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Size Equation

Nano-Thermodynamics



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Nano-size

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	Bulk Material	Nano Material
Size (L)	$\sim 1 \text{ m}$	$< 100 \text{ nm} = 10^{-7} \text{ m}$
Property (A)	$A \neq A(L)$	$A = A(L)$

- Characteristic lengths $\lambda_c \sim 1\text{-}100 \text{ nm}$
- Nano-physics: $L < \lambda_c$
- E.g.:
 - λ_e = electronic mean free path (10-100 nm)
 - λ_{exc} = excitonic Bohr radius (1-10 nm)
 - λ_M = magnetic domain (30-50 nm)

control L = control A(L)



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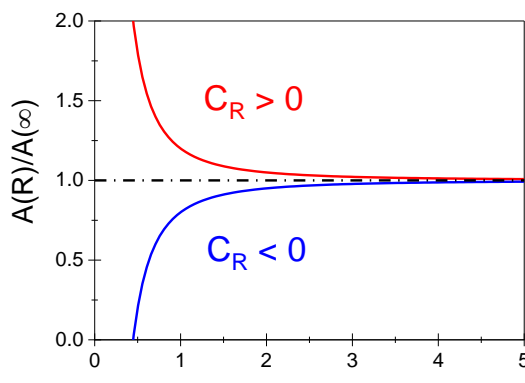
Size Equation:

- Evolution of the chemical-physical properties vs. the nanostructures size
- Top-down approach

$$A(N) = A(\infty) \left(1 + \frac{C_N}{N^\alpha} \right)$$


A = property
A(∞) = bulk limit of A
N = number of atoms
R = NP radius
C, α costants

$$A(R) = A(\infty) \left(1 + \frac{C_R}{R^\alpha} \right)$$



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Effective radius and atomic fraction at the surface

$$V = \frac{4\pi}{3} R_0^3 N = \frac{4\pi}{3} R_{eff}^3$$

$$R_{eff} = \left(\frac{V}{4\pi/3} \right)^{1/3} = R_0 N^{1/3}$$

$$S = 4\pi R_{eff}^2 = 4\pi R_0^2 N^{2/3}$$

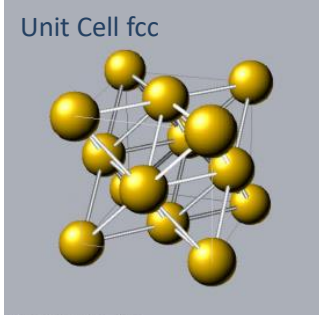
$$N_{sup} = \frac{S}{S_{at}} = \frac{4\pi R_0^2 N^{2/3}}{\pi R_0^2} = 4N^{2/3}$$

$$F = \frac{N_{sup}}{N} = \frac{4}{N^{1/3}} = \frac{4R_0}{R_{eff}}$$

V = cluster volume
S = cluster surface
R₀ = atomic radius

$$R_{0, fcc} = \frac{a}{4} \sqrt{2}$$

F = fraction of surface atoms




Unit Cell fcc

N	F
10 ²	0.86
10 ³	0.40
10 ⁶	0.04

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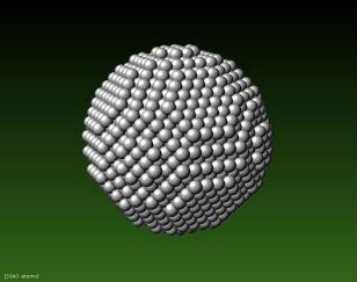



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Surface effect

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Co f.c.c. $a = 0.35447 \text{ nm}$, $R_0 = a \sqrt{2}/4 = 0.1253 \text{ nm}$

		
<p>$n = 139 \text{ atoms}$ $R_{\text{eff}} = 0.65 \text{ nm}$ $F = 77 \%$</p>	<p>$n = 369 \text{ atoms}$ $R_{\text{eff}} = 0.90 \text{ nm}$ $F = 56 \%$</p>	<p>$n = 3043 \text{ atoms}$ $R_{\text{eff}} = 1.82 \text{ nm}$ $F = 28 \%$</p>



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Thermodynamic Size Effect

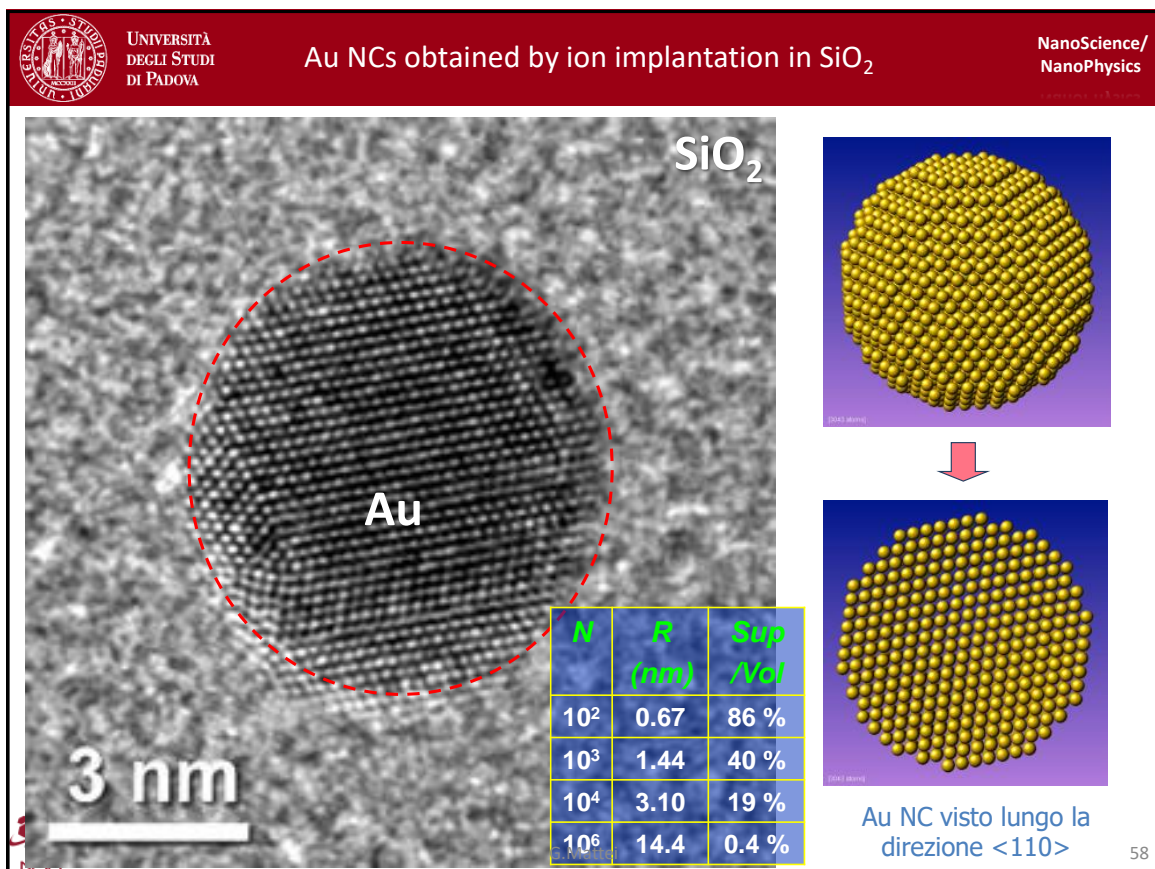
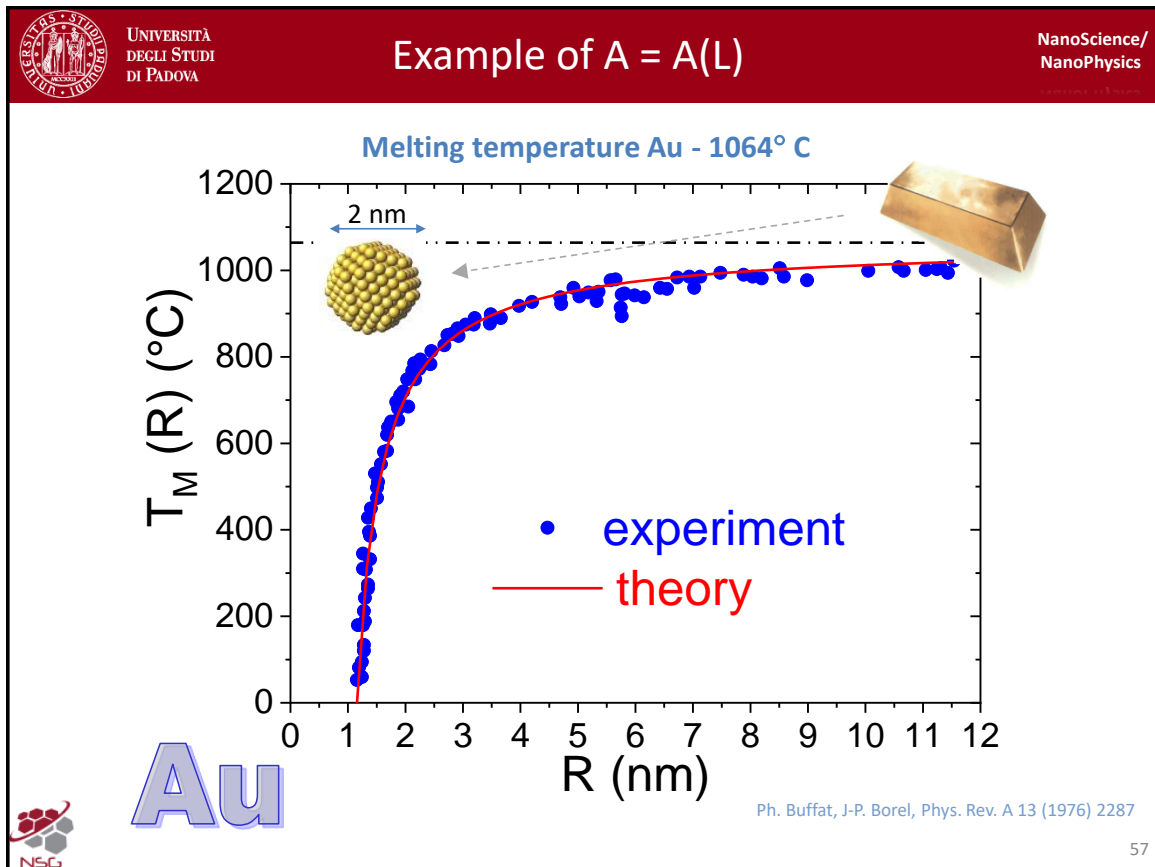
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Thermodynamic Size Effect

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Given a spherical cluster with N atoms:

$$T_M(R) \leftrightarrow T_M(\infty)$$

At equilibrium between solid (S) and liquid (L) phases:


$$\mu_L(T, P) = \mu_S(T, P) \qquad \mu \equiv \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial N} \right|_{T, P} = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial N} \right|_{S, V}$$

First-order expansion of the chemical potential close to the bulk thermodynamic equilibrium (T_0, P_0) gives:

$$\mu(T, P) = \mu(T_0, P_0) + \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}(T - T_0) + \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial P}(P - P_0) + \dots$$


Considering $U = U(S, V, N)$ and requiring that $U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) = \lambda U(S, V, N)$ it results:

$$U \equiv TS - PV + \mu N$$



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Using the Gibbs-Duhem relation for $U(S, V, N)$

$$SdT - VdP + Nd\mu = 0$$

$$d\mu = -\frac{S}{N}dT + \frac{V}{N}dP$$

$$d\mu = -sdT + \frac{1}{\rho}dP$$


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$$s \equiv \frac{S}{N} = -\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}\right)_P$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \equiv \frac{V}{N} = \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial P}\right)_T$$


therefore:

$$0 = \mu_L(T_0, P_0) + \frac{\partial \mu_L}{\partial T}(T - T_0) + \frac{\partial \mu_L}{\partial P}(P_L - P_0) - \mu_S(T_0, P_0) - \frac{\partial \mu_S}{\partial T}(T - T_0) - \frac{\partial \mu_S}{\partial P}(P_S - P_0) + \dots$$



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If T_0 and P_0 are at the triple point of the bulk phase:

$$\mu_L(T_0, P_0) = \mu_S(T_0, P_0)$$

$$0 = s_L(T - T_0) - \frac{1}{\rho_L}(P_L - P_0) - s_S(T - T_0) + \frac{1}{\rho_S}(P_S - P_0)$$

$$(s_L - s_S)(T - T_0) - \frac{1}{\rho_L}(P_L - P_0) + \frac{1}{\rho_S}(P_S - P_0) = 0$$


From Laplace law:


$$P_L = P_{ext} + 2 \frac{\gamma_L}{R_L} \approx 2 \frac{\gamma_L}{R_L}$$

$$P_S = P_{ext} + 2 \frac{\gamma_S}{R_S} \approx 2 \frac{\gamma_S}{R_S}$$

$$R_S = \left(\frac{\rho_L}{\rho_S} \right)^{1/3} R_L$$


when $R \rightarrow 0$
 $P_{ext} \ll P_L, P_S$





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Considering the Latent heat of fusion per atom L $L = (s_L - s_S)T_0$

$$(s_L - s_S)T_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\gamma_S}{R_S \rho_S} - \frac{\gamma_L}{R_L \rho_L} \right) + P_0 \left(\frac{1}{\rho_L} - \frac{1}{\rho_S} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T_0} \equiv \frac{T - T_0}{T_0} = - \frac{2}{L R_S \rho_S} \left(\gamma_S - \gamma_L \left(\frac{\rho_S}{\rho_L} \right)^{2/3} \right) = - \frac{A}{R} < 0$$


Hypotheses:

1. First-order expansion of the chemical potential
2. Spherical Cluster
3. $\rho_L \sim \rho_S$



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Size equation

$$T_M(R) = T_M(\infty) \left(1 - \frac{C}{R} \right)$$

$$C \equiv \frac{2}{L\rho_S} \left(\gamma_S - \gamma_L \left(\frac{\rho_S}{\rho_L} \right)^{2/3} \right)$$

For Au:

$L = 62700 \text{ J/kg}$ (*latent heat of fusion*)

$T_0 = 1336 \text{ K}$ (*bulk melting temperature*)

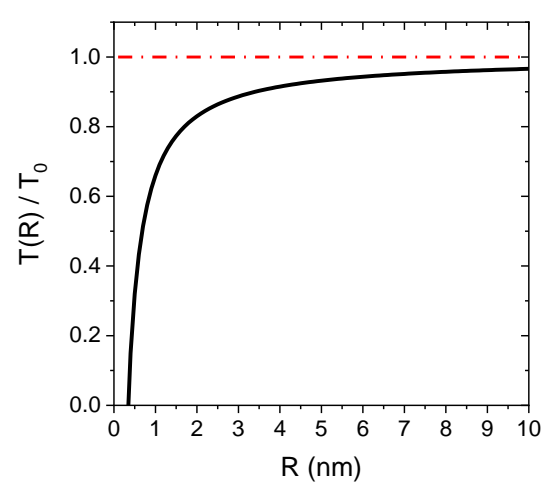
$\rho_L = 17280 \text{ kg/m}^3$ (*density of the liquid phase*)

$\rho_S = 18400 \text{ kg/m}^3$ (*density of the solid phase*)


$\gamma_L = 1.135 \text{ J/m}^2$ (*surface tension liquid phase*)

$\gamma_S = 1.380 \text{ J/m}^2$ (*surface tension solid phase*)

$C(\text{Au}) = 0.34 \text{ nm}$



R (nm)	T(R)/T ₀
0.5	0.40
1.0	0.70
2.0	0.85
4.0	0.92
6.0	0.95
8.0	0.97
10.0	0.98



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