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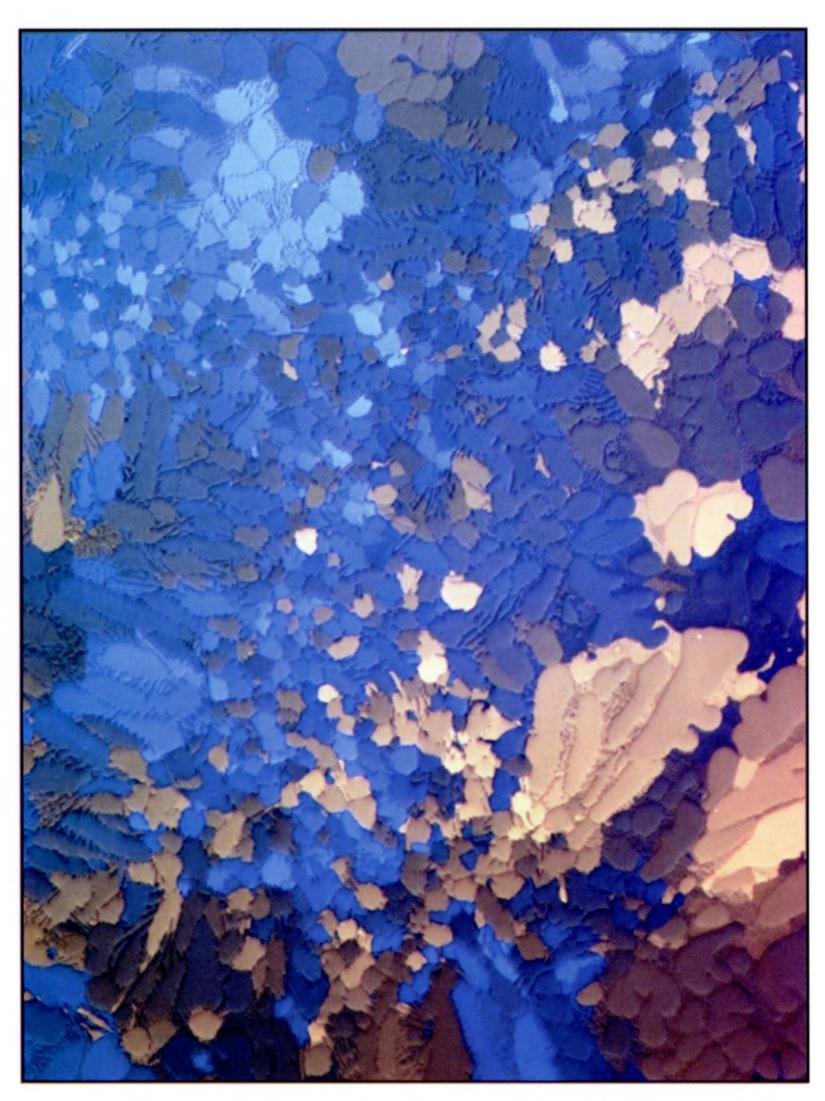
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Three crystals of tin grew from the same seed, but with different orientations, intertwining on their tortuous path to solidification.

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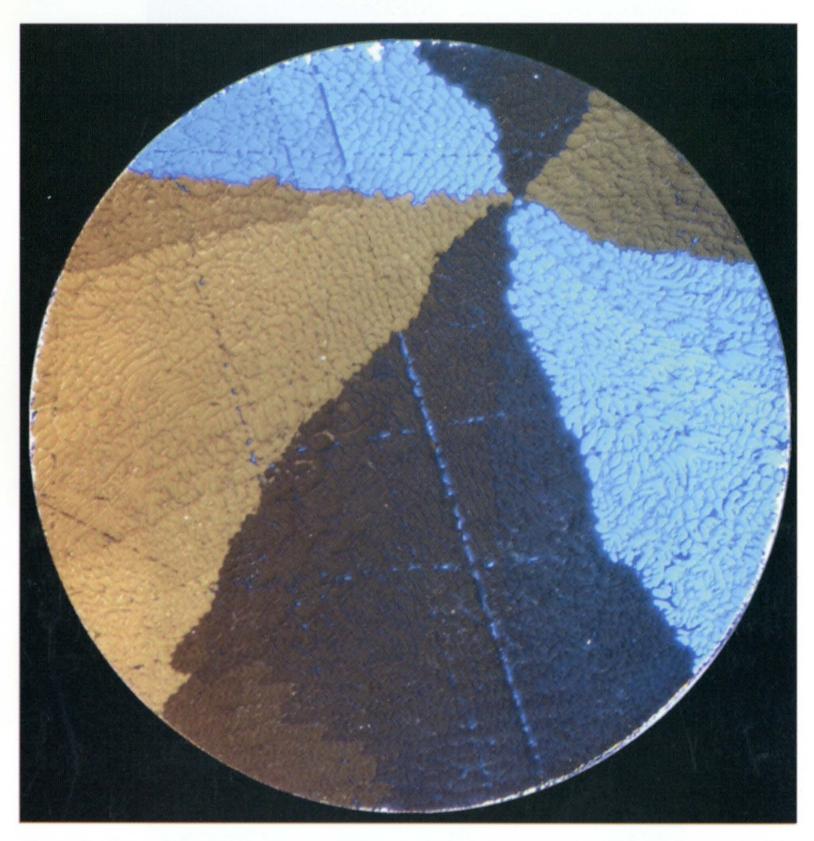


The growth of tin crystals from a tin melt containing a dash of silver changes dramatically as a third element, copper, is added.

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The presence of more copper allows the tin crystals to grow out into the melt unimpeded by their brethren, developing into large, stout individuals.



Crystals of tin align themselves on the nucleus like a hexagonal wheel, each twisting sixty degrees. This special arrangement allows them to grow apart and together to form what we call Kara's Beachball.