



# 1D+3D Simulations Coupling to Predict System Out $\text{NO}_x$ in Aftertreatment Systems

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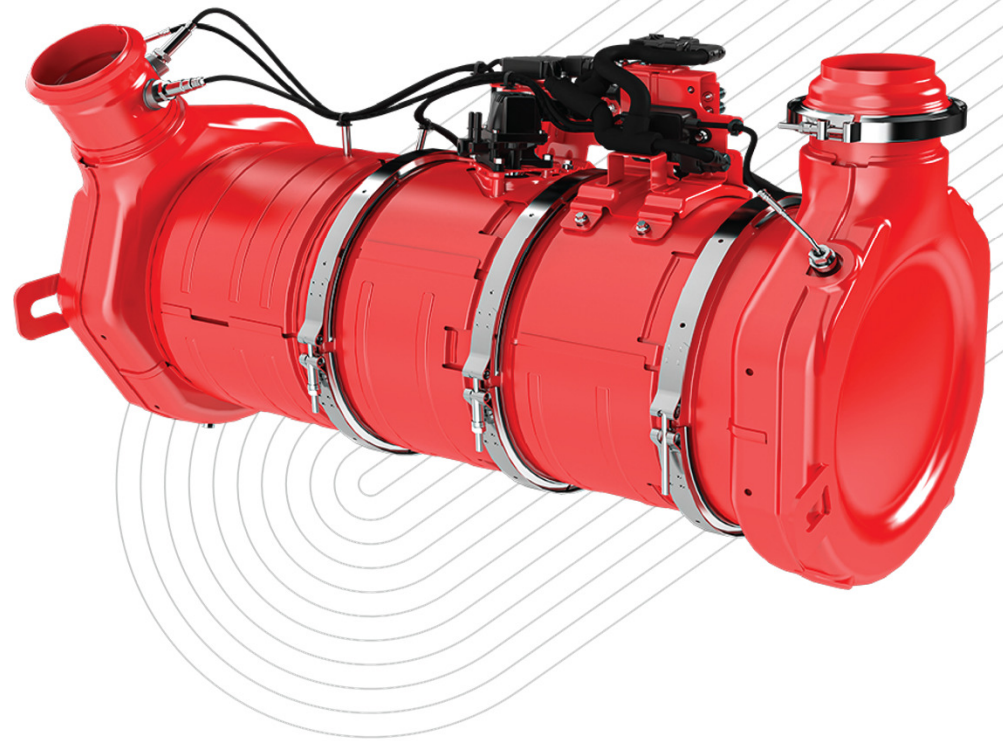
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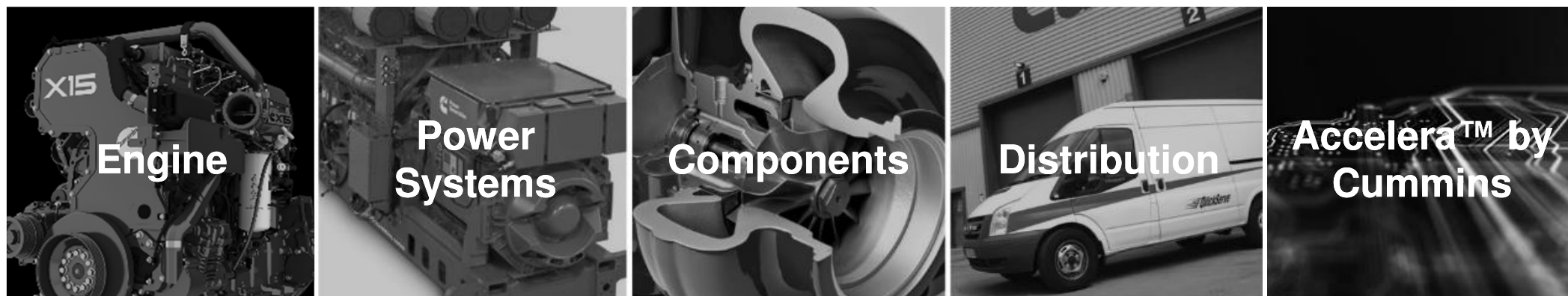


# Acronyms

- Aftertreatment System (ATS)
- Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)
- Diesel particulate Filter (DPF)
- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)
- Ammonia Slip Catalyst (ASC)
- Ammonia to NO<sub>x</sub> Ratio (ANR)
- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF or AdBlue)

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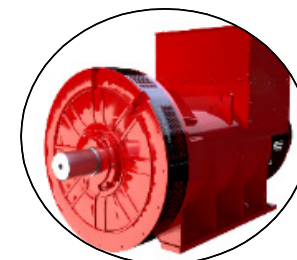
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# Aftertreatment solutions

## Leading

Global designer, integrator, manufacturer and distributor of exhaust aftertreatment systems and components

**20+**

Years of aftertreatment experience

**10**  
**7**

Manufacturing facilities

AND

Technical centers around the globe

## CORE TECHNOLOGIES



Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)



Diesel Particulate (DPF) Filter



Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) System



Doser Technology Business



Ammonia delivery system



Controls

Multiple **integration programs** with non-Cummins OEMs and engine manufacturers

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# Agenda

## Introduction

- ATS components functions
- Simulation parameters

## 1D Boost Model for ATS

- Brief outline of the Boost model
- Coupling with 3D CFD

## Case Study

- Comparison of system out  $\text{NO}_x$  on different mixer designs
- Comparison of  $\text{NO}_x$  conversion for design selection

## Summary

- Conclusion and future scope

# Introduction

- Aftertreatment system cleans exhaust gases
- DPF: collects and oxidizes the soot
- DOC: aids in oxidation process
- DEF is injected into the hot exhaust stream in the Decomposition Reactor
- SCR: converts the toxic  $\text{NO}_x$  and urea mixture into harmless nitrogen gas ( $\text{N}_2$ ) and water vapor ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

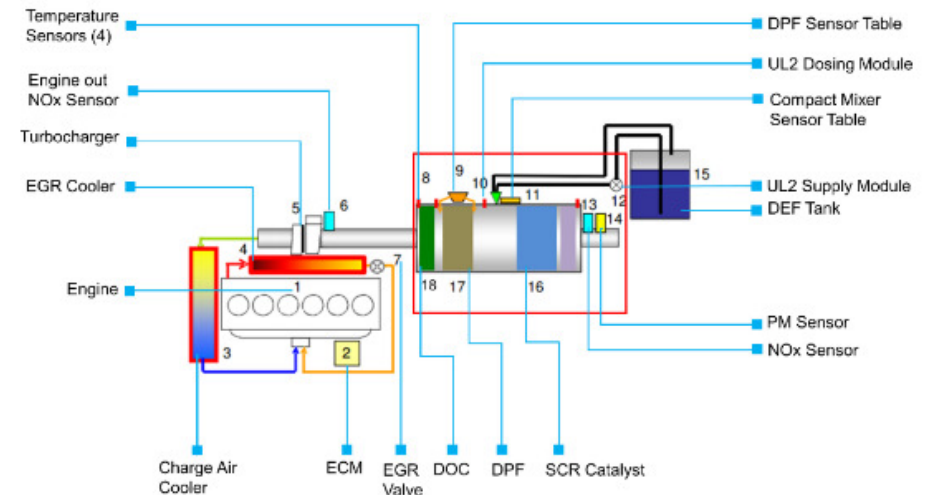


Fig 1: Overview of After treatment system

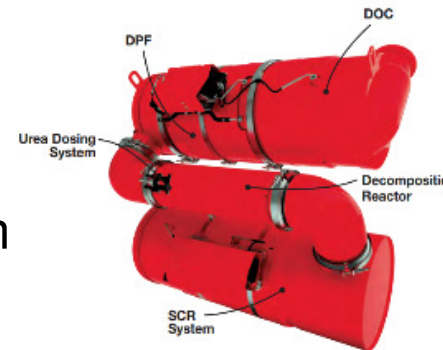


Fig 2: Cummins After treatment system

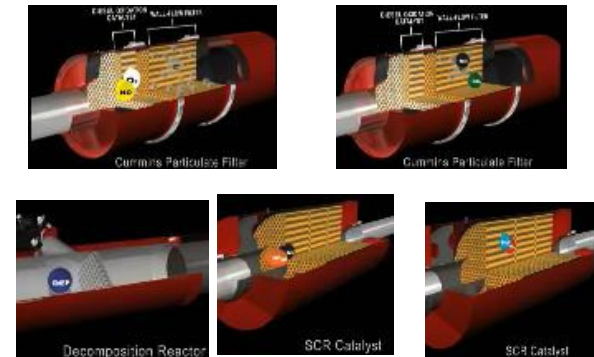
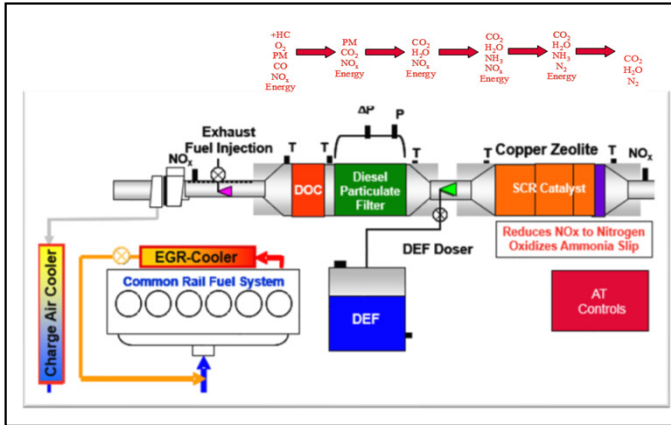


Fig 3: Cut section of Cummins After treatment system

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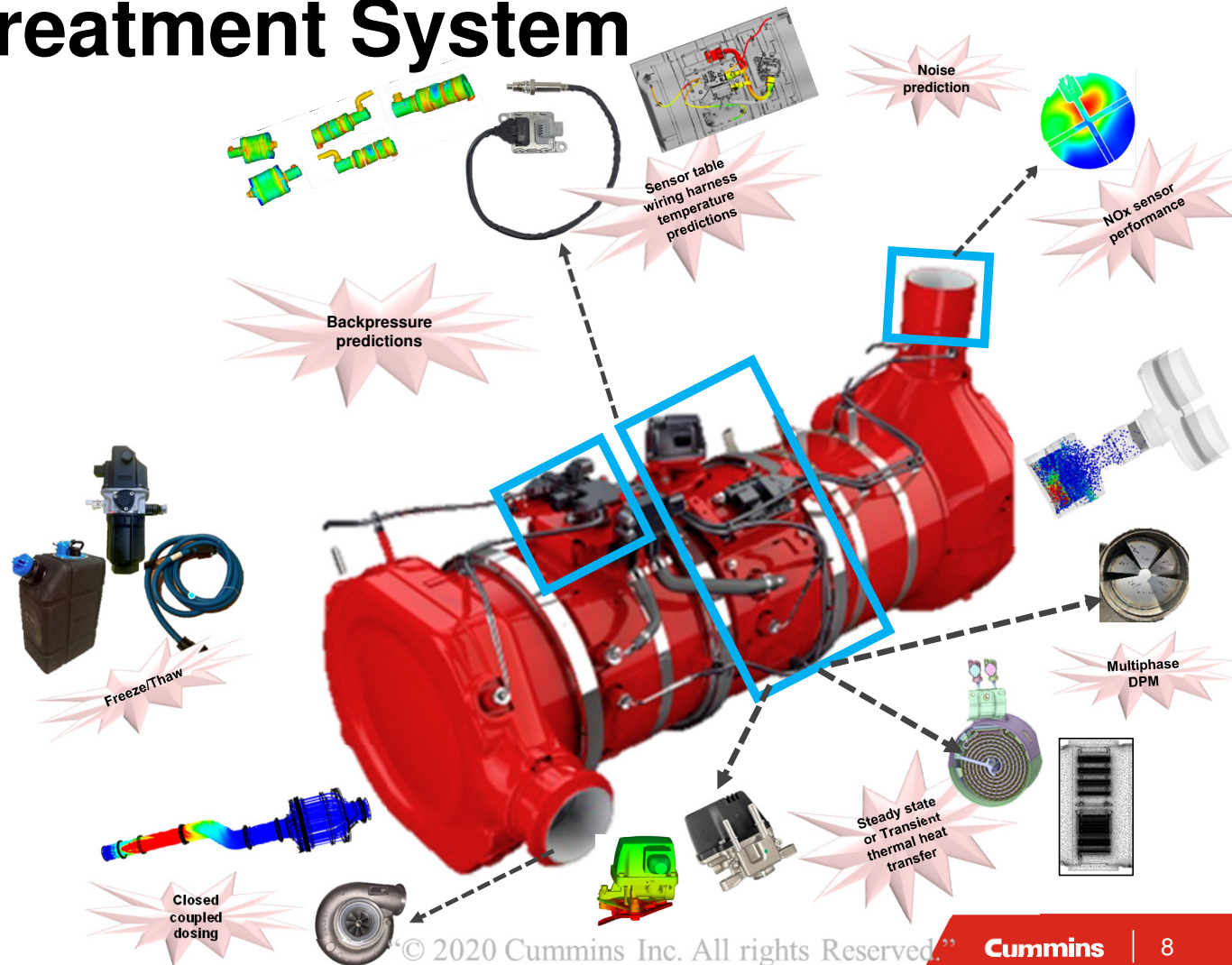
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# CFD in After-treatment System



## Role of Analysis in Emissions Control

- Flow and Temperature Modeling
- Multiphase simulation
- Wall film deposit prediction
- Freeze/Thaw robustness



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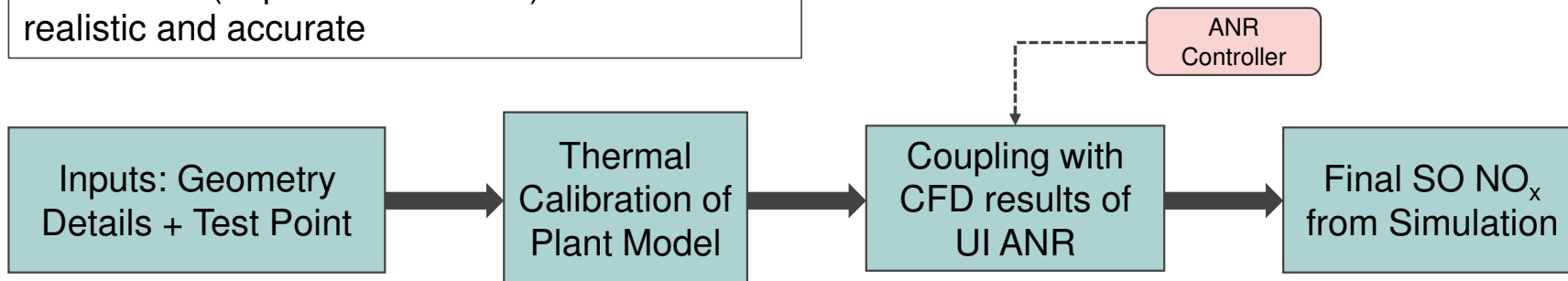
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# 1D Boost Plant Model for ATS

**Single Channel:** Uniform ANR is considered (independent of CFD) – less accurate

**Multi-Channel:** Spatial variation of ANR is considered (dependent on CFD) – more realistic and accurate



# 3D CFD+1D AVL BOOST Coupling Overview

## 3D analysis

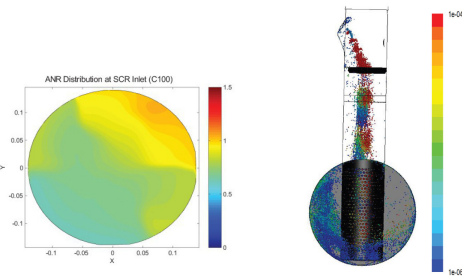
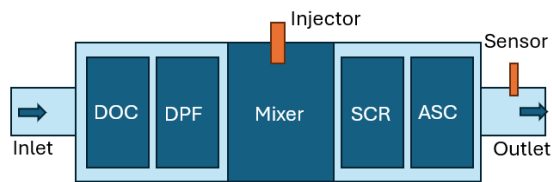


Fig5: ANR contour at SCR inlet

Fig6: Particle tracks colored by particle diameter

- Pressure drop
- DEF decomposition Uniformity Index

## 1D analysis

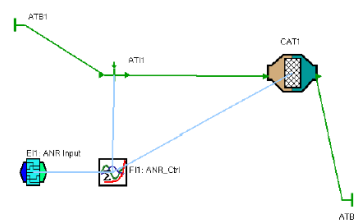


Fig7: Schematic of BOOST model

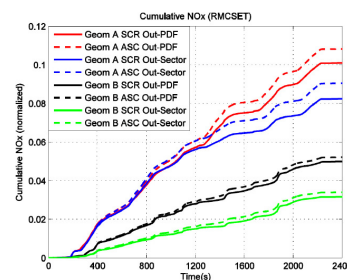


Fig8: SCR out results

- NO<sub>x</sub> conversion efficiency
- NH<sub>3</sub> slip

## 1D+3D coupling

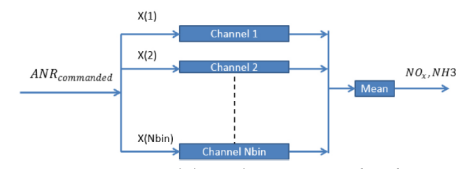


Fig9: 1D simulation with varying ANR factors

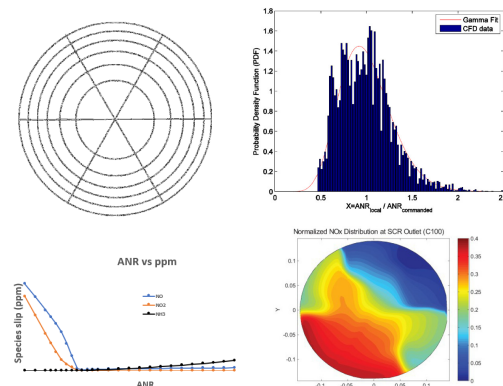
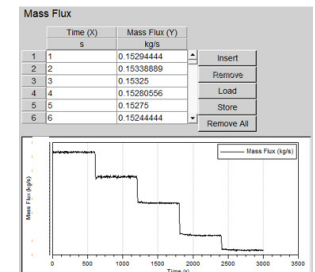


Fig10: Different ways to translate data

- Probability density function (PDF) based approach
- Geometrical sector-based approach
- Interpolation

## Coupling application

- Define ANR factors for different boundary conditions
- Divide transient cycle in bins at which factors are calculated



- Run transient cycle to predict NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> slip

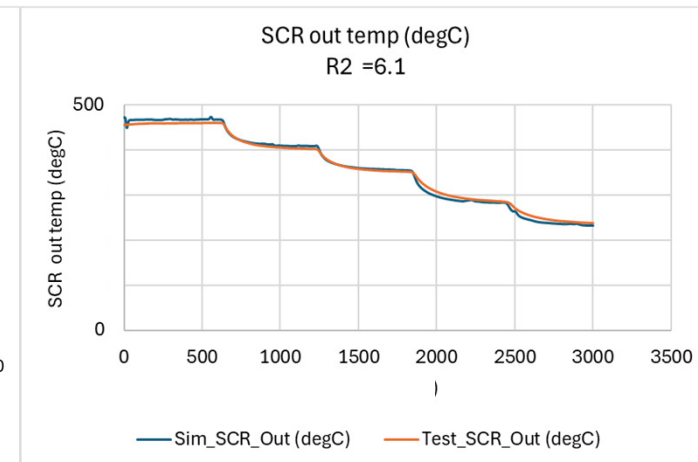
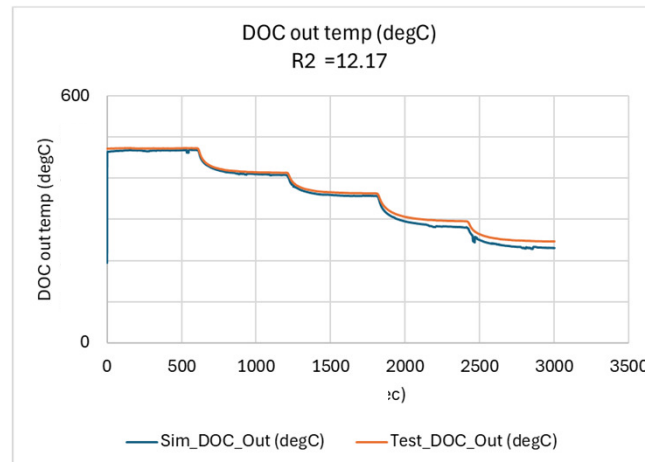
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# Case Study 1: Comparison of ATS Designs

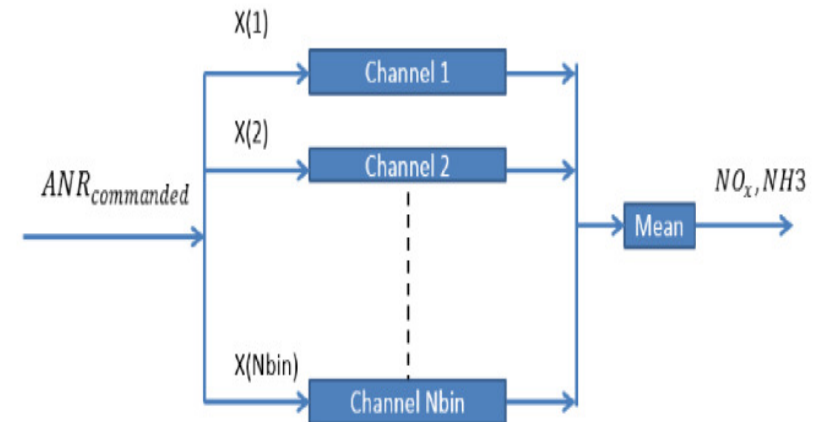
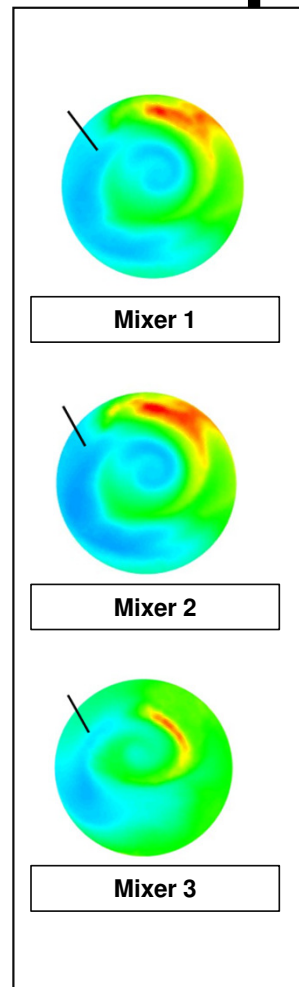
## Thermal Calibration Results

- ❑ Calibration of temperature and pressure drop is performed for baseline model.
- ❑ For the test conditions, temperature at different sections are matched with the test data.



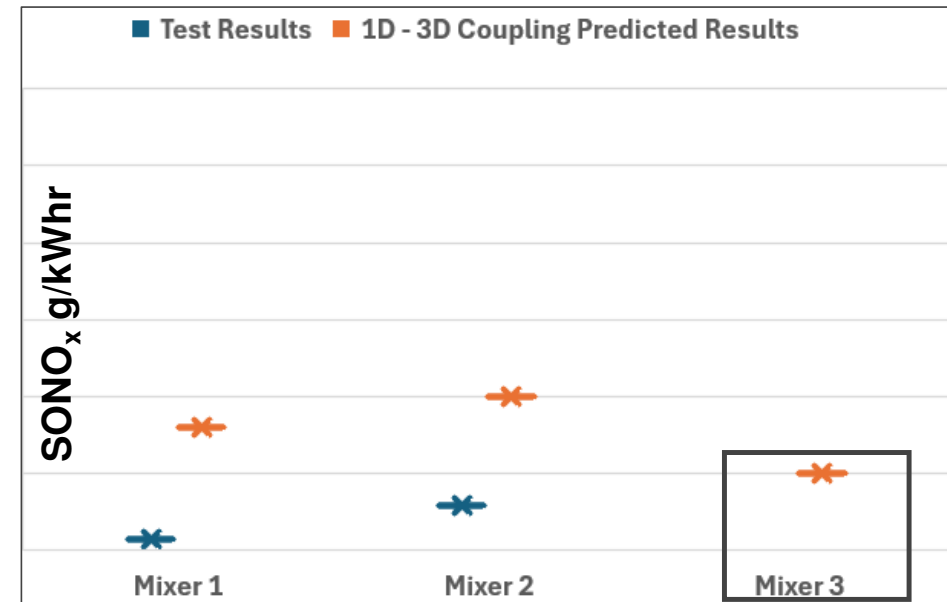
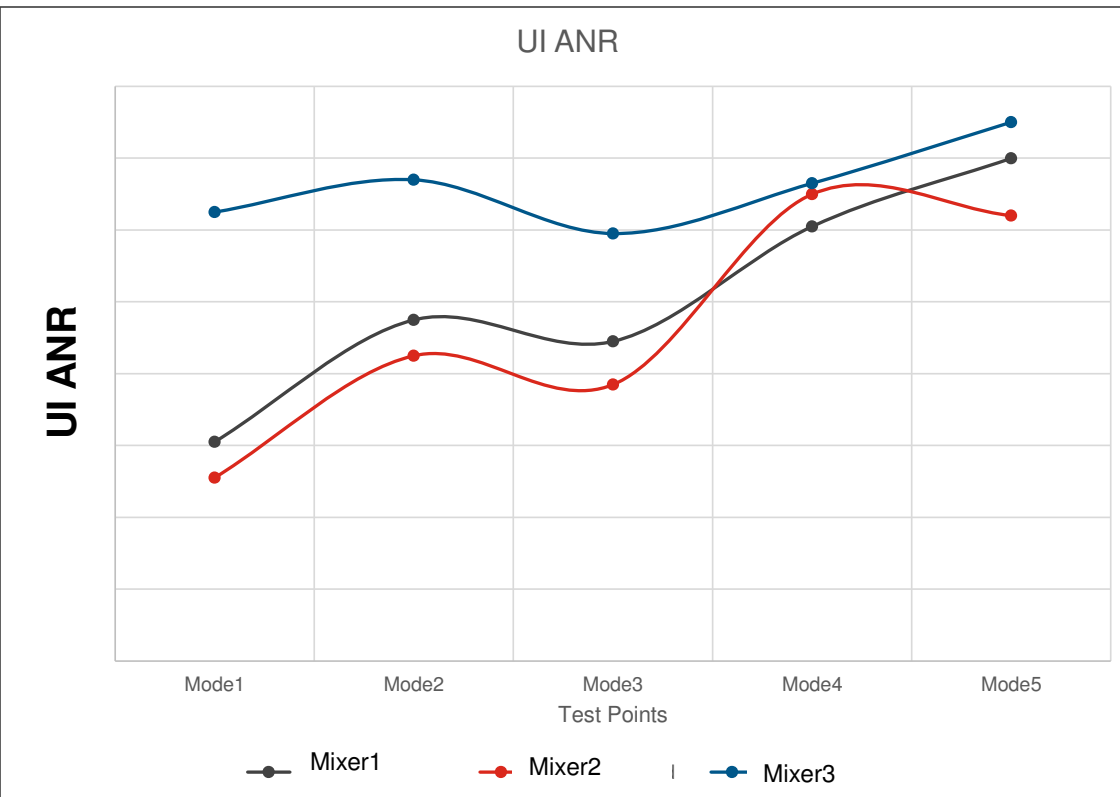
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Thermally calibrated  
1D Boost model



Multiple 1D simulations are run in AVL Boost and averaged out to get the final SO NOx value.

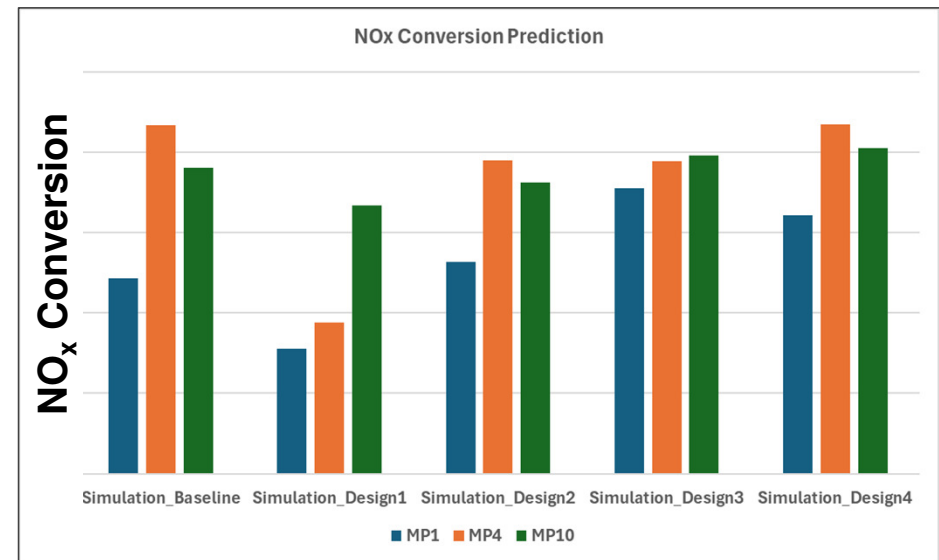
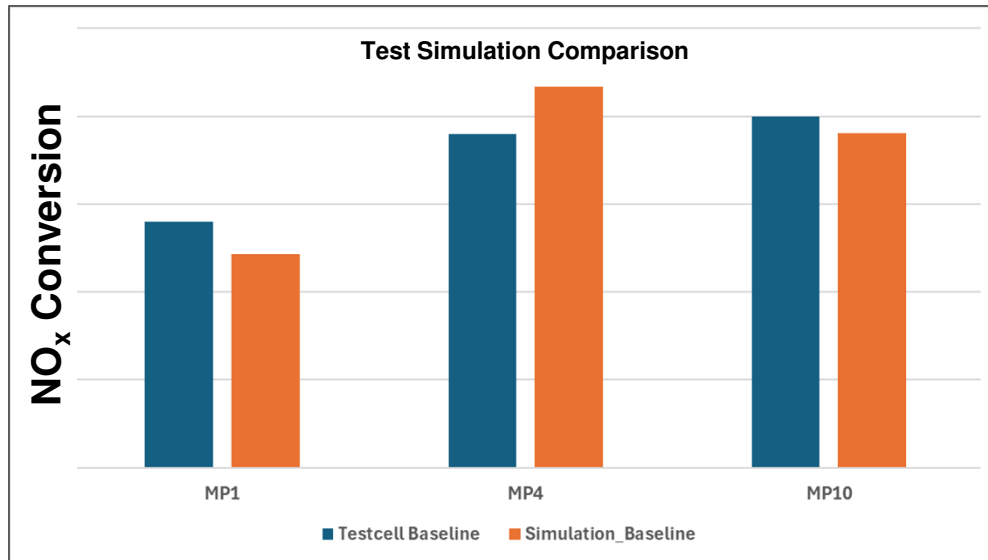
# Case Study 1: SO NO<sub>x</sub> Results



UI is lowest for Mixer2, similar trend observed in SO NO<sub>x</sub> conversion.

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# Case Study 2: NO<sub>x</sub> Conversion Results



- Steady state conditions validated with actual test
- Design 4 showing better performance than baseline
- Watchout wall film impact is difficult to capture with this approach

# Summary

## **Current modeling approach observations:**

- AVL BOOST™ is adopted to perform 1D simulations in ATS emission performance analysis.
- 1D Boost model is coupled with 3D simulations to capture the effect from varying designs
- SO NO<sub>x</sub> trend is matching with the test outcomes for varying designs.

## **Future Scope:**

- Identify levers which can help reducing gap between analysis prediction and test.
- Validations of closed loop model with controls.

Thank You

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