

**Nb 가 Zr**  
**Study on aging characteristics and corrosion behavior**  
**of Nb -containing Zr alloy**

High Nb  
 , Zr-1.5Nb . 1.5 wt.% Nb  
 가 β α+β<sub>Nb</sub> 570 0~1000  
 α+β<sub>Zr</sub> 640 0~1000 .  
 TEM , 360 water .  
 570 50 β<sub>Nb</sub> , 640  
 10 β<sub>Zr</sub> . Nb 가 Nb β  
 가 β<sub>Zr</sub> β<sub>Nb</sub> 가 .

**Abstract**

To investigate the correlation of microstructural change with aging and corrosion behavior of high Nb-containing alloy, the aging heat-treatment and corrosion test of Zr-1.5Nb alloy were performed. The specimens of 1.5 wt.% Nb-containing alloy were heat-treated at 570 from 0 to 1000 hours to get the α+β<sub>Nb</sub> phase and at 640 for from 0 to 1000 hours to get the α+β<sub>Zr</sub> phase after β-quenching. The microstructure of heat-treated specimens was observed by using OM, TEM and the specimens were tested in water at 360 . The β<sub>Nb</sub> phase was formed when aging time reached 50 hrs at 570 and the β<sub>Zr</sub> phase was formed when aging time reached 10 hrs at 640 . The corrosion behavior of Zr-1.5Nb alloys affected by the soluble -Nb and formed β phase. The good corrosion resistance was showed when the Nb content was an equilibrium soluble state in matrix and the corrosion resistance was reduced when the β<sub>Nb</sub> phase was formed rather than β<sub>Zr</sub> phase.

1.

Zr 가 Zircaloy -4 가

Zircaloy -4 Nb 가

[1 -4]. Nb 가 Nb 가 Zr -based [5,6].

, Nb 가  $\beta$   $\beta_{Zr}$  가

가 ,  $\beta_{Nb}$  [7,8]. Nb Nb 가 Zr  $\alpha$

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$\beta_{Nb}$   $\beta_{Nb}$  [9].  $\beta$

가 Nb  $\beta$  ( $\beta_{Nb}$ ,  $\beta_{Zr}$  ) Zr

가 Nb  $\beta$  ( $\beta_{Nb}$ ,  $\beta_{Zr}$  )

Nb 1.5 wt.% 가 ,  $\beta_{Nb}$

570 0~1000  $\beta_{Zr}$  640 0~1000

Nb  $\beta$  ( $\beta_{Nb}$ ,  $\beta_{Zr}$  ) XRD

2.

Nb ,

Zr Nb 1.5 wt.% 가

1 VAR 300g

button ingot

1020 20min

$\beta$  -quenching 1

$\beta_{Nb}$  570 0~1000 ,  $\beta_{Zr}$

640 0~1000

TEM -EDS SiC

H<sub>2</sub>O(50%) pickling HF(5%), HNO<sub>3</sub>(45%), 360

18MPa 가 static autoclave  
 가 가 .  
 angle XRD low -  
 가 , 가 30 mg/dm<sup>2</sup>  
 Low -angle XRD 2°  
 scan speed 0.5°/min .

### 3.

#### 3.1

2  
 . 2 570 640 가 . β  
 2 . β Nb Ms 가  
 twin [10]. quenched twin  
 . 2 가  
 가  
 Nb 가 , TEM  
 α+β<sub>Zr</sub> 640 5, 50 3 quenching α+β<sub>Nb</sub> 570  
 . quenching Nb 가 가  
 twin Nb  
 α+β<sub>Zr</sub> 640 5, 50 α+β<sub>Nb</sub> 570 가  
 가 .  
 4 . 570 50 1.5Nb  
 β<sub>Nb</sub> . 640 50 Nb 70 wt.%  
 Nb 15 wt.% β<sub>Zr</sub> .

### 3.2 Nb 가

5 1.5Nb  
 가 570 150  
 , quenched  
 가 가 ,  
 640  
 가 가 5 570 50  
 가 가 Nb  
 quenching Nb  
 가 가 가  
 Nb 가  
 640 570  
 high-Nb Nb  $\beta$   
 Nb 가 570  
 640 가 640  
 $\beta_{Zr}$   $\beta_{Zr}$   
 $\beta_{Nb}$   
 , Nb 가 Zr Nb  
 $\beta$   
 $\alpha$  Nb 640  
 $\beta_{Zr}$  570  $\beta_{Nb}$

### 3.3

#### Low -angle XRD

Zr PBW (pilling -bedworth ratio)가  
 1.56  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>가 , tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>  
 가 [13]. 6 570 50  
 1.5Nb  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub> mono -ZrO<sub>2</sub> peak  
 7 570 640 10, 50

tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>    quenched    tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>  
 β<sub>Nb</sub>    570  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>    가    β<sub>Zr</sub>  
 640    tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>    가    570  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>    Nb  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>    가    가    β<sub>Zr</sub>    β<sub>Nb</sub>  
 β<sub>Zr</sub>    가    α    Nb  
 tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>    가    tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>

**4.**

Nb 가

Nb

β

1. 1.5Nb 가 Zr

monotectoid

640

β<sub>Zr</sub> , monotectoid

570

β<sub>Nb</sub>

2.

Nb 가

Nb

가 β<sub>Nb</sub>

가 β<sub>Zr</sub>

3.

Nb tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>

β<sub>Zr</sub> β<sub>Nb</sub>

tetra -ZrO<sub>2</sub>

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Table 1. Alloy composition and heat-treatment of Zr-1.5Nb binary alloys

Alloy	Heat -treatment
Zr -1.5Nb	(a) 570 ( $\alpha+\beta_{\text{Nb}}$ region) x 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000 hrs (b) 640 ( $\alpha+\beta_{\text{Zr}}$ region) x 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000 hrs

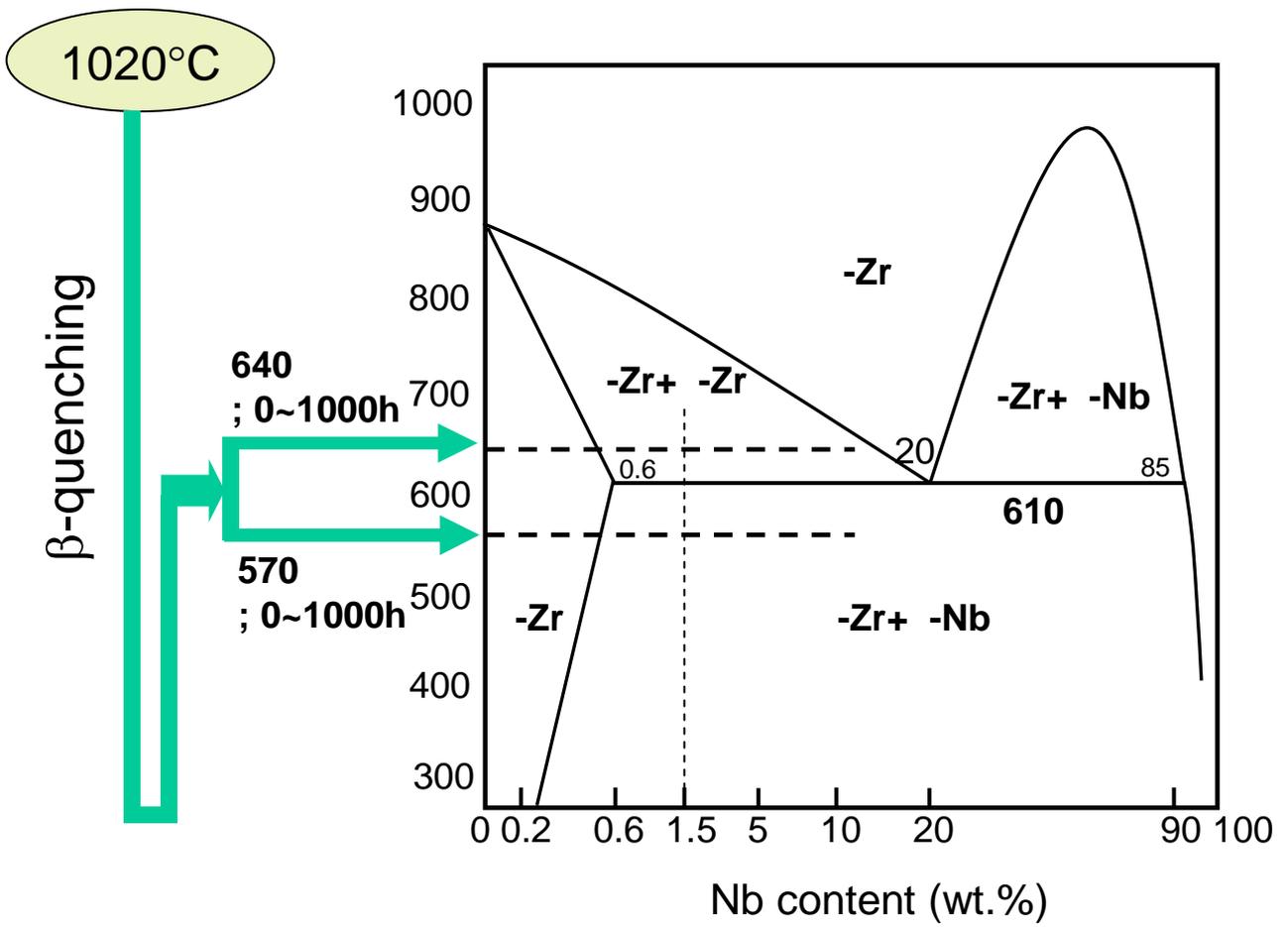


Fig.1 Experimental procedure showing the annealing condition of Zr-1.5Nb alloy

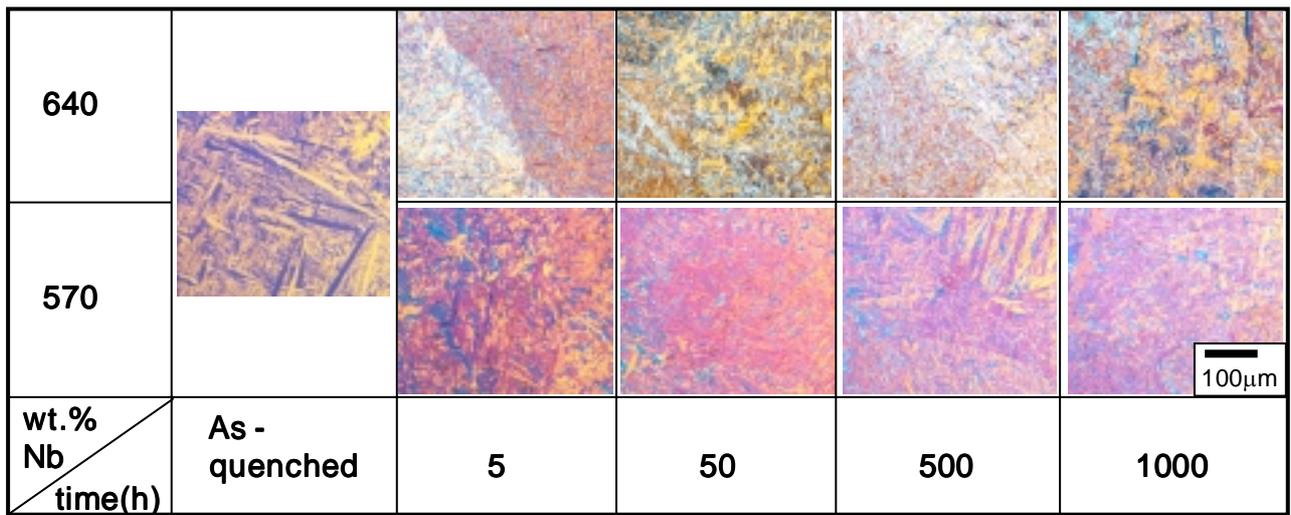


Fig.2 Microstructures of Zr-1.5Nb alloys with annealing temperature at 570 and 640 for 0 to 1000 hrs

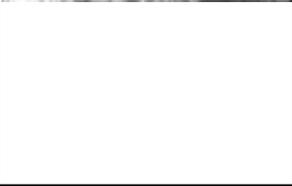
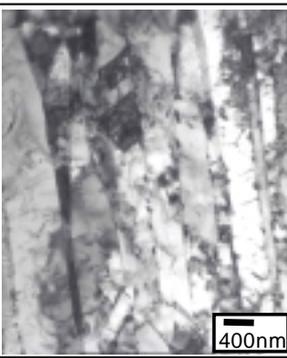
640			
570			
wt.% Nb time(h)	As -quenched	5	50

Fig.3 TEM micrographs of Zr-1.5Nb alloys with annealing temperature at 570 and 640 for 0 to 50hr

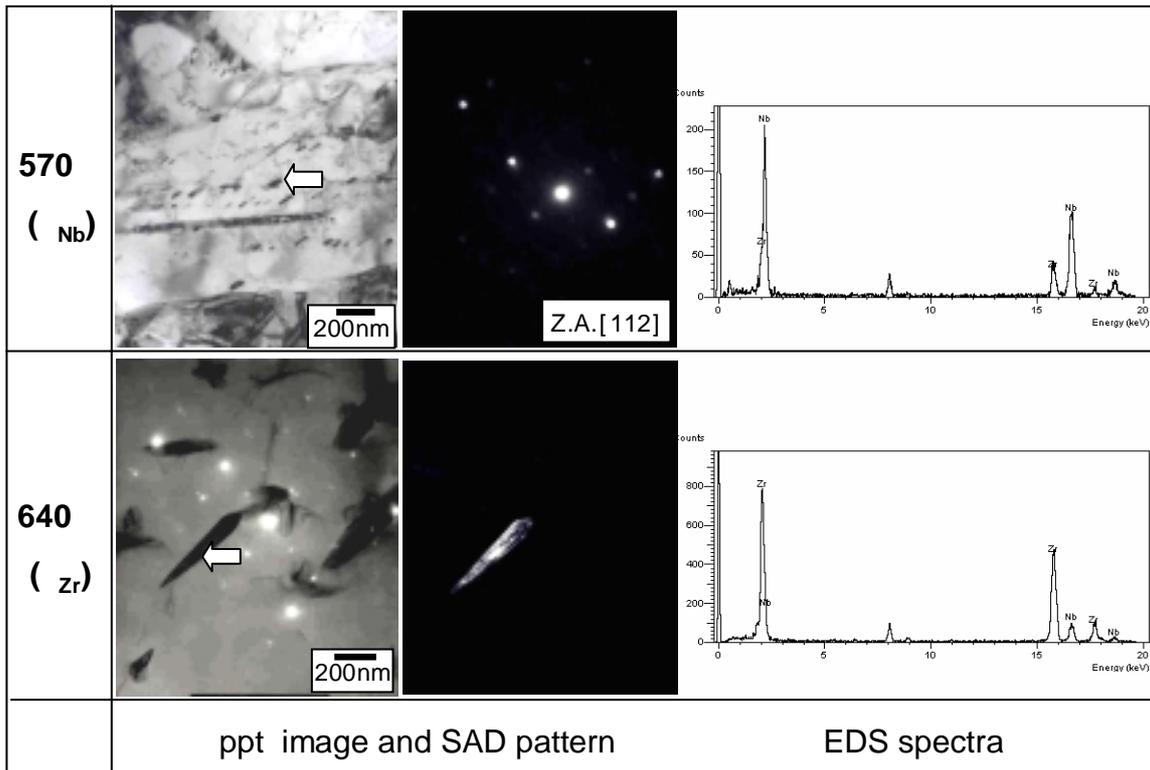


Fig.4 Second phase precipitates in Zr-1.5Nb alloys with annealing temperature at 570 and 640 for 50hr

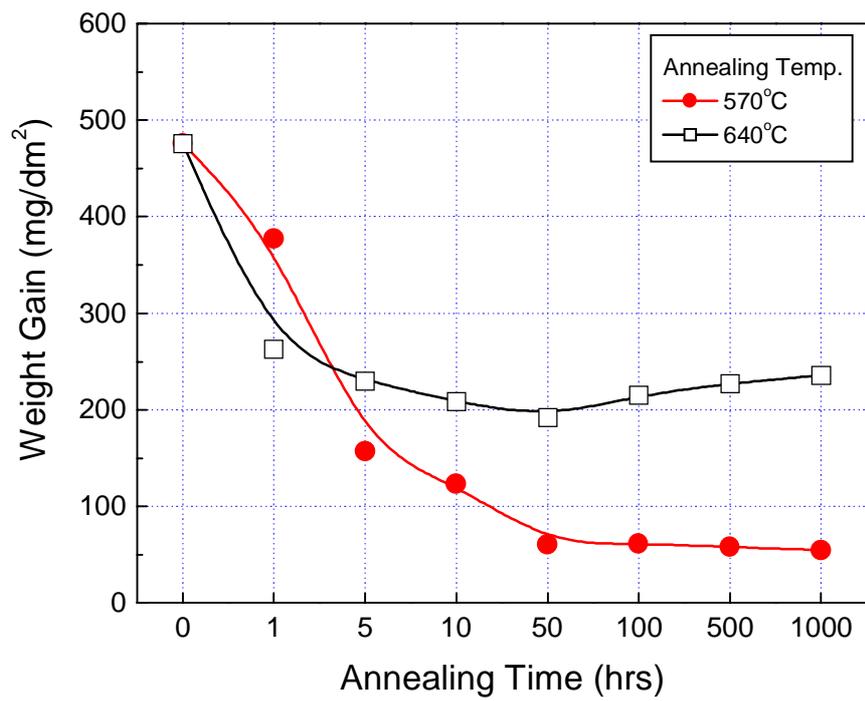


Fig.5 Corrosion behavior of annealing time vs weight gain on Zr-1.5Nb alloys at 360 °C in water for 150 days

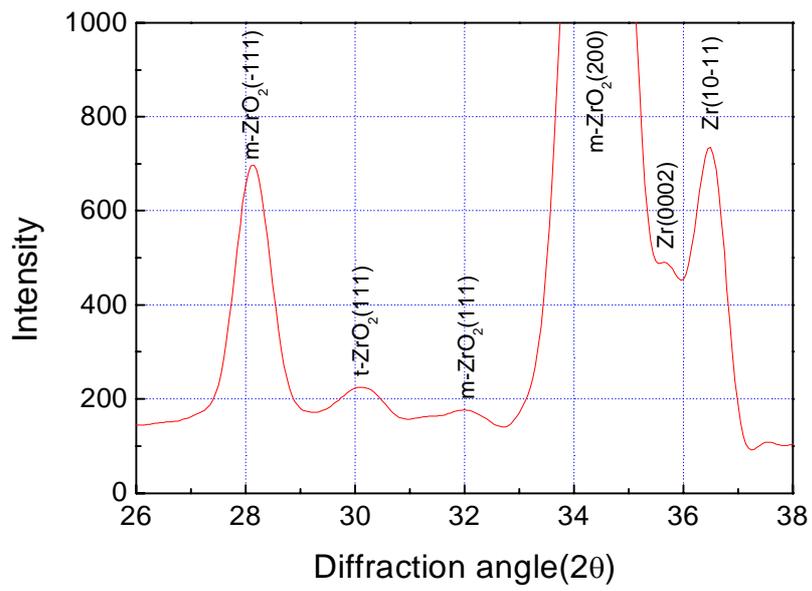


Fig.6 Diffraction pattern on zirconium oxide of Zr-1.5Nb alloy formed in water at 360 (570 x 50hr annealing)

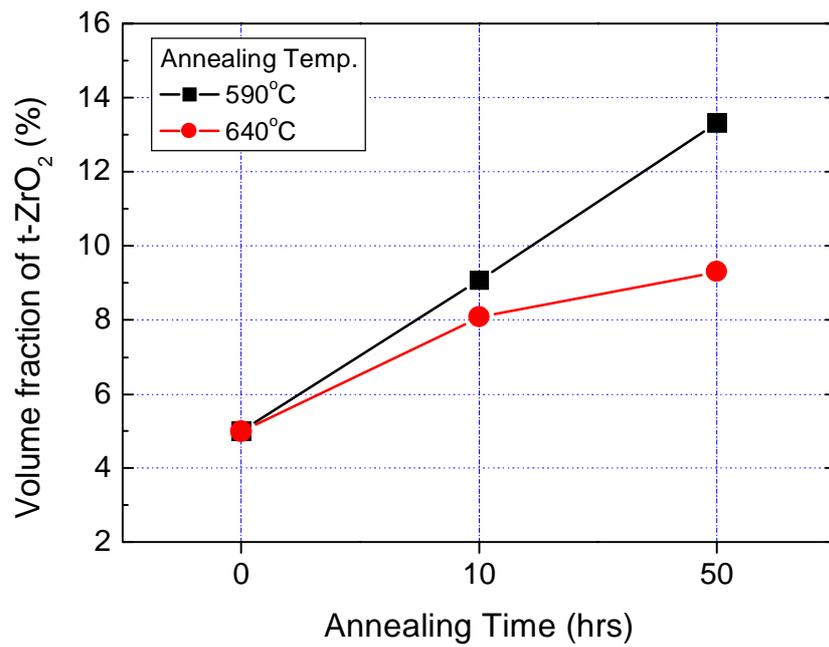


Fig.7 Volume fraction of tetra-ZrO<sub>2</sub> at equal weight gain of zirconium oxide at pre-transition (570 and 640 at various annealing time)