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Simulation of the influence of gas flow on melt convection and phase boundaries in FZ silicon single crystal growth

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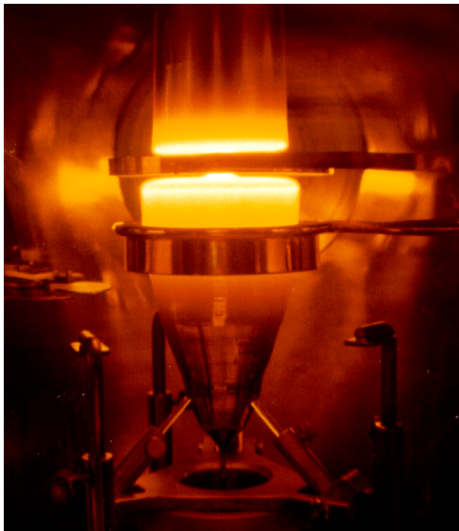
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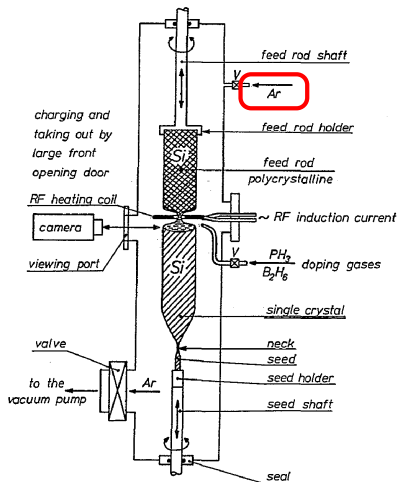
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Si single crystal growth with FZ technique

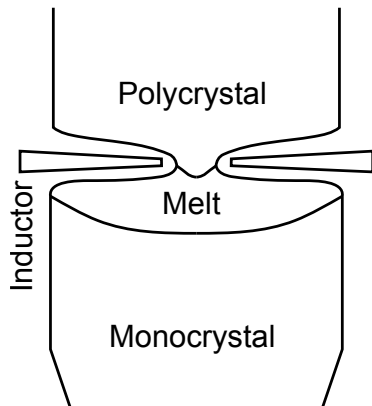
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Courtesy of Dr. H. Riemann (ICG, Berlin)

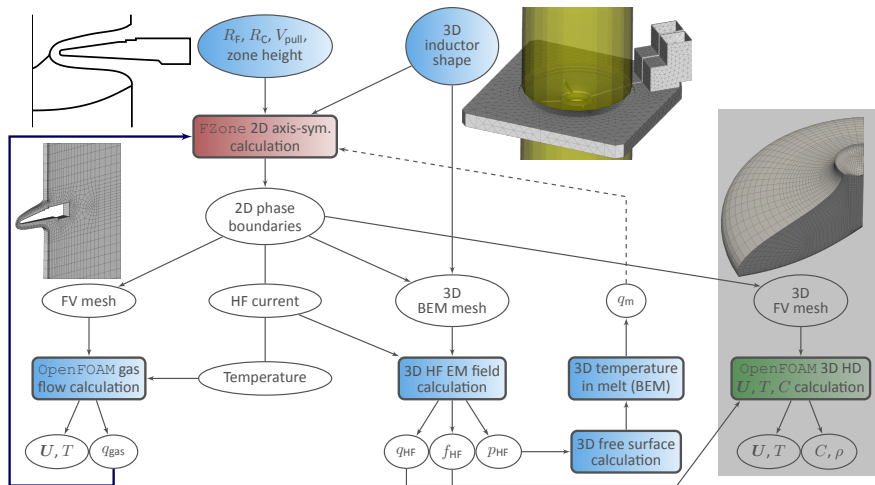


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- High-frequency electromagnetic field (BEM), 2D or 3D
- Thermal radiation, including reflector (view factor model)
- Heat transfer in crystals, melt and reflector (FEM)
- Free melt surface shape (iterative approach)
- Solid-liquid interface positions
- Open melting front model

- Model implemented in the program *FZone* (Ratnieks, 2003)
- Further development of the model is still ongoing



Density: Ideal gas law

- Large temperature and density variations

$$\rho = p \frac{M}{RT}$$

ρ	density
p	pressure
M	molar mass
R	universal gas constant
T	absolute temperature

Viscosity: Sutherland's law

$$\mu(T) = \frac{A_S \sqrt{T}}{1 + T_S/T}$$

Parameter values

	Argon	Helium	
M	39.948	4.0026	g mol^{-1}
c_p	520	5193	$\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$
A_S	2.130	1.811	$\mu\text{Pa s K}^{-1/2}$
T_S	199.2	205.3	K
Pr	0.67	0.67	-

- Thermal conductivity and kinematic viscosity of helium is 8 times higher than of argon

Turbulence

- SST k-omega turbulence model

Continuity equation

$$\nabla (\rho \mathbf{U}) = 0$$

Pressure

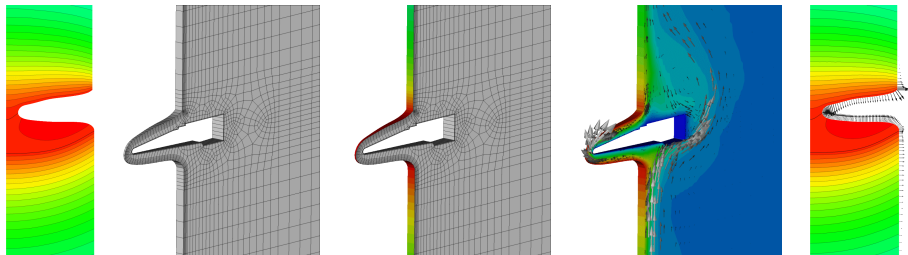
$$p_{\text{rgh}} = p - \rho \mathbf{g} \mathbf{x}$$

Navier-Stokes equations

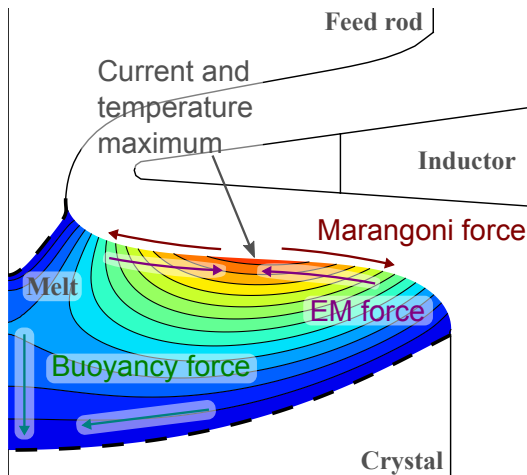
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla (\rho \mathbf{U} \otimes \mathbf{U}) = & -\nabla \left(p_{\text{rgh}} + \frac{2}{3} \mu_{\text{eff}} \nabla \mathbf{U} \right) - \mathbf{g} \mathbf{x} \nabla \rho + \\ & + \nabla \left[\mu_{\text{eff}} (\nabla \mathbf{U} + \nabla \mathbf{U}^T) \right], \quad \mu_{\text{eff}} = \mu + \mu_t \end{aligned}$$

Enthalpy equation

$$\rho \mathbf{U} \nabla \left(h + \frac{U^2}{2} \right) = \nabla (\alpha_{\text{eff}} \nabla h), \quad \alpha_{\text{eff}} = \alpha + \alpha_t$$



1. Calculation of the quasi-stationary shape of **phase boundaries** and **temperature field** in silicon using FZone
2. Creation of the **geometry** for argon flow calculations and automatic **mesh** generation
3. **Interpolation** of the temperature field on the silicon surfaces of the generated finite volume mesh
4. Calculation of the axisymmetric steady state **argon flow** using OpenFOAM standard solver buoyantSimpleFoam
5. Calculation of the quasi-stationary shape of **phase boundaries** with **argon cooling** taken into account using FZone



$$\nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho_0} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{g} \beta (T - T_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \nabla) T = \frac{\lambda}{\rho c_p} \nabla^2 T$$

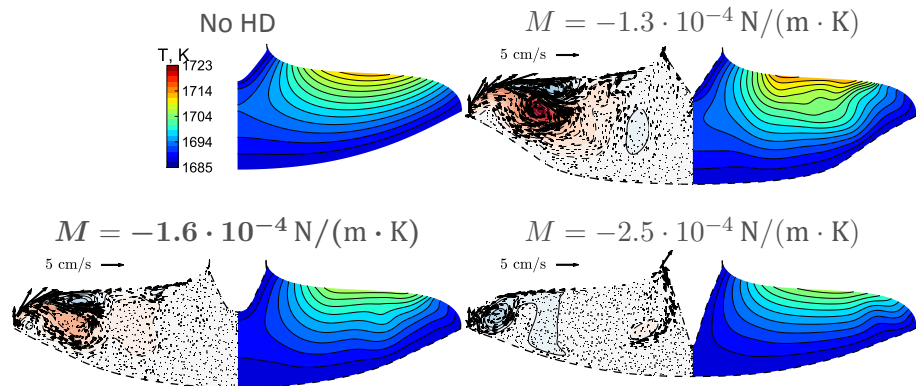
Free surface: EM and Marangoni surface forces

$$\mathbf{f}_{EM} = \frac{\mu_0 \delta}{4} \frac{\partial (i^2)}{\partial \tau}$$

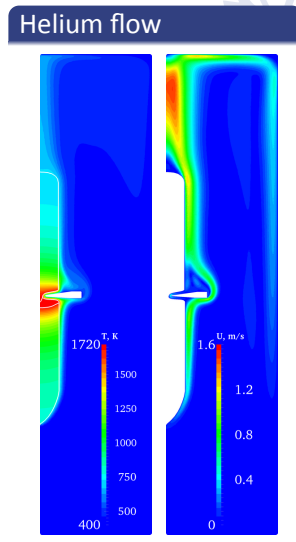
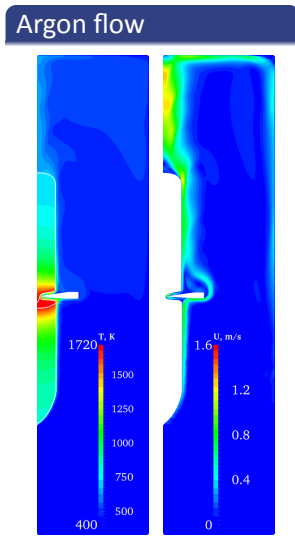
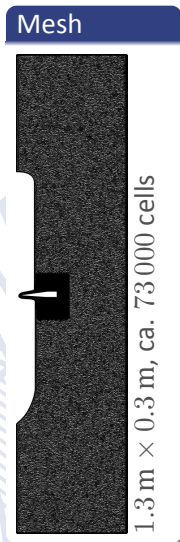
$$\mathbf{f}_{Ma} = \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} = M \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau}$$

Marangoni coefficient $M = \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial T}$, γ – surface tension

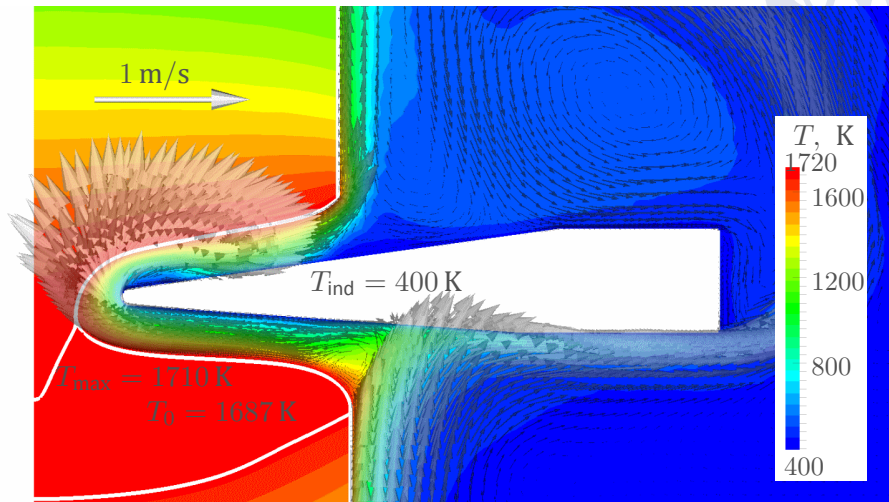
M is not exactly known, therefore several coefficients were used



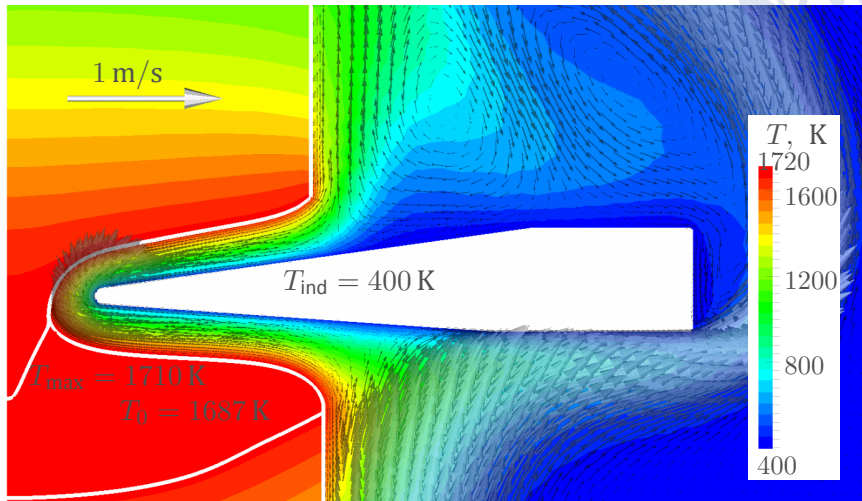
4" FZ process: Global view



T and U fields near the inductor: Argon

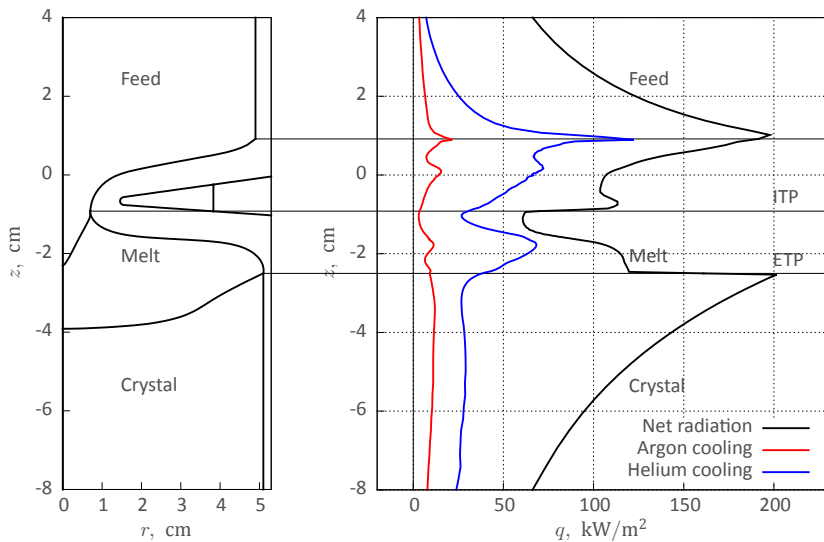


T and U fields near the inductor: Helium

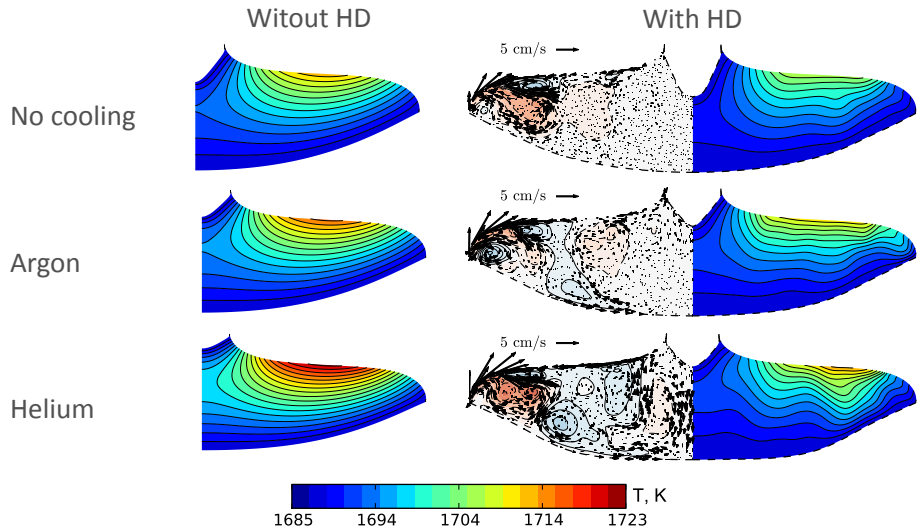


Cooling by argon and helium

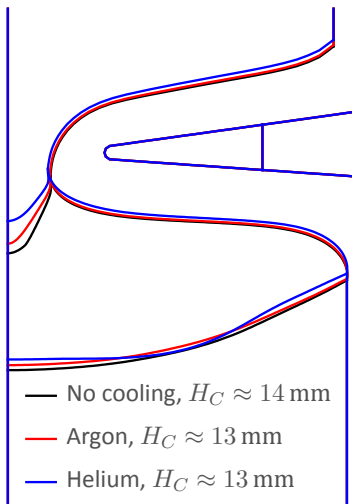
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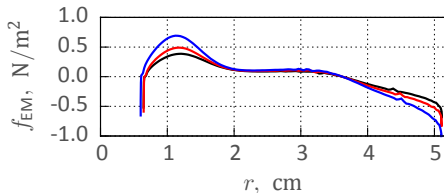
Influence of gas cooling



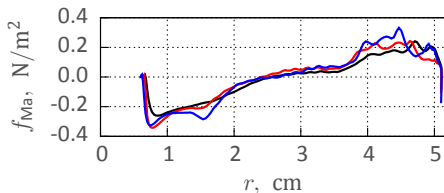
Phase boundaries



EM force



Marangoni force



1. Axisymmetric calculations of argon and helium flow in FZ system have been carried out using OpenFOAM
2. Argon cooling power density can be as large as 10% of net radiation heat flux density, for helium it can reach about 50%
3. Argon flow only slightly changes f_{EM} and f_{Ma} , while strong helium cooling requires significantly larger inductor current, noticeably increasing EM force
4. Shear stress of gas flow is by at least an order of magnitude smaller than f_{EM} and f_{Ma} (0.02 N/m² for argon and 0.008 N/m² for helium) and therefore has a weak influence