

Microstructure and Properties of Hastelloy X Fabricated by Additive Manufacturing

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Project Objectives

- Optimize additive manufacturing (AM) fabrication processes for solution strengthened Hastelloy X (HX, Ni-22Cr-19Fe-9Mo) gas turbine components (Fuel injector, Combustor)
- Effect of annealing / HIP'ing on microstructure and mechanical properties of parts fabricated by Selective Laser (SLM) and Electron Beam Melting (EBM)
- Generate data for AM Hastelloy alloy (Tensile, Fatigue, Creep, Oxidation) relevant for Fossil Energy (FE) applications
- Compare properties along and perpendicular to the build direction



HX Made by EBM and SLM

Ebeam (Arcam S12)





Fabrication of EBM and SLM Rods & Plates For Tensile, Creep, Fatigue and Oxidation Testing

Specimen machining perpendicular to / the build direction



Initial specimen surface removed by machining



Similar Composition For EBM, SLM and Wrought HX Except for Si &Mn

Hastelloy X (Ni-22Cr-19Fe-9Mo)

	Ni	Cr	Fe	Мо	Со	Mn	Si	w	С
EBM Alloy	Bal.	21.38	18.55	9.05	1.55	0.01	0.05	0.64	0.078
EBM(Si,Mn) Alloy	Bal.	21.43	18.87	9	1.56	0.67	0.71	0.65	0.048
SLM-1 Powder	Bal.	21.47	18.83	8.96	1.51	0.01	0.16	0.63	0.07
SLM-2 Powder	Bal.	21.72	18.51	8.87	1.51	0.01	0.06	0.6	0.08
Wrought	Bal.	22.06	17.86	9.53	1.8	0.65	0.31	0.6	0.067

• Alloy composition consistent with EBM powder composition

- High concentration of Mn and Si in EBM(Si,Mn) and wrought HX
- Specification: Mn and Si <1%



EBM: Textured & Elongated Grains

Perpendicular to build direction





Along the build direction





Elongated Grain Along the Build Direction & Greater Number of Precipitates for EBM(Si,Mn)

EBM(Si,Mn) = Larger grains (Mo,Si)-rich Carbides

EBM = Larger voids Mo and (Cr,Mo)-rich carbides





Both EBM & EBM(Si,Mn) HX Alloys Exhibit Good Ductility Along BD But Lower Strength < 800°C

Meet cast HX AMS requirement





Lower Strength for EBM & EBM(Si,Mn) HX Alloys Due to Elongated Grains+ Weak Grain Boundary Interface





EBM & EBM(Si,Mn): Good Low-Cycle Fatigue Properties at 800°F/425°C Along the Build Direction



- Crack initiation at interface, not defects



EBM& EBM(Si,Mn) = Lower Creep Strength at 750 and 816°C but High Ductility



- 110MPa: 1000h





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HIP'ing at 1177°C/2h/150MPa, "Fast Cooling"

EBM Fully dense, Fewer precipitates EBM(Si,Mn) Micro voids+precipitates at GB



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Improvement of the Creep Properties After Hip'ing for EBM but not for EBM(Si,Mn). Lower Creep Properties Perpendicular to the Build Direction



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Wrought expected lifetime:

- 160MPa: 100h
- 110MPa: 1000h

SLM: Small Elongated Grains, No Precipitate, Hot Tearing Cracks







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SLM2: Low Ductility Perpendicular to The Build Direction Due to The Presence of Cracks





SLM: Very Low Creep Rate and Good Lifetime but Limited Ductility. Significant Decrease of Lifetime for SLM-2 Perpendicular to the Build Direction





SLM-1: Fully Dense Material After HIP'ing at 1177°C/2h/150MPa + Recrystallization









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Significant Void Formation in EBM & EBM(Si,Mn) Alloys Related to Mo-rich Precipitates





1000h, EBM(Si,Mn)

- Cr consumption leads to gradient of Cr concentration at the surface and destabilization of carbides
- Void formation is directly related to carbide disappearance

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SLM: Very good oxidation behavior. Thicker Scale For The As-Fab Surface





Fabrication and Characterization of Hastelloy X **EBM** and **SLM** Components



Fuel injector

SLM Rib

Determination of optimum print strategies



Conclusion

- EBM HX shows great ductility, acceptable tensile strength, great LCF performance but limited creep strength
- Low EBM tensile properties perpendicular to the BD can be improved by HIP'ing. Hip'ing can also improve creep resistance
- SLM HX exhibited good tensile and creep strength but limited ductility along the B.D. Low Creep strength & ductility perpendicular to the BD.
- HIP'ing of SLM HX removed hot tearing Cracks & led to recrystallization
- Hip'ing resulted in isotropic creep behavior for SLM HX similar to wrought HX

