

# The Oxidation Behavior of ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC Ceramic Composites Fabricated by Plasma Spray Process

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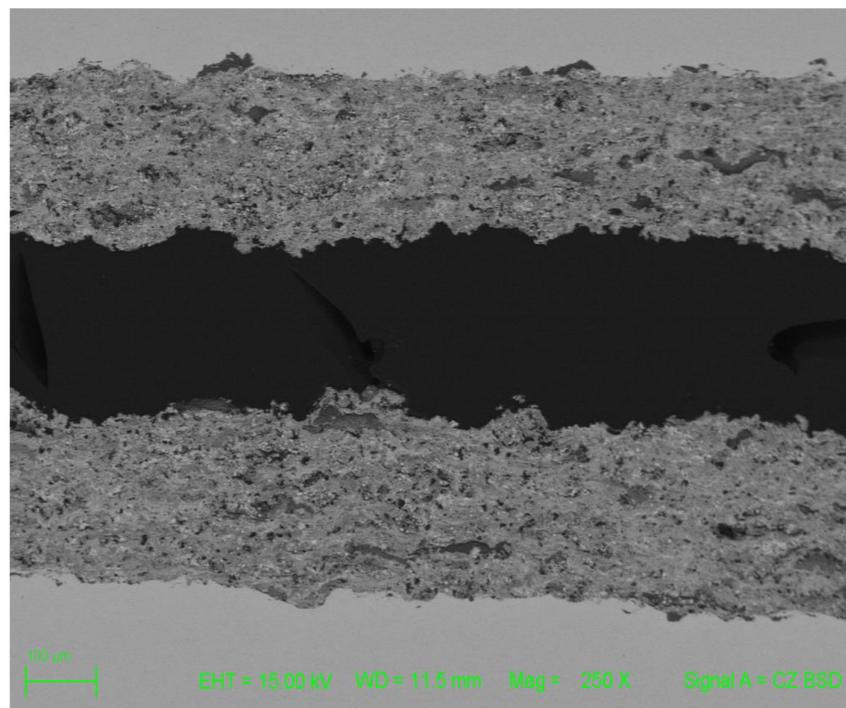
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SEM-EDS analysis has been performed to investigate the coating quality and composition, by analyzing both average composition and different phases present in the coating.

Figure S1 shows the SEM images of metallographic coating cross section referred to B2 ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%) HPPS process. It compares two halves of the coated specimen in order to verify the quality of the coating throughout the cross section. Details of the coating have been investigated in SEM images given in Figures S2–S5. Results of the coating EDS analyses, both as area analysis and point analysis, are given in Figures S6,S7.

Figures S8–S15 show the results of SEM-EDS analysis which have performed for B1 ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%) process, corresponding to 20 scans process, as it has been considered in the case of B2 ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%) process.



**Figure S1.** SEM image of the coating B2, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%)—metallographic cross section: two halves of the coating cross section are compared (black area = resin).

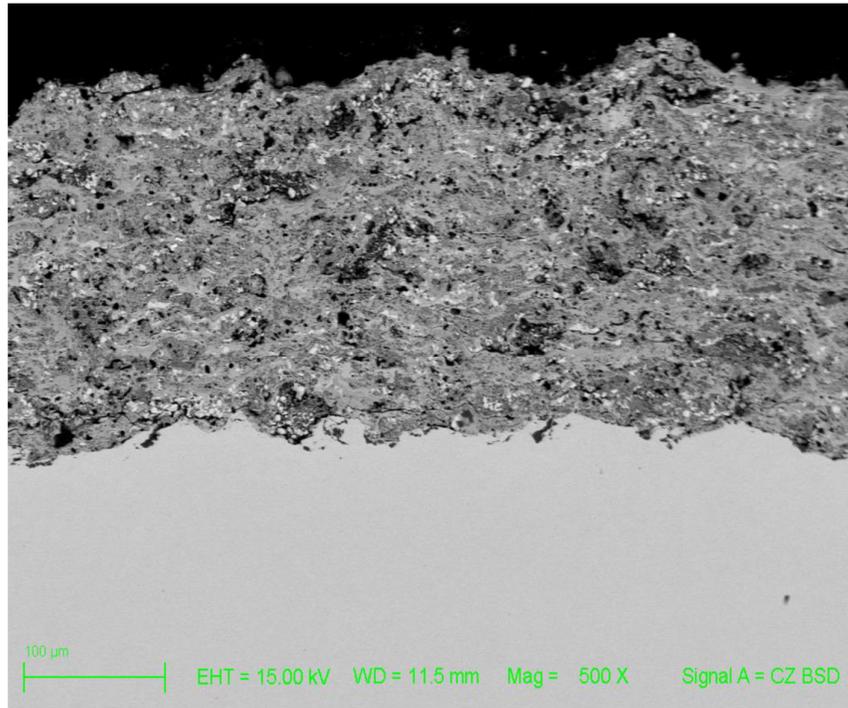


Figure S2. SEM image of the coating B2, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%)—metallographic cross section: details.

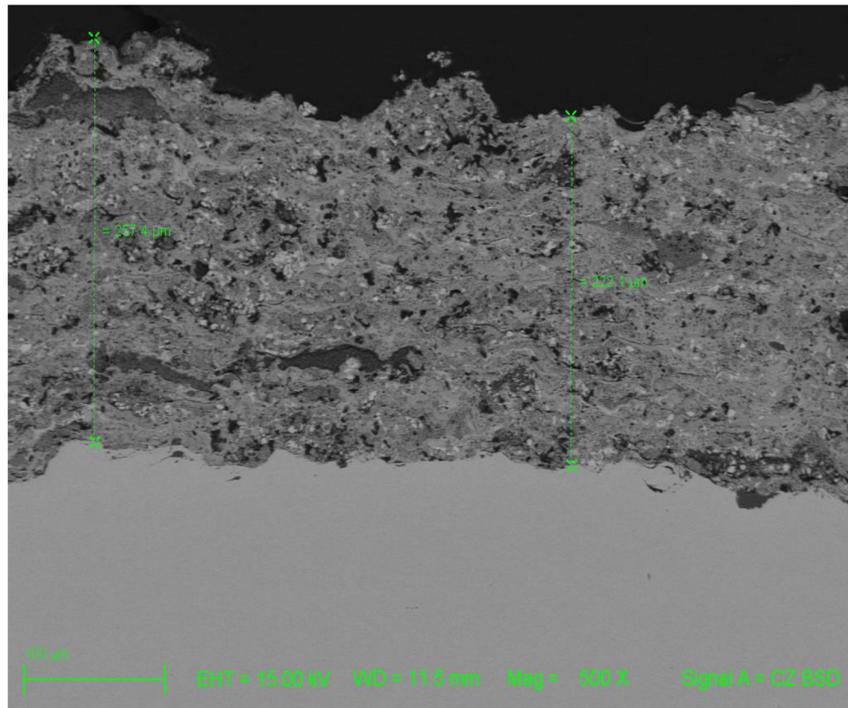
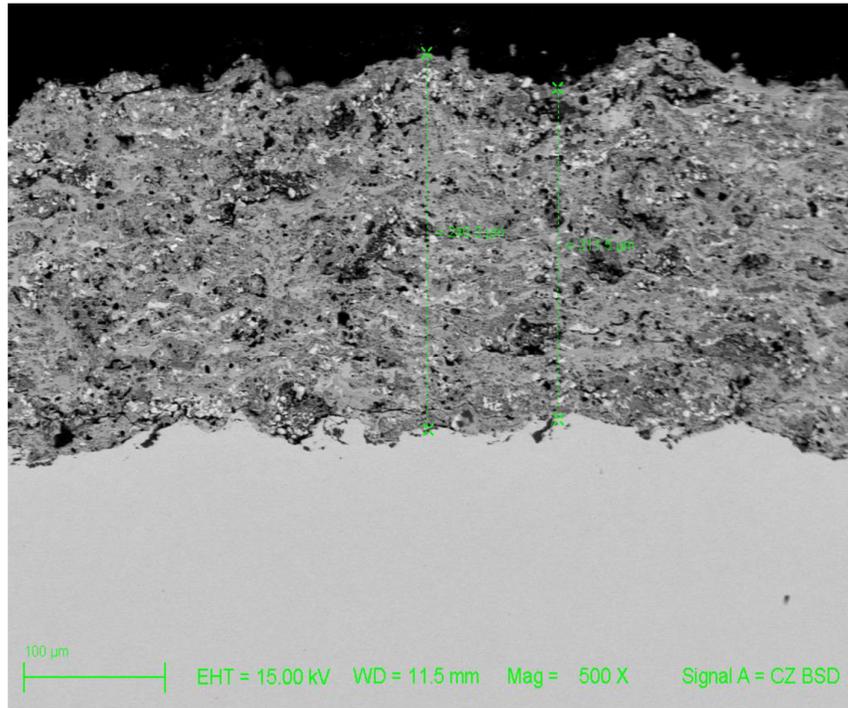
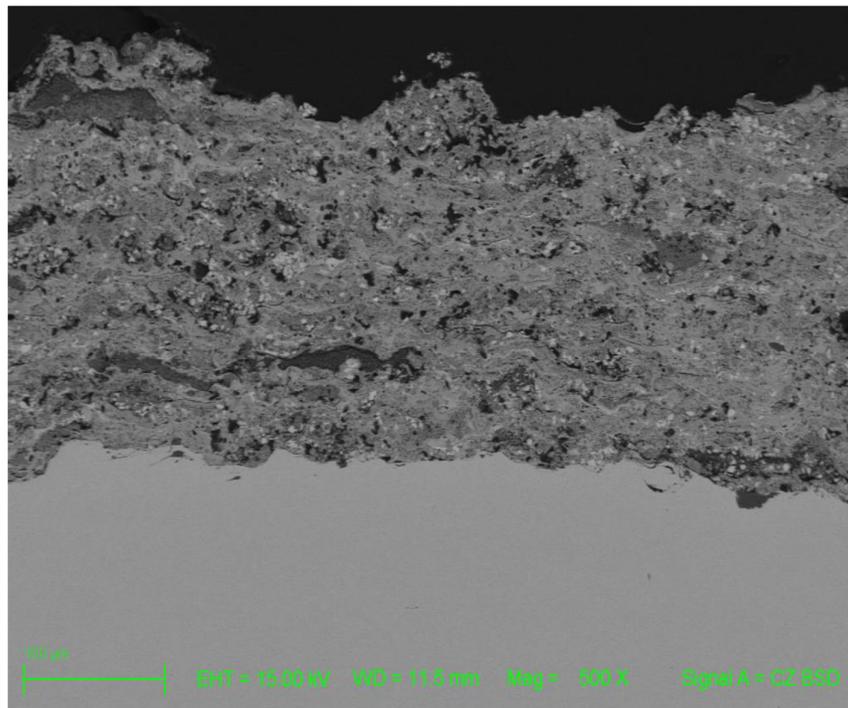


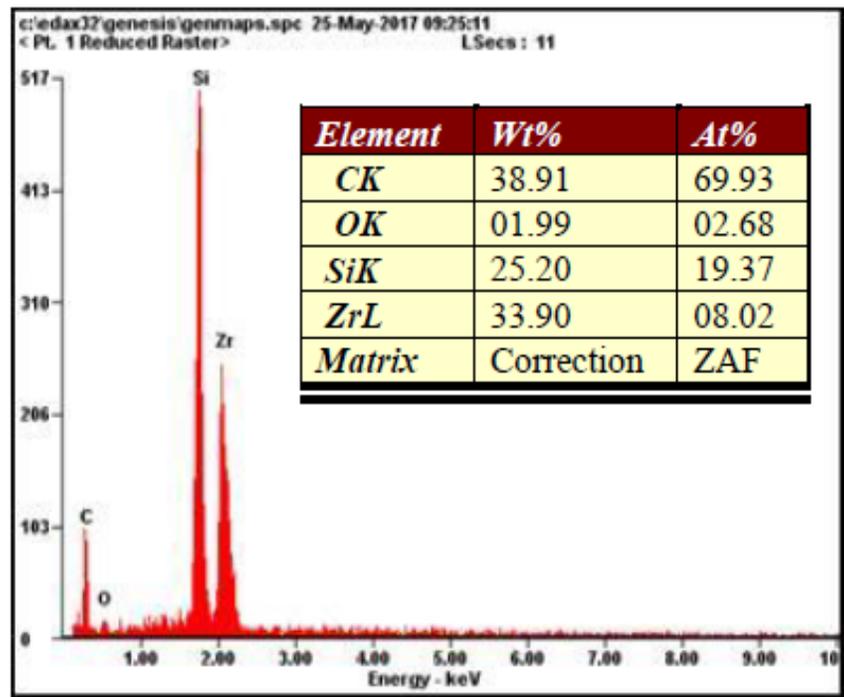
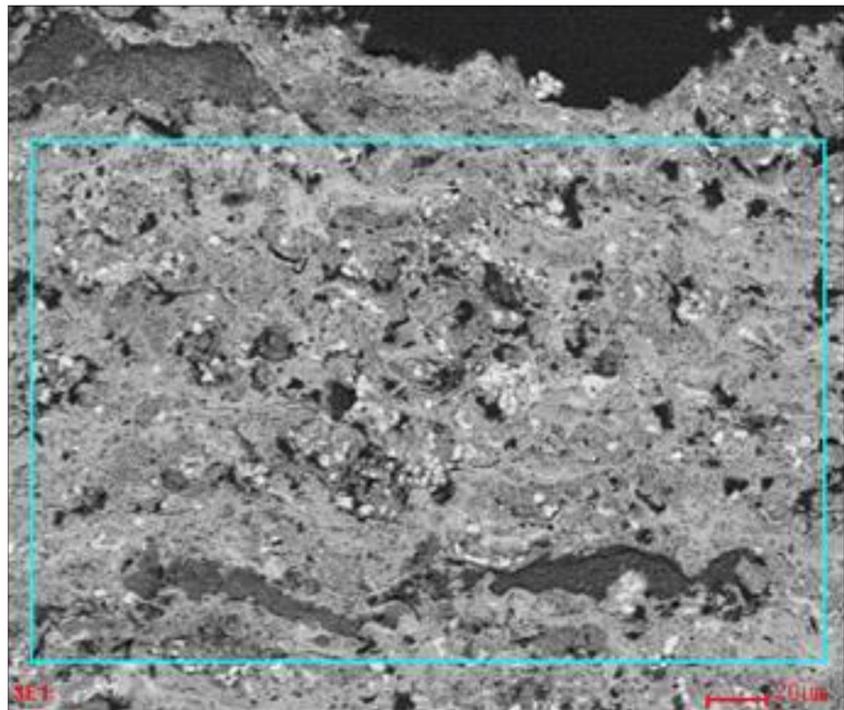
Figure S3. SEM image of the coating B2, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%)—metallographic cross section: coating thickness.



**Figure S4.** SEM image of the coating B2, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%)—metallographic cross section: coating thickness.



**Figure S5.** SEM image of the coating B2, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (50%-50%)—metallographic cross section: details.



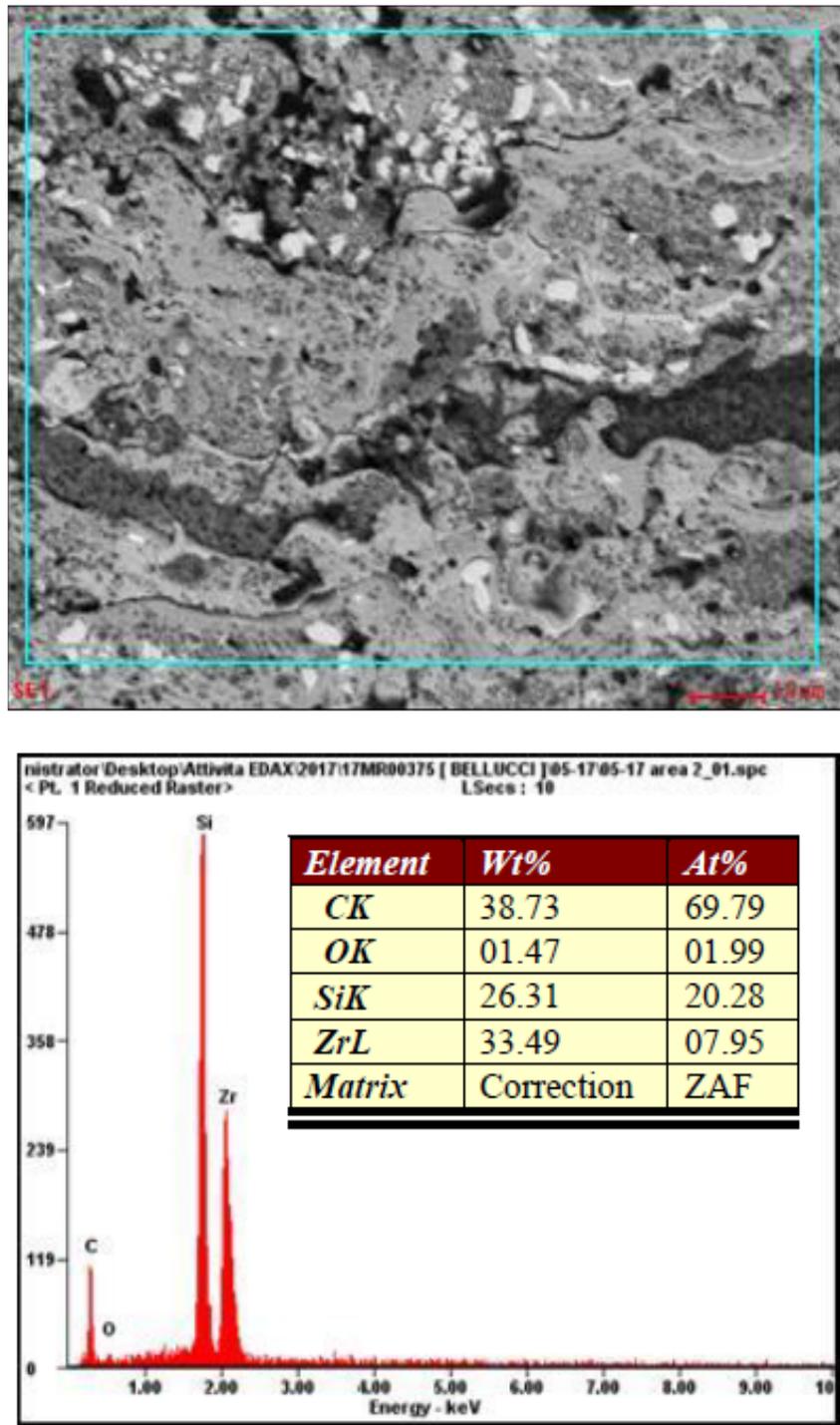
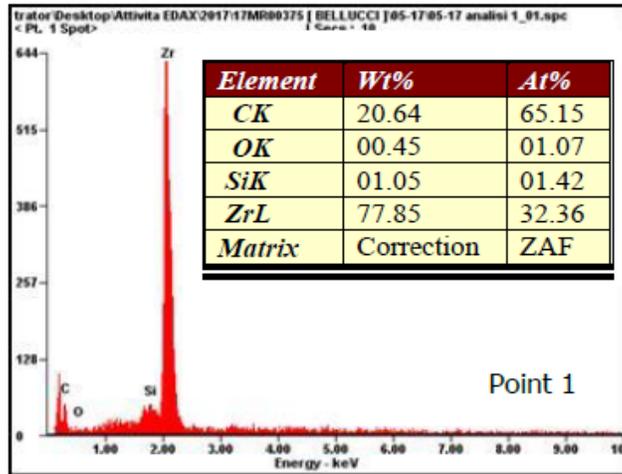
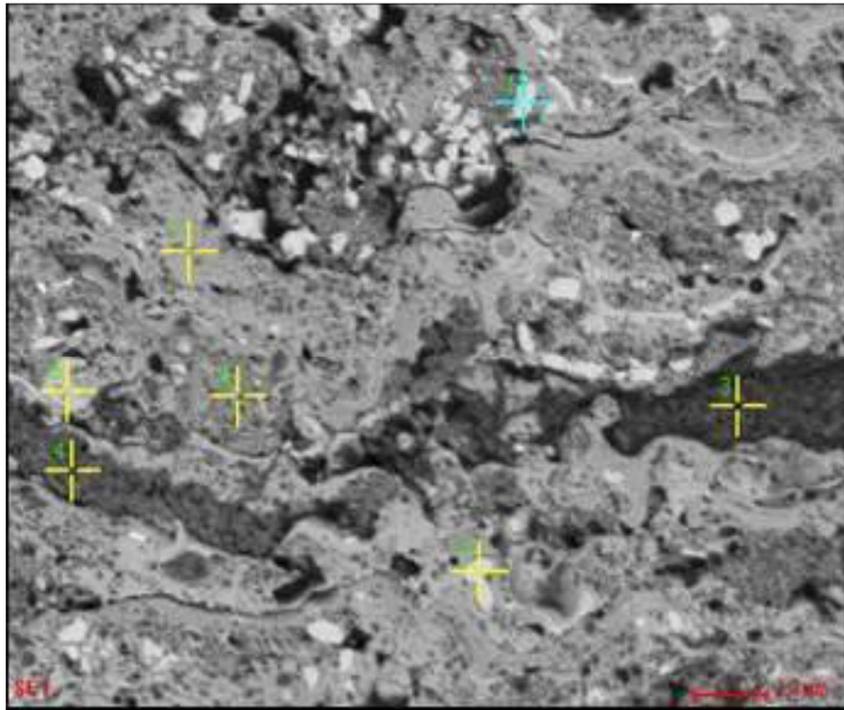
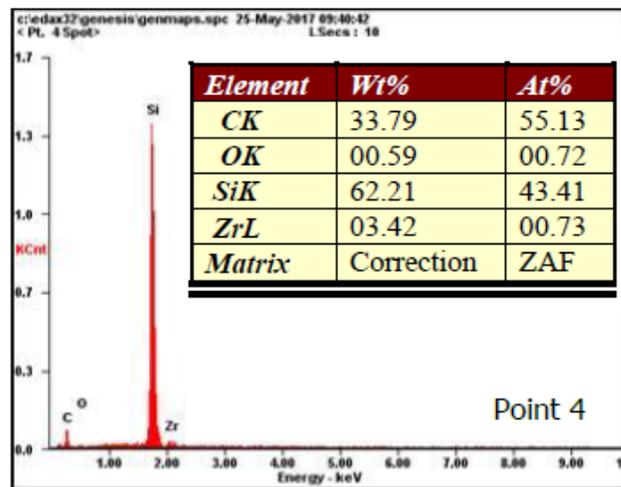
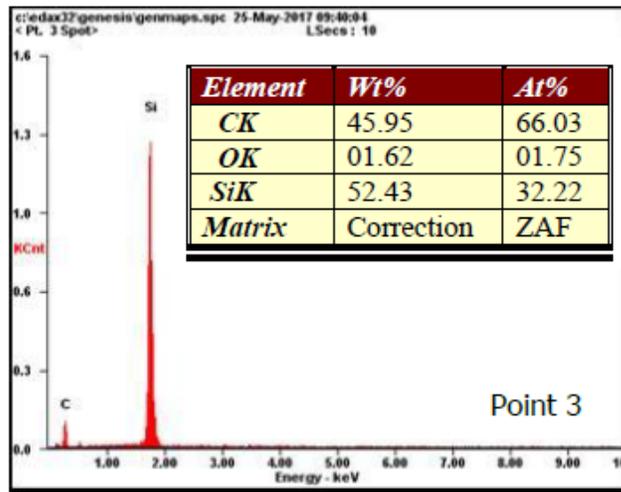
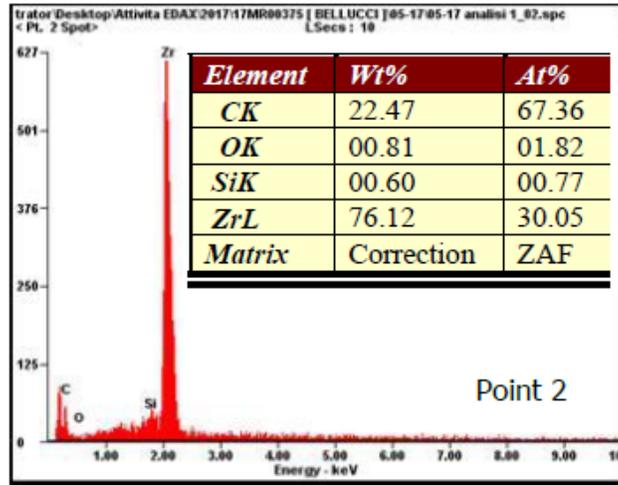


Figure S6. SEM-EDS analysis of the coating B2, ZrB2-SiC (50%-50%): area analysis.





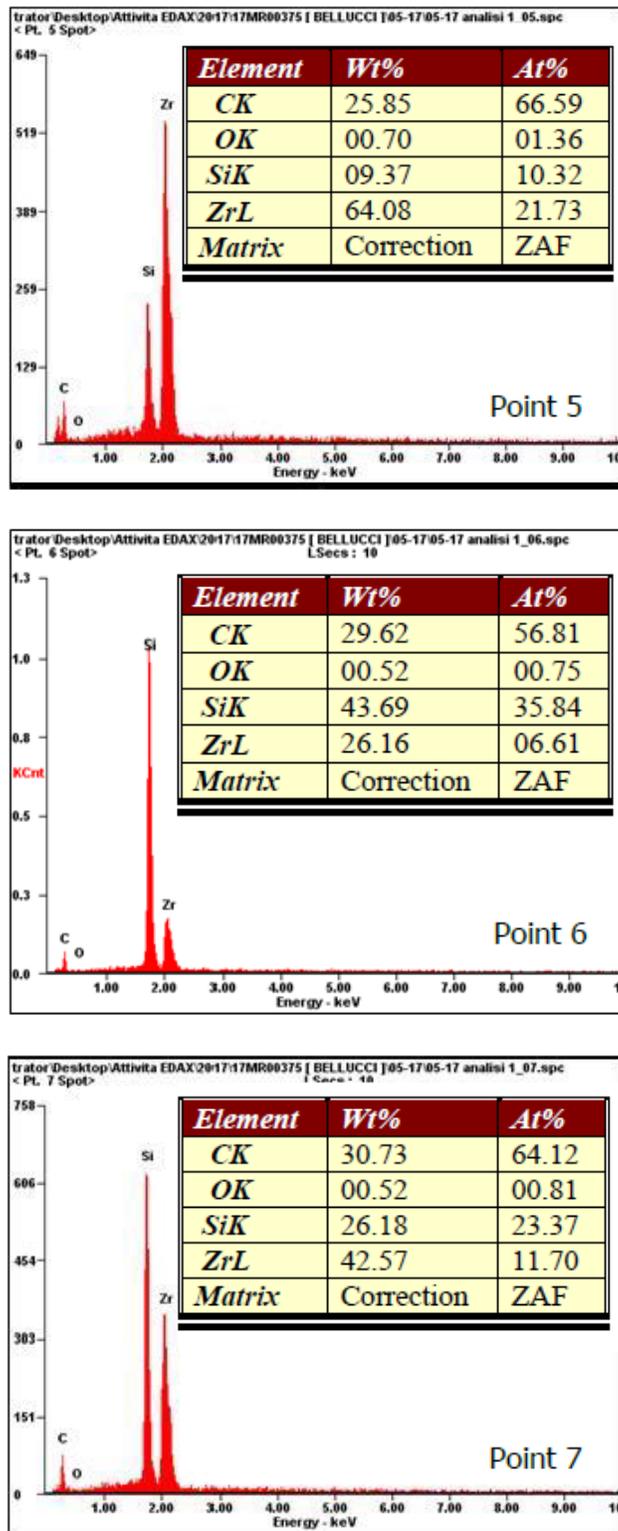
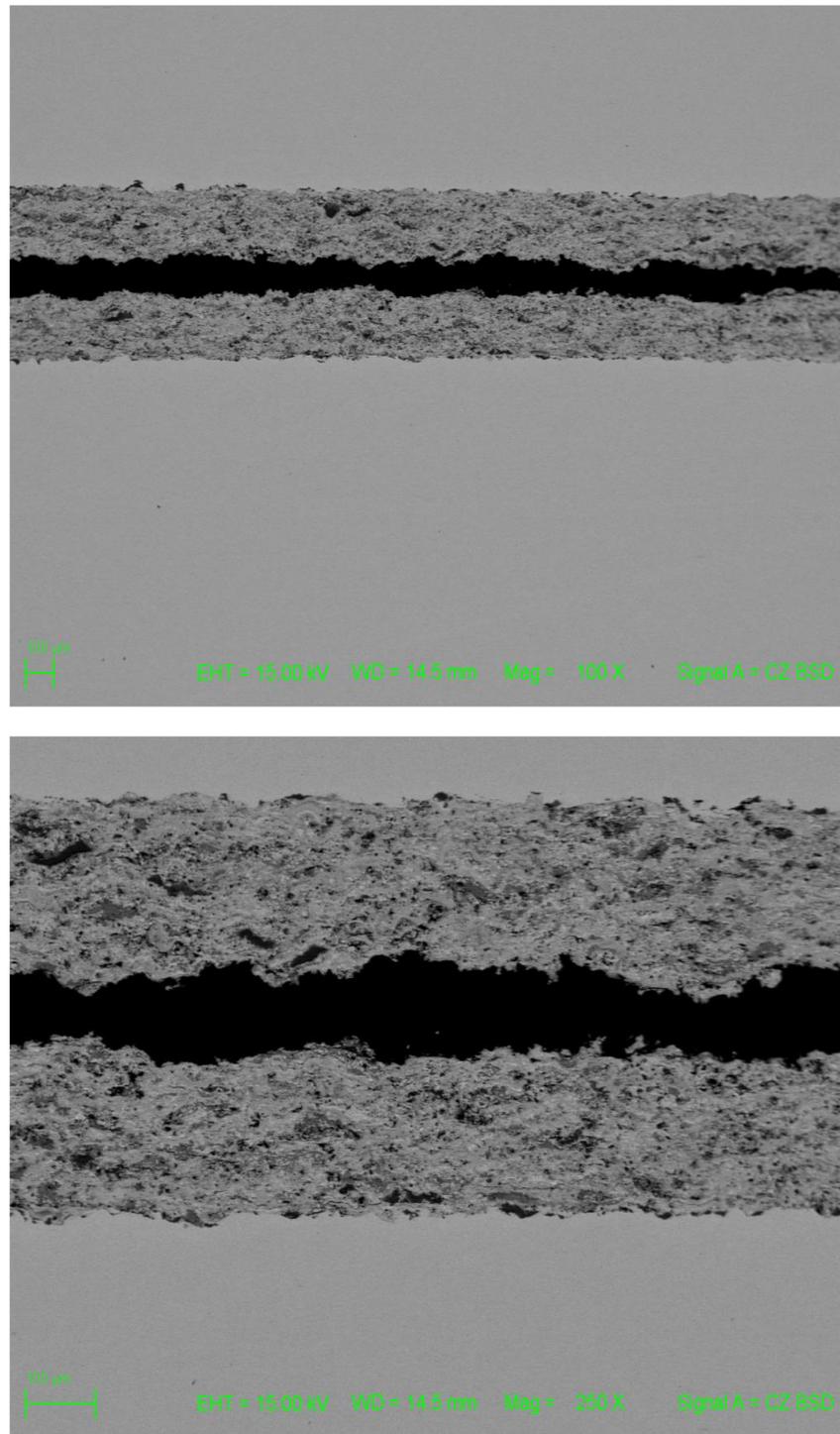


Figure S7. SEM-EDS analysis of the coating B2, ZrB2-SiC (50%-50%): point analysis.



**Figure S8.** SEM image of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%)—metallographic cross section: two halves of the coating cross section are compared (black area = resin).

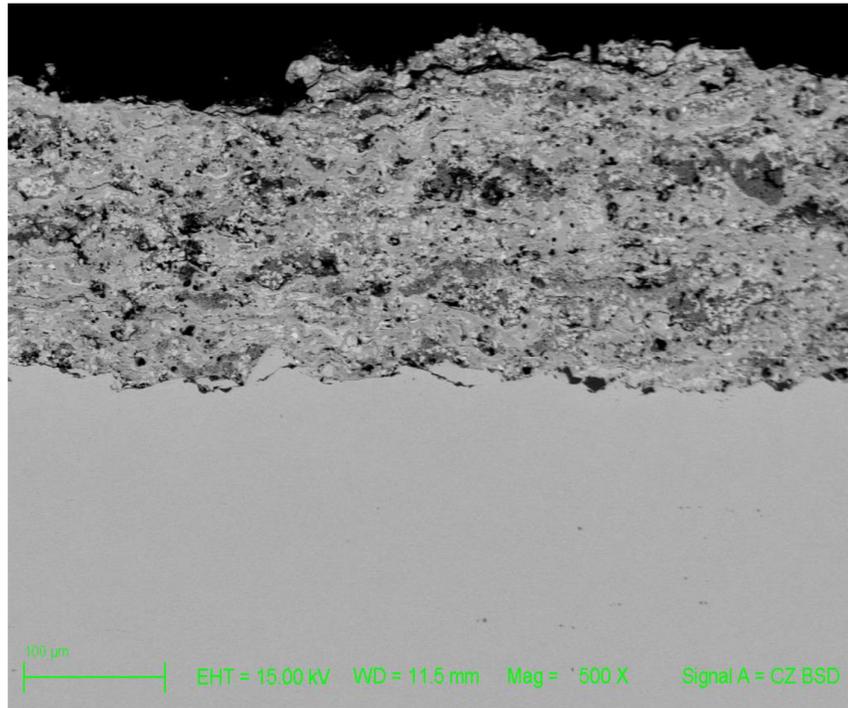


Figure S9. SEM image of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%)—metallographic cross section: details.

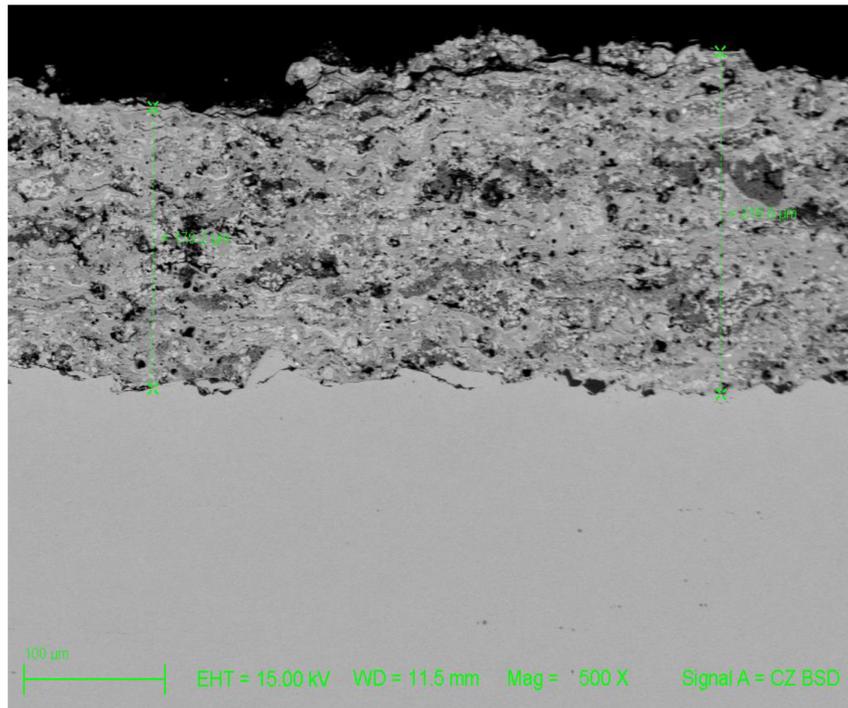


Figure S10. SEM image of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%)—metallographic cross section: coating thickness.

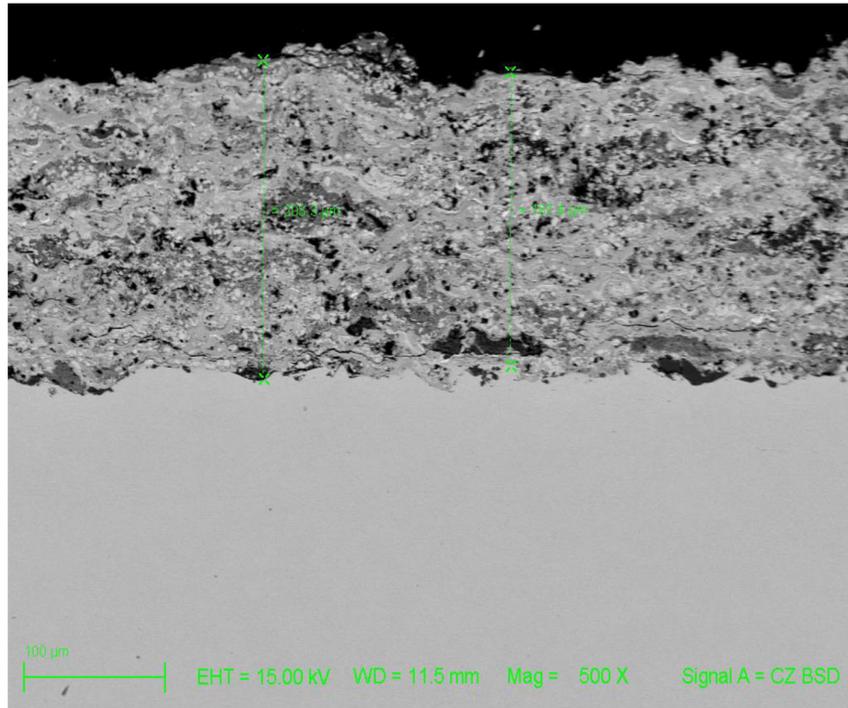


Figure S11. SEM image of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%)—metallographic cross section: coating thickness.

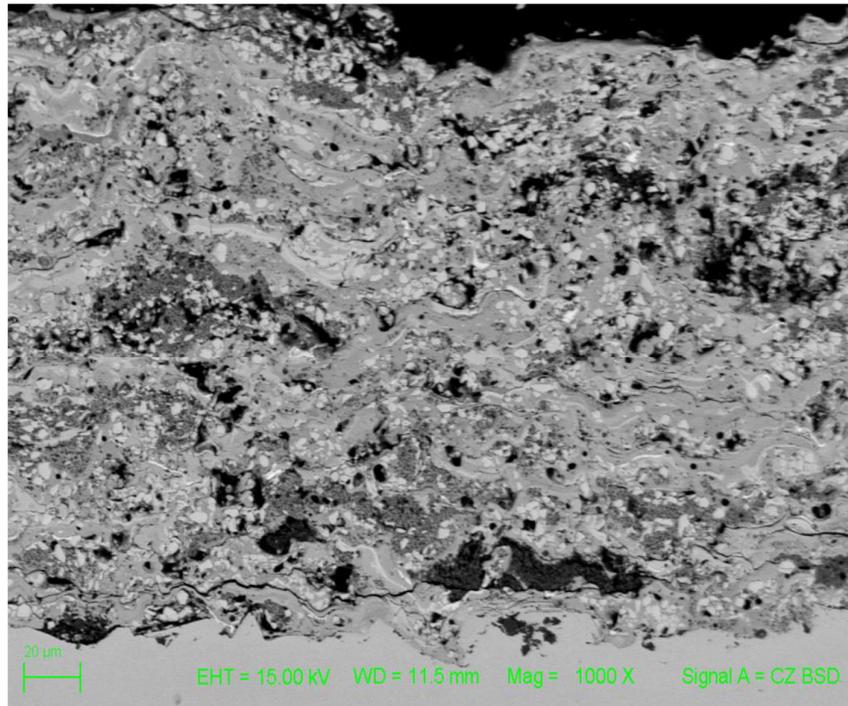


Figure S12. SEM image of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%)—metallographic cross section: details.

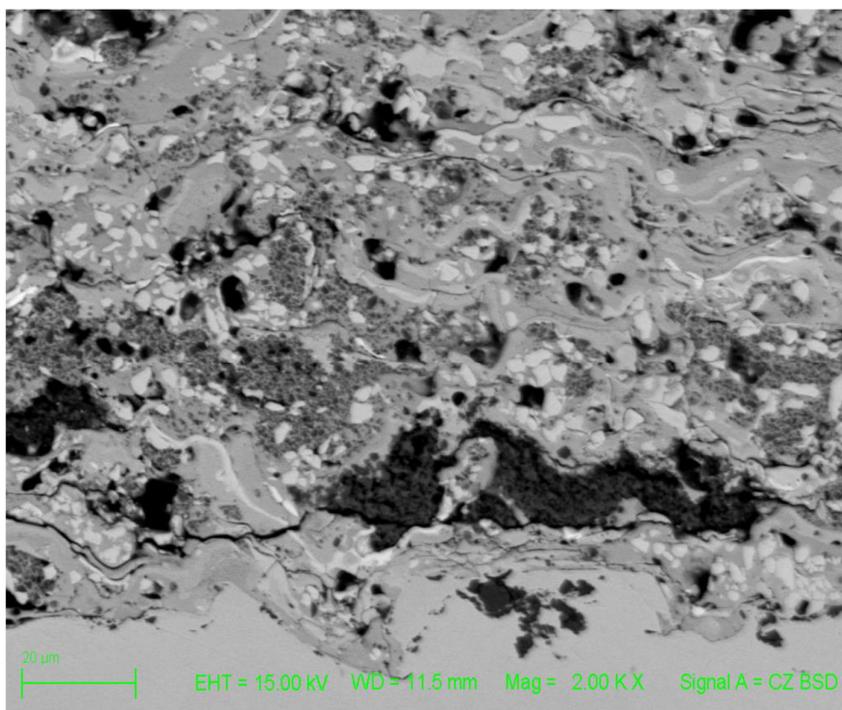
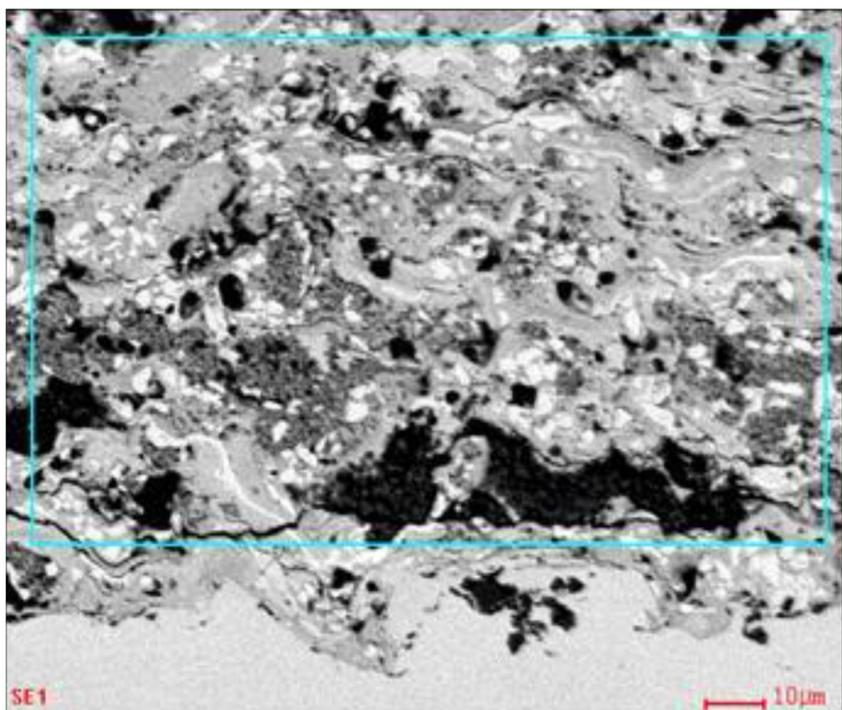


Figure S13. SEM image of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%)—metallographic cross section: details.



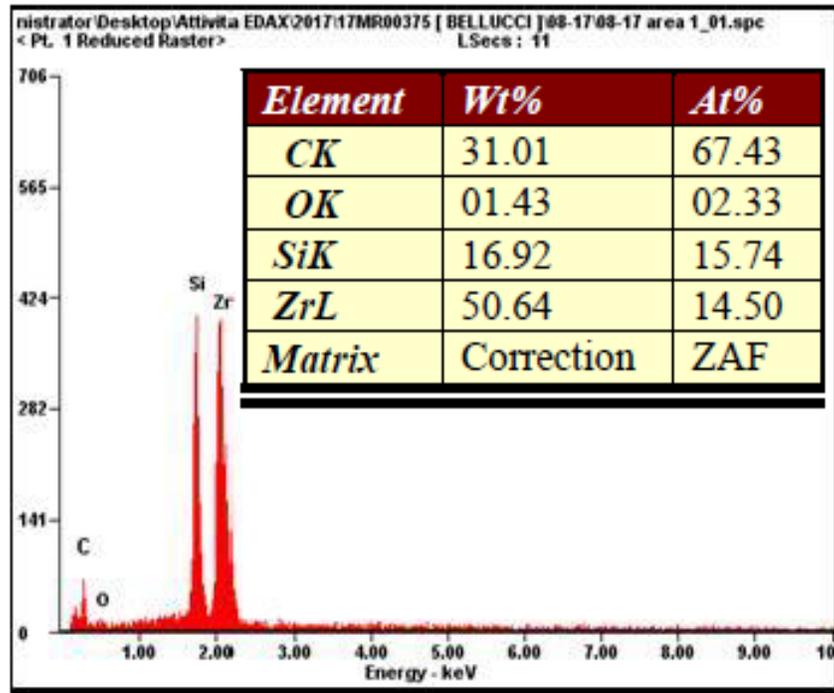
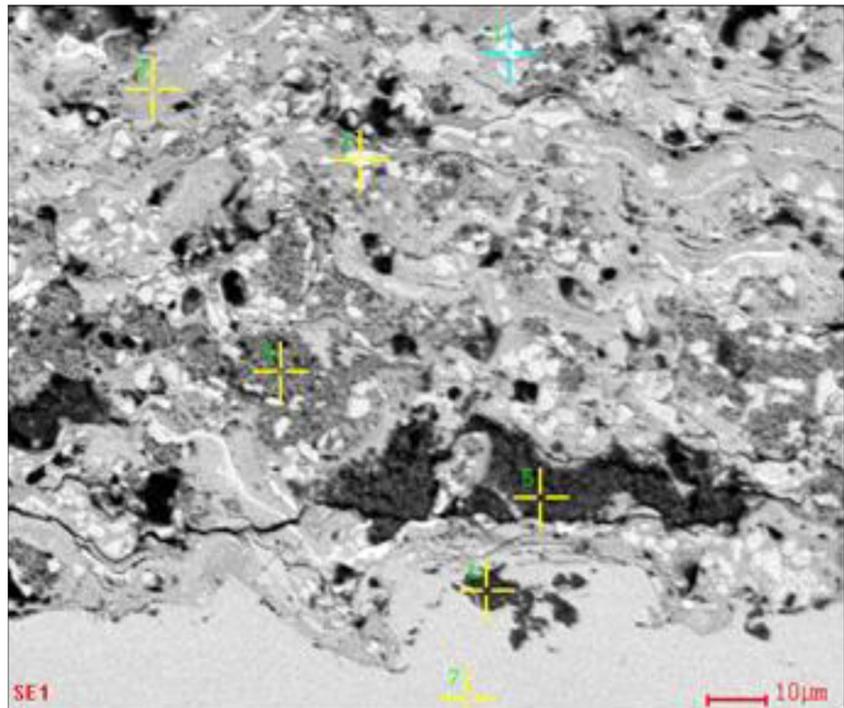
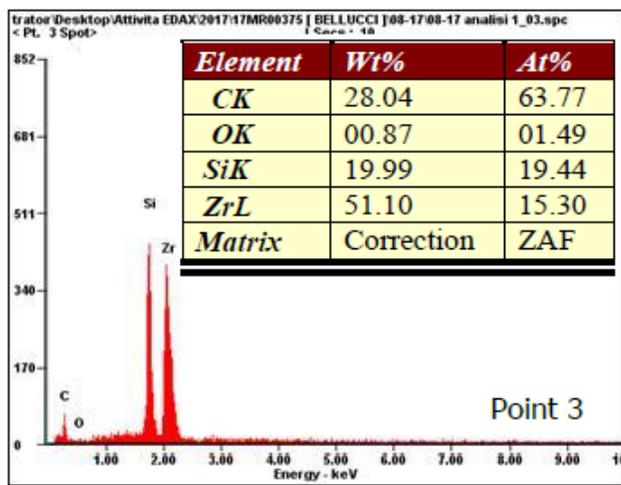
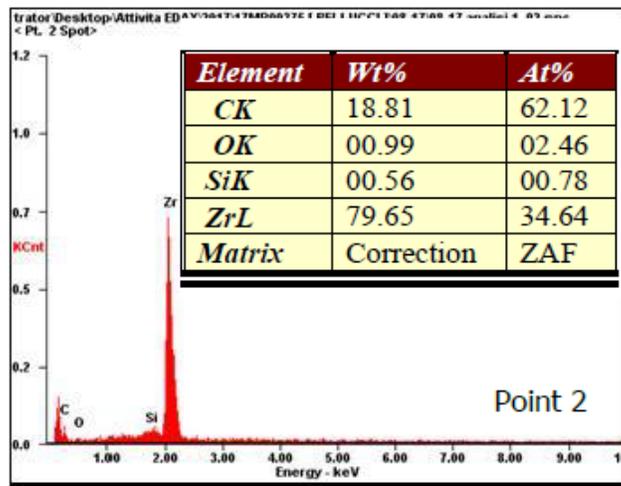
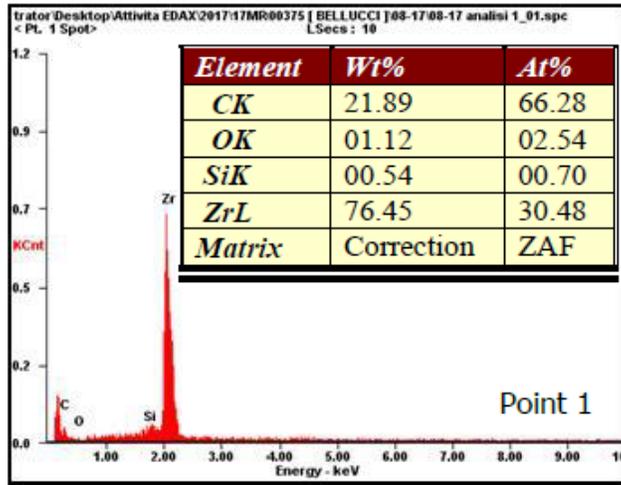
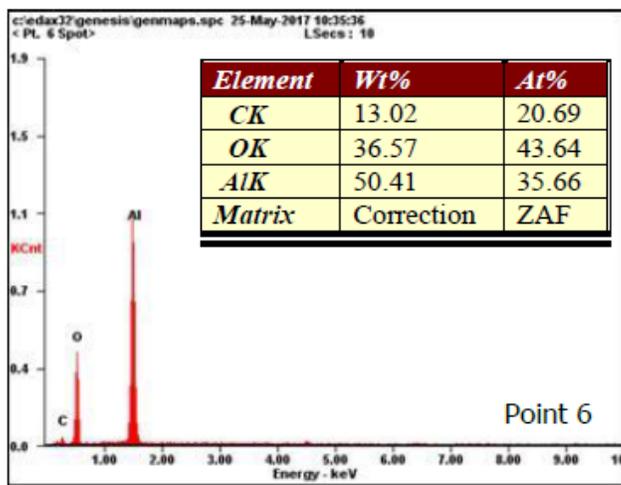
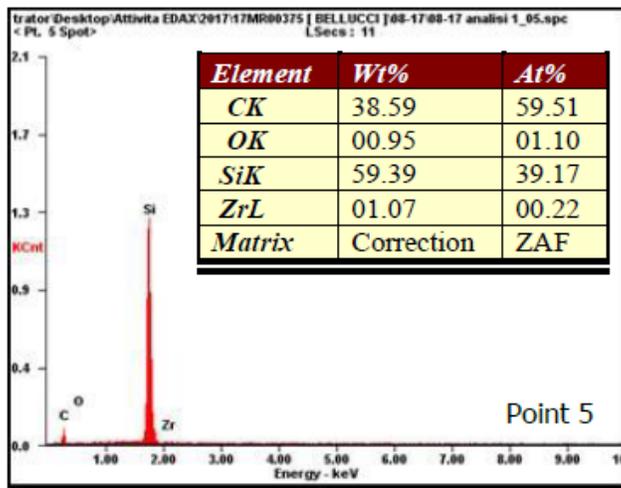
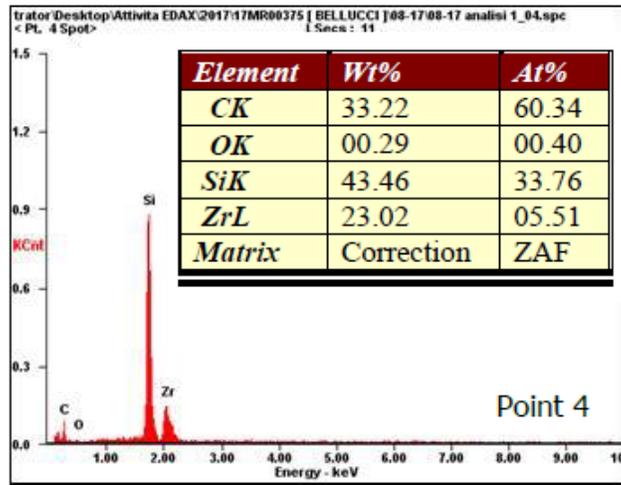


Figure S14. SEM-EDS analysis of the coating B1, ZrB2-SiC (70%-30%): area analysis.







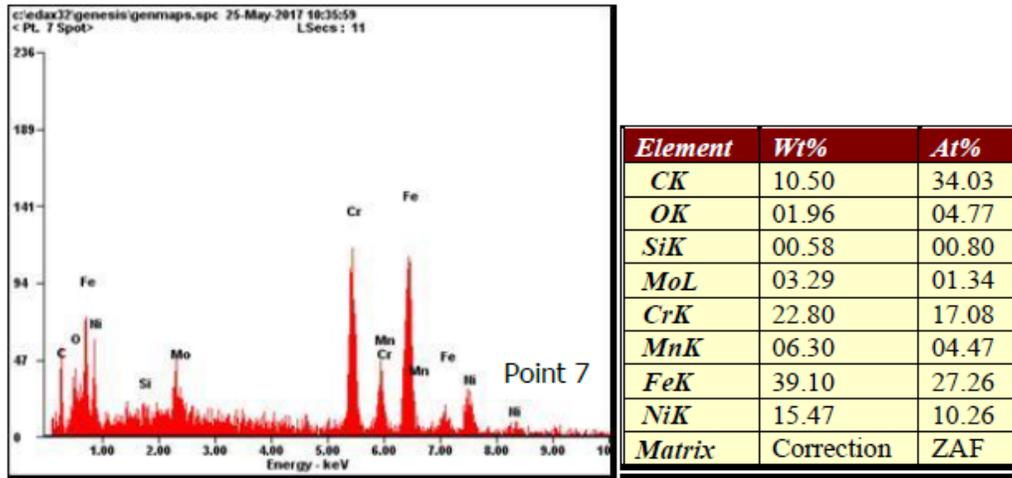


Figure S15. SEM-EDS analysis of the coating B1, ZrB<sub>2</sub>-SiC (70%-30%): point analysis.