



# Materials for Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Applications

A Tutorial

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Part I: What are sCO<sub>2</sub> cycles and why are materials important?

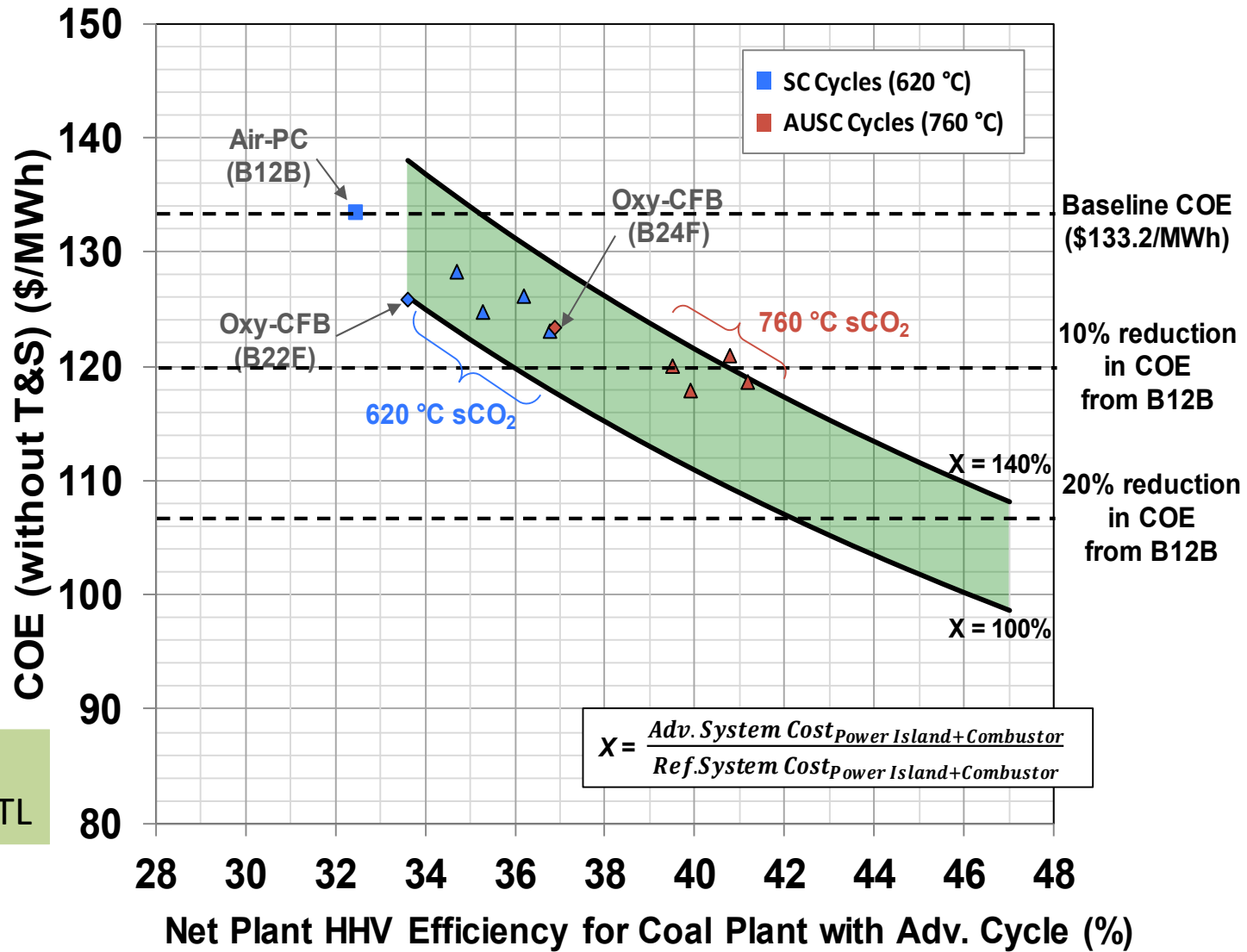
# INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES





# Motivation - 1

## Cost of Electricity (COE)

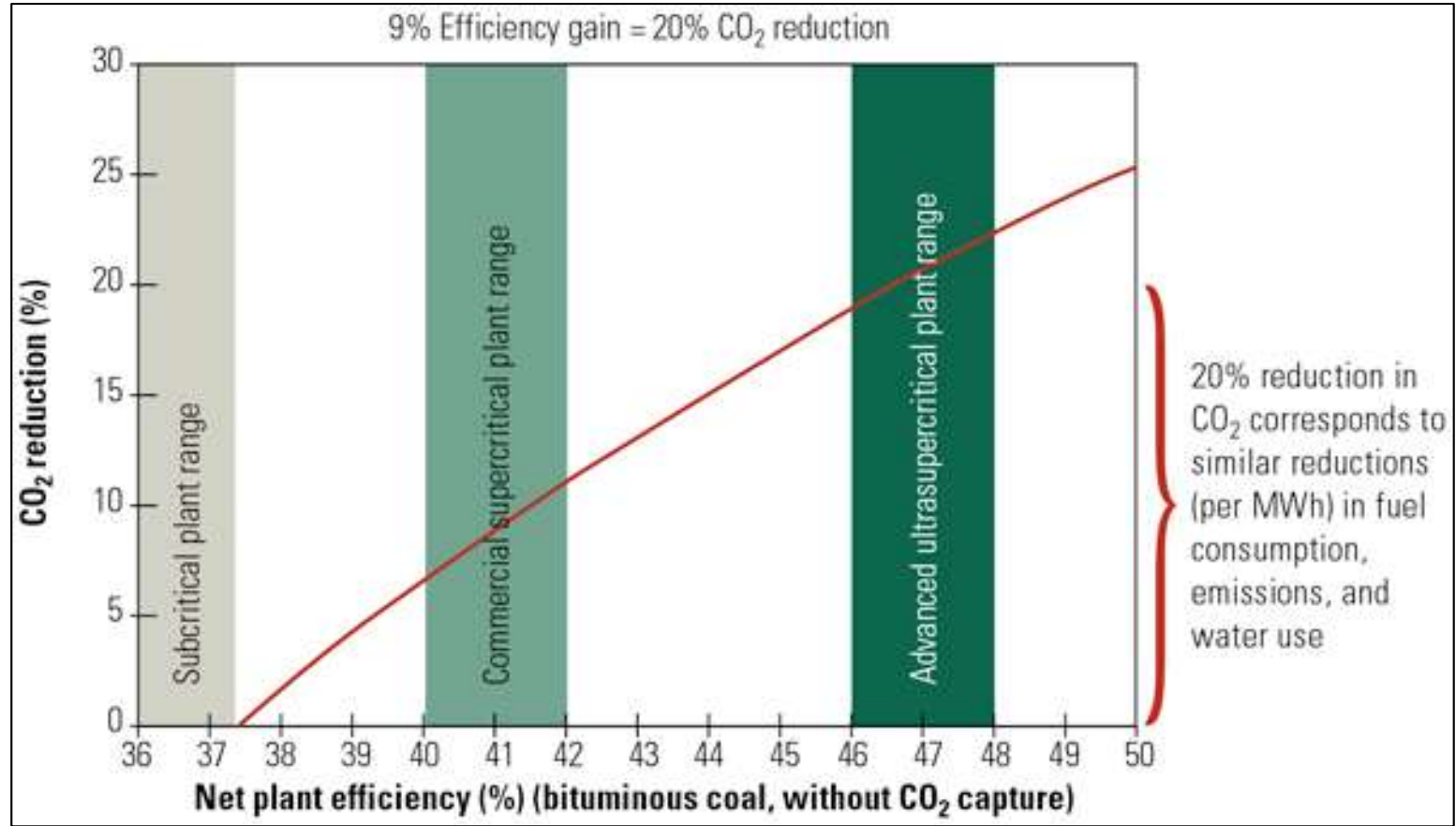


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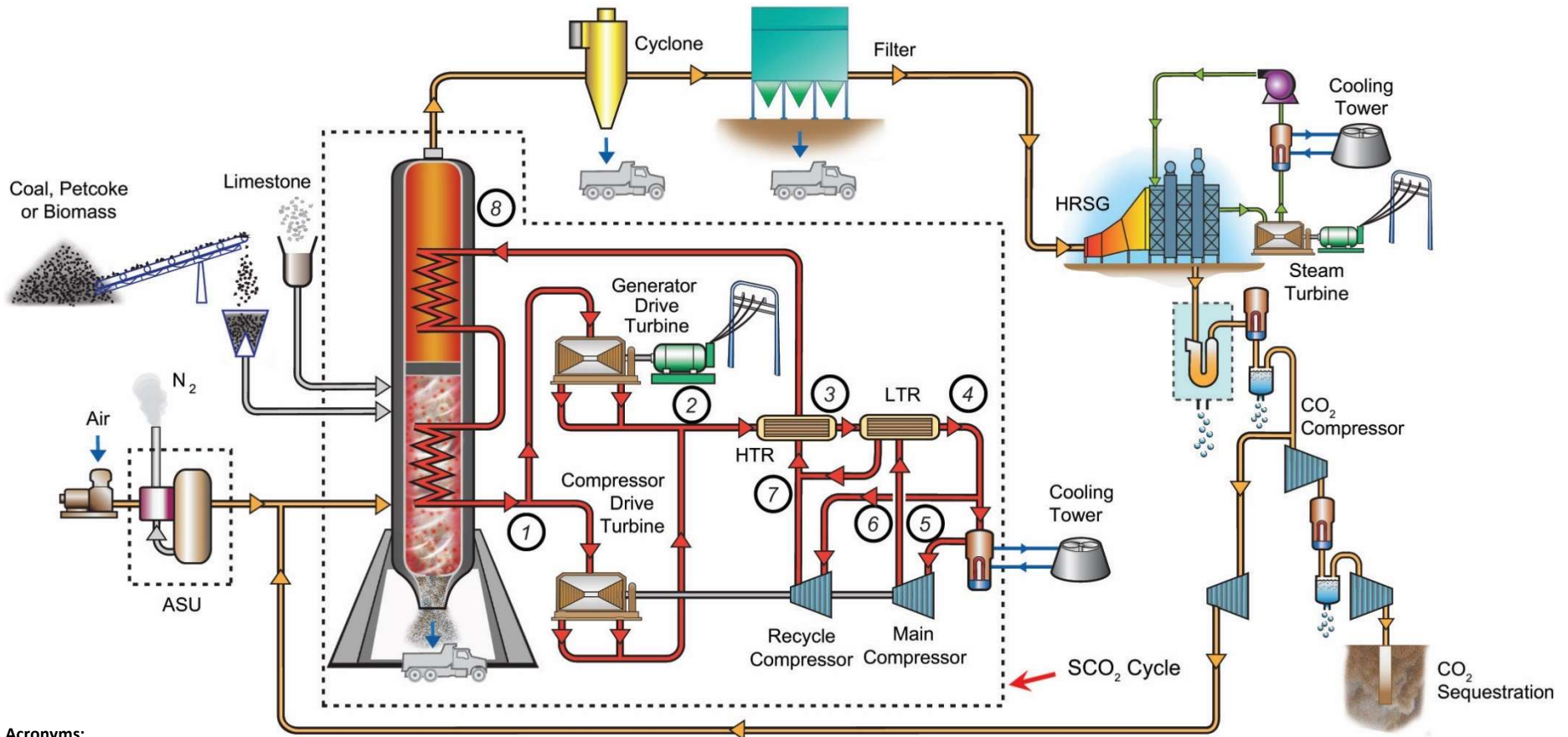
# Motivation - 2

(Fuel and Water consumption & CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions)



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# “Reference Case” – Oxycombustion (coal, petcoke, or coal + biomass)



Acronyms:  
 ASU: Air Separation Unit  
 HTR: High Temperature Recuperator  
 LTR: Low Temperature Recuperator  
 HRSG: Heat Recovery Steam Generator

• **Turbine inlet temp: 1,300 F (700C)**

• **Net power output (MWe): 544**

• **Steam turbine power (MWe): 27**

• **sCO<sub>2</sub> turbine power (MWe): 676**

• **CO<sub>2</sub> captured (%): ~98**

• **Net efficiency (% HHV): 38.3**

• **Net heat rate (Btu/kWh): 8,910**

**~9% Efficiency Improvement**



# Key Factors Influencing Performance

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- Operating conditions of components (temperature, pressure, flow rates, static and dynamic loads)
- Influence of sCO<sub>2</sub> (oxidation, corrosion)
- Material selection (composition, impurities, form/shape)
- Material properties (tensile, yield, creep, fatigue)
  - Effects of treatments (welding, cold work, annealing)
- Materials availability and cost
  - In desired forms, shapes (e.g., pipes, plates)
- Conformance with safety codes
  - National (e.g., ASME B&PV) and local



# Reference Case Material Summary

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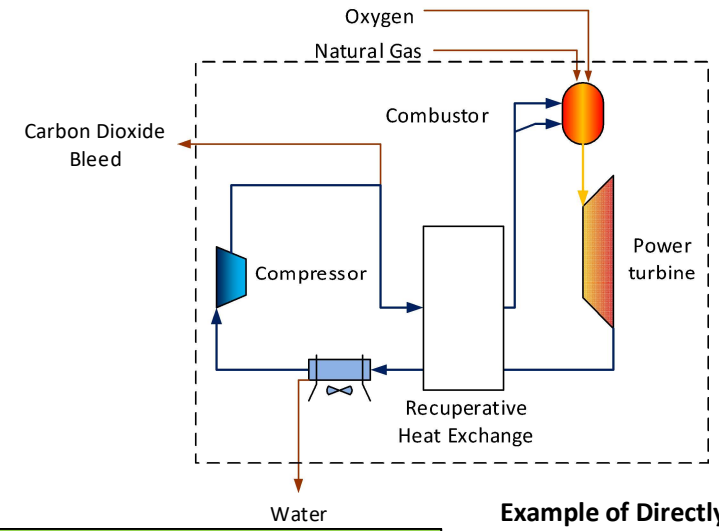
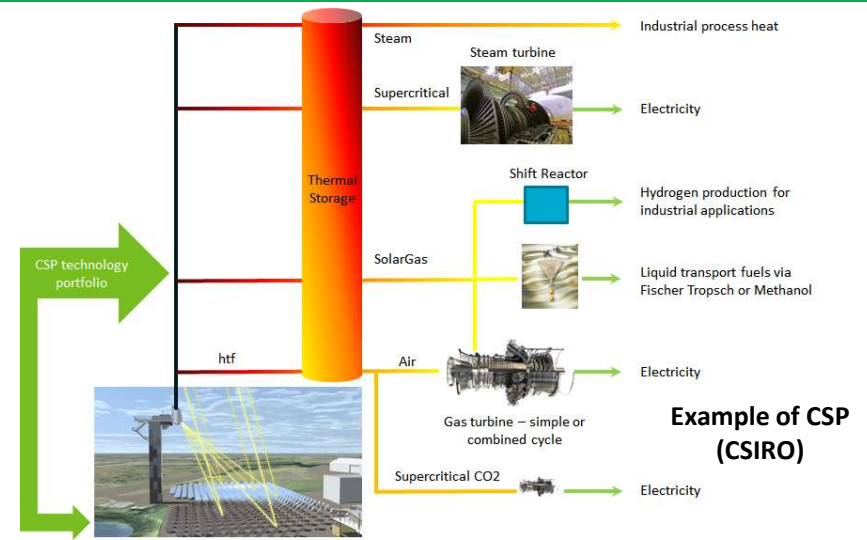
# Departures from Reference Case

- Multiple applications of sCO<sub>2</sub> power cycle are being considered; Examples include:

1. Waste heat utilization (lower temperature)
2. Other indirectly-heated systems with varying temperatures (e.g., nuclear, solar)
3. Directly-heated systems that deliver combustion products at supercritical conditions with 'impurities'

-- e.g., H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, HCl

**Materials selection and qualifying them will depend on operating conditions for each application**





## Materials Data Required for Reference Case

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- A number of candidate materials are being independently evaluated for applications at temperature and pressures similar to the Reference Case (Section II of this Tutorial)
  - Creep strength and long-term stability (boiler alloys)
  - Fireside corrosion
  - Fabrication and design
  - Rotors, discs and blades (steam turbines)
  - Erosion and oxidation of blade materials (steam turbines)
  - Castings
- Materials data associated with sCO<sub>2</sub> environment and compatibility are under various stages of investigation (Section III of this Tutorial)
  - Corrosion and oxidation
- Maturing of plant designs and definitions will likely trigger
  - Determination of availability and costs
  - Applicability of existing code rules and/or need for code review

**A Full Compendium of Similar Materials Data Should be the Ultimate Goal**



# Objectives of Tutorial

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- 1. Provide data and information from the existing/ongoing A-USC program**
- 2. Provide data and information from ongoing corrosion and sCO<sub>2</sub> compatibility tests**
- 3. Exchange information with participants**
  - Confirming and/or contradicting current data from tests or test loops**
  - Need for new data, experiments and standards for inter-comparison of data**
- 4. Obtain feedback for future tutorials**



Part II: U.S. DOE/OCDO A-USC Steam Boiler & Turbine Consortium

# FOUNDATIONAL MATERIALS R&D





## Part II: Perspectives from a Related Program

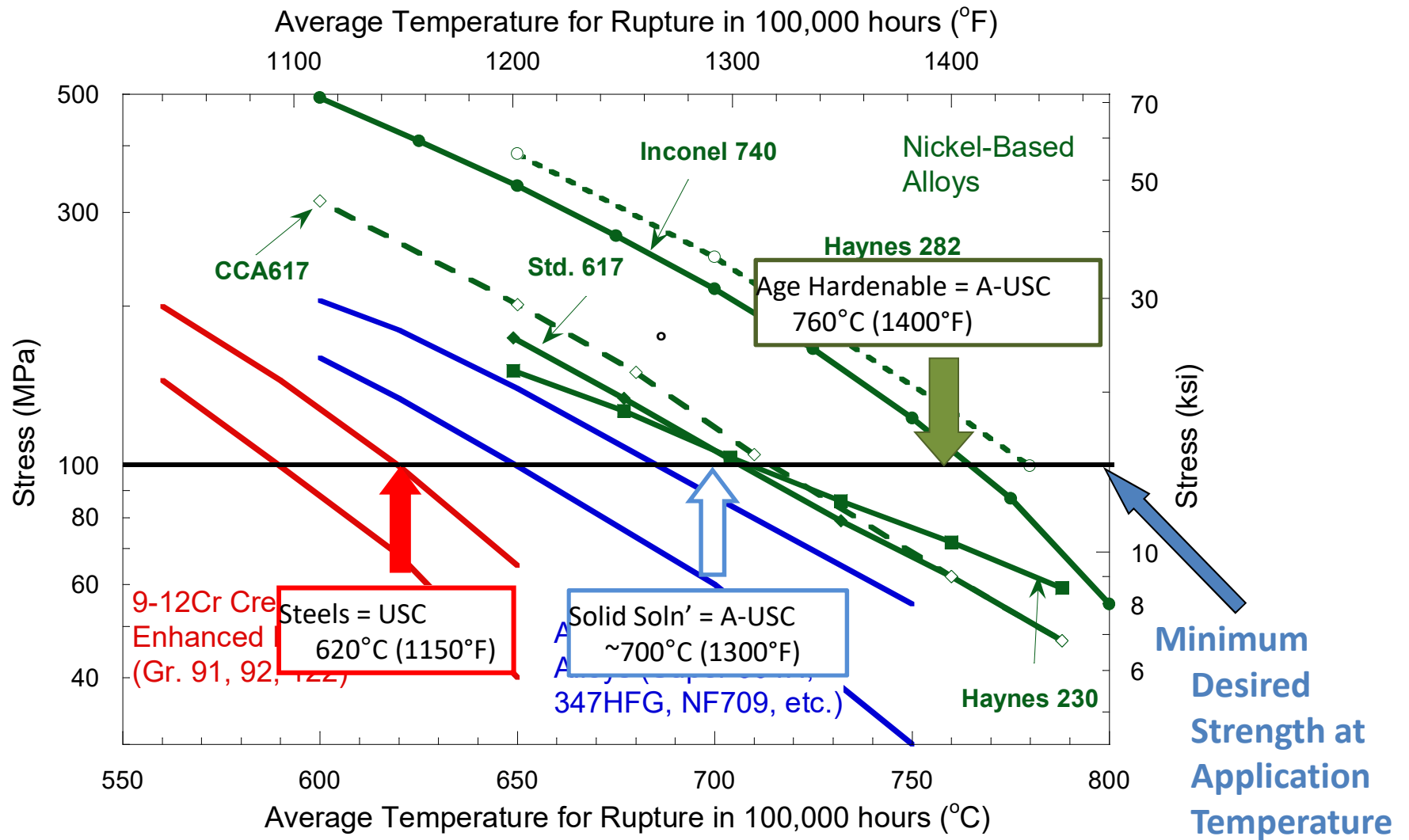
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### OUTLINE

- **Economics of high-strength nickel-based alloys**
- **Background U.S. DOE/OCDO A-USC Materials Consortium**
- **Major successes from the unique government-industry consortium**
- **A view on how A-USC Materials R&D enables sCO<sub>2</sub> and how we can leverage experience**

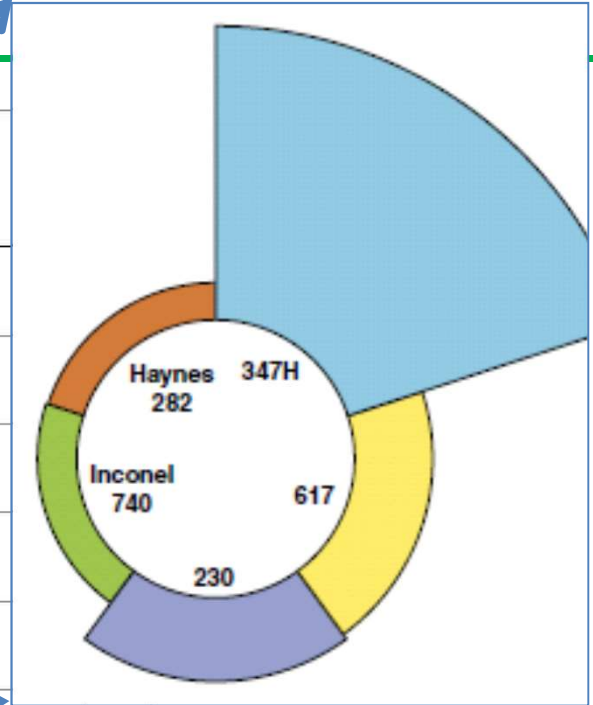
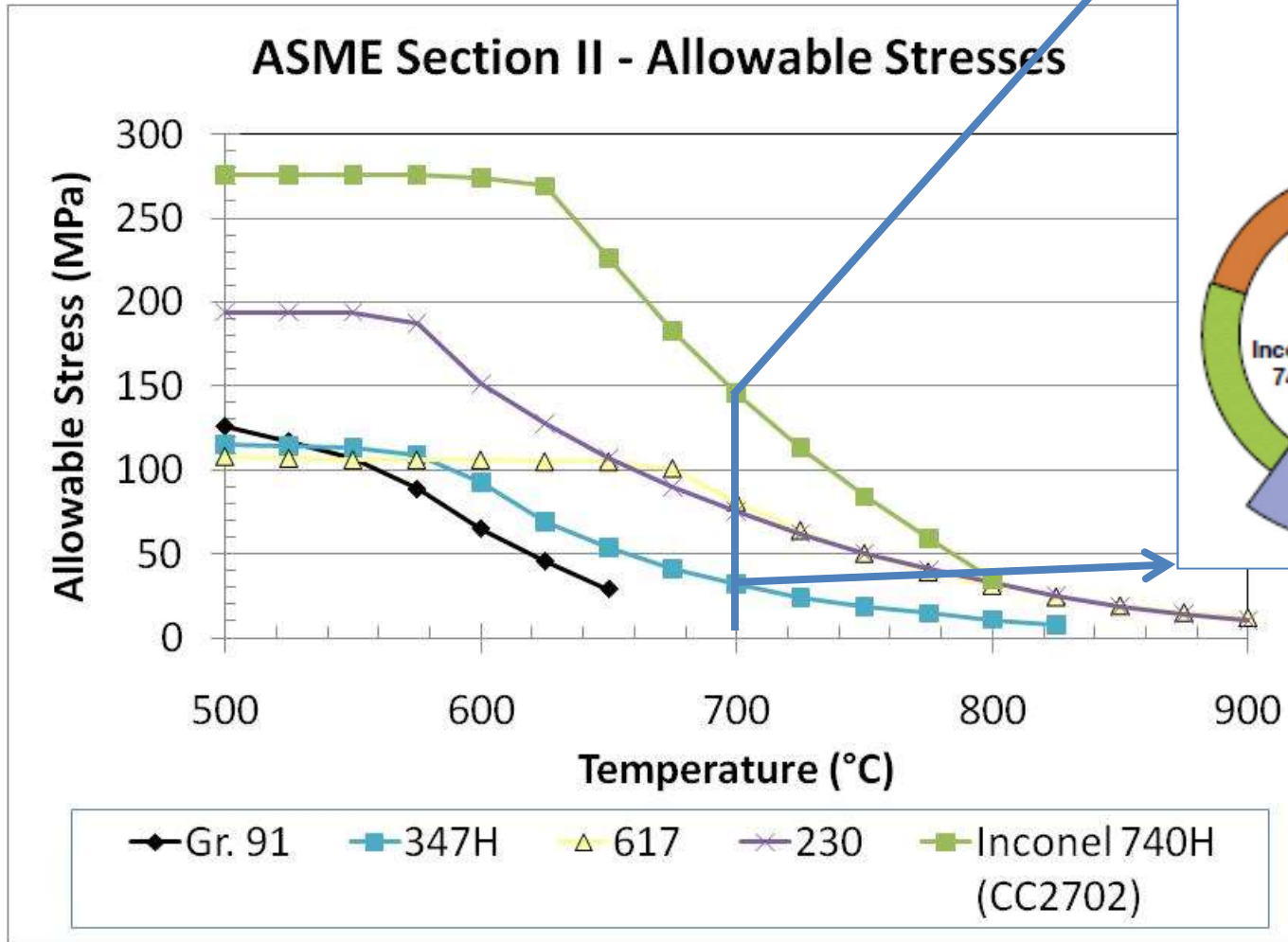


# Materials Limit the Current Technology: *Today's State-of-the-Art Steam Power Plants are defined by steel technology*





# Economics Comparison between two leading candidates: 740H & 617



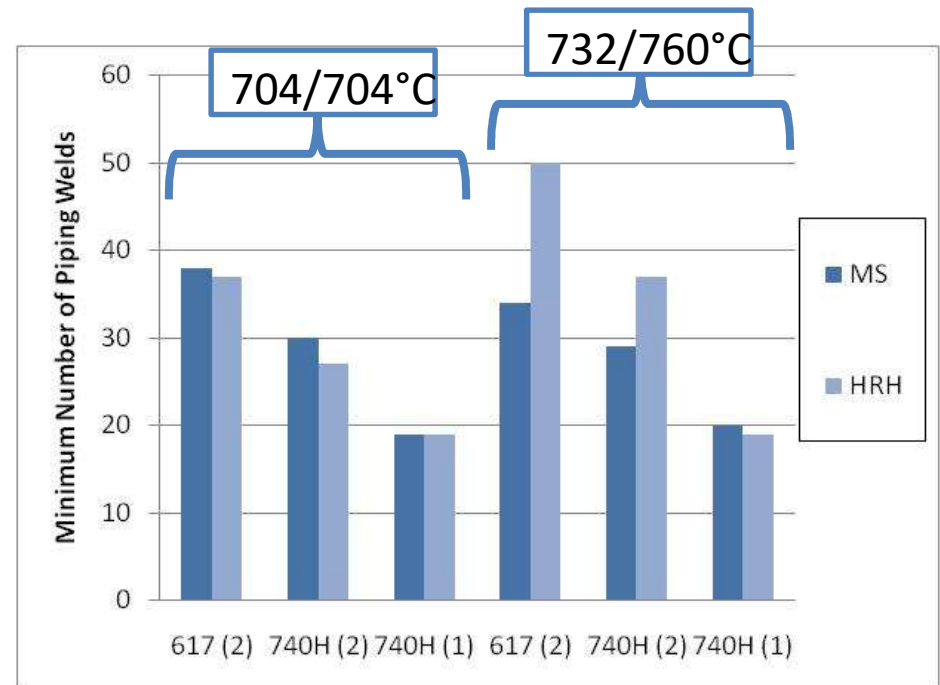
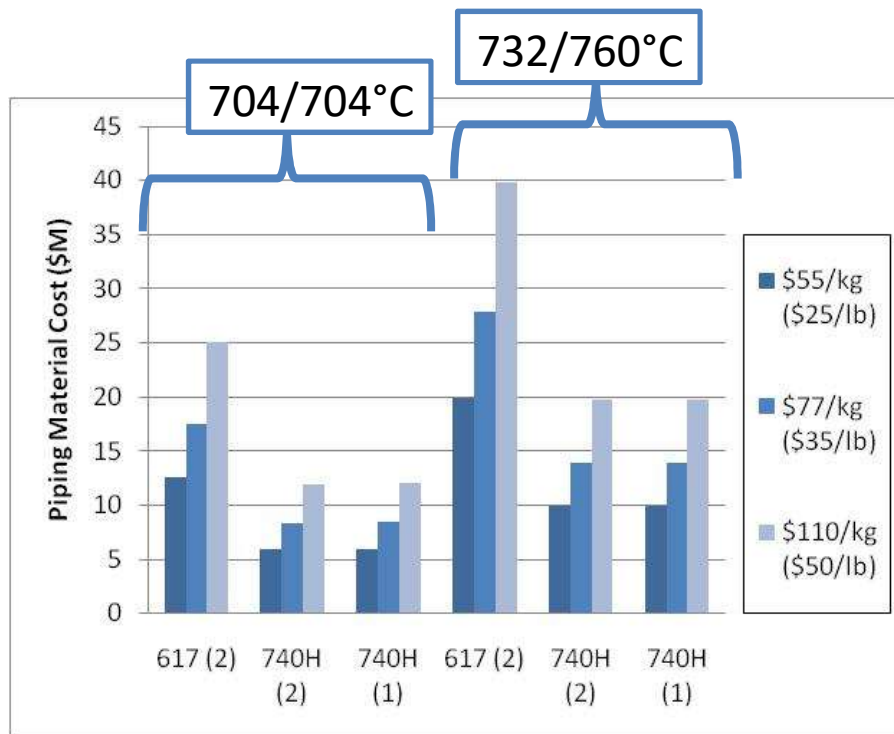
**Higher Allowable Stress for Inconel 740H = Thinner Pipe Walls**



# Higher-strength alloys provide an avenue for cost savings

*Shingledecker et. al, 2012: IEA Clean Coal Centre Workshop (Vienna, Austria)*

- **A-USC plant design study showed using 740H compared to alloy 617 for a main steam and hot-reheat piping system:**
  - Reduced piping material cost (less material) by a factor of ~2
  - Reduced welding cost (less welds)
  - Provided a buffer for nickel-based alloy price fluctuations

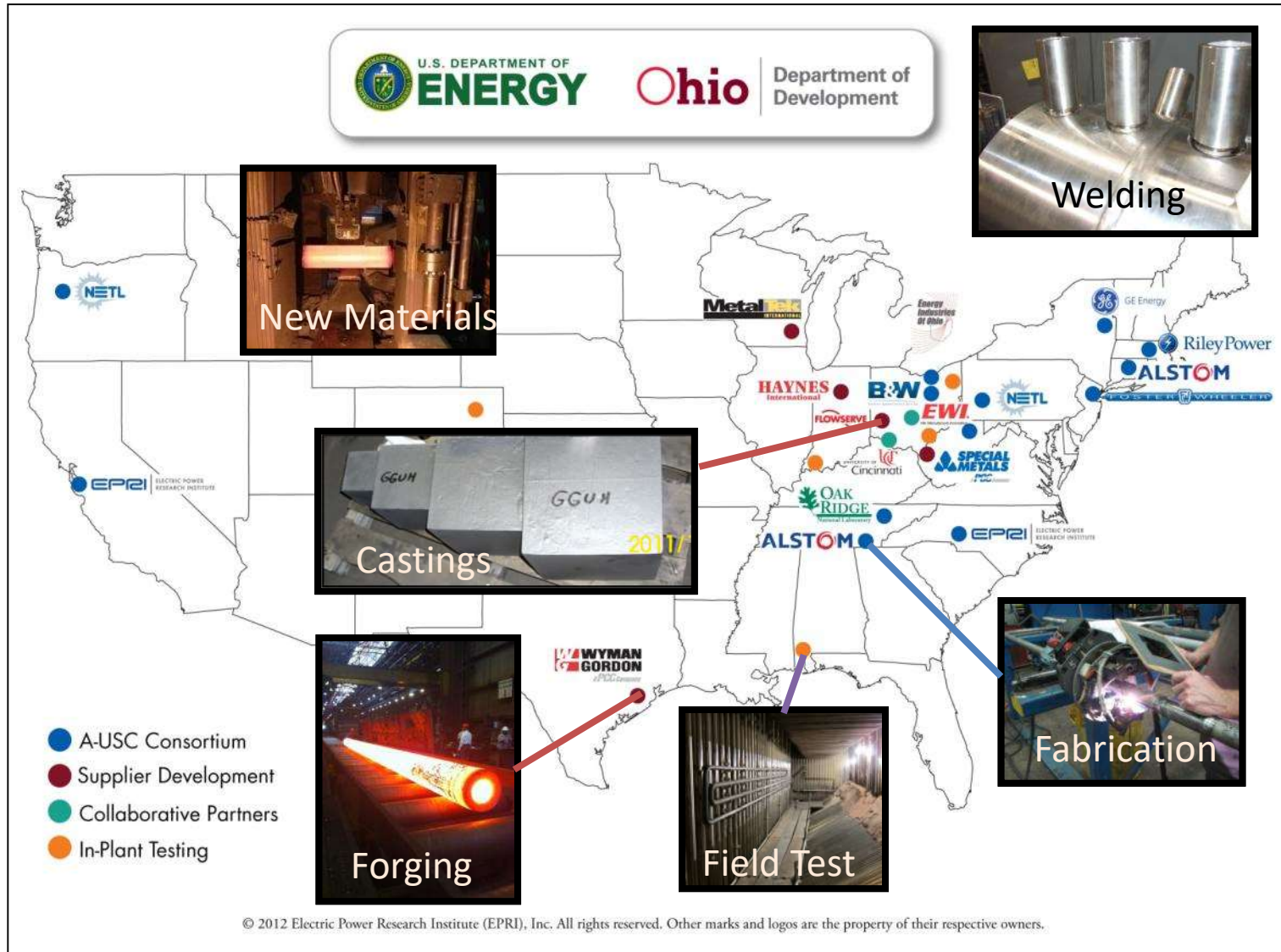






# U.S. Department of Energy (US DOE) / Ohio Coal Development Office (OCDO) A-USC Steam Boiler and Turbine Consortia

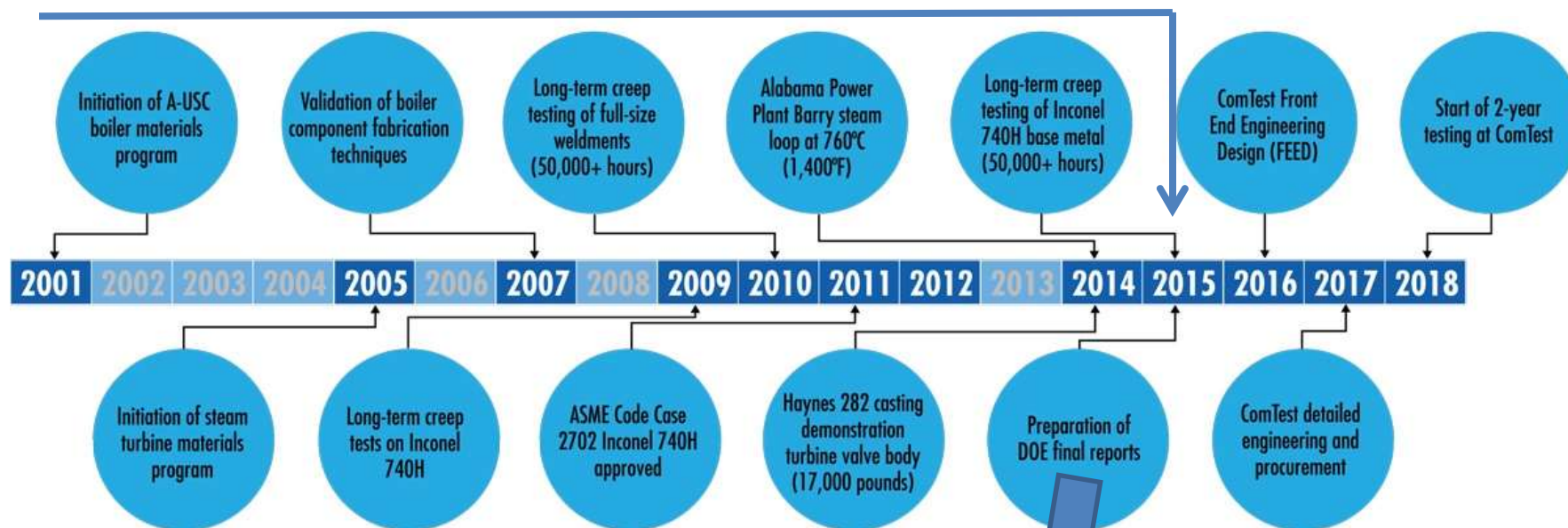
Federal – State – National Laboratory  
 Non Profit – For Profit  
 Cost Sharing Consortium





# US DOE/OCDO A-USC Materials Consortium Provides a Technical Foundation for High-Temperature Materials

## A-USC Materials R&D



**15 Year Effort to develop the materials technology to build and operate an A-USC boiler with steam temperatures up to 760C Reports:**

- A-USC Boiler (>1100pages): Purgert, Robert et al. *Boiler Materials for Ultra Supercritical Coal Power Plants*. United States: N. p., 2015. Web. doi:10.2172/1346714.
- A-USC Turbine Phase I: Viswanathan, R. et al. *Steam Turbine Materials for Ultrasupercritical Coal Power Plants*. United States: N. p., 2009. Web. doi:10.2172/1081317.
- A-USC Turbine Phase II: Purgert, Robert et al. *Materials for Advanced Ultrasupercritical Steam Turbines*. United States: N. p., 2015. Web. doi:10.2172/1243058.

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Foundational knowledge serves as basis for sCO<sub>2</sub>





# Recent Results: In-Plant Testing at 760°C (1400°F) Operating Steam Corrosion Test Loop



*Southern Company – Plant Barry*

- **Phase 1**
  - Extensive laboratory testing & air-cooled probes in boiler
  - Steam-cooled loop (high S coal)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Steam Loop**
  - **World's first steam loop operating at 760°C (1400°F)**
  - **Removed from service after 33 months with >16,000hrs in operation**
  - **Evaluations = little to no wastage**

Materials include:  
740H, CCA617, HR6W,  
Super 304H, Coating,  
Overlays, and Others

Fabrication in Alstom Chattanooga TN shop



Prior to Welding



Being Welded



After Assembly



## Boiler Fabrication Successes

- No significant changes to fabrication techniques were required
- R&D was used to make changes to ASME Section I Table PG-19
- Full-size laboratory testing
- Initial tests on Inconel 740 led to additional phase 2 work on cold-work effects on creep which was needed for the code case





# Major Step: Code Case 2702 (Inconel®740H) now Approved for Use in Section I and B31.1

- **Maximum Use Temperature: 800°C (1472°F)**
- **Rules for:**
  - Chemistry
  - Heat-treatment
  - Welding
  - Post-weld heat-treatment
  - Cold-forming
  - Weld strength reduction factors



CASES OF ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE

Approval Date: September 26, 2011

Code Cases will remain available for use until they are withdrawn by the applicable Standards Committee.

Case 2702  
Seamless Ni-25Cr-20Co Material  
Section I

*Inquiry:* May precipitation-hardenable Ni-25Cr-20Co alloy (UNS N07740) wrought sheet, plate, rod, seamless pipe and tube, fittings and forgings material conforming to the chemical requirements shown in Table 1, the mechanical properties listed in Table 2, and otherwise conforming to the applicable requirements in the specifications listed in Table 3 and in this Case be used in welded construction under Section I rules?

*Reply:* It is the opinion of the Committee that precipitation-hardenable Ni-25Cr-20Co alloy (UNS N07740) wrought sheet, plate, rod, seamless pipe and tube, fittings and forgings as described in the Inquiry may be used in welded construction complying with the rules of Section I, provided the following rules are met.

(a) Material shall be supplied in the solution heat treated and aged condition. Solution heat treatment shall be performed at 2,010°F (1100°C) minimum for 1 hr per 1 in. (25 mm) of thickness but not less than ½ hr. Aging shall be performed at 1,472°F (800°C) minimum for 1 hr per 1 in. (25 mm) of thickness but not less than ½ hr.

(d) Postweld heat treatment. The postweld heat treatment shall be 1,400°F to 1,472°F (760°C to 800°C) for 4 hr for thickness up to 1 in. (25 mm) plus 1 hr per additional inch (25 mm) of thickness. On all welds, a weld metal heat treatment shall be performed in accordance with the applicable requirements in the specifications and in this Case for temperatures above 1,400°F (760°C).

(e) After cold forming to strains in excess of 5%; after any swages, upsets, or flares; or after any hot forming of this material, the component shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements specified in (a). No local solution annealing may be performed. The entire affected component or part that includes the cold-strained area and transition to unstrained material must be included in both heat treatments. The calculations of cold strains shall be made as described in Section I, PG-19.

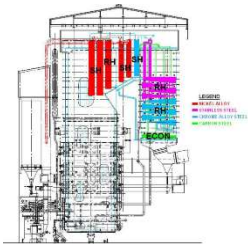
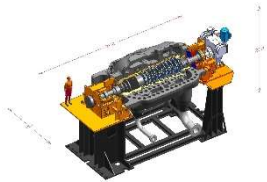
(f) The maximum use temperature is 1,472°F (800°C).  
(g)  $S_w$  and  $S_y$  values are listed in Tables 5 and 5M and Tables 6 and 6M, respectively.

(h) *Physical Properties.* See also Tables 7 and 7M, Physical Properties.

**A parallel effort is now underway with DOE/ORNL to develop a code case data package for Haynes 282 (single step age)**



# Transformational technologies will need A-USC materials and components demonstrated



A-USC Materials Foundation R&D Consortium  
(Boiler and Turbine)

sCO<sub>2</sub> R&D

A-USC ComTest

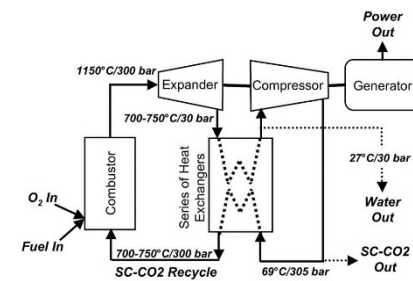
sCO<sub>2</sub> PILOT (STEP,  
NETPOWER)

A-USC DEMO  
Plant

A-USC DEMO  
Topping/Retrofit/Repowering

sCO<sub>2</sub> DEMO

A-USC Foundation  
Enables Transformational  
Technologies

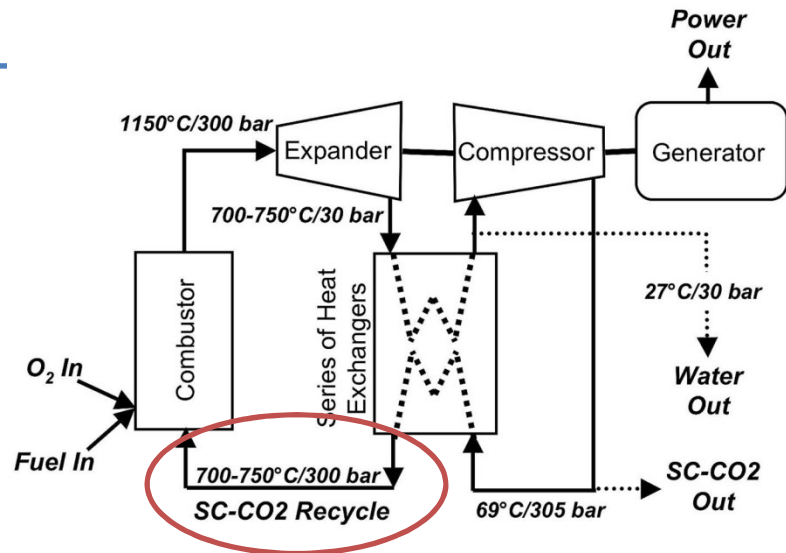




# Alternative Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (sCO<sub>2</sub>) Power Cycles Need Advanced (A-USC) Materials Technology

## NET Power Cycle 25MW Demo

Gas-Fired 100% Carbon Capture Modified CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle is planning to use **Inconel 740H** for High-Temperature CO<sub>2</sub> piping

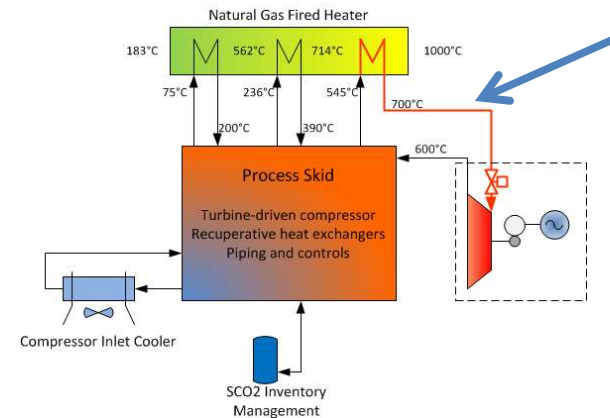


Scale-up to 250MW will require large diameter nickel-based alloy piping

Partners: NET Power, CB&I, Toshiba, Exelon



DOE Sun-Shot sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle: 1MW Closed Cycle Test Facility

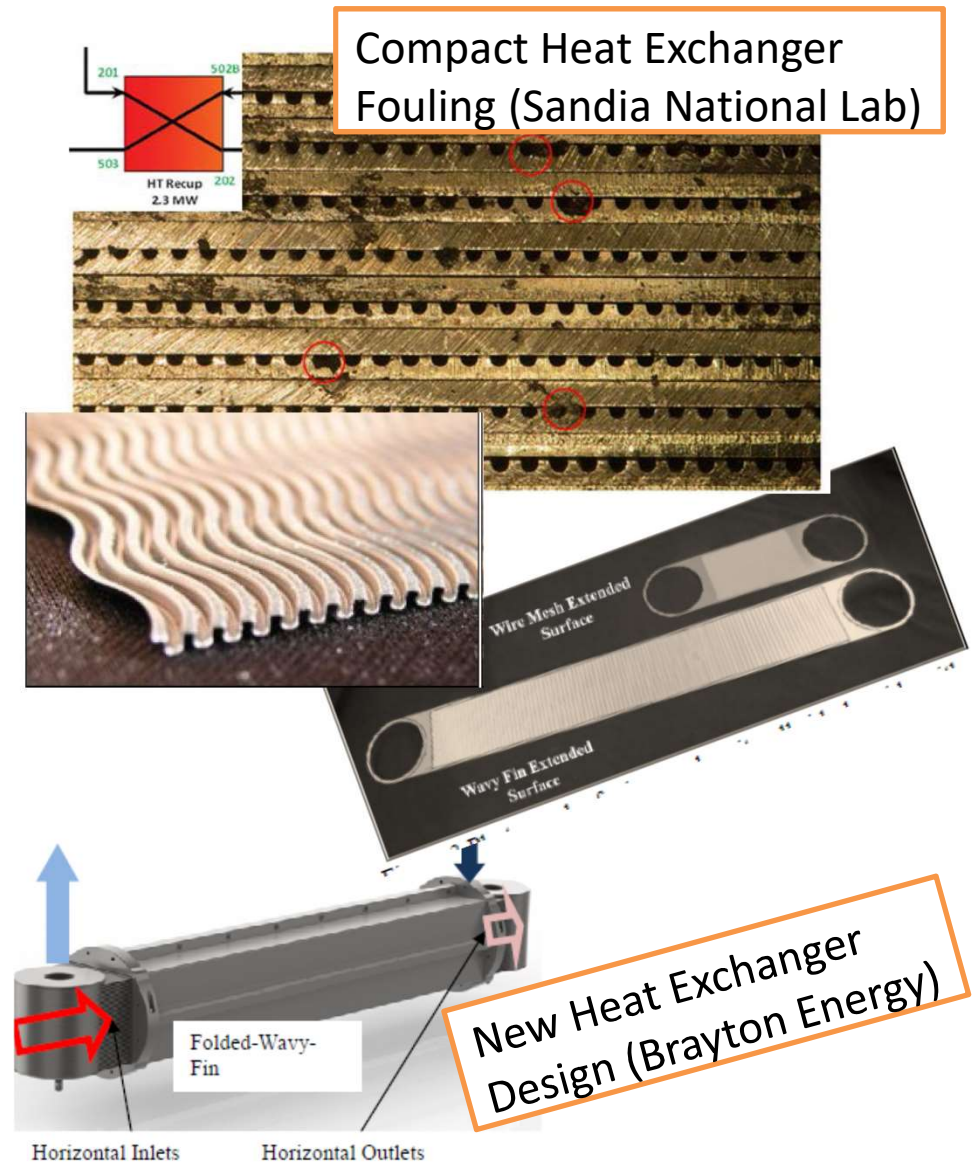


Piping, valves, castings, forgings, welding are applicable



# sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle Compact Heat Exchangers: Unique Materials Challenges

- **4-10X Heat-Duty compared to Rankine Cycle**
- **Designs:**
  - Expensive: '40%' the cost of the entire plant
  - Small channels
  - Large surface area
- **Thermal fatigue resistance**
- **Creep of thin sections**
- **Brazing/diffusion bonding**
- **Corrosion/oxidation in sCO<sub>2</sub>**
  - Closed cycles: build-up of impurities
  - Open cycles: combustion by-products
  - Blockage, pluggage, reduced performance







## Summary: US DOE/OCDO A-USC Consortium

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- **Unprecedented success in developing the materials technology to enable A-USC Steam cycles up to 760°C (1400F) *based on pre-competitive R&D by a consortium of manufacturers, national laboratories, and research organizations***
    - Extensive laboratory and shop R&D
    - Field applications for fireside corrosion
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- **sCO<sub>2</sub> can leverage the success of the consortium & foundational high-temperature materials R&D**
    - Materials are a cross-cutting technology
    - Unique Material considerations for sCO<sub>2</sub> include environmental interactions, turbine materials, and compact heat exchangers



Part III: Materials in CO<sub>2</sub> Environments

# MATERIALS FOR SCo<sub>2</sub> POWER CYCLES





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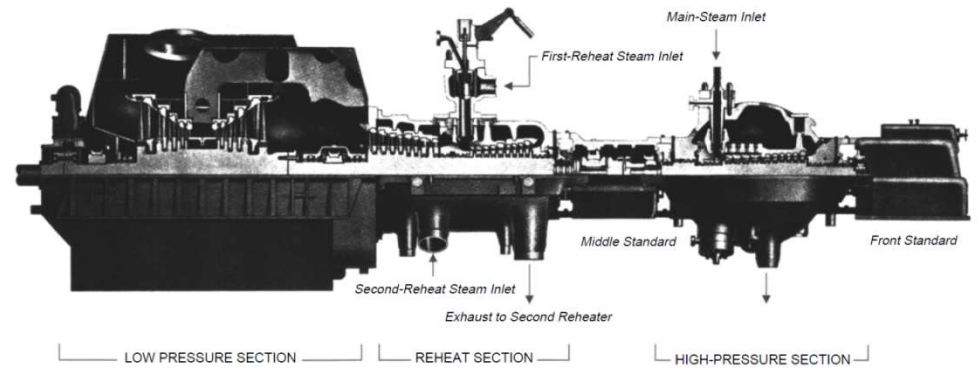
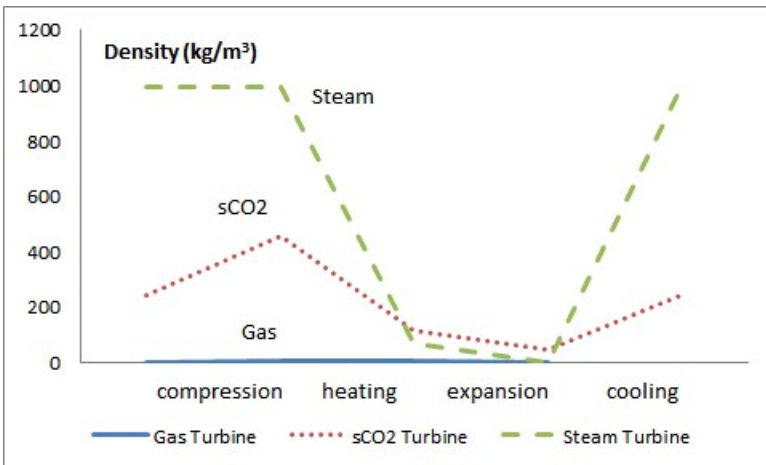
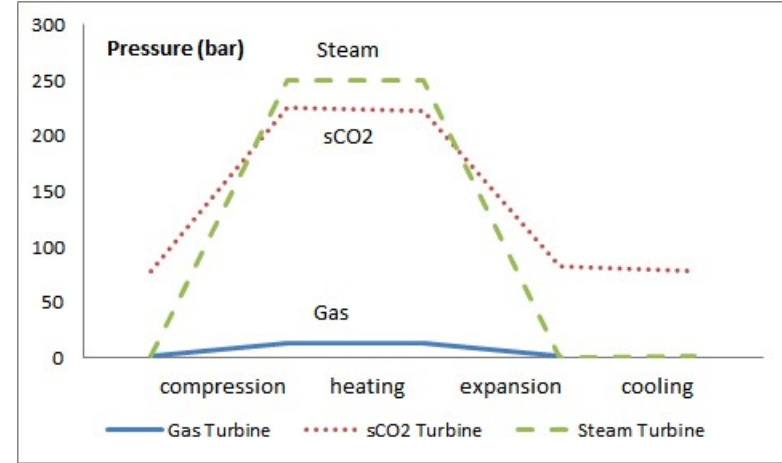
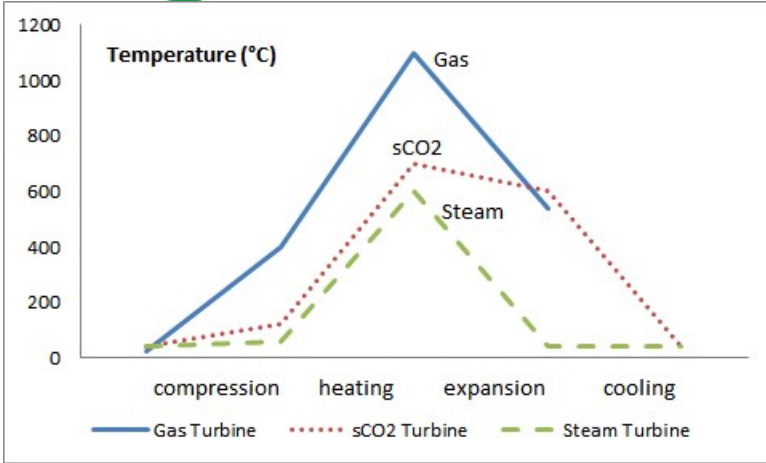
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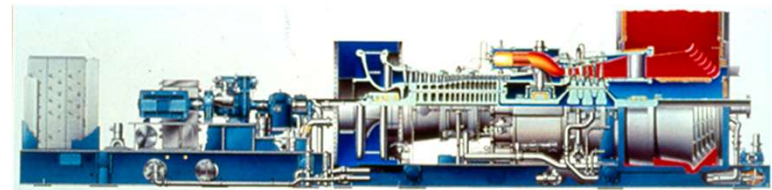
- **Operating conditions and material requirements**
  - Steam and gas turbines vs. sCO<sub>2</sub> power cycles
- **Materials technical challenges**
  - Knowledge gaps
- **Materials in CO<sub>2</sub> environments**
  - Previous experience, sCO<sub>2</sub> testing
  - Current and planned testing to address gaps



# Comparison of Operating Conditions



[Philo 6 Steam – Electric Generating Unit, ASME International, 2003]

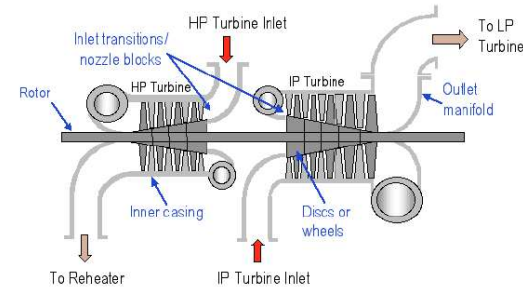
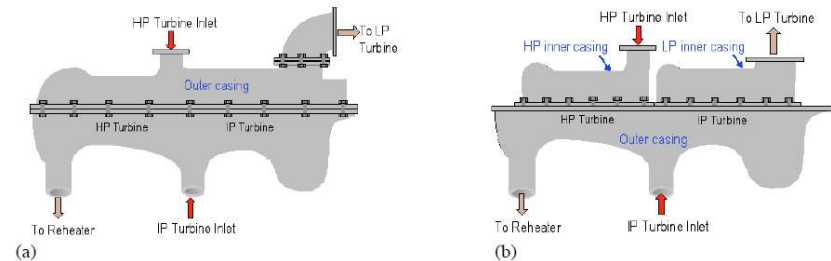


[GE Power Systems]

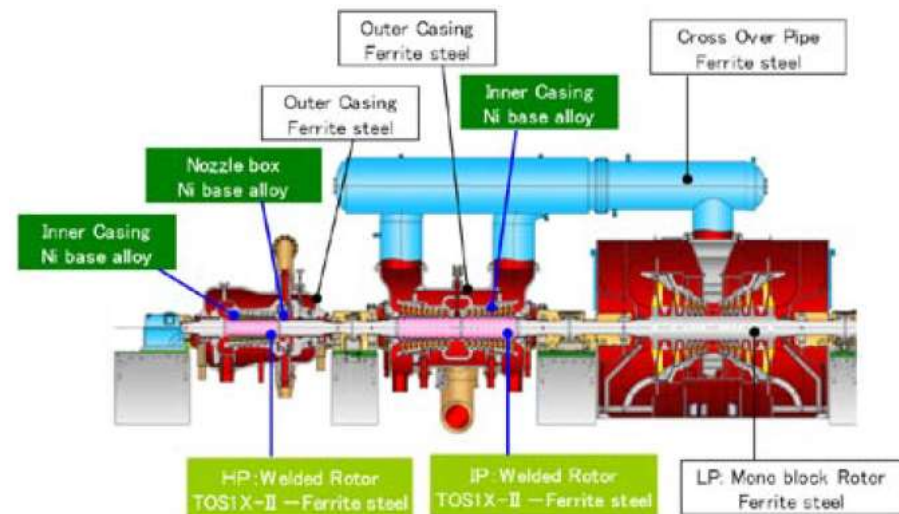


# Steam Turbine Requirements and Materials

- **Relatively small range of materials**
  - Good match of thermal properties
  - High temperature strength at acceptable cost
- **Main components**
  - Turbine casing/shell
  - Bolting
  - Rotors and disks
  - Vanes and blades
- **Turbine casing/shell**
  - Large, complex shapes
  - Pressure containment
  - High creep strength, castability, weldability
  - Oxidation resistance
  - 9Cr, 12Cr steels, Ni-base alloys
- **Bolting**
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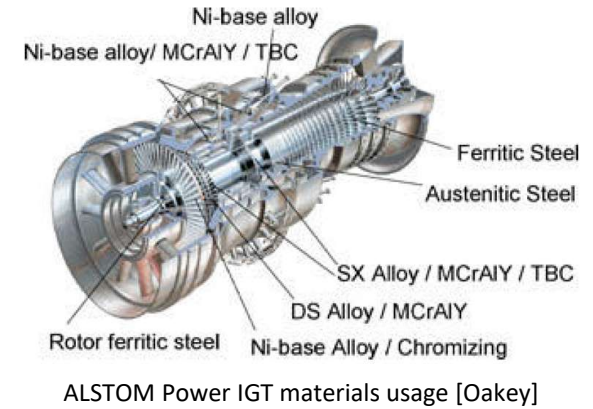
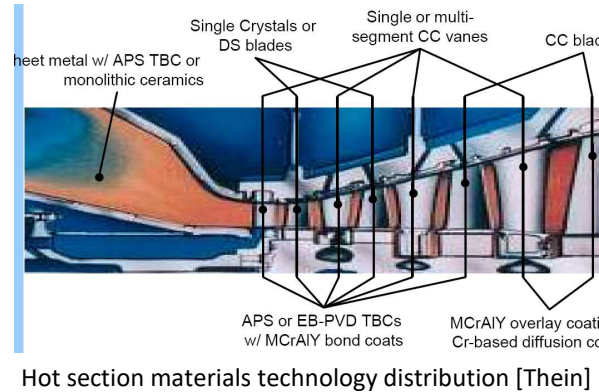
[Wright, et al., Materials Issues for Turbines for Operation in Ultra-Supercritical Steam]



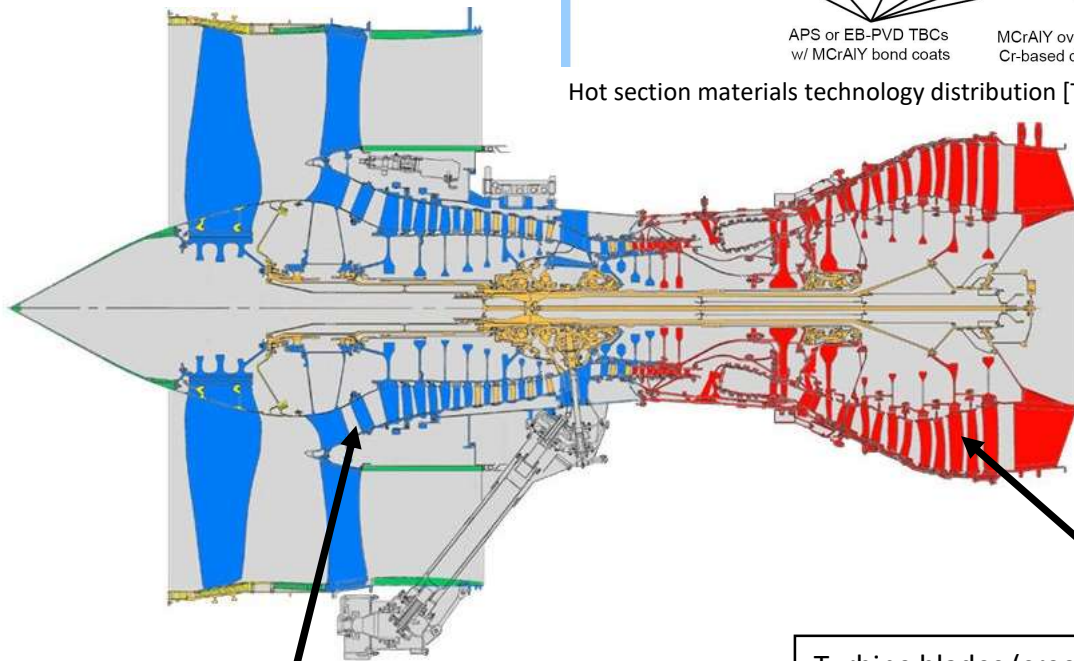
[Babcock & Wilcox, Technical Paper BR-1884, 2011]



# Gas Turbine Requirements and Materials



- Titanium
- Nickel
- Steel
- Aluminium
- Composites



Fan blades (fatigue, bird strike, erosion, corrosion, fretting fatigue)  
 Fan disks (burst, LCF, HCF)  
 Compressor blades (fatigue, erosion, corrosion)  
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Turbine blades (creep, stress rupture, corrosion, oxidation, HCF, thermal fatigue, fretting fatigue)  
 Turbine vanes (creep, thermal fatigue, corrosion)  
 Turbine disks (burst, LCF, HCF, creep, corrosion)  
 Shafts (bird strike, whirling, LCF)  
 Casing, bearings (bird strike, LCF, containment)

[adapted from Rolls-Royce figure]





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# Materials Technical Challenges

## Current Knowledge

- **Existing materials/mechanical properties**
  - OK for main components (piping, valves, turbomachinery, etc.)
- **Environmental considerations – high temperature sCO<sub>2</sub>**
  - Corrosion testing – short-term, coupons, representative temps/pressures, mass gain (vs. depth)

## Gaps Remaining/Technical Challenges

- **Availability**
  - Code compliant materials/qualified alloys; design codes
  - Supply chain – in required forms and sizes
- **Environmental considerations – high temperature sCO<sub>2</sub>**
  - Longer-term (short-term testing inadequate – breakaway corrosion, intergranular corrosion)
  - Testing under “real” conditions (flow, stress, impurities – H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, others; indirect vs. direct cycles)
  - Reliability of data
  - Mechanical property degradation
- **Performance of actual components/material forms**
  - Thin sections – property differences, effect of geometry
  - Diffusion bonded, brazed, welded joints – corrosion resistance
  - Erosion, fouling of microchannel heat exchangers
  - Thermal fatigue, creep-fatigue interactions, high blade bending loads/temperature + pressure combinations
- **Other challenges and considerations**
  - Coatings
  - Non-metals – degradation of seals via swelling, rapid gas depressurization
  - Leverage previous work – comparison to steam and SCW corrosion, pressure effects

**Materials are available...but gaps remain...efforts are required to complete the picture.**





# Materials in CO<sub>2</sub> Environments

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## Previous Experience

- **CO<sub>2</sub> gas-cooled Magnox reactors**
  - Many reactor years of operation
  - Structural material behaviour well-characterized
  - High temperature (650 °C) but low pressure (< P<sub>c</sub>)
  - Corrosion rates higher under stress
  - Breakaway corrosion caused by exfoliation and nucleation of oxides – mainly influenced by exposure time and/or CO<sub>2</sub> gas pressure
- **Oil and gas industry CO<sub>2</sub> experience**
  - Enhanced oil recovery (EOR), CO<sub>2</sub> transport pipelines
  - Effects of contaminants
  - High pressure (<21 MPa) but low temperature (< 200 °C)
  - Pure, dry – virtually inert < 500 °C
  - Significant corrosion of steels and nickel alloys with ppm H<sub>2</sub>O, > 600 °C
  - Austenitic alloys better than ferritic-martensitic steel
  - High levels of Cr and Ni increase corrosion resistance

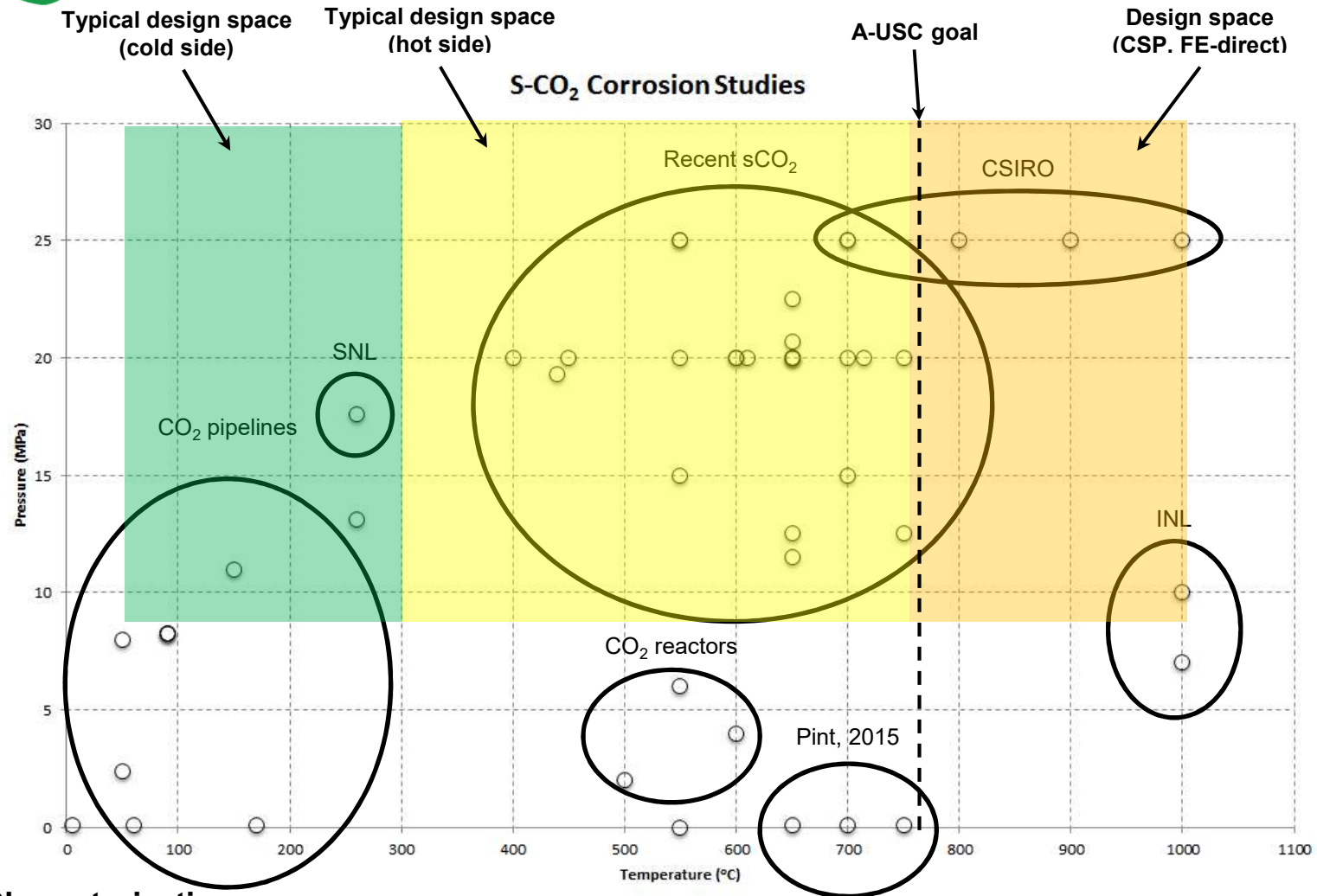


# High Temperature sCO<sub>2</sub> Corrosion Testing

Organization	Temp. (°C)	Pres. (MPa)	PV Material	Materials Tested	CO <sub>2</sub> Purity	Operational Status
INL [Oh et al., 2006]	1000	7	IN617, 304SS	Ni-base: IN617 ODS: MA 754, MA 758	-	2 rigs, both decommissioned
TIT [Furukawa et al., 2010]	600	20	316SS	Martensitic: 12 Cr Austenitic: 316SS	99.995%	Not in-use?
CEA [Rouillard, 2009]	550	25	316SS	FM: T91 Austenitic: 316SS, 253MA, 800H	-	Not in-use?
MIT [Dunlevy, 2009]	750	22-27	IN625	FM: F91, HCM12A Austenitic: 316SS, AL-6XN, 800H Ni-based: IN690, 693, 718, 725, 740, 740+, PE-16, Haynes 230, IN625 ODS: PM2000	99.9999%	In-use
UWisconsin-Madison [Roman, 2013]	650 750	27 21	IN625	FM: HCM12A, NF616 Austenitic: 310SS, 316SS, 347SS, AL-6XN, 800H Ni-based: Haynes 230, IN625, PE-16 AFA: -OC6, -OC7, -OC10 ODS: PM2000	99.95% 99.999%	Several rigs, in-use
CarletonU/NRCan [Saari, 2014]	700 750	25 15	IN625	Austenitic: 316SS Ni-based: IN625, IN718, IN738	99.95%	In-use
KAIST [Lee, 2014]	700	25	IN625	FM: G91 Austenitic: 310SS, 316SS, 347SS, 800H Ni-based: Alloys 600, 625, 690	99.999%	2 rigs, in-use
ORNL/GTI [Pint, 2015]	927	55	Haynes 282	Housing, disk, and blade alloys	-	In-use
OSU [Tucker, 2014]	800	26	Haynes 230	Austenitic steels, Ni-base alloys	-	In-use
DNV-GL [Kung, 2016]	750	20	-	FM: Gr. 91, VM12, Crofer 22H Austenitic: 304SS, 310SS Ni-based: 617, 740H	99.955 Impurities	In-use
SNL [Walker, 2016]	650	31	IN625	Carbon steel: X65Q	99.5%	In-use
CSIRO [Stein, 2016]	1000	25	various	HR120, 160; Haynes 230, 188, 282	-	In-use



# (High Temperature) sCO<sub>2</sub> Testing

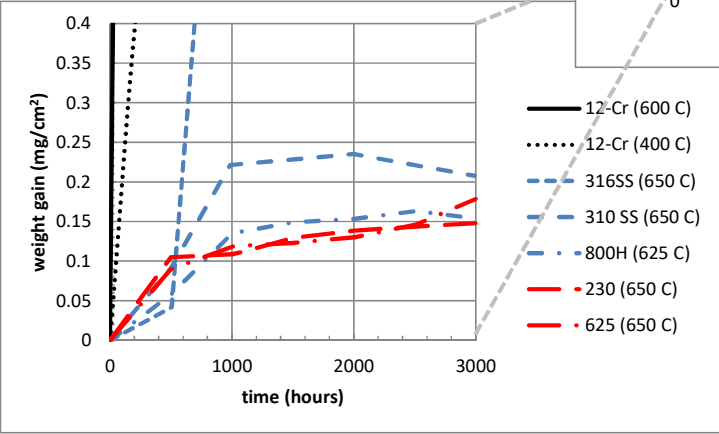
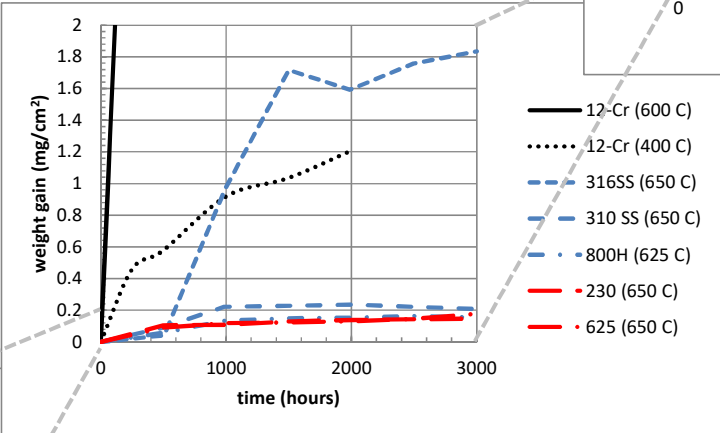
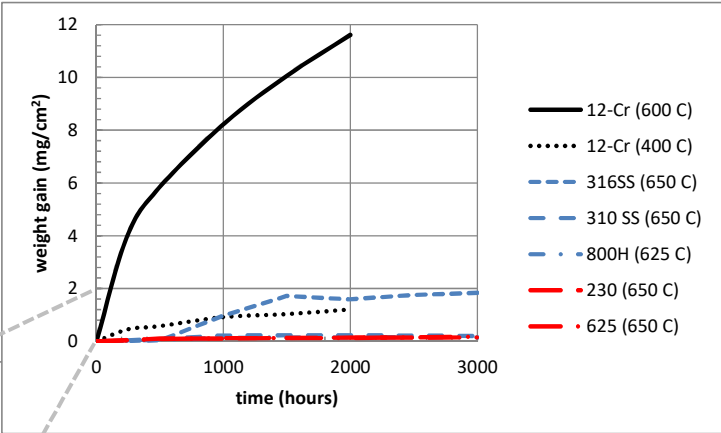


- **Characterization**
  - Weight gain/corrosion layer thickness
  - Scales/mechanisms
- **Various materials tested (steels (FM, austenitic), nickel alloys)**



# sCO<sub>2</sub> Corrosion Testing – Results

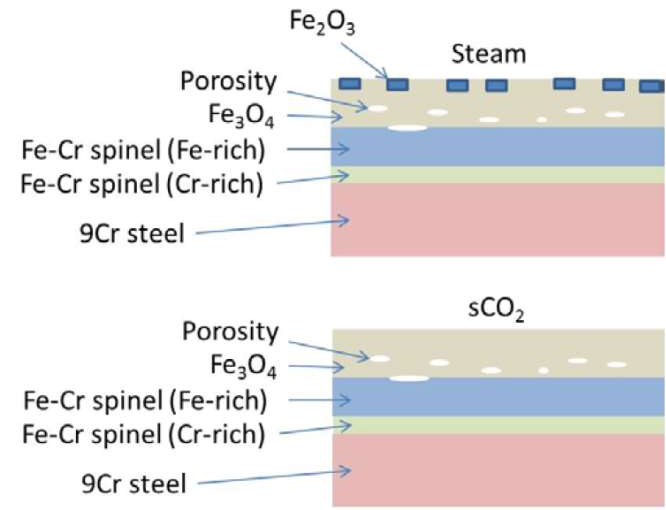
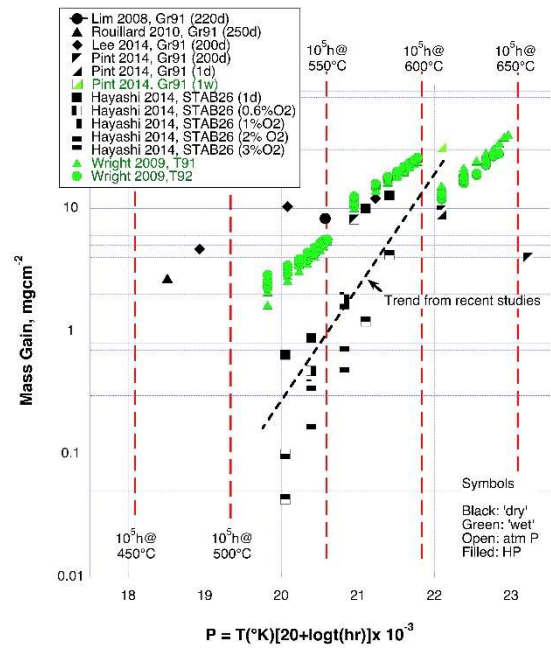
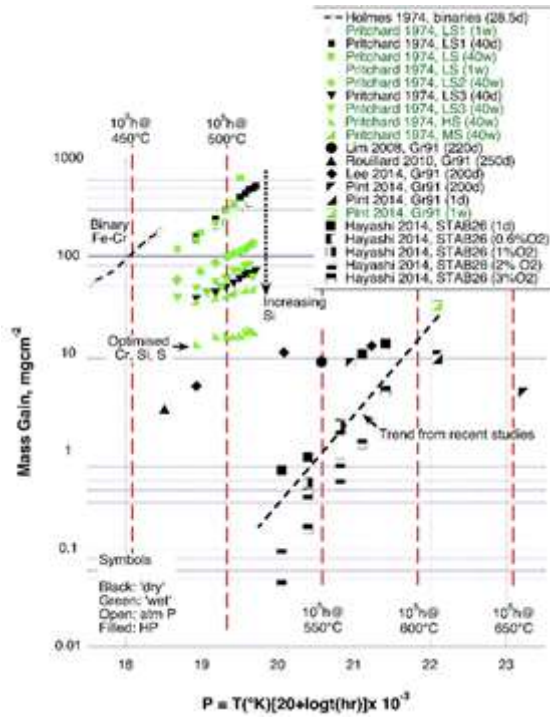
**General Weight Gain Trends**  
 FM > austenitic > nickel-base  
 Fe-Cr (<12% Cr) > Fe-Cr-Ni (>16% Cr) > Ni-Cr-  
 X (>16% Cr)





# sCO<sub>2</sub> Corrosion Testing – Results

## Ferritic Steels



Schematic of oxidation products on 9-Cr steels in steam and sCO<sub>2</sub> [Strakey, 2014]

Ferritic steels in CO<sub>2</sub> (left) and recent data vs. steam (right) [Wright, EPRI 2015]

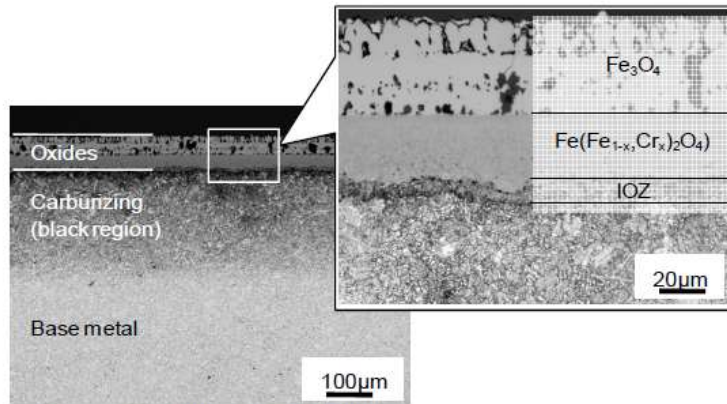
- Larson-Miller plots for comparison
- Mass gain plotted
- CO<sub>2</sub> and recent sCO<sub>2</sub>
- Recent sCO<sub>2</sub> and steam

**Mass gains for sCO<sub>2</sub> and steam are approx. similar...the scale morphologies in sCO<sub>2</sub> would be similar to those in steam.**



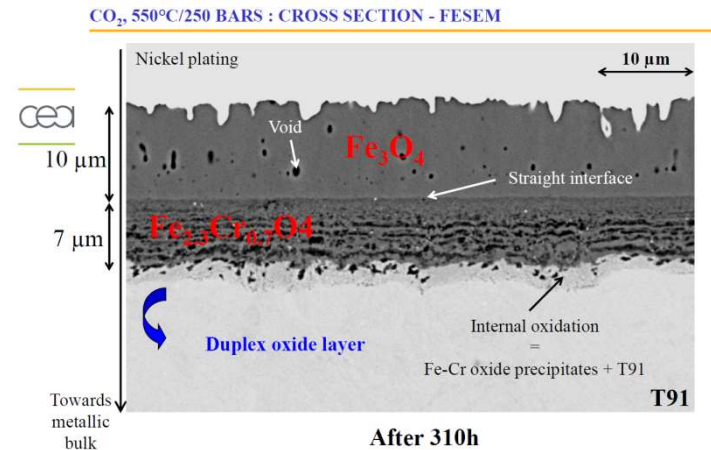
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## Ferritic Steels



(a) 12Cr-steel, 20MPa 600°C 1000h

[Furukawa et al., JPES, 2010]



[Rouillard, sCO<sub>2</sub> PCS 2011]

- 12Cr Martensitic steel
- Two successive layers, no breakaway corrosion
  - Outer: Fe oxide, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>
  - Inner: Fe+Cr oxide, Fe(Fe<sub>1-x</sub>,Cr<sub>x</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>
- Thin internal oxide zone (IOZ) between base metal and inner layer
- Carburizing observed near surface in base metal
  - Factor in breakaway corrosion, degradation of ductility

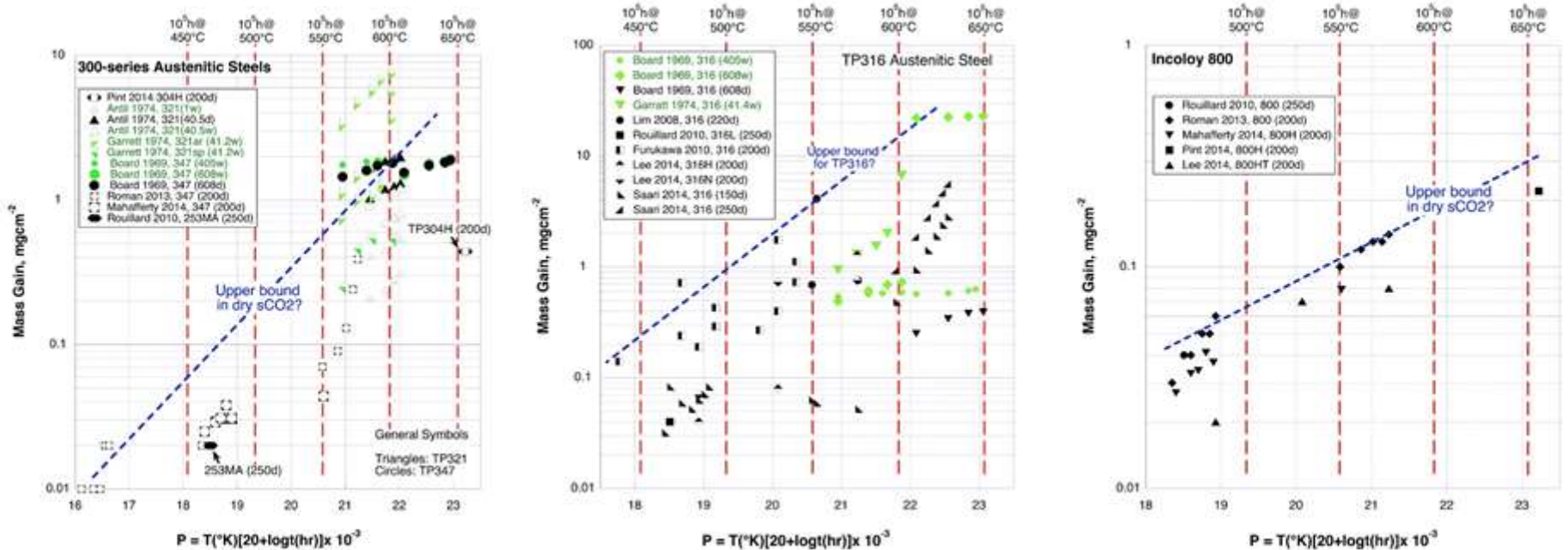
- T91 9Cr F-M steel
- Duplex oxide layer
  - Outer: magnetite, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>
  - Inner: spinel, Fe<sub>3-x</sub>Cr<sub>x</sub>O<sub>4</sub>
- Internal oxidation also
- Extrapolation to 20 years
  - Corrosion layer thickness = 500 µm
- Static tests at 50 °C @ 10 MPa
  - No corrosion observed
- Flowing CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Similar oxide scale at 550 °C @ 1 bar (+ outer Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> haematite)





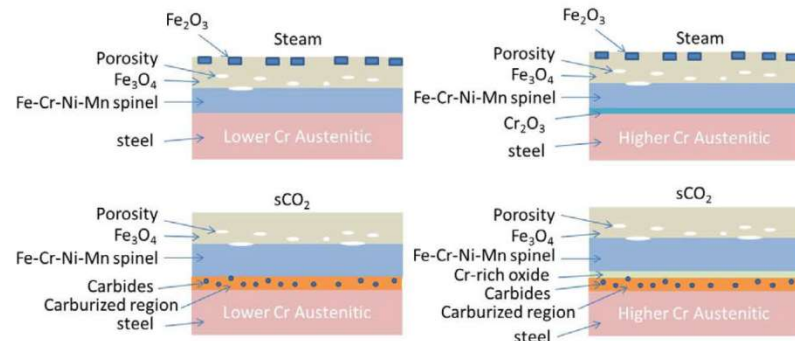
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## Austenitic Steels



Austenitic steels in CO<sub>2</sub> (left), and higher-strength austenitics TP316 (middle) and 800H (right) [Wright, EPRI 2015]

- Larson-Miller plots for comparison
- Mass gain plotted
- CO<sub>2</sub> and recent sCO<sub>2</sub>

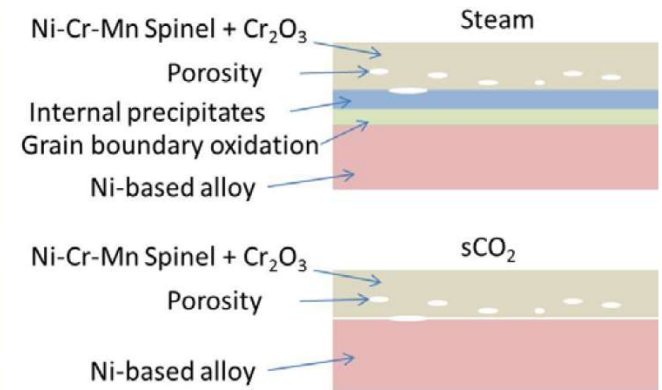
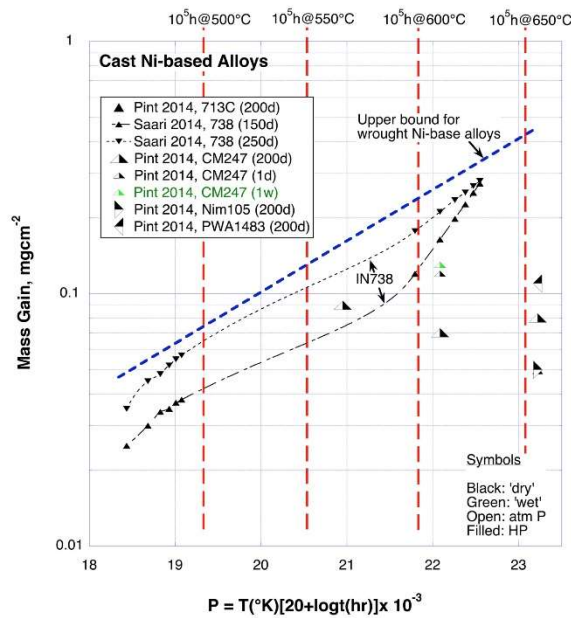
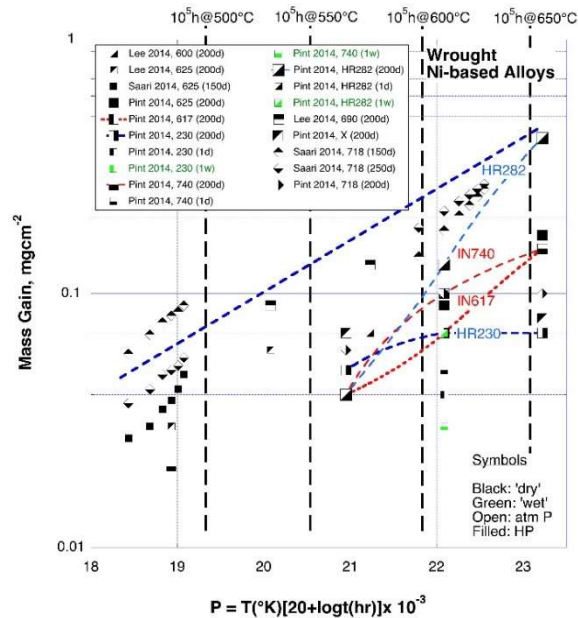


Schematic of oxidation products on austenitic steels in steam and sCO<sub>2</sub> [Strakey, 2014]



# sCO<sub>2</sub> Corrosion Testing – Results

## Nickel-base Alloys



Schematic of oxidation products on nickel-base alloys in steam and sCO<sub>2</sub> [Strakey, 2014]

Nickel-base alloys in CO<sub>2</sub> (wrought alloys left and cast alloys right) [Wright, EPRI 2015]

- Larson-Miller plots for comparison
- Mass gain plotted
- Recent sCO<sub>2</sub>



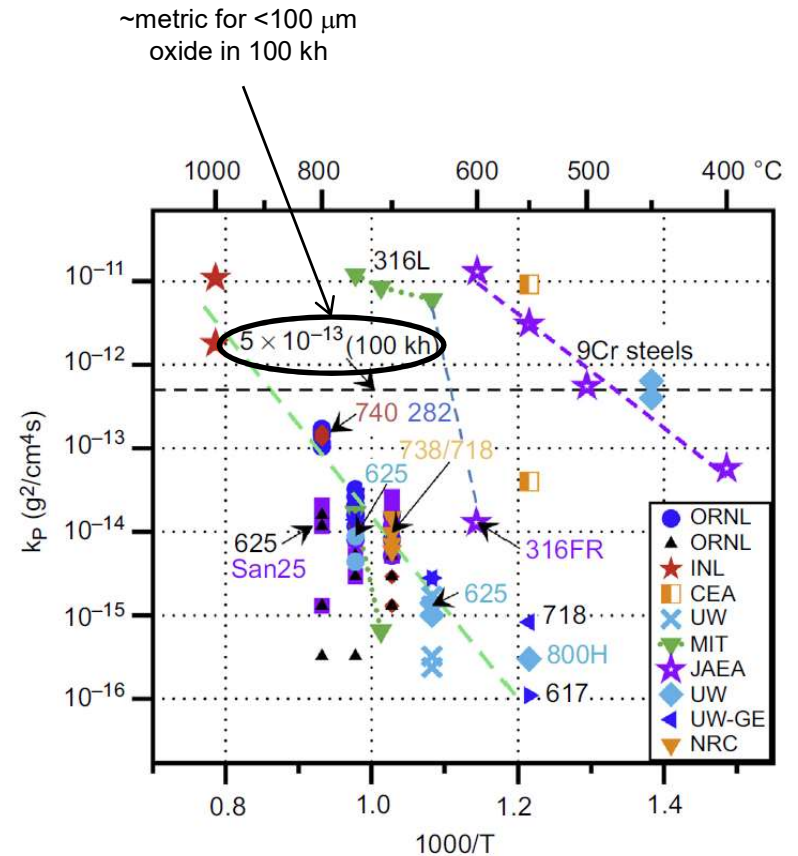


# Summary of Main Findings

- **Alloys with high Cr and Ni, and Ti and Al more corrosion resistant**
  - Build a stable, tight oxide layer that resists corrosion
- **Alloys with low Cr levels less corrosion resistant**
  - Build a duplex layer with that does not resist corrosion well
- **In general, decreasing corrosion resistance:**

Nickel Ni-Cr-X Cr>16%	Austenitic Fe-Cr-Ni Cr>16%	FM Fe-Cr Cr<12%
IN625	800H	12Cr
IN617	AL6-XN	HCM12A
Haynes 230	316SS	NF616
IN718	310SS	T91
IN738		

- **Increased corrosion with temperature**
- **Not much (if any) pressure effect**





# Summary of Main Findings

## PRELIMINARY TECHNOLOGICAL RECOMMANDATIONS FOR STEELS



From past studies carried out in the 60-70's for MAGNOX reactors and AGR :  
 $\text{CO}_2 + 1\% \text{vol CO} + 300 \text{ vpm H}_2\text{O} + 300 \text{ vpm H}_2 + 350 \text{ vpm CH}_4$  at 20-40 bars

Grade	Mild steels	9Cr-1Mo steel	Austenitic steels (316L type)	Austenitic steels (310 type, Nimonic 80, PE16)
$T_{\text{max}}$	<350°C	<450°C	<660°C	>660°C



• « Breakaway oxidation » possible = Fast oxidation kinetics which incubation time and kinetics depend on Temperature (bad),  $\text{CO}_2$  total pressure (bad), % Si (good),  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  in  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$  (bad)

- At 520°C and 40 bars, 9Cr steel is on « breakaway oxidation » before 30 years if %Si < 0,45 wt%
- For using « mild steel » at  $T > 350^\circ\text{C}$ , %Si has to be > 0,4% or  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}] < 50 \text{ vpm}$  (reasons ?)

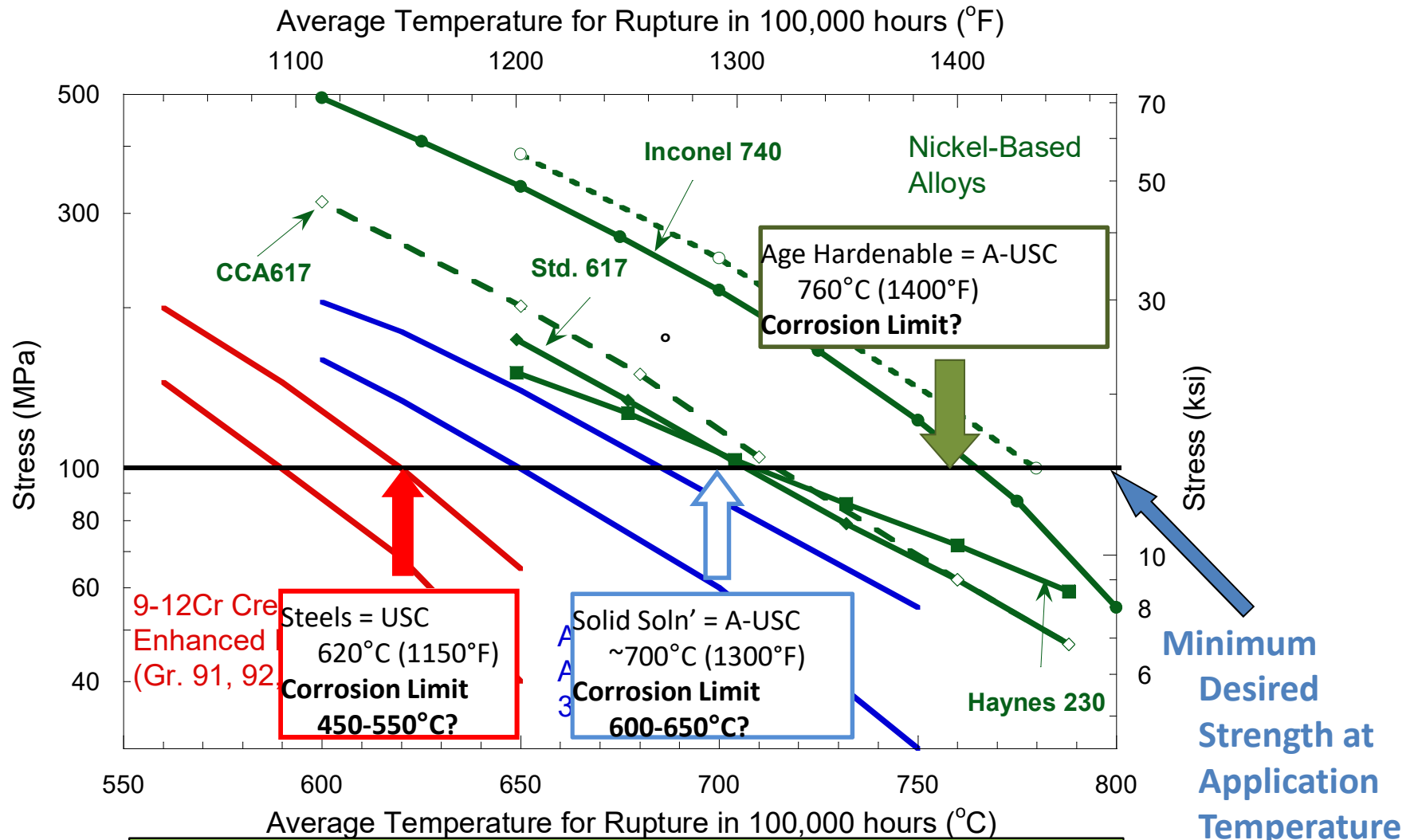


**Corrosion behaviour os « Mild steel » with %Si > or < 0,4% under SC- $\text{CO}_2$  at 250 bars at 400°C ?**

[Rouillard, sCO<sub>2</sub> PCS 2011]



# Summary of Main Findings



**Where are the temperature cut-offs for different materials when corrosion is considered?**



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**Materials are available...but gaps remain...efforts are required to complete the picture...and they are underway!**



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  - IN740H code case approved
  - Haynes 282 code case in progress
  - Design codes for valves, heat exchangers?
- **Supply chain – in required forms and sizes**
  - Market pull to enable capability





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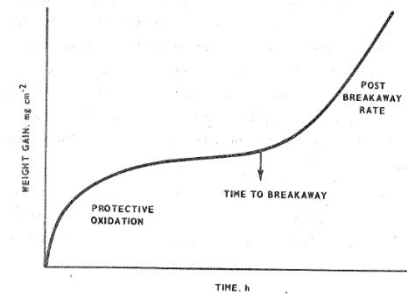
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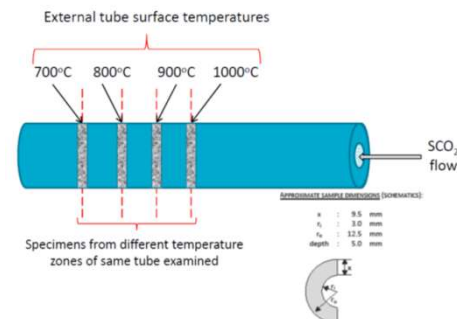
- **Longer-term (short-term testing inadequate – breakaway corrosion, intergranular corrosion)**
  - Currently max test duration in range of 3-6 kh
  - Carburization and internal oxidation leading to breakaway corrosion, exfoliation
- **Testing under “real” conditions (flow, stress, impurities – H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, others; indirect vs. direct cycles)**
  - GTI/Oak Ridge National Laboratory
    - C-ring testing (stressed material) in sCO<sub>2</sub> (750 °C, 20 MPa, 1000 hours)
    - Various materials (housing, disk, blade) [Keiser, 2016]
  - Various labs examining effects of impurities, CO<sub>2</sub> composition
    - Testing in impurities expected in “semi-open” fired configurations [Shingledecker, 2016]
  - CSIRO
    - Pressure vessel as test specimen (stressed material)



[Ferguson, BNES 1974]



[Keiser, sCO<sub>2</sub> PCS 2016]



[CSIRO]



# Environmental Considerations

## Reliability of data

- Round Robin Testing and Fundamental Modeling (US DOE Nuclear Energy University Programs)
- Various test facilities, but previously no formal test program to validate data consistency
- Comparable and reproducible results desired
- Proposed work:
  - Round robin test plan for sCO<sub>2</sub> corrosion testing
  - Organization of sCO<sub>2</sub> Materials Group to guide future testing
  - Elucidate mechanisms of sCO<sub>2</sub> corrosion
- Lead: OSU, Collaborators: UofW-Madison, ORNL, NETL, Carleton University, KAIST, EPRI

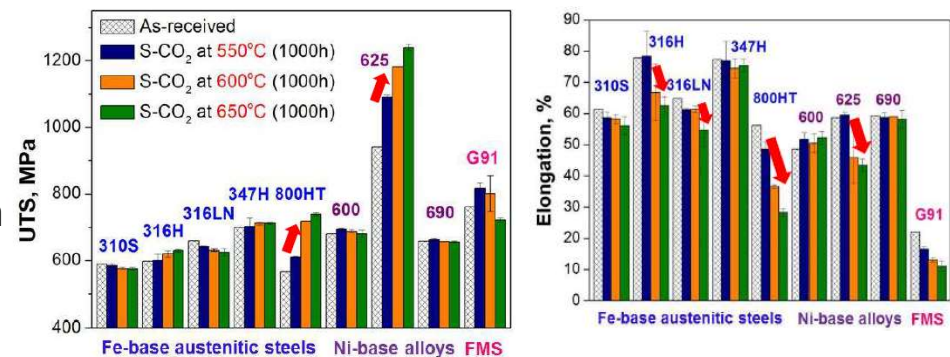
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OSU	800°C	26 MPa	1235 cm <sup>3</sup>	0-24	Haynes 230
UW (2 systems)	750°C / 760°C	25 MPa / 38 MPa	900 cm <sup>3</sup> (combined)	0-24	Inconel 625 / Haynes 282
ORNL	850°C	30 MPa	1400 cm <sup>3</sup>	0-24	Haynes 282
NETL	800°C	28 MPa	1040 cm <sup>3</sup>	0-24	Haynes 230
Carleton	750°C	25 MPa	1150 cm <sup>3</sup>	0-250	Inconel 625
KAIST	700°C	25 MPa	1077 cm <sup>3</sup>	0-24	Inconel 625



[Holcomb, sCO<sub>2</sub> PCS 2016]

## Mechanical property degradation

- Compact tension specimens exposed, study subsequent fatigue crack growth [Holcomb, 2016]
- Evaluate effects of sCO<sub>2</sub> exposure on tensile properties [Pint, 2016] and [Jang, 2014]



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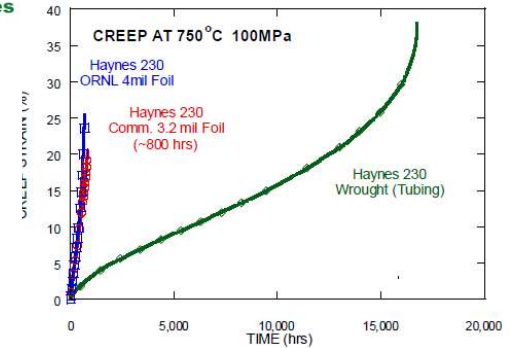
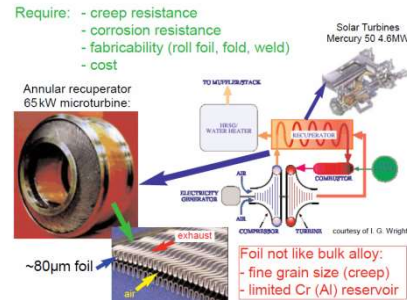
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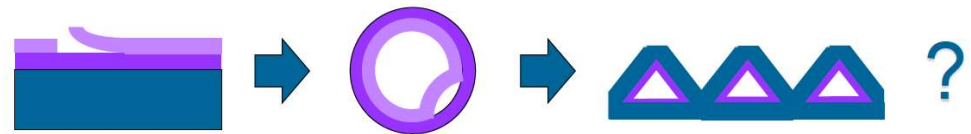
# Performance of Actual Components/Material Forms

- **Thin sections – property differences, effect of geometry**
  - Creep debit for thin sections [Pint, 2016]
  - Oxide thickness not extent of damage [Pint, 2016]
  - Heat flux, stress from complex geometries [Kung 2016]
- **Diffusion bonded, brazed, welded joints – corrosion resistance**
- **Erosion, fouling of microchannel heat exchangers**
  - Is erosion a real problem – fluid or debris, exfoliation? [Fleming, 2014]
  - Oxide scale itself may cause blockage [Sabau, 2016]
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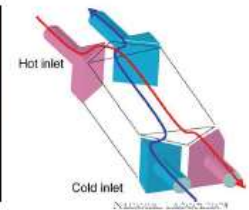
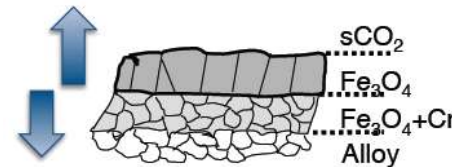
## Primary surface recuperators for gas turbines are a great materials science problem



[Pint, 2015]



[Kung, sCO<sub>2</sub> PCS 2016]



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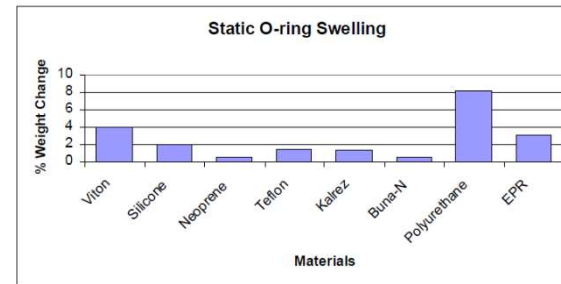
- Allow use of lower-cost alloys or push corrosion limit of material

- **Non-metallics – degradation of seals via swelling, rapid gas depressurization**

- [Tunnison, 2009] and oil and gas studies

- **Leverage previous work – comparison to steam and SCW corrosion, pressure effects (testing in CO<sub>2</sub>)**

- Extend ORNL/EPRI exfoliation model for steam to sCO<sub>2</sub> [Sabau, 2016]
    - Exfoliation of oxide scales on boiler tubes
    - Predicts scale failure and loss based on evolution of oxide
  - Little pressure effect seen in sCO<sub>2</sub> – low pressure CO<sub>2</sub> testing OK?



[Tunnison, 2015]

### Polymers – Rapid Gas Depressurization (RGD)

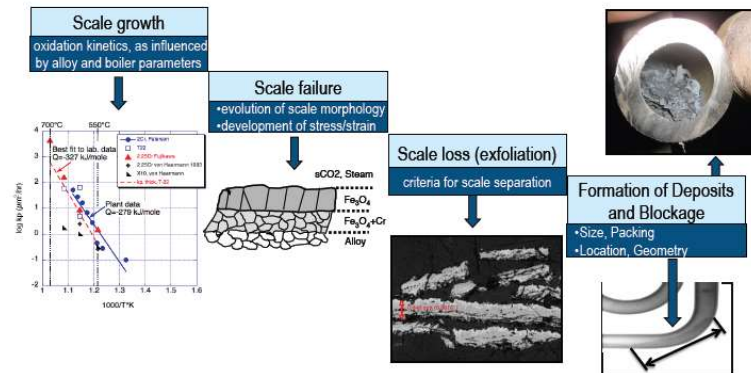
Rapid depressurization after a polymer seal is diffused with S-CO<sub>2</sub> can damage the seal as the S-CO<sub>2</sub> quickly expands to escape the seal



RGD is increased by:

- High pressure
- High temperature
- High gas concentration
- Poor seal constraint
- High decompression rate

[sCO<sub>2</sub> Fundamentals Tutorial, 2013]



[Sabau, sCO<sub>2</sub> PCS 2016]



Part IV: Summary

# **SCO<sub>2</sub> CAN BENEFIT FROM A COLLABORATIVE MATERIALS APPROACH**





## Gaps: Turbomachinery – Work in Progress

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- **Compressors**
- **Turbine blades:**
  - Oxidation/corrosion in  $s\text{CO}_2$
  - Erosion
  - Optimal coating technologies
- **Rotors**
- **Sealing surfaces at these higher pressures**
- **Lower temperature seals**
  - De-gassing
- **Others?**



## Gaps: Heat Exchangers – Work in Progress

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- **High temperature corrosion rates, exfoliation, and mechanisms are not well understood**
- **Strong desire to maximize use of less expensive alloys**
- **Long-term performance, at high-temperature, of brazed, welded, or diffusion- bonded joints is unknown**
- **Short-list of code approved materials for highest temperatures**
- **Potential alloys in various states of code certification**
- **Properties needed by designers may be different in very thin sections due to processing:**
  - Creep
  - Fatigue
  - Thermal mechanical fatigue and creep-fatigue
  - Oxidation, spallation of oxide scales



## Gaps: Balance-of-Plant – Work in Progress

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- **High-mass flow requires large piping for larger applications**
  - Fabrication/welding of nickel-based materials
- **Limitations in current supply chain**
  - Limited materials to choose from
  - Need production of fittings, forgings, casting, etc.
  - Valve vendors 'not up to speed' on market developments
- **Codes & Standards**
  - Valve codes are highly restrictive for materials & pressures/temperatures
- **Erosion and wear performance of hardfacing and alternatives**
- **Valves and instrumentation**
- **Others?**



## Summary and Recommendation

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- **Selection and qualification of materials for sCO<sub>2</sub> applications is a function of operating conditions and environment**
  - Corrosion and oxidation characteristics are unique to sCO<sub>2</sub>
- **Severity of temperature, pressure conditions for the reference case are analogous to those experienced in A-USC conditions**
- **This tutorial draws on data available to-date from the A-USC program and other ongoing sCO<sub>2</sub>-focused tests**

**A coordinated effort similar to A-USC materials program is recommended**

*Leverage data and process to accelerate maturing selection and qualification of materials for sCO<sub>2</sub> plant components (address the Gaps)*





# Thank You!

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