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# The cyclic phase transformation concept and the effective interface mobility

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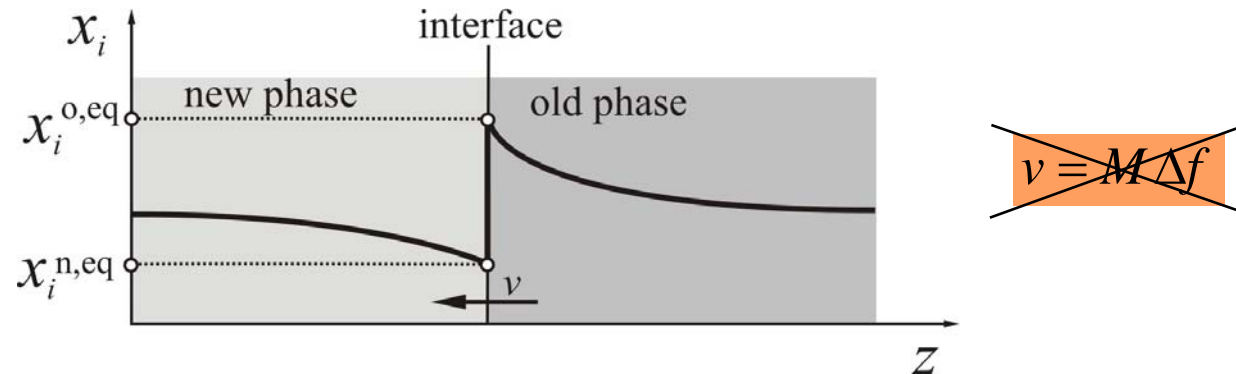
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(e.g. solid / liquid or solid/solid phase transformations)
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    - Cyclic phase transformations
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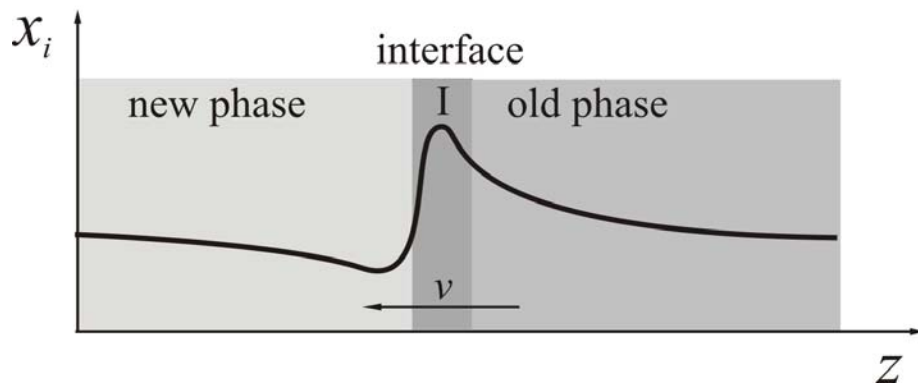


# Theory

## Model 1: Sharp interface, infinite mobility LE(NP)

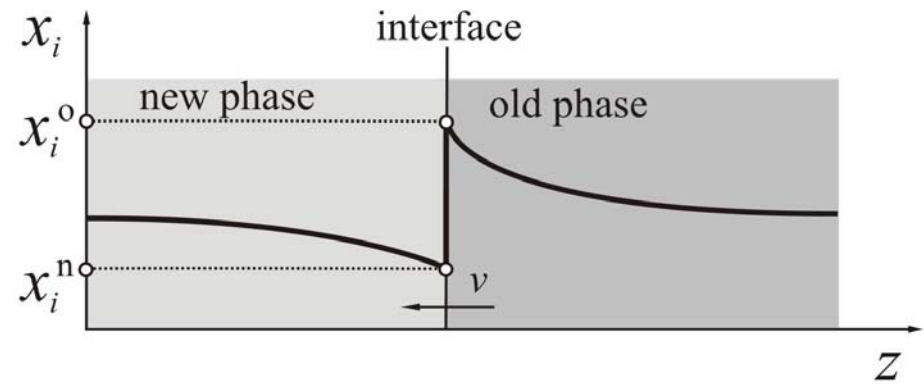


## Model 2: Interfacial region (Thick interface)



## Model 3: Finite mobility (SI):

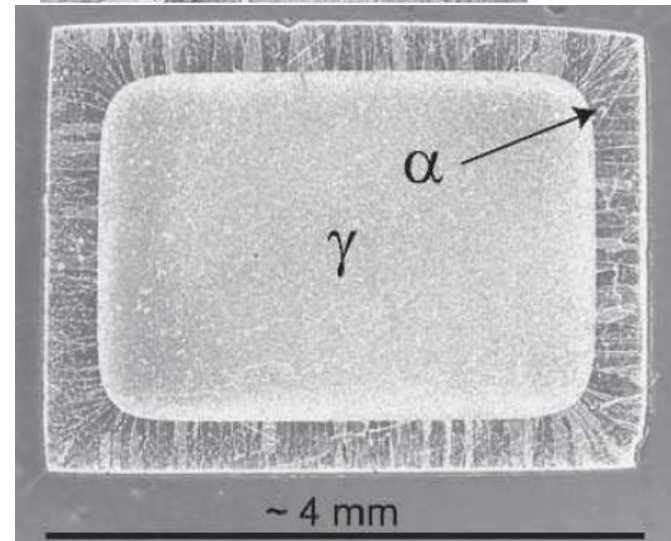
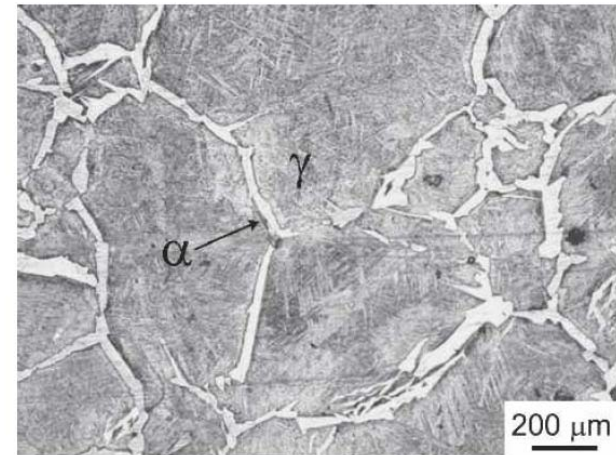
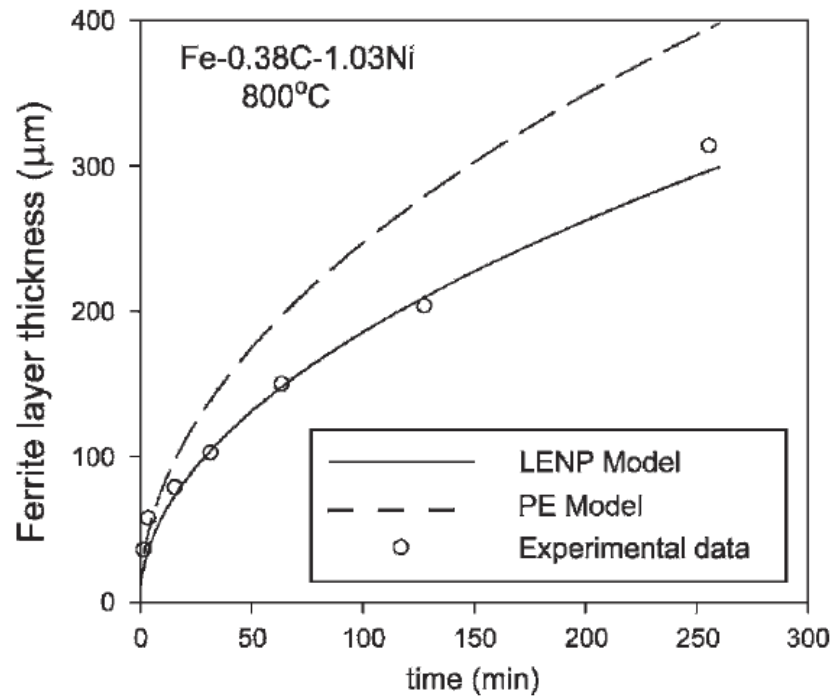
(Effective interface mobility, no substitutional bulk diffusion)



$$v = M \Delta f$$

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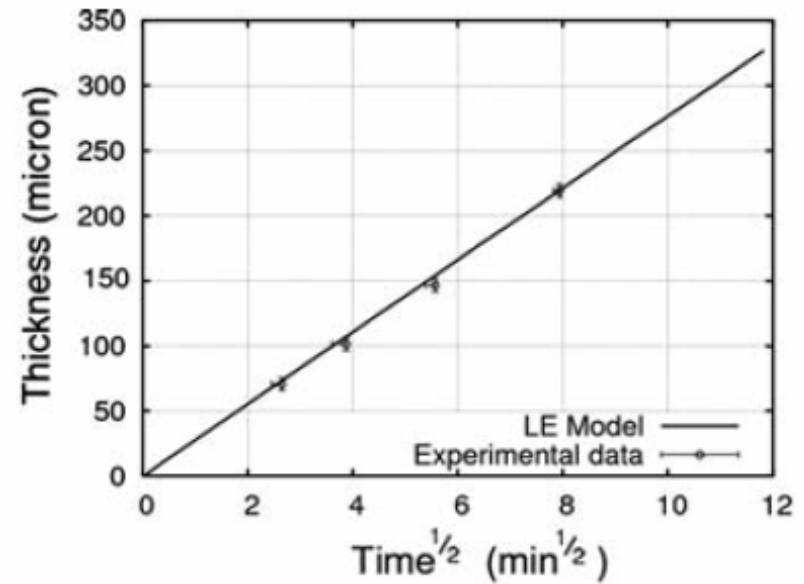
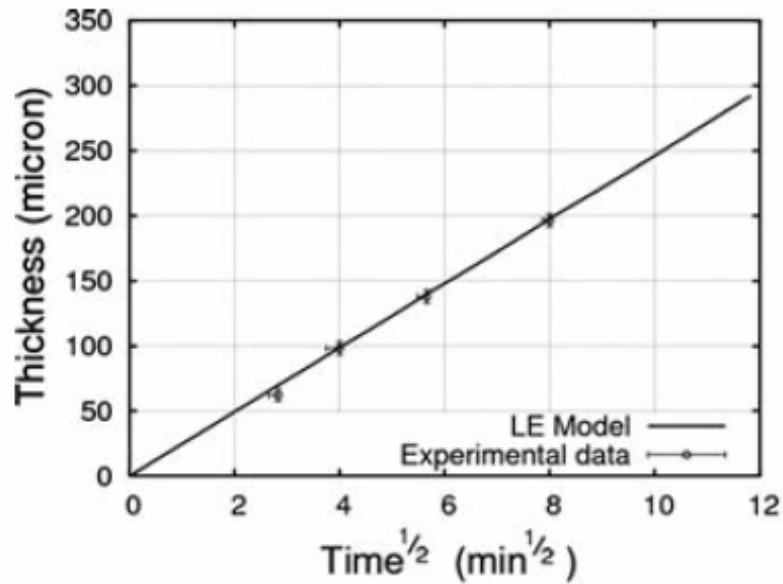
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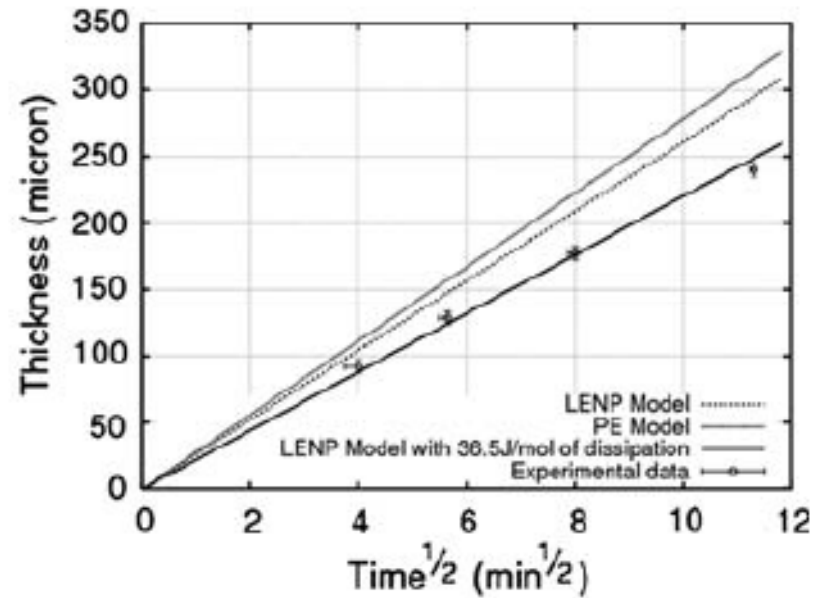
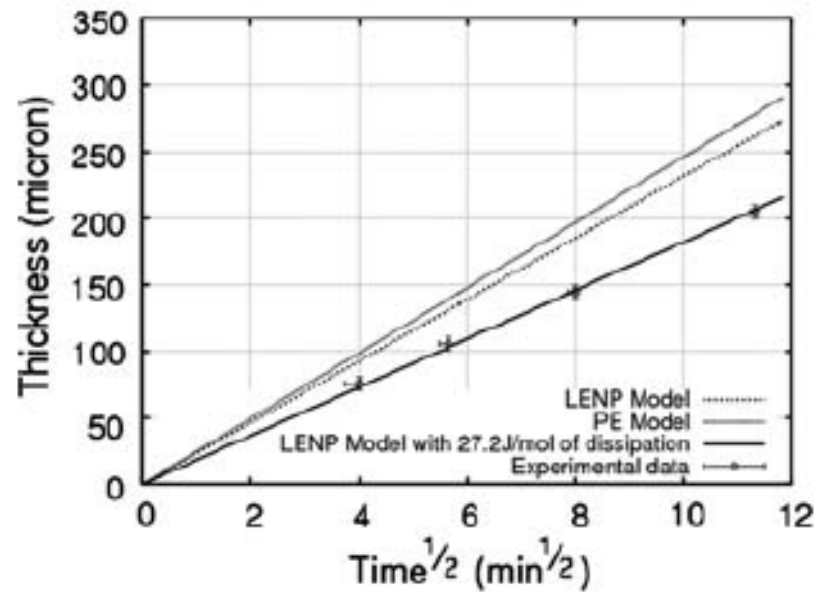


Ferrite layer growth kinetics during decarburization of an Fe-0.57C (mass frac. in %) binary alloy at 850°C and 825°C.



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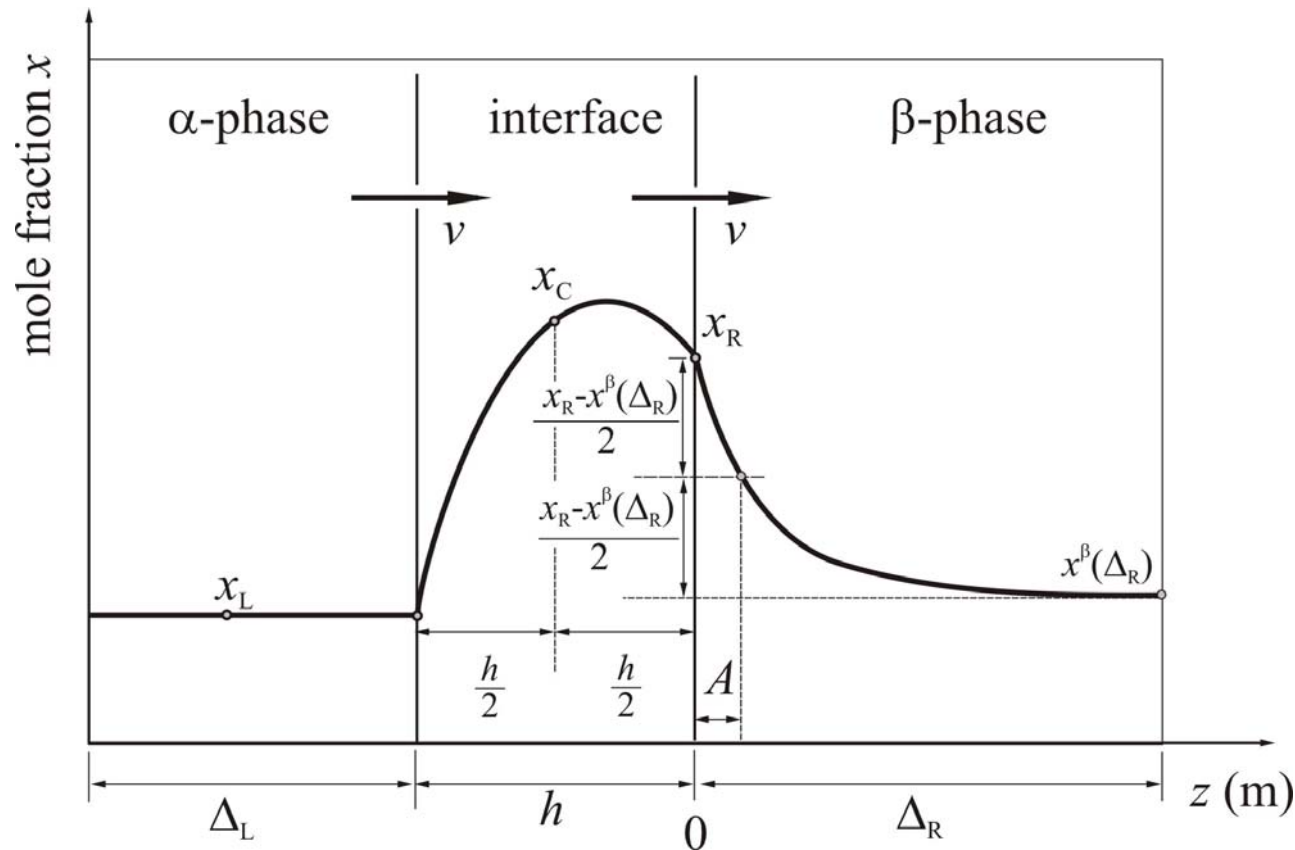
$\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$  transformation: Fe-C-Cr



Ferrite layer growth kinetics during decarburization of an Fe-0.58C-2.0Cr (mass frac. in %) alloy at 806°C and 775°C.



## Model 2: Thick interface parametric model

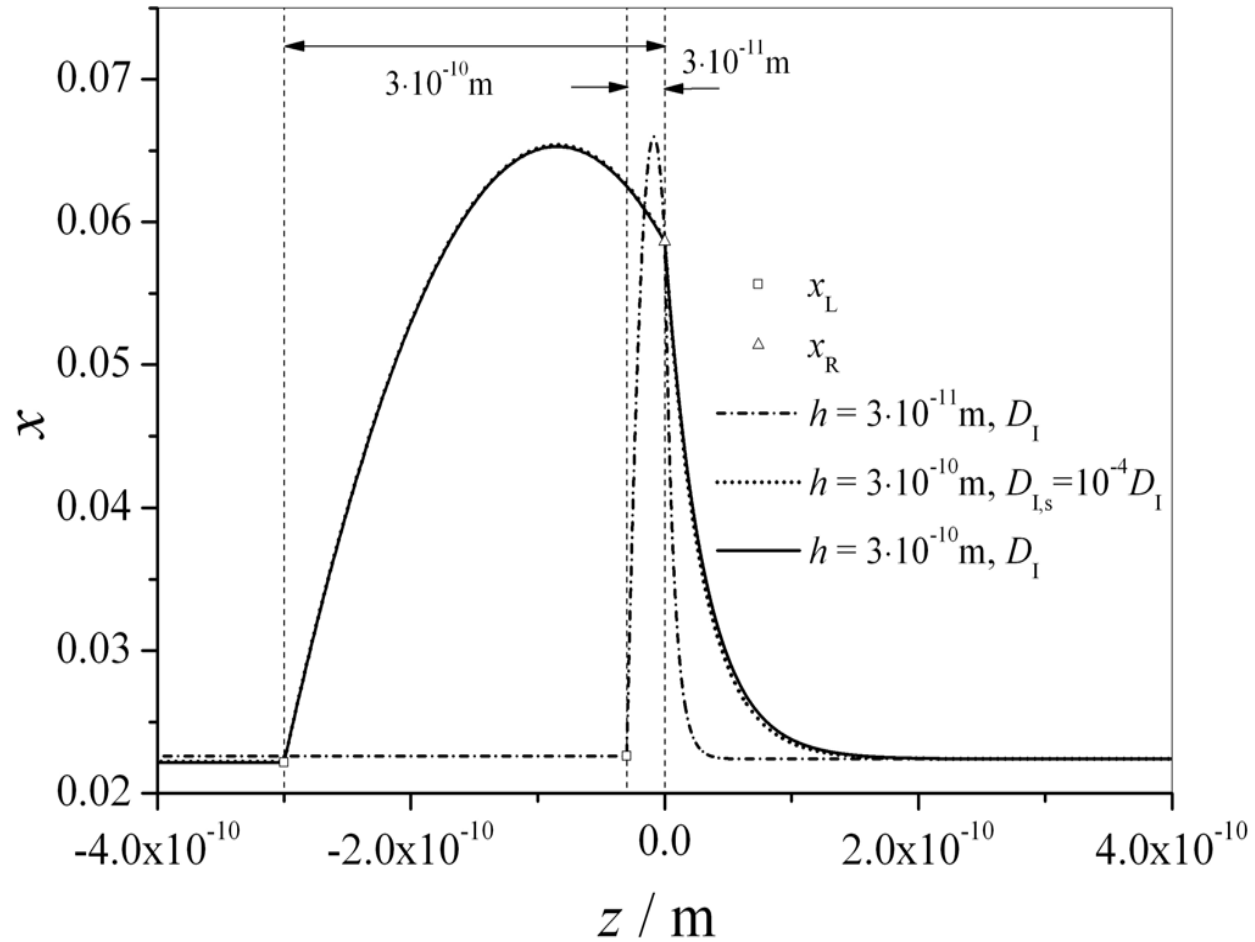


$$x^{\text{int}}(z) = 2(x_L - 2x_C + x_R) \left(\frac{z}{h}\right)^2 + (x_L - 4x_C + 3x_R) \left(\frac{z}{h}\right) + x_R$$

$$x^\beta(z) = B \left( \exp\left(-\frac{z}{A}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{2\Delta_R - z}{A}\right) \right) + x_{\text{start}}^\beta$$



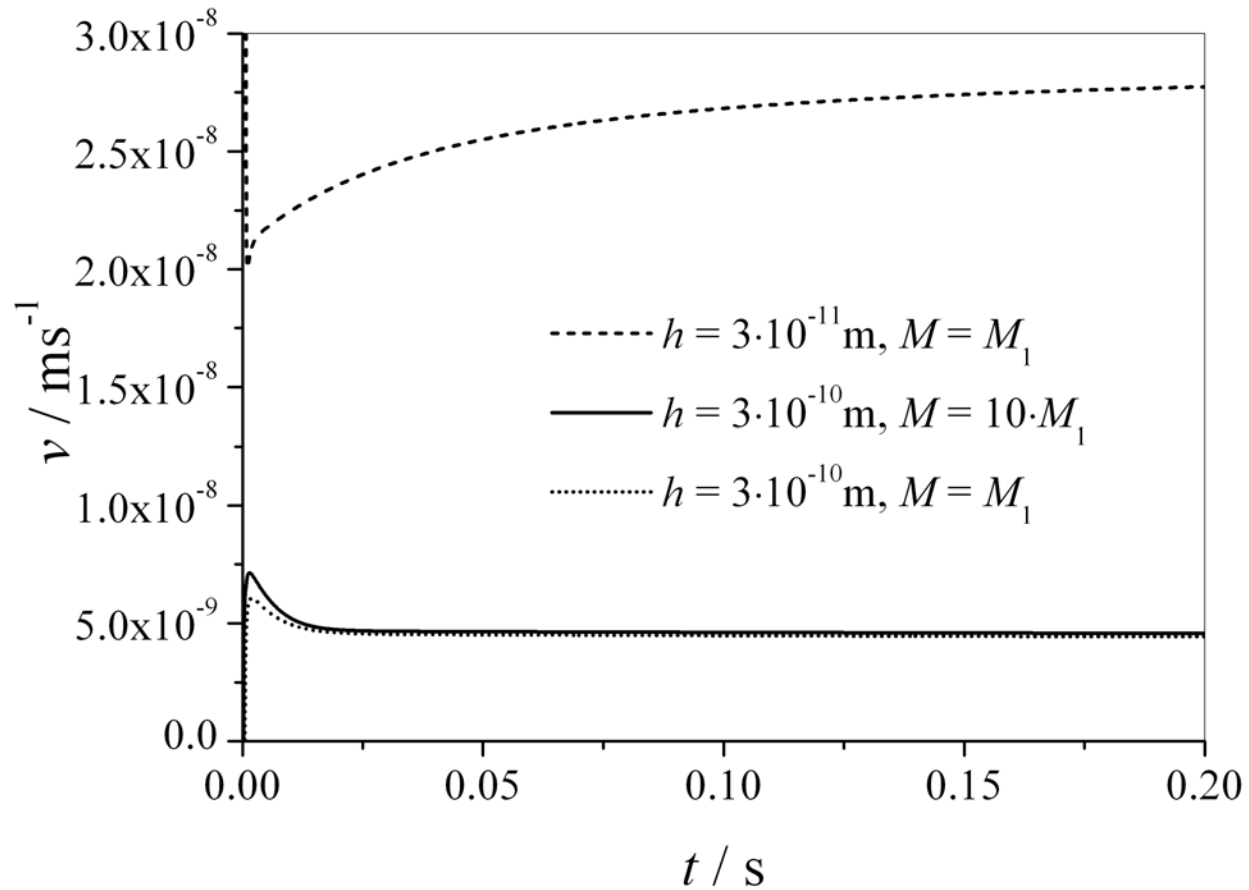
## Model 2: Fe-Mn system





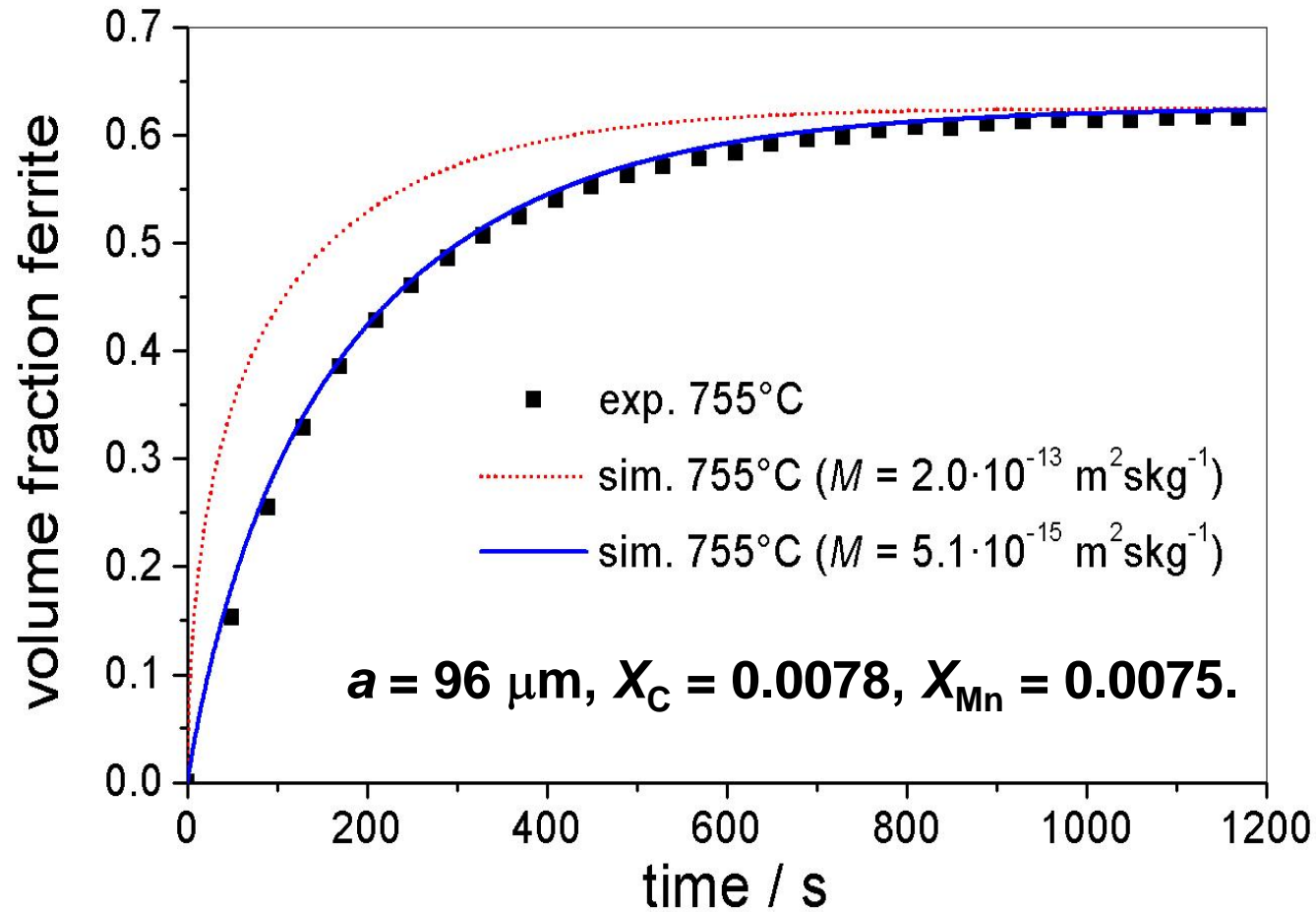


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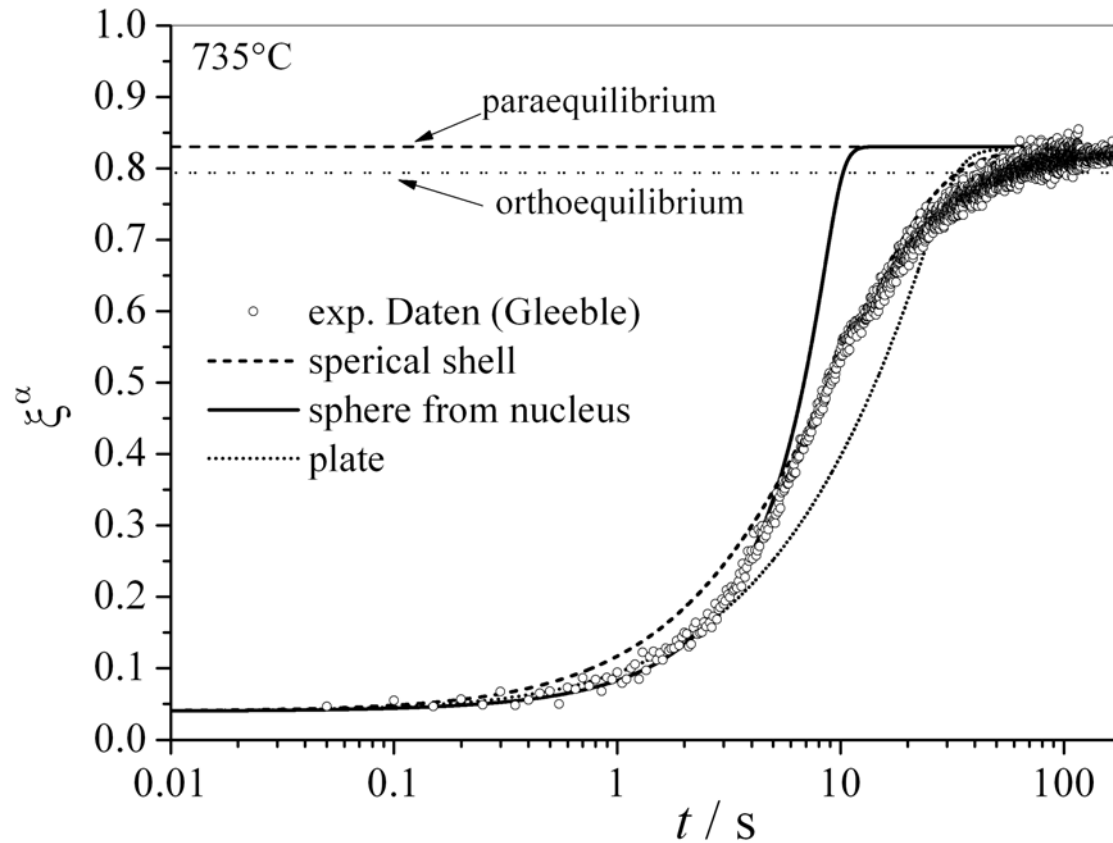


## Model 3: Fe-Mn-C system





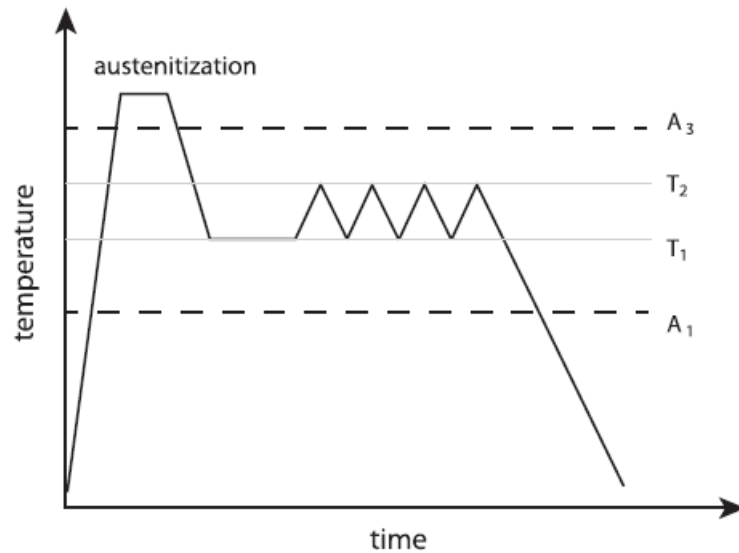
## Model 3: (Fe-C-Mn-Si)



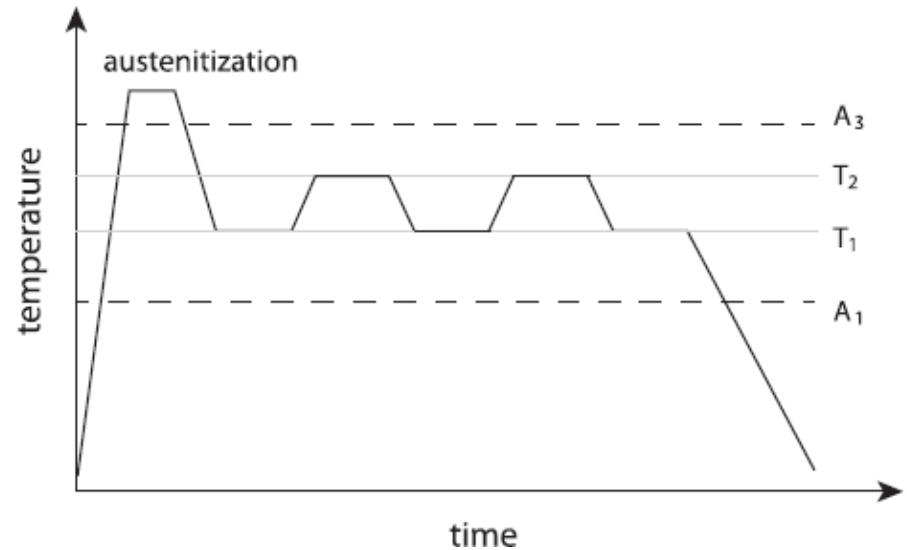


# Novel experimental approach: Cyclic phase transformations

## I-type experiment



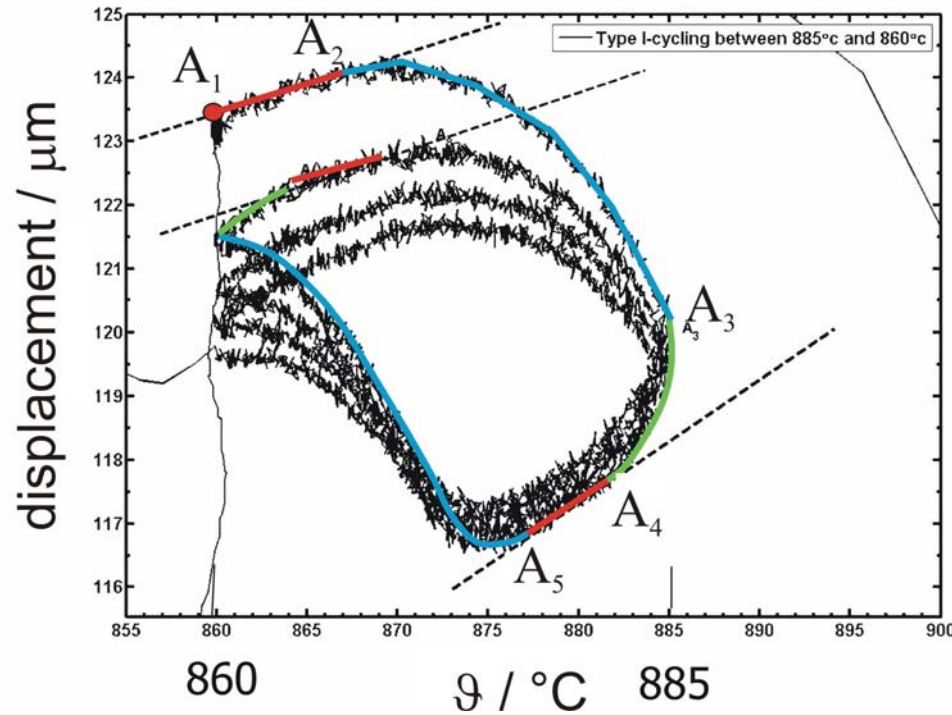
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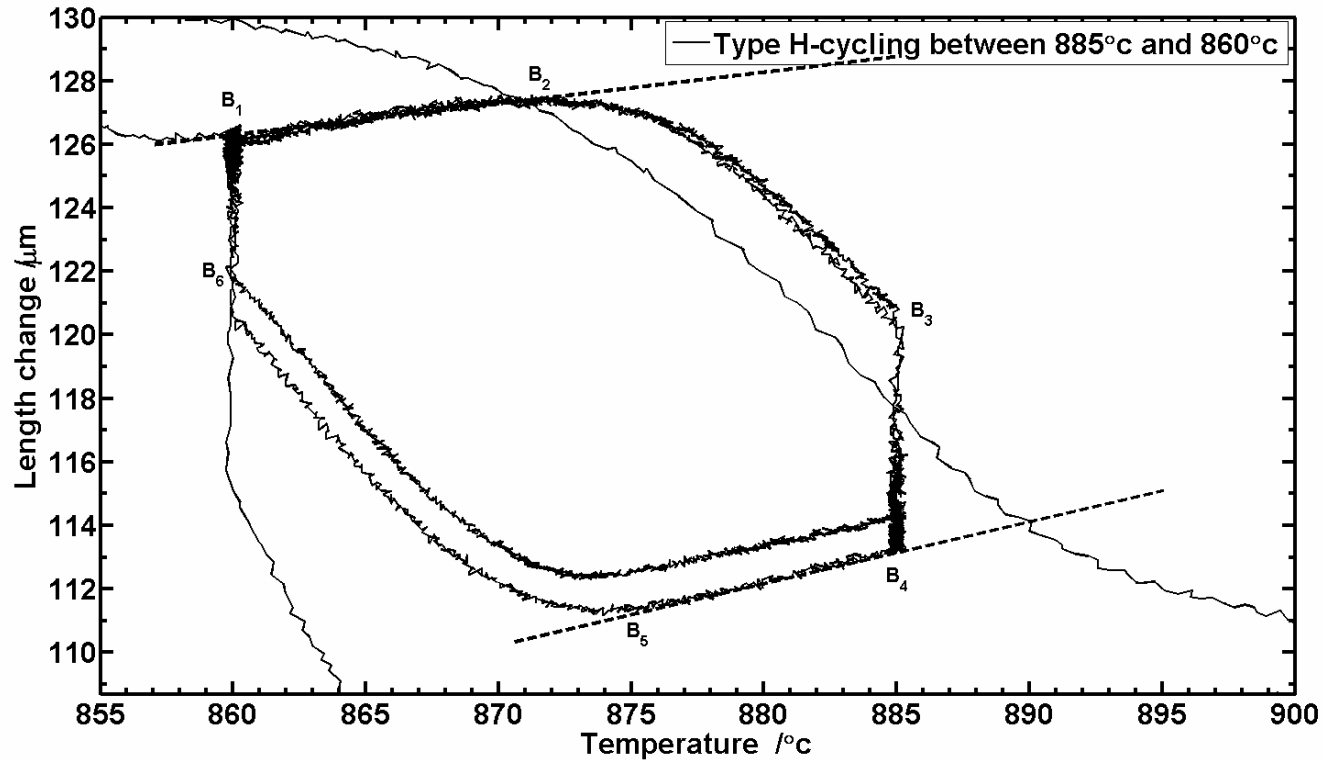
## I-type experiment



A<sub>1</sub>-A<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>4</sub>-A<sub>5</sub>: **stagnant stage**  
A<sub>3</sub>-A<sub>4</sub>: **Inverse phase transformation**



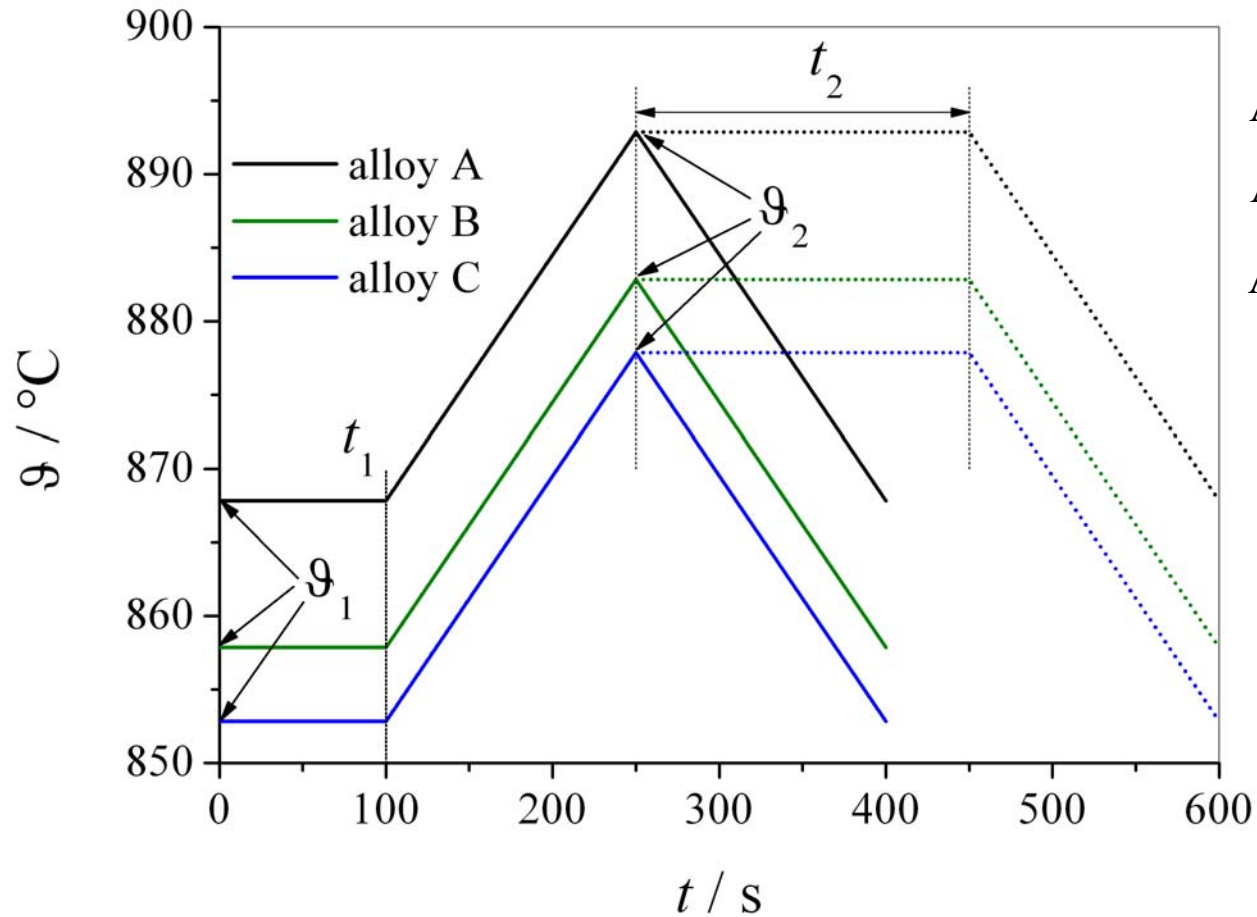
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$B_1$ - $B_2$  and  $B_4$ - $B_5$ : **stagnant stage**



# Heat treatment in the computer simulations



Alloy A:  $w_{\text{Mn}} = 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ;  $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$

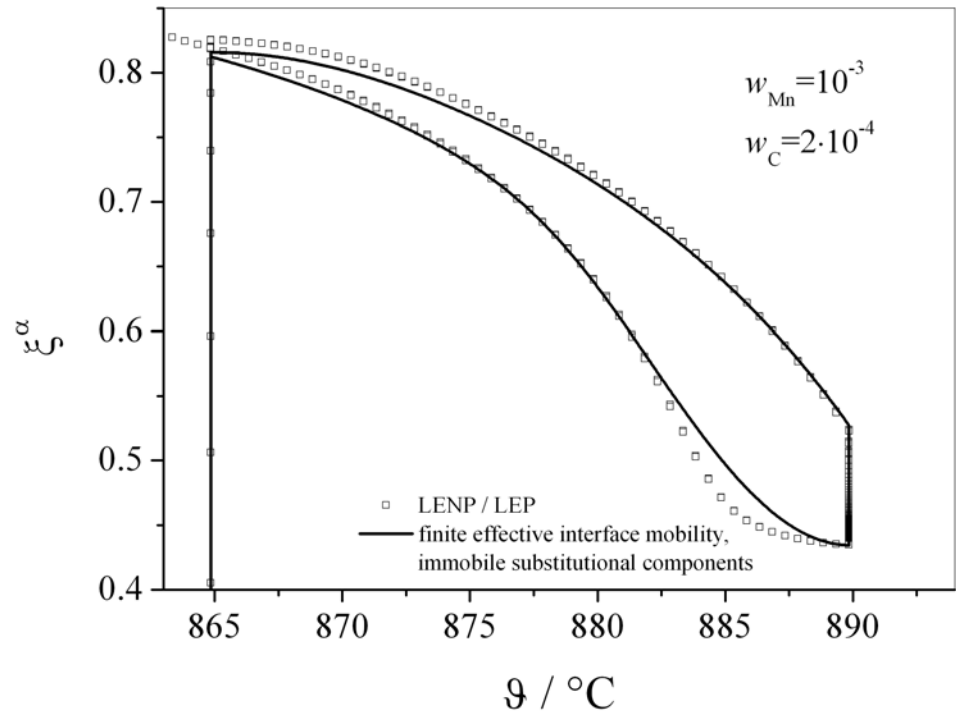
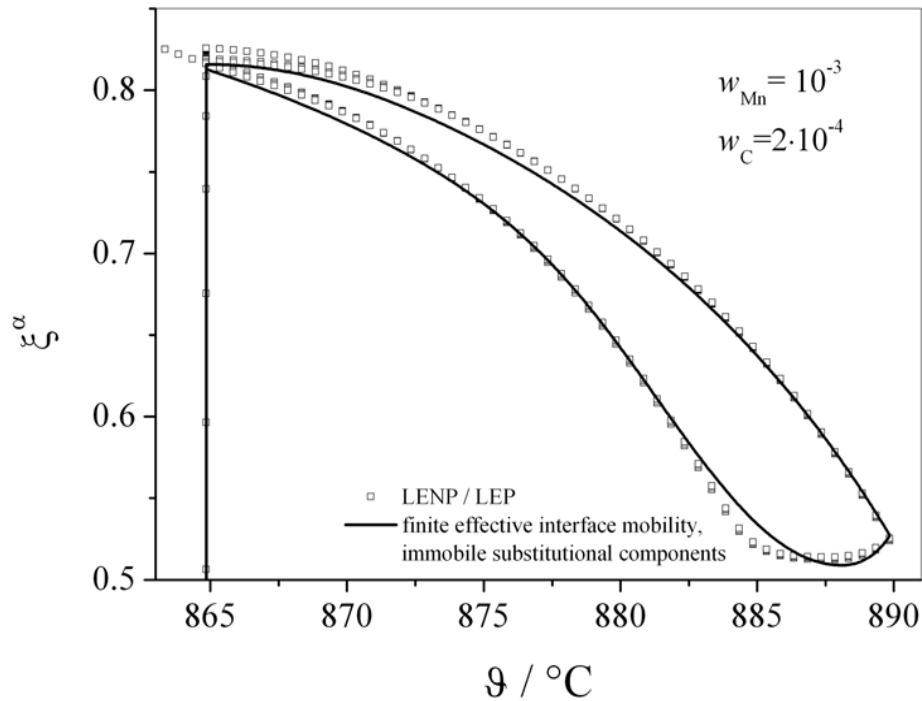
Alloy B:  $w_{\text{Mn}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ;  $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$

Alloy C:  $w_{\text{Mn}} = 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ;  $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$



# Comparison of Model 1 and Model 3

## Alloy A:



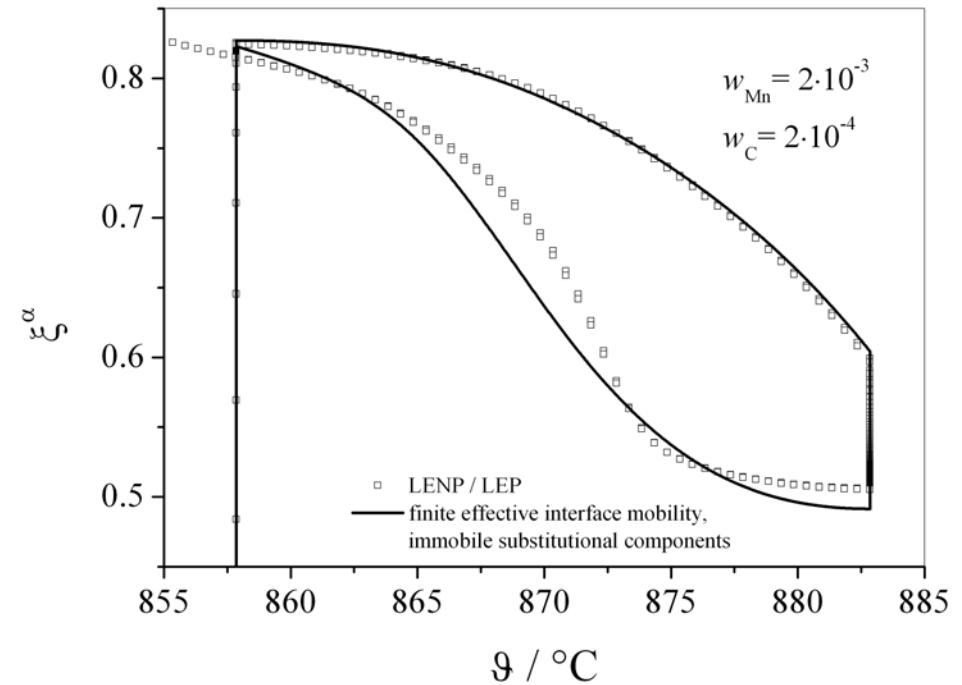
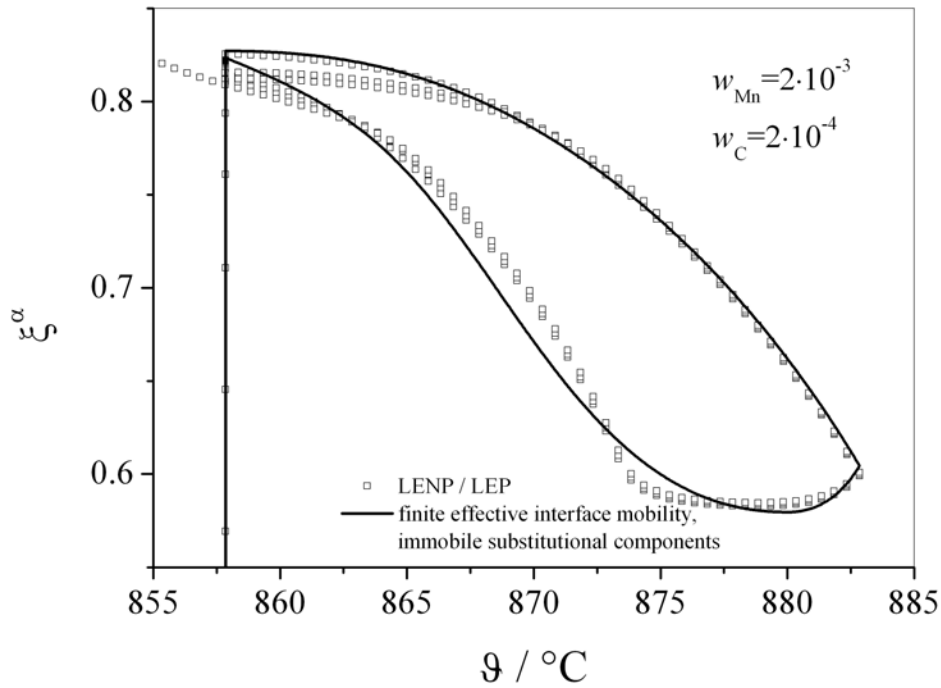
□ local equilibrium; — effective mobility





## Comparison of Model 1 and Model 3

Alloy B:

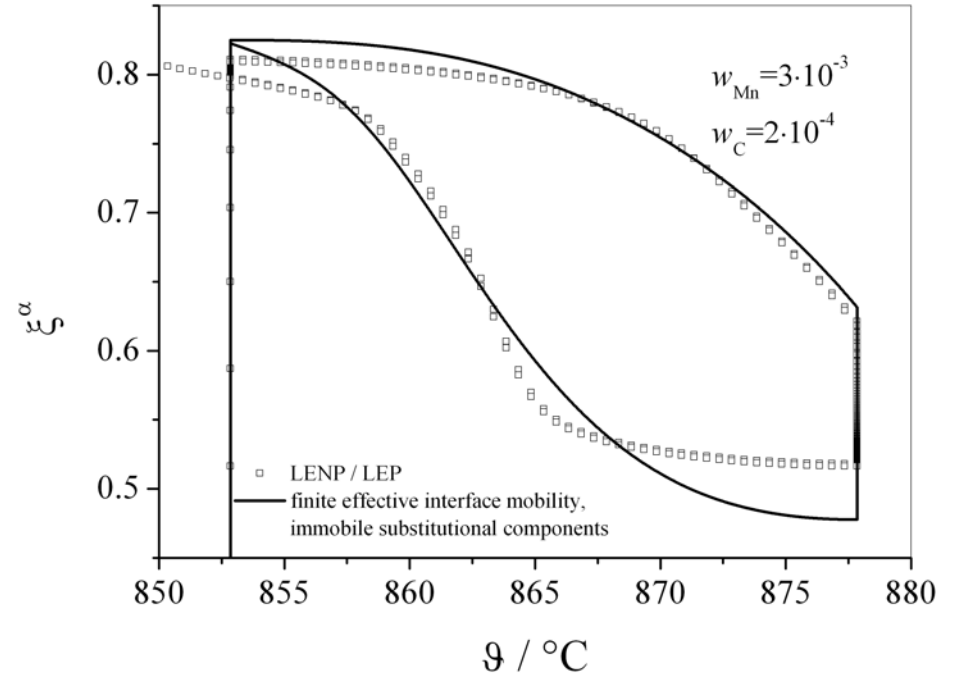
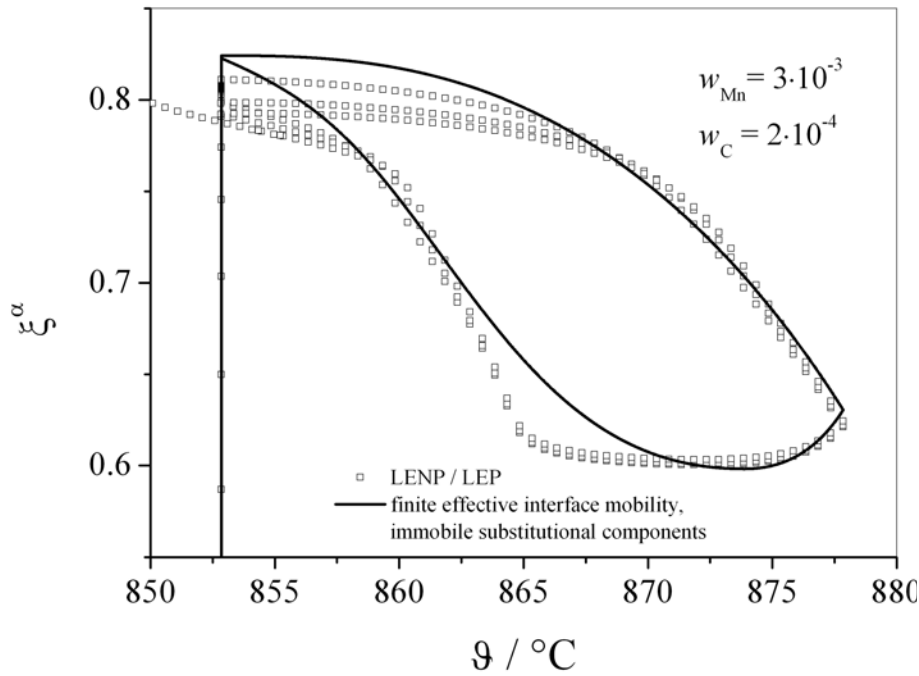


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## Comparison of Model 1 and Model 3

### Alloy C:

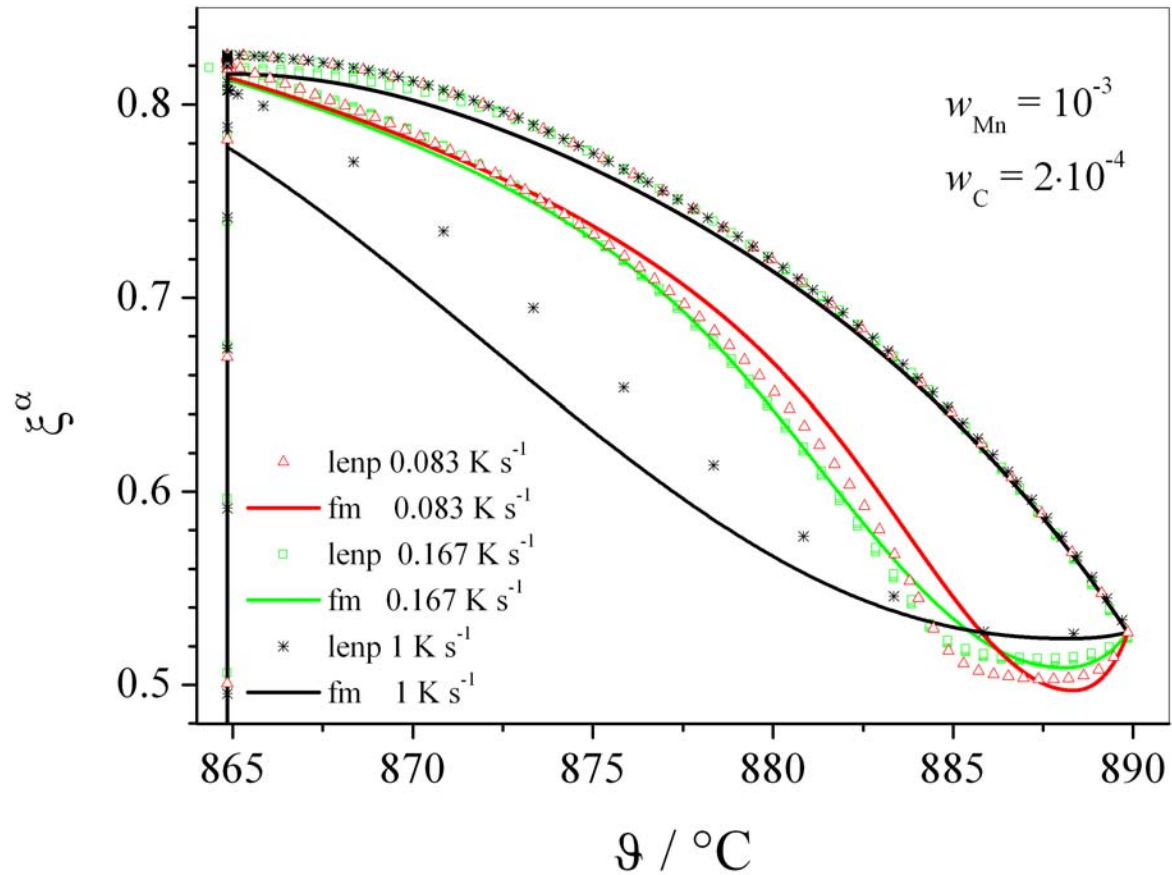


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## Comparison of Model 1 and Model 3

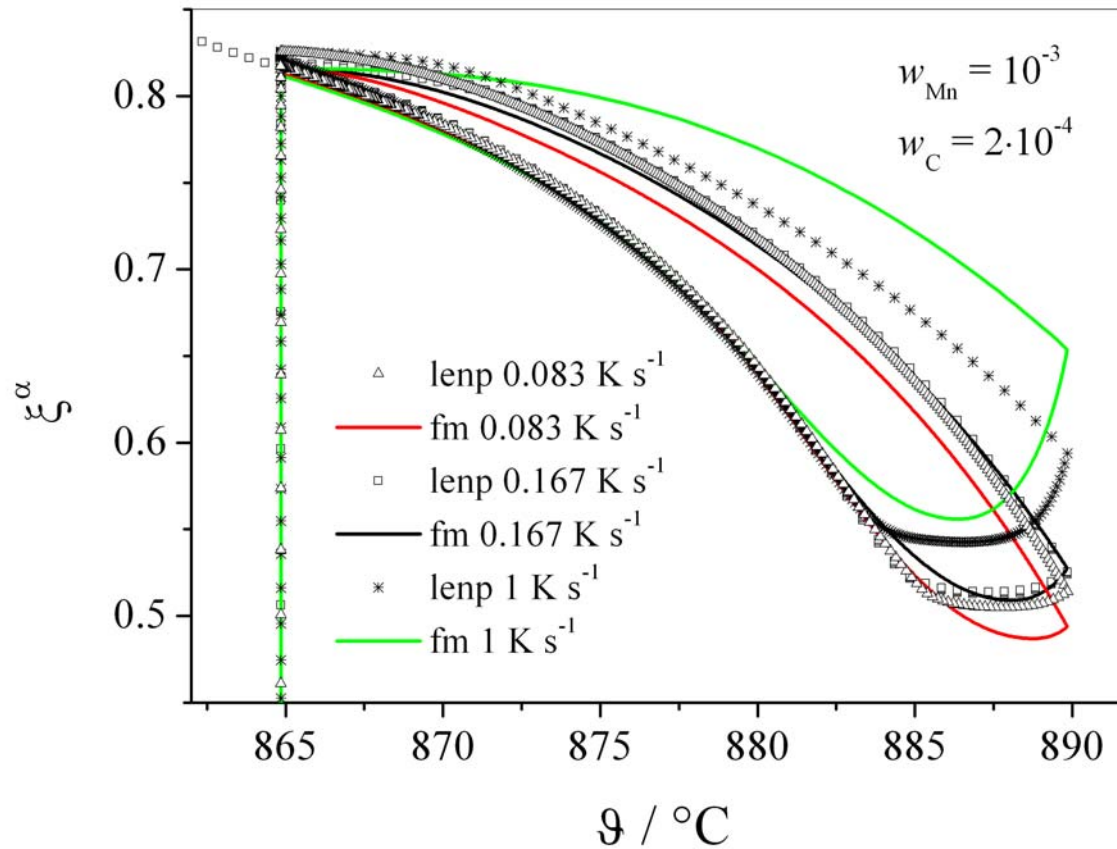
Different cooling rates:





## Comparison of Model 1 and Model 3

Different heating rates:





## Effective mobility

$$M_{\text{eff}} = M_0 \cdot \exp \left[ \frac{1}{RT} (-Q + a(T - T_s)) \right]$$

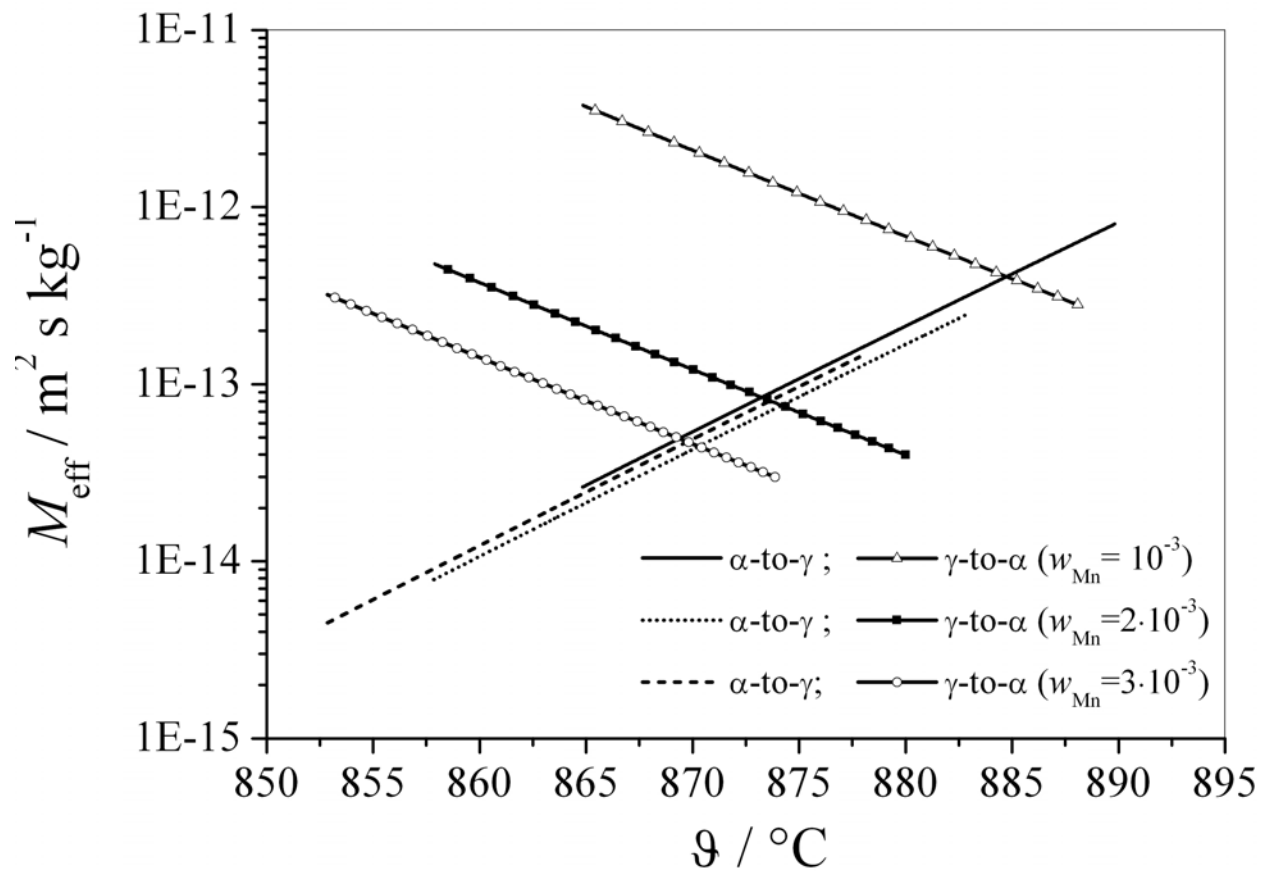
$$Q = 140 \cdot 10^3 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Table 1: Coefficients for the different model alloys

	$\vartheta$ - range	$T_s / \text{K}$	$M_0 / \text{m}^2 \text{ s kg}^{-1}$	$a / \text{J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	Composition
$\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$	$864.85^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta$ $\vartheta \leq 889.85^\circ\text{C}$	1138	$7 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$w_{\text{Mn}} = 10^{-3};$ $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$	$864.85^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta$ $\vartheta \leq 889.85^\circ\text{C}$	1138	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$-1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$w_{\text{Mn}} = 10^{-3};$ $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$	$857.85^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta$ $\vartheta \leq 882.85^\circ\text{C}$	1131	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$w_{\text{Mn}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-3};$ $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$	$857.85^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta$ $\vartheta \leq 882.85^\circ\text{C}$	1131	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$-1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$w_{\text{Mn}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-3};$ $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$	$852.85^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta$ $\vartheta \leq 877.85^\circ\text{C}$	1126	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$w_{\text{Mn}} = 3 \cdot 10^{-3};$ $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$	$852.85^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta$ $\vartheta \leq 877.85^\circ\text{C}$	1126	$1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$-1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$w_{\text{Mn}} = 3 \cdot 10^{-3};$ $w_{\text{C}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$



# Effective mobility





# Comparison with experimental data

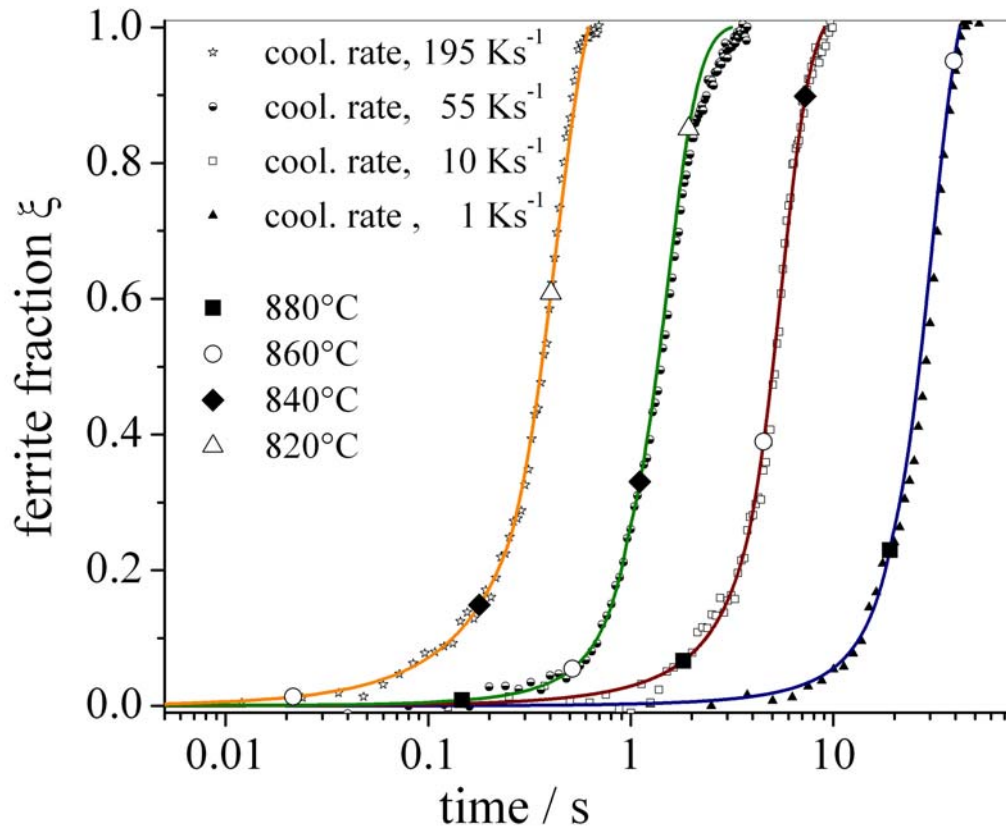


Table 1  
Chemical composition of the investigated steel

C	Mn	P	S	Si	Ti	Nb	Al	N
0.002	0.11	0.01	0.008	0.01	0.059	0.009	0.033	0.0041

Values are mass fractions in %.

$$\xi(t) = \frac{a}{1 + b \exp(-ct)}$$

$$\frac{d\xi}{ds} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d\xi}{ds} (\text{geometry}) \cdot \frac{ds}{dt}$$

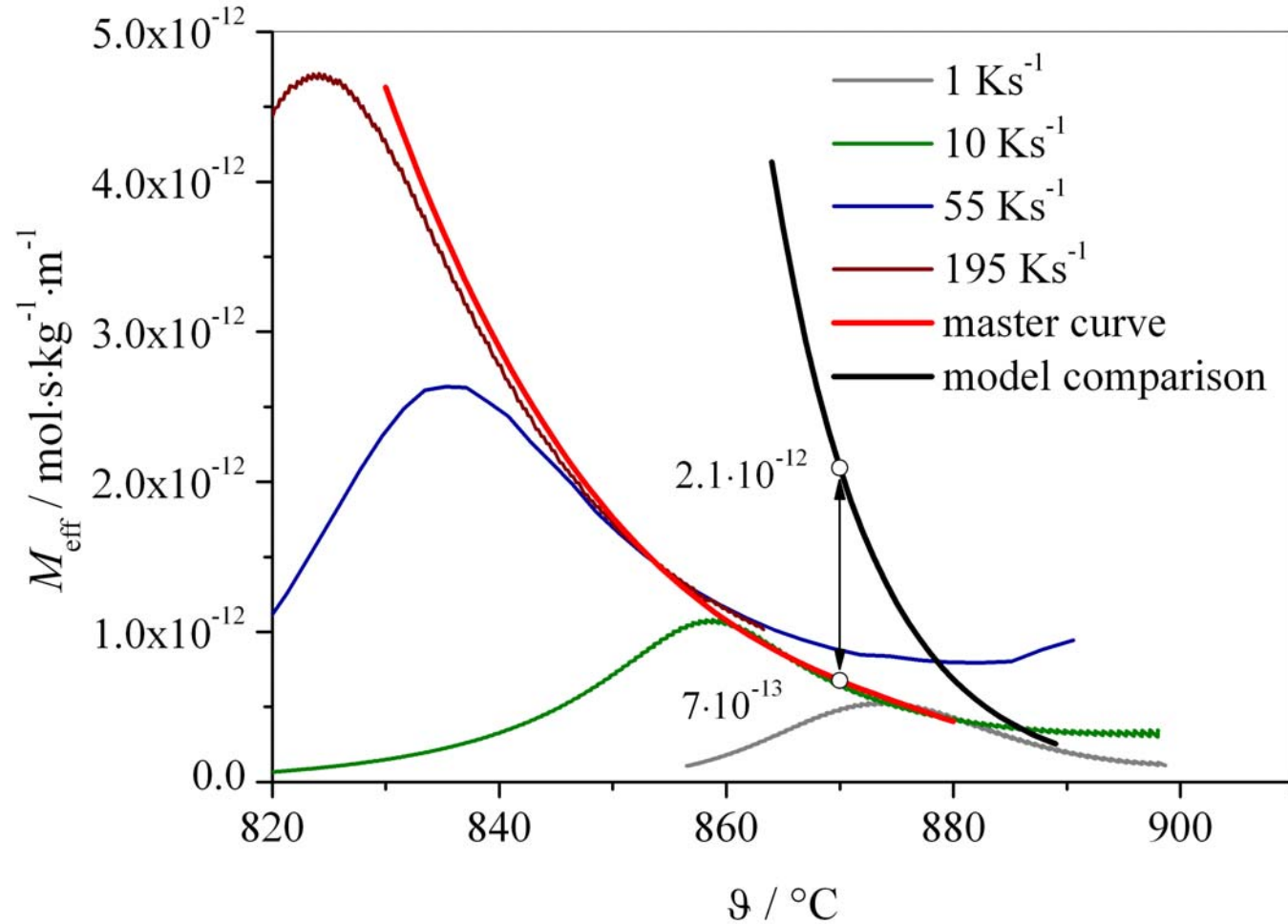
$$v = M_{\text{eff}} \cdot \Delta G$$

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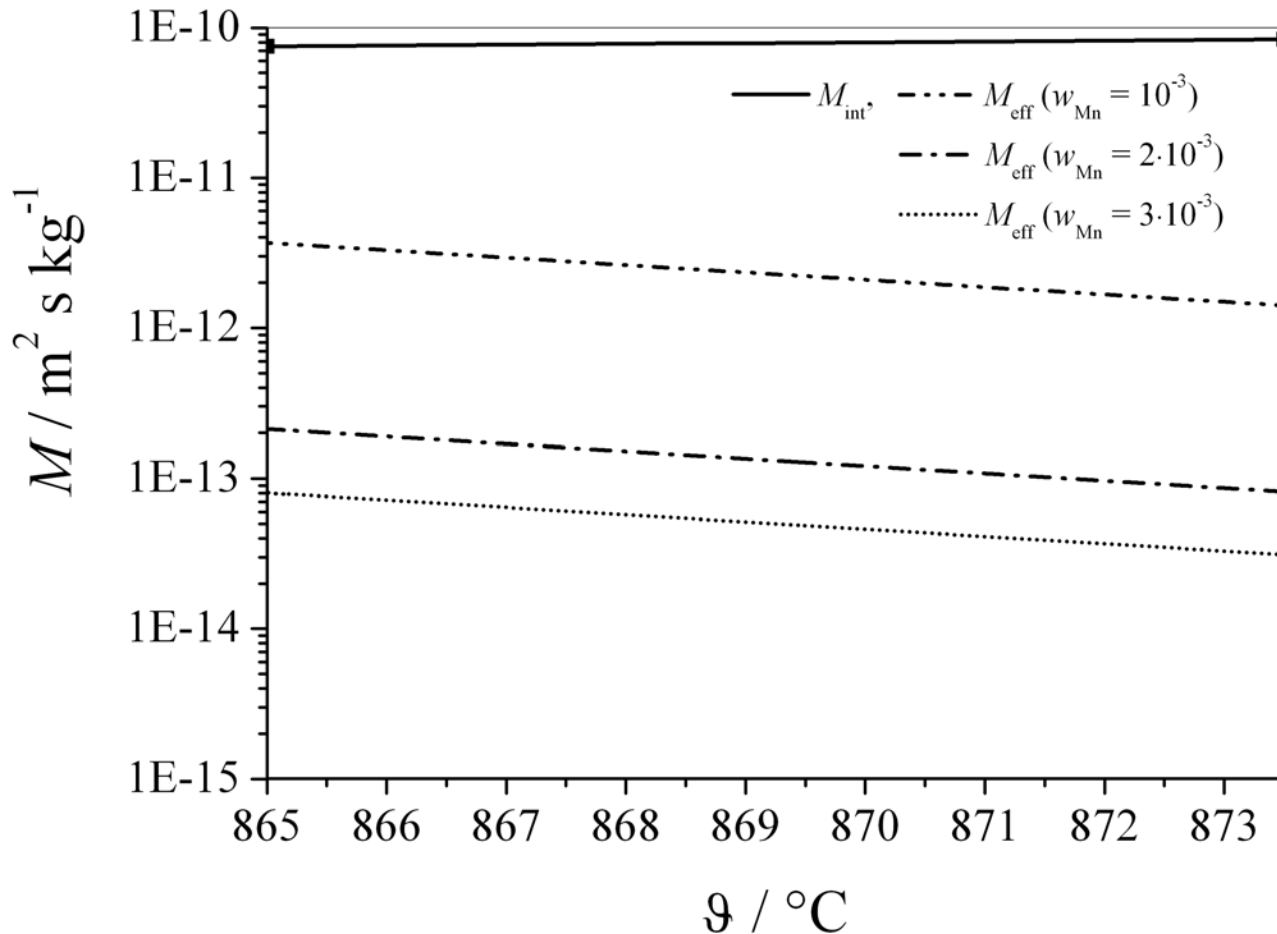
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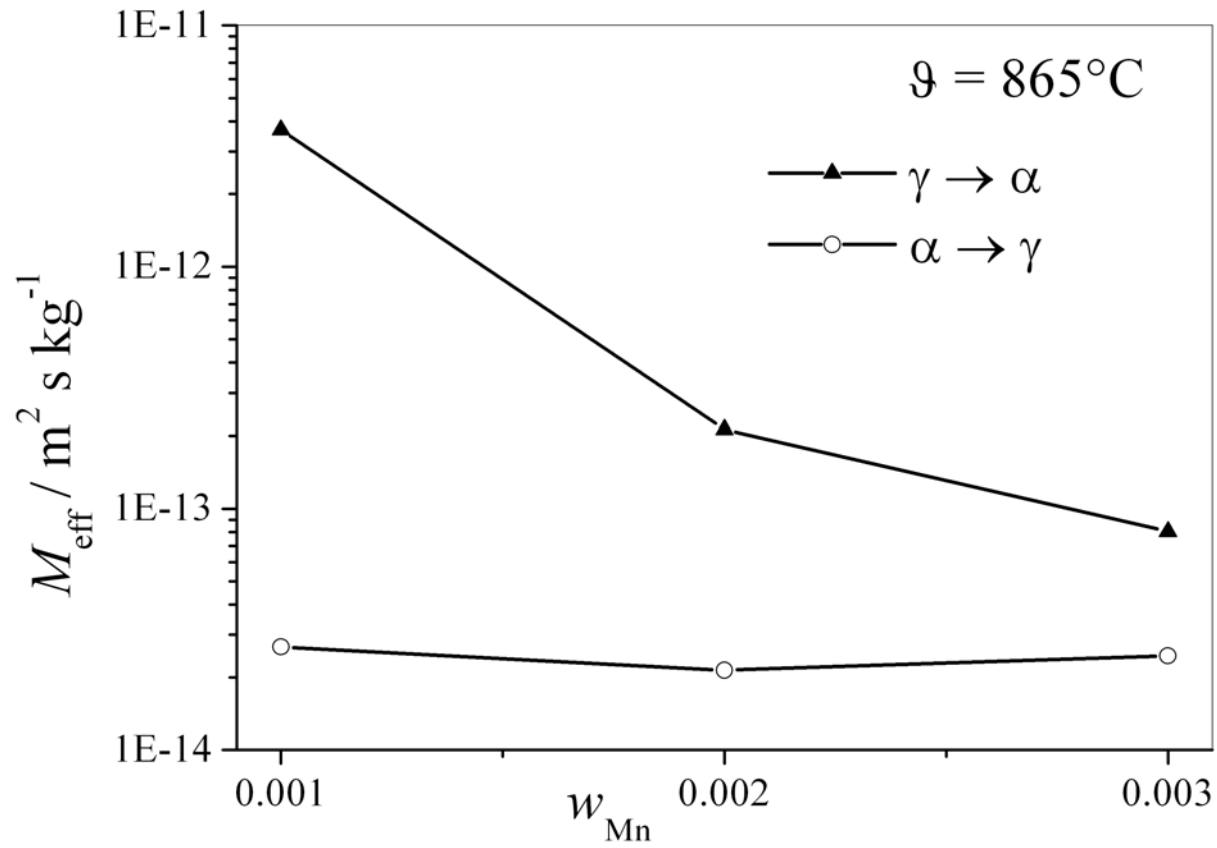


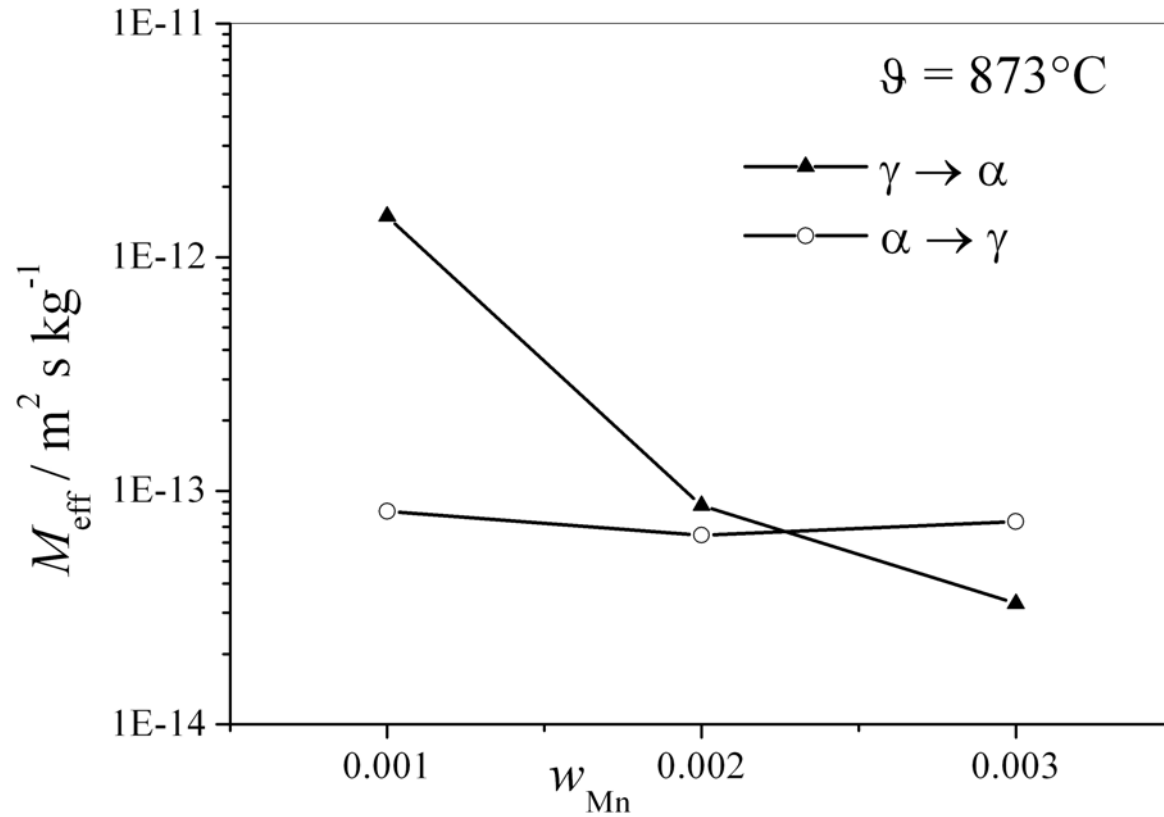
## Comparison with intrinsic mobility



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# Conclusions and Outlook

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- **Thick interface parametric model**
    - *Substitutional diffusion in the interface*
    - *C-diffusion in bulk* } *are rate-controlling.*
  - **Simplified model**
    - *Comparison with experimental results.*
  - **Prediction of the  $\gamma / \alpha$  transformation kinetics**
    - *Effective mobility as a function of composition and temperature by comparison with LE-model and experiments.*
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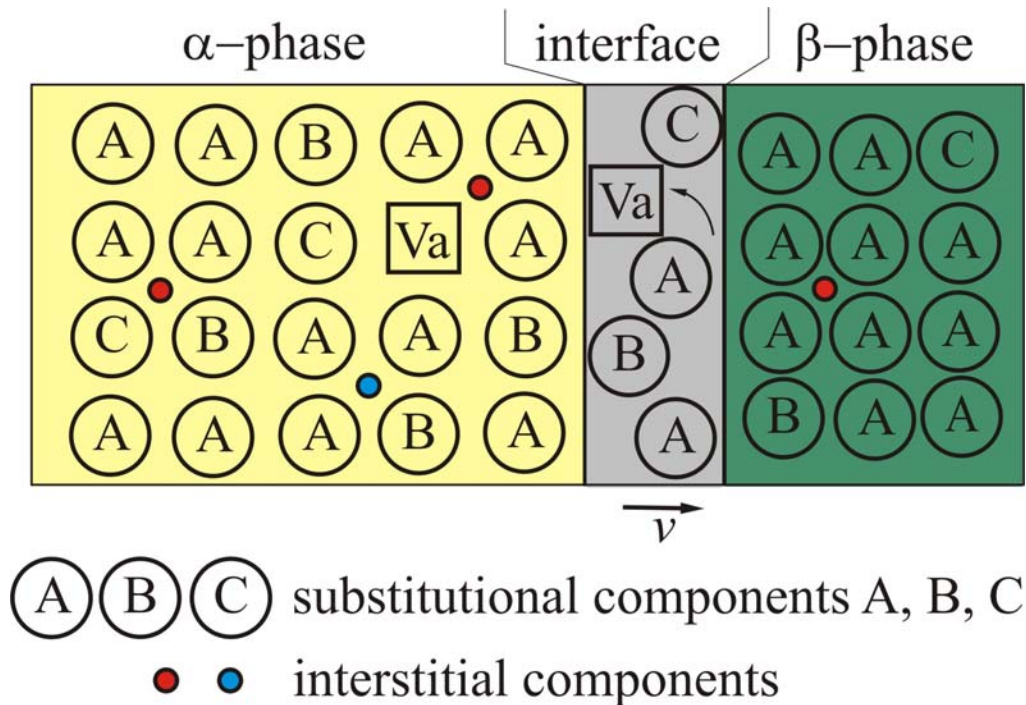


# Kinetics of diffusive phase transformations

Transformation kinetics depends on:

- 1, Diffusion processes of the components in the bulk materials,
- 2, the rearrangement of the lattice and
- 3, on diffusion processes in the interface.

2+3: interfacial reaction





## Gibbs energy $G$ and dissipation $Q$

$$G = \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{-\Delta_L - h}^{\Delta_R} (x\mu_1 + (1-x)\mu_2) dz = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{-\Delta_L - h}^0 (x\mu_1 + (1-x)\mu_2) dz}_{G^{\alpha+I}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Delta_R} (x\mu_1 + (1-x)\mu_2) dz}_{G^{\beta}}$$

$$Q = RT\Omega \int_{-(\Delta_L + h)}^{\Delta_R} \left( \frac{1}{xD_1} + \frac{1}{(1-x)D_2} \right) j^2 dz$$



$$G = G(x_L, x_R, A, \Delta_R)$$

$$Q = Q(\dot{x}_L, \dot{x}_R, \dot{A}, v)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \dot{x}_L} = - \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_L}$$

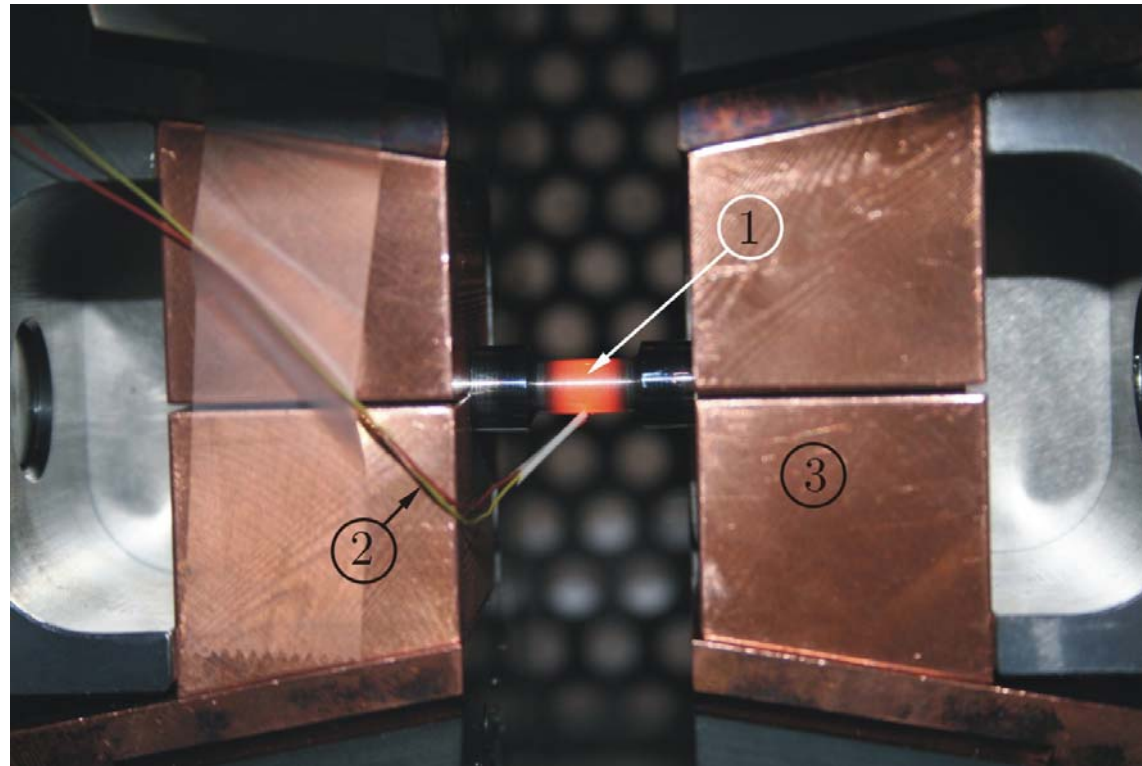
$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \dot{x}_R} = - \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_R}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial \Delta_R}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \dot{A}} = - \frac{\partial G}{\partial A}$$

# Experimental setup

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- 1... Heated specimen
- 2 ... Electric supply for the thermocouple
- 3 ... Cu jaws



# Composition, heat treatment and microstructure

**Table:** Composition of the 10MnSi7 steel grade

	C	Mn	Si	P	S	Cr	Ni	Al	Ti	V	Nb
$x_i \cdot 100$	0.4173	1.6259	1.9802	0.0219	0.0124	0.0318	0.0188	0.0592	0.0460	0.0054	0.0018

