

가 UO_2 Gd_2O_3
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Cracks in Sintered Duplex Burnable Absorber Pellet and Effect of Additives, Atmospheres and Heating Rate on the Densification of UO_2 Gd_2O_3

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UO_2 -12wt% Gd_2O_3 , UO_2 -2wt% Er_2O_3 가
가 , dilatometer UO_2 Gd_2O_3 .
/ (backstress)
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Abstract

Crack formation has been investigated in a duplex burnable absorber pellet, which is composed of core, UO_2 -12wt% Gd_2O_3 , and shell, UO_2 -2wt% Er_2O_3 . The sintered core-shell interface was well joined, however, cracks propagated from the interface to the both region. The crack formation could be attributed to the backstress, which results from the differential densification between the core and the shell. The effect of additives, atmospheres and heating rate on the densification of UO_2 Gd_2O_3 was studied. Additives slightly affect the densification rate of UO_2 Gd_2O_3 . The densification rate of UO_2 Gd_2O_3 was accelerated with the oxygen partial pressure of sintering atmosphere increased. The shrinkage delay due to the formation of UO_2 Gd_2O_3 solid solution may decrease with the heating rate increased.

1.

가 Gd₂O₃

UO₂ 가 U²³⁵ 가

4 가

가 가

가 가 [1]

가 UO₂-

12wt%Gd₂O₃, UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃ 가 가

Gd₂O₃가 Er₂O₃

가 가 , 가 HELIOS 가

가 Gd₂O₃ 가 . [1] 가

가 , 가 (duplex pellet)

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2wt%Er₂O₃ UO₂ , UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ UO₂

Gd₂O₃ 1200 1500 가

UO₂ Gd₂O₃ Gd₂O₃

[2-4] Gd₂O₃ 가

가 UO₂-Gd₂O₃ 가 ,

kinetics 가 .

UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ Cr₂O₃, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, SiO₂, Nb₂O₅ 가 가

가 가 , UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ UO₂

Gd₂O₃

H₂-3%CO₂, 5%CO₂, 10%CO₂ 가 .

UO₂ Gd₂O₃ . UO₂ Gd₂O₃

가 1100 1300 .

가 . 가 5 K/min, 10 K/min, 20 K/min 3

2.

ADU-UO₂ Gd₂O₃, Er₂O₃ turbula mixer 2:1 1
 UO₂ 가 1 UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃, UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃ .
 UO₂-Gd₂O₃ Cr₂O₃, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, SiO₂, Nb₂O₅ 가 가 UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃
 30 #100 3 sieve
 mixing .

Fig. 1 UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃
 , UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ 가
 3 ton/cm²

H₂ 3%CO₂ 4 , 1700 ,

Dilatometer 8 mm 2.85 g
 10 mm dilatometer 5 K/min, 10 K/min, 20
 K/min 가 1650 , 가
 push-rod 가
 가
 LVDT , 가 cycle

3.

Fig. 2(a) UO₂ 1700 °C, H₂ 3%CO₂
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2 wt% Er₂O₃ 가 UO₂ Fig. 2(b)
 UO₂ 12 wt% Gd₂O₃

Fig. 3 UO₂ 12 wt% Gd₂O₃ / UO₂ 2 wt% Er₂O₃

(differential densification)

(hard agglomerate)

[5,6]

가 , 가
platelet 가 (backstress)

[7]

UO₂ Gd₂O₃, Er₂O₃가 가 1400 °C, 1000 °C UO₂
가 [1] 10 wt% Gd₂O₃가 가 1600 °C UO₂
0.1% , 2 wt% Gd₂O₃가 가 1600 °C UO₂
0.03% 가 , Fig. 3

UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃, UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃

UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃, UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃

Fig. 4

UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃ 가 1000
, 가 UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃ 가
1200-1400 UO₂-12wt%Gd₂O₃ 가 1500 가
가 Gd₂O₃가 가 1200-1400 Manzel
[2] UO₂ Gd₂O₃ UO₂ Gd₂O₃
UO₂

UO₂-2wt%Er₂O₃

UO₂

Er₂O₃

UO₂-12 wt% Gd₂O₃ / UO₂ 2 wt% Er₂O₃

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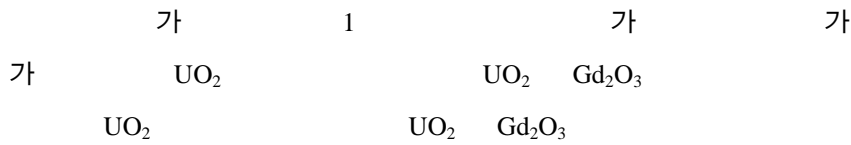
(backstress)

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 , $UO_2-12wt\%Gd_2O_3$ 가 , $UO_2-2wt\%Er_2O_3$
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 가 $UO_2-12wt\%Gd_2O_3$
 $Cr_2O_3, Al_2O_3, TiO_2, SiO_2, Nb_2O_5$ 5 가
 , $UO_2-2wt\%Er_2O_3$ milling
 Fig. 5 $UO_2-12wt\%Gd_2O_3$ $Cr_2O_3, Al_2O_3, TiO_2, SiO_2,$
 Nb_2O_5 0.1–0.2 wt% 가 $Cr_2O_3, Al_2O_3, TiO_2, SiO_2, Nb_2O_5$
 가 $UO_2-Gd_2O_3$ 가 .[8,9]
 가 가 Cr_2O_3 1260 $UO_2-12wt\%Gd_2O_3$
 $UO_2-2wt\%Er_2O_3$ 가 UO_2-
 Cr_2O_3 가 $UO_2-12wt\%Gd_2O_3$
 $Cr_2O_3, Al_2O_3, TiO_2, SiO_2, Nb_2O_5$ 1380 UO_2-
 $12wt\%Gd_2O_3$ 가
 $UO_2-2wt\%Er_2O_3$ Cr_2O_3 .
 $UO_2-12wt\%Gd_2O_3$ Fig. 6(a) , Fig. 6(b)
 . H_2 CO_2 3%, 5%, 10% 가 , , 가
 가 Fig. 6(b) 3
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 2 . Yuda [4]
 $UO_2-Gd_2O_3$ 1 UO_2
 Gd_2O_3 가 가 2

Fig. 7(a) , Fig. 7(b) ,
 UO_2 Gd_2O_3 , UO_2 Gd_2O_3
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4.

, 가 가 (backstress)
 UO_2 Gd_2O_3 , UO_2 Gd_2O_3 ,
 UO_2 Gd_2O_3 UO_2 Gd_2O_3 1200 1500 ,
 Cr_2O_3 , Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , SiO_2 , Nb_2O_5 가
 UO_2 Gd_2O_3 가 Cr_2O_3 1260
 UO_2 Gd_2O_3 가 UO_2 Er_2O_3 가
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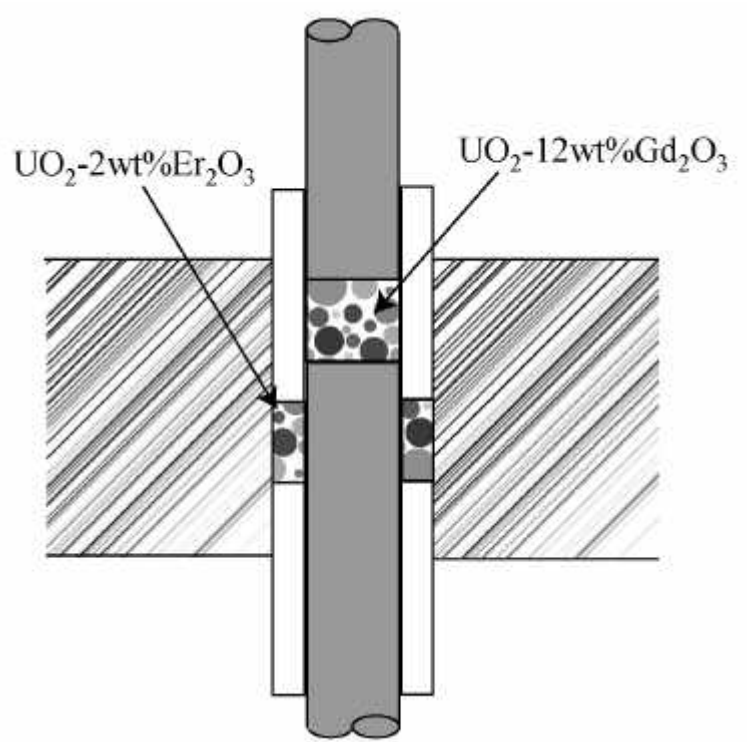


Fig. 1. Schematic of duplex forming mold.

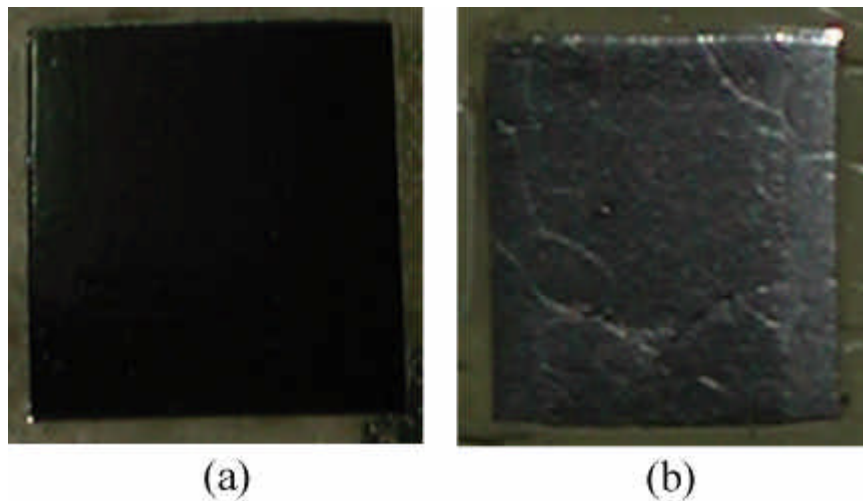


Fig. 2. Cross sections of sintered duplex pellets, (a) core: UO_2 , shell: UO_2 , (b) core: $\text{UO}_2-12\text{wt}\%\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$, shell: $\text{UO}_2-2\text{wt}\%\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$.

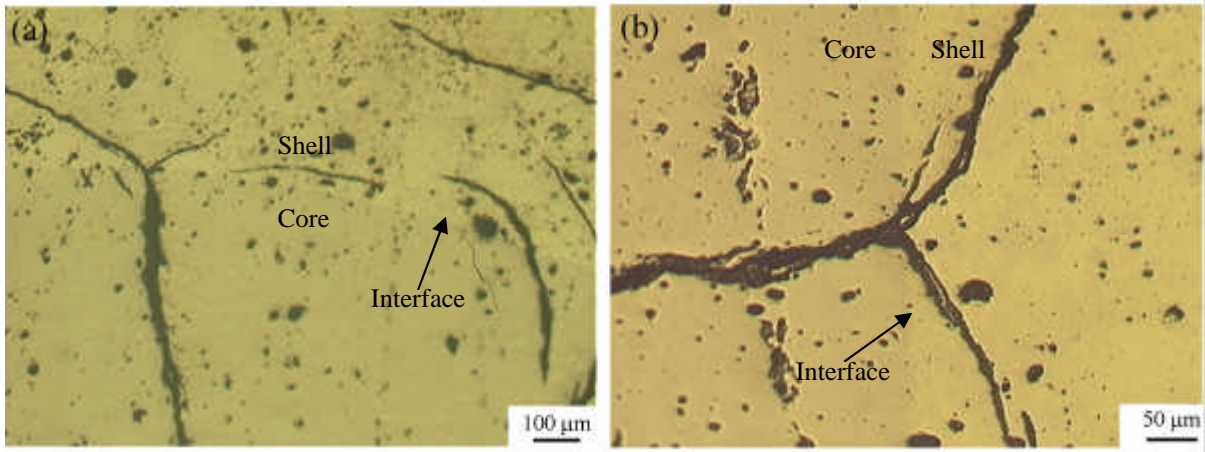


Fig. 3. Cracks in a sintered duplex pellet, (a) top-view, (b) side-view.

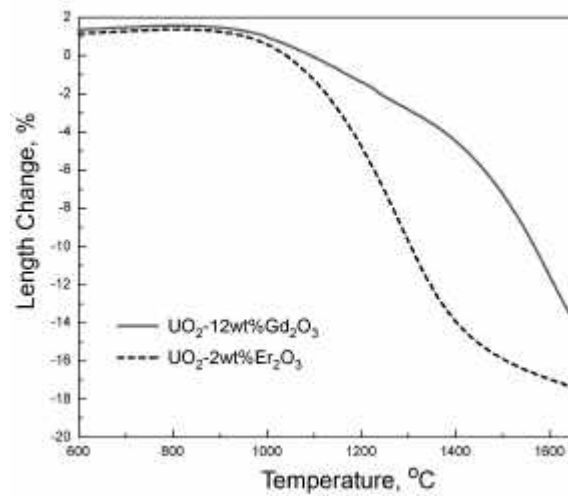


Fig. 4. Shrinkage curves for UO_2 12 wt% Gd_2O_3 and UO_2 2 wt% Er_2O_3 .

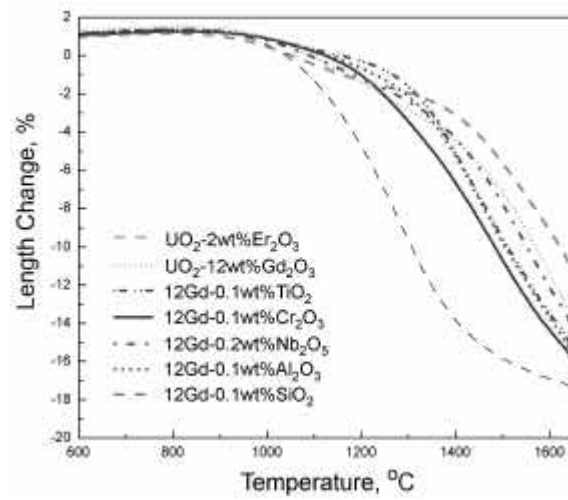


Fig. 5. Shrinkage curves for UO_2 12 wt% Gd_2O_3 with various dopants.

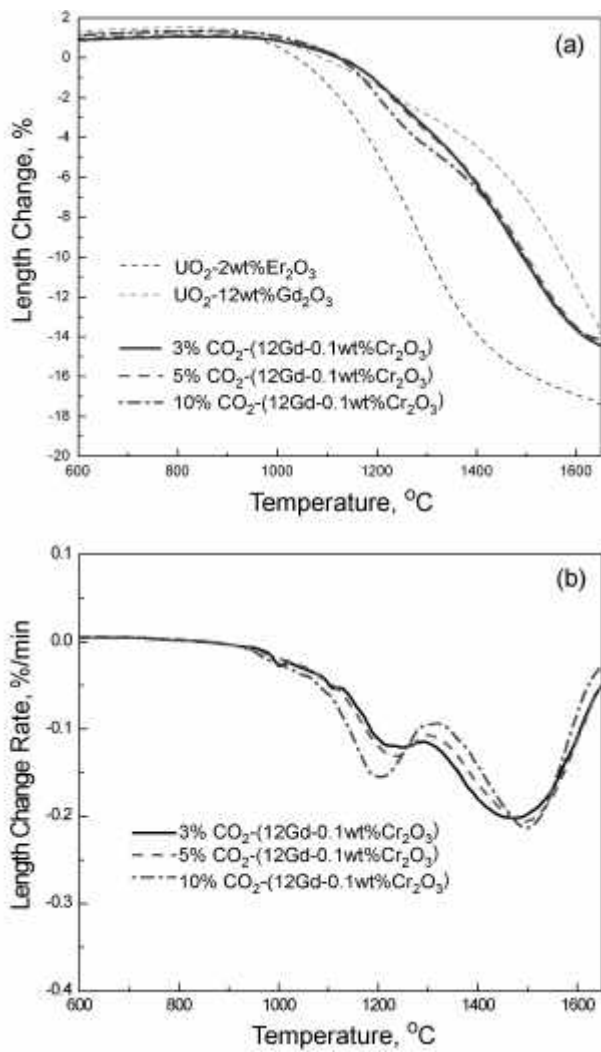


Fig. 6. (a) Shrinkage curves and (b) shrinkage rate for UO₂ 12 wt% Gd₂O₃ under various sintering atmospheres.

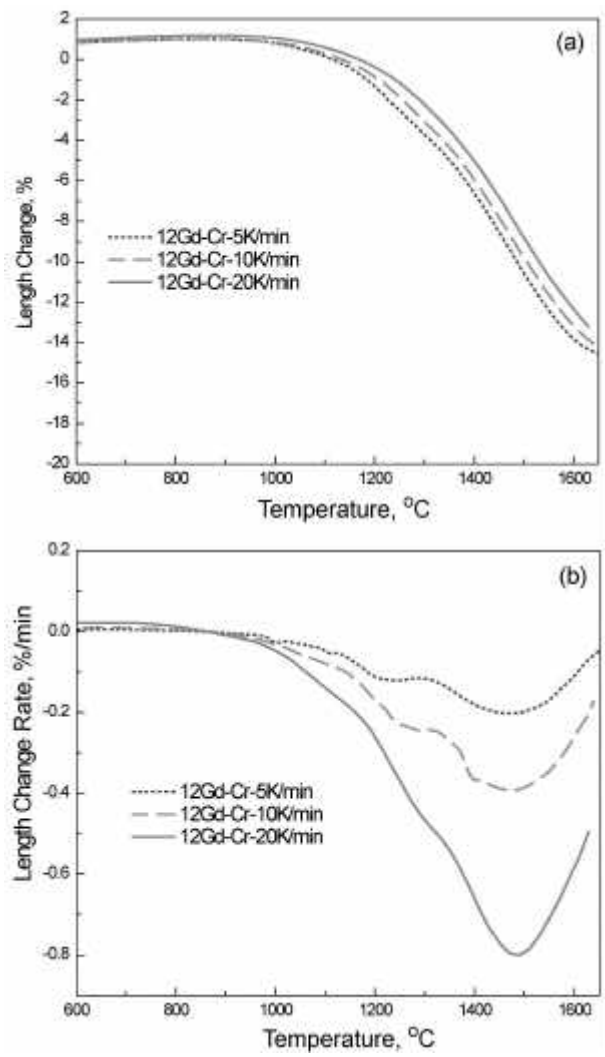


Fig. 7. (a) Shrinkage curves and (b) shrinkage rate for UO₂ 12 wt% Gd₂O₃ under various heating rate.