

Vpliv aluminijevega nitrída na vročo duktilnost malolegiranih jekel. Opazovanja v elektronskem mikroskopu (Rezime)

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Raziskovali smo pogoje za zmanjšanje duktilnosti med 800 in 1100 °C, ki se v splošnem pripisuje prisotnosti aluminijevega nitrída v malolegiranih jeklih, v zlitinah železo-aluminij-dušik, železo-aluminij in železo-dušik z vročimi raztržnimi preizkusi. Prisotnost aluminijevega nitrída AlN, ki je bila potrjena z opazovanji v elektronskem mikroskopu, je izgleda potreben pogoj za degradacijo duktilnosti; nekateri rezultati pa kažejo, da to ni zadosten pogoj.

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V Tube Investments Research Laboratories smo raziskovali mehanizem vpliva AlN na vročo predelovalnost jekla s kombinacijo opazovanj na avstenitnih in na ogljikovih jeklih. To delo dovoljuje sklep, da se vpliv AlN lahko raztolmači z blokiranjem avstenitnih mej. Majhni izločki AlN ($\leq 0.1 \mu\text{m}$) blokirajo avstenitne meje in so vzrok za majhno duktilnost, ob prisotnosti večjih izločkov ($\geq 0.2 \mu\text{m}$), ali manjših volumskih delov AlN, se vrši migracija kristalnih mej relativno lahko in je vzrok za večjo duktilnost.

Podobno, kjer se uporablja obdelava s titanom, da bi se preprečili problemi zaradi AlN, se doseže uspeh le, če so precipitanti titanovega nitrída zadosti veliki, da ne morejo učinkovito blokirati avstenitnih kristalnih mej.

Influence du nitrure d'aluminium sur la ductilité a chaud des aciers faiblement alliés. Observations au microscope électronique (Resumé)

Les conditions de la baisse de ductilité entre 800 et 1100 °C, généralement attribuée à la présence de nitrure d'aluminium, ont été recherchées dans des aciers faiblement alliés, ainsi que dans des alliages fer-aluminium-azote, fer-aluminium et fer-azote, par des essais de traction à chaud. La présence de nitrure d'aluminium AlN, confirmée par microscopie électronique, apparaît bien comme une condition nécessaire de dégradation de la ductilité; certains résultats permettent cependant de penser qu'elle n'en constitue pas une condition suffisante.

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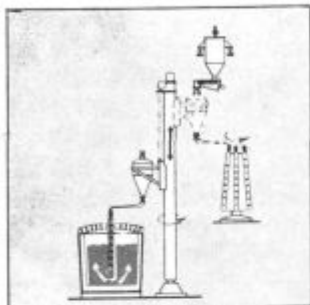
Concerning the mechanism by which AlN influences the hot workability of steel, this has been studied at Tube Investment Research Laboratories by combining observations on fully austenitic alloys with those made on plain carbon steels. This work suggests that the influence of AlN can be explained in terms of austenitic grain boundary pinning. Small AlN particles ($\leq 0.1 \mu\text{m}$) which pin the austenitic grain boundaries cause poor ductility, whilst in the presence of coarse particles ($\geq 0.2 \mu\text{m}$) or low volume fraction of AlN, grain boundary migration occurs relatively easily resulting in superior ductility.

Similarly, where titanium treatment is used to avoid problems due to AlN, success will be only achieved if the titanium nitride particles are sufficiently coarse so that they do not effectively pin austenitic grain boundaries.

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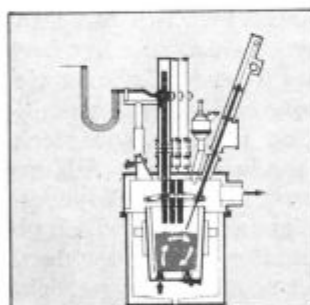
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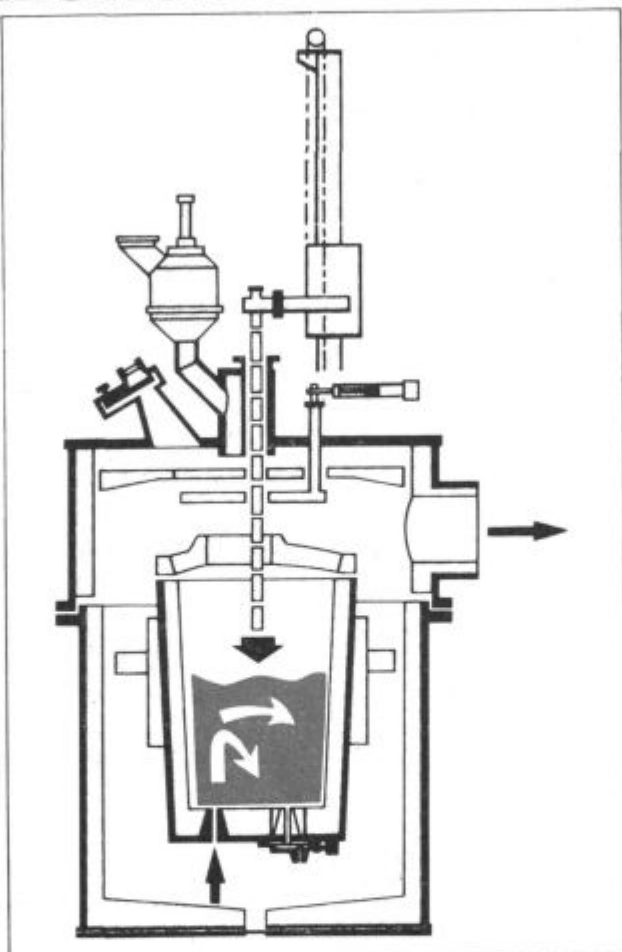
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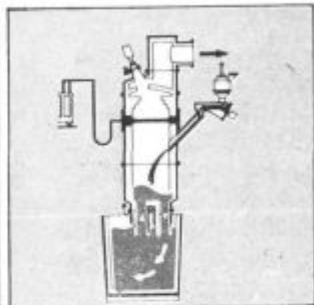
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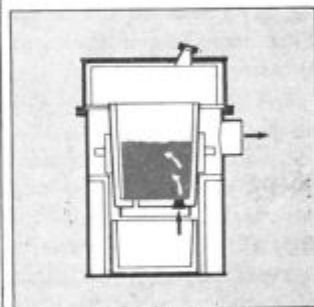
VOD (Vacuum Oxygen Decarburization) process

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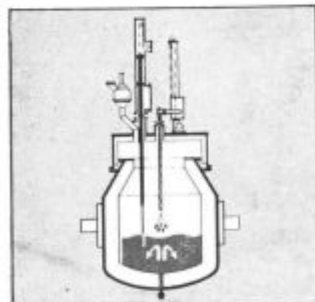
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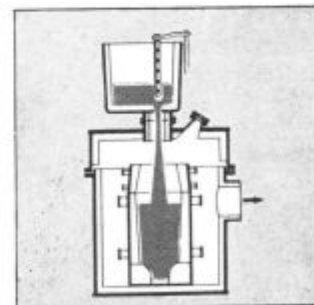
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