

### **Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering**

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# Chapter 11 Phase Diagrams Summary

- Phase diagrams are useful tools to determine:
  - -- the number and types of phases present,
  - -- the composition of each phase,
  - -- and the weight fraction of each phase

given the temperature and composition of the system.

- The microstructure of an alloy depends on
  - -- its composition, and
  - -- whether or not cooling rate allows for maintenance of equilibrium.
- Important phase diagram phase transformations include eutectic, eutectoid, and peritectic.



On cooling one phase going to two phases Metatectic reaction:  $\beta \leftrightarrow L + \alpha$  Ex. Co-Os, Co-Re, Co-Ru <sup>3</sup>

# **Review of Invariant Binary Reactions**

Peritectic Type



On cooling two phases going to one phase

### Ternary Eutectic System (with Solid Solubility)



Main outline of Ternary Phase Diagram with Ternary Eutectic (Te) and Solid Single Phase Regions Shown

# < Quaternary phase Diagrams >



### Contents for today's class

## **Chapter 12. Phase Transformations**

### **ISSUES TO ADDRESS...**

• Transforming one phase into another takes time.



- How does the rate of transformation depend on time and T?
- How can we slow down the transformation so that we can **engineering non-equilibrium structures**?
- Are the mechanical properties of non-equilibrium structures better?

### **Contents\_**Phase transformation course

Background to understand phase transformation (Ch1) Thermodynamics and Phase Diagrams (Ch2) Diffusion: Kinetics

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(Ch6) Diffusionless Transformations: Solid → Solid

# Phase Transformations Solidification: Liquid ----- Solid



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

### Solidification: Liquid ----- Solid

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

#### 4.1. Nucleation in Pure Metals

 $T_{\rm m}$  :  $G_{\rm L}$  =  $G_{\rm S}$ 

- Undercooling (supercooling) for nucleation: 250 K ~ 1 K
- <Types of nucleation>



- Homogeneous nucleation - Heterogeneous nucleation



### 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation

#### **Driving force for solidification**





### 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation



for spherical nuclei (isotropic) of radius : r

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

Volume (Bulk) Free Energy –Surface Free Energy- destabilizes the nucleistabilizes the nuclei (releases energy)(it takes energy to make an interface)

### Calculation of critical radius, r\*







The creation of a critical nucleus ~ thermally activated process



 $\Delta T_{N}$  is the critical undercooling for homogeneous nucleation. Fig. 4.5 The variation of r\* and  $r_{max}$  with undercooling  $\Delta T$ 

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

### 4.1.2. The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

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

- C<sub>0</sub> : atoms/unit volume
- $C^*$ : # of clusters with size of  $C^*$  ( critical size ) 임계핵 크기의 cluster 수

$$C^* = C_0 \exp(-\frac{\Delta G_{\text{hom}}^*}{kT})$$
 clusters / m<sup>3</sup>

The addition of one more atom to each of these clusters will convert theminto stable nuclei.한 개 원자 추가로 확산시 핵생성

Homogeneous  
Nucleation rate 
$$N_{\text{hom}} = f_0 C_o \exp(-\frac{\Delta G_{\text{hom}}^*}{kT})$$
 nuclei / m<sup>3</sup>·s

 $f_{0} \sim 10^{11} \text{ s}^{-1}$ : frequency  $\propto$  vibration frequency energy of diffusion in liquid surface area (const.)  $\Delta G^{*} = \left(\frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^{3}T_{m}^{2}}{3L_{V}^{2}}\right) \frac{1}{(\Delta T)^{2}}$  $C_{0} \sim \text{typically 10^{29} atoms/m^{3}}$ 

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

Reasonable nucleation rate

### **Homogeneous Nucleation in Solids**

**Concentration of Critical Size Nuclei per unit volume** 

$$C^* = C_0 \exp(-\Delta G^* / kT)$$

C<sub>0</sub> : number of atoms per unit volume in the parent phase

#### **Homogeneous Nucleation Rate**

If each nucleus can be made supercritical at a rate of f per second,

$$N_{\rm hom} = f C^*$$
  $f = \omega \exp(-\Delta G_m/kT)$ 

: *f* depends on how frequently a critical nucleus  $\omega \propto vibration$  frequency, area of critical nucleus can receive an atom from the  $\alpha$  matrix.  $\Delta G_m$ : activation energy for atomic migration

$$N_{\rm hom} = \omega C_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_m}{kT}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*}{kT}\right)$$

: This eq. is basically same with eq (4.12) except considering temp. dependence of f.

Homogeneous Nucleation rate

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 $N_{
m hom}$ 

0

$$N_{\text{hom}} \approx f_0 C_o \exp\{-\frac{A}{(\Delta T)^2}\} \qquad \text{where } A = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3L_V^2 kT}$$

$$A = \text{relatively insensitive to Temp.}$$
How do we define  $\Delta T_N$ ?
$$N_{\text{hom}} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta T^2} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Changes by orders of magnitude} \\ \frac{1}{12} \text{ from essentially zero to very high} \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{ values over a very narrow} \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{ temperature range} \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{critical value for detectable nucleation}$$

$$- \text{critical supersaturation ratio}$$

$$- \text{critical supercooling}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{ for most metals, } \Delta T_N \sim 0.2 \text{ T}_m \text{ (i.e. } \sim 200 \text{ K)}$$
Fig. 4.6 The homogeneous nucleation rate as a function of undercooling  $\Delta T. \Delta T_N$  is the critical undercooling for homogeneous nucleation  $20$ 

#### Maximum undercooling vs. Melting temperature



\* Copper Homogeneous nucleation

 $\Delta T = 230 \text{ K} \rightarrow \text{r*} \sim 10^{-7} \text{ cm} < 4 \text{ *}$  (Diameter of Cu atom)

If nucleus is spherical shape,

<u>V = 4.2 \*  $10^{-21}$  cm<sup>3</sup> ~ 360 atoms ( $\because$  one Cu atom 1.16 \*  $10^{-23}$  cm<sup>3</sup>)</u>

"Typically in case of metal"  $\Delta T * \sim 0.2 T_{\rm E} / \sigma_{\rm SL} \sim 0.4 L$ r\* (critical nucleus for homogeneous nucleation) of metal ~ 200 atoms

But, if cluster radius ~ (only 4 \* atom diameter),

"no spherical shape"

(large deviation from spherical shape)  $\rightarrow$ 

- → Possible structure for the critical nucleus of Cu
  - : bounded only by {111} and {100} plane
- $\sigma_{SL}$  may very with the crystallographic nature of the surface.
- The faces of this crystal are close to their critical size for 2D nucleation at the critical temp for the nucleus as a whole.



Fig. 3.11. Possible structure for the critical nucleus. (From B. Chalmers, *Physical Metallurgy*, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1959, p. 246.)

### Real behavior of nucleation: metal $\Delta T_{bulk} < \Delta T_{small drop}$

Under suitable conditions, liquid nickel can be undercooled (or supercooled) to 250 K below T<sub>m</sub> (1453°C) and held there indefinitely without any transformation occurring.

Normally undercooling as large as 250 K are not observed. The nucleation of solid at undercooling of only ~ 1 K is common.

The formation of a nucleus of critical size can be <u>catalyzed by a suitable</u> surface in contact with the liquid.  $\rightarrow$  "Heterogeneous Nucleation"



Why this happens? What is the underlying physics? Which equation should we examine?

$$\Delta G^{*} = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^{3}}{3(\Delta G_{V})^{2}} = \left(\frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^{3}T_{m}^{2}}{3L_{V}^{2}}\right)\frac{1}{(\Delta T)^{2}}$$

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

### 4.1.3. Heterogeneous nucleation

From

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

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



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

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

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

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#### **Barrier of Heterogeneous Nucleation**



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



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



$$\Delta \boldsymbol{G}_{sub}^{*} = \Delta \boldsymbol{G}_{homo}^{*} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{V}_{A}}{\boldsymbol{V}_{A} + \boldsymbol{V}_{B}} \right)$$

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

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



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



Nucleation rate

### **3.7 The 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.

Because, melting can apparently, start at crystal surfaces without appreciable superheating.



In general, wetting angle = 0 > No superheating required!

Melting and Crystallization are Thermodynamic Transitions



### 5.4 Overall Transformation Kinetics – TTT Diagram

If isothermal transformation,

The fraction of Transformation as a function of Time and Temperature

 $\rightarrow f(t,T)$ 

 $\operatorname{Plot} f$  vs log t.

- isothermal transformation
- $f \sim$  volume fraction of  $\beta$  at any time;  $0 \sim 1$

Plot the fraction of transformation (1%, 99%) in T-log t coordinate.



Fig. 5.23 The percentage transformation versus time for different transformation temperatures.

### **Transformation Kinetics**

Avrami proposed that for a three-dimensional nucleation and growth process kinetic law

$$f=1-\exp\!\left(\!-kt^n
ight)$$
 Johnson-Mehl-Avrami equation

*f* : volume fraction transformed

 $=\frac{\text{Volume of new phase}}{\text{Volume of specimen}}$ 

#### > Assumption :

- $\checkmark$  reaction produces by nucleation and growth
- $\checkmark$  nucleation occurs randomly throughout specimen
- $\checkmark$  reaction product grows rapidly until impingement

### **Constant Nucleation Rate Conditions**

Nucleation rate (/) is constant. (*t*) Growth rate (v) is constant. No compositional change t τ  $df_{e} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \text{Vol. of one particle nucleated} \\ \text{during } d\tau \text{ measured at time t} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \text{number of nuclei} \\ \text{formed during } d\tau \end{pmatrix}}{\text{Volume of specimen}}$  $df_e = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi [v(t-\tau)]^3 \times (IV_0 d\tau)}{V_0}$  $f_e(t) = \int_0^t I \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi [v(t-\tau)]^3 d\tau$  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^{3} = \frac{4}{3}\pi (vt)^{3}$  $V' = \frac{4}{2} \pi v^3 (t-\tau)^3$  $= I \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi v^3 \left[ -\frac{1}{4} (t-\tau)^4 \right]_0^t = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \pi I v^3 t^4 \right]_0^t - \frac{1}{3} dv^3 t^4 - \frac{1}{3$ 

As time passes the  $\beta$  cells will eventually impinge on one another and the rate of transformation will decrease again.

### **Constant Nucleation Rate Conditions**

consider impingement + repeated nucleation effects



# **Rate of Phase Transformation**



# **Rate of Phase Transformations**



- -Q = activation energy
- *r* often small: equilibrium not possible!

### **Time-Temperature-Transformation Curves (TTT)**

 How much time does it take at any one temperature for a given fraction of the liquid to transform (nucleate and grow) into a crystal?

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• f(t,T) \sim \pi I(T) \mu(T)^{3} t^{4}/3
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where <u>*f* is the fractional volume of crystals</u> formed, typically taken to be 10<sup>-6</sup>, a barely observable crystal volume.



### **Nucleation and Growth Rates**

#### **Nulceation and Growth for Silica**



### **Time Transformation Curves for Silica**

### **T-T-T Curve for Silica**





**FIGURE 10.11** A more complete TTT diagram for eutectoid steel than was given in Figure 10.7. The various stages of the time-independent (or diffusionless) martensitic transformation are shown as horizontal lines.  $M_s$  represents the start,  $M_{50}$  represents 50% transformation, and  $M_{90}$  represents 90% transformation. One hundred percent transformation to martensite is not complete until a final temperature ( $M_f$ ) of  $-46^{\circ}C$ .

#### \* Continuous Cooling Transformation diagrams



FIGURE 10.14 A continuous cooling transformation (CCT) diagram is shown superimposed on the isothermal transformation diagram of Figure 10.11. The general effect of continuous cooling is to shift the transformation curves downward and toward the right. (After Atlas of Isothermal Transformation and Cooling Transformation Diagrams, American Society for Metals, Metals Park, OH, 1977.)