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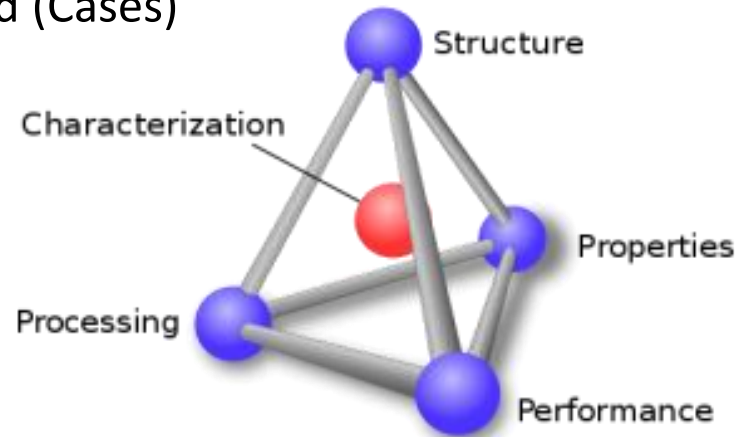
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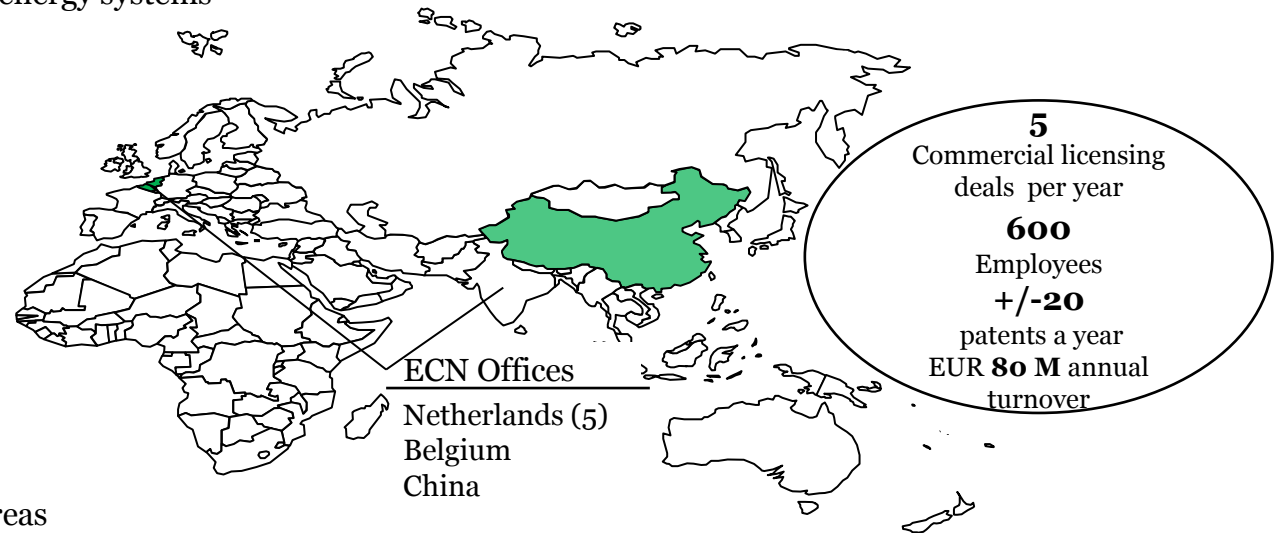
- Some in short about ECN and Environment and Engineering Engineering group
- Why Materials Science?
- Examples of applications: effect of materials selection and design on performance
- Materials knowledge back ground (Cases)
- Conclusions



# ECN at a glance

## Mission

To develop knowledge and technologies that enable a transition to more sustainable energy systems



## ECN Focus Areas



- Solar energy



- Biomass



- Policy studies



- Energy efficiency

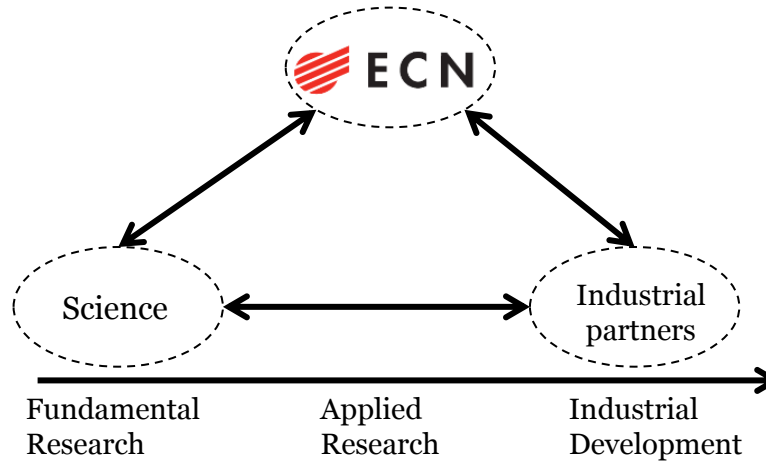


- Wind energy



- Environment & energy engineering

# ECN aims to be a bridge between science and corporate innovation



## What we do

### Problem solving

*Using our knowledge, technology, and facilities to solve our clients' issues*

### Technology development

*Developing technology into prototypes and industrial applications*

### Studies & Policy support

*Creating insights in energy technology and policy*

## How we can work with you

### Consultancy & Services

*Serving your short-term business and R&D needs*

### Contract R&D

*Support your R&D with our knowledge, technology and (test) facilities*

### Technology development & Transfer

*Implement our technology in products & processes*

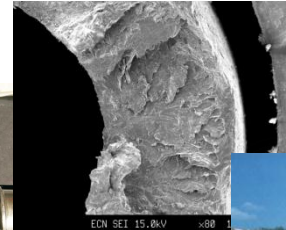
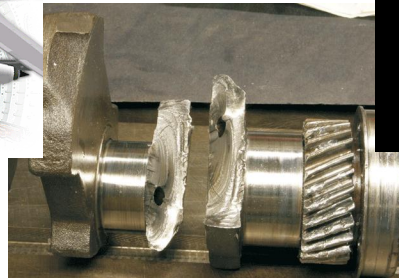
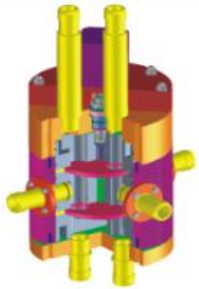
### Joint Industry Projects

*Developing tomorrow's technology together*

# Environment & Energy Engineering: Expanding the envelope



- Engineering & Realisation
  - Engineering
  - Realisation
  - Commissioning
  - HAZOP
- Materials
  - Characterisation
  - Failure analysis
  - Product optimisation
  - Production technology development
- Testing & Analysis
  - Corrosion testing
  - Lifetime prediction
  - Materials & Gas analysis
  - Pilot plant operation
- Environmental Assessment
  - Air quality measurements (PM, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, NH<sub>3</sub>, BTX, C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>, ...)
  - Emissions modelling
  - Leaching
  - Instrument development



# Why materials knowledge?

Importance of materials has been recognised over the ages.



Stone age → Bronze age → Iron age → Plastic age, biobased?

# Doel van deze presentatie

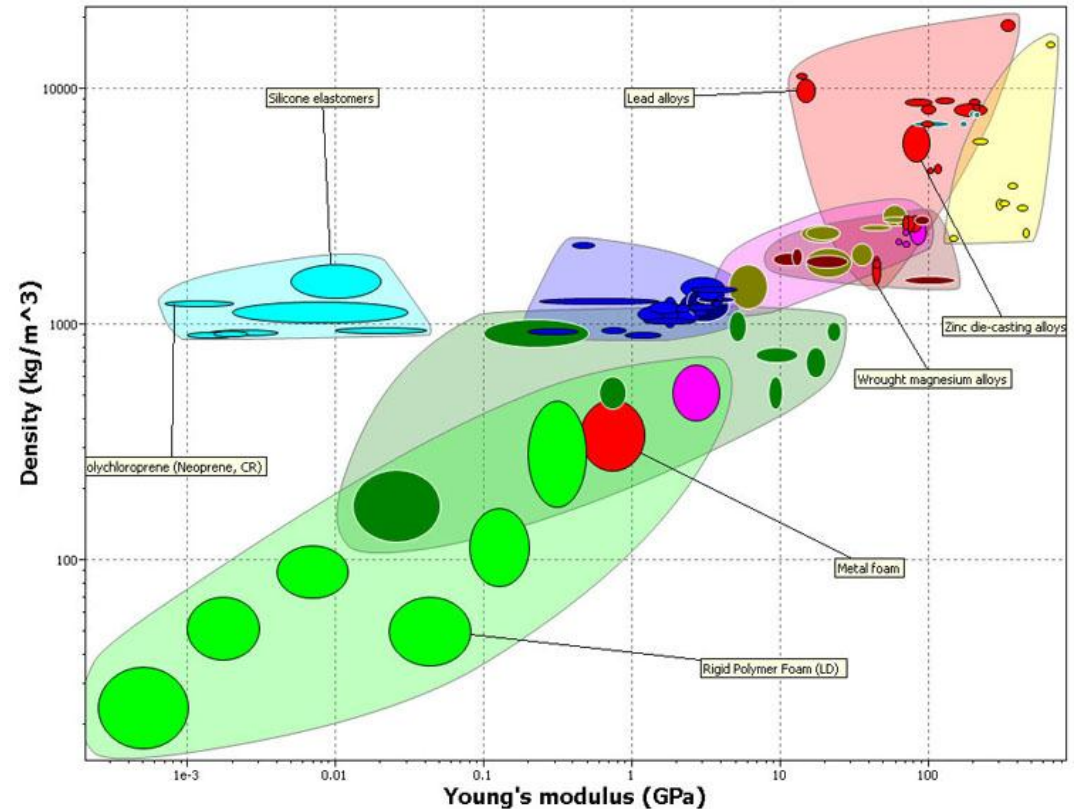
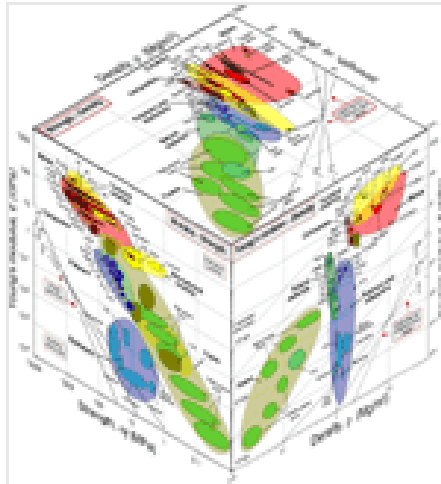
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- Invloed van de materiaalkeuze op:
  - Functionaliteit: Belasting, milieu, enz..
  - Betrouwbaarheid / beschikbaarheid installatie
  - TCO
- De constructeur/engineer bepaald op de tekentafel:
  - Onderhoudskosten
  - Fabricage kosten
  - Maakbaarheid
  - Betrouwbaarheidn & Beschikbaarheid
- VOOR-denken over materiaalkeuze heeft zin, bij NA-denken bij je te laat!:
  - Materiaaleigenschappen is 'makkelijk' (data base, leverancier enz)
  - Systeemeigenschappen vind je niet of moeilijk in een data base → Materiaalkunde

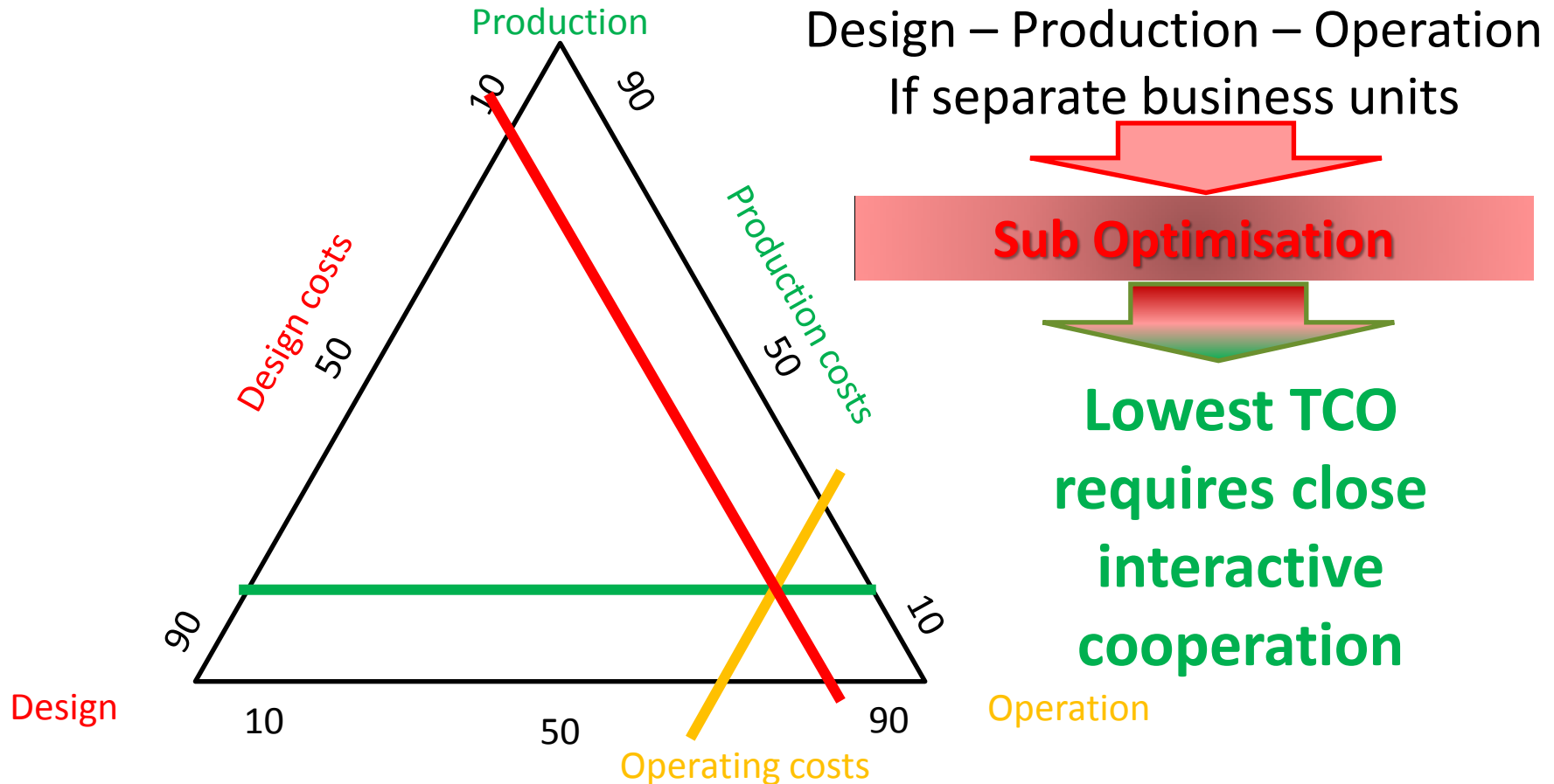
# Selection based on materials properties

## Ashby Diagrams

<http://www.grantadesign.com/>



# Interrelation Design-Production-Operation



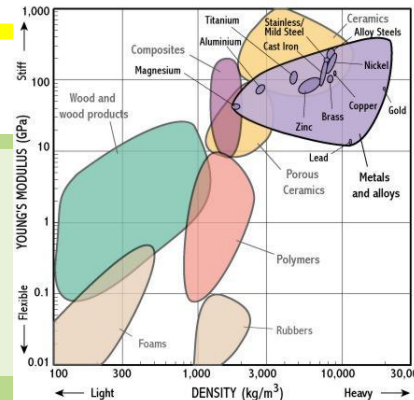
# Why materials knowledge and added value Materials Scientist

Materials selection based on:

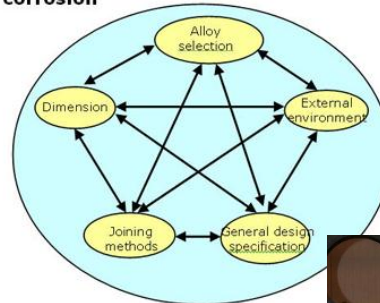
- Materials properties
  - Mechanical properties
  - Physical properties
  - Price? (<10% of total costs)

**System performance:**

- System properties:
  - Corrosion
  - Erosion
  - (welding)
- Others
  - Weldability (expert dependent)
  - Machinability (exper dependent)



The iterative process of design against corrosion



Tables,  
Ashbey,  
Engineer

Materials Scientist

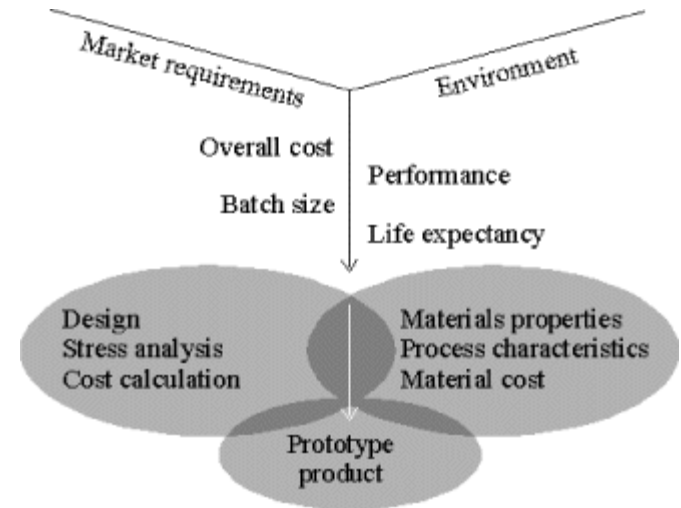


# Why materials knowledge?

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## Materials selection determines total costs of owner ship:

- Functionality/requirements
- Maintenance costs
- System availability & reliability
- Fabrication costs
- Design considerations
- Decommissioning costs
- Total fabrication costs



# Materials Science is an Enabling Technology in reducing TCO

# Design & Materials selection

## EuroCorr 2008: Edinburgh



# Material selection

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## Minister of Defence suspends acceptance of new Dutch NH90 helicopters

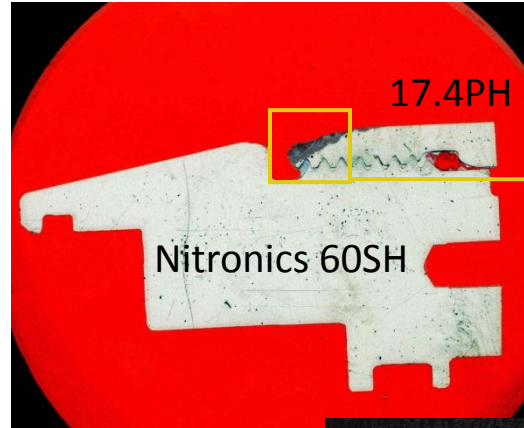
News item | 27-06-2014 | 16:35

The corrosion and wear symptoms on the NH90 helicopter are more serious than expected, leading the Ministry of Defence to suspend acceptance of the remaining 7 helicopters ordered from NHIndustries (NHI). Minister Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert informed the House of Representatives to this effect today. The new helicopters will only be accepted if an agreement on solutions to the problems is reached with the manufacturer, including the question of who will pay for the necessary repairs. Hennis expects to have a clearer picture after the summer.

## Roestvast staal, een sluipmoordenaar in zwembaden

**TILBURG** - Had het drama in zwembad Reeshof in Tilburg voorkomen kunnen worden? Het ministerie van VROM waarschuwde gemeenten al in 2002 dat roestvast staal in zwembaden gevaarlijk is voor de constructie. Corrosie bleek toen al de boosdoener.

# Case 1: galvanic corrosion



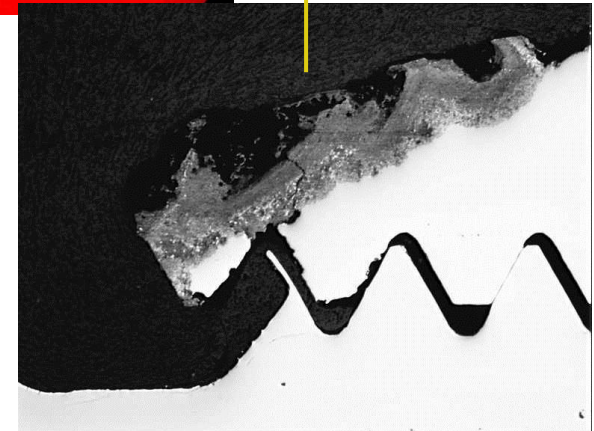
Materials:  
17Cr-4Ni  
17Cr-8.5Ni-8Mn-4Si

## Galvanic corrosion if:

- Potential difference >50mV
- Electrically connected
- Unfavourable surface ratios

## Example:

- Environment: Salt solution
- Potential difference 46mV, varying between 20 - 100mV
- 17.4PH least noble and corrodes



# Case 1: galvanic corrosion

## Expertise Materials scientist

Galvanic series predicts potential differences in specific environment

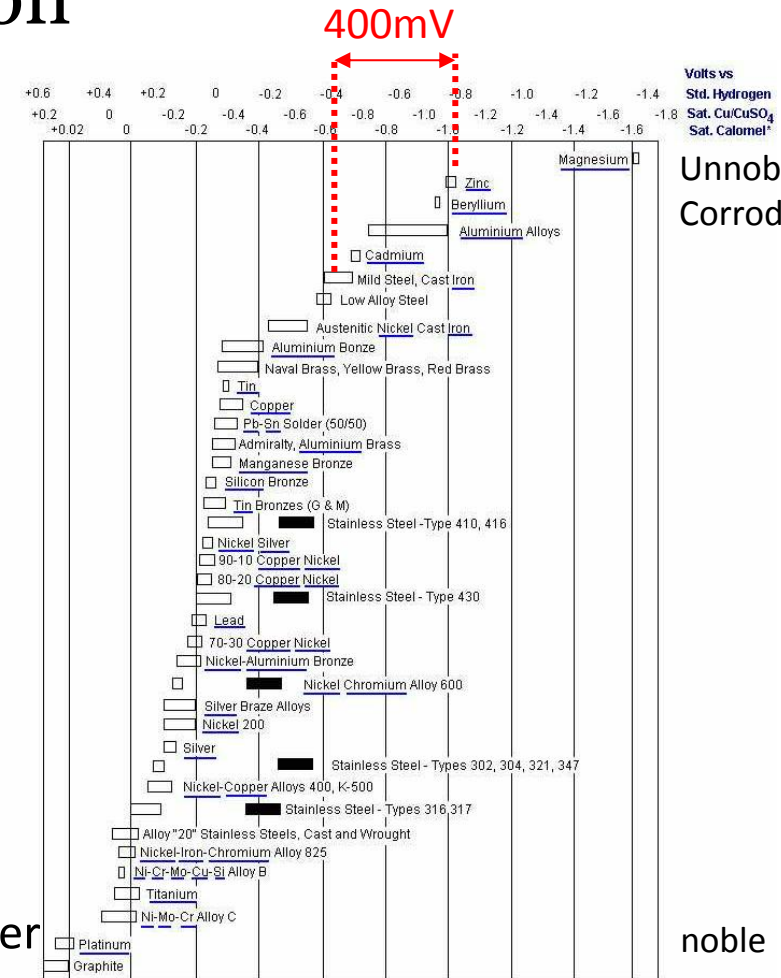
### Example:

Zn vs C-steel: 400mV in seawater, Zn corrodes  
→ galvanic protection → life time

### NOTE:

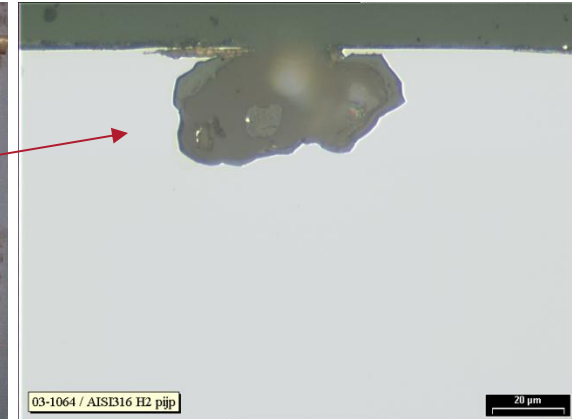
Above 70°C steel becomes less noble than Zn and corrosion reverses

Example: Galvanic series in sea water



## Case 2: Corrosion, Pitting and Crevice

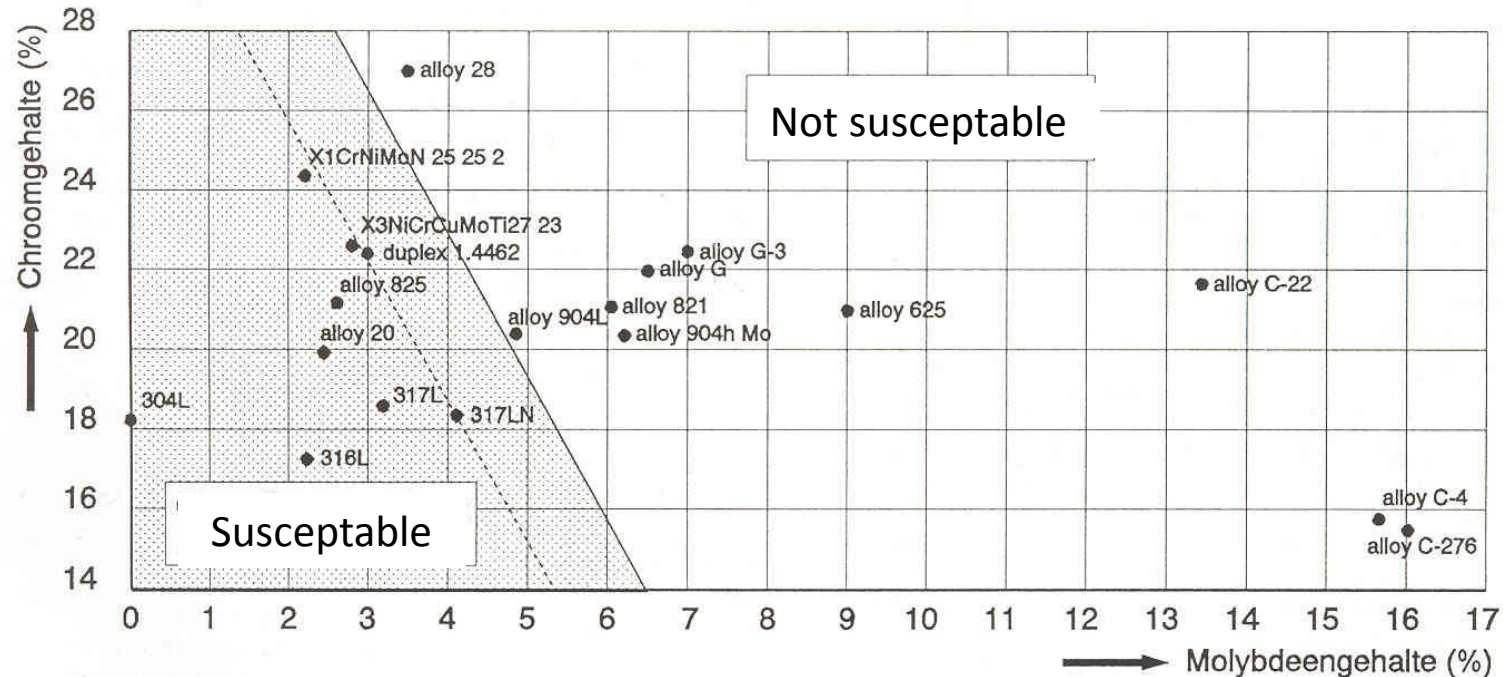
- Pitting of 1.4404 (AISI316L) type due to poor cleaning and presence of Cl and F
- Solution (*Maintenance costs down*):
  - Improve surface: polish
  - Apply cleaning (normal by rain)
  - Select higher alloyed:  
1.4435 (316 higher Mo) or 904L
- Crevice corrosion: unfavourable design combined with material selection and application conditions



# Case 2: Corrosion, Pitting and Crevice

Apart from design, correct materials selection reduces risks

Relative susceptibility to pitting and crevice corrosion. Susceptibility system dependent



# Case 3: Stress corrosion cracking

- Design of new reactor for biomass experiments
- Construction under (high) tensile stress due to:
  - Internal pressure
  - Cold bending
  - Welding
- Identified (corrosion) problems:
  - Pitting
  - Stress corrosion

Parameter	Requirement
Cl-concentration	2000mg/kg (by addition of 32%HCl with pH of 1.2-1.5)
Solute	H <sub>2</sub> O (40-60%) EtOH was removed from the solution at it decomposes
pH (catalyst)	1 (lowered by addition of 98% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 10g/kg solution)
Pressure(s)	50 bar
T max	220°C

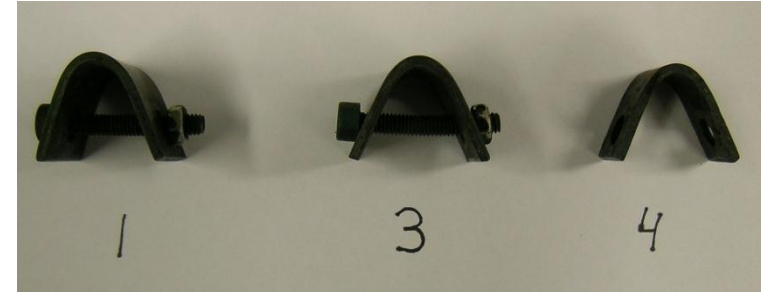
## Approach:

Based on material expertise:

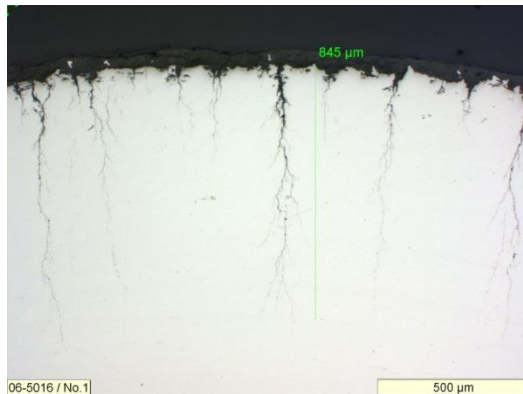
- Material pre-selection
- Testing under design conditions

# Case 3: Stress corrosion cracking

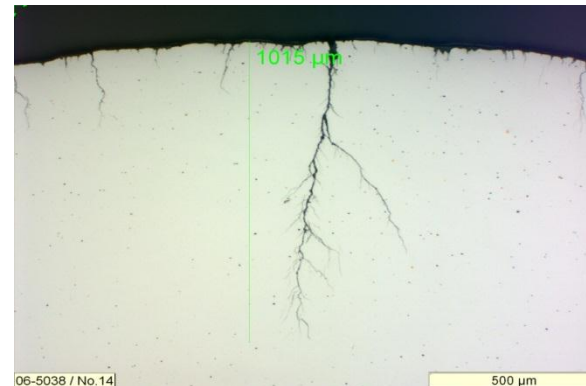
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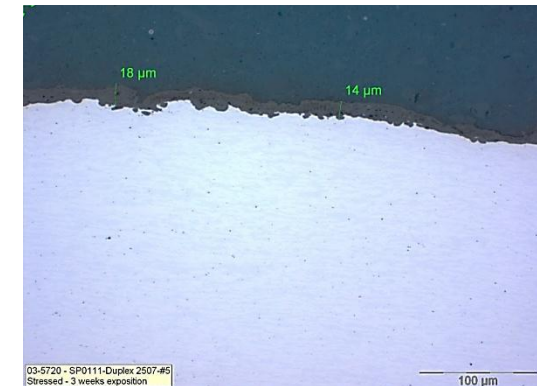
After 3 weeks of exposition



1.4404 (SS316L)



1925HMo (SCC resistant?)



Super Duplex-2507

# Case 4: Stress corrosion cracking

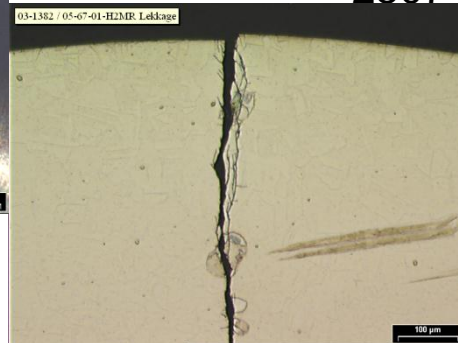
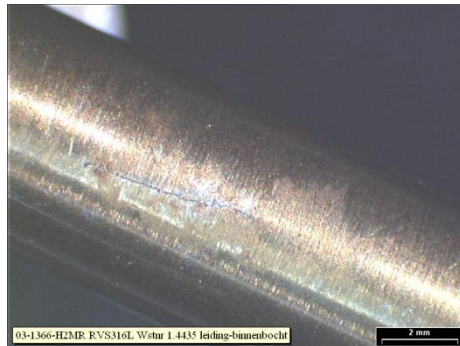
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## Results:

- Selection of relatively cheap material (Super Duplex-2507)
- With higher strength than austenitic SS, allowing for thinner design (lower weight) → potential cost savings.
- Installation, including joints, can be made from the same material, reducing risk for galvanic corrosion
- Reliable design:
  - High corrosion resistance
  - Predictable corrosion rate
- Better change for acceptance of the design and process

# Case 3: Stress corrosion cracking

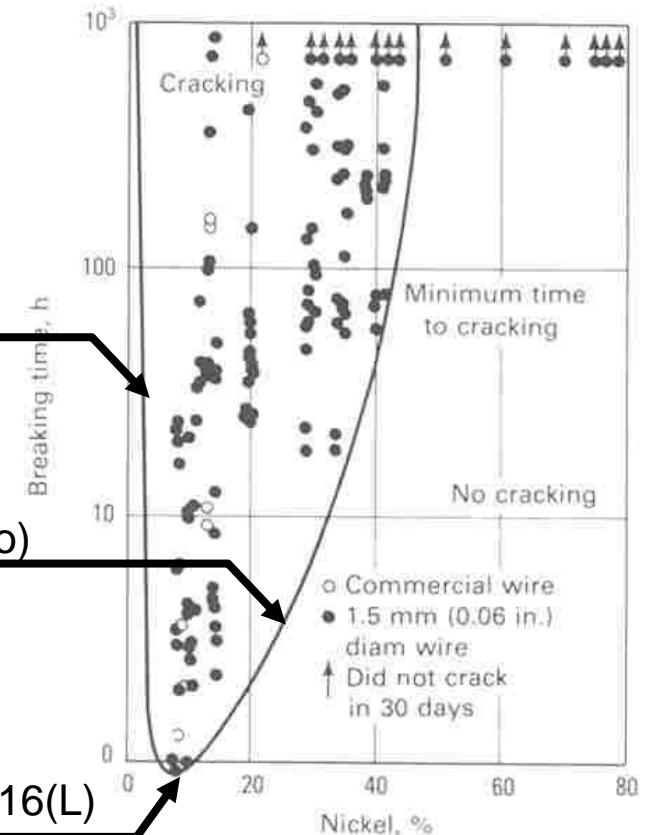
- AISI304 and 316 types SS most sensitive to SCC



2507 (Duplex)

1925HMo)

AISI316(L)



Effect of Nickel on SCC in SS in a 17-24% Cr-steel in boiling 42% MgCl solution

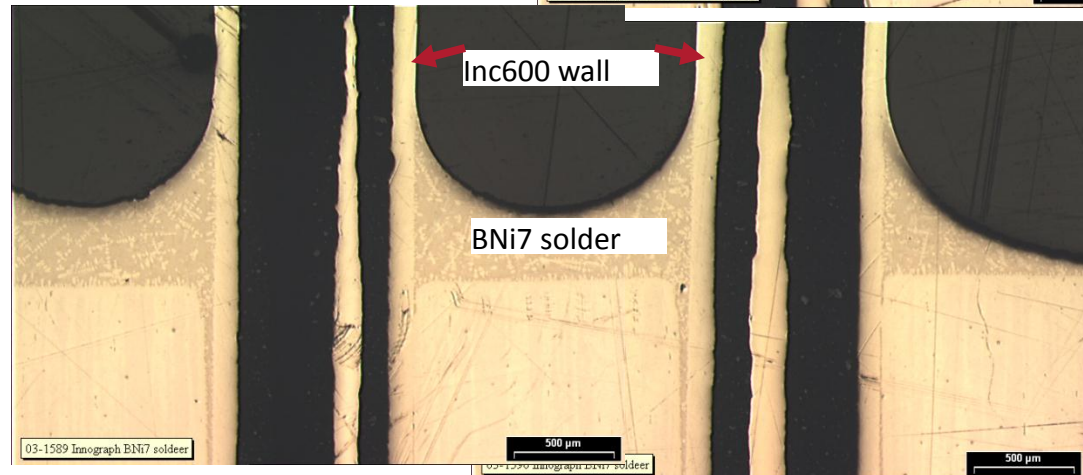
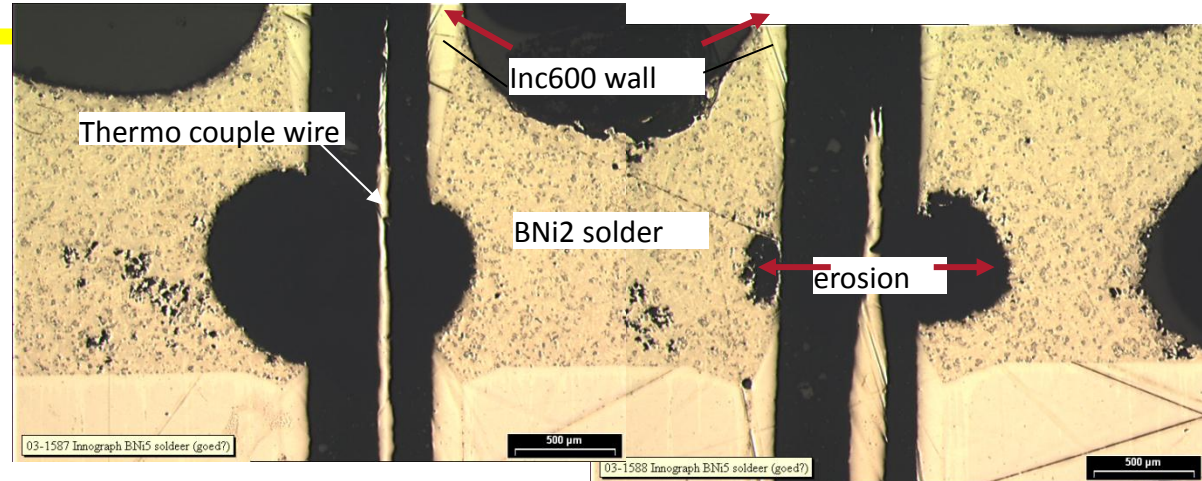
# Corrosion: effect of alloying elements

		parameter																	
		Materiaaleigenschappen										Milieu/ gebruikscondities			Ontwerpaspecten				
Corrosiemechanismen		Chemische samenstelling								Microstructuur	Hardheid	Elektrolyt	Chemie milieu (Cl, S, O2 ed)	Temperatuur	(rest)Spanningen	Materiaal combinatie(s)	Ruwheid	Speten	Verzamelpunten van vocht
		algemeen	Cr	Al	Si	Mo	Ni	Co	Ti										
Algemene corrosie-nat	Atmosferisch		+			+			-										
	Galvanisch																		
	Biologisch		+			+		+											
Algemene corrosie-Hoge Temperatuur	Gesmolten zouten																		
	Gesmolten metalen (LME)																		
	Gascorrosie		+	+	+	+		+	-										
Locale corrosie	Filiform																		
	Biologisch		+			+		+											
	Waterstof																		
	Liquid Metal Embrittlement																		
	(Cl-) Spanningscorrosie		+			+	+												
	H2S-Spanningscorrosie																		
	Interkristallijn		+			+													
	Putvormige corrosie		+			+													
	Spleetcorrosie		+			+													
	Uitloging																		
	Erosie																		
	Fretting																		
	Cavitatie																		
Corrosievermoeiing																			
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# Case 5: Brazing, change in brazing material

- High boron content in BNi2 results in fast erosion of Inc600 material due to B-diffusion
- Selection of B-free solder (BNi7) solves the problem
- Good brazing joint requires correct design



# Wear, system property

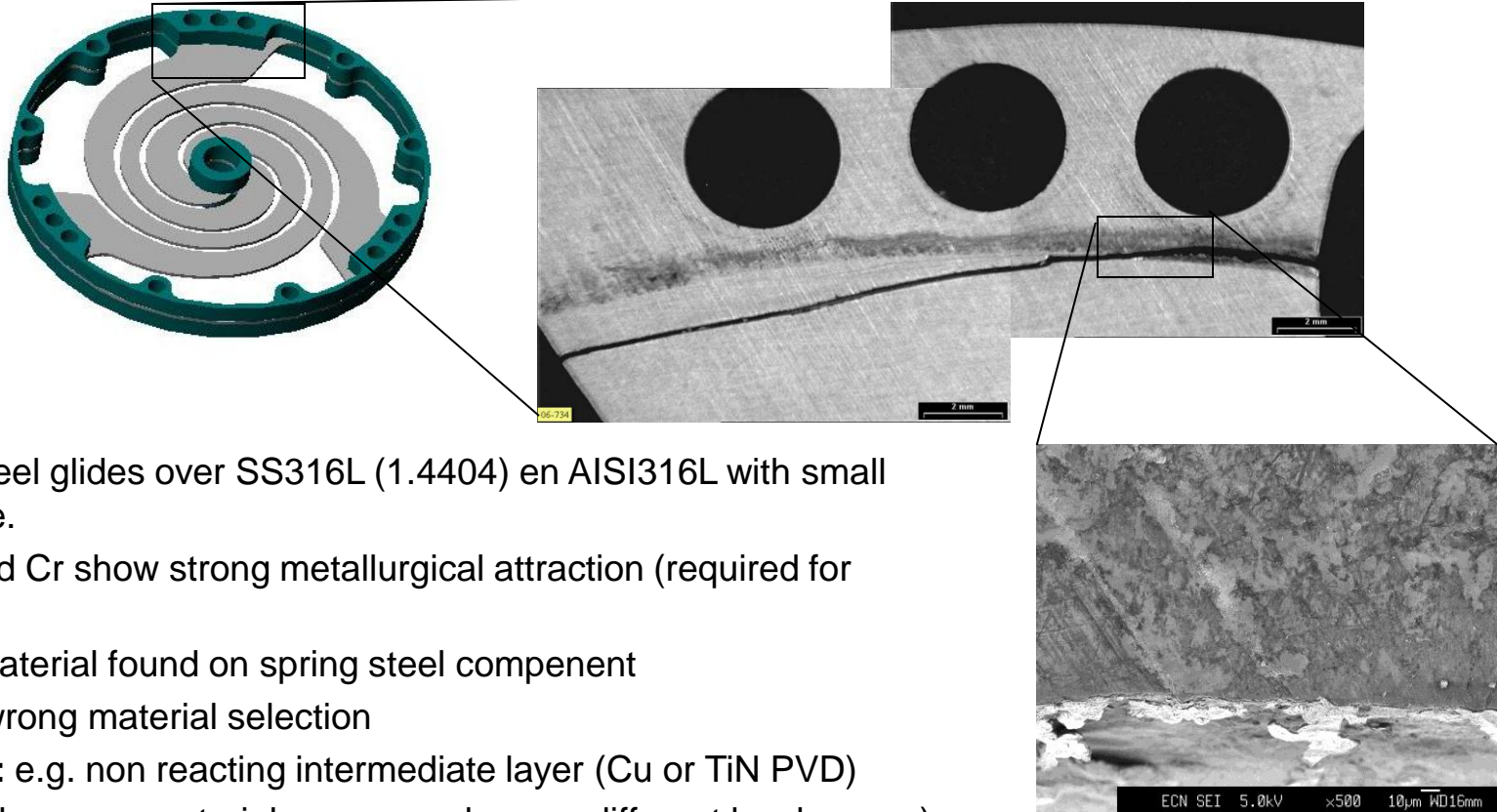
	Materiaal parameter									Oppervlak				Milieu											
	Hardheid (basismateriaal vs deeltjes)	E-modulus	Rekgrens	Kerftaaiheid	Koudversteving	Restspanningen	Smeltemperatuur	Microstructuur	Oxidehuid (als corrosiebescherming)	Chemische samenstelling	Wrijvingsweerstand	Ruivheid	Materiaalcombinaties	Type abrasief	Temperatuur	Snelheid	Hoek van inslag	Belasting	Belasting amplitude	Frequentie	Vochtigheid	Corrosieve invloeden	Zuurstof partieldruk Vacuüm	Smering	
Slijtage mechanisme																									
Abrasief				m.n. bij keramiek																					
Erosief																									
Cavitatie																									
Impact/ Impingement																									
Erosie in een slurrie																									
Adhesief																									
Schaviel																									
Fretting											afh van mat cominatie														
Rollend																									

NOTEN:

Een grijs vlak betekent dat de betreffende parameter invloed heeft op het betreffende slijtagemechanisme

Voor een nadere beschrijving van de slijtagemechanismen wordt onder andere verwezen naar VM108

# Case 6: Wear, system property-Fretting



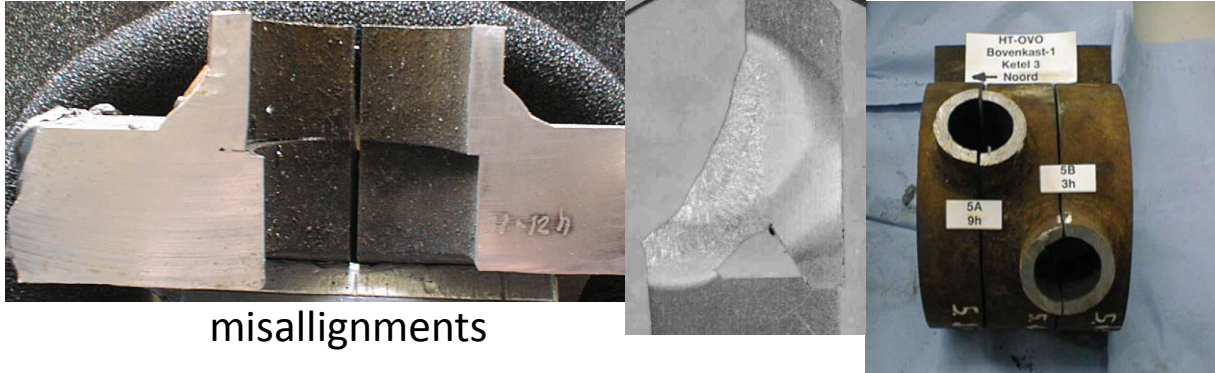
- Spring steel glides over SS316L (1.4404) en AISI316L with small amplitude.
  - Fe, Ni and Cr show strong metallurgical attraction (required for fretting)
  - 1.4404 material found on spring steel component
  - **Cause:** wrong material selection
  - **Solution:** e.g. non reacting intermediate layer (Cu or TiN PVD)
- (In case of the same materials one can also use different hardnesses)

# Case 7: Welding Heat Exchanger

## Cheap design & Fabrication → high operating cost



- Unreliable heat exchanger performance and unplanned stops → High costs
- Related to welding procedure: material and design vs codes



misalignments



Welding defects

### Material: 15Mo3

Welding process: TIG

Weld design: auto pre-centred

No full penetration in design

No pre-heat (not in code)

### Results:

Hardness of max over 350HV

Lack of Fusion

Incomplete welding

Failure under dynamic loading

(fatigue) → **unreliable** → **low availability** → **high operating costs.**

# Case 7: Welding Heat Exchanger

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## Solution(s):

- T-joint, thick-thin, results in too high cooling rate if not pre-heated and subsequent high hardness → apply pre-heat, 50-100°C to reduce cooling rate
- Joint design: improve joint design to obtain a full-penetration weld:
  - Use a pre-opening and check weld penetration visually.

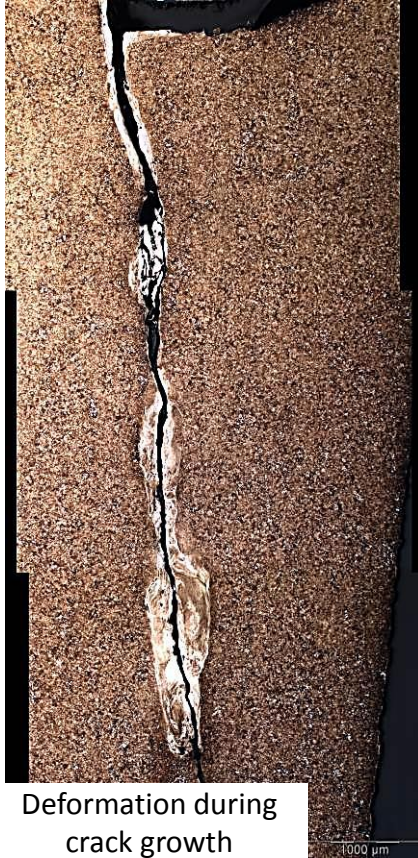
## Result(s):

- No failure since implementation in the new welded joint design
- High system availability → **low operating costs (low TCO)**
- More expensive joint design, but lower total costs of operation due to high system availability

# Case 8: Changed operating conditions



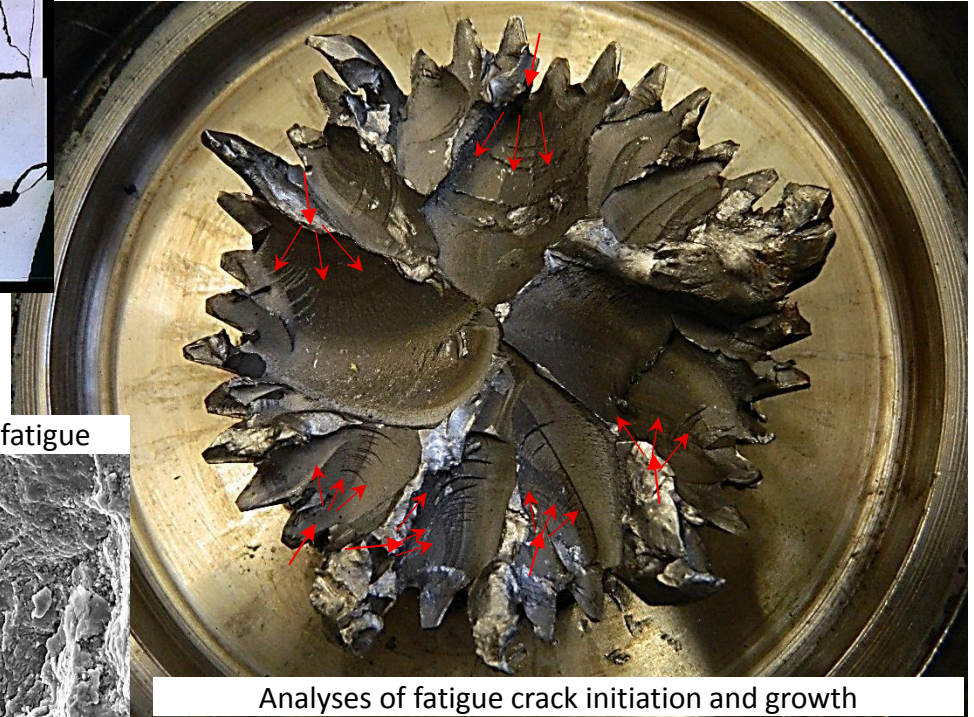
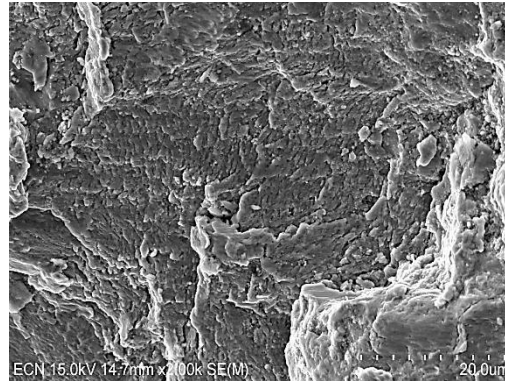
Fatigue failure crack shaft



Deformation during crack growth



Corrosion and indications fatigue



Analyses of fatigue crack initiation and growth

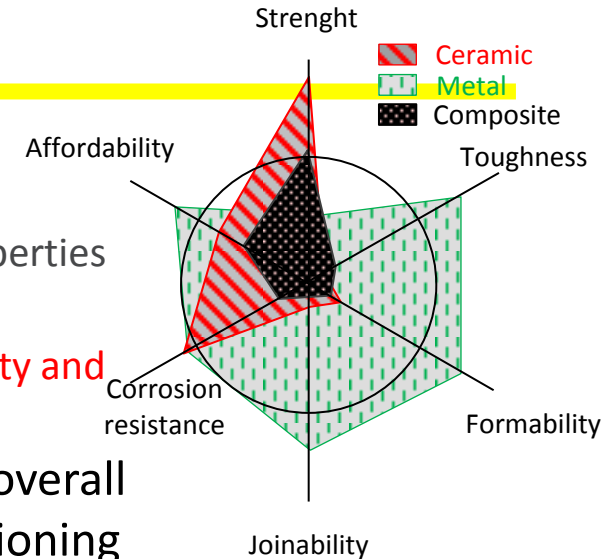
# Conclusions

- Interactive proces:

1. conceptual design and definition of functionality
2. Preliminary material selection based on material and system properties
3. First design steps: availability-fabrication methods-construction

Design-material selection-fabrication will result in optimal functionality and lowest TCO.

- Optimal design may result in initial higher cost, but lower overall cost due to lower maintenance, operating and decommissioning costs.
- Material science is an enabling technology in TCO
- During design final material selection is an interactive process taking into account.
  - Availability of material
  - Available fabrication techniques.
  - Functional requirements final user (→ effect on system properties)



# Lost your way?



There is nothing magic about material selection

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# Thanks for your attention

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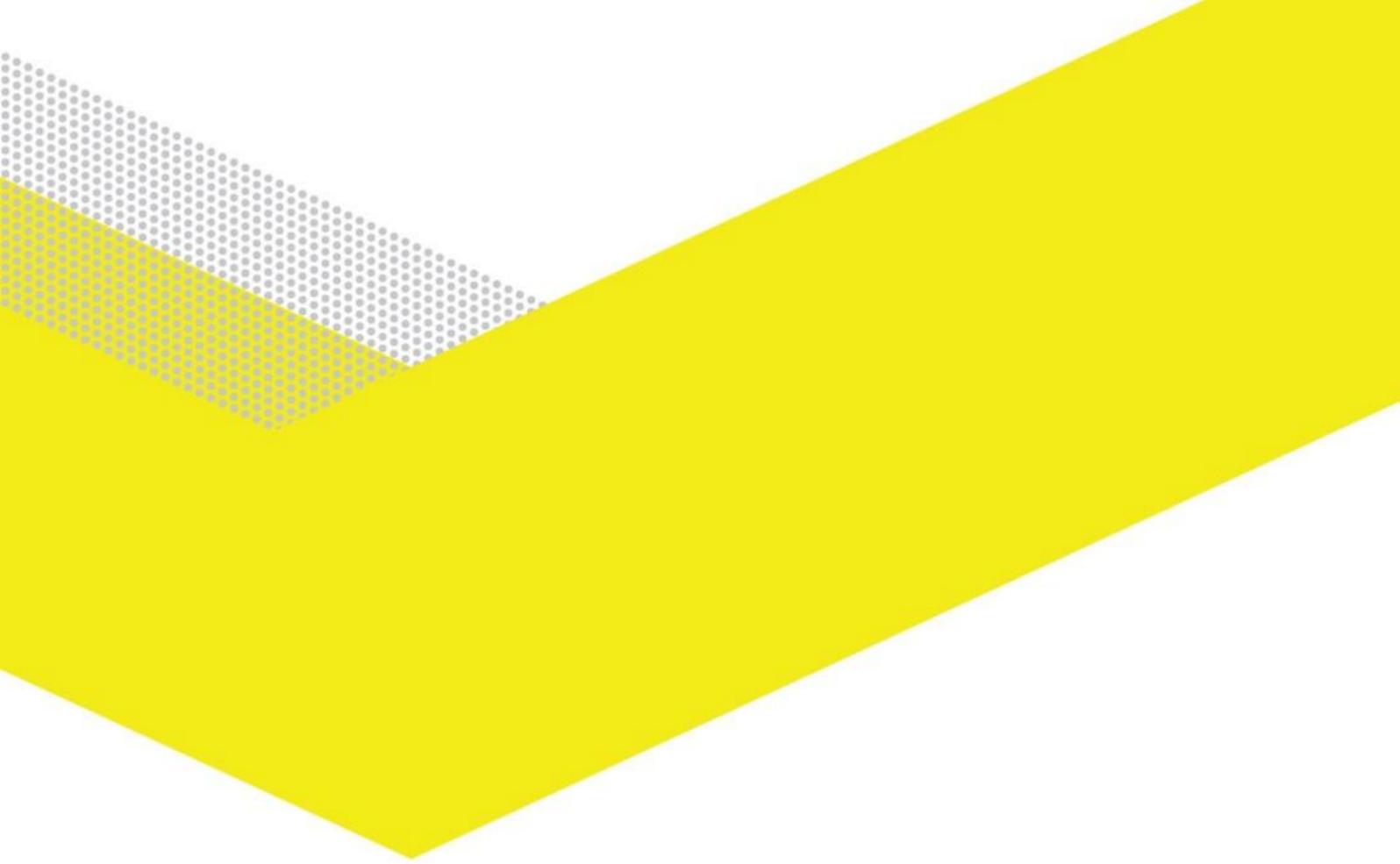
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