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Failure Probability Estimation of CANDU Pressure Tube Using FAD



Abstract

Pressure tubes are major component of nuclear reactor, but only selected samples are periodically examined due to numerous numbers of tubes. Current in-service inspection result show there is high probability of flaw existence at uninspected pressure tube. Probabilistic analysis is applied in this study for the integrity assessment of uninspected pressure tube. All the current integrity evaluations procedures are based on conventional deterministic approaches. So it is expected that the results obtained are too conservative to perform a rational evaluation of lifetime. More realistic failure criteria, based on FAD are also proposed for the probabilistic analysis. As a result of this study failure probabilities for various conditions are calculated, and examined application of FAD and LBB concept.

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가 (Failure Assessment Diagram)





$$K_{r, FAL} = \left[1 + \frac{L_r^2}{2}\right]^{-1/2} \times \left[0.3 + 0.7 \exp(-0.6L_r^6)\right]$$
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 $K_r = K_I / K_{IC} \tag{2}$

$$L_{c} = s_{a} / s_{c}$$
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Table 1

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Probabilistic variables	PDF type	Mean	S.T.D.	Min. value	Max. value				
Aspect ratio (a/c)	Exponential	0.12	N.A.	0.1	1.0				
Depth ratio (a/t)	Log-normal	0.10	0.08	0.01	0.5				
Fracture toughness (K_{IC}) [$MPa\sqrt{m}$]	Log-normal	67.0	12.0	20.0	120.0				
Radial crack ext. coeff. (×10 ⁻²) [m/s]	Log-normal	5.30	0.58	2.0	14.0				
Trans. crack ext. coeff. (×10 ⁻²) [m/s]	Log-normal	2.40	0.48	1.0	5.5				
Initial hydrogen [ppm]	Normal	8.30	2.65	5.0	15.5				
Flow stress [MPa]	Normal	1063.3	55.4	600	1400				

Table1 Details of probabilistic variables

(Delayed Hydride Cracking; DHC)

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-	Case 1 : Local collapse,	80%	가	
-	Case 2 : Local collapse,	100%	가	
-	Case 3 : Global collapse,	80%	가	
-	Case 4 : Global collapse,	100%	가	

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