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NIPA STUTTGART Research Testing Teaching since 1884

Materialprüfungsanstalt Material testing institute

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Location



Stuttgart - in the heart of Europe

State Capital of Baden Wurttemberg Within a short distance to **Black Forest, Swabian Albs, Lake of Constance** Switzerland, Austria, France

Site of Porsche, Mercedes, Bosch



Famous people of Stuttgart:



Georg Friedrich Friedrich Schiller Wilhelm Hegel Philosopher. born 1770 in (University) Stuttgart



Robert Bosch studied at the former developped in 1902 the Hohen Carlsschule magneto ignition



Gottlieb Daimler invented in 1883 the first high-speed, high-tension fast-running petrol engine in his test workshop in Bad Cannstatt





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Founded in 1884 by Carl von Bach

Establisher of modern elastic-plastic strength calculation, stress analysis and material testing in Germany

Contemporary of Bosch and Daimler - influencing their engineering work

Ennobled by the King of Wuerttemberg







Location

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Legal Status - What is MPA ?

Independent research organisation

Affiliated to the University of Stuttgart







Research Activities until 6/2003

Materials - Science

- Basic Characterisation
- Qualification
- Material Laws
- Development

Manufacturing Technologies

- Heat treatment
- Joining Technologies
- Surface Engineering

Integrity Analysis

- Strength Analysis
- Lifetime Analysis
- Transferability of Material Laws to Structures

Quality Assurance

Maintenance Strategies

Materials

- Steels
- Lightweight Metals
- Ceramics
- Composite Materials

Status until 6/2003



Financing - Personnel Costs

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Status

Decision of the University of Stuttgart to merge with 01st July 2003

Forschungs- und Materialprüfungsanstalt für das Bauwesen (FMPA) - Otto-Graf-Institut -(Research & Material Testing Institute for Civil Engineering)

and

Staatliche Materialprüfungsanstalt (MPA) (State Material Testing Institute)

to

Materialprüfungsanstalt (Material Testing Institute) MPA Stuttgart • Otto-Graf-Institut University of Stuttgart

to be a Central Institut of the University of Stuttgart

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Scope of Activities Modern Materials Testing



Scope of Activities - Flanges & Gaskets

Competence of MPA Stuttgart

- Accredited by DAP German Accreditation System for Testing Ltd. under the terms of DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025
- for tests in the fields specified in the accreditation certificates (DAP-PL-2907.0).
- Additional accreditation and certification by DKD/PTB, KBA, ZLS and TÜV
- Nominated Body according to Pressure Equipment Directive (PED)

Motivation

Health Monitoring and Safety Assessment in Plant Engineering

In-service inspection and operational monitoring

- **** improves availability of plants and components and
- **Y** reduces costs of maintenance

Superior objectives are

- to identify best practices specifically applicable to revamp projects and the effect of maintenance and operational availability
- to increase economy and to reduce emissions of European engineering structures
- to avoid unnecessary conservative stress analysis procedures and to achieve higher safety

Motivation in reactor-technology, end-users need

For the <u>end-user</u> the economic benefit of diagnostics by reduction of failures, by extending life time of components, by precise planning of inspections intervals etc. is estimated up to 400 M€ per year depending on the size of the power generation unit. The assumptions made are:

Outages can cost the utilities up to 200.000 € per day in terms of lost revenue.

The replacement of the complete pipe work is up to 12 M€.

The replacement of a single component (hanger construction) is up to 50.000 €.

Increasing the period for inspections could save around 170.000 € per year for one power station unit.

Motivation in chemical plant industry, end-users need

For the economic benefit of health monitoring by reduction

of failures e.g. in the field of PO-production may be

Freight cost savings of 37,000 US\$ per year

Fost sales 350,000 € per year

Production cost 222,000 € per year

Motivation in chemical plant industry, end-users need

This realistic calculation is based on lost product due to equipment failures such as

- transmitter failure
- nozzle crack due to vibration
- propylene leakage instrument nozzle
- leakage due to vibration
- thermo-element failure due to vibration
- outlet line broken due to vibration
- crack in instrument nozzle

Motivation in chemical plant industry, end-users need

If the possibility of fatigue of safety relevant piping material is taken into account and one production plant would go out of operation the

production loss would be

20, 000 € / hour

480, 000 € / day

3 360, 000 € / week

Workpackages (WP)

The following themes in Plant Engineering were identified with a great potential of improvement (WP1: current practice..., WP11: Management)

WP 2

- Sensor and Component Development: Nonlinear Vibrations, Waves, Investigations regarding the wave propagation in piping systems, Design and fabrication of the PZT-fibre actuator, Electronic signal processing, Systemconform application of the actuator
- Sealing Technology: Optimisation of sealing technology in plant engineering, development of a design method for bolted flange connections under vibrational loading

WP 2, Sealing Technology

- Optimisation of sealing technology in plant engineering (bolted flange connections in piping and valves), development of a design method for bolted flange connections under vibrational loading, monitoring and reduction of emissions from bolted flange connections and valves.
 - Testing under vibrational loading, monitoring of bolt load and leakage rate
 - Development of measures in order to optimise bolted flange connections in view of emission reduction
 - Development of new or extension of existing design methods, development of a strategy for maintenance, emission control and emission reduction

Workpackages (WP)

WP 3

Selection of Test Cases, Monitoring of various systems in practice: Collection of data (periodic insp.), Classification and database, Assessment of cases and ranking, Risk assessment and management, Selection of the best cases

WP 4

Monitoring System: Check of existing components and systems,

Determination of development requirements, Waves, Communicationnetwork

Selection of sensors from existing technology (acceleration, distance, velocity, strain, pressure, temperature)

Derivation of requirements for investigated and demonstrator system

Specifications in co-operation with end-users (which damages shall be found)

Workpackages (WP)

WP 5

In-situ Investigations under operational conditions — "Best Praxis" in a chemical plant with pilot case characteristics

Vibration Analysis, Ambient vibration monitoring

Structural control (Reducing Vibration in Plug Flow and Reactor Piping, Damping), Safety Assessment, Fatigue

- System identification: Development on model-updating features regarding piping analysis, Damage detection, structural model with actual conditions
- Damage allocation