

# TÜV Rheinland Material Testing

- Failure Analysis
- Replica Technique

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## Briefly about me, Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Dartmann

Expert for damage analysis, corrosion and destructive material testing; Senior Manager TÜV Rheinland Material Testing,

More than 20 years of experience

- Damage analysis in different technical sectors (power plants, chemical industry, construction etc.) esp. on metals and welds
- Material testing within damage analysis (metals and welds), like destructive testing, metallography and SEM/EDS
- On-site inspections and production control,
- Training of TÜV experts concerning materials, corrosion and corrosion protection, damage analysis, feed water quality
- Material quality control (destructive material testing)
- Official inspector (Notified Body) for material testing and material qualification
- Expert in legal proceedings, as well as consultant for insurance companies and law firms, in technical disputes
- Leadership and management (currently responsible for 45 employees, P&L responsibility)
- Certified mediator



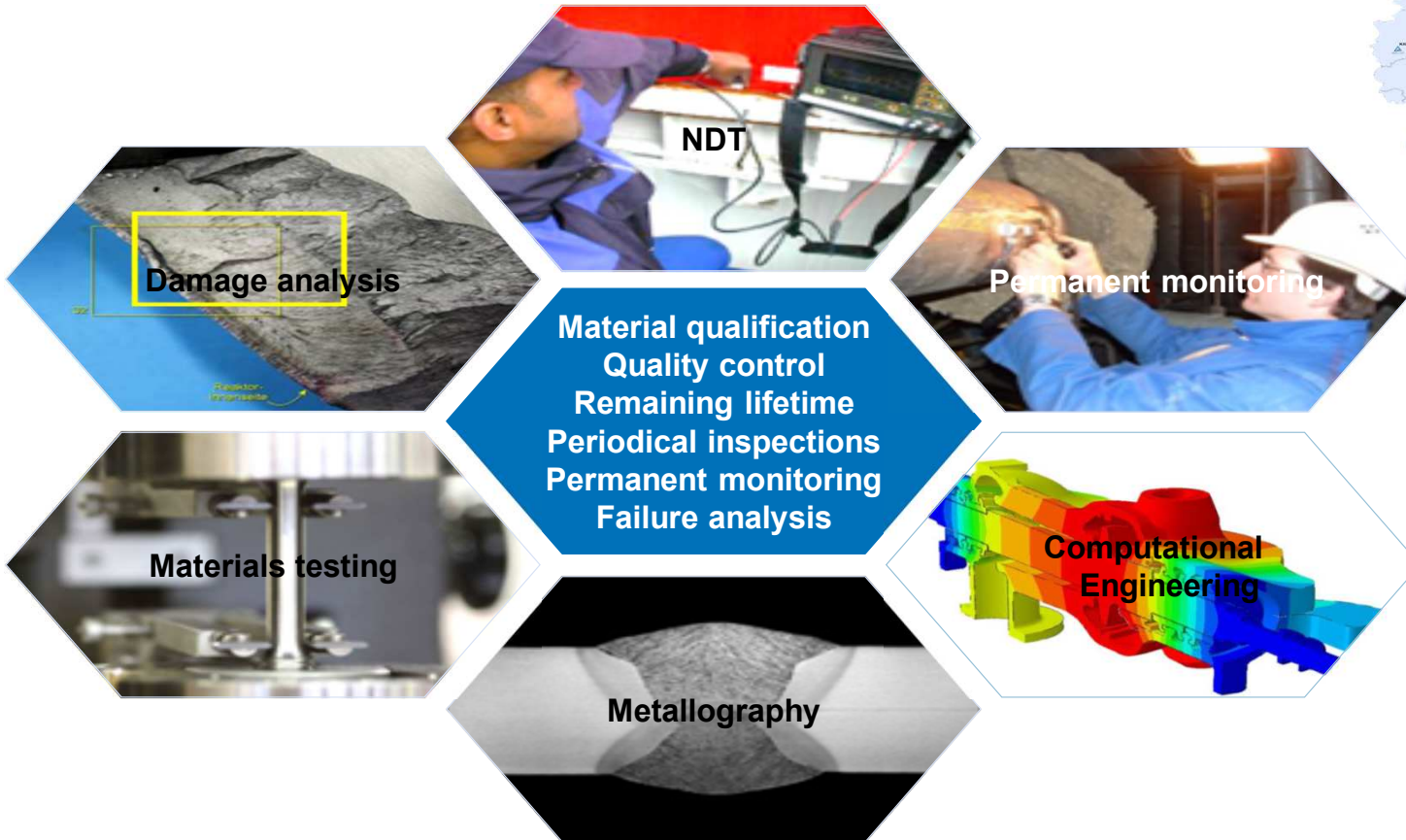
# Failure Analysis in a coal fired power plant



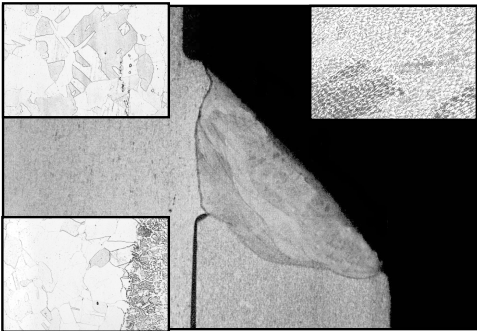
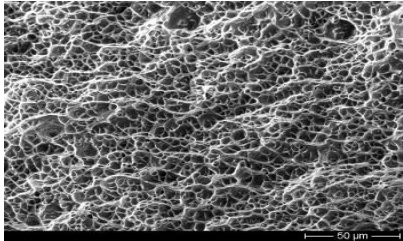
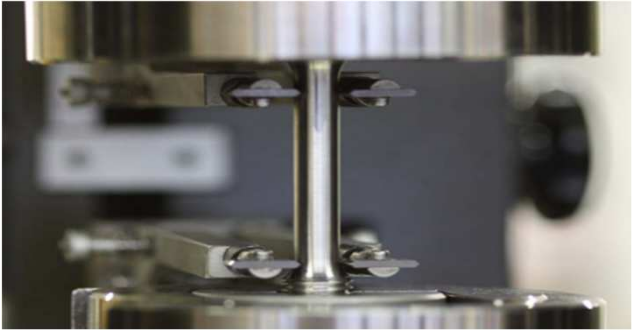
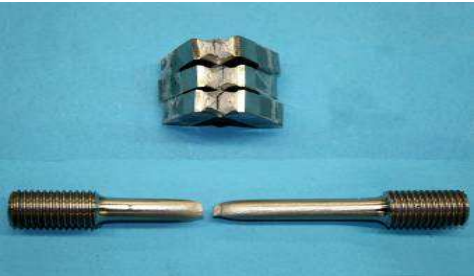
# TÜV Rheinland Material Testing, Lab and Field Services



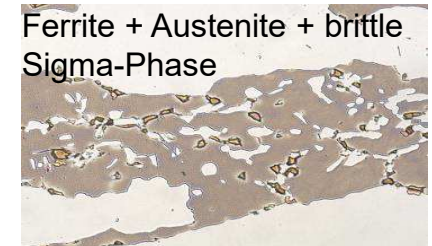
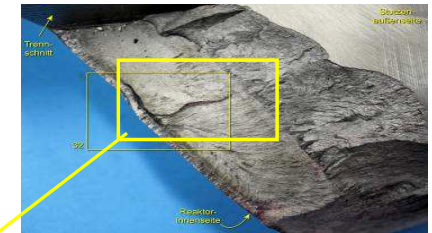
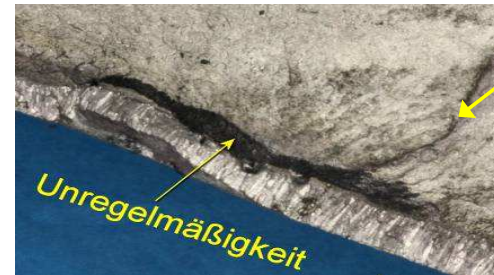
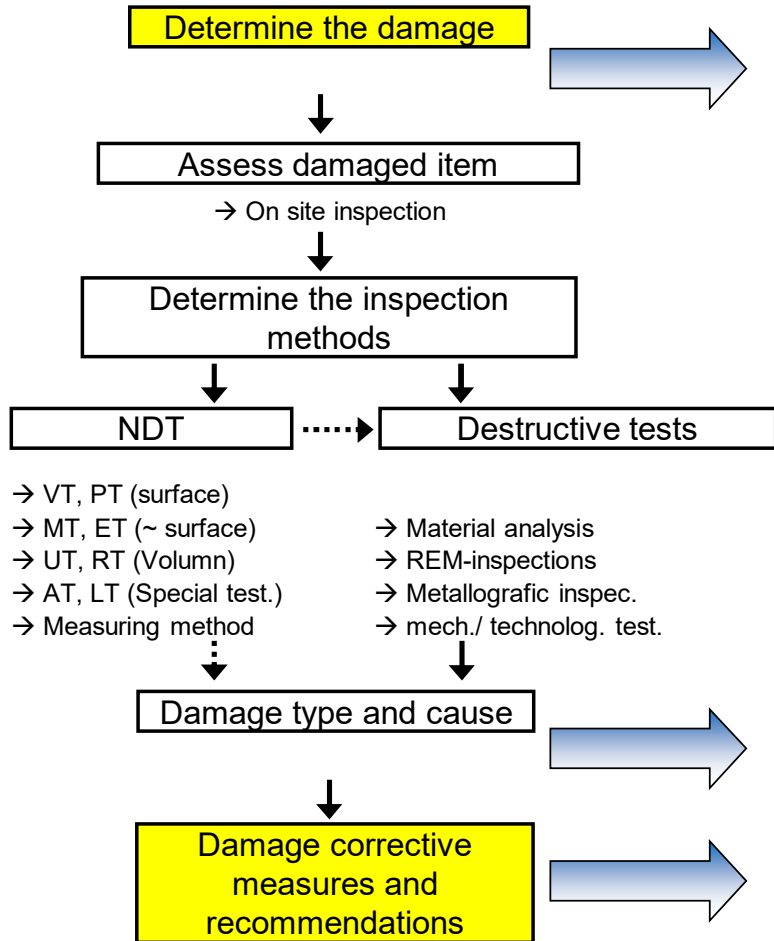
## Main Customers



# Sample Preparation, Testing, Metallography and Scanning Electron Microscope

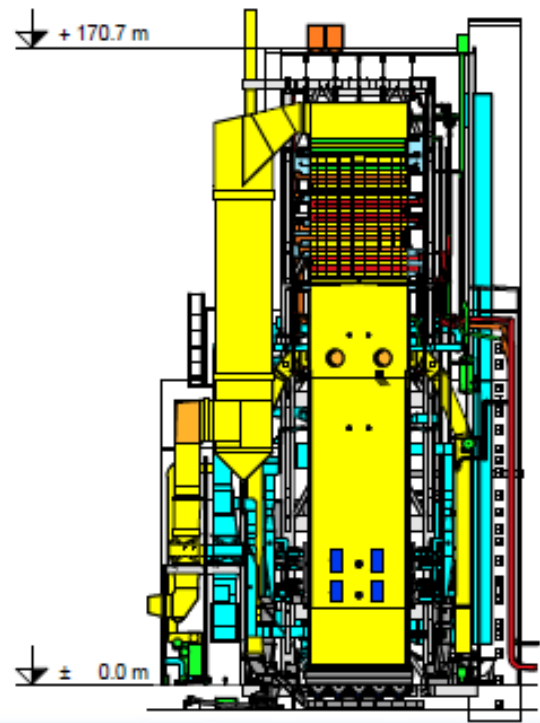


# Laboratory and Field Services - Failure Analysis



- ✓ Brittle forced fracture
- ✓ Failures during heat treatment
- ✓ Check heat treatments parameters

# Failure Analysis on a super heater pipe, coal fired power plant



Usual  
Failure  
Analysis

## What we do

- locally, regionally and globally -

New  
Failure  
Analysis

### Analysis of technical failures On-Site and Lab



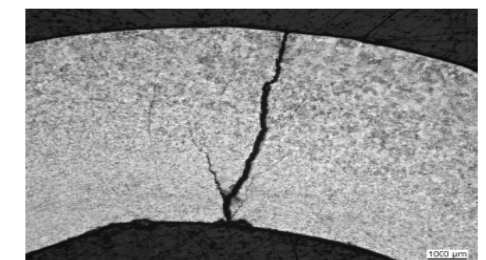
### Major/Fatal/Catastrophic Failure Investigation + Major Failure Management

- **Party expert in technical disputes**  
court and arbitration proceedings
- **Umbrella expertise**  
combining / evaluating / managing  
different technical experts
- **Bridge builder / moderator**  
between lawyers, businessmen and engineers
- **Major Failure Investigation**  
already in practice



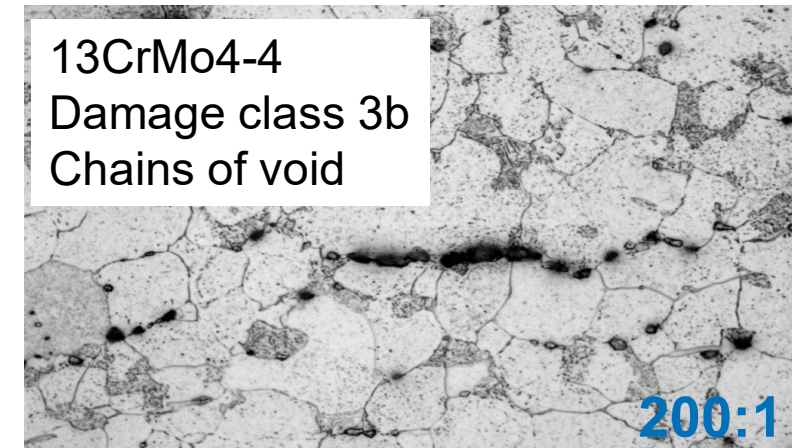
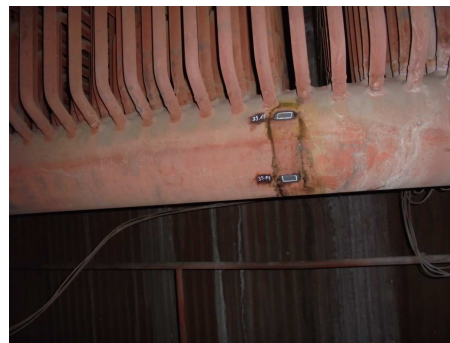
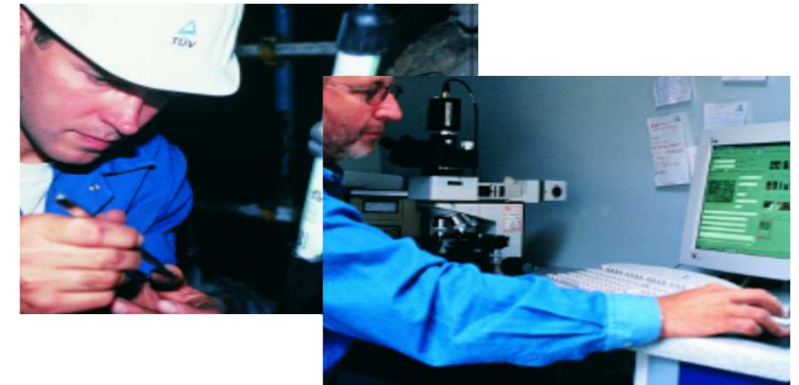
## References (Major) Failure Analysis on coal fired power plants

- 800 + 1080 MW: Trouble shooting of material problems with membrane walls during installation and first operation
- 800 MW: Damages on weldings of evaporator and superheater tubes after chemical contamination more than 1,200 leakages and cracks (1 Billion €)
- 800 MW: Leakages and cracks on new developed boiler steel for heating surfaces (200 Million €)
- 2 x 1080 MW: Leakages and cracks on welded membrane wall tubes of new builded power plants (400 Million €)



## Field Services - Replica > Microstructure assessment on site

- ✓ Non-destructive Microstructure evaluation of components on site with “**Replicas**”
- ✓ Main application:  
**Creep damage** on boilers, turbines, bends headers etc.
- ✓ Prompt assessment, **high resolution**, favourable price and fast
- ✓ Shows the microstructures **current status** of the component
- ✓ Evaluation according to VGB-S-517
- ✓ Basis for determination of **remaining lifetime estimation**



## Reference: Replica on Steam System, esp. superheater tubes + collectors



Client	Power plant operator, 800 MW, coal fired
Location	Germany
Timeframe	March - April 2023, 25 Days
Main Services	approx. 400 Replica

### Project description

- Planning and defining the scope of inspection, together with the operator and the inspection body
- Replica preparation onsite using two shifts
- Reducing shutdown time
- Evaluation and remaining lifetime calculation according to VGB-S-517
- Recommendations of measures for continued operation

## TÜV Rheinland - Working Together Worldwide

Experience Exchange between  
TÜV Rheinland Germany and TÜV Rheinland India

Failure Analysis can be done bei TR India experts,  
also in cooperation with TR Germany experts

Replica can be prepared onsite bei TR India,  
evaluation and remaining lifetime calculations can  
be done in cooperation with TR Germany



## Contact

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