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REACTOR MATERIALS PERFORMANCE

PREFACE

T. T. Claudson (top) (PhD, Oregon State University, 1962) has been interested in the development of Nuclear Fuels and Materials Technology since 1955. He is currently working with the design, operation, construction, and safety analysis for the Fast Flux Test Facility in Hanford. W. E. Roake (PhD, Northwestern University, 1948) is also interested in the development of Nuclear Fuels and Materials Technology. He is currently working in the field of physical chemistry.

DAMAGE FUNCTION ANALYSIS OF AUSTENITIC-STEEL NEUTRON-INDUCED MECHANICAL PROPERTY CHANGE DATA

R. L. Simons (right) (BA, Western Washington State College, 1967) and W. N. McElroy (center) (PhD, Illinois Institute of Technology, 1965), both at Westinghouse Hanford since 1970, are engaged in neutron dosimetry and irradiation effects studies for the LMFBR program. L. D. Blackburn (left) (DSc, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1963), also at Westinghouse Hanford since 1970, is engaged in the evaluation of irradiation effects on mechanical properties of stainless steel for the LMFBR program.

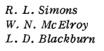
SCIM-A THEORY BASED COMPUTER CODE FOR THE PREDICTION OF THE IN-PILE BEHAVIOR OF TYPE 304 STAINLESS STEEL

S. D. Harkness (left) (PhD, University of Florida, 1967) is leader of the Radiation Effects Group at Argonne National Laboratory. R. Grappel (not pictured) (BS, University of Michigan, 1971) and S. G. McDonald (right) (PhD, Notre Dame, 1972) served as research associates at Argonne between 1970 and 1972. McDonald is currently employed by Westinghouse Advanced Reactor Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. W. E. Roake T. T. Claudson











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AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF HYDROSTATIC J. L. Straalsund STRESS ON SWELLING

J. L. Straalsund (right) (PhD, engineering science, Washington State University) and G. L. Guthrie (PhD, physics, Carnegie Institute of Technology) are senior research scientists in the Reactor Metals Sub-Department of the Westinghouse Hanford Company. Their principal area of research is irradiation-induced swelling of reactor structural materials.

EFFECT OF NEUTRON IRRADIATION ON THE DUC-TILITY OF AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL

J. R. Weir, Jr. (right) (metallurgical engineering, University of Cincinnati, 1955; MS, University of Tennessee, 1961) is section head in the Metals and Ceramics Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He has worked in the areas of deformation, fracture, irradiation, and environmental effects on metals and alloys. E. E. Bloom (PhD, University of Tennessee, 1970) is head of the Irradiation Mechanical Metallurgy Group in the Metals and Ceramics Division of ORNL and has been involved in investigations of the effects of irradiation on the properties of materials since 1964. Current studies are in the area of irradiation effects in LMFBR cladding and structural materials.

THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SWELLING AND **IRRADIATION CREEP**

The authors are all senior engineers at Westinghouse Advanced Reactor Division. W. G. Wolfer (top) (MS, physics, University of Stuttgart; PhD, nuclear engineering sciences, University of Florida) is currently working in the areas of irradiation damage in metals and fuels. J. P. Foster (center) (PhD, materials science, Drexel University) is interested in the creep and fracture of metals during irradiation and in the thermal performance of fuel pins. F. A. Garner (bottom) (DSc, nuclear engineering, University of Virginia) is presently involved in studies of irradiation damage in metals and the implications to fast reactor design.

AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECT OF INTERGRANULAR ATTACK ON FUEL PIN BURST PROPERTIES

The authors are all members of the Breeder Reactor Department at the General Electric Company. P. J. Ring (left) (BS, metallurgy, Manchester; ACT (MS), Surrey University, U.K.) is a metallurgist engaged in fuel cladding mechanical property development for the past two years. Prior to this, he was involved in materials problems and in the study of electrical effects on liquid metal corrosion at the General Electric Valley Forge facility. Before joining GE, he worked for four years with the UKAEA on thermal reactor cladding and fuel technology. K. D. Challenger (center) (MS, University of Cincinnati) is a metallurgical engineer and has been active in research on austenitic stainless and other heat resisting steels for the last five years. H. J. Busboom (right) is presently task leader for LMFBR cladding development and has been involved in activities related to irradiation effects in LMFBR cladding alloys during the past six years. Prior to this work, he spent four years involved in light water reactor cladding technology.

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PERFORMANCE OF MIXED-OXIDE FUEL ELEMENTS TO 11 at.% BURNUP

The authors are all members of the Fuels Performance Group of the Materials Science Division at Argonne National Laboratory. L. A. Neimark (center, left) (MS, University of Minnesota) is the group leader and has been involved in ceramic fuel irradiation studies at ANL since 1958. He spent $1\frac{1}{2}$ years with the LMFBR Program Office developing the Fuels and Materials Program Plan. J. D. B. Lambert (center, right) (BS, University of Liverpool, U.K.) joined ANL in 1970 after 10 years with the Fuel Element Irradiation Group at Harwell where he worked on the behavior of oxide, carbide, and cermet fuels for thermal and fast reactors. W. F. Murphy (right) (MS, Syracuse University) has worked at ANL for the past 23 years on various aspects of the irradiation of structural materials and metal and oxide fuels. He also taught at the International School of Nuclear Science and Engineering at ANL. C. W. Renfro (left) (BS, University of Illinois) has been at ANL for 1 year and is now involved in the quantitative morphological and chemical analyses of oxide fuel microstructures.

FUEL-CLADDING MECHANICAL INTERACTION IN LMFBR FUEL RODS

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THE MECHANICAL DESIGN OF TRISO-COATED PAR-TICLE FUELS FOR THE LARGE HTGR

T. D. Gulden (right) (PhD, Stanford University, 1965) is manager of the HTGR Fuel Materials Branch. He has been involved in various aspects of coated particle fuels work at Gulf General Atomic since 1967 and before that was a research associate at the Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories in the U.K. working on irradiation effects in ceramics. Craig L. Smith (center, seated) (PhD, Carnegie-Mellon University, 1971), senior materials engineer, and W. W. Hudritsch (center, standing) (MSc, Vienna University of Technology, 1964), physicist, are involved in analytical studies of the design of coated particle fuels. David P. Harmon (left) (BS, University of California, Berkeley, L. A. Neimark J. D. B. Lambert W. F. Murphy C. W. Renfro



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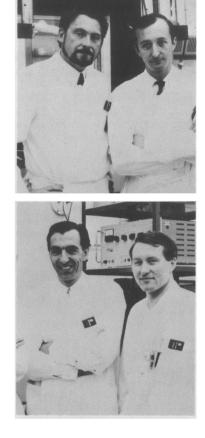
1963), senior materials engineer, has been instrumental in the irradiation testing of coated particle fuels since 1968 and previously was involved in studies of phase equilibrium in transition metal-boron-carbon systems at Aerojet-General Corporation, Sacramento, California.

HIGH BURNUP MIXED-OXIDE FUEL IRRADIATION EX-PERIMENTS

The authors are all staff members of the European Institute for Transuranium Elements at Karlsruhe. M. Coquerelle (left, top) (PhD, solid state chemistry, University of Brussels, Belgium) is a specialist in the field of postirradiation examinations of fast breeder oxide fuels and advanced fuels. He gained his first experience when working for the French Nuclear Research Center of Saclay. J. Gabolde (right, top) (Ingénieur des Arts et Manufactures, Ecole Centrale de Paris; Ingénieur en Genie Atomique, Saclay) has wide experience in the development of irradiation capsules, and in the preparation and control of irradiation experiments. In 1966, he spent a three-month period at APDA, Detroit, as representative for the European irradiations planned in the Enrico Fermi Reactor. R. Lesser (left, bottom) (PhD, inorganic chemistry, University of Freiburg, Germany) was employed by Heraeus of Hanau, Germany, working on high-temperature metallurgy. He then worked at Cadarache, France, Argonne National Laboratory, and Hanford, where he gained his first experience in the plutonium field. He is primarily interested in plutonium and transplutonium technology. P. Werner (right, bottom) (MS, mechanical engineering, University of Karlsruhe) worked for the local university in the machinetool and plant management facility. In 1964 he joined the Institute as a staff member and spent a training period at Windscale, Great Britain. He is primarily involved in the development of high-precision hot cell equipment.

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POROSITY AND ACTINIDE REDISTRIBUTION DURING IRRADIATION OF $(U, Pu)O_2$

Jack Lackey (top) (PhD, ceramic engineering, North Carolina State University) has been at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the Metals and Ceramics Division since 1969. He is involved in fabrication, characterization, and postirradiation evaluation and modeling of (U, Pu)O2 fast reactor fuels. More recently he has been engaged in developing processes and equipment for coating HTGR fuel particles. F. J. Homan (center) (BS, metallurgical engineering, Cornell University, 1963) is head of the Fuels Evaluation Group, Metals and Ceramics Division, ORNL. His current interests include the economic and performance evaluation of nuclear fuels. A. R. Olsen (bottom) (metallurgical engineering, Colorado School of Mines, 1947), is currently involved in irradiation testing and performance evaluation of reactor fuels in the Fuels Evaluation Group of the Metals and Ceramics Division at ORNL.

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POSTIRRADIATION OBSERVATIONS OF MIXED OXIDES WITH INITIAL ADDITION OF FISSION PRODUCT ELE-MENTS

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF CYGRO-F FOR FUEL ROD BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Brian L. Harbourne (right, center) (BSc, Manchester, England, 1953) has been involved in fuel rod performance modeling and materials property analysis at Westinghouse Advanced Reactors Division for the last 5 years. Prior to this he worked for the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority on nuclear materials problems. Marvin S. Beck (left) (BS. University of Saskatchewan, 1964; MS, University of Toronto, 1967) has been engaged in the computer simulation of LMFBR fuel rod performance for about 5 years. John P. Foster (left, center) (PhD, Drexel University, 1971) has been largely responsible for the modeling of the early-life behavior of fuel rods, and for the development of models for irradiation-induced creep in cladding materials. Amilcare Biancheria (right) (PhD, Clark University) is manager of Fuels Irradiation at Westinghouse Advanced Reactors Division and has been active in the fuels and fuel rod performance area for the past 15 years.

EXAMINATION OF F3A SERIES UNENCAPSULATED MIXED-OXIDE FUEL PINS IRRADIATED IN EBR-II

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BORON CONCENTRATION GRADIENT FOR IMPROVED THERMAL REACTOR PERFORMANCE OF BORON-STAINLESS-STEEL CONTROL RODS

R. J. Beaver (left) (MS, metallurgical engineering, University of Kentucky, 1950) has been at Oak Ridge National Laboratory since October 1950. As group leader he was responsible for the development and production of the first core loading of the stainless-steel base, plate-type fuel elements, and neutron absorbers for the 10-MW U.S. Army's SM-1 reactor. He was active in the development of dispersions of ¹⁰B in iron, and subsequently was primarily responsible for the concept and investigations associated with improving the reactor performance capability of the conventional boron-metal dispersion using the boron concentration gradient principle. Beaver is currently technical manager of work at ORNL associated with materials selection and specification improvements for fuel elements and control rods. A. E. Richt (metallurgical engineering, University of Cincinnati, 1952) has been at ORNL since June 1952. He was the investigator responsible for the postirradiation evaluations of fuel elements and neutron absorbers developed for the U.S. Army's SM-1 reactor. During this period he was closely associated with the program of developing dispersions of ¹⁰B in iron for the first core loading, and subsequently was in charge of the postirradiation evaluation of the experimental boron concentration gradient neutron absorber. Richt currently is heavily involved in postirradiation examinations of reactor materials at ORNL, including HFIR fuel elements and control rods.

IRRADIATION-INDUCED DIMENSIONAL CHANGE IN O. M. Stansfield BORONATED GRAPHITE

O. M. Stansfield (MS, University of California), a member of the Gulf General Atomic HTGR Fuel Development Department, is involved in the study of effects of irradiation on control materials and thermal stability of reactor fuel.

EMPIRICAL HELIUM RELEASE FUNCTION FROM THER-MAL REACTOR IRRADIATED BORON CARBIDE

Glenn E. Russcher (left) (BS, engineering physics, University of Michigan, 1959; PhD, nuclear engineering, Iowa State University, 1964) has been developing analytical techniques for correlating irradiation effects in materials. Nuclear materials roles in various reactor systems and their safety analysis for the FFTF are his current technical interests as a senior research scientist for Westinghouse Hanford Company. A. L. Pitner (BS, physics, Washington State University, 1964) has been engaged in materials irradiation programs at the Hanford Works for the past eight years. Present activities are directed at the characterization of the irradiation performance of boron carbide for fast reactor control rod applications.

PERFORMANCE MODELING OF NEUTRON ABSORBERS F. J. Homan

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IRRADIATION BEHAVIOR OF BORON CARBIDE

R. G. Donnelly (left) (BS, Case Institute of Technology), W. R. Martin (center) (BS, University of Cincinnati), and G. L. Copeland (right) (MS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) have been active for the past three years in the fast reactor neutron absorber program in the Metals and Ceramics Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Copeland is lead engineer on boron carbide irradiation behavior in the Ceramic and Powder Development Laboratory which Donnelly heads. Martin now supervises the Mechanical Properties Laboratories.

IRRADIATION EFFECTS IN BORON CARBIDE PELLETS IRRADIATED IN FAST NEUTRON SPECTRA

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THE STRUCTURE OF SODIUM CORROSION DEPOSITS AND THEIR EFFECT ON HEAT TRANSFER COEFFI-CIENTS

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SODIUM CORROSION AND MASS TRANSFER ANALYSISE. BerkeyWITH AN ION PROBE MASS SPECTROMETERG. G. Swed

Edgar Berkey (center) (PhD, nuclear science, Cornell, 1967) is responsible for the LMFBR sodium technology programs at the Westinghouse Research Laboratories. His research interests have included the application of advanced microanalytical techniques to sodium corrosion problems and the development of on-line instrumentation for impurity monitoring in liquid sodium. George G. Sweeney (left) (MA, mathematics, Duquesne, 1971), a senior engineer at Westinghouse Research, has more than 12 years experience in all phases of mass spectroscopy of solids. William M. Hickam (right) (MS, physics, VPI, 1942) has broad program responsibility for a number of research areas relating to mass spectroscopy, fast breeder reactor sodium technology, analytical instrumentation development, and incandescent lamp chemistry.

MATERIALS CREEP BEHAVIOR AND ELEVATED TEM-PERATURE DESIGN

L. D. Blackburn (top) (DSc, metallurgy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1963) has been active in the area of materials development for high temperature nuclear reactors since 1966, and is presently with the Mechanical Metallurgy Section, at the Hanford Engineering Development Laboratory. J. C. Tobin (center) (PhD, metallurgical engineering, University of Michigan, 1956) is presently manager of Process and Manufacturing Engineering Section of the Fast Flux Test Facility Project at HEDL, and has over 15 years experience in the area of materials applications for nuclear systems. R. A. Moen (bottom) (BS, metallurgical engineering, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 1962) has been involved in materials support activities for the FFTF project since 1967. He was previously associated with fuels and materials development work at the National Reactor Testing Station.

CREEP DATA ACQUISITION AND APPLICATION TO REACTOR COMPONENT DESIGN

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ESTIMATES OF CREEP-FATIGUE INTERACTION IN IRRADIATED AND UNIRRADIATED AUSTENITIC STAIN-LESS STEELS

Charles R. Brinkman (right) (PhD, metallurgy, University of Utah, 1966) is the section chief of the Materials Research Section at Aerojet Nuclear Company. His previous experience and interests include recovery and recrystalliE. Berkey G. G. Sweeney W. M. Hickam



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zation, hydrogen embrittlement, fracture mechanics, radiation effects, fatigue, and creep-fatigue interactions. Gary E. Korth (left) (PhD, metallurgy, University of Utah, 1968) is an associate scientist in the Materials Research Section of Aerojet Nuclear Company. He has had experience in characterizing microstructure and physical property changes of irradiated stainless steels, aluminum, beryllium, and hafnium. Richard R. Hobbins (right) (PhD, metallurgy, University of Delaware, 1969) is a senior metallurgist in the Materials Research Section. He has been involved, principally, in the performance evaluation of uranium aluminide nuclear fuels, the determination of gases in metals, and the effects of atomic mobility on material properties.

EFFECT OF IRRADIATION ON THE STRAIN RATE DE- J. M. Steichen PENDENCE OF TYPE 304 STAINLESS-STEEL MECHAN-ICAL PROPERTIES

John M. Steichen (BS, metallurgical engineering, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 1968) has been active in materials R&D at Westinghouse Hanford Company since 1970. His work is devoted to the determination of mechanical properties of FFTF structural materials at high strain rates.

FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH IN 20% COLD-WORKED TYPE Lee A. James 316 STAINLESS STEEL AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES

Lee A. James (MS, mechanical engineering, University of Washington, 1965) spent eight years as a stress analyst and structural designer with The Boeing Company. In 1967 he moved to the Hanford Works where he is engaged in fracture mechanics and fatigue-crack propagation research, employed first at Battelle-Northwest and later at the Westinghouse Hanford Company.

POSTIRRADIATION CREEP OF ANNEALED TYPE 316 A. J. Lovell STAINLESS STEEL

Artell J. Lovell (BS, physical metallurgy, Washington State University, 1961; MS, metallurgical engineering, University of Idaho) is a senior research engineer evaluating irradiation effect to materials behavior at the Hanford Engineering Development Laboratory. Since 1961 he has been involved in irradiation effects, both at Hanford, for General Electric, Battelle, and Westinghouse, and at the National Reactor Testing Station (Idaho Falls) for General Electric. He performed the post-incident metallurgical evaluation of the devastated SL-1 reactor.

STRUCTURAL MATERIALS ASPECTS OF LMFBR CORE W. E. Pennell RESTRAINT SYSTEM DESIGN

W. E. Pennell (MS, Cranfield Institute of Technology, U.K.) is manager of FFTF Structural Analysis at the Westinghouse Advanced Reactors Division. His interests include the application of irradiation effects design data to the mechanical performance evaluation of LMFBR core components.

