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Numerical Simulation and Control of Sublimation Growth of SiC Bulk Single Crystals: Modeling, Finite Volume Method, Analysis and Results

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SiC growth by physical vapor transport (PVT)



- polycrystalline SiC powder sublimates inside induction-heated graphite crucible at 2000 – 3000 K and ≈ 20 hPa
- a gas mixture consisting of Ar (inert gas), Si, SiC₂,
 Si₂C, ... is created
- an SiC single crystal grows on a cooled seed

Goal:

Stationary and transient optimal control of process, using mathematical modeling, numerical simulation.

Heat Transport Model

Nonlinear heat conduction in material j:

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_j}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}_j = f_j, \qquad \mathbf{q}_j = -\kappa_j \,\nabla T,$$

 ε_j : internal energy, T: absolute temperature,

 \mathbf{q}_j : heat flux, κ_j : thermal conductivity,

 f_j : power density of heat sources (induction heating). Interface Conditions

Continuity of the heat flux:

Between solids: $\mathbf{q}_{j_1} \bullet \mathbf{n}_{j_1} = \mathbf{q}_{j_2} \bullet \mathbf{n}_{j_1}$ on γ_{j_1,j_2} .

Between gas and solid *j*:

$$\mathbf{q}_{\text{gas}} \bullet \mathbf{n}_{\text{gas}} - R + J = \mathbf{q}_j \bullet \mathbf{n}_{\text{gas}} \text{ on } \gamma_{j,\text{gas}},$$

 n_j , n_{gas} : outer unit normal, R: radiosity, J: irradiation. Continuity of temperature throughout apparatus.



Outer Boundary Conditions



Emission according to Stefan-Boltzmann law:

$$-(\kappa_j \nabla T) \bullet \mathbf{n}_j = \sigma \epsilon_j(T) \left(T^4 - T^4_{\text{room}} \right),$$

 ϵ_j : emissivity, $T_{\text{room}} = 293$ K.

On surfaces of open cavities:

$$\mathbf{q}_j \bullet \mathbf{n}_j - R + J = 0.$$

Finite Volume Scheme

General theory for finite volume methods for systems of nonlinear evolution equations in space-time domains $\Omega \times [0, t_f], \Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^N \Omega_j$, with disjoint polytopes (bounded polyhedral sets) Ω_j . Type and/or form of the PDEs may vary from subdomain to subdomain. Typical form:

 $\partial_t b_j(u_j, x, t) + \nabla \bullet \mathbf{v}_j(u_j, x, t) - \nabla \bullet (k_j(u_j, x, t) \nabla u_j)$ = $f_j(u_j, x, t)$.

The unknown functions u_j on Ω_j are connected by interface conditions between adjacent subdomains.

Typical example: $u_j = T_j$ = temperature on the subdomain Ω_j (gas, different solid components of the growth apparatus).

Possible interface conditions between Ω_{j_1} , Ω_{j_2} :

- $u_{j_1} = u_{j_2}$ (continuity)
- $-k_{j_1}(u_{j_1}, x, t) \nabla u_{j_1} \bullet \mathbf{n}_{p_{j_1}} = \xi_{\{j_1, j_2\}} \cdot (u_{j_1} u_{j_2}),$ $\xi_{\{j_1, j_2\}} > 0$ (jump condition)
- $k_{j_2}(u_{j_2}, x, t) \nabla u_{j_2} \bullet \mathbf{n}_{p_{j_2}} k_{j_1}(u_{j_1}, x, t) \nabla u_{j_1} \bullet$ $\mathbf{n}_{p_{j_1}} = \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}(u_1, \dots, u_N)(x)$ (nonlocal operator; typically: radiation)

Outer boundary conditions (on $\partial \Omega$):

Dirichlet, Neumann, Robin, emission, nonlocal radiation.

Discrete Existence Result:

Assume that:

- $b_j \ge 0$, $b_j(\cdot, x, t) \nearrow$, $b_j(0, x, \cdot) \searrow$; $\exists L > 0$: $|b_j(u, x, t) - b_j(\tilde{u}, x, t)| \ge L|u - \tilde{u}| \quad \forall j.$
- $f_j(\cdot, x, t)$ locally Lipschitz; $f_j(0, x, t) \ge 0$.
- $k_j(\cdot, x, t)$ locally Lipschitz; $k_j \ge 0$.
- Functions in interface and boundary conditions are locally Lipschitz and have the "right" monotonicity properties (valid for heat conduction).
- $\mathbf{v}(u, x, t) = v_1(u, x, t) \cdot \mathbf{v}_2(x, t)$, where $v_1(0, x, t) = 0$, $v_1(\cdot, x, t) \nearrow$, v_1 is locally Lipschitz and bounded from below.
- The discretization of nonlocal operators satisfies a technical condition (satisfied for suitable discretization of radiation operators).

Then the finite volume discretization has a unique solution in $[0, M]^n$, provided that the time step is sufficiently small (*n*: number of discrete unknowns, *M*: independent of time discretization). Stationary optimal control problem for the temperature field



Known fact: Crystal surface forms along isotherms. Goal: Radially constant isotherms during growth.

Control:
$$\int_{\Omega_{gas}} w(z) \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}(r, z) \stackrel{2}{\rightarrow} d(r, z) \longrightarrow \text{min.}$$

PDEs $(\mathbf{v}_{gas} = 0, f(x, T, P) = f(x, P))$:
 $- \operatorname{div} \kappa^{(\operatorname{Ar})}(T) \nabla T = 0 \qquad \text{in } \Omega_{gas},$
 $- \operatorname{div} \kappa(x, T) \nabla T = f(x, P) \qquad \text{in } \Omega \setminus \Omega_{gas}$

Constraints:

- $T_{\text{room}} \leq T \leq T_{\max} \text{ in } \Omega$,
- $T_{\rm min,SiC-C} \leq T \leq T_{\rm max,SiC-C}$ on $\Gamma_{\rm SiC-C}$ (need right polytype),
- $T \upharpoonright_{\Omega_{SiC-S}} \ge T \upharpoonright_{\Gamma_{SiC-C}} + \delta$, $\delta > 0$ (source temp. \ge seed temp. $+\delta$),
- $0 \le P \le P_{\max}$ (bounds for heating power P (control parameter)).

Numerical results: Optimization of temperature field



(b): $T(P = 7.98 \text{ kW}, z_{\text{rim}} = 22.7 \text{ cm}, f = 165 \text{ kHz})$ Nelder-Mead res. for $\mathcal{F}_{r,2}(T)$



(c): $T(P = 10.3 \text{ kW}, z_{\text{rim}} = 12.9 \text{ cm}, f = 84.9 \text{ kHz}),$ Nelder-Mead res. for $\frac{\mathcal{F}_{r,2}(T) - \mathcal{F}_{z,2}(T)}{2}$



Selected Publications

- O. KLEIN, P. PHILIP: *Transient conductive-radiative heat transfer: Discrete existence and uniqueness for a finite volume scheme*, accepted for publication in Mathematical Models and Methods in Applied Sciences.
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- P. PHILIP: Transient Numerical Simulation of Sublimation Growth of SiC Bulk Single Crystals. Modeling, Finite Volume Method, Results. Humboldt University of Berlin, 2003. Report No. 22, Weierstraß-Institut für Angewandte Analysis und Stochastik, Berlin.

More Publications / Information:

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