

# CoaLogix™

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*Catalyst Selection Hot Topic Hour*

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# Regeneration Experience

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	<u>Cubic Meters</u>	<u>Projects</u>
➤ USA since 2003	24,600	84
➤ European since 1998	<u>17,000</u>	<u>210</u>
➤ Combined	41,500	294
➤ ~ 22,000 catalyst modules		

# Catalyst Selection Considerations



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- **Pluggage resistance**
- **Erosion resistance**
- **SO<sub>2</sub> conversion**
- **Pressure drop**
- **Mercury oxidation**
- **Low temperature operation**
- **Regenerability of catalyst (avoid wall thickness < 0.6mm)**
- **DeNOx potential (Catalyst Life) per \$**

# Catalyst Selection – Prevent Pluggage



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- **“Fix System” problems so the catalyst can perform as designed:**
  - Large Particle Ash (LPA) filtration
  - Ash distribution
  - Flow distribution
  - NH<sub>3</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratio distribution
  - Temperature distribution
  
- **Pick your catalyst pitch and type based on success in “Fixing System” above**
  
- **Fixing the pluggage problem will fix the erosion problem**

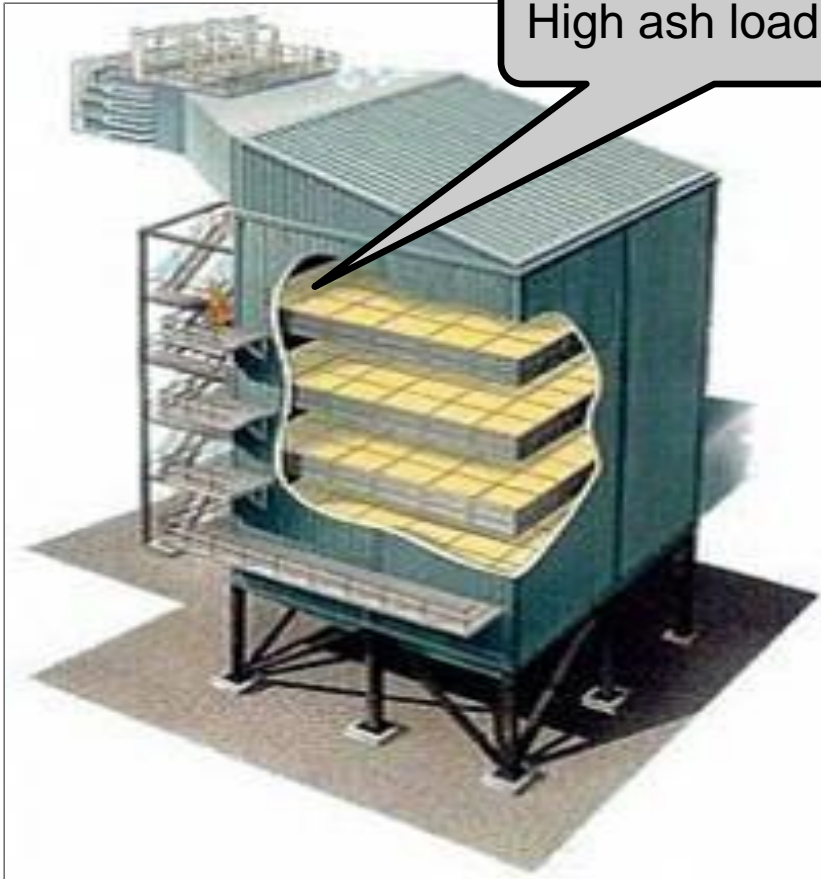
**Don't use your catalyst investment for Ash/LPA filtration**

# Reduce Pluggage Potential

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High ash loading zone



- **Load catalyst from bottom up**
- **Improve flow distribution**
- **Evaluate impact of load swings**
- **Install effective LPA filtration system**

# Catalyst Definitions

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$$AV = \frac{Nm^3}{hr} / m^2$$

Area Velocity (m/hr) = Gas Flow / Catalyst Visible Surface Area

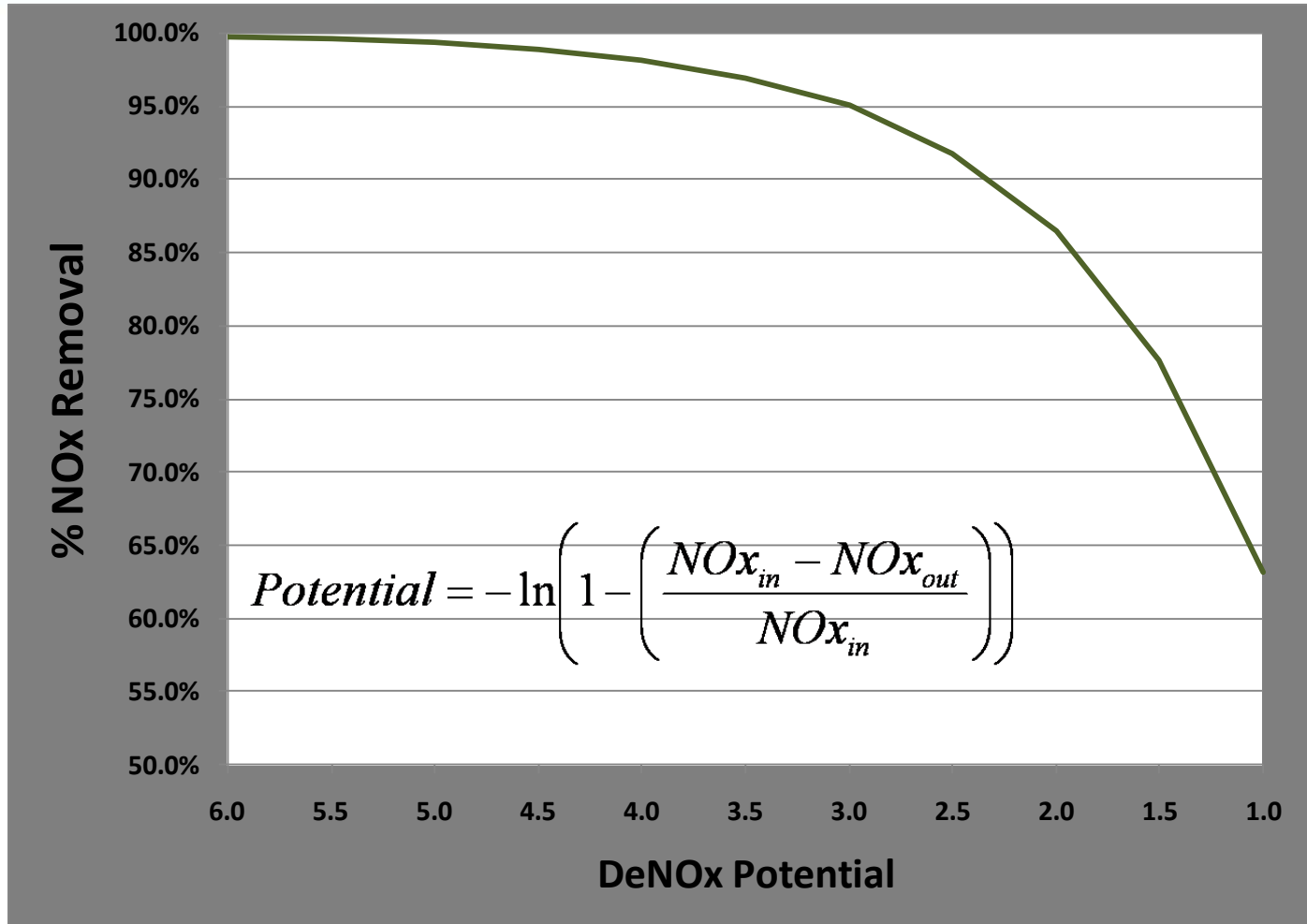
$$Potential = -\ln\left(1 - \left(\frac{NOx_{in} - NOx_{out}}{NOx_{in}}\right)\right) = \frac{K}{AV}$$

$$K = AV \cdot -\ln\left(1 - \left(\frac{NOx_{in} - NOx_{out}}{NOx_{in}}\right)\right)$$

DeNOx Activity (m/hr) K = AV \* Potential

# Potential Vs. % NOx Removal

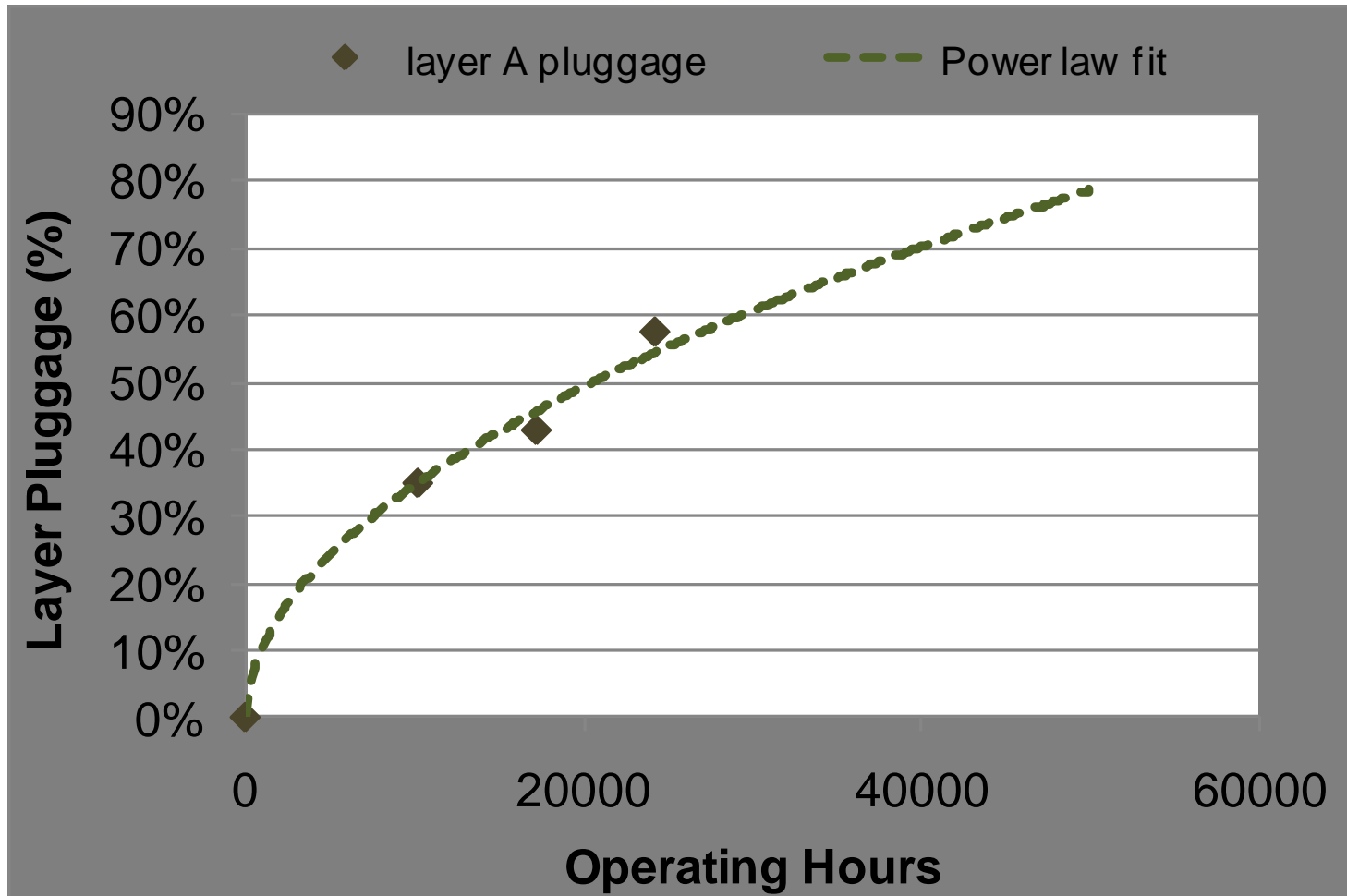
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Potential Vs % NOx Removal is not linear

# SCR Catalyst Pluggage

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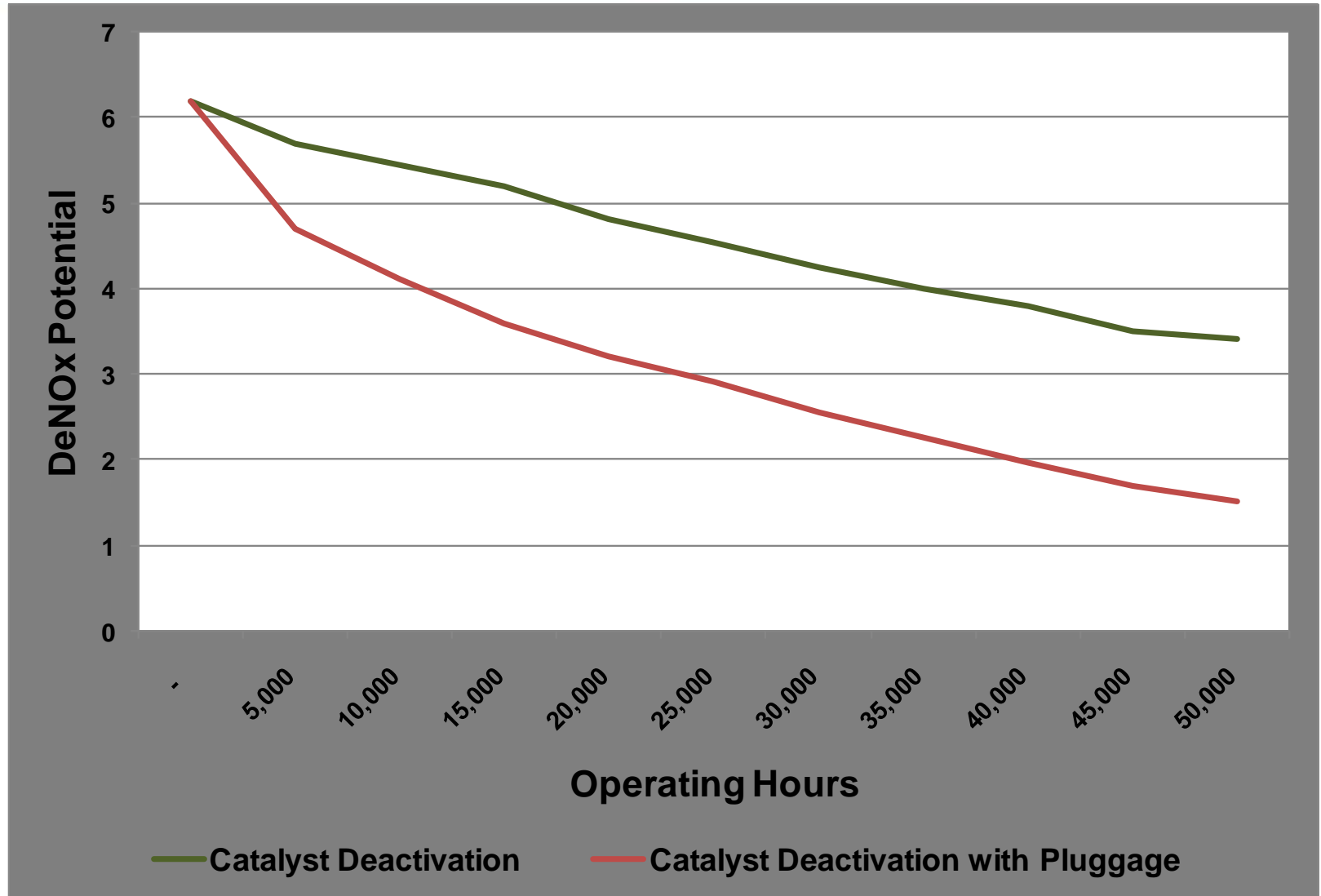


Pluggage eliminates catalyst and reduces residence time

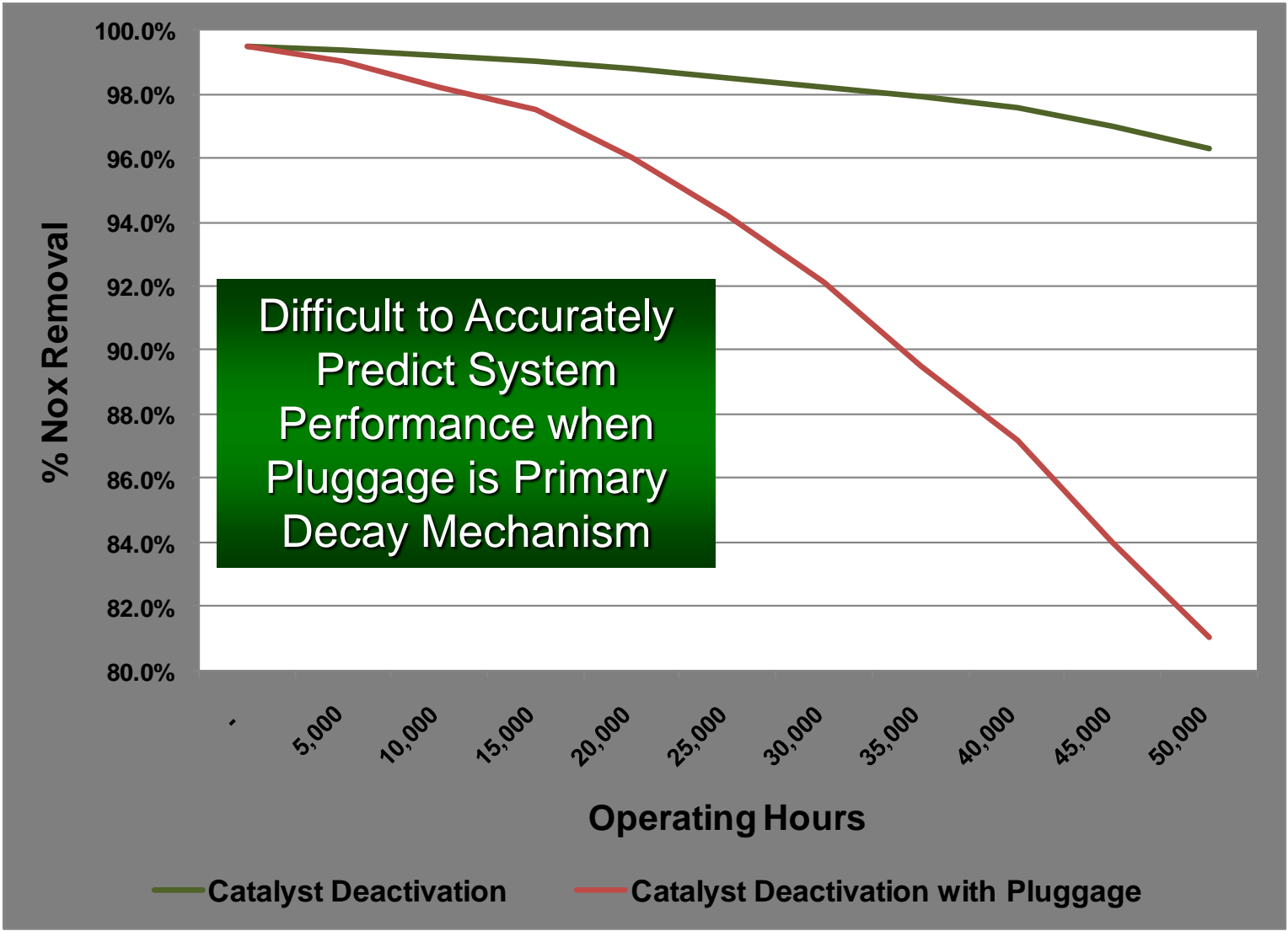


# Affects of SCR Catalyst Pluggage

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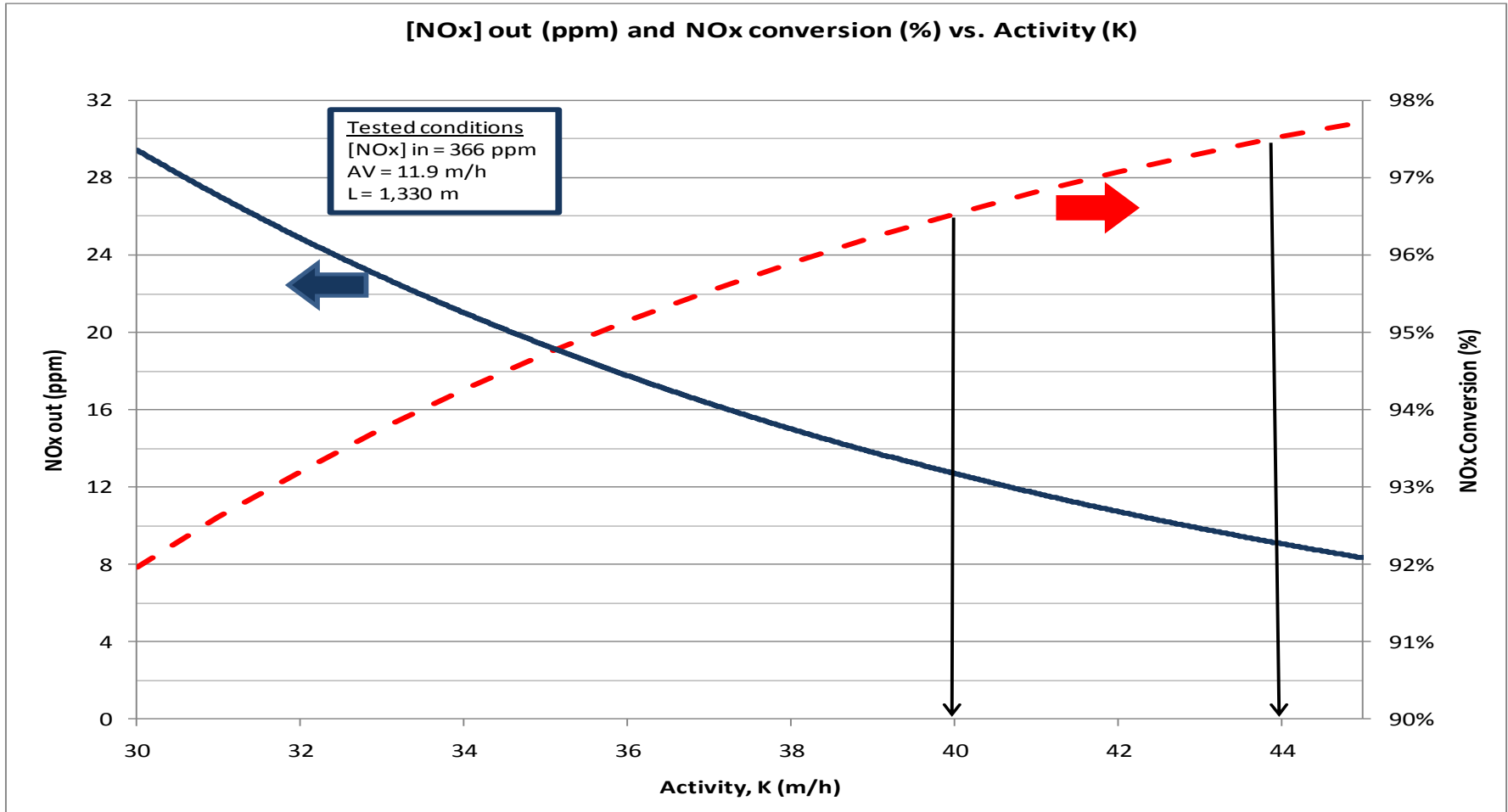


## Affect of SCR Pluggage



# DeNOx Activity Vs % NOx Removal

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Focus on % NOx Removal

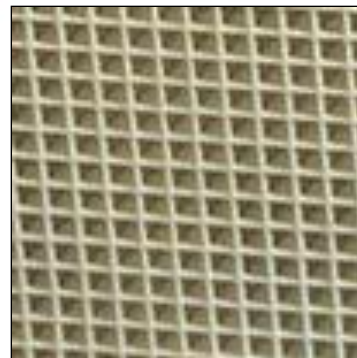
# SCR Vs Catalyst Performance

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<b>SCR Performance</b>	<b>Affected By</b>		
	% Catalyst Pluggage - Typically Major Affect		
	% Flue Gas By-pass		
	<b>Catalyst Performance</b>	<b>Decay Rate Confirmed by Routine Testing</b>	Flue Gas Impurities
			Operating Conditions - Temperatures < 570° F
		Temperature	
		Flue Gas Velocity	
NH <sub>3</sub> to Nox Molar Ratio			

# Catalyst Comparison

	Plate	Honeycomb	Corrugated
Ability to Regenerate if Not Mechanically Damaged	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Erosion Resistance with Low Pluggage	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Ability to Chemically Clean Outside the SCR Reactor	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Potential per M3	Varies by Pitch and Catalyst Formulation		
Erosion Resistance with < 30% Pluggage	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Erosion Resistance with > 30% < 50% Pluggage	Fair	Fair	Fair
Erosion Resistance with > 50% Pluggage	Marginal	Poor	Poor
Ability to Mechanically Clean Outside the SCR Reactor	Very Good	Fair	Fair
Ability to Mechanically Clean In-situ	Poor	Poor	Poor

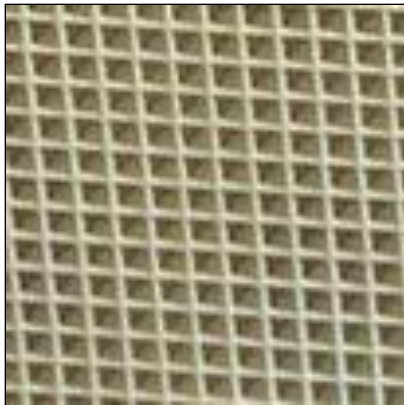


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<b>Pluggage Resistance</b>	<b>Varies by Pitch</b>
<b>Pressure Drop</b>	<b>Varies by Pitch, Length and Flue Gas Velocity</b>
<b>SO2 Conversion</b>	<b>Varies by Operating Conditions and Catalyst Design</b>
<b>DeNOx Life</b>	<b>Varies by Operating Conditions and Catalyst Design</b>



# Specific Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>) vs. Pitch



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Honeycomb		Corrugated		Plate-Type	
Pitch	m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>	Pitch	m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>	Pitch	m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>
7.1	495	6.4	455	5.7	350
7.4	470	7.4	445	7	280
8.2	425	8.4	435	7.5	270
9.2	380				

Balance Pluggage Resistance with DeNO<sub>x</sub> Potential

# All Catalyst Types Regenerable

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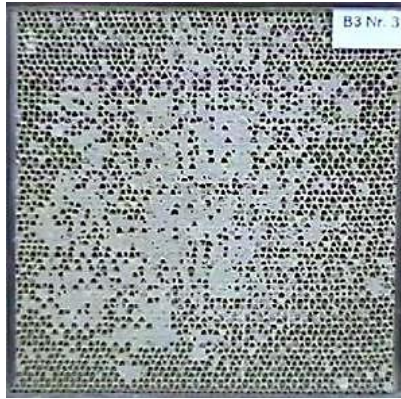
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Corrugated

Honeycomb

Plate

Before



After

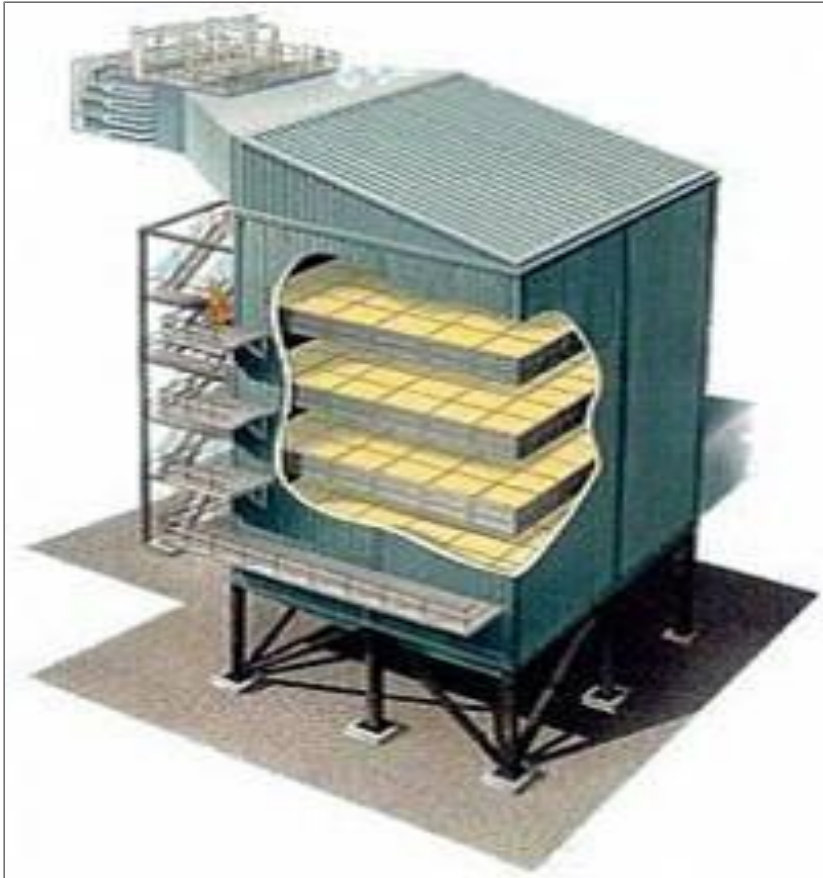




# Summary

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- **Reduce system pluggage potential**
- **Select catalyst with proper pitch and erosion resistance**
- **Select catalyst potential (length, number of layers) to meet outage and environmental requirements**
- **Evaluate catalyst based on \$ per DeNOx potential Vs \$ per layer**