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Development of High Temp Molten Salt Pump Technology for Gen 3 Solar Power Tower Systems

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Project Overview

One key finding of the DOE-EERE CSP Gen3 Demonstration Roadmap is that there are no commercially available pumps (and bearings) that can operate at the desired temperature and environmental conditions.

HAYWARD TYLER	Hayward Tyler, Inc. Principal Investigator	Material Selection, Pump & Bearing Development
OAK RIDGE National Laboratory	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Material Selection, Material & Bearing Testing
HTSD	High Temperature System Designs	Material Selection, Design Input & System Awareness

Technical Challenges

Identifying the combination and interaction of materials to operate successfully in a high temperature chloride salt environment is the technical challenge.

- Bearing Surface -> Corrosion Rate & Type of Corrosion
- Bearing Design -> Reliability & Maintenance
- Economics -> Scalability and Cost of Pump

Approach & Method

Evaluate Commercial Materials	Ceramics, Alloys, Composites: +5
Static Corrosion Test	500hr test @ 750°C -> Down select
Tribological Test	Wet & dry @ 750°C -> Down select
Bearing Development	Sleeve, Bushing, & Carrier
Bearing Test	Wet & dry @ 750°C -> Final select
Pump Development	Design & Analysis





Corrosion Test Results - Batch 1

CORROSION RATE		
mm/y	(calculated)	
0.013		
0.041		
0.041		
0.067		
0.074		
0.113		

SURFACE FINISH		
ΔRa	ΔRz	
-0.017	-0.22	
0.050	0.82	
0.103	0.9	
0.173	1.12	
0.775	4.4	
1.520	6.99	



Impact

Corrosion Data for Industry

Fluid Film Bearing Qualification

Fully Analyzed Ready to Build Hot & Cold Pumps for Pilot Project w/Focus on:

- Qualified Bearings
- Low Cost Materials & Construction
- Reliability
- Scalability