



Overview of NASA Transformational Tools and Technologies Project's 2700°F CMC/EBC Technology Challenge

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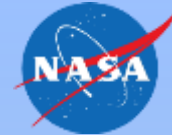
**Advanced Ceramic Matrix Composites:
Science and Technology of Materials, Design, Applications, Performance and
Integration**

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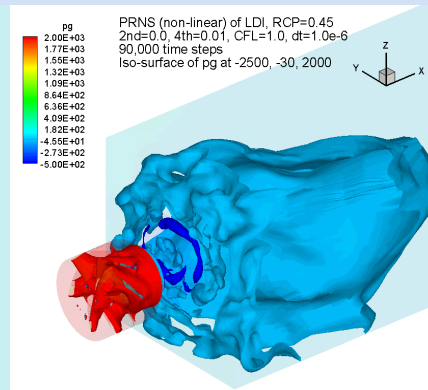
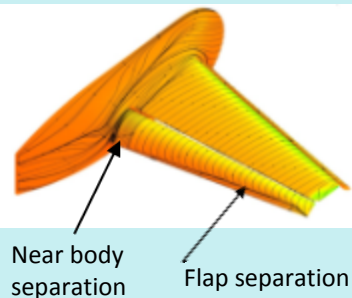
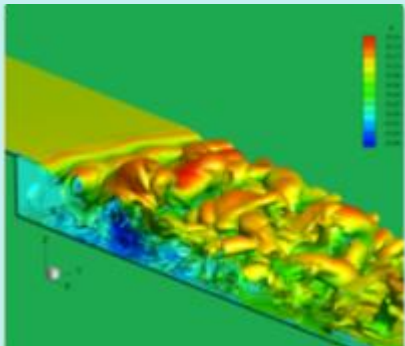
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Summary

Enable fast, efficient design & analysis of advanced aviation systems from first principles by developing physics-based tools/methods & cross-cutting technologies, provide new MDAO & systems analysis tools, & support exploratory research with the potential to result in breakthroughs.

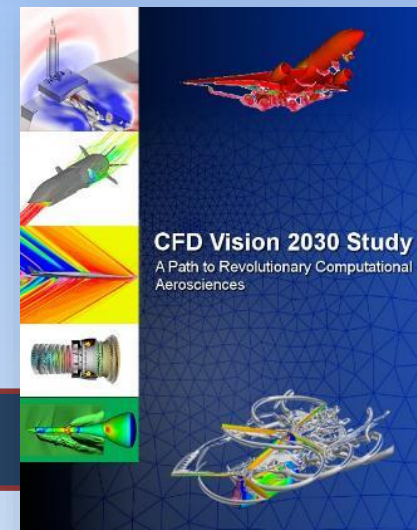
Scope

- Foundational cross-cutting research and technology for civil air vehicles
- Discipline-based research and system-level integration method development
- Support and enable concept development and benefits assessment across multiple ARMD programs and disciplines



Revolutionary Tools and Methods

- Physics-based Predictive Methods for Improved Analysis and Design
- **Improved CFD Models and Algorithms**
- MDAO/System Analysis Tools
- Materials and Structures Modeling and Simulation
- Combustion Modeling
- Validation Experiments



Critical Aeronautics Technologies

- **High-temperature Engine Materials**
- Multifunctional Materials and Structures
- Combustion Technologies
- Propulsion Controls
- Advanced Flight Controls
- Innovative Measurements



EBC-Coated CMC Vane



NiTiHf Shape Memory Alloy torque tube actuators for UAV



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Completion of Technical Challenge TACP02

Assessment of Potential Fuel Burn and NO_x Benefits of CMC Turbine Blades/Vanes on an N+2 Engine

Scott M. Jones and Bill Haller - Provided to Materials & Structures Division (April 2011)

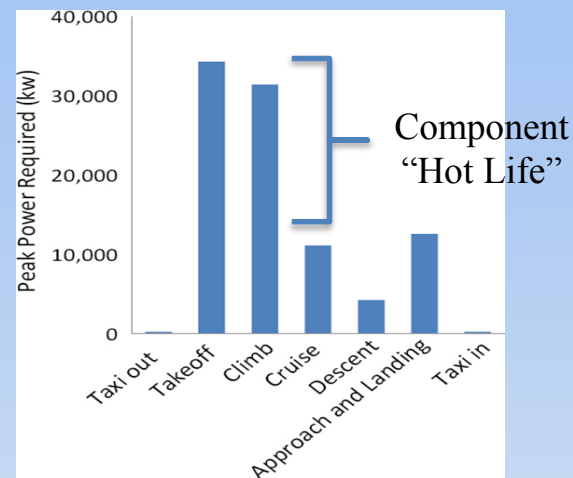
Incorporation of 2700F capable Ceramic Matrix Composites (CMCs) into turbines as HPT and LPT vanes and blades provides a **net overall reduction of 6.0% in fuel burn** and a **greater than 33% reduction in NO_x emissions** (less cooling air, reduced weight).

Success Criteria:

Green: Achieve key durability metrics of 1000 cumulative hours at 30 ksi max stress and 2700°F max material surface temperature.

Yellow: Achieve key durability metrics of at least 300 cumulative hours at 20 ksi max stress and 2700°F max material surface temperature.

Red: Achieve key durability metrics of less than 300 hours at 20 ksi max stress and 2700°F max material surface temperature.



Shroud (10ksi)



Vane (15-25ksi)



Blade (30 ksi)



Increasing Mechanical Loading

M&S - High Temperature Engine Materials (TC #2)

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Technical Challenge:

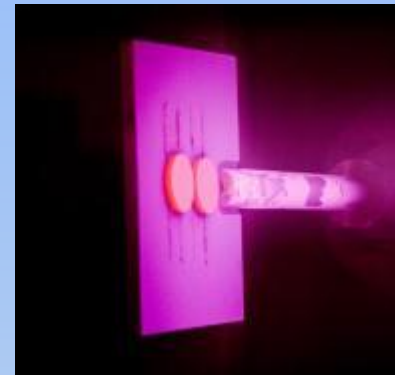
Develop high temperature materials for turbine engines that enable a 6% reduction in fuel burn for commercial aircraft, compared to current SOA materials.

Technical Areas and Approaches:

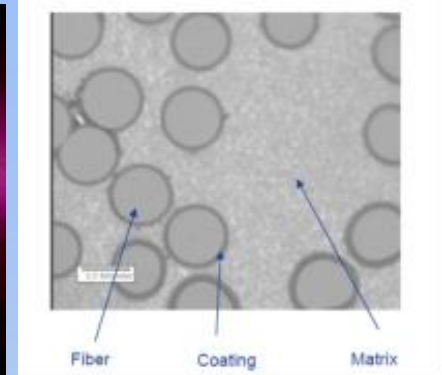
- Ceramic matrix composite (CMC) materials and the required environmental barrier coating (EBC) systems are investigated and developed for 2700F engine environments.
- Models and computational tools for design, analysis, and life prediction are developed.

Benefit/Pay-off:

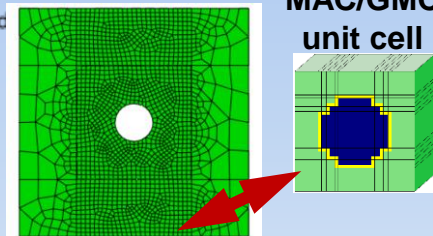
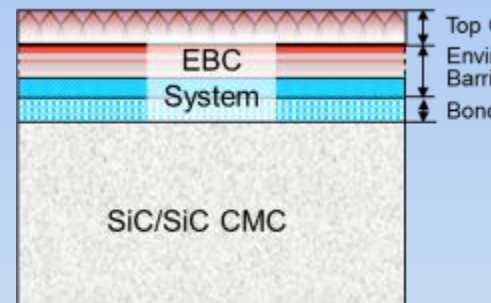
- Enables increase in engine operating temperature, and/or reduced cooling for turbine components.
- Improves fuel efficiency and helps reduce emissions.



PS-PVD Coating Technique



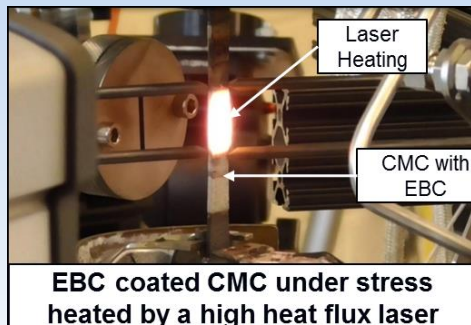
Fiber/Coating/Matrix Development



Abaqus FEM Modeling

Analysis Tools Simulate Failure Process

Testing and test method development

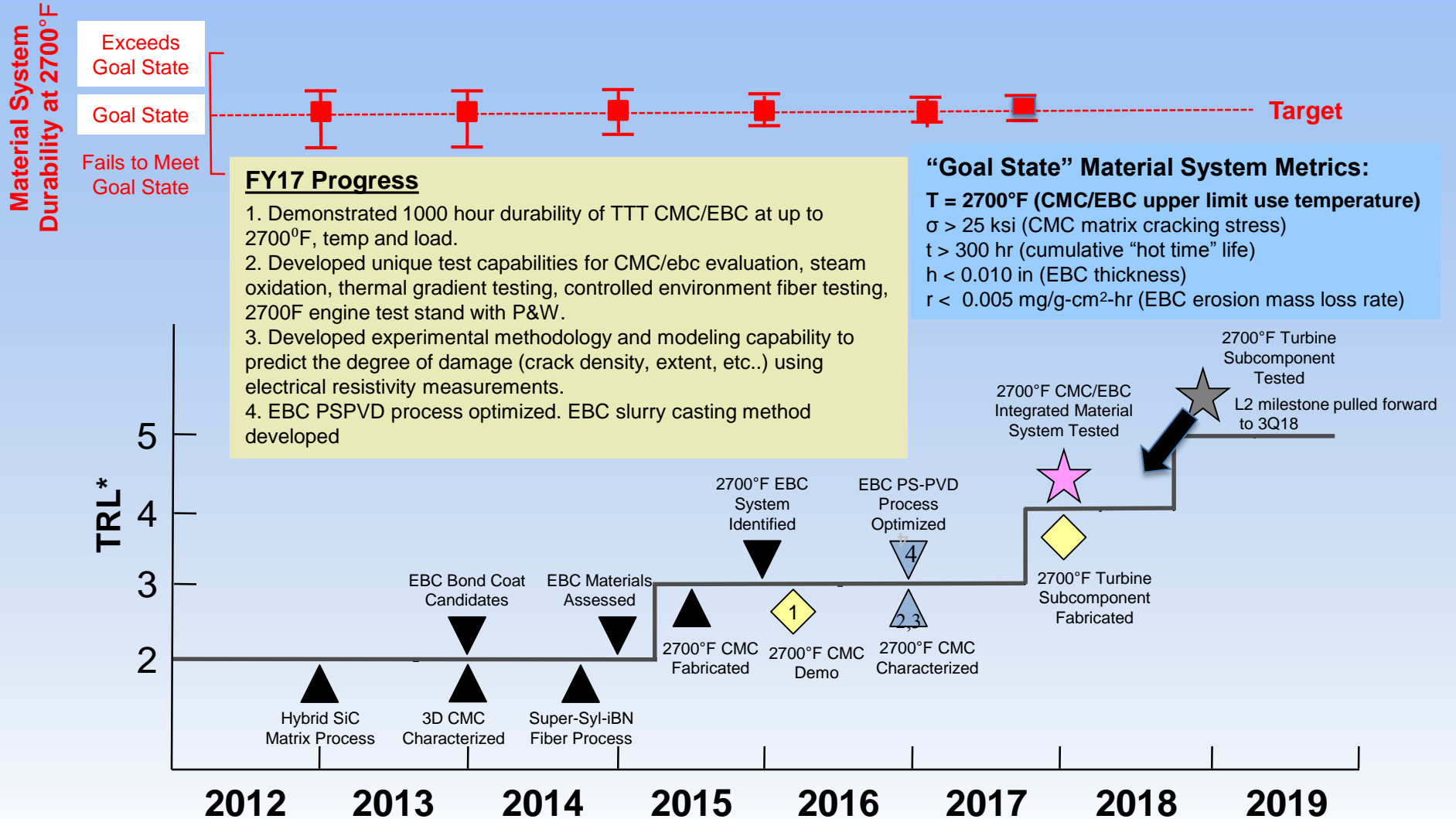


Technical Challenge - High Temperature Engine Materials



Progress Indicator Chart: M&S - High Temperature Engine Materials (TC #2)

Technical Challenge: Develop high temperature engine materials for turbine components enabling 6% reduction in fuel burn (requires 2700°F durability, meeting “goal state” metrics)



*TRL = increasing integration of materials system elements & validated durability



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Introduction

Aircraft engine efficiency can be significantly improved with advanced materials

- Higher temperature materials require less cooling air
- Lower density materials can lead to lower weight of components

Ceramic Matrix Composites (CMCs) offer a significant improvement over metals

- CMCs with 2400°F capability began flying in commercial aircraft engines in 2016
- This is ~300°F higher temperature capability than metals, at 1/3 of the density



CFM LEAP® Shroud
Boeing 737
Airbus A320

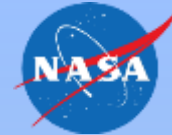
NASA is developing a material system with 2700°F capability

- This technology would reduce aircraft fuel burn by approximately an additional 6%, as well as lowering emissions



TTT 2700°F CMC Incorporates Three Separate Technology Advancements

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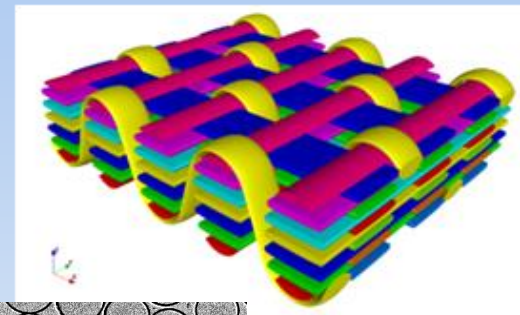


Creep-resistant SiC fiber

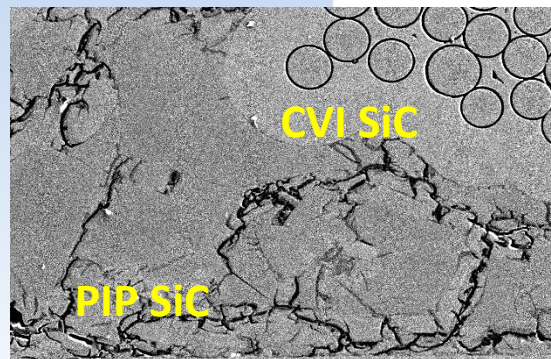


Super-Sylramic-IBN

Advanced 3D fiber architecture



**“Hybrid” SiC matrix
for reduced porosity**



SiC: Silicon Carbide

CVI: Chemical Vapor Infiltration

PIP: Polymer Infiltration and Pyrolysis

Creep- Resistant Silicon Carbide Fibers

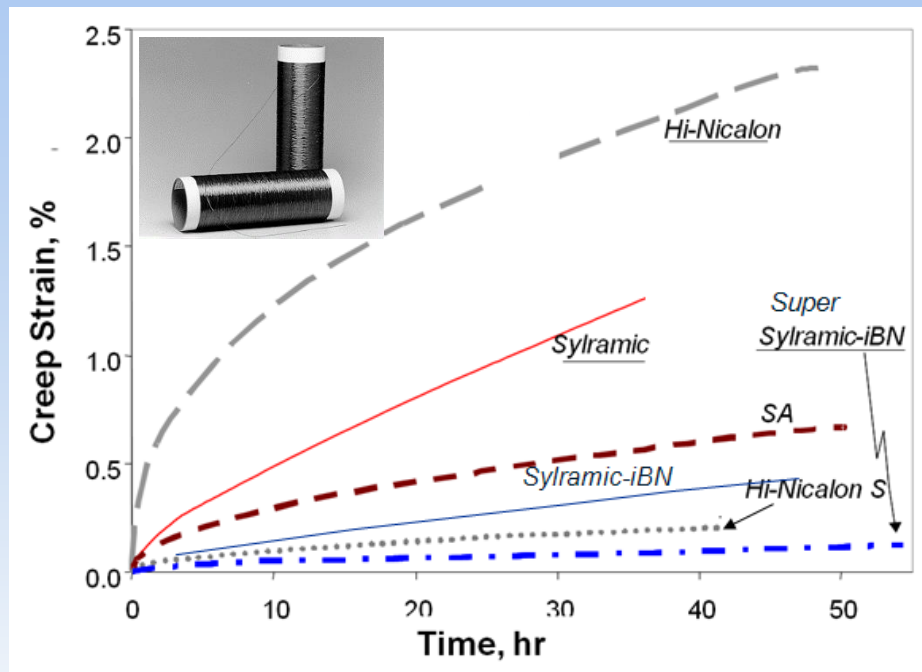
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The 3 best fiber types were studied

- Hi-Nicalon S™
- Sylramic™-iBN *Produced by NASA-developed heat treatment*
- Super Sylramic™-iBN *Produced by NASA-developed heat treatment*

- Hi-Nicalon S™ is the least expensive of the three fibers and is used commercially by engine companies
- Super Sylramic™-iBN performs the best in creep

Fiber Creep Data

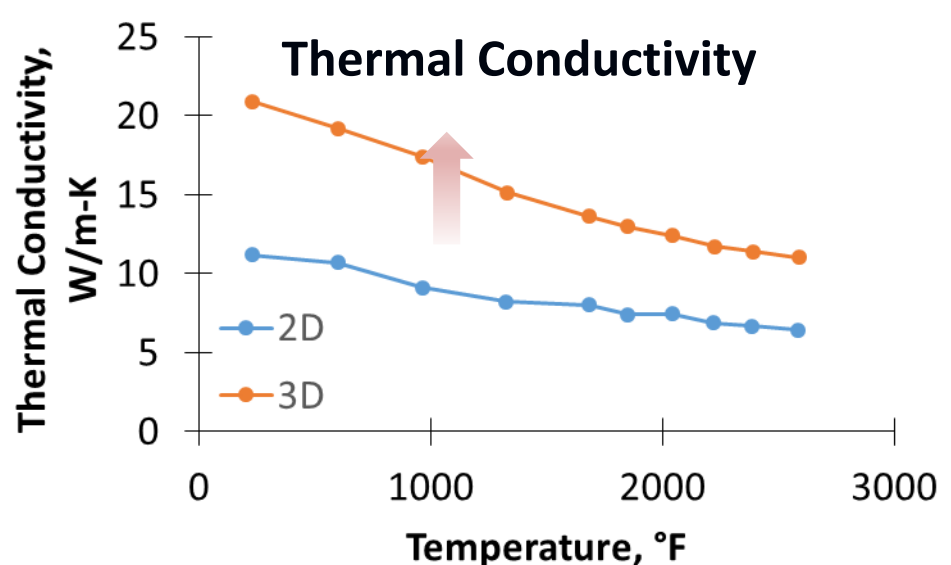
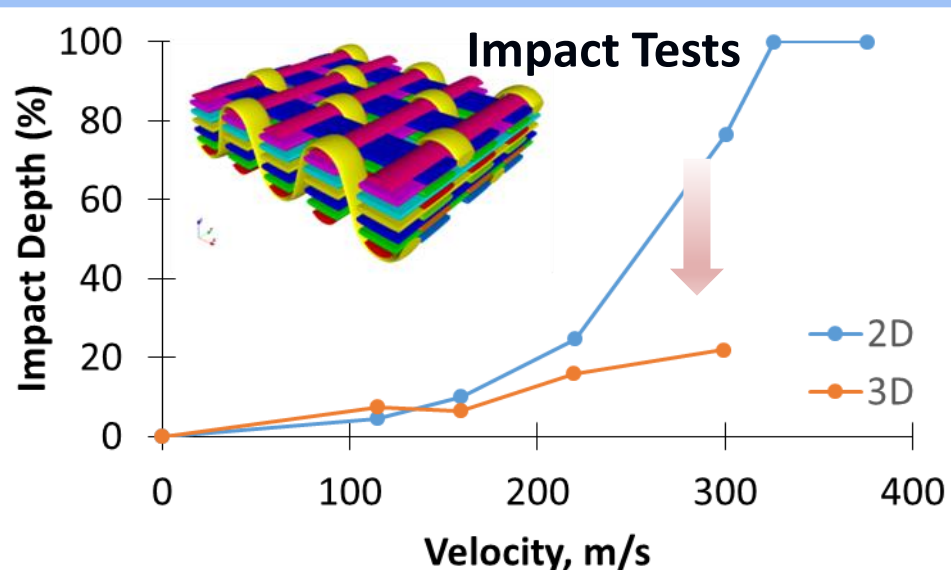


3D means fibers are oriented along X,Y, and Z axes

- Yellow fibers in the diagram are through-thickness reinforcement
- 2D CMCs currently being implemented into engines

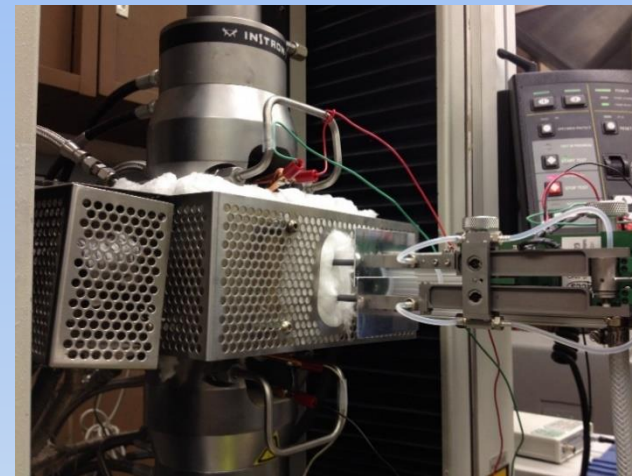
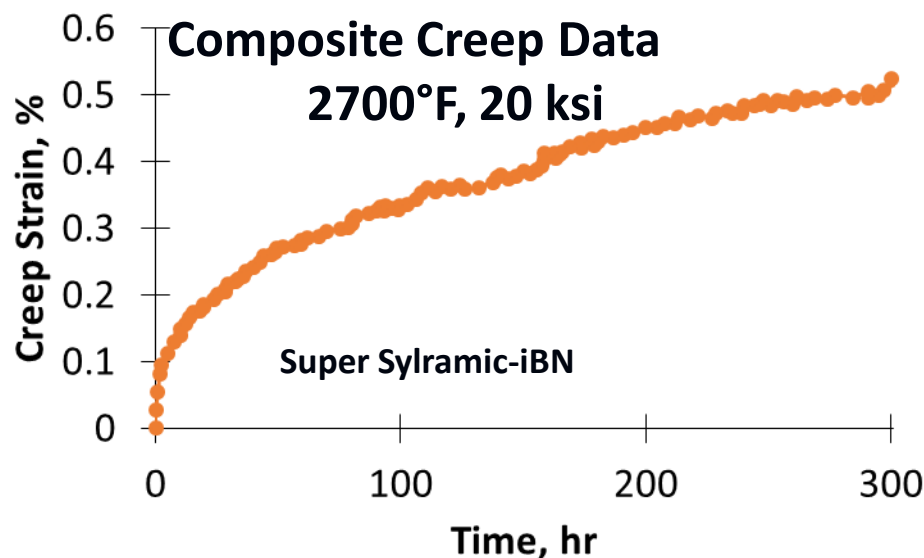
3D offers advantages over 2D

- Improved impact resistance
- Increased through- thickness thermal conductivity
- Better suited to the 3D stress state of a vane
- Could allow machining of cooling holes without cutting fibers



High Temperature Tests Show That TTT Material Exceeds 2700°F Durability Goals

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Material has 300 hour creep life at 20 ksi/ 2700°F
Meeting the Yellow Exit Criterion

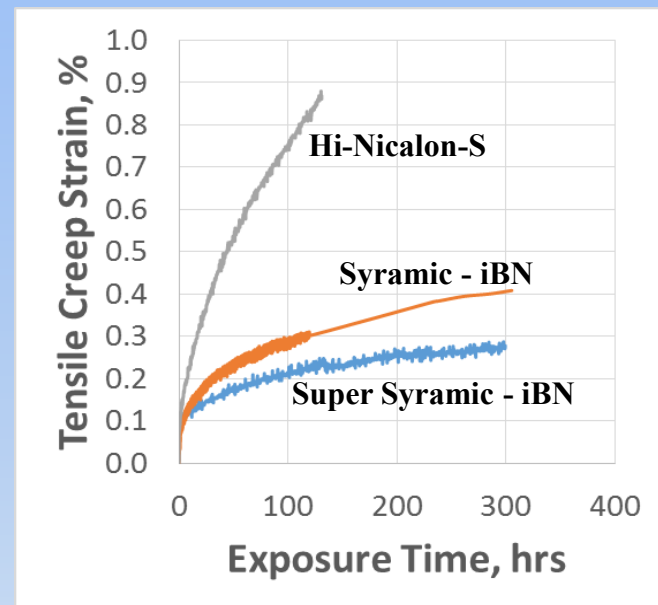
Hi-Nicalon-S preference due to price and availability

APPROACH

- Fabricate SiC / SiC Ceramic Matrix Composites with NASA 2700°F hybrid matrix composition and 3D fiber architecture.
- Compare creep performance of CMC's with 3 different high temperature fibers (Sylramic-iBN, Super Sylramic-iBN and Hi-Nicalon-S)

SIGNIFICANCE

- Creep life obtained with NASA Super-Sylramic-iBN fiber exceeds life obtained with commercially available fiber by 200+ hours at 15 ksi stress



*2700 °F creep strain
at 15 ksi stress*

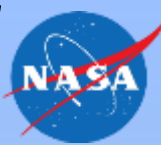


CMC's were fabricated with commercially available Hi-Nicalon-S fiber for comparison of creep properties with TTT CMC's using Super Sylramic – iBN fiber

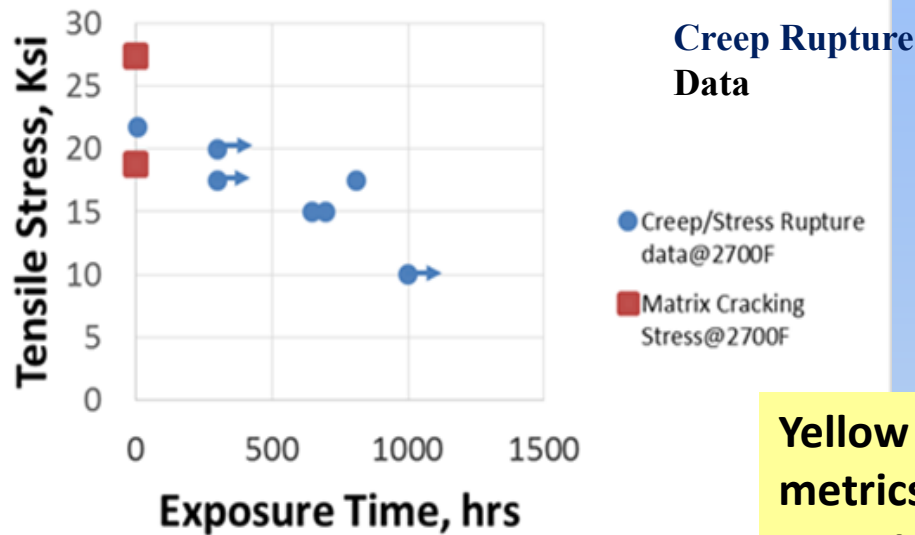
•Hi-Nicalon STM composites tested at 15 ksi/2700°F did not reach 300 hour life (TTT goal)



Long-term tests demonstrate 1000-hour durability of T³-developed CMC at 2700°F



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10 ksi stress level is representative of a lightly-loaded structural component (turbine shroud) in current engines

Yellow Exit Criterion: Achieve key durability metrics of at least 300 cumulative hours at 20 ksi max stress and 2700°F max material surface temperature.

FY17 Accomplishments:

- Static tensile testing demonstrated onset of damage (matrix cracking) at 18-29 ksi applied mechanical stress at 2700°F
- Isothermal Creep Rupture testing of CMC demonstrated 1000+ hrs durability under 10 ksi, 800+ hours under 17.5 ksi applied mechanical stress, and at 2700°F; other tests at 17.5 and 20 ksi are still underway.
- Isothermal Sustained Peak Low Cycle Fatigue (SPLCF) testing of CMC failed at 780+ hours at 17.5 ksi maximum applied mechanical; Another test at 17.5 ksi has accumulated 100+ hours and is still underway.
- High heat flux SPLCF testing, with laser heating, survived nearly 500 hours.
- Demonstrated several coating methods with a variety of NASA patented coating compositions. Methods include PSPVD EBC coating fabrication, Electron Beam-Physical Vapor Deposition and Directed Vapor Deposition (DVD) and slurry casting EBC.

NDE Technique Extended to 2400°F Applications

PROBLEM

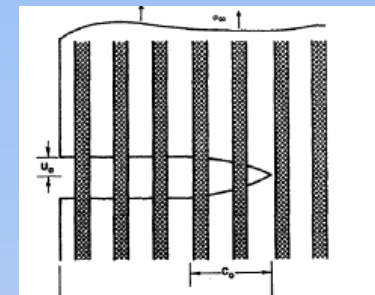
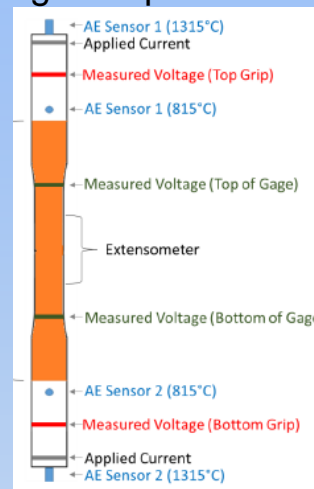
Tracking damage progression in CMCs can not be done at high temperatures

OBJECTIVE

Non-Destructive Evaluation of CMC's is needed at high temperatures to detect matrix cracks that lead to failure

APPROACH

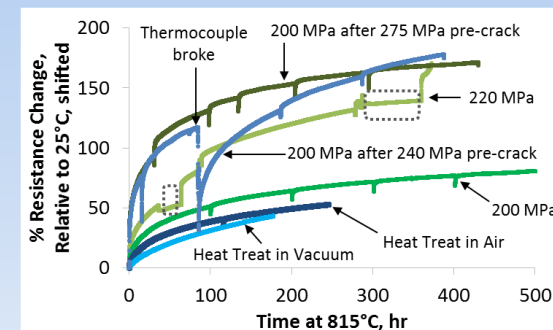
- Conduct long-term tests at 1500°F and 2400°F while monitoring electrical resistance .
- Relate changes in electrical resistance to CMC damage and microstructural changes.



CMC electrical resistance was monitored while matrix cracks formed during long term tests

SUMMARY & RESULTS

- 6,881 hours of long-term tests were conducted at high temperatures
- Changes in electrical resistance at 1500°F were directly related to the density of matrix cracks in the CMC
- At 2400°F, electrical resistance measurements were less sensitive to damage by an order of magnitude



In-situ resistance of stressed-oxidation samples tested at 815°C

SIGNIFICANCE

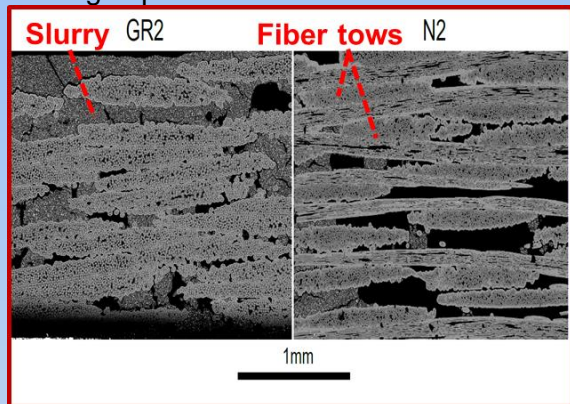
The relationship between CMC electrical resistance and damage at high temperatures was determined, establishing the basis of a new experimental method for characterizing CMC durability under aircraft engine operating conditions.



Matrix Development Continues

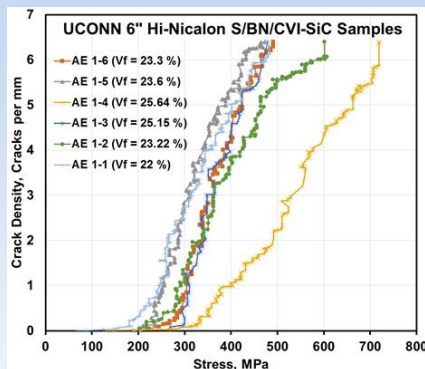
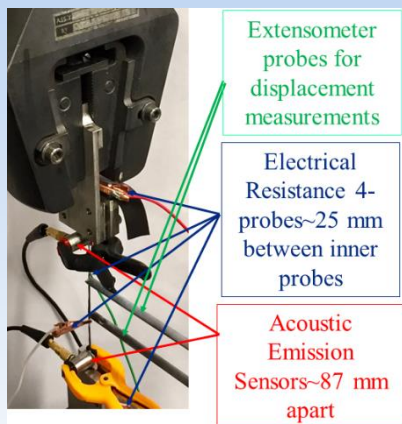
Engineered Matrix

Durable filler matrix for CVI SiC/SiC preforms with properties engineered to increase crack resistance and self-healing capabilities.



Sai Raj -
Partnered with
ARFL

Minicomposites Evaluated – additional vendor



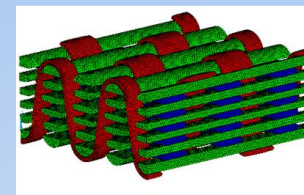
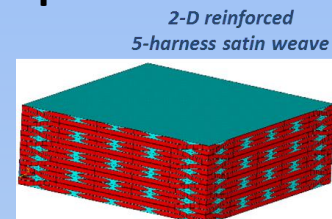
Amjad Almansour/Doug Kiser – with University of Connecticut, and also Rolls Royce; AFRL, UCSB

Modeling CMC Matrix

FEA model of a representative 2700F CMC using known constituent properties and architecture

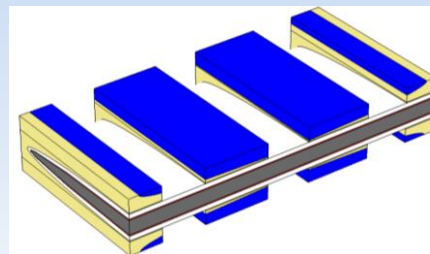
Status: Validation of property prediction results has been achieved. Model calculations were within 10% of laboratory measurements and literature data.

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3D orthogonal fiber architecture

Model electrical resistance measurements indicating CMC damage development



Model of unit cell with cracks in 90° tow and melt-infiltrated SiC matrix.

Cracking within the 0° or 90° tows - insignificant effect
Cracking of (MI) SiC matrix –significant effect on electrical resistivity.

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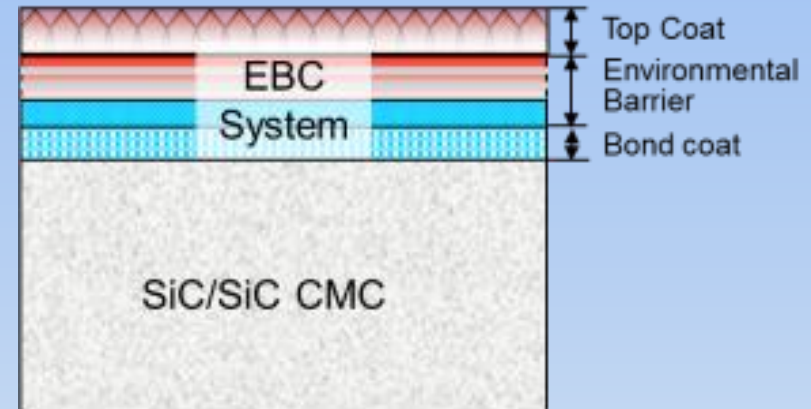
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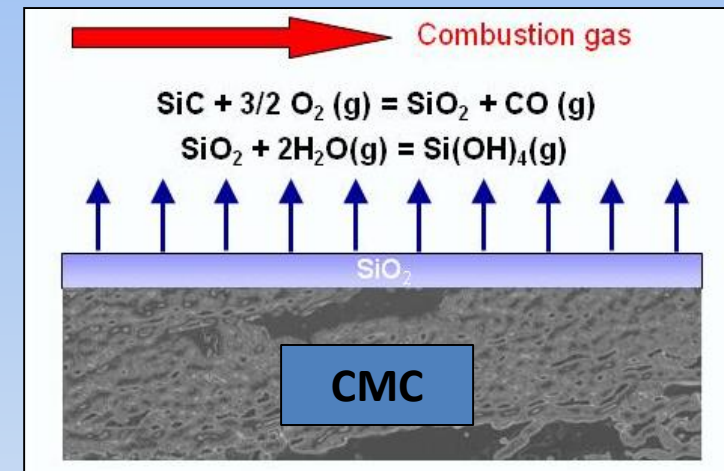
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Degradation of CMCs in Turbine Engines

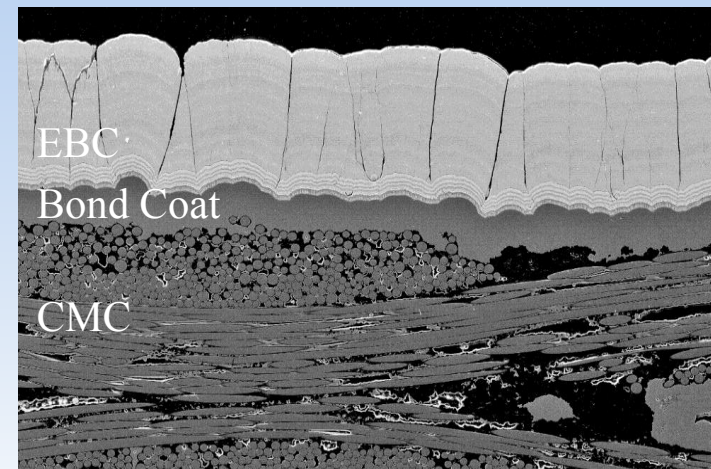
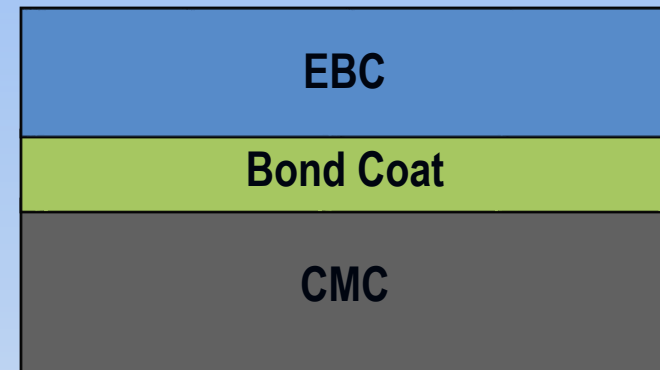
- Incorporation of CMCs into turbine hot section has substantial benefits
- 1990: Observation that SiC undergoes rapid recession in water vapor (Opila/NASA)
- 1990s: Develop dense oxide coatings to protect against water vapor attack (Lee/NASA)
- 2000s: Development of coatings to minimize water vapor effects at 2400° F: Gov't labs (US, Japan, Germany); turbine companies



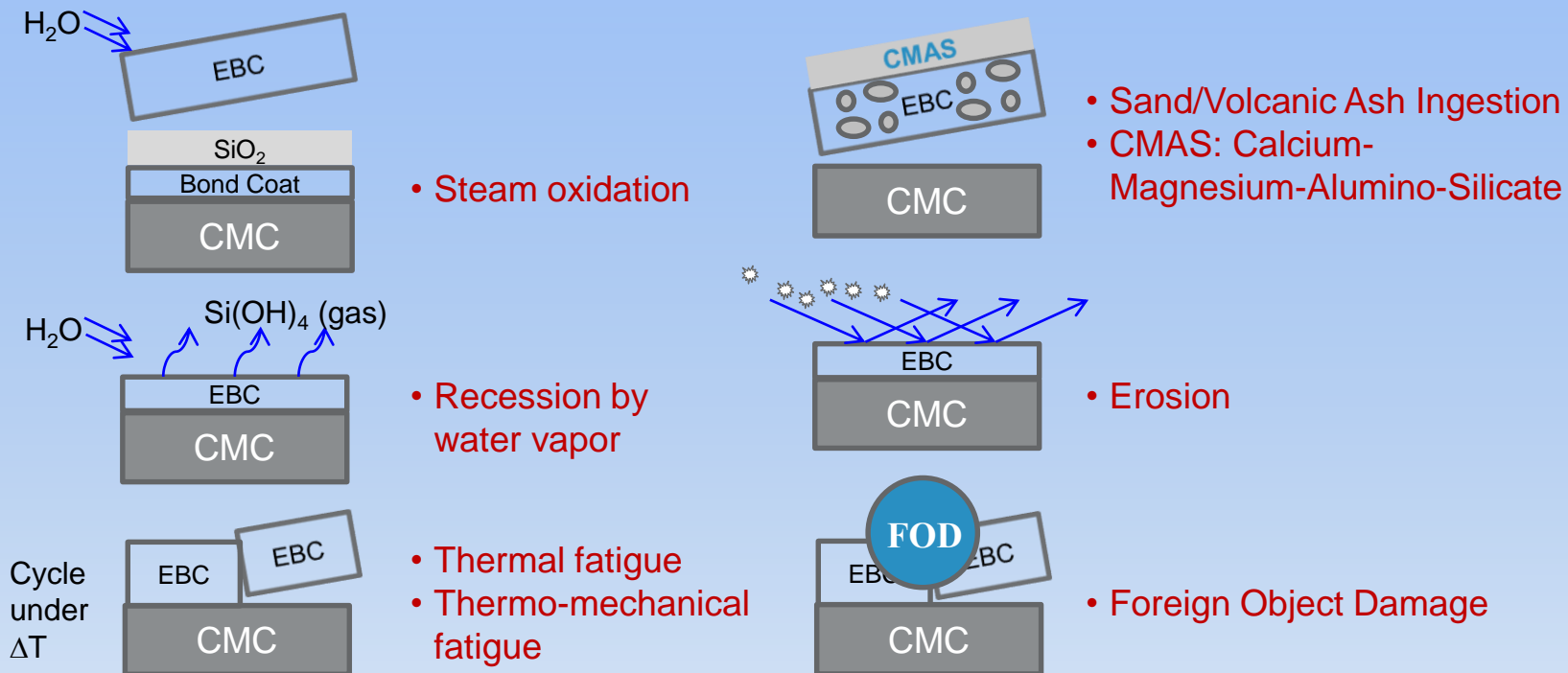
NASA research is focused on the next generation of CMC/EBC systems capable of operating at 2700°F with reduced or no cooling

Candidate Coating System Requirements

- NASA has focused on developing *next generation* environmental and mechanically durable material systems for 2700°F and beyond.
- Environmental Barrier Coating (EBC) System
 - May consist of bond coat and top coat
 - Well matched to CMC
 - Stable above use temperature
 - Low reactivity with H₂O
 - Limited cracking/pathways for oxidants
- EBC is essential for CMC operation
 - Uncoated CMC suffers rapid recession
 - 300 hour minimum cumulative “hot time” life



Environmental Barrier Coating Failure Modes

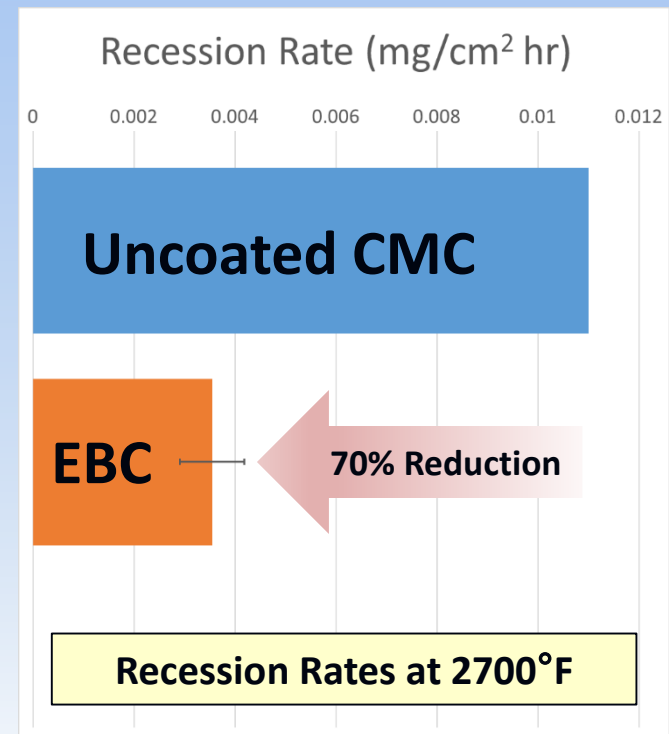
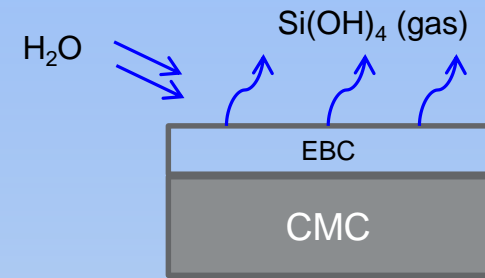


Synergies between failure modes lead to the ultimate EBC failure

Thermochemistry and Modeling

- Stability of prospective EBC materials with water vapor measured
 - Experiments and model based approach
- Evaluated prospective EBC material systems for turbine engine environments
- Determine reaction chemistry and use models to predict recession rates

Prospective Environmental Barrier Coatings reduce recession rates of CMCs by 70%, enabling lifetimes needed for use in turbine engines





High Temperature Engine Materials Environmental Barrier Coatings Development

OBJECTIVE

Evaluate and Model Environmental Barrier Coating (EBC) – Thermally Grown Oxide (TGO) interaction and impact of EBC chemistry/composition on TGO growth rate and TGO crystallization behavior.

APPROACH

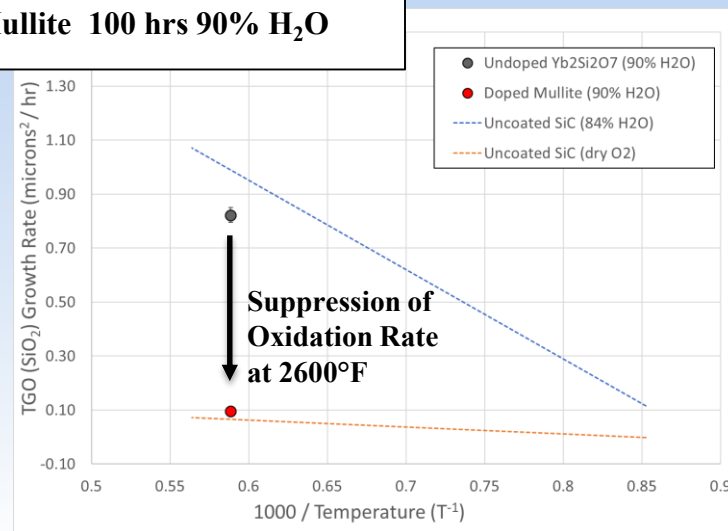
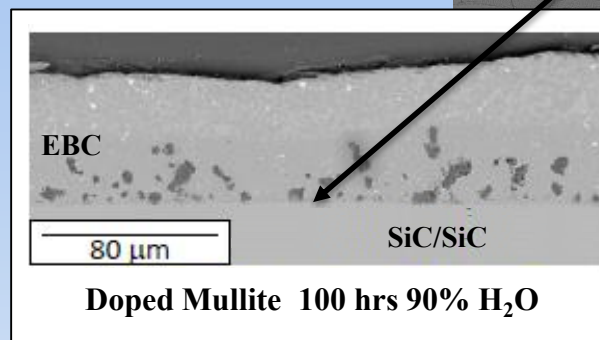
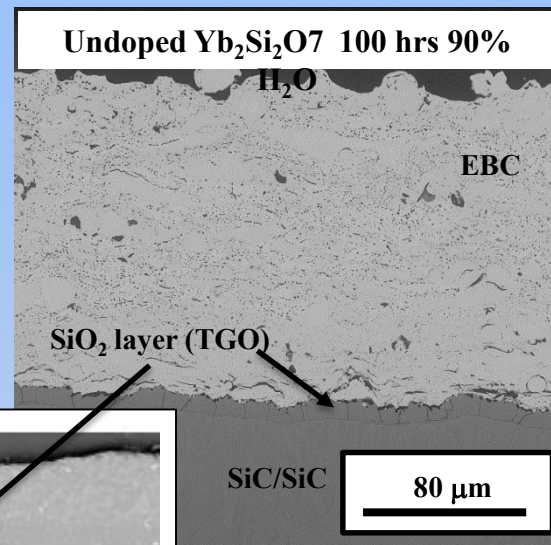
- Examination and testing of multiple coating processing methods for limiting SiO_2 (TGO) growth at the substrate as a function of microstructure and composition and downselect for minimization of TGO growth in cyclic exposure to 90% $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{O}_2$ at 2600F for 100+ hours.

SIGNIFICANCE

Control and minimization of the TGO growth at the CMC substrate is critical to CMC/EBC durability and life. Oxidation in water vapor is an order of magnitude faster than in air and must be addressed for long term CMC/EBC durability.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Multiple compositions have been deposited via PS-PVD and slurry processing methods and tested in cyclic steam oxidation at 2600°F in 90% $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{O}_2$ for 100 hours or more.
- All EBCs maintained adherence after 100 hours, and new coating chemistries deposited via slurry methods show promise for further reduction of the oxidation rate beyond 300 hours.
- Additional samples will be processed via both methods and tested to evaluate the composition and microstructural impact on oxidation durability.



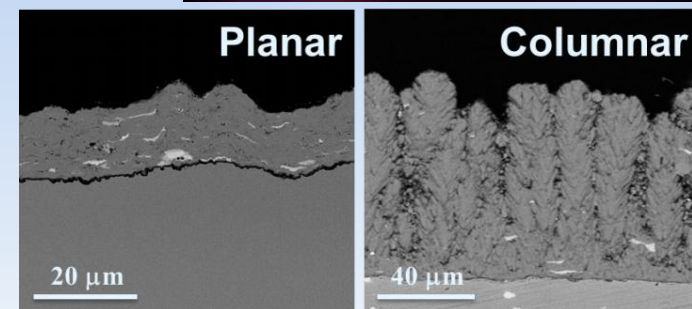
Advanced Coating Processing

- New processing methods allow for advanced architectures and compositions
- Plasma Spray- Physical Vapor Deposition
 - Unique facility at Glenn Research Center and one of a handful worldwide
- Some non-line of sight deposition can provide coverage on complex shapes

Advanced Coating Processing Methods have provided new capabilities which are advantageous for cost and performance



PS-PVD Deposition of Coatings





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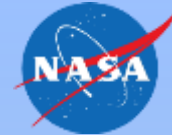
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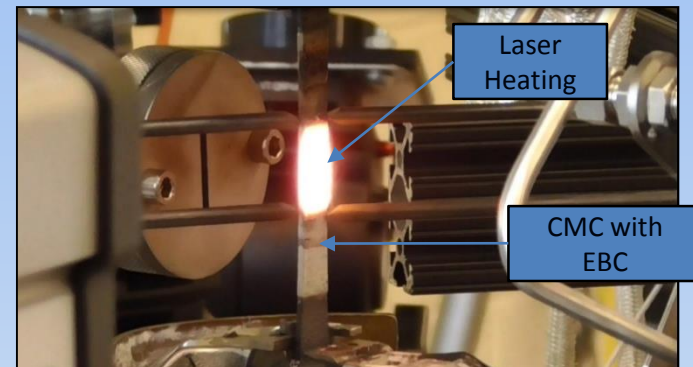
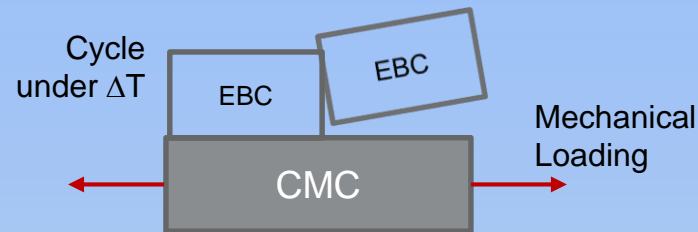


Facility	TTT Funding	Purpose
• CE-5	full	New capability for high TRL level "in-house" combustion testing. Investments include design & build of test fixtures, testing
• Horizontal Cyclic Steam Rig	full	New capability with increased temperature range (>2600 F), multiple sample configurations, higher thruput
• Drop Calorimeter	Full	new capability for thermodynamic studies.
• PSPVD liquid	partial	Existing capability has been highly invested in, added non LOS and feed capabilities
• Laser III	partial	Existing Rig: upgrades to safety systems, new control systems, instrumentation
• Laser IV	partial	New capability (multi-axis mechanical fatigue, additional thermal gradient):
• Slurry cast processing	partial	New capability for processing EBCs
• Natural Gas Burner Rig	partial	New capability for high heat flux, high velocity, volatility in H ₂ O, complex geometries
• high temperature furnace	partial	New melt infiltration furnace procured
• Steam Tensile Fatigue	partial	Upgrades to steam rig with durable a) commercially coated and b) EBC coated (developed at GRC) heating elements – 2600F
• Small Loading Fixture	full	For tensile and compressive testing of CMCs and minicomposites in FESEM. Very few in the U.S.
• Fiber Dia. Rig	full	New capability. Accurate fiber diameters prior to creep/stress oxidation testing, should reduce data scatter.
• 5-Fiber Creep Rig	full	New capability. For conducting five fiber creep/stress oxidation tests simultaneously at temperatures up to 2700F.
• Minicomposite RT/HT FF test	full	New capability
• Minicomposite HT creep in air	full	New capability
• Glovebox #2	full	high temperature fiber testing in inert.
• Fiber testing vacuum/inert	partial	Existing rig fixed and modified to test multiple fibers in creep in vacuum/inert
• Erosion/CMAS rig	partial	Enhanced to offer CMAS erosion feed to existing erosion capability
• Flexural Fatigue Steam Rig	partial	New capability for flexural SPLCF testing in steam
• In-Situ Flex Loading	partial	New capability for optical/ electron microscopy of under flexural loading condition.

Thermomechanical Testing of NASA CMC/EBC System

- First integration and testing of NASA developed CMC with the NASA developed EBC system
- Sustained peak low cycle fatigue (SPLCF) test with laser gradient heating for thermomechanical validation
- Milestone set at 300 hours with a 2700°F CMC temperature and 10ksi load

EBC Surface Temperature: 2950°F
CMC Temperature: 2700°F
Load: 10ksi
Total Life: 487 hours



EBC coated CMC under stress heated by a high heat flux laser

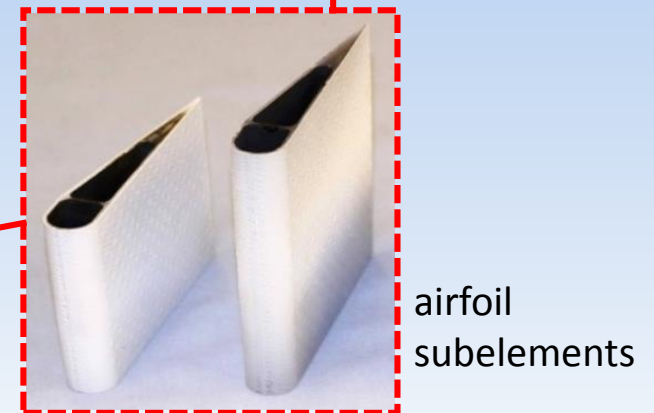
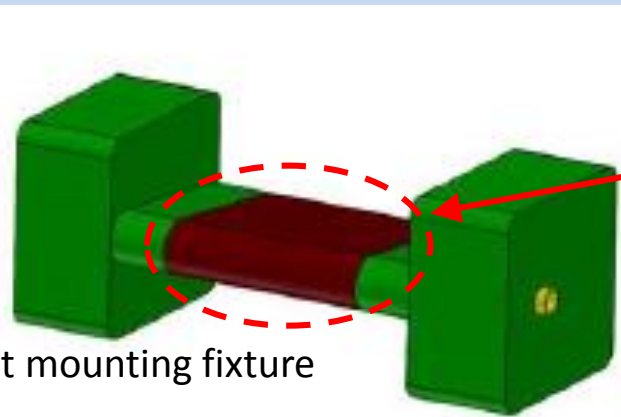
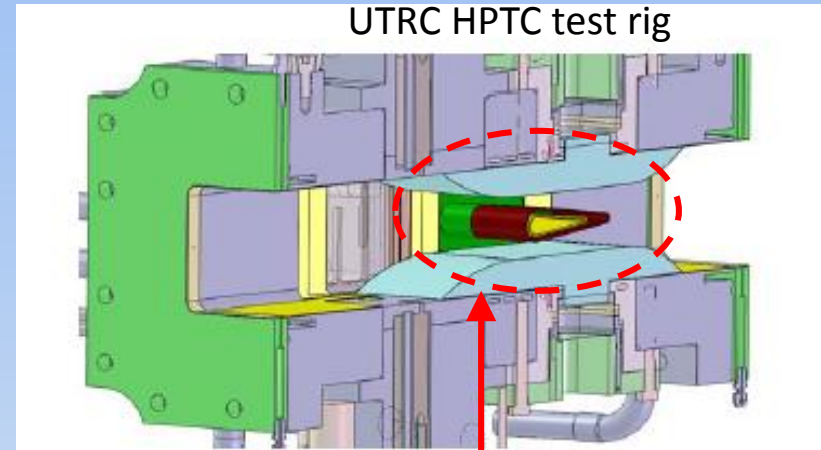


After 487 hour testing

TRL 5 Rig Test Planned for FY18

CMC sub-element will be used to evaluate material capabilities in a simulated turbine environment

- Airfoil-shaped test article, 3x3 inches
- Gas temperature up to 3600°F
- Mach No. $0.2 < M < 0.8$ in test section
- 1.5 lb/s airflow at 220 psia
- Internal specimen cooling allows for a tunable through-thickness temperature gradient
- Thermocouples, pyrometers and IR camera monitor material temperatures
- NASA / P&W / UTRC collaboration



subelement mounting fixture



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Vision 2040 for Integrated, Multiscale Materials and Structures Modeling/Simulation NRA



- Key Element Domains**
- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Models and Methodologies | 6. Data, Informatics, & Visualization |
| 2. Multiscale Measurement & Characterization Tools and Methods | 7. Workflows & Collaboration Frameworks |
| 3. Optimization & Optimization Methodologies | 8. Education & Training |
| 4. Decision Making and UQ | 9. Computational Infrastructure |
| 5. Verification & Validation | |

2040 Vision State

*A cyber-physical-social ecosystem that impacts the supply chain to **accelerate** model-based concurrent design, development, and deployment of materials and systems throughout the product lifecycle for **affordable, producible** aerospace applications*

Needed to overcome various gaps and challenges to achieve the fully integrated 2040 Vision end state

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Phase II

Phase I



Modeling



Need for a wide range of approaches (different scales) for CMC and CMC/EBC system modeling to provide understanding of behavior / performance;
-enabling life prediction and understanding of effects of coating and constituents

Goal: Model behavior of GRC Hybrid 3D SiC/SiC/ GRC EBC system

- **Multiscale/ Multiphysics Modeling**
- **Large portfolio of internal codes / software, many of which couple with commercial codes (e.g., Abaqus, Ansys, Comsol, etc.)**
- **Computationally-efficient methods / tools**
- **Nonlinear deformation and damage modeling capabilities**

Have modeled CMC laminate systems, SiC fibers, and CVI SiC/SiC mini-composites

- **Conducting test plan to identify environmental effects:**

Need to:

- **Robust models of woven 3D composites extended to in-house MAC/GMC code**
- **Air, inert, steam, CMAS (calcium magnesium aluminosilicate) and creep / fatigue interaction with environment**
- **Predictive capability**



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Industry Stakeholders:

GE
Rolls Royce
Pratt & Whitney
Oerlikon Metco
Directed Vapor (DVTI)
Southwest Research
Boeing
Blue Quartz

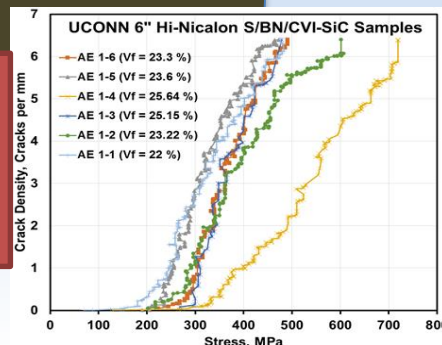
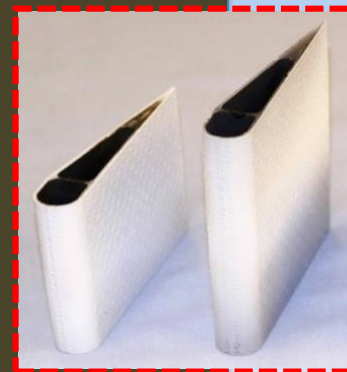
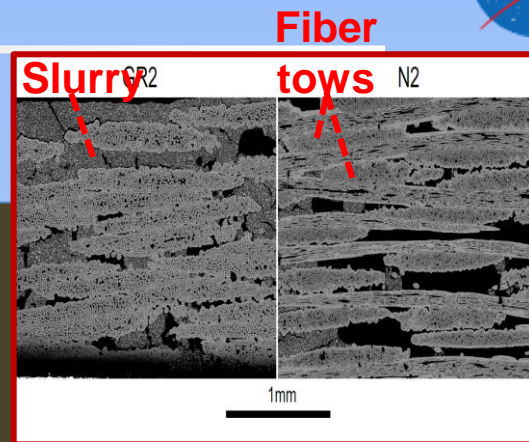
Government:

AFRL
Army
NAVAIR
DOE- ORNL
FAA

Academia:

UConn
U of MI
Cal Tech
U of California- Santa Barbara
U of Virginia
Purdue U
Clemson U
Pennsylvania State U
Akron U

Leveraging external collaborations to augment and complement in-house research





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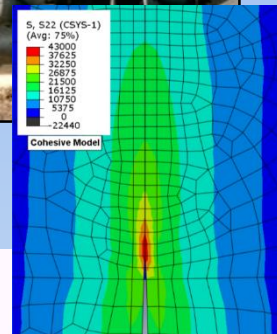
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Develop & validate models to predict environmental effects on CMC / EBC durability

- Create/utilize life prediction models for predictive and prescriptive engineering (Vision 2040)
- thermal / mechanical cycling
- incorporation of steam
- sand/volcanic ash (CMAS) degradation

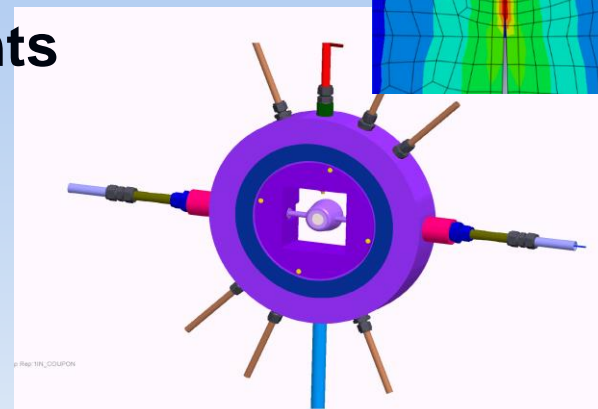
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Address for durable CMC turbine components

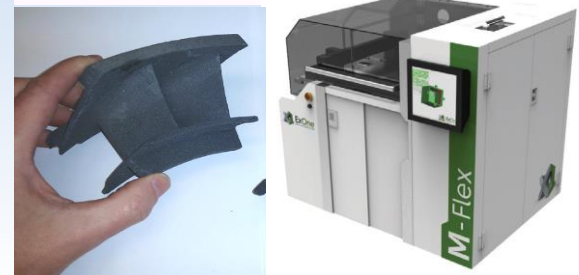
- optimal cooling schemes for turbine blades & vanes
- blade / disk attachment design, analysis & testing
- development of in-house combustion test capabilities

AATT



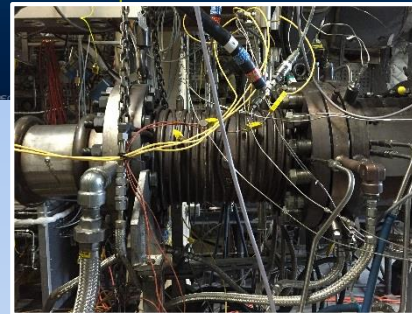
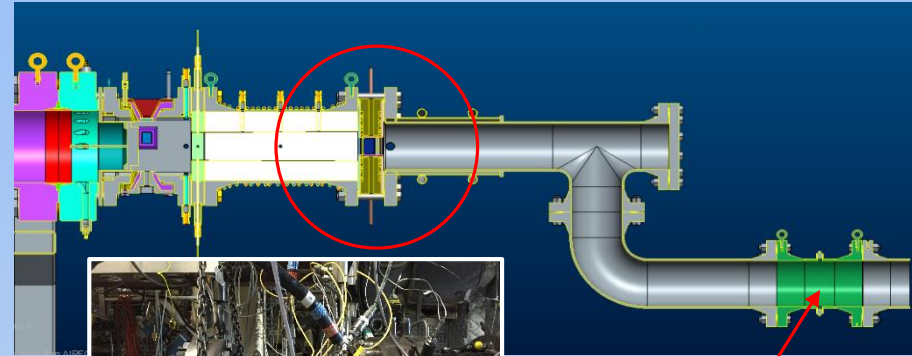
Accelerate engine implementation

- demonstrate improved fabricability/feasibility of CMC additive manufacturing

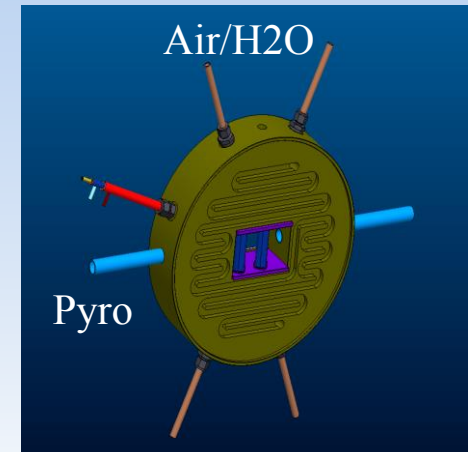
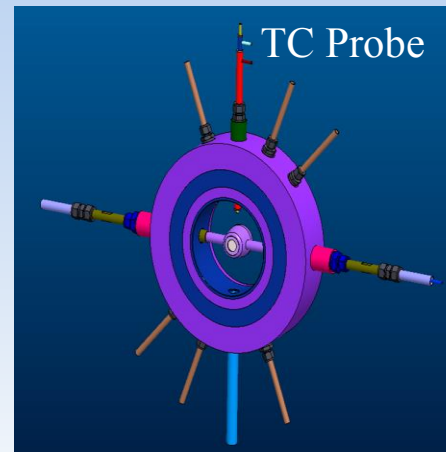


CE-5 Test Development

- Coupon & Vane holder Designs
 - 1" cooled Button Sample Holder
 - Mech design & thermals complete
 - Fab underway
 - Vane pack near completion
 - Solving thermal issues with platforms
 - 2"x2" vanes accommodated
- Configuration Flexible
 - Either holder in downstream as piggy-back to injector testing
 - Coupon upstream + Vane downstream as stand alone customer.
 - Reaches 30 atm (vs 6-8 atm for HPBR)
- CE5 combustion rig test fixture design completed
 - Text fixtures for coupons and airfoil sub-components
 - Closest to engine environments among our test facilities
 - EBC-coated CMC durability with and without cooling holes to support TTT and AATT



Take-up spool



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		Journal articles	Conference presentation	NASA reports	Book chapters
FY14	Structures and Materials	14	47	8	2
FY15	Structures and Materials	15	69	9	2
FY16	Structures and Materials	26	46	17	2
FY17	Structures and Materials	13	84	10	4



FY16-17 Patents



High Temperature Materials

Issued Patents:

1. **NASA LEW-18769-1** Utility Patent, “Acoustic Liners for Turbine Engines” James Kiser, Joseph Grady
2. **NASA LEW-18769-2** Utility Patent, “Improved Acoustic Liners for Turbine Engines” James Kiser, Joseph Grady

Patent applications:

1. **NASA LEW-18949-2**, Utility Patent ,“Advanced High Temperature and Fatigue Resistant Environmental Barrier Coating Bond Coat Systems for SiC/SiC Ceramic Matrix Composites”, Zhu, Hurst
2. **NASA LEW-18964-2** Patent App, “Engineered Matrix Self-Healing Composites”, Sai Raj
3. **NASA LEW 18970-2** Provisional Patent, “Method of Exfoliating BN”, Ching-cheh ,Hung, Janet Hurst
4. **NASA LEW 18970-3** Provisional Patent, “Method of Exfoliating BN”, Ching-cheh Hung, Janet Hurst
5. **NASA LEW-19435-1** Provisional Patent, Patent Application, “Advanced High Temperature Environment Barrier Coatings for SiC/SiC Ceramic Matrix Composites”, Dongming Zhu
6. **NASA LEW-19435-2** Provisional Patent, Patent Application, “Advanced High Temperature Environment Barrier Coatings for SiC/SiC Ceramic Matrix Composites”, Dongming Zhu
7. **NASA LEW 19456-1**, Provisional Patent ” Ultra High Temperature Ceramic Coatings and Ceramic Matrix Composite Systems”: Dongming Zhu and Janet Hurst
8. **NASA LEW-19283-1** Patent App “Ultra High Temperature Ceramic Coatings and Ceramic Matrix Composite Systems”, Dongming Zhu, Janet Hurst
9. **NASA LEW 19691-1** Patent App,“Rapid Processing Method for Tailoring Properties of Silicon Carbide Tows”, Maricela Lizcano, Janet Hurst



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TTT Accomplishments (FY13-FY17)

- Determined effect of advanced SiC fiber on CMC durability
- Achieved the TTT goal of demonstrating 300 hour CMC life at 20ksi / 2700°F- yellow success criterion
- Measured prospective EBC material stability in turbine environments
- Established new processing methods for advanced EBC architectures
- Demonstrated 1000 hour durability of TTT CMC/EBC at 2700°F

Future challenges (FY18 and beyond)

- P&W engine rig testing
- Identifying operating limits (temperature/time/stress) of current CMC/EBC
- Physics-based models of environmental effects on CMC/EBC durability

Goal – Understanding/predicting role of engine environment (steam, CMAS) in CMC/EBC life

