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There are many unaddressed issues in the field of nanocrystalline metals. For example, fabrication of bulk nanocrystalline metals (especially in large dimensions) still poses a challenge, the deformation mechanisms for nanocrystalline metals are not well understood, bulk nanocrystalline metals tend to have disappointing ductility, their thermal stability is a concern, and there is a lack of fundamental understanding of the relationship among processing, nanostructure, and mechanical behavior of nanocrystalline metals. These unaddressed issues have been attracting enormous amounts of research in the field.

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