

# Advanced Physical Metallurgy "Phase Equilibria in Materials"

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#### **Contents for previous class**

# "Alloy solidification"

- Solidification of single-phase alloys
- Three limiting cases

1) Equilibrium Solidification: perfect mixing in solid and liquid

2) No Diffusion in Solid, Perfect Mixing in Liquid

3) No Diffusion on Solid, Diffusional Mixing in the Liquid



## 1) Equilibrium Solidification Low cooling rate



**k**: partition coefficient X: mole fraction of solute

In this phase diagram of straight solidus and liquidus, k is independent of T.



- Relative amount of solid and liquid : lever rule

- Solidification starts at  $T_1 (X_s = kX_0)$  and

ends at  $T_3(X_1 = X_0/k)$ .



#### 2) No Diffusion in Solid, Perfect Mixing in Liquid

- : high cooling rate, efficient stirring
- Separate layers of solid retain their original compositions mean comp. of the solid  $(\overline{X_s}) < X_s$
- Liquid become richer than  $X_0/K \rightarrow X_E$
- Variation of X<sub>s</sub>: solute rejected to the liquid Т solid  $\rightarrow \overline{X}_{s} < X_{s}$ liquid  $> X_{0}/k \rightarrow X_{E}$  $T_1$ XL Xs  $T_2$  $T_3$  $\overline{x}_{s}$  $T_{\rm E}$ *X*<sub>0</sub> Xmax  $X_{F}$ (a) X<sub>solute</sub> ----•





## 3) No Diffusion on Solid, Diffusional Mixing in the Liquid





- Fig. 4.22 Planar front solidification of alloy X<sub>0</sub> in Fig.
  4.19 assuming no diffusion in solid and no stirring in the liquid.
- (a) Composition profile when S/L temperature is between  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  in Fig. 4.19.
- (b) Steady-state at  $T_3$ . The composition solidifying equals the composition of liquid far ahead of the solid ( $X_0$ ).
- (c) Composition profile at T<sub>E</sub> and below, showing the final transient.



## **Constitutional Supercooling**



#### **Condition for a stable planar interface**

 $T_{L}' > (T_1 - T_3)/(D/v)$ 

 $T_{L}' / v > (T_{1} - T_{3}) / D$ 

Fig. 4.23 The origin of constitutional supercooling ahead of a planar solidification front. (a) Composition profile across the solid/liquid interface during steady-state solidification. The dashed line shows  $dX_L/dx$  at the S/L interface. (b) The temperature of the liquid ahead of the solidification front follows line  $T_L$ . The equilibrium liquidus temperature for the liquid adjacent to the interface varies as  $T_e$ . Constitutional supercooling arises when  $T_L$  lies under the critical gradient.

**Contents for today's class** 

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- Ingot structure
- Segregation in ingot and castings
- Continuous casting

4.6 Solidification during quenching from the melt

## **4.3.2 Eutectic Solidification**

#### **Normal eutectic**



Fig. 4.30 Rod-like eutectic. Al<sub>6</sub>Fe rods in Al matrix. Transverse section. Transmission electron micrograph ( x 70000).

#### **Anomalous eutectic**



The microstructure of the Pb-61.9%Sn (eutectic) alloy presented a coupled growth of the (Pb)/bSn eutectic. There is a remarkable change in morphology increasing the degree of undercooling with transition from regular lamellar to anomalous eutectic.

http://www.matter.org.uk/solidification/eutectic/anomalous\_eutectics.htm

## **4.3.2 Eutectic Solidification**





Fig. 14 Schematic representation possible in eutectic structures. (a), (b) and (c) are alloys shown in fig. 13; (d) nodular; (e) Chinese script; (f) acicular;
 (g) lamellar; and (h) divorced.

### 4.3.2 Eutectic Solidification (Thermodynamics)



Plot the diagram of Gibbs free energy vs. composition at  $T_3$  and  $T_4$ .

What is the driving force for the eutectic reaction (L  $\rightarrow \alpha$  +  $\beta$ ) at T<sub>4</sub> at C<sub>eut</sub>?

What is the driving force for nucleation of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ?

## **Eutectic Solidification (Kinetics)**

If  $\alpha$  is nucleated from liquid and starts to grow, what would be the composition at the interface of  $\alpha/L$  determined?

 $\rightarrow$  rough interface & local equilibrium

How about at  $\beta/L$ ? Nature's choice?



What would be a role of the curvature at the tip?

→ Gibbs-Thomson Effect

## **Eutectic Solidification**

#### How many $\alpha/\beta$ interfaces per unit length?

 $\rightarrow 1/\lambda \times 2$ 

For an interlamellar spacing,  $\lambda$ , there is a total of (2/  $\lambda$ ) m<sup>2</sup> of  $\alpha/\beta$  interface per m<sup>3</sup> of eutectic.



# $\lambda^* = -\frac{2T_E \gamma V_m}{\Delta H \Delta T_0} \rightarrow identical to critical radius$

Gibbs-Thomson effect in a  $\Delta$ G-composition diagram?





Fig. 4.33 (a) Molar free energy diagram at  $(T_E - \Delta T_0)$  for the case  $\lambda * < \lambda < \infty$ , showing the composition difference available to drive diffusion through the liquid ( $\Delta X$ ). (b) Model used to calculate the growth rate.

#### **Corresponding location at phase diagram?**



Fig. 4.34 Eutectic phase diagram showing the relationship between  $\Delta X$  and  $\Delta X_0$  (exaggerated for clarity)



## **4.3.3 Off-eutectic Solidification**









**FIGURE 10-13** (a) A hypoeutectic lead-tin alloy. (b) A hypereutectic lead-tin alloy. The dark constituent is the lead-rich solid  $\alpha$ , the light constituent is the tin-rich solid  $\beta$ , and the fine plate structure is the eutectic ( × 400).

## **4.3.4 Peritectic Solidification**

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# Solidification and microstructure that develop as a result of the peritectic reaction



## 4.4 Solidification of Ingots and Castings

주조 후 압연, 압출 또 주조된 제품이 최종 모양 는 단조 등에 의해 가공 을 유지하거나 혹은 기계 할 것 >> blank (작은 것) 가공에 의해 최종 모양으

로된것

## Ingot Structure

- Chill zone
- Columnar zone
- Equiaxed zone



## **Chill zone**

- Solid nuclei form on the mould wall and begin to grow into the liquid.

- As the mould wall warms up it is possible for many of these solidified crystals to break away from the wall under the influence of the turbulent melt.

### Columnar zone

After pouring the temperature gradient at the mould walls decreases and the crystals in the chill zone grow dendritically in certain crystallographic directions, e.g. <100> in the case of cubic metals.



**Fig. 4.41** Competitive growth soon after pouring. Dendrites with primary arms normal to the mould wall, i.e. parallel to the maximum temperature gradient, outgrow less favorably oriented neighbors.

**Fig. 4.42** Favorably oriented dendrites develop into columnar grains. Each columnar grain originates from the same heterogeneous nucleation site, but can contain many primary dendrite arms.



**Fig. 4.28 Columnar dendrites in a transparent organic alloy** (After K.A. Jackson in Solidification, American Society for Metals, 1971, p. 121.)<sup>5</sup>

### **Equiaxed zone**

The equiaxed zone consists of equiaxed grains randomly oriented in the centre of the ingot. An important origin of these grains is thought to be melted-off dendrite side-arms. + convection current



**Fig. 4.40 Schematic cast grain structure.** (After M.C. Flemings, Solidification Processing, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1974.) <sup>26</sup>



#### Shrinkage effect



## **4.4.2 Segregation in Ingots and Castings**

- Macrosegregation :

Composition changes over distances comparable to the size of the specimen.

- Microsegregation :

Occur on the scale of the secondary dendrite arm spacing.

#### Four important factors that can lead to macrosegregation

- Shrinkage due to solidification and thermal contraction.
- Density differences in the interdendritic liquid.
- Density differences between the solid and liquid
- Convection currents driven by temperature-induced density differences in the liquid.



**Fig. 4.43 Segregation pattern in a large killed steel ingot. + positive, - negative segregation.** (After M.C. Flemings, Scandinavian Journal of Metallurgy 5 (1976) 1.)





Schematic illustration of a continuous casting process.





## 4.6 Solidification during quenching from the melt

Time Temperature Transformation diagram



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## \* T<sub>g</sub> depends on thermal history.

#### Kinetic Nature of the Glass Transition



## **Glass formation**



## **Glass formation: stabilizing the liquid phase**

First metallic glass (Au<sub>80</sub>Si<sub>20</sub>) produced by splat quenching at Caltech by Pol Duwez in 1960.



## **Bulk formation of metallic glass**

• First bulk metallic glass

Pd<sub>77.5</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>16.5</sub> (7<sub>rg</sub>=0.64)

By droplet quenching (CR~800 K/s)



H.S. Chen and D. Turnbull, Acta Metall. 1969; 17: 1021.

Alloy Selection: consideration of  $T_{rq}$ 

 $Pd_{40}Ni_{40}P_{20}$  ( $T_{rg}=0.67$ )

Suppression of heterogeneous nucleation



Drehman, Greer, and Turnbull, 1982.

## Bulk glass formation in the Pd-Ni-P system



P 80 20M1(BR 8) 60 60 4020 80 Pd Ni 20 60 80 40 Pd (at.%)

FIG. 1. 300-g ingot of bulk amorphous  $Pd_{40}Ni_{40}P_{20}$  rod with 25 mm in diamter prepared by fluxing in  $B_2O_3$  and water quenching.

#### Experimental Difference

- 1. Arc melting for the ingot : process temperature > 3000 K
- 2. Water quenching : Improvement of cooling rate

\*Y.He, R.B. Schwarz, J.I. Archuleta, Appl. Phys. Lett. 1996; 69: 1861. 42

# Bulk glass formation in the Pd<sub>40</sub>Ni<sub>10</sub>Cu<sub>30</sub>P<sub>20</sub> system



#### Largest ingot

maximum diameter for glass formation : 72 mm

Critical cooling rate: ~ 0.1K/sec.

## How to make bulk metallic glasses



## How to make bulk metallic glasses

< Powder Metallurgy>





## **Recent BMGs with critical size ≥ 10 mm**



A.L. Greer, E. Ma, MRS Bulletin, 2007; 32: 612. 46