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## Review

## A review of the reaction rates of uranium corrosion in water

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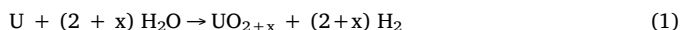
## ABSTRACT

This work conducts a review on the kinetics of the uranium and water reaction system by gathering all available kinetic data and across a wide range of reaction conditions. Temperature and pressure dependent kinetic equations that describe the reaction are derived for the uranium-water vapour and uranium-liquid water systems. Detailed tables which provide information about the reaction conditions and other parameters for each rate point are constructed. From evaluation of the tables, the effects of underlying parameters on the reaction kinetics are discussed. It is suggested that these parameters contribute to the reported discrepancies between reaction rate values under similar conditions. Better prediction of the corrosion rate and rate behaviour can be achieved by combining the kinetic rate equations with the effect of these underlying parameters.

## 1. Introduction

Predicting the kinetics of corrosion and degradation of metallic uranium in pure water is significant for the nuclear industry since it dictates the long-term performance of the metal, in the form of a spent nuclear fuel (SNF) or other, at any given environment. Proliferation and release of 'active' substances from an irradiated metal is, among other factors, directly correlated to corrosion degradation. Hence, corrosion performance is particularly important in a geological disposal facility (GDF) where SNF is permanently stored under moisture and oxygen-exhausted conditions but also in a reactor core where super-heated steam could leak through the cladding to react with the metal under high temperature (Hilton, 2000).

Unlike the reaction with oxygen, the reaction of metallic uranium with water generates hydrogen gas in addition to uranium oxide; following the reaction:



With  $x$  obtaining values between 0 and 0.18 (Hilton, 2000; Sinkov et al., 2008; Baker et al., 1966; Colmenares, 1984; Colmenares et al., 1981; Haschke, 1998; Ritchie, 1981, 1984) and  $\text{U}_3\text{O}_8$  ( $x = 0.67$ ) transformation occurring between 250 °C and 275 °C. Hydrated oxides and scheopite mixtures have also been reported for reactions of high relative humidity (Rh) (Haschke, 1998; Kaminski, 2002; McEachern and Taylor, 1998; Waber et al., 1959; McNamara et al., 2002; Taylor et al., 1995).

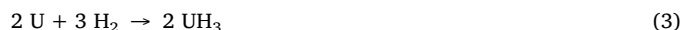
When accumulated, hydrogen gas can become detrimental for the metal since it contributes to oxide/metal brittleness and under certain

conditions can react directly with the metal to form uranium-hydride ( $\text{UH}_3$ ) which is considered highly pyrophoric in air when in high mass and surface area (Banos et al., 2018a). This leads to more rapid degradation of the metal and results in a corrosion product potentially more prone to thermal transients (Banos et al., 2018a).

Under stoichiometric conditions Eq. (1) becomes the following:



If  $\text{H}_2$  reacts with the metal,  $\text{UH}_3$  may form either as an intermediate (Kondo et al., 1974, 1964) or as a final reaction product (Baker et al., 1966; Colmenares, 1984; Allen et al., 1984; Danon et al., 1999; Waber, 1956) through Eq. (3):



In this work, we revisit all the available literature data of uranium oxidation in liquid water and water vapour and generate useful formulas to describe the corrosion kinetics across a wide range of reaction conditions. In the literature, there have been a number of works that successfully conducted research on the kinetics of the uranium-water system (Hilton, 2000; Haschke, 1998; Ritchie, 1981, 1984; Pearce, 1989; Abrefah and Sell, 1999; Trimble, 1998). However, only the review work by Trimble (Trimble (1998)) reported both reaction rates and rate formulas across the whole temperature range (20–1440 °C). Still, no literature study provided detailed information on parameters affecting the reaction rate or reaction rate determination, other than pressure and temperature. Additionally, of these reviews the latest is dated to 2000 by Hilton et al. (Hilton, 2000) using reaction rate information provided by Trimble (Trimble (1998)) in 1998. In this

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present review, all available rate data have been revisited, reverified through the original documented sources while new reaction rate data from more recent works have also been integrated. In this review, unlike other works, it was attempted to provide a more detailed picture of the controls of the corrosion rates by more thoroughly capturing and contrasting the experimental parameters. This was achieved by collating information on parameters such as material provenance, heat-treatment, impurity content, surface preparation, method of measurement, relative humidity, open/closed system and others which are particularly important for influencing the reaction rates, their termination and the arising corrosion products. The effect of pressure and temperature on the system could be determined by plotting the available reaction rates. However, by providing more information about each reaction rate point, it is possible to identify the 'underlying' factors controlling how fast or slow corrosion/degradation progresses or explain discrepancies in reported rates under similar reaction conditions.

## 2. Clarifications – assumptions

In this section, we integrated some of the necessary assumptions that were made by the investigators when reporting the reaction rates along with clarifications about the manner that the rates were collected and processed.

**Assumption 1.** Linear oxidation was assumed for all surfaces. A completely clean surface is impossible to be sustained even under dynamic ultra-high vacuum (UHV) conditions (Allen et al., 1984; Allen and Tucker, 1973; Winer et al., 1987). For lightly oxidised surfaces, it is expected that the rate of further oxide growth will diminish as the oxide thickens. The rate of reaction is dictated by a thermal diffusion or charged particle migration process and, thus, is inversely proportional to the thickness. Arising stress owing to the difference in density between the metal ( $19.1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) and the forming oxide ( $10.97 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) leads to a more porous and delaminated outer layer. Studies which observe active cracking and spallation often report an increase in the rate for a short time immediately after cracking, as fresh metal is exposed to the reactive species, then subsequently the rate starts to diminish again as newly forming oxide grows at the metal-oxide interface. This repeated cyclic process may be regarded as linear especially for long-term periods of corrosion.

**Assumption 2.** Wet corrosion was assumed to follow the stoichiometric conditions of Eq. 2. This assumption may be regarded as broad, especially for reaction conditions where  $\text{UH}_3$  is forming either as an intermediate or as a final reaction product. For the weight-gain measurements, contribution of  $\text{UH}_3$  production to the kinetics of the corrosion system is integrated to the final rate. This could lead to rate increase when the hydriding reaction is favoured and rate reduction when dehydriding conditions are evident. Weight gain measurements could lead to mis-estimation of the rate by solely assigning the change in mass to an oxide/metal mixture. Gas detection measurements would lead to underestimation of the rate since, aside from potential  $\text{UH}_3$  development, not all hydrogen can escape into the gas phase (especially in the uranium-liquid water reaction - (Banos et al., 2019a,b)). Oxide thickness measurements would not provide reliable results if a hydride phase is misinterpreted to an oxide phase. The above limitations reveal the need to evaluate and compare the reported rates by always considering the experimental method of rate derivation.

**Assumption 3.** There is negligible surface area change of the uranium sample over time with progressive corrosion. In practice, the metallic surface area will decrease as the sample is corroding.

**Assumption 4.** There is negligible uranium transport/migration from the bulk metal to the reaction water. In practice, a recent study has shown that an increase in reactant's chloride content, acidity and temperature would lead to a considerable increase in uranium solubility

in the fluid (Timofeev et al., 2018).

Two reaction rate tables were generated for the purposes of this work. The tables integrated 494 reaction rate points taken from 28 literature sources covering the uranium-water vapour reaction (T: 20–1440 °C). A further 182 reaction rate points from 19 literature sources for the uranium-liquid water reaction (T: 20.6–300 °C) were also collated. All data points were numbered in order to be easily traced when comparisons were made. Each reaction rate point was reverified wherever the original data source was available. Digitisation was employed in multiple occasions to retrieve data from graphs (Baker et al., 1966; Colmenares, 1984; Abrefah and Sell, 1999; Weirick, 1984). For a number of sources that were not available in the open literature, the data points were taken from Trimble (Trimble (1998)). The reaction rate was presented as milligrams of reacted uranium per unit area, per unit time ( $\text{mgU} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$ ). Among other conversions that were made, a conversion factor of 7.4375 was used for data that were expressed as milligrams of weight gain per unit area, per unit time ( $\text{mg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$ ) which were the second most common reaction rate unit expression in the literature. SNF or irradiated fuel studies were included in the tables. To allow direct evaluation and comparisons between investigations in the literature, the following information were included in the tables next to the reaction rates:

- 1 Uranium: water vapour:** Water vapour pressure (mbar), relative humidity (Rh %), material provenance, thermal treatment, surface cleaning preparation, impurity content (ppm), method of rate identification, open/closed system,  $\text{UH}_3$  formation or not.
- 2 Uranium: liquid water:** Reactant water type, material provenance, thermal treatment, surface cleaning preparation, impurity content (ppm), method of rate identification, open/closed system,  $\text{UH}_3$  formation or not.

## 3. reaction rate data processing (reaction kinetics)

### 3.1. Arrhenius expression

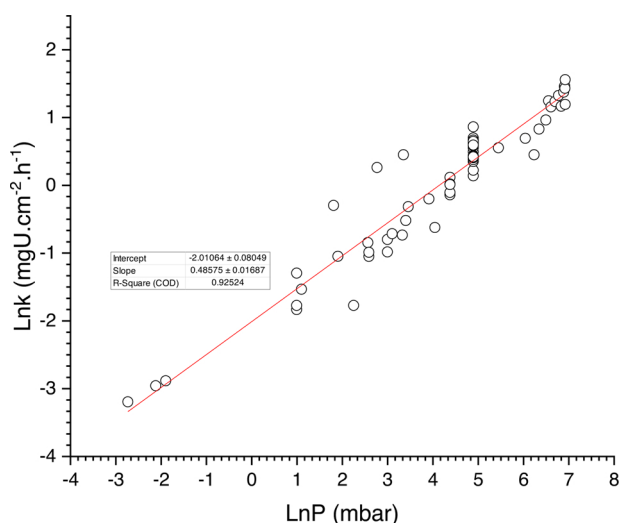
For the oxidation reaction of uranium, the rate determining step is considered to be the anionic movement of the corrosive entities through the ubiquitous surface oxide, under the influence of an electric potential gradient. This process is expressed with an Arrhenius formula (Eq. 4) where the logarithm of the reaction rate constant is directly proportional to the inverse temperature,  $1/T$ , with the constant of proportionality related to the activation energy ( $Q$ ) of the reaction.

$$\text{Ln}k = k_0 - Q/RT \quad (4)$$

$Q$  is the activation energy of the reaction ( $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ),  $T$  is the temperature of the reaction in K and  $R$  is the gas constant equal to  $8.314 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ . In an Arrhenius plot of  $\text{Ln}k$  vs.  $1/T$ , the activation energy can be calculated from the slope of the fitted line which equals to  $Q/R$ . After fitting the reaction rate data, the derived formulas for the various reaction regimes will be expressed by using Eq. 4 and the activation energies will be calculated.

### 3.2. The uranium: water-vapour reaction system

The rate of uranium corrosion in an anoxic water vapour environment is considered to be primarily affected by the temperature and water vapour pressure. Table A1 integrates all available data for the uranium and water vapour system. By processing the data of Table A1, and reviewing previous literature, the system was described across a wide temperature and pressure range. In the literature, a  $\text{PH}_2\text{O}^{0.5}$  dependency was postulated for water vapour pressures up to 1013.25 mbar (Hilton, 2000; Sinkov et al., 2008; Baker et al., 1966; Colmenares et al., 1981; Trimble, 1998; Colby, 1966; Greenholt and Weirick, 1987; Harker, 2012; Orman et al., 1964; Ritchie et al., 1986).



**Fig. 1.** LnP vs. LnK plot for a temperature of 100 °C and P up to 1013.25 mbar. The reaction rate data included in this graph were retrieved from Table A. k represents the reaction rate of uranium corrosion and P represents the water vapour pressure of the system for values up to 1013.25 mbar. The slope of the fitted line yields the effect of water vapour pressure on the reaction.

**Table 1**

: The derived parameters from linear fitting of the LnP vs. LnK plot for various temperatures.

| Formula $y = a x + b$ ( $y = \ln k$ in $\text{mgU.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$ , $x = \ln P$ in mbar) |                 |                  |                |  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| T (°C)   | a               | b                | R <sup>2</sup> | Comment  |
| 40   | $0.84 \pm 0.21$ | $-6.53 \pm 0.77$ | 0.58           | With Corcoran 1965 data  |
| 50   | $0.46 \pm 0.07$ | $-4.6 \pm 0.28$  | 0.83           | Without Orman 1963, Baker 1966 data*   |
| 60   | $0.44 \pm 0.09$ | $-4.02 \pm 0.39$ | 0.67           | –  |
| 70   | $0.46 \pm 0.04$ | $-3.67 \pm 0.18$ | 0.82           | –  |
| 80   | $0.50 \pm 0.03$ | $-3.38 \pm 0.11$ | 0.93           | Without Orman 1963, Baker 1966 and some of Kondo 1964 and Jackson 1977 data* |
| 100  | $0.49 \pm 0.02$ | $-2.01 \pm 0.08$ | 0.93           | –  |
| 150  | $0.44 \pm 0.06$ | $-0.81 \pm 0.32$ | 0.85           | –  |
| ~200**   | $0.46 \pm 0.17$ | $0.32 \pm 1.14$  | 0.40           | Without Wathen 1943 and Huddle 1953 data***                                  |

\* Consistently higher reaction rates values were reported by these investigators but the same pressure effect ( $\sim 0.5$ ) was observed.

\*\* 199, 200 and 201 °C.

\*\*\* Considerably higher reported rates were reported for these studies and they have been excluded.

The effect of water vapour pressure was studied by Trimble across a wide range of temperatures (Trimble, 1998). In this work, this analysis was performed again and the available data from Table A1 allowed analysis to be performed for the following temperatures: 40 °C, 50 °C, 60 °C, 70 °C, 80 °C, 100 °C, 150 °C and 200 °C. Above 200 °C, the corrosion studies were conducted under saturated or superheated conditions ( $P \geq 1013.25$  mbar or  $\geq 1$  atm) with insufficient data points to allow further investigation of the pressure effect for constant temperature. Fig. 1 represents the LnP vs. LnK plot for  $T = 100$  °C with the slope of the fitted line yielding the pressure coefficient which is the effect of pressure on the reaction. Table 1 integrates the parameters of the fitted lines for all analysed temperatures.

Except for the lowest reaction temperature analysed (40 °C) where the pressure coefficient was 0.84, the pressure dependency at all other temperatures ranged between 0.44 to 0.50. The correlation coefficient exhibited the lowest values at 40 °C and 200 °C. For the 40 °C, the low correlation coefficient allowed regression statistics to fit a 0.5 coefficient. The small temperature gradient (199–201 °C) between the

processed data may have resulted in the low R<sup>2</sup> obtained for the 200 °C study. Based on the analysis of Table 1, it is plausible to evoke a P<sup>0.5</sup> effect for uranium-water vapour reaction and for pressures up to 1013.25 mbar.

By assuming that this observed pressure dependency holds across the entire pressure-temperature range, we normalised the reaction rate data to P<sup>0.5</sup> and plotted LnK vs. 1/T where:

$$K = k/P^{(n)} \quad (5)$$

With  $n = 0.5$ , P representing the water vapour pressure in mbar, k the reaction rate in  $\text{mgU.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$  and 1/T the reciprocal temperature in K<sup>-1</sup>. This plot is presented in Fig. 2. As already observed in (Trimble, 1998), the data show trend ‘breaks’ at  $\sim 300$  °C and  $\sim 600$  °C, with the data within this range yielding negligible effect on temperature (Fig. 2). It follows logically that the system should be divided into three temperature regimes to be described in greater detail. With regards to the lower temperature ‘break’, some investigators suggested that the ‘threshold’ over which the rates switch to negligible T-dependence is 250 °C (Haschke, 1998; Huddle, 1953), others set it to 295 °C (Trimble, 1998) or used data up to 300–302 °C to describe the low temperature regime (Hilton, 2000; Pearce, 1989; Abrefah and Sell, 1999). By considering the previous works and conducting multiple regression analyses on the data between 250 and 302 °C, a break for  $T < 300$  °C was set. Only one rate value in the literature exceeded the typical pressure of 1013.25 mbar (Troutner (Troutner (1960)) – 225 °C,  $P = 13,789.5$  mbar) for this lower temperature regime and was excluded from our calculations. A LnK vs. 1/T Arrhenius graph was plotted for  $T < 300$  °C and  $P \leq 1013.25$  mbar (or  $\leq 1$  atm) and is presented in Fig. 3. Through linear regression the following equation has been derived:

$$\ln K = 11.99 - 5396.8/T \quad (6)$$

For  $Q/R = 5396.8$  and  $R = 8.314 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$ , the activation energy (Q) calculated  $44.9 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$ . Table 2 integrates all derived equations by previous investigations for comparison to be made with this work, taken from (Hilton, 2000; Haschke, 1998).

From the table, the rate formulas derived from Colmenares (Colmenares (1984)), Huddle (Huddle (1953)) and Haschke (Haschke (1998)) lead to high activation energies, while Ritchie’s equation (Ritchie, 1984) yielded the lowest Q value at  $37.7 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$  for  $T: 20\text{--}100$  °C,  $P \leq 1013.25$ . Good agreement can be observed between this work and the studies by Pearce (Pearce (1989)), Trimble (Trimble (1998)), Abrefah and Sell (Abrefah and Sell (1999)) and Hilton (Hilton (2000)).

Regarding the second temperature regime, the high temperature ‘break’ was set by some investigators at 500 °C (Haschke, 1998; Huddle, 1953), whilst, others used studies up to 579 °C (Trimble, 1998). It is notable that in the literature data there is a gap between 552 °C and 600 °C, which prevents us from narrowing down this temperature regime threshold. Linear regression analyses of various sets of data between 500 °C and 750 °C, allowed us to set the temperature break for  $T < 600$  °C. Thus, the second temperature regime was set at  $300 \leq T < 600$  °C. Within this range, Troutner (Troutner (1960)) used superheated steam at pressures above 1013.25 mbar (Table A1 – Reaction No. 311, 338, 339, 363–365, 382–384) and yielded considerably higher rate values (Fig. 2). Only one point by Pearce and Kay (Pearce and Kay (1987)) was below 1013.25 mbar with all remaining points derived at saturated conditions (1013.25 mbar). Regression analysis of the LnK vs. 1/T plot for  $P = 1013.25$  mbar and  $300 \leq T < 600$  °C yielded a very small positive dependence of the rate to the reciprocal temperature (1/T) (Fig. 4). It is important here to note that this graph presents no statistical significance owing to the considerably low R<sup>2</sup> (0.20). By assuming that this negligible temperature dependence is zero, the pressure effect on the rate could instead be determined. An LnP vs. LnK plot for this temperature range was presented in Fig. 4. An 0.997 pressure dependence was derived from this plot ( $R^2 = 0.79$ ). This

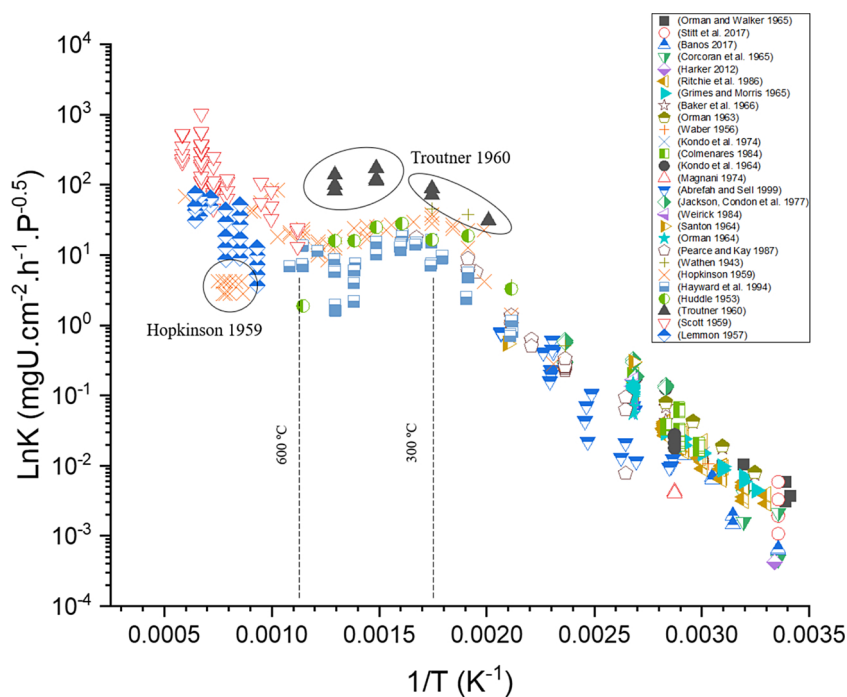


Fig. 2. Arrhenius plot of reaction rate literature data for uranium corrosion in water vapour (T: 20–1440 °C).

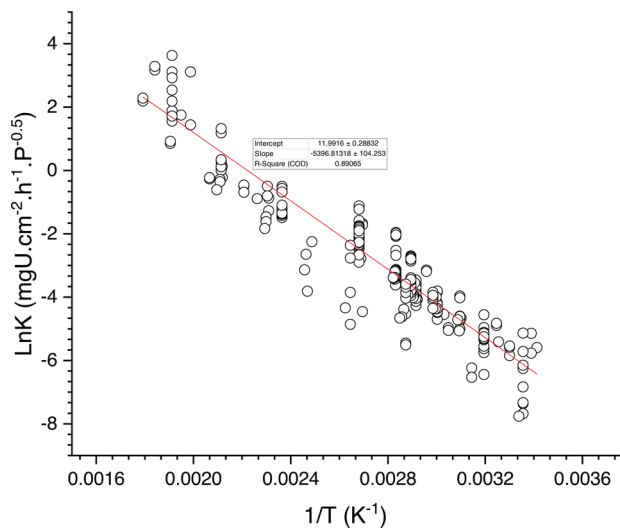


Fig. 3. Arrhenius plot for the reaction of uranium with water vapour at T < 300 °C and P ≤ 1013.25 mbar.

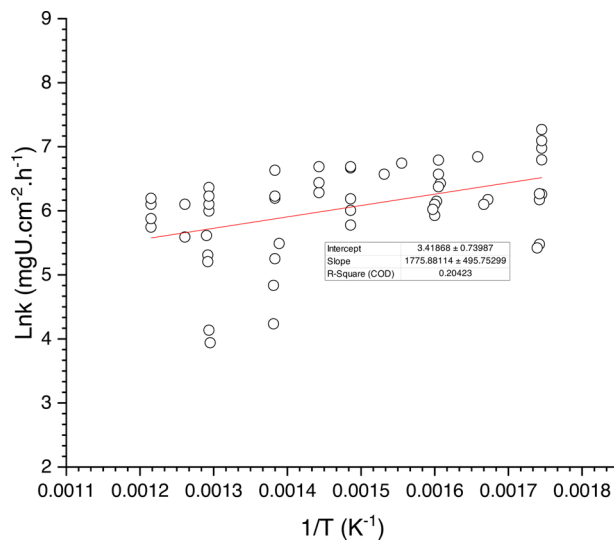


Fig. 4. Lnk vs. 1/T plot for 300 ≤ T < 600 °C. k represents the reaction rate of uranium corrosion. The slope of the fitted line yields a weak (negligible) positive effect of the reaction rate to the reciprocal T.

Table 2

Rate equation parameters for uranium oxidation in water vapour at the lower temperature regime.

| Rate equation      | Conditions                 | Activation energy Q (kJ. mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                     |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| LnK = 10.64–7725/T | T < 100 °C, P < 1013.25    | 64.2   | Colmenares 1984, Haschke 1998 |
| LnK = 10.48–4534/T | T: 20–100 °C, P ≤ 1013.25  | 37.7   | Ritchie 1984                  |
| LnK = 8.33–6860/T  | T: 100–250 °C, P = 1013.25 | 57.0   | Huddle 1953, Haschke 1998     |
| LnK = 15.52–6675/T | T: 150 - 200 °C            | 55.5   | Pearce and Kay 1987           |
| LnK = 11.98–4943/T | T: 20–300 °C               | 41.1   | Pearce 1989                   |
| LnK = 13.40–5472/T | T: 20 - 295 °C             | 45.5   | Trimble 1998                  |
| LnK = 13.54–5472/T | T: 20–302 °C               | 45.5   | Abrefah & Sell 1999           |
| LnK = 13.79–5605/T | T: 20–302 °C, P ≤ 1013.25  | 46.6   | Hilton 2000                   |
| LnK = 11.99–5397/T | T < 300 °C, P ≤ 1013.25    | 44.9   | This work                     |

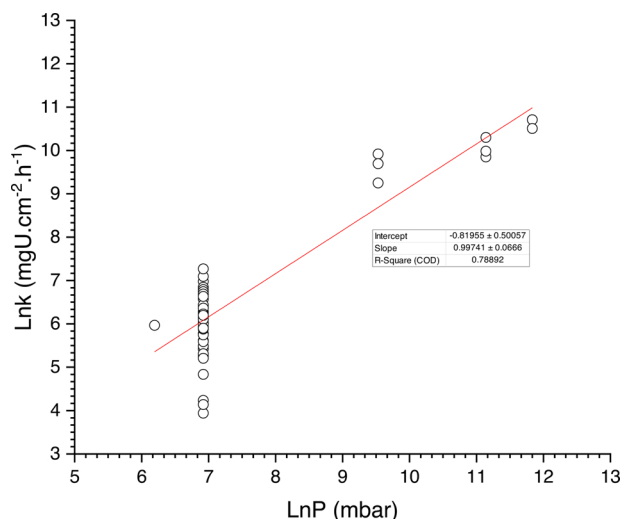


Fig. 5. LnP vs. LnK plot for  $300 \leq T < 600$  °C.  $k$  represents the reaction rate of uranium corrosion and  $P$  represents the water vapour pressure of the system. The slope of the fitted line yields the effect of water vapour pressure on the reaction.

dependence can only be representative for  $P > 1013.25$  mbar since there is only one data point below 1 atm and a large scatter of rates for  $P = 1013.25$ . Since, only under this temperature regime the reaction rates are assumed to be independent to temperature and a  $P^1$  effect is yielded for  $P > 1013.25$  (Fig. 5), it is assumed that the inferred pressure effect is valid across the whole temperature range. The validity of such an assumption was tested for the single available point in the literature meeting the following conditions:  $T < 300$  °C,  $P > 1013.25$  mbar. From Table A1 (Reaction No. 311), a reaction rate of  $3652 \text{ mgU.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$  for  $T = 225$  °C,  $P = 13,789.5$  mbar is reported from (Troutner (1960)). By using Eq. 6, for  $T = 225$  °C (498 K) we find  $K = 3.168$ . By substituting the rate of the reaction and  $K$  to Eq. 5,  $n$  equals to 0.74.

For  $T \geq 600$  °C, two pressure systems may be observed one at 1013.25 mbar and the other 3447 mbar. No pressure effect can be derived owing to insufficiency of available data. By assuming square root dependence of pressure for  $P = 1013.25$  mbar, an Arrhenius graph (LnK vs.  $1/T$ ) was plotted in Fig. 6. A number of rates derived by Hopkinson (Hopkinson (1959)) were 10–90 times lower than the rest of the

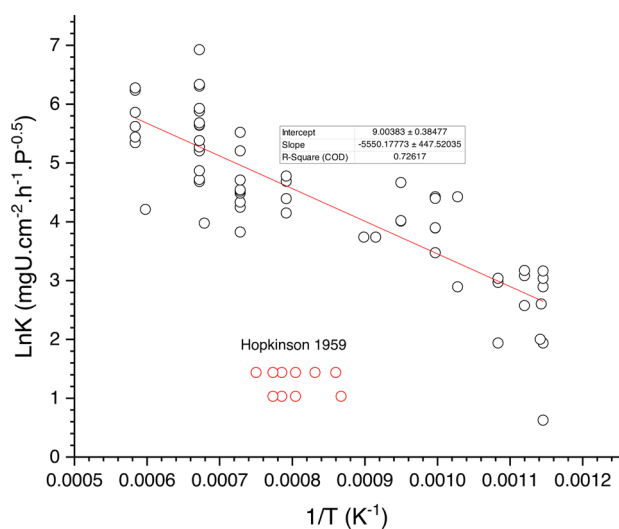


Fig. 6. Arrhenius plot for the reaction of uranium with water vapour at  $T \geq 600$  °C and  $P \leq 1013.25$  mbar. A number of data points by Hopkinson (1959) were considerably low and were excluded from the linear regression.

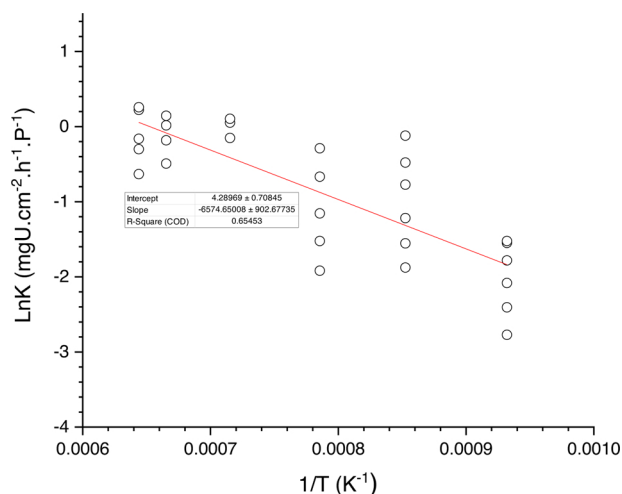


Fig. 7. Arrhenius plot for the reaction of uranium with water vapour at  $T \geq 600$  °C and  $P > 1013.25$  mbar ( $P = 3447$  mbar).

reported data (see Fig. 2 and 6) and were excluded from the linear regression study. The following equation has been derived from the graph:

$$\text{LnK} = 9.00 - 5550.2/T \quad (7)$$

With  $Q = 46.1 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$ . Trimble (Trimble (1998)) derived an activation energy of  $Q = 43.8 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$ , which is in agreement with this work.

At the high pressure regime (3447 mbar) studies by Lemmon (Lemmon (1957)) yielded consistently lower rates. Lemmon's reported rates were derived through  $\text{H}_2$  detection studies which can lead to uncertainties especially in such a dynamic system (high pressure steam and  $\text{H}_2$  gas). Linear regression of Lemmon's data is shown in Fig. 7. The derived equation was:

$$\text{LnK} = 4.29 - 6574.7/T \quad (8)$$

With  $K = k/P$  and  $Q = 54.7 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$ .

### 3.3. The uranium-liquid water system

For uranium corrosion under water-immersed conditions only the temperature is thought to affect the kinetics of the reaction if pure water is used. Since the mechanism of uranium oxidation is considered identical to that under water vapour, an Arrhenius plot (LnK vs.  $1/T$ ) can be plotted to describe the kinetics ( $k$  in  $\text{mgU.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$ ). Table A2 integrates 182 reaction rate points ( $T: 20.6\text{--}300$  °C) from 19 literature sources. A reaction rate vs.  $1/T$  plot of these data is displayed in Fig. 8. For non-purified conditions, the reactant water composition may greatly affect the reaction rate. By investigating and comparing the reported rates vs. reactant water composition (Table A2), it was possible to identify the following:

- i  $\text{O}_2$  saturated or  $\text{O}_2$ -containing reactant waters resulted in reduced reported rates.
- ii the reaction rate was increased by lowering the pH value of the water, making it more acidic.
- iii  $\text{H}_2\text{-He-N}_2$  saturated water had negligible effect on the rate versus pure water.

Based on the above, three Arrhenius plots were produced, the first included all data corresponding to oxygenated water conditions, the second included all the remaining data from Table A2 and the third plot excluded all low/high pH studies from the anoxic water reactions.

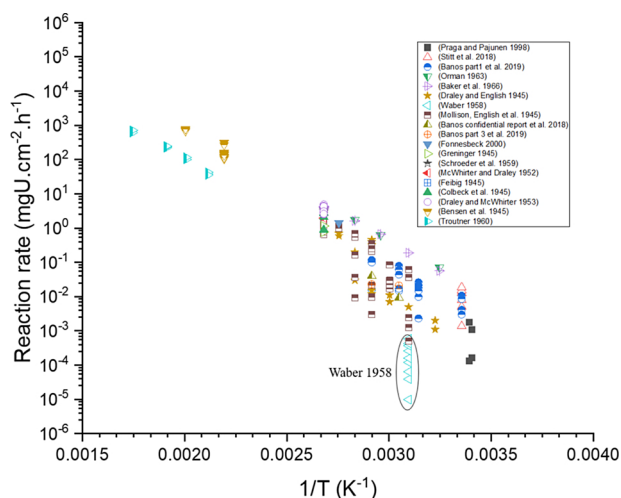


Fig. 8. Reaction rate vs. reciprocal T plot for the corrosion reaction of uranium with liquid water (T: 20.6–300 °).

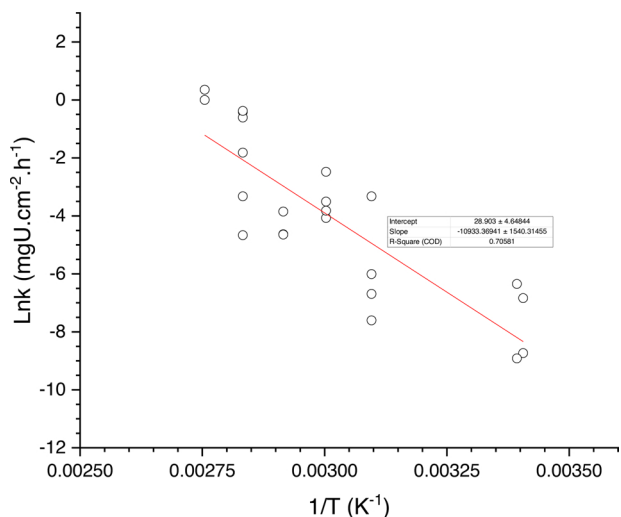


Fig. 9. An Arrhenius plot for the reaction of uranium with oxygen-containing liquid water.

### 3.3.1. Kinetics of uranium corrosion with O<sub>2</sub>-containing water

A significant number of the reported rates from Table A2 were derived from studies where the reactant water was either (a) O<sub>2</sub>-saturated (Mollison et al., 1945), (b) aerated (Mollison et al., 1945) or (c) test/simulated (oxygen containing) (Praga and Pajunen, 1998; Fomesbeck, 2000). A clear diminishing effect of O<sub>2</sub> on the reaction rate may be observed from direct comparison of rates derived from oxygenated vs. deoxygenated water reactions (Table A2). All studies where oxygen was present in the reaction water were plotted in a Lnk vs. 1/T graph (Fig. 9). Oxygen saturated conditions are assumed for all the studies to allow comparison. Linear regression of the data yielded:

$$\text{Lnk} = 28.9 - 10933.4/T \quad (9)$$

with the calculated activation energy (Q) corresponding to 90.9 kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Kinetics of uranium corrosion with oxygen-free water

The majority of studies used highly pure waters to study the uranium and water reaction system. Such a system may correlate to a real-world corrosion scenario when U-containing species corrode over prolonged periods with water under contained/trapped conditions. Under such conditions, dissolved oxygen is exhausted by corrosion, but

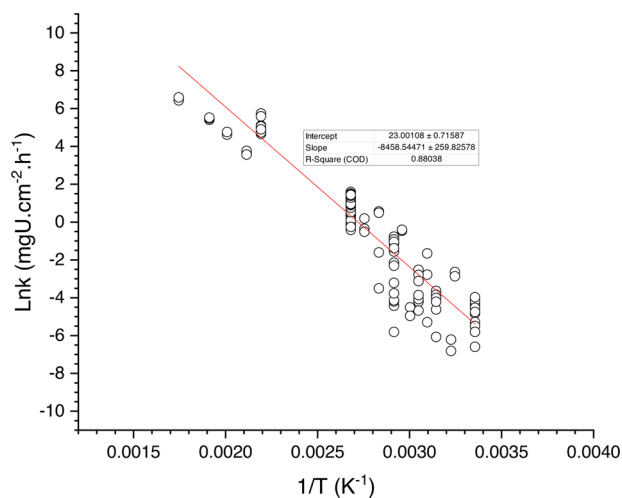


Fig. 10. Reaction rate vs. reciprocal T for the reaction of uranium with anoxic liquid water (T: 20.6–300 °C) and including varied water pH conditions.

significant amounts of water or moisture are still present. These corrosion conditions can be encountered in short/long-term storage plants such as ponds and silos. The data representing anoxic water corrosion conditions (Table A2) were plotted in an Arrhenius graph (Fig. 10). Here, it must be noted that the rate data by Waber (Waber (1958)) (collected from Trimble (Trimble (1998))) were excluded from our calculations since they were considerably low and did not fit the rest of the data. Linear regression of the data yielded:

$$\text{Lnk} = 23.0 - 8458.5/T$$

with Q = 70.3 kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>. As will be discussed in a later section, pH variations somewhat affected the reaction rate. By excluding the data derived from studies with varied water pH the kinetic equation varied slightly as in Eq. 11:

$$\text{Lnk} = 22.6 - 8282.6/T$$

With an Q of 68.9 kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Table 3 integrates all derived equations by previous investigations for comparison to be made with this work. The data of this table were taken from (Hilton, 2000).

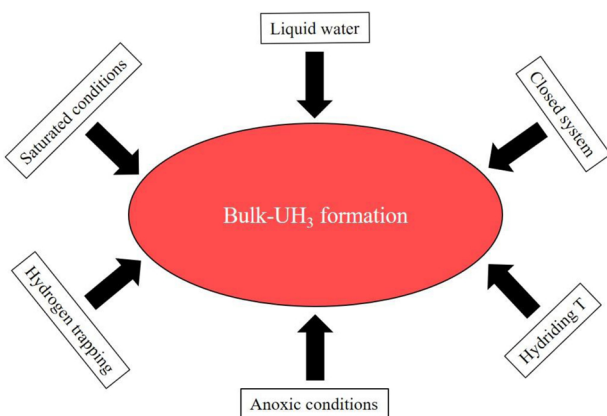
Aside from the activation energy for oxygenated waters, a good general agreement can be observed between this work and the literature studies. The kinetic equation of this study for oxygen-free water is particularly similar to that of Troutner (Troutner (1960)). The Q becomes even more comparable with the literature studies when the data reported for varied pH was excluded from the linear regression. However, Hilton's (Hilton, 2000), Trimble's (Trimble, 1998) and Burkart (Burkart (1956)) derived equations resulted in slightly lower activation energy values when compared to this work. For this work, this could be attributed to inclusion of data at 300 °C, or inclusion of data from more recent studies.

## 4. Effects on the rate or rate determination

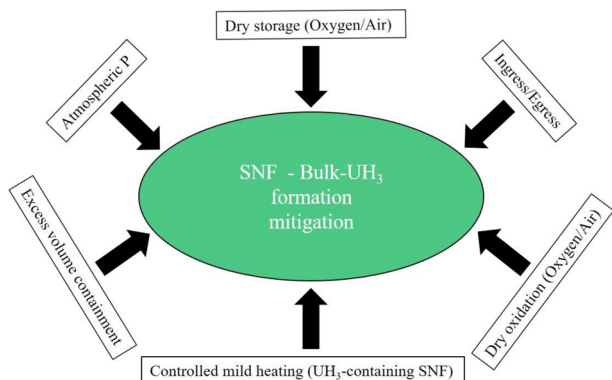
Corrosion reactions and especially that of uranium with water, can be affected significantly by numerous factors other than just temperature or water vapour pressure. Parameters such as microstructure, impurity content, surface cleaning preparation, open/enclosed reaction system, reactant water etc. can affect the kinetics and even the corrosion behaviour of the system. Apart from the reaction rate, the reaction rate determination method may lead to inconsistencies between the 'real' vs. measured corrosion kinetics. All the above lead to notable discrepancies in the reported rates between investigators and groups for

**Table 3**  
Integrating rate equation for uranium oxidation in liquid water.

| Rate equation        | Conditions     | Comment                              | Activation energy<br>Q (kJ. mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference     |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| LnK = 22.21-7914/T   | T: 60 - 343 °C | -                                    | 65.8  | Burkart 1957  |
| LnK = 23.02-8191/T   | T: 50-350 °C   | -                                    | 68.1  | Troutner 1960 |
| LnK = 22.64-8095/T   | T > 300 °C     | -                                    | 67.3  | Trimble 1998  |
| LnK = 22.34-7989/T   | T > 300 °C     | -                                    | 66.4  | Hilton 2000   |
| LnK = 23.0-8458.5/T  | T: 20.6-300 °C | Oxygen-free waters with varied pH    | 70.3  | This work     |
| LnK = 22.6-8282.6/T  | T: 20.6-300 °C | Oxygen-free waters without varied pH | 68.9  | This work     |
| LnK = 28.9-10933.4/T | T: 20.6-300 °C | Oxygen-containing waters             | 90.9  | This work     |



**Fig. 11.** Schematics showing the primary parameters leading to bulk-UH<sub>3</sub> formation facilitation.



**Fig. 12.** Schematics showing parameters and conditions which can lead to bulk-UH<sub>3</sub> formation mitigation for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) under storage conditions. For UH<sub>3</sub>-containing SNF the above conditions may lead to reduction of the persisting UH<sub>3</sub> quantities over time.

similar reaction conditions. Tables A and B have been compiled to provide a more in-depth comparison between different corrosion studies, shedding new light to the driving factors leading to these rate discrepancies. From Table A1 (U + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(g)</sub>), comparisons were only possible for systems with similar, if not identical, reaction temperature and pressure. On Table A2 (U + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(l)</sub>), the reactant water composition was the limiting factor apart from temperature. The affecting parameters will be discussed separately in the following sections.

#### 4.1. Impurity content

The impurity level of the sample is among the most important parameters for affecting the rate of corrosion. High purity samples are more resistant to oxidation corrosion. This is clearly shown in the studies by Colmenares (Colmenares (1984)) (Table A1 – Reaction No. 107-130) where low purity samples (total impurity level = 457 ppm)

exhibited 2–2.5 times higher reaction rates when compared to intermediate purity samples (total impurity level = 246 ppm). Similar behaviour is observed by the same investigator at 100 °C, by comparing intermediate and high purity samples (Table A1 – Reaction No. 222-243). It is important here to note that the effect of the total impurity content is not linearly related to the kinetics of the system since certain impurity entities will affect the kinetics differently and more considerably than others. For example Draley and McWhirter (Draley and McWhirter (1953)) working on the uranium-liquid water system also observed corrosion resistance improvement when metal purity was increased. From looking closely on the data derived from that study (Table A2 – Reaction No. 127-145), it is evident that corrosion was enhanced with higher carbon and iron contents, but reduced for high aluminium contents (Colmenares et al., 1981; Ritchie, 1981; Bennett et al., 1975).

#### 4.2. Thermal pre-treatment

Thermal and mechanical sample treatment along with heat-treatment immediately after surface preparation and prior to corrosion may induce microstructural changes on the sample such as, grain growth (Burkart, 1956), stress-relief (Shamir et al., 2006; Tiferet et al., 2007), surface roughness, change in oxide stoichiometry, etc. Such surface modifications can greatly affect sample performance under oxidation and early hydriding corrosion (Banos et al., 2018b; Bloch and Mintz, 1990). Table A2 includes the data from an early study by Draley and McWhirter (Draley and McWhirter (1953)) working with corrosion of uranium in liquid water at 100 °C (Reaction No. 127-145). From that work, it is shown that higher temperature heating followed by water quenching leads to slower corrosion kinetics. Furnace cooling after heating, led to even more improved corrosion resistance for at least one corrosion event. Thermal heat-treatments and impurity content in the material are directly related since the former could drastically affect the distribution and retention of the latter in the metal, thus influencing the corrosion rate (Draley and McWhirter (1953)).

#### 4.3. Surface cleaning preparation

Uranium oxidation kinetics also seem to be affected by the method of surface cleaning used for sample preparation prior to the reaction (Antill et al., 1976; Corcoran et al., 1965; Parlapanski, 1970), a factor which is also evident for early hydriding (Banos et al., 2016). From Table A1, this is observed in the low temperature studies (20–25 °C) and at 72.5 °C. Consistently higher reaction rates were reported when nitric acid etching was used to prepare the surfaces in comparison to mechanical abrading. This is evident for reactions in the same study (Table A1– Reaction No. 4-9), between different studies but with samples of same provenance (Table A1 – Reaction No. 4-11, (Stitt et al., 2017; Banos, 2017)) or between different studies but with uranium samples with similar impurity level (Table A1 - Reaction No. 1-13, (Corcoran et al., 1965; Stitt et al., 2017; Banos, 2017; Orman and Walker, 1965)). Colmenares (Colmenares (1984)), compared the reactions kinetics of samples prepared with electropolishing and mechanical abrasion by



using samples of the same provenance, under identical corrosion conditions (Table A1 – Reaction No. 107-130). Electropolishing led to samples exhibiting more resistance to corrosion. From Table A2, it was not possible to come to any useful conclusions since at least one parameter was different between studies, apart from surface preparation. Thus, it can be assumed that enhanced corrosion kinetics will be expected as we move from electropolishing to mechanical polishing to nitric acid etching.

#### 4.4. Reactant water ( $U + H_2O_{(l)}$ )

As shown in the previous sections, the reaction rate for corrosion of U in liquid water is primarily affected by the composition of the reactant water and the temperature. Distilled and deionised water was used for the majority of studies (Table A2). For certain studies, aerated water of  $O_2$ -saturated water was used to simulate real-world conditions (Mollison et al., 1945; Praga and Pajunen, 1998; Fannesbeck, 2000). Under such an environment, the kinetics of corrosion become slower owing to the poisoning effect of  $O_2$  on the reaction (Fig. 9 - Eq. 9). For system where  $O_2$  is not present, hydrogen begins to accumulate as a gaseous reaction product from oxidation and the water becomes saturated with dissolved hydrogen. Studies where the test water was saturated with  $H_2$  (Mollison et al., 1945; McWhirter and Draley, 1952; Feibig, 1945; Colbeck and Spencer-Palmer, 1945) or other gases such as He or  $N_2$  did not show any effect on the rate. Mollison and Draley (Mollison et al., 1945) introduced sodium chloride to the distilled water and confirmed that the rate almost halved with increasing concentration 1%–10 % and then 20 % (Table A2). Additionally, pH studies across a range of 9.2–6 showed that lowering the pH led to increased rate kinetics (Table A2 - Reaction No. 104-105, (Colbeck and Spencer-Palmer, 1945; Draley and English, 1945)).

#### 4.5. Open vs. Enclosed system

As ‘enclosed’ is considered a system where  $H_2$  gas is not ‘swept’ away but rather stays trapped in the near sample environment. In the real-world, scenarios include systems where hydrogen build-up is occurring unintentionally owing to shape or geometry of the sample or environment. Under favourable conditions, gaseous hydrogen may exceed a critical concentration in the vicinity of the metal and react to form  $UH_3$  (Banos et al., 2018a). Apart from being unwanted, due to the very unstable nature of  $UH_3$  in air, this reaction is more rapid than water oxidation once initiated and may lead to excessive consumption of uranium. In an ‘open’ reaction system, hydrogen is ‘swept’ away before pressure build-up occurs. This does not imply that  $UH_3$  cannot be produced in such a system, especially for temperatures favouring hydriding corrosion (Banos et al., 2018a). Certainly, bulk- $UH_3$  formation is not facilitated as for an ‘enclosed’ system. Most experimental reaction rate determination methods assume that uranium dioxide is the only solid reaction product, according to Eq. 2. When  $UH_3$  formation also occurs, this would lead to an overestimation of the oxidation rate if a weight change determination method is used and an underestimation of the rate if gas generation is utilized. From Table A1 (Reaction No. 43-47), significant discrepancy is reported between samples of similar history, purity level and reaction conditions but with differences in the corrosion system. Samples reacting in a sealed/ enclosed system (Baker et al., 1966; Orman and Walker, 1965; Orman, 1963) exhibited up to 3 times higher rates in comparison to those reacting in an open system (Ritchie et al., 1986). The slight difference in water vapour pressure between these studies is somewhat contributing but is not fully responsible for the discrepancy observed in the rates. Weirick et al. (Weirick, 1984) studied the kinetics of the reaction for very low pressures (2.7 mbar) at 100 °C and from their results (Table A1) it may be observed that the reaction rate was higher when the system was closed (periodically opened) in comparison to an opened system.

#### 4.6. Method of reaction rate determination

As discussed in the previous section, for an assumed oxidation reaction according to Eq. 2 weight change studies may lead to overestimation of the rate if  $UH_3$  is produced. On the other hand, studies relying on measuring hydrogen gas generation to determine rates would lead to an underestimation of the reported rate if  $UH_3$  is formed. For this latter method, further underestimation may occur when the sample reacts under immersed conditions owing to hydrogen dissolution in water, especially if the relative volume of water is large. Weight gain measurements have the disadvantage of partial mass loss especially for temperature conditions where a powdery product is formed. Weight loss studies may be regarded as more reliable and is the most common rate determination method. However, error in the reported versus ‘real’ reaction rate may occur if the remainder and non-reacted metal is partially etched at the post-corrosion cleaning stage. Finally, oxide thickness measurements may introduce errors to the final rate owing to the heterogeneity of oxide growth across the sample surface. On Table A1 (20–25 °C), the reported rates of Orman et al. (Orman and Walker, 1965) (weight loss measurements) are consistently higher, even for lower temperature, than Stitt et al. (Stitt et al. (2017)) (oxide thickness measurements). At 75 °C, Magnani et al. (Magnani, 1974) using the  $H_2$  gas generation method and an open system, reported rates up to 4 times lower than Kondo (Kondo et al., 1964) who used gravimetric studies for deriving the kinetics of the reaction.

#### 4.7. $UH_3$ formation

The kinetics of the uranium-water reaction have been studied thoroughly and across a wide range of conditions by many prior studies (Tables A and B). However, most of the studies failed to address the possible formation (or not) of  $UH_3$  as part of the reaction. This is predominantly due to many of these studies being conducted early in the 1940s and 1950s where there was either (a) no interest or knowledge of  $UH_3$  being produced (or not) or (b) no method to detect its existence. At this time in history, only physical observation of the corroded surfaces could imply  $UH_3$  growth (non-homogeneous pitting corrosion (Bensen et al., 1945)) though it could not be proved scientifically because necessary analytical techniques didn’t exist. Later studies managed to verify its existence through measuring the difference between the experimental and theoretical  $H_2$  production (Baker et al., 1966). Still, direct detection of  $UH_3$  remains difficult since the hydride could be present either in an amorphous state and mixed with oxide or heterogeneously distributed as a bulk product under the oxide or could have formed as a transient intermediate product (Kondo et al., 1974, 1964; Fannesbeck, 2000) enhancing the kinetics of the reaction. Recent studies (Banos et al., 2019a, b) employed X-ray diffraction (XRD) and secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) to detect water-formed  $UH_3$  but both of these analysis techniques were limited to finite corrosion layer thickness or finite sputtered surface. Post-corrosion sample degassing was one of the more reliable ways to indirectly verify and even quantify  $UH_3$  in the corrosion products, even in an amorphous or mixed state (Danon et al., 1999; Banos et al., 2019a, b). Furthermore, studies where the duration of the reaction was very short (10 s of minutes (Schroeder et al., 1959)) may not provide the necessary time for  $H_2$  to build-up in pressure and eventually react to form  $UH_3$  (Banos et al., 2018a). Thus, reactions with the potential of  $UH_3$  formation could have simply been stopped prior to this event. From all above, no information on  $UH_3$  formation was provided by the majority of studies. From Table A1,  $UH_3$  is first suggested to form as an intermediate by Kondo et al. (Kondo et al. (1964)). However, this work is not available in the literature and, thus, more detailed information about the reaction conditions for this formation are not accessible. Weirick et al. (Weirick, 1984) report  $UH_3$  at 100 °C and very low pressure under contained/ enclosed conditions. For ‘open’ system studies where a carrier gas is used along with water vapour,  $UH_3$  formation is reported at higher

temperatures and only when saturated water vapour conditions are achieved. Above 200 °C, almost all studies occur under saturated or superheated conditions and UH<sub>3</sub> is reported to form wherever characterisation was conceivable (Table A1 – T: 200–500 °C). Between 250 °C and 500 °C, dehydriding kinetics become important reaching their maximum value at T ~ 500–550 °C. (Banos et al., 2018a). Thus, literature sources suggest that UH<sub>3</sub> existence for reaction systems above this temperature is improbable (Table A1 – T > 500 °C). In the uranium liquid system, the presence of UH<sub>3</sub> formation is indirectly verified through sample degassing for samples reacting under contained conditions even at 25 °C (Banos et al., 2019a, b). However, the quantity of accumulated hydride at these conditions is very small. Some early studies postulate no UH<sub>3</sub> even at 80 °C (Orman, 1963) while others suggest UH<sub>3</sub> forming as an intermediate product of uranium corrosion with simulated J13 well water at 90 °C (Fonnesbeck, 2000). At 100 °C, there is no information on UH<sub>3</sub> existence (or not) but the available data between 183 °C and 300 °C consistently report UH<sub>3</sub> in the reaction products. This is somewhat expected since these conditions lie within the temperature range where maximum hydriding rates are observed (Banos et al., 2018a). Hence, it seems probable that in many studies UH<sub>3</sub> may have formed in addition to UO<sub>2</sub> and its presence may have been overlooked, instead assuming that all corrosion was caused by the U + H<sub>2</sub>O reaction.

## 5. Discussion

In the previous sections we derived the kinetics of uranium corrosion with water for various temperature and pressure regimes. The rate equations, and their derived parameters were compared to previous studies and showed good agreement (Tables 2 and 3). The main focus of this work was to gain more insight into the effects of certain parameters such as material history, thermal-treatment, surface preparation and the experimental method of rate determination. These 'background' parameters can affect the 'actual' reaction rate value and can contribute, if not fully account, for the observed discrepancies in the reported rates for similar temperature and pressure regimes. For example, in the uranium-water vapour system at 40 °C, Corcoran's (Colmenares, 1984) reported rates were considerably lower in comparison to the other investigators for similar vapour pressures (Table A1). It is believed that the method used to derive the rate (H<sub>2</sub> gas generation) played a primary role on the reported rate value. If weight change analysis had been employed on that study, then a reasonable expectation is that the rates would have been higher. The same effect was also observed in the U-H<sub>2</sub>O(l) system and the studies by Banos et al. (Banos et al. (2019a)) (25–70 °C) which again used methods other than weight change, where the reported rates were consistently lower than other literature studies (Table A2). Especially for immersed experimental conditions, this is expected since H<sub>2</sub> cannot escape fully into the headspace but rather some hydrogen stays dissolved in water and/or trapped within the vicinity of the metal sample. Hydrogen trapping may be facilitated by the geometry of the cell and shape of sample. If a critical gas concentration threshold is surpassed, hydrogen can start to react with the metal as a uranium-hydrogen corrosion system leading to rate enhancement which is not represented in the gas generation data (underestimation of the rate). Thus, higher reaction rate values will be reported when an enclosed reaction system is monitored using a weight change method for rate determination (Table A1 - (Baker et al., 1966; Orman and Walker, 1965; Orman, 1963)) versus, an open system, where oxide thickness measurements are used for rate determination (Table A1 - (Ritchie et al., 1986; Grimes and Morris, 1965)). A different example is the considerably higher rates that were reported by Jackson and Condon (Jackson et al., 1977) for uranium oxidation with water vapour at 80 °C and 100 °C. This could be due to a combination of the mechanical treatment (shape), thermal treatment and surface cleaning preparation (nitric acid etching) of the sample (Table A1).

As derived from the data in Table A and Table A2, the formation of

UH<sub>3</sub> in the reaction products is favoured in an enclosed versus an open system and in saturated versus non-saturated conditions. This is particularly evident from the data in Table A2 (uranium-liquid water system) where UH<sub>3</sub> is detected at environmental temperatures. The limited nature of the available literature information, in part due to its age, does not allow greater insight into the conditions under which UH<sub>3</sub> forms. It is highly probable that UH<sub>3</sub> did exist in studies where it is not reported or detected (amorphous state, mixed with oxide, etc.). Certainly, reaction rate enhancement owing to UH<sub>3</sub> formation may lead to notable discrepancies between studies especially in the range of 150–400 °C where hydriding kinetics are greatest. The schematic of Fig. 11 integrates the various driving factors which are critical in facilitating bulk-UH<sub>3</sub> formation under storage conditions or within a reactor core. Corrosion reaction scenarios which combine some these conditions have increased probability in forming bulk-UH<sub>3</sub> in their corrosion products.

## 6. Outlook and perspectives

This review presents a significant compilation of the literature on the kinetics of uranium corrosion in water. The study concentrates on the driving factors and parameters that may lead to rate enhancements and kinetic discrepancies, for similar reaction conditions, mainly through the formation of unstable uranium hydride – which is a feared and much maligned substance for the nuclear industry.

By thorough investigation of the published data, it is shown that when water is present, hydride formation is ubiquitous but not necessarily a bulk product of corrosion. A major pair of questions, which underpins safety concerns for any specific storage scenario is whether hydride has (i) formed in bulk quantities, and (ii) persisted without oxidation. This review has concluded that bulk hydride formation is only likely possible in wet storage environments where hydrogen cannot easily escape, and atmospheric oxygen cannot easily be replenished. Whilst wet storage has been the preferred approach for storing spent nuclear fuel for many decades, when considering the corrosion susceptibility of uranium metal in water and the pyrophoricity of its hydride, we would recommend dry storage as the preferred option.

Conceptually, if you have a storage system which does not contain free water, hydrogen or oxygen, then uranium corrosion cannot occur. In practice this is not so simple, since storage under a dry inert gas e.g. argon or even nitrogen requires sealing of the waste-form or facility. Any residual adsorbed waters are problematic in such a scenario. They will cause further reaction with residual metal until consumed, leading to hydrogen production. Because the system is sealed this is problematic as it will cause pressure build-up and potentially also bulk hydride formation.

Pragmatically, storage of metallic uranium under dry air in system which is not fully sealed for gas ingress and egress, is considered an acceptable and more cost-effective solution. It would have the benefit of significantly reducing the corrosion kinetics (not stopping it), whilst controlling the arising corrosion products to avoid the formation of the hydride.

For water-stored legacy wastes which may contain uranium hydride, we would also advocate a transition to such dry storage, which is being considered by Sellafield Ltd. in the UK. In this case, it is also worth considering whether waste drying might also be assisted by mild and controlled heating. This would potentially have the benefit of slowly and controllably eradicating both residual metal and hydride into a stable oxide mixture. Waste package design would need to include sufficient filtered ventilation to allow gas ingress/egress as well as internal structures to accommodate the arising volumetric expansion from conversion of uranium metal to oxide. If thermal treatment is conducted, then care must be given to control the heat flux. Whilst a recent study (Puranen et al., 2020) has successfully demonstrated thermal treatment of spent U metal fuel to form a stable oxide product,

their treatment temperatures were  $> 600\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , which would have been sufficient to liberate residual volatile fission products. Instead, we would advocate slow heating and temperatures up to  $200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Schematics of Fig. 12 displays our suggested approach for storage of SNF. Bulk-hydride formation can be effectively mitigated under these conditions while existing  $\text{UH}_3$ -containing SNF parts could reduce their  $\text{UH}_3$  quantities over time.

As a generalisation, based on the compilation of kinetic data it is acceptable to assume that any uranium metal stored in open air ponds is not expected to have formed any significant amount of bulk hydride, irrespective of the pond water chemistry. This we be applicable to sites like Sellafield in the UK and Hanford in the US (K-Basin). The only scenario where bulk hydride could form in an open system is where a localised hydrogen trap has formed in the vicinity of uranium metal. For example, two simple examples would include an upturned waste skip or a poorly sealed storage canister containing uranium metal. These types of scenario are not expected to be commonplace.

## 7. Conclusion

A review of the reported rates for the reaction of uranium with water has been conducted by gathering all available data from past literature. Useful formulas which describe the kinetics of the system have been derived for the various temperature and pressure regimes and were used to compare with pre-existing kinetic equations.

## Appendix A

**Table A1**  
Uranium - Water Vapour Reaction.

| No. | T<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) | P<br>(mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                          | Thermal<br>treatment/<br>Surface<br>preparation            | Impurity<br>content<br>(ppm) | Method                 | Open/<br>Closed<br>System | $\text{UH}_3$ | Reaction<br>rate<br>( $\text{mgU}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$ ) | Reference                     |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1   | 20                          | 23.3        | 100    | Unirradiated<br>U rod or<br>swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid<br>etched                       | Fe, Si, Al, C                | Weight gain or<br>loss | Closed                    | n/a           | 0.018   | (Orman and<br>Walker<br>1965) |
| 2   | 22                          | 26.4        | 100    | Unirradiated<br>U rod or<br>swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid<br>etched                       | Fe, Si, Al, C                | Weight gain or<br>loss | Closed                    | n/a           | 0.016   | (Orman and<br>Walker<br>1965) |
| 3   | 22                          | 26.4        | 100    | Unirradiated<br>U rod or<br>swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid<br>etched                       | Fe, Si, Al, C                | Weight gain or<br>loss | Closed                    | n/a           | 0.03  | (Orman and<br>Walker<br>1965) |
| 4   | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically<br>polished (P600-<br>2500 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | Oxide thickness        | Closed                    | No            | 0.00603   | (Stitt et al.<br>2017)        |
| 5   | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically<br>polished (P600-<br>2500 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | Oxide thickness        | Closed                    | No            | 0.01106   | (Stitt et al.<br>2017)        |
| 6   | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically<br>polished (P600-<br>2500 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | Oxide thickness        | Closed                    | No            | 0.03306   | (Stitt et al.<br>2017)        |
| 7   | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/Nitric<br>acid etched                              | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | Oxide thickness        | Closed                    | No            | 0.01079   | (Stitt et al.<br>2017)        |
| 8   | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/Nitric<br>acid etched                              | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | Oxide thickness        | Closed                    | No            | 0.01079   | (Stitt et al.<br>2017)        |
| 9   | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/Nitric<br>acid etched                              | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | Oxide thickness        | Closed                    | No            | 0.01848   | (Stitt et al.<br>2017)        |
| 10  | 25                          | 31.6        | 100    | Magnox<br>natural U<br>coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically<br>polished (SiC<br>P4000 grade)  | Fe, Al, C, N, O              | XRD fit                | Closed                    | No            | 0.00357   | (Banos 2017)                  |

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Additional insight into the secondary parameters affecting the corrosion reaction kinetics, in addition to pressure and temperature have been provided indicating that material purity, preparation, experimental set-up and method of rate derivation are all important influences. It is suggested that these 'background' effects addressed here contribute to the reported rate discrepancies seen by similar studies. Most significant of all is the unwanted bulk- $\text{UH}_3$  formation which introduces uncertainty and unpredictability to the corrosion system. The various parameters and conditions that lead to bulk- $\text{UH}_3$  formation are provided along with the authors approach on mitigating bulk- $\text{UH}_3$  formation on SNF under storage conditions. Taking into consideration the effects of these parameters would allow better prediction of the kinetics and corrosion behaviour of uranium at any given condition and should form the basis for future studies to create enhanced predictive models for uranium corrosion.

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Table A1 (continued)

| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                    | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation           | Impurity content (ppm)         | Method                                    | Open/<br>Closed System            | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                    |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 11  | 25     | 31.6     | 100    | Magnox natural U coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically polished (SiC P4000 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O                | Oxide thickness (SIMS)                    | Closed                            | No              | 0.00368  | (Banos 2017)                 |
| 12  | 25     | 31.6     | 100    | Natural U discs/foils       | Diamond polished                                    | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed (800 mbar N <sub>2</sub> ) | n/a             | 0.0026   | (Corcoran et al. 1965)       |
| 13  | 25     | 31.6     | 100    | Natural U discs/foils       | Nitric acid etched                                  | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed (800 mbar N <sub>2</sub> ) | n/a             | 0.012  | (Corcoran et al. 1965)       |
| 14  | 26.5   | 9.3      | 27     | Depleted U square coupon    | Mechanically polished                               | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.0013   | (Harker 2012)                |
| 15  | 30     | 12       | 28.5   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.01   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 16  | 30     | 23       | 54.3   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.018  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 17  | 30     | 31.7     | 75.1   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.022  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 18  | 34.2   | 26.7     | 50     | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.023  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 19  | 35     | 56.1     | 100    | Unirradiated natural U rod  | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | H <sub>2</sub> generation/<br>Weight gain | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.056  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 20  | 35     | 56.1     | 100    | Unirradiated U rod          | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15 | Weight loss                               | Closed                            | No              | 0.06   | (Orman 1963)                 |
| 21  | 40     | 12.1     | 16.4   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.011  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 22  | 40     | 13.1     | 17.8   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.013  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 23  | 40     | 23.6     | 32     | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.034  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 24  | 40     | 26.7     | 36.3   | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.031  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 25  | 40     | 28.3     | 38.5   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.031  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 26  | 40     | 32       | 43.5   | Natural U discs/foils       | Nitric acid etched                                  | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed (800 mbar N <sub>2</sub> ) | n/a             | 0.009  | (Corcoran et al. 1965)       |
| 27  | 40     | 32       | 43.5   | Natural U discs/foils       | Nitric acid etched                                  | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed (800 mbar N <sub>2</sub> ) | n/a             | 0.022  | (Corcoran et al. 1965)       |
| 28  | 40     | 42.3     | 57.5   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.031  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 29  | 40     | 42.3     | 57.5   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.032  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 30  | 40     | 42.3     | 57.5   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.034  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 31  | 40     | 55.3     | 75.1   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.037  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 32  | 40     | 73.6     | 100    | Unirradiated U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain or loss                       | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.045  | (Orman and Walker 1965)      |
| 33  | 40     | 73.6     | 100    | Unirradiated U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain or loss                       | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.09   | (Orman and Walker 1965)      |
| 34  | 45     | 31.6     | 33.1   | Magnox natural U coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically polished (SiC P4000 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O                | XRD fit                                   | Closed                            | No              | 0.011  | (Banos 2017)                 |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                    | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation           | Impurity content (ppm)         | Method                                    | Open/<br>Closed System            | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                    |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 35  | 45     | 31.6     | 33.1   | Magnox natural U coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically polished (SiC P4000 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O                | Oxide thickness (SIMS)                    | Closed                            | No              | 0.0082   | (Banos 2017)                 |
| 36  | 49.5   | 12.2     | 10.2   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.033  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 37  | 50     | 12.2     | 9.9    | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.035  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 38  | 50     | 26.5     | 21.5   | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.045  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 39  | 50     | 26.5     | 21.5   | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.05   | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 40  | 50     | 43.1     | 35     | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0587   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 41  | 50     | 73.6     | 59.8   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0742   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 42  | 50     | 76.8     | 62.4   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.086  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 43  | 50     | 93.7     | 76.1   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.065  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 44  | 50     | 123.1    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain or loss                       | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.1  | (Orman and Walker 1965)      |
| 45  | 50     | 123.1    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain or loss                       | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.11   | (Orman and Walker 1965)      |
| 46  | 50     | 123.1    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U rod  | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15 | Weight loss                               | Closed                            | No              | 0.21   | (Orman 1963)                 |
| 47  | 50     | 123.1    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod          | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | H <sub>2</sub> generation/<br>Weight gain | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.199  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 48  | 50.3   | 42.6     | 34.1   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0412   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 49  | 50.9   | 44.5     | 34.6   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0596   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 50  | 55     | 31.6     | 20.1   | Magnox natural U coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically polished (SiC P4000 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O                | XRD fit                                   | Closed                            | No              | 0.039  | (Banos 2017)                 |
| 51  | 55     | 31.6     | 20.1   | Magnox natural U coupon     | As-cast/<br>Mechanically polished (SiC P4000 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O                | Oxide thickness (SIMS)                    | Closed                            | No              | 0.036  | (Banos 2017)                 |
| 52  | 57     | 17.3     | 10     | Natural-U                   | Cold-rolled sheet                                   | n/a                            | n/a                                       | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.044  | (Waber 1956)                 |
| 53  | 60     | 12.5     | 6.3    | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0763   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 54  | 60     | 23.8     | 12     | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0637   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 55  | 60     | 26.8     | 13.5   | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.077  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 56  | 60     | 26.8     | 13.5   | Unirradiated U              | n/a   | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)          | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.079  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 57  | 60     | 31.8     | 16     | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0639   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 58  | 60     | 74.3     | 37.4   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0783   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |

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|-----|--------|----------|--------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 59  | 60     | 76.7     | 38.6   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0987   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 60  | 60     | 96.2     | 48.4   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.111  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 61  | 60     | 110.3    | 55.5   | n/a                         | n/a                                       | n/a                            | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                            | Intermediate*** | 0.154  | (Kondo et al. 1974)          |
| 62  | 60     | 123      | 61.9   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.246  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 63  | 60     | 126.8    | 63.8   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.13   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 64  | 60     | 198.7    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched         | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain or loss  | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.18   | (Orman and Walker 1965)      |
| 65  | 60.5   | 124.5    | 61.2   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.205  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 66  | 60.9   | 42.2     | 20.4   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.082  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 67  | 62     | 79.7     | 36.6   | Depleted-U                  | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.148  | (Colmenares 1984)            |
| 68  | 62     | 79.7     | 36.6   | Depleted-U                  | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.167  | (Colmenares 1984)            |
| 69  | 62     | 79.7     | 36.6   | Depleted-U                  | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.161  | (Colmenares 1984)            |
| 70  | 62     | 79.7     | 36.6   | Depleted-U                  | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.172  | (Colmenares 1984)            |
| 71  | 62     | 79.7     | 36.6   | Depleted-U                  | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.190  | (Colmenares 1984)            |
| 72  | 62     | 79.7     | 36.6   | Depleted-U                  | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.173  | (Colmenares 1984)            |
| 73  | 62     | 155.6    | 71.4   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.16   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 74  | 65     | 249.5    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod          | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched         | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15 | Weight loss  | Closed                            | No              | 0.679  | (Orman 1963)                 |
| 75  | 65     | 249.5    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod          | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric-acid etched         | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | H <sub>2</sub> generation/<br>Weight gain                          | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.65   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 76  | 69.4   | 120.0    | 39.6   | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.186  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 77  | 70     | 12.4     | 4.0    | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.093  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 78  | 70     | 23.3     | 7.5    | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.130  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 79  | 70     | 23.6     | 7.6    | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.124  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 80  | 70     | 24.9     | 8.0    | Depleted U square coupon    | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.111  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)        |
| 81  | 70     | 26.4     | 8.5    | Unirradiated U              | n/a                                       | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)                                   | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.1  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |
| 82  | 70     | 26.4     | 8.5    | Unirradiated U              | n/a                                       | n/a                            | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)                                   | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.124  | (Grimes and Morris 1965)     |

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|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| 83  | 70     | 31.6     | 10.2   | Magnox natural U coupon             | As-cast/<br>Mechanically polished (SiC P4000 grade) | Fe, Al, C, N, O        | XRD fit             | Closed                            | No              | 0.079  | (Banos 2017)            |
| 84  | 70     | 42.3     | 13.6   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.122  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 85  | 70     | 42.9     | 13.8   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.144  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 86  | 70     | 56.3     | 18.1   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.155  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 87  | 70     | 57.2     | 18.4   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.165  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 88  | 70     | 57.2     | 18.4   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.216  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 89  | 70     | 74.0     | 23.8   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.138  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 90  | 70     | 74.6     | 24.0   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.196  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 91  | 70     | 74.6     | 24.0   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.206  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 92  | 70     | 77.7     | 25.0   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.18   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 93  | 70     | 96.1     | 30.9   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.227  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 94  | 70     | 97.3     | 31.3   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.196  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 95  | 70     | 123.1    | 39.6   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.247  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 96  | 70     | 123.7    | 39.8   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.35   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 97  | 70     | 124.4    | 40.0   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.277  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 98  | 70     | 158.6    | 51.0   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.247  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 99  | 70     | 198.0    | 63.7   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.35   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 100 | 70     | 202.4    | 65.1   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.289  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 101 | 70     | 310.9    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched                   | Fe, Si, Al, C          | Weight gain or loss | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.31   | (Orman and Walker 1965) |
| 102 | 70     | 310.9    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched                   | C, Fe, Si, Al          | Weight loss         | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.31   | (Orman and Walker 1965) |
| 103 | 70.6   | 204.2    | 64.0   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.412  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 104 | 70.9   | 44.6     | 13.8   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.13   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 105 | 71.2   | 127.35   | 38.9   | Depleted U square coupon            | Nitric acid etched                                  | High purity            | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.214  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                 | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method              | Open/<br>Closed System            | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--------------------------|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| 106 | 71.4   | 239.7    | 72.6   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity   | Weight gain or loss | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.279  | (Ritchie et al. 1986) |
| 107 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.660  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 108 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.696  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 109 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.750  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 110 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.777  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 111 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.739  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 112 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.750  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 113 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.735  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 114 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U              | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain         | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.706  | (Colmenares 1984)     |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material    | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference         |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------|---|---|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| 115 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11) | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.701  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 116 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.303  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 117 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.319  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 118 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.306  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 119 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.320  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 120 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.354  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 121 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.387  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 122 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.227  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 123 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.222  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 124 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.245  | (Colmenares 1984) |
| 125 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40)               | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed      | n/a             | 0.243  | (Colmenares 1984) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                            | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method   | Open/<br>Closed System            | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference               |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| 126 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U                         | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40) | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.260  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 127 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U                         | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40) | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.306  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 128 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U                         | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40) | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.357  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 129 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U                         | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40) | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.367  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 130 | 72.5   | 133      | 38.4   | Depleted- U                         | Electropolished                           | Intermediate purity – Total: 246 (Fe: 60, Mn: 70, Cu: 20, Si: 20, Al: 40) | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed                 | n/a             | 0.366  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 131 | 74     | 368.8    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched         | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain or loss  | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.38   | (Orman and Walker 1965) |
| 132 | 74     | 368.8    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U rod or swarf | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched         | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain or loss  | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.38   | (Orman and Walker 1965) |
| 133 | 75     | 42.3     | 11     | n/a                                 | n/a                                       | n/a   | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                            | Intermediate*** | 0.168  | (Kondo et al. 1964)     |
| 134 | 75     | 53.9     | 14     | n/a                                 | n/a                                       | n/a   | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                            | Intermediate*** | 0.13   | (Kondo et al. 1964)     |
| 135 | 75     | 80.8     | 21     | n/a                                 | n/a                                       | n/a   | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                            | Intermediate*** | 0.19   | (Kondo et al. 1964)     |
| 136 | 75     | 107.7    | 28     | n/a                                 | n/a                                       | n/a   | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                            | Intermediate*** | 0.26   | (Kondo et al. 1964)     |
| 137 | 75     | 134.6    | 35     | n/a                                 | n/a                                       | n/a   | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                            | Intermediate*** | 0.32   | (Kondo et al. 1964)     |
| 138 | 75     | 192.4    | 50     | Natural-U                           | Cold-rolled sheet                         | n/a   | n/a  | n/a                               | n/a             | 0.15   | (Waber 1956)            |
| 139 | 75     | 384.7    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U              | Quenched from $\gamma$ -phase             | n/a   | H <sub>2</sub> generation  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.084  | (Magnani 1974)          |
| 140 | 75     | 384.7    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U              | Quenched from $\gamma$ -phase             | n/a   | H <sub>2</sub> generation  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.084  | (Magnani 1974)          |
| 141 | 75     | 384.7    | 100    | Unirradiated natural U              | Quenched from $\gamma$ -phase             | n/a   | H <sub>2</sub> generation  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.0793   | (Magnani 1974)          |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material   | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation         | Impurity content (ppm)   | Method   | Open/<br>Closed System                    | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--|---|--|--|---|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| 142 | 76     | 72       | 18.0   | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)      | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100,<br>N: 75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn: 25,<br>Mg: 25 | Weight gain  | Open<br>(He- H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.106*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)  |
| 143 | 77     | 65       | 15.5   | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)      | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100,<br>N: 75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn: 25,<br>Mg: 25 | Weight gain  | Open<br>(He- H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.079*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)  |
| 144 | 78     | 63       | 14.5   | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)      | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100,<br>N: 75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn: 25,<br>Mg: 25 | Weight gain  | Open<br>(He- H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.075*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)  |
| 145 | 80     | 3.8      | 0.8    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed,<br>β- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10,<br>O < < 100   | Weight gain  | Open<br>(Ar gas stream)                   | No              | 0.274  | (Jackson et al. 1977)    |
| 146 | 80     | 3.8      | 0.8    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10,<br>O < < 100   | Weight gain  | Open<br>(Ar gas stream)                   | No              | 0.252  | (Jackson et al. 1977)    |
| 147 | 80     | 4.0      | 0.8    | n/a  | n/a   | n/a  | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                                    | Intermediate*** | 0.25   | (Kondo et al. 1964)      |
| 148 | 80     | 15.9     | 3.4    | n/a  | n/a   | n/a  | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                                    | Intermediate*** | 0.55   | (Kondo et al. 1964)      |
| 149 | 80     | 15.9     | 3.4    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10,<br>O < < 100   | Weight gain  | Open<br>(Ar gas stream)                   | No              | 0.549  | (Jackson et al. 1977)    |
| 150 | 80     | 26.7     | 5.6    | Unirradiated U   | n/a   | n/a  | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)                                   | n/a                                       | n/a             | 0.152  | (Grimes and Morris 1965) |
| 151 | 80     | 26.7     | 5.6    | Unirradiated U   | n/a   | n/a  | Oxide thickness (Interferometry)                                   | n/a                                       | n/a             | 0.157  | (Grimes and Morris 1965) |
| 152 | 80     | 28.5     | 6.0    | n/a  | n/a   | n/a  | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed                                    | Yes             | 0.69   | (Kondo et al. 1964)      |
| 153 | 80     | 28.5     | 6.0    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10, O < < 100  | Weight gain  | Open<br>(Ar gas stream)                   | No              | 0.692  | (Jackson et al. 1977)    |
| 154 | 80     | 42.5     | 9.0    | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                                | High purity  | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)         | n/a             | 0.178  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)    |
| 155 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished              | n/a  | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)         | n/a             | 0.311  | (Colmenares 1984)        |
| 156 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished              | n/a  | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)         | n/a             | 0.295  | (Colmenares 1984)        |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                 | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation | Impurity content (ppm)         | Method                                    | Open/<br>Closed System            | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                                  |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| 157 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.295  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 158 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.332  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 159 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.336  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 160 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.341  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 161 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.347  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 162 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.349  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 163 | 80     | 79.7     | 16.8   | Depleted-U               | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | n/a                            | Weight gain                               | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.351  | (Colmenares 1984)                          |
| 164 | 80     | 80.8     | 17.1   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.28   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 165 | 80     | 123.4    | 26.1   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.381  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 166 | 80     | 199.00   | 42.1   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.421  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 167 | 80     | 199.0    | 42.1   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.439  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 168 | 80     | 200.0    | 42.3   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.536  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 169 | 80     | 353.6    | 74.8   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.52   | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 170 | 80     | 472.7    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod       | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched         | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15 | Weight loss                               | Closed                            | No              | 1.742  | (Orman 1963)                               |
| 171 | 80     | 472.7    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod       | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched         | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | H <sub>2</sub> generation/<br>Weight gain | Closed                            | n/a             | 0.95   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966, Ritchie 1981) |
| 172 | 80     | 472.7    | 100    | Unirradiated U rod       | Mg-reduced/n<br>Nitric acid etched        | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | H <sub>2</sub> generation/<br>Weight gain | Closed                            | n/a             | 1.49   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966)               |
| 173 | 80.2   | 203.5    | 42.7   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.382  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 174 | 80.2   | 317.9    | 66.7   | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.763  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 175 | 80.3   | 43.5     | 9.1    | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.241  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 176 | 80.4   | 12.5     | 2.6    | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.124  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 177 | 80.4   | 13.9     | 2.9    | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.157  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 178 | 80.4   | 25.0     | 5.2    | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.165  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |
| 179 | 80.5   | 24.1     | 5.0    | Depleted U square coupon | Nitric acid etched                        | High purity                    | Weight gain or loss                       | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas) | n/a             | 0.196  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)                      |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material   | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation      | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method   | Open/<br>Closed System   | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference               |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--|--|---|--|--|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| 180 | 80.5   | 42.5     | 8.8    | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.243  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 181 | 80.5   | 73.8     | 15.3   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.278  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 182 | 80.5   | 125.9    | 26.1   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.361  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 183 | 80.5   | 198.7    | 41.2   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.548  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 184 | 80.5   | 314.5    | 65.2   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.721  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 185 | 80.6   | 74.1     | 15.3   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.293  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 186 | 81.2   | 127.5    | 25.7   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.375  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 187 | 81.4   | 204.6    | 40.9   | Depleted U square coupon                                     | Nitric acid etched                             | High purity   | Weight gain or loss  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.487  | (Ritchie et al. 1986)   |
| 188 | 98     | 3.8      | 0.4    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed, γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85, Si: 60, Al: 38, N: 10, O < < 100   | Weight gain  | Open/ Ar gas stream  | No              | 0.362  | (Jackson et al. 1977)   |
| 189 | 98     | 4.0      | 0.4    | n/a  | n/a  | n/a   | Volumetric, gravimetric, barometric studies and gas chromatography | Closed   | Intermediate*** | 0.360  | (Kondo et al. 1964)     |
| 190 | 98     | 58.0     | 6.2    | Uranium alloy 601 -(Irradiated)                              | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)   | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain  | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream)                              | No              | 0.088*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 191 | 99     | 56.0     | 5.7    | Uranium alloy 601 -(Irradiated)                              | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)   | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain  | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream)                              | No              | 0.462*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 192 | 100    | 0.065    | 0.006  | Depleted - U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished           | n/a   | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed  | n/a             | 0.041  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 193 | 100    | 0.12     | 0.012  | Depleted - U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished           | n/a   | Weight gain  | Static/<br>Closed  | n/a             | 0.052  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 194 | 100    | 0.15     | 0.015  | Depleted - U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished           | n/a   | Weight gain  | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)                                  | n/a             | 0.056  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 195 | 100    | 2.7      | 0.266  | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)       | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1                 | Weight gain  | Closed system (Decreasing P-H <sub>2</sub> O -Opened periodically) | Yes             | 0.274  | (Weirick 1984)          |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material   | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation         | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System   | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--|---|---|-------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| 196 | 100    | 2.7      | 0.266  | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)          | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1 | Weight gain | Open system  | n/a             | 0.16   | (Weirick 1984)        |
| 197 | 100    | 2.7      | 0.266  | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)          | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1 | Weight gain | Open system  | n/a             | 0.17   | (Weirick 1984)        |
| 198 | 100    | 3        | 0.3    | Depleted-U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished              | n/a   | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed  | n/a             | 0.216  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 199 | 100    | 6.1      | 0.6    | n/a  | n/a   | n/a   | Weight gain | Closed   | n/a             | 0.743  | (Santon 1964)         |
| 200 | 100    | 6.7      | 0.7    | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)          | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1 | Weight gain | Closed system (Decreasing P-H <sub>2</sub> O -Opened periodically) | Yes             | 0.351  | (Weirick 1984)        |
| 201 | 100    | 9.5      | 0.9    | Unirradiated U rod   | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched                 | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed   | n/a             | 0.17   | (Orman 1964)          |
| 202 | 100    | 13       | 1.3    | Unirradiated U rod   | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched                 | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed   | n/a             | 0.43   | (Orman 1964)          |
| 203 | 100    | 13.3     | 1.3    | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)          | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1 | Weight gain | Closed system (Decreasing P-H <sub>2</sub> O -Opened periodically) | Yes             | 0.35   | (Weirick 1984)        |
| 204 | 100    | 13.3     | 1.3    | Depleted-U   | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished              | n/a   | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed  | n/a             | 0.372  | (Colmenares 1984)     |
| 205 | 100    | 15.9     | 1.6    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85, Si: 60, Al: 38, N: 10, O < < 100                                       | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)   | No              | 1.3  | (Jackson et al. 1977) |
| 206 | 100    | 20       | 2.0    | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)          | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1 | Weight gain | Closed system (Decreasing P-H <sub>2</sub> O -Opened periodically) | Yes             | 0.374  | (Weirick 1984)        |
| 207 | 100    | 20       | 2.0    | Depleted U (D38) coupon                                      | Mechanical polishing SIC (600 grit size)          | C: 19, O: 18, N: 17, Fe: 12, Mg: 11, Al: 10, Si: 10, Mn: 8, Ni: 5, Cr: 3, Cu: 2, P: 1 | Weight gain | Open system  | n/a             | 0.45   | (Weirick 1984)        |
| 208 | 100    | 22.2     | 2.2    | Unirradiated U rod   | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched                 | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed   | n/a             | 0.49   | (Orman 1964)          |
| 209 | 100    | 27.8     | 2.7    | Unirradiated U rod   | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched                 | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed   | n/a             | 0.48   | (Orman 1964)          |
| 210 | 100    | 28.5     | 2.8    | Unirradiated natural U rolled foil shaped into concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid etched | C: 98, Fe: 85, Si: 60, Al: 38, N: 10, O < < 100                                       | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)   | No              | 1.57   | (Jackson et al. 1977) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                       | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation    | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System                | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference               |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| 211 | 100    | 30       | 3.0    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed                     | n/a             | 0.595  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 212 | 100    | 31.7     | 3.1    | Unirradiated U rod             | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                                | n/a             | 0.73   | (Orman 1964)            |
| 213 | 100    | 50       | 4.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 0.818  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 214 | 100    | 57       | 5.6    | Uranium alloy 601 (Irradiated) | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit) | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | n/a             | 0.537*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 215 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 0.893  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 216 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.125  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 217 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 0.870  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 218 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 0.901  | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 219 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.02   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 220 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.01   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 221 | 100    | 79.7     | 7.9    | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.01   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 222 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Static/<br>Closed                     | n/a             | 1.46   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 223 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.64   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 224 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.74   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 225 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 1.79   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 226 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11)               | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 2.37   | (Colmenares 1984)       |
| 227 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U                     | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished         | Low purity - Total 457 (C: 31, Al: 5, Si: 15, Mn: 45, Fe: 142, W < 100, P < 100, Cu:11)               | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub> carrier gas)     | n/a             | 2.01   | (Colmenares 1984)       |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material   | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System               | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference            |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|------------|---|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| 228 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity -<br>Total 457 (C:<br>31, Al: 5, Si:<br>15, Mn: 45,<br>Fe: 142,<br>W < 100,<br>P < 100,<br>Cu:11)      | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.95   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 229 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity -<br>Total 457 (C:<br>31, Al: 5, Si:<br>15, Mn: 45,<br>Fe: 142,<br>W < 100,<br>P < 100,<br>Cu:11)      | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.87   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 230 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity -<br>Total 457 (C:<br>31, Al: 5, Si:<br>15, Mn: 45,<br>Fe: 142,<br>W < 100,<br>P < 100,<br>Cu:11)      | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.85   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 231 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity -<br>Total 457 (C:<br>31, Al: 5, Si:<br>15, Mn: 45,<br>Fe: 142,<br>W < 100,<br>P < 100,<br>Cu:11)      | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.91   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 232 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | Low purity -<br>Total 457 (C:<br>31, Al: 5, Si:<br>15, Mn: 45,<br>Fe: 142,<br>W < 100,<br>P < 100,<br>Cu:11)      | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.81   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 233 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11,<br>Mn: 7.7, Fe:<br>12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.15   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 234 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11,<br>Mn: 7.7, Fe:<br>12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.25   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 235 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11,<br>Mn: 7.7, Fe:<br>12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.42   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 236 | 100    | 133.3    | 13.1   | Depleted-U | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically polished      | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12)    | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.55   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |

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| No. | T<br>(°C) | P<br>(mbar) | Rh (%) | Material              | Thermal<br>treatment/<br>Surface<br>preparation | Impurity<br>content<br>(ppm)   | Method      | Open/<br>Closed<br>System            | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction<br>rate<br>(mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference            |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------------------|---|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| 237 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.55   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 238 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.50   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 239 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.46   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 240 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.50   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 241 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.51   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 242 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.54   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 243 | 100       | 133.3       | 13.1   | Depleted-U            | α-annealed/<br>Mechanically<br>polished         | High purity -<br>Total 97 (C:<br>19, N: 17,<br>O: 18, Al: 10,<br>Ni: 5, Si: 10,<br>Mg: 11, Mn:<br>7.7, Fe: 12) | Weight gain | Open (N <sub>2</sub><br>carrier gas) | n/a             | 1.52   | (Colmenares<br>1984) |
| 244 | 100       | 232         | 22.9   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 1.74   | (Orman<br>1964)      |
| 245 | 100       | 420         | 41.5   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 2.0  | (Orman<br>1964)      |
| 246 | 100       | 510         | 50.3   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 1.57   | (Orman<br>1964)      |
| 247 | 100       | 569         | 56.2   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 2.29   | (Orman<br>1964)      |
| 248 | 100       | 661         | 65.2   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 2.62   | (Orman<br>1964)      |
| 249 | 100       | 701         | 69.2   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 3.48   | (Orman<br>1964)      |
| 250 | 100       | 739         | 72.9   | Unirradiated<br>U rod | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98,<br>Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss | Closed                               | n/a             | 3.18   | (Orman<br>1964)      |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                        | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation    | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method                                    | Open/<br>Closed System                | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                    |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 251 | 100    | 808      | 79.7   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 3.44   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 252 | 100    | 873      | 86.2   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 3.76   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 253 | 100    | 926.5    | 91.4   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 3.21   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 254 | 100    | 978.6    | 96.6   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 3.95   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 255 | 100    | 997      | 98.4   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 4.3  | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 256 | 100    | 1000     | 98.7   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 4.34   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 257 | 100    | 1007     | 99.4   | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 4.18   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 258 | 100    | 1013.3   | 100.0  | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | n/a             | 4.75   | (Orman 1964)                 |
| 259 | 100    | 1013.3   | 100.0  | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15  | Weight loss                               | Closed                                | No              | 4.75   | (Orman 1963)                 |
| 260 | 100    | 1013.3   | 100.0  | Unirradiated U rod              | Mg-reduced/<br>Nitric acid etched            | Fe, Si, Al, C   | H <sub>2</sub> generation/<br>Weight gain | Closed                                | Yes             | 3.30   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 261 | 105    | 73       | 7.2    | Uranium alloy 601 -(Irradiated) | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit) | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain                               | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.181*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)      |
| 262 | 105    | 208      | 20.5   | Natural-U                       | n/a  | n/a   | n/a                                       | n/a                                   | n/a             | 0.112  | (Pearce and Kay 1987)        |
| 263 | 105    | 790      | 78.0   | Natural-U                       | n/a  | n/a   | n/a                                       | n/a                                   | n/a             | 1.77   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)        |
| 264 | 105    | 1000     | 98.7   | Natural-U                       | n/a  | n/a   | n/a                                       | n/a                                   | n/a             | 2.98   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)        |
| 265 | 108    | 82       | 8.1    | Unirradiated uranium alloy 601  | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit) | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain                               | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.118*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)      |
| 266 | 129    | 68       | 6.7    | Uranium alloy 601 -(Irradiated) | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit) | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain                               | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.869*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)      |
| 267 | 132    | 79       | 7.8    | Unirradiated uranium alloy 601  | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit) | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain                               | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No              | 0.196*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999)      |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material   | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                  | Impurity content (ppm)   | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System                       | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                  |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--|--|--|-------------|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| 268 | 133    | 61       | 6.0    | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                                       | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                               | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100, N:<br>75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn:<br>25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-<br>H <sub>2</sub> O gas<br>stream) | No              | 0.552*   | (Abrefah and<br>Sell 1999) |
| 269 | 134    | 72       | 7.1    | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                                       | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                               | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100,<br>N: 75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn:<br>25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-<br>H <sub>2</sub> O gas<br>stream) | No              | 0.367*   | (Abrefah and<br>Sell 1999) |
| 270 | 150    | 3.8      | 0.4    | Unirradiated<br>natural U<br>rolled foil<br>shaped into<br>concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched                       | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10,<br>O < < 100   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas<br>stream)                      | No              | 0.581  | (Jackson<br>et al. 1977)   |
| 271 | 150    | 15.9     | 1.6    | Unirradiated<br>natural U<br>rolled foil<br>shaped into<br>concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched                       | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10,<br>O < < 100   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas<br>stream)                      | No              | 2.41   | (Jackson<br>et al. 1977)   |
| 272 | 150    | 28.5     | 2.8    | Unirradiated<br>natural U<br>rolled foil<br>shaped into<br>concave discs | α-annealed,<br>γ- quenched/<br>Nitric acid<br>etched                       | C: 98, Fe: 85,<br>Si: 60, Al: 38,<br>N: 10,<br>O < < 100   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas<br>stream)                      | No              | 3.01   | (Jackson<br>et al. 1977)   |
| 273 | 150    | 51       | 5.0    | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 2.08   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 274 | 150    | 210      | 20.7   | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 3.27   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 275 | 150    | 210      | 20.7   | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 3.79   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 276 | 150    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 5.36   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 277 | 150    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 5.58   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 278 | 150    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 5.73   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 279 | 150    | 790      | 78.0   | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | n/a  | n/a             | 9.37   | (Pearce and<br>Kay 1987)   |
| 280 | 150    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural-U  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a         | Open   | n/a             | 16.07  | (Wathen<br>1943)           |
| 281 | 160    | 58       | 5.7    | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                                       | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                               | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100,<br>N: 75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn:<br>25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-<br>H <sub>2</sub> O gas<br>stream) | No              | 3.174*   | (Abrefah and<br>Sell 1999) |
| 282 | 160    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast<br>natural U<br>rectangular<br>sheet                             | As-cast and hot-<br>rolled/<br>Mechanical<br>polishing (00<br>emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain | Open system<br>(Ar gas<br>stream)            | Yes             | 8.93   | (Hopkinson<br>1959)        |
| 283 | 161    | 57       | 5.6    | Uranium alloy 601<br>-(Irradiated)                                       | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                               | Al: 700–900,<br>C: 365–735,<br>Cr: 65, Cu: 75,<br>Fe: 300–400,<br>Ni: 100,<br>N: 75, Si: 124,<br>Zr: 65, Mn:<br>25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-<br>H <sub>2</sub> O gas<br>stream) | No              | 4.570*   | (Abrefah and<br>Sell 1999) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                       | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System                | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference               |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 284 | 161    | 76       | 7.5    | Uranium alloy 601 (Irradiated) | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 3.901*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 285 | 162    | 74       | 7.3    | Uranium alloy 601 (Irradiated) | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 1.950*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 286 | 162    | 74       | 7.3    | Unirradiated uranium alloy 601 | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 1.980*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 287 | 162    | 76       | 7.5    | Unirradiated uranium alloy 601 | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 1.731*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 288 | 163    | 72       | 7.1    | Uranium alloy 601 (Irradiated) | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 1.353*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 289 | 169    | 77       | 7.6    | Unirradiated uranium alloy 601 | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 3.590*   | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 290 | 180    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U                      | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 13.5   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |
| 291 | 180    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U                      | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 13.9   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |
| 292 | 180    | 790      | 78.0   | Natural-U                      | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 14.1   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |
| 293 | 199    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                 | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7   | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)                 | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 25.5   | (Hayward et al. 1994)   |
| 294 | 199    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet      | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)                 | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 36.2   | (Hayward et al. 1994)   |
| 295 | 200    | 210      | 20.7   | Natural-U                      | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 15.8   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |
| 296 | 200    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U                      | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 22.3   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                            | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System                | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference               |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 297 | 200    | 790      | 78.0   | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 37.6   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |
| 298 | 200    | 1000     | 98.7   | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 43.5   | (Pearce and Kay 1987)   |
| 299 | 200    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)                 | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 36.9   | (Hayward et al. 1994)   |
| 300 | 200    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)                  | Yes                             | 35.7   | (Hopkinson 1959)        |
| 301 | 200    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)                  | Yes                             | 44.63  | (Hopkinson 1959)        |
| 302 | 200    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)                  | Yes                             | 44.63  | (Hopkinson 1959)        |
| 303 | 200    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural -U                          | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                                   | n/a                             | 104.1  | (Huddle 1953)           |
| 304 | 200    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | Open                                  | n/a                             | 119  | (Wathen 1943)           |
| 305 | 201    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7   | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)                 | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 22.8   | (Hayward et al. 1994)   |
| 306 | 201    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7   | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)                 | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 24.0   | (Hayward et al. 1994)   |
| 307 | 201    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7   | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)                 | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 22.3   | (Hayward et al. 1994)   |
| 308 | 204    | 1013.3   | 100    | n/a                                 | n/a   | n/a   | Weight gain | Closed                                | n/a                             | 17.3   | (Santon 1964)           |
| 309 | 211    | 67       | 6.6    | Uranium alloy 601 -(Irradiated)     | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 6.27*  | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |
| 310 | 211    | 72       | 7.1    | Uranium alloy 601 -(Irradiated)     | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600-grit)                                  | Al: 700–900, C: 365–735, Cr: 65, Cu: 75, Fe: 300–400, Ni: 100, N: 75, Si: 124, Zr: 65, Mn: 25, Mg: 25 | Weight gain | Open (He-H <sub>2</sub> O gas stream) | No                              | 6.73*  | (Abrefah and Sell 1999) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%)            | Material  | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method  | Open/<br>Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 311 | 225    | 13789.5  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | Nitric acid etched  | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | Yes                             | 3652**   | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 312 | 230    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 313 | 230    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 314 | 230    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 713.8  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 315 | 240    | 490      | 48.4              | Natural-U   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 127.2  | (Pearce and Kay 1987) |
| 316 | 250    | 490      | 48.4              | Natural-U   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 126.5  | (Pearce and Kay 1987) |
| 317 | 250    | 490      | 48.4              | Natural-U   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 145.1  | (Pearce and Kay 1987) |
| 318 | 250    | 790      | 78.0              | Natural-U   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 250.7  | (Pearce and Kay 1987) |
| 319 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 150.7  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 320 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 176.9  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 321 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | Hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)                          | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 401.6  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 322 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | Hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)                          | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 714  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 323 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | Hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)                          | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 714  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 324 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural -U  | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 593.5  | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 325 | 250    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | Open                   | n/a                             | 1197   | (Wathen 1943)         |
| 326 | 252    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural U foil  | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 74.9   | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 327 | 252    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural U foil  | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 79.6   | (Hayward et al. 1994) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%)            | Material  | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method  | Open/<br>Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 328 | 270    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 758.6  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 329 | 270    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 847.9  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 330 | 270    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 847.9  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 331 | 285    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 284.1  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 332 | 285    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 312.1  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 333 | 300    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 892.5  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 334 | 300    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 1071   | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 335 | 300    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 1204.9   | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 336 | 300    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural -U  | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 521.9  | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 337 | 300    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | Open                   | n/a                             | 1435   | (Wathen 1943)         |
| 338 | 300    | 13789.5  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α-hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | Yes                             | 10413**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 339 | 300    | 68947.6  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α-hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | Yes                             | 18928**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 340 | 301    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural U foil  | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 239.2  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 341 | 301    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 479.8  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                            | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System            | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 342 | 301    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 526.0  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 343 | 302    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 225.7  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 344 | 325    | 490      | 48.4   | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                               | n/a                             | 389.9  | (Pearce and Kay 1987) |
| 345 | 325    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 480.3  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 346 | 327    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 445.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 347 | 330    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open system (Ar-steam gas stream) | Yes                             | 937.1  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 348 | 349    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 619.2  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 349 | 350    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 586.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 350 | 350    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Yes                             | 714  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 351 | 350    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural -U                          | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                               | n/a                             | 889.5  | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 352 | 351    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 468.4  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 353 | 352    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Extruded/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched         | Fe < 7  | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 445.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 354 | 352    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 374.8  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%)            | Material  | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method  | Open/<br>Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 355 | 353    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural U foil  | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 412.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 356 | 370    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 847.9  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 357 | 380    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 714  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 358 | 400    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 405.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 359 | 400    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 322.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 360 | 400    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural U foil  | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 486.6  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 361 | 400    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural -U  | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a                             | 788.4  | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 362 | 400    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 803.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 363 | 400    | 13789.5  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α-hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | Yes                             | 20282**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 364 | 400    | 68947.6  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α-hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | Yes                             | 29750**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 365 | 400    | 137895   | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α-hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | Yes                             | 44625**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 366 | 420    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 535.5  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 367 | 420    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes                             | 624.8  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%) | Material                            | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/<br>Closed System         | UH <sub>3</sub>                 | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 368 | 420    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)           | Yes                             | 803.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 369 | 447    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)          | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 242.1  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 370 | 450    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)          | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 191.0  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 371 | 450    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)           | Yes                             | 490.9  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 372 | 450    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)           | Yes                             | 758.6  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 373 | 450    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural -U                          | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                            | n/a                             | 506.5  | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 374 | 451    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Steam in Ar carrier gas) | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 69.0   | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 375 | 451    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Steam in Ar carrier gas) | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 125.9  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 376 | 499    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Steam in Ar carrier gas) | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 51.4   | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 377 | 500    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Steam in Ar carrier gas) | Heavily oxidised (not detected) | 62.6   | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 378 | 500    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)           | Yes                             | 401.6  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 379 | 500    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)           | Yes                             | 446.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |

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| No. | T (°C) | P (mbar) | Rh (%)            | Material  | Thermal treatment/<br>Surface preparation                                     | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method  | Open/<br>Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub>  | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference             |
|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 380 | 500    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Yes  | 580.1  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 381 | 500    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural -U  | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | n/a                    | n/a  | 506.5  | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 382 | 500    | 13789.5  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | n/a  | 16229**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 383 | 500    | 68947.6  | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | n/a  | 21636**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 384 | 500    | 137895   | Superheated steam | Defected and open end unirradiated ingot U fuel element | α hot-rolled, extruded/<br>Nitric acid etched                                 | C: 300  | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> gas generation | Closed                 | n/a  | 36511**  | (Troutner 1960)       |
| 385 | 501    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected) / Improbable (Dehydrating T) | 202.0  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 386 | 501    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/ Improbable (Dehydrating T)  | 182.4  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 387 | 502    | 1013.3   | 100               | Extruded Natural U pellet                               | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar carrier gas)  | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/ Improbable (Dehydrating T)  | 274.1  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 388 | 520    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable (Dehydrating T)                                   | 267.8  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 389 | 520    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable (Dehydrating T)                                   | 446.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 390 | 550    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable   | 312.4  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 391 | 550    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable   | 357  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 392 | 550    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet                     | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain                                   | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable   | 446.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |

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|-----|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 393 | 550    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable   | 490.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 394 | 552    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/<br>Improbable (Dehydrating T) | 364.5  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 395 | 600    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/<br>Improbable (Dehydrating T) | 221.1  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 396 | 600    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable   | 575.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 397 | 600    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable   | 663.8  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 398 | 600    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable   | 752.3  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 399 | 600    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural -U                          | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                               | n/a  | 59.6   | (Huddle 1953)         |
| 400 | 602    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural U foil                      | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/<br>Improbable (Dehydrating T) | 429.8  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 401 | 603    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Ar carrier gas)             | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/<br>Improbable (Dehydrating T) | 235.7  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 402 | 620    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                               | n/a  | 418.0  | (Scott 1959)          |
| 403 | 620    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                               | n/a  | 694.7  | (Scott 1959)          |
| 404 | 620    | 1013.3   | 100    | Natural-U                           | n/a   | n/a   | n/a         | n/a                               | n/a  | 758.6  | (Scott 1959)          |
| 405 | 650    | 1013.3   | 100    | Extruded Natural U pellet           | Punched to shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (600 grit C) and nitric acid etched | Fe: 110, Zr: 14, Cu: 14, Cr: 14, Al: 70, Si: 35, Mg: 3, Ca: 7 | Weight gain | Open (Steam in Ar carrier gas)    | Heavily oxidised (not detected)/<br>Improbable (Dehydrating T) | 221.1  | (Hayward et al. 1994) |
| 406 | 650    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U cylinder          | As-cast/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)                             | n/a   | Weight gain | Open system (Ar-steam gas stream) | Improbable   | 619.5  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |
| 407 | 650    | 1013.3   | 100    | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)              | n/a   | Weight gain | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable   | 663.8  | (Hopkinson 1959)      |

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|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| 408 | 700    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable                               | 575.3  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 409 | 700    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable                               | 2655   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 410 | 730    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable                               | 2655   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 411 | 730    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                      | 1026   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 412 | 730    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                      | 1562   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 413 | 730    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                      | 1569   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 414 | 730    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                      | 2581   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 415 | 780    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                      | 1755   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 416 | 780    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                               | n/a                                      | 3384   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 417 | 780    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable                               | 1770   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 418 | 800    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)                 | Improbable                               | 215.7  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 419 | 800    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)                 | Improbable                               | 310.9  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 420 | 800    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)                 | Improbable                               | 429.9  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 421 | 800    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)                 | Improbable                               | 580.1  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 422 | 800    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)                 | Improbable                               | 733.3  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 423 | 800    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)                 | Improbable                               | 751.2  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 424 | 820    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U cylinder          | As-cast/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper)                | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open system (Ar-steam gas stream) | Improbable due to dehydriding above 500C | 1338.8   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 425 | 840    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)              | Improbable                               | 1338.8   | (Hopkinson 1959) |

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|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 426 | 880    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 89.3   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 427 | 890    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 428 | 900    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 528.1  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 429 | 900    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 728.9  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 430 | 900    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 1019   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 431 | 900    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 1592   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 432 | 900    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2135   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 433 | 900    | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 3057   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 434 | 930    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 435 | 970    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 89.3   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 436 | 970    | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 437 | 990    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2016   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 438 | 990    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2573   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 439 | 990    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 3458   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 440 | 990    | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 3778   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 441 | 1000   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 89.3   | (Hopkinson 1959) |

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|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 442 | 1000   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 443 | 1000   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 506  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 444 | 1000   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 751  | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 445 | 1000   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 1086   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 446 | 1000   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 1770   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 447 | 1000   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2581   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 448 | 1020   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 89.3   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 449 | 1020   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 450 | 1060   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 133.9  | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 451 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 1458   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 452 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2224   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 453 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2425   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 454 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2826   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 455 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2923   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 456 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 2990   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 457 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 3533   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 458 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 5801   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 459 | 1100   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 7943   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 460 | 1125   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2960   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 461 | 1125   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 3630   | (Lemmon 1957)    |

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|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 462 | 1125   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 3823   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 463 | 1200   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 1695.8   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 464 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 3444   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 465 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 3570   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 466 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 4135   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 467 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 5801   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 468 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 6195   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 469 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 6909   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 470 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 8947   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 471 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 9029   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 472 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 9327   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 473 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 11394  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 474 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 11930  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 475 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 17404  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 476 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 17939  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 477 | 1215   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 32398  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 478 | 1230   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2105   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 479 | 1230   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2871   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 480 | 1230   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 3503   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 481 | 1230   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 3979   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 482 | 1230   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 3979   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 483 | 1280   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 1830   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 484 | 1280   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2551   | (Lemmon 1957)    |

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|-----|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 485 | 1280   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 2930   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 486 | 1280   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 4306   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 487 | 1280   | 3447.4   | Superheated steam | Natural-U rod                       | Forged in shape/<br>Mechanical polishing (60 and 180-grit paper) | C: 50, N: 50, O: 10, Si: 300, Mo: 40, Ni: 30, Fe: 100, Cr: 20, Al: 40, H: 2-10 | H <sub>2</sub> generation | Open (Steam flow)      | Improbable      | 4463   | (Lemmon 1957)    |
| 488 | 1400   | 1013.3   | 100               | As-cast natural U rectangular sheet | As-cast and hot-rolled/<br>Mechanical polishing (00 emery paper) | n/a  | Weight gain               | Open (Ar gas stream)   | Improbable      | 2142   | (Hopkinson 1959) |
| 489 | 1440   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 6657   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 490 | 1440   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 7326   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 491 | 1440   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 8769   | (Scott 1959)     |
| 492 | 1440   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 11156  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 493 | 1440   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 16236  | (Scott 1959)     |
| 494 | 1440   | 1013.3   | 100               | Natural-U                           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a                       | n/a                    | n/a             | 16905  | (Scott 1959)     |

\*Considerable mass loss of corrosion product.

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**Table A2**  
Uranium – Liquid Water Reaction.

| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water   | Material                   | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation              | Impurity content (ppm)         | Method                                    | Open/Closed System  | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                    |
|-----|--------|--|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1   | 20.6   | K West basin water   | Spent nuclear fuel         | n/a   | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | n/a             | 0.001075   | (Praga and Pajunen 1998)     |
| 2   | 20.6   | K West basin water   | Spent nuclear fuel         | n/a   | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | n/a             | 0.000161   | (Praga and Pajunen 1998)     |
| 3   | 21.7   | K West basin water   | Spent nuclear fuel         | n/a   | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | n/a             | 0.000134   | (Praga and Pajunen 1998)     |
| 4   | 21.7   | K West basin water   | Spent nuclear fuel         | n/a   | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | n/a             | 0.00175  | (Praga and Pajunen 1998)     |
| 5   | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/As received (thick layer)                   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.01275  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 6   | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/As received (thick layer)                   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.00792  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 7   | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/As received (thick layer)                   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.00505  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 8   | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Nitric acid etched                          | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.01534  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 9   | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/ Nitric acid etched                         | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.00136  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 10  | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/ Nitric acid etched                         | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.01534  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 11  | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/ Nitric acid etched                         | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Oxide thickness                           | Rough static vacuum | n/a             | 0.01874  | (Stitt et al. liquid 2018)   |
| 12  | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size) | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | Yes             | 0.0107   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 13  | 25     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size) | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | Yes             | 0.0086   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 14  | 25     | Deionised water and 222.3 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                          | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size) | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | Yes             | 0.0041   | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 15  | 25     | Deionised water and 551.7 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                          | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size) | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | Yes             | 0.003  | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 16  | 35     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/Nitric acid etched                       | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15 | Weight loss                               | Closed              | No              | 0.071  | (Orman 1963)                 |
| 17  | 35     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/Nitric acid etched                       | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain/<br>H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed              | n/a             | 0.057  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 18  | 37     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed              | n/a             | 0.0011   | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 19  | 37     | Distilled water and dilute H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (pH: 6.0-6.5) | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed              | n/a             | 0.002  | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 20  | 45     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size) | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | Yes             | 0.0262   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 21  | 45     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size) | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed              | Yes             | 0.0098   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water   | Material                   | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation                | Impurity content (ppm)        | Method                                 | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                    |
|-----|--------|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 22  | 45     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0215   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 23  | 45     | Deionised water and 240 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                            | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0181   | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 24  | 45     | Deionised water and 447.8 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                          | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0023   | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 25  | 45     | Deionised water and 734.2 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                          | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0148   | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 26  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | n/a                | n/a             | 0.0000098  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 27  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.000039   | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 28  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.0000641  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 29  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.00012  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 30  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.00016  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 31  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.00026  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 32  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.00037  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 33  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | Weight loss                            | n/a                | n/a             | 0.00043  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 34  | 50     | Purified water   | Natural uranium            | Cold rolled/n/a                                       | n/a                           | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | n/a                | n/a             | 0.00058  | (Waber 1958)                 |
| 35  | 50     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Closed             | n/a             | 0.005  | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 36  | 50     | Distilled water and dilute H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (pH: 6.0-6.5) | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Closed             | n/a             | 0.005  | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 37  | 50     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.000498   | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 38  | 50     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.00124  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 39  | 50     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.00246  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 40  | 50     | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Closed             | n/a             | 0.062  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 41  | 50     | O <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss                            | Closed             | n/a             | 0.036  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 42  | 50     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched                         | Fe, Si, Al, C                 | Weight gain/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 0.19   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 43  | 55     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0148   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 44  | 55     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0799   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 45  | 55     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0612   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)   |
| 46  | 55     | Deionised water and 151 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                            | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.044  | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 47  | 55     | Deionised water and 416 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                            | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.044  | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 48  | 55     | Deionised water and 728 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                            | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | H <sub>2</sub> generation              | Closed             | Yes             | 0.017  | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)   |
| 49  | 55     | Deionised deuterated water and 280 mbar H <sub>2</sub>                 | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | Gas generation                         | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0093   | (Banos et al. report 2018)   |
| 50  | 55     | Deionised water and 294.7 mbar Ar                                      | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al               | Gas generation                         | Closed             | Yes             | 0.021  | (Banos et al. part 3 2020)   |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water   | Material                   | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation                | Impurity content (ppm)         | Method                                | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                       |
|-----|--------|--|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 51  | 60     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.011  | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 52  | 60     | Distilled water and dilute H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (pH: 6.0-6.5) | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.007  | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 53  | 60     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.017  | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 54  | 60     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.0219   | (Mollison, English et al. 1945) |
| 55  | 60     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.03   | (Mollison, English et al. 1945) |
| 56  | 60     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.0838   | (Mollison, English et al. 1945) |
| 57  | 65     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/Nitric-acid etched                         | C: 150, Fe: 98, Si: 17, Al: 15 | Weight loss                           | Closed             | No              | 0.63   | (Orman 1963)                    |
| 58  | 65     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/Nitric acid etched                         | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain/H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 0.665  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966)    |
| 59  | 70     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.012  | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 60  | 70     | Distilled water and dilute H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (pH: 6.0-6.5) | As-cast tuballoy           | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.015  | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 61  | 70     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | Finely polished                                       | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.32   | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 62  | 70     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | Medium polished                                       | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.46   | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 63  | 70     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | Coarse polished                                       | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.40   | (Draley and English 1945)       |
| 64  | 70     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation             | Closed             | Yes             | 0.1166   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)      |
| 65  | 70     | Deionised water  | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation             | Closed             | Yes             | 0.0996   | (Banos et al. part 1 2019)      |
| 66  | 70     | Deionised water and 447.9 mbar D <sub>2</sub>                          | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | H <sub>2</sub> generation             | Closed             | Yes             | 0.016  | (Banos et al. part 2 2019)      |
| 67  | 70     | Deionised deuterated water and 181.9 mbar H <sub>2</sub>               | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Gas generation                        | Closed             | Yes             | 0.04   | (Banos et al. report 2018)      |
| 68  | 70     | Deionised deuterated water and 241.1 mbar Ar                           | Magnox natural U           | As-cast/Mechanically polished (SiC -2500 grit size)   | C, N, O, Fe, Al                | Gas generation                        | Closed             | Yes             | 0.023  | (Banos et al. part 3 2020)      |
| 69  | 70     | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.35   | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 70  | 70     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.0097   | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 71  | 70     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.0096   | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 72  | 70     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Open in air        | n/a             | 0.0212   | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 73  | 70     | He-saturated distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.21   | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 74  | 70     | N <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.25   | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |
| 75  | 70     | O <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy           | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 0.003  | (Mollison et al. 1945)          |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water   | Material   | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation  | Impurity content (ppm)         | Method                                    | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub>      | Reaction rate (mgU·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                    |
|-----|--------|--|--|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 76  | 80     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod                       | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, 150, Fe, 98, Si, 17, Al, 15 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | No                   | 1.75   | (Orman 1963)                 |
| 77  | 80     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 0.2  | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 78  | 80     | Distilled water and dilute H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (pH: 6.0-6.5) | As-cast tuballoy                                 | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 0.03   | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 79  | 80     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Open in air        | n/a                  | 0.00938  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 80  | 80     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Open in air        | n/a                  | 0.036  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 81  | 80     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Open in air        | n/a                  | 0.1625   | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 82  | 80     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Open in air        | n/a                  | 0.661  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 83  | 80     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Open in air        | n/a                  | 0.545  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 84  | 80     | Aerated distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Open in air        | n/a                  | 0.685  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 85  | 80     | Degassed water   | Unirradiated natural U rod                       | Mg-reduced/ Nitric acid etched  | Fe, Si, Al, C                  | Weight gain/ H <sub>2</sub> generation    | Closed             | n/a                  | 1.63   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 86  | 90     | Distilled water  | As-cast tuballoy                                 | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 0.7  | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 87  | 90     | Distilled water and dilute H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (pH: 6.0-6.5) | As-cast tuballoy                                 | n/a   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 0.6  | (Draley and English 1945)    |
| 88  | 90     | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 1.2  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 89  | 90     | O <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 1.0  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 90  | 90     | Simulated J13 well water (pH: 8.65, 90.5 % O <sub>2</sub> sat.)        | Depleted U from unirradiated EBR-11 blanket fuel | n/a   | n/a                            | H <sub>2</sub> generation                 | Closed             | Yes (Intermediate)   | 1.42   | (Fonnesbeck 2000)            |
| 91  | 100    | Distilled water  | Natural U  | n/a   | n/a                            | Weight loss                               | n/a                | n/a                  | 0.78   | (Greninger 1945)             |
| 92  | 100    | Distilled water  | Natural U  | n/a   | n/a                            | Weight loss                               | n/a                | n/a                  | 1.16   | (Greninger 1945)             |
| 93  | 100    | Distilled water  | Natural U  | n/a   | n/a                            | Weight loss                               | n/a                | n/a                  | 0.77   | (Greninger 1945)             |
| 94  | 100    | Deionised water  | Natural U cut from ingot                         | Hot α-rolled/ Mechanical polishing or nitric acid etching or electropolishing | n/a                            | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | No (short oxidation) | 2.93   | (Schroeder et al. 1959)      |
| 95  | 100    | Deionised water  | Natural U cut from ingot                         | Hot α-rolled/ Mechanical polishing or nitric acid etching or electropolishing | n/a                            | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | No (short oxidation) | 3.04   | (Schroeder et al. 1959)      |
| 96  | 100    | Deionised water  | Natural U cut from ingot                         | Hot α-rolled/ Mechanical polishing or nitric acid etching or electropolishing | n/a                            | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | No (short oxidation) | 3.28   | (Schroeder et al. 1959)      |
| 97  | 100    | Deionised water  | Natural U cut from ingot                         | Hot α-rolled/ Mechanical polishing or nitric acid etching or electropolishing | n/a                            | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | No (short oxidation) | 2.7  | (Schroeder et al. 1959)      |
| 98  | 100    | Deionised water  | Natural U cut from ingot                         | Hot α-rolled/ Mechanical polishing or nitric acid etching or electropolishing | n/a                            | Weight loss and H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | No (short oxidation) | 3.5  | (Schroeder et al. 1959)      |
| 99  | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | As-cast tuballoy                                 | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched                         | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn  | Weight loss                               | Closed             | n/a                  | 2.7  | (Mollison et al. 1945)       |
| 100 | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | Natural U  | As-cast   | n/a                            | n/a                                       | n/a                | n/a                  | 1.95   | (McWhirter and Draley 1952)  |
| 101 | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water                              | Natural U  | As-cast   | n/a                            | n/a                                       | n/a                | n/a                  | 2.51   | (Feibig 1945)                |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water  | Material         | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation                           | Impurity content (ppm)        | Method      | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU.cm <sup>-2</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference              |
|-----|--------|---|------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| 102 | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water               | Natural U        | As-cast  | n/a                           | n/a         | n/a                | n/a             | 0.85-0.95  | (Colbeck et al. 1945)  |
| 103 | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water               | Natural U        | As-cast  | n/a                           | n/a         | n/a                | n/a             | 2.6-2.9  | (Colbeck et al. 1945)  |
| 104 | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water (pH: 7.5-7.6) | Natural U        | As-cast  | Fe: 630, Si: 240, Cr: 660     | n/a         | n/a                | n/a             | 2.0-2.2  | (Colbeck et al. 1945)  |
| 105 | 100    | H <sub>2</sub> -saturated distilled water (pH: 9.0-9.2) | Natural U        | As-cast  | Fe: 630, Si: 240, Cr: 660     | n/a         | n/a                | n/a             | 2.6-3.0  | (Colbeck et al. 1945)  |
| 106 | 100    | Distilled water (1 wt.% conc. NaCl)                     | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched            | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.73   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 107 | 100    | Distilled water (10 wt.% conc. NaCl)                    | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched            | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.41   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 108 | 100    | Distilled water (20 wt.% conc. NaCl)                    | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched            | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.43   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 109 | 100    | Distilled water (2 ppm cupric ion)                      | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched            | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.40   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 110 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched            | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.7  | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 111 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 64 h at 100 °C, water quenched                          | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.1  | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 112 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 2 h at 900 °C, water quenched                           | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 0.78   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 113 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 96 h at 900 °C, water quenched                          | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.55   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 114 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 96 h at 900 °C, water quenched                          | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.04   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 115 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 64 h at 850 °C, water quenched                          | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.8  | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 116 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 2 h at 725 °C, water quenched                           | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.16   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 117 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 2 h at 600 °C, water quenched                           | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.17   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 118 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 2 h at 900 °C, furnace cooled                           | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.17   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 119 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 96 h at 900 °C, furnace cooled                          | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 0.94   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 120 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 96 h at 900 °C, furnace cooled                          | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.10   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 121 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 2 h at 725 °C, furnace cooled                           | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 1.68   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 122 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 2 h at 600 °C, furnace cooled                           | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.13   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 123 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 96 h at 900 °C water quenched and 600 °C furnace cooled | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 0.66   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 124 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | As-cast/ 96 h at 900 °C water quenched and 600 °C furnace cooled | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.44   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 125 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | Slow cooked and worked   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 0.77   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |
| 126 | 100    | Distilled water   | As-cast tuballoy | Slow cooked and unworked   | C, Al, Cr, Fe, Si, Mo, Ti, Zn | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 0.77   | (Mollison et al. 1945) |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water          | Material       | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation   | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method      | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU.cm <sup>-2</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                   |
|-----|--------|-------------------------|----------------|--|---|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 127 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>α-annealed  | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 4.9  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 128 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>β heat-treated  | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.8  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 129 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>γ heat-treated  | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.3  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 130 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>1 h 1000 °C water-quenched                                | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.4  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 131 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>1 h 1000 °C furnace-cooled                                | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.9  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 132 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>1 h 1000 °C water-quenched and 1 h 600 °C<br>slow- cooled | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.1  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 133 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D547 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled, warm rolled and annealed/<br>Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>1 h 1000 °C furnace-cooled and 1 h 600 °C<br>slow- cooled | C: 170, Al: 4,<br>Ca: 10, Fe: 70,<br>Mo: 25-250,<br>Ni: 10, Si: 30                    | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.1  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 134 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D550 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled and annealed/Mechanical<br>polishing (240 or 320 grit size) / α-annealed   | Ni: 10, Si: 30<br>C: 250-270, Al: 2, Ca:<br>10, Fe: 100, Mg: 10, Ni:<br>15,<br>Si: 25 | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 4.9  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 135 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D550 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled and annealed/Mechanical<br>polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>β heat-treated  | C: 250-270, Al: 2, Ca:<br>10, Fe: 100, Mg: 10, Ni:<br>15,<br>Si: 25                   | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 4.5  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 136 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D550 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled and annealed/Mechanical<br>polishing (240 or 320 grit size) /<br>γ heat-treated  | C: 250-270, Al: 2, Ca:<br>10, Fe: 100, Mg: 10, Ni:<br>15,<br>Si: 25                   | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.2  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 137 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D550 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled and annealed/Mechanical<br>polishing (240 or 320 grit size) / 1 h 1000 °C<br>water-quenched  | C: 250-270, Al: 2, Ca:<br>10, Fe: 100, Mg: 10, Ni:<br>15,<br>Si: 25                   | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 3.3  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |
| 138 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | D550 natural U | As-cast, hot rolled and annealed/Mechanical<br>polishing (240 or 320 grit size) / 1 h 1000 °C<br>furnace-cooled  | C: 250-270, Al: 2, Ca:<br>10, Fe: 100, Mg: 10, Ni:<br>15,<br>Si: 25                   | Weight loss | Closed             | n/a             | 2.6  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953) |

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|-----|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 139 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Mallinckrodt biscuit metal ingot 532 | Hot rolled slow-cooled, 1 h 720 °C water quenched/Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/α-annealed   | C: 55, Al: 20, Ca < 20, Fe: 50, K < 20, Mg: 15, Mo < 20, Na: 10, Ni: 20, P < 20, Si: 20, Ti < 50, Zn < 20 | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 4.3  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 140 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Mallinckrodt biscuit metal ingot 532 | Hot rolled slow-cooled, 1 h 720 °C water quenched/Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/β heat-treated   | C: 55, Al: 20, Ca < 20, Fe: 50, K < 20, Mg: 15, Mo < 20, Na: 10, Ni: 20, P < 20, Si: 20, Ti < 50, Zn < 20 | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 3.1  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 141 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Ingot B328 high purity natural U     | Hot rolled, 600 °C slow-cooled, 1 h 700 °C water quenched and 1 h 800 °C water quenched /Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/α-annealed                  | C: 44-55, Al: 5, As < 10, Ca < 20, Fe: 5, K < 20, P < 20, Si: 10, Ti < 50, Zn < 20                        | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 2.6  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 142 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Ingot B328 high purity natural U     | Hot rolled, 600 °C slow-cooled, 1 h 700 °C water quenched and 1 h 800 °C water quenched /Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/β heat-treated              | C: 44-55, Al: 5, As < 10, Ca < 20, Fe: 5, K < 20, P < 20, Si: 10, Ti < 50, Zn < 20                        | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 2.5  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 143 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Ingot B328 high purity natural U     | Hot rolled, 600 °C slow-cooled, 1 h 700 °C water quenched and 1 h 800 °C water quenched /Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/γ heat-treated              | C: 44-55, Al: 5, As < 10, Ca < 20, Fe: 5, K < 20, P < 20, Si: 10, Ti < 50, Zn < 20                        | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 2.5  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 144 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Ingot B328 high purity natural U     | Hot rolled, 600 °C slow-cooled, 1 h 700 °C water quenched and 1 h 800 °C water quenched /Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/ 1 h 1000 °C water-quenched | C: 44-55, Al: 5, As < 10, Ca < 20, Fe: 5, K < 20, P < 20, Si: 10, Ti < 50, Zn < 20                        | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 2.6  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 145 | 100    | Boiling distilled water | Ingot B328 high purity natural U     | Hot rolled, 600 °C slow-cooled, 1 h 700 °C water quenched and 1 h 800 °C water quenched /Mechanical polishing (240 or 320 grit size)/ 1 h 1000 °C furnace-cooled | C: 44-55, Al: 5, As < 10, Ca < 20, Fe: 5, K < 20, P < 20, Si: 10, Ti < 50, Zn < 20                        | Weight loss                           | Closed             | n/a             | 2.6  | (Draley and McWhirter 1953)  |
| 146 | 100    | Degassed water          | Unirradiated natural U rod           | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched  | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 3.65   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 147 | 100    | Degassed water          | Unirradiated natural U rod           | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched  | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 4.0  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 148 | 100    | Degassed water          | Unirradiated natural U rod           | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched  | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 4.2  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 149 | 100    | Degassed water          | Unirradiated natural U rod           | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched  | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 4.25   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 150 | 100    | Degassed water          | Unirradiated natural U rod           | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched  | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 4.15   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |

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|-----|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 151 | 100    | Degassed water                        | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched   | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/<br>H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 4.35   | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 152 | 100    | Degassed water                        | Unirradiated natural U rod | Mg-reduced/nitric-acid etched   | Fe, Si, Al, C   | Weight gain/<br>H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | n/a             | 4.2  | (Baker and Less et al. 1966) |
| 153 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 139  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 154 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 117  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 155 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 122  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 156 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 106  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 157 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 156  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 158 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 137  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 159 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 160  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 160 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 157  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 161 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 145  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 162 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 163  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |
| 163 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar) | Natural U tuballoy         | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                               | Closed             | Yes             | 114  | (Bensen et al. 1945)         |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water  | Material                                 | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation                                      | Impurity content (ppm)  | Method                                 | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference            |
|-----|--------|---|--|---|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| 164 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar)                               | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 136  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 165 | 183    | Distilled water and steam (10.34 bar)                               | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 157  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 166 | 183    | Distilled water and 1 % Dichromate solution and steam (10.34 bar)   | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 134  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 167 | 183    | Distilled water and 1 % Dichromate solution and steam (10.34 bar)   | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 310  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 168 | 183    | Distilled water and 1 % Dichromate solution and steam (10.34 bar)   | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 267  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 169 | 200    | Distilled water and steam (51.7 bar)                                | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 38.5   | (Troutner 1960)      |
| 170 | 200    | Distilled water and steam (103.4 bar)                               | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 42.8   | (Troutner 1960)      |
| 171 | 200    | Distilled water and steam (155.1 bar)                               | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 35.4   | (Troutner 1960)      |
| 172 | 225    | Distilled water and steam (51.7 bar)                                | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 101  | (Troutner 1960)      |
| 173 | 225    | Distilled water and steam (155.1 bar)                               | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 117  | (Troutner 1960)      |
| 174 | 226    | Distilled water and steam (28.96 bar) and H <sub>2</sub> (1.03 bar) | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 721.66   | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 175 | 226    | Distilled water and steam (28.96 bar) and H <sub>2</sub> (1.03 bar) | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 690  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 176 | 226    | Distilled water and steam (28.96 bar) and H <sub>2</sub> (1.03 bar) | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 690  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 177 | 226    | Distilled water and steam (28.96 bar) and H <sub>2</sub> (1.03 bar) | Natural U tuballoy                       | Hot rolled at 600 °C and cast/ Mechanically polished and nitric acid etched | Al: 100, C: 623, Cr: 20, Fe: 200, Si: 50, Mo < 100, Ti < 100, Zn < 50 | Weight loss                            | Closed             | Yes             | 785  | (Bensen et al. 1945) |
| 178 | 250    | Distilled water and steam (51.7 bar)                                | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 222  | (Troutner 1960)      |
| 179 | 250    | Distilled water and steam (103.4 bar)                               | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded   | C: 300  | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 237  | (Troutner 1960)      |

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| No. | T (°C) | Reactant water                        | Material                                 | Thermal treatment /Surface preparation | Impurity content (ppm) | Method                                 | Open/Closed System | UH <sub>3</sub> | Reaction rate (mgU. cm <sup>-2</sup> . h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference       |
|-----|--------|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| 180 | 250    | Distilled water and steam (155.1 bar) | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded                | C: 300                 | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 249  | (Troutner 1960) |
| 181 | 300    | Distilled water and steam (103.4 bar) | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded                | C: 300                 | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 619  | (Troutner 1960) |
| 182 | 300    | Distilled water and steam (155.1 bar) | Natural U ingot or defected fuel element | α -hot-rolled/ Extruded                | C: 300                 | Weight loss/ H <sub>2</sub> generation | Closed             | Yes             | 724  | (Troutner 1960) |

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