

## Zr Zr-U

## Effects of Characteristics of Zr-powders on the Sintered Zr-U Alloy

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Zr U (dehydrodring 가 = 45 μm) Zr	dehydrodring Dehydrodring Zr-U , 1500°C 2	Zr ( = 2000 ppm, 가 6.26 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (50 ) 8.52 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
degassing (93.8% TD) ( = 100 ppm, Zr	, 1500°C 2	Zr dehydrodring 6.53 g/cm <sup>3</sup> 20
(93.5% TD) Zr	, 1500°C 2	8.49 g/cm <sup>3</sup> Zr

## Abstract

The effects of characteristics of Zr-powders with and without dehydrodring-treatment on the sintered Zr-U alloys were evaluated. For the Zr-powders without dehydrodring (2000 ppm H, mean diameter = 45 μm), the green density of pressed Zr-U powders appeared to be 6.16 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The dehydrodring time was thus necessary to remove the hydrogen in Zr-powders during sintering, and the density of sintered Zr-U alloy after sintering at 1500°C for 2 hours revealed to be 8.52 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (93.8% TD). On the other hand, the green density of pressed Zr-U powders, when the Zr-powders with dehydrodring-treatment (100 ppm H, mean diameter = 88 μm) was applied, showed to be 6.53 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The sintering duration was much reduced due to the reduction in the hydrogen content of Zr-powder, and the density of sintered Zr-U alloy after sintering at 1500°C for 2 hours revealed to be 8.49 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (93.5% TD). These phenomena would be mainly attributed to the difference in the hydrogen contents of Zr-powders along with the difference in the size of powder. However, it was observed that the characteristics of Zr-powders showed little effects on the density distribution and concentration of alloying elements within a Zr-U alloy.

1.

UO<sub>2</sub> 가 [1-4].

가 / 가 U-Zr Zr 가 UO<sub>2</sub> 가 [5].

가 U-Zr [6]. U creep

swelling / porosity pore가 fission product pore

porosity 가 [6].

[7-8]. U-Zr [11] δ 가 [9] Zr-U U-Zr [10] Zr-U

[6], U Zr

[12] Zr-U

[13] Zr Zr-U

(dehydriding Zr-U Zr U Zr-U dehydriding Zr-U Zr )

Zr 가

Zr-U Zr U

2.

Zr-U Zr U

1 Zr-U 가 U

U-derby U

48  $\mu\text{m}$  sieving 125  $\mu\text{m}$  hydriding-dehydriding

hydriding sieving 125  $\mu\text{m}$  Zr 2

dehydriding 1 Dehydriding

2000 ppm

100

U Zr (40 wt.% U + 60 wt.% Zr) 100 g

Vial-mixer 75 rpm

press cylindrical

Pressing 5,096  $\text{kgf/cm}^2$

load-holding time 20 1500 2~3

Zr-U XRD (X-ray diffraction)

(scanning electron microscope)/EDS (Energy dispersive spectroscopy) SEM

3.

3.1. Zr

2 dehydriding Zr Zr 가 가

Dehydriding Zr 45  $\mu\text{m}$  dehydriding

88  $\mu\text{m}$

3 dehydriding Zr thermal cycle

( $10^{-6}$  torr ) Zr

degassing 가 가

600-900 [14] Zr ZrH<sub>2</sub>가 Zr 2H

Zr dehydriding (ZrH<sub>x</sub>) dehydriding

600-900 50

dehydriding Zr 20

dehydriding Zr dehydriding 가

3.2. Zr-U

4 Zr U / /

1500 2

Zr Zr  
 5 Zr-U Zr-U SEM-BEI  
 1500°C 2 Dehydridding α-Zr Zr  
 α-Zr ( 5b). Zr-U lath α-Zr ( 5a), 1500°C 3  
 Zr-U Zr XRD pattern (thermal cycle)  
 hexagonal U α-Zr δ-UZr<sub>2</sub>  
 U U U  
 가 가 U  
 3) U ( [15]. 60  
 7 U-Zr α-Zr δ-UZr<sub>2</sub> α-Zr  
 wt% Zr 40wt%U 90% (γ-U β-Zr)  
 10% δ-UZr<sub>2</sub> 606 γ-U β-Zr  
 1500 δ-UZr<sub>2</sub> α-Zr 가  
 3.3. Zr  
 8 Zr Zr-U Zr-U Zr-U Zr-U Zr-U  
 green density Zr-U Zr green density dehydridding Zr ( Zr  
 = 45 μm) 6.26 g/cm<sup>3</sup> , dehydridding Zr  
 ( = 88 μm) 6.53 g/cm<sup>3</sup> green density Zr  
 Zr ZrH<sub>x</sub>  
 Zr Zr 가  
 1500°C 2 Zr-U dehydridding Zr  
 ( = 2000 ppm) 8.52 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (93.8% TD) dehydridding  
 Zr ( = 100 ppm) 8.49 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (93.5% TD)

degassing 가 Zr U 가 dehydriding 가 Zr-U  
 Zr 가 Zr Zr 가  
 9 Zr-U 1500 가  
 가 가 가 가

3.4. Zr-U

10 1500 2 Zr  
 가 (1) , (2) , (3) Zr-U , (4) 가 , (5) bulk  
 [16]. Double-action pressing

( 4), punch  
 11 Zr Zr-U  
 $\delta$ -UZr<sub>2</sub>  $\alpha$ -Zr  $\alpha$ -Zr U  
 12 Zr U U  
 U / (volatilization)  
 U 가 U  
 U vapor pressure

4.

Zr U Zr Zr-U  
 가 Dehydriding Zr  
 ( = 2000 ppm, = 45  $\mu$ m) Zr-U 가 6.26

$\text{g/cm}^3$  ,  $1500^\circ\text{C}$  2 (50 ) dehydriding  
 $8.52 \text{ g/cm}^3$  (93.8% TD)  
 Zr dehydriding ( = 100 ppm,  
 = 88  $\mu\text{m}$ ) ,  $6.53 \text{ g/cm}^3$  .  
 20 ,  $1500^\circ\text{C}$  2  
 $8.49 \text{ g/cm}^3$  (93.5% TD) . Zr Zr  
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 ZrH<sub>x</sub> ,  
 dehydriding 가 degassing  
 가  
 Zr Zr Zr-U  
 Zr

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Table 1. Chemical compositions of Zr-powders

	H (max.)	O (max.)	N (max.)	Hf	Fe	Al	Cl
A*	2000	4500	650	100	550	20	350
B**	100	4000	700	100	205	14	80

\* : without dehydriding, \*\* : with dehydriding

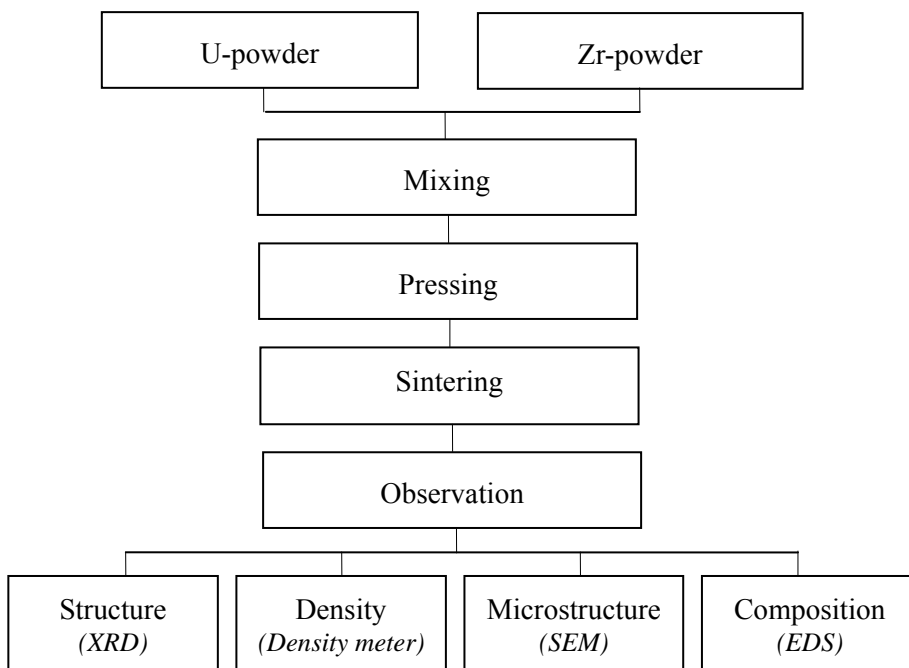
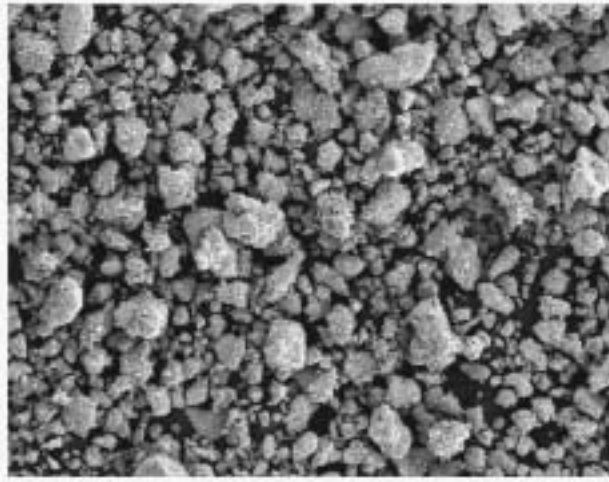


Fig. 1. Experimental procedures for the preparation and observation of the Zr-U alloy.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 2. SEM images of Zr-powders (a) without and (b) with dehydrating.



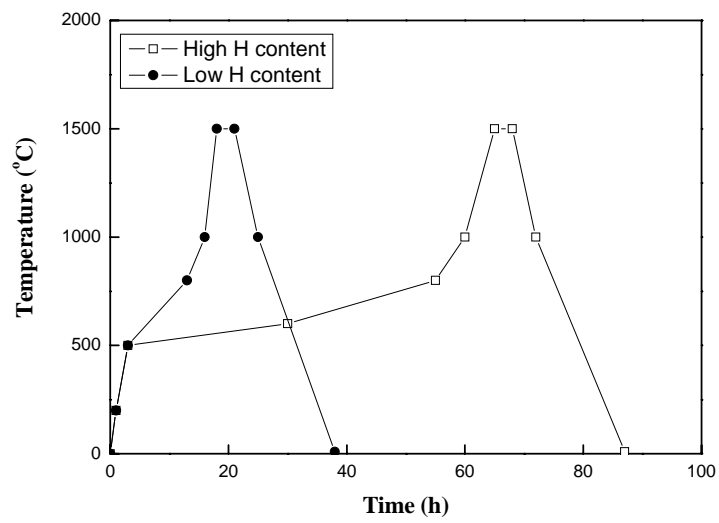
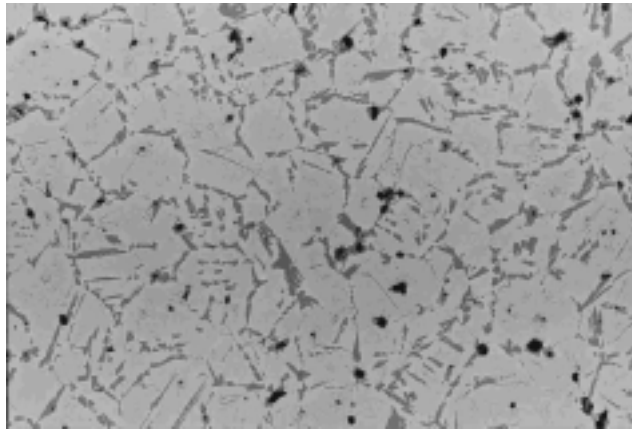


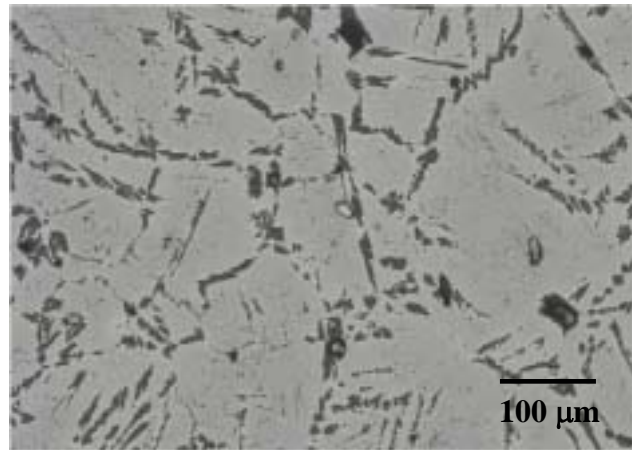
Fig. 3. Thermal cycles for sintering of the pressed Zr-U powders, indicating that the low hydrogen content provides the reduction of sintering time.



Fig. 4. Zr-U alloy sintered at 1500°C in high vacuum for 2 hours.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 5. Microstructures of Zr-U alloys after sintering at 1500°C for (a) 2 and (b) 3 hours.

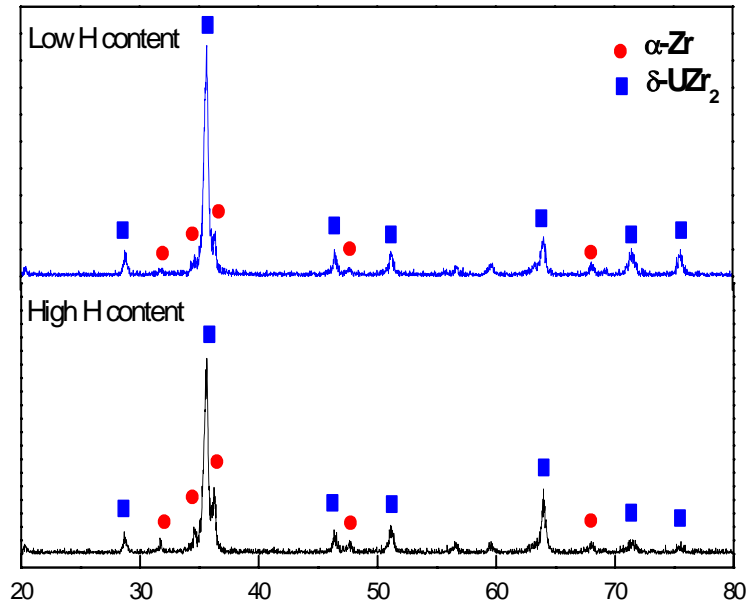


Fig. 6. X-ray diffraction patterns of sintered Zr-U alloys using Zr-powders of high and low hydrogen contents.

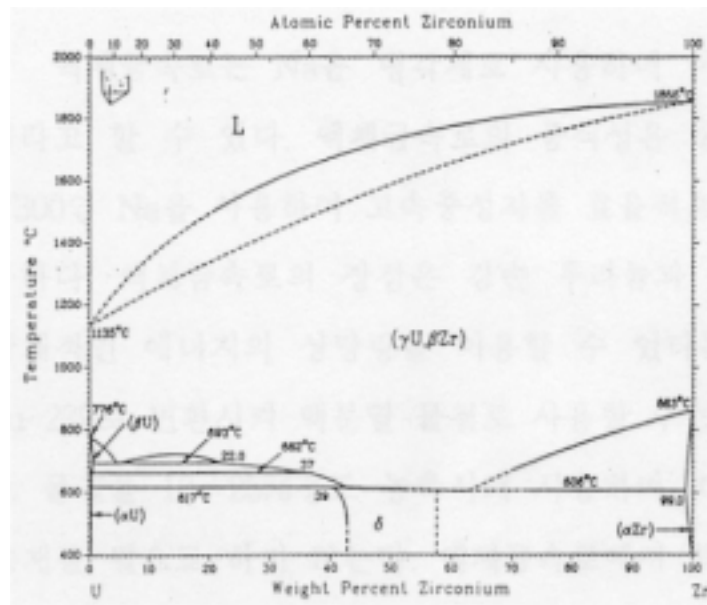


Fig. 7. Equilibrium phase diagram of Zr-U binary system [15].

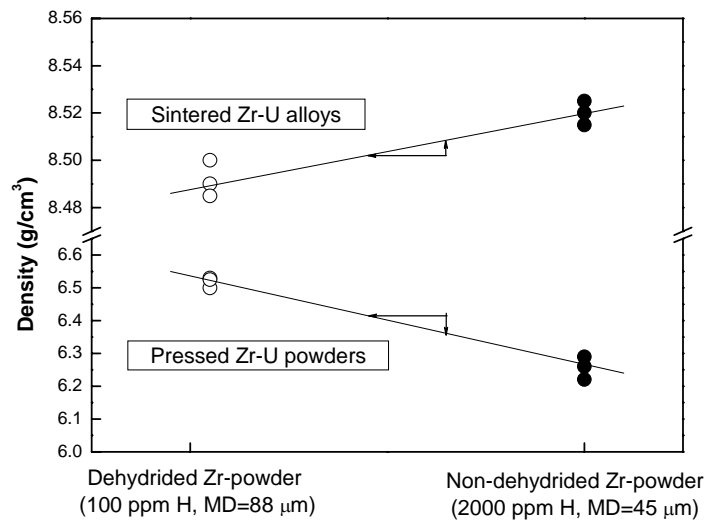


Fig. 8. Effects of characteristics of Zr-powders on the density of pressed Zr-U powders and sintered Zr-U alloys.

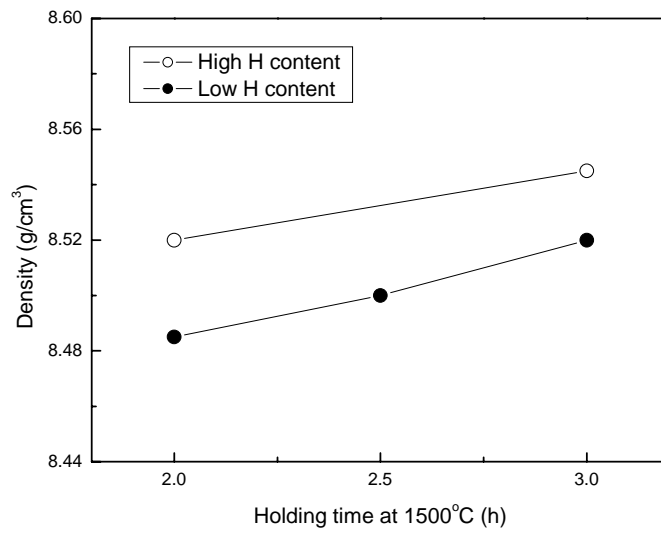


Fig. 9. Effects of sintering time on the density of sintered Zr-U alloy.

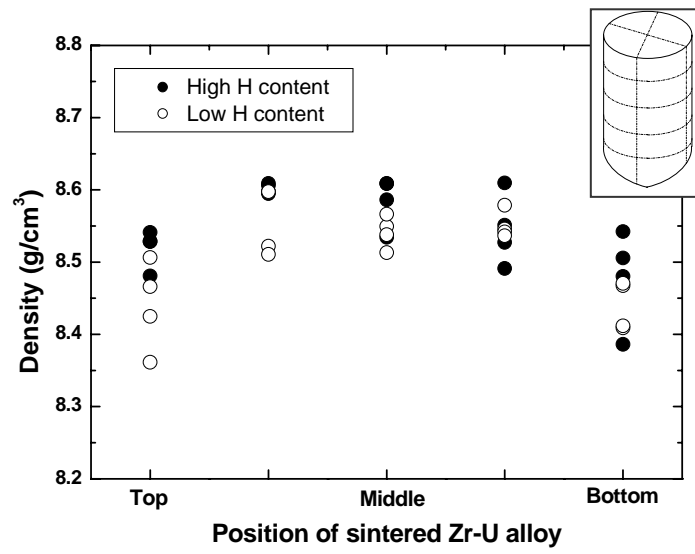


Fig. 10. Density distribution of a sintered Zr-U alloy.



Fig. 11. SEM images of transverse section of Zr-U alloy sintered at 1500°C for 3 hours.

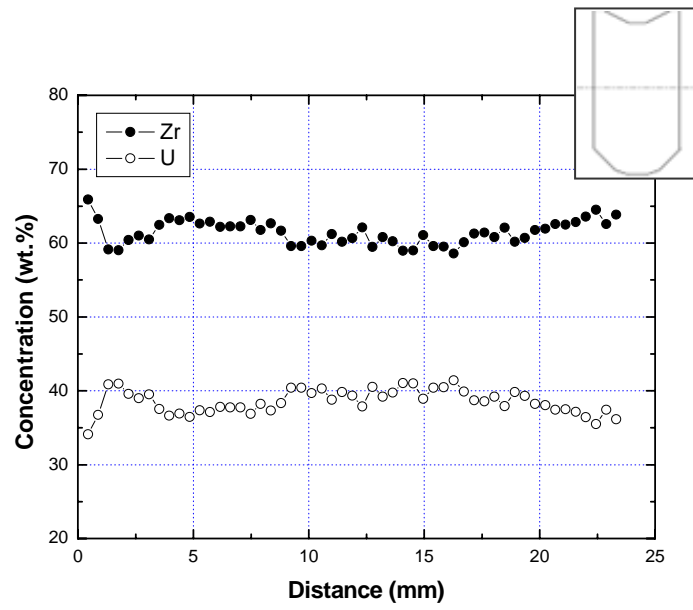


Fig. 12. Distribution of U and Zr elements in the transverse section of Zr-U alloy sintered at 1500°C for 3 hours.