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Materials properties of Cu-based bulk metallic glass powders by gas atomization and extrusion process

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Abstract - $\text{Cu}_{54}\text{Ni}_6\text{Zr}_{22}\text{Ti}_{18}$ bulk metallic glass powder was successively prepared and consolidated using a high pressure gas atomization and a warm extrusion, respectively. The $\text{Cu}_{54}\text{Ni}_6\text{Zr}_{22}\text{Ti}_{18}$ amorphous powder as atomized has a wide super-cooled liquid range (ΔT_x) of about 50K, as well as spherical shape (Fig.1).

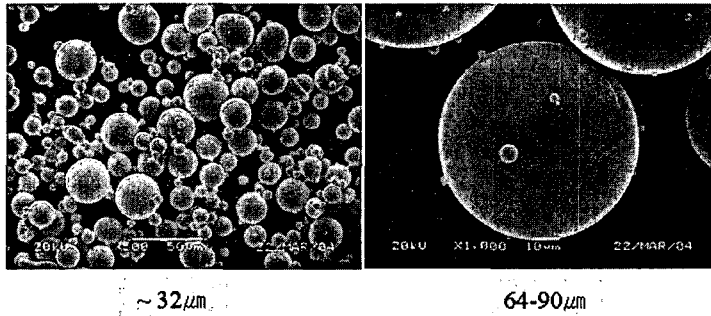


Fig.1. Scanning electron micrographs showing the morphology of gas atomized $\text{Cu}_{54}\text{Ni}_6\text{Zr}_{22}\text{Ti}_{18}$ powder with the size distribution.

The thermal stability and phase transformation of atomized powder (Fig.2) and its extruded bulk were investigated using X-ray diffractometer (XRD) and differential scanning calorimeter (DSC) as a function of powder size distribution.

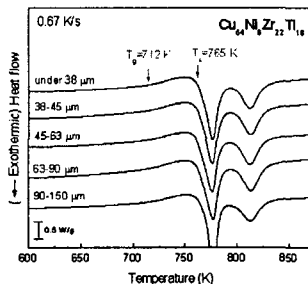


Fig.2. Differential scanning calorimetric traces obtained during continuous heating the gas atomized $\text{Cu}_{54}\text{Ni}_6\text{Zr}_{22}\text{Ti}_{18}$ powder with the size distribution.

The bulk extruded with an area reduction ratio of 5 and working temperature of 743K maintains the amorphous structure. The density reaches at 98%, to that of as cast sample. The compressive strength is located between 1.5GPa and 2.0GPa tending to increase as the powder size increases.

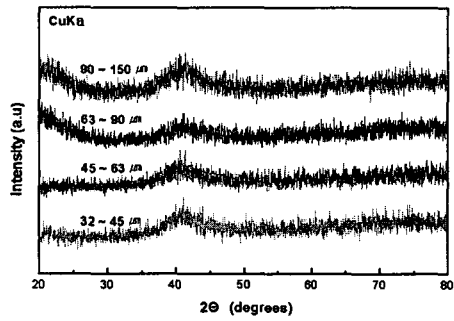


Fig.3. XRD patterns of atomized and extruded $\text{Cu}_{54}\text{Ni}_6\text{Zr}_{22}\text{Ti}_{18}$ alloys.