

# Solving the Challenge of Future Emission Regulations and Decarbonization at the same time: A holistic Approach



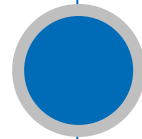
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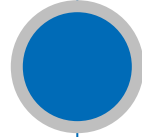
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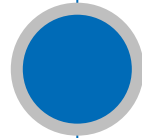
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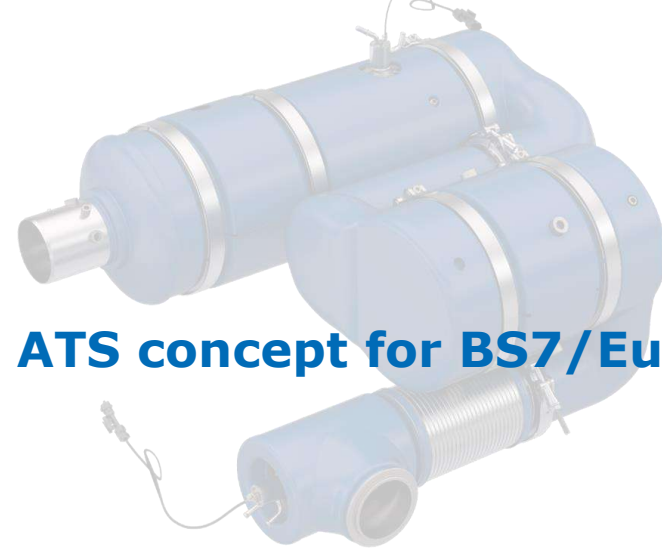
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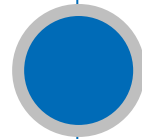
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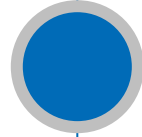
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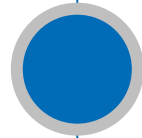




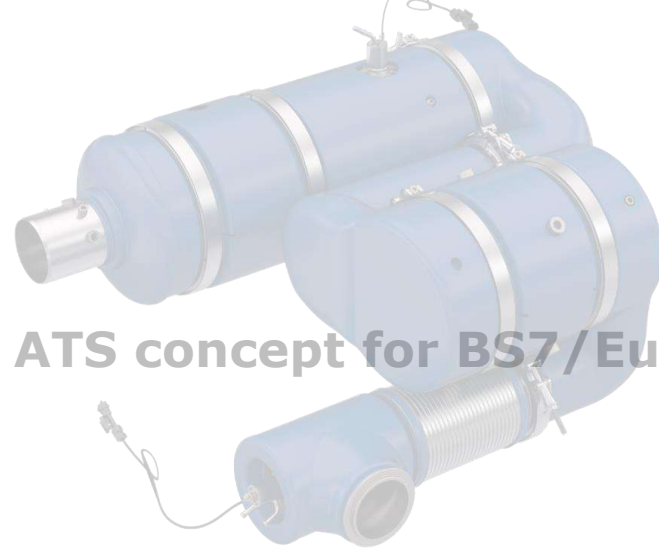
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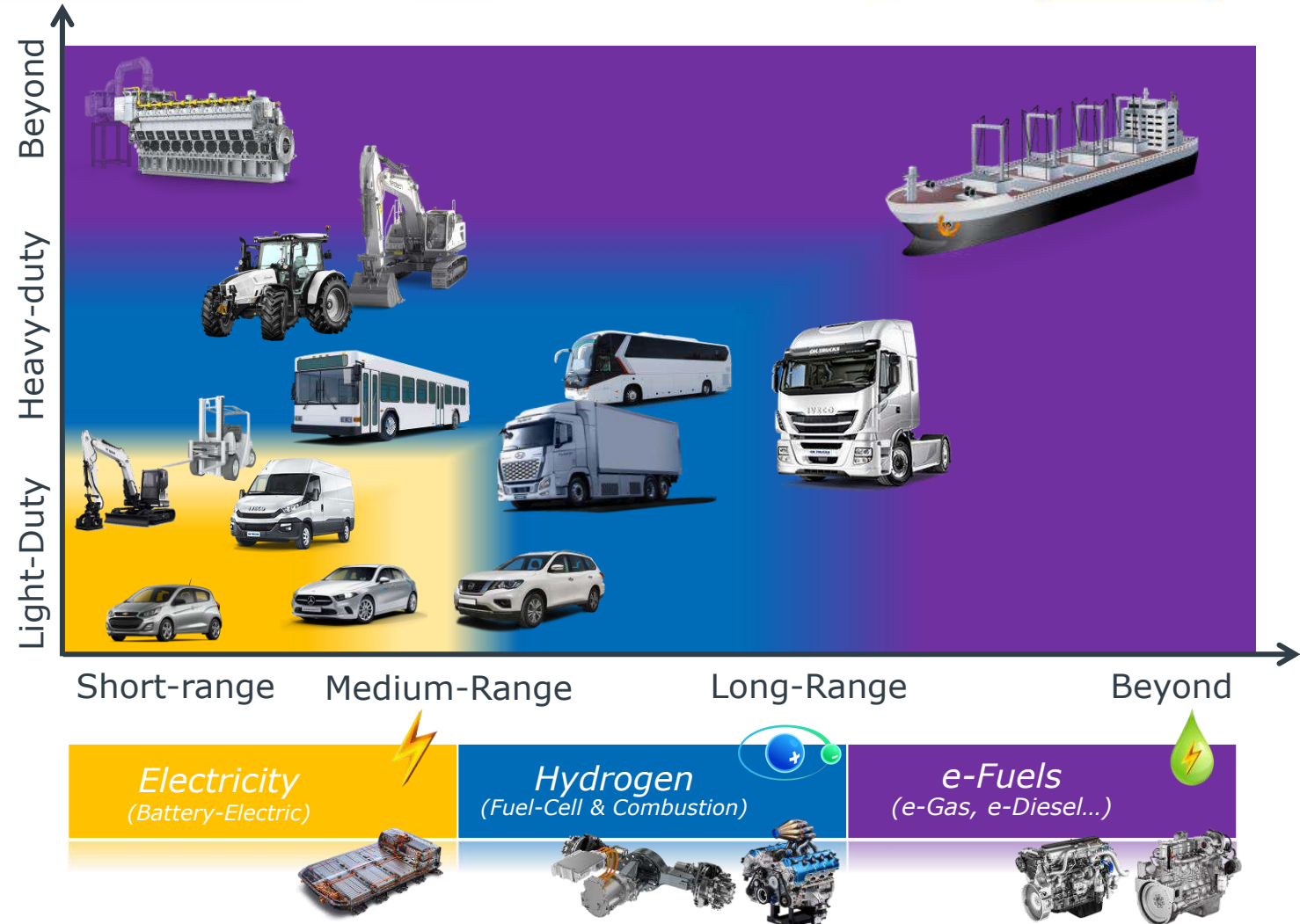
# Energy carriers Vs Applications

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The heavier the load and the longer the range, the less suitability for electrification & the more reliance on combustible fuels.



### Take-aways:

- ✓ No silver-bullet technology
- ✓ Different energy carriers are suitable for different application requirements
- ✓ Renewable hydrogen is required to decarbonise transportation



~~OR~~ AND



## Environmental concerns

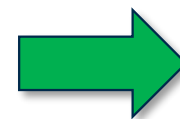
- All about pollutants in our environment
- Particles, HC, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>
- Health risk to people, animals and ecosystems
- Most often a local, regional concern ("the air we breathe")



- ✓ BS7/Euro 7 HDV – 2028
- ✓ Tier 5 Offroad – 2029

## Climate concerns

- All about greenhouse gases
- CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O
- Harmless to the environment (relatively)
- A global concern leading to climate change



- ✓ Revised European Union CO<sub>2</sub> standards for Heavy-Duty vehicles
- ✓ EPA Phase 3 GHG standards

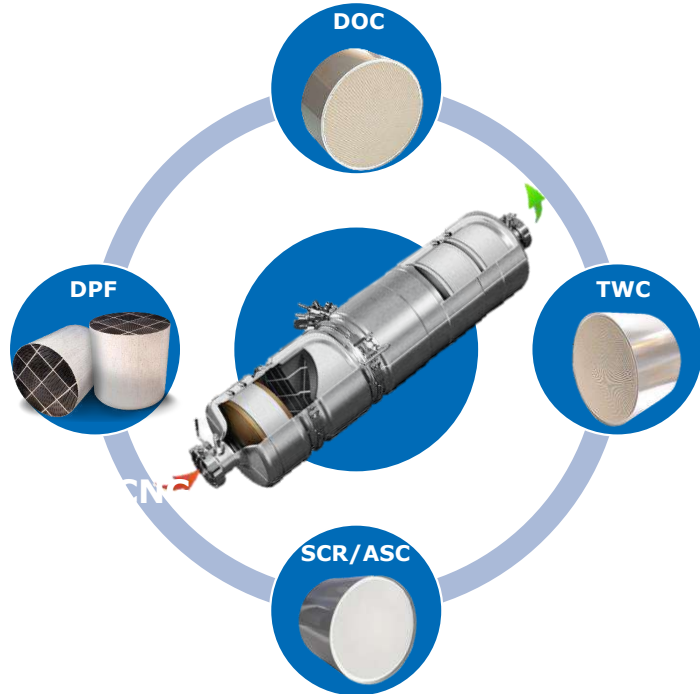
# Dinex Product Portfolio

Catalyst & Canning Technologies under one roof

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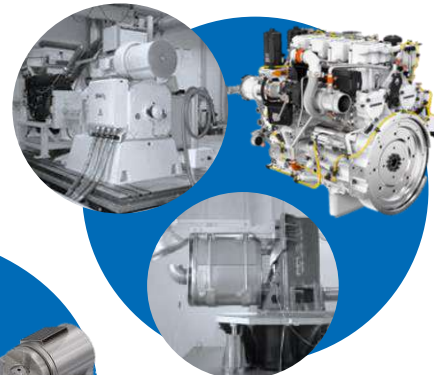


## CATALYST – DIESEL, Natural Gas, H<sub>2</sub>

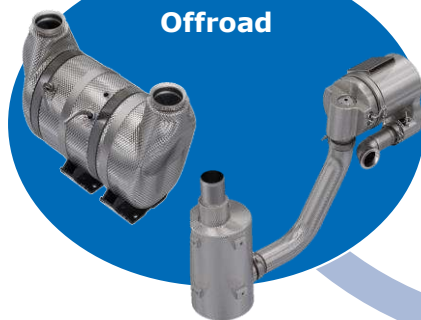


## ATS SYSTEMS

On-Road



Offroad



TESTING & INTEGRATION

H<sub>2</sub>-ICE



## CANNING & PIPES

Mixers



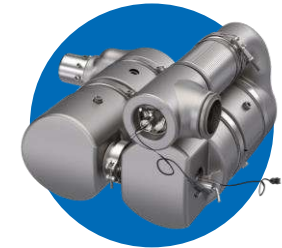
Insulation



Clamps

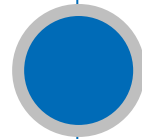


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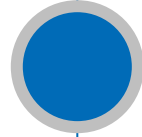


System approach allows for a holistic optimisation of the ATS to meet future standards at the best cost

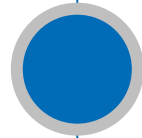




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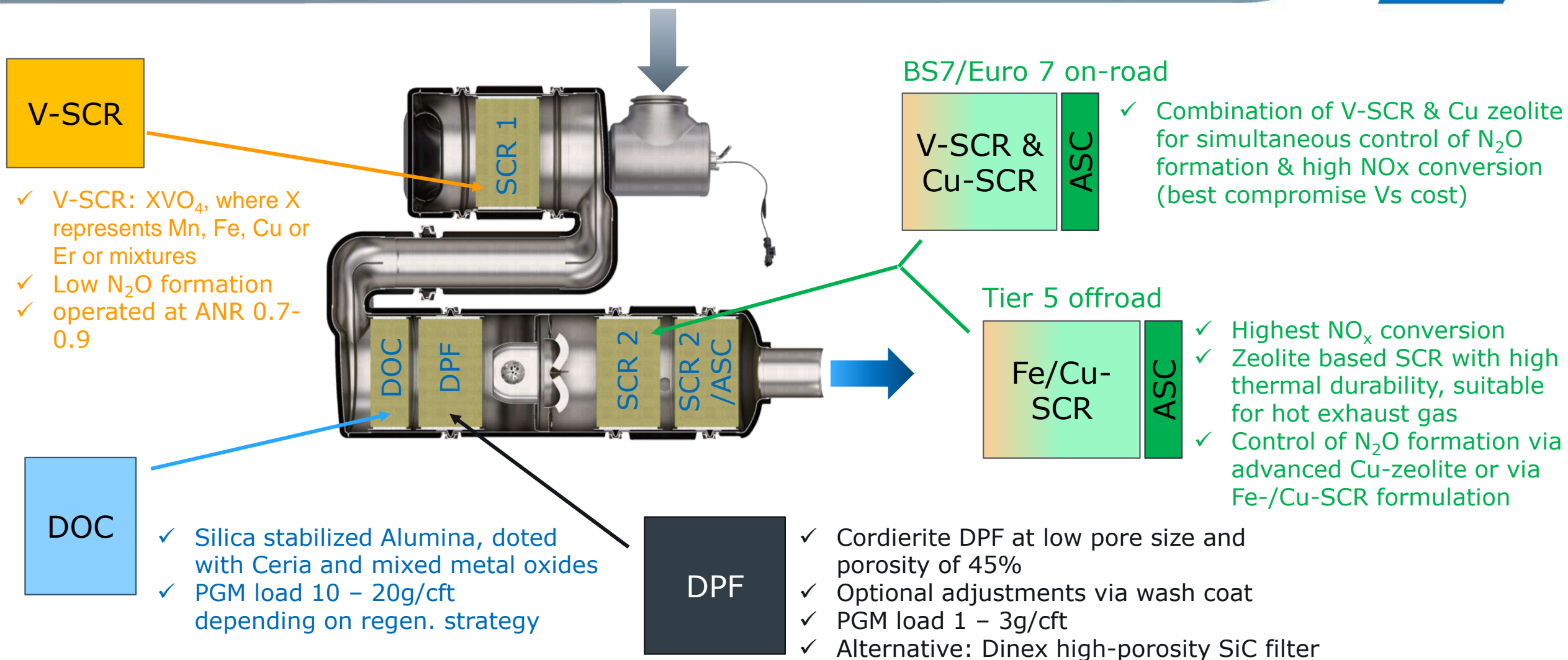
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# ATS layout for diesel engines

BS7/Euro 7 on-road & Tier 5 offroad ATS (>56kW)

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# Technology requirements & Dinex innovation portfolio

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- Cold performance concept
- Low NO<sub>x</sub> concept
- Filtration concept



**Main mixer**  
Swirl mixer for superior NH<sub>3</sub> UI & deposit performance with optimal backpressure

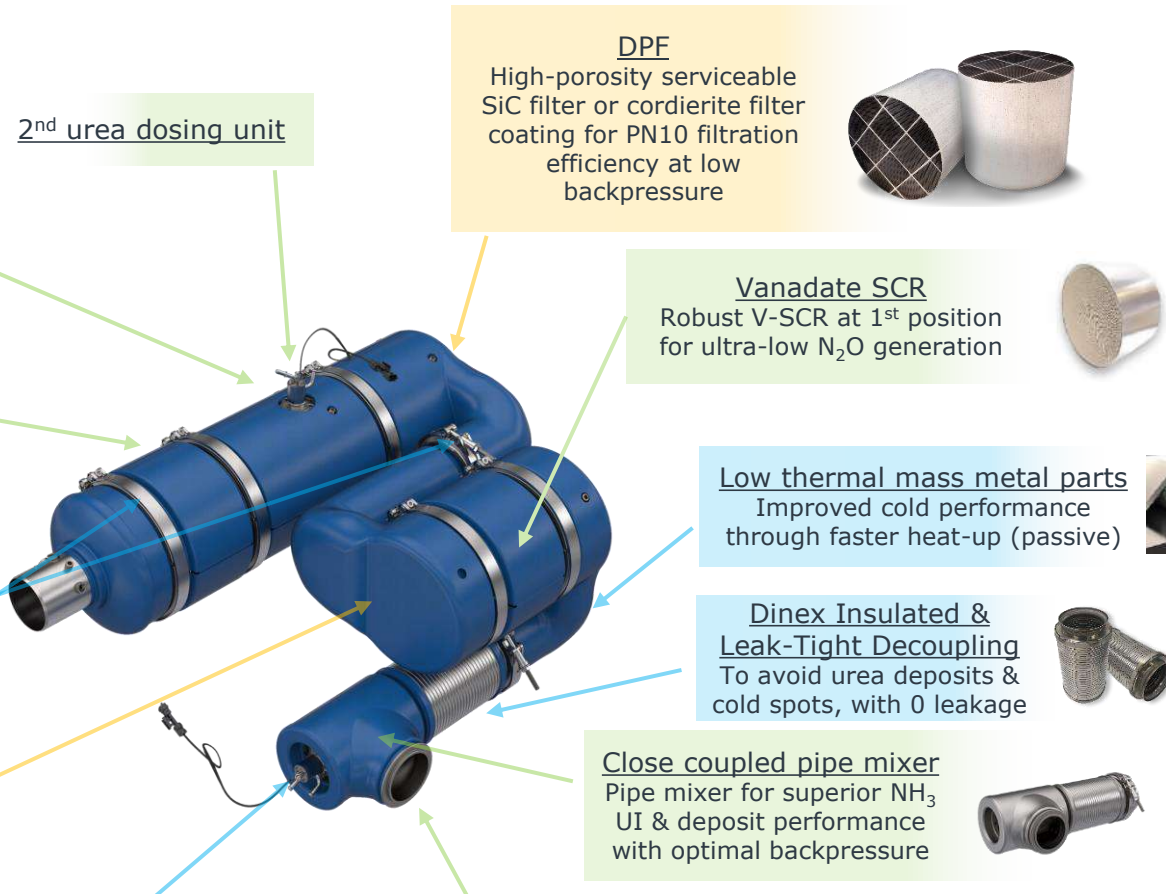
**Fe/Cu SCR**  
High deNO<sub>x</sub>, low N<sub>2</sub>O & thermal durability at 2nd position

**Insulated clamps/slip joint**  
To reduce heat losses & ensure serviceability

**DOC**  
Optimal PGM loading, compatible with active & passive regeneration



**1<sup>st</sup> urea dosing unit (optional heated)**  
Low temperature urea dosing for earlier deNO<sub>x</sub> & deposit-free operation



**2<sup>nd</sup> urea dosing unit**

**DPF**  
High-porosity serviceable SiC filter or cordierite filter coating for PN10 filtration efficiency at low backpressure



**Vanadate SCR**  
Robust V-SCR at 1<sup>st</sup> position for ultra-low N<sub>2</sub>O generation



**Low thermal mass metal parts**  
Improved cold performance through faster heat-up (passive)



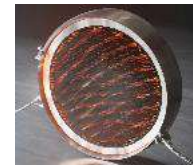
**Dinex Insulated & Leak-Tight Decoupling**  
To avoid urea deposits & cold spots, with 0 leakage



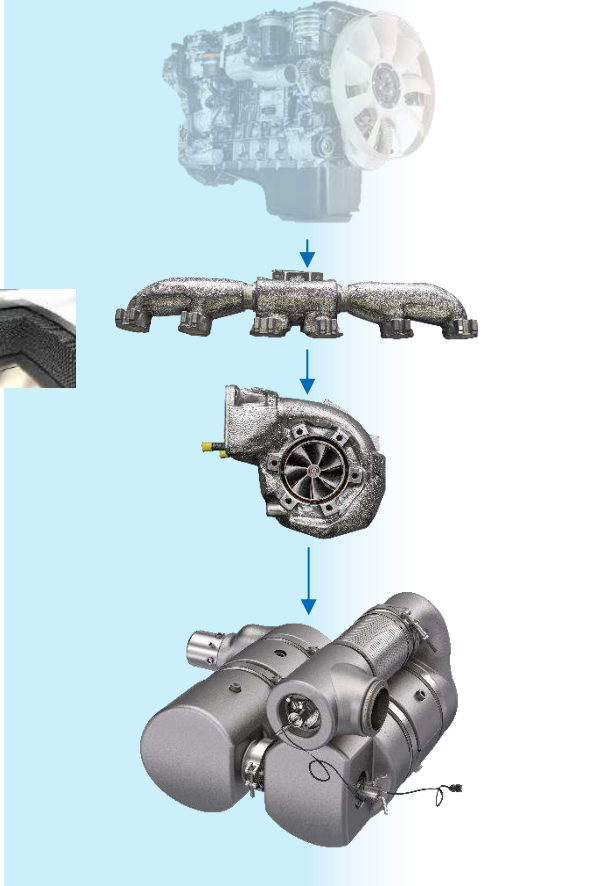
**Close coupled pipe mixer**  
Pipe mixer for superior NH<sub>3</sub> UI & deposit performance with optimal backpressure



**E-heater**  
Active thermal management with integrated & serviceable e-heater



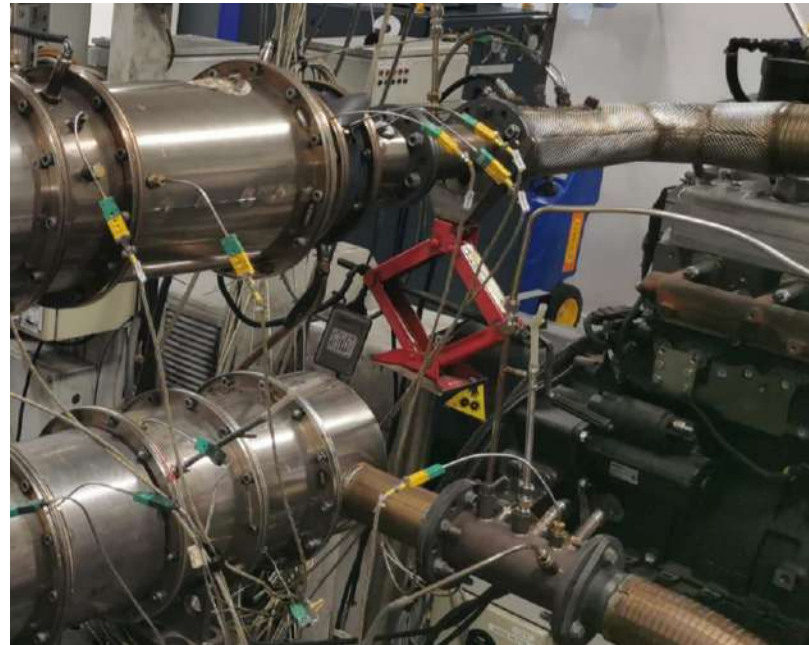
**Exhaust manifold & turbocharger insulation**  
Insulation of complex geometries to minimise heat losses upstream of the ATS (passive)



# Engine test setup

## 1- and 2-stage SCR

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- ❖ 4.4L Tier 4 engine, no EGR, 120kW
- ❖ Engine out NO<sub>x</sub>: 9 g/kWh in WHTC (Euro 7 expected at ~7g/kWh)
- ❖ 2 x multihole pressure-based urea dosing systems
- ❖ Simplified dosing strategy
- ❖ E-heater
- ❖ Flexible flanged design for fast exchange of catalyst samples (resulting however in high thermal mass)
- ❖ **Step 1:** Non-optimised ATS: no insulation, thick flanges, exhaust gas analyser modules → Worst case scenario in terms of emission performance, aiming to validate the ATS layout and new catalyst technology
- ❖ **Step 2:** Optimised ATS, more representative in terms of emissions

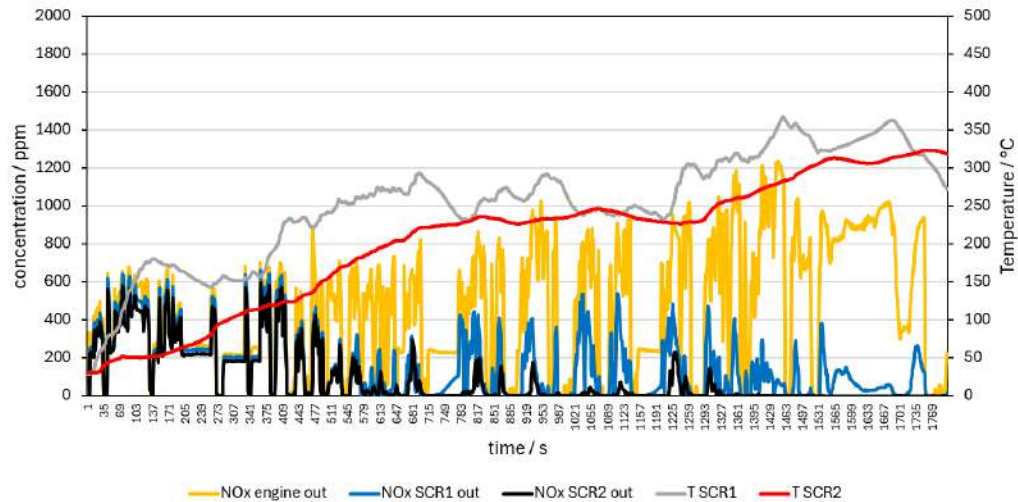
### Catalyst setup:

- **SCR1:** 7.5"x5", 400/4, V-SCR
- **DOC:** 7.5"x5, 400/4, Pt:Pd (4:1), 10 g/cft
- **DPF:** 7.5"x8", 300/9, Pt:Pd (2:1), 3 g/cft
- **SCR2/1:** **1x** 7.5"x4", 400/4, Fe/Cu-SCR
- **SCR2/2,3:** **2x** 7.5"x4", 400/4, Cu-SCR
- **SCR2/4:** **1x** 7.5"x4", 400/4, Cu-SCR+ASC

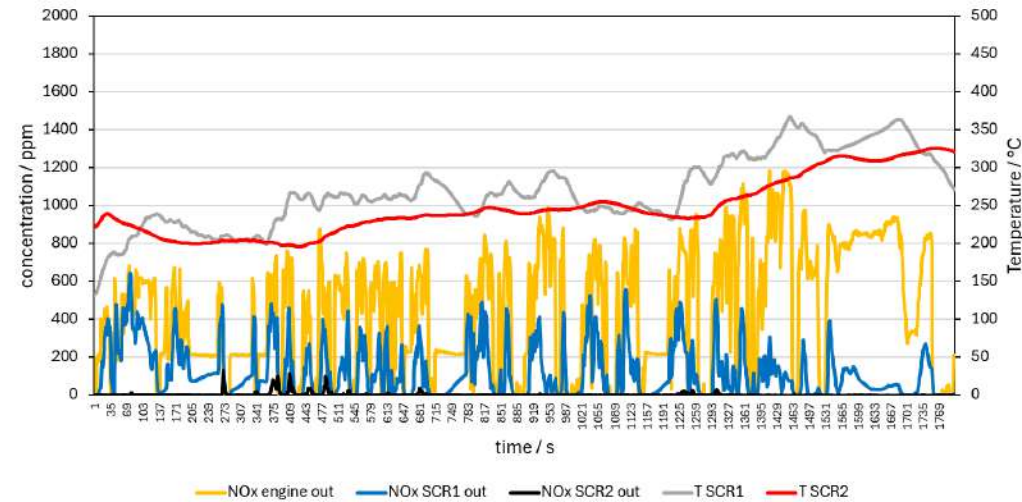
All components pre-aged before start of test  
V-SCR → 580°C / Fe/Cu → 650°C – 50h

# NO<sub>x</sub> conversion performance

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WHTC cold NO<sub>x</sub>

$t_{inj. \text{ start SCR1}} = 138 \text{ s}$        $t_{inj. \text{ start SCR2}} = 564 \text{ s}$   
(effective 368s)

WHTC hot NO<sub>x</sub>

$t_{inj. \text{ start SCR1}} = 29 \text{ s}$        $t_{inj. \text{ start SCR2}} = 0 \text{ s}$

Ø ANR SCR1: 0.75  
Ø ANR SCR2: 1.20  
inj. start Temp.: 180 °C

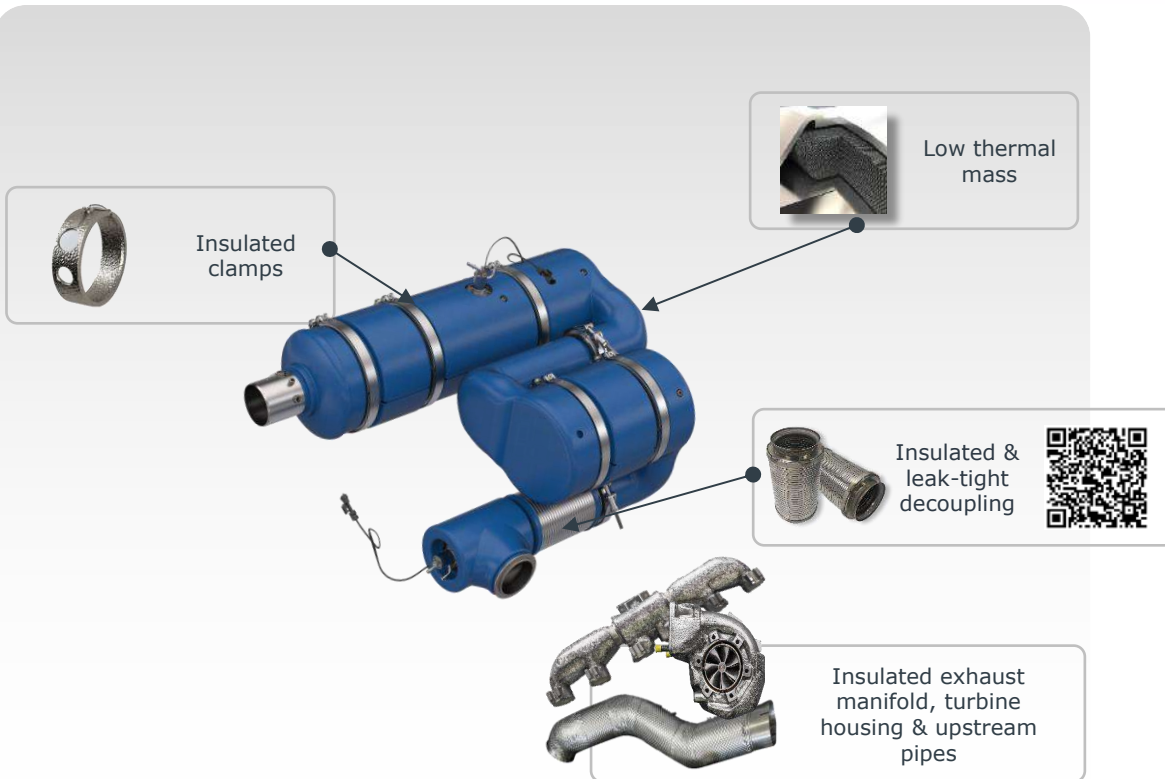
|                      | NO <sub>x</sub> cold | NO <sub>x</sub> hot | NO <sub>x</sub> combined 20:80 | N <sub>2</sub> O |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Reduction after SCR1 | 70%                  | 72%                 | <b>71.6%</b>                   | --               |
| Reduction after SCR2 | 91.6%                | 99.3%               | <b>97.8%</b>                   | --               |
| TP emission, g/kWh   | 0.76                 | 0.06                | <b>0.20</b>                    | 0.09             |



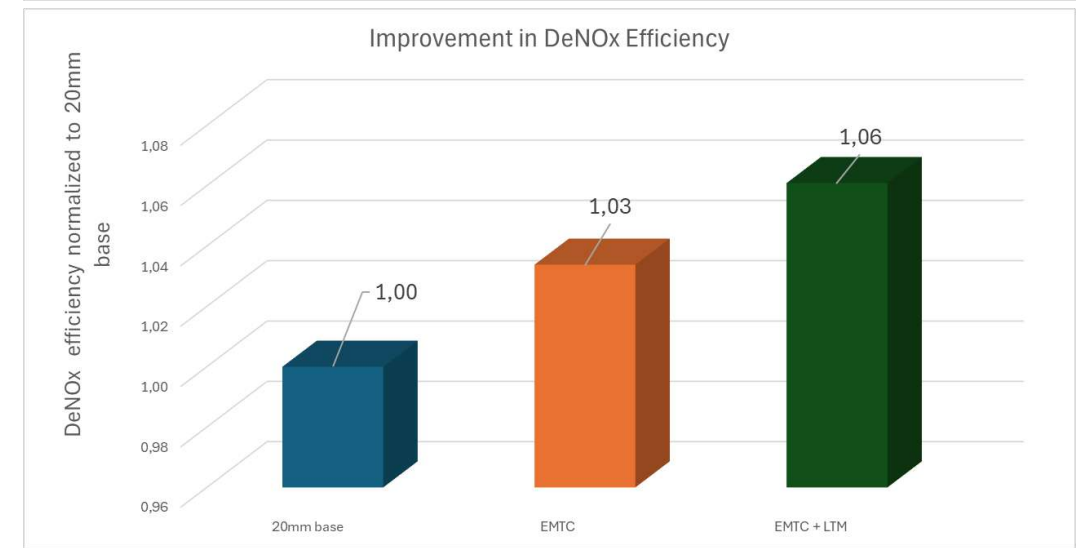
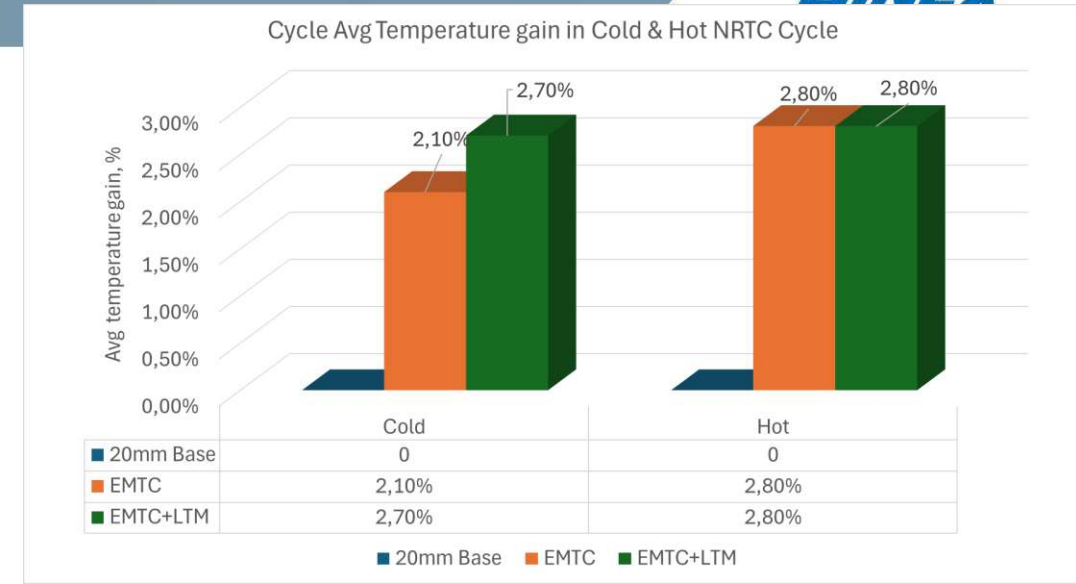
# Passive thermal management

## Temperature and deNOx efficiency gain

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- ❖ Insulated & leak-tight decoupling (DLTD)
- ❖ Insulated clamps installed with EMTC + LTM setup
- ❖ 12mm insulation installed in LTM pipes and cones
- ❖ DeNOx efficiency calculated on 5:95 ratio between cold & hot

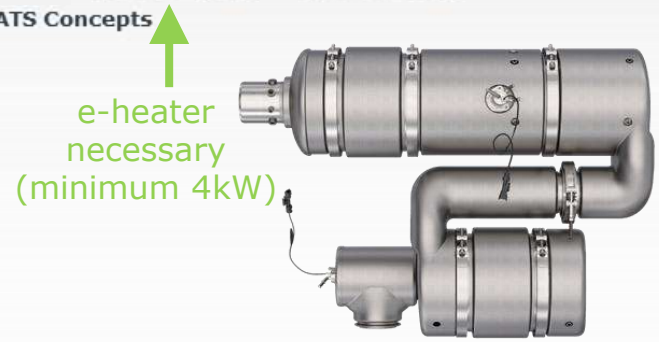
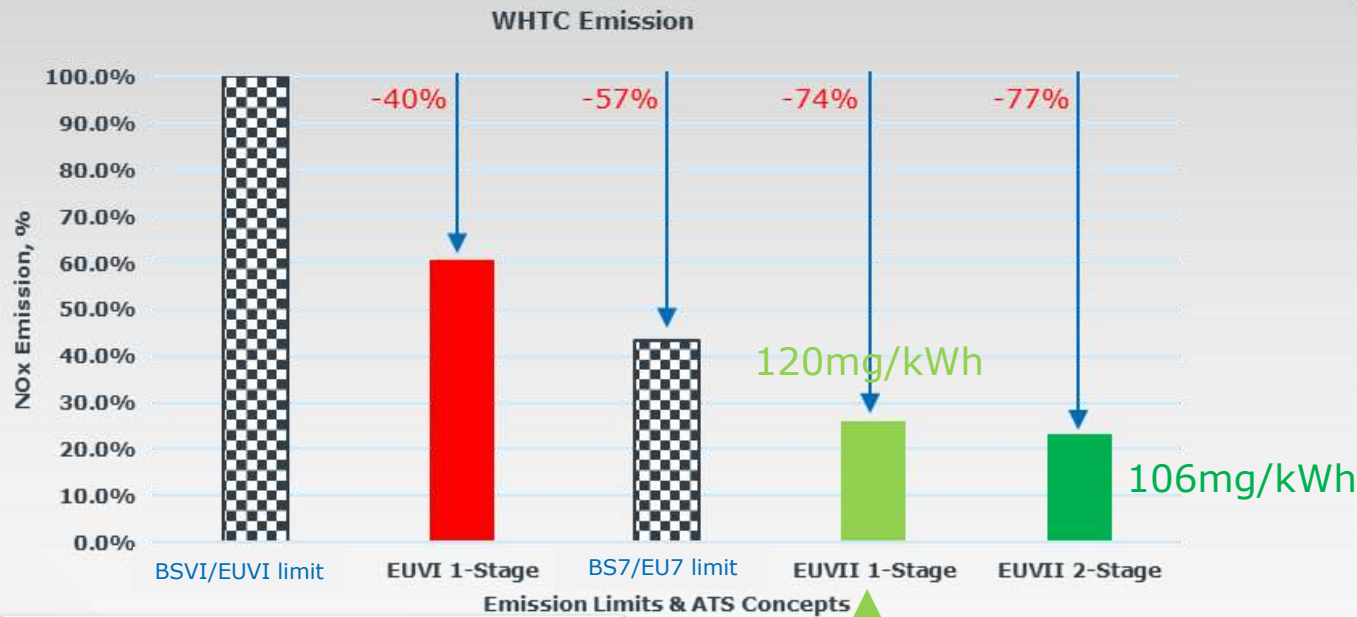


**Note:**

- > 20mm is base insulation setup (20mm)
- > Exhaust manifold & turbine housing insulation. (EMTC)
- > Low thermal mass components (LTM)

# Summary of results after optimisation

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- Engine raw emissions from Euro VI & Stage V / Tier 4 engine.
- Thanks to advanced insulation, temperature profile improved and earlier urea injection times were achieved (cold WHTC):
  - SCR1: 101s (effective 315s)
  - SCR2: 414s
- DPF regeneration strategy defines DOC, SCR design & dosing strategy
- Same total SCR volume between 1-stage & 2-stage SCR

**Note: These ATS concept results are based on specific engine flow and temperature conditions and may vary with different customer-specific engine conditions.**

# Conclusions

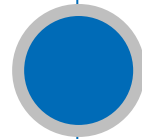
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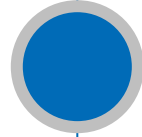


- Latest Dinex catalyst and canning technologies were tested on a 1-stage & 2-stage SCR dyno setup – introduction of Vanadate SCR, Fe/Cu SCR & low PGM DOC
- A 2-stage SCR system is necessary to meet Euro 7 on-road & Tier 5 offroad emission limits - it is possible without active thermal management
- For a 1-stage SCR and further reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in low load cycles, active thermal management (e-heater or heated urea injector) is required
- The PGM load on the DOC was at a low level, showing the potential of new washcoat development to reduce PGM load, but the DPF regeneration strategy will define the final design in respect of load and PGM ratio

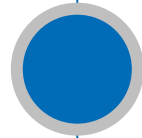




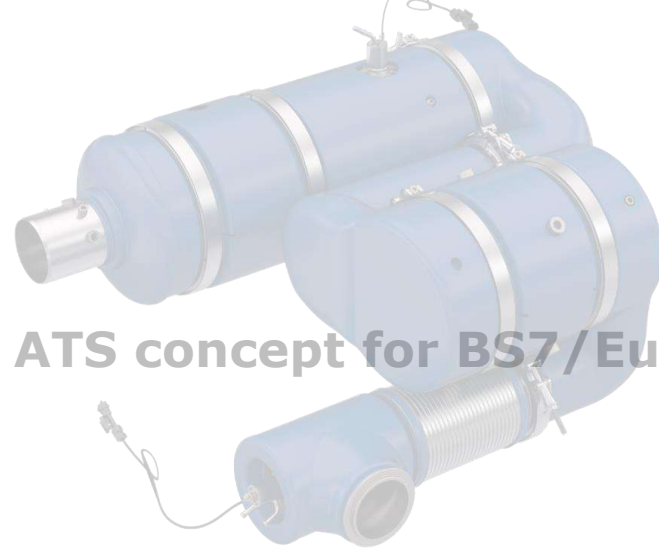
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# H<sub>2</sub> ICE - Key requirements on the ATS

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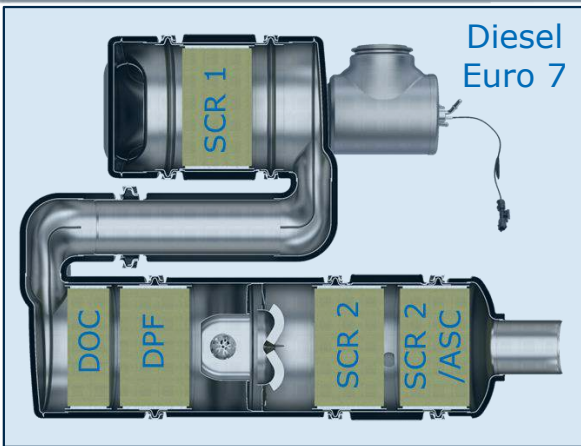


- ✓ Reach near-zero emissions, for example  $\text{NO}_x < 15\text{mg/kWh}$ , as direct comparison against H<sub>2</sub> Fuel Cells is expected
- ✓ Overall lower raw emissions from the engines → Cost-effective and more compact ATS is expected
- ✓ No N<sub>2</sub>O generation – zero-CO<sub>2</sub> technology
- ✓ High H<sub>2</sub>O content in the exhaust → Selection of corrosion-resistive materials
- ✓ High H<sub>2</sub>O content in the exhaust → Selection of catalytic coating which is more resistant to hydrothermal ageing → V-SCR Vs Cu-SCR
- ✓ Optimise development effort & cost by reusing ATS technology from diesel BS7/Euro 7/Tier 5 development, while adjusting to the specific attributes of the H<sub>2</sub> ICE

# ATS layout for H<sub>2</sub> engines

## From diesel to H<sub>2</sub> ATS

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- ✓ Keep same SCR technology
- ✓ Keep advanced insulation
- ✓ Replace DOC by NSC or HOC
- ✓ Reuse filter technology (but simplify)



NSC or  
H<sub>2</sub> Oxidat

- ✓ Alumina/Ceria based wash coat
- ✓ PGM load 30 – 50g/cft
- ✓ NO<sub>x</sub> storage: 140μmol/g coating (HT aged 500°C / 100h)

V-SCR  
or Cu-  
SCR

ASC

- ✓ V-SCR:  $XVO_4$ , where X represents Mn, Fe, Cu or Er or mixtures
- ✓ Low N<sub>2</sub>O formation  
or
- ✓ Cu-Zeolite based SCR for highest deNO<sub>x</sub>

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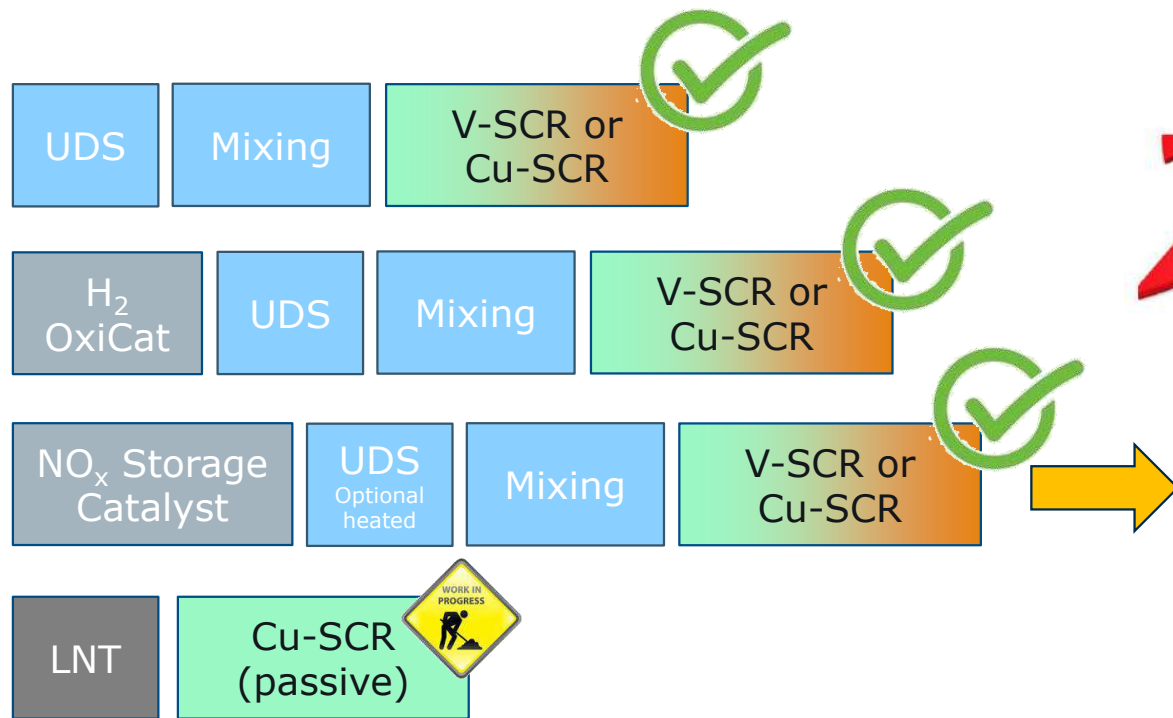
- ✓ Cordierite filter at low pore size and porosity of 45% (GPF or high filtration DPF)
- ✓ Adjustments via wash coat
- ✓ No PGM



# H2 ICE – ATS Concepts

Dinex H<sub>2</sub> ICE technologies for different ATS configurations

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V. Huth et al., 30th Aachen Colloquium Sustainable Mobility 2021, October 6, 2021  
 T. Wolff et al, FAD conference Nov. 2022  
 With heated injector: J. E. Bebe, AVL SimPulse conference for alternative fuels, Apr. 2024

**H<sub>2</sub> SCR** ? Small operation window  
 N<sub>2</sub>O formation  
 high H<sub>2</sub> / NO<sub>x</sub> ratio needed



# H<sub>2</sub> engine dyno setup

## Catalyst test setup with NSC & SCR

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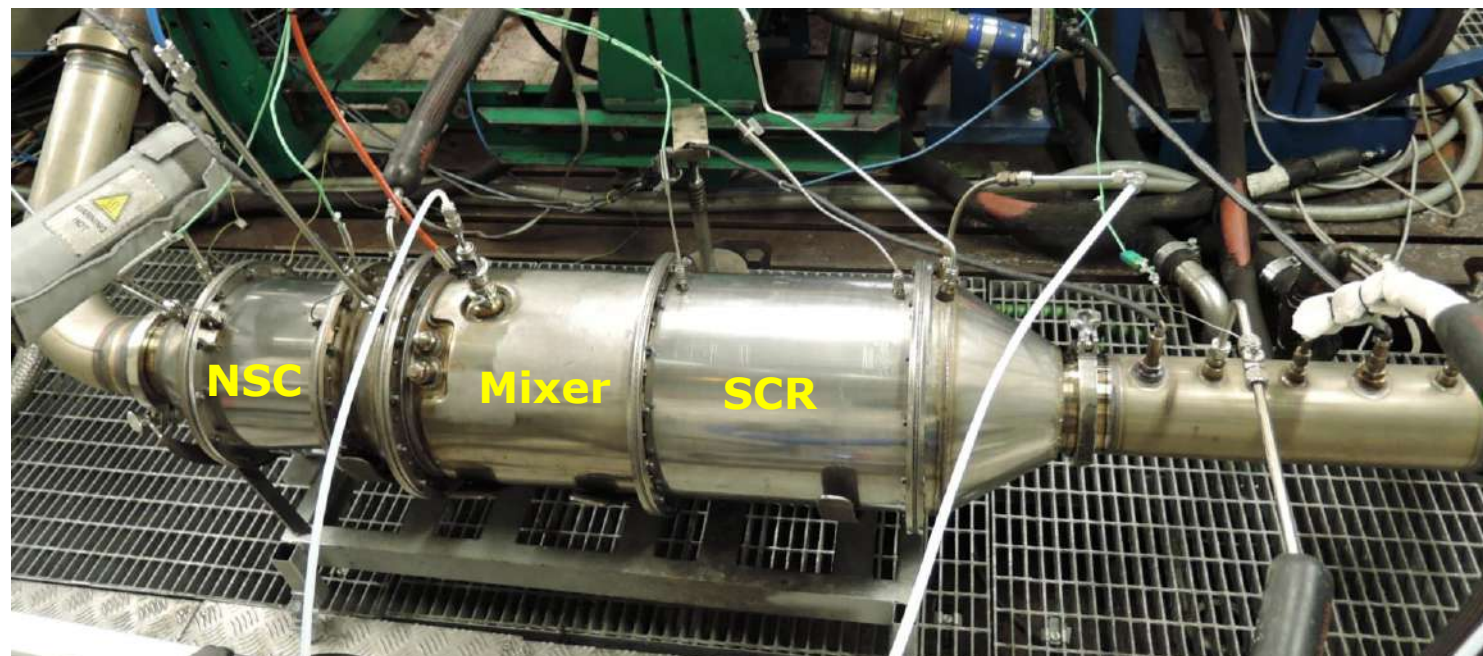
Collaboration with **IFPEN** (Lyon) for ATS test campaign on H<sub>2</sub> ICE



Engine: 6 cyl, 8L, 210kW  
Diesel converted to Hydrogen

Renault Truck Engine  
developed in the framework  
of „PLH2” Consortium<sup>[1]</sup>

NRTC: 660 mg/kWh NO<sub>x</sub>



- **NSC:** 7.5"x5, 600/3 Pt 50g/cft, V = 3.62L
- **V-SCR:** 9.5"x7.5", 600/3, V-SCR+ASC, V = 8.71L  
or
- **Cu-SCR:** 9.5"x7.5", 600/3, Cu-SCR+ASC, V = 8.71L

[1] Walter et al. *H<sub>2</sub> ICE technology development for medium-duty truck application: from concept to full calibrated engine prototype*

# Test results Cu-SCR & NSC/Cu-SCR

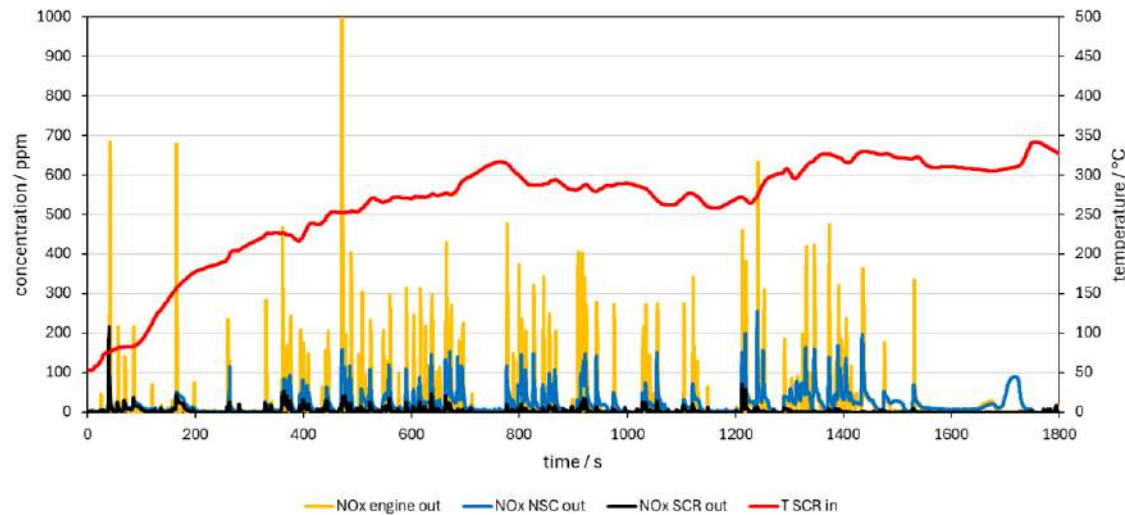
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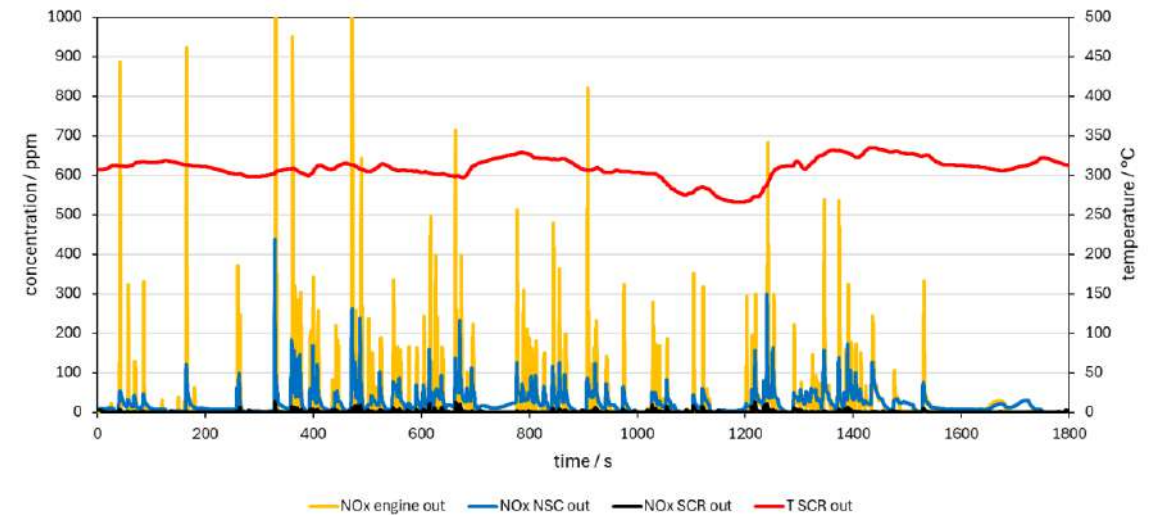
**TP emissions, mg/kWh, WHTC cold & hot**  
SCR catalyst empty at start of test (ANR ~ 1)

| Catalyst setup | NO <sub>x</sub><br>cold   hot | NO <sub>x</sub><br>c:h = 20:80 | N <sub>2</sub> O<br>cold   hot |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SCR only       | 143   28                      | 51                             | 18   18                        |
| NSC + SCR      | 90   22                       | 36                             | 11   11                        |

### WHTC cold NSC+SCR



### WHTC hot NSC+SCR





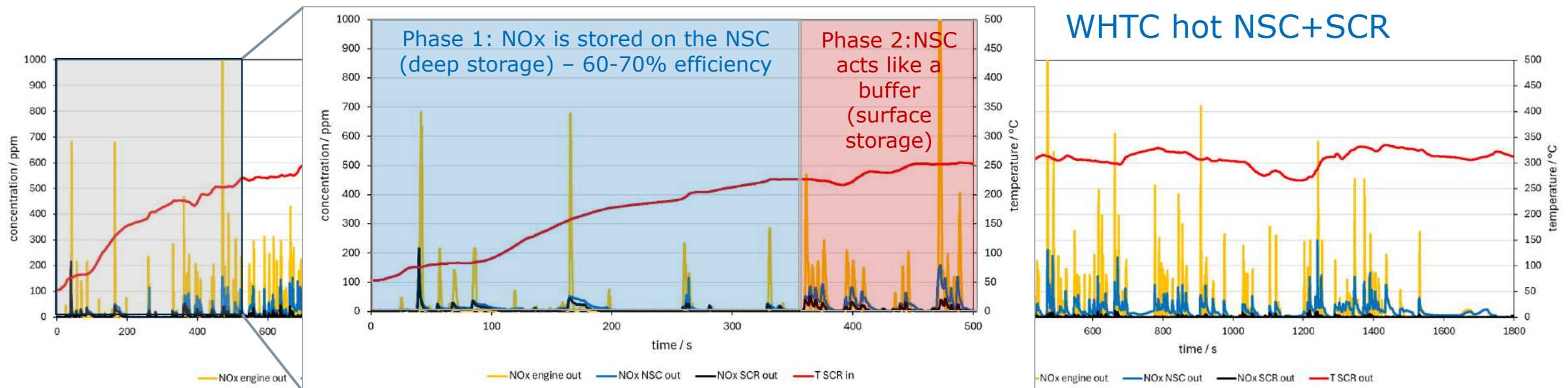
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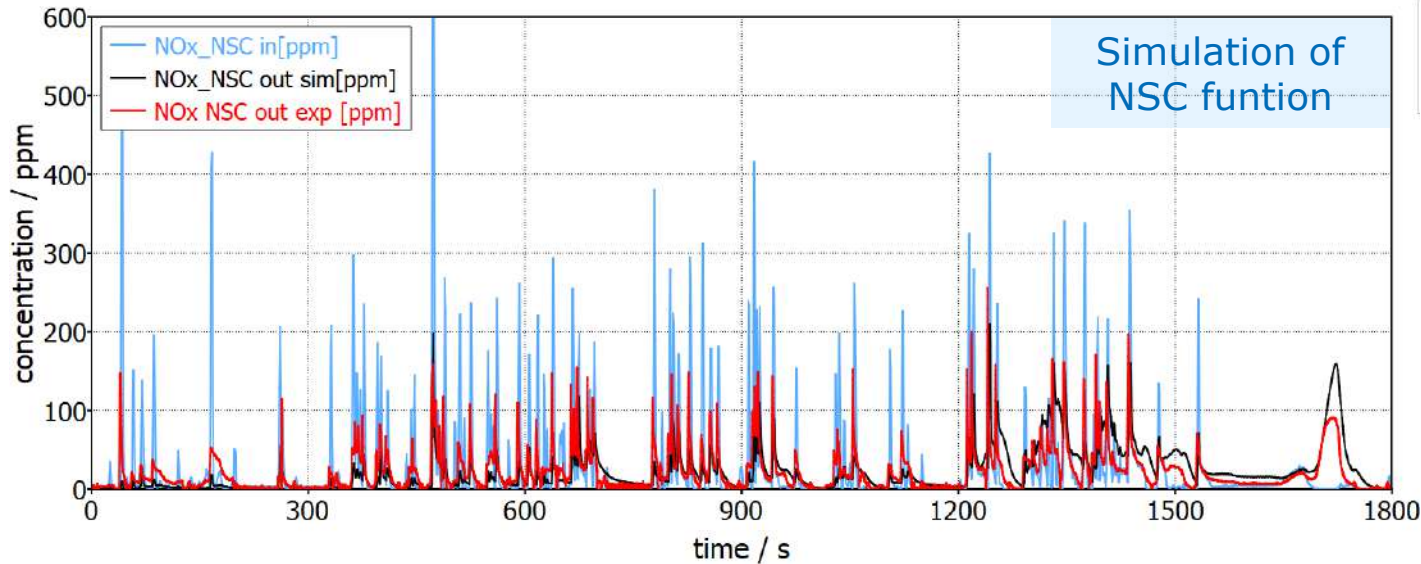
# WHTC 1D Simulation results

## Pre-filled SCR and optimized urea dosing

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| Emissions mg/kWh | WHTC hot Cu-SCR only | WHTC hot NSC+Cu-SCR | WHTC cold NSC+Cu-SCR | WHTC 20:80 NSC+Cu-SCR |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| NO <sub>x</sub>  | 21                   | 14                  | 68                   | 25                    |
| N <sub>2</sub> O | 24                   | 17                  | 16                   | 16                    |



- Good match on NO<sub>x</sub> storage and buffering effect between measurement and simulation
- With pre-filled SCR and optimised urea dosing, even lower NO<sub>x</sub> is possible

# Conclusions & outlook H<sub>2</sub> ICE

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- The SCR technology used to meet BS7/Euro 7 or Tier 5 emission standards for diesel engines can be used without further adaptations on the H<sub>2</sub> ICE, hence reducing development costs & effort
- The Cu-SCR has been tested on an engine bench setup as SCR only and in combination with an NSC
- The NSC shows a NO<sub>x</sub> buffering effect over the entire test cycle, supporting hence the SCR and reducing N<sub>2</sub>O emissions
- The SCR volume can be 2-3x lower on a H<sub>2</sub> ICE comparing to a diesel engine
- Near-zero NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are possible on a H<sub>2</sub> engine with a relatively small ATS & optimized urea dosing
- Outlook: V-SCR as replacement of Cu-SCR will be tested on the dyno & simulated – the combination of LNT/pSCR as well



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