



Why, not what
The role of the scitech library in safety
critical decision
making

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Agenda

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- TWI
- Value
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Intros

- Paul Jones
- Qualified archivist but never practised
- Corporate information management. Shell, Enron, then TWI
- 22 years at TWI



TWI



- Industry run, consultancy and R&D in materials performance, joining and structural integrity
- Established 1946, the first Cambridge spin-out
- Unique expertise and information



Weld failure & brittle fracture







What we do

- Compile databases, run a library and archive service
- Expert searching
- Research for researchers. Market analysis, technology intelligence, horizon scanning



Example requests for search

Client	Requirement	Benefit – What our work enabled
Aircraft manufacturing prime	Data on mechanical properties and hydrogen embrittlement of FeNi36 at 20-373K	Informed material selection and design of aero structures
National atomic energy regulator	Data on elevated strain rate on mechanical properties of ferritic steels	Confirmed the engineering design of radioactive waste storage boxes
Global oil and gas major	TRL and market assessment for vertical axis wing turbines.	Contributed to client's net zero strategy
Fusion energy developer	Information on the state of the art for welding oxide dispersionstrengthened alloys.	Informed choice of welding technique for fabrication of critical components.



Our search commands look like this

(TITLE ("diffusion bond*" AND titanium) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY (strength OR hardness OR fatigue OR "mechanical propert*" OR "tensile propert*") AND NOT TITLE-ABS-KEY (dissimilar OR steel*))

(TITLE-ABS-KEY ((*316I OR "*316 L" OR s31603 OR "S 31603" OR "1.4404") W/5 (copper OR "CU OFE" OR "CuOFE")) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ((gta OR gtaw OR tig OR "gas tungsten" OR "tungsten inert") W/3 weld*))



Know your value...why we do what we do

- Alignment with strategy
- Value is not what we do but why we do what we do

We enable better safety-critical decisions by making information trustworthy and discoverable

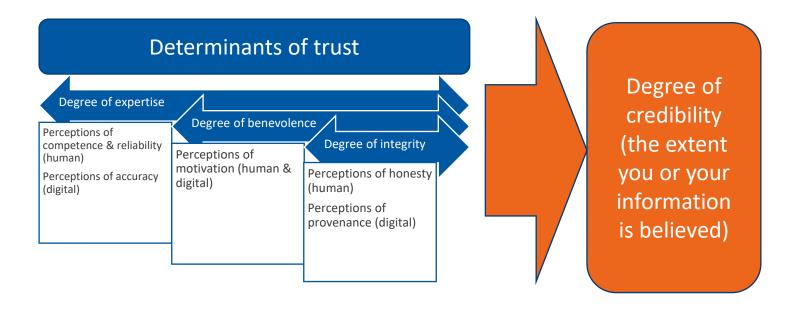


Why is trust important?

When the client's issue involves risk to life and \$\$\$\$\$ they need to be able to trust both the expert's advice and the information its based on



What is trust?



Trustworthy information

- Premium and specialised sources
- Comprehensive metadata, editorial rules consistently applied
- Controlled terminology for subject tagging (IIW thesaurus)
- Professional staff knowledgeable of the technical domain
- Expert search, ranked for relevance only
- Combined, this gives comprehensive, definitive and trustworthy information



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Hierarchical listing of keywords

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CRACKING SC: 09 Defects, loading and service conditions SN: (Use more specific term if possible) UF: Crack susceptibility Cracks Fissures Weld cracking UFA: End cracking Type IV cracking NT: COLD CRACKING CRACK PATTERN FATIGUE CRACKS HOT CRACKING INTERCRYSTALLINE CRACKS LAMELLAR TEARING LIQUATION CRACKING LONGITUDINAL CRACKS MICROCRACKS REHEAT CRACKING SOLIDIFICATION CRACKING TOE CRACKING TRANSVERSE CRACKS UNDERBEAD CRACKING UNDERCLAD CRACKING BT: DEFECTS RT: CRACK INITIATION CRACK PROPAGATION FAILURE FRACTURES METALLURGICAL WELDABILITY RESTRAINT SPALLING THERMAL SHOCK WELDABILITY

WELDABILITY TESTS

Cracking tests (fracturing of welds) SN: (Use more specific term if possible) USE: FRACTURE TESTS

Cracking tests (tests of weldability) USE: WELDABILITY TESTS

Cracks

SN: (Use more specific "cracking" or "cracks" term if possible) USE: CRACKING

A weapon of mass deception or power steering for the mind? Can we trust AI?

- No, not blindly
- Al is a 'black box'
- Al is fundamentally different to 'normal' computing



Making AI work for TWI – Rules of engagement

Compliance

• Does the application comply with data security policies? Go/no go decision

Alignment

- Does the application....
- Support strategy? Is it reliable & secure? human centered? transparent & explicable?, accountable & governed?

Oversight

 Cross-discipline AI governance group has oversight role for life cycle of application and is a community of practice



And finally...a New York Times headline, June 2023

"Researchers and industry leaders have warned that A.I. could pose an existential risk to humanity...

but they've been light on the details."



