

## Zr-2.5Nb

## Microstructure and Creep Strength of Zr-2.5Nb Alloys

150

Zr-2.5Nb , 350 -400 , 120MPa  
 . Zr-2.5Nb quadruple vacuum arc melting 4 가  
 . P2 primary -Zr '-Zr  
 , '-Zr Nb  
 . P3 P4  
 -Nb Nb 가 . P1  
 -Zr -Zr ,

**Abstract**

In order to investigate the effect of manufacturing processes on the creep behavior in the Zr-2.5Nb alloys, creep test was carried out at 350-400 and 120MPa. The Zr-2.5Nb alloys were made by quadruple vacuum arc melting and made into sheets with 4 different manufacturing processes. Process P2, yielding the microstructure of primary -Zr grains and transformed '-Zr, results in the higher strength and the low creep strain due to the higher amount of Nb contents dissolved in the '-Zr grains. On the other hand, P3 and P4 processes lead to higher creep rate since the precipitation of a coarse -Nb decreased Nb contents in the -Zr grains. Process P1, yielding the microstructure of the elongated -Zr grains and a fraction of -Zr, was found to be the most optimized process for Zr-2.5Nb sheets with high strength and good creep resistance.

1.

Cold worked Zr-2.5Nb

가

,  
가

, 1

[1]

CANDU  
(irradiation creep)

delayed hydride cracking (DHC)  
(irradiation growth)

가

[2]. 25mm

CANDU

4 mm

가, 30

CANDU

가

. Parker [3]

가

[4].

4 가

Zr-2.5Nb

, DHCV,

가

가

2.

250g

quadruple vacuum arc metling

1050

0.5

, 4 가

[5]. P1

CANDU

850

70%

30%

. P2

P1

가

592

2

850

( + )

. P3

가

monotectoid (Zr-Nb,  $620 \pm 10$  )

570

592

2

. P4

700

680 -

592

가

3

4 가

450

24

1

Simens

X-

Jeol 2000-FX-II

. X-

30-50

#1500

10%

90%

20V, -40

replica 70% 20%  
, 10% 200

EDX

0.25 mm/min. cross head 300  
1 ASTM E8-93 25mm 가  
Applied Test System , 120MPa 400 ± 1  
LVDT (Linear Variable Differential)

### 3.

2 4 가 Zr-2.5Nb P1  
2 (a) -Zr  
, -Zr -Zr -Zr CANDU  
, -Zr 3 <a>  
subcell , <c> -Zr carbon replica  
EDX , 2 48.9at.%Nb -Zr  
-Zr , 800 CANDU -Zr  
20%Nb [6, 7]. P1 Nb 2  
, 5 X-ray 2 =35.79 (110) 가  
-Zr  
P2 가 ( + ) , 2 (b)  
가 primary -Zr '-Zr  
, P1 , -Nb primary -Zr  
, 4 (f) '-Zr  
, 2 Zr-61.8at.%Nb P2  
-Nb P1 -Zr Nb 가 , 5  
P3 2 (c) -Zr 가  
가 monotectoid (620 ) 가 P4  
2 (d)  
, Fe 가 가  
P3 -Nb 2 P1 P2 -Zr -Nb

X-ray EDX Zr-81.8at.%Nb 5

6 4 가 300 P3 P4  
 . P1 P2 300 , P3 P4  
 2 P3 P4  
 P1 P2  
 P2 +  
 ‘-Zr 가 P1  
 7 4 가 350 -400  
 . P1 가 , P3 P4 가  
 2 Zr-2.5Nb 4 가 -Zr -Nb  
 , Nb , Nb  
 가 , Nb P1-P2-P4-P3  
 . Perovic [8] CANDU Zr-2.5Nb -Nb Nb 46.7%  
 Nb 0.6Nb . Nb  
 P3-P4-P2-P1 가 . P2  
 Nb P1 , P2 ‘-Zr

4.  
 4 가 Zr-2.5Nb

- 1) P1  
 Nb 가 , Nb P3 P4
- 2) P3 P4 -Nb . P1-P2-P4-P3  
 - Nb 가 .

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Table 1. Analyzed chemical composition of Zr-2.5Nb alloys

Element	Zr	Nb	O
Zr-2.5Nb	bal.	2.5-2.6	1240-1490

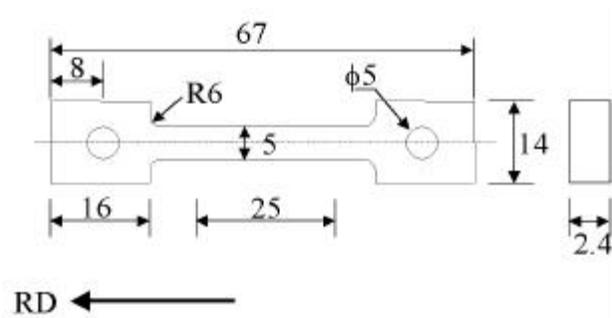


Fig. 1. Dimension of tensile and creep test specimen.

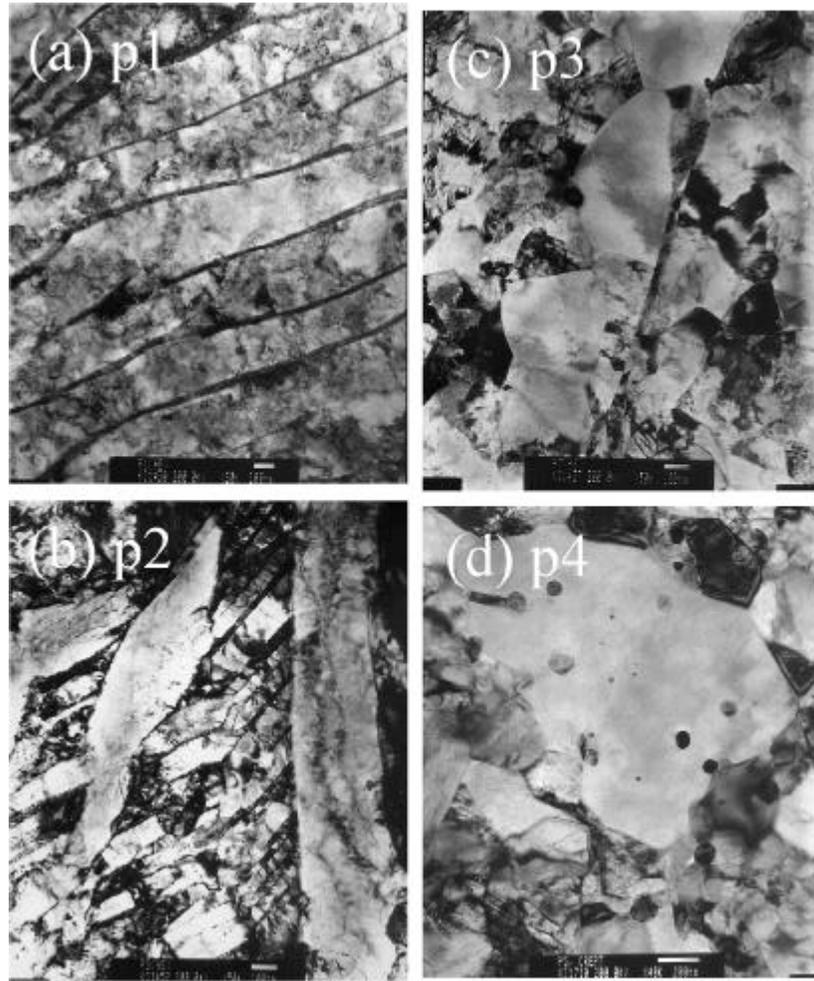


Fig. 2. TEM microstructures of Zr-2.5Nb alloys made by 4 different manufacturing processes.

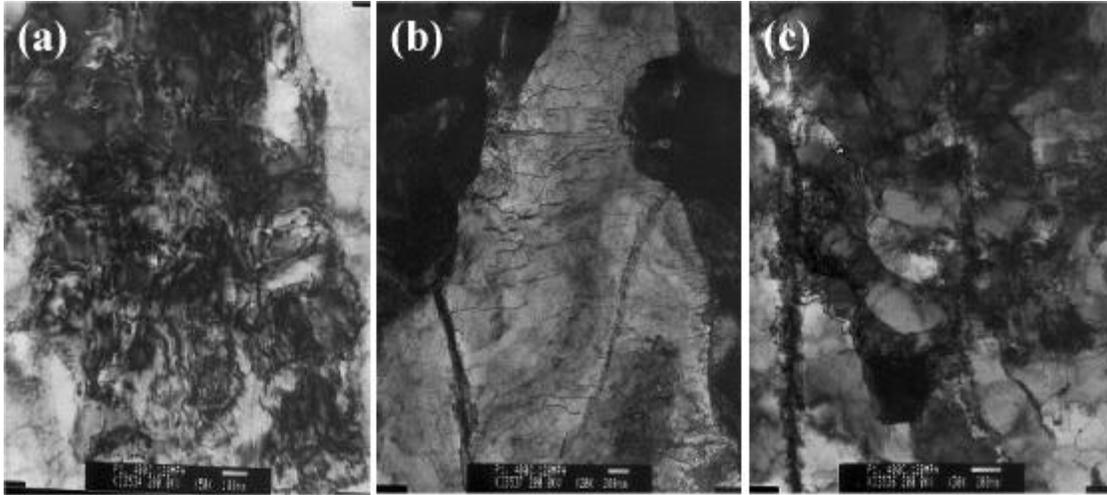


Fig. 3. TEM microstructures of Zr-2.5Nb alloys made by P1 process; (a) <a> type dislocation, (b) <c> type dislocation, (c) subcell structure.

Table 2. Texture coefficient and microchemical composition of  $\beta$ -phase measured by replica method in as-received Zr-2.5Nb alloys.

Processes	Precipitate size	Composition (Nb at.%)		Kearns Number		
	( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Replica	D.P	$f_N$	$f_R$	$f_T$
P1	0.01 0.04	48.9	44.8°	0.33	0.24	0.42
P2	<0.02	61.8	64.5°	0.49	0.16	0.35
P3	0.05 0.1	81.8	-1	0.63	0.07	0.30
P4	0.04 0.1	80.8	-	0.66	0.08	0.26

\* In order to determine the Nb composition of  $\beta$ -Zr, the lattice constant of  $\beta$ -Zr calculated from diffraction pattern taken from Fig. 4 (b) and (e). Then  $\beta$ -Nb content was determined from the following equation,  $a = 3.5872 - 0.00285 \times [\text{at.\%Nb}]$ .

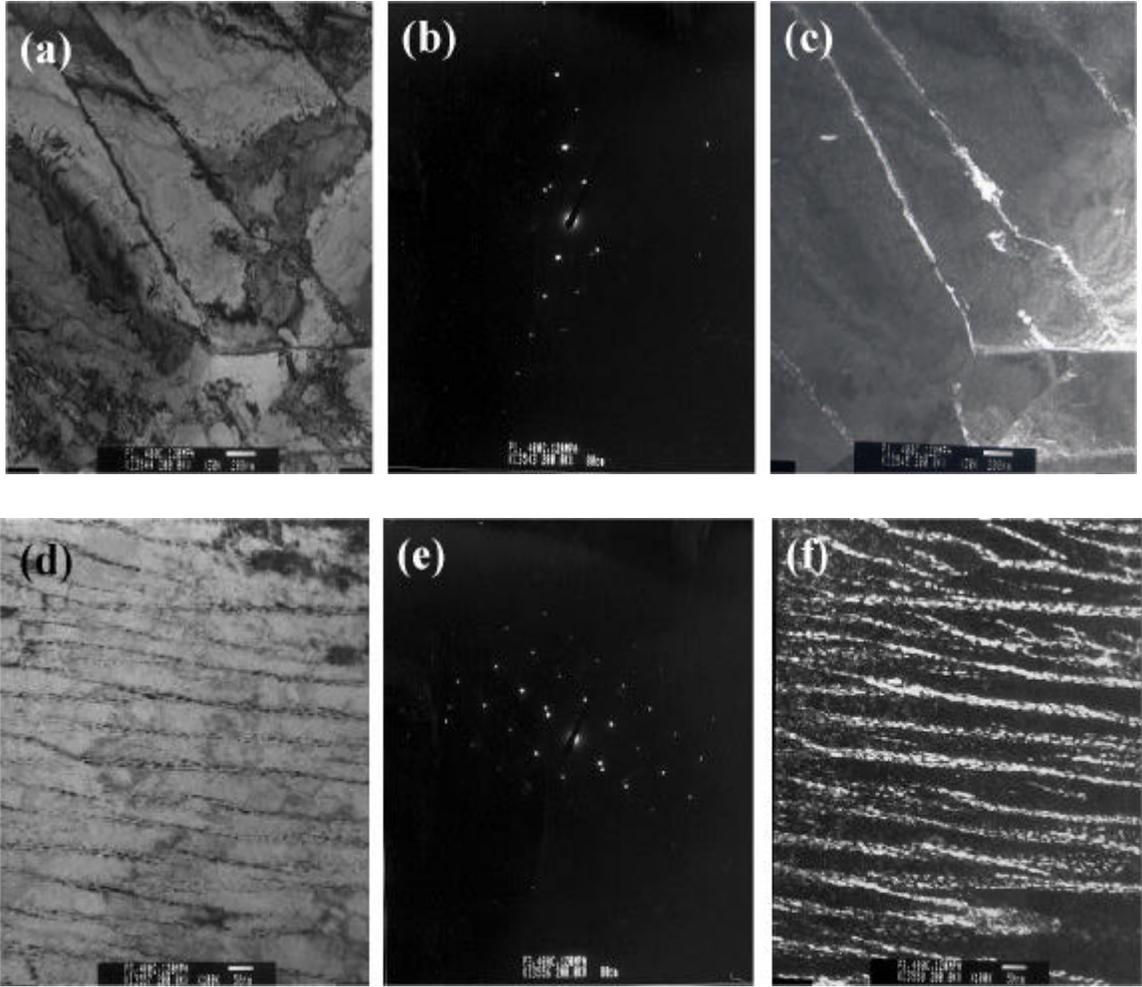


Fig. 4. TEM microstructures of Zr-2.5Nb alloys made by (a)-(c) P1 process and (d)-(f) P2 process.

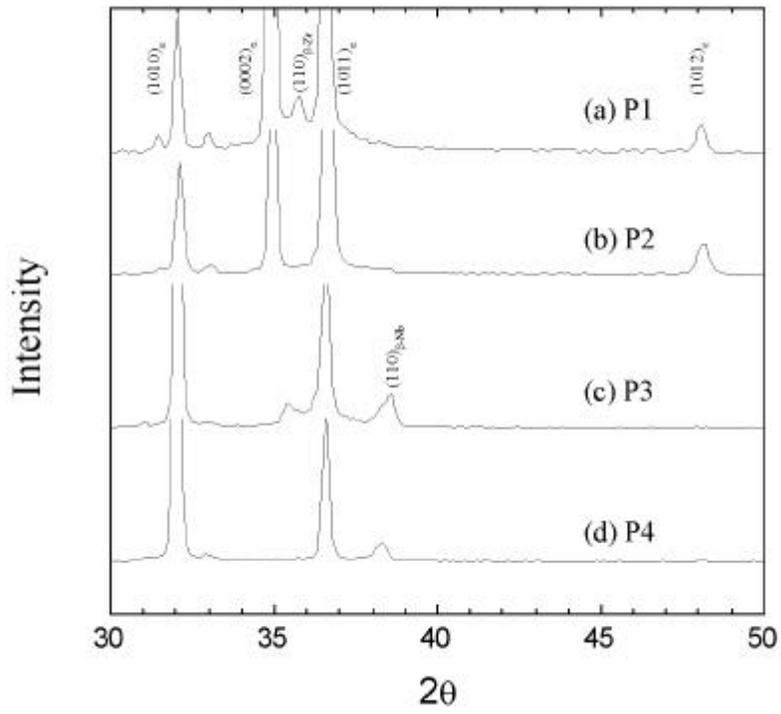


Fig. 5. XRD patterns of as-received Zr-2.5Nb alloys in the rolling normal plane.

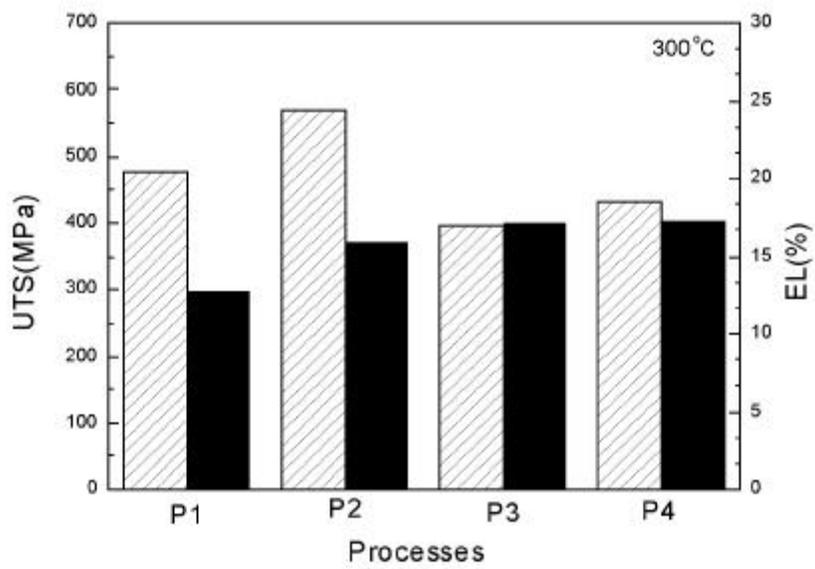


Fig. 6. Tensile properties of Zr-2.5Nb sheets with manufacturing processes at 300 .

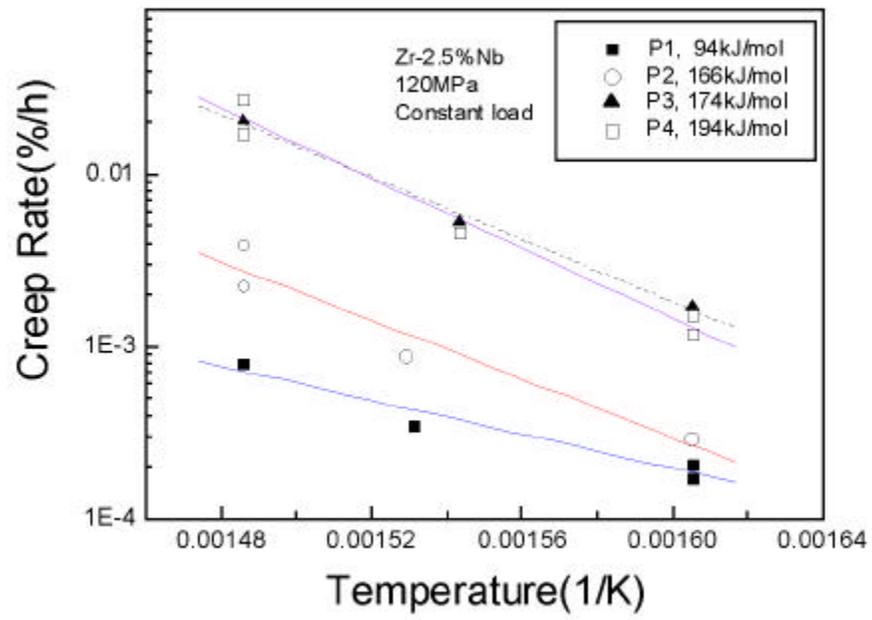


Fig. 7. Temperature dependence of creep of Zr-2.5Nb alloys in the load of 120MPa.

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