UO₂ restructureing

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Simulation of UO₂ pellet restructuring under radial temperature gradient



Abstract

A modified *out-of-pile* apparatus has been developed that simulates *in-reactor* thermal gradient in UO_2 pellet through direct electrical heating. The average thermal gradient of 190K/mm and center line temperature of 2300 could be achieved using this apparatus. The experimental results show that, under this condition, fuel restructuring similar to that occurred in actual in-reactor condition can be produced.

1. UO_2 . UO₂ 가 가 가 . UO_2 가 UO_2 UO_2 UO_2 restructuring [1]. 가 2000 가 , 가 1000 가 columnar grian void columnar 가 equi-axed grain growth restructuring LWR failure

 UO_2 restructuring . DEH(direct electrical heating) [2-6]. DC 가 UO_2 가 가 가 가 가 가가 가 .

2. DEH(direct electrical heating) UO₂

(к)가 가

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 $T_r = T_m - q \, \frac{r^2}{4k}$

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가

가 (burn up)

1

가

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가

q

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 UO_2

가

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 $\kappa(T) = \frac{1}{0.035 + 2.25 \times 10^{-4} T} + 83.0 \times 10^{-12} T^3 \ (W/m \cdot K)$ 2 .[7]. 가 , 가 가 가 가 가 UO_2 DEH(direct electrical heating) 가 가 가 1 가 . 가 . DEH . UO₂ $\sigma(T) = 2600 \cdot \exp(-1.07 eV/kT) \ mho/cm$ 2 가 [8]. 가 가 . 1 DEH . 가 가 fuel rod 가 가 [6]. 1 fuel rod shell shell . $N_{n\to out}^{j} = N_{n}^{el} + N_{n-1\to n}^{j}$ 3 $N_{n \to out}^{j}$ 가 N_n^{el} n_{th} cylindrical shell , $N_{n-1 \rightarrow n}^{j}$ (n-1)_{th} cylindrical shell n_{th} shell 3 .

$$N_{n\to out}^{j} = \frac{V^{2} \cdot \pi \cdot (r_{n}^{2} - r_{n-1}^{2}) \cdot \sigma(\overline{T})}{l} + 2\pi \cdot r_{n-1} \cdot l \cdot \kappa(\overline{T}) \cdot \frac{T_{n-1} - T_{n}}{\Delta r}$$

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$$N_{n-1\to n}^{j} = N_{n-1}^{i} + N_{n-2\to n-1}^{j}$$
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 $5 \quad 4 \quad T_{n-1} \quad T_{n-2}$.



1. Cylindrical fuel-type element





2. DEH UO₂



가

thermocouple thermocouple Hf₂O₃ pyrometer 가 thermocouple 50~100 . Pyrometer 가 C-type Thermocouple



3. DEH





		UO ₂			
simulation	columnar			columnar	
	가		UO ₂ 7ŀ	가	
					[11

12].



5.

UO₂ restructuring

	10mm	UO ₂		•	6		1350	,
2300		20				6		
	1.5mm							

가 . 가 가 . 가 . . 가 restructuring 7 가 6 50 가 . 6 restructuring restructuring . void가 . void 가 가 가 equi-axed grain μm . 가 . • 가 . 가 equi-axed μm • 가 8 가 3~5 , 가 . 가 UO₂ 가 . 9 1550 , 2500 30 restructuring • . restructuring restructuring .

restructuring

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가 UO₂ 가 .





1350

UO₂



8. 7



9. 2500 , 190K/mm 30

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