

# Bespoke Materials Surfaces

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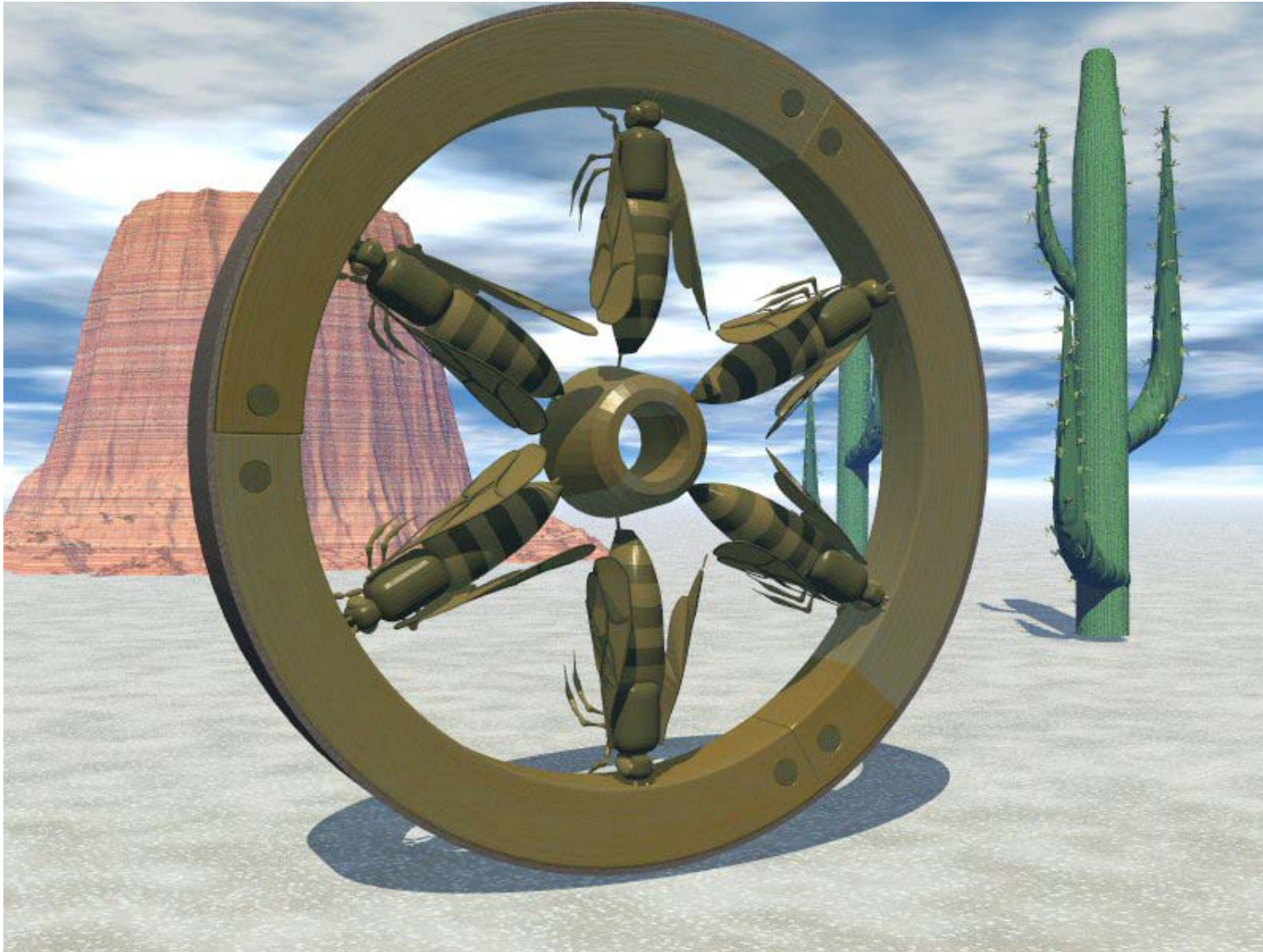
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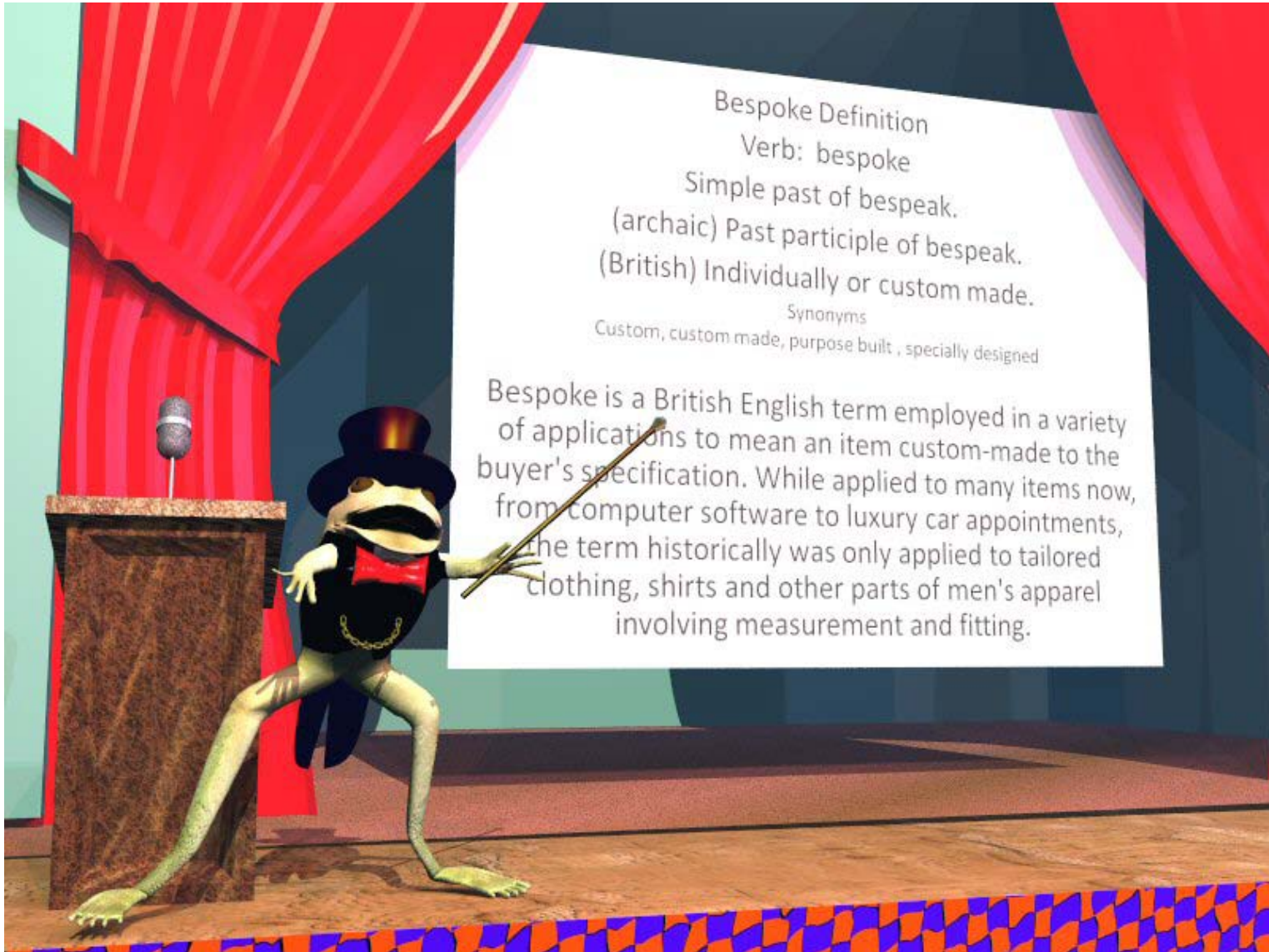
# Bespoke.... A New Start Project, But What Does It Mean? Bee spokes



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# Outline

- Background: Advanced materials for fireside fossil energy applications
- Problem: Corrosion and thermal fatigue of coal-fired boiler waterwall tubes
- Objective: Develop material surfaces that have good adherence, high resistance to fireside corrosion/sulfidation, limited effect on thermal conductivity, are easy to apply
- Approach
  - Modeling of properties/identification of materials
  - Surface modifications/coatings
  - Testing
- Research Highlights
- Future Research
- Acknowledgements

# Advanced Materials for Fireside Fossil Energy Applications

- Temperatures up to 900 °C
- Aggressive species include:

- Sulfur
- Steam
- Alkalis
- High and low  $pO_2$
- Ash

- Thermal fatigue cracking

- The efforts in this project are aimed at developing a cost effective process for engineering protective surfaces

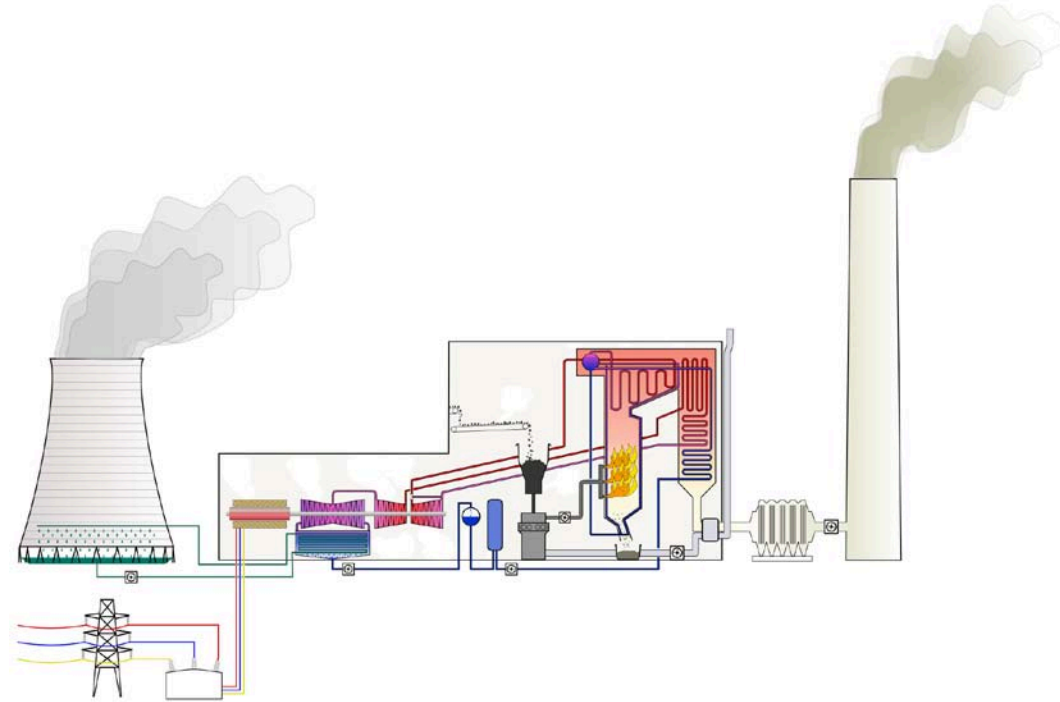
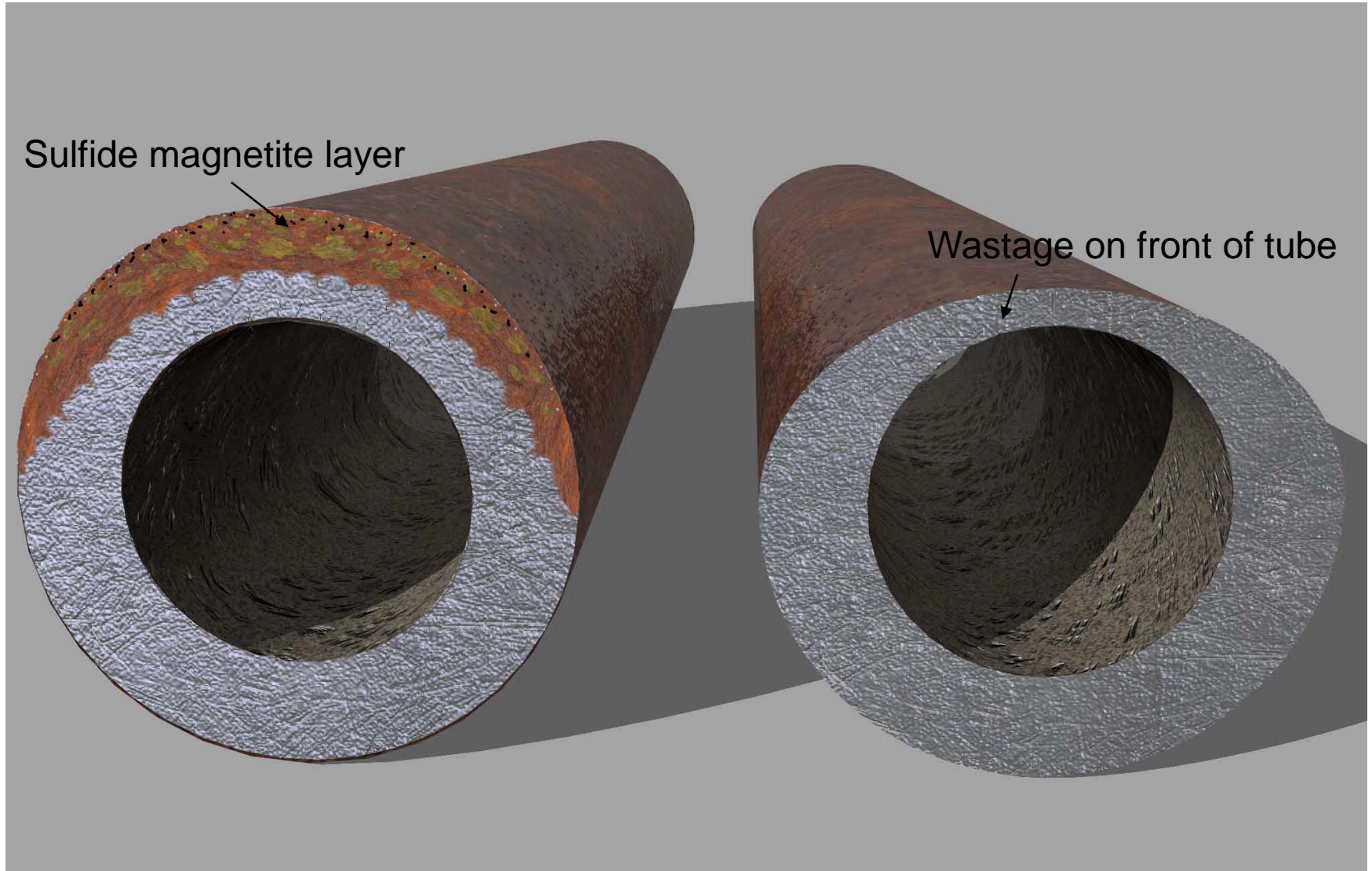


Image of simplified coal fired power plant courtesy of <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:PowerStation2.svg>

# Fireside Corrosion of Waterwall Tubes



# Objectives

- FE-ARMP goals: “Develop a scientifically sound understanding of critical process issues confronting new coal-based energy systems, explore new avenues around critical crosscutting barriers, advance scientific knowledge across all coal and power systems”
- The development of **TAILORED** corrosion/sulfidation resistant surfaces based on scientific understanding from modeling/experiment
  - Work will initially focus on ferritic alloys (T22, nominal composition = 2.3 Cr, 0.1 Ni, 0.4 Mn, 0.3 Si, 1 Mo, 0.12 C, Fe bal)
    - Currently utilized tube metal selected as baseline substrate material
  - Initial experimental coatings will focus initially on existing protection compositions (aluminides) and potentially weld overlay compositions (Lehigh, etal...)
  - Will collaborate with other ARM projects (Pint, Santella , etal...) to maintain relevancy
- Key Issues
  - Thermal expansion
  - Thermal conductivity
  - Sulfidation/oxidation resistance
  - Metal surface properties (roughness, microstructure, chemistry, etc...)



# Approach

- Thermo-chemical modeling

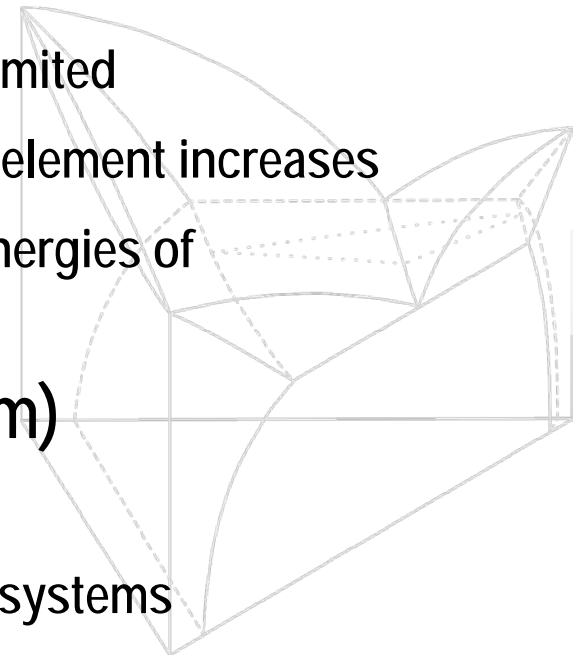
- What is the perfect protective surface/compound?
- Does it have the properties necessary to address key issues?
- Can it be adapted to either be applied directly to tube outer wall or does a systems approach need to be utilized?
- Results feed directly to experimental work

- Experimental Validation

- Application of current protective systems using a low cost approach (surrogate material evaluation)
  - Evaluation of “state of the art” protective system on T22
- Results feed directly to modeling work
- Application, evaluation and testing of new candidate materials/surfaces
- Characterization of metal surface properties (roughness, microstructure, chemistry, etc...) is vital to success of this task

# Computational Thermodynamic Modeling

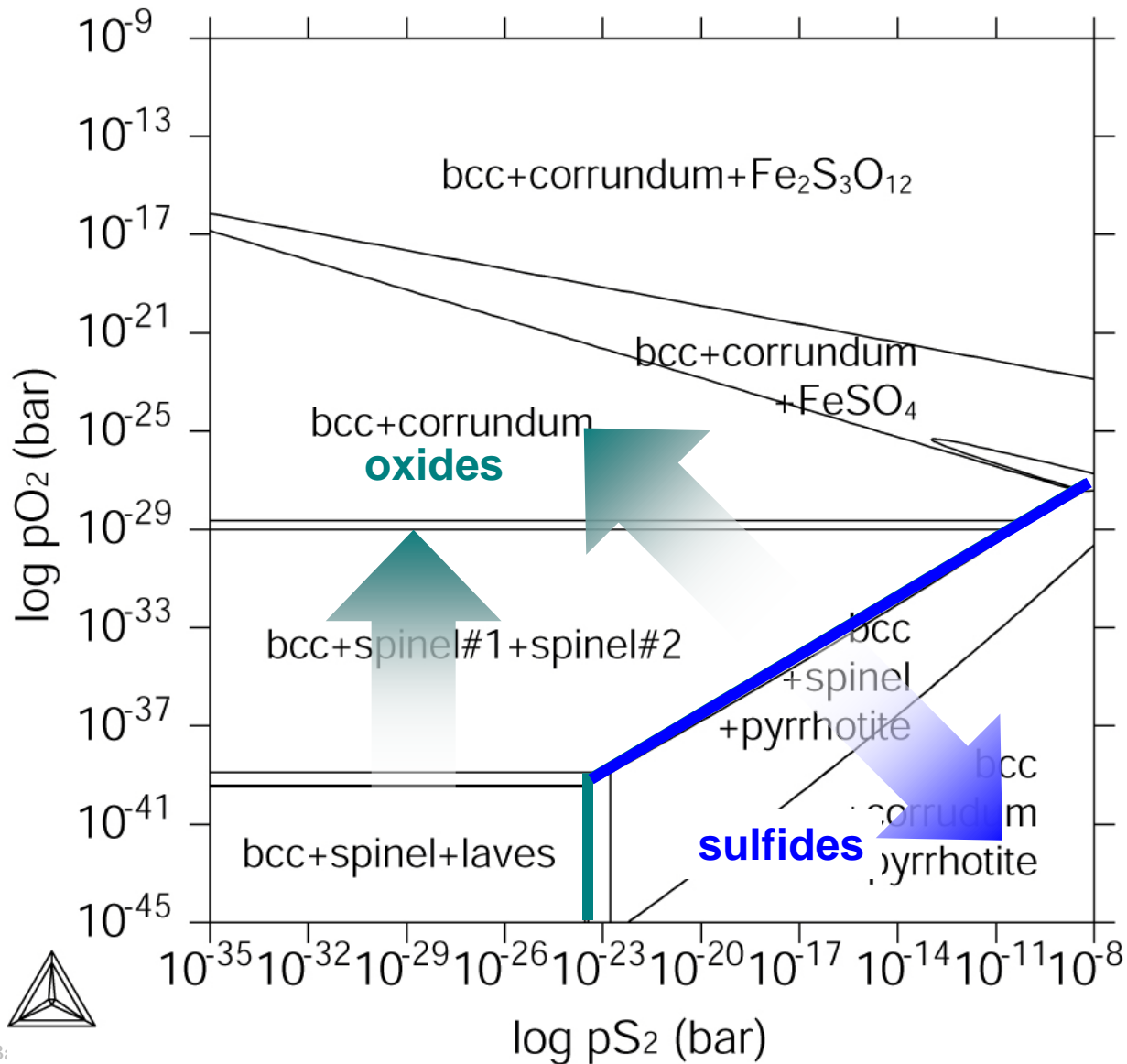
- Phase stabilities for fossil energy applications
  - Phases: ferrite, austenite, carbides, oxides, sulfides, ...
  - Conditions:  $T$ ,  $X$ ,  $\log P_{O_2}$ ,  $\log P_{S_2}$ , ...
- Computational thermodynamics
  - T-X or T-P dimension that can experimentally visit is limited
  - Complexity increases exponentially as the number of element increases
  - Phase diagrams can be CALCULATED, when Gibbs energies of individual phases are available
- CALPHAD (CALculation of PHase Diagram) computational thermodynamic modeling
  - Evaluate Gibbs energies of phases in the lower order systems
  - Extrapolate to higher order system to predict phase stabilities at any give conditions ( $T$ ,  $P$ , wt %, ...)



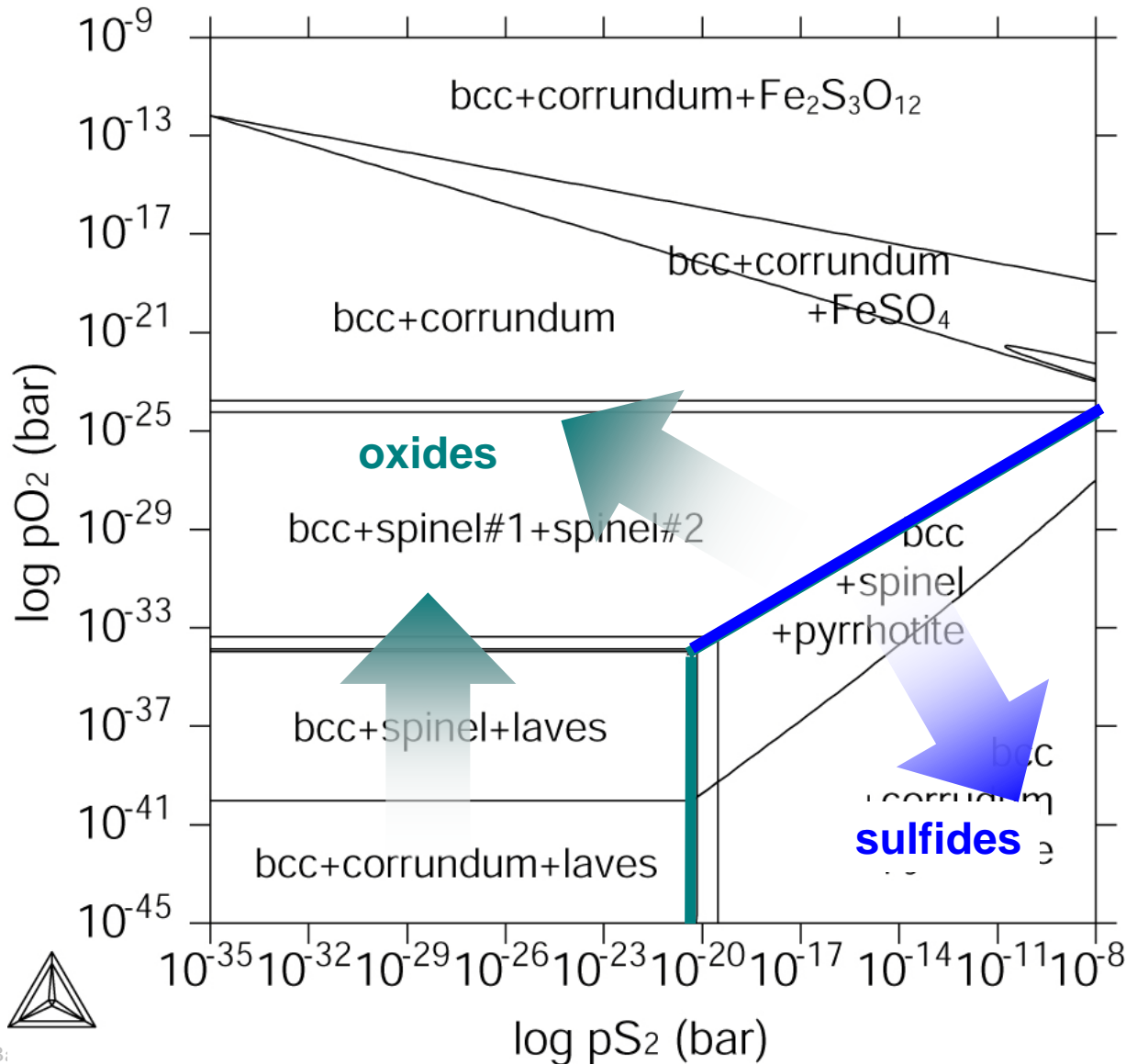
# Calculations Details

- TCFE6 Database
  - Fe with 21 elements
    - C, Al, Ar, B, Ca, Co, Cr, Cu, Mg, Mn, Mo, N, Nb, Ni, O, P, S, Si, Ti, V, and W
  - Self-consistent Gibbs energy functions for all the phases
- POLY-3 Gibbs energy minimizer in Thermo-Calc
- T22 nominal composition: Fe-2.25Cr-1Mo
- Oxygen and sulfur gas are considered for stability diagram
- Different temperatures: 400, 500 and 600C

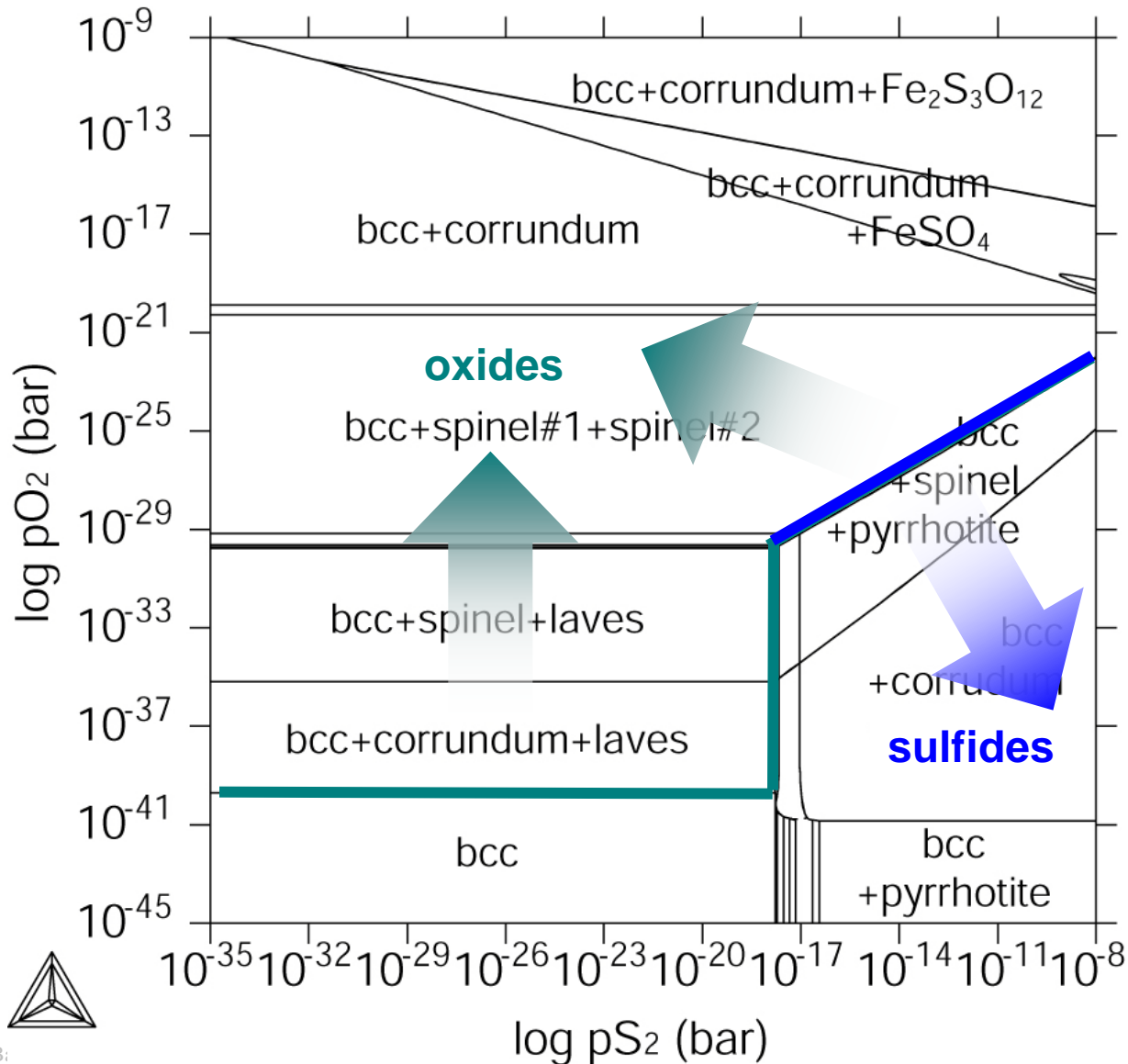
# Calculated Stability Diagram of T22 (400°C)



# Calculated Stability Diagram of T22 (500°C)



# Calculated Stability Diagram of T22 (600°C)



# Computational Modeling Approach

- Identifying materials thermochemically stable at working condition ( $T$ ,  $X$ ,  $\log pO_2$ ,  $\log pS_2$ , ...)
  - Literature search
  - Computational thermodynamic database search
- Predict the phase stability of coating materials with the presence of T22 and equilibrium gas composition
  - Computational screening to identify coating materials which are stable with T22 and equilibrium gas phase
- Perform experiments to validate predicted thermal stability of candidate coating materials

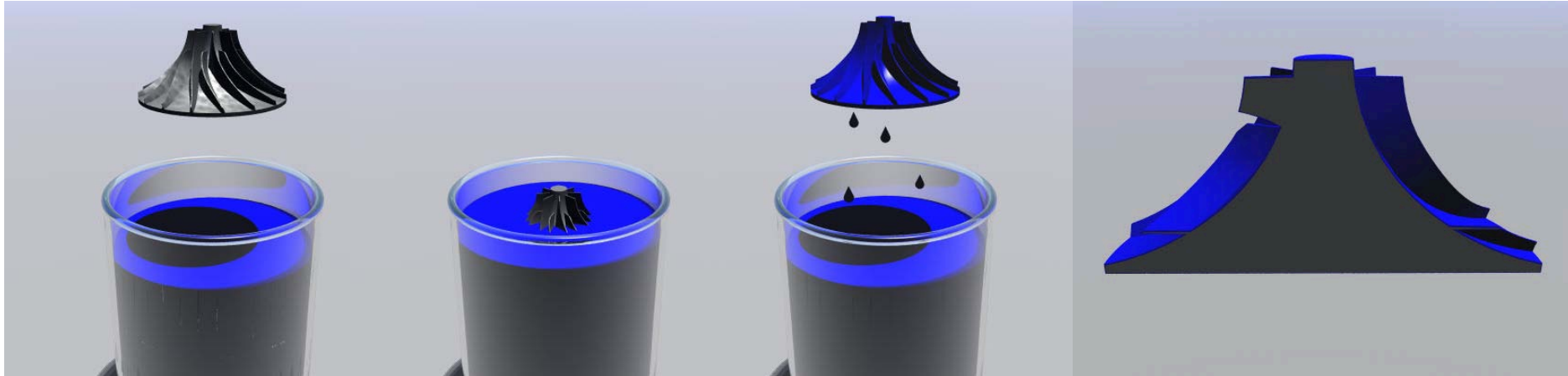
# Experimental Validation

- Use existing “state of the art”
  - Aluminide coating
- Utilize ORNL’s slurry coating process to apply coatings
- Examine resulting microstructures
- Testing

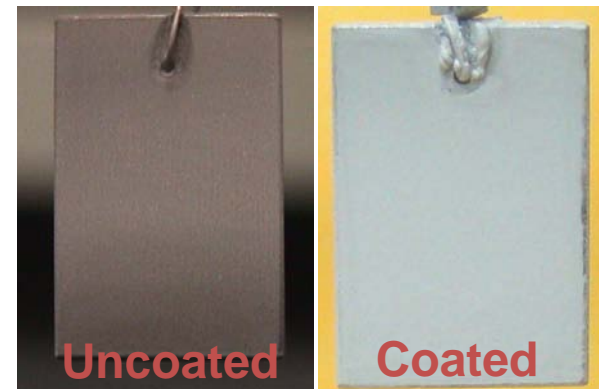


# What are Slurry Coatings?

- A slurry is metallic or ceramic mixture in which a material and a binder are suspended in a solvent

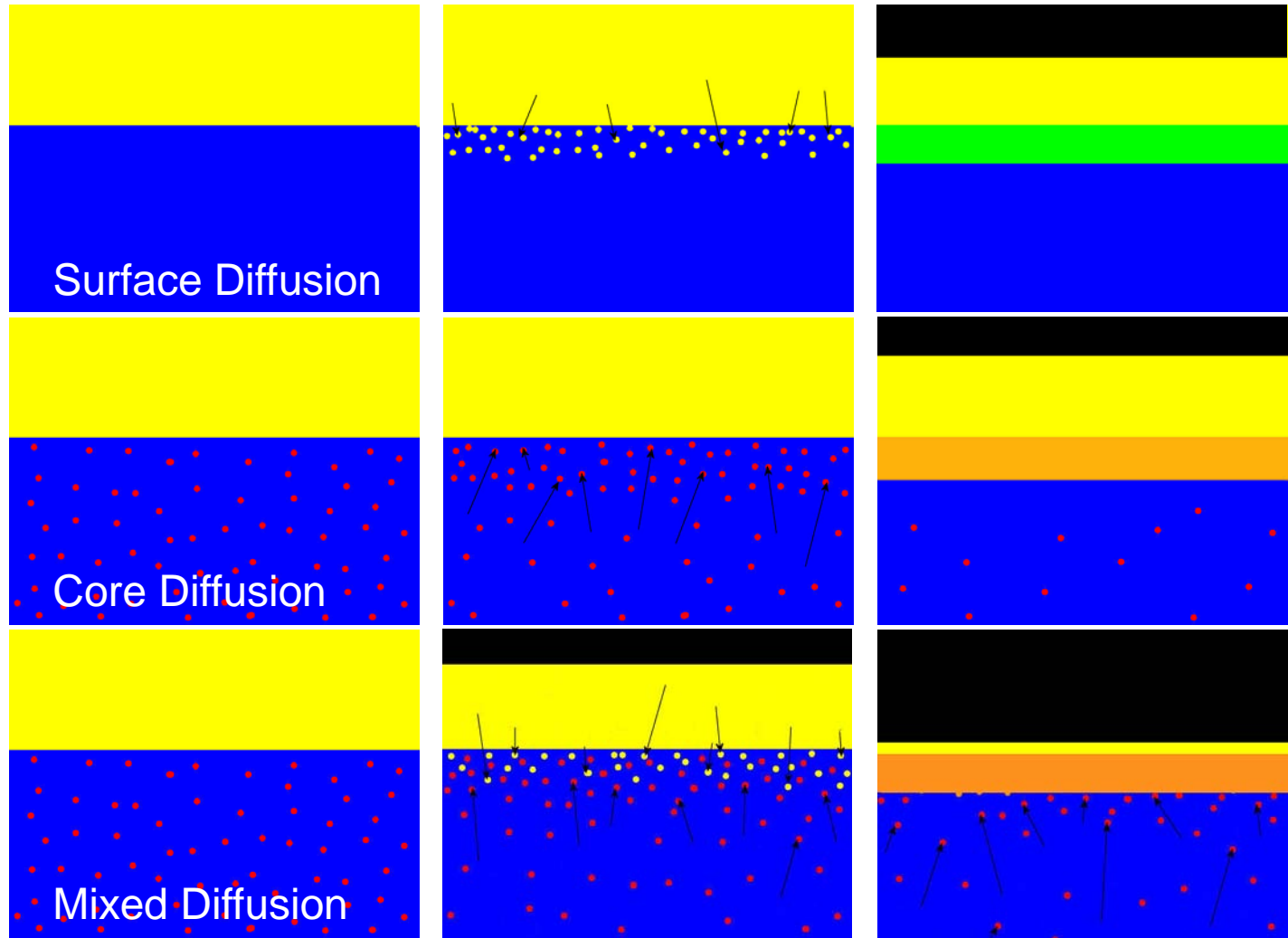


**Benefits: Non-line-of-sight, can be used for complex shapes, no unique equipment needed, process can be automated**

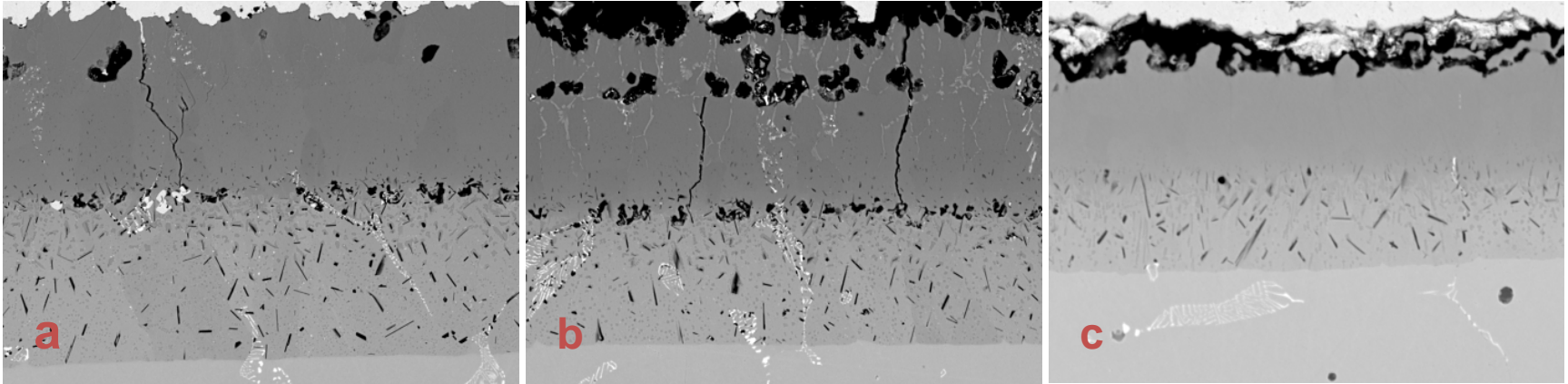


# How Do Slurry Coatings Work?

- Heat treatment aids in the diffusion of “metal” into the substrate (leading to an enriched surface or formation of another phase)
- Once exposed to an environment, a protective scale can form



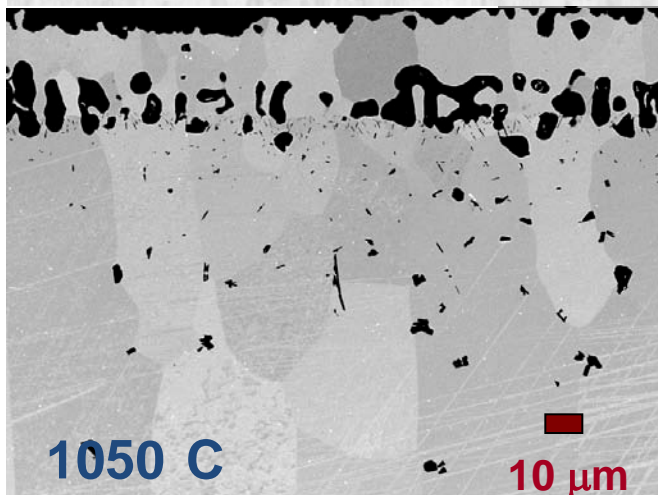
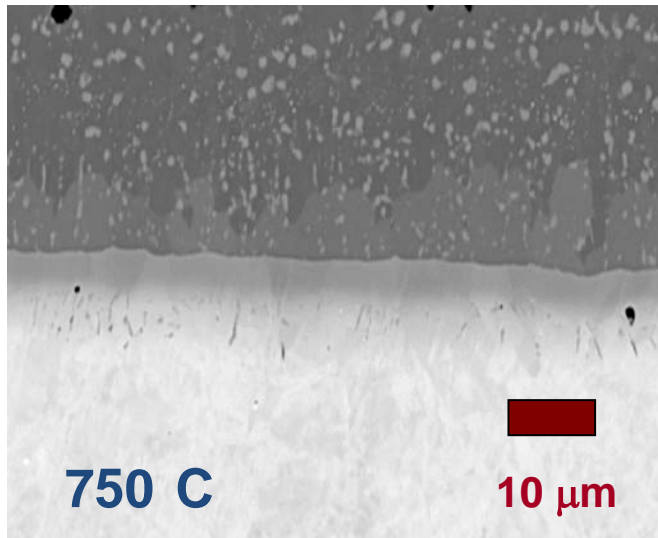
# “The Devil is in the Details”



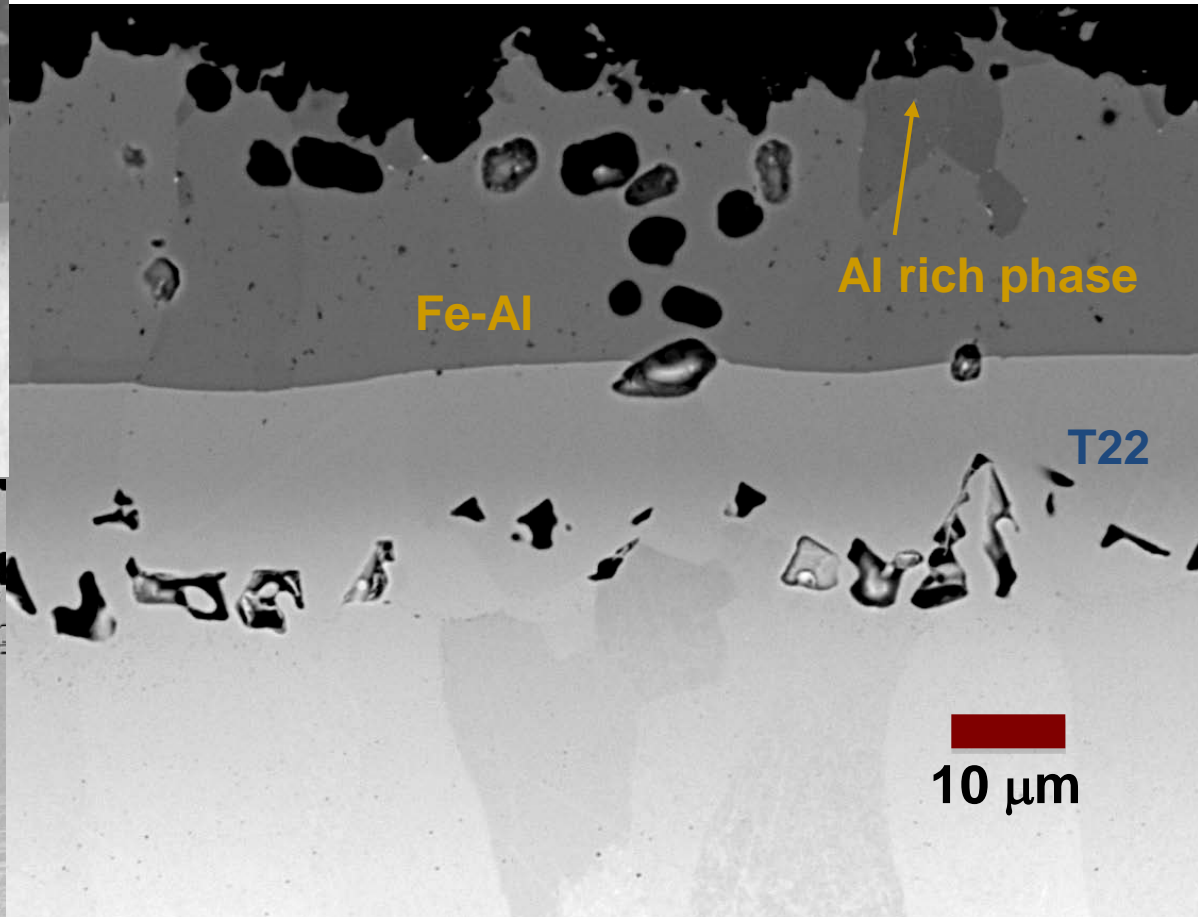
**Back scattered electron images of as-fired aluminide slurry coatings on alloy CF8CP. (a) Commercial coating fired in vacuum at 1000°C, (b) commercial coating fired in Ar at 1000°C, (c) ORNL coating fired in Ar at 900°C.**

# Will the Real T22 Please Stand Up?

ORNL coating on T22 fired in Ar at 900°C.

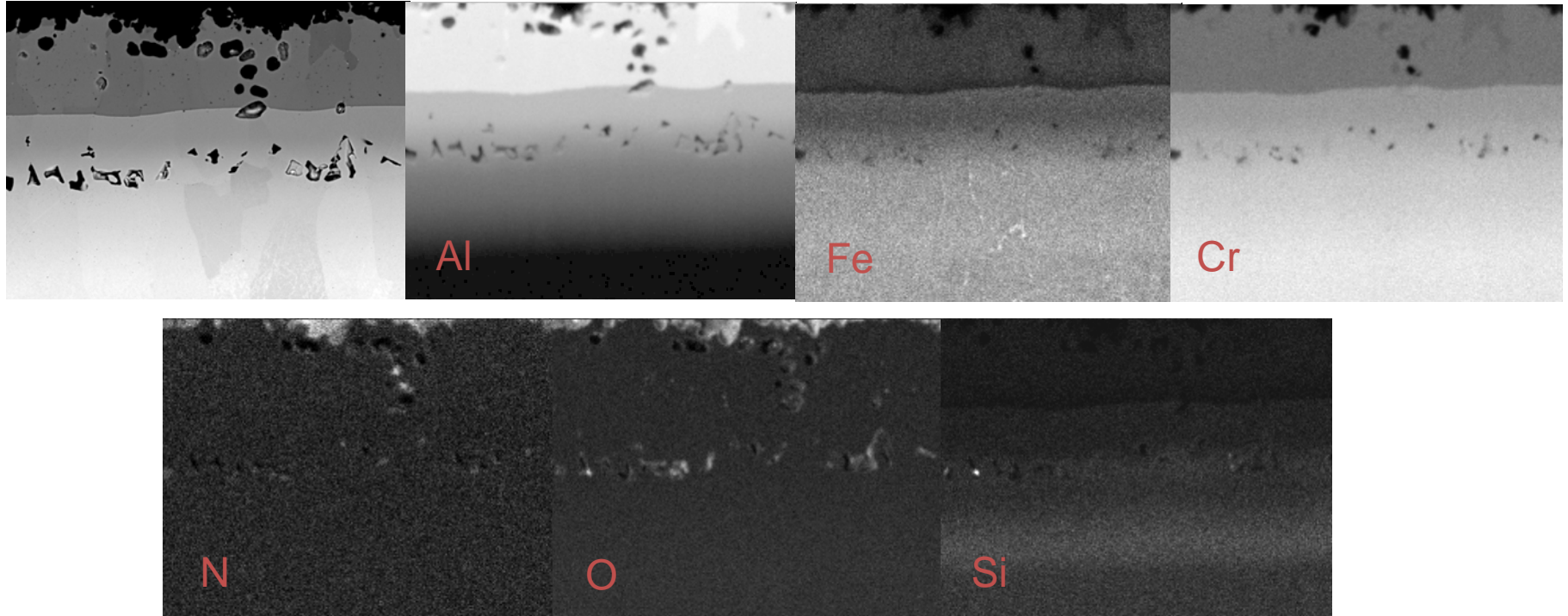


ORNL coating on P91  
heat treated in Ar



**Composition and fabrication process (tube, plate, etc...) will affect coating/diffusion**

# Al Rich Phase Forming in Coating



**Elemental solubility in alloy needs to be considered in modeling**

# Summary

- Thermochemical calculations initiated to determine baseline (equilibrium)
- Aluminum coatings applied to T22
  - Lower solubility of Al in ferritic structure seen at initial heat treatment temperature
- Milestones
  - Identify candidate material system for coating development and evaluation (5/30/10)
  - Complete characterization of substrate surface and colloid system (9/30/10)
  - Initiate coating deposition (9/30/10)
  - Complete testing of coated steels and apply Go/No-Go criteria (9/30/2011)
  - Using modeling approaches, determine if a graded-property approach is feasible, and identify coating thickness necessary (5/30/11)
  - Complete second iteration coatings based on results of FY2011 work (9/30/12)

# Future Work

- Continue modeling
  - Begin adding alloying elements to equilibrium conditions
  - Begin non-equilibrium calculations for baseline
  - Computational screening for candidate materials
- Experimental
  - Complete evaluation of Al coating at alternative temperatures and heat treatment environments
- Testing

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# Questions?

# Reference Environments

Gas Composition in Furnace		
Vol %	Oxy-fuel fired PF	Air-fired PF
N <sub>2</sub>	4.8	71.3
O <sub>2</sub>	1.9	2.5
CO <sub>2</sub>	58.9	15.3
H <sub>2</sub> O	31.8	10.0
Ar	2.1	0.8
SO <sub>2</sub>	0.49	0.13

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