

of the curve, but it is likely that the minimum fractional fission-gas release would be around 2×10^{13} fissions/(cm³ sec) fission density.

All the data shown in the figure are for specimens being irradiated at 1400°C. For our single-crystal spheres we extrapolated from 1300°C, knowing the temperature dependence of the gas release. Another factor influencing the fractional gas release is the surface-to-volume ratio (S/V) of the specimen. All the data were normalized to the same geometric (S/V) ratio as Soulhier's single-crystal sphere specimens, which by coincidence had the same (S/V) ratio as our fine-grain disk specimens. All specimens were stoichiometric UO₂ of high density (>99% TD except specimen Cl-20 was 98.4% TD; see the figure).

Most of the UO₂-fueled, water-cooled power reactors

operate in the fission density region where the fractional fission-gas release rate is decreasing or constant with an increase of fission rate, i.e., Dresden, $\approx 6.5 \times 10^{12}$ fissions/(cm³ sec); Yankee, $\approx 1.5 \times 10^{13}$ fissions/(cm³ sec). However, some gas-cooled and fast sodium-cooled reactors are planned to operate in the fission density range above 2×10^{13} fissions/(cm³ sec), where the fractional release will increase with higher fission densities. Any reactor design using oxide fuels operating in the 10^{14} fissions/(cm³ sec) range should consider that the fission-gas release rate will be accelerated as the fission density is increased.

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Corrigendum

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The text following Eq. (9), p. 508, should read as follows:

let ϕ_i be the nominal power output of each segment, and let σ^2 be the variance of the normalized distribution of this power output for the most loaded characteristic length. Then the variance of θ is given by

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