

THE STUDY OF THERMAL FIELD OF AN OBJECT REPRESENTED IN THE BASIS OF GREEN FUNCTIONS (p. 4-11)

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Existing means of thermal field modeling for the construction of the real time spatial distribution of the field were analyzed. The expediency of using the method of integral transformations for solving heat conduction problems was shown.

Based on the comparison of methods of thermal fields construction method of integral transformations in the basis of the Green's functions was chosen. Construction of Green's functions for the use in the experimental facility is performed by the method of Laplace integral transforms.

Software, generated based on the use of Matlab environment, allows to adjust the visualized field pattern by actual measured temperature values. Temperature point values of the experimental facility field were measured by NAT thermocouples, that are connected to a PC through OWEN 150UM controller interface, which makes it possible not only to form an array of measured values of the temperature, but also to adjust the time-varying boundary conditions of the calculated heat equation.

The main purpose of the research is to assess the performance of the developed algorithms to reduce the field frame modeling time, which would allow to use the resulting pattern of the thermal field distribution in the industrial thermal facilities control process.

The advantage of the thermal field constructing algorithm in the basis of the Green's function is the ability of the independent calculation of all points of the investigated area, allowing in the future to speed up the computation by applying high-performance computing.

Keywords: thermal field, heat conduction equation, Green function, method of integral transform, Laplace transform, boundary conditions, visualization system.

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OPTIMIZATION OF THE PROCEDURE OF THERMAL FLAW DETECTION OF THE HONEYCOMB CONSTRUCTIONS BY IMPROVING THE ACCURACY OF INTERFERENCE FUNCTION (p. 12-18)

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The thermophysical model of the honeycomb constructions was explored. The given model considers the interferences, which appear on the OC surface, and those caused by

the inhomogeneity of internal structure (by the “adhesion failure” flaw). The process of thermal flaw detection of honeycomb constructions was analyzed on its basis. As a result of the TFD analysis, a number of characteristic interferences, which complicate its industrial application, were revealed. The methods of decreasing interferences, characteristic for the honeycomb constructions, by optimization of the TFD procedure by the value of criterion $\Delta T_{\text{def}}/\Delta U$ were proposed.

Since the interferences, caused by inhomogeneous structure of the control object, cannot be removed by optimization of the TFD procedure, the method of processing the obtained results by the algorithm of differential filtration was proposed.

As a result of applying proposed methods, we achieved a decrease in the interference level, connected with the heterogeneity of heating, to 0,7 °C (instead of 1,4 °C), a decrease in the interference, caused by the inhomogeneity of radiation capacity, to 0,6 °C (instead of 2 °C) and a decrease in temperature contrast, caused by the inhomogeneity of the glue layer, to 0,2 °C (instead of 1,2 °C). Owing to this, sensitivity of the thermal flaw detection to the identification of flaws, caused by inhomogeneity, increased: internal – to threshold dimension of a flaw from 6 mm to 3 mm, and reliability of their detection increased by 17–20 %.

Keywords: honeycomb construction, thermal flaw detection, radiating capacity, adhesion failure.

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RESEARCH RESULTS PROVING THE DEPENDENCE OF THE COPPER CONCENTRATE AMOUNT RECOVERED FROM BASALT RAW MATERIAL ON THE ELECTRIC SEPARATOR FIELD INTENSITY (p. 19-24)

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The study proves the efficiency of using electric separation for extracting the copper concentrate from a crushed mass of basalt, lava-breccia, and tuff after their preliminary magnetic separation. We have determined the preferred particle-size classes (–1.0 +0.63 mm) in the processes of preparing the ore and classifying the components of the basaltic rock mass (from –0.25 +0.05 mm to –1.0 +0.63 mm) before electric separation; the copper concentrate outputs have been specified for basalt, tuff, and lava-breccia with regard to the electric field voltage for different particle-size fractions in the initial product.

The undertaken tests have revealed a linear dependence of the native copper output on the electric field voltage of the separator, which must be taken into account while developing the technological scheme of extracting native copper from basaltic raw materials.

We have proved that all the three components of the basaltic raw material (basalt, lava-breccia, and tuff) contain some percentage of copper that is of commercial interest. To extract substantial amounts of copper, it is essential to have a specific particle-size composition of the basaltic raw material before feeding it into the electric separator (basalt – 10.370 %, lava-breccia – 5.741 %, and tuff – 4.074 %; thereby, the particle size class of the feedstock is –1.0 +0.63 mm, and the electric field voltage is 30 kV).

The obtained findings help develop the basic requirements for industrial tests. It is expedient to carry out more field tests and to create an industrial site for a complex

processing of basalt raw materials. The completed study is a necessary element of developing a non-waste technology of processing the basalts of the Rafalovsky basalt quarry in Ukraine. In addition to native copper, these deposits contain such useful components as iron, titanium, manganese, and a silicate part. While extracting strategically valuable raw materials, the ecological situation in the region is improved due to the processing of industrial wastes such as tuff and lava-breccia.

Keywords: native copper, titanomagnetite, electrical separation, lava-breccia, basalt, tuff, copper concentrate.

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INVESTIGATION OF THE OXIDE PHASE CONVECTIVE HOMOGENIZATION WHILE VACUUM-ARC WITH HOLLOW CATHODE REMELTING OF STEEL (p. 25-32)

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Discussion of the requirements for the placement of ZrO₂ powder in the cathode, which must be taken into account in the production of ODS steel by vacuum-arc remelting in order to provide the high level of homogenization of the ox-

ide particle is presented. The description of the experimental setup and the cathode structure for vacuum-arc remelting of steel, alloyed with oxide nano-powder is given. The role of convective processes in the homogenization of nano-particles in the production of ODS steel is highlighted. The convective flow of liquid metal captures ZrO₂ powder particles and carries them throughout its volume.

The use of the elementary cylindrical convective cell with mixed boundary conditions is proposed for the description of homogenization of the oxide particles. The structure and spatial distribution of the convective mass transfer in the cylindrical convective cell with the cosinusoidal bottom profile are provided.

Spatial distribution of convective flow in the cell is described by the Stokes lines, which are concentrically arranged smooth closed lines, which indicates the formation of convective flow in the form of a single vortex in the cell with mixed boundary conditions. Near the bottom, the Stokes lines reflect the curved cosine bottom profile. Criteria of vacuum-arc melting and convective mixing of ZrO₂ nano-particles are formulated.

Drops of the liquid material of the cathode with ZrO₂ nano-particles penetrate to the central vertical flow of the convective cell. Then, near the wall of the crystallizer, the particles are subjected to vertical forces: Archimedes force (always directed in vertical direction, i.e. upwards); gravity force (always directed downwards); friction force (Stokes force) (directed along the liquid velocity vector) on these particles.

The Archimedes force depends on the volume, i.e. size, of the particle. Thus, the less the nano-particle size, the lower the buoyancy force. The criterion of overcoming the Archimedes force allows determining the sizes of the particle at which their uniform distribution in the cell volume is possible.

Criteria of convective homogenization ZrO₂ nanoparticles are the following:

- droplets of cathode material penetrate into the cylindrical convective cell on a circular line which corresponds to the inner circumference of the hollow cathode;
- drops of the cathode material penetrate to a depth of convective cells, consistent with its half-height;
- ZrO₂ particles with sizes less than 90 nm will be stored for a long time in the melt, and homogenized in volume of the melt as a result of convective mass transport.

Keywords: reactor's steel, oxide powder, hollow cathode, vacuum-arc remelting, convective cell, mixed boundary conditions, mass transfer, homogenization.

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RESEARCH OF THE MECHANISM OF FORMATION AND PROPERTIES OF TRIPOLYPHOSPHATE COATING ON THE STEEL BASIS (p. 33-39)

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The mechanism, protective properties, microstructure, phase composition of coats on steel have been investigated. According to the developed method, the coats were deposited potentiodynamically and potentiostatically in an aqueous solution of sodium tripolyphosphate. Based on the results of electrochemical studies, it has been established, that on potentiodynamic curves, characterizing the corrosion behavior of low-carbon steel in an aqueous sodium TPP solution, up to three passivation plateaus can be observed. The multi-stage formation mechanism of tripolyphosphate coat has been proposed. The mechanism includes three stages: at the start the adsorptive film is formed, that afterwards is modified two times, accompanied by a change of properties and composition. By using the methods of optical and scanning electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction, it has been established that the coat formed in an aqueous Na TPP solution by the potentiodynamic method under conditions of complete passivation, is composed of two layers: first – thin, compact layer, that contains a crystalline phase of phosphate nature, and second – thick hydrophilic layer, capable of drying. Such coat possesses the best protective properties in 0.1 N Na₂SO₄ solution, that models conditions of atmospheric corrosion.

The nature of the electrochemical formation mechanism of tripolyphosphate coats and features of their structural and phase composition have been established.

The further studies will be directed at the development of effective deposition methods of tripolyphosphate coats with estimated set of properties for the protection of metal goods from atmospheric and high-temperature gas corrosion.

Keywords: sodium tripolyphosphate, anodic curve, pas-
sivation coat, protective properties, formation mechanism.

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INFLUENCE OF THE RATIO OF OXIDES AND TEMPERATURE ON THE STRUCTURE FORMATION OF ALKALINE HYDRO-ALUMINOSILICATES (p. 40-48)

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In the course of optimization of compositions of alkaline hydro-aluminosilicates of general structural formula – $(0,7\div 1Na_2O+0\div 0,3K_2O)\cdot Al_2O_3\cdot(2\div 7)SiO_2\cdot nH_2O$, it is established that the phase composition of artificial stone depends more on the ratio of basic oxides; the temperature of hardening in the range of $20\div 80$ °C increases the speed of structure formation of zeolite-like phases.

A determining factor of influence on the type of hydrated new formations is the ratio of SiO_2/Al_2O_3 ; its increase leads to the creation of zeolite-like phases with high content of silica in its composition. At hardening of alkaline hydro-aluminosilicate of the given structural forms under standard conditions of hardening, providing for a high degree of crystallinity of structure, optimal is the ratio $SiO_2/Al_2O_3=4\div 5$.

Introduction of potassium ions into the composition of hydro-aluminosilicate contributes to obtaining potassium and sodium-potassium zeolite-like new formations and to increasing the degree of crystallinity of the indicated phases. To accelerate the structure formation of alkaline hydro-aluminosilicate under standard conditions of hardening, it is necessary to introduce potassium oxide at $K_2O/R_2O=0,15\div 0,3$.

With an increase in the temperature of hardening of alkaline hydro-aluminosilicate from 20 to 80°, the phase composition of artificial stone remains practically unchanged; however, this leads to an increase in the velocity of structure formation and the degree of crystallinity of artificial stone.

As a result of optimization, we determined optimum structural formula of hydro-aluminosilicate $(0,8Na_2O+0,2K_2O)\cdot Al_2O_3\cdot 4,5SiO_2\cdot nH_2O$, which makes it possible under standard conditions of hardening to obtain water-resistant artificial stone by the synthesis in the composition of hydrated new formations of zeolite-like minerals of the type of zeolite Na–A; sodium and potassium heulandite, as well as sodium potassium phillipsite.

Keywords: alkaline hydro-aluminosilicate, ratio of basic oxides, temperature of hardening, phase composition, structure formation.

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EFFECT OF MULTIPHASE STRUCTURE OF PLASMA COATINGS ON THEIR ELASTIC AND STRENGTH PROPERTIES (p. 49-57)

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We examined physical and mechanical characteristics of multiphase plasma coatings of lamellar structure, which

include nanocomponents based on silicon dioxide. Elastic and strength properties of composite materials are explored, connected with peculiarities of the formation of structure and composition of coatings at plasma spraying, based on the proposed calculation-experimental technique, as well as with using results of measurements of internal friction and testing of compositions for the three-point bend. The work presents results of evaluation of the parameters of crack resistance and character of destruction of composite materials, based on examination of energy balance of the system “base – plasma coating” at the moment of crack initiation at exfoliation and cracking of coatings. We obtained values of intensity of stresses K_{1c} of different systems and for the appropriate regions – in the grain body, on the border between the particles, in the area of interphase zone. The parameters of crack resistance (G_{1c} , K_{1c}) are calculated of the coating itself at its exfoliation and/or destruction.

We applied the corresponding techniques for determining cohesive strength for some cases of the crack propagation in the coating of dispersed structure depending on the composition of coating and ratio of modules of elasticity of the components of the given composition. The parameters of crack resistance are compared to physical and mechanical characteristics of plasma coatings – their adhesive and cohesive strength. The values of intensity of the released energy and coefficients of intensity of stresses at exfoliation or cracking are compared to such properties as adhesive and cohesive strength of the considered coatings.

Keywords: plasma coating, modulus of elasticity, internal friction, crack resistance, strength, multiphase structure.

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