

Advanced Thermodynamics
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Precipitate coarsening, stability of a phase, spinodal decomposition

Questions:

1. What is the driving force for Ostwald ripening?
2. Demonstrate that a uniform precipitate particle size hinders precipitate coarsening.
3. Show how the concentration profile around the precipitate changes with particle coarsening as a function of time.
4. How does an alloy outside the spinodal composition domain undergo precipitation reaction below its transformation temperature?