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## MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUPERCRITICAL POWER PLANTS

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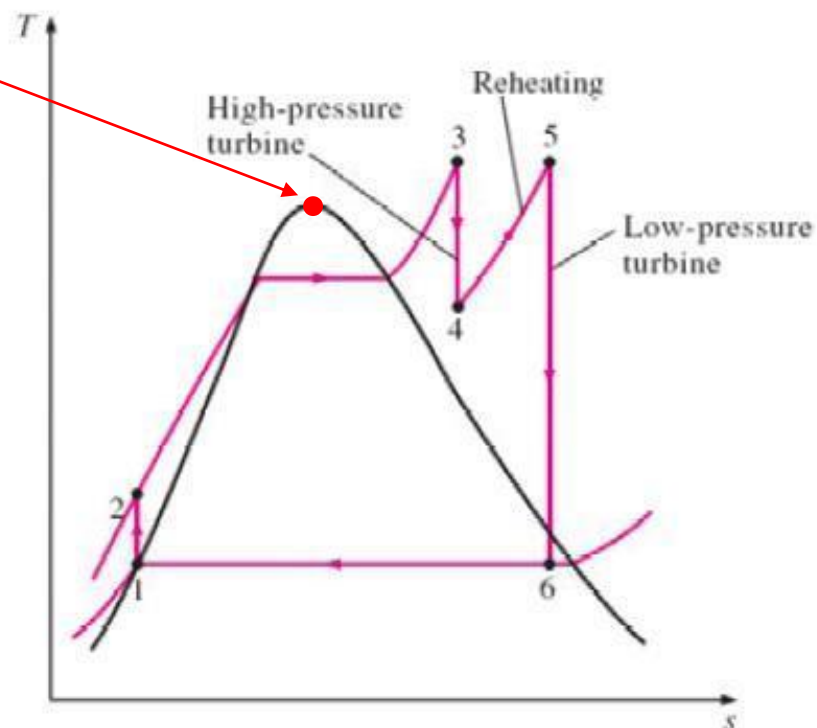
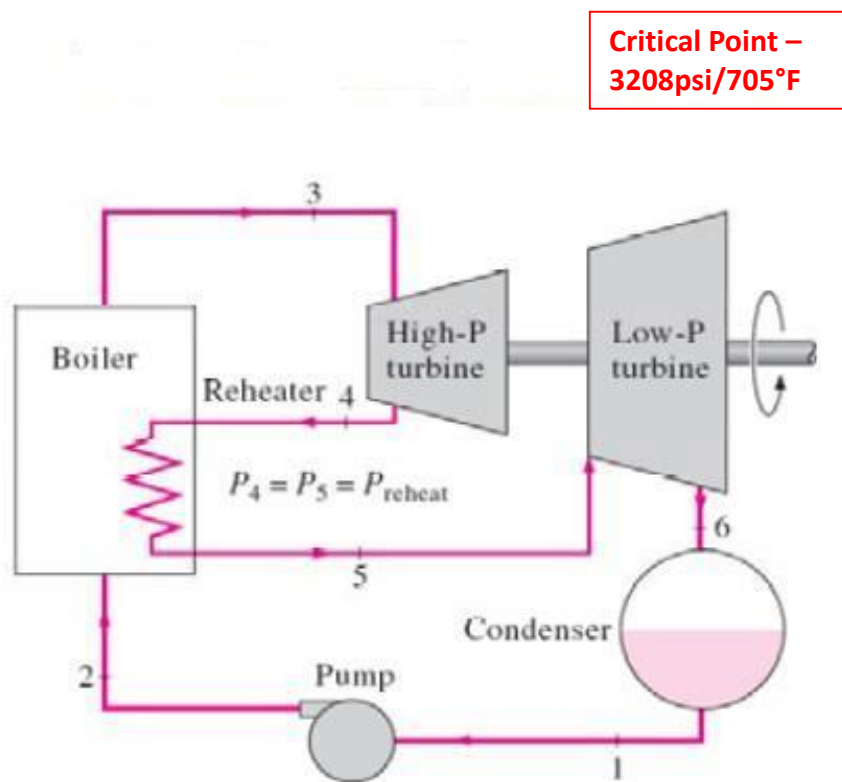
# AGENDA

- **Background and Definitions**
  - What is a Supercritical Power Plant and How Are They Different Than Subcritical?
- **Material Issues**
  - Supercritical Impacts
  - Elevated Temperature
  - Flow Accelerated Corrosion
  - Cast vs. Forged Valves
- **Future Trends**
  - Market Trends and Regions
  - Emerging Materials
- **Discussion**

# BACKGROUND AND DEFINITIONS

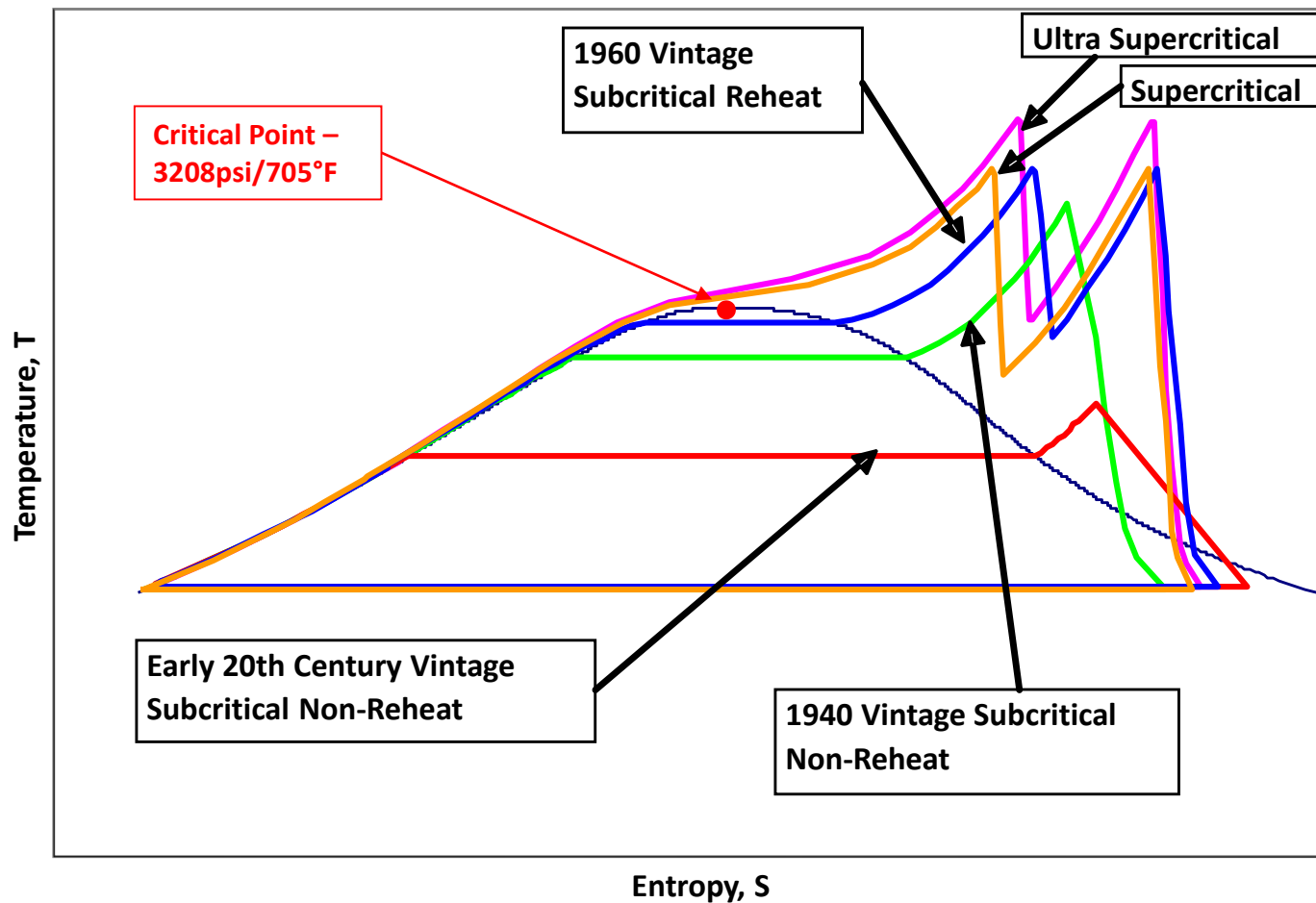
- **Supercritical vs. Subcritical Power Plants**
- **Systems/Applications Unique to Supercritical Power Plants**
- **Piping Material Defines Valve Material**

# BASIC POWER PLANT STEAM CYCLE – (RANKIN CYCLE)



- 1 – Condensate
- 2 – Boiler Feedwater
- 3 – Main Steam
- 4 – Cold Reheat
- 5 – Hot Reheat

# EVOLUTION OF THE RANKIN CYCLE



# SUB-CRITICAL VS SUPERCRITICAL CYCLES

Unit Type	Main Steam/Hot Reheat Conditions	Efficiency
<b>Subcritical</b> – Water boiling to steam with pressures below ‘critical point’.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,400 psig (165bar)</li> <li>• 1050°F/1050°F (566°C/566°C)</li> </ul>	38%
<b>Supercritical</b> – Water to steam without boiling. Pressure above ‘critical point’.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,500 psig (241bar)</li> <li>• 1050°F/1080°F (566°C/582°C)</li> </ul>	40%
<b>Advanced Supercritical</b> – Main Steam and Hot Reheat Steam temperatures above 1100°F (593°C).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,710 psig (325bar)</li> <li>• 1130°F/1166°F/1166°F (610°C/630°C/630°C)</li> </ul>	44%
<b>Ultra Supercritical</b> – Main Steam temperatures above 1200°F (649°C).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5,000 psig (345bar)</li> <li>• 1300°F (704°C)</li> </ul>	46%

**Temperature + Pressure = Higher Efficiency**  
**Higher Efficiency = Less Emissions**

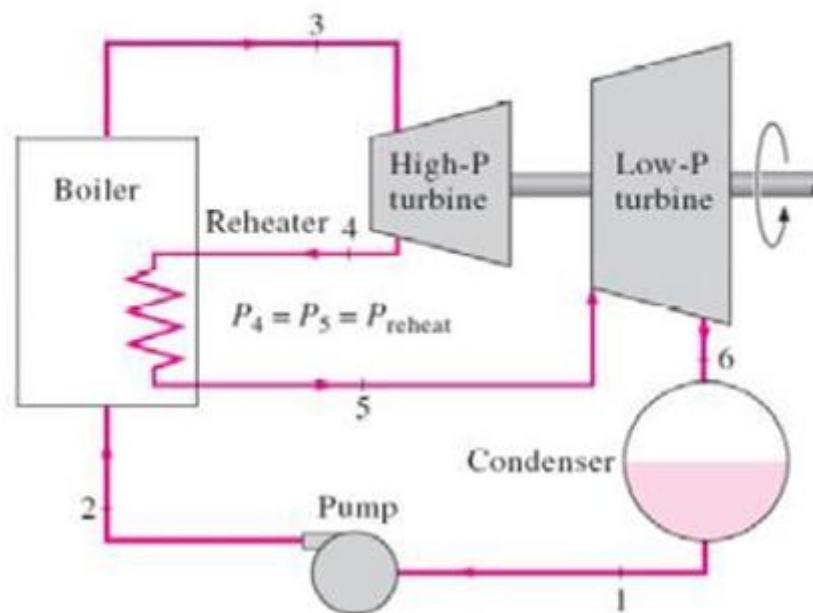


# HISTORY OF SUPERCRITICAL UNITS

- **First Supercritical Unit: AEP Philo Unit 6**
  - Initial Operation Date: 1957 (60 years ago)
  - 125 MW
  - Steam Conditions: 4500psi/1150F/1050F/1000F (double-reheat)
- **World-wide – Over 200 units**
  - Japan and South Korea largest capacity
- **Most Recent US Units**
  - John W. Turk and Sandy Creek– 2013
- **World Market (mainly Asia and sub-Saharan Africa)**
  - Ultrasupercritical coal
  - Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Cambodia, India, South Africa

# SYSTEMS/APPLICATIONS UNIQUE TO SUPERCRITICAL POWER PLANTS

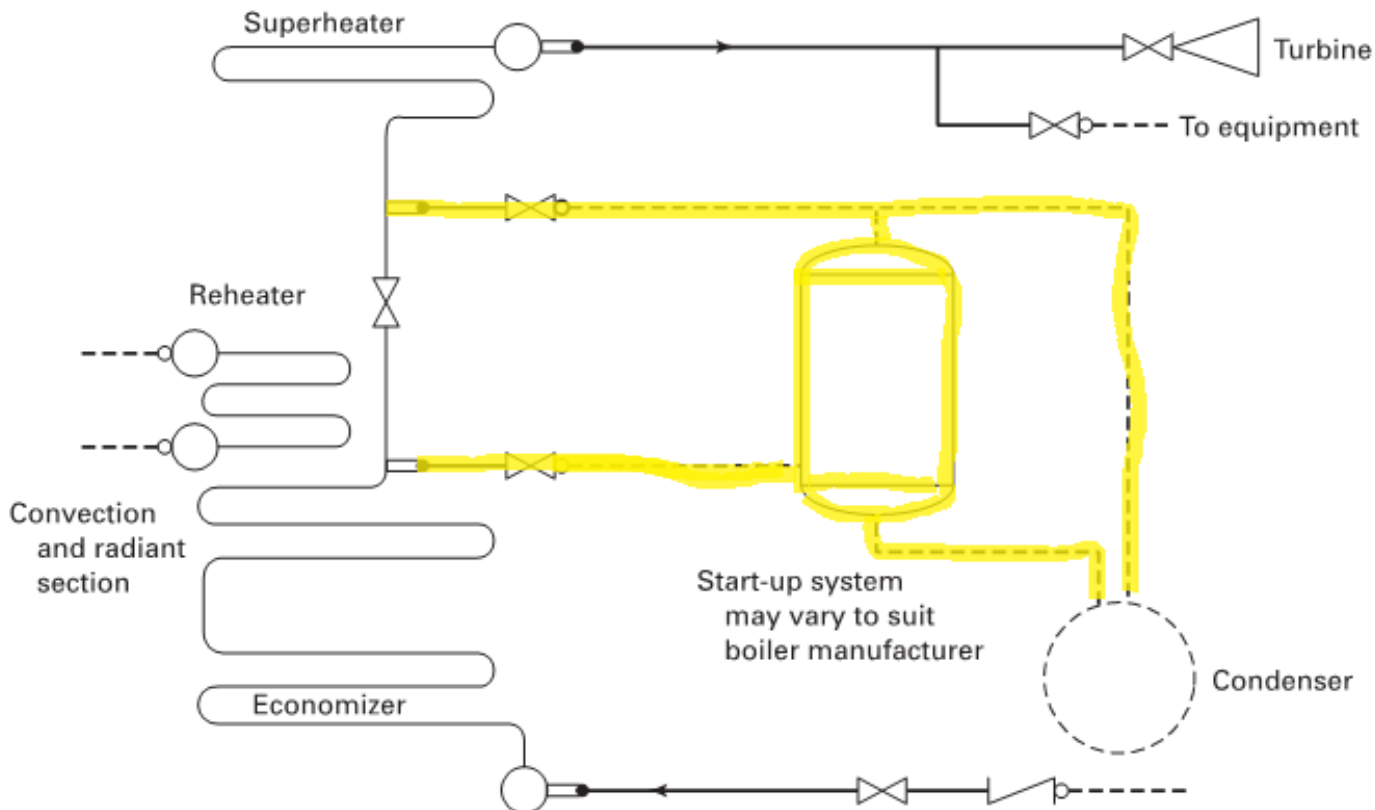
- Focus of this presentation is on four (4) major systems
  - Boiler Feedwater – 2
  - Main Steam – 3
  - Hot Reheat – 5
  - Startup Systems
- Most other systems are not unique to supercritical power plants and would be found in other subcritical power plant applications/systems
  - Remaining power block
  - Balance of Plant
  - Air Quality Control Systems





# STARTUP SYSTEMS

- No steam drum exists since water is converted to steam without boiling.
- During startup, a temporary drum is required to transition from subcritical conditions to supercritical conditions.



# PIPING MATERIAL DEFINES VALVE MATERIAL

- Most designers are more familiar with piping materials than valve materials
- Piping materials are generally determined early in design process
- Piping material designations are often used to describe family of materials (i.e. P91)
- Material chemistry same but different product forms, i.e. A335 P91, A182 F91, A213 T91, A217 C12A, A387 91

# MATERIALS

- **Impact on Materials**
  - Past and Present Materials Used
- **Elevated Temperature Applications**
  - Creep Strength Enhanced Ferritics
- **Flow Accelerated Corrosion**
  - Chrome Equivalent
- **Cast vs. Forged Valves**

# SUPERCritical IMPACT ON MATERIALS

- **Higher Operating Temperatures Require Improved Materials of Construction**
  - Higher Pressures Require Thicker Materials
  - Higher Stress Range
  - High Cyclic Fatigue Resistance
  - Increased Creep Resistance
  - Increased Fire Side Corrosion/Steam Side Oxidation Resistance
- **Cycles Have Traditionally Exceed Practical Limits of Some Materials**
  - Steam Systems: CS → P11 → P22 → P91 → P92
  - Feedwater: Grade B → Grade C → CrEq → P36

# WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

- **Carbon Steel For Applications Up To 800°F (427°C)**
  - CrEq carbon steel or P36 for applications where flow accelerated corrosion (FAC) is of concern
  - P11/P22/P5/3xx for 2-phase erosion is of concern
- **P11/P22 Materials For Applications From 800°F to 1025°F (427°C to 552°C)**
- **Creep Strength Enhanced Ferritic Steels (CSEF) Have Emerged As the Most Common Material For High Temperature Steam**
  - P91 – 1025°F to 1100°F (552°C to 593°C)
  - P92 – 1100°F to 1200°F (593°C to 649°C)
- **Nonmetallics for Lower Temperature, Corrosion/Erosion Applications**
  - Most Commonly in Air Quality Control Systems

# CREEP STRENGTH ENHANCE FERRITIC (CSEF) STEELS

- High alloy steels that contain between 9 and 12% Cr, small amounts of Mo, V, Nb, and varying additions of W, Co, B, N, and Ni.
- Normalization and tempering heat treatments produce a microstructure of tempered martensite.
  - Provides an optimal combination of creep resistance and toughness.
- Primary application is boiler superheaters, pipes, and headers
- Most commonly material is Grade 91 (C12A).

# CS VS. P11 VS. P22 VS. P91

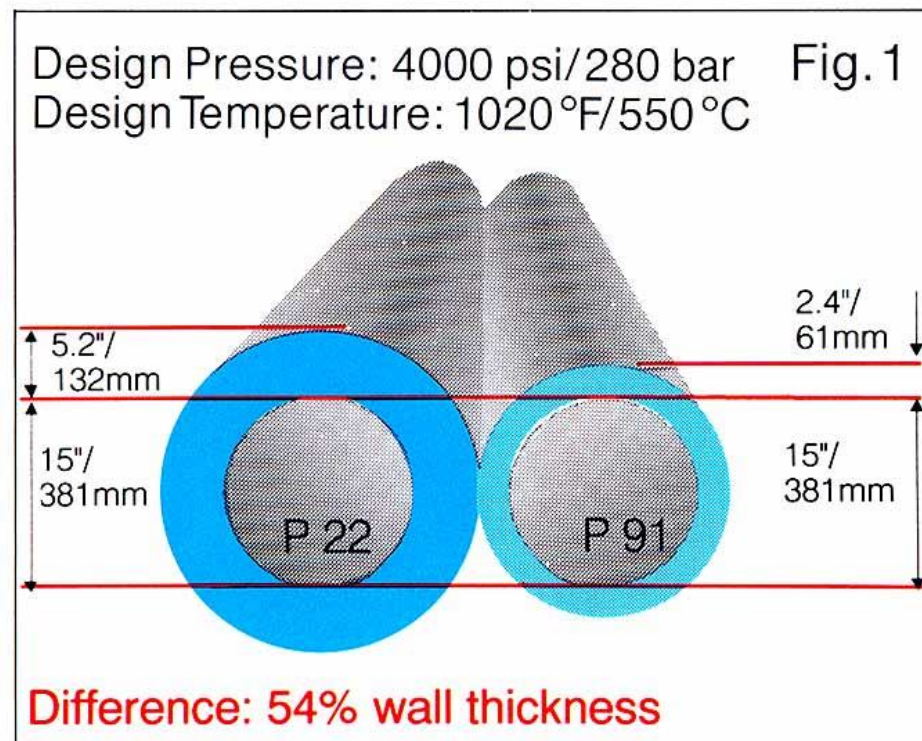
	Base Material Specifications			
	A106 Gr. B	P11	P22	P91
<b>C</b>	0.30 max.	0.05 - 0.15	0.05 - 0.15	0.08 - 0.12
<b>Mn</b>	0.29 - 1.06	0.30 - 0.60	0.30 - 0.60	0.30 - 0.60
<b>P</b>	0.035 max.	0.025 max.	0.025 max.	0.020 max.
<b>S</b>	0.035 max.	0.025 max.	0.025 max.	0.010 max.
<b>Si</b>	0.10 min.	0.50 - 1.00	0.50 max.	0.20 - 0.50
<b>Cr</b>	0.40 max.	1.00 - 1.50	1.90 - 2.60	8.00 - 9.50
<b>Mo</b>	0.15 max.	0.44 - 0.65	0.87 - 1.13	0.85 - 1.05
<b>V</b>	0.08 max.	-	-	0.18 - 0.25
<b>N</b>	-	-	-	0.03 - 0.07
<b>Ni</b>	0.40 max.	-	-	0.40 max.
<b>Al</b>	-	-	-	0.04 max.
<b>Cb</b>	-	-	-	0.06 - 0.10
<b>Cu</b>	0.40 max.	-	-	-

**Grade 91's Strength is Obtained Through Chemistry and Heat Treatments (N&T)**



# ADVANTAGES OF CSEF STEELS

- Over Twice as Strong as P22 (2.25%Cr – 1Mo) at High Temperatures
- Excellent Resistance to Creep
- Reduces System Weight
- Improves System Flexibility
- Excellent Oxidation Characteristics

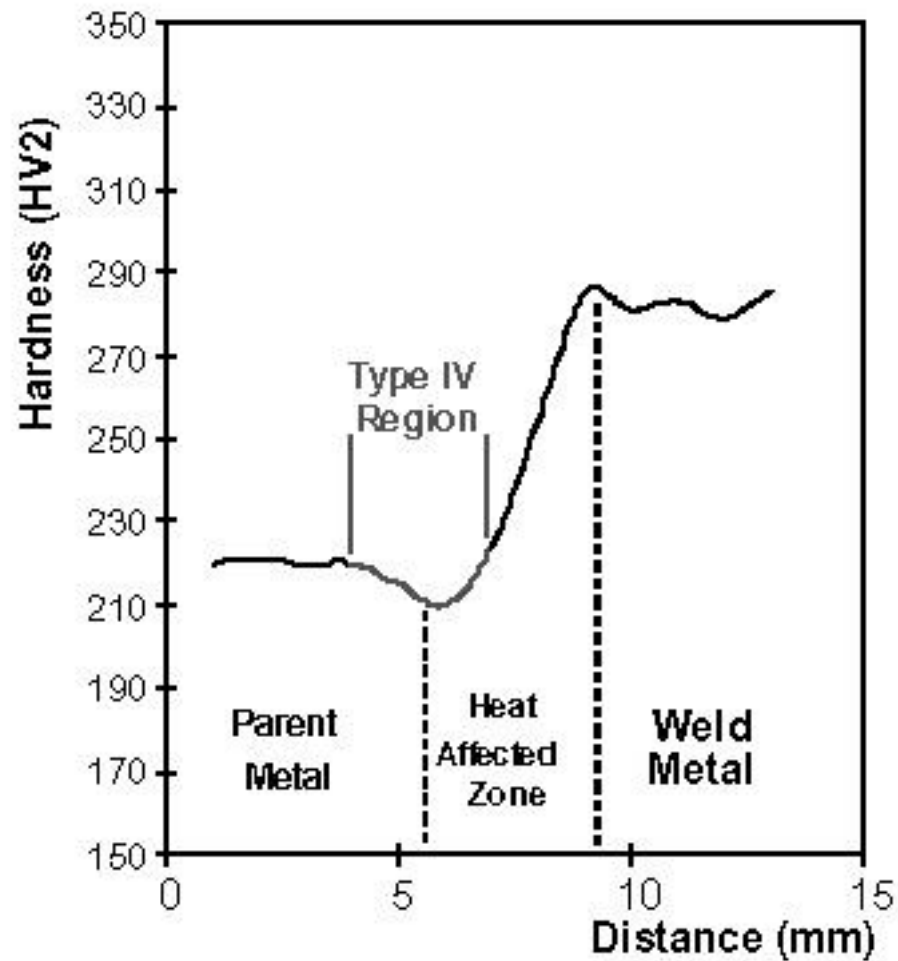




# DISADVANTAGES OF CSEF STEELS

- **Martensitic Steel**
  - Strength is obtained through chemistry and heat treatments
- **Welding requires strict controls in order to maintain martensite grain structure, i.e. controlled preheat and interpass temperatures**
- **Listed as a P15E Weld Code by ASME, i.e. mandatory postweld heat treatment**
- **Weld HAZ's are Likely Failure Locations – Type IV Cracking**
- **Susceptible to Carbon Migration and Hydrogen Embrittlement, i.e. postweld bakeout**

# EXAMPLE OF TYPE IV CRACKING



# OTHER CSEF STEELS – 92, 911, 122

- **P92 - ASME Code Case 2179**
  - Developed by Nippon Steel as NF616
  - Similar to P91 but with 0.5% Mo – 1.7%W
  - 30% Reduction in Wall Thickness to P91
- **P911 - ASME Code Case 2327**
  - Developed by V&M in Europe
  - Similar to P91 but 1% W
  - Creep Strength Falls Short of P92
- **P122 - ASME Code Case 2180**
  - Developed in Japan as HCM12A
  - Similar to P92 but with 11% Cr and 1% Cu
  - Increased Chromium Improves Steam and Fire Side Corrosion Resistance

# COMPARISON OF COMPOSITION

	Base Material Specifications			
	P91	P92	E911	P122
<b>C</b>	0.08 - 0.12	0.07 - 0.13	0.10 - 0.13	0.07 - 0.14
<b>Mn</b>	0.30 - 0.60	0.30 - 0.60	0.30 - 0.60	0.70 max.
<b>P</b>	0.020 max.	0.020 max.	0.020 max.	0.020 max.
<b>S</b>	0.010 max.	0.010 max.	0.010 max.	0.010 max.
<b>Si</b>	0.20 - 0.50	0.50 max.	0.10 - 0.30	0.50 max.
<b>Cr</b>	8.00 - 9.50	8.50 - 9.50	8.50 - 9.50	10.00 - 12.50
<b>Mo</b>	0.85 - 1.05	0.30 - 0.60	0.90 - 1.10	0.25 - 0.60
<b>V</b>	0.18 - 0.25	0.15 - 0.25	0.15 - 0.25	0.15 - 0.30
<b>N</b>	0.03 - 0.07	0.03 - 0.07	0.05 - 0.08	0.04 - 0.10
<b>Ni</b>	0.40 max.	0.40 max.	0.40 max.	0.50 max.
<b>Al</b>	0.04 max.	0.04 max.	-	0.04 max.
<b>Cb</b>	0.06 - 0.10	0.04 - 0.09	0.04 - 0.09	0.04 - 0.10
<b>W</b>	-	1.50 - 2.00	0.90 - 1.10	1.50 - 2.50
<b>B</b>	-	0.001 - 0.006	0.001 - 0.006	0.0005 - 0.005
<b>Cu</b>	-	-	-	0.30 - 1.70

# EROSION VS. CORROSION

- **Erosion** is the damage of materials caused by physical processes such as high-speed, impinging flows or solid impacts on the surface.
  - Cavitation erosion
  - Flashing erosion
  - Droplet impingement
  - Solid particle erosion
- **Corrosion** may be defined as material attack which is chemical or electrochemical in nature.
  - Widespread attack - General corrosion, Flow-Accelerated Corrosion (FAC)
  - Localized attack - Galvanic corrosion (between dissimilar metals), Crevice corrosion, Cracking Pitting

# FLOW-ACCELERATED CORROSION

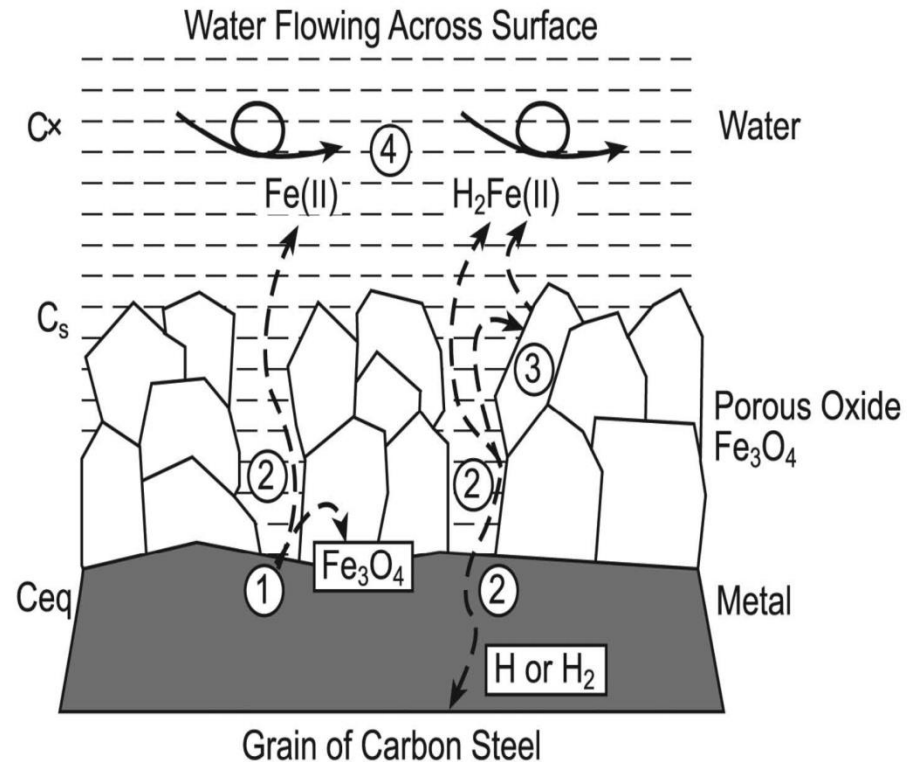
- **Nuclear**
  - 1986 – Surry Nuclear Power Station – Condensate System
- **Fossil**
  - Later 1980's – FAC Identified in Feedwater Systems
  - 1995 – Pleasant Prairie Plant – Feedwater System
- **Flow- Accelerated Corrosion (FAC) is a corrosion process that degrades carbon steel material**
- **Degradation occurs under certain temperatures and specific chemistry conditions**
- **FAC requires that flowing water or water/steam be present**
- **FAC is normally related to turbulence especially near fittings, e.g., elbows, tees, orifices, valves.**

# DESCRIPTION OF FAC

**FAC occurs when the normally protective iron-oxides dissolve into the flowing stream**

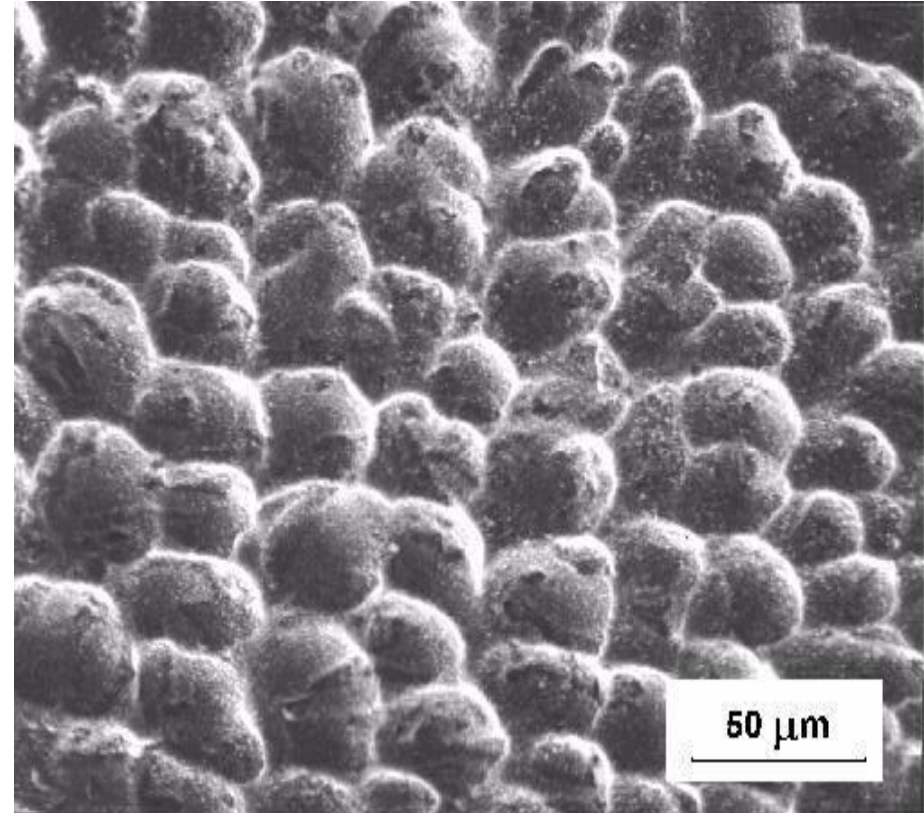
**FAC is a global attack on piping (i.e., widespread thinning) rather than local attack (i.e., pitting or cracking)**

**FAC caused failures are often sudden and catastrophic**



# WHAT DOES FAC DAMAGE LOOK LIKE?

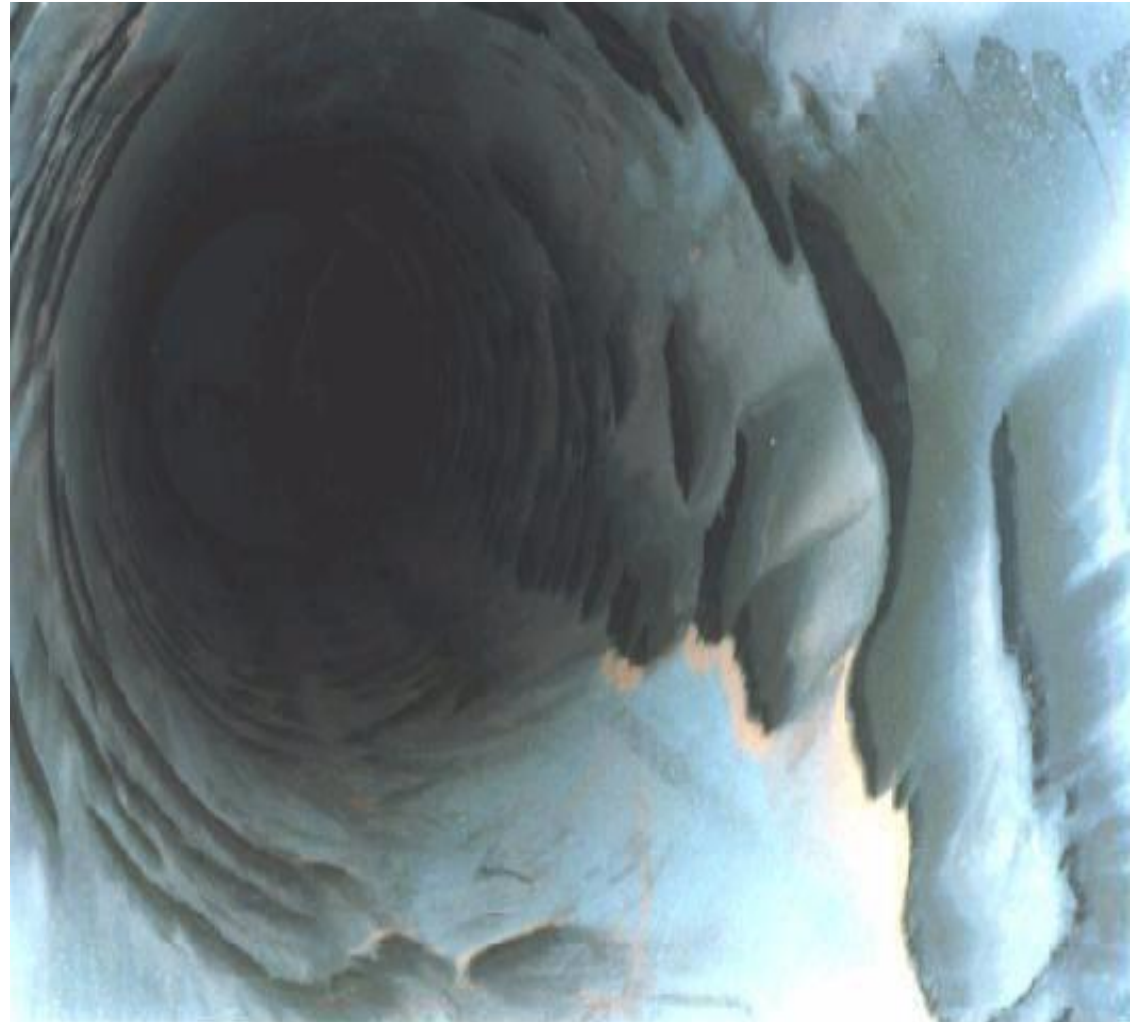
- Under single-phase (i.e., water only) conditions, the damaged surface displays a “scalloped” or “orange-peel” surface
- This type of surface is conclusive evidence that the damage is caused by FAC
- Depending on the conditions, magnification may be required to view the scalloping





# WHAT DOES FAC DAMAGE LOOK LIKE?

- Under high quality, two-phase conditions, the surface may show a pattern of dark and light areas known as “tiger stripping”
- Tiger-stripping is also conclusive evidence of FAC



## SURRY UNIT 2 - 1986

- 18" Elbow in a Condensate Line
- Four Fatalities and Several Injuries Resulted



# DUKOVANY (CZECH REPUBLIC) - 2001

- 12" High Pressure Extraction Line



# MIHAMA UNIT 3 - 2004

- A 22" Condensate Line Downstream of an Orifice
- Five Fatalities and Several Injuries Resulted





# IATAN UNIT 1 - 2007

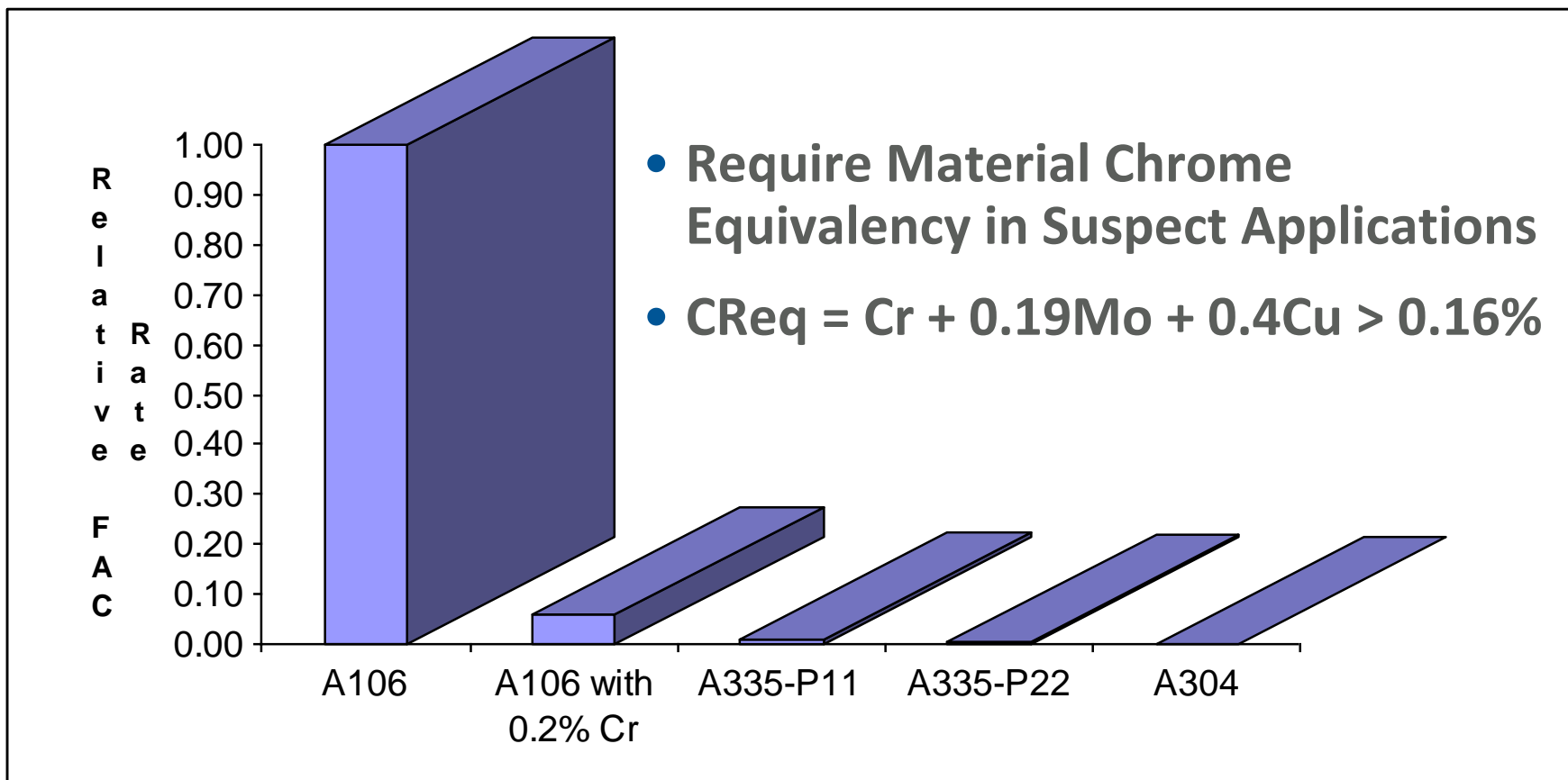
- 4" Boiler Feedwater to Desuperheater
- Two Fatalities and One Injury



# SUSCEPTIBLE CONSIDERATIONS

- **Piping is susceptible to FAC if:**
  - The material is carbon steel
  - There is water or wet steam flowing in the pipes
  - Temperature conditions are within band 200°F to 500°F
  - The water is deoxygenated (i.e., service water systems do not experience FAC)
- **Systems which are of concern:**
  - Generally all of the secondary side in PWRs and the equivalent BWR systems are susceptible to damage
  - Some BWR auxiliary systems (e.g., RHR) may also be susceptible
  - In fossil plants, condensate and boiler feed systems are susceptible as well as some extraction steam lines
  - Auxiliary systems such as building steam may also be susceptible

# FAC RESISTANT - MATERIAL VS. WEAR RATE



# ALTERNATE MATERIALS – P36

- **Developed by Vallourec & Mannesmann**
  - Copper-Nickel-Molybdenum-Alloyed Carbon Steel
  - Standard in India and China for Super-Critical Applications
- **ASME Code Case 2353 for Section I**
  - Approved Material B31.1
  - Used in 30+ Plants since 1972
- **Advantages**
  - 35% Reduction in Wall Thickness over A106 Grade C
  - High Resistance to FAC
- **Disadvantages**
  - No Casting Equivalent Currently Exists – Use Transition Pieces or Forged Valves



# A106 GRADE B/C VS. P36

	Base Material Specifications		
	A106 Gr. B	A106 Gr. C	P36
<b>C</b>	0.30 max.	0.35 max.	0.10 - 0.17
<b>Mn</b>	0.29 - 1.06	0.29 - 1.06	0.80 - 1.20
<b>P</b>	0.035 max.	0.035 max.	0.030 max.
<b>S</b>	0.035 max.	0.035 max.	0.025 max.
<b>Si</b>	0.10 min.	0.10 min.	0.25 - 0.50
<b>Cr</b>	0.40 max.	0.40 max.	0.30 max.
<b>Mo</b>	0.15 max.	0.15 max.	0.25 - 0.50
<b>V</b>	0.08 max.	0.08 max.	0.02 max.
<b>N</b>	-	-	0.02 max.
<b>Ni</b>	0.40 max.	0.40 max.	1.00 - 1.30
<b>Al</b>	-	-	0.05 max.
<b>Cb</b>	-	-	0.015 - 0.045
<b>Cu</b>	0.40 max.	0.40 max.	0.50 - 0.80

# FORGED VS. CAST STEEL

- **Trend over the last few years for forged valves being quoted as alternative to cast steel valves, especially for high pressure applications**
  - Forged valves have traditionally been used for small bore applications ( $\leq 2''$  NPS) and cast for large bore applications.
- **Both can provide acceptable performance for most power applications**
  - Perception by some is that forged valves are superior in quality but cast is lower cost.
  - Decision to go with cast or forged valves depends on several factors, but cost is often the determining one.
- **Code requirements such as ASME's quality factor can cause design challenges with regards to transitions between pipe and valve**

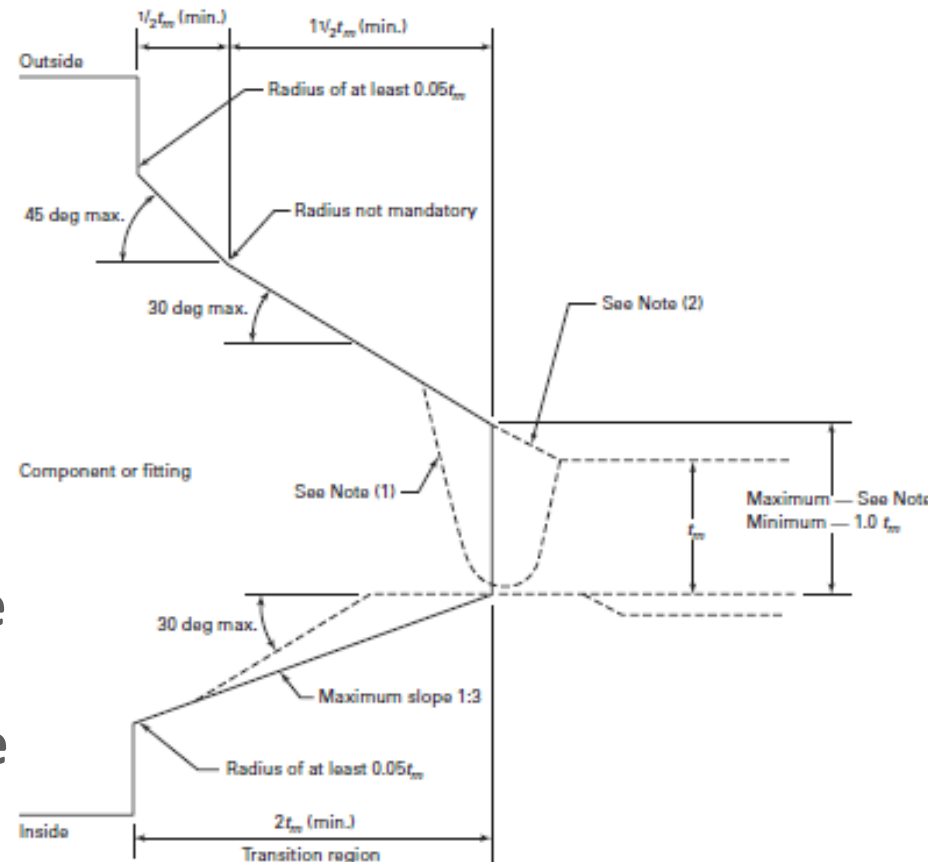
## FORGED VS. CAST STEEL – CONT'D

- **With new materials, cast grades often lag in development and forged valves provide more direct use of advance materials.**
  - Designer forced to specify a lower strength material and transitions are required for difference in strengths in addition to dissimilar metal welding.
  - Example is how long C12A was introduced after Grade 91 pipe and forgings. Designers specified WC9 valves with transition pieces between pipe and valve.
  - Has caused a delay in utilization of P92 and P36 materials in US market
  - India and Chinese markets and developers generally use forged valves in lieu of cast grades with transitions.

# WELD END TRANSITIONS

- Weld end transitions are common and required on most cast and some forged products due to differences in wall thickness
- Outside-to-Inside of component was traditionally minimized
- On forged components made by machining operations, Outside-to-Inside may not be minimized

Fig. 127.4.2 Welding End Transition — Maximum Envelope



**On high temperature applications, transition region needs to be lengthened**

# LESSONS LEARNED FROM WYE FORGINGS

MATERIALS – FORGED VS. CAST STEEL



# REVISED SPECIFICATIONS

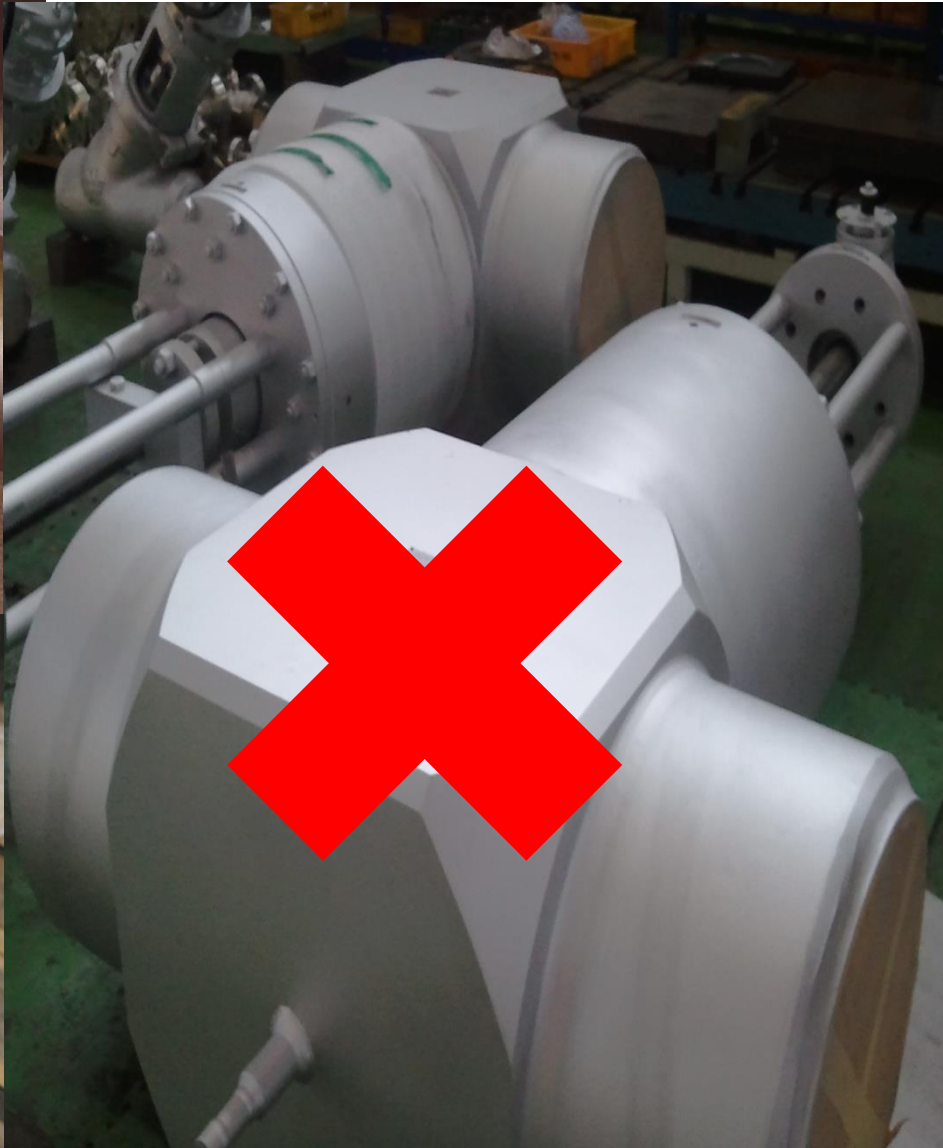
- **ASME Codes do not define component design to this level of detail**
  - May actually be acceptable for some applications
- **Revised piping specifications to require machining to “partially contoured” or “fully contoured”**
  - Exterior surfaces of wye and lateral fittings shall be machined to remove as much excess metal as possible.
  - The principle of material removal shall be to make all wall sections as uniform as possible, consistent with any required pressure reinforcement.
  - Radii to eliminate block corners shall be, at a minimum, one half of the respective outside radius of the branch header.

**Question: Do similar requirements need to be included in valve specifications where forged steel valves can be substituted for cast valves**



# EXAMPLES OF FORGED VALVES

MATERIALS – FORGED VS. CAST STEEL



# FUTURE TRENDS

- **Future Market for Supercritical Units**
- **Emerging Materials**
  - **Designing over 1200°F (649°C)**
- **What it means for valve industry**



# FUTURE MARKET FOR SUPERCRITICAL UNITS

- **Election on November 8<sup>th</sup> Created Significant Uncertainty in the Coal Generation Market**
- **New Generation Coal Market**
  - B&V currently involved in over a dozen supercritical units
    - Developing Countries in Asia
    - India
    - Sub-Sahara Africa
    - Limited Parts of South America
- **North America and Europe**
  - New renewable capacity additions
  - New natural gas-fueled generation
  - Significant portion of coal fired generation fleet (>50%) will be retired due to age or cost of compliance with the pending air quality regulations

# ESTIMATED COSTS AND THERMAL EFFICIENCIES OF VARIOUS PLANT TYPES

Unit Type	Average Efficiency	CO2 Emissions, g/kWh	Power Generation Costs, US¢/kw	Total Plant Capital Cost US\$/kw	Time to Build Plant, months
Subcritical	36-40%	766-789	4.0-4.5	2,900-3,300	48-60
Supercritical	40-44%	722	3.5-3.7	3,500-4,500	48-72
Ultrasupercritical	44-46%	<722	4.2-4.7	4,700-5,200	48-72
IGCC	42-44%	710-750	3.9-5.0	3,800-6,600	84-120
NGCC	50%	344-430	3.4-6.8	600-1,000	30

**There are sound reasons why natural gas combined cycle power plants continue to be the primary unit built in the US market.**

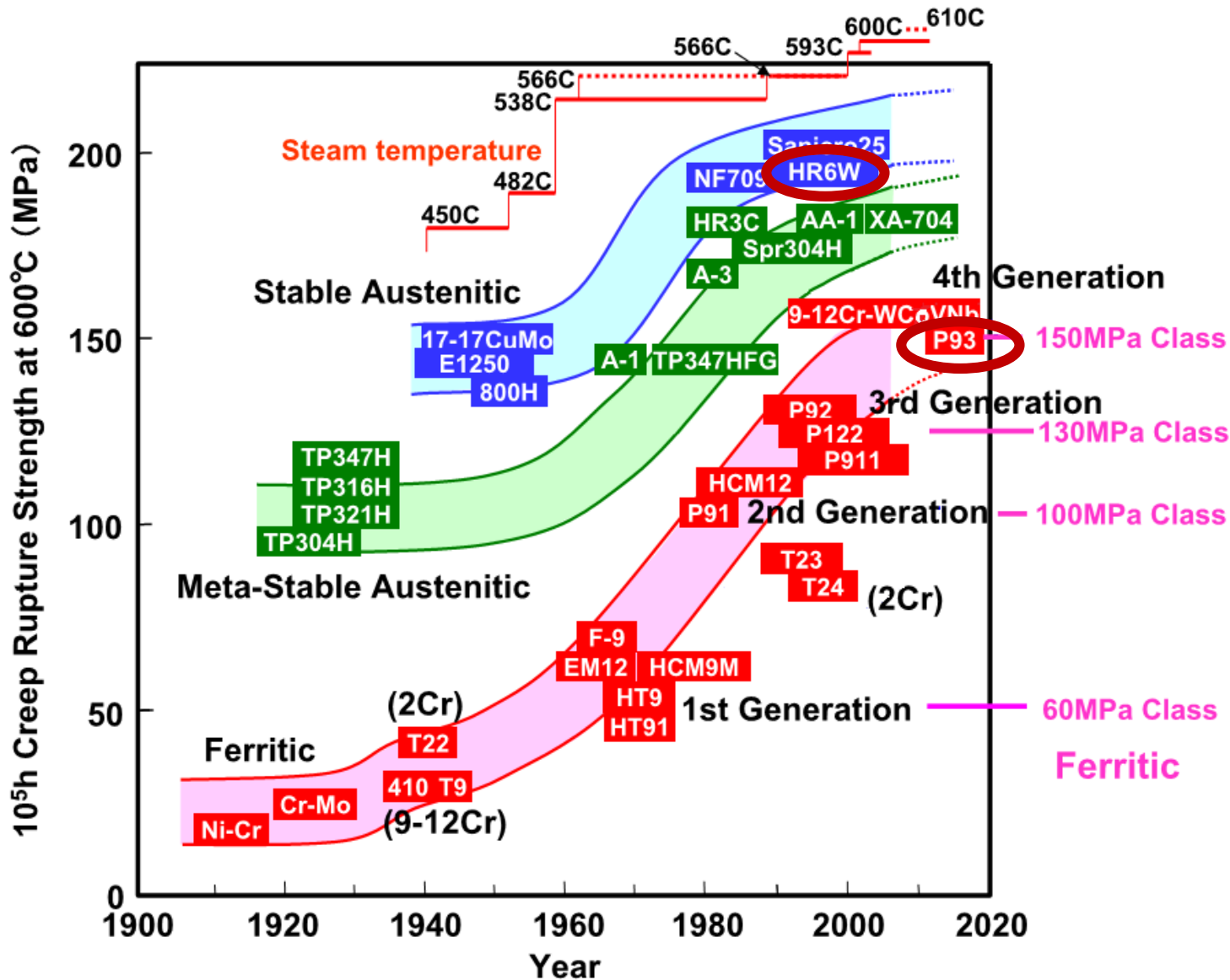
# POWER PLANT INNOVATIONS

- On 3 June 2014, the Australian government's research organization CSIRO announced that they had generated 'supercritical steam' at a pressure of 23.5 MPa (3,410 psi) and 570°C (1,060°F) in what it claims is a world record for solar thermal energy.
- The Cottam combined-cycle power plant in the central part of England is supercritical heat-recovery steam generator (HRSG).



**It is no longer limited to coal-fired power plants.**

# HISTORICAL IMPROVEMENT OF CREEP RUPTURE STRENGTH STEELS



FUTURE TRENDS – EMERGING MATERIALS



# SAVE12AD (GRADE 93)

- A normalized and tempered steel, 9Cr-3W-3Co-Nd-B, developed by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal (NSSMC), Japan
  - 30% stronger in creep than P92 at 1200°F (649°C)
  - Improved creep rupture ductility
  - Type IV-free or less-degradation welds
- **ASME Section I Code Case 2839** approved on October 15, 2015 and ready for publication
  - Proposed designation to be P93 for pipe, T93 for tube and F93 for forgings in ASTM and ASME
  - Property Data to 1200°F (649°C)
  - Built to ASME Standards SA-182, SA-213, SA-335

# HR6W (UNS N06674)

- A solution annealed Nickel alloy, 47Ni-23Cr-23Fe-7W, developed by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal (NSSMC), Japan
  - Stability of long term creep rupture strength and superior creep rupture ductility
  - Much better corrosion resistance than 18Cr-8Ni austenitic stainless steels
  - Microstructural phase stability at elevated temperature, which contributes to superior stress relaxation and fatigue properties
  - Better formability, wider available size range and better weldability than other nickel based alloys
- **ASME Section I Code Case 2684** approved on November 14, 2014
  - Property Data to 1500°F (816°C)
  - Built to ASTM Standard B167 and B564

# COMPARISON OF COMPOSITION

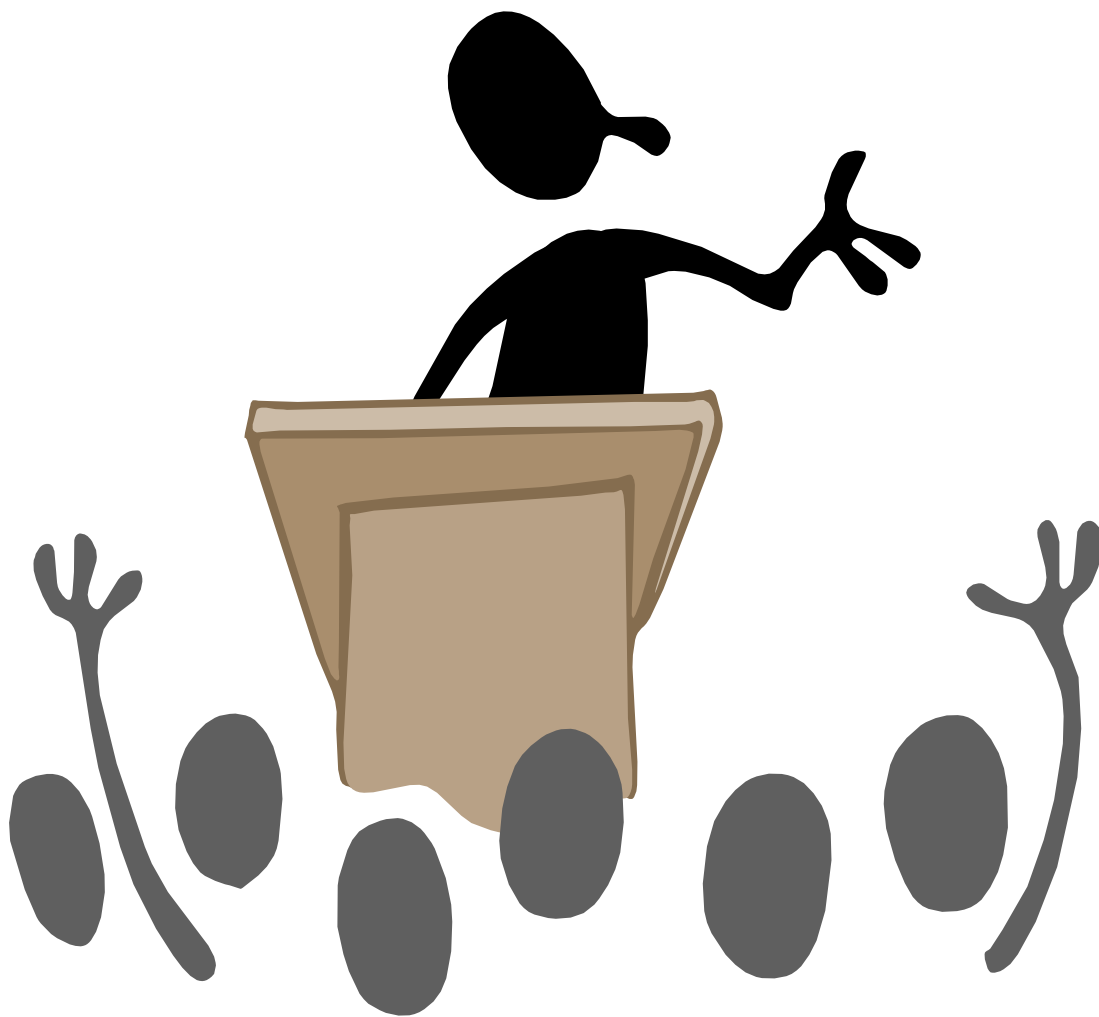
	Base Material Specifications			
	P91	P92	P93	HR6W
<b>Fe</b>	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder	20.0 - 27.0
<b>C</b>	0.08 - 0.12	0.07 - 0.13	0.05 - 0.10	0.10 max.
<b>Mn</b>	0.30 - 0.60	0.30 - 0.60	0.20 - 0.70	1.5 max.
<b>P</b>	0.020 max.	0.020 max.	0.020 max.	0.030 max.
<b>S</b>	0.010 max.	0.010 max.	0.008 max.	0.015 max.
<b>Si</b>	0.20 - 0.50	0.50 max.	0.05 - 0.50	1.0 max.
<b>Cr</b>	8.00 - 9.50	8.50 - 9.50	8.50 - 9.50	21.5 – 24.5
<b>Mo</b>	0.85 - 1.05	0.30 - 0.60	0.90 - 1.10	-
<b>V</b>	0.18 - 0.25	0.15 - 0.25	0.15 - 0.30	-
<b>N</b>	0.03 - 0.07	0.03 - 0.07	0.005 - 0.015	.02 max.
<b>Ni</b>	0.40 max.	0.40 max.	0.20 max.	Remainder
<b>Al</b>	0.04 max.	0.04 max.	.030 max.	-
<b>Cb</b>	0.06 - 0.10	0.04 - 0.09	0.04 - 0.09	-
<b>W</b>	-	1.50 - 2.00	2.5 – 3.5	6.0-8.0
<b>B</b>	-	0.001 - 0.006	0.007 - 0.015	0.0005 - 0.005
<b>Co</b>	-	-	2.5 - 3.5	-

# WHAT IT MEANS FOR VALVE INDUSTRY

- **Traditional mid to high-alloy steels will be utilized for supercritical units operating below 1200°F (649°C).**
  - Higher fatigue cycle resistance required for fast responding assets as renewables come to market
- **Nickel based materials will be used for supercritical applications greater than 1200°F (649°C), but this will most likely be limited in markets outside the US and Europe.**
- **FAC greater concern for aging fleet built with standard carbon steels.**
- **Duplex and nickel alloys as well as nonmetallic components will be utilized in AQCS applications on remaining US coal fleet as well as international markets.**
- **International supply chain will introduce unexpected issues.**



# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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