

## ABSTRACT AND REFERENCES

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**THE RELATION OF CRACK PROPAGATION BEHAVIOUR AND DELAMINATION ON FIBRE ACRYLIC LAMINATES UNDER VARIOUS CYCLIC CONDITIONS (p. 6-15)**

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The investigation of the crack propagation behaviour associating with the delamination in the interface of the laminate of the fibre acrylic laminates (FALs) composite is carried out by subjecting the composite to cyclic loads. The cyclic load is controlled by the displacement provided by a fatigue testing machine. The cyclic load was carried out with various displacement ratios, R, values, these are, 0, -1, -3, and -5 in which the displacement amplitude was also varied as high as 0.15, 0.20, 0.30 mm, for every value of R. In the present study, the investigation to the crack propagation behaviour is focused on the negative cyclic of R leading to the composite to be cycled under compressive load. The results obtained in the present study shows that in these cases of the lower value of the displacement ratio of -3 and -5, the fatigue life and the crack length of the FALs increase, and the increasing of the displacement amplitude to 0.30 mm causes both the fatigue life and the crack length to be shorter. The delamination propagation rate is higher in the R=0 case than those in the negative value of R. In addition, the lateral contraction of material to outward over the crack region may contribute to the development of the delamination when the ratio of the displacement cycles is negative, and the lateral contraction is higher when the displacement ratio is more negative. Moreover, the delamination may take place in front of the crack tip when the maximum displacement is 0.20 mm or higher, and it causes the crack propagation to be accelerated.

**Keywords:** Crack propagation, delamination, cyclic conditions, Fibre Acrylic Laminates.

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## ANALYSIS OF THE PROPERTIES OF ANTIFRICTION COMPOSITES BASED ON ALUMINUM ALLOY'S GRINDING WASTE (p. 16-22)

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We developed antifriction composites based on regenerated grinding waste of AM4.5Kd aluminum alloy with the addition of MoS<sub>2</sub> solid lubricant intended for work in contact pairs of post-printing machines, such as folder-gluing machines and machines for pasting elements into packaging.

Analysis of the structure of the new composite showed that alloying elements of the metal base form strengthening phases, which are evenly distributed in the matrix without segregation clusters. This contributes to an increase in structural strength. Molybdenum disulfide provides the effect of self-lubrication of a contact pair during operation, which causes a reduction in a friction coefficient and a wear rate compared to composite material without solid oil. Structural studies showed uniform distribution of solid oil in the entire volume of the composite, which provides an increase in tribotechnical characteristics due to formation of protective anti-gripping friction films at operation of a part of a complex shape under self-lubricating conditions.

The analysis of functional properties makes possible to recommend antifriction composite made on the basis of industrial grinding waste of AM4.5Kd aluminum alloy with impurities of solid lubricant – MoS<sub>2</sub> molybdenum disulfide for parts of complex compound joints, which operate at increased discrete sliding speeds and loads without lubrication with liquid oil in the air atmosphere.

Tribotechnical tests showed that the new composite wear-resistant material obtained by the developed manufacturing technology gives possibility to force maximum permissible loading modes and sliding operation rates with the consistently high antifriction properties of new composite friction parts of post-printing machines.

**Keywords:** grinding waste, aluminum alloy, solid oil, structural studies, antifriction properties, post-printing machine.

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**RESEARCH INTO PARAMETERS OF MAGNETIC TREATMENT TO MODIFY THE DISPERSEFILLED EPOXY COMPOSITE MATERIALS (p. 23-28)**

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Improving the operational properties of epoxy composites makes it possible to extend the scope of their application. One of the techniques to enhance the strength and durability of epoxy composites is the use of magnetic treatment.

In order to modify polymeric compositions under the influence of a magnetic field, it is necessary to maintain the optimal treatment modes and time-temperature conditions, determining which is the aim of this research.

The result of the conducted experimental research is the established influence of parameters of an alternating magnetic field on physical-mechanical properties of the modified epoxy composites. We investigated patterns in the influence of proportionality coefficients, integration and differentiation coefficients in the algorithm to control magnetic treatment on impact viscosity and heat resistance of the modified epoxy composites. The optimum values for the frequency of an alternating magnetic field during treatment of epoxy composites were determined. We examined dependences of the content of a finely-dispersed ferromagnetic filler on residual stresses and temperature in the zone of magnetic treatment. Research into epoxy composites was accompanied by the parallel tests of properties related to the effect of similar temperature at magnetic treatment. The law of change in temperature parameters without magnetic treatment was assigned similarly to that of magnetic treatment. This paper reports results of the mathematical planning of the experiment and correlation dependences of magnetic field induction and the content of a filler on heat resistance of the modified epoxy-composite material. The research identified limiting values for the content of a filler and treatment modes of epoxy-composite materials, which ensure the improved performance properties. Our study is important for improving the technological process to modify epoxy compositions with magnetic treatment.

**Keywords:** polymer, composite, epoxy oligomer, polyethylene polyamine, residual stresses, impact viscosity, PID-controller.

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**SYNTHESIS OF Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> BY TEMPLATE HOMOGENEOUS PRECIPITATION FOR APPLICATION IN THE BINDERFREE ELECTRODE OF SUPERCAPACITOR (p. 29-35)**

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Nickel hydroxide is widely used as the active material for hybrid supercapacitors. The most electrochemically active is  $\alpha$ -Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>, synthesized using template homogeneous precipitation. The disadvantage of template homogeneous synthesis is the inclusion of the template into the composition of nickel hydroxide and the necessity of its removal. In order to reverse this disadvantage, it was proposed to study the possibility of using the remaining template as an inner binder for the preparation of a highly effective pasted supercapacitor electrode, without an external binder. Samples of Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> were prepared by means of template homogeneous precipitation, with

polyvinyl alcohol and cellulose ester Culminal C8465 with the concentration of 0.05 % and 0.5 %. Structural properties of the samples were studied by means of X-ray diffraction analysis, particle size and morphology – by means of scanning electron microscopy. Electrochemical properties of nickel hydroxide were evaluated by means of galvanostatic charge-discharge cycling of the pasted electrode prepared without a binder, in the supercapacitor regime. It was discovered, that the use of PVA results in significantly higher crystallinity and lower agglomerate formation. Increasing PVA concentration by 10 times had no effect on these characteristics. For Culminal C8465, the crystallinity is significantly lower, but it increases with template concentration. Higher concentration of Culminal C8465 also leads to significant particle aggregation. Different behavior of PVA and Culminal C8465 has been revealed. PVA behaves like a weak binder and Culminal C8465 shows strong binding properties. Complex analysis of electrochemical characteristics of pasted electrodes prepared without a binder confirmed the possibility of using the remaining template as an inner binder. The highest specific capacity for the electrode without an external binder was 197 F/g when Culminal C8465 was used as a template. It is recommended to conduct the selection of a water-soluble compound that would play the role of a template during the synthesis of nickel hydroxide and would also serve as a binder for the preparation of pasted electrode.

**Keywords:** nickel hydroxide, template synthesis, homogeneous precipitation, supercapacitor, binder.

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**INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFUSIONLESS PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE SURFACE LAYER OF A PART UNDER THE ACTION OF GRINDING TEMPERATURES (p. 36–42)**

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The possibility of diffusionless phase transformations in the surface layer of the ground part under the influence of instantaneous grinding temperature is investigated and analyzed. This is important because the phase  $\text{Fe}_\alpha\text{-Fey}$  transformations that may occur when grinding parts lead to the appearance of so-called grinding burns, which 2-3 times reduce the reliability and durability of the part in the working mechanism. The mechanism of phase transformations, the critical temperature of these transformations and the associated processing modes that provide this temperature are determined. This allows a reasonable approach to the definition of grinding modes and, if necessary, the application of the cooling method. In addition, the problem of optimizing grinding regimes can be solved if the processing performance is taken as a target function, and grinding temperature as a limitation. With rapid surface heating of the hardened steel part by the grinding temperature above the  $\text{Ac}_1$  line, there is a reverse martensitic transformation  $\text{Fe}_\alpha\rightarrow\text{Fey}$ . The martensite range during cooling Mn-Mk to a large extent covers negative temperatures. Therefore, austenite is partially fixed in the surface layer, forming a so-called quenching burn. Dependences for determining the formation temperature for steel of any chemical composition; give the possibility to maintain the value of grinding temperature below this level during grinding. The mechanism of diffusionless reverse martensitic transformation in the high-speed surface heating by cutting grains (instantaneous temperature) is considered. The heating rate and the effect of the pressure produced by the abrasive grain on the metal during the chip removal are experimentally determined. Thus, the possibility of diffusionless phase transformation is substantiated and the dependences for the calculation of austenite formation temperatures are given, which in turn provides the opportunity to calculate safe processing regimes.

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**STUDYING THE PHYSICALCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF ALLOYED METALLURGICAL WASTE AS SECONDARY RESOURCESAVING RAW MATERIALS (p. 43-48)**

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The properties of the phase composition and microstructure of slags from the aluminothermic production of ligatures of refractory elements of various grades, as well as scale of the rapid cutting steel R6M5, were examined for the nature of the presence of alloying elements. This is required to ensure a decrease in the losses of Mo, W, as well as other alloying elements, through sublimation with an increase in the temperature when processing technogenic waste. Phase composition was determined by the method of an X-ray phase

analysis. Microstructure was investigated at a scanning electron microscope in a combination with an X-ray microanalysis using the non-reference calculation method for fundamental parameters. It was determined that slags from the aluminothermic production of ligatures AHM-50 and AMVT consist of  $\text{CaAl}_4\text{O}_7$  and compounds  $\text{AlV}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{CrO}_2$ . That could indicate a certain level of doping the alloy with the refractory elements. The phases of  $\text{Al}_{75}\text{Mo}_{20}\text{W}_5$  and  $\text{Mo}(\text{Si}, \text{Al})_3$ , which could be represented by metallic inclusions, were identified in the slag from the MFTA ligature smelting. The phases of scale of steel slag R6M5 are mostly represented by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{FeO}$ . In addition,  $\text{FeWO}_4$ ,  $\text{MoO}_2$ ,  $\text{WC}$ ,  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}$  were found, which is explained by the elevated degree of W and Mo doping. It is not ruled out that a certain part of atoms in the alloying elements, including Cr and V, could exist in the form of replacement atoms in Fe oxides. The microstructure of the examined slags and scale was characterized by the disordered particles of different size and shape. The presence of particles with a relatively high content of alloying elements was detected in scale. Compounds with an elevated susceptibility to sublimation are absent in the studied materials. That leads to a relatively high degree of using the alloying elements and lowers certain restrictions for adding the examined slags to slag-forming mixtures and for temperature limits of melting modes. The use of slags from the aluminothermic production, as well as scale of rapid cutting steels, in the charge for the smelting of a doping alloy ensured the extraction of refractory elements and an additional doping of the resulting product.

**Keywords:** slag from aluminothermic production, alloyed technogenic waste, steel scale, X-ray phase study.

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## A STUDY OF INITIAL STAGES FOR FORMATION OF CARBON CONDENSATES ON COPPER (p. 49-55)

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In the CVD method, samples of carbon condensates were obtained under special conditions (low substrate temperature and short growth times). The use of special technological conditions makes it possible to study the initial stages of growth of graphene layers. To analyze the influence of the microinhomogeneities of the copper substrate on growth conditions, various modes of its electrochemical polishing were used in the study. The structural state of the surface was studied using computer processing of digital images of a surface with color segmentation. A metallographic analysis of more than 70 samples was carried out and three main structural elements of the initial stage of growth of graphene layers were identified on the basis of computer image processing during condensation. These are graphene layers, sections of a copper substrate and a cluster of atoms with a structural state different from the graphene (presumably amorphous). It has been established that preparation of the substrate surface should be attributed to the most important technological operations for obtaining a high-quality graphene coating. It has been found that the use of multicomponent electrolytes during the

polishing of the copper substrate makes it possible to increase the uniformity in the dimensions of the structural elements of the surface roughness. This leads to an increase in the surface area of the formation of graphene layers already during the initial stages of growth (at a relatively low process temperature of 700 °C).

The obtained results testify to the prospects of using multistage image analysis (using the clustering method) to optimize the technological regimes for obtaining the “carbon condensate/substrate” systems, taking into account the initial roughness of the latter.

**Keywords:** carbon condensates, graphene/copper system, CVD process, optical microscopy, computer image processing, phase composition.

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An analysis of improving efficiency of aircraft engine turbines by means of improvement of composition of sealing coatings used in labyrinth seals was made. It was established that a number of contradictory requirements to properties of such coatings are imposed at the initial stage of engine running-in and during further operation. Main types of damage of above coatings used in the design of labyrinth seals during operation of gas turbine engines were shown. In connection with the necessity of raising temperature of gases in turbines of aircraft engines, it was proposed to additionally dope the serial nickel-based coatings with yttrium-containing master alloys. The results of study of influence of doping of the wearing-in sealing coatings on operating properties in conditions of action of a high-temperature gas flow were presented. It was found that doping of the KNA-82 serial coating with a multicomponent Co-Ni-Cr-Al-Y master alloy is the most rational solution.

It was established that the use of the developed coating in a temperature range of 1,100...1,200 °C makes it possible to reduce specific consumption of fuel by aircraft engines by improving turbine efficiency and prevent wear of the end faces of ridges of the rotor labyrinth seal. Based on simulation of flow in the labyrinth seal clearance by numerical method, it was shown that the use of the developed coating materials in seals of the compressor turbine and the free turbine makes it possible to reduce amount of cooling air leakage into the turbine air-gas channel by reducing wear of tops of the labyrinth rotor seal ridge.

**Keywords:** gas turbine engine, efficiency, radial clearance, labyrinth seal, alloying, gas flow rate.

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