

Nucleation of Recrystallization of High Purity Aluminium

Mahantesh Makkalagerimath¹ Lohitesh Jaga Kumar² Praveen D.N³ T.P. Bharathesh⁴

^{1,2,3,4}Department of Mechanical Engineering

^{1,2,3,4}Akshaya Institute of Technology, Tumkur, Karnataka, India

Abstract— Investigating nucleation and recrystallization in high purity aluminium foil during the different heating up rates of annealing, it generally analysed the evolution of microstructure and texture. The improvement of the recrystallization surface in business immaculateness Al containing extensive aluminium cadmium (Alcd) hastens was researched to decide the reliance on the level of disfigurement and recrystallization temperature by methods for X-ray macro texture examination. The recrystallization surfaces create from the challenge between the Cube-introduction, and haphazardly situated grains because of molecule animated nucleation. The development of these introductions is examined regarding their nucleation and ensuing development conduct. Specific consideration is centered around the impact of the procedure parameters, for example strain, temperature and warming rate, on the proportion between the individual introductions in the recrystallization surfaces. The majority of the transformation structural in materials occurs with the help of nucleation and growth this is a heterogeneous transformation that that was first identified by Gibbs, is complete in regions of the structure. With these transformed regions separated with sharp interface from the other untransformed regions. Recrystallization, is such a transformation the recrystallization you can observe that high angle grain boundaries. These homogeneous reactions which occurs in the material and they are delocalised in these initially the transformation was incomplete. You can able to observe two stages that is the first one is nucleation and second one is growth.

Key words: Recrystallization, Aluminium

I. INTRODUCTION

In the present era, there is a drastic changes which is happening in the field of science and technology with the help of engineering materials. Some of them may be public infrastructure development, defence and other aviation sector. In this region it requires much more potential and ability that can be fulfilled with help of latest advancements in this field.

The alloys of aluminium have been a very good choice of material for the aerospace and as well as automotive applications because of their stunning properties. As we know that aluminium is a chemical element and it is denoted by Al and it has having an atomic number 30 and its colour is silvery white, non-magnetic, soft, ductile metal in the group of boron.

Aluminium is the third most abundant element, we can observe that it is the one of the most occurring element in the earth crust, aluminium is the highly chemically reactive in nature we can observe that it combined with more than 250 different material and it forms in the cube oriented region which leads to the formation of tube t FCC Structure. Cube structure develops from the cube grains with the help of nucleation cube orientation takes place that finally leads to form bonds in the region of deformed aluminium.

A. Aluminum & Its Alloys

Aluminum is brilliant for the metal's low thickness and for its ability to contradict disintegration in light of the wonder of passivation. Fundamental fragments created utilizing aluminum and its composites are pivotal to the flight business and are basic in various regions of transportation and essential materials. In high weight vessels it is used as a liner to expect spillage and goes about as a store trading medium.

Aluminum 7075

Aluminum 6061

Aluminum 2024

Aluminum 5052

Aluminum 7050

| Alloys | Density(g/cm3) | Yield strength (Mpa) | Ultimate strength(Mpa) |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Aluminum 7075 | 2.81 | 510-538 | 434-476 |
| Aluminum 6061 | 2.79 | 300 | 240 |
| Aluminum 2024 | 2.78 | 470 | 280 |
| Aluminum 5052 | 2.80 | 365 | 275 |
| Aluminum 7050 | 2.82 | 480 | 360 |

The project mainly emphasizes on Al 6061T6 alloy whose description is given in the following section. The phrase 061T6 indicates the heat treatment process conditions for Al 6061 alloy.

B. Nucleation of Recrystallization

The most of the transformation happening in the materials occurs with the help of nucleation and in this growth transformation occurs in the heterogeneous phase. That was first identified by Gibbs, he says the whole region in the structure can be transformed and separated with the sharp interface to the region of untransformed zone, and this is such a transformation the recrystallization you can observe that high angle grain boundaries. These homogeneous reactions which occurs in the material and they are delocalised in these initially the transformation was incomplete. You can able to observe two stages that is the first one is nucleation and second one is growth.

The moment in the interface of the atomic transfer requires the first and main stage nucleation that will leads to give more features than the usual and it can be identified with the how the transformation begins with the particular region. Recrystallization is process by which there is transition takes place from deformed grains. In this we can able to observe most of the defect free grains will be growing until to replace the new one. In addition to this the consumed recrystallization occurs with the help of strength reduction the material hardness increase simultaneously with the ductility

this can be introduced as deliberate steps in the processing of metals are may be undesirable by-product of other processing step one thing industrial uses is that softening of metal that has been previously hardened .

In the older generation for finding out recrystallized grains we used the method called as thermal fluctuation method. And this method can be used for the precipitation and solidification phenomena. In this phase it is assumed that the natural moment of atoms a very small nuclei would suddenly arise the matrix where nucleation is having association with the energy requirement with this new interface and energy liberation of the lower energy material formation takes place. we can say that it is thermodynamically stable when these nuclei were larger with compared to the critical radius the major problem of this model was stored energy dislocation is very low but where in the case of grain boundary energy is quite high when compared with stored energy.

The microstructural changes during annealing cold rolled material causes to decrease of the stored energy due to plastic deformation the phenomenon increases the defect in the materials. As result, one of the theory was proposed by scientist Cahn in the year 1950. But now it is accepted universally. There will be a mismatch in the orientation with increase in the mobility of the boundary so the growth rate of the sub grain will increase Dislocation in the certain fact it is confirmed that calculated nucleation rate was less than observed nucleation rate.

II. DISLOCATIONS

Dislocation is defined as it is the irregularity occurs within the crystal structure with the help of dislocation we can able to study lot many properties of materials, motion of the dislocation will leads to deformation in the plastic range and when metals are applied to the cold working the density in the dislocation range increases with this the formation of the new dislocation will multiplies with increase in the overlap between the adjacent dislocation in the strain fields gradually rises with this the further motion in the dislocation will resist it will result in hardening of metal in this deformation and this phenomenon is known as strain hardening.

Tangles of the dislocations is formed in the early stage of the deformation and it projects as non-well defined boundary and this phenomenon of dynamic recovery eventually leads to the building a cellular structure which is having a boundaries and that angle boundary is 15 degree, in addition to this adding the pinning points will leads to the motion of dislocation in the alloying elements and finally these stress fields will strengthen the material and finally it overcome the stress and will continuous the dislocation motion and this effects of the strain ageing by acquiring the dislocation and also the grain structure formed with the high strain and can be deleted with the sufficient heat treatment process which leads to the recovery and subsequently reaches the recrystallization of the material and this technique of strain edging and heat treatment process allows the control over the density of dislocation and we can able to observe the entanglement of the dislocation and finally it leads to the material yield strength

Dislocation is a type of crystal defect. In this the areas where in atoms are out of the position in the structure of the crystal and these are originated and moved when we apply the stress and when the dislocations are in the motion it will allows to do the slipping which intern forms the plastic deformation before the dislocation was discovered by a scientist Taylor and other two scientist in the year 1935, no one could imagine how the plastic deformation progress

A. Classification of Dislocations

1) EDGE Dislocation: -

Typically a normal crystal structure defects is known as edge dislocation. We can observe this when there are extra atoms penetrated to a plane in the crystal lattice edge dislocations will make a way for the atoms to slip from one another. It is a type of line defect where in crystal lattice which the defects occurs from the presence of extra plane which is present in the atoms are may be the loss of plane in an atoms exactly centre in the lattice .this effect causes where there atoms turns towards the dislocations there for the planes which is having in adjacent connections with the atoms are not linear.

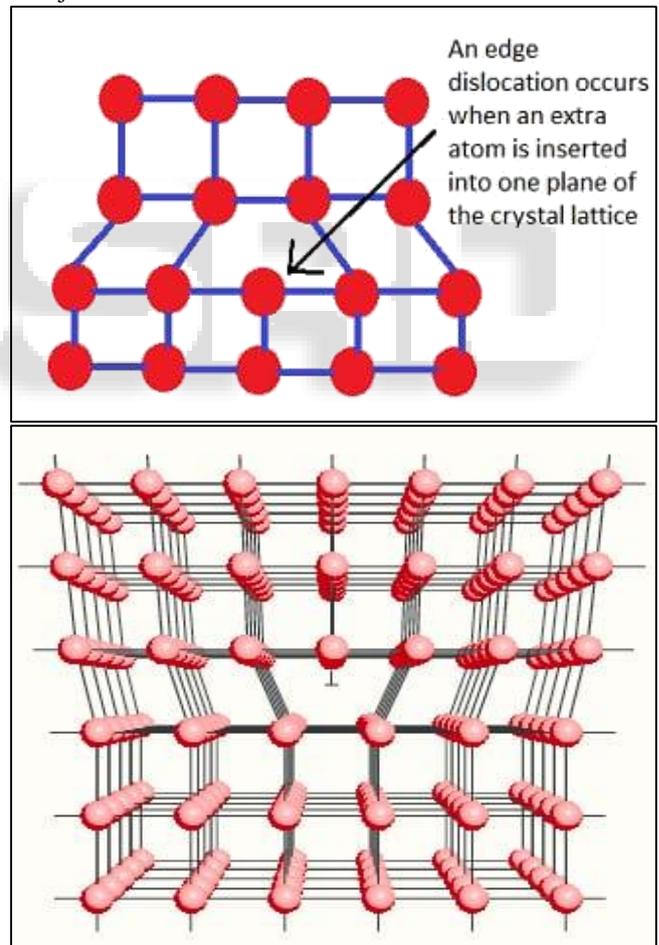


Fig. 1: Edge Dislocations

2) Screw Dislocation:-

Its type of dislocation where in line defect occur when the crystal lattice it's the form of helical in nature throughout the dislocation line imagining these type of defects in the crystal is critical. Where as in the case of edge dislocation when the stress is applied on a crystal in this particular arena the area of dislocation moves perpendicular to the stress direction.

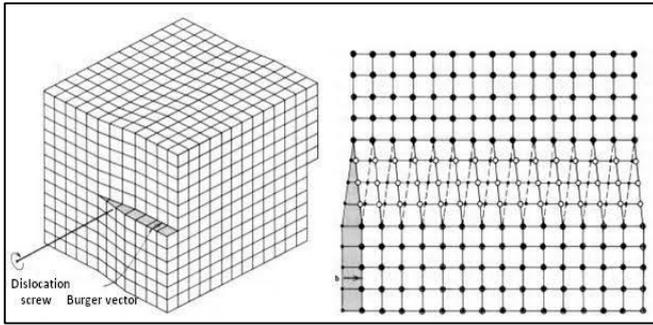


Fig. 2: Screw Dislocation

3) Mixed Dislocation:-

When come to the point of mixed dislocation it is neither pure edge nor pure screw in their nature. At the mixed dislocation where the burgers vectors situated at an angle to the direction of line dislocation so with this interface the limits in the microstructure are curved in nature since the bounds in the dislocation is slipped with respect to the Burger vector from this we can able to observe that the burgers vector is same throughout the line dislocation.

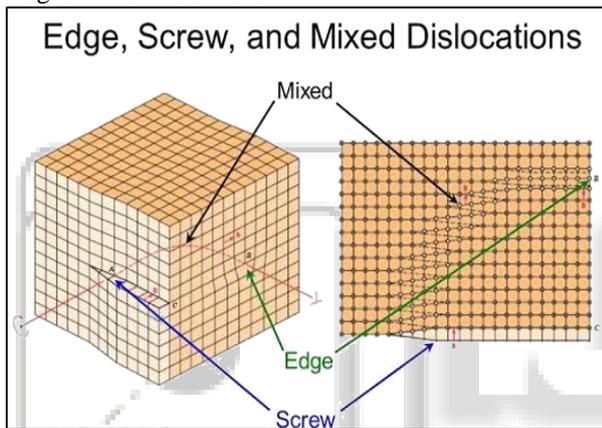


Fig. 3: Mixed Dislocation

III. ROLLING AND HEAT TREATMENT

The rolling is phenomena in which the specimen is sandwiched between the rollers the ultimate objective of the rolling is to minimize the thickness of the specimen and we need to make sure that the thickness which we obtained should be uniform in nature. The classification of the rolling is based on the so many other factors like temperature ,pressure and environmental conditions when the specimen reaches to its recrystallization then that phenomenon is called as hot rolling. And when material is rolled between the rollers within the recrystallization temperature called as cold rolling process. so in term of the usage scale hot rolling, is more likely used in most of the manufacturing process and the cold rolling usage is very less in addition to this rolling mills are also used as the part of the rolling process . The building materials for rolling is steel and the main objective of the rolling mill is to convert the unsemi-finished casting finished products.

A. Hot Rolling

Hot rolling is a process it happens when the material sandwiched with the rollers by considering the condition that temperature should cross region of recrystallization temperature. in this grains are formed with the help of

equiaxed microstructure for doing this process generally we select the larger material so after done with the rolling the material structure will be flat in nature the crucial part of the process temperature and it plays a very important role throughout the process in addition to that we can also define these rolling as conversion of the large work piece material to small work piece material. If you look at the application of hot rolling some of them can be listed like uniform sheets, railway some drawbacks like defects comes more and loses its mechanical properties and its merit is becomes eagerly deformation.

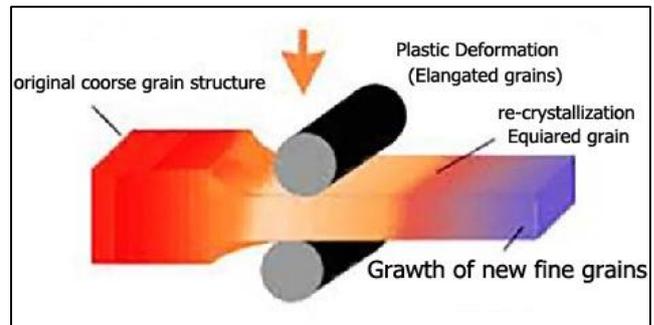


Fig. 4: Hot Rolling

B. Cold Rolling

Cold rolling is a process it happens when the material sandwiched with the rollers by considering the condition that temperature should be less than the region of recrystallization temperature. In this grains are formed with the help of equiaxed microstructure for doing this process generally we select the larger material so after done with the rolling the material structure will be flat in nature the crucial part of the process temperature and it plays a very important role throughout the process in addition to that we can also define these rolling as conversion of the large work piece material to small work piece material. If you look at the application of hot rolling some of them can be listed like uniform sheets, railway track equipment's and so many other mechanical aspects can be done it has some features like that strength increases, hardness of material increases, and becomes strong in nature and demerit is it does not becomes eagerly deformation.

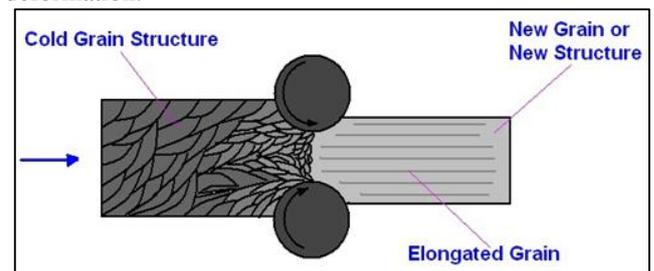


Fig. 5: Cold Rolling

In our research work we carried out with the cold rolling under different rolling 20% and for 40% percentage.

IV. HEAT TREATMENT PROCESS

Heat treatment is a process where in we majorly used to change the mechanical & physical properties of metals, but majority of the time this technique is used in the metallurgical department & this technique is also used by most of the manufacturer in the industries & this process is mainly

dealing with heating and cooling of the specimen by varying the temperature without changing its shape and size. And in this technique which includes so many other phenomena such as annealing, quenching, carburising etc. And this technique of cooling or heating can be done in the some specific purpose of changing the properties for doing the various research work.

In general as we know that metallic materials are consists of so many others tiny crystals that can be called as grains. The most important factor that is very much essential to determine the mechanical behavior of the specimen is grain size and also the composition. Heat treatment is one of the best techniques wherein we can able to manipulate the properties of the various specimens by considering the various factors such as diffusion rate, cooling rate, microstructure and so on.

Heat treatment is basically used to change the mechanical properties of various alloys and also we can able to manipulate the properties by considering the factors such as toughness, hardness, strength and so on. So in this process the alloy properties is going to change after done with the heat treatment process in that the first and foremost thing is the formation of marten site that will change the crystal structure in the specimen and the mechanism of diffusion changes the alloy properties of various specimen.

A. Annealing

Annealing is a heat treatment process where in lot of metallurgical activities taking place. its process of changing the properties of the physical and the properties of the chemical for the various specimen, the main objective of doing all these things is to somehow reduces the hardness and to increase the ductility and we need to maintain a certain temperature for the various specimen and we need to consider the time factor that plays a very important role so after that we need to take the specimen back from the equipment and to give time for the cooling.

In this process we can able to observe the migration which happening in the crystal and also we can able to observe the drastic decreasing of dislocation atoms that will leads to alter the hardness and as well as the ductility as the specimen makes the recrystallization process to cool from these we can study and also determine the crystal grain size as well as phase composition.

V. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

A. Grain Structure Before 20% Rolling

1) MICRO ETCHANT

Hydrochloric acid=1.5 ml

Hydrochloric= 1.5 ml

Nitric acid=2.5 ml

Nitric acid=2.5 ml

2) MACRO ETCHANT

Hydrofluoric acid= 0.5 ml

Hydrofluoric acid=1 ml

Distilled water=95.5 ml

Distilled water=95.5 ml

MICRO AND MACROSTRUCTURES

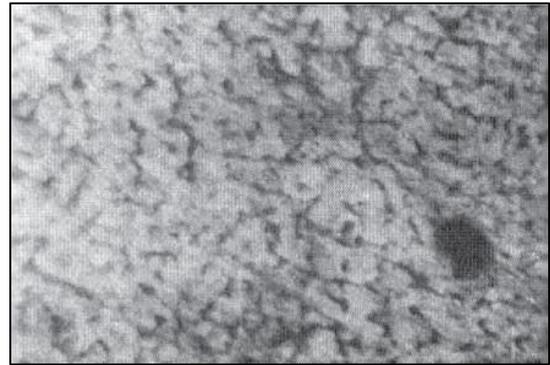


Fig (a)

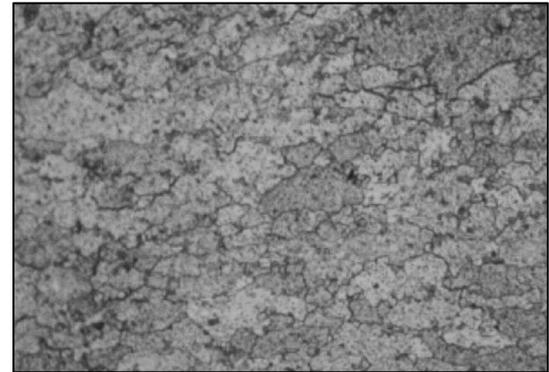


Fig (b)

Fig. 5: (a) and (b) shows micro and macrostructures of aluminium before rolling. The above figure (a) & (b) shows the dendrites structure. This is equiaxed dendrites formation due to constitutional super cooling. This happens in the solid liquidity phase leads to dendrites.

B. Grain Structure After 20% Rolling

1) MICRO ETCHANT

Hydrochloric acid=1.5 ml

Nitric acid =2.5 ml

Hydrofluoric acid= 0.5 ml

Distilled water=95.5 ml

2) MACRO ETCHANT

Hydrochloric= 1.5 ml

Nitric acid=2.5 ml

Hydrofluoric acid=1 ml

Distilled water=95.5 ml

MICRO AND MACROSTRUCTURES

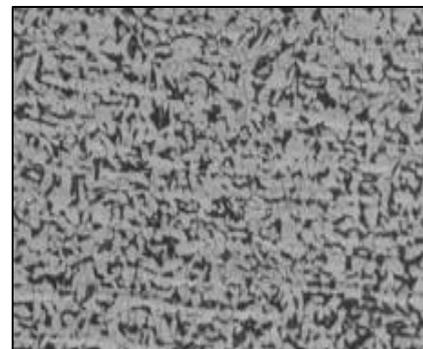


Fig. (a)



Fig. (b)

Fig. 6: (a) and (b) shows micro and macrostructures of aluminium after 20% rolling. The above fig (a) & (b) shows elongated grain in the rolling direction. There are second phase particle in the microstructure. Due to deformation equiaxed grain will leads to the shape of elongated grains in the rolling direction.

C. Grain Structure After 20% Rolling and Annealing 300 Degree Celsius for 2 Hours

1) MICRO ETCHANT

- Hydrochloric acid=1.5 ml
- Nitric acid =2.5 ml
- Hydrofluoric acid= 0.5 ml
- Distilled water=95.5 ml

2) MACRO ETCHANT

- Hydrochloric= 1.5 ml
- Nitric acid=2.5 ml
- Hydrofluoric acid=1 ml
- Distilled water=95.5 ml

MICRO AND MACROSTRUCTURES



Fig. (a)

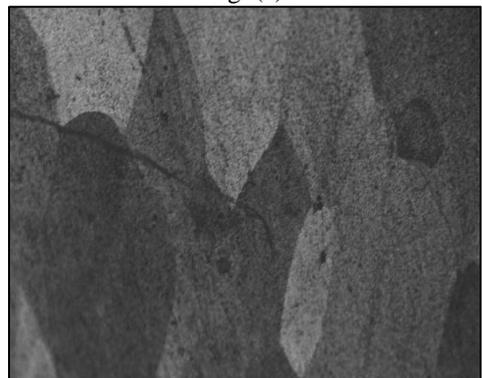


Fig. (b)

Fig. 7: (a) and (b) shows micro and macrostructures of aluminium after 20% rolling and annealing at 300°C for 2 hours. The above figure (a) & (b) clearly showing fully recrystallized grains which are equiaxed in nature. Strain free grains consumed by deformed matrix. The microstructure shows strain induced boundary migration.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Hardness

It is a process of measuring the withstanding capacity of various specimen and in other words we can say it is used to check out the plastic deformation of the specimen that can be induced by taking in to consideration of mechanical indentation some of the specimen is so strong that means to say that the chemical bonds of that specimen is stronger. For checking out the hardness we use various methodology such as scratch hardness, rebound hardness and so on. And the hardness of the specimen majorly depends on most of the factors such as stiffness, strength, viscosity and so on.

1) ROCKWELL B SCALE (Time taken was 20sec)

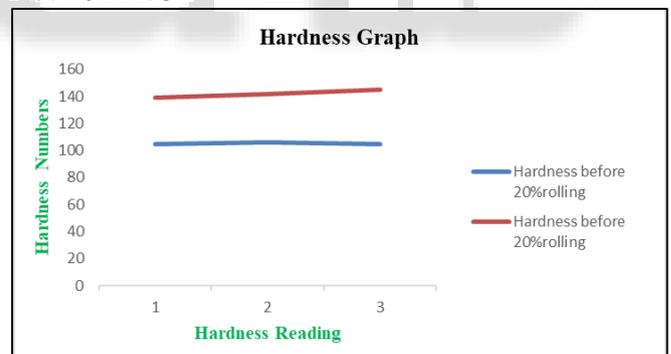
BEFORE 20% ROLLING

| Hardness | Average |
|----------|---------|
| 105 | 105.33 |
| 106 | |
| 105 | |

2) AFTER 20% ROLLING

| Hardness | Average |
|----------|---------|
| 139 | 142 |
| 142 | |
| 145 | |

3) HARDNESS OF ALUMINIUM BEFORE AND AFTER 20% ROLLING



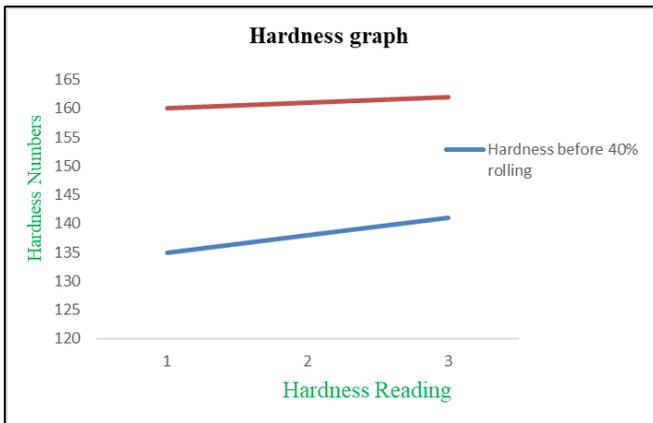
Graph 1: Hardness of Aluminium Before and After 20% Rolling

The above graph1 shows hardness value of rolled material is higher than the unrolled material because during cold rolling deformation of equiaxed grain is elongated grain with higher dislocation density due to frank read sources.

4) AFTER 20% ROLLING AND ANNEALING 300 DEGREE CELSIUS FOR 2 HOURS

| Hardness | Average |
|----------|---------|
| 135 | 138 |
| 138 | |
| 141 | |

5) **HARDNESS OF ALUMINIUM BEFORE AND AFTER 40% ROLLING**



Graph 2: Hardness of Aluminium Before and After 40% Rolling

The above graph2 Shows hardness value of rolled material is higher than the unrolled material because during cold rolling deformation of equiaxed grain is elongated grain with higher dislocation density due to frank read sources.

B. Composition Test

It is defined as the nature of constituents in which the whole specimen is made up. For example as we know that stainless steel is an alloy is consists of chromium and nickel likewise in our study we used the specimen called high purity aluminium. After done with the composition test in one of the sophisticated equipment in the Nano technology department we found that the specimen which we are using i.e. high purity aluminium is consists of 99% aluminium and 1% of cadmium can be found. And the detailed graphical representation of composition test is clearly illustrated in the below images.

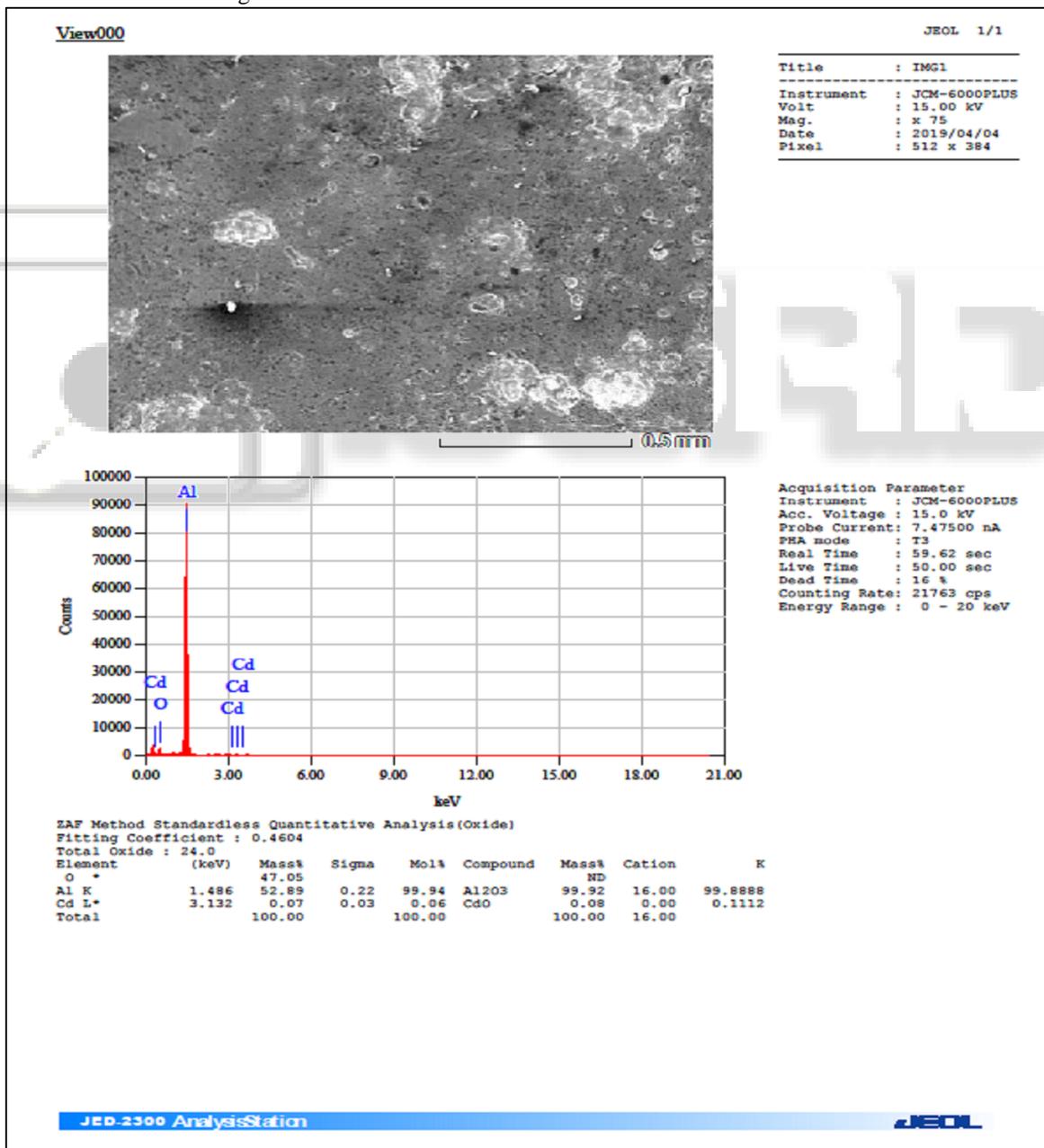


Fig. 8: Composition Test

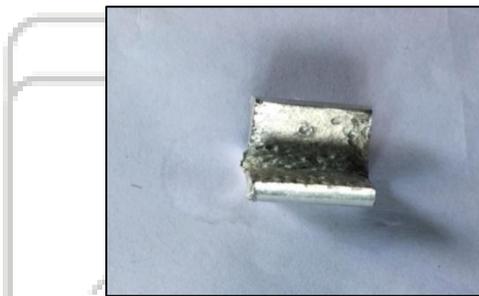
C. Compression Test

A compression test is any test in which a material encounters contradicting powers that drive internal upon the example from inverse sides or is generally compacted, "squashed", pounded, or straightened. The test is commonly put in the middle of two plates that appropriate the connected burden over the whole surface territory of two inverse countenances of the test and after that the plates are pushed together by a general test machine making the example smooth. A packed example is typically abbreviated toward the connected powers and grows toward the path opposite to the power. A pressure test is basically the inverse of the more typical strain test.

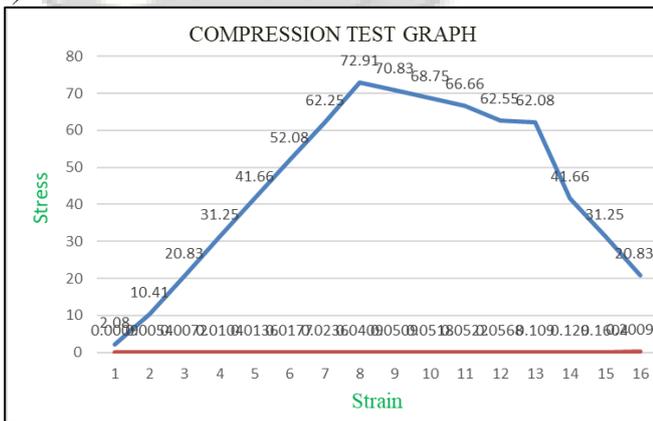
1) BEFORE COMPRESSION TEST



2) AFTER COMPRESSION TEST



3) COMPRESSION TEST GRAPH



Graph 3: Stress v/s Strain Curve for Compression Test

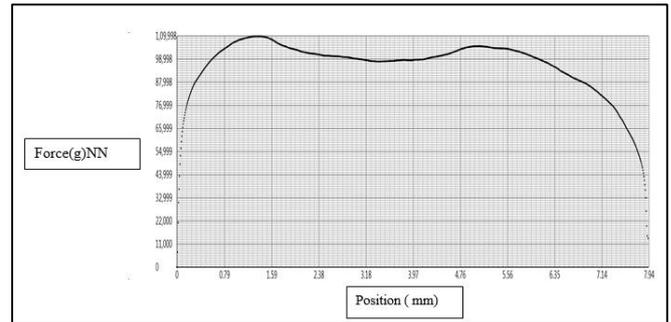
From the above graph 3 we observed that the maximum compression load is at 72.91 MPa yield load at 62.55 MPa and elastic load at 52.08 MPa.

D. Tensile Test

A tensile test, also known as a tension test, is one of the most fundamental and common types of mechanical testing. A tensile test applies tensile (pulling) force to a material and measures the specimen's response to the stress. By doing this, tensile tests determine how strong a material is and how

much it can elongate. Tensile tests are typically conducted on electromechanical or universal testing instruments, are simple to perform, and are fully standardized.

Method Name: Generic Tensile - Force vs. Position



| Width mm | Thickness mm | Area mm ² | Ultimate Force kg | Ultimate Stress kg/mm ² | Break Distance mm |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 5.00 | 1.50 | 7.50 | 110 | 14.6 | 7.83 |

From the above graph we observed that the maximum compression load is at 1078 MPa yield load at 941.76 MPa and elastic load at 755.37 MPa

VII. CONCLUSION

- Present work shows, the effect of Percentage of rolling for hardness of aluminium.
- Aluminium with 40% rolling has resulted in higher hardness when compared to 20% rolling and before 20% rolling due to dislocation density.
- Higher tensile and compression properties are obtained in aluminium sample which is subjected to 40% rolling when compared to before 20% rolling due to second phase particles in the microstructure.
- Micro and Microstructural studies have revealed reduction in grain size after 20% rolling however grain size is minimum in 40% rolled aluminium due to fully recrystallization equiaxed grain structure.

REFERENCES

- [1] Kashyap K T, Ramachandra C (2000) "Discontinuous precipitation in aluminium base alloys". Material Science. 23
- [2] Kashyap K T (1991) "Evolution of recrystallization textures in commercial purity aluminium" Ph.D Thesis p 213, USA
- [3] Hull D and Bacon D J (1997) "Introduction to dislocations" on Internal Series on Material Science, p. 182
- [4] Doherty RD, Kashyap KT (1993) "Direct observation of Recrystallization texture in commercial purity aluminium" p 42.
- [5] Humphreys FJ, Hatherly M, (1995) "Recrystallization and related annealing phenomena" p. 38
- [6] K T Kashyap, T Chandrashekar (2015) "Effect and mechanisms of grain refinement in aluminium alloys" p 12
- [7] K T Kashyap, C S Ramesh (2015) "Role of particle stimulated nucleation in recrystallization of ot extruded aluminium" p 23