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AN Acrylonitrile

C/C Carbon fibre reinforced carbon matrix composite

C/C-SiC Carbon fibre reinforced carbon-silicon carbide matrix composite

CFRP Carbon fibre reinforced polymer

CMCs Ceramic matrix composites

CNFs Carbon nanofibers

CVD Chemical vapour deposition

CVI Chemical vapour infiltration

LPI Liquid polymer infiltration

LSI Liquid silicon infiltration

MI Melt infiltration

MMCs Metal matrix composites

OM Optical microscopy

PAN Polyacrylonitrile

PIP Polymer infiltration and pyrolysis

PMCs Polymer matrix composites

PyC PyroCarbon

RTM Resin transfer moulding

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A_f and A_m Area of one fibre bundle and the matrix, respectively

A_{fo} Maximum area of fibre that can come in contact with the counterface.

 χ_f Interaction area parameter

d_f Diameter of a fibre bundle

E Elastic Modulus

 ϵ_f and ϵ_m Strains in fibre and matrix, respectively

F Friction force

F_f and F_m Friction force due to fibres and matrix, respectively

l_f Length of one fibre bundle

 $L_{\rm f}$ Total length of fibres in contact

μ Friction coefficient

P Load applied on the composite

 σ_f and σ_m Stress in the fibre and matrix, respectively

 V_f Volume fraction of fibres