

Additive Manufacturing: Microstructures, Structures and Properties Application to fatigue

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Outline

- Fatigue and Additive Manufacturing:
 - Fatigue : lifetime, crack initiation mechanisms
 - Some specificities of AM (micro)structures
- Fatigue of Ti-6AI-4V alloy produced by EBM and SLM
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Fatigue of metallic structures: some effects on lifetime



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Additive Manufacturing specificities

- Materials in AM:
 - fast solidification (martensite, ...)
 - microstructure: anisotropy, gradients, ...
 - multimaterials, interfaces, HAZ, ...
 - defects: roughness, porosities, unmelted zones, ...
- & Structures in AM:
 - lattices, ...
 - residual stresses, ...
 - instabilities, buckling, ...
 - thin structures, ...









Additive Manufacturing and Fatigue: some key parameters

- Building parameters:
 - laser power, laser / substrate speed, powder flow rate, ...
- As-built specimens:
 - roughness
 - residual stresses
 - porosities
 - building direction
- Post-treatments:
 - machining, polishing



- heat-treatment (residual stresses, grain size, precipitation, ...)
- HIP (porosities)

Polissage

Fatigue of AM metallic structures



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- EBM & SLM: Powder-bed additive manufacturing process
- Microstructure: polycrystal with pores







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Fatigue tests results



Crack initiation mechanisms and « defects » a b Crack initiation Small internal defects Crack initiation 250 µm α -phase cluster? See GP (1993) 250 µm С **Crack** initiation Unmelted zones Crack initiation 250 µm Z directio 150 µm Z direction e Surface defects Crack initiation Crack initiation 500 µm 250 um

[Gilbert and Piehler (1993) Met Trans]

Critical defects

Surface defects > Unmelted zones > Small internal defects



[Gunther et al. (2017) IJF]

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	Surface	Internal unmelted zones	Small internal defects
As-built	10	0	3
XY and Z polished	4	25	12
HIP-polished	5	0	10

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Pores:

- size
- shape : « porosities » vs « unmelted zones »
- and position regarding:
 - the surface : « surface defects »
 - the other pores (cluster)
- Crack initiation and propagation at the microstructure scale?
- What can we learn from other processes?

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Some lessons from casting process

Casting process / Additive Manufacturing : similarities

- Solidification microstructures (but at different rates: AM > Casting)
- Grains and porosities
- Residual stresses (thermal gradients)
- Shrinking » vs « Unmelted zones »









Crack initiation mechanisms: pores and shrinkage

Crack initiation:

- biggest pores or shrinkage, close to the surface, cluster effect
- quite similar as Additive Manufacturing
- CT-Tomography and in-situ tests in AM? And crack growth?



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Conclusions

- Microstructure and damage:
 - as-built structures not acceptable in fatigue: posttreatments (roughness, residual stresses, porosities)

damage depends on:

- geometrical gradient (notch effect)
- building direction
- microstructure gradient (surface / bulk)
- residual stresses (or relieved)
- distribution of size and shapes of pores or defects, location, cluster effect
- Porosities: probability to find the biggest defect in the more critical zone

Prospects: towards probability of failure

- Failure probability:
 - Feret diameter or apogee of equivalent ellipse from porosities
 - Probability distribution: lognormal or exponential
 - Optimization method: maximum likehood or least-square minimization

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Failure probability

[Charkaluk et al. (2014) Int. J. Fat.]

Computed Lifetime

Prospects: repaired structures, multi materials

- Multi-materials, repaired structures:
 - fatigue and interfaces?
 - fatigue with gradient of microstructures?
 - fatigue tests: specimen geometry? Loading?



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316L by Clad

Wrought 316L

[PhD Y. Balit, under progress]

Prospects: repaired structures, multi materials

From structure to microstructure



[Balit et al. (2018) EMMC conference]

[Wu et al. (2017) *Mat Design*]

Prospects: fatigue of lattices

building

direction

5mm

• Fatigue of lattices: an open-problem!

- Representative Elementary Volume?
- Fatigue specimen and loadings?
- Metrology (strains, stresses, ...)
- Damage initiation and growth: instabilities?



Fig. 7. The progress of fatigue failure in the SLM Ti-6Al-4V lattice under a maximum fatigue stress of 50% yield strength.

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Prospects: fatigue of lattices

- Fatigue of lattices: an open-problem!
 - Microstructure? Roughness?





Thank you for your attention



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