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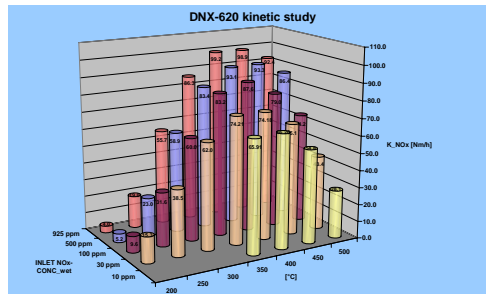
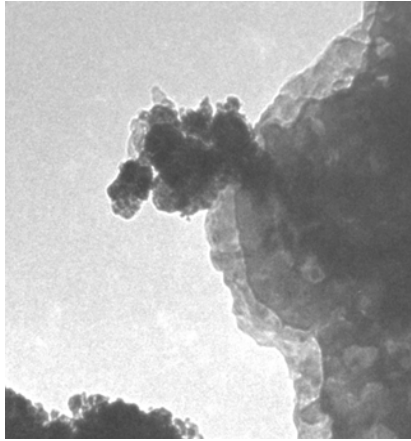


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# New Catalyst Advancements

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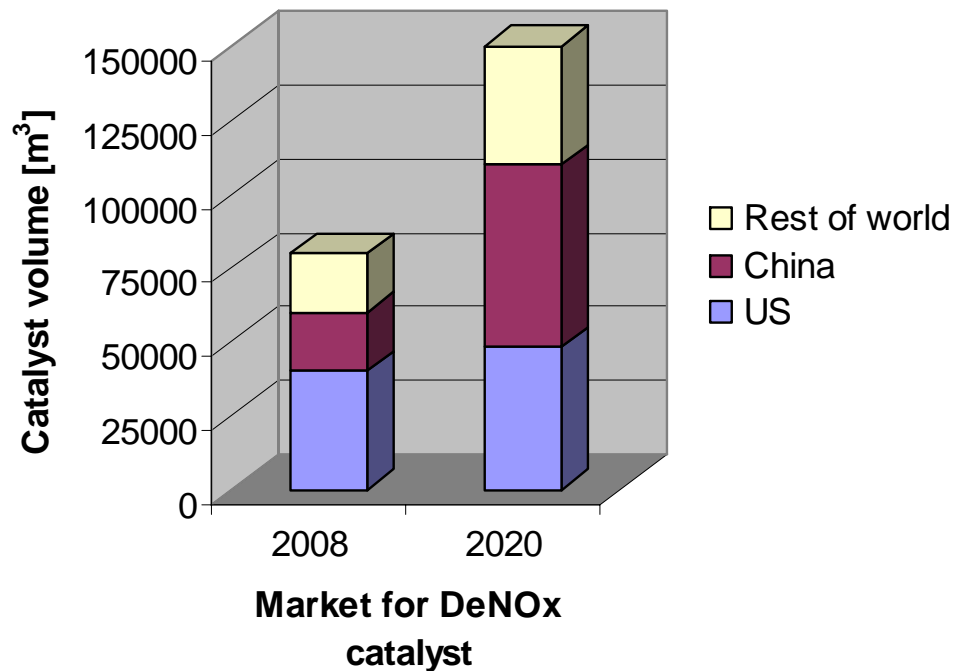
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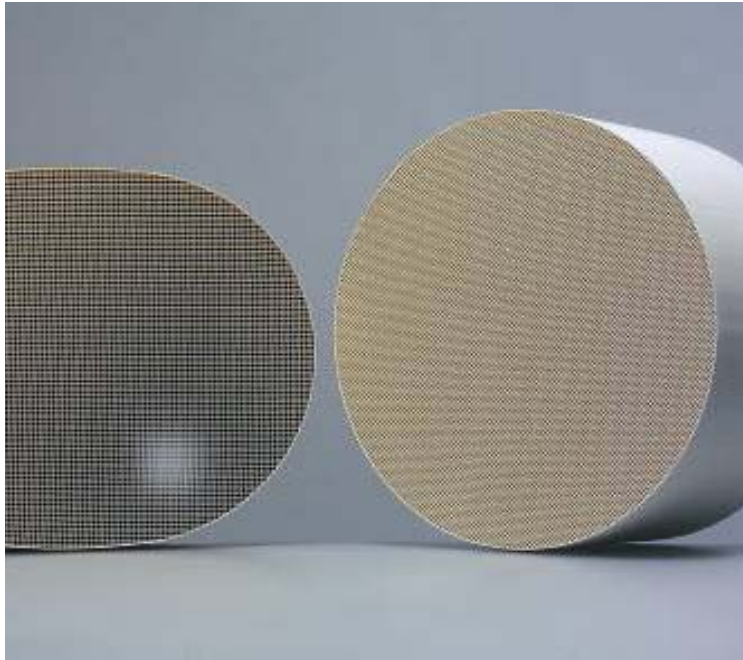
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# SCR DeNOx market trends

- 2008 world market: 80,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- 2020 world market: 150.000 m<sup>3</sup>



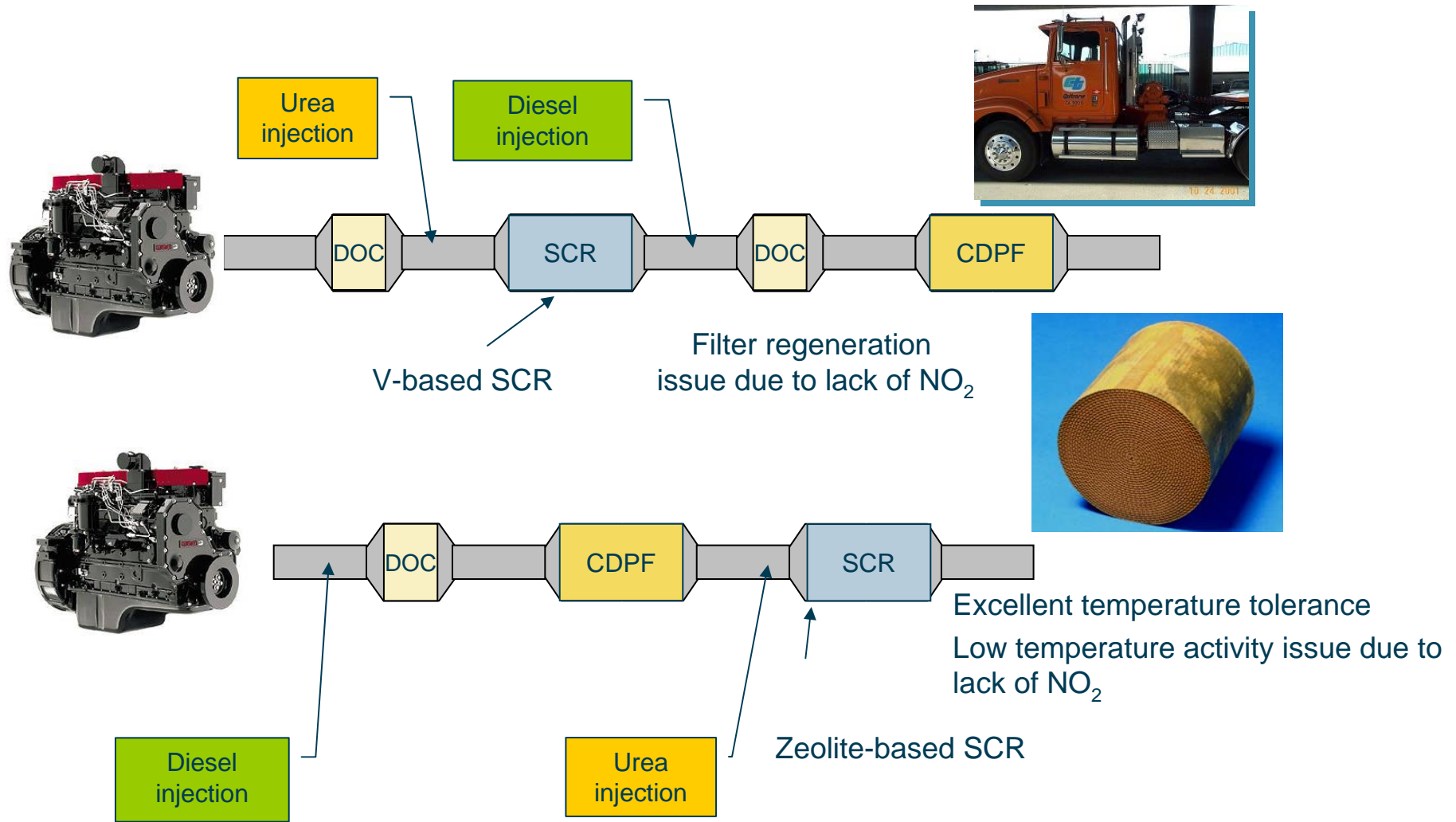


# Automotive SCR

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# Diesel emission system for Euro VI

## Removal of HC, CO, PM and NOx





# Coal-fired power plants

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# Coal-fired power plants

- Biomass co-firing
  - SCR catalyst deactivation
- Hg capture
  - SCR catalyst impact on mercury chemistry. CAMR legislation under review in the US.
- Reduced load operation
  - Minimum temperature issues
- SCR in low rank coal fired units
  - Catalyst deactivation
- Catalyst regeneration

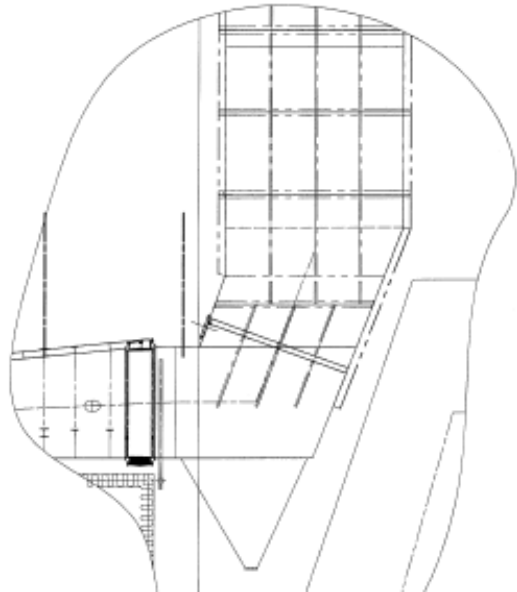
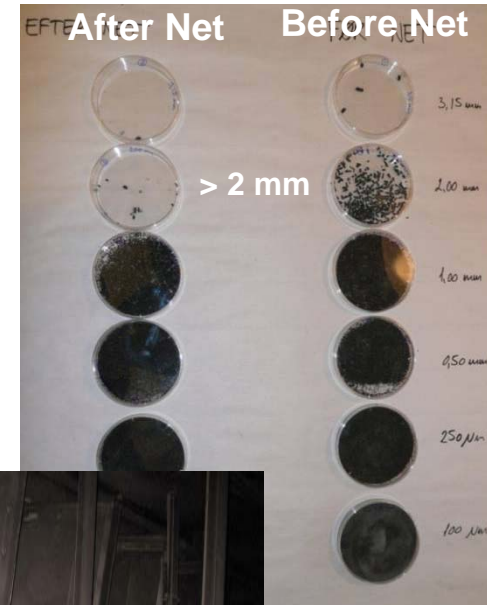


# Studstrup Power Station

- 2 x 350 MWt
- 10% straw on energy basis has been co-fired since 2002 and 2005 in the two units



# Coal/Straw co-firing at Studstup Power Station - Plugging due to incomplete burn-out of straw



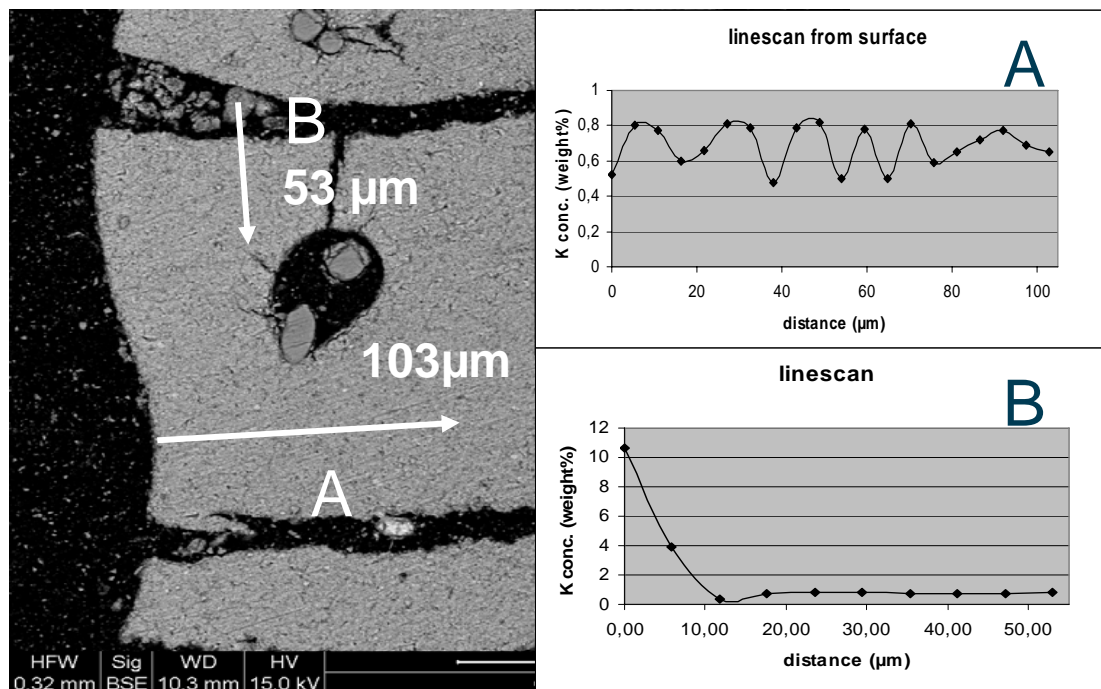
Ref: Dong Energy, Expperts 2008 Brussels

# SCR biomass-fired boilers

Utility	Plant	Power	Fuel	%DeNOx	Start-up
<u>High dust</u>					
▪ Dong Energy	Avedøre	400 MW	Oil, wood, gas	80	2001
▪ Vattenfall	Uppsala	120 MW	Peat	75	2005
▪ Corn Fiber	Ft. Dodge IA		Wood	82	2008
▪ Sierra Power	Terra Bella, CA	7 MW	Wood	65	2008
<u>Low dust</u>					
▪ SUEZ Energy	Bethlehem, NH	16 MW	Wood	46	2008
▪ SUEZ Energy	West Ossipee, NH	22 MW	Wood	46	2008
▪ Synterprise	GlobalSolutions TN		Wood	35	2008
▪ United Corrstack	Community Power NH		Wood	81	2008
▪ Corrugated Services	Forney, TX		Wood	75	2008

# Biomass and SCR deactivation

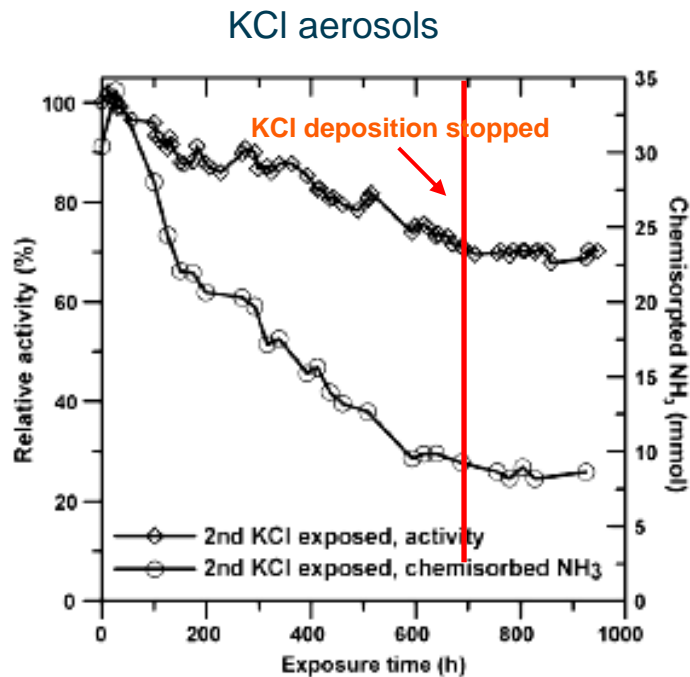
- Evaporation of potassium in the furnace
  - Deactivation rate: PC boilers > CFB boilers > Grate fired boilers
- Nucleation of fine sub-micron potassium aerosols
- Deposition of aerosols on catalysts surface
- Diffusion into catalyst by surface diffusion
- Reaction with active site



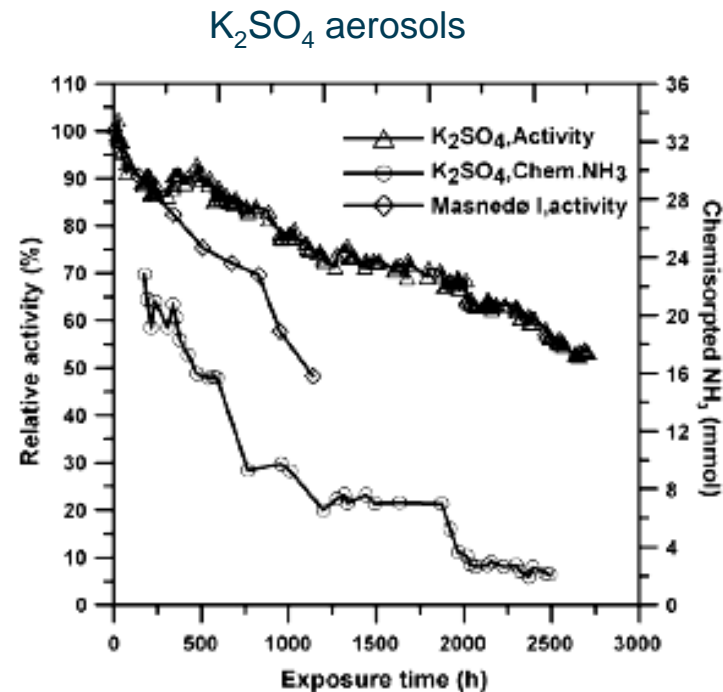
4600 service hours at Nassjö  
Power Plant (Accelerated test)  
Quantitative chemical analysis  
shows 7000 ppmw potassium

# Bench scale experiments with furnace

## Injection of potassium salt solutions



Deactivation 50%/1000h

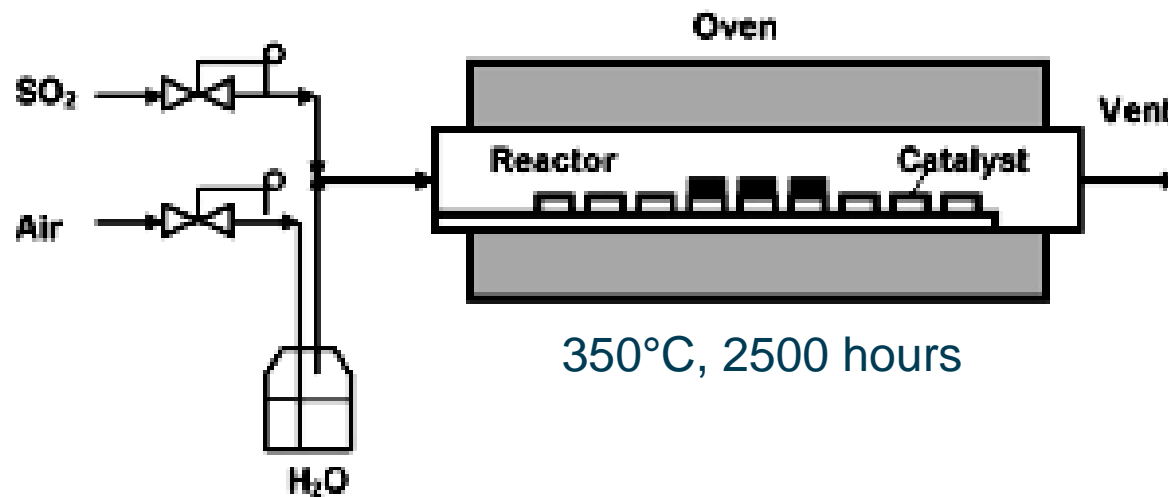


Deactivation 30%/1000h

- Continuous flow of aerosol through the catalyst is required for deactivation
- Impregnation experiments show the same effect of sulphate and chloride
- Difference between sulphate and chloride deactivation rates indicates an effect of surface diffusion mobility or aerosol deposition rate

# KCl powder deactivation experiments

- Commercial grade KCl placed on catalyst
  - Almost no deactivation of center catalyst
  - No deactivation of downstream catalyst
- Fly ash recovered from full scale reactor placed on catalyst
  - No deactivation observed



# Typical deactivation rates (high dust)

■ 100% straw	50%/1,000h
■ Wood-fired PC fired boiler	60%/10,000h
■ Wood-fired CFB boiler	45%/10,000h
■ Wood-fired Grate fired boiler	25%/10,000h
■ Peat-fired boiler	30%/10,000h
■ Coal-fired boiler	10%/10,000h
■ Heavy fuel oil	5%/10,000h
■ Gas-fired boiler, low dust	2%/10,000h

Note: Depends on specific fuel composition

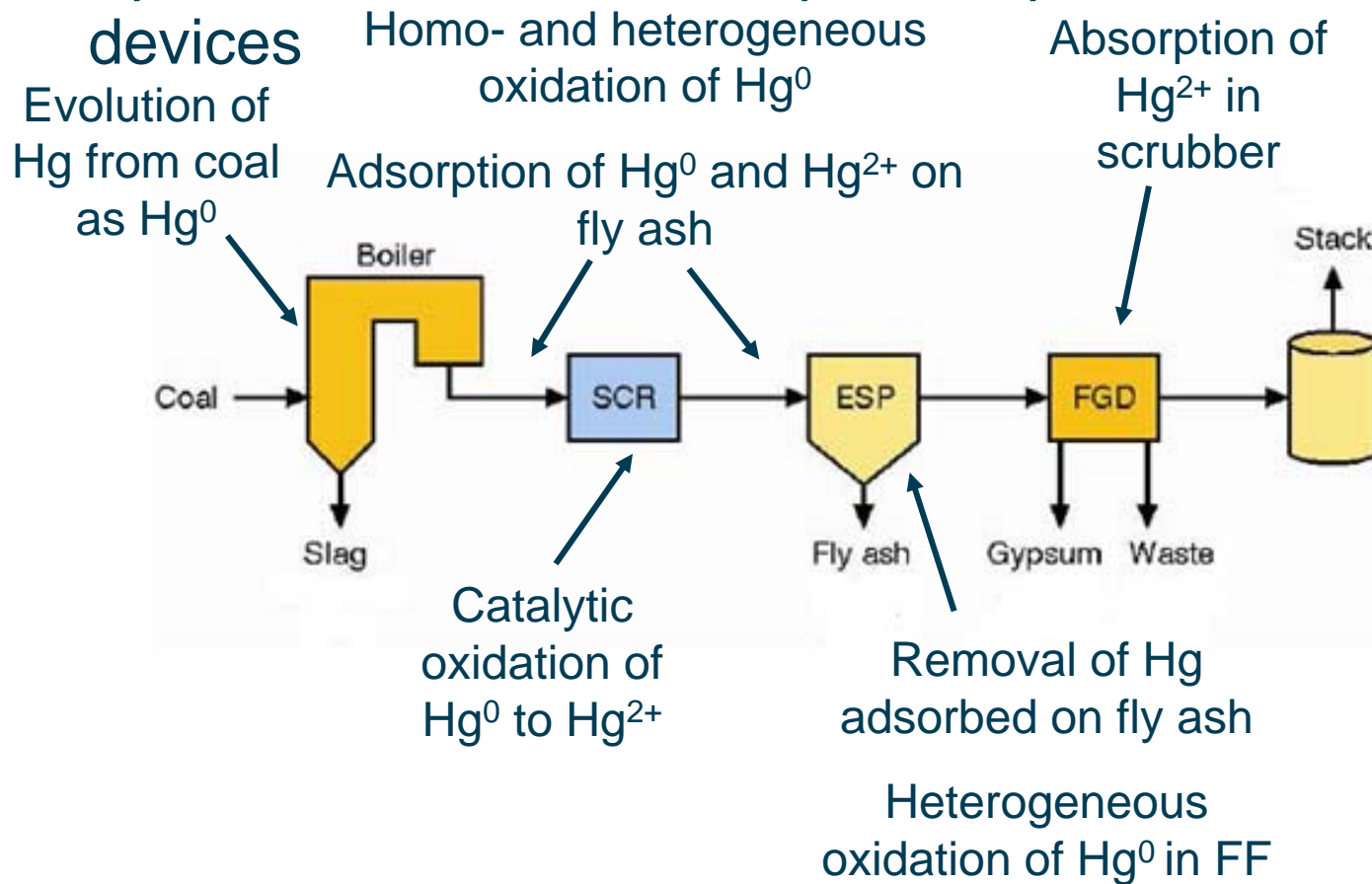
# Mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants

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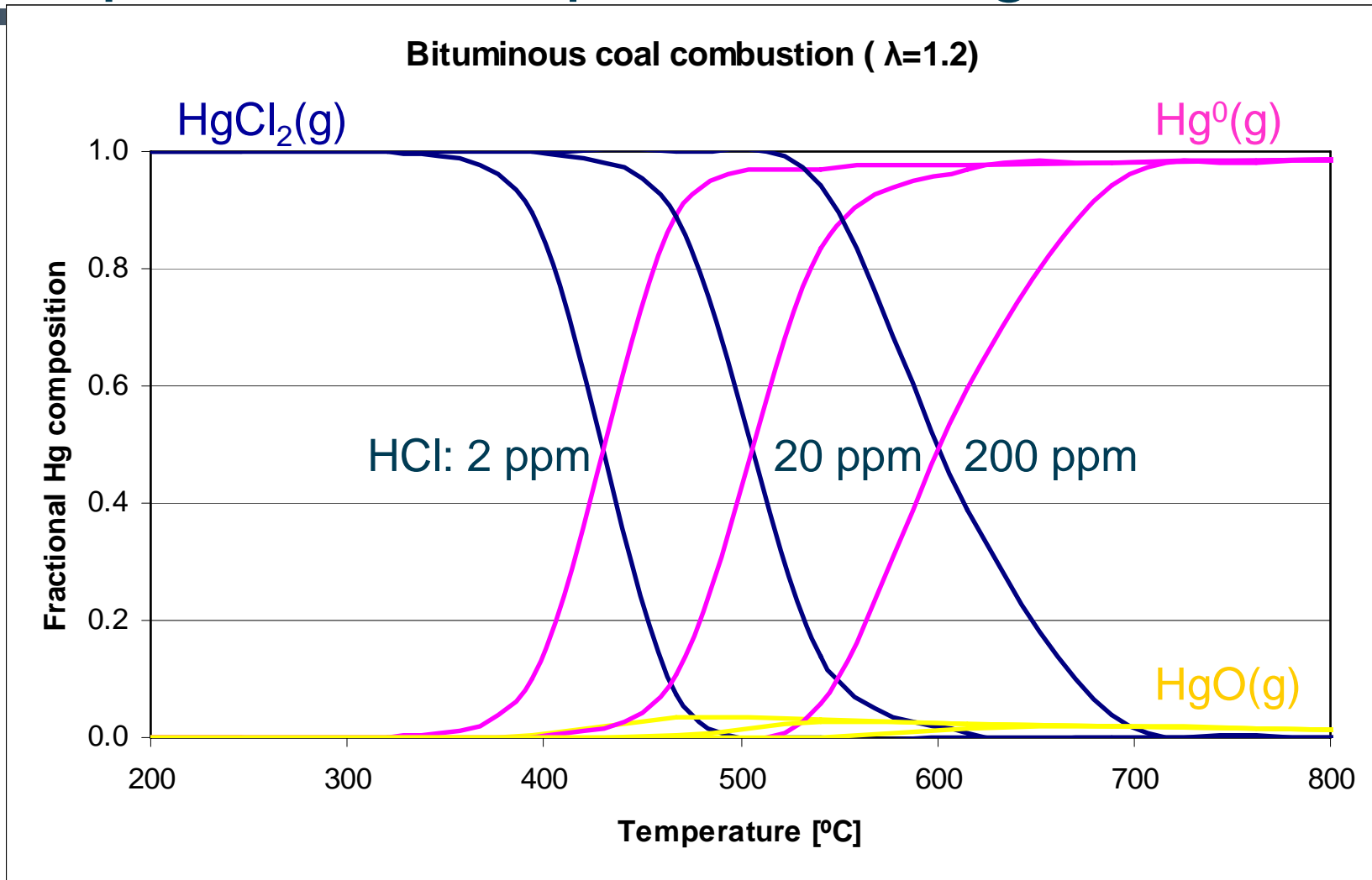
- Mercury occurrence: 0.1-1 ppmw Hg in coal
- Mercury emissions: 1-20  $\mu\text{g Hg/Nm}^3$  (<2 ppbv)
- Coal fired power plants are the largest single source of anthropogenic mercury emissions in the US
  - Appr. 48 tons of mercury was emitted annually in 1999

# Speciation and fate of mercury

- Mercury species:  $\text{Hg}^0$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Hg}^p$
- Speciation determines capture in pollution control devices



# Equilibrium composition of Hg (gas-phase)



# Mercury chemistry – upstream of APCDs

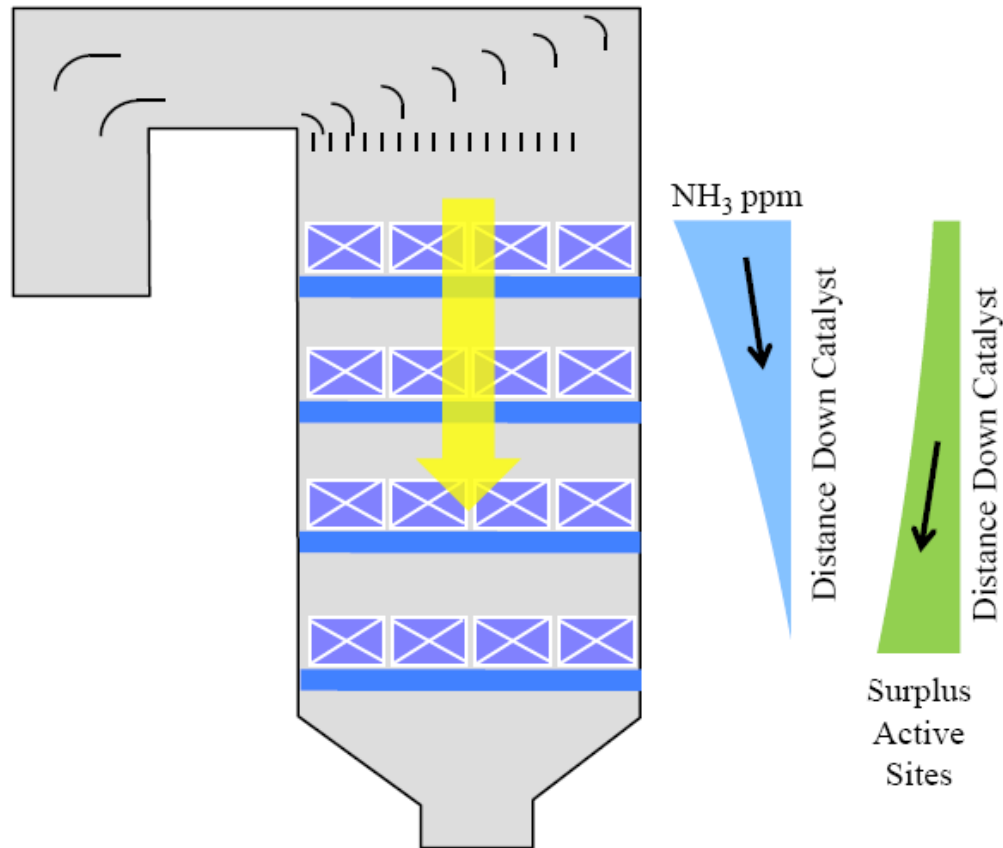
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## Important parameters

- Unburned carbon in the fly ash
- Presence of acid gasses
- Time - temperature history
- Calcium

These will be a function of coal rank/type and operating conditions - including type of burner and air/fuel ratio.

# Mercury oxidation across SCR catalyst



Two proposed reaction mechanisms:

1.  $\text{Hg}^0$  adsorbs to the surface and reacts with gaseous  $\text{HCl}$
2.  $\text{HCl}$  adsorbs to the surface and reacts with gaseous  $\text{Hg}^0$

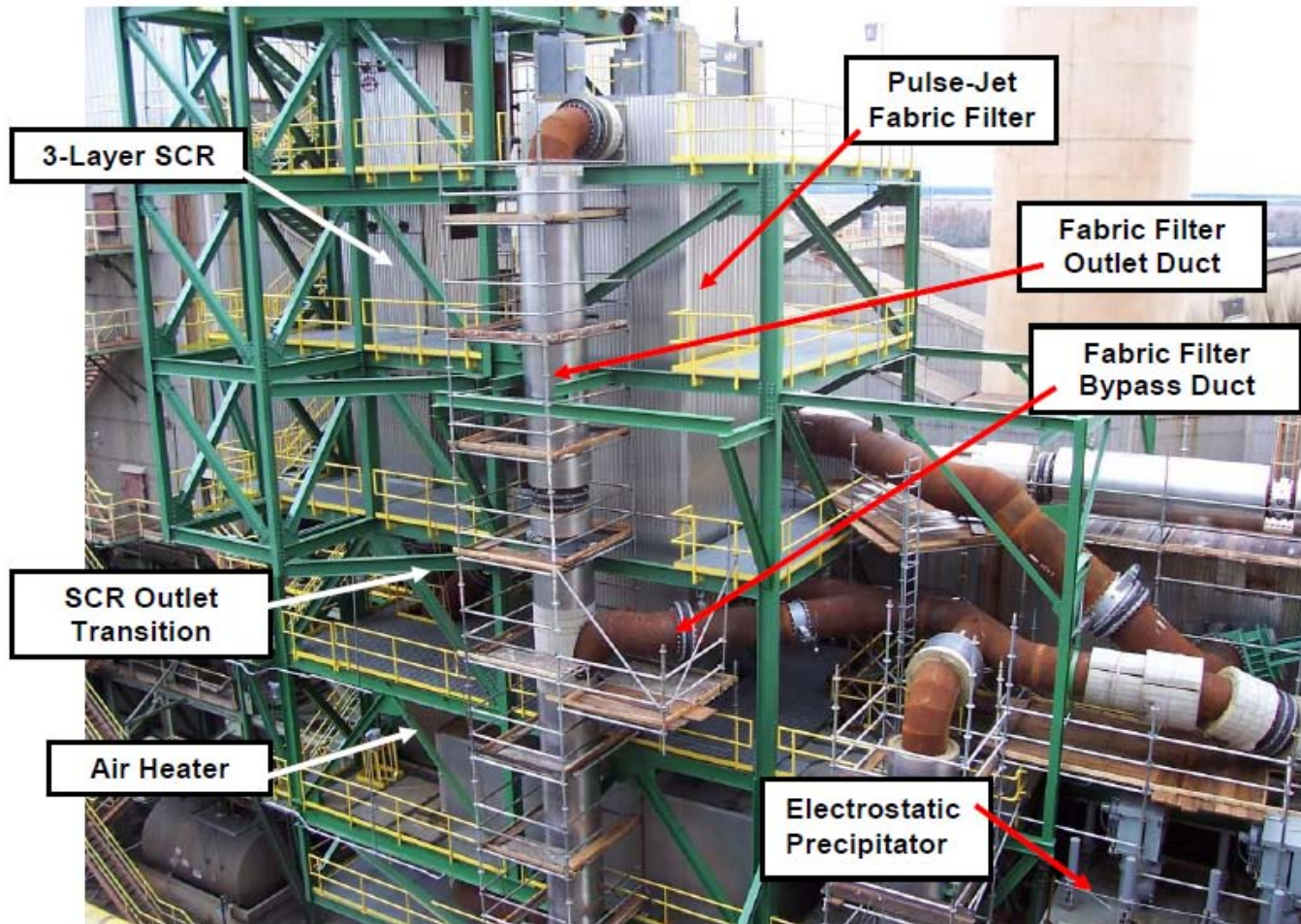
The adsorbing species competes with  $\text{NH}_3$  for binding on  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$

# Plant Crist (Pensacola) Parametric Study

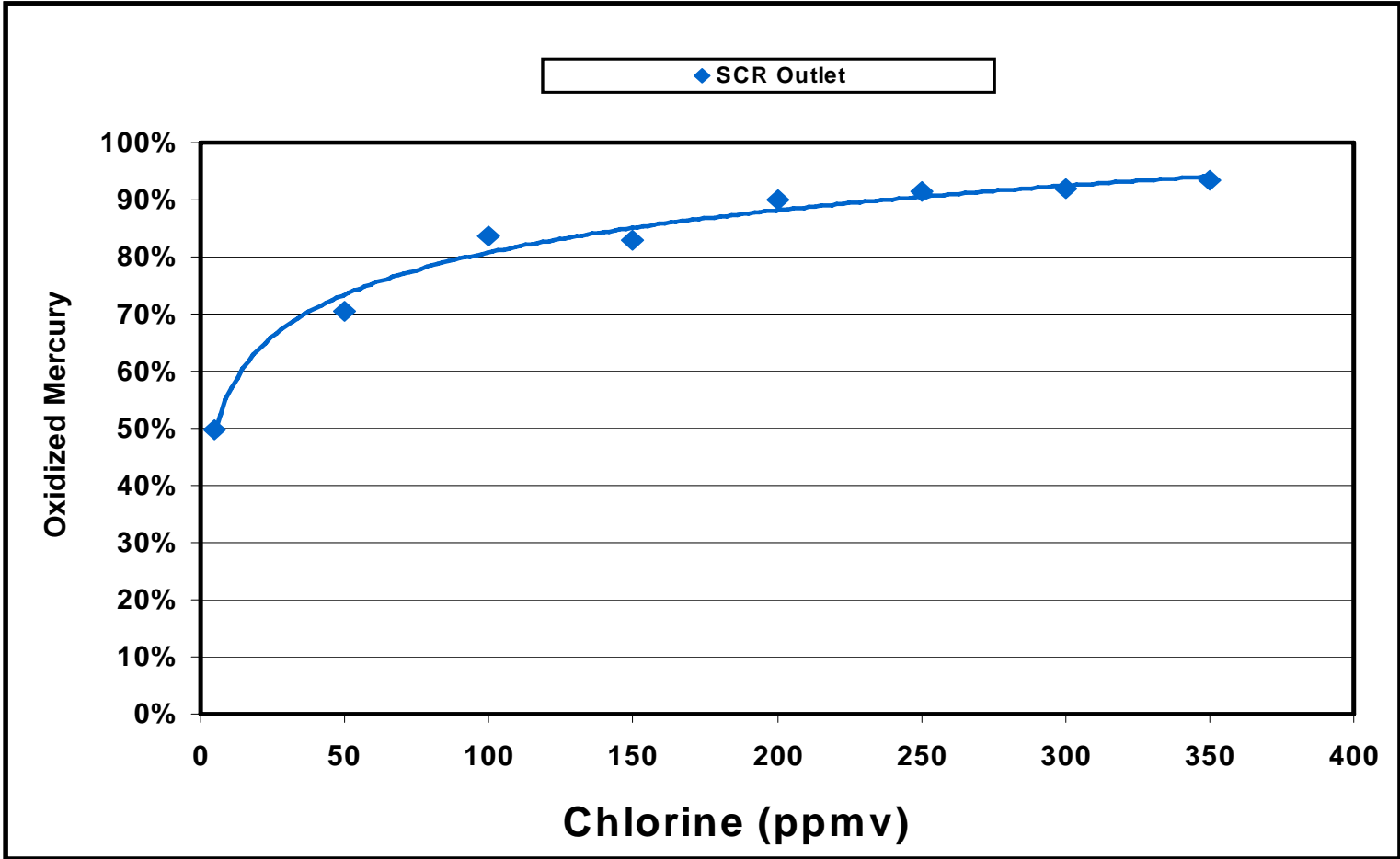
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- MRC (Mercury Research Center), Sponsored by EPRI
- 5 MW equivalent slipstream facility
- 8 m<sup>3</sup> catalyst in two layers, type DNX-664
- Bituminous Coal: Low chlorine Columbian coal
  - Low baseline conversion (40%)
- Effect of Temperature, HCl, (HBr), NH<sub>3</sub>, Flow rate

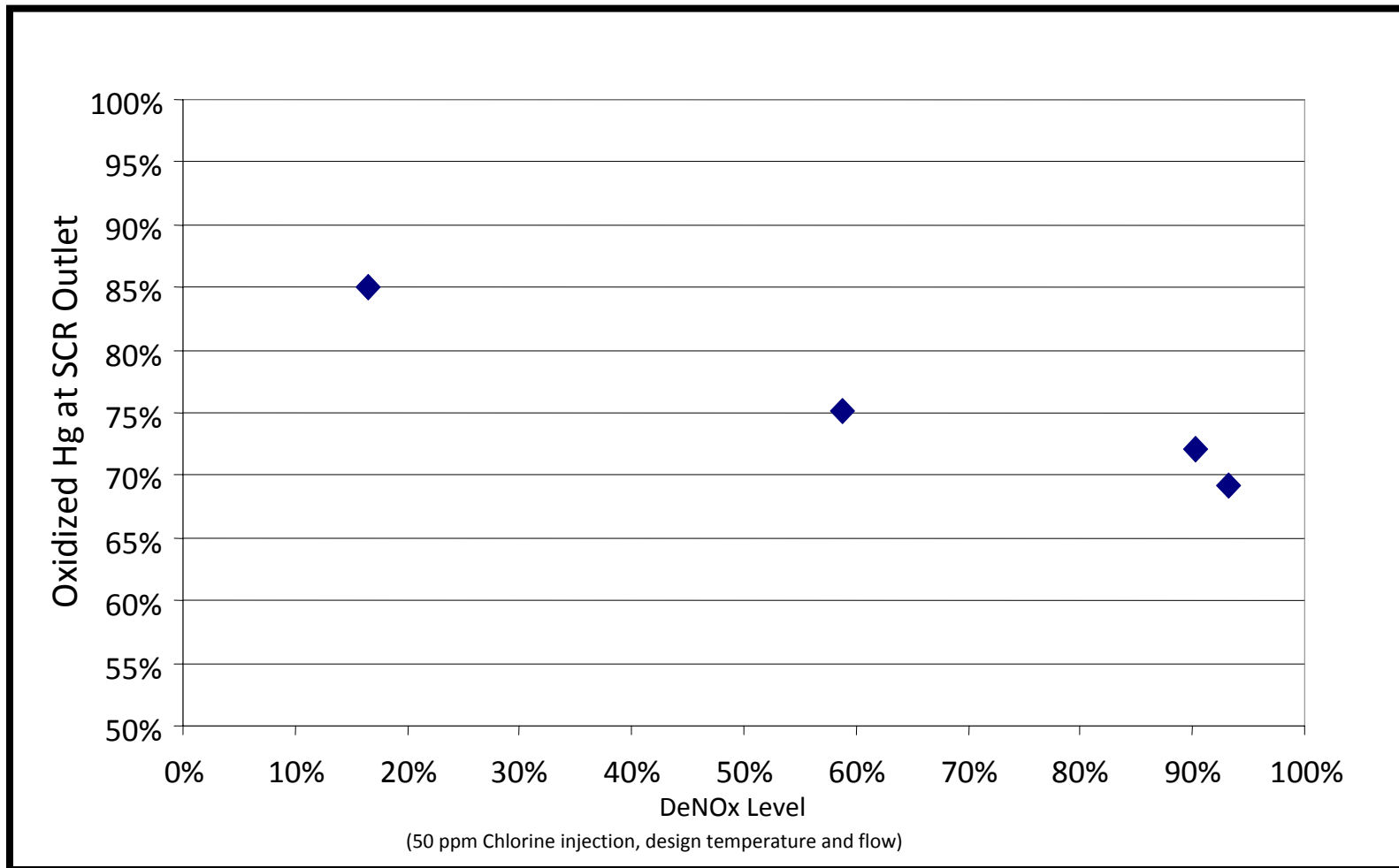
# Mercury Research Center



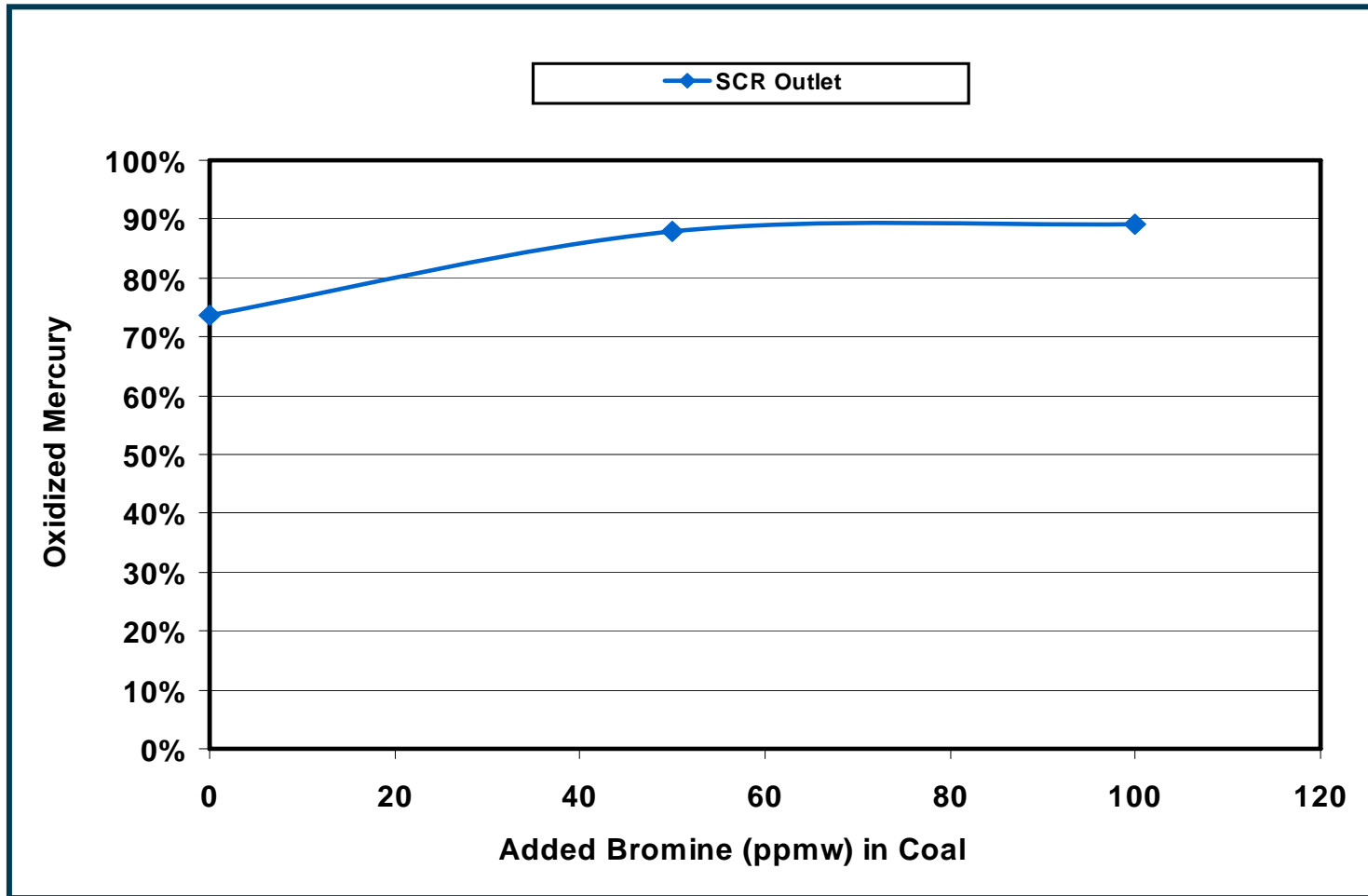
# Effects of Chlorine on SCR Catalyst Hg Oxidation Averaged from 4 tests



# Ammonia and Chlorine Effects

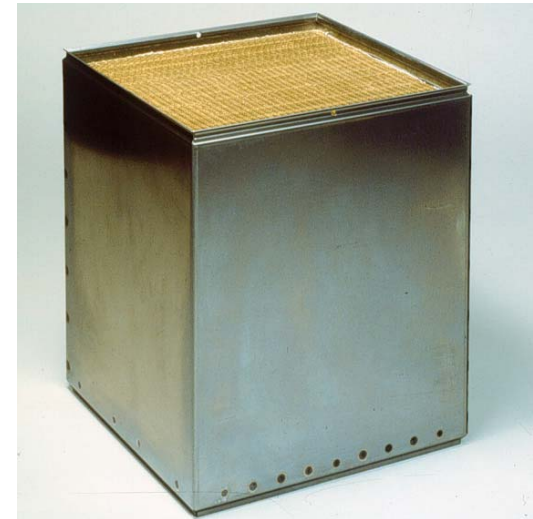


# Effects of Bromine on SCR Catalyst Hg Oxidation Averaged from 4 tests



# Modeling of reactions across the SCR

- $4 \text{ NO} + 4 \text{ NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4 \text{ N}_2 + 6 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{Hg}^0 + 2 \text{ HCl} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HgCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Model
  - Plug flow in the monolith channel
  - Gas film diffusion
  - Pore diffusion and reaction in the wall
  - Reactions via Eley-Rideal mechanisms



# Two alternative Eley-Rideal mechanisms

- Adsorption of Hg

$$-r_s = \frac{k \cdot K_{Hg} \cdot P_{Hg} \cdot P_{HCl}}{1 + K_{NH_3} \cdot P_{NH_3}}$$

- Adsorption of HCl

$$-r_s = \frac{k \cdot K_{HCl} \cdot P_{Hg} \cdot P_{HCl}}{1 + K_{NH_3} \cdot P_{NH_3} + K_{HCl} \cdot P_{HCl}}$$

# Day-to-day variation is explained by inlet speciation

- Conversion:

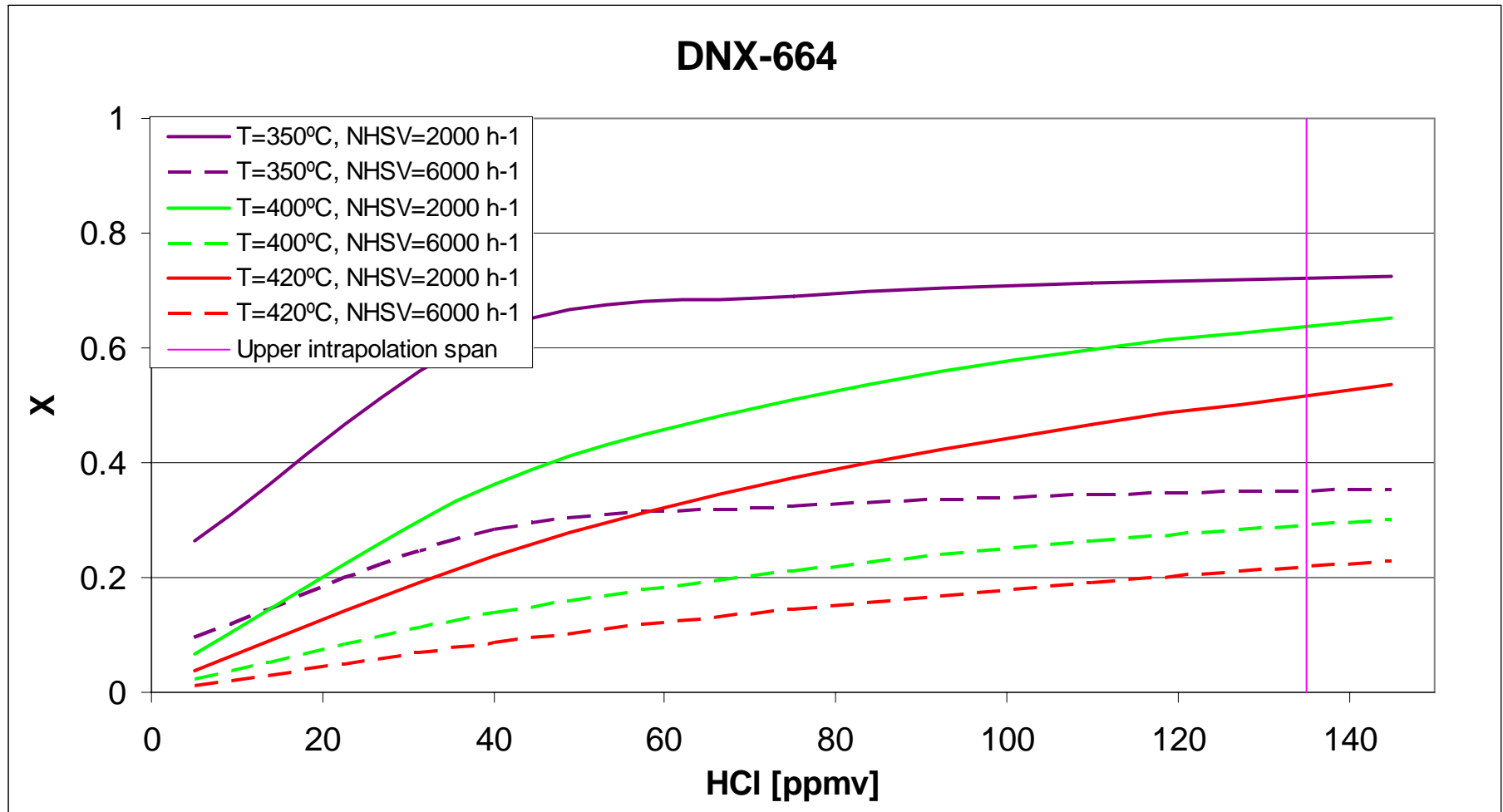
$$X = \frac{\Delta Hg^0}{Hg^0(in)}$$

- Outlet speciation:

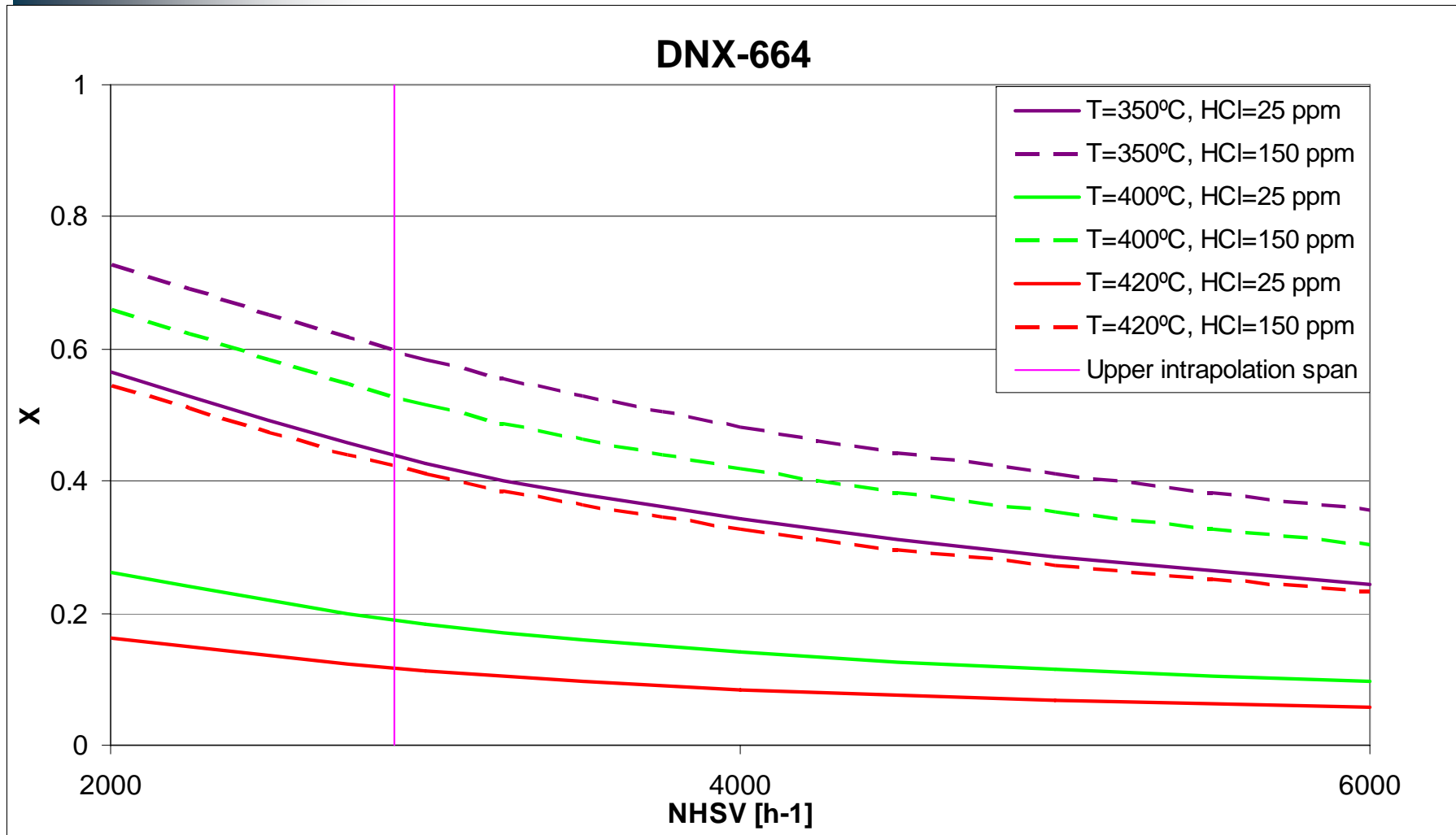
$$y^{2+}(out) = y^{2+}(in) + X \cdot y^0(in)$$

$$\text{where } y^i(out) = \frac{Hg^i(out)}{Hg^{Total}}$$

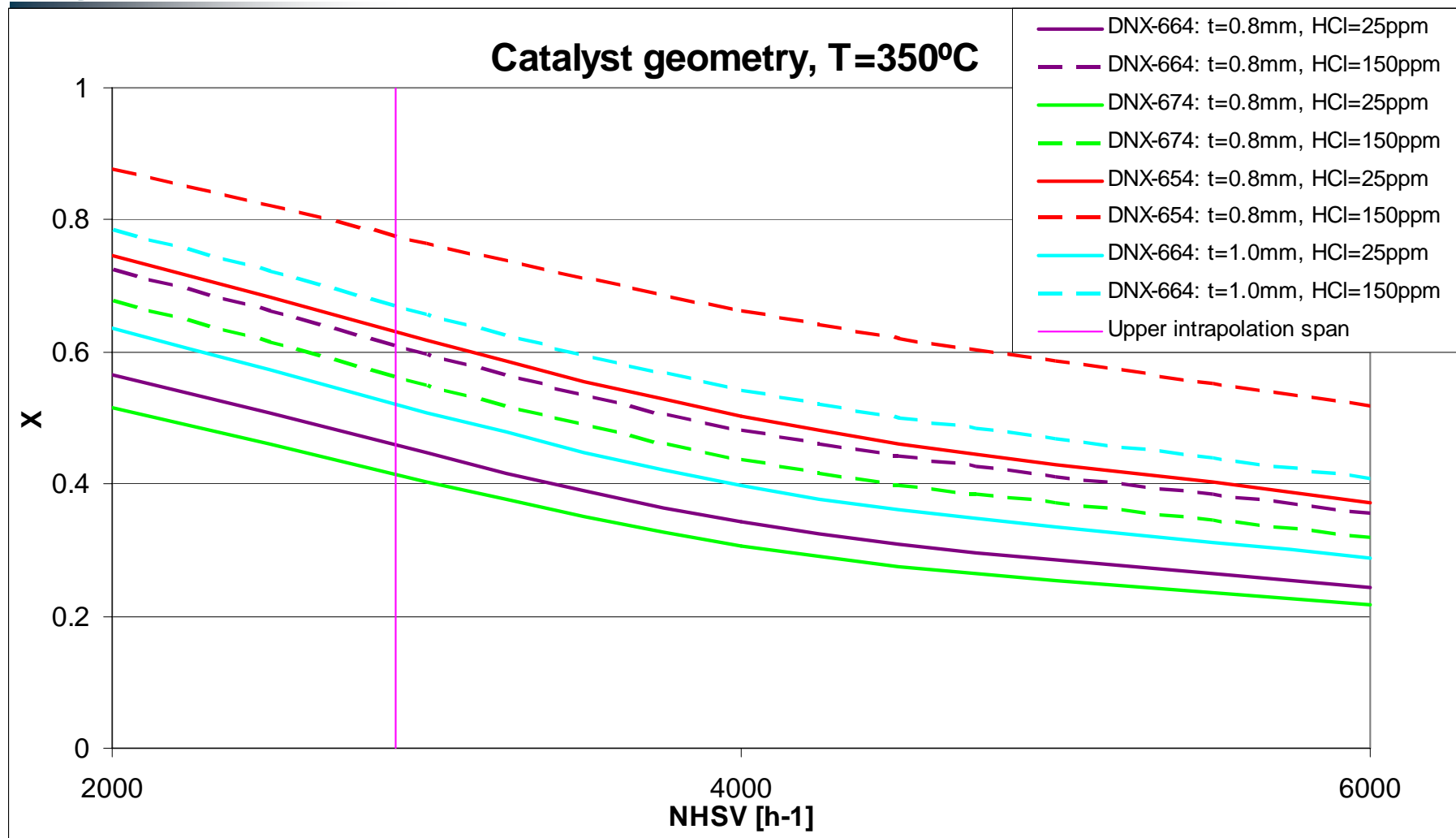
# Modeling $\text{Hg}^0$ Oxidation across HCl



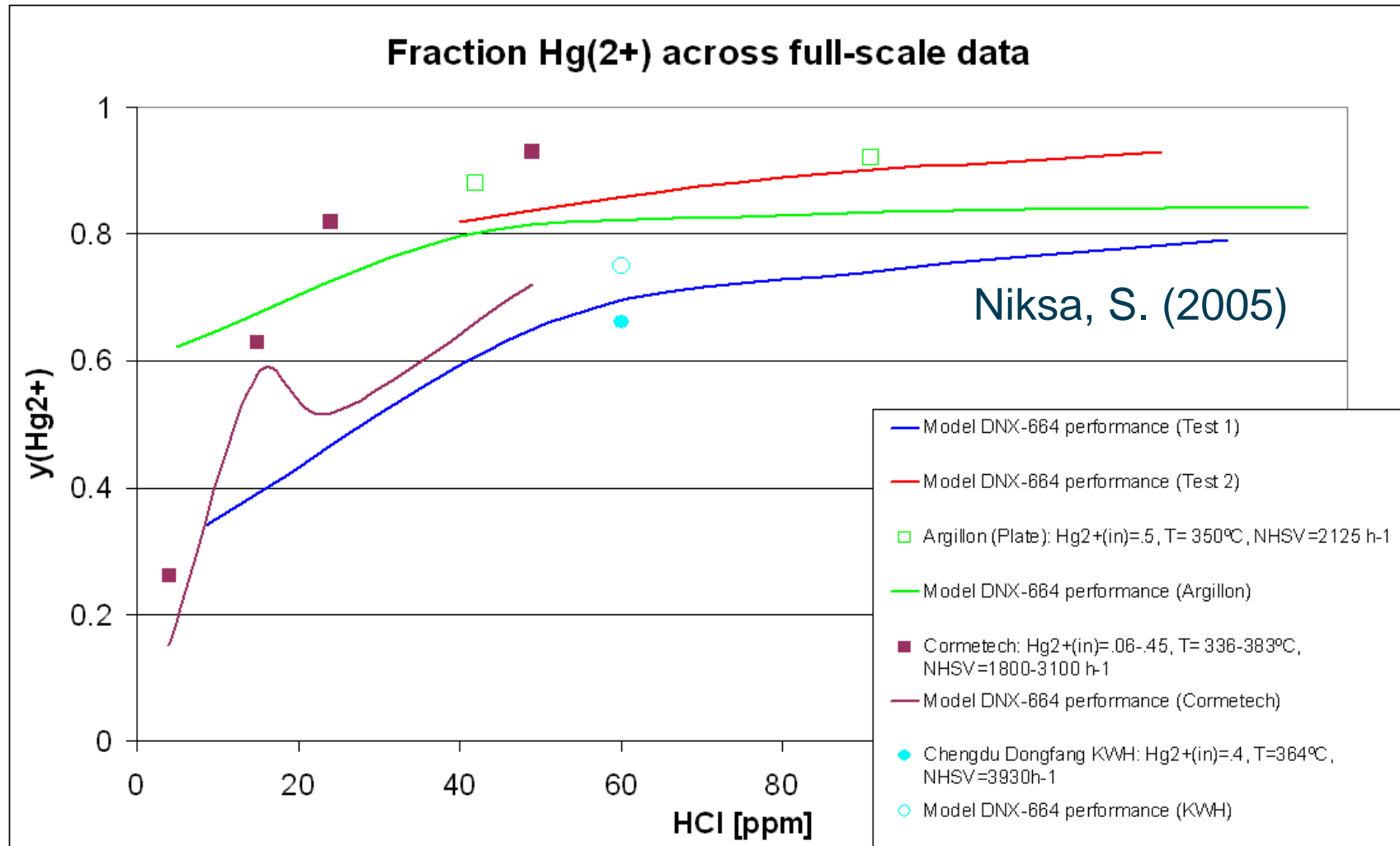
# Modeling Hg<sup>0</sup> Oxidation across NHSV



# Modeling Hg<sup>0</sup> Oxidation for different geometries



# Performance of other catalyst



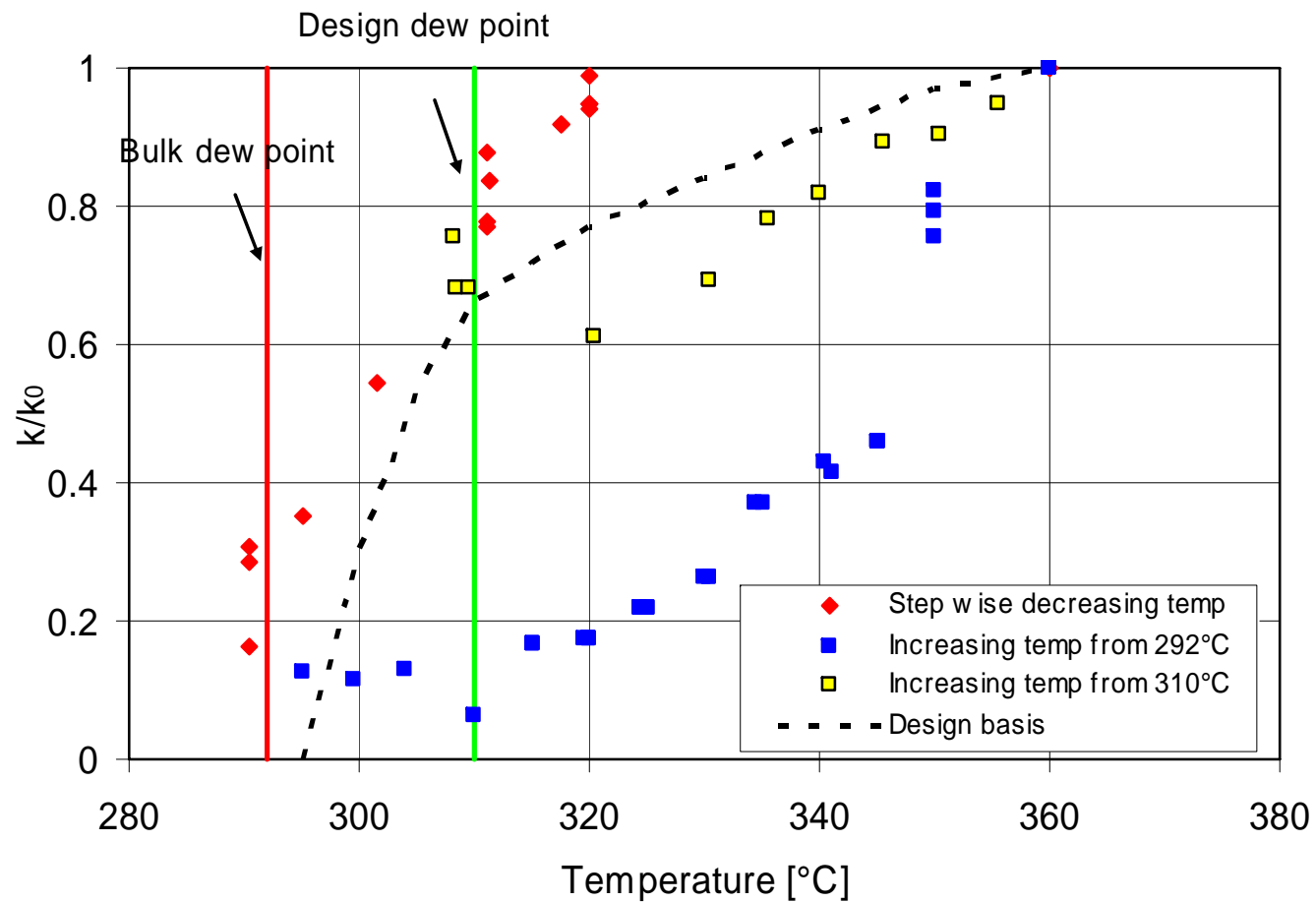
# Conclusions

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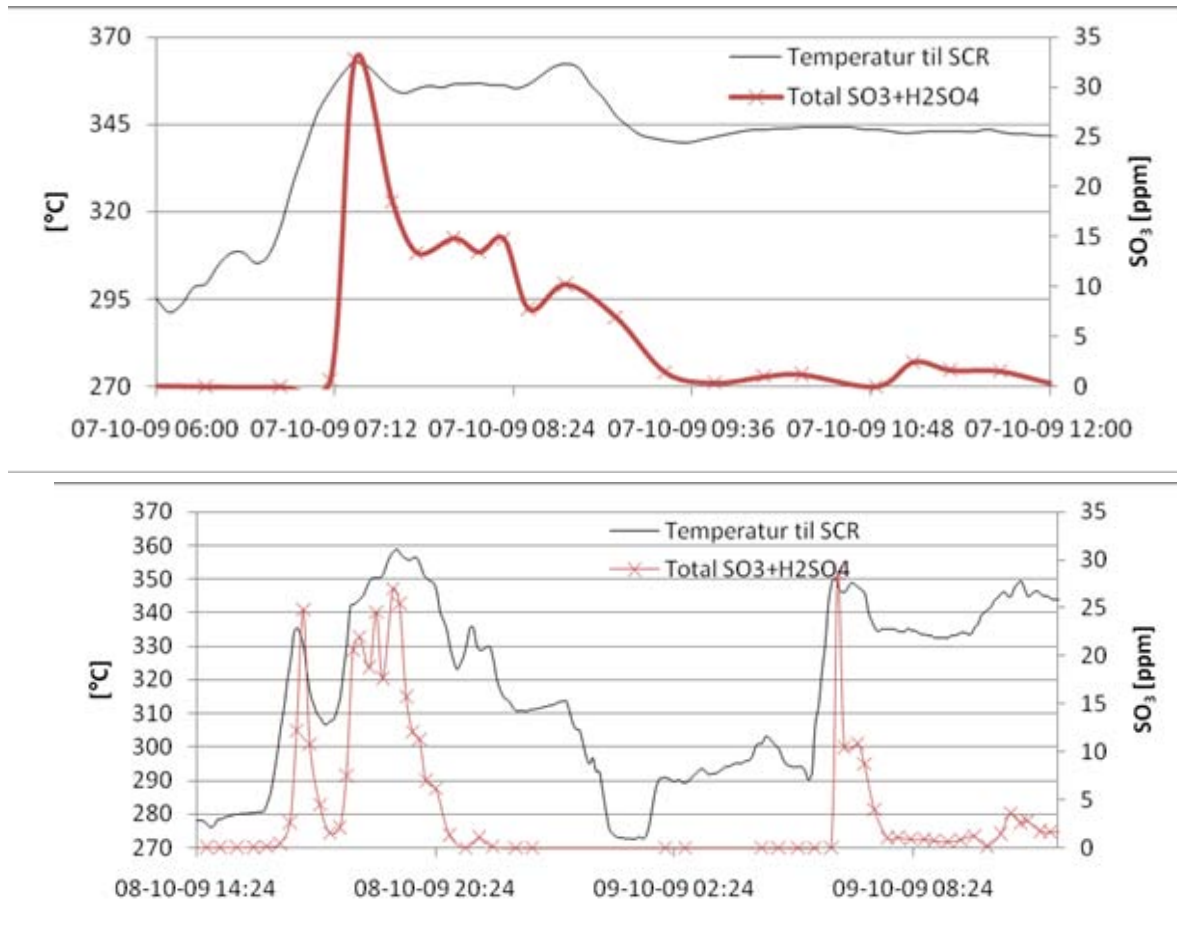
- Typical SCR-installations ( $T=350^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\text{NHSV}=3500 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ) give ~ 50% conversion of  $\text{Hg}^0$  for a high chlorine concentration
- Most favourable operating conditions (low temp, low flow) give up to 70% conversion.

# Reduced load operation

- ABS inhibition at typical coal-fired conditions



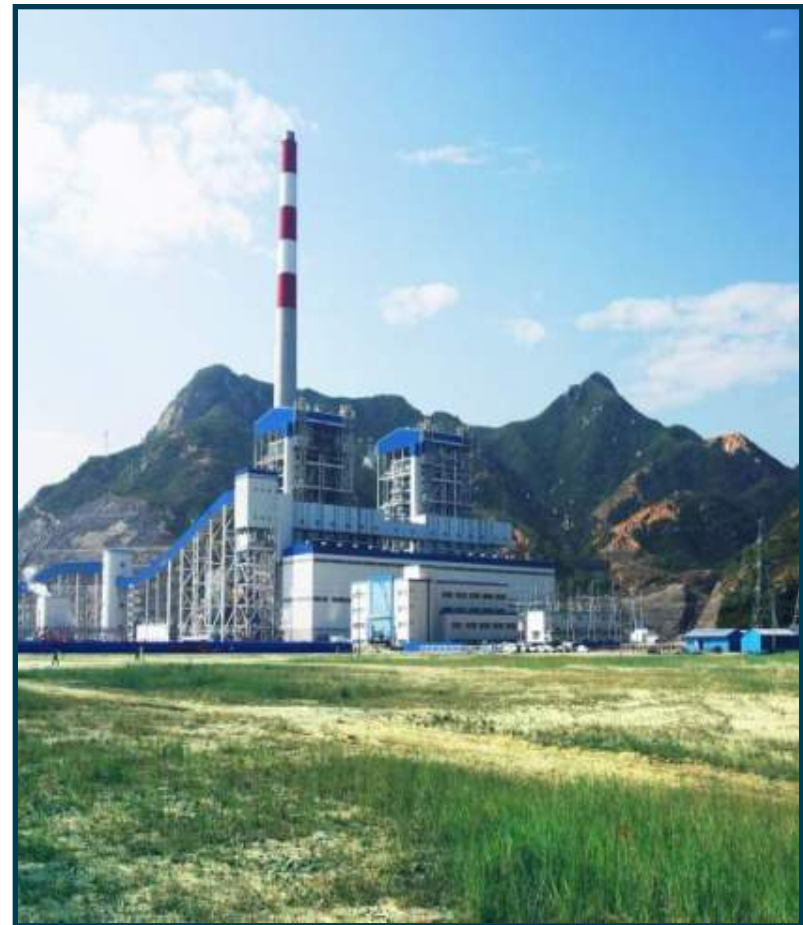
# ABS formation/regeneration



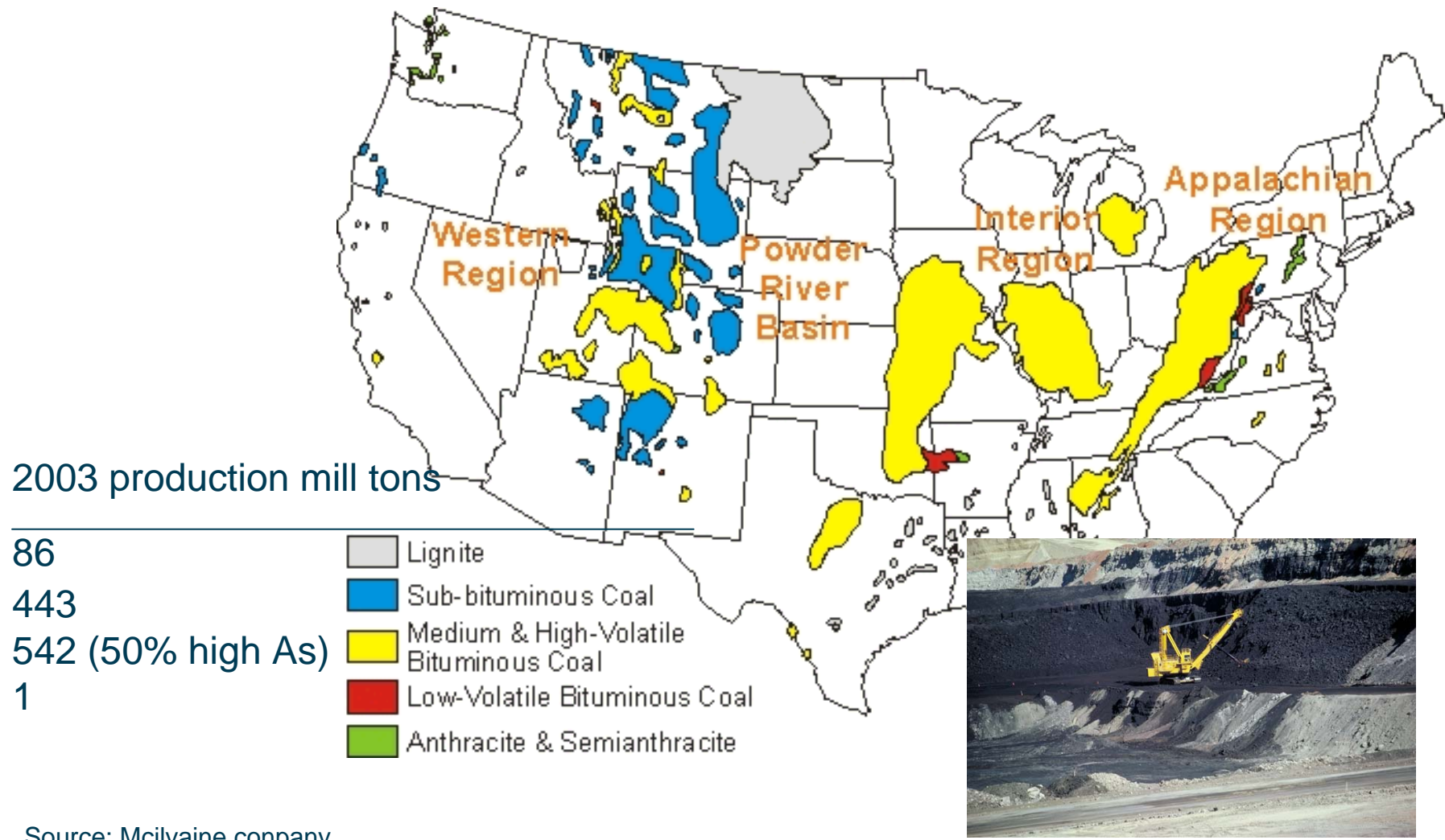
Ref: Dong Energy 2009

# Tail End SCR

- 2 x 260 MWe, 2 x 300 MWe  
PC boilers, PRB fired
- Low Dust, Tail End SCR
- Vertical down flow
- NOx Inlet, 100 ppm
- NOx reduction, 57%
- SCR temperature 490°F
- Service Life – 32,000 Hours
- SCR inlet SO<sub>3</sub> < 1 ppm  
(calc. ABS dew point greater  
than operating temperature)
- Install Date - 2011

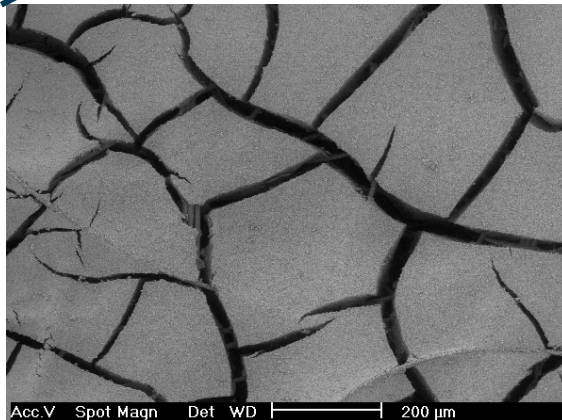
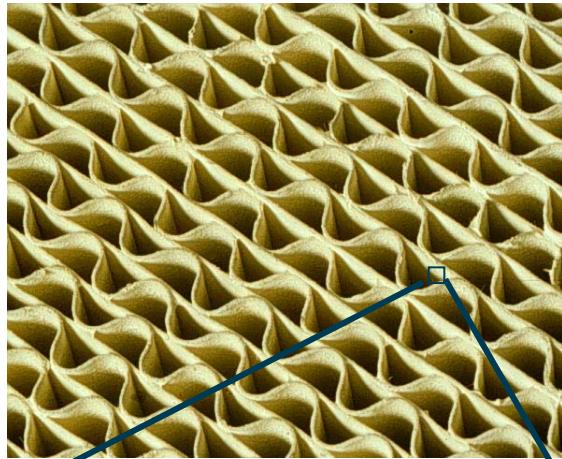


# US coal production quality



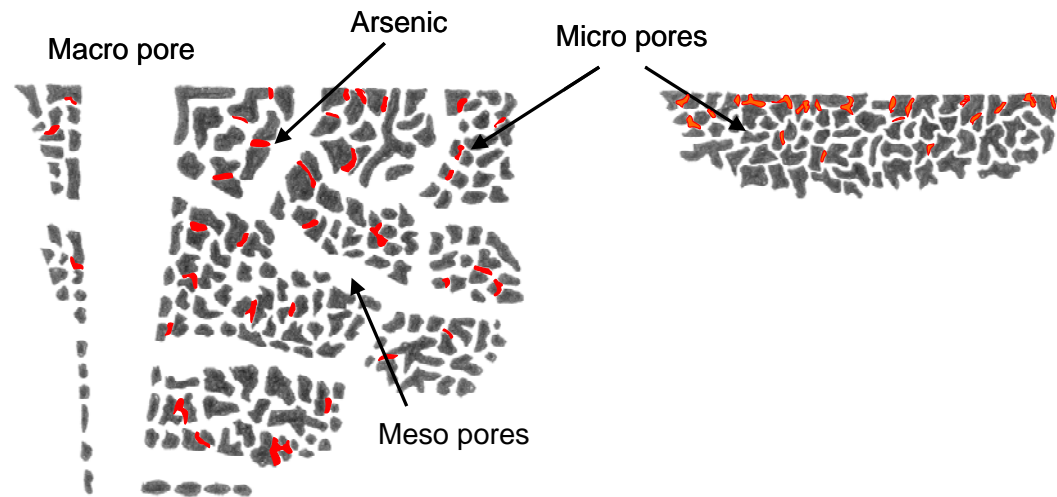
Source: Mcilvaine company

# Presence of macroporosity: Resistance towards As-deactivation



**Trimodal pore structure**

**Homogenous micro pore structure**



As content in catalyst (ppm)

# Catalyst regeneration



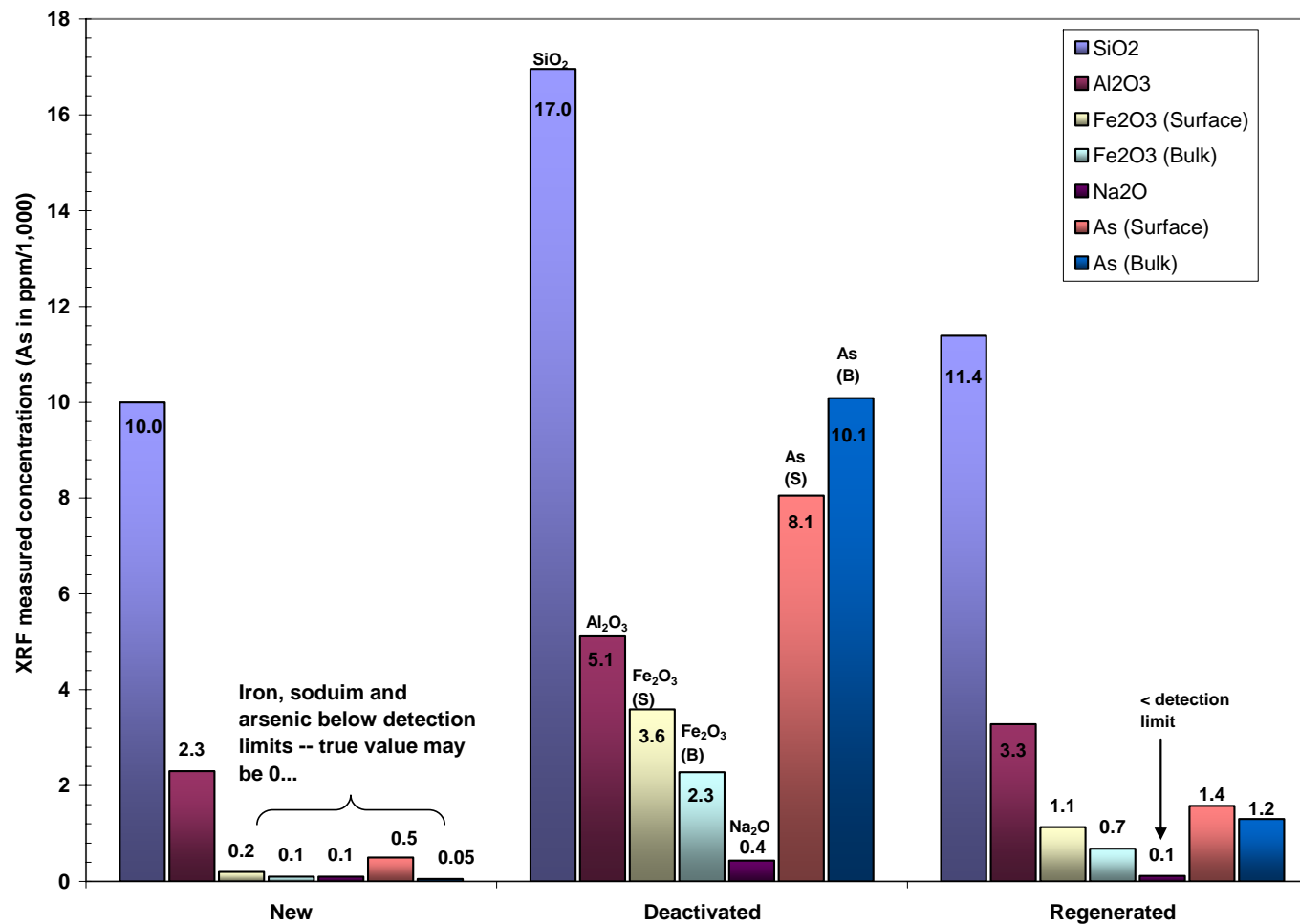
Source: SCR Tech, EPRI meeting 2008

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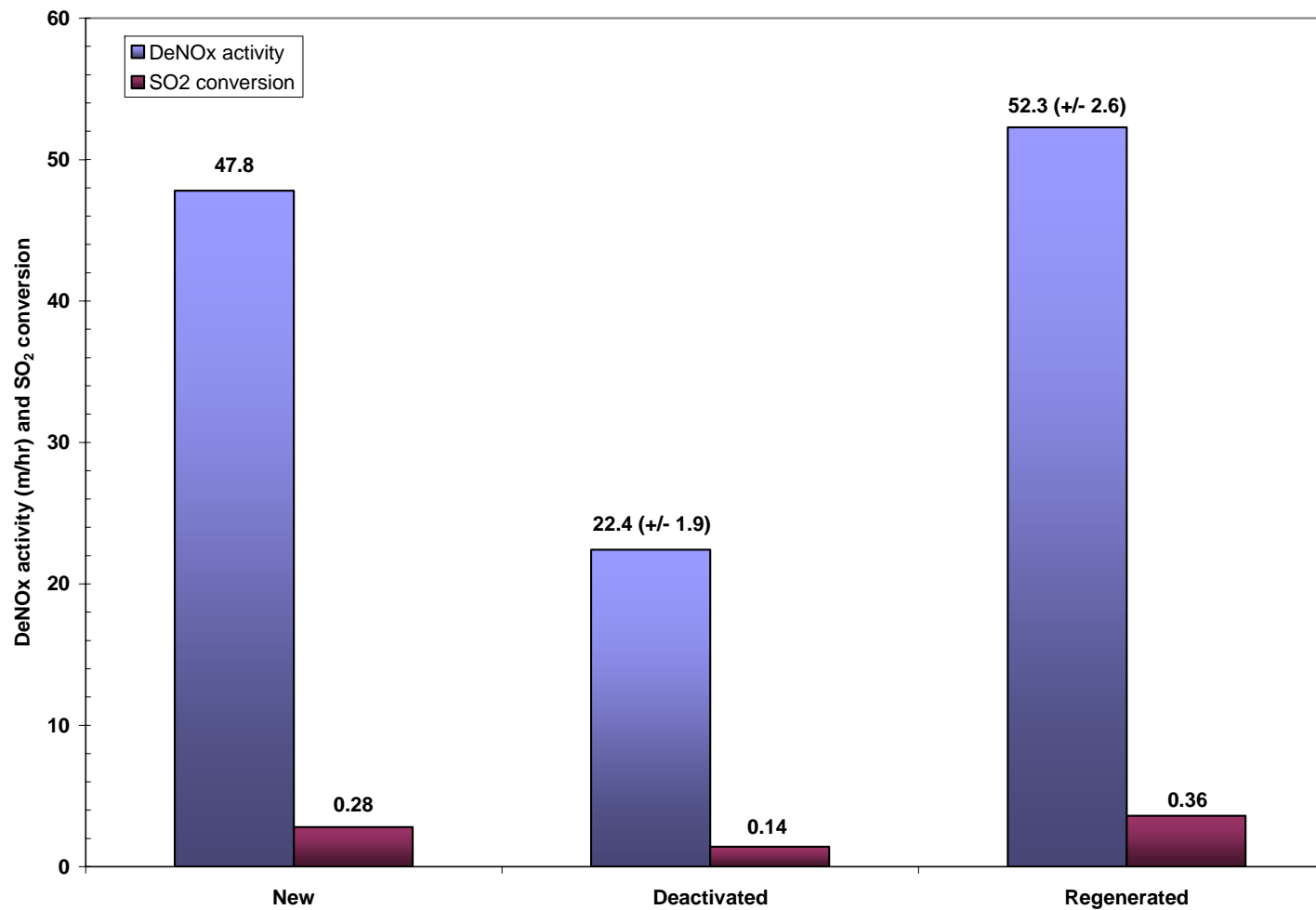
- Mechanical cleaning
- Catalyst washing
- Catalyst re-impregnation



# Removal of catalyst poisons



# Activity of regenerated catalyst





# Gas turbines

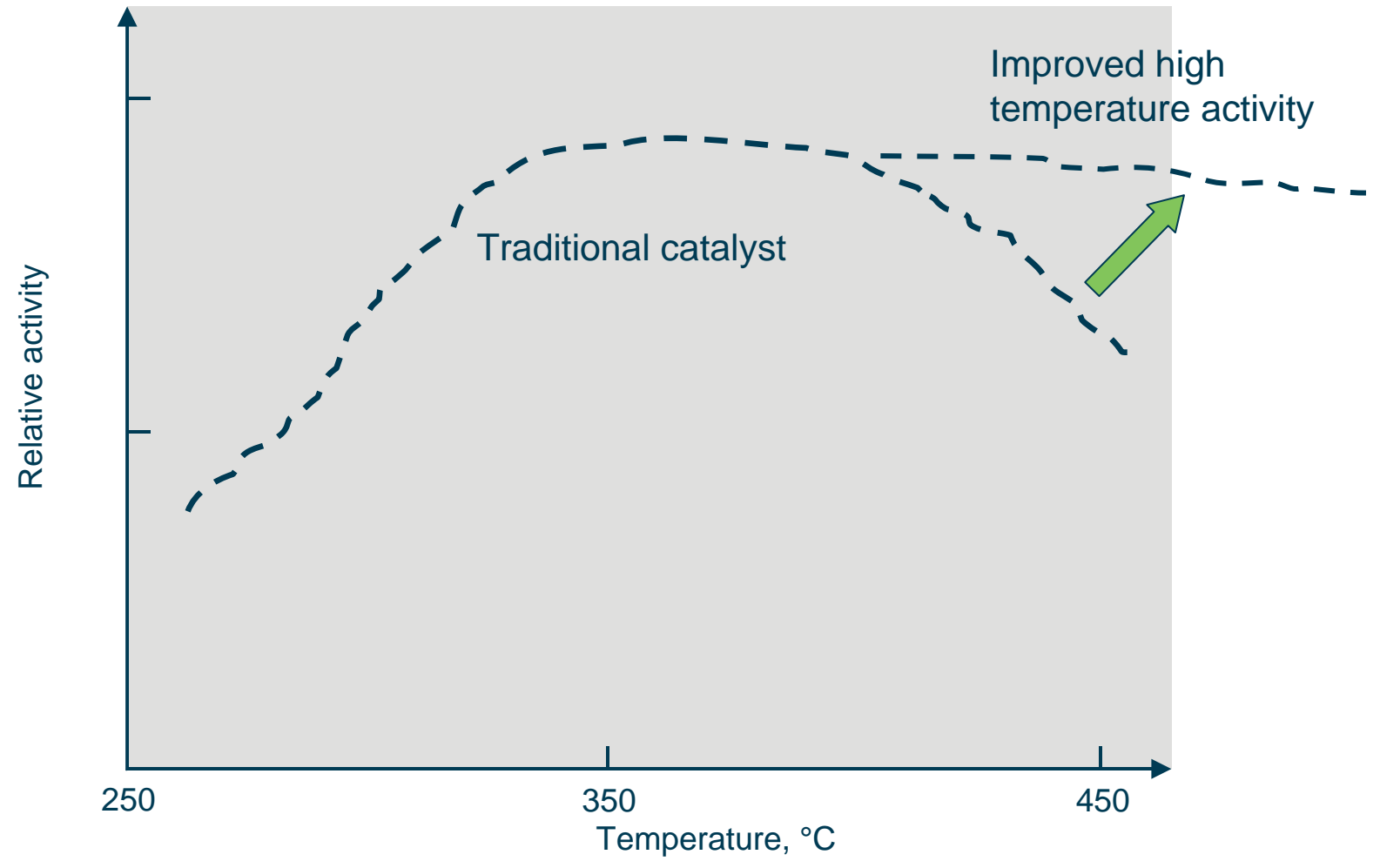
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# Gas turbines

- Peaker units/combined cycle retrofits
  - High temperature SCR (500 – 600°C)
  - Frequent start ups
  - Fast temperature ramps



# Gas turbine catalyst

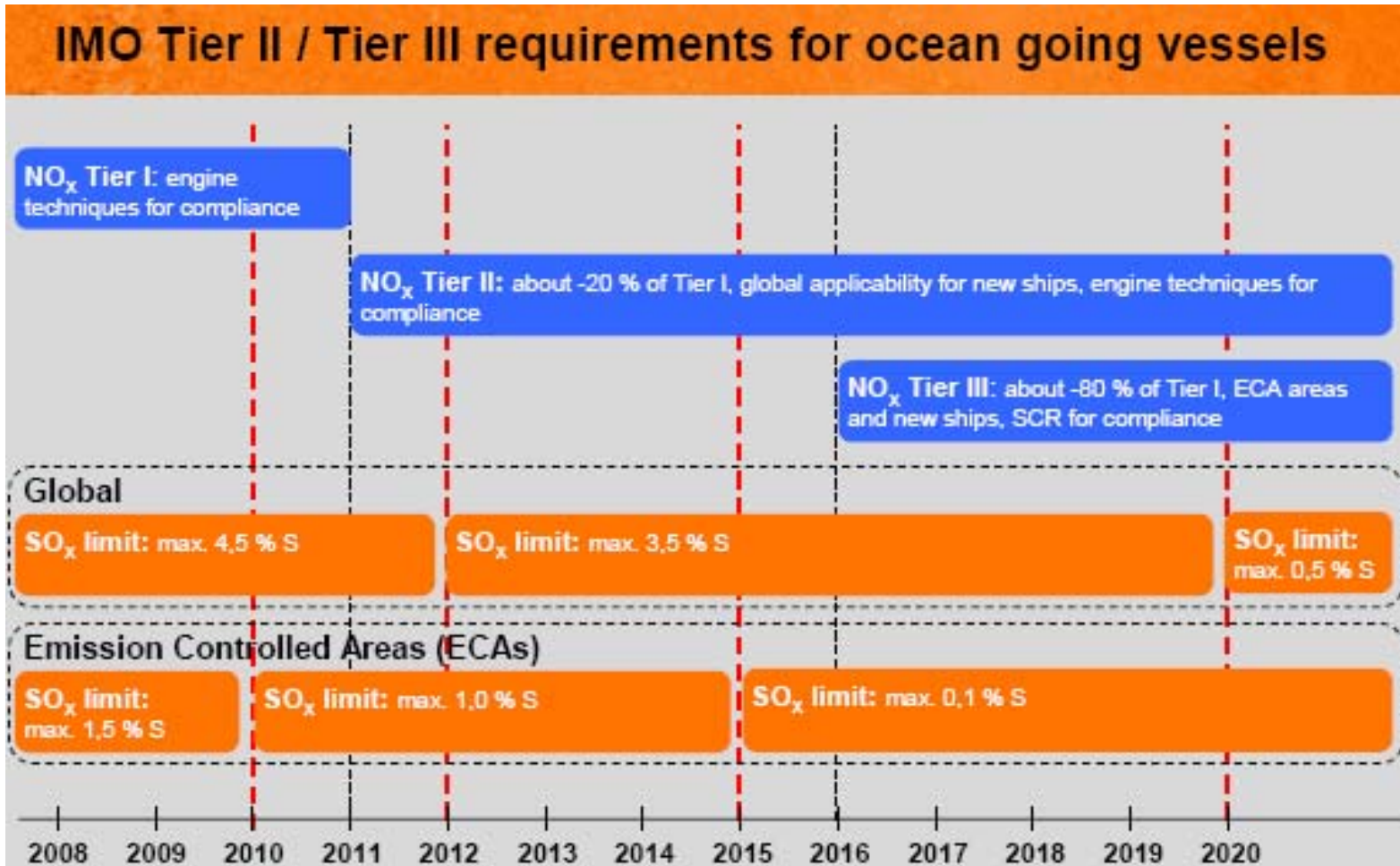




# SCR DeNOx on marine vessels

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# IMO requirements for marine vessels (Oct. 2008)



Source: Wärtsilä CIMAC meeting 2008

# Emission compliance strategy

- Fuel type
  - Distillate fuel, low sulphur HFO or high sulphur HFO
- Emission control systems
  - SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbers
  - SCR DeNOx - Only possible with up to 1% S in fuel on 2-stroke engines with current technology
  - EGR



# Nam Cheju 40 MW 2-stroke diesel

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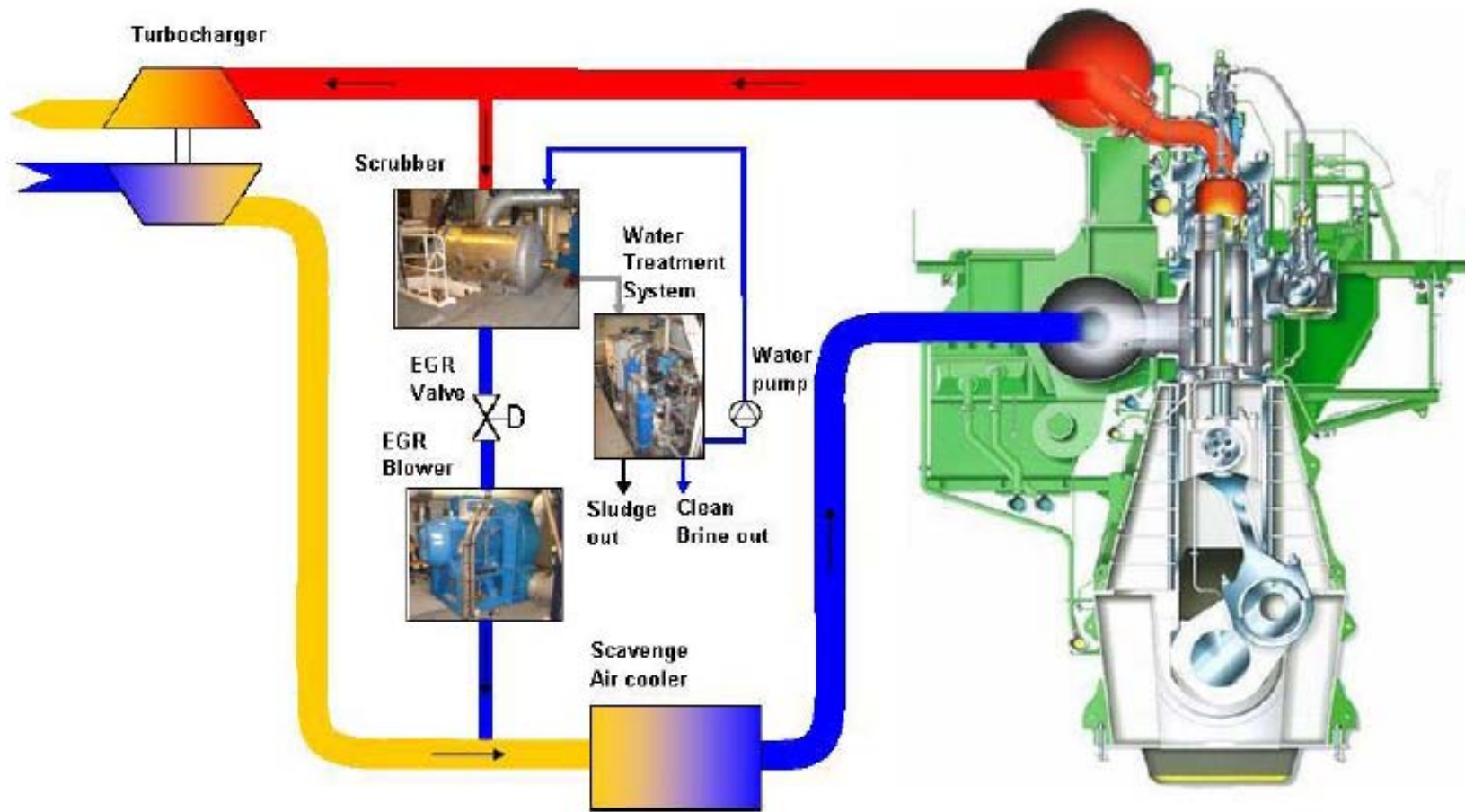
Source: MAN BW Gas October 2008

# Marine fuel prices

▼ Latest Bunker Prices				
	IFO380	IFO180	MDO	MGO
■ Singapore	432.50 ▲ +1.00	441.50 ▲ +3.50	545.00 ▼ -9.00	571.00 ▲ +3.50
■ Houston	404.00 ▲ +8.00	418.00 ▲ +11.00	549.00 ▲ +9.00	
■ Rotterdam	410.50 ▲ +8.00	429.00 ▲ +7.50	536.50 ▲ +10.50	582.50 ▲ +11.00
■ Fujairah	435.00 ▲ +3.50	463.00 ▲ +8.50		625.00 ▲ +4.50

Source: MAN August 2009

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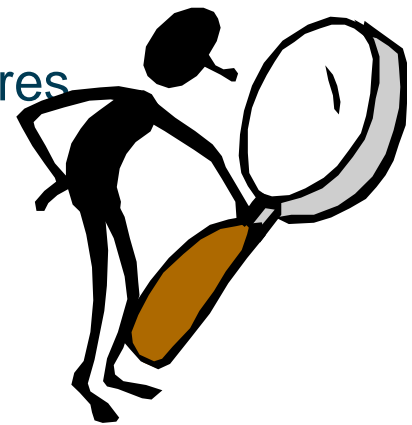


# New catalyst developments

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# Haldor Topsoe SCR catalyst developments

- Biomass optimized catalysts
  - Competitive sites for poison binding
  - Catalyst system with inhibition of poison diffusion
  - Higher intrinsic activity through increased number of active sites
- Low temperature catalysts
  - More active sites
  - Improved design basis
- Gas turbine peaker unit catalysts
  - Improved activity and durability at high temperatures
- New SCR DeNO<sub>x</sub> technologies
  - Cerafil TopKat™



# Catalytic filter technology: Cerafil TopKat

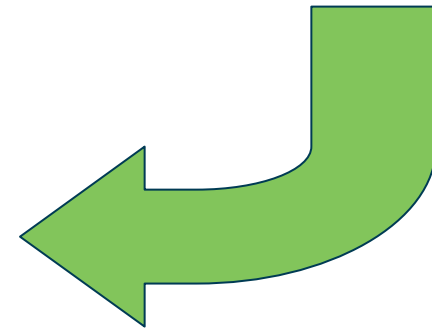
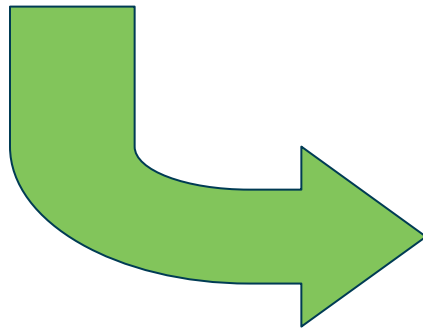
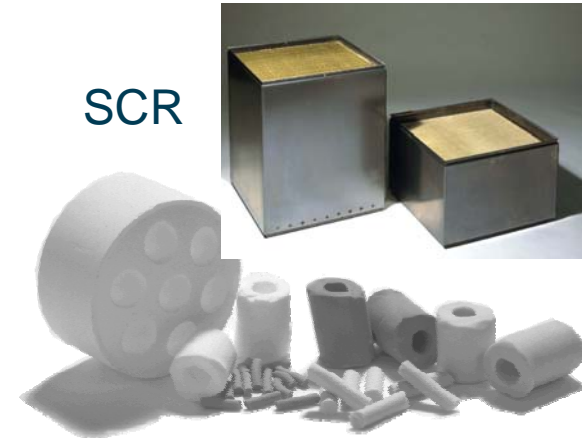
The combination of two well established and effective technologies



Cerafil XS

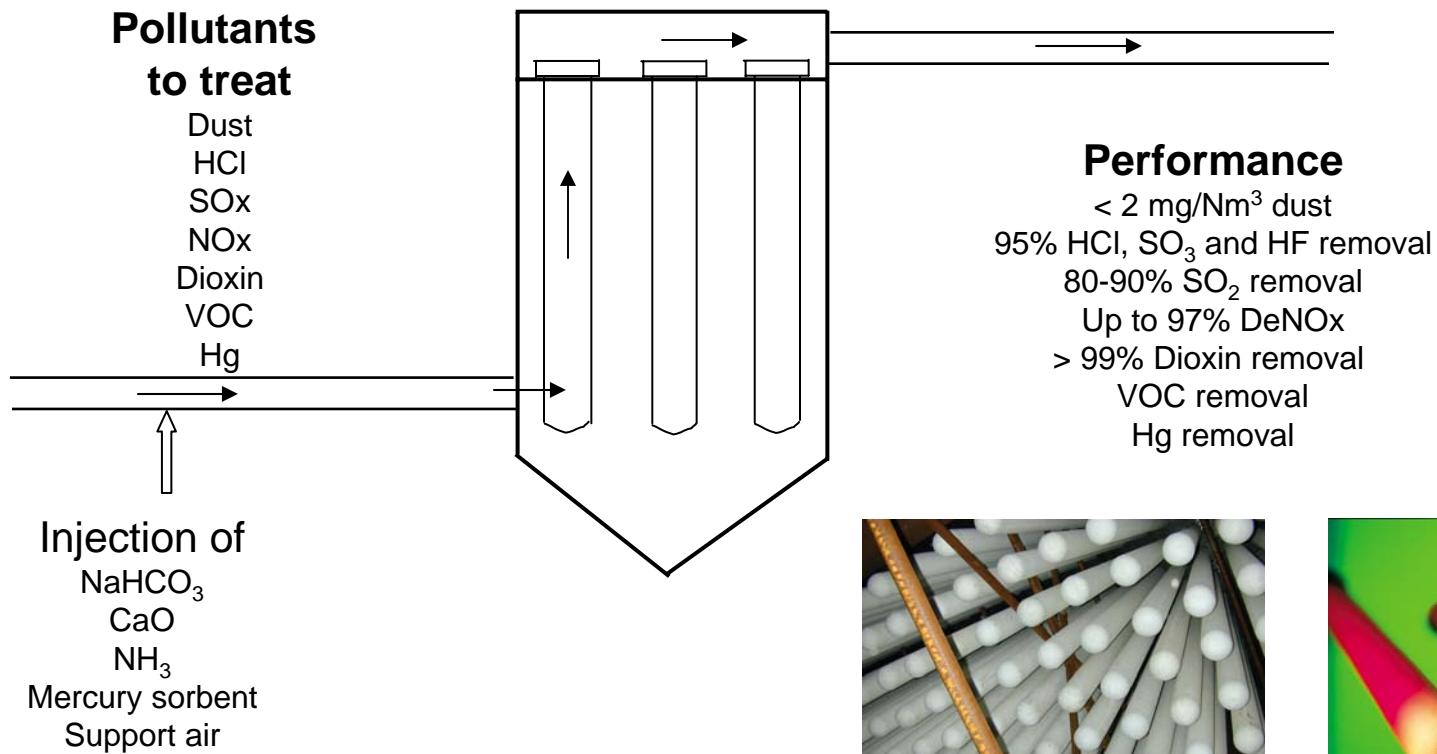
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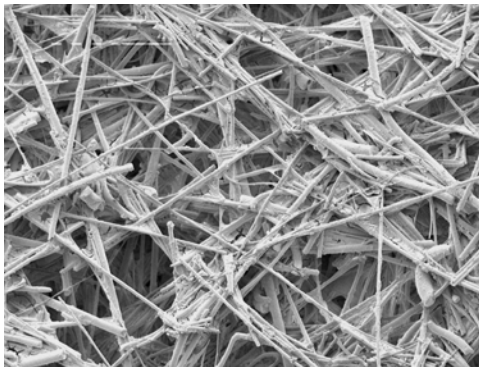
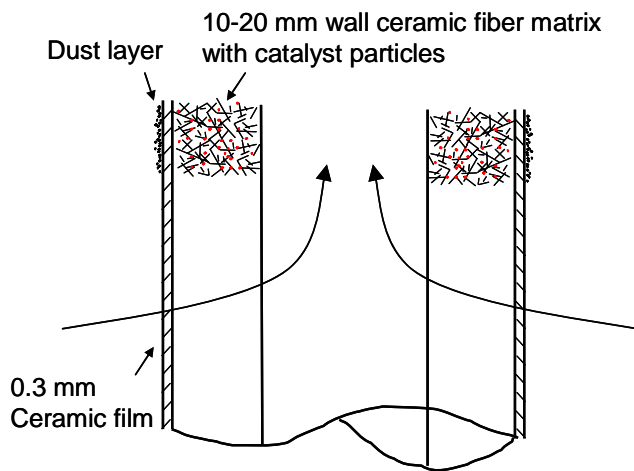
# Cerafil® TopKat multi pollutant control device

Temperature window 350-700°F

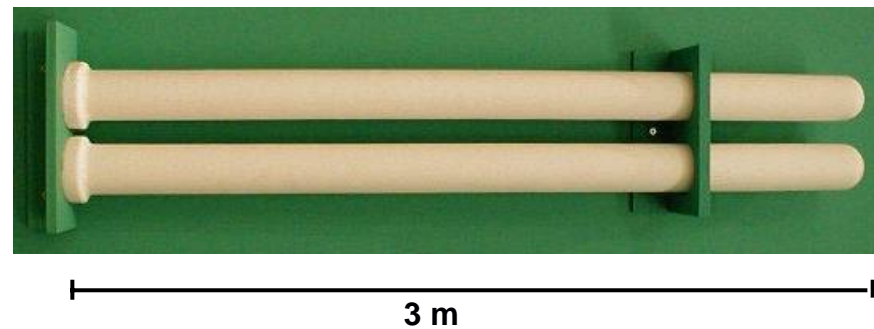


# Catalytic activated dust filters

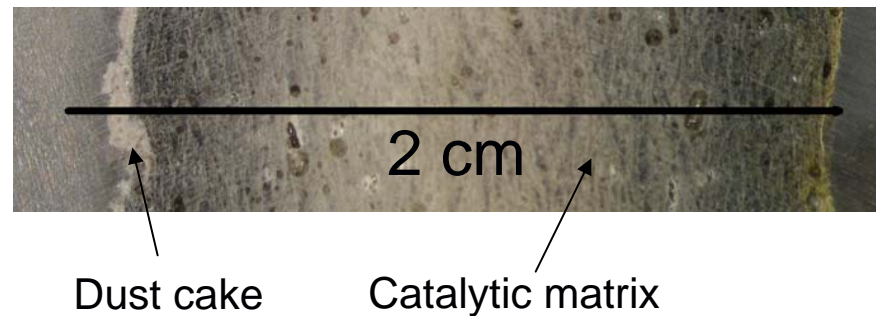
- Ceramic fiber matrix impregnated with catalyst



CTK - 3000



Wall cross section



# Cerafil ® TopKat benefits

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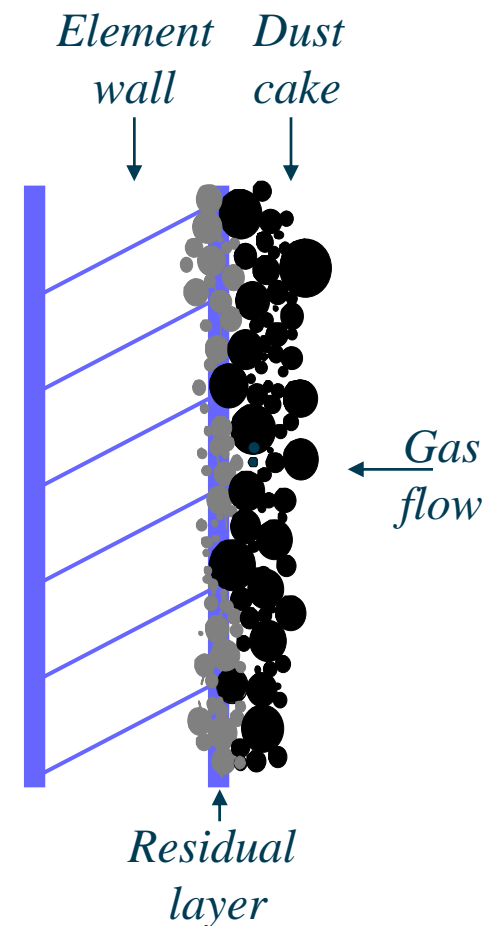
- High ash removal efficiency: < 2 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> slip
  - Comply with strict emissions legislation
  - Stable long term operation
- Temperature resistant to 700°F
  - Avoid bag burning problems
  - Potential for heat recovery from clean gas
  - Effective acid gas scrubbing
  - Maintain optimal temperature for SCR DeNO<sub>x</sub>
  - Max temperature determined by the stability of the vanadia/titania system
  - The un-impregnated Cerafil filter is temperature resistant up to 1650°F
  - Temperature excursions up to 790°F is allowed
- Corrosion resistant
  - Stable inert oxide structure
  - Resistant to condensing acid

# Filtration mechanism

- Pre-conditioning with an inert powder
- Development of residual layer
- The dust cake builds up on top of the residual layer
- The cake is periodically removed with a reverse pulse of air

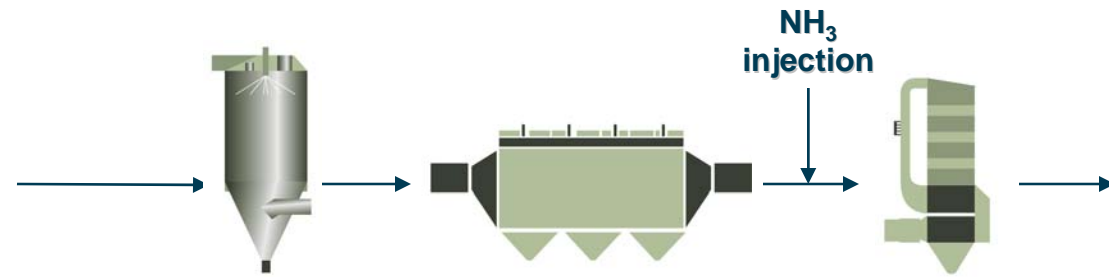
The filtration mechanism provides

- High efficiency
- Negligible depth penetration which protects catalyst from poisoning
- Potential for long life

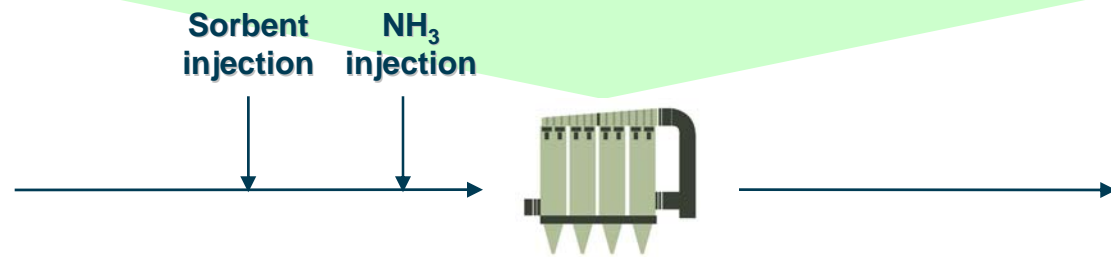


# Equipment train options for dust, SOx & NOx

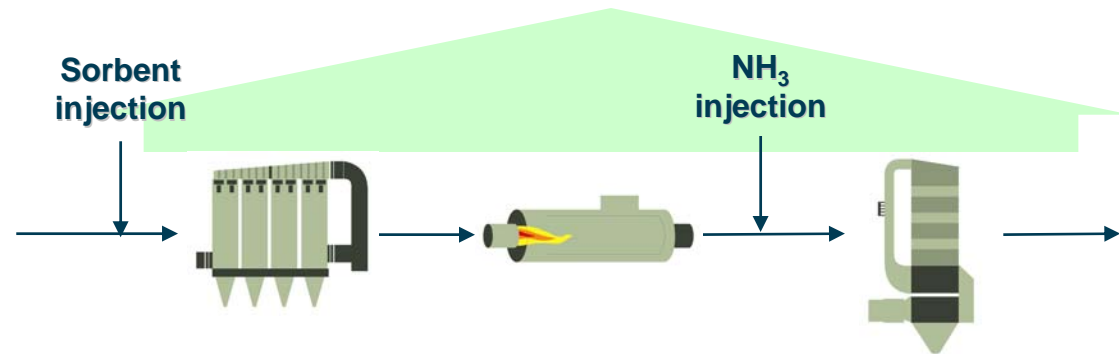
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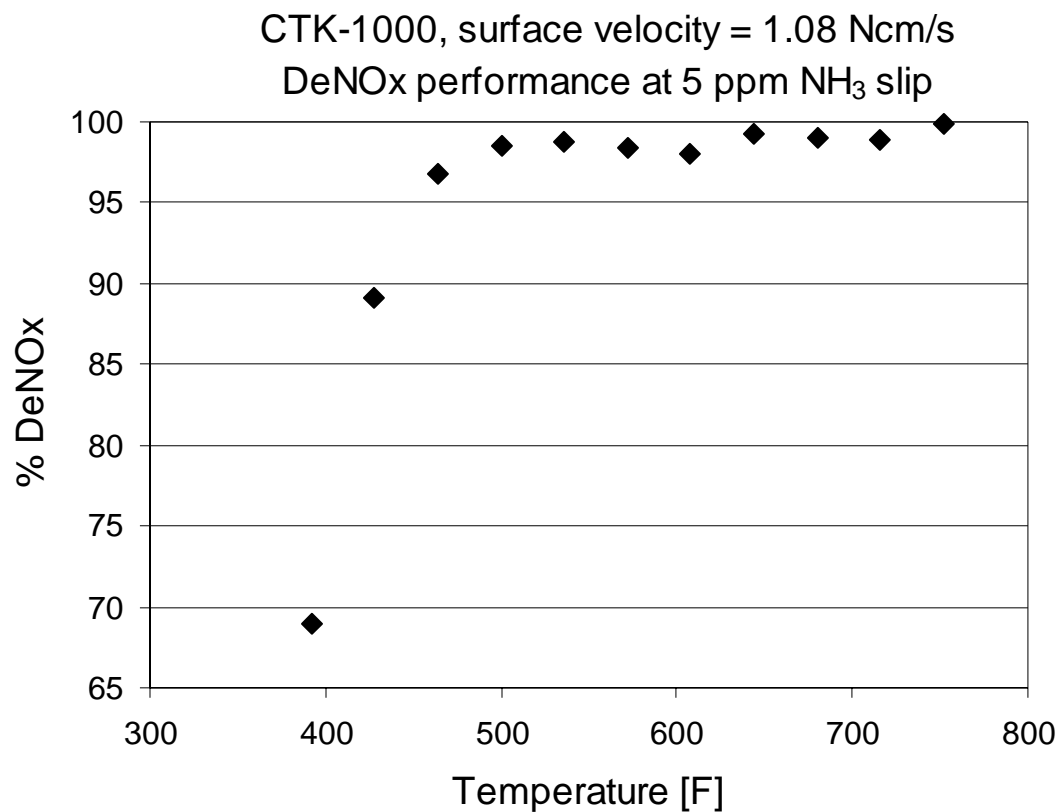
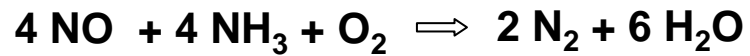
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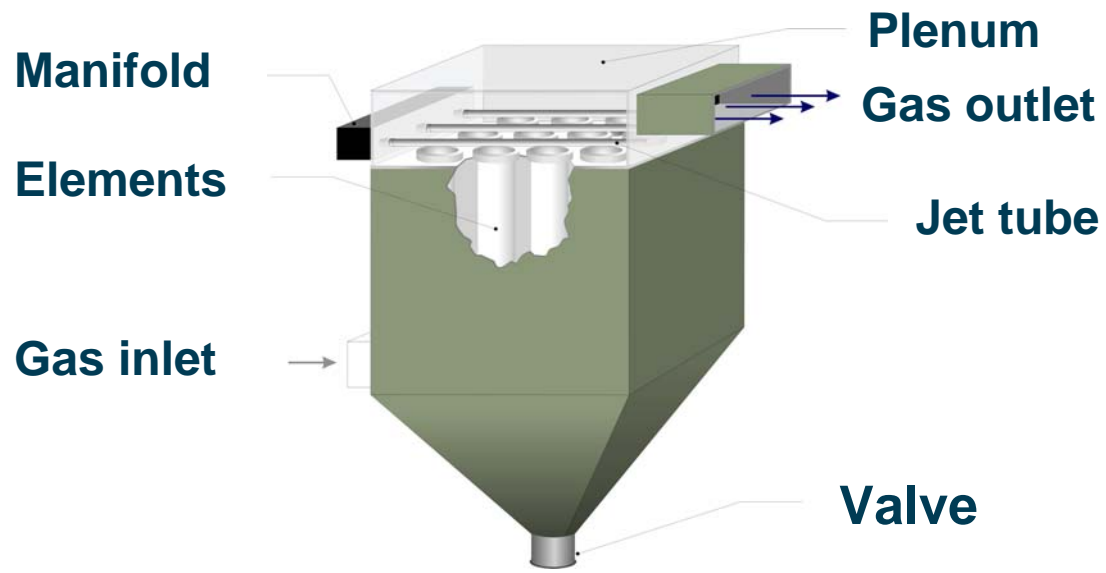
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# DeNOx performance

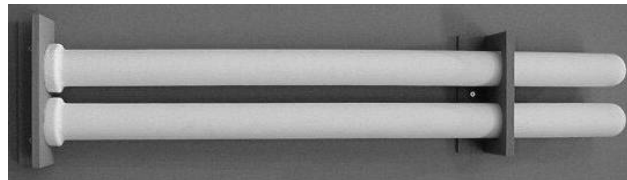


# Filter plant layout



# TopKat Reference List

Duty	Year	Location	Quantity	Element type	Filtration temp [°F]	DeNOx [%]	Dioxin inlet [ng/Nm3]	Dioxin outlet [ng/Nm3]	Comment
Clinical waste incineration	2004	UK	270	CTK-1000	311		75	0.55	
Meat processing waste incineration	2006	France	80	CTK-3000	392-473			0.011	
Glass furnace	2006	Belgium	40	CTK-3000	662	83			Pilot
Meat processing waste incineration	2007	France	40	CTK-3000	428	93			Pilot
Meat processing waste incineration	2008	France	672	CTK-3000	536	85			
Wood waste incineration	2008	Japan	540	CTK-3000	518		33	1	
Animal carcass incineration	2008	Japan	540	CTK-3000	437		16	0.008	
Animal carcass incineration	2009	UK	64	CTK-3000	356			0.0076	
Glass furnace	2009	Spain	1820	CTK-3000	662	80			



# Applications in air pollution control

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- Waste incineration
- Glass furnaces
- Sinter plants
- Large diesel engines
- Biomass fired boilers
- Coal fired plants with difficult ash
- Cement plants

# TopKat in Glass Furnaces

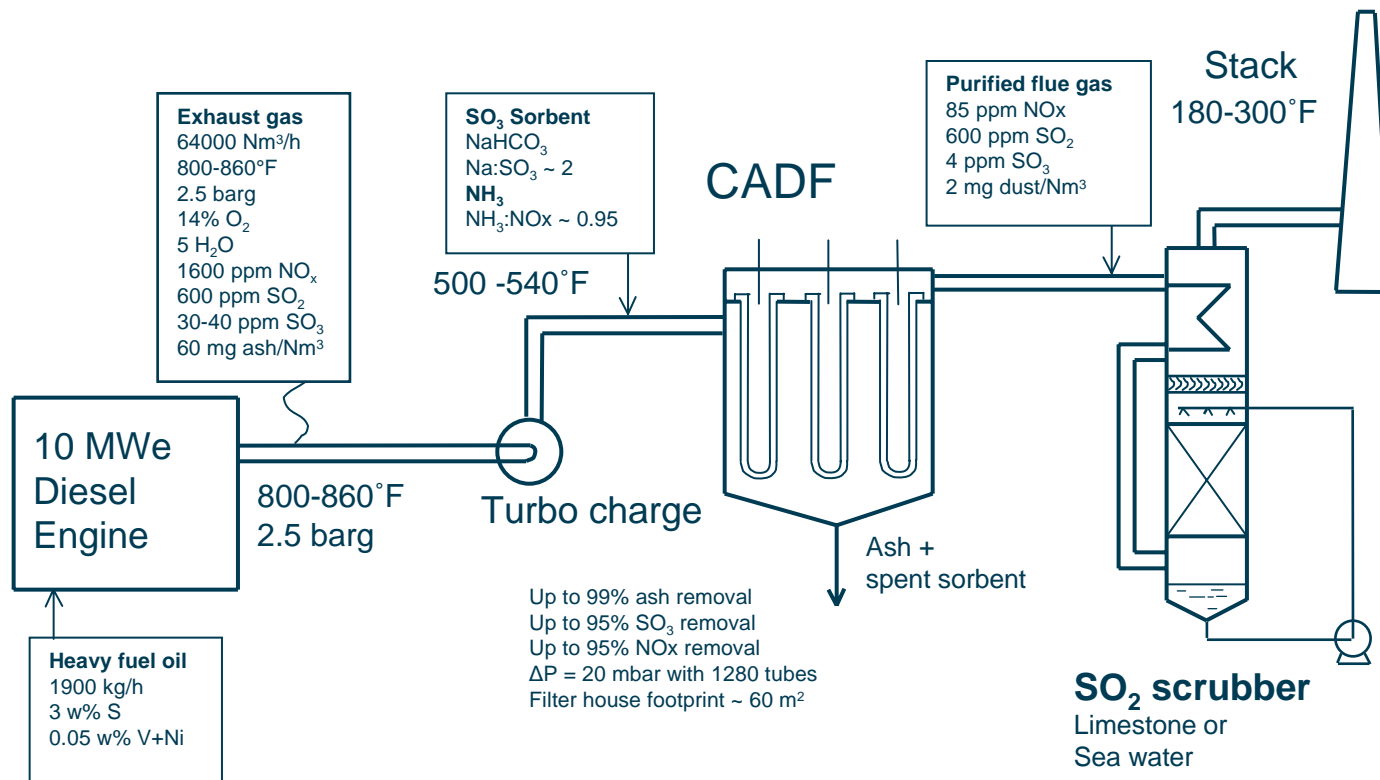
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## Benefits

- Compact design (two/tree times more compact compared to Particulate/NOx control combinations)
- Improved heat recovery by limited fouling in the downstream heat recovery boiler
- $< 2 \text{ mg/Nm}^3$  particulate slip
- SCR catalyst protected from poisonous sodium aerosols
- Possibility for phased implementation
- Favorable economy compared to other technologies

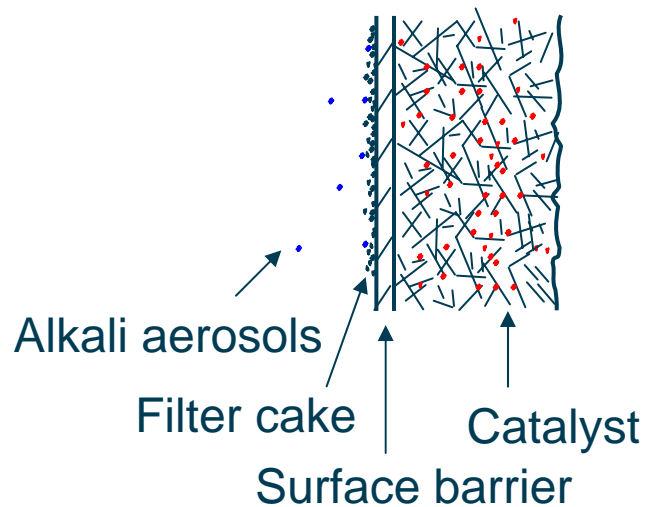
Mentioned as emerging technology in the European union BREF for the glass industry (draft July 2009)

# Topcat in HFO fired diesel engines

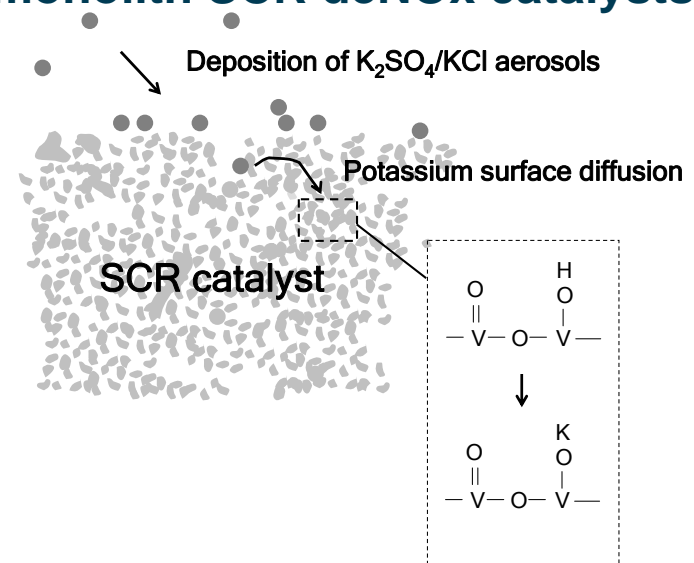


# Biomass fired boilers

- Catalyst is protected against the catalyst poisons sodium and potassium
- Catalyst life is extended



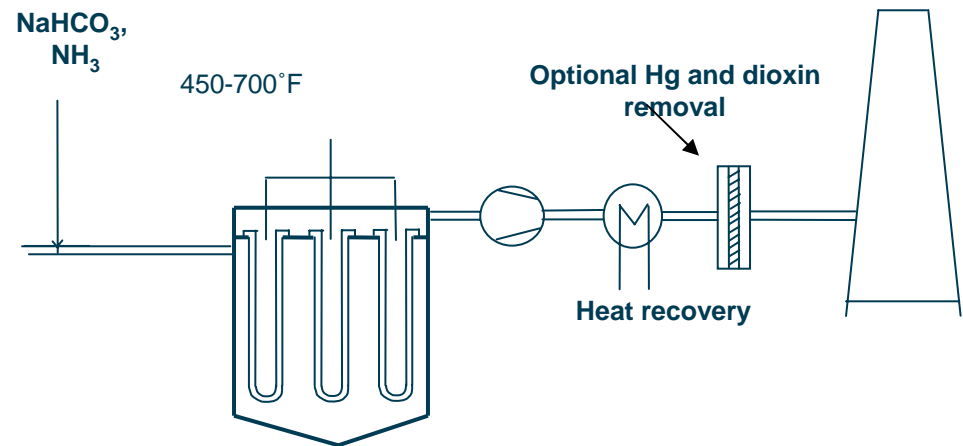
## Alkali poisoning mechanism in monolith SCR deNOx catalysts



# Waste incineration

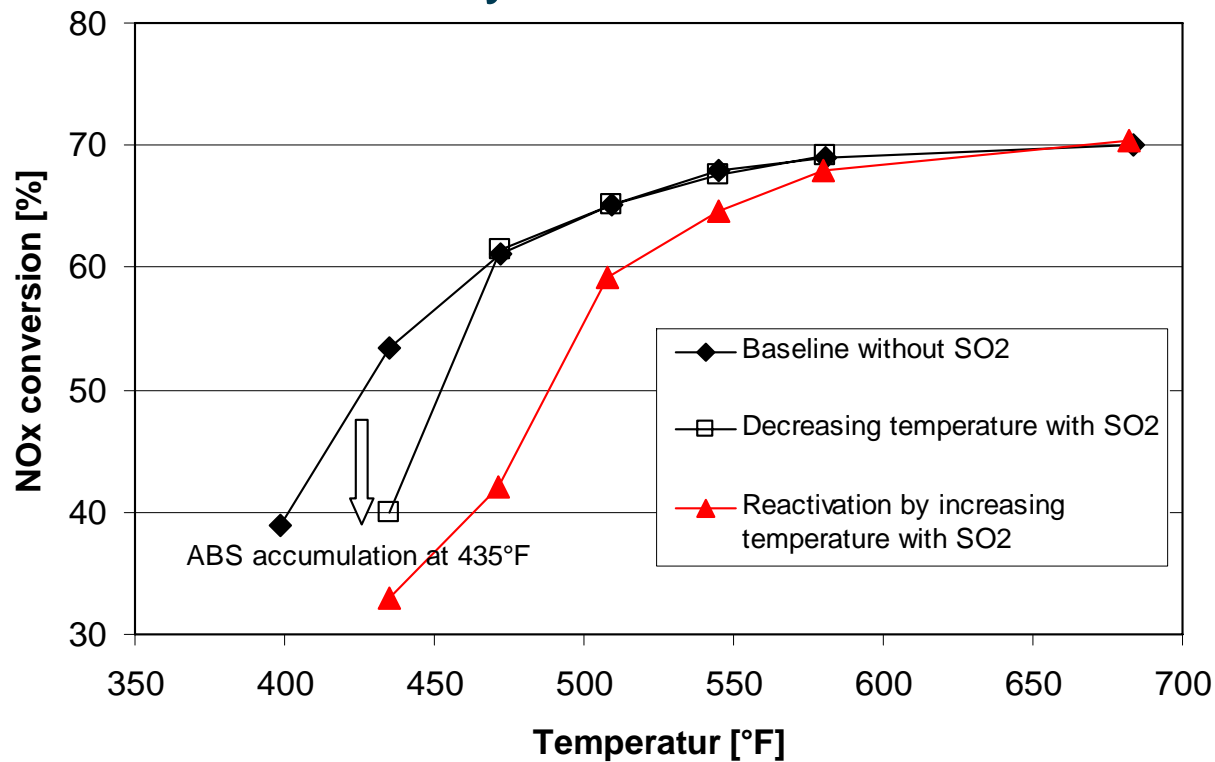
## NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, dust and dioxin emission control

- **Design issues**
- **DeNovo Dioxin formation**
  - Temperature range 570-750°F
  - Catalyzed by Cu, Fe + heavy metals in dust
  - Suppressed by CaO, S, ... NH<sub>3</sub>
- **SO<sub>2</sub> oxidation**
  - 1.5% conversion at 570°F
  - Catalyzed by V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- **Minimum temperature**
  - ABS dew point  $\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{HSO}_4(\text{l})$
  - Sub dew point operation possible with sorbent injection. Reheat option required
  - Even though SO<sub>3</sub> is effectively removed there is still a minimum temperature due to formation of SO<sub>3</sub> in the catalyst itself



# Effect of SO2 on DeNOx activity

- Inhibition of pure SO2 below 450°F due to ABS formation inside catalyst

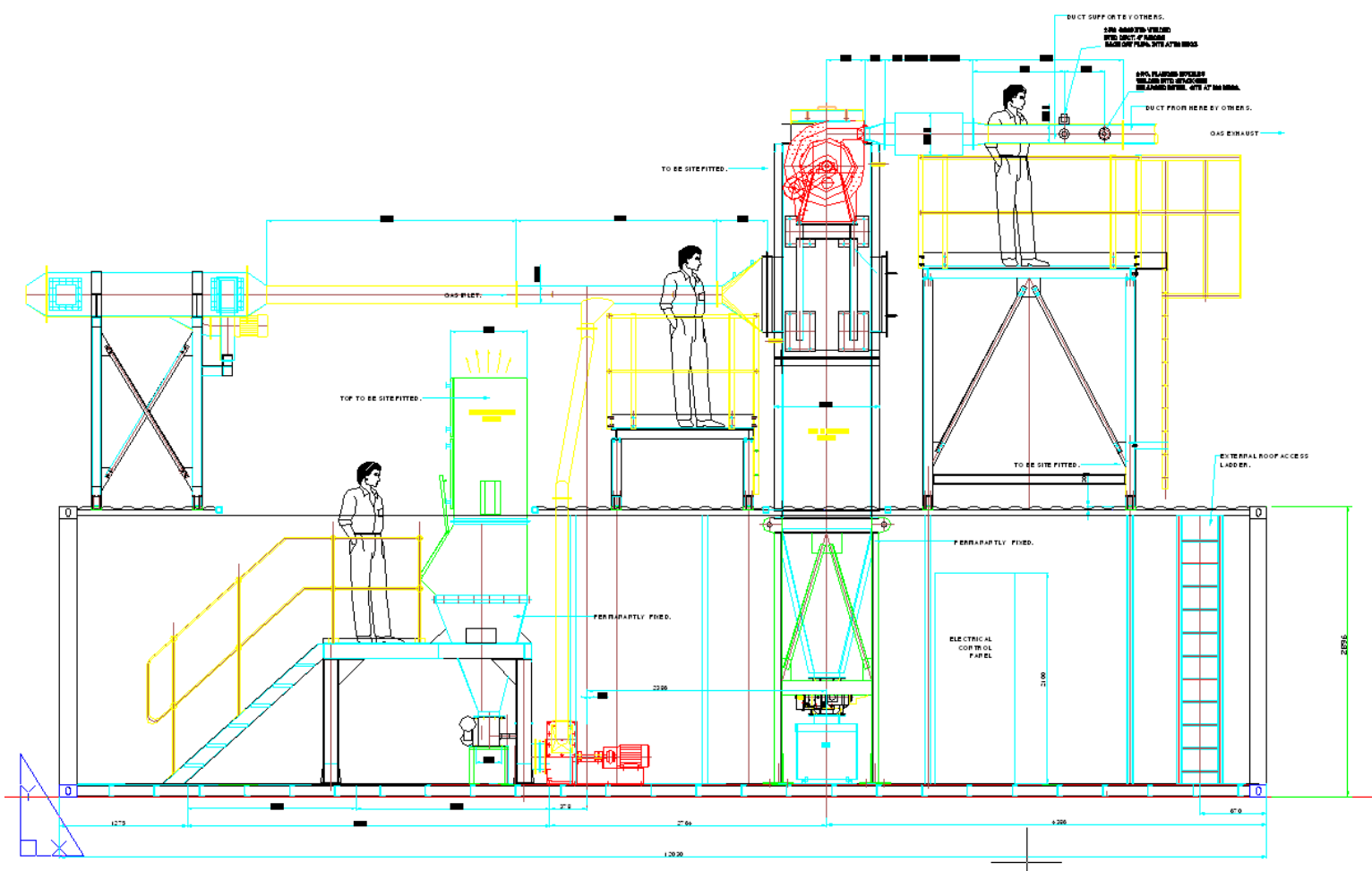


# Cerafil<sup>®</sup> TopKat Plant Dimensions

- 100,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h
- Fuel = biomass (wood)
- 2800 candles
- Target pressure drop  
 $\Delta P \approx 150 \text{ mm H}_2\text{O}$  (1.5 kPa, 5.9" WC)  
(Maximum pressure drop)
- Clean dust free candle  
 $\Delta P \approx 30\text{-}40 \text{ mm H}_2\text{O}$
- Cleaning cycle 600-3600 seconds
- Pressurized air consumption  
15 liters/candles/pulse
- Filter house footprint = 130 m<sup>2</sup>

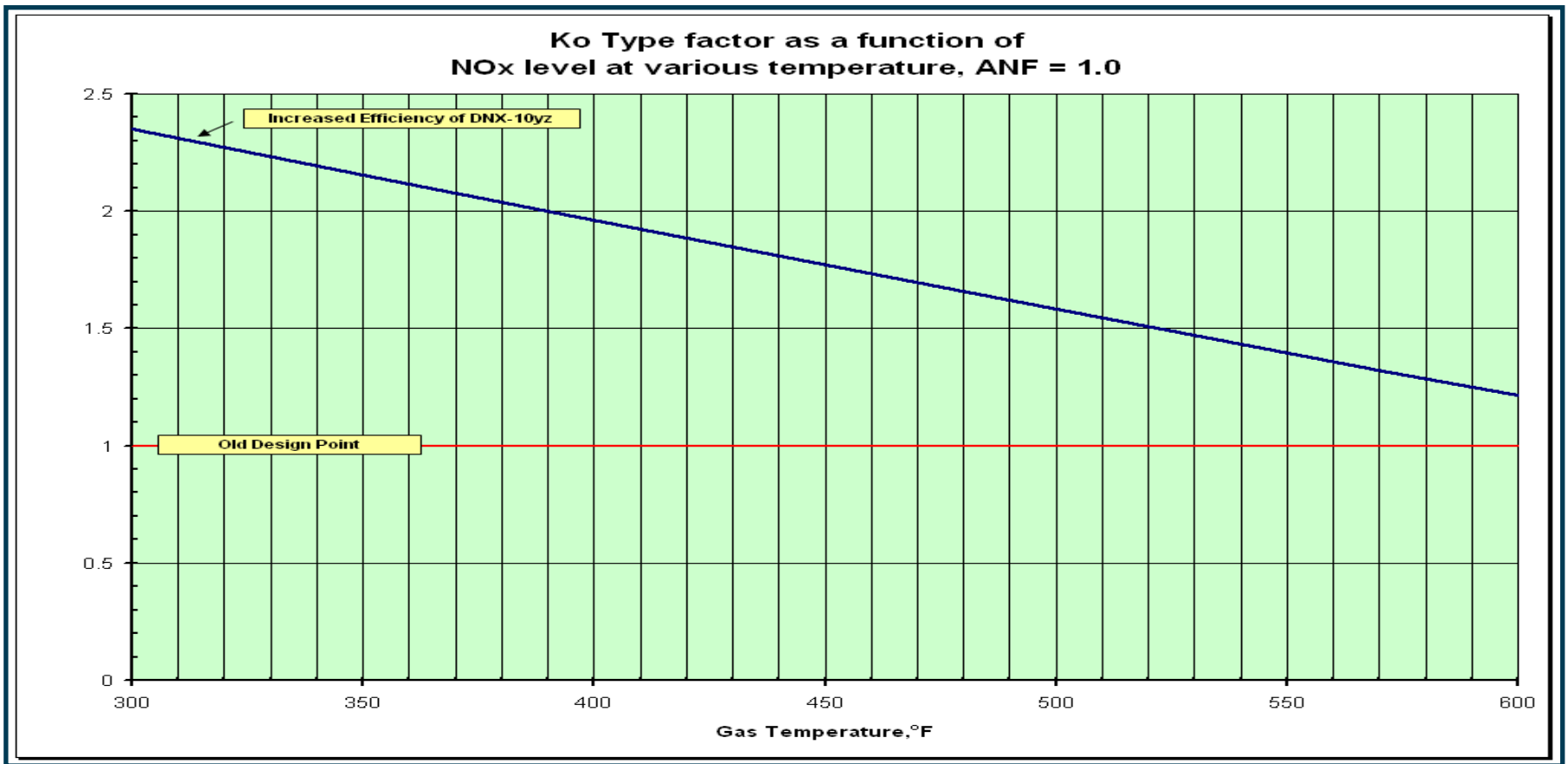


# Pilot Layout



# Lower Temperature SCR Operation

Improved activity at lower temperature



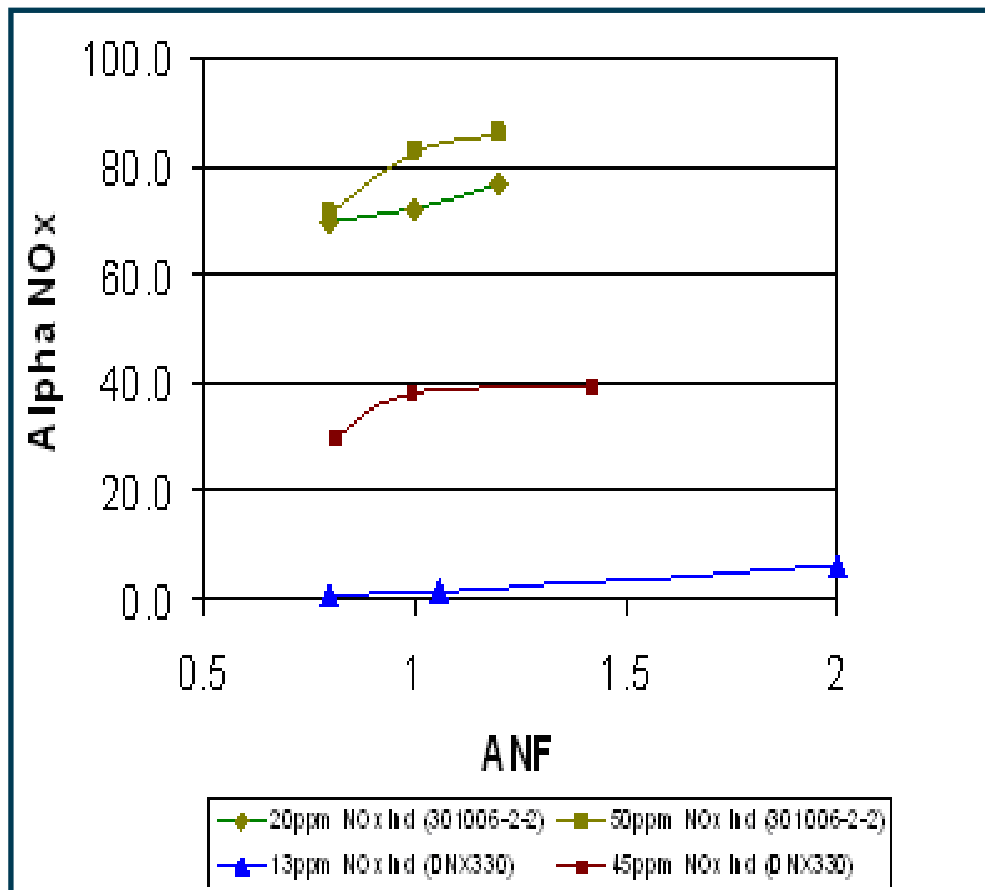
# Synerprise Project - Site 16 MW CHP

- Grate fired boiler
- Fuel: Wood chips
- SCR installed in 2008
- Low dust, vertical up & down flow
- NOx Inlet, 0.18 lbs/mmBtu
- NOx reduction, 64%
- SCR temperature 340 - 360°F
- On line catalyst cleaning
  - reverse flow
- Catalyst deactivation is less than expected
- SCR inlet SO<sub>3</sub> < 0.5 ppm (calc. ABS dew point > 450°F)



# High Temperature SCR Operation

Improved activity at higher temperature



## □ DNX-029HiTe

- Stronger  $\text{NH}_3$  absorption
- Lower  $\text{NH}_3$  oxidation rate
- Higher DeNOx activity



# Simple Cycle Gas Turbines

- High temperature SCR (900 – 1,030°F)
- Frequent start ups
- Fast temperature ramps



# New DNX-029HiTe Catalyst



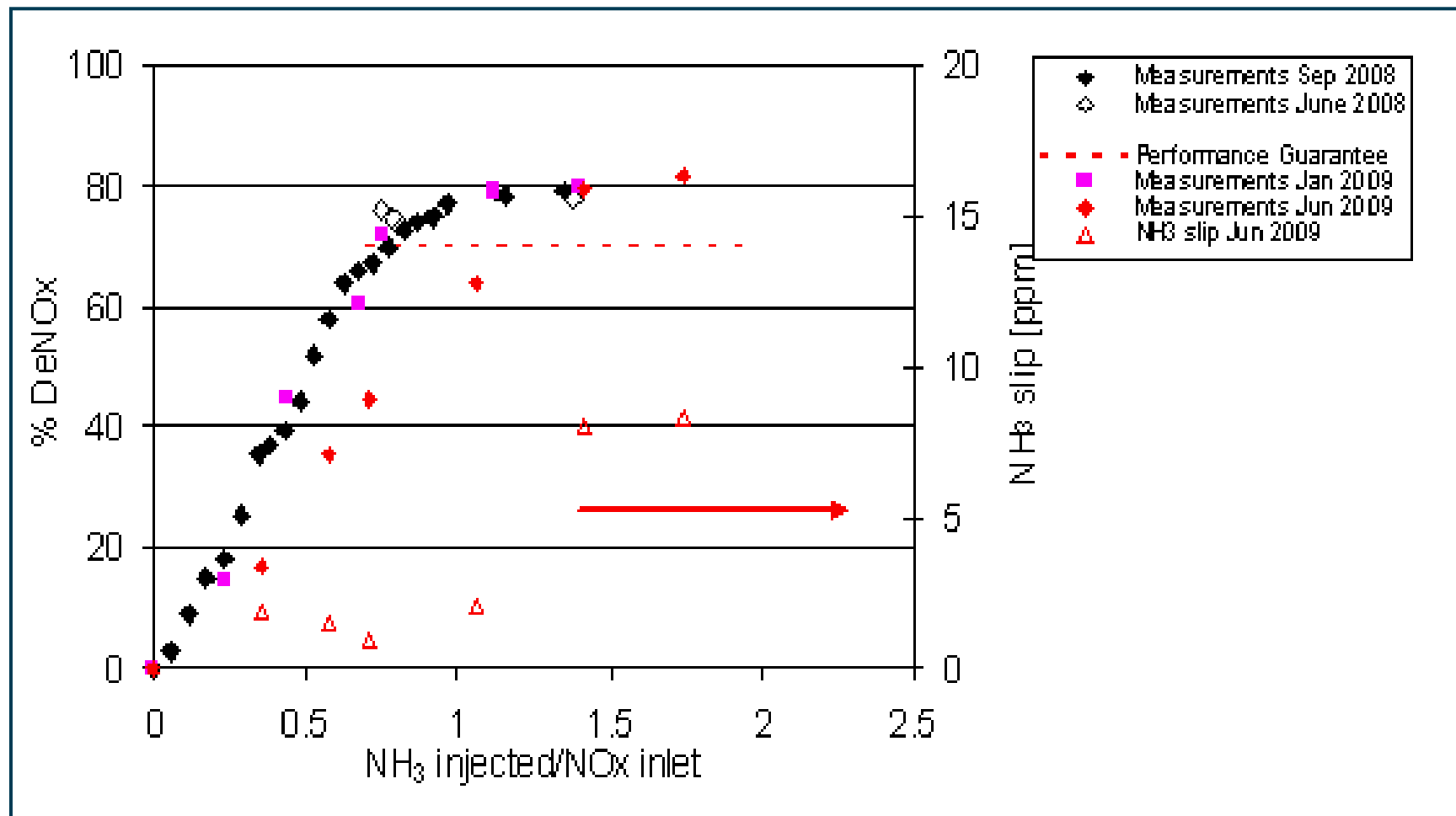
## Vra Power Plant

- Power Output – 5 Mwe
- Flue gas flow – 150,000 lbs/hr
- Flue gas temp. – 1,030 deg. F
- NOx inlet – 110 ppm
- DNX-029 Installed – June 2008

## Performance:

- Daily Start ups
- Over 4,000 operating hours
- NOx Reduction - 80%
- Zero Catalyst Deactivation after expected initial activity loss

# DNX-029HiTe Catalyst Field Experience



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Thank you for your attention