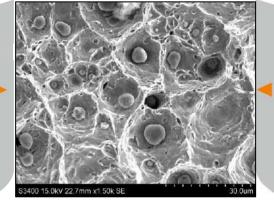
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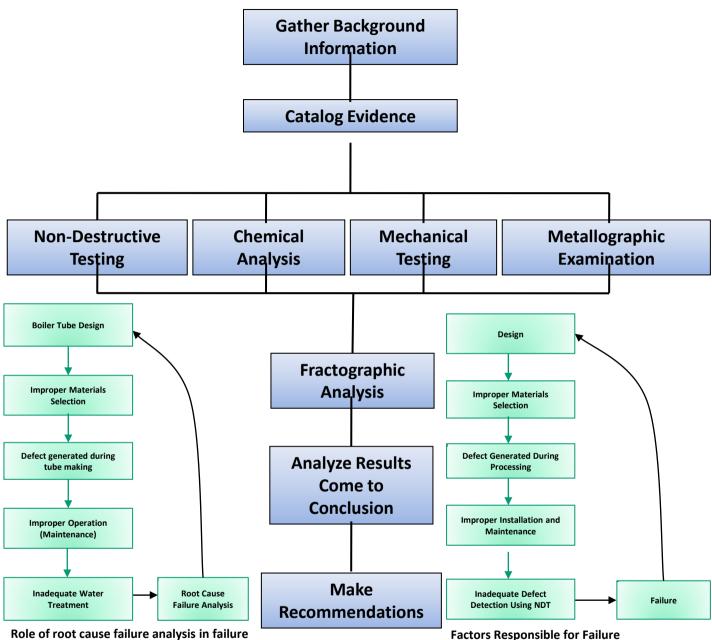
WELCOME TO THE LAUNCH OF THE MAIDEN ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL The failure of structures and their degradation in service is of great concern to the Indian manufacturing industries. It affects all industries and results in loss of equipment's, production loss, environmental pollution and even loss of life that involves costly litigation. The assessment of integrity of components in the presence of defects is becoming increasingly important for the safety as well as economic reasons. The cost of failure estimated by different agencies is around 3-4% of the GDP of a country. Most failures can be prevented if we adopt the available current technology, do R&D and take adequate precautions at the design, manufacturing and operating stages. India is one of the fastest growing economy in the world and needs to identify the root cause of failures in products and take preventive methods to mitigate them. Analysis of failure by industries can expand the knowledge of processing and product development. The purpose of starting this journal is to spread awareness of failure analysis in industries, educational and research organizations through R&D, design thinking and innovation to enhance the product quality and prevent future failures. Aims & Scope of the Journal :

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- Create pool of manpower that is conversant with different analytical tools and techniques of materials characterization and failure modes and effects analysis
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Major Steps in Failure Analysis with Some Case Studies .



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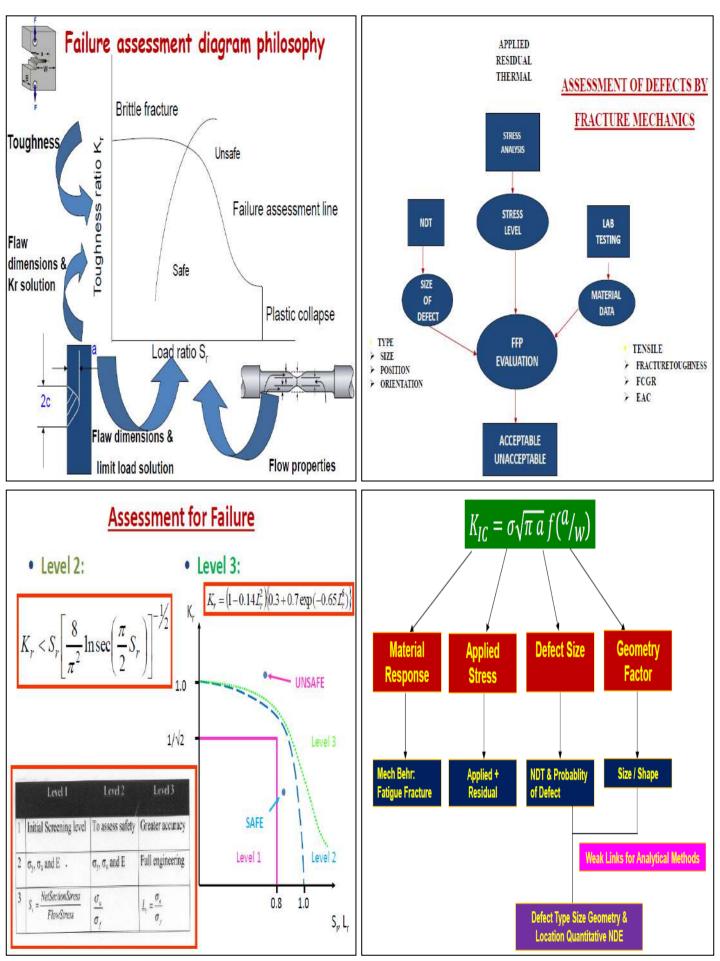
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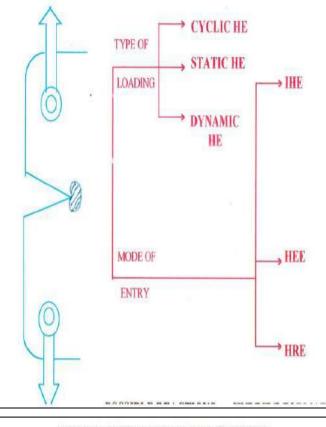
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Typical burst failures CNG Cylinder.



Types of Hydrogen Embrittlement



FAILURE OF ONSHORE NAPTHA TANK DUE TO HYDROGEN EMBRITTLEMENT



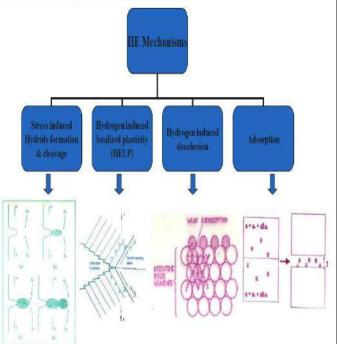




Chevron marks and Shear Regions at Edges

HYDROGEN EMBRITTLEMENT

- Failure of metals exposed to Hydrogen are widely reported in industries.
- HE is now considered a phenomena several mechanisms based on experimental evidence and strong personal view.



Hydrogen Embrittlement Failure of CNG Cylinder



Banded Ferrite and

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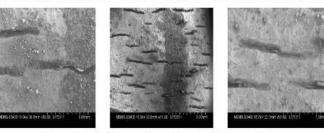








Stereo micro photographs of inside surface of the cylinder showing colonies of parallel cracks in rolling directions.



High magnification SEM fractographs reveal that cracks initiate, grow and coalesce.

Failure Analysis of Car Crankshaft

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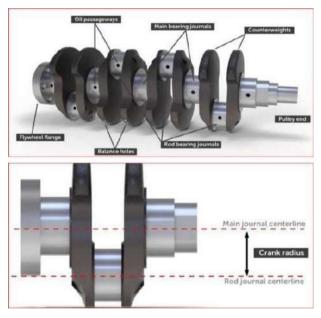
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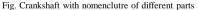
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Abstract—The root cause analysis of a prematurely failed crankshaft of a car engine is reported. The micro, macro & fractography of failed surface was conducted using SEM. Assuming that transition from journal to web is properly designed, it is suspected that crack initiation might be due to improper material or poor machining (chatter marks) in the oil drilled hole that may cause stress concentration where cracks may initiate and propagate to fracture by fatigue. The steps to mitigate such failures in SG iron is suggested

Keywords— Crankshaft, SG Iron, Microstructure, Fractography, Failure Analysis.

PREAMBLE





https://www.howacarworks.com/crankshaft

Crankshaft is a central part of a car engine that consists of a series of cranks and crankpins as shown in Figure above. Connecting rod of the engine is attached to this. It transfers power of firing cylinder by burning fuel into mechanical motion that helps the wheels to run.

Oil holes are chamfered to improve lubrication and avoid metal to metal contact. Crankshafts are subjected to strong rotational forces. Mass of connecting rod and piston moving up and down exert various types of forces. Counter weights are provided to balance out these forces and allow smooth running at high RPM. Crankshafts are made of Cast iron for

lower loads. After casting journals are machined smooth, oil passageways are drilled. Webs are left with rough casting. High performance crankshafts are made by forging or machined from a block of solid billet. After casting journals are machined smooth, oil passageways are drilled. Webs are left with rough casting. Since engine components are the origin of most of the failures a number of researchers have studied the modes and mechanisms of failures of car engine crankshafts (1,2).

I. INTRODUCTION

The crankshaft of a car engine block that gives drive from engine to camshaft through connecting rod failed after a run of 10681 Kms. During service the Crankshaft is subjected to reciprocating fatigue motion. The load comprises of rotating cum bending that is cyclic in nature. In order to avoid stress concentration that is normal common causes for failure, fillet radii are provided at the junction of the journal with the web. Fillet rolling is done on the journal to improve fatigue life after machining.

Material:

The crankshaft part of car that failed during service was made of cast SG iron grade B. Most of the carbon is present as spheroid graphite corresponding to form VI. The required microstructure is expected to contain predominantly pearlitic matrix with less than 10% ferrite and spheroidal graphite (type VI) greater than 90%. During casting suppliers may add alloying elements other than specified to achieve required hardness of 240-290 HB. The specified and analyzed composition of the alloy is given in Table 1.

INDICATIVE %						MANDATORY %					
	С	Si	Mn	Ni	Mo	Mg	S	P	Cu	Sn	
Specified	3.70	2.65	0.04			JL !r> p p	<=.015	<=.05	0.5 - 1.2	<=.04	
Analysed	3.39	2.47	0.23	0.096	0.014	0.043	.002	011	0.45	.009	

Table 1: Specified and analyzed composition of SG iron Grade B.

Microstructure:

The required microstructure is expected to contain predominantly pearlitic matrix with less than 10% ferrite and spheroidal graphite (type VI) greater than 90%. For metallographic investigation, micro sections were taken from the crankshaft and examined under scanning electron microscope. The microstructure was found to consist of nodules, some of which are surrounded by ferrite that look like bull's eye Fig.1 (a&b). The matrix predominantly consists of pearlite Fig. 1(c). The orientation of pearlite is found to change at the grain boundary. In addition of nodule, ferrite and Pearlite, a number of inclusions and crack like defects are seen.

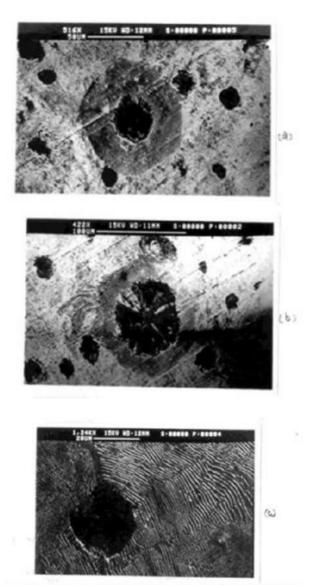


Fig. 1. The microstructure of failed crankshaft consists of nodules in predominantly pearfitic matrix. Some of the nodules are surrounded by ferrite (a & b). At high magnification pearfite is found to consist of alternate layer of ferrite and comentifie (c).

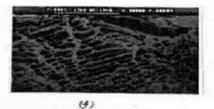
Tensile strength:

SG iron possesses higher tensile strength and ductility compared to grey cast iron. It also exhibits high modulus of elasticity and almost a linear stress strain relationship below proof stress region. Tensile property requirements meet product qualification for the Crankshaft as

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Tensile fractography:

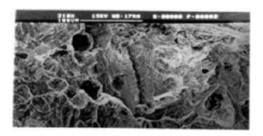
The fractured features of tensile failed cast SG iron are shown in Fig 2 (a - f).



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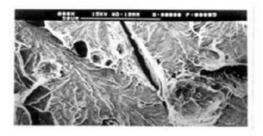


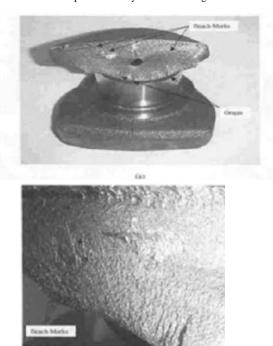
Fig. 2(d) At higher magnification riverlines are clearly visible.

Fracture features are predominantly brittle and consist of river lines in the pearlitic area. The cracks nucleating at graphite nodule matrix interface face severe constraint due to surrounding brittle pearlitic matrix. This gives rise to brittle fracture of the pearlitic matrix. Cleavage facets (river lines) extend to next nodule. The brittle cracks get blunted at the nodule /matrix interface Fig 2. Agglomeration of nodules facilitates crack joining Fig 2. The growth and separation of nodules absorb a lot of energy giving rise to crack growth resistance. The uniformly distributed nodules surrounded with ferrite will therefore give rise better fatigue crack growth resistance. However, the strength and toughness need to be optimized by controlling the number, size and shape of nodules and their distribution. Fractured features in the ferritic region that surrounds the nodules show dimples (ductile feature) Fig 2. The same area when magnified clearly shows ductile tearing with micro void coalescence

Macro Examination:

- The fracture surface of the failed crankshaft is shown in Fig 3(a-d). The arrows in the figures show the points from which the failure appears to have originated.
- 2) These points are located at the journal fillets at different levels. When this crack merge they create a cliff wall that appears like chevron marks that point towards the origin (transition region of fillet).
- 3) The fracture that started from fillet has typical; appearance of beach (shell) marks. The beach marks are produced by cyclic loading and periods of rest normally experienced by crankshaft in service.
- 4) These beach marks travel through rifle drilled oil hole and are intercepted by chevron marks. These holes are produced by gun drilling and were found to contain surface defects.
- 5) When fatigue cracks grow to considerable length, the area remaining intact becomes small, leading to overload fracture as shown in Fig 3(d).
- 6) Since the transition from journal to web is properly designed and tooled, it is suspected that initiation might be either due to improper material with low fracture toughness are due to poor machining which initiates crack that propagate to failure by fatigue.

7) The chemical analysis revealed that mandatory required composition was met. The alloying has been done in a manner to achieve the required hardness and the tensile properties. However, the ratio of the yield stress to tensile stress was higher (Table 2). This is expected to provide small amount of stable crack growth. The tensile fractographs therefore predominantly showed cleavage fracture.





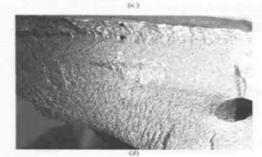


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Fractography and failure analysis:

In order to investigate the cause of the failure the failed crankshaft was examined under SEM. The failure initiated at transition region from groove that contained surface discontinuities Fig 4 (a - e) and progressed in the web region. The nodular structure here is not a defect, still the nodule separated region resulting from machining can act as a potential stress raiser site Fig 4(b). A number of secondary cracks and porosities are also seen Fig 4 (f - g). in addition to secondary cracks, porosities, nodule separation at the matrix interface can be seen in fig 4 (h & i). For material like SG iron having lower toughness these sites can very well act as stress raiser from where cracks can originate. Fig 4 (h & i) show separation of nodule at the matrix interface along with secondary cracks and porosities. The micro fractography of the failed web region show striations (feather marks) in addition to nodule separation (j & k).

A comparison of fatigue and monotonic fracture faces of the ductile iron indicates that tensile fracture consists of brittle river lines and separation along nodules, whereas features of fracture of failed parts consist of beach marks (macroscopic) Fig 3 and striations in micro fractography Fig 4 (j & k).

A closure examination of the oil hole by SEM reveals that smooth zones are followed by chatter marks (stress concentration sites). deep grooves at nodules and at interfaces are clearly visible Fig 4 (i - l).

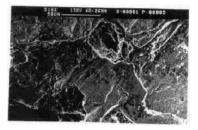




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The sequence of fracture, however, appears to be crack initiation at transition region from groove that contained surface discontinuities, propagation of crack in the web region through the oil hole and final fracture by overload.



Fig. 4. Fractograph of the failed crankshaft shows that failure initiated from transition region from grooves that contained surface discontinuities (a-c) and progresses in the web region.

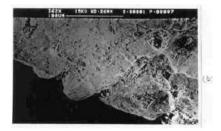


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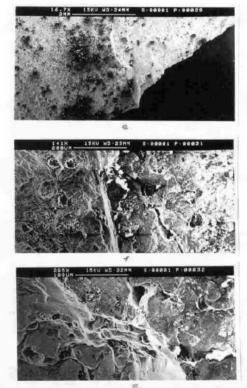
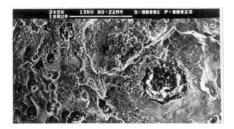


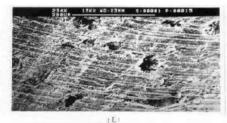
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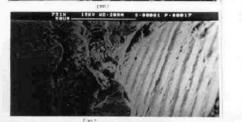


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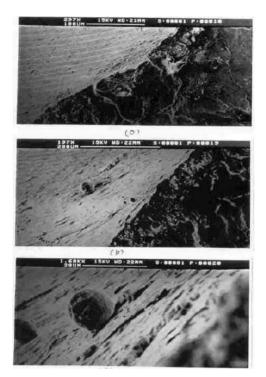


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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Steps may be taken to avoid surface discontinuity during machining that may cause stress concentration sites from which cracks initiate and propagate to failure by fatigue.

Austempered ductile iron which has high strength and fracture toughness as well as fatigue crack growth resistance may be considered as a substitute material.

Fatigue strength may further be imparted by providing residual compressive stress at the surface.

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PHCET Signs MoU With IRMRA



The Pillai HOC College of Engineering & Technology signed an MoU with the Indian Rubber Manufacturer's Association on 13 July 2021.

Through this thev entered into an alliance to make use of their respective strengths and interests for adopting best practices to establish strong academia-industry interface to improve the education system in India by creating quality culture by exposing students and working professionals for adopting a disciplined and systemic approach to problem solving which is missing today in professionals in most cases.

Under this collaboration ioint conferences/seminars. training. CEP for skill development, certificate programs shall be conducted to mentor UG/PG students to enhance their employability potential. It will also inspire them to do internships and research in the cutting edge technology of polymers, rubber technology and composites.

An Alliance Steering Council (ASC) comprising of the special interest group on Materials, Manufacturing, Modelling and Failure Analysis at PHCET and two nominees from IRMRA shall monitor and set operating plans for alliance, identify opportunities for joint collaborative research. It is proposed that the ASC meets every three months virtually or face to face to review progress. Professor R.C.Prasad would be the alliance champion from Pillai HOC College of Engineering & Technology and IRMRA would be represented by Director, Dr. Rajkumar Kasilingam.

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