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ANALYSIS OF THE STRESS-STRAIN STATE IN CARBURIZED GEARWHEELS

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Keywords: gear wheel, cementation, tooth, surface hardening, stress-strain state

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STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF COPPER M0b AFTER COMBINED PLASTIC DEFORMATION

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Abstract—The paper presents the results of studies of the structure and physical and mechanical properties of copper M0b after combined plastic deformation under different schemes of equal channel angular pressing (ECAP) and upsetting or ECAP and multi upsetting. Comparative characteristics of the structure, hardness and deformational decompaction of copper are given. Interesting to note that after ECAP and multi upsetting treatment, a deeper development of the structure has been observed.

Keywords: equal channel angular pressing, upsetting, plastic deformation, hardness, relative decompaction, fine structure

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CHANGE IN INTER-ATOMIC COMMUNICATION CHARACTER IN THE FORMATION OF SOLID AND LIQUID SOLUTIONS. RELATIONSHIP OF VIBRATIONAL AND CONFIGURATION ENTROPY AND THEIR PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION

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FORMATION OF MAO-COATINGS OF HIGH THICKNESS ON TITANIUM ALLOYS AND EVALUATION OF TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES IN FRICTION PAIR WITH BRONZE

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NANOSTRUCTURED COMPOSITE POWDERS FOR PRODUCING PROTECTIVE COATINGS OF MACHINE-BUILDING PARTS AND UNITS

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ON THE MICROPLASMA SPRAYING OF VOLUME-POROUS FUNCTIONAL COATINGS BASED ON γ - Al_2O_3

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INFLUENCE OF SLIDING BEARING DESIGN ON EFFICIENCY OF THE FLUOROPLAST MACROMODIFIER FOR ANTIFRICTION CARBON PLASTICS

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RESEARCH OF PROPERTIES OF FIBERGLASS BASED ON POLYETHERETHERKETONE

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THERMOPHYSICAL AND PHYSICAL-MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF THE MODERNIZED INDUSTRIAL PVC-PLASTIC COMPOUND

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cators of the original compound. It is shown that a slight modernization of the original formulation of industrial PVC-plastic compound can be used to obtain materials that meet fire safety requirements.

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RESEARCH OF CORROSION-RESISTANT WELDING OF NPP EQUIPMENT PERFORMED WITH A STRIP ELECTRODE BY ARC AND ELECTROSLAG METHODS

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COMPOSITION AND MORPHOLOGY OF HOT-SALT CORROSION IN HEAT RESISTANT NICKEL ALLOYS

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Abstract—This article investigates the change in the structure of heat-resistant nickel alloys doped with cobalt, chromium, molybdenum, aluminum, niobium, tungsten and titanium and aluminum, cobalt, rhenium, tantalum, ruthenium, molybdenum, tungsten and chromium under the influence of a solution of 75% Na₂SO₄ + 25% NaCl in temperature range 600–750°C. As the results of the study show, a corrosive film

of a layer structure based on oxides of chromium, aluminum, nickel and nickel sulfides is formed on the metal surface. It has been established that the nature of corrosion destruction of metal depends on the composition and content of alloying elements in it.

Keywords: nickel heat-resistant alloys, hot-salt corrosion, $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{NaCl}$ salt

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INVESTIGATION OF IRRADIATED METAL OF INTERNALS OF WWER-TYPE REACTOR AFTER 45 YEARS OF OPERATION. Part 4. Mechanical properties and fracture mechanisms

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It is revealed that the fracture strain decreases with decrease of temperature and the transition occurs from transgranular ductile to intergranular brittle fracture. The performed review of other published works has shown that this phenomenon may be observed for various austenitic steels irradiated with mixed neutron spectrum and for austenitic and ferritic steels with implanted helium. This phenomenon is termed as low temperature helium embrittlement (LTHE).

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**STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT AND LIFETIME PREDICTION
FOR THE CONTROL RODS COUPLINGS OF THE WWER-440 REACTOR.
Part 1: Investigation of steel 14Kh17N2 grade embrittlement under neutron irradiation**

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**STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT AND LIFETIME PREDICTION
FOR THE CONTROL RODS COUPLINGS OF THE WWER-440 REACTOR.
Part 2. Assessment of the coupling structural integrity and justification
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The structural integrity of the control rods couplings of the WWER-440 reactor is analyzed. On the basis of material investigation of the control rod couplings (martensitic-ferritic stainless steel grade 14Kh17N2, analogue of AISI 431 steel) that were under operation in the Unit 3 of Novovoronezh NPP it is shown that the structural integrity of the coupling is satisfied until the radiation-induced hardening of its material not exceed 423 units of Vickers hardness.

Keywords: structural integrity, control rods couplings, 14Kh17N2 steel, irradiation

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STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT AND LIFETIME PREDICTION FOR THE CONTROL RODS COUPLINGS OF THE WWER-440 REACTOR.

Part 3. Optimization of post-irradiation recovery annealing of the control rods couplings

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Keywords: martensitic-ferritic steel, austenitic stainless steel, irradiation, recovery annealing

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