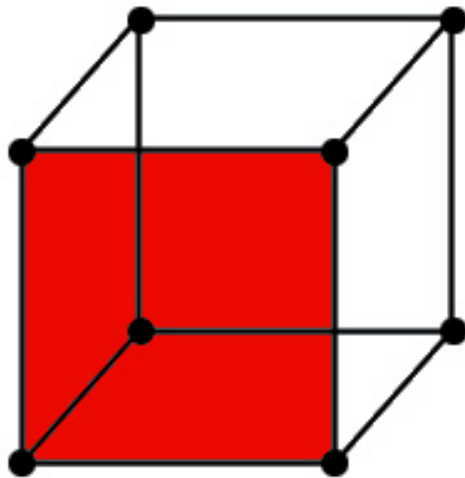
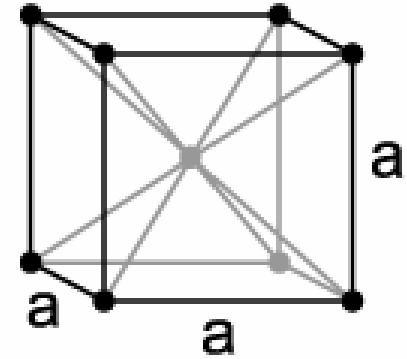


Physics of growing single crystal Niobium

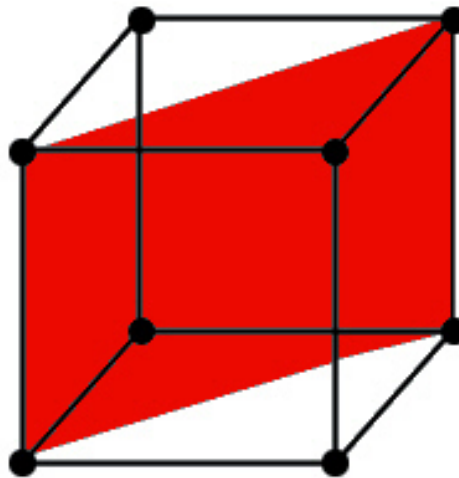
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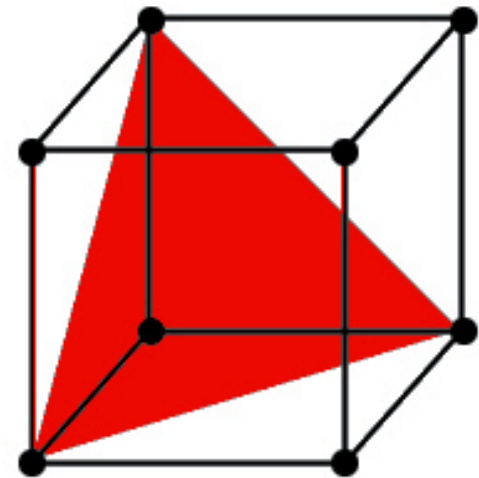
Crystallographic classification of niobium and the most important miller indices



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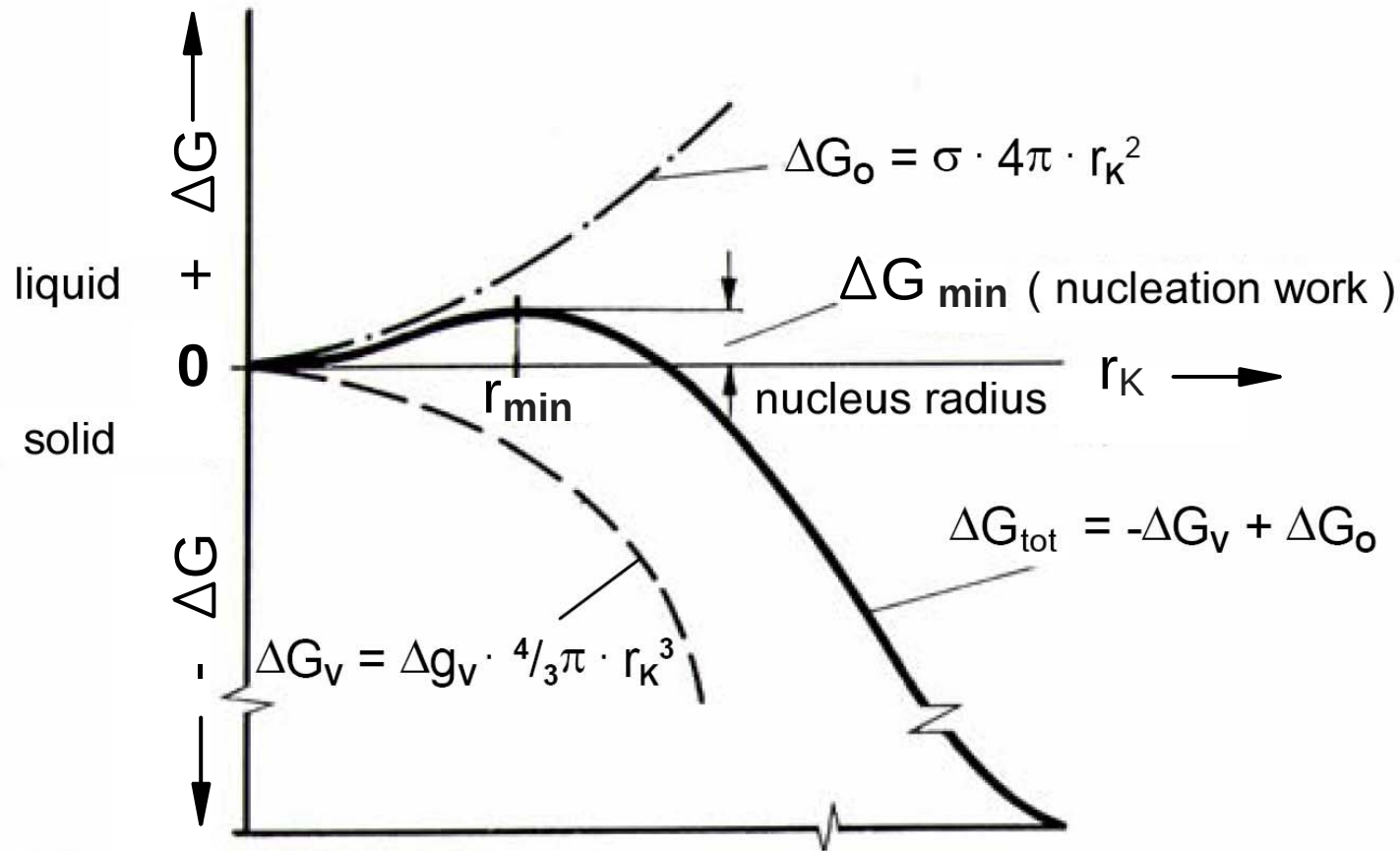


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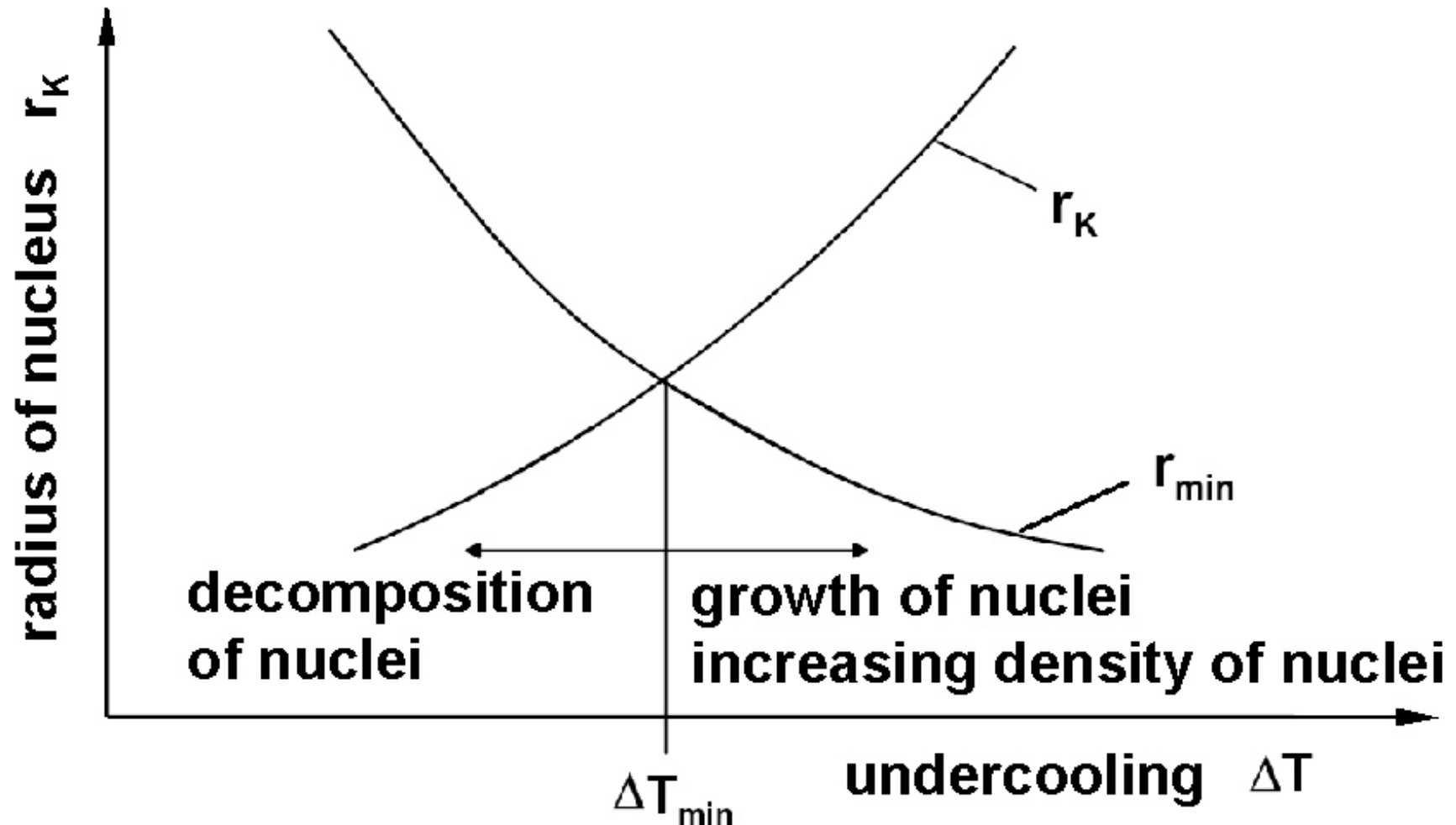
Mechanisms of nucleation



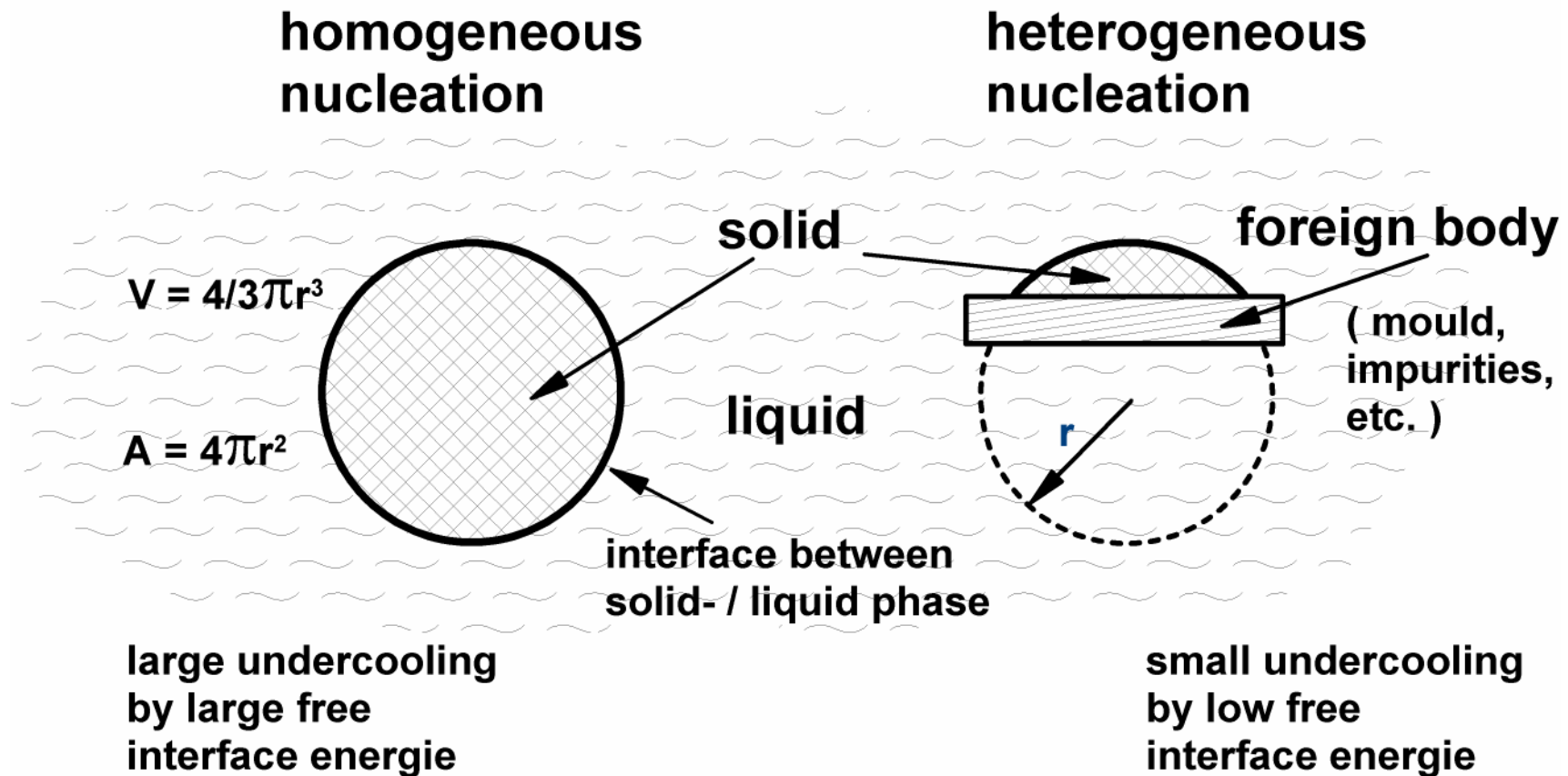
ΔG_O = surface energie
 ΔG_V = volume energie
 σ = free surface energie

$4 \pi r^2$ = surface of a spherical nuclei
 $\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$ = volume of a spherical nuclei
 g_V = volume energie

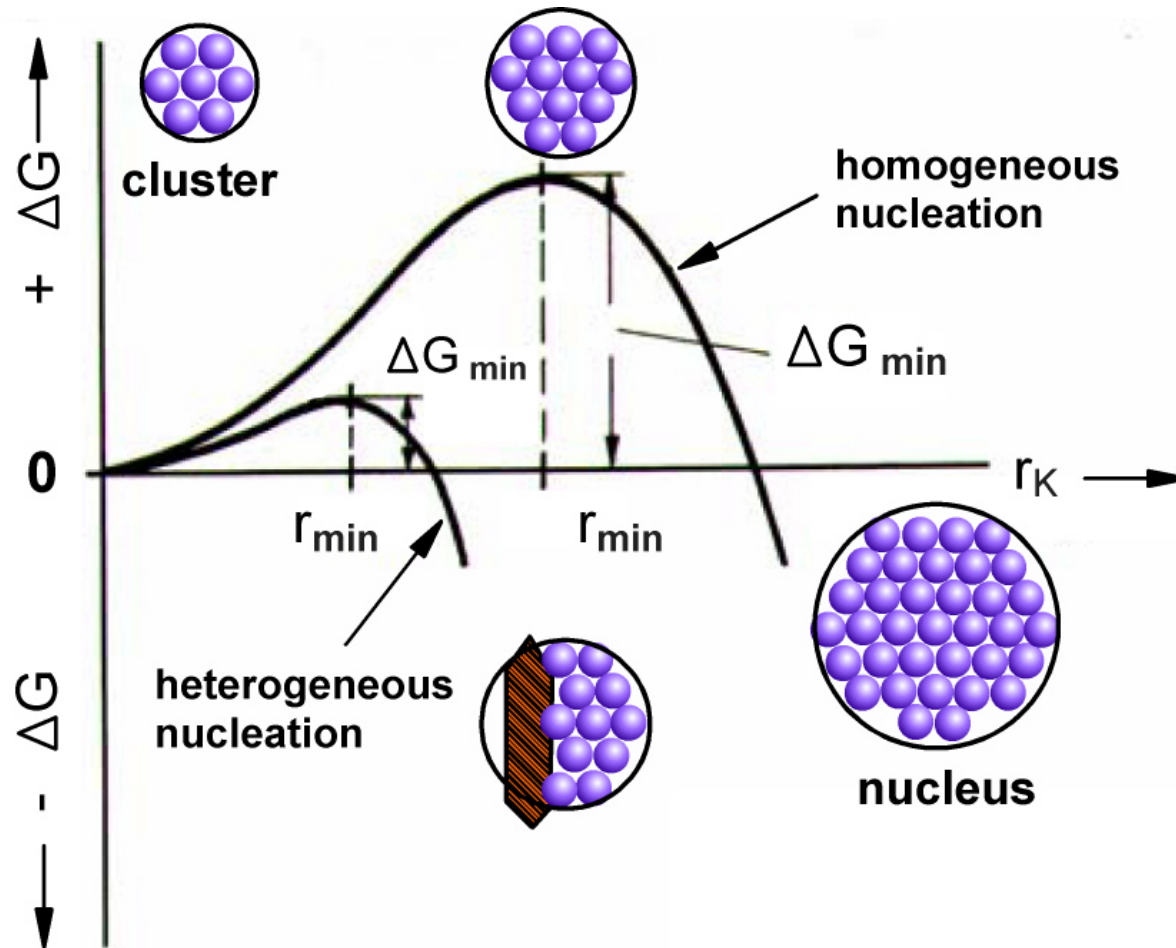
Influence of building nuclei by undercooling



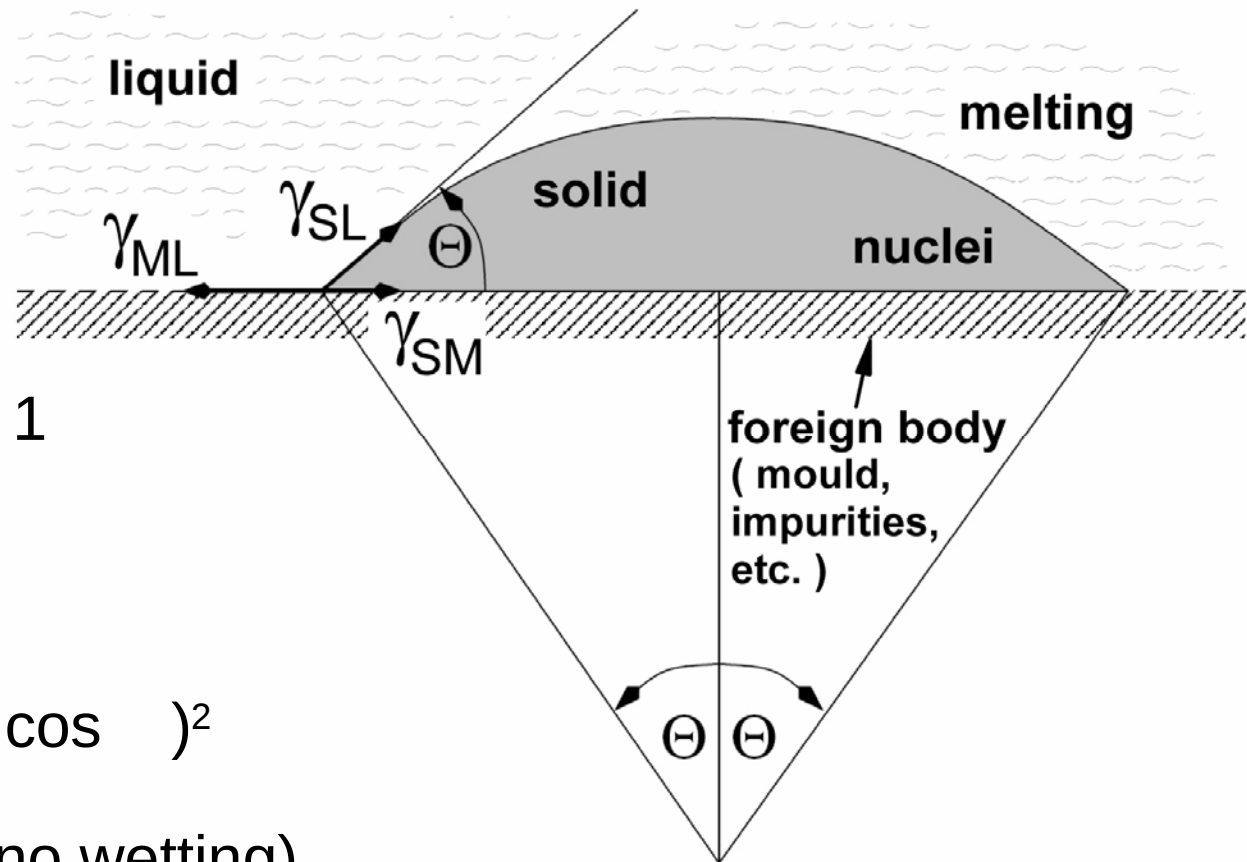
Nucleation by phase transition liquid-solid



Critical nucleus size for homogeneous / heterogeneous nucleation



Heterogeneous nucleation of spherical cap on a flat mould wall



$$\Delta G_{\text{het}} = f \Delta G_{\text{hom}} ; f = 1 - \cos \Theta$$

Θ = wetting angle

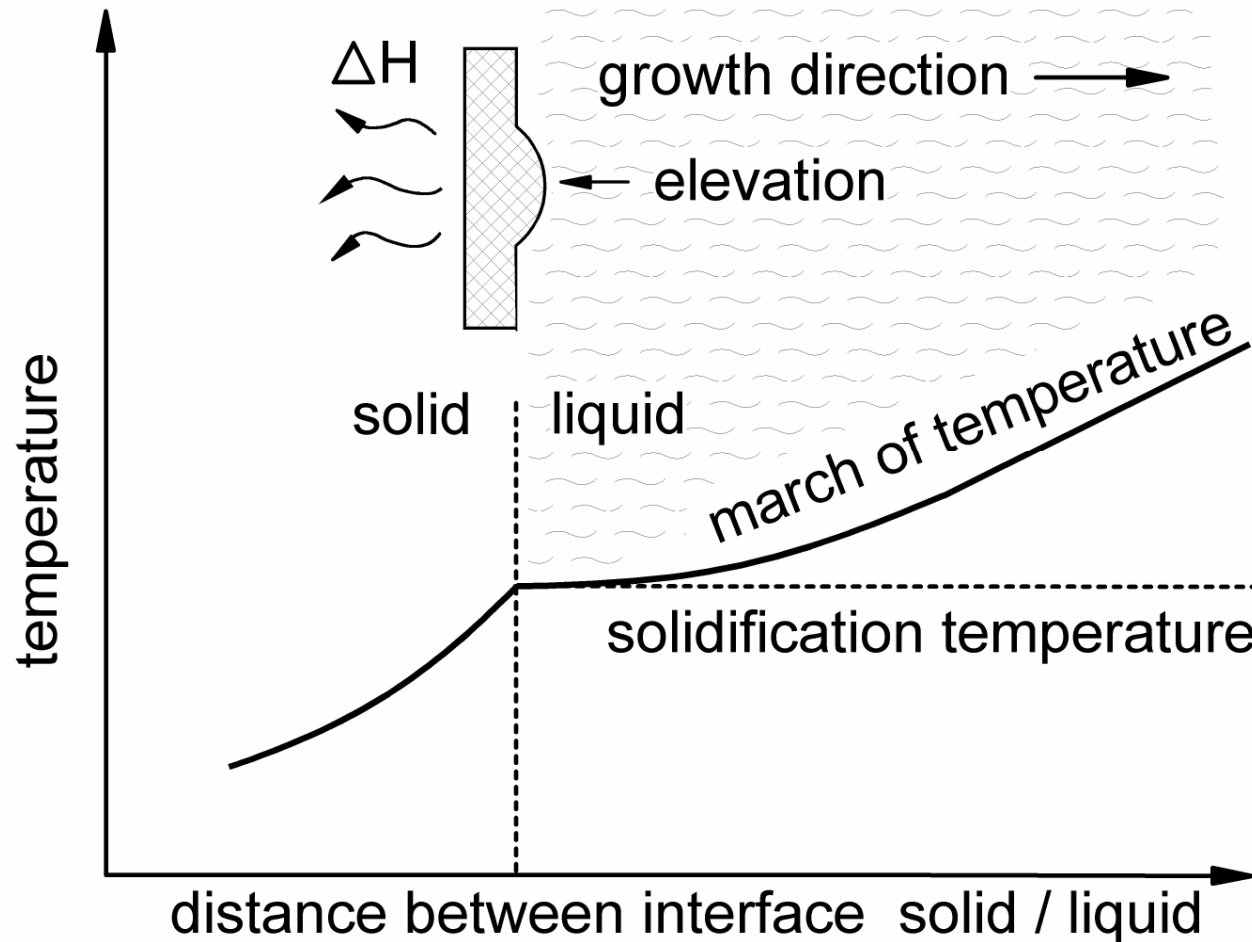
for a plain wall:

$$f = 1/4 (2 + \cos \Theta)(1 - \cos \Theta)^2$$

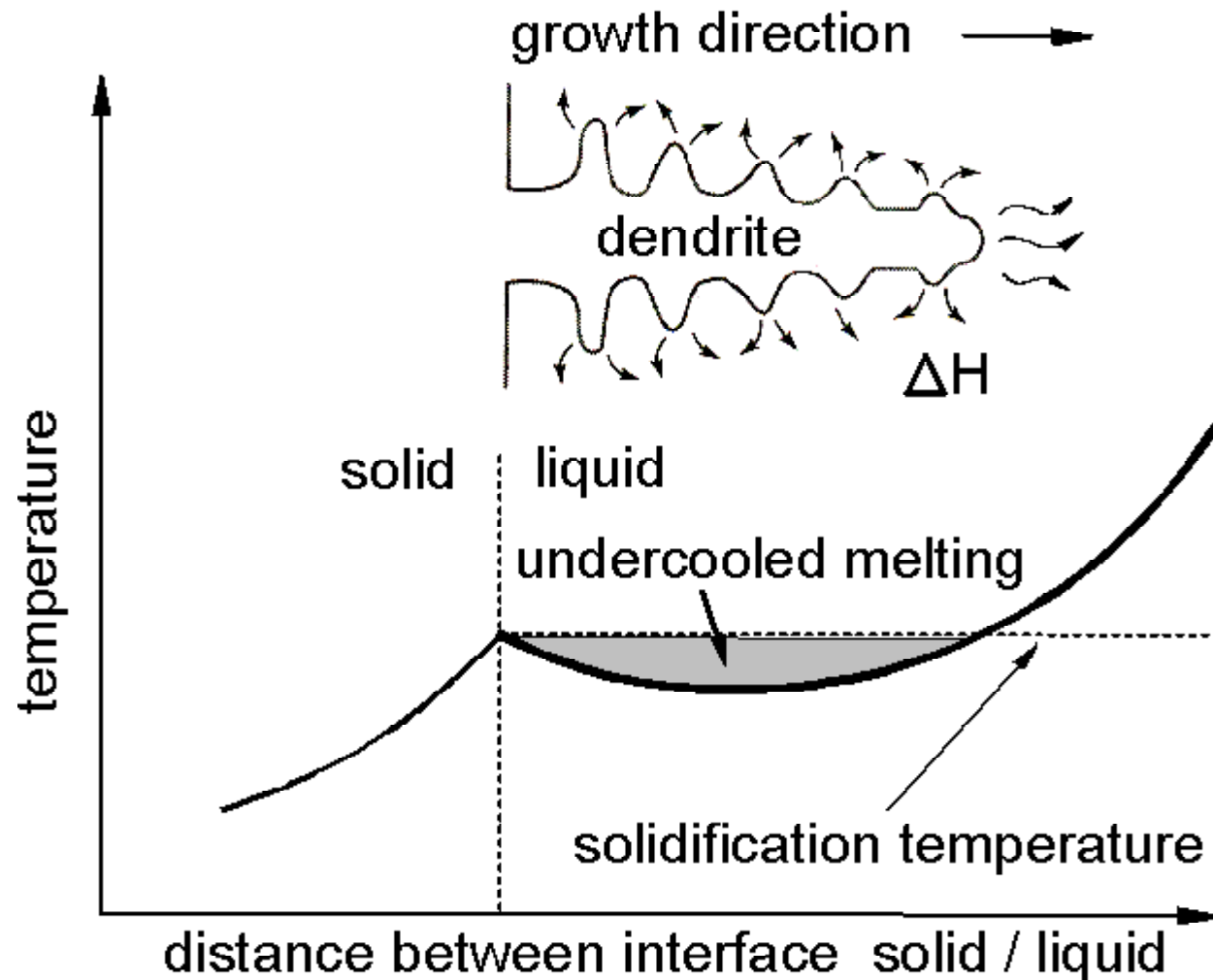
if Θ very large, $f \rightarrow 1$ (no wetting)

$$T_{\text{liquid}} > T_{\text{solid}}$$

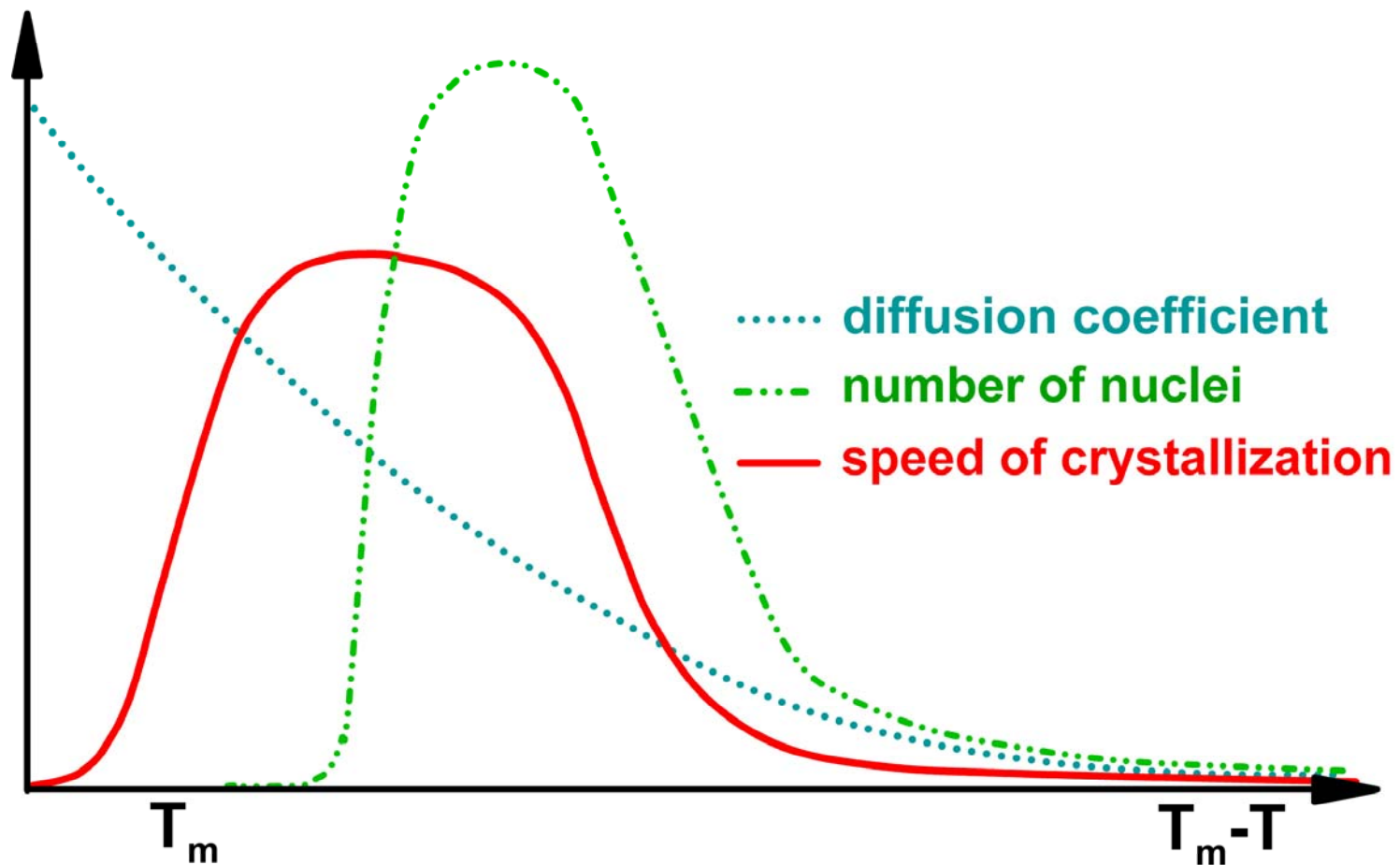
latent heat will be deduced by the solid state



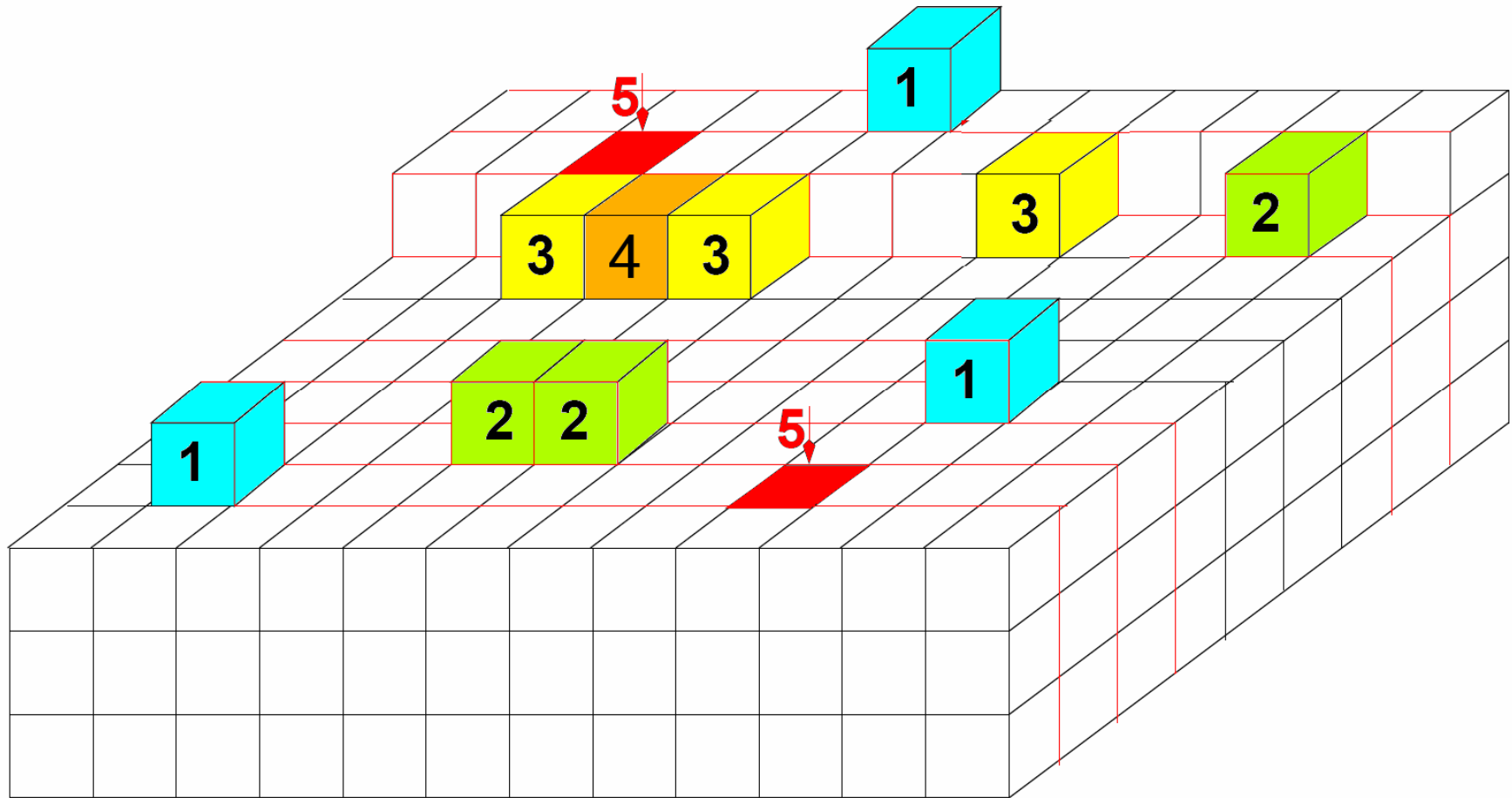
$T_{\text{solid}} > T_{\text{liquid}}$ latent heat will be deduced by the melting



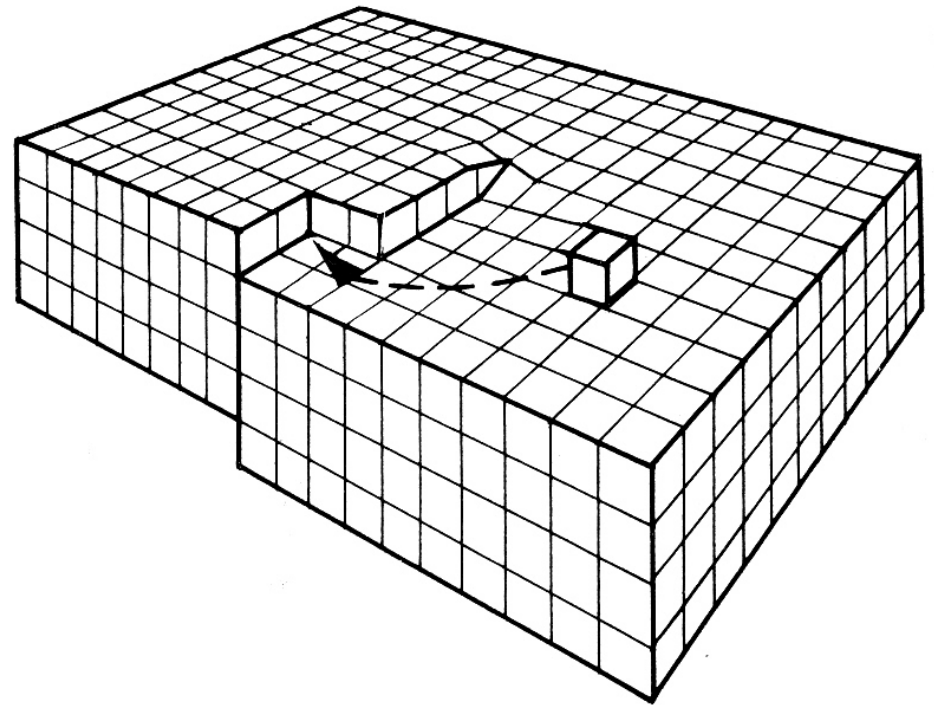
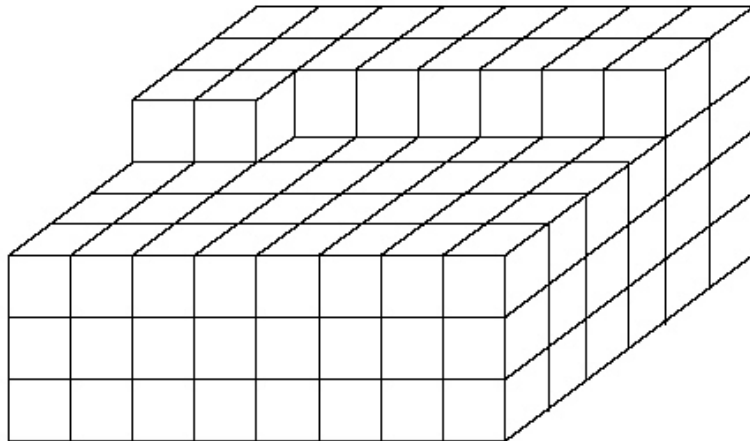
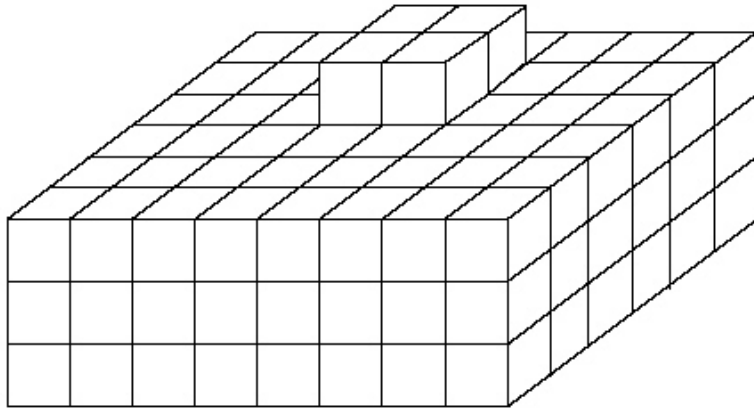
Speed of crystallisation



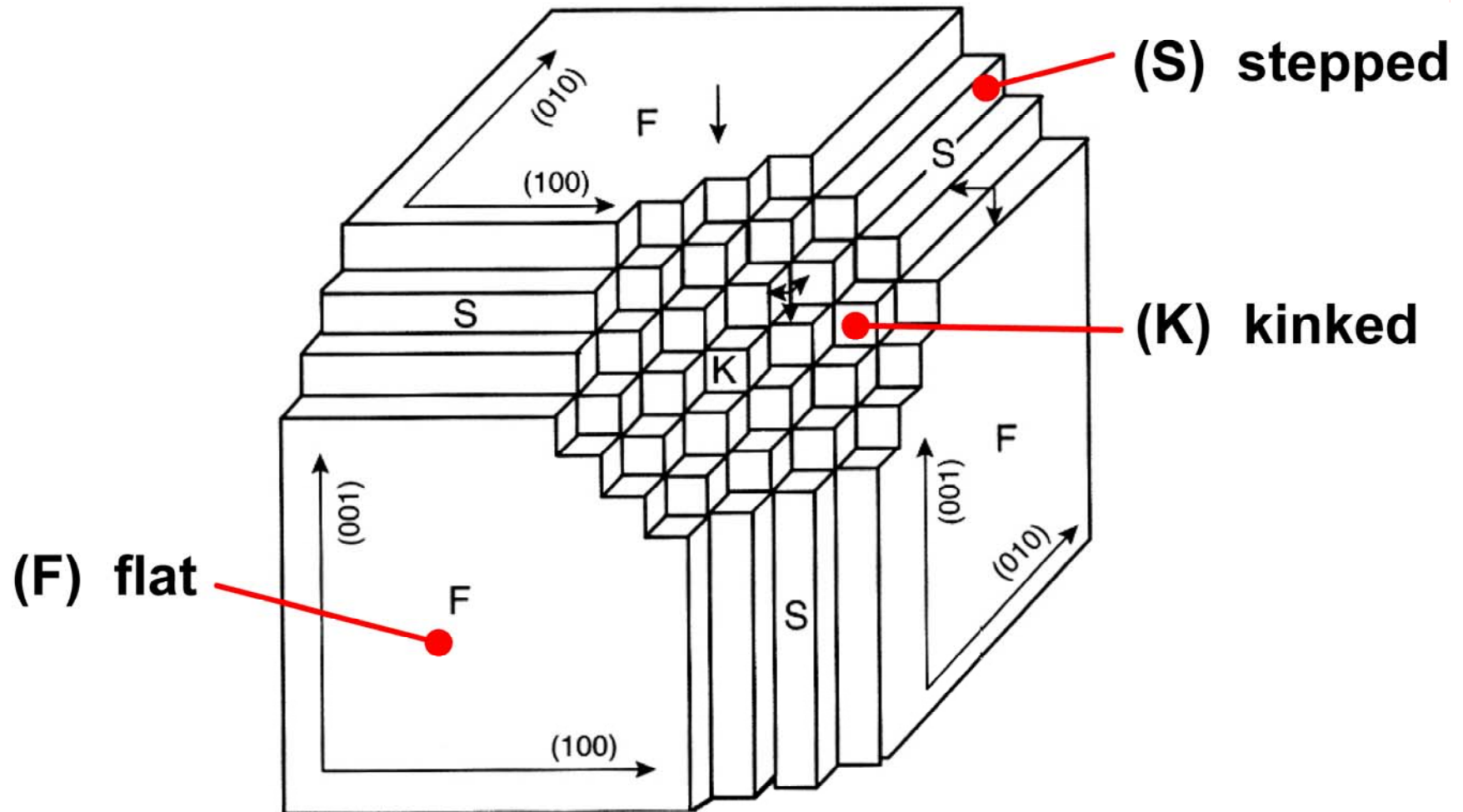
Preferred growing positions on the crystal-surface characterized by the binding energy



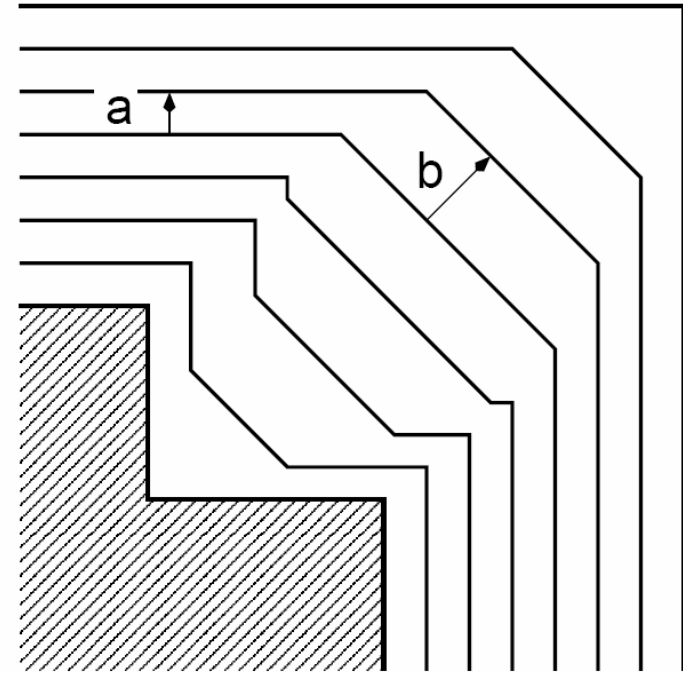
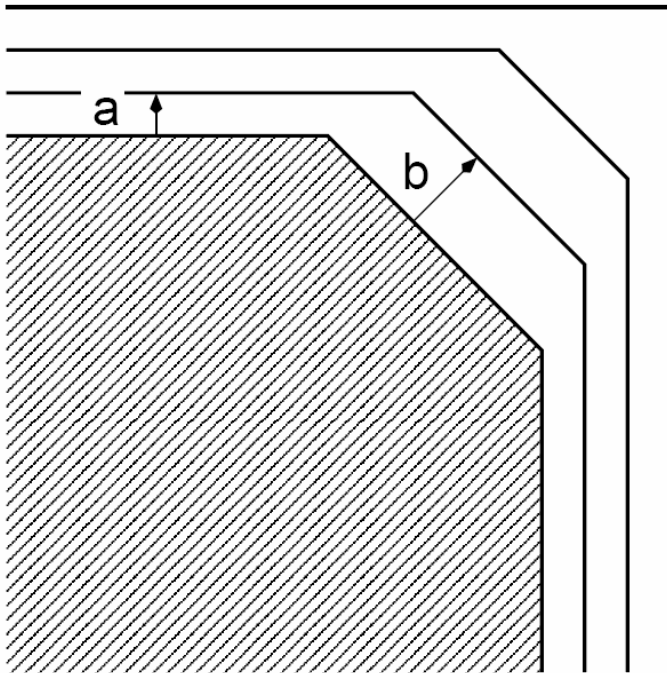
Different types of surface growth



Schematic of a kossel crystal

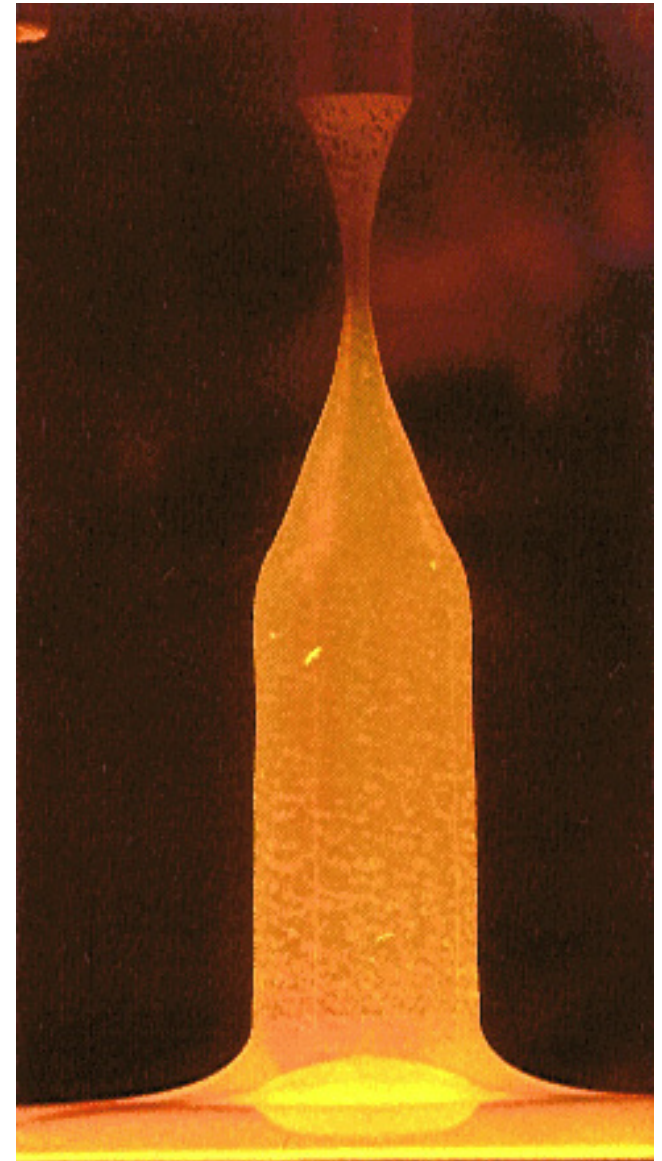
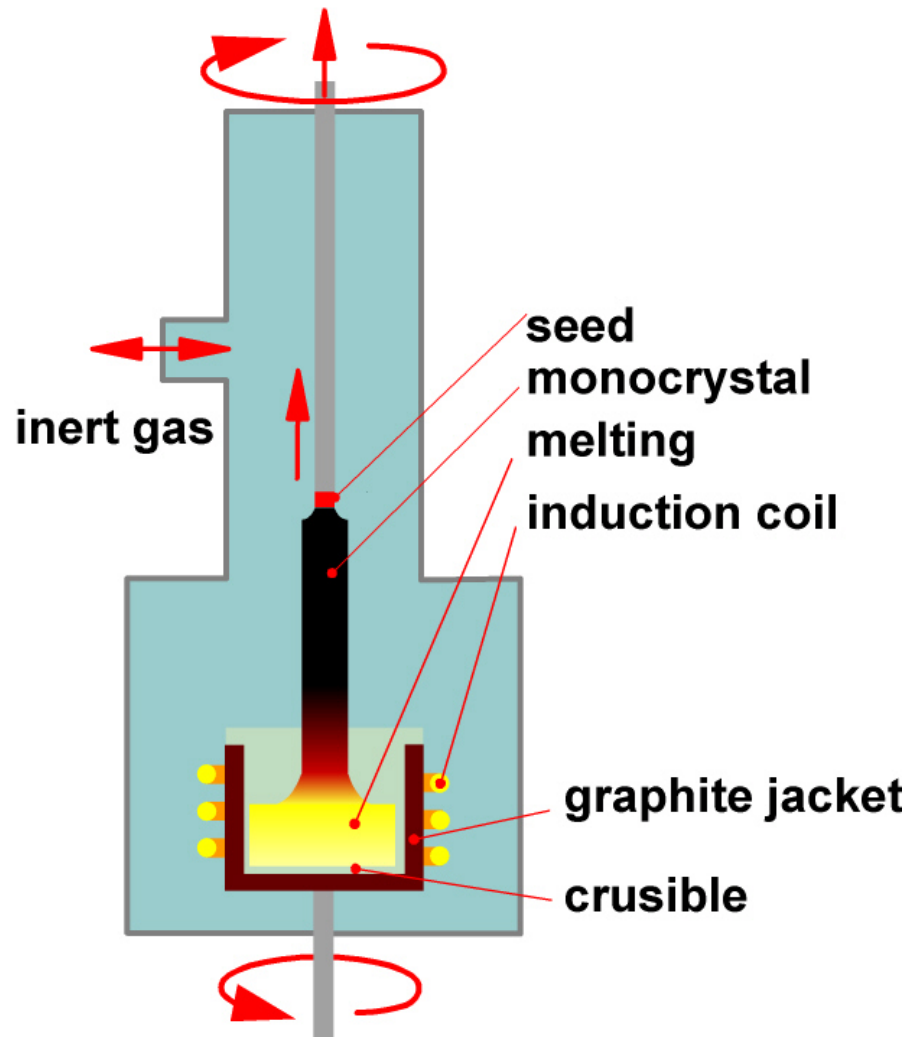


Displacement steps for a (a) slow and a (b) fast growing area

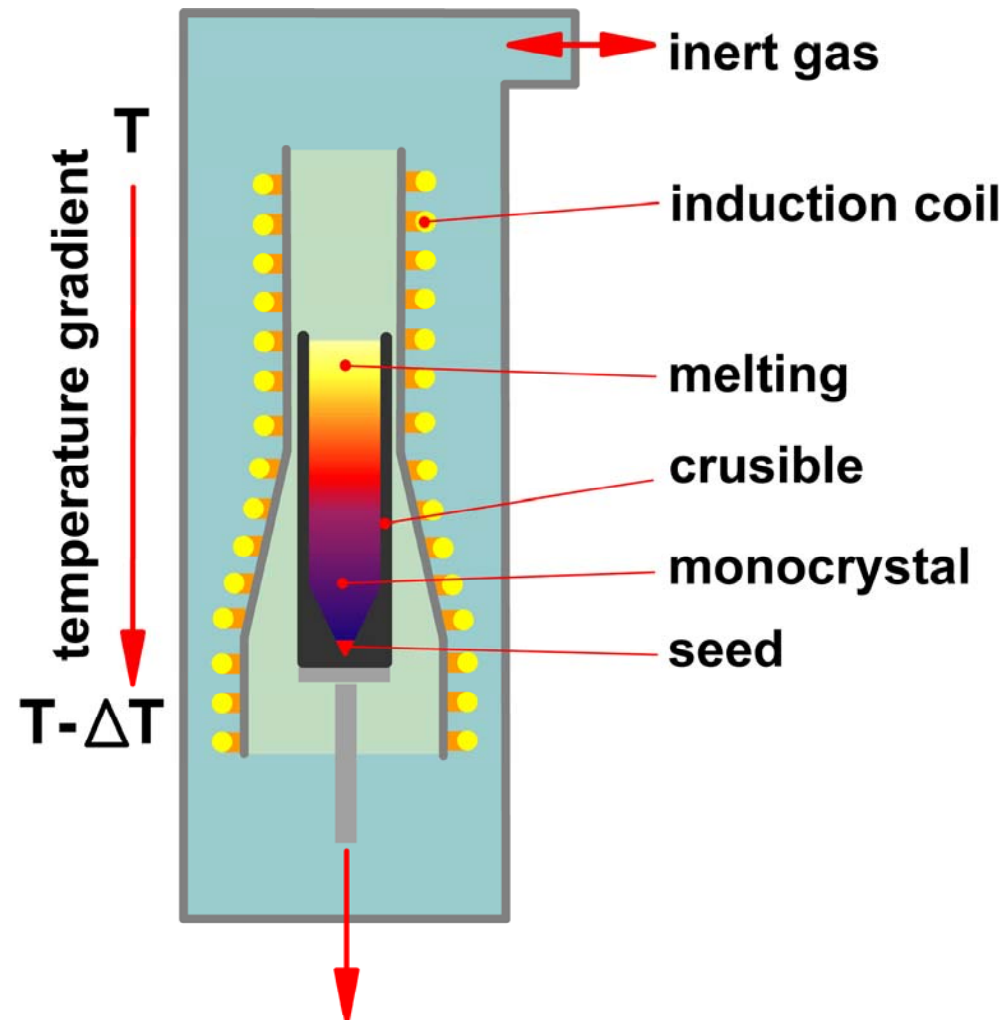




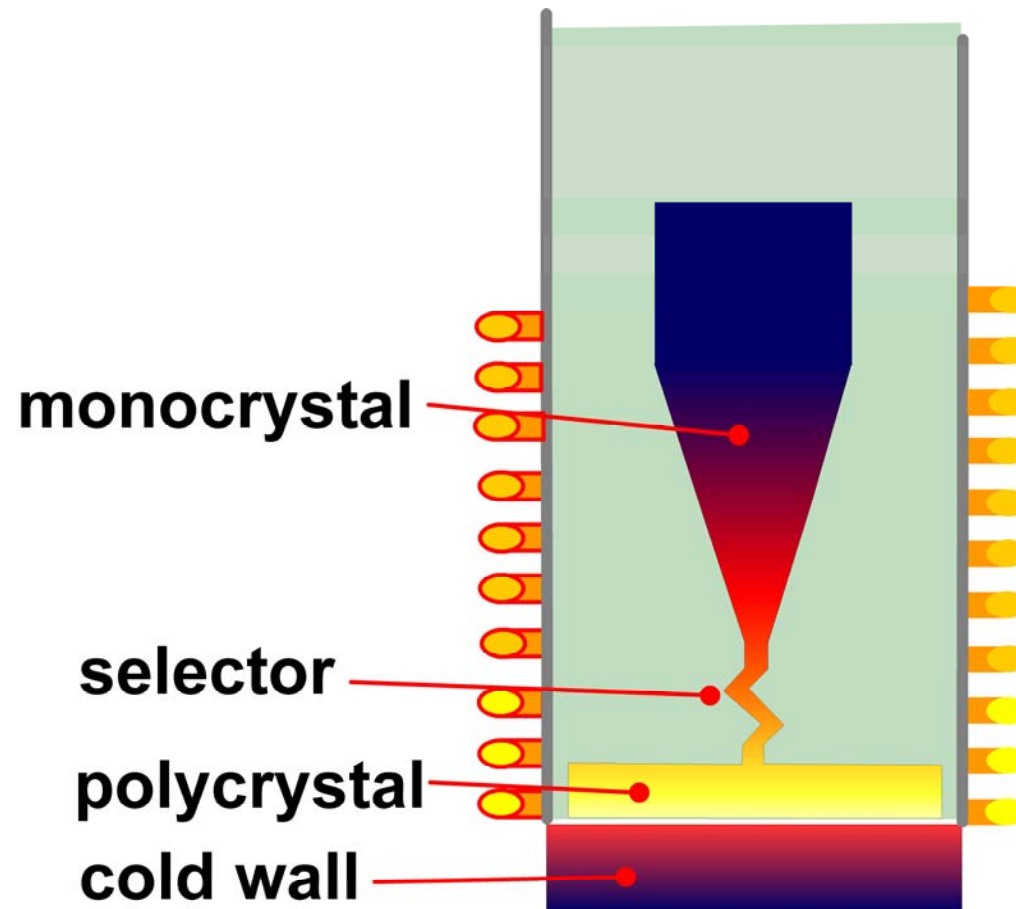
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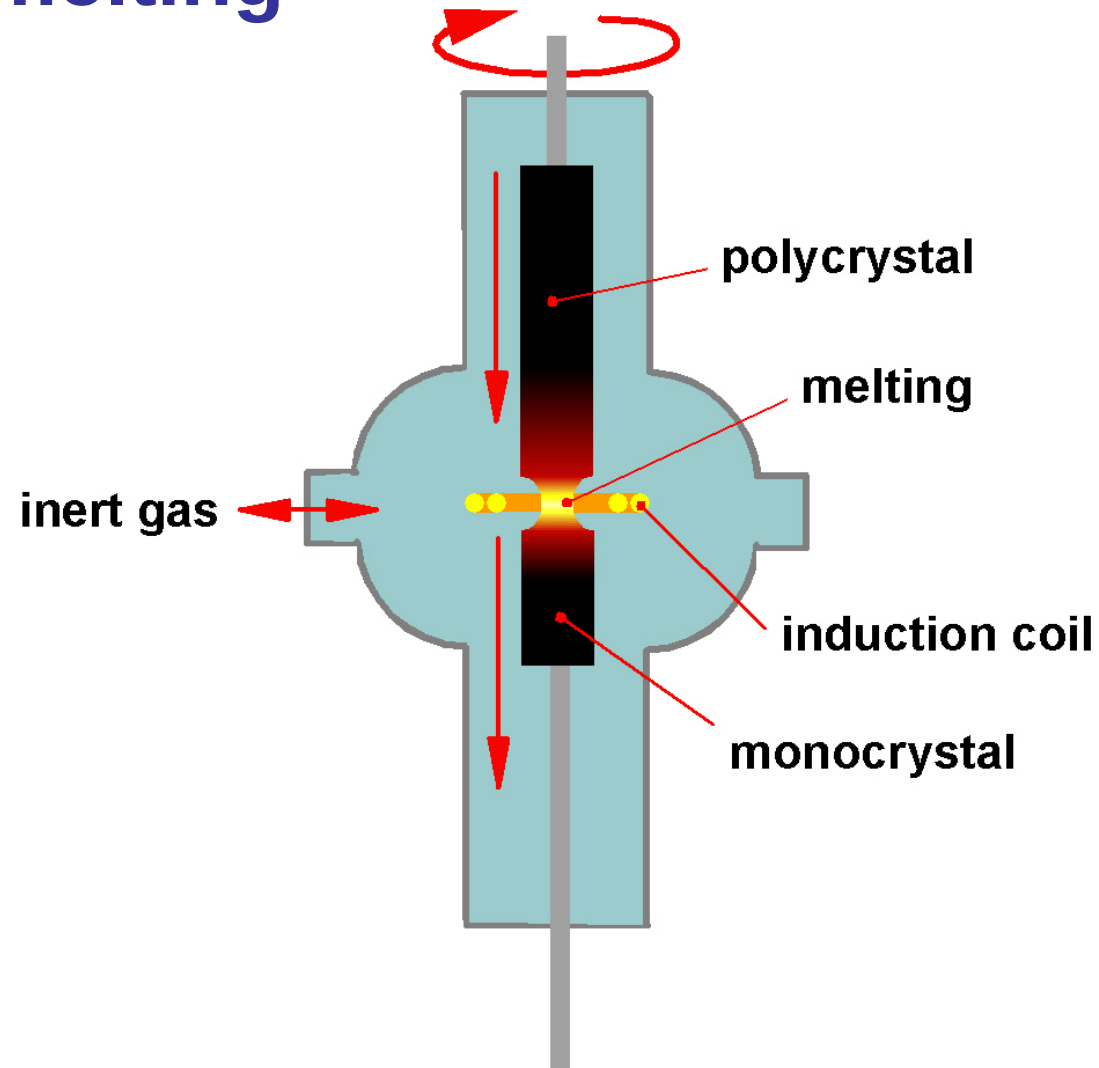
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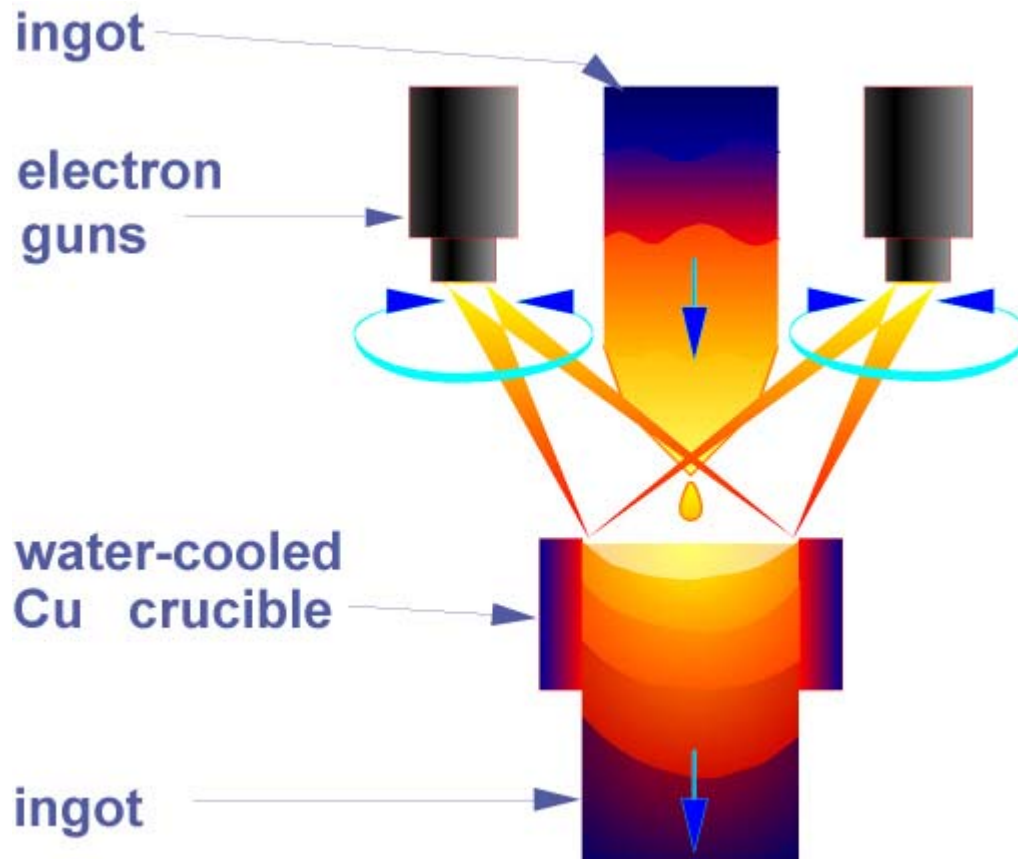
Bridgman-process with selector



Zone melting



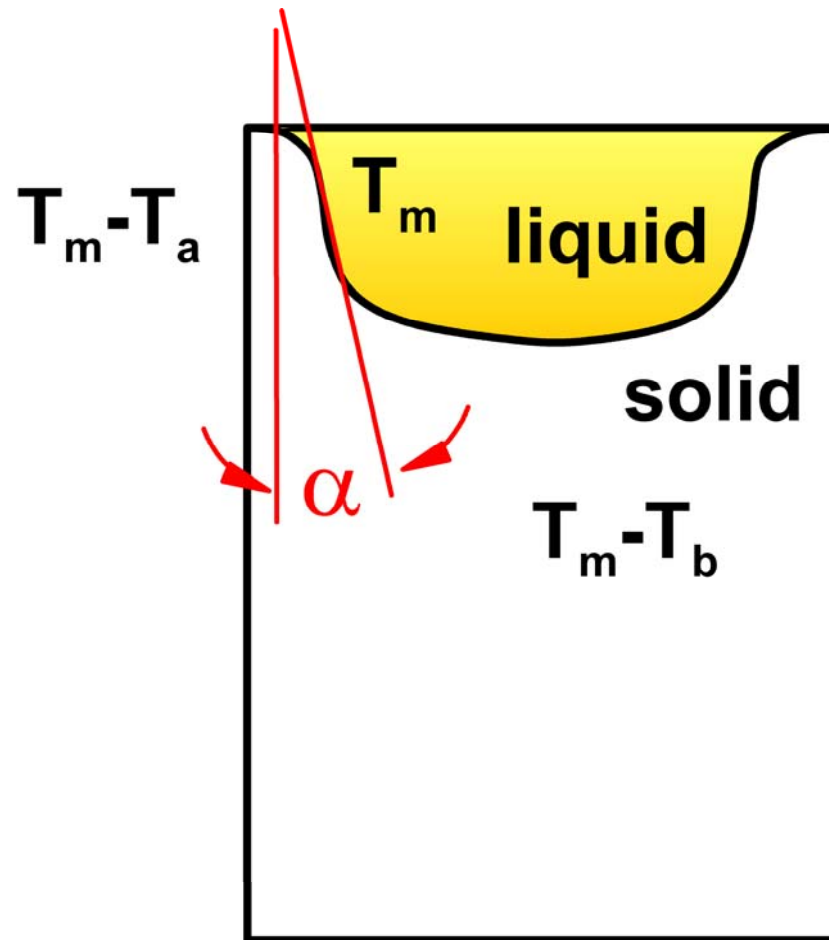
Electron Beam melting furnace



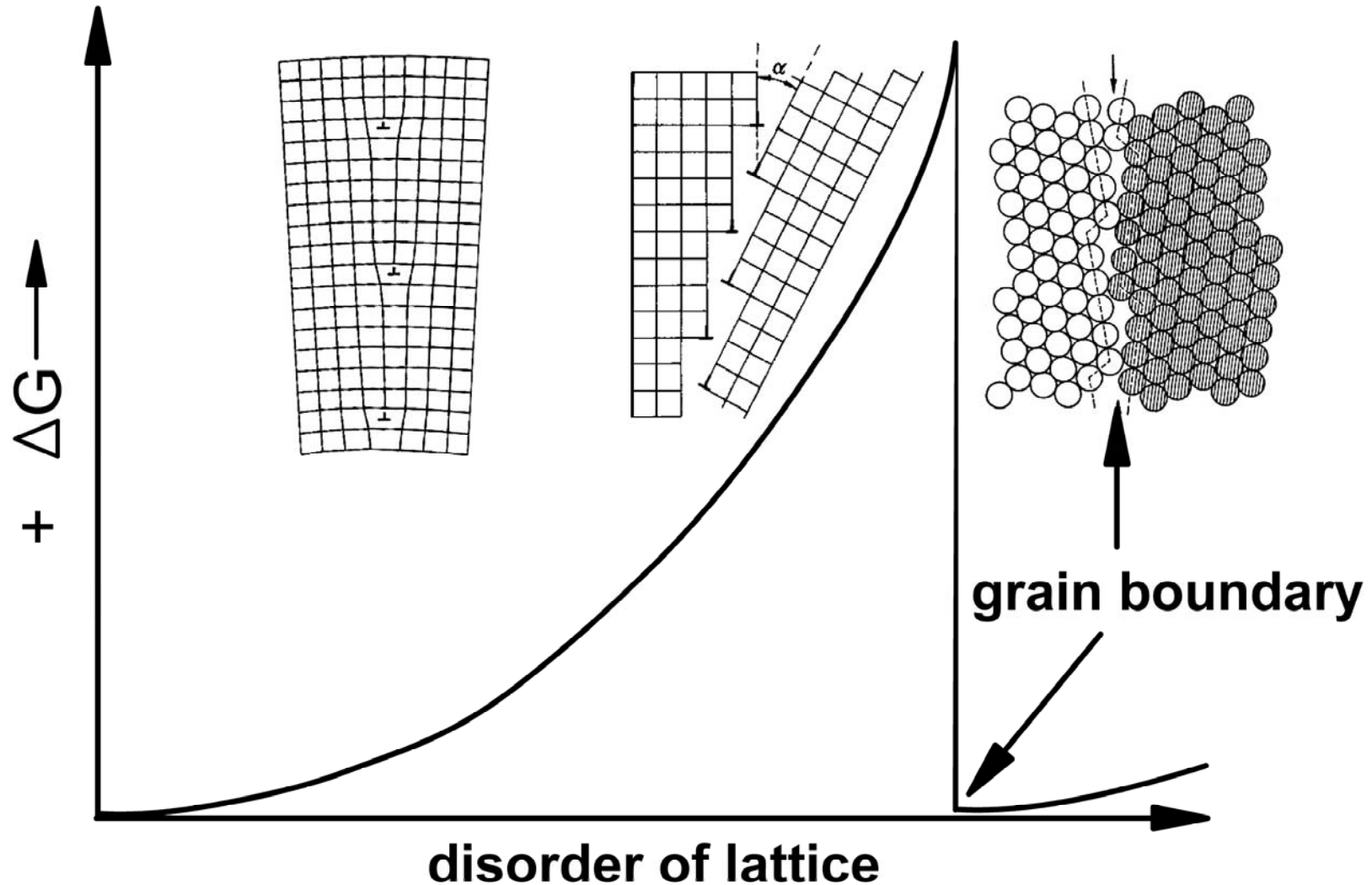




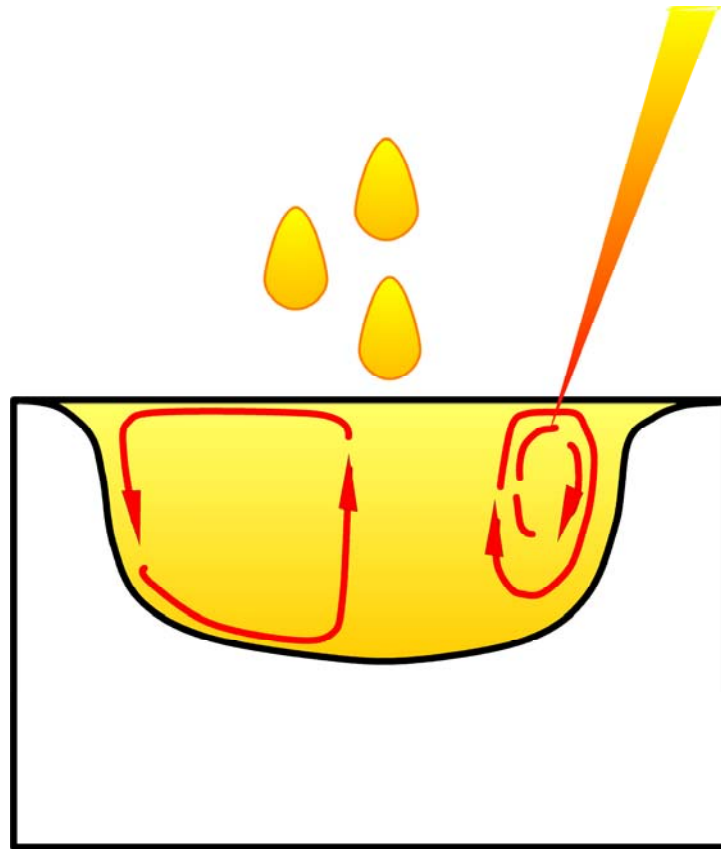
Crystal growing conditions in dependence of the angle between solid- and liquid surface

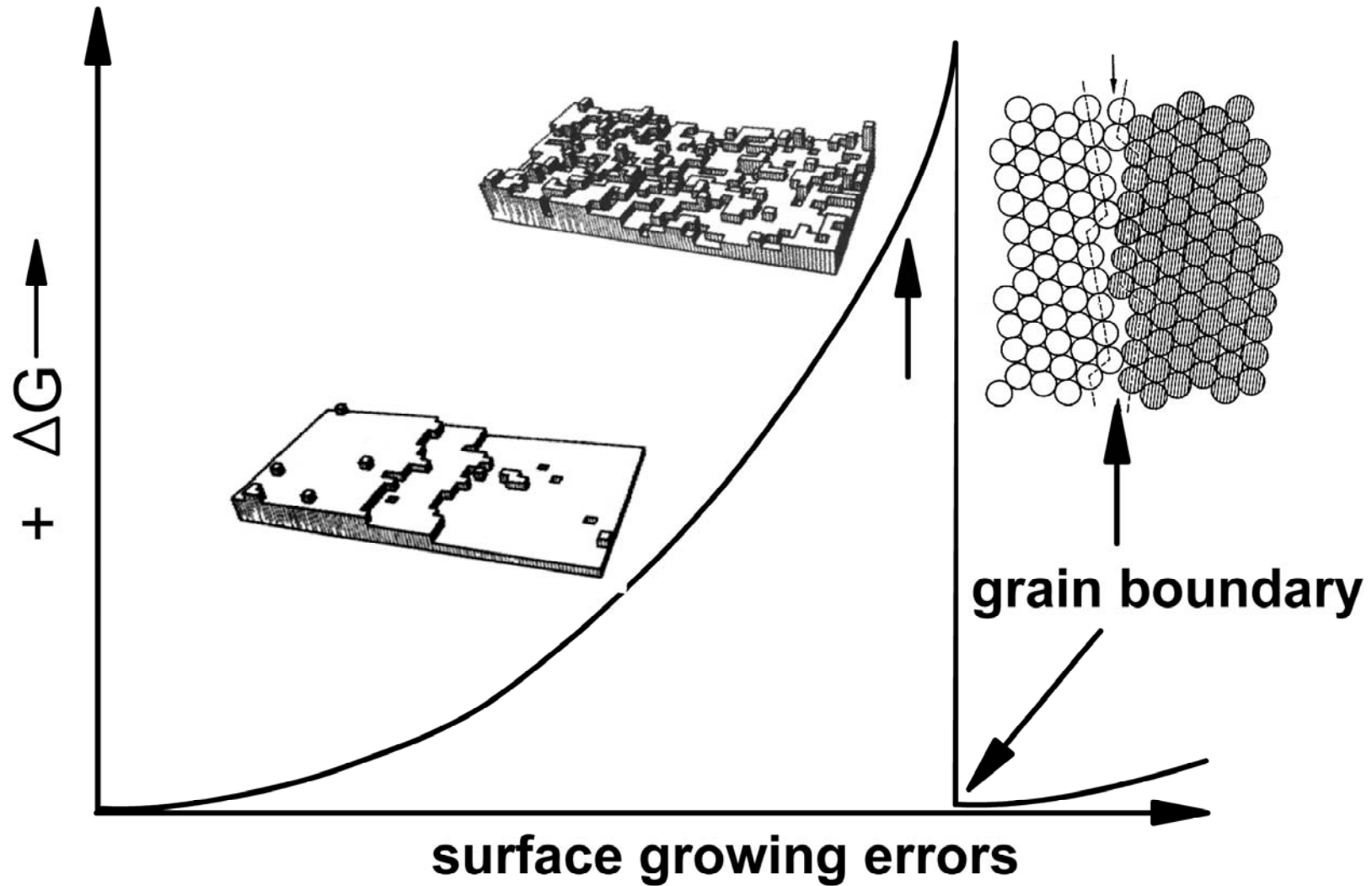


High disorder leads to grain boundaries

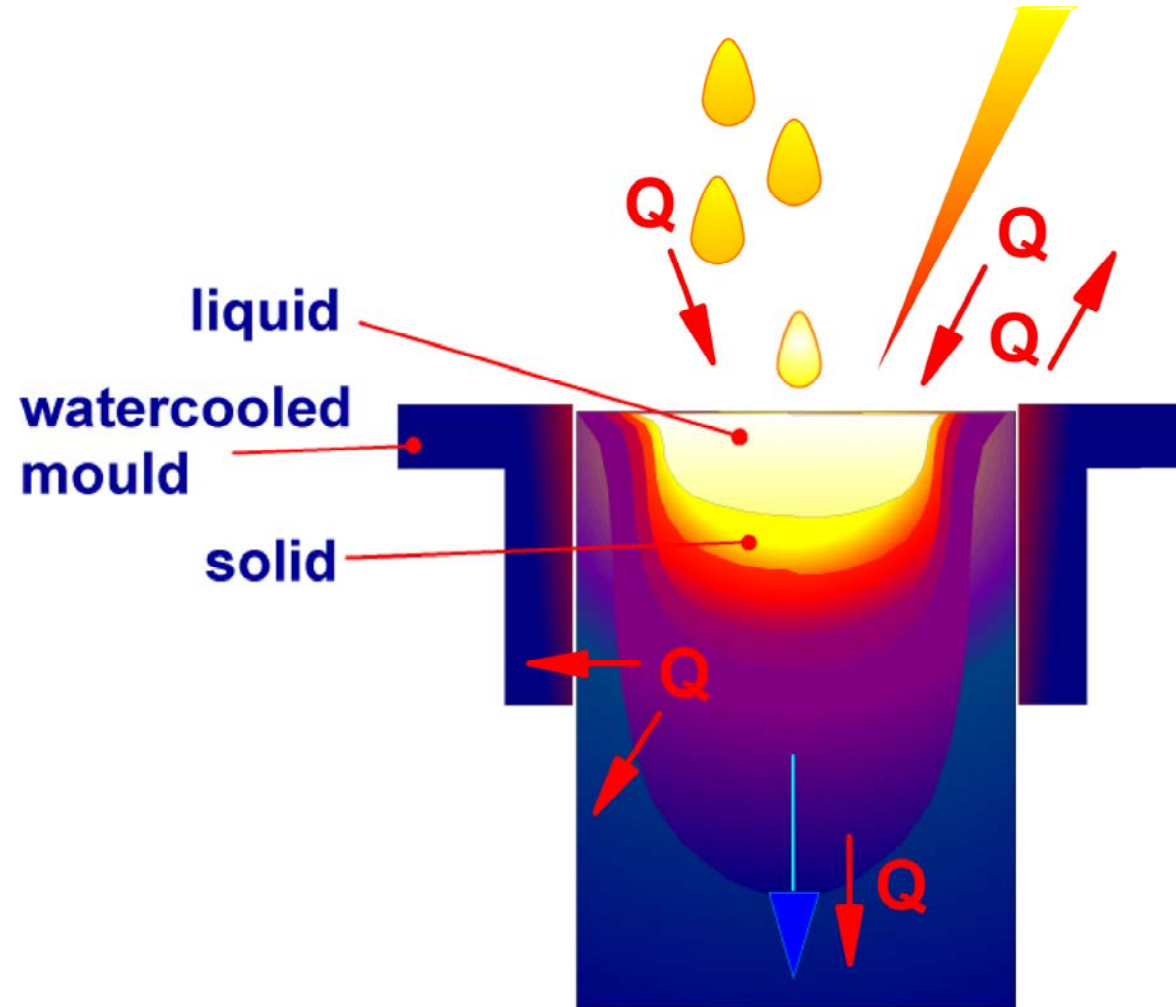


Convection in the melting in dependence of the viscosity, surface tension, density etc





Thermal economy of the EB-melting



Thank you for attention