



ASM International - Houston Chapter Failure Analysis Seminar April 2 & 3, 2012

MONDAY, APRIL 2

**Failure Analysis Seminar I -
Introduction to Failure Analysis Course**
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

**Failure Analysis Seminar II -Case
Histories**
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

SEMINAR LOCATION

Brady's Landing Restaurant, 8585 Cypress
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Seminar Registration:

Please go to the ASM Houston Chapter
website, www.asmhouston.org.

You may register for one day or 2 days. For
2 day seminar, ASM members or sustaining
members, \$ 375, non-members \$ 425, full
time students and retirees free. There is a \$
50 discount for early registration. Please
refer to registration form online at
www.asmhouston.org for further information and
to register.

Continuing Education Credits:

Attendees will receive 7 Continuing
Education Credit Hours.

Exhibitors (10 ft space):

Register online at www.asmhouston.org or
contact John Starkweather at 832-265-5974
or jstarkweather@magnummetaltreating.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE, APRIL 2

Registration: 8:00 – 9:00

9:00 am – 5:00 pm
**Introduction to Failure Analysis
Course**

Session Chair

Elizabeth Huber, Element

Course Abstract

Whether made of metal, plastic, rubber,
glass, ceramic or composites, failure
analysis and prevention is a valuable tool
to improve products. Some causes and
mechanisms of failure are identical or
similar for different materials, while others
are not. The process of failure analysis
is discussed in this seminar with an
emphasis on the fundamental principles,
the important failure mechanisms, and
the features characterizing failures. The
distinctions and commonalities between

failures in different materials will also be
highlighted. Case histories of materials
failure analysis are illustrated with
numerous photographs, fractographs and
photomicrographs. In addition, because
macroscopic visual examination is the
most important aspect of a failure
analysis, the instructor will provide a
tutorial on visual examination of materials
failures including an interactive, hands-on
failure analysis workshop.

Speaker

Ronald J. Parrington, P.E., FASM is the
President of IMR Test Labs, a full service
materials laboratory. Ron is a graduate of
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with BS and
MS degrees in Materials Engineering. He
has over 30 years of experience in failure
analysis of metallic and nonmetallic
materials, has presented and published
numerous papers on failure analysis, teaches
the ASM courses (Principles of Failure
Analysis, Practical Fractography, and
Introduction to Polymers and Polymer
Testing), is past chairman of the ASM
International Failure Analysis Committee and
the ASM Chapter Council, and is currently
the Chairman of the ASM Materials
Education Foundation Board of Trustees.



**Failure Analysis Seminar
ASM International - Houston Chapter
PROGRAM SCHEDULE APRIL 3, 2012**

Registration: 7:30 am– 8:30 am

Session I: 8:30 – 10:30 am

8:30 am – 9:15 am
TBD, Stress Engineering
Optimizing Photography for Failure Analysis

9:15 am – 10:00 am
David Hendrix, The Hendrix Group, Inc.
The elusive goal of “Root Cause” failure analysis – the importance of persistence, as illustrated by O&G production corrosion case histories: (1) Distinguishing between MIC, CO₂ and H₂S pitting and (2) the accelerated corrosion of alloy 625 injection tubing in wet gas production wells.

10:00 am – 10:30 am
L.Louis Loushin, P.E.
Mechanical Integrity of Hydrocarbon Process Equipment

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break

Session II: 10:45 am – 11:45 am

10:45am – 11:15 am
Matt Stage, Weatherford
Failure Analysis of Weatherford’s line of FracGuard Composite Bridge Plugs: two brief case studies

11:15 am – 11:45 am
TBD
Polymer Failure Analysis

11:45 – 12:15
Charles Bolfrass, Mechanical Engineering Department, Texas A & M University
Humans Cause as many Component Failures, as do Materials

**12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Buffet Lunch
Exhibits / display table area open**

Session III: 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

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James E. Martinez, NASA Johnson Space Center. **Failure Analysis of Space Shuttle Reaction Control System (RCS) Thruster**

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm
John D. Figert, NASA Johnson Space Center
Failure Analysis of a Capsule Parachute Assembly System (CPAS) Wire Rope

2:15pm – 2:45 pm
Dr. Johnny L. Golden, Boeing Research & Technology, **Failure Analysis of a Nitrided 15-5 PH Steel**

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Break

Session IV: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Don Van Arnam, NOV – Quality Tubing
Coiled Tubing Failure Investigations

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Bruce Urband, Spinnaker Engineering;LLC
Oil Country Tubular Goods

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Krutibas Panda, Halliburton – Sperry Sun Drilling Services
Failure Analysis of an Acoustic LWD (Logging While Drilling) Sonic Collar

4:30 – 5:00 pm
TBD, T imken
Oilfield Component Failure Analysis

**Social Hour & Display Tables:
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm**

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

Key Note Speaker: 7:00 pm
Ronald J. Parrington, P.E., FASM
Product Liability and Failure Analysis
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