



Thermal Plasma Processing for Coating: Structural, Functional Properties of Thick Films

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- Theoretical and experimental research, new ideas in thermal plasma processing of functional coatings using powder metallurgy route.
- Recent approaches toward single and multi-layer functional coatings made of pure metals or alloys.
- Thick coatings fabricated by a different process of thermal plasma technology including, among others, plasma spraying, spark-plasma sintering, and laser meting processing methods.
- Experiments and processing of high-performance coatings with mechanical, functional, tribological, and other extreme environmental applications.
- Understanding the functional mechanism of coatings through mechanical performance, self-healing, and description of their degradation mechanisms through the scratch test, indent point, wear test, and other dynamic loading conditions.
- A new methodology for considering the interplay relationship between mechanical, chemical, and electromechanical interactions of coating/substrate/environment and the ability to predict coating performance and/or reliability.





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