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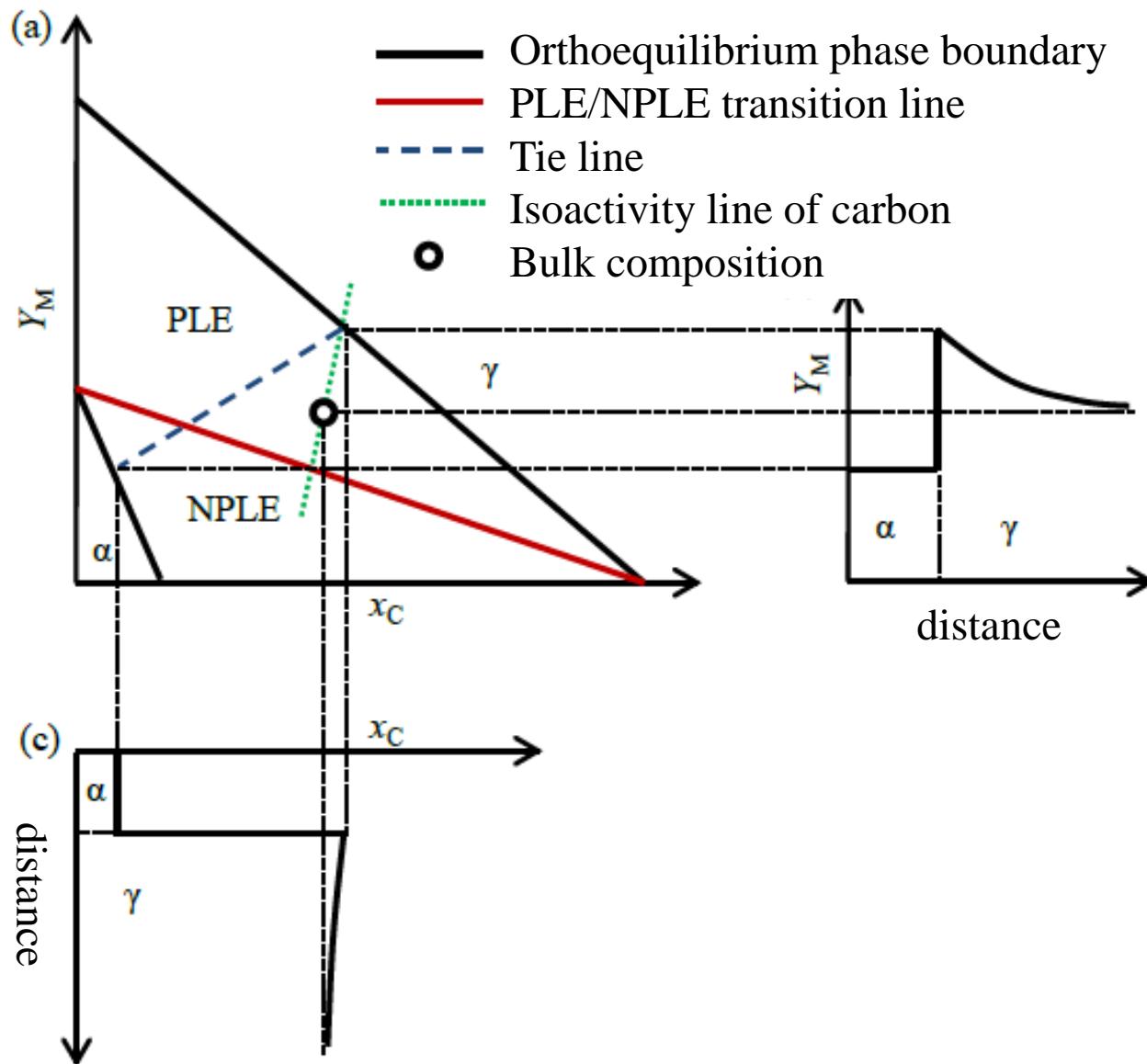
A new heat treatment design for medium Mn steel: the austenitization from pearlite

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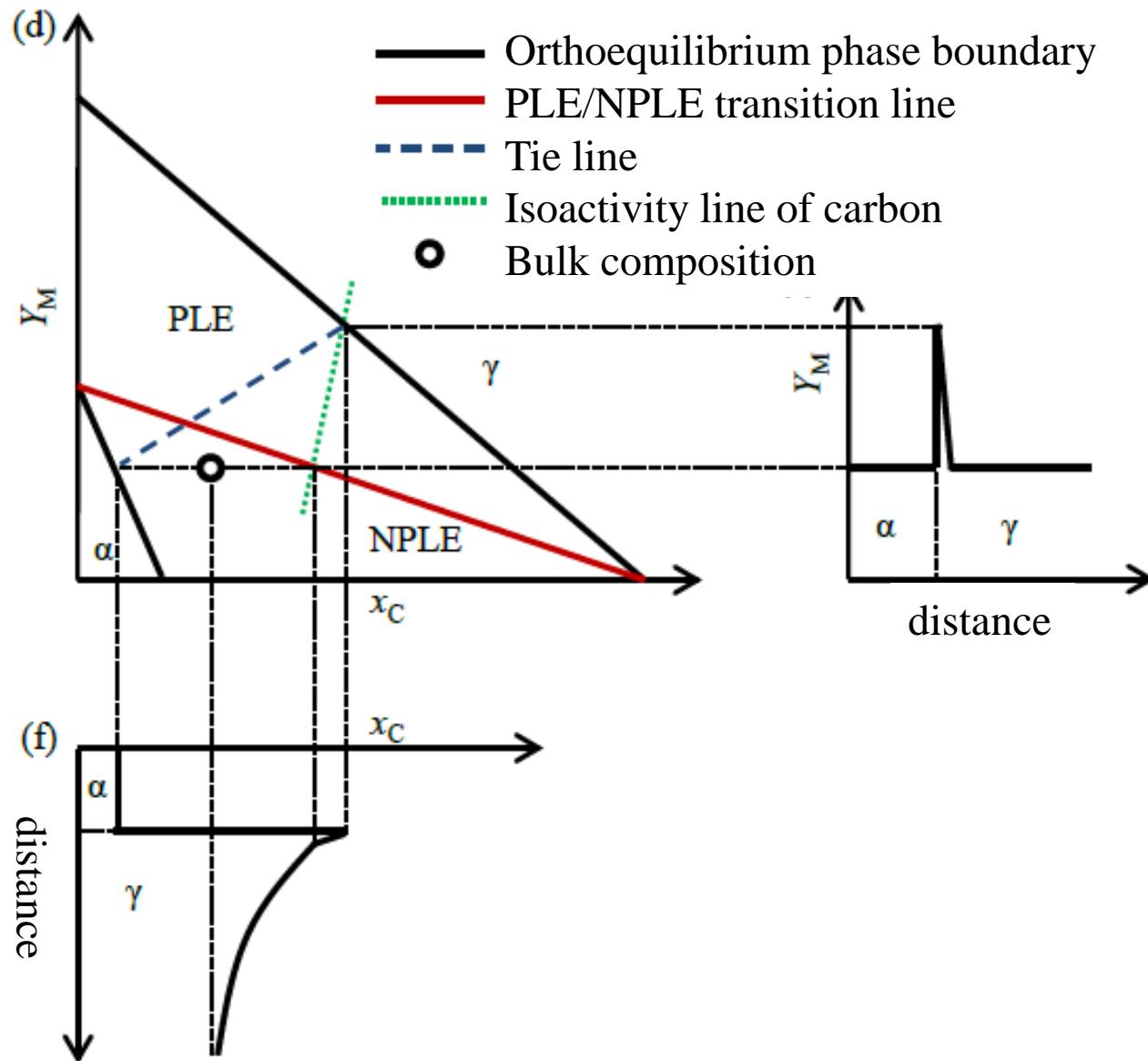


Ferrite Transformation-PLE mode



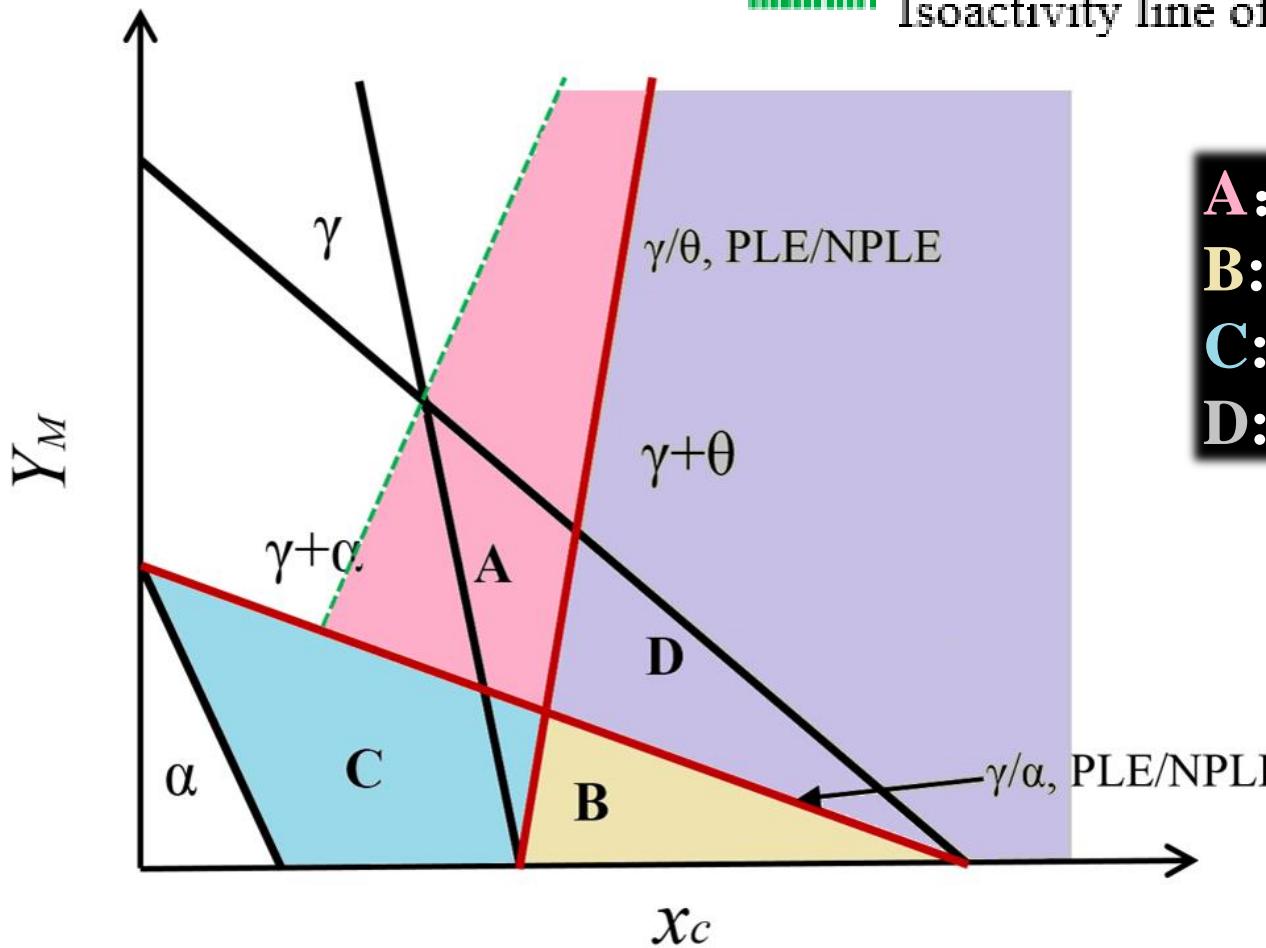


Ferrite Transformation-NPLE mode





Pearlite Transformation

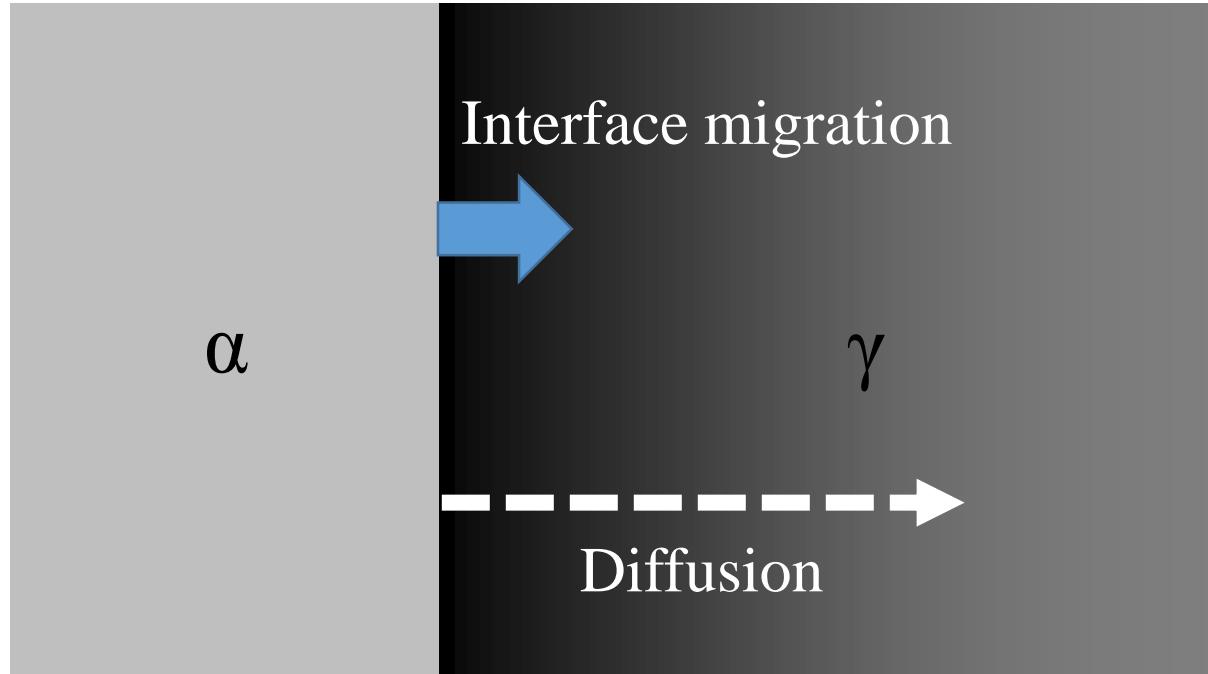


A: PLE- α + PLE- θ
B: NPLE- α + NPLE- θ
C: NPLE- α + PLE- θ
D: PLE- α + NPLE- θ

A: Ortho-pearlite
B: Para-pearlite
C: Proeutectoid α
D: Proeutectoid θ



Ferrite Transformation

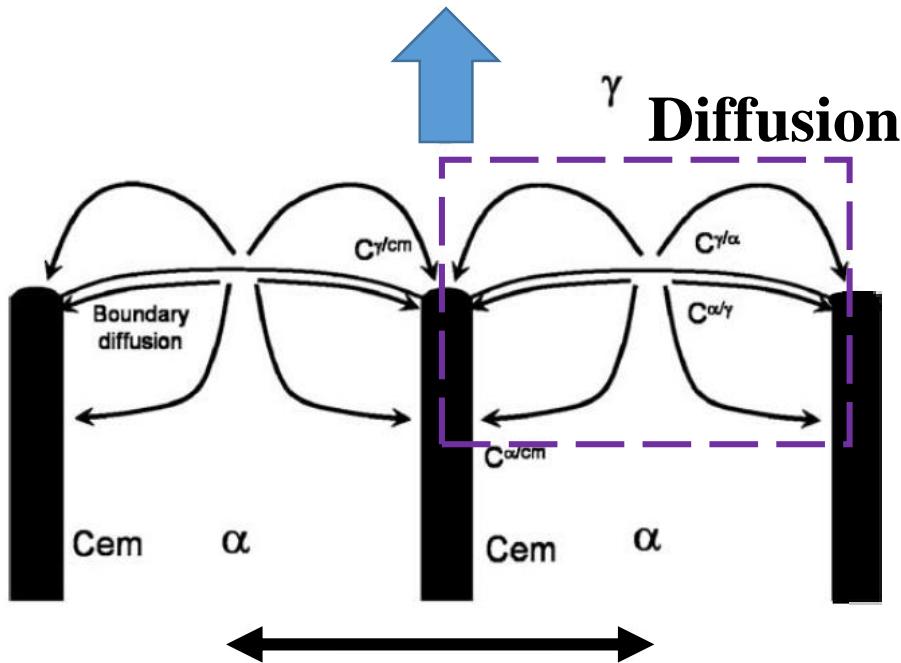


1D model



Pearlite Transformation

Interface migration



Lamellar Spacing

Diffusional path

$$\gamma \rightarrow v = \frac{2D^\gamma S}{S^\alpha S^\theta} \left(\frac{c_e^{\gamma/\alpha} - c_e^{\gamma/\theta}}{c^{\theta/\gamma} - c^{\alpha/\gamma}} \right) \left(1 - \frac{S_C}{S} \right)$$

$$B \rightarrow v = \frac{16D^B \delta}{S^\alpha S^\theta} \left(\frac{c_e^{\gamma/\alpha} - c_e^{\gamma/\theta}}{c^{\theta/\gamma} - c^{\alpha/\gamma}} \right) \left(1 - \frac{S_C}{S} \right)$$

α ?

1. Which path works for carbon?
Which for alloying elements?
2. Is there transition between different modes?

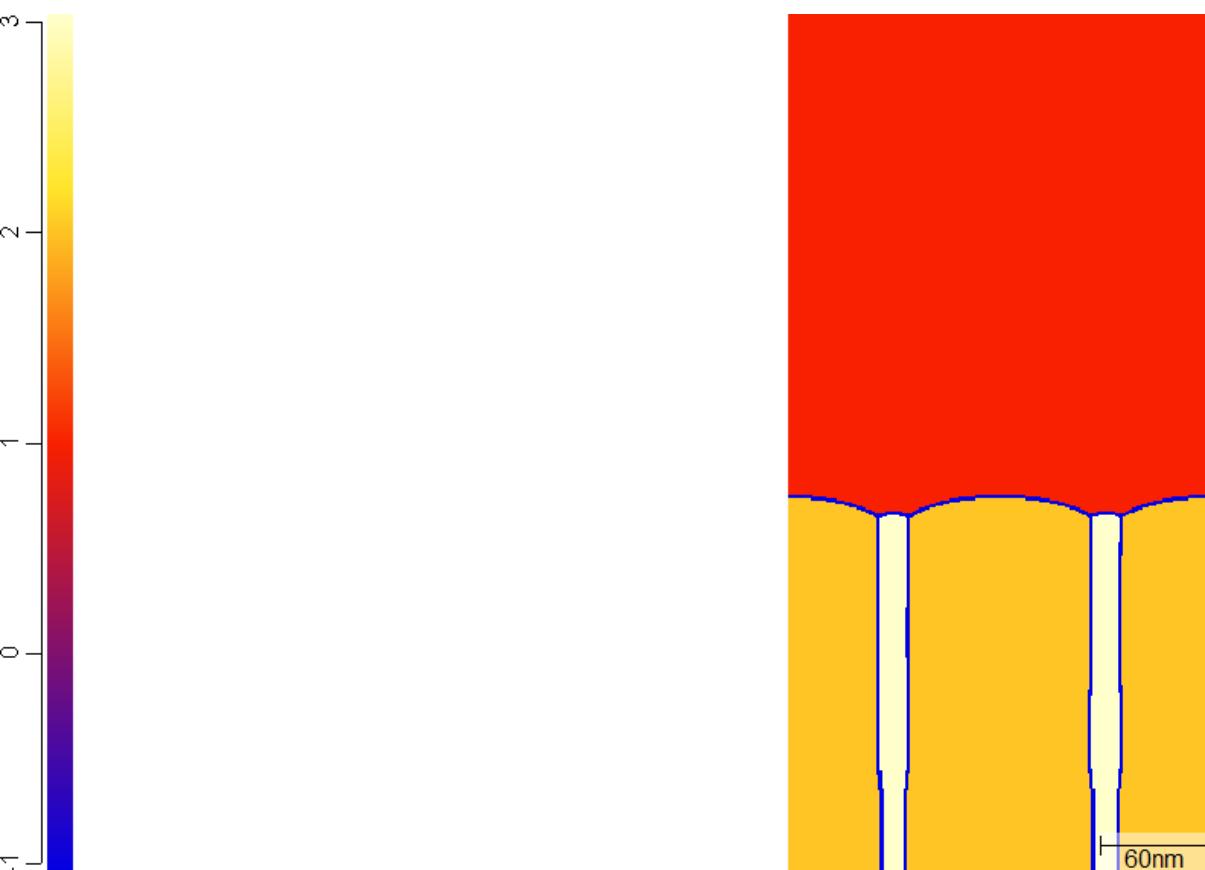


PFM_Phase Field

Fe-0.81C

T=675°C

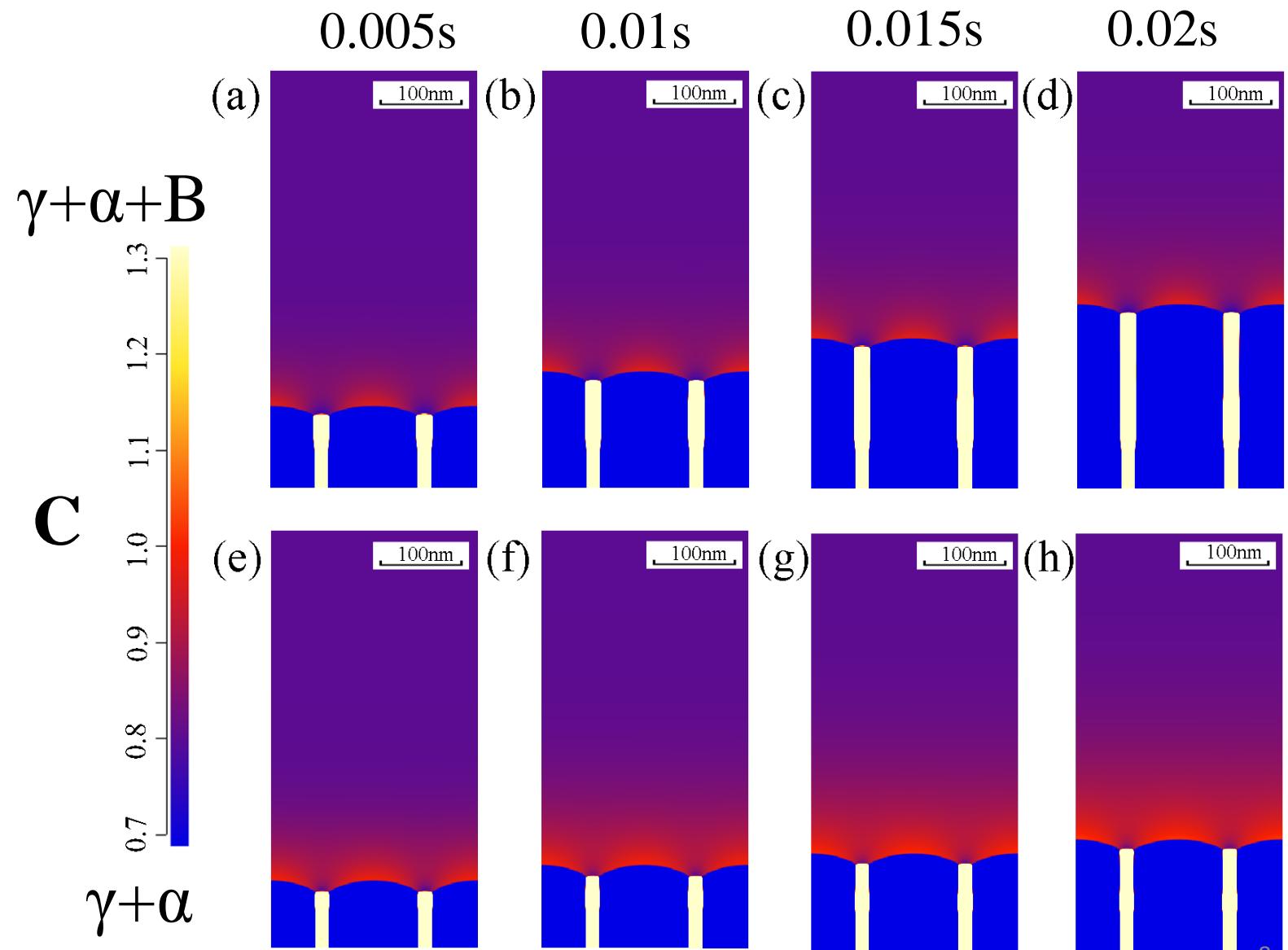
t= 0s005s



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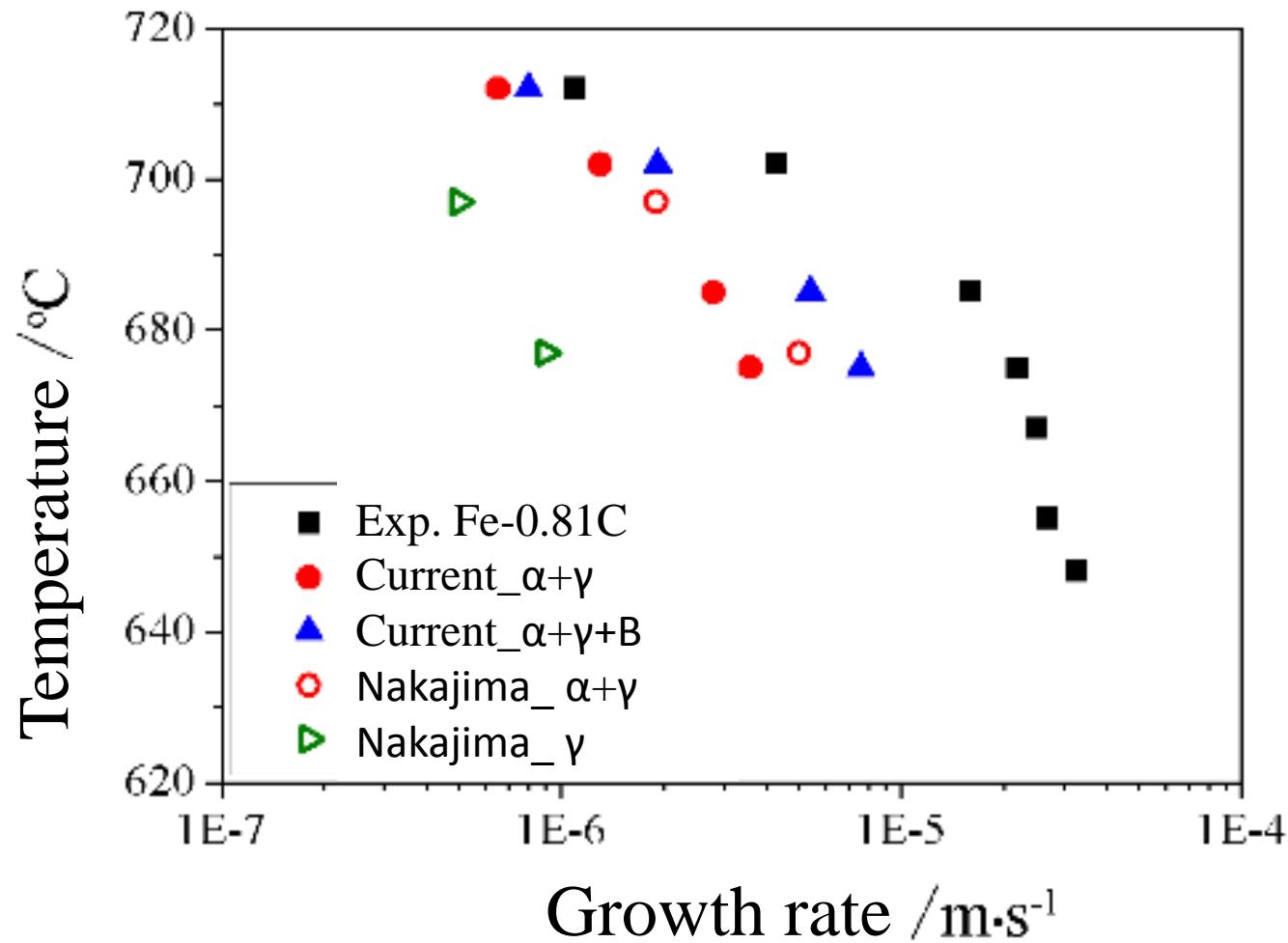


PFM_Conc. Field





PFM_Diffusion Path





PFM_Phase Field

Fe-0.69C-1.80Mn T=650°C t=0s



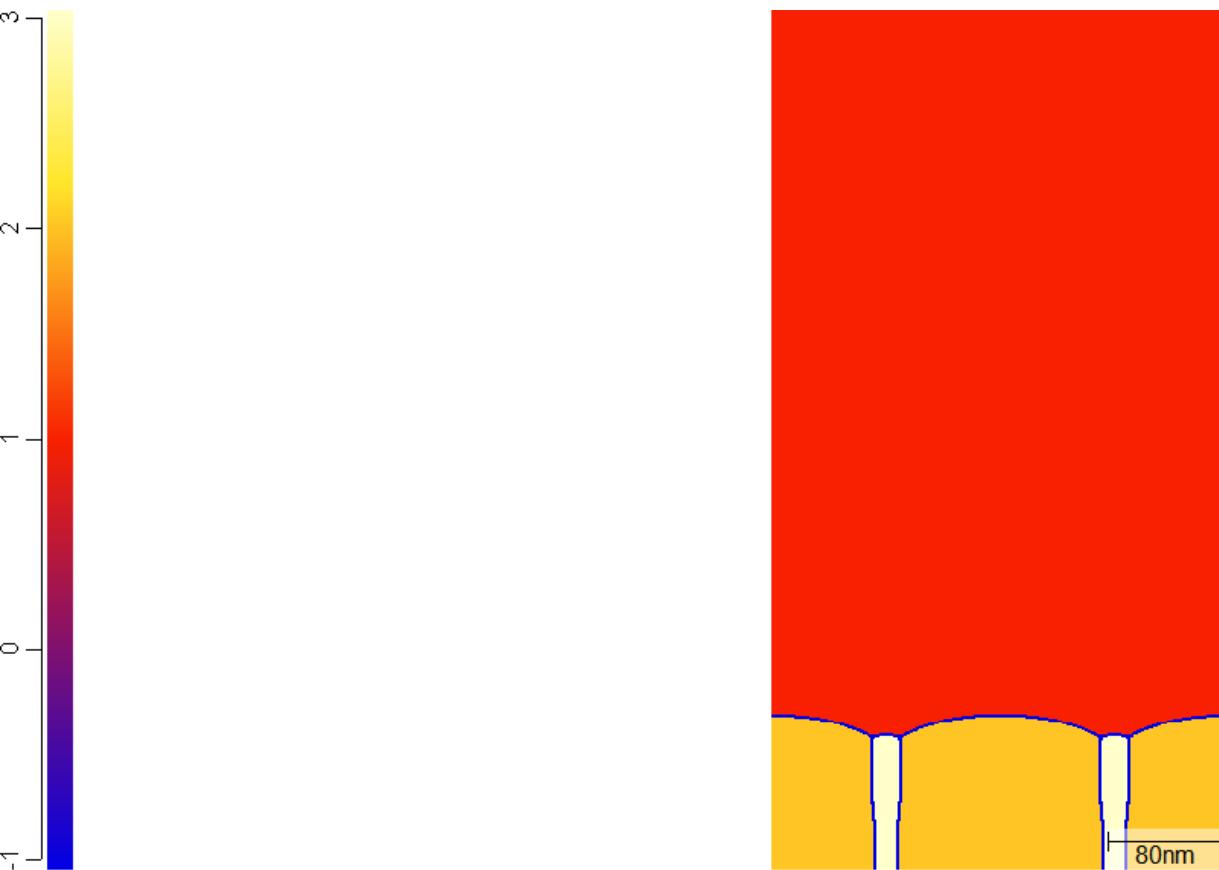
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PFM_Phase Field

Fe-0.69C-1.80Mn T=650°C t=0.02s



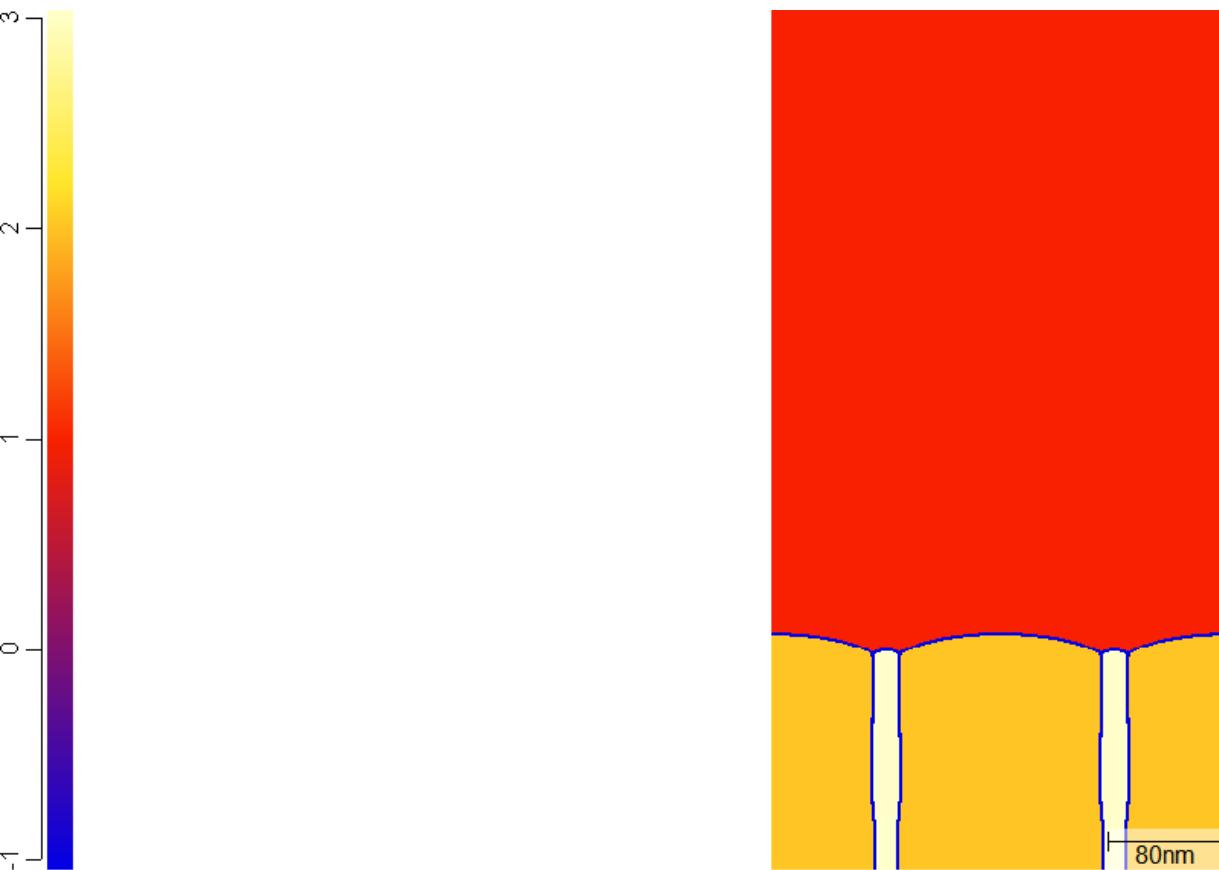
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PFM_Phase Field

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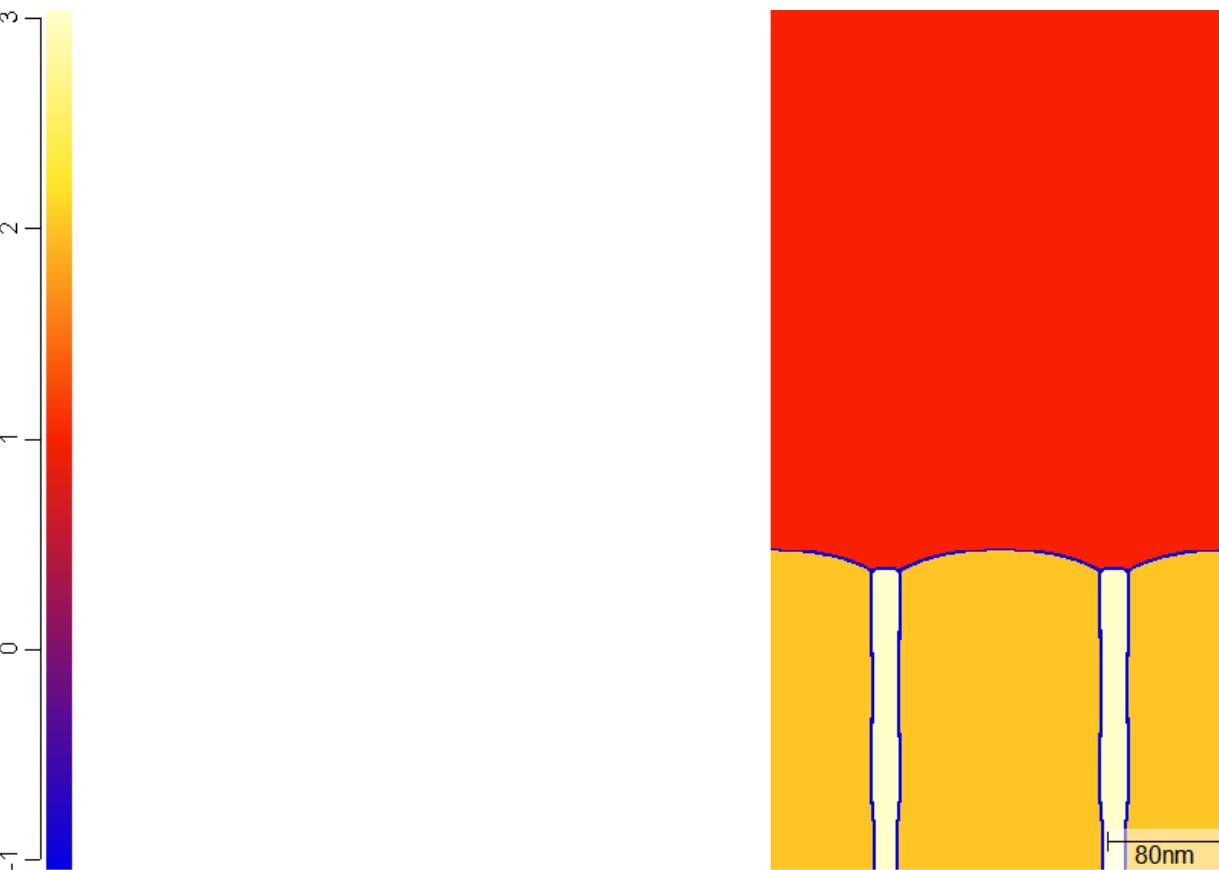
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PFM_Phase Field

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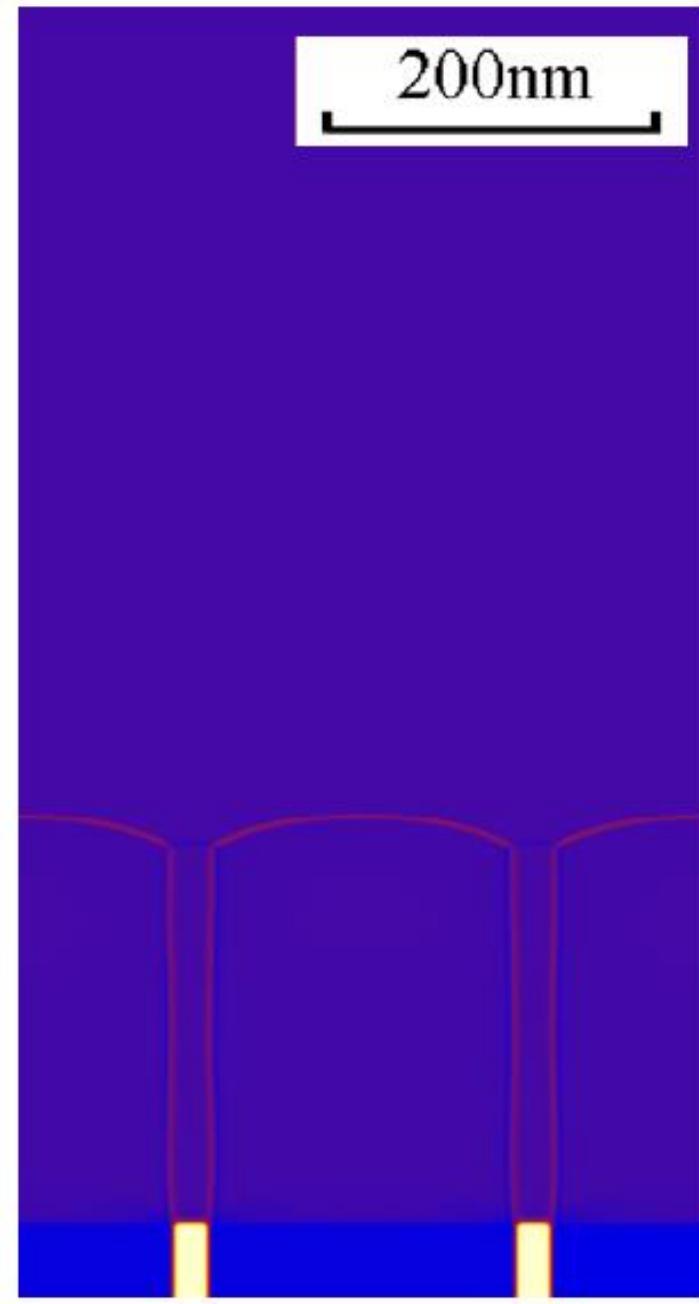
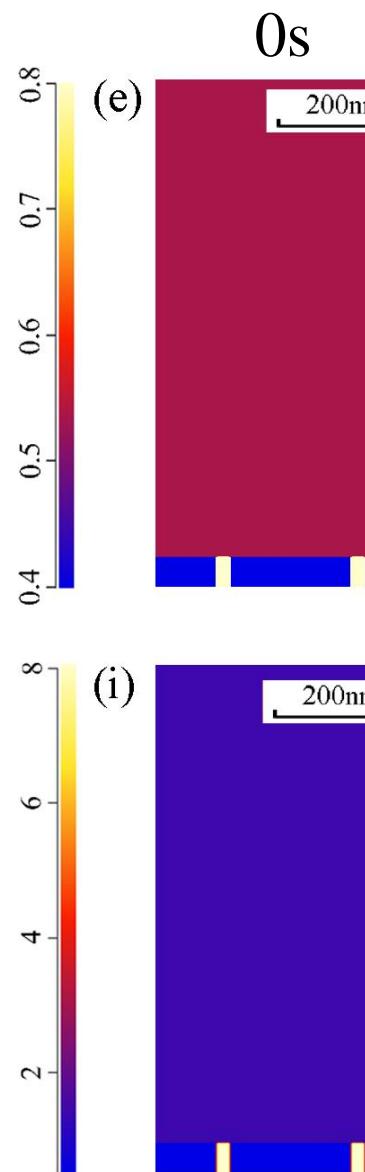




PFM_Conc.

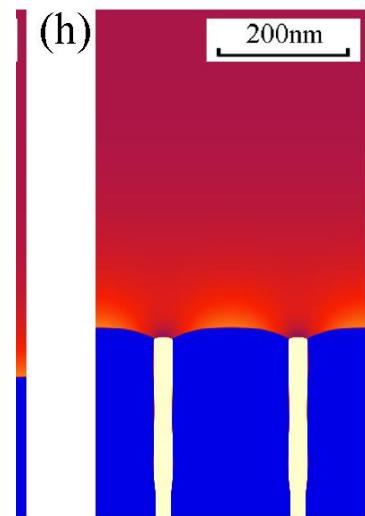
T=650⁰C

Mn



69C-1.80Mn

0.06s



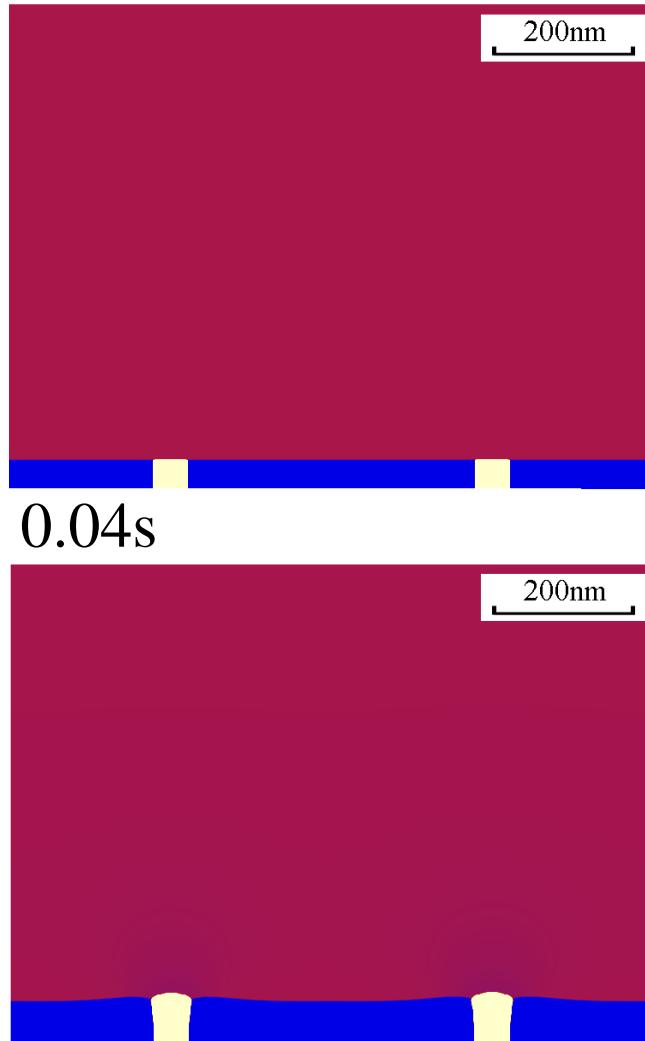


PFM_Conc. Field

T=670°C

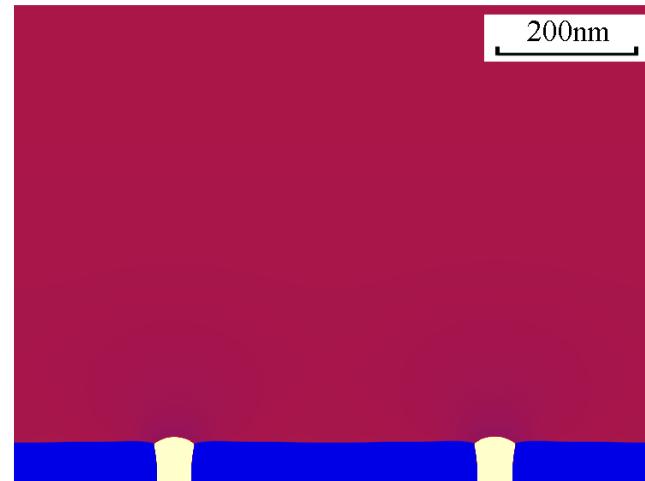
C

0s

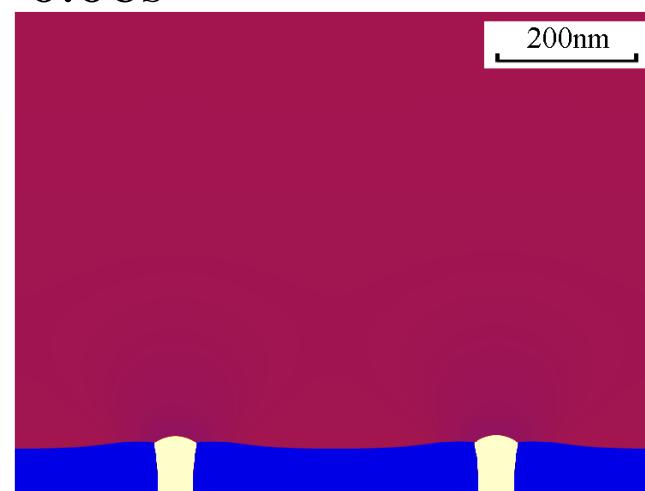


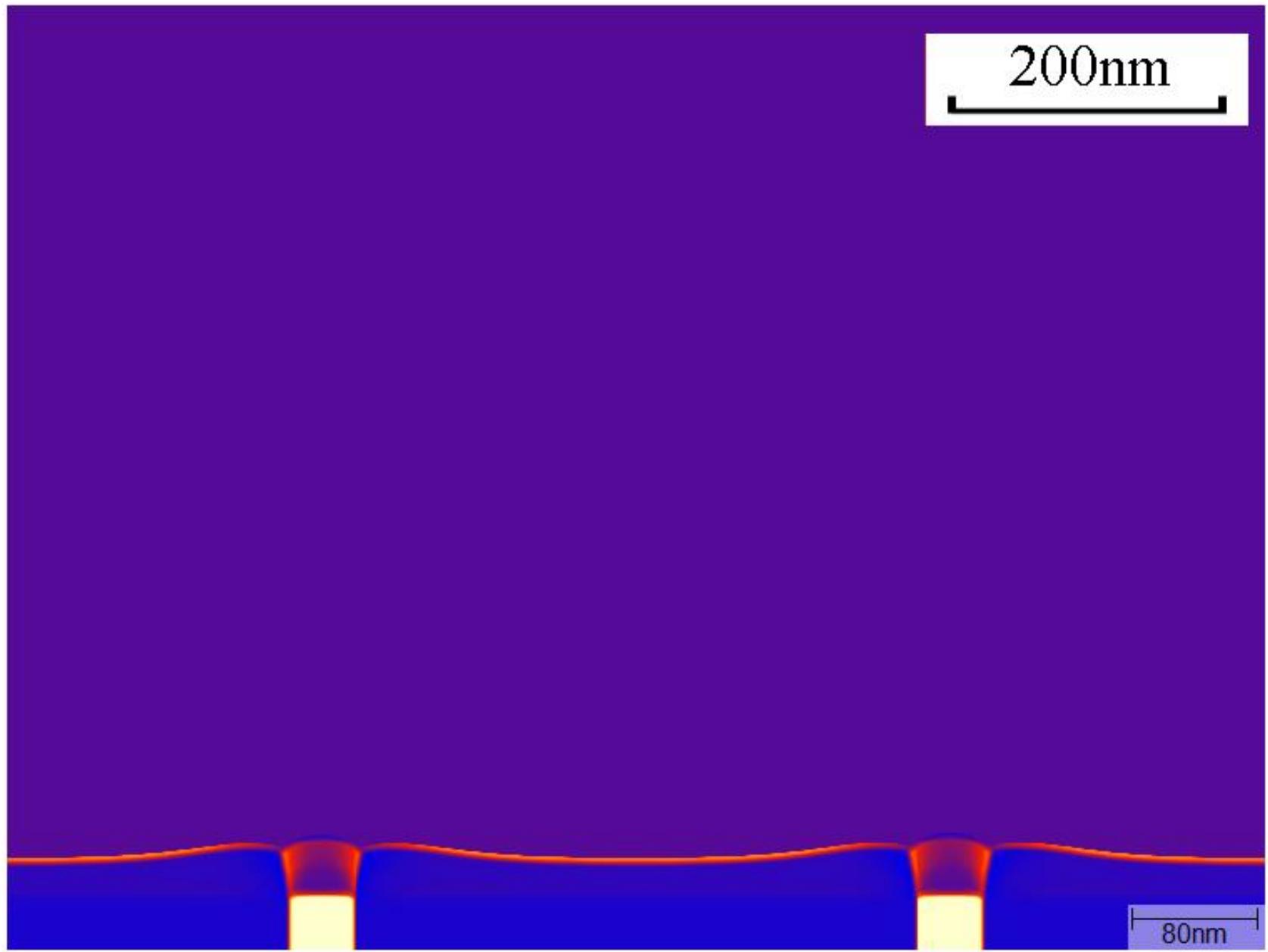
0.04s

0.02s



0.06s

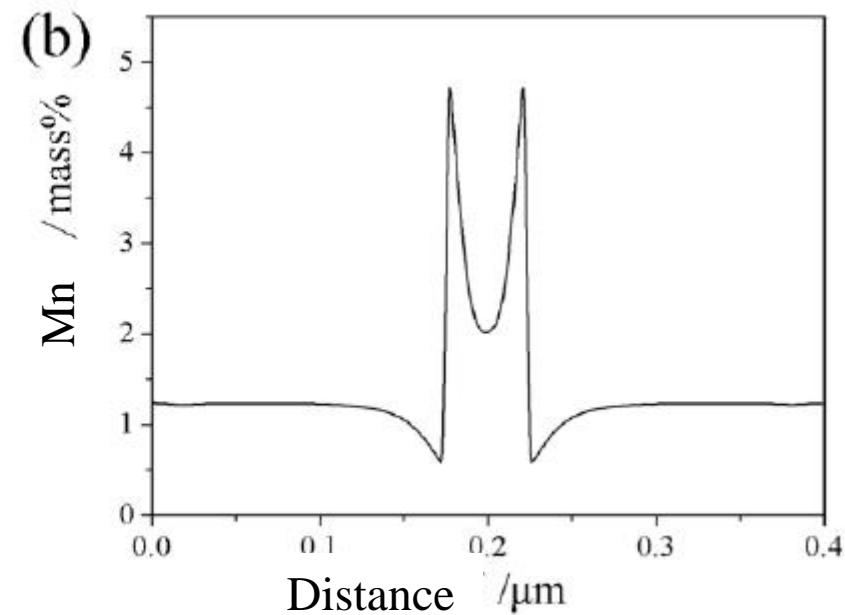
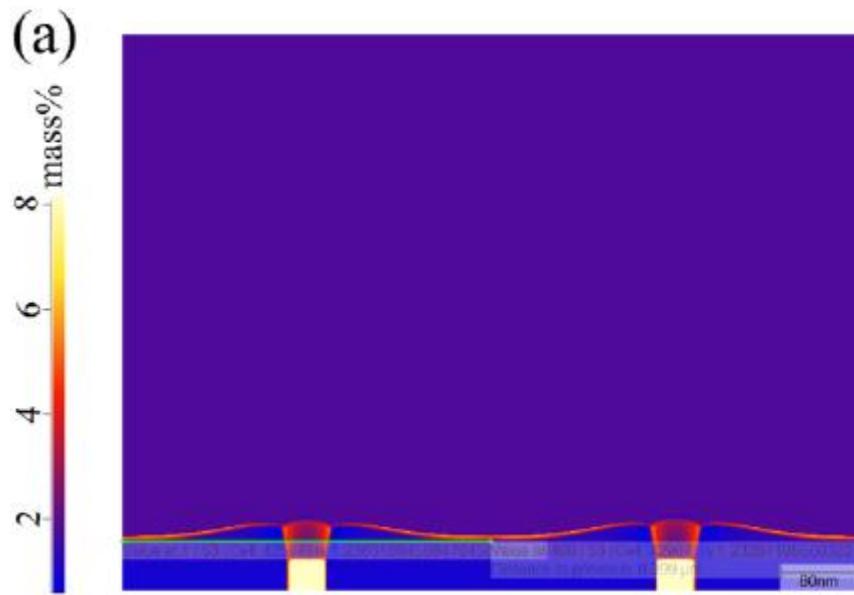




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PFM_Conc.



Temperature /°C	Growth rate / $\mu\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$		Partition coefficient $k^{\theta/\alpha}$	
	Exp.	Sim.	Exp.	Sim.
650	0.15	2.95	1.3	1.1
660	0.042	0.11	2	2.36
670	0.01	0.024	3.4	3

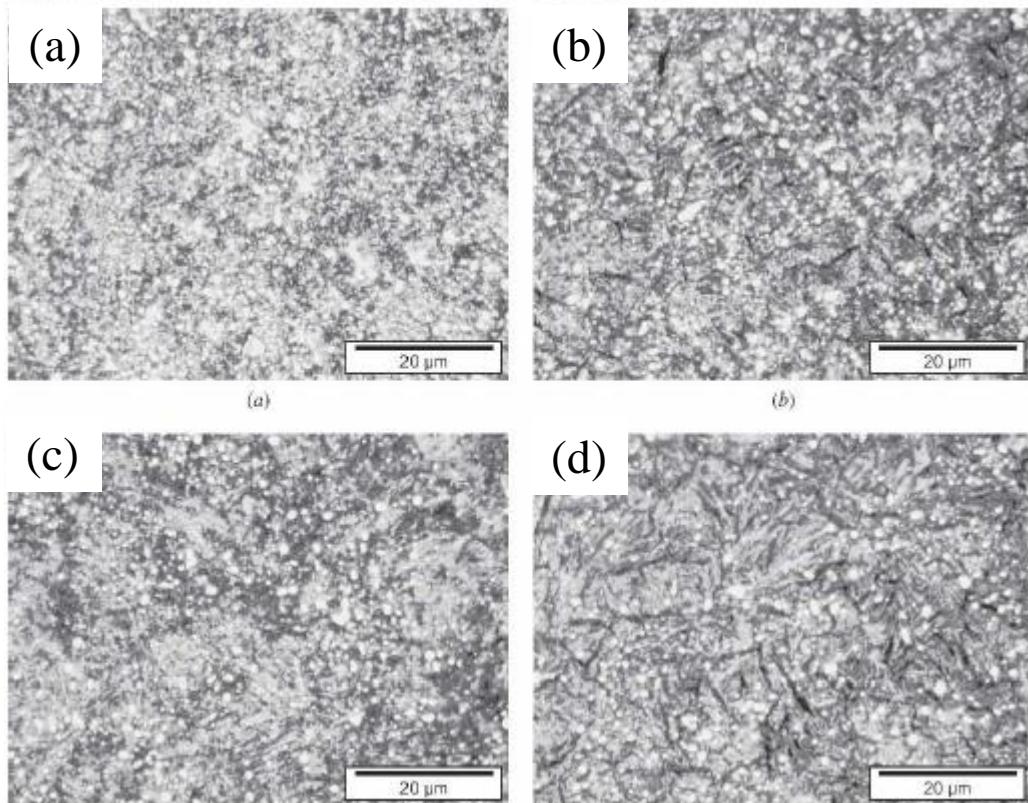


PFM_Summary

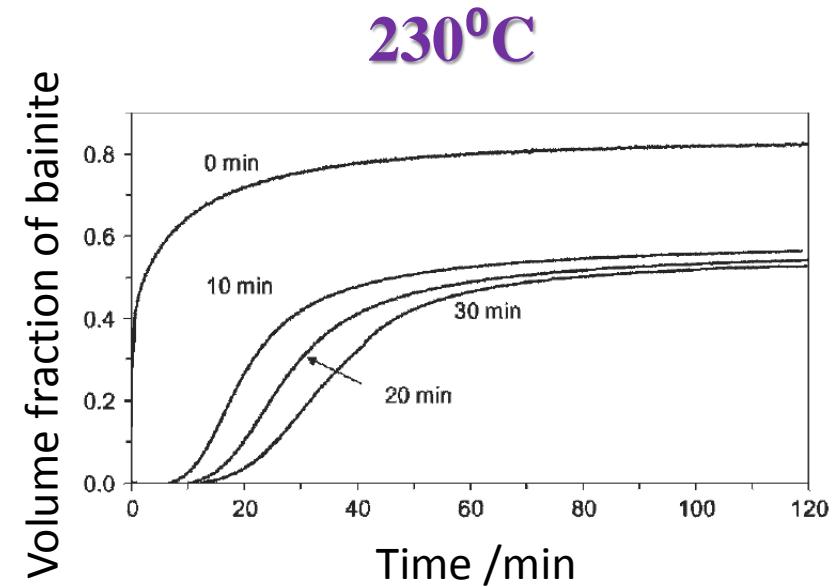
1. In Fe-C binary system, the diffusion path of carbon includes austenite, ferrite and γ/p interface. Bulk diffusion dominates the transformation at higher temperature, while boundary diffusion becomes important at lower temperature.
2. The pearlite transformation of Fe-0.69C-1.80Mn ternary system is controlled by C diffusion at 650°C , while by Mn (boundary) diffusion at 670°C .



Austenitization from pearlite



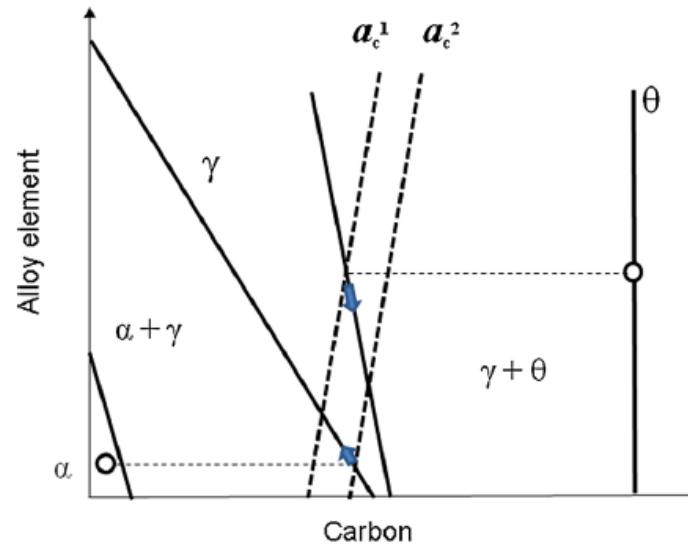
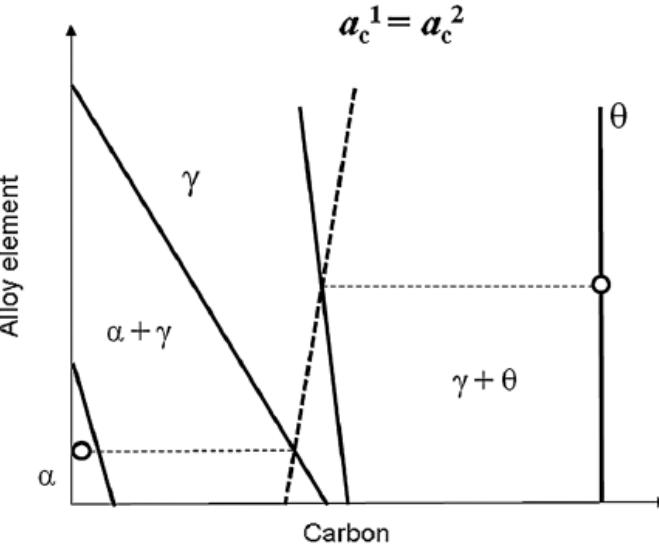
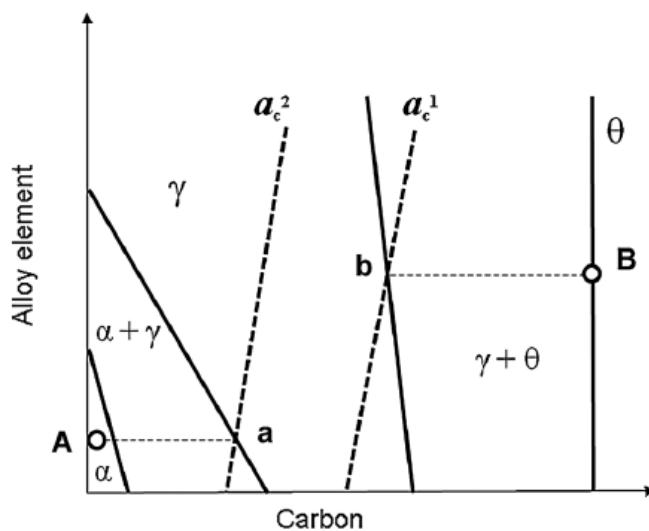
Fe-1C-1.36Cr alloy austenitized at 860°C for
(a)0min (b)10min (c)20min (d)30min



Incomplete dissolution of cementite particles
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Enrichment of C in austenite
↓
Nucleation site for Decomposition products



Austenitization_PNTT-I





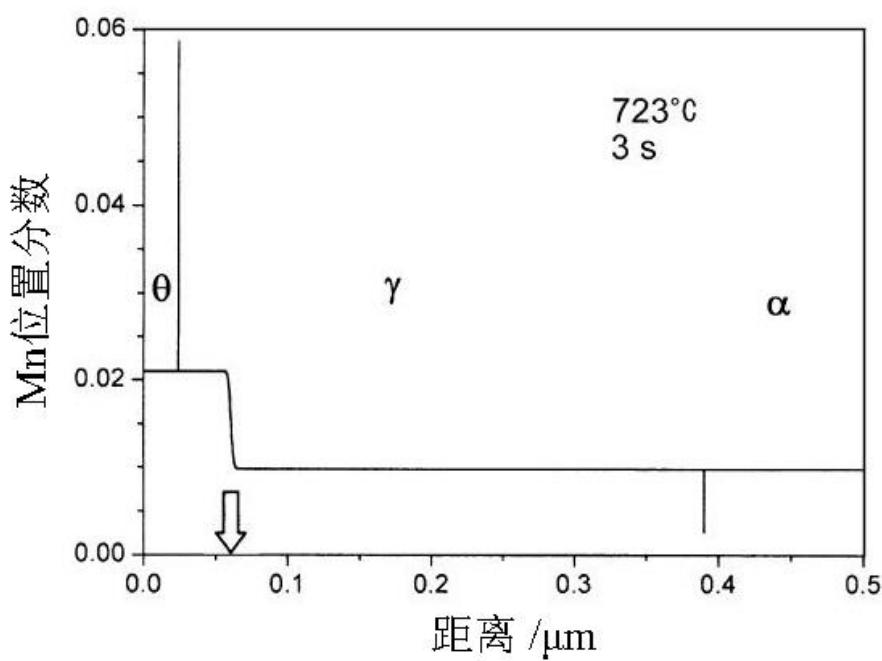
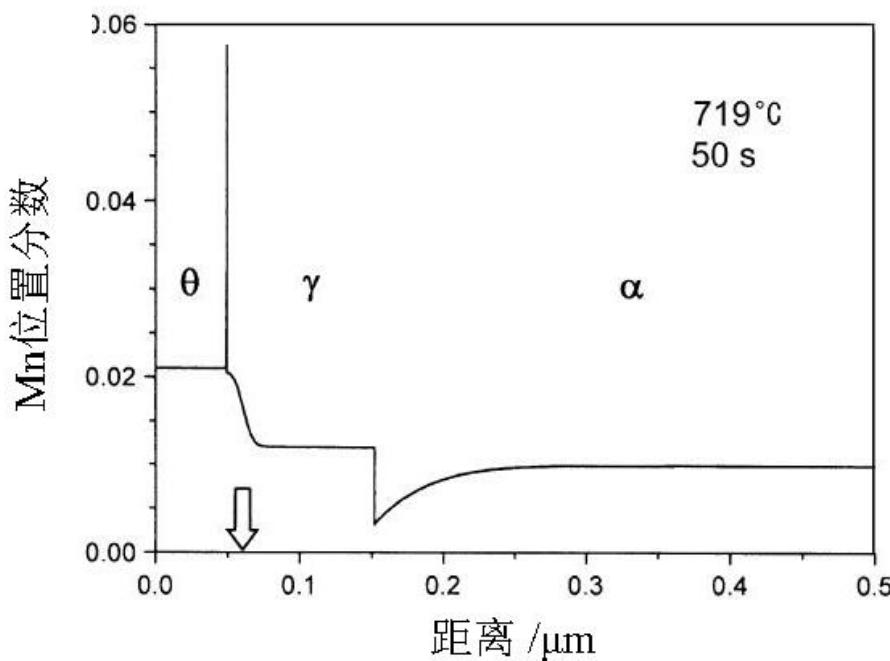
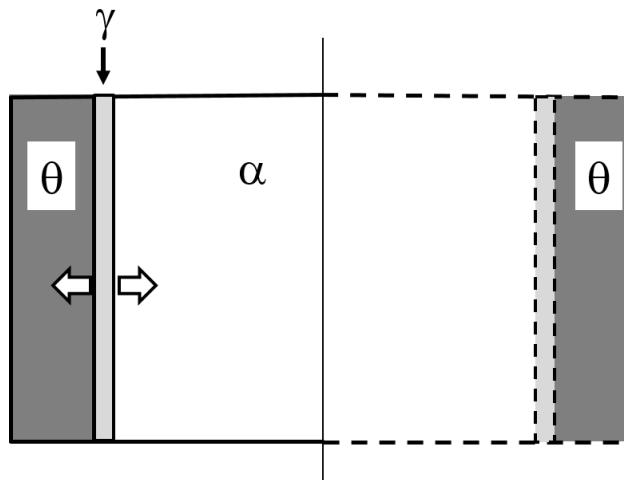
Austenitization_Dictra

Fe-0.80C-1.08Mn

$T_{ptr}=692^{\circ}\text{C}$

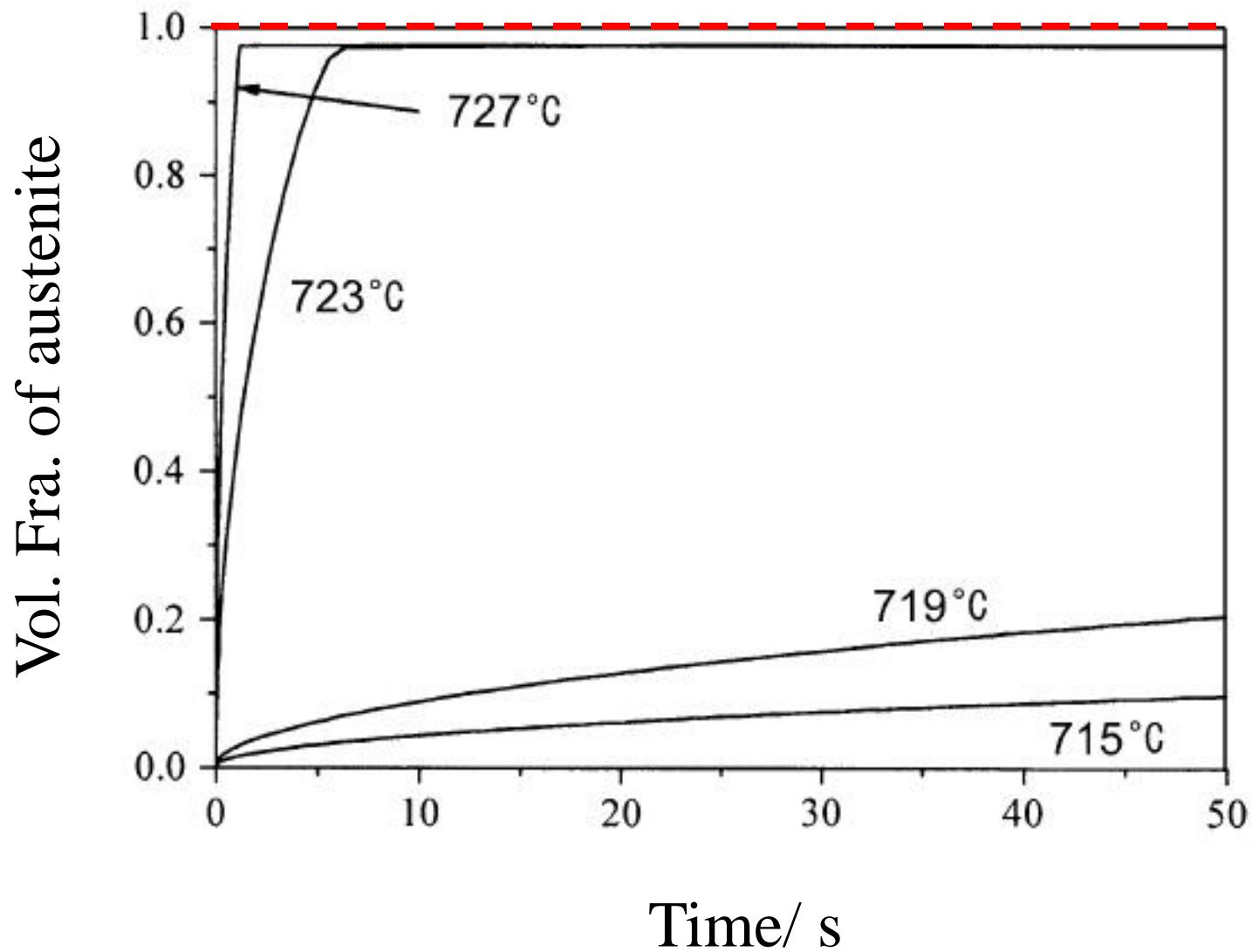
Lamellar pearlite

PNTT-I=721 $^{\circ}\text{C}$





Austenitization_Dictra





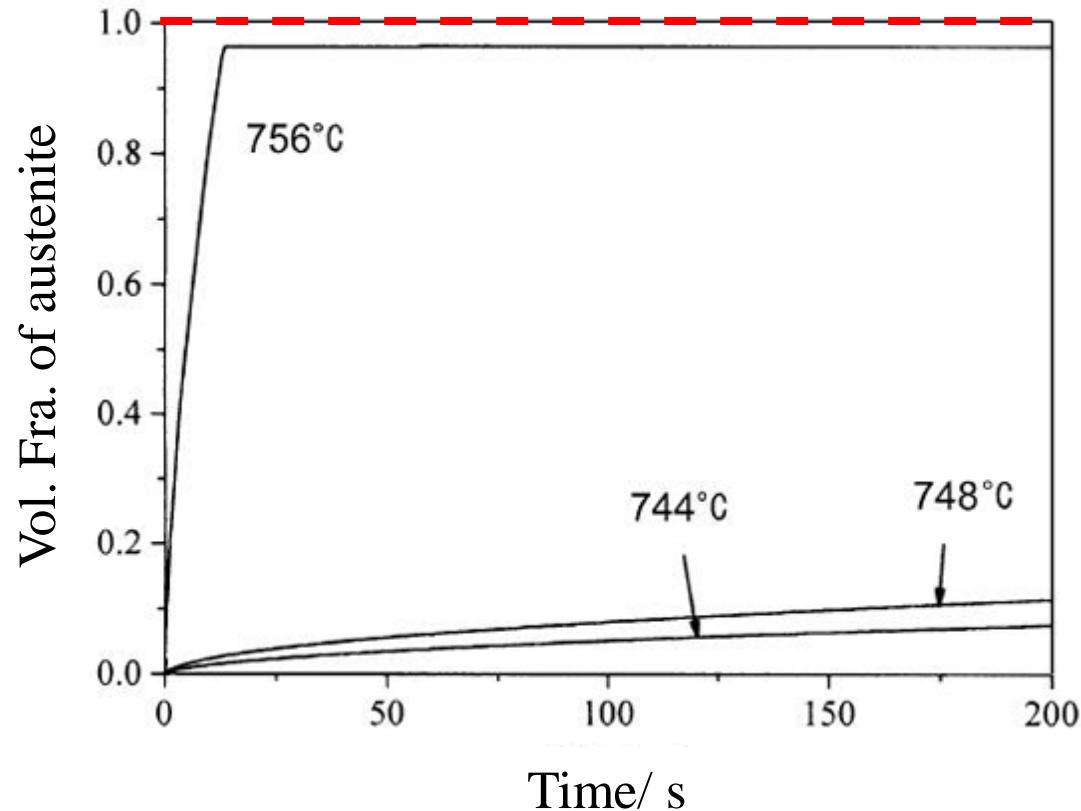
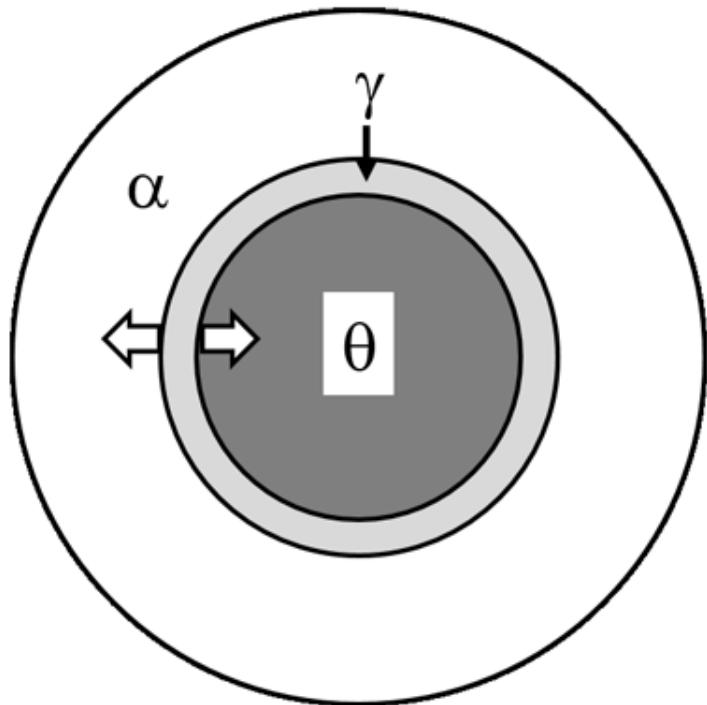
Austenitization_Dictra

Fe-0.69C-1.80Mn

Spherodized pearlite

$T_{ptr}=660^{\circ}\text{C}$

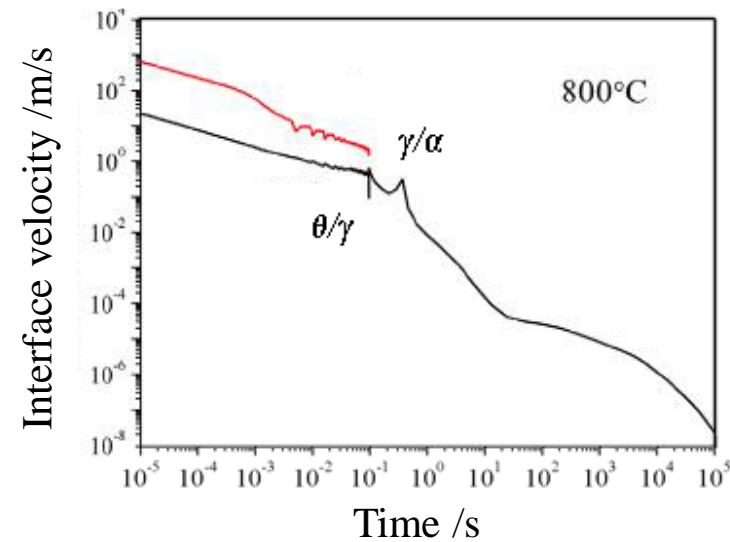
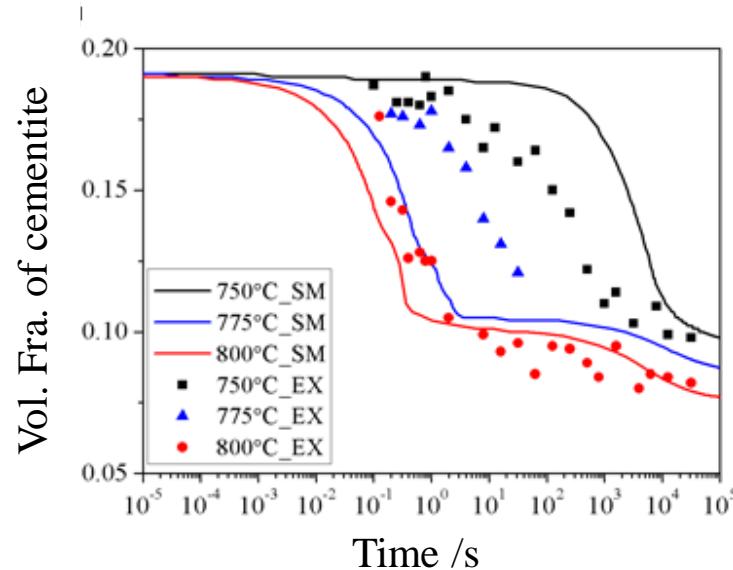
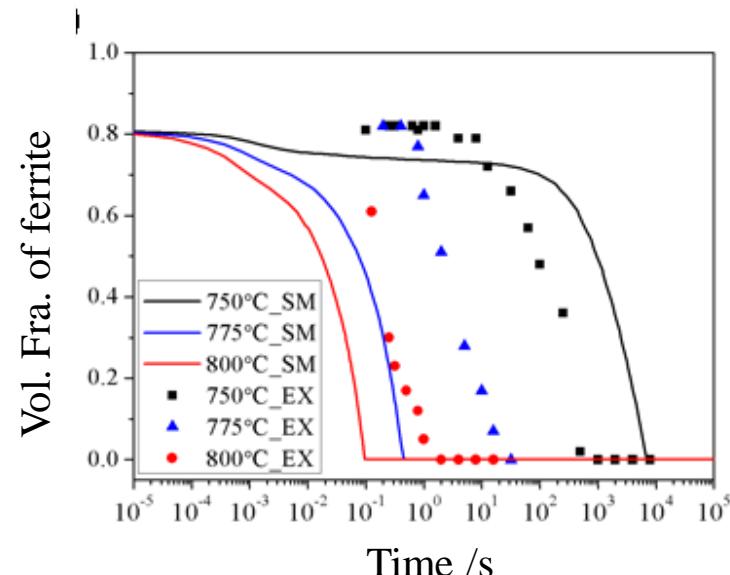
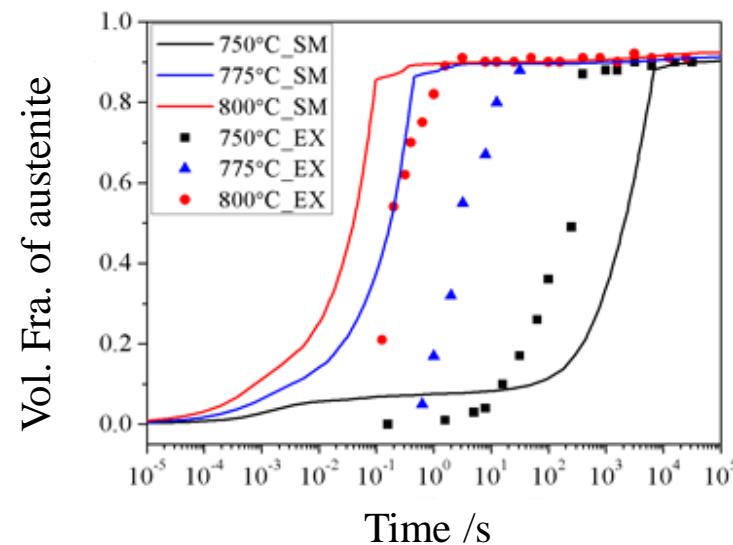
PNTT-I=750 $^{\circ}\text{C}$





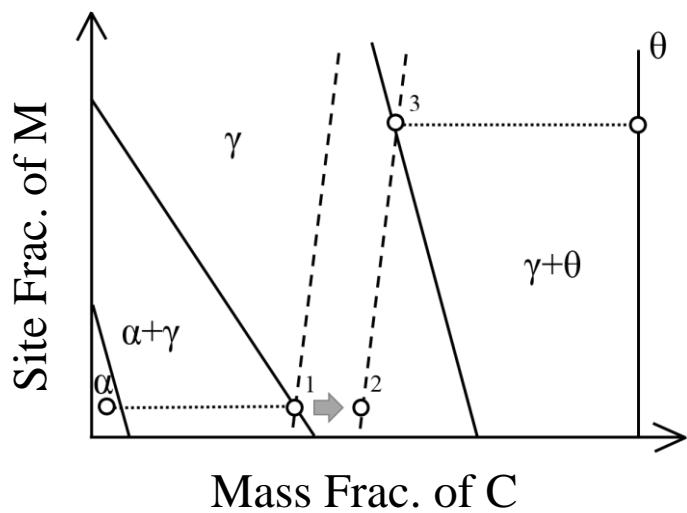
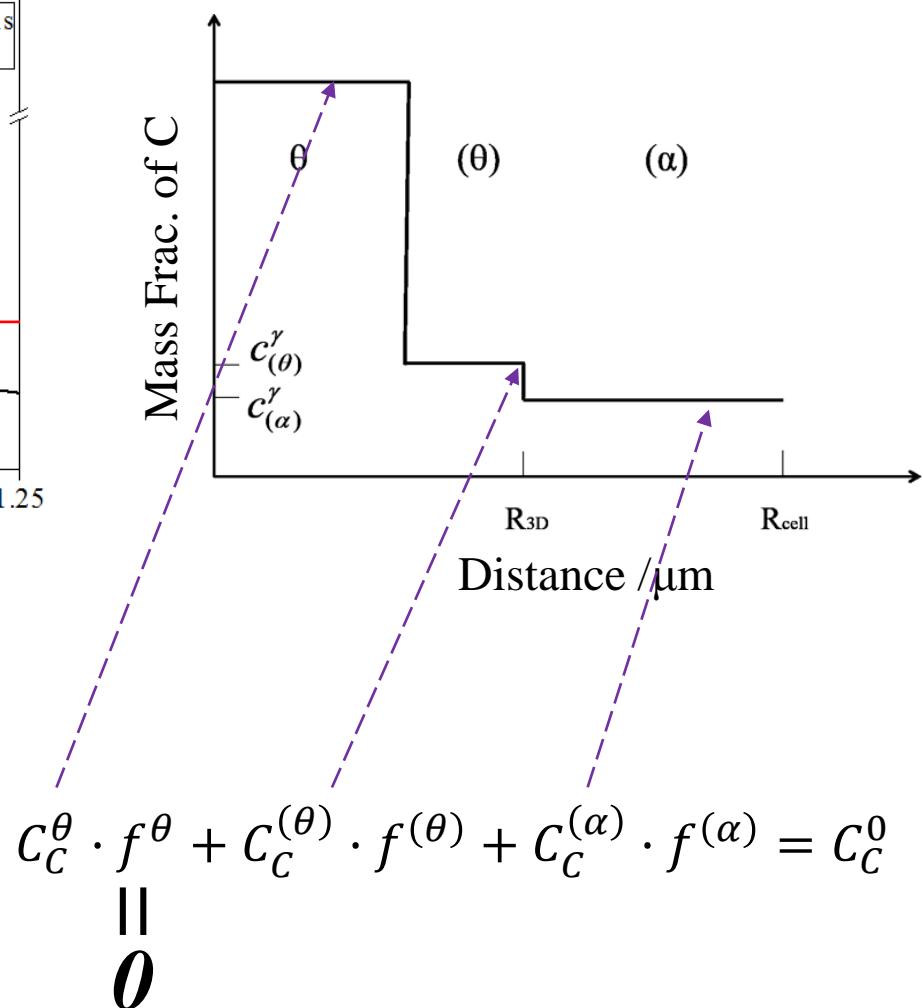
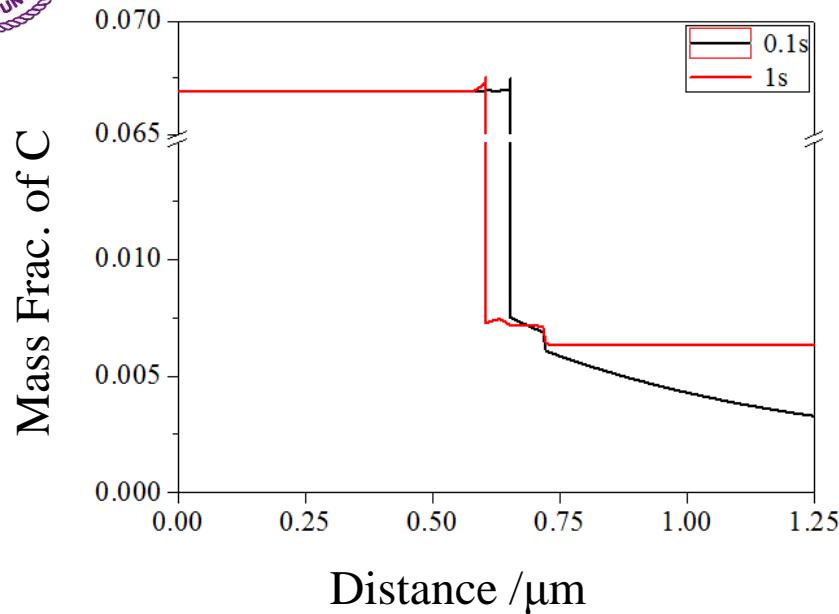
Austenitization_Exp. Fe-1.27 C-0.36Mn-0.19Cr

PNTT-I=756°C



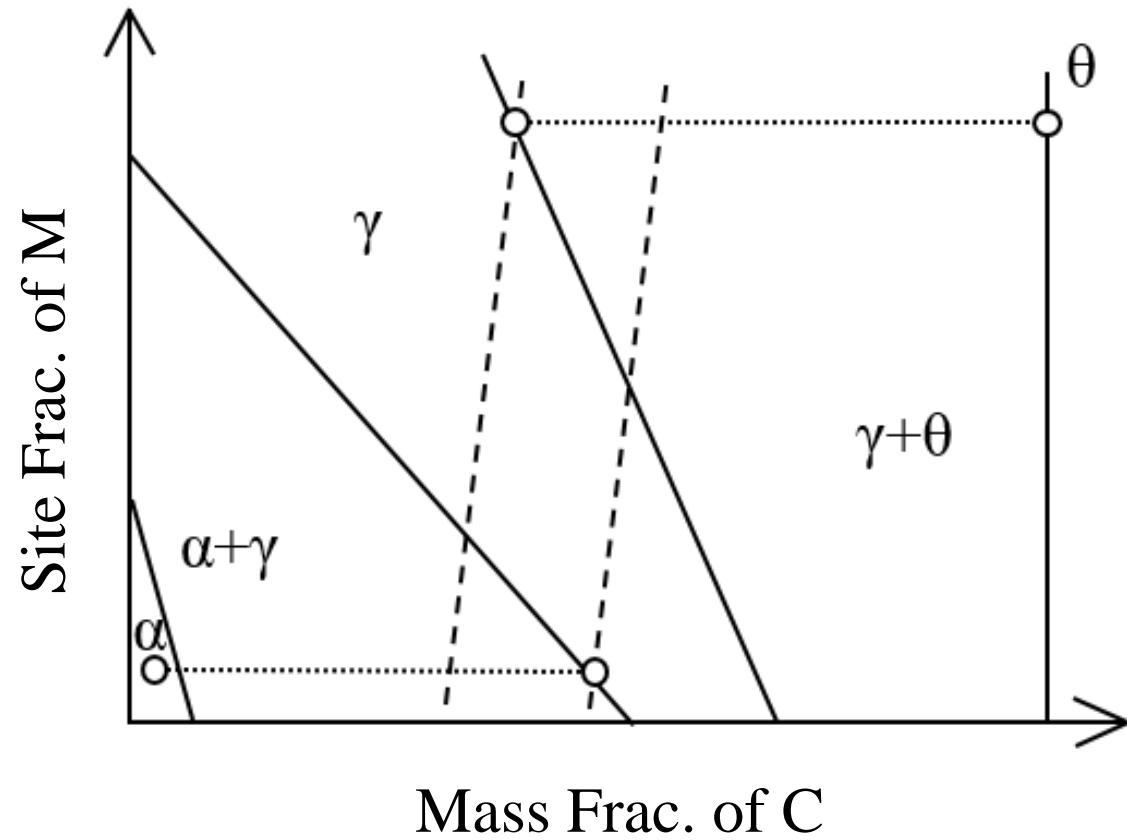
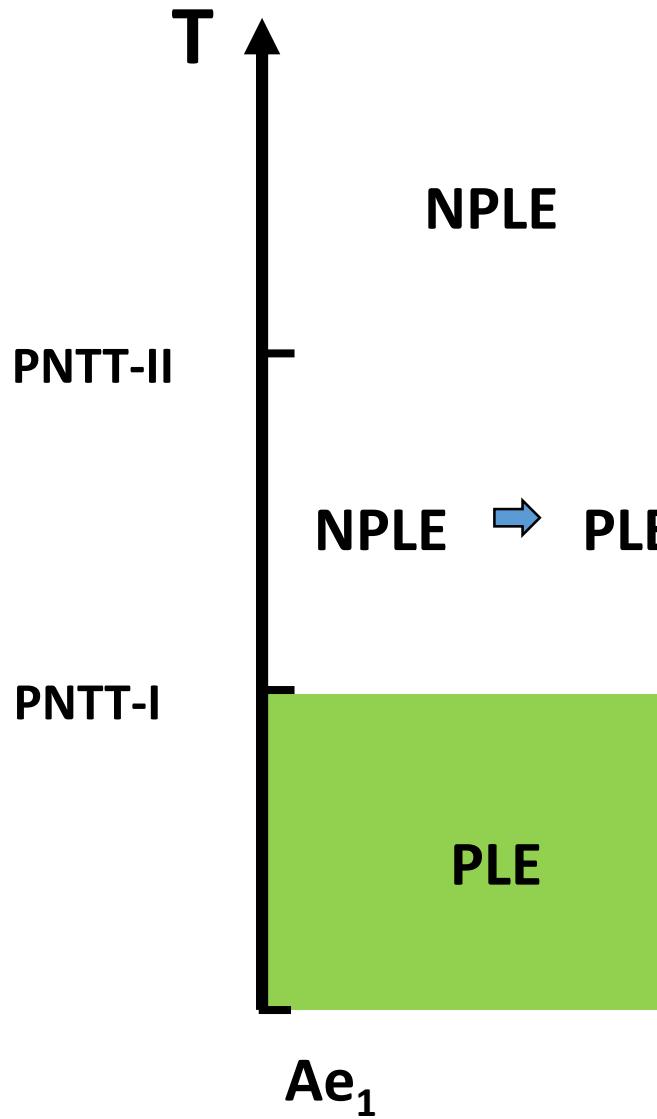


Austenitization_PNTT-II



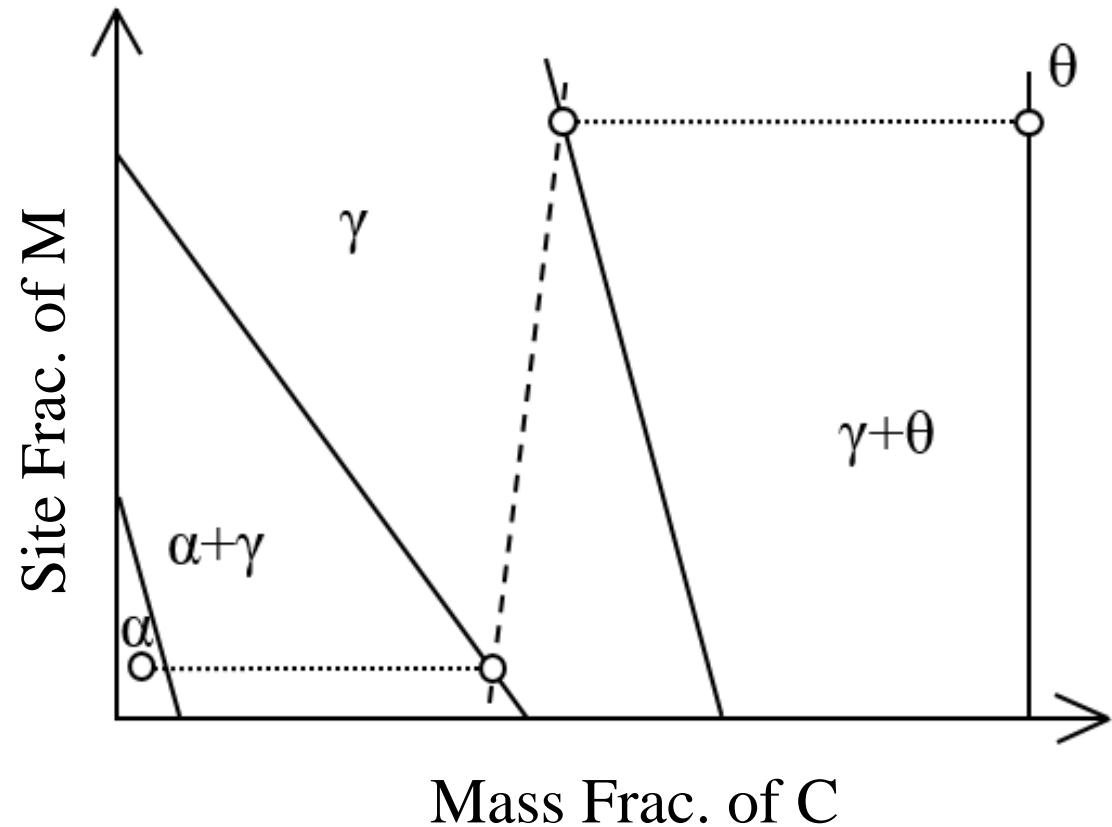
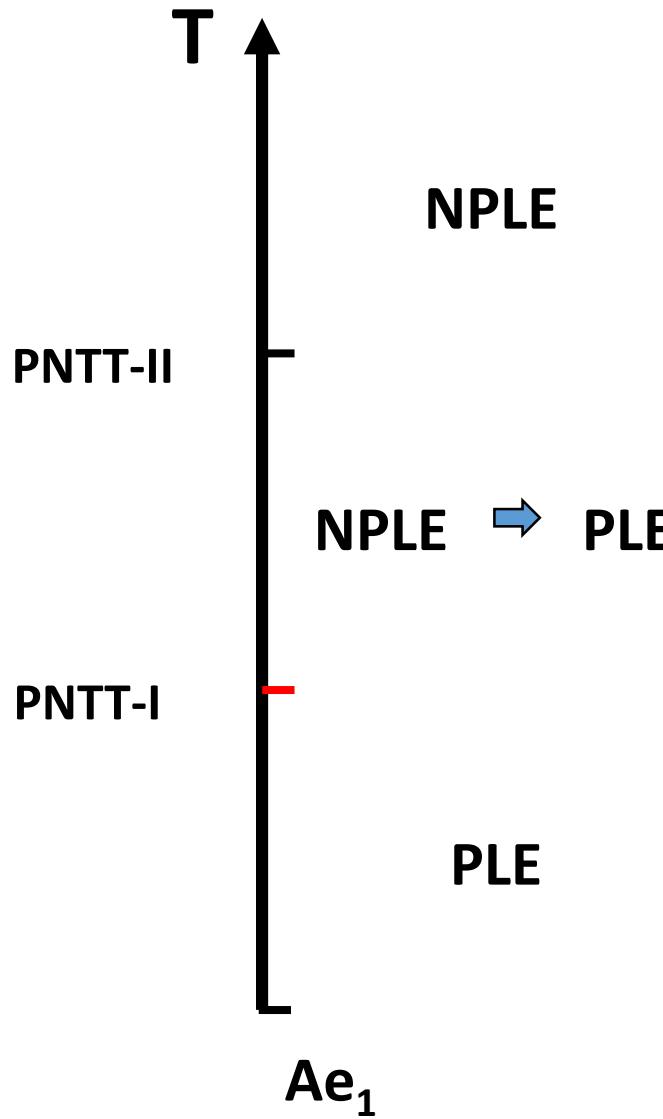


Austenitization_PNTTs



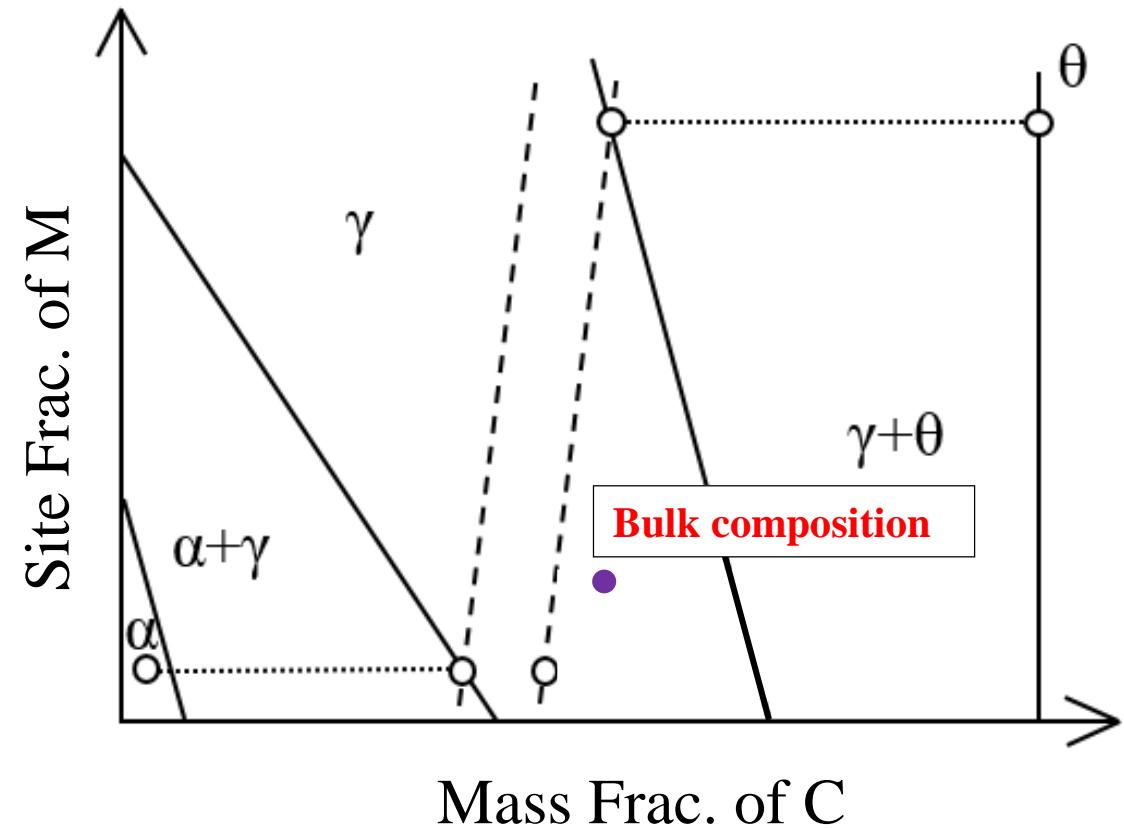
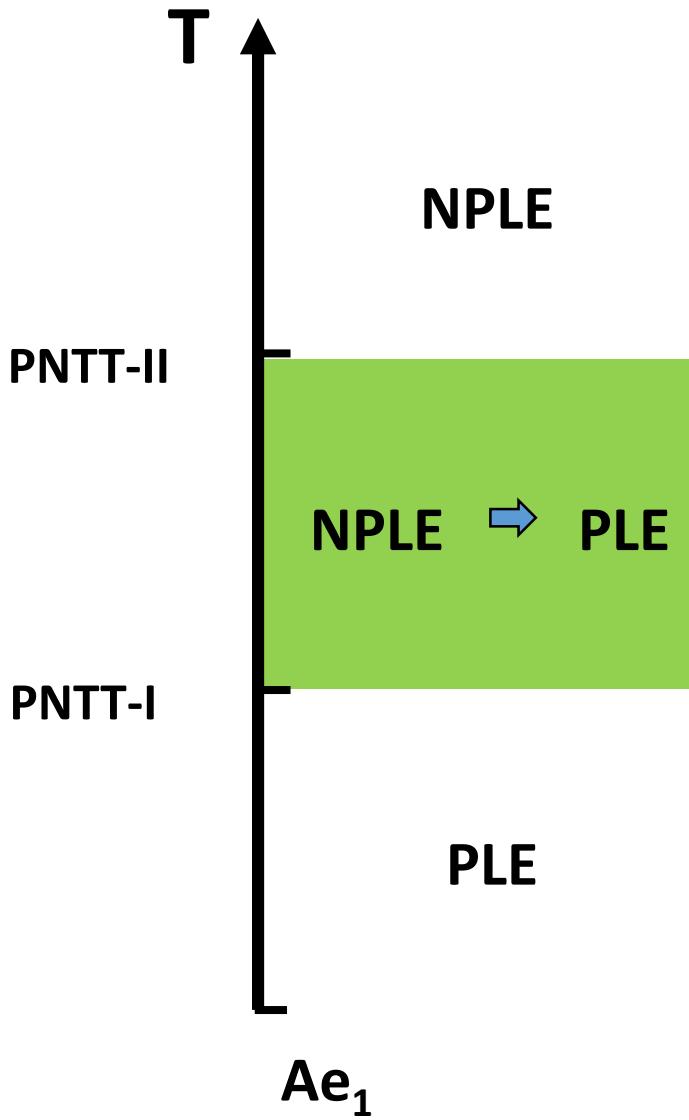


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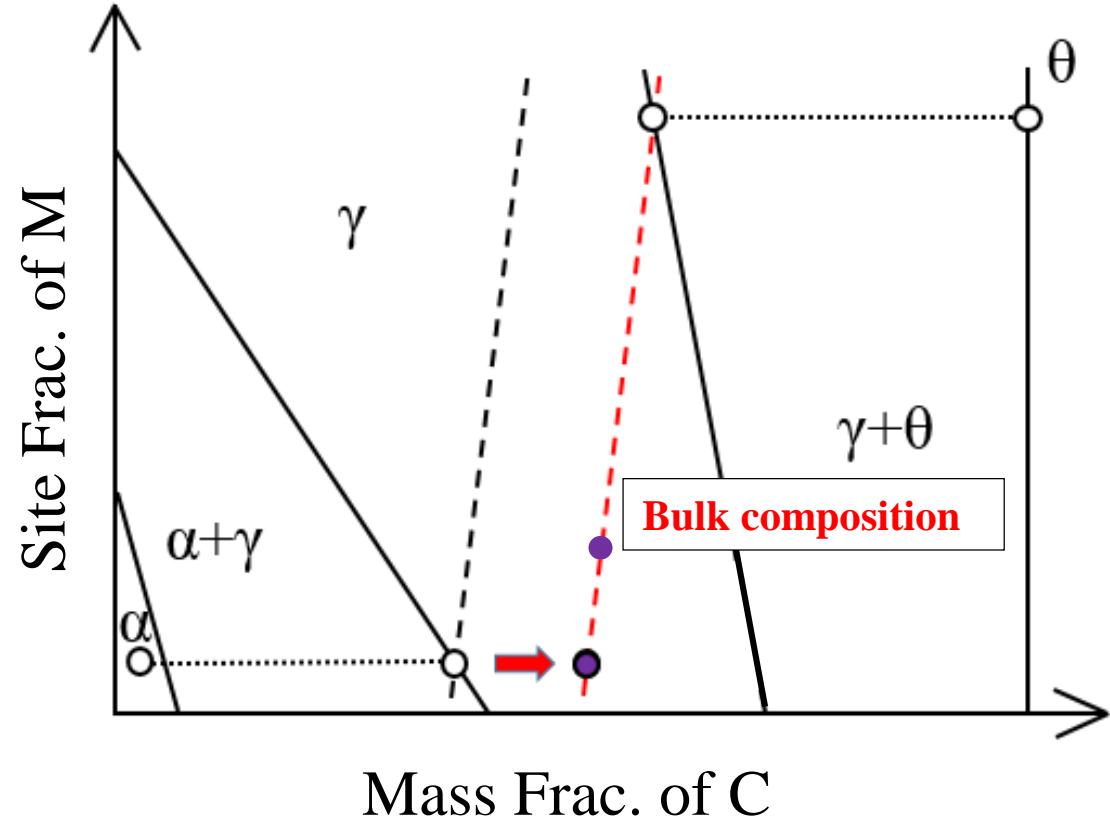
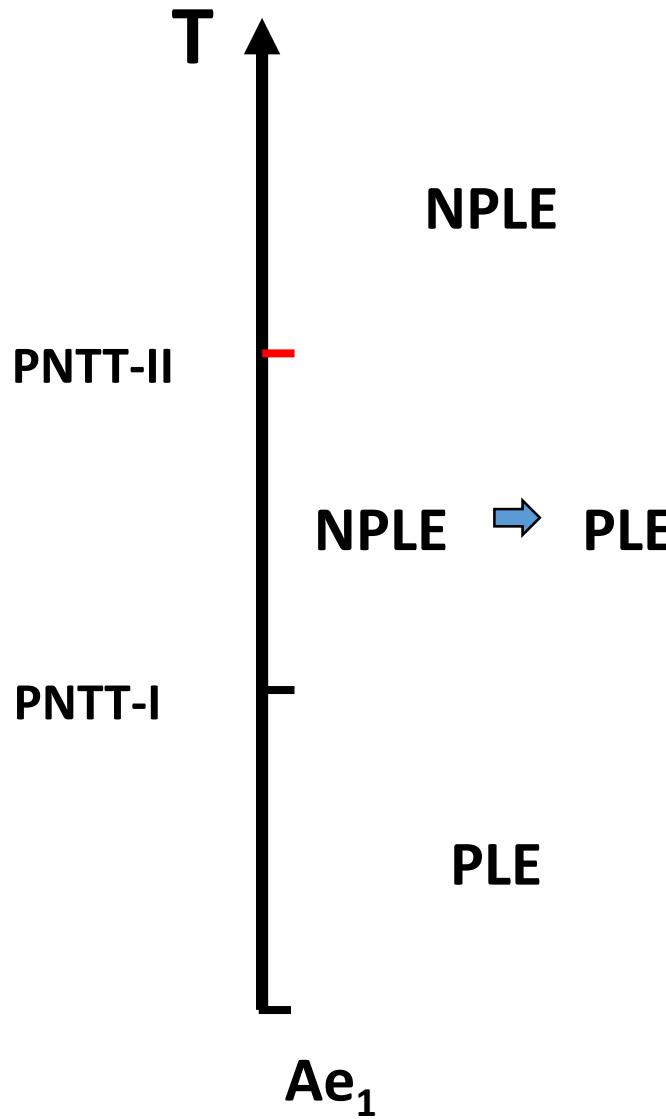


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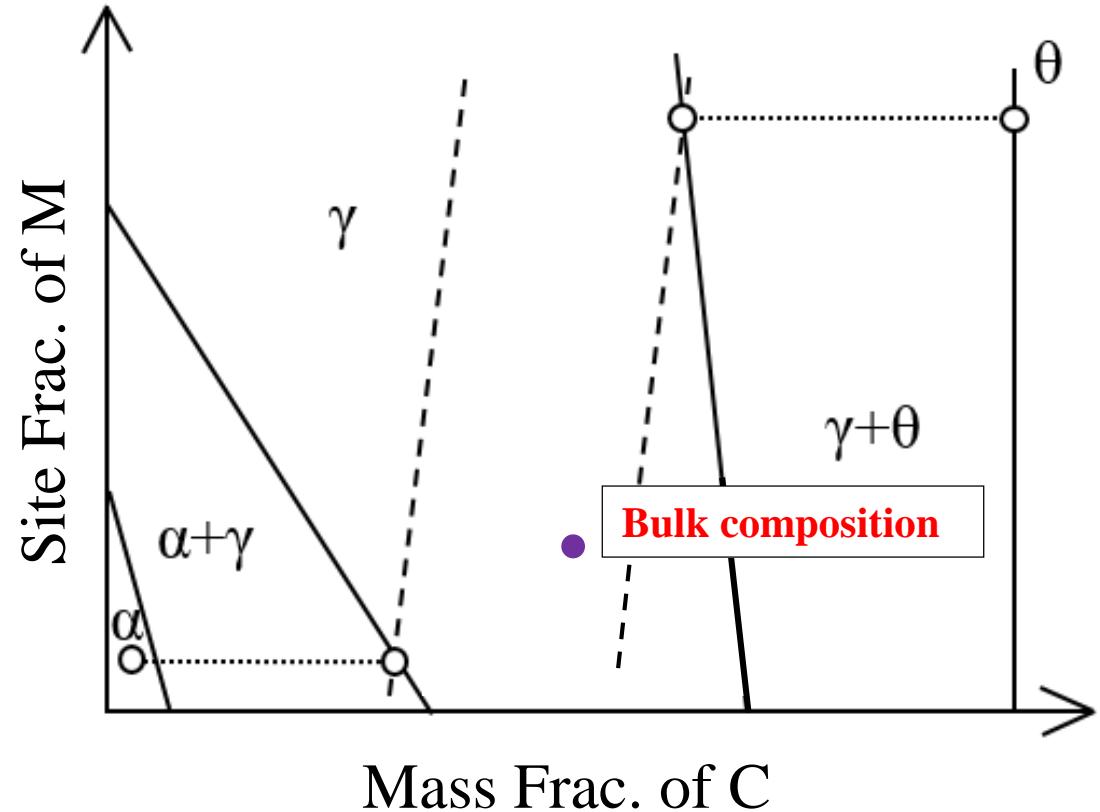
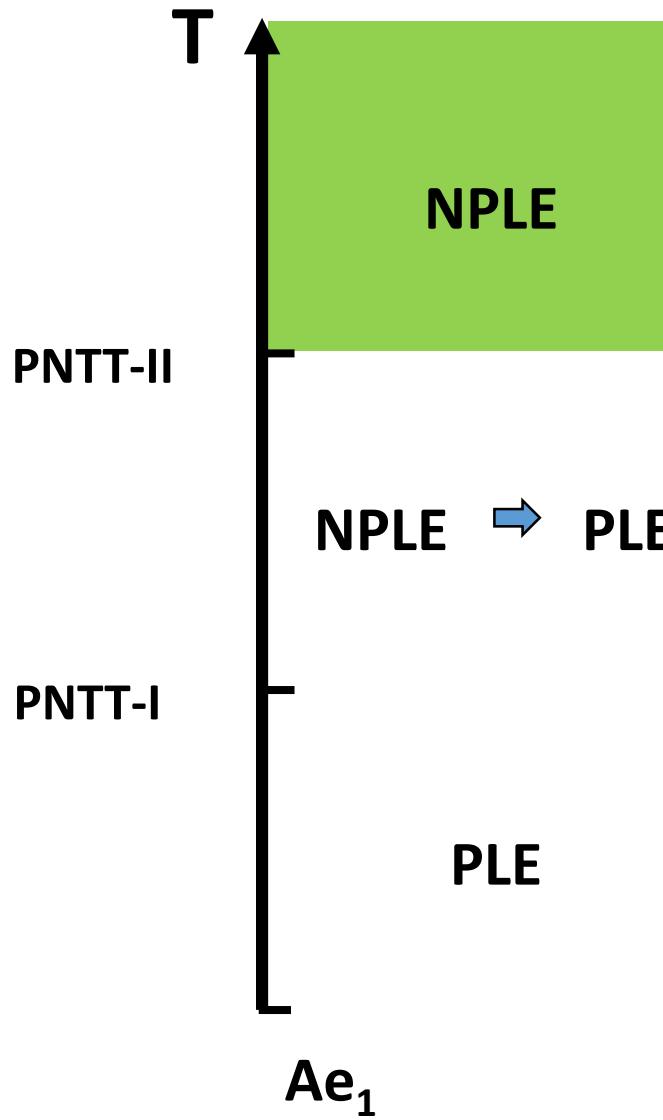


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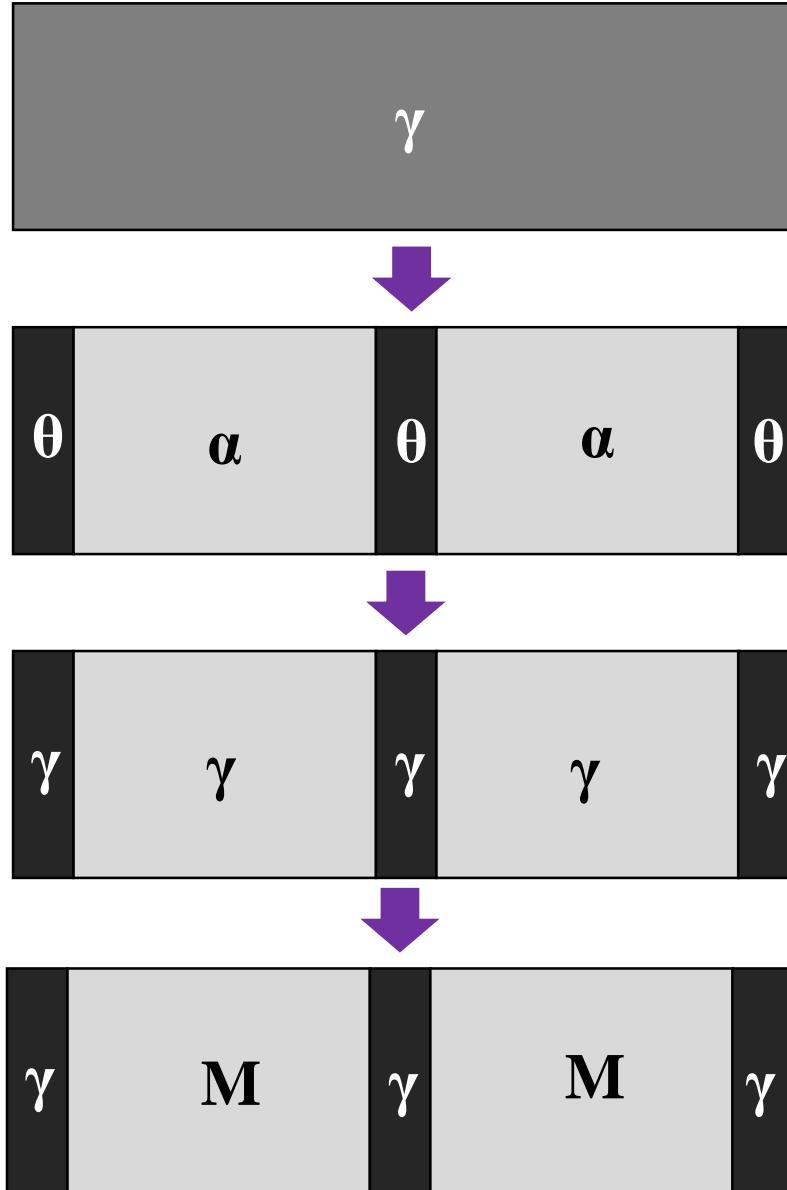
Austenitization_PNTTs





Medium Mn steel

High
Mn
content
Low



Pearlite transformation
Partition of Mn
Austenitization
 $T > PNTT-II$
Non-uniform distribution
Quench
MA dual phase



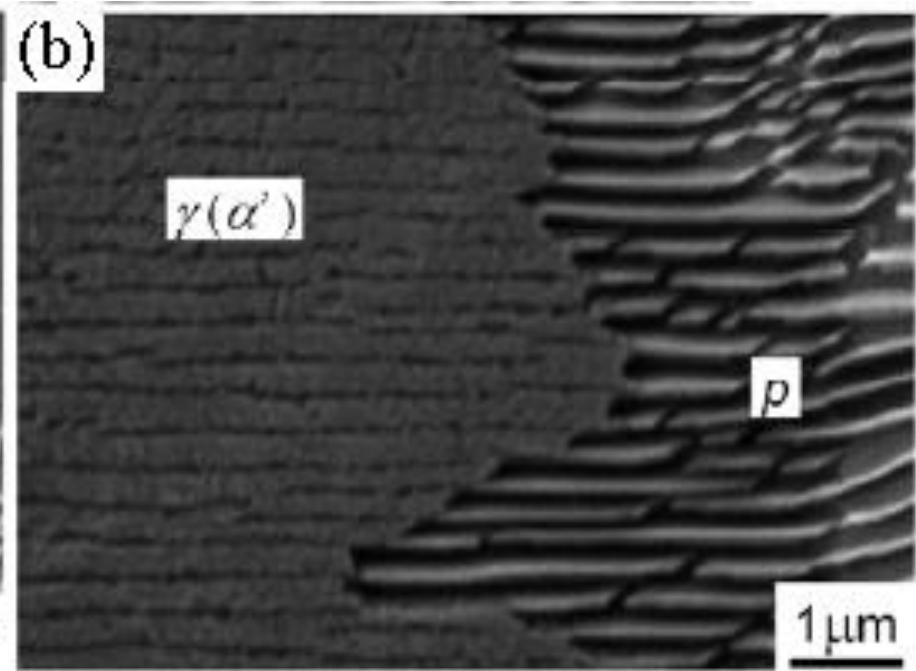
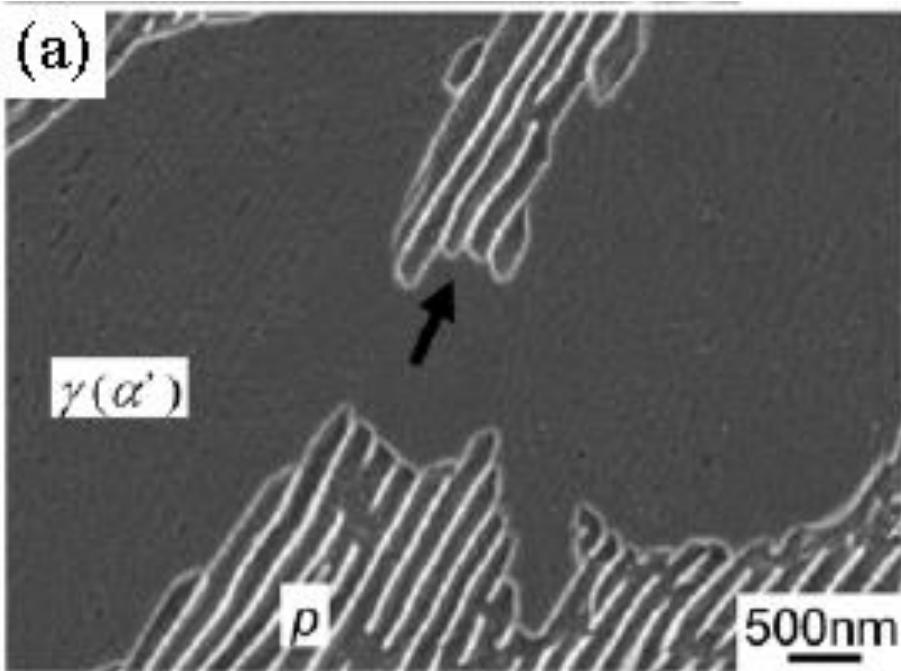
Medium Mn steel

Fe-0.6C-1Mn

Fe-0.6C-2Mn

800⁰C-1.1s

800⁰C-1.4s





Conclusion

1. Pearlite transformation is simulated via PFM. Compared with bulk diffusion, boundary diffusion of C and Mn plays an important role in the kinetics of transformation and partition of Mn between ferrite and cementite
2. A new heat treatment design for medium Mn steel is proposed. A non-uniform distribution of Mn is created by austenitization from pearlite, and the subsequent quenching may lead to a M&A dual phase microstructure.



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