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IGCC - H₂ Gas Turbine Landscape

Objective

Cleaner Energy from Coal
via
IGCC with Carbon Capture

Approach

Today

GE existing products:
7FB-H2

Capability

- High-H₂ GT fleet
- Successful operation
- Diffusion flame
- Diluent for NOx



FB-H2

Future

- Technology Advances
 - Reduced NOx (2ppm)
 - Increased Performance (+3-5pts)
- DOE Program
 - Increased Output
 - Reduced Cost

	emissions	efficiency	output	cost
Combustion ✓				
Turbine	✓	✓	✓	✓
Materials	✓	✓	✓	✓
Systems	✓	✓	✓	✓

Program Timeline

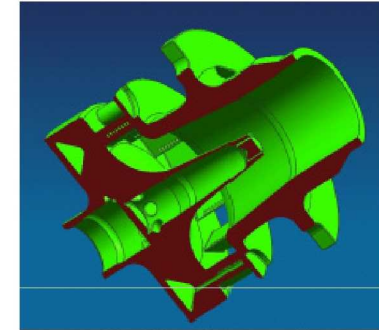


Combustion Technology:

Modeling
Subscale testing
Limited full scale, multi nozzle testing

Phase I... focus on fundamentals

- 'Chemistry' evaluation – fuels, mixing, residence time, EGR
- Benchmark existing NG designs on high H₂ fuels
- Evaluate 1st Gen prototypes (based on traditional designs)
- Evaluate 2nd Gen prototypes (more 'out-of-the-box' – designed specifically for high H₂)



Phase I Goal Complete: Select top two concepts for further evaluation in Phase II



Phase II... design optimization

- Optimize designs for resistance to flashback, flameholding, dynamics
- Obtain data to minimize risk
- Validate the technology

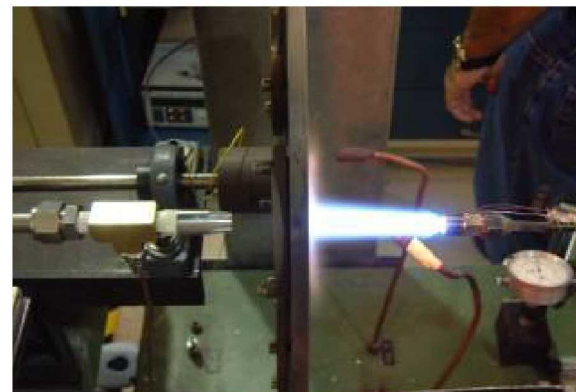
Status: Initial full can/larger scale testing of down selected concepts providing promising results, continuing to drive down emissions and extend operability



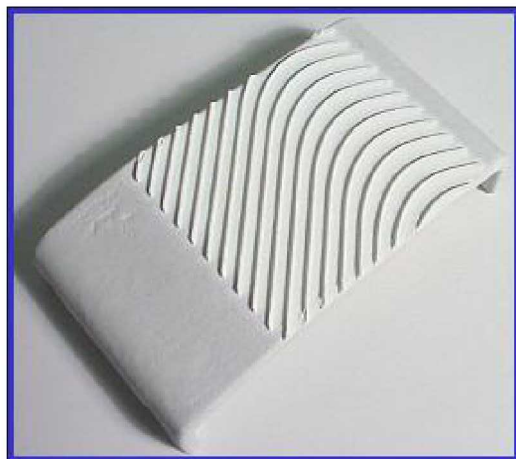
Materials Technology:

Phase I... characterization and development

- Characterizing the environment
- Identification of candidate material/coating systems
- Development of screening tests for material systems (corrosion, erosion, impact)
- CMC/EBC development



Phase I Goal Complete: Screened list of candidate material systems for Phase II



Phase II... enabling turbine technology improvements

- Validation of material systems at component level
- Field testing of components where applicable

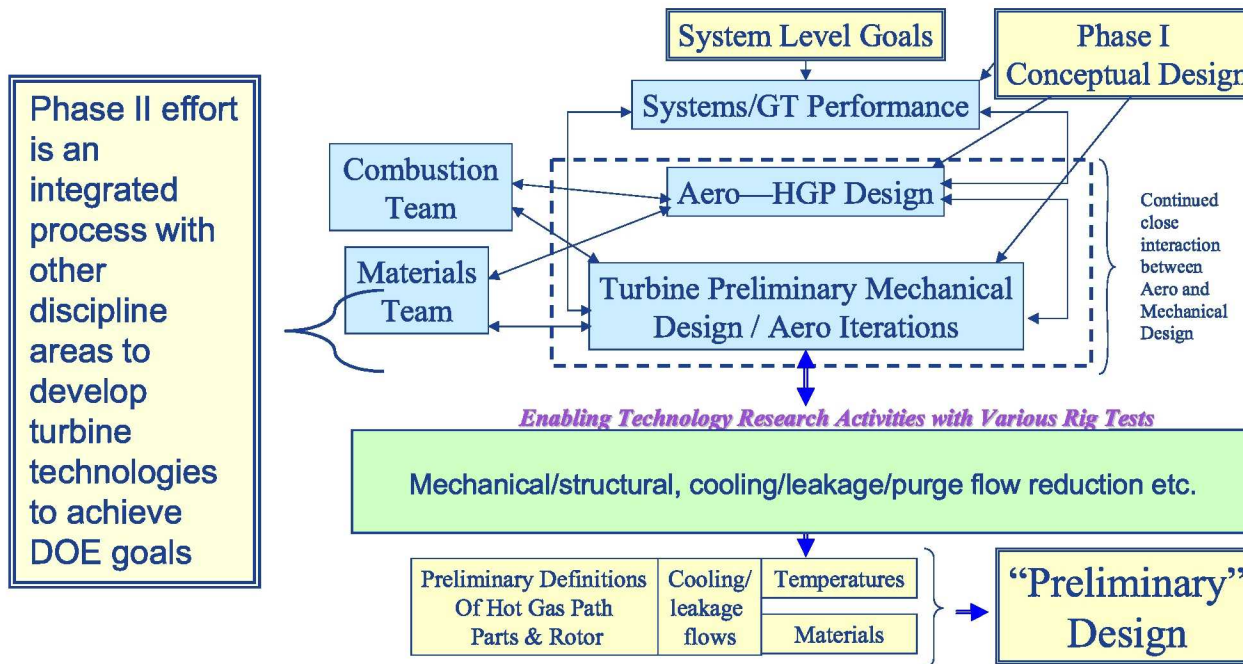
Status: Interim down select completed with significant capability improvements, line of sight to program targets



Turbine Technology:

Phase I... identifying turbine technology improvements

Phase I Goal Complete: Technology development plan for Phase II



Phase II Goal: Validated technologies at the component level

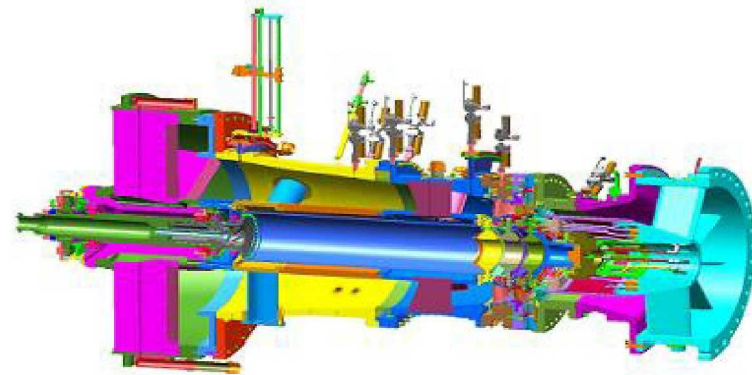
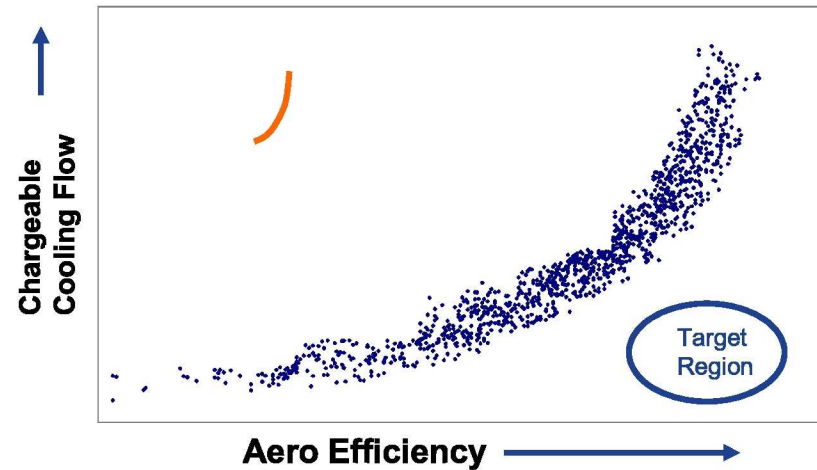
Turbine - Aerodynamics

Advanced Design

- work splits, reaction, and airfoil counts.
- 3-D Aero & Endwall Contouring

Turbine Rig Testing

- Learning, Validation



Turbine - Mechanical

Turbine Goal:

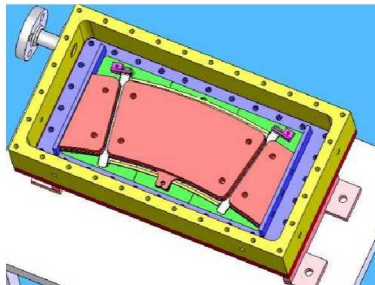
- Higher component efficiency with higher flow rates

Turbine Efforts Launched:

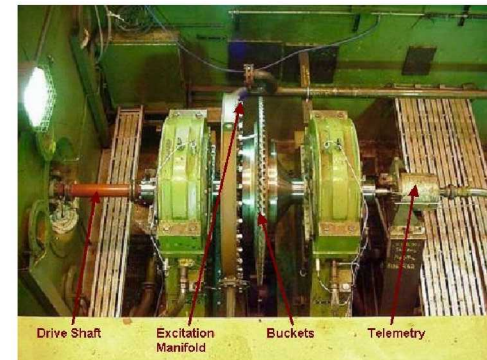
- Conceptual design studies on different turbine concepts – aerodynamic and mechanical
- Advanced technology development to reduce parasitic leakages
 - Transition Piece/Stage 1 nozzle seal
 - Turbine interstage beneath nozzle
- Advanced technology dev. to address turbine blade durability
 - Damping effect on aeromechanics
 - Fretting and wear



TP/S1N
Flow
Fixture



Fretting & Wear
Test



“Wheelbox” Rig Testing



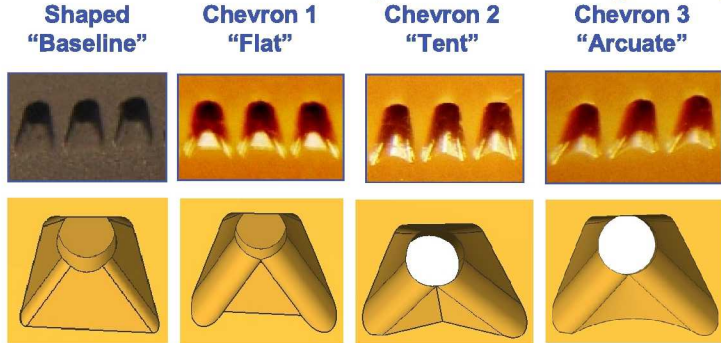
Turbine – Heat Transfer/Sealing Plans

- **Cooling Flow Reduction:**
 - Focus on improving turbine hot gas path part cooling efficiency
 - Applicable to current metallic turbine components and synergistic with advance materials
 - Address challenges of IGCC/hydrogen fuel environment (for example, possible cooling hole plugging)
- **Leakage Flow Reduction:**
 - Focus on decreasing turbine parasitic leakages, i.e. between static-to-static, static-to-rotating, and rotating-to-rotating turbine parts
 - Develop improved seal designs in a variety of important areas
- **Purge Flow Reduction:**
 - Focus on decreasing required flows to keep rotor disk cavities within temperature limits
 - Develop improved sealing at the cavity rims and modified flow geometries to minimize hot gas ingestion and aerodynamic impact



Cooling—Advanced Film Cooling

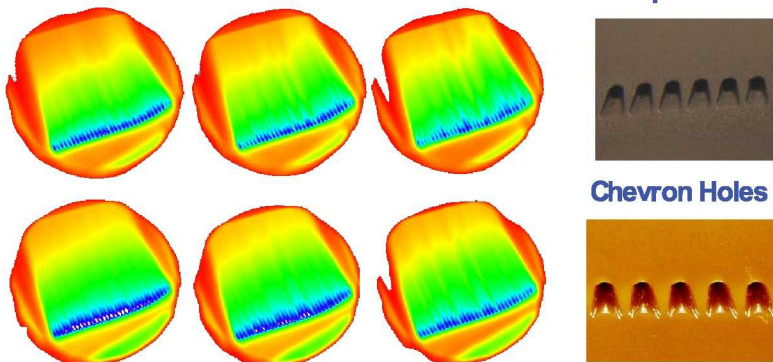
Diffuser and Chevron shaped film cooling hole geometries*



- 0.66 mm diameter
- 30-deg to surface tangent
- 20-deg lateral diffuser
- 10-deg laidback
- 0.46 mm diameter "chevron" edge troughs

Blowing Ratio or Pressure Ratio

Low Moderate High

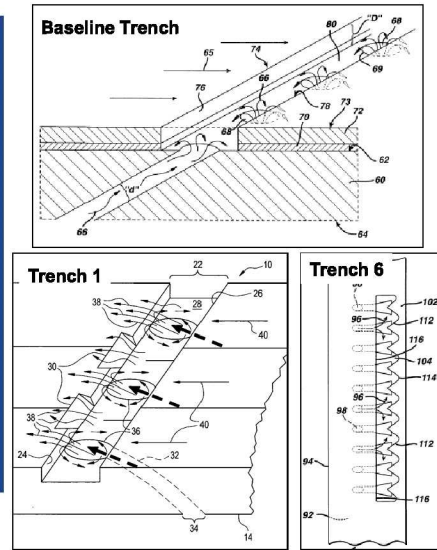


Full-surface film effectiveness data for diffuser shaped holes and chevron holes.



* Hole shapes based on US patents: 7,328,580, 6,234,755, 6,234,755, and 2008/0057271A1.

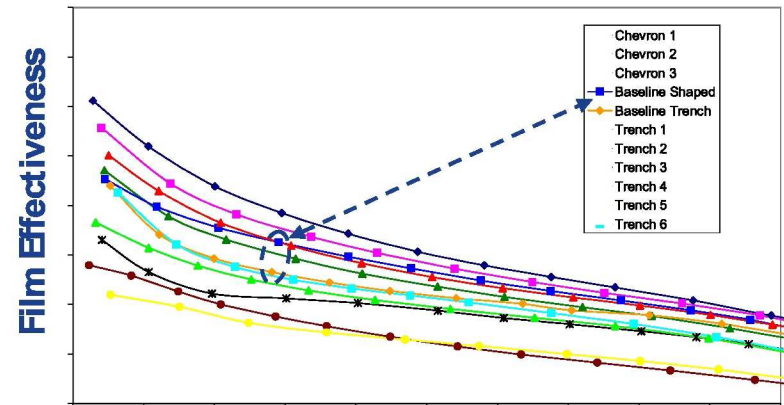
Example geometries for shallow trench film cooling*



Results to date show:

- Some hole/trench configurations provide up to 20% higher average film effectiveness than diffuser shaped holes.
- Aerodynamic mixing losses were also measured

Laterally averaged film effectiveness curves



Distance Downstream of Holes / Hole Diameter

Advanced Sealing—Four Focus Locations

Transition Piece/Stage 1 Nozzle Seal

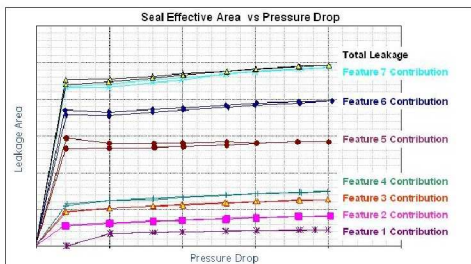


Figure 2. TP/S1N Seal Test Results – Component Contributions to Overall Leakage

- New flow fixture built to test engine size seals.
- Relative axial movement modeled.
- Leakage through various paths measured.
- Current and new seal designs tested to optimize seal design

High Pressure Packing Seal



- Passive retractable brush seal design based on successful GE steam turbine retractable seals
- Testing at full pressure conditions

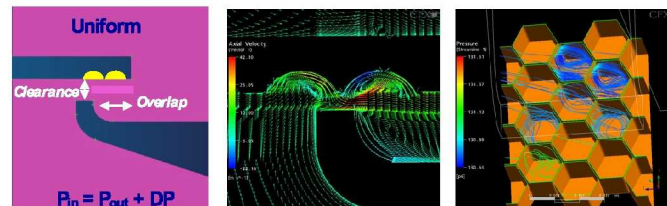


Turbine Interstage Seal



- New seal approaches investigated.
- Initial testing on 5-in flow rig.
- Intermediate size rig being built

Angel Wing Seal

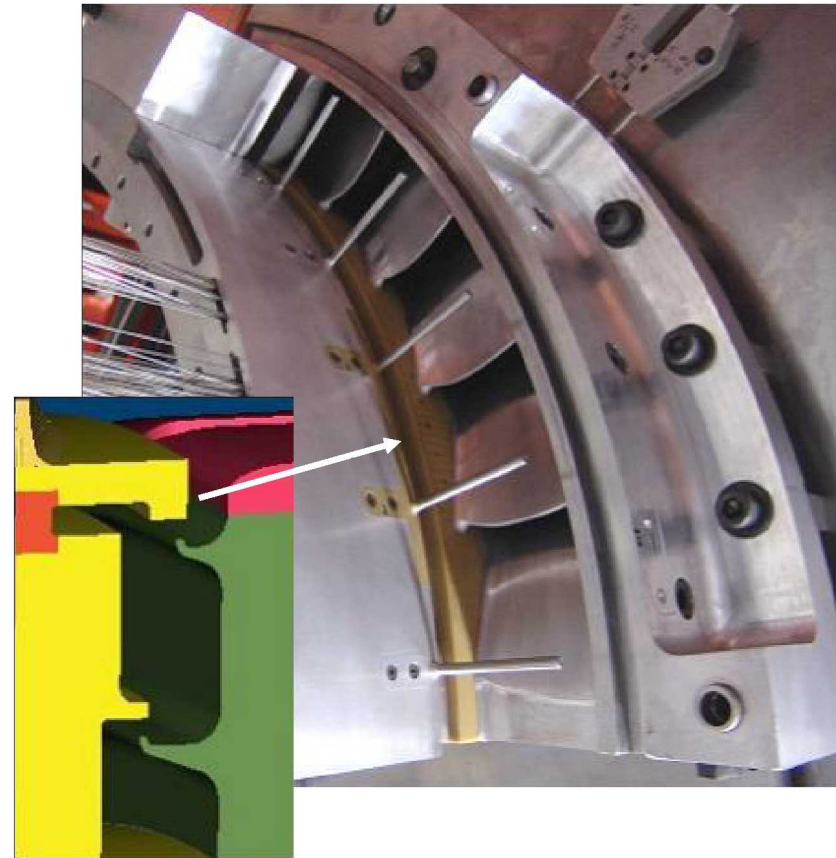
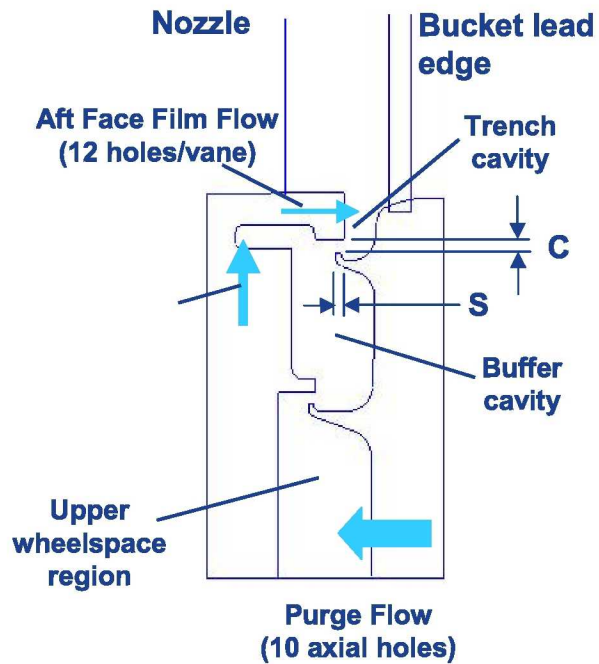


- Identified optimum abraddable geometry/material vs. location
- Flow resistance quantified via. CFD
- Honeycomb → good flow restriction for engine radial closures
- Studying aluminizing honeycomb material to increase oxidation resistance



Purge Flow—Transonic Annular Cascade Screening Tests

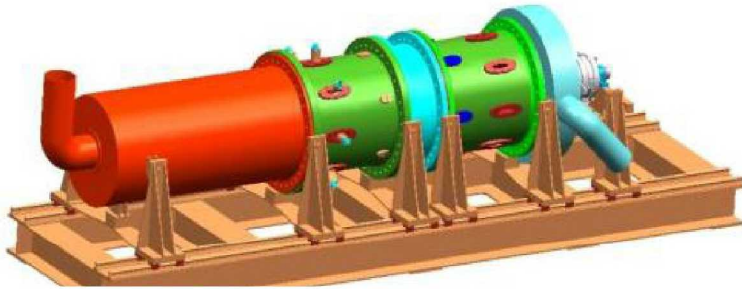
Regional static pressure distributions, Infrared surface temperature maps, trench and buffer cavity cooling effectiveness.



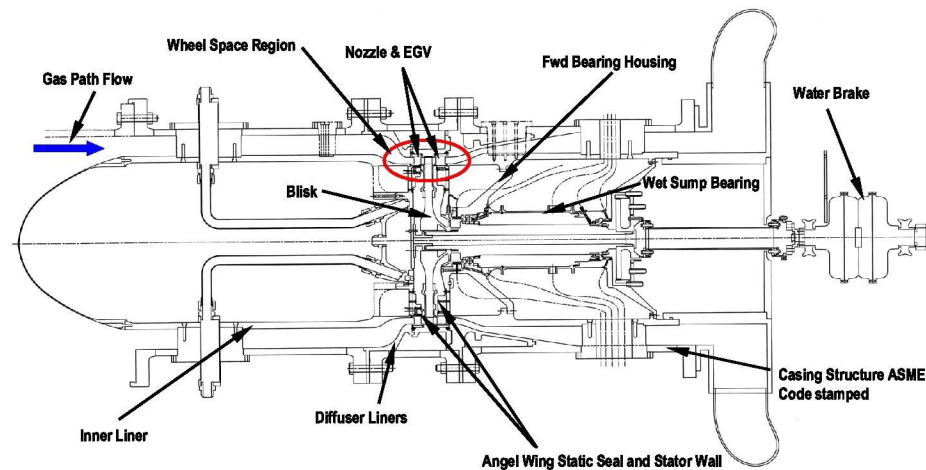
- Annular sector cascade rig run to gather data on rim seal region pressures, temperatures, and hot gas ingestion for various geometries.
- Data used to validate detailed CFD model analysis.
- Potential improved rim seal configurations being tested.



Purge Flow—Rotating Wheelspace Rig Development



Wheelspace Rig Schematic



Test Section Features

- Scaled baseline geometry with flexibility to model other engine configurations
- Features to allow testing variations.
- Rotating and static instrumentation
- Configurations will be tested to achieve optimum designs.
- Data will be used to validate detailed CFD models with rotation.

Summary and Conclusions

1. Strong program – structured to meet DOE goals on efficiency, emissions, and capital cost
2. Phase I completed – all milestones met and significant progress made:
 - Obtained near-entitlement NOx emissions at temperatures of interest for this program
 - Turbine technologies identified to achieve DOE goals – development will expand in Phase II
3. Phase II Underway:
 - Combustion focus narrowed to two concepts
 - Materials focus on optimization of materials/coating systems for environment
 - Heavier turbine effort on mechanical and aero aspects plus:
 - Cooling—initially looking at advanced film cooling
 - Sealing—focusing on four key leakage areas
 - Purge flow—initially using a cascade rig to screen configurations & validate CFD, rotating rig being developed

