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Chemical and Bioassay Analyses of Emissions from Two CNG Buses with Oxidation Catalyst

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Summary of Previous Results

- Tested two buses:
 - 1) 2001 Cummins Westport C Gas Plus engine with OxiCat
 - 2) 2000 DDC S50 engine with and without OxiCat
- HCHO, NMHC, and CO were reduced significantly by OxiCat on CNG bus
- Some reductions in ultrafine particle number concentrations, PM, BTEX, and Butadiene
- No measurable effect on CH_4 , CO_2 , and NO_X
- Variability and uncertainty in some measurements were observed

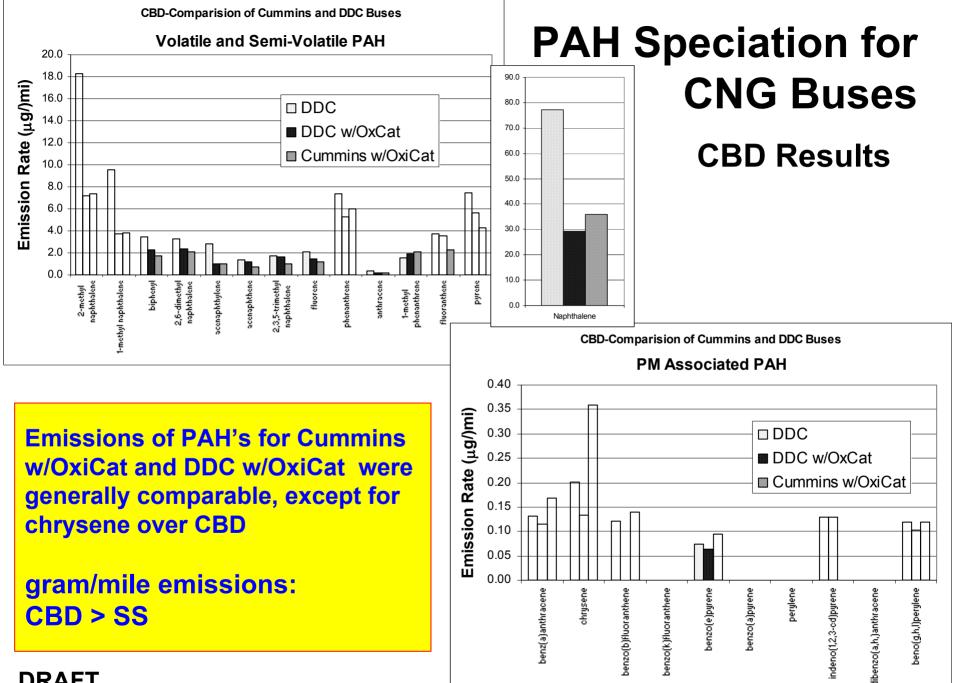
Scope and Methods

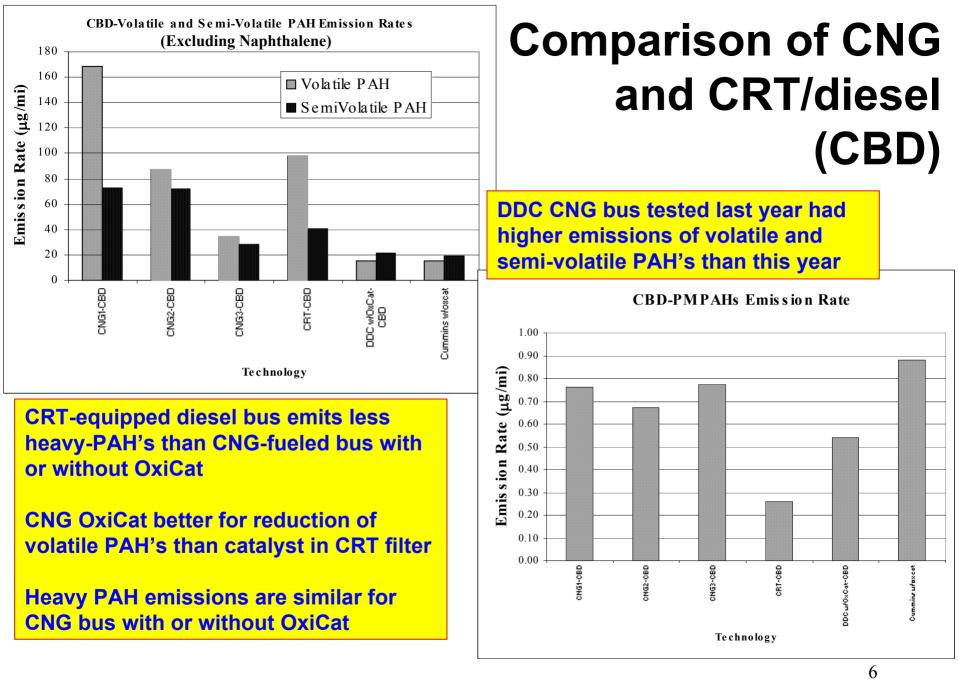
- Test vehicles and experimental approach as described previously
- Testing: March-June '02
- PAH's: filter/PUF/XAD, GC-MS
 Dept.Environ.Tox. - UCD
- Bioassay-Mutagenicity: filter/PUF
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- EC/OC: quartz filter/TOR SCAQMD
- Metals: Teflon filter/XRF- DRI

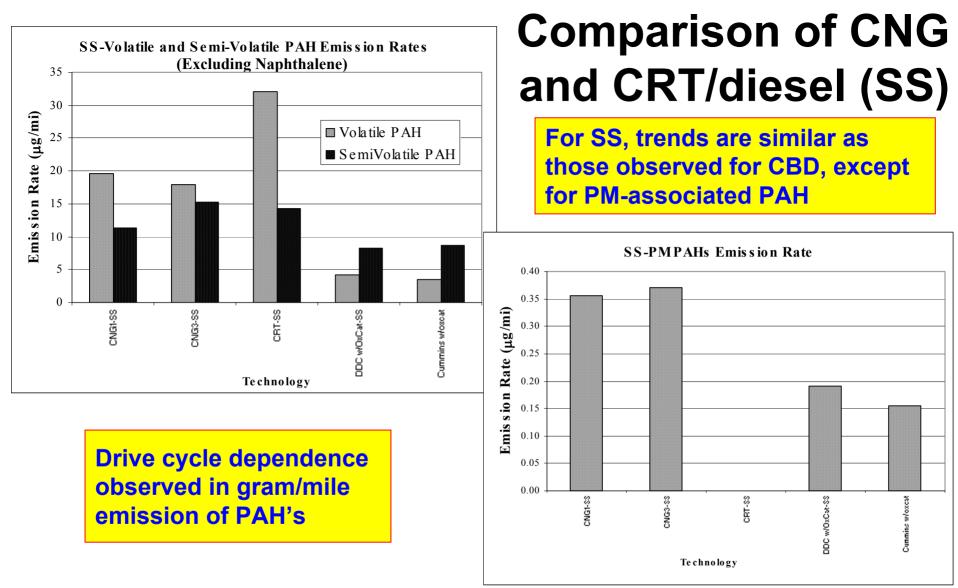








NOTE: CNG1, CNG2 and CRT results from '01 testing



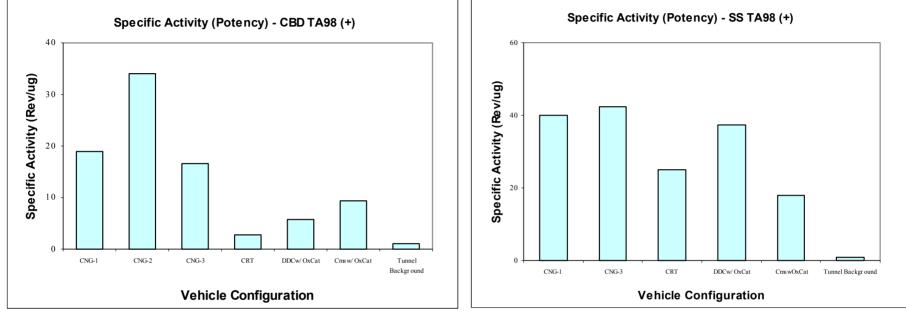
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Comparison of Specific Mutagenic Activity (Potency)



DDC CNG tested this year had similar potency to same bus tested last year

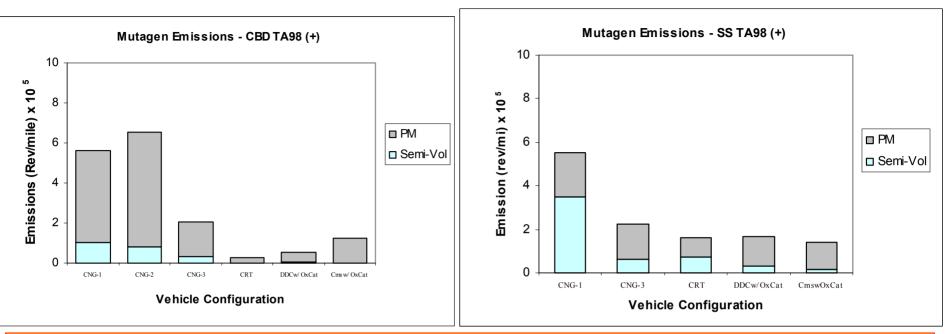
CNG OxiCat and CRT vehicles generally seemed to have reduction in potency, but appeared to be drive cycle dependent



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Comparison of Total Mutagen Emissions



CNG bus tested last year had higher mutagen emissions than same vehicle tested recently

Over CBD, PM and semi-volatile mutagen emissions were highest for CNG bus without OxiCat

Over the CBD, OxiCat and CRT appear to decrease mutagen emissions

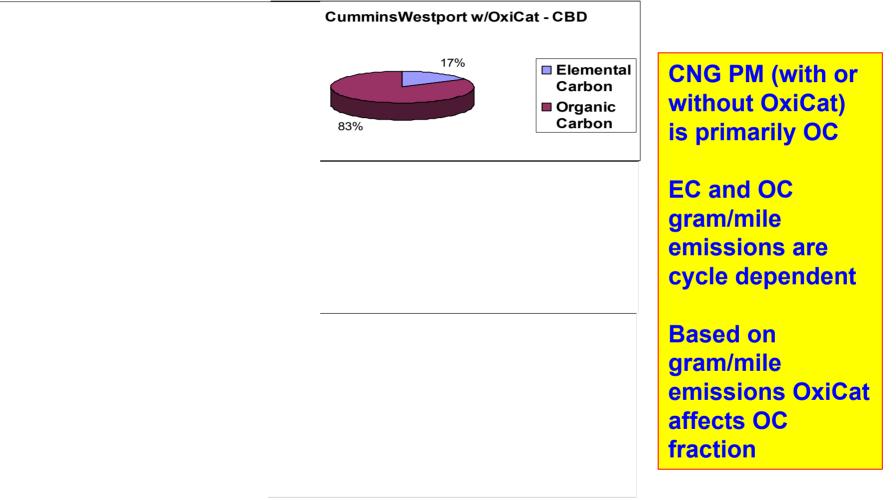
CRT mutagen emissions appear to be lower than the Cummins OxyCat

Over the SS, the CNG OxiCat and CRT appears to have similar or slightly decreased emissions compared to CNG without OxyCat

PM Composition

SS Results

CBD Results

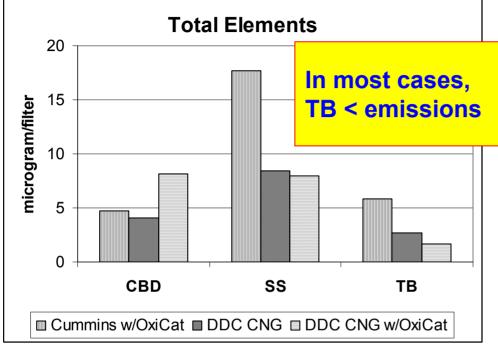




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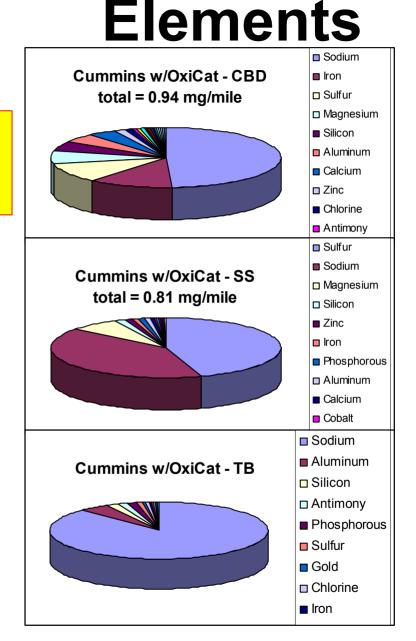
Comparison of emissions versus tunnel background



OxiCat has no effect on emissions of metals and elements

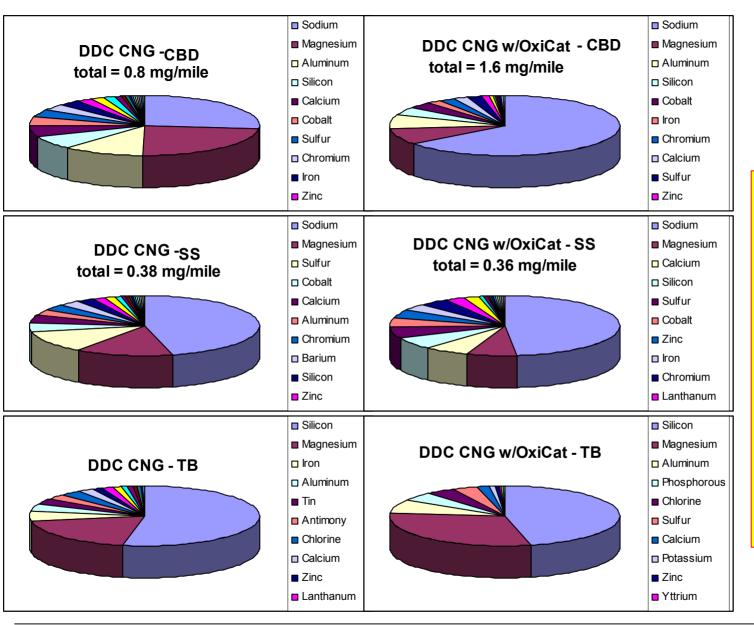
Total element emission factors similar to those obtained last year

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Oil additives, wear metals, and others show up in emission profile

Most abundant oil components are not most abundant species in emissions

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FINAL REMARKS

- Results provide snapshot of emissions for three buses only.
- Low emissions, sampling variability, and analytical identification and quantification continue to present significant challenges for vehicle testing.
- In general, oxidation catalyst for CNG bus offers reduction of emissions for many of components measured.
- Speciated emission profiles suggest CNG catalyst offers effective control of volatile fraction.
- Catalyzed diesel trap offers effective control of PM and some PMassociated emissions.
- Depending on cycle, CNG OxyCat and CRT appear to decrease or result in similar mutagen emissions to that of CNG (without OxyCat).
 - For CBD, CRT appears to have lower mutagen emissions than CNG Cummins with OxyCat.
 - For SS, CRT appears to have higher semi-volatile mutagen emissions than the CNG Cummins with OxyCat.





What is Next?

- Continue dissemination of information:
 - http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/cng-diesel/cng-diesel.htm
 - conferences and peer-reviewed papers.
- What role other factors play in emissions: lube oil, fuel, sampling, etc. ?
- As vehicle control technologies change, so will emission profiles.
- Introduction of EGR, SCR, NO_X and PM aftertreatment, etc. will likely impact *un-regulated* tailpipe emissions.
- Is emissions database sufficiently populated now to develop fuel-neutral methodology to establish toxicity equivalency between vehicle technologies?



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