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# **“Phase Transformation *in* Materials”**

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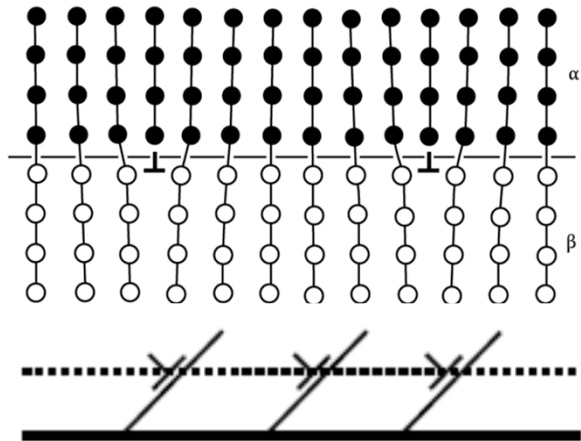
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# Interphase Interfaces in Solid ( $\alpha/\beta$ )

## 1) Glissile Interfaces (평활 이동 계면)



: epitaxial; Can't move forward or backward

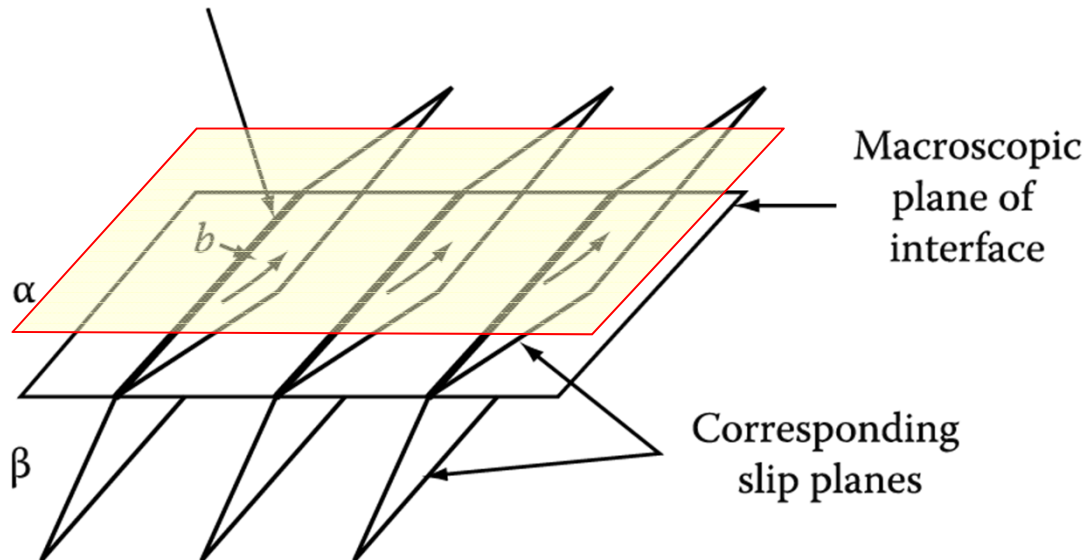
(interface//burgers vector)  $\longrightarrow$  **Non-glissile interface**

: **Glide of the interfacial disl. cannot cause the interface to advance**

: **Glissile; Boundary moves toward  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$**

: semi-coherent interfaces which can advance by the coordinated glide of the interfacial disl.

Interfacial dislocations



The dislocations have a Burgers vector that can glide on matching planes in the adjacent lattices.

Slip planes : continuous across the interface

**Gliding of the dislocation :  $\alpha$  is sheared into the  $\beta$  structure.**

Fig. 3. 55 The nature of a glissile interface.

# Classification of Heterogeneous (Nucleation and Growth) Transformation

Type	Military	Civilian			
Effect of temperature change	Athermal	Thermally activated			
Interface type	Glissile (coherent or semicoherent)	Nonglissile (coherent, semicoherent, Incoherent, solid/liquid, or solid/vapor)			
Composition of parent and product phase	Same composition	Same composition	Different compositions		
Nature of diffusion process	No diffusion	Short-range diffusion (across interface)	Long-range diffusion (through lattice)		
Interface, diffusion or mixed control?	Interface control	Interface control	Mainly interface control	Mainly diffusion control	Mixed control
Examples	Martensite twinning Symmetric tilt boundary	Massive ordering Polymorphic recrystallization Grain growth Condensation Evaporation	Precipitation dissolution Bainite condensation  Evaporation	Precipitation dissolution Solidification and melting	Precipitation dissolution Eutectoid  Cellular precipitation

Source: Adapted from Christian, J.W., in *Phase Transformations*, Vol. 1, Institute of Metallurgists, 1979, p. 1.

**exception) bainite transformation: thermally activated growth/ shape change similar to that product by the motion of a glissile interface**  
(need to additional research)

# Contents in Phase Transformation

Background  
to understand  
phase  
transformation

(Ch1) Thermodynamics and Phase Diagrams

(Ch2) Diffusion: Kinetics

(Ch3) Crystal Interface and Microstructure

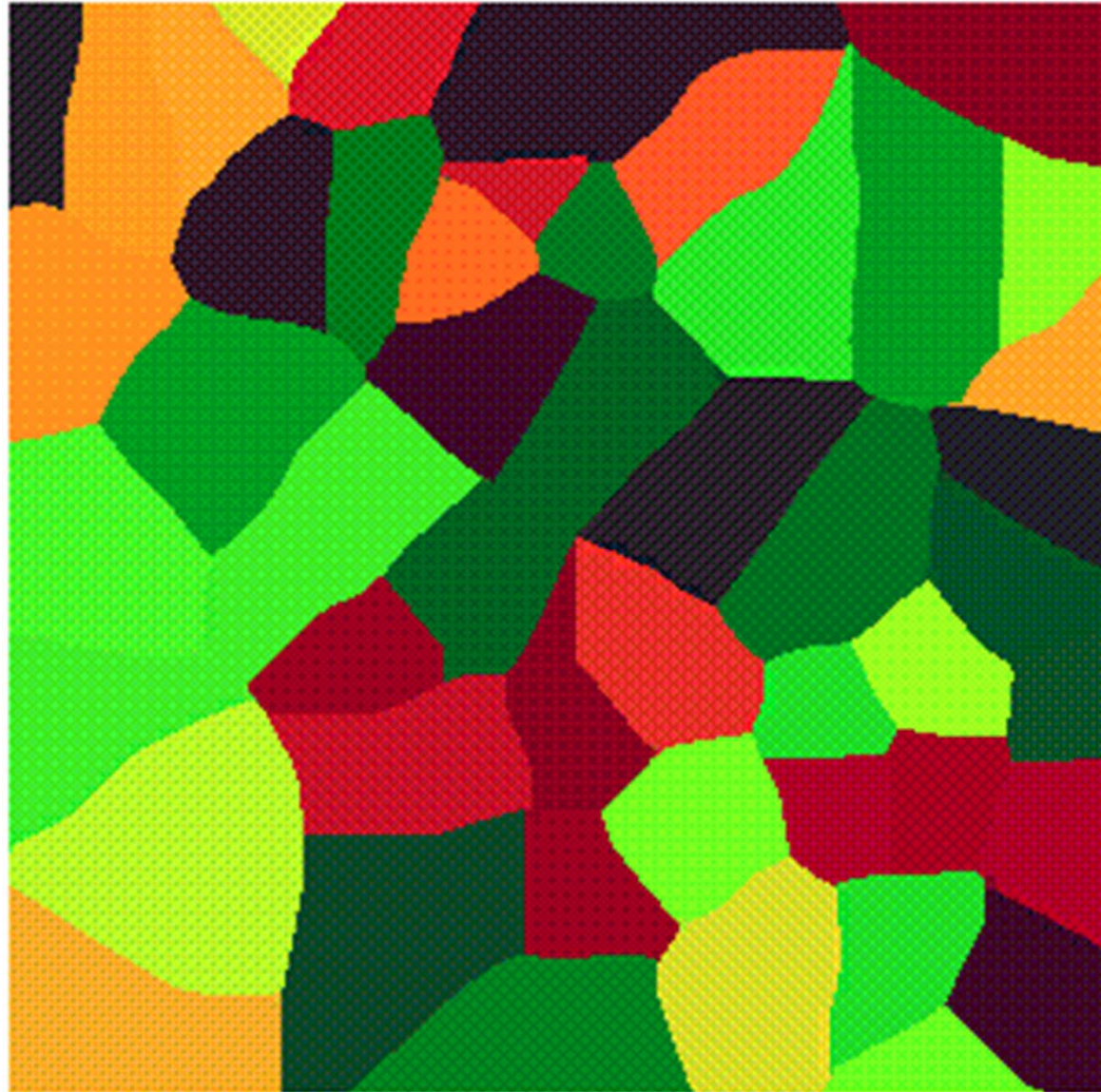
Representative  
Phase  
transformation

(Ch4) Solidification: Liquid  $\rightarrow$  Solid

(Ch5) Diffusional Transformations in Solid: Solid  $\rightarrow$  Solid

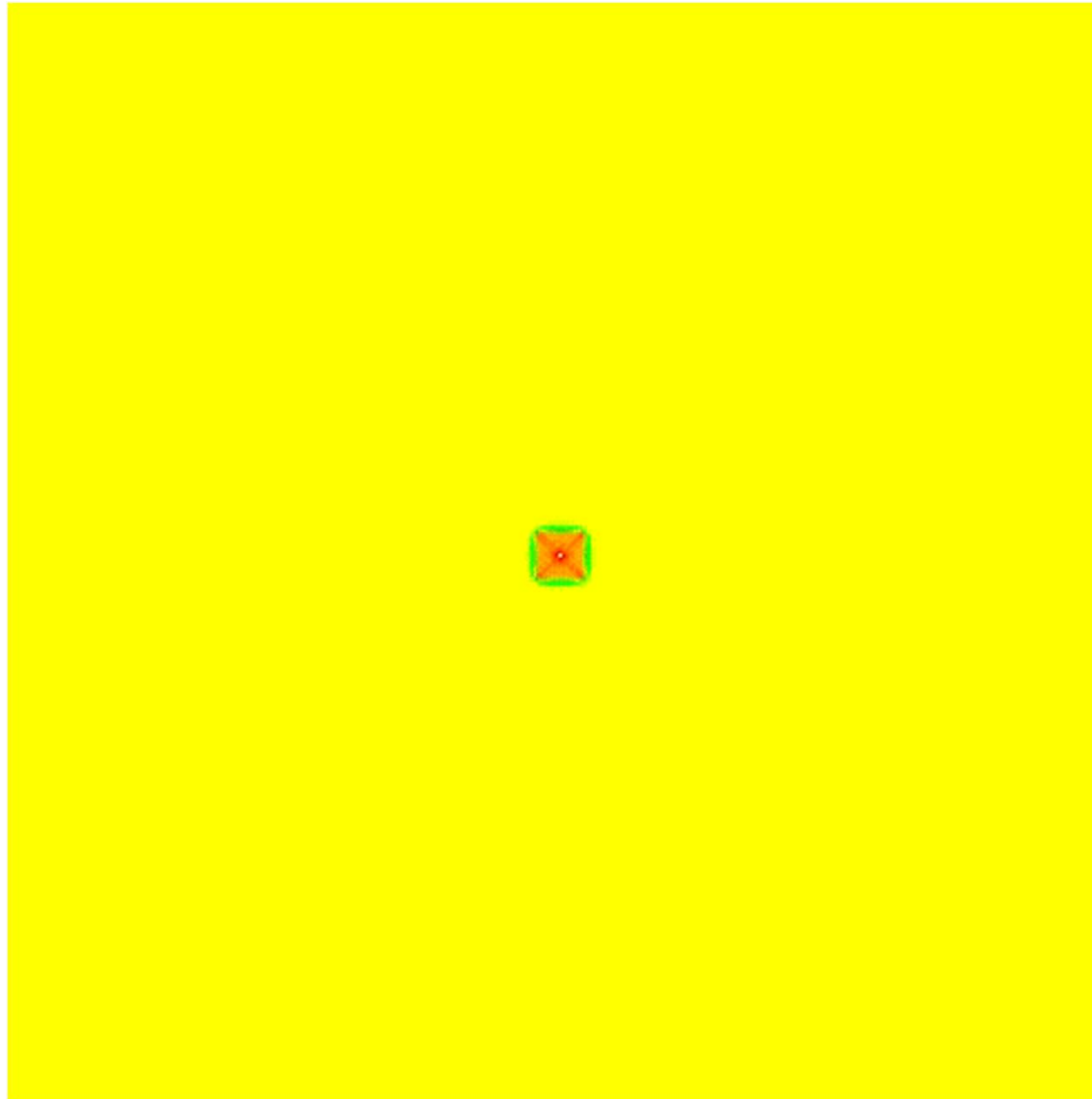
(Ch6) Diffusionless Transformations: Solid  $\rightarrow$  Solid

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



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

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



**4 Fold Symmetric Dendrite Array**

# Contents for today's class

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

### < Nucleation >

- **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**

**Q: Undercooling of  
homogenous vs heterogenous nucleation ?**



# Solidification: Liquid $\longrightarrow$ Solid

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

## 4.1. Nucleation in Pure Metals

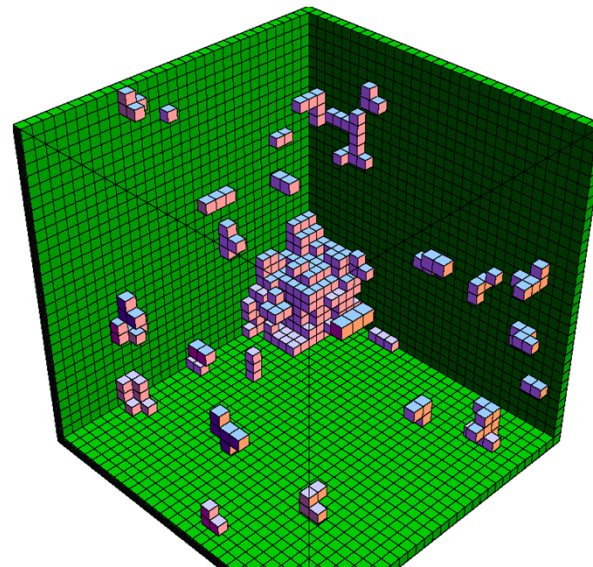
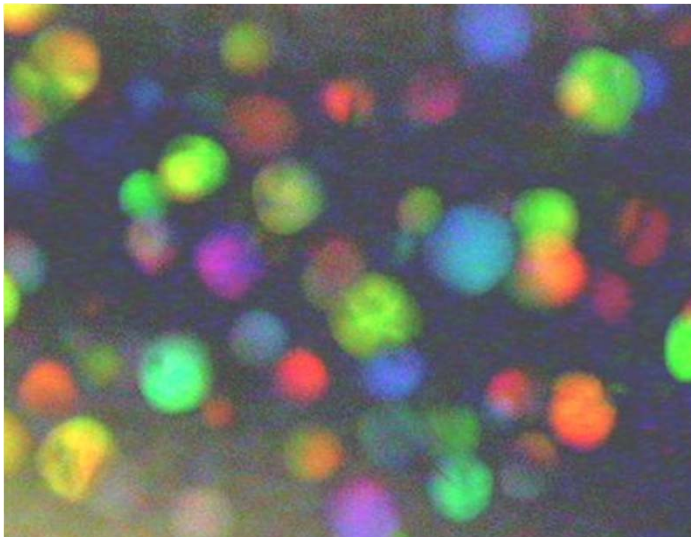
$$T_m : G_L = G_S$$

- Undercooling (supercooling) for nucleation: 250 K  $\sim$  1 K

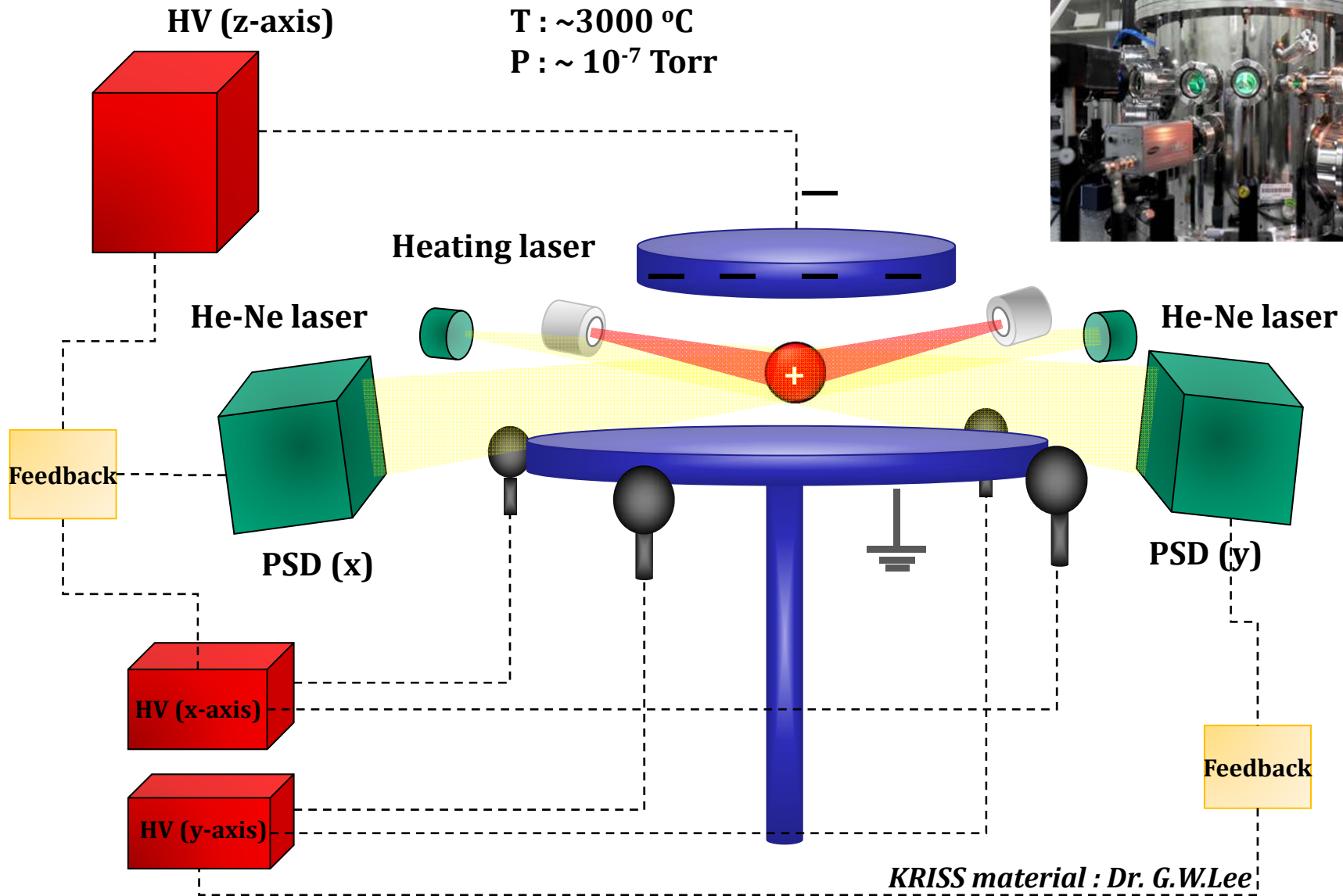
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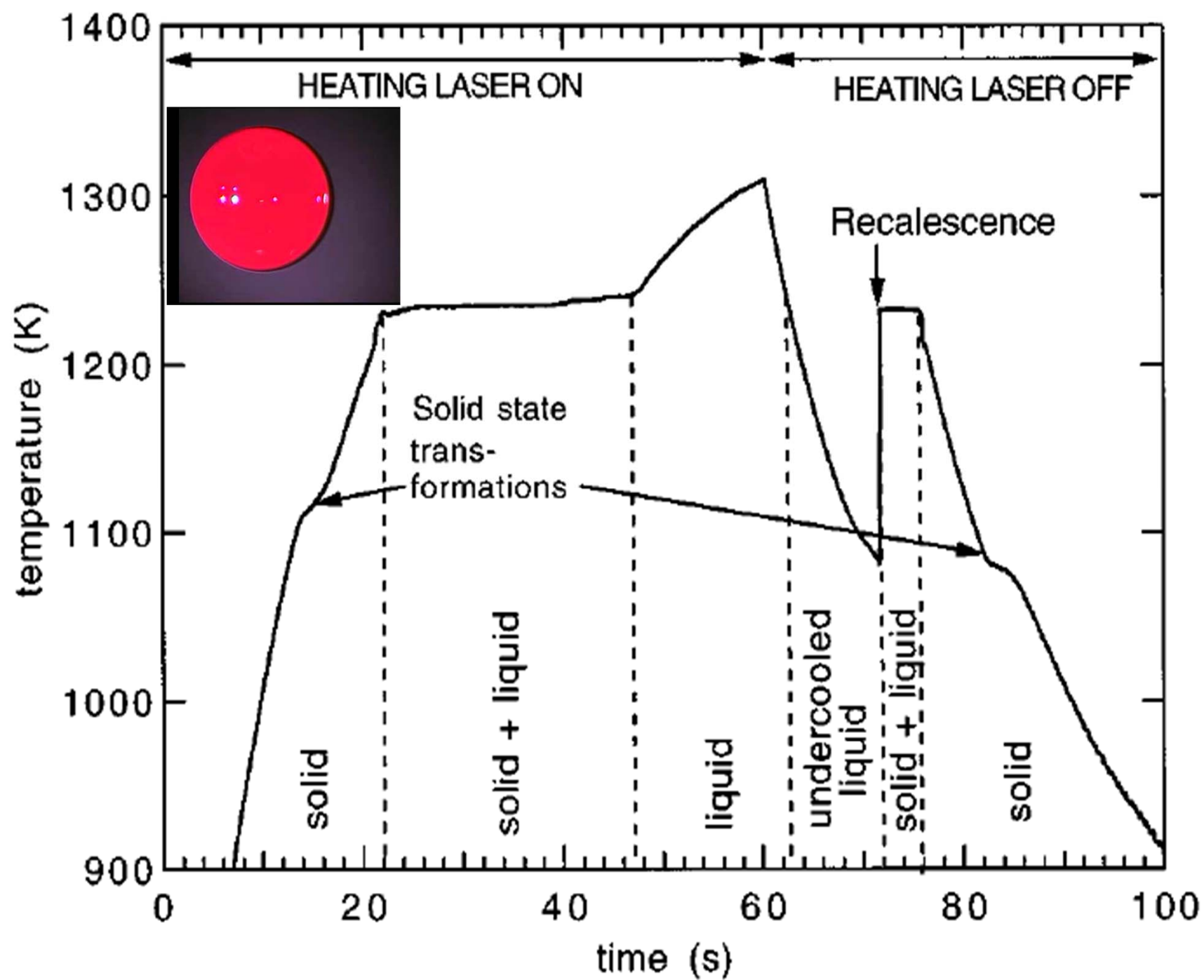
- **Homogeneous nucleation**

- **Heterogeneous nucleation**

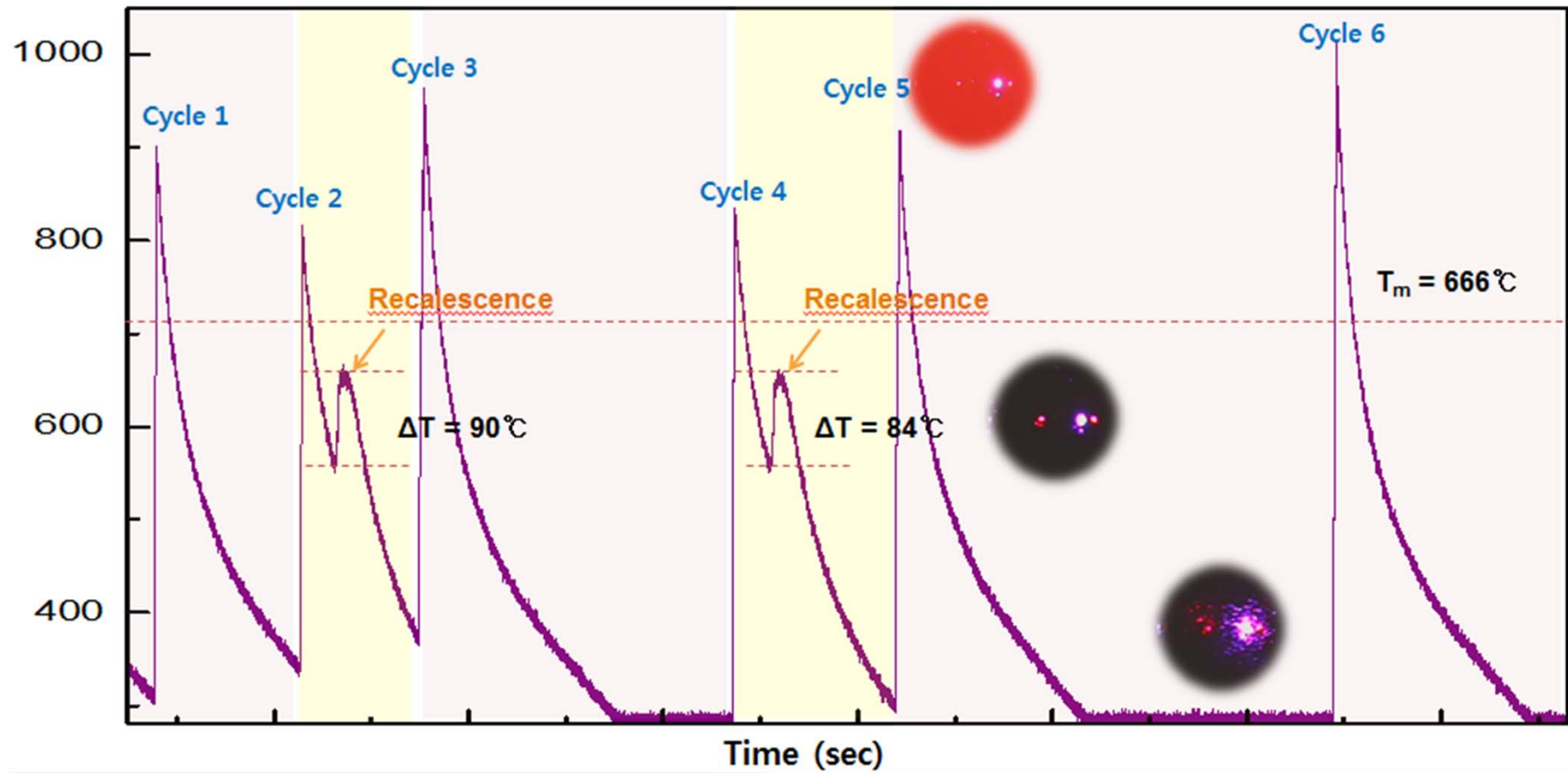


# Electrostatic levitation in KRISS





# Electrostatic Levitation: cooling curve of Vitreloy 1 system



## **Q: Homogenous nucleation**

**(a) Driving force for solidification,  $\Delta G_v$**

**(b) Calculation of  $\Delta G_r$ ,  $r^*$ ,  $\Delta G^*$**

# 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation

Driving force for solidification

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

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

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

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

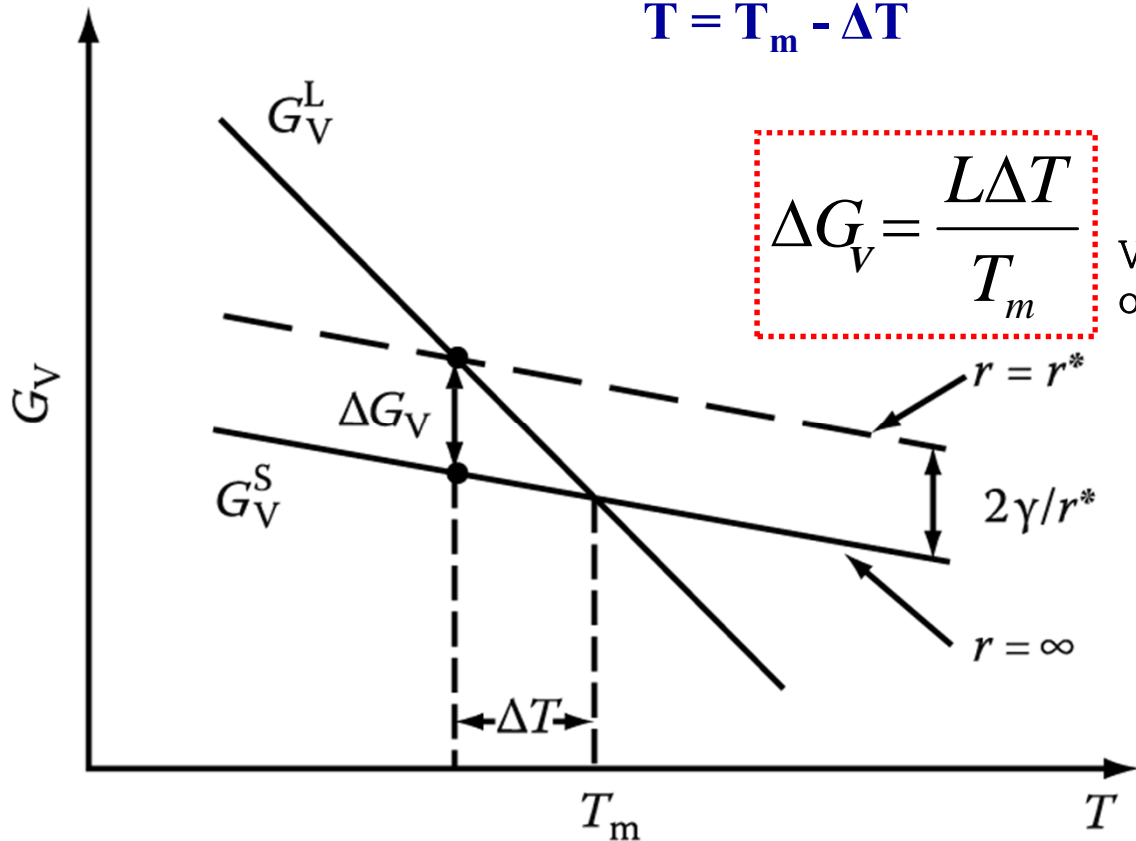
(Latent heat)

$$T = T_m - \Delta T$$

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

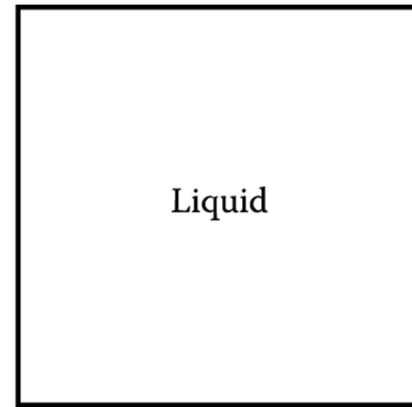
$$\Delta S = \Delta H / T_m = L / T_m$$

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

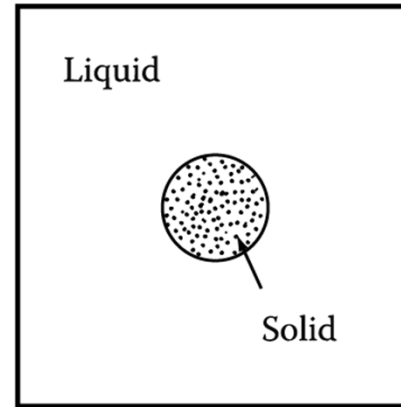


Variation of free energy per unit volume obtained from undercooling ( $\Delta T$ )

## 4.1.1. Homogeneous Nucleation



(a)  $G_1$



(b)  $G_2 = G_1 + \Delta G$

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

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

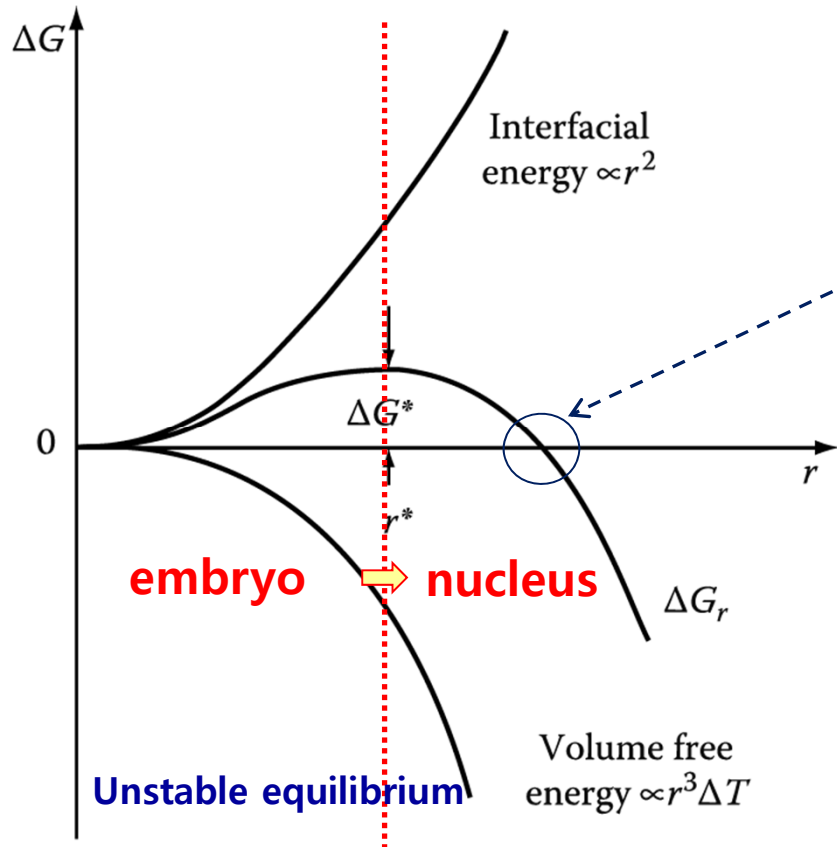
$G_V^S, G_V^L$  : free energies per unit volume

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

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

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

# Calculation of critical radius, $r^*$



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

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)

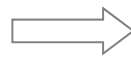
$r^*$  : critical nucleus size

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

## Gibbs-Thompson Equation

Critical  $\Delta G$  of nucleation at  $r^*$

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



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

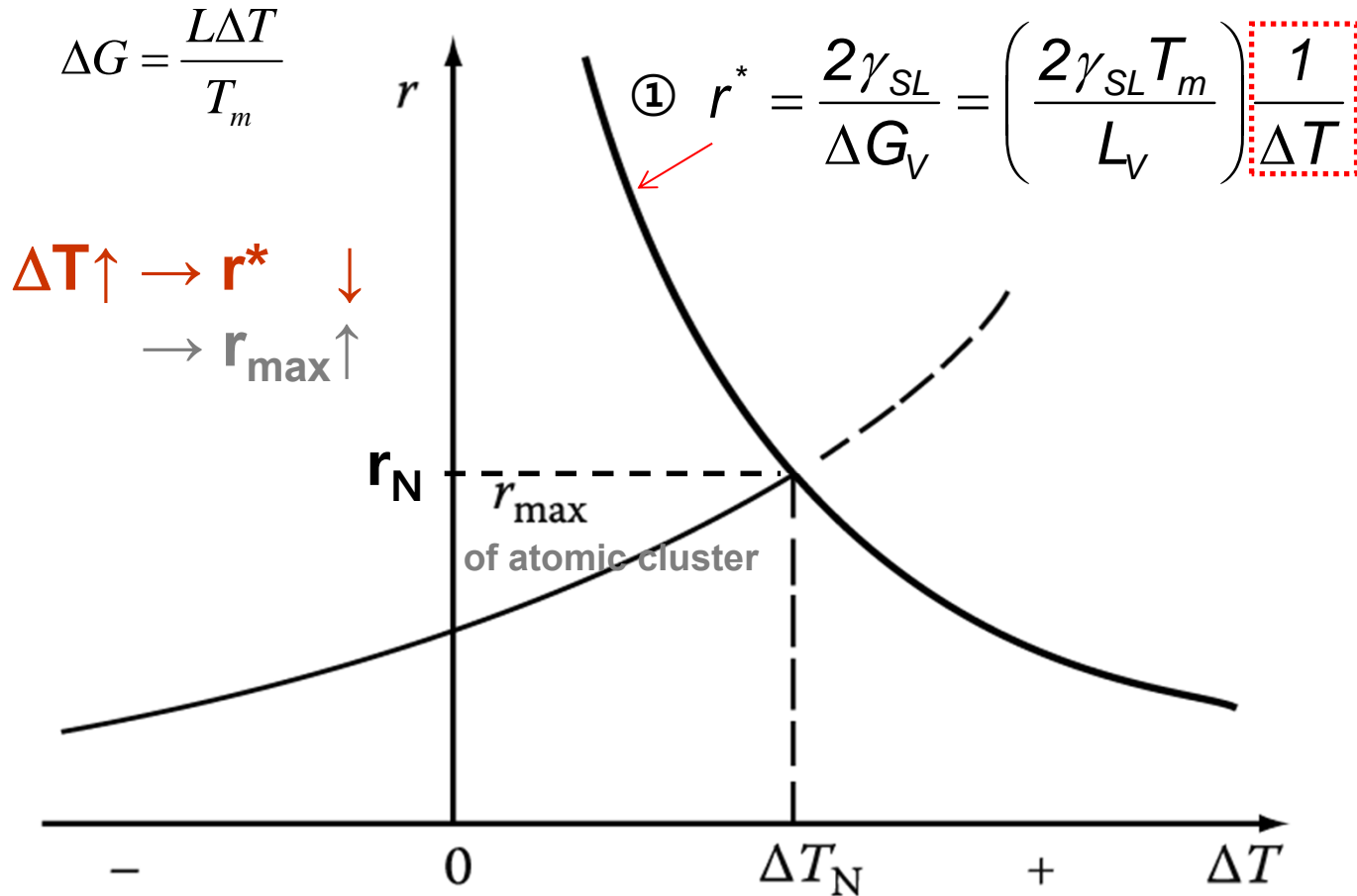
$$\Delta G_r = -\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Delta G_V + 4\pi r^2 \gamma_{SL}$$

$$\Delta G_V = \frac{L\Delta T}{T_m}$$



**Q: How do we define  $\Delta T_N$ ?**

## 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  $\Delta T$

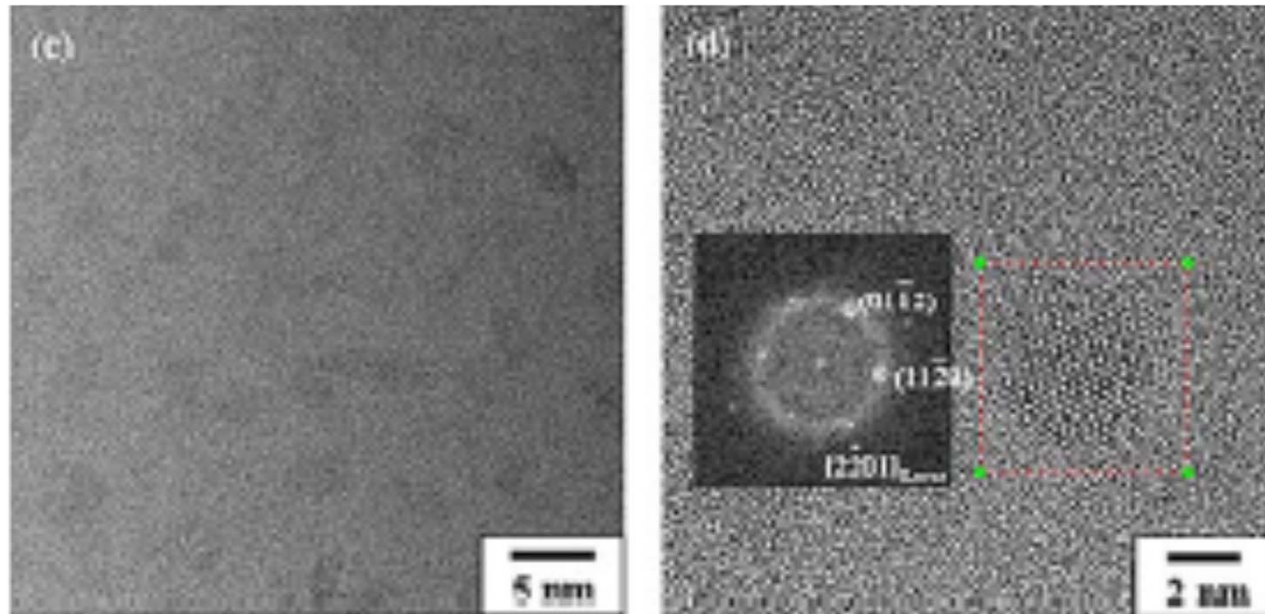
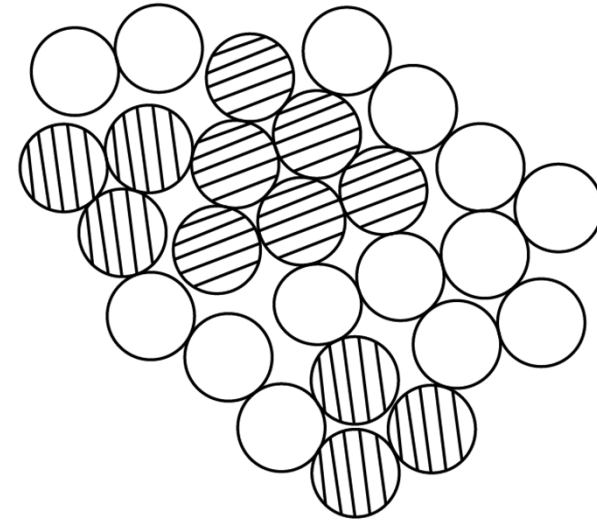
→ Condition for nucleation:

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

## ② Formation of Atomic Cluster

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

**Fig. 4.4** A two-dimensional representation of an instantaneous picture of the liquid structure. Many close-packed crystal-like clusters (shaded) are instantaneously formed.

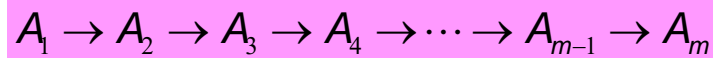


# Formation of Atomic Cluster

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,  $n_0$ ?



$$n_2 = n_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow 2}}{kT}\right) \text{ Excess free E associated with the cluster of } 1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ atoms}$$

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

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

$$\vdots$$

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

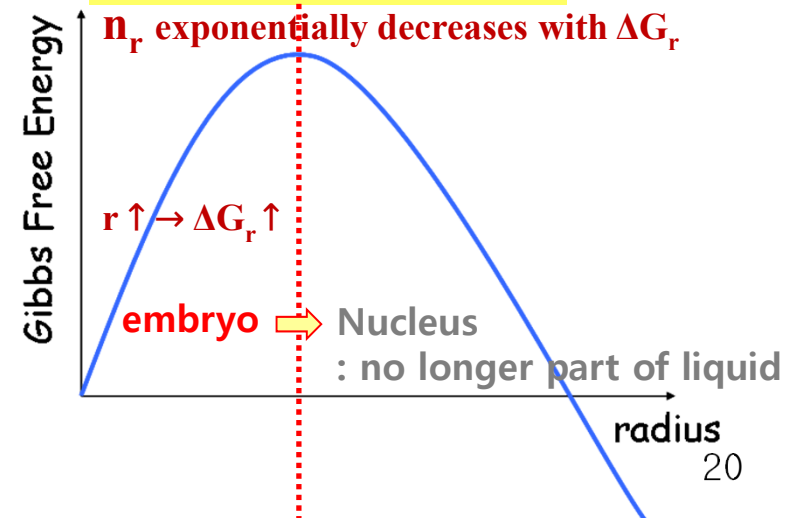
$$n_m = n_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow 2} + \Delta G^{2 \rightarrow 3} + \dots + \Delta G^{m-1 \rightarrow m}}{kT}\right)$$

# of cluster of radius  $r$

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

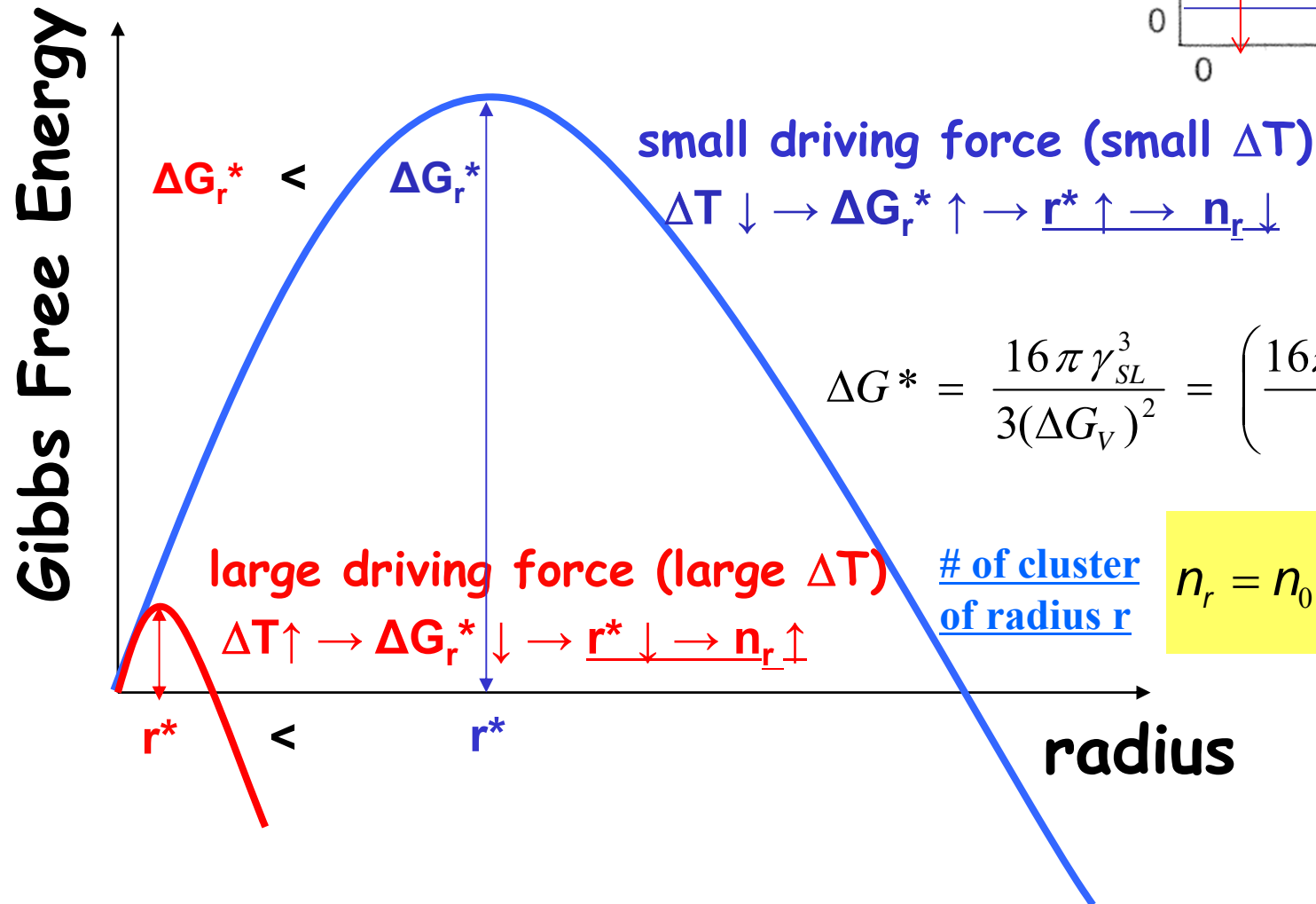
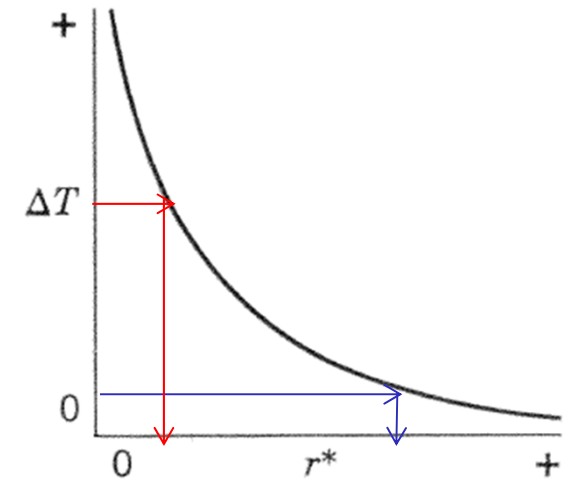
반지름  $r$ 인 구상의 균집체 수

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



# Formation of Atomic Cluster

Compare the nucleation curves between small and large driving forces.



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

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

# Formation of Atomic Cluster

$n_0$  : total # of atoms.

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

$k$  : Boltzmann's constant

# of cluster of radius  $r$

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

- holds for  $T > T_m$  /  $T < T_m$  and  $r \leq r^*$

Apply for all  $r$  /  $r \leq r^*$

( $\because r > r^*$ : no longer part of the liquid)

-  $n_r$  exponentially decreases with  $\Delta G_r$

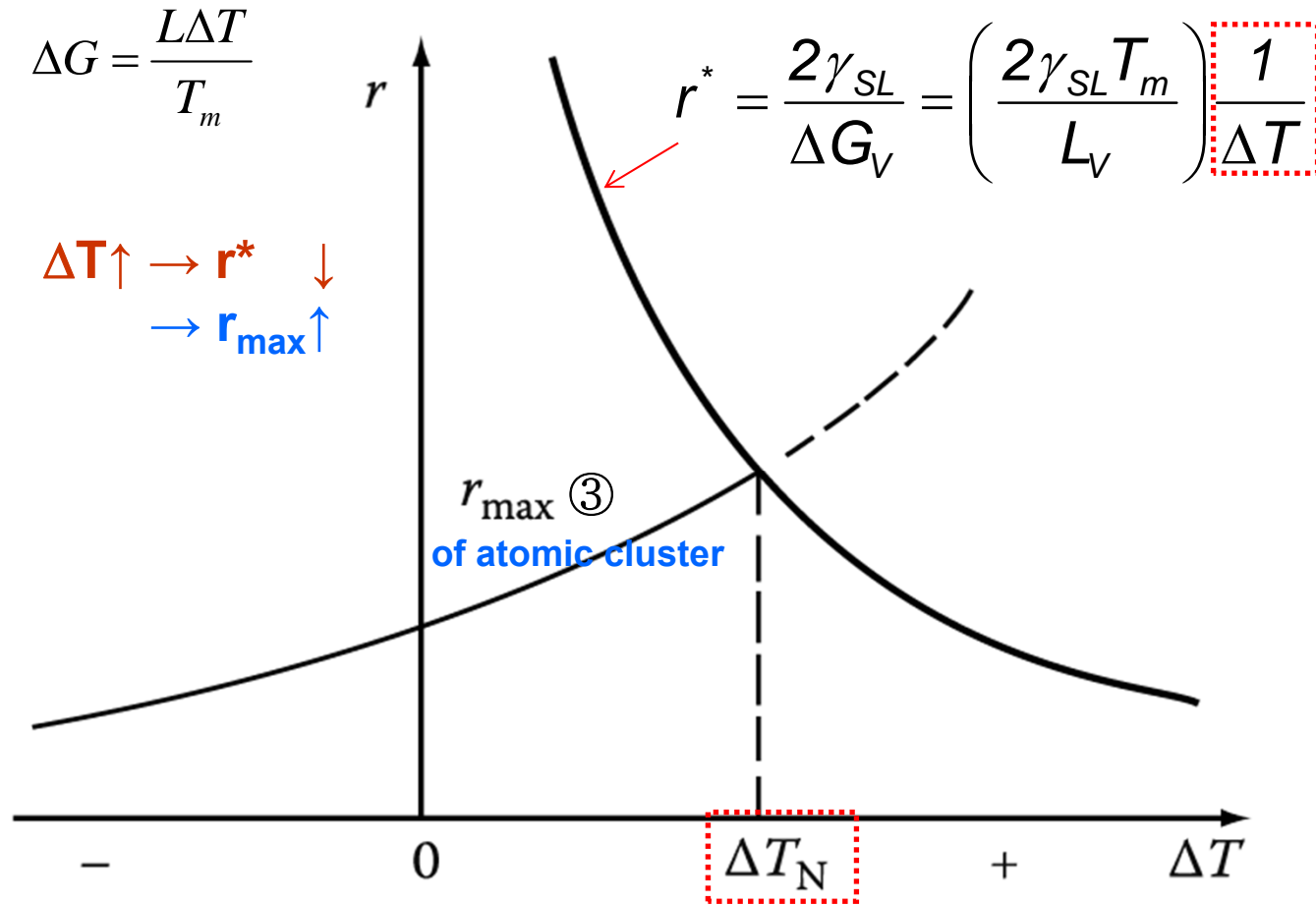
**Ex. 1 mm<sup>3</sup> of copper at its melting point ( $n_0$ :  $10^{20}$  atoms)**

$r \downarrow \rightarrow n_r \uparrow \rightarrow \sim 10^{14}$  clusters of 0.3 nm radius (i.e.  $\sim 10$  atoms)

$r \uparrow \rightarrow n_r \downarrow \rightarrow \sim 10$  clusters of 0.6 nm radius (i.e.  $\sim 60$  atoms)

$\rightarrow$  **effectively a maximum cluster size,  $\sim 100$  atoms**  
 **$\sim 10^{-8}$  clusters mm<sup>-3</sup> or 1 cluster in  $\sim 10^7$  mm<sup>3</sup>**

## 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?

$C_0$  : atoms/unit volume

$C^*$  : # of clusters with size of  $C^*$  ( critical size ) 임계핵 크기의 cluster 수

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

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

Homogeneous  
Nucleation rate

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

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

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

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

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



## 4.1.2. The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

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

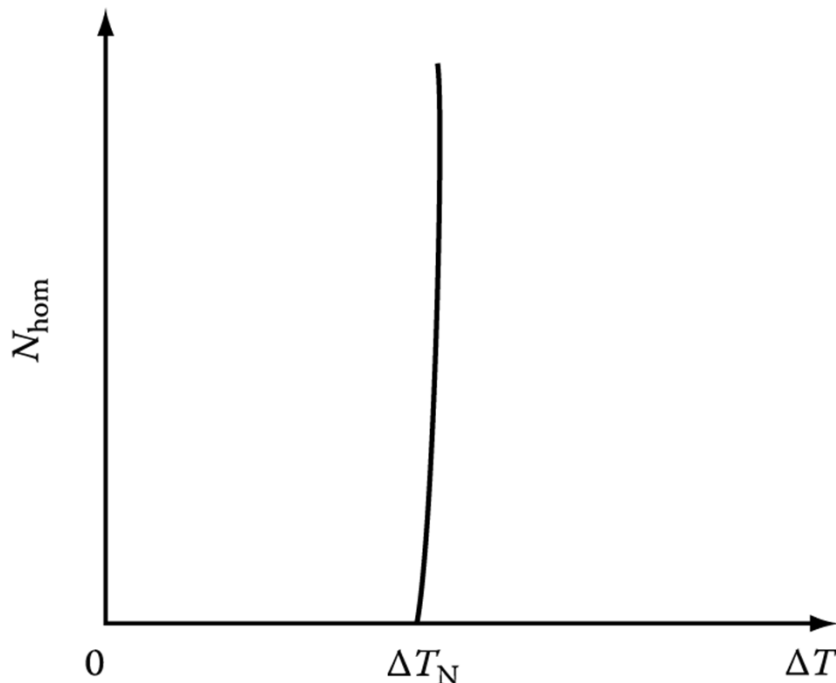
where  $A = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3L_v^2 kT}$

A = relatively insensitive to Temp.

How do we define  $\Delta T_N$ ?

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

Changes by orders of magnitude from essentially zero to very high values over a very narrow temperature range



→ **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.

\* **Copper** Homogeneous nucleation

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

If nucleus is spherical shape,

$$V = 4.2 * 10^{-21} \text{ cm}^3 \sim 360 \text{ atoms} (\because \text{one Cu atom } 1.16 * 10^{-23} \text{ cm}^3)$$

“Typically in case of metal”  $\Delta T^* \sim 0.2 T_E / \sigma_{SL} \sim 0.4 L$

→  $r^*$  (critical nucleus for homogeneous nucleation) of metal  $\sim 200$  atoms

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

“no spherical shape”

(large deviation from spherical shape) →

→ **Possible structure for the critical nucleus of Cu**  
**: bounded only by {111} and {100} plane**

- $\sigma_{SL}$  may vary 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.

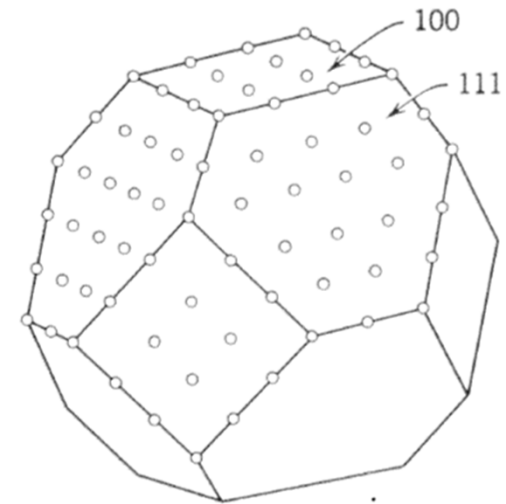


Fig. 3.11. Possible structure for the critical nucleus. (From B. Chalmers, *Physical Metallurgy*, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1959, p. 246.)

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

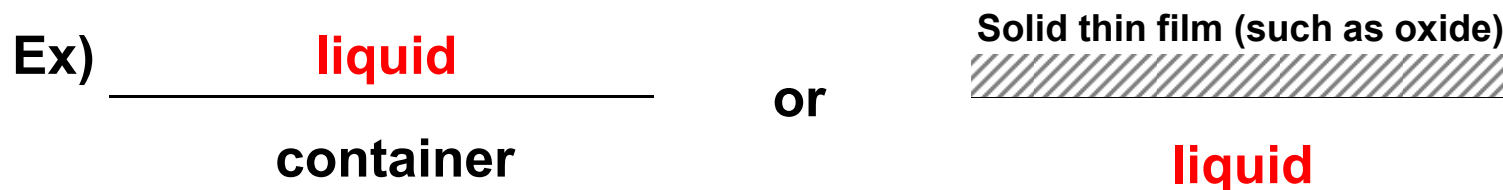
Under suitable conditions, liquid nickel can be undercooled (or supercooled) to 250 K below  $T_m$  (1453°C) and held there indefinitely without any transformation occurring.



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 catalyzed by a suitable surface in contact with the liquid. → “Heterogeneous Nucleation”



Why this happens?    What is the underlying physics?

Which equation should we examine?

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

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

**Q: Real behavior of nucleation:  
“Heterogeneous nucleation”**

### 4.1.3. Heterogeneous nucleation

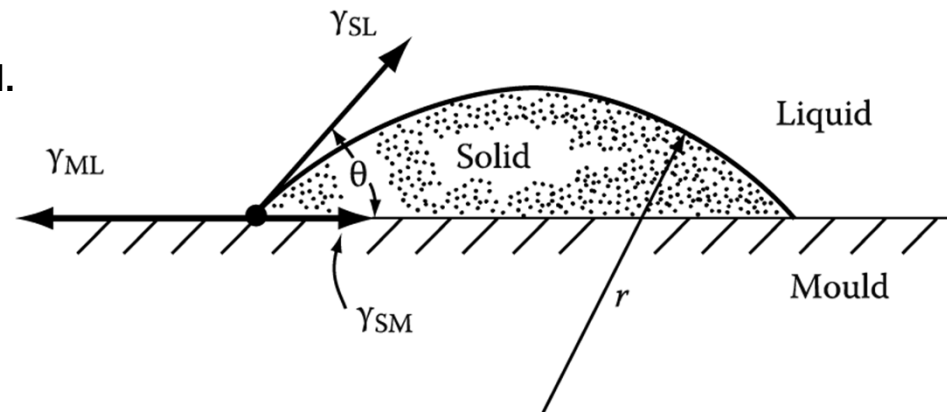
From 
$$\Delta G^* = \left( \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3 T_m^2}{3L_v^2} \right) \frac{1}{(\Delta T)^2}$$

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.

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

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



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

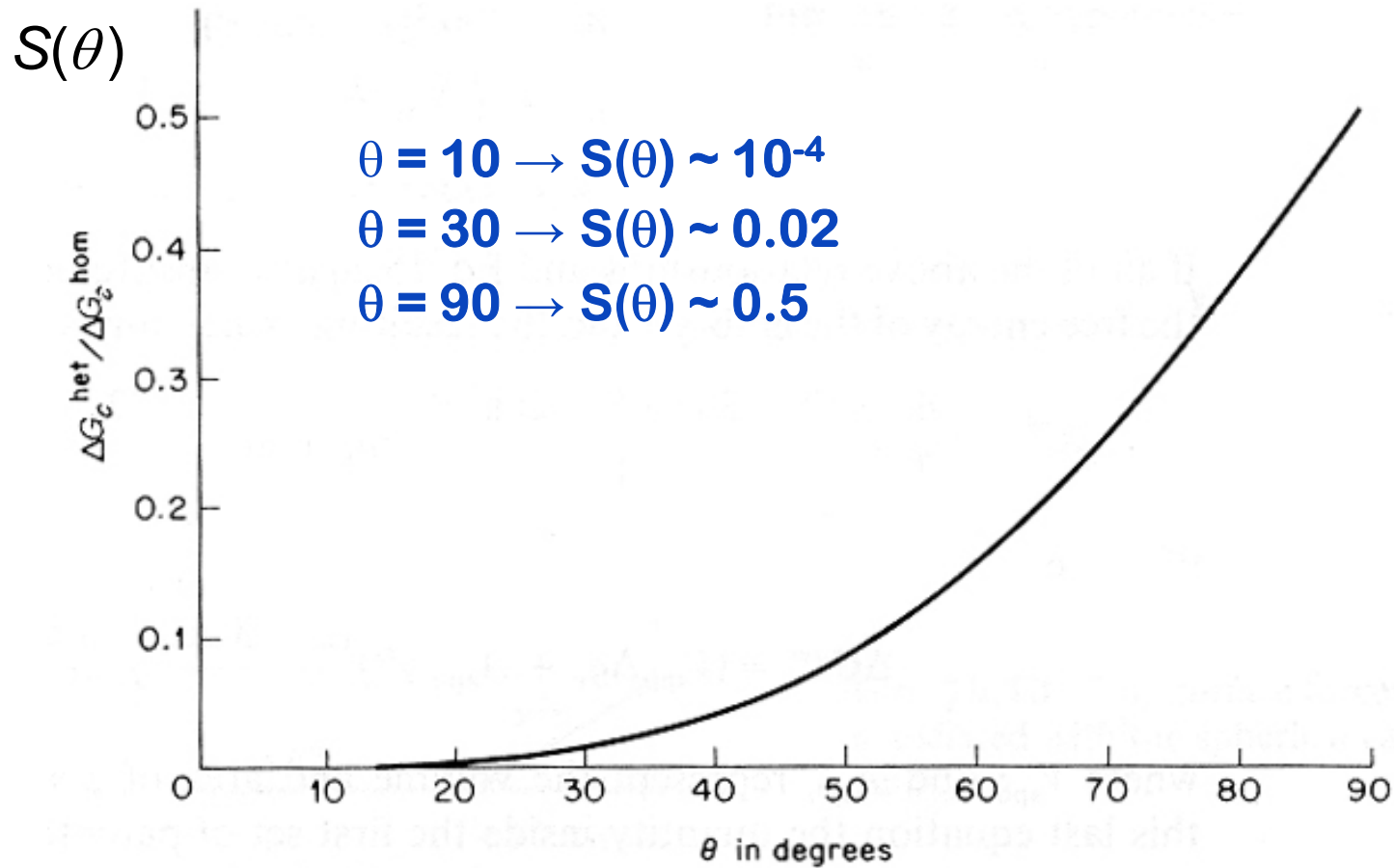
In terms of the wetting angle ( $\theta$ ) and the cap radius ( $r$ ) (Exercies 4.6)

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

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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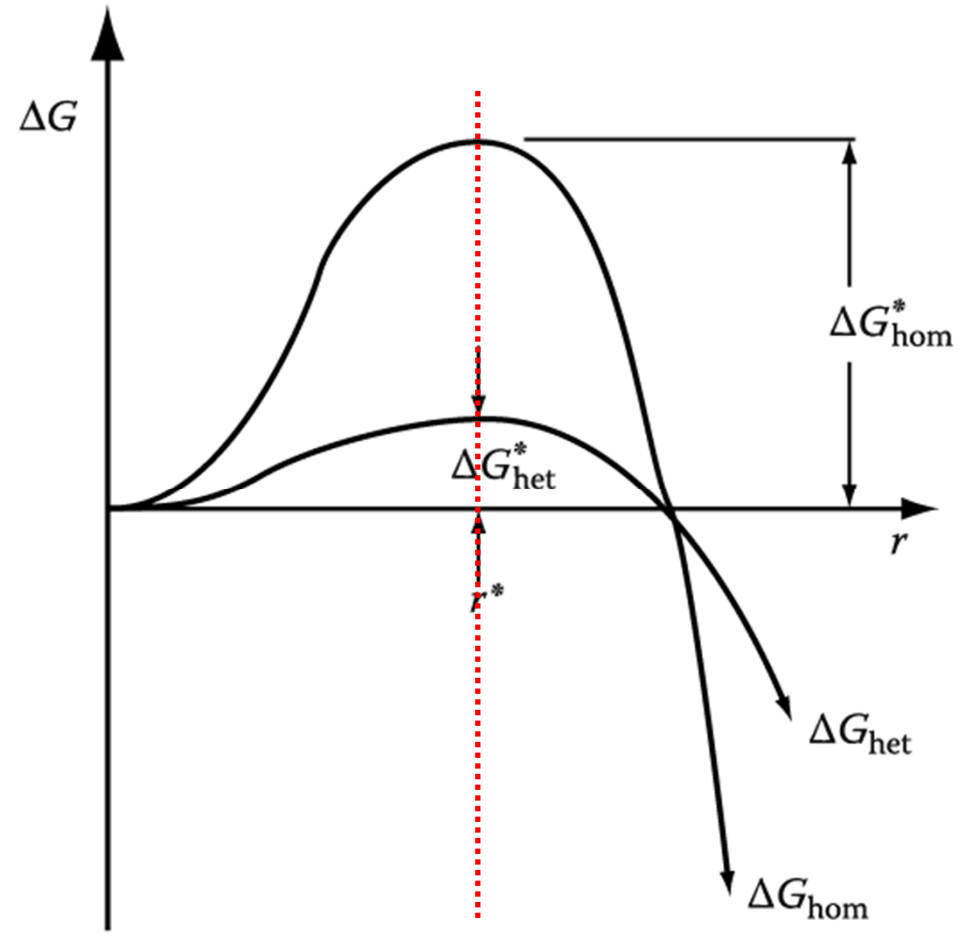


Fig. 4.8 The excess free energy of solid clusters for homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation. Note  $r^*$  is independent of the nucleation site.

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

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

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

$n_1$  atoms in contact with the mold wall

$$n^* = n_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*_{het}}{kT}\right)$$

$$N_{het} = f_1 C_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*_{het}}{kT}\right)$$

Plot  $\Delta G^*_{het}$  &  $\Delta G^*_{hom}$  vs  $\Delta T$  and  $N$  vs  $\Delta T$ .

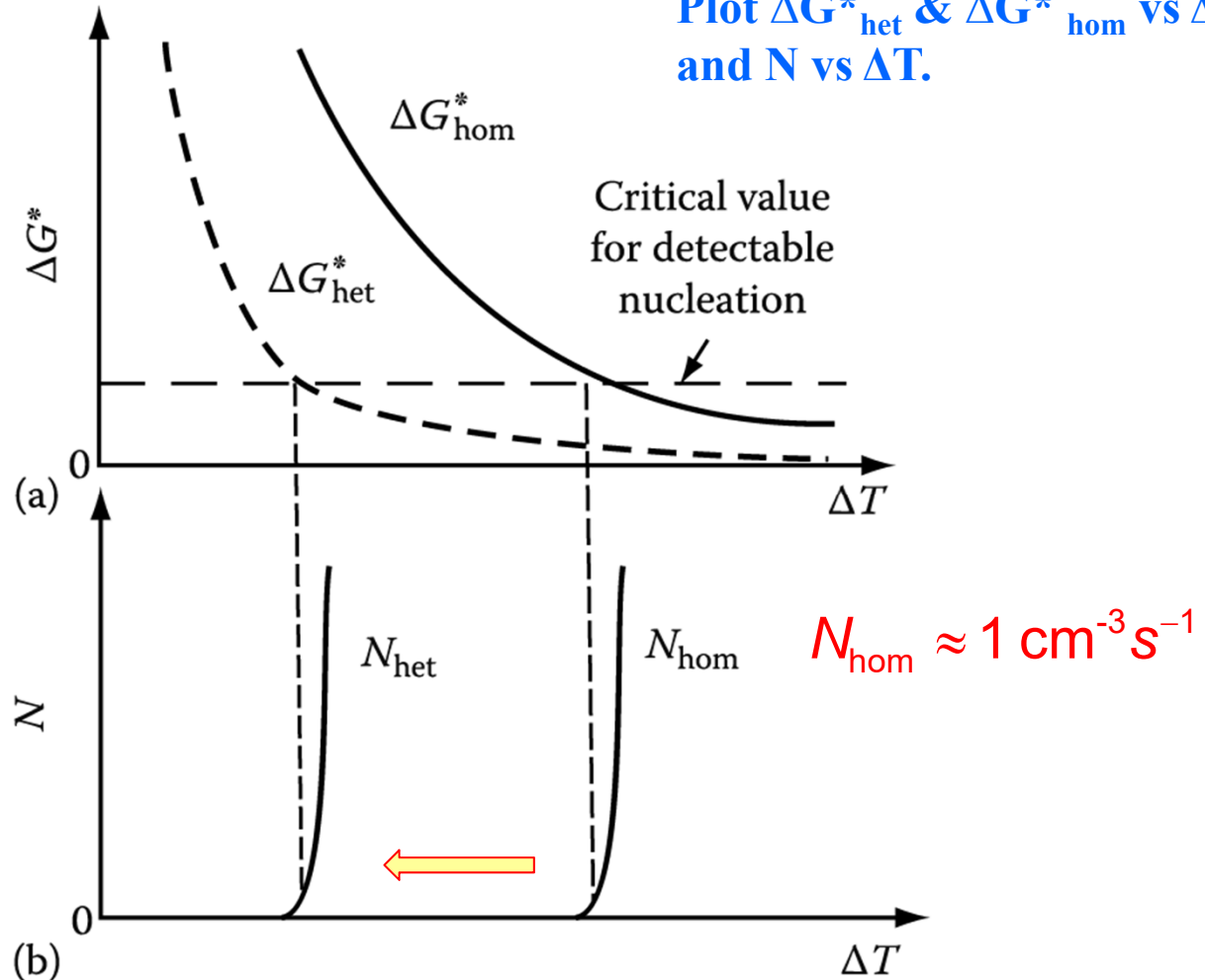


Fig. 4.9 (a) Variation of  $\Delta G^*$  with undercooling ( $\Delta T$ ) for homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation.

(b) The corresponding nucleation rates assuming the same critical value of  $\Delta G^*$



$\theta \downarrow \rightarrow V_c / V \downarrow \rightarrow$  embryo radius ( $r_{\max}$ )  $\uparrow$

$\rightarrow$  condition for heterogeneous nucleation as a function of  $\theta$

**Assumption 1: angle of contact is independent of temp.**

**2: substrate is flat.**

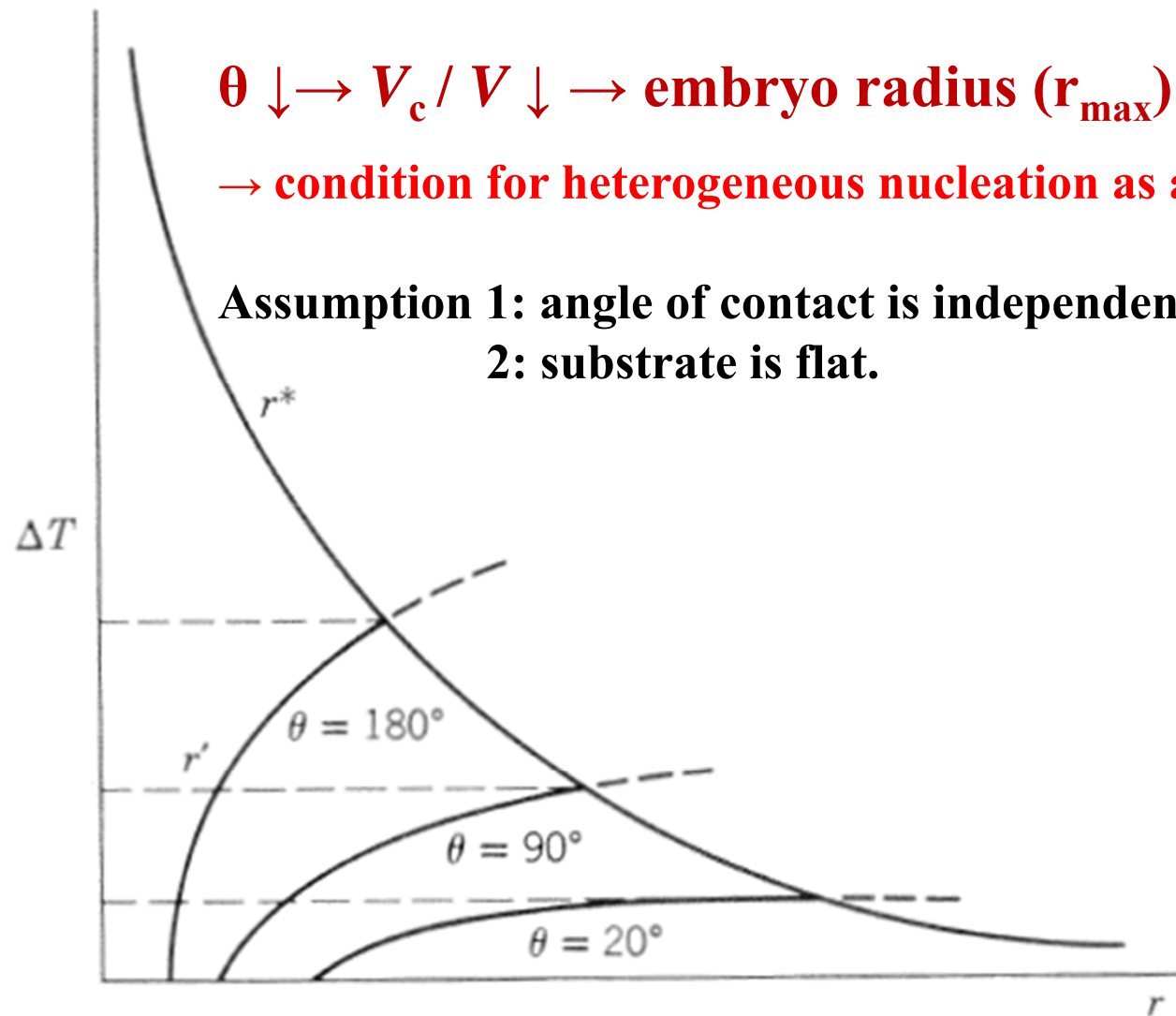
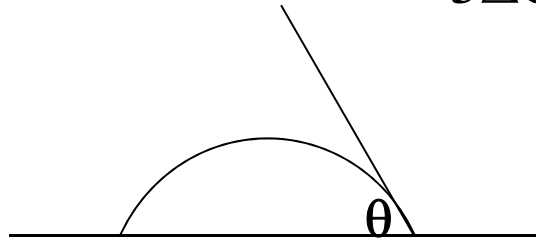


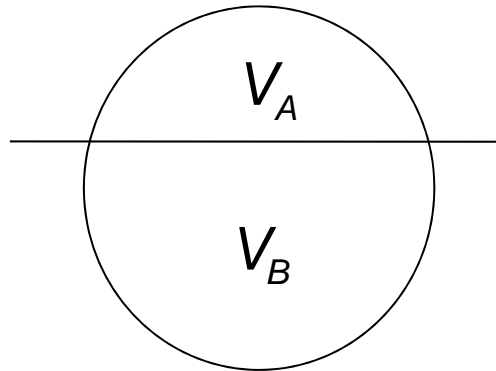
Fig. 3.15. Condition for heterogeneous nucleation (schematic).

# Barrier of Heterogeneous Nucleation

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



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



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

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

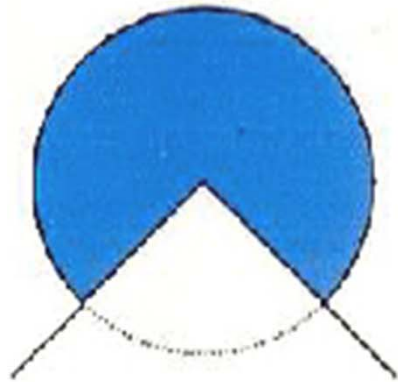
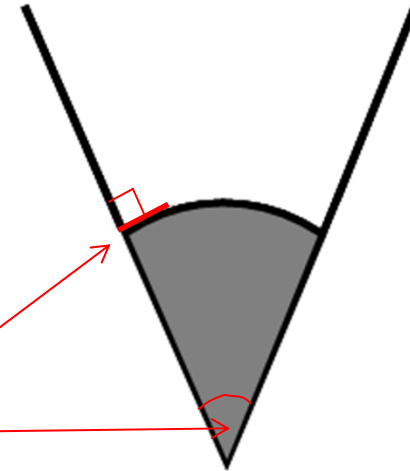
How about the nucleation at the crevice or at the edge?

## Nucleation Barrier at the crevice

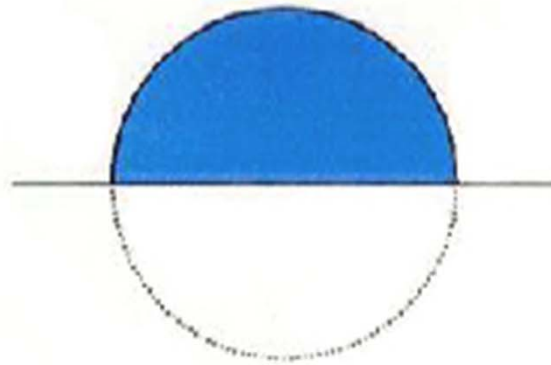
What would be the shape of nucleus and the nucleation barrier for the following conditions?

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

contact angle = 90  
groove angle = 60



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

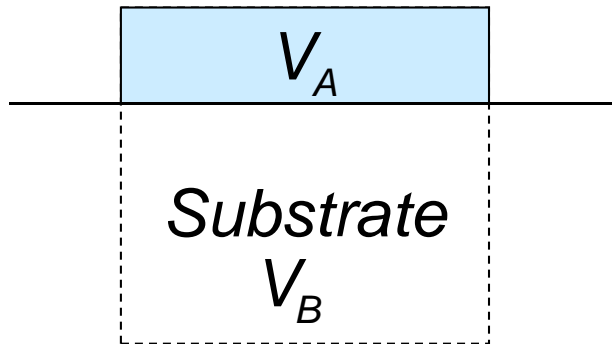


$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta G_{\text{homo}}^*$$

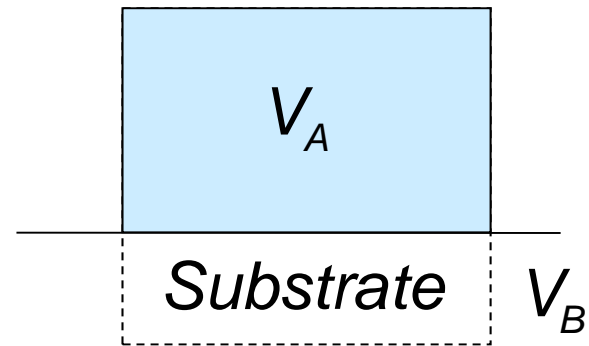


$$\frac{1}{4} \Delta G_{\text{homo}}^*$$

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



**Good Wetting**



**Bad Wetting**

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

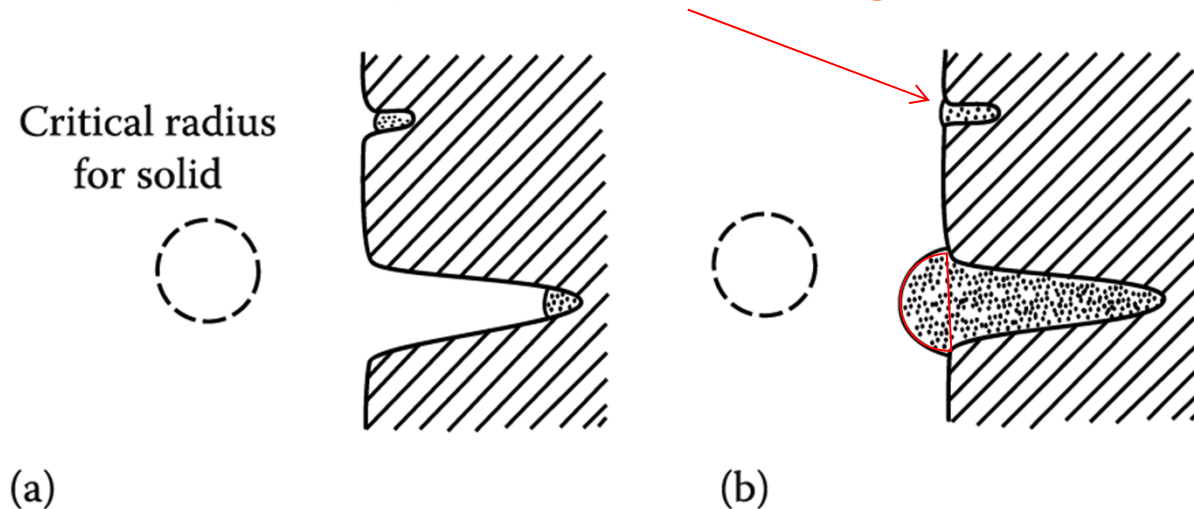
**Effect of good and bad wetting on substrate**

## Extreme form of a concave substrate: Nucleation inside the crevice

So far it has been assumed that the mold wall is microscopically flat.

In practice, however, it is likely to contain many microscopic cracks or crevices.

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  $r^*$ .



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

Formation of a nucleus  
on such a surface

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

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

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

## 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.

Why?

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

In the case of gold,

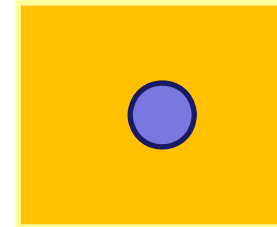
$\gamma_{SL}$	solid-liquid	132	ergs/cm
$\gamma_{LV}$	liquid-vapor	1128	ergs/cm
$\gamma_{SV}$	solid-vapor	1400	ergs/cm



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

# Melting and Crystallization are Thermodynamic Transitions

**Solidification:** Liquid  $\rightarrow$  Solid



<Thermodynamic>

• Interfacial energy  $\Rightarrow \Delta T_N$

Liquid

$T_m$

Undercooled Liquid

Solid



No superheating required!

• Interfacial energy  $\Rightarrow$  No  $\Delta T_N$

$$\gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LV} < \gamma_{SV}$$

vapor



**Melting:** Liquid  $\leftarrow$  Solid

## Contents for today's class

### Solidification: Liquid $\longrightarrow$ Solid

- Nucleation in Pure Metals
- Homogeneous Nucleation

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

$r^*$  &  $\Delta G^*$   $\downarrow$  as  $\Delta T$   $\uparrow$

$$N_{\text{hom}} \approx f_0 C_0 \exp\left\{-\frac{A}{(\Delta T)^2}\right\} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta T^2}$$

- Heterogeneous Nucleation

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

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

- Nucleation of melting

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

- Undercooling  $\Delta T$

- Interfacial energy  $\gamma_{SL}$  /  $S(\theta)$  wetting angle

