

LOCA

Oxidation Behaviors of Zirconium Cladding Tubes at LOCA Temperatures

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(LOCA) 가 가
 LOCA
 Zircaloy-4(Zr-1.35Sn-0.2Fe-0.1Cr) A-Cladding (Zr-1.0Nb-1.0Sn-0.1Fe)
 (6 μm) (300 ppm) 900~1200°C
 ZIRcaloy-4 A-Cladding

Abstract

Loss-of-coolant accident, which is a design-based accident in nuclear power plant, could be occurred suddenly during the normal operation. The oxide layer and the hydride formed in the fuel cladding during the normal operation would affect the oxidation reaction at LOCA temperatures. In this study, the effects of pre-oxide (about 6 μm) and pre-hydride (about 300 ppm) on high-temperature oxidation were investigated at 900~1200°C for commercial Zircaloy-4(Zr-1.35Sn-0.2Fe-0.1Cr) and A-Cladding (Zr-1.0Nb-1.0Sn-0.1Fe). The oxidation resistances of pre-oxidized specimens were improved for both claddings, but those of pre-hydrided specimens got worse. And, the oxidation resistance of A-Cladding was superior to that of Zircaloy-4 in all test conditions.

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가

UO₂

1).

Zircaloy-4
(LOCA)

2~4)

(LOCA)가 600~1200°C
가 가 (ECCS)

17%

1200°C 5)

(LOCA, loss of coolant accident) Zircaloy

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(6~7μm) (300ppm) Zircaloy-4(Zr-
1.35Sn-0.2Fe-0.1Cr)

A-Cladding(Zr-1.0Nb-1.0Sn-0.1Fe) 900~1200°C LOCA

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2.

Zircaloy-4(Zr-1.35Sn-0.2Fe-0.1Cr) A-

Cladding(Zr-1.0Nb-1.0Sn-0.1Fe) 2

가 450°C (10.3 MPa)

가 6 μm (가 : 90 mg/dm²)

gas-charging 400°C 3

900, 1000, 1100,

1200°C 40

Shimadzu TGA 가

0.001mg 가 (99.9999%)

가 1 가 , 가 가 가

3.

1 as-received 900~1200°C

가 가 가 가

1000°C 1800 가 (a) Zircaloy-4 가 가

2 ($\alpha+\beta$ Zr) (β Zr) 가 가 1100°C

가 가 가 가 1(b) A-Cladding 가 가 가

가 Zircaloy-4 1000°C 가 A-

Cladding Nb $\alpha+\beta$ Zr \rightarrow β Zr 가 A-Cladding Zircaloy-4

Zircaloy-4 A-Cladding 가 Zircaloy-

4 A-Cladding 가

2 Pre-oxidized 1 가 가 가 가

가 가 가 가

2 가 (b) A-Cladding (a) Zircaloy-

4 가 6 μ m

A-Cladding Zircaloy-4

3 1 2

4 (a) 900°C
 fresh 가 가 Pre-oxidized
 가 200 가
 가 2400 pre-oxidized
 가 fresh , 6mm
 900°C 900°C
 가 , fresh
 A-Cladding 가 Zircaloy-4
 3 (b) 1000°C (a) 900°C 가
 Fresh Zircaloy-4
 가 가 1600 가 가
 가 fresh A-Cladding 2400
 가 A-Cladding fresh
 가 Zircaloy-4 가
 pre-oxidized 500 A-Cladding Zircaloy-4
 가 , 가 가 1800
 fresh A-Cladding 가 1000°C
 가

1100°C 3 (c)
 가 Fresh
 , A-Cladding 가 Zircaloy-4
 가
 A-Cladding 가 Zircaloy-4 450°C
 1100°C

1000°C A-Cladding Zircaloy-4
 A-Cladding 가 Nb
 3 (d) 1200°C (c)
 Pre-oxide 가 가 가 A-Cladding

Zircaloy - 4

4 300 ppm Zircaloy - 4 A-Cladding 4 (a) pre-hydrided

Zircaloy - 4 가 (b) pre-hydrided A-Cladding pre-hydrided

Zircaloy - 4 가 A-Cladding 가

5 fresh pre-hydrided 5(a) pre-hydrided

hydrided 가 fresh 900°C as-received 가

9 (b) 1000°C 900°C 가

pre-hydrided 가 fresh 1600

fresh Zircaloy - 4 pre-hydrided Zircaloy - 4

Pre-hydrided Zircaloy - 4 가 A-Cladding

pre-hydrided 가 fresh A-Cladding

A-Cladding 가 Zircaloy - 4 A-Cladding

300 ppm Zircaloy - 4

7 (c) (d) 1100°C 1200°C

(b) 1000°C 300 ppm

가 가 A-Cladding

Zircaloy - 4 가

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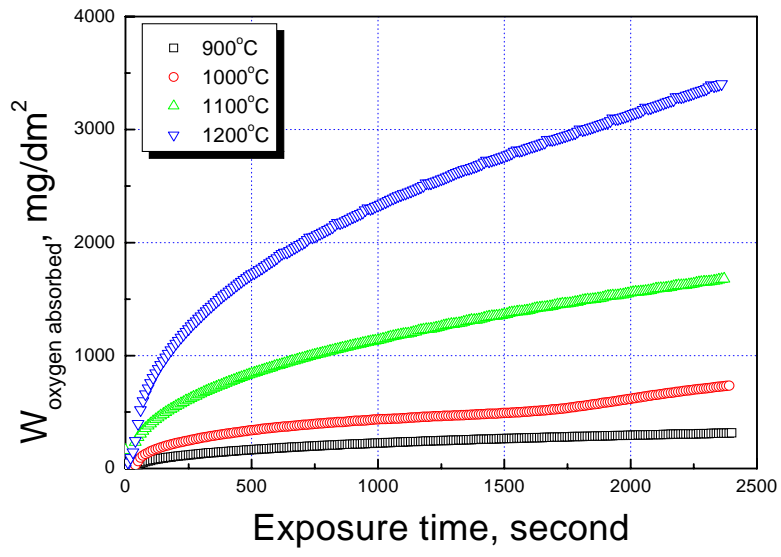
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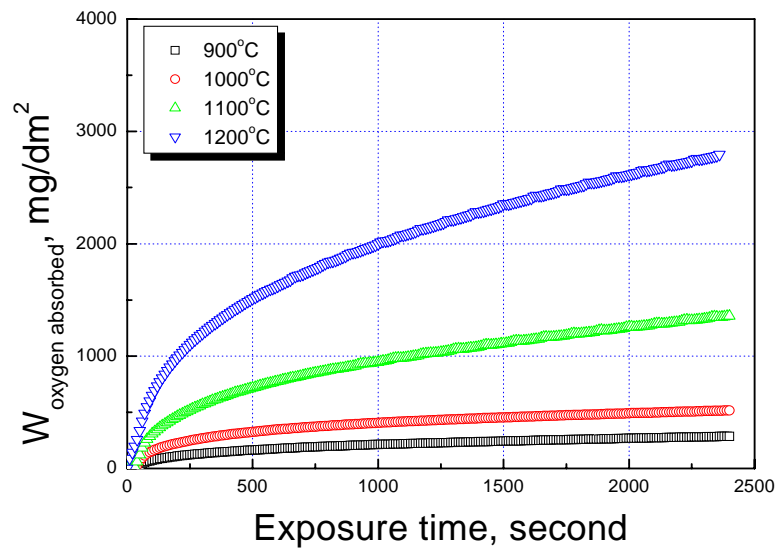
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| 1) 900~1200°C LOCA | A-Cladding | Zircaloy-4 |
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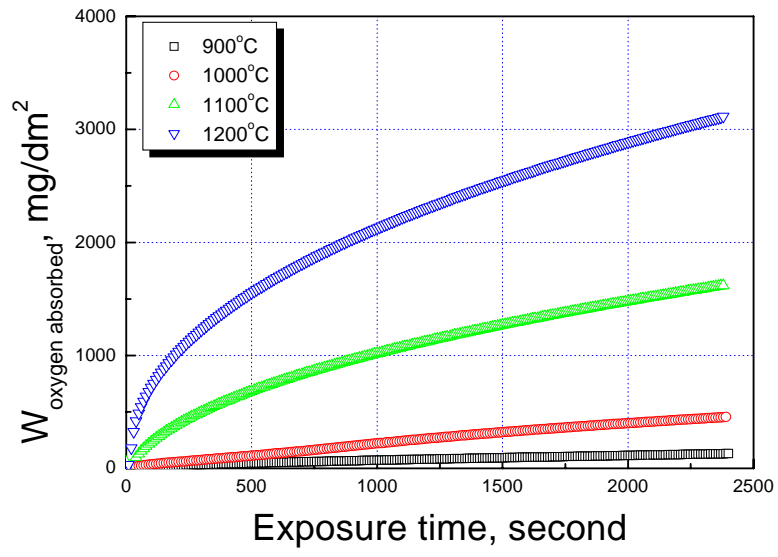


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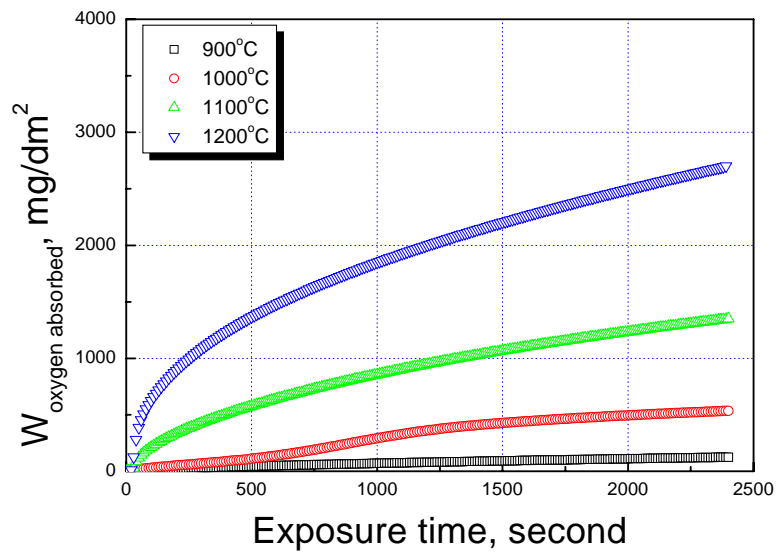


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Fig. 1 Oxidation behaviors of fresh cladding tubes; (a) Zircaloy-4, (b) A-Cladding

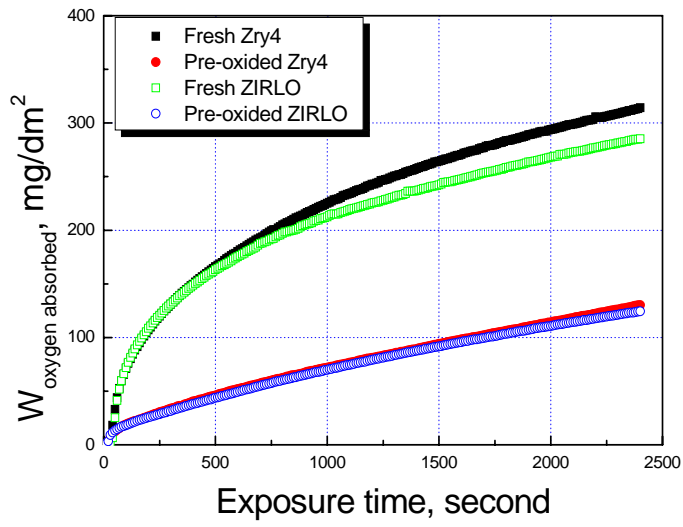


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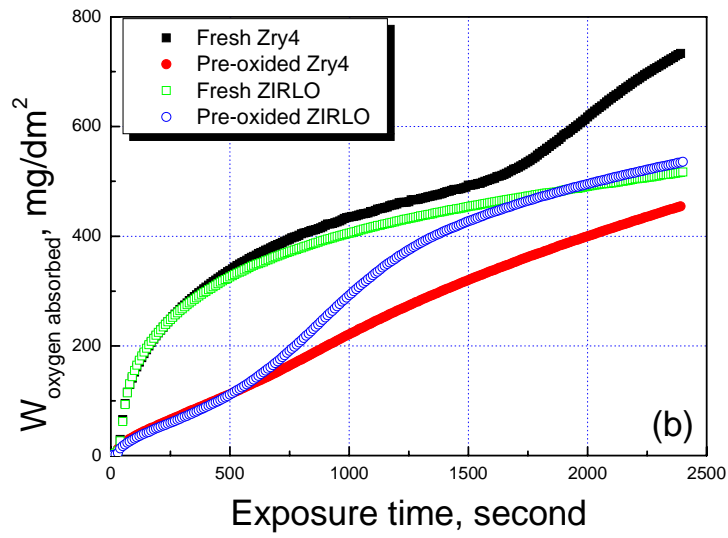


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Fig. 2 Oxidation behaviors of pre-oxidized cladding tubes;
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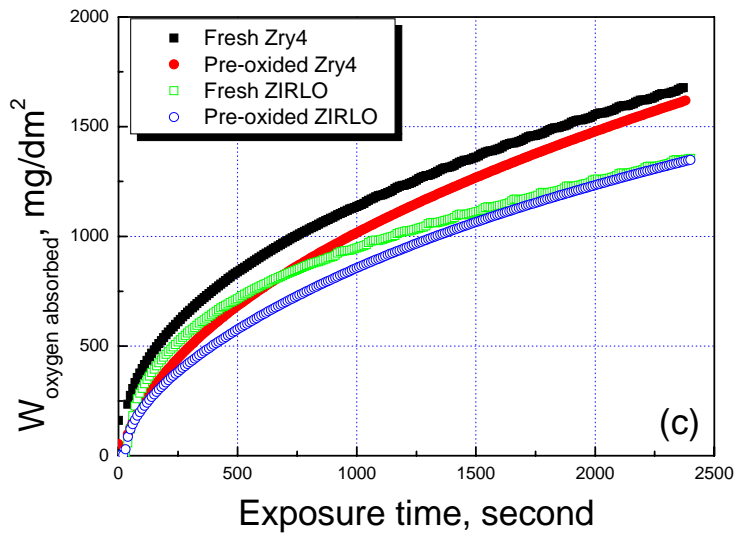


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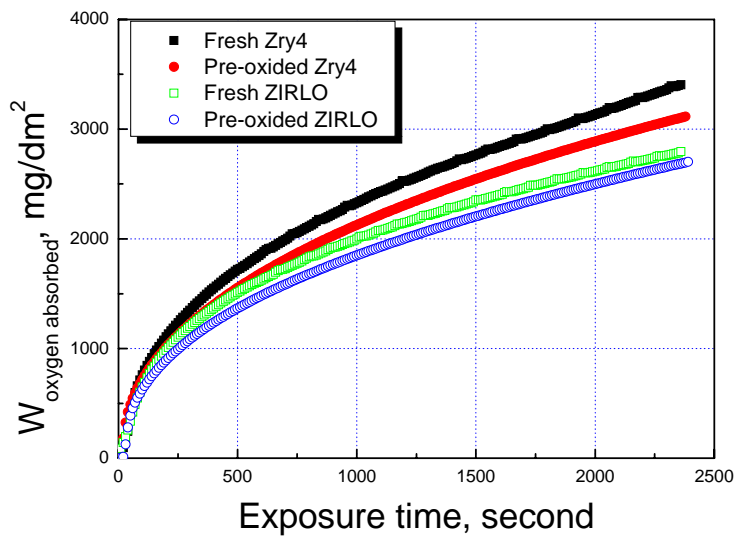


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Fig. 3 Oxidation behaviors of pre-oxidized cladding tubes;
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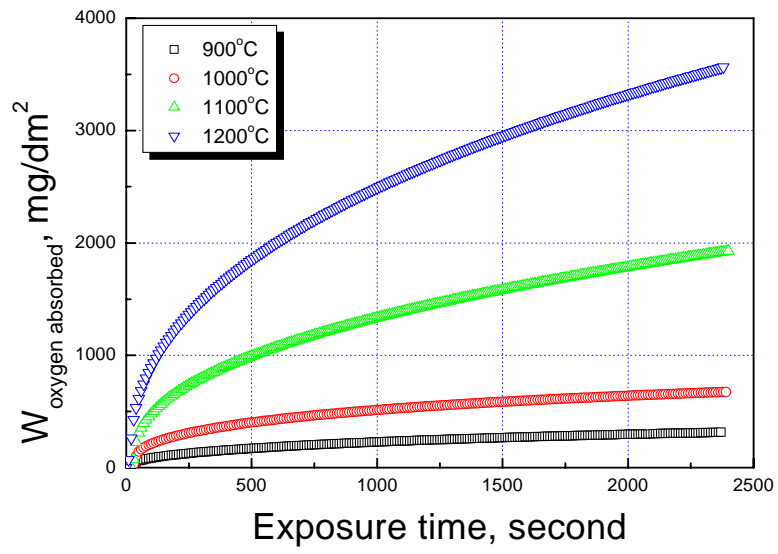


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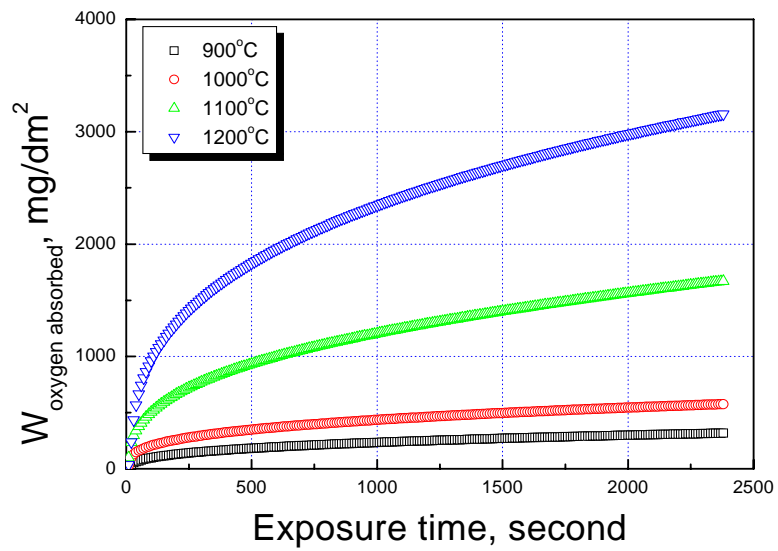


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Fig. 3 (continued)

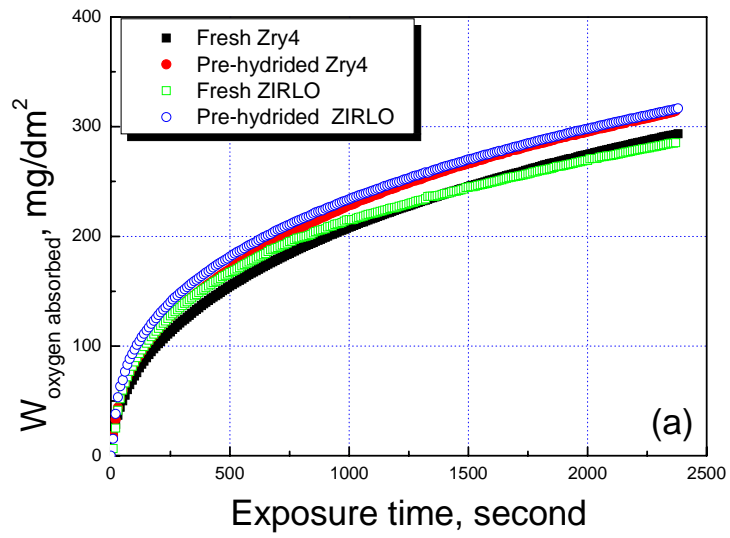


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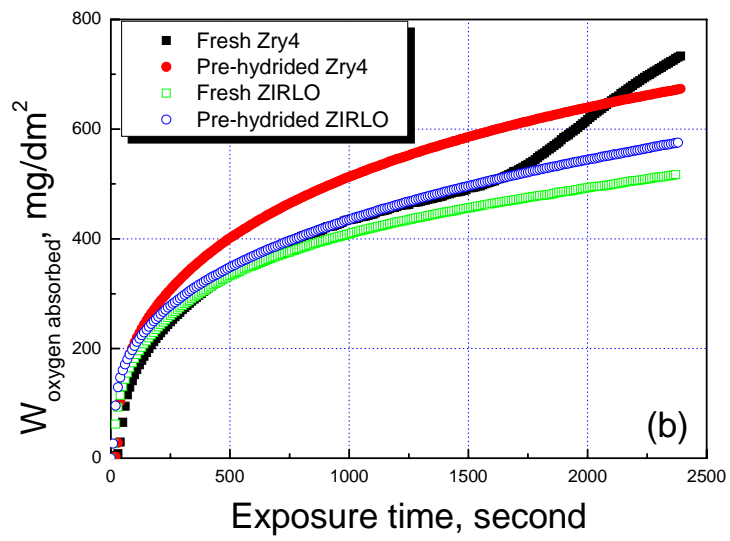


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Fig. 4 Oxidation behaviors of pre-hydrated cladding tubes;
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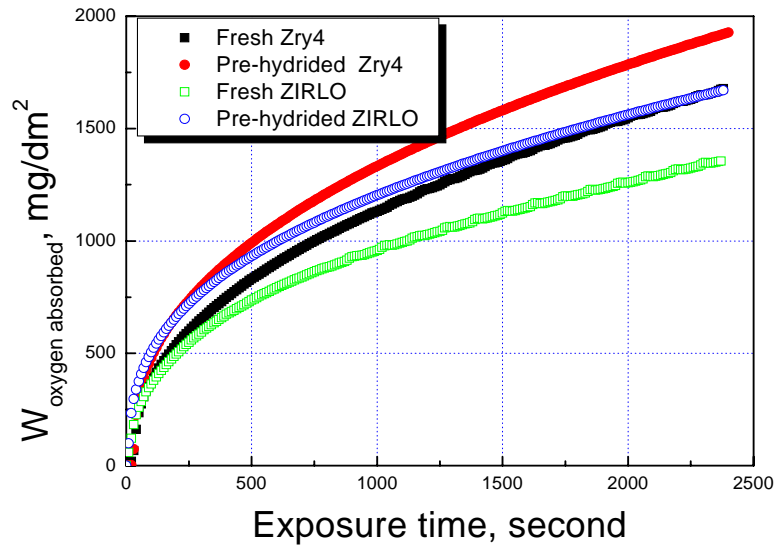


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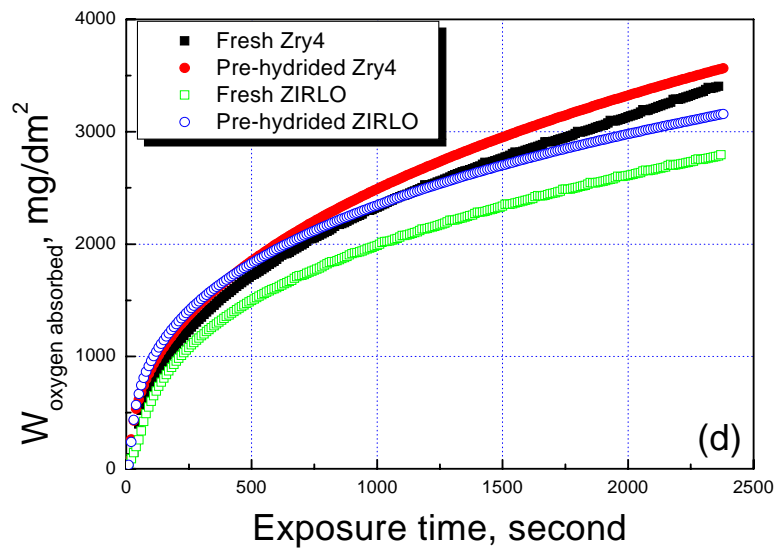


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Fig. 5 Oxidation behaviors of pre-hydrided cladding tubes;
 (a) 900°C, (b) 1000°C, (c) 1100°C, (d) 1200°C



(c)



(d)

Fig. 5 (continued)