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Improving the anti-thermal-shock properties of Sc_2O_3 - Y_2O_3 - ZrO_2 - CaF_2 -PHB abrasion coatings by fabricating the textures on ceramic matrix composites: experiment verification and numerical analysis

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The abrasion coating is one of the most important coatings for improving the efficiency of aeroengine. To improve the durability of Sc_2O_3 - Y_2O_3 - ZrO_2 - CaF_2 -PHB abrasion coating under the conditions of high temperature thermal shock, the femtosecond laser processing technology is proposed to fabricate the texture on the surface of SiC_f/SiC composites to improve the coating/matrix contact area. The environmental barrier coating (EBC) was prepared by vacuum plasma spraying (VPS) equipment on SiC_f/SiC ceramic matrix composites to avoid water-oxygen corrosion. And the abrasion coating was prepared by air plasma spraying (APS) equipment on the EBC. The thermal shock test of the abrasion coating at $(1,250 \pm 50)^\circ\text{C}$ was established in the simulated gas environment of the oxygen-propane flame, and the variation of interface stress between the layers during the thermal shock test was analyzed by ANSYS software. The hidden crack between the layers was detected by an infrared thermal imager. The results show that the surface textures have significant influences on the anti-thermal-shock properties of Sc_2O_3 - Y_2O_3 - ZrO_2 - CaF_2 -PHB abrasion coating by improving the contact area and optimizing the interface stress distribution. The bonding strengths of the coating are increased by 14.6% and 42.2% when the surface textures increase the contact area of the substrate and the coating by 41.3% and 104%, respectively. Compared with the coatings without texture treatments, the coatings with texture treatments can reduce coating thickness by 30% and the coatings do not peel off after the thermal shock tests. Influenced by the cyclic thermal stress, the cracks of abrasion coating are initiated at the defect position and gradually propagated a shell-like shape. The textures on the surface of SiC_f/SiC composites have deep influences on improving the high-temperature thermal shock life of Sc_2O_3 - Y_2O_3 - ZrO_2 - CaF_2 -PHB abrasion coating.

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1 Introduction

In recent years, SiC_f/SiC ceramic matrix composites were rapidly developed in the field of are-engine owing to their properties, such as low density, high specific strength, high temperature resistance, oxidation resistance, ablation resistance, *etc.* (Eaton and Linsey, 2002; Kathavate et al., 2019; Du et al., 2022; Hu et al., 2022; Huang et al., 2023). SiC_f/SiC ceramic matrix composites have become potential materials which can be used for fabricating combustion chamber, turbine blades, turbine guide vanes, turbine outer ring, *etc.* (Piollet et al., 2019). However, the mechanical properties of SiC_f/SiC ceramic matrix composites are decreased sharply in the environment of high-temperature and humid. A multilayer EBC coating is necessary to protect the SiC_f/SiC ceramic matrix composites from water-oxygen corrosion (Cheng et al., 2019; Arnal et al., 2022).

As an essential part of are-engine, the turbine outer ring plays a role in separating the air flow from the compressor and gas turbine and directing the air flow to the next level. The abradable coating on the surface of turbine outer ring which is allowed to be scraped by the turbine blade tips is the key technology of improving the thrust-to-weight ratio of aero-engine. Generally, the abradable coating should be easily rubbed off to have well sealing performance. However, for the turbine outer ring which made by SiC_f/SiC ceramic matrix composites, the EBC coating cannot be used for sealing because of its high hardness and low porosity. The optimal method is preparing the abradable coating on the EBC coating. The characteristics of large thickness, multilayer structure and low stress tolerance of the coating system (EBC + abradable coating) can easily cause the abradable coating to break off in the harsh environment of high temperature scouring, which would pose a great safety risk to the engine. The greatest challenge of the coating system is to acquire high bonding strength (Hardwicke and Lau, 2013; Delebarre et al., 2017; Zhang and Marshall, 2018; Ziegelheim et al., 2019).

To solve the problem that the coatings are easy to damage during the service, many scholars have carried out extensive research by preparing textures on substrates. A. Lamraoui was the first to find that texture diameter and depth would affect the bonding strength (Lamraoui et al., 2010). Kromer found that the bonding strength of coating was affected by the filling rate of spray droplets in the microstructure pits and proved that the droplet diffusion and particle wettability were affected by the microstructure pattern (Reza et al., 2016a). Reza et al. found that microstructure with a certain area occupancy could not only improve the bonding strength of the coating but also release the residual stress inside of the coating (Reza et al., 2016a).

At present, there are still some problems, such as low bonding strength and poor heat shock resistance of the abradable coating of SiC_f/SiC composite (Bassaki et al., 2015; Jalalian et al., 2019; Kathavate et al., 2020). Therefore, improving the abradable coating properties is a prerequisite for engineering applications of SiC_f/SiC composites. Infinite morphological and geometrical

parameter variations give texture a wide development space and application prospects. In this paper, femtosecond laser processing is used to prepare high-wetness textures on the surface of SiC_f/SiC composites, and VPS and APS systems are used to prepare EBC coatings and abradable coatings, respectively. The effect of the surface texture on the thermal shock resistance of the coatings has been investigated using simulated gas environment tests, and the effect of the gas environment on the microstructure and structure of the coatings has been discussed using SEM, EDS, XRD, *etc.* This study has important implications for promoting the application of SiC_f/SiC composites, EBC, and their abradable coatings in aeroengine.

2 Experimental methods

2.1 Texture preparation and characterization

SiC_f/SiC composites were prepared by precursor impregnation and pyrolysis (PIP) and the sample size was $\varnothing 25 \text{ mm} \times 5.5 \text{ mm}$. The femtosecond laser (Pharos-20) was used to fabricate the textures on the surface of SiC_f/SiC composites under the processing parameters listed in Table 1. The deepness and width of the textures can be controlled by the route planning of the laser beam. To facilitate the analysis of the effect of the contact area on the bonding strength of the coating, the groove structures (Figure 1) with different geometric parameters (Table 2) were chosen as texture. The 0# sample is the contrast without surface treatment by the laser beam.

2.2 Coating preparation and characterization

The EBC coating containing Si-5% Yb₂O₃ and Yb₂Si₂O₇ layers was prepared by VPS (ZDP-1700). Sc₂O₃-Y₂O₃-ZrO₂-CaF₂-PHB abradable coating was prepared by APS (APS-3000), in which the lubrication phase was CaF₂, and the pore forming phase was polybenzoate (PHB). The spraying parameters for EBC and abradable coating are shown in Table 3. After spraying, the PHB was completely removed by holding heat in Muffle-furnace at 500°C for 8 h.

TABLE 1 Processing parameters of the femtosecond laser (Pharos-20).

| Parameters | Values |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Power (W) | 12.8 |
| Wavelength (nm) | 1,026 |
| Spot diameter (μm) | 30 |
| Scanning speed (mm/s) | 20 |
| Scanning times | 3 |

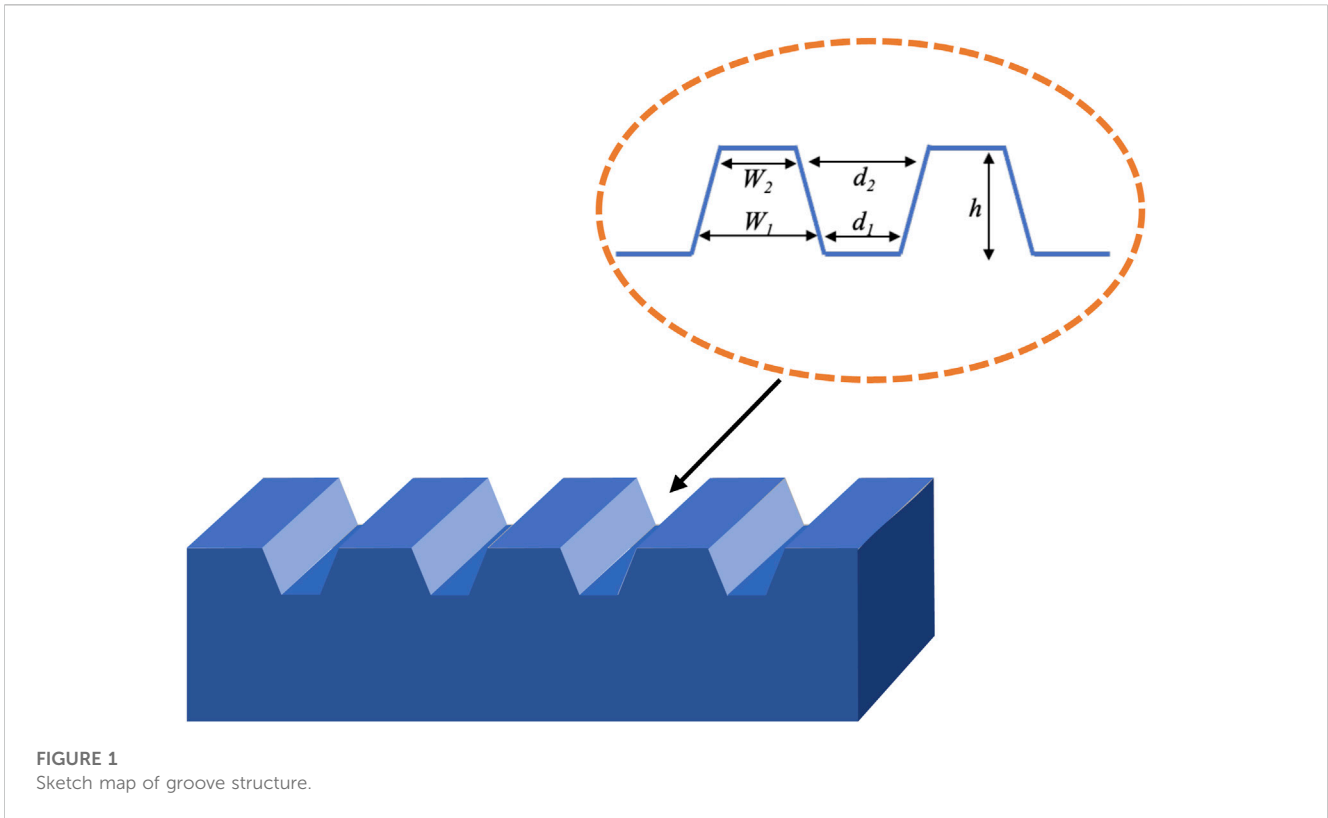


FIGURE 1
Sketch map of groove structure.

TABLE 2 The geometric parameters of texture.

| Serial number | $W_1/\mu\text{m}$ | $W_2/\mu\text{m}$ | $d_1/\mu\text{m}$ | $d_2/\mu\text{m}$ | $h/\mu\text{m}$ |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 0# | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1# | 300 | 200 | 200 | 300 | 100 |
| 2# | 300 | 200 | 300 | 300 | 200 |

The surface microstructure of SiC_f/SiC composites was observed by a 3D microscope (Keyence/VHX-5000).

TABLE 3 Spraying parameters of EBC and abradable coating.

| Coating | Layer | Power/kW | Current/A | Powder feeding/g·min ⁻¹ | Spraying distance/mm |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Environmental barrier coating (EBC) | Si-5% Yb ₂ O ₃ | 32 | 530 | 35 | 20 |
| | Yb ₂ Si ₂ O ₇ | 39 | 610 | 25 | 20 |
| Abradable coating | Sc ₂ O ₃ - Y ₂ O ₃ - ZrO ₂ - CaF ₂ -PHB | 37 | 580 | 20 | 30 |

Metallographic observation and Elemental analysis were performed by SEM and EDS (Zeiss Supra 55 Sapphire), respectively. Phase identification was tested by XRD (Bruker D8) with a Cu target. The angle scanning range was 20°–90°, and the scanning step was 10°/min. The porosity of the abradable coating was measured by an optical microscope (Leica DMI5000M). The bonding strength of the coating was measured by an electronic universal testing machine. There are

5 samples in each group and the mean value is taken as the test value.

2.3 Thermal shock test

Thermal shock testing was performed by aeroengine thermodynamic extreme environment system. The fuel used for

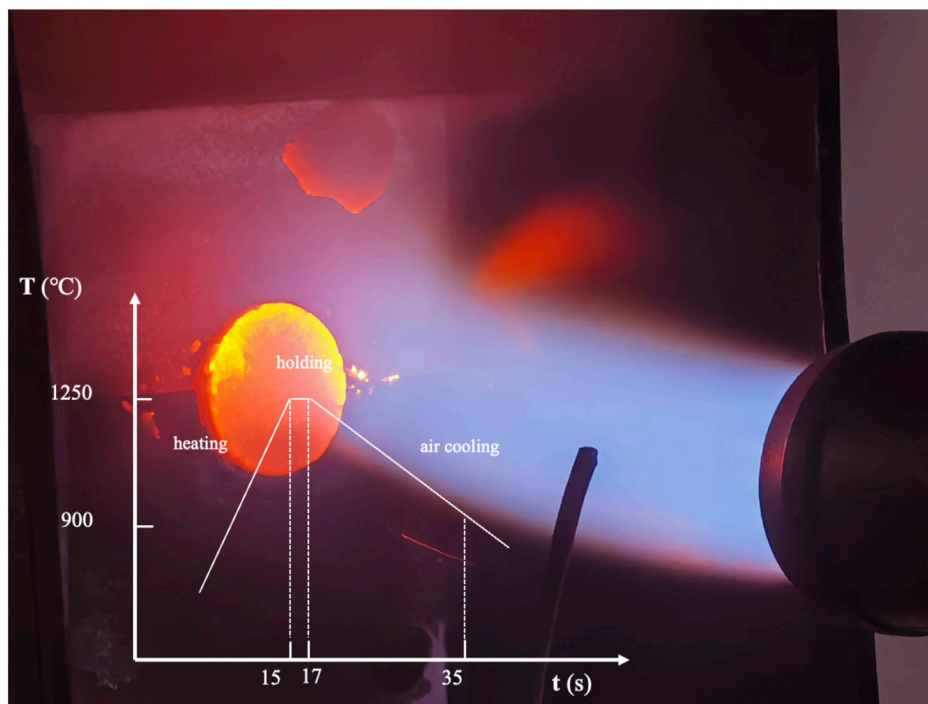


FIGURE 2
Diagram of thermal shock test.

TABLE 4 Detective parameters of infrared system.

| | Parameters | Methods/Values |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Excitation device | Type | Laser |
| | Power (W) | 10 |
| | Scanning speed (mm/s) | 7.9 |
| | Scanning method | bidirectional scanning |
| Acquisition device | Acquisition frequency (frames/s) | 3 |

the system was a mixture of propane and oxygen. The maximum temperature was set as $(1,250 \pm 50)^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the holding time was set as 2 s. One cycle lasts about 40 s, and the system can record cycles. The diagram of thermal shock test is shown in Figure 2. In each group, 2 parallel samples are used to observe the dissociation phenomena of the coating.

2.4 Interface crack detection

The infrared camera (Avio NEC-R300S) was used to detect interface cracks during the thermal shock process. The detective principle is that cracks in the coatings can prevent the heat flow from diffusing outward. Heat accumulates in the crack zone under laser excitation and the crack zone temperature increases, which is different from the normal zone temperature. The detection parameters of the infrared system are shown in Table 4. The

Infrared Professional software was used to extract the temperature value for each pixel in the acquired image, and the two images with the largest temperature difference were selected to be subtracted based on the pixel position.

3 Analysis of thermal shock model

Stress is an important parameter that can reflect the state of the coating. The stress of the coating will change significantly during the thermal shock experiment. In this paper, ANSYS software is used to explore stress redistribution behavior of coatings. The sine curve is used to describe interface differences, and wavelength (L) and amplitude (A) are used to show interface characteristics. Based on the geometric parameters of texture, the sine curves of three types of coatings are shown in Eqs. 1–3, respectively.

$$y_0 = 0.01 \sin(2\pi \cdot x) \tag{1}$$

$$y_1 = 0.05 \sin(2\pi \cdot x) \tag{2}$$

$$y_2 = 0.1 \sin(2\pi \cdot x) \tag{3}$$

Unit PLANE183, which can be used as a plane unit and an axisymmetric unit, is selected for structural stress analysis. At the same time, this unit has plasticity, creep, large deformation and large strain functions. To ensure the accuracy of the calculation results, a dense mesh (mesh size $1.0 \mu\text{m}$) is designed in the regions near the interfaces of the layers. While the other regions are relatively sparse to improve computing efficiency. The stress model and the mesh

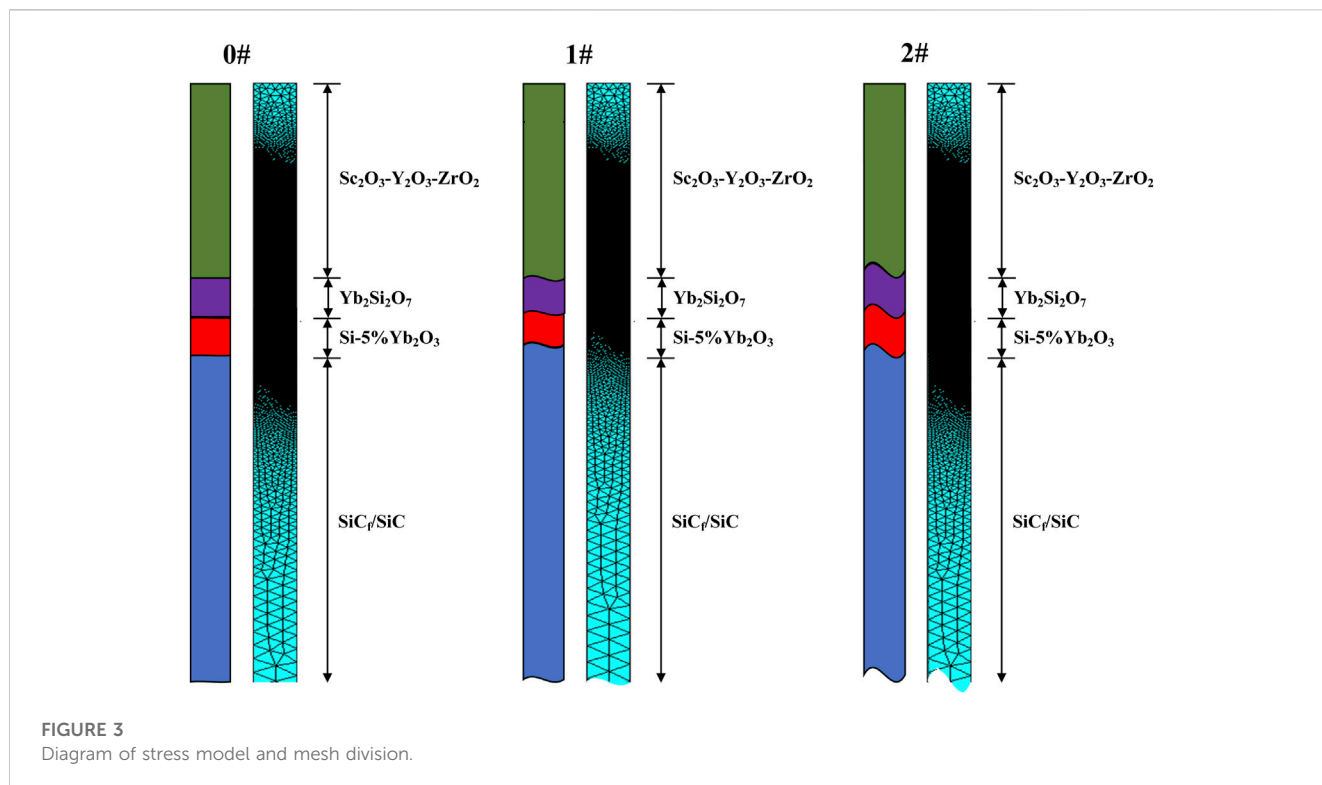


TABLE 5 Thermodynamic parameters of coating.

| Material | Elastic modulus (GPa) | Poisson's ratio | Thermal expansion ($10^{-6}^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$) | Thermal conductivity ($\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$) | Density ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|--|---|---|
| SiC _f /SiC | 430 | 0.14 | 4.71 | 84 | 3,253 |
| Si-5%Yb ₂ O ₃ | 430 | 0.22 | 4.12 | 20 | 2,325 |
| Yb ₂ Si ₂ O ₇ | 77 | 0.27 | 4.11 | 1.6 | 6,152 |
| Sc ₂ O ₃ -Y ₂ O ₃ -ZrO ₂ -CaF ₂ -PHB | 35 | 0.30 | 6.05 | 1.2 | 6,100 |

TABLE 6 Thermal radiation coefficients ($\text{J}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$).

| Temperature/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ | 25 | 200 | 500 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 2,250 |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Sc ₂ O ₃ -Y ₂ O ₃ -ZrO ₂ -CaF ₂ -PHB | 7 | 15 | 42 | 152 | 380 | 1,032 |
| SiC _f /SiC | 5.4 | 12 | 38 | 137 | 342 | 929 |

TABLE 7 Heat transfer convection coefficient ($\text{J}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$).

| Temperature/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ | 25 | 200 | 500 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 2,250 |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Sc ₂ O ₃ -Y ₂ O ₃ -ZrO ₂ -CaF ₂ -PHB | 397 | 397 | 396 | 395 | 393 | 387 |

Thus, the total heat flux can be expressed as.

partitioning diagram are shown in Figure 3. The thermodynamic parameters of the coating and substrate are shown in Table 5.

4 Constraint condition

In the simulation, the thermal conduction behavior in the coating is assumed to be non-unidirectional and the coating has a continuous mechanical behavior. The left boundary of the model uses the symmetry constraint, while the right boundary uses the

coupling constraint. Namely, the right boundary can move freely in all directions, but should be simultaneous.

5 Temperature field application

Radiation and convection are the main means of heating and cooling. In general, convection plays a major role when the surface temperature of the coating is low, while radiative effects are gradually enhanced when the surface temperature is raised. In

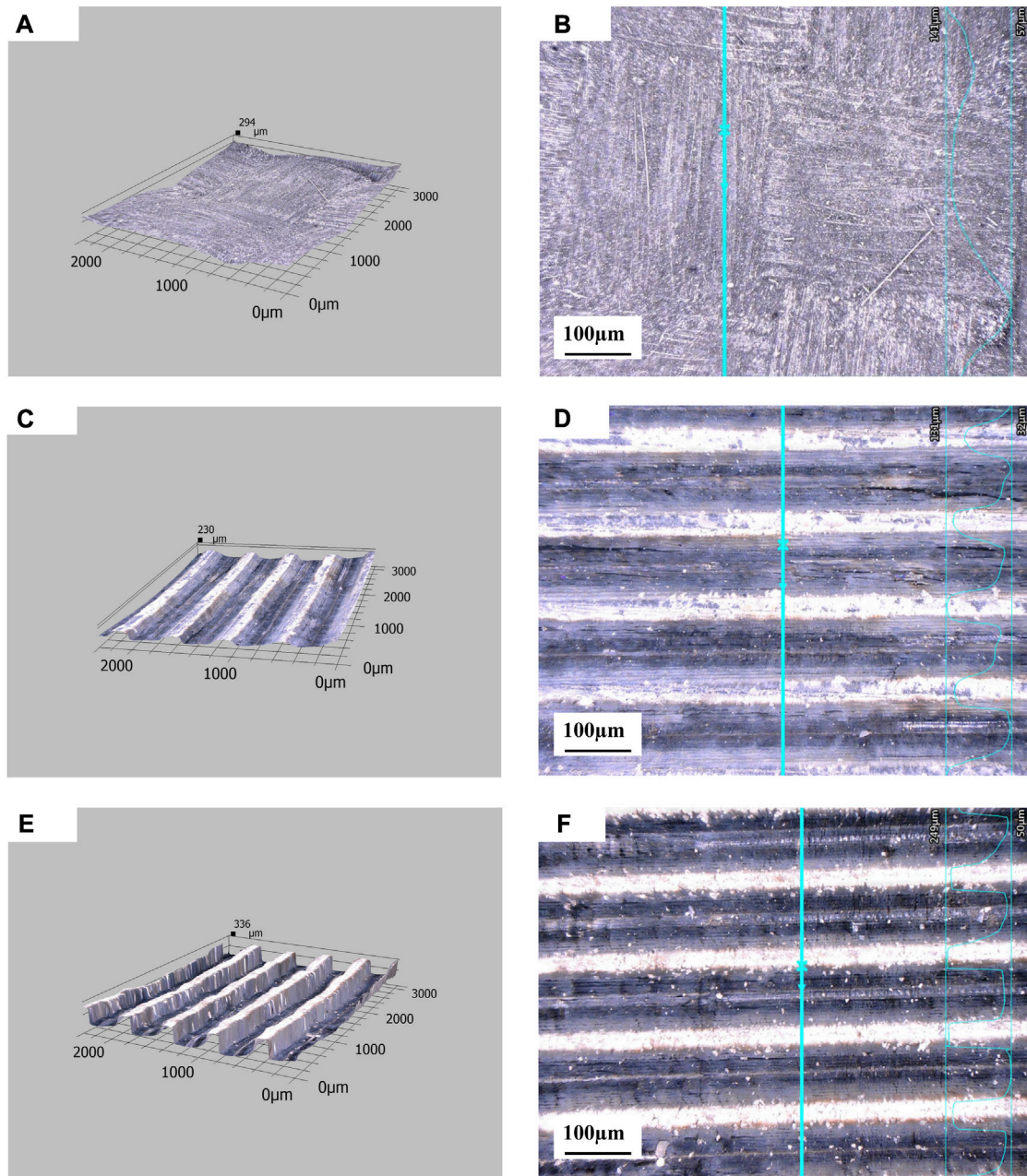


FIGURE 4
Surface morphologies of SiC_f/SiC composites (A, B): 0# sample; (C, D): 1# sample; (E, F) 2# sample.

order to investigate the distribution and variability properties of the coating stress field during heating, it is necessary to consider the thermal radiation and thermal convection behavior of both the abrasible coating and the substrate backing.

As for radiation, according to Stephan-Boltzmann law, the radiation of heat flux (q_r) under the condition of flame heating can be expressed as:

$$q_r = \varepsilon \cdot C_0 \cdot (T^4 - T_0^4) \quad (4)$$

where ε is the thermal absorptivity, C_0 is the Boltzmann constant which equals $5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-4}$, T is the flame temperature, and T_0 is the abrasible coating temperature.

Equation 4 can be dealt with the linear approximation method:

$$q_r = a_r \cdot (T - T_0) \quad (5)$$

where a_r is the heat transfer radiative coefficient, and can be obtained by Eqs. 4, 5:

$$a_r = \varepsilon \cdot C_0 \cdot (T + T_0) \cdot (T^2 + T_0^2) \quad (6)$$

Table 6 shows the thermal radiation coefficients of Sc₂O₃-Y₂O₃-ZrO₂-CaF₂-PHB abrasible coating and SiC_f/SiC composites, which means that the Sc₂O₃-Y₂O₃-ZrO₂-CaF₂-PHB abrasible coating is heated and the SiC_f/SiC composites are cooled by the radiative coefficients. Considering the high surface roughness of the abrasible

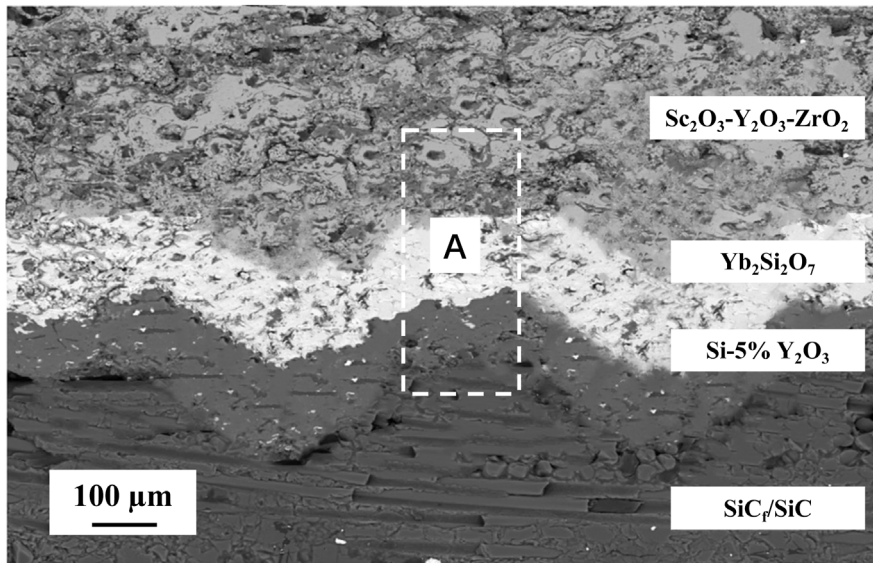


FIGURE 5
Microstructure of the 1# coating.

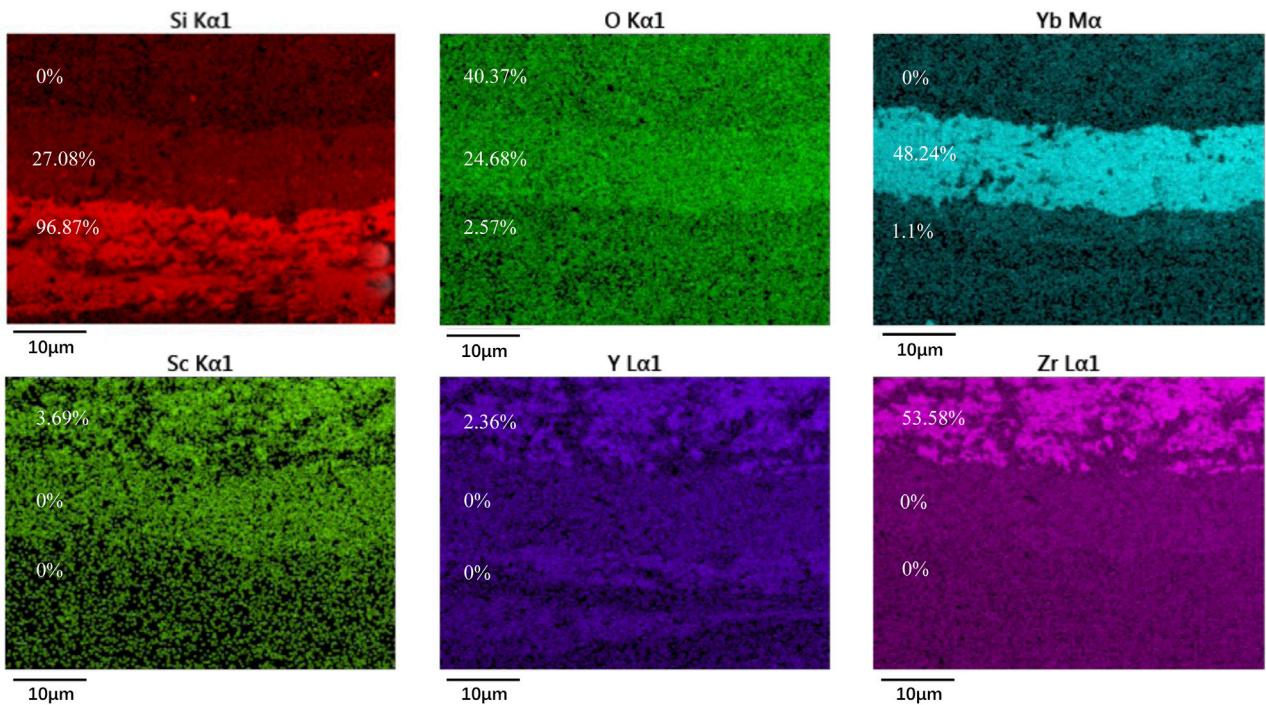


FIGURE 6
Distribution and proportion of main elements of coating.

coating and the enclosed combustion environment, the thermal absorptivity of the abradable coating, the thermal emissivity of the flame, and the thermal emissivity of SiC_f/SiC in the simulation are set to 1.0, 1.0 and 0.9, respectively.

As for convection, according to Newton’s law of cooling, the convection can be expressed as:

$$q_c = h \cdot (T - T_0)$$

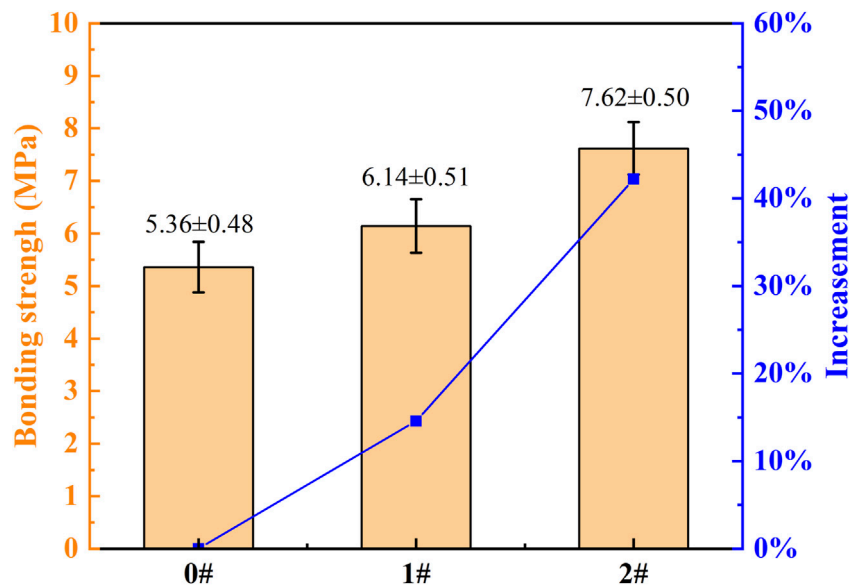


FIGURE 7 Bonding strength of three kinds of tensile samples.

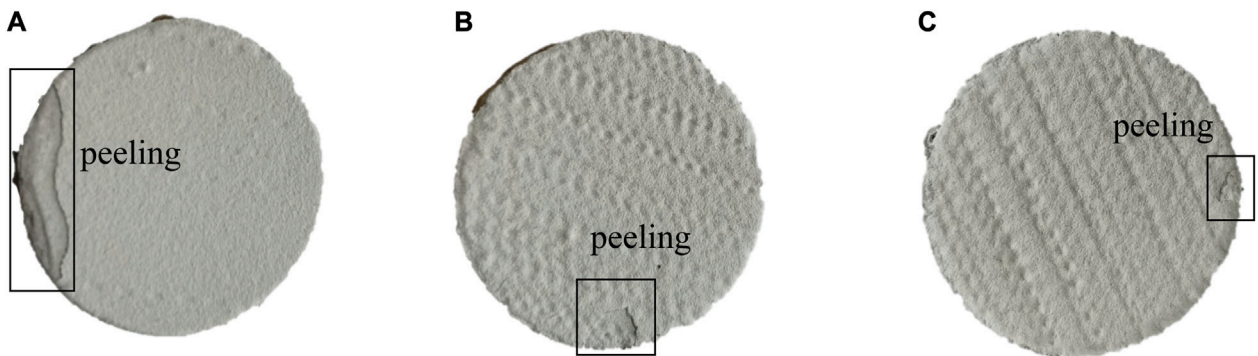


FIGURE 8 Fracture characteristics of tensile samples: (A) 0# sample; (B) 1# sample; (C) 2# sample.

where h is the heat transfer convection coefficient, which depends on pressure, temperature, and flow rate. T is the flame temperature, and T_0 is the abrasible coating temperature. Table 7 indicates the heat transfer coefficients of Sc_2O_3 - Y_2O_3 - ZrO_2 - CaF_2 -PHB abrasible coating at different temperatures. where α is the total heat transfer coefficient.

$$q = q_r + q_c = (a_r + h) \cdot (T - T_0) = \alpha \cdot (T - T_0) \quad (7)$$

To simplify the model, the total heat transfer coefficient is used in the calculations. The surface temperature of abrasible coating is 1,250 °C and the environmental temperature is 25 °C. The heating time is set to 15 s and the cooling time is set to 20 s. Namely, the flame heats the coating by radiation and convection, and the environment cools the substrate by radiation and convection during the heating process as well.

6 Results and discussion

6.1 Surface texture characterization of SiC_f/SiC composites

Figure 4 shows a comparison of the surface morphology of SiC_f/SiC composites with three types of process conditions. The surface of the 0# sample is relatively undulating, indicating the original braid treatment. While the surfaces of 1# and 2# samples are arranged neatly with regular shapes. The groove size (Figure 4B, C) can be controlled by femtosecond laser processing. The error between the actual size and the designed size is ± 10 μm. Smaller-sized secondary microstructures are distributed among the primary microstructures, which increases the surface roughness of the composite. The

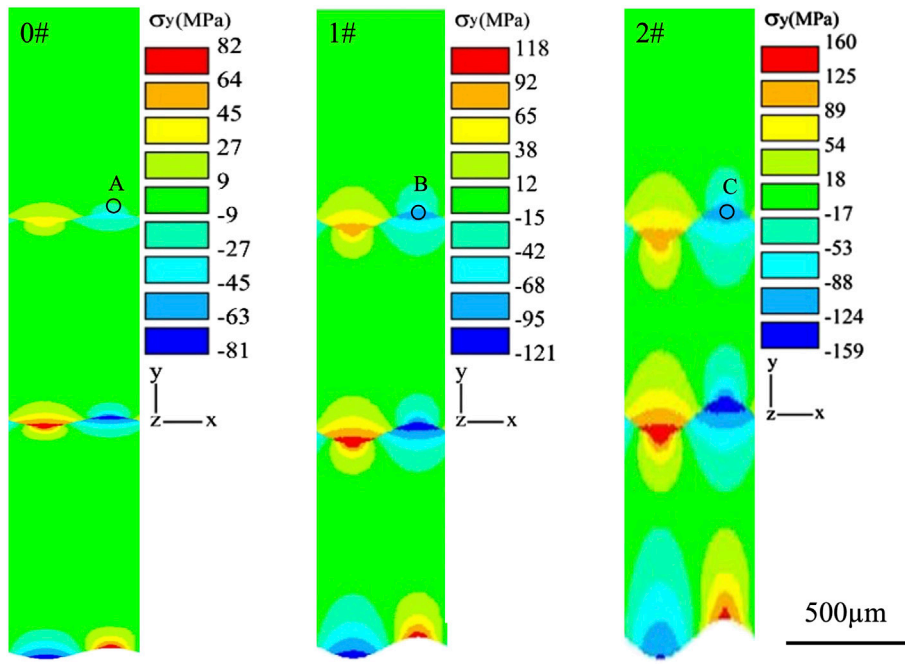


FIGURE 9
Simulation results of thermal shock.

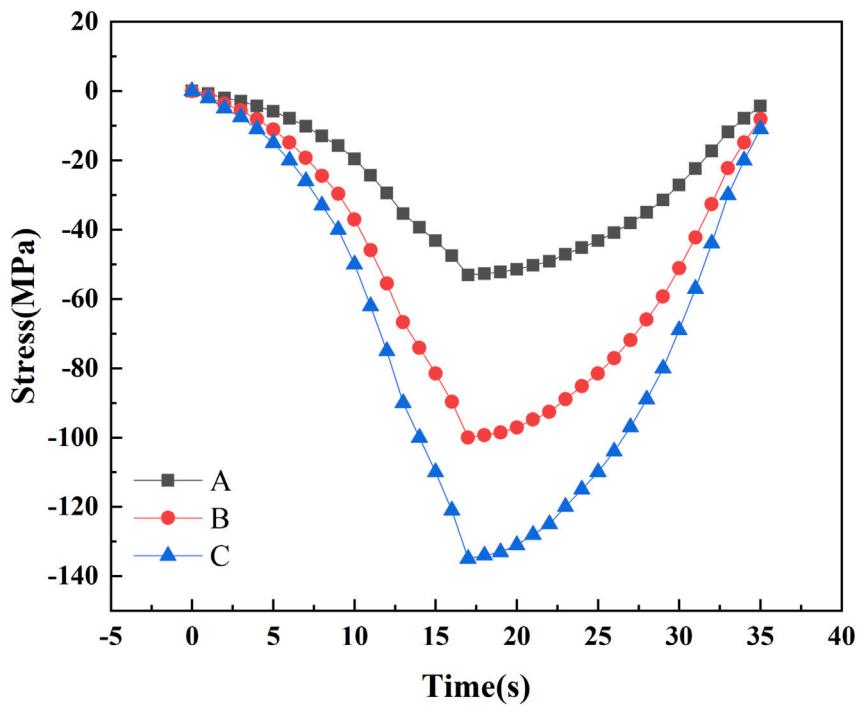


FIGURE 10
The variation of stress during the thermal shock process.

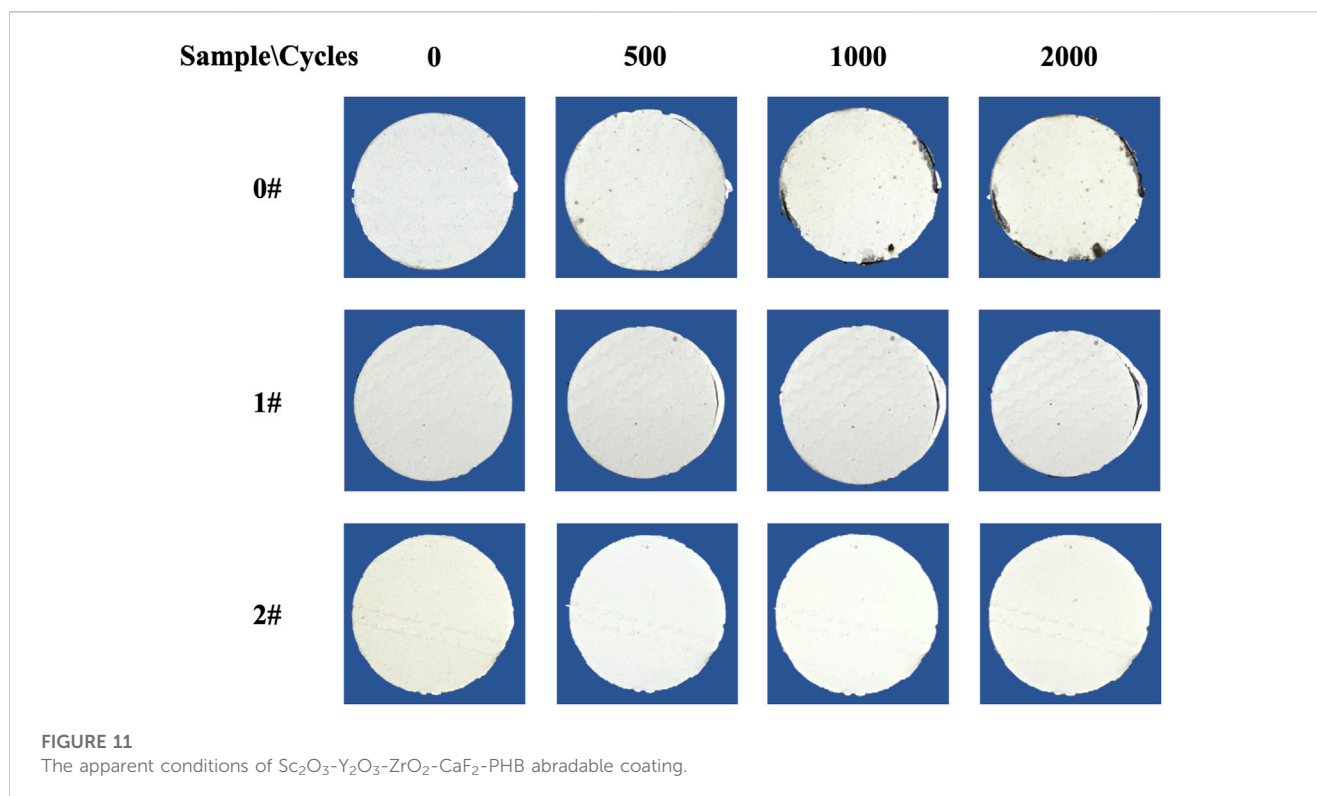


FIGURE 11
The apparent conditions of $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Y}_2\text{O}_3\text{-ZrO}_2\text{-CaF}_2\text{-PHB}$ abrasion-resistant coating.

TABLE 8 The variation of coating thickness.

| Sample | Substrate (mm) | Sample before tests (mm) | Sample after tests (mm) | Thickness changes (mm) |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 0# | 5.03 | 7.26 | 7.05 | 0.21 |
| 1# | 5.01 | 7.25 | 7.12 | 0.13 |
| 2# | 4.99 | 7.22 | 7.08 | 0.14 |

primary microstructure and the secondary microstructure together constitute the micro/nano structure.

6.2 Characterization of coating

The 1# coating is described in this section, considering that the coating preparation process is the same for all three types of samples. The microstructure of the 1# coating is shown in Figure 5. The coating has three layers, in which the $\text{Si-5\%Yb}_2\text{O}_3$ layer and the $\text{Yb}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$ layer form the EBC system to protect the SiC_f/SiC composite from water-oxygen corrosion, and the outermost layer is the abrasion-resistant coating to provide the high-temperature sealing function between the motor and the stator. The internal microstructure of the EBC is homogeneous and dense, where the $\text{Si-5\%Yb}_2\text{O}_3$ layer fills the grooves and binds well to the matrix interface without apparent defects. While the internal microstructure of $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Y}_2\text{O}_3\text{-ZrO}_2\text{-CaF}_2\text{-PHB}$ abrasion-resistant coating is uniform and loose, which has a good interface with the EBC. The porosity of the abrasion-resistant coating is calculated to be 35%.

Figure 6 shows the element distribution results of different layers in Region A (Figure 5). The main element of $\text{Si-5\%Yb}_2\text{O}_3$ layer is Si which can reach 96.87%, and O element content is only 2.57%. The main elements of $\text{Yb}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$ layer are Yb, Si and O, and their contents are 48.27%, 27.08% and 24.68%, respectively. The results indicate that VPS can effectively avoid powder oxidation and obtain high quality EBC. While for the abrasion-resistant coating, the main elements are Zr, O, Y and Sc which can reach 53.58%, 2.57%, 2.36% and 3.69%, respectively.

6.3 Bonding strength

Figures 7, 8 show the average bonding strength and fracture properties for the three samples, respectively. The bonding strength of the coating increases with the contact area. The fractures of the stretched samples are all in abrasion-resistant coatings, and the peeling area decreases as the contact area increases. The structure of the fabricated coating has 3 layers, and the overall bonding strength of the coating can be influenced by the bonding strength of each layer. Under the processing conditions of Table 3, the previous research of the research

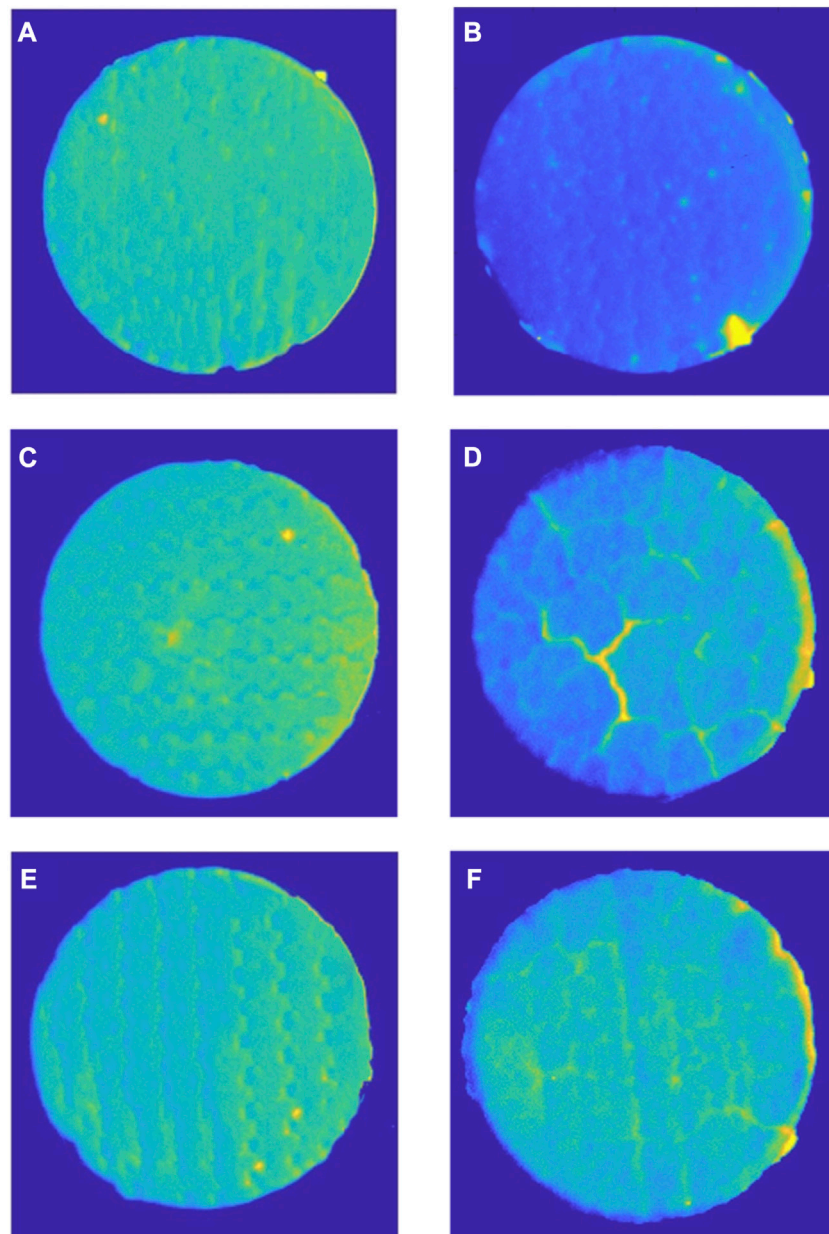


FIGURE 12

The comparison of coatings' internal defects: (A) 0# sample before the thermal shock test; (B) 0# sample after the thermal shock test; (C) 1# sample before the thermal shock test; (D) 1# sample after the thermal shock test; (E) 2# sample before the thermal shock test; (F) 2# sample after the thermal shock test.

group (ZHANG et al., 2022) shows that the average bonding strength of Si-5%Yb₂O₃ layer and Yb₂Si₂O₇ layer is (30.48 ± 4.43) MPa and (26.23 ± 3.13) MPa, respectively. And the fractures are in the SiC_f/SiC composites. It can be inferred that the key factor affecting the bonding strength of coating is the Sc₂O₃-Y₂O₃-ZrO₂-CaF₂-PHB abrasible coating rather than the Si-5%Yb₂O₃ coating or the Yb₂Si₂O₇ coating.

In order to explore the mechanism of textures on bonding strength of coating, the increment of contact area between the coating and SiC_f/SiC composite is introduced. Compared with the flat sample (0# sample), the increment of contact area of the single groove can be expressed as:

$$\Delta S = \left[\sqrt{\left(\frac{W_1 - W_2}{2}\right)^2 + h^2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{d_2 - d_1}{2}\right)^2 + h^2} - \left(\frac{W_1 - W_2}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{d_2 - d_1}{2}\right) \right] \cdot L \tag{8}$$

where L is length of the groove.

Based on the surface morphology result of SiC_f/SiCe composites in Figure 4, it can be obtained that the increments of contact area of 1# and 2# samples compared with 0# sample are 41.3% and 104%, respectively. Therefore, the increasing bonding strength of the

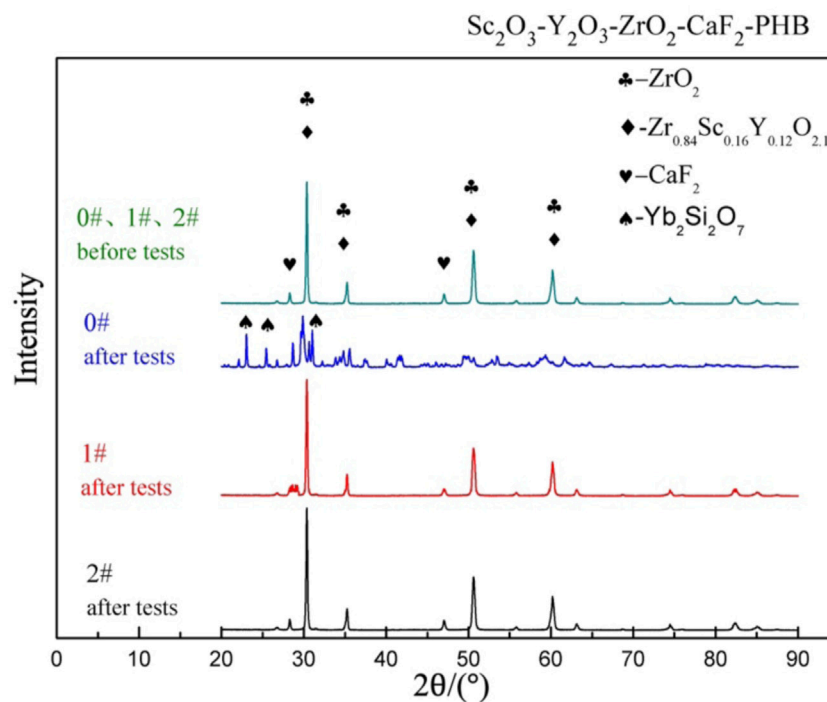


FIGURE 13
XRD results of coatings before and after thermal shock tests.

coating demonstrates the beneficial effect of the surface microstructure of the SiC_f/SiC composite.

6.4 Stress distribution of coating

Figure 9 shows the results of the simulation of the thermal shock at 17 s for the three types of coatings. Interfaces between coatings indicate different stress profiles that are affected by the interface morphology. For the three coatings, the deeper the microstructure, the greater the difference in stress. The convex part of the groove is compressive stress, which can inhibit coating peeling. And the more grooves there are, the harder the coating will peel off. The 2# sample has a maximum interfacial compressive stress of -160MPa , which is twice that of the 0# sample. In terms of the difference in the physical parameters of the coatings, the interfacial stress of Si-5%Yb₂O₃/Yb₂Si₂O₇ is 20–30 MPa larger than that of Yb₂Si₂O₇/Sc₂O₃-Y₂O₃-ZrO₂-CaF₂-PHB. In addition, the pores in the abradable coating release stress to some extent. Figure 10 plots the stress variation of the three points in Figure 9 during the thermal shock. The internal compressive stress gradually increases as the flame heats up, and decreases as the flame stops heating.

6.5 Structural integrity analysis of coating

Figure 11 shows the apparent conditions of Sc₂O₃-Y₂O₃-ZrO₂-CaF₂-PHB abradable coating during the thermal shock test. Compared to the 1# and 2# samples, the 0# sample is the

most severely damaged. Fractures are already present at the edges after 500 thermal shocks, and multiple coating spallation occurs after 1,000 thermal shocks. Central defects tend to start at a point and gradually expand towards the edges, eventually forming a patch of spallation with the edges. For the 1# sample, cracks exist at the edges after 500 thermal shocks. As the number of thermal shocks increases, the length and width of the crack gradually expand, but the coating still does not peel off until about 2,000. The 2# sample has the best structural integrity with no cracks or peeling on the coating. Table 8 shows the thickness comparison of the samples before and after the thermal shock. The 0# sample shows significantly higher variation than the 1# and 2# samples, indicating that the coatings of the 1# and 2# samples are better adhered to the surface microstructure.

Figure 12 demonstrates the comparison of internal defects in the coatings before and after the thermal shock test. The 0# sample shows a large difference from the 1# and 2# samples. The 0# sample has the scattered bright spots and drops (Figure 12B) while the 1# and 2# samples only occur bright streaks (Figures 12D, F). Combined with XRD results, the abradable coating of 0# sample was pulverized and peeled off, and the Yb₂Si₂O₇ layer which is closely combined with Si-5%Yb₂O₃ layer was exposed, while the abradable coatings of 1# and 2# samples still exist. It can be inferred that cracks are easily initiated and propagated in pores or poorly bonded boundary regions due to the high porosity and weak cohesion strength of abradable coatings. Furthermore, the suppression of crack propagation in the 2# sample is better than that in the 1# sample due to the larger bond strength. The width and

length of the defects in the 2# sample are smaller than those in the 1# sample, so the colors of the internal defects in the 2# coating are lighter in the IR images.

6.6 XRD comparison and analysis

Figure 13 shows XRD results of the outermost coating before and after the thermal shock tests. Before the tests, the phases of all the coatings are the same which contain ZrO_2 , CaF_2 and $Zr_{0.84}Sc_{0.16}Y_{0.12}O_{2.1}$. However, the 0# sample indicates entirely different results while the 1# and 2# samples stay the same after the tests. It can be seen that the contents of 0# sample outermost coating are $Yb_2Si_2O_7$ and ZrO_2 which indicates the abrasion coating fades away and the $Yb_2Si_2O_7$ layer is exposed. While the outermost coatings of 1# and 2# samples are still the abrasion coating. The XRD results also meet the coating thickness variations in Table 8, the thickness variation of 0# sample is the largest. The surface microstructure on the SiC_f/SiC composite greatly enhances the bonding strength of abrasion coating, and the thermal shock life is also increased.

7 Conclusion

A novel Sc_2O_3 - Y_2O_3 - ZrO_2 - CaF_2 -PHB/ $Yb_2Si_2O_7$ /Si-5% Yb_2O_3 coatings were deposited on the groove structures prepared by femtosecond laser processing technology, and the coatings were subjected to the thermal shock tests at $(1,250 \pm 50)^\circ C$. Several results are summarized as follows.

- (1) The contact area of the groove structure and the coating increased by 41.3% and 104.0%, and the bonding strength of the coatings increased by 14.6% and 42.2%, respectively. The fracture site of the tensile test is mainly inside the abrasion coating.
- (2) After 2000 times thermal shock test at $(1,250 \pm 50)^\circ C$, the abrasion coating whose substrate was not surface processed was peeled off, and the $Yb_2Si_2O_7$ layer was exposed. However, for abrasion coatings whose substrates are surface treated, the abrasion coating is not peeled off, but the thickness of the coating is reduced. The greater the contact area between the coating and the substrate, the less thin the coating thickness.
- (3) The locations of cracks were mainly in the abrasion coating, cracks were easy to initiate and propagate in pores or poorly

bonded boundary regions, and the overall shape was shell-like. The crack propagation behavior is influenced by the matrix microstructure, and the deeper the microstructure, the less distinct the crack.

Data availability statement

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary Material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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