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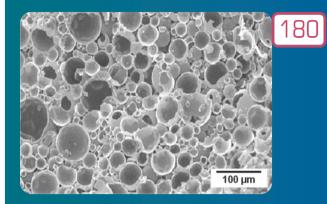
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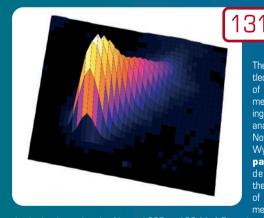
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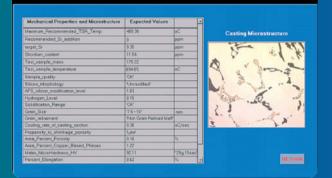
The research paper made by M.H. Robert, A.F. Jorge, F. Gatamorta and R.R. Silva on "Thixoinfiltration: a new approach to produce cellular and other low density metallic materials" on a page 180 describes an innovative approach for the production of cellular metallic materials as well as low density metal matrix composites, by using thixoforming techniques; thixotropic semisolid metal is infiltrated into removable and non-removable space holder preforms. Different kinds of preforms are tested to obtain open cell material (sponges), syntactic foams and low density composites. Products are evaluated concerning relative density and mechanical behaviour under compressive stresses. Results show that thixoinfiltration is a simple and low cost technique to produce different types of low density, porous material. Open cell material as well as syntactic foams and low density composites can be produced with reliable internal quality and dispersion of cells and reinforcement. Composites containing porous reinforcements can present some mechanical characteristics of the conventional cellular metals. Infiltration of appropriate preforms by thixotropic metallic alloys to produce low density composites and cellular material is a new technique under development by the proposing group at FEM/UNICAMP.



The paper entitled "Application of thermovision method to welding thermal cycle analysis" by J. Nowacki and A. Wypych on a **page 131** demonstrates the possibility of of thermovision method applica-

tion in the thermal cycle of Inconel 625 on 13CrMo4-5 steel pad welding thermal cycle analysis. Single- and multibead pad welding of steel 13CrMo4-5 by superalloy Inconel 625 has been carried out by means of GMA method in inert gas backing shielding, in horizontal position and 620 J/mm and 2100 J/mm heat input level. Quantitative data concerning infrared radiation emission as a basis for evaluation of thermal history of the applied object in order to assist interpretation changes occurring in padding welds and heat-affected have been obtained on the grounds of infrared radiation measurement by means of Flir Systems ThermaCAM SC2000 PAL infrared camera. The full suitability of thermovision analysis of thermal cycle of pad welding, specified self-cooling times will become a base for inference about microstructural transforms in HAZ, whereas cooling rate settlement determines necessary conditions to maintaining required intersequence temperature for assumed heat level input of pad welding, padding weld temperature in self-cooling time function and particular. The thermovision effect and thermal cycle of Inconel 625 on 13CrMo4 -5 steel pad welding thermal cycle analysis has been no yet determined.

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The paper written by E. Mares and J.H. Sokolowski on "Artificial intelligence-based control system for the analysis of metal casting properties" on a page 149 informs that

the metal casting process requires testing equipment that along with customised computer software properly supports the analysis of casting component characteristic properties. Due to the fact that this evaluation process involves the control of complex and multi-variable melting, casting and solidification factors, it is necessary to develop dedicated software. The metal casting research community has immensely benefited from these developed information technologies that support the metal casting process. Quantitative values were defined as "Low", "Medium" and "High" to assess the level of improvement in the metal casting analysis by means of the Artificial Intelligence-Based Control System (AIBCS). The traditional process was used as a reference to measure such improvement. As a result, the accuracy, reliability and timeliness were significantly increased to the "High" level.



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