

セラミック-鉄接合被覆の重水素透過挙動およびリチウム鉛腐食挙動 Deuterium permeation and Li-Pb corrosion behaviors on ceramic-iron joint coating

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1. Introduction

For the realization of a sufficient fuel cycle in a fusion reactor, functional coatings have been investigated mainly using ceramics to suppress magneto-hydrodynamic pressure drop, corrosion by liquid tritium breeder such as lithium-lead (Li-Pb), and tritium leakage through structural materials. Our previous studies proved that the Li-Pb corrosion resistance of a ceramic coating in a static condition was drastically improved by covering it with an iron foil, and the sufficient electrical insulation with adhesion to the coating was confirmed by hot pressing [1,2]. However, there is insufficient knowledge about Li-Pb compatibility under flowing conditions and hydrogen isotope permeation of the joint coating with consideration of interfaces. In this study, Li-Pb exposure tests under rotating flow and deuterium permeation tests were conducted for the joint coatings.

2. Experiments

Reduced activation ferritic/martensitic steel F82H (Fe-8Cr-2W, F82H-BA07 heat) plates were used as substrates. Zirconium oxide (ZrO₂)-iron oxide (Fe₂O₃) two-layer coatings were prepared by metal organic decomposition with a dip-coating technique. The coating thicknesses of the ZrO₂ and the Fe₂O₃ layers were approximately 200 nm and 120 nm, respectively. Subsequently, the coatings were joined with 10- μ m-thick iron foils by hot pressing for 0.5 h at 550 °C and 25 MPa. The coating procedure is described in Ref. [2].

Li-Pb exposure tests under rotating flow were conducted at 550 °C for 500–1000 h with a rotating speed of 200 rpm. The estimated flow velocity on the samples was 0.52 m/s.

Deuterium permeation tests were carried out for the samples before and after the joining using a gas-driven permeation apparatus in the temperature range of 300–600 °C.

Surface and cross-sectional observations and structure analysis were conducted by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) with energy dispersive

X-ray spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction (XRD).

3. Results and discussion

Fig. 1 shows the XRD spectra of the samples after the Li-Pb exposure. The ternary oxides such as LiFe₅O₈ were generated on the surface. In the surface SEM observation, a rugged structure was observed after exposure for 500 h, and rounded protrusions were observed after exposure for 1000 h. That indicates corrosion and erosion would proceed during long-term exposure. The Fe layer thickness of the samples after the exposure for 500 h and 1000 h decreased to approximately 9.3 μ m, suggesting that the corrosion layer would protect from further thinning of the Fe layer.

In the deuterium permeation tests, the permeation fluxes of the sample before the joining decreased by a factor of approximately 1000 in comparison with that of the substrate after the test at 500 °C. In the presentation, the permeation behavior after the joining and the effect of interface will be also discussed.

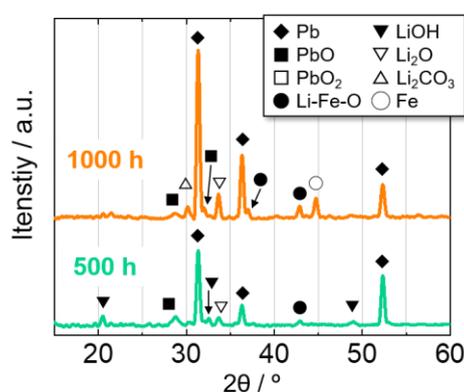


Fig. 1. XRD spectra of joint coatings after Li-Pb exposure tests under rotating flow at 550 °C for 500–1000 h with flow velocity of 0.52 m/s.

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