

Stability of Nanocrystalline Metals and Alloys

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For the nanocrystalline metals and alloys, which are non-equilibrium in the viewpoint of thermodynamics, we developed models to describe its thermal and phase stabilities, wherein the nanoscale effects on the thermodynamic properties were quantified. The critical grain sizes for discontinuous grain growth and destabilization conditions for phase transformations were evaluated. Guided by calculations, a series of nanocrystalline metals and alloys with high stability were developed. Experimental results of the changes in stability because of nanostructuring and stabilization of the metastable phases confirmed the modelling work. We hope the mechanisms we proposed for stabilization of the nanostructures will facilitate the development of nanocrystalline materials with high and stable performance.



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