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Abstract

In this study, the authors successfully obtained high strain-rate superplasticity (HSRS) for an AZ91 Mg alloy using rapidly solidified flaky powder metallurgy (RS FP/M). The RS FP/M AZ91 shows an elongation to failure of 465% at a temperature and initial strain rate of 623 K and 10^{-2} s^{-1} , respectively. Furthermore, the optimum superplastic strain rate for the maximum elongation was 10^{-2} s^{-1} , which is higher than those attained by other methods. The HSRS obtained in this study is attributed to an effective grain refinement ($\sim 1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$) and high thermal stability. The bimodal grain structure may further contribute to HSRS.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, lightweight Mg alloys have attracted great attention owing to their potential applications in the automotive, aerospace, and railway industries. Researchers have paid attention to superplastic deformation behavior to overcome their serious drawback of the limited formability at room temperature. Superplasticity indicates

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