

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quiz of MLL100

- Date: 12-02-2022 (Saturday)
- Time: 10:30 am – 10:45 am
- Duration: 15 minutes
- Via: Moodle
- Question type: Multiple-choice
- Negative marking: No
- Navigation: Sequential
- Syllabus: Phase diagram, equilibria and transformation

# Minor exam of MLL100

- Date: 16-02-2022 (Wednesday)
- Time: 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
- Duration: 1 h
- Via: Moodle
- Question type: Multiple-choice
- Negative marking: Yes
- Navigation: Off
- Syllabus: Content covered until 12-02-2022

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# MLL 100

## Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering

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# What have we learnt in Lecture-15?

- ☐ Steps involved in Phase transformation
- ☐ Gibb's free energy
- ☐ Chemical potential
- ☐ Types of nucleation
- ☐ Critical radius and critical free energy of homogeneous nucleation

# Variation of $r^*$ and $\Delta G^*$ with undercooling

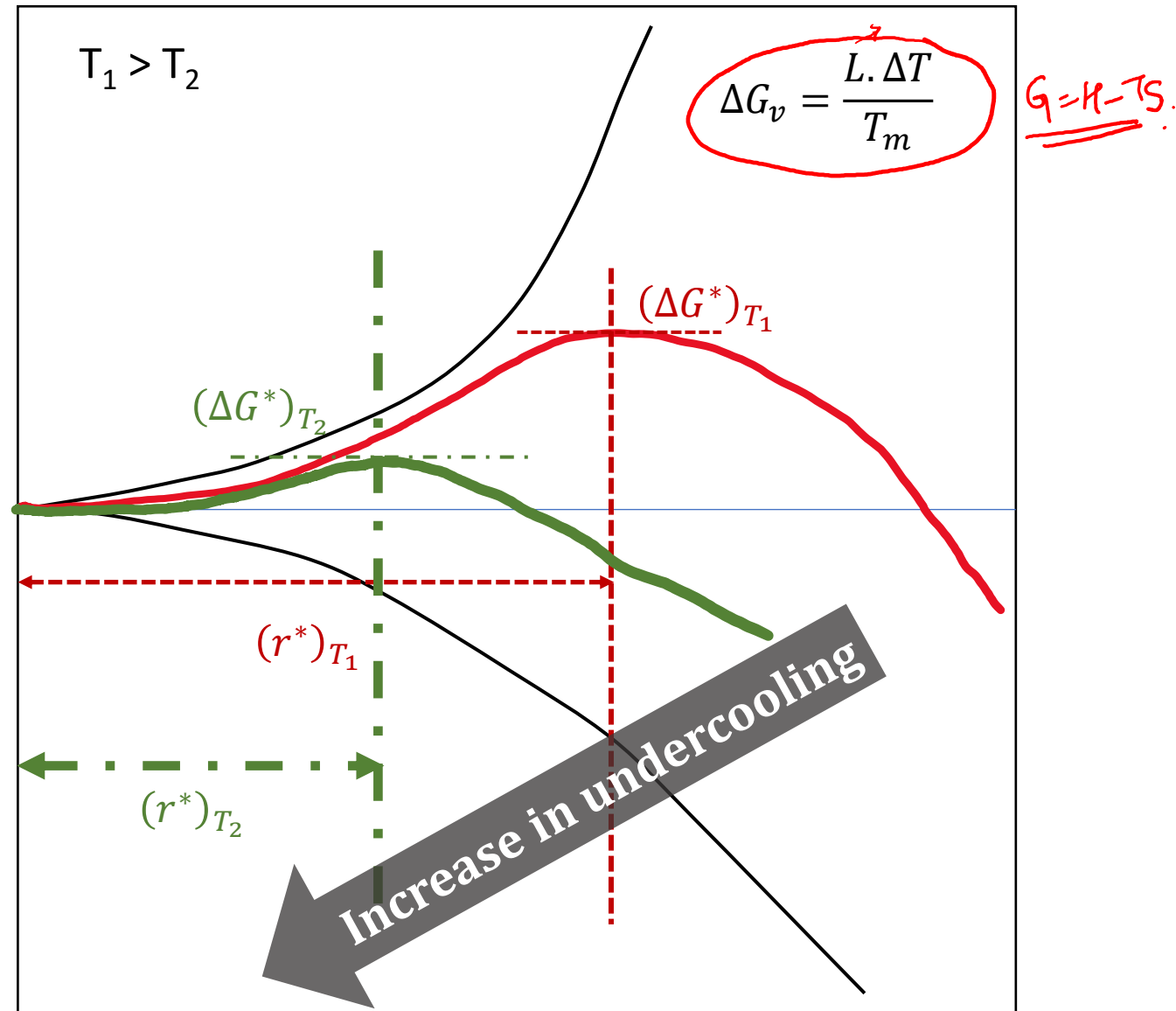
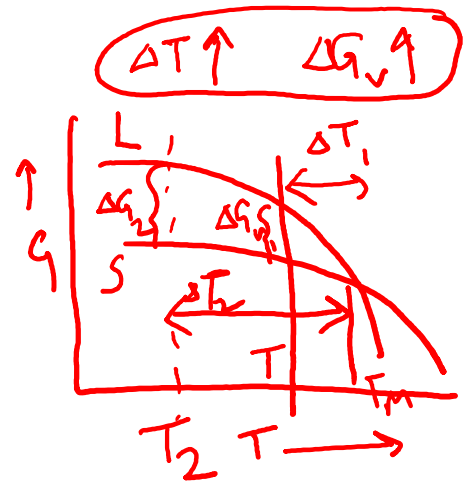
Critical nucleus size,  $r^* = \frac{2 \cdot \gamma_{sl}}{\Delta G_v}$  ✓

$$r^* = \frac{2 \cdot \gamma_{sl} T_m}{L \cdot \Delta T}$$

Free energy change for a nucleus with critical size,

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{sl}^3}{3 \cdot (\Delta G_v)^2}$$

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{sl}^3 T_m^2}{3 \cdot L^2 (\Delta T)^2}$$



Both the 'critical nucleus size' and the 'free energy required to form that critical nucleus' **decrease with undercooling**.

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

①  $G \Rightarrow$  Gibbs free energy

$H \Rightarrow$  Enthalpy

$T \Rightarrow$  Temperature

$S \Rightarrow$  Entropy

At  $T = T_m, G = 0$   
 $(\because G_s = G_L)$

$$\therefore \Delta G = 0 = (\Delta H - T_m \Delta S)$$

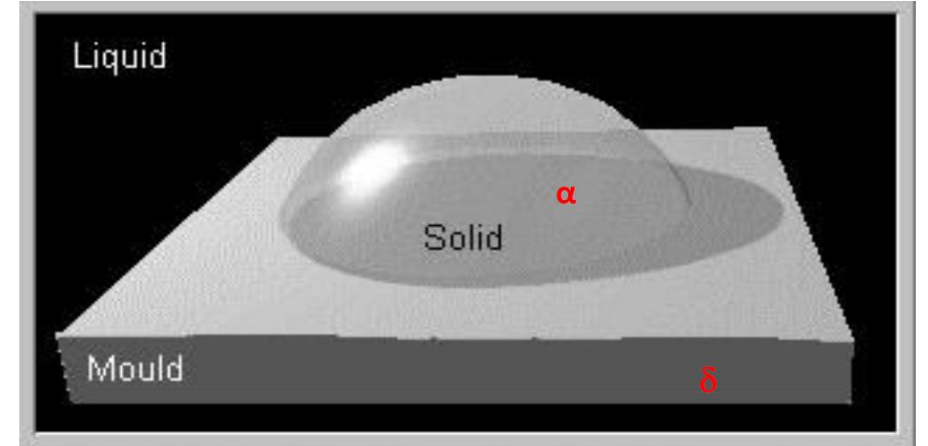
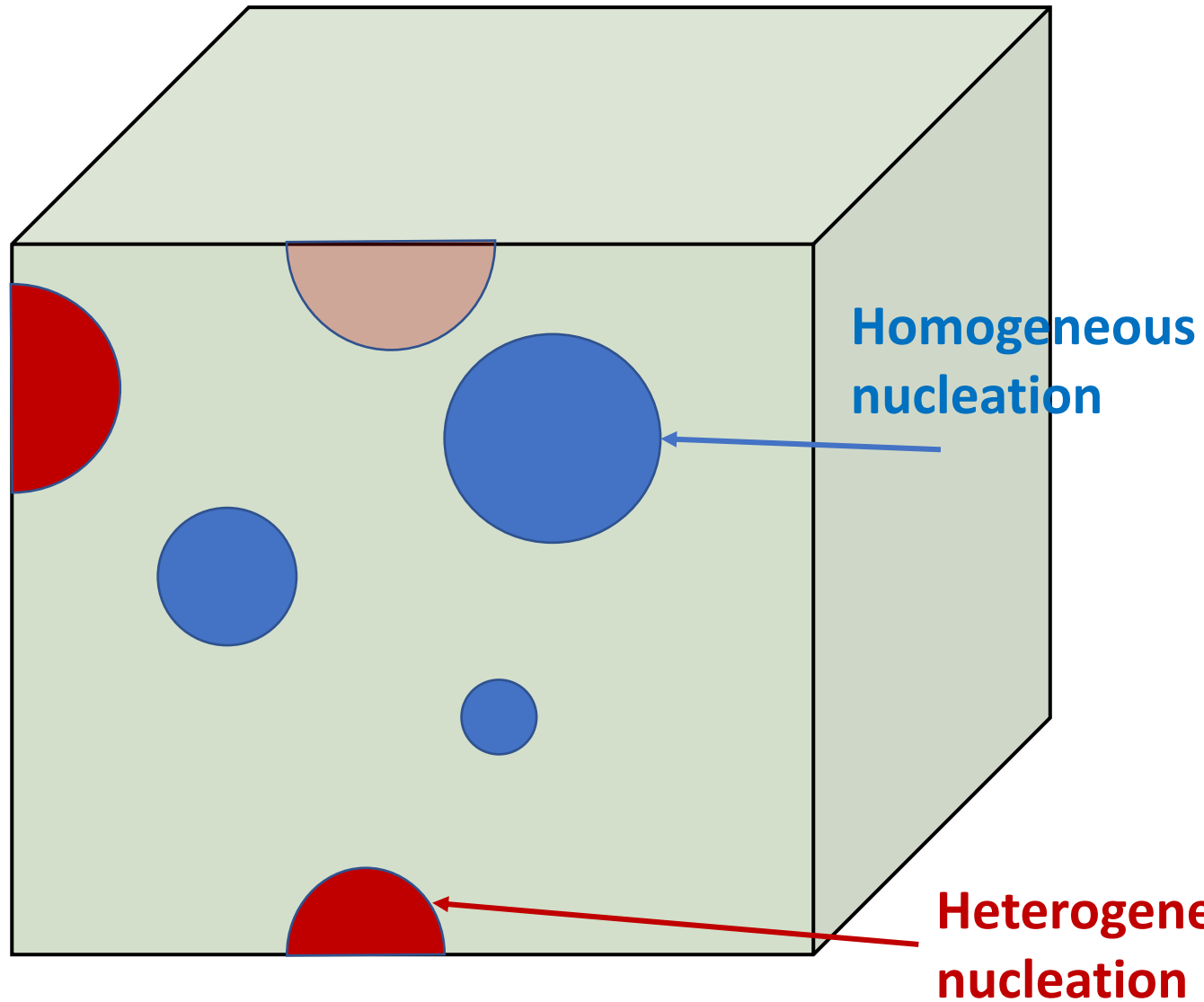
At  $T = T_m, H = \text{Latent heat } (L)$

$$\therefore L = T_m \Delta S \quad \therefore \Delta S = \left( \frac{L}{T_m} \right) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Substitute ② in ①;

$$\Delta G = L - T \left( \frac{L}{T_m} \right) = L \left[ 1 - \frac{T}{T_m} \right] = L \left[ \frac{T_m - T}{T_m} \right] = \left( \frac{L \cdot \Delta T}{T_m} \right)$$

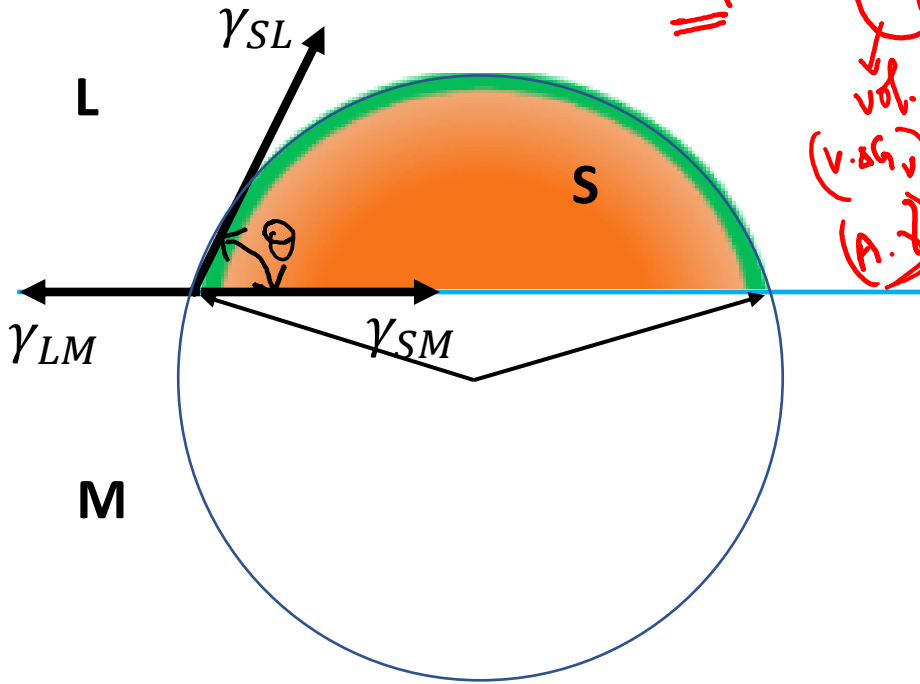
# Heterogeneous nucleation



$$\Delta G_{het} = -V_S(\Delta G_v) + A_{SL}\gamma_{SL} + A_{SM}\gamma_{SM} - A_{LM}\gamma_{LM}$$

$$\Delta G \propto \Delta G_v, \gamma$$

vol.  $(V \cdot \Delta G_v)$   
 $(A \cdot \gamma)$



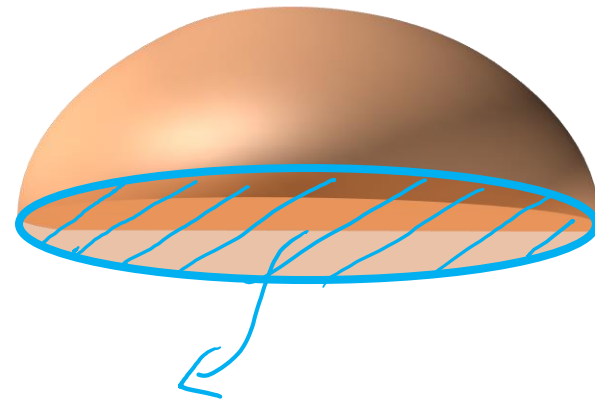
Surface tension force balance parallel to the mould surface

$$\gamma_{LM} = \gamma_{SM} + \gamma_{SL} \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\gamma_{LM} - \gamma_{SM})}{\gamma_{SL}}$$

- Consider a solid nucleus (S) (of cap-shaped) on a mould (M) surface forming from liquid (L).
- Free energy associated with the heterogeneously nucleated solid particle,

$$\Delta G_{het} = -V_S \Delta G_v + A_{SL} \gamma_{SL} + A_{SM} \gamma_{SM} - A_{SM} \gamma_{LM}$$

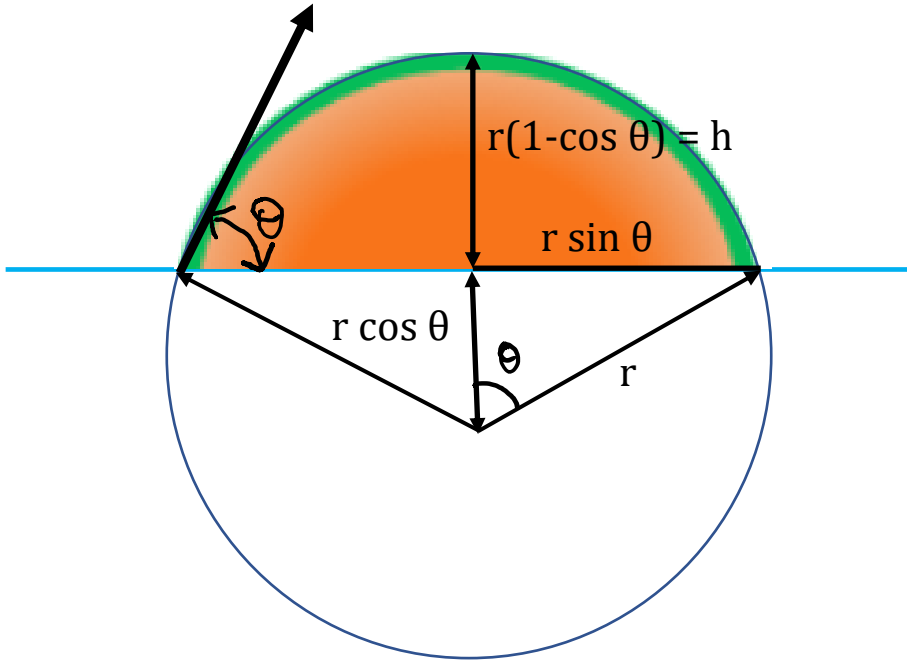


Creation of  $A_{SM}$

Destruction of  $A_{LM}$

$$\Delta G_{het} = -V_S \Delta G_v + A_{SL} \gamma_{SL} + A_{SM} (\gamma_{SM} - \gamma_{LM})$$






- Area of solid-liquid interface:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{SL} &= 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot h \\ &= 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot (r - r \cos \theta) \\ &= 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot (1 - \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

- Area of solid-mould interface:

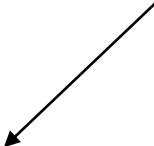
$$A_{SM} = \pi (r \sin \theta)^2$$


- Volume of the solid nucleus cap:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{\pi}{6} h (3r^2 + h^2) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 (2 - 3 \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

- Substitution of these values in:

$$\Delta G_{het} = -V_S \Delta G_v + A_{SL} \gamma_{SL} + A_{SM} (\gamma_{SM} - \gamma_{LM})$$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\gamma_{LM} - \gamma_{SM})}{\gamma_{SL}}$$

- Re-arranging the terms in:

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

- Simplifying by taking the shape factor in common:

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

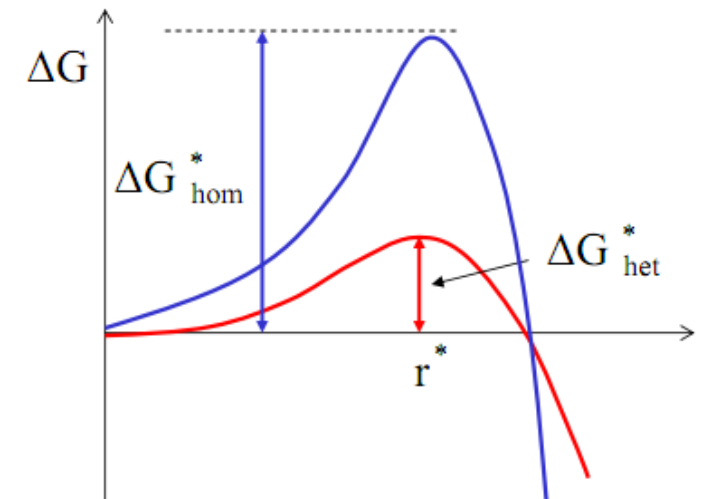
- The relation between free energy change for heterogeneous and homogeneous nucleation:

$$\Delta G_{het} = [\Delta G_{hom}] \left( \frac{2 - 3 \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta}{4} \right)$$

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

- Free energy change at critical nucleus size for heterogeneous nucleation:

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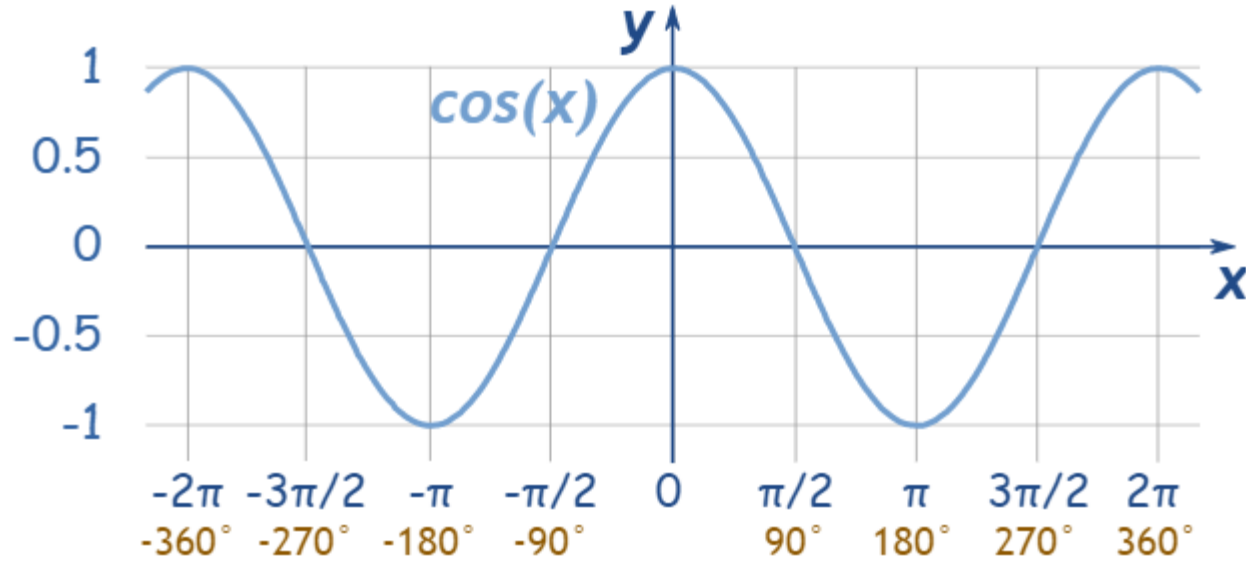
- Free energy change at critical nucleus size for homogeneous nucleation:

$$\Delta G_{hom}^* = \frac{16\pi\gamma_{SL}^3}{3(\Delta G_v)^2}$$

***How can you relate the free energy changes for homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation?***

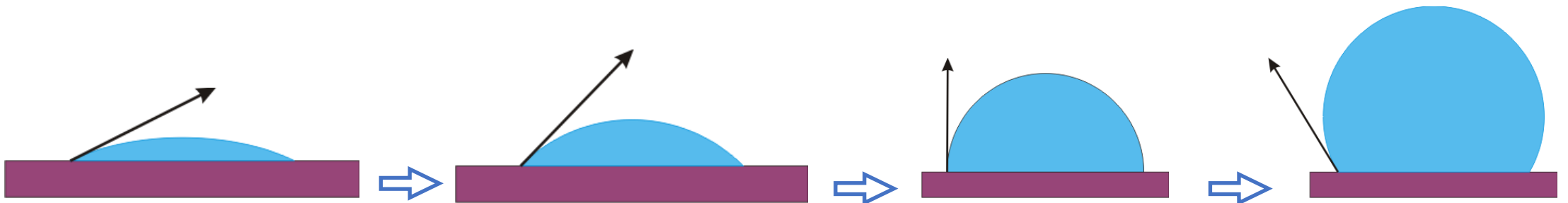
$$\Delta G_{het}^* = \frac{(\Delta G_{hom}^*)}{4} (2 - 3 \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta)$$

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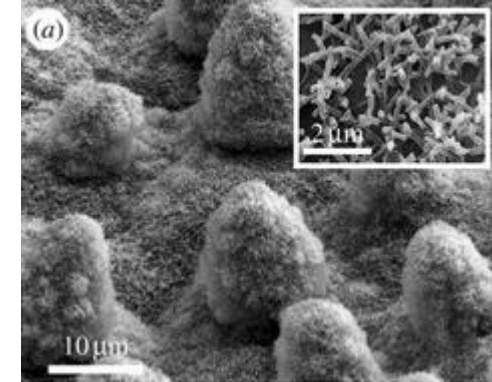
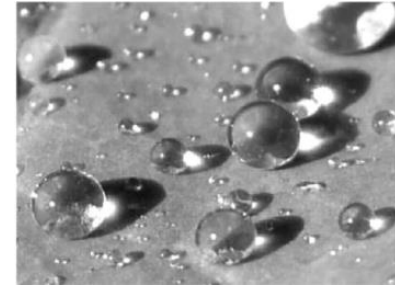
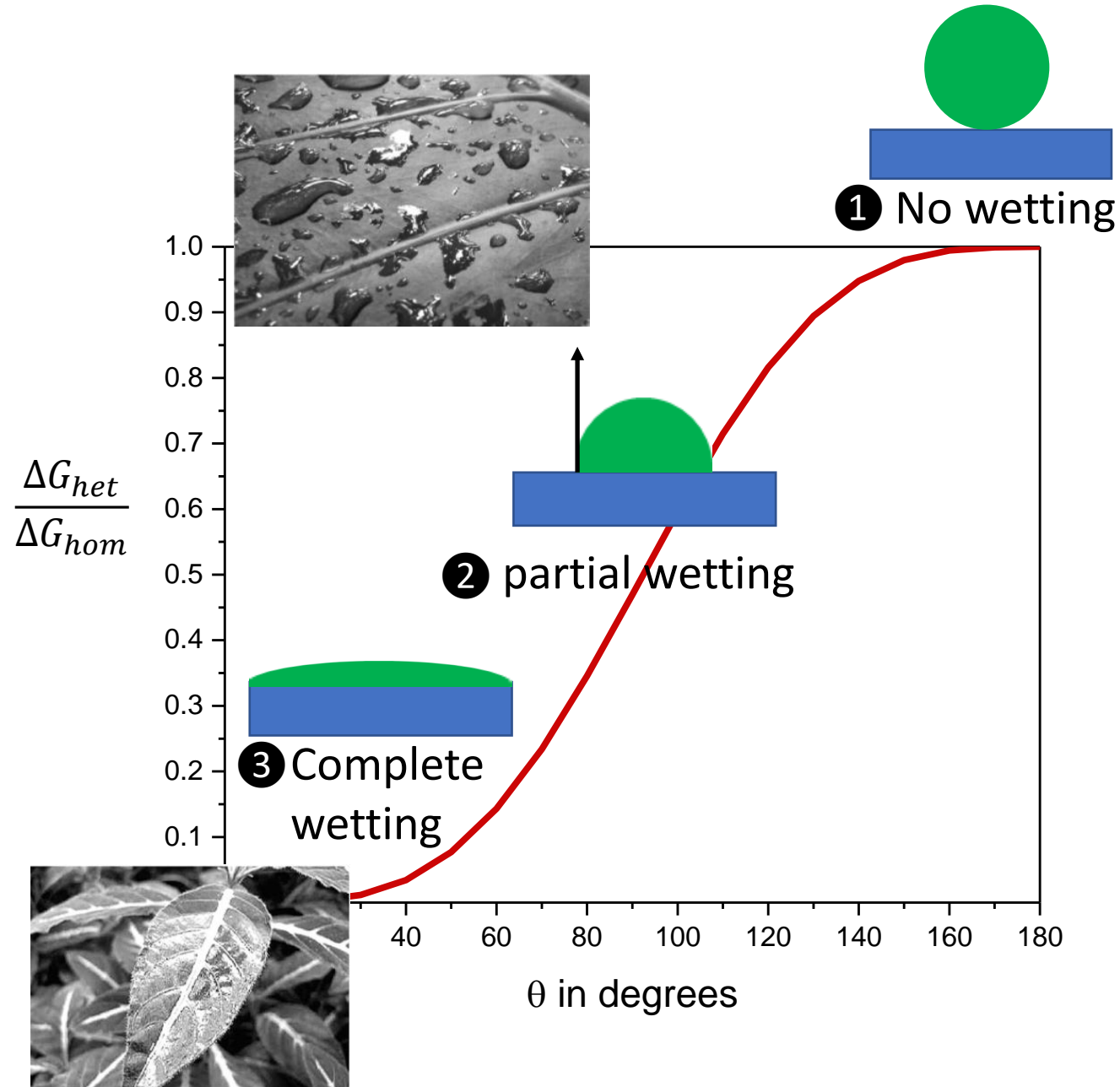
$$\Delta G_{het}^* = \frac{4\pi\gamma_{SL}^3}{3(\Delta G_v)^2} (2 - 3 \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta)$$

What happens when contact angle ( $\theta$ ) increases?



*Tendency to wet the surface decreases*

# Wetting behaviour



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

- 1**  $\theta = 180^\circ$  :  $\Delta G_{het} = \Delta G_{hom}$ , such a surface does not favour heterogeneous nucleation.
- 2**  $\theta = 90^\circ$  :  $\Delta G_{het} = 0.5 \Delta G_{hom}$ , energy barrier for heterogeneous nucleation is half of the homogeneous one.
- 3**  $\theta = 0^\circ$  :  $\Delta G_{het} = 0$ , no energy barrier for heterogeneous nucleation.

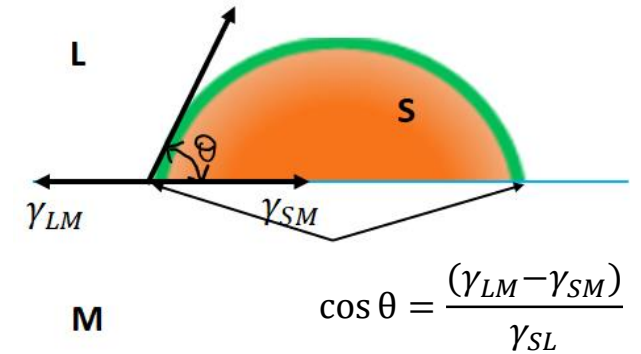
# Selection of 'heterogeneous nucleation site'

## ❑ How to make the contact angle ( $\theta$ ) small?

- By obtaining  $(\gamma_{LM} - \gamma_{SM})$  closer to 1 -----> larger  $\gamma_{LM}$  and smaller  $\gamma_{SM}$
- Choose an inoculant which can form a S-M interface with low  $\gamma_{SM}$

Wetting ↑		
	$\cos 0^\circ$	1
	$\cos 90^\circ$	0
	$\cos 180^\circ$	-1

$$\Delta G_{het}^* = \frac{4\pi\gamma_{SL}^3}{3(\Delta G_v)^2} (2 - 3 \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta)$$



## ❑ How to achieve a lower $\gamma_{SM}$ ?

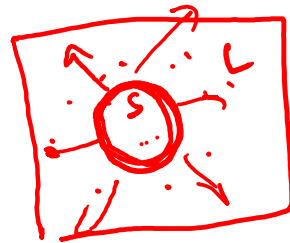
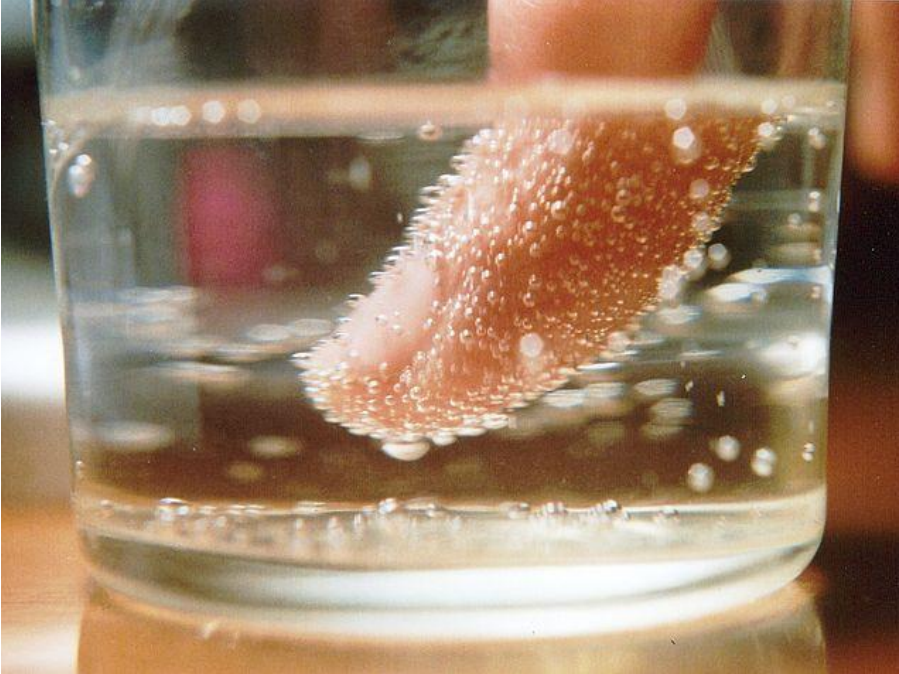
- Solid and inoculant have the same or a similar crystal structure
- Solid and inoculant have a similar lattice parameter, so as to have a fairly good matching at the interface.
- Nickel (FCC, 3.52 Å) as an inoculant in graphite (DC, 3.57 Å): helps producing artificial diamonds; TiB<sub>2</sub> to Al alloys

## ❑ Orientation relationship

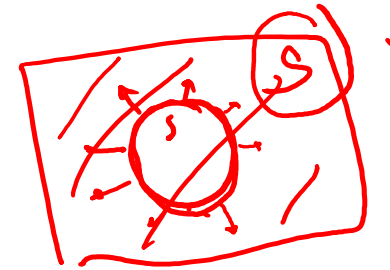
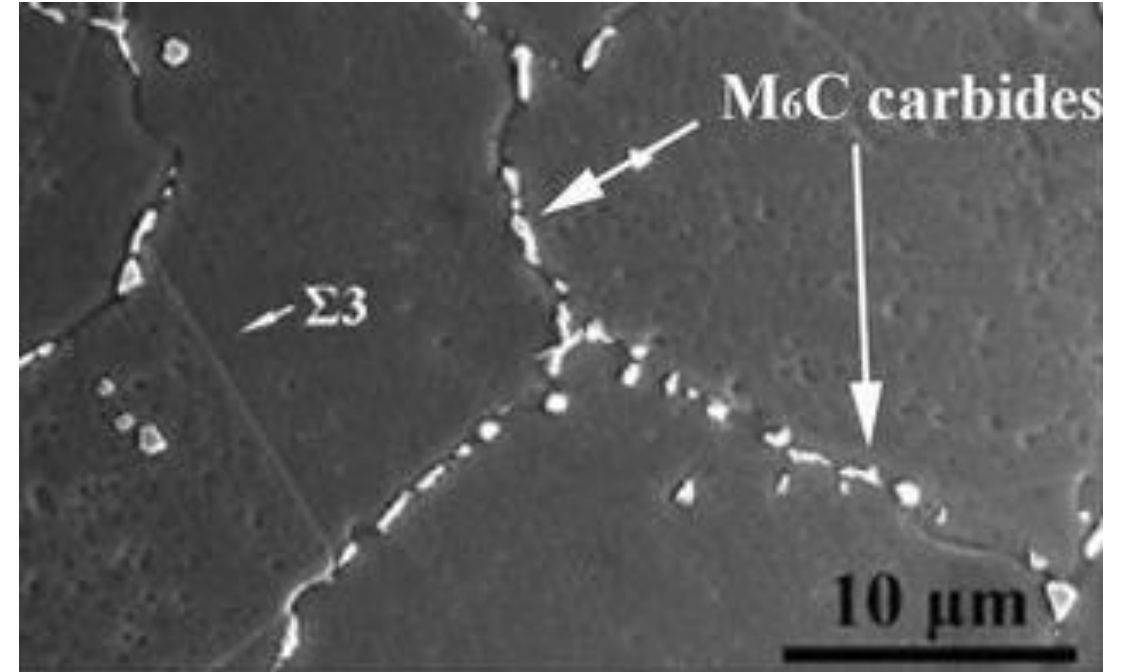
- Orientation relationship (OR) between certain crystallographic planes and directions at the interface: OR between parent and product phases helps achieving a coherent interface, and promotes heterogeneous nucleation.

# Heterogeneous nucleation

## Nucleation in the liquid



## Nucleation in the solid



stress (oppose transj)  
 $(\Delta G) \propto \Delta G_v + \gamma_s$   
 (solid surf)  $\rightarrow A \gamma_s$

# Why does we often encounter heterogeneous nucleation?

- ❑ The pre-exponential term is a function of the number of nucleation sites.
- ❑ The term that dominates is the exponential term and due to a lower  $\Delta G^*$  the heterogeneous nucleation rate is typically higher.

