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Microstructure and dry sliding wear behavior of MoS₂/TiC/Ni composite coatings prepared by laser cladding

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Abstract

A PRC-3 kW continuous wave CO₂ laser was used to clad a MoS₂/TiC/Ni coatings on the surface of a 1045 low carbon steel substrate. The microstructure and phase composition of the composite coating were studied. The typical microstructure of the composite coating is composed of multi-sulfide phases including binary element sulfides, ternary element sulfides, Ni, TiC and Mo₂C. Wear tests were carried out using a FALEX-6 type pin-on-disc machine. The results showed that the MoS₂/Ni coating (as a contrasted sample) exhibited the lowest friction coefficient and the largest weight loss in comparison to other investigated specimens. The friction coefficient of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating is lower than that of quenched 45 steel and weight loss is only one-sixth of that of 45 steel. The worn surface of MoS₂/TiC/Ni laser cladding coating is so clean and smooth (no noticeable groove and scratches visible) that the microstructure of coating is identified after dry wear test of 40 min.

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1. Introduction

With development of the aerospace and vacuum industries, the components in an engine or in general machinery are required to meet with severe environment, such as high temperature, high loading, strong radiant etc. Under these conditions, the presence of liquid is not possible or may be forbidden to avoid contamination (food industry). In particular, dry machining could have a detrimental effect on the tool performance (high tool wear or damage). The risk of this can be drastically reduced or eliminated by using solid lubricant. In special occasion, the use of a solid lubricant deposited where a traditional lubricant cannot perform, will increase the performance of tools and components [1–3]. As restriction imposed by environmental legislation tighten, solid lubrication provides a viable

solution. Laser is a powerful tool for surface modification of metal in improving their corrosion and tribological properties. Laser cladding is a novel surface treatment technology which takes possession of advanced features, such as the integrity of fusion bond between the cladding coating and substrate, high process flexibility, high working speeds and no requirement for post process treatment.

Cladding of a composite coatings containing ceramic particles (such as WC, TiC, SiC, ZrO₂ or Al₂O₃ ceramics) involves a direct injection of powders into melt pool generated at the substrate surface employing a laser beam [4–9]. However, such coatings are not good option for some applications. From the viewpoint of tribology, the hardness of the surface coating is not the only factor which determines the wear behavior of metal materials. These coatings do not always efficiently improve the intensity of friction and do not provide any protection for the opposing surface. During wear process, if hard and rough particles peel off, serious abrasive wear will occur. In order to provide optimum wear protection for easily worn components, it is necessary to adopt a solid lubricant coating

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reducing friction and protecting the opposing surface. The metal base composites containing sulfides have a low friction coefficient and a low wear rate from room temperature up to 600 °C and can be used as solid lubricant coating materials [10,11].

In present study, a new hard lubricant composite coating with amount of Ni coated MoS₂ powder has been prepared by laser cladding technology. The purpose of this work aims at the composite coating which is characteristic of high hardness combined with low friction and low wear rate combined with the good adhesion lead to very high load-bearing capacity.

2. Experimental

The 1045 low carbon steel samples were machined into rectangular blocks on size 10 mm×10 mm×50 mm. Before laser cladding, the surface was ground to a surface finish of Ra=0.2 μm, and rinsed with ethanol followed by acetone. A mixture of 70 wt.% Ni coated MoS₂, 20 wt.% TiC and 10 wt.% Ni powder was used as the coating materials for MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating. The MoS₂/Ni coating was selected for comparing the wear behavior. The ratio of Ni coated MoS₂ powder to Ni powder was 3:1 in weight. The particle size of Ni coated MoS₂ powder was less than 10 μm and the ratio of Ni to MoS₂ is 4:6 in weight. The particle size of the TiC powder was less than 15 μm and the grains had a polygonal shape. The powders were mixed by hand using a spoon in a glass and were pasted on the surface of low carbon steel. The paste was 1 mm thick. The laser cladding was carried out with a defocused laser beam of 3-mm diameter using PRC-3 kW continuous wave CO₂ laser processing system in an argon shielding atmosphere. The laser cladding parameter was laser power 1.25 kW, scan speed 12 mm/s.

Metallographic cross-sections of clad samples were prepared in the plane perpendicular to the scan direction. The chemical composition and microstructure were analyzed by a LEO-1450 scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and worn surfaces of coatings were observed by a CSM-950 SEM using also X-ray energy dispersive spectroscopy (X-EDS). The phase composition was investigated by X-ray diffraction (XRD) with a D/Max-RB diffractometer. The radiation source was Cu Kα, the voltage was 40 kV and the scan rate was 5 min⁻¹. The microhardness measurement were done on a HX-200 micro-Vickers machine with a 0.2 kg load.

Dry sliding friction and wear tests without lubricant were performed in a pin-on-ring mode on a Falex-6 friction and wear testing machine (Falex, Sugar Grove, Illinois, USA). The pin specimens were machined in the form of cylinders with 4.8-mm diameter and 12.7-mm length. The counterpart discs were made of a quenched and tempered GCr15 bearing steel with a nominal chemical composition (mass percent): 1.0 C, 1.5 Cr, 0.25 Si, 0.30 Mn, 0.20 Ni, 0.05 Mo, 0.15 V, surface hardness of 60 HRC and surface roughness

of Ra=0.2 μm. The quenched 1045 low carbon steel with surface hardness of 50 HRC was selected as reference test material for all wear tests in order to rank the wear resistance of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating in comparison to other test materials. The applied load was 17.8 N and the sliding speed was kept constant at 0.24 m/s. The friction coefficient μ was calculated using the expression $\mu=T/RP$, where T is the friction moment, R is the ring radius and P is the normal load on the pin specimen. The specimens were thoroughly cleaned with acetone in an ultrasonic cleaner before and after the wear test. After the wear test, the weight loss was measured using a photoelectric balance 1712MP8 with the resolution of ±0.01 mg.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Microstructure characterization and microhardness

Fig. 1 presents a typical X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of a coating produced from a MoS₂/TiC/Ni powder blend. The results of XRD indicate that the major phases constituents of composite coatings are multi-element sulfide phases including binary element sulfides (TiS, NiS, Ni₃S₂, Ni₃S₄, NiS₂), ternary element sulfides (Ni_{2.5}Mo₆S_{6.7}, Ni_{0.33}TiS₂, Ni₃Ti₄S₈, Ti₃Mo_{0.75}S₅), Ni, TiC and Mo₂C. Owing to irradiation of laser beam, the MoS₂ particle is heated to reach the temperature higher than the melting point of the particle, then dissociation of MoS₂ to Mo and S occurs swiftly.

Fig. 2(a) shows the SEM of the longitudinal section of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating. It can be found that the coating is about 0.3 mm thick and free from pores and cracks. There exists an excellent metallurgical bond between the coating and the substrate. TiC particles dissolve partially into the melt pool during cladding and their density gradually increases with distance from the bottom of the coating. Because the density of TiC is about 4.25 g cm⁻³ and is lighter than nickel-based alloy, the TiC particles have a

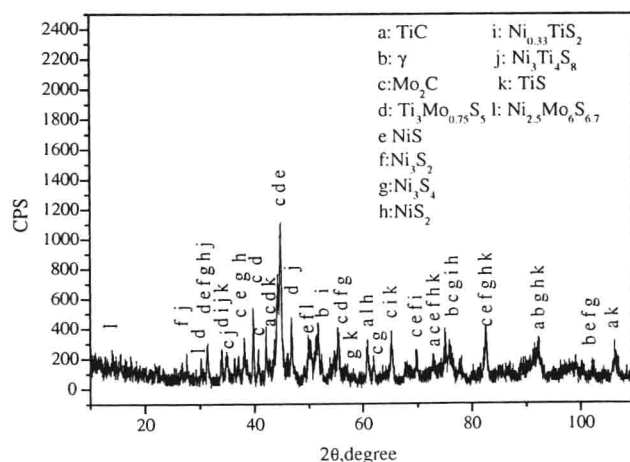


Fig. 1. XRD pattern MoS₂/TiC/Ni composite coatings.

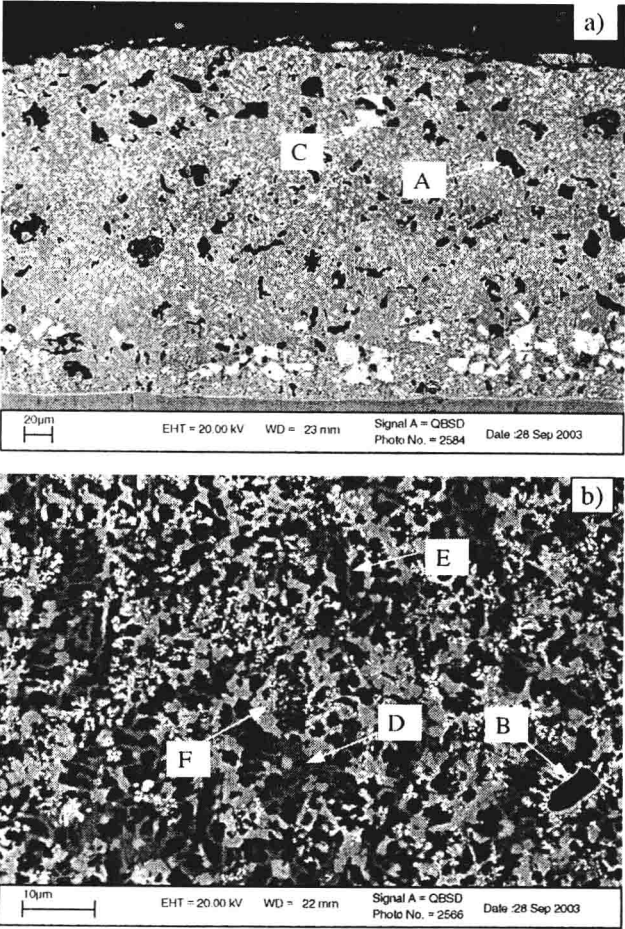


Fig. 2. SEM micrographs showing the microstructure of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni composite coatings: (a) overview cross-section, (b) high magnification.

tendency to concentrate at the top of the coating. The typical microstructure in the middle of the coating has been shown in Fig. 2(b). SEM observation reveals that the microstructure of the coating is very complicated, consisting of different constituent phases. The composition of phases analyzed using X-EDS are shown in Table 1. Combining the XRD results and composition of phases in coating, it can indicate that the Black particle (marked A in Fig. 2(a)) is partially dissolve TiC ceramic particle, which is embraced by Mo₂C carbide (marked B in Fig. 2(b)). The White block phase (marked C in Fig. 2(a)), which mainly consist of Mo, S and Ni element, is identified Ni_{2.5}Mo₆S_{6.7} ternary sulfide. During the laser cladding process, there are the convective

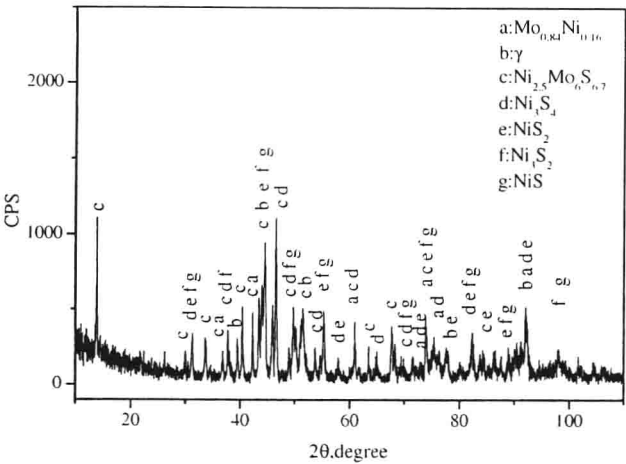


Fig. 3. XRD patterns of laser cladding MoS₂/Ni composite coating.

flow of the molten metal, which results in the reaction of Mo, S, Ti and Ni to form ternary or binary element sulfide such as Ni_{0.33}TiS₂, Ni₃Ti₄S₈, Ti₃Mo_{0.75}S₅ (marked D in Fig. 2(b)) and Nickelous sulfide (marked E in Fig. 2(b)). The TiC particle was decomposed into Ti and C, and partially dissolved in the melt pool. The dissociated C combines with the dissolution of Mo to form Mo₂C carbide. It is noted that there are two kinds of distribution feature of Mo₂C, namely, surrounding structure of the exterior of TiC particle and in shape of particle homogeneous distribution in clad coating. The surrounding structure contained a little of Ni and Ti and can be confirmed as composite carbide of Mo₂C type, and which plays an important role in bonding the TiC particle with matrix of clad coating. Owing to the supersaturation of Mo and C in the matrix, the Mo₂C precipitates from the matrix in particle-like during solidification. Under condition of rapid heating and cooling during the laser treatment, Ni reacts with decomposed MoS₂ to form Ni_{2.5}Mo₆S_{6.7} in the place of Ni coated MoS₂ powder of preplaced coating due to diffusing insufficiency. The dissociation of MoS₂ to Mo and S reacts with Ni and Ti to form multi-element sulfide phase.

Fig. 3 shows the XRD pattern of the MoS₂/Ni coating. The result of XRD indicates that main phase constituents of the coating are Ni, Ni_{2.5}Mo₆S_{6.7}, intermetallic Mo_{0.84}Ni_{0.16} and binary element sulfides (Ni₃S₄, NiS₂, Ni₃S₂, NiS). The microstructure of the cladding coating is shown in Fig. 4. The results of energy dispersive X-ray (X-EDS) analysis of different marked microzone, as shown in the Table 2, the large grey block (marked A), white particle-like (marked B),

Table 1
X-EDS analyses result of MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating (at.%)

Phase label	Phase	Ni	Mo	S	Ti	Fe	C
A	TiC	–	–	–	94.0794	–	5.9236
B	Mo ₂ C	10.2393	86.765	1.6194	1.3757	–	–
C	Ni _{2.5} Mo ₆ S _{6.7}	14.5537	24.7327	60.4144	–	0.2992	–
D	Ni _{0.33} TiS ₂ , Ni ₃ Ti ₄ S ₈ , Ti ₃ Mo _{0.75} S ₅ , TiS	22.4454	21.9407	49.8493	5.7646	–	–
E	NiS, Ni ₃ S ₄ , Ni ₃ S ₂ , NiS ₂	60.5509	1.4560	36.7667	0.4858	0.7406	–
F	Ni	83.9130	0.9374	12.4436	0.5606	2.1453	–

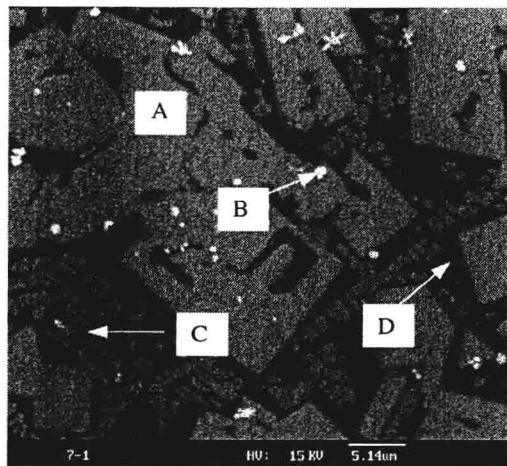


Fig. 4. SEM micrographs of cross-section of MoS₂/Ni coating.

small cluster block (marked C) and black grey structure in the middle of the large grey block are determined as Ni_{2.5}Mo₆S_{6.7}, intermetallic Mo_{0.84}Ni_{0.16}, Ni and binary nickelous sulfide, respectively.

The hardness profiles of a MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating and a MoS₂/Ni coating along the depth direction are depicted in Fig. 5(a),(b). It can be seen that the hardness of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating decreases gradually as the distance from the surface increases. The gradient microstructure leads to a gradual hardness distribution of the coating from HV_{0.2}743 down to HV_{0.2} 160. The microhardness of the MoS₂/Ni coating is ranging between HV_{0.2}250 and HV_{0.2}440 and is thus lower than that of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating. It is noted that there is no sudden transition from the coating to the substrate in the hardness, which indicates an absence of a sharp demarcation in materials properties across the interface.

3.2. Sliding friction and wear behaviors

Fig. 6 shows the friction coefficients of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni composite coating, MoS₂/Ni coating and hardened 1045 low carbon steel at given normal load (17.8 N) and wear time of 10 min. The friction coefficient of the MoS₂/Ni coating is the lowest of the tested materials; hence it possesses good lubricant behavior. The friction coefficient of MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating is higher than that of the MoS₂/Ni coating but considerably lower than that of hardened AISI 1045 steel.

The wear weight loss of MoS₂/Ni coating is 2.1 mg after a wear time of 10 min and the clad coating has been worn

Table 2
The EDAX analyses result of laser cladding Ni coated MoS₂/Ni composite coating (at.%)

Phase label	Phase	Ni	Mo	S
A	Ni _{2.5} Mo ₆ S _{6.7}	18.3751	27.7205	53.9044
B	Mo _{0.84} Ni _{0.16}	18.1051	81.8949	—
C	Ni	89.3453	9.5974	—
D	Ni ₃ S ₄ ,NiS ₂ ,Ni ₃ S ₂ ,NiS	75.5753	1.5028	22.9219

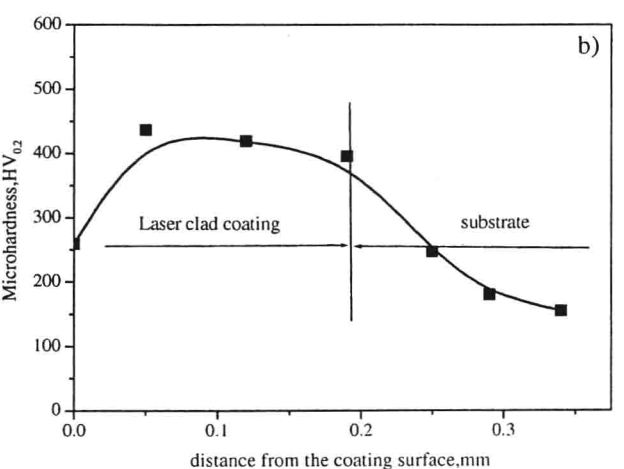
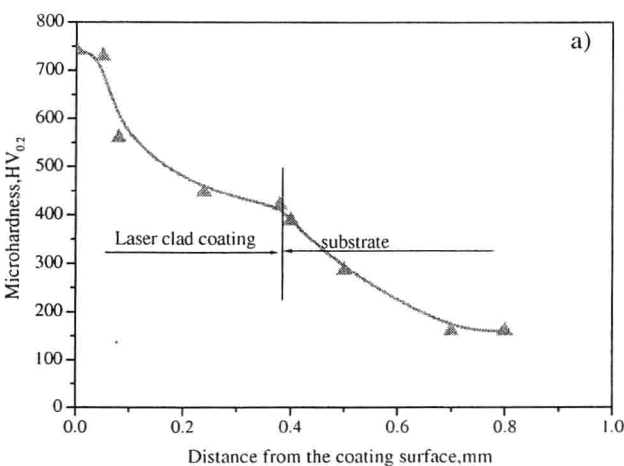


Fig. 5. Microhardness profile of the laser clad: (a) MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating; (b) MoS₂/Ni coating.

out. The wear weight losses of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating and AISI 1045 steel as function of wear time at given normal load (17.8 N) are compared and shown in Fig. 7. An approximately linear relationship between wear weight loss and wear time occurs and the slope of 1045 steel is

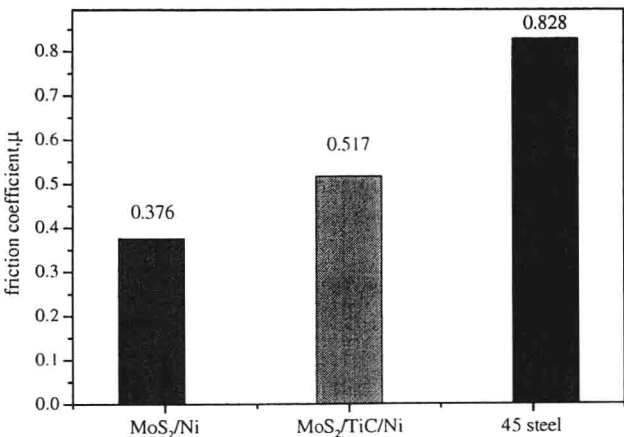


Fig. 6. Friction coefficients of clad coatings and 1045 steel at a given normal load (17.8 N) and wear time of 10 min.

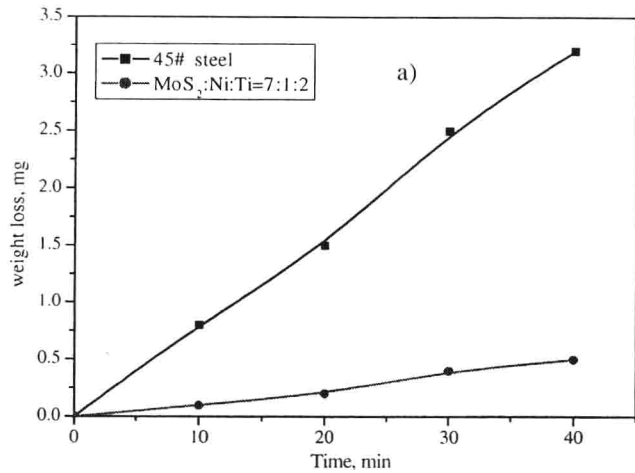


Fig. 7. Wear weight loss of coating and AISI1045 steel as function of wear time at a given normal load of 17.8 N.

obviously larger than that of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating. Thus, the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating has excellent wear resistance and friction properties.

Fig. 8(a) shows the worn surface of MoS₂/Ni coating. Delamination occurs, and the materials are removed from the surface due to adhesive wear. The removed materials are transferred to the surface of the counterpart disc, can act as a

solid lubricant film, help to reduce the friction force and protect the surface of counterpart disc. But the low hardness and load-bearing capacity limit its application. The morphology of worn surface of low carbon steel (Fig. 8(b)) is very rough and deep plowing grooves and adhesive flake debris can be observed. Because of the low capability of plastically deformation and the low hardness, the abrasive particle is able to plough deeply into the surface of 1045 steel and is able to cause microcutting and grooving. Fig. 8(c),(d) shows that the surface morphologies of the worn surfaces of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating after a dry sliding wear test of 40 min are so clean and smooth (no noticeable grooves and scratches visible) that the microstructure of the coating can be clearly revealed. The undissolved TiC particle plays an important role in increasing the hardness and resisting plastic deformation. It is well known that the microhardness is closely related to the wear resistance of materials. The higher the hardness, the higher the wear resistance and the lower the weight loss. The wear properties of the MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating differ completely from those of the single constituents and depend on the microstructure configuration. The excellent wear resistance of MoS₂/TiC/Ni coating is due to the presence of the hard phase of TiC particles and friction-reducing properties of sulfides. Moreover, the increased bonding strength between

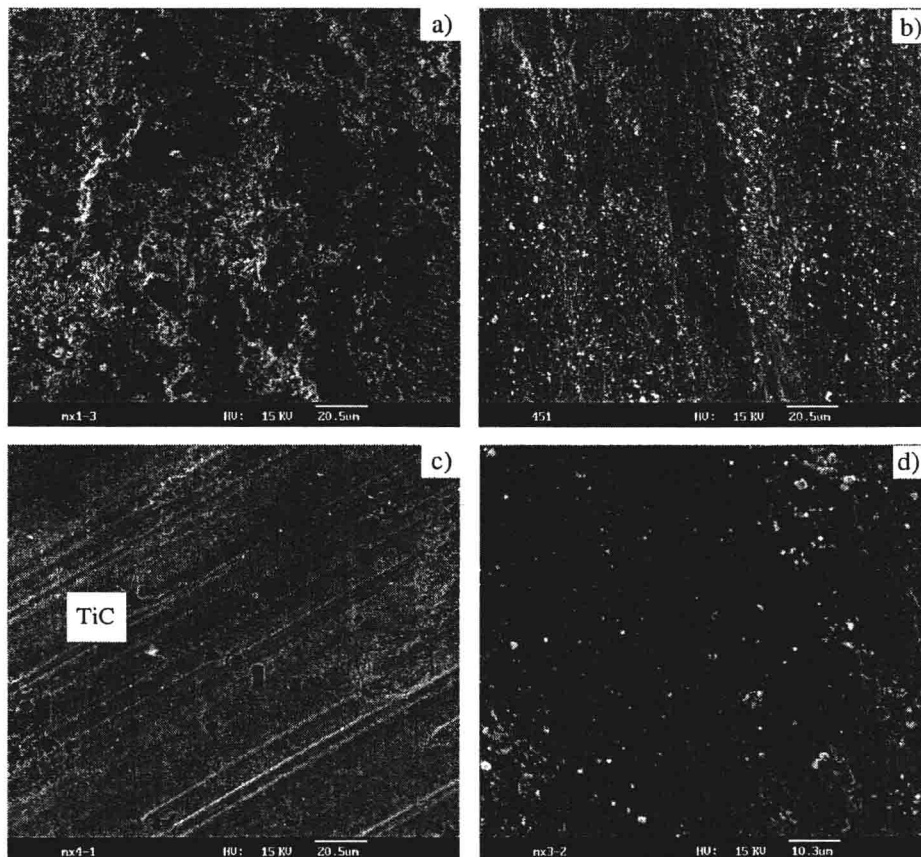


Fig. 8. Surface morphology of wear (a) MoS₂/Ni laser cladding coating, (b) quenched 45 steel, MoS₂/TiC/Ni laser cladding coating, (c) at low and (d) high magnification.

the TiC particle and the matrix due to the surrounding structure of Mo_2C , helps to prevent the delamination of the TiC particle during the wear. Compared with MoS_2/Ni coating, the $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ coating has a notably better load-bearing and wear lifetime under dry sliding wear conditions. A great amount of sulfide in the $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ coating is provided with the friction reducing during sliding wear and can protect both its own surface and the surface of counterpart discs.

4. Conclusion

1. Laser clad $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ composite coatings offer advantages over laser clad MoS_2/Ni coatings and hardened AISI 1045 steel because of their hardness, wear resistance, low friction and good load-bearing capacity.
2. The typical microstructure of $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ composite coatings is composed of multi-sulfides phases including binary element sulfides and ternary element sulfides, Ni, TiC and Mo_2C . The microstructure of MoS_2/Ni coating consists of Ni, $\text{Ni}_{2.5}\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_{6.7}$, intermetallic $\text{Mo}_{0.84}\text{Ni}_{0.16}$, Ni_3S_4 , NiS_2 , Ni_3S_2 , NiS.
3. After dry sliding wear of 40 min, weight loss of $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ composite coatings is only one-sixth that of hardened AISI 45 steel, and the friction coefficient of clad $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ composite coating is higher than that

of Ni coated MoS_2/Ni coating but considerably lower than that of hardened AISI 1045 steel. The morphology of the worn surface of the $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ composite coating is so clean and smooth that the microstructure of the clad Ni coated $\text{MoS}_2/\text{TiC}/\text{Ni}$ composite coating can be clearly revealed.

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Wear characteristic of in situ synthesized TiB_2 particulate-reinforced Al matrix composite formed by laser cladding

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Abstract

In order to improve the wear resistance of an aluminum alloy, an in situ synthesized TiB_2 particulate-reinforced metal matrix composite coating was formed on a 2024 aluminum alloy by laser cladding with a powder mixture of Fe-coated boron, Ti and Al was successfully achieved using a 3-kW CW CO_2 laser. The chemical composition, microstructure and phase structure of the composite clad coating were analyzed by energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX), SEM, TEM and XRD. The nanohardness and the elastic modulus of the phases of the coating have been examined. The dry sliding wear behaviour of the coating was investigated using a pin-on-ring machine under four loads, namely 8.9, 17.8, 26.7, and 35.6 N. It has been found that the wear characteristics of cladding were completely dependent on the content and morphology of the TiB_2 particulate and intermetallic in the microstructure and the applied load. At the lowest load (8.9 N), with increasing content of TiB_2 particulate and intermetallic, the wear weight loss of the laser cladding was decreased. At higher loads (17.8, 26.7, and 35.5 N), the 2024 Al alloy exhibited superior wear resistance to the particle-reinforced metal matrix composite cladding.

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1. Introduction

Aluminum alloys are the most widely used non-ferrous metals in engineering owing to their attractive properties, such as high strength-to-weight ratio, good ductility, good corrosion resistance, availability and low cost [1]. However, their applications have often been restricted because conventional Al alloys are soft and notorious for their poor wear resistance.

Laser cladding is an attractive surface treatment technology which takes possession of advanced features, such as the integrity of fusion bond between the cladding coating and substrate, high process flexibility, high working speeds and no requirement for post-process treatment. There has been a growing interest in fabrication of a surface layer of particulate-reinforced metal matrix composites on metallic materials. This process involves a massive introduction of

hard particle into the wear resisting surface clad layer, such as WC, TiC, SiC, ZrO_2 or Al_2O_3 ceramics, which are directly injected into the high temperature molten pool created in the surface of substrate by laser beam [2–7]. There is a major drawback to adding the reinforced phase directly into laser cladding coating because of poor wetting behavior between ceramic phase and metal matrix and a large different thermal expansion coefficient between them. In order to solve this problem, the in situ synthesized particles particulate-reinforced metal matrix composites have been extensively investigated [8,9].

Titanium diboride is an attractive material for a range of application [10,11] including wear components mechanical seals, aerospace parts and cutting tools because of its hardness, high melting point and low specific weight. TiB_2 also has potential uses as a surface coating to steels and aluminum alloys to improve wear resistance in components like cylinder heads, liners, engine blocks, pistons, brake rotors and drums.

The present work is aimed at the investigation of the effect of in situ synthesized particulate and intermetallic

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