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The Effect of Hydride Precipitate on Zircaloy -4 steam oxidation



가 post-transition

## Abstract

The steam oxidation of Zircaloy -4 tube specimen as used fuel rod cladding material was performed using twin autoclave system and TGA (Thermo-Gravimetric Apparatus). The test was performed in 400~700 , 1 atm, steam environment. The specimens were pre -charged using gaseous charging method and pre -hydrided Zircaloy -4 was compared with intact one. In result, weight gain increased due to hydride precipitate and this increment was more larger in post -transition region.

1.

가 가 FGR (Fission Gas Release) , 가 가 , 2 , (Limiting Factor) 가 , 17% ( ) 가 가 가 가 1) (thermal feedback), LiOH Li pickup, 가 가 가 가 coherency loss가 가 -4 가 400~700 , 1 atm autoclave TGA pre -hydrided monoclinic -ZrO<sub>2</sub> . SEM (Scanning Electron Microscopy) . 2. 1 cm pickling : : 50:47:3 solution . pre -hydrided -4 gaseous charging method cathodic charging method7 5) , gaseous charging method . 400 , 500~600 Torr. ( 1). ASTM spec. 6) 1 /min. 667 ppmH pre -. hydrided -4 ASTM

7) LECO spec. 가 autoclave 2 autoclave 1 . , autoclave 2 400~700 , 1 atm . 10<sup>-5</sup> intermittent , microbalance 1 (1~5 ) , ,

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-4 가 TGA in -situ 3 가 -4 . -4 , 가 , autoclave 550~700 1 4) ( pre -hydrided (667 ppmH) , 가 , pre -hydrided . 8)-10) , pre - transition region :  $w^3 = k_c t$ post - transition region :  $w = k_L t$ pre-transition pre-hydrided , post -transition 가 , Zr가 ZrO<sub>2</sub> Pilling-Bedworth ratio가 1.56 tetragonal -ZrO<sub>2</sub> 가 monoclinic -ZrO<sub>2</sub> 2)-가 4) Zr ZrH<sub>2</sub> Pilling -Bedworth ratio

가 가 1.4  $(ZrH_2)$ (ZrH<sub>2</sub>: 5.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>: 5.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, , Zr:  $6.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) (~14%) tetragonal -ZrO<sub>2</sub> monoclinic -ZrO<sub>2</sub> , 가 ( 가 5) 가 가 가 6 -4 , monoclinic -ZrO<sub>2</sub>

4.

-4 pre-hydrided 가 가 1) pre-hydrided post -transition 가 가 2) Pilling -Bedworth ratio (Zr ZrO<sub>2</sub>: 1.56, Zr ZrH<sub>2</sub>: 1.4) tetragonal -가 monoclinic -ZrO<sub>2</sub> ZrO<sub>2</sub>

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1. multi -purpose apparatus (hydrogen pre -charging)



2. high pressure and temperature twin autoclave system



3.

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Zircaloy-4

가



(a)



(b)



(c) 4. pre -hydrided (a: 550 , b: 600 , c: 700 )



(a)



(b)

(63.6 GWd/MTU, A.M. Garde, 1991<sup>11)</sup>)

5. (a)

(b) gaseous charging



6.

(monoclinic - $ZrO_2$  , ×4,000)

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SEM