Growth Of Highly Branched SiC Nanowires With SiO₂/C Pellet by Carbothermic Reduction

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Highly branched SiC nanowires were synthesized by direct carbothemral reduction with SiO2-C pellets at 1400oC. The extensive morphological properties revealed that the highdensity branched structures of SiC nanowires were incorporated by a direct carbothermic reduction of SiO2-C pellets. The diameter of the grown SiC nanowires are about 100–150nm and length is about 600-800 nm. The grown SiC nanowires were characterized by fieldemission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), Raman and X-ray diffraction (XRD). These investigations confirm the grown SiC nanowires are a cubic β -SiC. It was found that the density and quality of SiC nanowires increased as increasing the temperature of arc furnace. The formation process and growth mechanism of the β -SiC nanowires is analyzed and discussed briefly.