

## **Oxy-Combustion Environment Characterization: Fire- and Steam-Side Corrosion in Advanced Combustion**

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## Introduction

- Goals
- Project Background

## Research Progress

- Long-term oxy-combustion fireside corrosion tests
- Effects of pressure—update on A-USC steam autoclave

## Summary

# Goals

## DOE Office of Clean Coal goal for pulverized coal boilers

- Achieve 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture at no more than a 35% increase in levelized cost of electricity of post-combustion capture for new and existing conventional coal-fired power plants

## Project goals

- Provide high-temperature corrosion information to aid in materials development and selection for oxy-fuel combustion (fireside corrosion) and A-USC steam conditions (steam oxidation)
- Identify corrosion mechanism and behavior differences between air- and oxy-firing

# Project Background

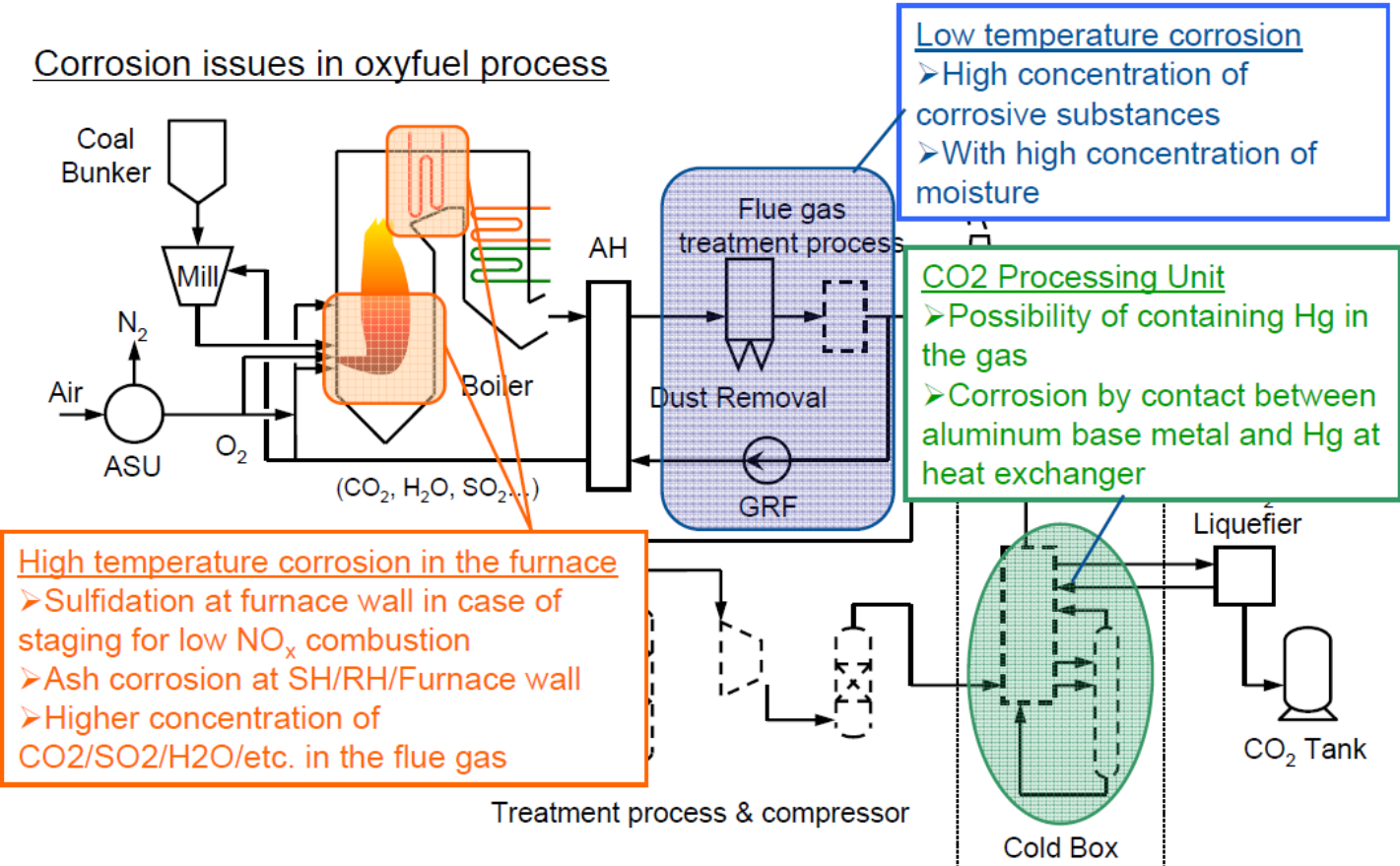
## Fireside Corrosion

- **Long-term oxy-combustion fireside corrosion tests**
- Short-term oxy-combustion fireside corrosion tests
  - Jerry Meier's presentation
- Field exposures in collaboration with JCOAL and IHI
- Post economizer flue gas corrosion (oxy-firing leading to lower dew points)—Laboratory and field tests
- Use of TBCs for protection in oxy-combustion environments

## Steam Side Oxidation

- **Effects of pressure—update on A-USC autoclave**
- Chromia evaporation in steam
- Round robin study on T92 in atmospheric pressure steam (US-UK collaboration)
- Examination of oxide spallation comparing flat and whole tube section samples
- Hydrogen transport as a by-product of steam oxidation
  - Jerry Meier's presentation

# Fireside Corrosion Associated with Oxy-Combustion



- **Main corrosion areas in changing from air- to oxy-firing. In the boiler this project considers**
  - **Waterwall (WW) corrosion—reducing conditions**
  - **Waterwall (WW) corrosion—oxidative conditions**
  - **Superheater/Reheater (SH/RH) corrosion—oxidative conditions**
  - **3 different flue gas recycle choices**

# Fireside Corrosion Associated with Oxy-Combustion

**Oxy-combustion is quite complex to simulate. Challenge is to combine different tests to understand the ramifications of oxy-firing.**

- **Long term tests with step differences in gas phases approximating air- and 3 oxy-firing cases**
- **Short term tests to examine other variables without the time and equipment availability issues of the long term tests**
- **Field exposures in an oxy-firing test facility**
  - **Exposure samples would see all the different combustion trials, thus correlation with environment is difficult**
  - **Electrochemical sensors offer instantaneous corrosion measurements, but with not exact correlation with section loss**

# Laboratory Test Issues

## Ash Phase

- **Wigley and Goh (2009)**—oxy ash particles similar in size, more rounded, more sintering
- **Brzozowska et al (2011)**—more sulfur in oxy ash
- **Hjörnhede et al (2010)**—increased oxy ash deposition
- **Ash phase complications differences between air- and oxy-firing not considered in long-term tests. Could be addressed in short-term tests**

## Heat Flux and Temperature Gradients

- **Refit boilers use flue gas recirculation to match heat rate, so not much of an issue**
- **New boiler designs like will have higher heat rates and so this could be a concern**
- **Heat flux complications between air- and oxy-firing not considered**



# Laboratory Test Issues

## Gas Phase

- Not constant even in air-firing
- Long-term tests bin the gas phase into 3 locations in the boiler and representing 1 air-firing case and 3 oxy-firing cases
- Short-term tests examine more varieties of gases
- Use Pt catalyst to form  $\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$

## Alloys

- There is an extensive variety of candidate alloys. We narrowed the focus to a few types of alloys
- Commercial alloys (T22, T91, T92, TP347H, IN617)
- Model alloys (Fe-Cr, Fe-Cr-Ni, Ni-Cr)

# Alloys and Deposits

## Model Alloys (wt%)

- Fe-10Cr, Fe-13.5Cr, Fe-22Cr (ferritic/martensitic)
- Fe-12Ni-18Cr, Ni-22Cr (austenitic)

## Commercial Alloys (wt%)

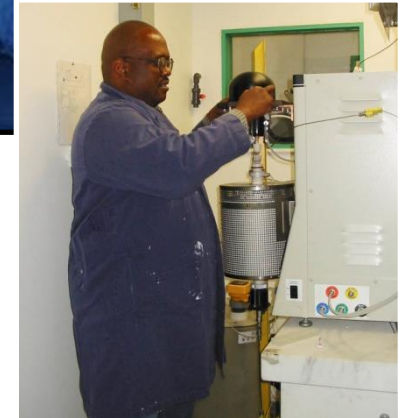
Alloy	Fe	Cr	Ni	Co	Mo	C	Si	Al	Mn	W	Nb	V	Cu	N	Other
T22	Bal	2.07	0.19		0.91	0.10			0.50						
T91	Bal	8.48	0.16		0.99	0.10	0.35		0.41			0.20	0.18	0.04	
T92	Bal	8.84	0.32		0.32	0.12	0.28		0.29	1.83				0.14	
P92	Bal	8.90	0.23		0.38	0.07	0.30		0.43	1.20					
TP347	Bal	17.55	11.04	0.10	0.39	0.08	0.57		1.57	0.04	0.93	0.07	0.35		0.02 Ta
IN617	0.39	21.87	Bal	11.46	9.65	0.10	0.01	0.98	0.04		0.03		0.01		0.47 Ti

## Ash and deposits (all wt% except for SCM)

- *Deposit A: 50SiO<sub>2</sub>-25Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-12.5Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-12.5CaO (baseline)*
- *Deposit B: 49SiO<sub>2</sub>-25Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-12.5Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-12.5CaO-1K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (some variations with more K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)*
- *Deposit C: 67% deposit A + 33% graphite*
- *Deposit D: 30SiO<sub>2</sub>-30Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-30Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-5Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-5K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> [deposit used in long term tests]*
- *SCM: K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - 1.5:1.5:1.0 molar ratio*

# Long Term Fireside Tests in SECERF

## *Severe Environment Corrosion Erosion Research Facility*



***Modular laboratory for safely examining hot-corrosion and wear of materials at temperatures to 1600°C in a mixture of any of the following gases: O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, He, Ar, dry air, and water vapor.***

# Environments (1 air- and 3 oxy-firing cases)

		Oxidative				Reducing			
		700 °C (T91, TP347, IN617)				450 °C (T22, T91, IN617)			
Conditions	SH/RH								
	WW	450 °C (T22, T91, IN617)				450 °C (T22, T91, IN617)			
	Air	Oxy			Air	Oxy			
		FGD <H <sub>2</sub> O	FGD	wo FGD		FGD <H <sub>2</sub> O	FGD	wo FGD	
Gas	N <sub>2</sub>	Bal	8	8	8	Bal	8	8	8
	CO <sub>2</sub>	14	➡ Bal	Bal	Bal	14	➡ Bal	Bal	Bal
	CO					5	5	5	5
	H <sub>2</sub> S					0.1	0.1	0.1	➡ 0.3
	H <sub>2</sub> O	9	9	➡ 20	20	9	9	➡ 20	20
	O <sub>2</sub>	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5				
	SO <sub>2</sub>	0.3	0.3	0.3	➡ 0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	➡ 0.6

# Long Term Fireside Corrosion Tests

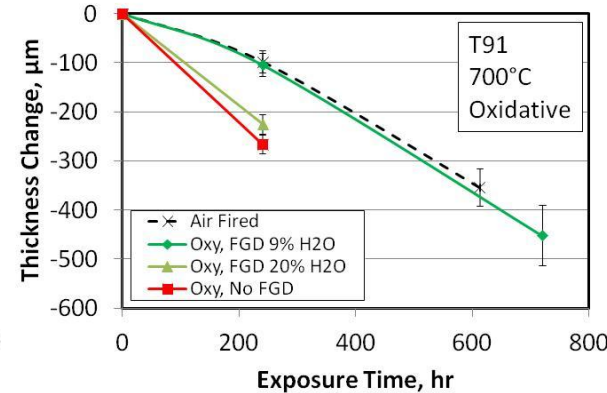
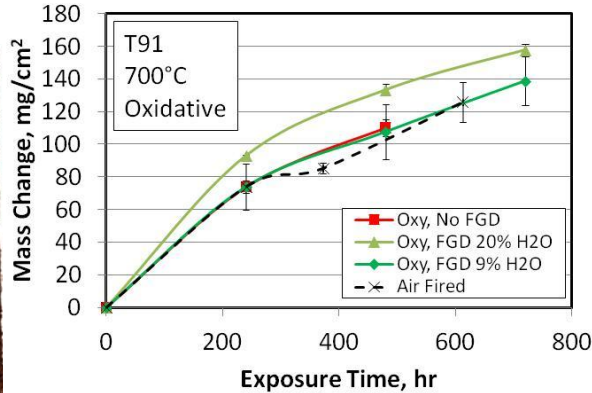
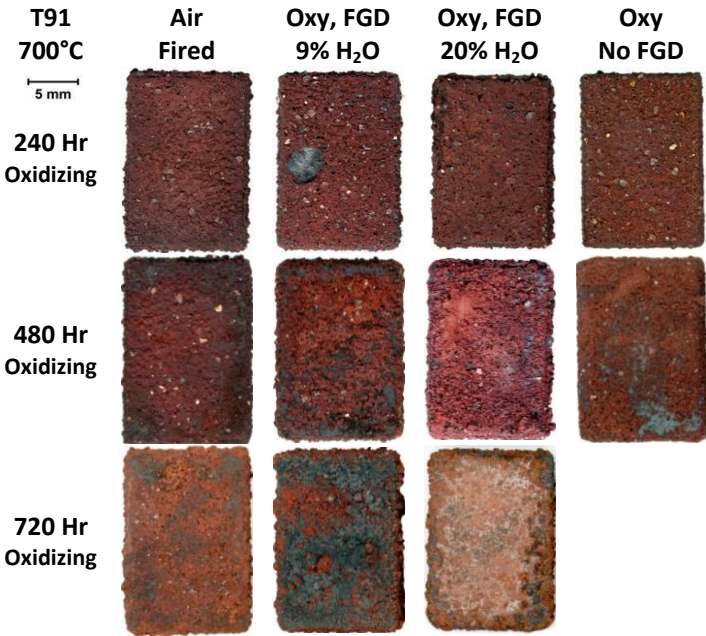
Plan is to run experiments for 1440 hours, in nominally 240 hr increments, then decide if further exposures are warranted

Section off part of one of the triplicate samples for each alloy after 240, 720, and 1440 hr for cross-section examination

Test progress as of 3/31/2012:

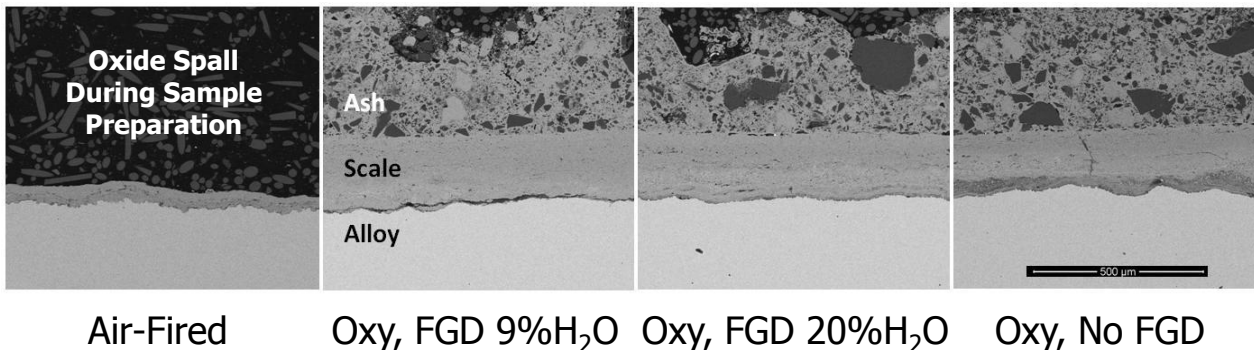
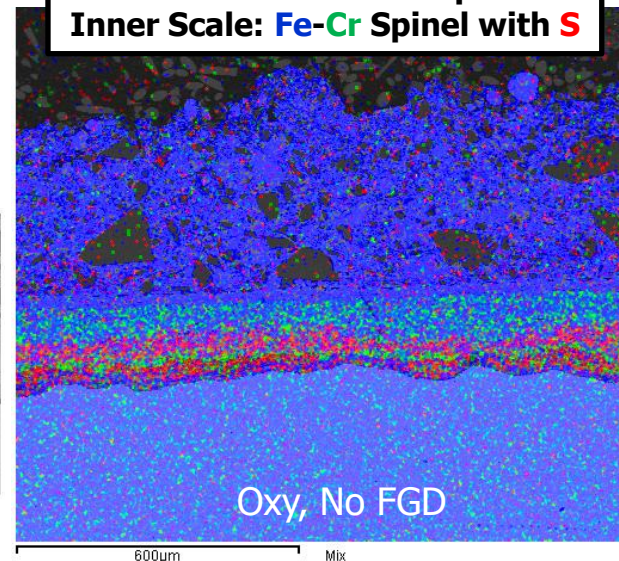
Condition	Oxidative, 700°C	Oxidative, 450°C	Reducing, 450°C
Air-fired	60%	42%	17%
Oxy, FGD 9% H <sub>2</sub> O	50%	50%	17%
Oxy, FGD 20% H <sub>2</sub> O	50%	50%	17%
Oxy, No FGD	33%	50%	17%

# T91 at 700°C, Oxidative Conditions

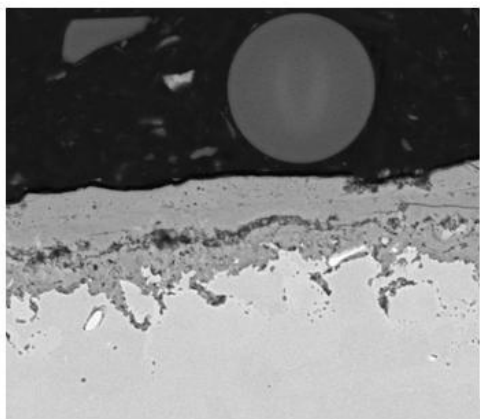
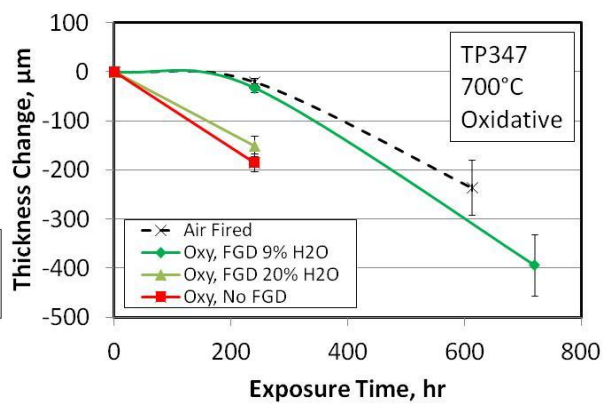
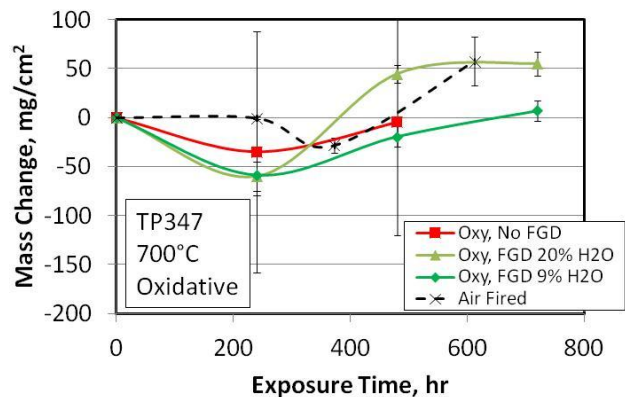
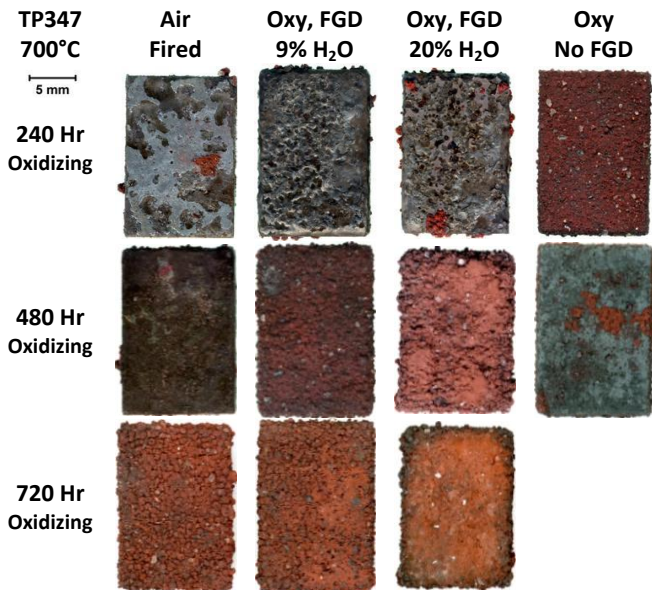


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**Cr = Green**  
**S = Red**

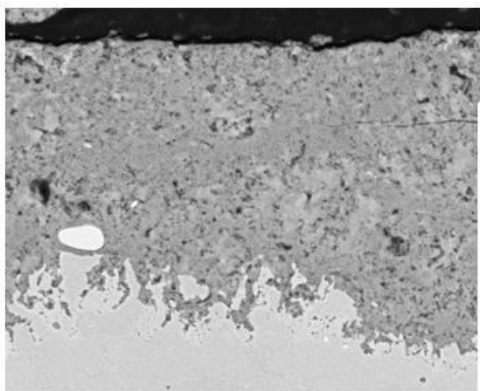
**Outer Scale: Fe Oxide**  
**Middle Scale: Fe-Cr Spinel**  
**Inner Scale: Fe-Cr Spinel with S**



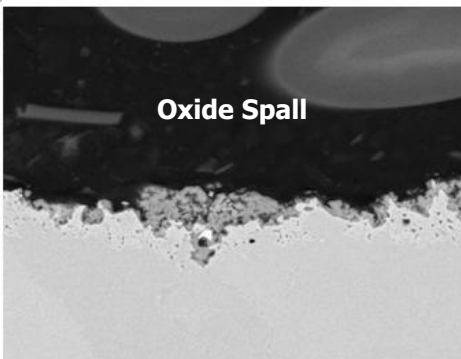
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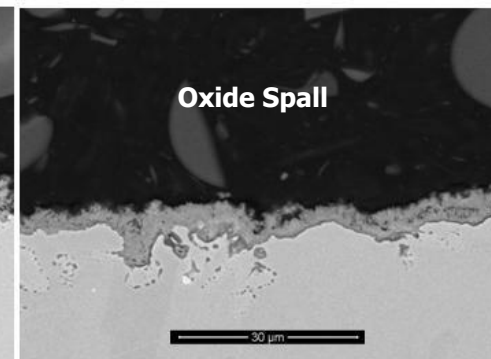
Air-Fired



Oxy, FGD 9% H<sub>2</sub>O

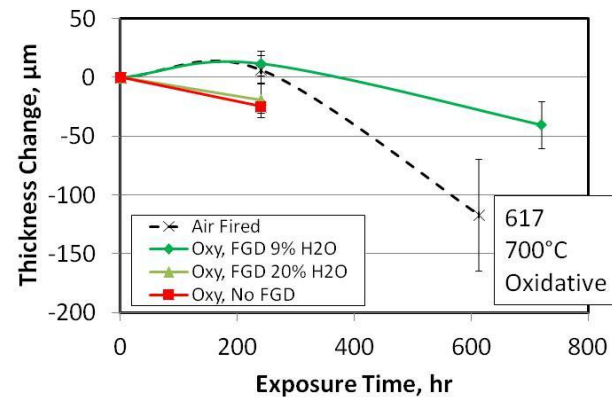
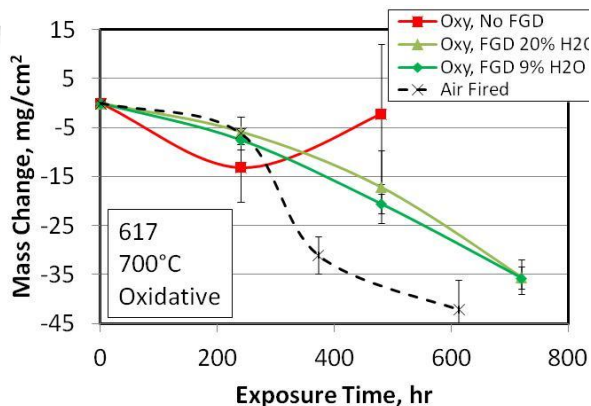
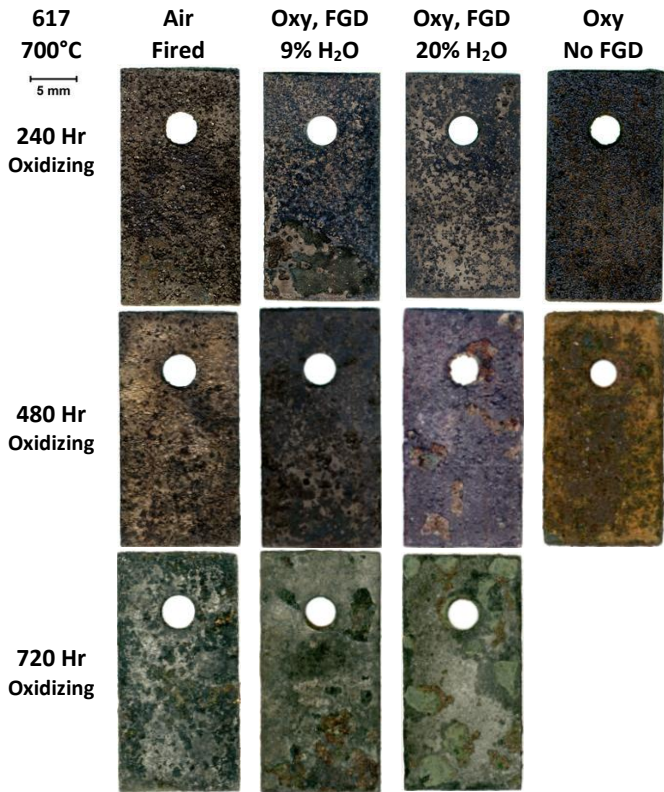


Oxy, FGD 20% H<sub>2</sub>O



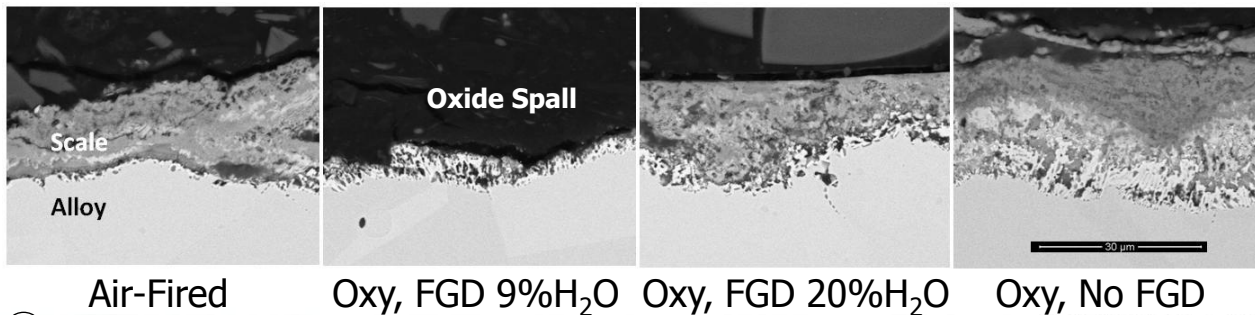
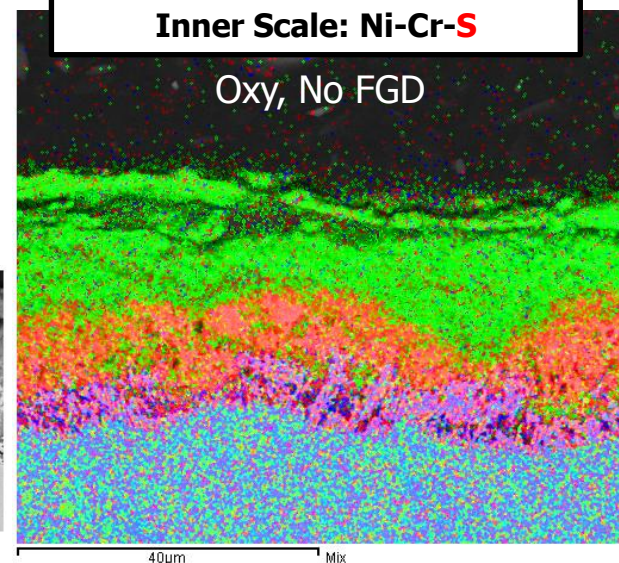
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# 617 at 700°C, Oxidative Conditions



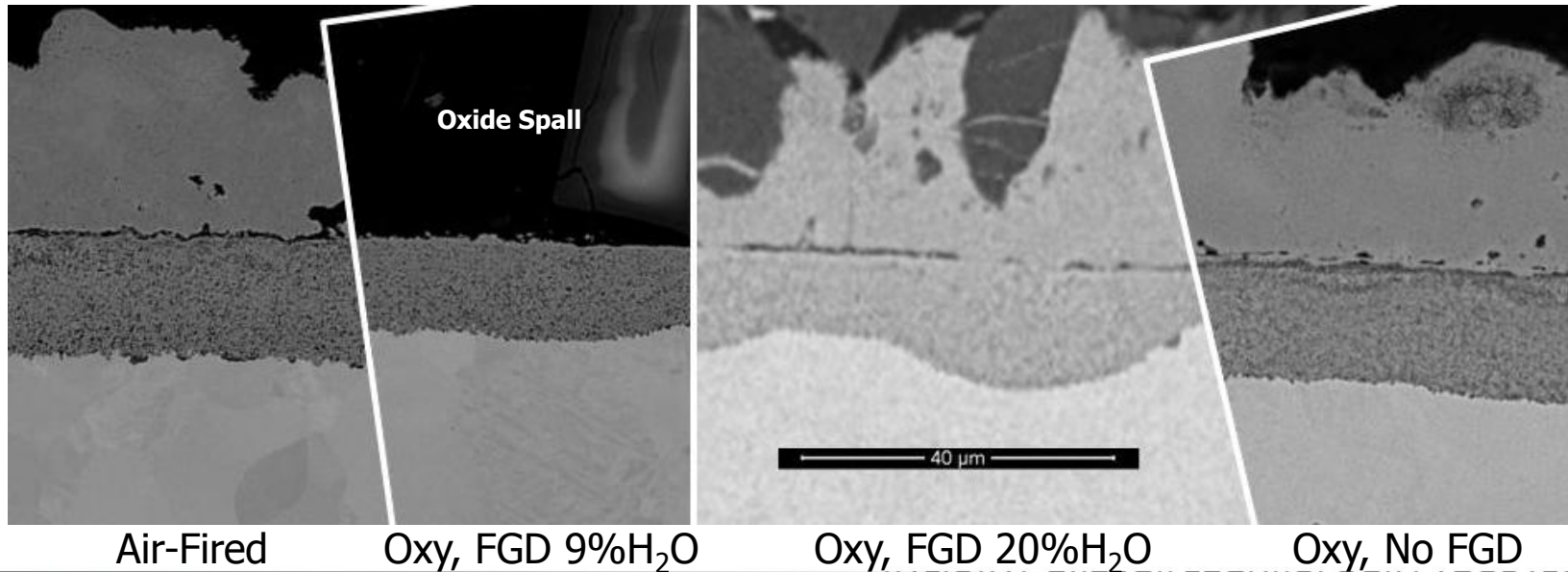
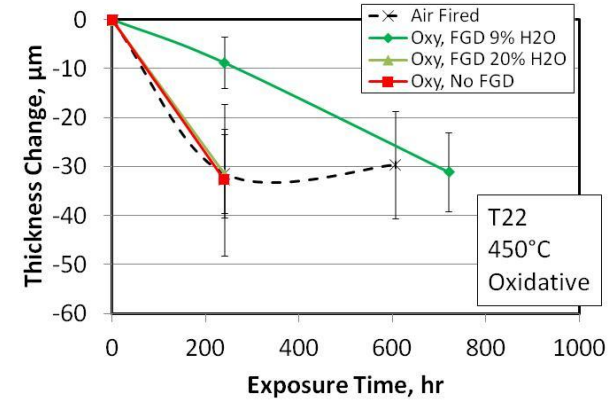
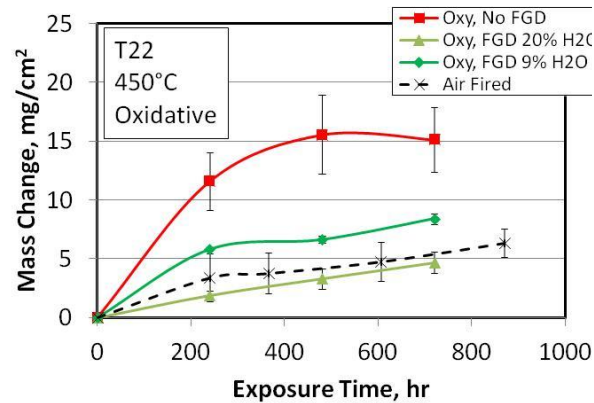
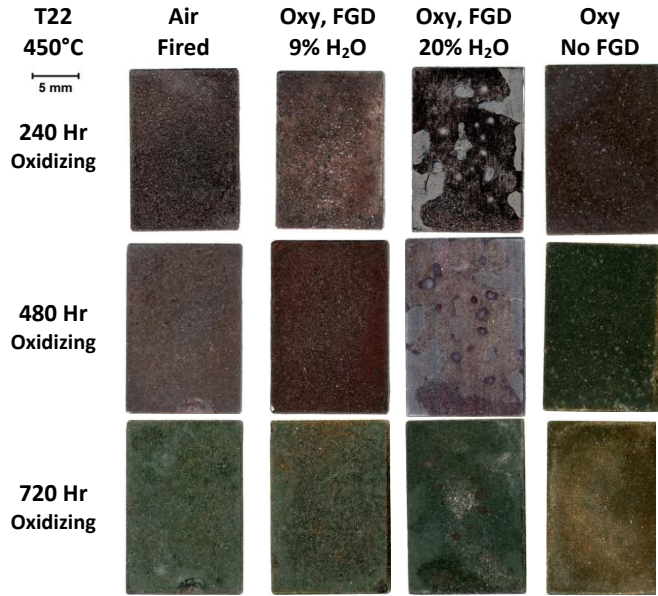
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Inner Scale: Ni-Cr-S

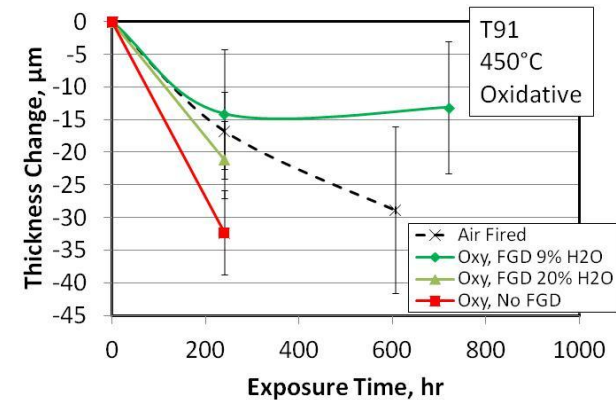
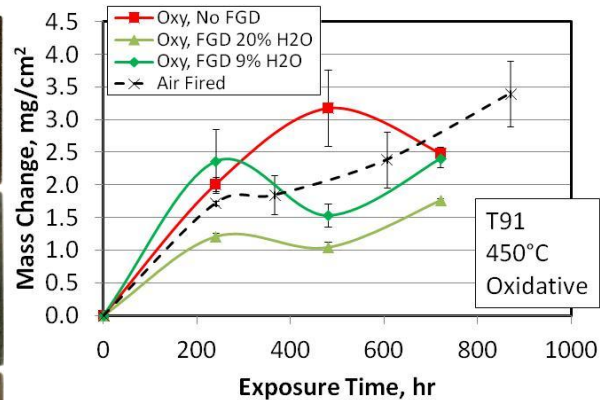
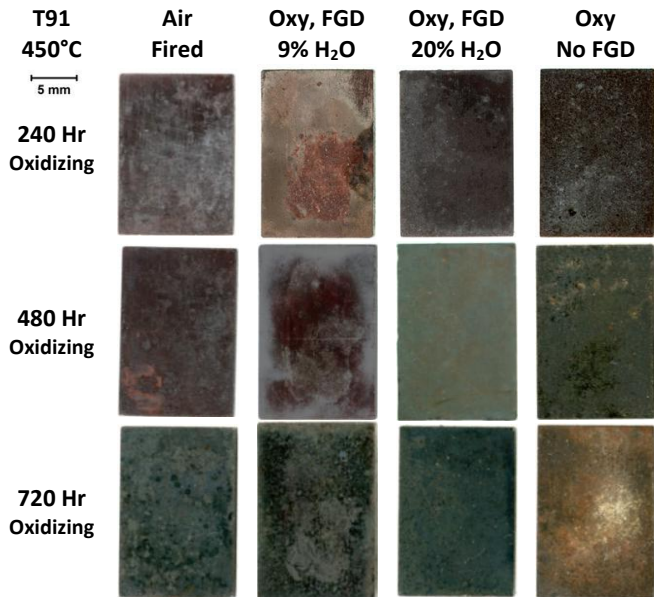




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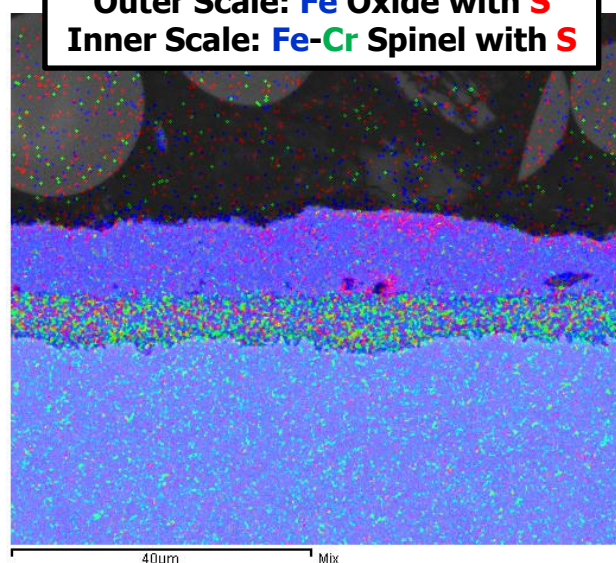
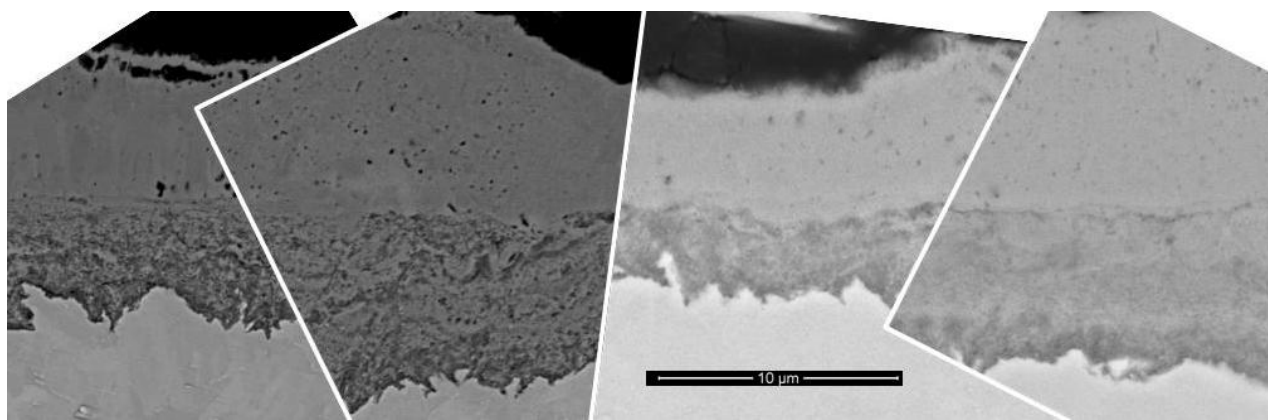


# T91, 450°C, Oxidative Conditions



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Inner Scale: Fe-Cr Spinel with S



Air-Fired

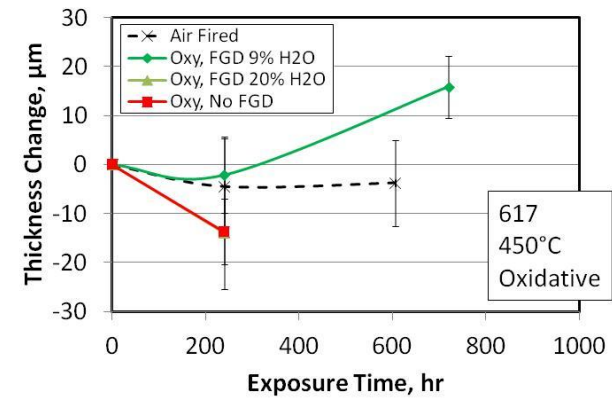
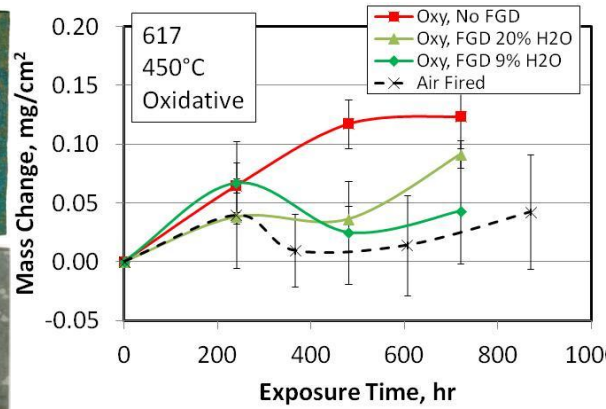
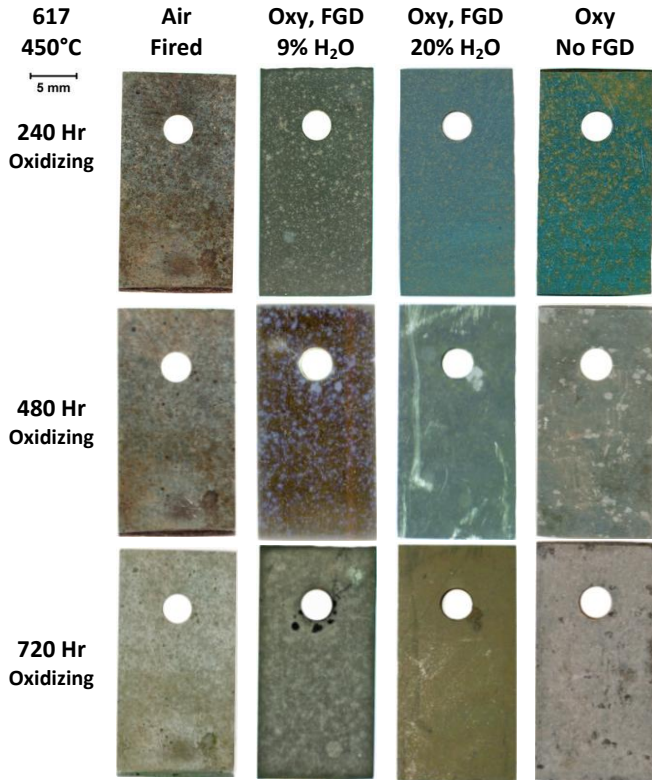
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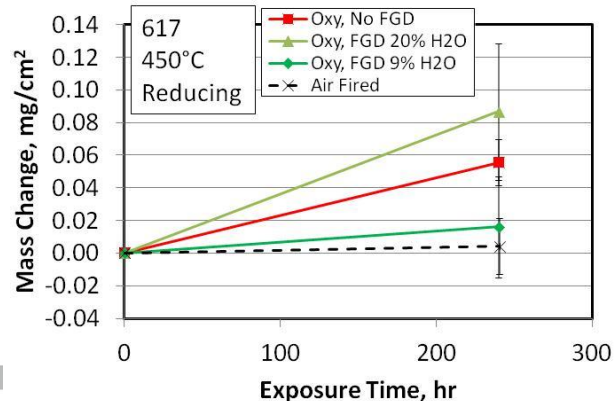
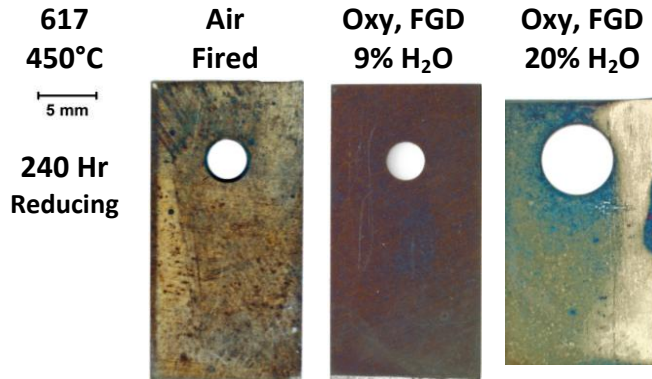
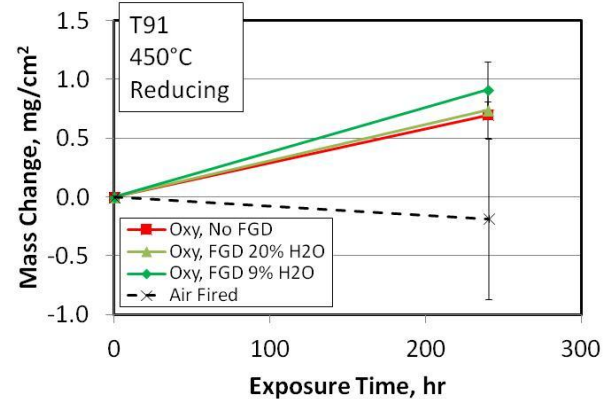
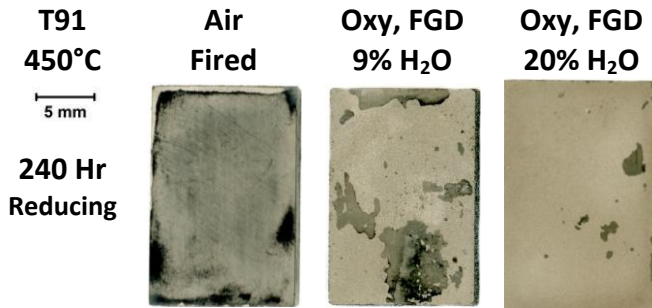
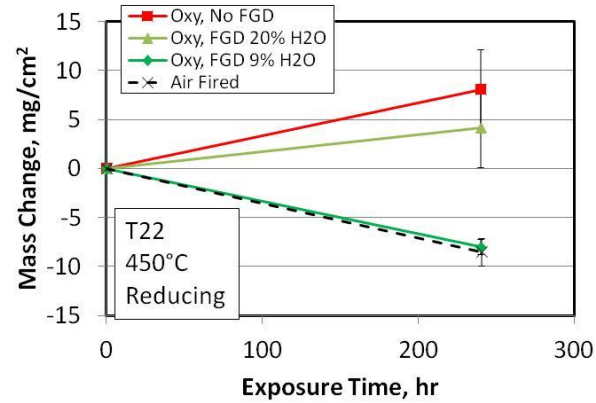
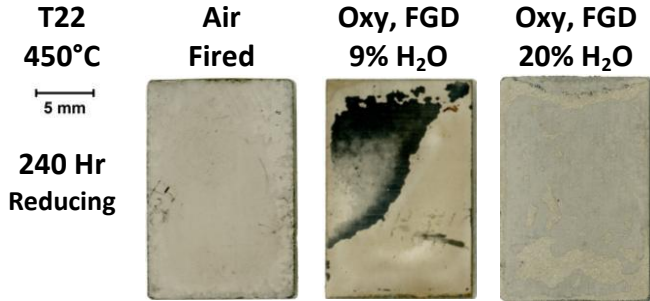
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# 617, 450°C, Oxidative Conditions



# 450°C, Reducing Conditions



# Observation—Long Term Tests

## Initial Section Loss Results

- At 700°C T91 had more section loss in the high water FGD with 20% H<sub>2</sub>O and without FGD cases
- At 700°C TP347 had more section loss in the high water FGD with 20% H<sub>2</sub>O and without FGD cases
- At 450°C (both oxidative and reducing) 617 is essentially free of corrosion in all cases
- No clear differentiation yet for other alloys and conditions

# Corrosion Mechanism Possibilities

## SH/RH Conditions (650-700°C, Oxidative Conditions)

## SO<sub>3</sub> threshold (shown below in terms of SO<sub>2</sub>)

- Between 100 & 1000 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> with SCM ash (Jerry Meier's talk)
- Between 100 & 3000 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> with 30-30-30-5-5 ash (deposit D)
- Could mean a large oxy-corrosion difference for some range of S in coals, and small difference in others

## Fluxing mechanism for T91

- Fe oxide dissolving into ash
- Ash attachment as Fe deposits within ash
- Very thin Fe-oxide portion of scale
- Usually requires a molten phase
  - Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> have too high of melting points
  - FeNaK tri-sulfates have lower melting points (SCM composition)
  - Tri-sulfates require SO<sub>3</sub> in gas phase for stability—threshold tie-in?

# Steam Side Oxidation

## Effects of pressure—update on A-USC autoclave

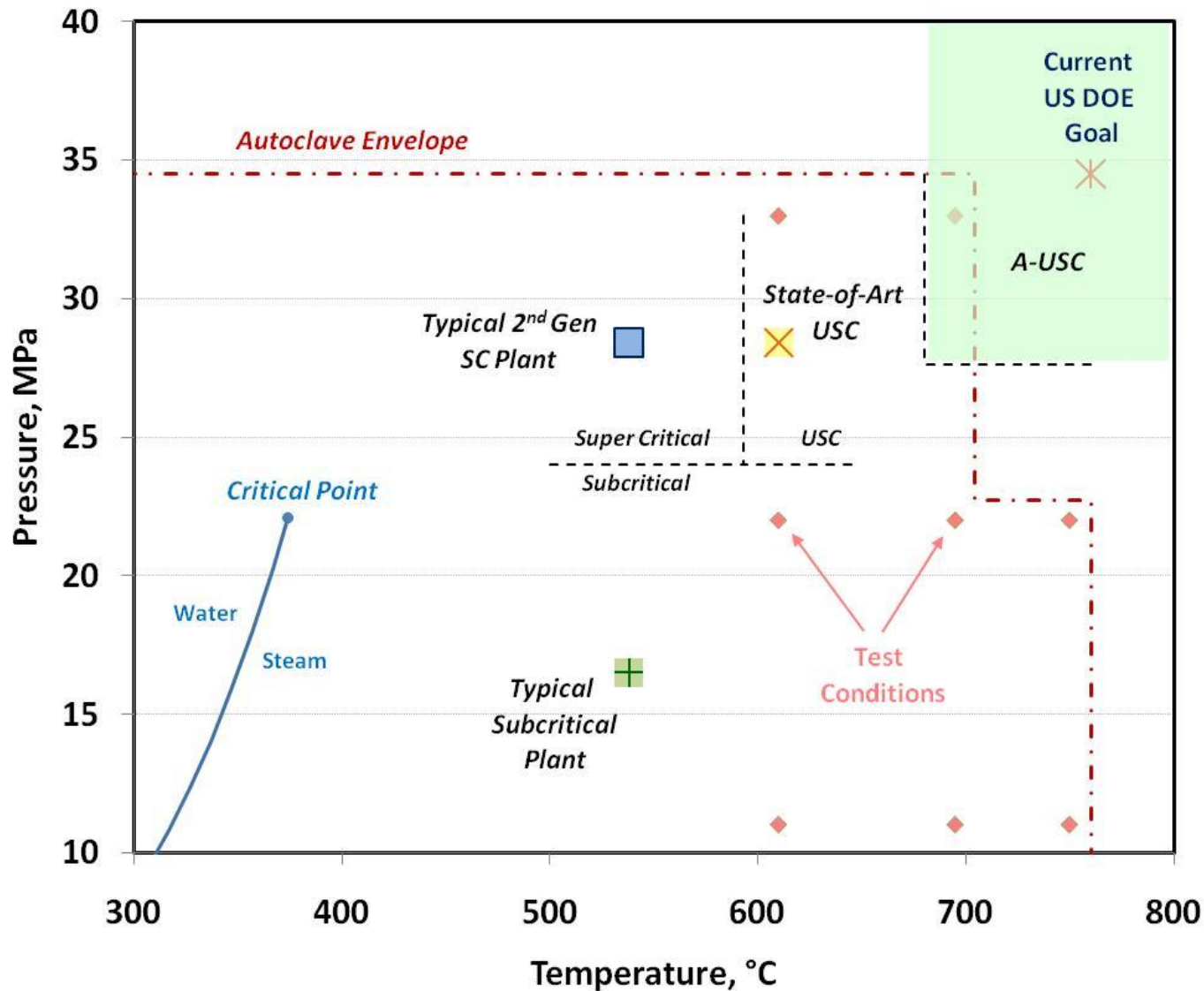
### Overview of System and Plans

### Shakedown Progress and Current Status

Coal-fired power plant nomenclature, conditions, and typical efficiency

Nomenclature	Conditions	Net Plant Efficiency (%, HHV)
Subcritical	16.5 MPa (2400 psi) 566°C /566°C (1050°F/1050°F)	35
Supercritical (SC)	>24.8 MPa (3600 psi) 566°C /579°C (1050°F/1075°F)	38
Ultra-supercritical (USC)	>24.8 MPa (3600 psi) 593°C /621°C (1100°F/1150°F)	>42
Advanced Ultra-Supercritical (A-USC)	27.6-34.5MPa (4000-5000 psi) 704-760°C (1300-1400°F) main steam	>45

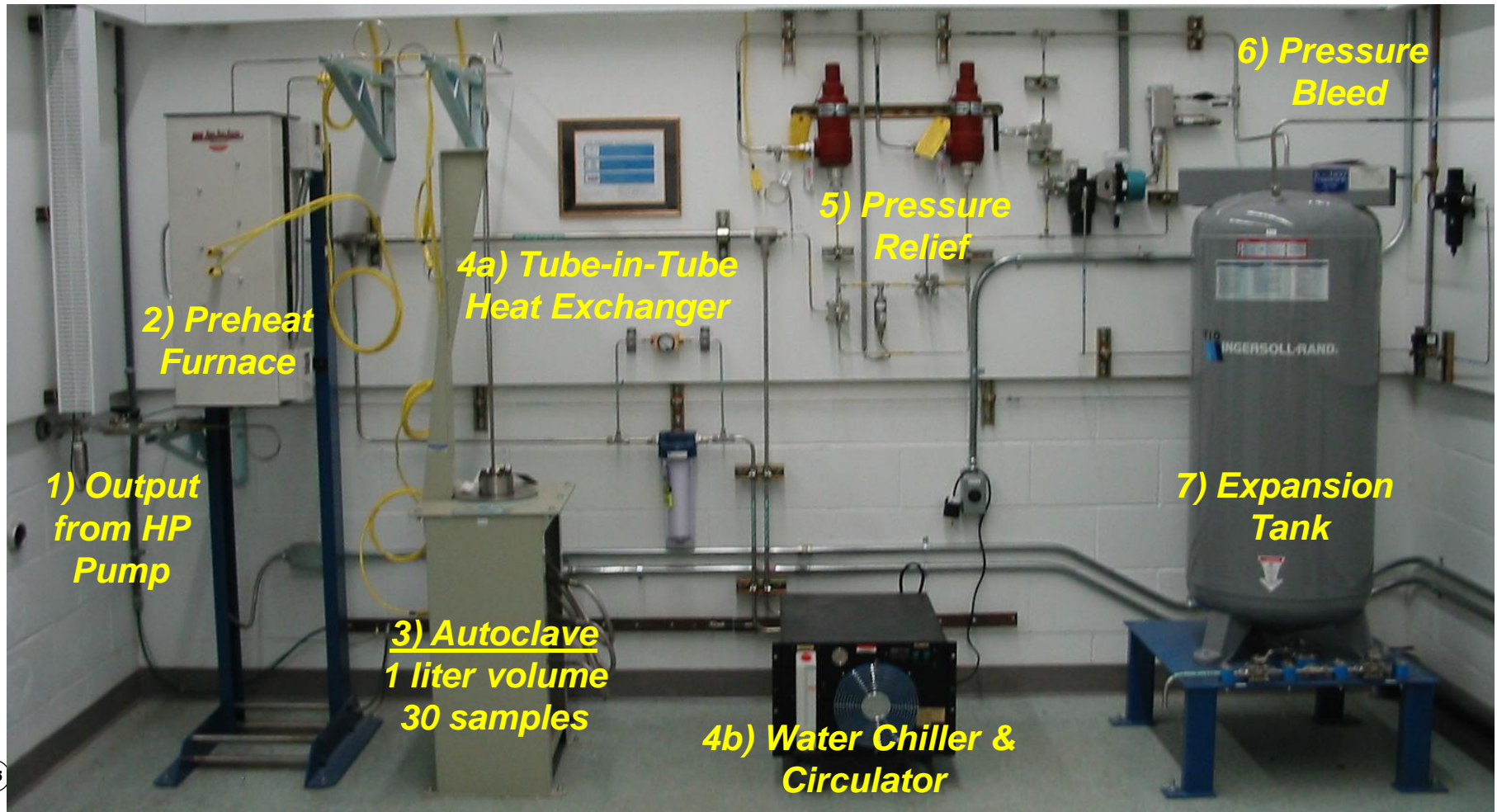
# Steam Oxidation at Pressure Test Conditions





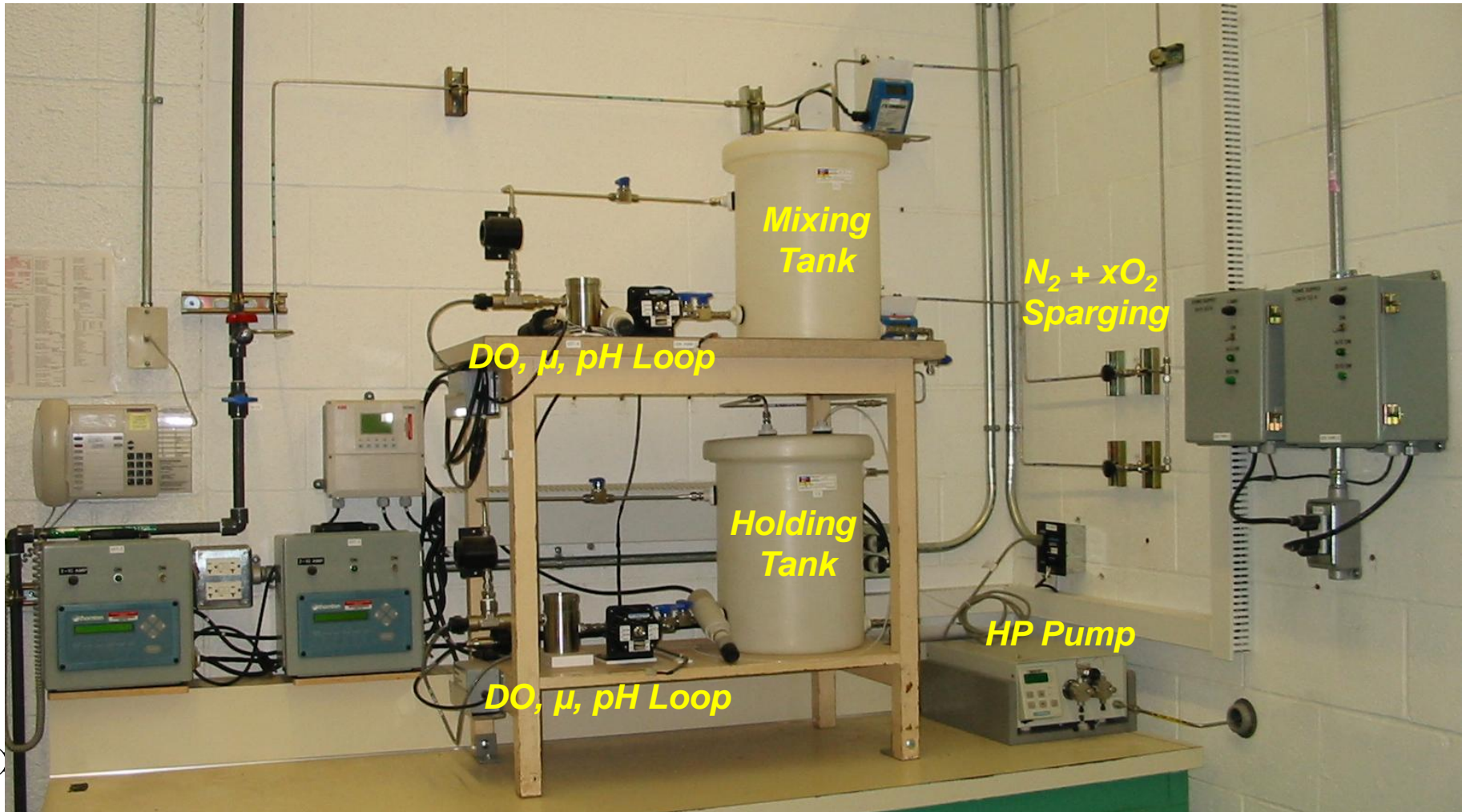
# Dual Rated Flowing Steam A-USC Autoclave

- 5000 psig (34.5 MPa) at up to 704°C
- 3300 psig (22.7 MPa) at up to 760°C
- Haynes 230 used for autoclave and high T/P line material



# A-USC Steam Autoclave Water Treatment

- *Two tank system*
- *Dissolved oxygen, pH, and conductivity*



# Pressure Test Alloys

## Alloy Group A—All pressures and temperatures

- H230, H263, H282, IN740u

## Alloy Group B—All pressures, 695 and 750°C

- IN617, IN625, IN740, HR6W, U720Li, IN718

## Alloy Group C—All pressures, 610 °C

- TP304H, TP347u
- T91, T92

*Alloys with the “u” designation are alloys from the US-UK Phase I round robin tests*

*Pressures are 11, 22, and 33 MPa*

# Current Status of Shakedown Activates

**USC conditions achieved**

**Good control of pressure**

- $\pm 10$  psi at 3100 psig

**In the process of improving temperature control**

**Water chiller currently not working**

- awaiting repairs

# Summary

## Long-term oxy-combustion fireside corrosion tests

- Oxidative tests ~50% complete
- At 700°C T91 had more section loss in the high water FGD with 20% H<sub>2</sub>O and without FGD cases
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- At 450°C (both oxidative and reducing) 617 is essentially free of corrosion in all cases
- No clear differentiation yet for other alloys and conditions
- Probable SO<sub>3</sub> gas threshold at 650-700°C
- Evidence of fluxing mechanism for T91 at 700°C

## Effects of pressure—update on A-USC autoclave

- USC steam conditions achieved
- Currently finishing shakedown tests