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## Evaluation of Fracture Toughness in the CANDU Pressure Tube by Load Ratio Method



#### Abstract

In CANDU reactor, pressure tube, which component is Zr-2.5Nb, is primary pressure boundary. Integrity of pressure tube is important factor which determine safety and economization of CANDU reactor. Fracture toughness is integrity evaluation factor of pressure tube. In case of irradiated pressure tube, evaluation of fracture toughness is difficult because it is not easy to applying conventional method. In this study, Load-ratio method is applied to evaluate fracture toughness. Compared with DCPD method,  $J_{IC}$  by

Load-ratio method was larger than that of DCPD method and dJ/da was smaller than DCPD method. The reason is that crack initiation is determined at larger LLD point.

To reduce error between DCPD method and Load-ratio method, modified Load-ratio method was applied to evaluate fracture toughness and showed reliable result. However, physical analysis of relationship between crack length and load-line displacement is needed.

1. CANDU 가 가 가 J-R (unloading compliance J-R method) (DC -electric potential method, DCPD) 가 . CTOD 가 ASTM Standard E1737 -96 E1820 -99 J-R curve 1980 가 J-R curve 가 (normalization key -curve 가 method)[1] Joyce (load -ratio method)[2] J-R curve 가 J-R curve 가 2. load ratio J-integral [3] OA ' 1 1 ΟA 가 가  $a_1 \quad a_2 \ (a_1 < a_2)$ OA` A` A

C<sub>1</sub> A , C<sub>2</sub> OA` .

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#### 3.

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 Zr -2.5Nb

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 CT (Compact Tension)
 W=17mm

 ASTM E399-83

 Precrack
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 15MPa m,

 10MPa m7ł
 a/W= 0.57ł
 300

analysis) [4]. (limit load

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### ASTM E1820[5]

J-R 가.

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#### 4.

(Max. Load, P<sub>max</sub>)

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4	가				~r	. 가	가 가	-
		가						
가	가							
2) J-R	가							
J-R		5				J-R		
	dJ/c	а	J <sub>IC</sub>					
6, 7	. J <sub>IC</sub> 7ŀ	가	가		J <sub>IC</sub>	dJ/da	J <sub>IC</sub> 가	
	38%	가		가		. dJ/d	а	
가	150%	J <sub>IC</sub> フト						
5.								
Load ratio		·R					가	

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8  $\mathsf{D}_1$ .  $\mathsf{D}_2$ -(=D<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>1</sub>) 가 . .

D<sub>1</sub>, D2 a<sub>0</sub>, a1  $_{crack}(a_1 - a_0) = 1/2$ load ratio .  $\mathsf{D}_1$  $a_0$ -

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1 Concept of load-ratio-method for direct determination of the elastic compliance



2 Schematic representation of the compact tension specimen



4 referece curve with increasing temperature



5 J-R curve at room temperature



6 Effect of temperature on  $J_{\text{IC}}$ 



7 Effect of temperature on dJ/da



8 Crack initiation point at Load-Load Line Displacement curve



9 Evaluation of J-R curve using modified load ratio method



10 Effect of temperature on  $J_{\rm IC}(\mbox{modified load ratio method}\)$  was used.)



11 Effect of temperature on dJ/da(modified load ratio method was used.)

Specimen	Test	$\mathbf{C}$ (mm)	initial crack	final crack	Yield
	Temp.( )	C <sub>H</sub> (ppm)	length(mm)	length(mm)	Stress(MPa)
ASRT	Room temp.	0	9.21	11.25	807
AS100	100	0	9.21	11.77	686
AS150	150	0	9.21	11.63	612
AS200	200	0	9.69	12.47	610
AS250	250	0	9.85	11.95	540
AS300	300	0	9.55	11.22	483

1 The parameter for calculating of reference curve