

Experiment Report Form

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Instructions for preparing your Report

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- type your report, in English.
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	Experiment title: Inter-relationships Among Build Height, Residual Stresses, Distortion and Properties of Ti-6Al-4V Tubes Manufactured by Laser Metal Deposition (LMD)	Experiment number: MA4218
Beamline:	Date of experiment: from: 15/09/2018 to: 20/09/2018	Date of report: 20/02/2019
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Aims of the experiment and scientific background

Component distortion is caused by residual stresses which are a function of build-height. Understanding this relationship allows for prediction of optimum build-height giving minimal distortion of thin walled Ti6Al4V LMD components. The original objective of this study was to investigate the relationship between build height and through-thickness residual stresses. However, to ensure that sufficient data was acquired for each height, measurements were limited to the tube thickness centerline. This still allows quantification of the influences of residual stresses on the dimensional stability of the tube sections. The LMD tubes were manufactured with a 40 mm inner diameter and a wall thickness of 4 mm. Sample height varied from 10 mm (14 layers) to 70 mm (110 layers) and consisted of four Series 1 (machined) and four Series 2 (as-built) samples (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Set-up of both Series 1 & 2 samples on ID 15.

Manufacturing of Laser Metal Deposition(LMD) samples

Eight samples of varying height (see Figure 1) were manufactured for the ESRF experiment. An additional specimen was prepared for d_0 measurements as seen in Figure 2.



Figure 2: d_0 specimen machined by EDM wire cutting and set-up on beam line.

Tubes were manufactured using a 4.0 kW Trumpf laser cell which allows control of process parameters, i.e. laser power, focus position, laser scanning speed and bed rotational speed, thus providing a reliable and repeatable process. The LMD are given in the Table below:

Titanium Grade 5 ASTM (Ti-6Al-4V) powder			
Power	1900W	Powder mass flow rate	8 g/min
Traverse Velocity	0.01 m/s	Powder Carrier gas	Helium
Nozzle angle	8° in retreat direction	Shielding gas	Argon
Nozzle standoff	12 mm	Powder particle size	40 - 100 μm
Layer height	0.6 mm	Powder particle shape	Spherical
Laser spot size	3 mm		

The Experiment:

After setting up the two energy dispersive detectors, a set of tube specimens were mounted as shown in Figure 1 and measurements made in both the hoop and axial directions. Figure 3 shows a typical diffraction pattern in the α -phase of the Ti-6Al-4V alloy fitted with GSAS after conversion to virtual angle dispersive diffraction. This allowed access to additional peak profile functions. The peaks are clearly separated and easy to fit, but as evident in Figure 3, some peaks are missing due to the large grain size. This issue provided the rationale for choosing energy dispersive diffraction measurements. The resulting strain maps are currently being processed to provide residual stress data that can then be related to specimen height and to the influence of machining. These residual stress maps will eventually be related to the dynamic load performance of LMD Ti-6Al-4V tube components and correlated with the LMD microstructure in an ongoing PhD project.

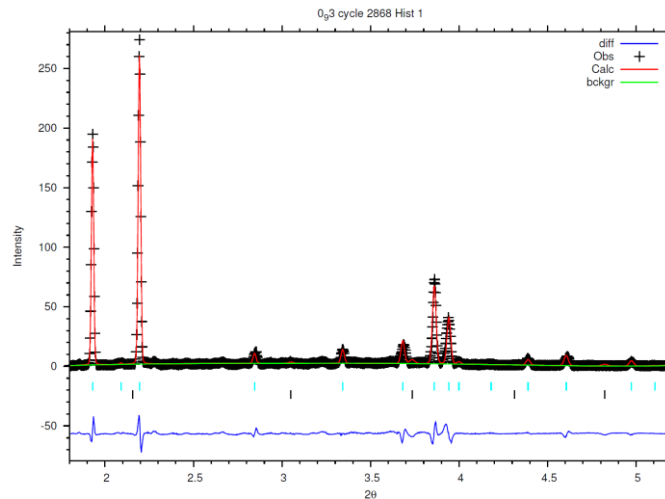


Figure 3. Typical energy dispersive virtual 2θ diffraction spectrum for the Ti-6Al-4V LMD tube, fitted using GSAS.