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"Future Trends for Joining of Advanced Materials"

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Comment *(Dr. J. Tanaka)*

Abstract
The necessity for advance of joining technique suitable for dissimilar metals was discussed. The trial results for joining of zirconium with austenitic stainless steel by means of diffusion bonding were presented.

As many keynote lecturers have pointed out, the industries in the coming 21st century are going to necessitate several kinds of materials having resistance against more severe environments, ie, high temperature, extra high vacuum, low temperature, severe corrosion conditions and so on.

There would be several ways to meet these requirements, ie, to find a new solid material, to produce a new composite material, to develop a new coated or surface modified material. Many efforts in line of above mentioned ways have been made nowadays and will be continuously taken in future, because this is one of the permanent subjects of materials engineers.

In actual structures, it is usual that some parts are exposed to severe environment and the rest to mild one. In this case, it will become the most important subject how to join the special material which stands against severe environment with the material suitable for mild one from the standpoint of cost performance as well as construction technique. With the increase in needs for various structures adaptable for various environment, the development of joining methods between dissimilar metals would become very momentous subject.

Even in the present technique, there are many combinations of metals to which the fusion welding can not be applied, such as Fe-Ti, Al-Fe, Zr-Fe etc, although some of them are found to be joined successfully by means of diffusion bonding process. The reason why these dissimilar joints can not be obtained with fusion welding is associated with the formation of an brittle intermetallic compounds. The successful dissimilar joints would be expected under the conditions where either no brittle compounds is formed or, if formed, its thickness is thin enough not to affect the performance.

Nowadays, several approaches have been conducted and some of them are practically applied to produce special pieces, named transition pieces. For example, friction welding is applied to make an Al-stainless steel pipe joint. In this case, a very precise control of welding time, power-input is required (by Mr. Morii et al). Electromagnetic (capacitor discharge) welding is also adopted for Al-Fe, Al-Ti, Al-Cu etc by Prof. Tamaki et al and Si/Al composite by Prof. Dickinson et al. Explosion welding is used for the production of transition pieces as well as clad steel plates. The selection of these joining processes is made based on its short welding time, resulting in the restriction of fused zone, rapid solidification and the reduction of brittle reaction layer. HIP method is also adopted for the production of transition pieces by Mr. Kuroki et al. In this case, the precise control of temperature, pressure and time enables the joining without excessive formation of brittle intermetallic compound caused by diffusion.

The case of diffusion bonding of commercial pure Zr to austenitic stainless steel is not exceptional. NKK is now advancing the experiment on diffusion bonding of the above combination without an interlayer material. The objective of this study is mainly placed on the examination of the influence of Zr's superplastic behavior caused by alternating thermal cycles including transformation temperature range (e.g. 950K-1300K) on the quality of the joint.

It is noted from the tensile test results of joints that an appropriate alternating thermal cycle leads to superior joining strength, thereby resulting in the fracture at the base metal(Zr). Accordingly, it would be suggested that Zr's superplasticity may serve to not only activate its joining surface but facilitate their adhesion at the former stage of diffusion bonding.

Based on microscopic observation of the joining interfaces, however, too many alternating thermal cycles tends to have formed a thick reaction layer, resulting in a deterioration of the joining strength. Such a fact indicates the importance of controlling the reaction layer (intermetallic compound) with respect to the improvement of joint quality.

"Soldering Microelectronic Assemblies: Some Problems and Studies"

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Question *(Prof. I. Okamoto)*

Thank you very much for your presentation about the details of microsoldering in electronic fields.

I have two questions for your lecture. Firstly, it has been explained in your paper that the silver loaded solder namely, 62%tin-37%lead-2%silver solder reacted a similar rate with the Ag-Pd metallised layers to the eutectic tin-lead solder. This is contray to common belief. Then, I read again your paper published in "Brazing and Soldering", No. 2, Spring, 1987, page 60. This table is seen in the page.