

1)

Given $r = 4.5 \text{ mm}$ $K = 0.1 \text{ W/cm}\cdot\text{K}$ $\text{LHR} = 250 \text{ W/cm}$ $E = 290 \text{ GPa}$ $\nu = 0.3$ $\alpha = 8.2 \text{ E-6/K}$

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Find a) $\sigma_{\text{max}} = ?$ Max is when $\eta = 1$

$$\sigma^* = \frac{\alpha E (T_0 - T_s)}{4(1 - \nu)}$$

$$T_0 - T_s = \frac{\text{LHR}}{4\pi K} = \frac{250 \text{ W/cm}}{(4\pi)(0.1 \text{ W/cm}\cdot\text{K})}$$

$$= 198.94 \text{ K} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{(8.2 \text{ E-6/K})(290 \text{ E3})(198.94 \text{ K})}{4(1 - 0.3)}$$

$$= 168.96 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

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

$$= -168.96 \text{ MPa} (1 - 3(1)^2)$$

$$= 337.97 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$$

b) Find crack depth?

using $\sigma^* = 168.96 \text{ MPa} \checkmark$ Given $\sigma_c = 120 \text{ MPa}$

$$\eta = \sqrt{1 + \frac{120}{168.96}} = 0.755 = 1 - 0.755 = 25\%$$

② $P = 50 \text{ MPa}$; $\bar{R} = 5.4 \text{ mm}$; $t_c = 1.2 \text{ mm}$

a) Find thin-walled stresses:

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$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{PR}{t_c} = \frac{(50 \text{ MPa})(0.0054 \text{ m})}{0.0012 \text{ m}} = 225 \text{ MPa} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sigma_r = -\frac{1}{2}P = -25 \text{ MPa} \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{PR}{2t_c} = \frac{(50 \text{ MPa})(0.0054 \text{ m})}{2(0.0012 \text{ m})} = 112.5 \text{ MPa}$$

b) Find thick-wall σ @ $r = 5.6 \text{ mm} = 0.56 \text{ cm} = 0.0056 \text{ m}$

$$r_i = 4.9$$

$$r_o = 6$$

$$\sigma_\theta = P \frac{\left(\frac{r_o}{r}\right)^2 + 1}{\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)^2 - 1} = 50 \text{ MPa} \frac{(1.0)^2 + 1}{(1.08)^2 - 1} = 306.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$R = \frac{r_i + r_o}{2} = 5.4$$

assuming $r = R = 5.6 \text{ mm}$

$$R = 5.2$$

$$R_o/R = 1.08$$

$$R_o/R_i = 1.08$$

$$\sigma_r = -P \frac{\left(\frac{r_o}{r}\right)^2 - 1}{\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)^2 - 1} = 0 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_z = P \frac{1}{\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)^2 - 1} = 50 \text{ MPa} \frac{1}{1.08^2 - 1} = 300.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$r \neq R_o$ here

- misunderstanding on geometry and eqns

c) Find ϵ_{\max} ?

$$E = 180 \text{ GPa} = 180 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.28$$

Given $\sigma_\theta > \sigma_z$

$$\epsilon_\theta > \epsilon_z$$

$$\epsilon_{\max} = \epsilon_{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_\theta - \nu(\sigma_r + \sigma_z)) = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_\theta - \nu\sigma_z) = \frac{1}{180 \times 10^3} \left(306.5 - 0.28 \cdot 300.5 \right) = 0.00124$$

- right eqn, wrong values for stress

③ Find $\Delta t_g = ?$

Given: $R_f = 0.52 \text{ cm}$; $t_g = 0.005 \text{ cm}$; $T_{co} = 550 \text{ K}$

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$k_{\text{fuel}} = 0.05 \text{ W/cm}\cdot\text{K}$; $t_{\text{clad}} = 0.08 \text{ cm}$ LHR = 225 W/cm
 $k_{\text{gap}} = 0.003 \text{ W/cm}\cdot\text{K}$ $k_{\text{cool}} = 0.15 \text{ W/cm}\cdot\text{K}$

$\alpha_c = 4.5 \text{ E-6/K}$ $\alpha_f = 15 \text{ E-6/K}$ $T_{\text{ref}}(\text{fuel-clad}) = 300 \text{ K}$

$$\Delta t_{\text{gap}} = \bar{R}_c \alpha_c \Delta T_c - \bar{R}_f \alpha_f \Delta T_f \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \bar{R}_c \alpha_c \Delta T_c - \bar{R}_f \alpha_f \Delta T_f$$

$$\bar{R}_c = R_f + t_{\text{gap}} + \frac{t_c}{2} = 0.52 + \dots = 0.5255 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta R_f = \alpha_f (T_f - T_{co})$$

$$0.52 \text{ cm} = (5 \text{ E-6/K})(T_f - 550 \text{ K})$$

$$\bar{R}_c = 0.565$$

$$T_f = 550 \text{ K} =$$

$$T_{c1} = T_{co} + \frac{\text{LHR}}{2\pi R_f} \frac{t_{\text{clad}}}{k_{\text{clad}}} = 550 \text{ K} + \frac{225 \text{ W/cm}}{2\pi(0.52 \text{ cm})} \left(\frac{0.08 \text{ cm}}{0.15 \text{ W/cm}\cdot\text{K}} \right) = 566.7 \text{ K} \quad \checkmark$$

$$T_f = T_{c1} + \frac{\text{LHR}}{2\pi R_f} \frac{t_g}{k_g} = 566.7 \text{ K} + \frac{225}{2\pi(0.52 \text{ cm})} \left(\frac{0.005}{0.003} \right) = 701.4 \text{ K} \quad \checkmark$$

$$T_o = T_f + \frac{\text{LHR}}{4\pi R_f} = 701 + \frac{225}{4\pi(0.005)} = 1054.1 \text{ K} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Delta T_c = T_{c1} - T_{co} = 66.7 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta T_f = T_o - T_f = 352.7 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta T_c: \bar{T}_c - T_o$$

$$\Delta T_f: \bar{T}_f - T_o$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{gap}} = \bar{R}_c \alpha_c \Delta T_c - \bar{R}_f \alpha_f \Delta T_f$$

$$= \bar{R}_c (4.5 \text{ E-6/K})(66.7 \text{ K}) - (0.52 \text{ cm})(15 \text{ E-6/K})(352.7 \text{ K})$$

$$= 0.5255 \text{ cm} (3.902 \times 10^{-4}) - 0.0028 = 0.0026 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_g = 0.005 \text{ cm} - 0.0026 \text{ cm} = 0.0024 \text{ cm}$$

- right set of eqns, but various

parameters incorrectly used

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avg. grain size = ϕ micron

Exam 2

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$$\phi = 2.0 \text{ E } 13 \text{ fissions/cm}^3\text{-s}$$

$$D = 2 \text{ E } -15 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s} \quad \sigma_f = 550 \text{ b}$$

$$\gamma = 0.3017$$

Find released # gas atoms @ $t = 2 \text{ year} = 6.312 \text{ E } 7 \text{ s}$

$$V (\text{assume spherical}) = \frac{\pi}{6} d^3 = \frac{\pi}{6} (84 \text{ m})^3 = 268.1 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$= 0.2681 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\dot{F} = N_{\text{u235}} \phi \sigma_f V = (2.5 \text{ E } 22 \text{ atoms/cm}^3) (2.0 \text{ E } 13 \text{ fissions/cm}^3\text{-s}) (550 \text{ E } -24) (0.2681 \text{ cm}^3)$$

-I provided the fission rate

$$= 7.37 \text{ E } 13 \text{ fissions/s}$$

$$gP_{\text{tot}} = \gamma \dot{F} t = (0.3017) (7.37 \text{ E } 13) (6.312 \text{ E } 7)$$

$$= 1.404 \text{ E } 21 \text{ gas atoms}$$

$$f_r = gP_{\text{tot}} \cdot f_{\text{gas}}$$

Given $\tau > \pi^2$ → $f_{\text{gas}} = 1 - \frac{0.0662}{D t / a^2} (1 - 0.93 \cdot e^{-\pi^2 \cdot D t / a^2})$ ✓

how did you know $\tau > \pi^2$?

$$\tau = D t / a^2 = \frac{(2 \text{ E } -15) (6.312 \text{ E } 7 \text{ s})}{0.2681 \text{ cm}^3} = 0.1973$$

$$f_{\text{gas}} = 1 - \frac{0.0662}{0.1973} (1 - 0.93 \exp(-\pi^2 \cdot 0.1973))$$

$$= 0.709 \checkmark$$

-wrong \dot{F} , thus wrong amount of gas

$$f_r = gP_{\text{tot}} \cdot f_{\text{gas}} = (1.404 \text{ E } 21) (0.709) = 9.954 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms released}$$

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- ⑤ Strain hardening — a mat. property with a value between 0 → 1, ...
 - why does this hardening occur?
 0 = Mat. is fully plastically solid while 1 means mat. is fully elastic.

Caused by deformation beyond the mat. yield point, after plastic deformation... the mat. hardens the mat.

- ⑥ $f(\text{stoich})$ affects ① Melting temp ✓

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② Thermal conductivity ✓

③ creep / FGR / grain growth (dependant on diff)

- ⑦ ① Numerically model temp in fuel ✓

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③ Consider gap pressure, closure, and HT effects ✓

- ⑧ ①-D or point defects → Vacancies ✓

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- ⑨ FGR → Stage 1 → intragranular diff. to GB ^{gas generated}

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Stage 2 → GB gas accumulation/saturation - along the grain boundaries

" " 3 → once gas and connected, it is released

- ⑩ HBS causes degradation of mat. conductivity due to change in crystal structure instability / changes

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→ due to ↑ porosity, but clean grains ↑ K_{th}

→ FG is retained

① Densification is caused by ^{Exam 2} continuation of sintering since ^{6/6} fuel is not @ 100% CP... small pores close, pellets shrink and is driven by change in free \checkmark E from decr. of surf. area of pores. (which decr. of free-E), Grain growth driven by P_d or P_a pressure... and reduction of \checkmark GB-Energy. due to temp gradients, Energy gradients & dislocation grads \checkmark

② Valence state of U in $UO_2 = U^{4+}$. \checkmark

$\frac{4}{4}$ As U oxidizes it usually goes $U^{4+} \xrightarrow{U^{+3}} U^{5+} \rightarrow U^{6+}$ to stay electrically neutral.