A Cold Spray Horizon: Innovative Multifunctional Composite Coatings for Superior Performance

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INTRODUCTION

Cold spraying



Feedstock materials

- Pure metals and engineering alloys
- Metallic
- Ceramics
- High entropy alloys
- Composites



Video sources: Delfoi in collaboration with TAU (Heli Koivuluoto), Impact Innovations GMBH

Substrates

- Metals
- Ceramics
- Polymers

Tejero-Martin, D., Rezvani Rad, M., McDonald, A. et al. Beyond Traditional Coatings: A Review on Thermal-Sprayed Functional and Smart Coatings. J Therm Spray Tech 28, 598–644 (2019)

HISTORY OF QUASICRYSTALS

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1982, Dan Shechtman

a pattern of dots that was impossible for a regular crystal. "*There can be no such creature.*"

Quasicrystal, meaning "almost crystal"

Linus Pauling a double Nobel laureate in chemistry and peace: *"Danny Shechtman is talking nonsense, there are no quasicrystals, just quasi-scientists."*



In 2011, Dan Shechtman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, for the discovery of quasicrystals.



- Solid that differs from the other two known states: crystal and amorphous
- Exhibiting rotational symmetries (Unlike crystals) like 5 and 10 folds
- Intermetallic compounds (mostly AI-based) possessing long-range order, despite their lack of periodicity

Applications?



Low friction materials Low surface energy (down to 30 mJ/m²) Relatively high hardness

and high melting point Low thermal conductivity Infrared absorption Wear resistant coating Nonsticking surfaces Catalyst surfaces Hydro-/ice-phobic coatings

TBC for moderate temperature



Properties

COLD SPRAY OF QC PARTICLES

High Pressure Cold Spraying







Low Pressure Cold Spraying



Possibility of composite formation by cold spraying?

What kind of functionality and properties can be achieved by composite formation?

What are the underneath phenomena that causes alteration in properties?



Matrix particles/splats

Does addition of the secondary phase improve or compromise the microstructural integrity of the coatings?

HIGH PRESSURE COLD SPRAYING: MATERIALS AND PROCESS



PCS-100 (Plasma Giken Co., Ltd.)

Parameters	P(N ₂)	T(N ₂)	Layer	Feed rate	Trav. speed	SoD
Unit	bars	°C	-	rpm	m/min	mm
Value	20	450	3	3	5	40

Substrate: AA6082 , grit blasted #24

Particle impact velocity \approx 580–620 m/s





HIGH PRESSURE COLD SPRAYING: COATINGS CHARACTERISTICS



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WETTABILITY OF CS AL-QC COATINGS

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PEER REVIEWED

Wetting Behavior and Functionality Restoration of Cold-Sprayed Aluminum-Quasicrystalline Composite Coatings

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CS AA 6061



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AA 6061 + 50 vol%QC



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FUNCTIONALITY RESTORATION BY REPAIRING ARTIFICIAL DEFECT



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COHESION ASSESSMENT BY CAVITATION EROSION

ASTM G32-21 "standard test method for cavitation erosion using vibratory apparatus".

- o Vibrating tip: Ti-6AI-4V
- o Tip diameter : 15.9 mm.
- o Frequency: 20 kHz
- ο Peak to peak amplitude: 50 μm
- o Distance: : 0.5 mm

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- o Pure water temperature: 25 °C
- o Test specimen surface condition: Polished



Koivuluoto H, et. Al.. Microstructural analysis of high-pressure cold-sprayed Ni, NiCu and NiCu + Al2O3 coatings. Surface and Coatings Technology. 2015;268:224-229.



COHESION ASSESSMENT BY CAVITATION EROSION: OPTICAL PROFILOMETRY



COHESION ASSESSMENT BY CAVITATION EROSION: OPTICAL PROFILOMETRY



Less volume loss and reduced the maximum depth of damage by increasing QC in the structure •

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MICROSTRUCTURE OF CS COATINGS AFTER 30 MINS CAVITATION EROSION

CS AA6061

Cross-section of coatings



CS AA6061 + 50 vol% QC





Collected debris







WEAR TRACK ANALYSIS



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SCRATCH TESTING ON CS AL-BASED COATINGS



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Scratch length: 2 mm Sliding Speed: 0,01 mm/min loads: Linear increasing load 2-20N Indenter: Rockwell C Diamond Surface finish: EBSD Load cell: 200N

CS AA 6061

CS AA6061 + 90 vol% QC



Procedure

SCRATCH TESTING ON CS AL-BASED COATINGS



Ball on disc sliding wear test (Alumina ball)



Jafari R, et al. Tribological assessment of cold sprayed aluminumquasicrystal composite coatings. In: ITSC 2023. ASM International; 2023.

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Successful QC-reinforced composite coating fabrication by cold spraying



Enhanced cohesion and microstructural integrity of sprayed coatings are achievable by QC incorporation, proportional to the reinforcement content



The properties of cold-sprayed AI-QC deposits are inherited from their microstructure and state of deformation.



CS AI-QC and composites exhibited enhanced functionality (Tribological properties with acceptable durability, enhanced mechanical properties and integrity of the coating structure)





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Electron Image 4



10µm

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