Exposure of a Silica-Containing Material in a Mach 0.3 Burner Rig

A primarily silica material containing organic compounds, as well as trace aluminum and calcium impurities, was exposed to a Mach 0.3 burner rig using jet fuel at atmospheric pressure. The sample was exposed for 5 continuous hours at 1370 °C. Post-exposure x-ray diffraction analyses indicate formation of cristobalite, quartz, NiO and Spinel (Al(Ni)Cr2O4). The rig hardware is composed of a nickel-base superalloy with traces of Fe. These elements are indicated in the energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) results. This material was studied as a candidate for high temperature aerospace applications.

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