

1.) a.) Max stress?

Max =  $\sigma_\theta$ ,  $n=1$  ✓

$$\Delta T = \frac{LHR}{4\pi K}$$

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$$\sigma^* = \frac{\alpha E \Delta T}{4(1-\nu)}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{250}{4\pi(0.1)} = 199 \text{ K} \checkmark$$

$$\sigma^* = \frac{(8.2e-6)(290e3)(199)}{4(1-0.3)}$$

$$\sigma^* = 169 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_\theta = -\sigma^*(1-3n^2)$$

$$\sigma_\theta = -169(1-3(1)^2)$$

$$\sigma_\theta = 338 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

b.) cracks?

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$$\sigma_{fr} = 120 \text{ MPa}$$

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \frac{\sigma_{fr}}{\sigma^*})}{3}}$$

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \frac{120}{169})}{3}}$$

$$n = 0.755 \checkmark$$

2.) a.) all stresses?  
- thin wall -

$$R = 0.54 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_\theta = \frac{PR}{\delta} \checkmark$$

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{50(0.54)}{0.12}$$

$$\sigma_\theta = 225 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_z = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_\theta \checkmark$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{1}{2}(225)$$

$$\sigma_z = 112.5 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_r = -\frac{P}{2} \checkmark$$

$$\sigma_r = -\frac{50}{2}$$

$$\sigma_r = -25 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

b.) - thick wall -

$$r = 0.56 \text{ cm} \quad r_i = R$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_r = -P \left( \frac{(\frac{r}{R})^2 - 1}{(\frac{r}{R})^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$\sigma_r = 50 \left( \frac{(0.56)^2 - 1}{(0.54)^2 - 1} \right) - 1$$

$$\sigma_r = -699.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_\theta = P \left( \frac{(\frac{r}{R})^2 + 1}{(\frac{r}{R})^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$\sigma_\theta = 50 \left( \frac{(0.56)^2 + 1}{(0.54)^2 - 1} \right) + 1$$

$$\sigma_\theta = 726 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_z = \frac{P}{(\frac{r}{R})^2 - 1}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{50}{(\frac{0.56}{0.54})^2 - 1}$$

$$\sigma_z = 662.7 \text{ MPa}$$

c.) Max strain?

$$\epsilon_\theta = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_\theta - \nu(\sigma_r + \sigma_z)) \checkmark$$

$$\epsilon_\theta = \frac{1}{180e3} (726 - 0.28[662.7 - 699.5])$$

$$\epsilon_\theta = 0.004$$

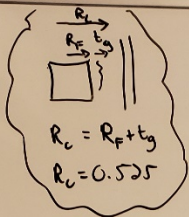
right eqn

Some are  $R_o/r_i$

some are  $R_o/r$

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3.) Gap thickness change?



$$\Delta t_c = R_c \alpha_c \Delta T_c$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{c,i} = \frac{LHR \cdot t_c}{2\pi R_f k_c} + T_{c,o}$$

$$T_{c,i} = \frac{(225)(0.08)}{2\pi(0.52)(0.15)} + 550$$

$$T_{c,i} = 587 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta T_c = 587 - 300$$

$$\Delta T_c = 287 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t_c = (0.525)(4.5e-6)(287)$$

$$\Delta t_c = 6.78e-4$$

$$\bar{T}_c - T_{ref}$$

$$\bar{R}_c = R_f + t_g + \frac{t_c}{2}$$

right equations, but misunderstood concepts

$$\Delta T_F = \frac{LHR}{4\pi k}$$

$$T_o - T_s = \Delta T_F = \frac{225}{4\pi(0.05)} = 358 \text{ K}$$

not equal

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t_f = R_f \alpha_f \Delta T_F \rightarrow \bar{T}_f - T_{ref}$$

$$\Delta t_f = (0.52)(1.5e-6)(358)$$

$$\Delta t_f = 2.79e-4$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t_g = 0.005 + 6.78e-4 - 2.79e-4$$

$$\Delta t_g = 0.0054 \text{ cm}$$

4.) # of gas atoms released?

assume spherical grain

$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} a^3 = \frac{\pi}{6} (8e-4)^3$$

$$V = 2.68e-10 \text{ cm}^3$$

didn't need this, I asked for per volume

$$\Rightarrow \dot{F} = N \phi \sigma_f V$$

$$\dot{F} = (2.5e22)(2e13)(550e-24)(2.68e-10)$$

$$\dot{F} = 73700$$

$$= 7.37e4$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{prod.} = Y \dot{F} t$$

$$\text{prod.} = 0.3107(7.37e4)(6.307e7)$$

$$\text{prod.} = 1.44e12$$

I told you the fission rate

$$\Rightarrow \tau = \frac{D t}{a^2} = \frac{(2e-15)(6.307e7)}{(8e-4)^2}$$

$$\tau = 0.19$$

$$\tau > \tau_c$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 1 - \frac{0.0662}{\tau} \left( 1 - 0.93e^{(-\tau^2 \tau_c)} \right)$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{0.0662}{0.19} \left( 1 - 0.93e^{(-\tau^2(0.19))} \right)$$

$$f = 0.705$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{release} = \text{prod}(f)$$

$$\text{release} = 0.705(1.44e12)$$

$$\text{release} = 1.02e12 \text{ Xe atoms}$$

overlooked info in the problem statement



5.) The use of permanent deformation to increase material strength

7/8 = yes, but I wanted more here  
Dislocation pile-up

- 6.)
1. Melting Temp ✓
  2. Thermal Conductivity ✓
  3. Chemical reactions at cladding interface ✓

- 7.)
1. Fuel
    - temp profile ✓
    - volumetric change ✓

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2. Cladding
    - temp profile ✓
    - stress ✓

3. Gap
  - heat transport ✓
  - fuel-clad mechanical interaction ✓
  - gap pressure ✓

8.) Stage 1: gas atoms are produced in the fuel due to fission and diffuse towards grain boundaries

Stage 2: gas bubbles nucleate on grain boundaries, growing and interconnecting ✓

Stage 3: gas travels through interconnected bubbles to a free surface ✓

9.) Fission gas is retained, not released  
A densely porous structure is formed due to grains subdividing  
Intrinsic thermal cond. increases but material cond. decreases 6/6

10.) 0D defect: vacancy ✓  
3D defect: void ✓

11.) Densification - driving force is change in free energy from the decrease in pore surface area and lowering of surface free energy ✓

Grain Growth - driving force is grain boundary migration

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- migration allows for a reduction in GB length

12.)  $U^{+4}$  ✓  
Possible:  $U^{+3}$ ,  $U^{+4}$ ,  $U^{+5}$ ,  $U^{+6}$  4/4