

Zr-xNb
Oxidation behavior with aging of Zr-xNb alloys

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	Nb		2	Zr-xNb
. Nb	0.1 2wt.%	가	β	α+β _{Nb}
570	0~1000			360 water
			low-angle XRD	
	. Nb	가	Nb	β
			Nb	가
	β _{Nb}		가	, Nb
	β _{Nb}	tetra-ZrO ₂		, Nb
	tetra-ZrO ₂	mono-ZrO ₂		

Abstract

To investigate the effect of soluble-Nb and second-phase formed by aging treatment on the oxidation characteristics of Zr-xNb alloys, the corrosion and oxide characterization test were performed. The specimens have different Nb content in the range from 0.1 to 2wt.% which were heat-treated at 570 °C from 0 to 1000 hours to get the α+β_{Nb} phase after β-quenching. The specimens were tested in water at 360 °C and the oxide characteristics of corroded sample having equal thickness were investigated by using low-angle XRD. 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 the equilibrium soluble state in matrix and the corrosion resistance was reduced when the β_{Nb} phase was formed by aging treatment. From the oxide analysis, the soluble-Nb and β_{Nb} phase would stabilize the tetra-ZrO₂, while the over saturated Nb in matrix would accelerate the transformation from the tetra-ZrO₂ to mono-ZrO₂.

1.

Zr

가

Zircaloy-4 PWR 가

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[1-4].

Nb 가 Nb 가

Zr-based , Nb 가

[5,6]. β

β_{Zr} 가 β_{Nb}

[7,8]. Nb 2

Jeong Nb 가 Zr β_{Nb} β_{Nb}

α Nb

[9].

Zr 가 Nb 가

β

2.

0.1~2 wt.% 2 Zr Nb

300g button ingot , 1 VAR

1020 20min β -quenching

Beta 1 β_{Nb}

570 0~1000

TEM-EDS SiC

(45vol.%), H₂O (vol.50%) pickling HF (vol.5%), HNO₃

360 18MPa 가 static autoclave ,

가

low-

angle XRD 30 mg/dm²

가

Low-angle XRD 2° scan

speed 0.5°/min

3.

3.1

2 Nb

2 570 Nb

Nb 가 Nb

β 2 β Nb

가 M_s 가 Martensite plate

[10]. quenched

2

Nb 가 가 가

가 가 가

high-Nb 가 가

Nb 가

TEM 3 quenched quenching

α+β_{Nb} 570 5, 50 0.2, 0.8 1.5 wt.% Nb 가

0.2Nb 가

0.8Nb 가 가

가 quenching twin 1.5Nb

Nb

4

1.5Nb 570 5 quenching

martensite twin plate boundary

SAD EDS BCC

가 Nb 14 wt.% β_{Zr} 가 1.5Nb

50

BCC 가 Nb 80 wt.% β_{Nb}

β_{Nb} quenching 570

quenching 50 Nb 570 50 beta-
 $\alpha + \beta_{Nb}$ Nb 가 2
 Nb 가 0.2 Nb 가 Nb orthorhombic Zr_3Fe
 sponge Zr Fe 가 가
 0.8 Nb 가 HCP $Zr(NbFe)_2$ β
 β 5 β_{Zr} 50 β_{en}
 1.5 Nb $Zr(NbFe)_2$
 β , 5 β_{Zr}
 50 β_{Nb}
 3.2 Nb 가
 5 Nb 가 5
 (a) 570 150 annealing Nb
 가 quenching Nb
 가 , Nb 가 50
 가 가 1000
 가 high-Nb
 5 (b) Nb 가
 Nb 가 Nb 가
 low-Nb 0.1, 0.2 wt.%
 quenched Nb
 가 Nb 가 5
 (a) 570 Nb 가 $\alpha + \beta_{Nb}$
 가 high-Nb Nb β
 Nb 가 Nb
 , Nb 가 Zr Nb
 β
 Nb α 가 570
 β_{Nb}

3.3

Low - angle XRD

Zr

PBW(pilling-bedworth ratio)가

1.56

tetra-ZrO₂가

tetra-ZrO₂

가

[13].

6

570

50

1.5Nb

tetra-ZrO₂

mono-ZrO₂

peak

7

0.2,

0.8,

1.5Nb

가

570

5,

50

500

tetra-ZrO₂

0.2Nb

tetra-ZrO₂

1.5Nb

가

tetra-ZrO₂

가

가

β_{Nb}

50

tetra-ZrO₂

가

Nb

Nb

β_{Nb}

α

가

tetra-ZrO₂

4.

Nb 가

Beta quenching

Zr-xNb

twin

, Nb

가

Nb

$\alpha + \beta_{Nb}$

Nb

가

가

β_{Nb}

Zr(NbFe)₂

β_{Zr}

Nb

β_{Nb}

tetra-ZrO₂

, Zr(NbFe)₂

β_{Zr}

tetra-ZrO₂

mono-ZrO₂

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Table 1. Alloy composition and aging condition of Zr-Nb binary alloys

Alloy	Heat - treatment
Zr-xNb (x= 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.8, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 wt.%)	570 ($\alpha+\beta_{Nb}$ region) x 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000h

Table 2. Summary of precipitate characteristics of Zr-xNb alloys with annealing temperature at 570

Nb-content(wt.%)		0.2	0.8	1.5
570 5hr	Type	•Zr ₃ Fe - -	- •Zr(NbFe) ₂ • Zr	- •Zr(NbFe) ₂ • Zr
	Distribut.	• In -grain and grain-boundary	• Plate-boundary	• Plate-boundary
570 50hr	Type	•Zr ₃ Fe - -	- •Zr(NbFe) ₂ • en	- •Zr(NbFe) ₂ • Nb
	Distribut.	• In -grain and grain-boundary	• In -grain and plate-boundary	• In -grain and plate-boundary

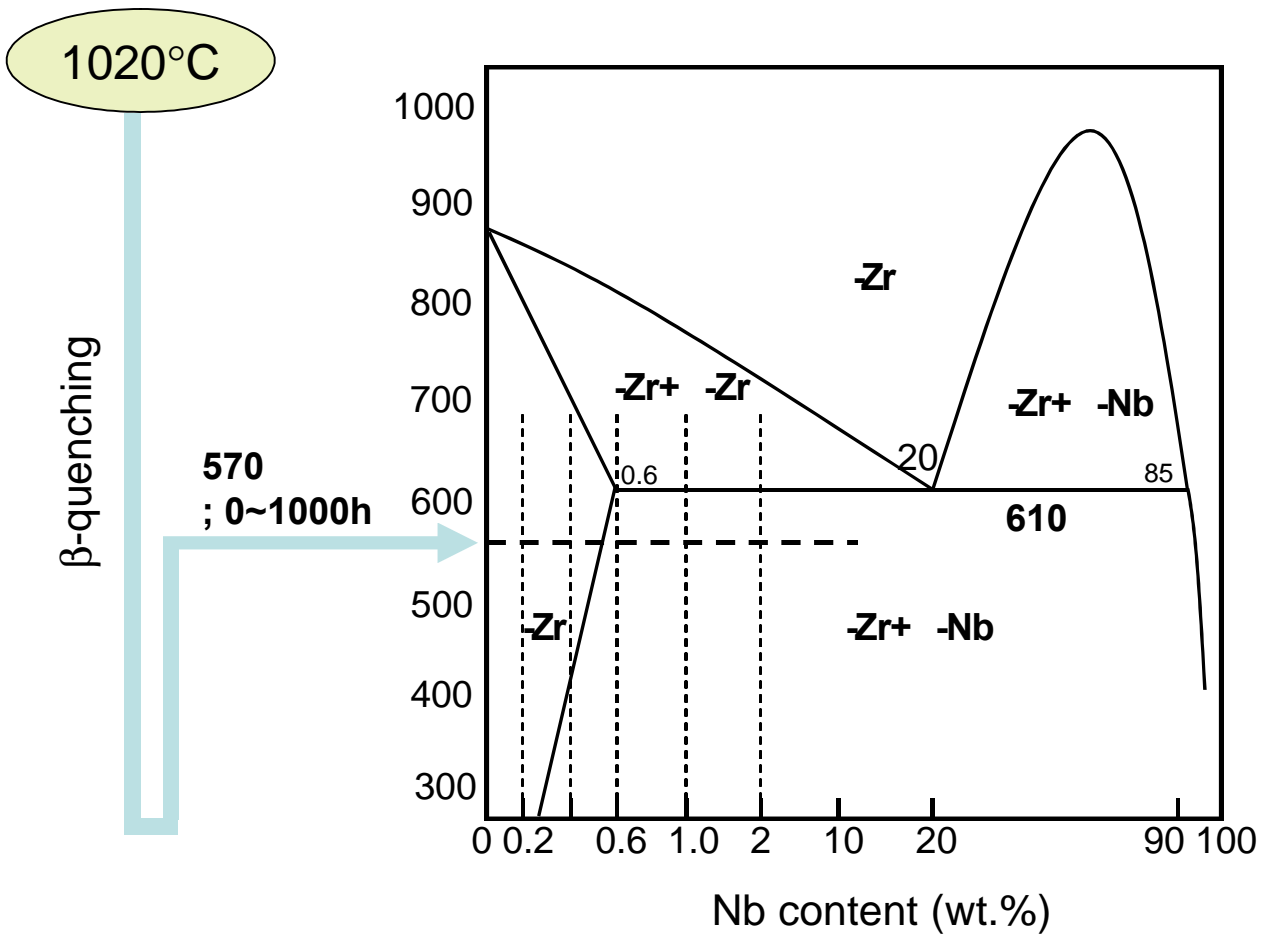


Fig.1 Experimental procedure showing the aging condition and Nb-content

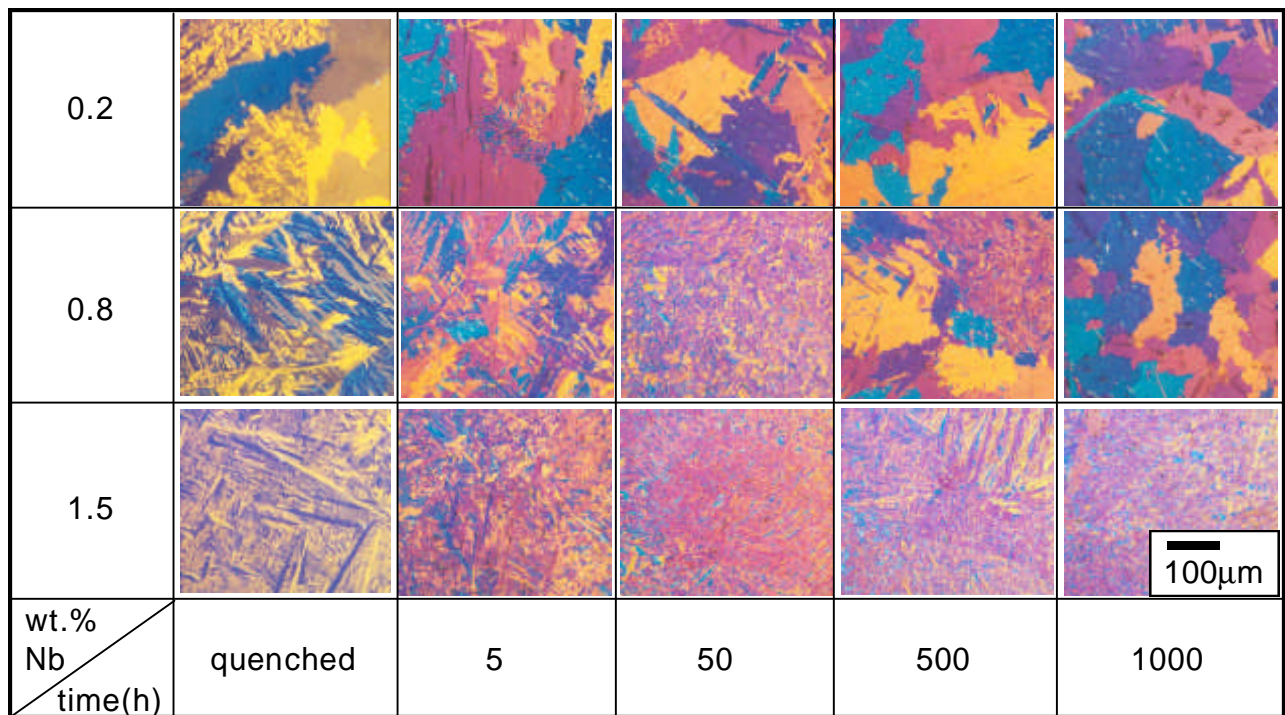


Fig.2 Microstructures of Zr-xNb alloys with annealing temperature at 570

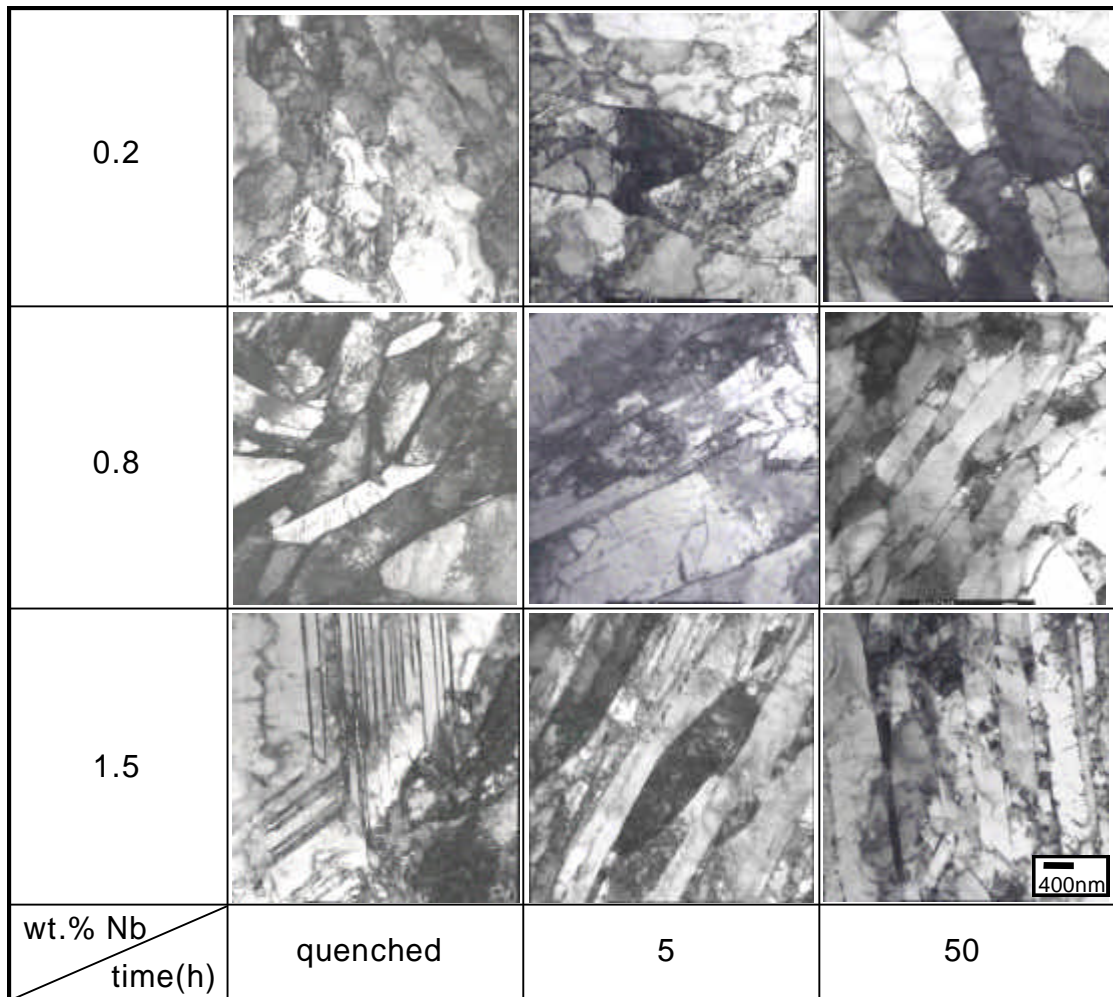


Fig.3 TEM micrographs of Zr-xNb alloys with annealing temperature at 570

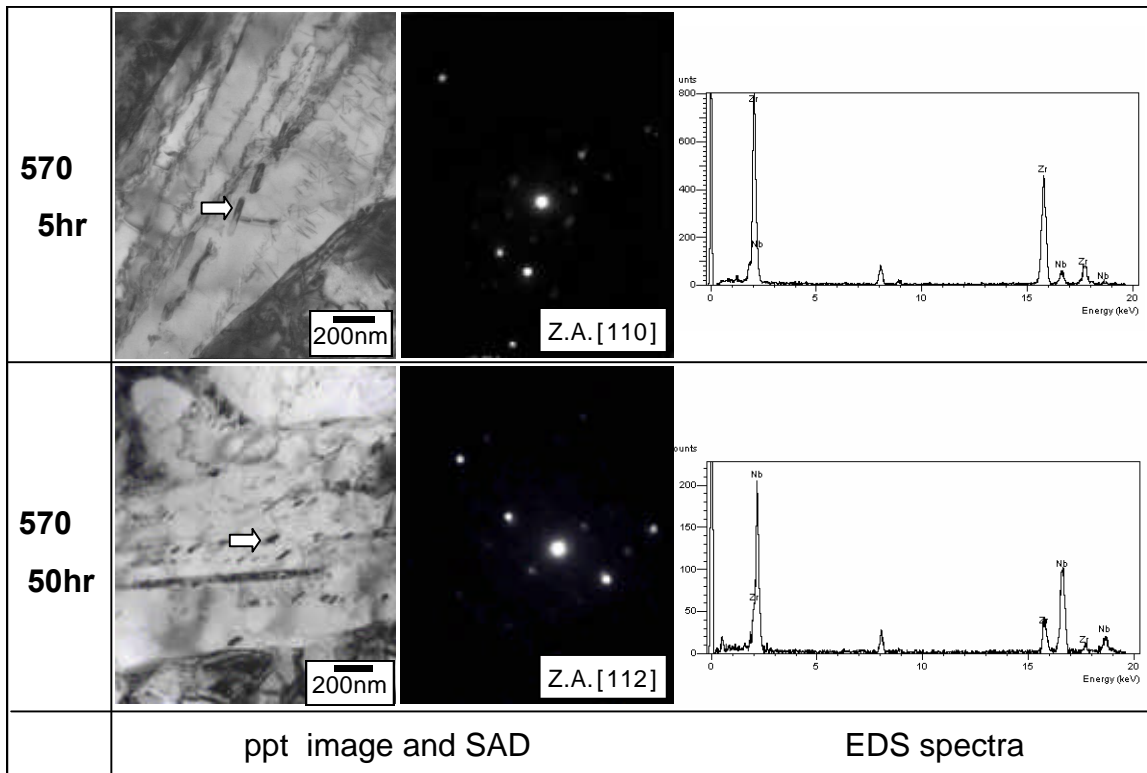


Fig.4 Second phase precipitates in Zr-1.5Nb alloys with annealing temperature at 570

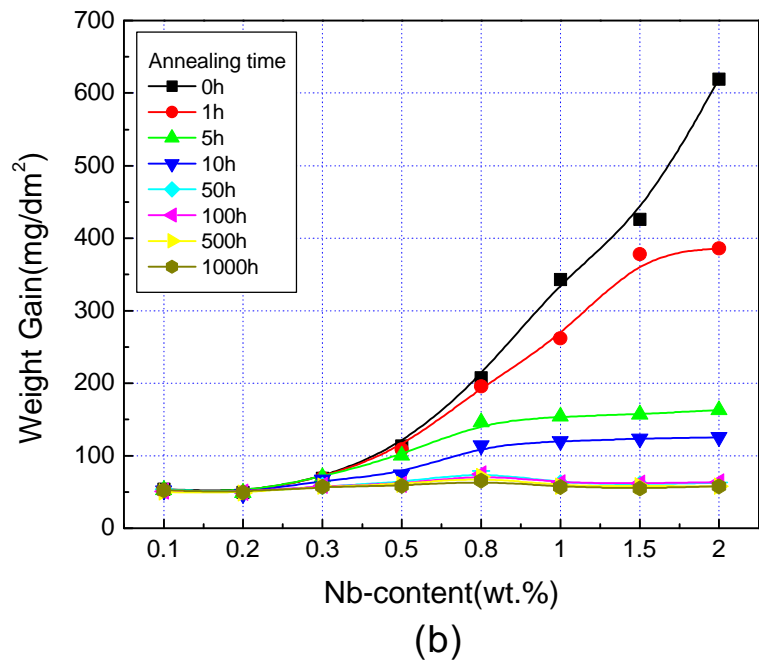
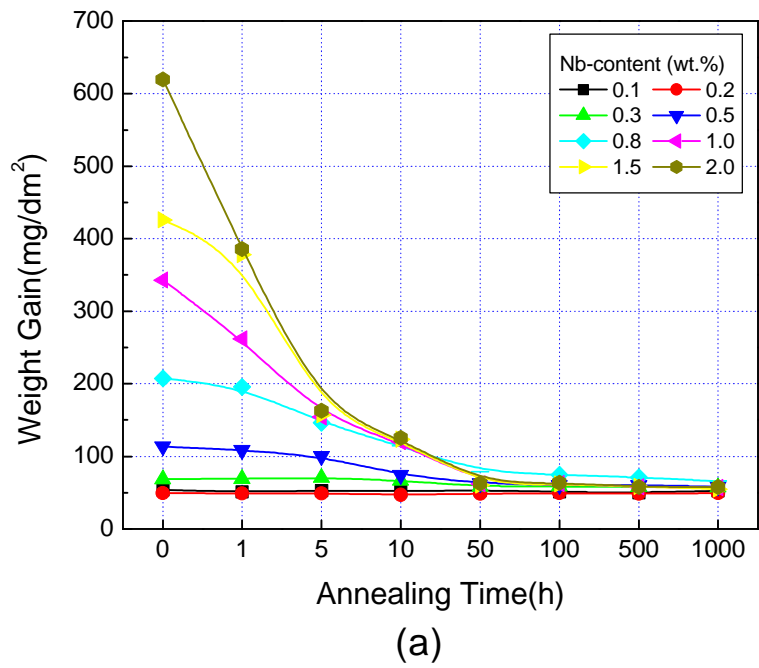


Fig.5 Corrosion behavior of Zr-xNb alloys at 360 °C in water for 150 days; (a) annealing time effect and (b) Nb-content effect

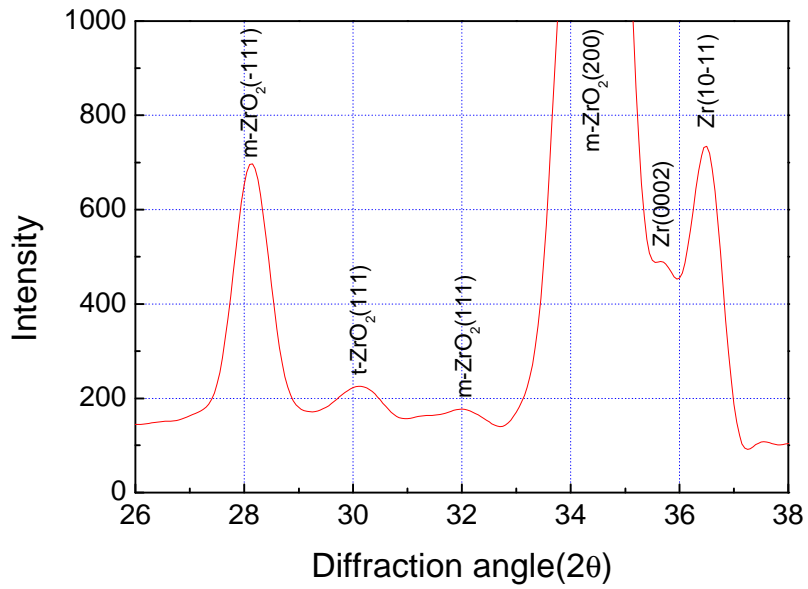


Fig.6 Diffraction pattern on zirconium oxide of Zr-1.5Nb alloy formed in water at 360 (570 x 50hr annealing)

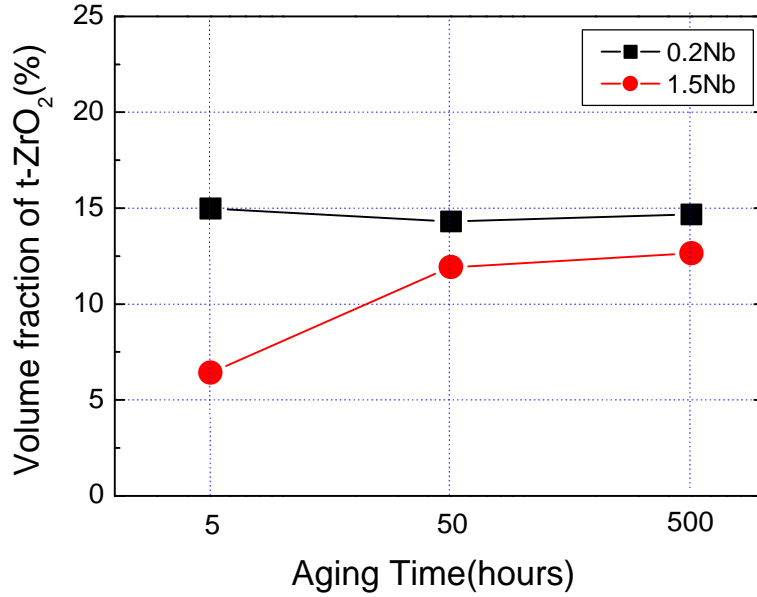


Fig.7 Volume fraction of tetra-ZrO₂ of zirconium oxide having equal oxide thickness at pre-transition