

1 (a) nucleation rate

$$I = f_0 N_0 \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta G^*}{kT}\right]$$

$$\ln I = \ln f_0 N_0 - \underbrace{\left(\frac{\Delta G^*}{k}\right)}_{\text{Slope}} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \quad \therefore \frac{-\Delta G^*}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}} = -23.8 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G^* = 3.2844 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta G = -\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Delta G_V + 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

$$\left(\frac{d\Delta G}{dr}\right)_{r=r^*} = -4\pi(r^*)^2 \Delta G_V + 8\pi r^* \gamma = 0$$

$$\therefore r^* = \frac{2\gamma}{\Delta G_V} \Rightarrow \Delta G^* = \frac{16}{3}\pi \cdot \frac{\gamma^3}{(\Delta G_V)^2}$$

$$3.2844 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = \frac{16}{3}\pi \cdot \frac{\gamma^3}{(-10^8 \text{ J/m}^3)^2}$$

$$r^3 = 3.2844 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \cdot \frac{3}{16\pi} \cdot 10^{16} \text{ J}^2 \cdot \text{m}^{-6}$$

$$= 1.960 \text{ (J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2})^3$$

$$\therefore \gamma = 0.059 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$$

$$(b) \gamma^* = \frac{2\gamma}{\Delta G_V} = \frac{2(0.059 \text{ J/m}^2)}{10^8 \text{ J/m}^3} = 1.16 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 1.16 \text{ nm}$$

$$(c) \Delta G = -\underbrace{n V}_{\text{molecular Volume}} \Delta G_V + (36\pi)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \underbrace{n^{\frac{2}{3}} V^{\frac{2}{3}}}_{\text{\# of atoms } n\text{-cluster}} \cdot r$$

$$\hookrightarrow V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot (1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})^3 = 1.414 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial n}\right)_{n=n^*} = -V \Delta G_V + (36\pi)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (n^*)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot V^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore n^* = \frac{32\pi}{3V} \cdot \left(\frac{\gamma}{\Delta G_V}\right)^3 = \frac{32\pi}{3 \times (1.414 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^3)} \cdot \left(\frac{0.059 \text{ J/m}^2}{10^8 \text{ J/m}^3}\right)^3 = 46271$$

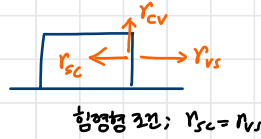
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$$\Delta G = -V_{\text{solid}} \cdot \Delta G_V + \sum A_i \gamma_i$$

$$V_{\text{solid}} = l^2 h$$

new interfacial energy: $l^2 (\gamma_{sc} + \gamma_{cv}) + 4lh \cdot \gamma_{cv}$
 disappeared interfacial energy: $l^2 \gamma_{vs}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Delta G &= -l^2 h \cdot \Delta G_V + l^2 (\gamma_{sc} + \gamma_{cv} - \gamma_{vs}) + 4lh \gamma_{cv} \\ &= -l^2 h \cdot \Delta G_V + \gamma_{cv} \cdot (l^2 + 4lh) \end{aligned}$$



critical size

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial h} = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial l} = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial h} = -l^2 \Delta G_V + 4l \gamma_{cv} = 0 \quad \therefore l^* = \frac{4\gamma_{cv}}{\Delta G_V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial l} &= -2l h \Delta G_V + \gamma_{cv} \cdot (2l + 4h) \\ &= -8h \cdot \gamma_{cv} + \gamma_{cv} \cdot \left(\frac{8\gamma_{cv}}{\Delta G_V} + 4h \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore h^* = \frac{2\gamma_{cv}}{\Delta G_V}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{1}{2} l$$

$$\Delta G^* = -l^* h^* \Delta G_V + \gamma_{cv} \cdot (l^{*2} + 4l^* h^*) = \frac{16\gamma_{cv}^2}{\Delta G_V^2}$$