



## Oxidation in Environments with Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> Levels

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# Outline

- **Background**
  - DOE Goals
- **Projects Relating to Oxidation in Environments with Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> Levels**
  - Materials Performance in Oxyfuel Combustion Environments
    - IAES projects at the University of Pittsburgh
  - Materials Performance in Oxyfuel Turbine Environments
    - Zero Emissions Coal Syngas Oxygen Turbo Machinery, Siemens
- **Results**
- **Summary**

# DOE/NETL CCS Program Goals

By 2020, have **available for commercial deployment, technologies and best practices for achieving:**

**90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture**

**99%+ storage permanence**

**Pre-combustion Capture (IGCC)**

**< 10% increase in cost of electricity (COE)\***

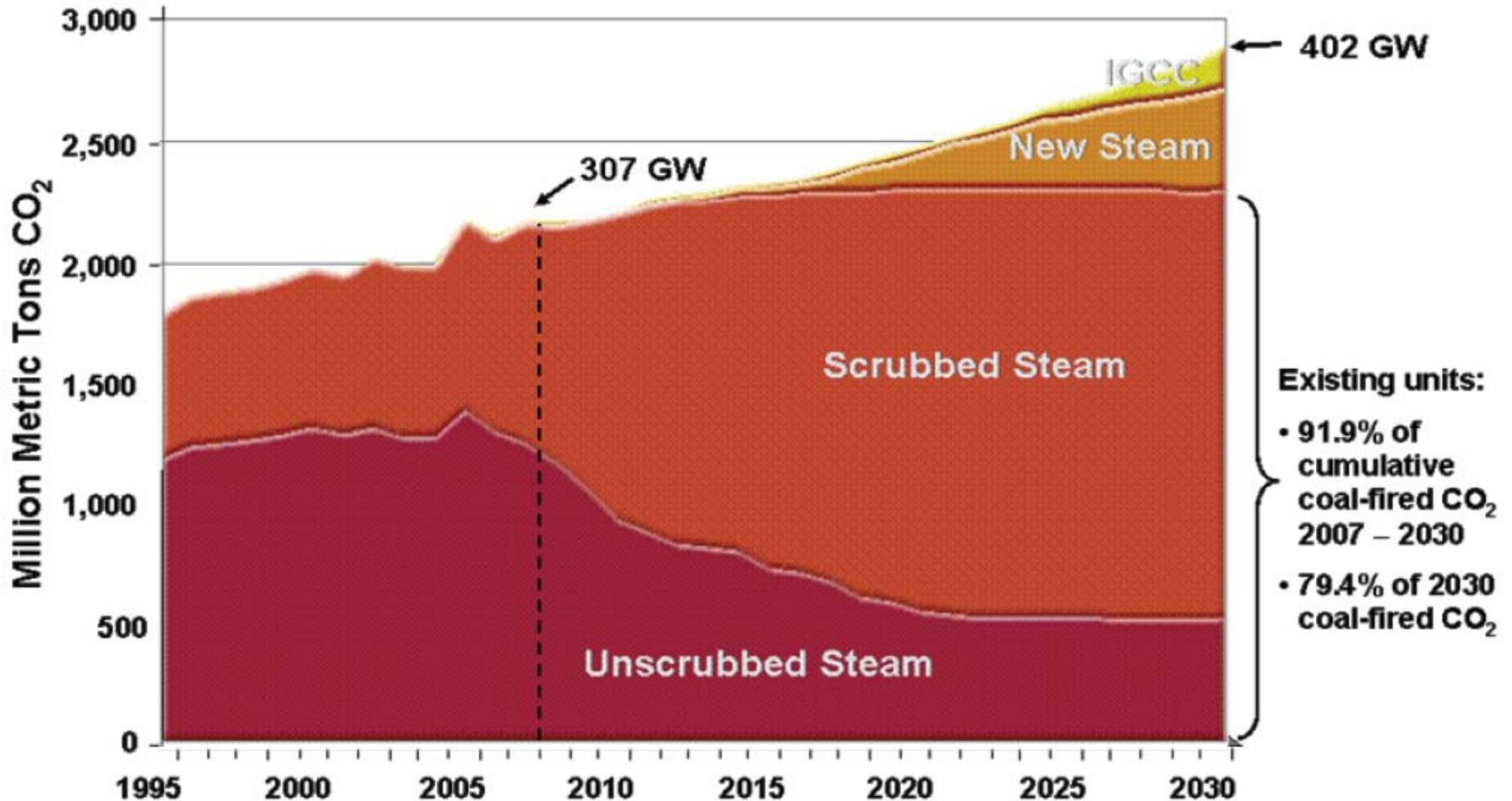
**Post- and Oxy-combustion Capture**

**< 35% increase in COE\***

*Includes 50 mile pipeline transport and saline formation storage, 100 years of monitoring*

# U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Existing Coal Plants

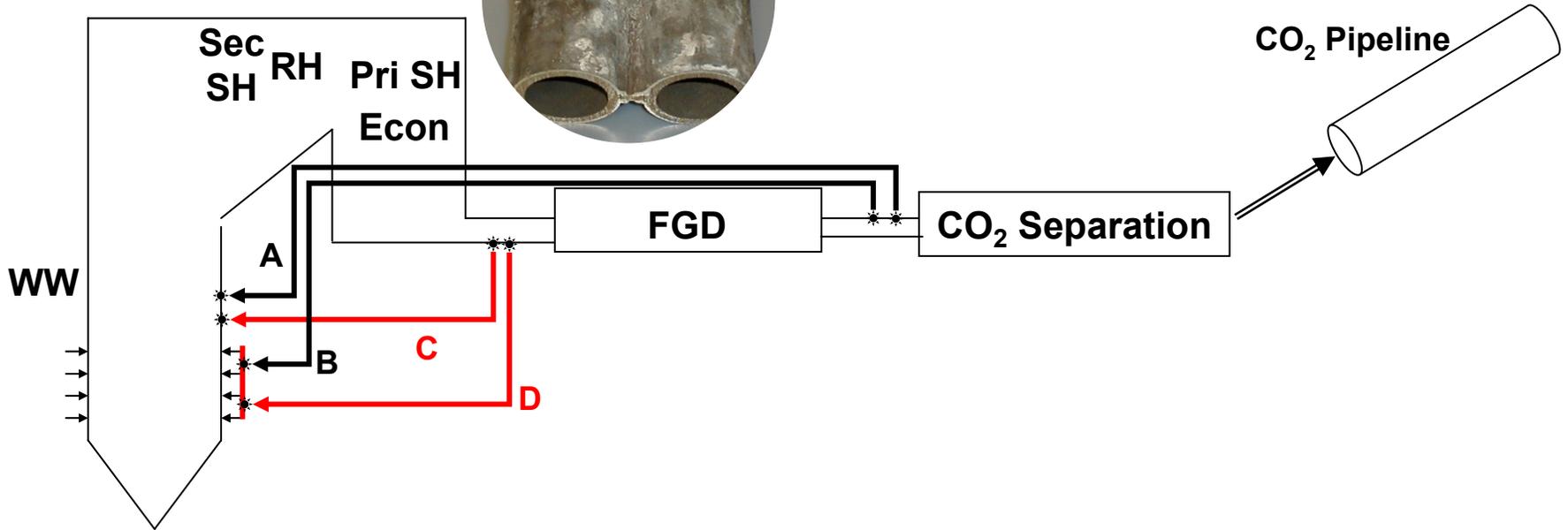
*Projected CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fossil Fuel Power Generation*



# Refit Options and ORD Materials Research



*Materials Performance in Oxyfuel  
Combustion Environments  
Fireside Corrosion*



**A Cold Recirculation with Cleanup and Reheat**

**B Cold Recirculation with Cleanup, Reheat and Coal Motivation**

**C Hot Recirculation**

**D Hot Recirculation with Coal Motivation**

Increasing Efficiency  
Increasing Corrosion Risk  
Increasing Heat Changes

# Materials Performance in Oxyfuel Combustion Environments

## Fireside Corrosion

- **Goal: determine the effect of Oxyfuel environments on materials of construction for waterwalls and superheaters.**
  - Established Power Plants –will conversion to oxyfuel environments require new equipment with new materials?
  - New Power Plants –what are the best materials for equipment?
- **Oxyfuel combustion can change the boiler environment**
  - Gas composition
    - Can have elevated  $\text{SO}_2/\text{SO}_3$  (depending on design)
    - Elevated  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  &  $\text{CO}_2$
  - Ash composition

# Fireside Corrosion—Initial Experiments

## Alloy Composition and Max Use Temperatures

Alloy	Composition, weight %							Max Use T, °C
	Fe	Cr	Ni	Mo	C	Mn	Other	
T22	95.8	2.07	0.19	0.91	0.102	0.49	-	601
T92	87.3	8.84	0.32	0.32	0.124	0.29	1.83 W	650
347	67.1	17.2	11.2	0.28	0.061	1.35	-	760
617	2.24	21.6	54.6	7.74	0.102	0.036	10.9 Co	760

**Note: All alloys except 617 supplied as boiler tubes**

# Fireside Corrosion—Initial Experiments Gas Mixtures

<b>Environ.</b>	<b>Composition, volume %</b>					<i>675 °C (1247 °F) Equilibrium</i>		
	<b>N<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<i>O<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>SO<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>SO<sub>3</sub></i>
<b>Air</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5</b>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.14</i>
<b>Oxyfuel</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>0.61</i>	<i>0.33</i>

# Fireside Corrosion—Initial Experiments

- Temperature = 675 °C (1247 °F), ~ Superheater Fireside
- Gas Linear Velocity = 6 cm/min (not meant to be representative of power plant gas velocities)
- Synthetic ash mixtures:

Ash Mixture	Composition, weight %					
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Calculated Base/Acid
A	31.67	2.5	2.5	31.67	31.67	0.52
B	30	5	5	30	30	0.54

No Ash



With Ash

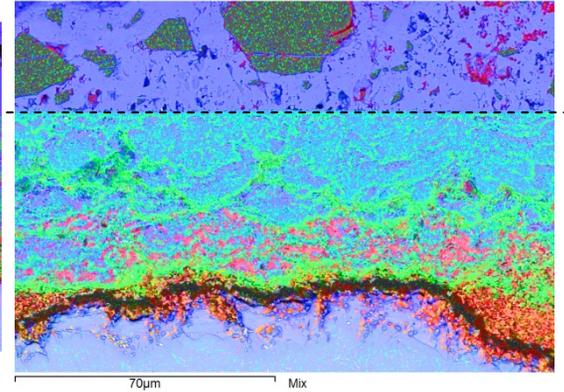
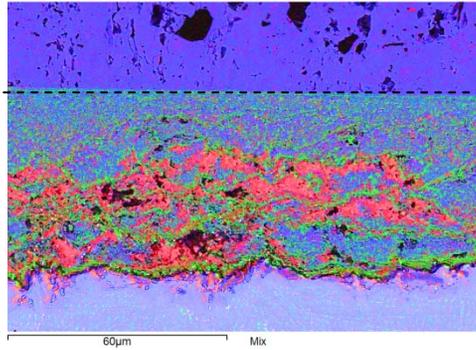
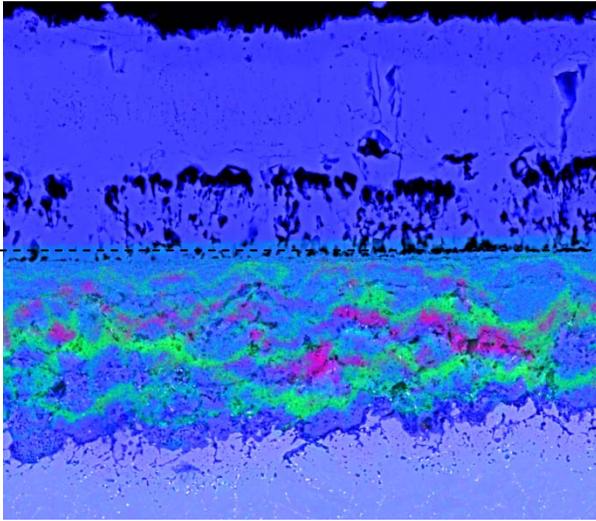


No Ash

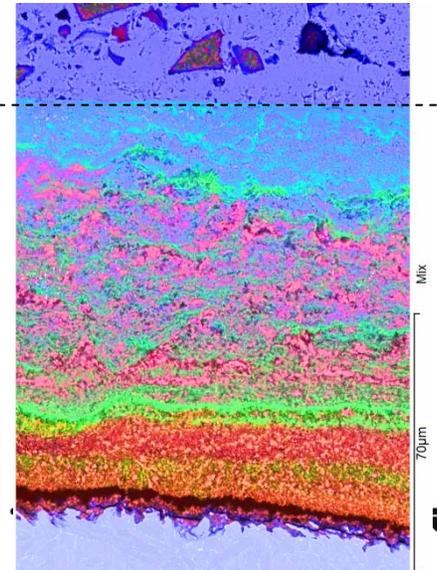
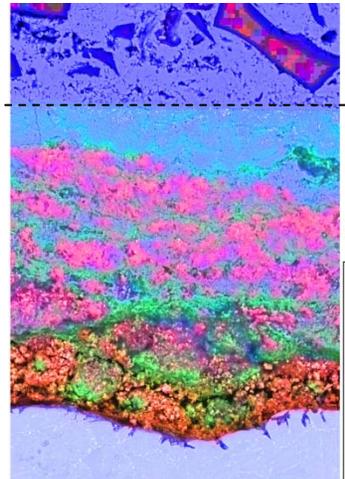
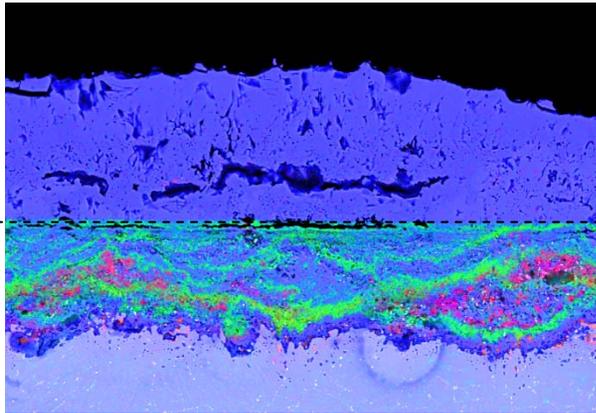
Ash A  
2.5% Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  
2.5% K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Ash B  
5% Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  
5% K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Oxy



Air



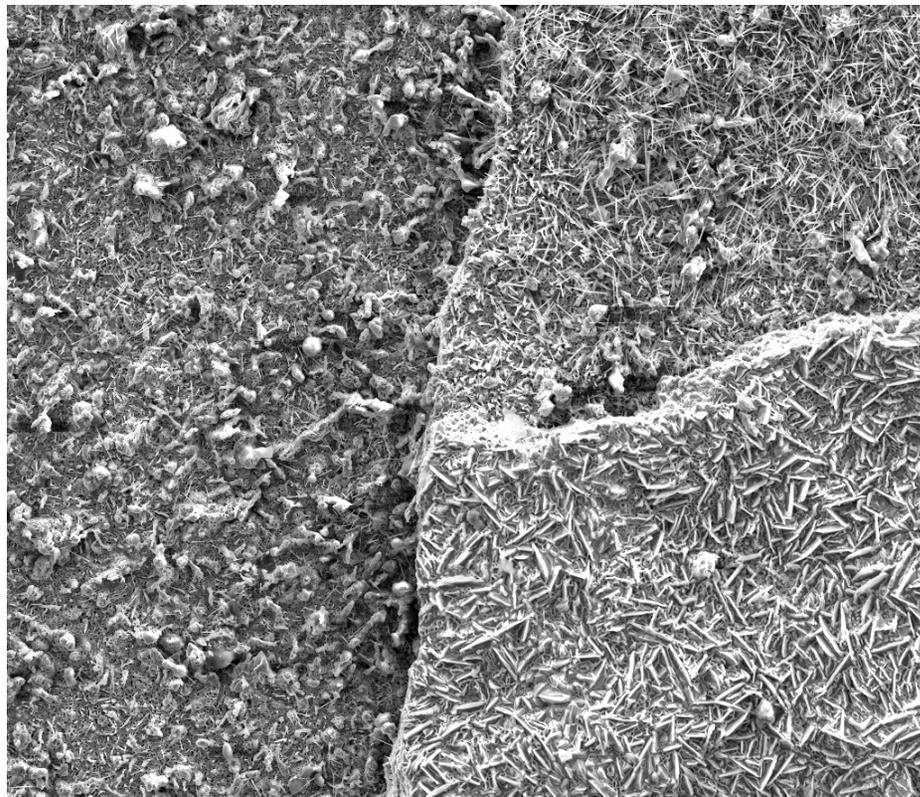
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T92 675 °C ~250 hr

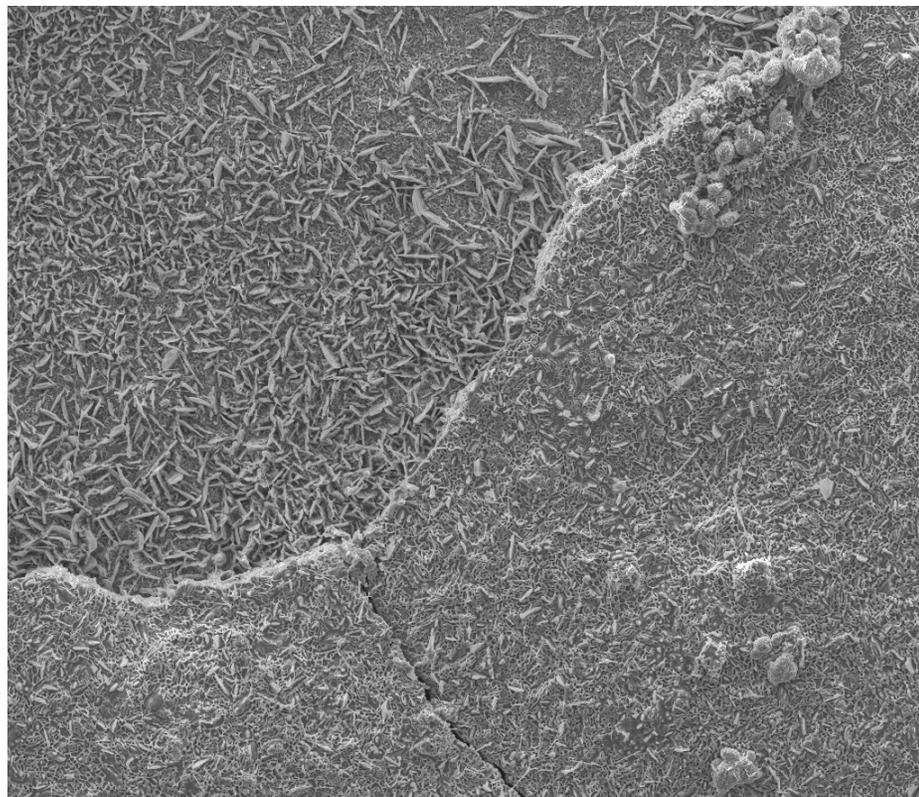
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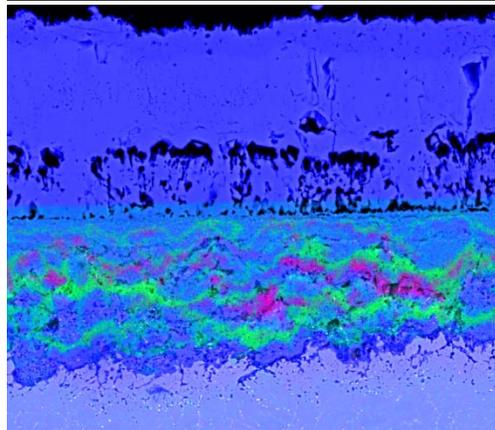
Fe = Blue Cr = Green S = Red



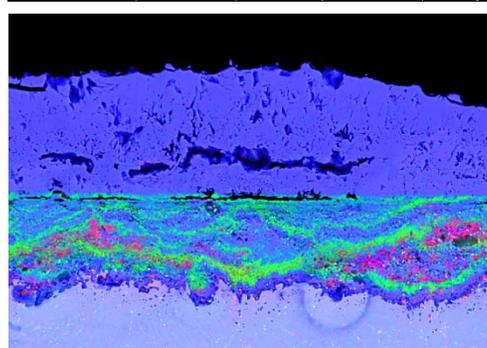
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 T92-50



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 100 μm  
 T92-50



**T92**  
**No Ash**  
**Oxy-fired**  
**675 °C**  
**260 hr**



**T92**  
**No Ash**  
**Air-fired**  
**675 °C**  
**260 hr**

60 μm

Fe = Blue

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# Basicity: Salt-Oxide-Metal vs Gas Phase

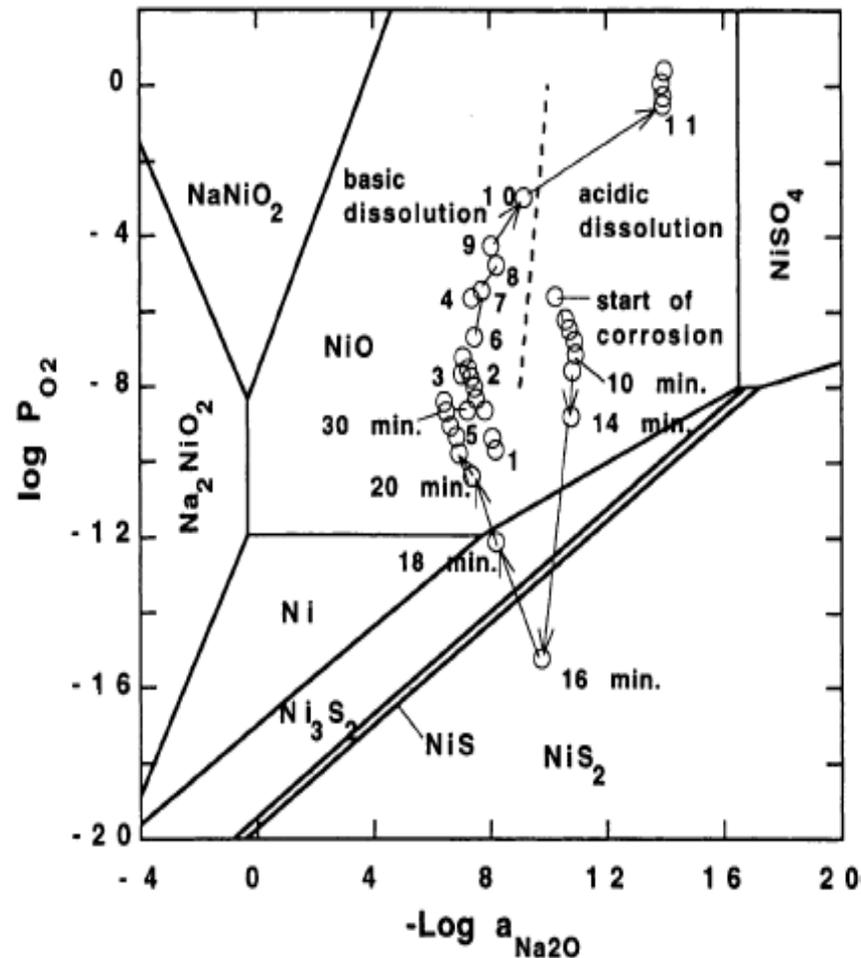
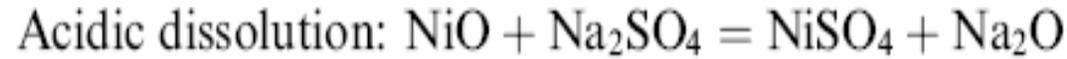
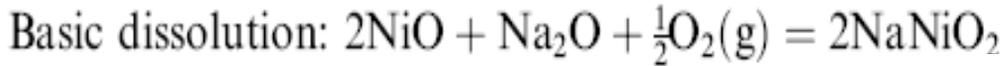
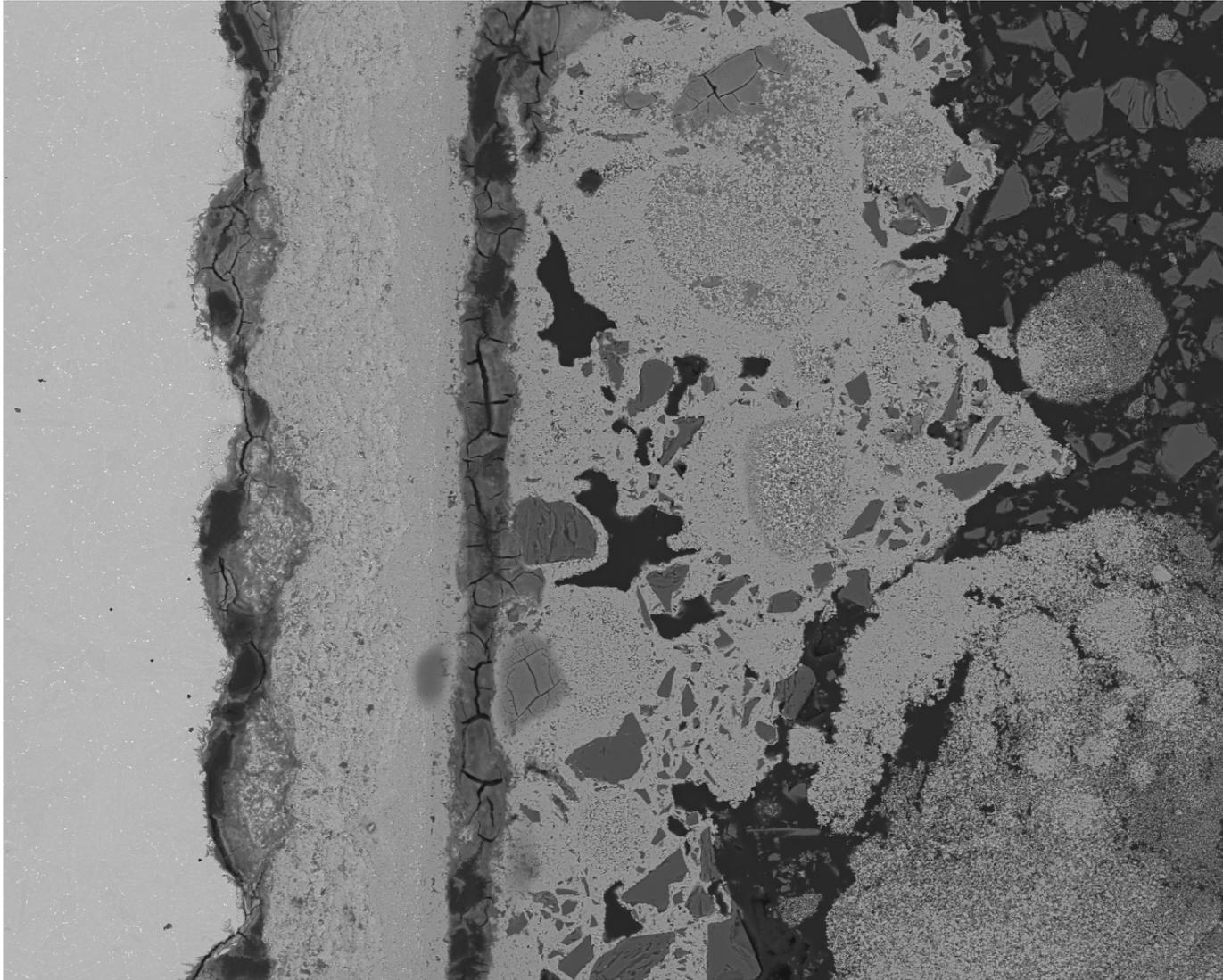


Fig. 4. Trace of basicity and oxygen activity measured on a preoxidized 99% Ni coupon with a  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  film at 1173 K in  $\text{O}_2$ -0.1%  $\text{SO}_2$  gas. The central dashed line in the NiO stable field indicates the minimum in NiO solubility. Numbers in the figure designate the reaction time in hours, except indicated [26].

# T92 Ash A (2.5% $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ 2.5% $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) Air-Fired



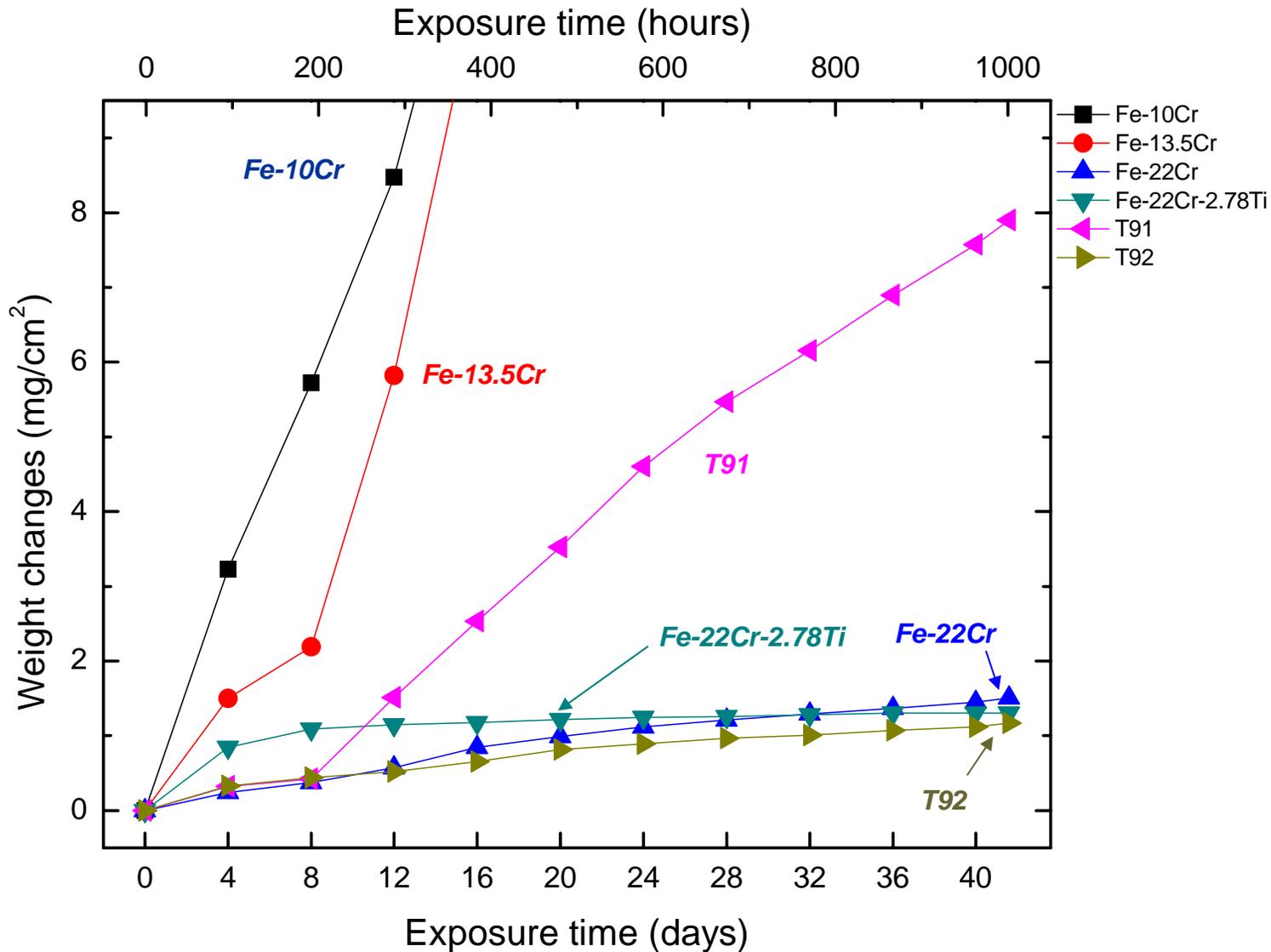
***Alloy Scale Ash (high metal content)***

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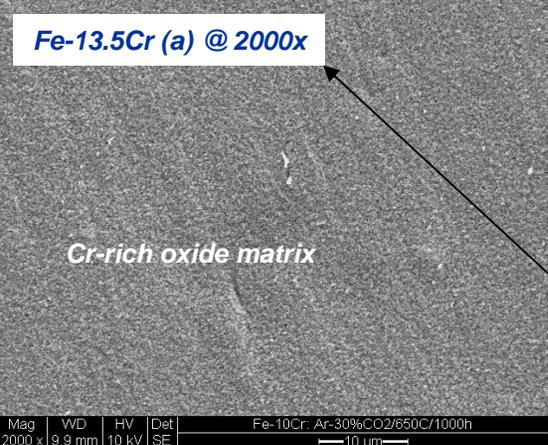
# Ar-30% CO<sub>2</sub> Gas Mixtures

- **AIES Project at University of Pittsburgh**
  - Professor Gerald Meier
  - Post Docs Nan Mu and Keeyoung Jung
- **Some results on the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> gas**
- **See their poster in the after lunch poster session for more information**

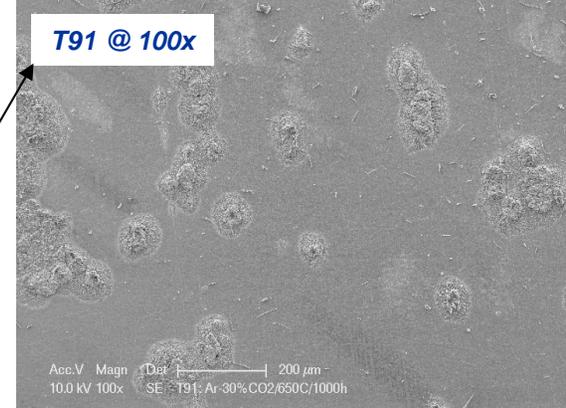
# Isothermal Oxidation at 650 °C in Ar-30%CO<sub>2</sub>



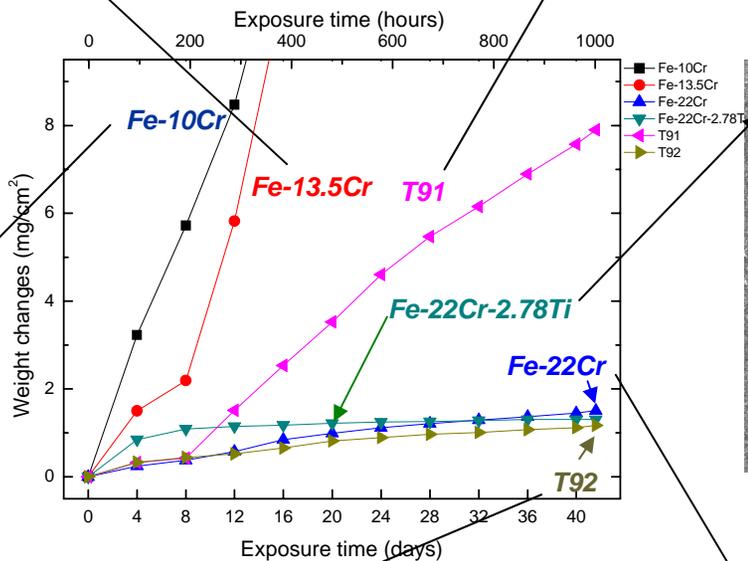
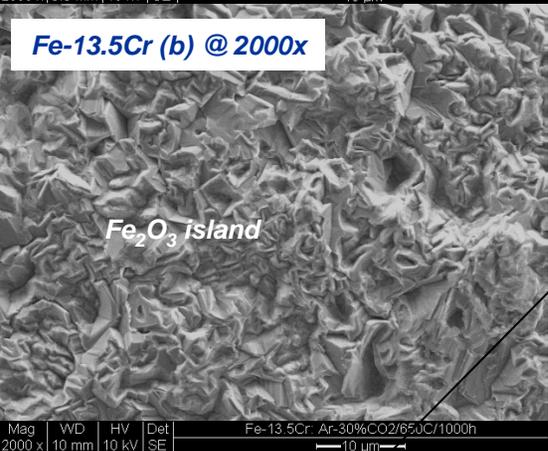
**Fe-13.5Cr (a) @ 2000x**



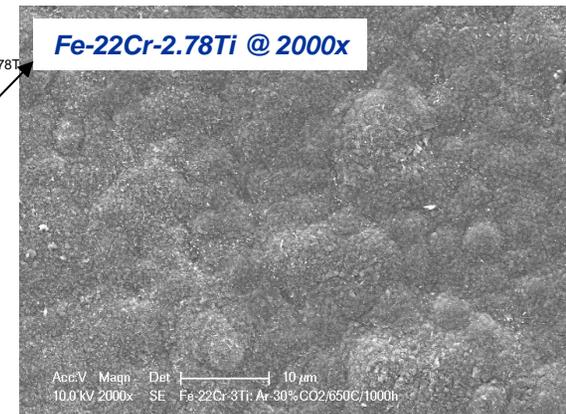
**T91 @ 100x**



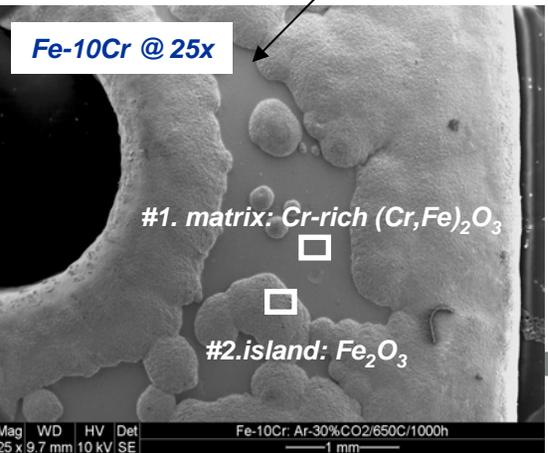
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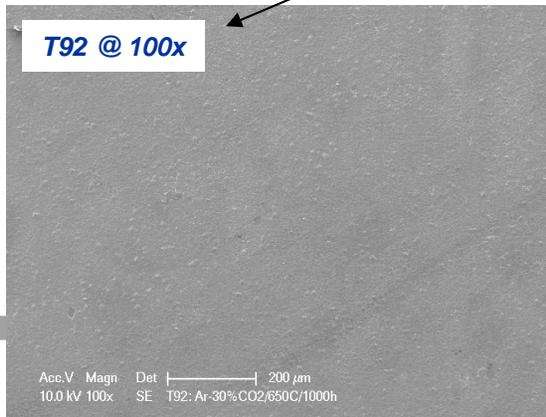
**Fe-22Cr-2.78Ti @ 2000x**



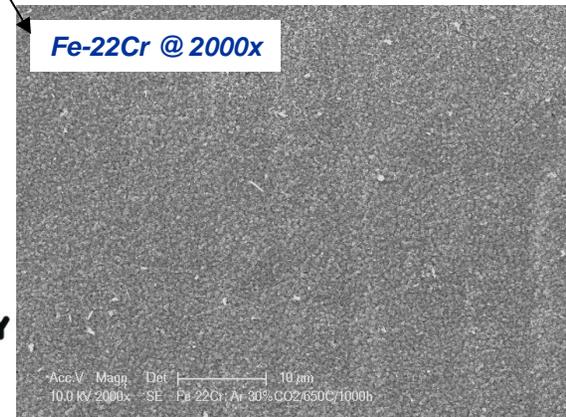
**Fe-10Cr @ 25x**



**T92 @ 100x**



**Fe-22Cr @ 2000x**

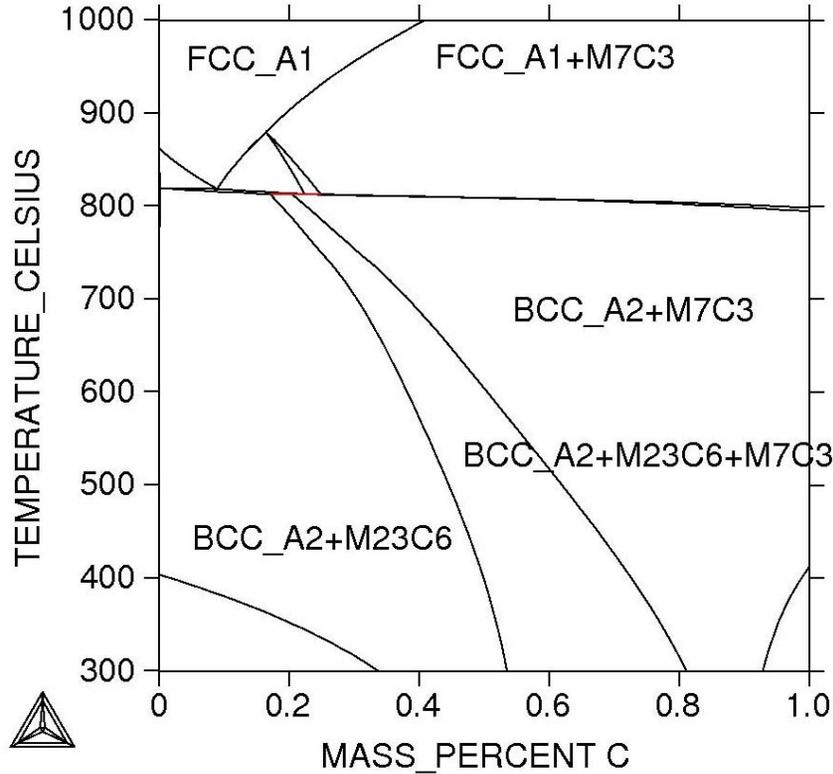


# Speculation on Elevated CO<sub>2</sub>

- For Fe-Cr alloys
- $4M + 3CO_2 = 2M_2O_3 + 3\underline{C}$
- Dissolved C forms internal carbides (primarily Cr-C)
- Metal matrix is reduced in Cr
- Oxidation behavior more like a lower Cr alloy
- Additions such as W and Ti, that form very stable carbides, might act as a sink for C and maintain a higher Cr level in the metal matrix

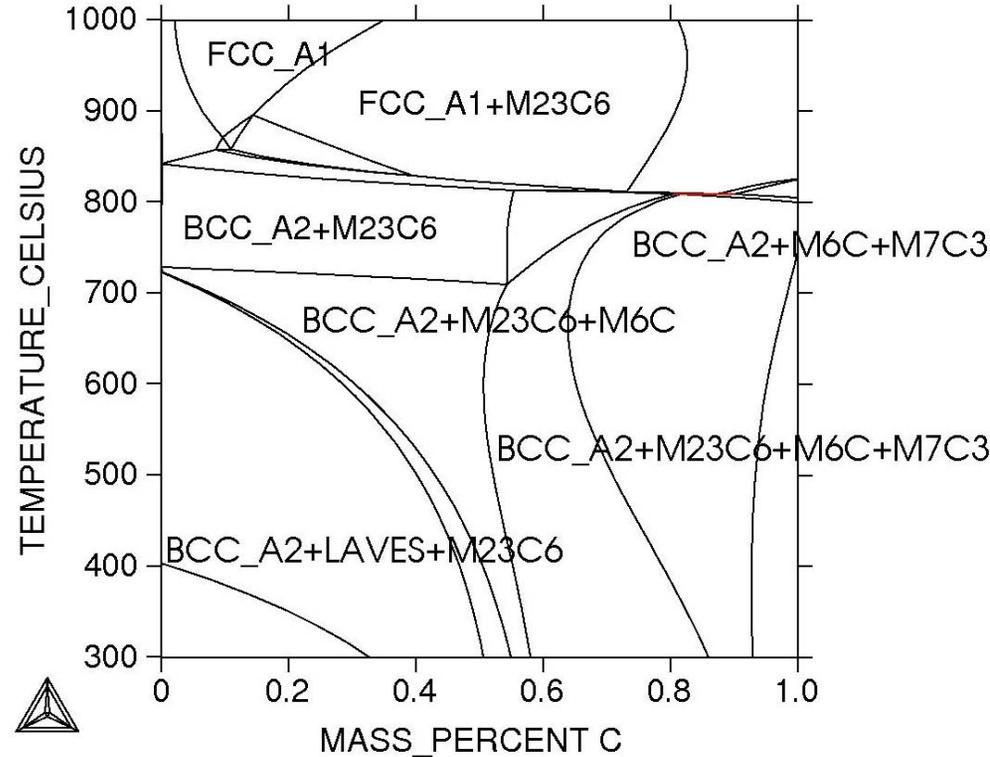
# Fe-9Cr and Fe-9Cr-2W Comparison

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DATABASE:FE  
P=1.01325E5, N=1, W(CR)=9E-2;



*Fe-9Cr-C*

THERMO-CALC (2009.05.07:11.29) :  
DATABASE:FE  
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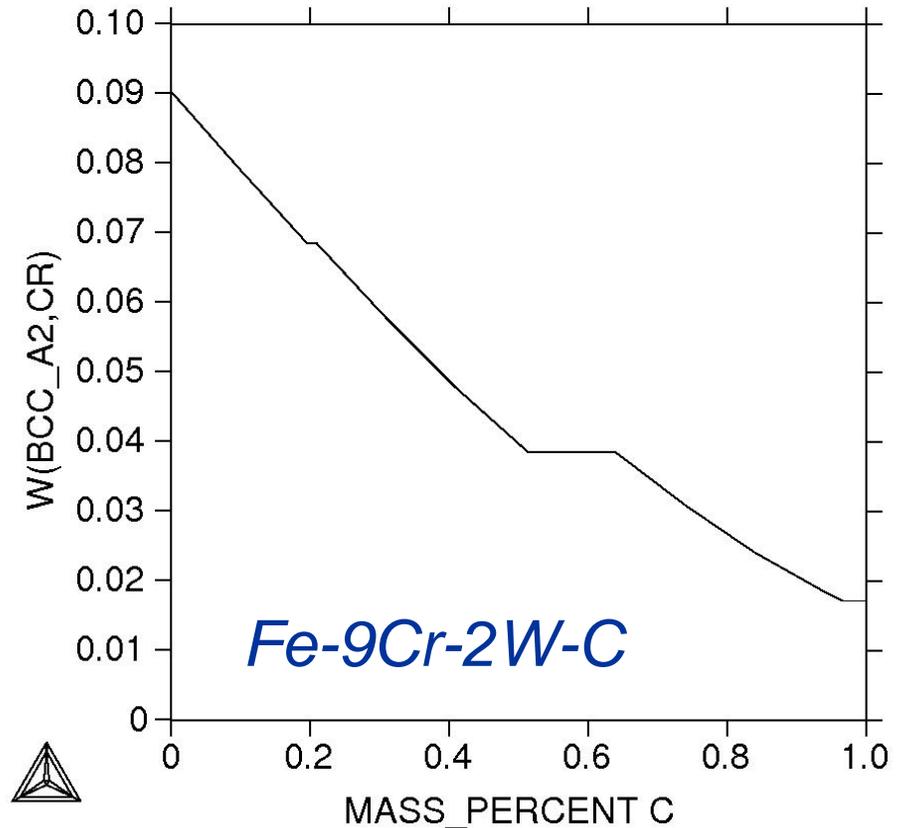
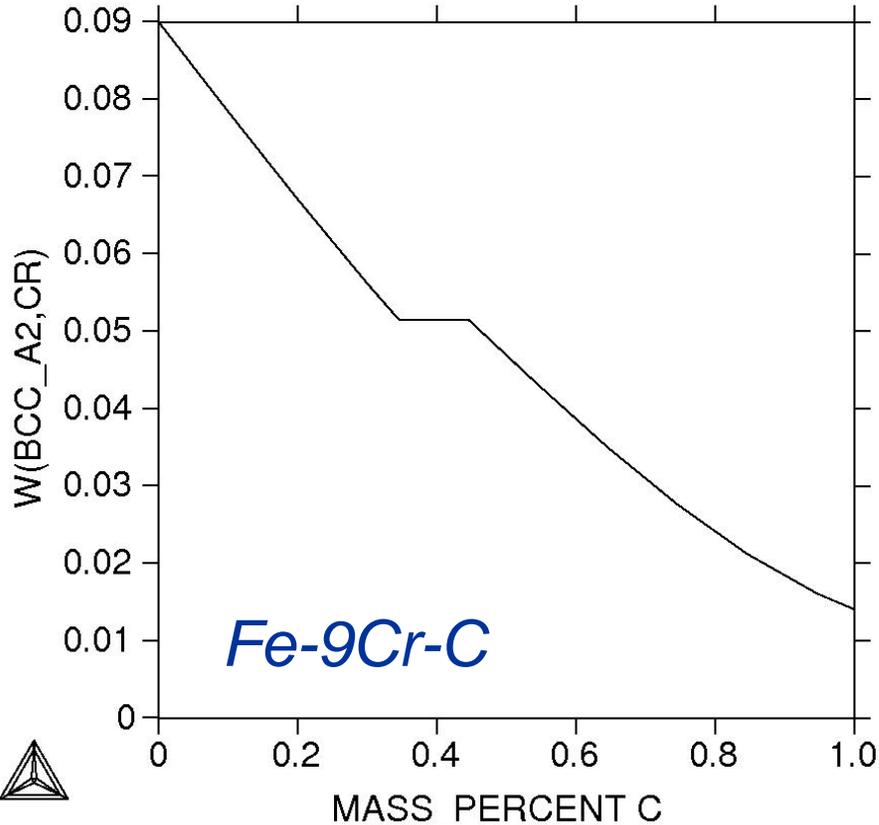


*Fe-9Cr-2W-C*

# Fe-9Cr and Fe-9Cr-2W Comparison

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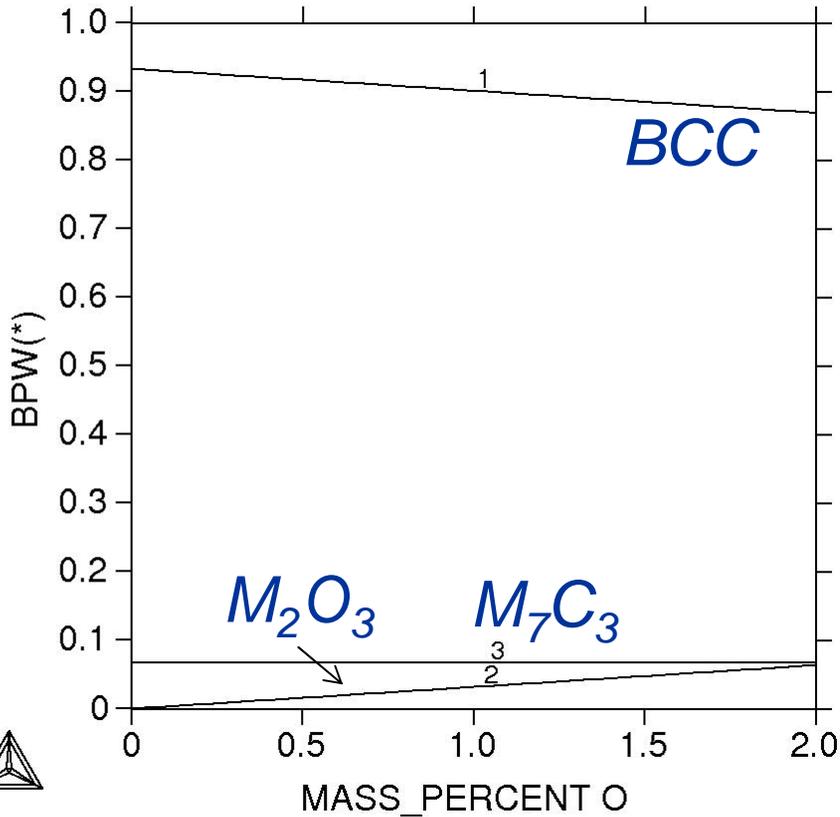
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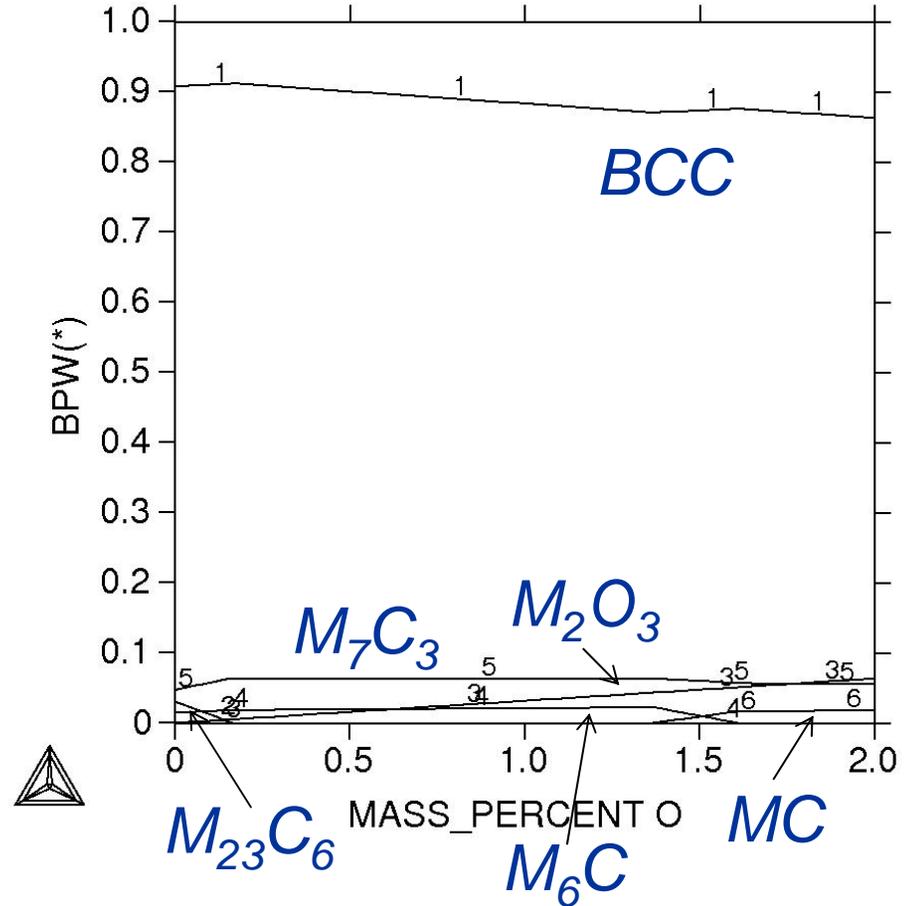
*Amount of Cr in the BCC phase (metal matrix)*

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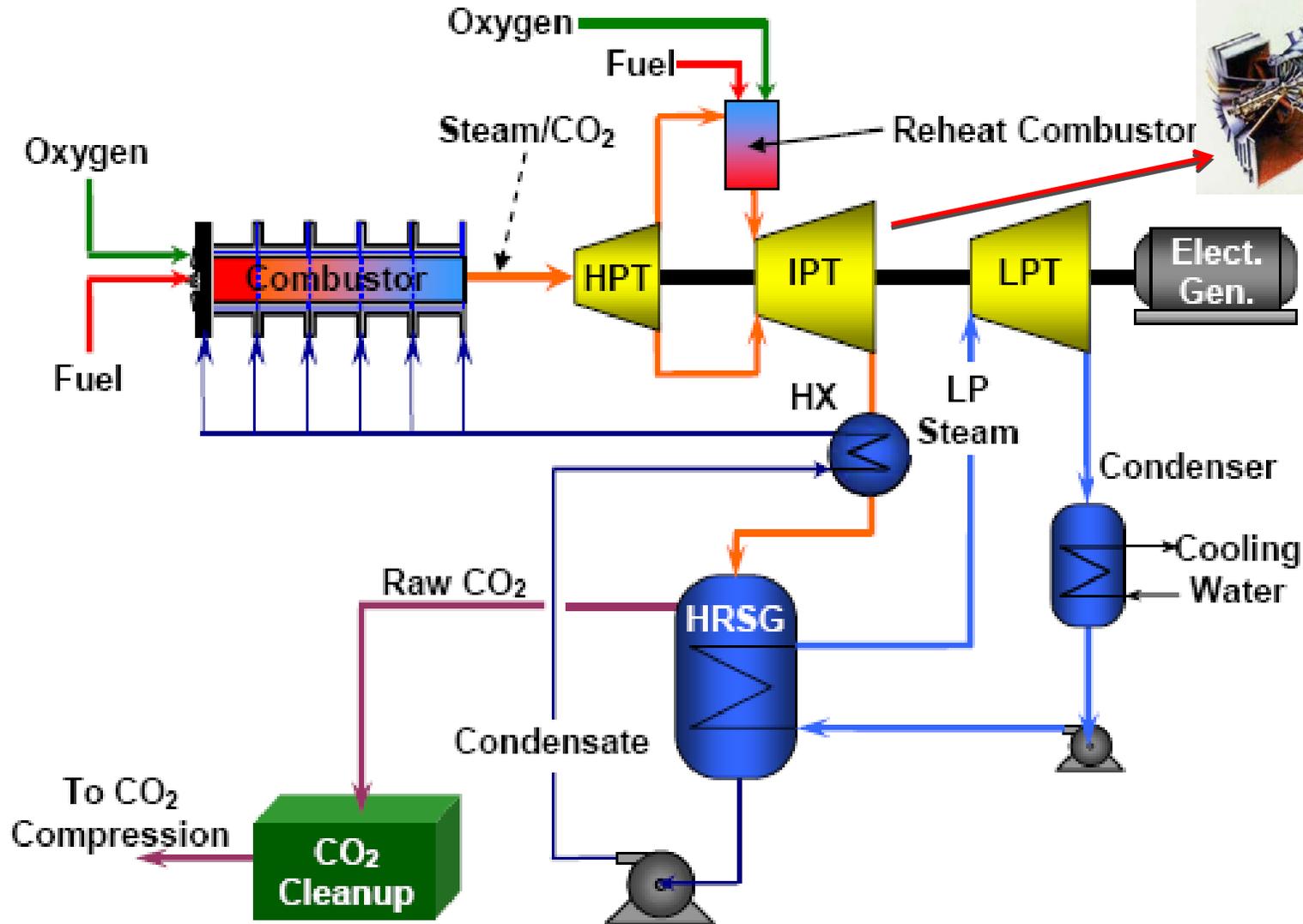
*Fe-9Cr-0.6C-0*



*Fe-9Cr-2W-0.6C-0*



# Materials Performance in Oxyfuel Turbine Environments



# Test Matrix

Test matrix for 1000 hour exposures in H<sub>2</sub>O-10% CO<sub>2</sub>-0.2% O<sub>2</sub>

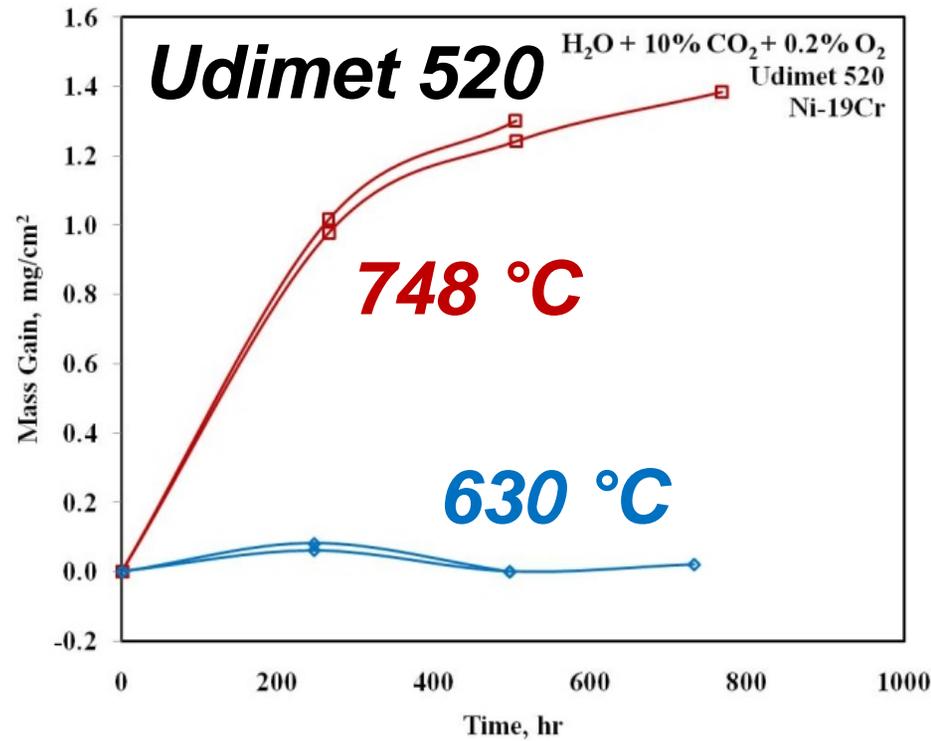
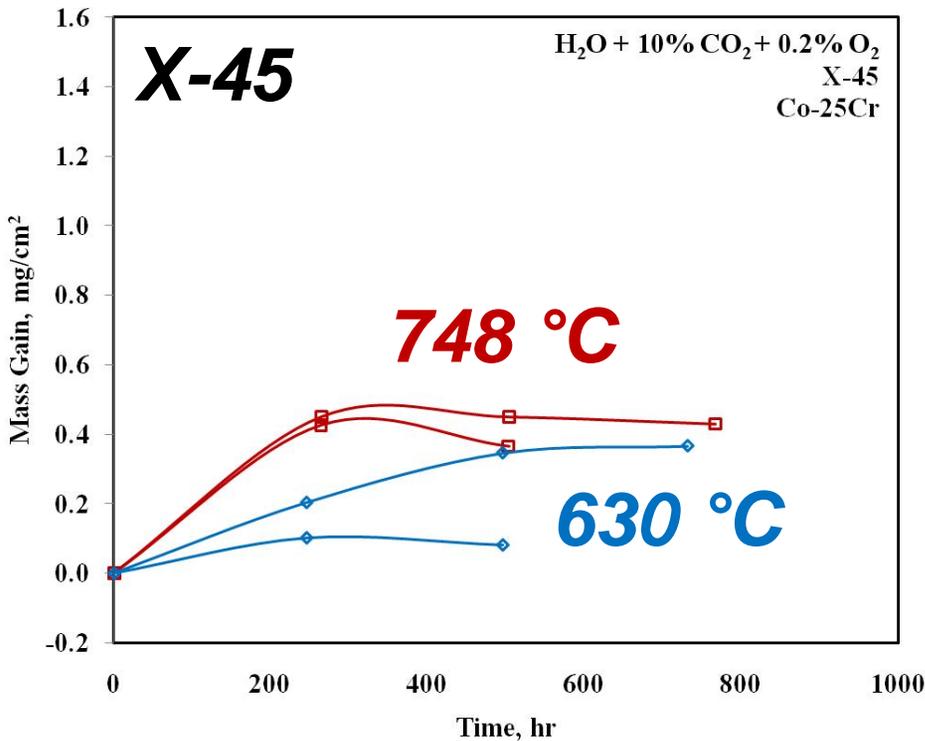
T °C	Type	ECY-768		X-45		IN-738			IN-939		U-520		Total
		Un	TB	Un	BC	Un	BC	TB	Un	TB	Un	BC	
630	LCF										8		8
	Ox	2		2		2			2	1	2	1	12
693	LCF									8			8
	Ox	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	16
748	LCF		8		8		7						23
	Ox	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	16
821	LCF							8					8
	Ox	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2		2		14
Spare	Ox	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	16
Total	LCF		8		8		7	8		8	8		47
	Ox	10	4	10	4	10	4	4	10	4	10	4	74

# Alloys

## Nominal Composition

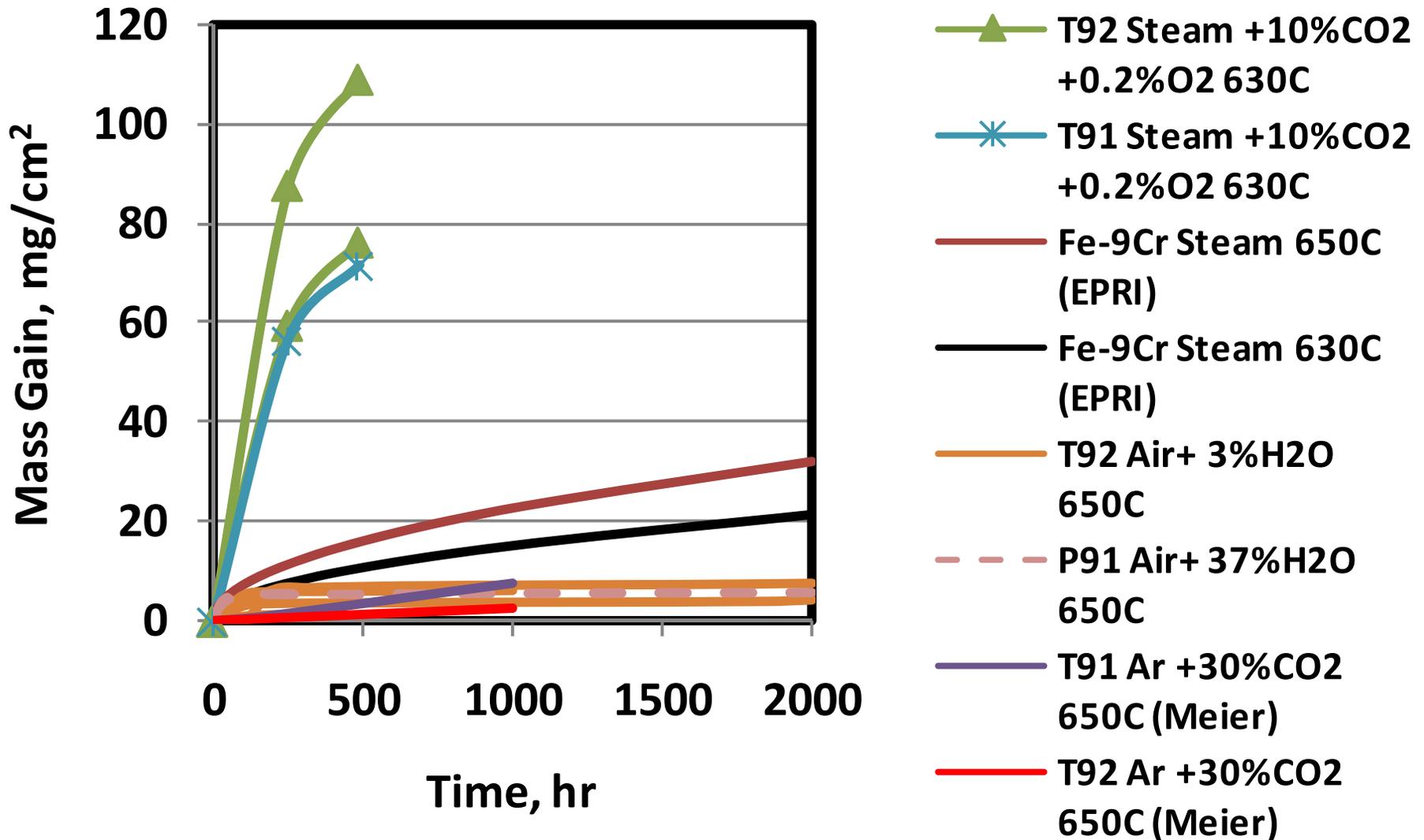
Alloy	Ni	Co	Cr	Al	Ti	Mn	Ta+Nb	W	Fe	Mo	C
X-45	10.1	Bal	24.8			0.6		7.8	1.0		0.25
ECY-768	9.7	Bal	23.8	0.1	0.2		3.5	7.0	0.2		0.59
Inconel 738	Bal	8.5	15.8	3.5	3.3		1.7	2.5		1.7	0.12
Inconel 939	Bal	18.9	22.5	1.9	3.8		2.4	2.0			0.14
Udimet 520	Bal	12.5	19.0	2.0	3.0			1.2		6.3	0.06

# Oxidation Coupons



Alloy	Ni	Co	Cr	Al	Ti	Mn	Ta+Nb	W	Fe	Mo	C
X-45	10.1	Bal	24.8			0.6		7.8	1.0		0.25
ECY-768	9.7	Bal	23.8	0.1	0.2		3.5	7.0	0.2		0.59
Inconel 738	Bal	8.5	15.8	3.5	3.3		1.7	2.5		1.7	0.12
Inconel 939	Bal	18.9	22.5	1.9	3.8		2.4	2.0			0.14
Udimet 520	Bal	12.5	19.0	2.0	3.0			1.2		6.3	0.06

# T91/T92 Environment Comparison



# Summary

- **Three Environments with Elevated CO<sub>2</sub>**
- **Oxyfuel Combustion (air- vs oxy-fired atmospheres)**
  - Stratified Scales wrt Cr, Fe, and S
  - Speculated on cycles of acid and basic fluxing
- **Fundamental Studies at Univ of Pittsburgh (Ar-CO<sub>2</sub>)**
  - Wide variation in oxidation wrt Cr content and model vs commercial alloys
  - Speculated on the role of W and other carbide formers
- **Oxyfuel Turbines (Steam + 10% CO<sub>2</sub> + 0.2% O<sub>2</sub>)**
  - Exposure tests underway
  - Cobalt-base alloys showing less mass gain at 748 °C than nickel-base alloys