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Structural and Phase Transformations in Contact Zones Al-Ti, Al-Ni and Alloy AMr7 During Plastic Deformation

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Work is devoted research of features of structure formation processes in the contact zone of limited solubility bimetals and alloys subjected to plastic deformation. It is established, that the plastic deformation of limited solubility metals (Al-Ti, Al-Ni), can significantly broaden the scope of their mutual solubility. The appearance of zones of local tensile and compressive stresses (curvature crystal lattice zones) leads to increased solubility, emergence of new phases and redistribution of their composition, reorientation of granular structure.

Keywords: plastic deformation, alloy AMr7, contact zones Al-Ti, Al-Ni, curvature crystal lattice, change solubility, reorientation of granular structure, cluster model.

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Структурные и фазовые превращения в зонах контакта Al-Ti, Al-Ni и сплава AМr7 при пластической деформации

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Работа посвящена исследованию особенностей процессов формирования структуры в зоне контакта биметаллов с ограниченной растворимостью и сплавов, подвергнутых пластической деформации. Установлено, что пластическая деформация металлов с ограниченной растворимостью (Al-Ti, Al-Ni) может значительно расширить область их взаимной растворимости. Появление зон локального растяжения и сжимающих напряжений (зон кривизны кристаллической решетки) приводит к увеличению растворимости, появлению новых фаз и перераспределению их состава, переориентации зернистой структуры.

Ключевые слова: пластическая деформация, сплав AМr7, контактные зоны Al-Ti, Al-Ni, кривизна кристаллической решетки, изменение растворимости, переориентация зернистой структуры, кластерная модель.

Introduction

The study of structural and phase transformations in metals and alloys is one of the important problems of condensed matter physics. Of particular interest are structural and phase transformations in the area of contact insoluble metals subjected to joint plastic deformation [1-7].

The phenomena of expansion mutual solubility with limited solubility metals (Al-Ti, Al-Ni, AМr7) in the area of their contact during the joint plastic deformation are of scientific and practical importance. Formation of new compounds in a stress gradient in soluble (aluminum-magnesium etc.) and practically insoluble metals are important in creating of multilayer composites.

In cold welding by pressure and explosion the deformation defects occurs in the contact zone. For moving these defects, it is necessary that three conditions must be made [8]:

- 1) the presence of zones normal tensile stresses, creating an increased molar volume where local structural transformation may occur,
- 2) action in these zones of moment force strains which create local curvature and emergence of nonequilibrium state in the curvature zone,
- 3) occurrence of new structural states in the curvature zones, which have their own energy spectrum.

The first two conditions correspond to the model proposed by Thompson, which examines the close-Packed layer of atoms in a solid [9].

The third condition proves the possibility of occurrence in the zones of curvature of the crystal lattice of the new structural conditions, like short-range order of displacements and, thereby, causes the

appearance of the products of the mechanochemical reaction during plastic deformation. The results of the study zone of interaction practically insoluble in each other metals of the system copper–lead was published in the work [10]. According to the equilibrium state diagram "lead-copper" formation of solid solutions and intermediate phases at temperatures up to 600 °C is impossible. As a result of our work revealed the expansion of the area of solubility of copper in lead and lead in copper, as well as the formation of a new phase $\text{Cu}_3.2\text{Pb}_{0.8}$.

The connection of heterogeneous metals requires the solution of the following problems:

- Identification of structure features processes at the interface in metals having limited solubility: Al-Ti, Al-Ni during the joint plastic deformation;
- Investigation processes formation of structure in different types of plastic deformation soluble in each other metals and alloys (AMr7);
- Developing a model concept and presentation of features structure formation in the areas of contact heterogeneous metals in a stress gradient fields generated by plastic deformation.

The purpose of this work is the investigation of the features structure formation processes in the area of contact a heterogeneous metals and alloys under joint plastic deformation.

Materials and research methods of the experiment.

For research were used the following materials: Al-Ti, Al-Ni, AMr7.

AxioObserver.ZI optical microscope. Scanning electron microscopy methods (HITACHI TM-1000, JSM-7001F).

The composition of the alloys was controlled methods of spectral, X-ray fluorescence analysis using X-ray analyzer SwiftED-TM EDX.

The phase composition of these samples were determined by X-ray diffraction diffractometer "Bruker" using copper radiation.

In this study materials were formed according to the technology described elsewhere [11-13]. Aluminum and titanium foils, aluminum and nickel foils were enclosed in titanium shells with outer diameter of 30 mm and height of 10 mm. Sintering was carried out using a Labox-1575 spark plasma sintering (SPS) [12] machine in Lavrentiev Institute of Hydrodynamics (SB RAS). All the samples were sintered at 830 °C under the pressure of 40 MPa. Sintering duration equaled to 10 minutes.

Experiments on the plastic deformation of the samples: samples AMr7 was done at the forging and stamping machine stamp C–812A. Used modes single and sequential bumps.

Chemical composition of the investigated samples was determined using the prefix of the INCA by scanning electronic microscope JSM–6480LV, where they considered amendments to the standard sample and serial number of the item. Phase analysis was performed on BRUKER x-ray diffractometer, which used the filtration of the β – radiation.

Results and discussion.

Figure 1 show the image of the sample Ti-Al-Ni obtained: an optical light microscope; and scanning electron microscopy. The image in the scanning electron microscope from fragment of the sample Ti-Al-Ni surface was received from area, marked with a red rectangle, is represented in a Fig. 1. Figure 2 show the characteristic X-ray spectrum is obtained from the region indicated by dotted rectangle

(shown in Fig. 1b, Spectrum 1). Figure 3 show the X-ray diffraction picture in Cu-K α irradiation from area was represented in Fig. 1.

The tetragonal phase Al₂Ti was previously experimentally obtained in [14]. The lattice parameters of this phase were theoretically calculated in [15] to a temperature of 0 °C. The results of our experimental data is shown in Table 1, the lattice parameters are obtained, where $a = 3,971\text{\AA}$ and $c = 24,313\text{\AA}$. These data are in good agreement with the results of [14].

Titanium can be exist in phase with hcp and fcc lattice, the most striking diffraction reflexes of which are coincide. Titanium phase with an fcc lattice with parameters $a = 4,013\text{\AA}$, was detected for the thin film state in [16], and confirmed theoretically in [15]. Formation of titanium phase FCC can be explained by the structure formation in the conditions of plastic deformation under dynamic loads

Fig. 1. The image of the sample Ti-Al-Ni obtained: a – an optical light microscope; b – scanning electron microscopy

Fig. 2. The characteristic X-ray spectrum obtained from the region rectangle shown in Fig. 1b, Spectrum 1

Fig. 3. The spectrum of X-ray diffraction composite spark plasma sintering Ti-Al-Ni and its interpretation (Table 1)

by using the cluster model, illustrated in Fig. 4 [17]. Figure 4a shows that the lattice is formed FCC if octahedra surrounded by tetrahedra. HCP lattice (Fig. 4b) represents the alternating pairs of tetrahedra and octahedra, linked by common triangular faces. Aluminium has an fcc lattice with the parameter $a = 3,98\text{\AA}$ that near to $a = 4,013\text{\AA}$ – parameters fcc lattice Titanium. As a result we can see solid solutions Al and Ti in wide area. 111 diffraction reflex aluminum 3 titanium phase is almost coincide with the 002 reflex of titanium HCP

On the X-ray diffraction, there are traces of compounds titanium and nickel, their appearance can see from point of view cluster model. From this it follows that the transformation of the fcc – hcp can occur due to shift and rotation of the tetrahedra and octahedra clusters and this process requires a minimum energy in the close-packed layers of atoms. Such clustering mechanism of structural transformation is confirmed by theoretical calculations in [15]. Clusters of fcc and hcp lattices are identical, which is confirmed by the results shown in Table 1: interplanar distance d_{111} fcc lattice are equal to interplanar distances d_{002} hcp lattice.

On Fig. 5 we can see that plastic deformation initiates the self-organization of microstructure on the meso-level – texture formation. In different condition may be formed textures with different zone axis: 1 – less pressure, it formed texture with zone axis [200]; 2 – more pressure, it formed texture with zone axis [220].

In our previous works [20] structural self-organization initiated by plastic deformation was found. The recrystallization of polycrystalline material can be initiated by plastic deformation. As a result, fractal (dendritic) structures generated. Such structures we have observed during plastic deformation AMr7 alloy. The results of studies AMr7 during plastic deformation by steam-hammer shock loading presented on the Fig. 6. We can see the image dendrites AMr7 alloy surface in a

Table 1. Interpretation of X-ray diffraction spectrum presented in Fig. 2

№ line	Tetragonal Al ₂ Ti		Al FCC		Ti HCP		Tetragonal Al ₃ Ti		Ni FCC		d, Å experim.	The angle 2 Theta °
	hkl	d, tabl	hkl	d, tabl	hkl	d, tabl	hkl	d, tabl	hkl	d, tabl		
1					100	2,54	111*				2,526	35,5
2			111	2,33	002	2,34					2,328	38,7
3							202	2,289			2,291	39,2
4					101	2,23					2,246	40,2
5							004	2,142			2,144	42,1
6	002										2,110	42,8
7											2,077	43,6
8									111	2,038	2,023	44,9
9			200	2,02							2,001	45,3
10	200	1,985									1,981	45,8
11							220	1,913			1,917	47,5
12							222	1,752	200	1,766	1,756	52,1
13					110	1,47	224	1,471			1,473	63
14			220	1,43			006	1,429			1,432	65,1
15					103	1,33					1,359	69,1
16							222*				1,331	70,8
17					200	1,274					1,267	74,9
18					112	1,248					1,245	76,6
19					201	1,230			220	1,230	1,235	77,2
20			311	1,219							1,221	78
21	311										1,209	79,1
22											1,173	82,2
23	222										1,166	82,6

* – the calculation of the parameter C.

Fig. 4. Cluster model: on the left – for the fcc lattice 2 tetrahedra and 1 octahedra clusters; on the right – for hcp lattice 2 tetrahedra and 2 octahedra clusters

scanning electron microscope. Dendrite structure was formed after shock loading alloy surface subjected to 6 shocks. On Fig. 7 is presented x-ray diffraction from surface AMr7 alloy after dynamic loading: I – initial state, II – 1 shock, III – 3 Shocks; IV – 6 shocks; It is formed texture with zone axis [220].

Fig. 5. X-ray diffraction from surface Ni-Al alloy after dynamic loading; the zone where the sample at the SPS sintering got: 1 – less pressure, it formed texture with zone axis [200]; 2 – more pressure, it formed texture with zone axis [220]

Fig. 6. Image dendrites AMr7 alloy surface in a scanning electron microscope (SEM) alloy surface subjected to 6 shocks

Fractal structures are realized through the bifurcation point, or the point of a split when the load reaches of the critical sign. This is a condition in which the system becomes unstable with respect to plastic deformation creating lattice curvature.

Thus in the different conditions of plastic deformation bifurcation formed interatomic positions in areas of the crystal lattice curvature, which contributed to the emergence and growth of dendrites.

The term "Interatomic bifurcation structural states" (IBSS) was introduced by V.E. Panin [21].

Fig. 7. X-ray diffraction from surface AMr7 alloy after dynamic loading: I – initial state, II – 1 shock, III – 3 Shocks; IV – 6 shocks; It is formed texture with zone axis [220]

Fig. 8. Interatomic bifurcation structures states (IBSS)

On the Fig. 8 represented interatomic bifurcation structures states (IBSS) driving in areas local curvature lattice:

a – curvature zone at the interface of different metals: Al-Ti, Al-Ni after plastic deformation;

b – generation of interatomic bifurcation structures states [21] shielding by electron gas of atoms group is creating nanoparticle.

Inhomogeneous distribution of atomic position in the areas of local curvature crystal lattice resulting to increase mutual solubility.

At the interface of 2 heterogeneous environments under the influence of an external load occurs modulation of tensile and compressive normal and shear stresses. This modulation strain creates

a zone of the crystal lattice curvature at the interface, which has a increase or decrease in the interatomic distances. Supercritical states lead to the formation of athermal vacancies bifurcation. IBSS arise here that are not in a stable translation invariant crystal. There is a redistribution of the electron gas in the areas of curvature, which leads to the nanoparticles formation. IBSS can increase the mutual solubility of insoluble metals to form metastable phases and atomically ordered structures in a short time.

Energy diagrams states of material subjected to plastic deformation are represented in the work [16]. If the energy coming from the outside is sufficient to exceed the activation energy for the formation of these compounds, chemical bonds will break and elements will form ions. This excited states of atoms have a time of life about 10^{-13} s. As a result of switching of the chemical bonds the reaction product will have a significantly lower energy. The reaction is exothermic.

The dependence of thermodynamic potential of Gibbs from the molar volume. It is need to take into account the existence local bands of a hydrostatic tension various scales in which been appearance of different defective structures [21].

Zhurkov [22] In equation (1) is determined during the product lifetime of metal alloys depending on the temperature, mechanical loads, as well as the relaxation of the activation energy which is related to the chemical composition of the alloy:

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp \frac{U_0 - \gamma \delta}{RT}, \quad (1)$$

where U_0 – the initial activation energy (Ea); γ – the volume of excited atoms ; δ – strain; τ_0 – the pre-exponential factor equal to the period of the order of magnitude of the thermal vibrations of the atoms; T – temperature; $R = kN_A$; where N_A – Avogadro's number; k – is Boltzmann's constant.

In the work of Makarov S.V. [23] the second term in formula 1 is divided into 2 parts: static and dynamic. Static and dynamic load create different effects on the change in the activation energy of U_0 .

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Conclusions

1. It was found that the joint plastic deformation of limited solubility metals (Al-Ni, Al-Ti) can significantly expand the scope of their mutual solubility.
2. In areas the localization of plastic deformation under shock and under tensile loads occur mechanochemical reactions. The products of these reactions are detected.
3. The formation of particles enriched alloy components at the bottom of craters in the cracks are explained as a result of dynamic rotations are organized on the micro, meso- and macro-scale levels.
4. Features of structure in terms of strain gradient fields generated by plastic deformation associated with the formation of interatomic bifurcation structures states (IBSS). The emergence of bands local tensile normal stress causes: increased solubility, the emergence of new phases, adjusting their composition.

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