

Spot Welded - Guide Tube 가

Evaluation of weldability of the spot-welded guide tube for advanced nuclear fuel

SRA ZIRLO Guide Thimble Sleeve (SW ZLO S), RXA Zircaloy - 4 Tube Sleeve (SW Zry S) SRA Zircaloy - 4 Guide Thimble RXA Zircaloy - 4 Grid TIG (TW Zry G) (SW Zry G) 가 . Spot SW ZLO S (1800 kgf) TIG Zircaloy - 4 (1400 kgf) spot TIG , spot martensite TIG Widmannstatten . SW Zry S crack 가 crack 가 .

Abstract

The weldabilities of the spot-welded SRA Zirlo thimble/sleeve (SW ZLO S) and of the spot-welded RXA Zircaloy-4 tube/sleeve (SW Zry S) were evaluated. The welding performance of the SRA Zircaloy-4 guide thimble and RXA Zircaloy-4 grid welded by TIG- and spot-welding (TW Zry G and SW Zry G) methods were also evaluated. The SW ZLO S specimen showed higher welding strength than TW Zry G specimen. The spot-welded sample also showed a different corrosion behavior to the TIG-welded one. It would be attributed to the difference of microstructures in the both samples; the spot-welding provides very fine martensite structure whereas the TIG-welding reveals a little large Widmannstatten structure.

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PLUS7 SRA ZIRLO Guide
 Thimble SRA ZIRLO Sleeve 가 ,
 (KSNP) SRA Zircaloy - 4 Tube RXA Zircaloy - 4
 Sleeve 가 ,
 가 .
 data base SRA Zircaloy - 4 Guide
 Thimble RXA Z Zircaloy - 4 Grid TIG
 가 .
 가 4가
 ,
 가 . As - built , 700 ppm Li 18.9 Mpa, 360°C
 6 . OM SEM
 , N Cu ,
 TEM 가 .

2.

. Sleeve Mandrel
 , Grid grip .
 DTU - 900MLCD10T 10ton
 0.2% 가 , Stress - Strain Curve
 UTM - 200F .
 static autoclave ASTM G2 - 81
 360°C(18.9 MPa) 700 ppm LiOH 70 ppm LiOH
 . 700 ppm LiOH 6
 가 .
 1200
 (grinding) HF 10% + HNO₃ 45% + H₂O 45%
 swab etching SEM

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가.

Fig. 1

Fig. 1 As-built 700 ppm Li 6
 Spot Welding Thin Sleeve
 for PLUS 7 Design (SW ZLO S), TIG Welding for the KSNP Design
 (TW Zry G) Spot Welding for the KSNP Design(SW Zry G)
 TIG spot 가
 가
 Spot Welding for 17X17 Design (SW Zry S
) 700 ppm Li 6 가 35%
 Fig. 2. SW Zry S 가

(hydride)
 (HAZ) stress가
 crack 45° stress 200µm
 crack tube 1/2 sleeve tube
 가 crevice 23 µm 가 hydride 가
 3

. Metallurgical Test

(1)

SEM 가 가
 (2000)
 EDX Fig. 3
 43.1 40 At% Zr 8%, Cu 가 3.9%
 Cu Cu spectrum Cu
 Cu 2.6% 3%

Cu 4 atomic%

N

3.3 at%

(3)

Fig. 4 ZIRLO Guide Thimble ZIRLO Thin Sleeve

(a) (c) SRA ZIRLO sleeve, 가

SRA ZIRLO tube weld 가

weld 가

weld 가 가

HAZ HAZ

HAZ (d) (h) 가

(b) (f) Martensite

가

가

Martensite (g) (e)

(HAZ)

Fig.5 SRA Zircaloy - 4 Guide Thimble RXA Zircaloy - 4 grid

TIG (a) grid

RXA() (b) RXA HAZ

(c), (d), (e) (f)

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가 (g) SRA

guide thimble HAZ

(i) grid guide thimble

grid 가 (h) (j) guide

thimble SRA

SRA Zircaloy - 4 Guide Thimble RXA Zircaloy - 4 grid

TIG

grid

TIG

grid guide thimble

RXA Zircaloy - 4 Tube RXA Zircaloy - 4 sleeve

Martensite 가

가 crevice

hydride 가

(4)
 Fig.6 360°C 700 ppm LiOH 6
 ZIRLO Guide Thimble ZIRLO Thin Sleeve Spot Welding
 SEM (a) (b)
 SEM 가 1.9 μm
 crevice (c) sleeve Guide Thimble 1.6 μm
 (d) (e) crevice SEM

360°C 700 ppm LiOH 6 Zircaloy - 4
 Guide Thimble Zircaloy - 4 Grid TIG
 SEM 1.5 μm
 1.3 μm
 μm TIG grain 2 ~ 3 μm 3
 grain 가 Crevice
 가 Guide Thimble 1.1 μm
 Zircaloy - 4 Guide Thimble Zircaloy - 4 Grid
 spot welding SEM
 4.2 μm grid 3.7 μm
 Grid guide thimble crevice

Fig.7 360°C 700 ppm LiOH 6
 Zircaloy - 4 Cladding Zircaloy - 4 Sleeve spot welding
 SEM (a) (b)
 1.3 μm sleeve cladding
 crevice 20 ~ 30 μm
 crevice
 가 hydride 가 (c)
 crevice 30 μm 200 μm inner crevice 가
 inner crevice

(d) sleeve inner tube
 crevice 가 200 μ m
 cladding 1/2 sleeve tube
 250 μ m

sleeve tube
 spot welding

4.

(1) As - built

TIG

SW Zry S

tube sleeve 가 stress가
 가 stress 가
 1/2 가

, 360°C 700 ppm LiOH

(2) Cu N

TIG

4 at%

. Cu

Cu

(3) 360°C 700 ppm LiOH

6

. SW ZLO S

TW Zry G

2 μ m

, SW Zry G

3 ~ 5 μ m

SW

Zry S

2 μ m

sleeve tube

crevice

가 10

20 ~ 30 μ m

hydride가

가

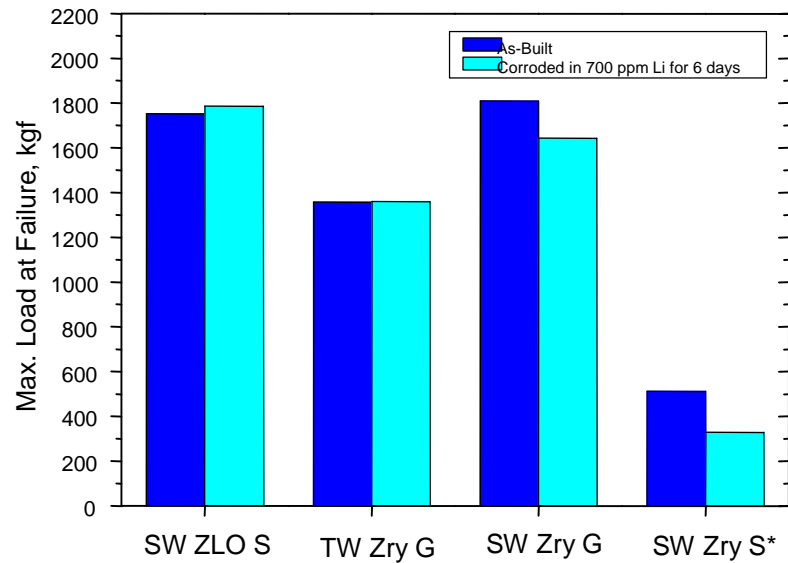


Fig. 1. Comparison of maximum load at failure of as-built with that of corroded specimen in 700 ppm LiOH at 360°C for 6 days

- * SW ZLO S : Spot Welding Thin Sleeve for PLUS 7 Design
- * TW Zry G : TIG Welding for KSNP Design
- * SW Zry G : Spot Welding for KSNP Design
- * SW Zry S : Spot Welding for 17X17 Design

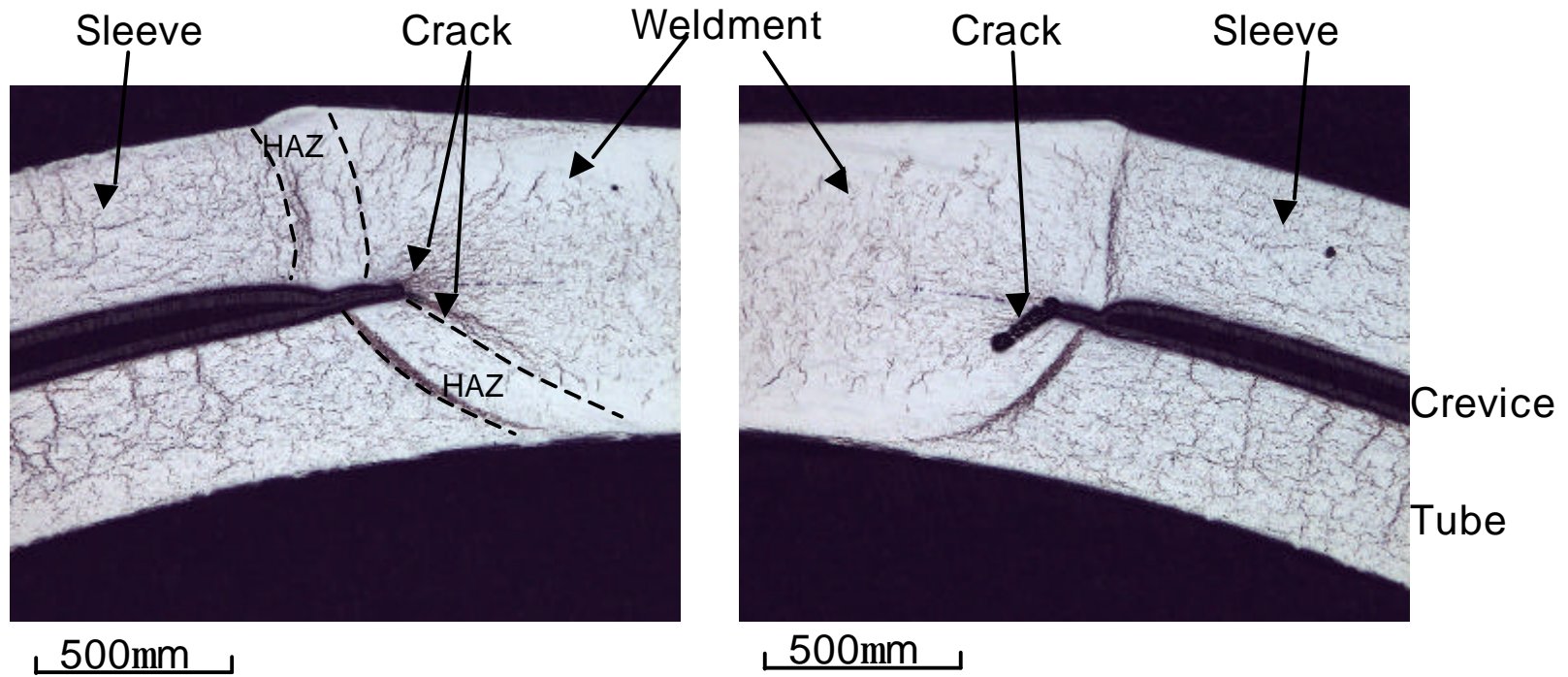


Fig. 2. Cross-sectional microstructures of the the spot welding for 17x17 design after corrosion in 700 ppm LiOH at 360°C for 6 days, showing hydride distribution and cracks

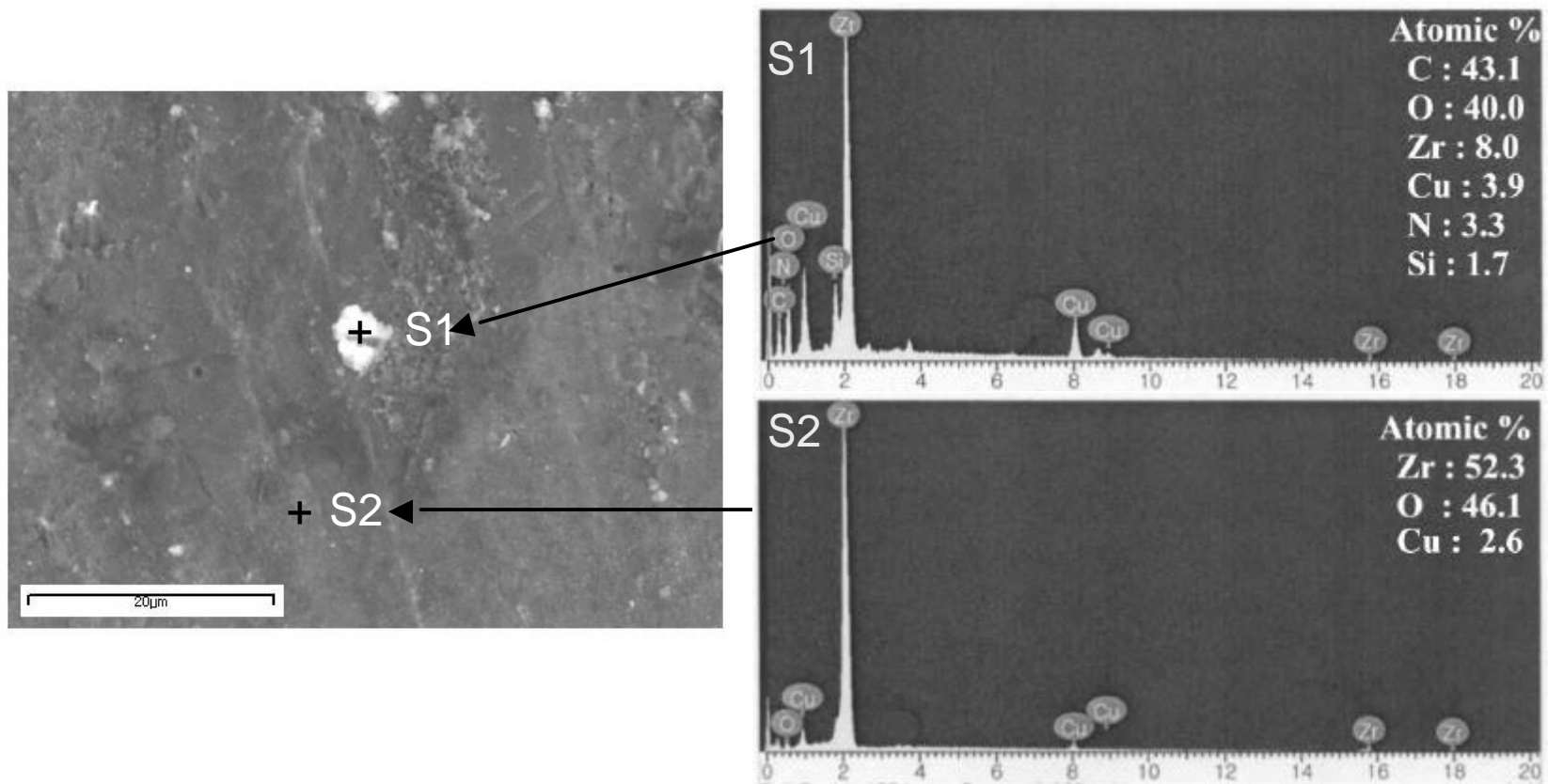


Fig. 3. SEM micrograph and EDX spectra of spot welding surface

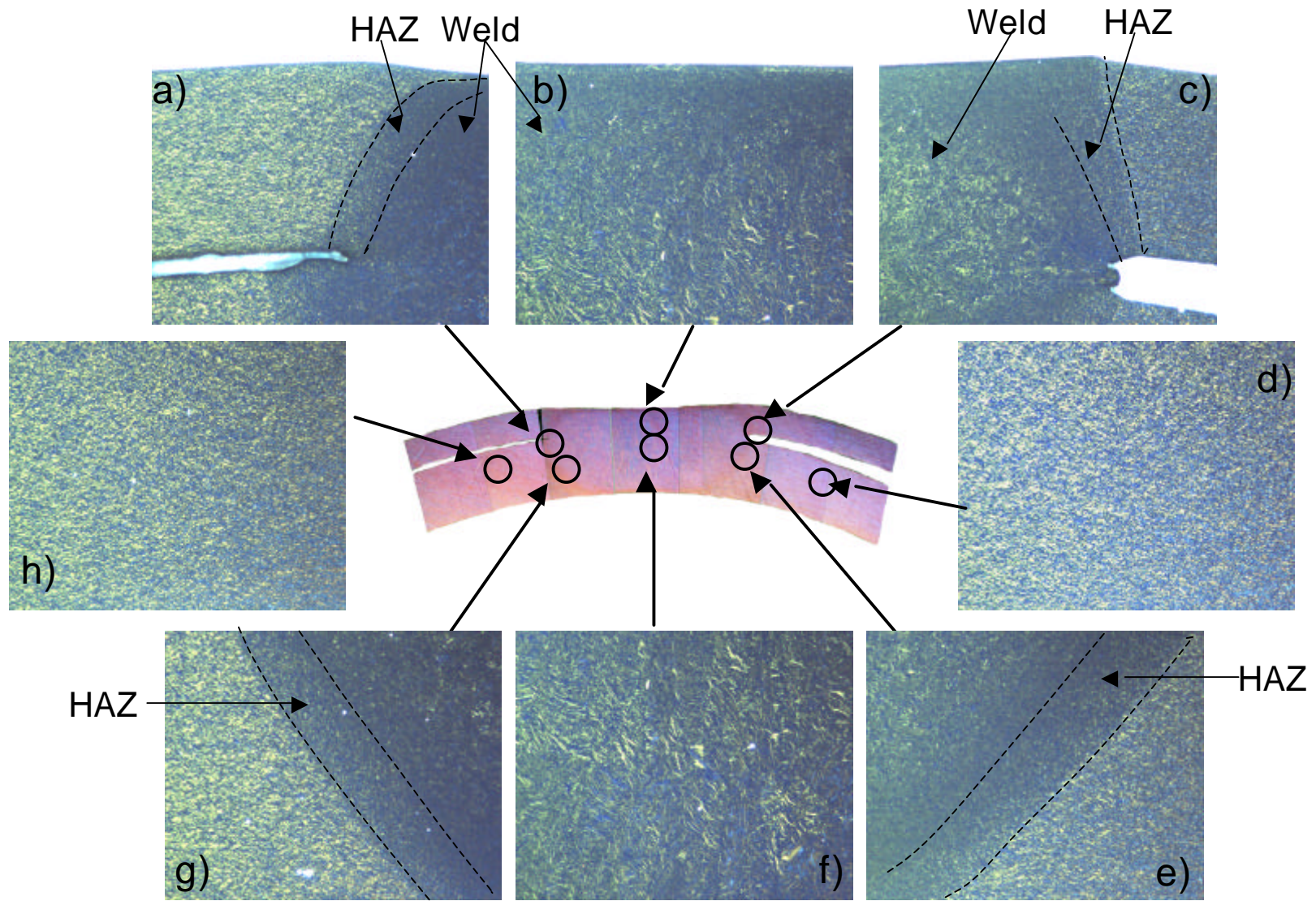


Fig. 4. Microstructures of spot welding parts of SRA ZIRLO guide thimble and thin sleeve spot weld

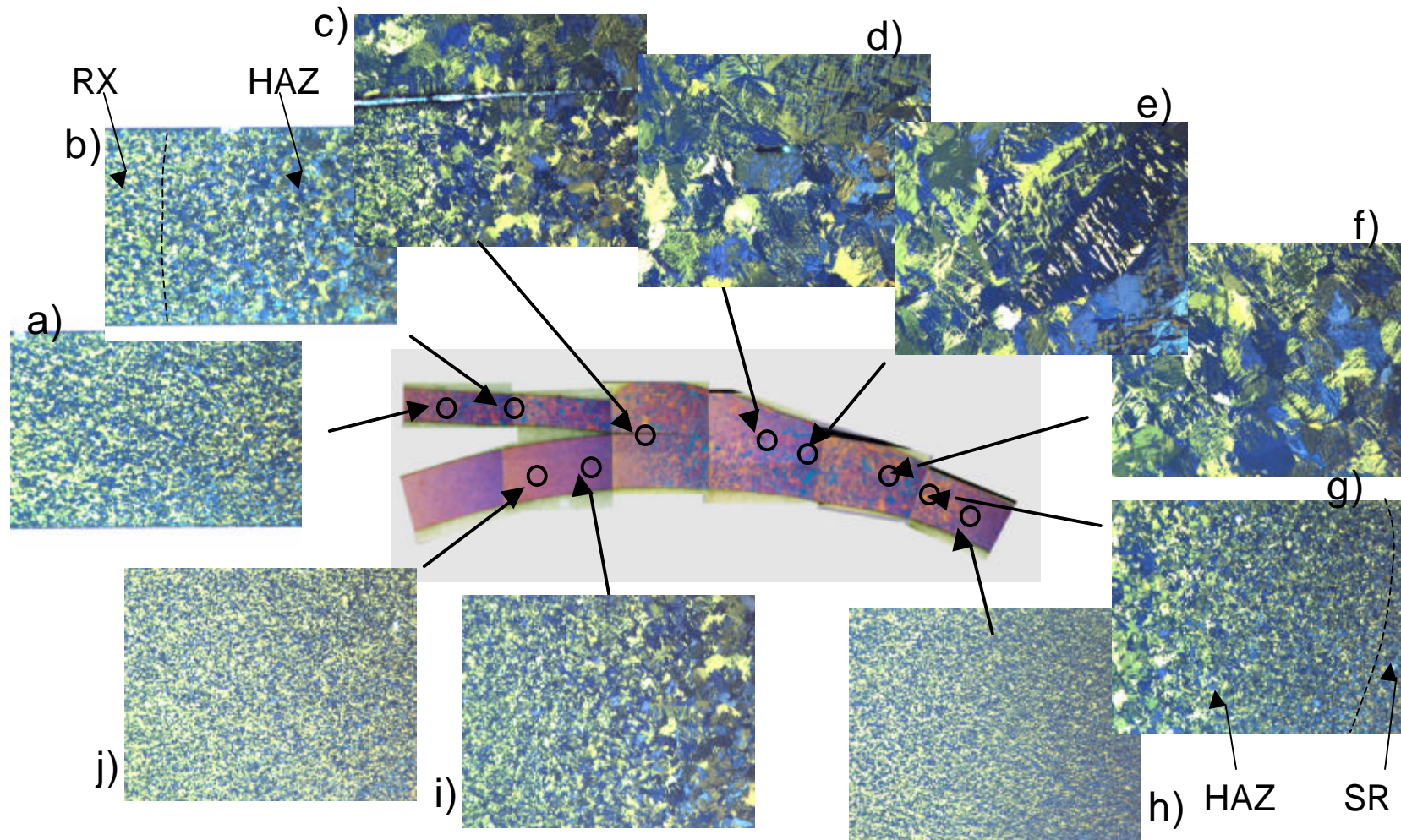


Fig. 5. Microstructures of TIG welding parts of the SRA Zircaloy-4 guide thimble and RXA Zircaloy-4 grid

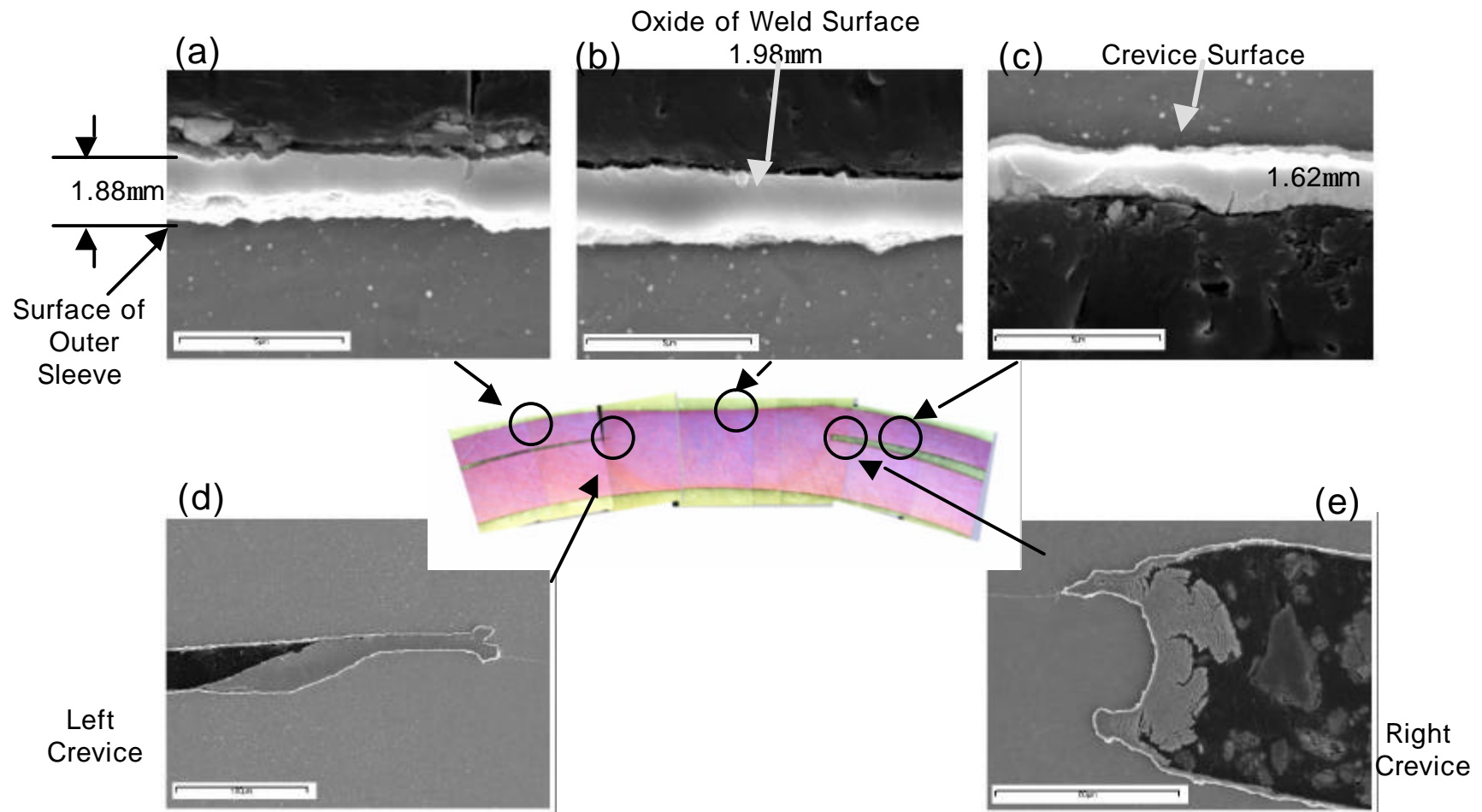


Fig. 6. Oxide morphologies of the ZIRLO guide thimble and thin sleeve spot welding specimen

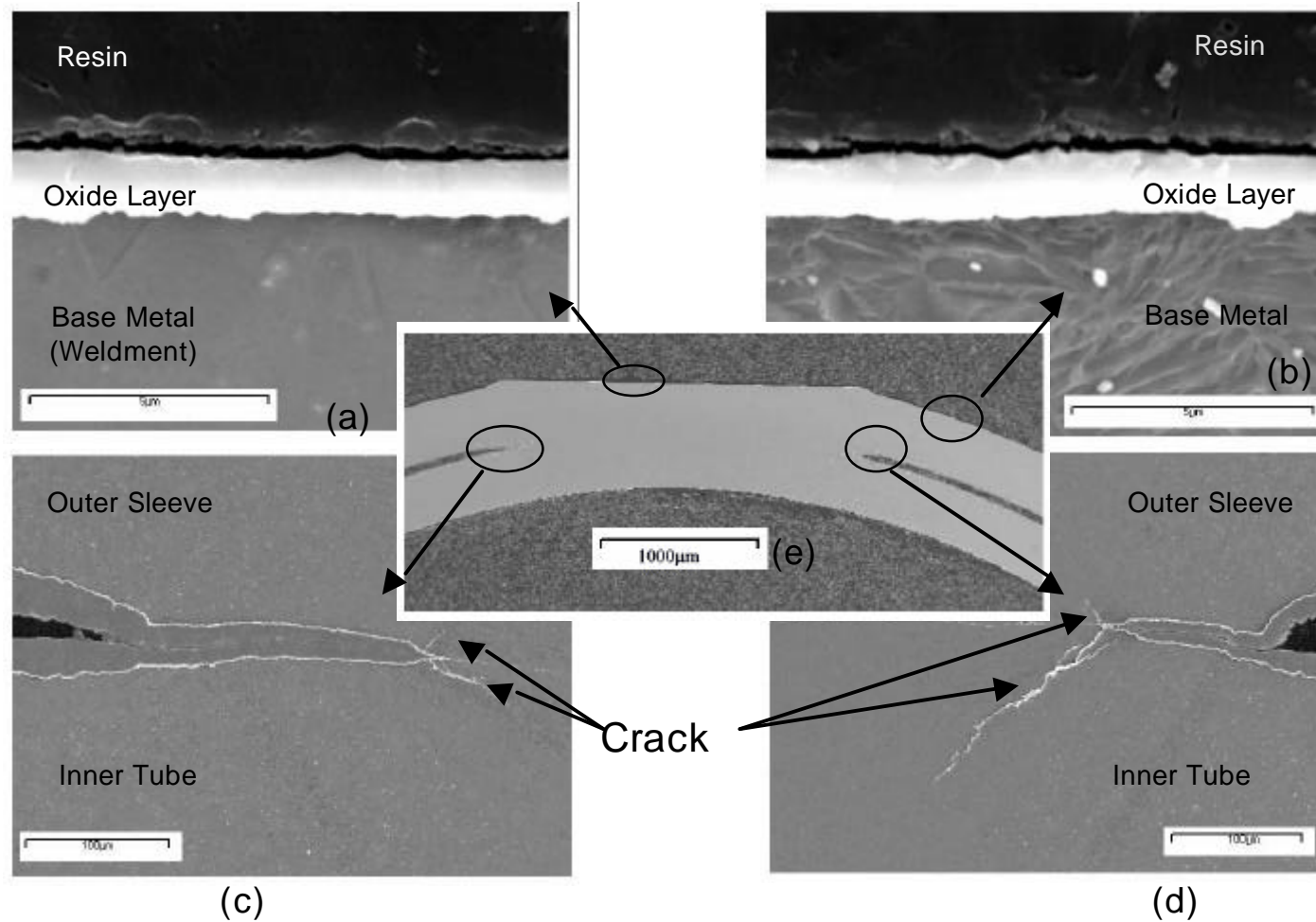


Fig. 7. Oxide morphologies of the spot welded RXA Zircaloy-4 tube/RXA Zircaloy-4 sleeve for 17x17 design. (a) Oxide layer on the Weldment, (b) Oxide layer on the outer surface of sleeve(10,000X), (c) Left side of the welded crevice(300X), (d) Right side of the welded crevice(270X), (e) Cross-section of the spot weldment(25X)