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# Contents for previous class

## • Interphase Interfaces in Solid ( $\alpha/\beta$ )

- **Glissil Interfaces** : 전위의 이동에 의해 전진할 수 있는 반정합계면

**Shockley partial dislocation sliding**  $\rightarrow$  **Stacking fault region**

평활 이동 전위가 있는 계면의 중요한 특징: 그 면들이 결정의 모양을 변화시킬 수 있다는 것.

- **Solid/Liquid Interfaces**

**Faceted interface**  $> L_f / T_m \approx 4R >$  **Diffusion interface** : 대부분의 금속  $\sim R$

1 원자층 두께의 매우 좁은 천이대

몇 개의 원자층에 걸쳐서 천이가 일어남

### Types of Interface

- **Glissile Interface**: Athermal, Shape change  $\rightarrow$  **Military transformation**
- **Non-Glissile Interface**: Thermal, 원자들의 불규칙 도약  $\rightarrow$  **Civilian transformation**

## • Interphase migration

1) 부정합 계면처럼 계면 이동도가 매우 높다면,

High Mobility:  $\Delta\mu_B^i$  small,  $X_i \approx X_e$  **Diffusion-Control**

2) 계면 이동도가 낮은 경우,

Low Mobility:  $\Delta\mu_B^i$  must be large **Mixed-Control**

3) 계면 이동도가 매우 낮은 경우,

Very low Mobility:  $X_i \approx X_o$ ,  $\left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial X}\right)_{\text{interface}} \approx 0$  **Interface-Control** <sup>2</sup>

$\Delta\mu_B^i$  는 최대

# Contents in Phase Transformation

상변태를  
이해하는데  
필요한 배경

(Ch1) 열역학과 상태도: **Thermodynamics**

(Ch2) 확산론: **Kinetics**

(Ch3) 결정계면과 미세조직

대표적인 상변태

(Ch4) 응고: **Liquid → Solid**

(Ch5) 고체에서의 확산 변태: **Solid → Solid (Diffusional)**

(Ch6) 고체에서의 무확산 변태: **Solid → Solid (Diffusionless)**

# Contents for today's class

## Solidification: Liquid $\longrightarrow$ Solid

### < Nucleation >

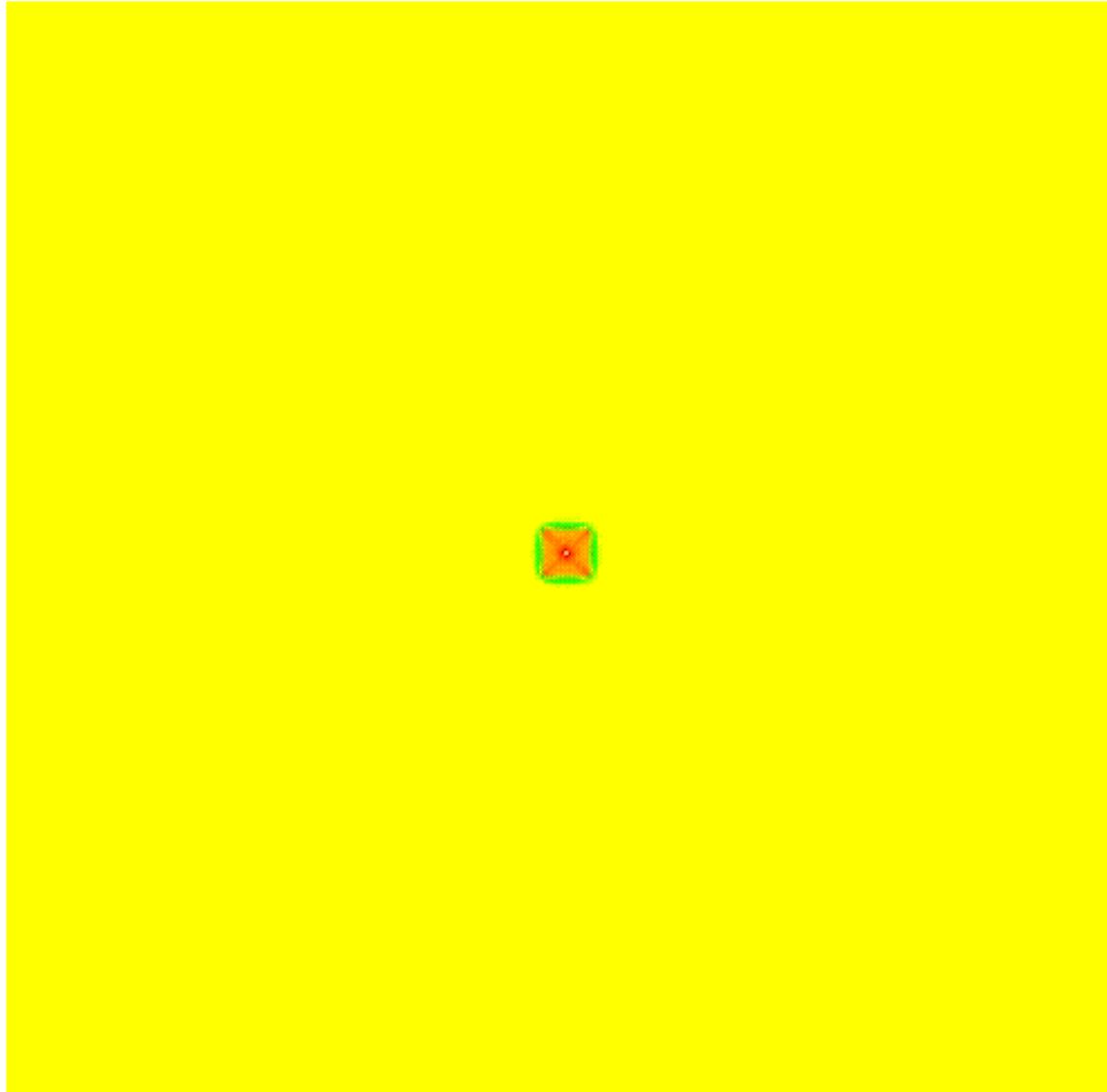
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- Nucleation in Pure Metals
- Homogeneous Nucleation
- Heterogeneous Nucleation
- Nucleation of melting

### < Growth >

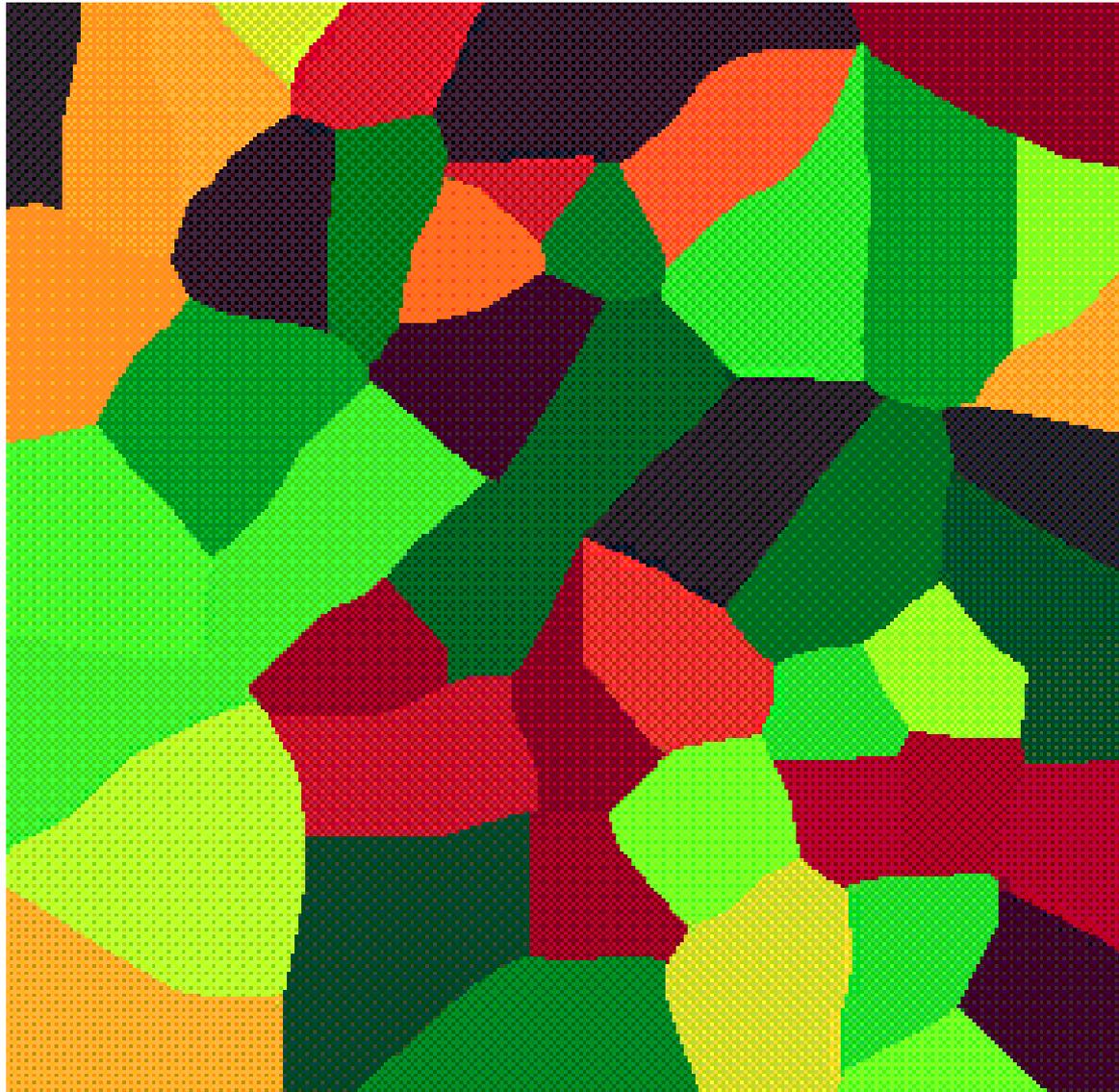
- Equilibrium Shape and Interface Structure on an Atomic Scale
- Growth of a pure solid
  - 1) Continuous growth
    - : Atomically rough or diffuse interface
  - 2) Lateral growth
    - : Atomically flat or sharply defined interface
- Heat Flow and Interface Stability

**Solidification: Liquid  $\longrightarrow$  Solid**



**4 Fold Symmetric Dendrite Array**

**Solidification: Liquid  $\longrightarrow$  Solid**



**4 Fold Anisotropic Surface Energy/2 Fold Kinetics, Many Seeds**

# Solidification: **Liquid** $\longrightarrow$ **Solid**

- casting & welding
- single crystal growth
- directional solidification
- rapid solidification

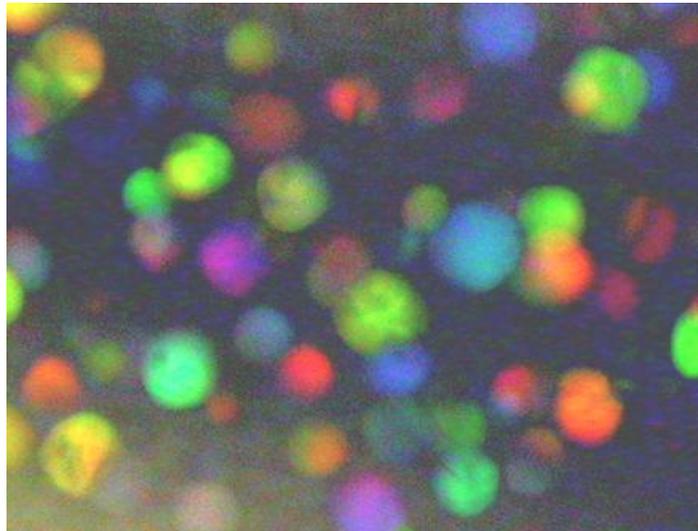
## 4.1. Nucleation in Pure Metals

$$T_m : G_L = G_S$$

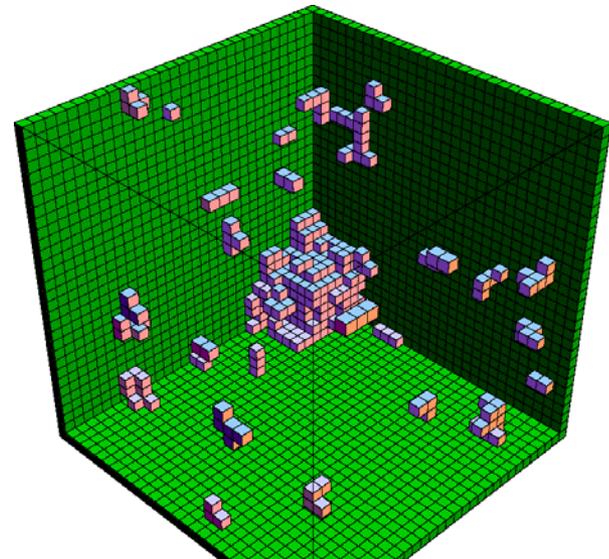
- Undercooling (supercooling) for nucleation: 250 K ~ 1 K

<Types of nucleation>

- **Homogeneous nucleation**



- **Heterogeneous nucleation**



# 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation

## Driving force for solidification

$$G^L = H^L - TS^L$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$$

$$\Delta G = 0 = \Delta H - T_m \Delta S$$

$$G^S = H^S - TS^S$$

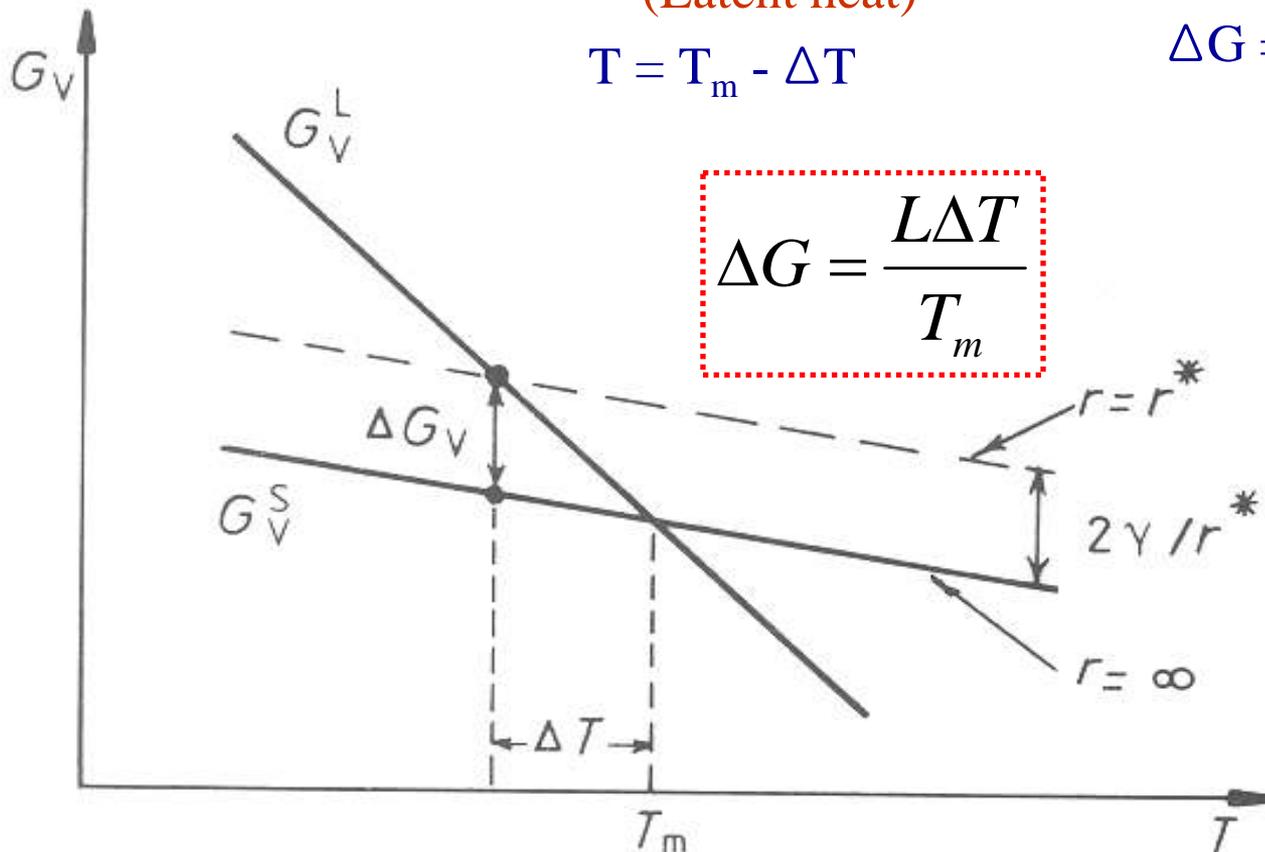
$$L : \Delta H = H^L - H^S$$

$$\Delta S = \Delta H / T_m = L / T_m$$

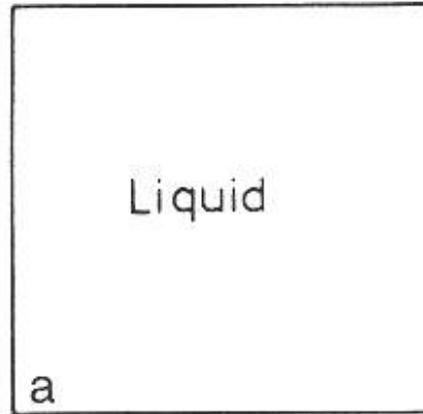
(Latent heat)

$$T = T_m - \Delta T$$

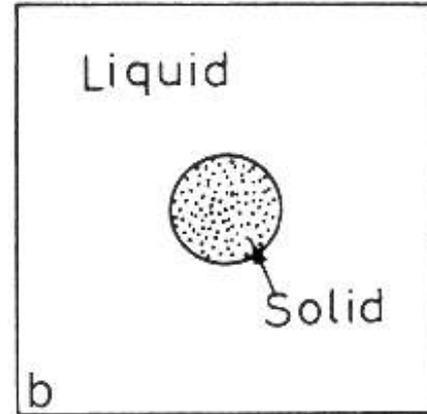
$$\Delta G = L - T(L/T_m) \approx (L\Delta T) / T_m$$



## 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation



$G_1$



$G_2 = G_1 + \Delta G$

$$G_1 = (V_S + V_L)G_V^L$$

$$G_2 = V_S G_V^S + V_L G_V^L + A_{SL} \gamma_{SL}$$

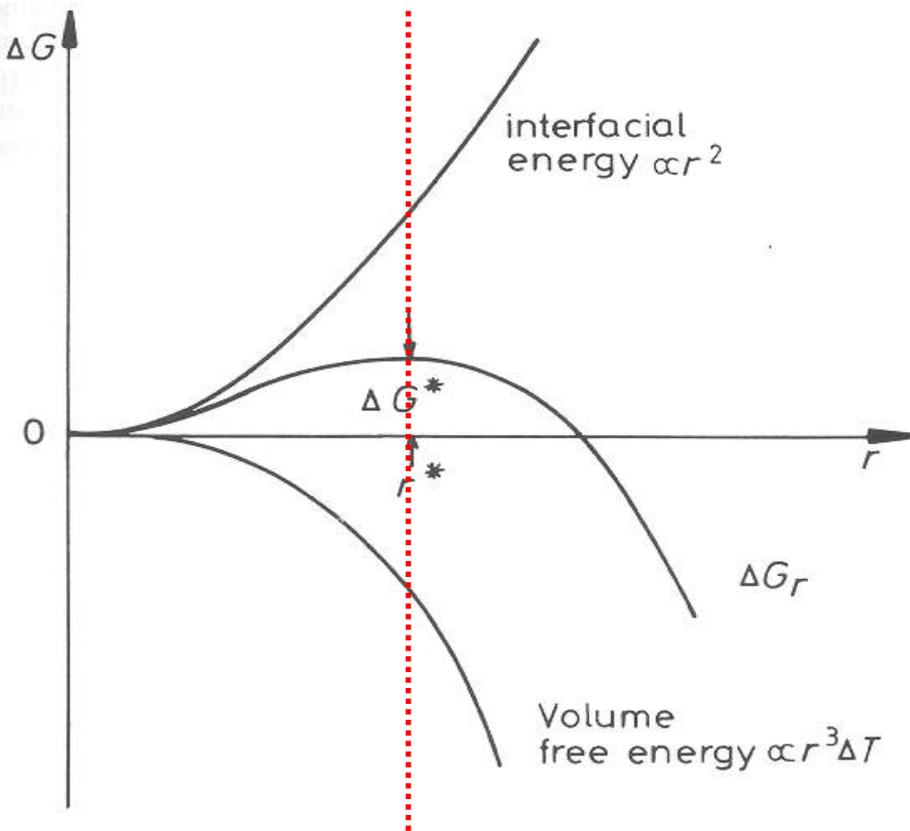
$G_V^S, G_V^L$  : free energies per unit volume

$$\Delta G = G_2 - G_1 = -V_S (G_V^L - G_V^S) + A_{SL} \gamma_{SL}$$

for spherical nuclei (isotropic) of radius :  $r$

$$\Delta G_r = -\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Delta G_V + 4\pi r^2 \gamma_{SL}$$

## 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation



**Unstable equilibrium**

**Why  $r^*$  is not defined by  $\Delta G_r = 0$ ?**

$r < r^*$  : **unstable** (lower free E by reduce size)

$r > r^*$  : **stable** (lower free E by increase size)

$r^*$  : **critical nucleus size**

$r^*$   $\Rightarrow$   $dG=0$

Fig. The free energy change associated with homogeneous nucleation of a sphere of radius  $r$ .

# Gibbs-Thompson Equation

$\Delta G$  of a spherical particle of radius,  $r$

$$\Delta G_{r(s)} = 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

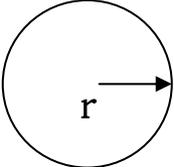
$\Delta G$  of a supersaturated solute in liquid in equilibrium with a particle of radius,  $r$

$$\Delta G_{r(l)} = \frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \times \Delta G_V$$

Equil. condition for open system

→  $\Delta\mu$  should be the same.

$$\Delta\mu = 8\pi r\gamma = 4\pi r^2 \Delta G_V$$



$\frac{2\gamma V_m}{r}$  /mole or  $\frac{2\gamma}{r}$  / per unit volume

$$\Delta G_V = 2\gamma_{SL} / r^*$$

**$r^*$ : in (unstable) equilibrium with surrounding liquid**

$$r^* = \frac{2\gamma_{SL}}{\Delta G_V}$$

The creation of a critical nucleus ~ thermally activated process

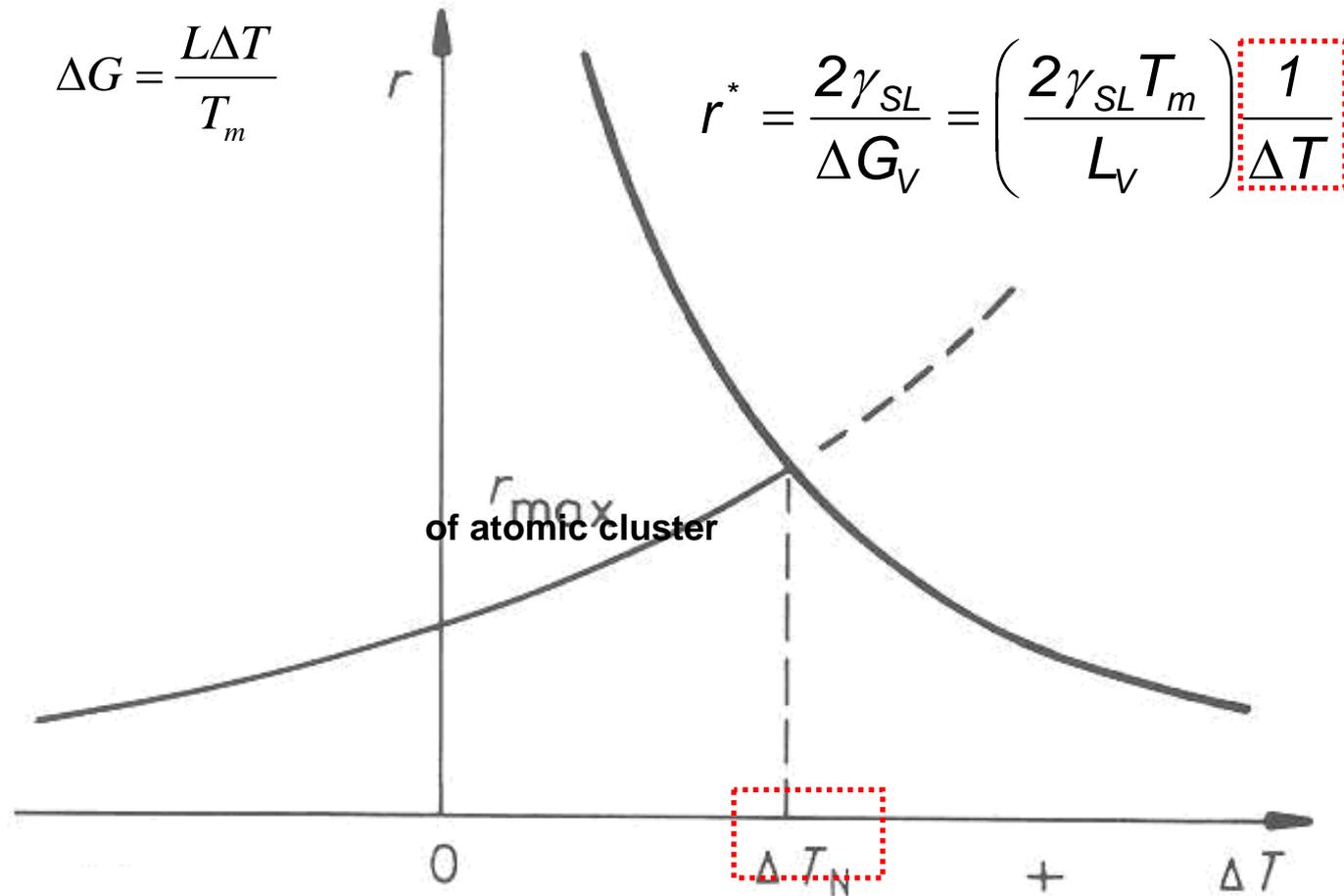


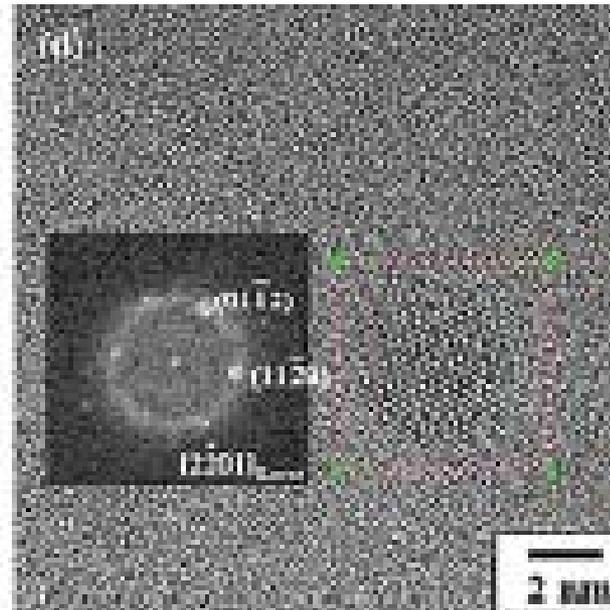
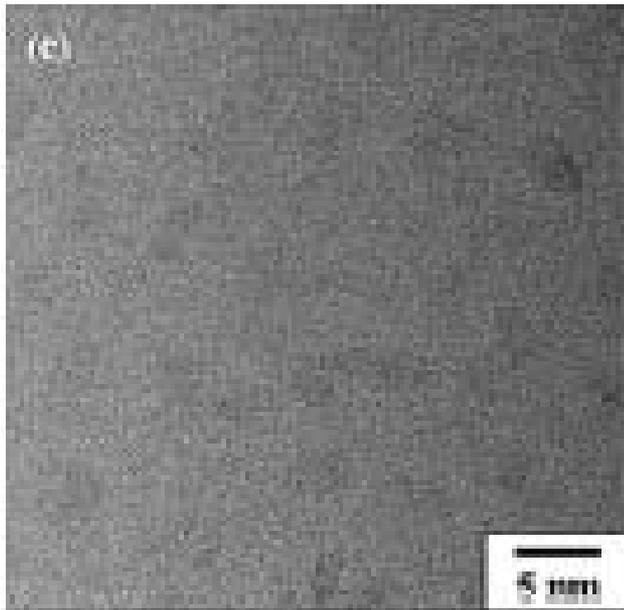
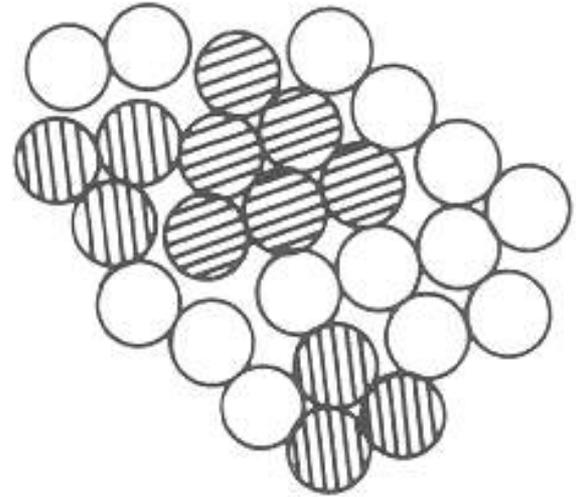
Fig. 4.5 The variation of  $r^*$  and  $r_{\max}$  with undercooling  $\Delta T$

The number of clusters with  $r^*$  at  $< \Delta T_N$  is negligible.

# Formation of Atomic Cluster

At the  $T_m$ , the liquid phase has a volume 2-4% greater than the solid.

Fig. A two-dimensional representation of an instantaneous picture of the liquid structure. Many close-packed crystal-like clusters (shaded) are instantaneously formed.

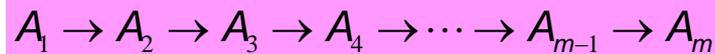


# Formation of Atomic Cluster

When the free energy of the atomic cluster with radius  $r$  is by

$$\Delta G_r = -\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Delta G_V + 4\pi r^2 \gamma_{SL},$$

how many atomic clusters of **radius  $r$**  would exist in the presence of the total number of atoms,  $n_0$ ?



$$n_2 = n_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow 2}}{kT}\right)$$

$$n_3 = n_2 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{2 \rightarrow 3}}{kT}\right)$$

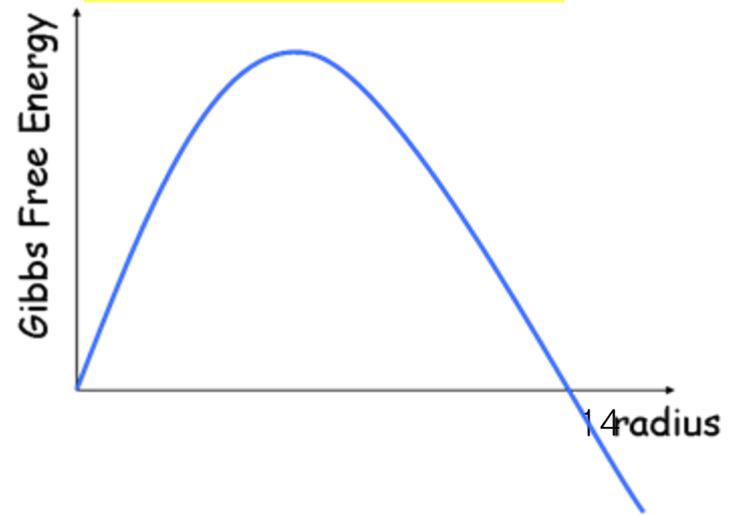
$$n_4 = n_3 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{3 \rightarrow 4}}{kT}\right)$$

$$\vdots$$
$$n_m = n_{m-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{m-1 \rightarrow m}}{kT}\right)$$

$$n_m = n_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow 2} + \Delta G^{2 \rightarrow 3} + \dots + \Delta G^{m-1 \rightarrow m}}{kT}\right)$$

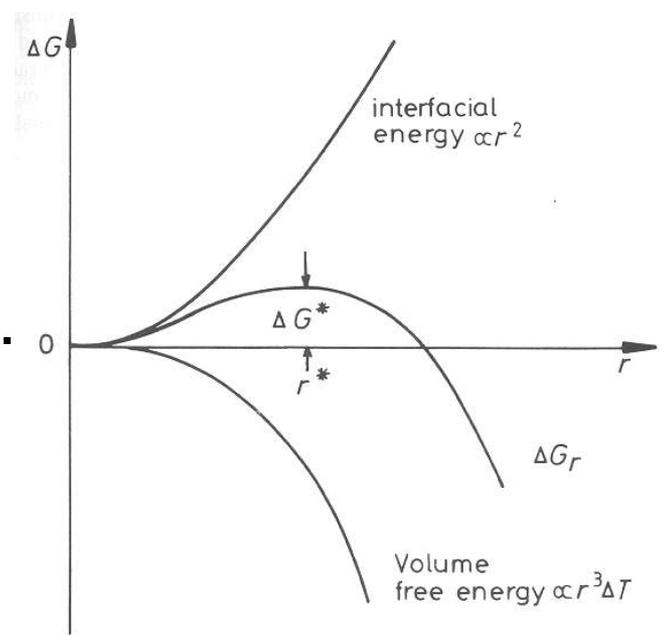
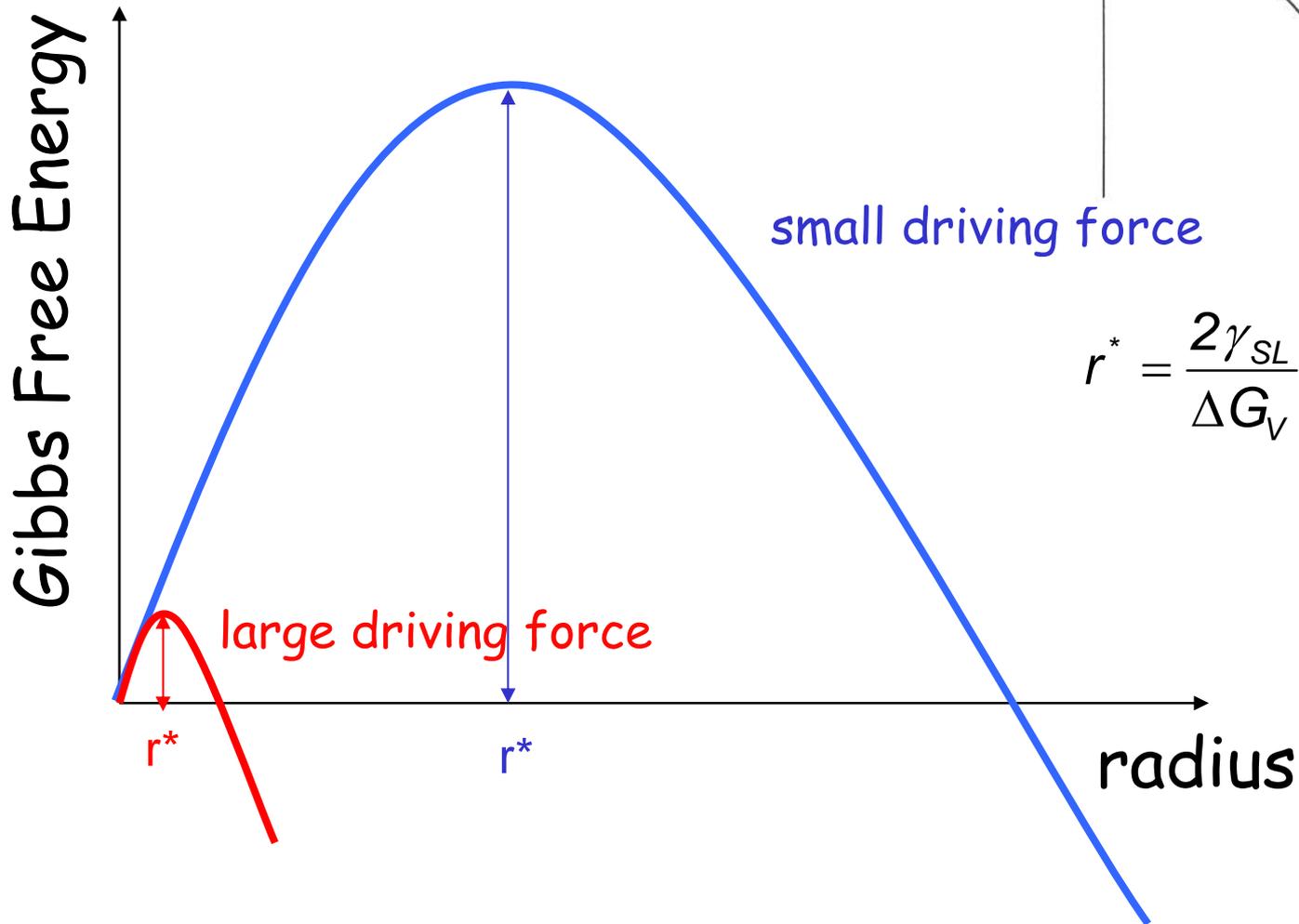
$$n_m = n_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow m}}{kT}\right)$$

$$n_r = n_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_r}{kT}\right)$$



# Formation of Atomic Cluster

Compare the nucleation curves between small and large driving forces.



$$r^* = \frac{2\gamma_{SL}}{\Delta G_V} = \left( \frac{2\gamma_{SL} T_m}{L_V} \right) \frac{1}{\Delta T}$$

# Formation of Atomic Cluster

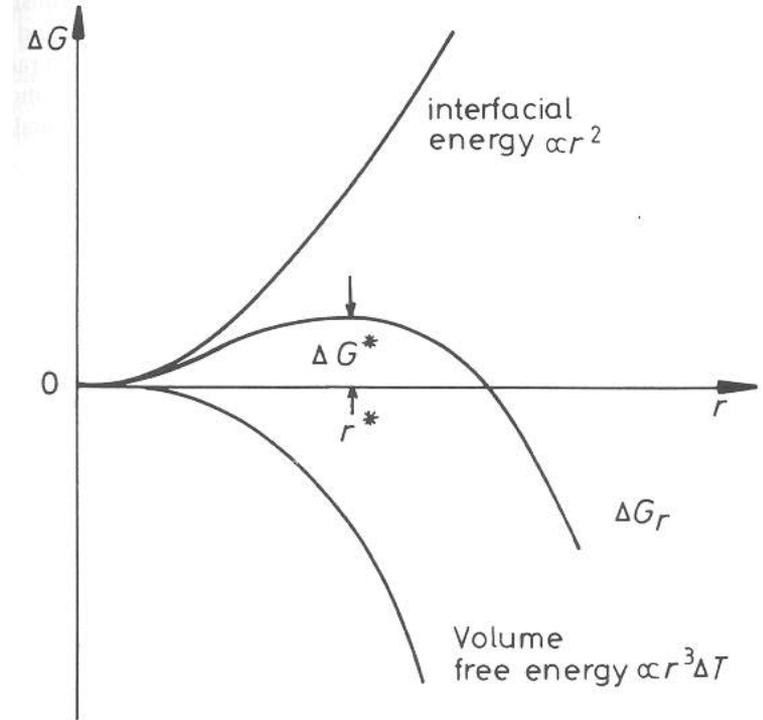
$n_0$  : total # of atoms.

$\Delta G_r$  : excess free energy associated with the cluster

# of cluster of radius  $r$

$$n_r = n_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_r}{RT}\right)$$

- holds for  $T > T_m$  or  $T < T_m$  and  $r \leq r^*$
- $n_r$  exponentially decreases with  $\Delta G_r$



Ex. 1 mm<sup>3</sup> of copper at its melting point (no: 10<sup>20</sup> atoms)

→ ~10<sup>14</sup> clusters of 0.3 nm radius (i.e. ~ 10 atoms)

→ ~10 clusters of 0.6 nm radius (i.e. ~ 60 atoms)

→ **effectively a maximum cluster size, ~ 100 atoms**

**~ 10<sup>-8</sup> clusters mm<sup>-3</sup> or 1 cluster in ~ 10<sup>7</sup> mm<sup>3</sup>**

The creation of a critical nucleus ~ thermally activated process

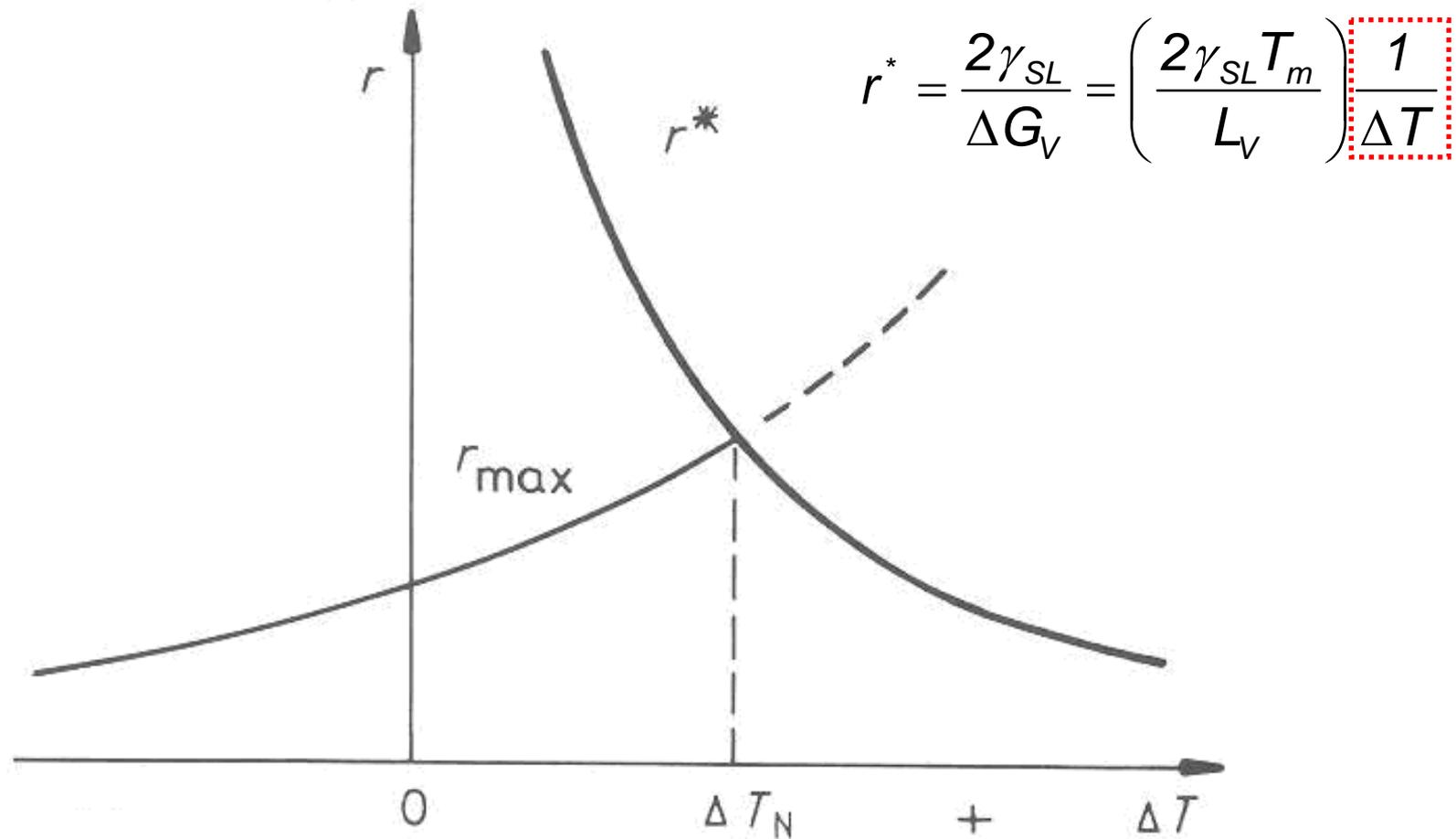


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## 4.1.2. The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

How fast solid nuclei will appear in the liquid at a given undercooling?

$C_0$  : atoms/unit volume

$C^*$  : # of clusters with size of  $C^*$  ( critical size )

$$C^* = C_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_{\text{hom}}^*}{kT}\right) \quad \text{clusters / m}^3$$

The addition of one more atom to each of these clusters will convert them into stable nuclei.

$$N_{\text{hom}} = f_0 C_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_{\text{hom}}^*}{kT}\right) \quad \text{nuclei / m}^3 \cdot \text{s}$$

$f_0 \sim 10^{11} \text{ s}^{-1}$ : frequency  $\propto$  vibration frequency energy  
of diffusion in liquid surface area

$C_0 \sim 10^{29} \text{ atoms/m}^3$

$$\Delta G^* = \left( \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3L_v^2} \right) \frac{1}{(\Delta T)^2}$$

$$N_{\text{hom}} \approx 1 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{when } \Delta G^* \sim 78 kT$$

## 4.1.2. The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

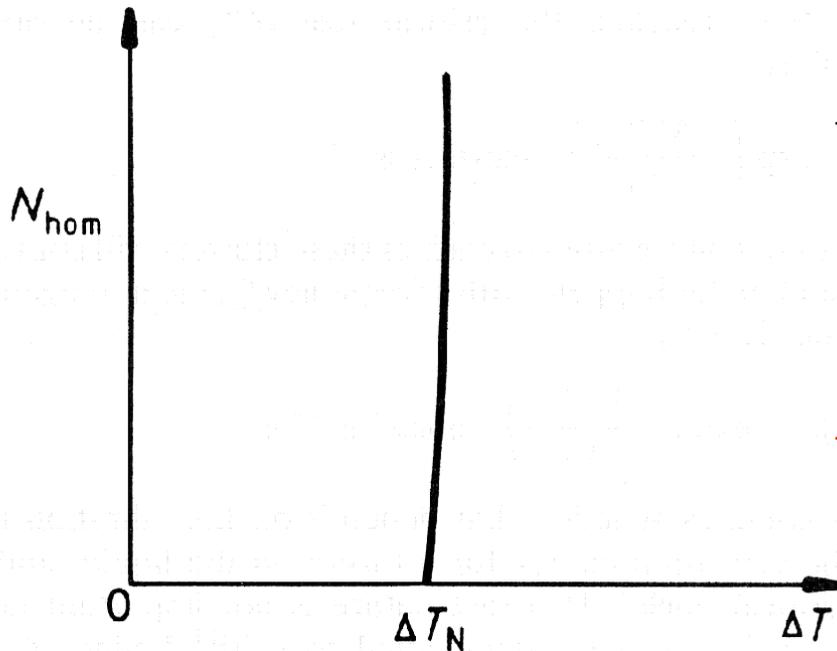
$$N_{\text{hom}} \approx f_0 C_o \exp\left\{-\frac{A}{(\Delta T)^2}\right\}$$

$$\text{where } A = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3L_v^2 kT}$$

: insensitive to Temp

How do we define  $\Delta T_N$ ?

$$N_{\text{hom}} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta T^2}$$



→ critical value for detectable nucleation

- critical supersaturation ratio
- critical driving force
- critical supercooling

→ for most metals,  $\Delta T_N \sim 0.2 T_m$  (i.e.  $\sim 200\text{K}$ )

Fig. 4.6 The homogeneous nucleation rate as a function of undercooling  $\Delta T$ .  $\Delta T_N$  is **the critical undercooling** for homogeneous nucleation

# Real behavior of nucleation

Under suitable conditions, **liquid nickel** can be **undercooled (or supercooled) to 250 K below  $T_m$  (1453°C)** and held there indefinitely without any transformation occurring.



In the refrigerator, however, **water** freezes **even ~ 1 K below zero**.

In winter, we observe that water freezes ~ **a few degrees below zero**.

Why this happens?

What is the underlying physics?

Which equation should we examine?

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3}{3(\Delta G_V)^2} = \left( \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3 L_V^2} \right) \frac{1}{(\Delta T)^2}$$

$$N_{\text{hom}} = f_0 C_o \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_{\text{hom}}^*}{kT}\right)$$

Normally undercooling as large as 250 K are not observed.

The nucleation of solid at undercooling of only ~ 1 K is common.

## 4.1.3. Heterogeneous nucleation

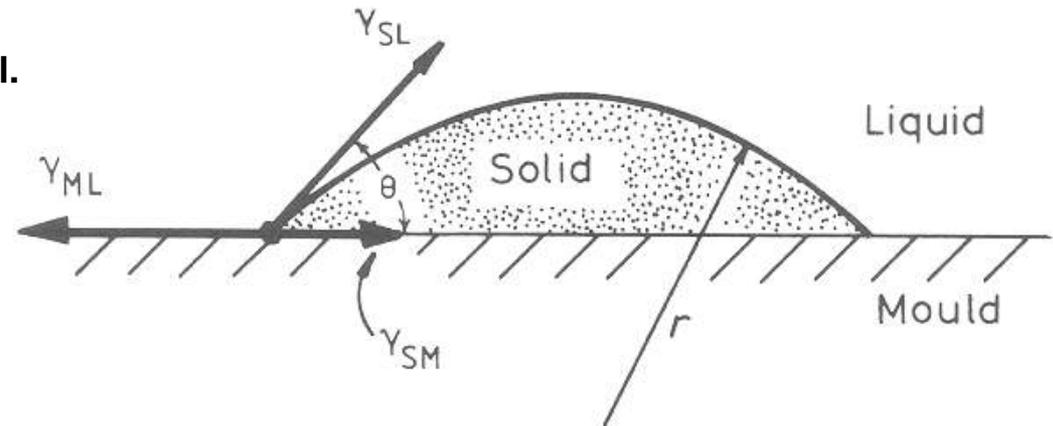
From 
$$\Delta G^* = \left( \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3L_v^2} \right) \frac{1}{(\Delta T)^2}$$

Nucleation becomes easy if  $\gamma_{SL} \downarrow$  by forming nucleus from mould wall.

Fig. 4.7 Heterogeneous nucleation of spherical cap on a flat mould wall.

$$\gamma_{ML} = \gamma_{SL} \cos \theta + \gamma_{SM}$$

$$\cos \theta = (\gamma_{ML} - \gamma_{SM}) / \gamma_{SL}$$



$$\Delta G_{het} = -V_S \Delta G_V + A_{SL} \gamma_{SL} + A_{SM} \gamma_{SM} - A_{SM} \gamma_{ML}$$

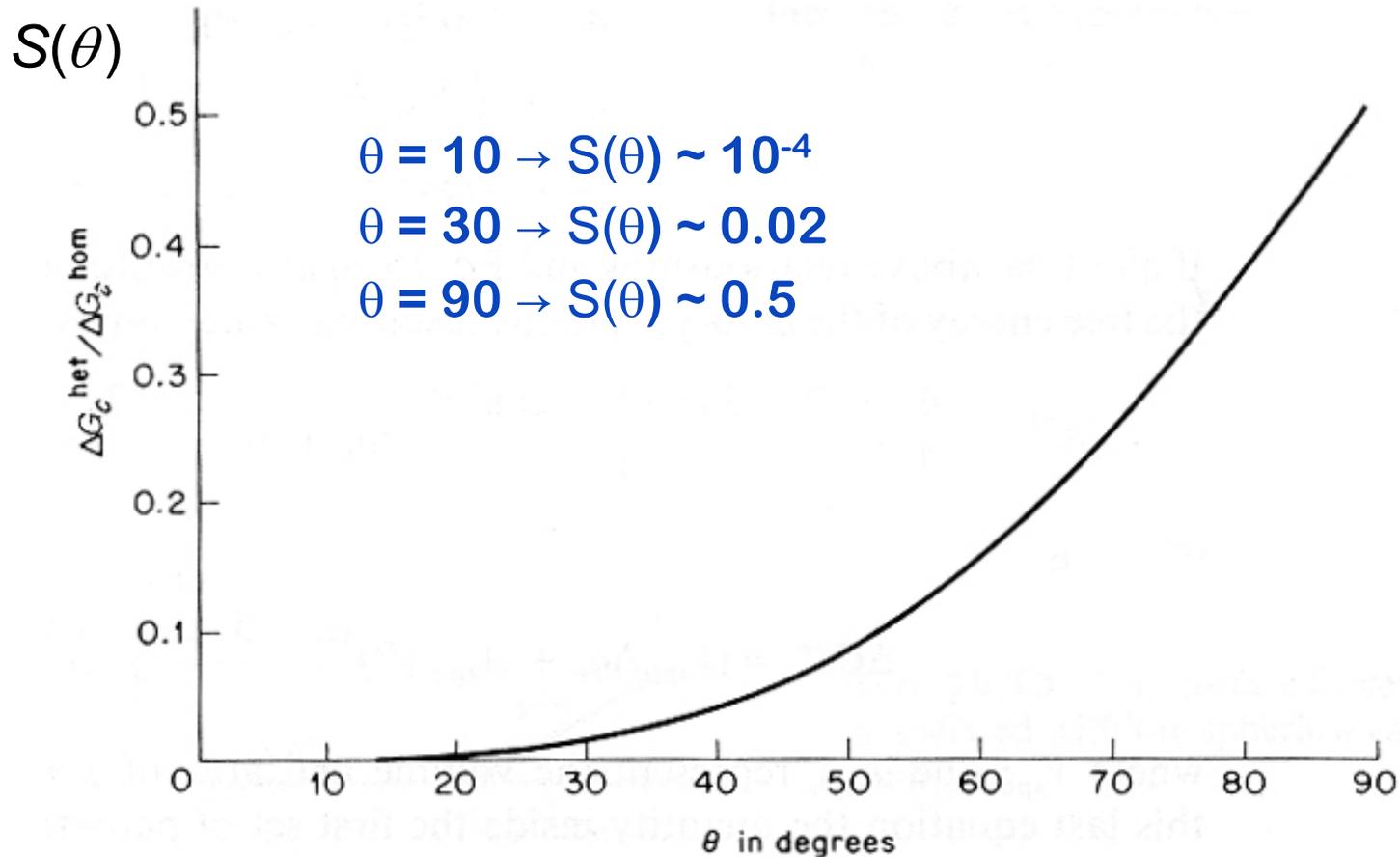
In terms of the wetting angle ( $\theta$ ) and the cap radius ( $r$ ) (Exercies 4.6)

$$\Delta G_{het} = \left\{ -\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Delta G_V + 4\pi r^2 \gamma_{SL} \right\} S(\theta)$$

where  $S(\theta) = (2 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta)^2 / 4$

$S(\theta)$  has a numerical value  $\leq 1$  dependent only on  $\theta$  (the shape of the nucleus)

$$\Delta G_{het}^* = S(\theta) \Delta G_{hom}^* \quad \Rightarrow \quad r^* = \frac{2 \gamma_{SL}}{\Delta G_V} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta G^* = \frac{16 \pi \gamma_{SL}^3}{3 \Delta G_V^2} \cdot S(\theta)$$



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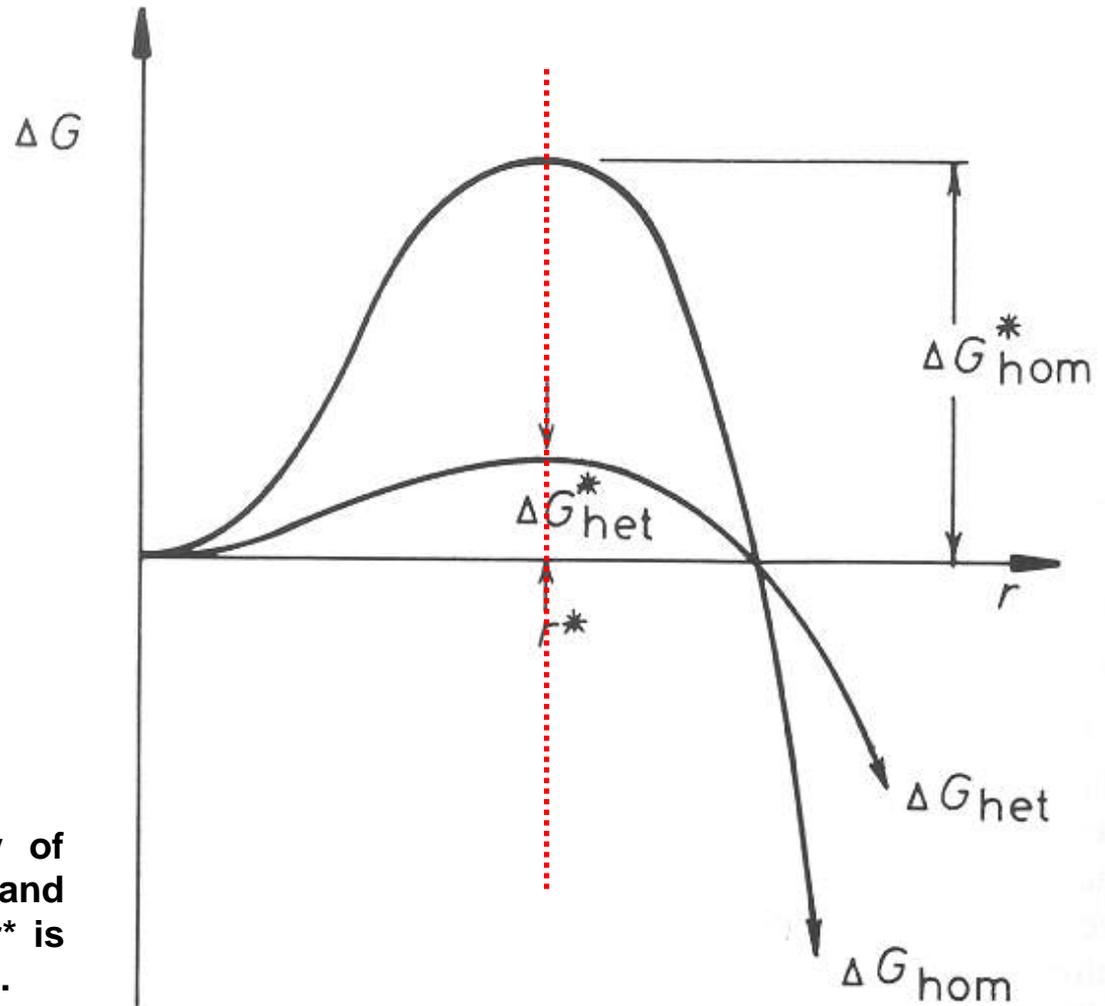


Fig. 4.8 The excess free energy of solid clusters for homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation. Note  $r^*$  is independent of the nucleation site.

# The Effect of $\Delta T$ on $\Delta G^*_{\text{het}}$ & $\Delta G^*_{\text{hom}}$ ?

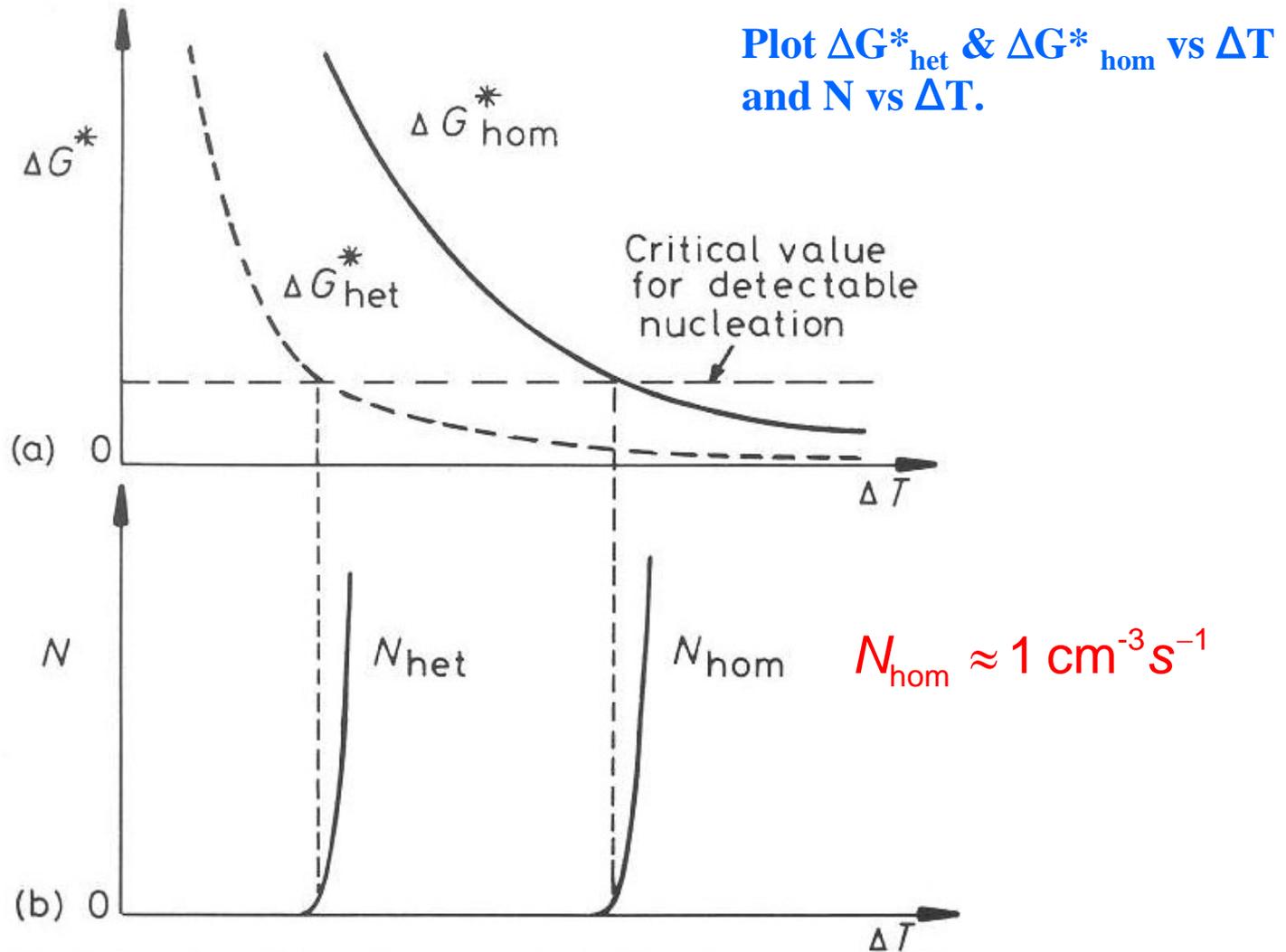
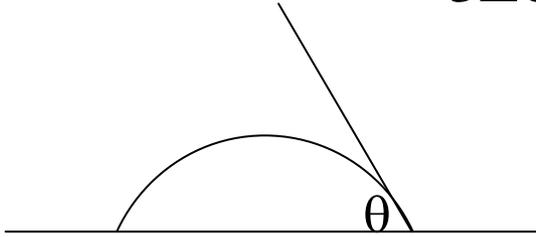


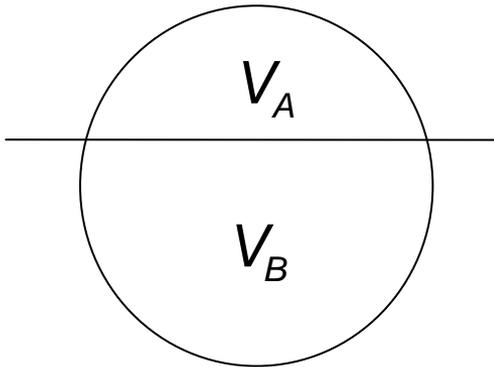
Fig. 4.9 (a) Variation of  $\Delta G^*$  with undercooling ( $\Delta T$ ) for homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation.  
 (b) The corresponding nucleation rates assuming the same critical value of  $\Delta G^*$

# Barrier of Heterogeneous Nucleation

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3}{3\Delta G_V^2} \cdot S(\theta) = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3}{3\Delta G_V^2} \cdot \frac{(2 - 3\cos\theta + \cos^3\theta)}{4}$$



$$\Delta G_{het}^* = S(\theta)\Delta G_{hom}^*$$



$$\Delta G_{sub}^* = \Delta G_{homo}^* \left( \frac{2 - 3\cos\theta + \cos^3\theta}{4} \right)$$

$$\frac{V_A}{V_A + V_B} = \frac{2 - 3\cos\theta + \cos^3\theta}{4} = S(\theta)$$

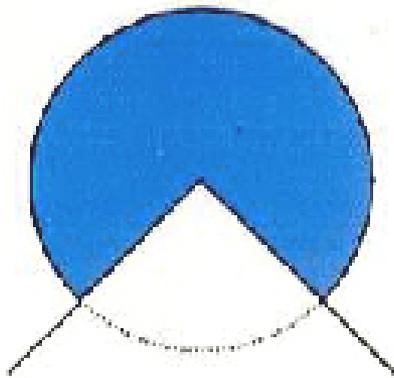
How about the nucleation at the crevice or at the edge?

# Nucleation Barrier at the crevice

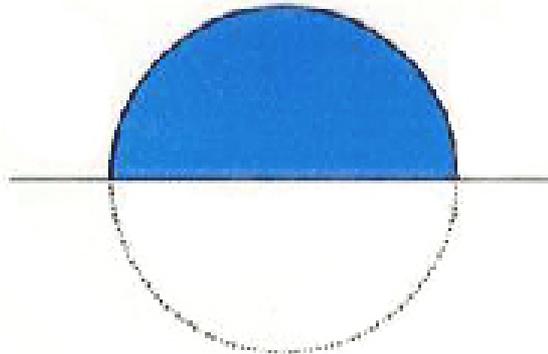
What would be the shape of nucleus and the nucleation barrier for the following conditions?

contact angle = 90  
groove angle = 60

$$\frac{1}{6} \Delta G_{\text{homo}}^*$$



$$\frac{3}{4} \Delta G_{\text{homo}}^*$$

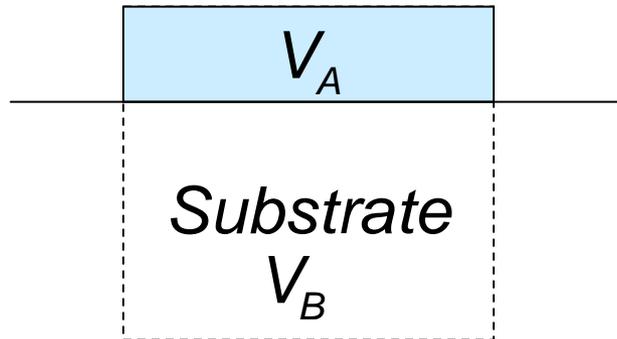


$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta G_{\text{homo}}^*$$

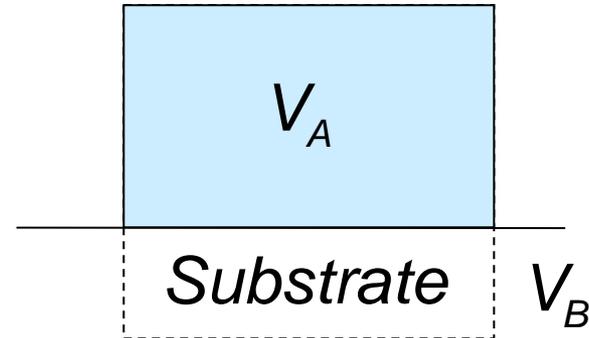


$$\frac{1}{4} \Delta G_{\text{homo}}^*$$

## How do we treat the non-spherical shape?



**Good Wetting**



**Bad Wetting**

$$\Delta G_{sub}^* = \Delta G_{homo}^* \left( \frac{V_A}{V_A + V_B} \right)$$

**Effect of good and bad wetting on substrate**

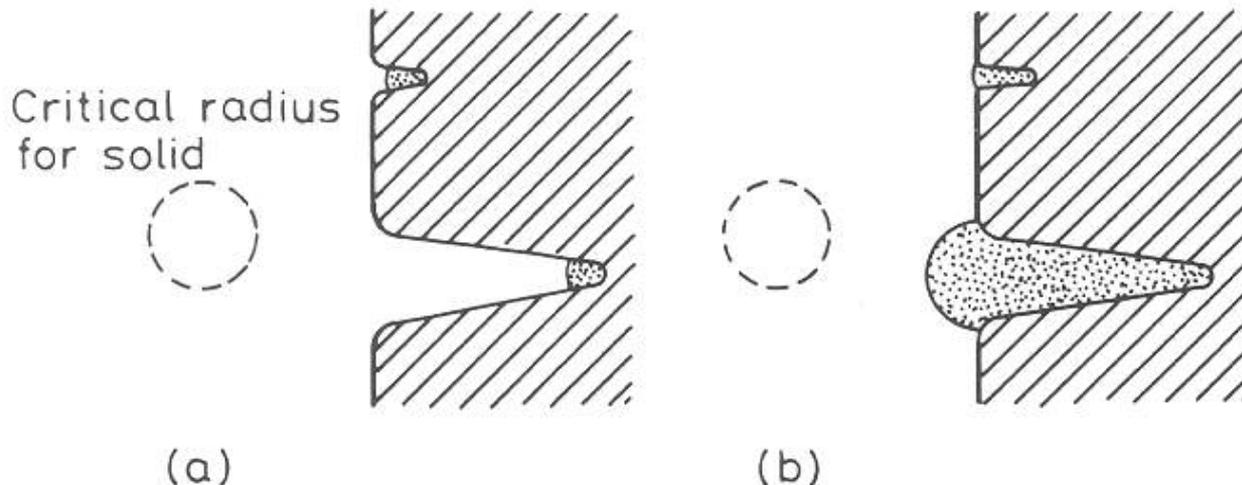
# Nucleation inside the crevice

In both of the nucleation types considered so far it can be shown that

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{1}{2} V^* \Delta G_V$$

$V^*$  : volume of the critical nucleus (cap or sphere)

Nucleation from cracks or crevices should be able to occur at very small undercoolings even when the wetting angle  $\theta$  is relatively large. However, that for the crack to be effective the crack opening must be large enough to allow the solid to grow out without the radius of the solid/liquid interface decreasing below  $r^*$ .



**Inoculants ~ low values of  $\theta$  → low energy interface, fine grain size**

## 4.1.4. Nucleation of melting

Although nucleation during solidification usually requires some undercooling, melting invariably occurs at the equilibrium melting temperature even at relatively high rates of heating.

Why?

$$\gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LV} < \gamma_{SV} \quad (\text{commonly})$$



In general, wetting angle = 0  $\Rightarrow$  No superheating required!