SPD-induced crystallization in two Fe-based metallic glasses

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After applying severe plastic deformation (SPD) via high pressure torsion (HPT) on the iron-based metallic glasses (1) Fe73.9Cu1Nb3Si15.5B6.6 two and (2) Fe_{81.2}Co₄Si_{0.5}B_{9.5}P₄Cu_{0.8}, the microstructural features are investigated and compared. HPT allowed to consolidate and plastically deform alloy (1) to deformation strains which were much larger than those reported in [1] while exhibiting a still amorphous structure, and alloy (2) for the first time at all, which, however, showed partial crystallization. Methods of X-ray diffraction, differential mechanical and differential scanning analyses. as well as optical and scanning electron microscopy were carried out to characterize the phenomena of HPT-induced crystallization and check for crack formation. Selected analyses by transmission electron microscopy were done to further confirm the deformation induced formation of nanocrystals (Fig.1).

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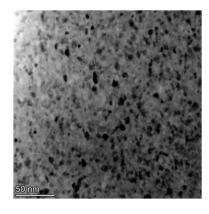


Fig. 1:

TEM image (bright field) of the microstructure in Fe_{81.2}Co₄Si_{0.5}B_{9.5}P₄Cu_{0.8} after HPT-deformation for 10 rotations at room temperature

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