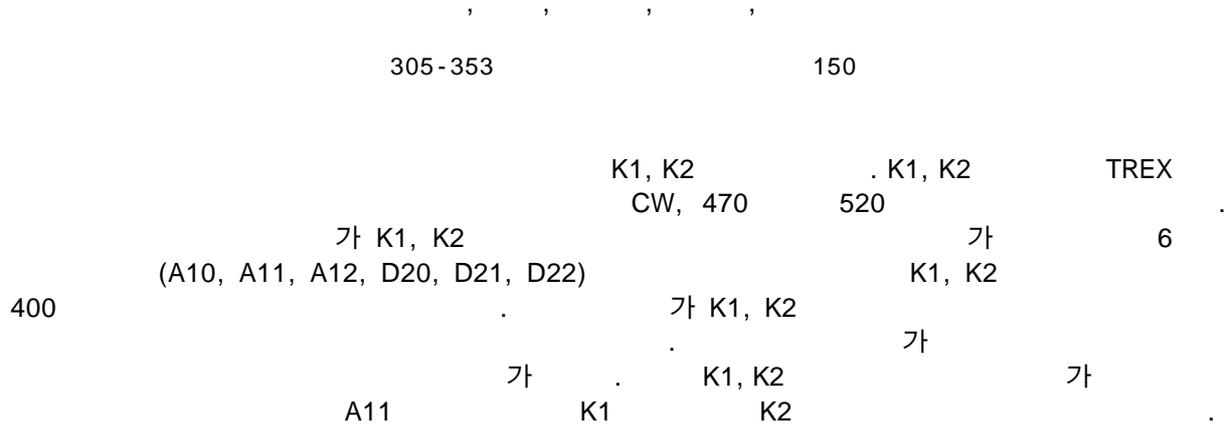


K1, K2

Effect of Intermediate and Final Heat Treatments on the Tensile Properties of K1 and K2 Cladding Tubes

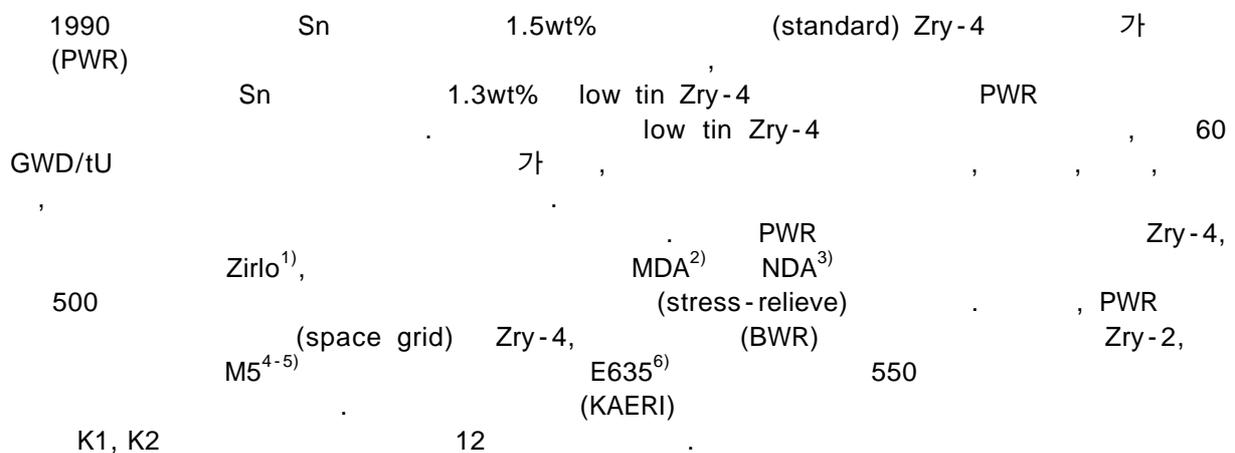


Abstract

Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI) has developed newly K1 and K2 cladding tubes for nuclear fuel. K1 and K2 cladding tubes were manufactured with final heat treatment at 470 °C, 520 °C and without final heat treatment. To evaluate the effect of both intermediate and final heat treatments on the tensile properties of K1 and K2 cladding tubes, the tensile tests were carried out at room temperature and 400 °C for the various K1 and K2 cladding tubes, which had manufactured through different 6 kinds of heat treatment processes (A10, A11, A12, D20, D21 and D22,). The effect of intermediate heat treatment on the claddings was a little, but that of final one was distinguishable showing that the higher the final heat treatment was the lower the yield strength and the ultimate tensile strength was and the elongation was vice versa. The heat treatment process A11 was favorable to the tensile properties of the cladding tubes and the tensile properties of K2 were better than those of K1.

Key words: K1, K2 cladding tubes, tensile properties, heat treatment process

1.



(dimensional stability)

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K1, K2 가 K1, K2, low tin Zry-4 Zirlo
 ASTM B811-97⁷⁾, E8M-00a⁸⁾ E21-92⁹⁾(1998)

400 , K1, K2 가 12 K1,

K2 6 (A10, A11, A12, D20, D21, D22) 가 K1, K2

가 가 가

470 (A11, D21) K1 가 Zirlo
 Zry-4 K2 Zry-4

A11 가 가 Zry-4

2.

2.1

10 ton load cell ASTM E4 DTU-900MLCD10T

DKTT UTM2000F program 400 10 ton load cell

TSM-100 Digital Controller (RED 02) Ampmaster TMaster
 program TSM-100 1000 400 , ASTM
 E8M-00a Metal plug 400
 tube

2.2

(x x) K1, K2, low tin Zry-4(Zry-4) Zirlo
 1 K1 K2 2

| 1. | (wt.%) | | | | (x x :mm) | | | | | |
|-------|--------|------|------|------|------------|----|-------|------|---------------|---|
| | Nb | Sn | Fe | Cr | Mn | Cu | O | Zr | x | x |
| K1 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.35 | 0.15 | x | | 0.120 | bal. | 9.5x8.36x0.57 | |
| K2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.35 | 0.15 | - | x | 0.12 | bal. | 9.5x8.36x0.57 | |
| Zry-4 | - | 1.26 | 0.23 | 0.12 | - | | 0.129 | bal. | 9.7x8.43x0.63 | |
| Zirlo | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.11 | - | - | | 0.113 | bal. | 9.5x8.36x0.57 | |

2. K1, K2

| | | ID | TREX | | | | |
|----|---|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| K1 | A | 1A10 | 580 °Cx3hr | 590 °Cx3hr | 570 °Cx3hr | 570 °Cx3hr | N/A |
| | | 1A11 | | | | | 470 °Cx3hr |
| | | 1A12 | | | | | 520 °Cx3hr |
| K2 | D | 2D20 | 640 °Cx3hr | 620 °Cx3hr | 570 °Cx3hr | - | N/A |
| | | 2D21 | | | | | 470 °Cx3hr |
| | | 2D22 | | | | | 520 °Cx3hr |

K1, K2 "Specification for the manufacturing of the TREX of KAERI alloys"¹⁰⁾
 "Specification for the manufacturing of the KAERI cladding tubes"¹¹⁾ Zry-4
 Sandvik Special Metals Corp. "As-received" Zirlo
 Westinghouse Electric Company "As-received" Zry-4
 496 4 Zirlo
 454 471 2
 (150mm) 50mm가
 5mm divider
 3

2.3

E8M-00a 1/2
 1/4 가
 Zr tube
 ASTM B811-97 "0.003 ? 0.007mm/ "
 (strain rate) 0.05mm/ "
 가 cross-head
 50mm 0.25mm/min. 2.5mm/min.
 400 ASTM E21-92 385 20
 가 400±3 20
 E8M-00a 0.2% offset
 SEM TEM
 tube pickling Nb K1, K2 Zirlo 30%
 +30%HNO3+30%H2SO4+ 10%HF pickling Nb low tin Zry-4
 45% +45%HNO3+10%HF 60 80 μm pickling
 Pickling 3mm Twin Jet-Polisher
 C₂H₅OH 900Mℓ + HClO₄ 100Mℓ -40 -45
 12 17V 0.01mA JOEL 200kV
 TEM

3.

3.1

1 K1, K2, Zry-4 Zirlo - K1,
 K2 가
 2 3 400 K1, K2
 2,3 K1,K2 가
 YS, UTS EL 2 K2
 A11 EL , A11 D21
 K1, K2 YS, UTS Zry-4 EL Zirlo
 A12, D12 K1, K2 YS Zry-4 UTS
 EL Zry-4 Zirlo 3 K1, K2
 YS, UTS EL K2 K1
 K2 K2 K1 가 K1,
 가 4 5
 K1, K2 가
 4 K1, K2 가 YS, UTS EL
 가 YS, UTS , EL 가
 5 400 가
 K1 가

3.2

6 A 가 K1, K2 TEM
 . 470 가 K2 K1
 . 520 K2 K1
 . 12) K1 Nb Sn K2 가 Fe, Cr, Cu
 Sn 0.3wt.% Nb 0.2wt.% K1
 470 가 K1
 . 7 K2 YS가 Zirlo YS 가 EL
 . K2가 Zirlo 가 Nb K2

3.3

8, 9 400 K1 A10, A11, A12
 SEM (shear tearing)
 dimple 가 Voids 가
 , A10, A11, A12 dimple 400
 voids가
 10 K1, K2 Zry-4 Zirlo 400
 SEM Zirlo Zry-4 400
 K1 dimple K2 dimple void
 void가 가 dimple

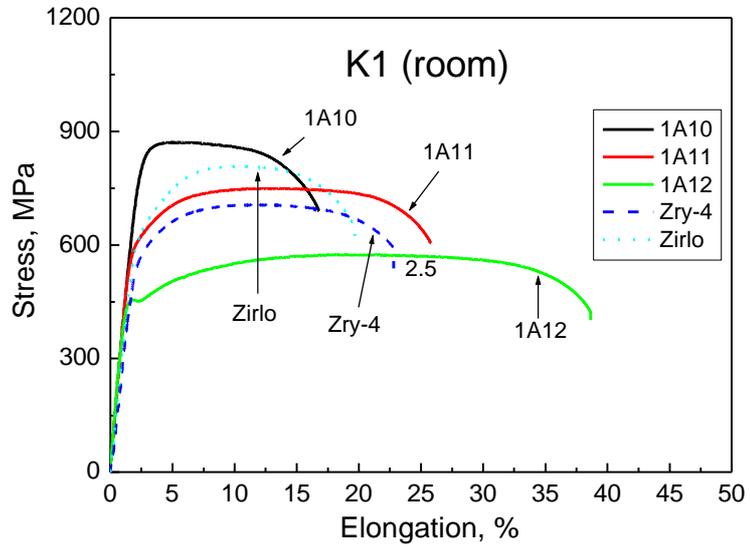
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K1, K2 가 ASTM
 B811-97 K1, K2 400
 1. K1, K2 가 가
 2. K1 K2 470 K2
 A11 Zirlo 가
 3. 470 K2 A11
 4. K1, K2 dimple
 void가 가

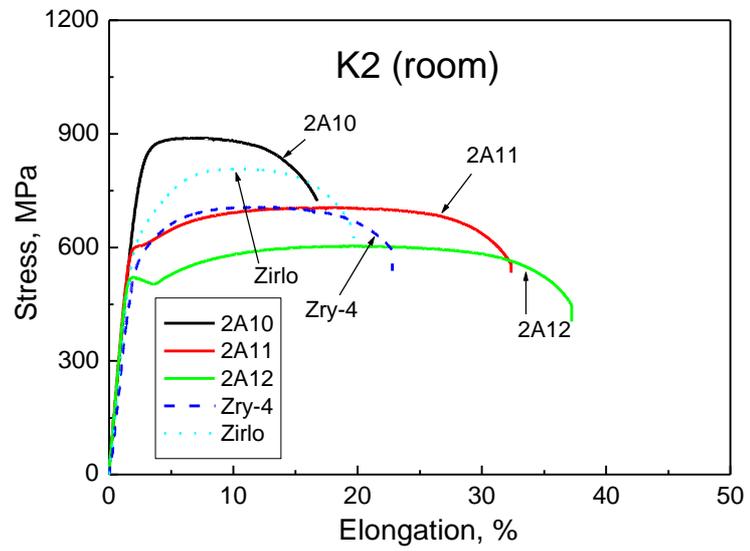
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(a) K1 claddings



(b) K2 claddings

Fig. 1. Stress-strain curves at room temperature of K1, K2, Zry-4 and Zirlo cladding tubes

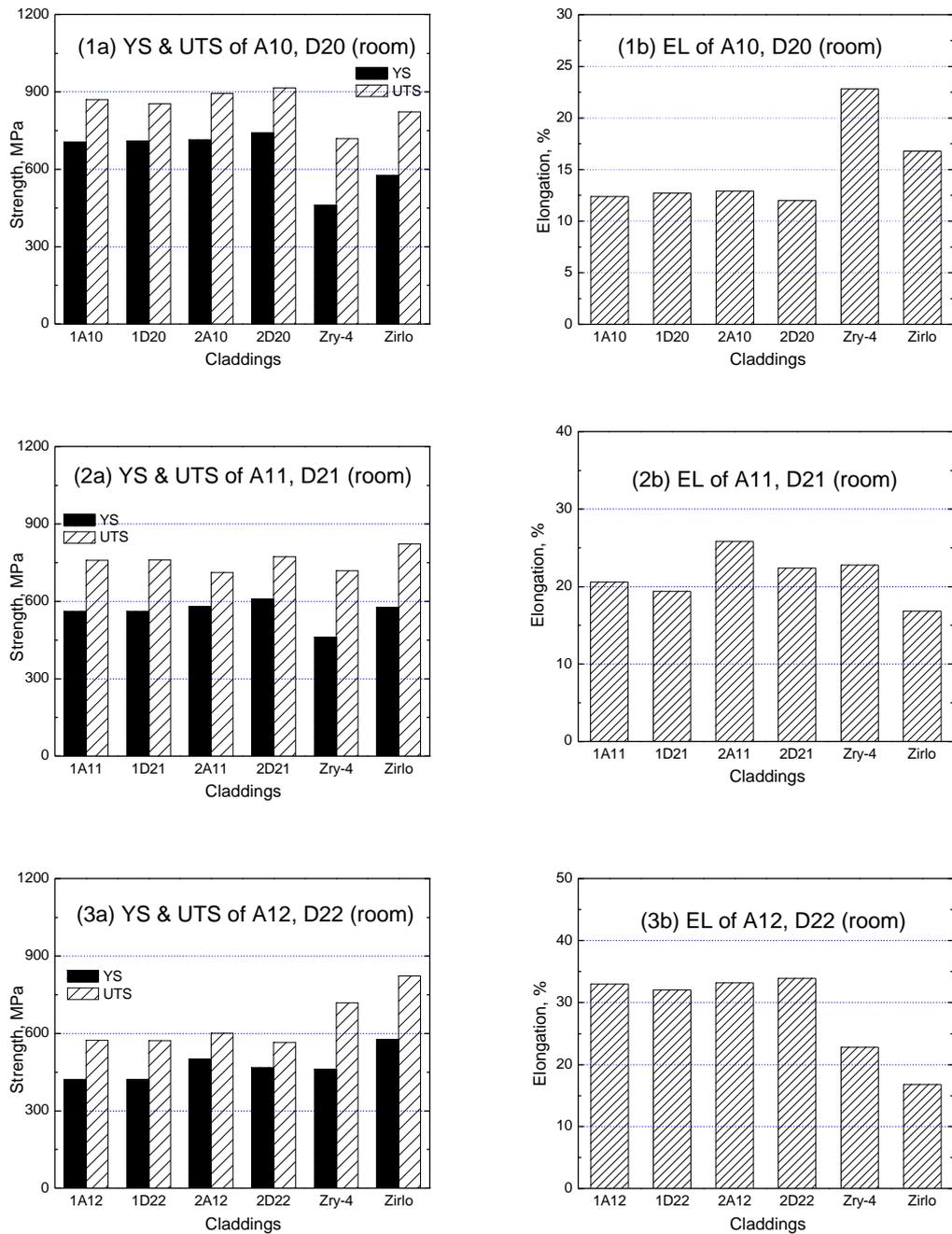


Fig. 2. The effect of intermediate heat treatment on the tensile properties of K1, K2, Zry-4 and Zirlo cladding tubes at room temperature

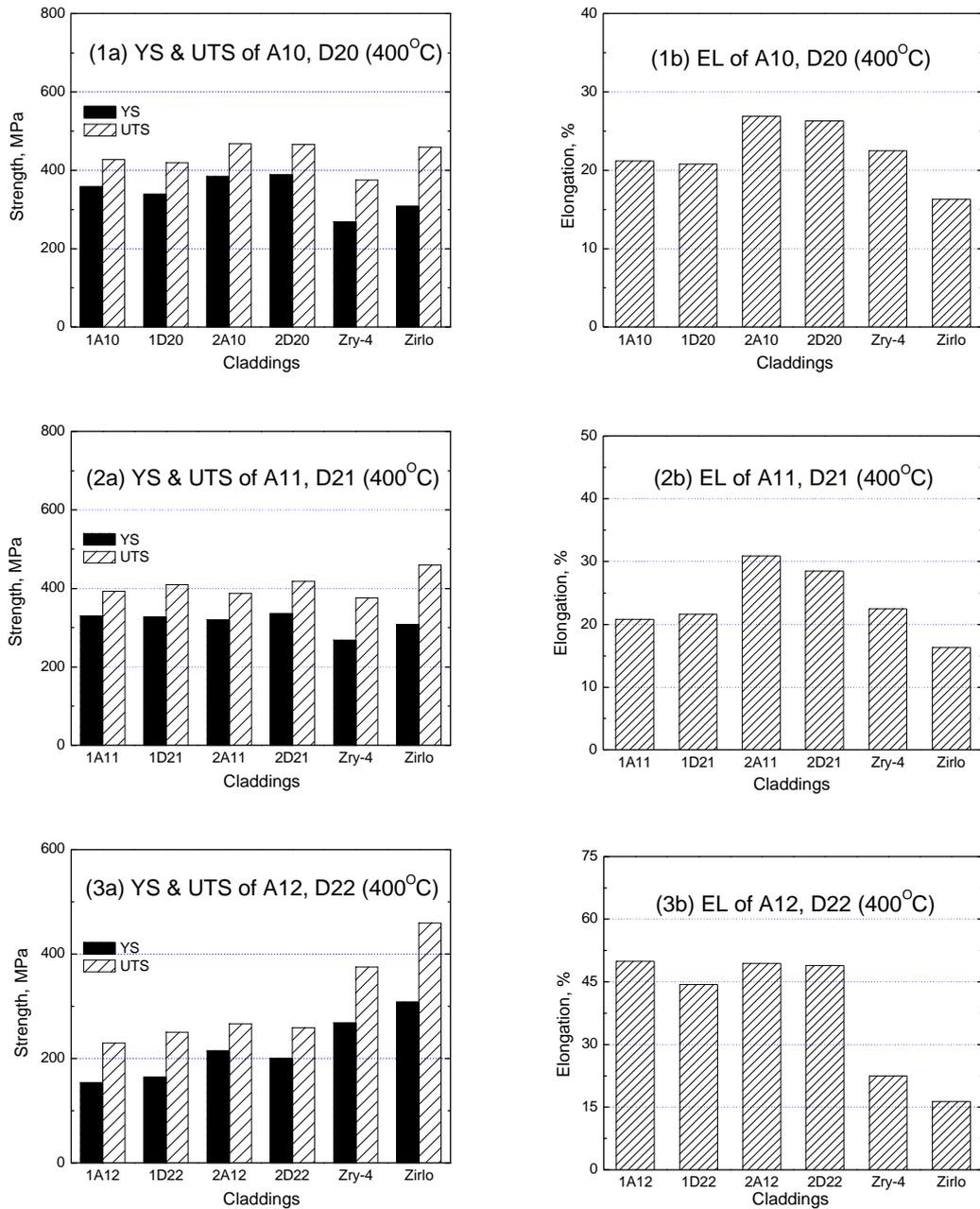


Fig. 3. The effect of intermediate heat treatment on the tensile properties of K1, K2, Zry-4 and Zirlo cladding tubes at 400°C

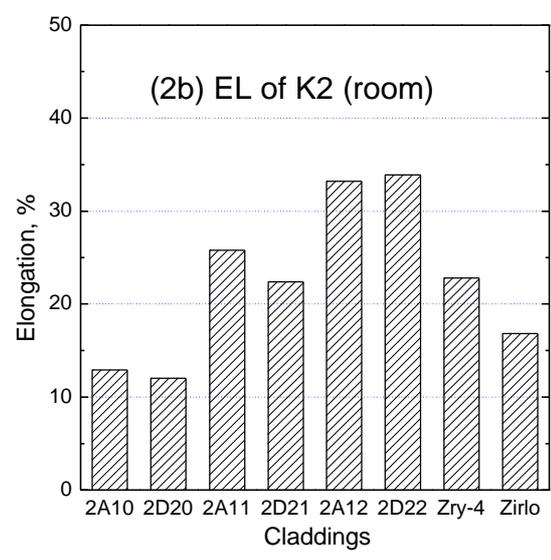
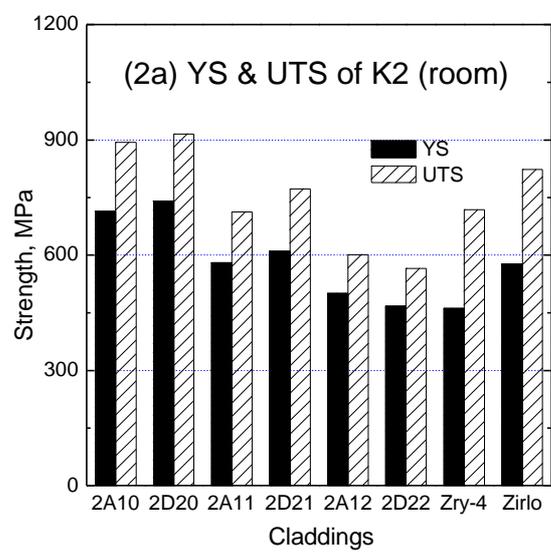
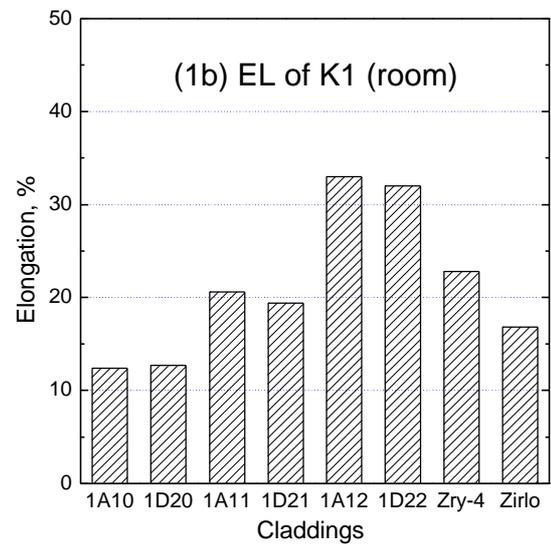
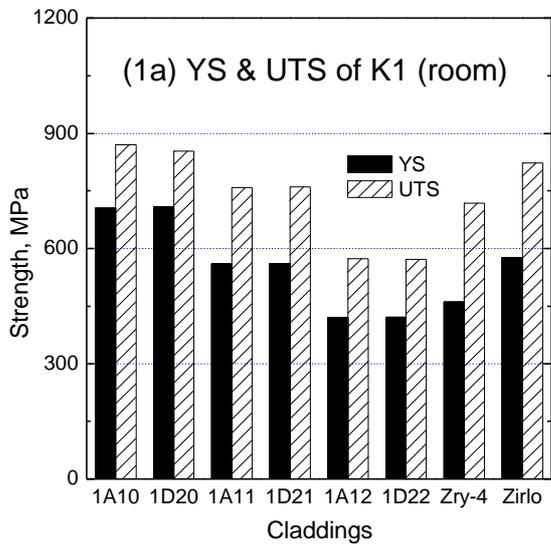


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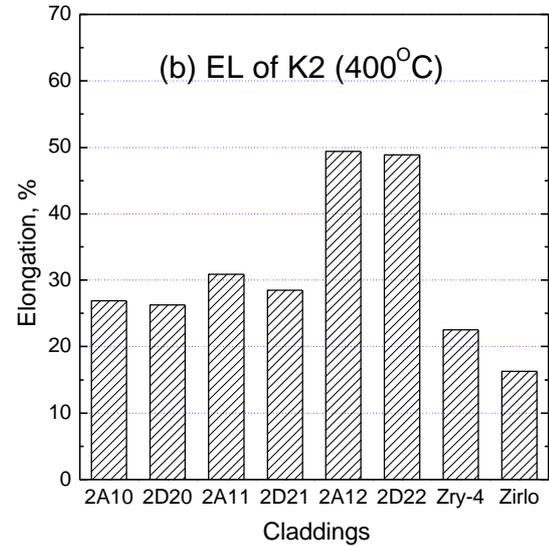
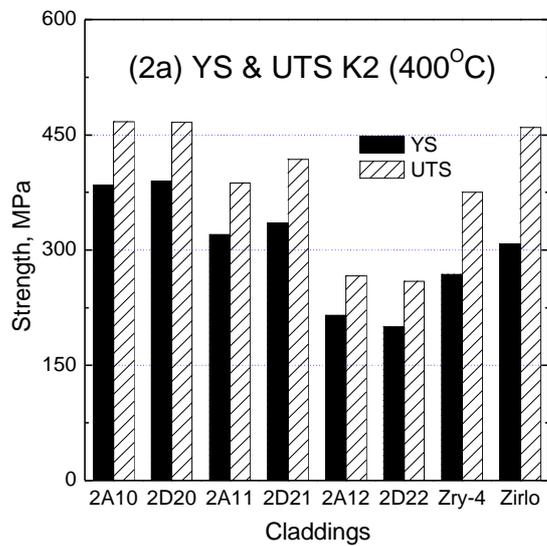
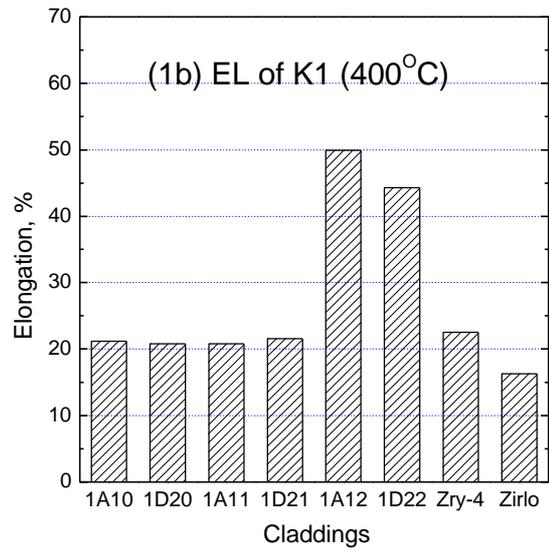
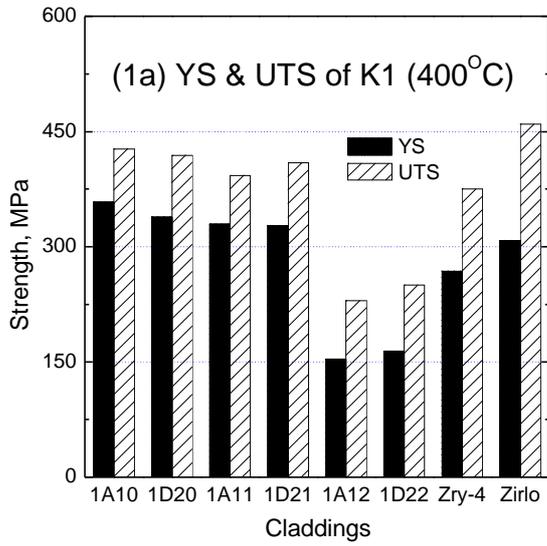
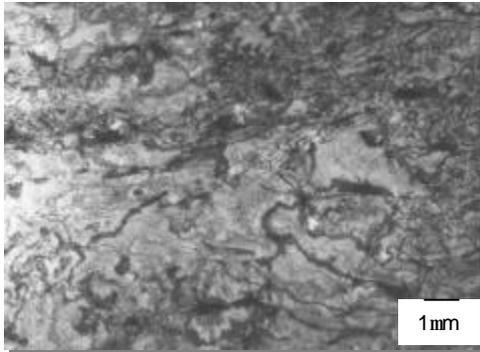
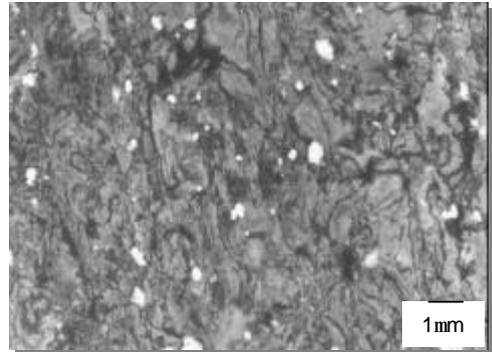


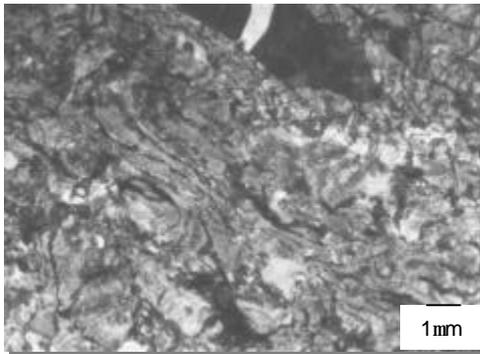
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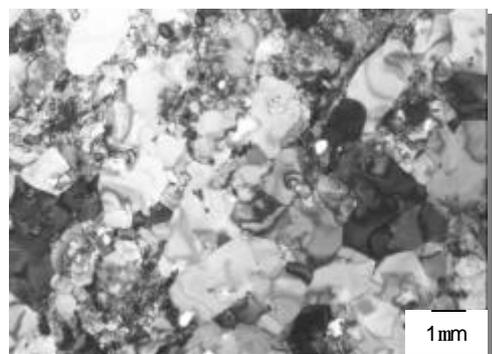
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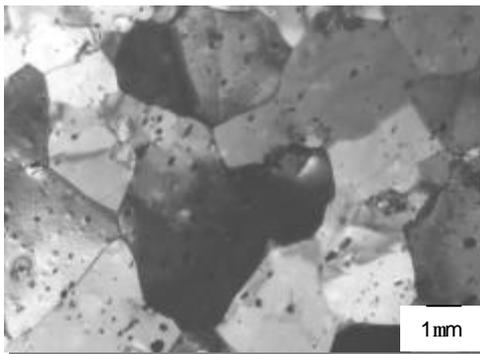
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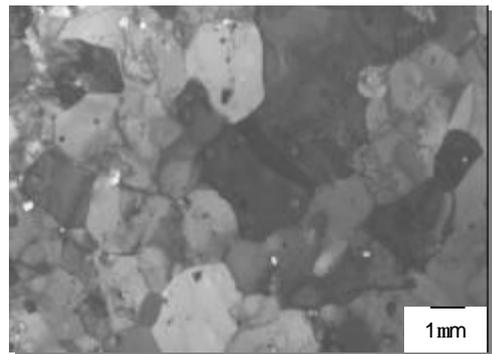
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(b) K2 A11

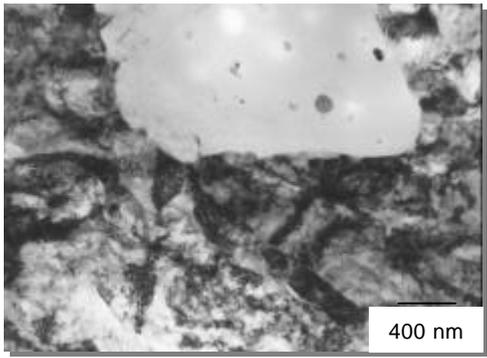
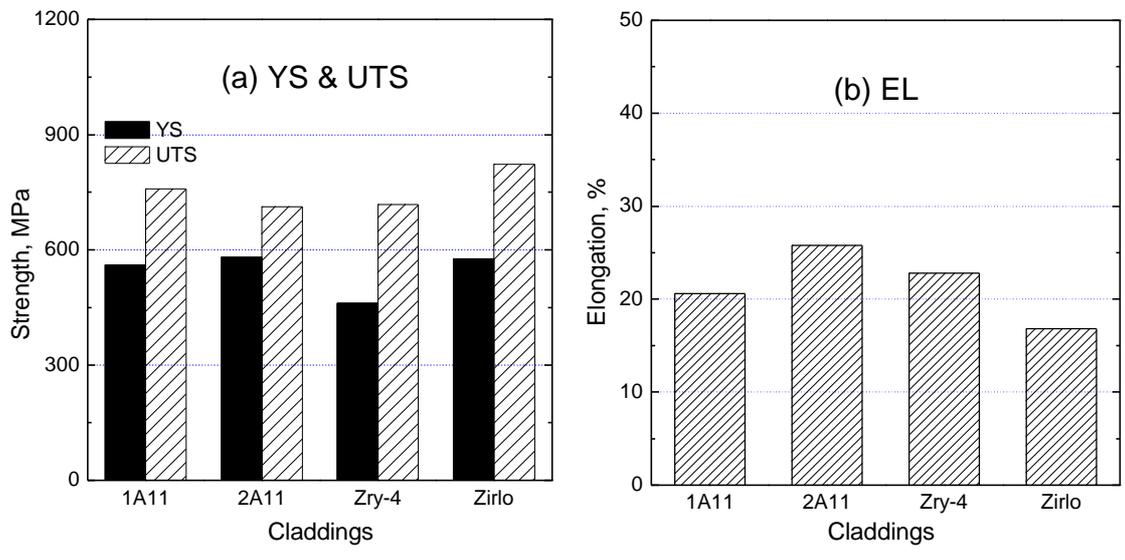


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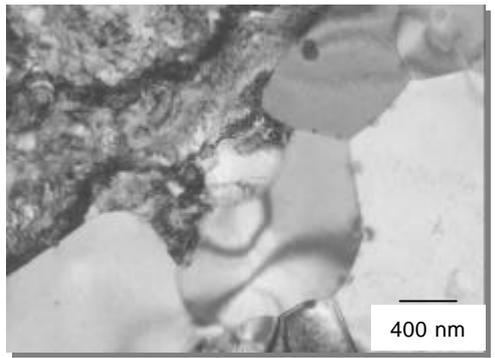


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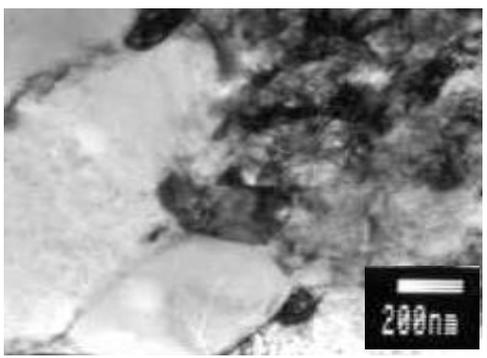
Fig. 6. TEM Micrographs on A10, A11, and A11 of both K1 and K2 cladding tubes



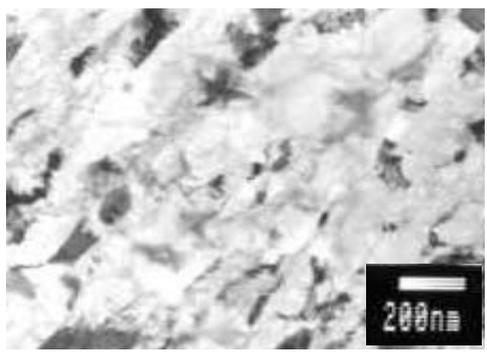
K1 A11



K2 A11



Zry-4



Zirlo

Fig. 7. Tensile properties and TEM Micrographs of the stress-relieved claddings at room temperature: for K1 A11, K2 A11, Zry-4 and Zirlo cladding tubes

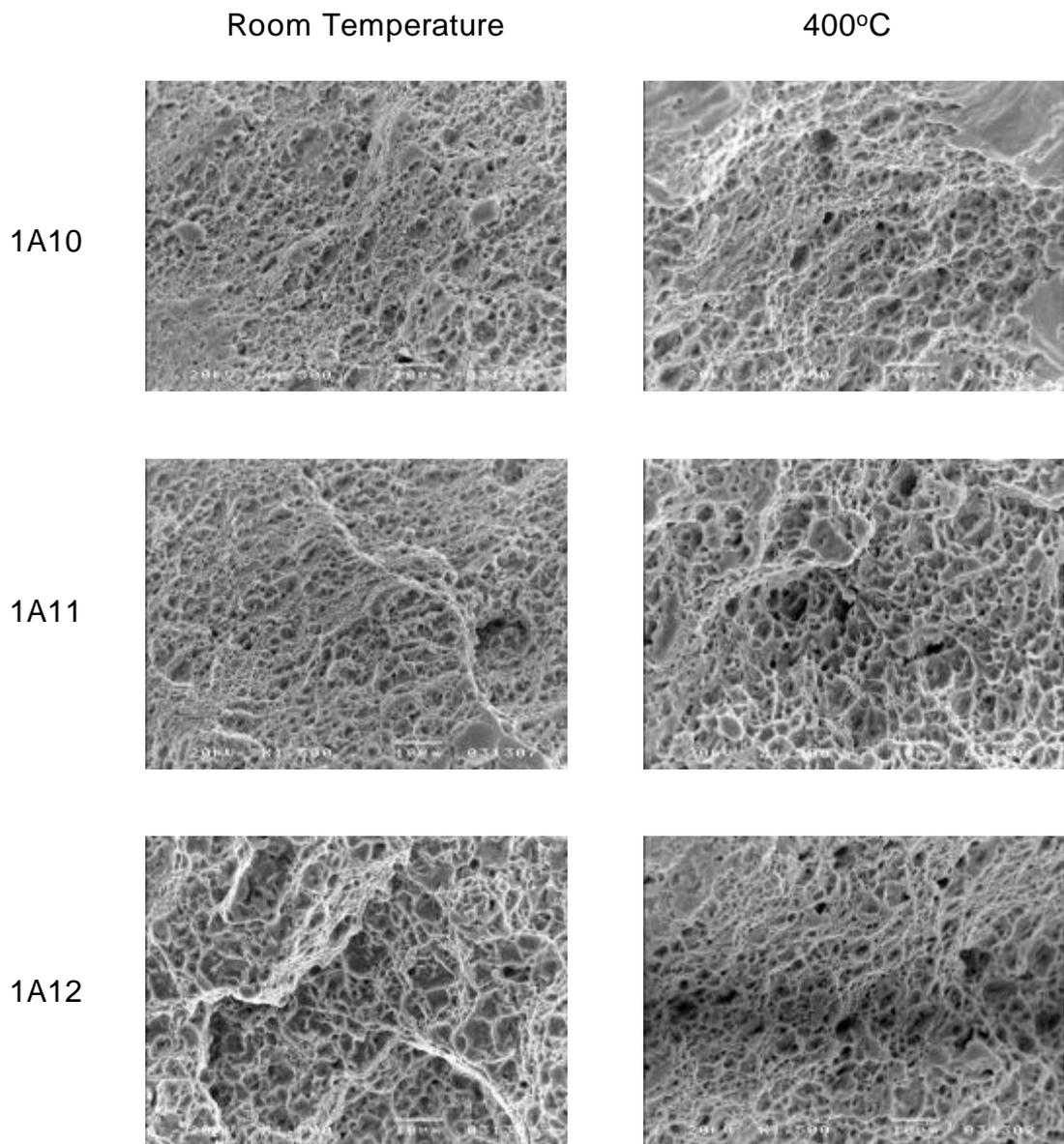


FIG. 8. Fractographs of K1 claddings: 1A10, 1A11 and 1A12 at both room temperature and 400°C

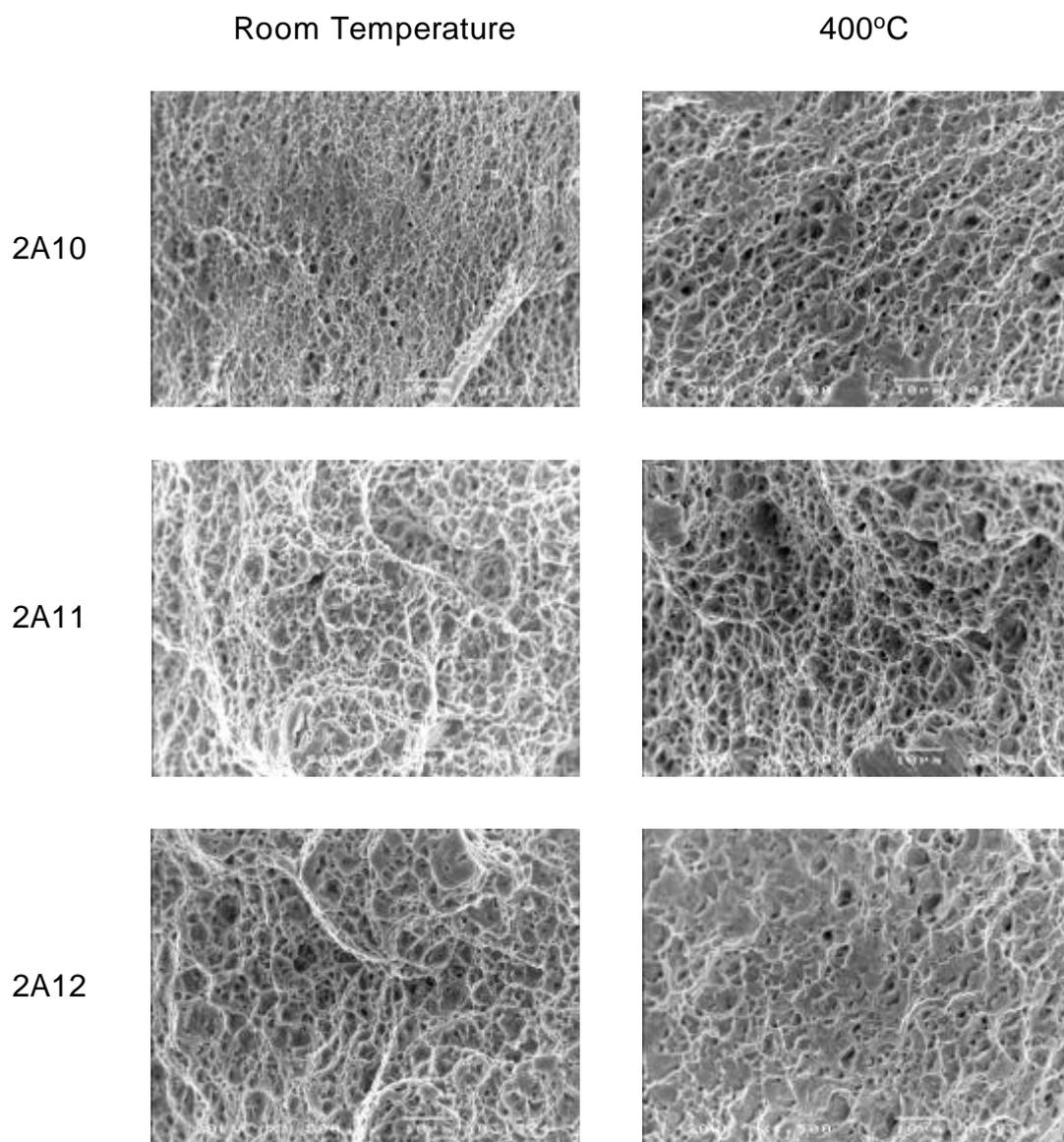


Fig. 9. Fractographs of K2 claddings: 2A10, 2A11 and 2A12 at both room temperature and 400°C

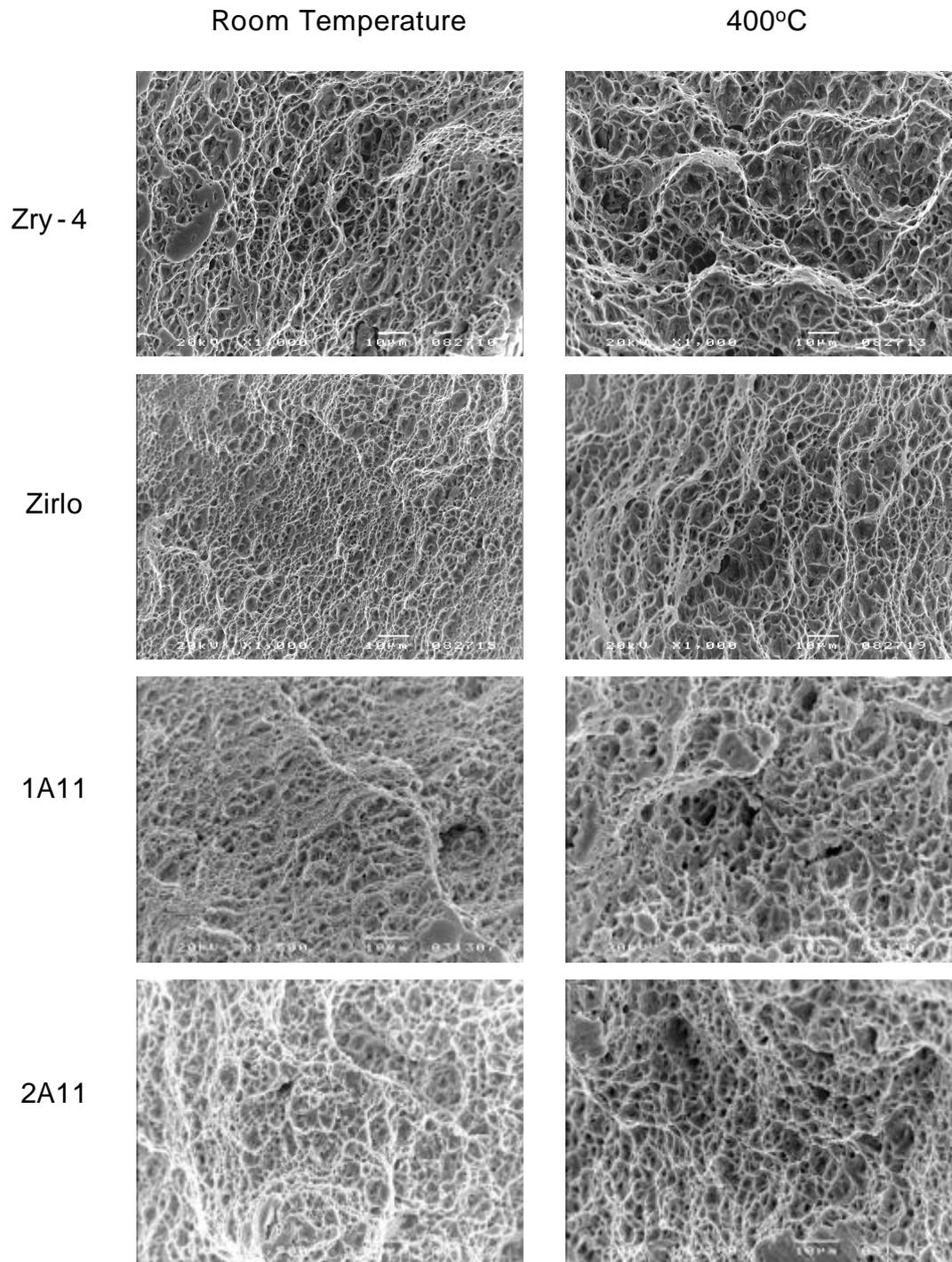


Fig. 10. Fractographs of various claddings: Zry-4, Zirlo, 1A11 and 2A11 at both room temperature and 400°C