

Nb 가 Zr Corrosion and oxide characteristics of Nb-containing Zr alloys

Nb 가 Zr , Zr-
 xNb . Nb 가 β
 α+β_{Nb} 570 0~1000 α+β_{Zr} 640
 0~1000 . TEM
 , 360 water . Nb 가
 570 50 β_{Nb} , 640
 10 β_{Zr} . Nb 가 Nb β
 . Nb
 가 β_{Zr} β_{Nb} 가 .

Abstract

To investigate the corrosion behavior of microstructural characteristics with different Nb-containing alloys, the corrosion test of Zr-xNb alloys was performed. The specimens of the Nb-containing alloy were heat-treated at 570 from 0 to 1000 hours to get the α+β_{Nb} phase and at 640 for from 0 to 1000 hours to get the α+β_{Zr} phase after β-quenching. The microstructure and precipitate characteristics of heat-treated specimens were analyzed by using TEM and the specimens were tested in water at 360 . The β_{Nb} phase was formed when aging time reached 50 hrs at 570 and the β_{Zr} phase was formed when aging time reached 10 hrs at 640 . The corrosion behavior of Zr-xNb 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_{Nb} phase was formed rather than β_{Zr} phase.

1.

Zircaloy-4

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Nb 가 Zr-based , Zr Nb

가 [5,6]. Nb

가 β , β_{Nb}

β_{Zr} 가

[7,8]. Nb 2 Jeong

Nb 가 Zr β_{Nb} β_{Nb}

α Nb

[9]. β (β_{Nb} , β_{Zr})

β_{Zr} 가 Zr 가 Nb β (β_{Nb} , β_{Zr})

가

Nb 0.1~2.0

wt.% 가 , β_{Nb} 570 0~1000

β_{Zr} 640 0~1000 Nb

β (β_{Nb} , β_{Zr})

XRD TEM

2.

Nb ,

Zr Nb 0~2.0 wt.% 가

1 VAR

300g button ingot

1020 20min β_{Nb}

570 0~1000 , β_{Zr}

640 0~1000 EDS가

TEM SiC

HF(5%), HNO₃(45%), H₂O(50%) pickling

360 18MPa

가 static autoclave , 가
 가 .
 angle XRD , low -
 가 , 가 30 mg/dm²
 . Low-angle XRD 2°
 scan speed 0.5°/min . TEM
 , . TEM
 jet polishing , ion-milling

3.

3.1

Nb 가 ,
 TEM . 3 α+β_{Nb}
 570 5, 50 0.2, 0.8 1.5 wt.% Nb 가
 가 Nb .
 β 2 . β Nb M_s
 가 plat
 twin [10]. quenched
 0.2, 0.8Nb plate 1.5Nb
 twin . 0.2Nb
 가 가
 50 .
 . 0.8Nb 가
 0.2Nb . 1.5Nb 가
 가 twin
 . Nb
 2 Nb 가 α+β_{Zr} 640 5, 50
 . 0.2Nb 5
 가
 , sponge-Zr Fe
 EDS . 50
 Fe . 0.8Nb 5
 50

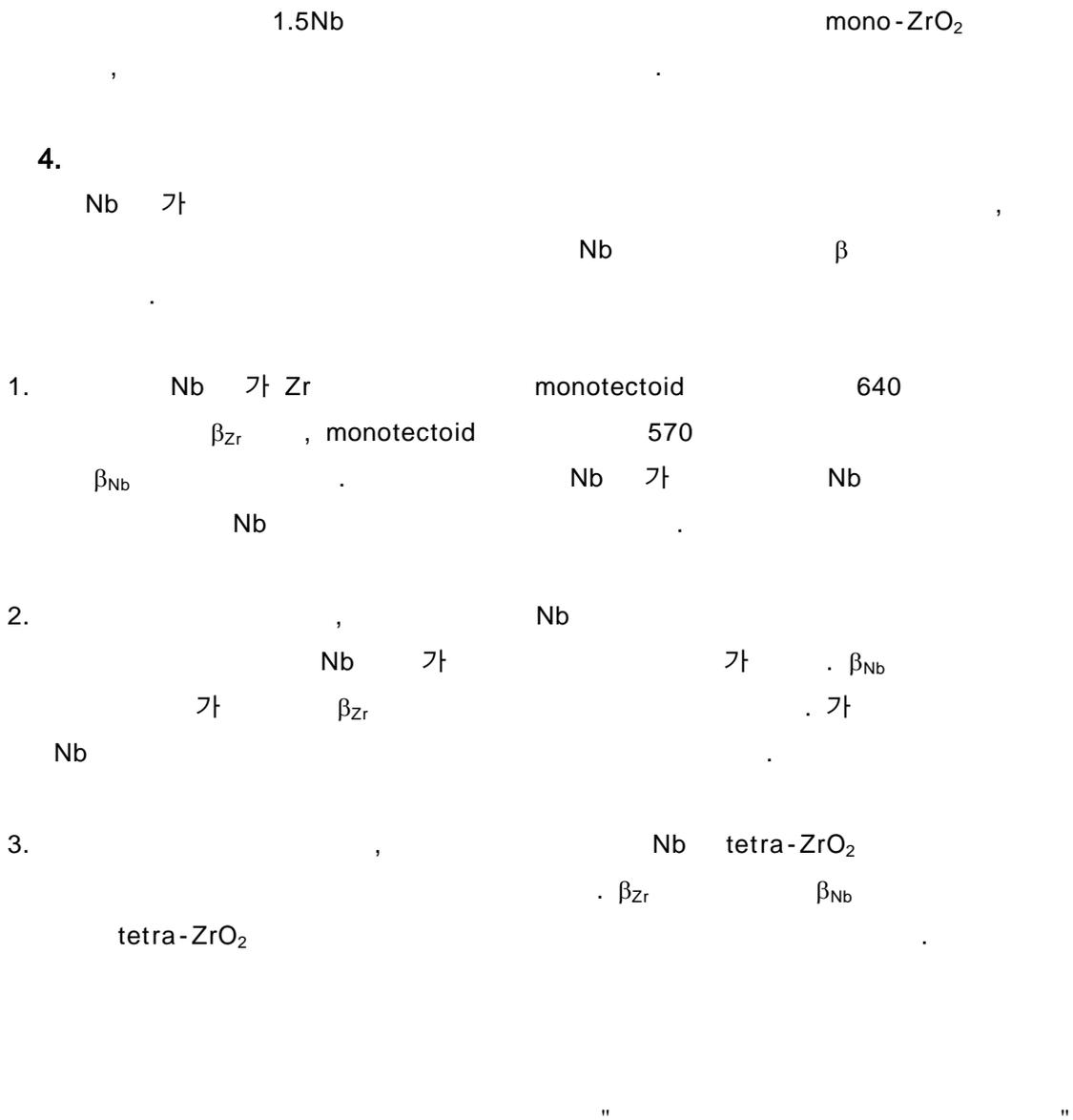
EDS β_{Zr} 1.5Nb 5
 가 twin
 50 β_{Zr} 640 $\alpha + \beta_{Nb}$ 570
 가 가
 3 570 50 1.5Nb
 β_{Nb} 640 50 Nb 70 wt.%
 Nb 15 wt.% β_{Zr} 1.5Nb

3.2 Nb 가
 4 Zr-xNb
 가 4 (a) 570 150
 Nb 가 가
 가 50 가
 0.3 wt.% 가 가 0.5 wt.%
 가 가 가 가
 가 4 (b) 640 5
 Nb 가 Nb
 640 β_{Zr} 가
 β_{Zr} β_{Nb} 가
 570 50 가
 가 Nb 가
 Nb 가 Nb
 가 가 Nb

가 . 640 high-
 570 .
 Nb Nb β Nb 가
 570 640
 가 , 640 β_{Zr} 640
 β_{Zr} β_{Nb}
 , Nb 가
 Zr Nb
 β α
 Nb 가 640 β_{Zr}
 570 β_{Nb}

3.3

Zr PBW (pilling-bedworth ratio)가
 1.56
 tetra-ZrO₂가 , tetra-ZrO₂
 가 [13]. 5 570 640 5,
 50, 500 XRD tetra-
 ZrO₂ Nb
 tetra-ZrO₂ 가 , β_{Nb}
 570 가 tetra-ZrO₂
 가 , β_{Zr} 640
 tetra-ZrO₂ 가 570 가
 . Nb 0.2Nb
 가 tetra-ZrO₂ . Nb
 tetra-ZrO₂ tetra-ZrO₂
 tetra-ZrO₂ 가 가 β_{Zr} β_{Nb}
 가 β_{Zr} 가 α Nb
 가 가 tetra-ZrO₂
 .
 6 TEM
 jet-polishing
 ion-milling
 0.2Nb 1.5Nb
 . 0.2Nb tetra-ZrO₂



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

Alloy	Heat -treatment
<p style="text-align: center;">Zr -xNb (x=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.8, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 wt.%)</p>	<p>(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</p>

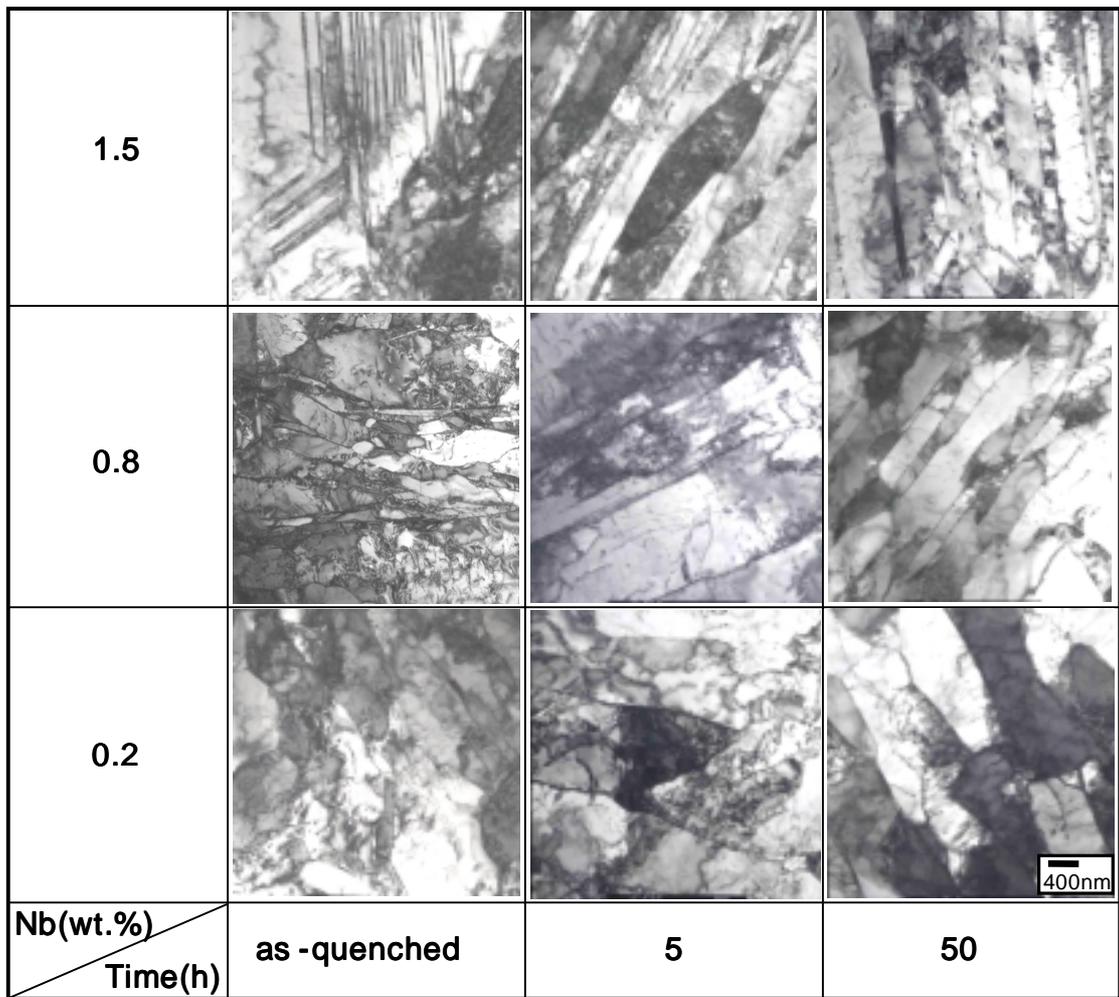


Fig.1 TEM micrographs of Zr-xNb alloys with annealing time for 0 to 50hr at 570

1.5			
0.8			
0.2			
Nb(wt.%) Time(h)	as -quenched	5	50

Fig.2 TEM micrographs of Zr-xNb alloys with annealing time for 0 to 50hr at 640

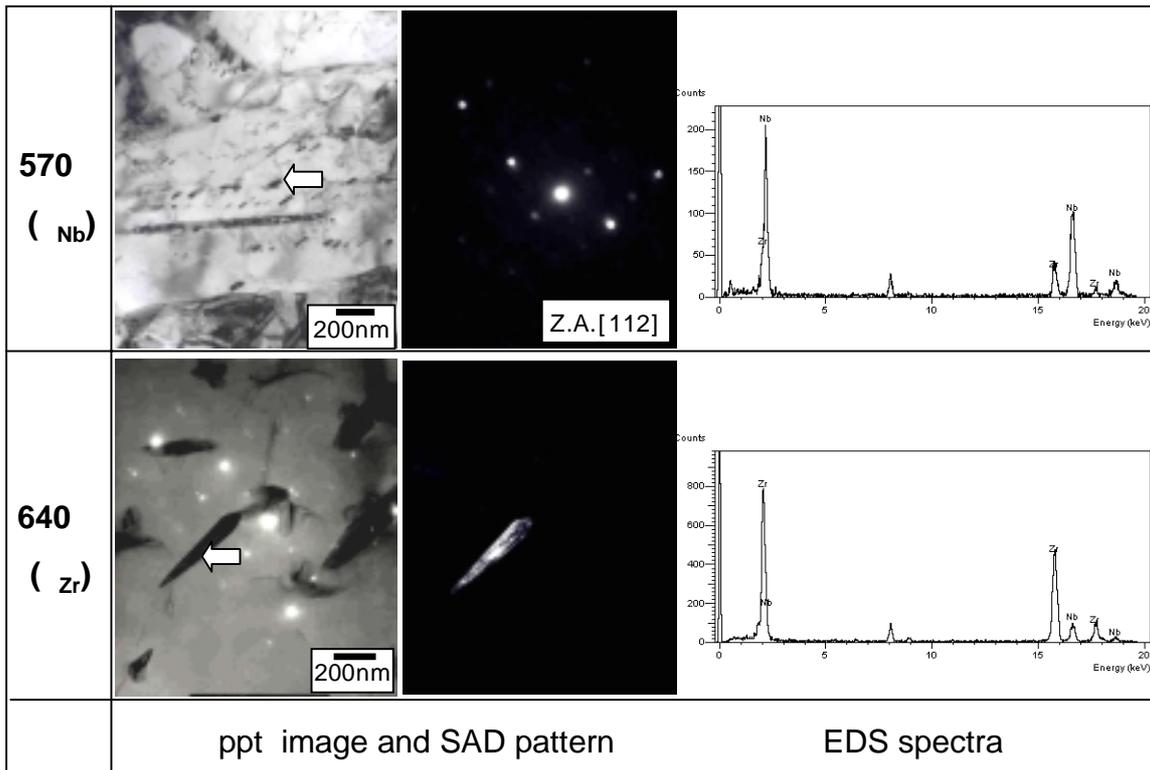
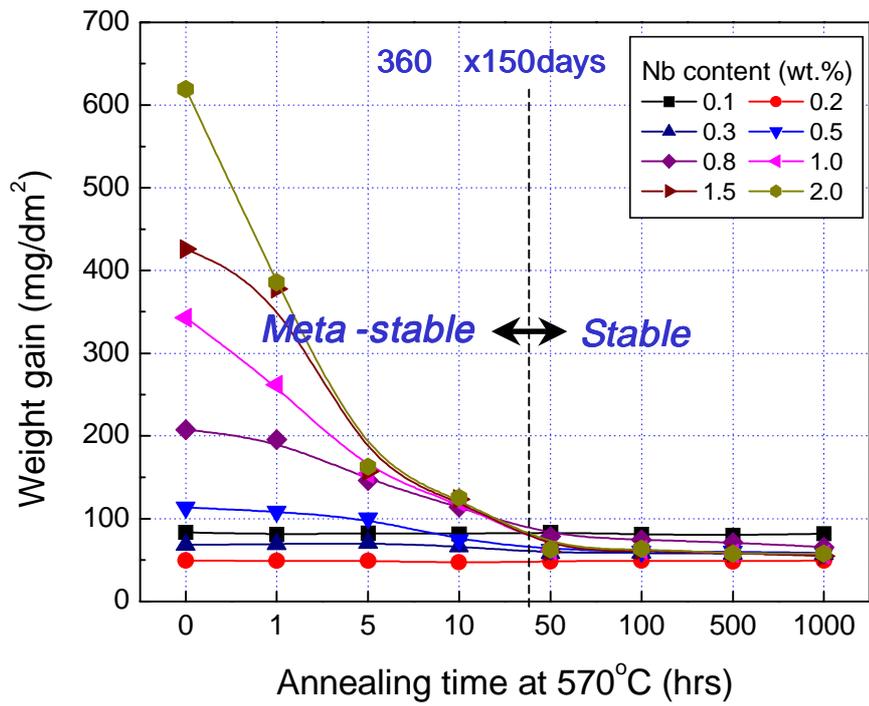
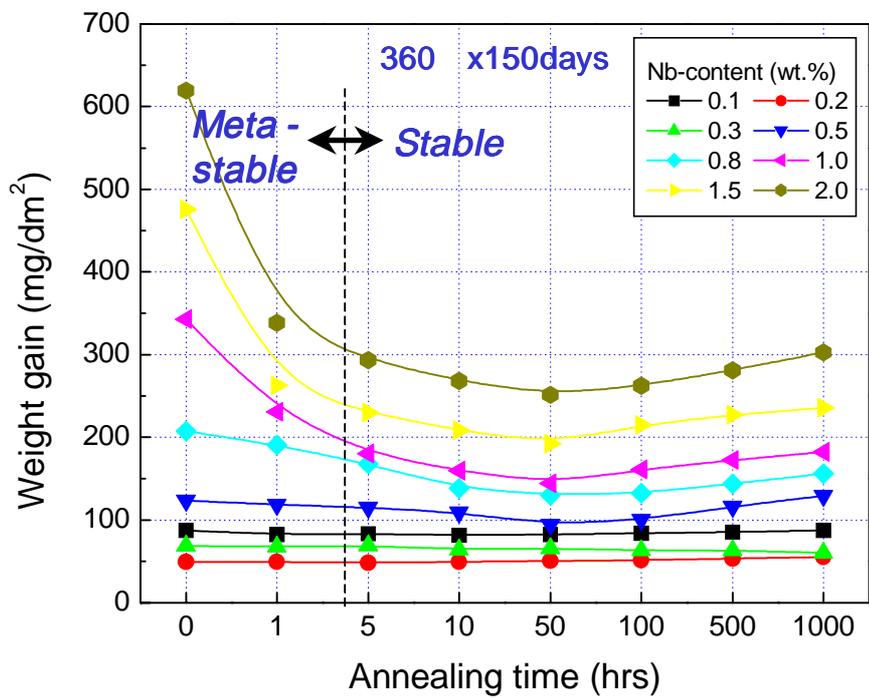


Fig.3 Second phase precipitates in Zr-1.5Nb alloys with annealing temperature at 570 and 640 for 50hr

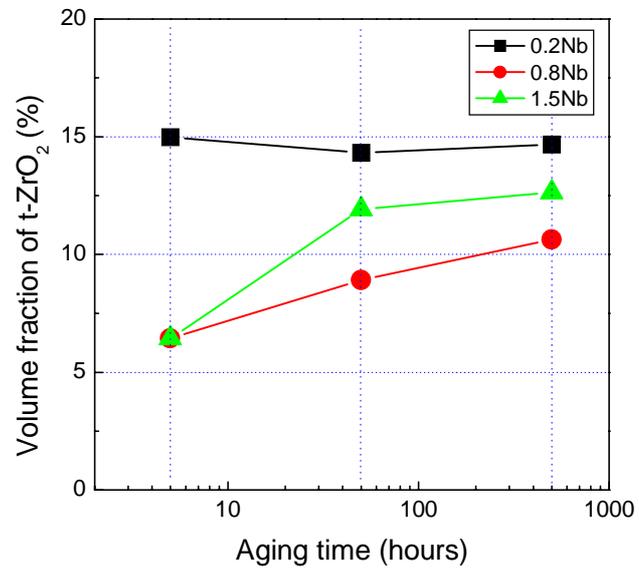


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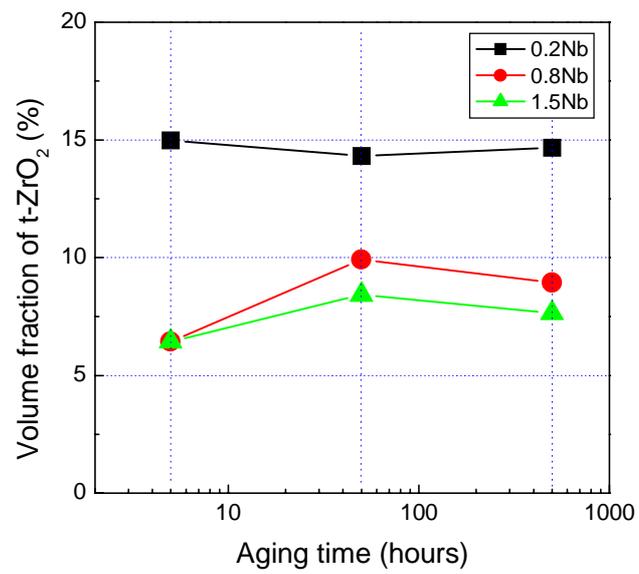


(b)

Fig.4 Corrosion behavior of Zr-xNb alloys at 360 °C water for 150 days as a function of annealing time at 570 °C (a) and 640 °C (b)

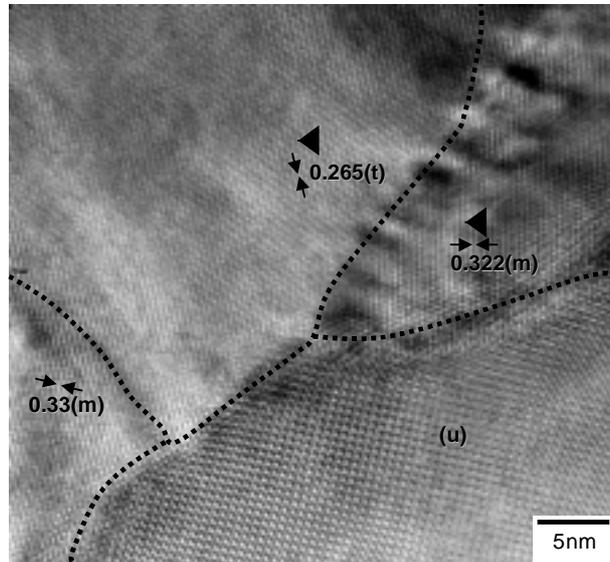


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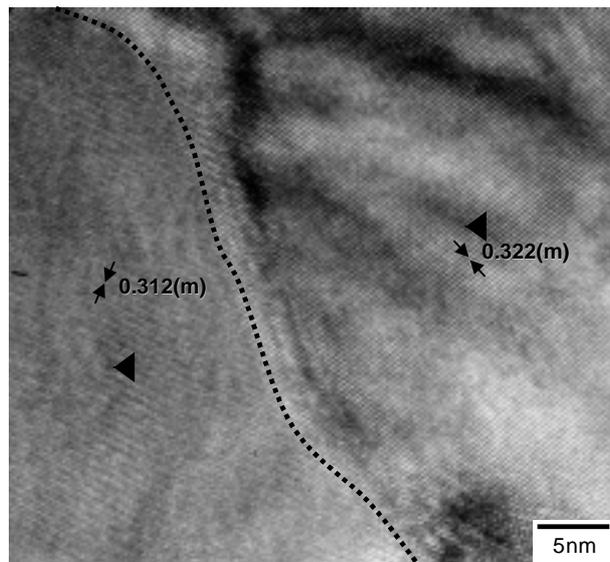


(b)

Fig.5 Volume fraction of tetra-ZrO₂ in zirconium oxide with equal oxide thickness at pre-transition
 (a) 570 x 50hr annealing and (b) 640 x 50hr annealing



(a) Zr-0.2Nb



(b) Zr-1.5Nb

Fig.6 Plain-view TEM micrographs of zirconium oxide in the quenched Zr-xNb alloy