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#### Gamma Alloy Technology: Fundamentals and Development

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Fundamentals Processing Microstructural Evolution Structure/Property Relationships Designing Microstructures Component-Specific Alloy Design Forming and Application Summary and Future Direction

(April 1996)

#### **Fundamentals**

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**Phase Relations and Transformations** 

**Microstructural Evolution** 

**Deformation Mechanism** 

**Alloying Effects** 

**Deformation and Fracture Behavior** 

**Environmental Resistance** 

#### **Alpha Decomposition**

#### At Very Slow Cooling Rate

#### **At Intermediate Cooling Rates**

Lamellar Structure Formation Stacking Fault Mechanism Gamma Precipitation and Growth

Ordering

No Compositional Changes Involved Compositional Changes Involved

Effects of Composition and Cooling Rate

#### **At Fast Cooling Rates**

Widmanstätten Structures

Massively-Transformed Gamma

Formation of  $\alpha_2$  Phase



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Ti-43AI : Homogenized and DTA Cooled

# Cooling Rate vs Lamellar Spacing (Ti-47AI)

## 0.2 °C/min

### 50°C/min

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Cooling Rate (R) vs Lamellar Spacing ( $\lambda$ )





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#### **Processing Routes for Gamma Alloys**

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#### Microstructural Evolution and Control

#### Principle

Phase Relation and Transformation

#### **In Practice**

Formation/Growth Kinetics, Distribution and Morphology Depend on Starting Microstructural and Compositional Conditions.

#### **Controlling Factors**

Temperature and Time Heating Rate, Cooling Rate, and Scheme Aging Method and Condition

#### **Starting Material**

Cast Product Ingot Wrought-Processed Material PM Processed Material Material Processed by Other Processes







#### Processing

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#### **Ingot Preparation**

Methods: ISM; PAM; VAR; VAR-Skull Size Limitations (?) Compositional/Microstructural Issues

#### **NNS Casting**

Investment vs. Permanent-Mold

ISSUES: Refinement; Porosity/Hip-Cycle Thin-Section Casting

#### Wrought Processing

Primary: Conversion; Mill Production Secondary: Forming, Rolling, etc. Heat-Treatment Cycles Joining; Machining

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#### **Other Processes**

#### **Processing Routes for Gamma Alloys**

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#### Microstructure Control in Castings

#### **Standard Alloys**

Ti-47Al-(1-2)Cr-(2-4)(Nb,Ta,W)-(0-0.2)Si

As-Cast Microstructures Non-uniform; Lamellar Base

Controlled Microstructures Refining and Uniformization Practical: Casting Duplex Desired: NL; Refined FL

#### **Boride-Containing Alloys**

XD Gamma Alloys Ti-(45, 47)Al-4(Cr,Mn)-2Nb-0.8TiB2 TMT-Type Microstructures

Others: IHI; GKSS Inoculation by Borides

#### **Microstructures in Castings**



**Casting RFL** 

**As-Cast** 

 $T_{CC}$ - $\Delta T$  Treated

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#### Microstructure Control in Wrought Alloys

#### **Standard Alloys**

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Ti-47Al-(0-3) (Cr,Mn,V)-(0-6) (Nb,Ta,Mo,W)

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As-Processed Microstructures Fine Mixture of Gamma and Alpha-2

Heat Treatments Yield Standard Microstructures

#### **Standard Microstructures**

Types

Near-Gamma (NG) Duplex (DP) Nearly-Lamellar (NL) Fully-Lamellar (FL)

Inverse El/K1c Relationship Difficulties in Designing

Effort on Fundamental Understanding

#### **Designed Microstructures**



TI-46AL ALLOY CIGAR



Alloy K5's: Isothermally-Forged (1150°C/70/70)

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- 48Al Ti - 47AI - x<sub>2</sub>SI l - x<sub>1</sub>Si 47AI

Isothermally forged(85%) microstructures

50 µm



## Alloy K5: Isothermally-Forged and Duplex-Treated



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Alloy G1 : Forged + ( $\alpha$ + $\gamma$ ) Treated + Air Cooled

#### Microstructures of Gamma Alloys





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#### Lamellar Grain Size Control in Wrought Alloy K5




## Wrought Alloy K5 after High Temperature Treatments

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Forged (88%) AND HEAT TREATED (1200°C/2 HR/AC + 1000°C/24 HR/AC) <u>ALLOY 616</u>

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RT Tensile Curves in Duplex/NL Microstructures



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Duplex Microstructures in Alloy G1

Indirectly Aged

**Directly Aged** 

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### **Structure/Property Relationships**

### **General Mechanical Behavior**

Tensile Fracture Toughness Creep Fatigue; FCG,

### Inverse Ductility/FT Relationship

### **Deformation and Fracture Behavior**

Tensile Loading Cyclic Loading Creep Loading

### **Damage Tolerance and Life Prediction**

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**Microstructure Optimization** 



### 1270°C/4h/AC/RT

1270°C/4h/FC/900°C/AC + 900°C/48h/AC



Weak Yield Point

K5 Duplex: Et=0.5%

## Weak Yield Point

## **Strong Yield Point**



1270°C/4h/AC/RT

1270°C/4h/FC/900°C/AC + 900°C/48h/AC

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Tensile Fracture Surfaces of Alloy G1 in Various Microstructural Conditions





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Alloy K5 RFL Flat Gage Tensile Specimen Surface Deformed at RT  $(\sigma_o/\sigma_y=328/474 \text{ MPa}; \lambda_L=0.3 \mu m)$ 





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Deformed Microstructure of Alloy G1 at 1.9% Tensile Strain

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Alloy K5 RFL Tensile Specimen Flat Gage Surface Deformed at RT  $\sigma_{5/\epsilon_5}$  =524 MPa/0.78% ( $\sigma_{0/\epsilon_0}$ =328/0.19)



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RT Tensile Transgranular Fracture of FL Gamma Alloys: (a) Overall, (b) Interlamellar and Translamellar, (c, d) Translamellar Cleavage with Interlamellar Deformation



Fully-Lamellar

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Duplex

RT Tensile Fracture Features of TiAl alloys in FL and Duplex Microstructural Conditions

### Grain-Size//Yield-Stress Relations in TiAl



Specimen/Grain Size Effect on Tensile Properties







### **Corrected Hall-Petch Relation in FL TiAl**

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Hall-Petch Relations in TiAl Alloys



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# Hall-Petch Relations in TiAl Alloys

## **Duplex Material**

σ<sub>y</sub> = σ'₀ = k<sub>d</sub>d<sup>-1/2</sup> k<sub>d</sub> ~1 MPa√m Relatively isotropic

## Fully-Lamellar Material

 $\sigma_y=\sigma_o+k_{d\lambda}d^{-1/2}$ 

 $k_{d\lambda}=\text{2.5 MPa} \sqrt{m} ~(\text{for } \lambda\text{=1}~\mu\text{m})$ Combined Effect of d and  $\lambda$ 

 $k_{dy} = k_{d} \left( \tau^*_{avg} / \tau^*_{s} \right) = f_{tn} \left( \lambda \right)$ 

Orientation vs. Yield-Stress in the (x+ $^{0}$ z) Lath Structure

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Ti-(46.5-47)AI- (4-6)(Cr,V,Nb,M)





Tensile Fracture of FL Alloy G5 at 750°C

**Tensile Properties of Alloy K5** 

(Dependence on Microstructure, Temperature and Strain Rate)





Tensile Fracture of Alloy K5 (Duplex) in Air at 600°C [YS/UTS/EI : 396/545/3.6]

Away from Cl

CI Site

μm Far Below Fracture Surface

Near CI site



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Tensile Deformation and Fracture of a Duplex Alloy K5 at 800°C in Air

20 µm



### **Temperature Effect on Fracture Mode**



(Dependence on Microstructure, Temperature and Strain-Rate) **Tensile Properties of Alloy K5** 



Effect of Strain Rate on BDT in Alloy K5





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Dependence of Flow Stress on Strain-Rate and Temperature

### Factors Controlling Tensile Properties

### Microstructure

Types: Duplex vs. FL

Features

Grain Size and Morphology GB Morphology Lamellar Spacing (LS) α<sub>2</sub>/γ Ratio (α<sub>2</sub> vol%)

Uniformity

### Composition

 $\alpha_2/\gamma$  Ratio; LS

### Cleavage Strength

### **Interfacial Bond Strength**

**Grain Size Effects on Tensile and Toughness** 




Fracture Resistance and Near-Tip Plasticity at RT



General Tensile Yielding vs. Near-Crack-Tip Plasticity at KIc

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Interlamellar and Translamellar Deformation in Crack-Tip and Ligament Regions

### Fracture Toughness

### **Grain Size Effect**

### Lamellar Spacing Effect









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200 µm

T-Cracks Involving Delamination, and Both Inter- and Trans-lamellar Slip/Twinning



Effect of displacement rate on the K-resistance curves of the G1L alloy at 800°C.



Fracture Process in Lamellar TiAl Alloys at 800°C





**Creep Resistance of Alloy K5** 

**Stress Exponents** 

Larsen-Miller Plot









Alloy K5 RFL Specimen Crept at 800°C to 18.7% in Air Under (138-173-207-242-285 MPa) Step Stress Conditions





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Effect of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Layer on Creep











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Figure 2 Effects of the deviation from the stoichiometry on the variation of compressive yield strength of  $(Ti_{0.51}Al_{0.49})_{99.5}C_{0.5}$ ,  $(Ti_{0.50}Al_{0.50})_{99.5}C_{0.5}$  and  $(Ti_{0.49}Al_{0.51})_{99.5}C_{0.5}$  $C_{0.5}$  during aging at 1073 K.



Figure 3 Temperature dependence of compressive yield strength of  $(Ti_{0.51}Al_{0.49})_{99.5}C_{0.5}$  and  $(Ti_{0.50}Al_{0.50})_{99.5}C_{0.5}$  aged at 1073 k for  $3.6\times10^4$  s (10 h), and  $(Ti_{0.49}Al_{0.51})_{99.5}C_{0.5}$  aged at 1073 k for  $3.6\times10^3$  s (1 h). Data for binary and ternary TiAl are also included.

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 $\sigma_m = 430 \text{ MPa}$ ;  $C_f = 2,310$ 

 $\sigma_m = 330 \text{ MPa}$ ; Cf = 7.2x 10<sup>6</sup>

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Fatigue Deformation and Fracture of FL Alloy K5 at  $800^{\circ}$ C and R=0.1 in Air (UTS = 500 MPa)



### Fatigue Fracture of Alloy K5 in Various Conditions at 800°C and R = 0.1 in Air

## Load-Controlled Fatigue Failure of FL Alloy K5

(R=0.1 / 870°C / Air)



 $\sigma_{max}$ =350 MPa / Nf=9.6x10<sup>5</sup>

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Near CI Site

10 µm

Near Cl



Away from Cl

 $\sigma_m$  = 625 MPa / Cf = 1629



Away from Cl  $\sigma_m~=575~MPa~/~C_f~=1.36~x~10^6$ 

### Fatigue Fracture of a Duplex Alloy K5 at 600°C in Air (R = 0.1; UTS = 583 MPa)

Specimen Geometry Effect at <BDTT

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HCF of Alloy K5 in Duplex at 800°C (Effect of Frequency and Fatiguing Time)



### Effect of Frequency on HCF (at 800°C)

### High Stress Regime $(\sigma_{max} > \sigma_y)$

Frequency-dependent (need investigation) High-rate deformation

### Low Stress Regime $(\sigma_{max} > \sigma_y)$

Frequency-independent Time-dependent Creep deformation important

### **Creep Fatigue**

Suggested at Low Stresses Mean Stress:  $\sigma_{avg} = (\sigma_{max} + \sigma_{min})/2$ 



conditions.





### FCG of Alloy K5

### Fatigue Deformation and Failure

Fatigue behavior in gamma alloys consists of:

**Deformation** period (remarkably long), **Crack initiation and growth** (to a critical size) **Rapid crack propagation** (to failure) Below BDTT, flat SN curves are observed. The fatigue strength is controlled by tensile properties.

Duplex microstructure (preferred)

Above BDTT, fatigue life depends on tensile deformation behavior under high applied stress (>YS). Under low stresses (<YS), fatigue strength appears related to creep resistance.

Fully-lamellar microstructure (preferred)

Fracture takes place transgranularly below BDTT and boundary fracture becomes predominant at higher temperatures.







### **Alloy Design**

### **Alloy Selection**

### **Microstructural Optimization**

Considerations

Mechanical Data and Behavior Damage-Tolerance & Life-Prediction Microstructural Controllability

Derive Optimum Microstructures Devise Process & Treatment Schemes

### **Chemistry Modification**

Promote Desired Microstructures Improve Mechanical Behavior Enhance Environmental Resistance

### **Design of Microstructures**

Property Requirements Dimensional Considerations Component-Specific Microstructures Scaled-up Process Development

### **Designed Microstructures**

### Refined FL (RFL)

Alloy Modification Innovative Heat Treatments

### TMT Lamellar (TMTL)

Boron Addition Heat Treatments

### TMP Lamellar (TMPL)

Extrusion Forging Aging

### \*\*Aligned Lamellar\*\*

Directionally Solidified (DS) Directionally Worked : DELM; DFLM

Other Types: Under Exploration

### **Chemistry Modification**

(Standard: NG, DP, NL and FL)

### Optimized Microstructural Features

(Wrought Alloys)

### Lamellar Structure Base

Grain Size: 50-400 µm

### **GB Morphology**

Slip Transmission Bond Strength

### Lamellar Spacing < 2µm

Strength; Strain-to-Failure Toughness; Creep

### $\alpha_2$ Volume Fraction: 5-30 %

Strength; Ductility; Toughness Anisotropy

### **Texture Consideration**

Duplex Microstructures (?)

# **RFL vs. TMTL Microstructures**



## **TMT Lamellar Microstructures**

Wrought Processed Alloys Boron Additions: 0.05-0.5 % HW plus Alpha Treatment Advantages/Disadvantages










Cooling-Rate and Boron -Content on Alpha Decomposition



Alloy K1: As-Forged; Near Gamma; Duplex; and TMTL microstructures





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Alloy K2 (Ti-46.8AI-2Cr-4.0Nb-0.3B): Boride Distribution



Alloy K7: TMT-Treated (1390°C/1.5h/AC) and Annealed (1300°C/24h/AC)

**TMP Lamellar Microstructures** 





# K5SC Alloy TMPL Extrusion LT-Section



A TMP Microstructure in a 4822 Extrusion

Thermal Stability of TMP Lamellar Extrusions



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**Flow Curves of Lamellar Alloys** 

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Strengths of RFL/TMPL Gamma Alloys





### MIcrostructure on RT Tensile Properties

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### **GS/LS/YS** Relations in TiAl FL Alloys



# Alloy K8 TMP-Lamellar Extrusion

### Long-Transverse (LT)



Alloy K5S: Effect of Ram Speed on the Alpha-Forged Microstructure



K5S (Ti-46.2AI-2Cr-3Nb-0.2W-0.2Si): Directionally Alpha-Forged



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## A Discrete Lamellar Structure in Alloy K5





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Advances in Microstructural Control



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Gamma Microstructure/Property Relationships:

Good	25-30	2-2.5	100	85	1991	TMP Lamellar
Gocd	23-28	1.4-2.0	58	43	1991	Cast Nearly Lamellar*
Very Good	22-30	0.4-0.9	75	50	1990	Fully Lamellar
Fair	14	2-2.5	105	06	1990	Nearly Lamellar
Fair	12	3-4	80	65	1988	Duplex (G+L)
CREEP (<950°C)	K (ksi√in)	EL (%)	UTS (ksi)	YS (ksi)	YEAR	STRUCTURE
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TMP LAMELLAR STRUCTURE HAS BEST BALANCE OF PROPERTIES Properties of Titanium-Base Alloys and Superalloys

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Property	Ti-Base	Ti3Al-Base	TiAI-Base	Superalloys
Structure	hcp/bcc	DO19	L10	fcc/L12
Density (g/cm3)	4.5	4.1-4.7	3.7-3.9	7.9-8.5
Modulus (GPa)	95-115	110-145	160-180	206
Yield Strength (MPa)	380-1150	200-990	350-600	800-1200
Tensile Strength (MPa)	480-1200	800-1140	440-700	1250-1450
Ductility (%) at RT	10-25	2-10	1-4	10-25
Ductility (%) at HT(°C)	12-50 (550)	10-20 (660)	10-60 (870)	20-80 (870)
Fracture Toughness (MPa/m) at RT	30-60	13-30	12-35	30-90
<b>Creep Limit</b> (°C)	600	750	750a-950b	800-1090
Oxidation Limit (°C)	600	650	800*-950+	870*-1090**

a Duplex; b Fully-lamellar microstructures; \* Uncoated; + \*\* Coated; + Expected

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### **Component Forming**

(Wrought Processing)

### **Turbine Engine Components**

### Blades

Alloy/Microstructures Mill product + Machining Impression Forging to NNS Isothermal Hot-Die Forming Heat Treatment

### Disks

Mill Product + Machining Impression Forging to NNS Isothermal Hot-Die Forming Heat Treatment

### **Engine Valves**

### **Automotive Engines**

**Aircraft Engines** 



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### **Automotive Valve Forming**

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### **Cast Valve**

Casting

Hipping

Passenger Car

### Wrought Valve

Isothermal Forging

Production Die Extrusion/Forging Preconditioning: IM; PM High Rate Extrusion of Preforms High Rate Head Forging Microstructure Control

Head/Stem Joining

**High Performance** 



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### Wrought Gamma Engine Valve

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1st Step: Partial Extrusion

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G10 Valve Extrusion: Transverse Sections



### **Applications**

**Aircraft Gas Turbine Engines** 

**Automotive Engines** 

Land-Based Gas Turbine Engines

Others



Cast 4822 Gamma Transition Duct Beam GE-90 Engine for Boeing 777



COMPONENT AND ENGINE STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT RESEARCH



# Gamma Titanium HPC 6th Stage Blades

### **Participants:**

P&W	Cast "XD" Ti-47AI-2Nb-2Mn-0.8%TiB2
<b>Rolls Royce</b>	Cast "XD" Ti-45AI-2Nb-2Mn-0.8%TiB2
Allison ADC	Wrought Alloy 7
GE	Wrought Ti-48AI-2Cr-2Nb

### Schedule:

Design and fabrication
Delivery to P&W
Proof spin (P&W)
F113 Core test 100 hrs (AEBC)
Engine toolo - 2000 TAG ayelee (P&W)
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### Other gamma Ti components:

- HPG inner shroud-
- combuctor cwirlors
- pozzlo tiloo-

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## 4822 Cast Gamma LPT Blades for GE CF6-80C2

Cast and Chem-milled Engine Tested for over 1000 cycles

### **Summary and Future**

Continuous Alloy Exploration/Design Casting vs Wrough Alloys Continuous Search for Fundamentals Process Development Component-Specific Alloy Design Search for Application Areas Understand Practicality Collaboration/Exchange