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# **Advanced Solidification**

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## 6) 1.5 Ternary and Multicomponent Alloys

## What are ternary phase diagram?

Diagrams that represent the equilibrium between the various phases that are formed between three components, as a function of temperature.

Normally, pressure is not a viable variable in ternary phase diagram construction, and is therefore held constant at 1 atm.

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## **Overall Composition**





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



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Temperature Slice At T3 <TA, TB, TC, But T3>TE1, TE2, TE3

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T= ternary eutectic temp.





# < Quaternary phase Diagrams >





Fig. 247. Representation of a quaternary system by an equilateral tetrahedron.

Define the equilibrium relationships btw solid and liquid :



A hypothetical phase diagram  $k_0 = X_s/X_L$  is constant.

## **1.7 The Distribution coefficient**

Van't Hoff equation:  $\frac{dC_L}{dT_L} - \frac{dC_S}{dT_S} = \frac{L}{RT_E^2}$ 

Van't Hoff equation relates the change in the equilibrium constant,  $\underline{K}_{eq}$ , of a chemical reaction to the change in temperature , T, given the standard <u>enthalpy change  $\Delta H$ </u>, for the process. The equation has been widely utilized to <u>explore the changes in state functions in the</u> <u>thermodynamic system</u>.

## **1.7 The Distribution coefficient**



- A useful method of checking the accuracy of the slope dC<sub>s</sub>/dT<sub>s</sub> of the solidus line from that of the liquidus (which is more reliable)
- This equation applies strictly only at very low concentrations.



Contents for today's class I

# Chapter 2 Solidification as an Atomic Process

\* Solid versus Liquid

#### 2.1 Solids and Liquids

## a. The nature of crystalline solids

#### **Correlation between Bonding Strength and Materials Properties**

Weakly bonded soli	ds	Strongly	y bonded solids
Low melting point Low elastic modulus High thermal-expansion coefficient		High melting point High elastic modulus Low thermal-expansion coefficient	
Equilibrium spacing betw Spacing after heating increases energy by Δ Spacing after heating energy by ΔIAE ( indicates higher the strong of the space of the spac	ween atoms IAE ting increases larger separation hermal expansion) Separation	1	If E <sub>o</sub> is larger, Tm (melting temp. $\rightarrow$ Broken Bonds E (elastic modulus), ((possibly)) Yield strength is larger, but $\alpha$ is smaller.
vibrati	ng with mean E $\sim$ ge frequency v	3/2 kT	(thermal expansion coefficient)

Inter-atomic Energy (IAE)

## a) Properties from Bonding: Thermal Expansion

Materials change size when heating.

$$\frac{L_{final} - L_{initial}}{L_{initial}} = \alpha (T_{final} - T_{initial})$$

$$coefficient of$$
thermal expansion (1/K or 1/°C)

ncreasing

**T**5

**T**1



(Equlibrium Spacing)

Atomic view: Mean bond length increases with T.



 $\succ$  asymmetric nature of the energy well  $\rightarrow$  Thermal expansion

## a) Properties from Bonding: Thermal Expansion

#### Temperature supplies thermal energy into solids $\rightarrow$ thermal vibration (phonon)



Slope is related to the thermal expansion coefficient of materials

## a) Properties from Bonding: Thermal Expansion

> Coefficient of thermal expansion,  $\alpha$ 

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l**arger** α

smaller  $\alpha$ 



>  $\alpha \sim 1$ /bonding energy (E<sub>0</sub>) at r<sub>o</sub>  $\alpha_{th} = \frac{1}{l} \frac{dl}{dT}$ 



- → increase in interatomic separation with a given T rise is lower
- $\rightarrow$  smaller  $\alpha$

> Broad well (generally more asymmetric)  $\rightarrow$  larger expansion

# **Thermal Expansion:** Comparison

Material	<mark>α</mark> ℓ (10-6/K) _	
Polymers	at room T	
Polypropylene Polyethylene Polystyrene Teflon	145-180 106-198 90-150 126-216	Polymers have large $\alpha_\ell$ because of weak secondary bonds
• <u>Metals</u> Aluminum Steel Tungsten Gold	23.6 12 4.5 14.2	
<ul> <li><u>Ceramics</u> Magnesia (MgO) Alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) Soda-lime glass Silica (cryst. SiO</li> </ul>	13.5 7.6 9 2) 0.4	

Selected values from Table 19.1, *Callister 7e*.

# b) Properties from Bonding: E, elastic modulus



> E ~ curvature at r<sub>o</sub> (the bottom of the well)



# b) Properties from Bonding: E, elastic modulus

## **Force versus Interatomic Separation**

FIGURE 6.7 Force versus interatomic separation for weakly and strongly bonded atoms. The magnitude of the modulus of elasticity is proportional to the slope of each curve at the equilibrium interatomic separation  $r_0$ .



# Young's Modulus Comparison



# c) Properties from Bonding: T<sub>m</sub>, melting point

 $\succ$  Bond length,  $r_0$ 



- ➢ Bond energy, E₀
  - Energy (r)

ro

unstretched length

> Melting Temperature, Tm - Depth of energy well



Imperfections in crystals: external surface/ vacancies/ interstitials/ dislocations/ stacking faults/ sub-boundaries

# Bonding

Type of Bond	Substance	Bond Energy* kcal/mole	Melting Temperature (°C)	Characteristics
Ionic	CaCl	155	646	Low electrical conductivity; trans-
	NaCl	183	801	parent; brittle; high melting tem-
	LiF	240	870	perature
	CuF <sub>2</sub>	617	1360	
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3618	3500	
Covalent	Ge	75	958	Low electrical conductivity; very
	GaAs	≈75	1238	hard; very high melting temperature
	Si	84	1420	
	SiC	283	2600	
	Diamond	170	3550	
Metallic	Na	26	97.5	High electrical and thermal con-
	Al	74	660	ductivity; easily deformable; opaque
	Cu	81	1083	
	Fe	97	1535	
·	W	201	3370	
Van der	Ne	0.59		Weak binding; low melting and
Waals	Ar	1.8	-189.4	boiling points; very compressible
	CH₄	2.4	-184	
	Kr	2.8	-157	
	Cl <sub>2</sub>	7.4	-103	
Hydrogen	HF	7	-92	Higher melting points than Van der
	H <sub>2</sub> O	12	0	Waals bonding; tendency to form groups of many molecules

**Primary bonding** 

# Secondary

## **b. Nature of liquids**

- \* Liquid structure : <u>atom or molecules</u>
  - $\rightarrow$  vibrating with mean E  $\sim$  3/2 kT and average frequency v

Liquid Change much more frequently





- \* Instantaneous structure: crystal-like "cluster" & free space
- $\rightarrow$  equilibrium mixture of molecules
- $\rightarrow$  oriented randomly
- $\rightarrow$  form and disperse very quickly
- \* Thermodynamic point of view

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

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

Cluster size  $\uparrow \rightarrow$  free E  $\uparrow$ 



#### **②** Formation of Atomic Cluster

At the  $T_{\rm m}$ , the liquid phase has <u>a volume 2-4% greater</u> than the solid.

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





#### **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,  $n_0$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2} \rightarrow A_{3} \rightarrow A_{4} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_{m-1} \rightarrow A_{m} \\ n_{2} &= n_{1} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow 2}}{kT}\right)^{\text{Excess free E associated with}} \\ \text{the cluster of } 1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ atoms} \\ n_{3} &= n_{2} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{2 \rightarrow 3}}{kT}\right) \\ \vdots \\ 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} + \cdots + \Delta G^{m-1 \rightarrow m}}{kT}\right) \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ n_{m} = n_{1} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{1 \rightarrow 2} + \Delta G^{2 \rightarrow 3} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \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} + \cdots + \Delta G^{m-1 \rightarrow m}}{kT}\right)$$



#### **Formation of Atomic Cluster**

**n**<sub>o</sub> : total # of atoms.

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

k : Boltzmann's constant

<u># of cluster of radius r</u>

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

- holds for  $T > T_m / T < T_m$  and  $r \le r^*$ Apply for all  $r / r \le r^*$ ( $\because r > r^*$ : no longer part of the liquid) -  $n_r$  exponentially decreases with  $\Delta G_r$ 

Ex. 1 mm<sup>3</sup> of copper <u>at its melting point (n<sub>0</sub>: 10<sup>20</sup> atoms)</u>  $r \downarrow \rightarrow n_r \uparrow \rightarrow \sim 10^{14}$  clusters of 0.3 nm radius (i.e. ~ 10 atoms)  $r \uparrow \rightarrow n_r \downarrow \rightarrow \sim 10$  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



 $\Delta T_{N}$  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.

#### c. The difference between crystals and liquids

1) their behavior when subjected to stress



("borderline" case for classification as metals)

→ "-" : Silicon and germanium

# 1) Solid: application of small force for one day produces no permanent change.



A solid is a materials whose viscosity exceeds 10<sup>14.6</sup> poise cf) liquid ~10<sup>-2</sup> poise

Glass = undercooled liquid with high viscosity

## Thermomechanical analysis (TMA):



# **Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)** is a high precision technique for measuring the viscoelastic properties of materials.

- measures the stiffness and damping properties of a materials
- Stiffness depends on mechanical properties and is often converted to a modulus to enable sample inter comparisons.
- Damping is expressed in terms of Tan  $\delta$  and is related to <u>the amount</u> of energy a material can store.
- DMA is most sensitive for monitoring relaxation events, such as Tg, because mechanical properties change dramatically when relaxation behavior is observed.



## 2) Crystallization is Controlled by Thermodynamics

- Volume is high as a hot liquid
- Volume shrinks as liquid is cooled
- At the melting point, T<sub>m</sub>, the liquid crystallizes to the thermodynamically stable crystalline phase
- More compact (generally) crystalline phase has a smaller volume
- The crystal then shrinks as it is further cooled to room temperature
- Slope of the cooling curve for liquid and solid is the thermal expansion coefficient, α



## Shrinkage in Solidification and Cooling

- Can amount to 5-10% by volume
- Gray cast iron expands upon solidification due to phase changes
- Need to design part and mold to take this amount into consideration

Metal or alloy	Volumetric solidification contraction (%)	Metal or alloy	Volumetric solidification contraction (%)
Aluminum	6.6	70%Cu-30%Zn	4.5
Al-4.5%Cu	6.3	90%Cu-10%Al	4
Al-12%Si	3.8	Gray iron	Expansion to 2.5
Carbon steel	2.5-3	Magnesium	4.2
1% carbon steel	4	White iron	4-5.5
Copper	4.9	Zinc	6.5

Source: After R. A. Flinn.

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#### \* Volumetric solidification expansion: H<sub>2</sub>O (10%), Si (20%), Ge

ex) Al-Si eutectic alloy (casting alloy)→ volumetric solidification contraction of Al substitutes volumetric solidification expansion of Si.

#### Cast Iron: Fe + Carbon (~ 4%) + Si (~2%)

 $\rightarrow$  precipitation of graphite during solidification reduces shrinkage.

## d. Quasi-chemical approach

\* Solid: force between pairs of atoms → vaporize: break all "pairwise" bonds



25 times  $\rightarrow$  1/25 broken

Melting: each bond is replaced by one with 4 percent less E,
 although bond energy of liquid is changed by the positions.
 → Heat of fusion during melting: need to generate weaker liquid bonds

**Contents for today's class II** 

## \* Free surface (solid/vapor interface)?

## \* Solid /Liquid Interfaces

\* Broken bond model  $\rightarrow$  calculation of the E of solid/ liquid interface

## 2.2 Solid-Liquid Interface

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#### \* An atom at the surface ~ number of nearest neighbors from 3 to 11 $\rightarrow$ missing bonds $\rightarrow$ low heat of fusion



Fig. 2.2. Number of nearest neighbors N of atoms on close-packed surfaces.

# Q: Free surface (solid/vapor interface)?

(a)  $E_{sv}$  vs  $\gamma$ ?

Extra energy per atom on surface

Interfacial free energy

• The measured  $\gamma$  values for pure metals near the melting temperature

 $E_{sv} = 3 \epsilon/2 = 0.25 L_s / N_a \implies \gamma_{sv} = 0.15 L_s / N_a \quad J / \text{surface atom}$ (¼ of L<sub>s</sub>/N<sub>a</sub>) (∵ surface free E averaged over many surface plane, S effect at high T)

#### (b) Equilibrium shape: Wulff surface

: Polyhedron with the largest facets having the lowest interfacial free energy

## Solid / Vapor Interfaces

#### \* Assumption: S/V interface $\rightarrow$ Hard sphere model/ uncontaminated surface

(In real systems surfaces will reduce their free energies by the adsorption of impurities.)

#### - Fcc : density of atoms in these planes decreases as (h<sup>2</sup>+k<sup>2</sup>+l<sup>2</sup>) increases



Fig. 3.2 Atomic configurations on the three closest-packed planes in fcc crystals; (111), (200), and (220).

(notation {200} and {220} plane has been used instead of {100} and {110} because the spacing of equivalent atom planes is than given by  $a/(h^2+k^2+l^2)^{1/2}$  where a is the lattice parameter.)



#### # of Broken Bonds per atom at surface? $\rightarrow$ 3 per atom



2005 - S.G. Podkolzin

#### For (111) plane

# of broken bond at surface : 3 broken bonds

Bond Strength:  $\varepsilon \rightarrow$  for each atom :  $\varepsilon/2$ 

Lowering of Internal Energy per atom on surface:  $3\epsilon/2 \downarrow$ 

(excess internal energy of  $3\epsilon/2$  over that of the atoms in the bulk)

For (200) plane CN=12



# of Broken Bonds per atom at surface?



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# of broken bond at surface : 4 broken bonds Bond Strength:  $\varepsilon \rightarrow$  for each atom :  $\varepsilon/2$ Lowering of Internal Energy per atom on surface:  $4\varepsilon/2 \downarrow$  47

(excess internal energy of  $4\epsilon/2$  over that of the atoms in the bulk)

#### For (111) plane

# of broken bond at surface : 3 broken bonds Bond Strength:  $\varepsilon \rightarrow$  for each atom :  $\varepsilon/2$ Extra energy per atom on surface:  $3\varepsilon/2$ 

Heat of Sublimation (승화) in terms of  $\epsilon$ ?  $\rightarrow L_S = 12 N_a \epsilon/2$ (Latent heat of melting + vaporization) (1 mole of solid = 12 N<sub>a</sub>)

Energy per atom of a {111} Surface?

$$E_{SV} = 3 \epsilon/2 = 0.25 L_{S} / N_{a} (\frac{1}{4} \text{ of } L_{s} / N_{a})$$

<u>"Approximated value"</u> due to assumptions, 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> nearest neighbors have been ignored and 2) strengths of the remaining bonds in the surface are unchanged from the bulk values.

 $\Rightarrow$  E<sub>sv</sub> vs  $\gamma$  ?

 $\gamma$  interfacial energy = surface free energy  $\leftarrow$  Gibb's free energy (J/m<sup>2</sup>)

 $\rightarrow \gamma = \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{TS}$ 

= E + PV – TS (if PV is ignored)  $(E_{SV} \uparrow \rightarrow \gamma \uparrow)$ 

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• The measured  $\gamma$  values for pure metals near the melting temperature

# $E_{sv} = 3 \epsilon/2 = 0.25 L_s / N_a \implies \gamma_{sv} = 0.15 L_s / N_a J / surface atom$

( $\because$  surface free E averaged over many surface plane, S effect at high T)

#### • Average Surface Free Energies of Selected Metals

Crystal	<i>T</i> <sub>m</sub> (°C)	$\gamma_{\rm sv}$ (mJ m <sup>-2</sup> )	
Sn	232	680	
Al	660	1080	near T <sub>m</sub>
Ag	961	1120	
Au	1063	1390	
Cu	1084	1720	
δ-Fe	1536	2080	
Pt	1769	2280	
W	3407	2650	

 $\gamma$  of Sn : 680 mJ/m<sup>2</sup> ( $T_{\rm m}$  : 232°C)  $\gamma$  of Cu : 1720 mJ/m<sup>2</sup> ( $T_{\rm m}$  : 1083°C) cf) G.B. energy  $\gamma_{gb}$  is about one third of  $\gamma_{sv}$ 

\* Higher  $T_m \rightarrow$  stronger bond (large  $L_S$ )  $\rightarrow$  larger surface free energy ( $\gamma_{SV}$ )

$$high T_m \to high L_s \to high \gamma_{sv}$$

## Surface energy for high or irrational {hkl} index

Closer surface packing  $\rightarrow$  smaller number of broken bond  $\rightarrow$  lower surface energy # of broken bonds will increase through the series {111} {200} {220}  $\rightarrow \gamma_{SV}$  will increase along the same series (if different entropy term is ignored)

A crystal plane at an angle  $\theta$  to the close-packed plane will contain broken bonds in excess of the close-packed plane due to the atoms at the steps.

![](_page_49_Figure_3.jpeg)

Fig. 2.2 The 'broken-bond' model for surface energy.

(cosθ/a)(1/a) : broken bonds from the atoms on the steps

 $(\sin|\theta|/a)(1/a)$ : additional broken bonds from the atoms on the steps

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Attributing  $\varepsilon/2$  energy to each broken bond,

$$E_{sv} = \frac{1}{1 \times a} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{a} + \frac{\sin |\theta|}{a} \right)$$
$$= \frac{\varepsilon (\cos \theta + \sin (|\theta|))}{2a^2}$$

![](_page_50_Figure_5.jpeg)

Fig. 3.4 Variation of surface energy as a function of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ 

- The close-packed orientation ( $\theta$  = 0) lies at a cusped minimum in the E plot.
- Similar arguments can be applied to any crystal structure for rotations about any axis from any reasonably close-packed plane.
- All low-index planes should therefore be located at low-energy cusps.
- If γ is plotted versus θ similar cusps are found (γ-θ plot), but as a result of <u>entropy effects</u> they are <u>less prominent than in the E-θ plot</u>, and for the higher index planes they can even disappear.

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#### (b) Equilibrium shape: Wulff surface

: Polyhedron with the largest facets having the lowest interfacial free energy

## **Equilibrium shape: Wulff surface**

- \* A convenient method for plotting the variation of  $\gamma$  with surface orientation in 3 dimensions
- \* Distance from center :  $\gamma_{sv}$
- → Construct the surface using  $\gamma_{sv}$  value as a distance between the surface and the origin when measured along the normal to the plane

Several plane  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  etc. with energy  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$ Total surface energy :  $A_1\gamma_1 + A_2\gamma_2$ ... =  $\sum A_i\gamma_i \rightarrow minimum$ 

- $\rightarrow$  equilibrium morphology
  - : can predict the equilibrium shape of
    - an isolated single crystal

# How is the equilibrium shape determined?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i} \gamma_{j} = Minimum$$

![](_page_52_Figure_10.jpeg)

Due to entropy effects the plot are less prominent than in the  $E_{SV}$ - $\theta$  plot, and for the higher index planes they can even disappear

#### **Process of Wulff shape intersection for two cubic Wulff shapes** : Polyhedron with the largest facets having the lowest interfacial free energy

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

rotated coordinate systems. Each individual shape has cubic symmetry *m3m* and [100] facets.

#### **Equilibrium shape: Wulff surface**

**Equilibrium shape** can be determined experimentally by annealing small single crystals at high temperatures in an inert atmosphere, or by annealing small voids inside a crystal.

Of course when  $\gamma$  is isotropic, as for liquid droplets, both the  $\gamma$ -plots and equilibrium shapes are spheres.

![](_page_54_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Picture_5.jpeg)

"Equilibrium shape of FCC crystals"

1) Square faces {100} and

2) Hexagonal faces {111}

The length OA represents the free energy of a surface plane whose normal lies in the direction OA.

# **Q: Faceted interface vs. Diffusion interface**

#### **Solid /Liquid Interfaces**

: consequences for the structure and energy of the interface

Faceted interface Rather narrow transition zone approximately one atom layer thick ~ same as solid/vapor interfaces, i.e., atomically flat close-packed interface Smooth : some intermetallic compounds, elements such as Si, Ge, Sb, and most non-metals Liquid Liquid (a)  $L_{f}/T_{m} > 4R$ Liquid (c) (b) Solid

Fig. 3. 63 Solid/liquid interfaces: (a) atomically smooth, (b) and (c) atomically rough, or diffuse interfaces.

Diffusion interface (non-faceted)Rather wide transition zone over several atom layers: most metals, L<sub>f</sub>/T<sub>m</sub> ~ R (gas constant)~automatically "rough" & diffuse interface

Surface free energy ΔF<sub>s</sub> between solid/liquid interface

 $\Delta F_s = \Delta E_0 - \Delta E_1 + T \Delta S_0 - T \Delta S_1 - P \Delta V$ 

where,  $\Delta E_0$  is decrease in energy corresponding to the addition of N<sub>A</sub> single atoms to the interface from the liquid.

 $\Delta E_1$  is the average decrease of energy of the N<sub>A</sub> atoms due to the presence of the other atoms on the surface (2 atoms in neighboring sites would have an energy lower by L/b than if they were separated.)

 $\Delta S_0$  is the difference in entropy between the solid and the liquid.

 $\Delta S_1$  is the entropy that corresponds to the degree of randomness of the distribution of the N<sub>A</sub> atoms on the surface.

 $P\Delta V$  is the term arising from change in volume during the change in state; this term is negligible in the liquid-solid transformation.

#### Jackson's approach:

Assuming "single-layer rough interface",

 $\Delta E_0 = 2L_0(\eta_0/v)N_A$ , where  $L_0$ =latent heat per atom,  $\eta_0 = #$  of nearest neighber, v = # it would have in the interior of a crystal of the same structure

N = possible sites on the average  $\rightarrow N_A/N$  = nearest neighbor sites per each atom E =  $(L_0\eta_0/v)(N_A^2/N)$ , also  $\Delta S_0 = (L/T_E)N_A$ , since  $L/T_E$  = entropy of melting per atom.

## **Excess mixing Entropy**

#### If there is no volume change or heat change,

 $w_{config} = 1 \rightarrow before \_ solution \_ (pureA \_ pureB)$ 

 $w_{config} = \frac{(N_A + N_B)!}{N_A! N_B!} \rightarrow after \_solution \_(N_A, N_B) \Leftarrow$ 

Number of distinguishable way of atomic arrangement

$$\Delta S^{mix} = S^{after} - S^{before} = k \ln \frac{(N_A + N_B)!}{N_A! N_B!} - k \ln 1$$

using Stirling's approximation  $\ln N! \approx N \ln N - N$ 

$$\Delta S_1 = k \ln W = kN \ln \frac{N}{N - N_A} + kN_A \ln \frac{N - N_A}{N_A}$$

By using  $L = L_0 + kT_E$  ( $L_0$  = heat of fusion, and L is the enthalpy of fusion)

Surface free energy 
$$F_s = \frac{\alpha N_A (1 - N_A)}{N^2} - \ln N / (N - N_A) - \frac{N_A}{N} \ln \frac{N - N_A}{N_A}$$
  
where  $\alpha = \left(\frac{L_0}{kT_E}\right) \left(\frac{\eta_1}{v}\right)$ 

![](_page_59_Figure_0.jpeg)

Variation of free energy of interface with fraction of sites filled.

(a) Minimum of free E at N<sub>A</sub>/N=0.5

for all values of  $\alpha$  less than about 2

- → rough interface: stable
- → 50 percent of the sites being filled
- → locally filled → multilayer
- (b) 2 minima of free E, one at very small value of  $N_A/N$  and the other for a value close to unity for all higher values
- → very few sites are filled on a complete layer or almost all sites are filled.
- → smooth interface: stable

#### \* Parameter α controls the structure of the equilibrium interface.

- a) L<sub>0</sub>k/T<sub>E</sub>~ depends on the material, the crystal structure, and on the nature of the adjoining phase
- b)  $\eta_1/\nu \sim$  depends on the face
- $L_0 k/T_E \sim less than 2$  for all metals, for equilibrium between melt and crystal: typically, 1.2 Since  $\eta_1/v \sim$  necessarily less than 0.5

 $\alpha$  melt-crystal interface <  $\alpha$  vaper-crystal interface Ice:  $\alpha$  of basal plane > 2/ but  $\alpha$  of all other plane should be rough. 60

#### \* Parameter $\alpha$ controls the structure of the equilibrium interface.

$$\frac{F_s}{NkT_E} + \frac{\alpha N_A (1 - N_A)}{N^2} - \ln N(N - N_A) - \frac{N_A}{N} \ln \frac{N - N_A}{N_A}$$
  
where

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{L_0}{kT_E}\right) \left(\frac{\eta_1}{v}\right)$$

a)  $L_0 k/T_E \sim$  depends on the material, the crystal structure, and on the nature of the adjoining phase

#### b) $\eta_1/\nu \sim$ depends on the face

v = # it would have in the interior of a crystal of the same structure

 $L_0 k/T_E \sim less than 2$  for all metals, for equilibrium between melt and crystal:

typically,  $\alpha = 1.2$  since  $\eta_1 / \nu \sim$  necessarily less than 0.5

 $\alpha$  melt-crystal interface <  $\alpha$  vaper-crystal interface

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Cahn's approach for interface structure

Cahn

Interface may extend through a considerably large number of layers.

![](_page_61_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### **Interface** "degree of diffuseness of the interface"

"Step" between an atomic layer

**Growth** → lateral propagation of step

**Relatively low driving force** 

"Sharp": incomplete superimposed layer

Propagation of the interface normal to itself

![](_page_61_Picture_10.jpeg)

Relatively high driving force

#### **Critical driving force**

depends on the diffuseness of the interface, being very large for a perfectly smooth interface, and decreasing as the roughness increases.

#### Primary Ag dendrite in Cu-Ag eutectic matrix

![](_page_62_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### (a) Non-faceted

- Free E ~do not vary with crystallographic orientation
- γ-plot ~ spherical

#### β'-SnSb intermetallic compound in Sn(Sb) solid solution

![](_page_62_Picture_6.jpeg)

#### (b) Faceted

- Strong crystallographic effects
- Solidify with low-index close-packed facets

#### \* Broken bond model $\rightarrow$ calculation of the E of solid/ liquid interface

![](_page_63_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### at equilibrium melting temp.

interfacial energy, γ