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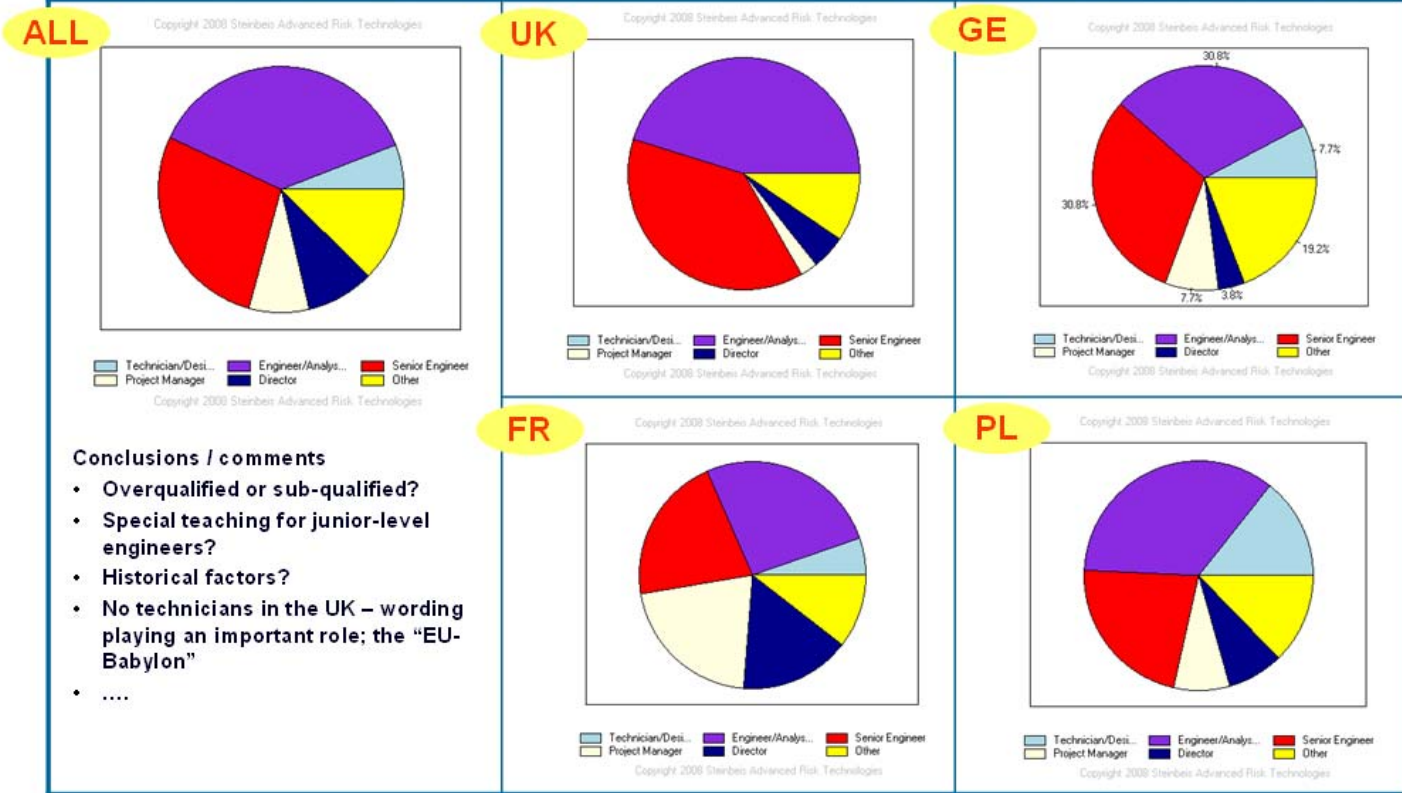
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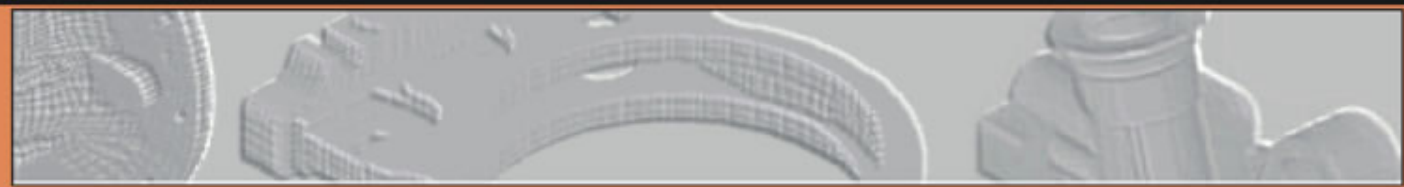


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 - Special teaching for junior-level engineers?
 - Historical factors?
 - No technicians in the UK – wording playing an important role; the “EU-Babylon”
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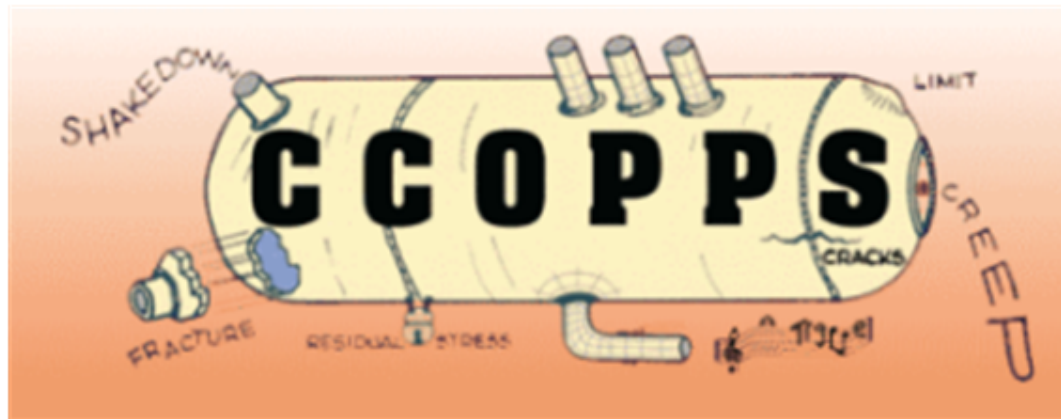
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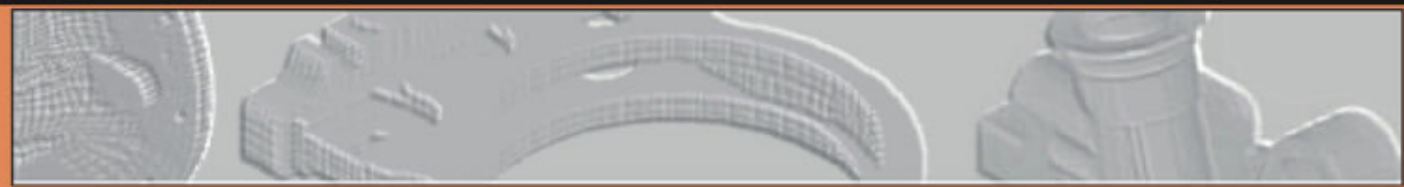
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Particular interests: Influence of deformation behaviour, oxidation and temperature on long term low cycle fatigue behaviour of creep resistant steels”, Advanced methods for the description of the deformation and damage behaviour of components operating in the high temperature range, associate professor





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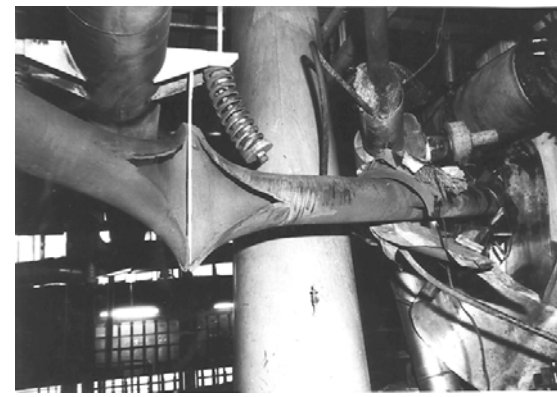


Motivation

Technical significance

In the pressure equipment sector high temperature is part of the specific loading situation

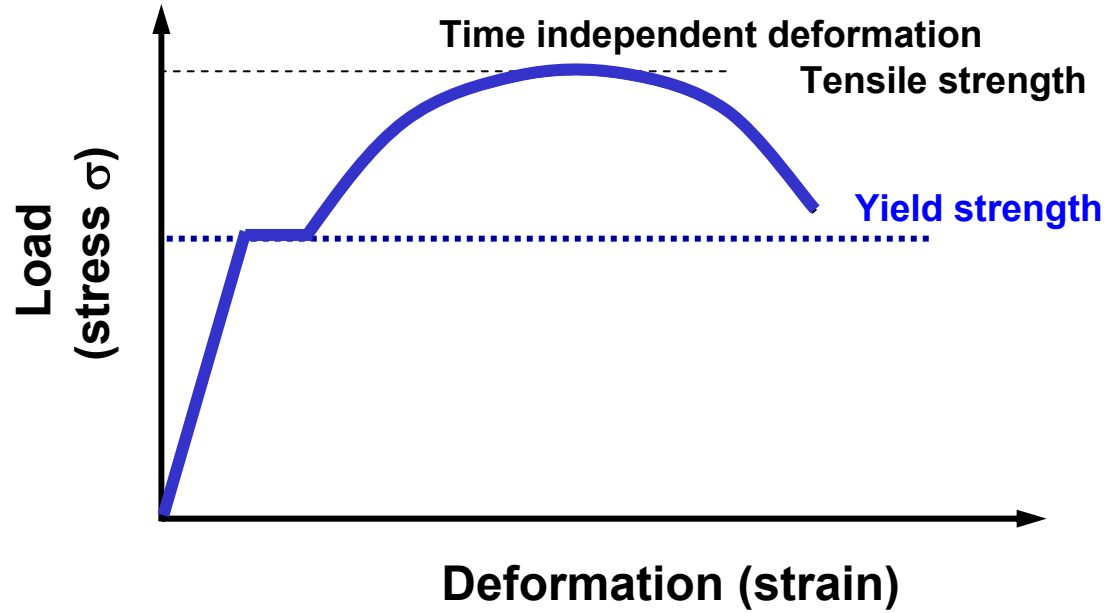
Understanding of creep mechanisms is the key to prevent failures and to optimize the design and life time assessment of pressurized components





Part I – Creep phenomena

Standard material behaviour under load at low temperatures

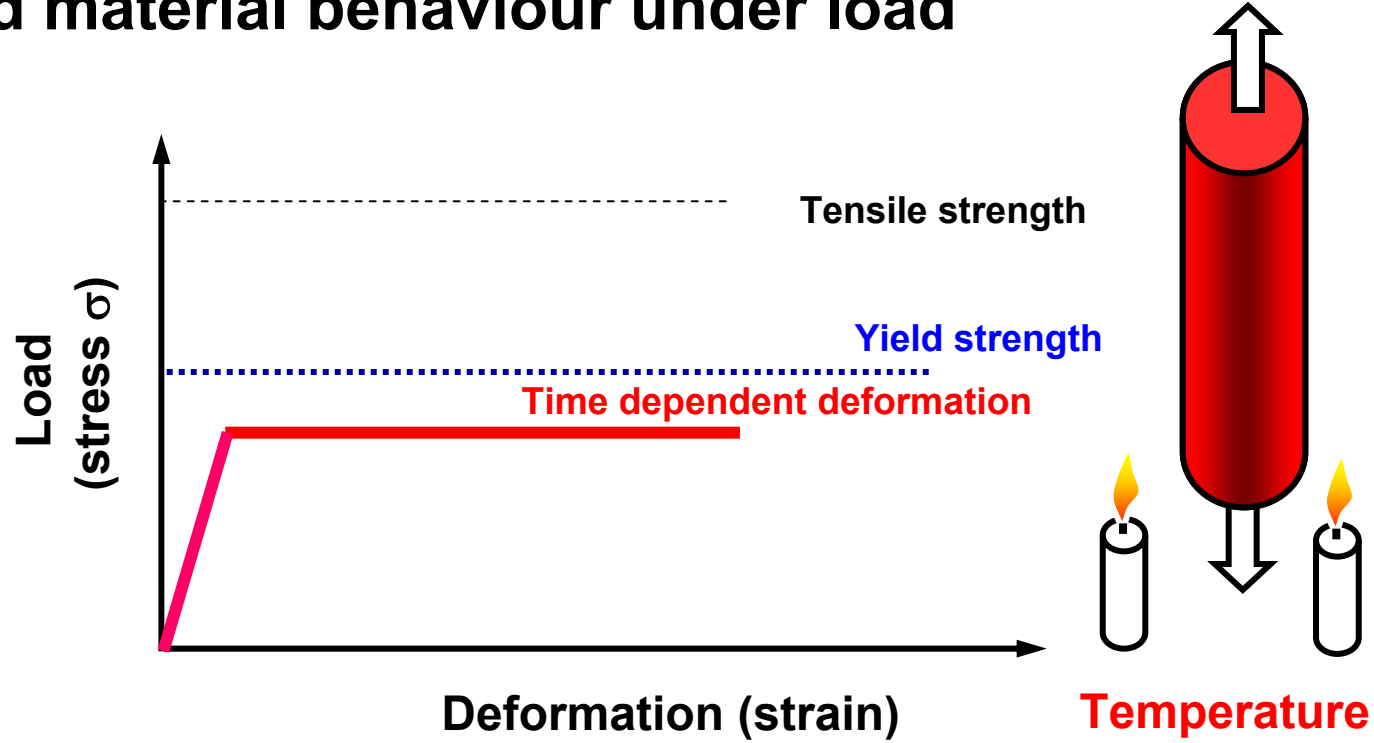


Plastic deformation: load exceeds the yield strength of the material - balance between load and deformation



Part I – Creep phenomena

Standard material behaviour under load



Creep deformation takes place even if the load is below the yield strength of the material



Part I – Creep phenomena

Creep tests

To characterize creep deformation and rupture behaviour specific creep tests are required

Measurement of

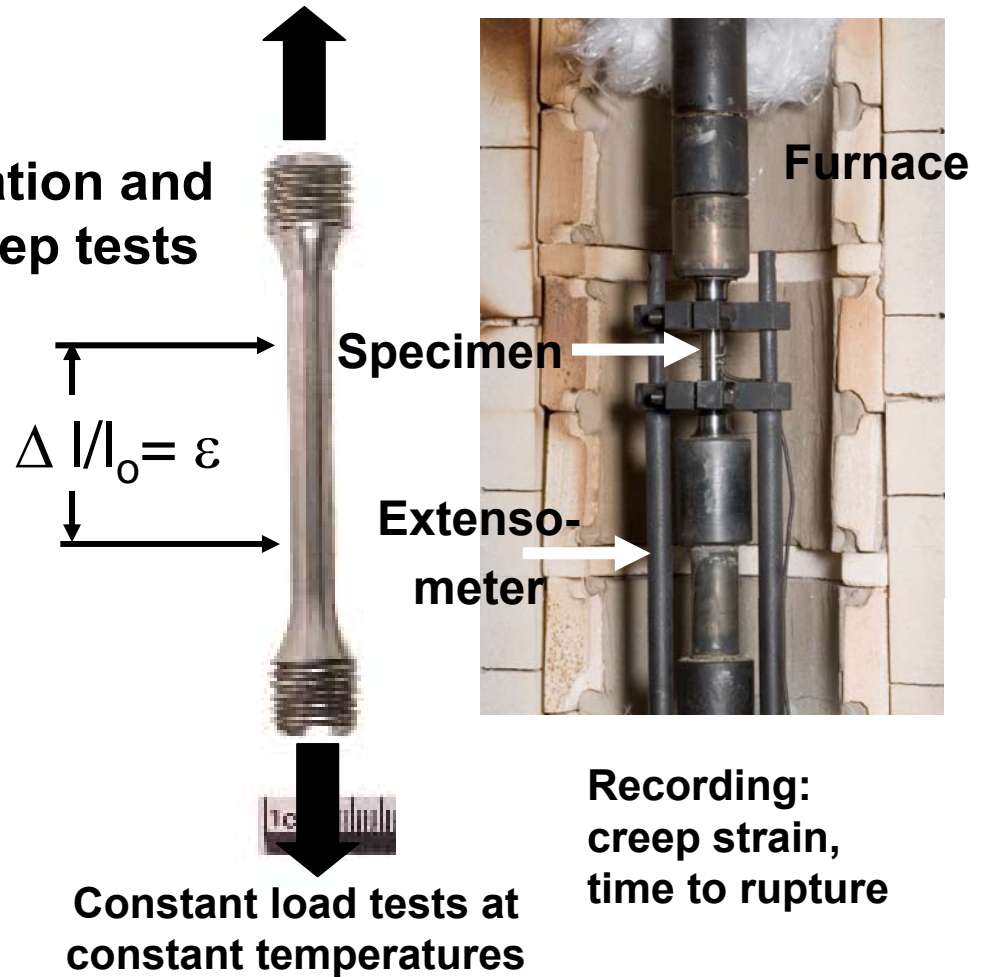
- creep strain
- time to rupture

Standard:

EN 10291

ECCC Recommendations

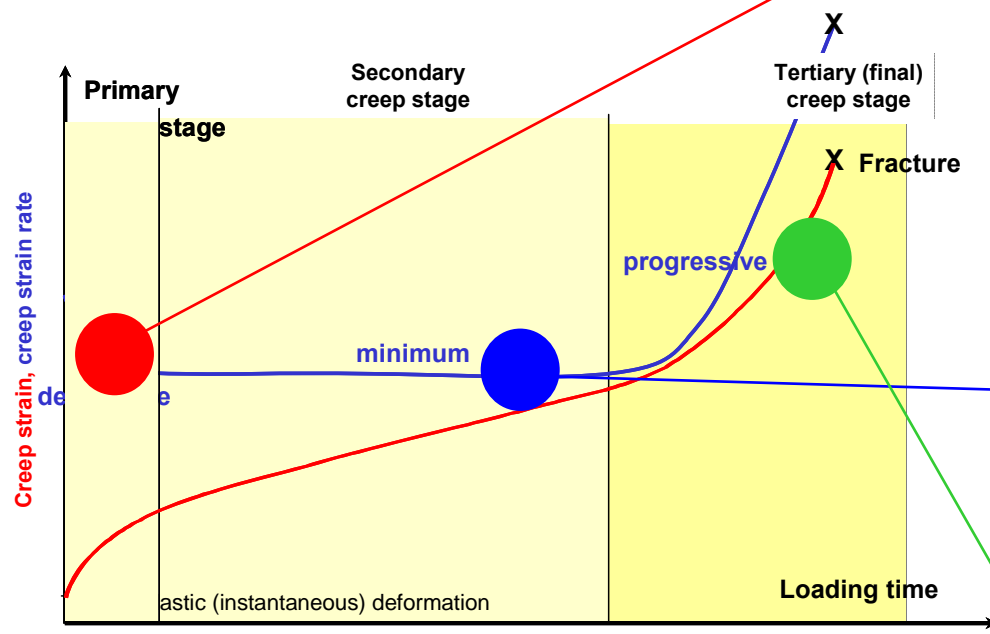
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Part I – Creep phenomena

Evolution of creep strain



Dislocation movement (climb)
Comes from thermally activated atom mobility, giving dislocations additional slip planes in which to move

Constant strain rate – Increasing resistance to slip due to the buildup of dislocations and other microstructural barriers

Increasing strain rate – decreasing resistance to slip due to changes in microstructure, internal cracking

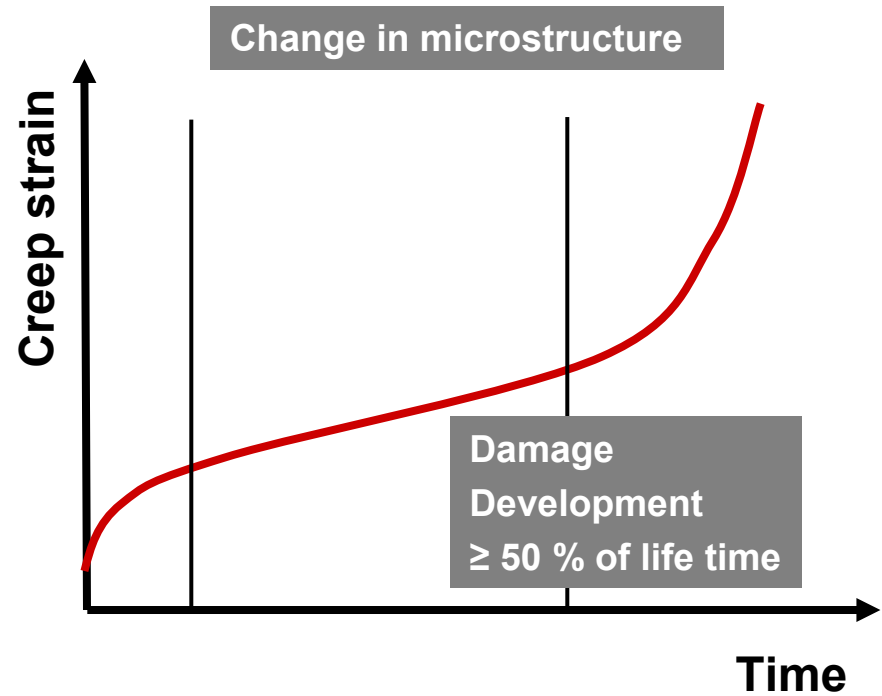


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Evolution of creep damage

Time dependent process
Starting during regular operation time of the component

Damage appearance is linked to consumed life time, loading situation, temperature, material

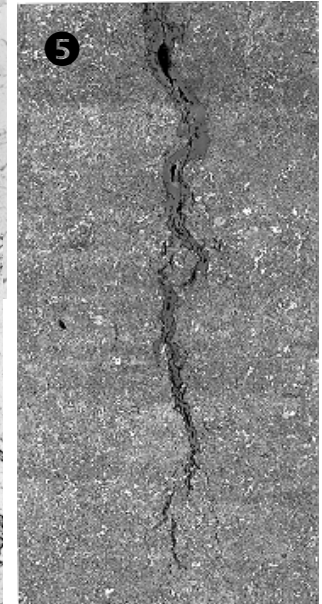
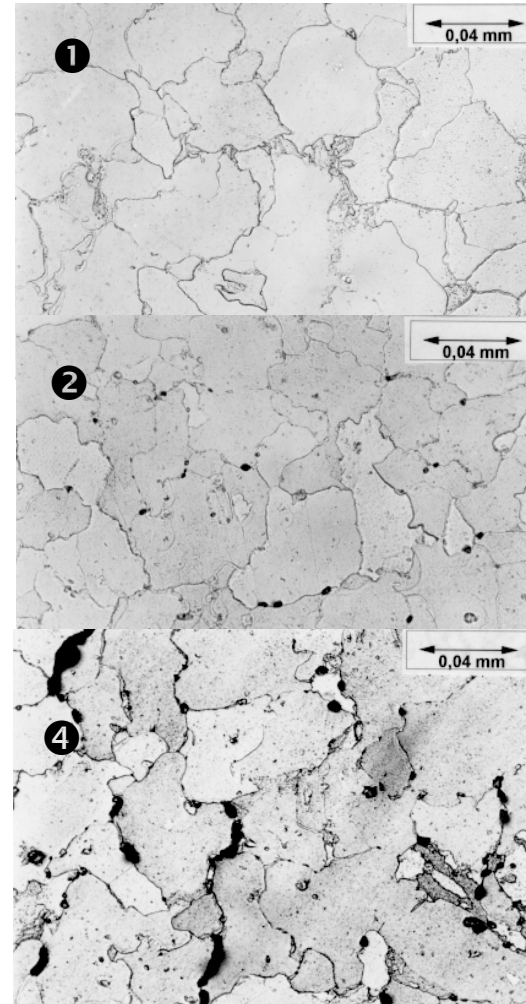
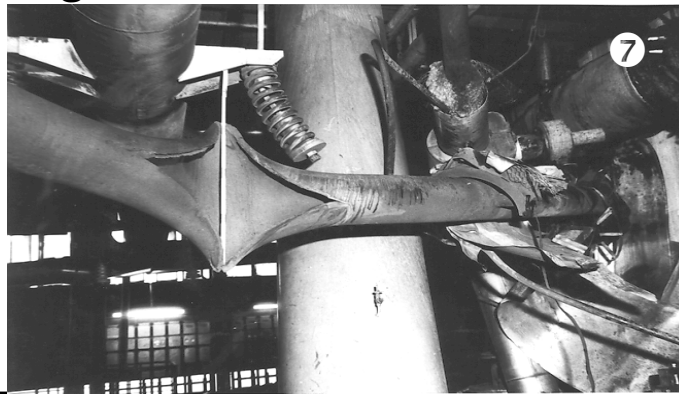




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Creep damage development

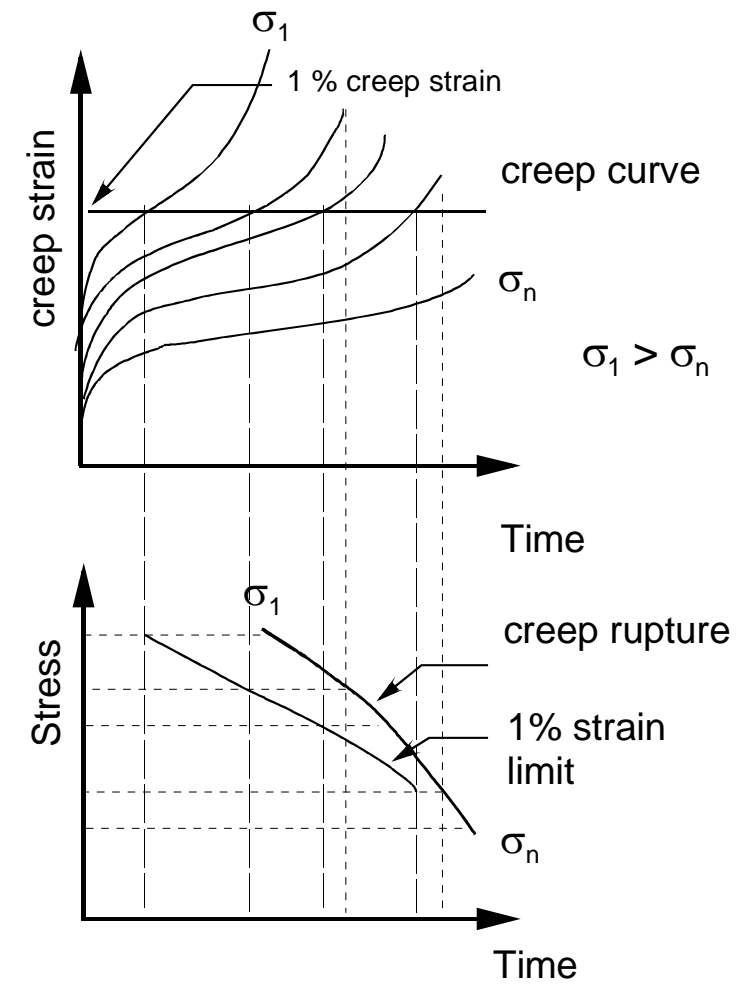
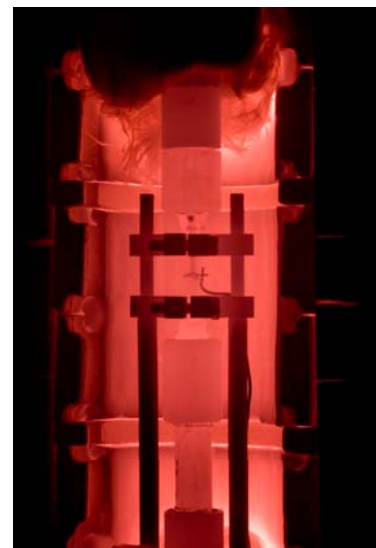
1. Creep deformation
2. Cavity nucleation
3. Cavity formation, orientation to maximum principal stress
4. Formation of microcracks
5. *Creep crack growth*
6. *Unstable crack growth – failure*
7. *Ligament failure*





Part I – Creep phenomena

Characteristics for design



$R_{1/t/\vartheta}$ Strength to achieve 1% creep strain at time t and temperature

$R_{u/t/\vartheta}$ Rupture Strength at time t and temperature

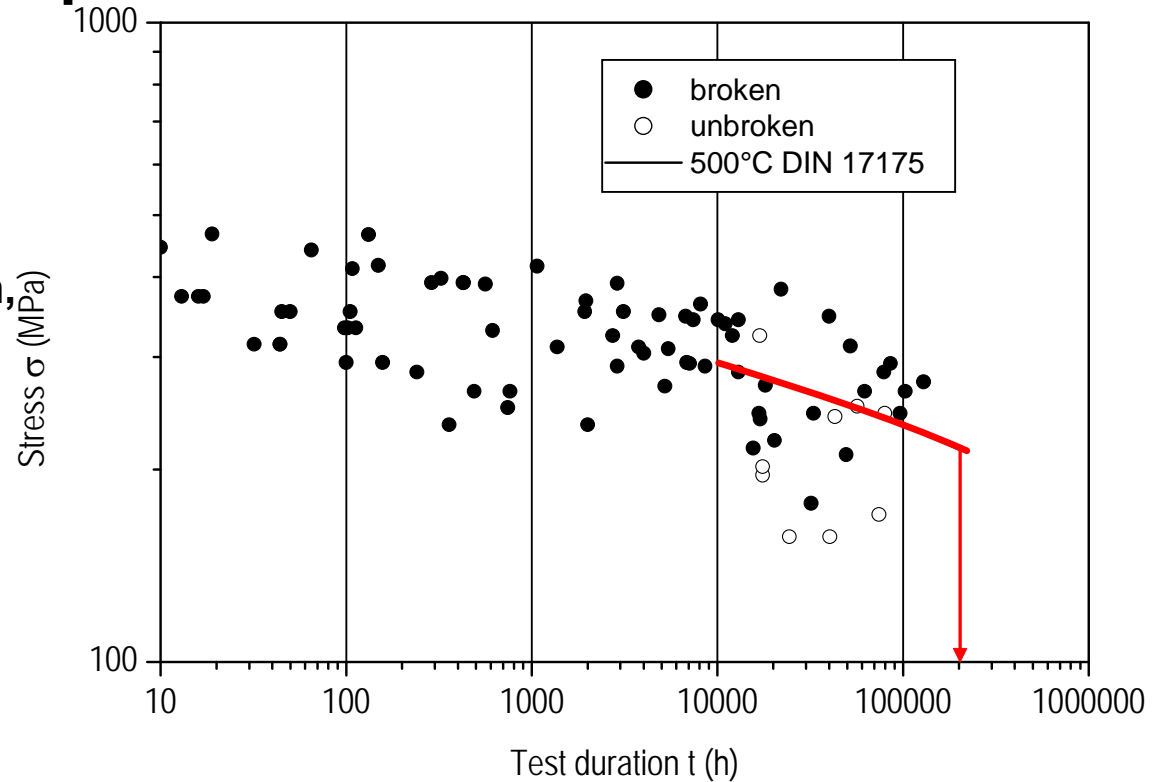


Part I – Creep phenomena

Interpretation of creep data

Scattering of rupture data caused by:

- differences in
 - chemical composition,
 - heat treatment,
- different manufacturing processes
- Influence of testing lab



Creep rupture strength data of steel grade X20CrMoV12-1 at 500 °C (10 heats, bars and tubes) obtained by the German Creep Committee



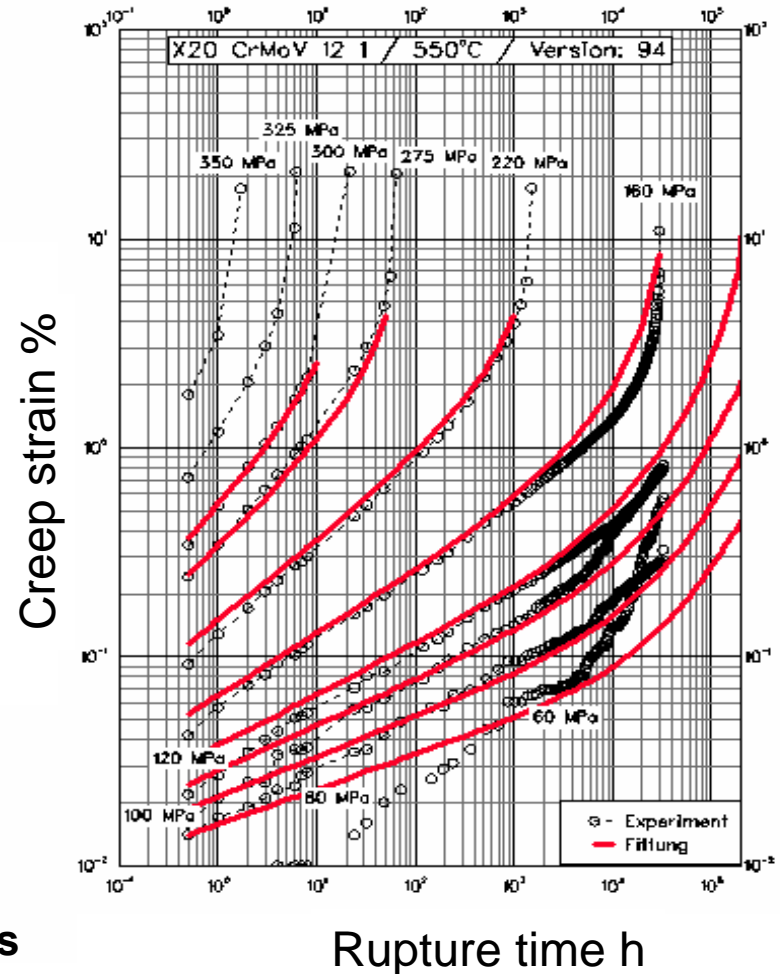
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Interpretation of creep data

Scattering of creep strain data

Crossover of creep curves at service like low stresses

Steel grade X20CrMoV12-1 at 550 °C
Specimens of one melt but different places



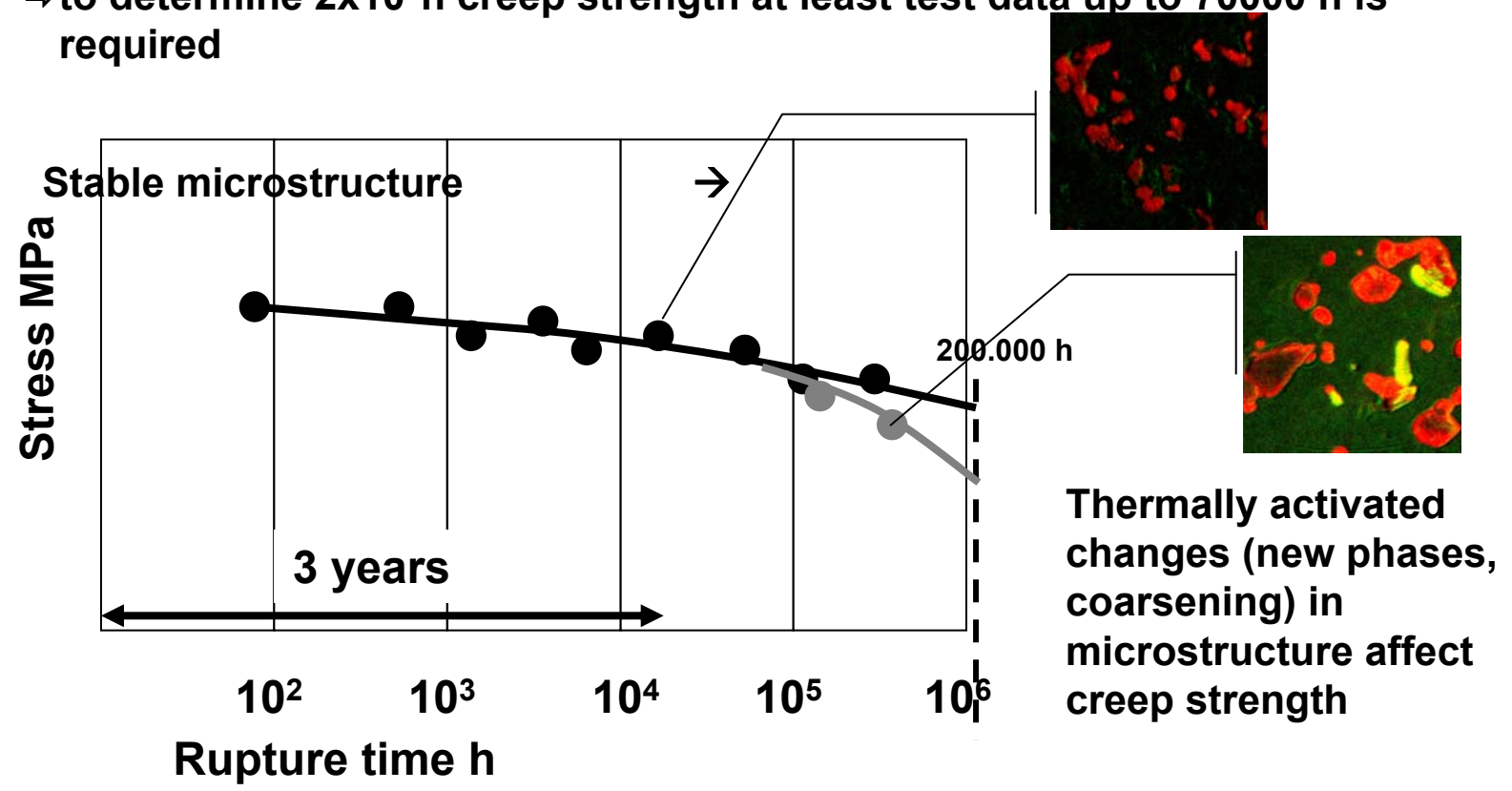


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Reliability of long term creep data

Extrapolation to long term behaviour: Do not exceed factor 3 in time

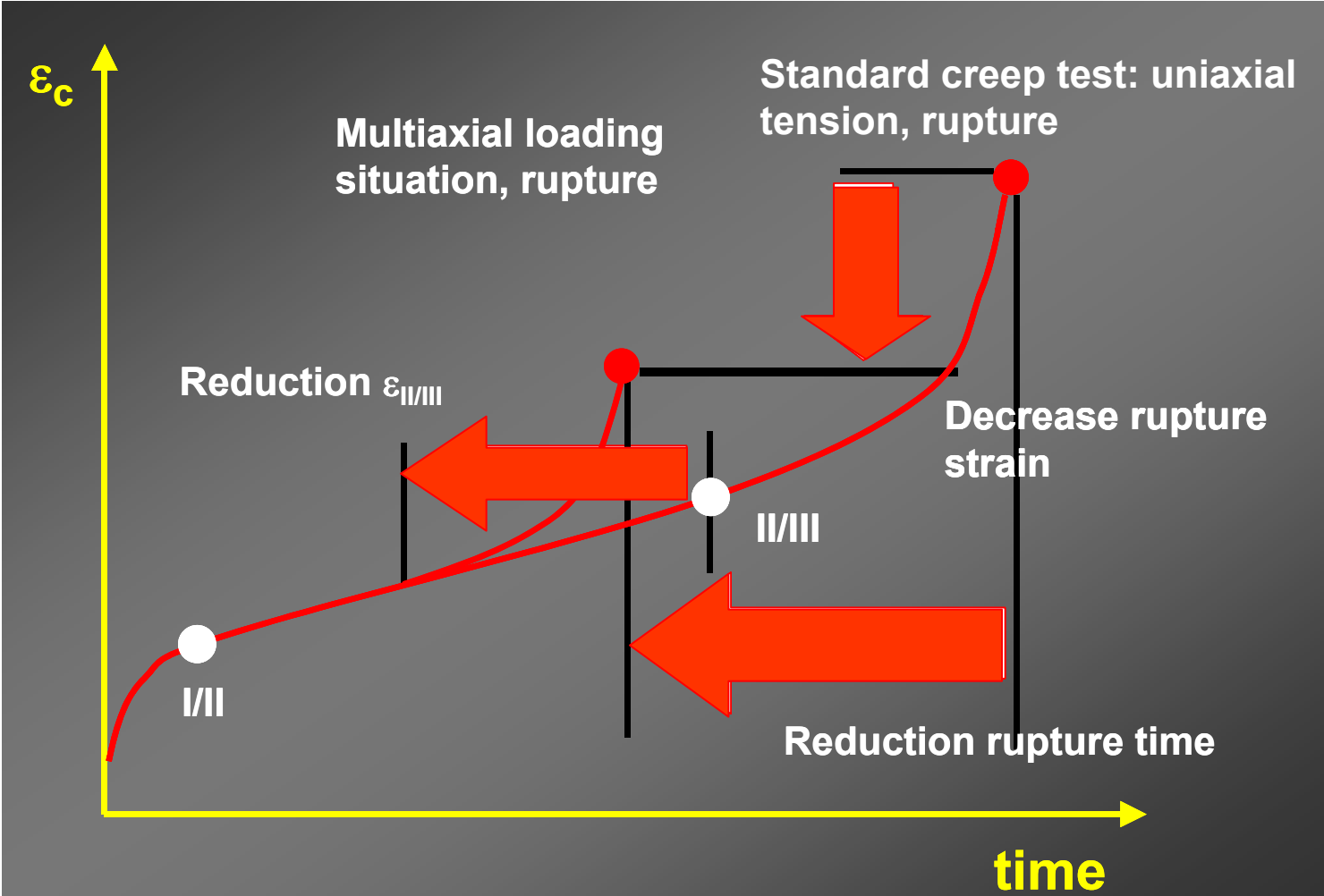
⇒ to determine 2×10^5 h creep strength at least test data up to 70000 h is required





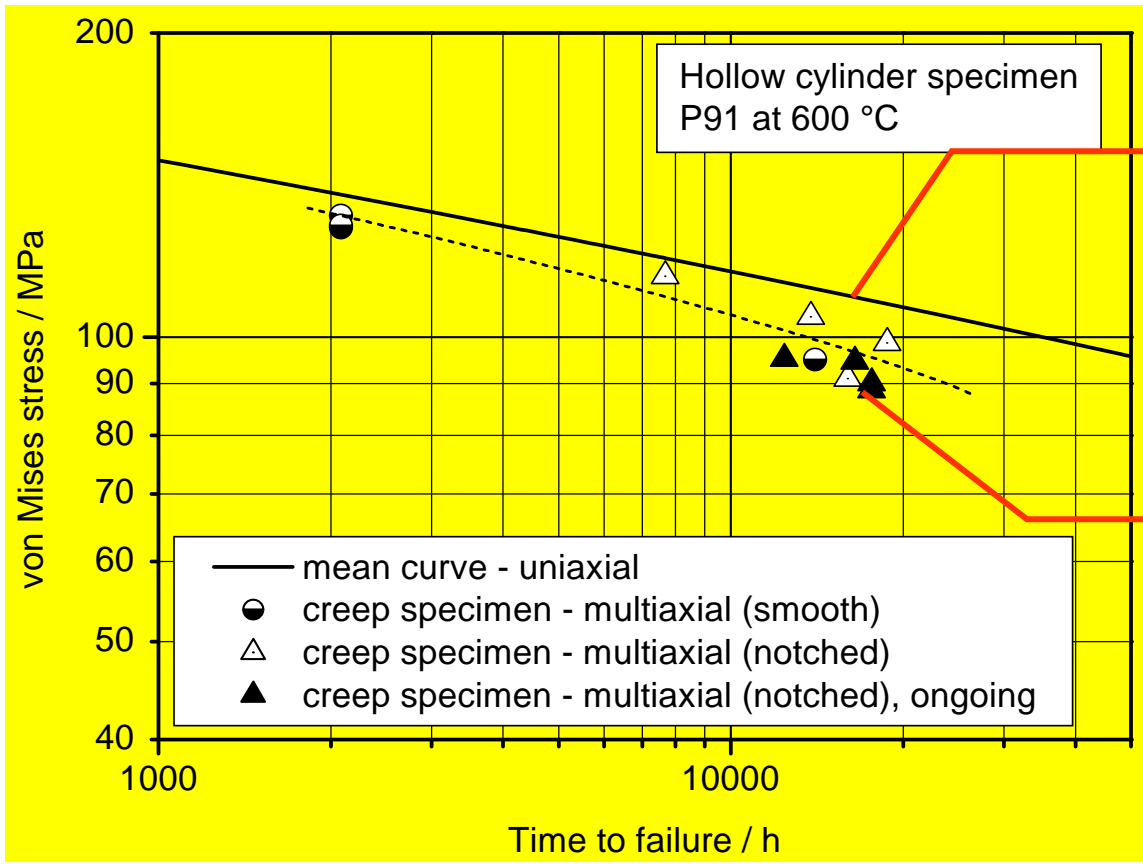
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**Multiaxiality
Influence on
creep
deformation
and rupture
behaviour**





Part I – Creep phenomena



Smooth specimens



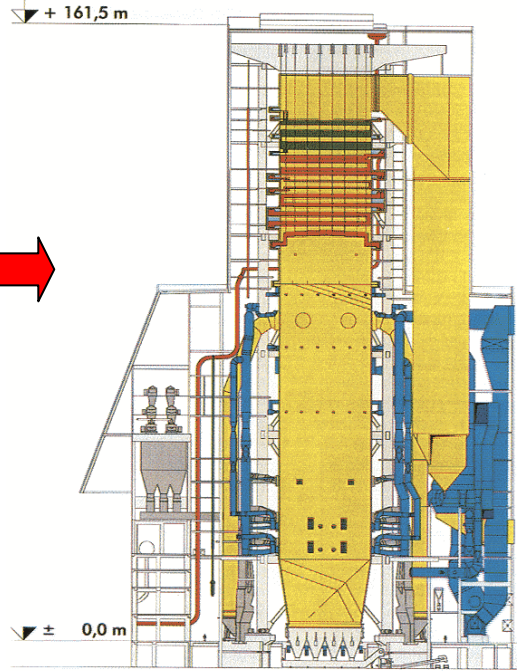
Hollow cylinders

Decrease in rupture time due to multiaxial loading



Part II – Component Behaviour

Transferability of creep test results to components



Small scale lab specimen

On site manufacturing

Large scale components





Part II – Component Behaviour

Basic requirements for transferability

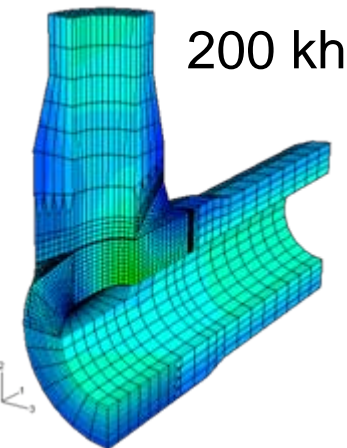
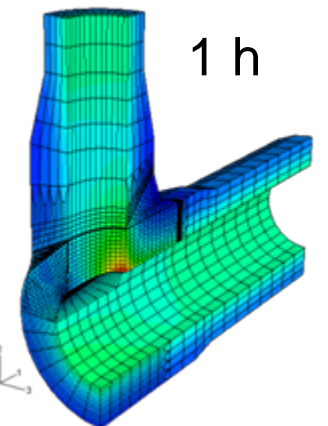
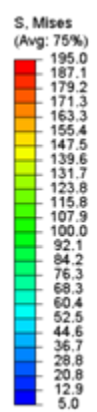
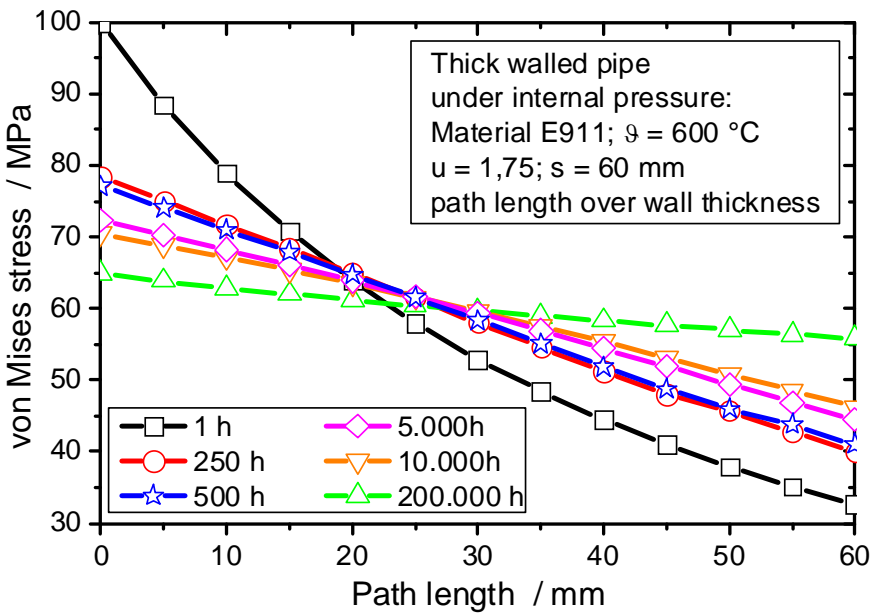
- Execution of the creep tests should be in accordance with an international code.
- Lab should accredited
- Microstructure/heat treatment of the lab specimen is representative for the component or several melts have to tested in order to determine the average creep behaviour.
- Testing time and rupture time of the lab specimens should be in accordance with dominating creep damage mechanism of the component.
- Stationary service conditions at the component have to be assumed, i.e. creep processes should not be influenced by cyclic loading.



Part II – Component Behaviour

Thick walled components under internal pressure:

Even after long loading times, no homogeneous stress distribution can be observed.



Material properties from creep test can be applied if analytical methods are used to determine a representative stress in the cross section – conservative results



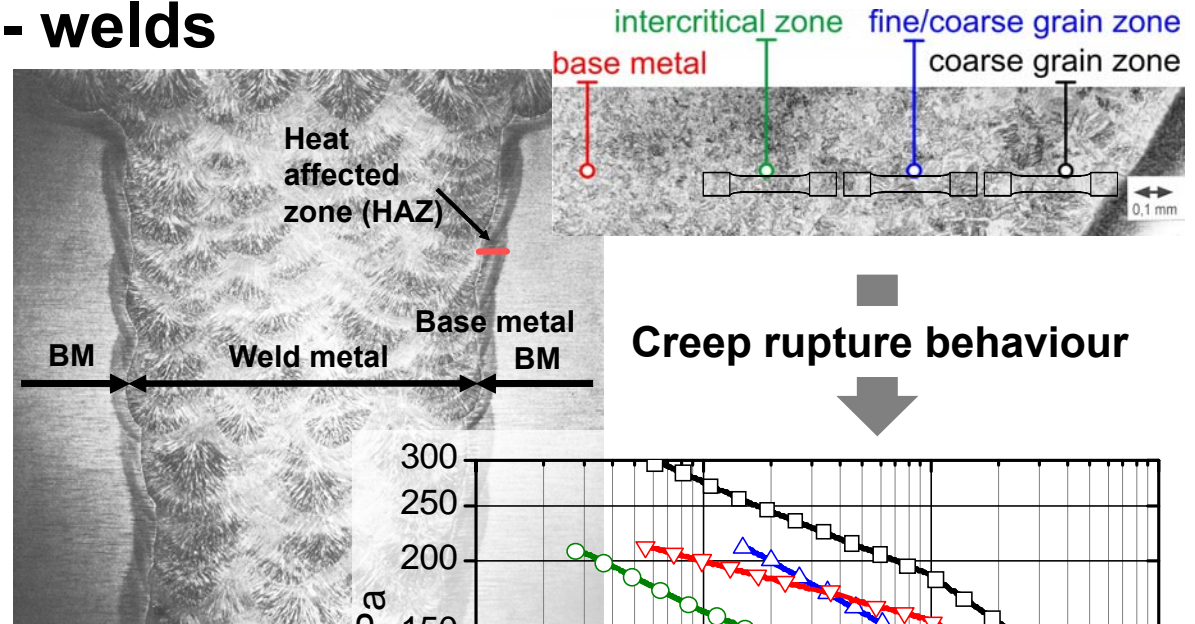
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Specific problems - welds

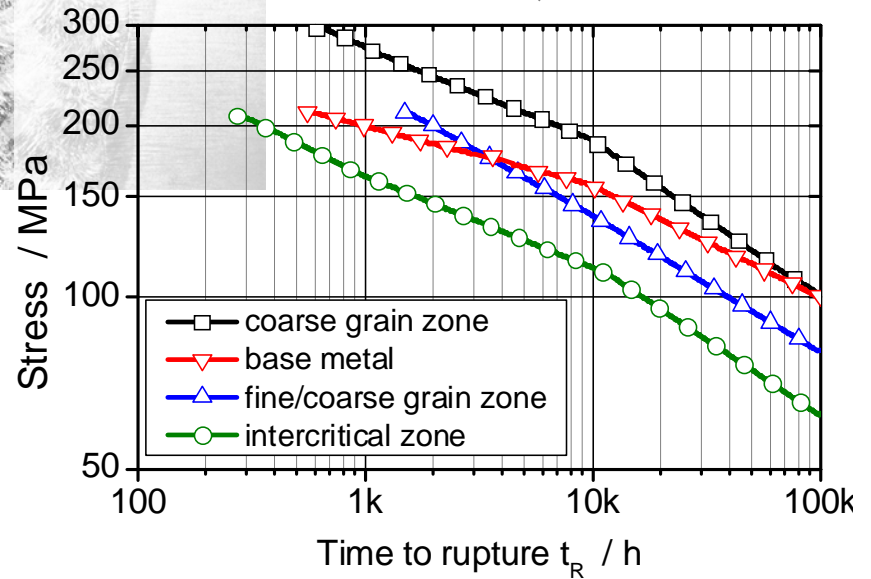
Unfavourable heat input during welding leads to:

- Changes of the micro-structure (phase transformation)
- Changes of grain size
- Change of precipitation characteristics

Combination of different materials with different creep behaviour



Creep rupture behaviour

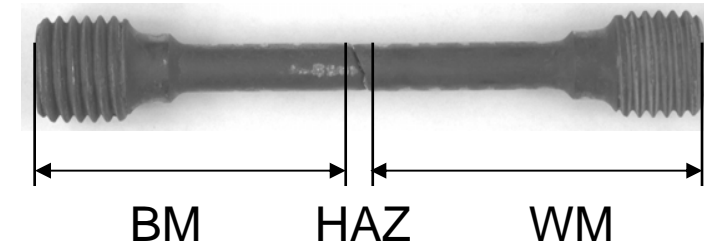
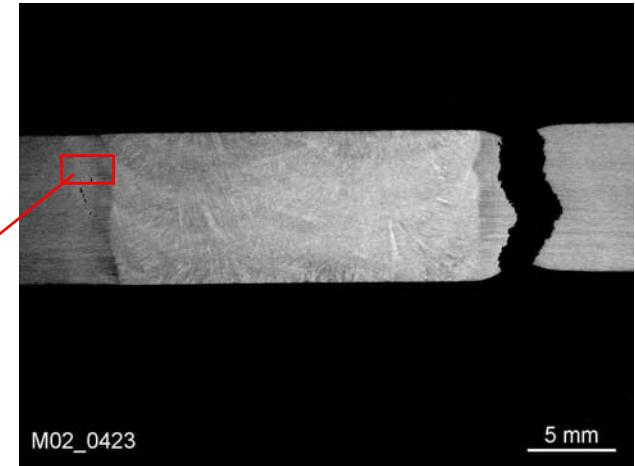
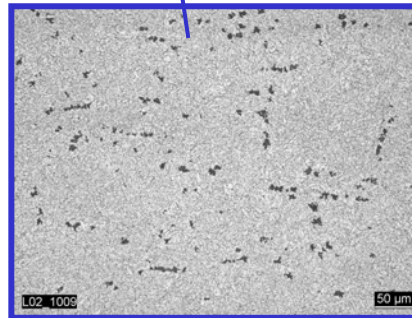
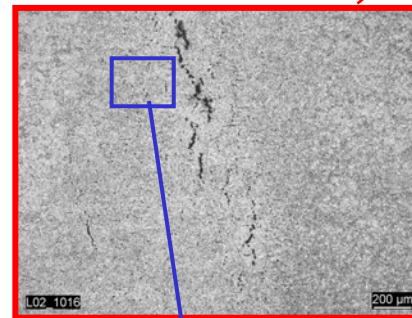
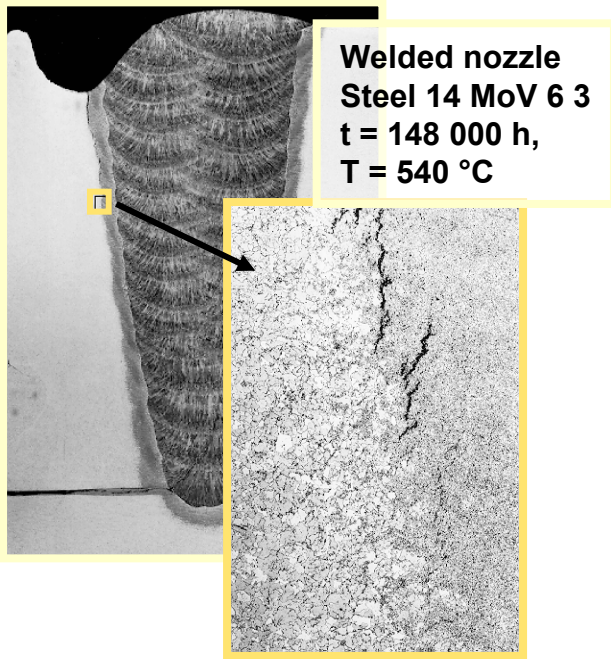




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Formation of creep cavities in the outer area of HAZ (intercritical zone): Type 4 cracking

HAZ has to be considered as area with increased creep failure probability

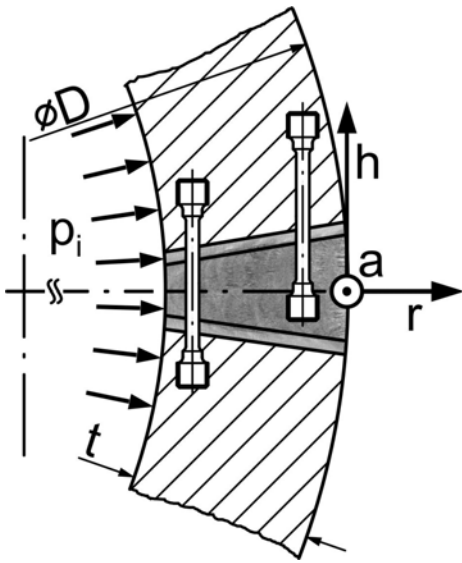


$$WSF = \frac{R_{m/t/\delta} \text{ (welded joint)}}{R_{m/t/\delta} \text{ (base metal)}}$$



Part II – Component Behaviour

Thin walled pipes with long. seams under internal pressure:



$$\sigma_a = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_h$$

- Longitudinal welds are fully loaded in pipes under internal pressure
($\sigma_h = \sigma_1 = \sigma_{max}$).
- After stress redistribution almost homogeneous stress situation.
- Creep data from crossweld samples represents the component behaviour



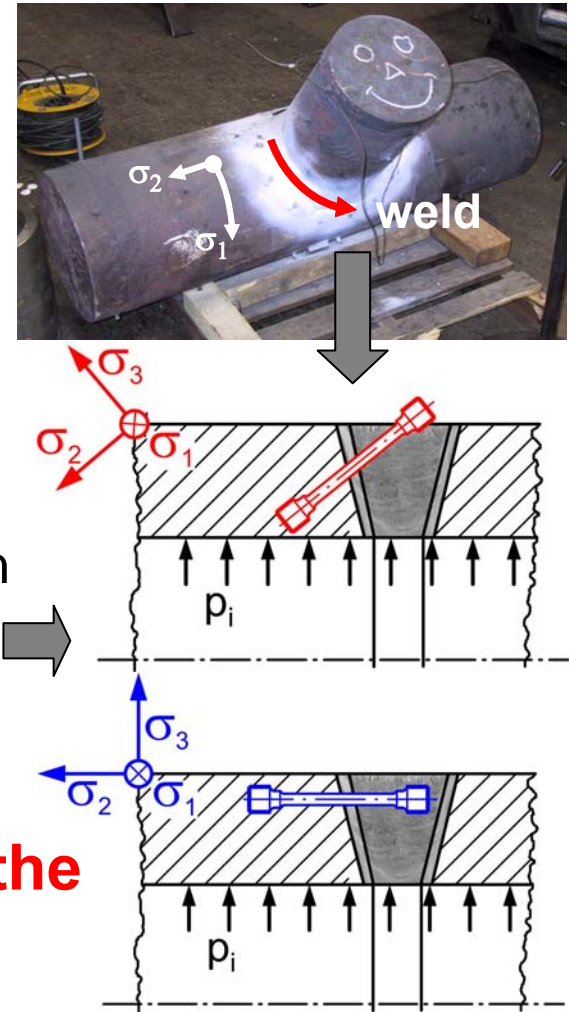
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Thick walled, welded components under internal pressure:

Inhomogeneous microstructure over the cross section (e. g. BM, HAZ, WM)

- ➔ Varying stress situation in the cross section containing welds due to different creep behaviour.
- ➔ Influence of the orientation of the cross section to the direction of maximum principle stress.
- ➔ Varying constraint
- ➔ Stress states of different multiaxiality

FE-analysis adequate tool to describe the local stress-strain situation





Part III - Numerical simulation

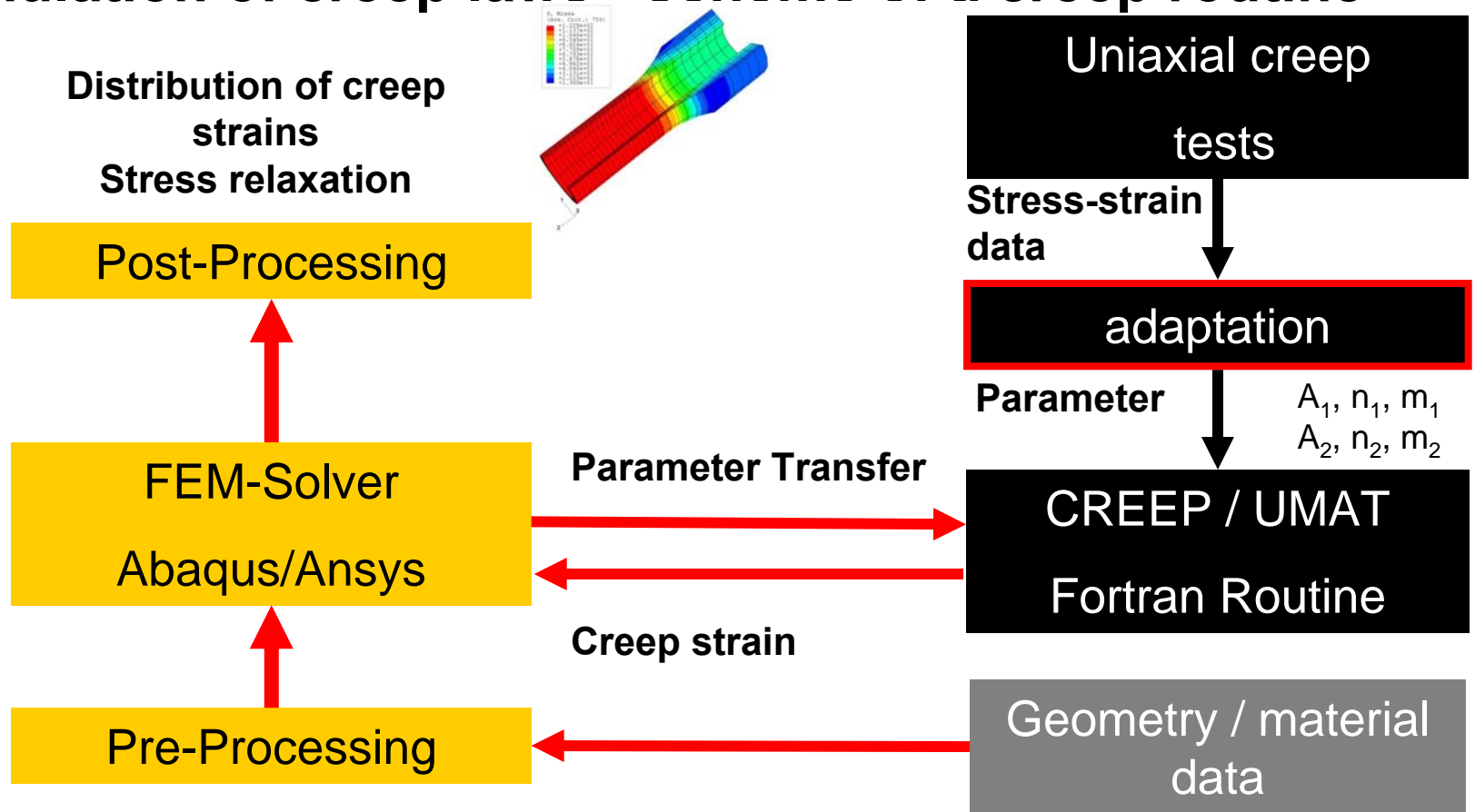
Specific problems with creep behaviour:

1. Use of creep data set in the formulation of creep laws
2. Description of effect of multiaxial stress state on creep deformation and creep damage
3. Stress-strain relaxation of welded structures – type IV cracking



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Formulation of creep laws - scheme of a creep routine

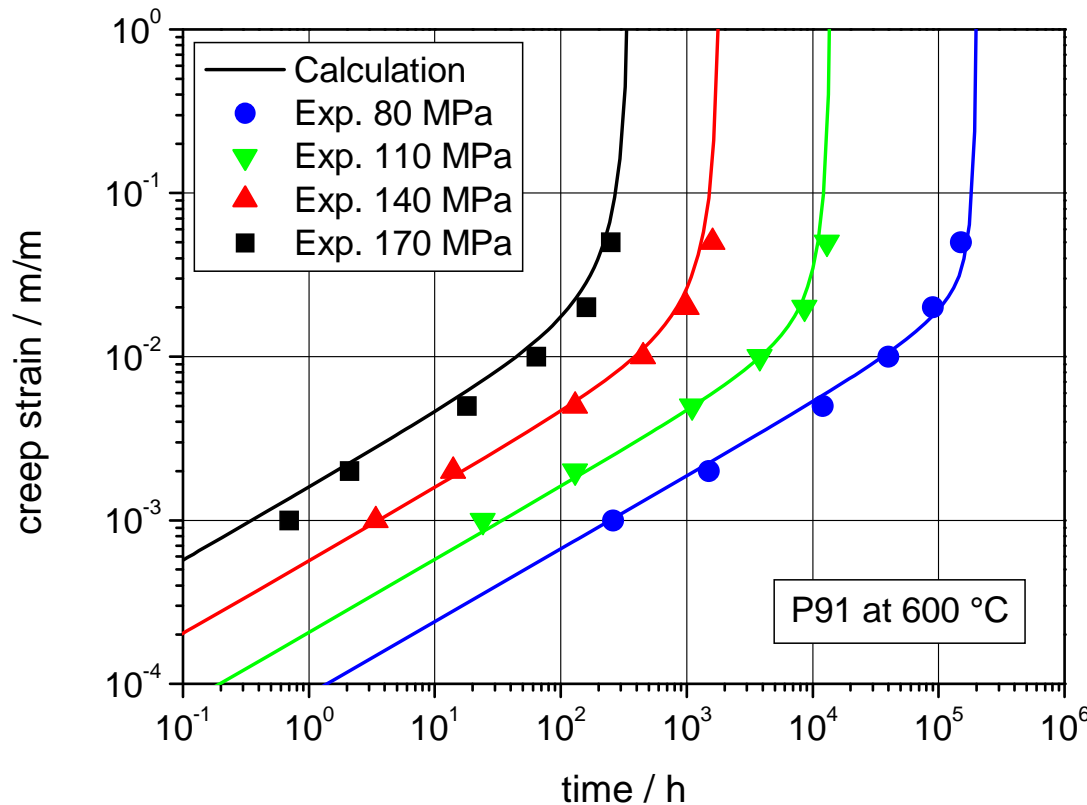




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Formulation of creep laws

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{cr} = A_1 \sigma^{n_1} \epsilon_{cr}^{m_1} + A_2 \sigma^{n_2} \epsilon_{cr}^{m_2} + A_3 \sigma^{n_3} \epsilon_{cr}^{m_3}$$



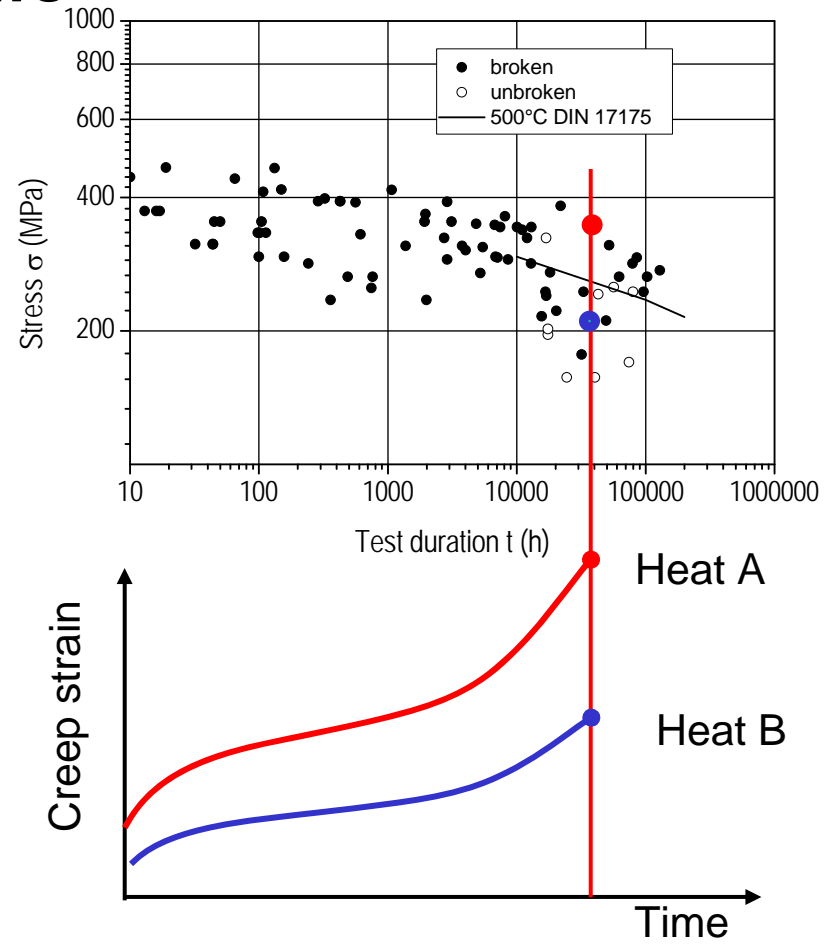
- All stages of creep should be covered, e.g. by a Graham-Walles formulation
- Reliable data base should be used, describing the short time behaviour as well as the long term behaviour
- For component calculation at least creep data covering 1/3 of component life should be available



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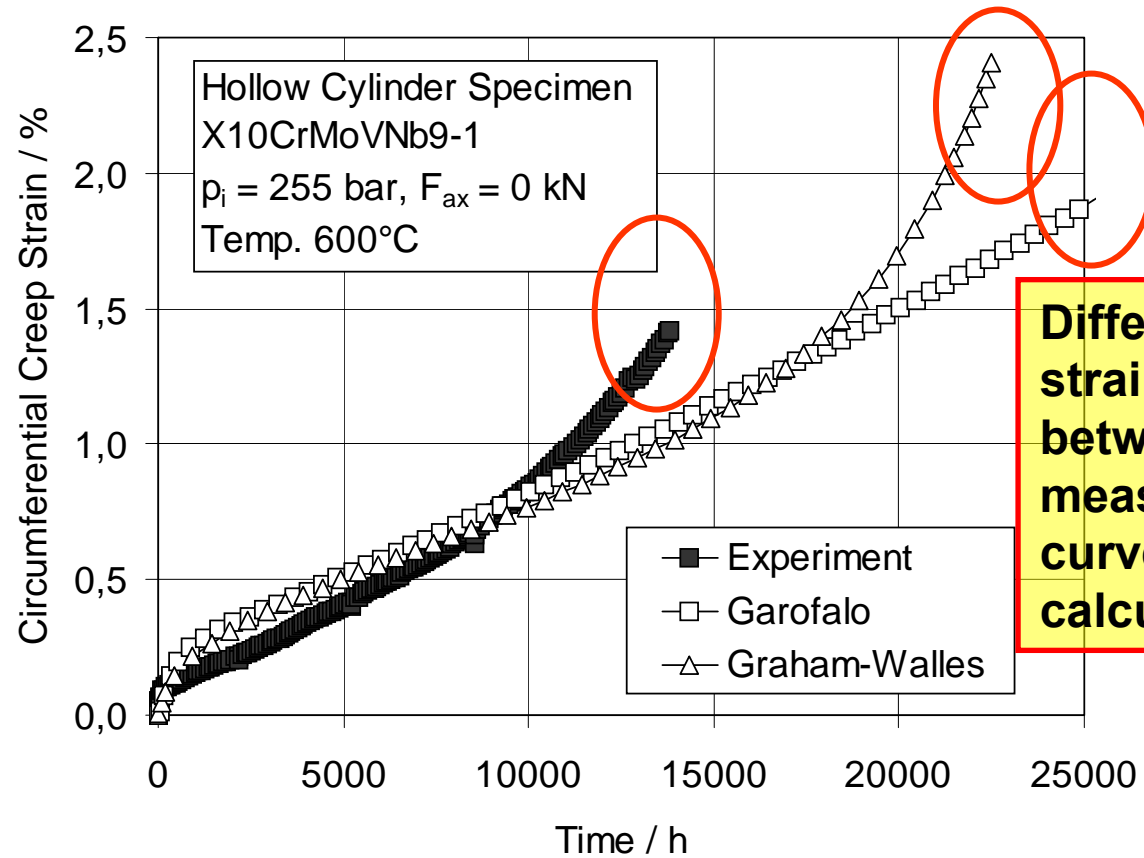
Formulation of creep laws

- Scatterband caused by different melts
- Individual creep strain behaviour of each melt
- Different parameters in creep law
- Average behaviour of steel grade should be considered in the creep law, if no melt specific data is available





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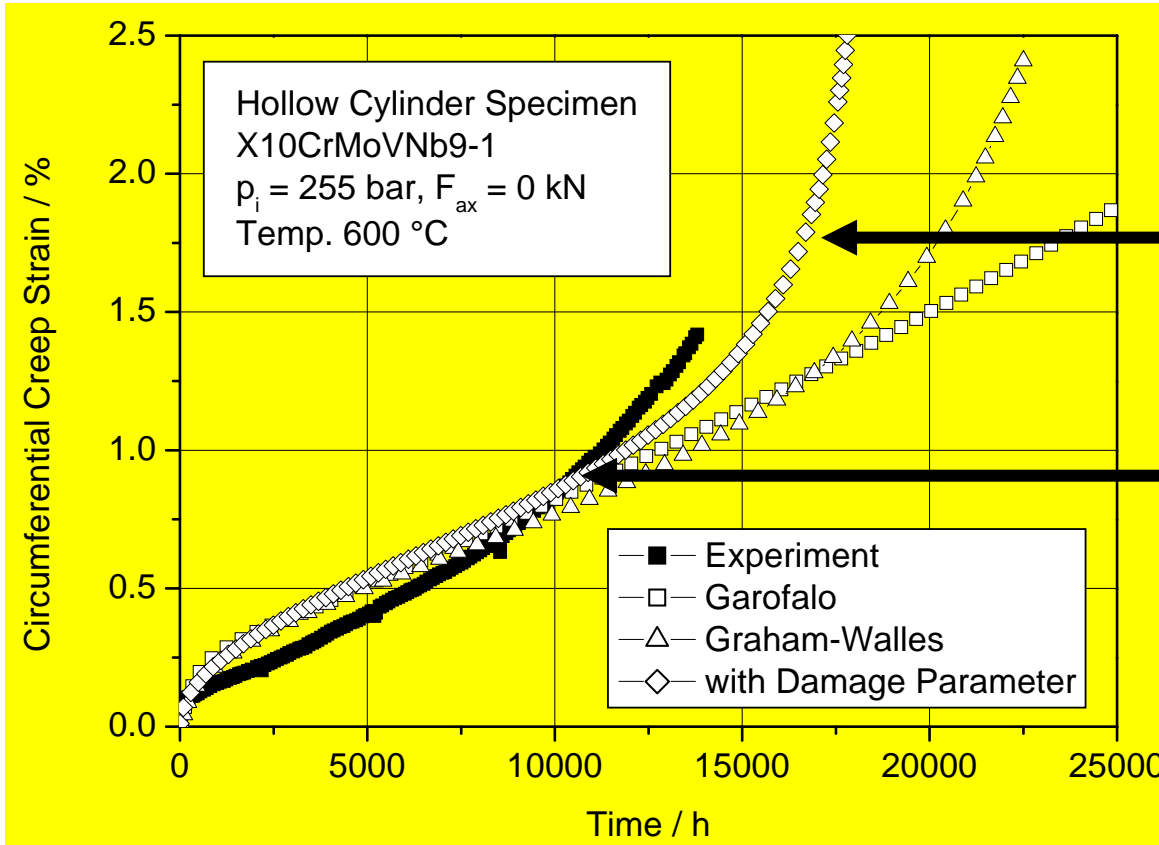


Difference in the strain rate between the measured creep curve and the calculation

**Multiaxiality of stress state:
Higher strain rate at the end of experiment**



Part III - Numerical simulation



Implementation of a multiaxiality damage factor D

Better accordance with experiment

Earlier start of secondary creep stage

$$\dot{D} = A_D \cdot \left[\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{q} \right)^\alpha \cdot \sigma_v \right]^{n_D} \cdot \dot{\epsilon}_{cr}^{m_D}$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{cr} = A_1 \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_v}{1-D} \right)^{n_1} \cdot \epsilon_{cr}^{m_1} + A_2 \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_v}{1-D} \right)^{n_2} \cdot \epsilon_{cr}^{m_2}$$

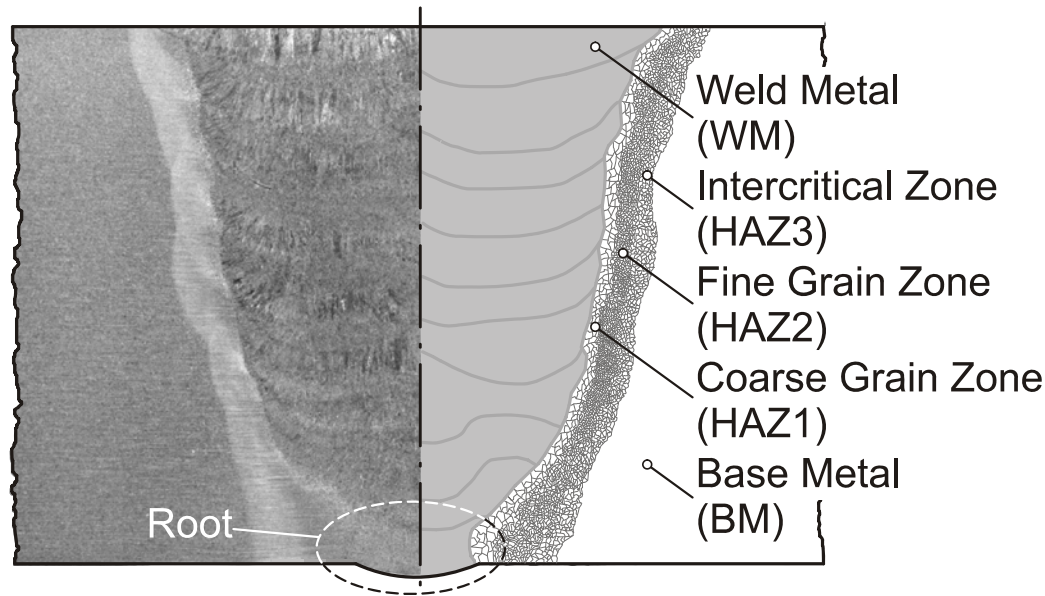
$$q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} \cdot h} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{mises}}{\sigma_{hydro}}$$



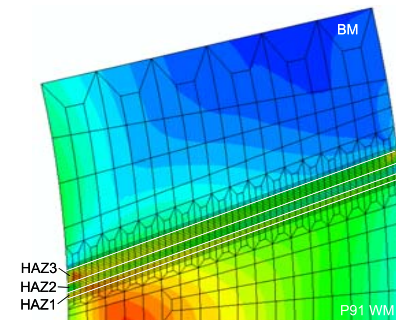
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Stress-strain relaxation of welded structures

For structural modeling of welds most accurate results can be expected using five material zones with different creep behaviour.



This is most important for the type IV failure mechanisms since the creep behavior of the component is influenced by the different creep behavior of this zones



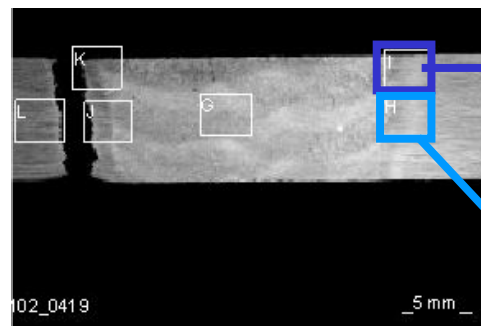


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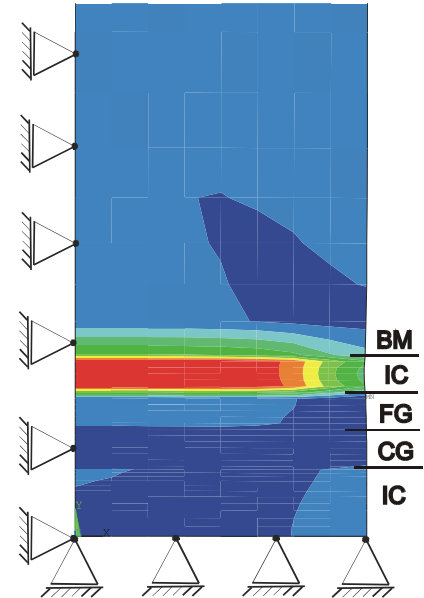
Deformation shown with a scale of 5:1

Stress-strain relaxation of welded structures

Numerical result:
Highest degree of multi-axiality in the center of the specimen

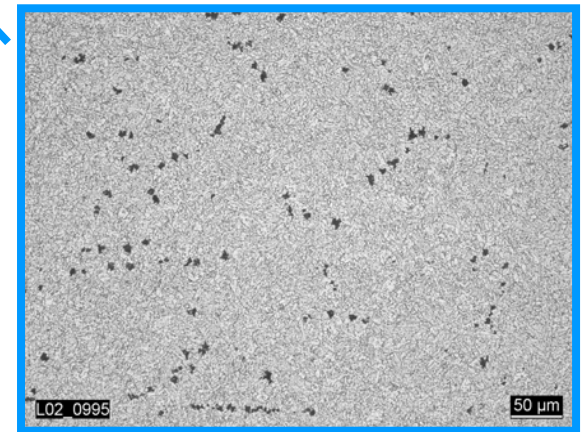
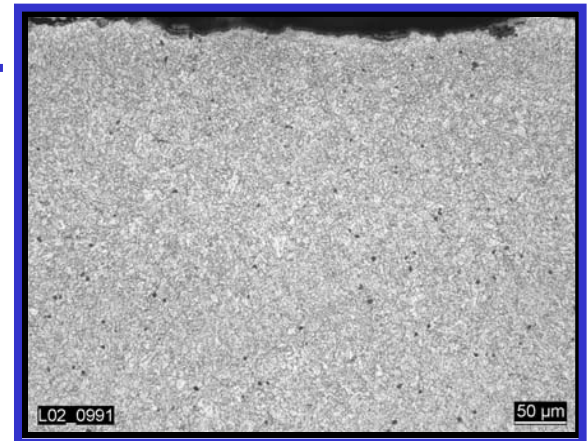


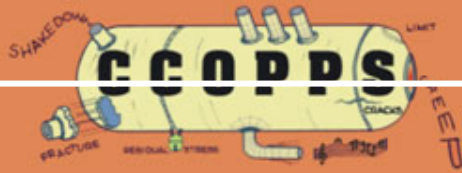
Metallographic result:
Highest cavity density in the centre of the specimen



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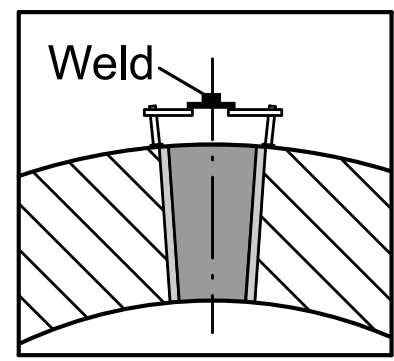
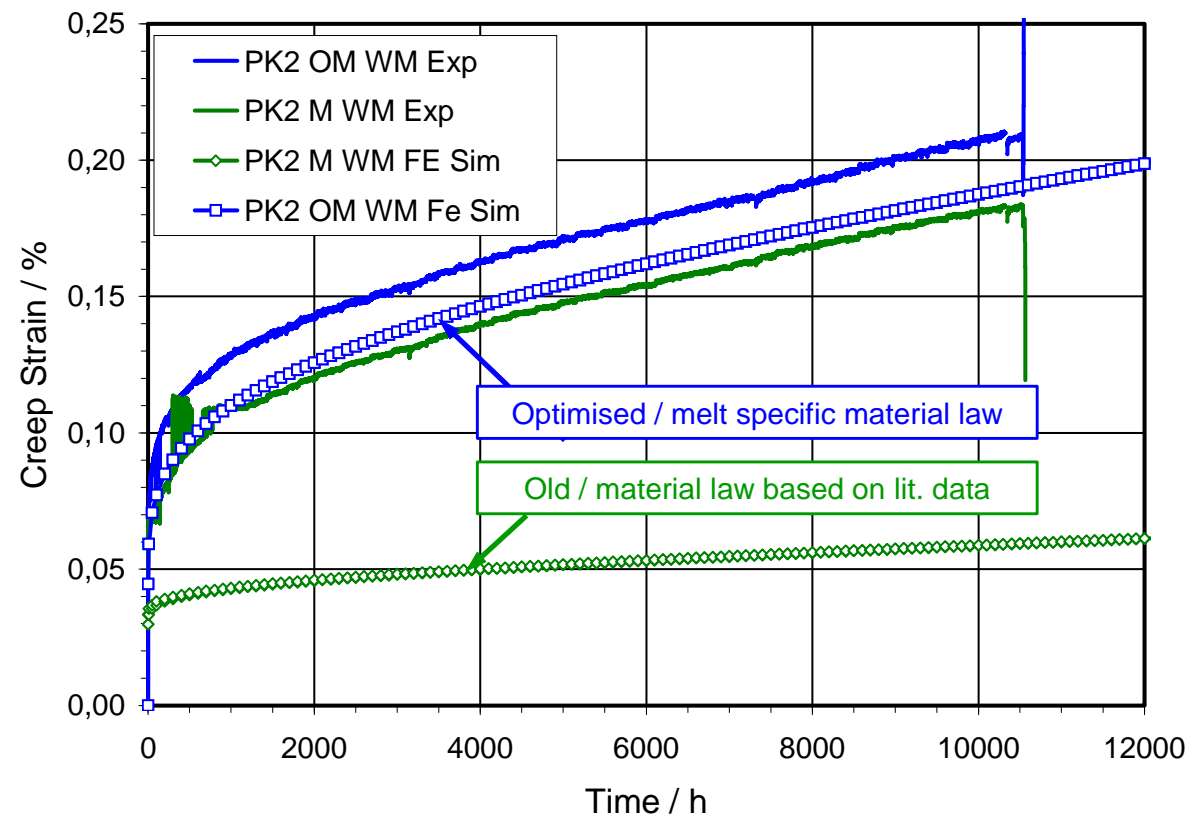




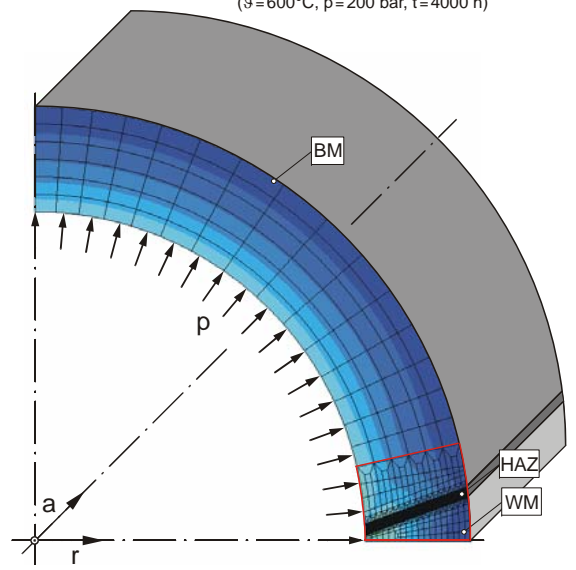
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Pipe E911 Equivalent Creep Strain ϵ_{cr} / m/m ($\theta=600^\circ\text{C}$, $p=200$ bar, $t=4000$ h)





Summary and Conclusions

The standard tensile test alone cannot predict the behaviour of a structural material at elevated temperatures, where time dependent plastic deformation occur

Creep deformation and damage is strongly influenced by parameters like temperature, stress state, manufacturing process, heat treatment

Consequently a large scattering of data could be observed and has to be accepted and considered in the numerical modelling of creep processes



Summary and Conclusions

With regard to the transferability to components operating in the long term range ($>100000h$) an accurate assessment of the data used for the fitting of creep laws has to be done, in particular:

- Data should cover the same microstructural creep deformation mechanism**
- For extrapolation the factor 3 in time should not be exceeded**
- If no heat specific data is available, the data for fitting the parameters should meet the mean values of the creep scatterband of the respective steel grade**



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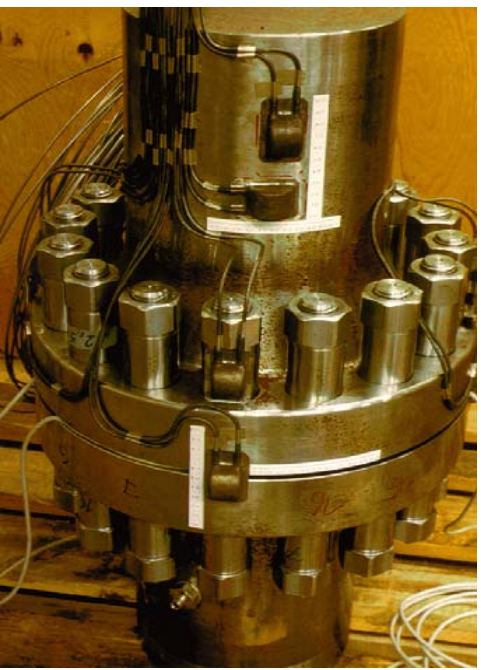
The creep laws used in creep routine/user UMAT in the FE-Code should include a creep damage factor, which describes the influence of stress state (multiaxial stress state) on creep deformation development in secondary and tertiary creep stage

For the numerical modelling of creep loaded structures a multi-material model is essential, describing the time dependent behaviour of the different areas in HAZ as well as the base metal and weld metal

Thus the stress relaxation due to the combination of different materials should be described



Summary and Conclusions



Thank you for your attention

