KME-708/718 High temperature corrosion in used-wood fired boilers – fuel additives and coatings

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Background

Project KME718 builds on projects KME-508, KME-512 and KME-708 which for used-wood fired boilers have shown that:

- co-firing with treated sewage sludge can reduce water wall corrosion, at least in short-term tests lasting up to 14 h
- an FeCrAl alloy (Kanthal APMT) has excellent water wall corrosion resistance when tested as solid material, indicating its potential as a coating material

Projects goals – KME 718

- reduce operation and maintenance costs in boilers that burn predominantly used wood by the use of additives and coatings
- acquiring new knowledge from longer term studies on the effect of using sewage sludge and one alternative sludge
- acquiring in-depth knowledge on the corrosion behaviour of materials typically used for furnace walls with and w/o fuel additives
- investigating the corrosion properties of some new coating materials and their related performance with respect to furnace wall protection

RESULTS

FUEL QUALITY (KME708)
&
SLUDGE CAMPAIGN (KME718)

Experimental - Idbäcken BFB

Two test campaigns with two types of UW-fuel (KME708) Two test campaigns with two types of sludge (KME718)*

- Two probes, nominally 350°C and 400°C at furnace wall.
- 2 specimens of 16Mo3 and 2 of Alloy 625 on each wall probe

WALL CORROSION PROBE TESTING





* Based on positive results from short term tests in KME508/KME708



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- 3 h exposure
- Superheater deposit probe. 3 hour test, 350,450,550°C
- Material: 2216 (350 and 450 °C) and 2352 (550 °C)

DEPOSIT PROBE TESTING IN SUPERHEATER REGION





Fuel compositions

- Compositions of the sludges are before mixing with the used wood.
- Fibre sludge from paper mill 18 wt % and digested sewage sludge 13 wt% in final fuel mixture

		UW -1	UW-2
Samples	[number]	5	3
Moisture	[as rec]	35	22
Ash	[as rec]	3.6	5.8
S	[% ds]	0.07	0.07
CI	[% ds]	0.13	0.20
K	[mg/kg ds]	995	900
Na	[mg/kg ds]	1 611	976
Al	[mg/kg ds]	1 534	1 262
Ca	[mg/kg ds]	4 044	5 117
Mg	[mg/kg ds]	1 055	538
Si	[mg/kg ds]	9 540	15 247
Cu	[mg/kg ds]	46	45
Pb	[mg/kg ds]	38	136
Zn	[mg/kg ds]	398	122
Р	[mg/kg ds]	89	118

Sewage sl	Fibre sl	
1	1	
76	72	
8.3	2.7	
1.27	0.68	
0.05	0.03	
3 860	890	
1 940	2 500	
18 200	8 200	
23 400	9 200	
3 220	1 100	
28 700	20 000	
259	17	
15	5	
524	170	
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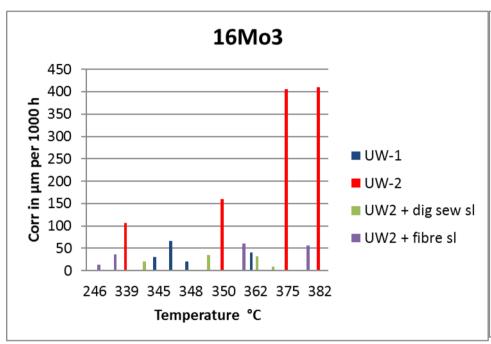


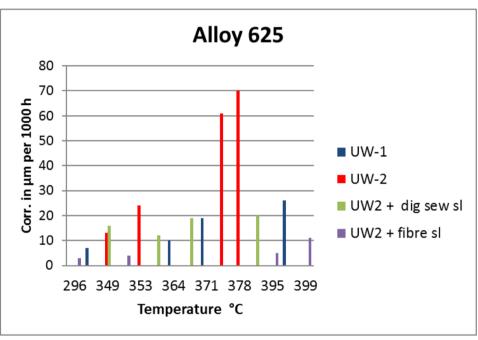




Results

Corrosion rate and temperature. 2 week tests ~330h. Av. temp for every test piece





16Mo3 - uncoated tube steel

UW-2 is very corrosive and corrosion rate increases rapidly with temperature.
UW-1 and UW-2 plus sludge show lower corrosion rates

Alloy 625 - Ni-base alloy coating material – note scale 0-80µm

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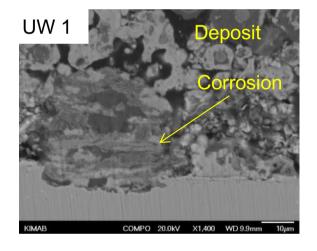
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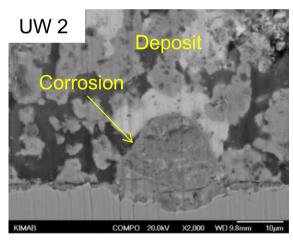
Alloy 625

350 °C

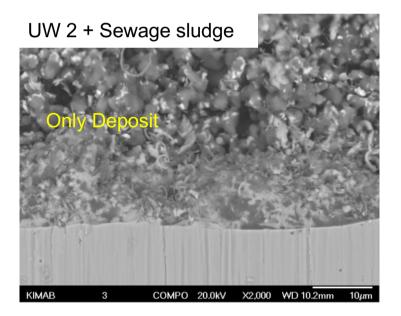
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Local corrosion with Ni, Cr- oxide as corrosion products





No/very little corrosion with sludge



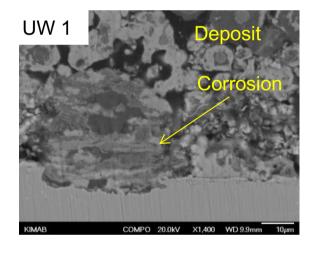
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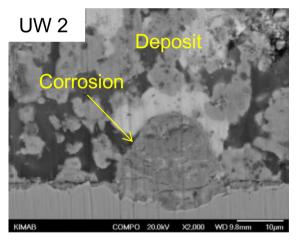
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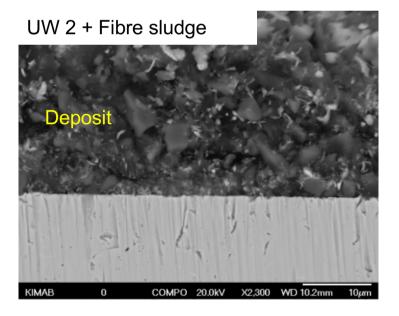
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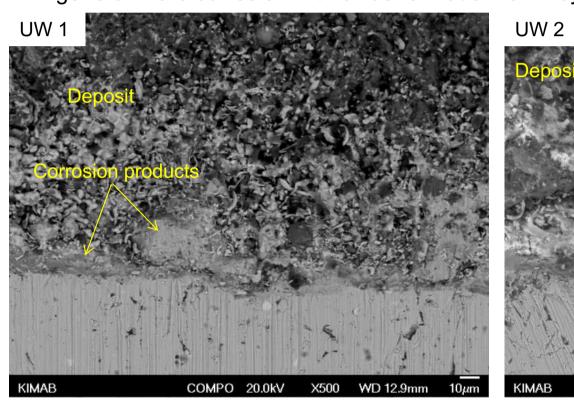


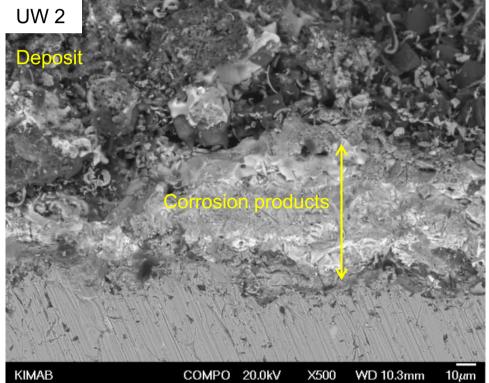
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Alloy 625

400 °C

In general more corrosion with oxide formation for Alloy 625 sample with more aggresive fuel







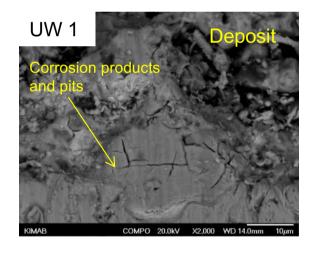
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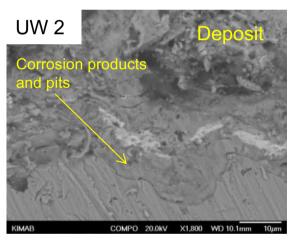
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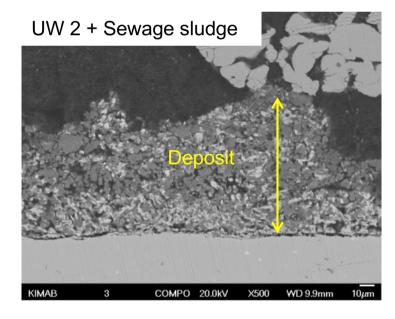
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(UW2) as corrosion products





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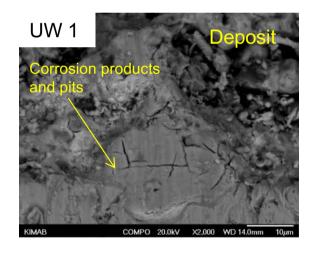


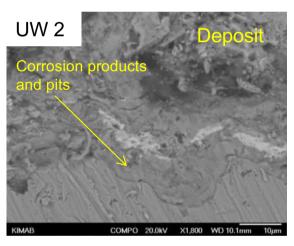
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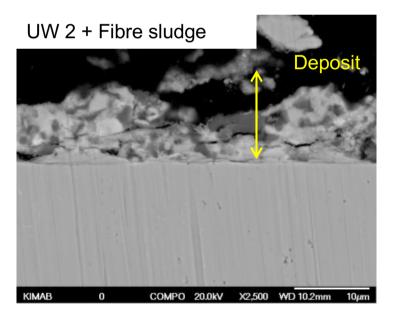
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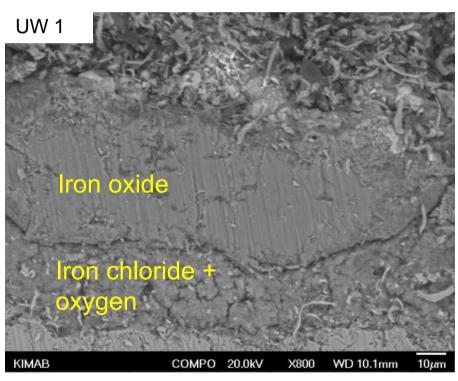


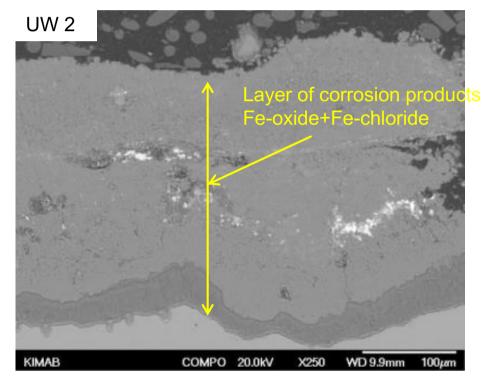


Furnace wall corrosion-probes

16Mo3 350 °C

Thicker layer of corrosion products for UW2



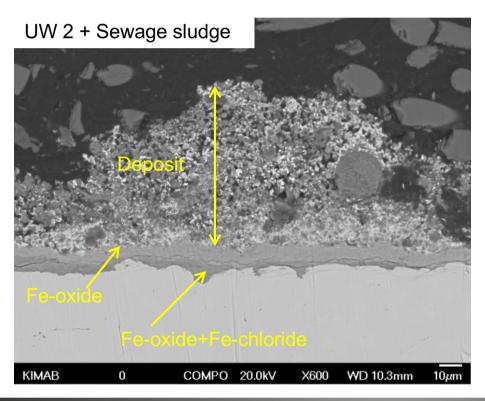


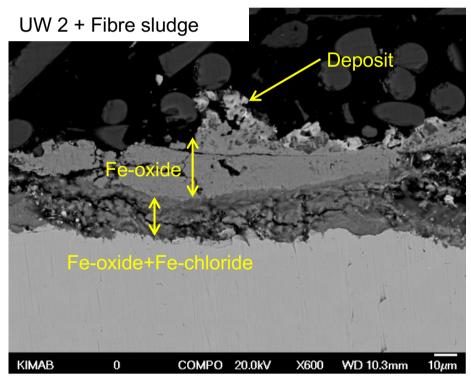


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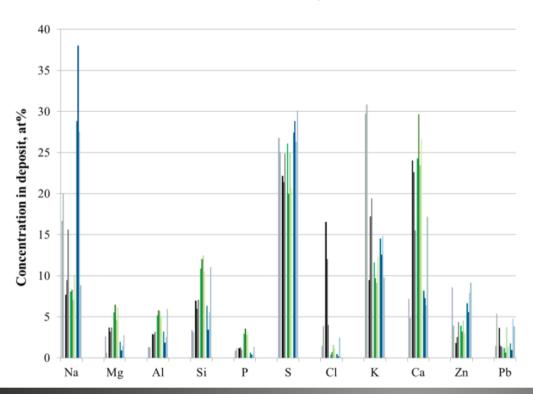
Good results are observed when co-firing sludges





Results- deposit analyses

- Less alkali chlorides in deposits
- Instead higher amount of
 - CaSO₄, Na/KSO₄, Alkali-aluminasilicates
 - Found for both sludges but different amounts



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Conclusions – fuel quality & sludge campaigns

- Increasing the Cl and Pb-content in the fuel clearly also increase corrosion problems. (KME708)
- Co-firing of both sewage sludge and fibre sludge show reduced chlorine in deposit and decrease corrosion rates for tested materials at furnace wall position (336 h)
- Decreased corrosion and less CI in deposits also at super heater position (deposit probes 3h)



RESULTS

Coatings to decrease corrosion problems

Experimental - Idbäcken BFB

Test campaigns with coatings and overlay welds (~ 1000 h)

- Two probes, nominally 400°C at furnace wall.
- Used wood fuel
- 8 samples each test campaign
 - Sanicro [X], Alloy 625 solid, Alloy 625 welded, MH Engineering coatings, Kanthal APMT weld and solid, Model alloys (on-welded)

WALL CORROSION PROBE TESTING





Experimental – Blackburn Meadows

1-year test with coated tube (UW-fuel)

Start July 2016, ended in June 2017 (~7000 operation hours)

Multiple material combination, Part of a original tube cut out and

replaced with this coated tube.

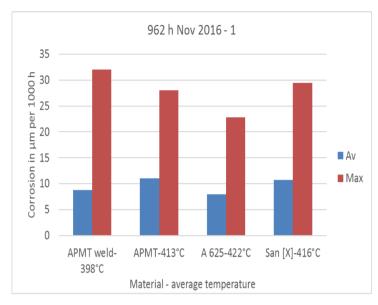
Materials	Application Method	Nominal Thickness
Sanicro60 (IN625)	Weld Overlay	4mm
Kanthal APMT	Weld Overlay	2mm
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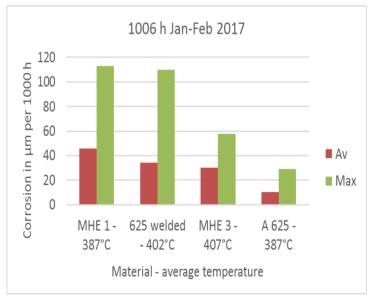




Results from Idbäcken

- Solid material (A625) performed better than welded.
- Welded A625, MHE1 and MHE3 showed similar results (20-45µm per 1000h)
- Solid San[X] similar to solid A625
- Welded FeCrAl model-alloys performed very well (less than 20µm per 1000h)

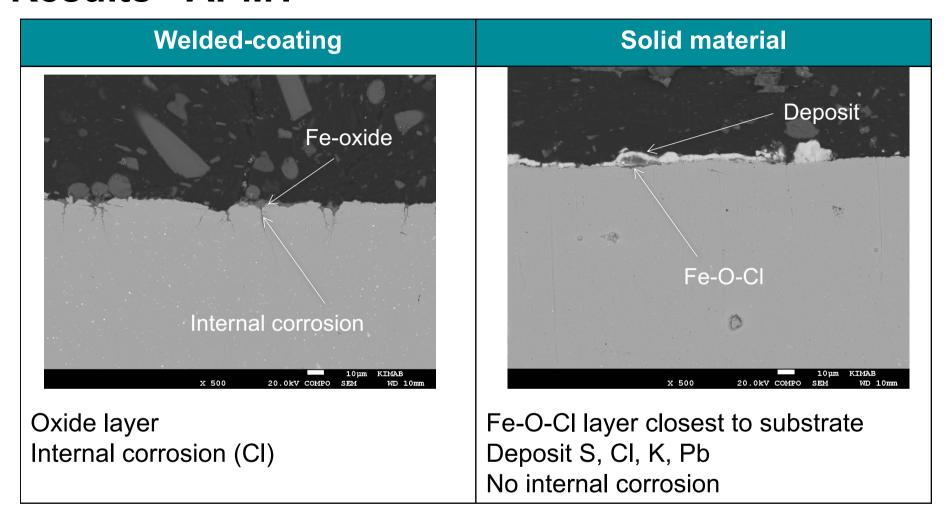








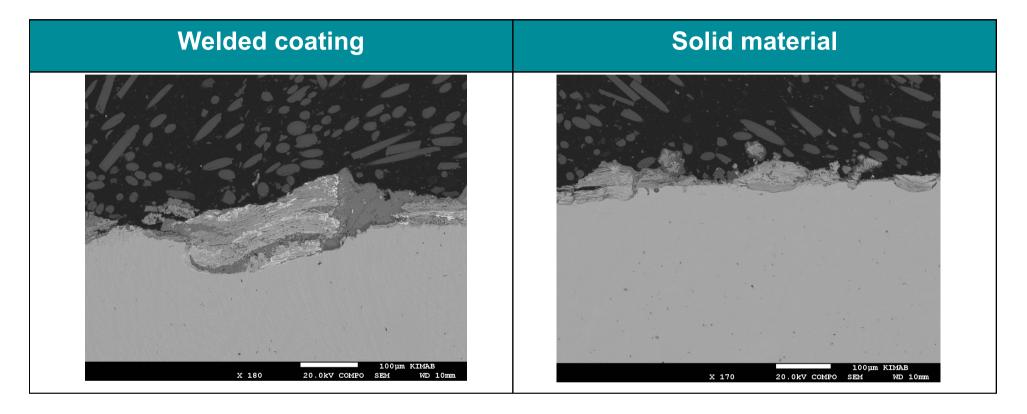
Results - APMT



Maximum propagation of internal corrosion and Cl: 40µm



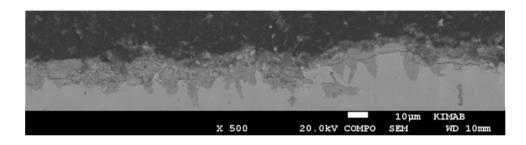
Results - Alloy 625



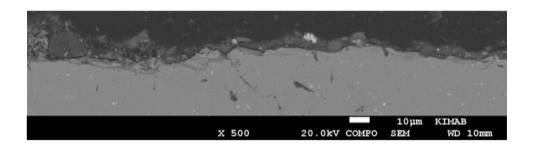
- Thickness uneven over sample
 - Average thickness for weld higher than solid material
- High amounts of Cl, K and Pb mixed in oxide/deposit

Results - Blackburn Meadows

- San60 10-20 µm thick corrosion layer but local. Some areas less.



- APMT not so much corrosion observed. Some internal corrosion but no thick oxide layer.



Similar behaviour of materials after 7000 h exposure time. No incidation of that internal corrosion for AMPT increases a lot with exposure time

→ FeCrAl-alloys promising to use as coating material



Goal fulfilments KME718

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- → The project has shown that two types of sludges can be used in order to decrease corrosion problems of materials typically used for furnace walls. Increased fuel flexibility!
- Investigating the corrosion properties of some new coating materials and their related performance with respect to furnace wall protection
- → The project has shown promising results for some coating materials to be used in order to decrease furnace wall corrosion.



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