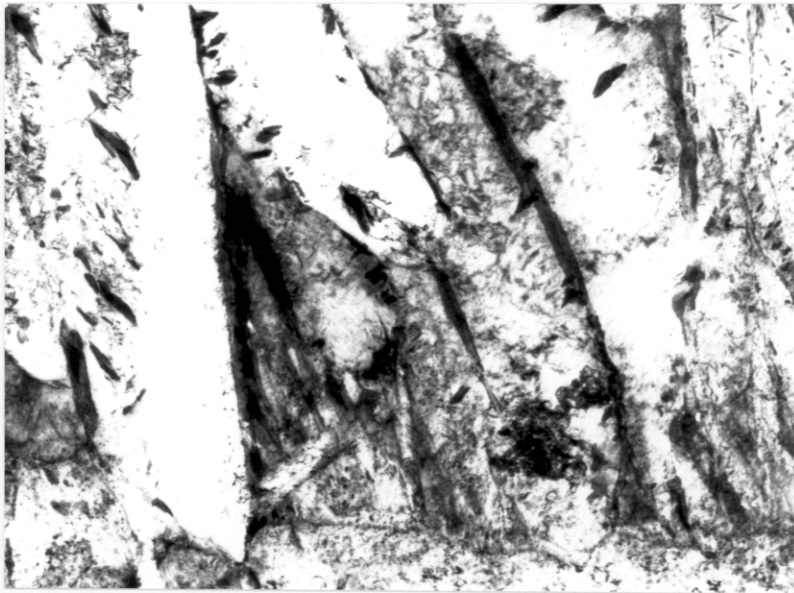


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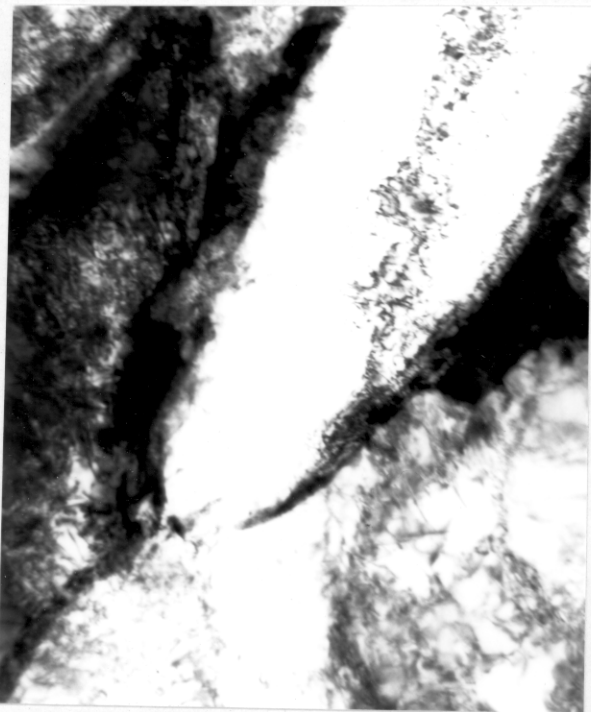


0.5μm —

Figure 4.5. Carbides towards the periphery of an acicular ferrite plate.



Figure 4.6. 1.0 μ m Possible interfacial ledges (arrowed).





0.25 μ m 

Figure 4.7. Smoothly curved plate tips.



0.15 μ m 

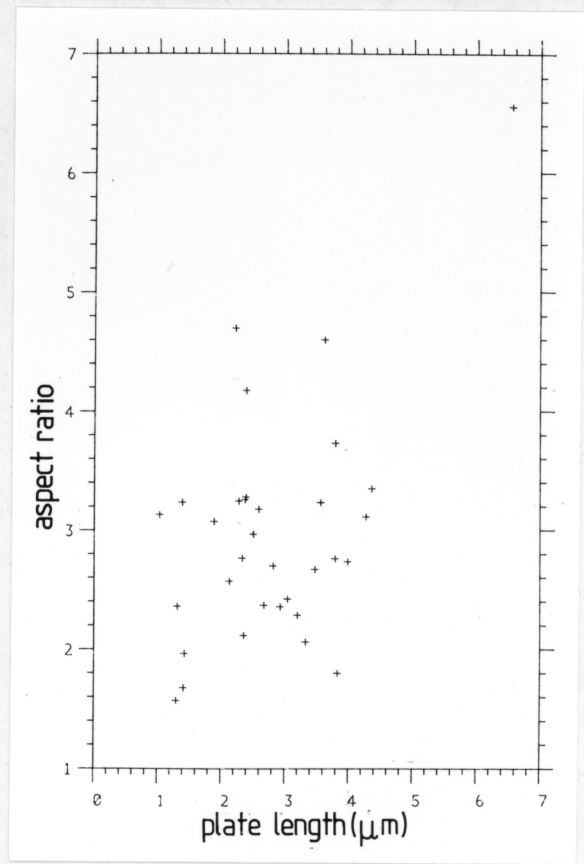
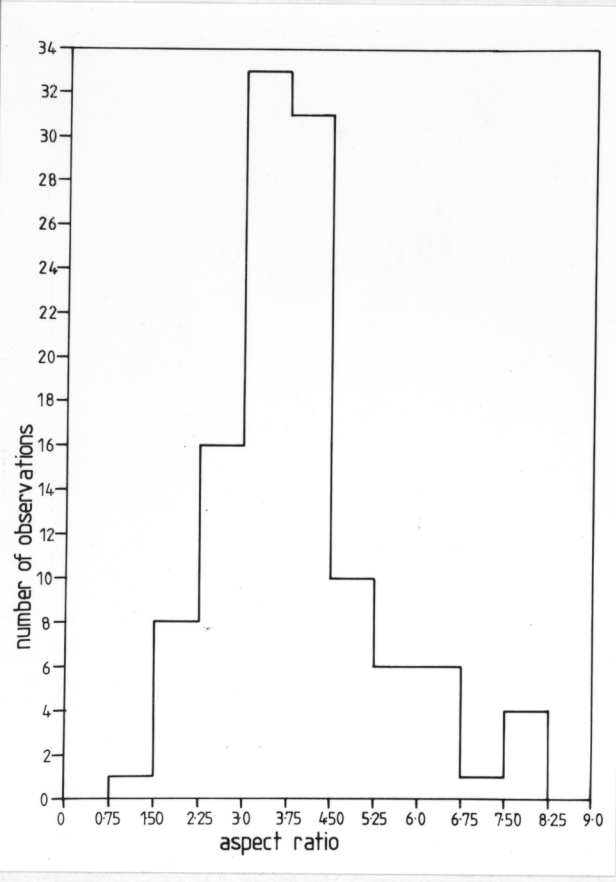
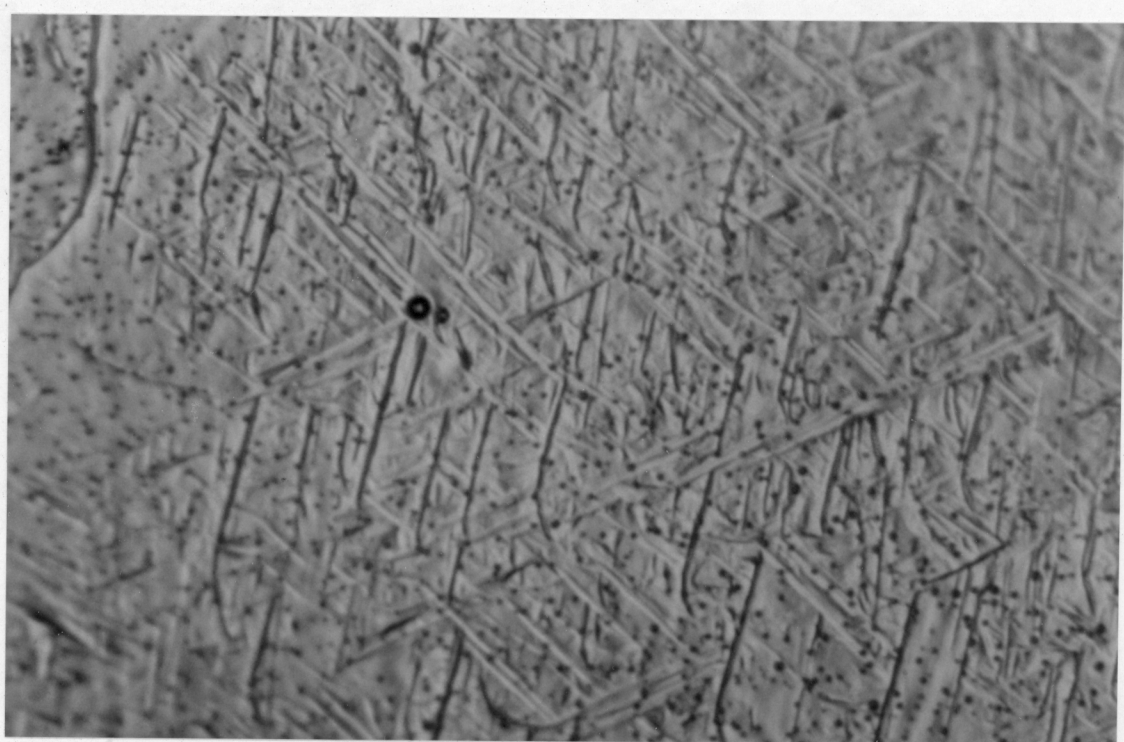
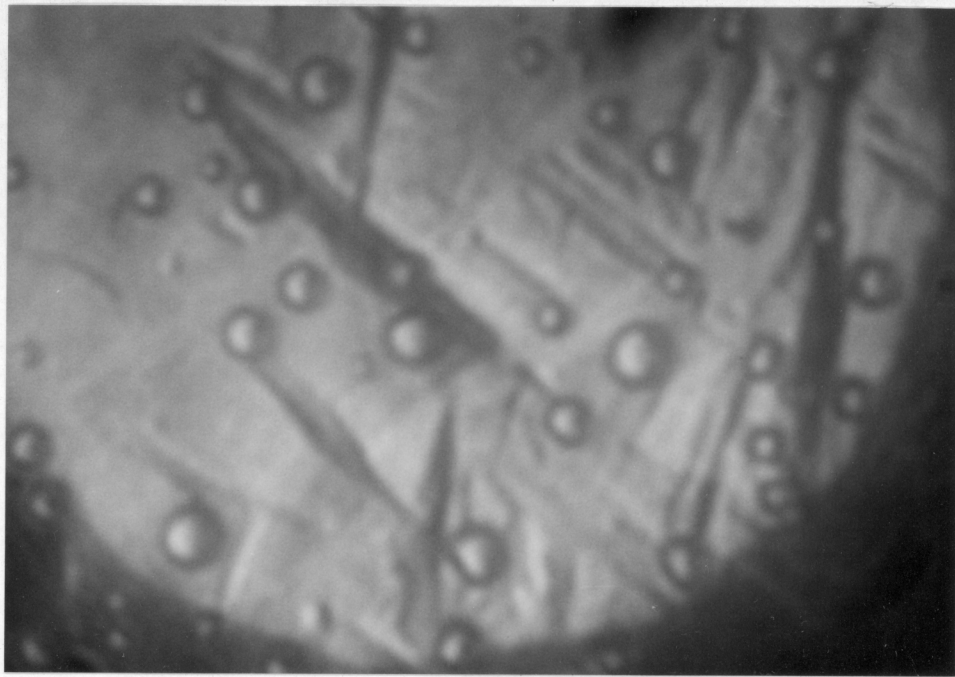


Figure 4.8. Aspect ratios recorded for acicular ferrite plates.



(a) 5.0μm




(b) 2.0 μm 

Figure 4.9. Nomarski interference images of surface relief introduced by acicular ferrite formation, illustrating uniform nature of contrast across a single plate.

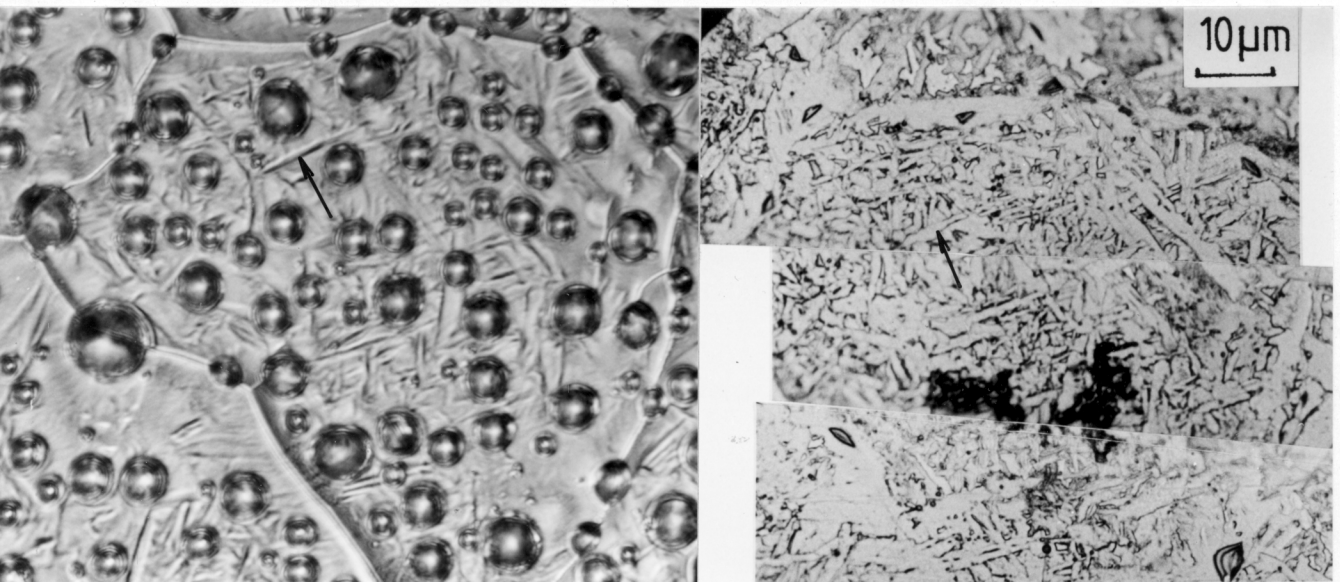
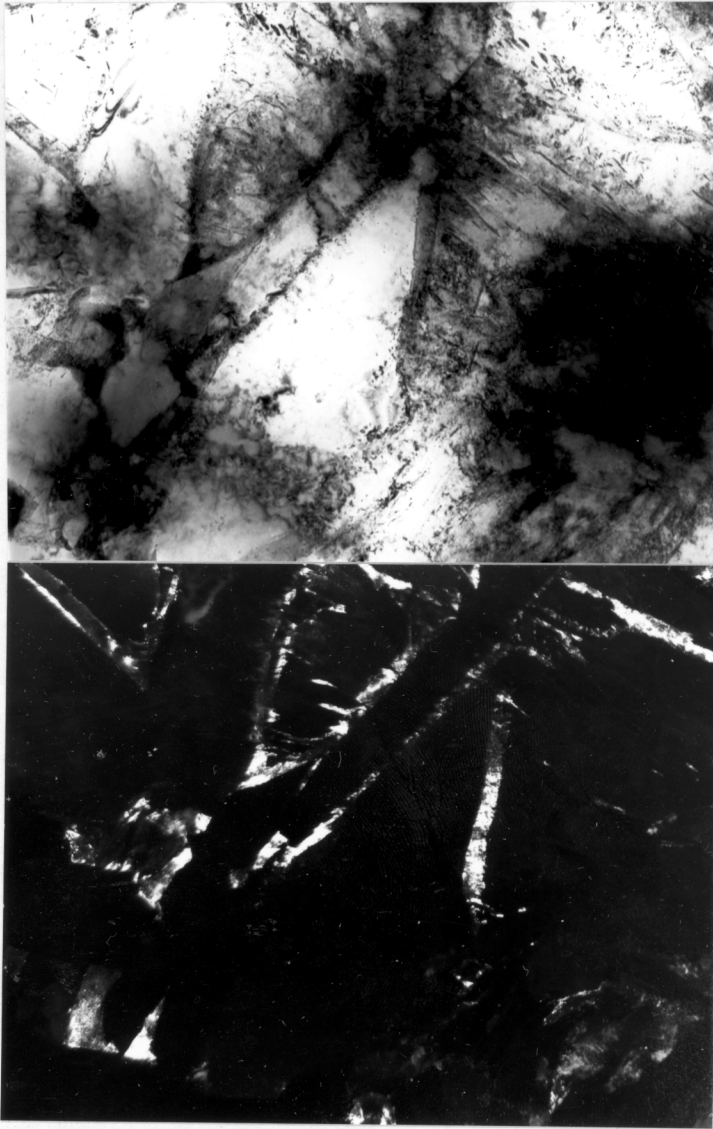
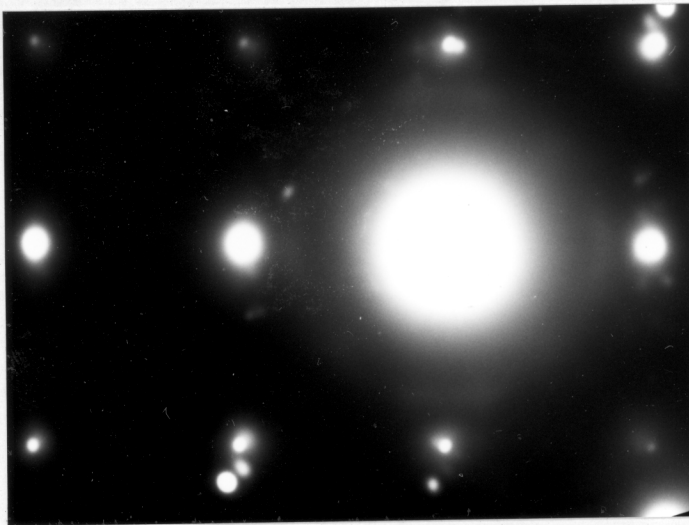


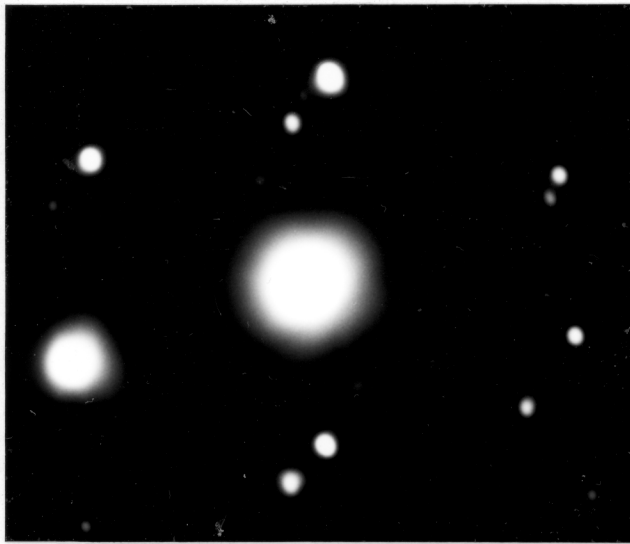
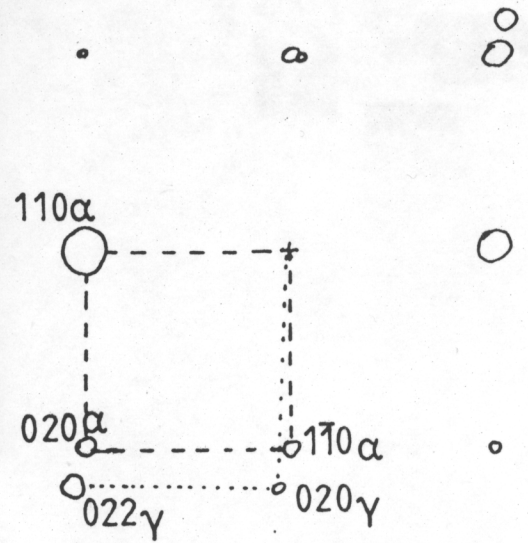
Figure 4.10. Surface relief and underlying microstructure.



1.0 μm
Figure 4.11. Bright and dark field images of retained austenite surrounding plates of acicular ferrite.



(a)



(b)

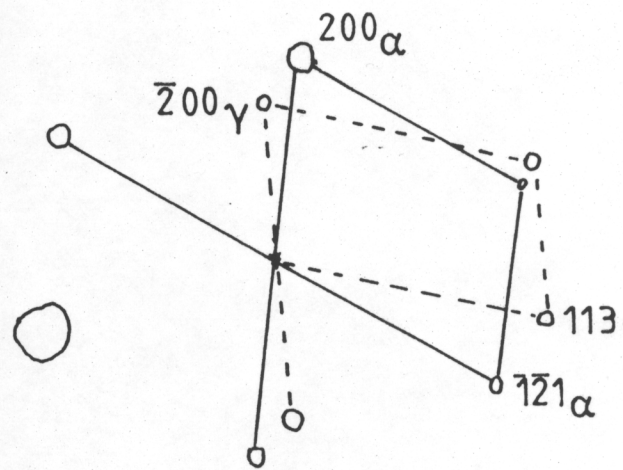
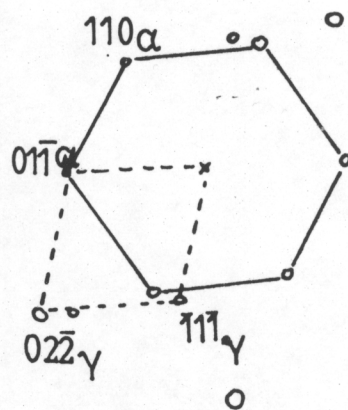
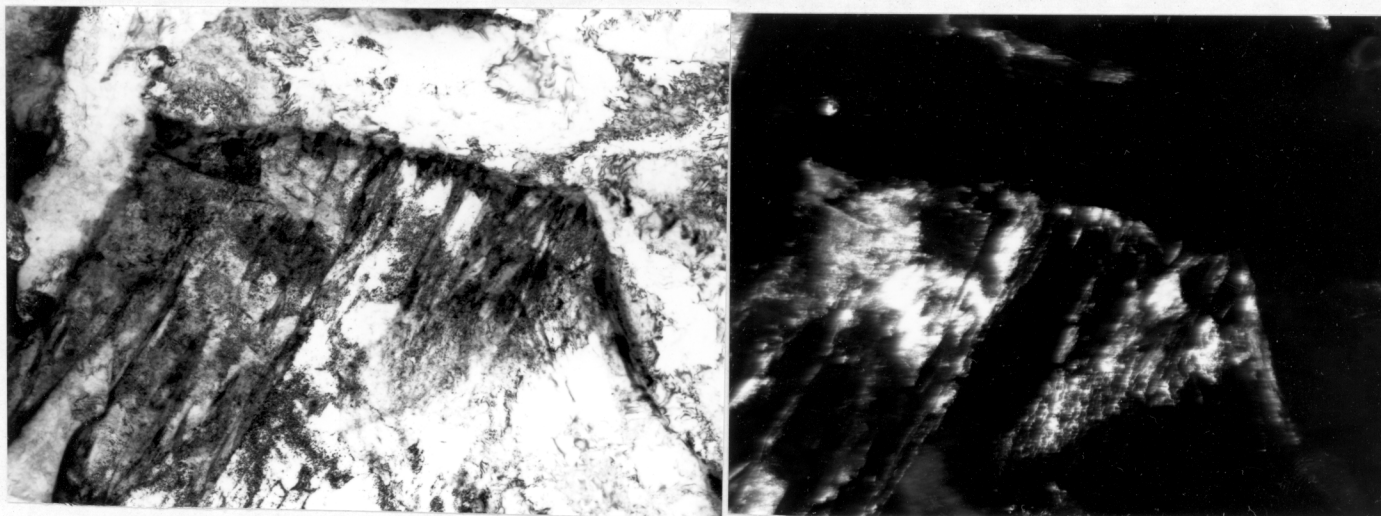


Figure 4.12. Selected area diffraction patterns from the $\alpha_{\text{acic}}/\gamma$ interface illustrating patterns from both phases. (a) is the SADP corresponding to figure 4.11.




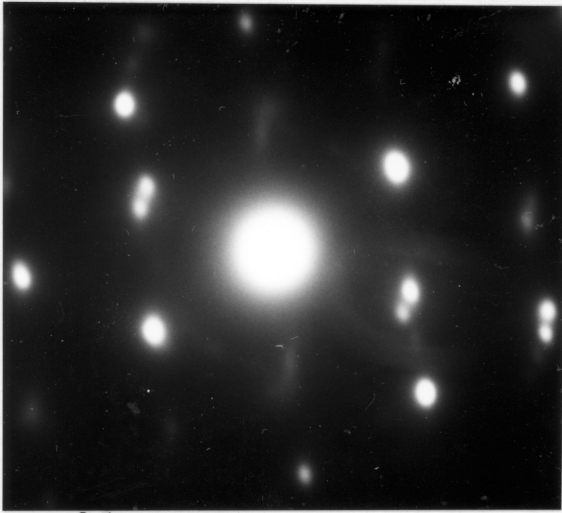
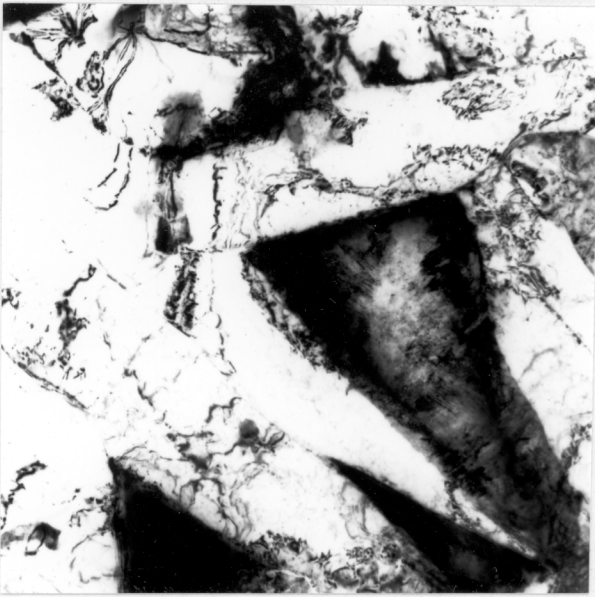
0.7 μm 

Figure 4.13. Further examples of retained austenite around α_{aic} .



0.5 μ m

Figure 4.13 (continued).

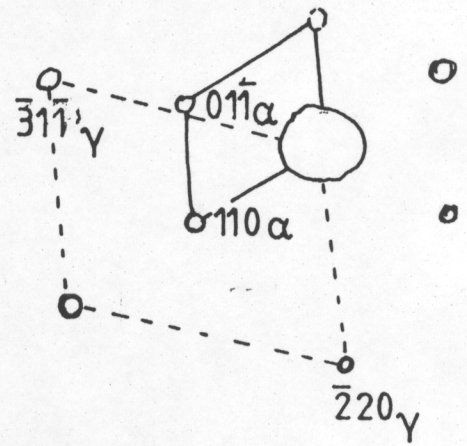
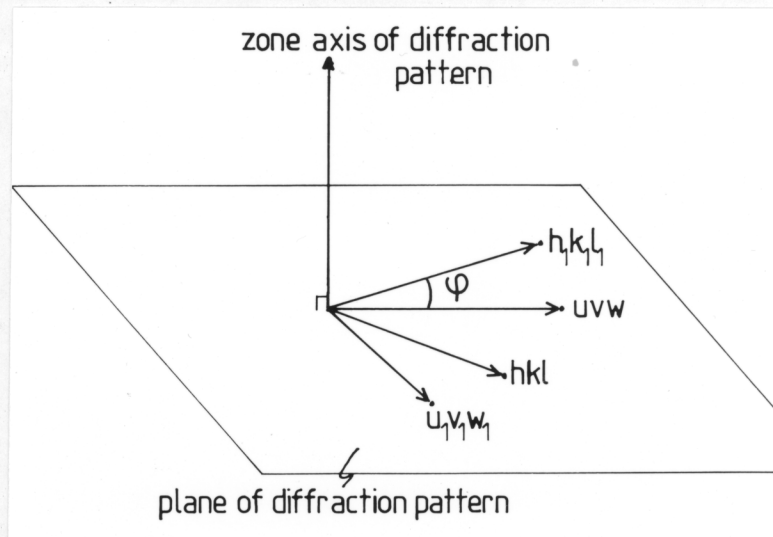
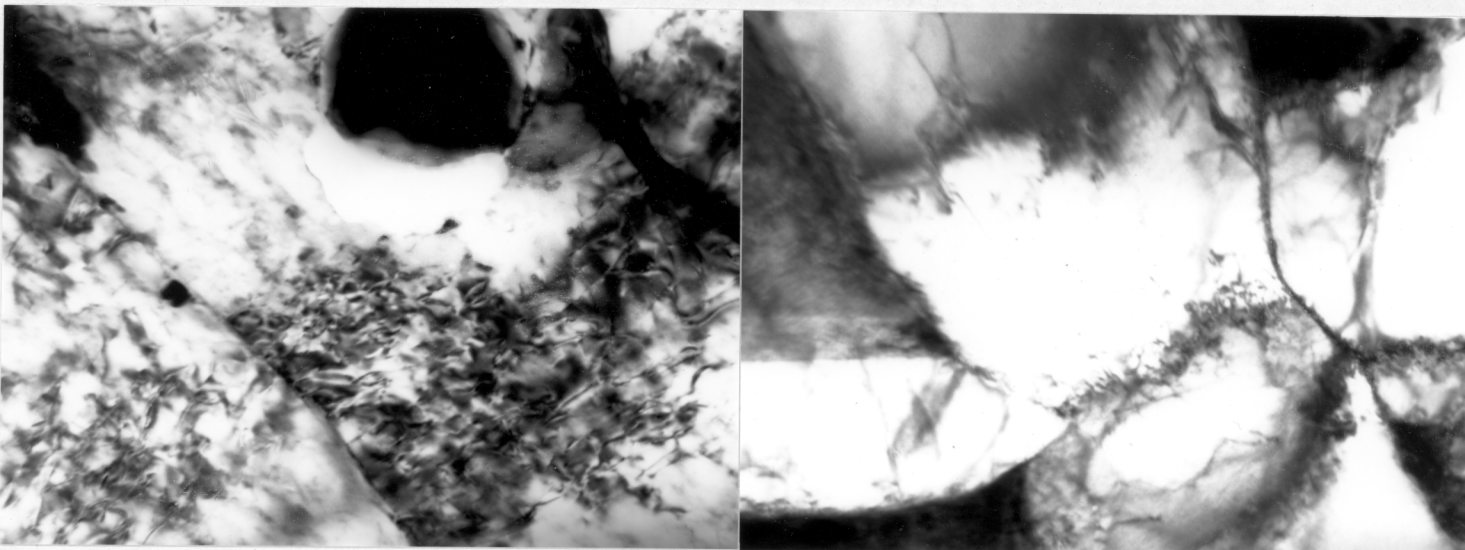



Figure 4.14. Analysis of α_{acic}/γ SADP's.





0.15 μm 


0.4 μm 

Figure 4.15. Increased dislocation density in central plate by hard impingement with adjacent plates.

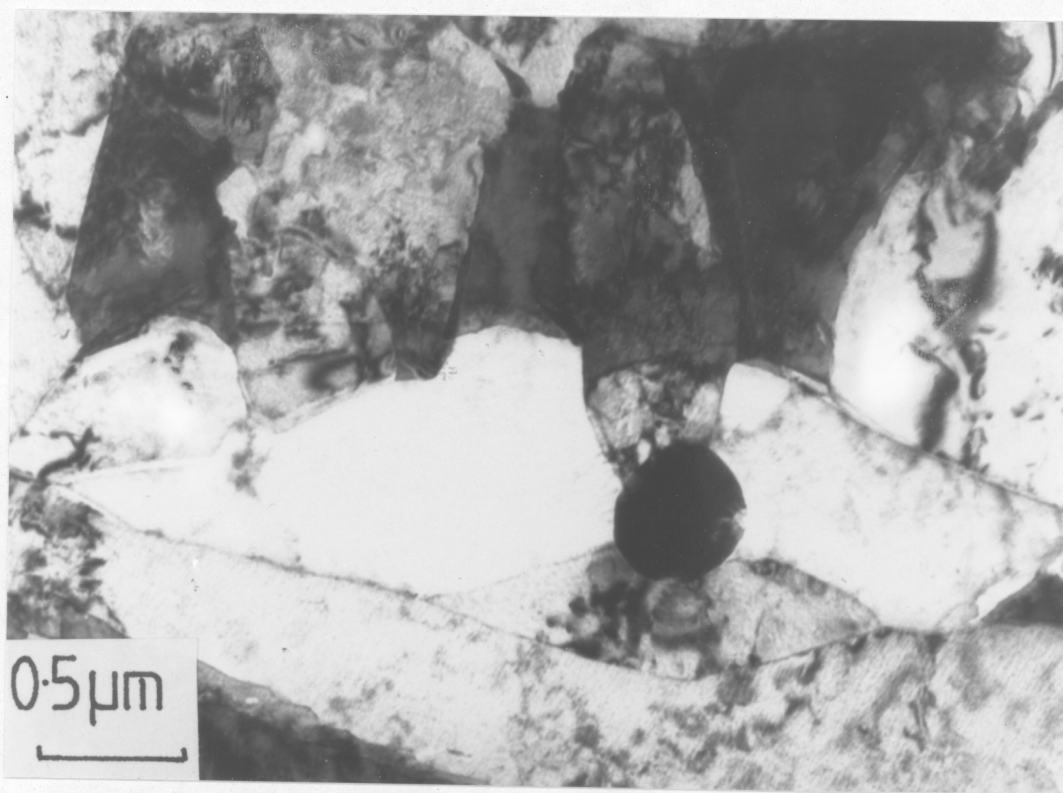
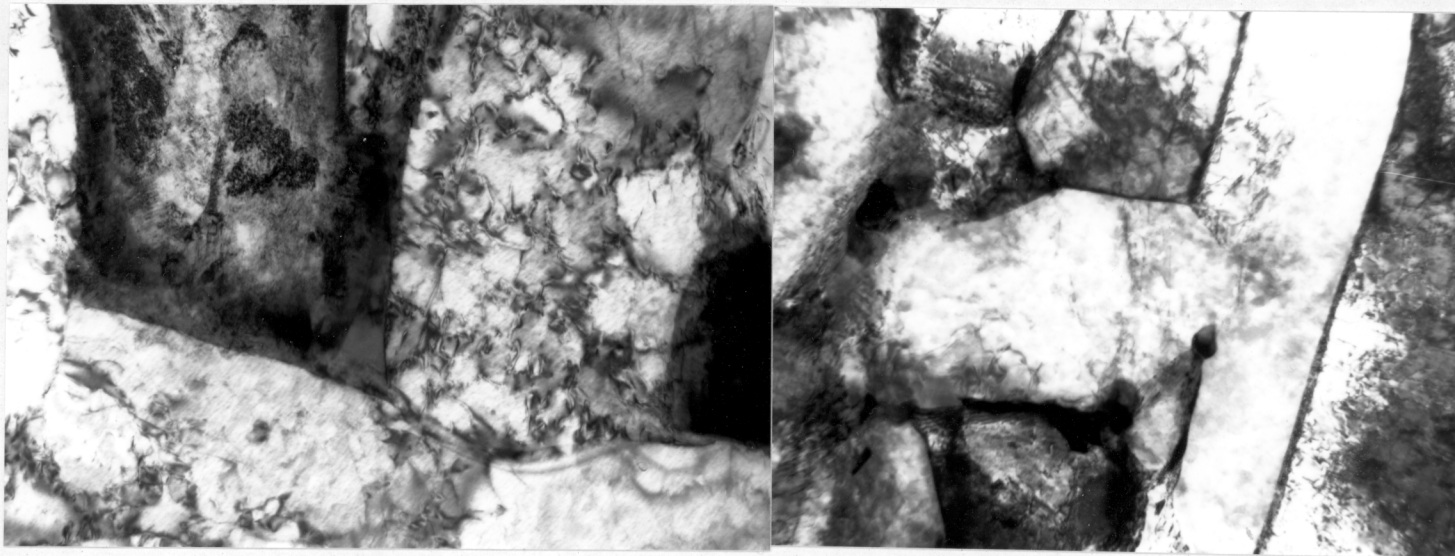


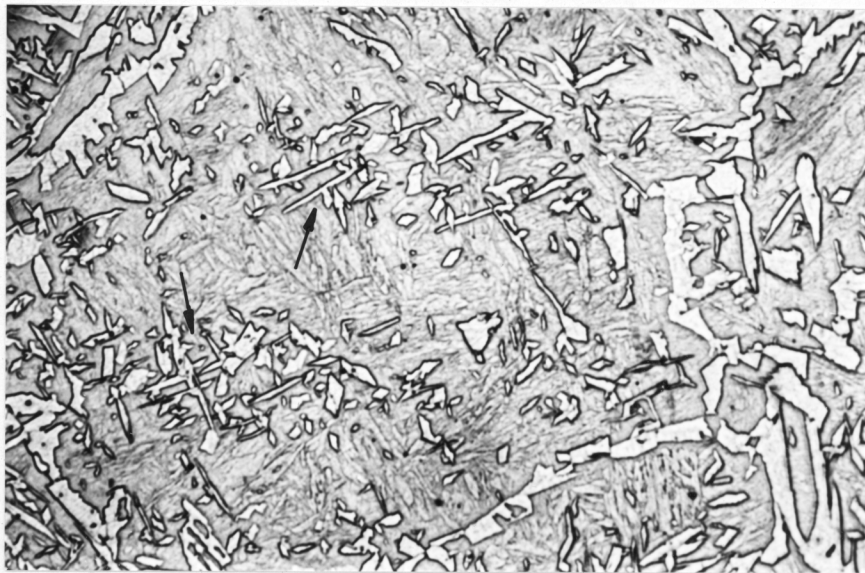


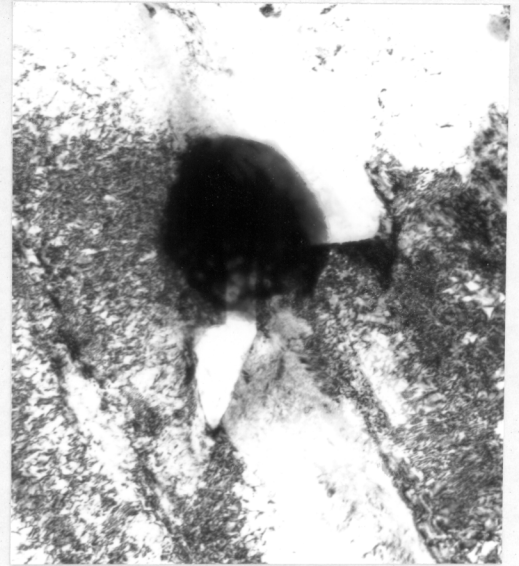
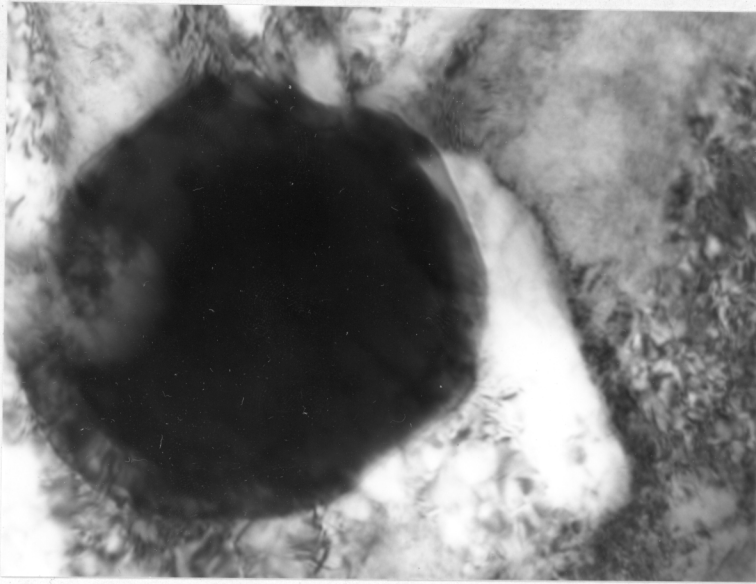
Figure 4.16. Multiple nucleation of plates on an oxide inclusion.



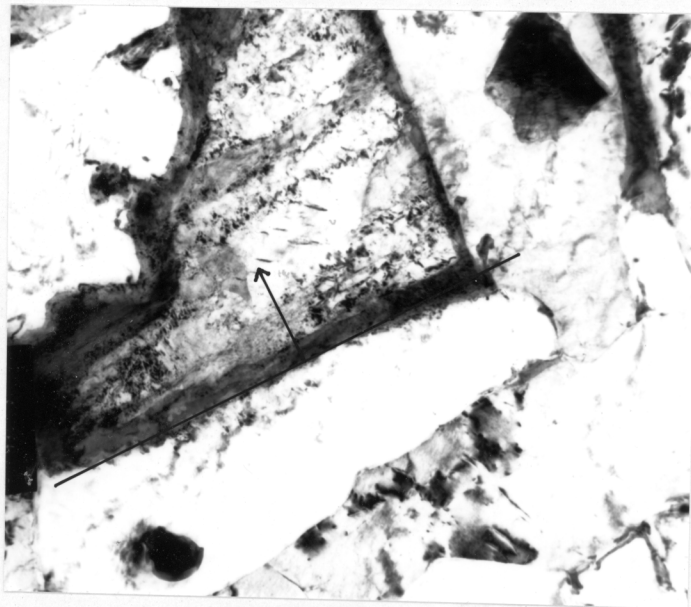
0.25 μm  0.4 μm 
 Figure 4.17. CSL lattice relations between α_{acic} plates separated by low angle boundaries.



10 μm
 Figure 4.18. Possible examples (arrowed) of sympathetic plate nucleation in PJ306 re-austenitised at 1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 10 minutes and isothermally treated at 439 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 40s.



0.1 μm 0.25 μm
Figure 4.19. Initial formation of ferrite on weld inclusions.



0.3 μm
Figure 4.20. α_{ac} plates indicating mean interface traces and normals $\underline{n}(hkl)$.

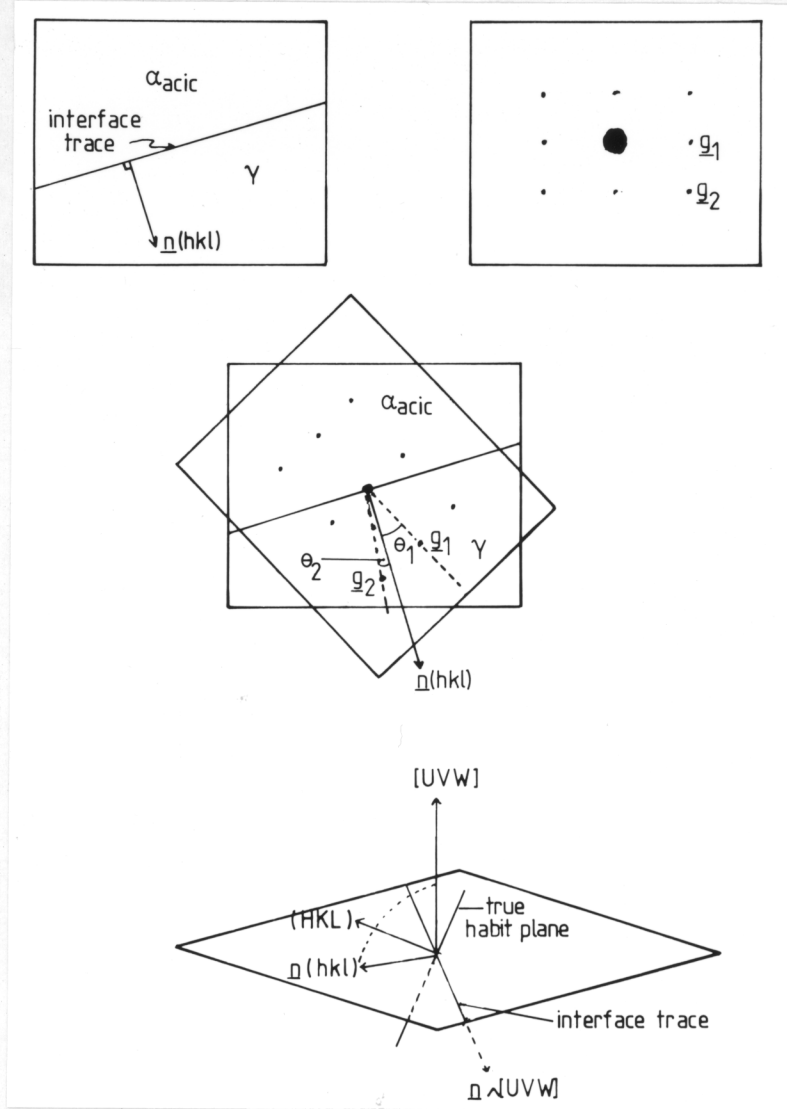


Figure 4.21. Stages in determination of $\gamma/\alpha_{\text{acic}}$ habit plane.

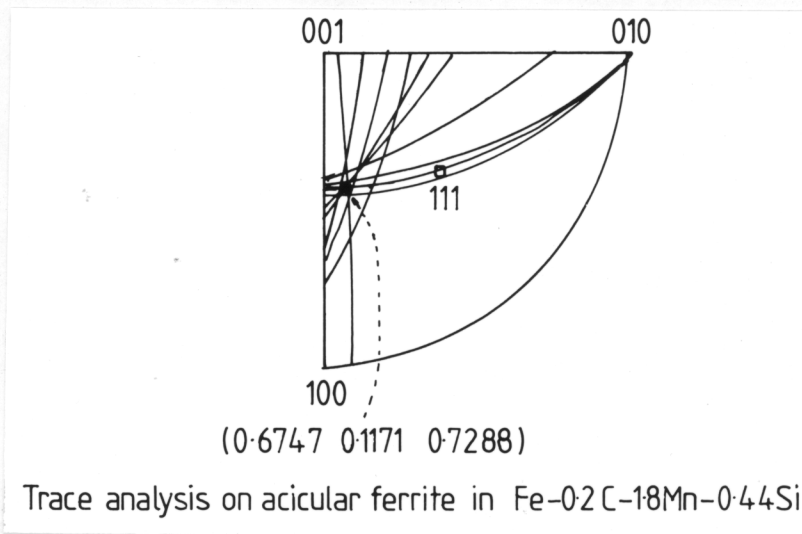


Figure 4.22. Stereogram showing great circles defined by $\underline{n}(hkl)$ and $[UVW]$.

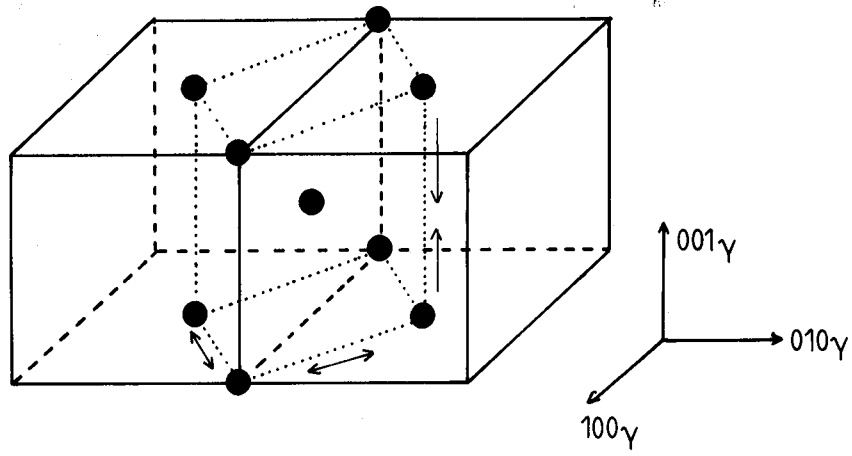


Figure 4.23. Formation of bcc unit cell from two fcc unit cells by action of Bain strain.

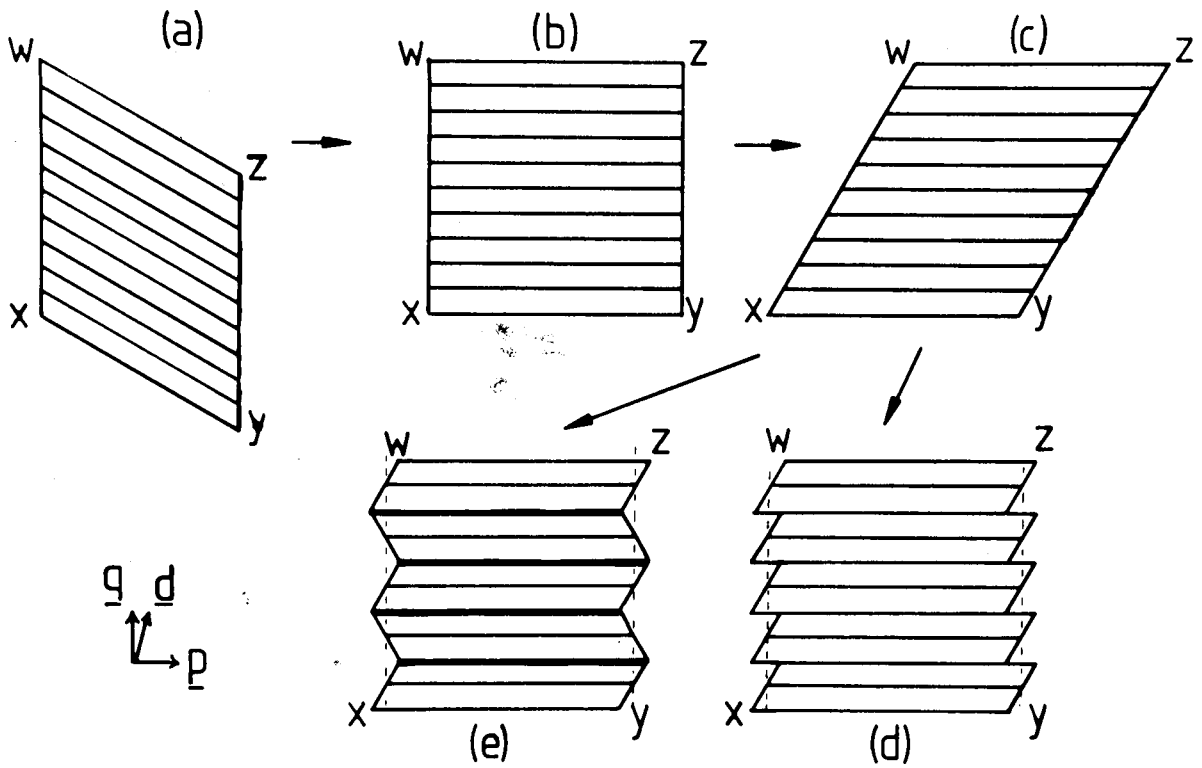
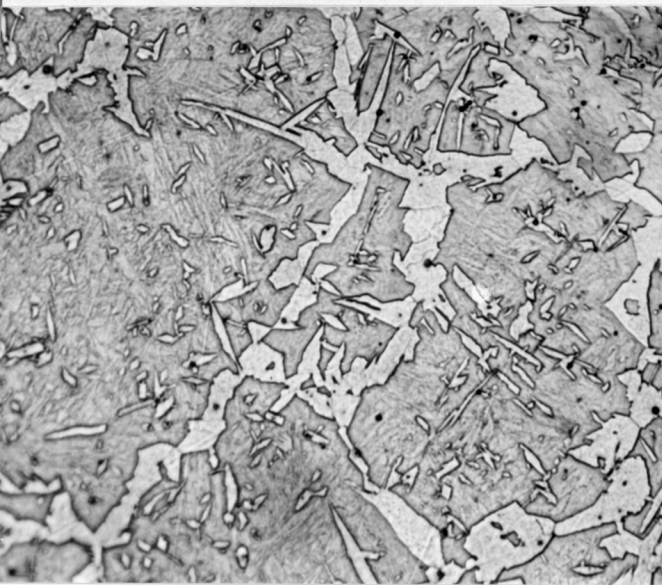


Figure 4.24. Stages in martensite formation.



4.25 (a). 486°C, 60s. 10μm



(b) 490°C, 50s. 10μm

4.25 (c). 490°C, 60s. 10μm

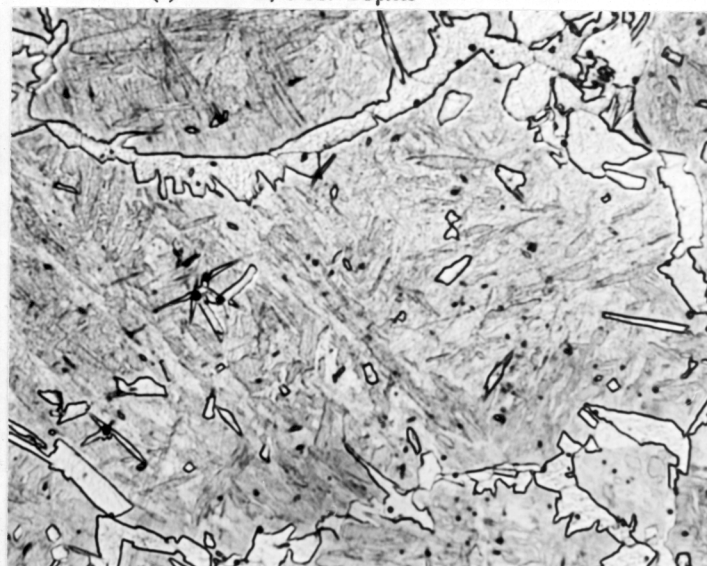
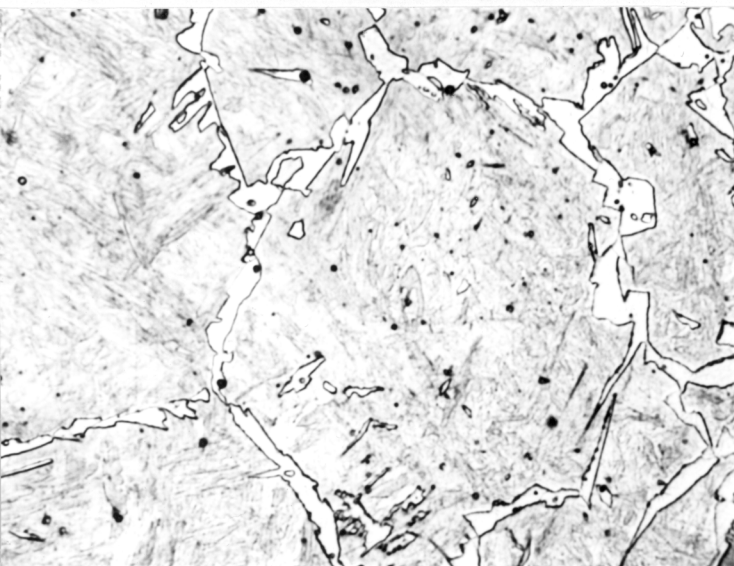
(d) 493°C, 100s. 10μm

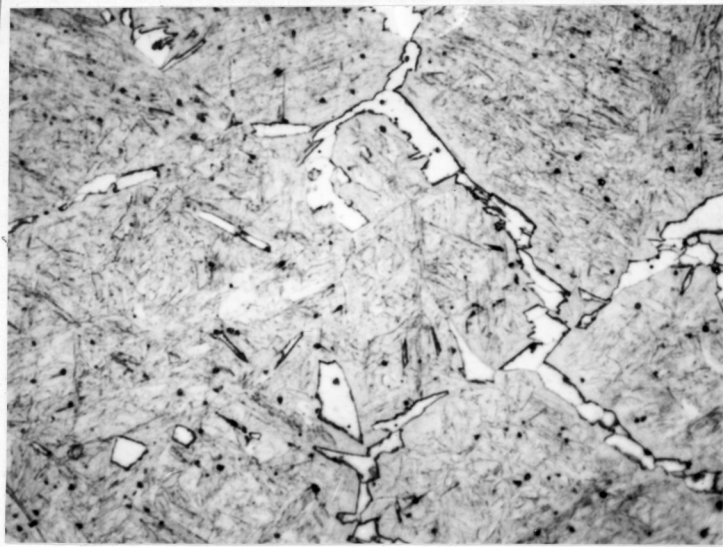


4.25 (e). 520°C, 30s. 10μm



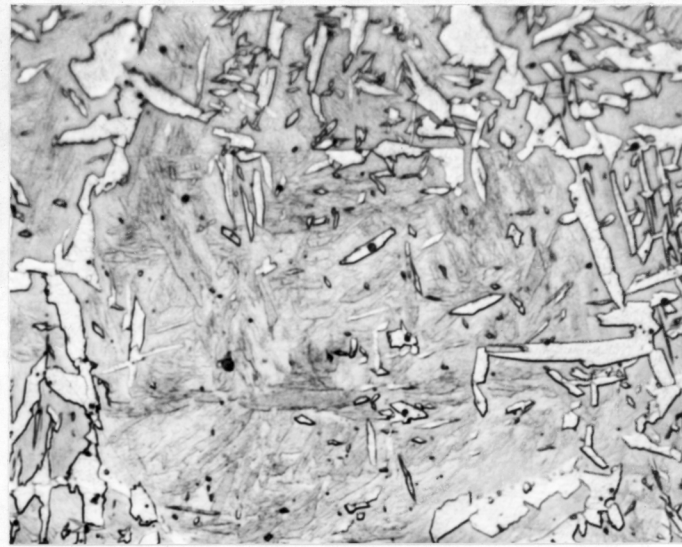
(f) 520°C, 50s. 10μm





4.25 (g). 515°C, 60s. 10μm

4.25 (i). 460°C, 50s. 10μm

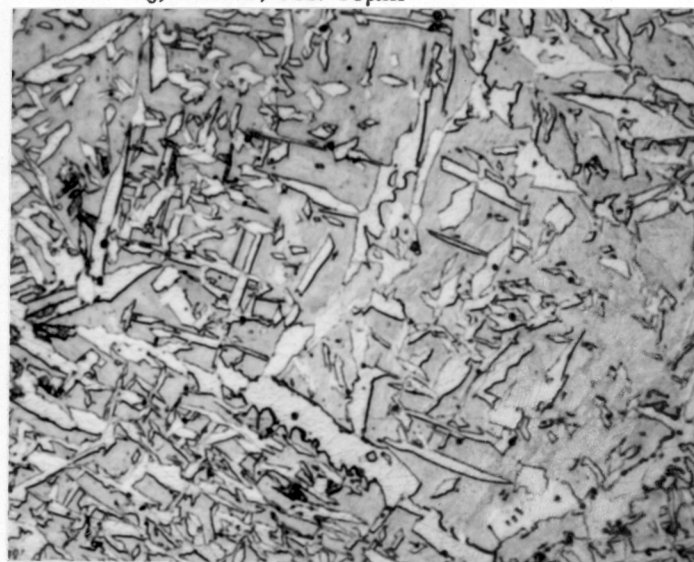


(h) 462°C, 30s. 10μm

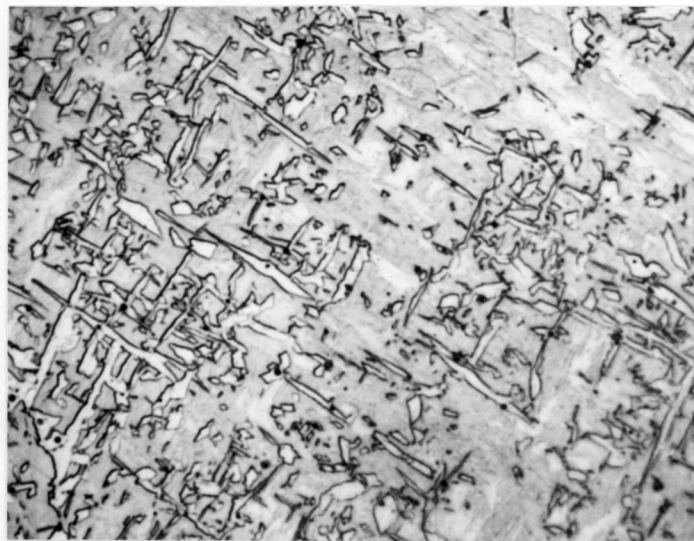
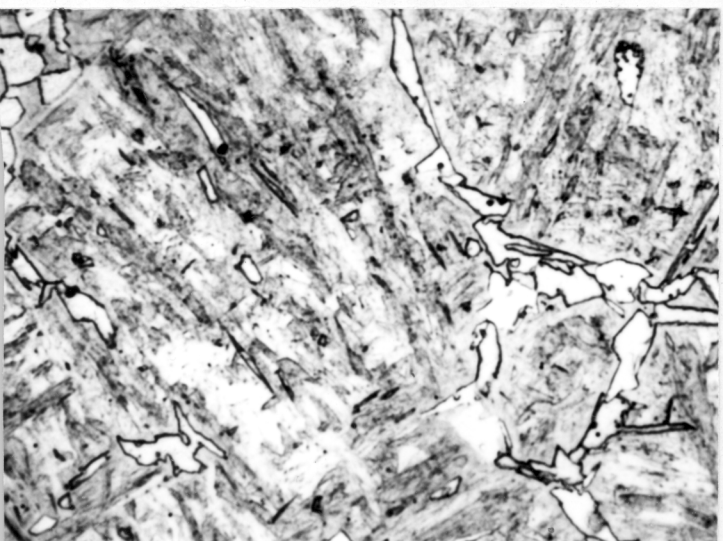
(j) 458°C, 60s. 10μm



4.25 (k). 440°C, 30s. 10μm



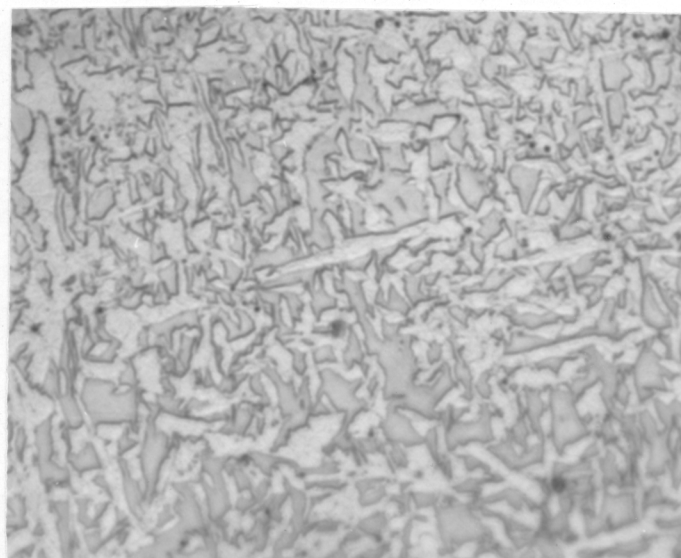
(l) 439°C, 40s. 10μm





4.25 (m). 440°C, 50s. 10µm

4.25 (o). 435°C, 100s. 10µm



(n) 438°C, 60s. 10µm

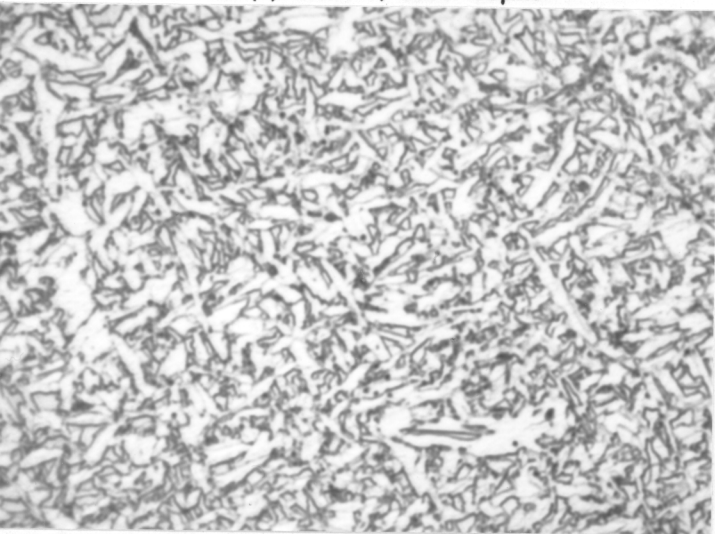


Figure 4.25. Microstructures resulting from various isothermal treatments of PJ306 after re-austenitisation at 1200°C for 10 minutes.

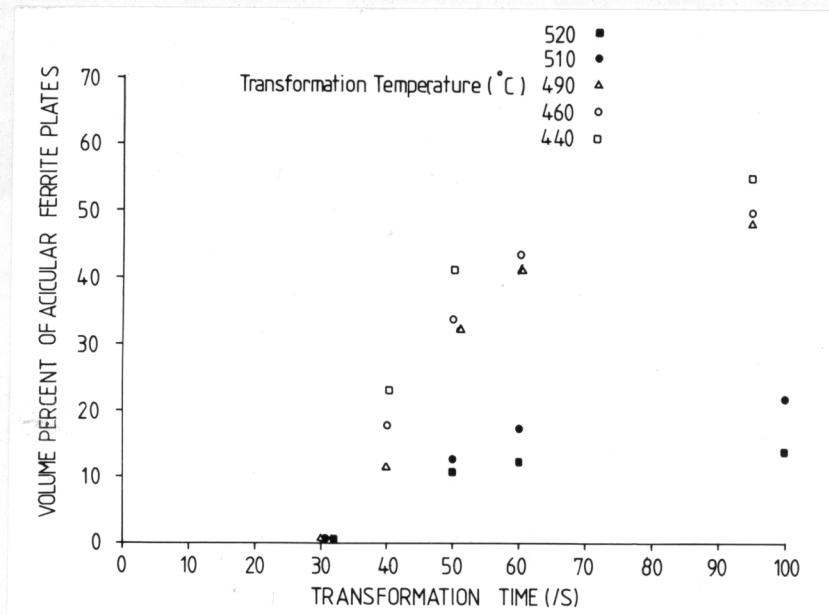


Figure 4.26. Transformation behaviour of α_{acic} as a function of time at various isothermal temperatures.

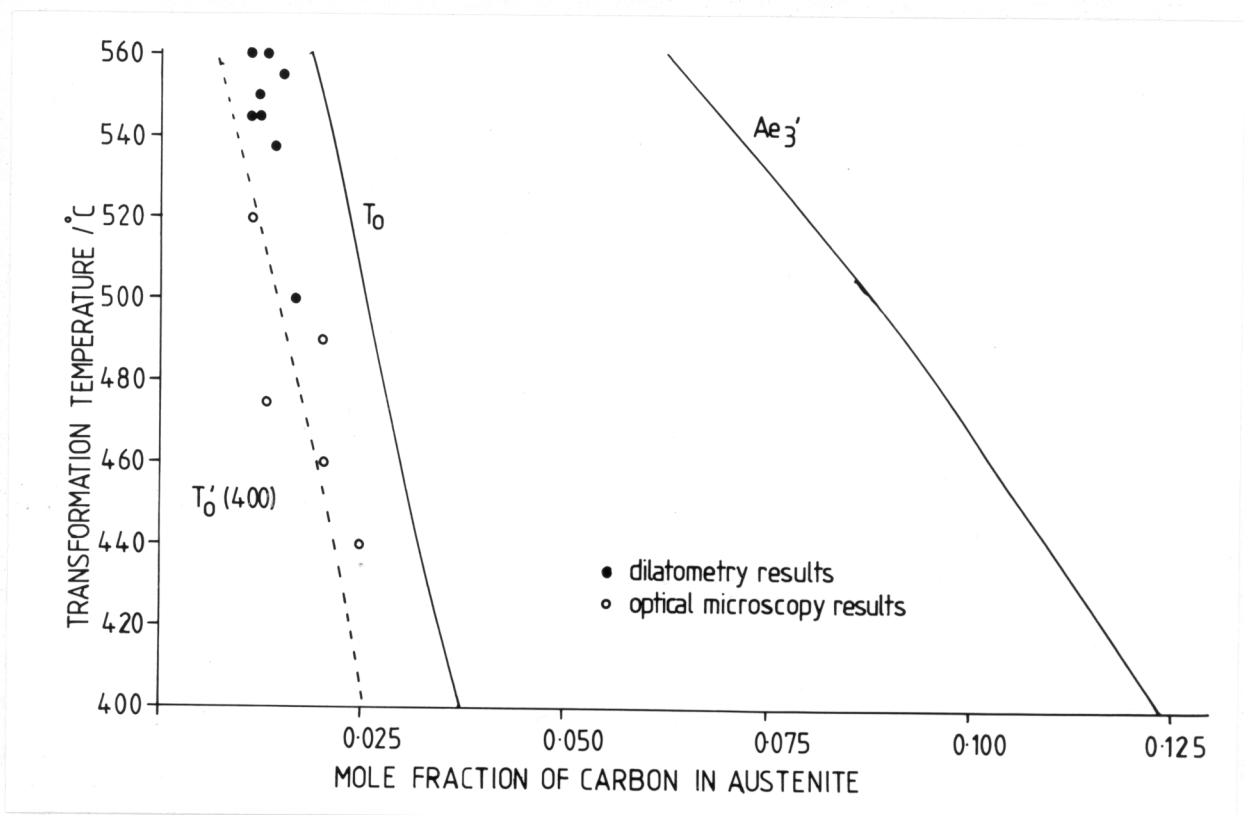


Figure 4.27. Mole fraction of carbon in γ as a function of transformation temperature at cessation of α_{acic} transformation.

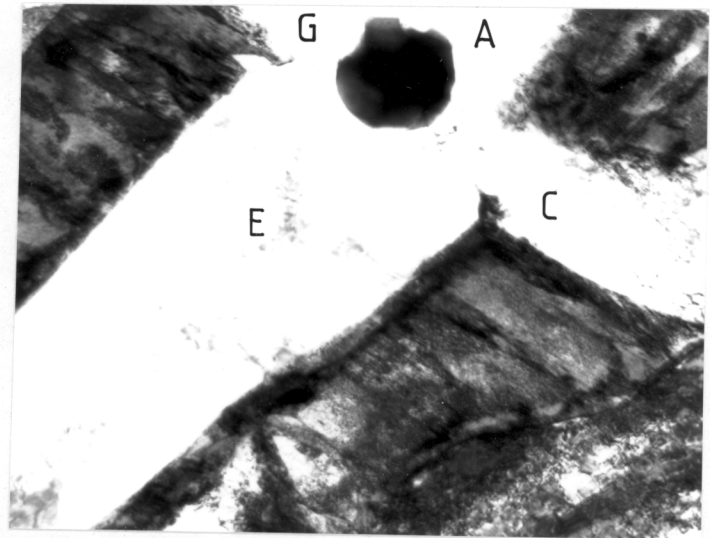
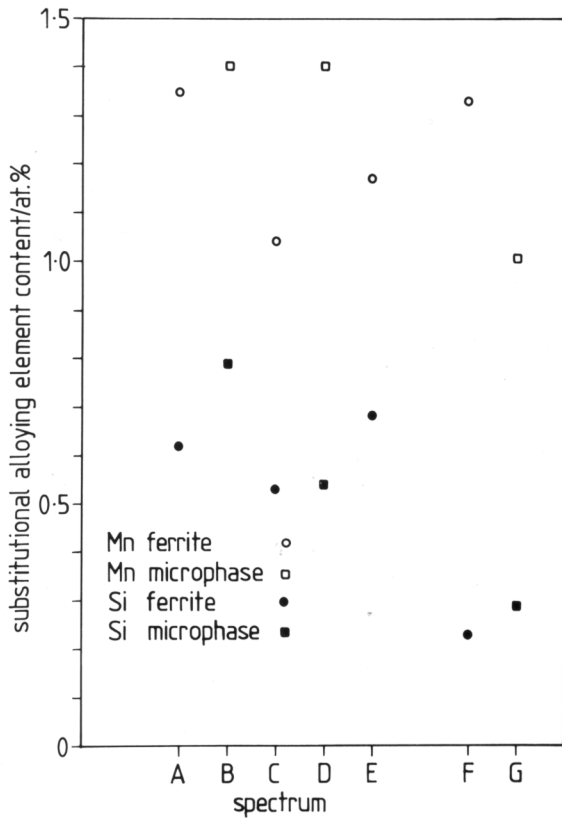
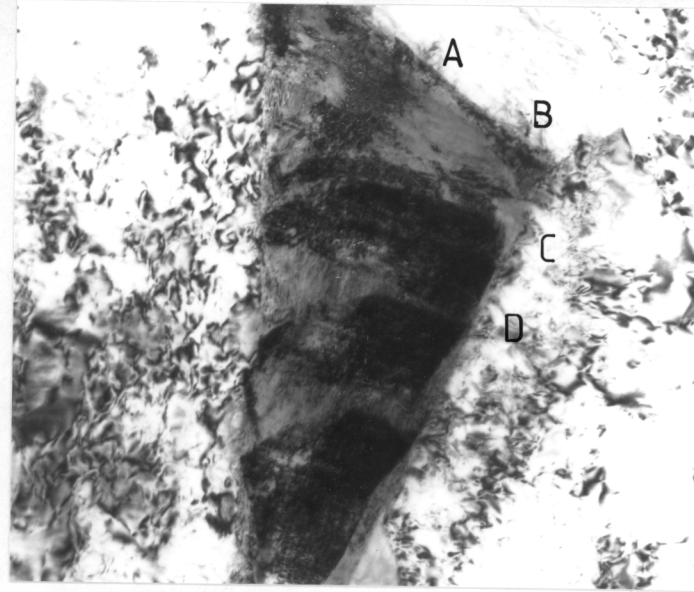
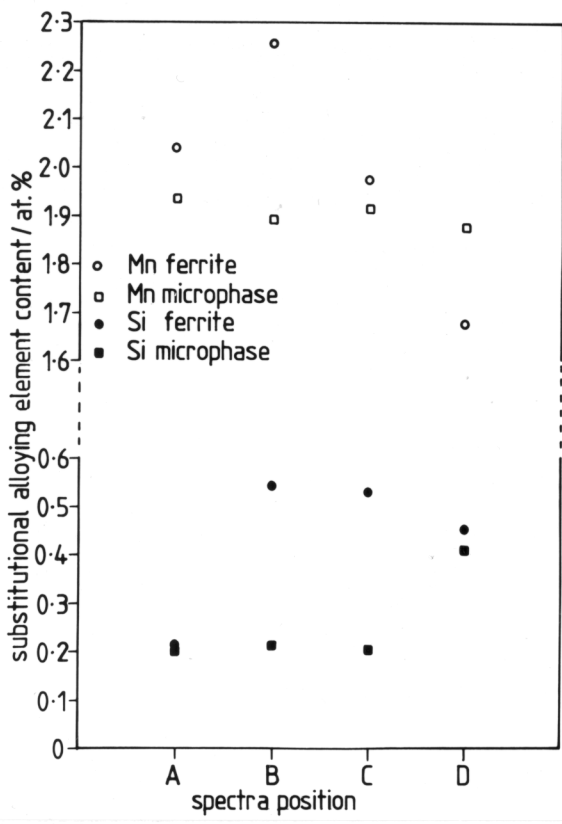


Figure 4.28. EDS plots and corresponding bright field images for α_{acid} and adjacent microphases.

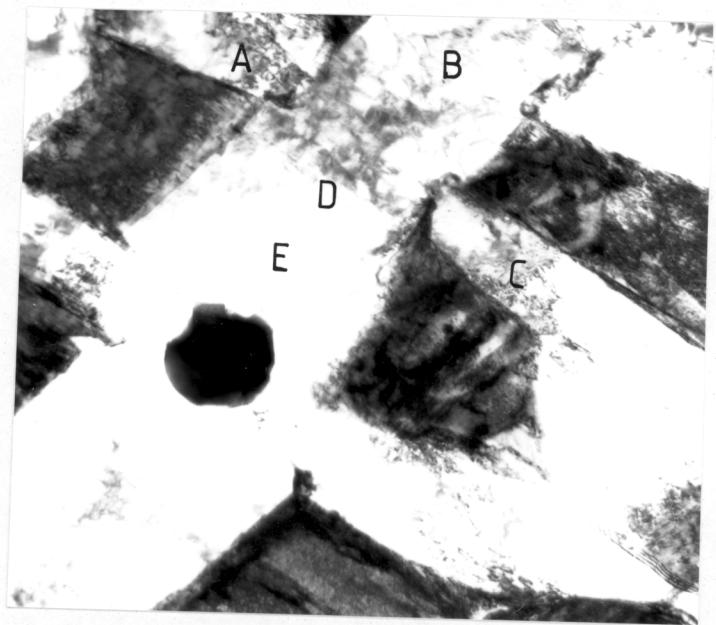
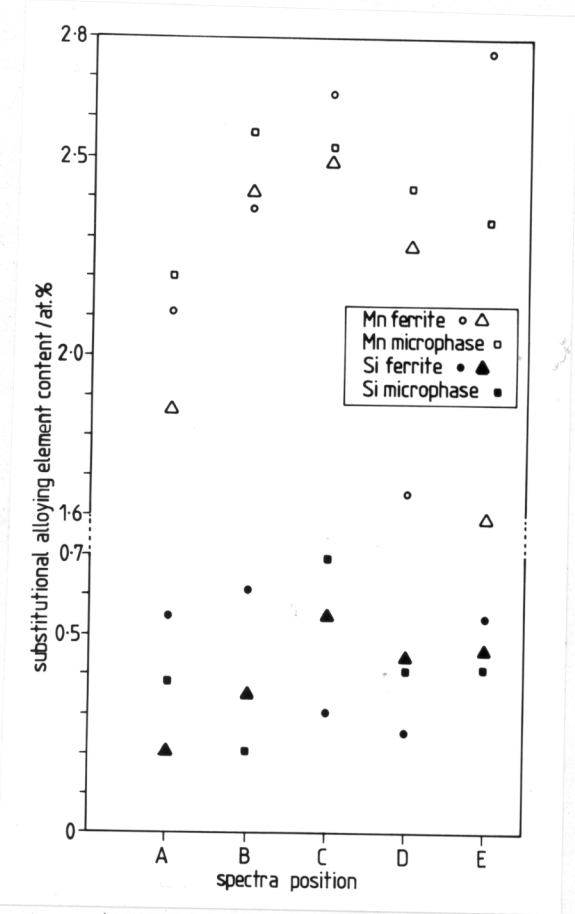
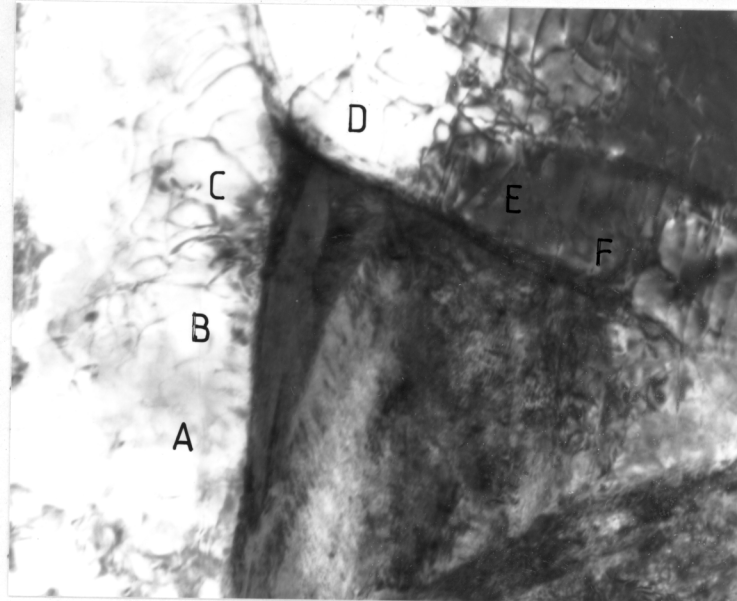
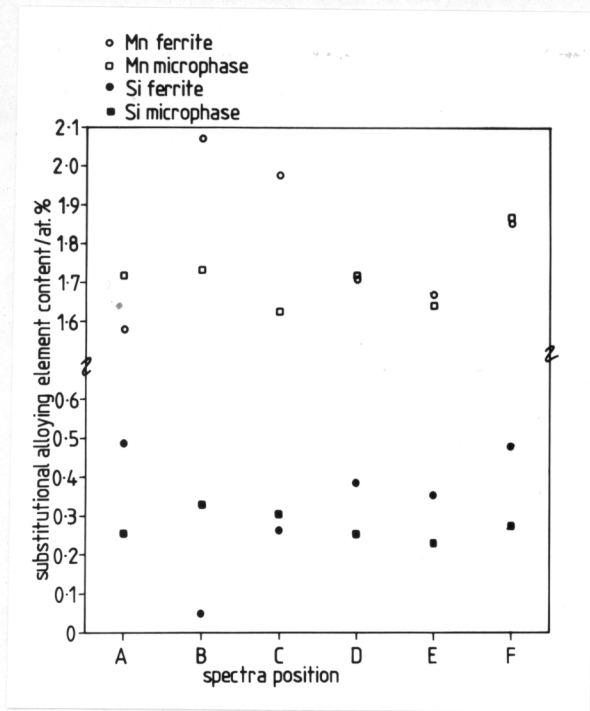
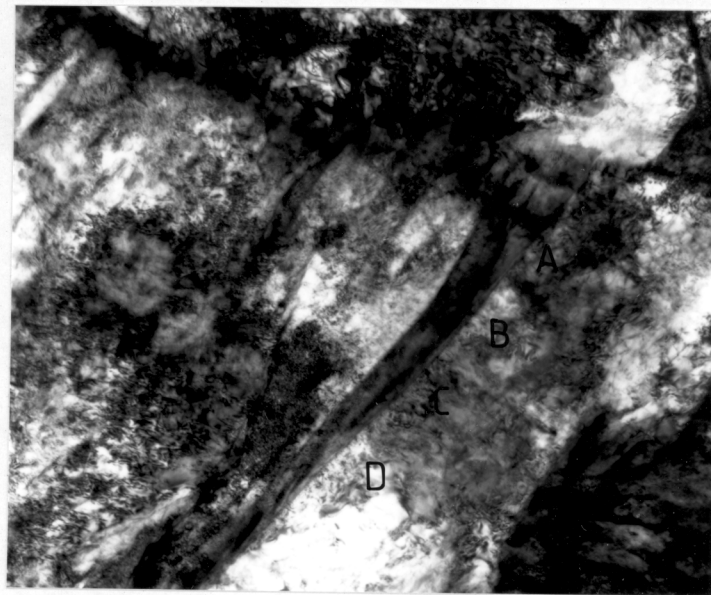
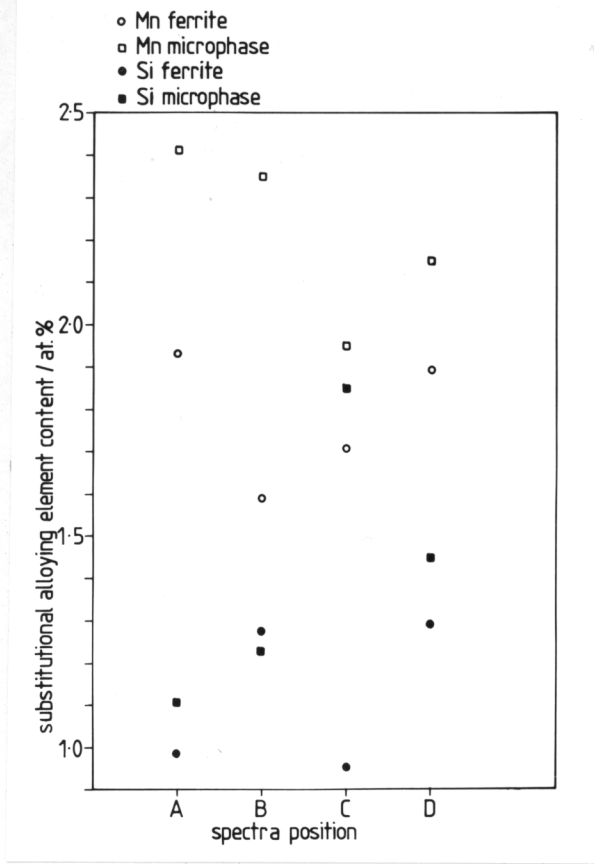
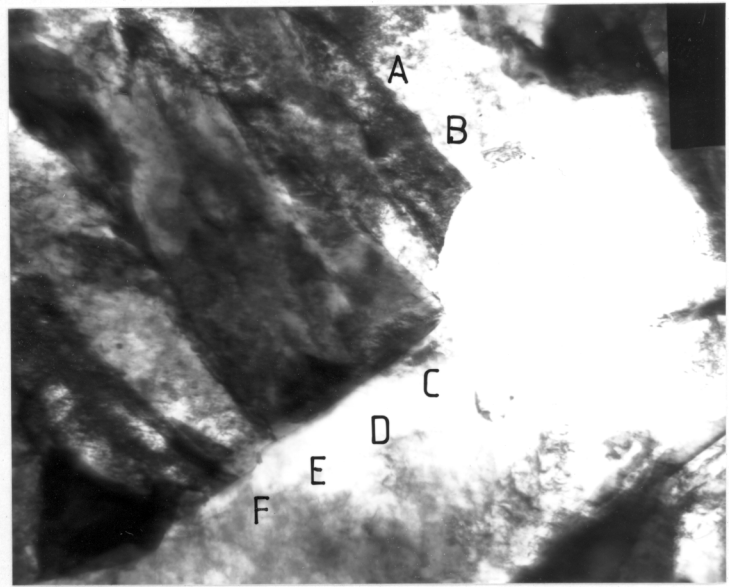
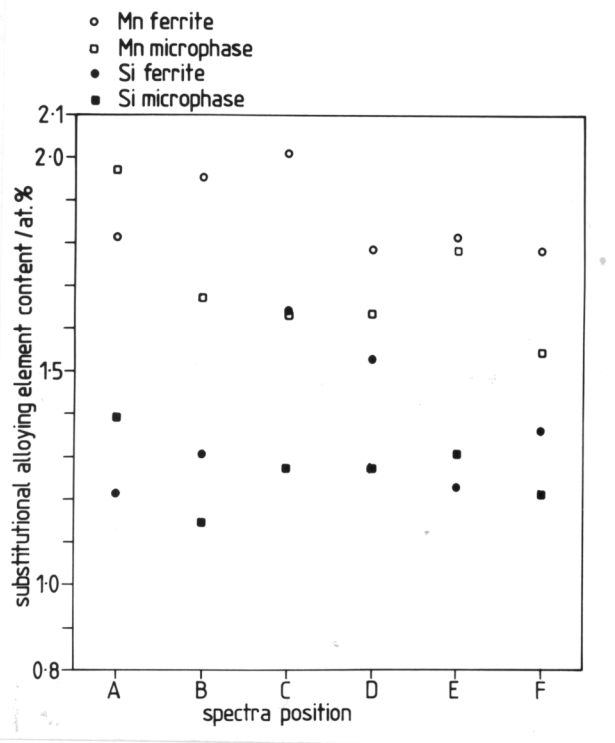


Figure 4.28 (continued).



0.5μm



0.25μm

Figure 4.28(contd).