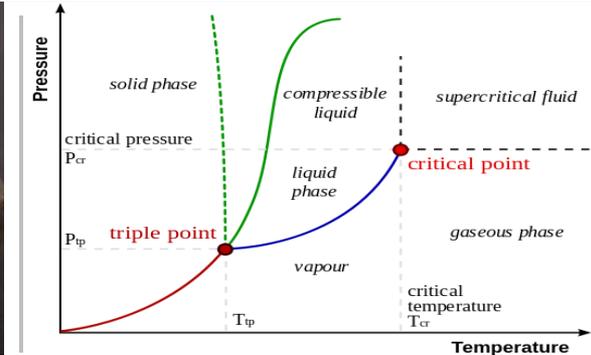


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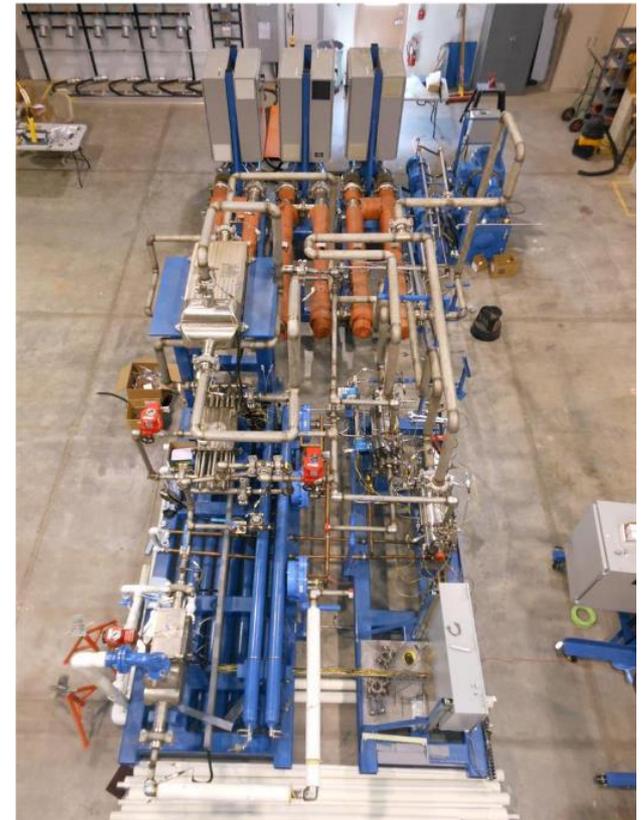
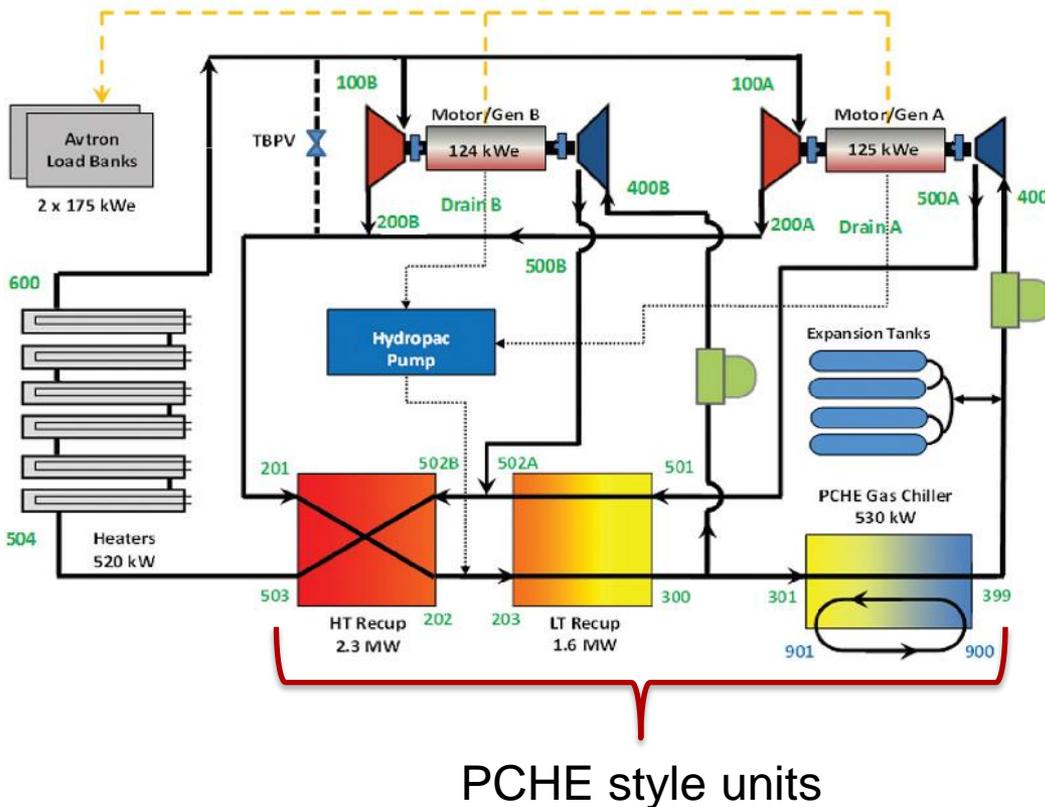
Short Duration Corrosion Performance of Carbon Steels in SCO_2 at 260°C

Matthew Walker, Alan Kruienza, Elizabeth Withey, Darryn Fleming, Jim Pasch

Leading the development of a game-changing technology

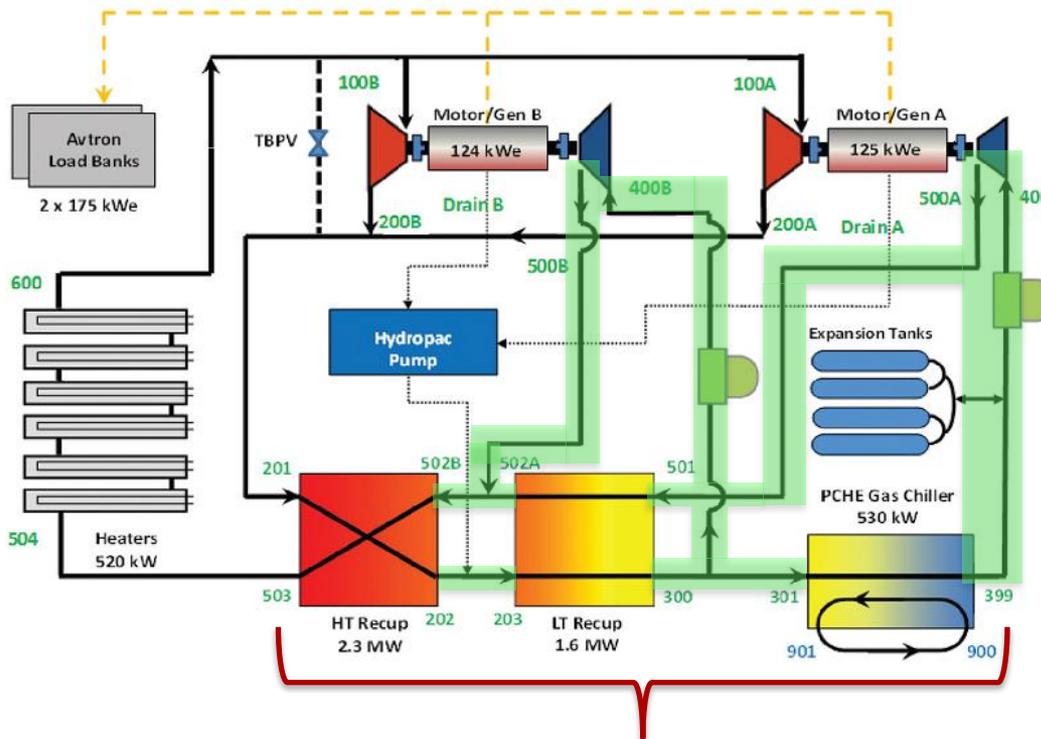
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System Piping

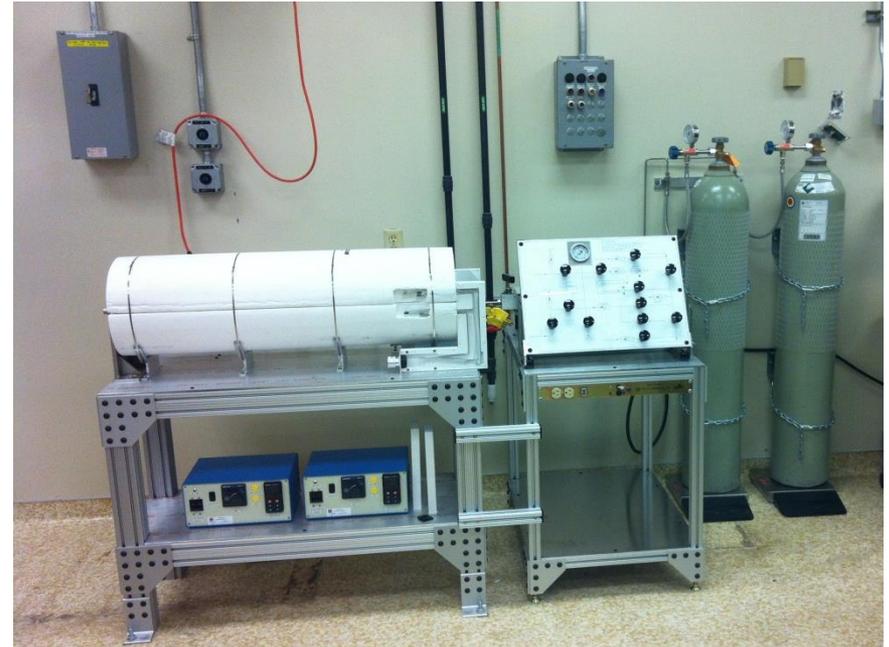
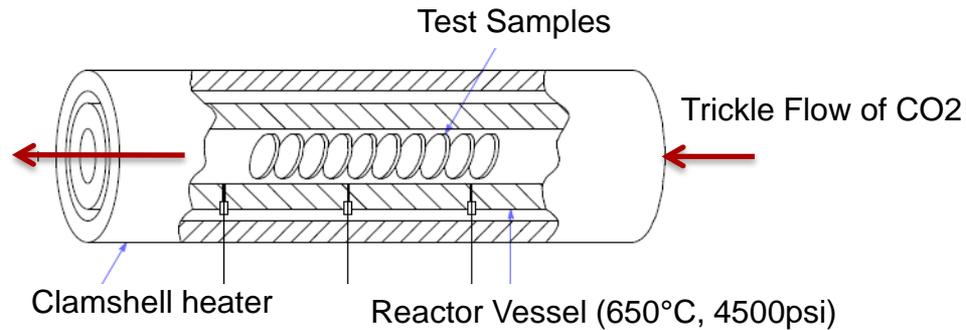
- Significant portion at < 260°C (573K)
- Pipe wall thickness similar for carbon steel as for 316 (~ 0.25 inches)^[A]
- Carbon steel ~ 44% cheaper than 316

[A] For ID 2" Pipe @ P = 30 MPa and 600K using data from ASME B31.1 (2014)

Expanding SCO_2 materials testing capabilities at Sandia

SCO_2 Materials Test Facility

- Test Volume size: 2"x 24" (cylinder)
- Up to 650°C, 3500psi
- CO_2 currently, also other fluids possible



Facility used to test materials performance over operational range of system requirements.

Determining suitability of mild steel for the Brayton cycle

Materials and Test Exposure

Per the Power Piping code (ASTM 31.1):

- X65Q
- A53, A106, and API-5L
- Seamless Low-Carbon Alloy
- Limited to 427°C (code indication carbide phase may be converted to graphite)

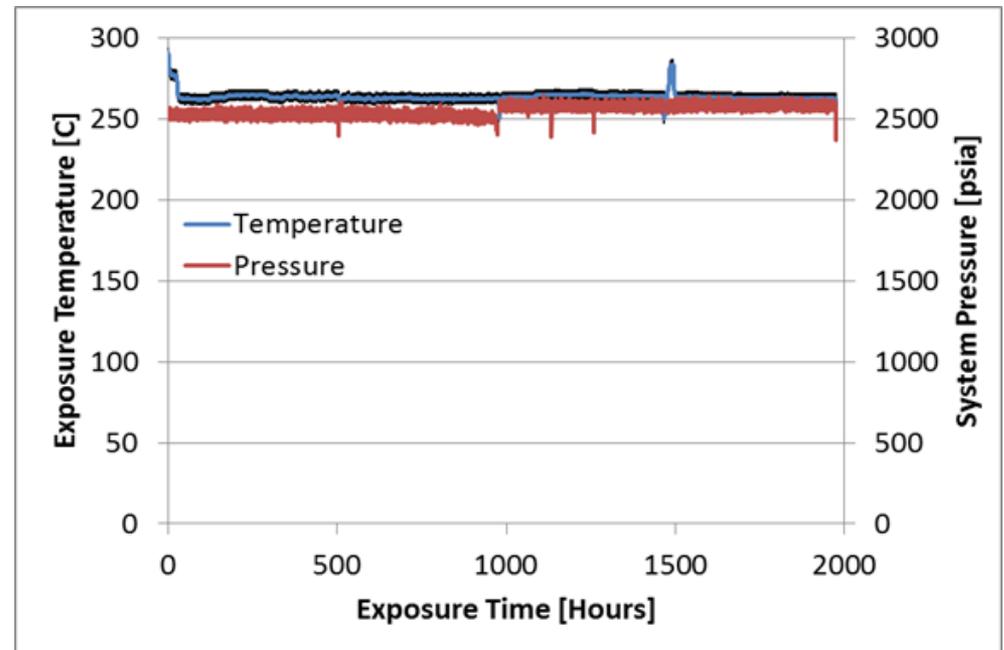
| Fe | C | Mn | P | S | Si | Cu | Ni | Cr | Mo | Al | V | B | Ti | Nb |
|-----|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Bal | 0.15 | 0.97 | 0.012 | 0.003 | 0.18 | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.31 | 0.034 | 0.0003 | 0.003 | 0.002 |

Samples were removed at:

- 506 hours
- 995 hours
- 1481 hours
- 1984 hours

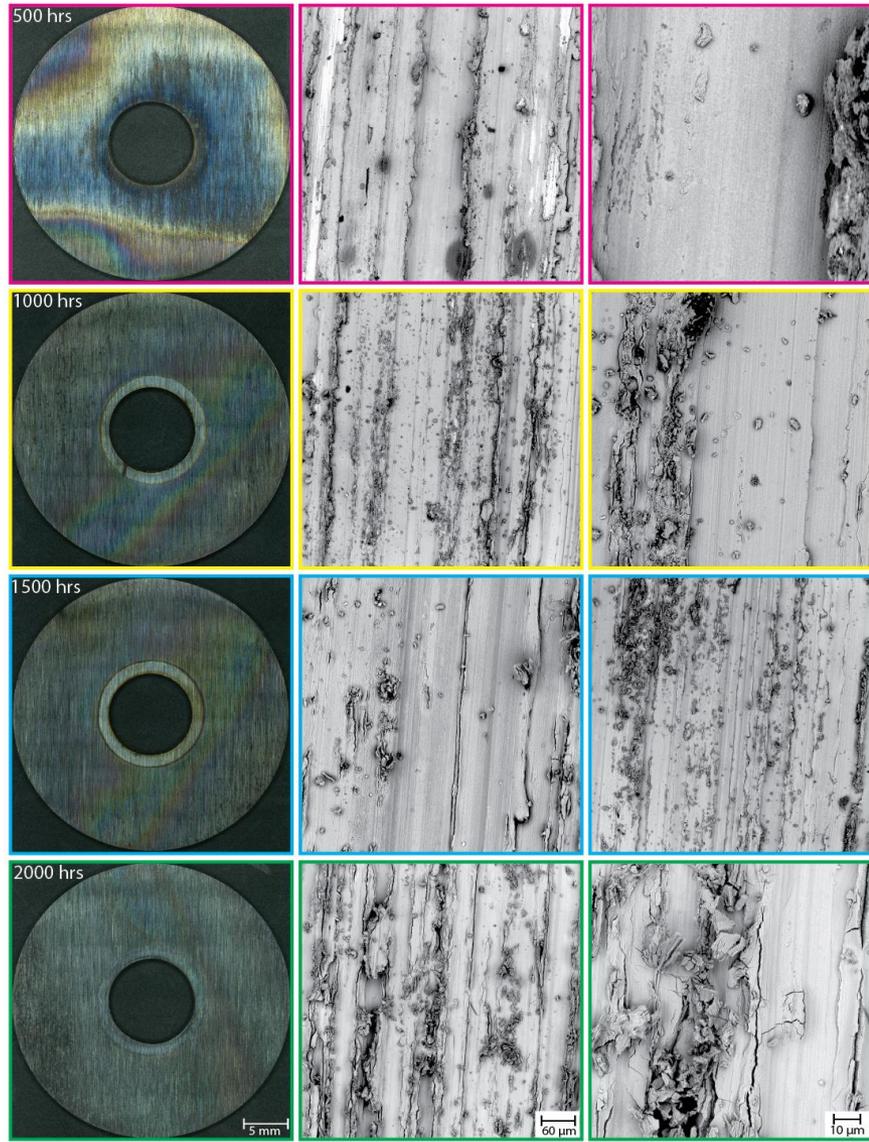
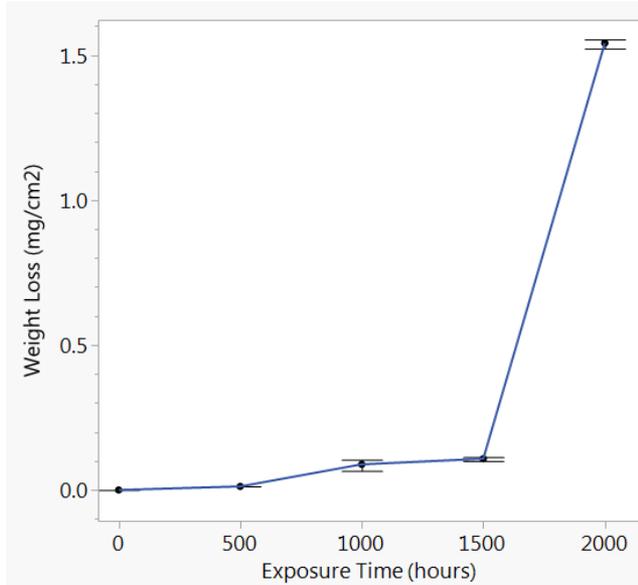
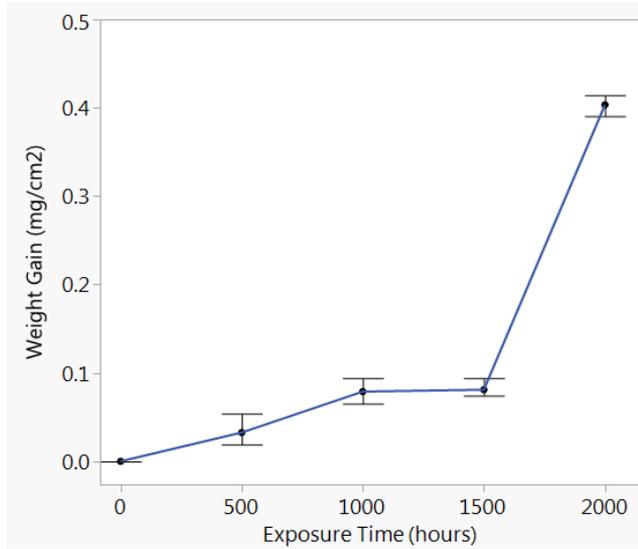
Exposure was $263 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$
 2550 ± 35 psia

Industrial Grade CO₂ (99.5% Purity)



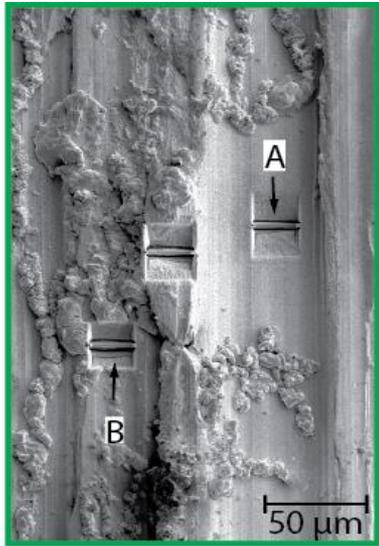
Consistent trend among the measurement approaches

Sample Corrosion Versus SCO_2 Exposure Time



Corrosion products are non-uniform and multilayered

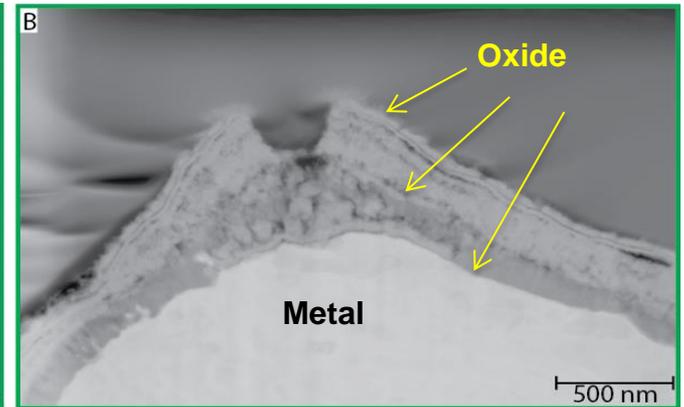
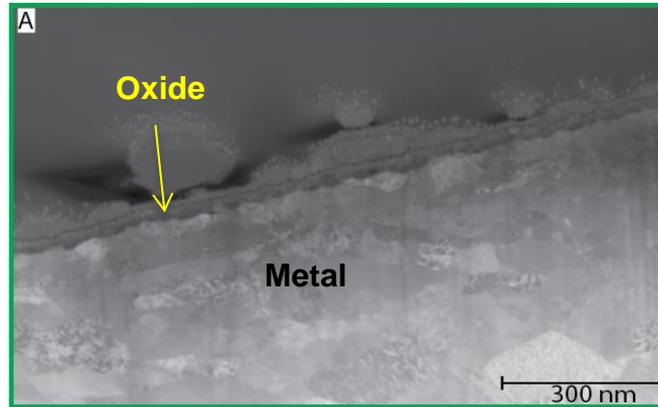
Oxidation Layer Morphology versus SCO_2 Exposure Time



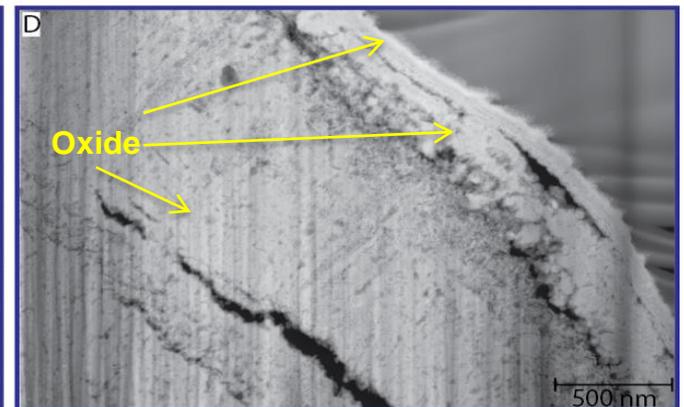
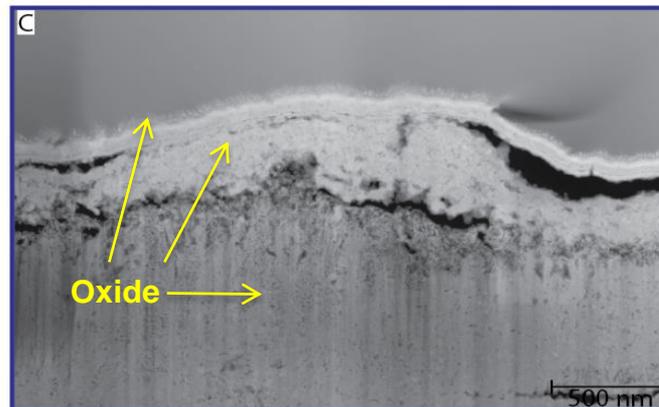
500 hrs

Low Area

Raised Area

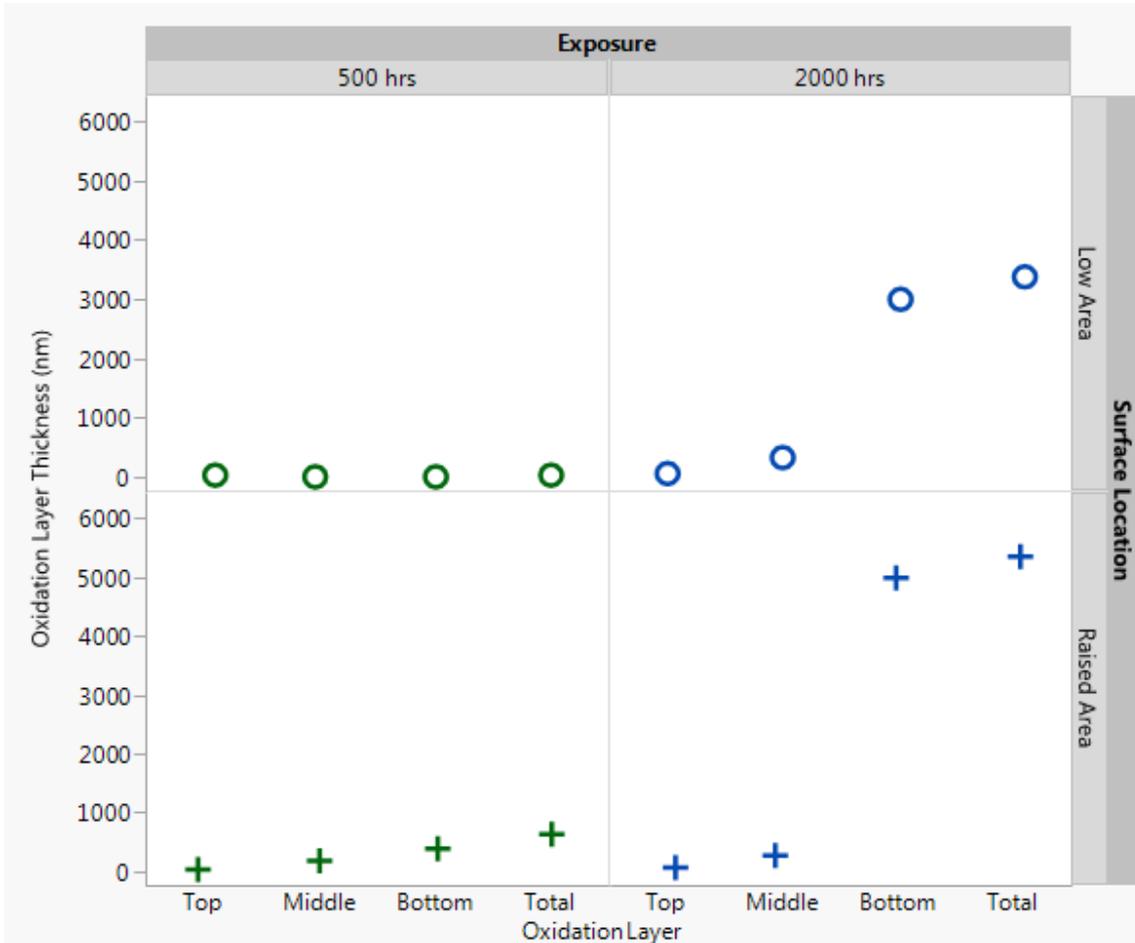


2000 hrs

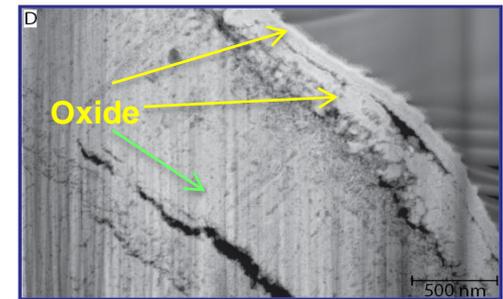
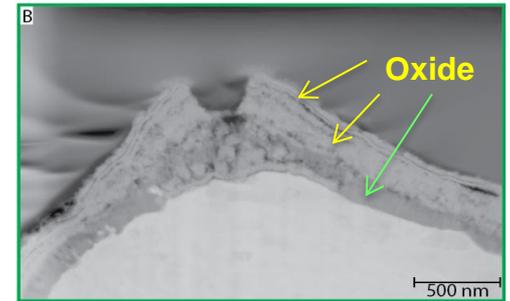


Internal Oxide Layer Growth --> Increased Corrosion Rate

Oxidation Layer Thickness versus SCO_2 Exposure Time

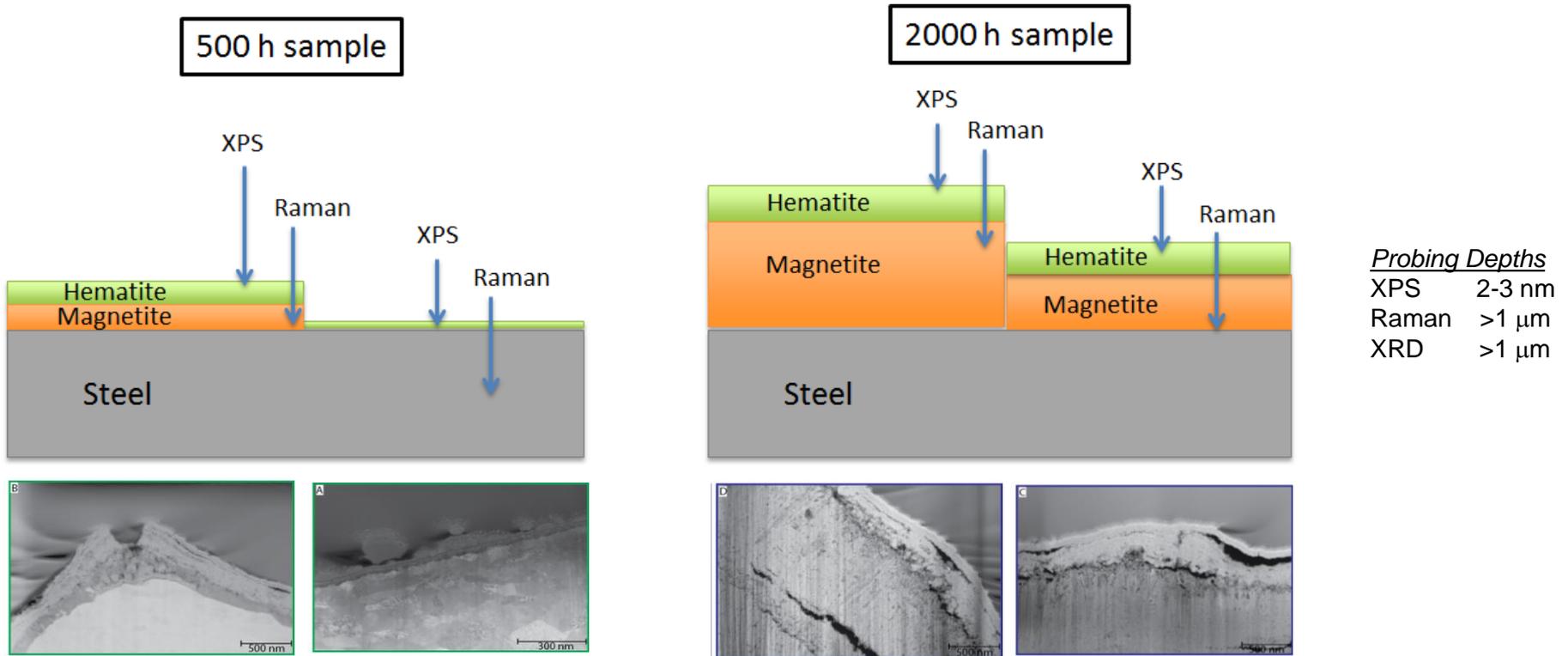


Raised Area



Characterization of surfaces reveals separate oxide phases

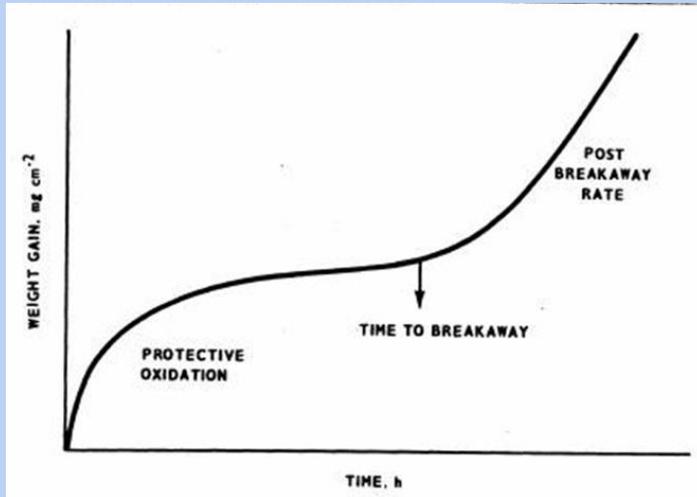
Summary of XPS and Raman Surface Analyses



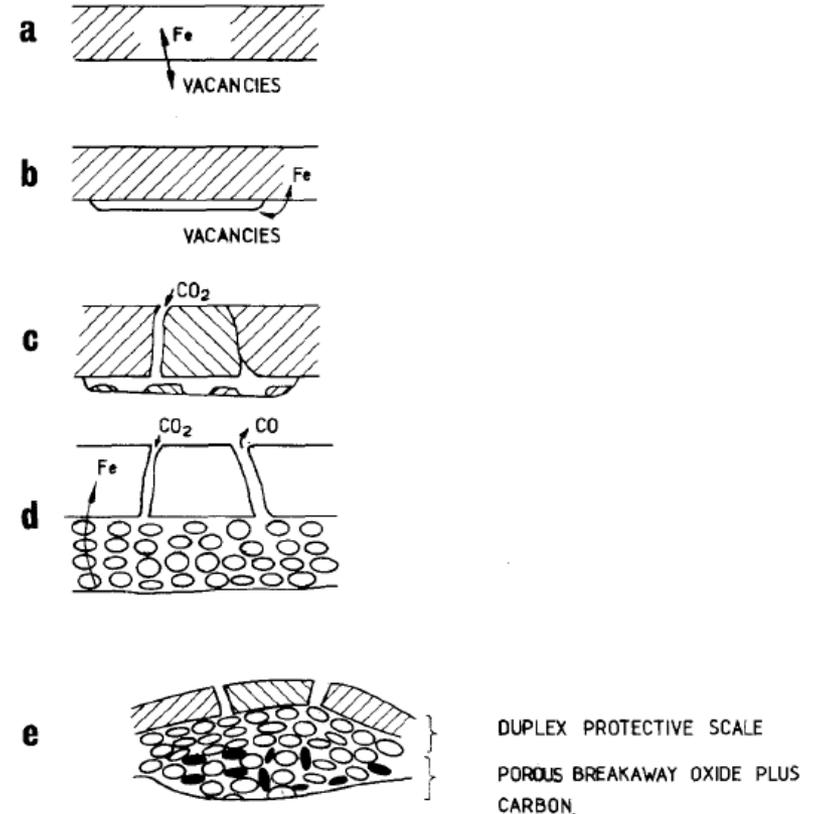
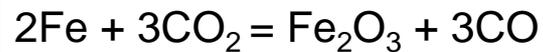
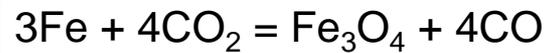
- Surface layer is Hematite (Fe_2O_3) --- XPS reveals only Fe^{3+} at the surfaces
- Raman and XRD indicate the presence of both Hematite (Fe_2O_3) and Magnetite (Fe_3O_4)
- Combination of these analyses reveals a bi-layer structure with corrosion being dominated by Magnetite growth over time

Results consistent with mild steel corrosion in CO₂

Behavior of Mild Steel during CO₂ Exposure



J. Ferguson, B.N.E.S. International Conference on Corrosion of Steels in CO₂, September 1974.

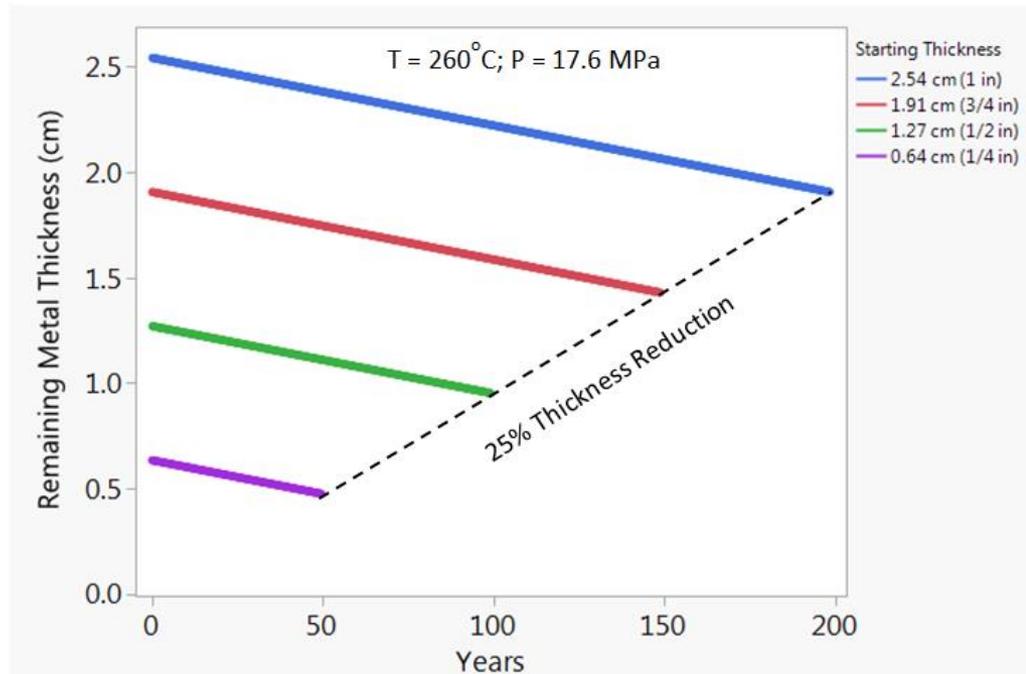


G. Gibbs, *Oxidation of Metals*, Vol. 7, No. 3, 1973

Low corrosion rate merits consideration in SCO_2 systems

Summary of Results

- Weight loss data used to determine:
 - Time to breakaway ~ 1500 hrs
 - Post-Breakaway Corrosion Rate: 0.032 mm/year (1.25 mils/year)
- Applicability of mild steel for components in SCO_2 Brayton cycles
 - Low corrosion rate projects long lifetime for parts
 - Susceptibility of scale to spalling is a concern as it grows thicker; this could lead to component erosion ---- Need to look at longer term exposure

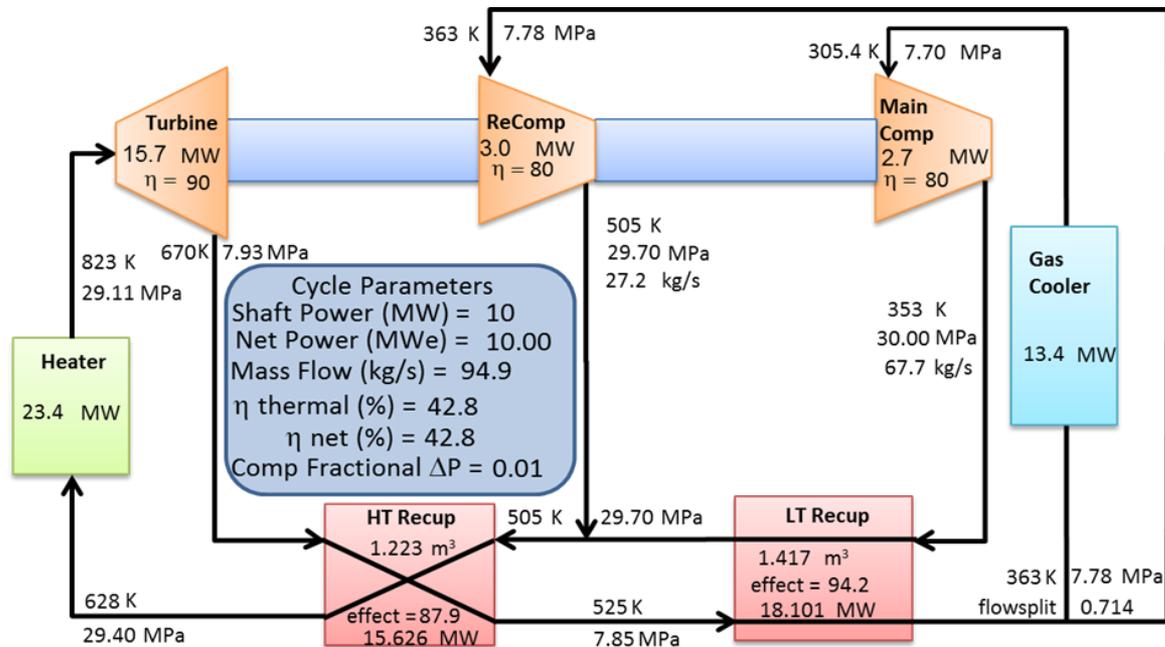


Identifying Material Options for a 10 MW RCBC Systems

10 MW System Component Materials Selection for TIT's 550°C and 700°C

- Defining exposure conditions and performance requirements
- Identification of alloys and their characteristics that satisfy the performance requirements for each component

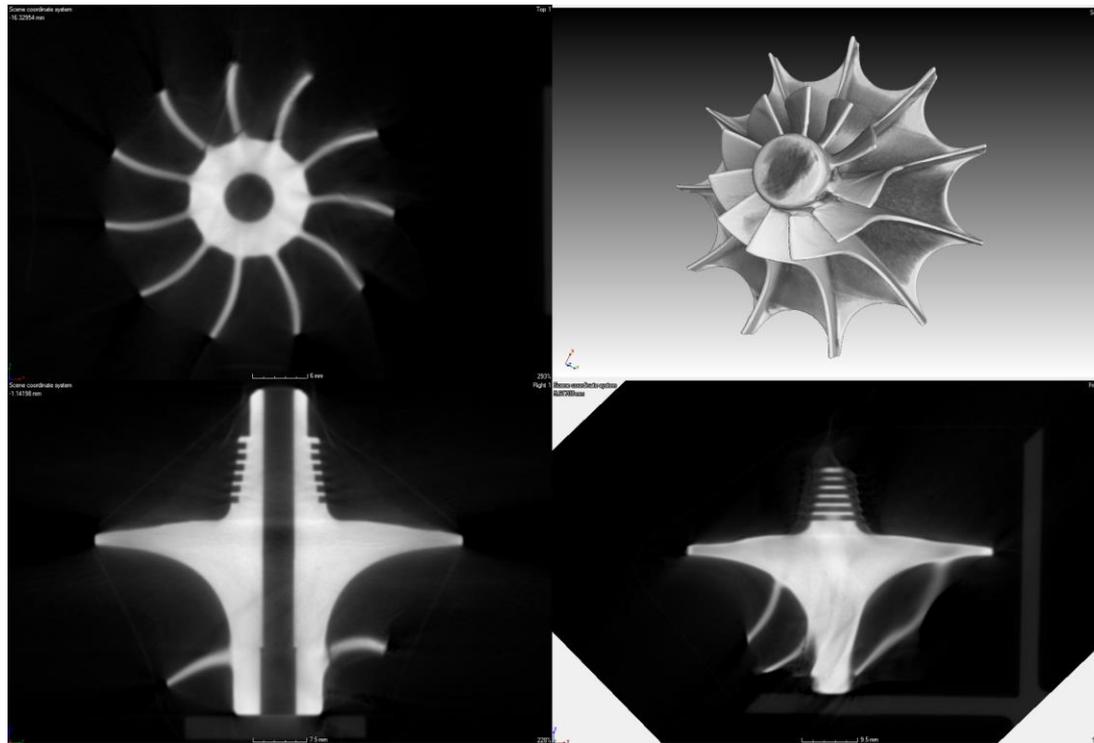
TIT = 550°C, Wet Cooling



Understanding and Resolving Turbine Degradation

Turbine Degradation Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

- RCA conducted in February 2016 provided many possible causes of turbine degradation
- Next phase is to prove/disprove prioritized list of causes



Computed Tomography (CT) being used to identify turbine degradation

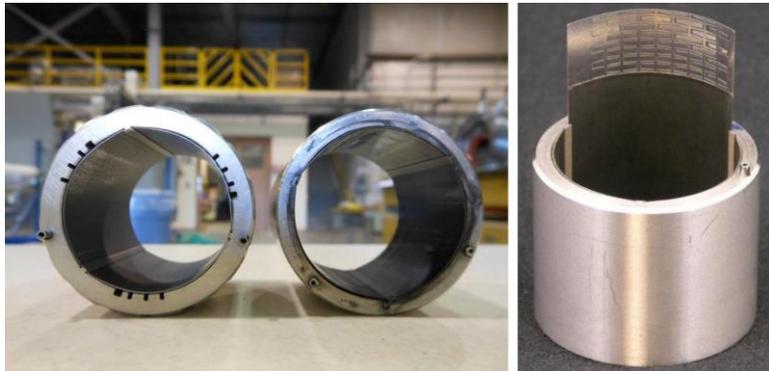
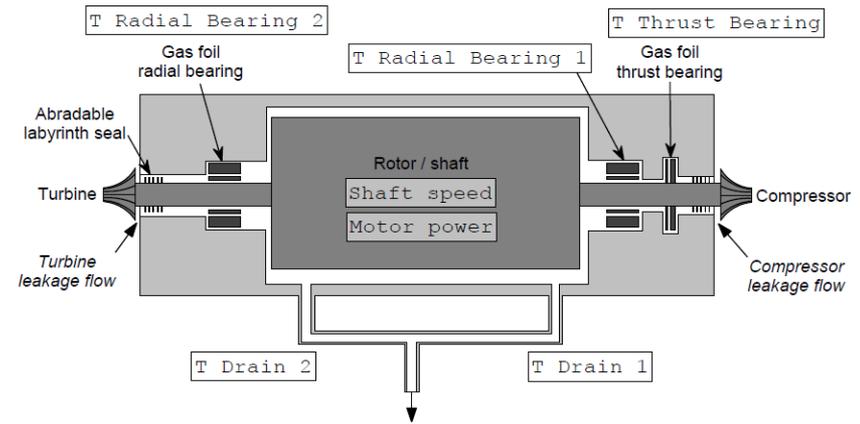
Identifying Bearing Foil Material Behavior in CO₂

Bearing Foil Experimental Plans

| Source | Temperature, °C | Pressure, psi | Duration, hrs |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Mohawk Innovative Technologies | 315, 550 | 300 | 500, 1000, 1500, 2000 |
| Xdot Engineering and Analysis | | | |
| Baseline | | | |

Measurements (Pre + Post Exposure):

- Microstructure of base metal plus coating
- Coating adhesion strength
- Coating surface roughness
- Coating coefficient of friction



Multiple Approaches to Gas Chemistry Understanding

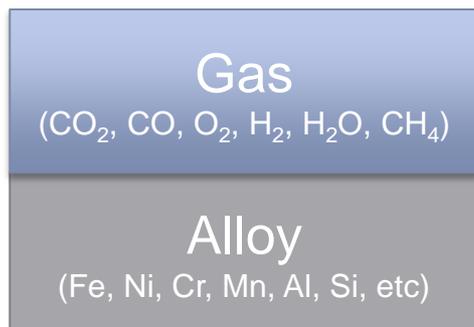
Corrosion experiments

- Alloys: 625, 316, HR120, Grade 91, T22
- T = 550°C
- Pressure = 1 atm
- Duration = 500, 1000, 1500, 2000 hours

| | CO ₂ | CO | O ₂ | H ₂ O | H ₂ | CH ₄ |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Research Grade 99.999% | < 2ppm | < 2ppm | < 2ppm | < 1ppm | < 2ppm | < 4ppm |
| Industrial Grade 99.5% * | A | B | C | D | E | |
| 99.5% | 0.5% | | | | | |
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* Need to measure gas for specific impurity concentrations

Thermochemical modelling of gas chemistry - alloy interactions using FactSage

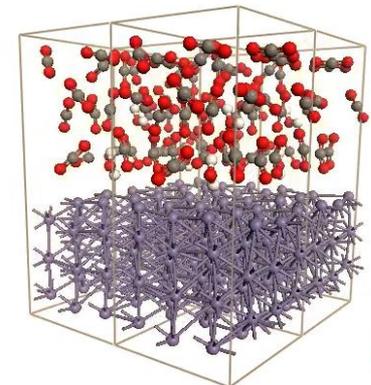


← Equilibrium gas chemistry, $f_{(T, P)}$

← Oxide formation, $f_{(T, P)}$

Molecular dynamics simulations of interfacial processes

- Simulations up to 850 K are underway to understand the interaction of CO₂ with Fe and Ni surfaces
- Impurity gases / alloy constituents will be included later



Questions?

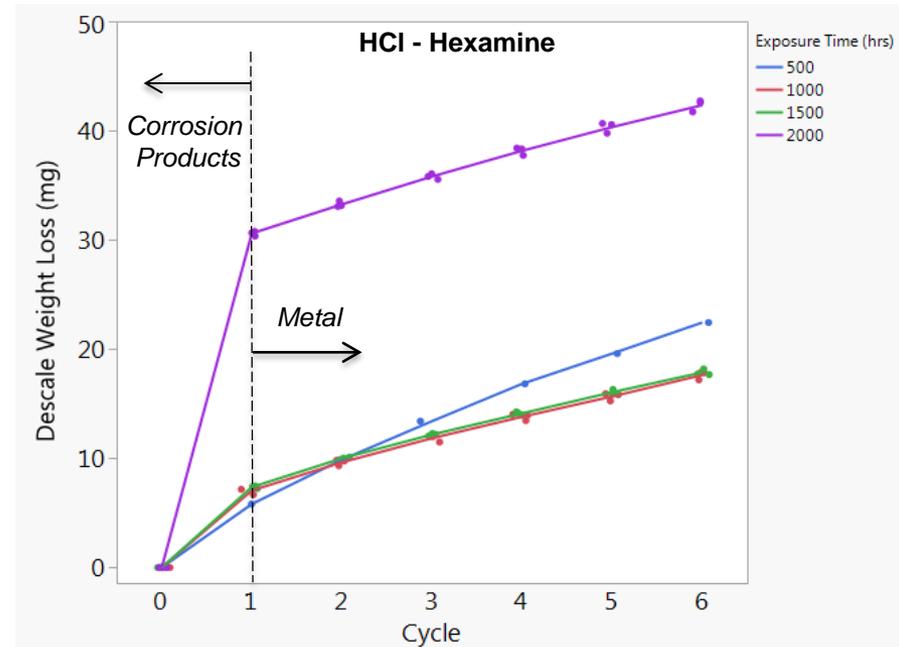
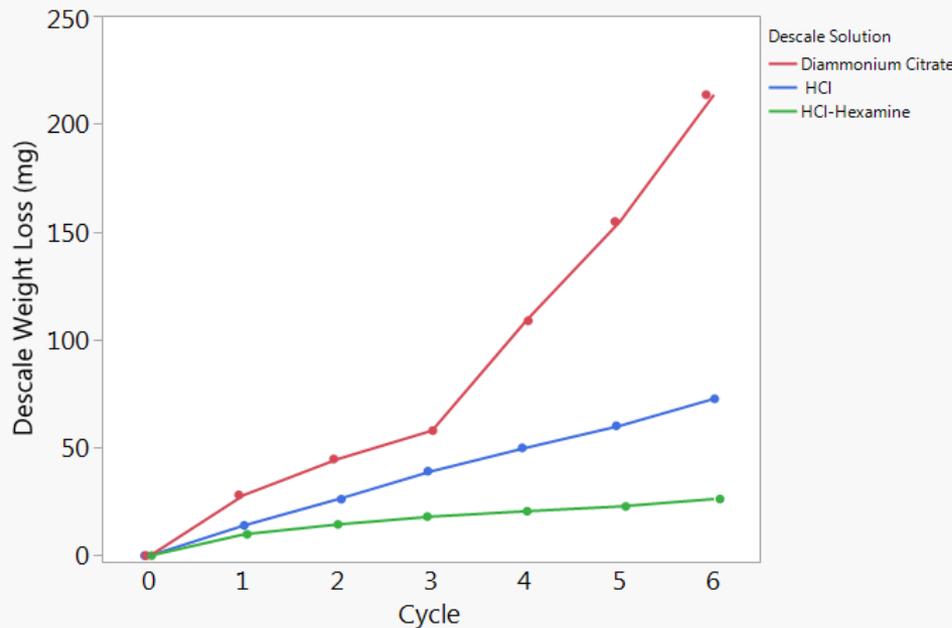
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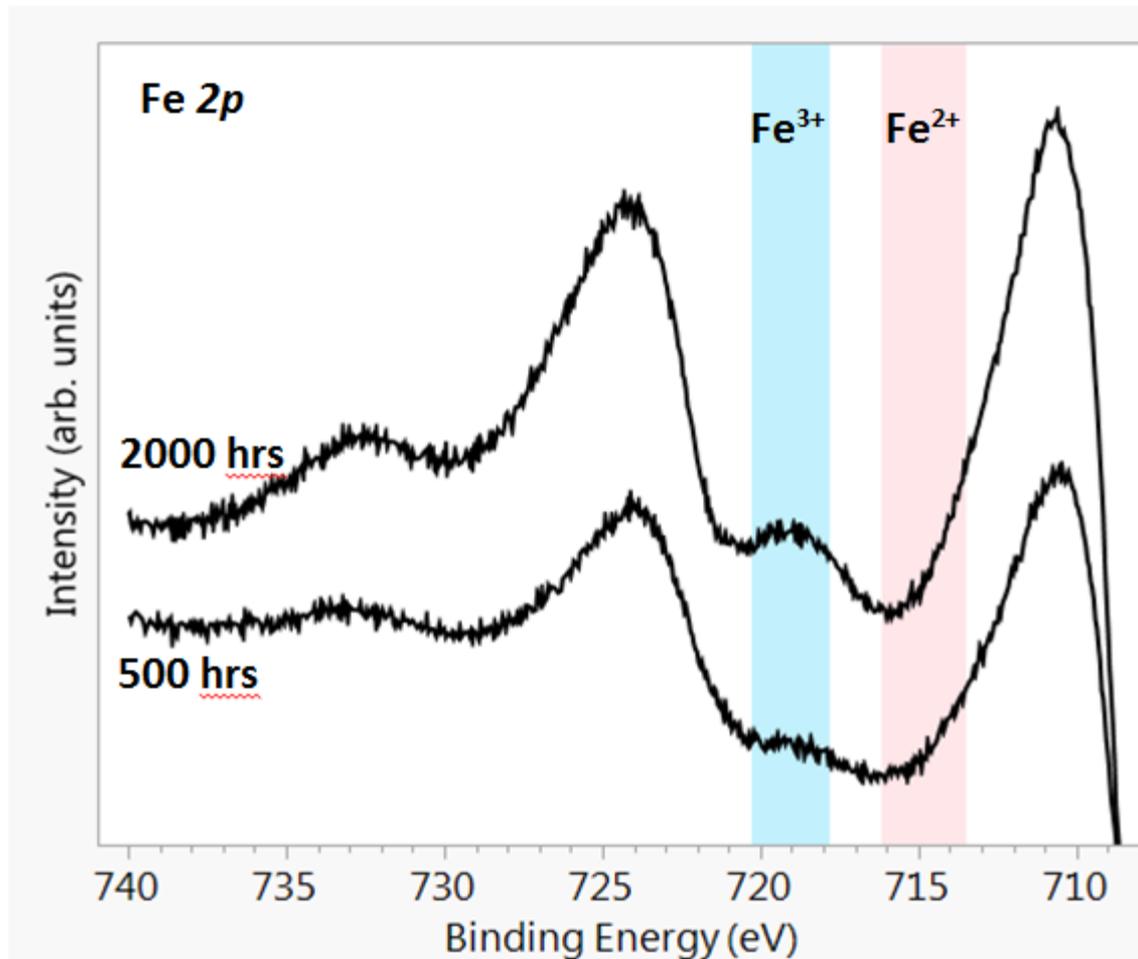
Two approaches for determining extent of corrosion

Corrosion Measurements

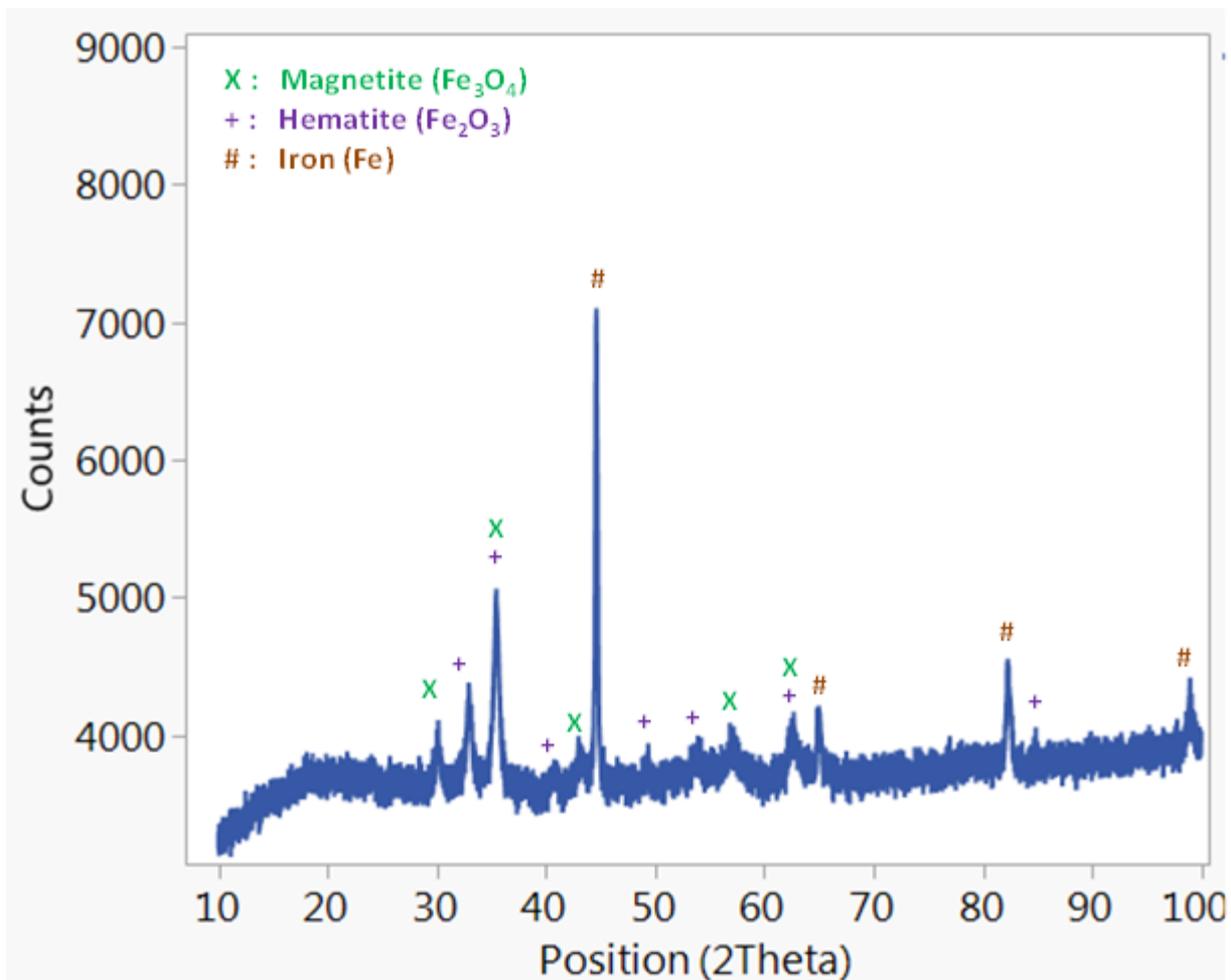
- Post-exposure sample weight gain measurements
- Measuring corrosion products through descale chemical treatment
 - Three descale solutions evaluated (ASTM G1-03)

| Solution | Solution Temp (°C) | Cycles | Cycle Duration (min) |
|---|--------------------|--------|----------------------|
| 6M HCl (21 wt %) | 20-25 | 6 | 10 |
| 6M HCl (21 wt %) + Hexamethylene tetramine (0.3 wt %) | 20-25 | 6 | 10 |
| Diammonium Citrate (20 wt %) | 75-90 | 6 | 10 |

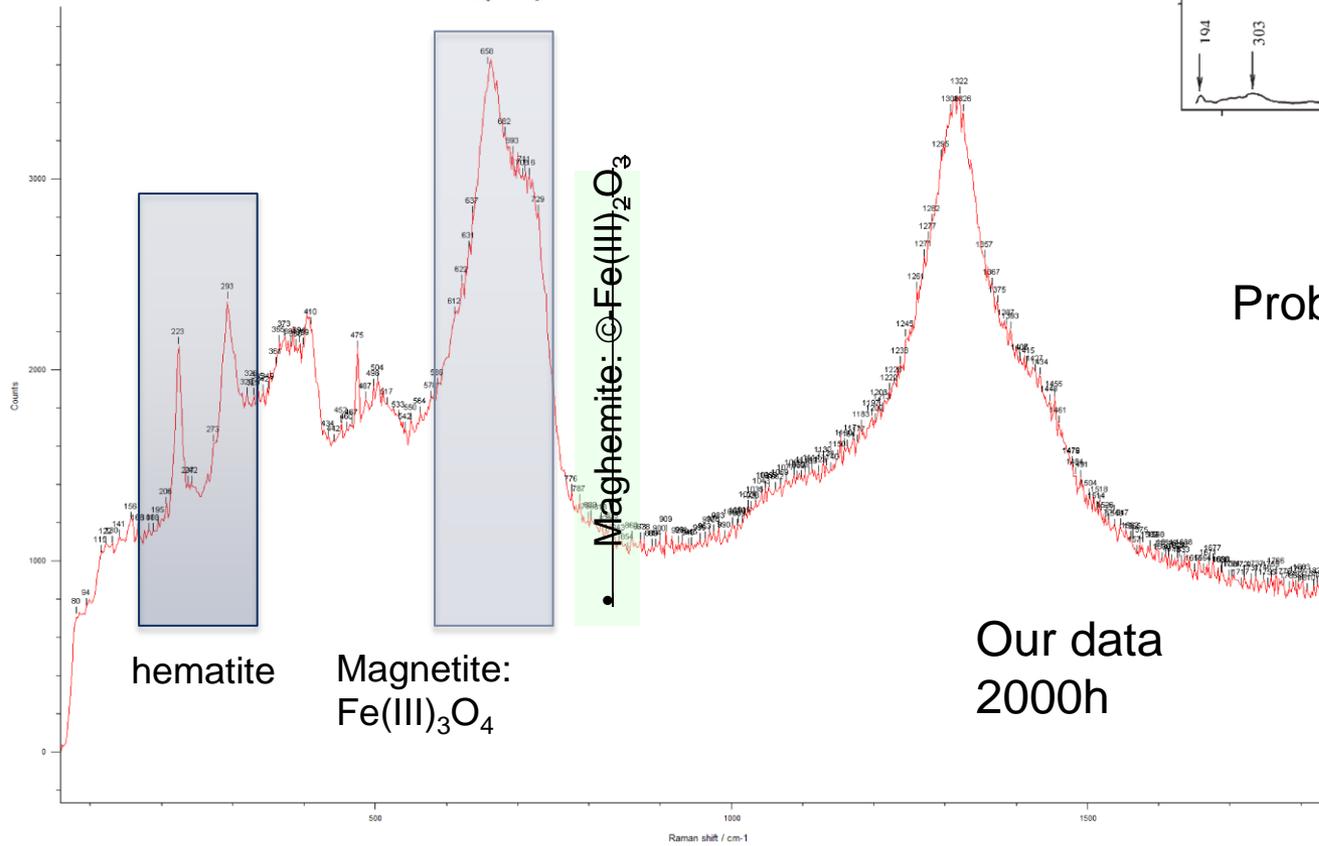
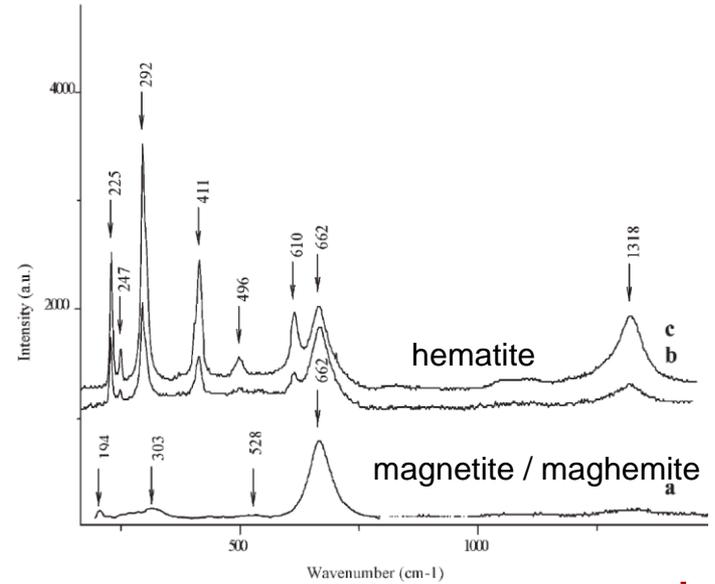
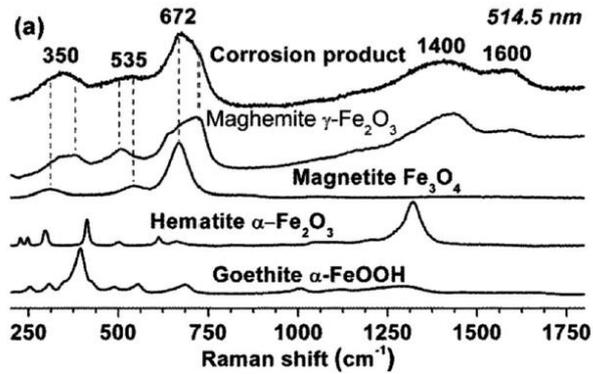




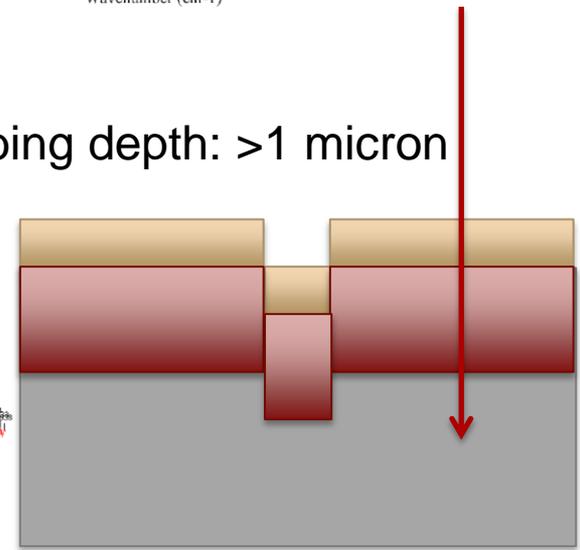
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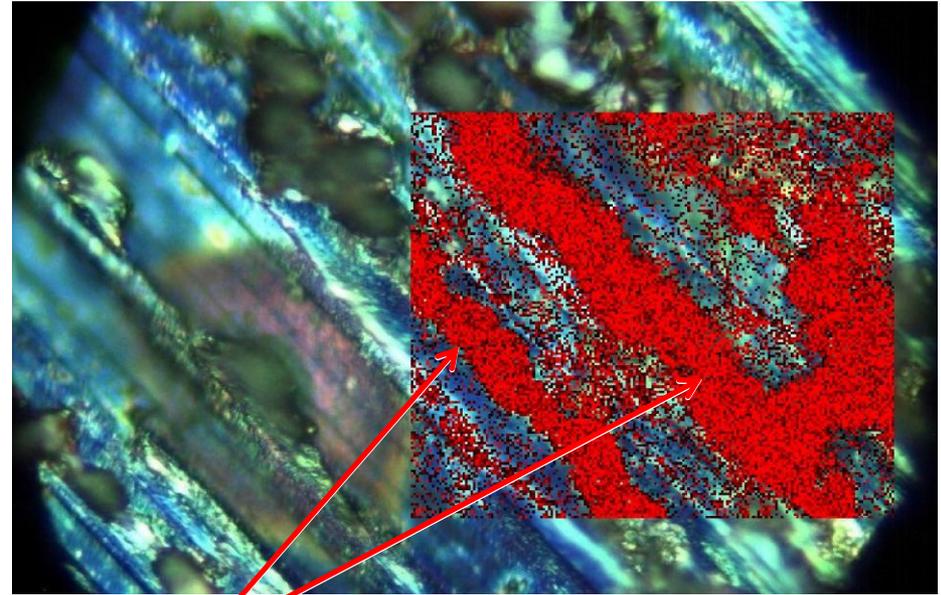
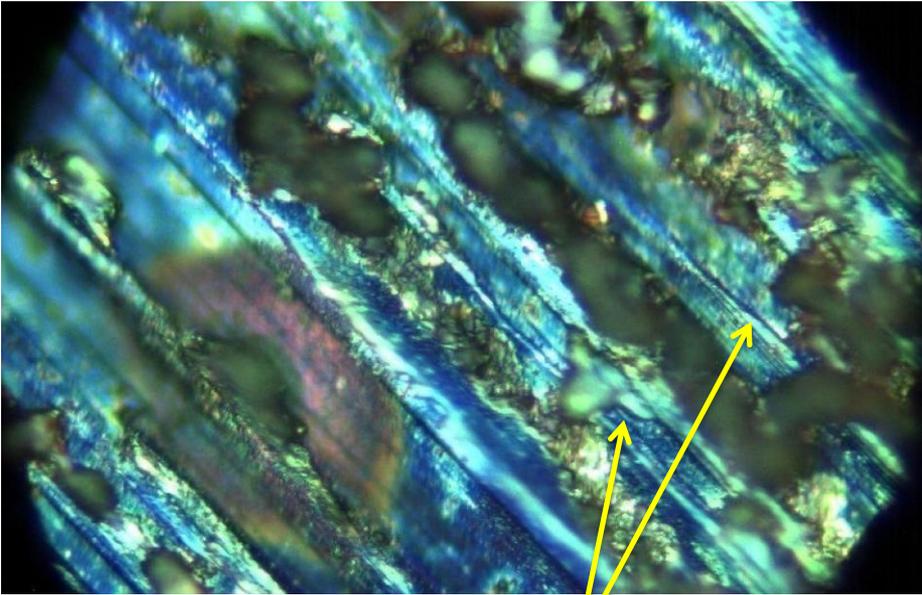
Raman



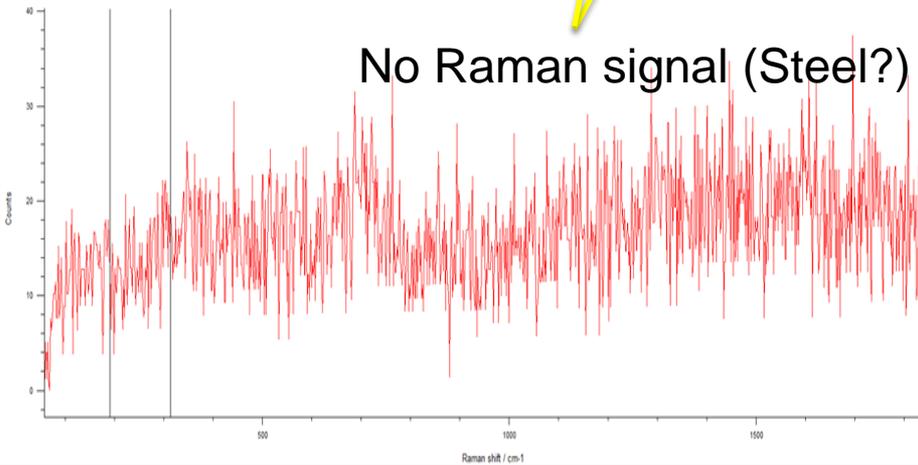
Probing depth: >1 micron



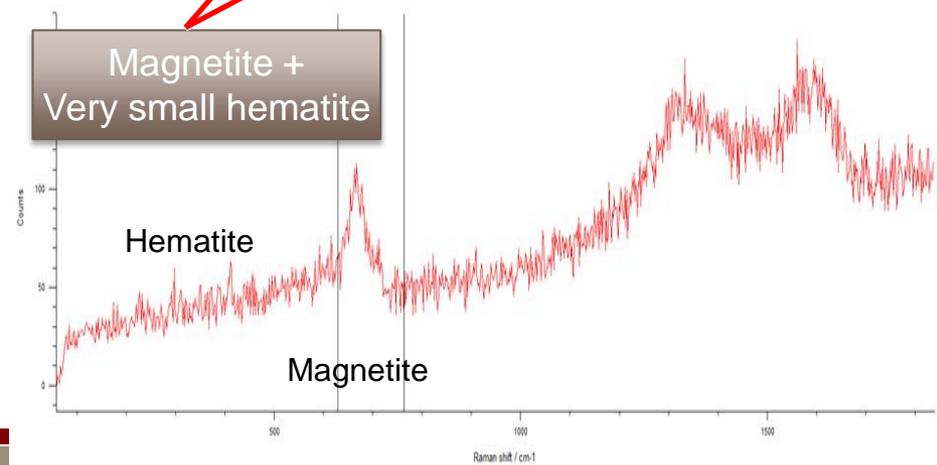
500 h Raman



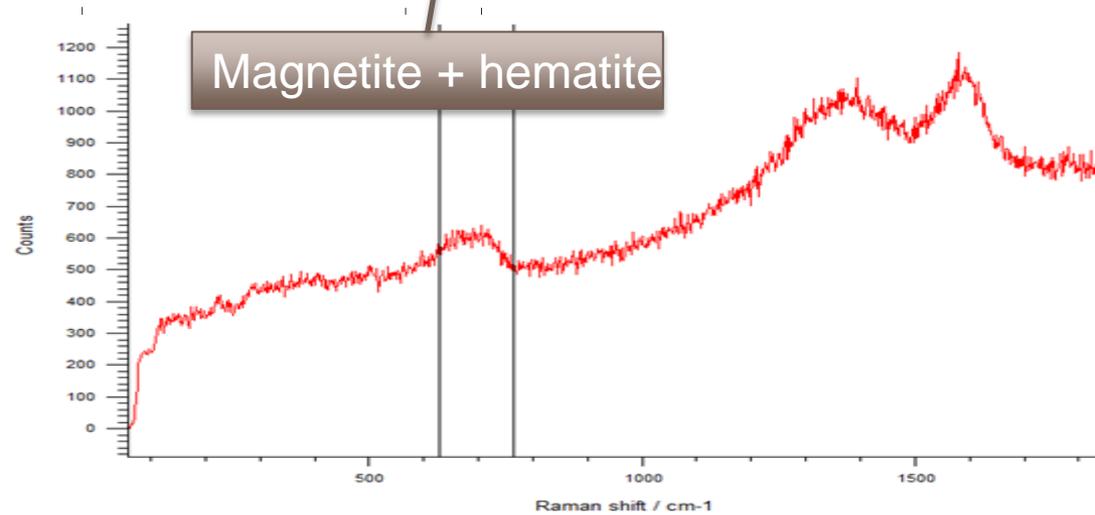
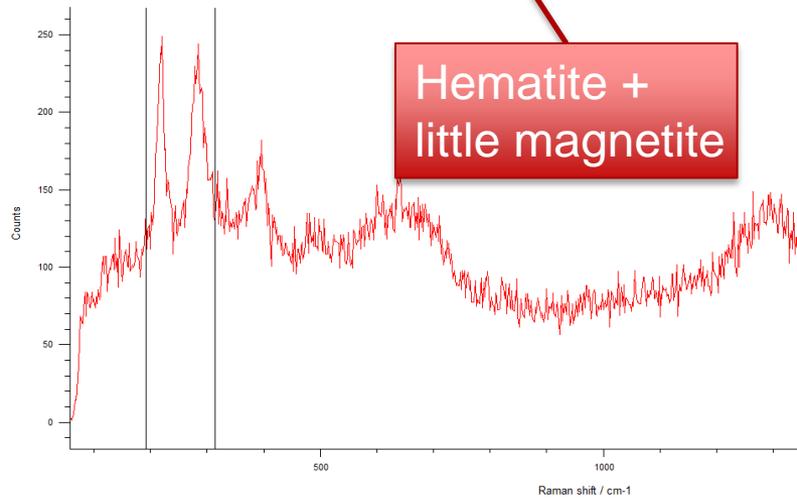
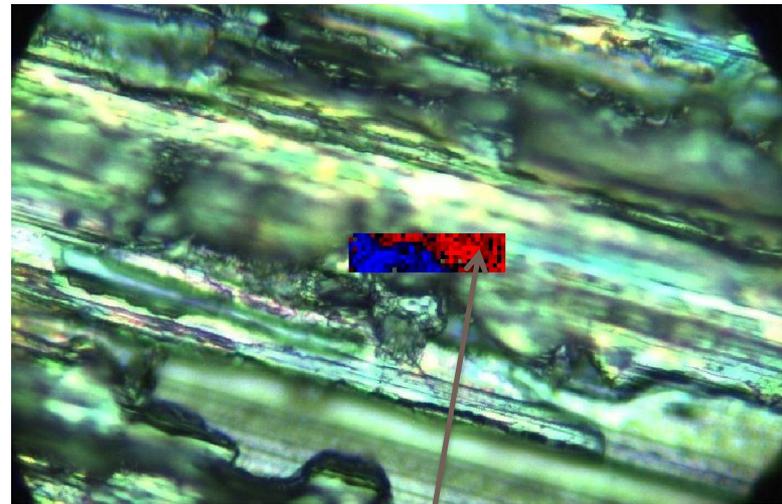
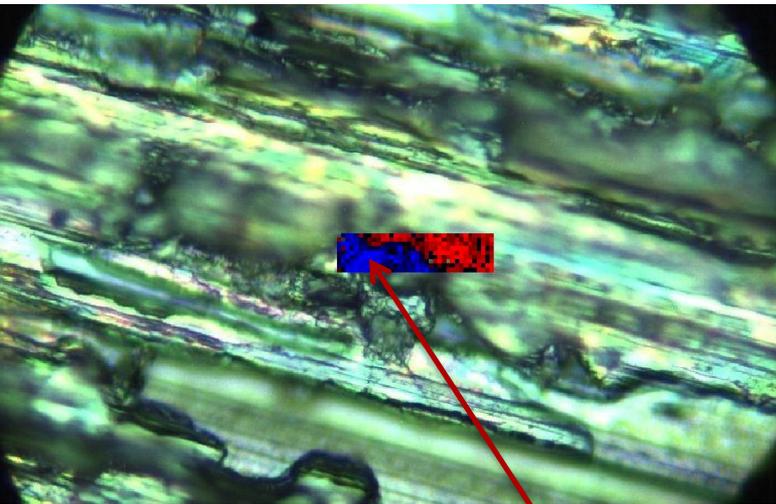
No Raman signal (Steel?)



Magnetite +
Very small hematite



Raman, 2000h sample



Both phases exist in the 2000 samples

