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“Phase Transformation *in* Materials”

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Contents for today's class

- Atomic Mobility

$$D_B = M_B RTF$$

Thermodynamic factor

$$F = \left(1 + \frac{d \ln \gamma_B}{d \ln X_B}\right)$$

- Tracer Diffusion in Binary Alloys

$$\tilde{D} = X_B D_A + X_A D_B = F (X_B D_A^* + X_A D_B^*)$$

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- High-Diffusivity Paths

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$$A_l > A_b > A_s$$

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only when $D_b \delta > D_l d$. ($T < 0.75 \sim 0.8 T_m$)

$$D_{app} = D_l + D_b \frac{\delta}{d}$$

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At low temperatures, ($T < \sim 0.5 T_m$)

gD_p/D_l can become so large that the apparent diffusivity is entirely due to diffusion along dislocation.

- Diffusion in Multiphase Binary Systems

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{(C_B^\beta - C_B^\alpha)} \left\{ \tilde{D}(\alpha) \frac{\partial C_B^\alpha}{\partial x} - \tilde{D}(\beta) \frac{\partial C_B^\beta}{\partial x} \right\}$$

(velocity of the α/β interface)

Q: What conditions high-diffusivity paths' (grain boundary, dislocation) diffusion is important?

$$D_s > D_b > D_l \longleftrightarrow A_l > A_b > A_s$$

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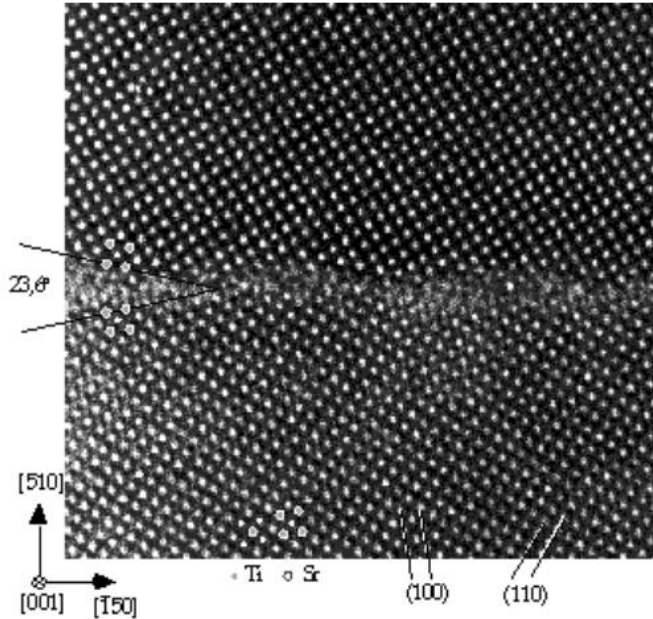
2.7. High-diffusivity paths

Real materials contain **defects**.

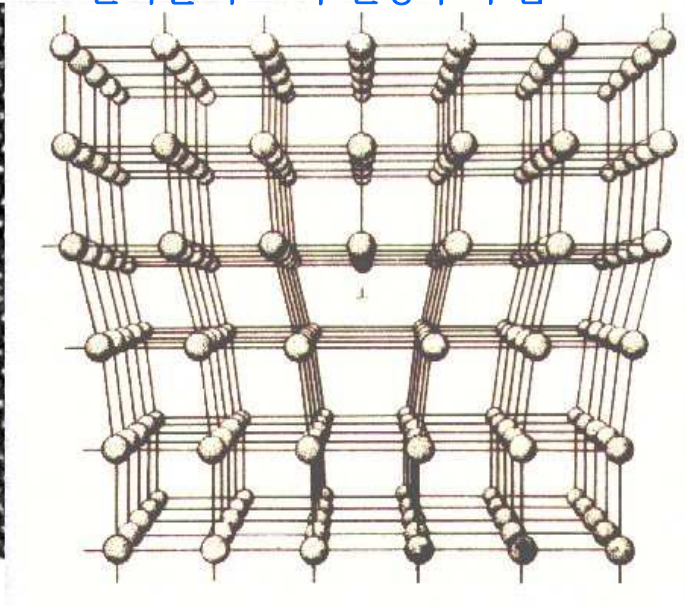
= more open structure → fast diffusion path.

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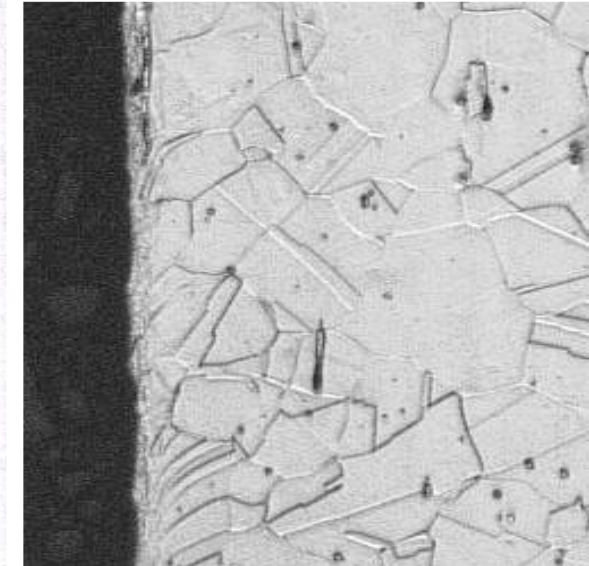
확산의 주요한 행로



Grain boundary



dislocation



surface

Diff. along lattice

$$D_l = D_{l0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_l}{RT}\right)$$

Diff. along grain boundary

$$D_b = D_{b0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_b}{RT}\right)$$

Diff. along free surface

$$D_s = D_{s0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_s}{RT}\right)$$

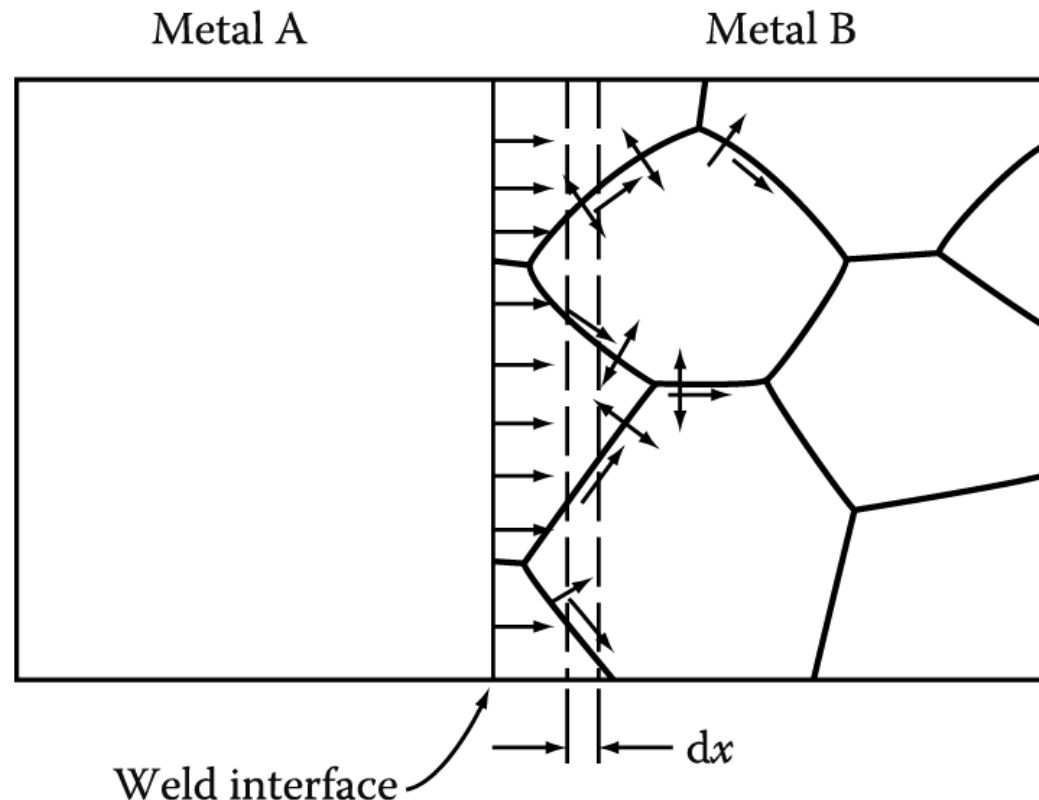
$$D_s > D_b > D_l$$

But area fraction → **lattice** > **grain boundary** > **surface**

2.7.1 Diffusion along grain boundaries

Atoms diffusing along the boundary will be able to **penetrate much deeper** than atoms which only diffuse through the lattice.

In addition, as the concentration of solute builds up in the boundaries, atoms will also **diffuse from the boundary into the lattice**.



Composite between plastic matrix and a continuous network of Al sheets

* The effect of grain boundary diffusion combined with volume diffusion.

: Rapid diffusion along the grain boundaries

→ increase in the apparent diffusivity in the materials as a whole

2.7.1 Diffusion along grain boundaries

$$D_l = D_{l0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_l}{RT}\right) \quad \text{vs} \quad D_b = D_{b0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_b}{RT}\right)$$

more open structure $Q_b \sim \frac{1}{2} Q_l$

TABLE 2.3

Crystal Structure	$D_{b0} \text{mm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$	Q_b/RT_m VS $\frac{Q_l}{RT} \sim 18$ in fcc and hcp metals
Fcc	18.9	10.0
Bcc	670	11.7
Hcp	54.8	10.8

Temperature dependence

1) $D_{liq} \approx D_b$ near T_m

2) With decreasing T ,

$$D_l/D_b \downarrow$$

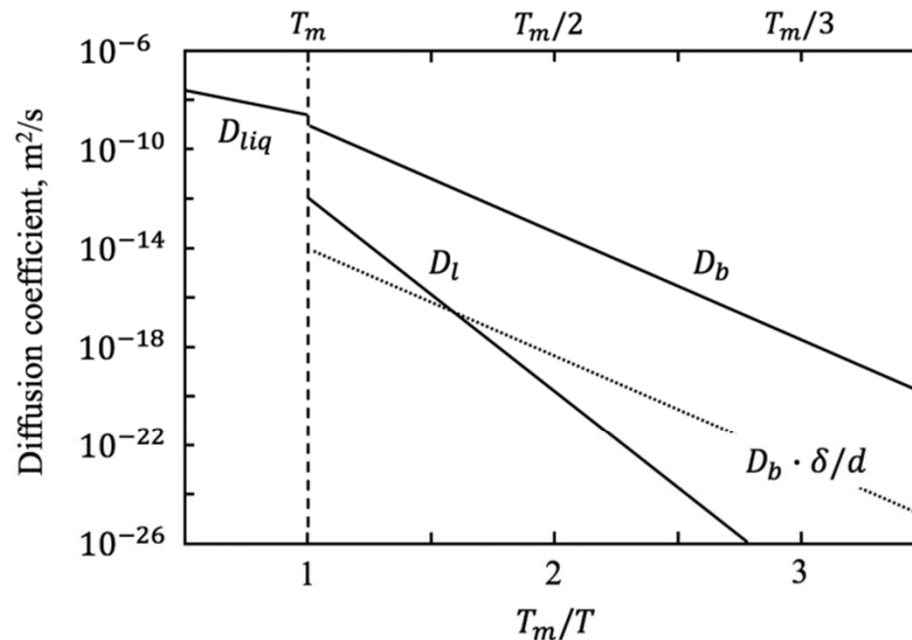


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2.7.1 Diffusion along grain boundaries

Impurities and solutes in dilute solid solution tend to segregate to grain boundaries

1) at equilibrium, the mole fraction of solute on the boundary, X_S^b , is greater than the mole fraction in the adjacent α grain, X_S^α ($X_S^b > X_S^\alpha$)

2) As the temperature decreases, the ratio X_S^b / X_S^α increases.

➔ Segregation (concentration gradient)

Segregation ratio, s , $s = C_b / C_{l(b)}$

in terms of concentrations expressed as amounts per unit volume.

In the case of self – diffusion, $S = 1$

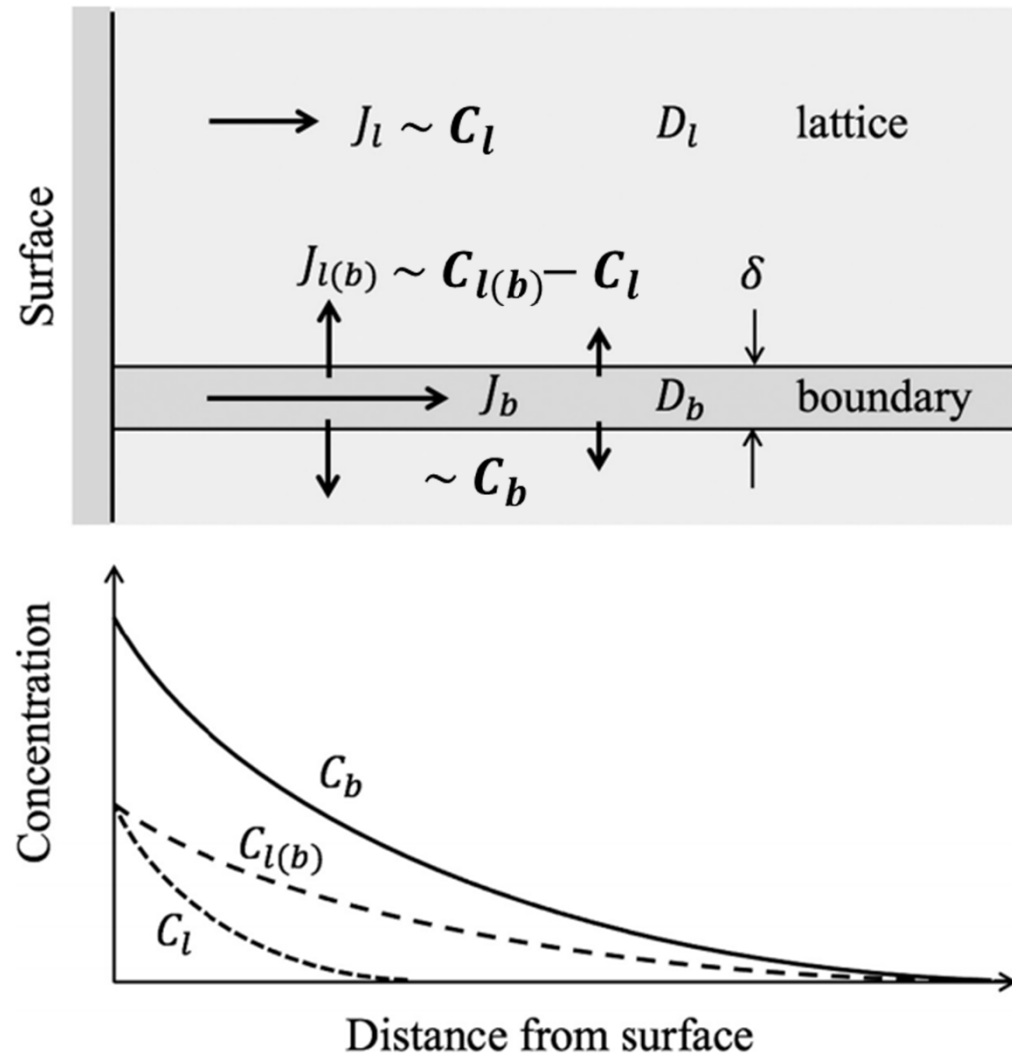
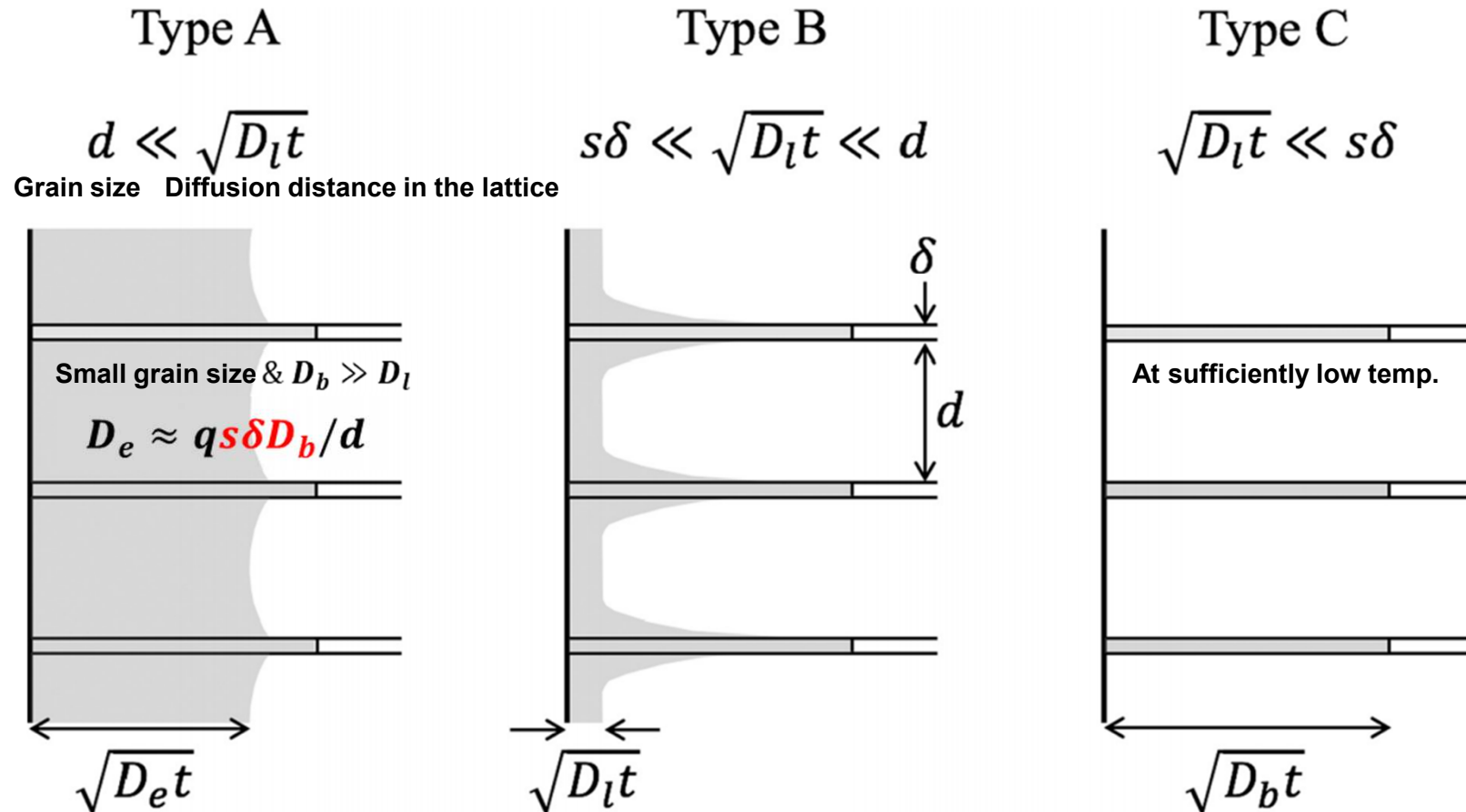


FIGURE 2.26 Model for diffusion of a surface deposit into a metal or alloy through the grain and along a grain boundary. Grain boundary considered to be a film of thickness δ in which the diffusion coefficient is D_b . Line C_b shows the concentration of the diffusing species in the boundary, line $C_{l(b)}$ the concentration in the lattice adjacent to the boundary, and C_l the concentration in the lattice far from the boundary. $C_b / C_l = s$, the segregation factor.

2.7.1 Diffusion along grain boundaries

FIGURE 2.27 Types of grain boundary vs. lattice diffusion kinetics. depending on grain size, temperature and segregation factor



Poly crystalline metal behaves macroscopically like a single crystal having an effective diffusion coefficient equal to the weighted average of the boundary and lattice diffusivities:

$$D_e = sfD_b + (1 - sf)D_l$$

f : volume fraction of GB $= q\delta/d$

q : geometrical factor related to grain shape

Leakage from the grain boundaries only affects a very small fraction of the grain volume. The effects of lattice diffusion are limited to the near-surface region.

Diffusion distance in the lattice can be so small that leakage from the GB is essentially nonexistent. The GB phase is effectively isolated from the adjacent lattice.

2.7.1 Diffusion along grain boundaries

$D_e \approx qs\delta D_b/d \rightarrow$ when $s = 1$ (self-diffusion), δD_b can be obtained from 3 different conditions.

For impurity diffusion, $S > 1$ and, like D_b itself, it also varies exponentially with Temp. Usually, the temp dependence of S will be unknown, which makes it impossible to determine D_b for impurity diffusion from experiments in the A and B regimes alone. But, measurement at various temp in the C regime allow the determination of $\delta D_b \rightarrow$ extrapolation \rightarrow temp dependence of S

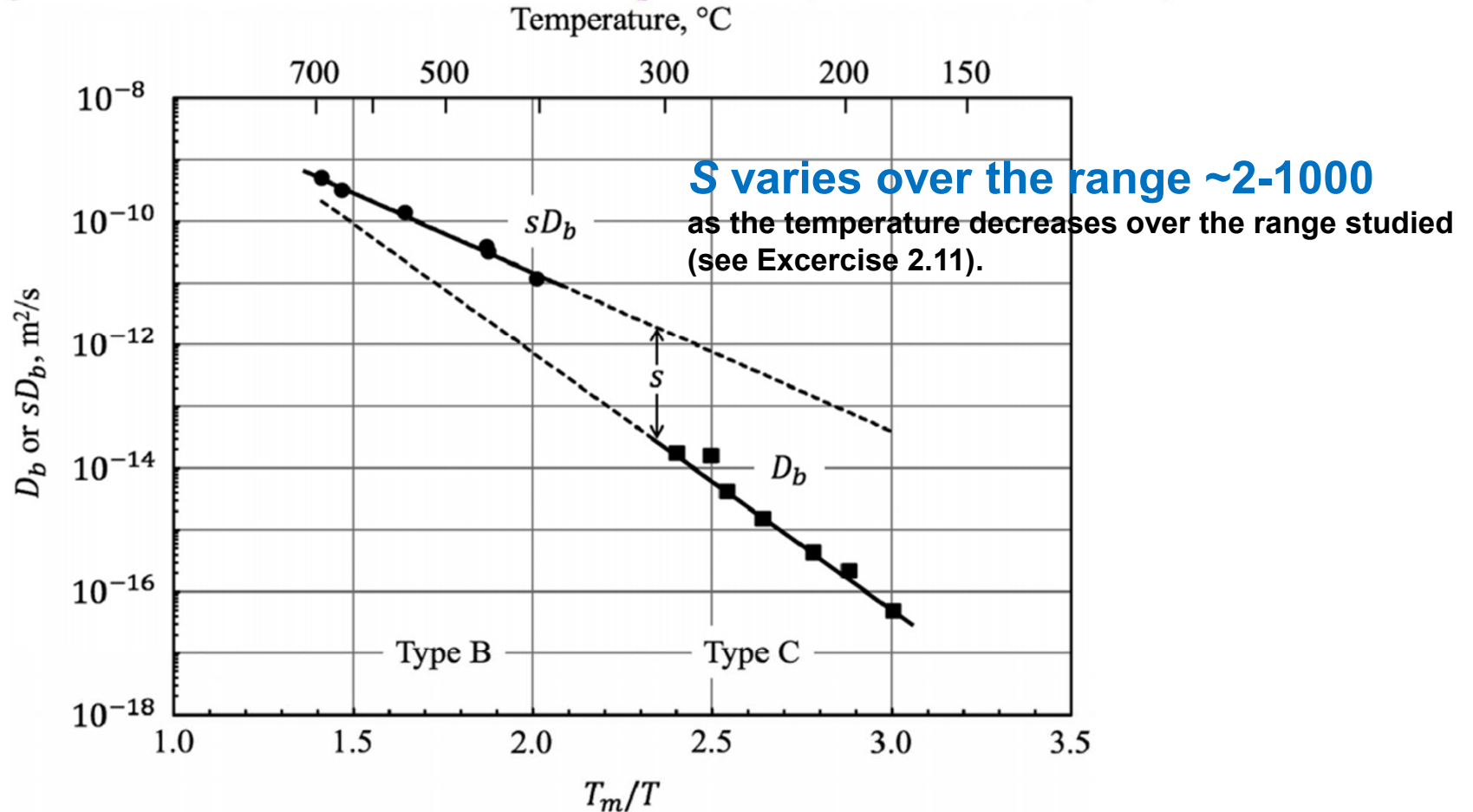
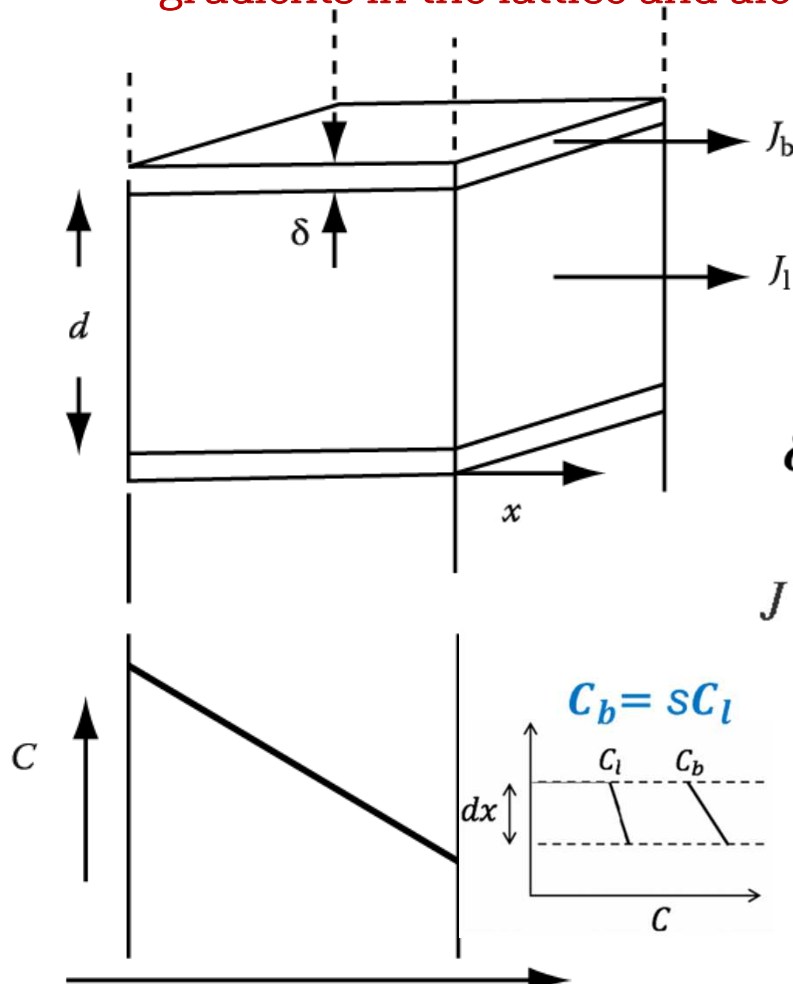


FIGURE 2.28 Results of tracer impurity diffusion of silver in copper grain boundaries assuming $\delta = 0.5$ nm. $T_m = 1085^\circ\text{C}$ (1358 K). (Data from tables in S. V. Divinski, M. Lohmann and Chr. Herzig: *Acta Mater.* **49**:249–261 (2001).)

Combined diffusion of grain boundary and lattice

: What conditions grain boundary diffusion is important?

Assumption: GBs are perpendicular to the sheet, steady-state diffusion, Concentration gradients in the lattice and along the GB are identical,



$$J_l = -D_l \frac{dC_l}{dx}$$

$$J_b = -D_b \frac{dC_b}{dx} = -sD_b \frac{dC_l}{dx}$$

$\delta \ll d \rightarrow \delta + d \approx d$ & for unit depth,

$$J = (J_b \delta \cdot 1 + J_l d \cdot 1) / (d + \delta) \approx - \left(\frac{sD_b \delta + D_l d}{d} \right) \frac{dC_l}{dx}$$

$$D_{app} = D_l + sD_b \delta / d \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{D_{app}}{D_l} = 1 + \frac{sD_b \delta}{D_l d}$$

δ : grain boundary thickness $\approx 0.5\text{nm}$

d : grain size

D_{app} : apparent diffusivity

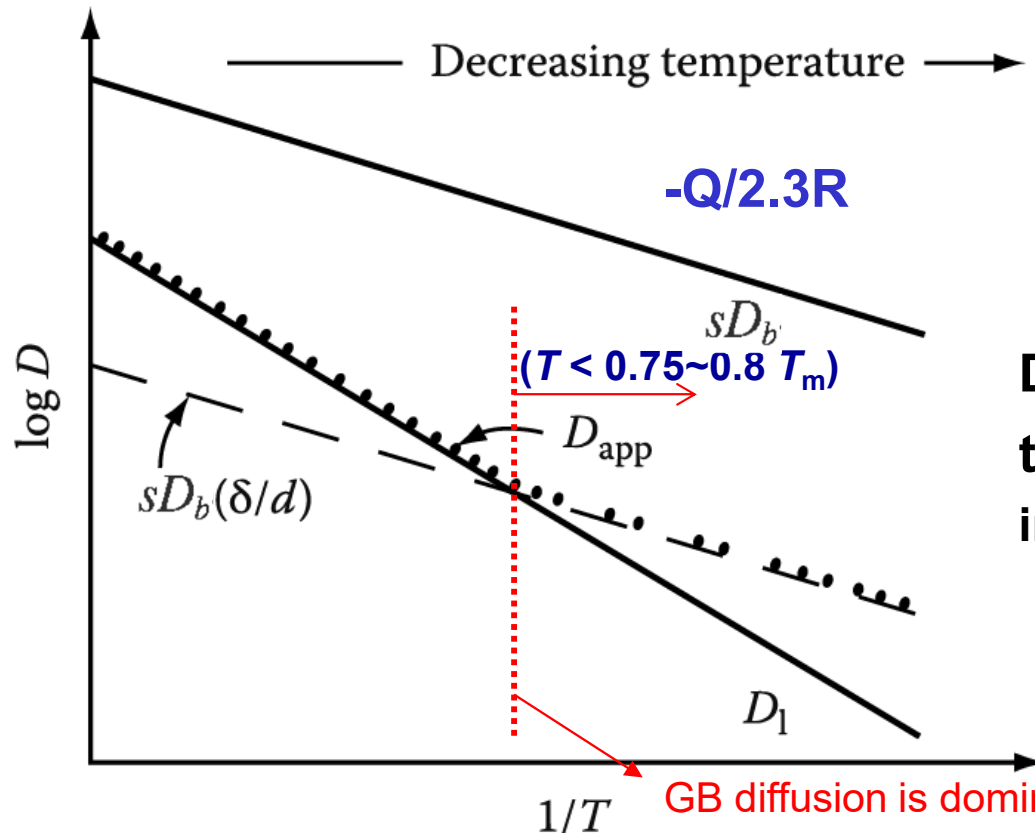
Thus, grain boundary diffusion makes a significant contribution

only when $sD_b \delta > D_l d$.

Fig. 2.29 Combined lattice and boundary fluxes during steady-state diffusion through a thin slab of material.

The relative magnitudes of $sD_b\delta$ and $D_l d$ are most sensitive to **temperature**.

$$D_b = D_{b0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_b}{RT}\right) \quad D_l = D_{l0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_l}{RT}\right)$$



$$D_b > D_l \text{ at all temp.}$$

Due to $Q_b < Q_l$, ($Q_b = 0.5Q_l$)
the curves for D_l and $sD_b\delta/d$ cross
in the coordinate system of $\ln D$ versus $1/T$.

Fig. 2.27 Diffusion in a polycrystalline metal.

➔ Therefore, the grain boundary diffusion becomes predominant at temperatures lower than the crossing temperature.

$$(T < 0.75 \sim 0.8 T_m)$$

The diffusion rate depends on the atomic structure of the individual boundary = orientation of the adjoining crystals and the plane of the boundary. Also, the diffusion coefficient can vary with direction within a given boundary plane.

The dotted line in the following Figure indicates that for self-diffusion ($s=1$) in an fcc metal with a grain size of $50\ \mu\text{m}$ ($=10^5\delta$) this would be the case below about $0.6\ T_m$).

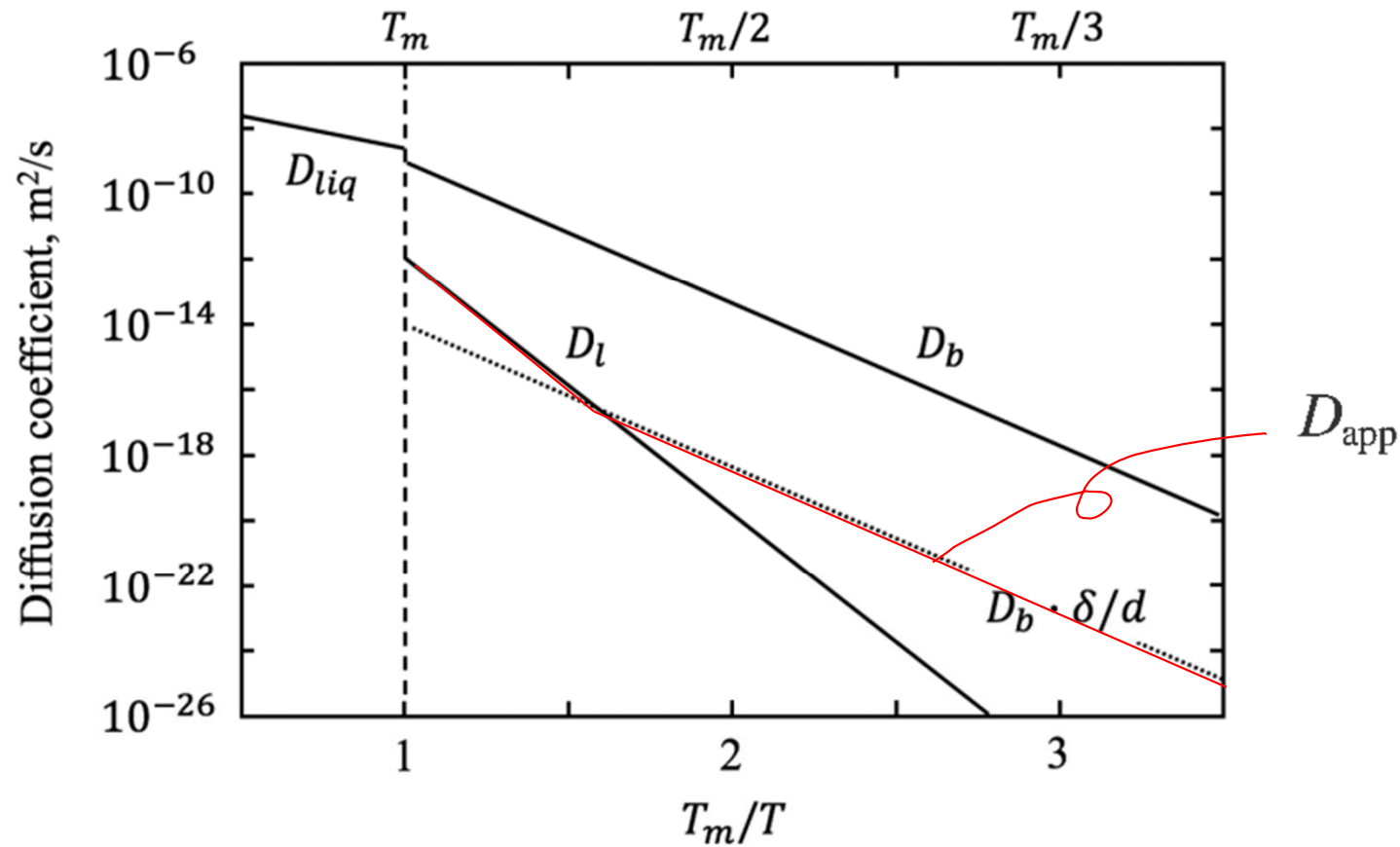
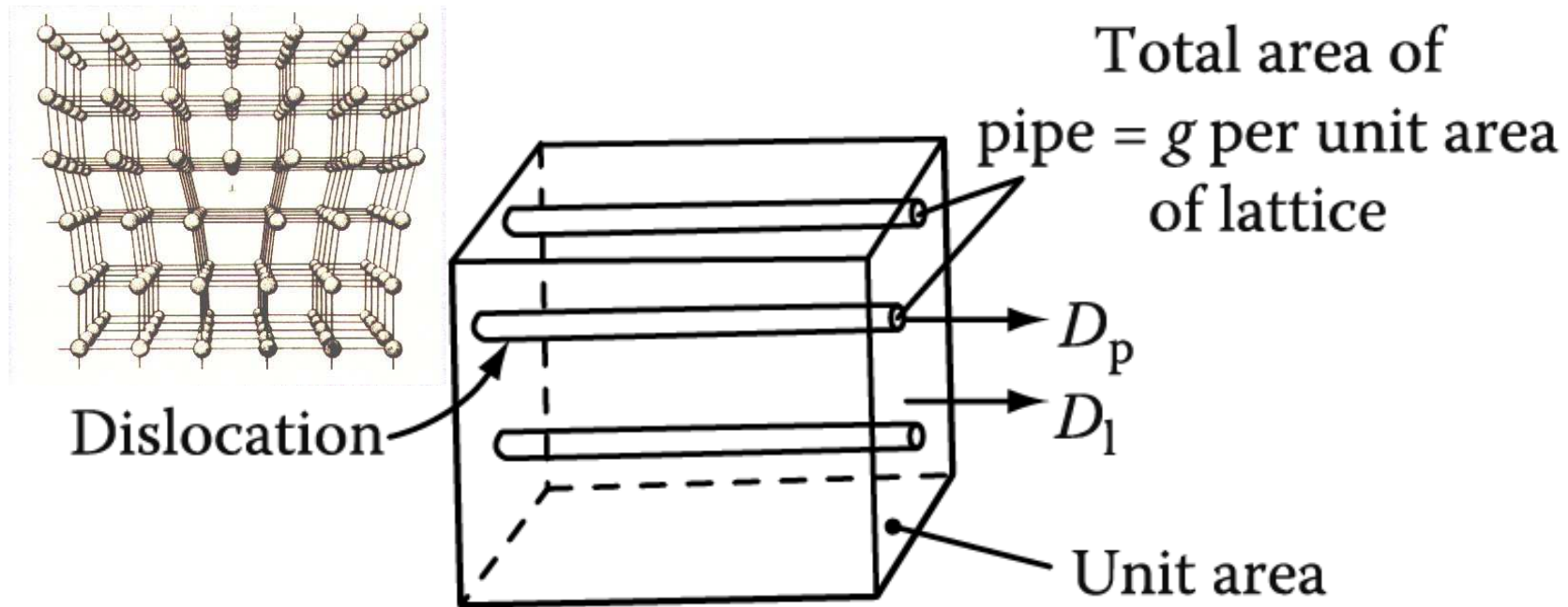


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2.7.2 Diffusion along dislocations



Composite between plastic matrix and Al wires

Fig. 2.30. Dislocations act as a high conductivity path through the lattice.

$D_{app} = ?$ hint) 'g' is the cross-sectional area of 'pipe' per unit area of matrix.
 파이프와 기지의 횡단면적

$$D_{app} = D_l + g \cdot D_p \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{D_{app}}{D_l} = 1 + g \cdot \frac{D_p}{D_l}$$

ex) annealed metal $\sim 10^5$ disl/mm²; one dislocation(\perp) accommodates 10 atoms in the cross-section; matrix contains 10^{13} atoms/mm².

$$g = \frac{10^5 * 10}{10^{13}} = \frac{10^6}{10^{13}} = 10^{-7}$$

g = cross-sectional area of 'pipe' per unit area of matrix

At high temperatures,
diffusion through the lattice is rapid and gD_p/D_l is very small
so that the dislocation contribution to the total flux of atoms is very small.

Due to $Q_p < Q_l$,

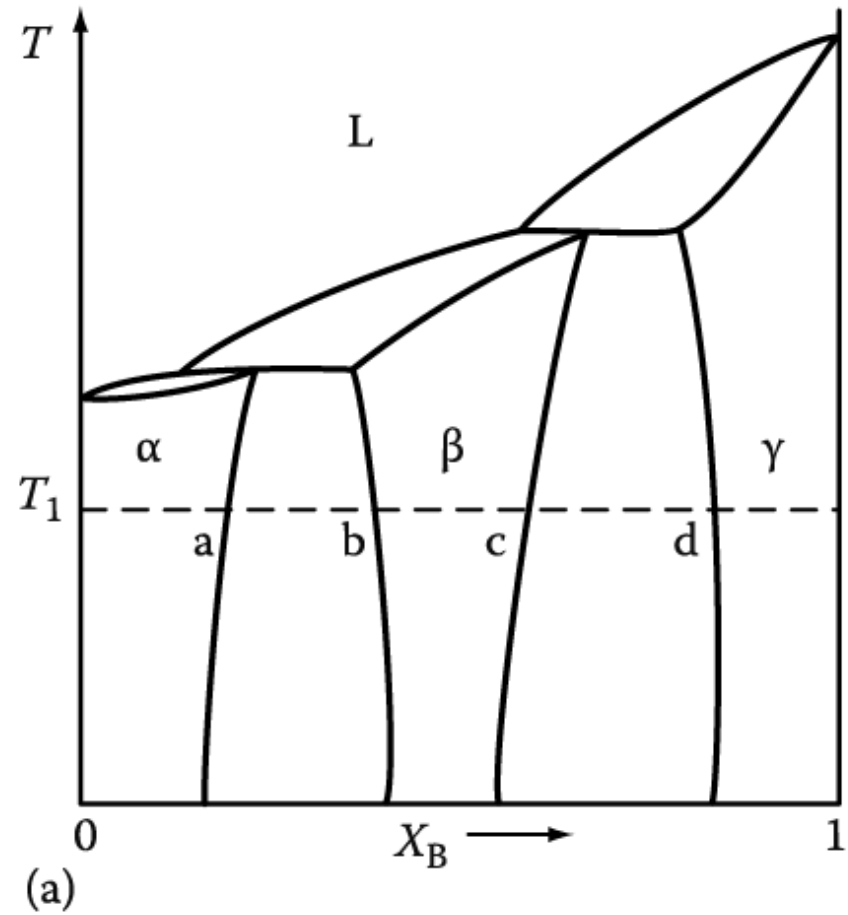
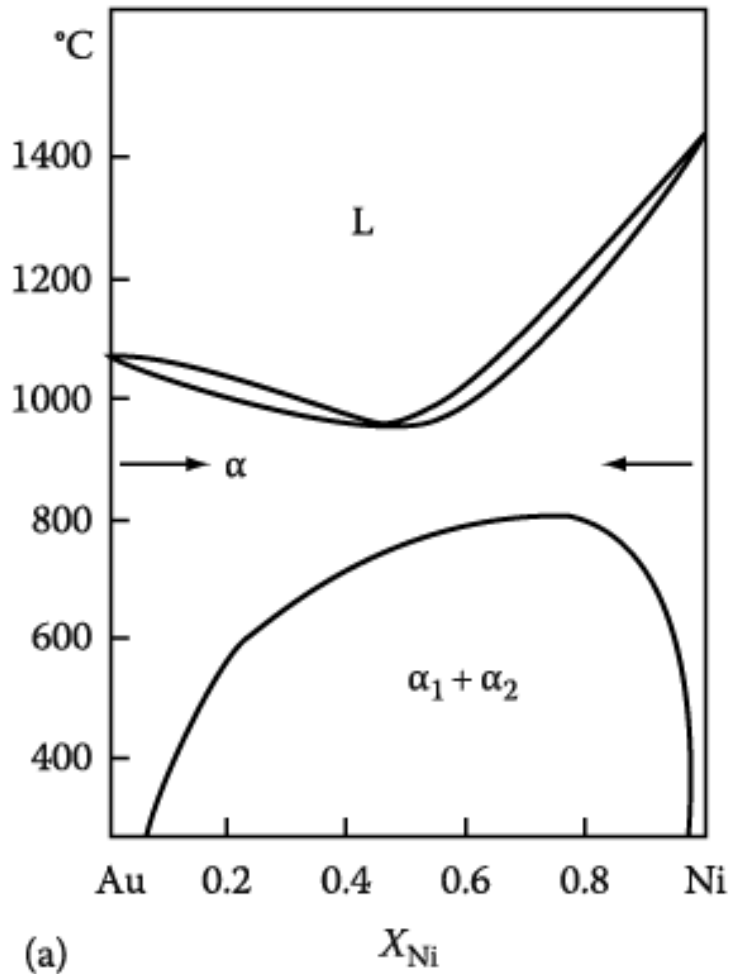
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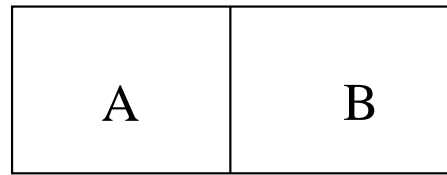
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2.8 Diffusion in multiphase binary systems (다상 2원계의 확산)



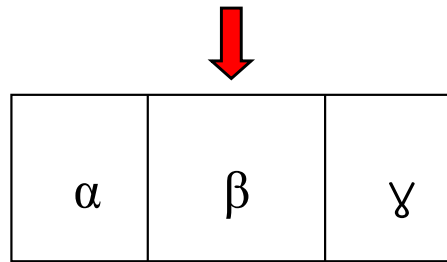
2.8 Diffusion in multiple binary system

A diffusion couple made by welding together pure A and pure B

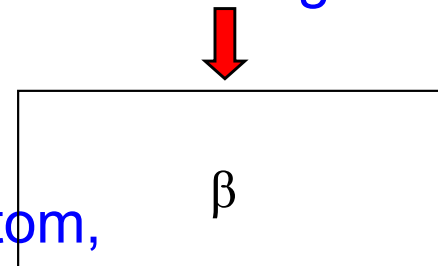


What would be the microstructure evolved after annealing at T_1 ?

→ a layered structure containing α , β & γ .



Draw a phase distribution and composition profile in the plot of distance vs. X_B after annealing at T_1 .



Draw a profile of activity of B atom, in the plot of distance vs. a_B after annealing at T_1 .

A or B atom → easy to jump interface (local equil.)

→ $\mu_A^\alpha = \mu_A^\beta, \mu_A^\beta = \mu_A^\gamma$ at interface

$(a_A^\alpha = a_A^\beta, a_A^\beta = a_A^\gamma)$

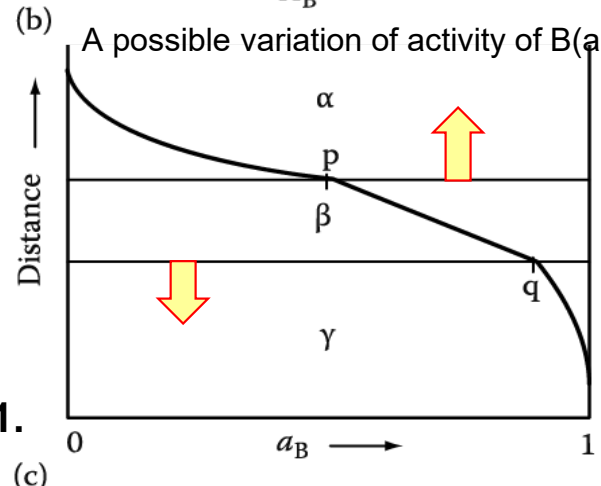
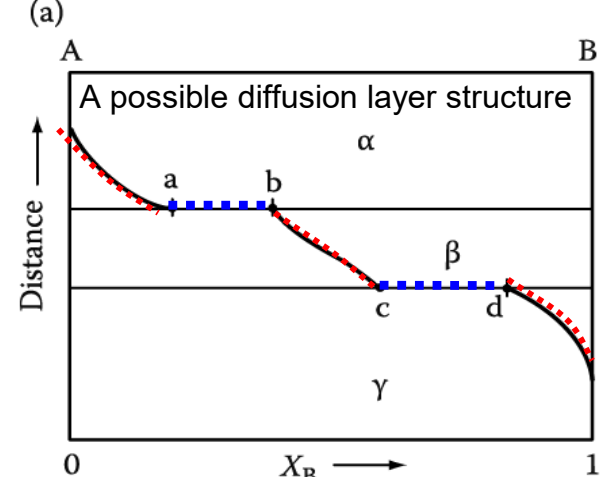
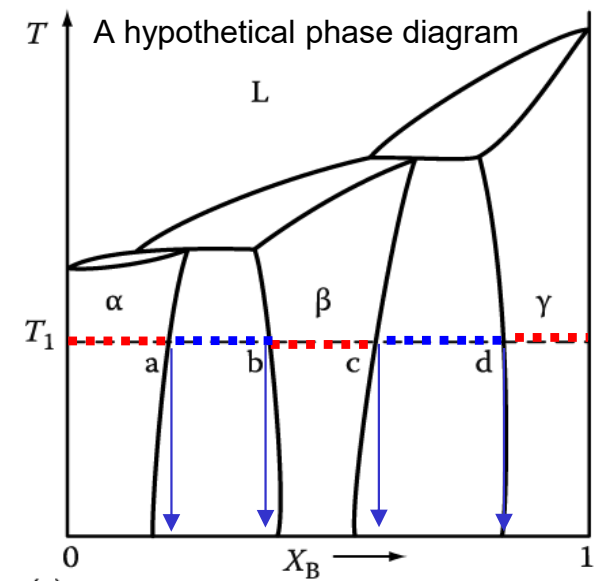


Fig. 2.31. 17

Complete solution of the diffusion equations for this type of diffusion couple is complex. However, an expression for the rate at which the boundaries mover can be obtained as follows.

How can we formulate the interface (α/β , β/γ) velocity?

If unit area of the interface moves a distance dx , a volume ($dx \cdot 1$) will be converted from α containing C_B^α atoms/m³ to β containing C_B^β atoms/m³.

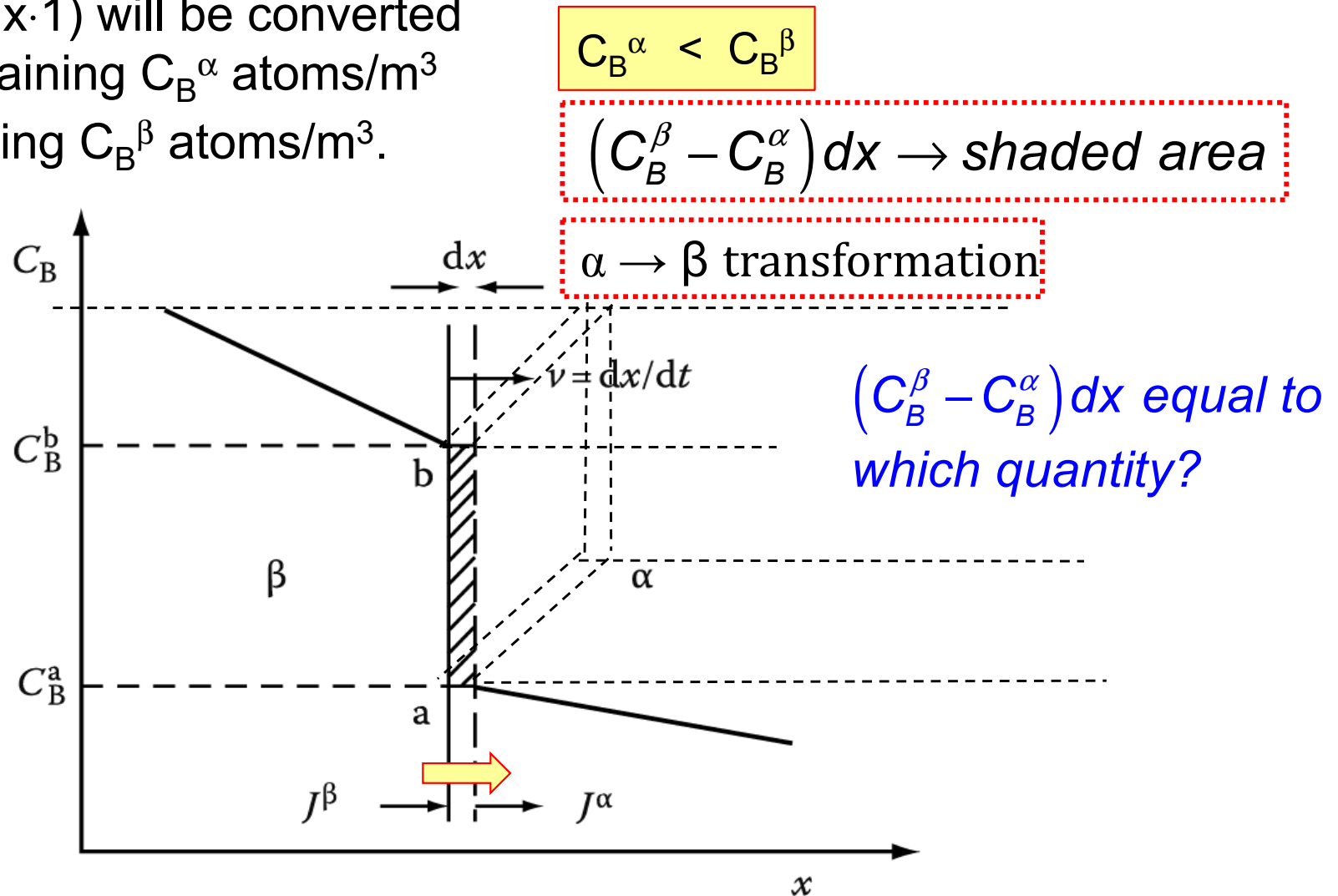


Fig. 2.32. Concentration profile across the α/β interface and its associated movement assuming diffusion control.

Local equilibrium is assumed.

a flux of B towards the interface from the β phase

$$J_B^\beta = -\tilde{D}(\beta) \frac{\partial C_B^\beta}{\partial x}$$

a flux of B away from the interface into the α phase

$$J_B^\alpha = -\tilde{D}(\alpha) \frac{\partial C_B^\alpha}{\partial x}$$

In a time dt , there will be an accumulation of B atoms given by

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J}{\partial x}$$

$$- [J_B - J_A] dt$$

$$dC dx$$

$$\left\{ - \left(\tilde{D}(\beta) \frac{\partial C_B^b}{\partial x} \right) - \left(-\tilde{D}(\alpha) \frac{\partial C_B^a}{\partial x} \right) \right\} dt = (C_B^b - C_B^a) dx$$

Accumulation of B atoms during dt

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{(C_B^b - C_B^a)} \left\{ \tilde{D}(\alpha) \frac{\partial C_B^a}{\partial x} - \tilde{D}(\beta) \frac{\partial C_B^b}{\partial x} \right\}$$

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*** Homework 2 : Exercises 2 (pages 108-111)**

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Chapter 3 Crystal Interfaces and Microstructure

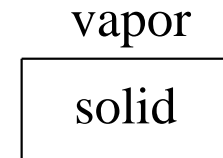
- 1) Interfacial Free Energy
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- 6) Interface migration

Q: Types of interface in metallic system?

• Types of Interface

Basically, three different types of interface are important in metallic system:

1. Free surface (solid/vapor interface)



: Important in vaporization and condensation transformations

2. Grain boundary (α/α interfaces)

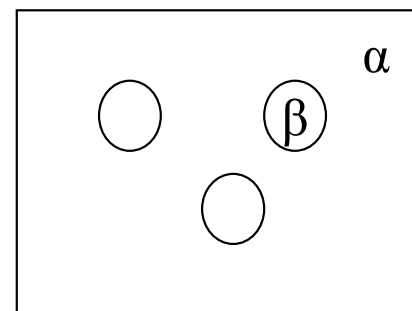
> same composition, same crystal structure

> different orientation

: Important in recrystallization, i.e. the transformation of a highly deformed grain structure into new undeformed grains, and following grain coarsening and grain growth

3. inter-phase boundary (α/β interfaces) : “Important role in determining the kinetics of phase transformation/ complex”

> different composition & crystal structure



⇒ defect

⇒ energy ↑

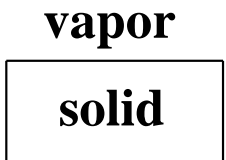
→ First, consider simple interfaces, (1) and (2) in this chapter

Q: Interfacial free energy, γ vs Surface tension, F ?

3.1. Interfacial free energy

Interfacial energy (γ : J/m²)

→ **Gibbs free energy of a system containing an interface of area A**

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Interfacial energy (γ) vs. surface tension (F: a force per unit length)

1) work done : $F dA = dG$

2) $dG = \gamma dA + A d\gamma$

→ $F = \gamma + A d\gamma/dA$

In case of a liq. film, $d\gamma/dA = 0$, $F = \gamma$ (N/m = J/m²)

Ex) liq. : $d\gamma/dA = 0$ Why? **Maintain a constant surface structure by rearrangement**
(independent of A)

sol. : $d\gamma/dA \neq 0$, but, very small value

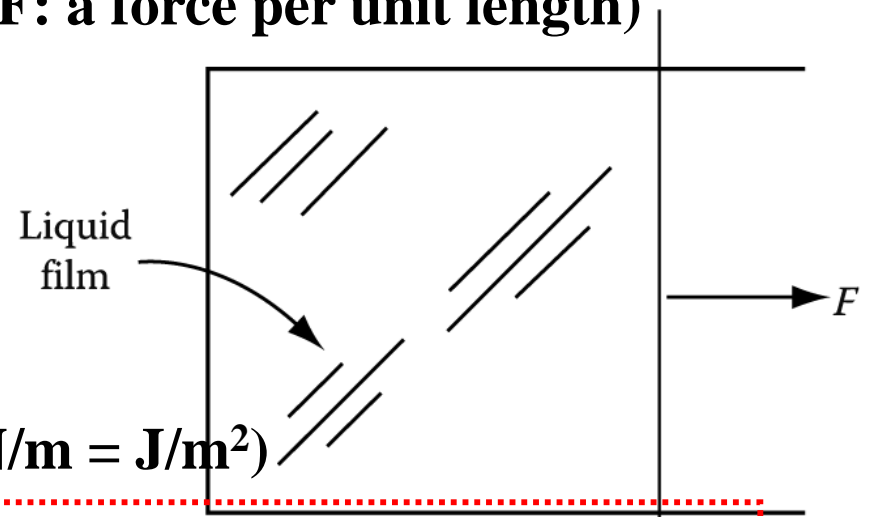


Fig. 3.1 A liquid film on a wire frame.

At near melting temperature $d\gamma/dA = 0$ → $F = \gamma$ (N/m = J/m²)
(high enough atomic mobility)

Q: Free surface (solid/vapor interface)?

(a) E_{sv} vs γ ?

Extra energy per atom on surface: 표면 에너지

- The measured γ values for pure metals near the melting temperature

$$E_{sv} = 3 \varepsilon/2 = 0.25 L_s / N_a \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{sv} = 0.15 L_s / N_a \quad \text{J / surface atom}$$

(\because surface free E averaged over many surface plane, S effect at high T)

(b) Equilibrium shape: Wulff surface

: Polyhedron with the largest facets having the lowest interfacial free energy

3.2 Solid / Vapor Interfaces

* **Assumption: S/V interface → Hard sphere model/ uncontaminated surface**
 (In real systems surfaces will reduce their free energies by the adsorption of impurities.)

- **Fcc : density of atoms in these planes decreases as $(h^2+k^2+l^2)$ increases**

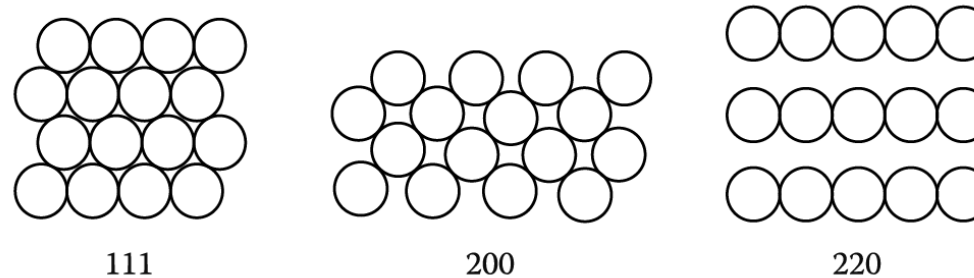
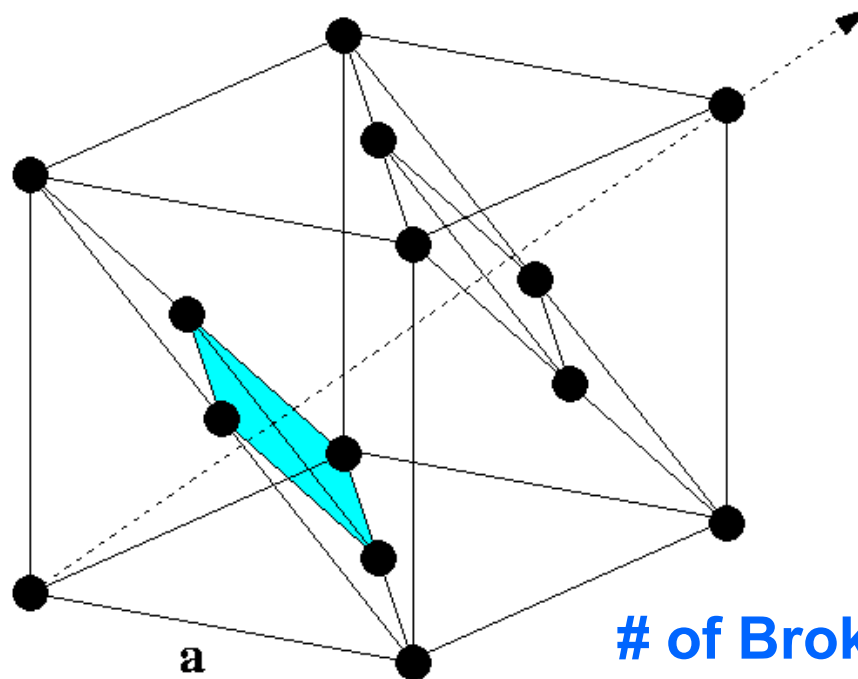


Fig. 3.2 Atomic configurations on the three closest-packed planes in fcc crystals; (111), (200), and (220).

(notation $\{200\}$ and $\{220\}$ plane has been used instead of $\{100\}$ and $\{110\}$ because the spacing of equivalent atom planes is than given by $a/(h^2+k^2+l^2)^{1/2}$ where a is the lattice parameter.)

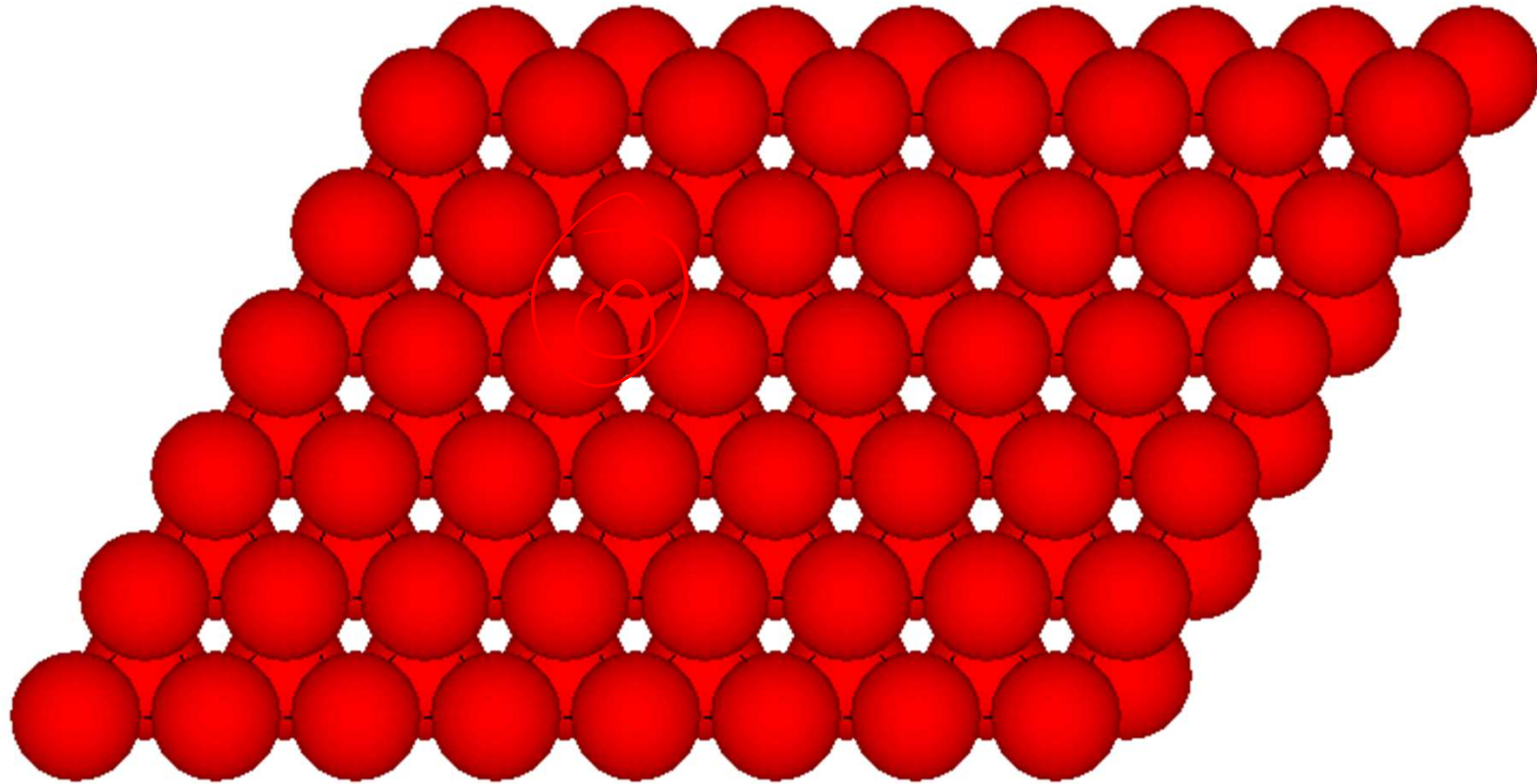
For (111) plane CN=12 [111]



of Broken Bonds per atom at surface?³⁰

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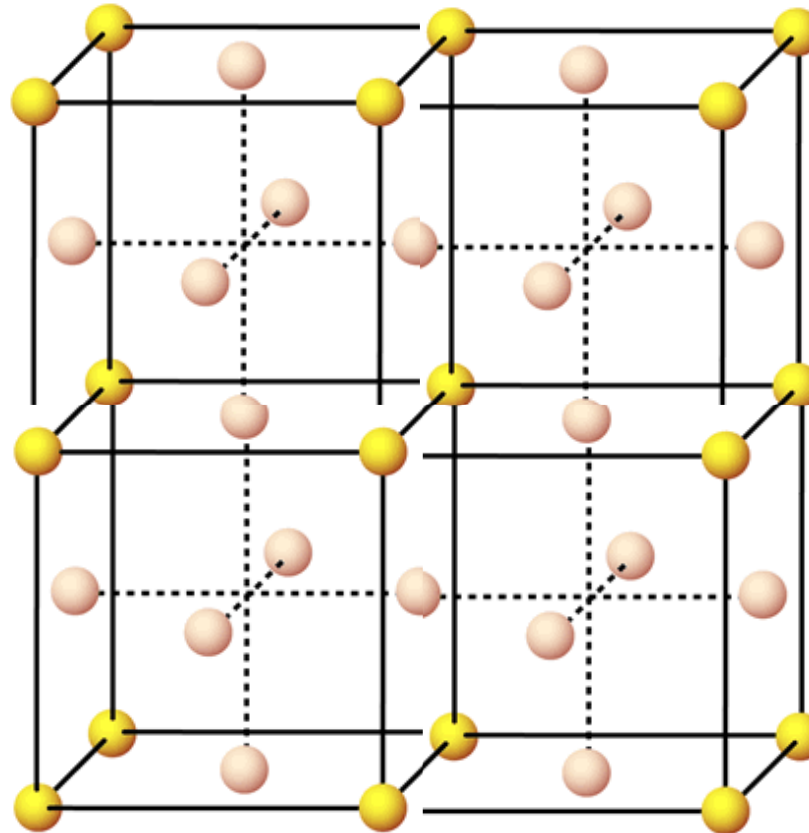
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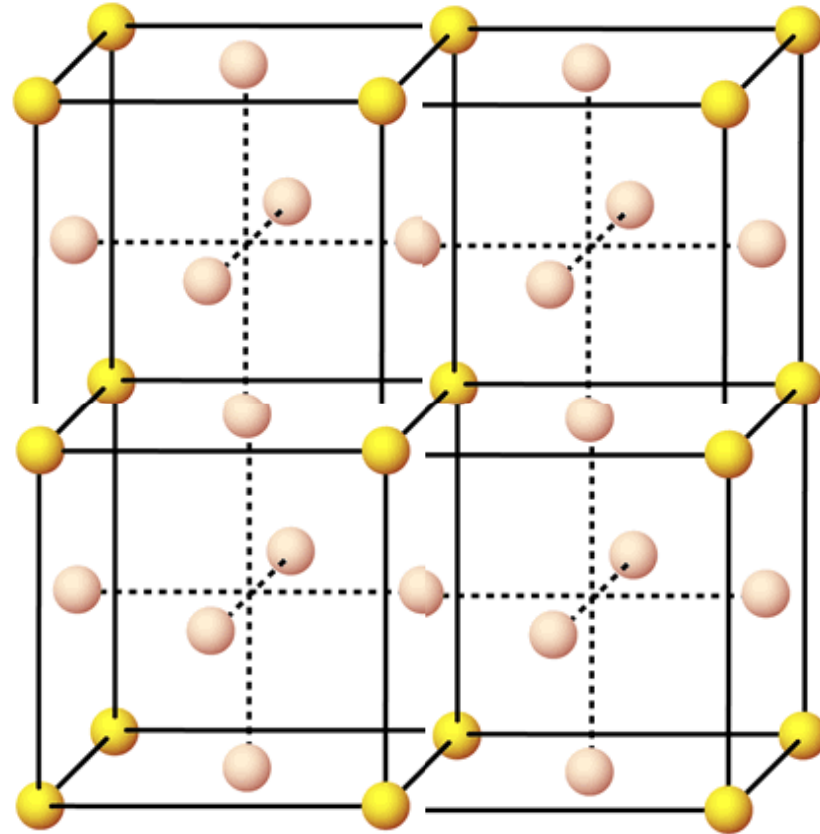
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Heat of Sublimation (승화) in terms of ϵ ? $\rightarrow L_s = 12 N_a \epsilon/2$
(Latent heat of melting + vaporization) (1 mole of solid = $12 N_a$)

Energy per atom of a {111} Surface?

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Cu	1084	1720
δ -Fe	1536	2080
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측정 어려움, near T_m

γ of Sn : 680 mJ/m² (T_m : 232°C)

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cf) G.B. energy γ_{gb} is about one third of γ_{sv}

* Higher $T_m \rightarrow$ stronger bond (large L_s) \rightarrow larger surface free energy (γ_{sv})

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Closer surface packing → smaller number of broken bond → lower surface energy
 # of broken bonds will increase through the series {111} {200} {220} → γ_{SV} will increase along the same series (if different entropy term is ignored)

A crystal plane at an angle θ to the close-packed plane will contain broken bonds in excess of the close-packed plane due to the atoms at the steps.

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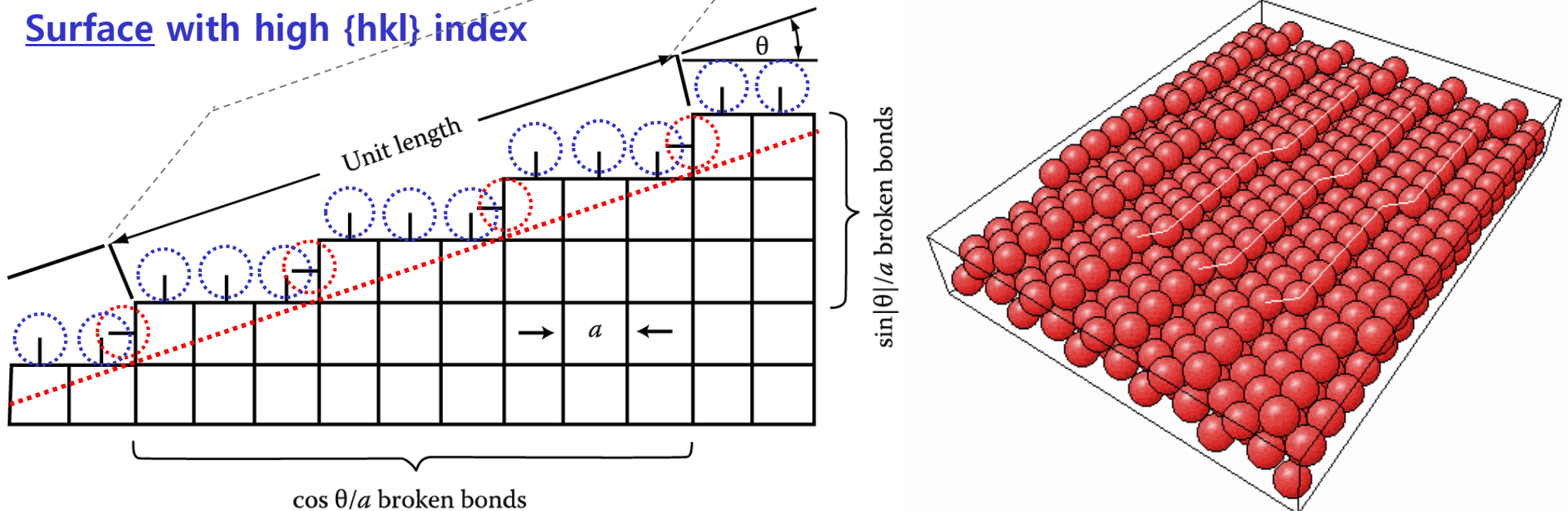


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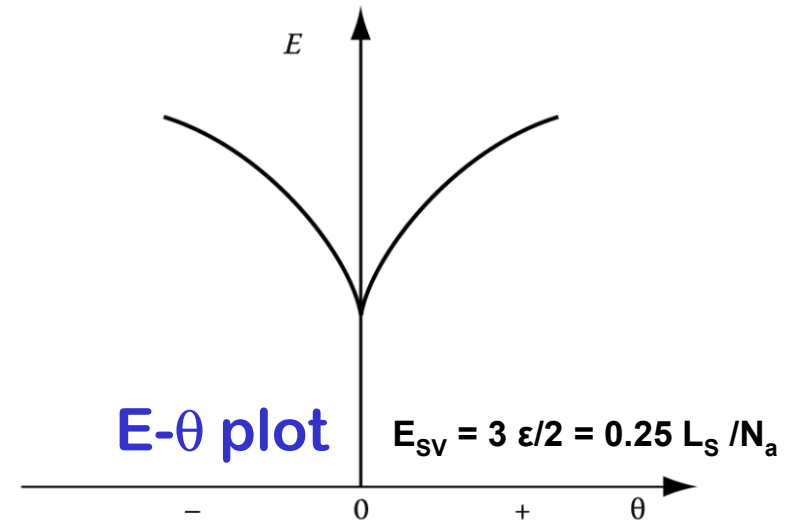


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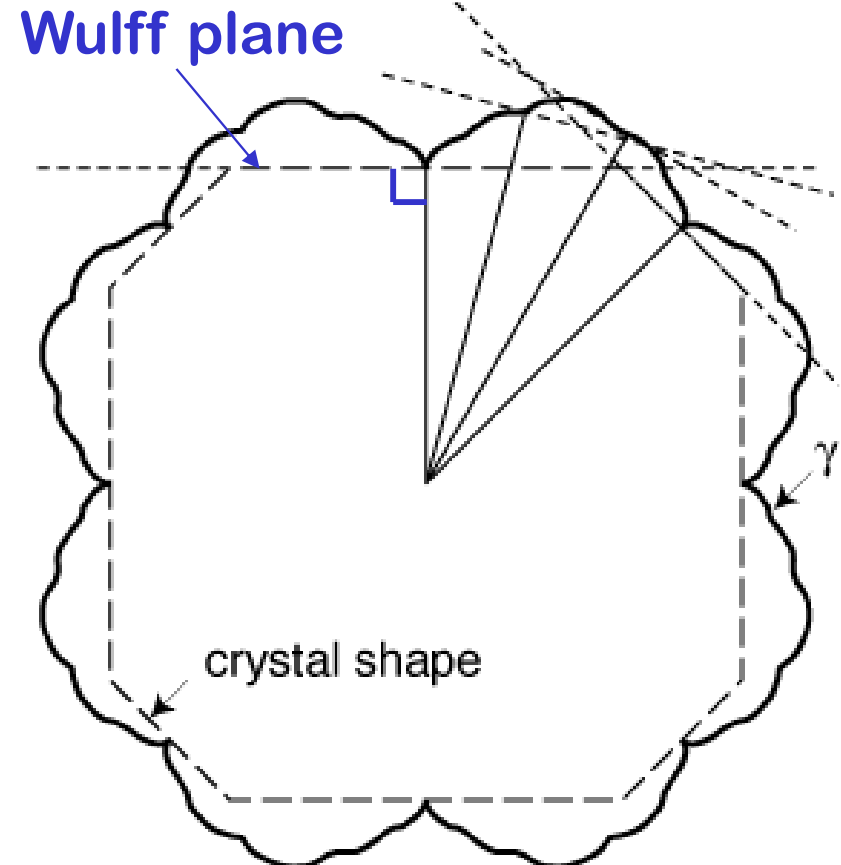
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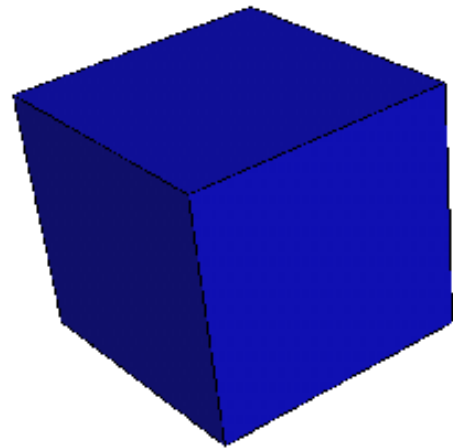


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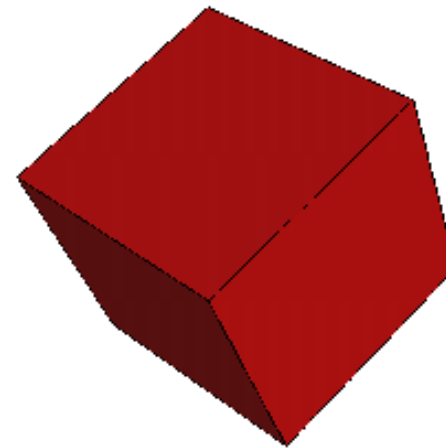
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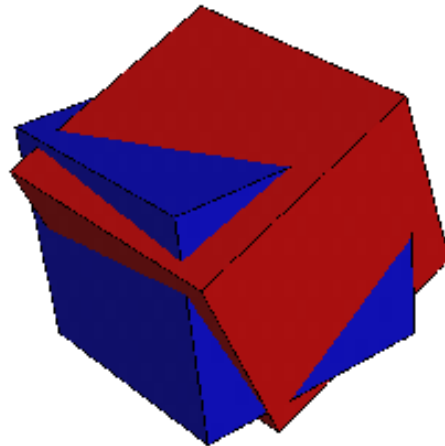
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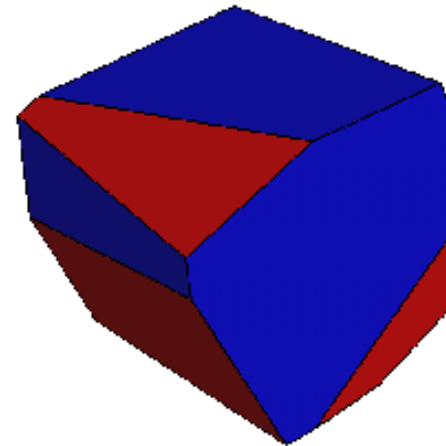
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(b) Wulff Shape II



(c) Union of I and II



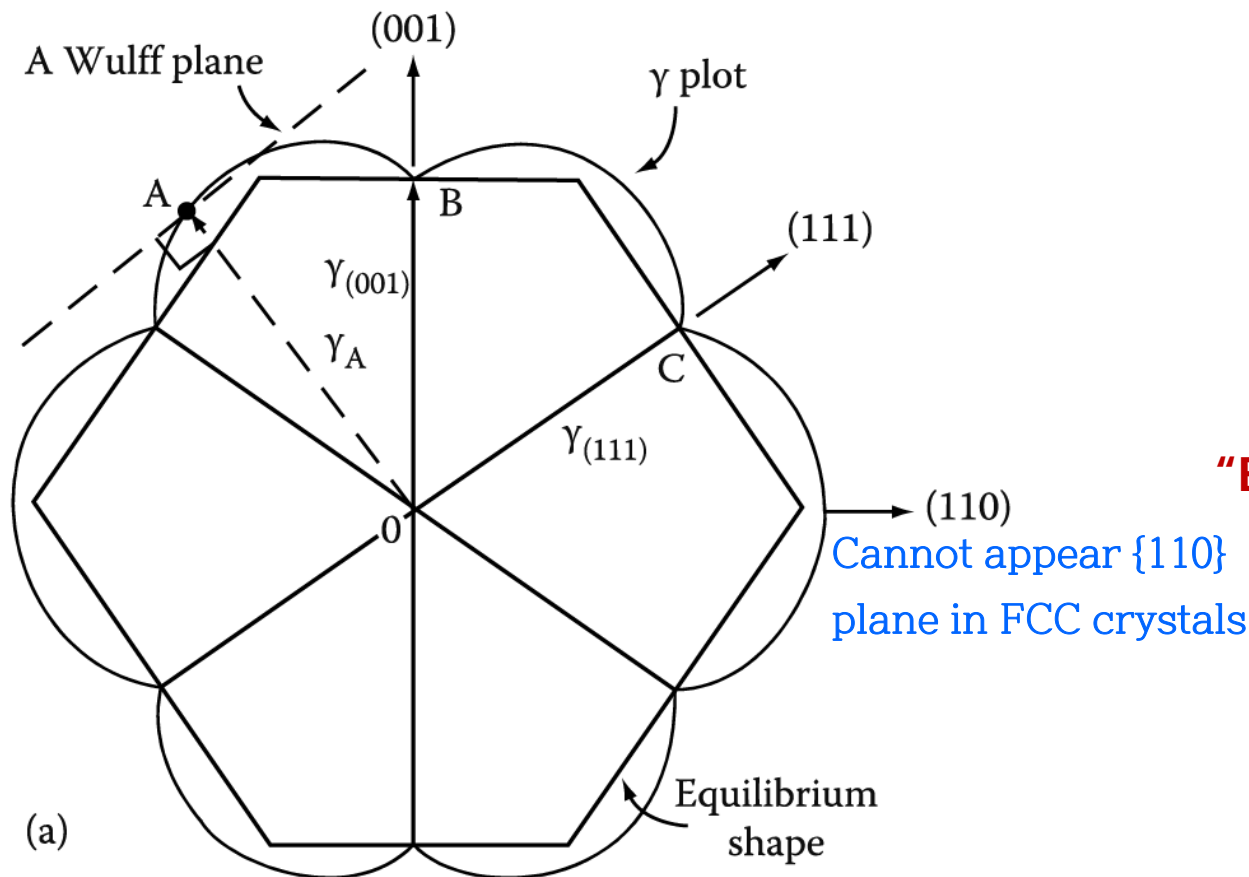
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Figure 1: The process of Wulff shape intersection for two cubic Wulff shapes with displaced origins and rotated coordinate systems. Each individual shape has cubic symmetry $m\bar{3}m$ and $[100]$ facets.

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Equilibrium shape can be determined experimentally by annealing small single crystals at high temperatures in an inert atmosphere, or by annealing small voids inside a crystal.

Of course **when γ is isotropic**, as for liquid droplets, both the γ -plots and equilibrium shapes are **spheres**.



“Equilibrium shape of FCC crystals”

- 1) Square faces $\{100\}$ and
- 2) Hexagonal faces $\{111\}$

The length OA represents the free energy of a surface plane whose normal lies in the direction OA .

A possible $(\bar{1}10)$ section through the γ -plot of an fcc crystal

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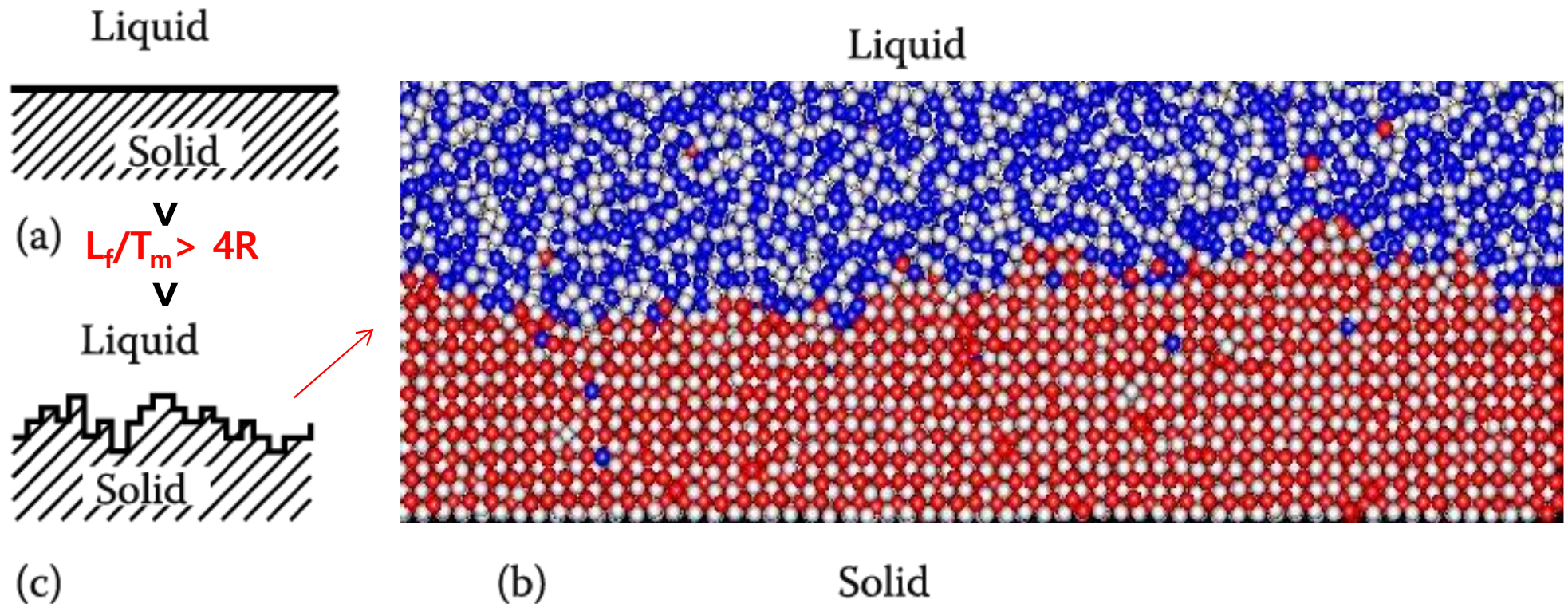
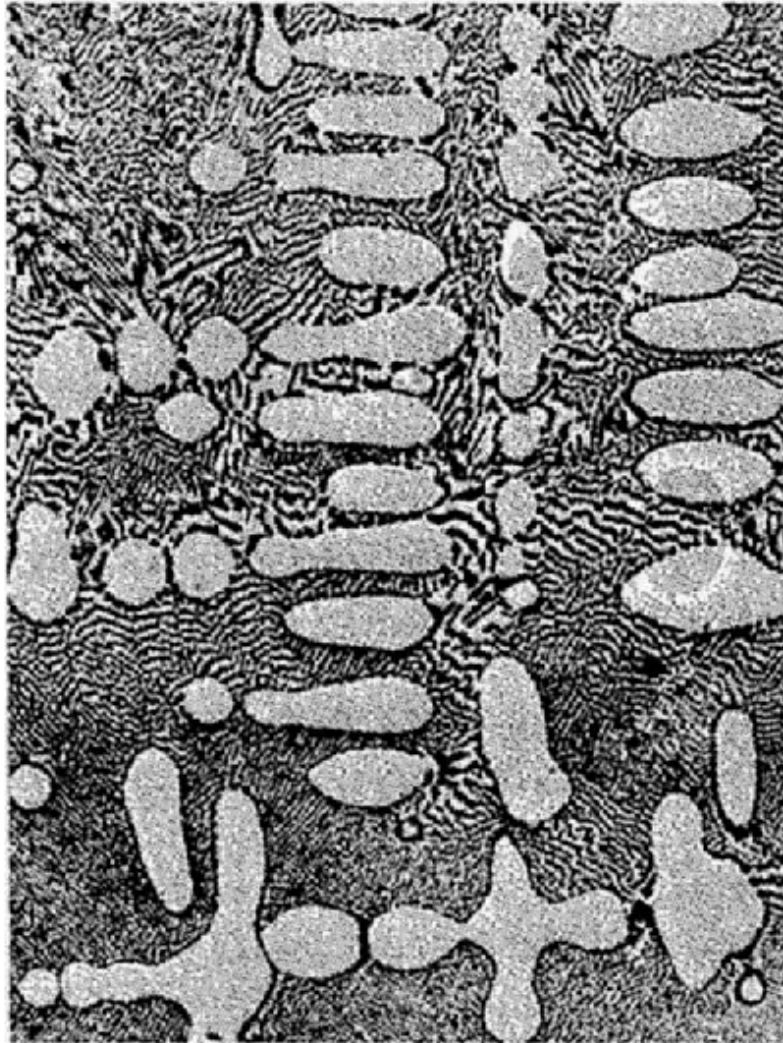


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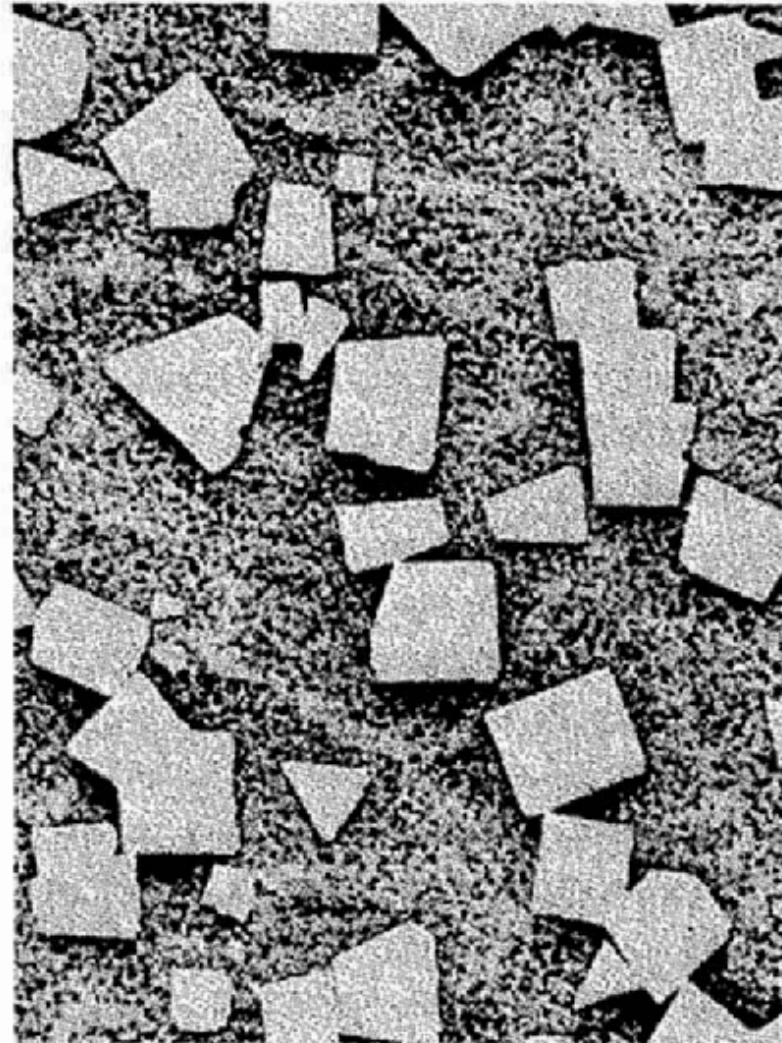
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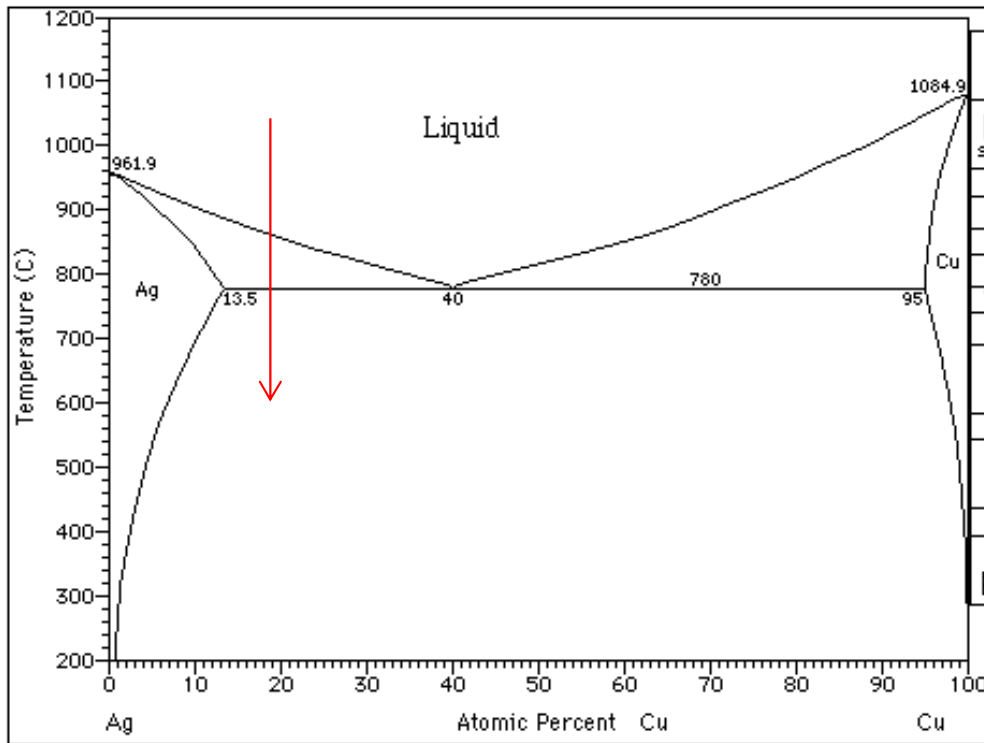
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- Free E ~do not vary with crystallographic orientation
 - γ -plot ~ spherical

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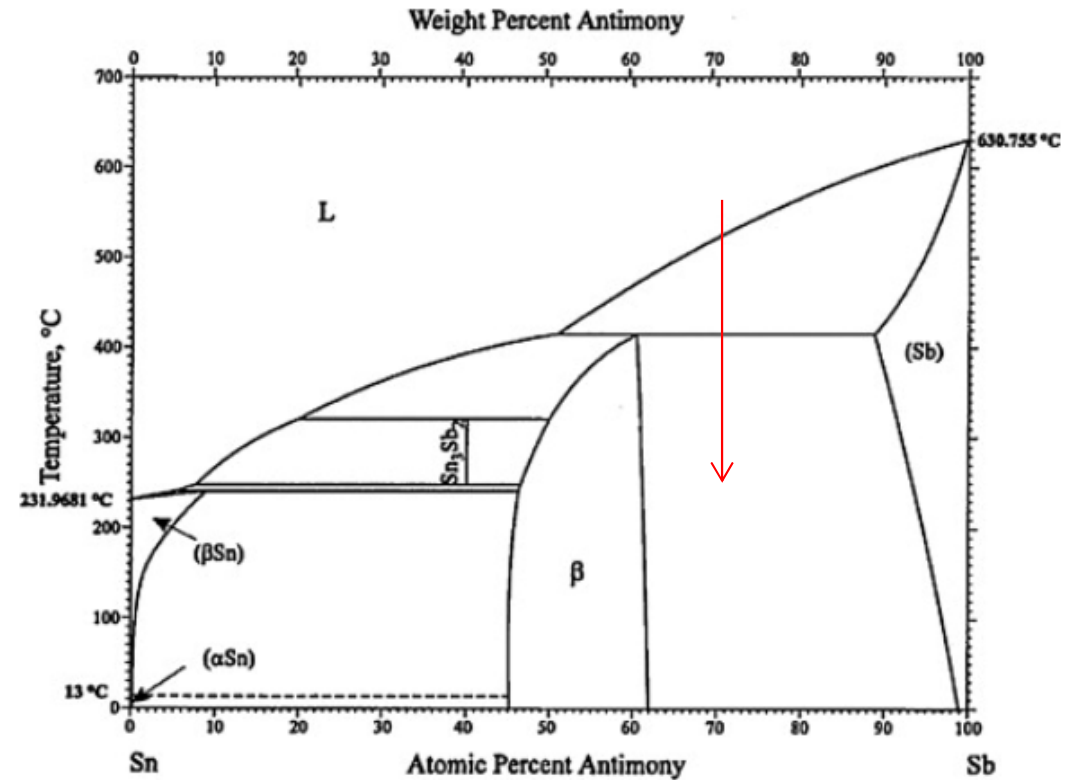


- (b) **Faceted**
- Strong crystallographic effects
 - Solidify with low-index close-packed facets

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* Broken bond model → calculation of the E of solid/ liquid interface

$0.5L_f/N_a \rightarrow 0.45L_f/N_a$ (엔트로피 효과로 감소)

Table 3.1. Relationship between Maximum Supercooling, Solid-Liquid Interfacial Energy and Heat of Fusion^a

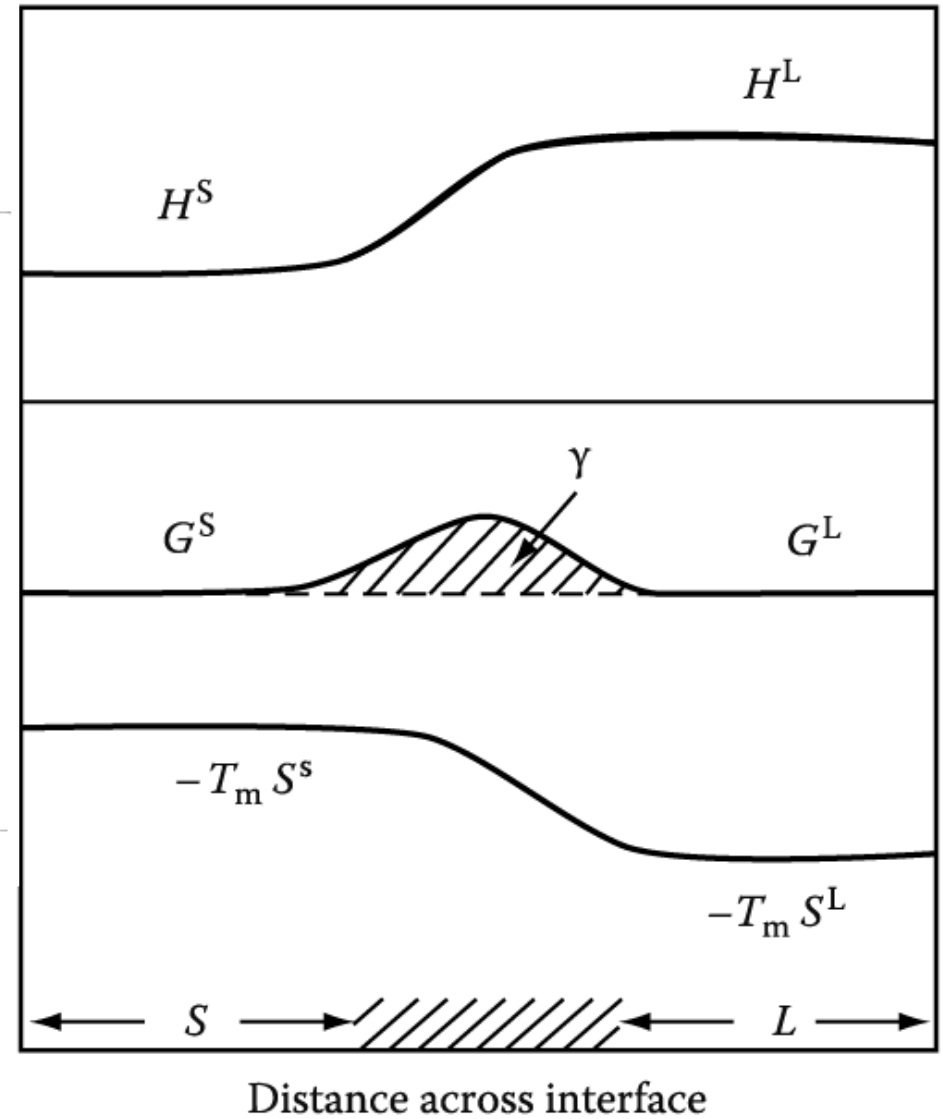
Metal	Interfacial Energy σ (ergs/cm ²)	σ_g (cal/mole)	σ_g/L	ΔT_{MAX} (deg)
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Gallium	55.9	581	0.44	76
Tin	54.5	720	0.42	118
Bismuth	54.4	825	0.33	90
Lead	33.3	479	0.39	80
Antimony	101	1430	0.30	135
Germanium	181	2120	0.35	227
Silver	126	1240	0.46	227
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Showing the origin of the solid/ liquid interfacial energy, γ

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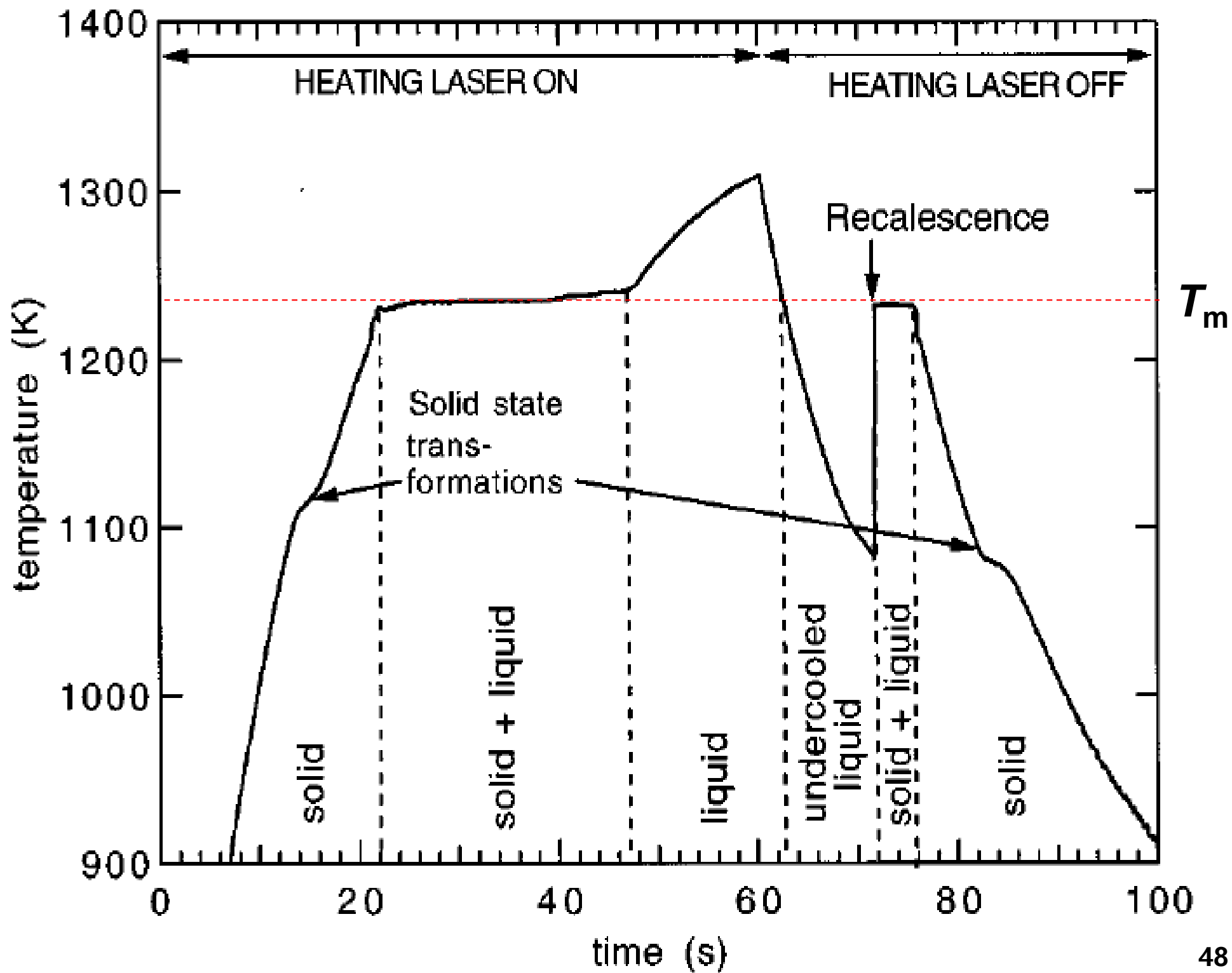
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Why?

$$\gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LV} < \gamma_{SV} \quad (\text{commonly})$$

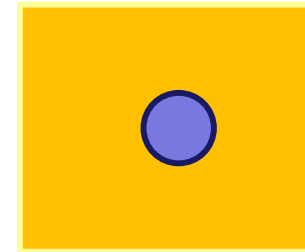


In general, wetting angle = 0 \Rightarrow No superheating required!



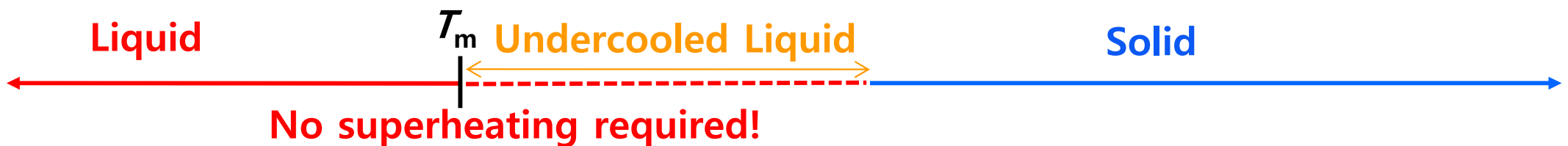
Melting and Crystallization are Thermodynamic Transitions

Solidification: Liquid \rightarrow Solid



<Thermodynamic>

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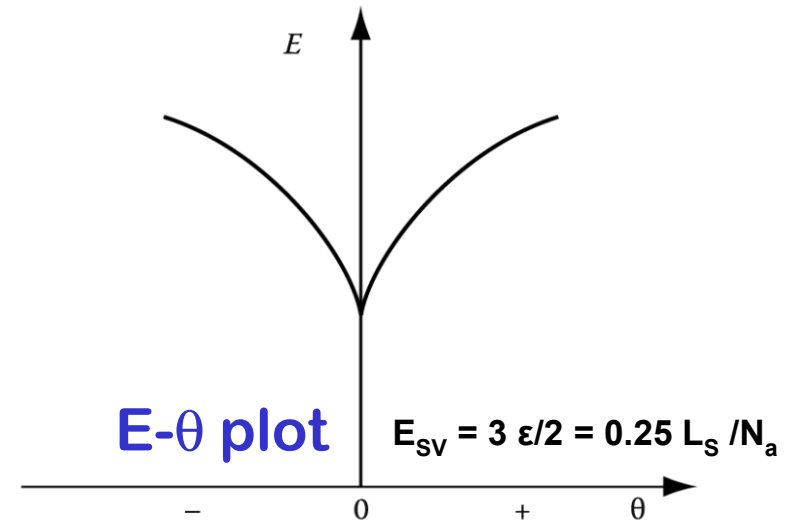


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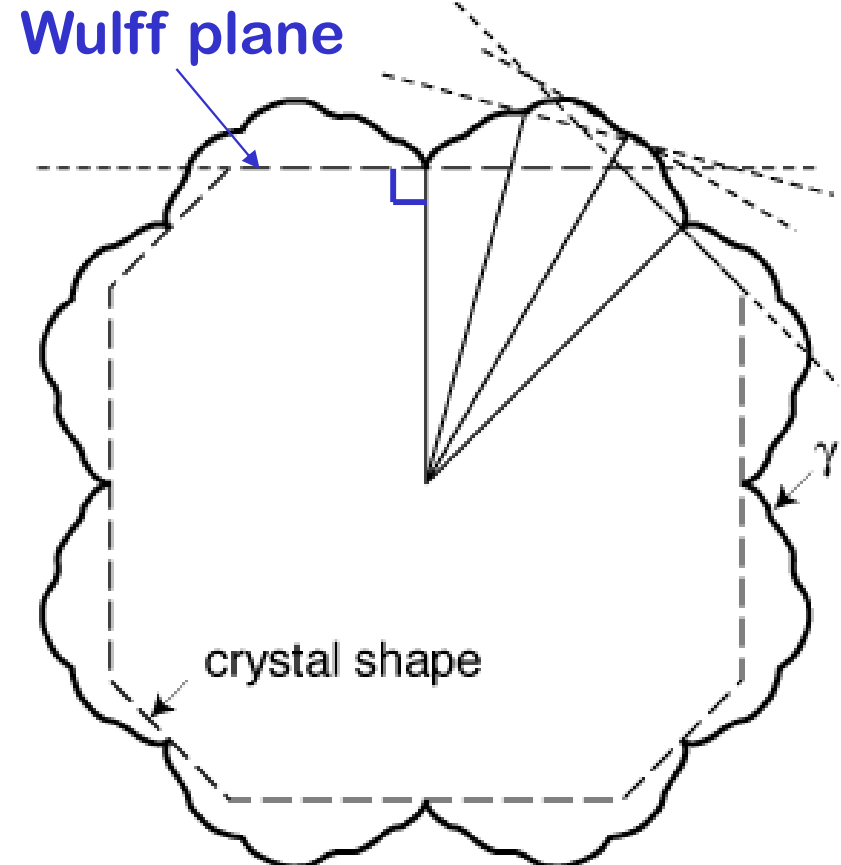
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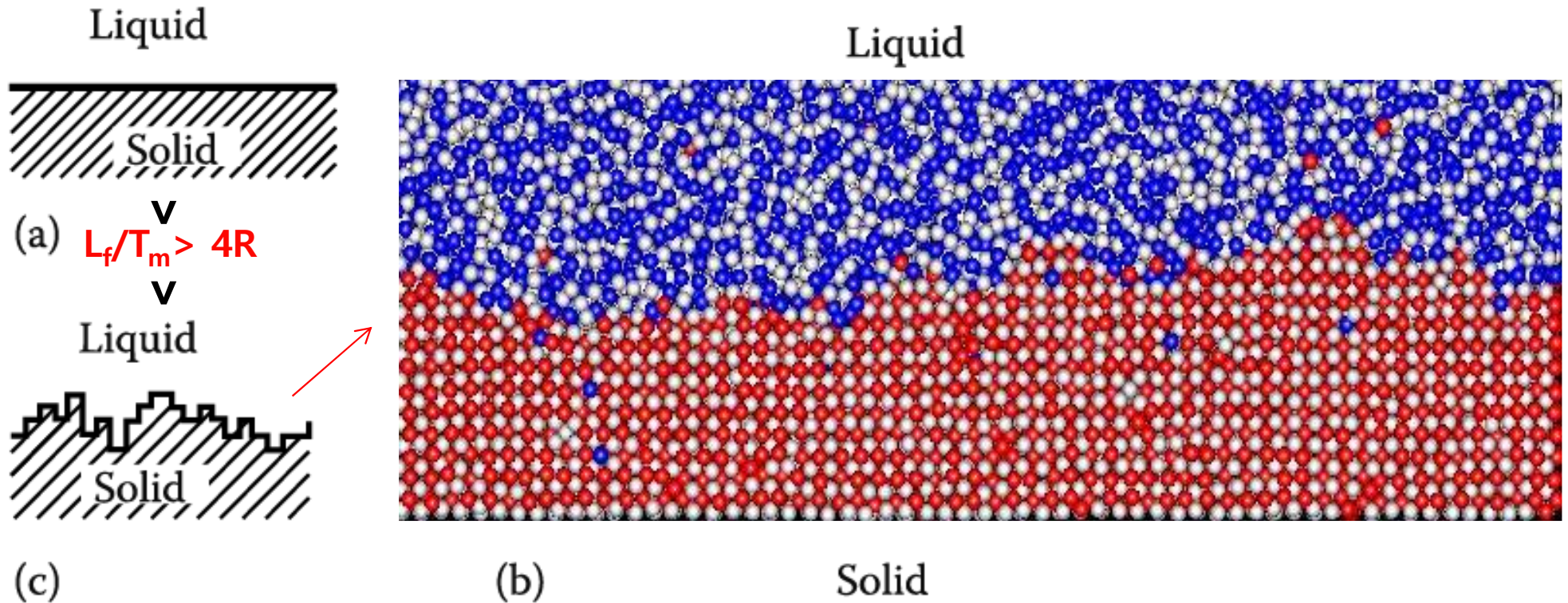


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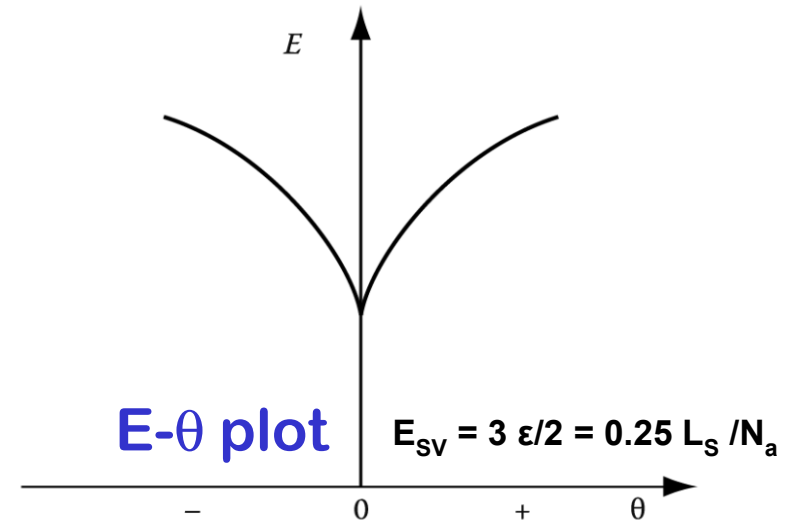


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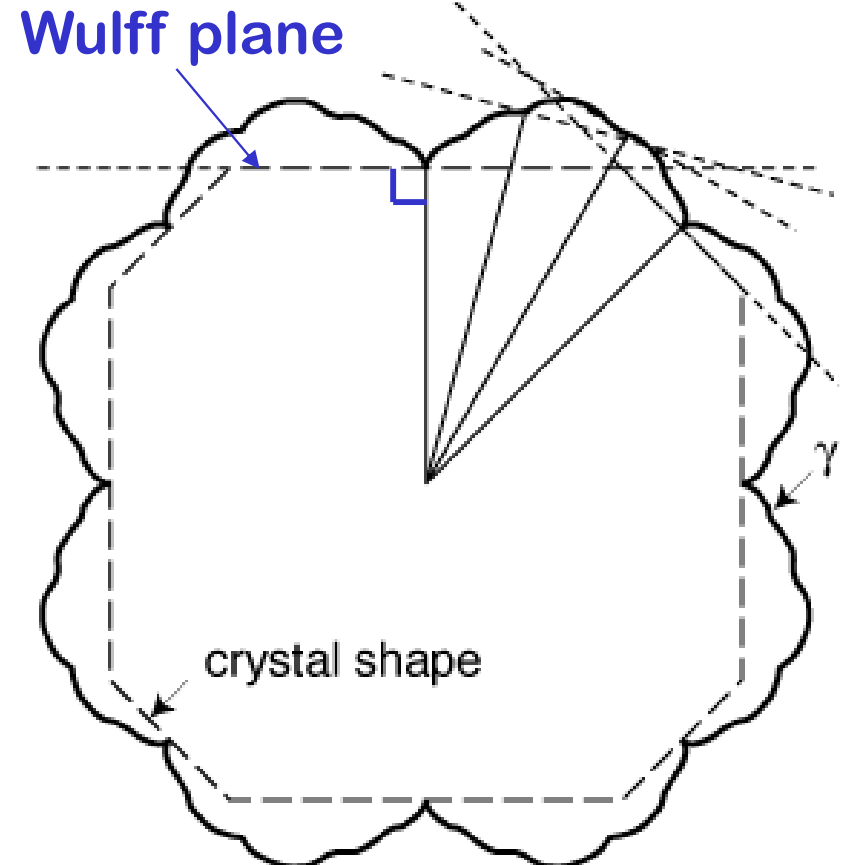
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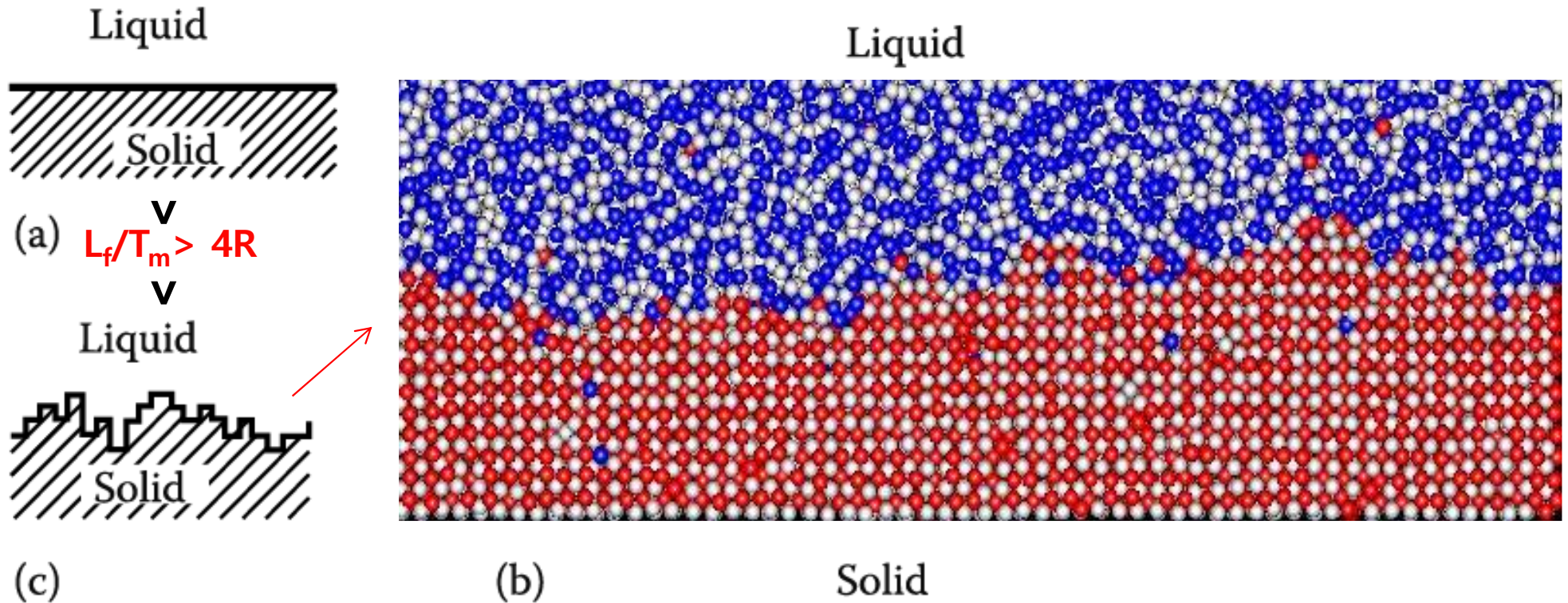


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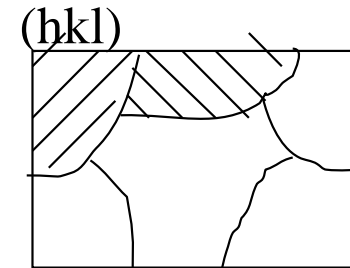
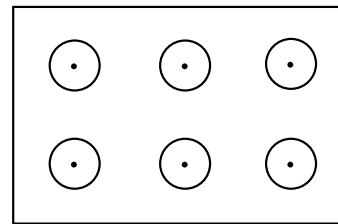
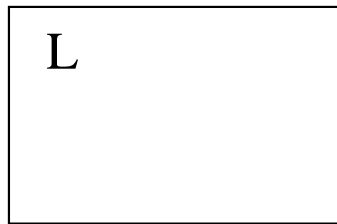
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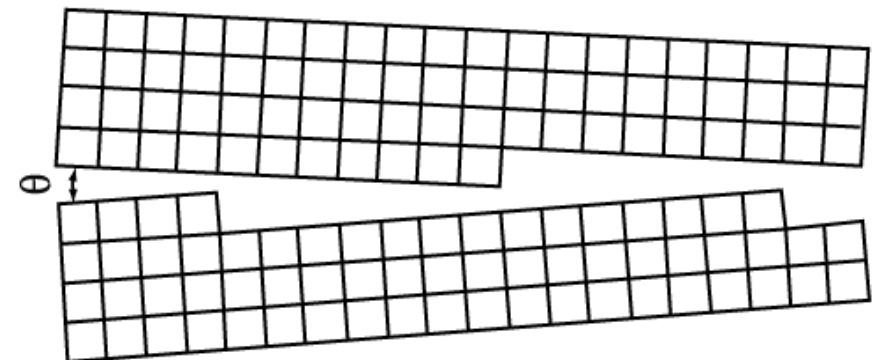
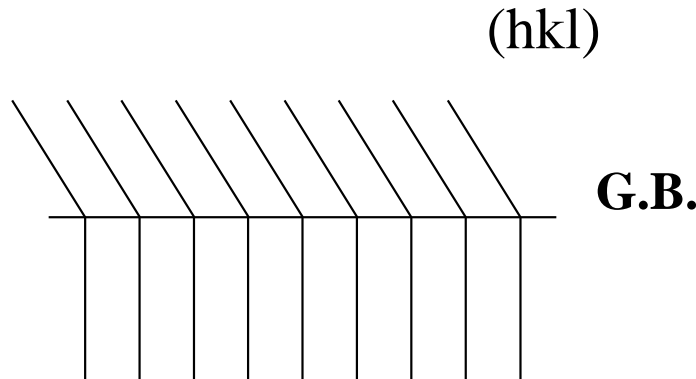
(c) Equilibrium in Polycrystalline Materials

3.4 Boundaries in Single-Phase Solids: definition

Grain boundary (α/α interfaces)



- > same composition, same crystal structure
- > different orientation (axis-angle pair)



1) misorientation of the two adjoining grains

두 개 인접한 결정립간 방위차이 cf. 두 조밀면 만남

2) orientation of the boundary plane

인접 결정립과 입계면의 방위관계

3.4 Boundaries in Single-Phase Solids

: The lattices of any two grains can be made to coincide by rotating one of them through a suitable angle about a single axis.

* Relatively simple boundary: relative orientation of the crystals and the boundary

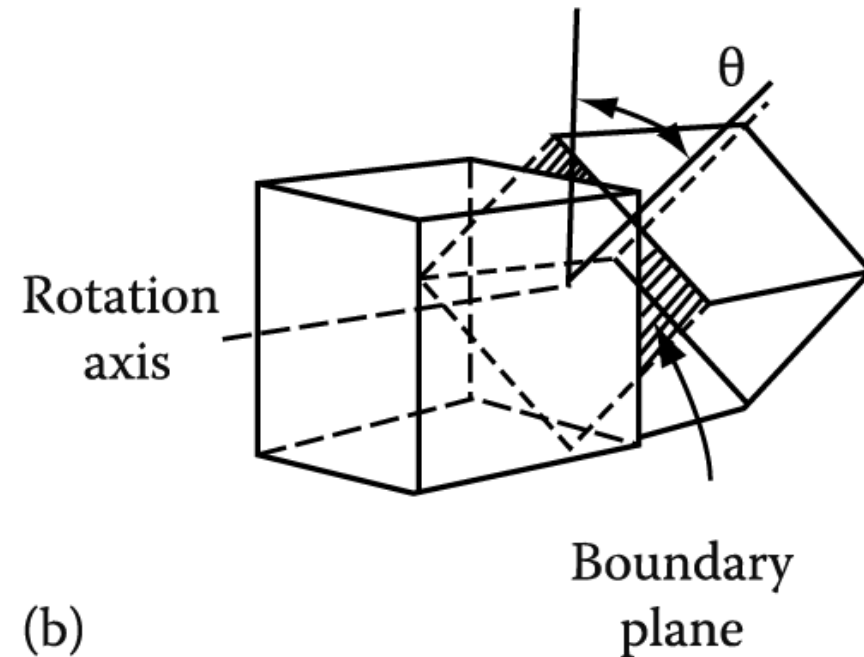
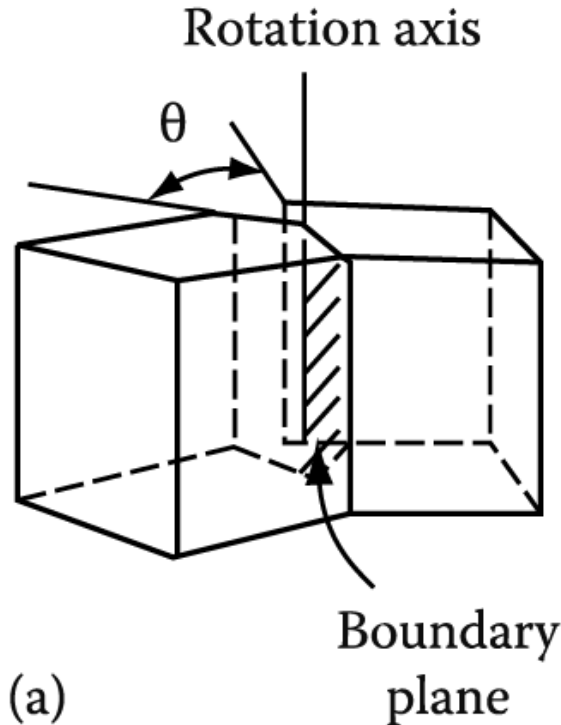


Fig. 3.9

tilt boundary

$\theta \rightarrow$ **misorientation**
 \rightarrow **tilt angle**

Axis of rotation: **parallel to the plane of the boundary**

twist boundary

$\theta \rightarrow$ **misorientation**
 \rightarrow **twist angle**

Perpendicular to the boundary

[**symmetric tilt or twist boundary**
non-symmetric tilt or twist boundary

3.4.1 Low-Angle and High-Angle Boundaries

Low-Angle Boundaries

Symmetrical low-angle tilt boundary

Symmetrical low-angle twist boundary

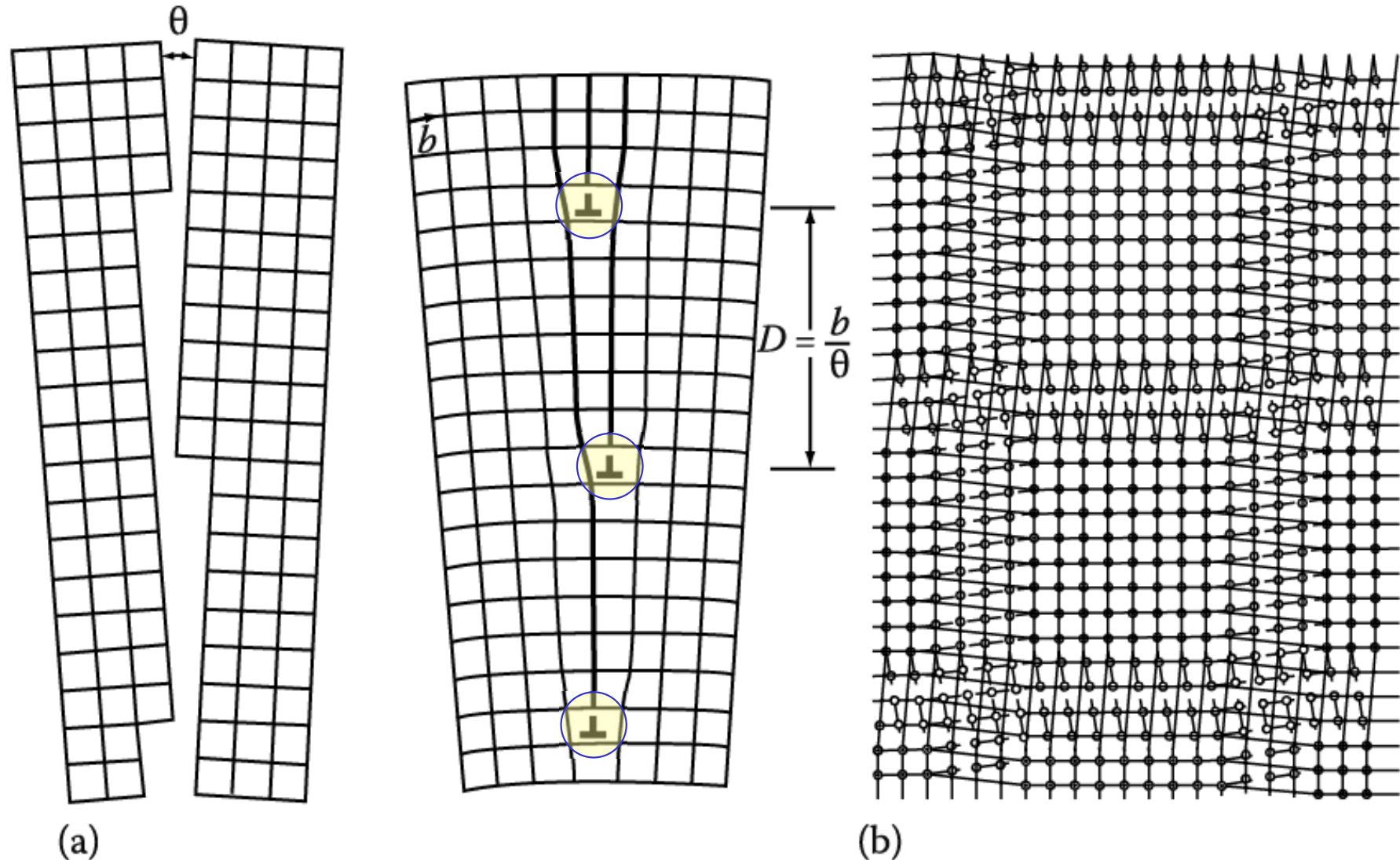


Fig. 3.10 (a) Low-angle tilt boundary, (b) low-angle twist boundary: ○ atoms in crystal below, ● atoms in crystal above boundary.

An array of parallel edge dislocation

Cross-grid of two sets of screw dislocations

tilt Boundaries

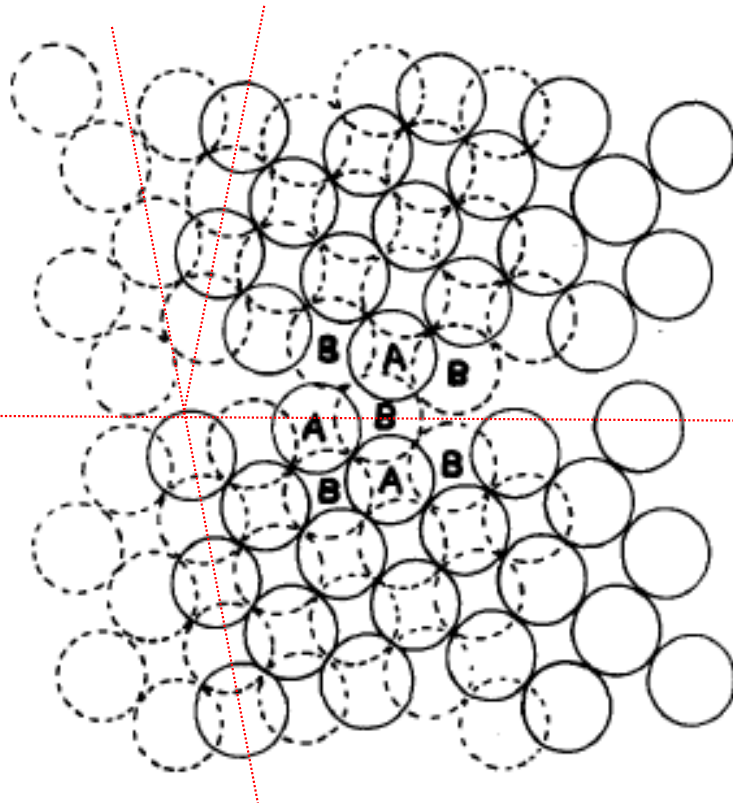
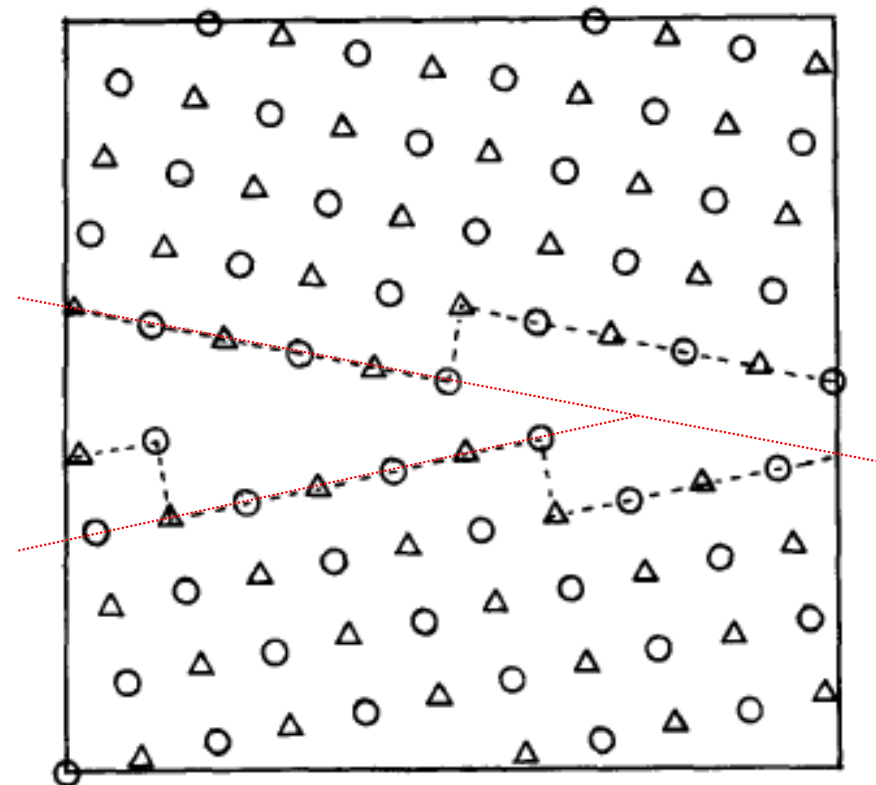
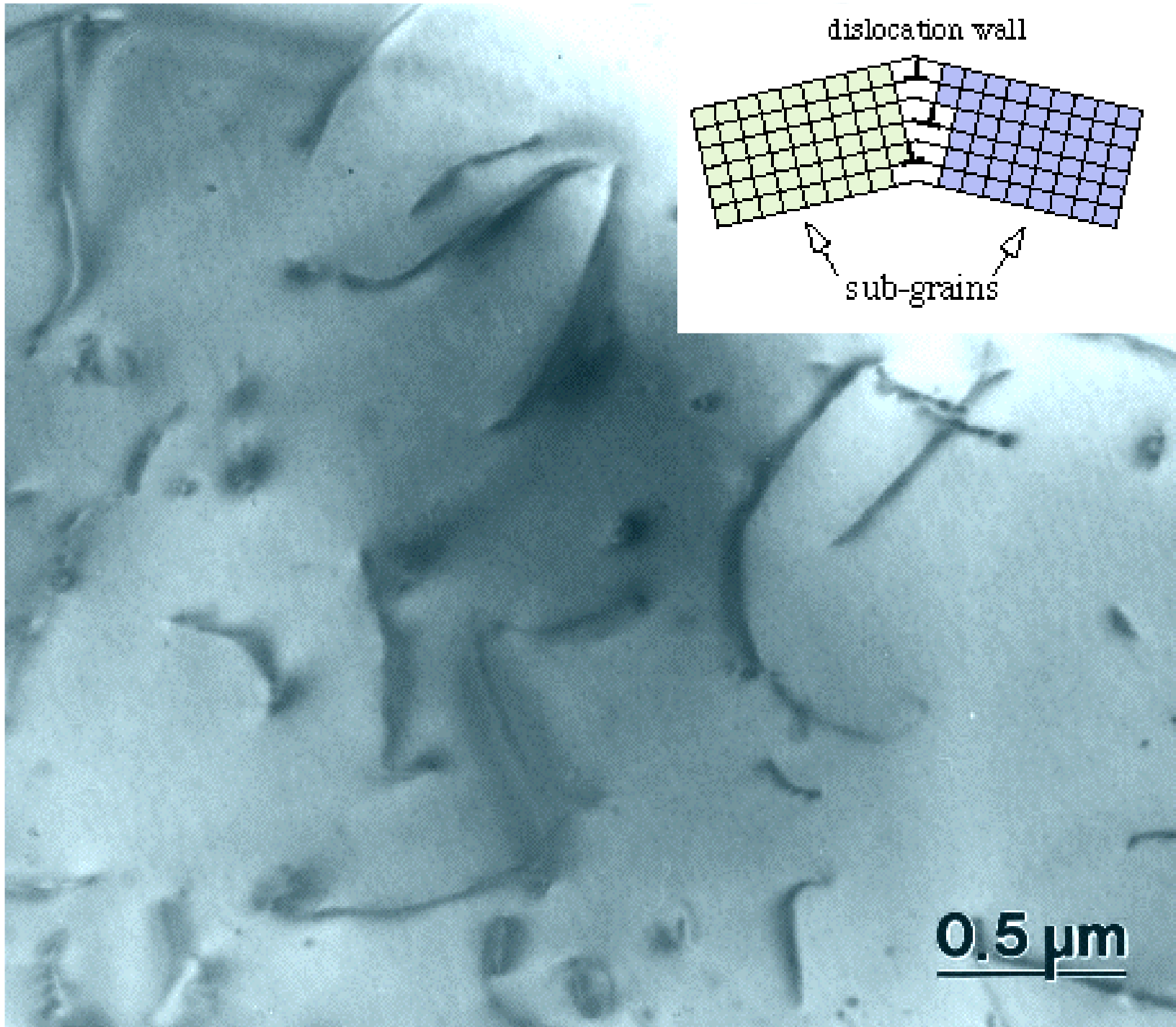


Figure 1 - 23° symmetric tilt boundary about a $\langle 001 \rangle$ axis. The circles with dashed lines represent one layer and the circles with solid lines the other layer of the AB...stacked $\{001\}$ planes. The atoms labelled A and B denote the structural unit.

Figure 2 - 23° symmetric tilt boundary about a $\langle 001 \rangle$ axis. Δ represent one layer and \circ represent the other layer of the AB.....stacked $\{001\}$ planes. The ledge like character of the boundary is shown by the dashed lines.



Dislocations



twist Boundaries

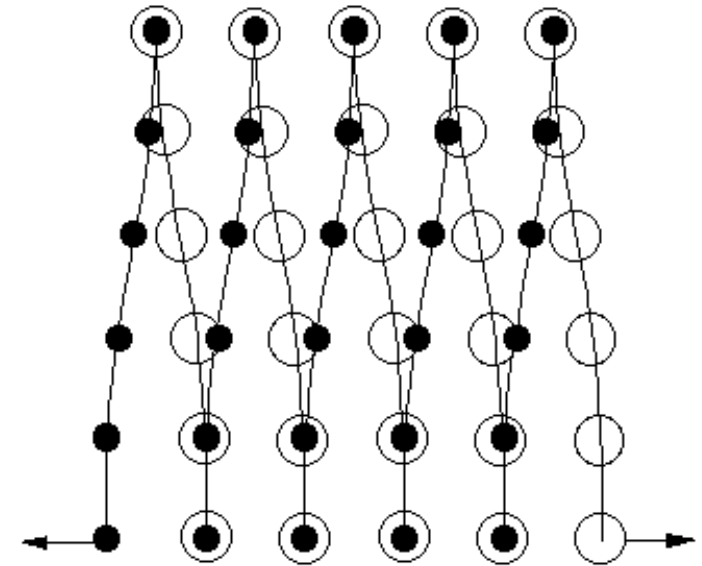
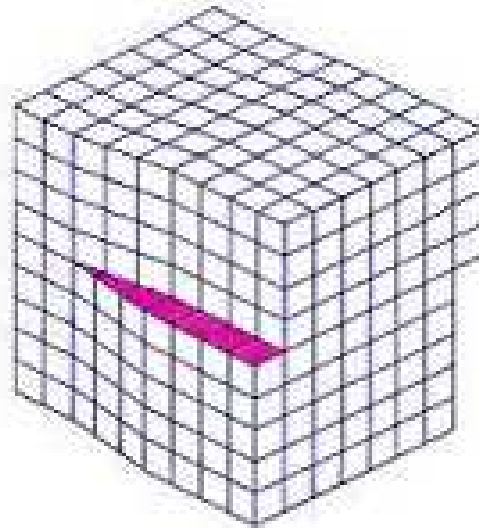
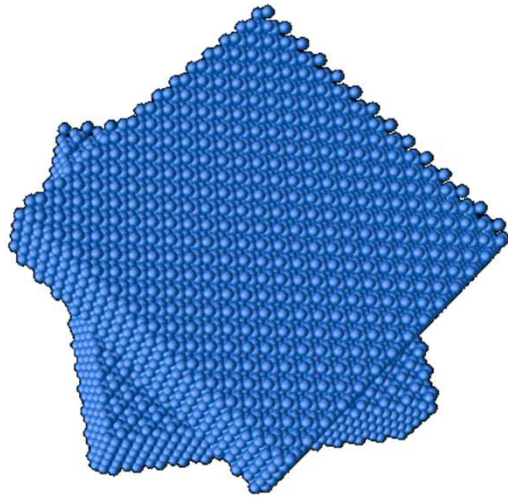
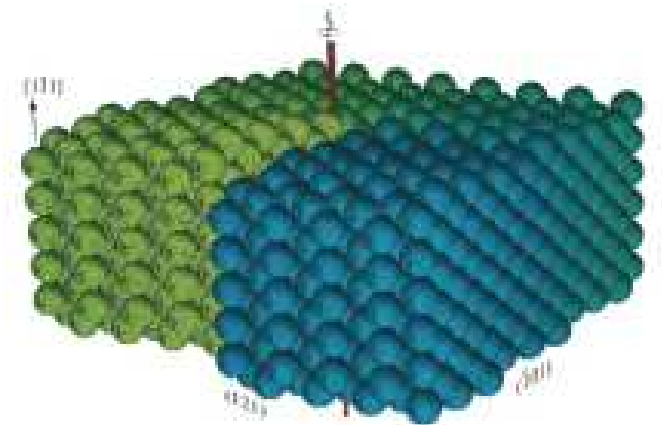
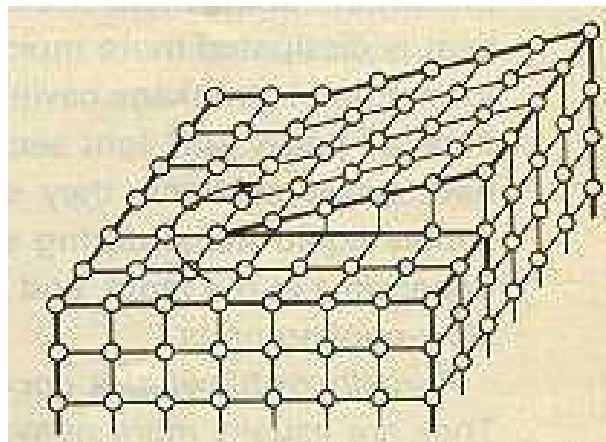
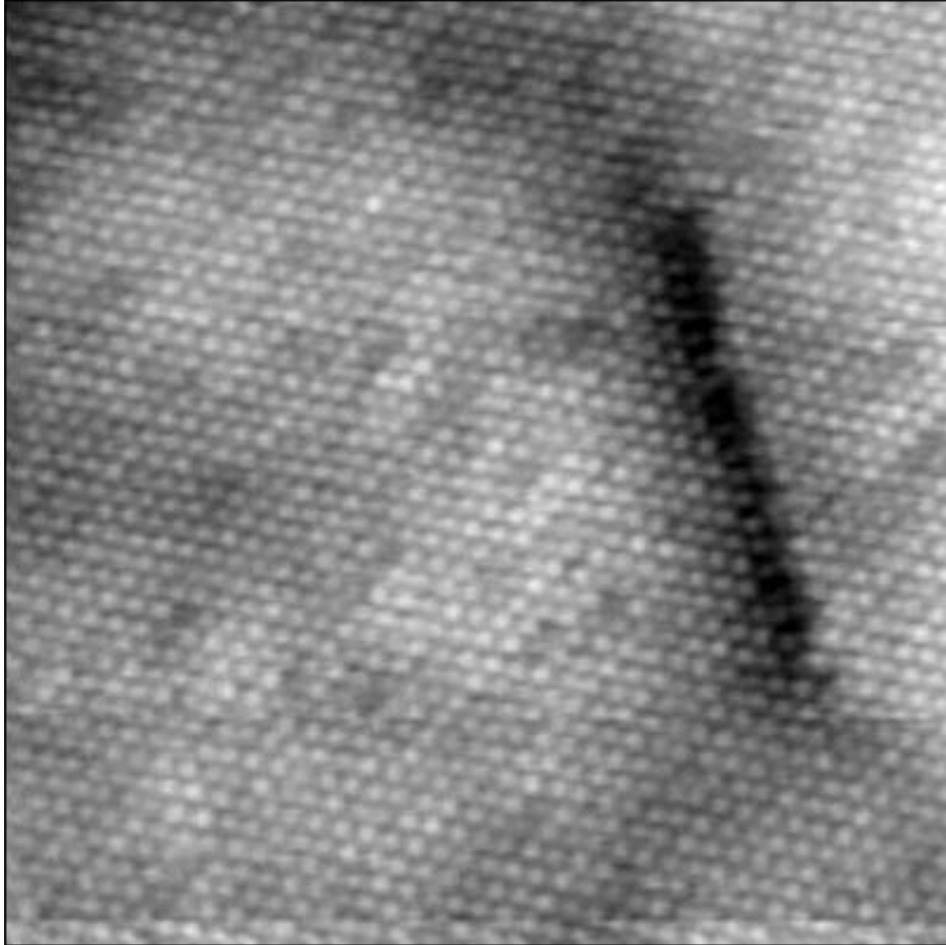


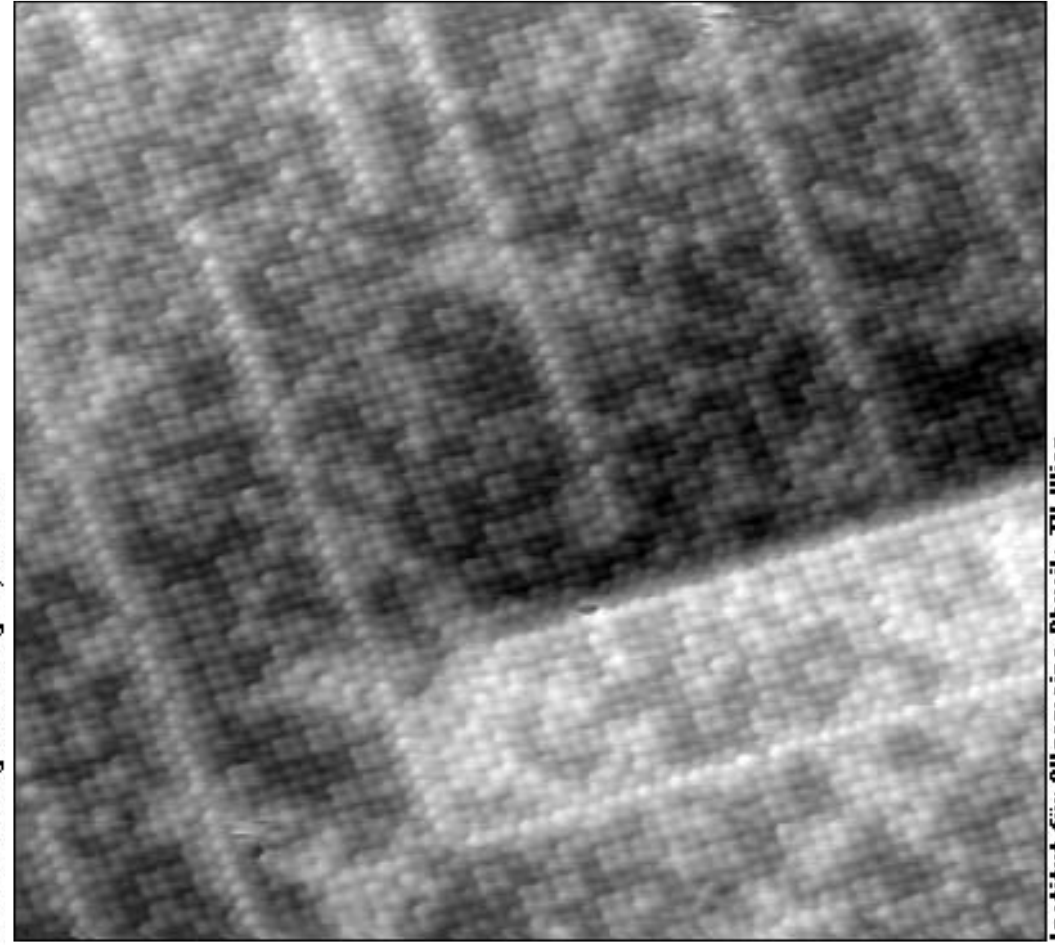
Figure 2. A screw dislocation; note the screw-like 'slip' of atoms in the upper part of the lattice



Screw dislocation

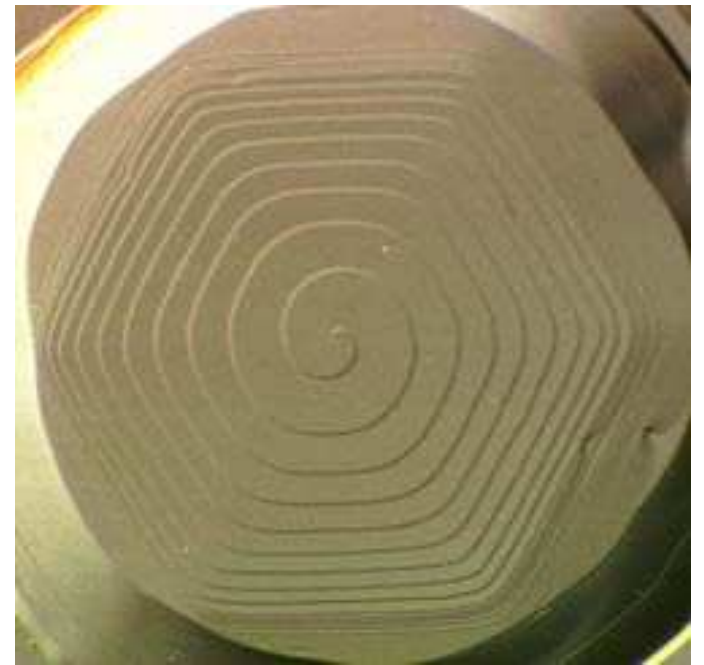
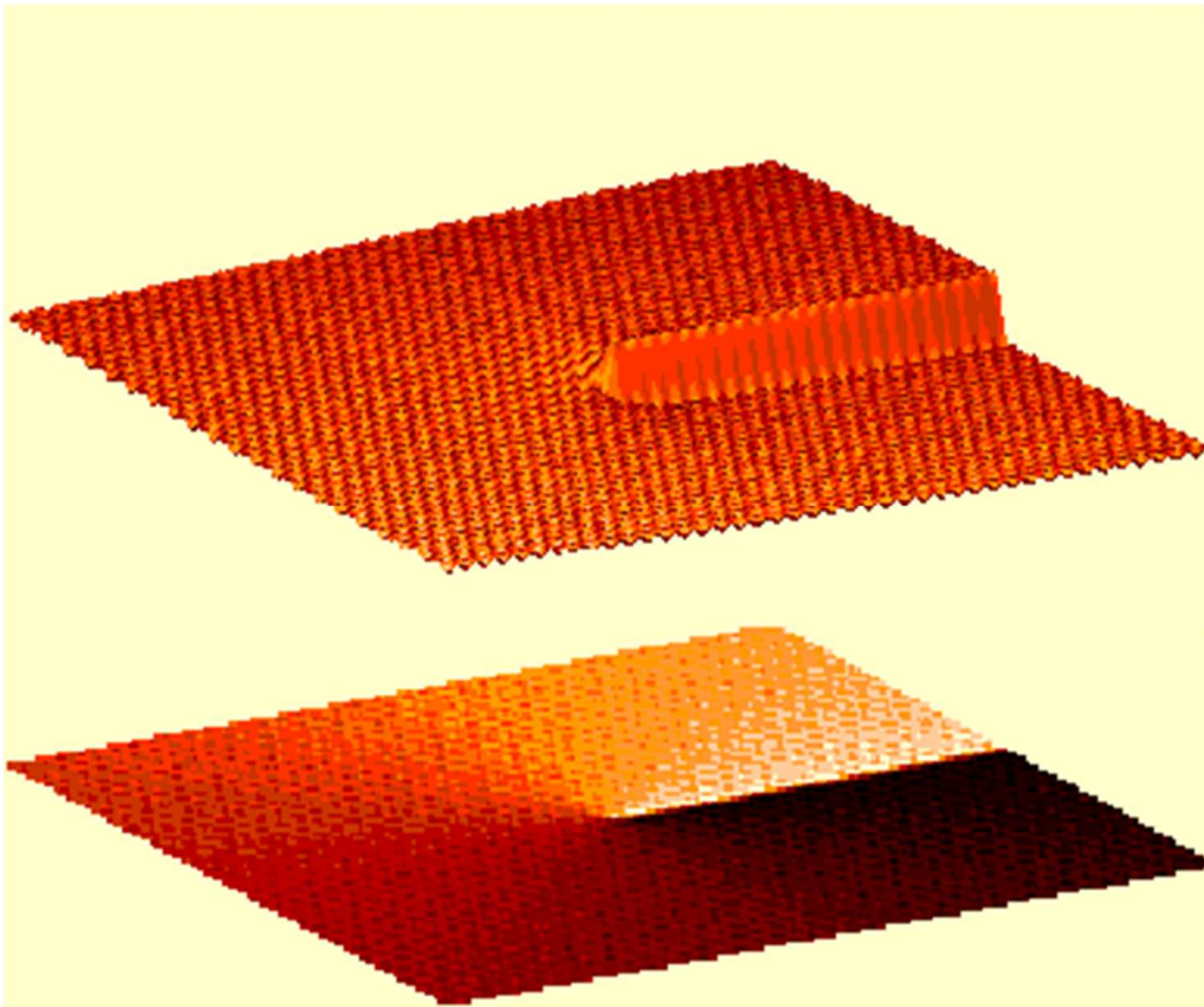


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Growth of Screw dislocation



In general boundaries of a mixture of the tilt and twist type,
→ several sets of different edges and screw dislocations.

If the boundary is unsymmetrical, dislocations with different burgers vectors are required to accommodate the “misfit”.

Non-symmetric Tilt Boundary

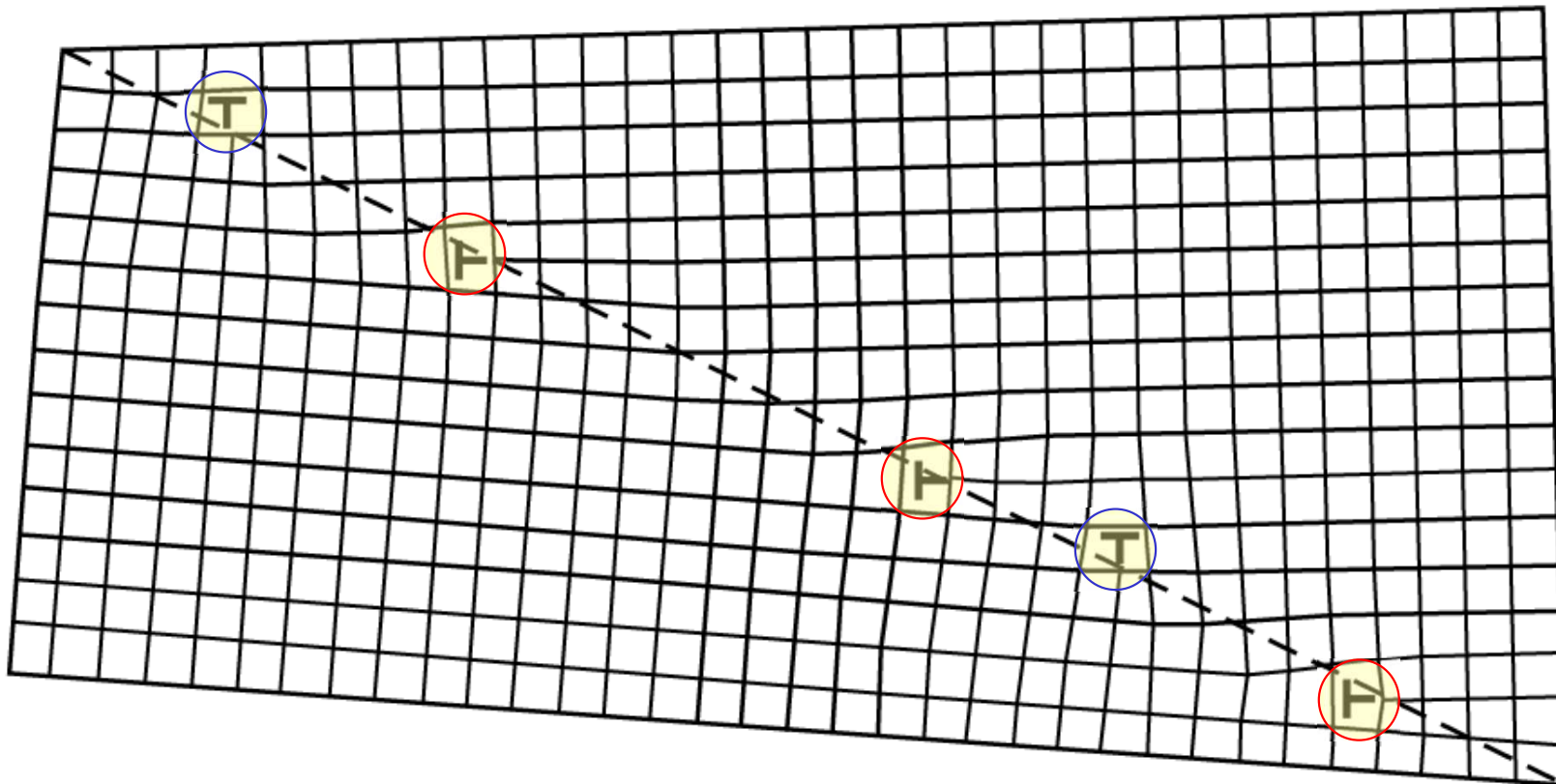
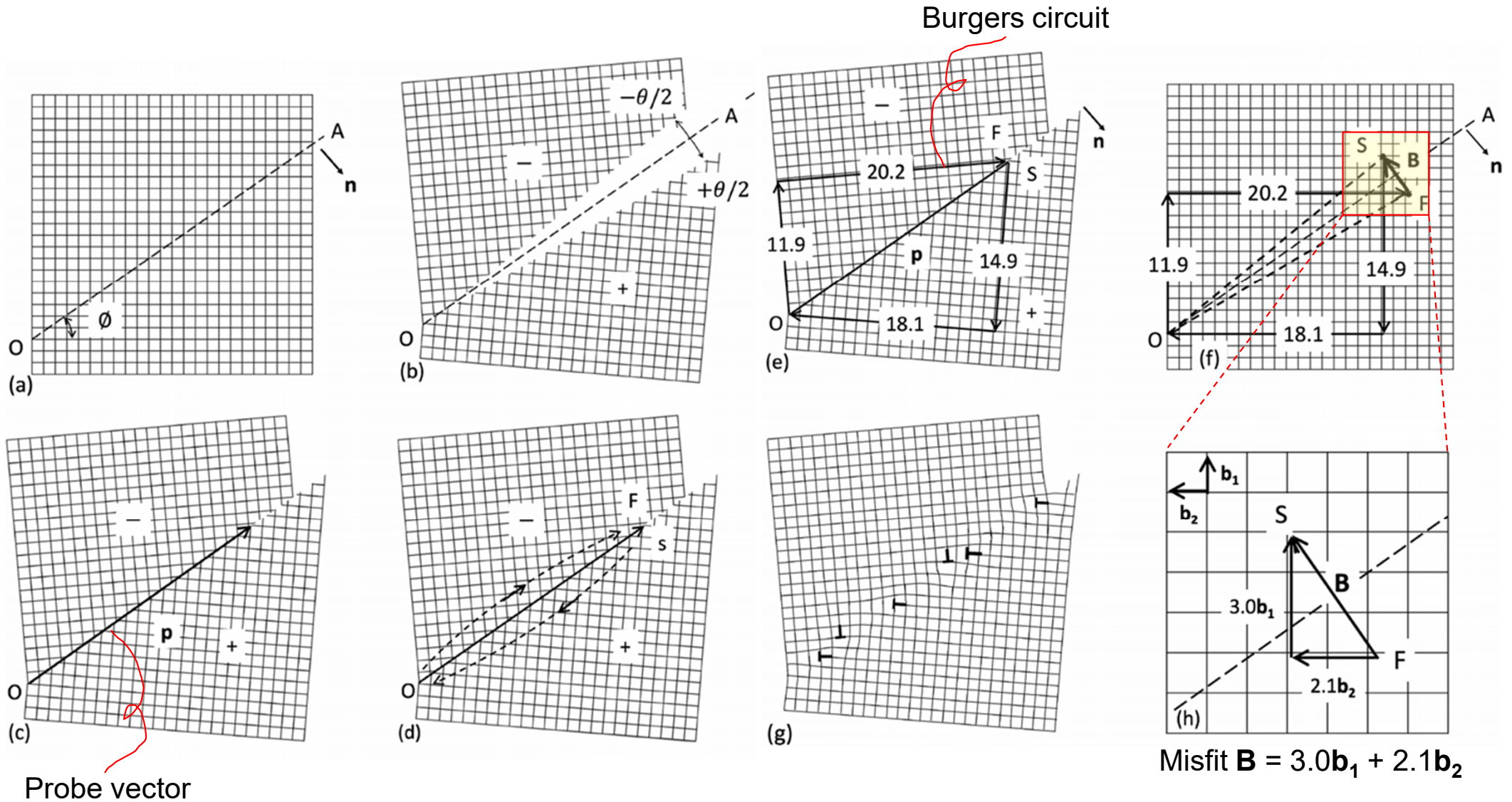


Fig. An unsymmetrical tilt boundary. Dislocations with two different Burgers vectors are present.

Fig. 3.11 The formation and dislocation content of an asymmetric tilt boundary.

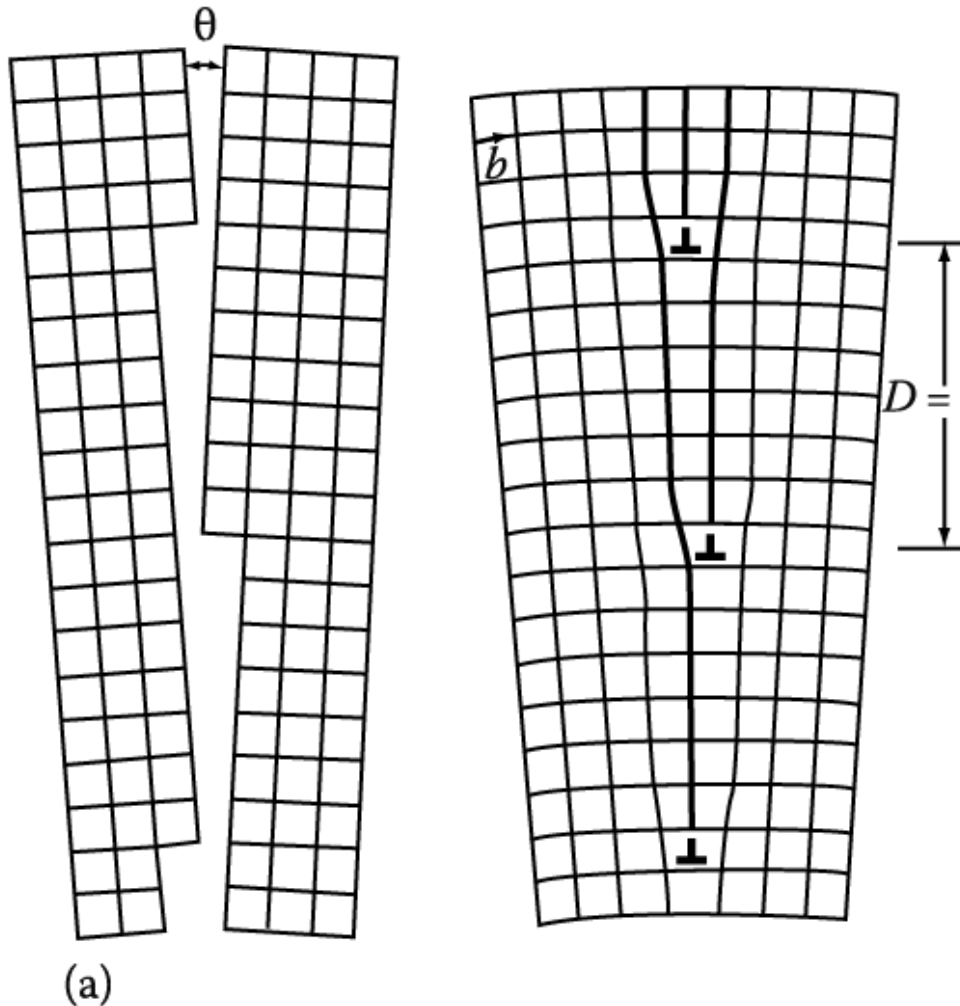


Boundary crossed by \mathbf{P} contains three dislocation with burgers vector \mathbf{b}_1 and two dislocation with \mathbf{b}_2 .
 → A vector $10\mathbf{P}$ will be intersected by 51 dislocations.

$$\mathbf{B} = |\mathbf{p}| \cdot 2\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cong |\mathbf{p}| \cdot \theta \text{ (for small value of } \theta) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{B} = \sum_i n_i \mathbf{b}_i$$

3.4.1 Low-Angle and High-Angle Boundaries

Low-Angle Tilt Boundaries



→ around edge dislocation : strain ↑
 but, LATB ~ almost perfect matching

Burgers vector of the dislocations



Angular mis-orientation across the boundary

$$\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{b/2}{D}$$

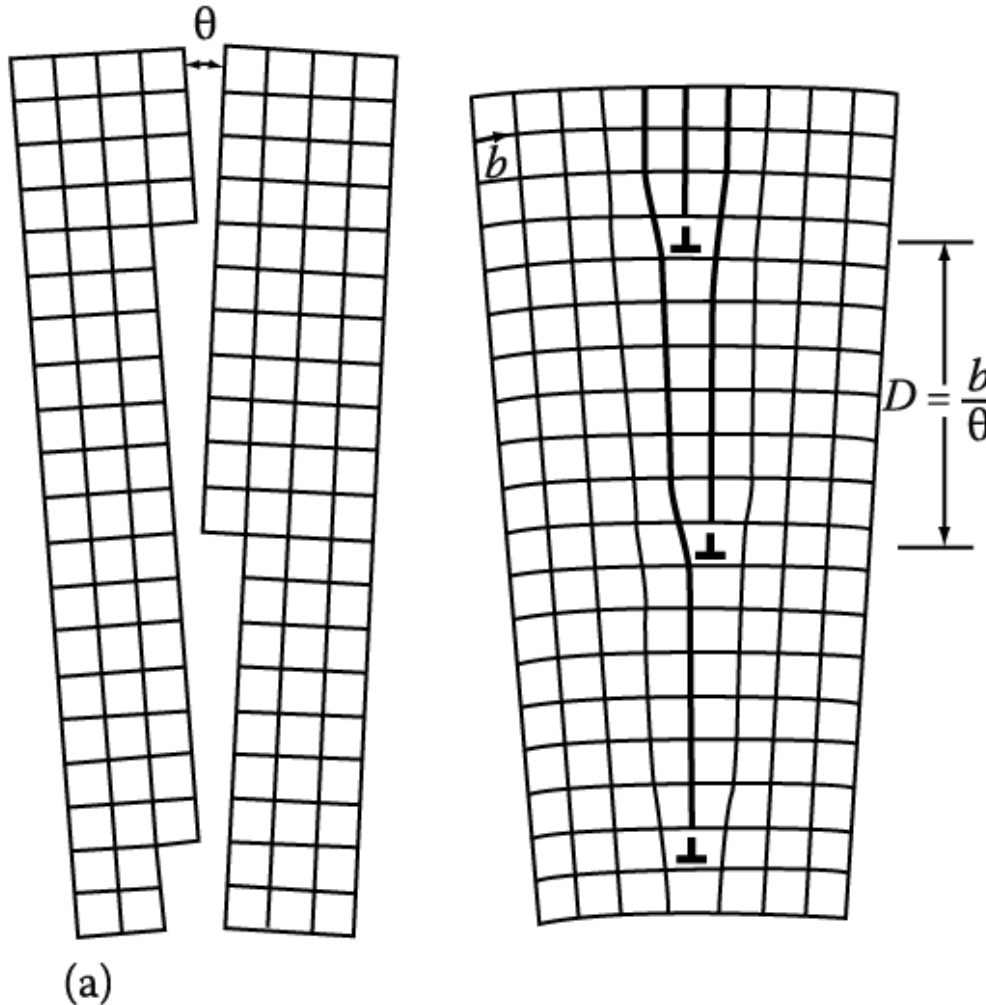
$$\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \approx \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$D \approx \frac{b}{\theta}$$

Energy of LATB ~ Total E of the dislocations within unit area of boundary
 ~ depends on the spacing of the dislocations (D)

3.4.1 Low-Angle and High-Angle Boundaries

Low-Angle Tilt Boundaries



→ around edge dislocation : strain ↑
but, LATB ~ almost perfect matching

→ g.b. energy : $\gamma_{g.b.} \rightarrow E / \text{unit area}$
(energy induced from dis.)

* Relation between D and γ ?

$\sin\theta = \frac{b}{D}$, at low angle \rightarrow Very small $\theta \rightarrow$ Very large D

→ $D = \frac{b}{\theta} \rightarrow \gamma_{g.b.}$ is proportional to $1/D$

→ Density of edge dislocation in low angle tilt boundary $\gamma \propto \theta$

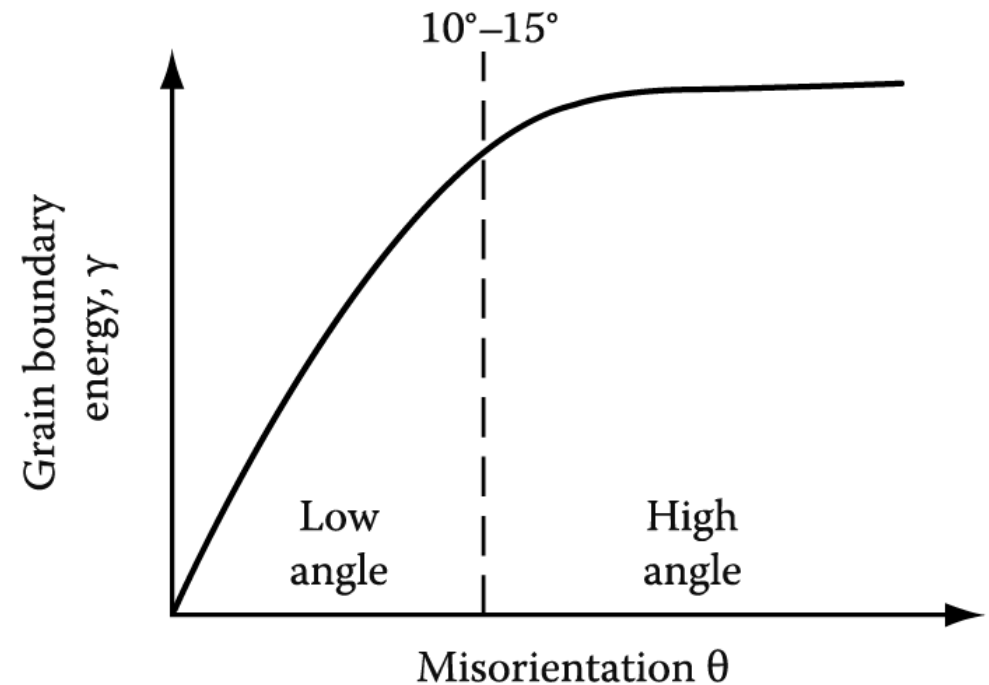
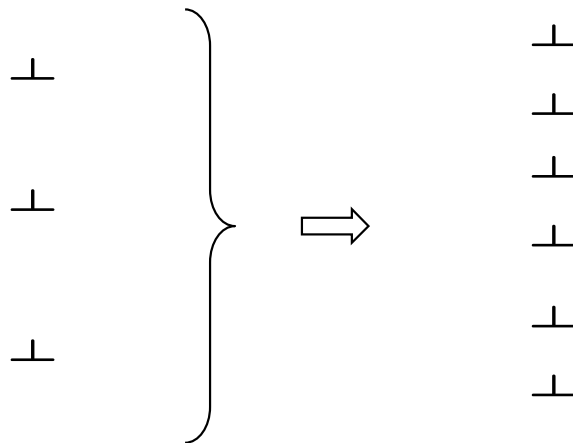
(cf. low angle twist boundary \rightarrow screw dis.)

Energy of LATB ~ total energy of the dislocations within unit area of boundary
~ depends on the spacing of the dislocation (D)

Low-Angle tilt Boundaries

$$\gamma \propto \theta$$

⇒ 1) As θ increases, $\gamma_{g.b.}$ ↑



Strain field overlap

→ **cancel out**

→ 2) $\gamma_{g.b.}$ increases and the increasing rate of γ ($=d\gamma/d\theta$) decreases.

→ 3) if θ increases further, it is impossible to physically identify the individual dislocations

→ 4) When $\theta > 10^\circ-15^\circ$, increasing rate of $\gamma_{g.b.} \sim 0$

5) When $\theta > 10^\circ-15^\circ$, Grain-boundary energy \sim almost independent of misorientation

Soap Bubble Model Structural difference between low-angle and high angle grain boundary

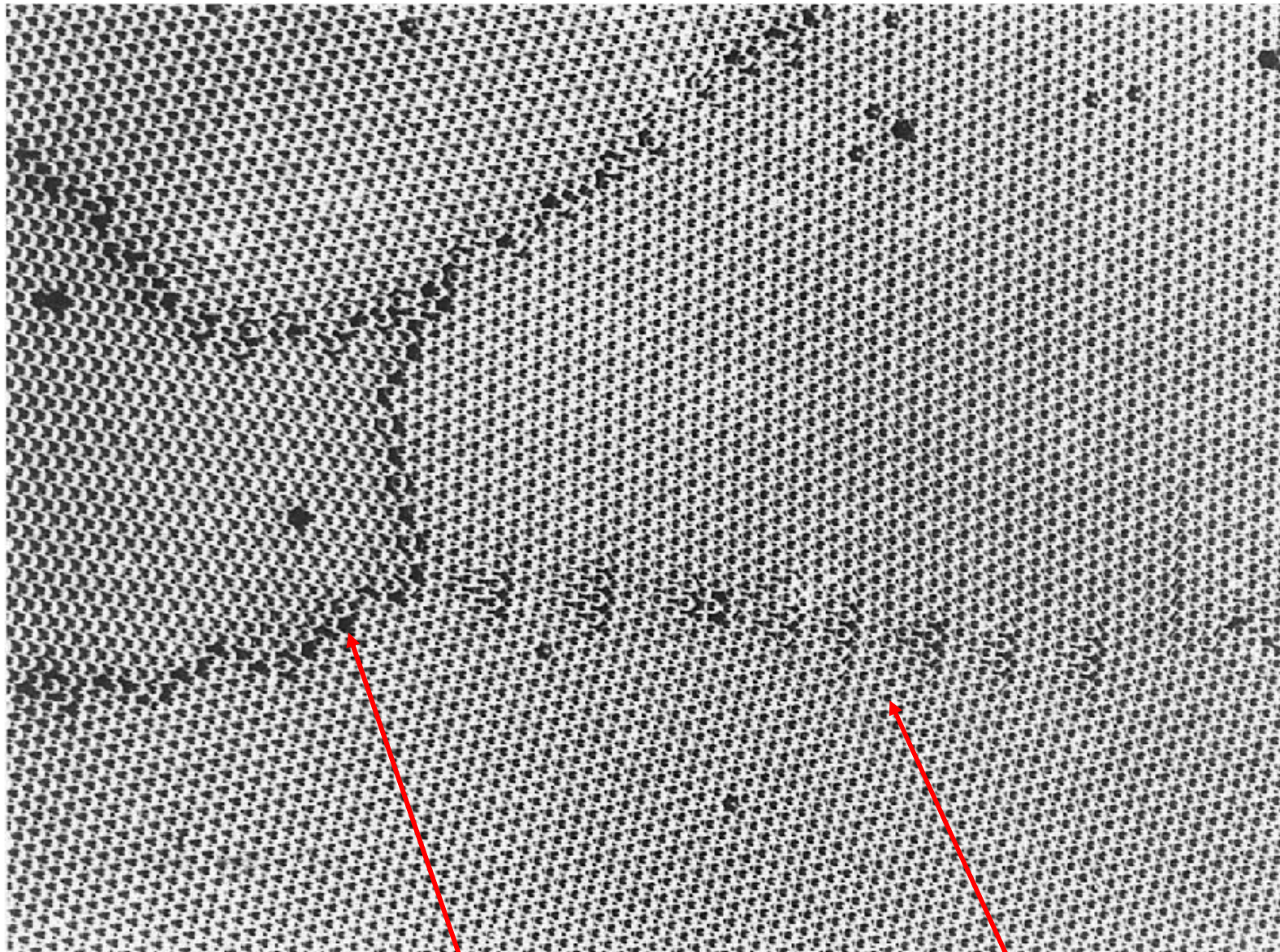


Fig. 3.12 Rafts of soap bubbles showing several grains of varying misorientation. Note that the boundary with the smallest misorientation is made up of a row of dislocations, whereas the high-angle boundaries have a disordered structure in which individual dislocations cannot be identified. *Fit very well/ very little free volume/ slightly distorted*
Large area of poor fit/relatively open structure/highly distorted

High Angle Grain Boundary: $\theta > 10^\circ\text{-}15^\circ$

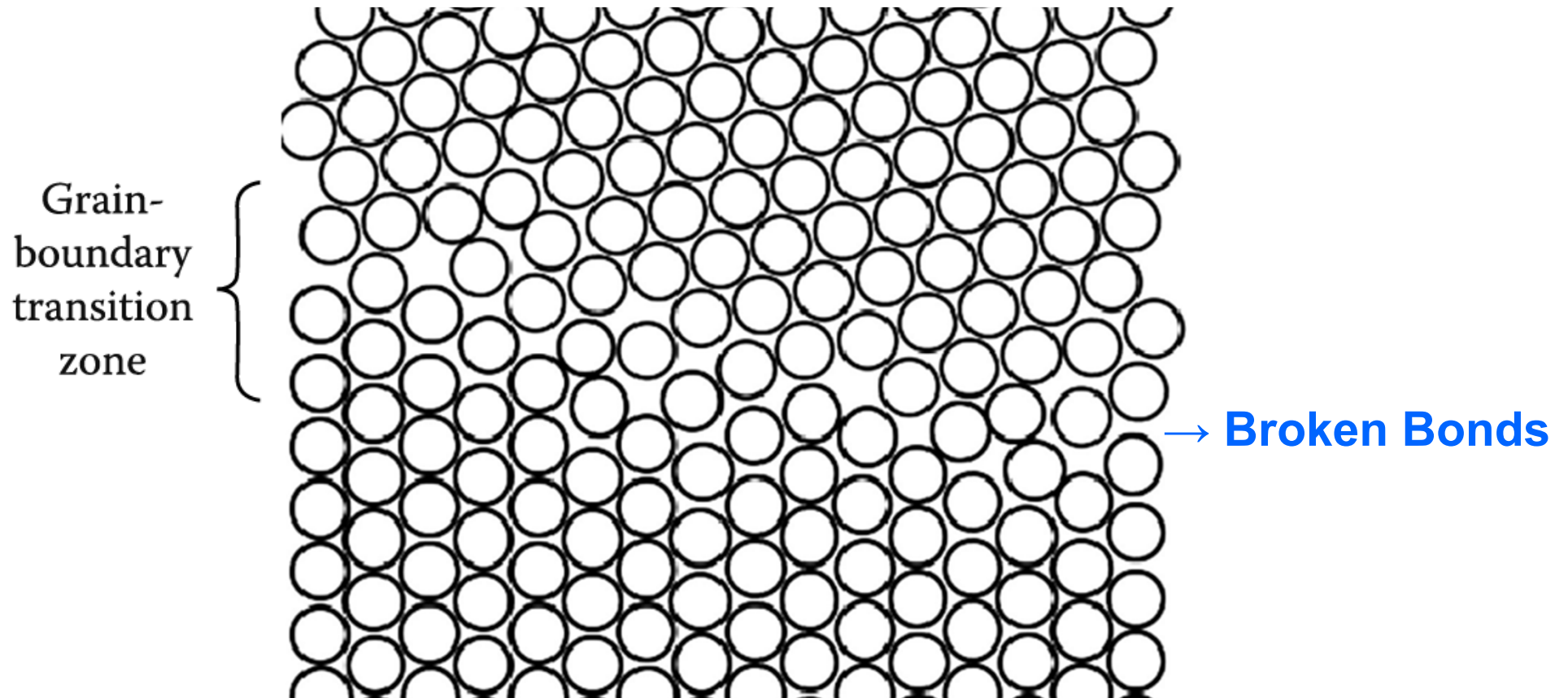


Fig. 3.13 Disordered grain boundary structure (schematic). Misorientation 17° .

High angle boundaries contain large areas of poor fit and have a relatively open structure.

→ high energy, high diffusivity, high mobility (cf. gb segregation)

High Angle Grain Boundary

- Low angle boundary
 - almost perfect matching (except dislocation part)
- High angle boundary (almost)
 - open structure, large free volume

* low and high angle boundary

high angle $\gamma_{g.b.} \approx 1/3 \gamma_{S/V}$ → Broken Bonds

Measured high-angle grain boundary energies

Crystal	γ (mJ m ⁻²)	T (°C)	γ_b/γ_{sv}
Sn	164	223	0.24
Al	324	450	0.30
Ag	375	950	0.33
Au	378	1000	0.27
Cu	625	925	0.36
γ -Fe	756	1350	0.40
δ -Fe	468	1450	0.23
Pt	660	1300	0.29
W	1080	2000	0.41

* Like $\gamma_{S/V}$, γ_b is temperature dependent decreasing somewhat with increasing temperature.

Q: Grain boundary (α/α interfaces)

= Boundaries in Single-Phase Solids

(a) Low-Angle and High-Angle Boundaries

(b) Special High-Angle Grain Boundaries

(c) Equilibrium in Polycrystalline Materials

Not all high-angle grain boundaries have a disordered atomic structure.

For certain axis-angle pairs and grain boundary planes, it is possible to have grain boundaries with fewer broken bonds and a less open structure.

➡ **Special high angle grain boundary = formation of CLS** (coincident site lattice)

- symmetrical tilt boundary
~38.2 °
- a small group of atoms are repeated regular intervals along the boundary.
~relatively little free volume

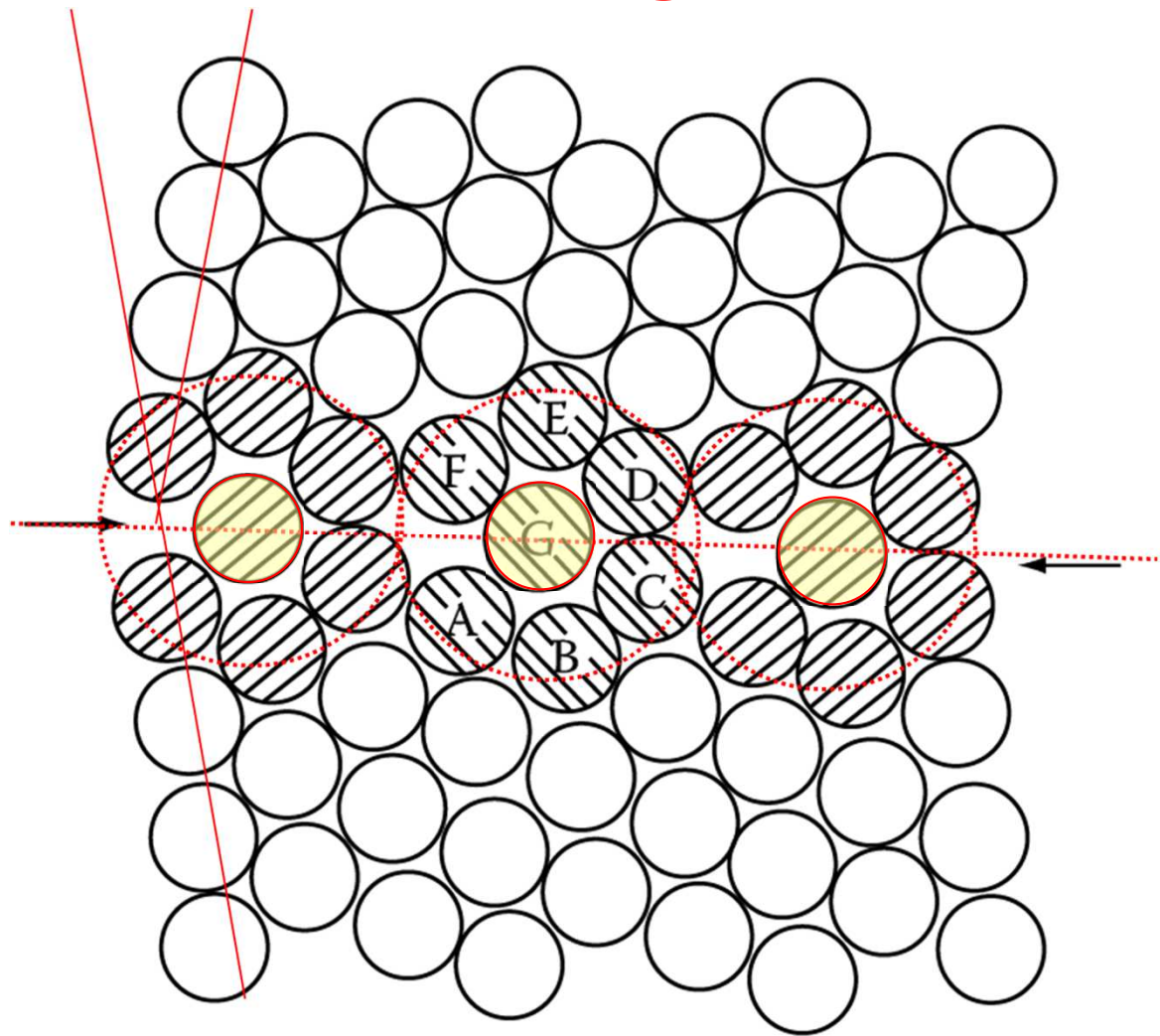
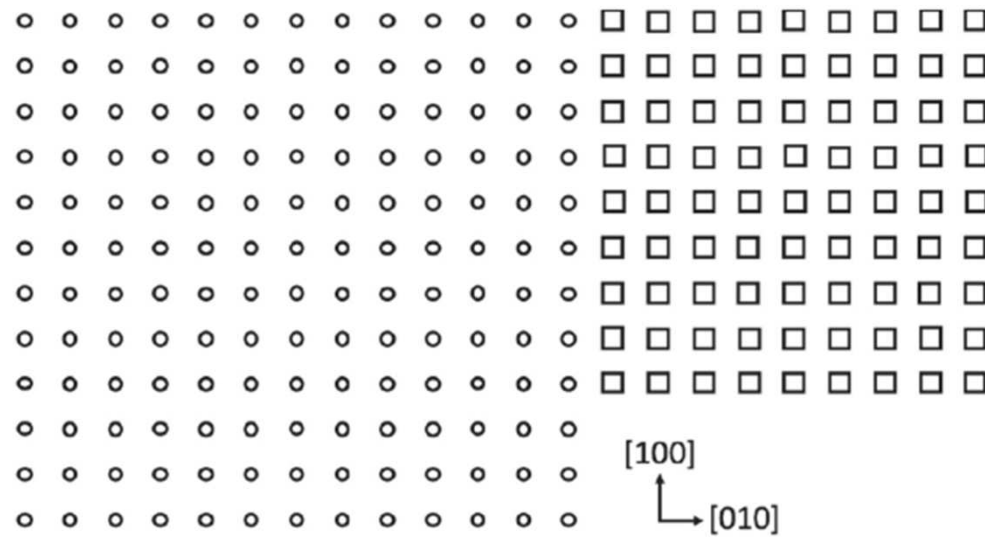


Fig. Special grain boundary: two dimensional example.

입계의 원자구조가 주위의 격자와 폭넓게 잘 일치 됨

Two cubic
crystal lattices
with the same
lattice parameter

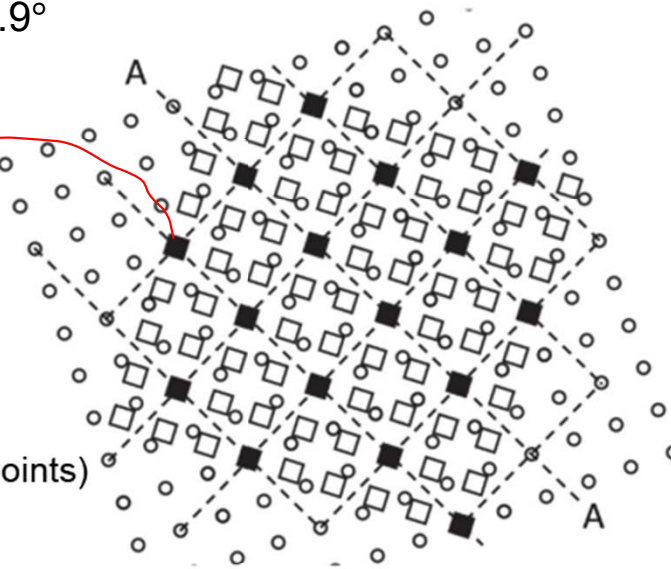


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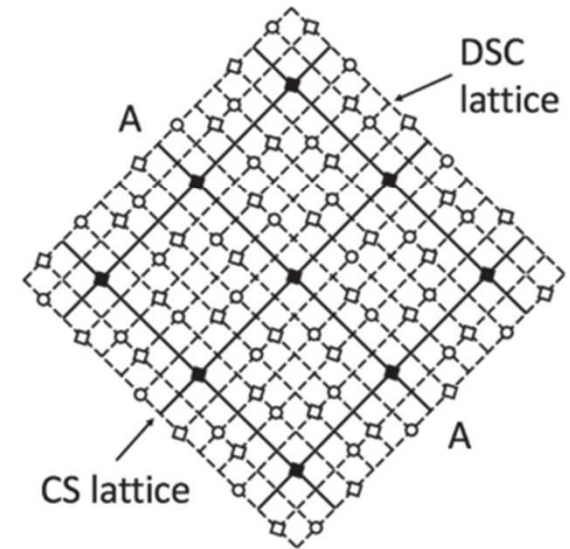
Rotated by 36.9°

CLS
(coincident site lattice)

One CSL point out of a total of
five lattice points for either lattice
= Greek uppercase sigma $\Sigma = 5$
(inverse of the relative density of CSL points)



(b)



(c)

FIGURE 3.14 (a) Two-dimensional section perpendicular to $[001]$ through two cubic crystal lattices with the same lattice parameter. Lattice points are identified by circles and squares to aid their identification. (b) The lattices have been rotated by 36.9° with respect to each other and superimposed to form a dichromatic pattern. The filled squares mark the positions where the lattice points coincide. The dashed lines mark the square $\Sigma 5$ CSL. (c) An enlarged detail of four CSL unit cells with the square DSC lattice marked by dashed lines.

The CSL just describes the orientation relationship between the lattices of the two grains.

The CSL points are positioned on the grain boundary depends on the orientation of the boundary with respect to the CSL.

For $\Sigma = 5$, highest possible density of CSL points
 ~ along the line AA

Referring to the unit cell of the simple cubic lattice Denoted by the open circles, the line AA corresponds to the plane (210).

To specify the crystallography of a special grain boundary: to give **CSL and axis-angle pair** concerned together with the orientation of the grain boundary plain in each grain

$$\Sigma = 5 (210)36.9^\circ/[001]$$

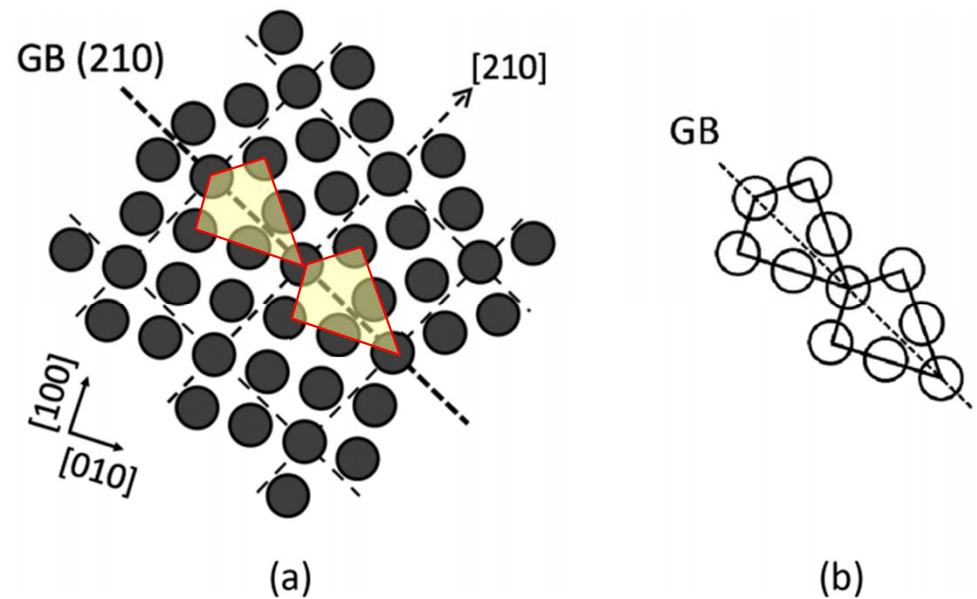
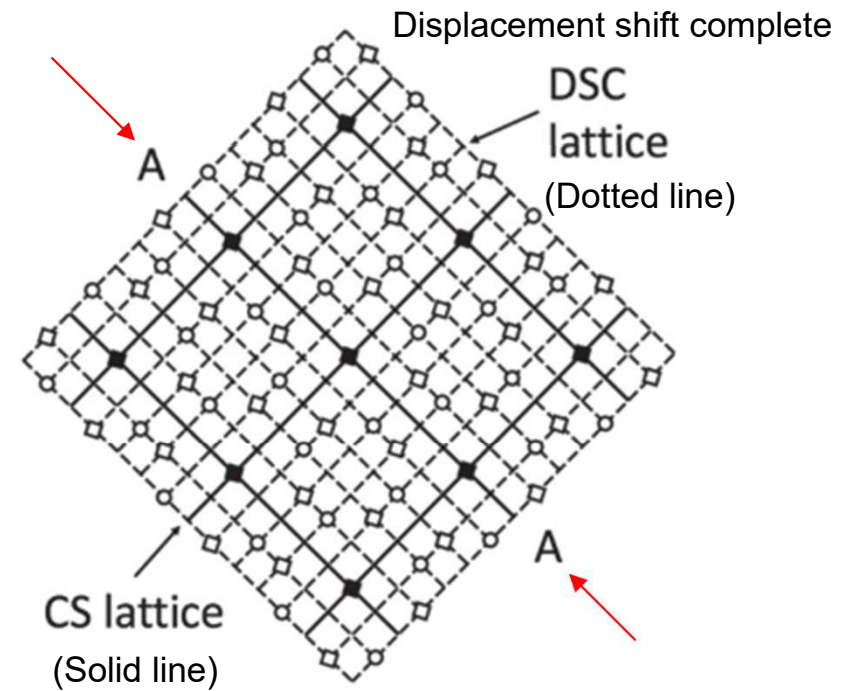
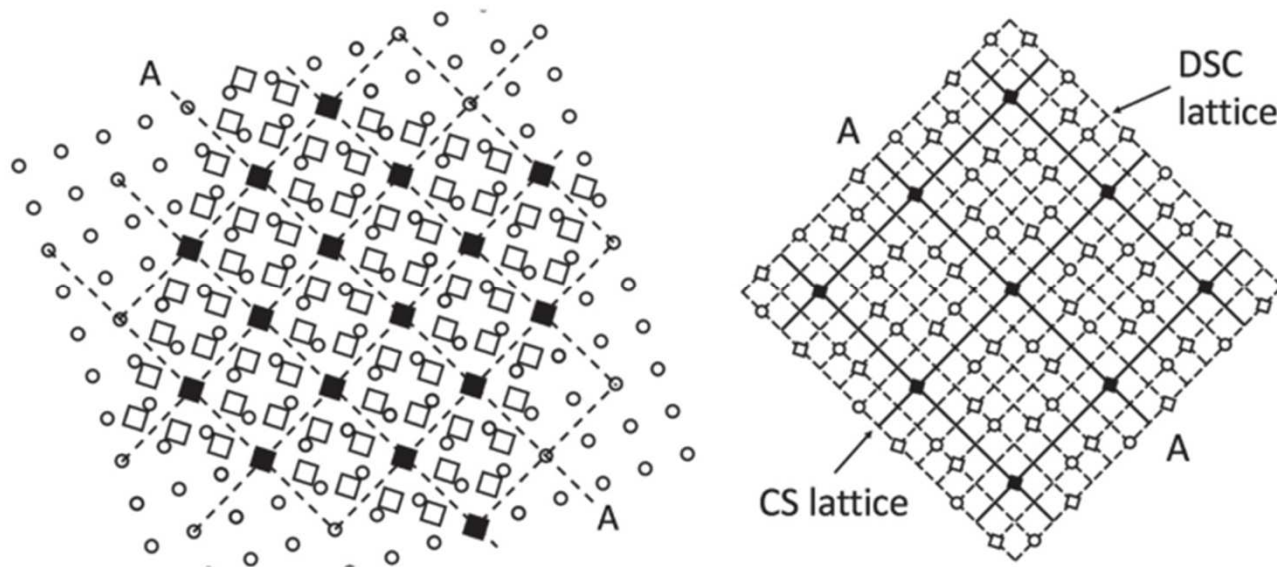


FIGURE 3.15 (a) The atomic structure of a grain boundary formed by dividing the lattices in Figure 3.14 along the line AA, i.e., the (210) plane of the lower grain, and locating one atom at each lattice point in both grains. (b) A detail showing a possible atomic structural unit that repeats itself along the boundary concerned.



- The dislocations that take up the deviation from a perfect CSL orientation can have **very small Burgers vectors** when compared to dislocation in the lattice of the grains.
 = magnitudes equal to the length of the sides of the fine square mesh ($=\frac{1}{5}[\bar{1}20]$) in Fig 3.14(c)
 - **Small angle grain boundary ~ showing small angular deviations from a $\Sigma 1$**
- The CSL and DSC lattice correspond to the crystal lattices, and the Burgers vectors of the grain boundary dislocations have the same magnitudes as the crystal lattice vectors.
- In the case of low angle grain boundaries, the dislocations are known as **primary dislocations**, while the dislocations taking up the deviation from the perfect CSL are called **secondary dislocations**. In the case of the CSLs with $\Sigma > 1$, the primary dislocation are so close as to be indistinguishable from each other.

- Σ is always an odd number.

$\Sigma = 1$ means that the two lattices are in the same orientation.

$\Sigma = 3$, two twin-oriented grains with fcc lattices give the next highest density of coincident lattice points.

Twins are commonly seen in annealed fcc metals and alloys!

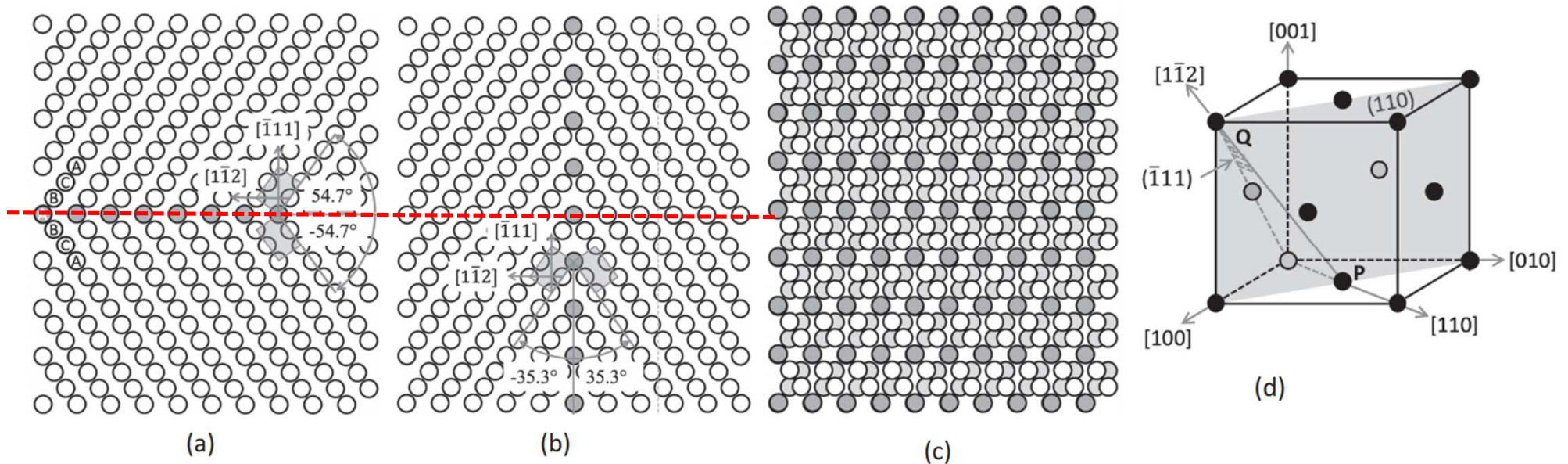


FIGURE 3.18 Boundaries in twin-related fcc metals. (a) Coherent twin boundary parallel to $(\bar{1}11)$ as seen from the $[110]$ direction. All atoms in the boundary plane are on coincident lattice sites. Stacking sequence ABCA in each twin is marked. (110) sections through the fcc unit cells of each twin are indicated in grey. (b) Incoherent twin boundary parallel to $(1\bar{1}2)$ as seen from the $[110]$ direction. Only every third boundary site is coincident to both lattices. (c) The dichromatic pattern formed by the two twin lattices. Sites on every third $(\bar{1}11)$ plane are coincident, i.e., $\Sigma = 3$. (d) An fcc unit cell showing relevant planes and directions. Line PQ is the intersection of the planes $(\bar{1}11)$ and (110) and lies in the direction $[1\bar{1}2]$.

① $\Sigma 3$ CSL from (c)

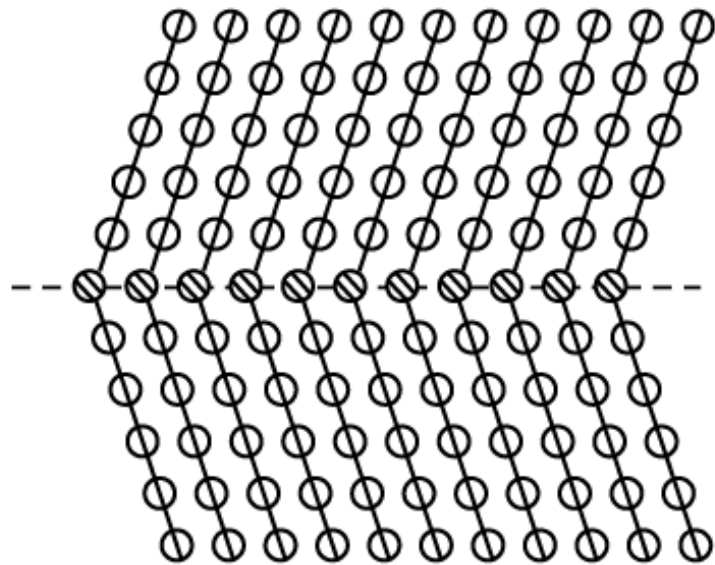
② coherent vs incoherent twin boundary

Boundaries in Single-Phase Solids

(a) Low-Angle and High-Angle Boundaries

(b) Special High-Angle Grain Boundaries

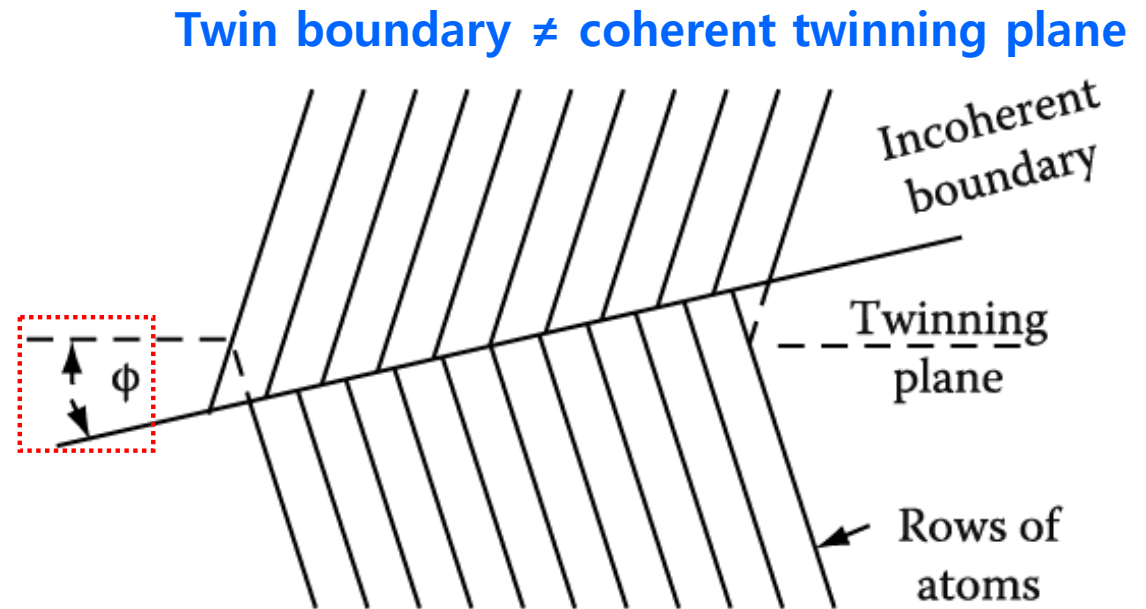
: high angle boundary but with low $\gamma_{g.b.}$



a) **Coherent twin boundary**
symmetric twin boundary

→ low $\gamma_{g.b.}$

Atoms in the boundary
are essentially in
undistorted positions

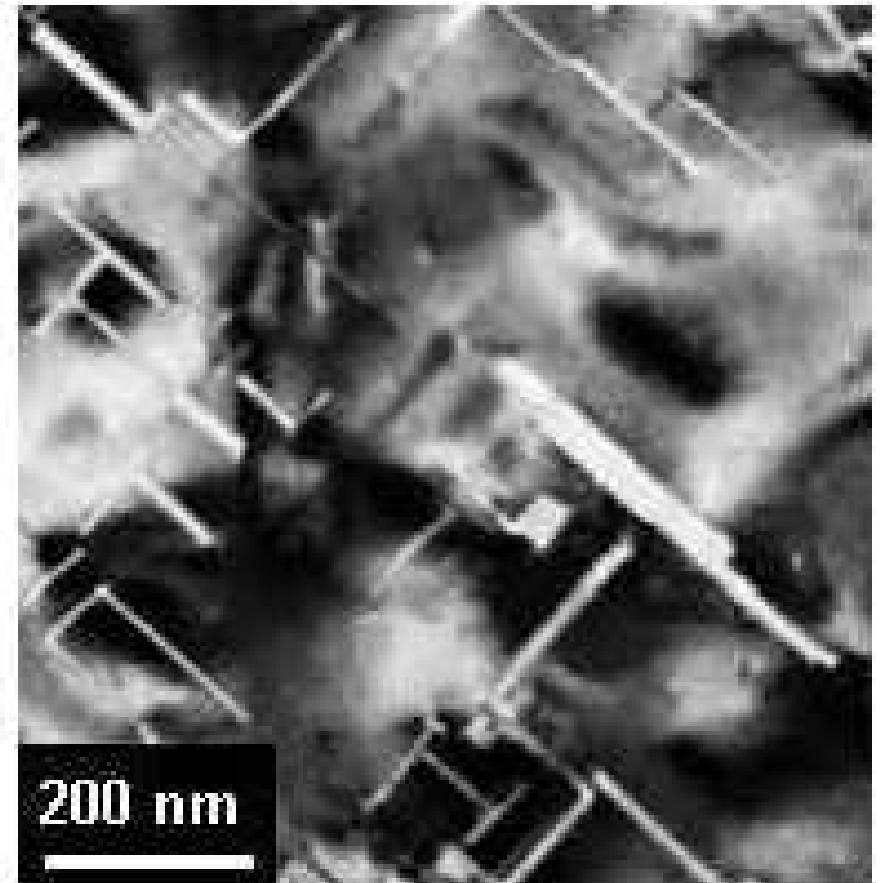
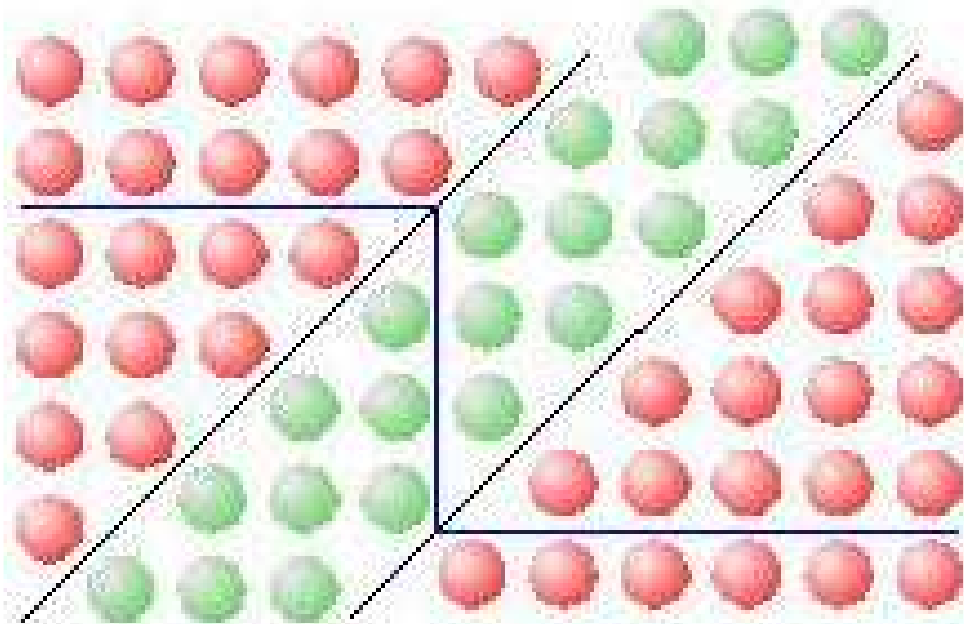


b) **Incoherent twin boundary**
asymmetric twin boundary

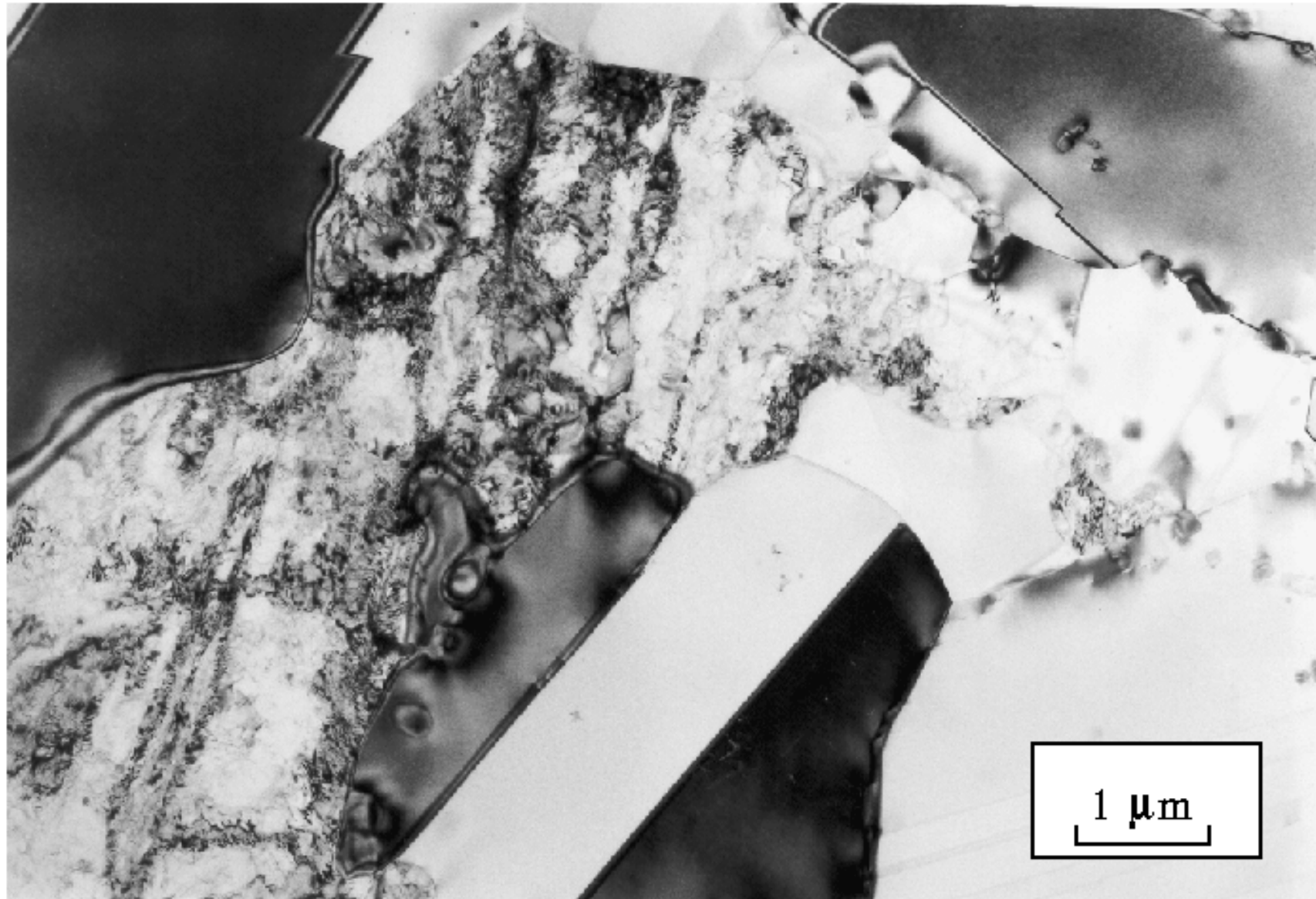
→ low $\gamma_{g.b.}$

Energy of twin boundary ~
very sensitive to the orienta-
tion ϕ of the boundary plane

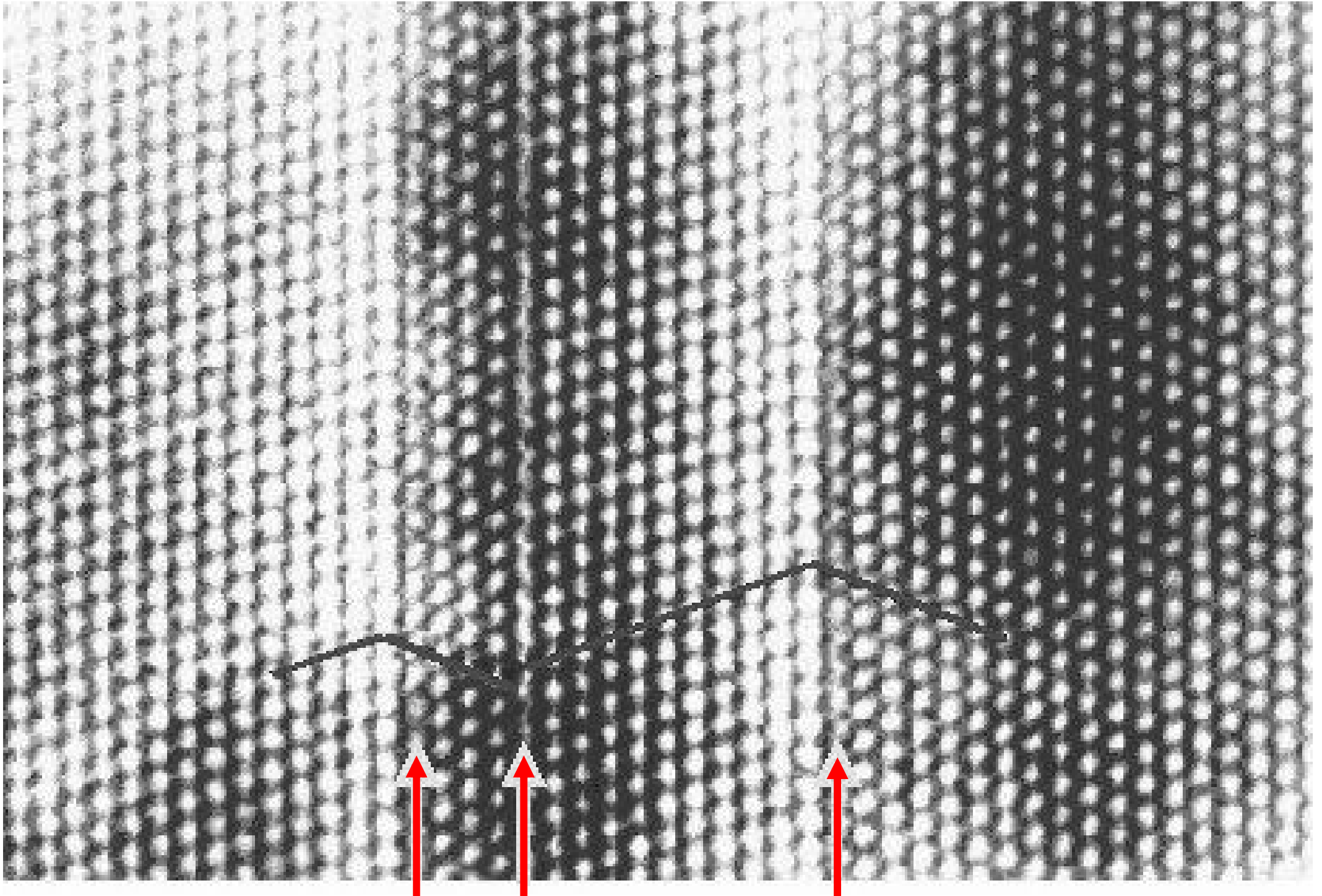
Twin boundary



Twin boundary



Twin boundary



(b) Special High-Angle Grain Boundaries

c) Twin boundary energy as a function of the grain boundary orientation

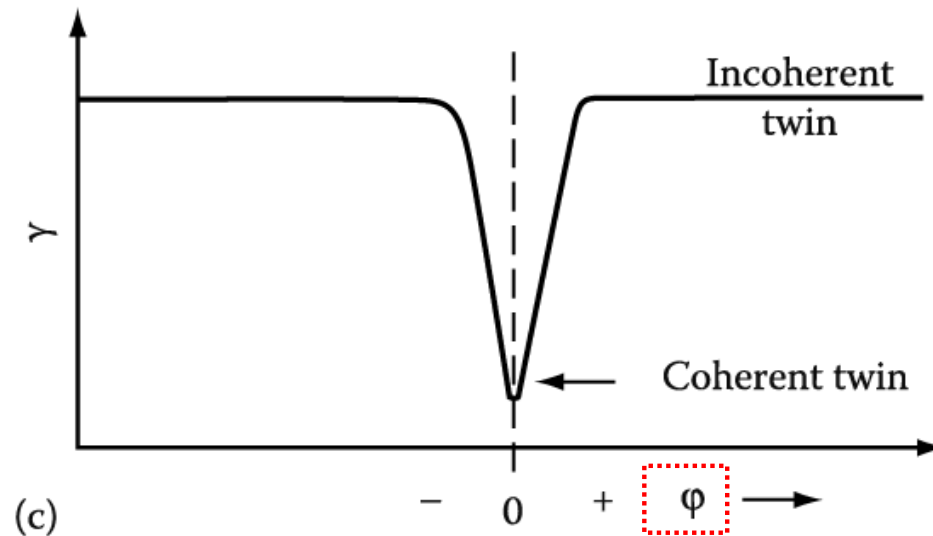


Table 3.3 Measured Boundary Free Energies for Crystals in Twin Relationships

(Units mJ/m^2)

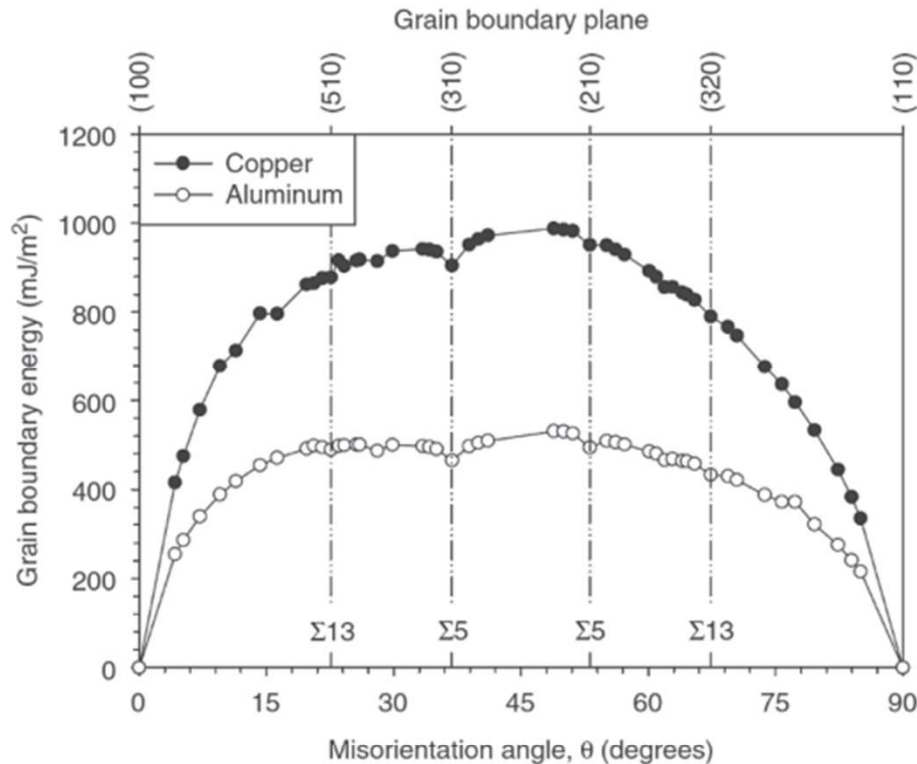
Crystal	Coherent Twin-Boundary Energy	Incoherent Twin-Boundary Energy	Grain-Boundary Energy
Cu	21	498	623
Ag	8	\ll	377
Fe-Cr-Ni (stainless steel type 304)	19	209	835

3.4.3 Grain Boundary Energy of Pure Metals

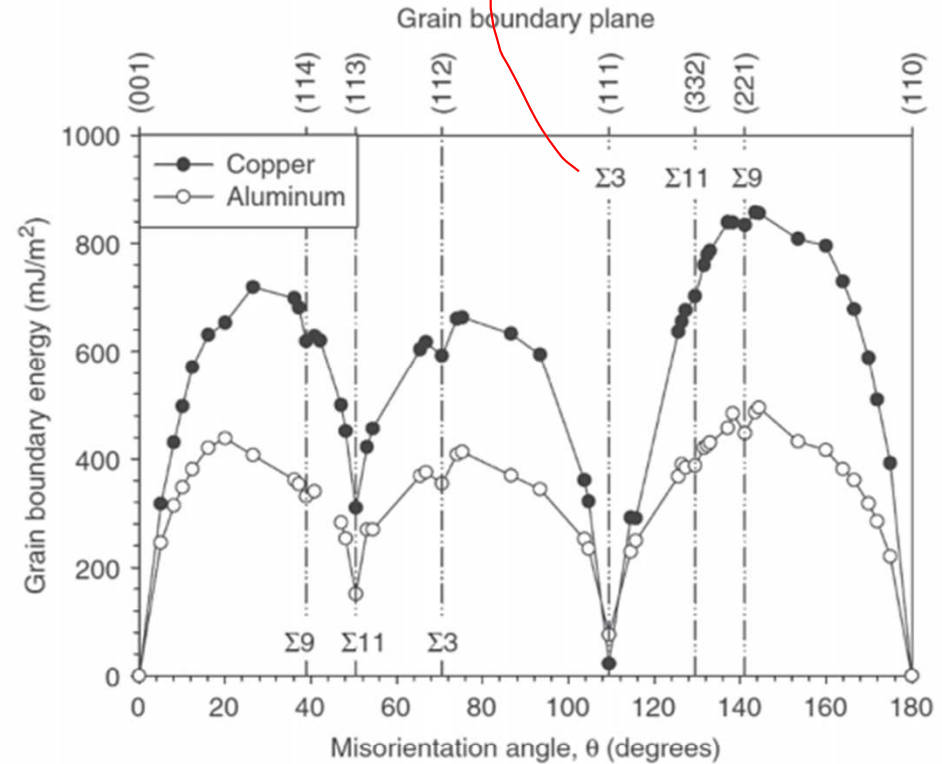
① $\gamma \propto \theta$ & Most high angle GB ~ same E

Coherent twin boundary: $\Sigma 3$ boundary at the misorientation angle of $109.5^\circ (=2 \times 54.74^\circ)$

② $\gamma_{Cu} > \gamma_{Al}$ ($\because T_{m,Cu}(\text{strong bond } E) > T_{m,Al}$) VS $\gamma_{Cu} \approx \gamma_{Al}$ at $\Sigma 3$ ($\because SFE_{Cu} < SFE_{Al}$)



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.19 Energies of symmetric tilt boundaries in aluminum and copper at 0 K calculated using interatomic energies. (a) Rotation axis [001], (b) rotation axis $[1\bar{1}0]$. (Reprinted from M. A. Tschopp & D. L. McDowell, Asymmetric tilt grain boundary structure and energy in copper and aluminium, *Philosophical Magazine*, **87**:3871–3892 (2007) with permission from Taylor and Francis.)

Asymmetrical Incoherent Twin Boundary (AITB)

"Stepped structure"

= Step of SITB and terrace of CTB

$$\gamma_{AITB} = \gamma_{CTB} \cdot \cos\phi + \gamma_{SITB} \cdot \sin\phi$$

~ relatively low γ

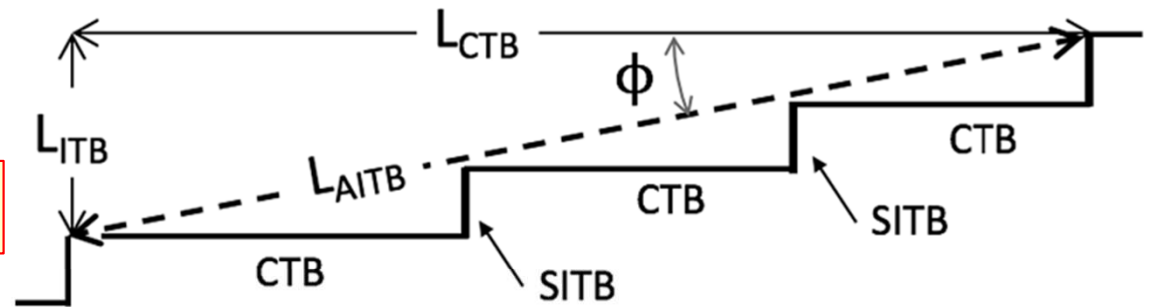
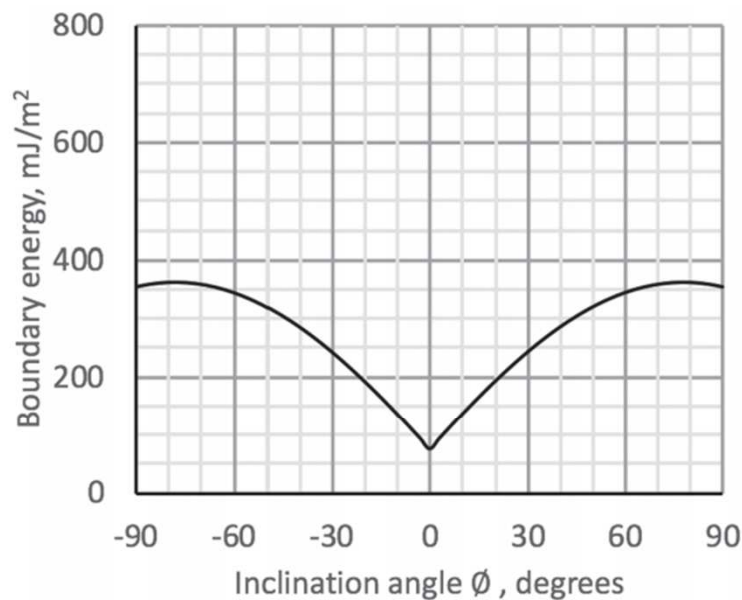
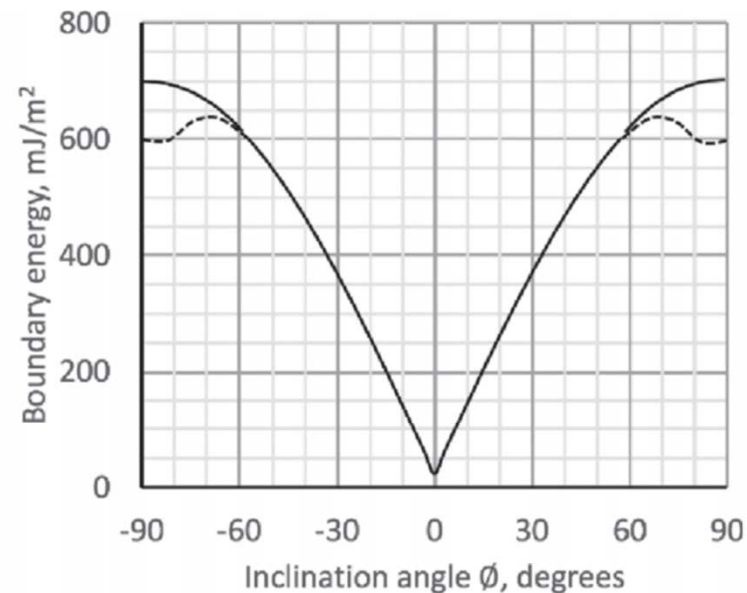


FIGURE 3.20 The step and terrace structure of an incoherent twin boundary inclined at an angle ϕ to the CTB. SITB, symmetrical twin boundary; AITB asymmetric twin boundary.

SITB = symmetrical incoherent twin boundary CTB = symmetrical twin boundary



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.21 Asymmetric tilt boundary energies at 0 K predicted using Equation 3.16. (a) Aluminum with $\gamma_{CTB} = 75.2 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ and $\gamma_{SITB} = 354.4 \text{ mJ/m}^2$. (b) Copper $\gamma_{CTB} = 22.2 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ and $\gamma_{SITB} = 700 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ as given in reference. In the case of copper above 60° inclination, atomic modelling (*ab initio*) calculations indicate a deviation from Equation 3.16 as shown by the dashed line.

- **Special high-angle grain boundaries with relatively low energies ~ associated with CSL orientations btw grains/ not correlate with CSL density along the boundary**
- **GB free energy ($\sim H$) decrease with increasing temperature due to entropy effect.**
Atomic calculations show that the energy of a grain boundary decrease by **about two-thirds between 0 K and the melting point.**
- **Width of the grain boundary (\sim activation energy for grain boundary diffusion) changes depending on temperature.**
- **Grain boundary energies scale in proportion to the shear modulus multiplied by the lattice parameter.** (\because Grain boundaries \sim comprising various dislocation networks – the line energy of dislocations scales as the shear modulus)
& Grain boundary energy **correlates with the melting temperature (\sim bond strength).**

3.4.4 Grain boundary energy of dilute binary alloys

- **Grain boundary energy can be expected to change on alloying.**

There will be a higher concentration of solute at the GBs, and the interaction of the strain fields of the solute and boundary will lower the GB energy.

A simple way to modelling GB segregation is to treat the boundary as a separate phase.

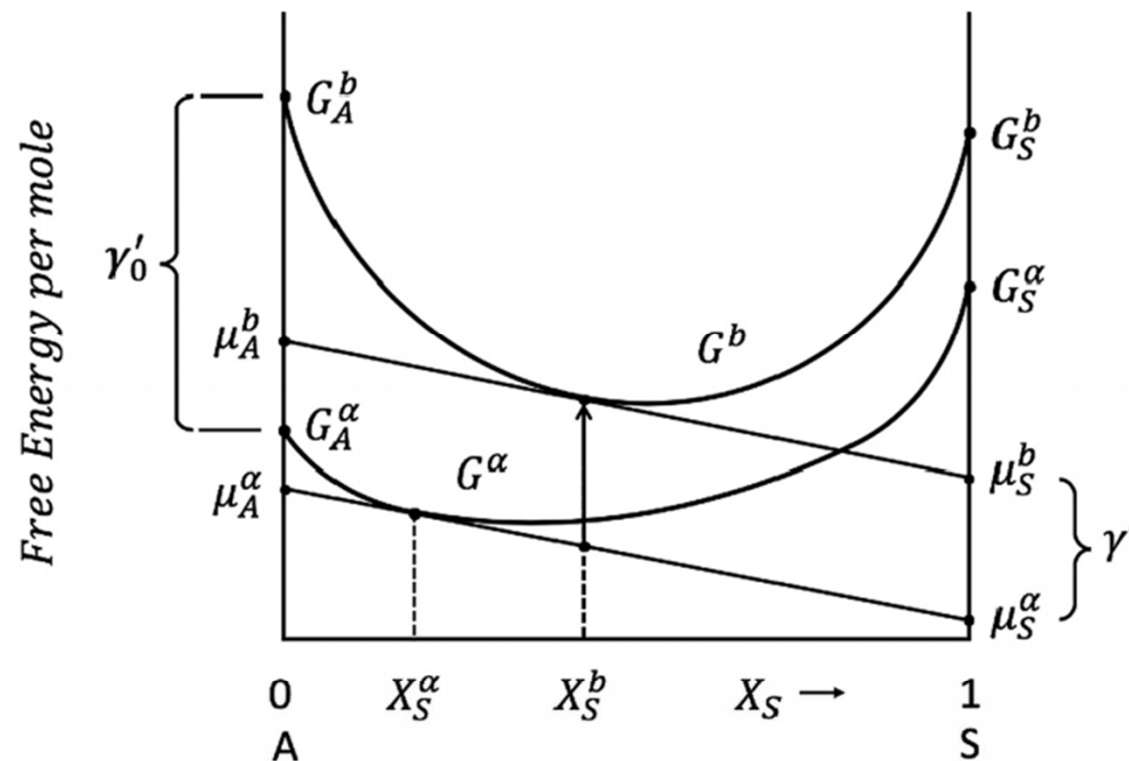


FIGURE 3.22 Free energy diagram for solid α phase and grain boundary phase b for a binary alloy of A containing solute S. X_S^α is the mole fraction of solute in the α grain and X_S^b is the content in the grain boundary. γ'_0 is the grain boundary energy of pure A and the length of the vertical arrow (distance between the tangents), γ' , the grain boundary energy of the alloy.

A grain phase α and a boundary phase b ,

If we transfer dN_A moles of solvent A and dN_S moles of solute S from the grain to the GB,

$$(3.17) \quad dG' = (\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha) dN_A - (\mu_S^b - \mu_S^\alpha) dN_S = 0 \quad (\because \text{Metastable equilibrium btw grain and GB})$$

If total quantity of atoms in the boundary is constant, $dN_A + dN_S = 0$

$$(3.18) \quad \therefore (\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha) = (\mu_S^b - \mu_S^\alpha)$$

If we assume that the grain and boundary phase follow the regular solution model,

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu_A^\alpha &= G_A^\alpha + \Omega^\alpha (1 - X_A^\alpha)^2 + RT \ln X_A^\alpha & \mu_A^b &= G_A^b + \Omega^b (1 - X_A^b)^2 + RT \ln X_A^b \\ \mu_S^\alpha &= G_S^\alpha + \Omega^\alpha (1 - X_S^\alpha)^2 + RT \ln X_S^\alpha & \mu_S^b &= G_S^b + \Omega^b (1 - X_S^b)^2 + RT \ln X_S^b \end{aligned}$$

where, Ω^α and Ω^b : the difference in A-A and A-S bond energies in the grain and GB, and $X_A + X_S = 1$ for each phase.

$$(3.20) \quad \Delta G_b = (G_S^b - G_S^\alpha) - (G_A^b - G_A^\alpha) + (\Omega^b - \Omega^\alpha) \Rightarrow (3.21) \quad \frac{X_S^b}{(1 - X_S^b)} = \frac{X_S^\alpha}{(1 - X_S^\alpha)} \exp \left\{ \frac{-\Delta G_b}{RT} \right\}$$

then substituting Equations (3.19) into Equation (3.18) and ignoring small terms:

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- Equations (3.21) and (3.22) show how **grain boundary segregation decreases as temperature increases**, i.e., the solute 'evaporates' into the matrix.
- **A large size misfit btw the solute and matrix** leads to a low solubility of the solute in the matrix → ΔG_b becomes more negative and GB segregation becomes stronger as the solubility of the solute decreases
- GB enrichment ratio, X_S^b/X_S^α tends to increase as the solubility of the solute in the matrix decrease. In the case of low solubilities, X_S^b/X_S^α can be several orders of magnitude in size reaching even 10^4 for example in the case of carbon and boron in bcc ferritic iron.

Derive an expression for how GB segregation affects the GB energy.

: the GB energy is the decrease in free energy that occurs if the atoms in the boundary rearrange themselves into the crystal structure of the α phase ($(\mu_A^b \text{ and } \mu_S^b) \rightarrow (\mu_A^\alpha \text{ and } \mu_S^\alpha)$)

If there are n_A^b moles of A atoms and n_S^b moles of S atoms in the boundary, the decrease in free energy is:

$$n_A^b(\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha) + n_S^b(\mu_S^b - \mu_S^\alpha) = (n_A^b + n_S^b)(\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha) = n^b (\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha)$$

where, n^b is the total number of moles of boundary ($n_A^b + n_S^b$)

$$\therefore \text{GB energy per mole} : (\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha) = (\mu_S^b - \mu_S^\alpha) = \gamma'$$

GB energy per unit area

$$\gamma = (\mu_A^b - \mu_A^\alpha) \delta / V_m^b \text{ J/m}^2 \quad (3.23)$$

where, δ is the thickness of the boundary phase and V_m^b is the molar volume of the boundary, assumed to be independent of the boundary composition. V_m^b / δ is the area of GB containing 1 mole.

In a similar way,

GB energy per mole for pure A is γ'_0 , i.e., $G_A^b - G_A^\alpha$ and per unit area $\gamma_0 = (G_A^b - G_A^\alpha) \delta / V_m^b \text{ J/m}^2$ (3.24)

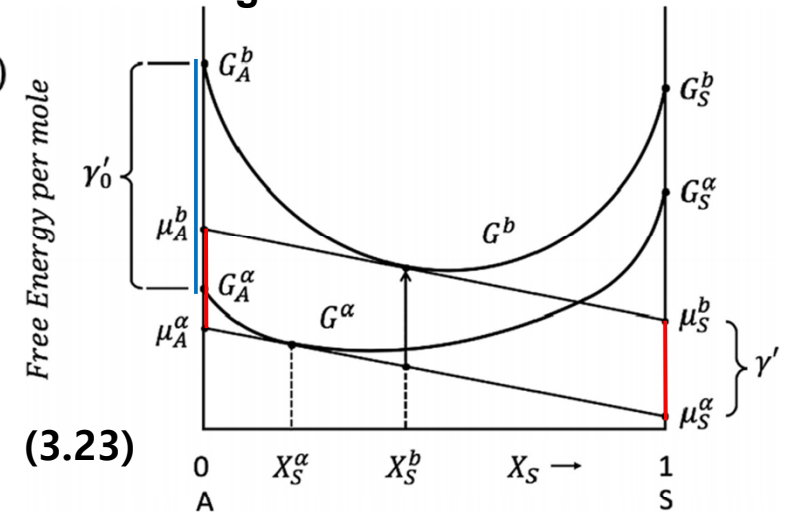
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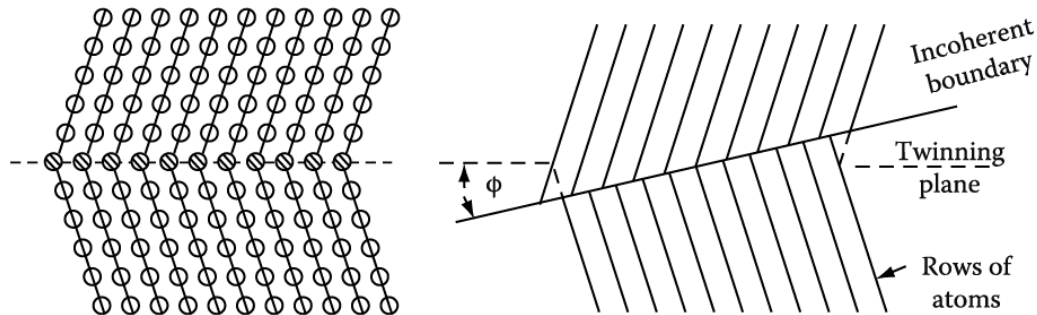
$\Theta < 15^\circ$: total energy of the dislocations within unit area of boundary

$\Theta > 15^\circ$: impossible to physically identify the individual dislocations \rightarrow strain field overlap \rightarrow cancel out

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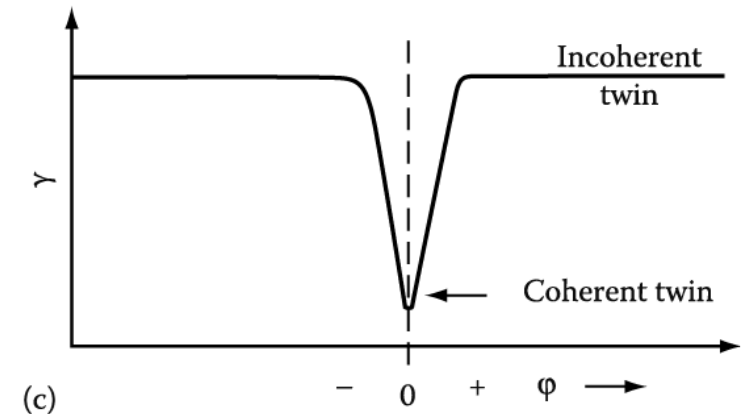
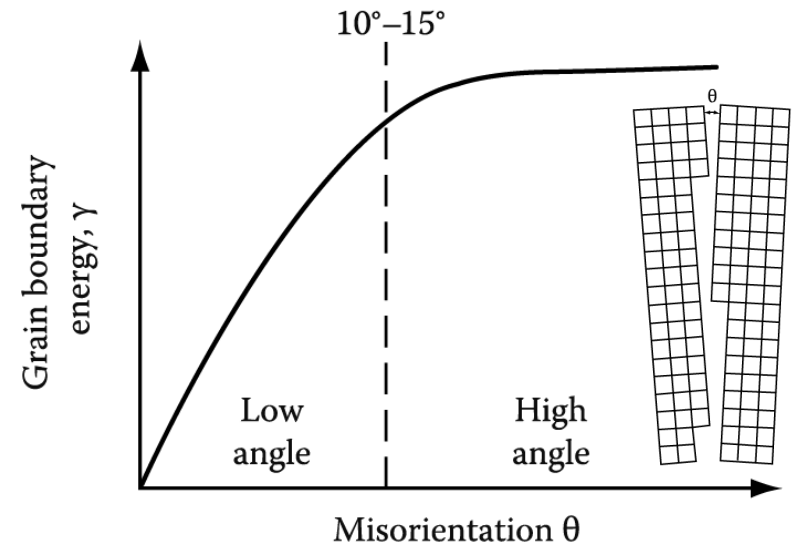
(b) Special High-Angle Grain Boundaries

: high angle boundary but with low $\gamma_{g.b.}$



\rightarrow twin boundary

Atoms in the boundary are essentially in undistorted positions \sim relatively little free volume



3.4.4 Grain boundary energy of dilute binary alloys

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