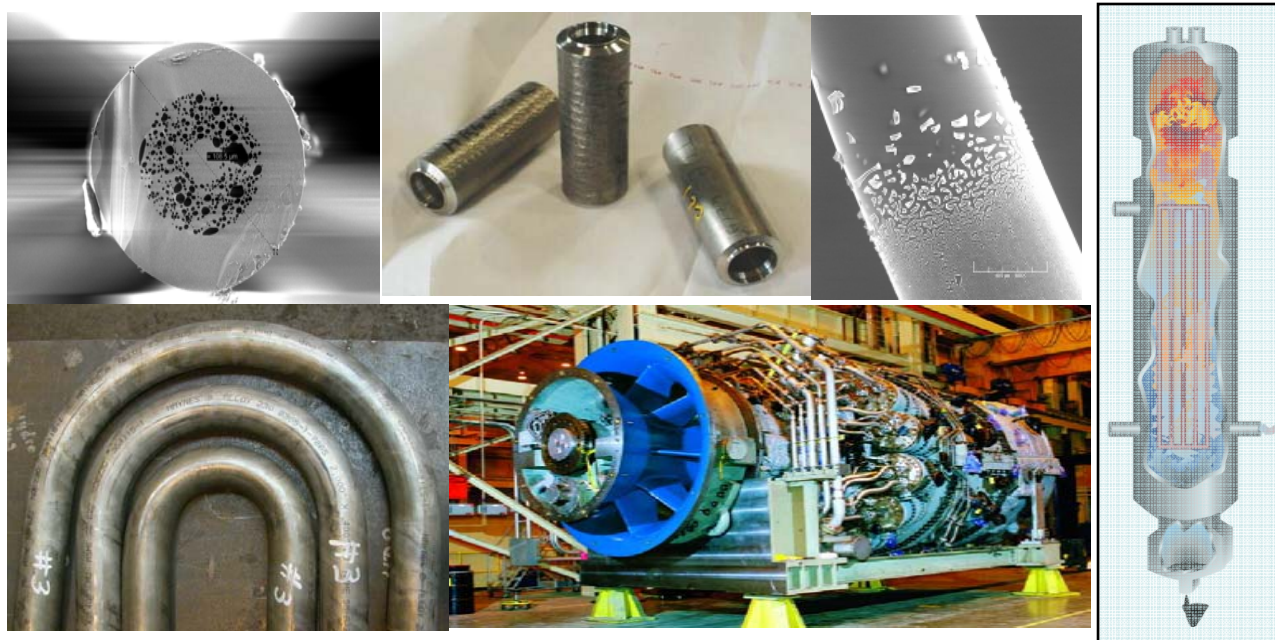




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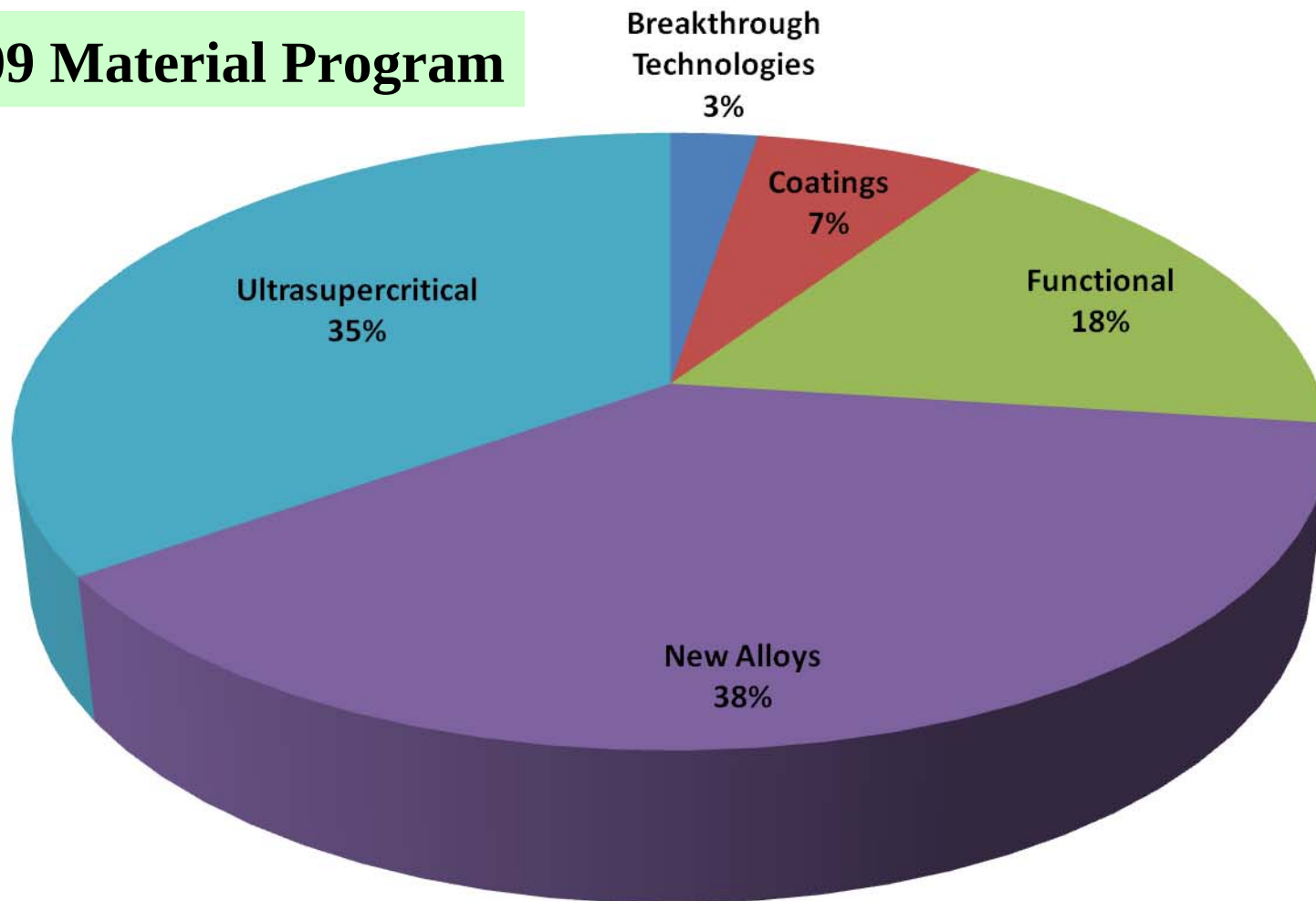


FE Materials Program Goals

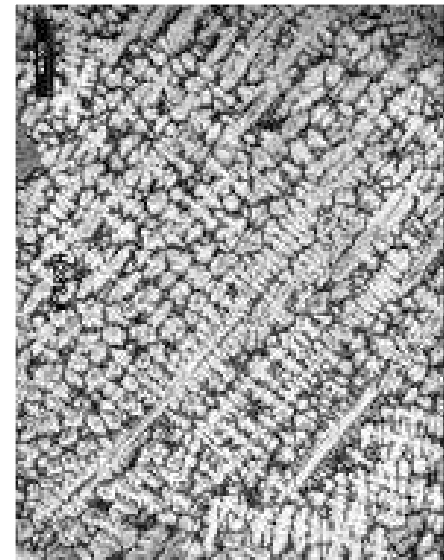
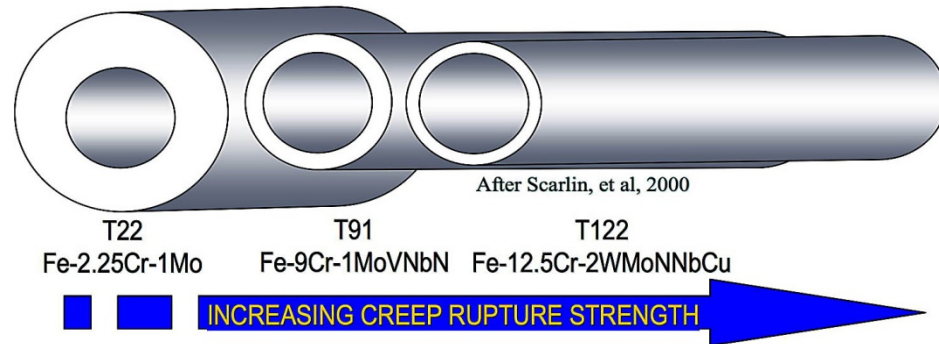
- **Development of new materials that have the potential to improve the efficiency, performance, and/or reduce the cost of existing technologies.**
- **Development of a technology base in the synthesis, processing, life-cycle analysis, and performance characterization of advanced materials.**
- **Development of materials for new systems and capabilities.**

Advanced Research Materials Program

FY09 Material Program



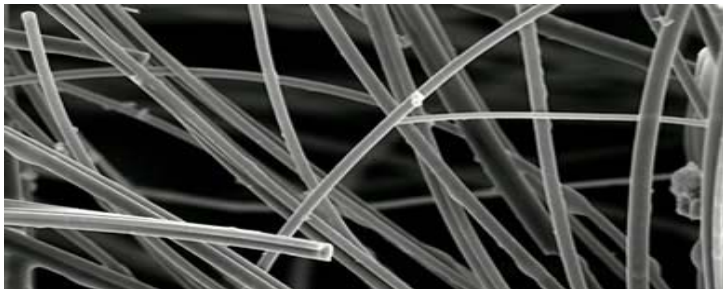
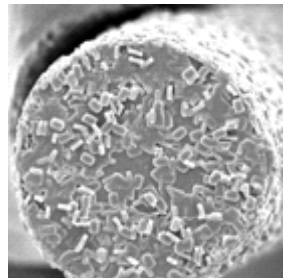
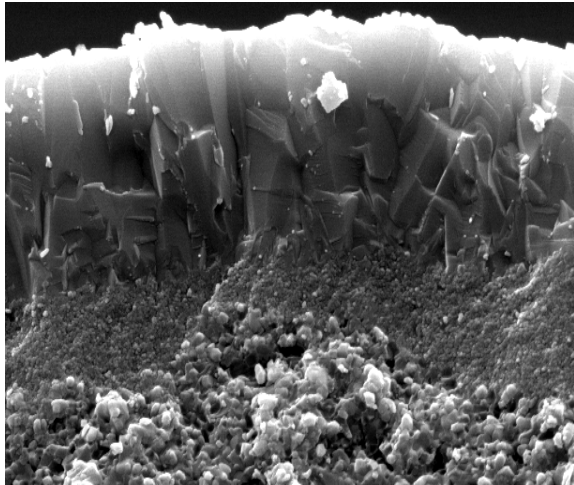
New Alloys



New Alloys Direction

- **Development of Alumina-Forming Austenitic Stainless Steels**
 - Approach: Al_2O_3 -forming austenitic stainless steels
- **Room-Temperature Ductility Enhancement of Mo Alloys with Nano-Sized Metal Oxide Dispersions**
 - Investigate the ability to enhance the room-temperature ductility of molybdenum (Mo) based alloys by the inclusion of candidate nano-sized metal oxide dispersions

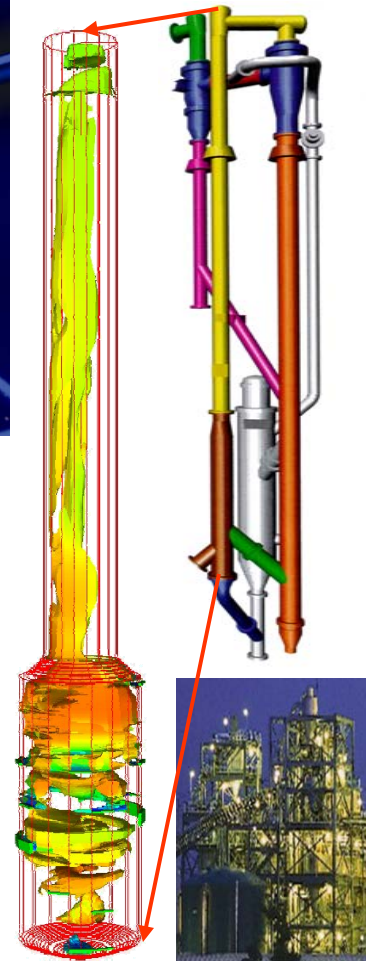
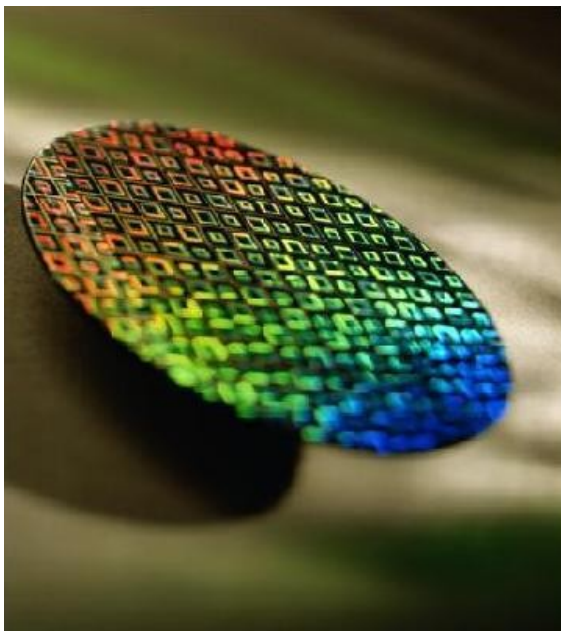
Functional Materials



Refractory Development Direction

- Develop refractory materials that have the performance to enable fuel flexibility
 - NETL has developed and scaled up with refractory producers non-Cr₂O₃ compositions determined to have high potential for gasifier use (*contain mixtures of MgO, Al₂O₃, ZrO₂*)
 - Discussions are underway for limited field trials at a commercial gasifier (targeting in 2-3 months)
 - Depending on field trials – compositions will be refined or scaled up for additional testing (6-12 months)

Breakthrough Concepts

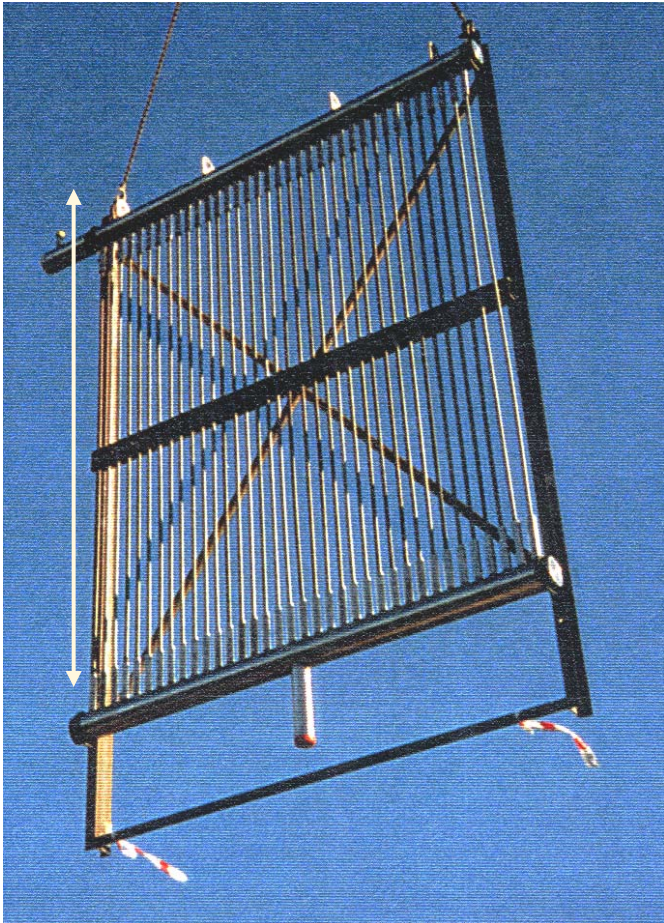


*MFIX simulation of pilot scale
KBR/Southern transport gasifier*

Breakthrough Concepts Direction

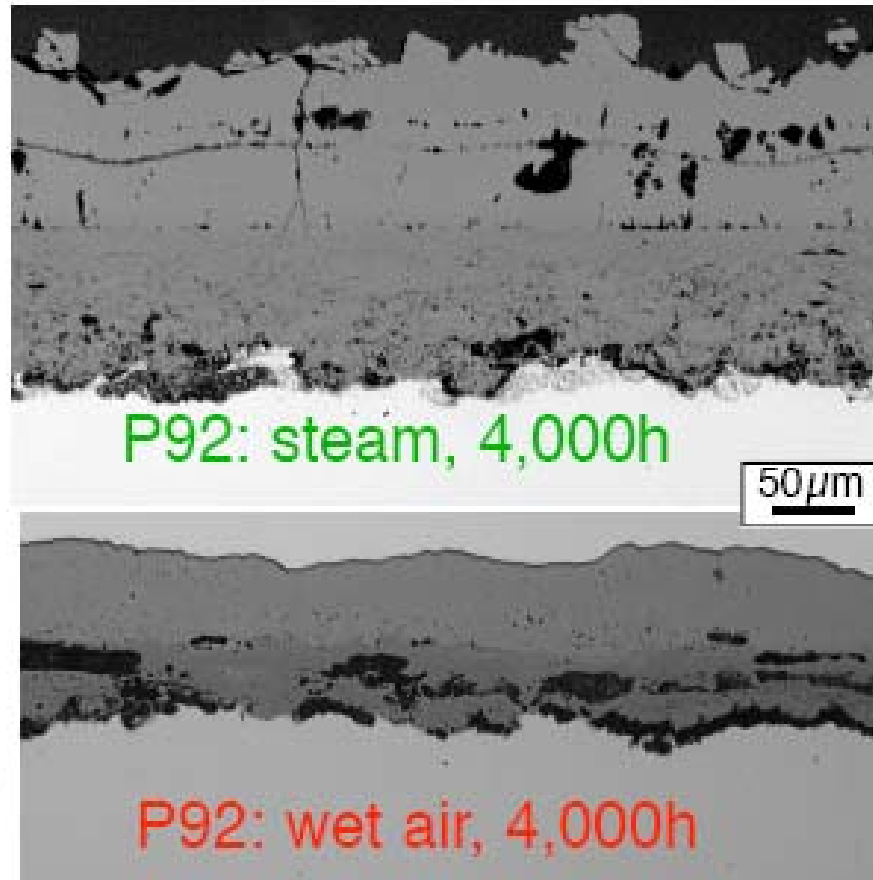
- **Integrated Design of Refractory Metal Based Alloys for Fossil Energy Applications**
 - Develop refractory metal based alloys utilizing an integrated design approach
- **Computational Materials Design with Experimental Verification**
 - Combine computational materials development with experimental verification to engineer new high-performance materials

Coatings



British Gas, 1995

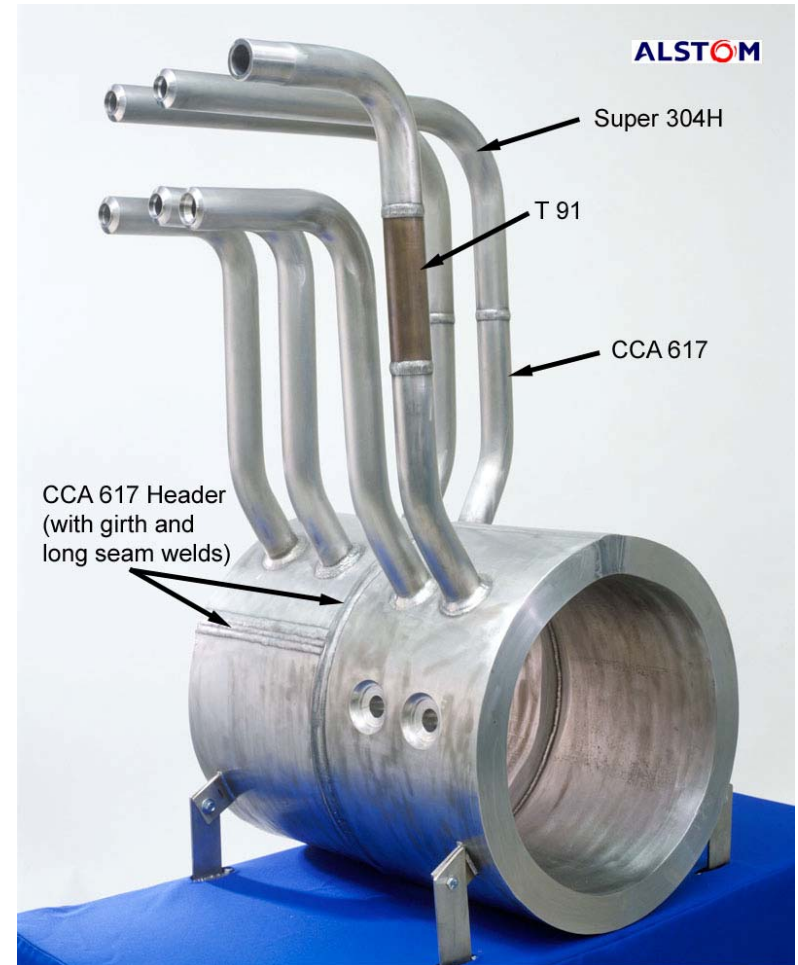
- COST 501/British Gas
- Alloy ODM751
- Run at $>1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ for several thousand hours



Coatings Direction

- **Investigate critical issues associated with aluminide coatings on Fe-base alloys & Ni-based superalloys**
- **NDE Methods for Thermal Barrier Coatings**
 - Monitor TBC degradation and predict lifetime
 - Assess TBC reliability and product quality

UltraSuperCritical Materials



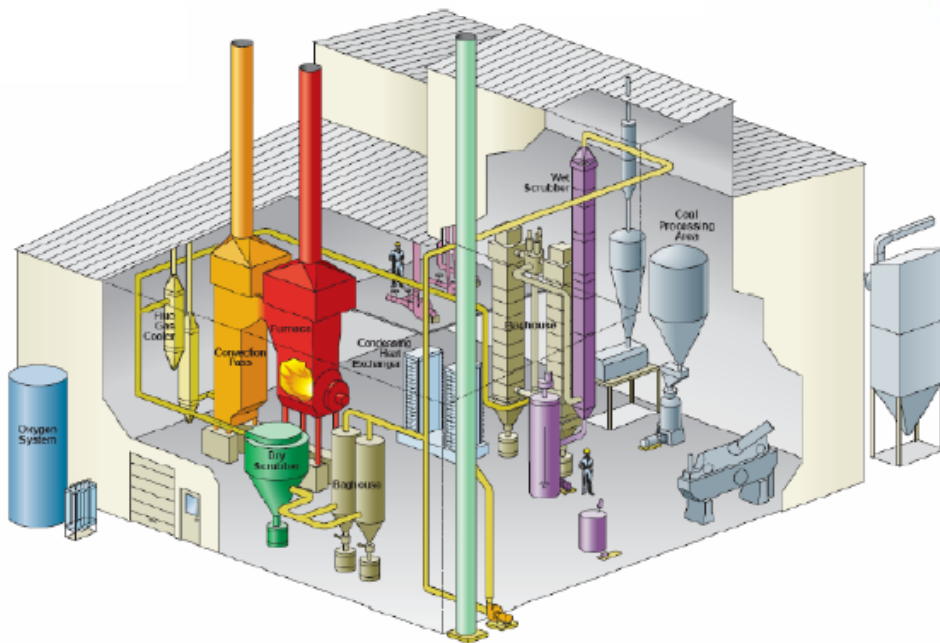
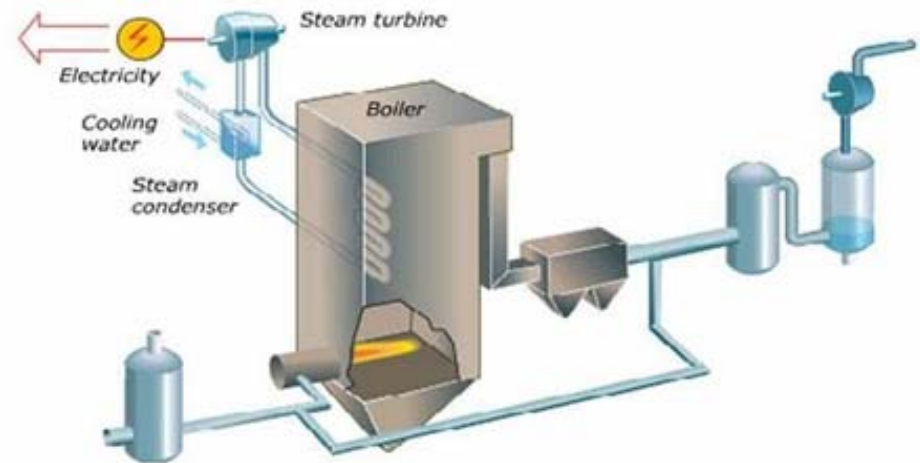
Current USC R&D Efforts

- Current technology for U.S. Boilers
 - Typical subcritical = 540 °C
 - Typical supercritical = 593 °C
 - Most advanced supercritical = ~610 °C
- Advanced ultrasupercritical (USC) DOE goal for boiler and turbine materials capable of:
 - 760 °C (1400 °F)
 - 5,000 psi (35 MPa)
 - Oxygen firing
- Ultrasupercritical plant advantages:
 - Higher efficiency - 45 to 47% HHV
 - Decreased emissions - ~ 20%
 - CO₂ capture ready with oxy-firing
- Meeting these targets requires:
 - The use of new materials
 - Novel uses of existing materials

USC Steam Boiler

- material evaluation and process development
- long-term material properties evaluation
- long-term degradation of materials due to fabrication processes
- microstructural evolution of alloys
- modeling of materials
- fundamental and applied materials research to address all materials issues related to using these alloys at 760 °C

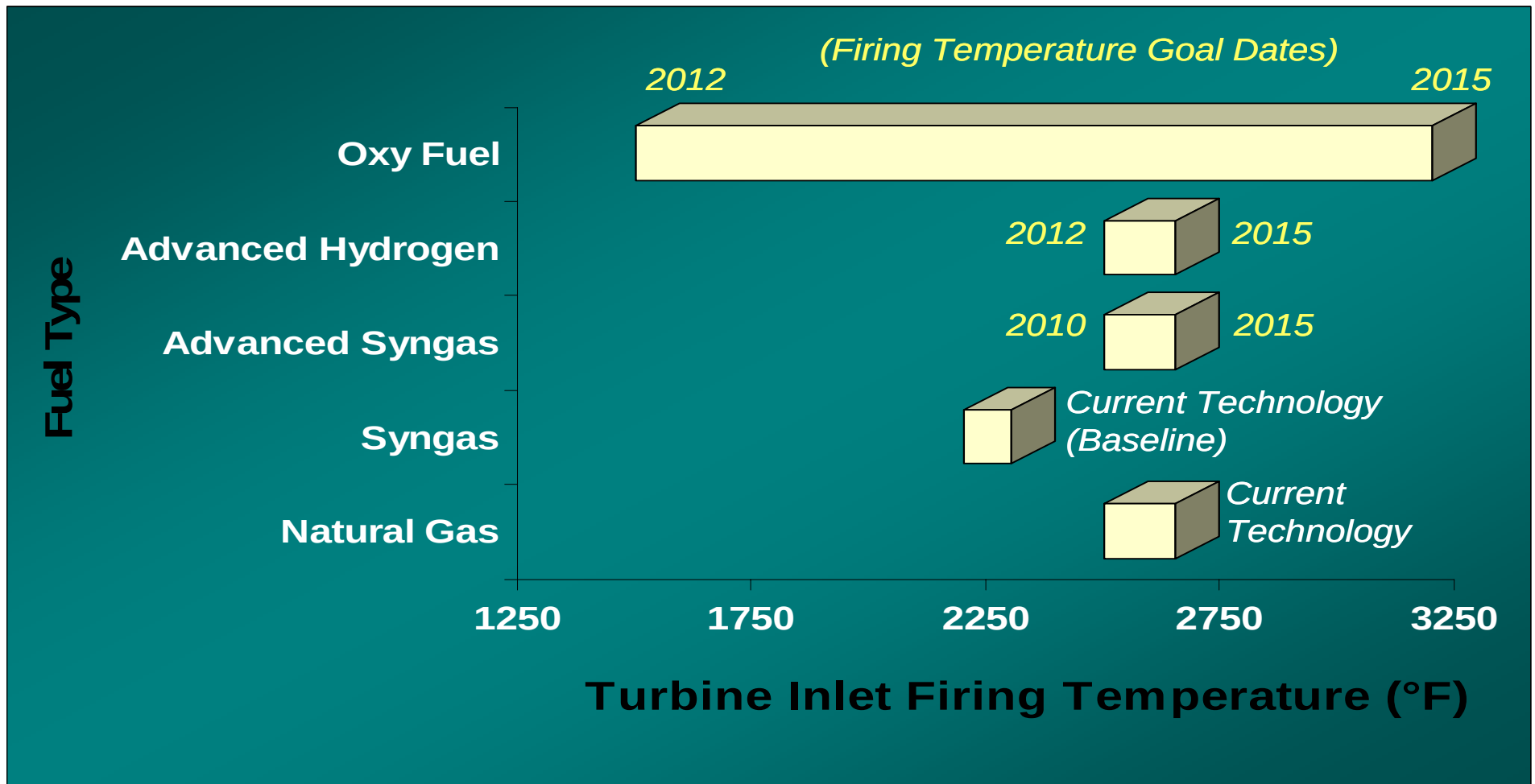
Oxy-fired Materials



Materials Performance in CO₂ and CO₂-Steam Environments

- **Evaluate** oxidation/corrosion performance of metallic structural alloys in pure CO₂ and in CO₂-steam environments over a wide temperature range
- **Establish** the kinetics of scaling and internal penetration, if any, and develop correlations for long term performance
- **Identify** viable alloys for structural and gas turbine applications
- **Evaluate** the influence of exposure environment on the mechanical properties (especially creep, fatigue, and creep-fatigue) of the candidate alloys

Turbines



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