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## Study on the Wigner Energy for the Safe Treatment of KRR 1&2

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## Abstract

The characteristic of Wigner energy was reviewed on the change of temperature and neutron irradiation. Total energy stored in the graphite increased as the neutron irradiation increased, but the rate of energy storage decreased. Wigner energy release was maximized near 200°C on the Hanford cooled test hole graphite which was neutron-irradiated to a fluence of order of  $10^{18} \sim 10^{20}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup> at 30°C. And the maximum value of Wigner energy release decreased as neutron irradiation temperature on the graphite was higher. On the other hand, it was shown that the maximum value of Wigner energy release decreased as heating rate increased from 1°C /min to 100°C /min on the neutron-irradiated graphite to a fluence of  $4 \times 10^{17}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup> at 80°C. The present analysis will provide basic information for the safe treatment of the graphite of KRR 1&2(Korea Research Reactors 1&2).

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, 가 2MeV 가 . 0.025eV(2,200m/s) Slowing down (Moderator) . [1]. , [1,2]. , 2,000°C 가 Enrico Fermi CP - 1 [2]. 1940 -239 , 1940 , 180MW Windscale Piles 1&2 No. 1 Pile 1950 "Wigner ,, 1957 . Windscale Pile No. 1 Core가 Overheating 가 Core Can . 1/4 [3]. Pile No. 1 2,000 1,200 Core Wigner 가 . . , TRIGA 13.7 가 10<sup>15</sup>n/cm<sup>2</sup> [4, 5]. 50,000 가 . "Wigner ,,

II. Wigner [6]

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Stress . Thermal annealing Field 가 . Annealing

가 Nuclear heating 가 (Switch off)





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10 DIDO Eq. Dose, n/ant<sup>2</sup> (EDN)

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Defect

concentration Annealing rate

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{n}N(t)^g \exp(-E_0 / kT)$$
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( , T = at)

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(1) *g*=1

$$N(T) = N_0 \exp\left[-\frac{\mathbf{n}E_0}{ak}H(\frac{kT}{E_0})\right]$$
(2a)

(2) *g* ≠ 1

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$$N(T) = N_0 [1 + (\boldsymbol{g} - 1)N_0^{\boldsymbol{g} - 1} \frac{\mathbf{n}E_0}{ak} H(\frac{kT}{E_0})]^{1/(1-\boldsymbol{g})}$$
(2b)

$$H(x) = \int_0^x \exp(-\frac{1}{y})dy$$

Defect concentration

N 
$$\frac{dN}{dt}$$
  $\frac{dN}{dT}$  .  
7, ,  $\frac{d^2N}{dT^2} = 0$   $T = T_m$   $T_m$   
Heating rate  $a$  (3)

$$\frac{a}{T_m^2} = C \exp(-\frac{E_0}{kT_m})$$
(3)

$$C = [\boldsymbol{g} - (\boldsymbol{g} - 1)Q] \frac{k}{E_0} \boldsymbol{n} N_0^{\boldsymbol{g}-1},$$
$$Q = \frac{1}{x_m^2} \exp(\frac{1}{x_m^2}) H(x_m),$$
$$x_m = \frac{kT_m}{E_0}$$

 $\begin{array}{cccc} E_0 & C & & \textbf{7} \\ . & E_0, & C & & \textbf{n} \end{array}$ . (3) Heating rate a  $T_m$ . **g** n C (4)

$$\frac{CE_0}{k} \begin{cases} = \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{g} = 1 \\ \cong 1.06\mathbf{n}N_0 & \mathbf{g} = 2 \\ \cong 1.12\mathbf{n}N_0^2 & \mathbf{g} = 3 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

, Defect concentration Activation 가 . , Annealing Activation Annealing rate . (5)

$$\frac{dn(E,t)}{dT} = -\frac{\mathbf{n}}{a}n(E,T)N(t)^{\mathbf{g}-1}\exp(-E/kT)$$
(5)

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$$N(T) = \int n(E,T) dE$$
 
$$N_0 = \int n(E,0) dE$$
 . (5) (6a) (6b)

(1) **g**=1

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$$n(E,T) = n(E,0)\exp[-\frac{\mathbf{n}E}{ak}H(\frac{kT}{E})]$$
(6a)

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(2) *g* ≠ 1

(6a) (6b)

$$n(E,T) \cong n(E,0)[1 + (g-1)N_0^{g-1}\frac{nE}{ak}H(\frac{kT}{E})]^{1/(1-g)}$$
(6b)

Activation energy spectrum

n(E,0) (7) Gaussian 7, 7, .

$$\frac{n(E,0)}{N_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\boldsymbol{p}} \cdot \boldsymbol{e}} \exp\left(-\frac{(E-E_0)^2}{2\boldsymbol{e}^2}\right)$$
(7)

(7)  $e \rightarrow 07$ 

$$\frac{n(E,0)}{N_0} = \boldsymbol{d}(E - E_0)$$

가 .	$e << E_0$	(3)	Activatior	n energy				
	. , <b>e</b>	$e \rightarrow 0$	(5)	(6a), 6(	b)	(1)		(2a),
2(b)	. (1) ~	(7)						4
	$oldsymbol{g}$ , $oldsymbol{n}$ , $E_{0}$	е			8		(1)	
(5)				Heating	rate가		5,	20,
100°C/min								

Interstitial14eVDisplacementconcentration $7 \times 10^{-5}$ .8Heating rate7....3

$$7 \downarrow$$
9 $E = E_0$  $7 \downarrow$  $n(E,0)$  $7 \downarrow$  $E = E_0 \pm e$  $Activation$  $E = E_0 \pm e$  $Activation$  $2 \downarrow$  $7 \downarrow$  $2 \downarrow$  $7 \downarrow$ 

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## Nomenclature

а	: Heating rate	k	:
$E_0$	: Activation	$N_0$	: Defect concentration
N(t)	: Defect concentration	t	:
Т	:	$T_m$	: Peak
e	: Activation	g	: Order of the reaction
n	:		

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