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## Evaluation of Material Properties due to Thermal Embrittlement in CF8M Cast Austenitic Stainless Steel

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### Abstract

CF8M cast austenitic stainless steel is used for several components such as primary coolant piping, elbow, pump casing, and valve bodies in light water reactors. These components are subject to thermal aging at the reactor operating temperature. Thermal aging results in spinodal decomposition of the delta-ferrite leading to increased strength and decreased toughness. In this study, three kinds of the aged CF8M specimen were prepared using an artificially simulated aging method. The objective of this study is to summarize the method of estimating ferrite contents, Charpy impact energy and J-R curve, and to evaluate the thermal embrittlement of the CF8M cast austenitic stainless steel piping used in the domestic nuclear power plants.

CASS 가

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(cladding) SA508 Gr.1a

1~4

1, 2 CF8M CF8A

(CASS, Cast

Austenitic Stainless Steel)

CASS가

(spinodal

decomposition)

Cr-rich ( ) Fe-rich

( )

가 가

475 가

300

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(1) CASS

, NRC Chopra<sup>(2)</sup> 85 CASS  
290~350 58,000

Westinghouse<sup>(3)</sup> CASS

(4-6) CASS

가

CF8M CF8A CASS  
가

가

1 1  
CF8M CASS 30 60  
J-R

가

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1 CF8M,  
2~4 1~2 CF8A CASS가

1 CF8M CASS  
(statically cast)

(ingot)

Table 1 CASS  
가  
(simulated aging test)

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**Table 1** Chemical composition of CF8M (wt. %)

| Index   | C     | Mn   | Si   | Cr    | Ni   | Mo   | S     | P    | Co    |
|---------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Ingot A | 0.042 | 0.6  | 1.21 | 20.04 | 9.01 | 2.52 | 0.021 | 0.03 | 0.042 |
| Ingot B | 0.041 | 0.61 | 1.22 | 19.84 | 8.96 | 2.52 | 0.022 | 0.03 | 0.041 |

가 (accelerated aging)

가  
NRC  
(Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

(Arrhenius equation)

가 (7)

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = A e^{-\frac{Q}{RT}} \quad (1)$$

, A : constant

R : gas constant (8.31J/moleK)

Q : activation energy (kJ/mole)

T : temperature (K)

$$(1) \quad \frac{dr}{dt}$$

( $\bar{r}_{age}$ )

( $\bar{r}_{ser}$ )

(2) ~ (3)

$$\bar{r}_{age} = A e^{-\frac{Q}{RT_{age}}} \quad (2)$$

$$\bar{r}_{ser} = A e^{-\frac{Q}{RT_{ser}}} \quad (3)$$

,  $T_{age}$  : (K)

$T_{ser}$  : (K)

(4)

(5)

(5)

$$t_{age} A e^{-\frac{Q}{RT_{age}}} = t_{ser} A e^{-\frac{Q}{RT_{ser}}} \quad (4)$$

$$t_{age} = \frac{t_{ser}}{e^{\frac{Q}{R} (\frac{1}{T_{ser}} - \frac{1}{T_{age}})}} \quad (5)$$

,  $t_{age}$  : (hr)

$t_{ser}$  : (hr)

**Table 2** Simulated aging time for CF8M(aging temperature 400 )

| Service Time (yrs) | Service Time, $t_{ser}$ (hr) | Service Temp., $T_{ser}$ ( ) | Sim. Aging Temp., $T_{age}$ ( ) | Sim. Aging Time |                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                    |                              |                              |                                 | $t_{age}$ (hr)  | $t_{age}$ (month) |
| 30                 | 210,240                      | 290                          | 400                             | 2,679           | 3.7               |
| 40                 | 280,320                      |                              |                                 | 3,572           | 5.0               |
| 60                 | 420,480                      |                              |                                 | 5,359           | 7.4               |

CF8M (activation energy) (self diffusion)

$$Q = 10(74.52 - 7.20 - 3.46Si - 1.78Cr - 4.35I_1Mn + (148 - 125I_1)N - 61I_2C) \quad (6)$$

(6) 가 280~330 2.9 CF8M  $I_1 = 1, I_2 = 0$  CF8M CASS (6)

Table 1 ,  $I_1, I_2$  125kJ/mole N 0.04

(5) (  $t_{age}$  ) 1 2~3 , ,

(  $t_{ser}$  ) 80% Table 2 290

30 , 40 , 60 400 , 30 3.7 , 60 7.4

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**Table 3** Predicted and measured ferrite contents

| Index   | Predicted Value |              | Measured Value |
|---------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
|         | Aubrey Eq.      | Schoefer Eq. |                |
| Ingot A | 27.15           | 25.41        | 25.4           |
| Ingot B | 26.44           | 25.05        | 25.8           |

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Aubrey (7) Schoefer (8) ( ) vol %  $Cr_{eq}$   $Ni_{eq}$  Cr (Cr equivalent factor) Ni

$$c = 100.3(Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq})^2 - 170.72(Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq}) + 74.22 \quad (7)$$

$$Cr_{eq} = Cr + 1.21Mo + 0.48Si - 4.99$$

$$Ni_{eq} = Ni + 0.11Mn - 0.0086Mn^2 + 18.4N + 24.5C + 2.77$$

$$c = 42.076(Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq})^2 - 57.186(Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq}) + 18.46 \quad (8)$$

$$Cr_{eq} = Cr + 1.4Mo + 1.5Si + Nb - 4.99$$

$$Ni_{eq} = Ni + 0.5Mn + 30C + 26(N - 0.02) + 2.77$$

Table 3 Aubrey Schoefer

7% 가 Aubrey Schoefer Aubrey Schoefer

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**Table 4** Charpy impact test for CF8M

| Service Time | Impact Energy, Cv (J) | Rating |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------|
| As received  | 150.0                 | -      |
| 30 yrs       | 14.7                  | 90%    |
| 40 yrs       | 15.8                  | 89%    |
| 60 yrs       | 15.3                  | 90%    |

(as received) 30 , 40 , 60

가

(saturation value,  $C_{V_{sat}}$ )

( $C_V$ )

CF8M CASS

(9) ~ (10)

(11)

Ni 10wt%

$$\log_{10} C_{V_{sat}} = 1.10 + 2.12 \exp(-0.041) \quad (9)$$

Ni > 10wt%

$$\log_{10} C_{V_{sat}} = 1.10 + 2.64 \exp(-0.064) \quad (10)$$

$$= {}_c(Ni + Si + Mn)^2 (C + 0.4N) / 5$$

$$\log_{10} C_{V_{sat}} = 7.28 - 0.011 {}_c - 0.185Cr + 0.369Mo - 0.451Si - 0.007Ni - 4.71(C + 0.4N) \quad (11)$$

( $C_V$ )

(12)

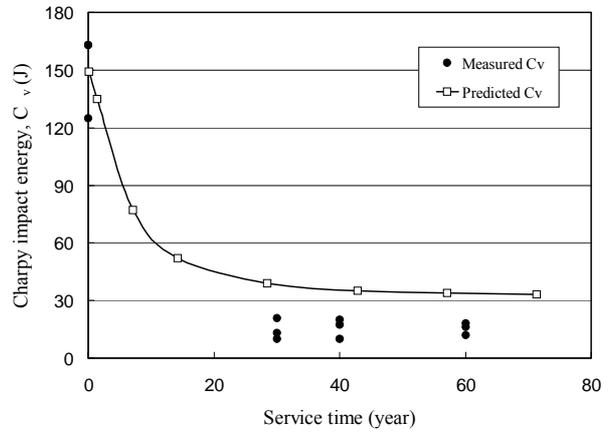
$$\log_{10} C_V = \log_{10} C_{V_{sat}} + [1 - \tanh\{(P - ) / \}] \quad (12)$$

$$P = \log_{10}(t_{ser}) - \frac{1000Q}{19.143} \left( \frac{1}{T_{ser}} - \frac{1}{673} \right)$$

$$= -0.585 + 0.795 \log_{10} C_{V_{sat}}$$

$$= (\log_{10} C_{V_{int}} - \log_{10} C_{V_{sat}}) / 2$$

Table 4



**Fig. 1** Measured and predicted Charpy impact energy

1/10

Ni 10%

(9)

$C_{V_{sat}}$

(11)

$C_{V_{sat}}$

38.5J

30.5J

30.5J

$C_{V_{sat}}$

(12)

290

71

(500,000hr)

$C_V$

$C_{V_{int}}$

150J

$Q = 2$

125kJ/mole

Fig. 1

30

가

150J

10~20%

15~30J

가

Fig. 2

CASS

CF8M

20%

, Argonne

Westinghouse

, KINS/

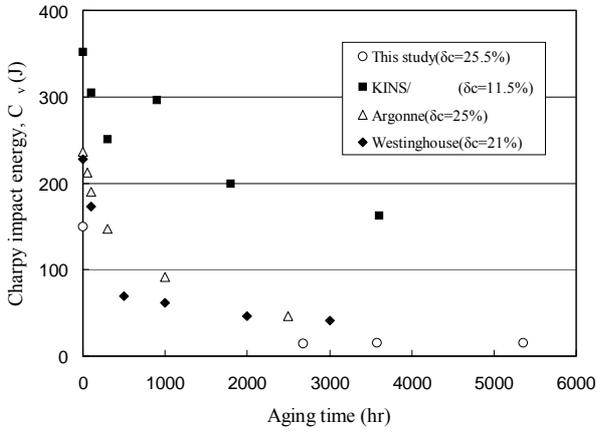


Fig. 2 Comparison of Charpy impact energy



(a) As received (b) 30 yrs Aged

Fig. 3 Specimen after Charpy impact test

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Fig. 3

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5.

(unloading compliance method, ASTM E813-87)<sup>(8)</sup>

J-R

320

$C_{V_{sat}}$

(13)

,<sup>(2)</sup>

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$$J = a(C_{V_{sat}})^b (a)^n \quad (13)$$

$$n = c + d(\log_{10} C_{V_{sat}})$$

Fig. 4 CF8M J-R

Table 5 a, b, c and d for the calculated J-R curve

| Index | Statically Cast |      |     |      | Centrifugally Cast |      |     |      |
|-------|-----------------|------|-----|------|--------------------|------|-----|------|
|       | R/T             |      | 290 |      | R/T                |      | 290 |      |
|       | a               | b    | a   | b    | a                  | b    | a   | b    |
| CF8M  | 16              | 0.67 | 49  | 0.41 | 20                 | 0.67 | 57  | 0.41 |

| Index | R/T  |      | 290  |      |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
|       | c    | d    | c    | d    |
| CF8M  | 0.23 | 0.08 | 0.23 | 0.06 |



Fig. 4 CT specimen after J-R test

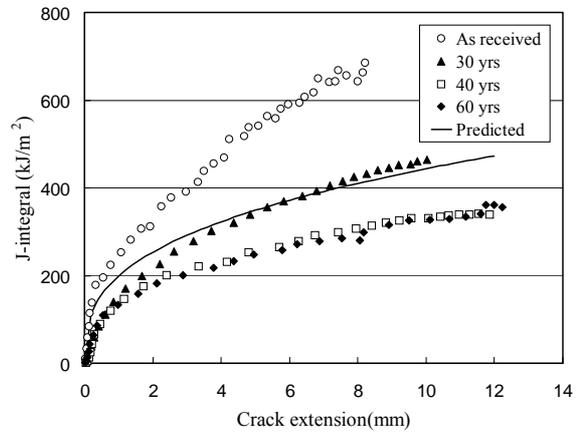


Fig. 5 Tested and predicted J-R curve

Fig. 5

J-R

J-R

J

J-R

30

, 40

60

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290

J-R

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**Table 6** J-R test results for CF8M

| Service Time | J <sub>IC</sub><br>(kJ/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Service Time | J <sub>IC</sub><br>(kJ/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| As Received  | 236.6                                   | 40 yrs       | 76.5                                    |
| 30 yrs       | 74.6                                    | 60 yrs       | 73.0                                    |

가  
1, 2

CF8A

J-R

, 40 60

J

가  
가

CF8M CASS 40

(400 ×3,572hr)

**Table 6** J-R (elasto-plastic fracture toughness) J<sub>IC</sub> CF8M

236.6kJ/m<sup>2</sup>  
30 74.6kJ/m<sup>2</sup>  
1/3

6.

1 1

CF8M  
30 60

(1) Aubrey Schoefer

Aubrey

(2) CF8M (ε=25.5vol%)

150J, 30 ~ 60

10~20%

가

가

(3)

30

J-R

J-R  
40 ~ 60

(4) CF8M

30 ~ 60

1/3

(5) CF8M

236.6kJ/m<sup>2</sup>

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