

# **Aftertreatment Research Prioritization: A CLEERS Industrial Survey**

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# **CLEERS: Crosscut Lean Exhaust Emissions Reduction Simulation**

- Initial activities began mid-FY 2001
- Main benefit of CLEERS is to enhance emissions controls (EC) collaboration
  - Network among OEM's, EC suppliers, national labs, and universities (focus groups and workshops)
  - Collective forums for identifying critical technology bottlenecks and sharing with DOE and industry (i.e.; Cross Cut Team)
  - Mechanism for sharing non-proprietary data/understanding and simulations
  - Mechanism for industry feedback to DOE
- **CLEERS not intended to fund software development**



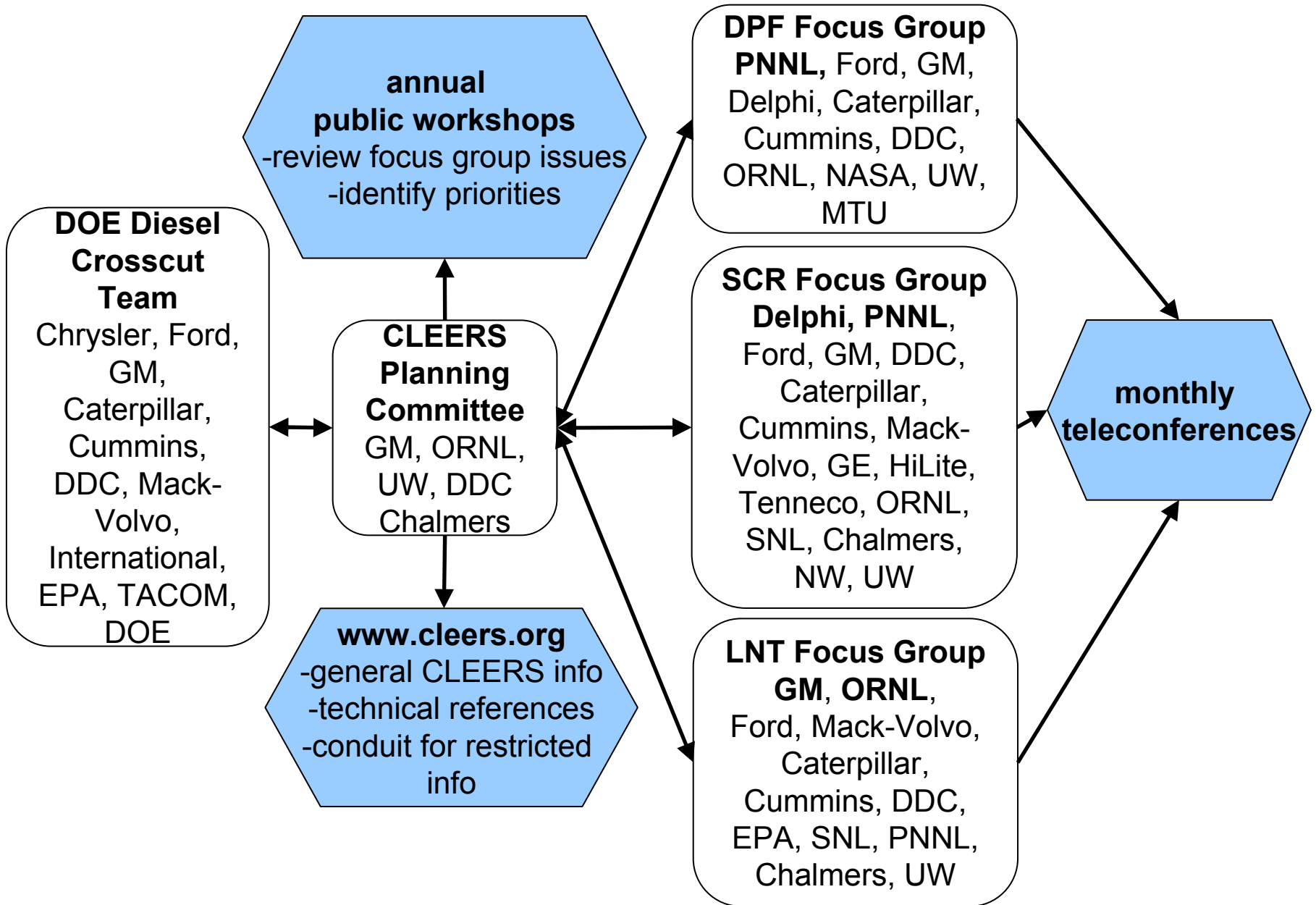
- **Technical Challenges & Barriers from FCVT MYPP:**

- **3.3.1.8.C. Emission control. Meeting EPA requirements for oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter emissions standards with little or no fuel economy penalty will be a key factor for market entry of advanced combustion engines. NOx adsorbers appear to be the most viable NOx reduction devices for light-duty vehicles, but they are very sulfur-sensitive, resulting in an increasingly greater energy penalty over time to compensate for loss of activity.**
- **3.3.1.8.E. Durability. The emission control system has to perform effectively for 120,000 miles ....**

- **FreedomCAR ACEC Tech Team 2006 Roadmap:**

- **Development and optimization of catalyst-based aftertreatment systems are inhibited by the lack of understanding of catalyst fundamentals (e.g., surface chemistry, deactivation mechanisms... ) and catalysts modeling capabilities.**





## Focus Groups

- **Monthly telecoms/webcasts on key technical topics**
  - participation is limited because sensitive material maybe included
- **Input and reviews for proposed standard testing and measurement protocols used by industry, national labs**
  - LNT sorbent/catalyst characterization protocol
  - SCR catalyst characterization protocol
  - Standardized reference materials
- **Reviews of ongoing work at national labs**
  - Rapid feedback to labs on data, model usefulness
  - Rapid data/results transfer from labs to industry
  - Recommendations from industry for redirecting DOE effort
    - Informal
    - Formal polling
- **Workshop organization**
  - Each session organized by specific Focus Group
  - Groups define invited speakers, major topics



## **Workshops are forum for discussing common emissions control simulation issues**

- **Mechanism for CLEERS to interface with wider community**
  - Two-way feedback on terminology, bottlenecks, priorities
- **Max 120 participants (promotes informal discussions)**
  - 85% U.S./15% International
- **Single session each day**
  - Emphasis on NOx and PM control, system integration
  - Typically 6 invited speakers (2-3 international)
  - 28-30 contributed technical talks
- **Open to anyone interested; participants typically include:**
  - OEMs (30%)
  - Emissions controls suppliers (20%)
  - Emission controls R&D companies/consultants (10%)
  - Software suppliers (6%)
  - Universities (17%)
  - Government agencies (4%)
  - National labs (13%)



# CLEERS Website (<http://www.cleers.org>;)

- **Basic information (organization, workshop agendas, downloads etc.)**
  - ~10,000 visits per month
- **Experimental database**
  - 9 data categories
  - 9 technology areas
  - ~5000 downloads
  - Links to other relevant data (e.g., data from non-CLEERS DOE activities)
- **Articles database (with search capability)**
  - Over 600 citations
- **Focus Group area**
- **Event calendar**
- **Mailing lists**

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on Lean Emissions Reduction Simulation**  
May 1st - 3rd, 2007  
University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, Michigan 48128

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Presentations	Speakers
<b>DPF</b>	
4-way Catalyst Modeling in Wall-Flow and Deep-bed Substrates [ <a href="#">abstract</a> ] [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 6321 KB)	Grigorios Koltsakis (AUT)
Microreactor Investigations of the Oxidation of Diesel and Model Soots [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 475 KB)	Andrea Strzelec (ORNL/UW)
Comprehensive Characterization of Particulate Emissions from Advanced Diesel Combustion [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 711 KB)	Dave Foster (U. Wisconsin)
EGR Catalyst for Cooler Fouling Reduction [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 2700 KB)	John Hoard (Ford)
Simulating Integrated Engine-Emissions-DOC-DPF Performance [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 1722 KB)	Chris Rutland (UW)
Integrated Aftertreatment System Modeling Using GT-POWER [ <a href="#">abstract</a> ] [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PPT, 4171 KB)	Syed Wahiduzzaman (GT)
Micro-Scale Simulations of Diesel Soot Oxidation [ <a href="#">abstract</a> ] [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (Web Link)	Mark Stewart (PNNL)
Integration of a Lean NOx Trap Model and an Engine map into PSAT [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 7830 KB)	Aymeric Rousseau (ANL)
DPF Durability [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 928 KB)	Reggie Zhan (SRI)
<b>Integrated Systems/LNT</b>	
Overview of LNT session [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 10 KB)	Dick Blint (GM)
Modeling Needs for SIDI Lean NOx Aftertreatment Systems [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 1220 KB)	Norm Brinkman (GM)
Fundamental Studies of NOx Adsorber Materials [ <a href="#">abstract</a> ] [ <a href="#">presentation</a> ] (PDF, 2099 KB)	Chuck Peden (PNNL)
DRIFTS Investigation of LNT Regeneration Presentation (PDF, 557 KB)	Tosh Pihl (ORNL)



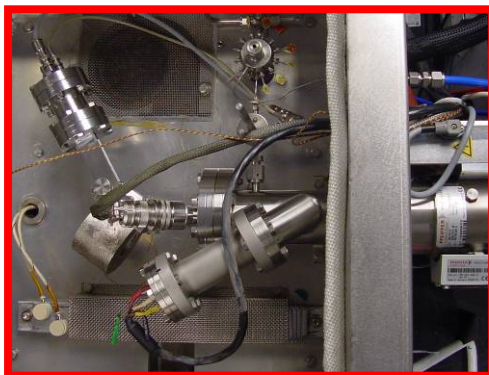
# Emissions Control R&D Priorities survey

- Recommended in November 2006 by Cross Cut Team (Diesel emphasis) and DOE (Gurpreet Singh and Ken Howden)
- Designed by CLEERS planning committee (including a high fidelity topic list), conducted January 2007 by independent third party (Mike Laughlin, New West Technologies)
- Limited to only Crosscut members and emissions controls suppliers with complete anonymity & single response from each company
- Lean gasoline (outside the CrossCut scope) was also polled
- Polled:
  - Technical priorities
  - Four perspective areas:
    - Commercial relevance;
    - Importance to national energy strategy;
    - Scientific importance/challenge;
    - Utilization of special national lab capabilities.
  - Allocation of resources





# ORNL utilizes diverse capabilities and collaborations with other DOE labs for fundamental understanding of aftertreatment devices



## SpaciMS

- capillary inlet mass spec.
- concentration profiles inside monoliths
- magnetic sector detector: H<sub>2</sub>

## Other capabilities

- microscopy, XRD
- engine dynamometers



## Microreactor

- powders
- surface areas
- TPR/TPO
- performance eval.



## DRIFTS reactor

- powders, washcoated wafers
- quantify adsorbates
- identify intermed.



## Bench reactor

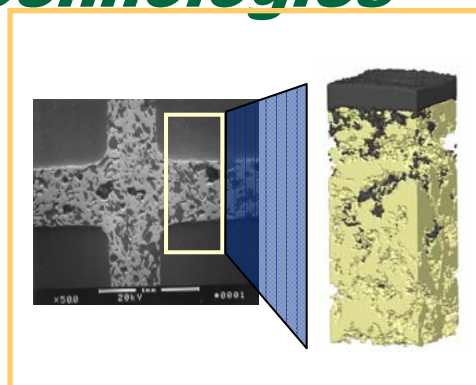
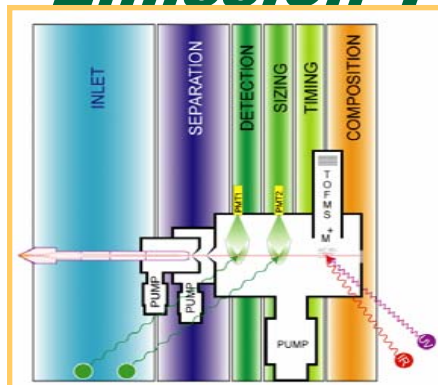
- monolith cores
- performance eval.
- SpaciMS

## Collaborations with national labs:

- SNL: mechanism development, modeling
- PNNL: unique experimental capabilities, complementary catalysis expertise



# ***PNNL Utilizes Science of Particles and Catalyst Material Surfaces at All Scales to enable Emission Technologies***



- **Single Particle Laser Ablation Time-of-flight MS (SPLAT)**
- **Size, density and molecular composition of particles**
- **Proton Transfer Reaction MS - gaseous HC's**
- **Micro-scale filtration and regeneration models**
- **Digital mapping of microstructure**
- **Models include species transport, soot oxidation and kinetics**

## **Other Capabilities for Catalysis R&D**

Synchrotron XANES, EXAFS (collaboration with BNL)

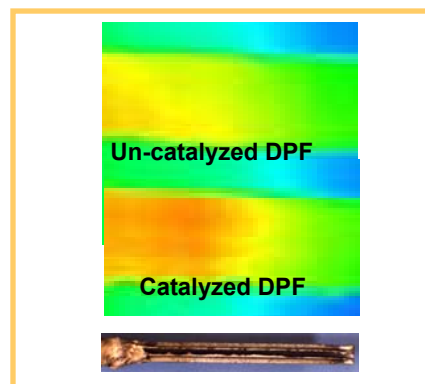
Catalytic Reactors: laboratory, pilot, engine test benches

Catalyst Characterization: XPS, TPR, XRD, TEM, Raman

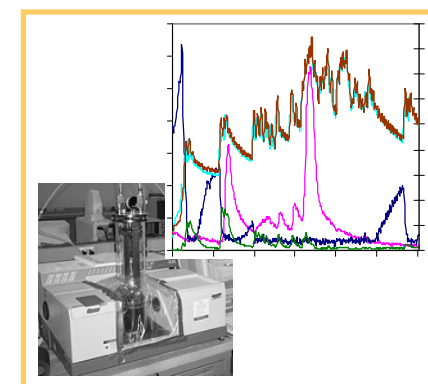
## **Collaborations**

SNL: SCR after-treatment

ORNL: engine dynamometer testing, catalyst aging protocols



- **Dual single channel DPF and SCR experiments**
- **Infrared thermography**



- **Transient thermal reactor – gaseous transients**
- **Multiple *in-situ* FTIR reactors – catalyst surface transients**



# Example choices for Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)

1. Global reaction rate equations, including hybrid mechanisms (a-h); e.g.,
  - a. Urea thermolysis (gas and surface)
2. Dosing system (a-e); e.g.,
  - a. Spatial and temporal distribution of urea/NH<sub>3</sub> or HCs at monolith inlet
3. Transport effects (a-b); e.g.,
  - a. Pore/washcoat diffusion
4. Deactivation mechanisms (a-c); e.g.,
  - a. Thermal degradation due to cycling



# Example choices for Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF)

1. Models for local properties of the filter cake (e.g., permeability, density, morphology) (a-d); e.g.,
  - a. Variation with time, engine design, operating conditions and fuel formulation.
2. Kinetics - oxidation mechanisms, detailed kinetics, global rates (a-b); e.g.,
  - a. Reaction rates for passive and active regeneration of the soot.
3. 1-D device models (using local properties and kinetics sub-models) for systems simulation (a-c); e.g.,
  - a. Models for soot regeneration control studies.
4. Detailed 3-D device models for understanding capture and oxidation phenomenon. (a-d); e.g.,
  - a. Higher order models for design and optimization of DPF substrates and systems.
5. Improved sensor concepts and sensor utilization (a-c); e.g.,
  - a. Accurate estimation of soot loading and prediction of regeneration exotherm.



## Example choices for Lean NO<sub>x</sub> Traps (LNT)

1. Determination of the elementary reaction steps (a-e); e.g.,
  - a. NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> storage and release
2. Determination/characterization of limiting chemical or physical mechanisms (a-e); e.g.,
  - a. H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition
3. Chemistry and kinetics common to LNT's and 3-way catalysts (a-i); e.g.,
  - a. NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> storage during lean conditions



# Example choices for Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS)

1. Oxidation catalysts (a-e); e.g.,
  - a. Shifts in hydrocarbon species distribution with oxycat transit
2. Reformer catalysts (a-b); e.g.,
  - a. Modeling for applications to LNT
3. Device-device interactions (both dynamic and steady-state) (a-f); e.g.,
  - a. DPF/SCR
4. Reference regeneration strategies for drive cycle simulations (a-c); e.g.,
  - a. DPF regeneration maps for reference engines



## Prioritization Responses

- Requests sent to 22 organizations
- Total of fourteen (14) organizations responded (64% response rate)
- Total of eighteen (18) individual responses
  - Twelve responses for diesel
  - Six responses for gasoline
- Responses received from
  - LD Vehicle OEMs
  - HD Vehicle OEMs
  - HD Engine OEMs
  - Tier 1 Suppliers
  - Energy Companies



# Prioritization Methodology

- **Resource Allocation**
  - Respondents provide allocations by work area
  - Responses averaged to provide overall conclusion
- **Overall Prioritization**
  - Responses given as low, medium, high priority for each focus area
  - Numeric scores assigned to low (1), medium (2), high (3) and totaled for each focus area
  - Focus areas sorted by total numeric score
- **Top Priority**
  - Responses given as list of top three choices of focus area for four categories
  - Responses weighted by whether the choice was top, middle, or bottom
  - Weighted total for each chosen focus area developed, list sorted by weighted total





## Diesel Topic Prioritization

Score	Id Code	Comment
37, 36, 34	SCR-4b, SCR-4c, SCR-4a	Deactivation mechanisms
35, 34, 32	DPF-5a, DPF-5b, DPF-5c	Soot loading (estimating and sensor)
32, 31	DPF-2a, DPF-3a	Reaction rates for passive and active regeneration of the soot.
32	SCR-1c	NH <sub>3</sub> reaction with NO, NO <sub>2</sub>
31	ISS-1c, ISS-3a	Oxidation catalysts & DPF/SCR



# Diesel Topic Prioritization Comments

- **DPF**
  - Oxidation characteristics of soot cakes ranked high also DPF-1a and DPF-2b (30, 29)
- **SCR**
  - Dosing system effects had priority numbers of 30, 29, 27 and lower
- **LNTs**
  - First occurrence of an LNT priority (28), LNT-2b (Precious metal aging )
  - Aging and NOx regeneration kinetics were the most highly rated categories
- **ISS**
  - Ranked 31 and below
  - DOC components pushed up the ranking
  - First device interactions occurred at 27



## Gasoline Topic Prioritization

Score	Id Code	Comment
17-14	LNT-3d, 1a, 1b, 3b, 3c, 1d, 3e, 1c, 2a, 2e, 3a,	Kinetic issues
17, 14-12	LNT-2b, 1e, 2c, 3h, 3i, 2d	Precious metal aging and sulfur poisoning
13	SCR-4a	Thermal degradation through cycling
12	ISS-1e	4-way catalytic systems



# Gasoline Topic Prioritization Comments

- **DPF**
  - Came in low at 8
  - Mostly questions about morphology of gasoline particles
- **SCR**
  - Almost all came in below the LNT issues
- **LNT**
  - Kinetics...kinetics....kinetics
- **ISS**
  - Typically low



## Commercial Relevance-Diesel

DPF-5a: Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF), Improved sensor concepts and sensor utilization, Accurate estimation of soot loading and prediction of regeneration exotherm.	9
ISS-1e: Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS), Oxidation catalysts, Multi-function (4-way) catalytic systems addressing soot, NOx, CO, and hydrocarbons in a single unit	8
DPF-5b: Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF), Improved sensor concepts and sensor utilization, multiple, combined sensor utilization (both existing and new sensors) for loading assessment beyond simple back pressure.	7
ISS-3a: Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS), Device-device interactions (both dynamic and steady-state), DPF/SCR	6
SCR-2a: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Dosing system, Spatial and temporal distribution of urea/NH <sub>3</sub> or HCs at monolith inlet	6

## Importance to National Energy Strategy-Diesel

ISS-1e: Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS), Oxidation catalysts, Multi-function (4-way) catalytic systems addressing soot, NO <sub>x</sub> , CO, and hydrocarbons in a single unit	15
SCR-1c: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Global reaction rate equations, including hybrid mechanisms, NH <sub>3</sub> reaction with NO, NO <sub>2</sub>	6
DPF-1d, DPF-5a DPF-5b : Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF), Models for local properties of the filter cake (e.g., permeability, density, morphology), Capture, generation, and release of nano-particles. Improved sensor concepts and sensor utilization,	4
SCR-1b: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Global reaction rate equations, including mechanisms, NH <sub>3</sub> surface adsorption/desorption	4



## Scientific Importance/Challenge-Diesel

DPF-2b: Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF), Kinetics - oxidation mechanisms, detailed kinetics, global rates, Relationship between soot oxidation kinetics and chemical/morphological properties of soot particles (including particles from advanced combustion)	10
DPF-2a: Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF), Kinetics - oxidation mechanisms, detailed kinetics, global rates, Reaction rates for passive and active regeneration of the soot.	9
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LNT-2e: Lean NOx Traps (LNT), Determination/characterization of limiting chemical or physical mechanisms for degree of contacting between precious metals and NOx storage sites	4
SCR-1b: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Global reaction rate equations, including hybrid mechanisms, NH <sub>3</sub> surface adsorption/desorption	4



## Utilization of National Lab Capabilities-Diesel

ISS-3a: Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS), Device-device interactions (both dynamic and steady-state) , DPF/SCR	6
SCR-4b: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Deactivation mechanisms, Poisoning by S, P, HC's	6
DPF-1d: Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF), Models for local properties of the filter cake (e.g., permeability, density, morphology), Capture, generation, and release of nano-particles.	5
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## Commercial Relevance-Gasoline

ISS-1e: Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS), Oxidation catalysts, Multi-function (4-way) catalytic systems addressing soot, NOx, CO, and hydrocarbons in a single unit	6
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LNT-1c: Lean NOx Traps (LNT), Determination of the elementary reaction steps for NO and NO <sub>2</sub> reduction by CO, H <sub>2</sub> , and HC (separately)	3

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## Scientific Importance/Challenge-Gasoline

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LNT-2b: Lean NO <sub>x</sub> Traps (LNT), Determination/characterization of limiting chemical or physical mechanisms for precious metal aging	4
ISS-3f: Integrated Systems Simulation (ISS), Device-device interactions (both dynamic and steady-state) , Shifts in DPF particulate properties with unconventional engine operation (e.g., HECC)	3
LNT-1b, LNT-1c, LNT-3d: Lean NO <sub>x</sub> Traps (LNT), Determination of the elementary reaction steps for, NO, NO <sub>2</sub> and O transport between PGM adsorption and storage sites; reaction steps for NO and NO <sub>2</sub> reduction by CO, H <sub>2</sub> , and HC; Consumption of H <sub>2</sub> , CO, and HC during rich conditions and lean-rich transients	3
SCR-4a: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Deactivation mechanisms , Thermal degradation due to cycling	3



## Utilization of National Lab Capabilities-Gasoline

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SCR-4a: Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Deactivation mechanisms, Thermal degradation due to cycling	3



## Summary & Future

- **Question: Allocate resources across four areas of work**
  - For diesel, recommend small LNT activity (15% of resources) with remainder about equally distributed among ISS, SCR, and DPF (slightly more to SCR)
  - For gasoline, majority (about 60%) of resources should be on LNT, very limited SCR, balance about equally divided between ISS and DPF
- **Commercial relevance & National Energy Strategy: DPF & SCR for diesels and LNT & 4-way for lean gasoline**
- **Scientific Importance/Challenge: Kinetics for both diesel and gasoline**
- **Utilization of National Labs: Kinetics & materials analysis**
- **Consider the possibility of an annual survey**



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- ORNL team (Ron Graves)
- Crosscut team
- DOE (Gurpreet Singh, Ken Howden)



# Backup Slides



# CLEERS Planning Committee

- Oversees detailed CLEERS operation
  - Implementation of rules, procedures
  - Update reports, recommendations to Crosscut Team
  - Coordination of Focus Groups
- Current members:
  - Dick Blint (GM)
  - Stuart Daw (ORNL)
  - Houshun Zhang (DDC)
  - Chris Rutland (UW)
  - Louise Olsson (Chalmers)





# **CLEERS Focus Groups are organized into three main categories**

- **Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF)**
  - Leaders: Mark Stewart, George Muntean (PNNL)
  - PM characterization, oxidation kinetics
  - Filter media and cake modeling
  - Integral reaction and heat transfer
- **Lean NOx Traps (LNT)**
  - Leaders: Dick Blint (GM), Stuart Daw (ORNL)
  - NOx capture, release, reduction kinetics
  - S poisoning and desulfation
  - Integral reaction and heat transfer
- **Selective Catalytic NOx Reduction (SCR)**
  - Leaders: Jonathon Male (PNNL), Joe Bonadies (Delphi)
  - Zeolite catalyst characterization
  - NH3 and HC species storage, NOx reduction
  - Urea thermolysis, spray modeling
- **Issues related to oxidation catalysts, systems integration, standardized testing shared by all three groups**



## **10 CLEERS public workshops held to date**

- **#1- May 7-8, 2001, National Transportation Research Center, Knoxville**
  - **#2,3- October 16-18, 2001, Ford Scientific Research Lab, Dearborn**
  - **#4,5- April 30-May 2, 2002, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
  - **#6- September 23-24, 2003, General Motors R&D Center, Warren**
  - **#7- June 16-17, 2004, Detroit Diesel R&D Center, Detroit**
  - **#8- May 17-19, 2005, University of Michigan, Dearborn**
  - **#9- May 2-4, 2006, University of Michigan, Dearborn**
  - **#10- May 1-3, 2007, University of Michigan, Dearborn**
- **3 day meetings now held annually in Detroit area**



# General Comments

- Overall agreement from the participants that the limited size of the workshop is a plus
- Oversea attendees came from
  - Sweden
  - Canada (BC, Ontario)
  - India
  - Greece
  - Korea
  - Italy
  - Austria
- 75 industrial, 18 academic, 17 National Laboratory & ? EPA



# Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)

1. **Global reaction rate equations, including hybrid mechanisms**
  - a. Urea thermolysis (gas and surface)
  - b. NH<sub>3</sub> surface adsorption/desorption
  - c. NH<sub>3</sub> reaction with NO, NO<sub>2</sub>
  - d. Role of different HC components (e.g., alkanes, alkenes, aromatics)
  - e. HC reaction with O<sub>2</sub>
  - f. HC reaction with NO, NO<sub>2</sub>
  - g. HNCO formation/decomposition
  - h. N<sub>2</sub>O formation/reduction
2. **Dosing system**
  - a. Spatial and temporal distribution of urea/NH<sub>3</sub> or HCs at monolith inlet
  - b. Effect of mixers
  - c. Aerosol quality
  - d. Atomizer placement
  - e. Exhaust gas temperature effects
3. **Transport effects**
  - a. Pore/washcoat diffusion
  - b. Droplet vaporization
4. **Deactivation mechanisms**
  - a. Thermal degradation due to cycling
  - b. Poisoning by S, P, HC's
  - c. Effects of soot, ash, coking



# Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF)

1. Models for local properties of the filter cake (e.g., permeability, density, morphology).
  - a. Variation with time, engine design, operating conditions and fuel formulation.
  - b. Local effects of ash loading on filter cake.
  - c. Longer term effects of ash accumulation on DPF durability.
  - d. Capture, generation, and release of nano-particles.
2. Kinetics - oxidation mechanisms, detailed kinetics, global rates.
  - a. Reaction rates for passive and active regeneration of the soot.
  - b. Relationship between soot oxidation kinetics and chemical/morphological properties of soot particles (including particles from advanced combustion)
3. 1-D device models (using local properties and kinetics sub-models) for systems simulation.
  - a. Models for soot regeneration control studies.
  - b. Models for component interaction studies.
  - c. Models for trade-off assessments between higher precious metal loading vs. engine torque/speed modifications.
4. Detailed 3-D device models for understanding capture and oxidation phenomenon.
  - a. Higher order models for design and optimization of DPF substrates and systems.
  - b. Practical simulations capturing structural and flow effects.
  - c. Evolution of temperature distributions and gradients combined with filter stability/survivability
  - d. Micro-mechanical models to predict strength degradation and part failure due to thermal cycling
5. Improved sensor concepts and sensor utilization
  - a. Accurate estimation of soot loading and prediction of regeneration exotherm.
  - b. Multiple, combined sensor utilization (both existing and new sensors) for loading assessment beyond simple back pressure.
  - c. More reliable, less operation-specific DPF state assessment

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# Lean NOx Traps (LNT)

1. Determination of the elementary reaction steps for:
  - a. NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> storage and release
  - b. NO, NO<sub>2</sub> and O transport between PGM adsorption and storage sites
  - c. NO and NO<sub>2</sub> reduction by CO, H<sub>2</sub>, and HC (separately)
  - d. formation of NH<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, HCN, and isocyanates
  - e. formation and decomposition of sulfates
2. Determination/characterization of limiting chemical or physical mechanisms for:
  - a. H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition
  - b. precious metal aging
  - c. formation of non-regenerable sulfur
  - d. microstructural changes in the support materials with aging
  - e. degree of contacting between precious metals and NOx storage sites
3. Chemistry and kinetics common to LNT's and 3-way catalysts
  - a. NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> storage during lean conditions
  - b. Release of stored NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> during rich conditions
  - c. Reduction of NO and NO<sub>2</sub> by CO, H<sub>2</sub>, and HC during rich conditions
  - d. Consumption of H<sub>2</sub>, CO, and HC during rich conditions and lean-rich transients
  - e. Production of NH<sub>3</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O during rich conditions and lean-rich transitions
  - f. NOx storage by ceria
  - g. NOx/CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion in/out of sorbent as a function of sorbent state/composition
  - h. Capture of SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>3</sub> during lean conditions
  - i. Release of SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>S during desulfation



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- 1. Oxidation catalysts**
  - a. Shifts in hydrocarbon species distribution with oxycat transit
  - b. Hydrocarbon storage effects
  - c. NO to NO<sub>2</sub> inter-conversion
  - d. Shifts in particulate characteristics with oxycat transit
  - e. Multi-function (4-way) catalytic systems addressing soot, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, and hydrocarbons in a single unit
- 2. Reformer catalysts**
  - a. Modeling for applications to LNT
  - b. Modeling for applications to SCR
- 3. Device-device interactions (both dynamic and steady-state)**
  - a. DPF/SCR
  - b. DPF/LNT
  - c. LNT/SCR
  - d. DPF/Oxycat
  - e. LNT/Oxycat
  - f. Shifts in DPF particulate properties with unconventional engine operation (e.g., HECC)
- 4. Reference regeneration strategies for drive cycle simulations**
  - a. DPF regeneration maps for reference engines (e.g., 1.9L GM engine)
  - b. LNT regeneration and desulfation maps for reference engines
  - c. Standard methods for triggering regenerations during simulations

