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## **ON CREATING HIGH-STRENGTH ECONOMICALLY ALLOYED MANUFACTURABLE STEELS FOR THE ARCTIC**

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**Abstract**—The paper is devoted to the problems of creating technologies for manufacturing of steels with ultra-fine grains, characterized by a high combination of physical and mechanical properties with moderate alloying. Using the plastometer Gleeble 3800 and the Quarto 800 mill, the possibility of grain refinement up to 1–1.5 microns is shown. When the content of grains (less than 500 nm) equals to 30–50%, the strength of the steel exceeds 1000 MPa at high plasticity. In this case, alloying can be reduced to minimum in comparison with well known steels. The possibility of modeling industrial production processes on the Gleeble 3800 and the Quarto 800 mill is shown.

**Keywords:** structure fragmentation, plastic deformation, nanostructuring, misorientation angles, thermomechanical treatment, unification of chemical composition.

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## TEMPERATURE AND DEFORMATION INFLUENCE ON FORMATION OF EXCESS PHASES IN AUSTENITIC HIGH-STRENGTH NITROGEN-CONTAINING STEEL AT HIGH-TEMPERATURE THERMOMECHANICAL PROCESSING

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development of material destruction. The paper studies thermodynamic processes occurring in a high-strength non-magnetic corrosion-resistant steel grade 04Kh20N6G11M2AFB (04X20H6Г11M2АФБ) with a nitrogen content of 0.45%. A theoretical calculation of the equilibrium phase composition of steel has been performed using the Thermo Calc software. With the help of dilatometric and metallographic studies, the temperature intervals for the formation of dispersed carbonitride particles after cooling have been established, and also the absence of the propensity to intermittent decay and the formation of the δ-phase at temperatures below 900°C.

The temperature range for the formation of carbonitride phases varies from 1020 to 850°C. Deformation of 10–30% increases it to 1050–410°C. The degree of deformation in one pass has a significant effect on the intensity of the formation of carbonitrides directly under high-temperature thermomechanical treatment.

**Keywords:** austenitic nitrogen-containing steel, carbonitrides, phase composition, deformation, temperature interval of excess phases' formation

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## CARBURIZATION OF HEAT EXCHANGE PIPES FROM STEEL GRADE Cr18Ni9 IN CONTACT WITH LIQUID SODIUM

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**Abstract**—The research of carburizing process of heat-exchange pipes from steel grade Cr18Ni9 under conditions of long-term operation at 515°C in liquid sodium was carried out. On the experimental assessment of the carbon content in the surface metal layer, the value of the effective diffusion coefficient was determined and the depth of carburization was calculated in the temperature range 450–515°C.

**Keywords:** steam generator, heat exchange tubes, sodium coolant, carburization, effective diffusion coefficient.

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## INFLUENCE OF CARBAMIDE-CONTAINING BRIQUETTED MODIFIERS ON THE PROPERTIES AND STRUCTURE OF THE GRAY CAST IRON

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**Abstract**—The paper presents studies of the effect of carbamide-containing briquetted modifying agents, component composition and modifiers consumption at ladle inoculation of the melt on the basic mechanical properties and structure of cast iron. The efficiency of melt cast iron processing with powder briquetted modifiers containing carbamide is shown. Increase of briquettes consumption, containing 8% carbamide, from 0.25 to 5–6% of the melt weight results in a substantial growth of the cast iron strength achieving the values of high-duty cast iron (about 490 MPa). With increasing of briquettes consumption from 1 to 6% the degree of nitrogen assimilation decreases from 29% to 14% and the chilling effect increases. Morphology of graphitic phase with increasing of nitrogen content in the alloy varies from mixture of lamellar and vermicular inclusions up to vermicular particles, and their amount and size are being reduced in the cast iron with a higher content of nitrogen. The matrix phase of the cast iron with any nitrogen content has a structure of fine laminar perlite.

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#### **ASSESSMENT OF MATERIAL REGENERATION OF TURBINE ROTOR BLADE BY METHODS OF THE QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE STRENGTHENING PHASES AND RESEARCH OF LOCAL MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

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**Abstract**—The object of research is the first stage rotor blade of gas turbine GTE-45-3 engine from heat-resistant EP800VD nickel alloy after operation of 14 000 hours and after carrying out the reductive heat treatment.

The paper studies distribution parameters of strengthening intermetallic γ'-phase and local mechanical characteristics of material defined in the different thermal loaded zones in a post-operational state and after the reductive heat treatment.

The work defines possibilities of material structure regeneration after operation by methods of the quantitative assessment of alloy microstructure parameters and research of local mechanical characteristics in different thermally loaded zones of the blade.

The quantitative metallographic analysis, electronic microscopy, hardness and microhardness measurements, relaxation tests of local strength properties, creep tests have been selected as methods of investigation.

It is established that degradation of local mechanical characteristics of material proceeds with different intensity in thermally loaded zones of the blade and is associated to processes of the coagulation and dissolution of intermetallic γ'-phase. It is shown that the quantitative research techniques of a microstructure, namely, the strengthening phase in case of high-temperature nickel alloys, are rather informative and allow to give an assessment to a condition of material in general.

**Keywords:** turbine blades, heat-resistant nickel alloy, alloying elements, intermetallic phase, mechanical properties, relaxation.

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## REFRACTORY MONOCARBIDES AND DIBORIDES OF TRANSITION METALS: PROMISING COMPONENTS OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE COMPOSITE MATERIALS

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## ON MICROSTRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF NIOBIUM-SILICON COMPOSITE OBTAINED BY DIRECTIONAL SOLIDIFICATION IN LIQUID METAL

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**Keywords:** directional solidification; refractory eutectic alloy; eutectic composite structure; niobium silicide; solid solution of niobium; niobium solid solution; short-term strength; long-term strength.

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## COMBINED METHOD OF CASTING MICROWIRES IN GLASS INSULATION

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where the same physical and chemical processes are realized as in the main drop. This method has significantly increased the productivity of the microwires casting process.

**Key words:** microwires, glass insulation, casting, process performance.

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## ANALYSIS OF THE PROPERTIES OF THIN MEMBRANE STRUCTURES, MODIFIED BY LASER TREATMENT OF TITANIUM NITRIDE SURFACE

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## PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN BY USING SMALL-SCALE TRANSPORTABLE PLANTS BASED ON HIGH-TEMPERATURE SYNGAS GENERATORS

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**Abstract**—The physical model and system of synthesis gas (syngas) generator designed by OOO VTR, as well as structural features of the mixing head – the most important element of the gas generator, are considered. The paper presents studies of partial oxidation at steady state modes in the combustion chamber of a gas generator for various combinations of raw material – oxidant. It is shown what influence have the main parameters (oxidizer's excess factor, degree of air enrichment, degree of moistening of raw material, pressure in the combustion chamber, temperature of components' heating) on the balance ratios of the incomplete combustion. The possibility of obtaining the syngas of the required composition and parameters for the synthesis of the final target products (hydrogen, methanol, etc.) is regarded.

**Keywords:** partial oxidation of hydrocarbons, low-tonnage syngas production, gas generator, combustion chamber.

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## ON MODIFYING OF SLIDING SURFACE OF HIGH SPEED FRICTION PAIR BY PULSE FREQUENCY IMPLANTATION

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**Abstract**—The object of research is a detail of high speed friction pair “needle thrust bearing” of the gas centrifuge – a needle from steel U10, in the initial, post-operational status and after radiation by different doses of C<sup>+</sup> ions on the pulse-frequency “Rainbow” accelerator.

The paper presents optimum mode of implantation by C<sup>+</sup> ions of needle sliding zone to increase operability of frictional unit “needle thrust bearing” of the gas centrifuge.

The metallographic analysis, microhardness measurements, determination of friction coefficient and wear resistance have been selected as methods of investigation.

It is established that pulse frequency implantation of C<sup>+</sup> ions dose of 10<sup>18</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> leads to the optimum combination of physicomechanical and tribological properties of needle working surface providing better wear resistance of friction pair “needle thrust bearing”.

This method of surface treatment is recommended to use when operating friction pair “needle thrust bearing” for increasing working capacity and a resource of operation of high speed friction pair of the gas centrifuge.

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## OPTIMIZATION OF THE COATING PROCESS BY GAS DYNAMIC COLD SPRAY APPLIED TO ALUMINUM POWDER

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**Abstract**—The paper is devoted to the development of practical recommendations for using the method of gas dynamic cold spray to obtain functional coatings under production conditions. Using the example of aluminum powder ASD-1, the temperature and speed parameters of the process have been optimized, ensuring high adhesion and hardness of the coating at maximum productivity and a high coefficient of powder utilization.

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## WEAR AND CORROSION RESISTANT FUNCTIONALLY GRADIENT COATINGS BASED ON COMPOSITE POWDERS OF METAL – NON METAL SYSTEM

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**Abstract**—The technology of obtaining wear-resistant corrosion-resistant functional gradient coatings of composite nanostructured powders has been developed by microplasma spraying. Coatings' microhardness reaches 10.27 GPa, providing effective protection of precision engineering components in extreme operating conditions.

**Keywords:** matrix material, mechanosynthesis, composite powder, microplasma spraying.

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## **WEAR-RESISTANT FUNCTIONALLY GRADIENT QUASICRYSTAL COATINGS PRODUCED BY SUPERSONIC COLD GAS DYNAMIC SPRAYING**

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## STUDYING STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF WELDED WEAR-RESISTANT LAYER ON THE BASIS OF THE POWDER OF THE Fe–Ni SYSTEM REINFORCED BY NANO-POWDER WC

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## OPTIMIZATION OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL PARAMETERS AND DETERMINATION OF SELECTIVE LASER MELTING MODES OF 316L-BASED COMPOSITION POWDER

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**Keywords:** powder mixtures, selective laser melting, mechanical properties, complex shape.

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## ARAMID FIBER REINFORCED PLASTICS (AFRP) FOR AIRCRAFT ENGINE FAN CASE

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**Key words:** aramid fibers (AFRP), organoplastics, polymeric composites, aircraft engine, ballistic resistance, impact resistance.

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## EFFECT OF LONG CLIMATIC AGING ON MICROSTRUCTURE AND NATURE OF FRACTURE OF EPOXY FIBREGLASS IN THE CONDITIONS OF BEND

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**Keywords:** fiberglass, long climatic aging, macro- and microstructure, scanning electron microscopy, durability at bend.

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## ANTIFRICTION CARBON PLASTICS FOR FRICTION UNITS WORKING UNDER ARCTIC AND FAR NORTH CONDITIONS

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## MODERN MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES USED FOR BODY ARMOR

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**Keywords:** polymer composites, reinforcing fillers, body armour.

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## CALCULATION OF THERMAL PROCESSES AROUND MOVING MOLTEN POOL USING BOUNDARY ELEMENT METHOD

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**Abstract**—A technique for calculating the steady-state temperature field in a solid part of welded workpiece has been developed by using the moving molten pool dimensions as input data and the boundary element method for solving the heat conduction problem. The technique enables the heat source efficiency and thermal efficiency of base metal melting to be calculated. An example of full penetration GTAW of 1565 aluminium alloy demonstrates the distributions of temperature gradient and cooling rate. Good agreement between the computed and experimental thermal cycles is observed. The hardness distribution across a butt welded joint is shown.

**Keywords:** arc welding, aluminum alloy, heat conductivity, boundary element method, weld pool, temperature field, temperature gradient, cooling rate.

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