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Evaluation of Impacts of Argon Gas Mixture Based Welding Performance for MS

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Abstract: Gas mixture based welding has gained popularity in recent times. Researchers have tried many combinations of gases like Ar, Co2, O2 and He, to improve the welding accuracy. This paper aimed to evaluated the impact of the welding defects on mild steel (MS) by using the different percentage mixture of C02 and ar. Gas. The initial part of paper contributed to present extended survey of various gas mixture welds. The percentage of Ar is increased gradually as 55, 10% and 20% keeping the Co2 as the prime mixture gas. The welding quality is assessing based on the effect of the heating. Sheet burning and the weld spatter availability. The acceptability of the weld is considered as per the ISO5817 Class A and B standards of the welds. Three different experiments are performed on MS material. The best results and minimum spatter are achieved for the 80:20 ratio of gas mixture.

Key Words: Gas Welding, Gas Mixture, Spatter, Heat, Cut of Sheet, Sheet Burning.

1. Introduction

Welding aircraft carriers with currents up to 1000 A involves a variety of gases, including pure Ar and molecules like CO2 [1]. Gases are chosen experimentally, based on prior information and trial and error, when several possibilities are available. Welding aircraft carriers with currents up to 1000 A involves a variety of gases, including pure Ar and molecules like CO2 [2]. Gases are chosen experimentally, based on prior information and trial and error, when several possibilities are available.

It is found that improper mixture ration might cases many weld artifacts or defects. These may include sheet burning due to overheating, or excessive spatter poor welding strength etc. There are certain reasons why CO2 individual is not good for MS weld such as;

- For MS sheet welding, CO2 has a few disadvantages while being less expensive:
- Harsher Arc: This results in a more intense arc that is harder to manage and causes more splatter. Poorer Weld Quality: Compared to Ar-CO2, the weld quality is often worse and there is a greater chance of porosity and undercut.

Therefore, mixture combinations of Ar and Co2 are used for improving the weld quality of specially MS sheets. Using gas mixture has following advantages;

- Improved Arc Stability: The Ar-CO2 blend produces an additional stable arc than pure CO2, which results in smoother welds that have fewer spatters.
- Enhanced Weld Quality: This combination produces a weld bead that is more aesthetically pleasing and has better penetration and less porosity.
- Versatility: A mixture of Ar and CO2 can be used to weld different materials, including as

Numerous studies show that an argon-CO2 mixture has a major effect on mild steel welding.Research on various materials has demonstrated the importance of Argon mixed gas in welding procedures. The selection of shielding gas composition, especially Argon mixtures containing 8% Carbon dioxide (CO2), is critical to attaining superior welding results, particularly penetration, inclusions, overall hardness when welding low alloyed high-strength steel [1]. Similar to this, it has been demonstrated that using Ar-He shielding gas combinations with an ideal He volume ratio of 50% improves the quality of the weld by deepening penetration and decreasing porosity defects in aluminum alloy laser-arc hybrid welding [3]. This is made possible by the increased stability of the keyhole. As a result, the welding process as well as the caliber of the finished weld joints can be greatly impacted by the choice of Argon mixing gas.The schematic experimental setup for Gas mixture welding is illustrated in Figure 1.

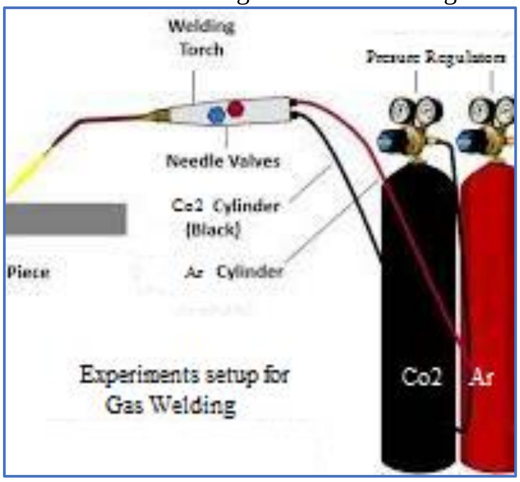

Figure 1 Experimental setup for Gas welding

According to research, using a 5%/95% CO2/Ar combination in additive manufacturing consuming wire arcs (WAAM) can improve mechanical characteristics and reduce process temperatures, resulting in geometries that are uniformly tensile and dimensionally correct [1], [2] and [3]. Furthermore, the addition of CO2 and O2 to pure argon shielding gas during narrow-gap gas metal arc welding (NG-GMAW) of MS can enhance weld formation, stabilize the arc and welding process, and affect the metal and the substrate. Transfer mode arc behavior, including the creation of weld beads as by [4], and [5]. Findings show that argon-CO2 mixtures are a good option for MS welding applications due to their adaptability and efficacy in improving welding operations and the quality of welded components.

2. Applications of Argon Gas Welding

The mixtures of the Gas welding are having huge applications the most relevant and common ones ate illustrated in the Figure 2.

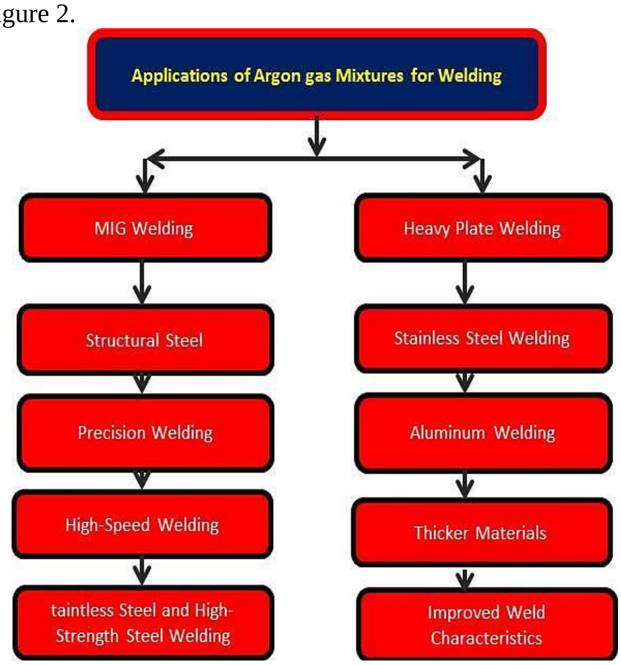

Figure 2 Applications of Argon Gas Welding's

3. Welding using a combination of Co2 and Argon

The use of the CO2 and argon are often used gases in welding, especially when using a MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welder. Each gas has its own set of characteristics that influence the welding technique, and when combined, they may enhance results in various ways.

A. Recently, argon-helium mixtures have also been studied using standard ratios: 90% Argon / 10% Helium, 25% Helium / 75% Argon
   • Combines the enhanced heat as well as penetration of helium with the arc stability of argon.
   • Improves weld quality and lowers porosity; ideal for welding big portions of stainless steel and aluminum.

B. Argon-Oxygen Mixtures offers Common Ratios: 98% Argon / 2% Oxygen, 95% Argon / 5% Oxygen

C. CO2 Distribution:

The reactive gas CO2 causes an arc to become brighter and more intense. It performs well for welding larger things and has high penetrating properties.

Advantages:

It is an cost-effective alternative to argon or argon-rich mixtures.For certain materials, there is increased arc stability and penetration.

Consequences: Increased spitting compared to mixes of oxygen, argon, and CO2.This results in a less smooth weld and increases the need for post-weld cleaning. .

Argon Gas serves as a shielding gas in many of the main welding processes, making it a crucial and critical aspect in the entire welding process.

1) The flux-cored welding method. FCAW
2) The procedure of Arc welding gas metal. (GTAW)
3) The FCAW (gas tungsten arc welding) procedure

When welding comparable materials, it has been shown that a variety of faults are typically attributed to the final welds. This could be due to a number of factors, such as poor weld quality that leads to rework and rejections, which further exacerbates poor quality.

Graphical representations of the Weld defects are shown in Figure 3 we can Prioritize that the Weld defects in the forms of Porosity and Blow holes, Cracks contributes to major weld defects

Standard Specification used for Welding for results related to Argon /Co2 % Variations

1. Sheet thickness—1.6 to 2mm.
2. Current used 115-120 Amps.
3. Filler Wire Dia – 0.8mm
4. Speed 2/3 meters /Minute
5. Material Grade Mild steel.
6. Weld—MS to MS (Similar Material)

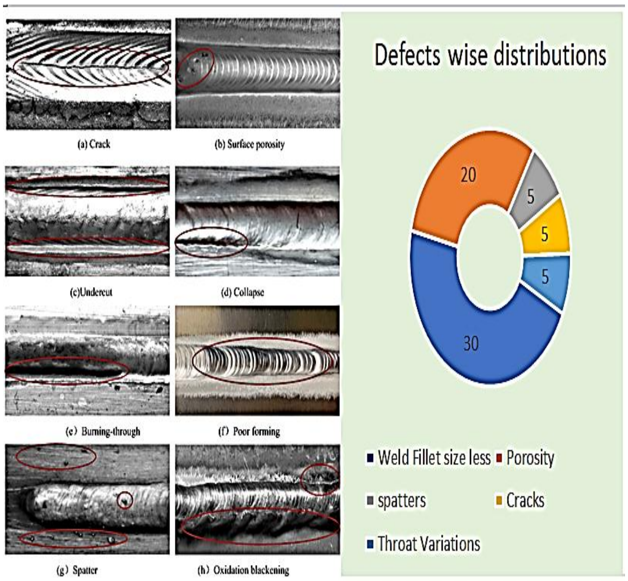

Figure 3 Graphical representations of the Weld defects

4.Review of Literature

Since their extensive use in the early 20th century, shielding gases have developed into a crucial component of industrial and commercial welding operations. Over time, it became clear that combining gases with diverse properties is frequently beneficial in a variety of applications. The argon and oxygen mixture is one of the industrial gas mixtures that is used most frequently. Oxygen and argon mixes are known to have a number of advantages, especially when compared to other shielding gases or even their combinations. Now let's examine more closely at the welding industry's significant need for argon-oxygen mixtures.

There are huge research have been carried out to implement the welding performance by using different gas admixtures this section have surveyed the most relevant once here. Didzis Avisans et al [3] proposed a technique is made more difficult by the chemistry of these components since it's crucial to maintain the steel's exceptionally strong qualities throughout the whole process. The chemical composition of the protective gas, the welding settings, and welding wire used all have a significant impact regarding the MAG (Metal Active Gas) soldering of these steels. While welding low combined high-strength steel, selecting the right welding cable and shielded gas is crucial. The heat input, the kind of welding wire transmission, and the method of welding overall are all altered by changing the weld parameters. The welding characteristics' stability may be affected by shielded gas.

Bishal Silwal et al [5] investigation was used a wire-based manufacturing system that employed a gas metal arc weld (GMAW) and surface tension move (STT) procedure to create three distinct geometric forms (barriers, infill, and hanging) using protecting gases with various levels of Argon (Ar) and CO2. Using a specially designed slicer, CAD (computer-aided design) models were removed, and a sliced method was transformed into the best robotic tool paths. In order to assess temperatures gradients on the substrate throughout each depositing procedure, a special virtual instrument (VI) was set up in LabVIEW. The angular components were imaged and a surface waveform score was calculated following each deposit. From the wall geometry, compressive and Charpy impacts slices were taken out and tested in both longitudinal and transversal planes

Sedigheh Hosseinzadeh et al [6]have presented a demonstration of the effects of several process factors; including flyers plate width, separation, and head shape, on welding surface properties. Abaqus/Explicit technology was utilized to conduct a thorough numerical parameterization study. Using a combination of gases explosion approach, impact welding tests were carried out on Al/Cu disparate metals in the study report. Analyzing the welding procedure and the ensuing joint qualities was the goal of the tests.Chuang Cai et al [7] studied, the fiber laser-metal inert gases (MIG) hybrids welding aluminum alloy's welding efficiency was enhanced by the employment of an Ar-He shielded air combination. We looked at how different He volumes for Ar-He shielded combinations affected degree of porosity error, electron count, welding dimension, and ionized temperatures, in that order. 50% of the He ratio in volume was sufficient to increase the welding deeper penetration and reduce the permeability of the problem. Weld drilling depth rose as a result of an increase in the actual laser density along with a rise in the wavelength to volume proportion.

Heng Li et al [8] stated resistance to impact of ultra-ferritic metal that has been welded through an autogenously tungsten arc welding with gas (GTAW) method was examined in relation to the incorporation of nitrogen gases in an Ar-based double-layer shielded gas. It was suggested that nitrogen behaved this way. The weld alloys' mechanics, structure, and fracturing surface appearance have all been assessed. Nitrogen inclusion resulted in the production of more equivalent particles, finer grains, narrower HAZ length, and higher micro hardness. The results of the experiment showed that oxygen disintegrated in the weld pool and spread into the HAZ. By altering the solvent shipment, considerable fundamental supercoiling and a reduction on the weld pool's temperature slope were brought about, both of which enhanced the fine morphology.

Wichan Chuaiphan et al [9] had goal of their study is to identify a low-cost fix for the metallic welding issue. In the region, lower-quality metallic material is often used. This study examines the form of the welding beads, structure, mechanics, and ageing behavior of the austenitic steel SUS 201 welding joint produced by the GTA welding procedure using grades RE 310 SS filler metal. Four distinct shield gas combinations—1%H2 + 99%Argon, 3%H2 + 97%Ar, 5%H2 + 95%Ar—were used for the welding process.

Her-Yueh, Huang et al [10] finds relationship among hydrogen content and activation flow of an argon-based shielded gas has attracted a lot of attention. This investigation looked at the microscopy preserved delta chromite material, arc characteristics, angular deformation, and weld morphology. In business, using an activation flux that combines hydrogen & argon for GTAW is crucial. This study's findings are shown here

Belinga Mvola et al [11] work offers a cross-comparison of shielded effect in welding with fusion, investigates the impacts of sheltering gas mixes and their constituents, and makes recommendations for the adaptable management of shielded gases in sophisticated adapted welding processes. From the perspective of how the gas that shields affects the procedure's effectiveness and output, the paper examines empirical examples and trials. The research takes into account shielding gases while welding non-ferrous substances like silver and its compounds, chrome and its alloys, and copper & its alloys that are as well as iron-based metals including carbon as a component stainless steel, and extremely strong metals.

Anthony B. Murphy et al [12]has evaluated effects of supplementing an argon protecting gas with nitrogen, hydrogen, and helium is examined. It is discovered that increasing any quantity of these gases results in a rise in the anode's heat transfer and its density of current. When any of these gases or up to roughly 50?mol% helium is supplied, the strain and arc temperature at anode surface rise; however, as helium content increases, these values drop. Consistent with the findings from the experiments, it is anticipated that the addition of any gas will cause the welding pool's height to rise.

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Kristin R Carpenter et al. [14] have researched to perform analyses of the effects of thirteen shielded gases on spraying transfer's FFR. Increasing CO2 affected FFR in Ar-based mixes more than raising O2. The FFR rose for the Ar-5%CO2 mixes when O2 rose in tertiary combinations, but no appreciable rise was seen in the Ar-12%CO2 combinations. Combinations of Ar-HeCO2 exhibited the greatest number of stable FFRs. Because of the spherical weld transmission method and enhanced splatter, the FFR with 100% CO2 was much greater. Kristin R Carpenter et al used gas- metal arc welding (GMAW), insulating gas is a crucial component. However, it is unclear how shield gas affects the size dispersion and particle makeup of welding particles. The median size of particle increased as the O2 or CO2 concentration of Ar-based shield gases was increased. Boosting CO2 affected size of particles more than boosting O2 did for binaries and tripartite Ar, CO2, and O2 combinations. Ar–He–CO2 combination adjustments had a minimal impact. Since the weld transmission mode changed to spherical at 100% CO2, the particulate variation in size had a

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substantial alteration, and the particulate size coarsened as you raised arc energy. There was just a little fluctuation in content with particle sizes and no discernible effect of shielding gases on particulate structure.

Eko Hendry Suyono et al [15] stated that two constants are effect strength and tensile resistance. The study leads to the conclusion that welded metal fused or un fusion is generated by heat input and is influenced by the welding voltage and shield gas. Tensile capacity and impact power were impacted by this circumstance. The third insulating gas on 80A was shown to have a fault (incomplete fusing and porosity), which is why its effect and tensile strengths were extremely low. Although it had strong fusing and no defects, the ArCO2 mix shielded gas on 120A had the maximum tension and impacting strengths.

Niranjan Pawaria et al [16] has researched on winding across the cross-section of the welding seam allows for further variation. Tests were conducted on structural attributes such as toughness, bending strength, and contact toughness. Using various combinations of insulating gas, four plates have been welded—two with considerable heat input and the remaining two with little heat input. Every test sample is extracted from a welding plate and examined in accordance with ASTM guidelines. Using a 500gf Vickers strength tester, toughness is measured. Three parameters—ultimate tensile force, percent lengthening, and yield strength—are chosen as strength indicators and are measured on a UTM utilizing the offset technique to create curves.The smashing test is conducted at ambient temperature. To ensure test dependability, three specimens with a V-notch shattered on a Charpy testing machine opposite the welder orientation are tested.

Suheni et al [17] presented research used the titanium neutral gas welding process (TIG) to weld a stainless steel SAF 2507 ultra a duplex, using heat factor inputs to assess the degree of effect on the equilibrium of core - iron oxide stage architecture. When using shielding gases, the thermal input was adjusted by using various welding speeds of 1, 3, 4, and 5 mm/sec. 98% argon + 2% oxygen, 100% argon, and 95% argon + 5% nitrogen.

5. Proposed Methodology

The proposed system model for the evaluation of impact of the Ar –Co2 gas mixture on the welding quality assessment is illustrated in the Figure 3. It is clear that the ratio of the Ar. is varied as 5%, 10 % and 20% respectively for experimentation. The rest of the welding setup is kept constant. The size of weld is set to 10 mm and the current level is varied up to the 120.

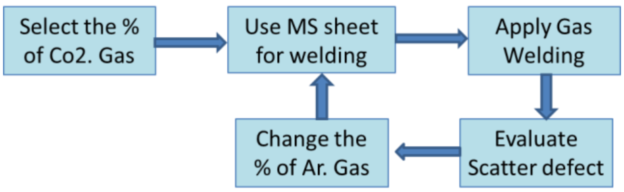


Figure 3 Proposed Welding Quality evaluation - methodology

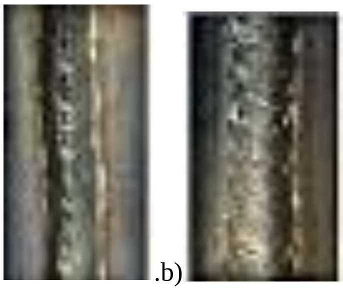
Criterion for choosing the correct shielding Gas

Selecting the right shielding gas is dependent on a number of variables:

- Material Type: For best results, various gases or combinations are needed for different metals.
- Thickness: Gases with a deeper penetration point, like CO2 or helium mixes, may be required for thicker materials.
- Weld Appearance: For visible welds or aesthetically pleasing applications, certain gases result in smoother, cleaner welds.
- Cost: CO2 is the most cost-effective option, although budgetary restrictions may affect the decision.

6. Experimental results

In this paper the experiments are performed by varying the different Ar, Co2 gas mixture. The percentage of ar. Mix is varied with CO2 as prime gas. The Figure 4 has presented the close snapshot of the good acceptable quality of weld results for 80/20 ratio of Co2/Ar.



a) .b)

Figure 4 a) heated not accepted, b) acceptable qualities of weld results.

The Table 1 represented the parametric utilization for the different gas compositions used for welds.

Table 1 The Gas compositions utilization

Material	Ar.	Co2.	Defects
MS	5 %	95 %	Defected
	10 %	90 %	Moderate
	20 %	80 %	Less

Table 2 Qualitative evaluation

Co2, Argon Combinations Results with Varied %			Results
Test Hypothesis 1	95% Co2 With 5% Argon	Excess Heat Generations with Welding Under cut of sheet , observed Porosity,	Not acceptable as per ISO5817 Class A,B
Test Hypothesis 2	90% Co2 With 10% Argon	Excess Spatters at High Heat Generations with Welding Under cut of sheet	Not acceptable as per ISO5817 Class A,B
Test Hypothesis 3	78-80% Co2 With 22-20% Argon	High Weld Penetrations with negligible Weld spatters and No sheet burning	Acceptable as per ISO5817 Class A,B Visual accepatnce

It can be observed from the Table 2 that the for the 95% Co2 With 5% Argon the excess Heat generations with welding is observed undercut of sheet, also observed the porosity. It is Not acceptable as per ISO5817 Class A,B.

While for the experiment 2 with 90% Co2 With 10% Argon it is noted to have excess spatters at high Heat generations with welding undercut of sheet. This is also Not acceptable as per ISO5817 Class A,B.

The but result are achieved for 78-80% Co2 With 22-20% Argon. High Weld penetrations with negligible Weld spatters and no sheet burning is noted. Theses quality of welds are acceptable as per ISO5817 Class A,B

The final results can be summarized as the following outcomes;

- Aesthic appearance Improved with no undercuts and sheets Burns,
- Uniform Fillet sizes achieved in linear lengths.
- Reduced rework to spatters removal.
- Good Weld strength achieved with Better Pul off strength.
- Surface observed completely Free From Weld porosity.
- Higher Customer satisfaction index

7. Conclusions and Future Scopes.

This study used various proportion mixtures of C02 and ar gas to assess the effects of welding flaws on mild steel (MS). The first section of the paper helped compile the current comprehensive survey of different gas mixture welds. Ar eventually increases to5,10%, and 20% while maintaining CO2 as the primary mixed gas.

The effect of the heating is used to evaluate the quality of the welding. Sheet burning and the availability of weld spatter. The conclusion is that 95% of CO2 Undercutting of the sheet is seen due to excess heat generated during welding when 5% argon is used.

Performance is evaluated tor Co2 /Ar ratioof 65/5, 90/10 and 80/20. It is concluded that gas mixture ratio of 80:20 yields the best performance and the least amount of spatter.

It is concluded that for MS sheet welding, CO2 can be utilized in some situations, but for improved weld quality, arc stability, as well as overall performance, an Ar-CO2 mix is usually advised.Reduced Spatter: The argon percentage of the mix reduces spatter compared to pure CO2.

Improved Arc Security: Argon strengthens the arc, improving overall weld appearance as well as manageability.

Powerful Penetration: the CO2 component maintains great penetrating power while lowering total expenses when compared to using pure argon.

In terms of flexibility it is concluded that combination can be applied to a wide range of substances as well as thicknesses and provides equilibrium between the benefits of argon and CO2.

In Future the study can be extended to different combination of other gases and materials as Ar, O2, and He mixes for iron or MS or Au MIG .

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