



What is imaginable by use of magnetic fields at Czochralski growth of III-Vs in low-temperature gradients ?

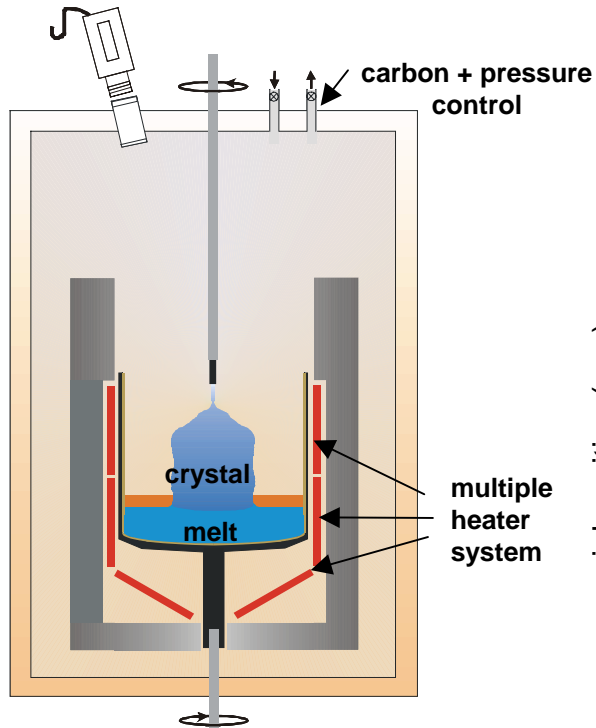
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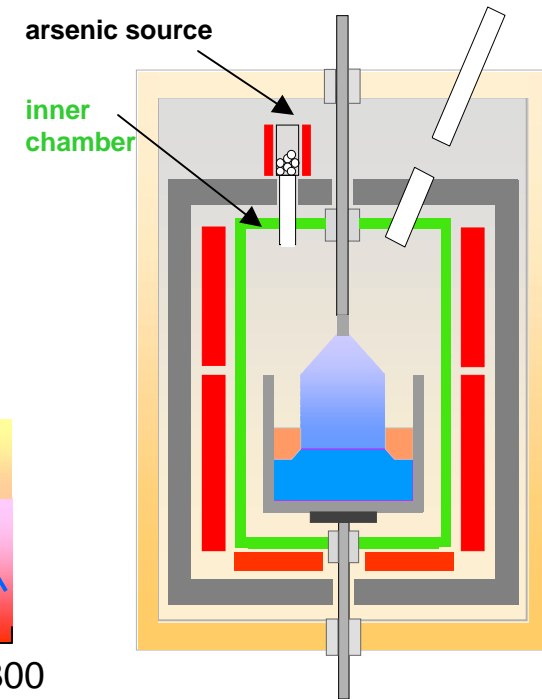
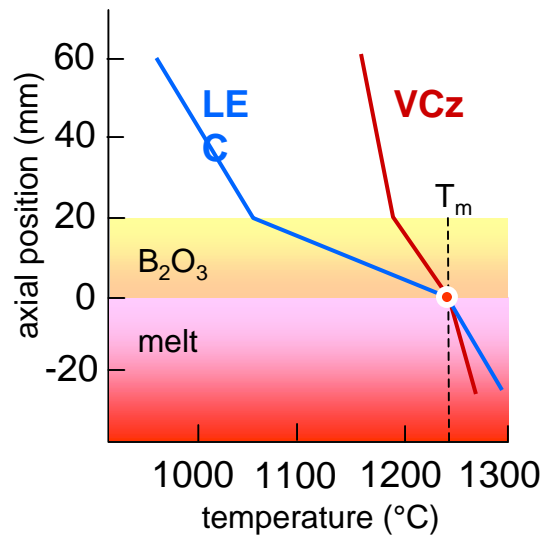
Comparison between LEC and VCz methods



LEC

$dT/dz = 50 - 100 \text{ K cm}^{-1}$

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VCz

$dT/dz = 10 - 40 \text{ K cm}^{-1}$

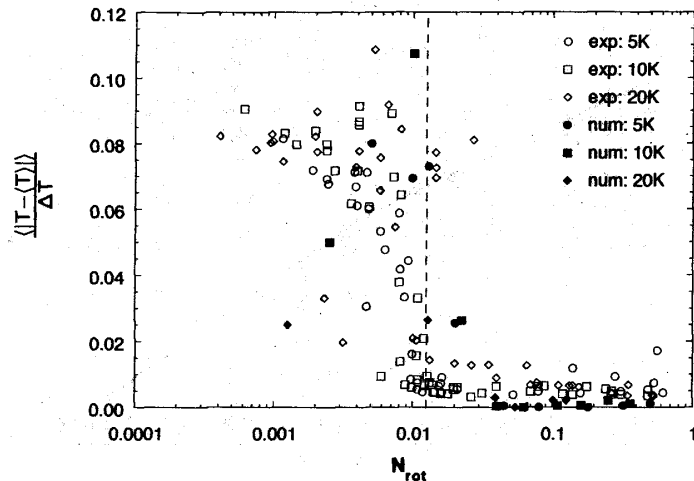
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Problems to be solved by using of magnetic fields (?)



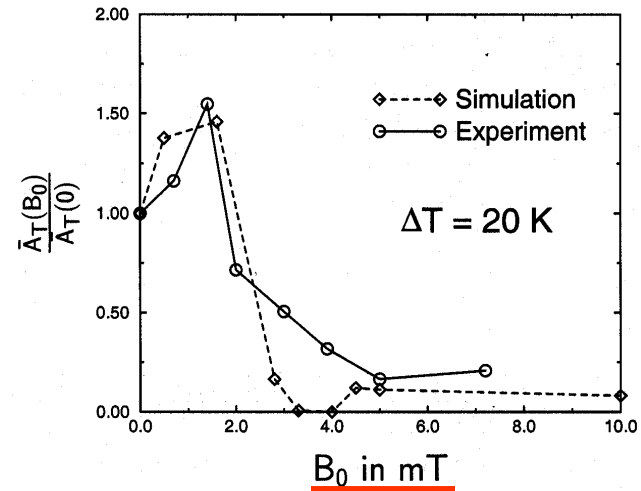
- to pull markedly longer crystals higher melt volumes are required; that increases **turbulent flows** and convection instabilities
- to flatten the interface high crucible rotation rates are favourable; that raises the **mechanical risk** especially for VCz growth
- appearance of **Marangoni convection** in case of failed B_2O_3 encapsulant
- doping **striations** (Fe in InP) due to convection oscillations
- much stronger disturbance of crystallization kinetics by **temperature oscillations** due to the low temperature gradients at VCz
- enhanced probability of **twins**
- **macrosegregation** (axial and radial Fe distribution in InP)

Damping of temperature fluctuations by the action of a rotating magnetic field



T-fluctuations vs. magnetic interaction parameter $No = B^2 \omega_m / \Delta T$ in dependence on various B , ω_m and ΔT in fluid Ga

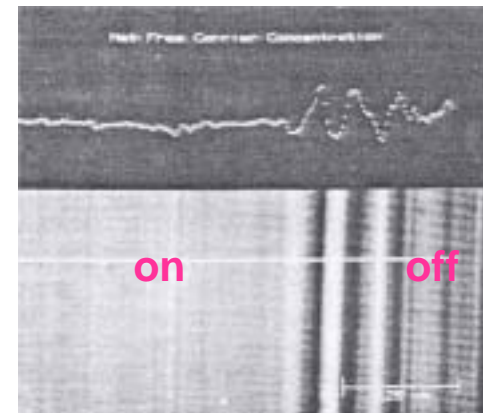
B. Fischer et al. Transfer Phenomena, Kluwer 1999, p.279 and Thesis, Univ. of Erlangen 2001 (group of G. Müller)



Amplitude of T-fluctuations vs. magnetic induction in fluid Ga
 - aspect ratio $H/D = 1$
 - rotating magnetic field ($p=2$)

Dopant concentration oscillations in LEC InP crystals are damped by an steady axial magnetic field (6" diameter, 0.2 T).

Bachowski et al. , 2nd Int. Conf. on InP 1990



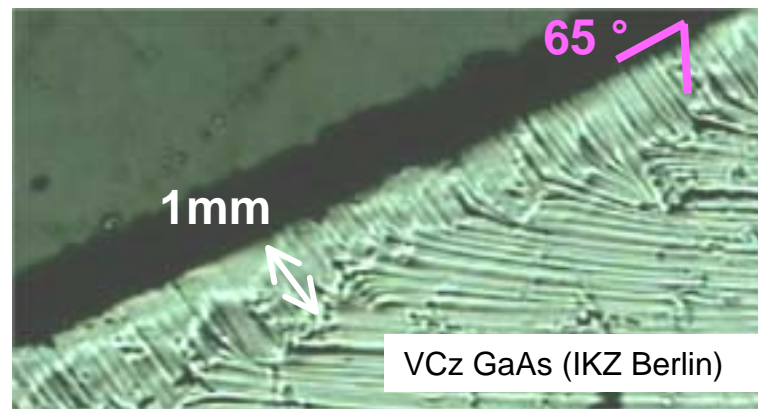
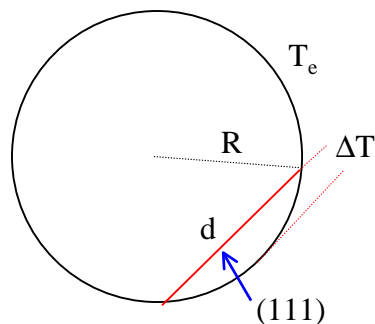


The problem of twinning at low temperature gradient growth

The facet dimension grows with decreasing $gradT_R$.
 A twinned nucleus at a {111} facet, anchored at the three-phase boundary, is favoured if the supercooling exceeds a critical value.

$$d \approx 2\sqrt{2R\Delta T / gradT_R}$$

- d – facet extension
- R – crystal radius
- T_e – equilibrium temperature
- ΔT – supercooling for nucleation



no T-fluctuations, stable facetting

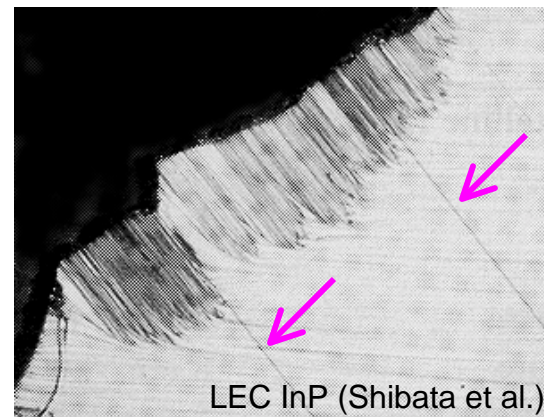


VCz GaAs (IKZ)

A magnetic field damps T- fluctuations and stabilizes the facet growth !

no twinning (image A. Dennstedt, IKZ)

T-fluctuations, unstable facetting
 twinning



LEC InP (Shibata et al.)

Axial dopant distribution in magnetic Czochralski growth

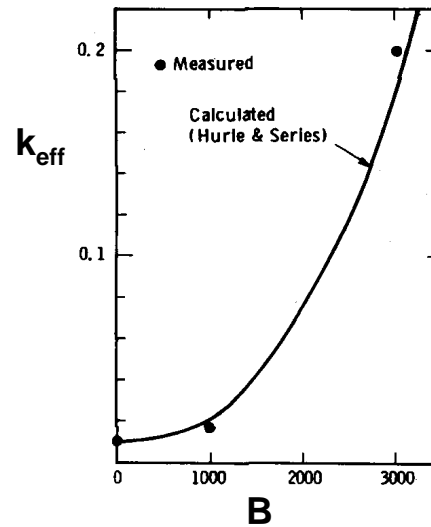
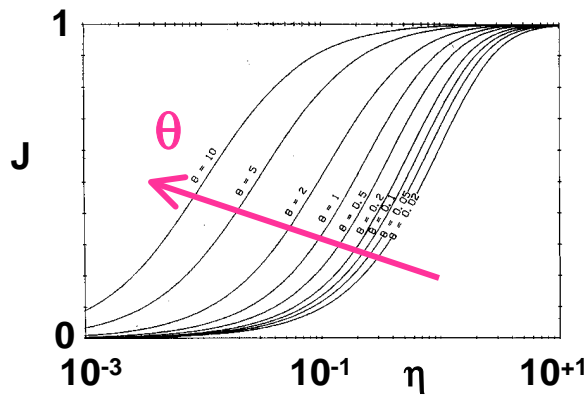


Hurle, Series JCG 73 (1985) 1:

$$\frac{C_s}{C_o} = k_{eff} = \frac{k_o}{1 - (1 - k_o) J}$$

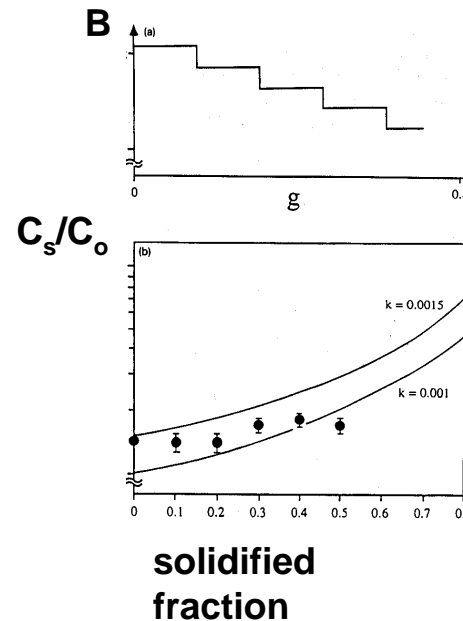
$$J = \eta \theta^{-1/2} \int_0^{\infty} \exp[-\eta \theta^{-1/2} z - \dots]$$

- J - normalized boundary layer thickness
- z - distance from the interface (disc)
- η - $V_o/D (v/\Omega)^{-1/2} Sc^{-1/4}$
- θ - $N' Sc^{-1/2}$
- N' - magnetic interaction parameter
 $= B^2 \sigma / \rho \Omega + 0.427$



k_{eff} vs. magnetic field strength of Ga in Si

Ravishankar et al. JCG 104 (1990) 617



Step-wise reduction of B to minimise macro-segregation in Fe-doped LEC InP

Hofmann et al., SI III-V, Malmö 1988, p.429

Summary and outlook



- Steady and unsteady magnetic fields can help to damp numerous convection related problems, also in case of VCz growth, very effectively.
- Constant transverse or axial magnetic fields are already successfully applied in 2 - 3 inch LEC growth of GaAs and InP. Recently, the VCz growth of 4-inch InP crystals under constant magnetic field was brought to Sumitomo's production maturity
- The temperature fluctuations and, hence twinning probability, were reduced markedly.
- A nearly uniform axial Fe distribution in InP crystals can be achieved due to the increase of k_{eff} towards unity.
- Magnetically driven flows are an excellent additional handle parameter to tailor the crystal growth process of III-Vs (InP).

👉 Preparation of a new project "MVCz growth of InP" (BMBF or ..?).

Possible partners: IKZ, FZ Rossendorf, Univ. Hannover/Riga, FCM, ...