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“A REVIEW ON UREA SCR TECHNOLOGY”

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ABSTRACT

Emission controls is currently, one of the biggest challenges and concern in the automotive industry for cleaner diesel engines. Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology is currently, one of the most feasible solutions. SCR technology uses diesel exhaust uid (DEF) which is a urea solution of 32.7% urea with 67.3% water to reduce NO_x emission. The urea solution is converted to ammonia (NH₃) which reacts with NO_x over a catalyst to form N₂ and water. In this project, a practical and dynamic model for modeling and controlling ammonia surface coverage or storage on a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system with a Aluminium oxide catalyst is implemented. In the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) process, NO_x reacts with ammonia, which is injected into the ue gas stream before the catalyst. Different SCR catalyst systems based on platinum, vanadium oxide or zealots have different operating temperature windows and must be carefully selected for a particular SCR process. Ammonia-SCR has been used for years in industrial processes, in stationary diesel engine applications, as well as in marine engines. Urea-SCR technology, using urea as the ammonia precursor, is being adapted for mobile diesel engines.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) of NO_x by nitrogen compounds, such as am-monia or urea commonly referred to as simply SCR has been developed for and well proven in industrial stationary applications. The SCR technology was rst applied in thermal power plants in Japan in the late 1970s, followed by widespread appli-cation in Europe since the mid-1980s. In the USA, SCR systems were introduced for gas turbines in the 1990s, with increasing potential for NO_x control from coal-red power plants. In addition to coal-red cogeneration plants and gas turbines, SCR applications also include plant and re nery heaters and boilers in the chemi-cal processing industry, furnaces, coke ovens, as well as municipal waste plants and incinerators. The list of fuels used in these applications includes industrial gases, natural

gas, crude oil, light or heavy oil, and pulverized coal. The application of SCR for mobile diesel engines requires overcoming several problems, which are dis-cussed later. However, SCR remains the only proven catalyst technology capable of reducing diesel NO_x emissions to levels required by a number of future emission standards. First commercial diesel truck applications were launched in 2004 by Nis-san Diesel in Japan [Hirata 2005] and by DaimlerChrysler in Europe. SCR systems are also being developed in the USA in the context of the 2010 NO_x limit of 0.2 g/bhp-hr for heavy-duty engines, as well as the Tier 2 NO_x standards for light-duty vehicles. However, the US clean air authorities have voiced concerns about the SCR technology. From the regulatory perspective SCR poses enforcement problems, both in terms of ensuring that the reductant (urea) is available together with diesel fuel throughout the nationwide

distribution network, and that it is always timely replenished by vehicle operators.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Yoichi Niki, Koichi Hirata, and Takeyuki Kishi study on SCR system for NO_x reduction of Medium Speed Marine Diesel Engine in 2010 at National Maritime Research Institute, Japan One of advantages of a marine Diesel engine is that the engines can use low-quality heavy oil with high efficiency. However, one of disadvantages is that NO_x emission of the marine Diesel engine is greater than the other internal combustion engines on the ground, such as automobiles and electric power plants. The NO_x emission causes acid rain and photochemical smog, and it influences directly to human health, such as respiratory disease. In particular, to protect air environment quality in harbor areas, we must reduce the NO_x emission. Furthermore, Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 regulations which regulates by the IMO (International Maritime Organization) took effect in May 2005. Severe requirements of NO_x reduction such as Tier II and Tier III will be enforced in 2011, 2016. In the Tier III regulations, The NO_x limit will be reduced 80% have started to study on a SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) system for fore-stroke medium speed marine Diesel engine since 2007 in order to develop NO_x reduction technologies [1]

Rinie van Helden, Ruud Verbeek and Frank Willems study on Optimization of Urea SCR deNO_x Systems for HD Diesel Engines, in Europe heavy duty vehicle manufacturers will introduce urea SCR deNO_x after treatment when Euro-4 legislation become effective in 2005/2006. Primary motivations for urea SCR are fuel consumption and reliability. The high NO_x reduction of the catalyst allow the engine to be optimized for low fuel consumption and low particulate emission. In this way, a maintenance-intensive particulate filter can be avoided. Beside NO_x reduction most SCR catalysts have HC oxidation capabilities, resulting in lower particulate emission [2]

Duncan Arrowsmith, Aden Bott and Phillip Bush study on Development of a Compact Urea-SCR+CRT System for Heavy-Duty Diesel using a Design of Experiments Approach. Environmental and health issues are continually driving emissions legislation to enforce stricter emissions limits. In Europe, Euro IV (2005) and V (2008) emissions legislation and proposed Low Emissions Zones (LEZs) in London and other European cities similar to the scheme already implemented in major cities in Sweden call for a significant reduction in Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and Particulate Matter (PM) emissions from Heavy Duty Diesel (HDD)

vehicles. Despite the advances in engine development, vehicle manufacturers are still favouring exhaust aftertreatment to meet forthcoming legislation. In Europe urea SCR is the pre-ferred NO_x abatement technology for OEMs to achieve Euro IV and V legislation and beyond on HDD applications, due to the proven high performance in service, its cost effectiveness relative to other NO_x reduction technologies and an expanding Adblue infrastructure. In Europe Adblue is becoming commonly available in service stations, vehicle main dealers and depots where required.

III SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION (SCR)

Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) is a means of converting nitrogen oxides, also referred to as NO_x with the aid of a catalyst into diatomic nitrogen, N₂, and water, H₂O. A gaseous reductant, typically anhydrous ammonia, aqueous ammonia or urea, is added to a stream of urea or exhaust gas and is adsorbed [citation needed] onto a catalyst. Carbon dioxide, CO₂ is a reaction product when urea is used as the reductant. Selective catalytic reduction of NO_x using ammonia as the reducing agent was patented in the United States by the Engelhard Corporation in 1957. Development of SCR technology continued in Japan and the US in the early 1960s with research focusing on less expensive and more durable catalyst agents. The first large-scale SCR was installed by the IHI Corporation in 1978. Commercial selective catalytic reduction systems are typically found on large utility boilers, industrial boilers, and municipal solid waste boilers and have been shown to reduce NO_x by 70-95%. More recent applications include diesel engines, such as those found on large ships, diesel locomotives, gas turbines, and even automobiles.

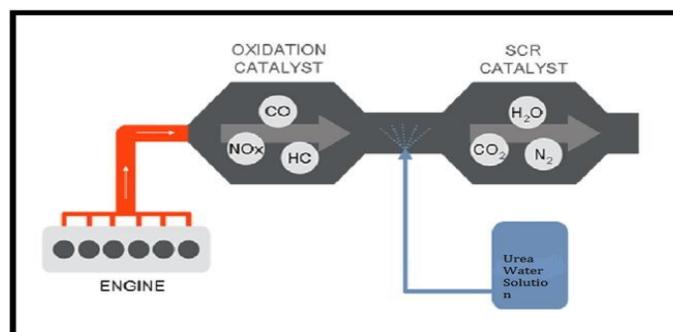


Figure 1: Simple View of Urea-SCR Technology

3.1. Special About SCR

Selective Catalytic Reduction is similar to other diesel emission control technologies in many ways { hardware is

mounted in the exhaust stream relies on catalyst-fostered chemical reactions requires sophisticated electronic controllers can yield high.

3.2. Construction of Urea-SCR

The SCR DENOX unit utilising urea solution as reducing agent normally consists of the following main components:

- urea solution storage tank.
- urea solution metering pump .
- injector nozzle system exhaust gas mixer unit .
- SCR-reactor with catalyst elements NOx analyzer control cabinet .

The flow of urea solution is controlled by an external flow controller (FC), by adjusting the speed of the urea solution metering pump.

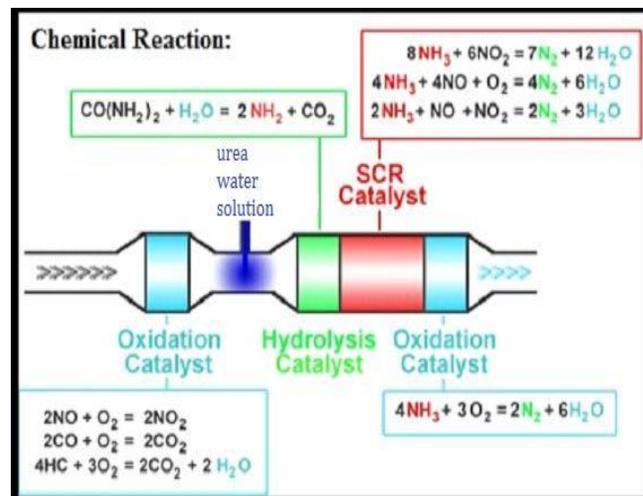


Figure 3: Chemical reaction

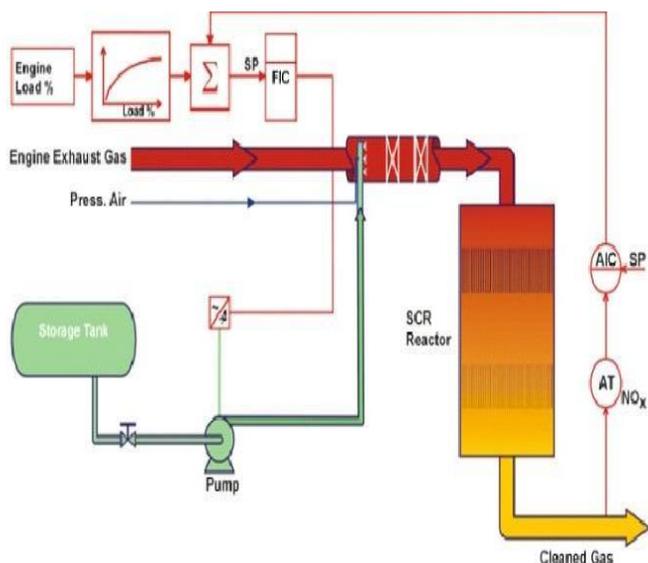


Figure 2: Construction diagram of Urea-SCR

IV. WORKING OF UREA-SCR

This technology is used for reduce NOx of the exhaust gases which passed out from the engine exhaust manifold, so the model of SCR is located after the exhaust manifold and before the silencer.

When engine is started it creates various toxic gases such as CO₂, NO_x, CO, PM, SO₂. This toxic gases then pass through the chamber where urea is injected by means of injector which is connected to urea reservoir. Urea is injected in appropriate quantity on the exhaust gases due to which it reacts with them and following reaction takes place.



In above Hydrolysis reaction takes place in which urea ((NH₂)₂CO) is mixed with water (H₂O) and generating the ammonia (NH₃) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). This reaction is formed before the SCR catalyst.

After this gases pass through the SCR which is used to separate the toxic gases from the exhausted gases i.e. filtering the gases and after it, release this clean gases into the environment. When this gases come into the SCR following reaction takes place in which nitrogen dioxide (NO) is reacted with ammonia (NH₃) and oxygen (O₂) resulting the nitrogen (N₂) and water droplets.



In this way, NO_x is converting into the nitrogen and small water droplets and enter into the environment. Because of this the pollution is created due to NO_x is reduced and also particles which are generated because of this is not so harmful to human health. So this technology is efficient to reducing pollution.

V. FINAL ASSEMBLY DESIGN

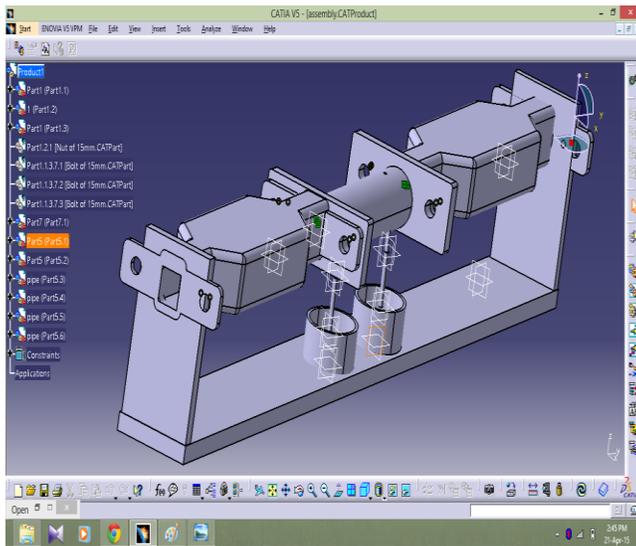


Figure 4: Final Assembly of Urea SCR

VI. CONCLUSION

UREA-SCR technology is effective for minimizing emission. It reduces the NO_x to 80% of the exhausted gases. It also reduces other exhaust particles. SCR is currently the most robust and long-term stable NO_x reduction technology. Now-a-days this technology is adapted in many countries. Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) is a means of converting nitrogen oxides, also referred to as NO_x with the aid of a catalyst into diatomic nitrogen, N₂, and water, H₂O. A gaseous reductant, typically anhydrous ammonia, aqueous ammonia or urea, is added to a stream of ure or exhaust gas and is adsorbed[citation needed] onto a catalyst. Carbon dioxide, CO₂ is a reaction product when urea is used as the reductant.

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