

Development of NH₃-SCR Catalyst for Simple Cycle Gas Turbine

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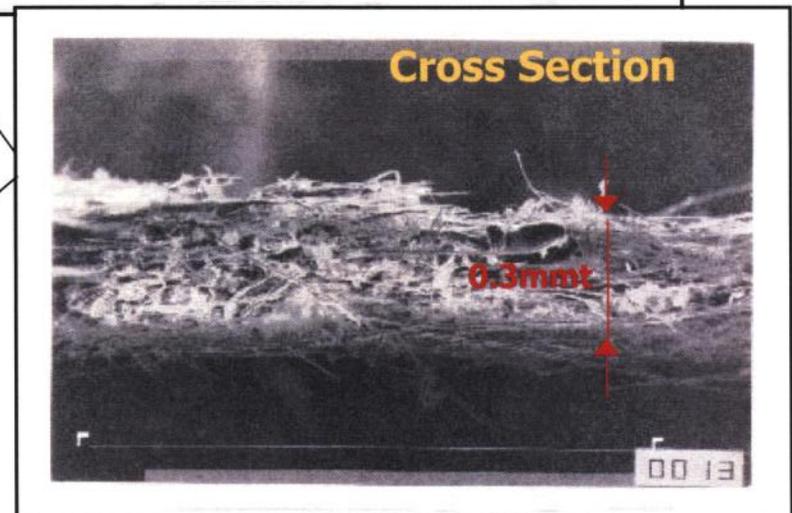
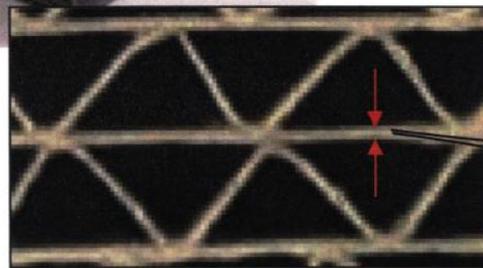
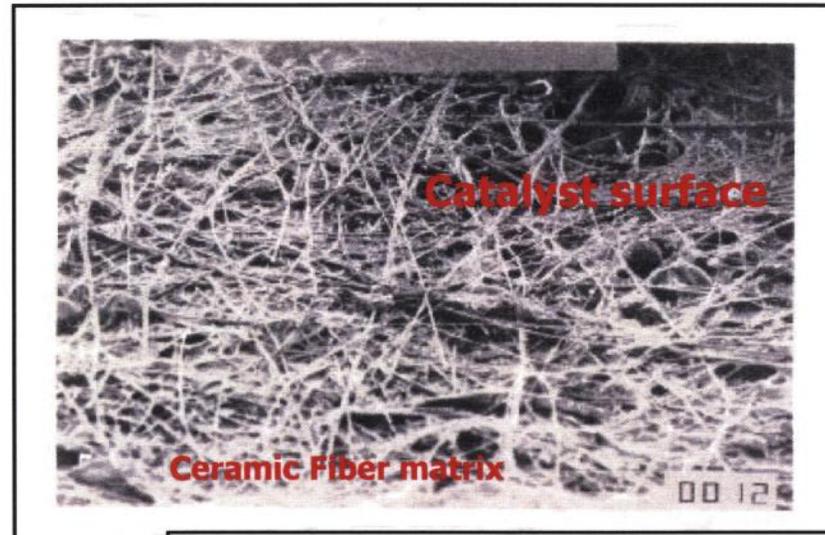
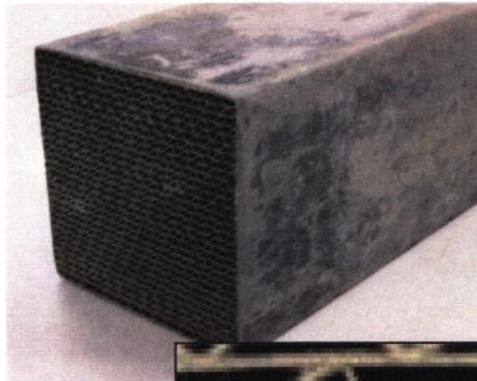


Conventional SCR Catalyst

- Heterogeneous, Supported Metal Catalyst
- Support material consists of SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 or other inert porous material.
- Support material is impregnated with Active Metal Oxides; TiO_2 , V_2O_5 , WO_3 , MoO_3 which catalyze NO_x conversion.

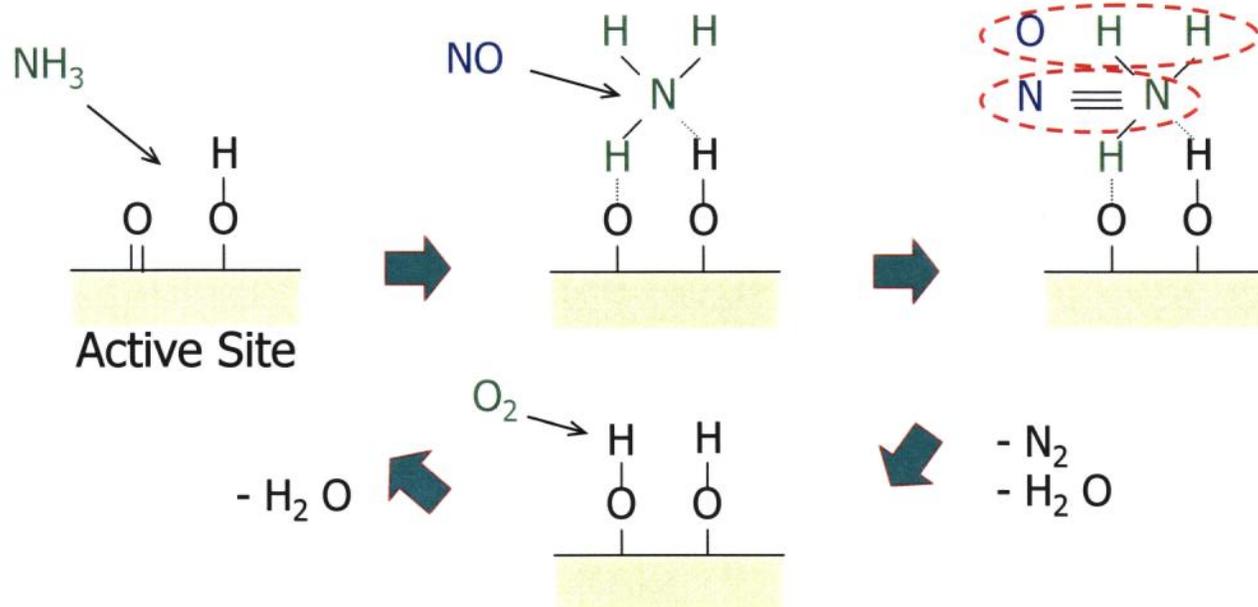
Catalyst Structure

Ceramic fiber matrix

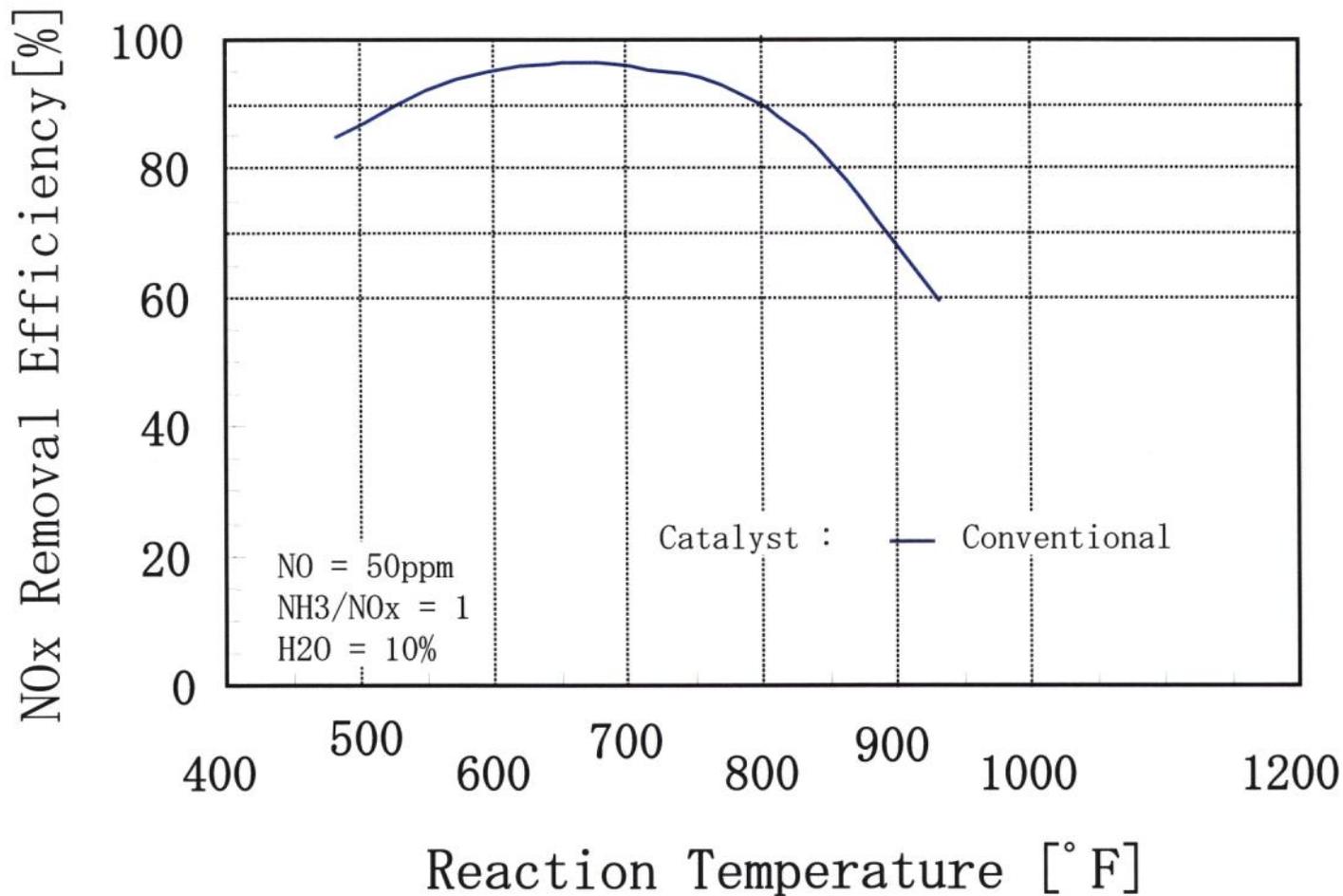


SCR Mechanism (Eley-Rideal Model)

1. NO_x and NH₃ diffusion to catalyst surface
2. NH₃ adsorption at active site (NH₄⁺ formation)
3. Reaction between NH₄⁺ and NO_x
4. Regeneration of active site (to initial state)



Conventional Catalyst Performance





Simple Cycle Operation

Features are...

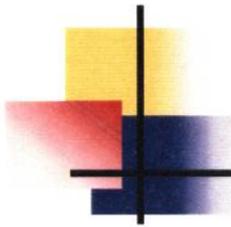
- High temperature
without HRSG

Range : 840 – 1122° F

- Daily Start up & Shut down

Ramp Rate @ GT Outlet : > 900° F/min

(GE LM-6000PC)



Catalytic Behavior in High Temperature

- NH_3 Adsorption Low at High Temperature

NH_3 equilibrium balance on catalyst:

Desorption > Adsorption

- NH_3 Combustion at High Temperature

$4\text{NH}_3 + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{NO} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ on catalyst:

*Active sites do not promote NO_x conversion
and produce NO*



High Temperature Catalyst Design

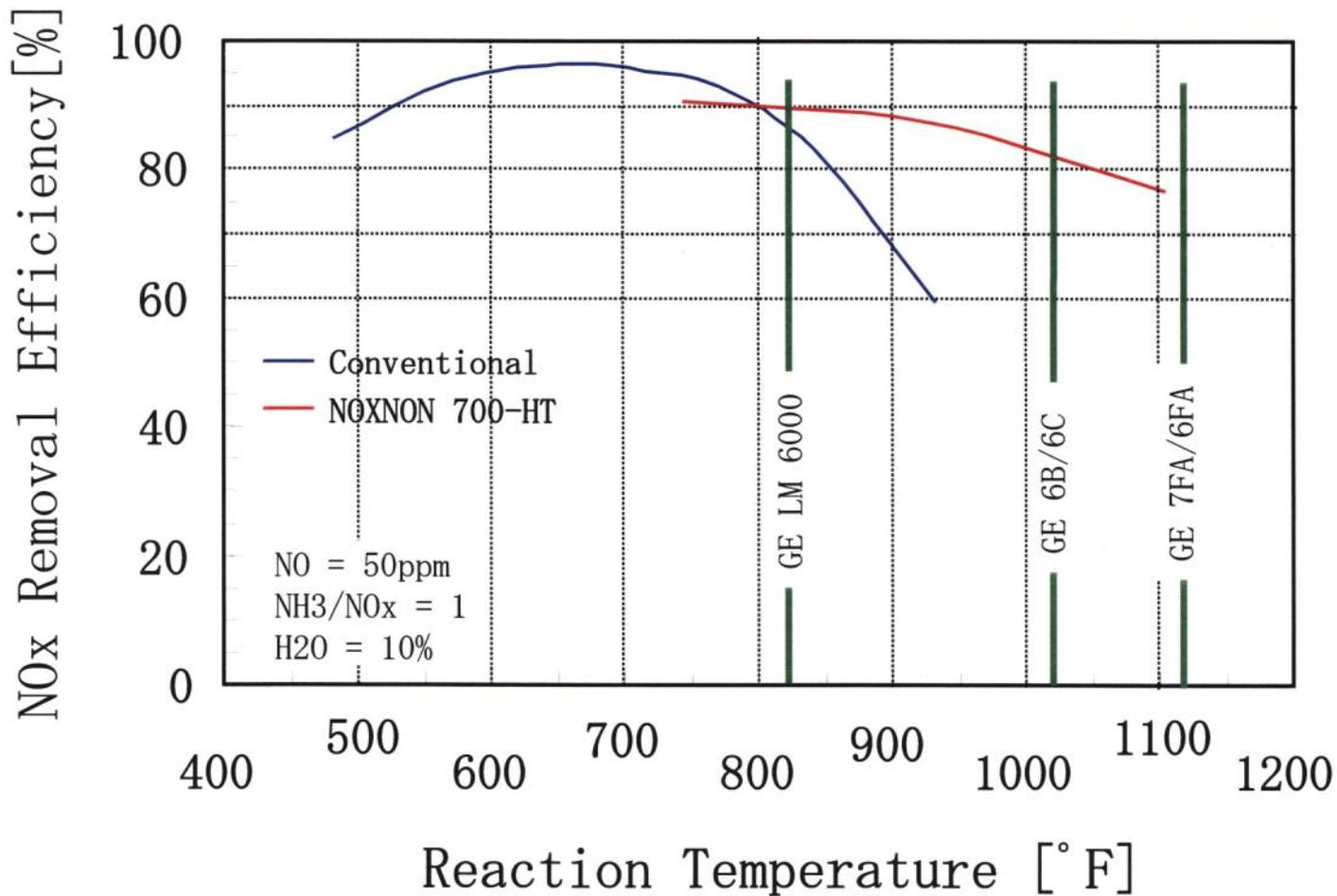
To Counteract NH₃ Desorption...

There must be strong interaction
between NH₃ and the catalyst
Acidic chemical composition is used in the catalyst

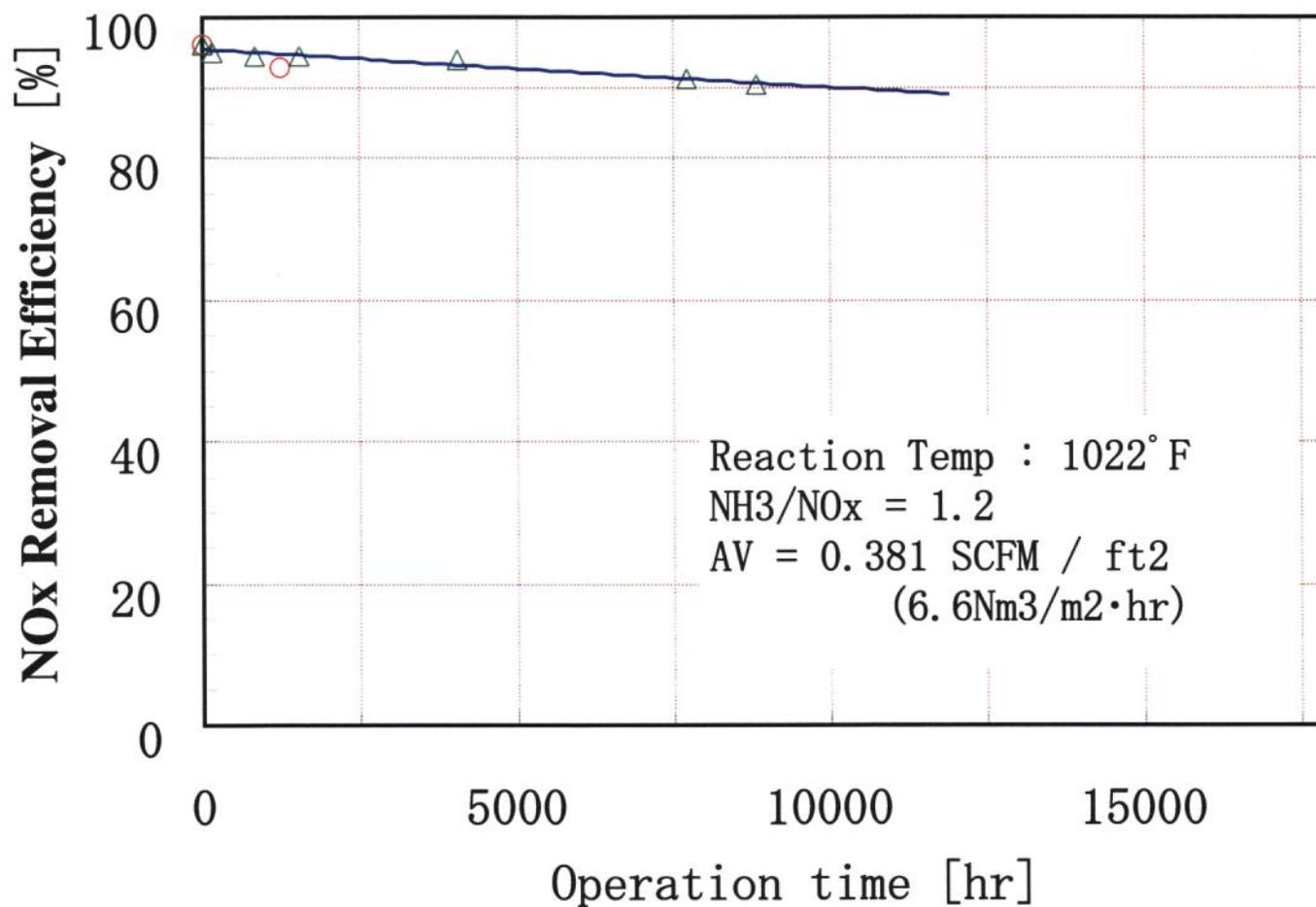
To Suppress NH₃ combustion...

Metal oxides with lower oxidation
activity must be chosen
Optimum chemical formulation is used in the catalyst

NOxNON 700-HT Performance



Catalyst Performance





Catalyst Durability

Catalyst Long Term Performance is affected by:

1. High Temperature Sintering

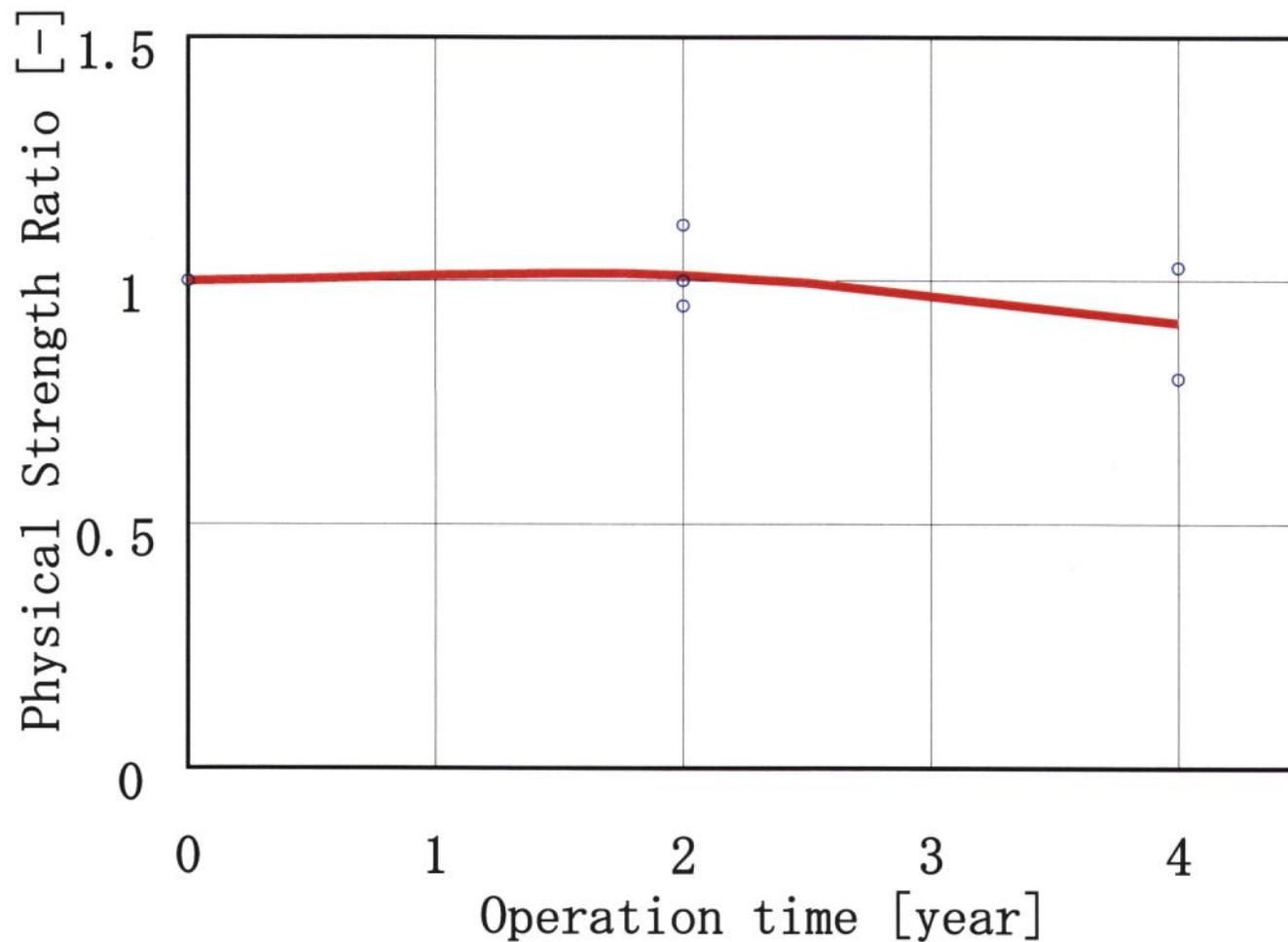
Sintering causes micropore shrinkage on the surface of the TiO₂ crystal, thereby reducing active site availability.

Catalyst Structural Strength is affected by:

2. Thermal Shock of Startup/Shutdown

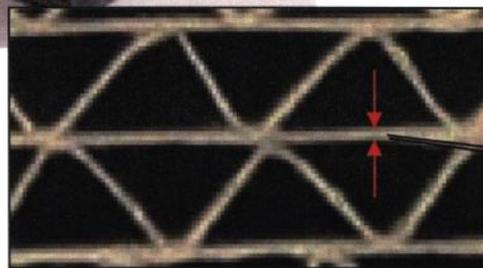
Thermal stress can cause cracking in catalyst support/substrate. This effect is minimized in ceramic fiber structures.

Physical strength of Catalyst Unit

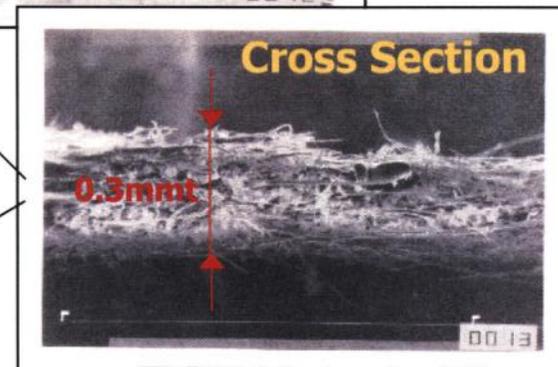
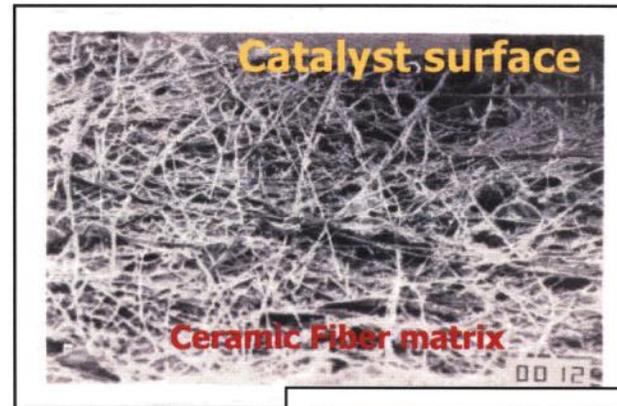


Catalyst Structure

Ceramic fiber matrix structure



Hitz New Catalyst



SEM of Catalyst surface/cross section

Location of Plant

Ibaraki Prefecture
Hitachi Zosen Ibaraki-City Power Plant
NOXNON700-HT Now being Tested in GE-F6A
Operated under Daily Stat-Up /Down at 1094F



Chiba Prefecture
Hitachi Zosen Sodegaura-City Power Plant
GE-F9 x14trains. Tested NOXNON700-HT for
4 years

Kanagawa Prefecture
Hitachi Zosen Kawasaki-City Manufacturing Plant
First Commercial Application of NOXNON700-HT Now
Operational.

Commercial Plant



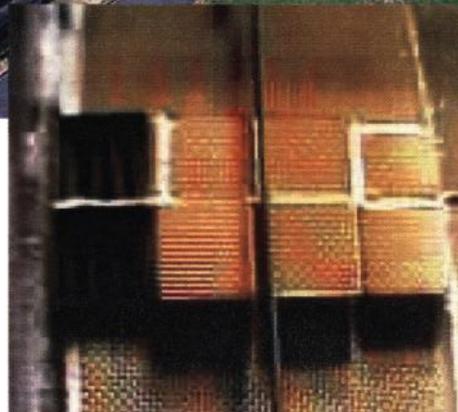
Location : Ibaraki, Japan

Gas Turbine : GE F6FA

Gas Temp. : 1094 ° F

Operation Mode : DSS

Operation Period : 1year



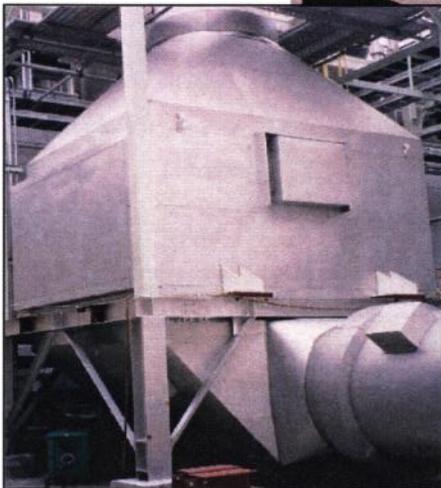
Commercial Plant



Location : Chiba, Japan
Gas Turbine : GE F9E
Gas Temp. : 1022° F
Operation Mode : DSS
Operation Period : 4 years

For various application

Gas Engine Power Plant



Location : Kawasaki, Japan

Gas Engine : WARTSILA

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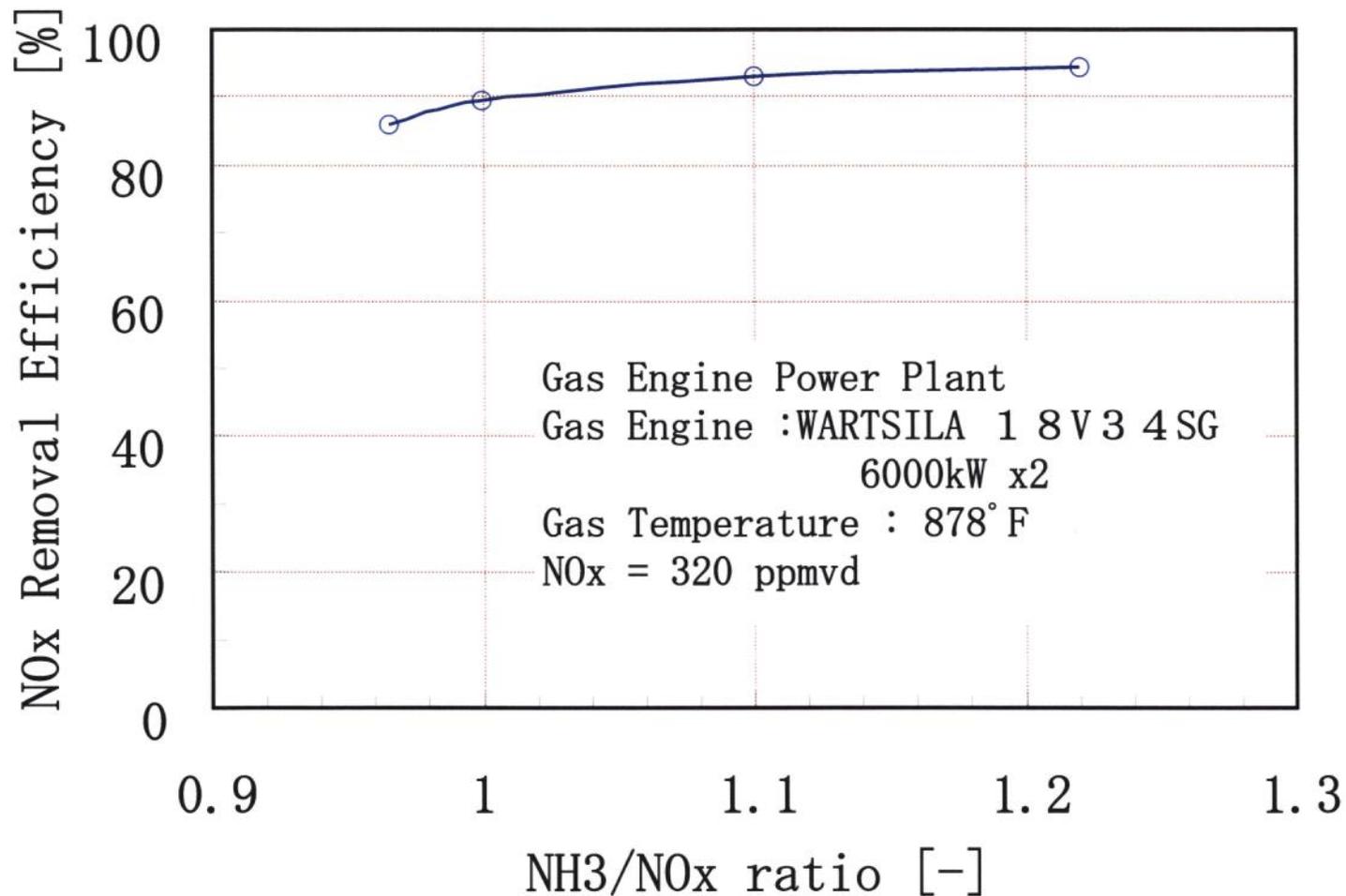
6000kW x2

Gas Temp. : 878 ° F

Operation Mode : DSS

Operation Period : 6 months

Performance of Gas Engine Power Plant





Summary (1)

Hitachi Zosen has developed a **high temperature SCR catalyst** for use in Simple Cycle applications.

The new catalyst, called **NOXNON 700-HT** has minimal high temperature NH₃ oxidation and an increased affinity for NH₃ over standard medium temperature catalysts.



Summary (2)

Extensive field testing at 3 different locations in Japan indicates the following:

The DeNO_x efficiency of the **NOXNON 700-HT** is over 90% efficiency for NH₃/NO_x mole ratios >1.0.

Catalyst durability testing performed over 3 years indicates the **NOXNON 700-HT** has the capability to withstand thermal stress of high temperature operation and cyclic stresses of startup and shutdown in simple cycle application as proven in material strength testing.

The decrease in catalyst efficiency measured at a gas temperature of 1022 °F is < 4% for 8,000 hrs operation.