NSRP National Shipbuilding Research Program

Program Update Welding Virtual Panel Meeting July 30, 2020 GoToWebinar



Welding Technology Virtual Panel Meeting

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1:00 pm | Opening Remarks & NSRP Program Update | Paul Hebert, Panel Chair Ryan Schneider, NSRP / ATI |
| 1:15 pm | Panel Project Presentation – High Penetration Dynamic Buried Arc Welding | Nick Kapustka, EWI |
| 1:45 pm | Panel Project Presentation – High Deposition Robotic Arc Additive Manufacturing Process Development | Mike Carney, EWI |
| 2:15 pm | Panel Project Presentation – Miniature Torch Speed Sensor Based Adaptive Manual Arc Welding | Yu Ming Zhang, University of Kentucky |
| 2:45 pm | Potential Panel Project | Megan Brinker, <u>TruQC</u> |
| 3:05 pm | Potential Panel Project | Jonathan Roberts, Ingalls |
| 3:25 pm | Potential Panel Project | Dennis Harwig, EWI |
| 3:45 pm | Final Remarks | Paul Hebert, Panel Chair |
| 4:00 pm | End | |

NSRP Mission



NSRP Mission

- The mission of the National Shipbuilding Research Program is to reduce the total ownership cost and improve the capabilities of both United States Government and U. S.-flag commercial ships.
- The Program accomplishes this mission by providing a collaborative framework to manage, focus, develop and share research & development, and leverage best practices in shipbuilding and ship repair.



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Program Overview



Organization

| NAVSEA NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND | PED C41 | Constanting to | FWS | PEO USD | TEAM | |
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Executive Control Board

Executive Director and Staff

| Extended Team | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Major Initiatives | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ship Design & Material Technologies | Ship Production Technologies | Business Processes & Information Technologies | Infrastructure & Support | | | | | | | |
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| Ship Design & Material Technologies | Electrical Technologies | Business Technologies | Environmental, Health, and Safety | | | | | | | |
| Ship Warfare Systems Integration | Ship Warfare Systems Planning, Production Integration Processes & Facilities | | Workforce Development | | | | | | | |
| | Surface Preparation & Coatings | | | | | | | | | |
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High Penetration Dynamic Buried Arc Welding

NSRP Project Number 2019-375 Task 003

EWI Project Number 58244GTH

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- Ingalls Shipbuilding provided the ½-in. DH 36 steel plate and 3/8-in. EH 36 steel plate for this project.
- OTC DAIHEN provided the buried arc GMAW system used for this project.



Project Team

- EWI (prime)
 - Nick Kapustka (PI), Katie Hardin (PM), Steve Manring (Eng. Support)
- Participants
 - Kevin Roossinck (Ingalls)
 - Cody Whitely (NASSCO)
 - Jeff Farren (NSWCCD)
 - Ken Johnson (Vigor)
- NSRP Program Technical Representative (PTR)
 - Jonathan Roberts (Ingalls)
- NSRP Technical Representative
 - Mark Smitherman (ATI)
- Supporters
 - Nick Evans (GD-BIW)

Overview

- Introduction
- Objectives
- Approach
- Application selection
- Results
- Conclusions

Introduction 1 of 2

- Shipyards have historically used submerged arc welding (SAW), flux cored arc welding (FCAW), and gas metal arc welding (GMAW) to fabricate butt-joints in thick steel plate.
- For butt-joints in 1/2-in. or thicker steel plate
 - Joint preparation is common.
 - Two-sided welding is common.
 - Plate flipping
 - Back gouging
 - SAW commonly uses two or more passes.
 - FCAW/GMAW typically require five or more passe s.
- OTC DAIHEN has a GMAW variant that is designed for buried arc welding of thick steel plate.
 - Single-sided, single-pass welds in up to ³/₄-in. thick steel
 - Joint preparation can be reduced or eliminated.
 - Plate flipping and back gouging can be eliminated.





Introduction 2 of 2

- GMAW-B has been promoted in the past, but erratic behavior and difficulty "tuning" the process have limited its applications.
- OTC DAIHEN has made improvements to the entire spectrum of this technology, which makes GMAW-B a potential high productivity, high-quality method for joining thick steel plates.
- GMAW-B is in the early stages of commercialization, so process and business case data are needed to support potential implementation in the U.S. shipbuilding industry.





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 Identify GMAW-B procedures that can produce satisfactory thick plate welds in Navy and/or ABS steels that consistently meet the nondestructive evaluation (NDE) and mechanical testing requirements, while reducing weld times.

Approach $_{1 \text{ of } 2}$

- Task 1 Project Initiation and Kick-off Meeting (Complete)
 - Setup GMAW-B system at EWI
 - Project kick-off telecom
 - Identify up to two applications for evaluation
 - Discuss tests for evaluation of procedures for each application
 - Consult with NSWCCD and shipyard team members to identify tests for evaluating procedures for each application
- Task 2 Identification of Buried Arc Parameter Sets (Complete)
 - Develop buried arc GMAW procedures for each application
 - Produce weldments for each application using the developed procedures
 - Evaluate with procedure qualification tests for legacy processes
 - Additional tests identified by the project team
 - Document productivity, heat input, and other data to support business case

Approach 2 of 2

- Task 3 Demonstration and Implementation (Complete)
 - Demonstrate the GMAW-B process and corresponding best developed procedures for the selected applications for the project team members at EWI
- Task 4 Technology Transfer and Reporting (In-Process)
 - Project briefings at NSRP Welding Technology Panel meetings
 - Quarterly project progress reports
 - Final written report

Buried Arc System Setup

- OTC Daihen GMAW-B system
 - "Welbee DPS" power sources (2)
 - Programs designed for 0.052-in. Ø and 0.062-in. Ø steel wire, CO₂ shielding gas, and steel base material
 - Servo wire feed controllers (2)
 - Push wire feeder
 - Pull wire feeder
 - Heavy duty torch, 2.5 m
- Pandjiris side beam
- ArcAgent[™] DAQ
- Water chiller







Candidate Applications

- Target implementation opportunities
 - Panel line welding
 - Gantry system welding
- #1 Butt-joint in ½-in. thick DH 36 steel plate
 Several joint designs screened
- #2 Butt-joint in 3/8-in. thick EH36 steel plate
 Square groove Butt-joint
- Constants
 - Flat (1G) position
 - ER70S-3 filler wire (preferred)
 - 100% CO₂ shielding gas
 - Copper backing bar









Qualification Requirements – Navy Work 1 of 2

- Tests required for evaluating GMAW-B procedures for both applications have been discussed with NSWCCD.
 - GMAW-B will likely be viewed as a GMAW process variant.
 - The selected joint designs don't comply with MIL-STD-22D, so special approval may be required.
- Actual procedure qualification requirements need to be determined in the future through discussions with NSWCCD and NAVSEA.
- Requirements specified in NAVSEA Tech Pub 248 for qualifying procedures of legacy processes will likely apply in addition to any other NAVSEA specified requirements.
 - Nondestructive evaluation
 - Visual testing, magnetic particle testing, radiographic testing, ultrasonic testing
 - Mechanical testing
 - Tensile specimens (2), face bend specimens (2), root bend specimens (2)

Qualification Requirements – Navy Work 2 of 2

- Impact testing for S-1 materials using legacy processes
 - Not required when base material thickness is less then ¹/₂ in. per both Tech Pub 248 revisions
 - Not required for S-1 materials per Tech Pub 248 1995 Revision
 - Not required for S-1 materials when heat input is 109 kJ/in. or less per Tech Pub 248 2019 Revision
- Impact testing performed per project team's request
 - Five weld metal CVN specimens
 - Three heat affected zone (HAZ) CVN specimens
 - Three base metal CVN specimens

Welds W49 to W52 – $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. DH 36 Plate

- Goals
 - Determine NDE and mechanical test results
 - Evaluate effects of backing type
 - Evaluate effects of wire type/source
- Approach
 - Joint prep with shallow groove
 - Filler wires
 - 1/16-in. Ø ER70S-3 (W51, W52)
 - 1/16-in. Ø ER70S-G (W49, W50)
 - Backing
 - Copper backing (W50, W52)
 - Ceramic backing (W49, W51)
 - No root opening
- Evaluation
 - NDE: VT, MT, RT, UT
 - Mechanical testing of W50







0.034-in. Deep, 0.31-in. Wide

0.050-in. Deep, 0.20-in. Wide

Welds W49 to W52 – NDE

- All welds met the Class 1 NDE requirements of MIL-STD-2035.
 - Reinforcement $\leq 3/32$ in. in the as-welded condition

Copper

- ER70S-G wire provided better stability and profile compared to the ER70S-3 wire.
 - W49, W50, W51
 - Met VT requirements in as-welded condition
 - W52 (ER70S-3)
 - Arc instability between 18 and 21 in. from the start which resulted in overlap in the reinforcement
 - Reinforcement removed from 18 in. to the end prior to NDE by grinding





Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass



18- to 21-in

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Pass

Pass

Welds W49 to W52 – Backing Evaluation

- Welds made with identical procedures and both copper and ceramic backing met all NDE requirements.
- Ceramic backing resulted in smoother toes on the underside of the weld.
 - Effect of root opening on backing type needs to be determined.











Weld W50 – Tensile & Bend Testing

- Tensile test specimens met the property requirements for ER70S-3 wire and DH 36 plate.
 - Tensile test specimens broke in the base material.

| Specification | Ultimate Tensile Strength | 0.2% Yield Strength | Elongation |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| AWS A5.18 (ER70S-3 Wire) | 70-ksi Min. | 58-ksi Min. | 22% Min. |
| ABS Rules (DH 36 Plate) | 71- to 90-ksi | 51-ksi Min. | 20% Min. |
| T1 | 79.0-ksi | 66.0-ksi | 31.7% |
| Т2 | 80.1-ksi | 66.8-ksi | 35.9% |



- Bend test specimens passed with no visual defects.
 - Tested with a mandrel Ø of 1.5 in. to impose 20% elongation



Weld W50 – Weld Metal CVN Results

- AWS A5.18 Table 4 impact test requirements for ER70S-3 wire
 - Test temperature: -20°C
 - Min. average impact strength of middle three specimens: 27-J
- Weld metal CVN specimens met the filler wire impact test requirements.
 - All five values are above 27-J.
 - Average impact strength is 67-J.

| Specimen Type: <u>A (V-Notch)</u> | | | Test Date: 2/21/2020 | | | Relea | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Specimen ID (N/A) | Notch Location (N/A) | Notch Orientation (N/A) | W (mm) | D (mm) | Test Temperature (C) | Abs. Energy (J) | Lateral Expansion (mm) | Shear Area (%) | Condition (N/A) |
| WM1 | WCL | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 33.0 24 (ft-lb) | 0.66 0.026 (in) | 10 | As Received |
| WM2 | WCL | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 76.0 56 (ft-lb) | 1.23 0.048 (in) | 38 | As Received |
| WM3 | WCL | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 59.0 44 (ft-lb) | 1.00 0.039 (in) | 26 | As Received |
| WM4 | WCL | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 74.0 55 (ft-lb) | 1.18 0.046 (in) | 43 | As Received |
| WM5 | WCL | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 69.0 51 (ft-lb) | 1.12 0.044 (in) | 26 | As Received |

Notched Bar Impact Test, ASTM E23



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Weld W50 – HAZ/BM CVN Results

- ABS Rules impact test requirements for DH 36 base material.
 - Test temperature: -20°C
 - Minimum average impact strength: 34-J, 24-J
- HAZ CVN specimens met the base metal requirements.
 - All three values are well above 34-J.
 - Average impact strength is 317-J.
- Base material (BM) meets base material requirements.
 - All three values are well above 34-J.
 - Average impact strength is 285-J.

Specimen Type: A (V-Notch)

Test Date: 2/21/2020

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| s | Specimen ID (N/A) | Notch Location (N/A) | Notch Orientation (N/A) | W (mm) | D (mm) | Test Temperature (C) | Abs. Energy (J) | Lateral Expansion (mm) | Shear Area (%) | Condition (N/A) |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | BM1 | Base | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 315.0 232 (ft-lb) | 2.47 0.097 (in) | 100 | As Received |
| | BM2 | Base | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 291.0 215 (ft-lb) | 1.81 0.071 (in) | 100 | As Received |
| | BM3 | Base | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 250.0 184 (ft-lb) | 2.49 0.098 (in) | 100 | As Received |
| | HAZ1 | HAZ | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 190.0 140 (ft-lb) | 2.08 0.082 (in) | 52 | As Received |
| | HAZ2 | HAZ | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 380.0 280 (ft-lb) | 2.57 0.101 (in) | 100 | As Received |
| | HAZ3 | HAZ | T-L | 9.99 0.393 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 382.0 282 (ft-lb) | 2.63 0.104 (in) | 100 | As Received |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

Base Material CVNs





HAZ CVNs

Wire Selection Trials – 1/2-in. DH 36 1 of 2

- GMAW-B is of interest for both NAVSEA and ABS applications.
 - ER70S-G cannot be used for NAVSEA applications and is not preferred for ABS applications.
 - Domestically supplied MIL70S-3 wire or ER70S-3 wire is needed.
- Second domestic source of 1/16-in. ER70S-3* wire was acquired to compare to ER70S-G wire and first source of ER70S-3* wire.
- Bead-on-plate trial data
 - Parameters of W49 W52
 - Visual observation
 - High speed data acquisition of current and voltage waveforms (10 kHz)

| | | Duration | a Longth | Data Acquisit | tion (10-kHz Sam | oling Freq.) | llootinnut |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Weld ID | Wire Type | (sec) | ≈ Length (in) | Avg. Current (A) | Avg. Voltage (V) | Power (W) | (kJ/in.) |
| W55 | ER70S-G | 72.2 | 21.3 | 566 | 37.3 | 21,184 | 70.6 |
| W58 | ER70S-3 ^{S1} | 70.6 | 20.6 | 569 | 37.2 | 21,238 | 70.8 |
| W59 | ER70S-3 ^{S2} | 73.1 | 21.3 | 555 | 37.6 | 20,971 | 69.9 |

* First source of ER70S-3 wire designated ER70S-3^{S1}, Second source or ER70S-3 wire designated ER70S-3^{S2}







Wire Selection Trials – 1/2-in. DH 36 2 of 2

- Process stability visual
 - Welds with ER70S-3^{s2} and ER70S-G wires have excellent process stability.
 - Weld with ER70S-3^{S1} wire had much less process stability.
- I and V waveforms
 - Welds made with ER70S-3^{S2} and ER70S-G wires appear more stable than weld made with ER70S-3^{S1} wire.



Weld W65 – ¹/₂-in. DH 36 Plate

- Goals
 - Verify NDE requirements can be met when ER70S-3 wire is used
 - Calculate heat input (10-kHz freq.)
 - Video
- Approach
 - ER70S-3^{S2} wire, 1/16 in. Ø
 - Parameters of W49 W52
 - Copper backing bar
 - No root opening
- Evaluation
 - NDE: VT, MT, RT, UT
 - Heat input calculated



0.034-in. Deep, 0.31-in. Wide

| Power Source Parameters (Main) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Travel | CTIMD | Travel | N | /lain | Buried Arc | Arc Control | | | | |
| Speed (ipm) | (in) | Angle (deg) | Current Trim (A) (-30 to +30) | | Char. (-20 to +20) | (-10 to +10) | | | | |
| 18.0 | 5/8 | 10° Push | 508 | -10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |



Weld W65 – Video & Waveforms

- Video available upon request
- Excellent process stability
- Heat input = 71.1 kJ/in.




Weld W65 – NDE

- W65 meets the Class 1 VT, MT, RT, and UT requirements
 - One of two plates was not in intimate contact with the backing bar which resulted in rollover on the underside.
 - Underside reinforcement removed prior to NDE.
 - Lesson learned
 - Plates need to be in intimate contact with the copper backing.



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Weld W64 – 3/8-in. EH 36 Plate

- Goals
 - Determine NDE and mechanical test results
 - Calculate heat input
 - Video
- Approach
 - Square butt-joint
 - ER70S-3^{S2} wire, 1/16-in. Ø
 - Copper backing bar
 - No root opening
- Evaluation
 - NDE: VT, PT, MT, RT, UT
 - Mechanical testing
 - Heat input calculated





| | Power Source Parameters (Main) | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Travel | CTMD | Travel | N | /lain | Buried Arc | Arc Control (-10 to +10) | | | | | |
| Speed (ipm) | (in) | Angle (deg) | Current (A) | Trim (-30 to +30) | Char. (-20 to +20) | | | | | | |
| 18.0 | 5/8 | 10° Push | 529 | -10 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |

Weld W64 – Video & Waveforms

- Video available upon request
- Excellent process stability
- Heat input = 74.2 kJ/in.





Weld W64 – NDE

- Excellent weld and underside profiles
- W64 meets the Class 1 VT, MT, RT, and UT requirements.
 - VT acceptance is contingent on weld cap reinforcement being reduced from 1/8 to 3/32 in.





Weld W64 – Destructive Testing

- Mechanical testing was performed in accordance with Tech Pub 248
 - Specimen layout was performed in accordance with Figure 2
 - Tensile (2)
 - Face bend (2)
 - Root bend (2)
 - Weld metal CVN (5)
 - HAZ CVN (3)
 - Base metal CVN (3)
 - ³/₄ Size CVN specimens



Weld W64 – Tensile and Bend Testing

• Tensile test specimens met the property requirements for ER70S-3 wire and EH 36 plate.

| Specification | Ultimate Tensile Strength | 0.2% Yield Strength | Elongation |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| AWS A5.18 (ER70S-3 Wire) | 70-ksi Min. | 58-ksi Min. | 22% Min. |
| ABS Rules (EH36 Plate) | 71- to 90-ksi | 51-ksi Min. | 20% Min. |
| T1 | 83.5-ksi | 65.0-ksi | 31.5% |
| T2 | 82.9-ksi | 61.7-ksi | 29.4% |



- Bend test specimens passed with no visual defects.
 - Tested using a 1.5-in. Ø mandrel to impose 20% elongation



Weld W64 – Weld Metal CVN Results

- AWS A5.18 Table 4 impact test requirements for ER70S-3 wire.
 - Test temperature: -20°C
 - Min. average impact strength of middle three specimens: 20-J (3/4-size)
- Weld metal CVN specimens did not meet the filler metal CVN requirements.
 - Average impact strength = 14-J
 - Impact testing is not required for procedure qualification of S-1 materials with thickness $< \frac{1}{2}$ in.

| Specimen Type: <u>A (V-Notch)</u> | | | Test Date: <u>4/8/2020</u> | | | Released By: <u>Steve O'Mara</u> | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Specimen ID (N/A) | Notch Location (N/A) | Notch Orientation (N/A) | W (mm) | D (mm) | Test Temperature (C) | Abs. Energy (J) | Lateral Expansion (mm) | Shear Area (%) | Condition (N/A) |
| WM1 | WCL | T-L | 7.50 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 12.0 9 (ft-lb) | 0.35 0.014 (in) | 38 | As Received |
| WM2 | WCL | T-L | 7.50 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 22.0 16 (ft-lb) | 0.63 0.025 (in) | 48 | As Received |
| WM3 | WCL | T-L | 7.49 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 12.0 9 (ft-lb) | 0.39 0.015 (in) | 35 | As Received |
| WM4 | WCL | T-L | 7.49 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 18.0 13 (ft-lb) | 0.49 0.019 (in) | 40 | As Received |
| WM5 | WCL | T-L | 7.50 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -20.0 -4 (F) | 7.0 5 (ft-lb) | 0.18 0.007 (in) | 30 | As Received |





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Weld W64 – HAZ/BM CVN Results

- ABS Rules impact test requirements for EH 36 base material.
 - Test temperature: -40°C
 - Minimum average impact strength for ³/₄ size specimens: 26-J, 18-J
- HAZ CVN specimens met the base material requirements.
 - All three values are above 26-J.
 - Average impact strength is 72-J.
- Base material CVN specimens met the base material requirements.
 - All three values are well above the 26-J.
 - Average impact strength is 108-J.





Notched Bar Impact Test, ASTM E23

Specimen Type: A (V-Notch)

Test Date: 4/8/2020

Released By: Steve O'Mara

| Base Metal CVNs | Specimen ID (N/A) | Notch Location (N/A) | Notch Orientation (N/A) | W (mm) | D (mm) | Test Temperature (C) | Abs. Energy (J) | Lateral Expansion (mm) | Shear Area (%) | Condition (N/A) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | HAZ1 | HAZ | T-L | 7.49 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -40.0 -40 (F) | 44.0 32 (ft-lb) | 0.99 0.039 (in) | 81 | As Received |
| | HAZ2 | HAZ | T-L | 7.49 0.295 (in) | 9.99 0.393 (in) | -40.0 -40 (F) | 69.0 51 (ft-lb) | 1.43 0.056 (in) | 92 | As Received |
| | HAZ3 | HAZ | T-L | 7.49 0.295 (in) | 10.00 0.394 (in) | -40.0 -40 (F) | 103.0 76 (ft-lb) | 2.07 0.081 (in) | 89 | As Received |
| | BM1 | Base | T-L | 7.50 0.295 (in) | 9.98 0.393 (in) | -40.0 -40 (F) | 83.0 61 (ft-lb) | 1.81 0.071 (in) | 82 | As Received |
| | BM2 | Base | T-L | 7.50 0.295 (in) | 9.98 0.393 (in) | -40.0 -40 (F) | 132.0 97 (ft-lb) | 2.51 0.099 (in) | 100 | As Received |
| The fire | BM3 | Base | T-L | 7.50 0.295 (in) | 9.98 0.393 (in) | -40.0 -40 (F) | 110.0 81 (ft-lb) | 2.18 0.086 (in) | 88 | As Received |



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Heat Input & Productivity Comparison with a Legacy Process

- Legacy process used at one shipyard is single wire SAW, two-sided procedure.
- Benefits of buried arc GMAW:
 - Plate flipping can be eliminated.
 - Arc-on-time per foot can be reduced.
 - Total heat input can be reduced which may result in lower distortion.
 - Back-gouging can be eliminated for plates 1/2-in. thick and above.
 - Flux is eliminated.

| | 3/8-in. EH 36 Steel Plate | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Joint Prep | Pass 1 | | Pass 2 | | Additional | Total Arc-on- | | | | | |
| Process | | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Processes | Weld | Total Heat Input | | | | |
| SAW | Square | 32-ipm | 30.9-kJ/in. | 32-ipm | 55.8-kJ/in. | Plate Flipping | 1.50-min. | 86.7-kJ/in. | | | | |
| GMAW-B (W64) | Groove | 18-ipm | 74.2-kJ/in. | N/A | N/A | None | 1.33-min. | 74.2-kJ/in. | | | | |
| | % Change 11% Reduction 14% Reduction | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | ½-in. DH 36 Steel Plate | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Joint Prep | Pass 1 | | Pass 2 | | Additional | Total Arc-on- | | | | | |
| Process | | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Processes | Time per Foot of Weld | Total Heat Input | | | | |
| SAW | Square Groove | 25-ipm | 58.8-kJ/in. | 25-ipm | 82.1-kJ/in. | Plate Flipping Back-gouging | 1.92-min. | 140.1-kJ/in. | | | | |
| GMAW-B (W65) | Shallow Bevel* | 18-ipm | 71.1-kJ/in. | N/A | N/A | Plate Bevel | 1.33-min. | 71.1-kJ/in. | | | | |
| | % Change 31% Reduction 49% Reduction | | | | | | | | | | | |

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- Legacy process used at one shipyard is single wire SAW, two-sided procedure.
- Benefits of buried arc GMAW:
 - Plate flipping can be eliminated.
 - Arc-on-time per foot can be reduced.
 - Total heat input can be reduced which may result in lower distortion.
 - Back-gouging can be eliminated for plates 1/2-in. thick and above.
 - Flux is eliminated.

| | 3/8-in. EH 36 Steel Plate | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Pas | is 1 | Additional | Pas | 52 | Total Arc-on- | | | | | |
| Process | Joint Prep | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Processes | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Time per Foot of Weld | Total Heat Input | | | | |
| SAW | Square | 32-ipm | 30.9-kJ/in. | Plate Flipping | 32-ipm | 55.8-kJ/in. | 1.50-min. | 86.7-kJ/in. | | | | |
| GMAW-B (W64) | Groove | 18-ipm | 74.2-kJ/in. | None | N/A | N/A | 1.33-min. | 74.2-kJ/in. | | | | |
| % Change 11% Reduction 14% Reduction | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ½-in. DH 36 Steel Plate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Pass 1 | | Additional | Pas | 52 | Total Arc-on- | | | | | |
| Process | Joint Prep | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Processes | Travel Speed | Heat Input | Time per Foot of Weld | Total Heat Input | | | | |
| SAW | Square Groove | 25-ipm | 58.8-kJ/in. | Plate Flipping Back-Gouging | 25-ipm | 82.1-kJ/in. | 1.92-min. | 140.1-kJ/in. | | | | |
| GMAW-B (W65) | Shallow Bevel* | 18-ipm | 71.1-kJ/in. | Plate Bevel | N/A | N/A | 1.33-min. | 71.1-kJ/in. | | | | |
| | | | | | | % Change | 31% Reduction | 49% Reduction | | | | |

Summary

- Buried arc GMAW procedures were developed for producing single pass welds in 1/2-in. DH 36 steel plate.
 - Weldments made with ER70S-G and two ER70S-3 wire met Class 1 NDE requirements.
 - Weldment produced with ER70S-G wire met the mechanical testing requirements for procedure qualification of legacy processes. Impact testing was also performed.
 - Weld metal CVNs met the impact testing requirements for ER70S-3 wire.
 - HAZ and base metal CVNs met the requirements for DH 36 steel plate.
 - Suitability for use with both copper backing and ceramic backing was shown.
- Buried arc GMAW procedures were developed for producing single pass welds in 3/8-in. EH 36 steel plate.
 - Weldment produced with the developed procedures and ER70S-3 wire met the NDE and mechanical testing requirements for procedure qualification of legacy processes. Impact testing was also performed using ³/₄ size specimens.
 - Weld metal CVNs did not meet the requirements for ER70S-3 wire.
 - HAZ and base metal CVNs met the requirements for EH 36 steel plate.
 - Feasibility of root opening tolerance of 0.04 to 0.16 in. was demonstrated with similar procedures.

Questions



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High Deposition Robotic Arc Additive Manufacturing Process Development

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Introduction

- Shipyards need a faster way to deposit weld material used in directed energy deposition (DED) additive manufacturing (AM) applications
- For gas metal arc (GMA) AM, high melting rate waveforms (lbs/amp) are desired to minimize heat input while maximizing deposition rate (lbs/hr)
- Tandem GMAW (T-GMAW), offers 200% to 300% improvement in speed and deposition rate compared to conventional single electrode GMAW for welding applications
- T-GMAW provides improvements by using two electrodes in close proximity.
- This project is focused on developing high deposition robotic T-GMA AM technology for a candidate material (such as stainless steel) that is selected by the project team.

Project Team

- EWI (prime)
 - Michael Carney (PI), Katie Hardin (PM), Dennis Harwig (STA)
- Austal (participant)
 - Shawn Wilber
- NSWCCD (participant)
 - Susan Hovanec
- NSRP Project Manager
 - Frances Pearce (ATI)
- NSRP Program Technical Representative (PTR)
 - Ken Johnson (Vigor Shipyards)

Objectives

The project goal is to develop high deposition robotic T-GMA AM process technology and establish process metrics for building large shapes and features on candidate material applications. The project objectives were:

- 1. Identify a candidate application and select a material for high deposition GMA AM technology development.
- 2. Evaluate high deposition GMA waveforms for maximum melting rate (lbs/amp) to minimize total heat input for building bulk shapes and controlling features (near net shape).
- 3. Develop high deposition GMA AM procedure models for the candidate material to control edge and layer features for building single-pass per layer walls and multiple pass per layer blocks.
- 4. Build prototype process qualifications for the selected application to establish structural properties and process-feature-property relationships.
- 5. Provide high deposition GMA AM process metrics for the selected application as an alternative to conventional shipbuilding processes.

Approach (1 of 2)

- Task 1 Project Initiation and Kick-off Meeting:
 - Issue subcontracts to participants (Complete)
 - Project kick-off meeting (Complete)
 - Finalize the project plan (Complete)
- Task 2 Evaluate T-GMA Waveforms for Maximum Melting Rate and Quality:
 - Setup a robotic T-GMA system (Complete)
 - Select up to four candidate waveforms for evaluation (Complete)
 - Develop T-GMA procedures for single bead and multi-pass deposits with the goal of maximizing productivity (single layer) (**Complete**)
 - Produce a single pass bead and a multi-pass deposit using the best developed procedures for each candidate waveform (**Complete**)
 - Summarize results in PowerPoint and present results to the project team (Complete)

Approach (2 of 2)

- Task 3 Develop Robotic T-GMA AM Procedures for Shape Deposition: (Complete)
 - For each waveform, develop procedures for both single pass per layer walls and multi-pass per layer bulk shapes using waveforms from Task 2.
 - For each waveform, produce an 18-in. long build that is 1- to 2-in. tall using the developed procedures
- Task 4 T-GMA AM Property Evaluation: (Complete)
 - Based on guidance from NSWCCD, EWI will fabricate standard qualification builds for both high deposition T-GMA waveforms and corresponding procedures developed in Task 3.
 - Evaluate qualification builds using radiographic testing and ultrasonic testing
 - Prepare and test property specimens (tensile, bend, metallographic) from the builds using the qualification scheme of the pending Navy Technical Publication
- Task 5 Technology Transfer and Reporting: (Complete)
 - Project briefings at NSRP Welding Technology Panel meetings
 - Quarterly project progress reports
 - Final written report

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Application 1 – Lincoln HyperFill™ Overview

- Twin-wire GMAW solution
- Designed for semiautomatic and automatic applications
- Deposition rates above 18 lbs/hr (24+ lbs/hr robotically)
- Ease-of-use (one power supply/feeder)
- Not direction dependent





- Equipment
 - S700 Powerwave
 - Autodrive 19
 - Flex Cool 35
 - R-30iB Plus Robot Controller
 - Arcmate 100iC 8L Robot





Application 1 – Lincoln HyperFill™ Results

| Trial No. | Process | Wire Feed Speed (in./min.) | Travel Speed (in./min.) | WFS/TS Ratio | Avg. Volts (V) | Avg. Amps (A) | Dep. Rate (Ib./hr.) | Heat input (kJ./in.) |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Hyperfill | 277 | 9.16 | 60 | 25.29 | 296.3 | 14.97 | 49.08 |
| 2 | Hyperfill | 277 | 18.46 | 30 | 25.18 | 280.4 | 14.97 | 22.96 |
| 3 | Hyperfill | 375 | 25 | 30 | 28.72 | 368.3 | 20.27 | 25.39 |
| 4 | Hyperfill | 465 | 31 | 30 | 32.26 | 460.1 | 25.13 | 28.73 |



Application 2 – Pulse Tandem Overview

- Two-wire GMAW solution
- Designed for automatic applications
- Deposition rates of 16 to 40 lb/hr
- Complex system (two power supplies/feeders)
- Direction dependent





- Equipment
 - (2) S700 Powerwave
 - (2) Autodrive 19 Tandem Controller
 - (2) 4R220 Auto Drive
 - Flex Cool 35
 - R-30iA Plus Robot Controller
 - Arcmate 120iC Robot





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Application 2 – Pulse Tandem Results

| Trial No. | Process | Wire Feed Speed (in./min.) | Travel Speed (in./min.) | WFS/TS Ratio | Avg. Volts (V) | Avg. Amps (A) | Dep. Rate (lb./hr.) | Heat input (kJ./in.) |
|--------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 | Tandem P-P | 390/360 | 25 | 30 | 25.76 | 214.1 | 20.26 | 26.47 |
| 6 | Tandem P-P | 480/450 | 31 | 30 | 27.28 | 244.4 | 25.13 | 25.81 |
| 7 | Tandem P-P | 570/540 | 37 | 30 | 28.97 | 277.3 | 29.99 | 26.06 |



Application 3 – Hotwire Tandem Overview

- Two-wire GMAW solution with reduced heat input up to 40%
- Designed for automatic applications
- Deposition rates of 16 to 40 lb/hr
- Complex system (two power supplies/feeders)
- Direction dependent

- Equipment
 - (2) S700 Powerwave
 - (2) Autodrive 19 Tandem Controller
 - (2) 4R220 Auto Drive
 - Flex Cool 35
 - R-30iA Plus Robot Controller
 - Arcmate 120iC Robot









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Application 3 – Hotwire Tandem® Results

| Trial No. | Process | Wire Feed Speed (in./min.) | Travel Speed (in./min.) | WFS/TS Ratio | Avg. Volts (V) | Avg. Amps (A) | Dep. Rate (lb./hr.) | Heat input (kJ./in.) |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8 | Tandem P-HW | 480 | 16 | 60 | 18.28 | 248.6 | 25.13 | 15.02 |
| 9 | Tandem P-HW | 570 | 37 | 30 | 19.35 | 290.42 | 29.99 | 27.49 |
| 10 | Tandem P-HW | 390 | 25 | 30 | 17.4 | 198.7 | 20.53 | 25.44 |



Application Down Selection

| Process | Maximum Deposition Rate Achieved (lbs/hr) | Power Efficiency at 20 lbs/hr (kJ/lb) | CTWD Sensitive? | Ease-of-use? | Direction Dependent? |
|-------------|--|--|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Hyperfill | 25 | 1877 | No | Yes | No |
| Tandem P-P | 30 | 1957 | Yes | No | Yes |
| Tandem P-HW | 30 | 1182 | Yes | No | Yes |

Heat input (kj/lb) Dep Rate 20 (lb/hr)



HyperFill[™] was selected

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Approach – Application Selection

SS-IBP Stainless Steel

- GMA-P (pulse gas metal arc) DED – Stainless Steel (SS), Single Sided, Nonintegrated Build Platform (SS-NIBP)
 - UNS C30403 QQ-S-763F Build Platform
 - ER308LSi Welding Electrode
 - 0.040-in. diameter
 - 99% Argon 1% CO₂ Shielding Gas
- Designed standard qualification build (SQB)
 - Thick 4-in. build platform to control distortion
 - Property specimens in x-, y-, and z-direction
 - Wall and block features in each build



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Cell Setup

- Fanuc robot system
 - Arc Mate 120iBe 6-axis robot
 - R-30iA controller
- Lincoln GMA System
 - Power Wave s500/s700 power source
 - AutoDrive 4R220 wire feeder
 - MagnumPro torch
- Cooling system
 - Vortec Frost Free Guns connected to an air supply and solenoid
 - Oil filters are in the air supply lines
- Infrared (IR) temperature sensor
 - Keyence FT-H40K infrared sensor



Directionality Study

- Set wire-to-wire orientation
- Ran four trials 45-degrees from each other
- No noticeable difference
- Process is omni-directional





Contract to Work Distance (CTWD) Study

- Additive Manufacturing Procedures Specification (AMPS) was set to a CTWD = 5/8 in.
- Ran trials at the following distances:
 - 3/8 in. Stable
 - 1/2 in. Stable
 - 1 in. Stable
 - 1.5 in. Unstable
 - 2 in. Unstable

1∕₂ in. 1.5 in.



3/8 in. 1 in. 2 in.

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Approach – Standard Qualification Build & Test/Qualification Scheme (ref 1)

- Standard Qualification Build
 - (x, y, z) Block & (x, z) wall features
 - Integrated or nonintegrated build platform
 - Single or double sided
- Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) (radiographic testing (RT) & ultrasonic testing (UT))
 - Post build machined
 - RT wall/UT block section features
- Property specimen matrix
 - Evaluate tensile, bend, impact etc. based on materials
 - x --, y --, z direction; evaluate anisotropy with height and scale
- Forms
 - (AMPS) and AM Procedure Qualification Record PQR

REF 1 -D.D Harwig,, W. Mohr,, S. Hovanec, J. Rettaliata, R. Hayleck., E Handler, and J.Farren, "Tech Pub Qualification Scheme Development for Arc Directed Energy Deposition Additive Manufacturing", In Proceedings of the Ground Vehicle Systems Engineering and Technology Symposium (GVSETS), NDIA, Novi, MI, Aug. 13-15, 2019.

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Qualification Build Matrix

- Build matrix included two bead sizes and two pre-heat/interpass temperature combinations:
 - Small bead (wire feed speed/travel speed (WFS/TS) = 35) and pre-heat/inter-pass (0/350°F) temperature (15 Lbs/Hr)
 - Large bead (WFS/TS = 42) and pre-heat / inter-pass (0/350°F) temperature (23 Lbs/Hr)
- Final bead conditions:
 - Small bead Multi bead: 35 WFS/TS (15 Lbs/Hr)
 - Small bead Single bead: 35 WFS/TS (15 Lbs/Hr)
 - Large bead Multi bead: 42 WFS/TS (23 Lbs/Hr)
 - Large bead Single bead: 32 WFS/TS (17 Lbs/Hr)



Multi Bead 35 WFS/TS



Multi Bead 42 WFS/TS



Single Bead 35 WFS/TS



Single Bead 32 WFS/TS

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Build



Build #1 – 1-in. Increments



Build #1 – As Built







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Build #2 – 1-in. Increments


Build #2 – As Built







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Machining/RT & UT



Build #1 After Machining







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Build NDE Reports



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Build #2 Repeat Single Wall



Data

| | | Round (0.5-inch dia.) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------|------------------|------|------|----------------|------|------|
| | | UTS (ksi) | | | 0.2% Yield (ksi) | | | Elongation (%) | | |
| | | x | У | z | x | У | z | x | У | z |
| | 15L | 84.3 | 86.4 | 84.7 | 58.5 | 65.7 | 56.4 | 44.6 | 38.7 | 39.9 |
| Single Wire | 15H | 80.9 | 83.1 | 80.6 | 50.8 | 57.9 | 49.1 | 43.5 | 38.6 | 40.5 |
| GMAW | 30L | 80.8 | 85.0 | 83.0 | 52.3 | 60.5 | 51.9 | 45.0 | 36.2 | 39.6 |
| | 30H | 80.1 | 84.0 | 80.7 | 47.8 | 56.0 | 48.4 | 41.7 | 34.4 | 41.6 |
| Twin Wire | 15lbs | 89.6 | 99.4 | 83.3 | 60.4 | 74.9 | 57.7 | 47.6 | 40.6 | 45.2 |
| GMAW | 23lbs | 92.3 | 106.9 | 91.3 | 62.3 | 81.5 | 63.1 | 47.4 | 28.5 | 41.3 |

| | | Flats | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|---------|----------|------------|------|--|
| | | UTS | | 0.2% YI | d Stress | Elongation | | |
| | | x | z | x | z | x | z | |
| Single Wire | 15L | 81.5 | 79.4 | 51.5 | 50.2 | 42.1 | 38.0 | |
| | 15H | 77.7 | 74.2 | 45.6 | 44.9 | 44.5 | 40.3 | |
| GMAW | 30L | 78.7 | 78.7 | 46.0 | 47.8 | 45.0 | 43.6 | |
| | 30H | 77.6 | 77.4 | 43.7 | 45.6 | 47.1 | 43.7 | |
| Twin Wire | 15lbs | 83.6 | 81.0 | 50.6 | 48.7 | 44.9 | 42.8 | |
| GMAW | 23lbs | 87.6 | 82.6 | 53.6 | 51.1 | 47.6 | 48.3 | |

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Productivity Metrics

| | | WFS (IPM) | #Wire | TS (IPM) | Wire Dia (in) | Deposition (Ib/hr) | WFS/TS | Deposition Increase Over Max GMAW-P (%) |
|---------|------|--------------|-------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|
| GMAW-P | LOW | 305 | 1 | 20 | 0.045 | 8.41 | 15.25 | |
| GMAW-P | HIGH | 250 | 1 | 8 | 0.045 | 6.89 | 31.25 | |
| GMAW-TW | LOW | 350 | 2 | 20 | 0.04 | 15.25 | 35 | 181% |
| GMAW-TW | HIGH | 525 | 2 | 25 | 0.04 | 22.88 | 42 | 272% |

Conclusions

- Twin Wire (TW) -GMAW shows promise for high deposition DED builds.
 - Based on puddle size, the minimum wall achieved was 0.47 in.
- Compared to tandem GMAW, TW-GMAW offers the following benefits:
 - Omni-directional
 - Good tolerance to CTWD variation
 - Deposition 2X-3X single wire GMA-P
- SQB properties were equal or better than GMA-P properties in most cases.
 - Exceeded AWS 5.9 requirements for ER308L

Next Steps/Schedule - Recommendations

Next Steps/Schedule:

- Submit Final Report
 - Project end date is July 31, 2020

Recommendations:

- Based on this investigation, the Twin Wire GMA-P process should be considered for large-scale DED build and other welding applications.
 - Arc DED
 - Fillet welds
 - Groove welds
 - Hybrid Laser

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Questions?



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