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Catalytic Mechanism, Detailed Kinetics and Converter Model for NH₃-SCR of NO_x Emissions from Vehicles

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- *Introduction and previous experience*
- *Approach and methods*
- *NH₃ SCR over a V₂O₅-WO₃/TiO₂ catalyst:*
 - NH₃/O₂ system
 - NO/O₂ and NO₂/O₂ systems
 - NH₃/NO/O₂ system (“Standard” SCR)
 - Chemistry & Mechanism of “Fast” SCR: role of NO₂
 - Kinetic study of the NH₃/NO/NO₂/O₂ system
 - Modeling & scale-up
- *NH₃ SCR over a Fe-Zeolite catalyst:*
 - Comparison with V-based catalyst:
reactivity, chemistry & scale-up to monoliths
- *Conclusions*

NH₃-SCR process for stationary sources

NH₃-SCR is a well established NO_x abatement technology for **stationary sources**:

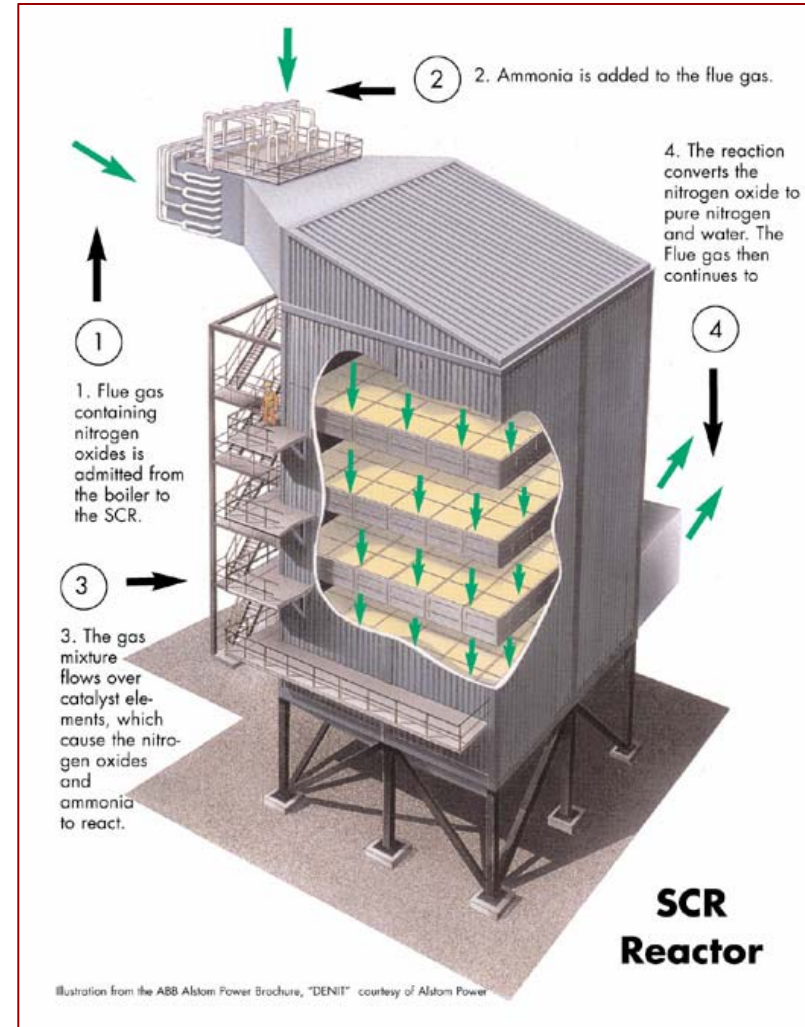


"Standard" SCR reaction

Commercial catalysts:
V₂O₅-WO₃/TiO₂ extruded
honeycomb monoliths

Operating temperatures:
300 – 400 °C

Investigated at PoliMI
in cooperation with ENEL during the '90s



Motivation and aim of the work

Development of a **chemically consistent** mathematical model of SCR monolithic converters for vehicles

study of chemistry, mechanism, kinetics of the SCR reactions

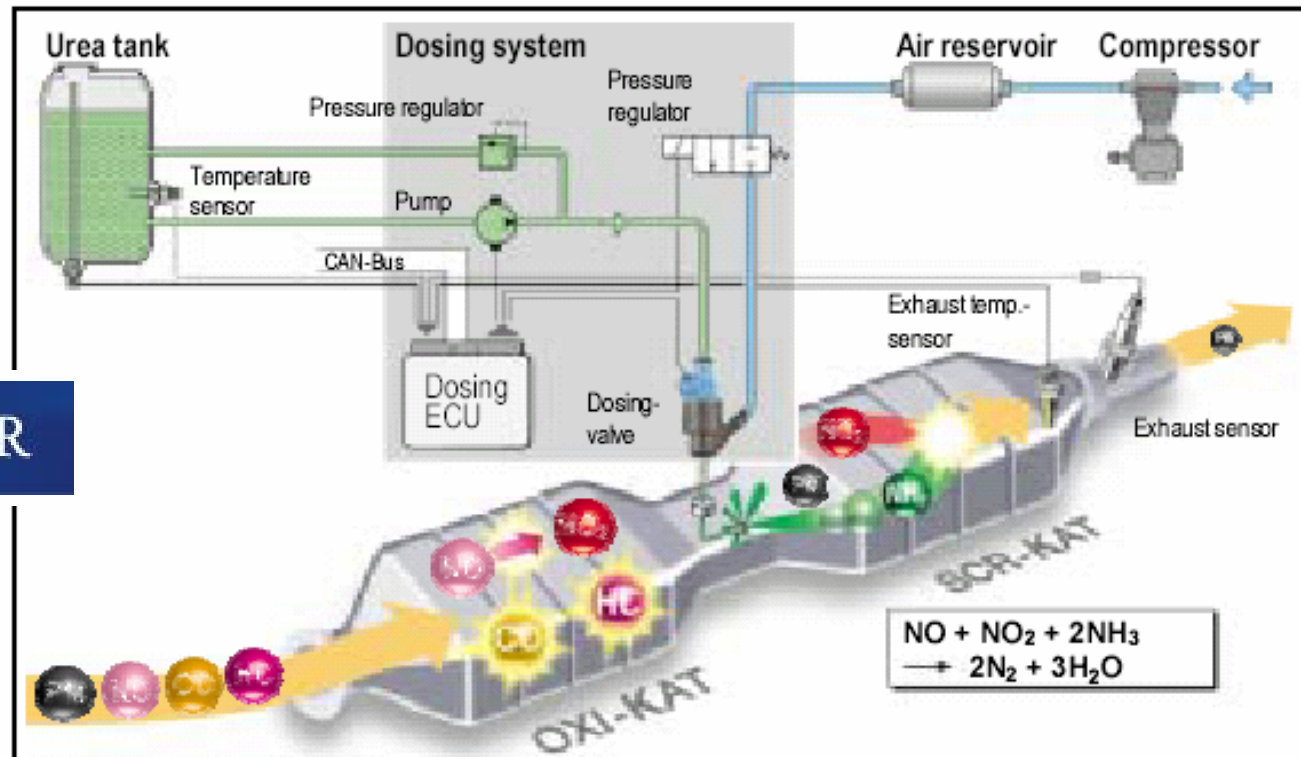
over **commercial V-based and zeolite catalysts**

with focus on characteristics of mobile applications:

NO/NO₂-NH₃ reacting system, transient operating conditions...



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- **Transient Response reactive experiments**
- **Multiscale experimental approach:**

Powdered catalyst (at PoliMI) $dp \sim 90 \mu\text{m}$
Scale: 80 - 160 mg

} Fit of intrinsic kinetics

Lab scale monolith catalyst (at PoliMI + DC)
Scale: 3 - 10 cm^3

Full scale monolith catalyst (at DC)
Test bench runs with real exhaust gases from Diesel engines.
Scale: up to 18 - 43 liters

} Model validation

Microreactor model & kinetic analysis

Dynamic, isothermal, isobaric, heterogeneous 1D PFR model

Mass balances

adsorbed phase:

$$\Omega_j \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial t} = R_j$$

$j = \text{NH}_3^*, \text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3^*$

gas phase:

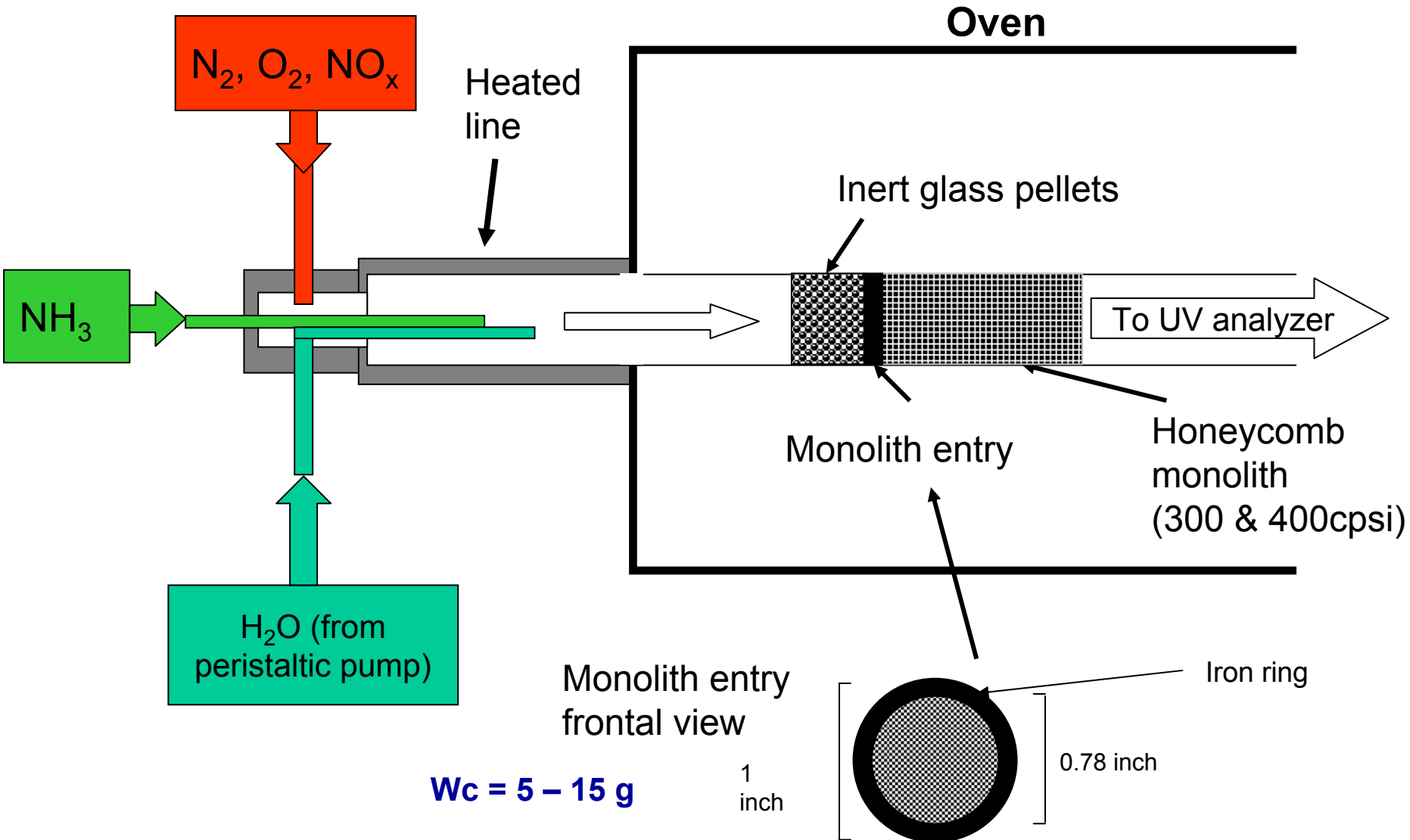
$$\varepsilon \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial z} + (1 - \varepsilon) R_i$$

$i = \text{NH}_3, \text{N}_2, \text{NO}, \text{NO}_2, \text{N}_2\text{O}, \text{HNO}_3$

- Fitted by multiresponse nonlinear regression to transient kinetic runs
- Up to 5 exp. responses ($C_{\text{NH}_3}, C_{\text{NO}}, C_{\text{NO}_2}, C_{\text{N}_2}, C_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}$)
- Up to 24 fitting parameters
- Sequential fitting strategy to minimize correlation among parameter estimates
- Up to over 50 transient kinetic runs fitted simultaneously

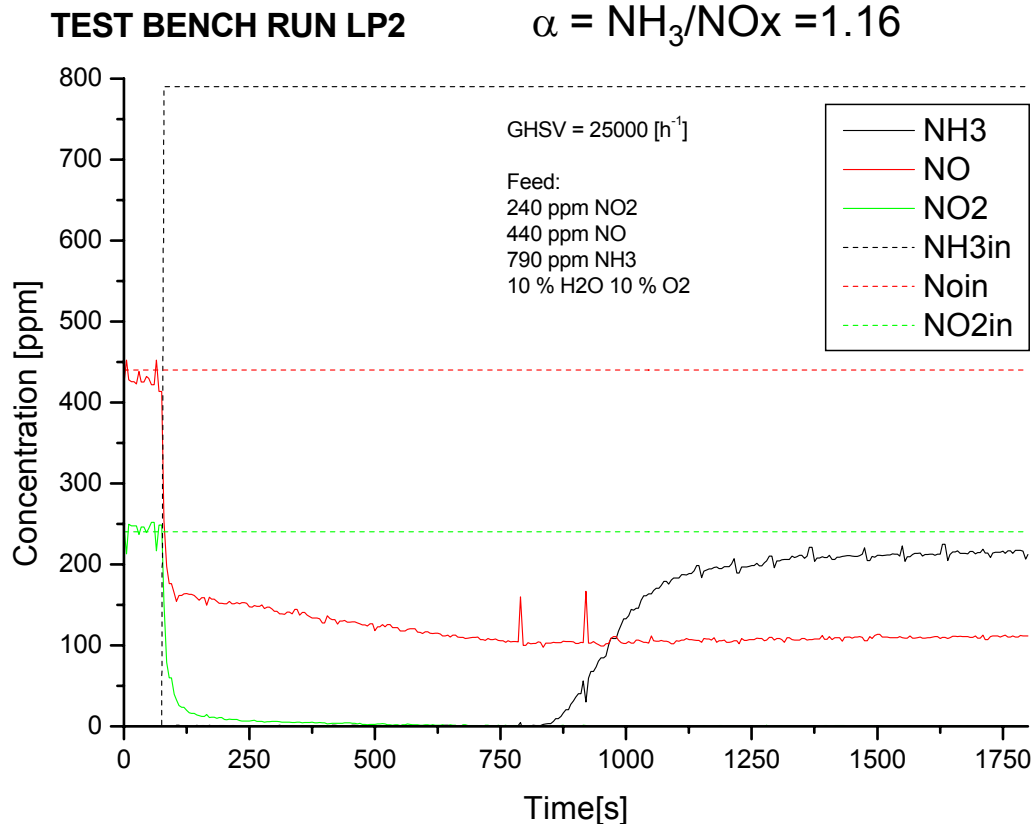
Experimental: monolith reactor rig

Integral reactor rig for validation experiments over honeycomb catalysts



*V-based catalyst:
NH₃/O₂ System*

SCR dynamics and NH₃ storage



- Step feed of NH₃ on honeycomb catalyst leads to steady-state after > 20 minutes!
- No NH₃ slip observed for over 13 minutes
- Transient duration controlled by:
 - ammonia storage capacity
 - kinetics of ammonia adsorption/desorption/reaction
- NH₃ dosage strategy critical to prevent ammonia slip

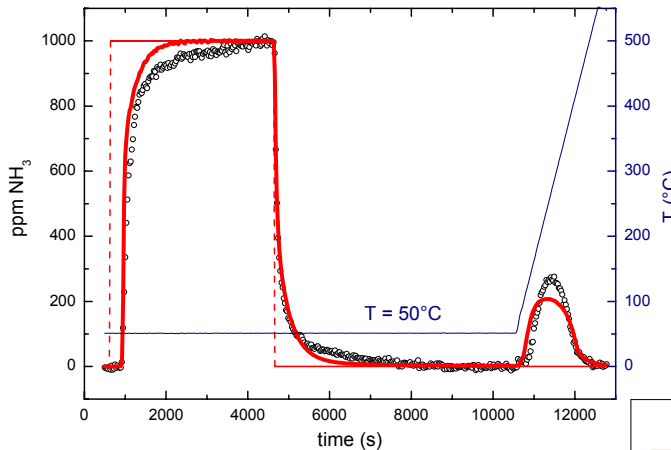
NH₃ adsorption – desorption

Rate equations:

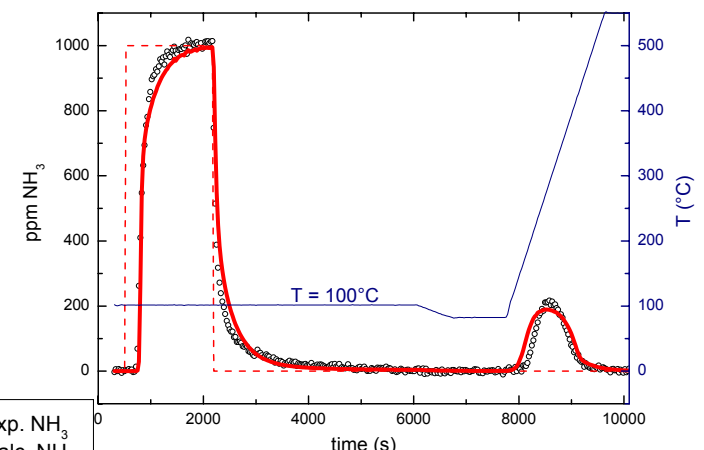
L. Lietti, I. Nova, S. Camurri, E. Tronconi, P. Forzatti,
AIChE J. 43 (1997) 2559.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_{ads} = k_{ads} C_{NH_3} (1 - \theta) \\ r_{des} = k_{des}^o \exp \left[-\frac{E_{des}^o}{RT} (1 - \alpha\theta) \right] \cdot \theta \end{array} \right.$$

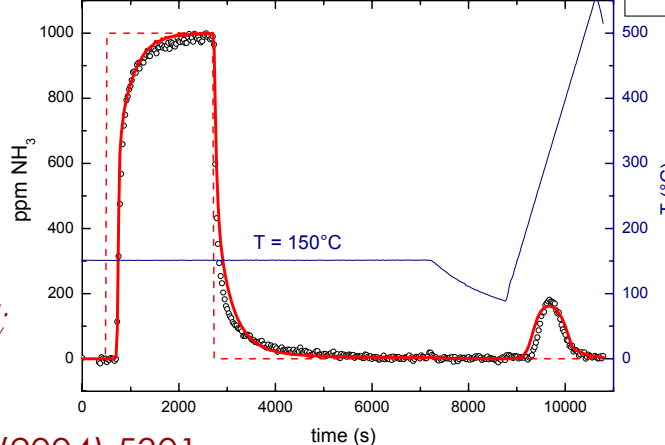
TRM @ 50°C + TPD



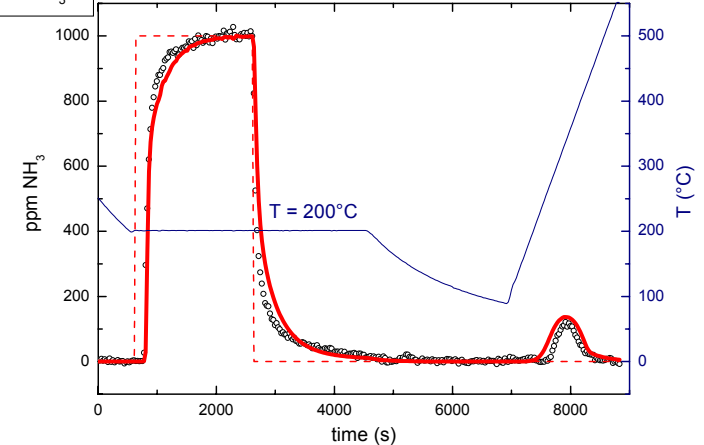
TRM @ 100°C + TPD



TRM @ 150°C + TPD



TRM @ 200°C + TPD

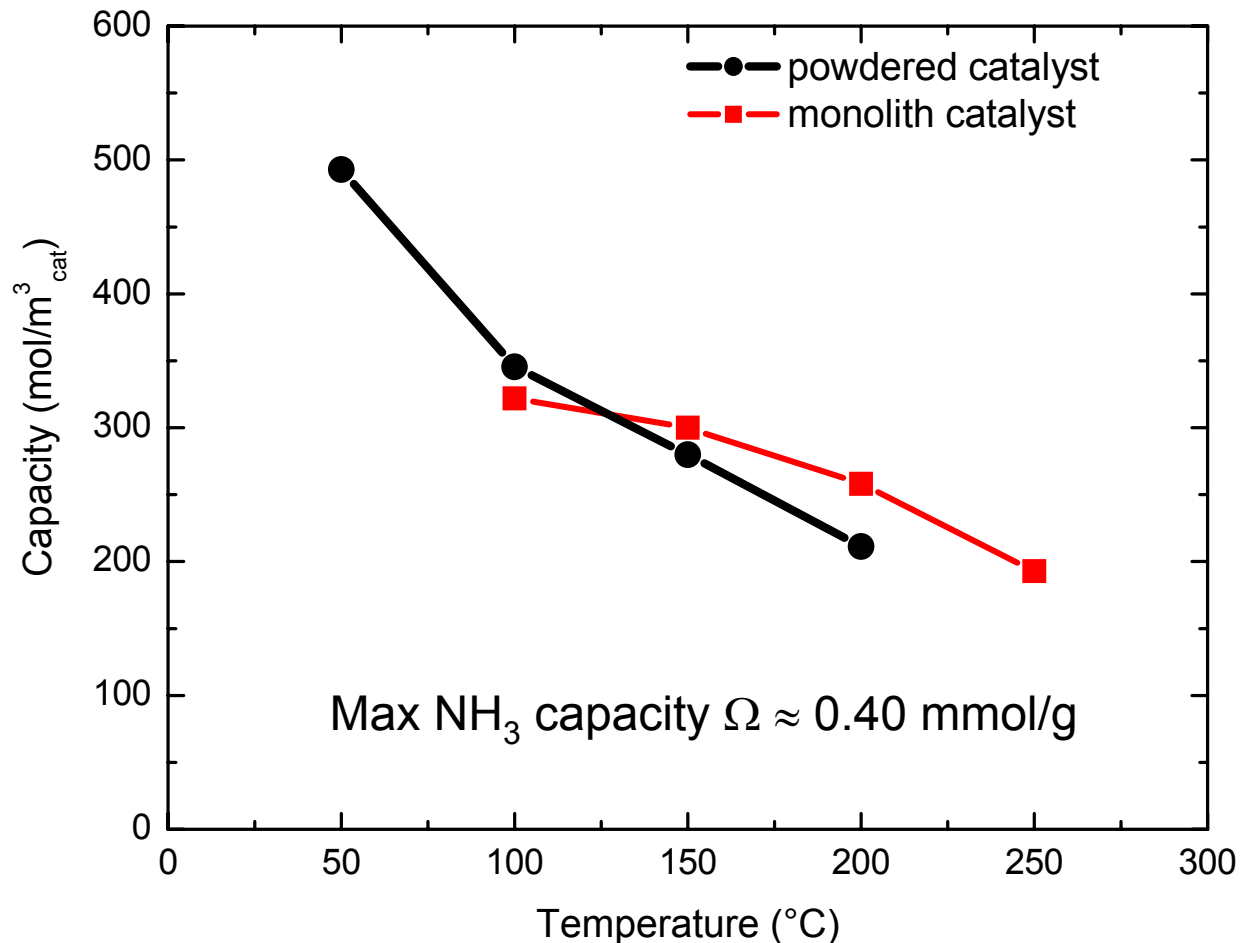


○ Exp. NH₃
— Calc. NH₃
- - - Inlet NH₃

*symbols: experimental;
solid lines: model fit*

NH₃ storage capacity

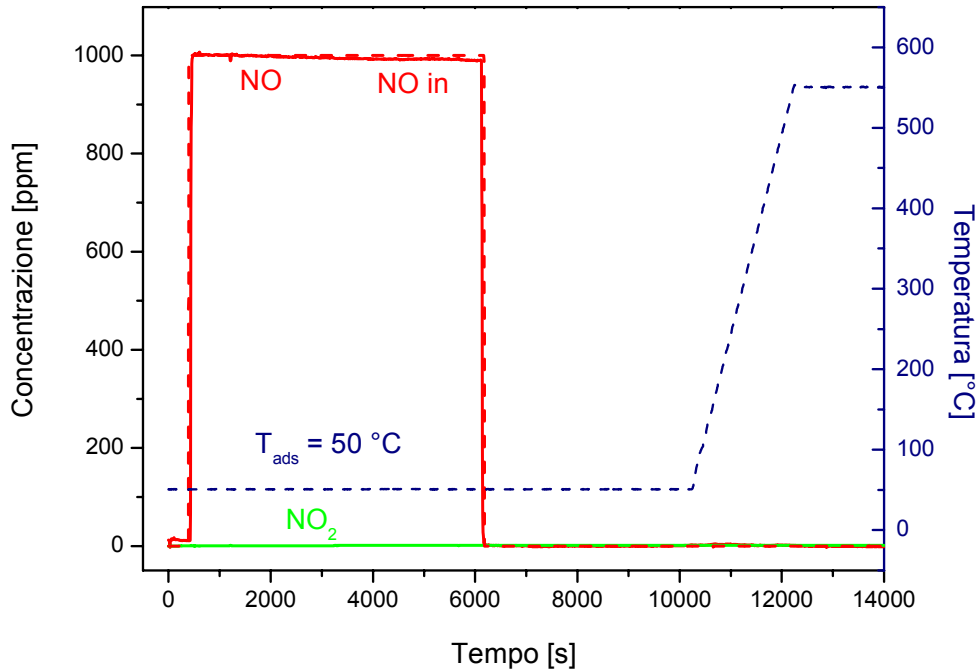
Equilibrium adsorption capacity vs. temperature for:
a) powdered catalyst (POLIMI microreactor runs)
b) monolith catalyst (DC runs in test rig)



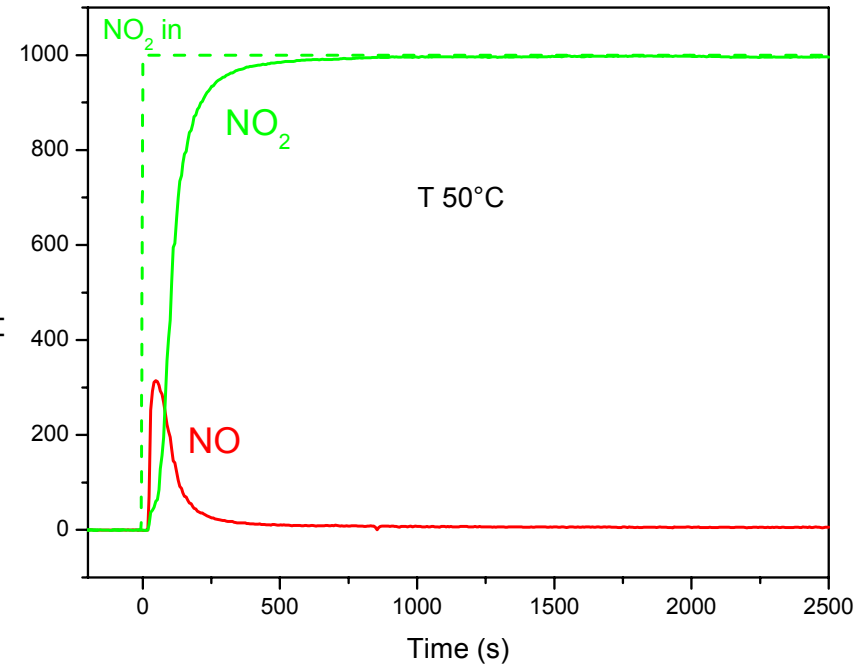
*V-based catalyst:
NO /O₂ & NO₂/O₂ Systems*

NO & NO₂ adsorption

NO adsorption



NO₂ adsorption



Experimental conditions:

Flow rate 280 Ncc/min

Temperature 50 °C

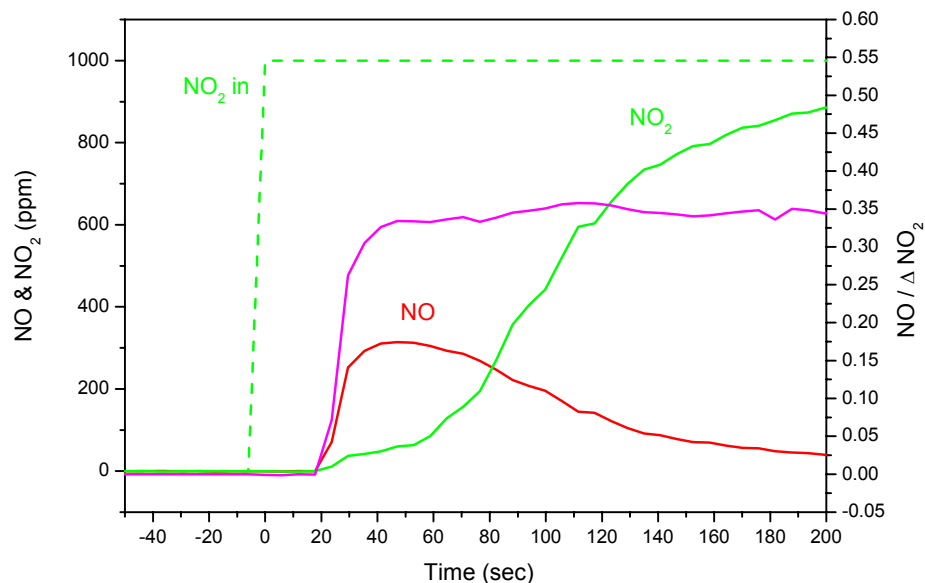
Catalyst load 100 mg

NO₂ 1000 ppm

O₂ 2% H₂O 1%

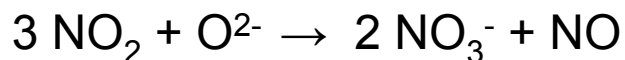
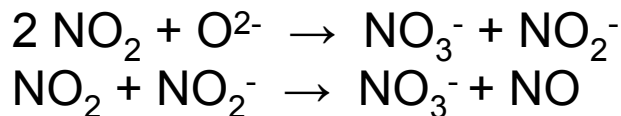
NO₂ disproportionation route

Nitrate formation



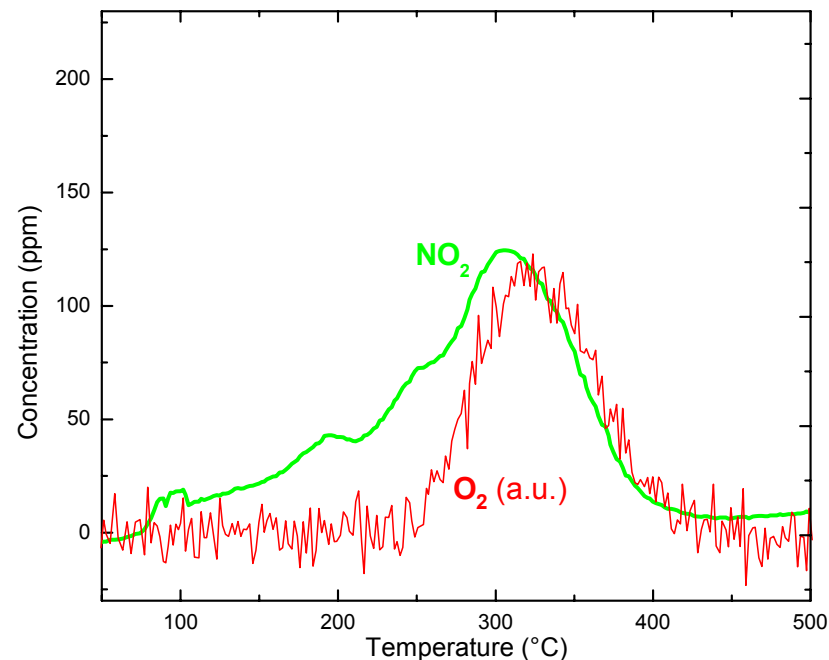
Max NO₃⁻ storage capacity = 0.20 mmol/g

Nitrate decomposition (TPD)



→ $\text{NO}/\Delta \text{NO}_2 = 1/3$

NO₂ storage mechanism similar to LNTs!



On TiO₂: Despres et al., Appl. Catal. B 43 (2002) 389

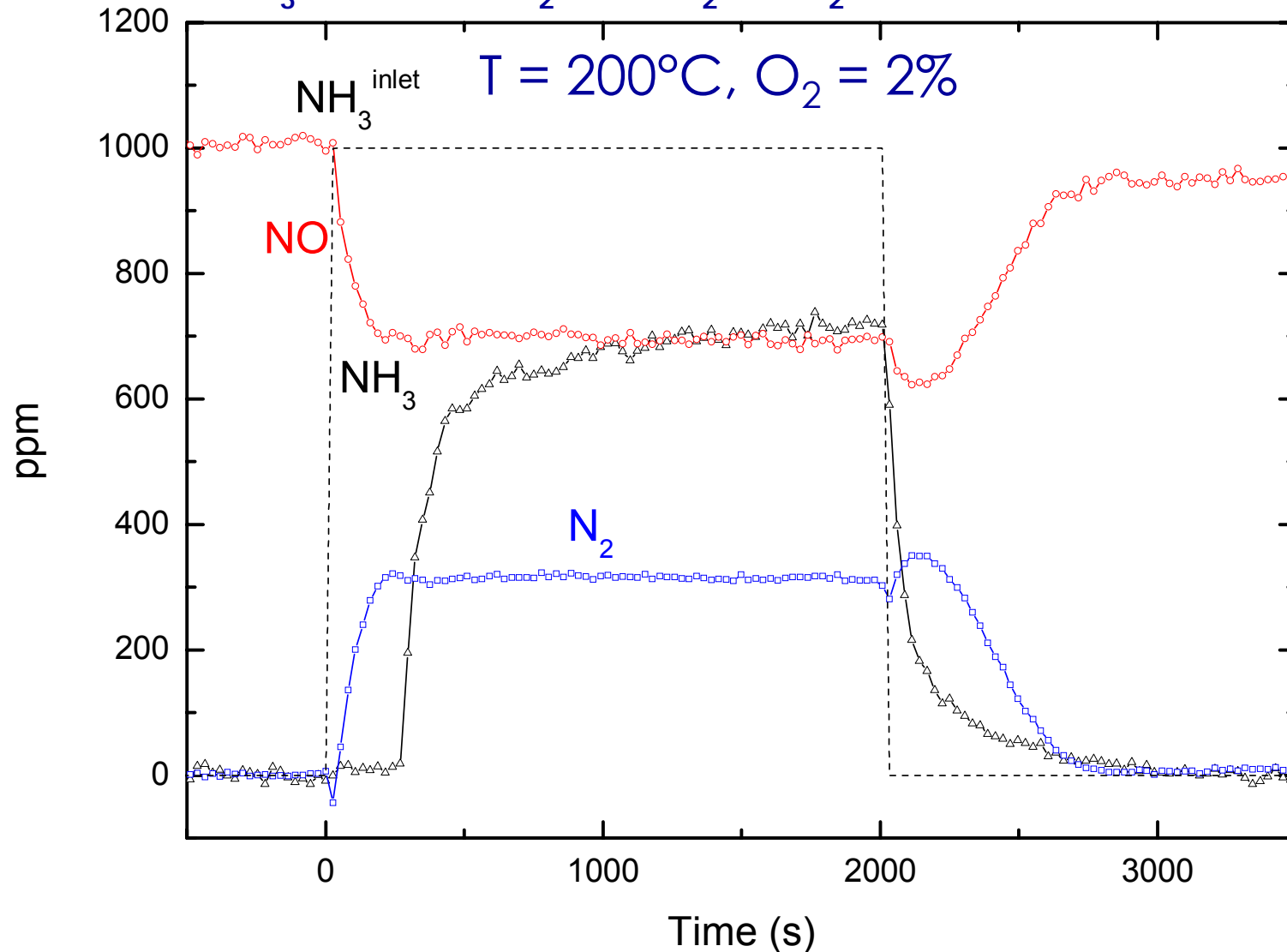
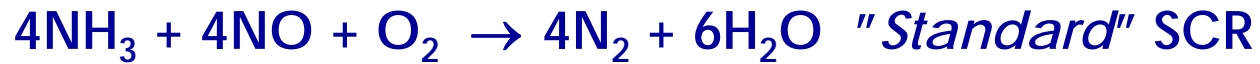
On Al₂O₃: Apostolescu et al., Appl. Catal. B 51 (2004) 43

*V-based catalyst:
NH₃ + NO/O₂ System*

Transient response experiments

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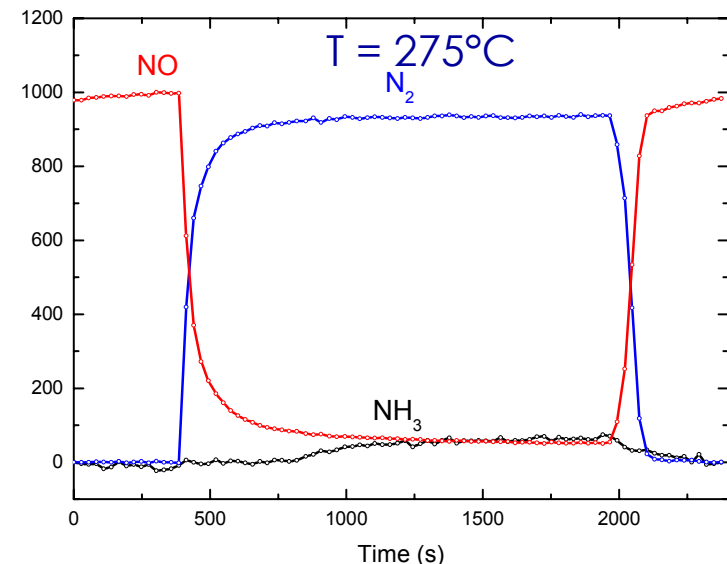
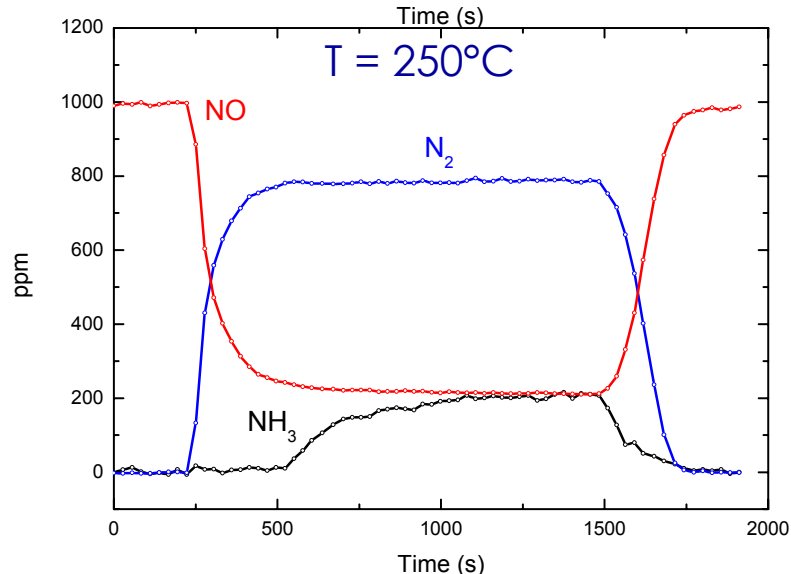
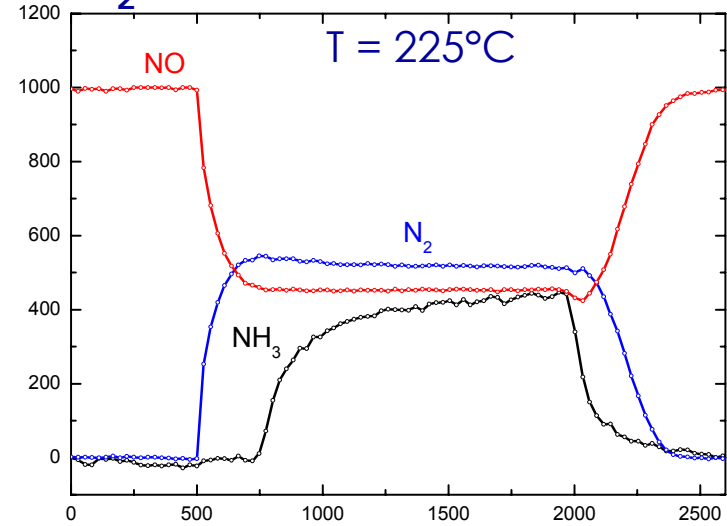
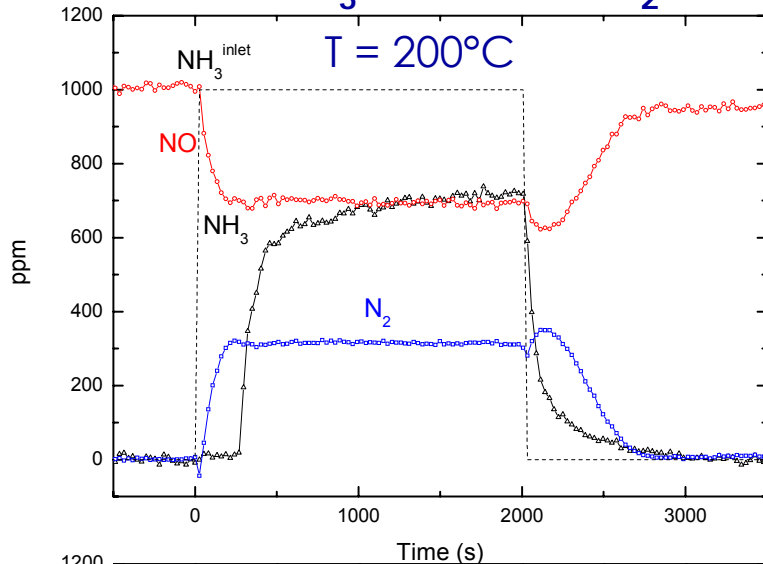
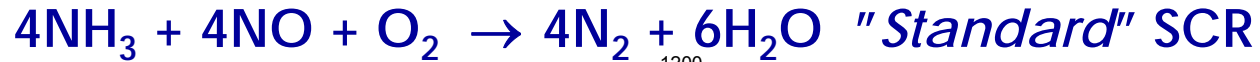
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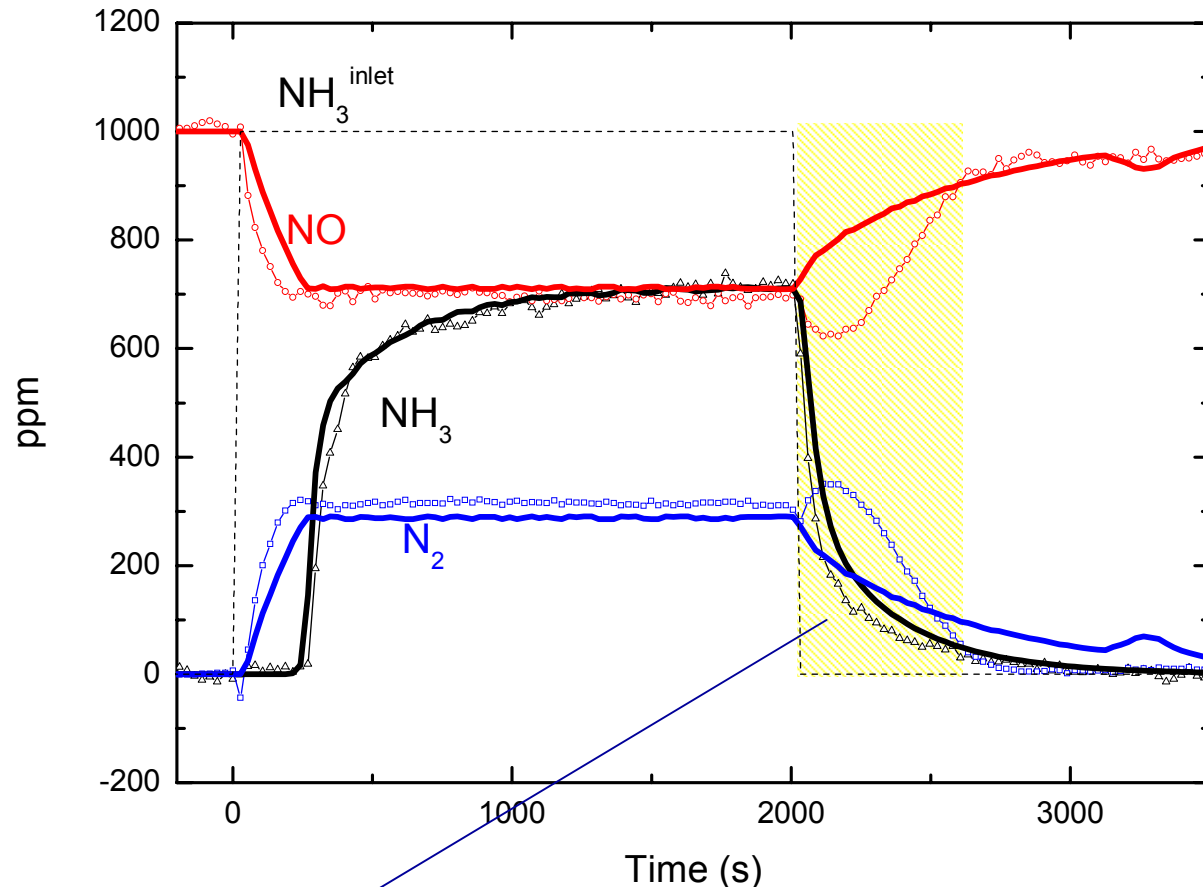
Std. SCR: Rate expressions

1. Eley-Rideal Kinetics (ER)

(*) C. Ciardelli, I. Nova, E. Tronconi, B. Konrad, D. Chatterjee, K. Ecke, M. Weibel, Chem. Eng. Sci. 59 (2004) 5301.

$$r_{NO} = k_{NO}^o \exp\left[-\frac{E_{NO}^o}{RT}\right] \cdot C_{NO} \cdot \theta$$

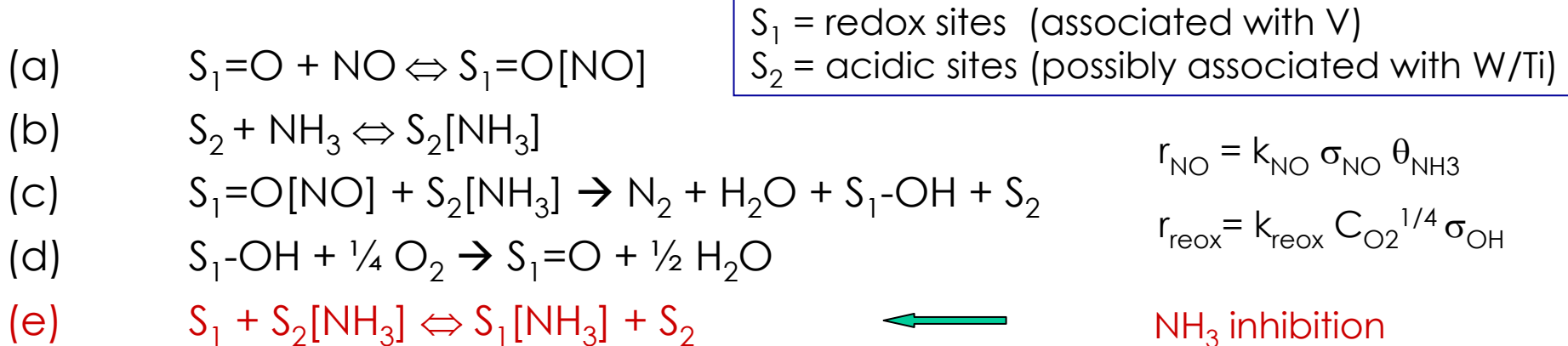
GHSV = 90000 h⁻¹;
C_{NO} = C_{NH3} = 1000 ppm;
C_{H2O} = 1%;
C_{O2} = 2%;
T = 200°C



Unable to reproduce the NH₃ inhibition effect at low T

Std. SCR: Rate expressions

2. Derivation of a Dual-site Redox rate law



Overall balances of S_1 - and S_2 -sites:

$$1 = \sigma_O + \sigma_{NO} + \sigma_{NH_3} + \sigma_{OH} \quad ; \quad 1 = \theta_{free} + \theta_{NH_3}$$

On imposing that $r_{NO} = r_{reox}$, assuming quasi-equilibrium for steps (a) and (e) and assuming negligible surface concentration of adsorbed NO,

$$r_{NO} = \frac{k_{NO}^o \cdot e^{-E^o_{NO}/RT} C_{NO} \theta_{NH_3}}{\left(1 + K_{NH_3} \frac{\theta_{NH_3}}{1 - \theta_{NH_3}}\right) \left(1 + k_{O_2} \frac{C_{NO} \theta_{NH_3}}{C_{O_2}^{1/4}}\right)}$$

"Modified Redox"
rate law

Std. SCR: Rate expressions

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E. Tronconi et al. Cat. Tod. 105 (2005) 529

E. Tronconi et al. AIChE J 52 (2006) 3222

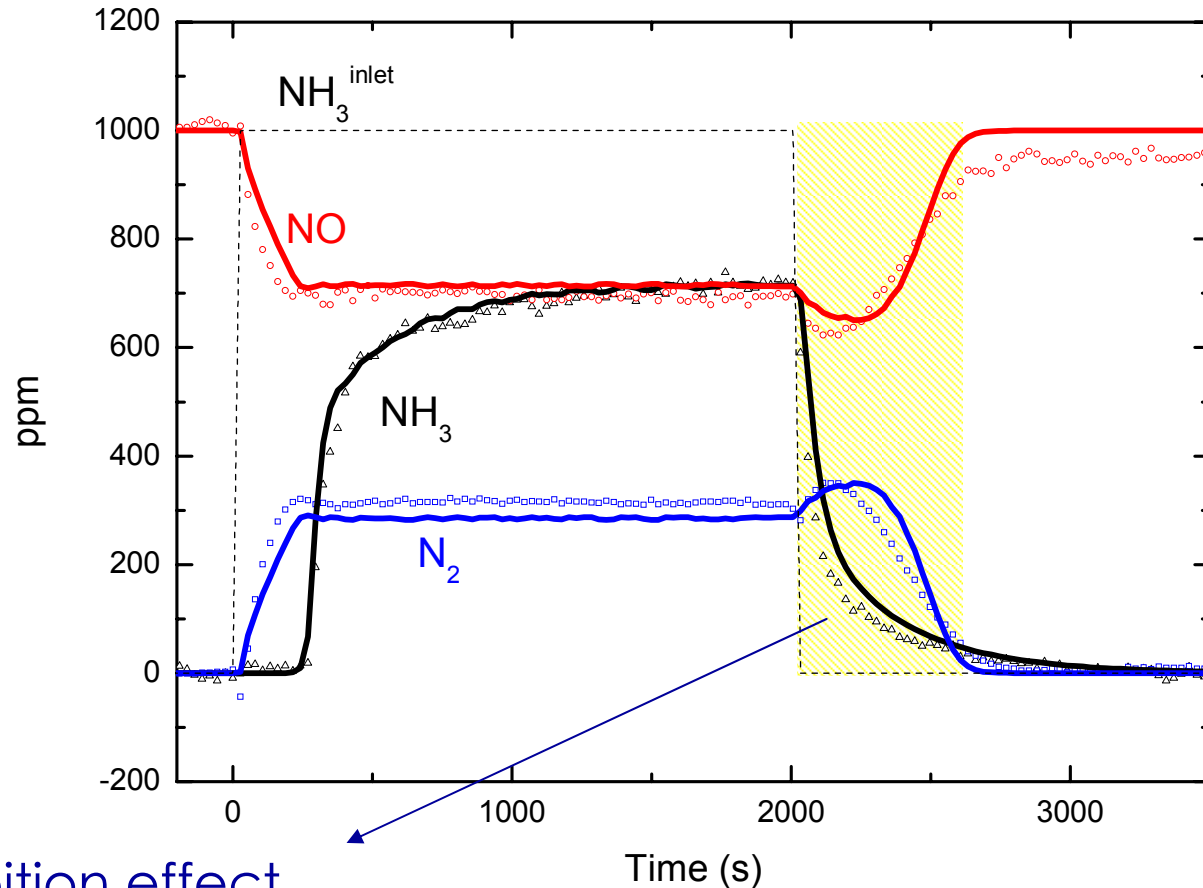
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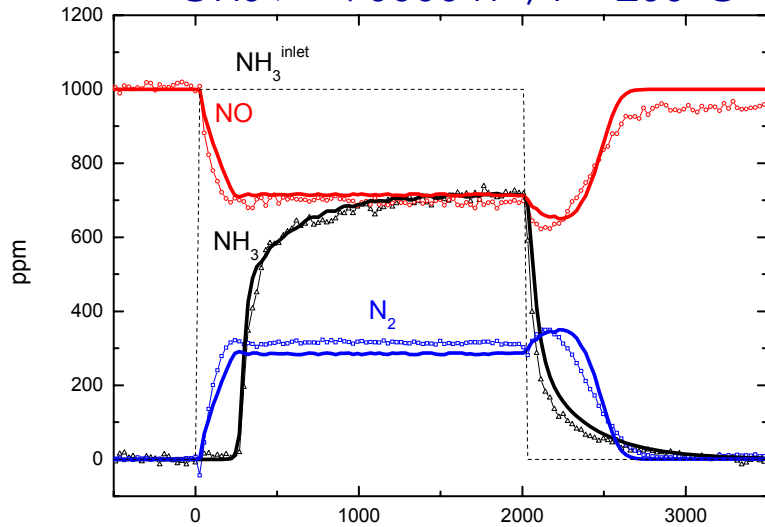


reproduces the NH₃ inhibition effect

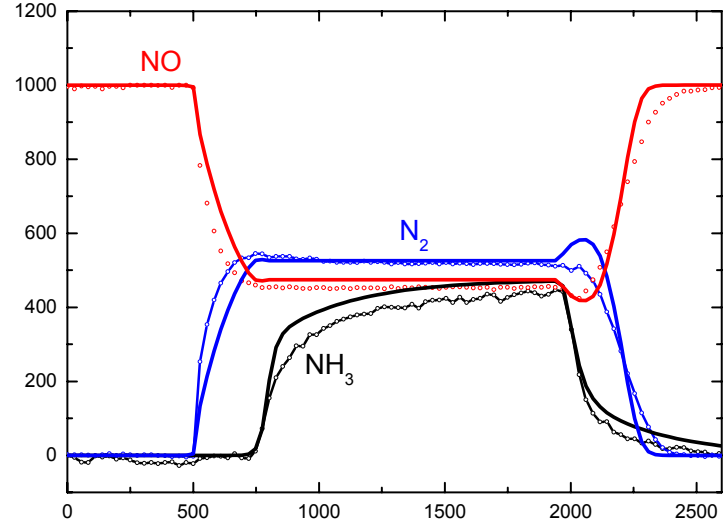
Fit results – MR kinetics ($C_{O_2} = 2\%$)

$C_{NO} = C_{NH_3} = 1000$ ppm; $C_{H_2O} = 1\%$;

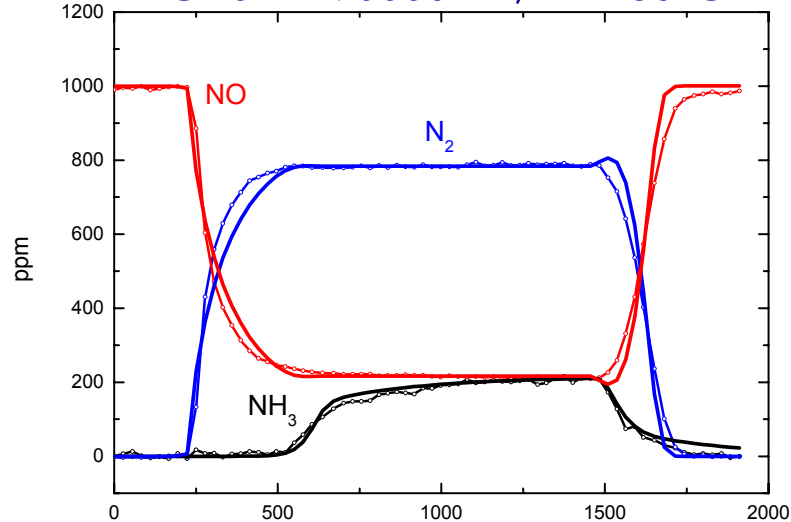
GHSV = 90000 h⁻¹; T = 200°C



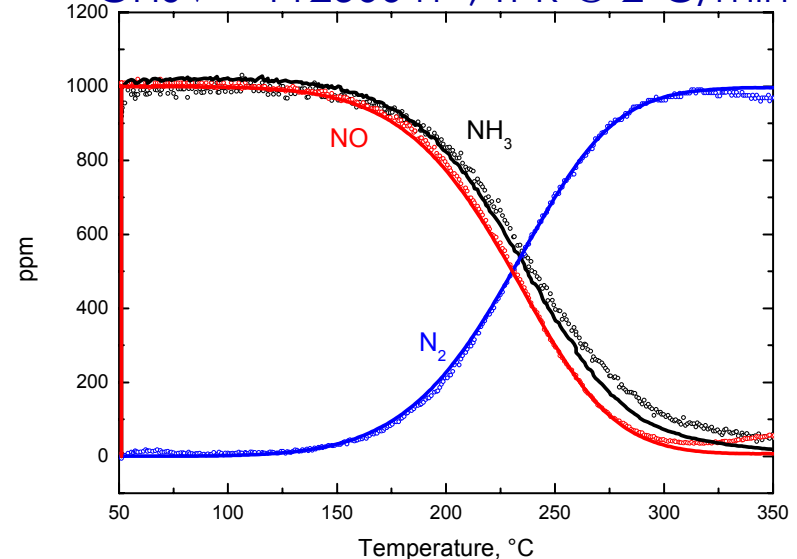
GHSV = 90000 h⁻¹; T = 225°C



GHSV = 90000 h⁻¹; T = 250°C



GHSV = 112500 h⁻¹; TPR @ 2°C/min

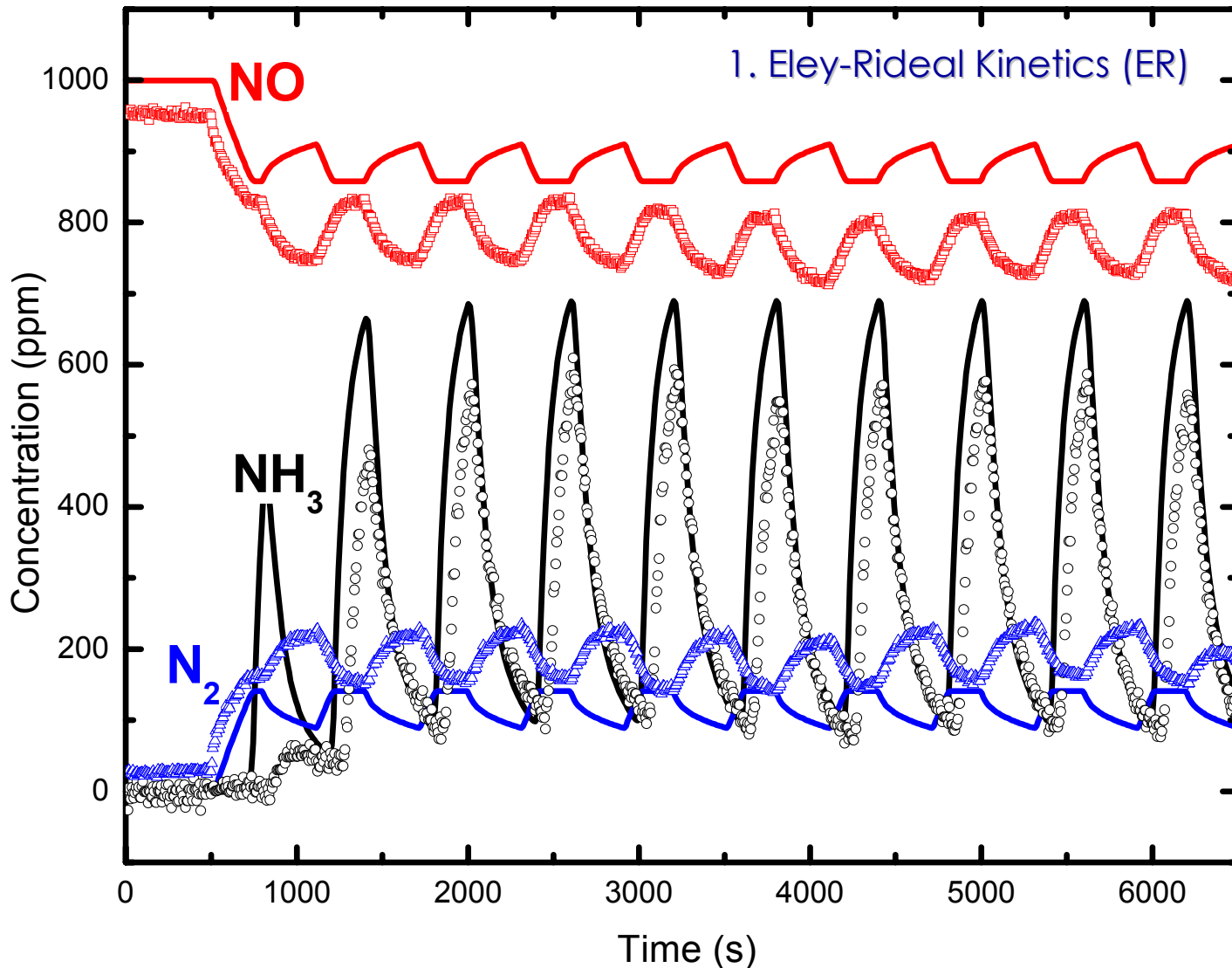


Time (s)
symbols: experimental; solid lines: model fit

Temperature, °C

Eley-Rideal vs. Redox SCR Kinetics

Simulation of $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NO}/\text{O}_2$ fast transients over powdered catalyst



T = 180°C

GHSV = 90000 h⁻¹

NO = 1000 ppm

NH₃ = 0-1000 ppm

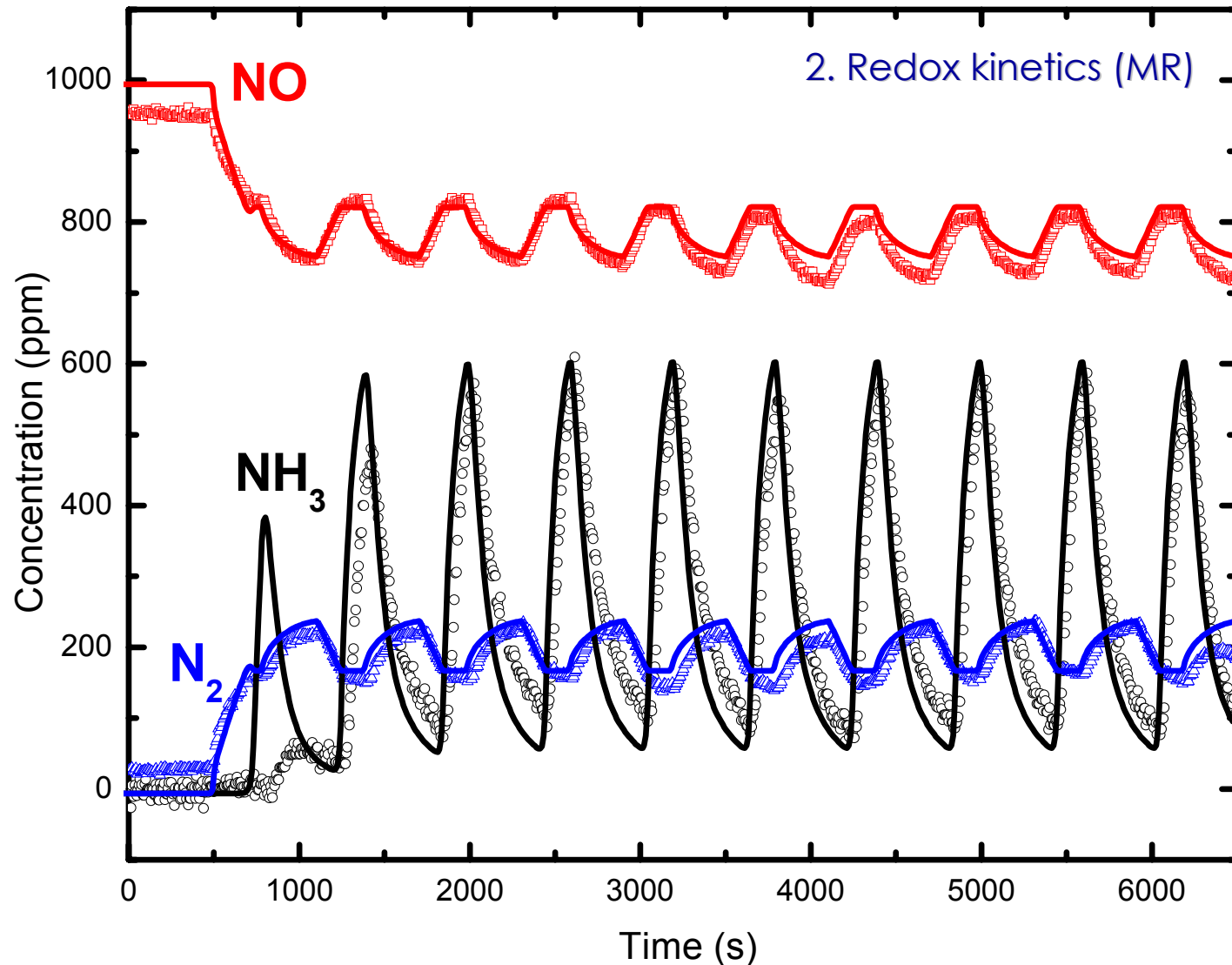
300 s on/300 s off

H₂O = 1%;

O₂ = 2%

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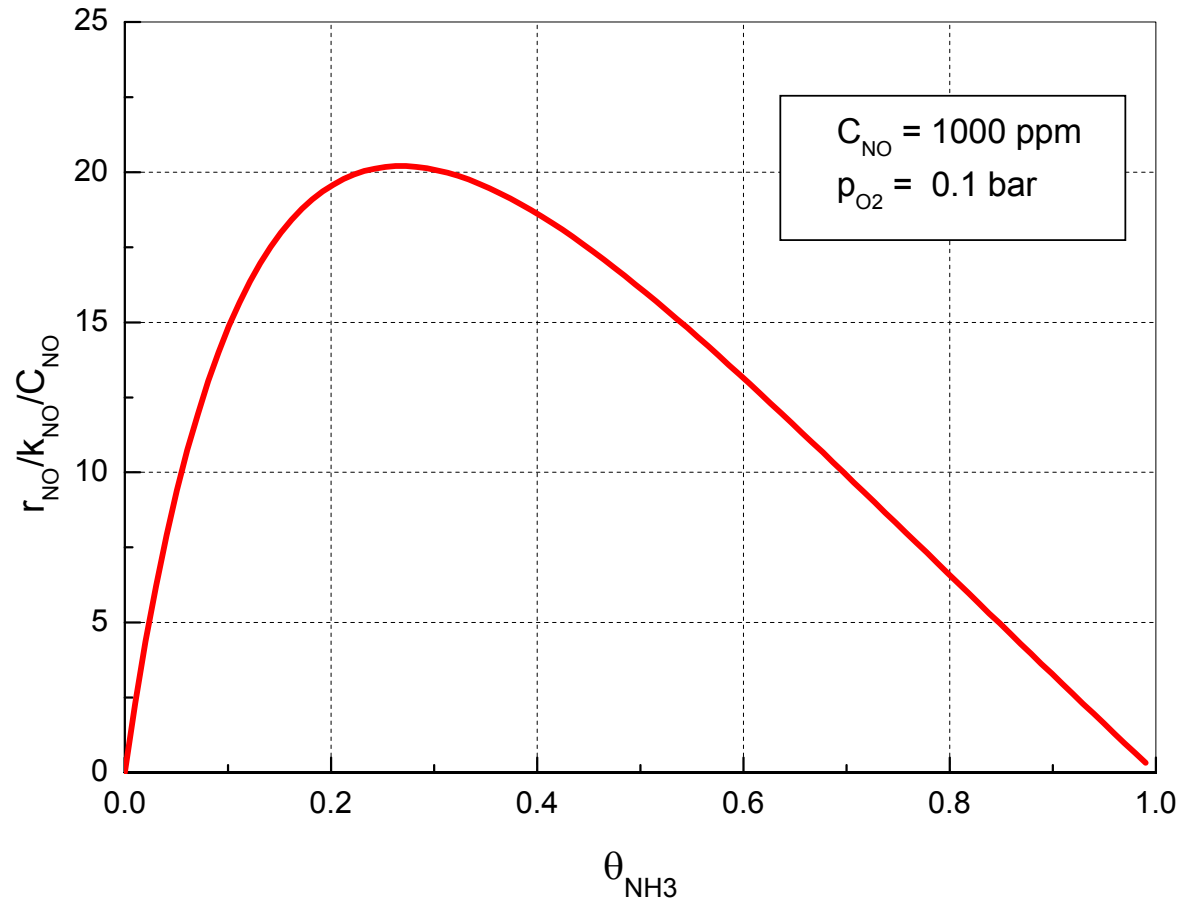
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O₂ = 2%

Redox kinetics: optimal NH_3 coverage



*V-based catalyst:
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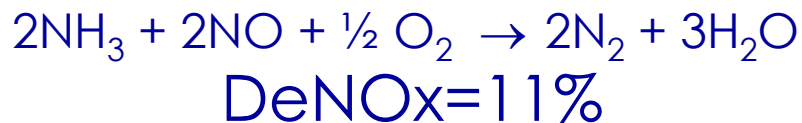
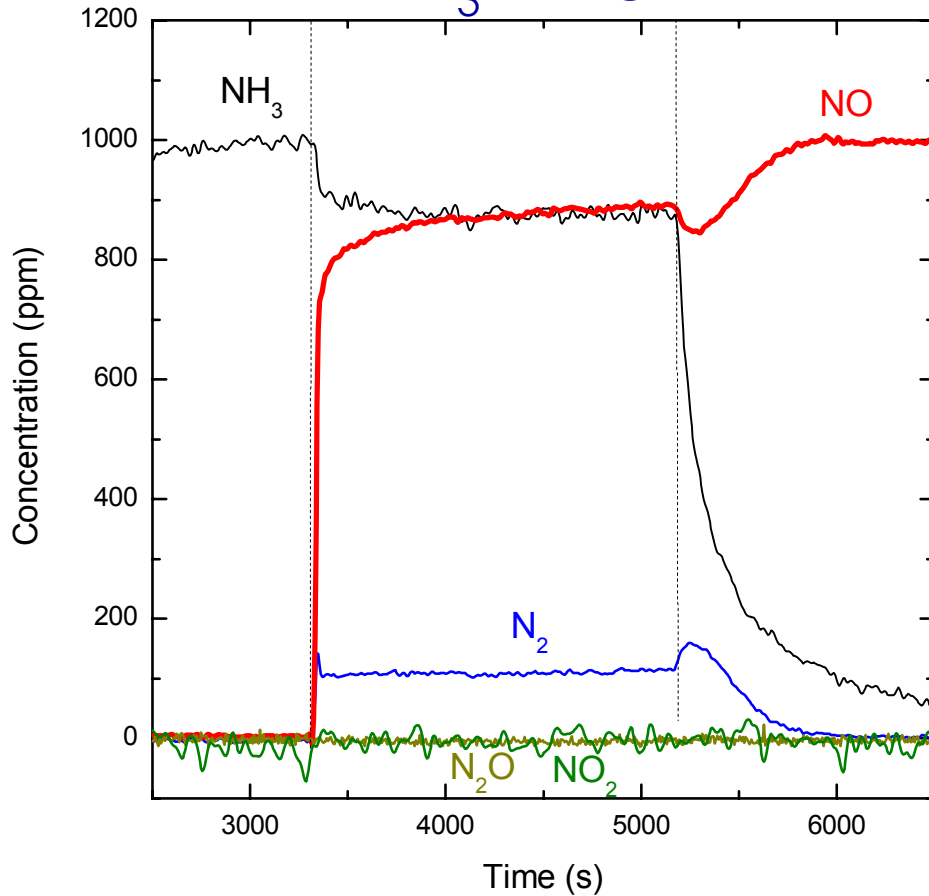
Chemistry & Mechanism

NO₂ promoting effect

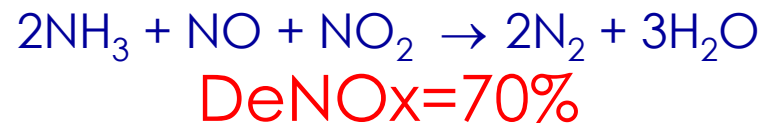
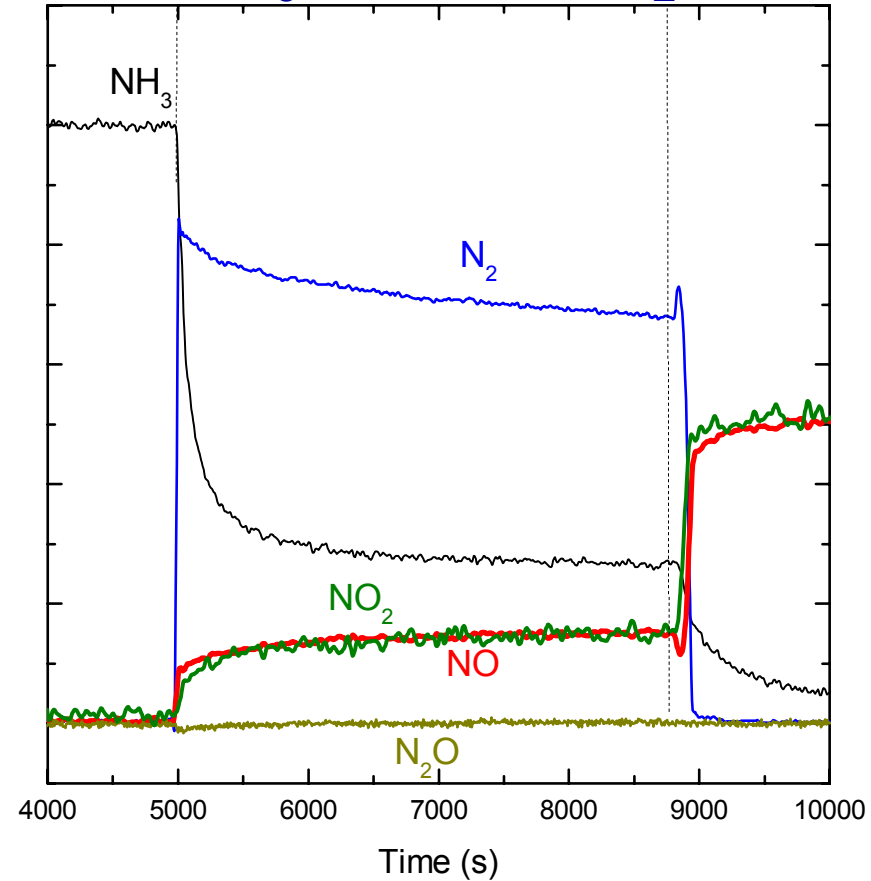
Experimental conditions:

GHSV= 210000 h⁻¹; T= 200 °C; C_{O₂}= 2 %; C_{H₂O}= 1%; C_{NH₃}= C_{NOx}= 1000 ppm

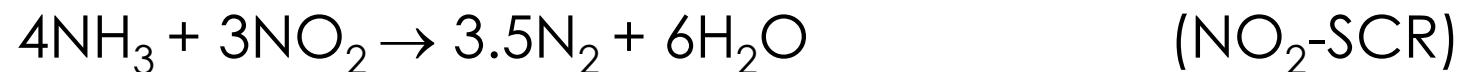
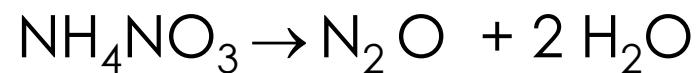
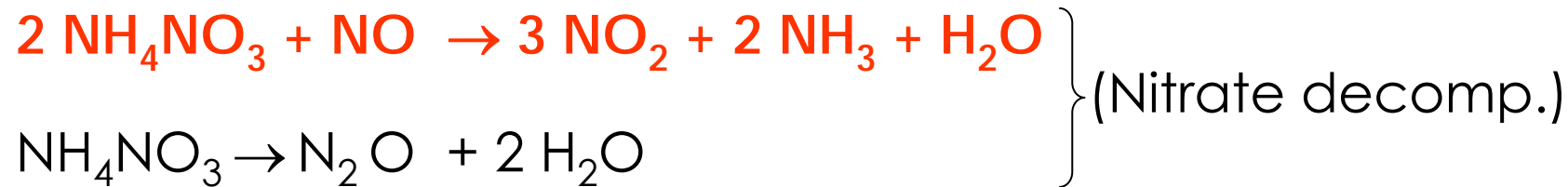
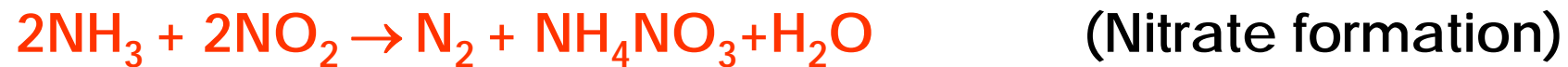
NH₃ + NO



NH₃ + NO + NO₂



Chemistry according to the literature



All regarded as parallel reactions

TRM experiments

Experimental conditions:

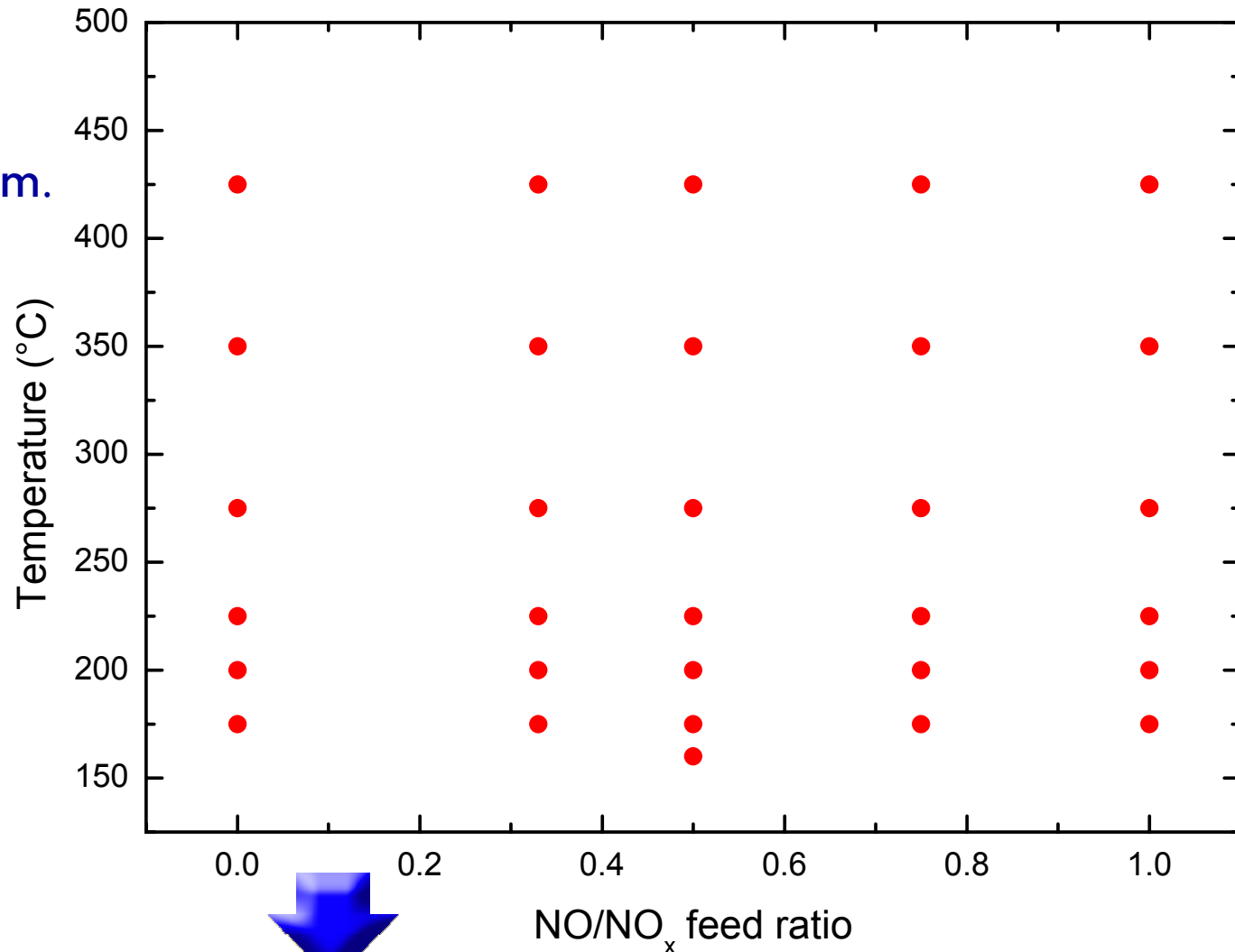
$GHSV = 210000 \text{ h}^{-1}$;

$T = 160\text{-}425 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$;

$C_{\text{O}_2} = 2 \%$; $C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1 \%$;

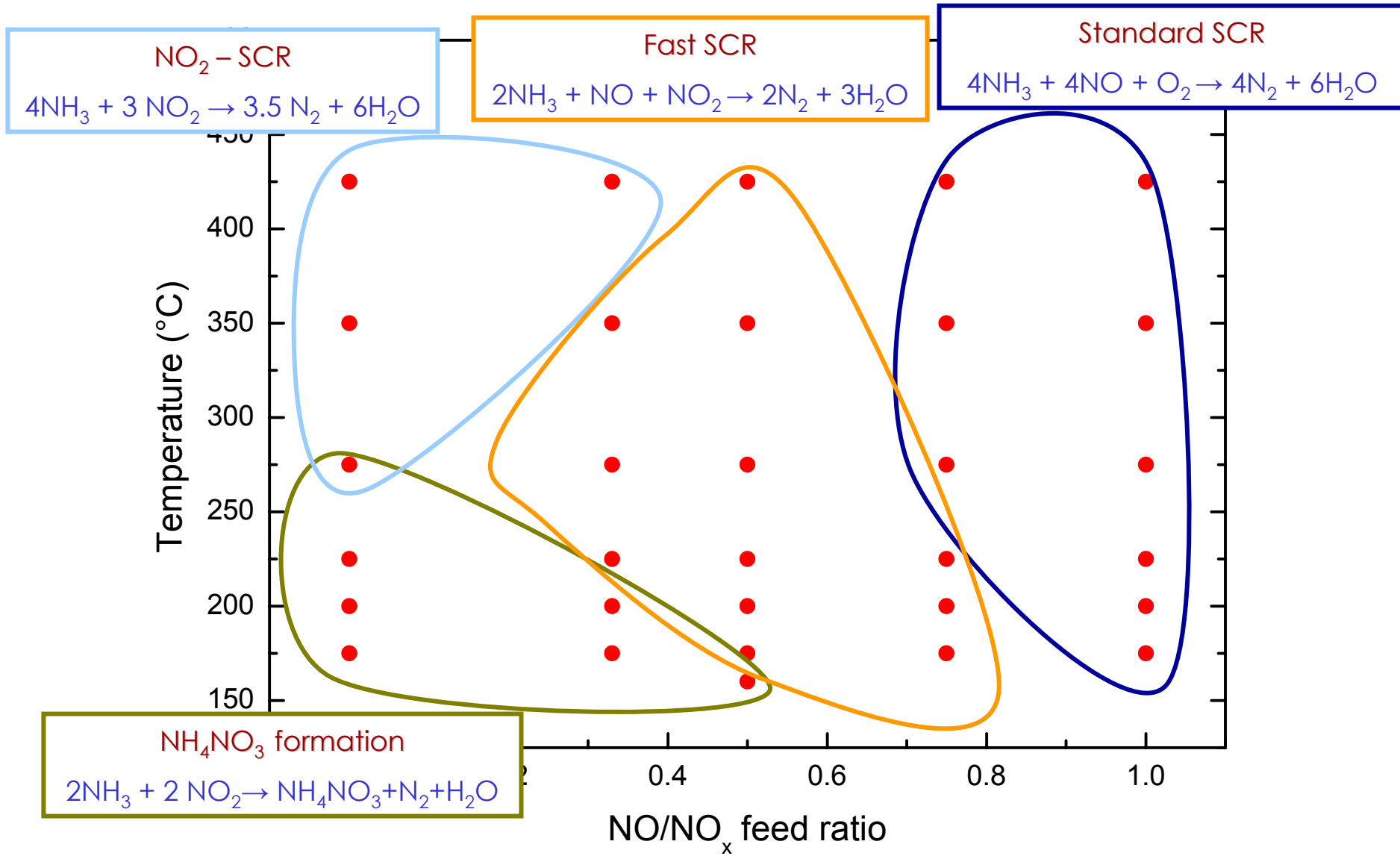
$C_{\text{NH}_3} = C_{\text{NO}_x} = 1000 \text{ ppm}$.

$R = \text{NO}/\text{NO}_x = 0 \rightarrow 1$



Wide range of T and NO/NO_x feed ratios investigated

Reactions involved



Influence of NO₂ feed content

TRM experiments:

GHSV = 210,000 h⁻¹

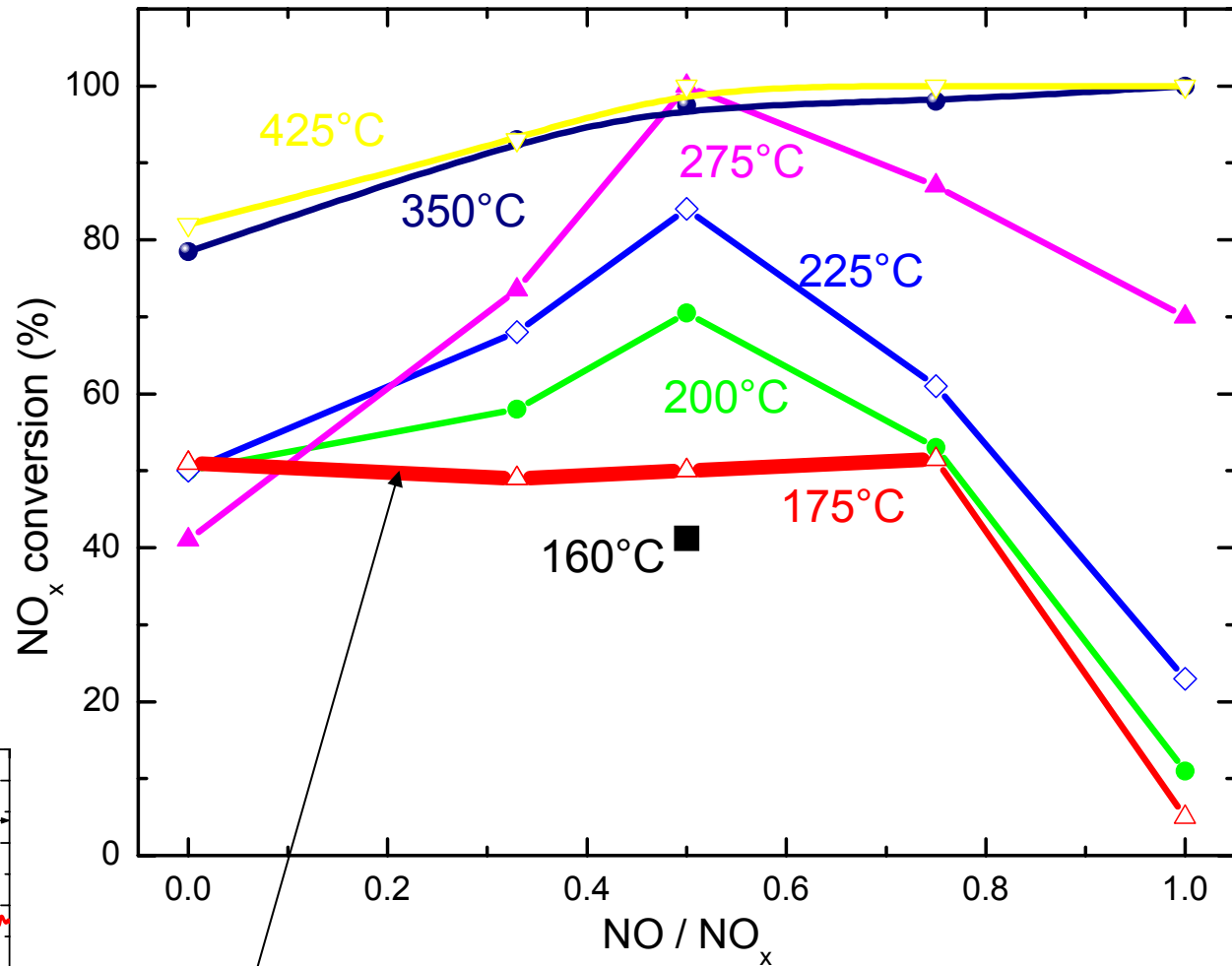
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C_{H₂O} = 1 %

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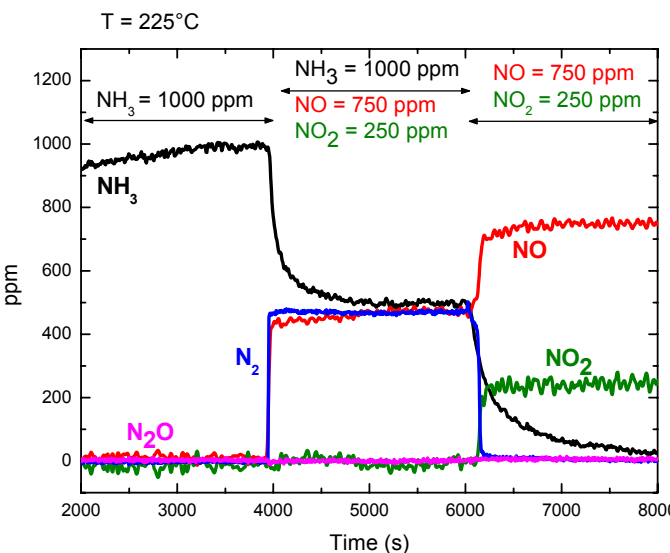
NO/NO_x = 0 → 1



Focus on effect of NO/NO₂ at 175 °C

I. Nova et al., Catal. Today 114 (2006) 3

C. Ciardelli et al., Appl.Catal. B: Environm. 70 (2007) 80

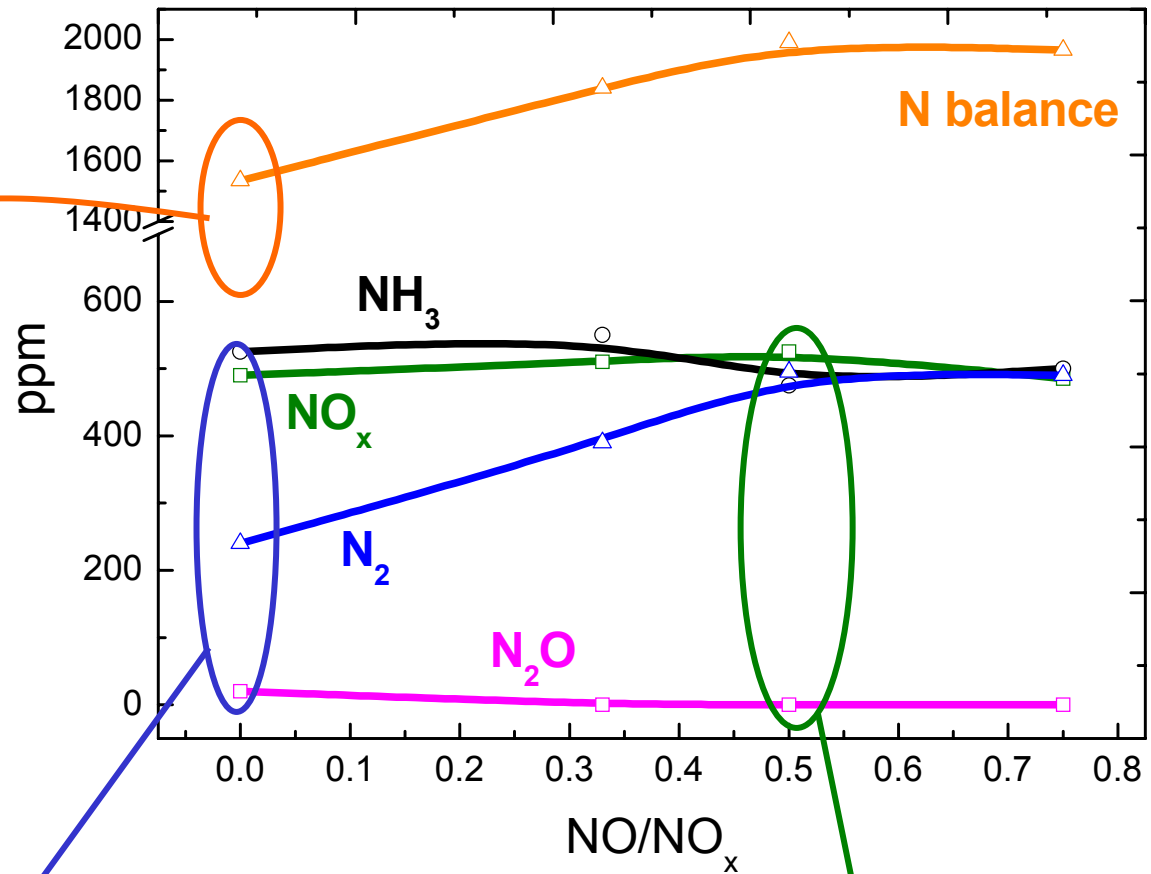


TRM NO-NO₂/NH₃ @ 175°C

Operating conditions:

1000 ppm NH₃
 1000 ppm NO_x
 1% H₂O
 2% O₂
 T = 175 °C
 GHSV = 210,000 h⁻¹

lack of 500 ppm in
 the N-balance
 ↓
 250 ppm NH₄NO₃



NH₄NO₃ formation

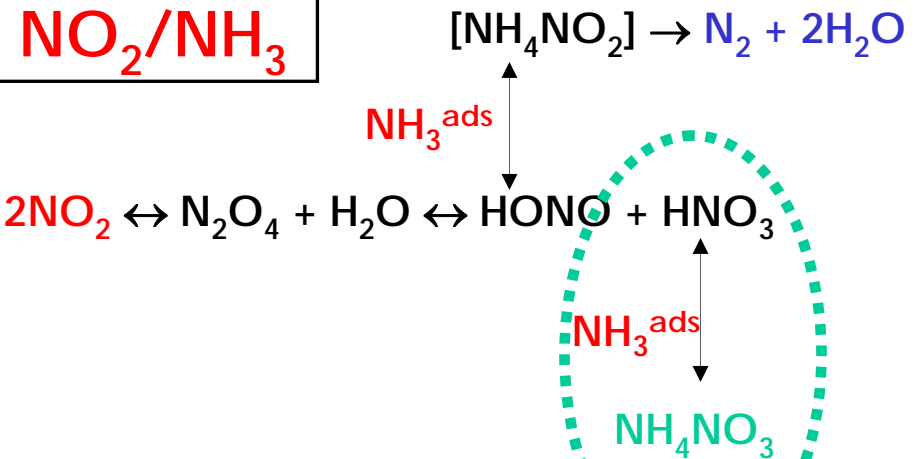


"Fast" SCR

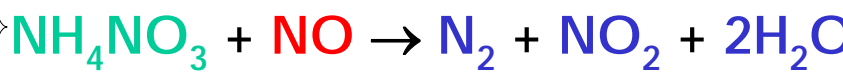
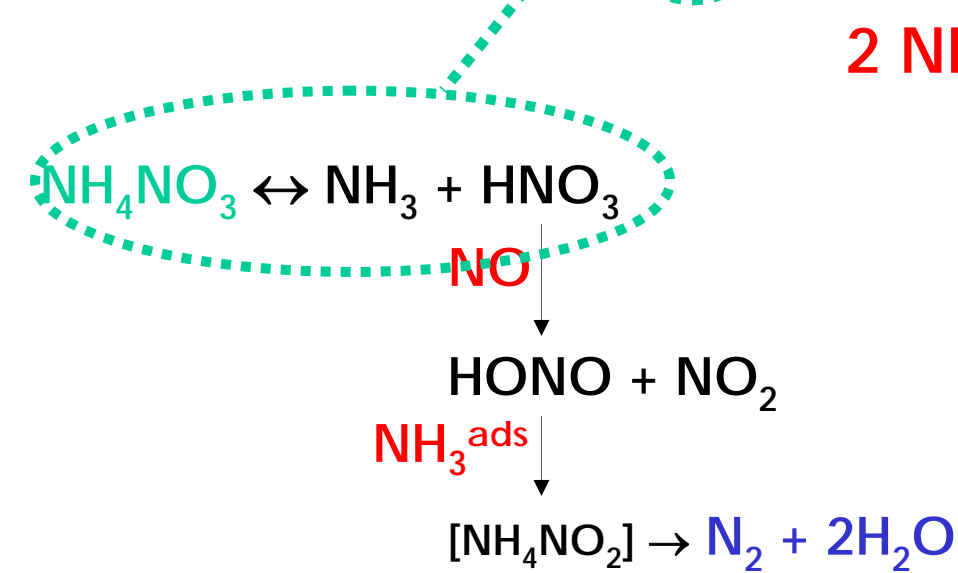


Chemistry of NO-NO₂/NH₃

NO₂/NH₃

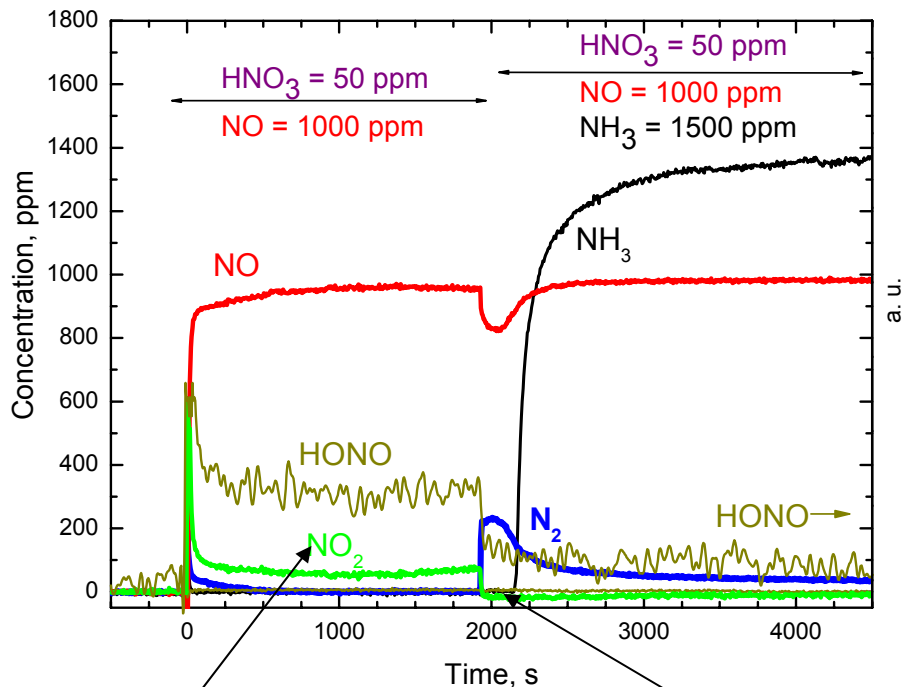


NO-NO₂/NH₃



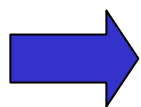
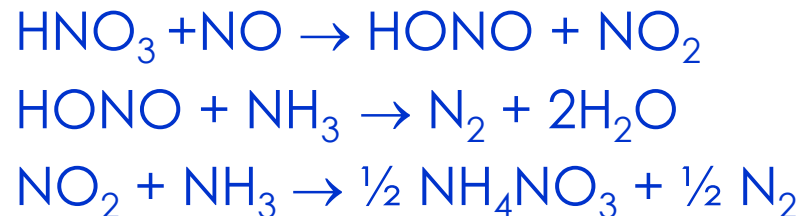
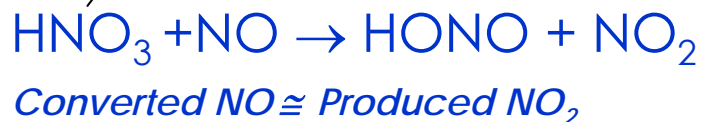
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 C. Ciardelli, I. Nova, E. Tronconi, D. Chatterjee, B. Bandl-Konrad, *Chem. Commun.* **23** (2004), 2718.
 Also: Yeom, Sachtler et al., *J. Catal.* **231** (2005) 181 over BaNa-Y zeolite

Fast SCR mechanism: NO + HNO₃ reaction



Conditions :

- $C_{O_2} = 0 \%$; $C_{H_2O} = 1\%$
- $C_{NH_3} = 1500 \text{ ppm}$
- $C_{NO} = 1000 \text{ ppm}$
- Feed stream saturated with $HNO_3 + H_2O @ 42^\circ C$
- $T = 200^\circ C$



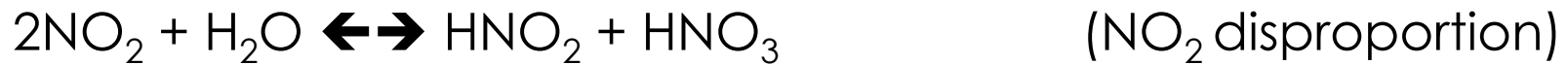
**NO reduces HNO₃,
but NH₃ is necessary to arrive at N₂**

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NH₃ + NO/NO₂/O₂ System*

Kinetic analysis

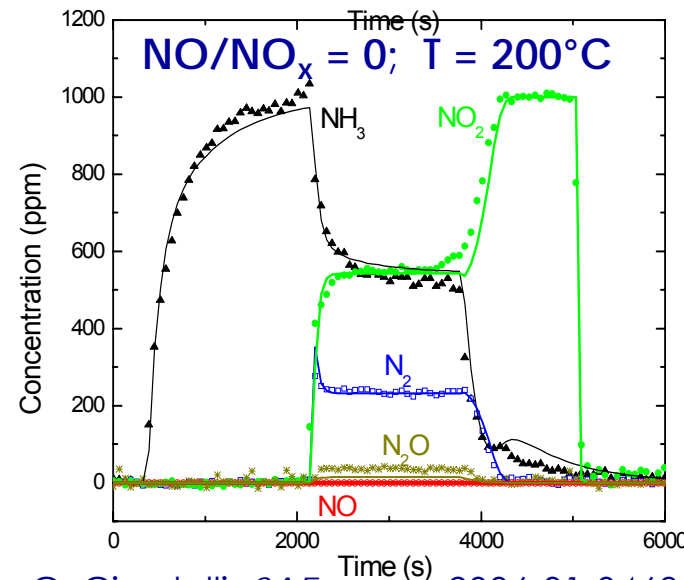
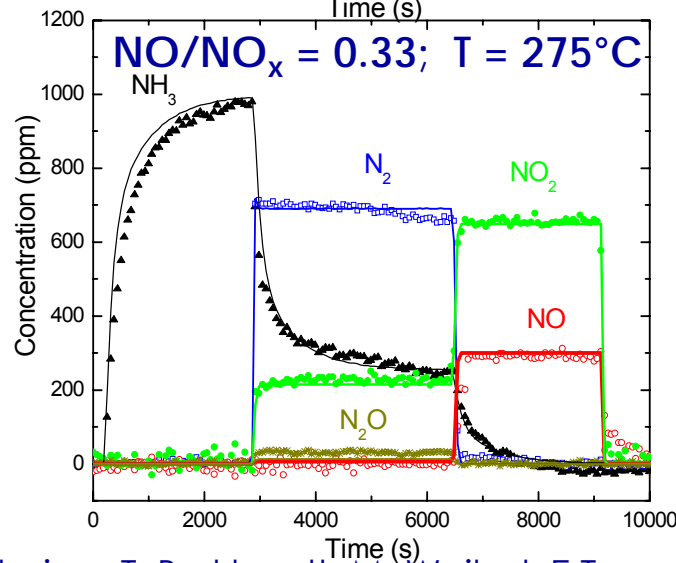
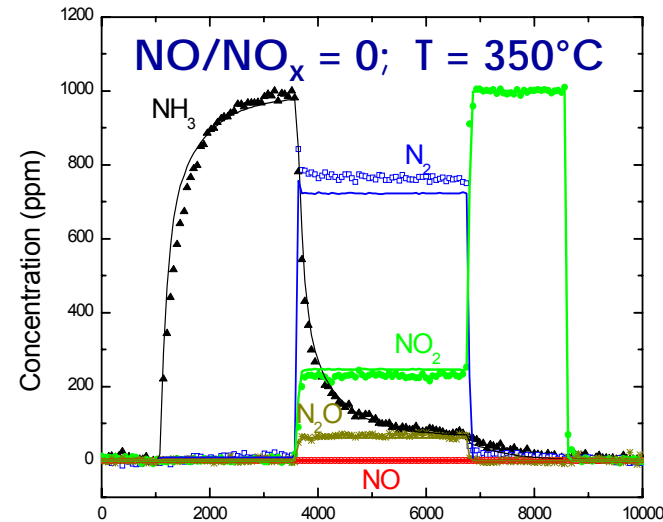
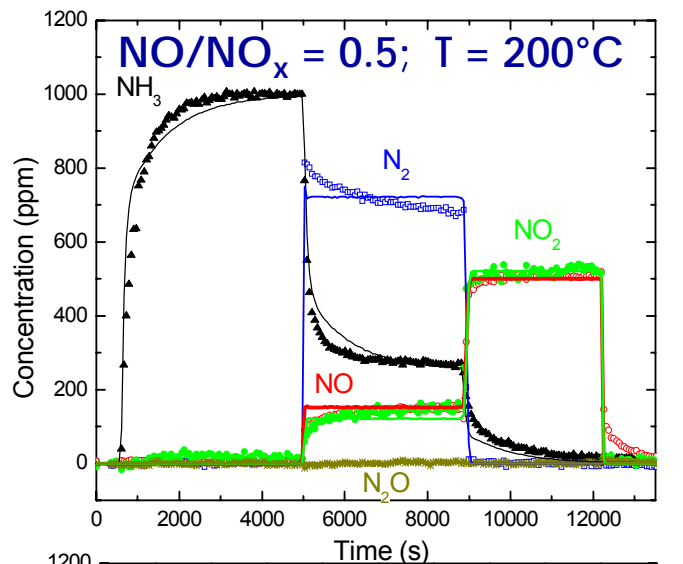
Kinetic analysis

Reactions considered:

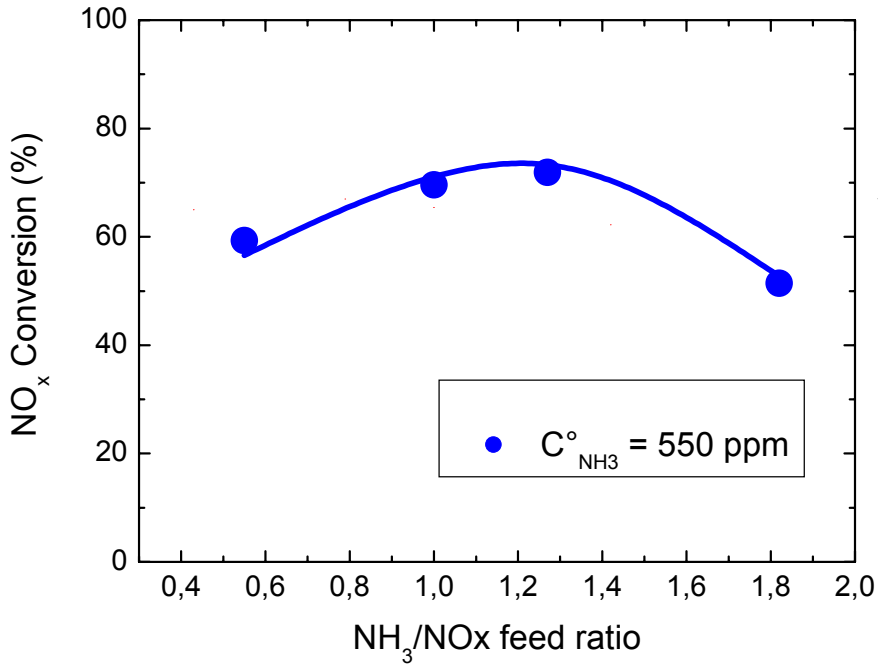


Fit results

Global fit of more than 50 kinetic runs: $160 < T < 450^{\circ}\text{C}$;
 $92000 < \text{GHSV} < 210000 \text{ h}^{-1}$; $2\% < \text{O}_2 < 6\%$; $0 < \text{NO}/\text{NO}_x < 1$



Fit results: influence of NH_3/NO_x & NO/NO_x



Conditions:

$\text{GHSV} = 210,000 \text{ h}^{-1}$;

$T = 200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$;

$C_{\text{O}_2} = 2\%$; $C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1\%$;

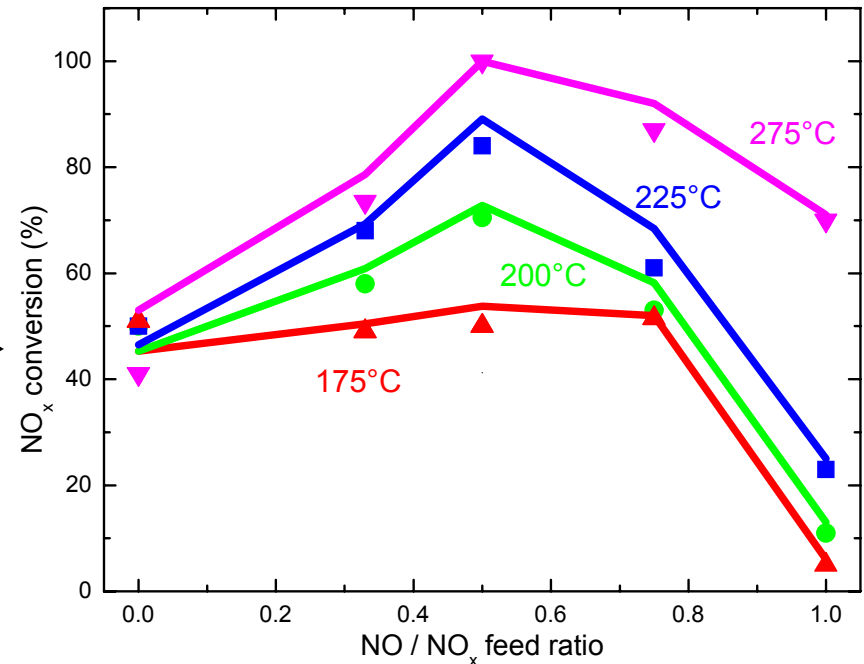
$\text{NO}/\text{NO}_x = 0.5$

Conditions:

$\text{GHSV} = 210,000 \text{ h}^{-1}$;

$C_{\text{O}_2} = 2\%$; $C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1\%$;

$\text{NH}_3/\text{NO}_x = 1$



Fit results: dynamic features

$\text{NH}_3 + \text{NO}/\text{NO}_2/\text{O}_2$

$\text{GHSV} = 210,000 \text{ h}^{-1}$;

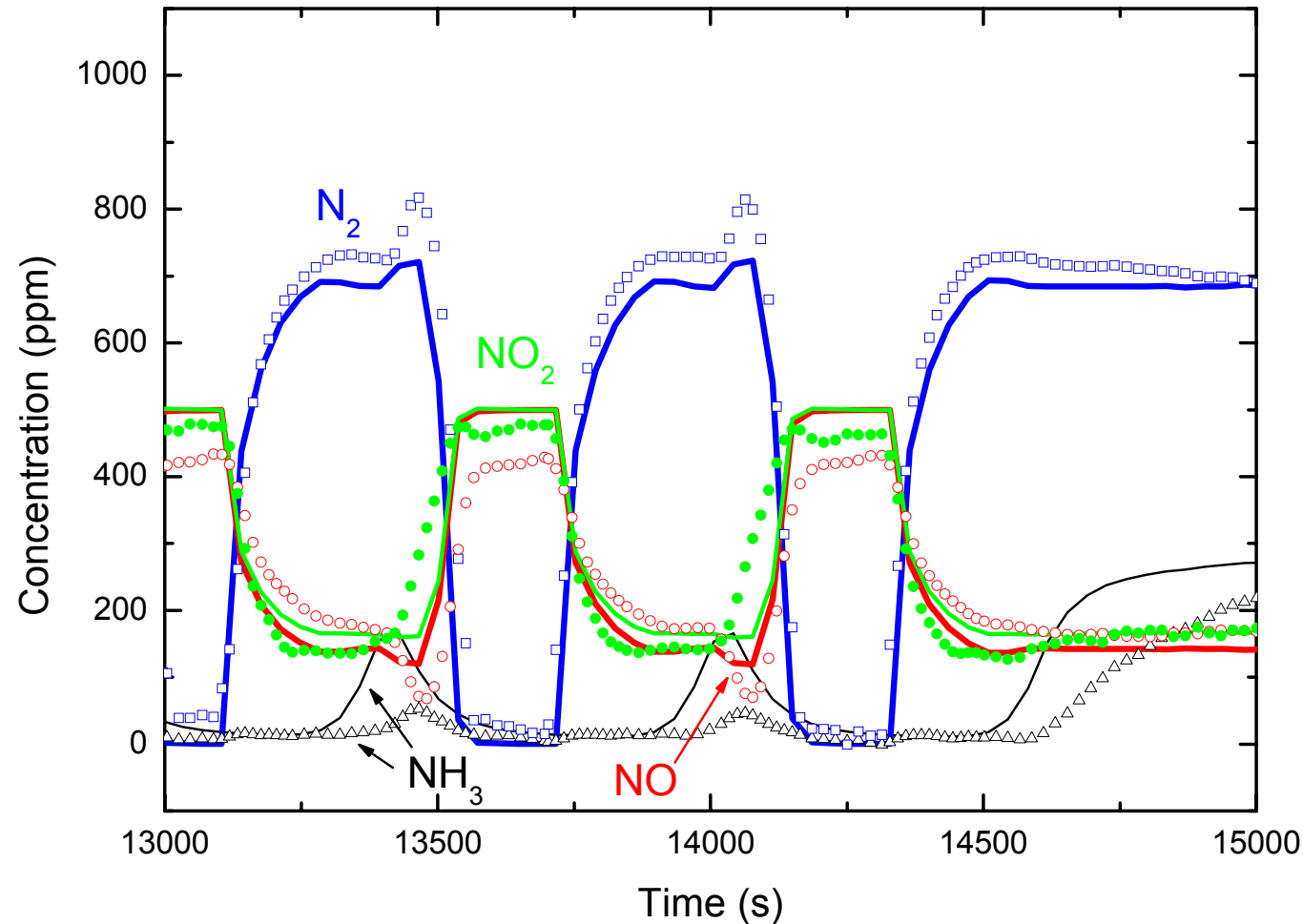
$C_{\text{NH}_3} = 1000 \text{ ppm}$;

$C_{\text{NO}} = C_{\text{NO}_2} = 500 \text{ ppm}$;

$C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1\%$;

$C_{\text{O}_2} = 2\%$;

$T = 200^\circ\text{C}$

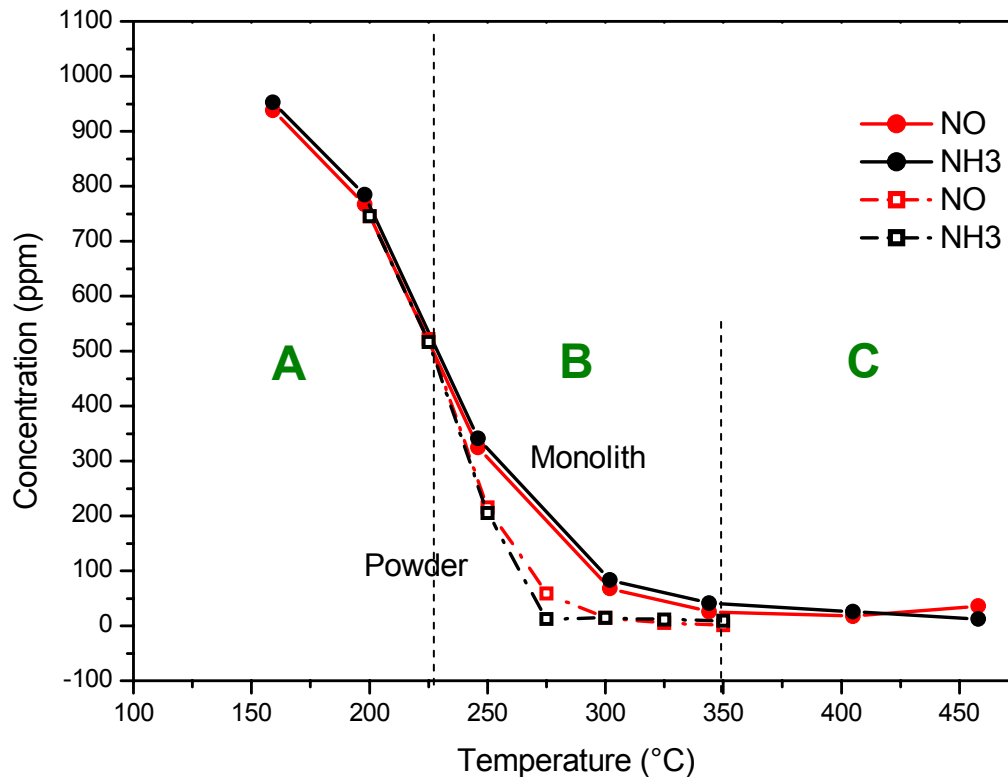


SCR dynamics are governed by ads/des of both NH_3 and nitrates!

Influence of NO_2 on SCR dynamics has to be taken into account in the Urea DCU

*V-based catalyst:
Modeling & Scale-up*

Standard SCR reaction: Monolith vs. Powder



Conditions:

- $\text{NH}_3:\text{NO} = 1000:1000$ ppm
- Cat. Mass= 12.8g Monolith – 0.16g Powder
- GHSV= 46000 Ncc/(h*g) Monolith (= 36000 h⁻¹)
= 45000 Ncc/(h*g) Powder
- $\text{O}_2 = 2\%$ $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1\%$

Notes:

Zone A: $T < 225^\circ\text{C}$

Kinetic control

Zone B: $225 < T < 350^\circ\text{C}$

Mass transfer control



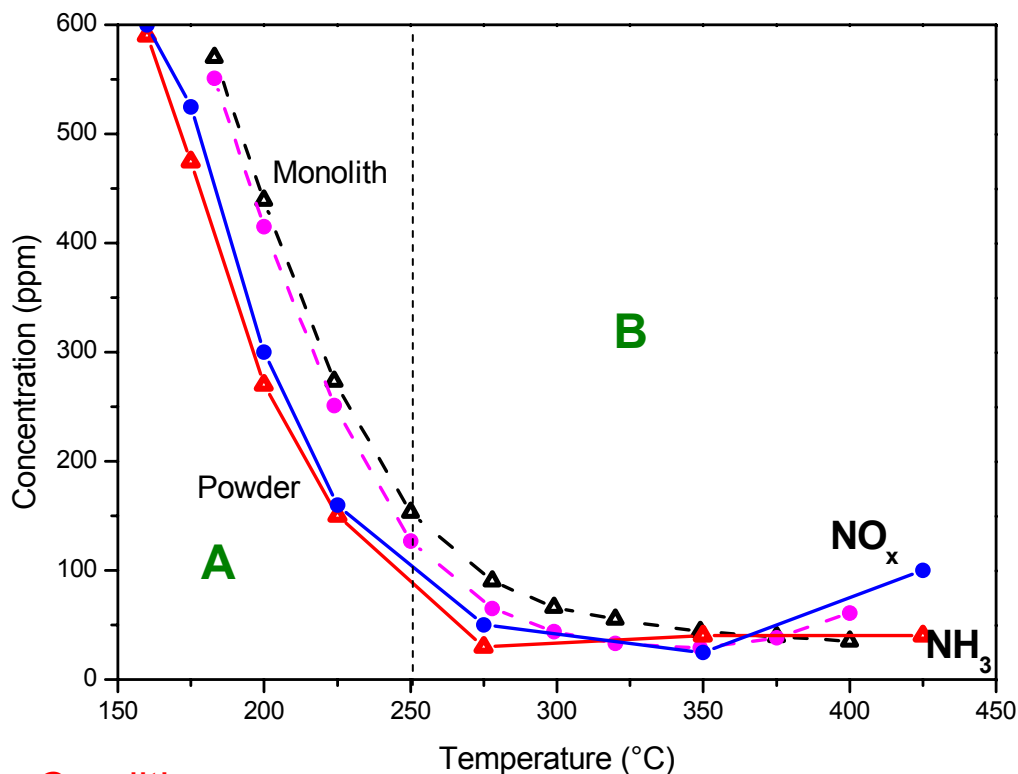
monolith less active than powder

Zone C: $T > 350^\circ\text{C}$

total conversion

Role of diffusional resistances
in monolithic converters

Fast SCR reaction: Monolith vs. Powder



Conditions:

- NH₃:NO:NO₂ = 1000:500:500 ppm
- Weight: 12.8g Monolith – 0.16g Powder
- GHSV: 105000 Ncc/(h*g) Monolith (= 82000 h⁻¹)
105000 Ncc/(h*g) Powder
- O₂ = 2% H₂O = 1%

Notes:

Kinetic control never prevails over monolith because reaction is fast even at low T

Zone A

T < 250 °C

Mass transfer control:

monolith less active than powder

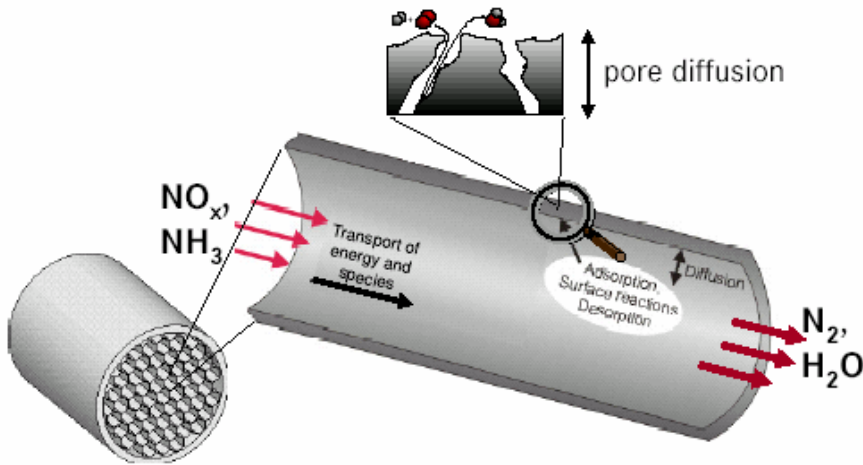
Zone B

T > 250 °C

Total conversion over both catalysts in spite of different mass transfer behavior
Possible role of gas-phase reactions in monolith?

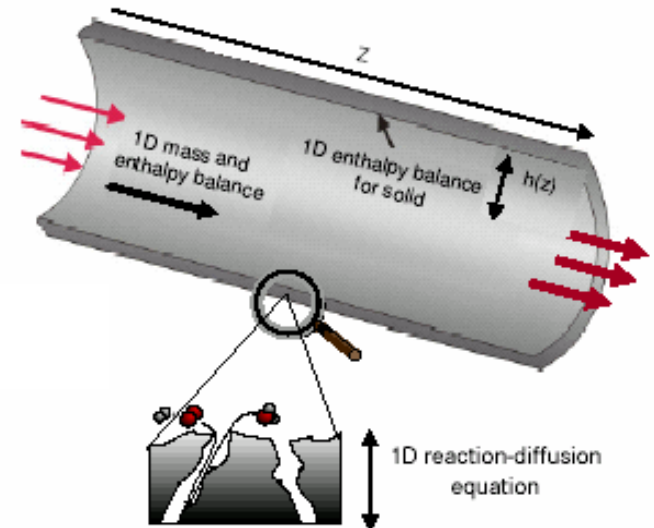
Role of diffusional resistances in monolithic converters

Monolithic SCR Converter Model



- Extruded monoliths \rightarrow the 1D+1D model accounts also for intraporous diffusion within the catalytic substrate.
- Modeling of one representative channel.
- 1D mass and enthalpy balances for gas and solid phase.

- Gas-solid mass and heat transport by means of transfer coefficients, $h(z)$.
- 1D reaction-diffusion equations to account for diffusional limitations within the catalytic wall
- Evaluation of effective diffusivities $D_{\text{eff},j}$ from morphological data according to a modified "random pore" model (Wakao-Smith).



E. Tronconi et al., IEC Res. 37 (1998) 2341

D. Chatterjee et al., SAE technical paper 2005-01-0965

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Monolithic Reactor Model

Transient, two-phase, single channel, 1D+1D mathematical model of SCR honeycomb reactors

Mass and enthalpy balances:

Gaseous species: $j = 1, \text{NCG}$

Adsorbed species: $m=1, \text{NCA}$

In the gas phase:

$$\frac{\partial C_j}{\partial t} = -\frac{v}{L} \frac{\partial C_j}{\partial z} - \frac{4}{d_h} k_{mt,j} (C_j - C_j^W)$$

$$\Omega_m \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}_m}{\partial t} = R_m$$

$$\frac{\partial T_g}{\partial t} = -\frac{v}{L} \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial z} - \frac{4}{d_h} h(T_g - T_s) / (\rho_g C_p)$$

Gas - solid continuity:

$$0 = k_{mt,j} (C_j - C_j^W) + R_{eff,j}$$

In the solid phase:

$$0 = D_{eff,j} \frac{\partial^2 C_j^*}{\partial x^2} + S_W^2 R_j$$

$$R_{eff,j} = -\frac{D_{eff,j}}{S_W} \frac{\partial C_j^*}{\partial x} \Big|_W$$

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \frac{h(T_g - T_s) - \sum_{j=1}^{\text{NCG}} \Delta H_j R_{eff,j}}{\rho_s C_{p,s} S_W}$$

D. Chatterjee, T. Burkhardt, B. Bandl-Konrad, T. Braun, E. Tronconi, I. Nova, C. Ciardelli, *SAE technical paper 2005-01-965*

Validation – Full monolith scale

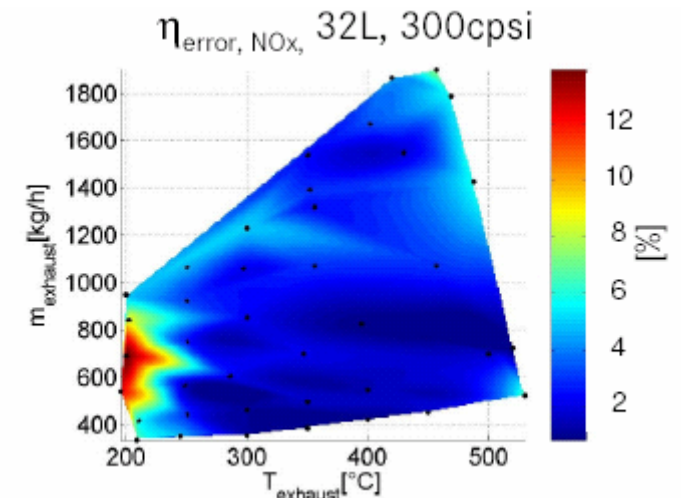
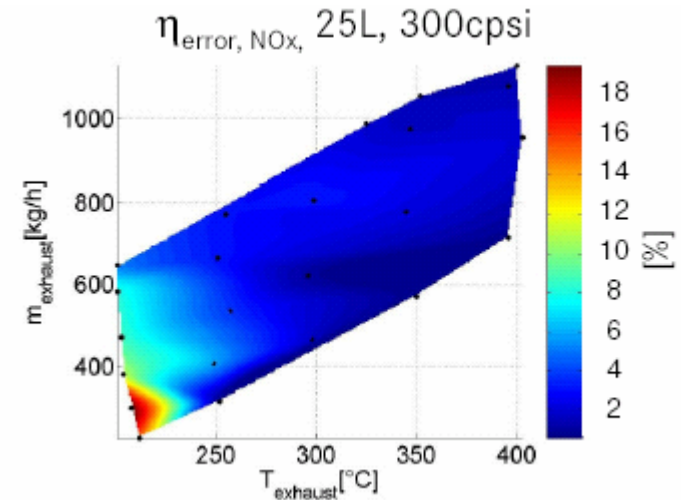
Engine test bench measurements with different SCR catalyst configurations:

- Catalyst Volumes: 25L, 32L, 43L
- Monolith diameter of 5.66"
- Catalyst Cell densities: 200 cpsi, 300cpsi
- Wall thickness: 0.32 mm
- Overall 100 constant engine operating points have been measured.
- Error quantification for a single operating point by means of the mean error:

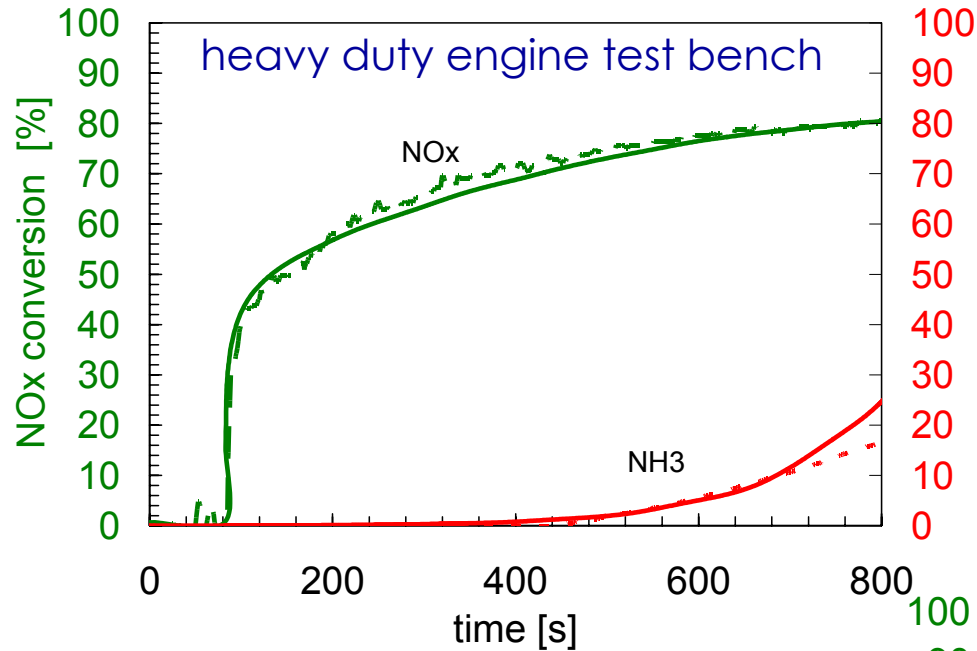
$$\eta_{error,NO_x} = \frac{\int_0^{t_{end}} \sqrt{(\eta_{NO_x,sim.}(t) - \eta_{NO_x,exp.}(t))^2} dt}{t_{end}}$$

- ✓ Mean error for h_{NO_x} is typically lower than 4%.
- ✓ Model is validated for a wide range of operating conditions.

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Validation – Full monolith scale

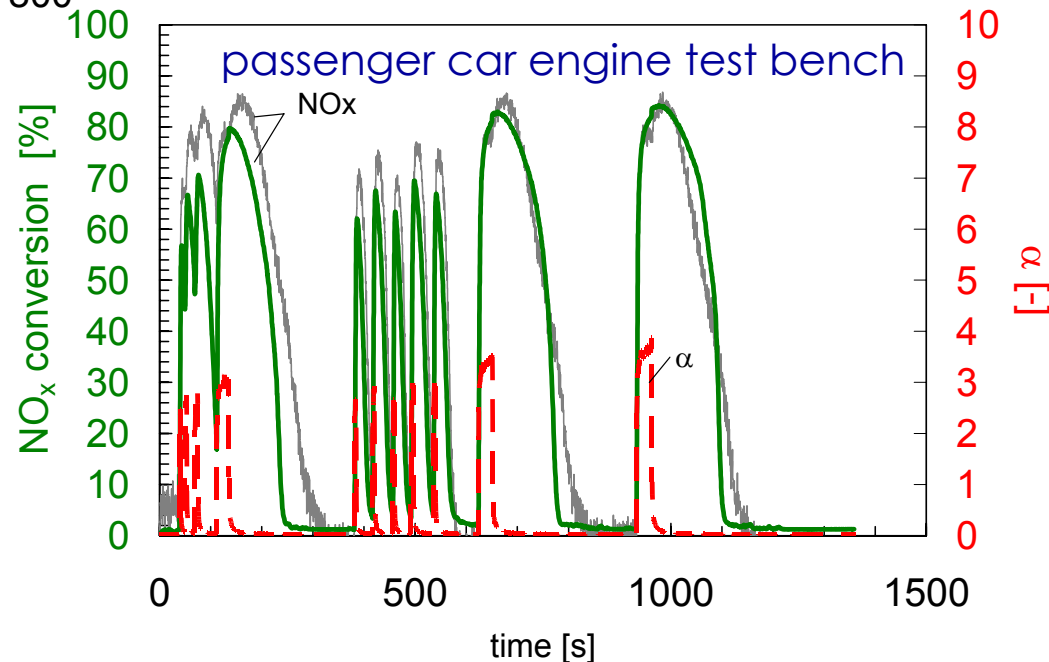


$T_{\text{exh.}} = 220 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\text{NO}_2/\text{NO}_x = 16\%$, 25L catalyst, 300cpsi,
GHSV = 21700h⁻¹ and $\alpha = 1.29$

With DOC

(*) D. Chatterjee, T. Burkhardt, M. Weibel,
E. Tronconi, I. Nova, C. Ciardelli, *SAE technical
paper 2006-01-0468.*

Validation with test bench
data reveals a good
prediction quality of the
model.



$T_{\text{exh.}} = 229^\circ\text{C}$, $\text{NO}_2/\text{NO}_x = 44\%$, GHSV = 73200h⁻¹, catalyst 1.8L, 300cpsi

Modeling of Integrated Aftertreatment Systems

Intrinsic kinetics

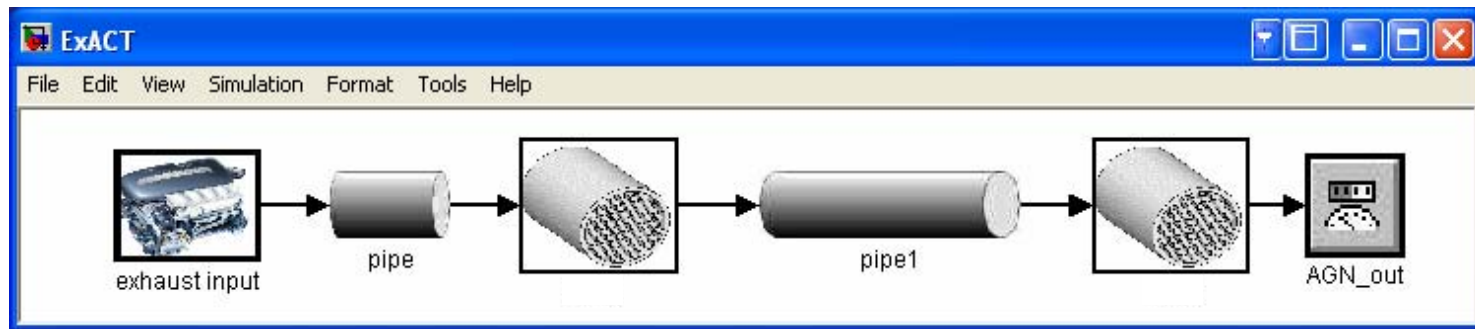


2-D (1D+1D) model of SCR monolithic converters



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Exhaust Gas Aftertreatment Components Toolbox



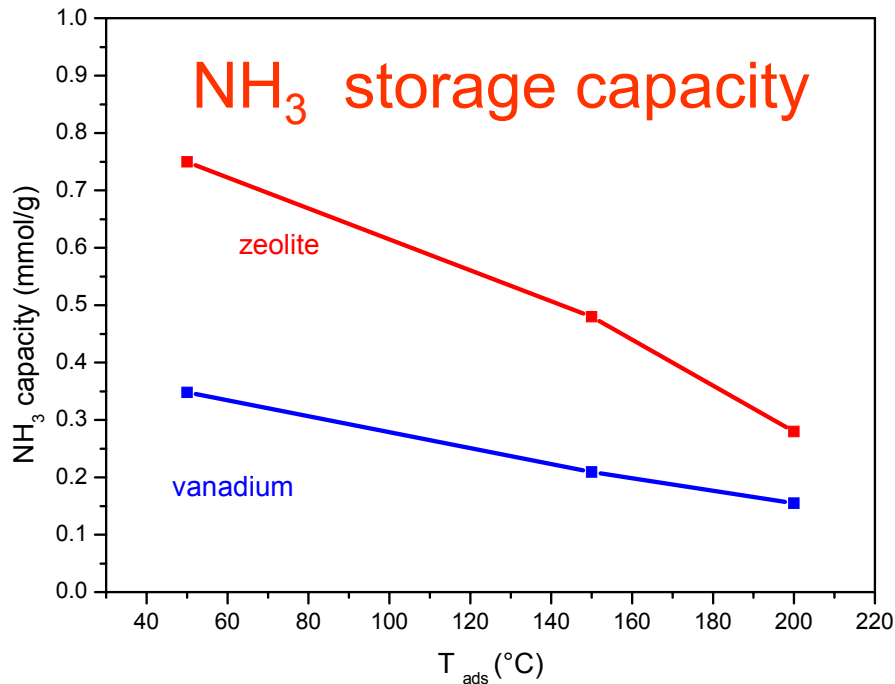
- Simulation of full transient test-cycles
- Catalyst sizes/geometry pre-selection
- Assessment of variations in engine out parameters on catalyst performance
- Optimization of operating and control strategy



*Fe-Zeolite catalyst:
SCR reactivity & chemistry*

work in progress

Zeolite- vs. V-based catalyst



Washcoated monolith catalyst crushed to powder

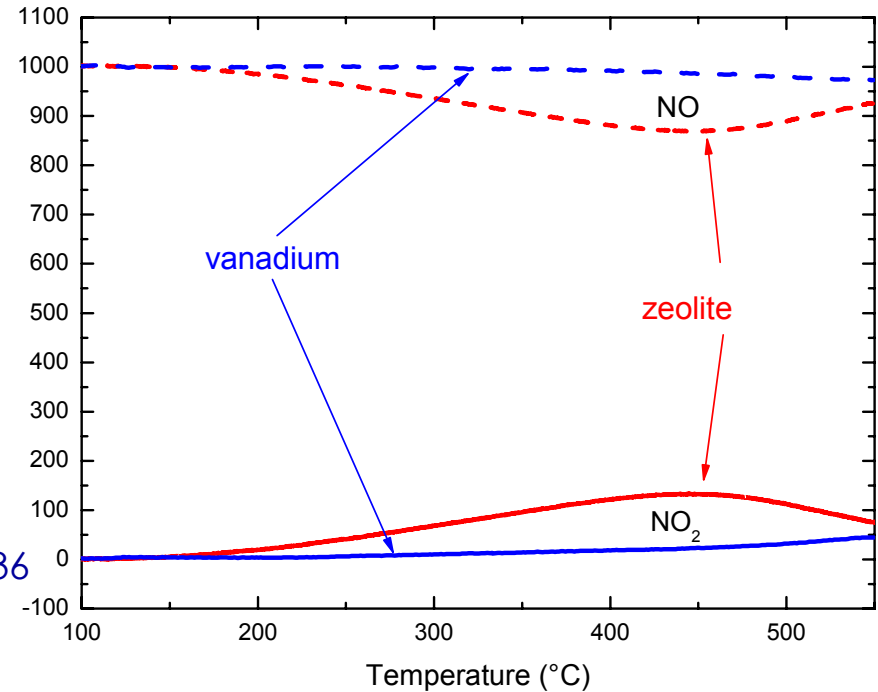
- Higher storage capacity of zeolite cat.

NO/O₂



- NO oxidation activity observed over the zeolite cat.

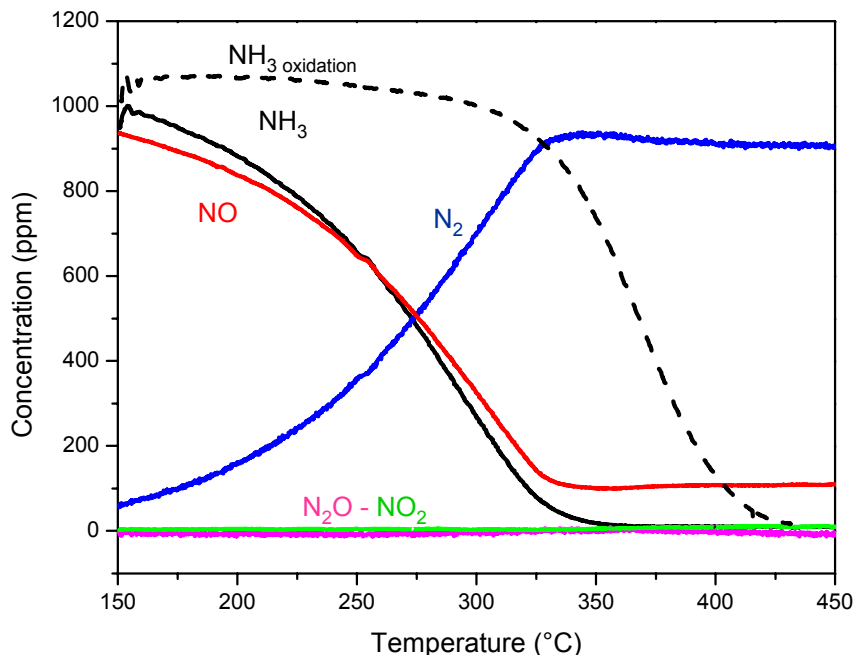
ppm



D. Chatterjee, T. Burkhardt, M. Weibel, I. Nova, A. Grossale, E. Tronconi, *SAE technical paper 2007-01-1136*

NO\NH₃ – O₂ system: Std. SCR reaction

Zeolite



➤ Zeolite active in the SCR reaction

➤ 100% N₂ selectivity

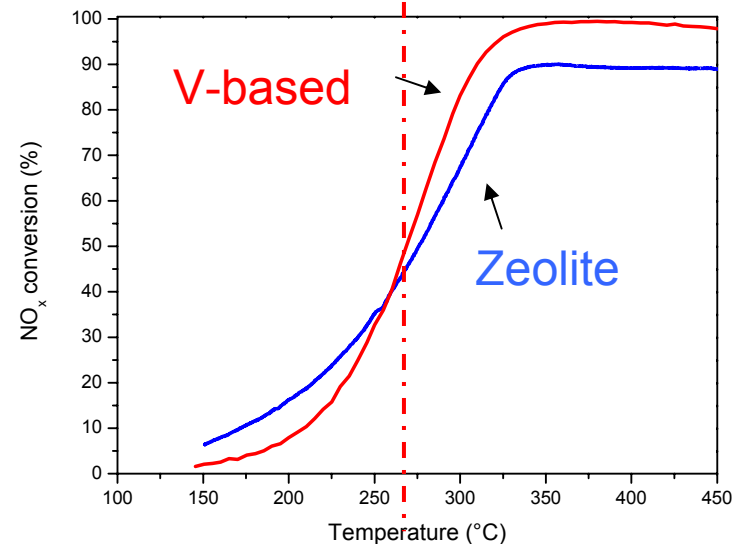
➤ @ T > 275°C NH₃ conversion > NO

└───> NH₃ oxidation

➤ @ high T NO is not totally converted

└───> NH₃ oxidation

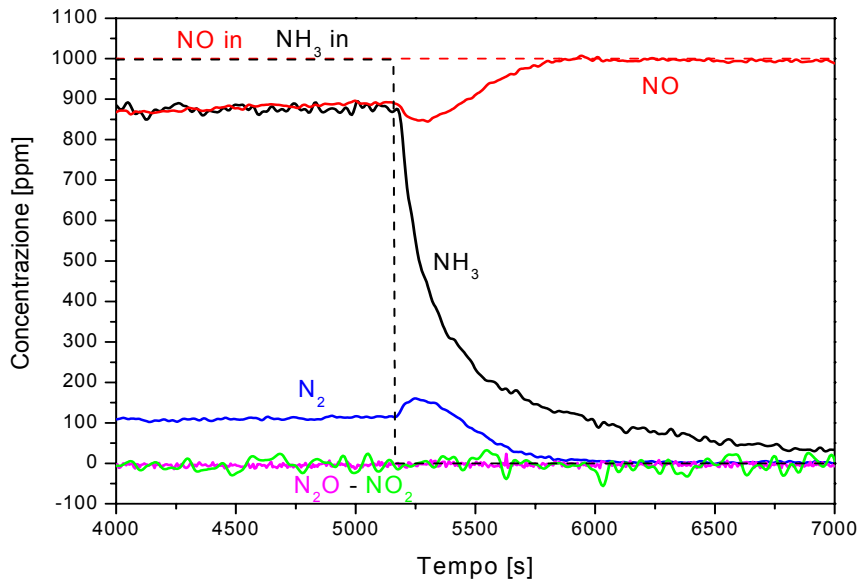
Zeolite vs. V-based cat. NO_x conversion



➤ Zeolite is more active below 270°C

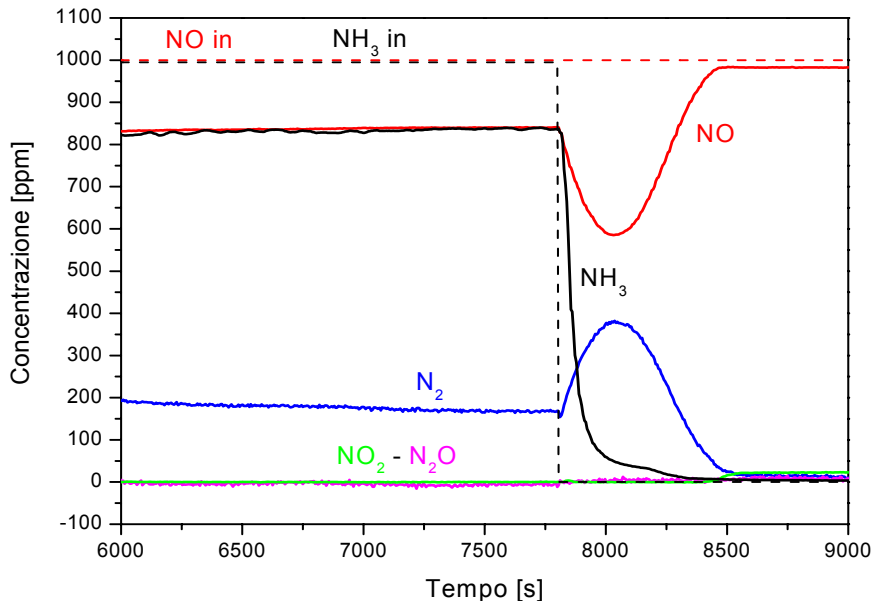
➤ @ High T the V-based cat. exhibits 100% NO_x conversion

Standard SCR: Zeolite vs. V-based catalyst



NH₃+NO /O₂, T = 200°C :
similar dynamic features
due to NH₃ inhibition

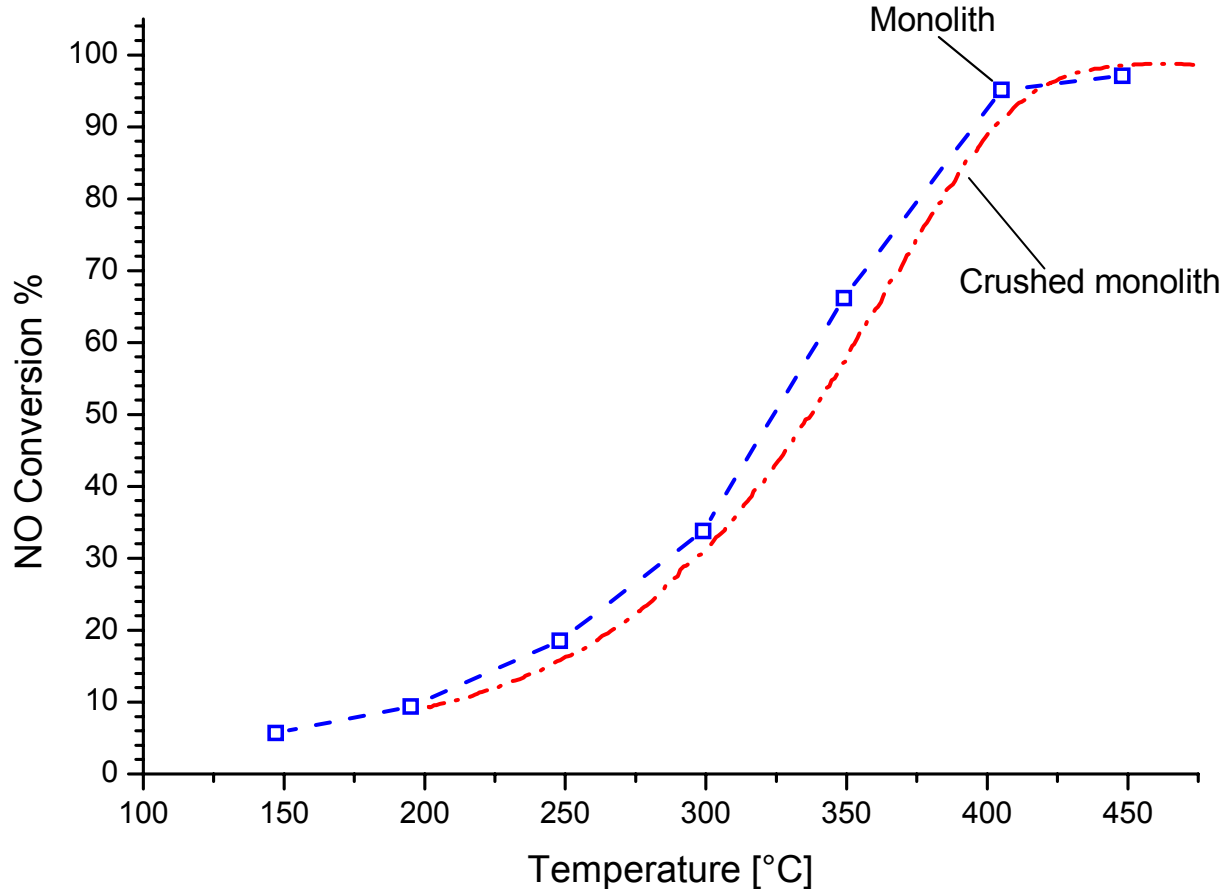
Vanadium:
optimum NH₃ coverage = 26%



Zeolite (washcoat powder):
optimum NH₃ coverage = 17%

Std SCR on Fe-Zeolite: Monolith vs. powder

GHSV=170000 [Ncc/(h*g)]



Monolith

Q= 4200 Ncc/min

mcat = 1.42 g (active ph.)

Crushed Monolith

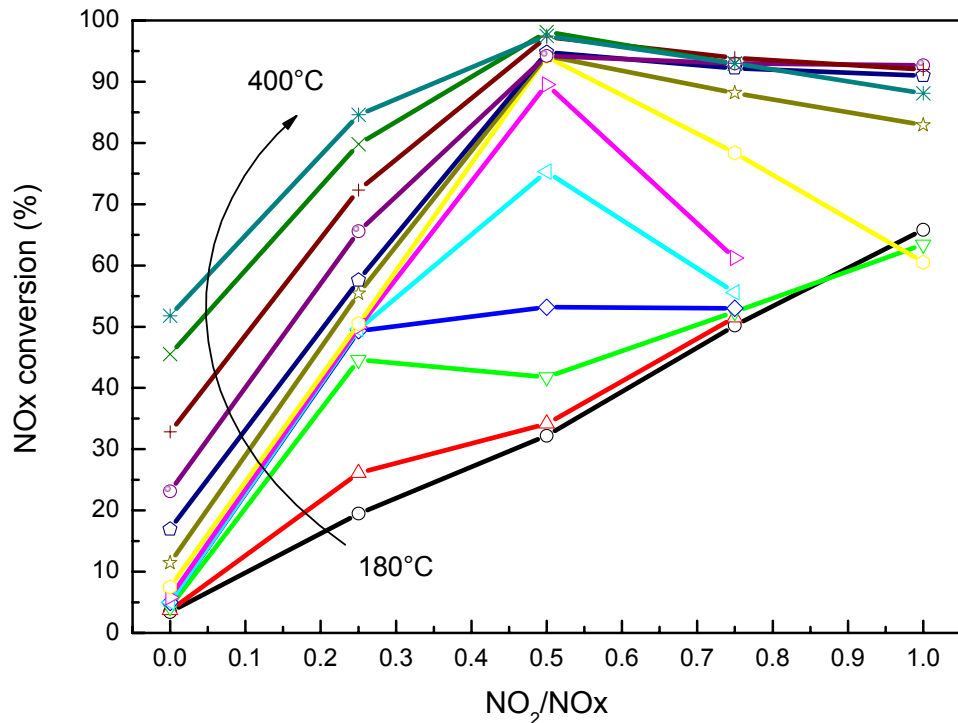
Q= 120 Ncc/min

mcat = 0.042 g (active ph.)

No apparent role of diffusional limitations

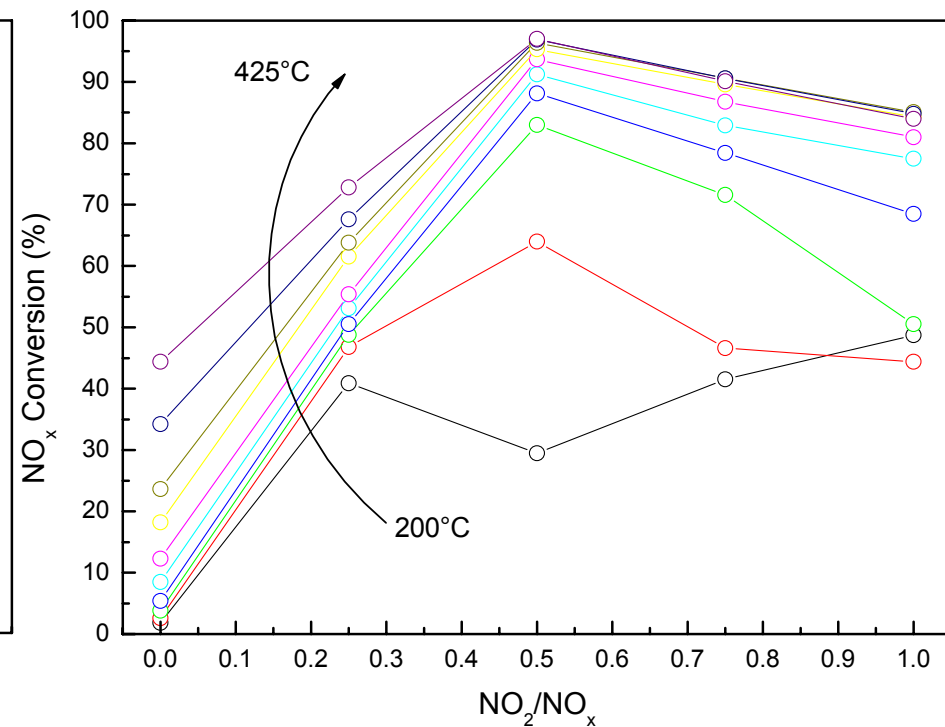
NO-NO₂/NH₃ – O₂ system: Fast SCR

Crushed monolith



M_{cat} = 0.021 g (active ph.)
 GHSV 789000 Ncc/(hg)
 O₂ = 2%, H₂O = 1%
 1000:500:500 NH₃:NO:NO₂

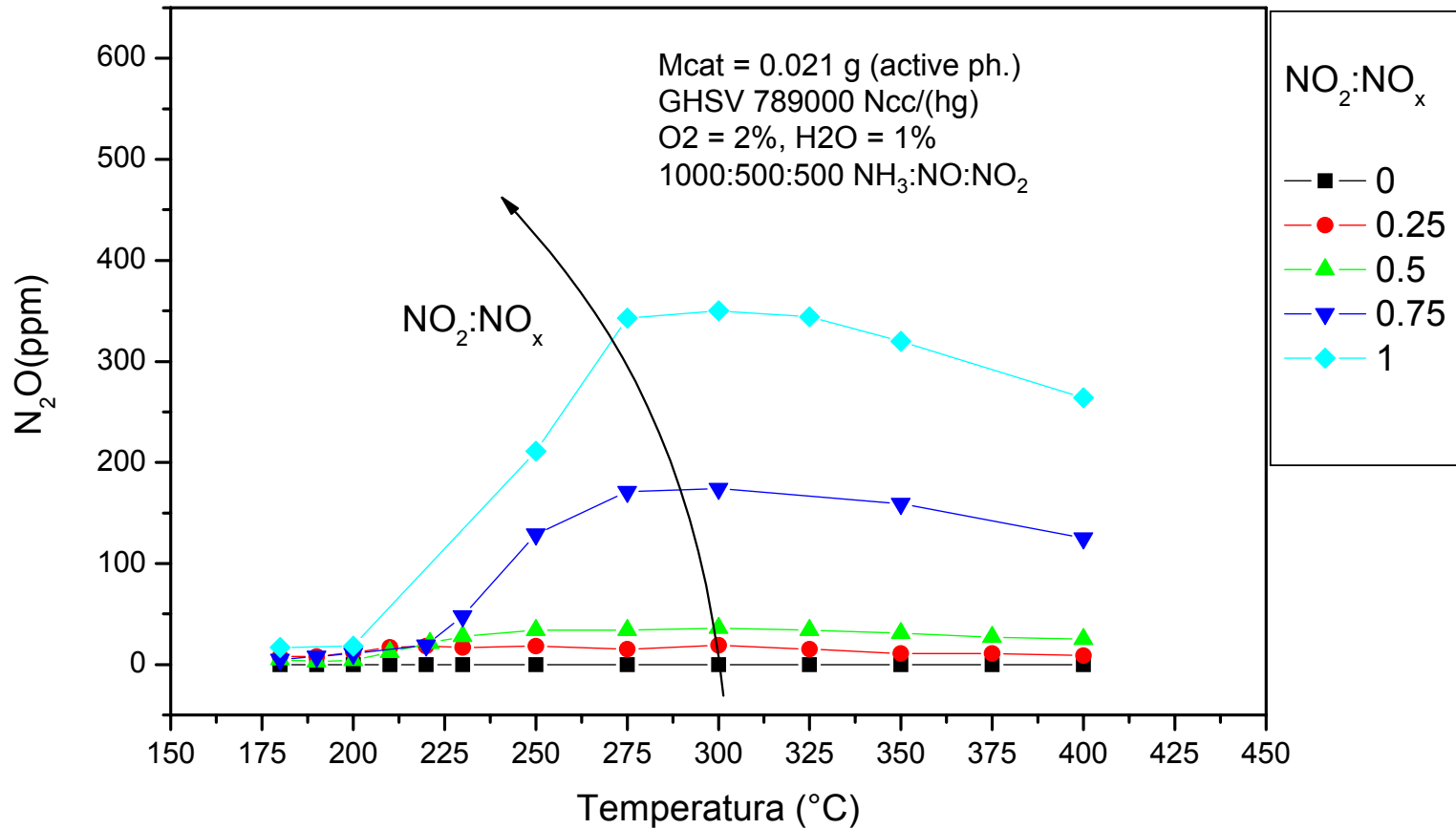
Monolith



M_{cat} = 0.86 g (active ph.)
 GHSV 788000 Ncc/(hg)
 O₂ = 2%, H₂O = 1%
 1000:500:500 = NH₃:NO:NO₂

- ✓ Low T behavior dominated by NO₂ reactivity:
 max NO_x conversion for NO₂/NO_x = 1 (NH₄NO₃ formation)
- ✓ High T: max NO_x conversion for NO₂/NO_x = 1/2

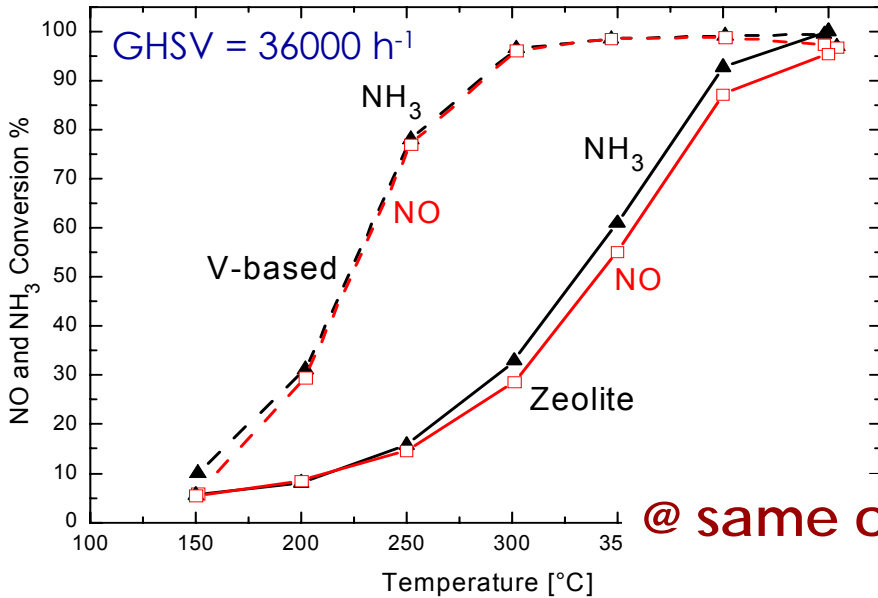
Effect of NO₂/NO_x on N₂O formation



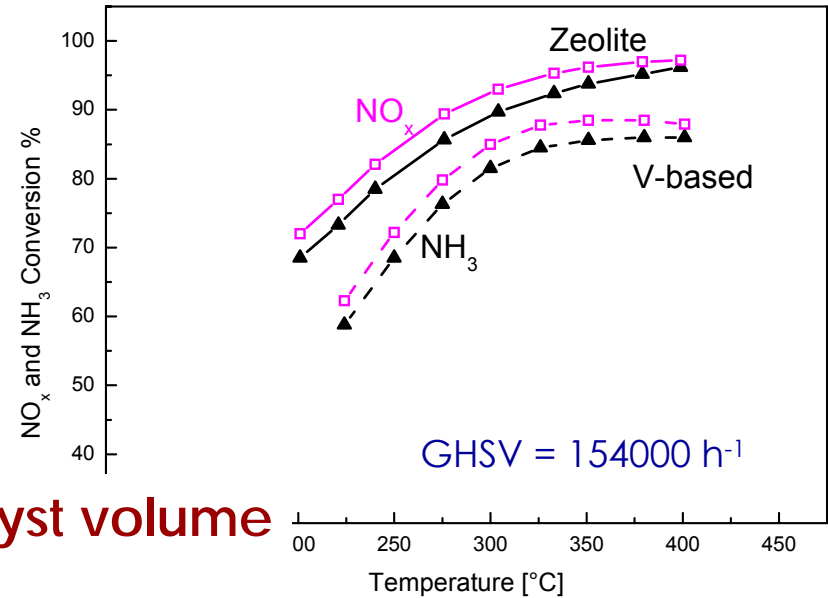
✓ N₂O formation favored by NO₂/NO_x > 1/2

V-based vs. Zeolite-based monolith catalyst

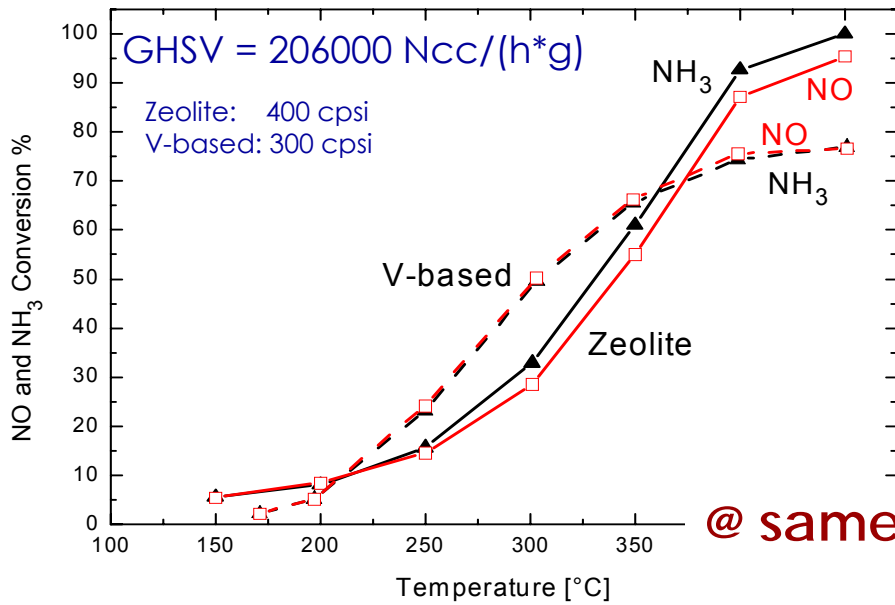
$\text{NH}_3 + \text{NO} / \text{O}_2$



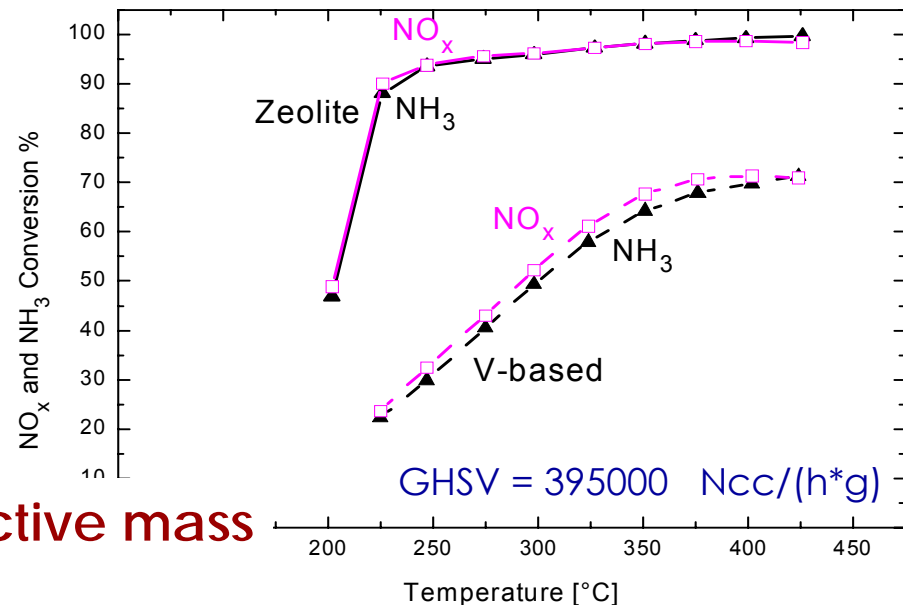
$\text{NH}_3 + \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 / \text{O}_2$



@ same catalyst volume

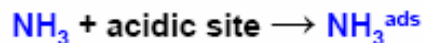
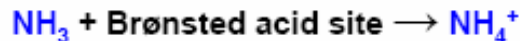


@ same active mass



Proposed chemistry similar to V- catalysts?

Reaction Scheme for NO/NO₂ SCR over Metal-Exchanged Zeolites



O. Kroeher, 1st MinNO_x Conference, Berlin, February 2007

Summary and Conclusions

- I. **NH₃ SCR on V-based catalyst:**
 - ✓ Low-T dynamics controlled by:
 - NH₃ adsorption/desorption/reaction
 - NH₃ inhibition effects on NO_x reactivity
 - storage/release of surface nitrates
 - ✓ Transient behavior **quantitatively** described by mechanistic kinetic model
 - ✓ Account of transport phenomena in monolithic converter model permits predictive scale-up of kinetics across five orders of magnitude

- II. **NH₃ SCR on Fe-zeolite catalyst :**
 - ✓ Chemistry similar to V-based catalyst:
 - same rate expressions can be used
 - ✓ Washcoat diffusion of minor importance
 - ✓ Higher NO₂ sensitivity at low T and NO₂/NO_x < 50%
 - ✓ Mechanistic and kinetic analysis in progress
 - preliminary kinetics presented at SAE 2007

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