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Multiscale Development and Validation of the Stainless Steel Alloy Corrosion (SStAC) Tool for High Temperature Engine Materials

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Overview

Timeline

- Project start date: Oct 2018
- Project end date: Sept 2021
- Percent complete: 25%

Barriers

- Corrosion of valve materials impact high temperature engines
- Modeling and simulation tools are needed to predict material performance

Budget

- Total project funding
  - DOE Share: $1500K
- Funding for FY 2019: $492K
- Funding for FY 2020: $495K

Partners

- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Idaho National Laboratory
- TENNECO
Relevance

Barrier
- Lack of quantitative understanding of the sensitization of stainless steels to corrosion at high temperature mandates conservative design

Objectives
- Develop the open source Stainless Steel Alloy Corrosion (SStAC) tool for modeling corrosion of valve steels in an engine environment.
- Quantify the impact of microstructure and alloy composition on valve steel corrosion using laboratory and engine experiments and mesoscale modeling and simulation.
- Focus is on the 21-2N, 21-4N, and 23-8N valve steel alloys
Approach:
The SStAC tool will be developed using a multiscale approach validated by laboratory and engine data.
**Approach:**
Tasks relating to experiments and modeling will be carried out during all three years of the project

- Tasks 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1 are the three experimental campaigns
- Tasks 1.2, 2.2, and 3.2 are focused on atomic and mesoscale modeling
- Tasks 1.3, 2.3, and 3.3 are focused on the macroscale SStAC tool development
Technical Accomplishments and Progress (6 months): We have made progress in all three areas of the project

Experiments
- Design of corrosion apparatus
- Characterization of initial valve material

Mesoscale model
- Review of literature of phase field corrosion models
- Formulation of the phase field stainless steel corrosion model

Macroscale model
- Semi-empirical corrosion model is being fit initially to literature data

Gas phase, $\phi_2 = 1$
Fe rich oxide phase, $\phi_3 = 1$
Cr rich oxide phase, $\phi_4 = 1$
Austenite phase, $\phi_1 = 1$

Fe, Cr, and O concentrations

$K_p$ calculated from
$$\Delta m = a \cdot t^n$$
$$k_p = a = 2.19^{-3} \text{mg.cm}^{-2}.\text{S}^{-1}$$
With $n = 0.536$
Collaboration and Coordination with Other Institutions

Developing macroscale SSStAC tool, carrying out laboratory corrosion experiments and analyzing corroded samples

Providing mentorship and guidance on the application and development of the Multiphysics Object-Oriented Simulation Environment

Providing engine valve material, sample preparation, and carrying out engine testing
Proposed Future Research

**Ongoing (FY 2019)**
- Samples of 21-2N and 23-8N valve steel alloys will be corroded at 700 and 800°C
- Phase field model development. DFT simulations will be used to calculate properties.
- Macroscale corrosion model development, and model evaluation; Go-No Go

**Future (FY 2020)**
- Corroded samples will be characterized and samples will be corroded with thermal cycling. Engine tests will also be carried out.
- The phase field model will be coupled with mechanics and electrostatics. DFT simulations will be used to calculate more properties.
- The SStAC tool will be implemented in MOOSE. The numerical capability of the corrosion tool will be evaluated; Go-No Go
The Stainless Steel Alloy Corrosion (SStAC) tool will
- Be open-source, based on the MOOSE framework
- Include the impact of microstructure and alloying elements, using information from mesoscale and atomic scale simulations
- Be validated using new data from laboratory and engine experiments