

# CATALYST FOR NITROGEN OXIDES (NO<sub>x</sub>) REDUCTION IN DIESEL ENGINE EXHAUSTS

**P** PATENTED TECHNOLOGY



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## ABSTRACT

The research team "Carbon materials and environment" at the Department of Inorganic Chemistry at University of Alicante has synthesised a noble metal-free catalyst for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) storage and reduction (NSR catalyst). The catalyst developed consists of a copper-doped mixed oxide with perovskite structure.

Its major application is the removal of NO<sub>x</sub> gas in oxygen-enriched streams such as the exhaust gases emitted by diesel engines.

## TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGES AND INNOVATIVE ASPECTS

The advantages of this new catalyst formulation are:

- Capability for operating under typical NSR conditions, where the treated gas composition periodically alternates between oxidising and reducing conditions.
- Higher NO<sub>x</sub> storage capacity per surface area unit (and comparable capacity in mass basis) than conventional noble metal-containing systems.
- Lower cost of the materials in comparison to noble metal-containing formulations.

## INNOVATIVE ASPECTS

The main innovative aspect of this approach is that the synthesised material is able to remove NO<sub>x</sub> in a similar way than noble metal-containing catalysts (the most effective nowadays) but lowering the price of the materials.

## MARKET APPLICATIONS

This technology is useful for the storage and reduction of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) in oxygen-rich gas streams. Specifically, it can be employed in the purification process of exhaust gases in diesel engines.

## COLLABORATION SOUGHT

The research group is looking for automotive industries interested in acquiring the technology for its commercial exploitation. The researchers are also interested in testing a prototype in real conditions, so they are also opened to collaborations for carrying out the scaling-up process.