Chemical Vapor Deposition of SiC on C-C Composites as Plasma Facing Materials for Fusion Application



Abstract

Because of the low activation and excellent mechanical properties at elevated temperatures, carbon-fiber reinforced carbon (C-C) composites have received much attention for plasma facing materials for fusion reactor and high-temperature structural applications such as aircrafts and space vehicles. These proposed applications have been frustrated by the lack of resistance to hydrogen erosion and oxidation on exposure to ambient oxidizing conditions at high temperature. Although silicon carbide (SiC) has shown excellent properties as an effective erosion- and oxidation-protection coating, many cracks are developed during fabrication and thermal cycles in use due to the coefficients of thermal expansion (CTE) mismatch between SiC and C-C composite. In this study, we adopted a pyrolitic carbon as an interlayer between SiC and C-C substrate in order to minimize the CTE mismatch. The oxidation-protection performance of this composite was investigated as well.

가 (CFC) . 가 . .1) 가 .²⁾ SiC, TiC, B₄C 3) 가 가 가 SiC 가 3),4) CFC SiC 가 CFC가 400 .⁵⁾ C-C 가 가 (internal modification) (external coating) 6) C-C B_2O_3 P_2O_5 가 7) 9) P_2O_5 B_2O_3 6) • 1000 SiC 10) 12) C-SiC SiC C-C Si₃N₄ .^{5),6),13)} ¹⁵⁾ SiC Si_3N_4 Si-가 가 5) $(4.0 \quad 4.5 \times 10^{-6}/)$ 가 SiC Si_3N_4 $(< 1.0 \times 10^{-6}/)$ C-C B_2O_3 가 가 16) 18) B_2O_3 1500 C-C •

가 (Functionally Graded 19) 23) Material, FGM) (Low Temperature Chemical Vapor Deposition, LPCVD) C-C SiC . C-C SiC SiC SiC가 CFC . 가 .

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C-C $15 \text{mm} \times 15 \text{mm} \times 2 \text{mm}$ 2 1.60 g/cm^3 . SiC plain weave 가 source 가 methyltrichlorosilane (MTS, 가 CH₃SiCl₃), H_2 . SiC SiC SOLGASMIX-PV . 가 500 sccm, $H_2/MTS = 4$, 50 100 torr 1200 1300 SiC 1 4 SiC source 가 CH_4 C_2H_2 1 15 400 sccm, 10 30 torr 1200 Х-(XRD) (SEM) SEM 가 . SiC가 CFC box furnace TGA (thermogravimetric analysis) 10 / min, $5 / \min$

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Fig. 1. Calculation of equilibrium mole fraction of carbon (a) and SiC (b) as a function of deposition pressure.





 1200
 1300
 50
 100 torr
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 Fig. 3
 C-C
 SiC
 X

 . SiC
 1200
 50 torr
 .

 SiC
 free Si
 C
 .
 SiC (111)



Fig. 3. XRD patterns of C-C composite substrate (a) and deposited SiC layer (b).



Fig. 4. SEM micrographs of top SiC layer (a) and fracture surface (b) of SiC deposited C-C composite.





Fig. 5. SEM micrographs of top SiC layer ((a), (b), (c)) and fracture surface ((d), (e), (f)) of SiC-deposited C-C composite with carbon interlayer. Carbon was deposited at 1200 for 1 h ((a), (d)), 5 h ((b), (e)), and 15 h ((c), (f)).



Fig. 6. Areal crack density of SiC coated C-C composite with deposition condition.

Fig. 7. Oxidative weight loss of SiC coated C-C composite with and without carbon interlayer.



Fig. 8. SEM micrographs of top SiC layer (a) and fracture surface (b) deposited at 130 0 for 4h.



Fig. 9. TGA results of C-C composites with and without SiC protective layer.



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