



## REVIEW ON WIRE ARC ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

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### Abstract

*Additive Manufacturing has brought enormous changes in the Manufacturing industry in today's world. We have gleaned data from various substantial research in this field and depicted its crucial aspects under one review paper. This article discusses emerging research on WAAM techniques and widely used materials, including titanium and its alloys, nickel based super alloys, aluminum and steel alloys, and gives an exhaustive analysis of the mechanical and material properties of the deposited components. Various research methods such as non-destructive testing, process parameter selection techniques, AM & CLAD techniques have been explored to perform an in-depth analysis of WAAM materials. Popular WAAM component defects, including deformation, corrosion, porosity and cracking, using different alloys are described. Methods for improving the fabrication quality of the additively manufactured components such as Ti-6Al-4V alloy are discussed. The paper concludes that WAAM's comprehensive implementation also poses several challenges, which can be solved in a particular fashion with diverse materials in order to produce an operating system within an appropriate time frame.*

**Keywords – Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM), Titanium alloy, Nickel alloy, Tensile properties, Defects, Quality improvement techniques.**

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### 1. Introduction

Additional development is actually one of the hot topics for development and engineering Worlds. The ability to build 3D, complex, and close-net form parts by layer[1], [2]. The method of deposition is an important driver for major breakthroughs at present. These accomplishments are observed either by designing process variants for special purposes in the process itself which increase capacities as well as on the used materials, since solidification conditions are not equilibrium. This does not always lead to microstructural characteristics during fusion-based additive manufacturing which was found in processes of development of traditional materials[3].

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WAAM has the potential to diminish the wastage of materials, hence being cost effective, along with reducing time for the product to reach market. The profit associated with material waste reduction is limited; to begin with, the mass of the components is already low. While the possibility of optimizing such components topologically is important, there is an increasing need for the following reasons:

1. Greater reduction in material waste
2. Aircraft designers are under duress to change from Aluminum to titanium with the increasing use of carbon fiber reinforced polymers, the former being electrochemically incompatible.
3. Titanium is a costly source and machine material. In the aerospace industry, therefore, there is an urgent need for the creation of a process that could

substitute the existing method of producing large structures with inefficient buy/fly (BTF) ratios, such as a cruciform stiffened frame, wing ribs, etc., which are machined from billets or large forgings.

The rolling of Ti-6 Al-4V in WAAM induced  $\beta$ -grain refining before,  $\alpha$ -phase lamellae reduction of thickness and the transition from columnar to equi-axed of the whole microstructure[4]. Following the promising findings, numerous experiments were performed to derive other benefits, notably to monitor the remaining stress and distortion of Aluminum and titanium alloys, from the high-pressure rolling interlayer. To improve the WAAM material as deposited. Inter-layer rolling in conjunction with post-WAAM. Heat treatment with improved mechanical characteristics (ultimate tensile resistance and elongation). Ti-6Al-4V can be used for plasma deposition with WAAM, also with inter-pass rolled WAAM methods. Even it is combined with trace boron additions and forced inter-pass cooling methods.

Aluminium is significant for its low density and its capacity to resist corrosion via the passivation phenomenon[5]. For the aerospace industry, construction industries, and the transportation, aluminium alloys are very essential. Steels are materials of high tensile strength and low cost. Steel is commonly used in the manufacturing, wind energy, gas and oil, automotive and marine industries[6], [7].

Mainly used at very high temperatures above 500 ° C, nickel-based superalloys are known for being corrosion resistant at high-temperatures. Nickel-based superalloys have been commonly used for automotive, aerospace[8], and power generation-high temperature applications because of their strong properties at elevated temperatures.

## 2. Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing systems

### 2.1 classification of WAAM process

There are three sorts of WAAM measures based upon the characteristics of the heat source: Gas Metal Arc Welding based[9], Gas Tungsten Arc Welding based[10] and Plasma Arc Welding based[11]. The deposition rate of WAAM based on Gas Mass Arc Welding is 2-3 times greater than that of techniques based on Gas Tungsten Arc Welding or Plasma Arc Weld. On the other hand, because of the electrical flow acting on the feedstock, the Gas Metal Arc Welding based Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing is comparatively not that stable and creates a greater amount of weld smoke and dispersion. The decision of the WAAM procedure directly affects the conditions of handling and the rate of output for an objective component. In GMAW, there are four basic metal transfer techniques, known as globular, spray, pulsed-spray, and short-circuiting, each of which has specific highlights.

In addition, because of its high deposition rate and low heat input, for AM process[9], [12]s, cold metal transfer (CMT), a slightly modified Gas Metal Arc Welding variation depending upon the regulated dip transfer mode mechanism, is widely introduced. To deliver the weld, PAW and GTAW use a non-consumable tungsten cathode. Not the same as GMAW, the path of the wire feed in PAW and GTAW is highly variable and affects the nature of the shop, hence making the structure of the cycle more convoluted. The plasma arc's high-temperature region is smaller than the GTAW arc, which can be contained in typically smaller welding points[13]. The energy of arc in Plasma Arc Welding can arrive at multiple times compared to that of Gas Tungsten Arc Welding which causes lighter welds and lower weld twisting and have a greater welding speed[13], [14]. The Additive manufacturing framework depends on micro Plasma arc welding was presented and the impacts of cycle parameters has been researched[15], [16].

### 2.2 Robotic wire arc additive manufacturing system

A huge amount of WAAM frameworks tend to use an illustrated mechanical robot. There are two diverse structure plans made available.

- It uses an enclosed chamber which hence provides a decent protective condition for inert gas, such as frameworks for lasered-Power-Bed Fusion.
- The subsequent common delivery current or unusually planned resources for the safety of community gas, with the robot placed on a direct rail to maximize the overall work wrap. It is designed to build large metal structures.

Three key advances are included in the development of a section using WAAM: process preparation, deposition, and post-processing. 3D cutting and programming generate the ideal robot movements and welding parameters for a given CAD model, which is aimed at creating defect-free manufacturing with higher geometrical precision[17]–[19]. The 3D cutting and programming provide computerized system planning and process advancement to stay away from possible process-prompted defects[20]–[22]. The robot and outer hub give precise motion to the welding light during manufacturing to construct the segment in a structured design. Various sensors can be equipped with advanced WAAM frameworks to calculate many welding signals[23], metal transfer behaviour[24], deposited bead geometry[25] and inter-pass temperature[26], [27], thus promoting inspection and control to achieve greater item efficiency. This is the field of momentum and future excitement for science, with a greater potential to radically enhance the execution of the WAAM method. To monitor the welding process, a programmable GMAW source of power is used[15].

### 3. Materials used in WAAM process

#### 3.1 Titanium alloys

Titanium has great properties like high specific strength, also corrosion and oxidation resistance and hence is used for marine, aerospace, nuclear, chemical, etc. industries[28]. Titanium being an endearing material has low thermal conductivity due to which it is challenging to use if for Additive Manufacturing as it results in an uneven temperature field and poor interlamination integration[29].

Due to its higher strength to weight ratio, naturally, it has a higher material cost. These Ti alloys have been widely preferred for their use in aerospace components for additive manufacturing. In contrast to ordinary subtractive manufacturing techniques, which endure lower fly-to-buy ratios in some part plans. There are growing demands for more productive and cheaper options. For the WAAM process, there are numerous business open doors, particularly for enormous estimated Ti components having complex structures. Hence it is widely recognized that the component's microstructure relies on its warm history during the manufacturing process. In the manufactured part, the unmistakable WAAM heat cycle, which includes continuous heating and cooling[30], [31], generates meta-stable microstructures and inhomogeneous amalgam[32]. The as-fashioned and as-projected least particulars from ASTM norms are additionally recorded for examination.

#### 3.2 Al alloys & steel

##### 3.2.1 Al alloys

In spite of the fact that creation preliminaries for the various arrangement of Aluminium alloys, such as Aluminium Copper alloy, Aluminium Silicon alloy, and Aluminium- Magnesium alloy have been effectively done, moreover, the commercial estimation of Wire-Arc AM is basically reasonable to the complex and enormous thin-walled structures, since the production cost is very low[33], the basic Al-alloy components that use standard machining processes are low. Utilizing WAAM in order to fabricate steel is disagreeable since a similar explanation in spite of the fact that it is the most ordinarily utilized designing material[34]. Another explanation behind the helpless business use of WAAM in aluminium is that a few arrangements of aluminium alloys, are trying because of violent dissolve pool and the weld surrenders to weld, this habitually happens when the affidavit process is conducted.

In many cases, as-kept additively fabricated aluminium alloy components do have substandard physical properties contrasted with those produced from the bill of materials. To accomplish a higher amount of elasticity, to refine the microstructure, most of the

deposited aluminium parts go through post-process heat treatment. Lower ultimate tensile strength (UTS) and yield strength (YS) than that of the produced portion defined by the ASTM norm due to the continuous and uniform dispersion of very precious stone particles inside the microstructure. In any event, critical enhancement exceeded the ASTM norm after completing the heat treatment and can be seen in both stretching and strength which results in grain refinement.

##### 3.2.2 Steel

As the most broadly utilized of all the alloys of steel, 304 hardened steel is most outstandingly present in mechanical applications and kitchen gear. It is an exceptionally heat-resistive evaluation, and offers great erosion protection from numerous substance corrosives, according to modern climates. Type ER70S-6 is a wire with more elevated levels of Deoxidizers welding of prepares with moderate measures of scale or rust. (Mn and Si) contrasted with other carbon steel wires. This wire is reasonable for welding of prepares with moderate measures of scale or rust[35].

#### 3.3 Ni superalloys

Nickel superalloys are the second well-known commodity concentrated after titanium alloys by the additive manufacturing research network, primarily because they have high strengths as the temperatures increases and high production costs. Due to their remarkable power, oxidation opposition at temperatures above 550 ° C, nickel superalloys are most commonly used in petrochemical, aeronautical, aerospace, marine projects, and many chemical compounds. Until now, after WAAM processing, including Inconel 625 and Inconel 718 alloys, various Nickel superalloys, have been concentrated. The microstructure of Inconel 718 sections formed by WAAM consists largely of enormous columnar grains with inter-dendritic limits represented by little promoters of the Laves phase and MC carbides[36]. It is worth noting that in the inter-dendritic areas, the microstructure can be used to refine to disperse littler dendritic arm, spasmodic laves point, and less niobium isolation, using the post-process heat medicines that then profit the mechanical properties. The yield and extreme malleable strength are  $473 \pm 6$  MPa and  $828 \pm 8$  MPa separately for Gas Metal Arc Welding based WAAM manufactured Inconel 718 alloy. These characteristics lie between the basic qualities for fashioned and cast materials defined by ASTM, although the stretching is a lot of settle for the simplest choice for both produced and cast conditions. The UTS, YS, and stretching comply with ASTM's requirements for cast materials for the Inconel 625 alloy manufactured by WAAM and are significantly lower than those for produced materials[37].

#### 3.4 Ti-6Al-4V element

Carbon fiber reinforced polymer is in demand as aircraft designers are coerced to use titanium (Ti) as aluminium (Al) is chemically less compatible with carbon[38].

(b) Aircraft market is expanding and hence is the demand for Ti in (Ti-6Al-4V).

(c) Titanium is costly and hard to machine.

Variety of components that are successfully manufactured includes Ti-6Al-4V spars, assemblies for landing gear, models of cone and steel wind tunnel and aluminium wing ribs etc[39].

Ti-6Al-4V parts assists with improving the stores' microstructure, a flat and a profiled roller were taken a gander at, when the effect of high-pressure Inter-pass moving was evaluated[40]. There was a change in microstructure from huge columnar before  $\beta$  grains that explored the section to equiaxed grains that were somewhere in the range of 56 and 139  $\mu\text{m}$  in size[41]. The repetitive assortment in Widmanstätten  $\alpha$  lamellae size was held; in any case, with rolling, the overall size was diminished[42].

It is assessed that machining tasks represent up to half of the complete item cost of titanium segments utilized in aviation applications, where 80% of material waste is normally produced as machined swarf[43]. Therefore, there is developing worldwide enthusiasm for elective added substance layer producing.

(ALM) advancements improves material productivity and lowers its costs. Different Ti ALM innovations have been developing throughout the long term, however the basic topic is, they merge feed stock material layer-by-layer through restricted dissolving as well as hardening; thus, all ALM microstructures show innate likenesses to project microstructures. There is epitaxial development of Ti-6Al-4V to frame coarse essential columnar  $\beta$ -Ti grains which is a result of liquifying and affidavit.

For a Ti-6Al-4V part which is created by WAAM, the microstructures are mind boggling, regularly differing spatially inside the affidavit because of its intricate heat history that includes substitute re-heating and re-cooling cycles[44]. In any event, for neighbouring areas inside a store, contrasts in microstructures still exist, eventually getting homogeneous material execution to the segment. For instance, the heat collection during added substance creation affects the solidity of gas tungsten wire arc added substance fabricated Ti-6Al-4V combination, which consolidates the in-process temperature observing and control[45]. Contingent upon the heat cycles in WAAM created steel, coarse grained microstructures within homogeneous hardness are shaped along the

structure course. Expanding abide time bring about a bit of lessening in the width of  $\alpha$  strip and a high perceptible diminishing in the width of earlier  $\beta$  grains during produced Ti-6Al-4V utilizing coordinated vitality statement measure. These discoveries propose that there is an enormous requirement for microstructural advancement through enhancements in measure control of added substance fabricating[46].

### 3.5 Other alloys

#### 3.5.1 Fe<sub>3</sub>Al based Iron Aluminide

Due to the striking blend of feature, including astonishing oxidation and solidification obstruction, extensive high temperature quality and shaky opposition, low thickening and low stress, Fe<sub>3</sub>Al iron alumina was concentrated since the mid-twentieth century[47]. These properties make iron aluminide from Fe<sub>3</sub>Al a promising trade in specific compounds in segments which require high heat and erosion opposition to the vitality frameworks of petroleum products[48]. The modern use of iron aluminide compounds is, however, usually limited by its fragility at room temperature, which also causes this amalgam to have a high assembly cost[49]. Significant attempts have been made to increase the pliability of iron aluminide at room temperature by using alloying elements, such as B, Cr, Ce, C, Nb & Ti[50]. Fe<sub>3</sub>Al's room temperature range can be increased by up to 11% using thermal preparation along with subsequent reinforcement and selection of suitable alloy components[51], [52].

#### 3.5.2 Carbon steel & Austenitic stainless steel

Multi-material or practically assessed structures may have unique neighbourhood properties that, by spatially differentiating science and microstructure, adjust to the condition and burden of activity[53]. Subsequently, a more efficient mission can be done. For example, two metals consolidated to profit from their especially varied properties are found in bimetallic structures. Bimetallic structures are typically produced through combined welding measures[54]. Be that as it may, the microstructure is locally modified by high-heat-input combination welding steps and the heat-influenced zone has mediocre properties. Besides, mixed welding of different materials can lead to a lot of bending, poor arrangement of the intermetallic point, and breaking[55]. Added substance generating (AM) steps are shifted depending on the form of limiting method feedstock and heat source. Measures of Metal AM use feedstock as powder or wires[56]. Powder-to-take care of and wire-to-take care of direct vitality testimony (DED) steps are sufficiently adaptable among the AM steps to take into account the development of various materials at the same time or consecutively. These AM cycles can be seen as key developments in building structures with two distinctive materials, known as Bimetallic Additive-

Manufactured Structures (BAMS). The powder worked perfectly for DED measures and has a large determination of sources of strength, such as laser or electron beam, for example. The laser, electron beam, or electric arc may be the source of force for the wire feedstock. The vitality of the circular or plasma section is approximately 90 percent[57], which is greater than that of the laser (2-5 percent) and the electron beam (15-20 percent)[58]. The wire arc cycle called the output of the wire curve added substance (WAAM), adequately offers a high statement rate and productivity of vitality. The major advances in gas tungsten circular segment welding (GTAW), plasma arc welding (PAW) or gas metal arc welding (GMAW), can be used in this WAAM cycle. Besides, there are a few favourable circumstances in the WAAM cycle, such as the low cost of capital for structure arrangement and support, open nature, and greater determination of usable materials[46]. For various blends, including Inconel 718 to Ti-6Al-4V, Ti-6Al-4V to Invar, Inconel 718 to GRCop-84, austenitic to a ferritic combination[59], and 304L stainless-steel to Inconel 625[60], the production of BAMS with powder-based DED techniques have been studied. WAAM, based on GTAW, was used to build basically evaluated low-carbon steel structures for stainless-steel[61], tantalum for molybdenum, and molybdenum for tungsten[62]. Nonetheless, the DED steps bring on solid microstructural anisotropy, residual strain, and distortion, paying no attention to the kind of feedstock and force source. Because of the non-harmony heat cycles, the microstructures of additively assembled components are additionally peculiar in comparison to the fashioned material. Heat-treatment can be a good way of regulating microstructures and making the physical properties of BAMS better[63]. Nevertheless, the heat-treatment of the BAMS has important problems, for example, the miscibility of the two materials that need to be tested contrasts in ideal conditions. As well as the production and production of the intermetallic stages during heat treatment, the necessary dispersion at the interface should also be taken into account. In this paper, microstructural and mechanical property analysis will lead to an extensive review of the effect of heat treatment on the BAMS. Using electron and optical microscopy and critical planning, the microstructure and piece are described. Besides, microhardness and malleability checks are conducted with the identifiable crack area and surface proof and investigation. Subsequently, with ideal heat treatment limits for the BAMS, the systems responsible for the improvements are seen. Stainless steel 316L is a type of austenitic tempered steel which, due to its remarkable consumption opposition, high quality, high flexibility and a moderately low cost, is generally used in marine and maritime hardware, cars and nuclear reactors. [64]

#### 4. Properties

##### 4.1 Tensile & wear properties of stainless steel and mild steel

Systematic investigation of mechanical properties of WAAM for mild steel ER70S & stainless steel 304 were presented. Because of the variations in thermal histories of these steels, the grade material properties were put under observation for weariness and hardness of SS304 in the direction of deposition and, also in vertical height. Wear rates decrease significantly along the length of the deposition of material whereas, the micro-hardness values increased significantly. The yield strength and ultimate strength were not found to be changing significantly along the direction of deposition for stainless steel 304[65]. Hall-Petch strengthening concluded that a grain refinement appeared in the material. Wear rate diminishes in direction of deposition of weld in SS304, which indicates wear resistance of material and its strength are evaluated along the deposition path[35].

##### 4.2 Mechanical properties of ti-6Al-4V

The relative slower cooling rate leads to optimum balance between ductility and strength[66], [67]. Hot isostatic pressing was used to remove the gas porosity & was efficient in improving ductility and strength[68]. For the removal of residual tensile stresses as they weaken the ductility, stress relief treatments should be used[69]–[71]. Unlike other additive manufacturing processes WAAM does not much require the post process heat treatment such as annealing etc, as they do not significantly alter the strength or ductility. Although, the ductility was increased after a short post build stress relief at a temperature of 653K for two hours and the granular size was not coarsened[72], [73].

##### 4.3 LSP tensile properties of 2319 Al alloy

###### 4.3.1 Tensile Properties

The temperature of the room can be monitored by example when LSP is seen. In the warehouse heading, versatile power was applied to detect the mechanical property between different layers. It can be found very well that the building pressure is close to the design stress if the construction stress is less than 0.4% for examples in LSP[74]. Furthermore, LSP, which recommends that LSP have no effect on the young's modulus, is seen in the slant of the direct locale. When LSP shows that dynamic strain maturation is formed, and that the work between the diffusive solvent ions and moving decomposition is a strengthening of wonders in metals and composites before LSP, it is also necessary to have a more intense dynamic strain than in the LSPed sample[75]. This wonder can be attested by the fact that LSP has provided reinforcement to mature the complex tension. The YS, UTS and E examples for LSP were summarised. It is also noticed that YS, UTS and E have been individually 103.7MPa, 247.7MPa, and 12.3% before LSP, while in YS a substantial increase of 72% has been achieved from 103.7MPa to 178.3MPa, comparable UTS has been

modified from 247.7MPa to 240.3MPa. The inclusion region on elastic properties through the extension of LSPed length was tested and found similar tilt during the expansion from 20 mm to 30 mm of LSPed length. In another study the influence of sheet thickness on mixable properties was investigated and it was found that two significant components were the generated lingering pressure dissemination and the grain size action course in the deep load. In the current analysis, compressive pressure layers on both sides of the example were presented and additional grain refining was done, which can be the key factor in improving malleable properties. Furthermore, the reinforced restricted tension of LSP is another consideration in the peened areas[76]. The following can be explained for this strain strengthening effect. For example, the pressure was initially flexibly stacked before LSP and then reached the rating point A. The strain also reached a definite mixing because of yielding. A translational pressure arc was drawn, after LSP[77]. The power was stacked to the extent possible comparably and hit the yield point. After return, the pressure arc matched the pressure arc before LSP and split. Afterward, LSP will upgrade ductility in YS, with an impressive effect on UTS and a dramatic decline in that particular point (assume to be E).

Remaining concerns in both the highest and the lowest segments have been modified from ductile lingering concerns, with its most extreme reward of about 10 MPa and its affected depth over 0.75mm. YS has greatly enhanced the folding characteristics by 72 per cent, whereas E has dropped drastically and has virtually no effect in UTS[78].

#### 4.4 Microstructural features of 304L austenitic SS and its Tensile properties

To survey the physical properties of Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing parts, tensile and hardness tests were aimed at 9 examples (3 for each bearing). The examples, separated by the three basic bearings, were moulded following ISO 6892-1[79]. Given the unpleasant idea of printing the plates suitable for the WAAM process, the outside surface of the tensile part was polished by milling which reduced the final thickness to a standard estimate of 2.5 to 3 mm, from the original thickness of 4 mm. All things considered, previous research has based on printed examples and tested a good uniform cross-sectional zone[80]. The waviness is removed after the processing process, and the unpleasantness effectively minimized, allowing the surface to be considered generously level. ISO 6892-1[79] on a general testing system with a load cap of 500 kN was used for the tensile tests. Examples of displacement control with a speed of 2MPa / s have been attempted. Two types of monitoring structures were obtained: a straight 50 mm ostensible measurement deformometer to define the straight disfigurement of the examples yielding, and a computerized image relationship to protect the complete

strain-field before failure during the entire test. The measurements of the examples were determined by advanced calliper methods to achieve a true cross-sectional area. [81]

## 5. Testing

### 5.1 Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)

Quality assurance of the manufacturing processes of the structural components of the parts is done through the NDT techniques for the inspection and material characterization for WAAM. The main objective is to detect the defects produced while using WAAM techniques and monitoring for an on-going process and after process scenario.

Comparison of radiography and ultrasonic testing was done with non-destructive testing experimentally on reference specimens. For material characterization of the specimens metallographic testing, electrical conductivity and hardness analysis are also attested. An extensive set of NDT techniques such as X-ray Computed Tomography, Ultrasonic Testing (UT) or X-ray, Phased Array UT and Eddy Currents (after doing surface finish only) are suitable to apply. Radiographic and ultrasonic testing proved to be effective in getting the location of the defects produced in WAAM but the only limitation for ultrasonic testing was necessity of surface finishing[82]. X-rays detected a wide range of defects. Only difficulty in detection of defects was the angle between radiation and the crack. Measuring electrical conductivity, has proven to be relatively more reliable technique, regarding material characterization. It supplements the hardness assessment with additional points of interest of being quicker, likewise not needing surface finishing. Complex geometry and roughness being a critical criterion as a limitation is to be considered. Implementation of NDT in in-process are the biggest challenges. At the end it concludes that NDT techniques are potentially effective in process and offline inspection of WAAM parts[83].

### 5.2 Selection of optimal process parameters

This is about the ideal choice of procedure boundaries for Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing innovation, a developing answer for added substance creation of metal parts. Specifically, the determination of the procedure boundaries depends on the advancement of the microstructure and on the mechanical properties acquired through the progressive statement weld dabs of an ER70S-6 steel, as indicated by the AWS enactment[84]. The feed rate and the heat input during the testimony of the weld globules have been changed, so as to see how the temperature came to by the examples can influence the last item mechanical attributes[85]. The last cooling has been conveyed in quiet air at room temperature and between the testimony of a weld dot and

the accompanying one it has been forced a delay of 60s[19]. The tests on mechanical properties completed have been: A full test battle that incorporates: macrographic perceptions, micrographic perceptions and Vickers microhardness[86]. The investigation of these tests has highlighted that by changing the procedure boundaries, the examples don't have considerable contrasts between them. Rather, a microstructure that advances from pearlitic-ferritic grains until bainitic lamellae along the vertical bearing of the examples has been seen by micrographic examination and affirmed by microhardness estimations.

The investigation of tests delivered by Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing innovation has prompted the accompanying ends:

- There are no generous contrasts between the examples handled with various procedure boundaries because of the superiority of cooling arc on the item microstructure, that isn't influenced by process boundaries.
- In all the examples have been noted three unique zones: the lower zone described by a ferritic structure with flimsy portions of pearlite, the center zones portrayed by equiaxed grains of ferrite and the upper zone portrayed by a lamellar structure normally bainitic.
- The distinction in the three discovered microstructures is because of the diverse heat history experienced by the distinctive welding dots stored, in which the upper zone is influenced by the more grounded heat stun.
  - The molecule size is better in the lower zone as the lower zone encounters a higher estimation of heat stun than the center zone that has a coarse worth grain size.
  - The Vickers microhardness affirm with their qualities the distinctive microstructures found in tests[87].

### 5.3 AM & CLAD techniques

Laser cladding (CLAD) are generally used for the blown-powder processes. The Electron Beam Melting (EBM) method is implemented for the industrial manufacture Ti-6Al-4V components due to its affordable running costs, higher energy consumption, and high scanning speed (approximately 500 mm/s) in comparison with WAAM & CLAD processes. EBM-AM component size, however, is dictated by geometry of the powder bed, WAAM or CLAD techniques are often favoured for larger parts development[88]. During Additive Manufacturing (AM) of component the residual stresses are created,

leading to distortions and mechanical property degradation. These stresses are to be taken under consideration for having good quality of high-tech AM parts. They analysed the microstructure & residual stress produced by Ti-6Al-4V Additive Manufactured sections due to WAAM & CLAD and they found that both specimens had thick, porous structures in the vicinity of the baseplate. A tilt was seen in the direction of growth in WAAM specimens in broad columnar grains and also in the longitudinal cross section, while narrow wavy columnar grains were present in CLAD specimens. Straight & curved layer bands were observed. For both specimens the residual stresses were maxima, but higher in the WAAM specimen[89].

## 6. Defects

### 6.1 Failure of Ti-6Al-4V alloy due to crack propagation

The Ti-6Al-4V was manufactured by WAAM and the fatigue crack propagation tests of the same are analysed[90].

The first main focus is crack path and its growth rate: Wrought alloys has a straight crack path and growth is faster as compared to that of WAAM, as it has a tortuous crack path that results into lowered crack growth rate unlike Wrought alloys[41].

Second is finite element analysis of residual stresses on relatively diminished compact tension specimens and the way it affects the rate of growth.

In the relation to interface of WAAM-wrought surfaces, numerical simulation depicts significant residual stresses in the specimen and its magnitude relies on the location and initial propagation direction of crack[91]. When crack procreates from WAAM towards Wrought retainment of residual stresses occurs, that gives increased stress intensity factor and accountable growth in crack. In contrast, the residual stresses are liberated instantly when initially crack grows in Wrought substrate then propagates to WAAM surface and hence it has a very little effect comparatively[92].

### 6.2 Corrosion Behaviour of Inconel 718 Super alloys

Due to their incredible blend of mechanical properties and consumption opposition, both at room and elevated temperatures, nickel-based superalloys have been commonly used in various companies. As one of the most profoundly used nickel-based amalgams, INCONEL 718 (IN718) superalloy is used for hot segment segments in avionics, atomic reactor sections in atomic applications, oil boring shafts in oil and gas science, as well as some basic supporting structures and clasps[93]–[97]. In various projects, the IN 718 superalloy is used as this combination displays great mechanical sound at a high temperature of up to 650 ° C. It has a lifetime of high

fatigue and lowers leftover anxiety under various circumstances. The yield output of IN 718 is lower than the lingering strain, but delamination, distortion, and clasp affect it. Nickel is the base metal in this superalloy and it essentially consists of 19% Cr, 18% Fe and various metals such as Si, Mn, Cu, Mo, and so on in small amounts. Nonetheless, in the preparation of courses, typical development strategies for IN718 superalloys are very unpredictable[98]–[100]. In addition, the production of IN718 segments with muddled calculations is fundamentally checked, and it is also likely to be difficult to repair worn parts using customary production processes[101], [102]. There has been a rapidly developing enthusiasm for the production and fixation of IN718 segments using added substance generating (AM) innovation in the current decade[98], [103]–[105]. The AM is a layer-by-layer manufacturing measure that, with extremely precise measurements, can construct mathematically complex components and further abbreviate handling measures and minimize production costs[3], [106], [107]. One of the most widely used AM techniques, wire circular segment added material manufacturing (WAAM), and utilizes an electric curve or plasma as the heat source and a welding wire as the feedstock. The WAAM is exceptional in comparison with other AM strategies, provided its high declaration volume, boundless affidavit capacities, moderately low expenses as well as natural benevolence[3], [56]. Up to this point, research on the combination of IN718 provided by (WAAM IN718) focuses essentially on concentrated microstructure and mechanical properties[108]–[110]. The results show that the heat-treated WAAM IN718 consistency is poorer than the fashioned composite, and the primary reason is attributable to the arrangement in the WAAM IN718 of the enormous columnar grain structure. In any event, in addition to the mechanical display, consumption behaviour is equally enormous in affecting the intensity and administration life of IN718 components under forceful conditions. Turbine vanes made of IN 718, for example, can experience the adverse effects of room temperature erosion during holidays, and downhole boring components produced by IN 718 are short of various destructive media under administration conditions[111]. The corrosion resistance of the IN718 compound in surrounding conditions is therefore another important key property that is useful for pragmatic applications to be read. By and by, minimal work is accessible in the WAAM IN718 amalgam written on the consumption execution inquiry. It is known that heat treatment requires IN718 to enhance the microstructure and achieve attractive properties. In the light of past investigations, even after indistinguishable heat treatments, the microstructure of WAAM IN718 is not dramatically the same as that of the IN718 created. [112]

## 7. Quality improvement methods in WAAM techniques

### 7.1 Ti-6Al-4V - Plasma deposition for ALM

ALM (Additive Layer Manufacturing) offers considerable benefits like reducing BTF ratios and improves the design flexibility other than increasing sustainability. Combinations of Plasma welding and wire feeding are used in deposition of plasma wire ALM technique[113]. Regression models were evaluated for effective width of the wall, layer height and total wall width for the process.

The deposition of plasma wire for the process was able to generate the following:

- Straight walls width equivalent to 17.4millimeter
- Best possible effective width of wall, post-machining of 15.9millimeter, is better than alternative processes.

Efficiency averages up to 93% for deposition and the extremity of rate is 1.8 kilograms per hour for Ti-6Al-4V.  $\beta$  stage developed from the base during the deposition of coarse columnar grains which changed into a structure of Widmanstatten of  $\alpha$  lamellar upon cooling. The average strength of hardness is as much as 12 % higher than the substrate (I.e., 387 HV) was measured by micro-indentation. Particularly when the deposition exceeds chamber area, oxidation and distortion are the possible problems that could occur.

Hence deposition of plasma wire is highly suitable for ALM of large components used in aerospace as indicated by the preliminary results[114].

### 7.2 Ti-6Al-4V with Inter-pass rolled Wire Arc Additive manufacturing

One of the issues limiting the modern appropriation of the additional material Ti-6Al-4V parts for manufacture of (AM) is mechanical property anisotropy[115]. The impact of high-pressure Inter-pass movement was assessed to improve the micro-structure of the stores and a flat and profile roller were investigated[116]. The microstructure was modified to equivalent grains in the segment, somewhere between the range of 56 and 139  $\mu$ m, from the massive columnar of previous  $\beta$  grains[117]. The redundant variety in  $\alpha$  lamellae of Widmanstatten has been maintained; however, rolling has decreased the overall scale[118]. Inter-pass rolling high-pressure can solve a large amount of AM shortcomings and can assisted the process' modern implementation.

1. The changes have triggered enormous earlier  $\beta$ -grain finishing, decreased overall  $\alpha$  stage lamellae thickness and a microstructure change from unequivocal to equivalent columns. It was due to the recrystallization that occurred, during

the affidavit of the following sheet, when the recently disfigured sheet heated.

2. The level roller has vital points of interest and has decreased comparably in an earlier  $\beta$  grain and may be the chosen decision for the abuse of industry[114], [119], [120].

### 7.3 Laser shock Peening 2319 Al alloy

The addition of substances from the rope-circular segment will generate segments with competently contrasting complex geometries and other assembly strategies. In all cases, their implementations have been limited by the unregulated grain size and elastic concern in as manufactured segments[121]. The research has combined a laser shock peening process with the addition of wire curve material to optimize its microstructure and alter the pressure state to enhance the malleable properties of the 2319 Aluminum mixture printed out. The result is an innovative surface treatment method[122].

- (1) The standard microstructure can be basically refined by LSP from 59.7  $\mu\text{m}$  to 46.7  $\mu\text{m}$  after LSP, with standard sizes decreased. The surface layer and 500  $\mu\text{m}$  depth layers were divided by high thicknesses of disengages and mechanical twins. There were also less misorientation grains with a brittle surface.
- (2) Smaller drastic improvements of the surface layer with a solidifying layer of 1.2 mm were accomplished due to the high dividing thickness of LSP. Remaining concerns were adjusted from elastic lingering worries to compressive rest concerns in the highest and lowest segments with its highest reward of about 100MPa and an affected depth over 0.7 mm[123].
- (3) The YS tensile characteristics were improved by 72 percent, while the effect on UTS was also significantly reduced in E. This study shows that LSP is a viable strategy for improving surface properties of the added material manufactured segments used in extended logical and modern fields[124].

This combined framework offers the microstructure and quality control for common sense applications for manufactured segments[78], [125].

### 7.4 Ti-6Al-4V with trace boron additions

This analysis is shown to be successful in the removal of the injurious anisotropic microstructures regularly encountered in the assembly phase following boron expansion to Ti-6Al-4V coupons given by addition to the production sheet[121]. Following this mixture, the boron increases (up to 0.13%) and the boron production is a and more a clear  $\alpha$  microstructure consisting of fine equiaxed  $\alpha$  grains in saved and warm rewarded coupons[126]. Instead, it increases. However, previous  $\beta$ -grains remain columnar, due to the wider range of solidification and developmental limiting action of the solution. Boron expansion becomes smaller[127]. Unlike the unamended Ti6Al4V, the Ti6Al4V with follow boron increases tended to increase flexibility by 40 percent without any misfortune at room temperature under uniaxial pressures[128]. In the missing Ti-6 Al-4V mixture, in the heat-treated state, Boron increases were found to repress twinning transmission causing suddenly enormous burden drops[68], [129].

### 7.5 Forced inter-pass cooling of Ti-6Al-4V

The aim of this research was to develop an inventive WAAM process for producing thin wall structures of Ti-6Al-4V to achieve improved microstructure and mechanical characteristics, with restrictive cooling of the inter-pass with compressed CO<sub>2</sub>[31]. In the laser profile, the effects of different inter-pass temperatures, rapidly restraining geometry position cooling, the surface oxidization, microstructural evolution and mechanical characteristics of the component were examined, and the electron microscope (SEM), hardness testing, and mechanical ductile testing were examined[130]. Results, show that a threshold temperature of the inter-pass does not impact the microstructural development and the mechanical characteristics of the saved metal significantly, while the stored divisor typically is expanded, flattered and expands the surface's oxidation by notable tinting[131]. If rapidly restricted refrigeration using CO<sub>2</sub> between stored layers is used, a slightly greater appreciation of the hardness and increased quality can occur[132]. The consolidated effects of lower surface oxide and high decrease caused by age of large amounts of fine kernel acetate  $\alpha$  are largely due to the microstructure[133]. Additionally, the restricted inter-pass refrigeration enhances declaration properties, and further enhances geometrical repeatability and efficiency of assembly by reducing the time period between the saved layers[134]–[136].

### 7.6 Pulsed-MIG and CMT

On Comparison with the conventional Pulsed-Metal Inert Gas (Pulsed-MIG) method, the use of Cold-Metal Transfer (CMT) has proved its usefulness in reducing the total porous content due to the peculiar deposition mode of the metal and the comparatively low heat input obtained by electronically and mechanically controlled deposition of the metal[3], [137], [138]. For

aluminium alloy 5183, two types of Wire + Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM), Pulsed-MIG and CMT are used here. In contrast to CMT experiments, pulsed-MIG experiments used more hydrogen and revealed a larger number of pores. CMT samples showed higher dissolved hydrogen as compared to Pulsed-MIG. When the process conditions were low temperature, longer dwell time and low heat intake, pulsed-MIG had larger pore volume, and the pore volumes were smaller for higher heat intake, high temperature and short dwell duration. Vice-versa for the CMT process[139].

### 7.7 Hot forging

(HF-WAAM) Hot forging wire and arc additive manufacturing is expected to improve deposited material's microstructural and mechanical properties. As suggested by the name "Hot forging", waiting for temperature drop to room temperature of the material isn't required. The derivative of Wire + Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM) is used directly without increasing the processing time, which generally occurs for cold rolling WAAM[140]. Hot forging of the sample is done as soon as the WAAM is completed i.e., just after the deposition and at high temperature in-situ viscoplastic deformation takes place. This is known as HF-WAAM. A sample of AISI316L stainless steel was taken. For deformation of the sample plastically a forging force was applied of the magnitude 17 N and 55 N. The microstructure was refined due to the hot forging effect which improved the mechanical strength. The mechanical properties like Yielding Strength (initially 360MPa, after forging 450 MPa) and Tensile Strength (initially 574, after forging 622) were improved. Whereas reduction from 32 to 28 percentage of elongation fracture. Because of the forging energy, internal pores had shrunk, which was helpful for the in-service conduct of additive manufactured specimens. HF-WAAM affected the porosity of the sample, during hot forging the pores get closed[141].

### 7.8 selective Laser Melting (SLM)

Selective Laser Melting (SLM) generally used for fabrication of complicated parts is a powder bed-based AM technique[142], [143]. By using a laser, selective melting of sequential layer of fine powder is done. Finer surface roughness, higher densities, higher mechanical property, even arbitrary complicated structures of metal parts are generated by this technique. But high cost, lower building rates and smaller scales are constrained for this process. The SLM-WAAM fabrication process is divided into two parts, complex and simple. The complex part is finished by SLM and then WAAM takes place. And for the simple part WAAM is used. Ti-6Al-4V was taken as a sample for a hybrid SLM-WAAM process. The horizontal(H-) & vertical(V-) SLM specimen are implemented as base in WAAM samples. The outcome of the hybrid phase was such that there were three separate

zones in the system formed: the SLM zone, the WAAM zone and the interface zone. In SLM region, the  $\beta$  column grain consisted of martensitic  $\alpha'$ , these grains grow coarse in interface area due to repeated heating, and coarse  $\beta$  column grain with lamellae resulted in WAAM region epitaxial development. The Yielding Strength, Tensile Strength and Elongation for WAAM specimen were 841MPa, 927MPa & 10.5% respectively and for H-SLM-WAAM specimen was 850MPa, 905MPa & 10.2%, also V-SLM-WAAM specimen had 890MPa, 995MPa & 10% respectively[144].

### 7.9 Speed-Arc and Speed-Pulse WAAM

WAAM is sort of an AM method based on droplets, being a very promising method for directly manufacturing of complicated thin-walled components[145], [146]. WAAM has higher rates of deposition, which is an ideal for larger-scale part manufacturing[147], [148]. In addition, WAAM benefits such as lower costs & lower rates of waste. The movement of liquidus droplet over the arc from wire electrode to melted pool is another specific phenomenon found in WAAM. The temperature of the liquidus droplets are high as compared to the temperature of the solid, also the liquidus droplet passes some of the heat into the melt pool.

For various arc modes, they conducted Wire + Arc additive manufacturing (WAAM) experiments with a stainless steel 316L. Relatively and structurally stable are the Speed-Pulse and Speed-Arc Additive Manufacturing processes. Speed-Arc-WAAM having a low heat inputs and greater cooling rates, even though deposition rates and scan speed of Speed-Pulse-WAAM & Speed-Arc-WAAM are the same. Speed-Arc-WAAM and Speed-Pulse-WAAM for the material were observed. Compared to Speed-Pulse-WAAM, Speed-Arc-WAAM has low heat inputs and high cooling rates, hence providing a solidification structure with finer particles, has better tensile strength and hardness. The final tensile strength of both samples was found to be greater than 540 MPa[149].

## 8. Multifarious aspects of Additive Manufacturing

### 8.1 AM with AA5183 wire

The present study uses traditional gas metal arc soldering proof for 20 mm thick AA6082-T6 plate as assist material to wire the AA5183 Aluminum amalgam added substance assembly[150]. Minutes of examination show that the operation can be carried out to reduce the porosity of gas and hot cracking in addition[151]. Hardness figures confirmed relative high toughness, which is to say approximately 75kg / mm<sup>2</sup> in flat and 70 and 75kg / mm<sup>2</sup> up to a 100kg / mm<sup>2</sup> AA6082 bolster plate in vertical plane[152]. Mechanical testing provided a separate yield and rigidity of 145 and 293MPa, with the lowest incentive for the heading through

thickness (Z)[137]. The fatigue was strong in directions equal (X) to the layer declaration path and opposite (Y)[153], [154].

## 8.2 Tool path generation

Additive Manufacturing (AM) machines have developed over the most recent thirty years from a predetermined number of costly models to generally accessible little scope ware production instruments[155]. These machines can consequently manufacture arbitrary moulded parts layer by layer from practically any material. The AM cycle has drawn huge exploration intrigue for an assortment of mechanical applications in the assembling, medical, design, aviation, and automotive cars. An especially intriguing application is the creation of huge, estimated aviation parts that are presently machined from expensive created material, for example, Ti-6Al-4V. AM depicts the probability of delivering these parts at exceptionally low fly-to-buy proportions in contrast with current creation rehearses. Numerous procedures are produced to assemble the metal structures in additive manufacturing, for example, Selective laser sintering[84], electron-beam free-form manufacture[156], direct metal deposition[86], and shape deposition producing[157], WAAM[12], [158], [159]. As far as to force sources, additive manufacturing can be characterized into three: laser, arc, and electron. Wire arc additive manufacturing is an arc-based cycle by name that uses either the GTAW measurement, i.e., gas tungsten arc welding, or the GMAW measurement, i.e., gas metal arc welding (GMAW), which is regarded as a promising innovation for the manufacture of usable metal parts. With the benefits of lower costs, higher deposition rate, and more secure operation, WAAM is viewed as a more sensible strategy for assembling aviation segments with middle to huge sizes. For the most part, the affidavit pace of laser or electron bar statement is in the request for 2–10 g/min, contrasted with 50–130 g/min for WAAM [160]. In any case, a develop WAAM framework is still not monetarily accessible to the business at present because of various intrinsic specialized difficulties, for example, contortion and leftover worry from exorbitant warmth input, and lopsided weld bead calculation dissemination inside weld ways. The issue of distortion furthermore, residual stress could be limited using warm tensioning innovation or receiving a low-heat input cycle, for example, cold metal transfer (CMT). [161]

## 9. Conclusions

A systematic analysis of recent trends in WAAM method based on microstructure, mechanical was presented. Post-process treatment, mechanical properties, and process defects. A consistency-based framework for manufacturing optimum quality and components that are defect less is suggested by integrating the expertise of material properties with the efficiency of specific WAAM techniques. The basic interrelationships of metallic

materials govern the composition of material and the microstructure Value in production and properties. Since the WAAM method is a thermal process essentially without equilibrium, it is a challenge to anticipate and monitor the evolution of the microstructural structure, that affects the mechanical properties of the component being deposited. In order to provide guidelines for process management, enhancement and monitoring of the study of the underlying physical and chemical metallurgical structure of WAAM processes, further analysis should be carried out. The defects in the component generated by WAAM are closely associated with target material properties and process parameters. It is of prime importance to establish techniques or auxiliary approaches for the resolution of faults. The proposed standards-based system would be broadly implemented in future years with the necessity of high quality WAAM pieces.

It is an interdisciplinary undertaking, involving the development of physical welding processes, thermo-mechanical engineering, materials science, control device architecture and mechatronic, as WAAM evolves as a commercial production process, to create a commercially available WAAM metal components system. Although several studies in many fields, such as process planning, programming, and content analysis, has been conducted over recent years, a general one WAAM off-shelf purpose device is yet to be developed in similar fusion processes, like the commercially usable powder bed systems. Owing to the varied specifications for different engineering materials and the varying production sizes, several different WAAM systems that are tailored for individual applications rather than a single solution that can cope with all possible issues are required to be produced.

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