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## Zr-2.5Nb DHC

### Delayed Hydride Cracking of Zr-2.5Nb Tubes with the Notch Tip Shape

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#### Abstract

The objective of this study is to investigate the delayed hydride cracking velocity and the incubation time for the water-quenched and furnace-cooled Zr-2.5Nb tube with the notch tip shape. DHC tests were carried out at constant  $K_I$  of 20 MPa $\sqrt{m}$  and 250 °C on the cantilever beam (CB) specimens that were subjected to furnace cooling or water quenching after electrolytical charging of hydrogen of 57 or 72 ppm H, respectively. The notch tip shape changed from the fatigue crack to the dull crack with the notch tip radius varying from 0.1 to 0.15 mm. An acoustic emission sensor was attached to the CB specimens to detect the incubation time before the start of DHC. The DHC incubation time increased drastically with the increasing radius of the notch tip, which appeared more strikingly on the furnace-cooled CB specimens than on the water-quenched. However, both furnace-cooled or water-quenched CB specimens

show little change in the DHC velocity with the radius of the notch tip. These results demonstrate that the nucleation rate of hydrides at the notch tip determines the how fast the DHC starts, or the incubation time, and become constant once a sharp DHC crack is formed, which agrees with Kim's DHC model. A difference in the incubation time and the DHCV between the furnace-cooled and water-quenched specimens was discussed based on the nucleation rate of hydrides at the notch tip and the hydrogen solubility for dissolution with the hysteresis of hydride precipitation.

Zr-2.5Nb

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cracking	(DHC)	'ŀ	가 [1,2].	가 , DHC	Zr-2.5	5Nb	delay	red hydride (surface
defects)	rolled j	oint					DUC	
						·	[3.4].	DHC
				DHO	2		[0,1].	
	DHC							
	[:	5,6].		가 DHC		t	tip	
가	DHC	: 가		•	Kim DH	IC		가
	tip				DH	IC	[7].	
				(terminal s	olid solubility	for dissolution	TSSD)	
			가	, , ,	가	for dissolution,	기55D) 가	
			,			DHC		DHC
	(incubation t	ime)						
		,	가			DHC		
	DHC	2						
DH	IC		DHC		Kim			
		0.5 m	ım	tip		, 0.1, 0.125	0.15 mm	
Zr-2.5Nb			DHC	DHO	2	250 °C		

DHC DHC .

## 2.

### 2.1 Cantilever beam

	cold-worked Zr-2.5Nb	,	DHC	
1	3.5 mm,	38 mm canti	ilever beam (CB)	
СВ		DHC		,
0.5 mm		, 0.1mm, 0	)125mm, 0.15mm	. 0.1-
0.15 mm		가	( 2),	0.5 mm
, 0.15mm	가	4 point bending	0.5 mm	

### 2.2

CB				
302 °C	30	,	60 ppm	
•		KAERI	[8].	
LECO RH 40	)4	5	,	
	57 72 ppm H			
DHC		(furnace cooling)	(water quenching)	
		3		
	,			

## 2.3 DHC

DHC	4					K-
type					, CB	DHC
AE (acoustic emiss	sion) (100-	300 KHz	R	15)가 AE		
· ,	AE		(count)	AE		
		stepping motor			, K <sub>I</sub> フ	ł
		[9]		DHC	0.5-5 °C	peak
310 °C	가		250 °C	1-2 °C/min		,
	K <sub>I</sub> =20 MPa√m					

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3.1	рнс
3.1	DHC

5 6			
1 0	5	6	

2			0.1 mm, 0.125 mm 0.15 mm		, 250 °C
		CB	AE	,	DHC
			DHC		( 6),
	가	DHC			

DHC 5 AE 7 DHC 2-4 . , , 0.1 mm DHC 0.125 . mm 2.45x10<sup>-8</sup> m/s 0.15mm DHC ( 1.99x10<sup>-8</sup> m/s  $=1.15 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m/s}$ 5-7 . DHC 0.125 mm 8 DHC DHC , , DHC 0.125 mm  $(2.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m/s})$ 가 0.15 mm DHC . 7 8 DHC 가 , DHC 0.15 mm DHC Kim DHC 310 °C 가 250 °C 60ppm (Terminal solid solubility for precipitation) 250 °C [10].  $250 \ ^{\circ}C$ TSSD (terminal solid solubility for dissolution) 가 DHC [7]. Puls [11] 가 DHC 가 가 가 TSSP Puls . [12,13]. 가 TSSP 가 가 가 가 가 , Puls DHC 가 Kim TSSD 가 TSSD DHC 가 Coleman [14] DHC 가 . , 가 Kearns TSSD DHC  $\{10\bar{1}7\}$ • 가 DHC [15], . 가 , . 가 가 20 MPa√m [6,11].

(nucleation rate) . 250 °C , TSSD 가 TSSD . . 7 8 . 가 DHC 가 TSSD 5 AE 5 가 2 DHC , DHC DHC AE DHC TSSD . 가 DHC DHC . DHC 7,8 DHC . 5 striation spacing striation line (striation spacing) DHC 9 DHC . striation spacing DHC . stiration spacing .

### 3.2 DHC

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10		DHC		
0.	1mm		DHC	
,	0.125mm		DHC	
. DHC	10(b)			
10	)% .			
DHC		hysteresis [16]	. 2	가
310 °C		250 °C		
		[16]. ,		
hysteresis			310 °C	
0.1	mm		・ hysteresis 가	

hysteresis 기

가 hysteresis 가 , 가 hysteresis , 가 . DHCV DHCV , Amouzouvi[17] , DHC compact tension 가 11 60 ppm H 184 . . 200 °C DHCV DHC . DHC , , [7], 가 (TSSD TSSP) 가 hysteresis [16]가 - TSSD TSSP-. 가 DHCV 가 DHCV , hysteresis 가 TSSD TSSP . 가 가 가 310 °C peak 가 가 TSSD 5-6 °C 가 310 °C peak TSSD [18]. DHC DHC 가 5 °C TSSD 10% DHC 10% 가 ,

### 4.

Zr-2.5Nb cantilever beam DHC 가 DHC . , DHC 0.15mm DHC DHC . DHC CB 0.1mm , Kim DHC . ,

TSSD . ,



DHC

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Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the cantilever beam specimens taken from a CANDU Zr-2.5Nb tube.



Fig. 2. Cantilever beam specimes with the notch tip radius ranging from 0.1 to 0.15 mm.



Fig. 3. Hydrides with the cooling rate on (a) the water-quenched and (b) the furnace cooled CB specimens.



Fig. 4. Schematic diagram of the testing equipment used for DHC tests.with an acoustic emission sensor to determine the iniation and growth of the DHC crack.



Fig. 5. Acoustic emission counts and load with time for the furnace-cooled CB specimens with different notch tip radii during DHC tests at 250 °C: (a) fatigue crack and (b), (c), (d) the notch tip radius of 0.1, 0.12 and 0.15 mm, respectively.



Fig. 6. Fracture pattern of the DHC cracks for the furnace-cooled cantilever beam specimens with different types of cracks: (a) fatigue crack, (b), (c), (d) the notch tip radius of 0.1, 0.125 and 0.15 mm.



Fig. 7. The incubation time and DHC velocity with the notch tip radius for the furnace cooled CB specimens at 250 °C



Fig. 8. The incubation time and DHC velocity with the notch tip radius for the water-quenched CB specimens at 250 °C.



Fig. 9. Striation lines observed on the fracture surface of a CB specimen: the first spacing between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lines is very long compared to that of other striation lines.



Fig. 10. Comparison of the incubation time and DHCV of the furnace-cooled and water-quenched cantilever beam specimens at 250 °C.



Fig. 11. Axial DHC velocity of Zr-2.5Nb tube subjected to water quenching and furnace cooling after homogenization treatment to dissolve 60 ppm H: the water-quenched compact tension specimens had slightly higher DHCV than the furnace-cooled.