




The role of Oxygen and Hydrogen in Steels Processing

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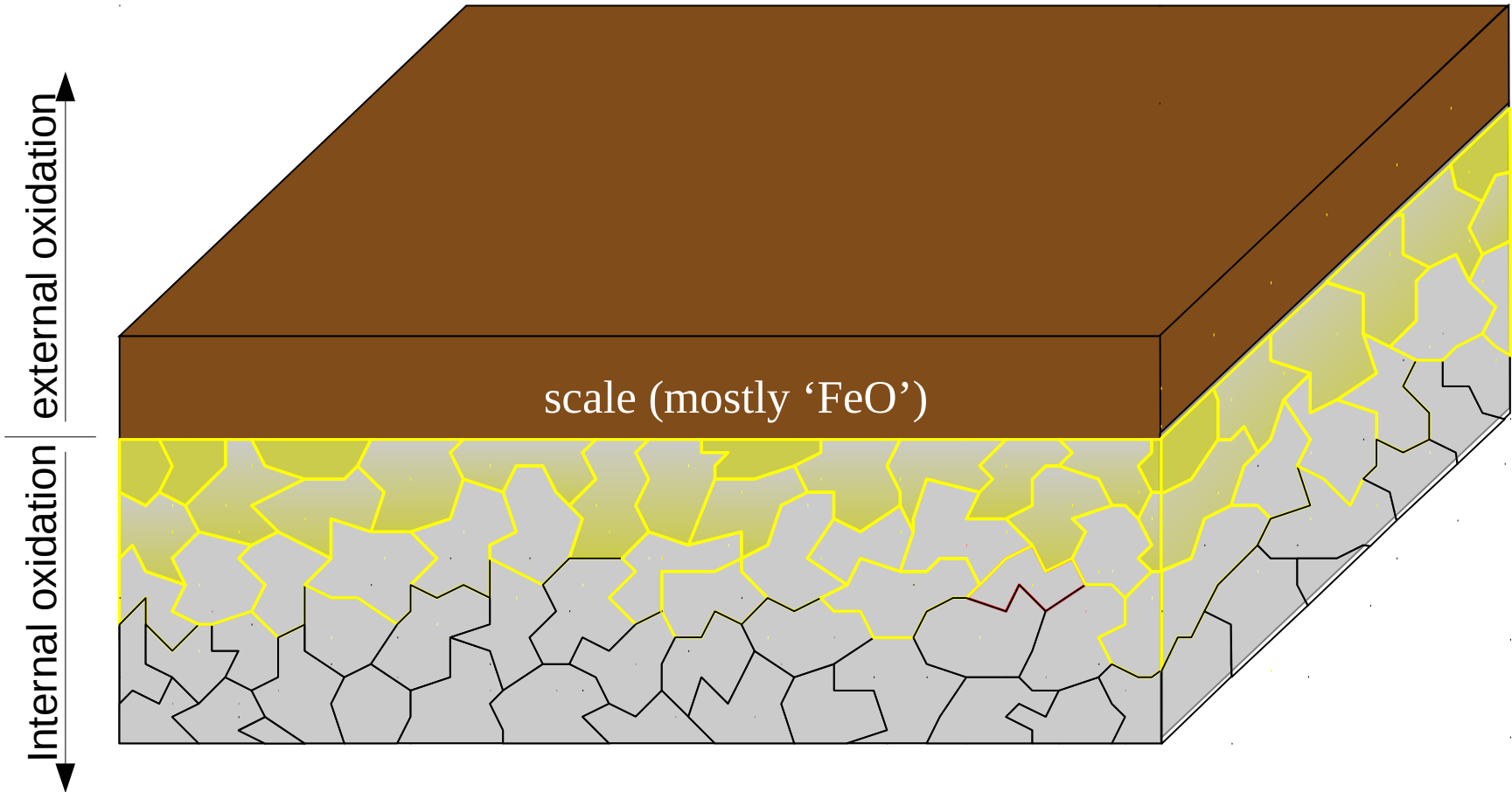
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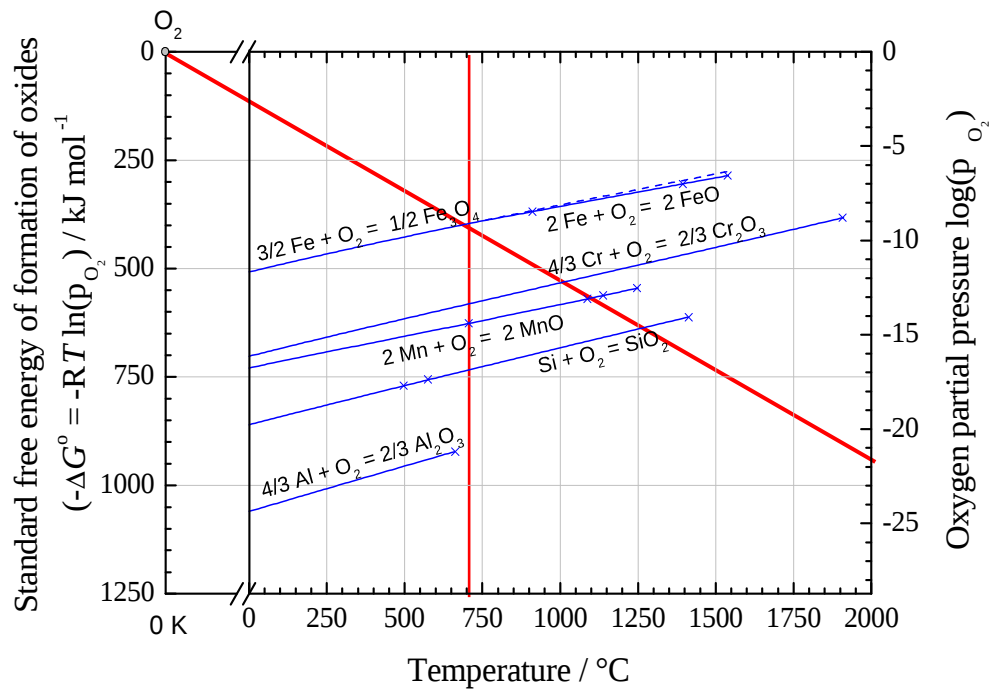
Thermodynamic modelling
High Temperature Reaction (e.g. Metal-Gas Reactions)
Transport-Defect- Interactions
Phase Field studies
Electrochemical Corrosion
CFD-Modelling
Solidification and Microstructure Evolution



(Internal) Oxidation Scheme



Properties of Oxygen



Oxygen partial pressure $\log(p_{O_2})$

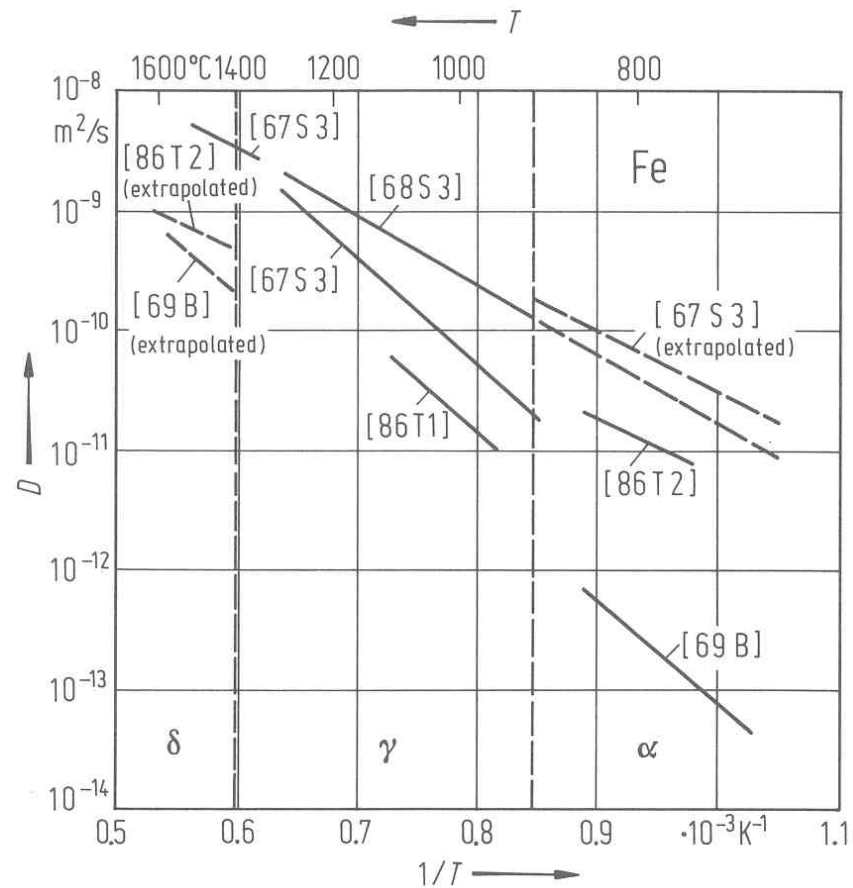


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Binary Iron-based Alloys

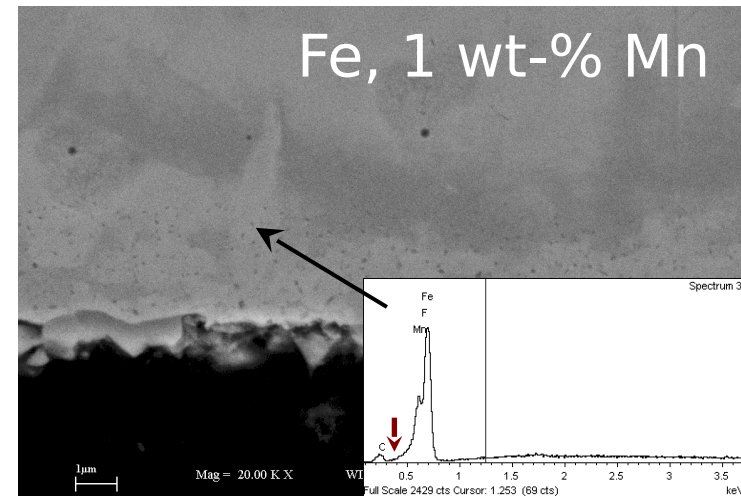
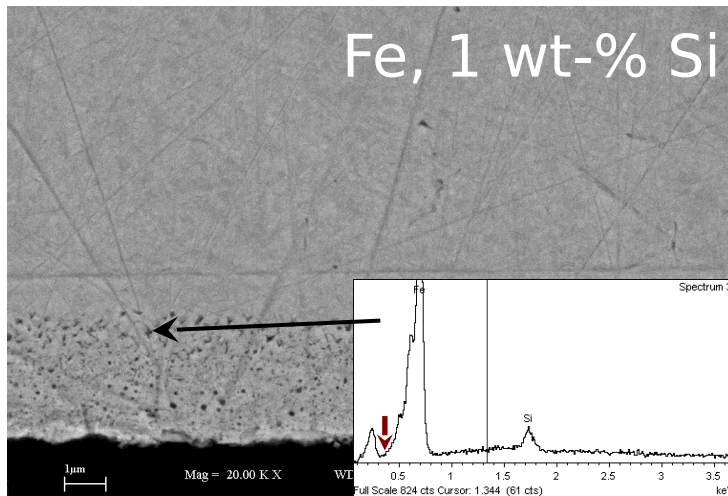
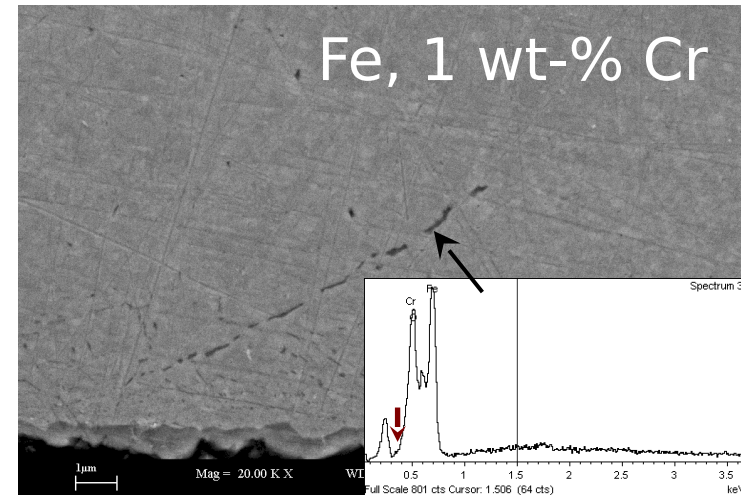
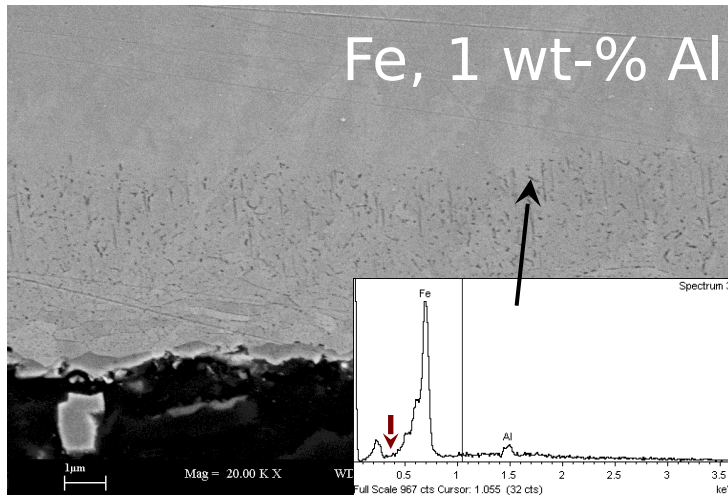
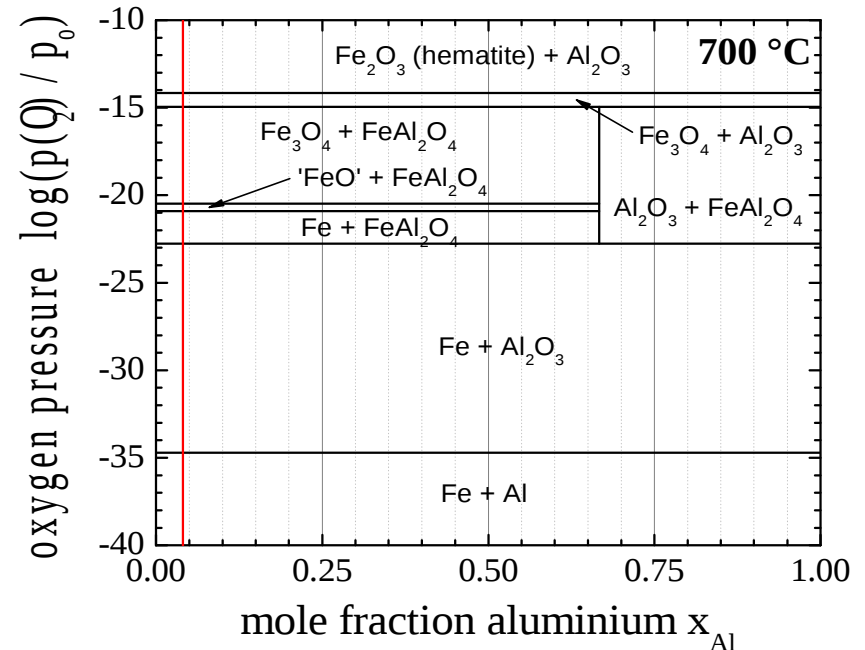
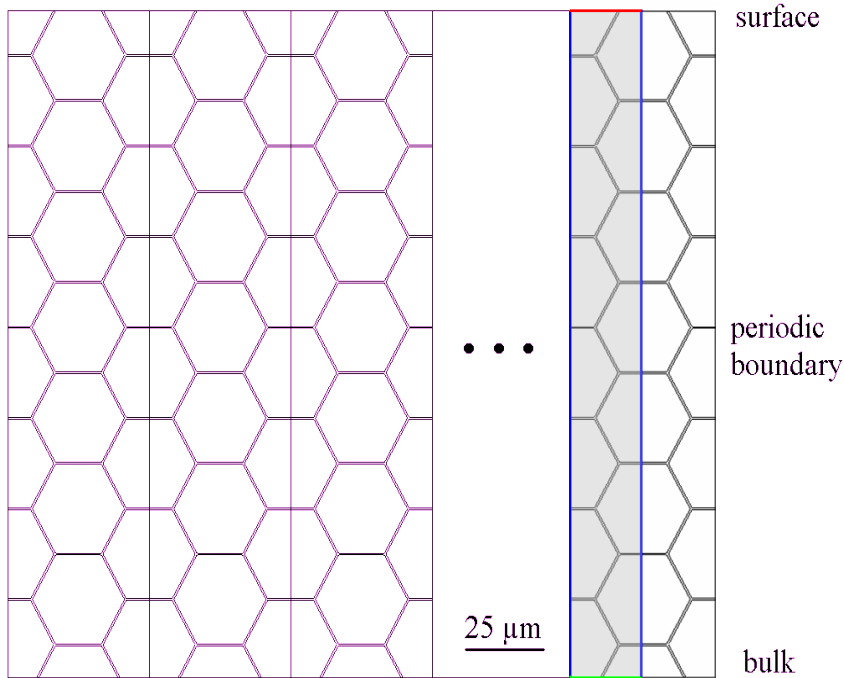


Figure: SEM and EDX-images of four different binary iron alloys, oxidised at 700 °C for 5 h in N₂ / 2.5 % H₂ / H₂O (DP +8 °C). The red arrow marks the N signal position.

element transport

chemical reaction

$$\frac{dc_{i(x,t)}}{dt} = \text{div}(D_{i(x,T)} \cdot \nabla c_{i(x,t)})$$



Diffusion in Different Phases



$$J_A = -D \nabla c$$

$$J_A = -L \nabla \mu$$

$$J_A = -L \nabla \mu = -L \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial c} \nabla c = \dots = -L \underbrace{\frac{RT}{c}}_D \nabla c - L \left(\nabla \mu^\circ + \frac{RT}{\gamma} \nabla \gamma \right)$$

Figures: Shibuya (渋谷) crossing in Tokyo with green and red pedestrian lights.

(Oxide) Phase Distributions

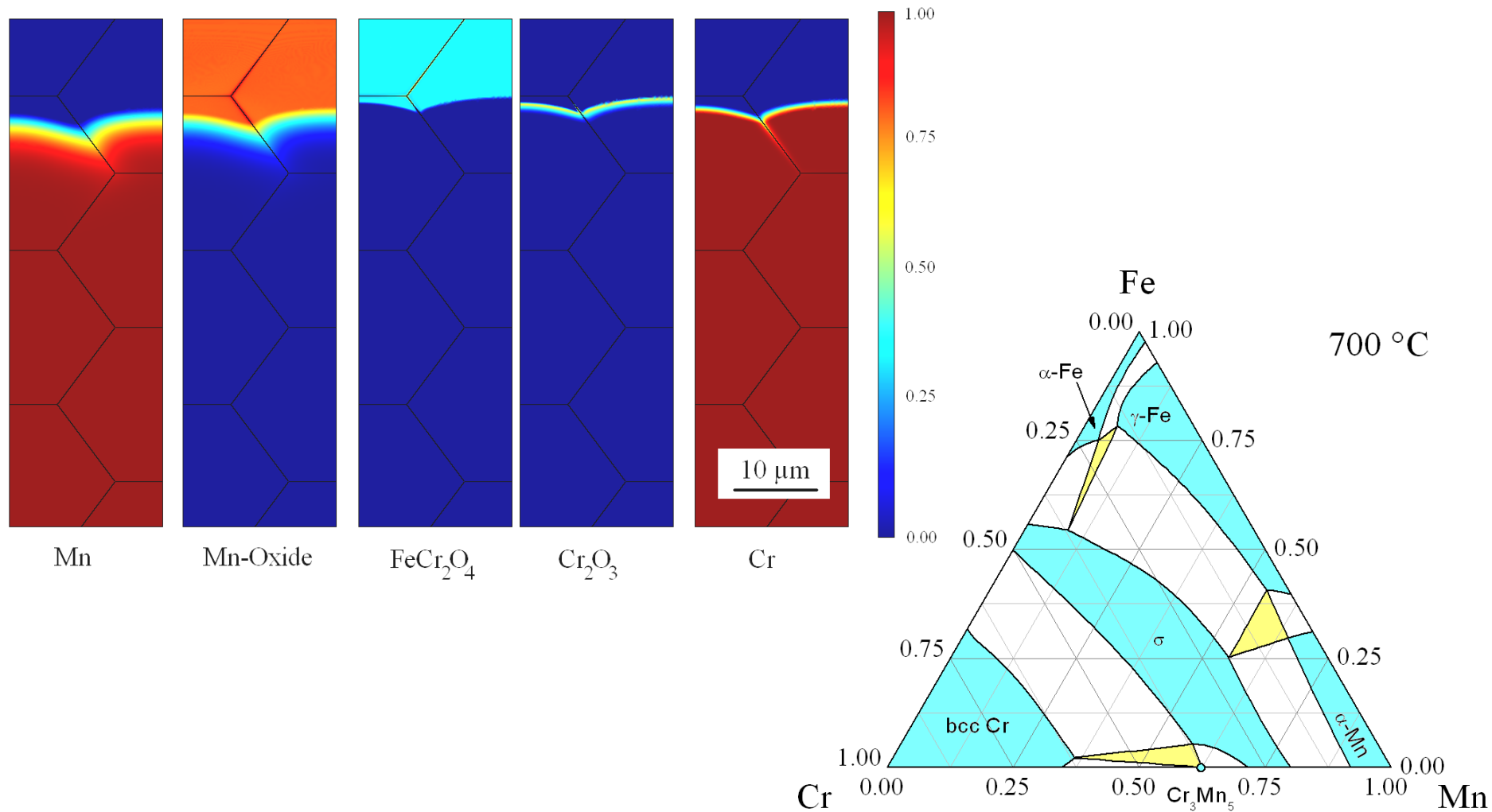


Figure: Spatial phase distribution in an Fe, 2 wt-% Mn, 0.8 wt-% Cr alloy after oxidation at $p(\text{O}_2) = 3 \cdot 10^{-22}$ bar and 700 °C for 120 min and ternary phase diagram.

Oxygen Isotope Distribution

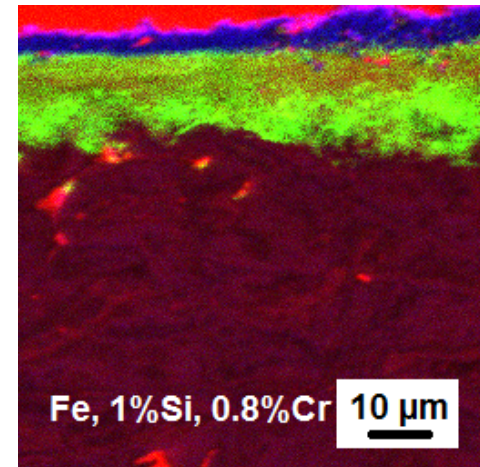
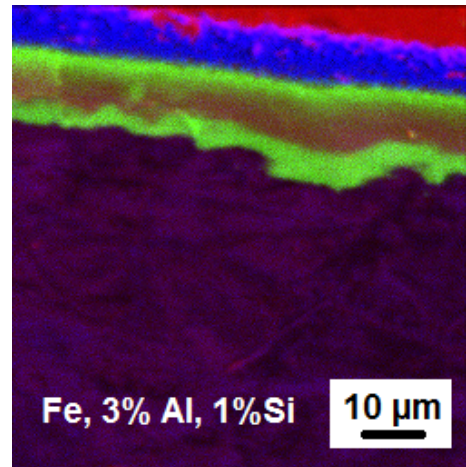
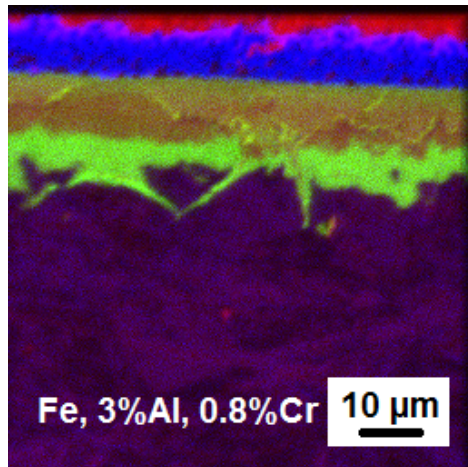
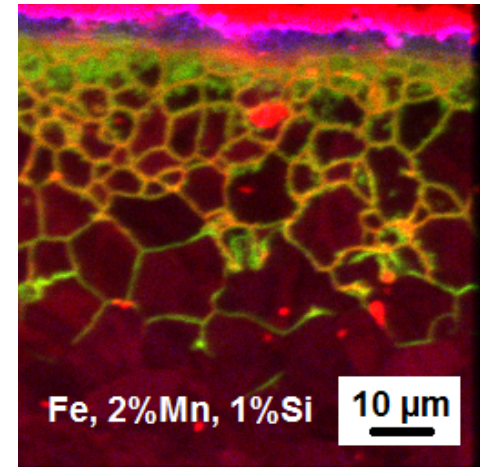
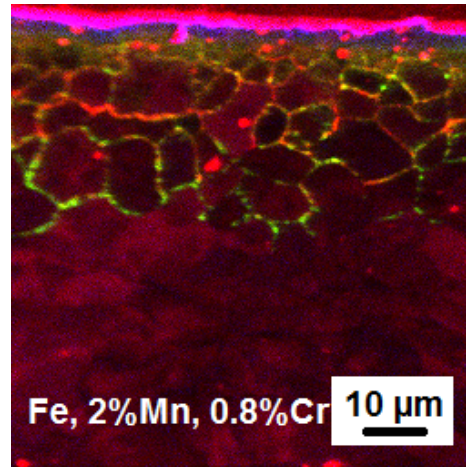
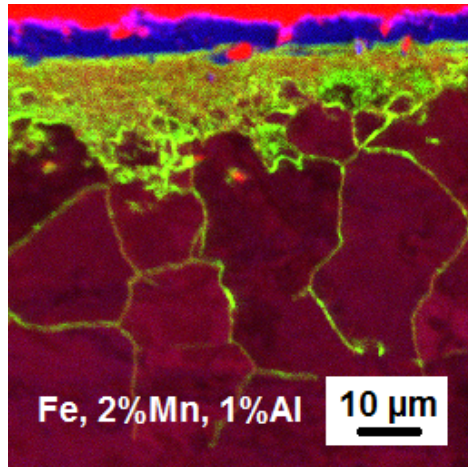
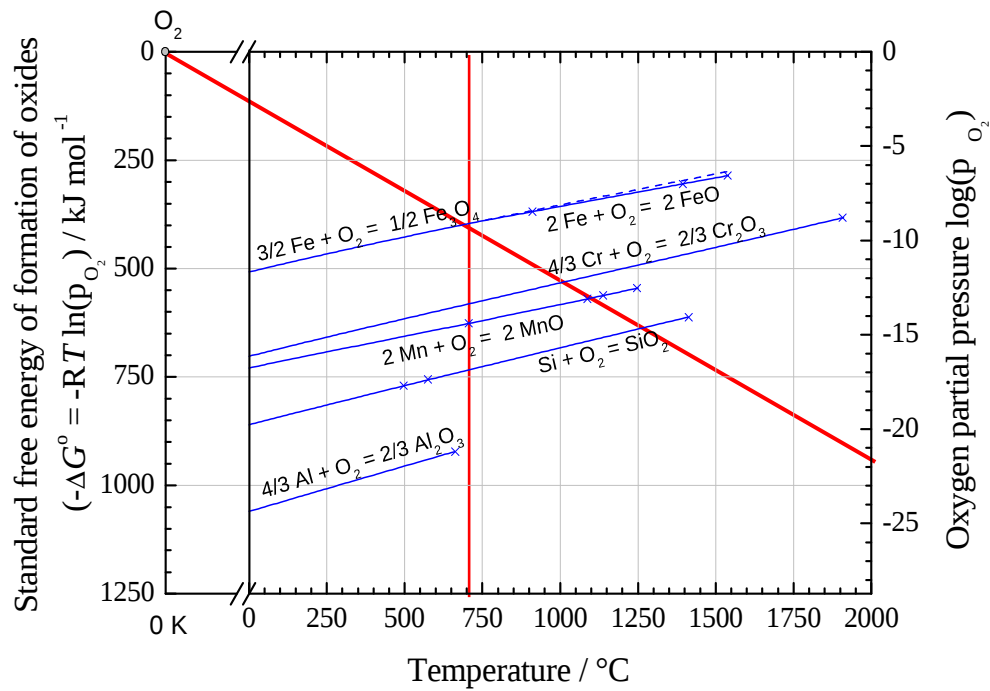


Figure: ToF-SIMS images of tilted angle (10°) polished ternary alloys after 60 min oxidation at 700°C in Ar / 2.5 vol-% H_2 / 0.9 vol-% H_2O (^{16}O – red, ^{18}O – green).

Alloy	GB-Oxidation	Oxidation depth d / μm		$d_{\text{exp}} / d_{\text{calc}}$
		experiment	calculation	
Fe-2Mn-1Al	Yes	8.2	8.9	0.920
Fe-2Mn-0.8Cr	Yes	7.4	9.2	0.800
Fe-2Mn-1Si	Yes	10.2	10.2	0.993
Fe-3Al-0.8Cr	Slightly	4.5	8.5	0.528
Fe-3Al-1Si	No	2.5	8.5	0.294
Fe-1Si-0.8Cr	No	2.5	9.9	0.252

Figure: Summary of measured and calculated corrosion depths in ternary alloys after 60 min oxidation at 700°C in Ar / 2.5 vol-% H₂ / 0.9 vol-% H₂O (¹⁶O – red, ¹⁸O – green).

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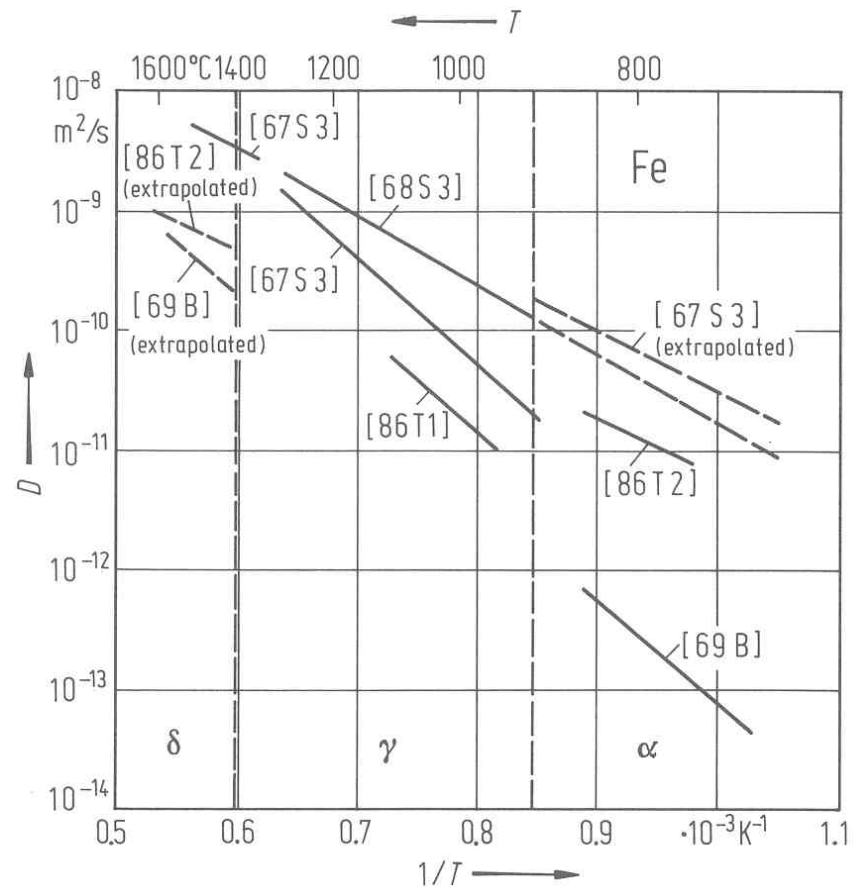


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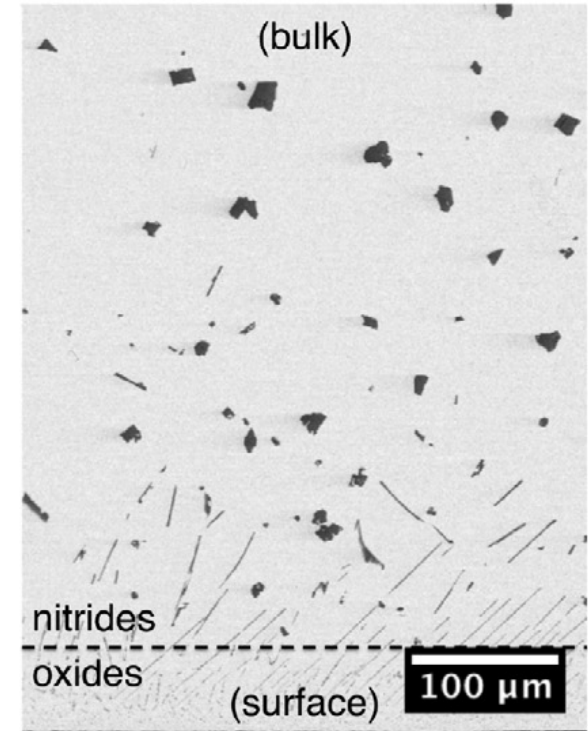
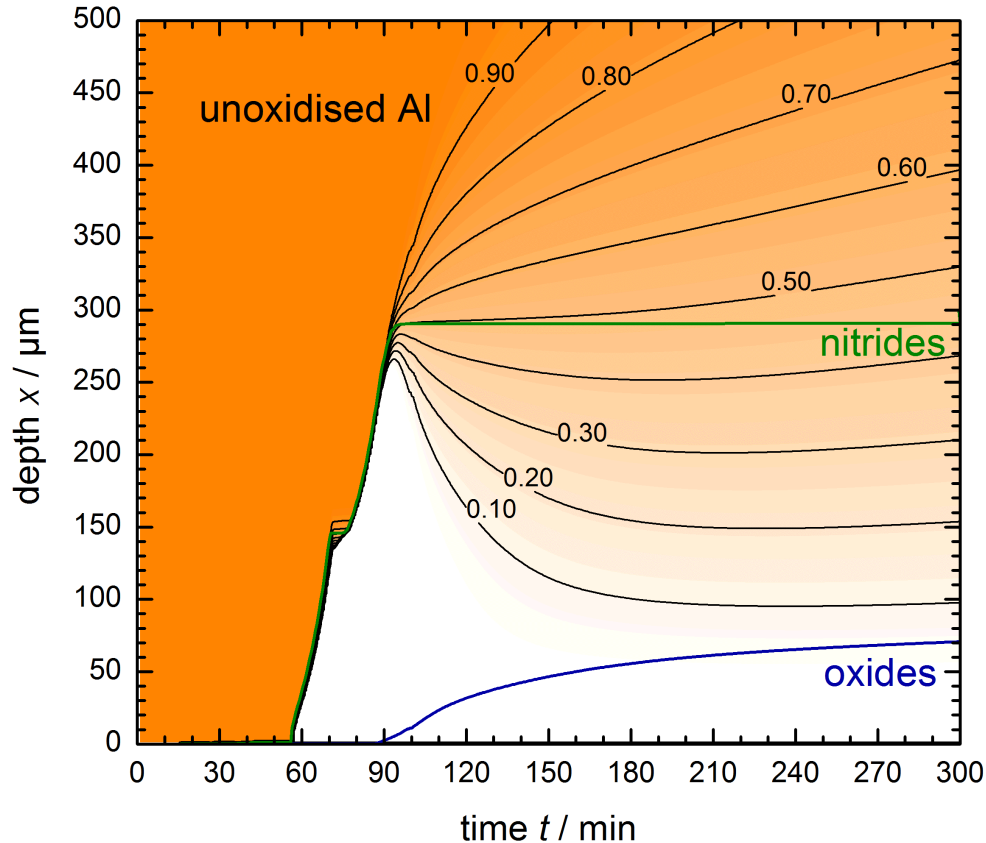
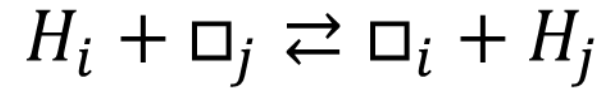
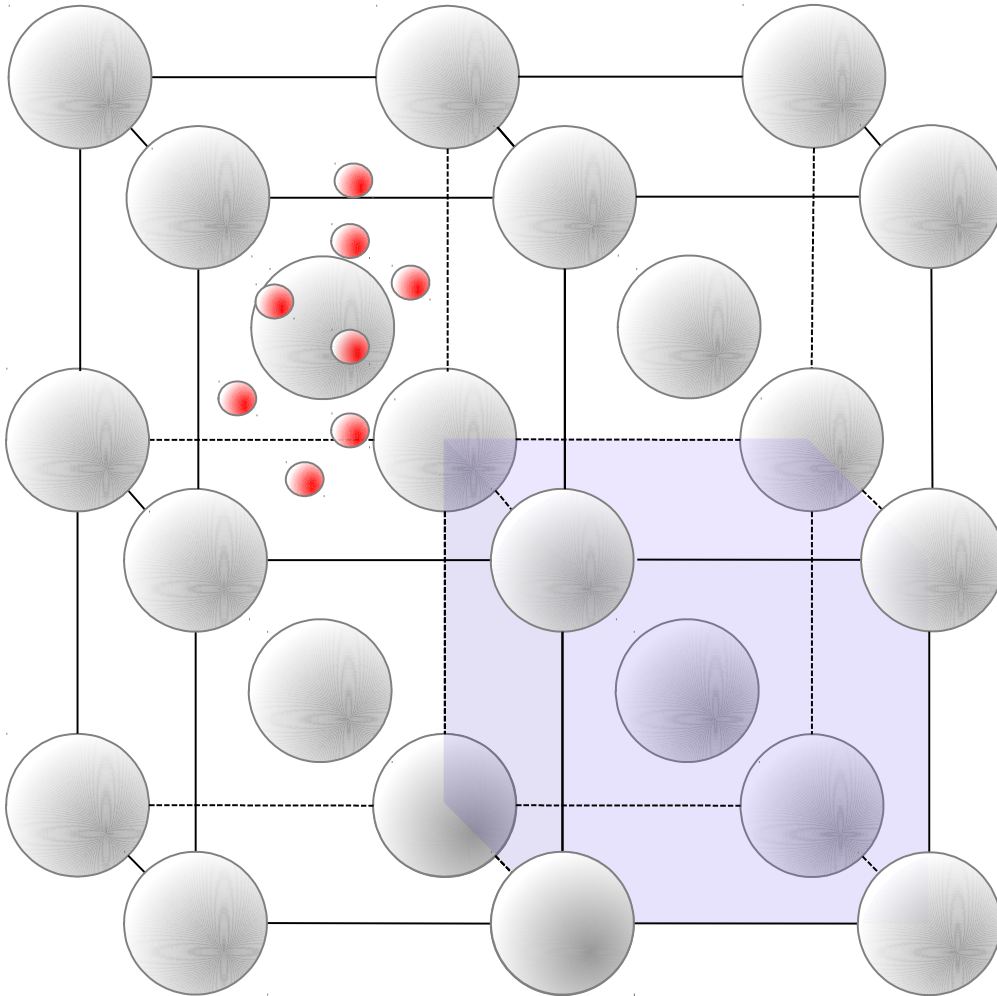


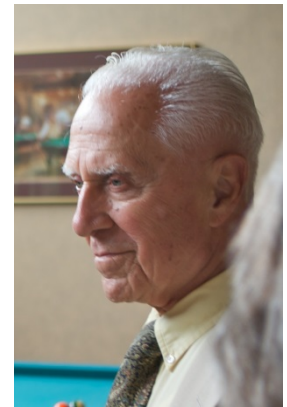
Figure: Calculated time evolution of phases and corrosion depth of Fe, 1wt-%Al slab in $\text{N}_2 / 2.5$ vol.% $\text{H}_2 / 0.1$ vol.% H_2O (left) and SEM image after 300min (right).

Hydrogen Trapping



$$K_j = \frac{c_i^{max} - c_i}{c_i} \frac{c_j}{c_j^{max} - c_j} \stackrel{!}{=} e^{\frac{E_j}{RT}}$$

$$D = D_L \frac{c_L}{c_L + c_a(1 - \theta_a)}$$



Constant Heating Rate

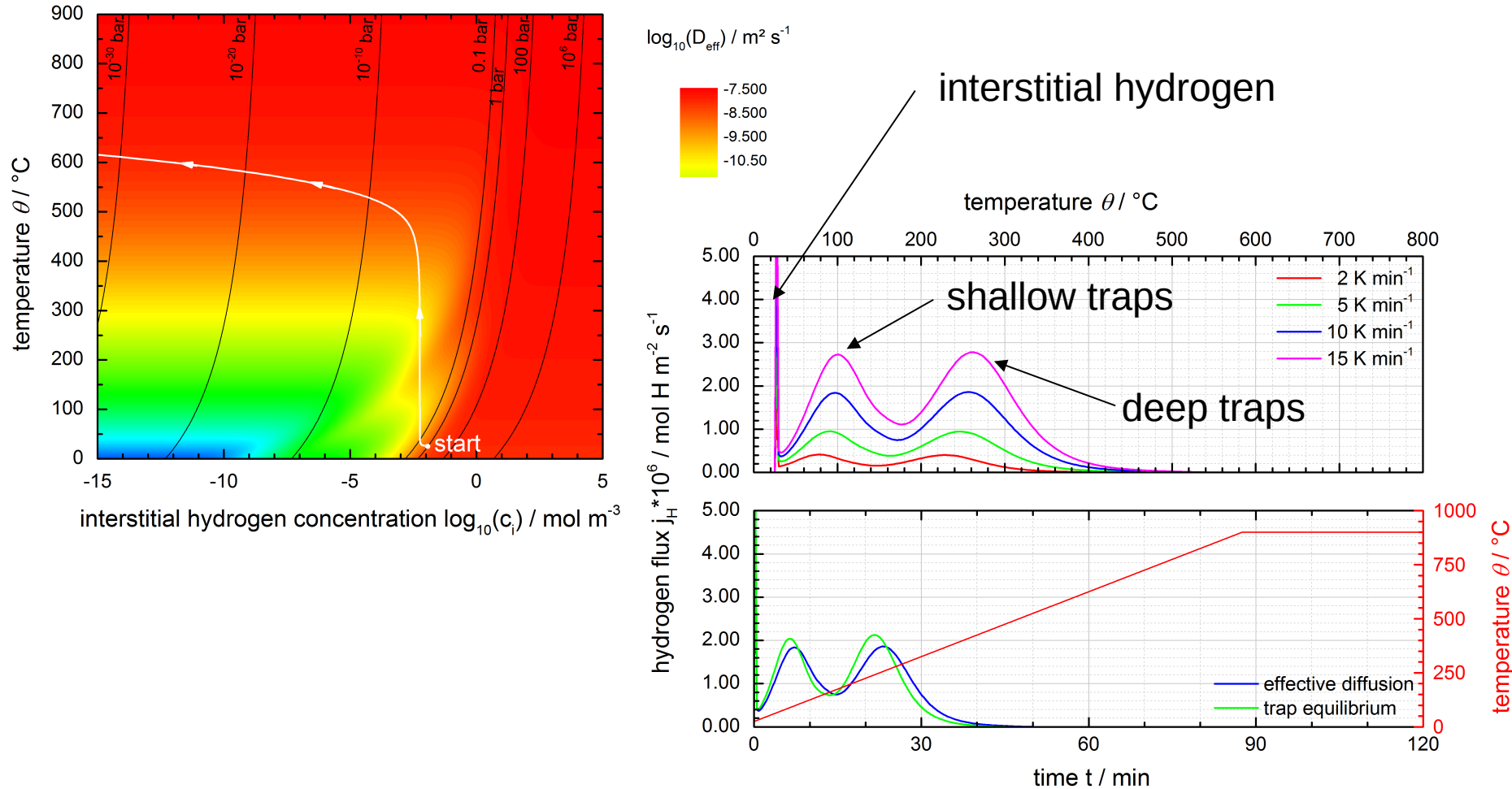
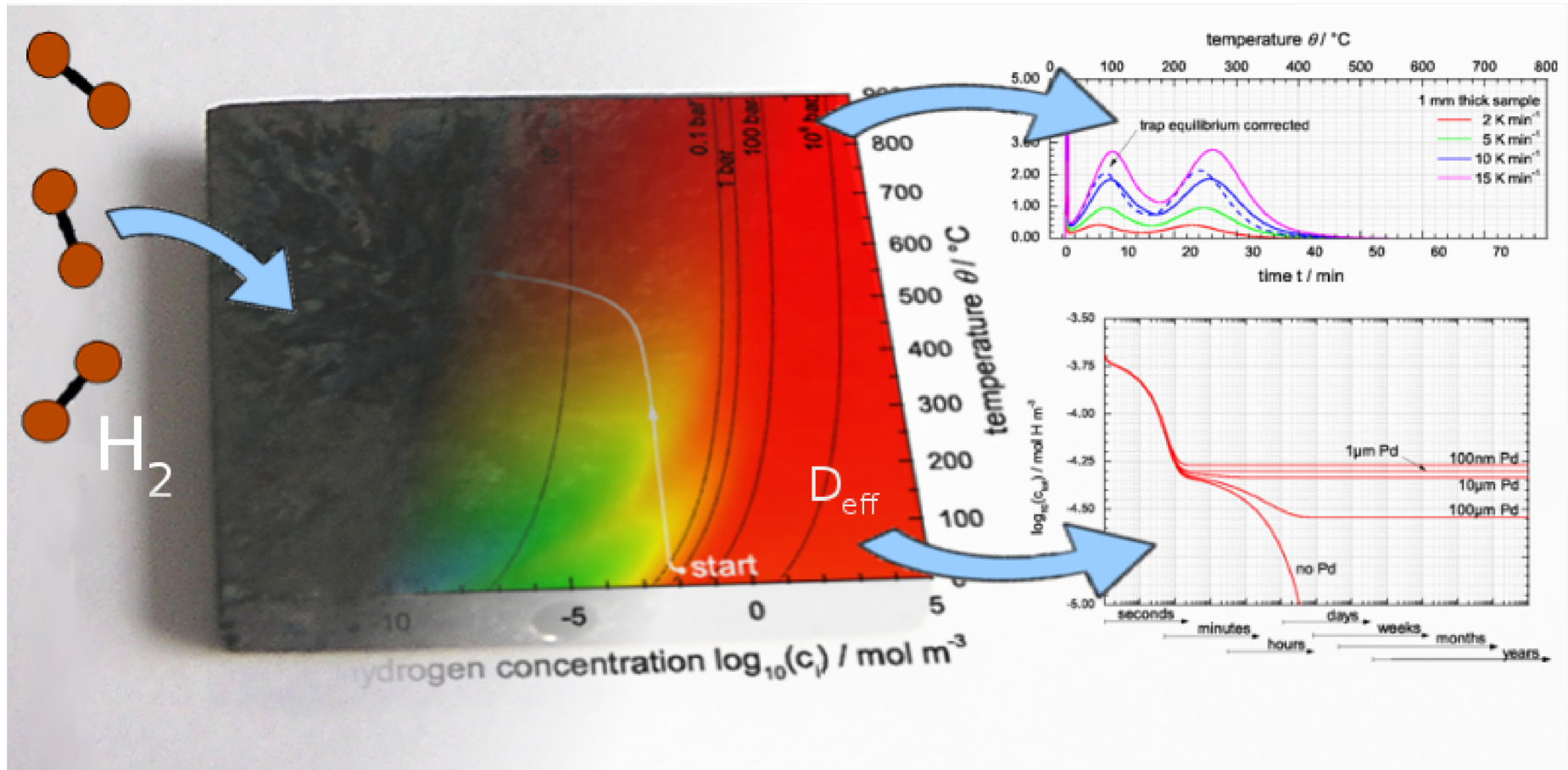


Figure: Effective diffusion coefficient in an idealised Fe-C alloy. Hydrogen trapping sites were calculated as $H_1 = -58.6 \text{ kJ (10 molH m}^{-3}\text{)}$, $H_2 = -84 \text{ kJ (15 molH m}^{-3}\text{)}$.

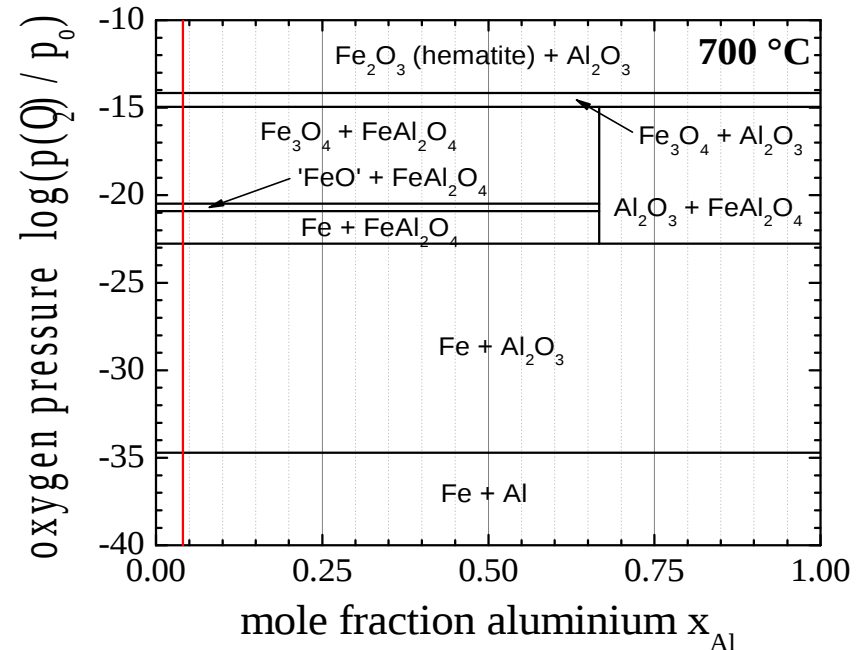
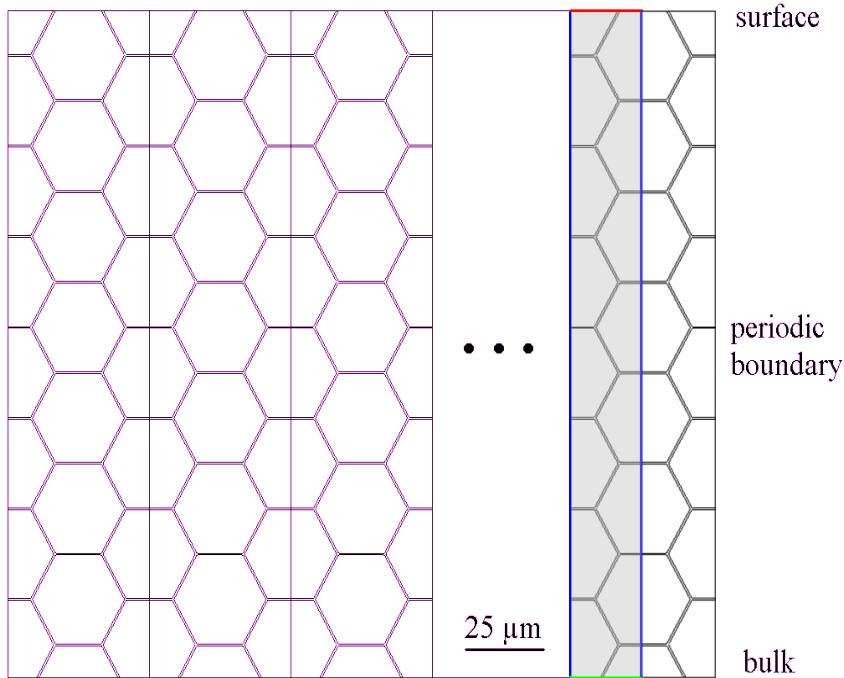
Hydrogen Transport



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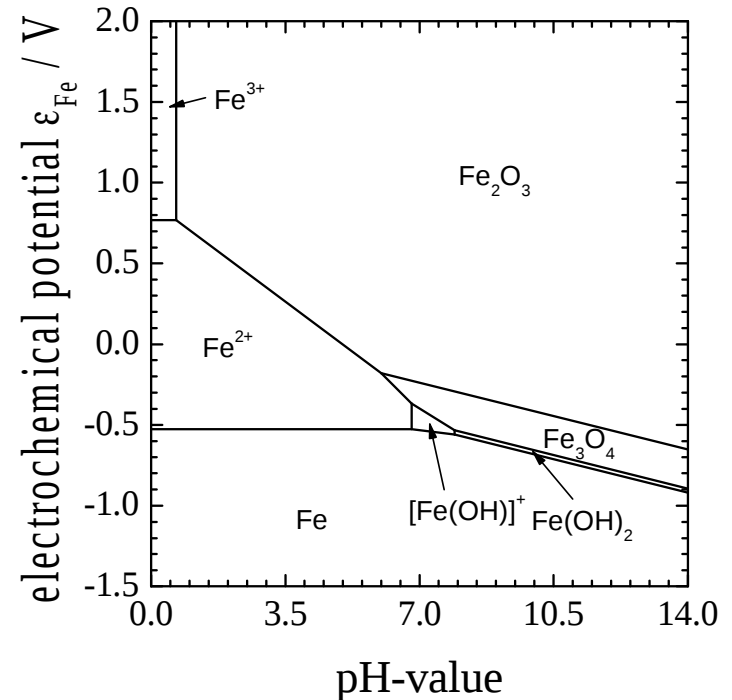
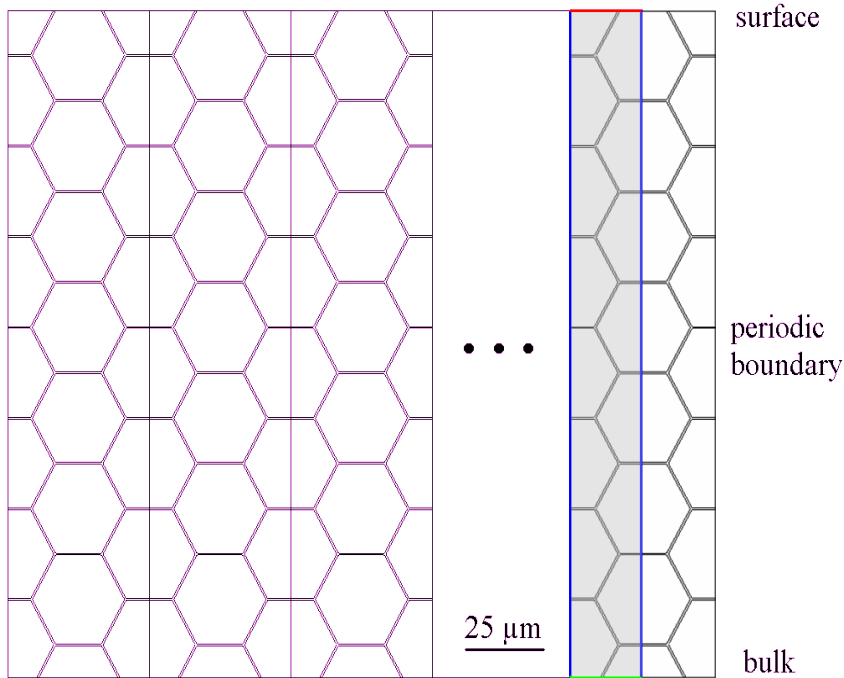
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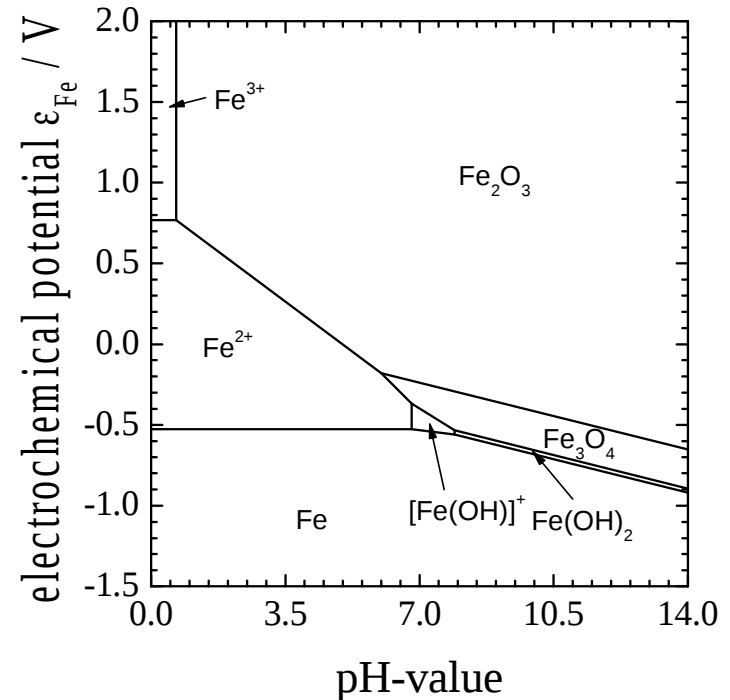
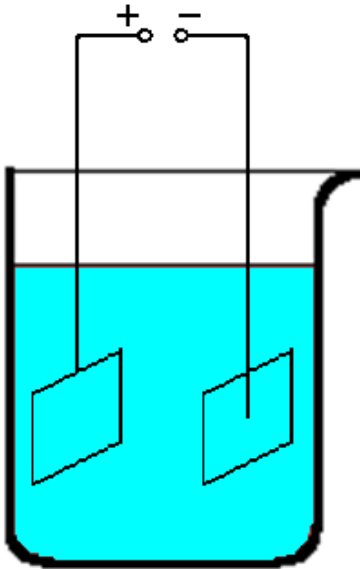
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$$\frac{dc_{i(x,t)}}{dt} = \text{div}(D_{i(x,T)} \cdot \nabla c_{i(x,t)} + z_i \cdot \mu_{i(x,T)} \cdot c_{i(x,t)} \cdot \nabla \phi_{(x,t)})$$



$$\text{Nerst Equation } E = E^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \left(\frac{a_{Ox}}{a_{Red}} \right)$$

$$E = -58\text{mV pH} - (29\text{mV} \log(p(\text{H}_2)))$$

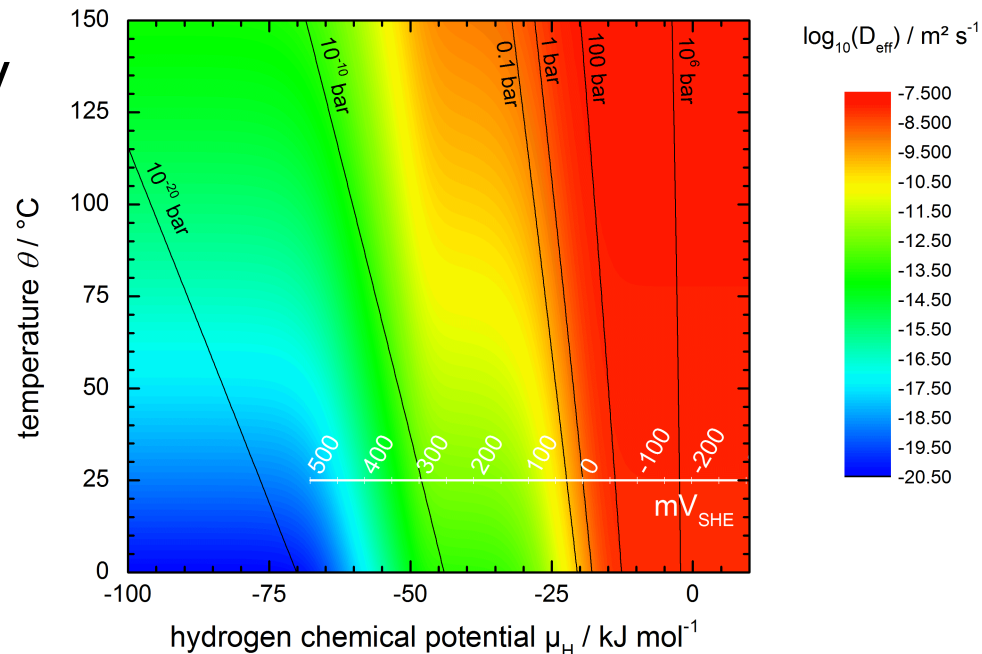
An applied voltage of -58 mV (vs SHE) corresponds to:

pH = 7 and 10^{-12} bar H_2

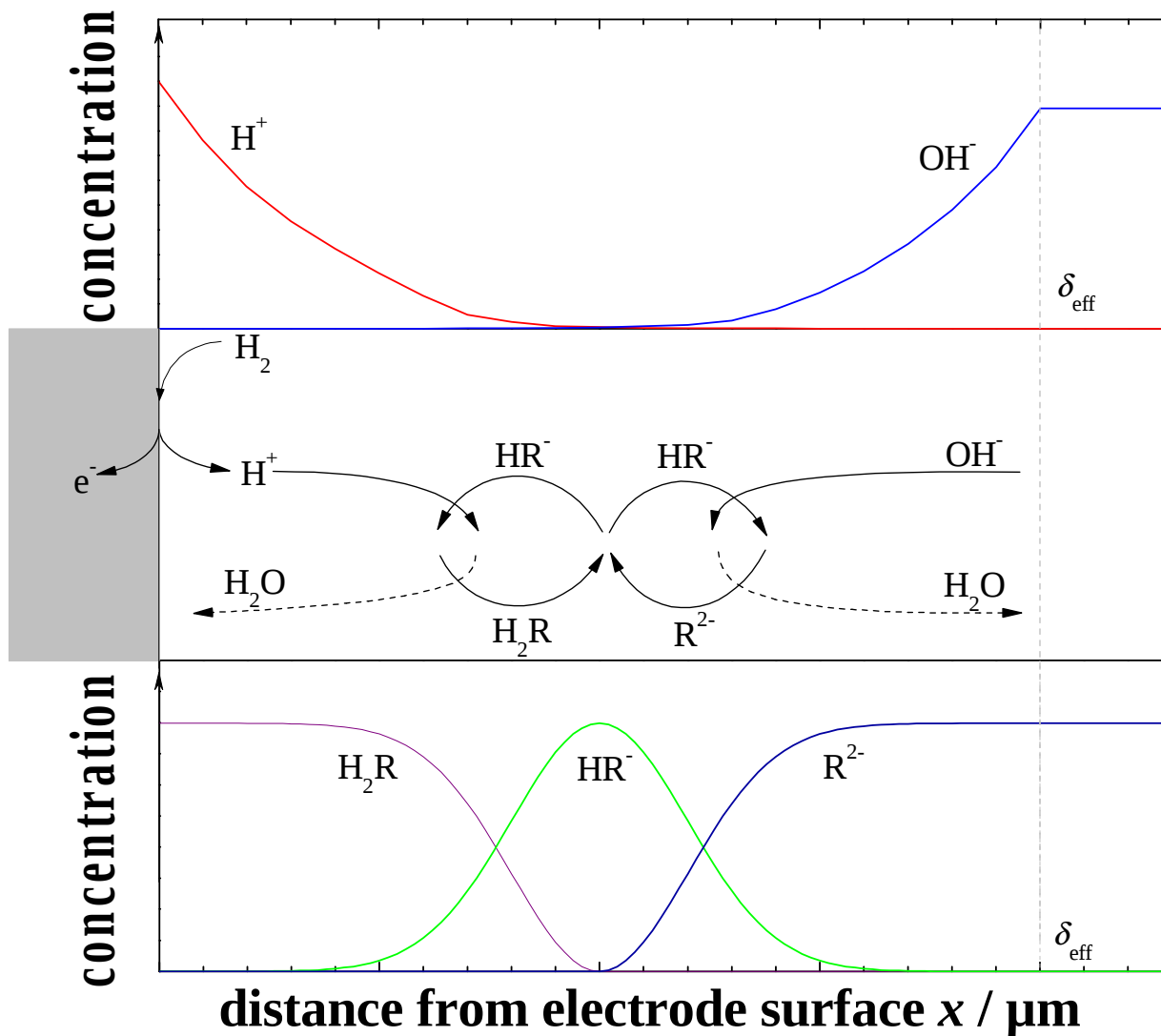
pH = 5 and 10^{-8} bar H_2

pH = 1 and 1 bar H_2

pH = 0 and 100 bar H_2



General Transport Scheme



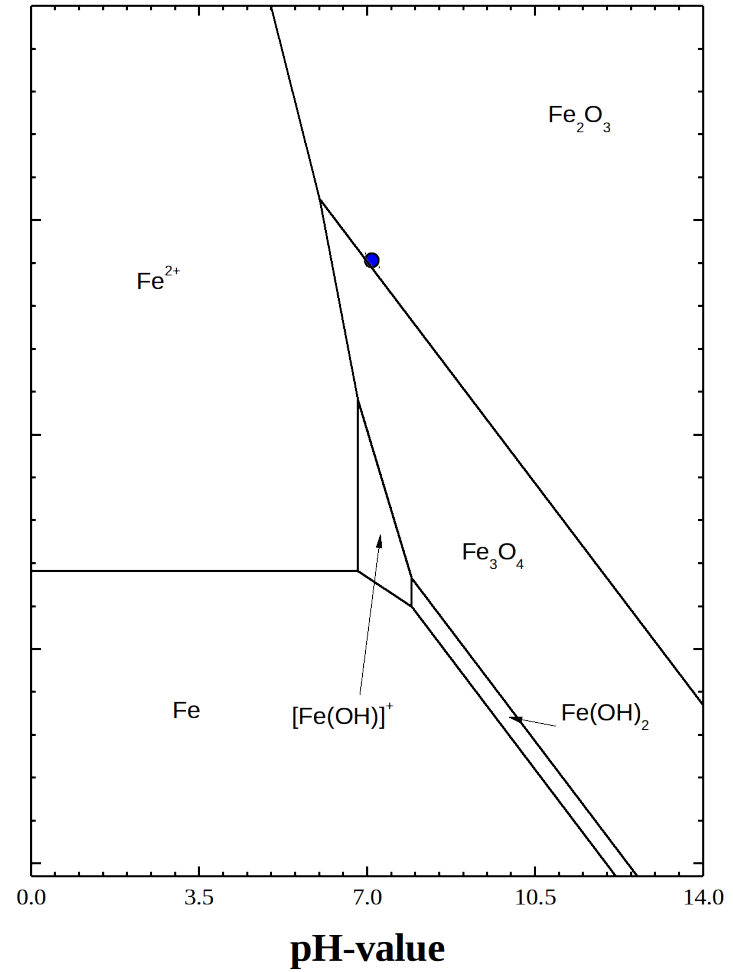
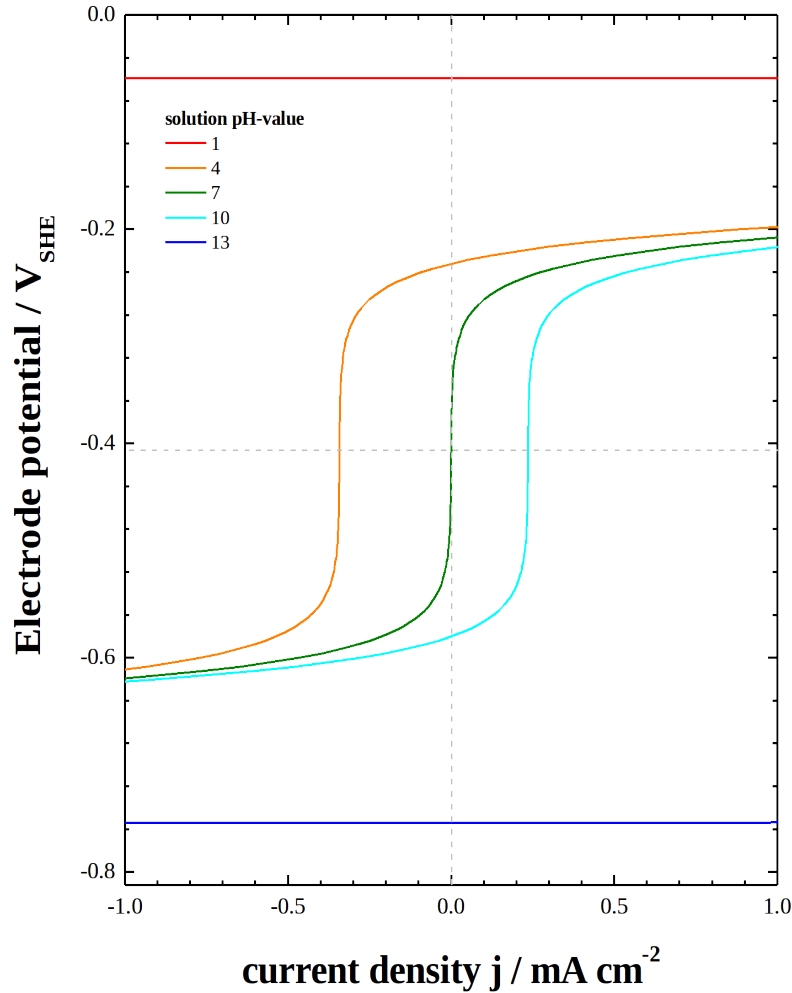


Figure: Cyclic voltammograms in unbuffered solutions of different pH-value.

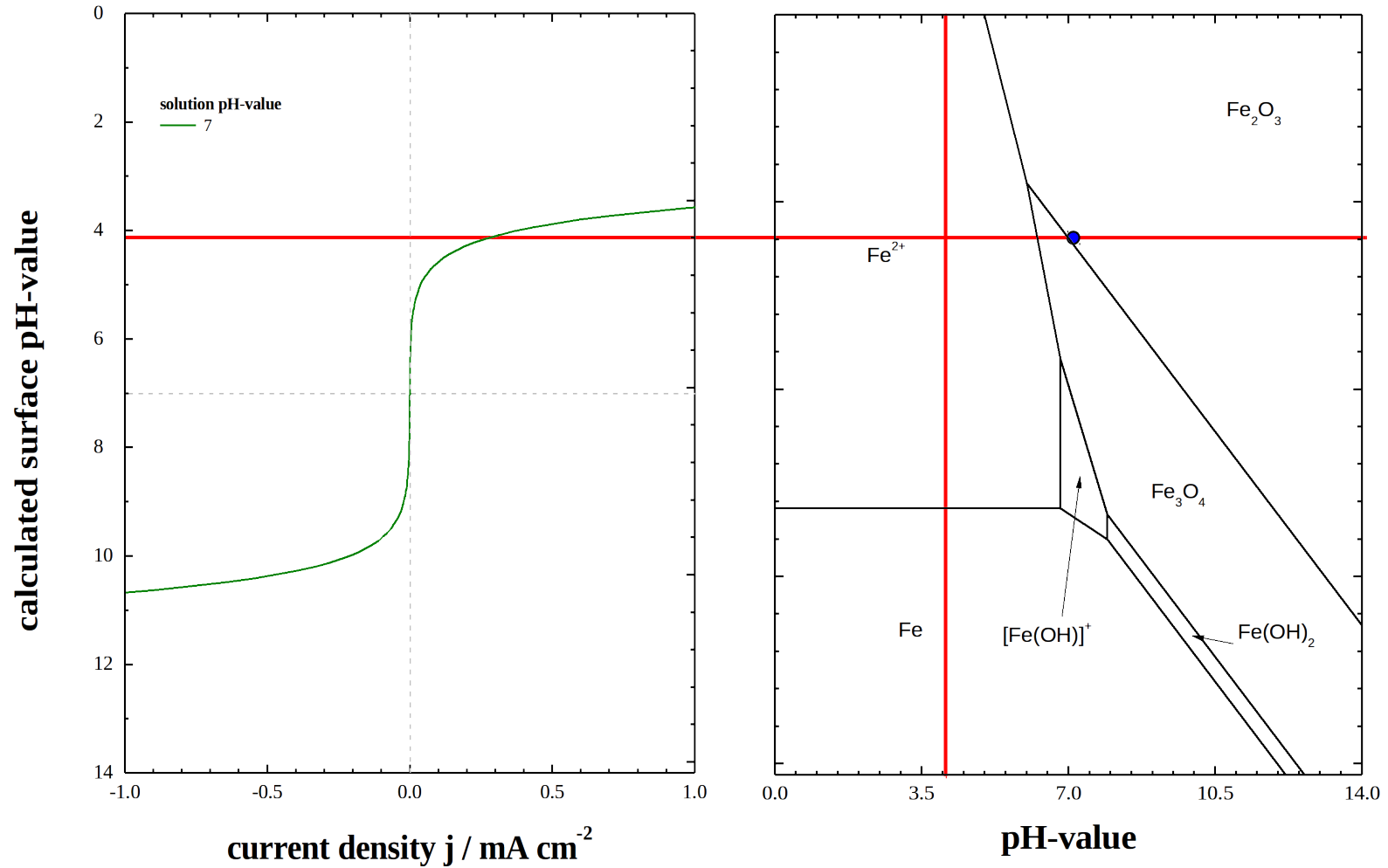
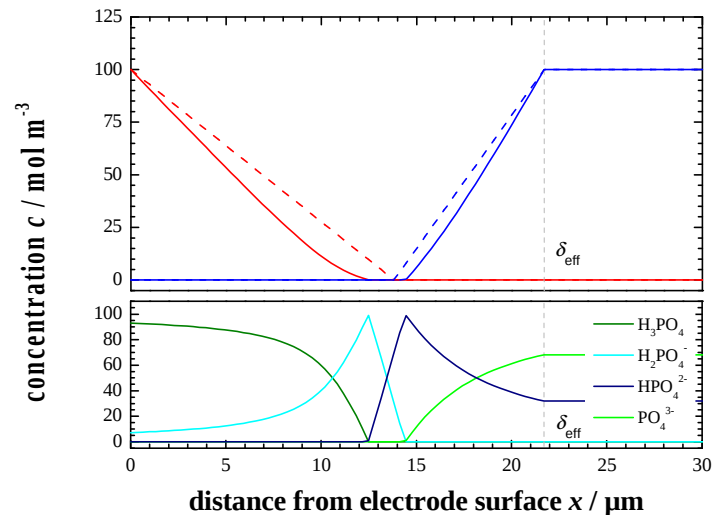
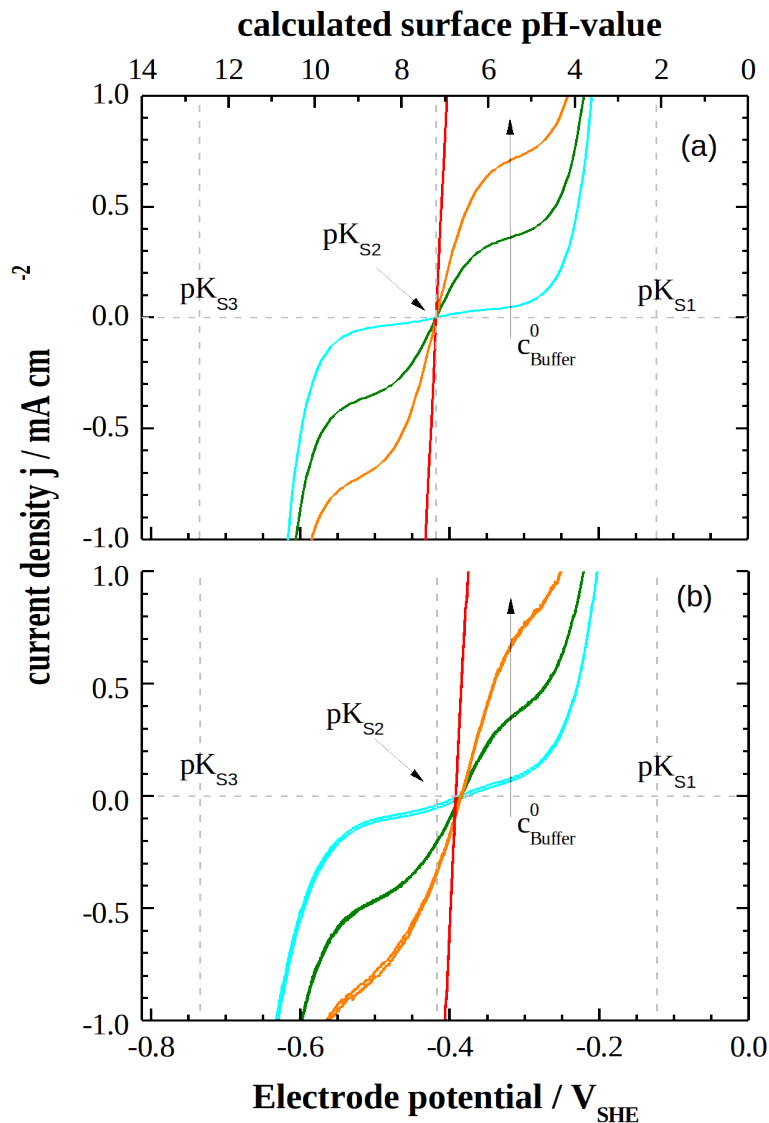


Figure: Cyclic voltammograms in unbuffered solution of pH 7.

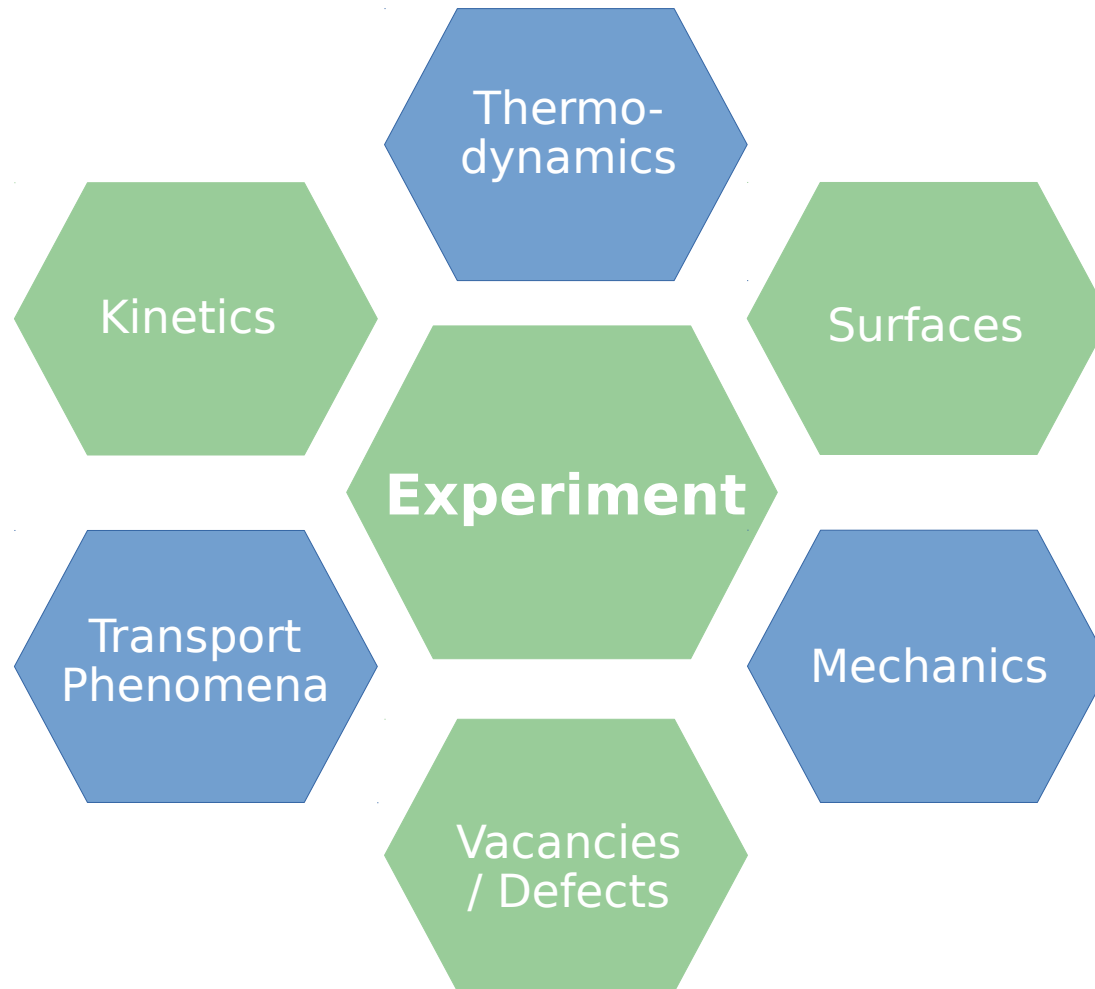
Phosphate Buffered Solution



$$j = j_{\text{H}^+/\text{OH}^-} + j_{\text{Buffer}}$$

$$j_{\text{Buffer}} = \frac{C_{\text{Buffer}}^0 F}{\delta_{\text{eff}}} \left(\frac{3D_1 + D_2 \frac{K_{\text{S}1}}{C_{(x)\text{H}^+}} - D_3 \frac{K_{\text{S}1} K_{\text{S}2}}{C_{(x)\text{H}^+}^2} - 3D_4 \frac{K_{\text{S}1} K_{\text{S}2} K_{\text{S}3}}{C_{(x)\text{H}^+}^3}}{1 + \frac{K_{\text{S}1}}{C_{(x)\text{H}^+}} + \frac{K_{\text{S}1} K_{\text{S}2}}{C_{(x)\text{H}^+}^2} + \frac{K_{\text{S}1} K_{\text{S}2} K_{\text{S}3}}{C_{(x)\text{H}^+}^3}} \right)_{x=\delta_{\text{eff}}}$$

The General Modelling Idea



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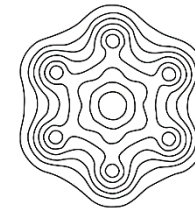


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