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Estimation on Stress of Oxide layer in Zirconium Alloys

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. Bend test XRD

. Nano-indentation
morphology

Abstract

It has been reported that the effect of thermal redistribution of hydrides across the metal-oxide interface, coupled with thermal feedback on the metal-oxide interface, is a dominating factor in the accelerated oxidation in zirconium alloys cladding PWR fuel. Basically this influence determines characteristic of oxide layer. Influence estimation for corrosion oxide layer due to hydrogen / hydride carried out because of investigation on the kinetic on accelerated oxidation due to hydride precipitation was preceded. Experimental result corroborative of concentration of stress at metal-oxide interface through bend test and XRD analysis was confirmed. Mechanical properties due to stress of

oxide layer through Nano-indentation and morphology was confirmed.

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 bend
 test XRD
 Nano-indentation modulus
 tetragonal-ZrO₂
 morphology
 hardness
 monoclinic-ZrO₂
 AFM, SEM, TEM
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2.

0.075cm
 pickling solution
 -4
 2cm × 2.5cm ×
 50:47:3
 pre-hydrided
 gaseous charging method cathodic charging

method가 ⁵⁾ ,
 gaseous charging method
 400 , 500~600 Torr.
 (1).
 ASTM spec. ⁶⁾ 1 /min. 1780
 ppmH pre-hydrided -4 1160ppmH pre-hydrided
 ASTM spec.
⁷⁾ LECO
 가 autoclave
 2 autoclave 1
 , autoclave 2
 400~700 , 1 atm
 intermittent 10⁻⁵
 microbalance 1
 , (1~5) ,

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 XRD bend test
 low angle XRD
 XRD(X-ray diffraction) stress lattice
 parameter data X- ray diffraction lattice
 strain strain X-ray elastic constant stress
 Philips, X-PERT HR-XRD(X-
)
 grinder
 silicon carbide paper grit
 가 가 bend
 test .

- AFM / SEM microstructure
 AFM (Atomic Force Microscopy)

Cantilever .

(position sensitive photodiode)

morphology . 10nm non-contact
 15° roughness가
 가
 SEM
 가
 가
 scan size가 0.1 micron Japan, Seiko Instrument,
 SPA-400 , oxide metal morphology interface
 interface 가 oxide metal morphology .

- Nano-indentation

indenter MTS Nano indenter XP displacement
 resolution 0.01nm . , Young`s modulus hardness
 mechanical properties 가 indenter
 morphology AFM, SEM, TEM .

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 3 oxide average stress , 4 가 2µm
 -4 stress profile . 3
 가 가 가 .
 , XRD XRD
 sensitivity가 EBSD 가

Bend test 가 100µm 가 10µm
 grinder
 , grinder
 auto pole 가 (3.5cm × 0.63cm × 0.031cm)
 가 1µm
 가 wire-cutting
 holder .

- AFM / SEM microstructure

5 intact 10µm AFM oxide
 morphology . 6 metal

morphology

morphology

7 pre-hydride morphology 10 μ m AFM
oxide morphology 가 , morphology hydride
morphology 가 , morphology
AFM metal morphology 10 μ m 6
8 oxide 가 metal morphology
morphology 가 morphology
AFM scan size nm

- Nano-indentation

9 -4 intact pre-hydride 2 μ m, 10 μ m
hardness , 10 modulus
hardness modulus 가 , 가 2 μ m 10 μ m
monoclinic-ZrO₂ tetragonal-ZrO₂ nano-
indentation ,
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가 가 가
-4
/ 10⁷ ~ 10³ 가 500
11 가
가가 12
500 , 0.1 MPa, 697, 3300,
3824 ppmH 가
가 Zircaloy-4 13
, 14 가
가 가
가 가 Zr ZrO₂

(Pilling-Bedworth ratio: 1.56)

1 tetragonal ZrO_2 tetragonal- ZrO_2 GPa

ZrO_2 monoclinic- ZrO_2 tetragonal-

가 (: 6.5 g/cm³,
: (ZrO₂) 5.8 g/cm³, (ZrH₂) : 5.7 g/cm³)

monoclinic- ZrO_2 가 가

가 (ZrH₂) 가 가

가 tetragonal- ZrO_2 ,
ZrO₂ monoclinic- ZrO_2

가 morphology morphology 가

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가 가

4.

-4
pre-hydrated
Bend test XRD
Nano-indentation
morphology

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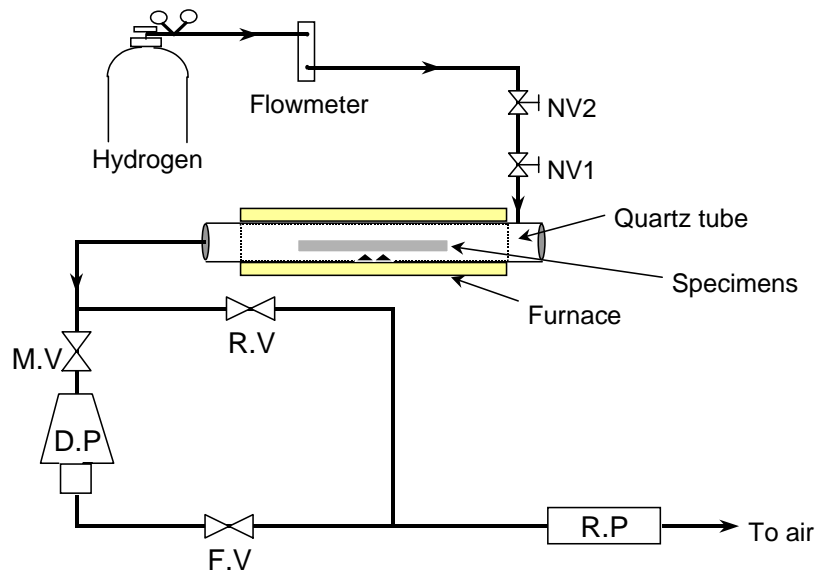


Fig. 1. multi-purpose apparatus (hydrogen pre-charging)

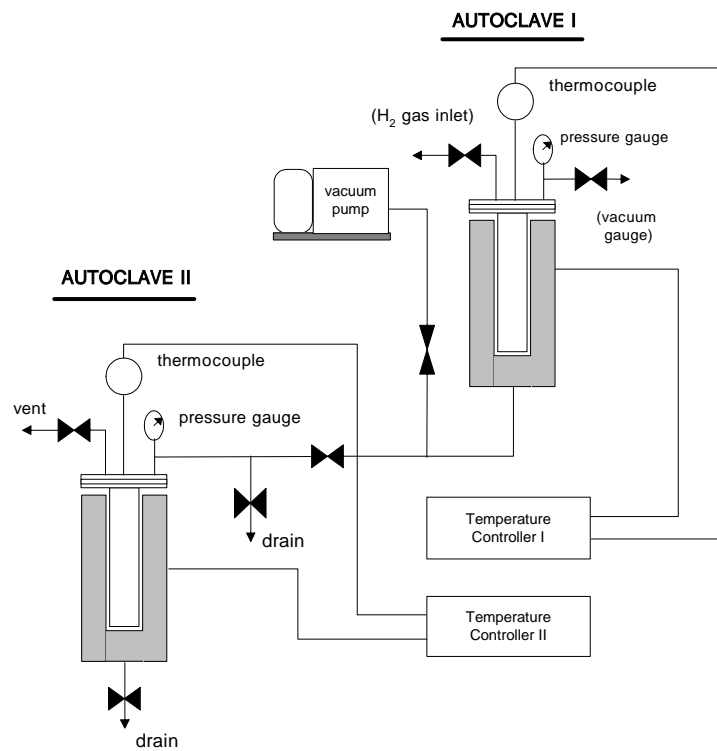


Fig. 2. high pressure and temperature twin autoclave system

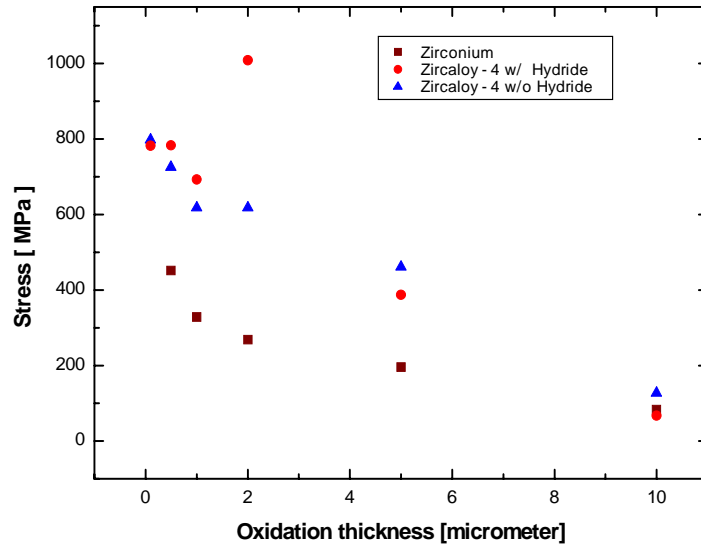


Fig. 3 Zircaloy -4

stress ($2\mu\text{m}$)

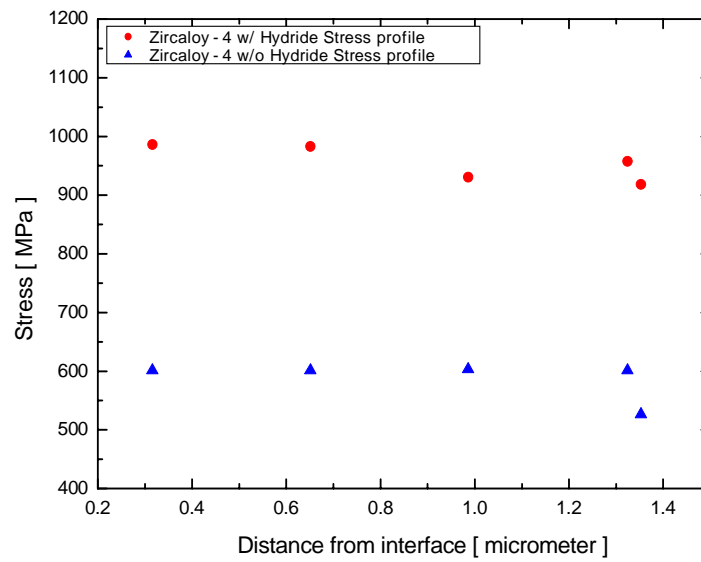


Fig. 4 Zircaloy -4

stress ($2\mu\text{m}$)

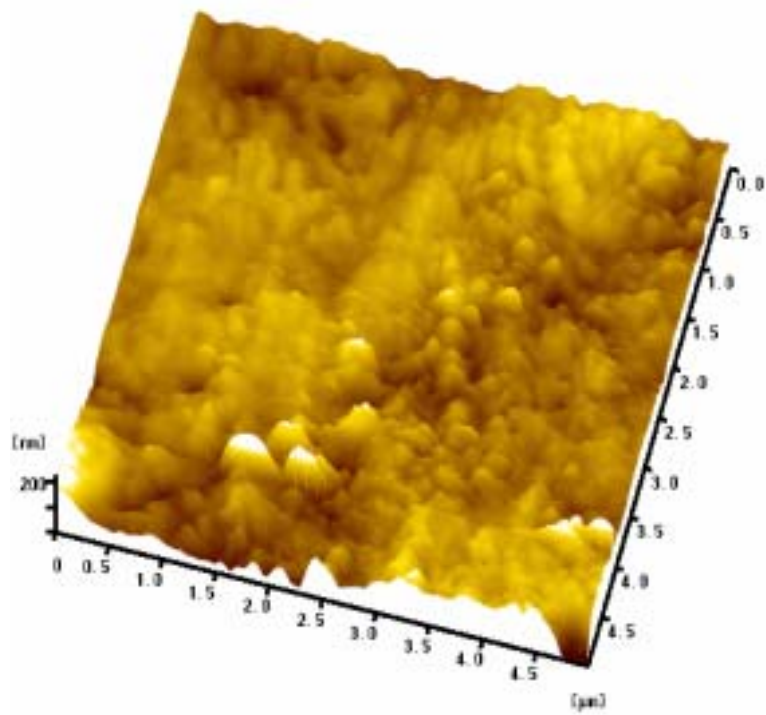


Fig. 5 AFM oxide morphology (Zircaloy-4 w/o hyd., 10 μ m)

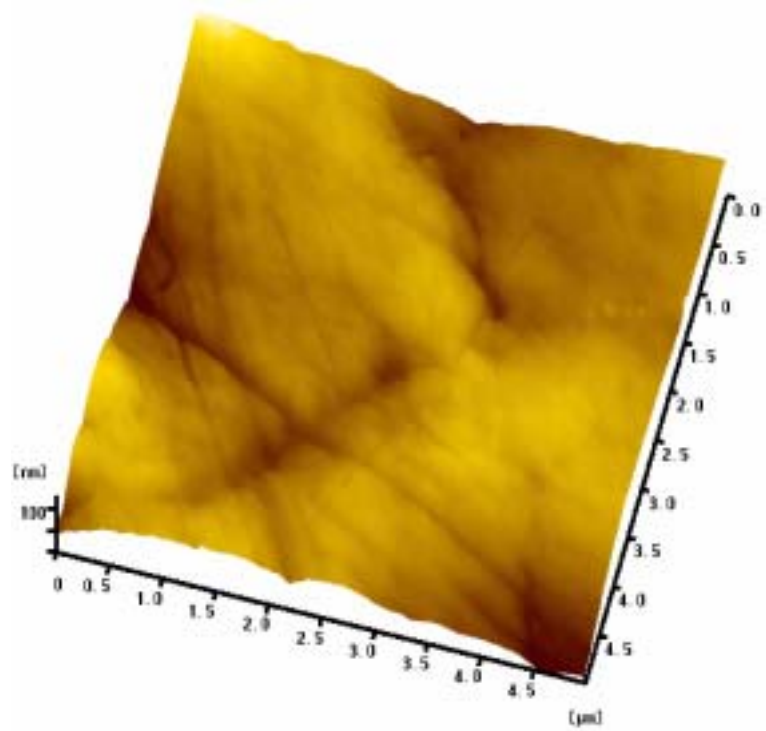


Fig. 6 AFM metal morphology (Zircaloy-4 w/o hyd., 10 μ m)

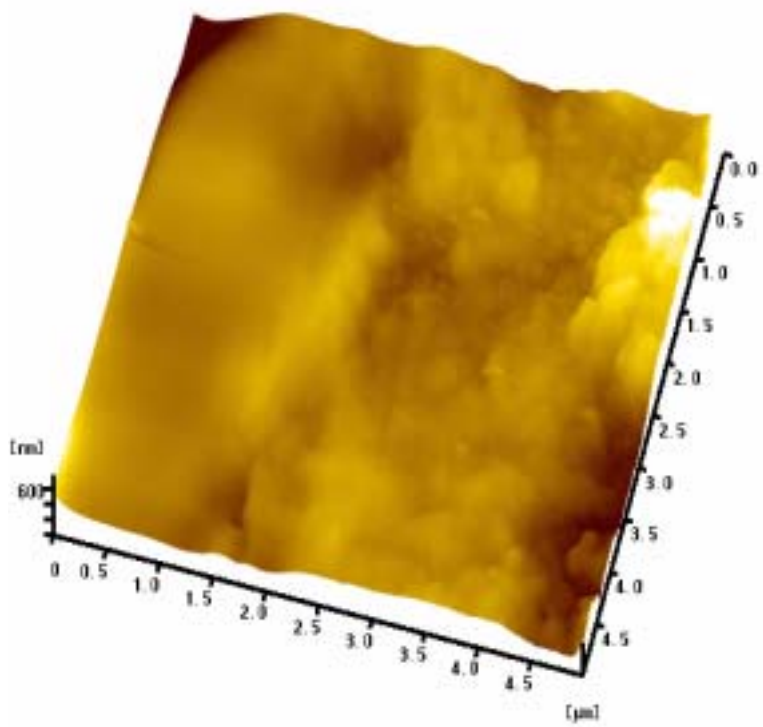


Fig. 7 AFM oxide morphology (Zircaloy -4 w/ hyd., 10 μ m)

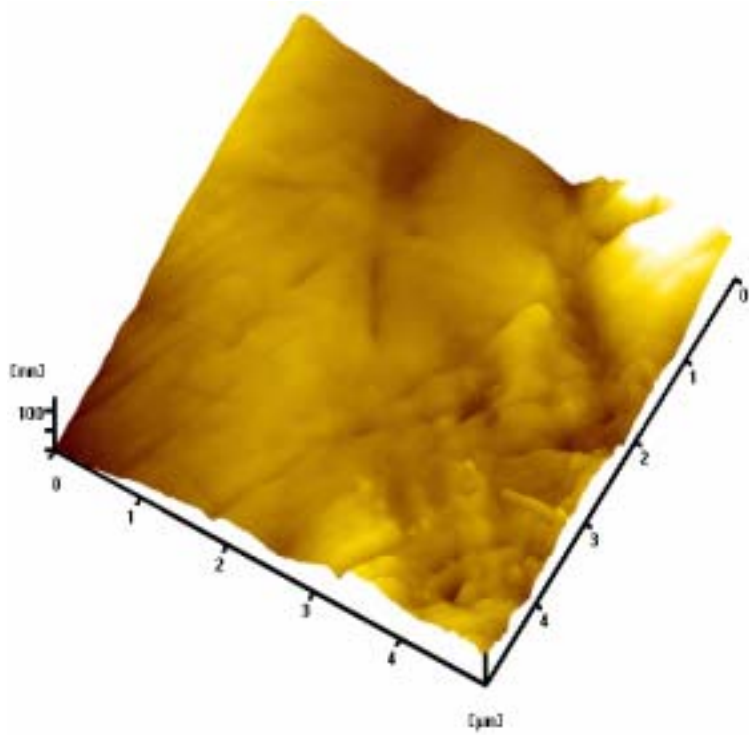


Fig. 8 AFM metal morphology (Zircaloy -4 w/ hyd., 10 μ m)

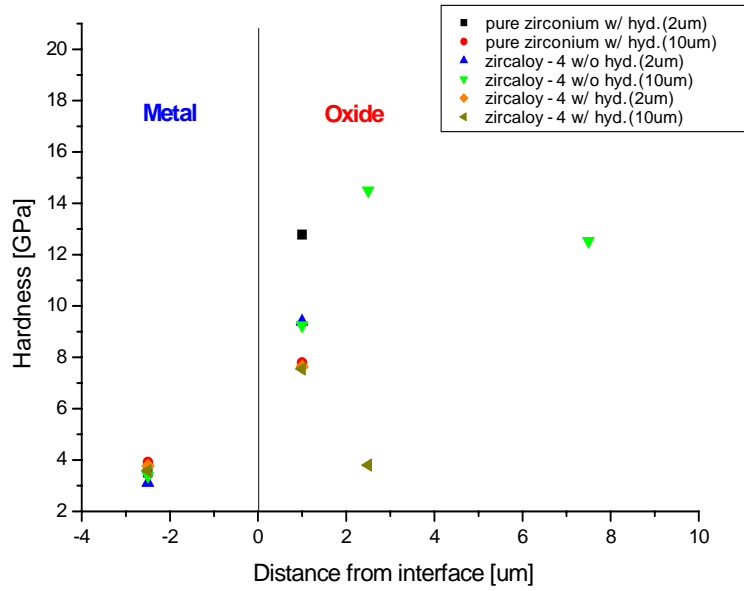


Fig. 9

hardness value

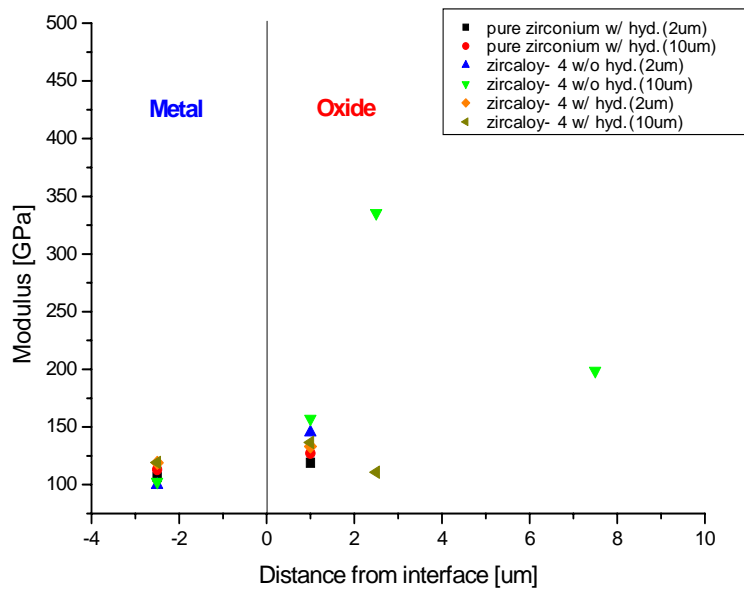


Fig. 10

modulus value

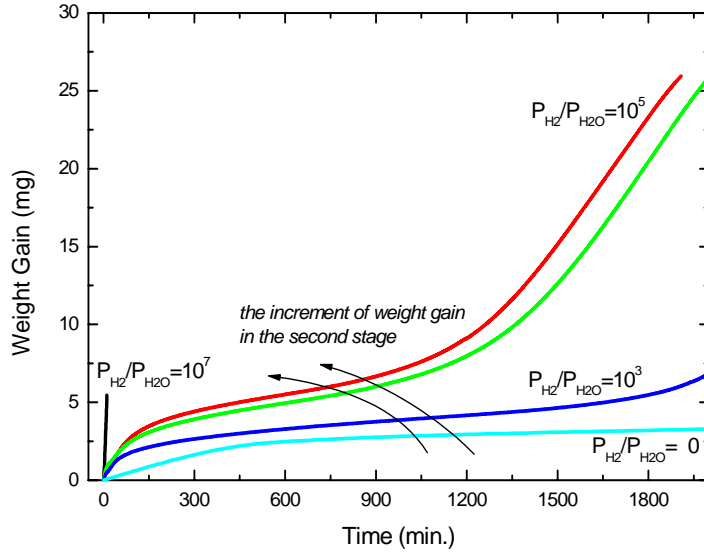


Fig. 11 $P(H_2)/P(H_2O)$

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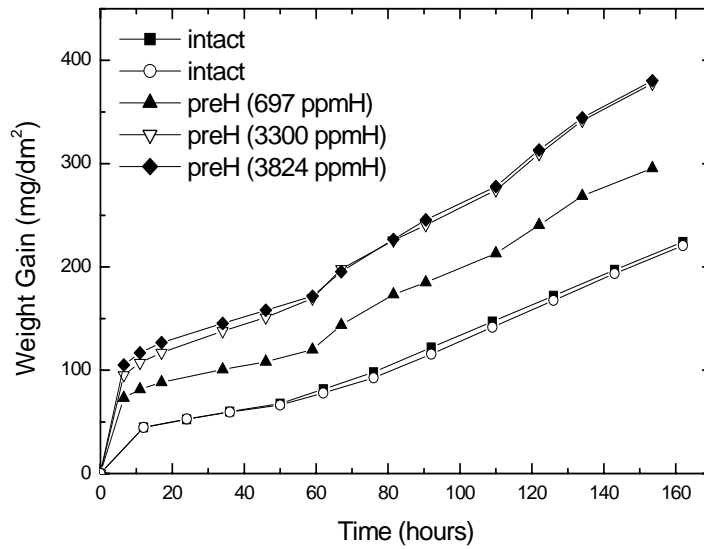


Fig. 12 0.1 MPa, 500

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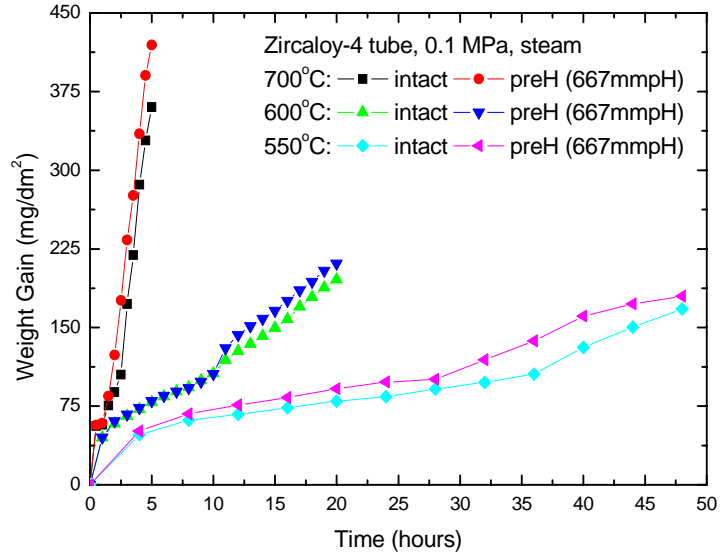


Fig. 13

Zircaloy - 4

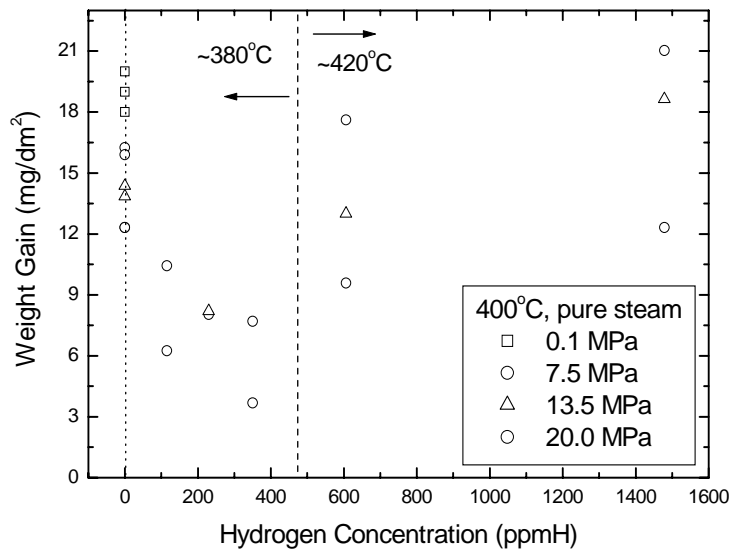


Fig. 14 Zircaloy - 4

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