

# **Low-Temperature Standard-SCR over Cu-SSZ-13: Selective Inhibition of the Oxidation Half-Cycle by Mild Hydrothermal Aging**

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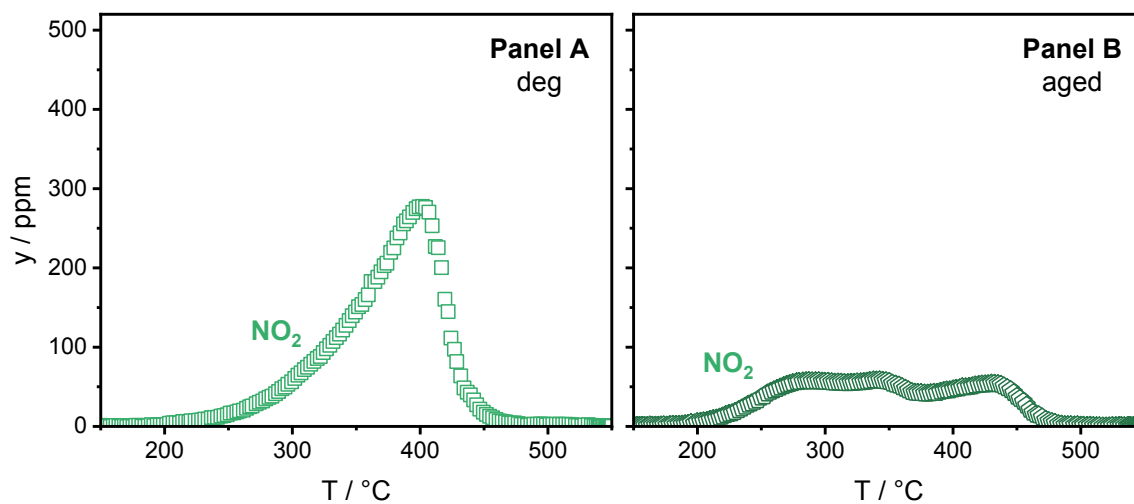
## **Supplementary Information**

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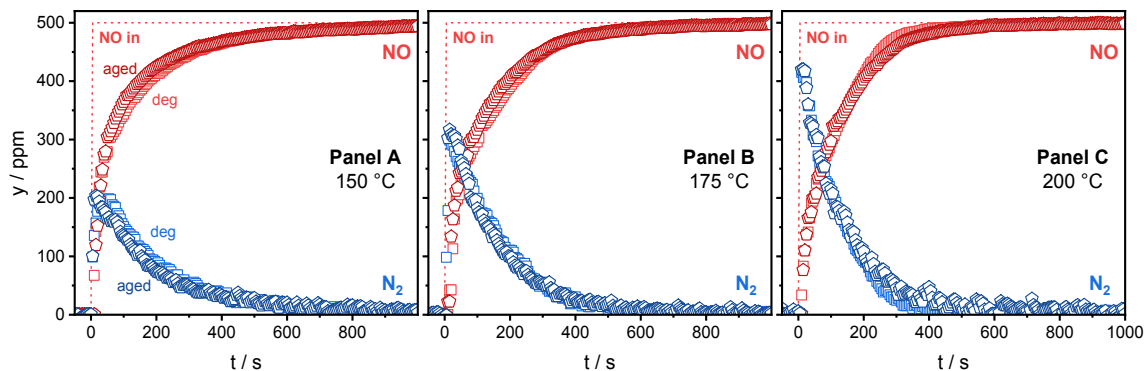
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## 1. Characterization



**Figure SI.1** – NO<sub>2</sub> TPD outlet profiles from NO<sub>2</sub> adsorption + TPD protocol. Panels: A) Degreened sample, B) Aged sample. Pretreatment feed: GHSV = 266,250 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP), T = 550 °C; O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 % v/v in He. Adsorption feed: GHSV = 266,250 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP), T = 150 °C; NO<sub>2</sub> = 500 ppm in He. TPD: GHSV = 266,250 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP), T = 150-550 °C at 2 °C min<sup>-1</sup>; feed: He only.

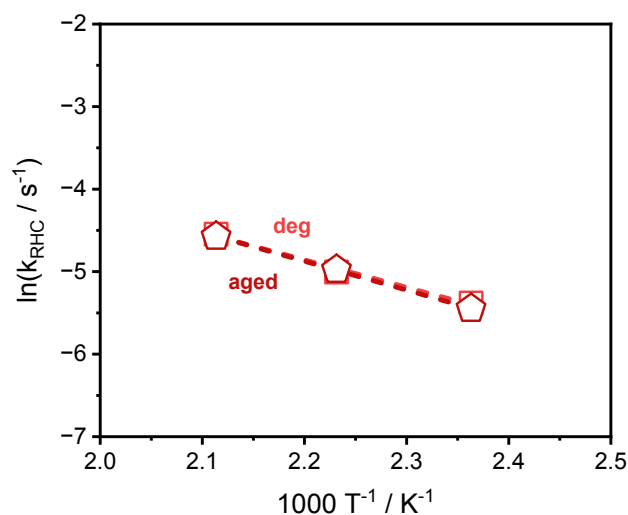
## 2. Reduction Half-Cycle



**Figure SI.2** – NO and N<sub>2</sub> transient outlet profiles from RHC protocol: direct comparison of experimental data on Degreened and Aged samples. Panels: A) 150 °C, B) 175 °C, C) 200 °C. Legend: squares for deg, pentagons for aged. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.

Reduction Half-Cycle	NO consumed / μmol		N <sub>2</sub> produced / μmol	
	Degreened	Aged	Degreened	Aged
150 °C	11.2	11.3	10.9	11.2
175 °C	11.9	11.5	11.8	11.4
200 °C	10.7	11.3	10.8	10.8

**Table SI.1** – Experimental NO consumption and N<sub>2</sub> production during RHC protocol over the Degreened and the Aged samples at the three studied temperatures: 150, 175, and 200 °C. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.

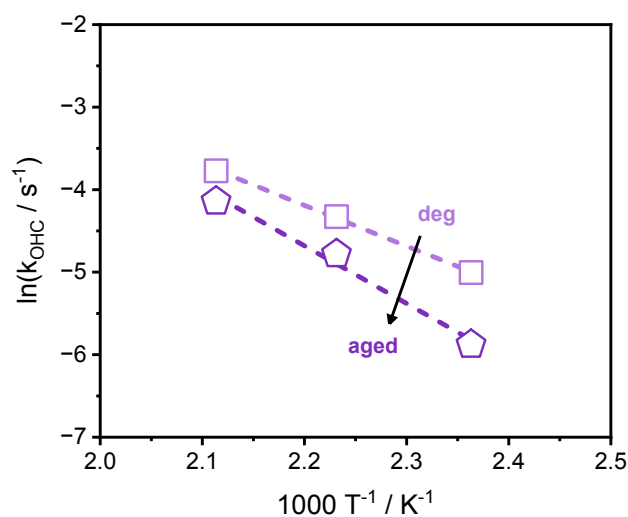


**Figure SI.3** – RHC Arrhenius plot of Degreened and Aged samples. Legend: squares for deg, pentagons for aged. Activation energy: 27.7 ± 2.5 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for Degreened, 29.1 ± 0.5 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for Aged sample.

### 3. Oxidation Half-Cycle

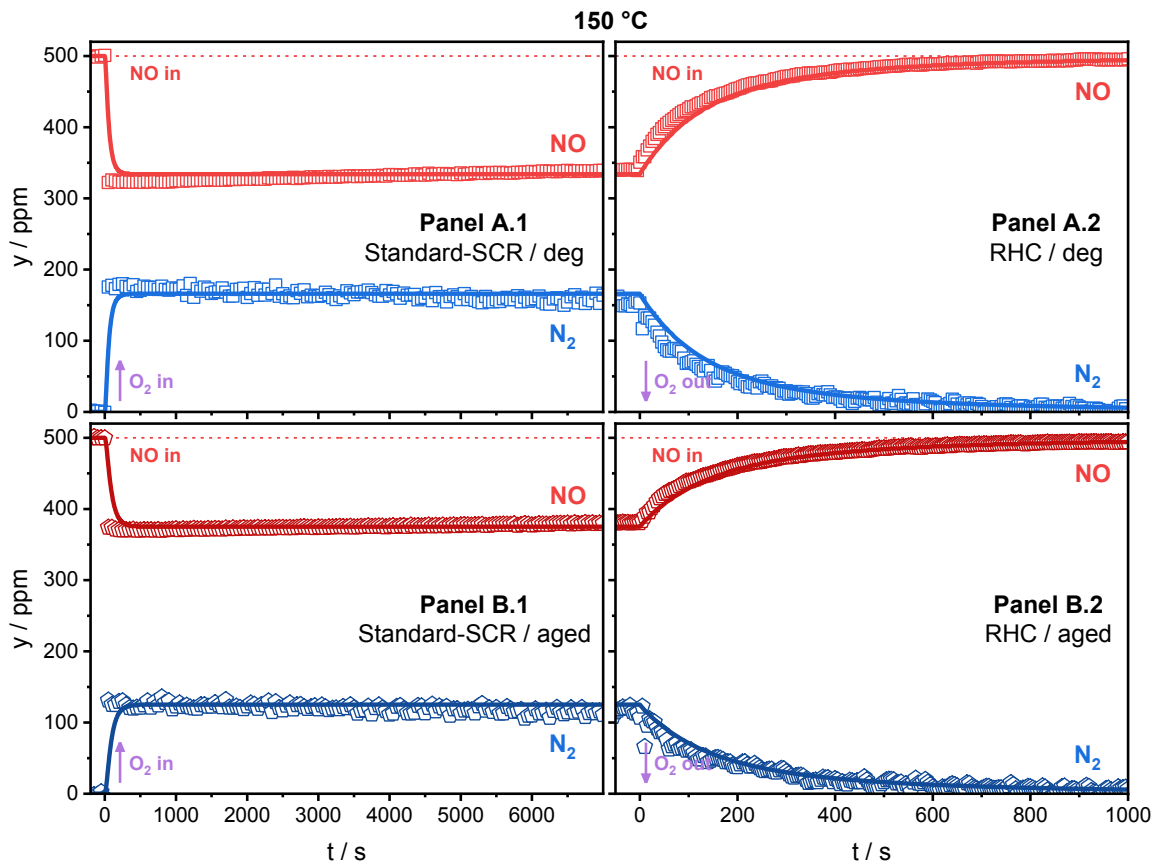
OHC at 150 °C t / s	NO consumed / $\mu\text{mol}$		N <sub>2</sub> produced / $\mu\text{mol}$	
	Degreened	Aged	Degreened	Aged
60	1.6	1.0	1.7	0.8
120	3.0	1.6	3.1	1.7
180	3.8	2.1	3.7	2.1
420	5.8	3.2	5.6	3.1
900	8.3	5.4	8.2	5.6
3600	10.8	8.6	10.9	8.3

**Table SI.2** – Experimental NO consumption and N<sub>2</sub> production during OHC protocol over the Degreened and the Aged samples at 150 °C. Reduction feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He. Oxidation feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); O<sub>2</sub> = 1.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.

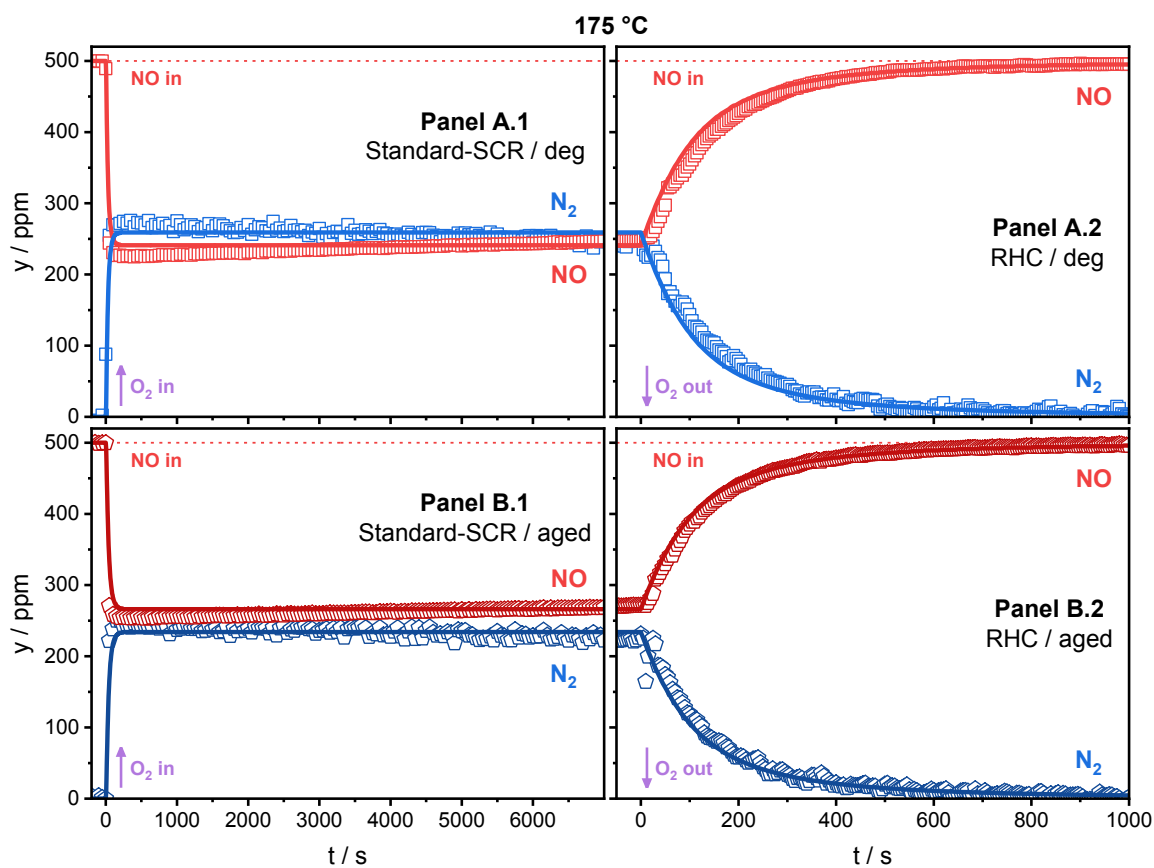


**Figure SI.4** – OHC Arrhenius plot of Degreened and Aged samples. Legend: squares for deg, pentagons for aged. Activation energy: 41.1 ± 1.0 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for Degreened, 58.0 ± 6.9 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for Aged sample.

#### 4. Combination of RHC and OHC in the Standard-SCR

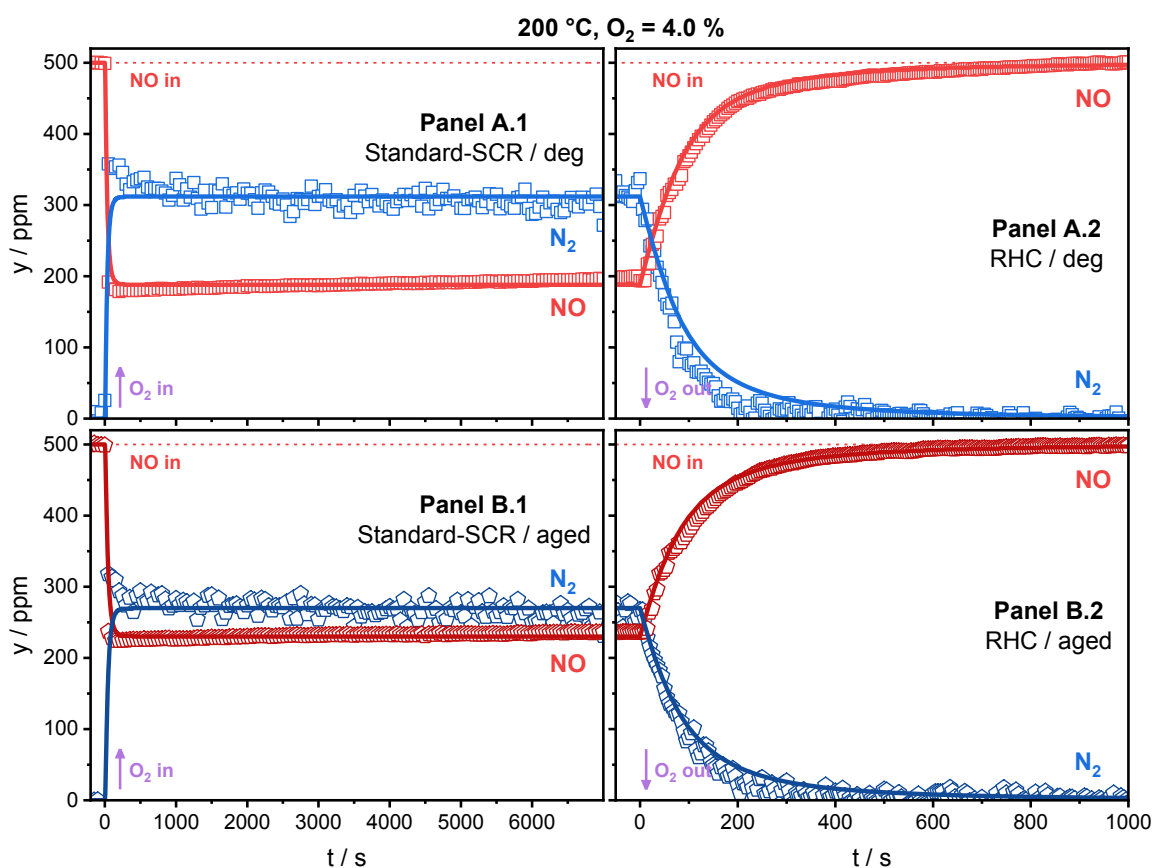


**Figure SI.5** – NO and N<sub>2</sub> transient outlet profiles from the Standard-SCR protocol on Degreened and Aged samples at 150 °C. Panels: A) Degreened, B) Aged, 1) Standard-SCR, 2) RHC following Standard-SCR. Symbols: experimental data (red for NO, blue for N<sub>2</sub>, squares for deg, pentagons for aged). Solid lines: model fit. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0-0.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.

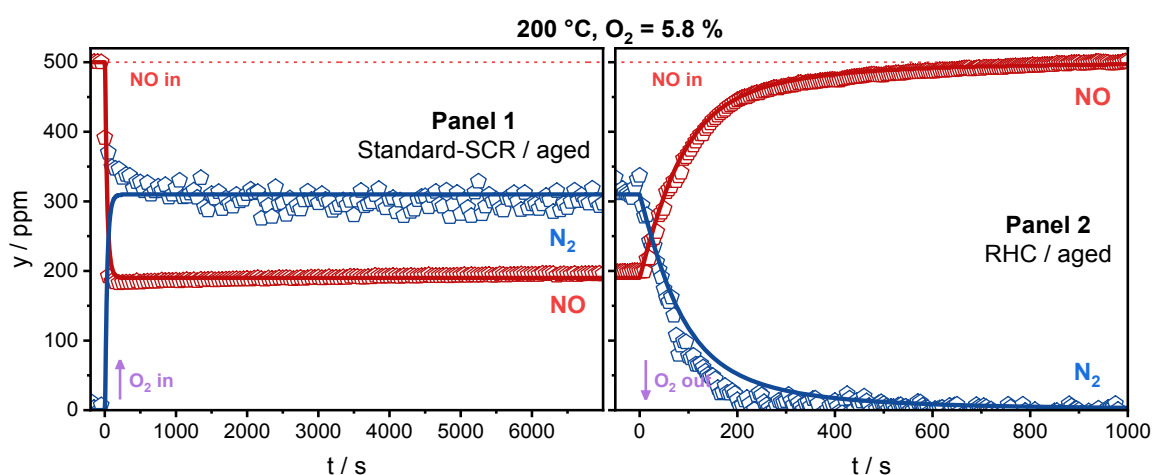


**Figure SI.6**– NO and N<sub>2</sub> transient outlet profiles from the Standard-SCR protocol on Degreened and Aged samples at 175 °C. Panels: A) Degreened, B) Aged, 1) Standard-SCR, 2) RHC following Standard-SCR. Symbols: experimental data (red for NO, blue for N<sub>2</sub>, squares for deg, pentagons for aged). Solid lines: model fit. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0-0.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.

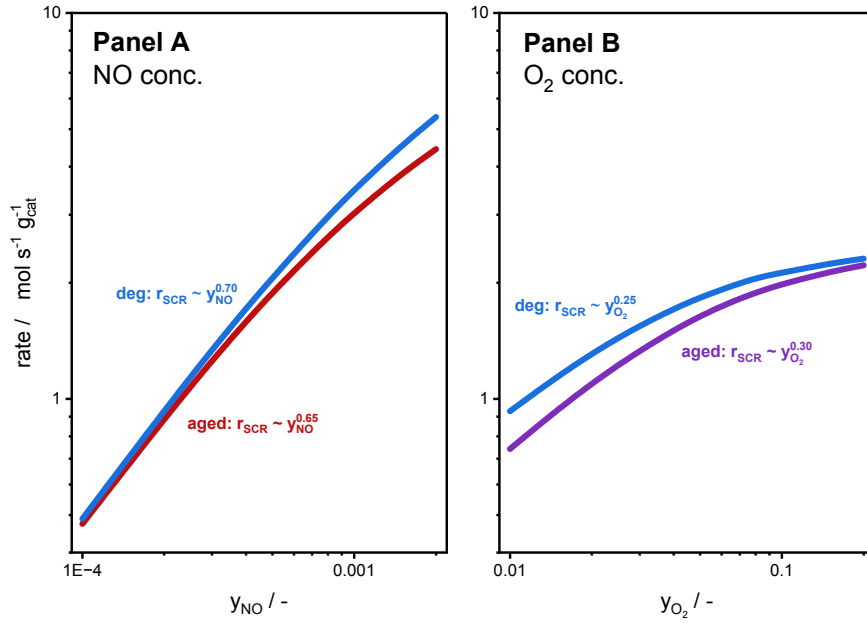
## 5. Oxygen-based recovery of activity



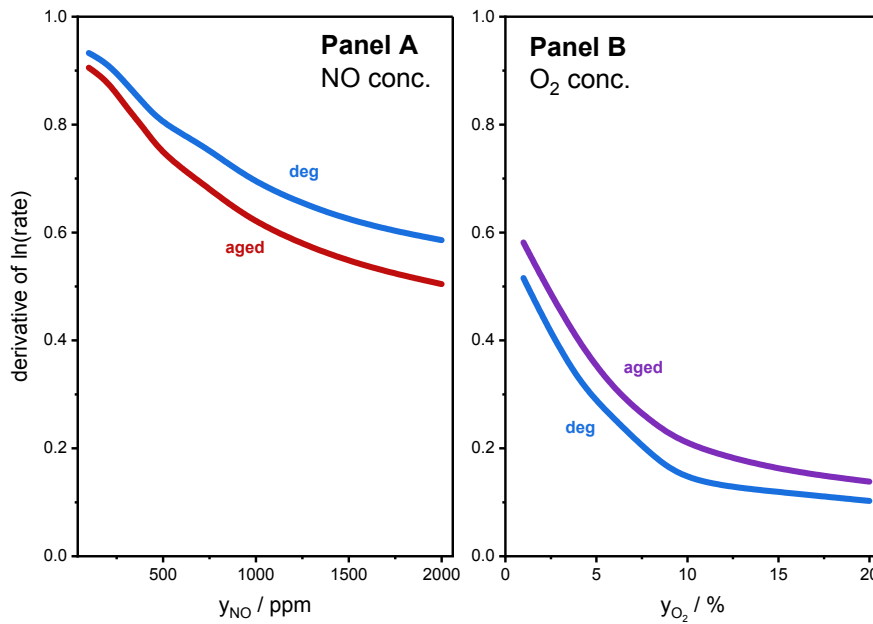
**Figure SI.7** – NO and N<sub>2</sub> transient outlet profiles from Standard-SCR protocol on Degreened and Aged samples at 200 °C and 4.0 % of O<sub>2</sub>. Panels: A) Degreened, B) Aged, 1) Standard-SCR, 2) RHC following Standard-SCR. Symbols: experimental data (red for NO, blue for N<sub>2</sub>, squares for deg, pentagons for aged). Solid lines: model fit. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 4.0-0.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.



**Figure SI.8** – NO and N<sub>2</sub> transient outlet profiles from Standard-SCR protocol on Aged sample at 200 °C and 5.8 % of O<sub>2</sub>. Panels: 1) Standard-SCR, 2) RHC following Standard-SCR. Symbols: experimental data (red for NO, blue for N<sub>2</sub>). Solid lines: model fit. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 5.8-0.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He.

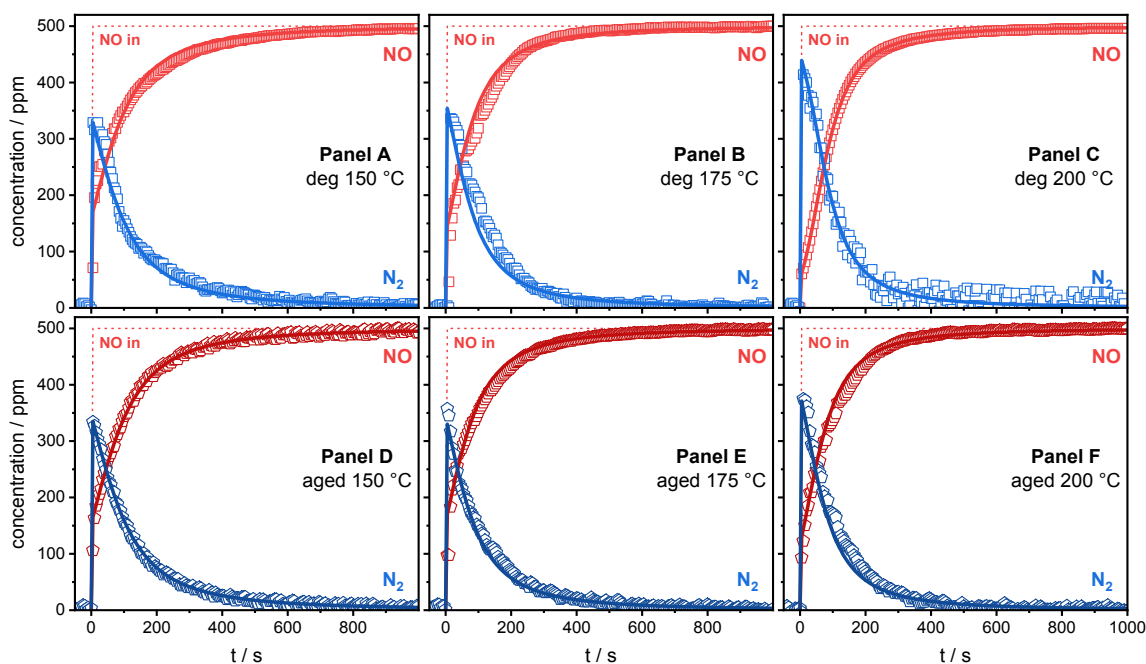


**Figure SI.9** – Simulated NO conversion rates at 200 °C as a function of (1) NO concentration and (2) O<sub>2</sub> concentration. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He, except as noted. The colored full lines correspond to the simulated rates, while the black dotted curves correspond to the fit of the rates with a  $r = ky^\alpha$  type equation.



**Figure SI.10** – Derivative of the simulated log<sub>10</sub> r<sub>SCR</sub> versus the (A) NO concentration and (B) O<sub>2</sub> concentration. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.0 % v/v in He, except as noted.

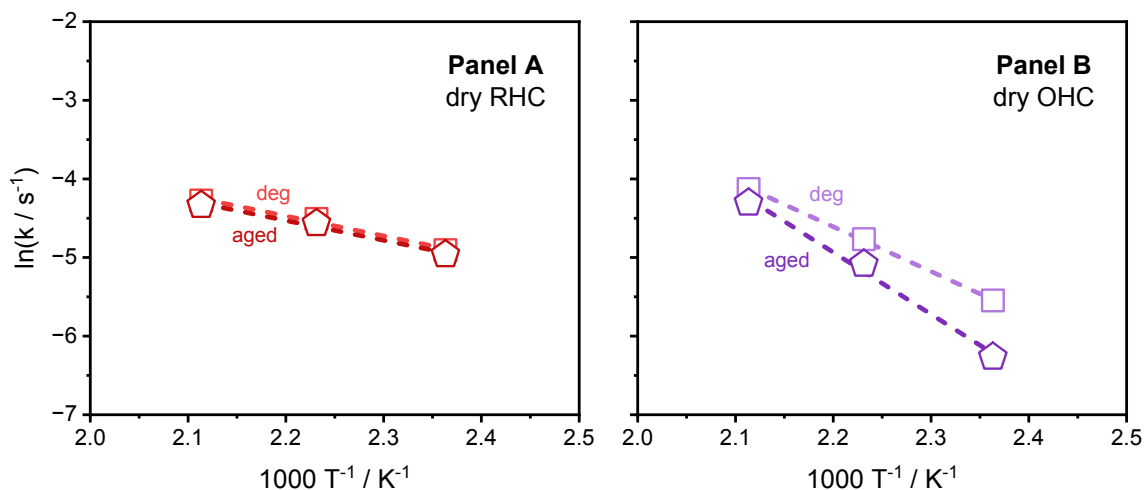
## 6. Combined effect of H<sub>2</sub>O and HTA on RHC, OHC, and Standard-SCR



**Figure SI.11** – NO and N<sub>2</sub> dynamics during RHC protocols in dry-gas conditions on Degreened and Aged samples. Panels: A) deg 150 °C, B) deg 175 °C, C) deg 200 °C, D) aged 150 °C, E) aged 175 °C, F) aged 200 °C. Symbols: experimental data (red for NO, blue for N<sub>2</sub>, squares for deg, pentagons for aged). Solid lines: model fit. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm and H<sub>2</sub>O = 0.0 % v/v in He.

$k_{RHC} / s^{-1}$	Degreened		Aged	
	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet
150 °C	7.4 E-03	4.6 E-03	7.0 E-03	4.3 E-03
175 °C	11.0 E-03	6.7 E-03	10.4 E-03	6.9 E-03
200 °C	13.9 E-03	10.6 E-03	13.1 E-03	10.3 E-03

**Table SI.3** – RHC rate constants in dry-gas conditions over the Degreened and the Aged samples at the three studied temperatures: 150, 175, and 200 °C. The wet RHC rate constants reported in Table 1 are reproduced here for direct comparison.



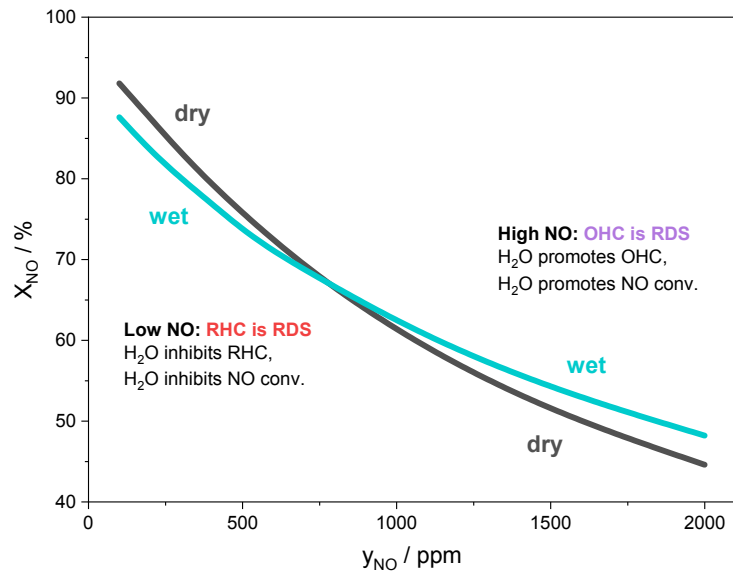
**Figure SI.12** – Arrhenius plot in dry-gas conditions for RHC and OHC, panels (A) and (B) respectively, over the Degreened and the Aged samples. Legend: squares for deg, pentagons for aged.

Dry Standard-SCR	Exp. (Model) $X_{NO}$ / %		Exp. (Model) $\sigma_{ss}$ / %	
	Degreened	Aged	Degreened	Aged
150 °C	35.1 (34.8)	25.3 (25.4)	44.6 (44.7)	41.5 (41.3)
175 °C	54.8 (54.0)	49.8 (49.2)	51.5 (51.7)	47.7 (47.9)
200 °C	77.8 (76.8)	72.8 (71.0)	60.0 (60.1)	57.7 (57.7)

**Table SI.4** – Experimental NO conversion ( $X_{NO}$ ) and bed-average oxidized Cu fraction ( $\sigma_{ss}$ ), during steady-state Standard-SCR in dry-gas conditions over the Degreened and the Aged samples at the three studied temperatures: 150, 175, and 200 °C. In parenthesis the values obtained from the model using the rate constants of Tables SI.5 and SI.7. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = 500 ppm, NH<sub>3</sub> = 500 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 % v/v, and H<sub>2</sub>O = 0.0 % v/v in He.

$k_{OHC}$ / s <sup>-1</sup>	Degreened		Aged	
	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet
150 °C	3.9 E-03	6.7 E-03	1.9 E-03	2.8 E-03
175 °C	8.5 E-03	13.2 E-03	6.2 E-03	8.4 E-03
200 °C	16.1 E-03	23.0 E-03	13.5 E-03	15.9 E-03

**Table SI.5** – OHC rate constants in dry-gas conditions over the Degreened and the Aged samples at the three studied temperatures: 150, 175, and 200 °C. The wet OHC rate constants reported in Table 2 are reproduced here for direct comparison.



**Figure SI.13** – Simulated NO conversions at 200 °C as a function of feed NO concentration in dry and wet conditions over the Degreened sample. Feed: GHSV = 450,000 cm<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> (STP); NO = NH<sub>3</sub> = 100-2000 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 % v/v and H<sub>2</sub>O = 0.0-2.0 % v/v in He.