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# Stationary Engine Emission Controls & A/F Controllers / Remote Control

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# Outline

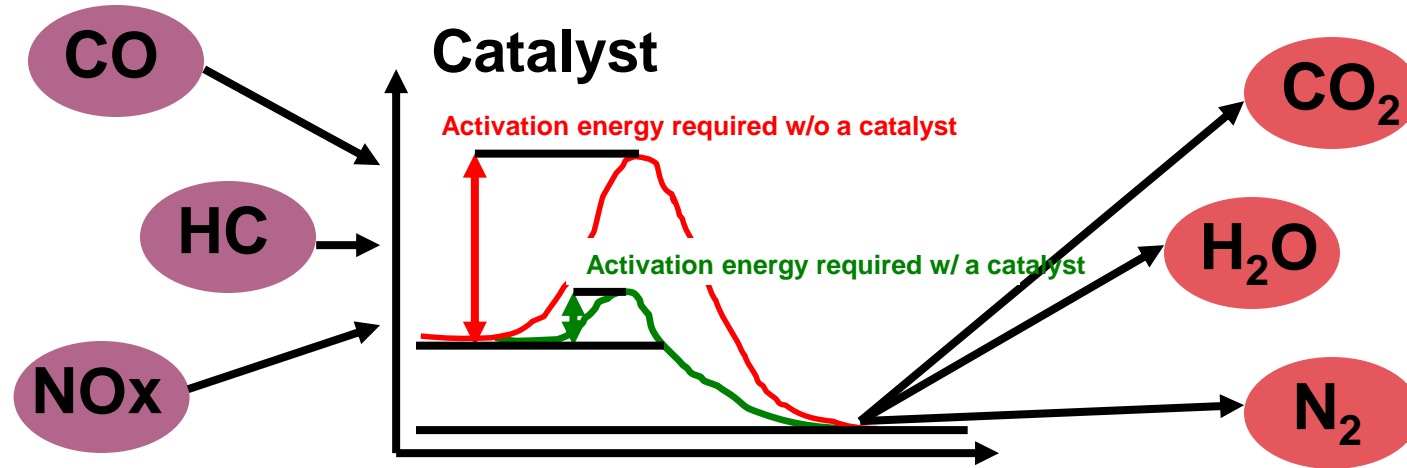
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What is a catalyst?  
Is it a black box???



# A catalyst is NOT a black box!

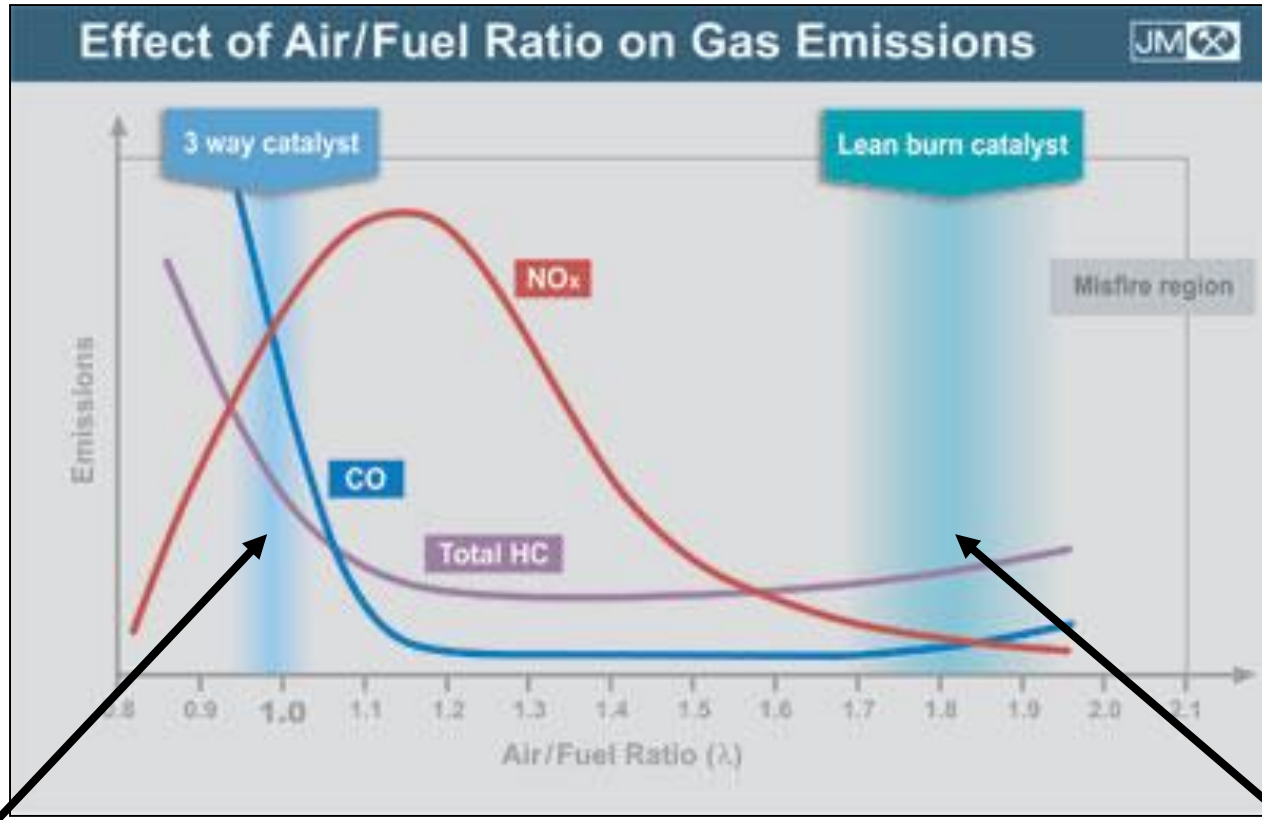
It is a substance that accelerates a chemical reaction



- A catalyst is a material that increases the rate of a chemical reaction while not undergoing any permanent change.
- This results in the chemical reaction occurring at a lower temperature and more quickly.
- Catalysts do not perform miracles, the reactions they perform have to be “allowed” chemically.
- Catalysts are designed to speed up the desired reactions, but not the undesired ones.

# How does it work?

## Different applications require different catalysts



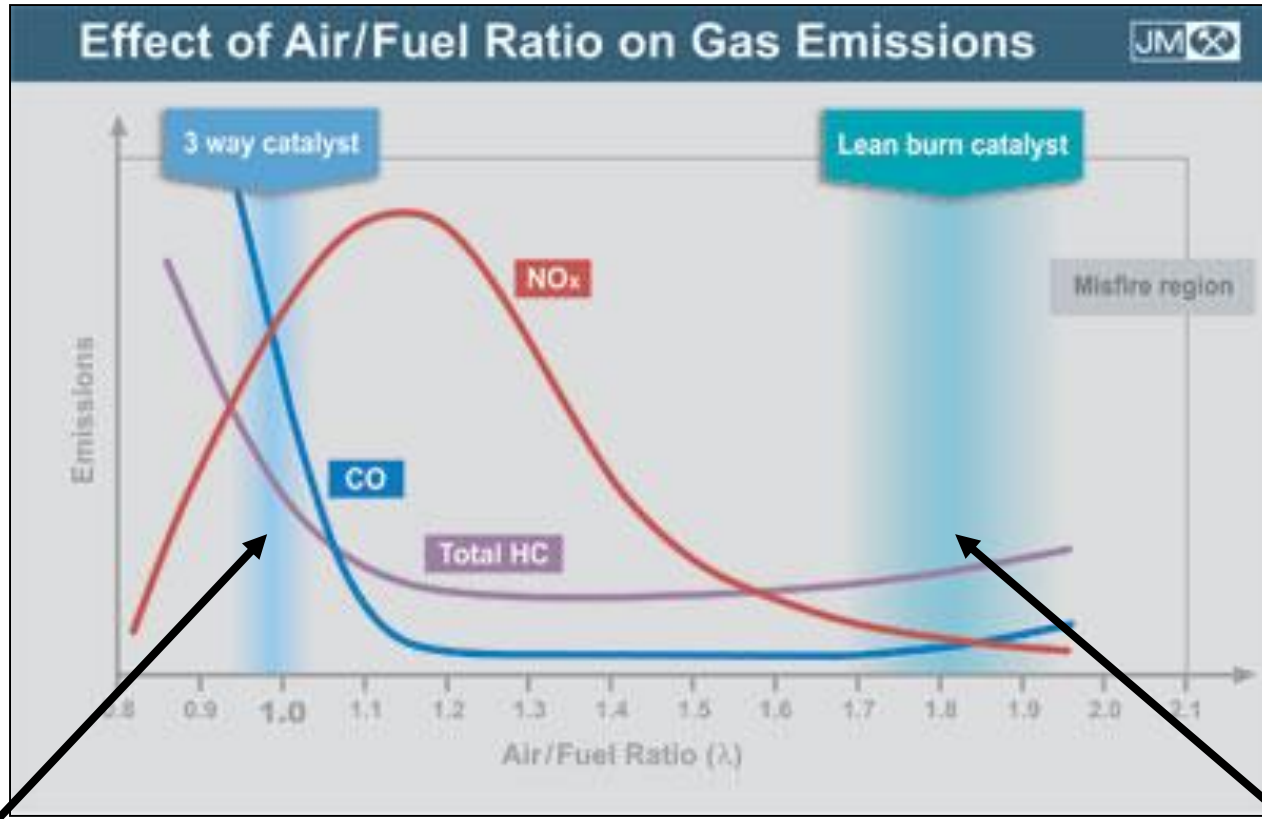
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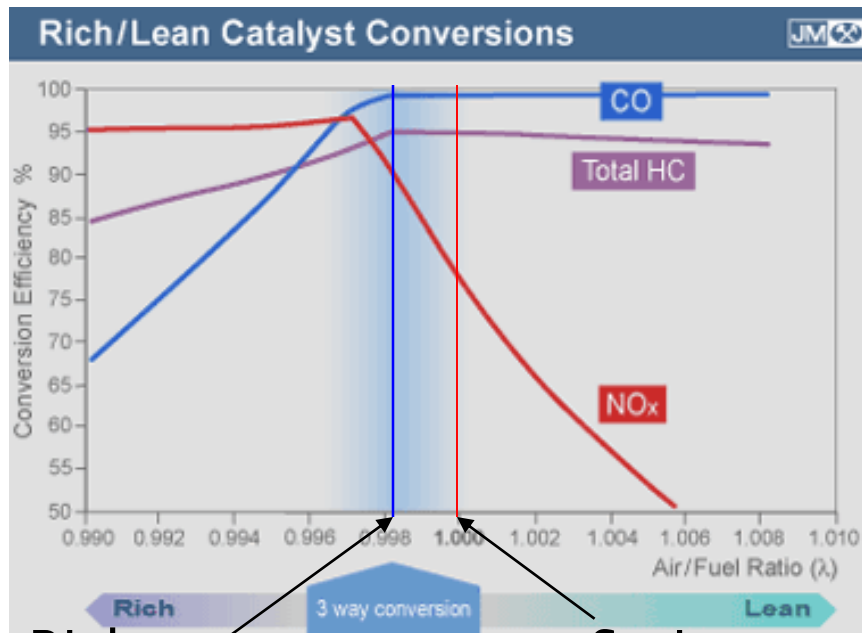
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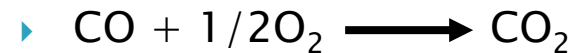
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# Three way – NSCR – TWC catalyst – Rich burn

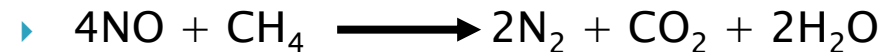
The A/Fuel ratio (Lambda) is critical, as the area of operation is with excess reductants (HC, CO). Exhaust composition is extremely important to the proper catalyst for the application



## ► Oxidation Reactions



## ► Reduction Reactions



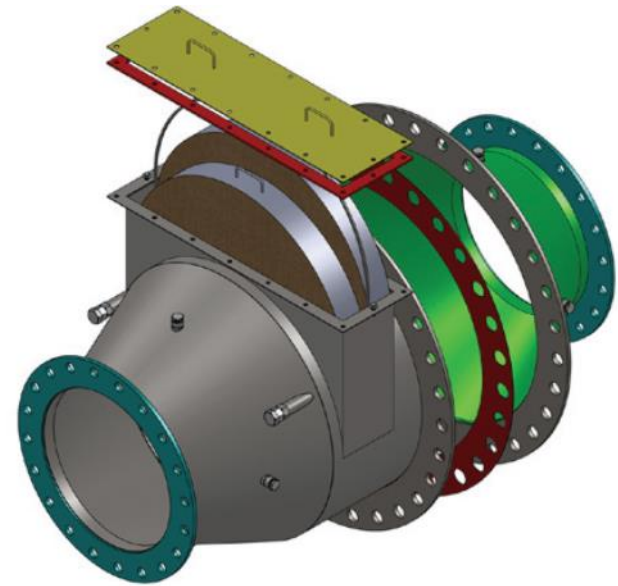
**Rich** (Exhaust O<sub>2</sub> 0.3% – 0.5%)      **Stoic** (Reductants not in excess)

Both oxidation reactions and reduction reactions are taking place in TWC



# Three Way – Rich Burn Catalyst Components

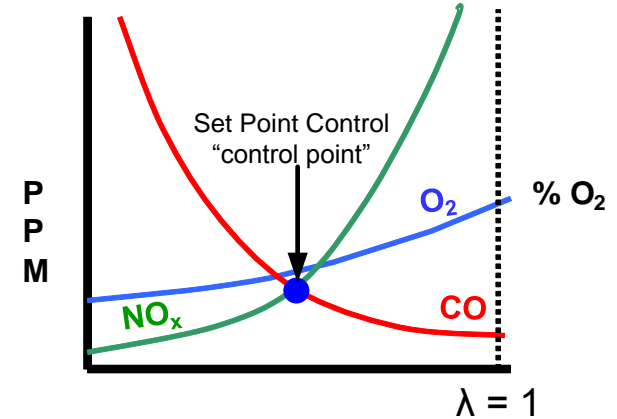
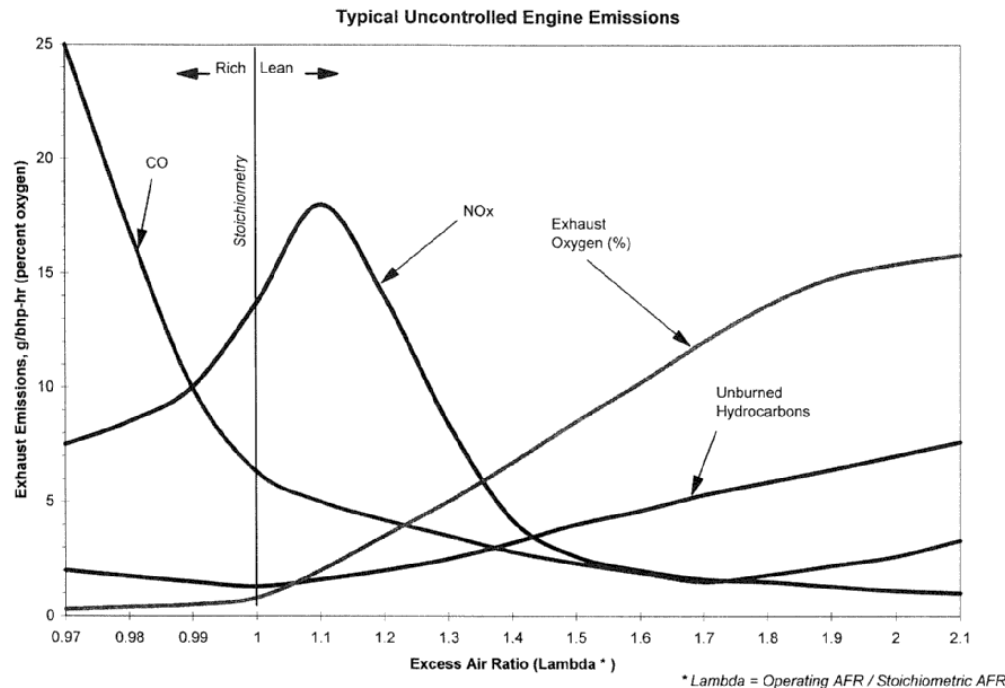
- ▶ **Substrate** – A high geometric surface area support for the washcoat.
- ▶ **Washcoat** – High surface area support for the catalyst, strong adhesion to the substrate.
- ▶ **Promoters** – Stabilise washcoat, modify sulphur chemistry.
- ▶ **Oxygen Storage Component** – Improve operating window, OBD.
- ▶ **Platinum Group Metal (PGM): Pt, Pd, Rh** – Active sites, have correct electronic structures to interact with HC, CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>.





# Rich Burn Engines Run Around $\lambda = 1$

- ▶ CO and NOx levels are related to the amount of exhaust  $O_2$

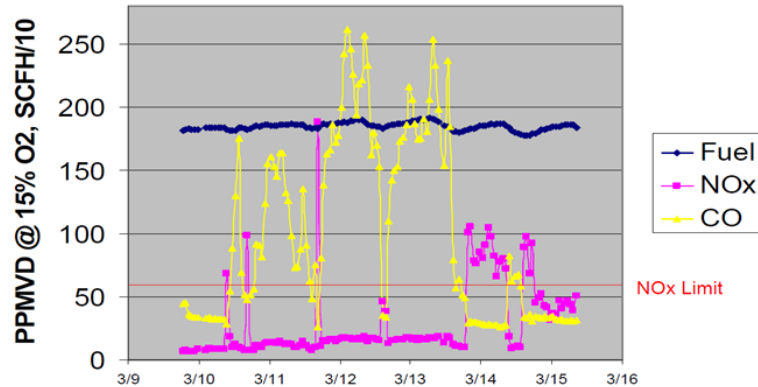


- ▶ AFR control relies on  $O_2$  levels
  - Conventional controls use "set point" control
  - Tries to control at a very narrow set point

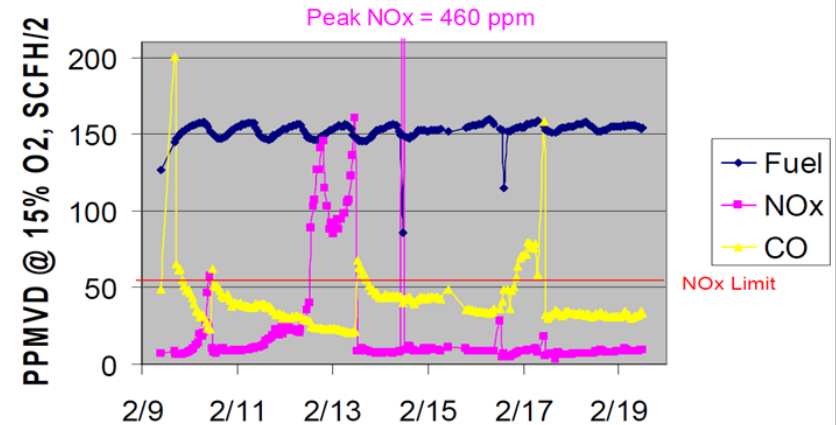
# Conventional Set Point Controls

## Fail to Stay in Compliance Over Time

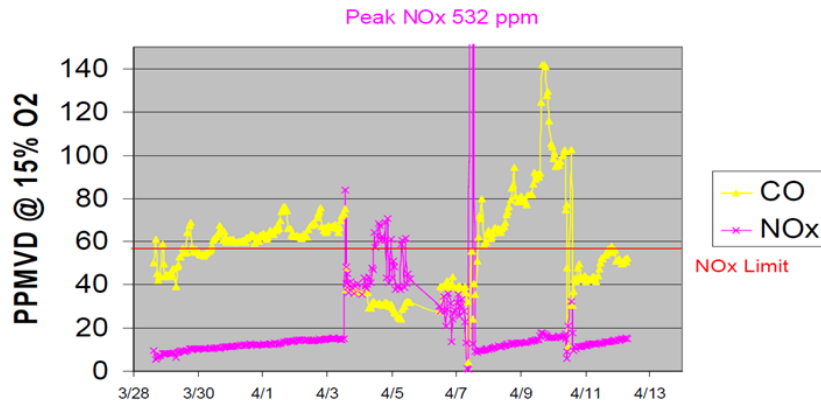
Woodward GECO AFRC,  
CAT G-342, 225 HP



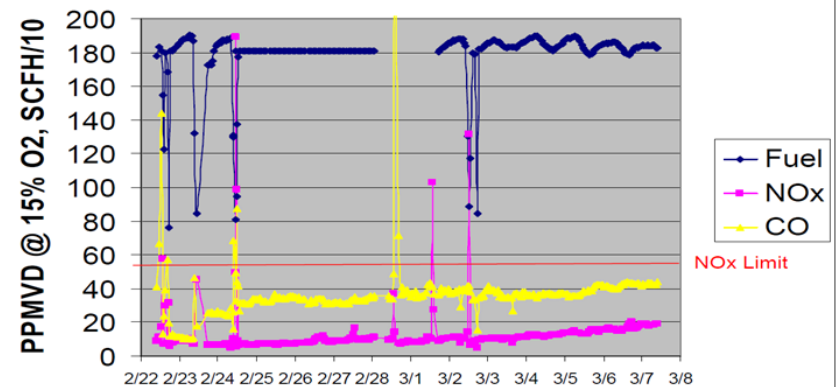
Continental AFRC, Cat G-342, 225 HP



Compliance Controls MEC-R AFRC,  
Cat G-342 225 HP



Altronic AFRC, Cat G-342, 225 HP



\*Actual data from South Coast Air Quality Management District testing

# Current Control State

## ▶ Automotive approach (in use for decades)

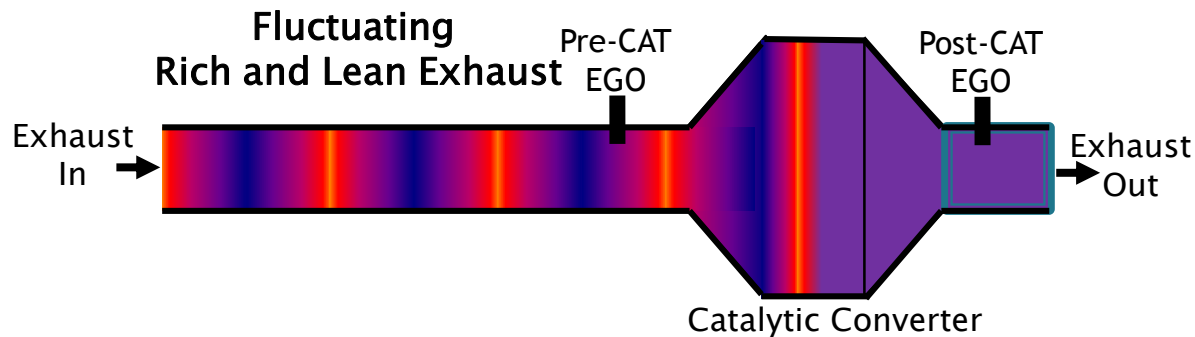
- Uses upstream and downstream heated O<sub>2</sub> sensors (HEGO)
- Highly advanced model-based automotive AFR Controls use dithering and dual HEGOs to measure oxygen storage capacity and determine excess emissions
- Wider air-to-fuel ratio window with gasoline
- Rare to see Natural Gas automobiles

## ▶ Conventional Stationary Natural Gas Engine Approach

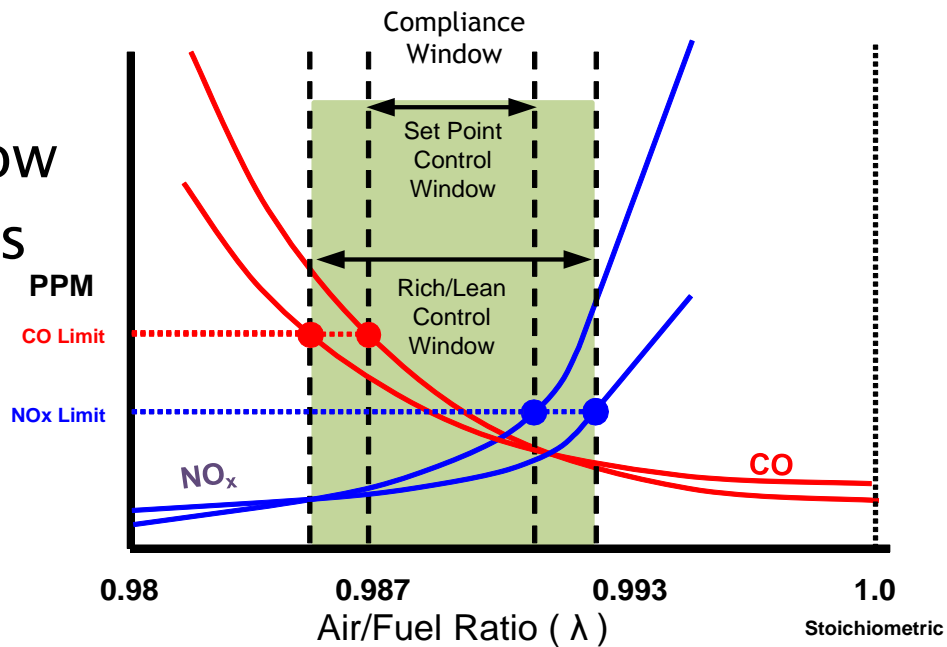
- Often only use a Pre-Catalyst, unheated EGO sensor
- No dithering, most industrial stationary AFR controls try to maintain a fixed Pre-Catalyst EGO set point
- Very narrow AFR window with natural gas
- Have been using ordinary gasoline engine EGOs
- These EGOs are sensitive to natural gas causing shifts in the reading

# Dithering Control

- ▶ Dithered operation allows the catalyst to operate properly



- ▶ Widens the compliance window tolerating hanging conditions



# Remote Monitoring and Control

## ► The Good News

- AFRCs with Modbus TC/IP or Ethernet capabilities can be paired with ancillary equipment to allow for “dial in” remote monitoring and data storage
- AFRCs manufactures could develop software to remotely control AFRC setting when out of compliance
- New software developments could allow for remote alarms in the event of compliance or engine issues.
- OEM certified engines make use of direct connection to OBD and engine controls so they tend to be very effective in most cases but, due to proprietary nature of these systems, it is unknown whether remote monitoring or control is possible as of today

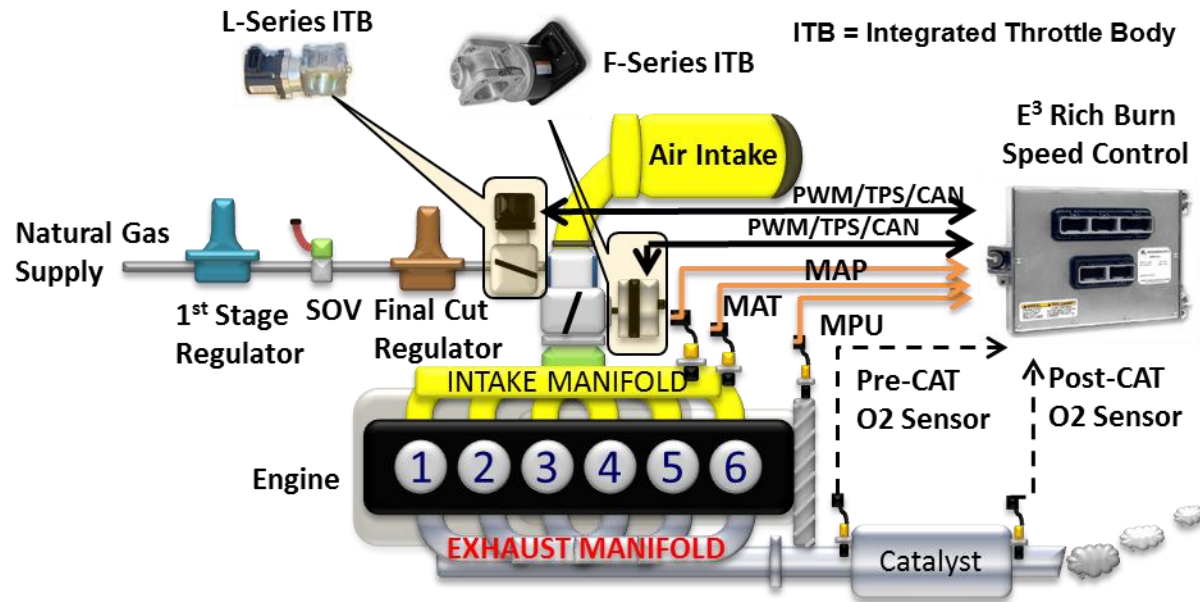
## ► The Not So Good News

- Very basic AFRCs are not likely capable of remote monitoring without significant effort
- As of today, connections of AFRCs to SCADA systems at power plants have been done but industry experts have found this to be limited.
- Monitoring of remote AFRCs is nearly never done, if at all.
- No examples of “dial in” control capabilities of remote AFRCs have been found.

# Not just AFR control – TOTAL engine control

## System control approach – not just a component approach

- ▶ Misfire detection to reduce catalyst and engine damage
- ▶ Cylinder bank balancing for better engine performance
- ▶ Fuel limiting for better starting
- ▶ More information for better engine protection
- ▶ Data trending
- ▶ On-Board Diagnostics
- ▶ Speed/load control
- ▶ Interfaces and adjusts
  - Ignition timing
  - Generator controls





# Proven in the field to reduce cost

## ► California

- CATERPILLAR 3412
- Water Pump application
- Highly variable load
- In compliance over 8000hrs with no tweaking

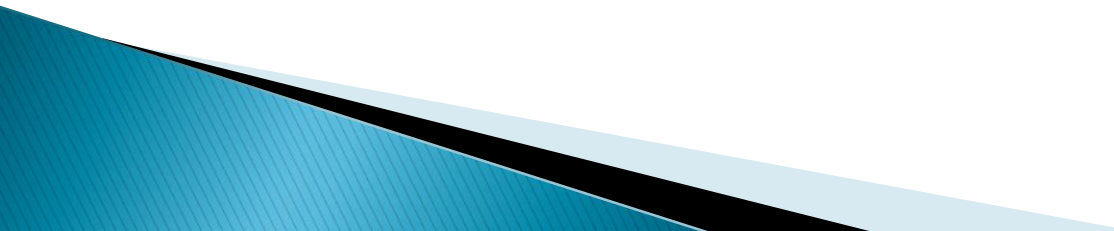


## ► Wyoming

- Waukesha 7044
- Gas compressor application
- In compliance over 6000 hours with no tweaking

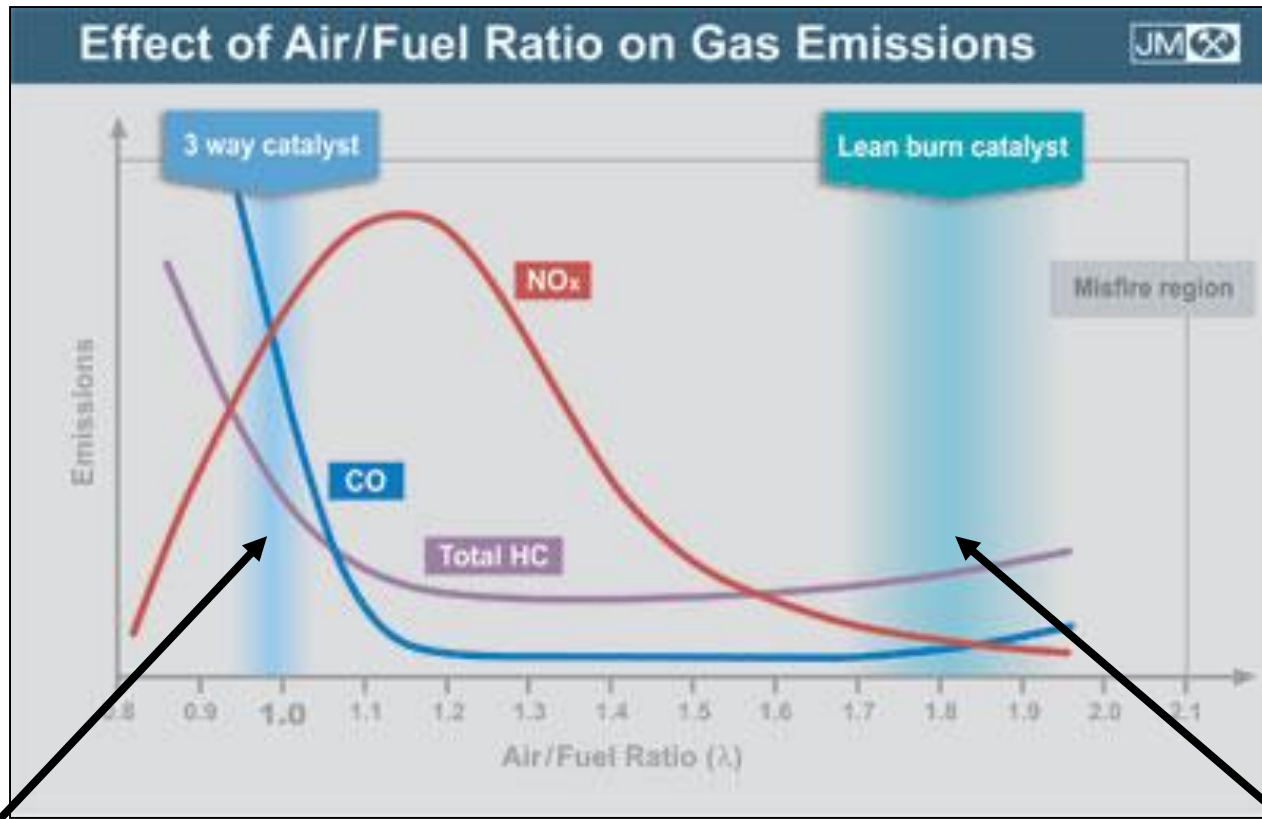


## Three Way – Rich Burn Summary

- ▶ Three way catalyst effectiveness is very dependent on exhaust chemistry ( $\lambda$ )
  - ▶ Dithering or total engine control systems are much more effective than setpoint control
  - ▶ Remote monitoring is still in its infancy and is not adopted in very many cases
  - ▶ Remote control capabilities are nearly nonexistent
  - ▶ The addition of ancillary equipment and software enhancements to “more advanced” AFRCs can allow for monitoring and control
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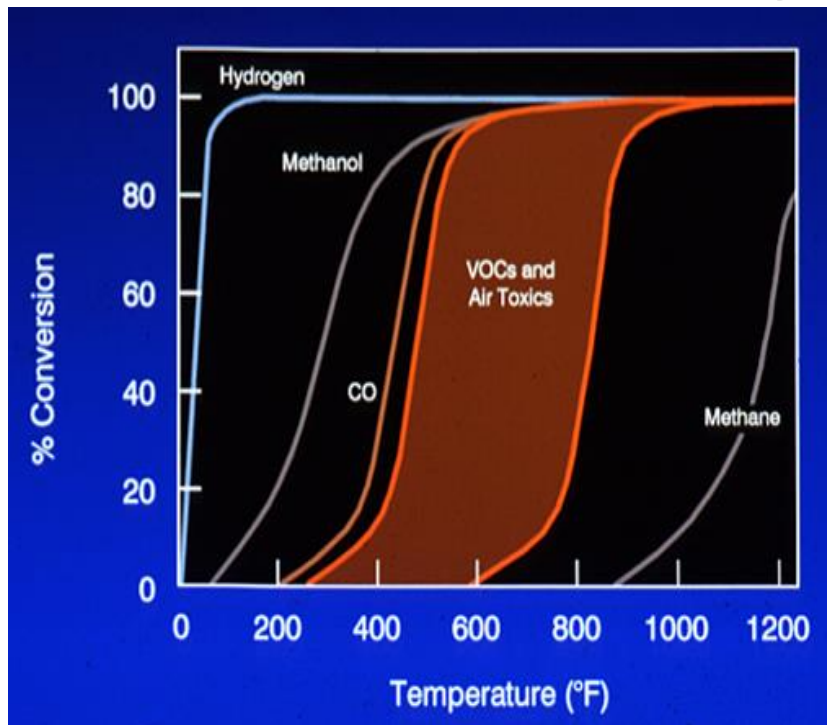
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## Two Way – Lean Burn

The Air Fuel ratio (Lambda) is not as critical as the area of operation is with excessive O<sub>2</sub>. The type of hydrocarbon (HC) being oxidized is extremely important in selecting the proper catalyst

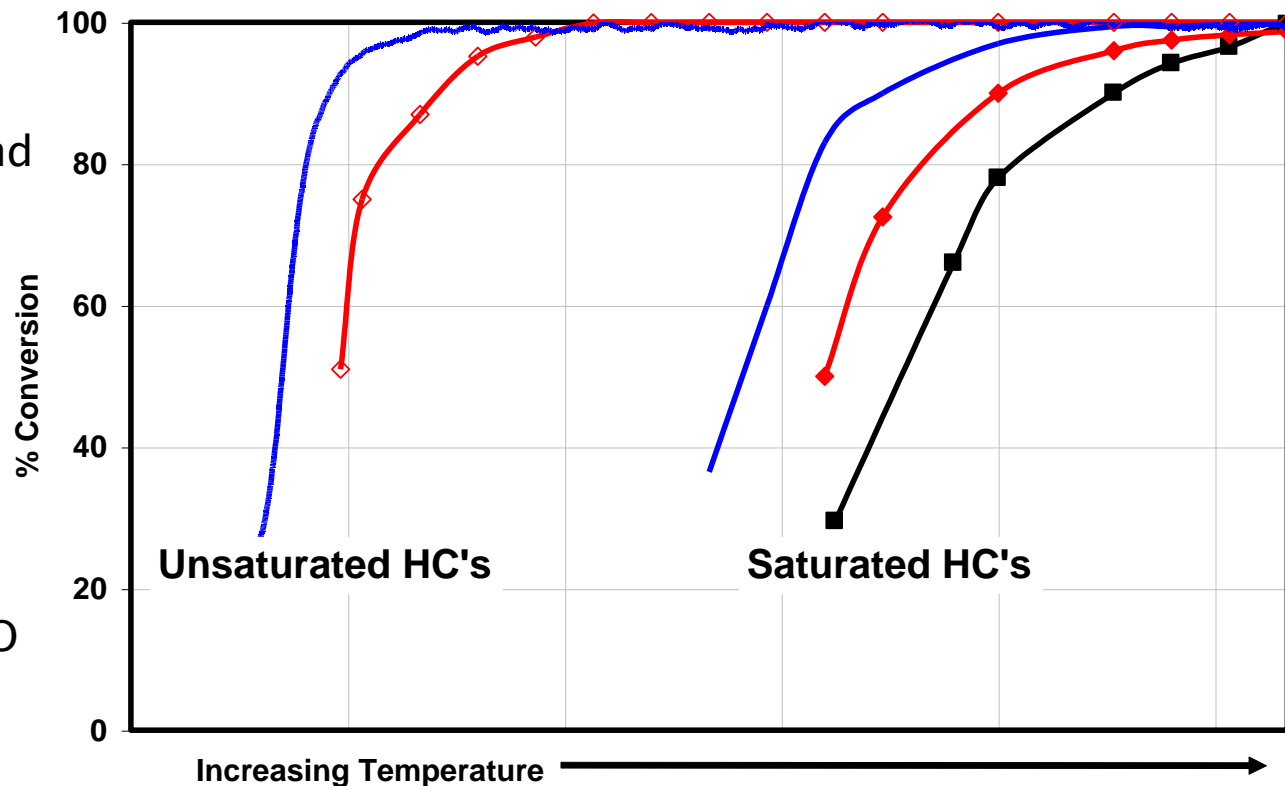


- ▶ Oxidation Reactions
- ▶  $\text{CO} + 1/2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{CO}_2$
- ▶  $\text{HC} + \text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ 
  - In this case HC is "any" HC, HAP, VOC

Only oxidation reactions are taking place

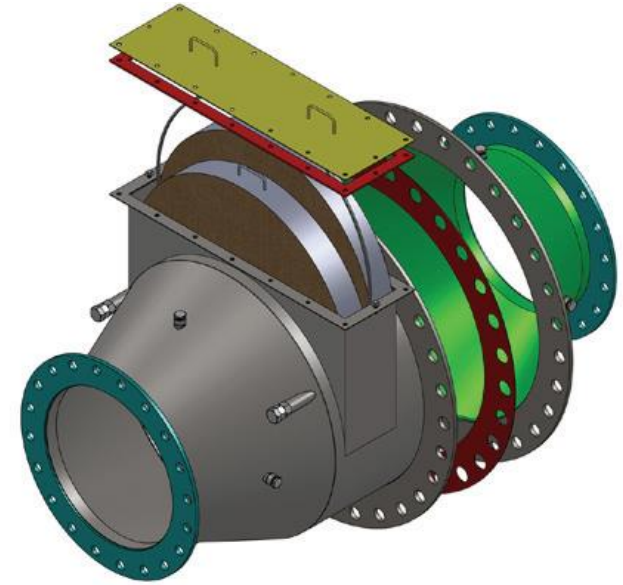
# Two Way – Lean Burn Hydrocarbon Oxidation

- ▶ Hydrocarbon oxidation across a catalyst is dependent on the hydrocarbon species and varies between easy to difficult.
- ▶ Order of difficulty
  - Methane > ethane > propane > butane
  - Saturated HC > Unsaturated HC
  - Unsaturated HC > CO
- ▶ Different catalysts are needed for different hydrocarbons



# Two Way – Lean Burn Catalyst Components

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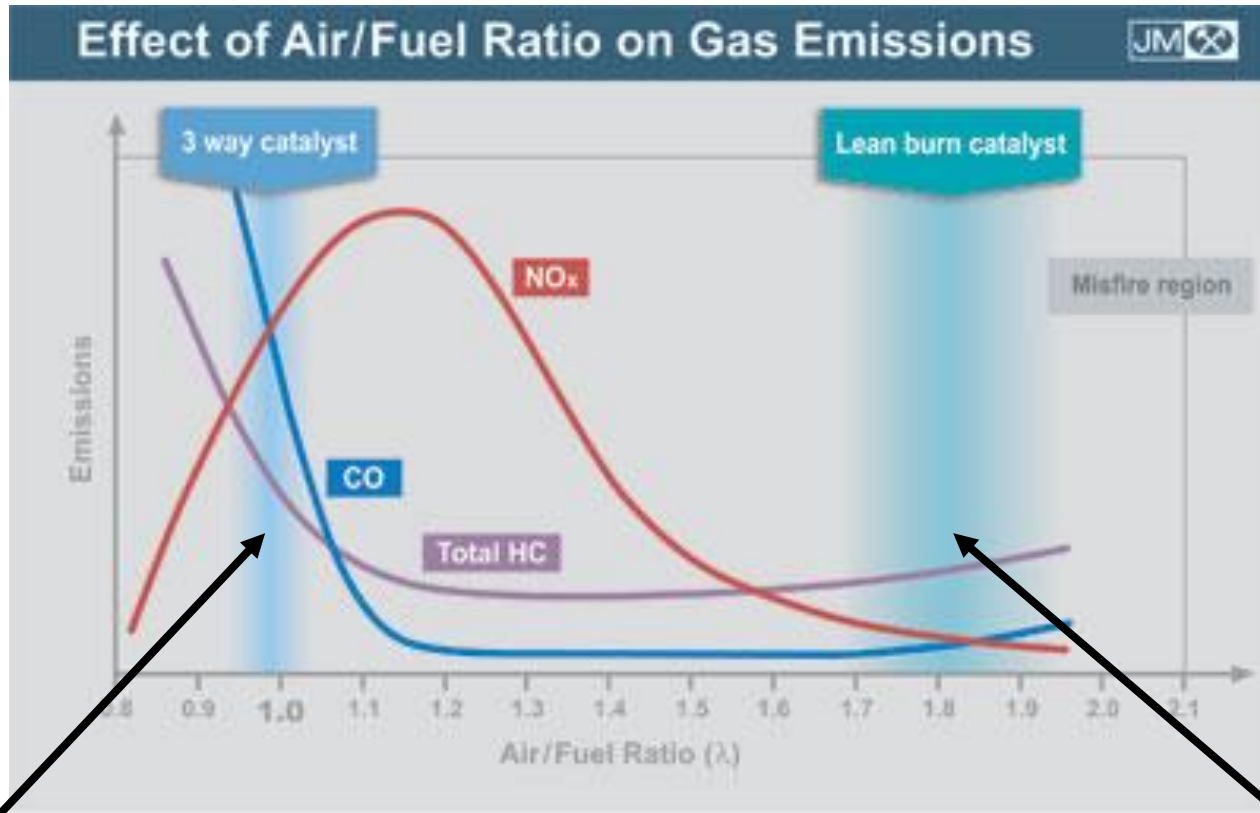


## Two Way – Lean Burn Summary

- Oxidation catalyst selection is very dependent on hydrocarbon species
  - Catalyst activity is a combination of design materials as well as the optimizing for operating parameters
- Oxidation catalyst deactivation is similar to TWC catalyst
  - Deactivation of the catalyst is a result of the operating environment
    - Temperature, poisons, and masking
  - Thermal deactivation is irreversible
  - Chemical washing can restore significant amount of activity due to “typical” poisons

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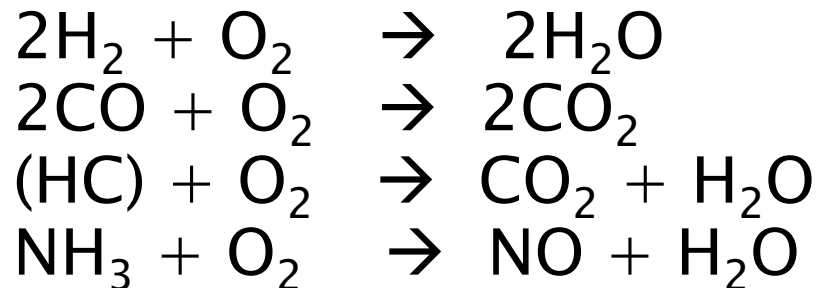


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In typical stationary lean burn emission  $O_2$  concentration is  $\sim 1000\times$  of  $NO_x$ . Most of the reducing agents react faster with oxygen than  $NO_x$ :



$NH_3$  can be an exception if a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) catalyst is present.



Stoichiometric reaction of NO<sub>x</sub> molecules at the catalytically active surface with reducing agent Ammonia:

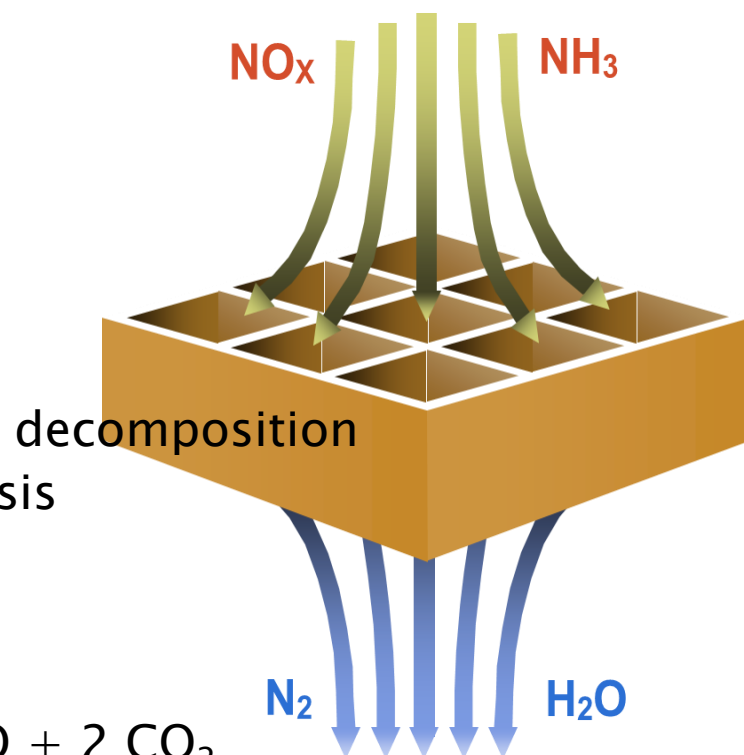
- ▶  $4 \text{ NO} + 4 \text{ NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4 \text{ N}_2 + 6 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
- ▶  $\text{NO}_2 + 4 \text{ NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ N}_2 + 6 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
- ▶  $\text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 + 2 \text{ NH}_3 \rightarrow 2 \text{ N}_2 + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$

Ammonia source is typically urea

- ▶  $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + \text{HNCO}$
- ▶  $\text{HNCO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + \text{CO}_2$  hydrolysis
- ▶  $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3 + \text{CO}_2$

One urea yields two NH<sub>3</sub>

- ▶  $4 \text{ NO} + 2(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4 \text{ N}_2 + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{ CO}_2$



# SCR – Lean Burn Catalyst Composition

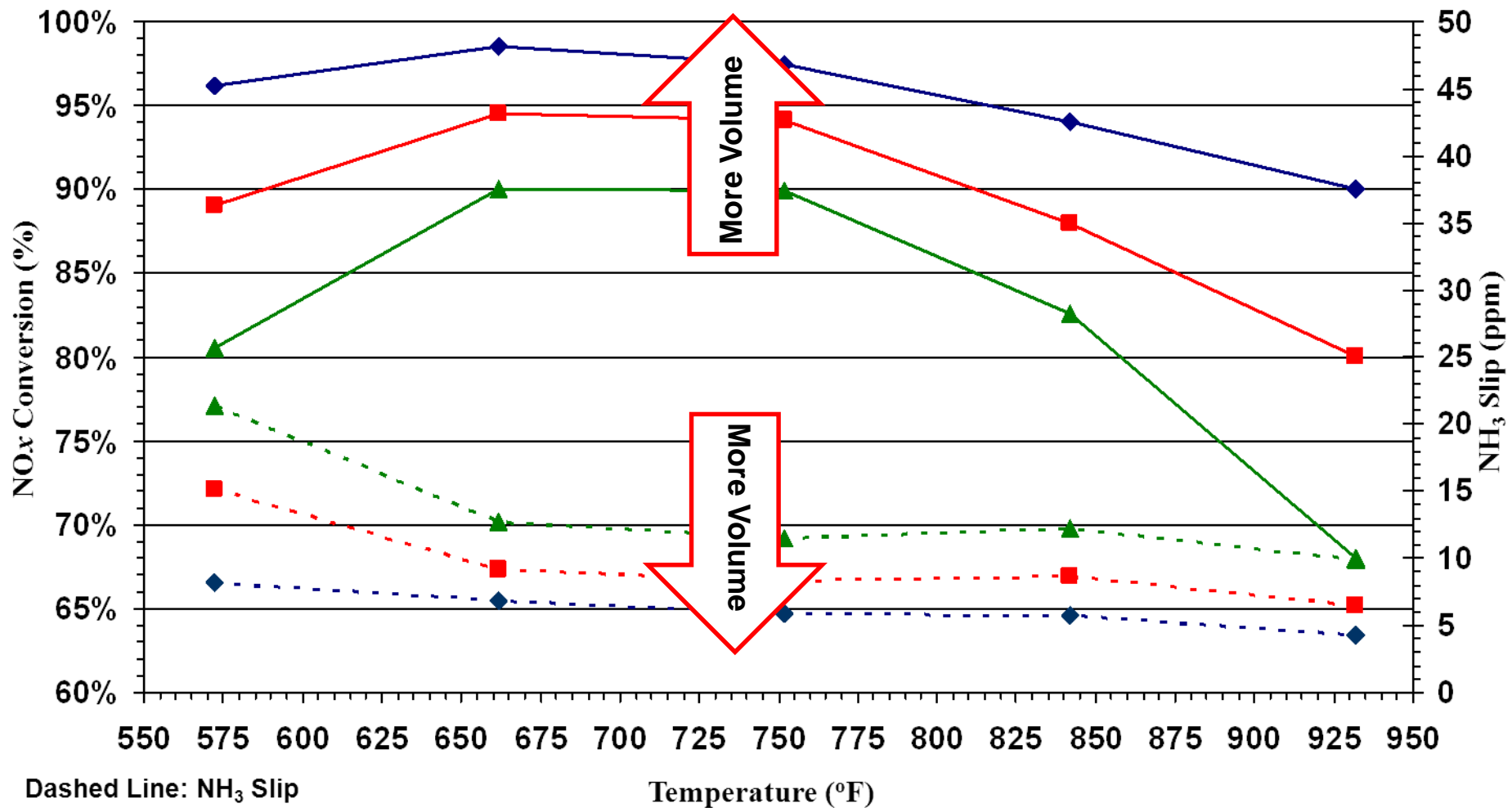


**V<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> (0.3 to 5%)** Analyzed as vanadium(V) oxide commonly known as vanadium pentoxide, is the most important compound of vanadium. In addition, binding and plastifier materials.

**WO<sub>3</sub> / MoO<sub>3</sub>** Tungsten(III) oxide (WO<sub>3</sub>) is a compound of tungsten and oxygen

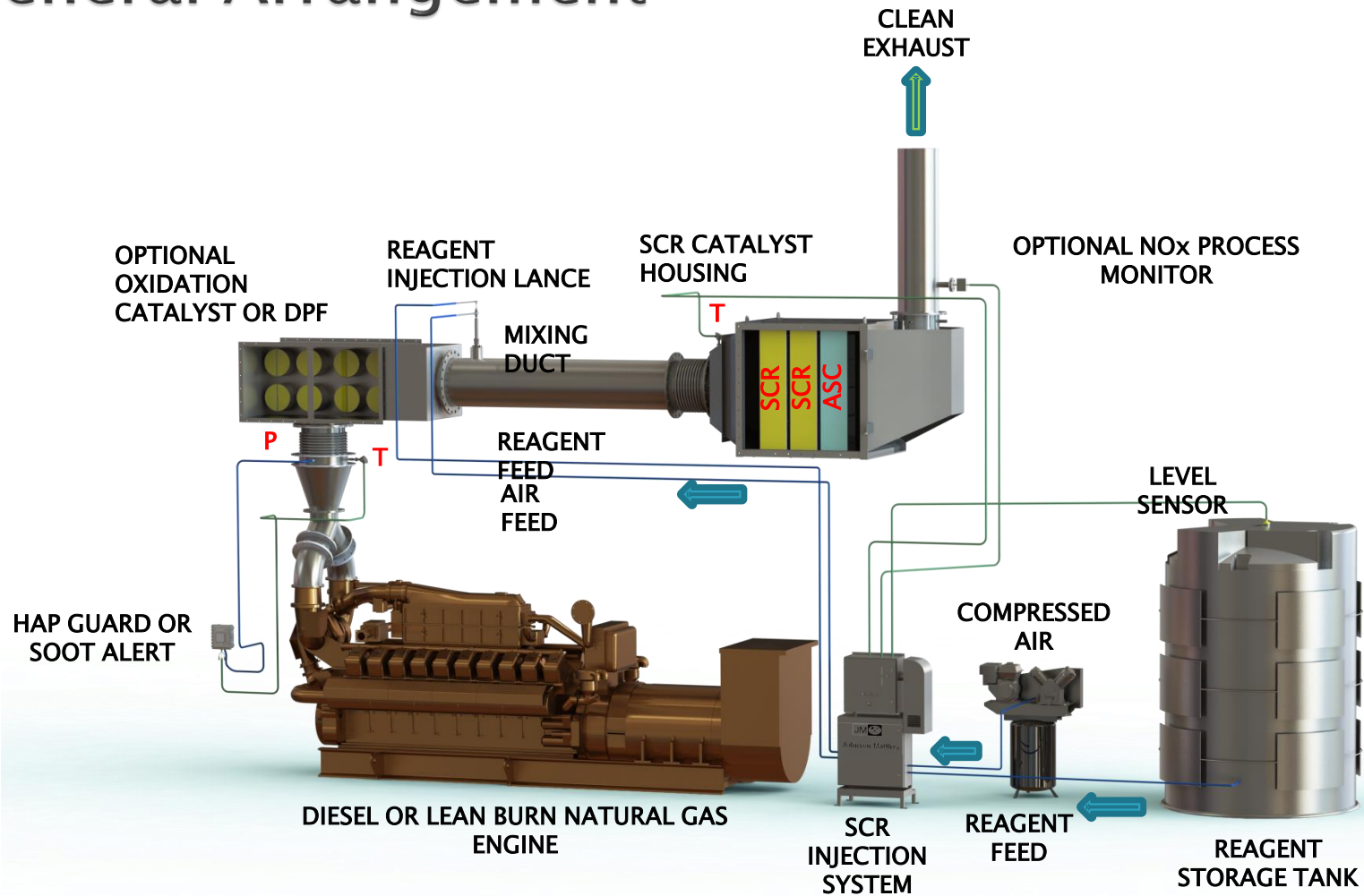
**TiO<sub>2</sub>** - Titanium dioxide, also known as titanium(IV) oxide or titania, is the naturally occurring oxide of titanium, chemical formula TiO<sub>2</sub>. When used as a pigment, it is called titanium white, Pigment White 6, or CI 77891.

# SCR – Lean Burn NOx Reduction and Temperature





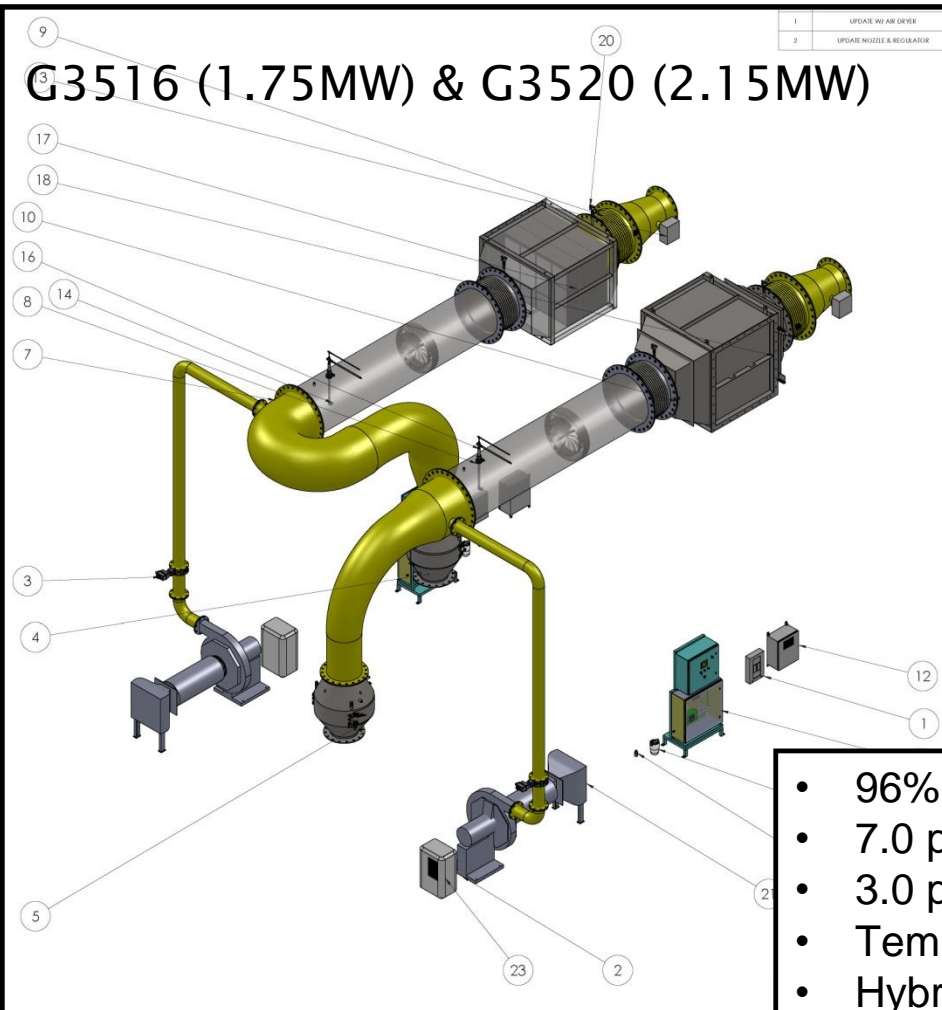
# SCR – Lean Burn General Arrangement



# SCR – Lean burn

## Real World Examples

G3516 (1.75MW) & G3520 (2.15MW)



- 96% NO<sub>x</sub> / 80% CO / 70% VOC Reduction
- 7.0 ppmvdc NO<sub>x</sub> Maximum
- 3.0 ppmvdc NO<sub>x</sub> Achieved
- Tempering Blowers to Limit SCR Temperature
- Hybrid Urea Injection Control w/NO<sub>x</sub> Sensor

# SCR – Lean burn

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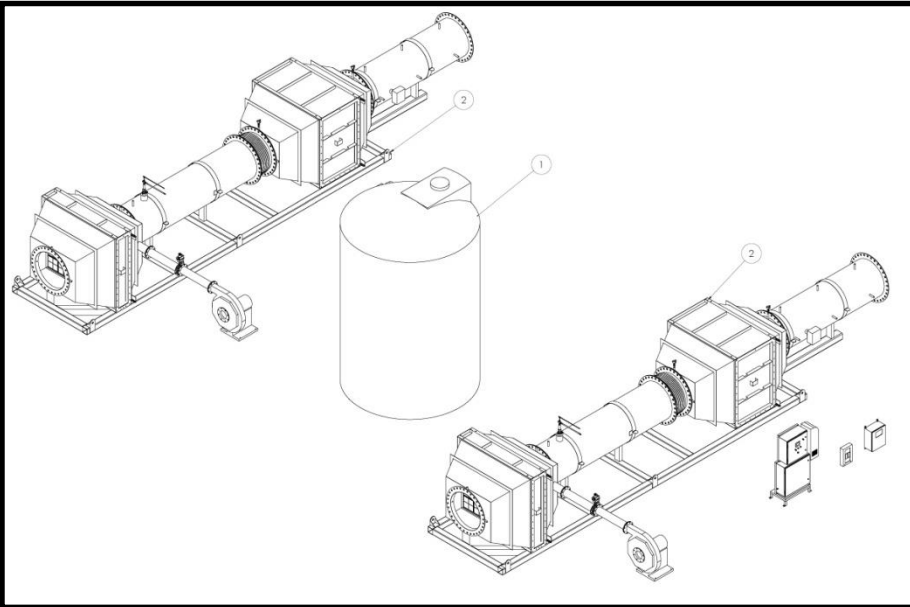


- 96% NOx Reduction
- 93% CO Reduction
- 60% VOC Reduction
- 3.7 ppmvdc NOx Max
- 3.0 ppmvdc NOx Achieved
- Hybrid Injection w/CEMS



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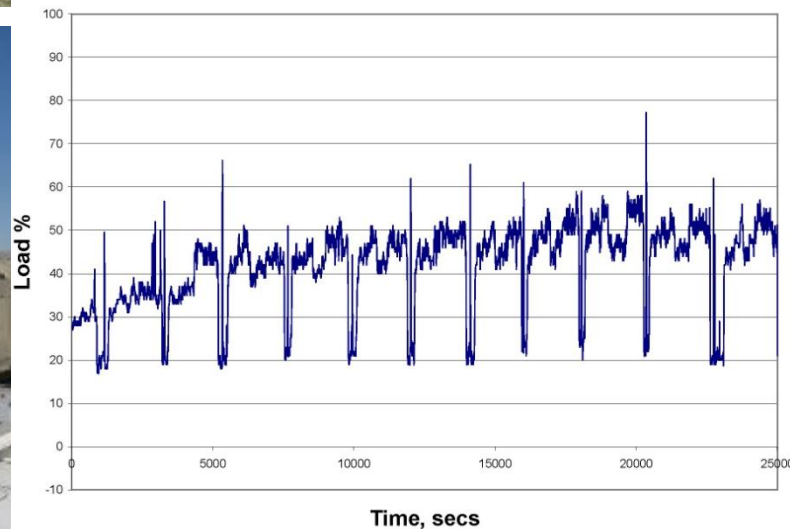


- 2 x G3616LE (4,735 hp) Prime Gas Compression
- 75% NO<sub>x</sub> / 95% CO / 72.2% VOC Reduction
- Tempering Blowers to Limit SCR Temperature
- Hybrid Urea Injection Control w/NO<sub>x</sub> Sensor
- ~5 inH<sub>2</sub>O Total System Backpressure

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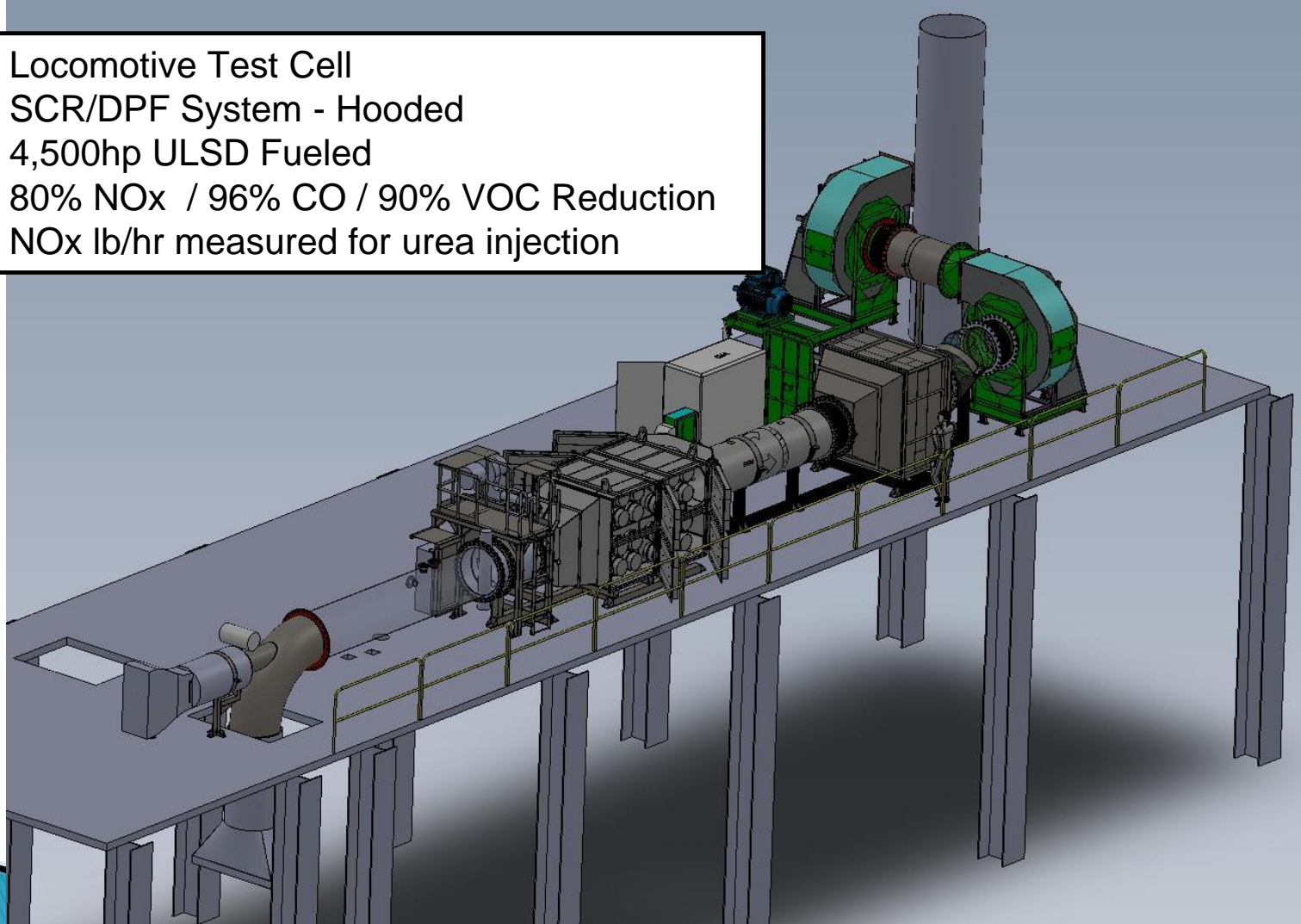
- CAT 3512 Engines
- 3 Rig Engines Load Share
- 24 SCR Systems Total
- 90% NOx Reduction
- Skid Mounted
- Remote Locations



# SCR – Lean burn

## Real World Examples

- Locomotive Test Cell
- SCR/DPF System - Hooded
- 4,500hp ULSD Fueled
- 80% NO<sub>x</sub> / 96% CO / 90% VOC Reduction
- NO<sub>x</sub> lb/hr measured for urea injection



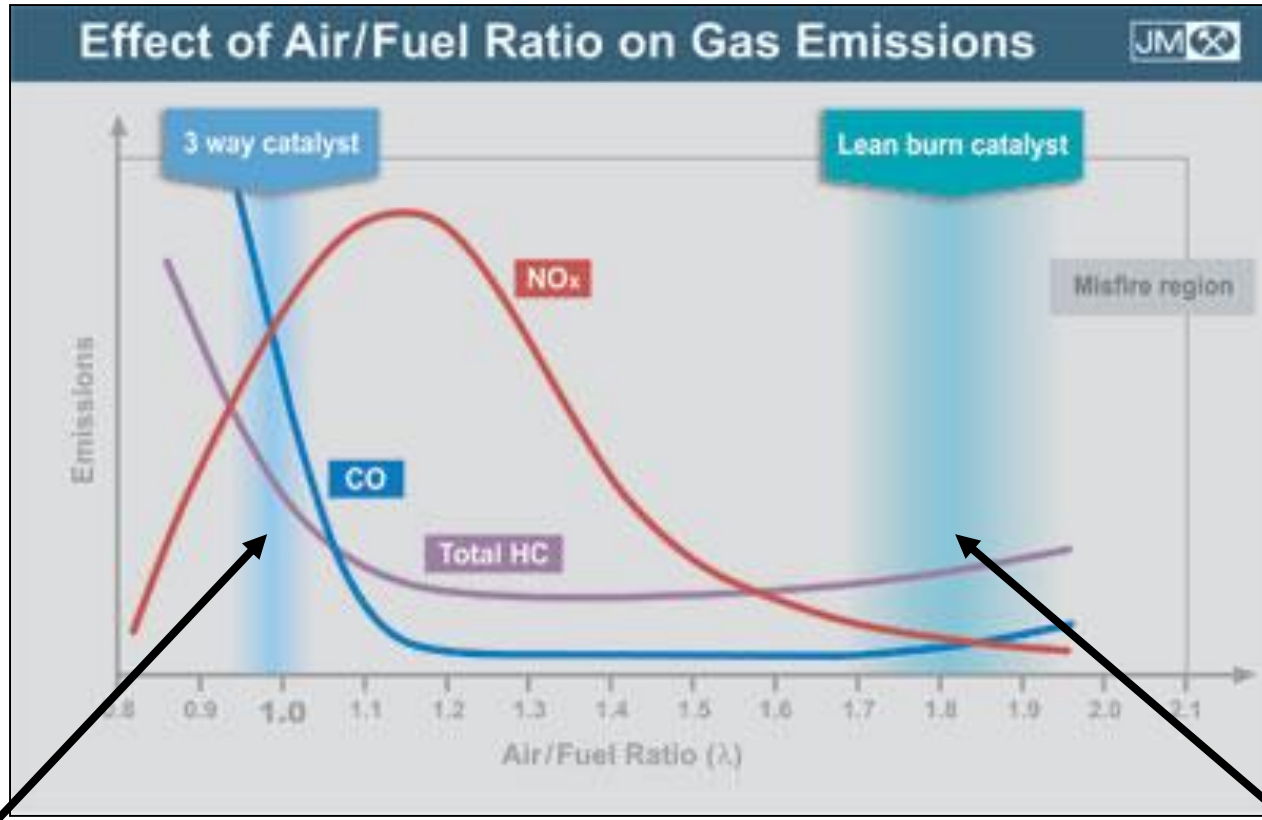


## SCR Systems – Lean Burn

# Summary

- Base metal catalyst with no Platinum Group Metals (PGM)
- Not a passive catalyst system; requires a reductant
- Customized to customer specifications and footprint
- Equipment scope is more than catalyst and a housing:
  - Reductant injection system, Mixing Duct, Reductant Tank, etc.
- Reductant injection system must be robust
  - Dosing too low = low NO<sub>x</sub> reduction
  - Dosing too high = excessive NH<sub>3</sub> slip
- Different operating temps than Two Way and Three Way
  - Two Way and Three Way must operate at <1250°F
  - Urea-based SCR must operate at 575°F – 950°F

JM provides a wide range of catalysts



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Thank You!

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