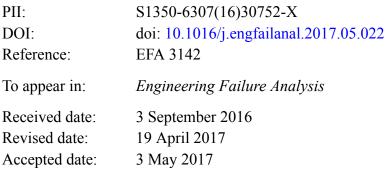
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Abstract

In this research, hydrogen induced cracking (HIC) behavior of an API X70 pipeline steel has been studied. In order to create HIC cracks, an electrochemical hydrogen charging experiment was carried out on X70 steel by using 0.2 M sulfuric acid and 3g/l ammonium thiocyanate for 8 hours. Moreover, SEM, EDS and EBSD techniques were used to characterize the as-received (AR) steel and investigate the different aspects of HIC phenomenon as well. The results showed that the inclusions and precipitates which play a key role in HIC phenomenon have been distributed randomly through the cross section of tested steel. However, the concentration of them was higher at the center of cross section than other areas. All HIC cracks initiated and propagated through the cracks were initiated from several special types of inclusions and precipitates such as manganese sulfide and carbonitride precipitates. EBSD results showed that the dominant local texture of center of thickness in RD-TD plane was {001}//ND and {111}//ND. Moreover, HIC cracks propagate through differently oriented grains where the local texture is random.

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