Zircaloy-4

The Effect of Hydrogen on Mechanical Properties and Fracture Toughness Behaviors of a Zircaloy-4 Plate.



## Abstract

This study focused on mechanical property change and fracture toughness behavior of a Zircaloy-4 plate with hydrogen concentrations. Tension and fracture toughness tests were carried out on Zircaloy-4 plate containing up to 100ppmH at room temperature. Hydrogen was charged electrolytically into tensile and CT specimens followed by a homogenization treatment. No remarkable change both in mechanical properties and microstructures was observed within hydrogen concentration of 100ppmH. Fracture toughness of a Zircaloy-4 plate decreased with hydrogen amount, which indicates strong relation with large hydrides appeared in fracture surfaces.

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Table 1 Chemical compositions of a Zircaloy-4 plate. (unit:wt%)  $*: \mu g/g$ 

Sn	Fe	Cr	Ni*	Hf*	H*	0*	N*	C*	Zr
1.61	0.23	0.11	20	45	4.8	13 10	44	270	bal.

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Fig. 1 (a) Zircaloy - 4 plate shape and dimensions and (b) optical microstructure of a plate as received.

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## 2-5 Fatigue Pre-Cracking

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	(ai/W)가	0.5	가		3	(R)	0.1	
K		,		K	12 MPam	,		25 %가
	10 MPam	가			, frequency	3Hz		

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J-Resistance Curve

$$J = J_{el} + J_{pl}$$
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$$J_{el} J_{pl} J$$
 .  $J_{el}$  ,  $P_i$ , , , , , (2) .

$$J_{el} = \frac{P_i(1-\boldsymbol{n})}{EB\sqrt{W}}f(\frac{a_i}{W})$$
(2)

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B , *n* Poisson's ratio, W , E Young's Modulus .

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$$f(\frac{a_i}{W}) = \frac{2 + a_i/W}{(1 - a_i/W)^{3/2}} (0.866 + 4.64 \frac{a_i}{W} - 13.32(\frac{a_i}{W})^2 + 14.72(\frac{a_i}{W})^3 - 5.6(\frac{a_i}{W})^4)$$
(3)

 $\mathsf{J}_{\mathsf{pl}}$ 

$$J_{pl} = [J_{pl(i-1)} + (\frac{h}{b})\frac{A_{pl(i)} - A_{pl(i-1)}}{B}][1 - g_i \frac{(a_i - a_{i-1})}{b}]$$
(4)

$$\boldsymbol{h}_{i} = 2.0 + 0.522 \frac{b}{W}, \ \boldsymbol{g}_{i} = 1.0 + 0.76 \frac{b}{W}$$
 (5)

, A<sub>pl(i)</sub> - A<sub>pl(i-1)</sub>

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, **d**,

$$A_{pl(i)} = A_{pl(i-1)} + [P_i + P_{i-1}][\boldsymbol{d}_{pl(i)} - \boldsymbol{d}_{pl(i-1)}]/2$$
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**d**<sub>pl(i)</sub>

 $\boldsymbol{d}_{pl(i)} = \boldsymbol{d}_i - P_i C_i \tag{7}$ (8)

$$C_{i} = \frac{1}{E^{*}B} \left(\frac{w + a_{i}}{w - a_{i}}\right)^{2} [2.1630 + 12.219 \frac{a_{i}}{w} - 20.065 \left(\frac{a_{i}}{w}\right)^{2} - 0.9925 \left(\frac{a_{i}}{w}\right)^{3} + 20.609 \left(\frac{a_{i}}{w}\right)^{4} - 9.9314 \left(\frac{a_{i}}{w}\right)^{5}]$$
(8)

Effective Young's Modulus .

(8) E

, C<sub>i</sub>

, C<sub>0</sub>, a<sub>0</sub> .  

$$E^* = \frac{1}{C_0 B} \left(\frac{w + a_0}{w - a_0}\right)^2 \left[2.1630 + 12.219 \frac{a_0}{w} - 20.065 \left(\frac{a_0}{w}\right)^2 - 0.9925 \left(\frac{a_0}{w}\right)^3 + 20.609 \left(\frac{a_0}{w}\right)^4 - 9.9314 \left(\frac{a_0}{w}\right)^5\right]$$
(9)

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		(Cathodic	Hydrogen	Charging	Method)	3	0~100ppm
KAERI		(8)				2	
( )	65±5°C		0.1~0.2	molar	(	)	, 150
mA/cm2	가	3	50%				
Fig. 3			Zircaloy-	4			
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0.1	(LN),		(N)	(TN)			
		. Fig. 1(b)			as-received		
	16 µm						hcp
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	texture	,					

. Texture , LN(0.15), TN(0.56),

RN(0.29) . Zr

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Fig. 3 Hydride shape and distributions width different view of zircaloy-4 plate with 90ppmH. (a) LN, (b) TN, (c) RN and (d) RN enlarged.

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12.8~17.8% · YS UTS 가 -Zr ·



Fig. 4 Overall view of welded zones. Matrix, Heat affected zones and fusion zones from left.



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Fig. 5 SEM micrographs showing fracture surface of zircaloy - 4 plate. (a) matrix, (b) welds

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(c)

Fig. 6 Tensile properties of matrix and welds with hydrogen concentrations. (a) YS vs [H], (b) UTS vs [H], (c) Elongations vs [H]

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43.1~44.1%

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Fig. 7 Fracture surface of a Zircaloy - 4 plate with (a) 0ppmH (b) 100ppmH.









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LLD mm

Fig. 8 Load-displacement of zircaloy-4 plate with hydrogen concentrations.

(a) matrix (b) welds

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	Hydrogen concentrations	dJ/da
matrix	0 30 50 80 100	134.6 - 157.6 51
Welds	0 30 100	42.1 15.7 11

Table 2 dJ/da of zircaloy-4 plate with hydrogen concentrations.



Fig. 9 SEM micrographs showing fracture surfaces of a zircaloy-4 plate with different hydrogen concentrations. Hydrides appeared in a fracture surface of a plate with 100ppmH. (a) 0ppmH, (b) 100 ppmH.



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