# **Fossil Energy Advanced Materials Program**



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## **Roddie Judkins**





### **A Typical Day for Rod Judkins**





... And He Loved It!!!!

# Real Men Don't Ask For Directions





### **Advanced Research Materials Program**



#### **Annual Material Budget**



#### **FY08 Budget Allocation**



## **Fossil Energy Key Material Research Areas**



EHT = 5.00 kV WD = 7 mm Signal A = 582 mm Hz - 1000 Map + 70 x Date 26 Sep 2002 H Sensors

sample 1



**Oxy-Firing** 



**Fuel Cells** 



## **AR Materials Research Areas**

- **New Alloys** To increase the temperature capability of alloys for use in specific components required for advanced power plants by understanding the relationships among composition, microstructure, and properties.
- Functional Materials To understand the special requirements of materials intended to function in specific conditions such as those encountered in hot gas filtration, gas separation, and fuel cell systems.
- **Breakthrough Materials** To explore routes for the development of materials with temperature/strength capabilities beyond those currently available.
- Coatings & Protection of Materials To develop the design, application, and performance criteria for coatings intended to protect materials from the high-temperature corrosive environments encountered in advanced fossil energy plants.
- Ultra Supercritical Materials To evaluate and develop materials technologies that allow the use of advanced steam cycles in coal-based power plants to operate at steam conditions of up to 760°C (1400°F) and 5,000 psi.





## **Materials R&D Key to Energy Options**

#### Key Research Projects

- USC Boilers and Turbines
- High Temperature Alloys
- Modeling and Material Performance in Low N<sub>2</sub> Environments
- Refractory Material for Slagging Gasifier
- Computational Capability to Protect Corrosion Wastage of Boiler Tubes

#### Development of Advanced Refractory Materials for Slagging Gasifiers



- Thermal Cycling
- Variable Environment (oxidizing on start-up; reducing in service)
- Corrosive Slags of Variable
  Chemistry
- Corrosive Gases
- Pressures ≥ 400 psi



The result is frequent gasifier shutdowns for refractory replacement



# What and Why Oxy-fuel Combustion

- Energy production (in particular, electricity) is expected to increase due to population increase and per capita increase in energy consumption
  - Oxy-fuel combustion is one option for providing increased capacity to satisfy the future energy consumption demand
    - Can be used for retrofitting or new plants
- Global climate change one of the sources for CO<sub>2</sub> increase in the atmosphere is exhaust from fossil fuel combustion plants
  - Oxy-fuel combustion readily supports the capture and sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants



# **Technological Barriers – Materials Needs**

- Better understanding of material performance in oxyfuel environments
  - Evaluate ash assisted hot-corrosion of boiler alloys
  - Develop computational models to predict fireside corrosion will aid in the development of all advanced combustion systems
  - Evaluate other plant components
    e.g., coal pulverizers (wear-corrosion interactions)
- Future Capability: Combine Oxyfuel with USC.
  - Potential cleaner coal combustion technology
    - Oxyfuel: ease of flue gas clean-up and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration
    - USC: maximize efficiency
  - Need cost effective advanced alloys that can withstand the oxyfuel/USC environment
    - higher temperatures and higher pressures than current systems



# **Advanced Sensor Materials**

•Harsh Environmental Conditions

Sensor Material Development



•Rugged Sensor Designs









# **Driver for New Sensing Technology**

#### • Advanced Power Generation:

- Harsh sensing conditions throughout plant
- Monitoring needed with advanced instrumentation and sensor technology.
- Existing instrumentation and sensing technology are inadequate

### • Coal Gasifiers and Combustions Turbines:

- have the most extreme conditions
  - Gasifier temperatures may extend to 1600 °C and pressures above 800 psi. Slagging coal gasifiers are highly reducing, highly erosive and corrosive.
  - Combustion turbines have a highly oxidizing combustion atmosphere.

### • Targeting development of critical on line measurements

- Sensor materials and designs are aimed at up to 1600 °C for temperature measurement and near 500 °C for micro gas sensors.
- Goal is to enable the coordinated control of advanced power plants followed by improvement of a system's reliability and availability and on line
   optimization of plant performance.



# Materials for Sensing in Harsh Environments (Optical and Micro Sensors)

- Sapphire
- Alumina
- Silicon Carbide
- Doped Silicon Carbide Nitride
- Yttria stabilized zirconia
- Fused/doped silica for certain conditions
- Interest in
  - Active / doped coatings
  - 3D porous or "mesh" nanoderived ceramics / metal oxides





### Sensor Packaging (Design, Materials, Technology Transfer)

- Package sensor to enable
  exposure to environment but
  protect for adequate performance
  - Chemical exposure, electrical lead failure, mechanical thermal expansion considerations
- Ease in handling, installation, replacement
- Barrier for technology transfer









### What Does the Future Look Like?

- The USA and the world will face great energy challenges with ever increasing environmental constraints
- Advanced fossil energy power systems will be needed
- The Advanced Research Materials Program is poised to have even greater impacts on future energy systems
  - Novel materials for gas separation
  - Fuel cell materials
  - Next generation stainless steels with higher strength and better oxidation resistance
  - Advanced coatings
  - Prescriptive materials design and lifetime prediction for extreme environments



# **Program Roadmap**

