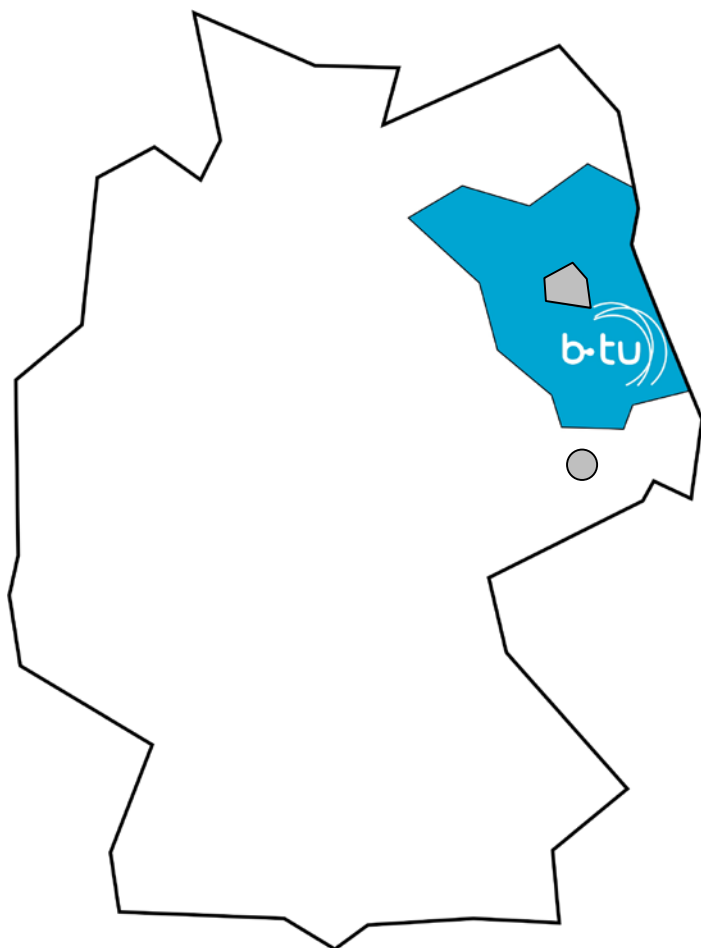


# Rational Approaches to Synthesis and Crystal Growth of Rare Earth Metal Tellurides

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The field of inorganic chemistry is represented by the group of "Inorganic solids and materials". The group of Prof. Schmidt is focused on topics and projects for investigation of synthesis, structures and properties of inorganic solids and materials for energy storage. Starting point of the investigations is the modeling of thermochemical behavior of substances. The use of computer programs for modeling (CalPhaD-method) enables an efficient planning of experiments and optimization. By avoiding "trial-and-error-methods" resource conserving experiments for synthesis and characterization of inorganic materials can be planned and realized.

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- New paper: Simulation and synthesis of  $\alpha$ -MoC<sub>3</sub> nanosheets on substrates by short time chemical vapor transport
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CRYSTAL GROWTH

HIGH TEMPERATURE SYNTHESIS

LOW TEMPERATURE SYNTHESIS

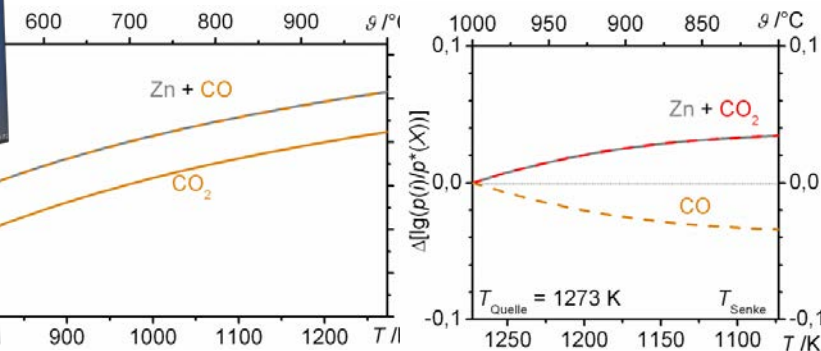
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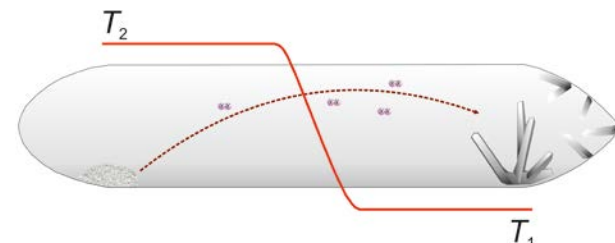
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## Thermodynamic modeling of phase diagrams and vapor equilibria

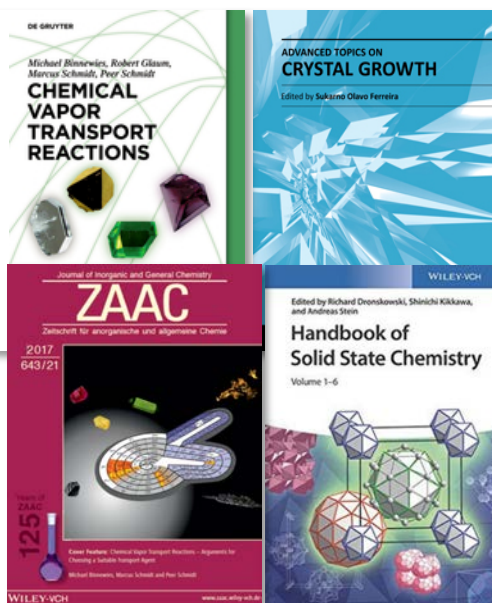


## Synthesis and Crystal Growth

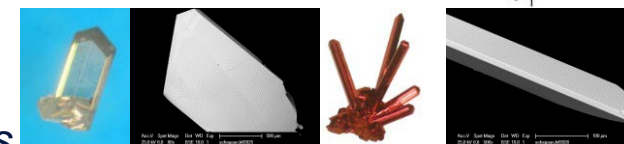
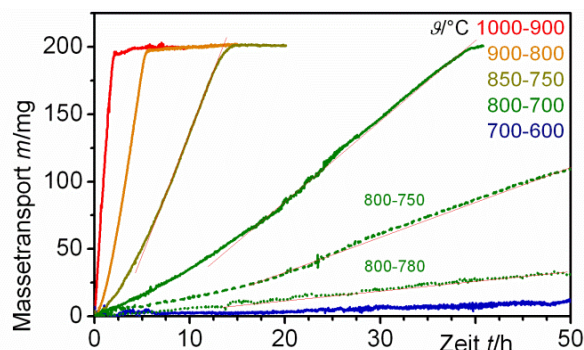


## Methods, Materials

## Optimization avoiding trial-and-error



## Identification of reaction products reaction mechanism

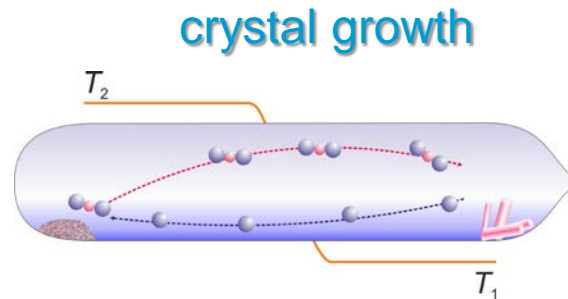
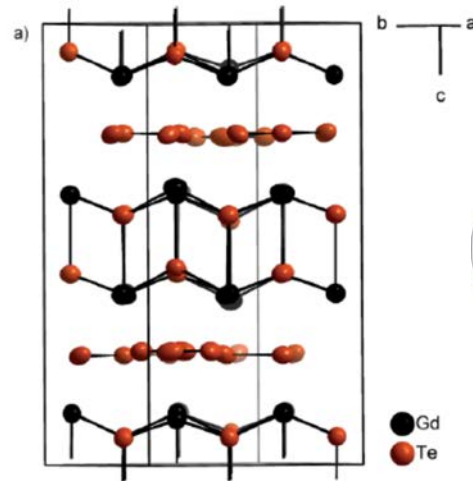


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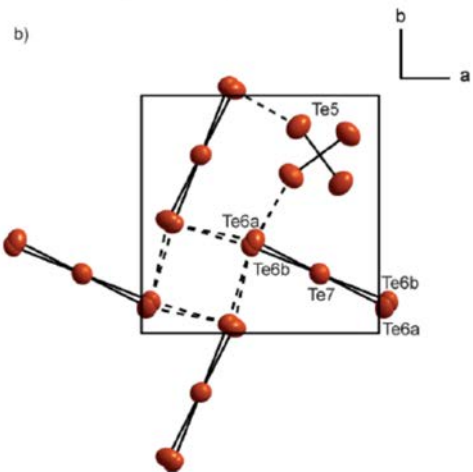
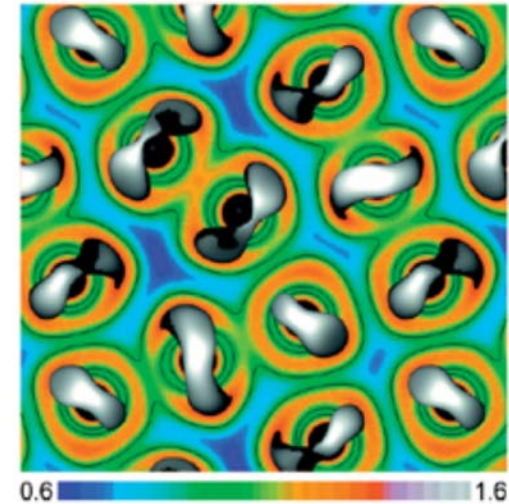
# RATIONAL APPROACHES TO SYNTHESIS OF RARE EARTH METAL TELLURIDES

## intrinsic doping of tellurides $LnTe_{2-x}$

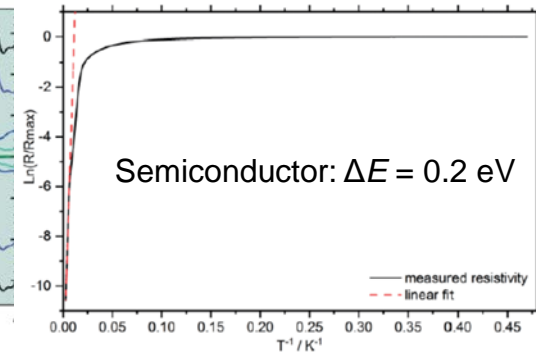
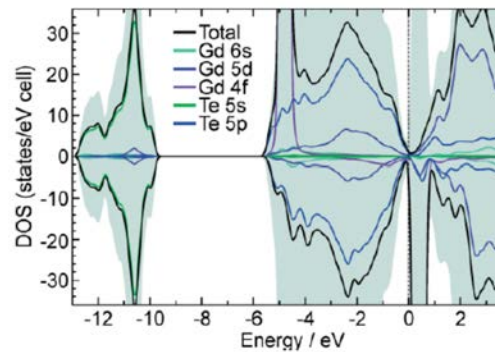
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## chemical bonding



## design of physical properties

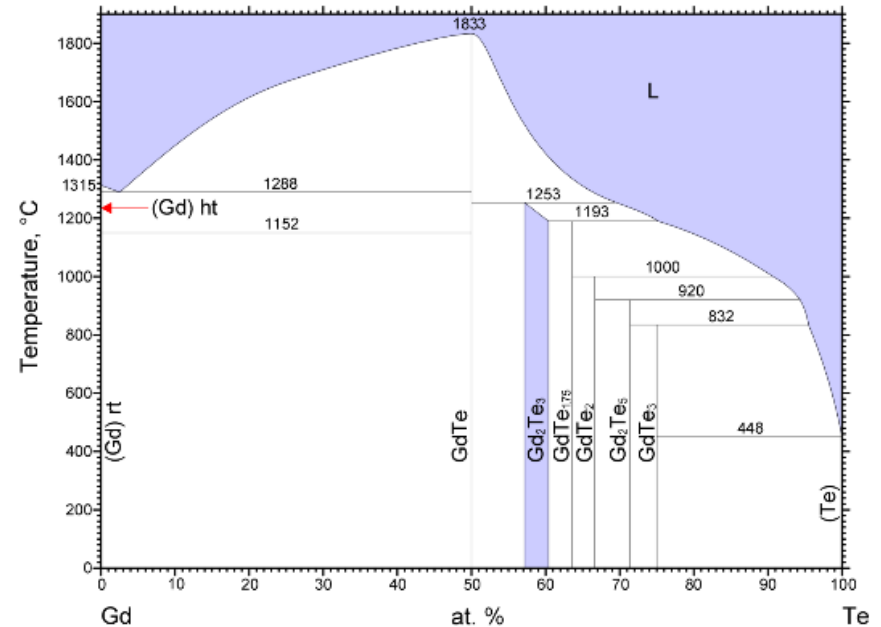


## Phase diagram containing binaries:

GdTe	1825 °C ± 15 K
Gd <sub>3</sub> Te <sub>4</sub> ... Gd <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>3</sub>	1255 °C...1215 °C
Gd <sub>4</sub> Te <sub>7</sub>	1190 °C
GdTe <sub>2</sub>	1000 °C
Gd <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>5</sub>	920 °C
GdTe <sub>3</sub>	832 °C

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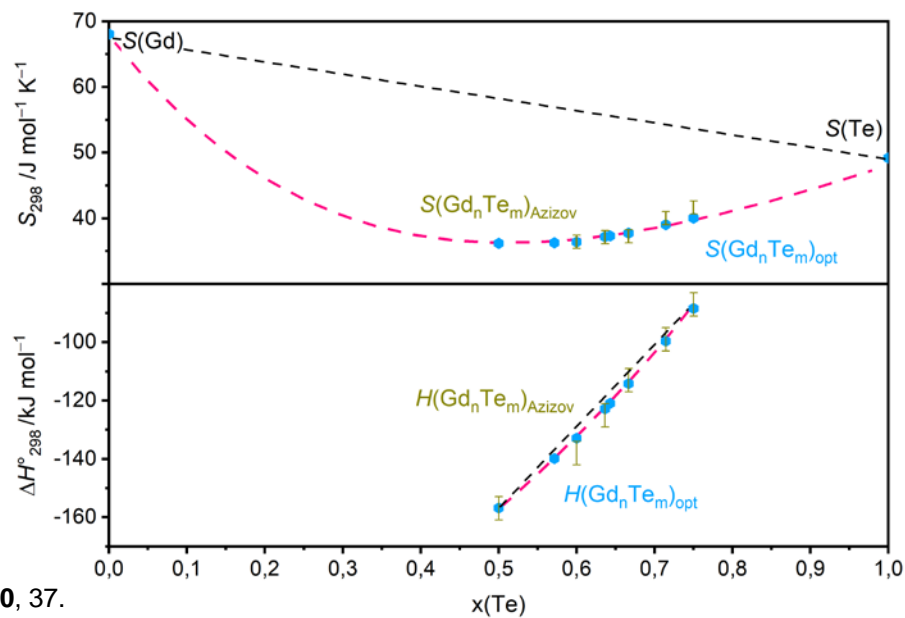
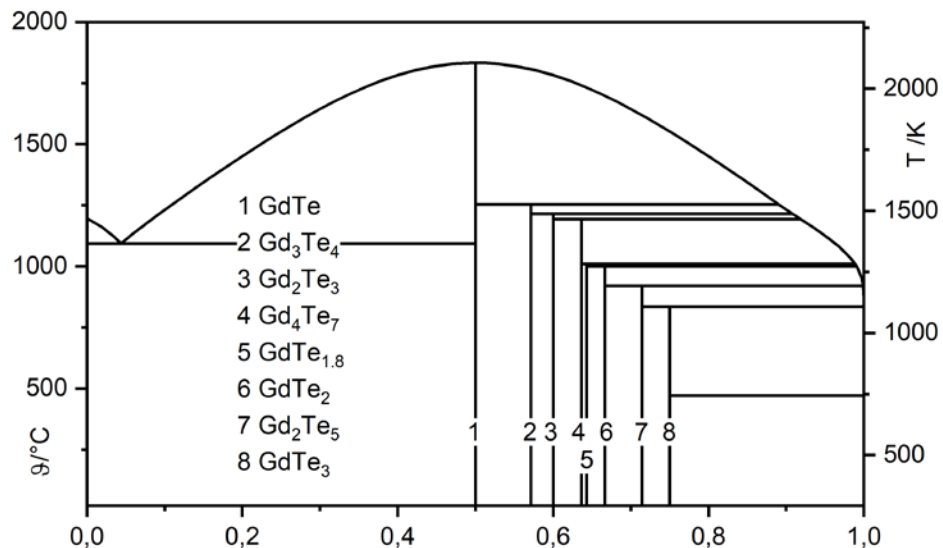
\* all liquidus lines are dashed...

## Additional knowledge on existence of GdTe<sub>2-x</sub> (GdTe<sub>1.8</sub>)

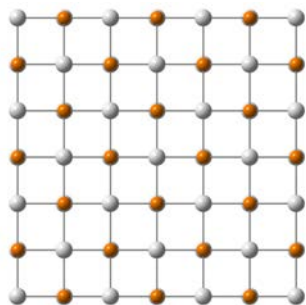
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## Thermodynamic standard data by EMF measurements

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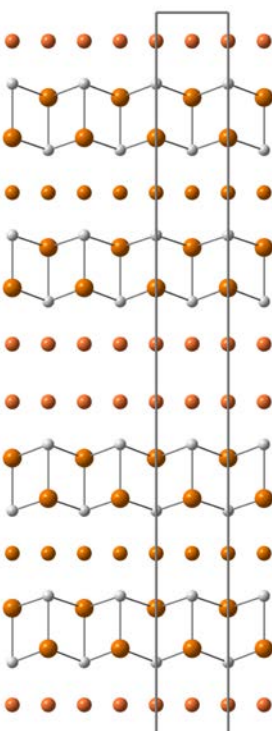


application of Neumann-Kopp's-rule for estimation of  $\Delta S^\circ = 0$  fails

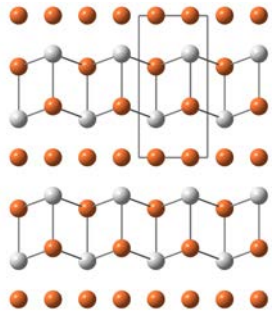


GdTe  
3D network (NaCl-type)

Gd<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>5</sub>

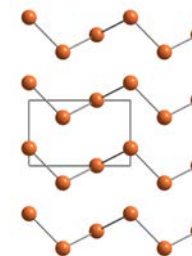
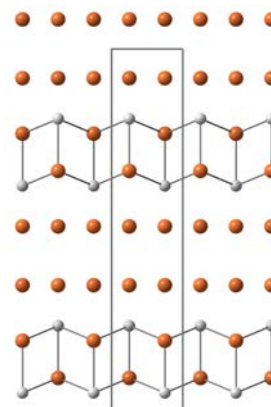


GdTe<sub>2</sub>

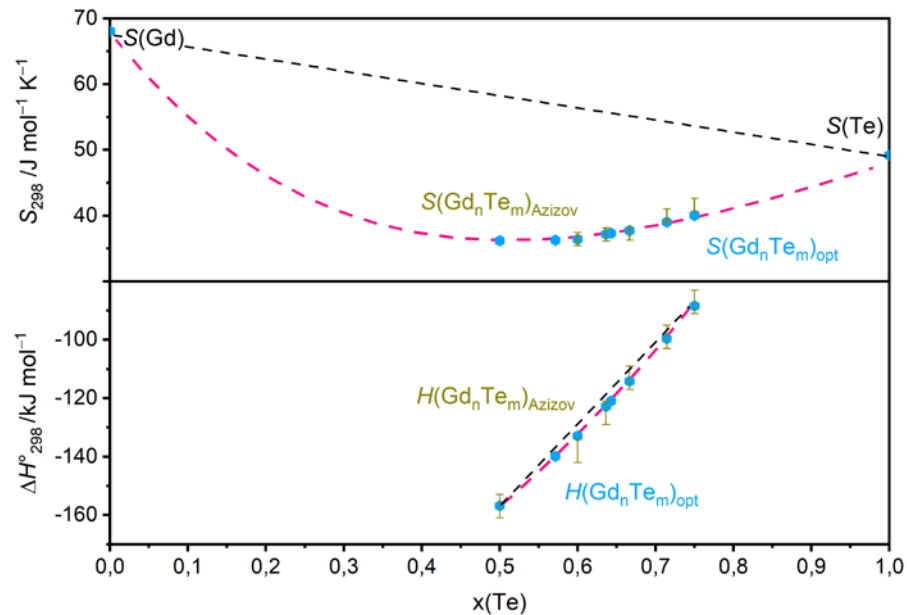


2D layered compounds

GdTe<sub>3</sub>



Te  
1D chains



tellurium content

ordering: loss of entropy

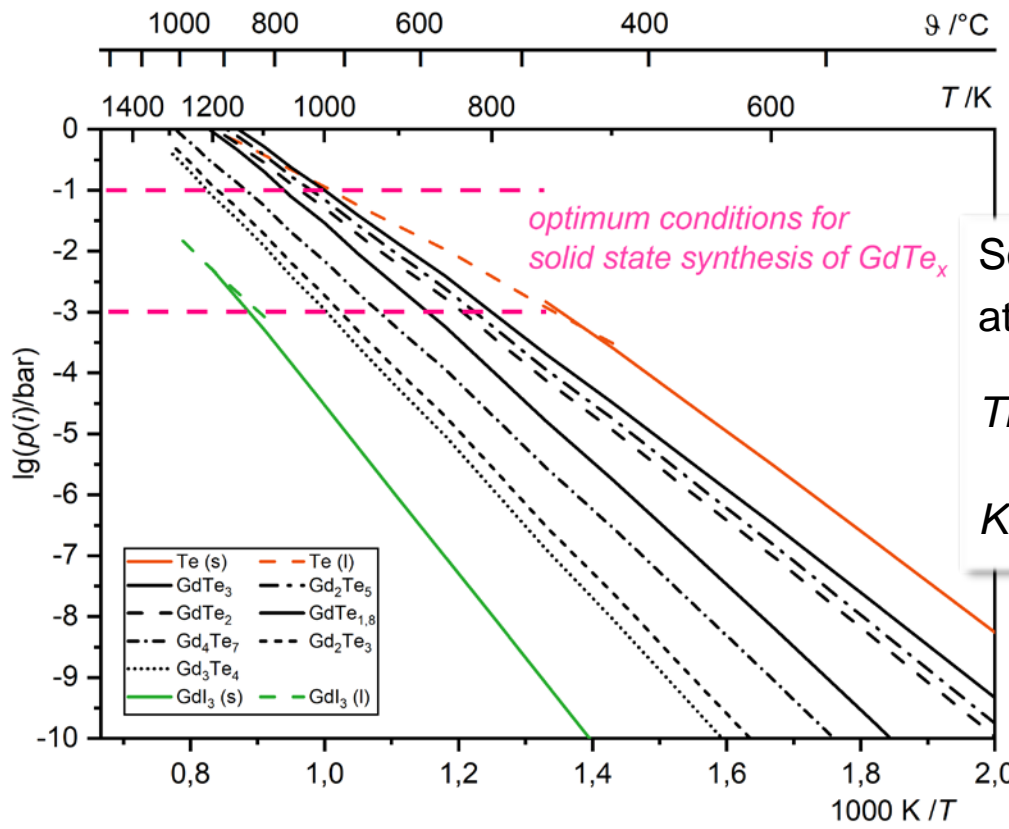




$$\text{GdTe}_x(\text{s}) = \text{GdTe}_y(\text{s}) + \frac{(x-y)}{2} \text{Te}_2(\text{g}) \quad K_p = p(\text{Te}_2)$$

$$\Delta G^0 = -R \cdot T \ln K_p = -R \cdot T \ln(p/p^0)$$

$$\lg(p/p^0) = -\frac{\Delta G^0}{2.303 R \cdot T} = -\frac{\Delta H^0}{2.303 R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \frac{\Delta S^0}{2.303 R}$$

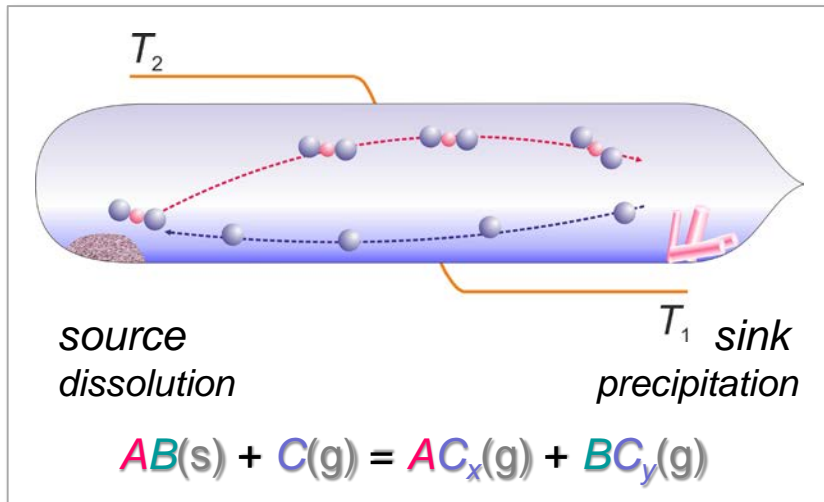


Solid state synthesis at  $p = f(T) \approx 10^{-3} \dots 10^{-1}$  bar

Thermodynamics

Kinetics

# CRYSTAL GROWTH BY VAPOR TRANSPORT

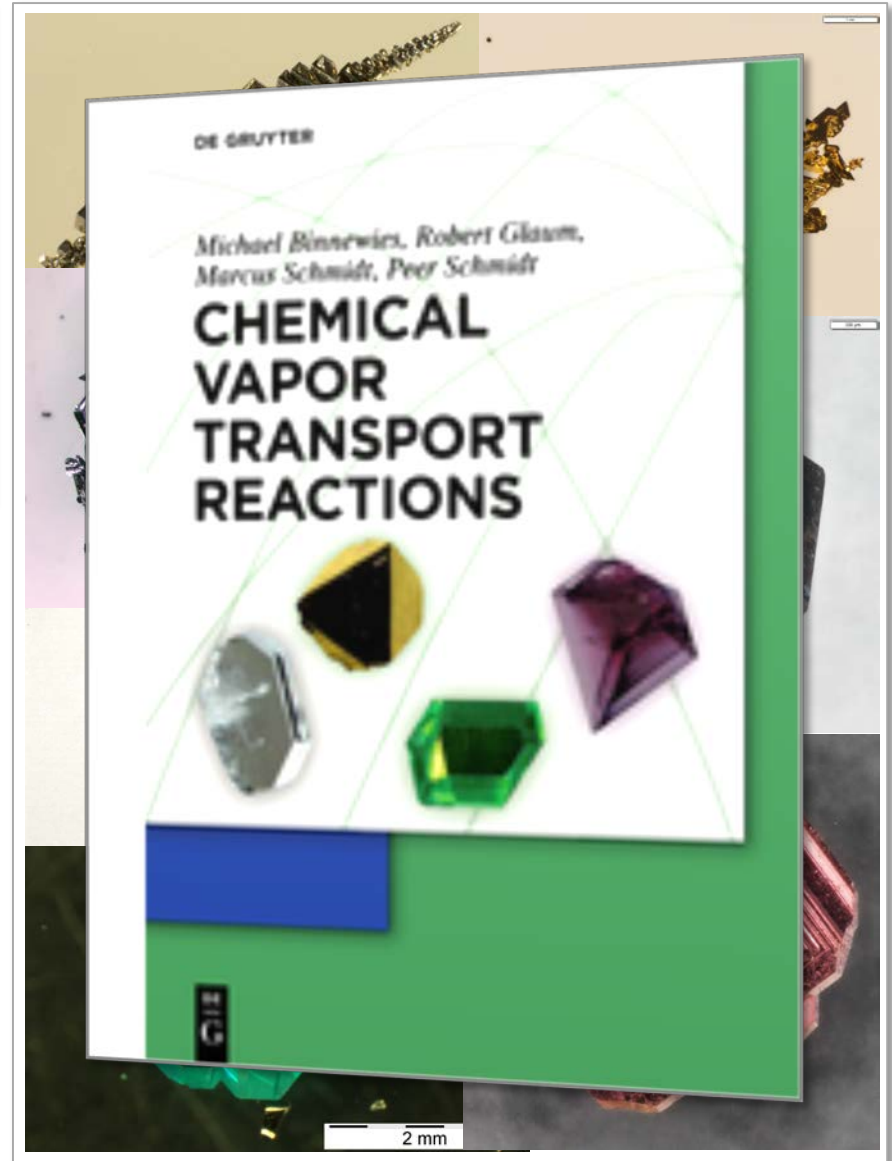


Metals

Intermetallic phases

Halides, Chalcogenides, Pnictides

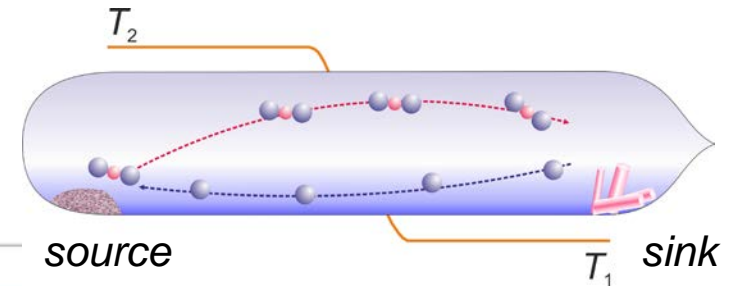
Oxides



## ► TRAGMIN

Program package TRAGMIN, v. 5.1, IFW Dresden, TU Dresden, HTW Dresden, 2014.

based on: G. Eriksson, *Acta Chem. Scand.* 1971, 25, 2651.



TRAGMIN 5.1  
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**Load job**

**Save job**

**Calculate**

**View file**

**GasGraph**

Create data f.

**Data base**

**Quit**

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**Calculation**

One room, One temperature

One room, Temperature series

Chemical vapor transport

Show calculation output

**Write files ?**

Partial pressures

Solubility of components

Transport efficiencies

Migration rates

**Constant**

Pressure

Volume

**Special calculations**

Vary:  Mean temperature  Quantity

0.02

Pressure (atm)      Volume (liter)

**Temperatures**

T (Source) / K	T (Sink) / K	Delta T / K
1200	1230	10

Exothermic Transport

**Graphics**

Partial pressures       Solubility of components

Transport efficiencies       Migration rates

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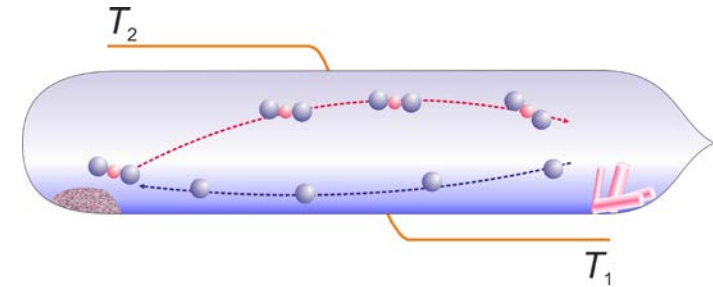
Transport distance (cm)      Cross-section (cm<sup>2</sup>)

Elements	n / mmol	n / mol	m / mg
1 Gd	10	1.0000E-002	1572.500000
2 Te	25	2.5000E-002	3190.000000
3 I	0.01	1.0000E-005	1.269050
4 N	1.0	1.0000E-003	14.007000

Set N to 1.0 mmol OK



## TRAGMIN (extended transport model)



$$\left( \frac{n(B)}{n(A)} \right)_{T_{\text{sink}}} = \left( \frac{\text{flux}(B)}{\text{flux}(A)} \right)_{T_{\text{source}} \rightarrow T_{\text{sink}}} = \frac{J(B)}{J(A)} = x_{\text{sink}}$$

**the molar flow of A and B**

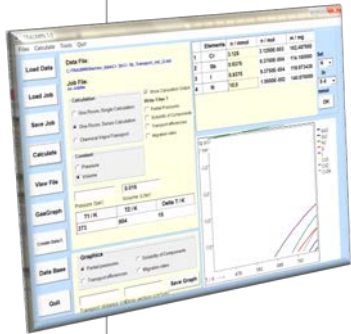
$$\left( \frac{p^*(B) - x_{\text{sink}} \cdot p^*(A)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{source}} = \left( \frac{p^*(B) - x_{\text{sink}} \cdot p^*(A)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{sink}} = \varepsilon$$

**stationarity condition  
of precipitation**

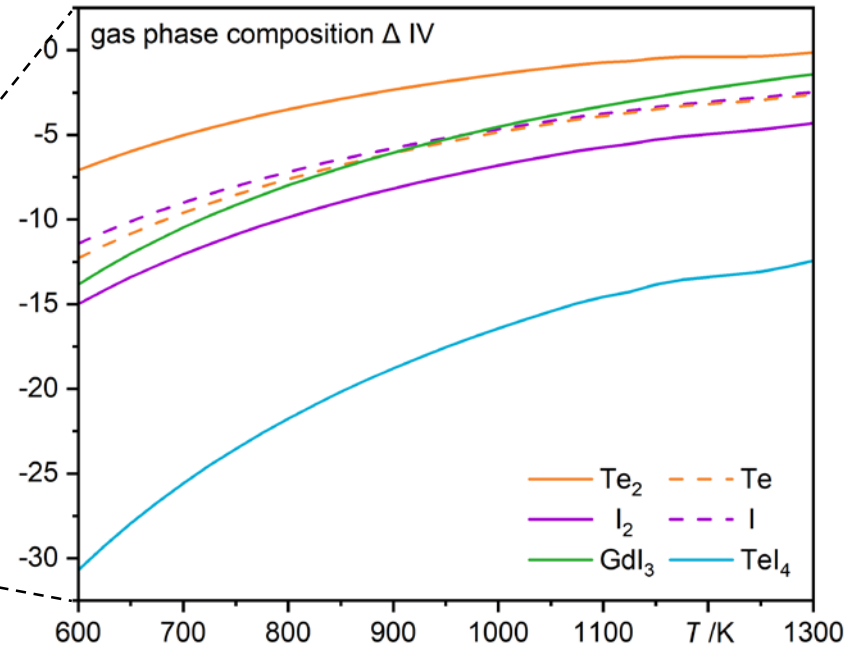
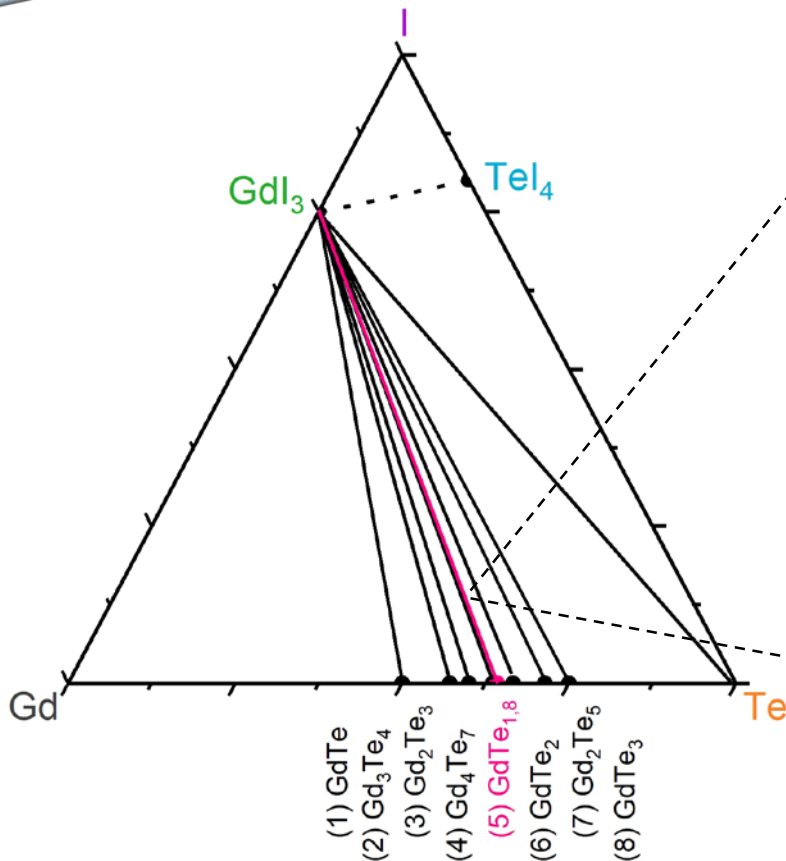
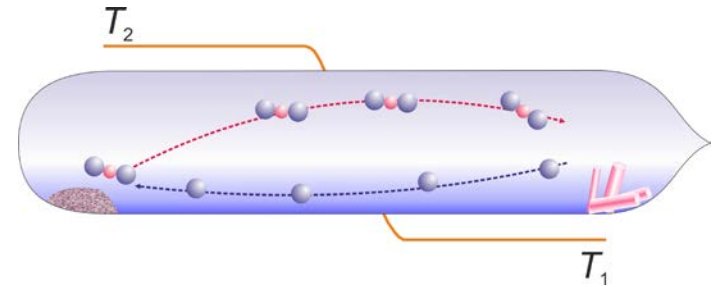
$$\frac{\left[ \left( \frac{p^*(B)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{source}} - \left( \frac{p^*(B)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{sink}} \right]}{\left[ \left( \frac{p^*(A)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{source}} - \left( \frac{p^*(A)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{sink}} \right]} = \frac{\Delta\lambda(B)}{\Delta\lambda(A)} = x_{\text{sink}}$$

$$w(i) = \Delta \left( \frac{p(i)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{source} \rightarrow \text{sink}} = \left( \frac{p(i)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{source}} - \left( \frac{p(i)}{p^*(X)} \right)_{\text{sink}}$$

**transport efficiency**

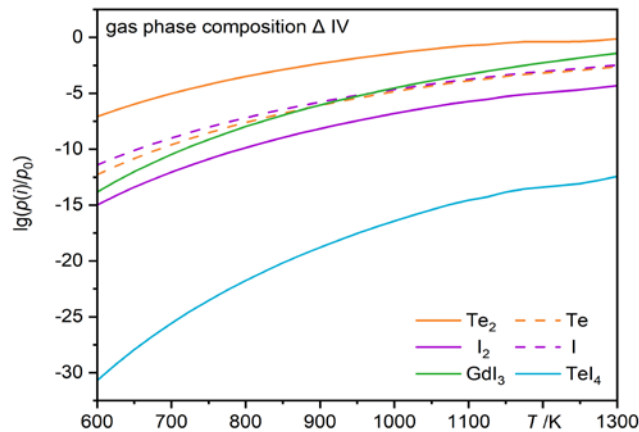
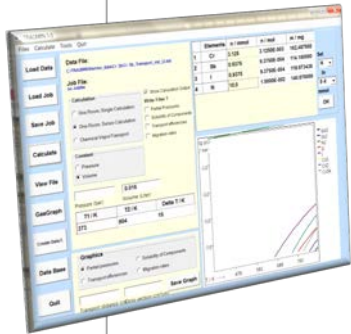
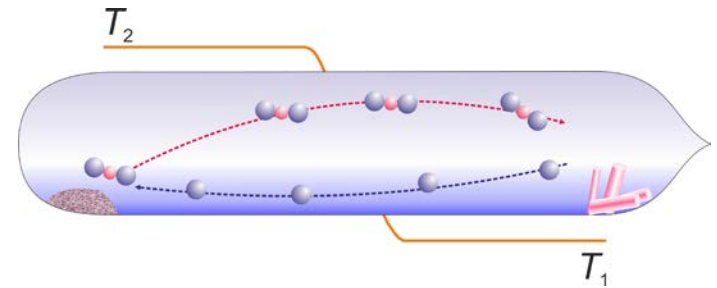


to the system Gd/Te:  
addition of iodine  
as a transport agent:

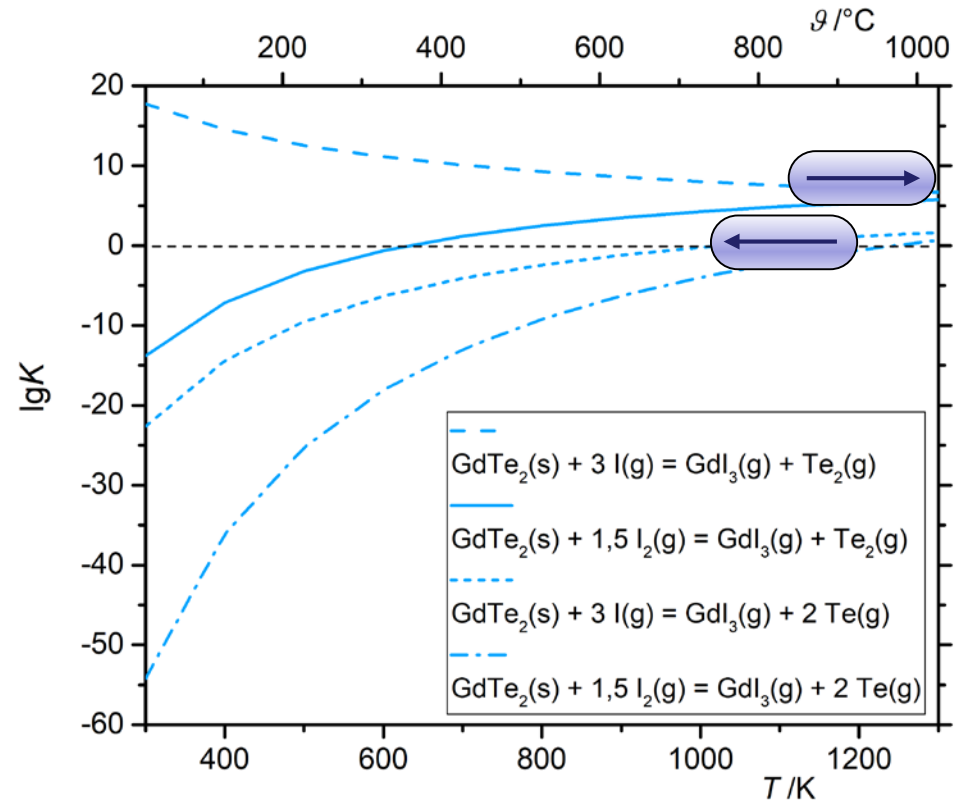


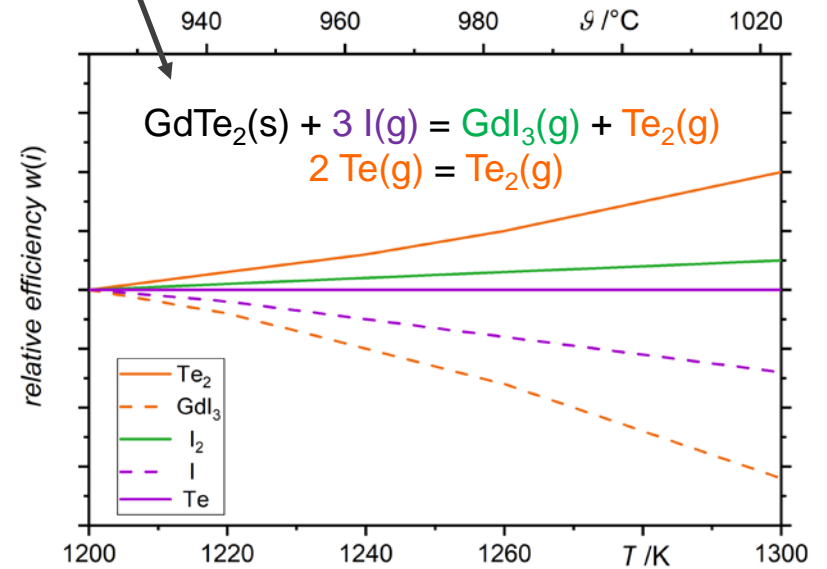
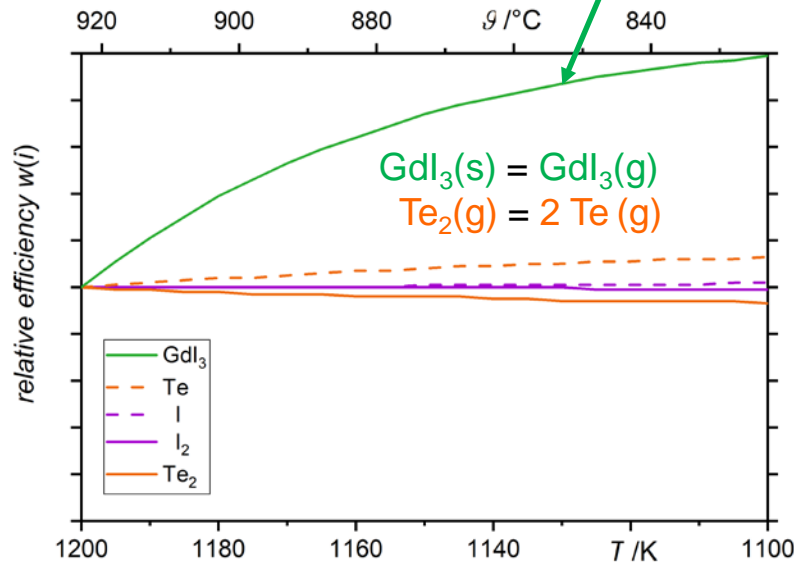
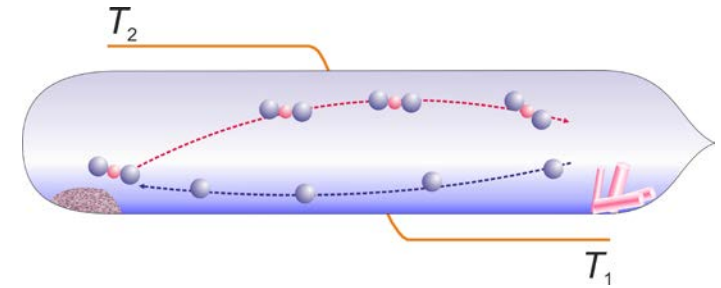
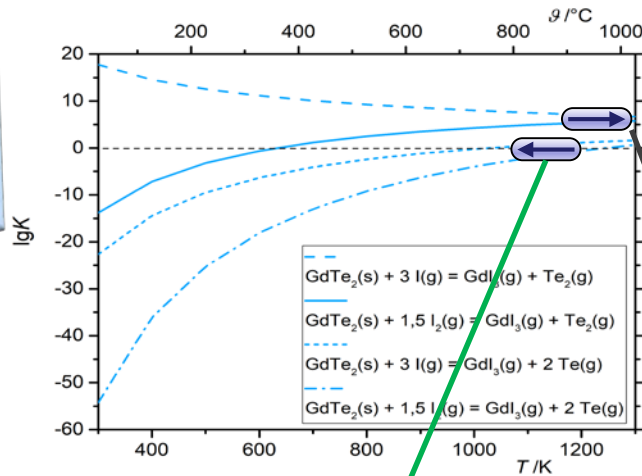
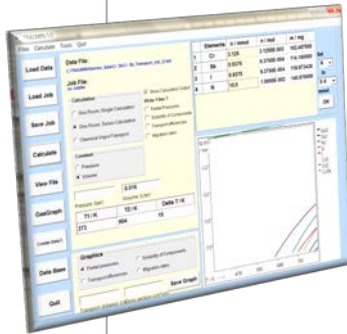
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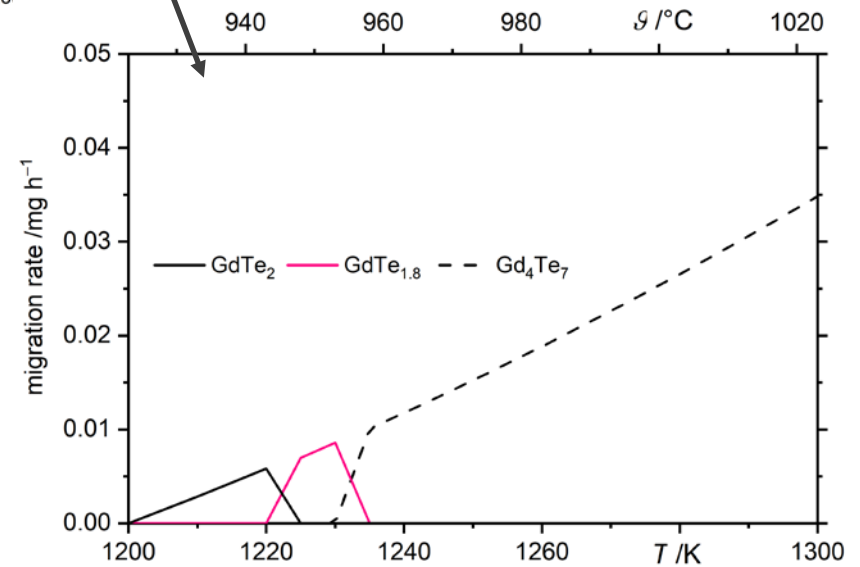
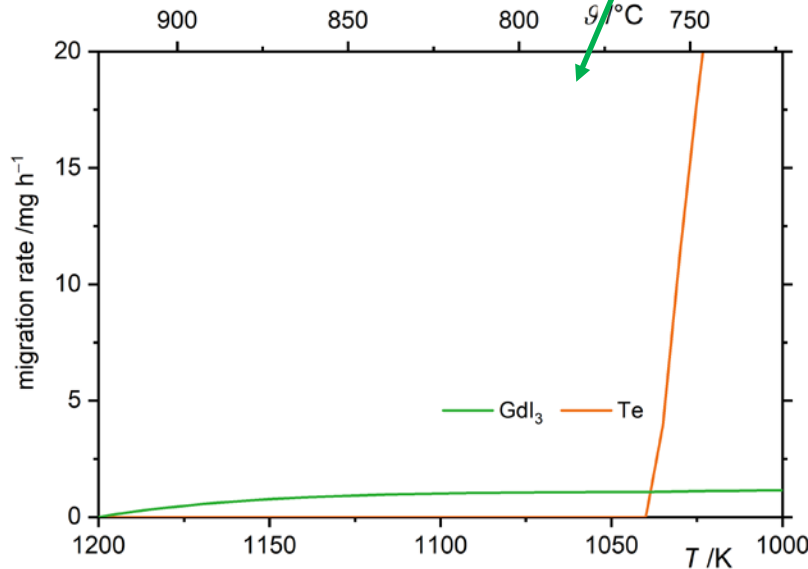
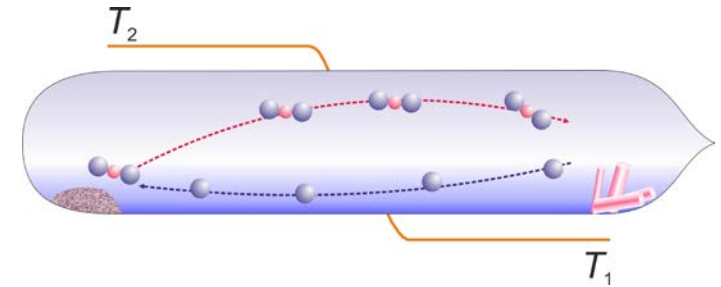
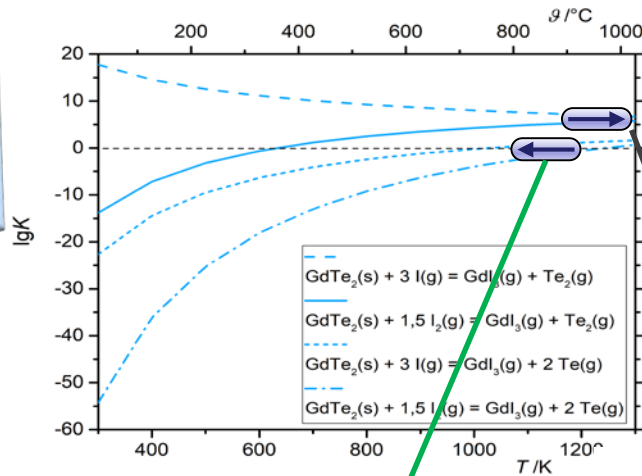
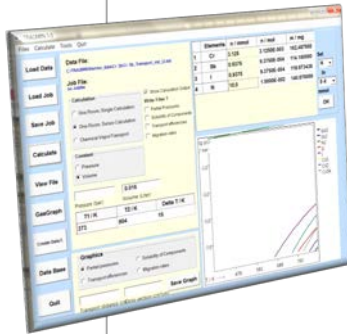


relevant species: Te<sub>2</sub>, Gdl<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I, Te

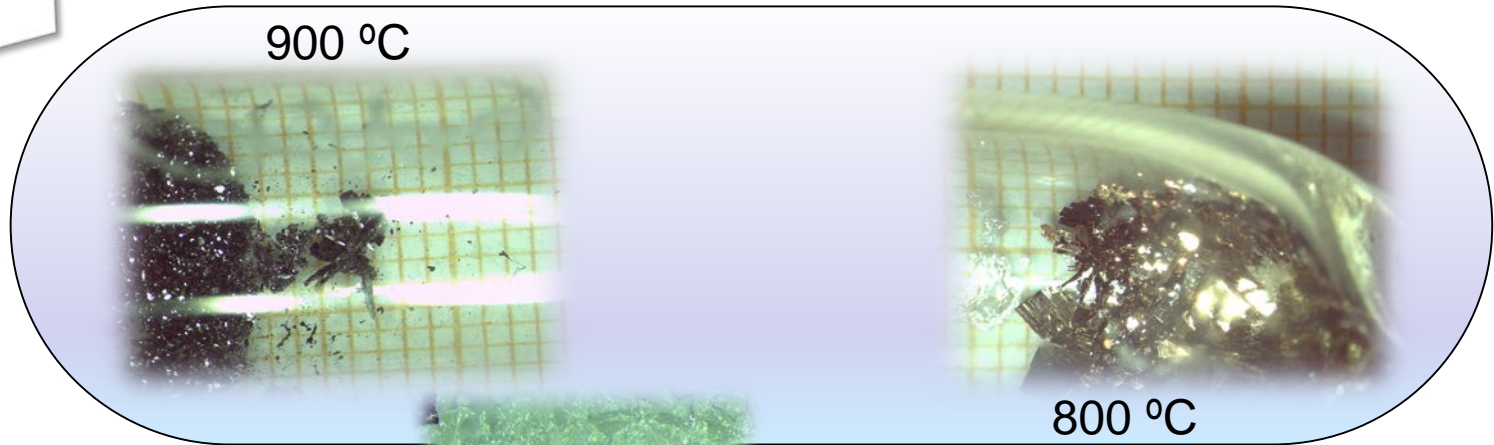
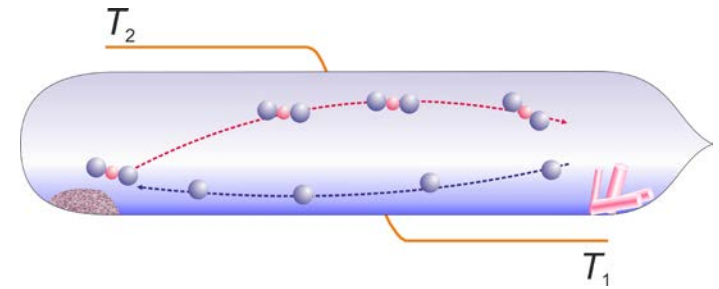
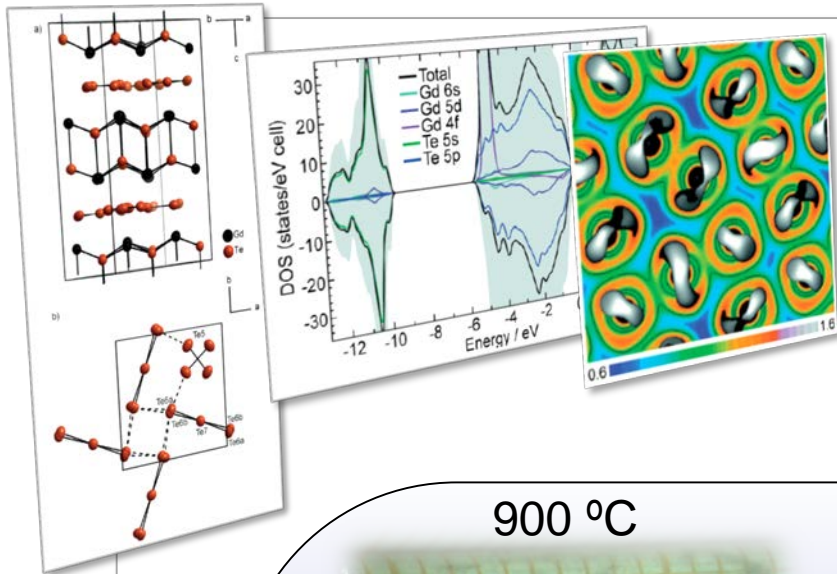




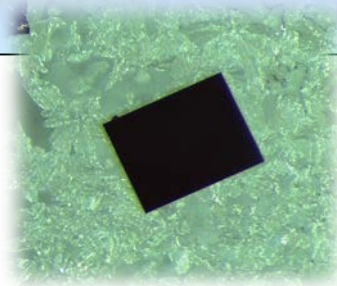




# EXPERIMENTAL CVT PROCESS



source  
 $\text{GdTe}_2$   $\text{GdTe}_{1.8}$



sink  
 $\text{GdI}_3$  (Te)



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