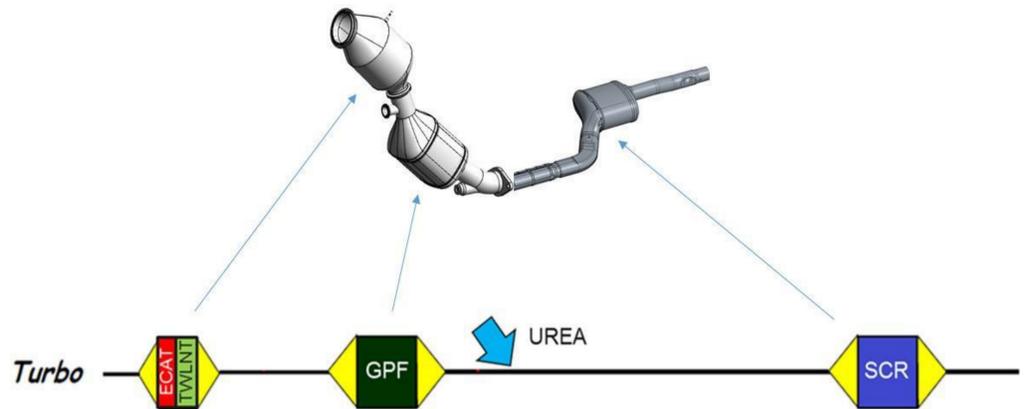


Lean-NOx Emissions Aftertreatment System with Low Particle Number down-to-10nm

System Overview

Aftertreatment system must provide excellent emissions control under lean ($\lambda > 1$) conditions, whilst being thermally durable to withstand high temperatures under peak-load $\lambda = 1$ conditions. Final system design comprised.

- 1) Three-Way Lean NOx Trap (TWLNT)** - three-way (CO, HC, NOx) and Lean NOx trap technologies combined for stoichiometric performance and lean NOx conversion. Coated on electrically-heated catalyst (EHC) substrate for good cold-start performance.
- 2) Gasoline Particulate Filter (GPF)** - High filtration efficiency (FiE) for particles down to 10nm in size. Three-way coating technology with additional NO₂-make function.
- 3) Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) catalyst** - lean NOx conversion with ammonia (urea) dosing. May also store/convert NH₃ formed over upstream catalysts.

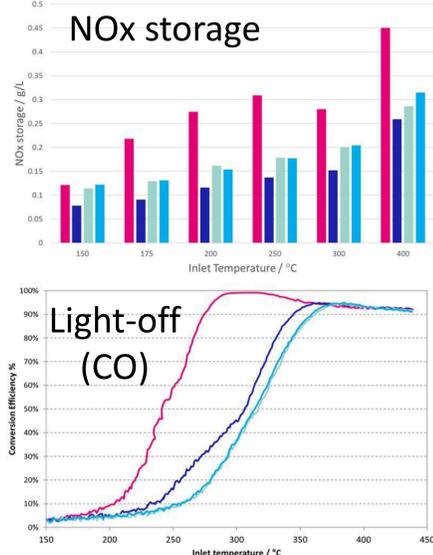


TWLNT development

As the starter catalyst in the system, technology must maintain excellent TWC performance and lean NOx storage following exposure to temperatures potentially $> 1000^\circ\text{C}$. Following high-temperature ageing, TWLNT1 showed the highest NOx storage and TWC performance.

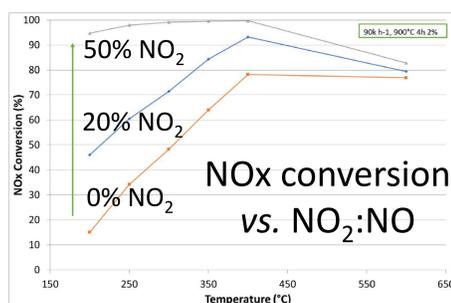
Ageing: 1100°C , 4h,
10% H₂O, 10% O₂

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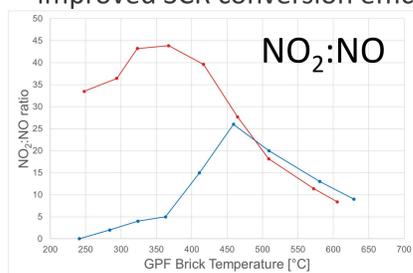


Optimisation of SCR performance

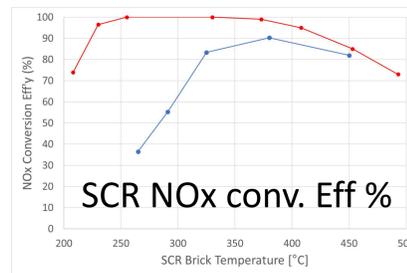
- An iron-based SCR catalyst was chosen because of its tolerance of rich/stoichiometric conditions and high exhaust temperatures.
- NOx conversion efficiency at low temperatures strongly dependent on NO₂:NO ratio.



- Initial trials indicated that low NO₂ concentrations at GPF outlet were limiting peak NOx conversion over SCR.
- Further optimisation of the Dev2 technology led to higher NO₂-make and improved SCR conversion efficiencies.

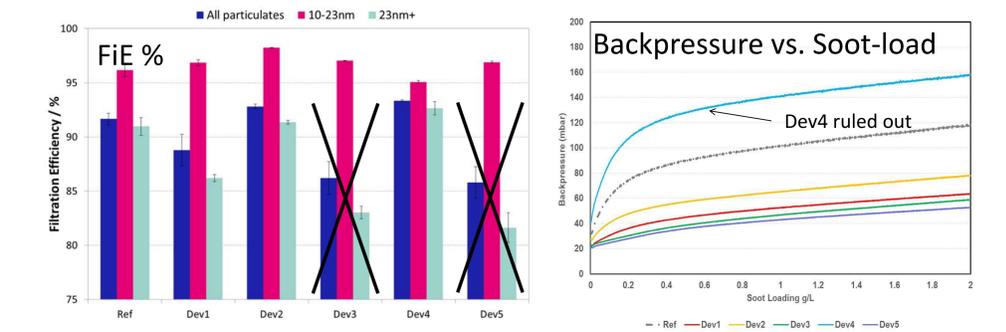


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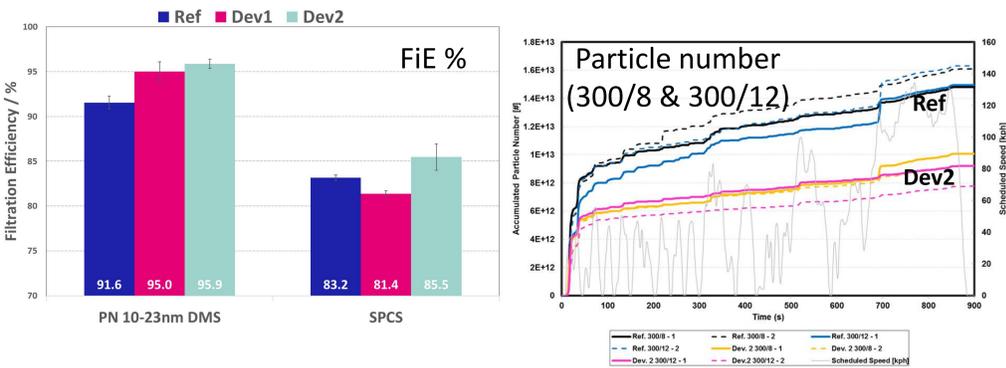


GPF technology with high FiE down to 10nm

Following preliminary screening, Dev 1 and Dev2 were taken forward for chassis-dynamometer evaluation, based on filtration performance and backpressure.



Particle number evaluated on vehicle using Horiba SPCS ($\geq 23\text{nm}$) and Cambustion DMS500 (10-23nm). Dev2 demonstrated best FiE % over all particle-size ranges – verified on 300/8 and 300/12 substrates.



TWLNT coated on 48V electrically-heated catalyst substrate for rapid response from cold-start conditions.

Conclusions

- Aftertreatment system developed for lean-burn gasoline demonstration vehicle.
- Selected catalyst technologies designed to be thermally robust under high loads/temperatures.
- Optimised GPF technology for high FiE down to 10nm and enhanced lean NO₂-make, enabling improved SCR conversion efficiencies.