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K-series

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Evaluation of Out-of-pile Performance of K-series New Alloys for Advanced Fuel Cladding

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150

Zr , 가 , 360 , 400 , LiOH 700 가 , , 150 / screening test Zircaloy-4 10 , Nb가 가 (K1, K2) Z , K LiOH Nb

beta Nb

Abstract

To develop the advanced zirconium alloys for high burn-up fuel cladding, alloy design, manufacturing process optimization, and performance evaluation were performed for the various zirconium alloys. The corrosion tests were carried out in 3 conditions of 360C water, 400C steam, and LiOH solution for 700 days. Tensile test, creep test, and microstructure characterization were also performed for the high corrosion resistant alloys. From the evaluation of corrosion characteristics on the 150 kinds of alloys, 10 alloys which have superior corrosion resistance to Zircaloy-4 were selected as candidate new alloys for advanced fuel cladding tube. K1 and K2 alloys among the 10 candidate alloys showed higher corrosion resistance than Z alloy which was developed in foreign country. It is suggested that the high corrosion resistance of Nb-containing K-series alloys would be controlled by Nb concentration in the matrix and beta Nb.

1.

Zr , PWR '60 Zirca loy-4
 , BWR Zirca loy-2
 Zirca loy 가 가 Zr- 1Nb
 가 가 1 Zirca loy
 Autoc lave 가 Autoc lave
 Autoc lave 가 가
 가 5µm 가
 가 가 Coolant
 가 가
 가
 1980 Zirca loy 가
 Low Sn Zirca loy-4 PCA
 Low Sn Zirca loy-4가 [1-3]. Low Sn Zirca loy-4
 가 가
 Westinghouse Zir lo
 [4-6] Zir lo
 Framatone Zr- 1Nb S 가
 M Sumitomo NDA
 Mitsubishi MDA [7] E635
 Zirca loy-4 가 Zirca loy-4 가
 Royalty
 가 Nb K-series

2.

Zir lo 10
 가
 100 가
 150

가 가

8

650

± 10%

4

button

button

가

25kg

OWC

Tube

tube

가

가

가

360

가

, 400

, LiOH

1

, Creep

1

가

10

2

A-parameter

가

Nb

가

가

3.

3.1

1

75

. 1

가

2

75

가

. Autoclave

300

(

1,000

)

300

3

가

/ / 가

Screening Test

10

2

가

가

ASTM

360°C water

400°C steam

가

가

LiOH

. 1, 2, 3

4, 5 가 .
 8 650 가 ()
 가 Z 가
 20 1 2
 Zircaloy-4 40%
 3 10 2 Z 10 가 Z
 30% K1 Z
 4 Z LiOH
 , K1 Z LiOH
 360C 3 5 K1
 Z
 1 가 (Batch 20)
 K-series 가
 6 , Spec.

batch 20 K-series Creep
 Zircaloy- 가
 (4)
 7 Sn Creep Nb 가
 Creep Sn 가
 Sn Creep
 0.8- 1.2% 가
 batch
 8 (TEM)

3.2

Nb 가

Nb 가

가
(A parameter)가 가
A 가
Zircaloy-4 가
Nb 가
가
Nb 가
(Zr-0.8Sn-0.1Nb Zr-0.8Sn-0.2Nb)
Zr-0.8Sn-0.4Nb Zr-0.8Sn-0.8Nb
가
가
Zr Zr
Zr-xSn Zr-0.8Sn-X(V,Sb)
Zr ,
가 Zr-xSn ,
Sn 가
가 500 700
Zr
Zr-1Nb-0.2Cu, Zr-1Nb-1Sn-0.3Fe-0.1Cu
Zr-0.2Nb-1.4Sn-0.4Fe-0.2Cu 가
480, 580°C 30 500
가 400°C Autoclave ,
9 가
가 beta- 가
beta-
Zr-1Nb-0.2Cu 480°C (50-200)
580°C Nb-
, Zr-1Nb-1Sn-0.3Fe-0.1Cu 480°C (50-200)
가 Zr-Nb-Fe type
가
460 530 1
0 가 360 , 400 360 70ppm LiOH
가 ,
가 210
가
3 가
가 가
가 가

10
 490C 가 520C
 가 , 520C 가
 가
 K-series Nb가 0.2% 가 Nb가
 0.4% Nb가 가 Nb가
 0.5-0.6% Zr Nb
 가 0.4% Nb가 가 Zr
 Matrix 가 Nb Nb

3.

- 1) K-series Z K
 LiOH
- 2) K-series ASTM Spec.
- 3) Nb가 0.4% 가 Nb가 , Zr Nb
 가 0.4%
- 4) 가 520C 가

4.

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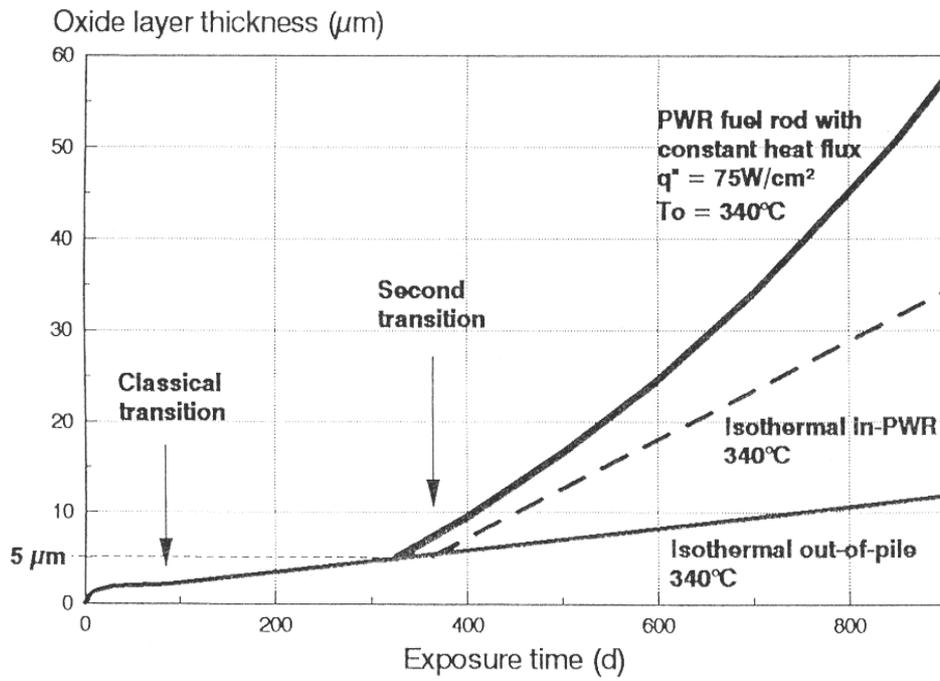


Fig.1 Oxide thickness of Zircaloy **cladding** in high burn-up fuel

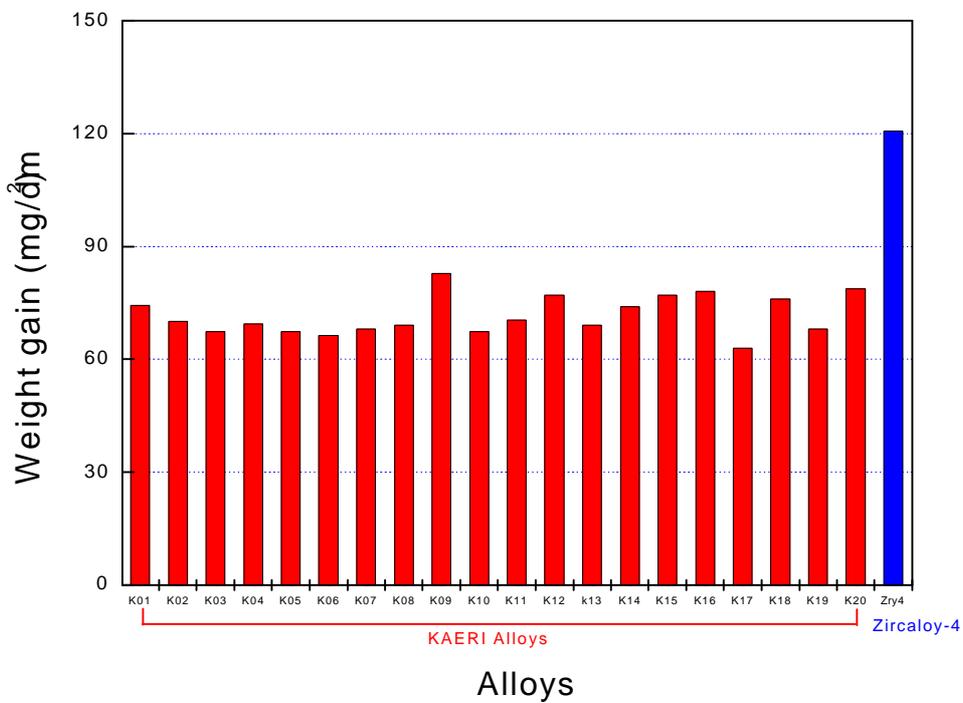


Fig.2 Corrosion of K-series alloys in 70 ppm LiOH solution

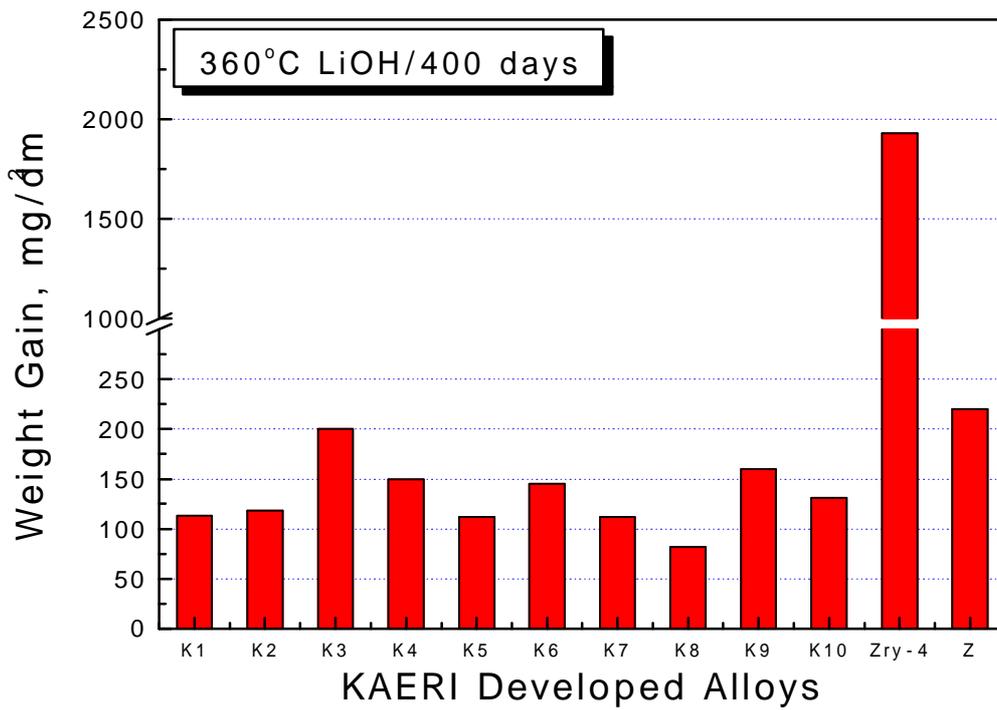


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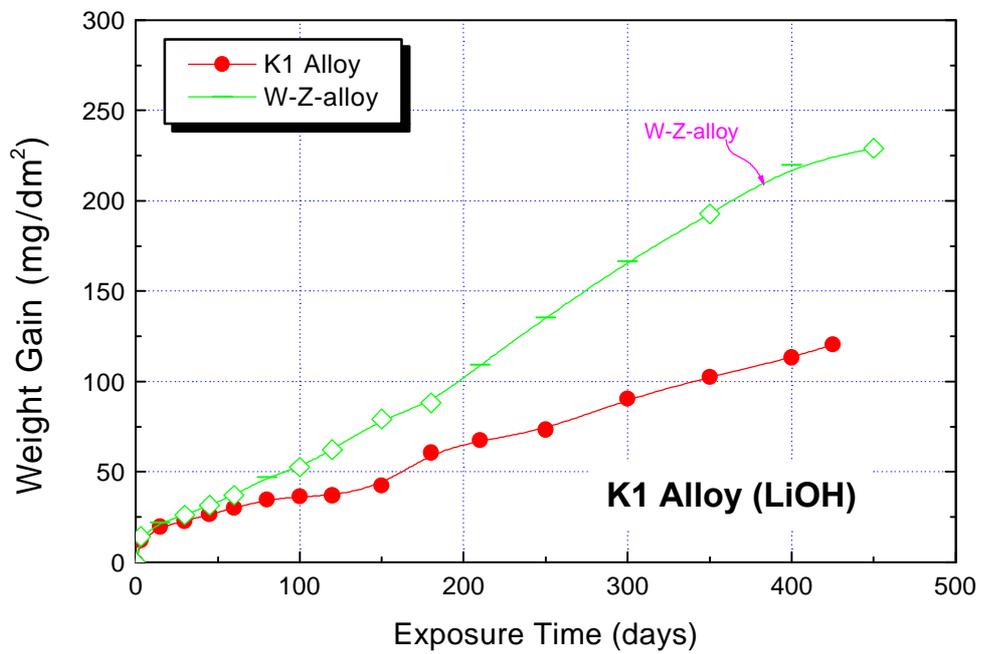


Fig.4 Corrosion behavior of K1 alloys in 70 ppm LiOH solution

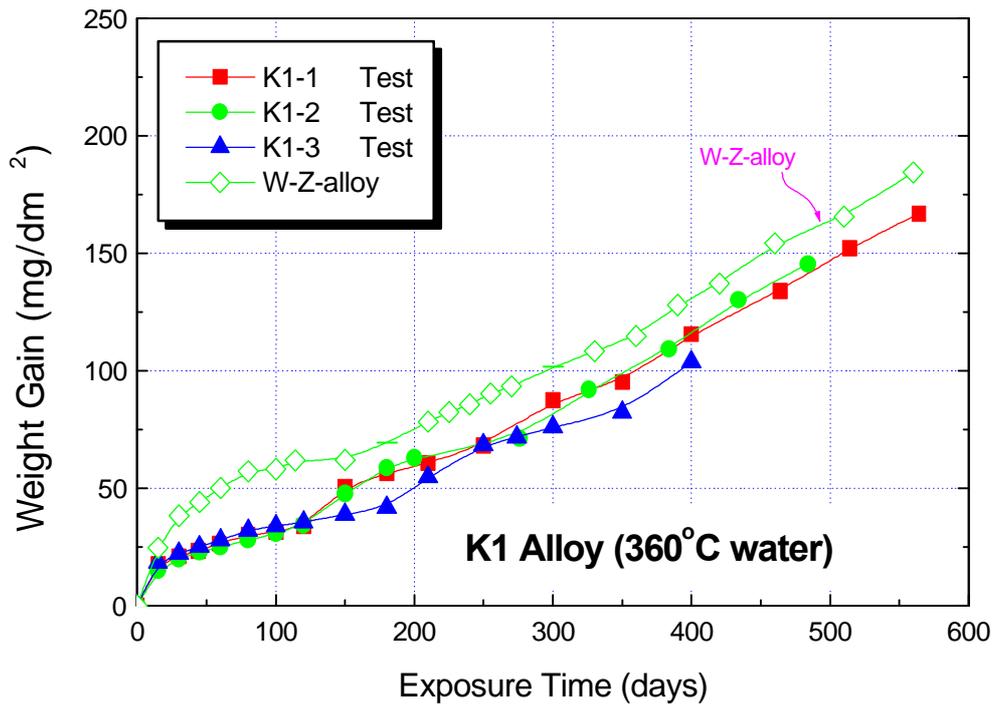


Fig.5 Corrosion behavior of K1 alloys in 360C water

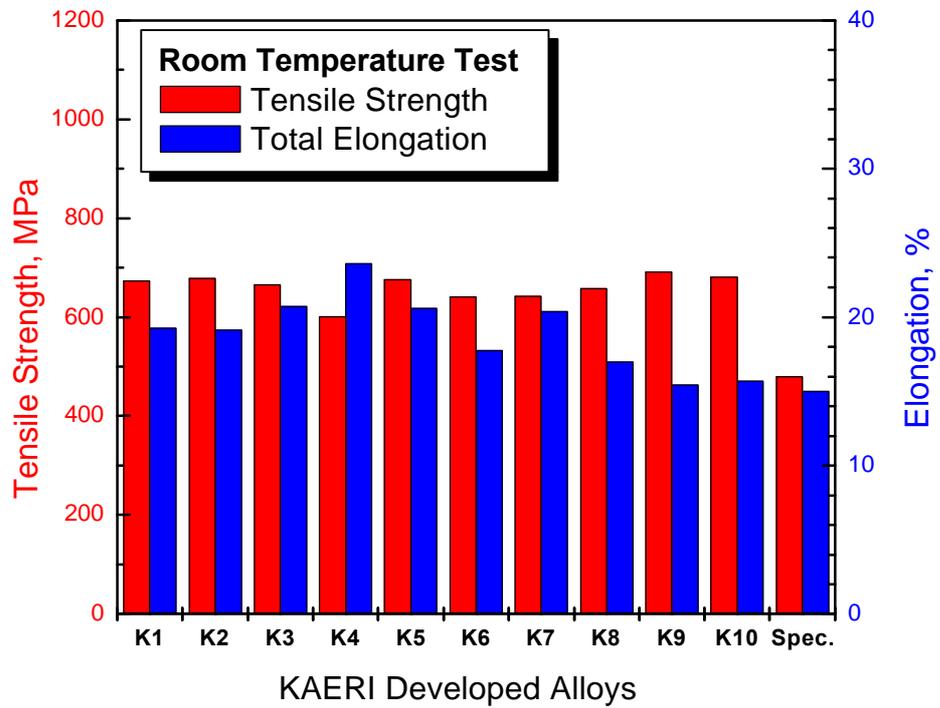


Fig.6 Tensile strength of K-series alloys at room temperature and 400C

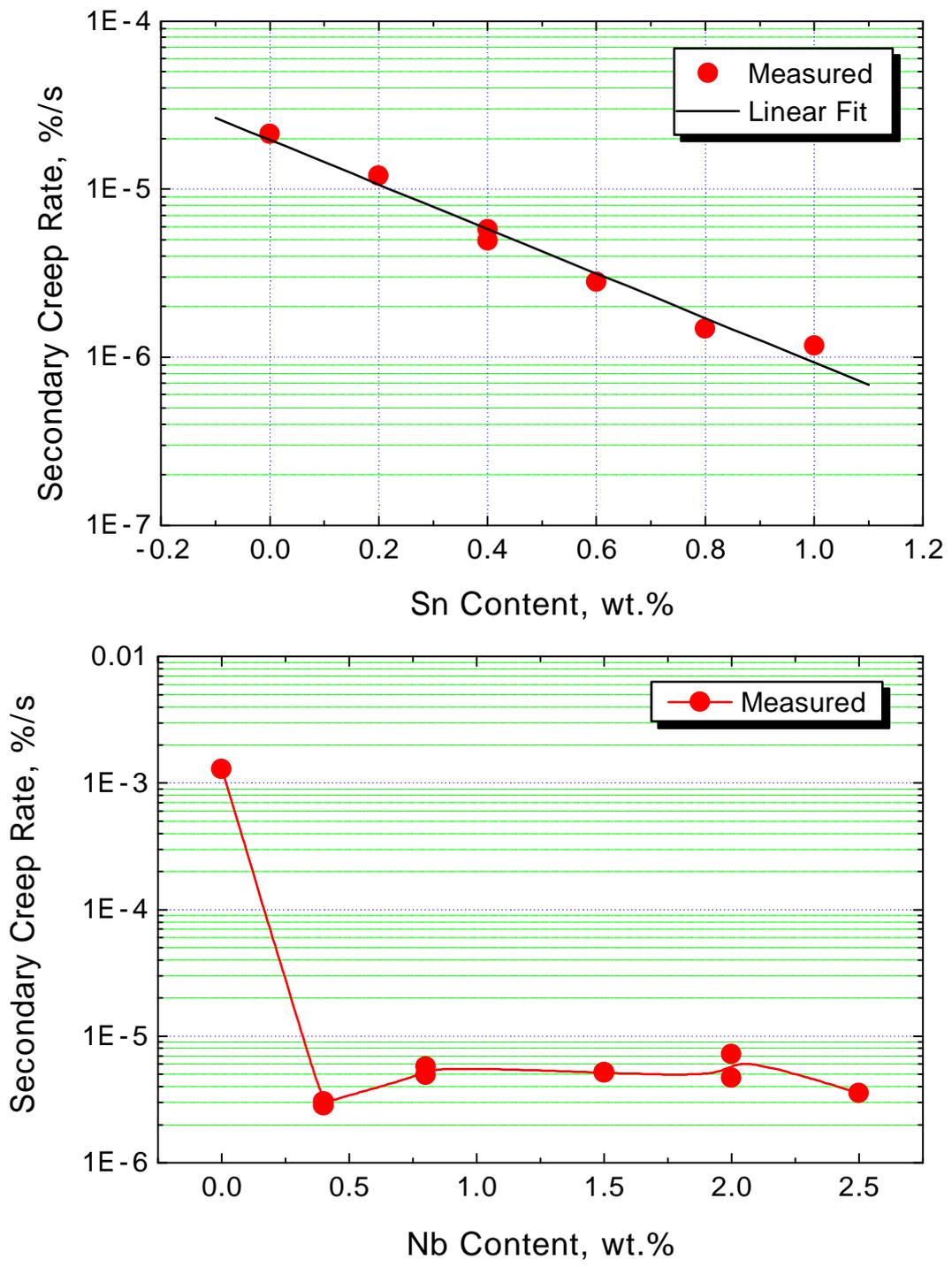


Fig.7 Effect of Sn and Nb on secondary creep rate in K-series alloys

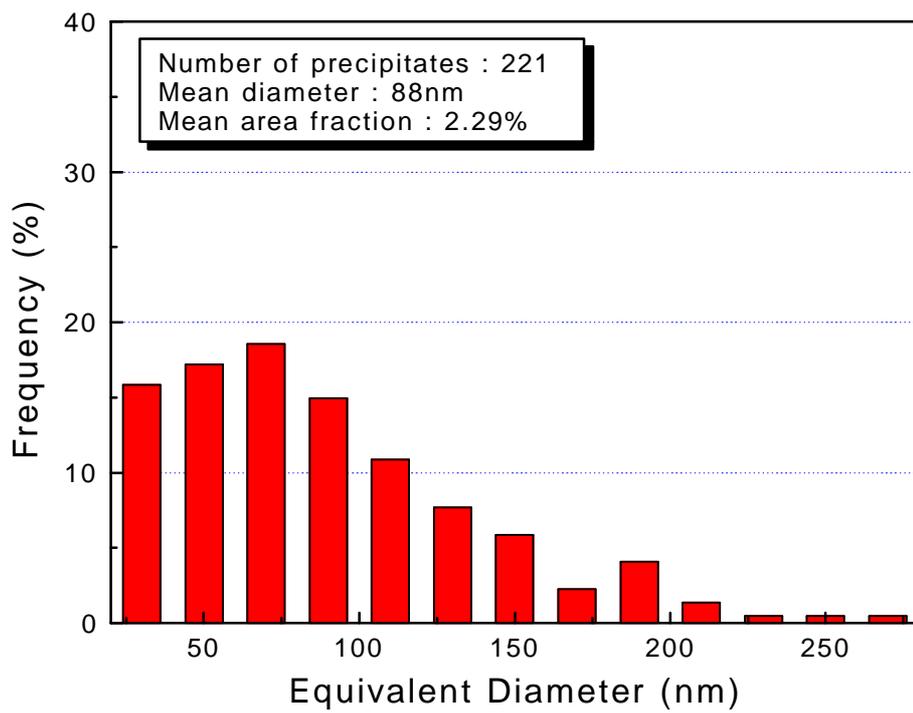
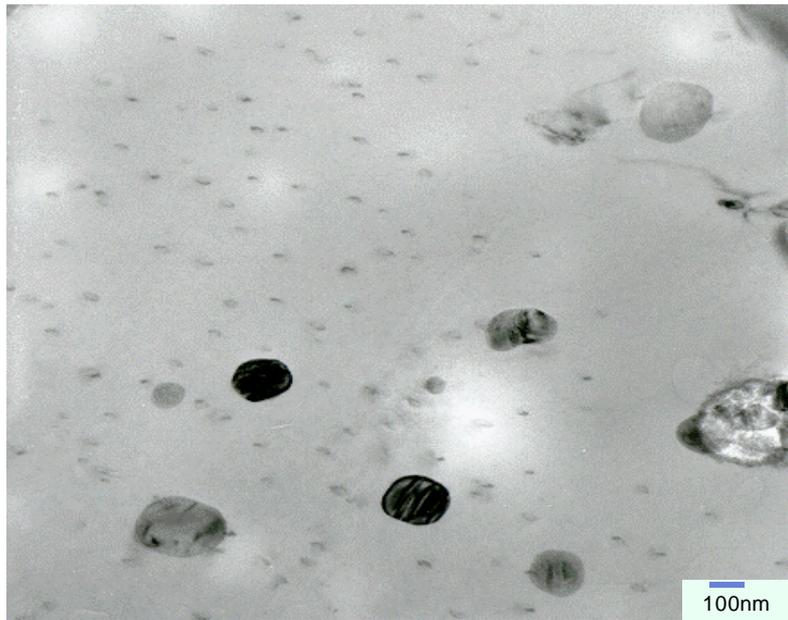


Fig.8 Characteristics of precipitate of K-series alloys

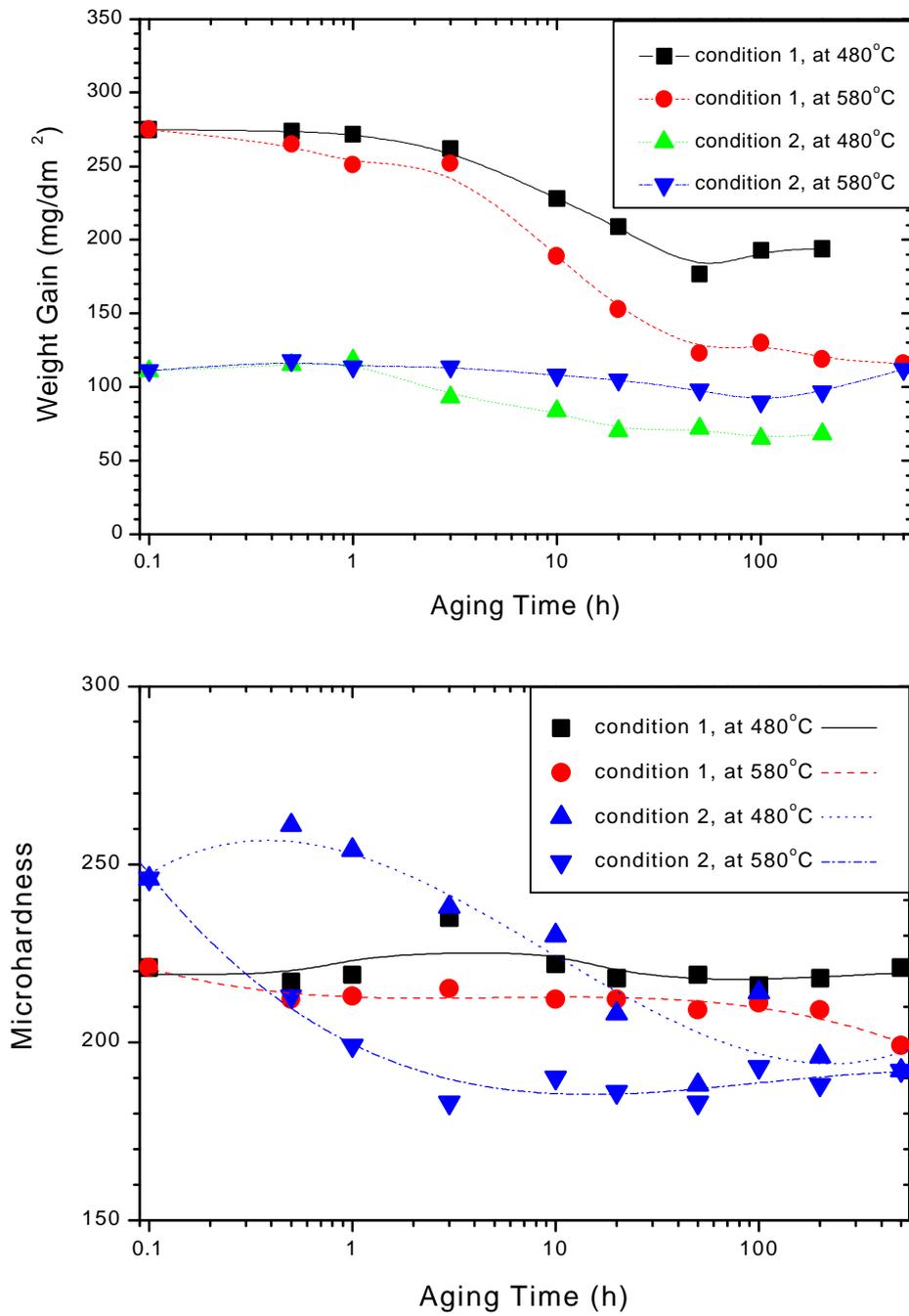


Fig.9 Optimization of corrosion resistance of K-series alloys by heat treatment

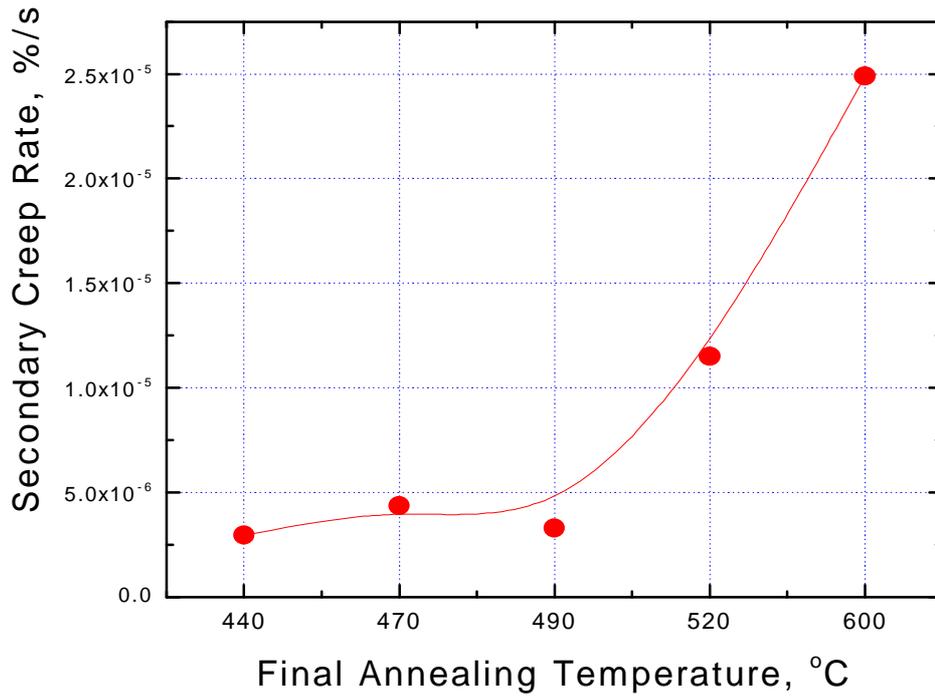
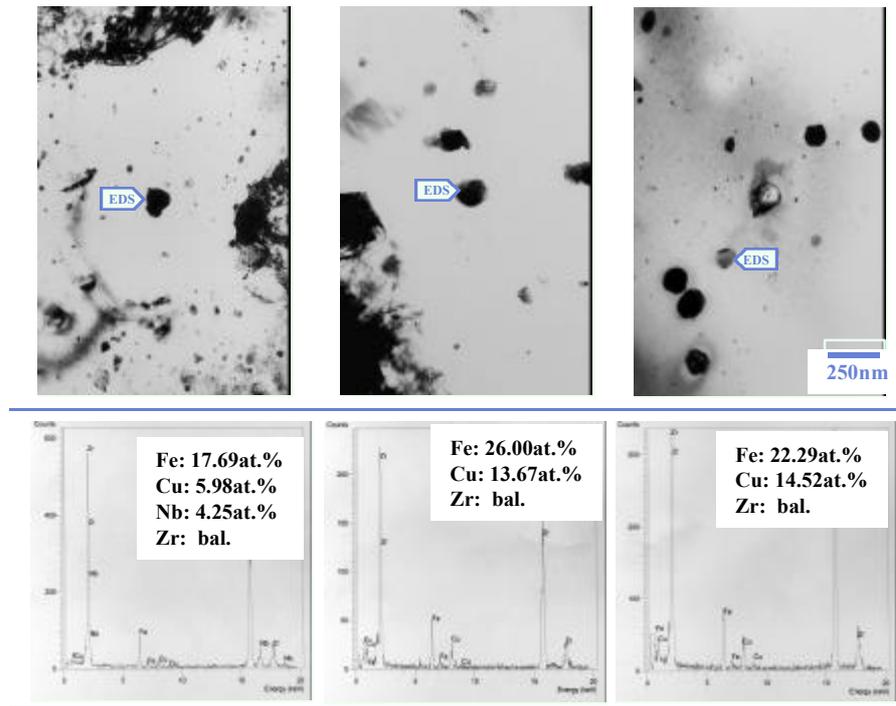


Fig.10 Effect of final annealing temperature on the creep rate



0.4NbSnFeCu 0.2NbSnFeCrCu 0.2NbSnFeCu

Fig.11 Composition and distribution of precipitates in K-series alloys