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Interface-Microstructure-Enabled Mechanical Behavior of Metallic Nanocomposites

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Abstract

Mechanical behavior of metallic materials is strongly influenced by the microstructure. For example, grain refinement can result in significant increase in yield strength, but nanostructured materials lack plastic deformability and toughness. This presentation will review the recent progress in the synthesis and mechanical behavior of metallic composites that have hierarchical microstructures comprised of multiple phases with varying structures, morphologies and sizes across nano-to-micro length scales. Examples will be presented from different model systems such as physical vapor deposited thin films (Cu-Mo) and laser rapid solidified Al-Si eutectics. The common aspects in interface-dominated mechanical behavior in hierarchical metallic composites such as unusually high flow strengths, high strain hardening rates, plastic co-deformability and suppression of shear bands will be highlighted. The role of in situ straining experiments in TEM and SEM, and integration with atomistic modeling, dislocation theory and crystal plasticity in understanding mechanical behavior will be emphasized.

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