Blastalloy TRIP-180

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Outline

- Background
- TRIP-180 Design
- Performance in Shear
- Design and Modeling
- LEAP Analysis
- Future Work

Motivation

- Increase in terrorist activities abroad and domestically
 - USS Cole
 - September 11, 2001
 - Madrid Commuter Train Bombings
 - Boston Marathon Bombs
- Need for higher performance materials to resist explosions



Blast/Fragment Protection Overview



Optimizing Performance using TRIP

- **TR**ansformation Induced Plasticity
- Martensitic transformation is exploited to boost mechanical properties
- Austenite stabilized at room temperature by addition of:
 - Nickel
 - Chromium

Criterion for necking instability:



Quantifying Austenite Stability

- The M_s^σ temperature is defined as the maximum temperature at which an elastic stress causes martensitic transformation
- Transition from stressassisted transformation to strain-induced transformation
- Stability given by the Olson-Cohen relation:



$$\begin{split} \Delta G_{tot} &= \Delta G_{ch} + \Delta G_{\sigma} \\ \Delta G_{crit} &= -G_n - W^f_{sol} \\ \Delta G_{ch} + W^{sol}_f &= -G_n - \Delta G_{\sigma} \\ \text{when } \sigma &= \sigma_y \text{ and } T = M^{\sigma}_s \end{split}$$

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TRIP-180 Design: New Objectives

| Primary Objectives | Secondary Objectives | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Uniform Tensile Ductility: | Nonmagnetic: | | | |
| $\varepsilon_u > 30\%$ | $T_{curie} < 0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | | | |
| Yield Strength: | Weldable | | | |
| 120 ksi | | | | |
| Optimized austenite stability: | Correction Desistant | | | |
| $M^{\sigma}_{s}(sh)$ | Corrosion Resistant | | | |
| Dynamic shear instability resistance: | Hydrogen Resistant: | | | |
| maximize γ_i^a | $K_{ISCC}/K_{IC} > 0.5$ | | | |
| Sufficient fracture toughness: | Estima Creatine Desistant | | | |
| $K_{IC} \ge 90 \text{ ksi/in}^{0.5}$ | Fatigue Cracking Resistant | | | |
| | Limited Coat | | | |
| | Linnied Cost | | | |
| | γ' Phase Fraction: | | | |
| | > 0.10 | | | |

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Systems Design Chart

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η Cellular Precipitation

- Cellular reaction causes a decrease in ductility
- Cellular reaction requires precipitation and concurrent boundary migration





Eliminating the Cellular Precipitation

- Two-Step Temper
 - Demonstrated limited improvement in fracture ductility
- Warm Working
 - Introduces dislocations
 - Increases strength
 - Provides heterogeneous nucleation sites for γ ' resisting η cellular reaction
 - Avoids η formation
 - Inhibits intergranular fracture
 - Increases fracture ductility
 - TRIP-120 warm worked at 450°C to 23% and 36% reductions of area

750°C 10hr





TRIP-180 WW 36% 700C, 1hr



Fragment Penetration: Shear Localization

- Failure through plastic shear instability and flow localization
- Plugging mode of failure
- Causes submicron microvoid nucleation
- Creates instability where deformation is localized and failure occurs prematurely





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Quasi-Static Shear: Test Setup

- Thin walled Kolsky specimens
 - Uniform shear throughout gauge section
- Performed at Illinois Institute of Technology
- Analyze data from previous tests
- Perform new round of testing correcting buckling failure









Quasi-Static Shear: Results

- Remade grips to be concentric
- Inserted hardened drive shaft through center of sample
- Failure in pure shear



| Tempering Time | 15 (min) | 50 (min) | 2.5 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 6.25 | hr |
|--|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| M₅ ^σ (sh) | -96 | -38 | -14 | 5 | 5 | 24 | С |
| Shear Yield Stress (τ _v) | 79.3 | 78.6 | 83.8 | 82.5 | 92.4 | 84.3 | ksi |
| Shear Instability Strain (γ _{in}) | 2.96 | 1.94 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 1.01 | 0.79 | in/in |
| Plastic Strain ($\gamma_p = \gamma_{ip} - \gamma_v$) | 2.75 | 1.93 | 0.85 | 0.90 | 0.82 | 0.74 | in/in |
| Martensite Fraction (f) | 0.528 | 0.637 | 0.487 | 0.686 | 0.639 | 0.655 | |
| Transformation Rate Parameter (f/γ_p) | 0.192 | 0.330 | 0.575 | 0.760 | 0.778 | 0.889 | |

Quasi-Static Shear: Performance

- Longer tempering
 - More unstable
 - More transformation per strain

• Ultimate plastic strain times strength is a measure of penetration resistance



Quasi-Static Shear: Calibrating Stability

- Peak yield strength at $M_s^{\sigma}(sh)=5^{\circ}C$
- Recalibrate M_s^{σ} model $M_s^{\sigma}(sh)=22^{\circ}C$





Dynamic Shear HAT Type Tests Stored Energy Split-Hopkinson Bar



Modeling: Strength

- γ ': L1₂ structure, Ni₃(Ti,Al)
- Ham strengthening model

$$\Delta \tau = \frac{\gamma_0}{2b} \left[\left(\frac{8\gamma_0 r_s f}{\pi G b^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - f \right]$$

$$\Delta \sigma = M \Delta \tau$$



- Warm Working $\Delta \sigma_{\perp} = C \epsilon^n$
- Models determine required Al and Ti content



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Modeling: M_s^o Temperature





Computational Design: Eliminating Warm Working

 Thermodynamically and kinetically favoring γ' over η



LEAP Precipitate Analysis

| Time at 700C | 15 min | 1 hr | 5 hr | 8 hr | 16 hr |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Radius [nm] | 2.206 | 3.196 | 6.509 | 6.726 | 7.446 |
| Phase Fraction | 0.034 | 0.099 | 0.111 | 0.003 | 0.116 |
| Num Density [#/m³] | 1.207 | 0.728 | 0.359 | 0.268 | 0.161 |



45% Ni, Ti, Al isoconcentration surface



Matrix Composition Evolution

Future Work

- Perform higher accuracy composition analysis using LEAP
- Refine existing models and software package input to match experimental evaluation
- Perform calibration on Split-Hopkinson Bar
- Develop and execute test plan for dynamic shear HAT type tests

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Any Questions?

