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Rigorous HDD Emissions Capabilities of Shell GTL Fuel

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Presentation Outline

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Fuel Description – Reference Fuel

- Reference **ULSD (S15)** ex Shell Martinez CA Refinery, exhibits
 - < 2 ppm sulfur
 - 43 cetane number (contains no cetane improver)
 - <10% Aromatics (on a monthly average basis)
- **ULSD (S15)** fuel is an emissions-reducing enabler in both late-model and current engine technologies, and is the design fuel for advanced HDD engines with exhaust aftertreatment systems for 2007-model year engines with regulated NOx and PM control.
- **ULSD (S15)** fuel selected is a commercial CARB diesel - already a clean, low-emission fuel compared to **LSD** fuel available outside California

Fuel Descriptions – Shell GTL Fuel

- **Candidate – Shell GTL Fuel**
- **Shell GTL Fuel**
 - is a natural gas-based synthetic liquid fuel, virtually free of sulfur and aromatics.
 - offers government strategic diversification of energy supply as an alternative to petroleum-based fuels.
 - is a cost-effective alternative in reducing emissions compared to CNG, DME, CH₃OH and LPG.
 - can be used cost-effectively within existing diesel infrastructure.
 - can be blended with conventional diesel and used in HDD or LDD engines without modifications.

Fuel Descriptions – Shell GTL Fuel Blends

- Candidate blend of **55% Shell GTL Fuel/45% CARB ULSD (S15)**
 - Evaluated to provide an indication of the regulated emissions reduction capabilities of a blend of predominantly **Shell GTL Fuel** with conventional petroleum-derived **ULSD (S15)** fuel.
- Blend Study candidates were chosen as blends of **20%, 33%, 55%, and 75% Shell GTL Fuel in ULSD (S15)**
 - Evaluated to establish a blend curve to help predict the NO_x emissions reductions achievable with a range of concentrations of **Shell GTL Fuel** in conventional petroleum-derived **ULSD (S15)** fuel.

Fuel Properties

		"Reference"	"Candidate"	"Candidate"
		ULSD	Shell GTL	55% GTL
Property	Test	(S15)		45% ULSD
Density, g/mL	D 4052	0.8314	0.7865	0.8067
Sulfur, mass ppm	D 4053	1.6	0.3	1.0
Nitrogen, mass ppm	D 4629	5.7	< 1.0	3.0
T10, deg F	D 0086	357	474	377
T50, deg F	D 0086	427	568	522
T90, deg F	D 0086	600	627	626
Aromatics, mass %	D 5186	10.8	0.5	4.5
PNA, mass%	D 5186	2.5	0.1	0.8
Cetane Number	D 0613	42.7	~80	65.0

Testing Protocol

- **1991 DDC Series 60 HDD engine installed in a transient-capable test cell**
- **Hot-start transient emissions**
 - **Seven days, three consecutive hot-start transient runs with 20-minute engine-off soak between runs was conducted on each fuel (R & C)**
- **Transient emissions test results for regulated emissions (HC, CO, CO₂, NO_x & PM) run per CFR 40, Part 86, Subpart N**

Experimental Setup

- Engine exhaust routed through a full-flow, constant volume sampler utilizing a positive displacement pump
- Tunnel flow was held nominally to 2000 SCFM
- Sample probes for PM, heated NO_x, heated HC, CO and CO₂ connected to main tunnel
 - Individual HC and Aldehyde sample ports also

Experimental Setup

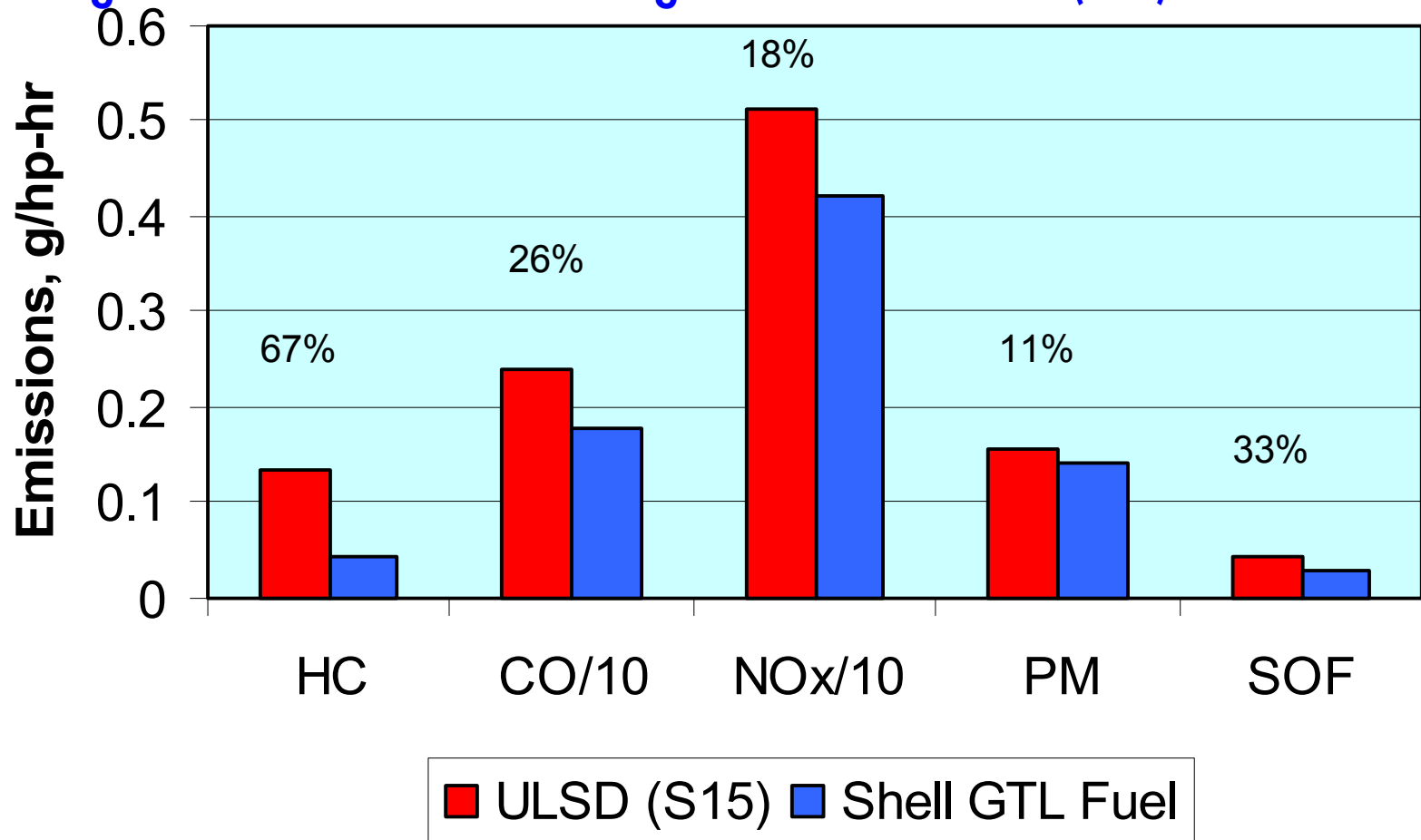
- Probes for background gas measurements were connected to main tunnel between dilution air filter pack and mixing zones
- Particulate and gas phase samples for PAH taken from a double dilution tunnel
 - Particulate phase PAH captured on 20X20 inch Pallflex filter and Gas phase PAH collected downstream using PUF/XAD-2 traps
- PM captured with a pair of 90 mm Pallflex filters
 - 25% for SO₄, 25% for SOF, 50% held in reserve

Observation – Non-Emissions Performance

- **Transient torque map defined on first run of Reference **ULSD (S15)** fuel**
- **This was used as the reference map to generate the transient command cycle for all subsequent hot-start transient runs.**
- **No non-emissions performance affects were observed regarding engine torque, fuel consumption, or power with the neat or blended **Shell GTL Fuel**.**

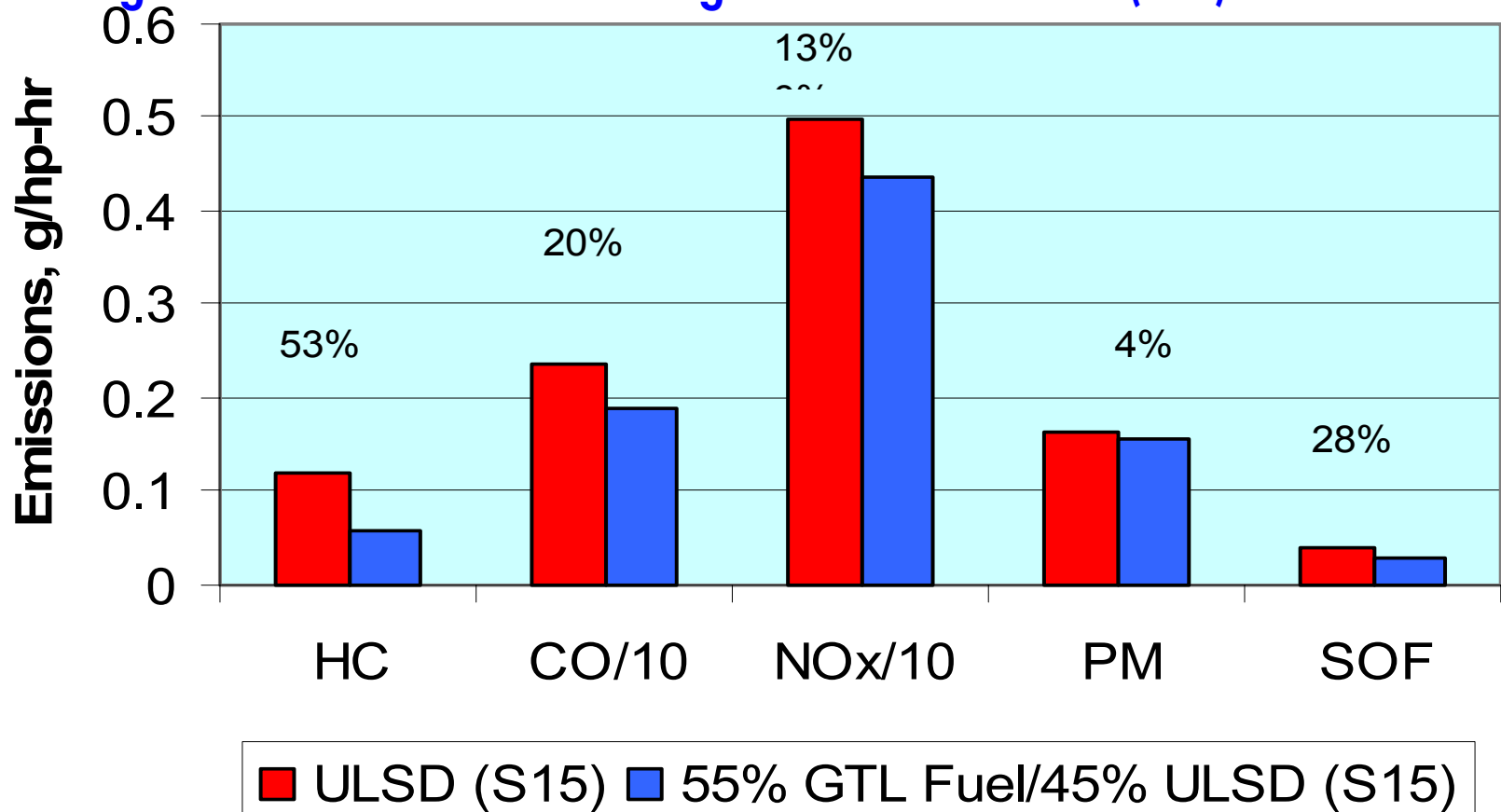
Emissions Reductions – 100% Shell GTL Fuel

-large emissions benefit evident against the clean ULSD (S15) reference fuel

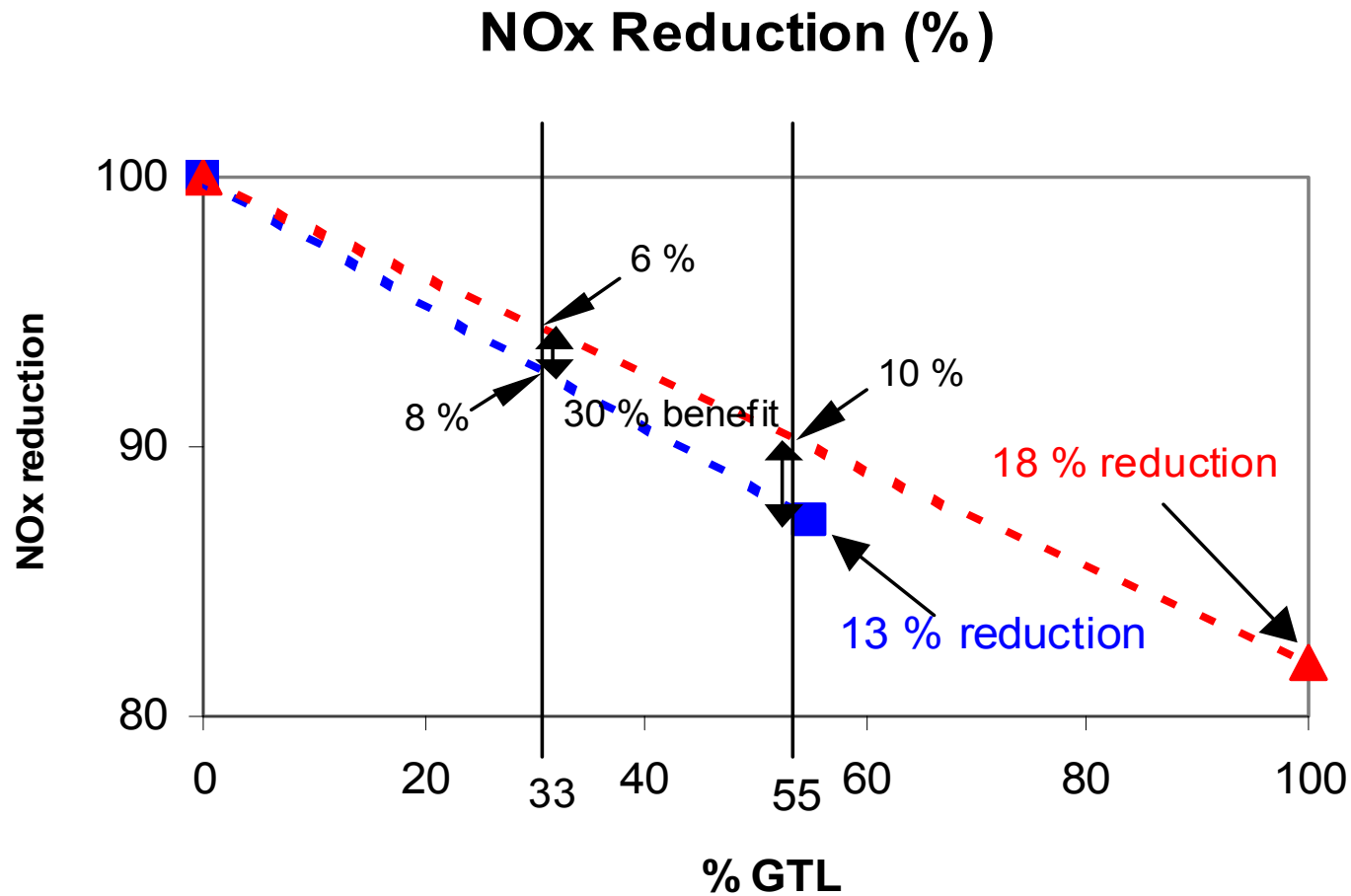


Emissions Reductions 55% Shell GTL Fuel/45% ULSD (S15)

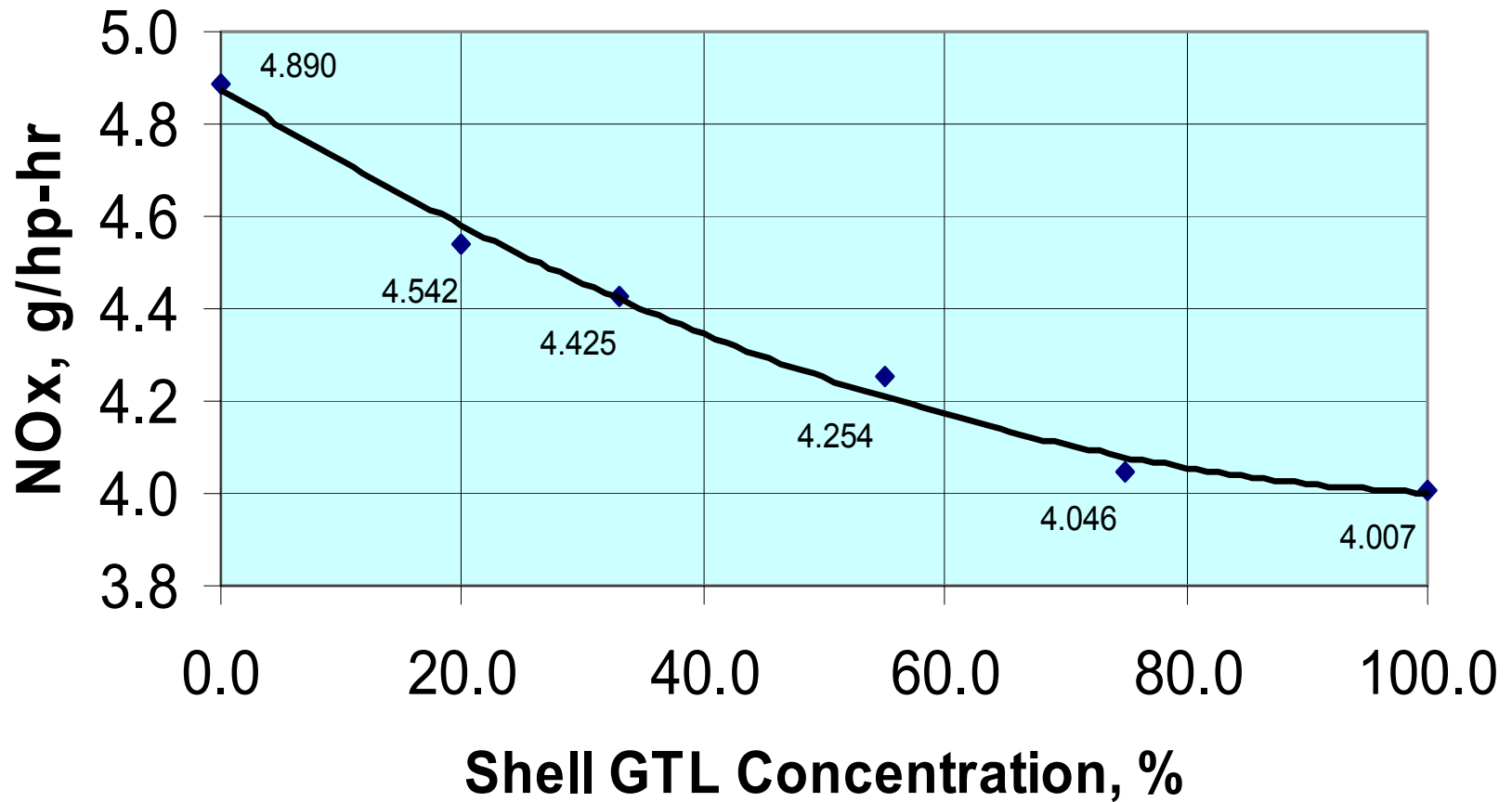
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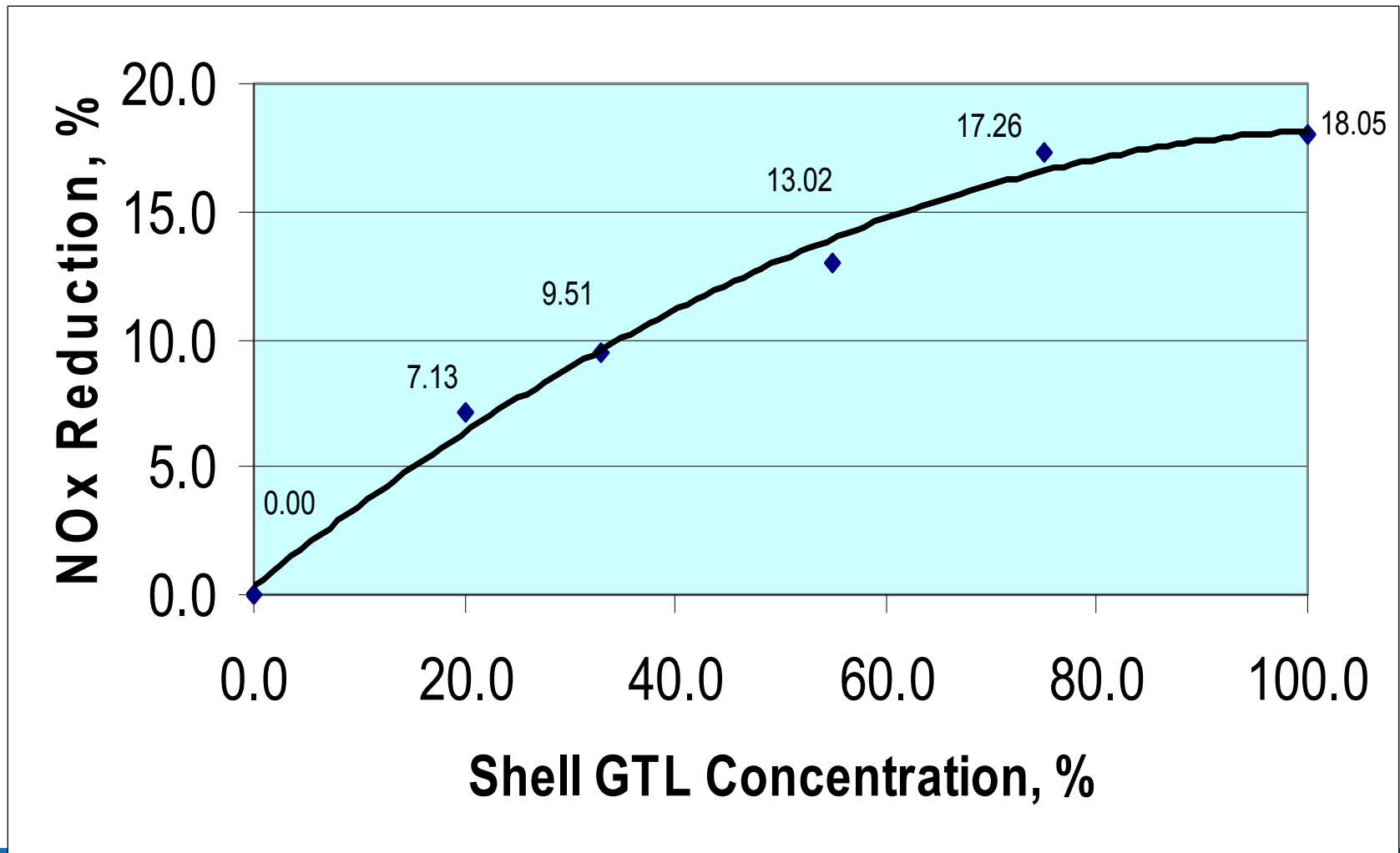
NOx Emissions Reductions



Blend Study – NO_x Emissions



Blend Study – NO_x Reductions



Summary

- The vastly improved low-emissions NOx & PM capabilities of **Shell GTL Fuel** was demonstrated relative to an already clean commercial **ULSD (S15)** diesel fuel.
- We suspect that even greater emissions benefits may be achieved with **Shell GTL Fuel** relative to conventional **LSD** fuels.
- Improved low emissions capabilities achievable with **Shell GTL Fuel** are aligned with legislation aimed at increasing energy security and diversification of supply by demonstrating the emissions reducing capabilities of alternative fuel sources.

Conclusions

- **Shell GTL Fuel** has been rigorously proven in a recognized, external protocol to demonstrate significant regulated emissions benefits:
 - exhibits 18% reduction in NO_x and 11% reduction in PM relative to a very clean **ULSD (S15)** fuel
 - **55% Shell GTL Fuel/45% ULSD(S15)** blend exhibits 13% reduction in NO_x and 4% reduction in PM relative to **ULSD (S15)** fuel
 - **33% Shell GTL Fuel/67% ULSD (S15)** blend exhibits 9.5% reduction in NO_x relative to **ULSD(S15)** fuel
 - exhibits emissions benefits over and above other clean alternative fuels.

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