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Binary phase diagrams

Contents for previous class Solid-Liquid Equilibrium in Alloys

1) Simple Phase Diagrams

Both are ideal soln. \rightarrow At T change, curvature and width change of G curve by S

2) Systems with miscibility gap $\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0$ $\Delta H_{mix}^{S} > 0$

At T change, curvature and width change of G curve by S + shape change of curve by H

- **4)** Simple Eutectic Systems $\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0 \quad \Delta H_{mix}^{S} >> 0$ \rightarrow miscibility gap extends to the melting temperature.
- **3) Ordered Alloys** $\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0$ $\Delta H_{mix}^{S} < 0$ $\Delta H_{mix} < 0 \rightarrow A$ atoms and B atoms like each other. \rightarrow Ordered alloy at low T $\Delta H_{mix} << 0 \rightarrow$ The ordered state can extend to the melting temperature.



Eutectic reaction

Considerable difference between the melting points



Fig. 43. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram for a continuous series of solutions to a eutectic-type.

Peritectic reaction



Fig. 61. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram from a continuous series of solutions to a peritectic-type.

1.5 Binary phase diagrams

Intermediate Phase



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2.6 Origin of Defects

Microstructure is the collection of defects in the materials.

☐ Imperfection in Metallic Materials ;

Point defect : Vacancies, interstitials, Impurities

Line defect : Dislocations, Cellular and lineage substructure

Plane defect : Grain Boundaries, Free Surfaces

Bulk defect : Voids, Cracks







Heterogeneous Nucleation

Heterogeneous nucleation must occur on some substrate:

grain boundaries triple junctions dislocations (existing) second phase particles

Consider a grain boundary: why is it effective?

Answer: by forming on a grain boundary, an embryo can <u>offset its "cost" in interfacial energy</u> by eliminating some grain boundary area. Equilibrium concentration X_{v}^{e} will be that which gives the minimum free energy.



: adjust so as to reduce G to a minimum

c) Quenched-in Vacancies

In the vicinity of grain boundaries on subsequent aging, <u>Precipitate-Free Zone(PFZ) due to Vacancy Diffusion during quenching</u>

Solute concentration within the zone ~ largely unchanged, but no precipitate at GB ∵ a critical vacancy supersaturation must be exceeded for nucleation to occur.



Fig. 5.35 A PFZ due to vacancy diffusion to a grain boundary during quenching.

- (a) Vacancy concentration profile. (b) A PFZ in an Al-Ge alloy (x 20,000)
- (c) Dependence of PFZ width on <u>critical vacancy concentration</u> X_v^c and rate of quenching.

(5) Stresses due to inclusions. (dislocation density ~ inclusion density)

Coherency Loss Precipitates with coherent interfaces = low interfacial E + coherency strain E Precipitates with non-coherent interfaces = higher interfacial E



6 Growth error: inherent feature

Fig. 3. 52 The total energy of matrix + precipitate vs. precipitate radius for spherical coherent and <u>non-coherent (semicoherent of incoherent)</u> precipitates.



Turnbull's Insight for Supercooling



<u>How</u> does the liquid metals resist on the crystallization?
 What is the origin of high nucleation barrier against the crystallization?
 What is the structure of interface between liquids and crystals?
 What is the local order of liquid metals?

Turnbull's solid-liquid interface

<u>Turnbull's insight :</u> Liquid orders substantially near a crystal surface due to entropy decreasing caused by the crystal-melt interfacial tension





Solid state physics v47, 1 (1994)



How to Obtain Extensive Undercooling



By dispersing a liquid into a large number of small droplets within a suitable medium, the catalytic effects of active nucleants may be restricted to a small fraction of the droplets so that many droplets will exhibit extensive undercooling. 13

Containerless and Contactless Measurement System



High Temperature Levitation Ultra-high temperature > 3000 °C

* Magnetic/diamagnetic/superconducting levitation -> Only magnetic sample, below T_c

Acoustic





Requirement of acoustic media, Unstable at high T

Electrostatic



Physics Today, v56, p22, July 2003 All types of samples, Suitable for sample heating

Electromagnetic



Only metallic & large mass sample Aerodynamic



http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/articles/article_2288_en.html

Difficult to control rotation of sample, Gas-sample reaction

Electrostatic Levitation (NASA, MSFC (Huntsville))

PHYSICS TODAY



Targeting molten metals

Physics Today, v56, p22, July 2003



P.-F. Paradisa, et.al., JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 100, 103523 2006

- Specific heat,
- Emissivity,
- Density,
- Viscosity,
- Surface tension...

Beam-ESL; High-energy synchrotron x-ray scattering experiment



우주환경 구현…공중부양장치 개발 안국표준과악연구원



1979년 소개된 만화명화 '기통천사 건당'의

주어고 글부 '\$1-78-7' 이 로부운 당에서 만 체련할 수 있는 특수합금 '루나티타뇽'으

로 만든다. 붕어일보 자료 사진

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인공우주장치로 '건담 합금'도 가능할까

내면 된다. 그럼 어떻게 종력을 앞행까. 이 장치는 지구의 종력과 복같은 힘을 내는 전기장을 종력 반대 방향으로 같아준다. 중력과 전기장이 상쇄되면서 장치 안에 물책들 놓으면 우주인처럼 공중에 봉 벼오른다. 50mg의 시코라 면 0.00005N(well)의 전기적인 혐을 위로 봐준다. 이 정 치는 고音력 레이저로 공중에 뜬 물질을 섬씨 4000도끼 지 가열할 수도 있다. 이근우 연구원은 "장치를 거의 완 성했을 때 실험용 물체가 제자리에 떠 있지 않고 엉뚱한 곳으로 튀어나가거나 마구 날아다녀 고생했다"며 "물체 에 싶을 배달고 한 달 동안 미세하게 조장한 끝에 장치를

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우주와 환경 유사해 각종 실험 가능

'만화영화 같은' 신소재 개발 기대

안깨지는 금속-저장량 늘린 배터리 등



공중부양장치는 전기장을 이용해 물체를 공중에 띄울 수 있다 알루이늄 급속이 때 있는 모습, 사진 제공 한국분준과학연구용 완성했다"고 말했다. 로켓용 신소재를 연구하고 있는 한국항공우주연구원

지는 이유는 물질이 결정 형태로 굳어 있기 때문인데 비 결정 금속은 결정을 이루지 않아 잘 깨지지 않는다. 이 기 이호성 책임연구원은 "중력은 재료과학 연구자방에게 가 숨은 현재 전차의 장갑판, 대포알의 만두, 고만력 테니스 라켓 등 다양한 첨단물질을 만드는 데 응용되고 있다. 일 본우주항공연구개발기구(JAXA) 연구진도 2006년 비슷 한 실험장치를 이용해 전기저장량을 30배나 놀린 배터리

용 신불질을 개발했다. 아무리 인공 우주라도 진짜 우주만 할 수는 없다. 그래 · 국제우주정거장(ISS)을 거대한 우주실험실로 활용하 는 방법도 모색되고 있다. NASA는 이미 우주정거장에 소재 개발을 위한 실험장치를 운영하고 있으며 일본도 곧 비슷한 장치를 설치할 예정이다. 이근우 연구원은 "처음

장 큰 걸림을 '이라며 이 장치를 반겼다. 중력이 있는 지 에는 국내에 이 장치를 아는 사람이 없어 일부에선 '쓸모 없는 일을 한다'는 냄소도 많았다"며 "앞으로 이 장치를 황용해 나노미터 크기의 초미세 반도체 소자를 연구할 계 희"이라고 말했다. 대전=전승민 동아사이언스 기자 en

구애선 실험물질을 꼭 어딘가에 '올려' 두어야 하며, 액체 는 용기에 담아야 한다. 다른 풀질이 닿아 있으니 당연히 실험결과에 오차가 생긴다. 녹는점이 섬씨 3033도에 달 하는 오스륨(Os) 같은 물질은 담아둘 용기조차 없다. 연 구림이 개발한 공중부양장치는 이런 한계를 극복해 '중의 실험'을 가능하게 한다. 주로 우주연구기관이 이 장치될

사용할 것으로 전망된다. • '페이트 인 스페이스' 선소재 1979년 처음 방영된 일본 애니메이션 '기동전사 건당 의 주인공 코봇은 달에서만 체련할 수 있는 '루나티타뇽' 이라는 급속으로 만든다는 설정을 갖고 있다. 대포보다 큰 120mm 포만을 맞아도 끄며얾고, 고열이나 방사능도 차단한다. 우주에서는 지구보다 더 뛰어난 소재를 만들 수 있을 거리는 상상력이 만들어 낸 가상의 물질이다. 과 학자들은 인공우주실험실에서도 '만화영화 같은' 신소재

물 만들 수 있을 거라고 기대한다. 미국항공우주국(NASA)은 1992년 인공우주살험실에

서 '비젤경질 급속'이라는 신소재를 개발했다. 급속이 제

국내 첫 인공우주실험실
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 학연구원 이근우 연구원은 2년간 4억 원을 들여 인공우

주물 구현한 '정전기식 공중부양장치'를 국내 최초로 개 발했다. 우주공간과 비슷하지 '진공과 무중력의 공간'을 만드는 장치다. 세계에서는 8번째로 개발됐다. 진공을 만드는 것은 어렵지 않다. 펌프로 공기를 뽑아

Electrostatic Levitation in KRISS

Containerless equipment: close to homogeneous nucleation



- No solid containers, No impurities from container
 - No heterogeneous nucleation site
 - ◆ Extremely large supercooling can be obtained, clear recalescence
 - ▶ Metallic glass can be formed through free cooling



1) Melting and Freezing Using ESL





Cyclic cooling curves of $Zr_{41.2}Ti_{13.8}Cu_{12.5}Ni_{10}Be_{22.5}$



3) Measurement of TTT diagram _ Zr_{41.2}Ti_{13.8}Cu_{12.5}Ni₁₀Be_{22.5}



Measurement of TTT diagram $_{-}$ Zr_{41.2}Ti_{13.8}Cu_{12.5}Ni₁₀Be_{22.5}



4) Specific heat capacity



5) Emissivity

$$mC_{p}\left(\frac{dT}{dt}\right) + Power = 4\pi\sigma\varepsilon(T^{4} - T_{o}^{4})$$

Steady condition, $\left(\frac{dT}{dt}\right) = 0$





6) Fusion Enthalpy

$$\Delta H_f = (1) + (2) = C_p \Delta T_r + (4\pi\sigma\varepsilon(T_P^4 - T_o^4)\Delta t - 4\pi\sigma\varepsilon(T_P^4 - T_{end}^4)\Delta t)$$



7) Viscosity & Surface Tension: Oscillation



Measurement of thermophysical properties

- Volume : CCD camera / Temperature measurement : pyrometer
- Surface tension & Viscosity : oscillating the sample by with a pulse of AC voltage



- Specific heat & total hemispherical emissivity : $\frac{m}{M}C_P\frac{dT}{dt} = -\sigma_{SB}\varepsilon_T A(T^4 T_S^4)$
- Time- temperature-transformation curve : isothermal treatment

Oscillating drop 방식으로 고온에서 metal의 점도/표면 장력 측정 가능

Oscillating drop

- Induce surface oscillations in a levitating liquid droplet of radius 'R_o', mass 'm'
- Measure the frequency of oscillation (ω)
- Measure the damping constant (λ)
- Damped resonant oscillations:

 $R = R_0(1 + \delta \cos(\omega t) e^{-\lambda t})$

Rayleigh (1879)

• Resonant frequency determined by surface tension:

$$\omega_l = \sqrt{\frac{l(l-1)(l+2)\gamma}{\rho R_o^3}}$$

• Damping determined by viscosity:

$$\lambda_l = \frac{(l-1)(2l+1)\eta}{\rho R_o^2}$$

Lamb (1881)

a) High Temp. Viscosity



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FIG. 5. Viscosity of equilibrium and nonequilibrium liquid Os as a function of termoreture



Fig. 8. Viscosity of molten silicon as a function of temperature.

b) High Temp. Surface Tension

Hyers, et.al., Philosophical Magazine Vol. 86, 2006(341-347)

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c) Density



Fig. 2. A typical side view of a levitated molten silicon from which the density and the specific volume could be extracted.





Fig. 4. Temperature dependent density of molten silicon.

FIG. 3. Density of equilibrium and nonequilibrium liquid Os as a function of temperature.

Cooling curve and density temperature profiles of $Zr_{41.2}Ti_{13.8}Cu_{12.5}Ni_{10}Be_{22.5}$

- Volume : CCD camera / Temperature measurement : pyrometer



Crystallization: Undercooling of Os



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FIG. 2. Temperature history for an Os sample (diameter: ~ 1.76 mm; mass: 64.18 mg) showing heating slightly above the melting temperature (~ 3340 K), a radiative cooling rate of 1015 K/s, an undercooling of ~ 575 K, recalescence, and solidification.

Interfacial free energy of some elements

	$\Delta \mathbf{T_r} \ \Delta \mathbf{T_{hyp}}$	σ [1]	σ	$\alpha = \sigma_{/} \Delta H_{f}$	r*	ρ	η_m [2]	C _p	$\Delta \mathbf{H_{f}^{[3]}}$
	(K)	(J/m ²)	(J/m ²)		(nm)	(g/cm ³)	(10 ⁻³ Pa/s)	(J/mol·K)	(J/mol)
Ti	309 341	0.168	0.141 0.152	0.42 0.454	1.46 1.43	4.11	5.2	42.67	14550
Zr	332 345	0.158	0.154±0.009 0.159±0.010	0.410 0.423	1.54 1.52	6.08	4.67	42.5	19300
Hf	339 339	0.229	0.193±0.012	0.404	1.47	12.24	7.07	60.3	24070
Nb	443 563	0.262	0.258±0.016 0.303±0.024	0.394 0.462	1.33 1.23	7.63	4.94	52.0	29300
Rh	413 546	0.279	0.261±0.018 0.313±0.029	0.439 0.527	1.08 1.19	10.8	4.97		22600
Fe	195 357	0.269	0.158 0.228	0.33 0.478	1.45 1.15	08		XQ	

• Turnbull : $\alpha = 0.45$ for most metals

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Development of extreme condition endurance materials

Thermophysical properties



- **3.2. Equilibrium condition for a curved interface**
- **Stability of curved interface**
- 1) Atomic consideration
- a) Equilibrium: Geometrical factors $G_F = G_M$ (planer interface)
 - → If it is curved, "escape angle" changes with curvature.
 - (1) S → L: if Solid is convex structure → $G_M \uparrow$, concave structure → $G_M \downarrow$ $\Delta G_M \propto$ curvature of the surface $\propto 1/r$
 - \rightarrow if "Spherical" crystal containing n atoms $\,\propto\,$ n $^{1/3}$
 - (2) L \rightarrow S: reverse direction of (S \rightarrow L) case
 - \therefore G_M^n for $S \rightarrow L$ transition

for atoms at the surface of a spherical crystal containing n atoms $G_M{}^n = (1 + \alpha / n {}^{1/3}) G_M , G_F{}^n = (1 - \alpha / n {}^{1/3}) G_F$ Convex surface = less firmly bound = fewer nearest neighbors in the crystal \rightarrow easier escape than that of flat surface ³⁹ b) Average energy for escape

→ β is calculated from the number of neighbors (ex. FCC structure: β = 1.33)
 If the rate for the melting process ↑→ r ↓ &

the rate for the freezing process $\downarrow \rightarrow T_E \downarrow$.

∴ T_{E, small crystal} < T_{E, large crystal}

Thus, at any temperature below T_E , there is a radius of curvature at which the rates of melting and of freezing are equal. = critical radius r*



a) if
$$T_E + \Delta T$$
 (+), $R_M > R_F \rightarrow r \downarrow$
 $\rightarrow T_E \rightarrow T_E' \downarrow \rightarrow \Delta T$ (+) $\uparrow \rightarrow R_M >> R_F$
b) if $T_E + \Delta T$ (-), $R_M < R_F \rightarrow r \uparrow$
 $\rightarrow T_E \rightarrow T_E'' \uparrow \rightarrow \Delta T$ (-) $\uparrow \rightarrow R_M << R_F$

2) Thermodynamic treatment of equilibrium access a curved interface



$$r \rightarrow r + dr, P \rightarrow P + \Delta P$$

The work done is equal to the increase in free energy of the interface; Thus,

$$Pdr \times 4\pi r^2 = [4\pi (r + dr)^2 - 4\pi r^2]\sigma$$

whence

$$P = \frac{2\sigma}{r}$$

Fig. 3.1. Pressure due to surface tension.

The G curves so far have been based on the molar Gs of infinitely large amounts of material of a perfect single crystal. Surfaces, GBs and interphase interfaces have been ignored.

1.6 Influence of Interfaces on Equilibrium

$$\Delta G = \Delta P \cdot V \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \Delta G = \frac{2\gamma V_m}{r}$$

Extra pressure ΔP due to curvature of the α/β



Fig. 1.38 The effect of interfacial E on the solubility of small particle

The concept of a pressure difference is very useful <u>for spherical liquid particles</u>, but it is less convenient in solids (often nonspherical shape).

$$dG = \Delta G_{\gamma} dn = \gamma dA \qquad \Delta G_{\gamma} = \gamma dA/dn$$

Since n=4\pi r³/3V_m and A = 4\pi r² \delta G = $\frac{2\gamma V_m}{r}$



Fig. 1.39 Transfer of dn mol of β from large to a small particle.

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Gibbs-Thomson effect (capillarity effect):

Free energy increase due to interfacial energy

Quite large solubility differences can arise for particles in the range r=1-100 nm. However, for particles visible in the light microscope (r>1um) capillarity effects are very small.



Fig. 1.38 The effect of interfacial energy on the solubility of small particles.



For small values of the exponent,

$$\frac{X_B^{r=r}}{X_B^{r=\infty}} = \exp(\frac{2\gamma V_m}{RTr}) \approx 1 + \frac{2\gamma V_m}{RTr}$$

Ex) $\gamma = 200 \text{mJ/m}^2$, $V_{\text{m}} = 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$, T = 500 K $\frac{X_r}{X_{\infty}} = 1 + \frac{1}{r(nm)}$ 43

For r=10 nm, solubility~10% increase

Microstructure of a two phase alloy is always unstable if the total interfacial free E is not a minimum. \rightarrow

5.5.6. Particle Coarsening (smaller total interfacial area→loss of strength or disappearance of GB pining effect→ particular concern in the design of materials for high temp. applications) Two Adjacent Spherical Precipitates with Different Diameters



: Concentration gradient in matrix \rightarrow diffusion \rightarrow small particle_shrink/ large particle_grow

3.3 Calculation of critical radius

1) Assumption: solid ~ incompressible (two phases were at the same pressure), $T_E \rightarrow T_E - \Delta T, \Delta G_P (2\sigma/r^*) = \Delta P$



 $\label{eq:gamma} \rightarrow \mbox{ if the nucleation status is not incompressible, } \Delta G_P \rightleftharpoons \Delta P \\ (\mbox{ ex. Nucleation of gas or vapor in liquid })$

2) Calculation of critical radius II



 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

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

2) Calculation of critical radius II



Fig. 4. 2 The free energy change associated with homogeneous nucleation of a sphere of radius r.

Gibbs-Thompson Equation

 ΔG of a spherical particle of radius, r

 ΔG of a supersaturated solute in liquid in equilibrium with a particle of radius, r

Equil. condition for open system $\longrightarrow \Delta \mu$ should be the same.

$$\Delta G_{r(s)} = 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$
$$\Delta G_{r(l)} = \frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \times \Delta G_V$$

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

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

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

r*: in (unstable) equilibrium with surrounding liquid



- Critical condition of Nucleation \rightarrow Depends on the curvature of the crystal surface
- To calculate r^{*} under a given ΔT : $\sigma = \gamma_{SL}$ (Sol.-Liq. Interfacial E) measurement required



Fig. 3.3. Relationship between critical radius and supercooling. ⁴⁹

Formation of Atomic Cluster

At the T_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 ?



Formation of Atomic Cluster

 n_0 : total # of atoms.

 ΔG_r : excess free energy associated with the cluster

k : Boltzmann's constant

of cluster of radius r per unit volume

$$\boldsymbol{n}_r = \boldsymbol{n}_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta \boldsymbol{G}_r}{kT}\right)$$

- $\Delta G_r \neq 0 \rightarrow n_r/n \neq 0$ (always cluster with a specific size) \rightarrow Key to nucleation : relationship btw r_{max} and $~r^{*}$

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

- n_r exponentially decreases with ΔG_r



(:: $r > r^*$: no longer part of the liquid) Fig. 3.5. Radius of largest embryo as a function of supercooling.

Ex. 1 mm³ of copper <u>at its melting point (n_0 : 10²⁰ 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)

 \rightarrow effectively a maximum cluster size, ~ 100 atoms

~ 10⁻⁸ clusters mm⁻³ or <u>1 cluster in ~ 10⁷ mm³</u>

The creation of a critical nucleus ~ thermally activated process



 ΔT_N is the critical undercooling for homogeneous nucleation.

The variation of r^{*} and r_{max} with undercooling ΔT

→ The condition for nucleation: The number of clusters with r^* at T < ΔT_N is negligible.

2) The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

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

n : atoms/unit volume n_i^* : # of clusters with size of r* (critical size) $n_i^* = n \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*}{kT}\right) \operatorname{clusters}/\mathrm{m}^3$ $\Delta G^* = 16\pi\sigma^3/(\Delta G_P)^2$ Excess free E of critical nucleus

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



2) The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

$$I = K_v \exp \left\{-\left[\left(\Delta G^* + \Delta G_A\right)kT\right]\right\}$$

$$K_v = n^* \left(\frac{a\sigma}{9\pi kT}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} n\left(\frac{kT}{h}\right)$$

a: correction factor of nucleus shape (Not necessarily spheircal)
n*: # of surface atoms for critical nucleus
n = # of atoms per unit volume for liquid

Assumption: "equilibrium distribution of the embryo size at all times" (ideal condition) Vapor → liquid drop : OK but liquid → Solid : X due to low mobility

$$I = \frac{nkT}{h} \exp\left(-\frac{G_A}{kT}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{16\pi\sigma_{SL}^3 T_E^2}{3L^2(\Delta T)^2 kT}\right)$$

 \rightarrow Until ΔT reaches, the critical value *I* is very small. But ΔT increases rapidly when critical value is reached

The homogeneous nucleation rate - kinetics

$$I = \frac{nkT}{h} \exp\left(-\frac{G_A}{kT}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{16\pi\sigma_{SL}^3 T_E^2}{3L^2(\Delta T)^2 kT}\right)$$

: insensitive to Temp.

How do we define nucleation temperature, ΔT_N ?

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* Comparison between experiment and theory Most metal ΔT_N < several K

but Turnbull and his coworker $\Delta T_N \rightarrow larger$ (~several hundreds K) by formation of large number of very small drops

	Interfacial			,
Metal	Energy σ (ergs/cm ²)	σ_g (cal/mole)	σ_g/L	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta T_{\mathrm{MAX}} \\ \mathrm{(deg)} \end{array}$
Mercury	24.4	296	0.53	77
Gallium	55.9	581	0.44	76
Tin	54.5	720	0.42	118
Bismuth	54.4	825	0.33	90
Lead	33.3	479	0.39	80
Antimony	101	1430	0.30	135
Germanium	181	2120	0.35	227
Silver	126	1240	0.46	227
Gold	132	1320	0.44	230
Copper	177	1360	0.44	236
Manganese	206	1660	0.48	308
Nickel	255	1860	0.44	319
Cobalt	234	1800	0.49	330
Iron	204	1580	0.45	295
Palladium	209	1850	0.45	332
Platinum	240	2140	0.45	370

Table 3.1.Relationship between Maximum Supercooling,
Solid-Liquid Interfacial Energy and Heat of Fusiona

^a Data from D. Turnbull, J. Appl. Phys., 21, 1022 (1950) and Ref. 3.

How to Obtain Extensive Undercooling



By dispersing a liquid into a large number of small droplets within a suitable medium, the catalytic effects of active nucleants may be restricted to a small fraction of the droplets so that many droplets will exhibit extensive undercooling. 59



Fig. 3.7. Maximum supercooling as a function of melting point. (From *Thermo*dynamics in *Physical Metallurgy*, American Society for Metals, Cleveland, 1911, p. 11.)

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Maximum undercooling vs. Melting temperature

