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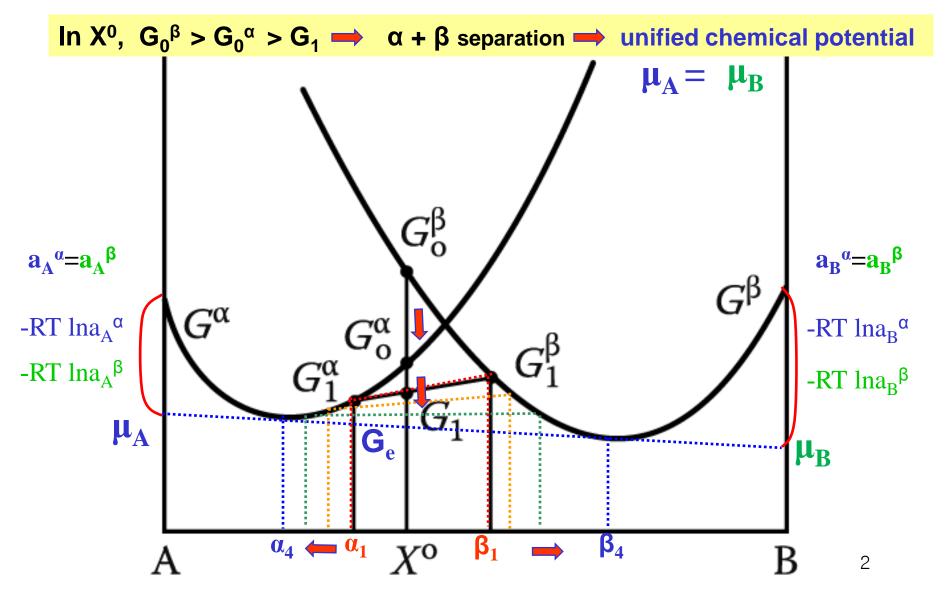
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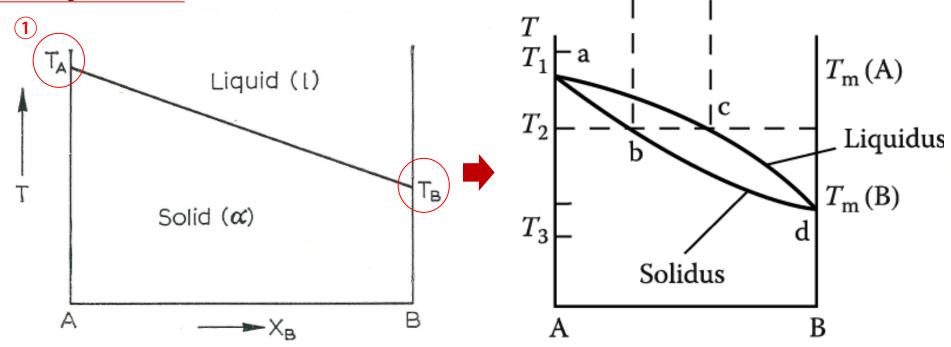
Assumption: (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid.

(2) Both are ideal soln.

$$\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0 \ \Delta H_{mix}^{S} = 0$$

(3) $T_m(A) > T_m(B)$

Since $S^s \neq S^l$, then $dT/dX_A = 0$. Thus the condition $X_A^s = X_A^l$ is only associated with $dT/dX_A = 0$, i.e. with a minimum or a maximum in the line $T_A T_B$ of Fig. 22. Except for this particular case therefore $X_A^s \neq X_A^l$. There is a difference between the composition of the liquid and solid phase in the general case.



* Consider the free energy curves for liquid and α phase at a temperature T, where $\underline{T_A} > \underline{T} > \underline{T_B}$. The standard states are <u>pure solid</u> A and <u>pure liquid</u> B at temperature T. \rightarrow Derive the free energy curves for the liquid and α phases.

2 X-T relationship in A-rich and B-rich compositions

As the temperature approaches T_A the quantities X_A^s and X_A^l will approach unity, and 1/T will approach $1/T_A$.

Hence near T_A :

$$\ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^{\rm s}}{X_{\rm B}^{l}} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm B}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\rm B}} \right). \qquad \text{X-T relationship}$$
in A-rich composition (103)

Similarly, if the temperature approaches $T_{\rm B}$, $X_{\rm B}^s \simeq X_{\rm B}^l \to 1$ and $1/T \to 1/T_{\rm B}$. Near $T_{\rm B}$:

$$\ln \frac{X_{\rm A}^s}{X_{\rm A}^l} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm A}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\rm A}} \right). \qquad \text{X-T relationship}$$
in B-rich composition (104)

Knowing ΔH_A , ΔH_B , T_A and T_B , the above two equations can be used to determine the compositions of co-existing phases at a series of temperatures, T, between T_A and T_B . \rightarrow Fig. 23f

Referring to Fig. 23f, if A is regarded as the solvent, for very dilute solutions of B in A we can write

$$X_A \rightarrow 1$$
 and $-\ln X_A \simeq X_B$.

In terms of eqn. (104):

$$X_{\rm A}^l - X_{\rm A}^s = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm A}}{R} \left(\frac{T_{\rm A} - T}{T T_{\rm A}} \right).$$

Since $X_A^l = 1 - X_B^l$ and $X_A^s = 1 - X_B^s$

$$X_{\rm B}^s - X_{\rm B}^l = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm A}}{R} \left(\frac{T_{\rm A} - T}{T T_{\rm A}} \right). \tag{105}$$

As T approaches T_A (in dilute solutions of B in solvent A), the denominator on the right-hand side of eqn. (105) can be written RT_A^2 . Therefore

$$X_{\rm B}^{\rm s} - X_{\rm B}^{\rm l} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm A}}{RT_{\rm A}^2} (T_{\rm A} - T)$$
 (106)

or,

3 ΔH effect for G curvature $\left(\frac{dX_B^s}{dT} - \frac{dX_B^l}{dT}\right)_{T=T_A} = \frac{\Delta H_A}{RT_A^2}$. (107) and liquidus curve

Equations (106) and (107) are referred to as the Van't Hoff relation. They give the depression of the freezing point for a liquid solution in equilibrium with a solid solution. The difference in initial slopes of the solidus and liquidus curves, the slopes at $T = T_A$ and $X_A = 1$, are dependent on the latent heat of fusion of pure A (ΔH_A) but independent of the nature of the solute.

* Consider actual (or so-called regular) solutions

in which $\Delta H_m \neq 0$, but $\Delta S_m = \Delta S_{m,ideal}$

$$\Delta G_m^l = \Delta H_m^l + X_A^l \Delta G_A + RT(X_A^l \ln X_A^l + X_B^l \ln X_B^l).$$

Since

$$\Delta G_{\rm A} = \Delta H_{\rm A} - T \Delta S_{\rm A}$$

then,

$$\Delta G_m^l = \Delta H_m^l + X_A^l \Delta H_A - \frac{X_A^l T \Delta S_A}{X_A^l T \Delta S_A} + RT(X_A^l \ln X_A^l + X_B^l \ln X_B^l).$$

The free energy curve for the solid phase is:

$$\Delta G_m^s = \Delta H_m^s - X_B^s \Delta G_B + RT(X_A^s \ln X_A^s + X_B^s \ln X_B^s)$$

or,

$$\Delta G_m^s = \Delta H_m^s - X_B^s \Delta H_B + \frac{X_B^s T \Delta S_B}{X_B^s T \Delta S_B} + RT(X_A^s \ln X_A^s + X_B^s \ln X_B^s).$$

4 Temperature effect for G variation: role of ΔS

1) Simple Phase Diagrams a) Variation of temp.: G^L > G^s

b) T ↓ → Decrease of curvature of G curve
 (∵ decrease of -TΔS_{mix} effect)

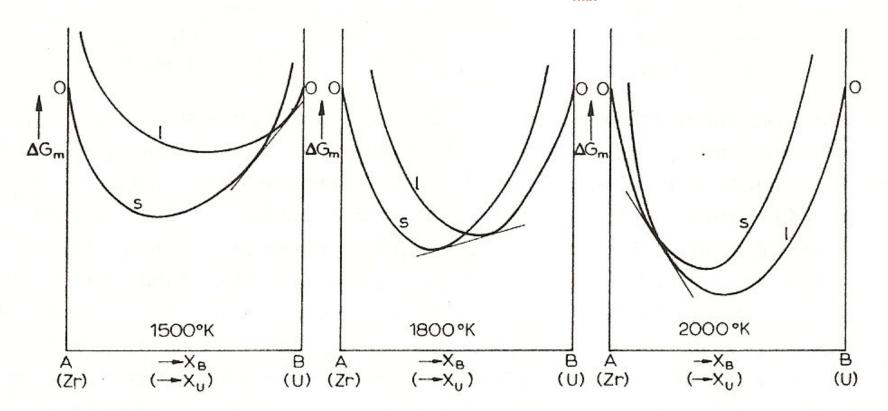


Fig. 26. Free energy curves for liquid and solid phases in the U-Zr system at 1500°, 1800° and 2000 °K. It was assumed that $\Delta H_m^l = \Delta H_m^s$

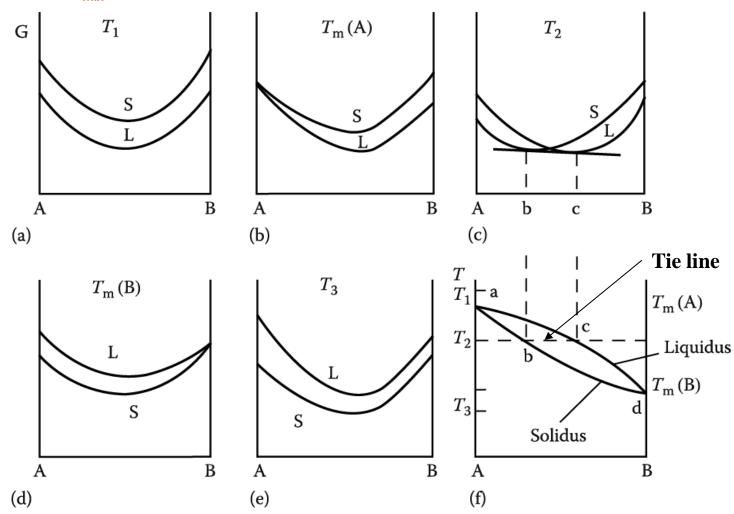
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- (4) $T_1 > T_m(A) > T_2 > T_m(B) > T_3$



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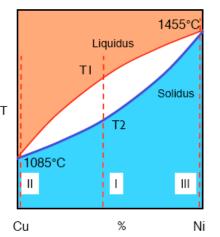
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$$G_0^{\beta} > G_0^{\alpha} > G_0^{\alpha+\beta} \implies \alpha + \beta$$
 separation \implies unified chemical potential

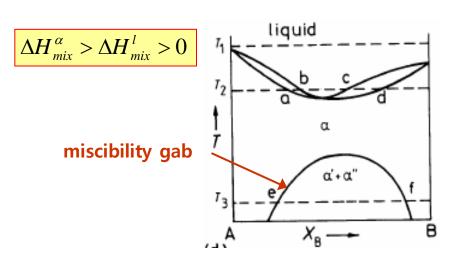
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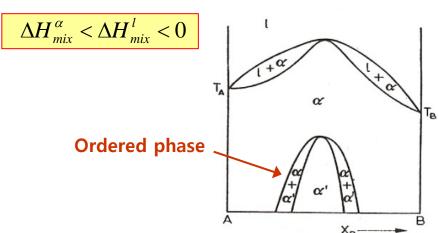
$$\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0 \ \Delta H_{mix}^{S} = 0$$

Assume: (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid. ^T (2) Both are ideal soln.



2) Variant of the simple phase diagram





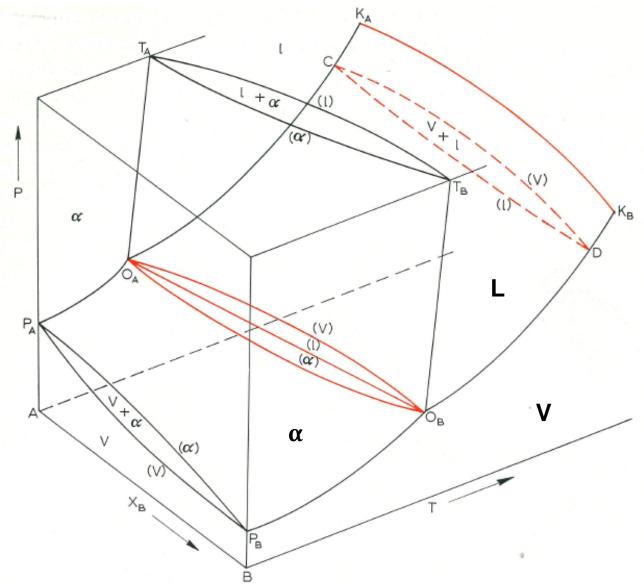


Fig. 35. Pressure-temperature-composition phase diagram for a system with continuous series of solutions

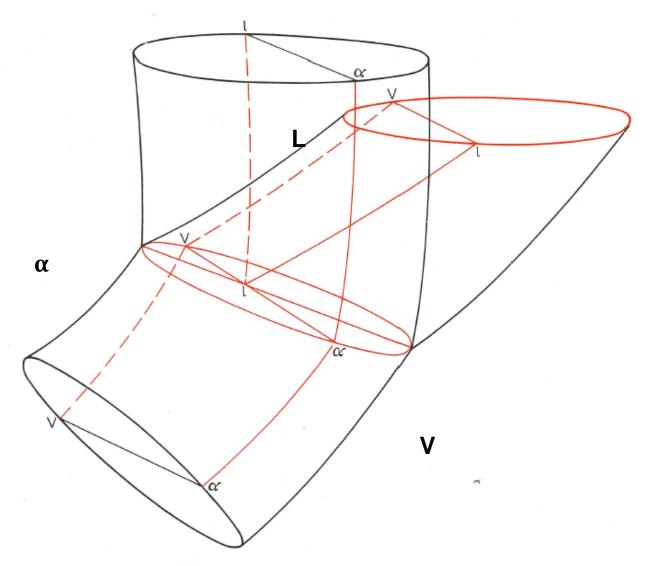


Fig. 36. Formation of a three-phase tie line $Vl\alpha$.

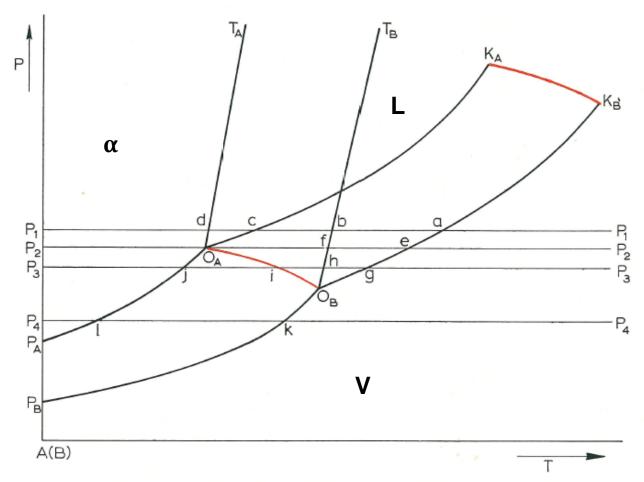


Fig. 37. Two-dimensional projection of Fig. 35 on the P-T plane for component A. P_AO_A — equilibrium between V_A and α_A ; P_BO_B — V_B and α_B ; O_AT_A — I_A and α_A ; O_BT_B — I_B and α_B ; O_AK_A — I_A and I_A ; I_B and I_A ; I_A and I_A ; I_B and I_B ; I_A and I_A ;

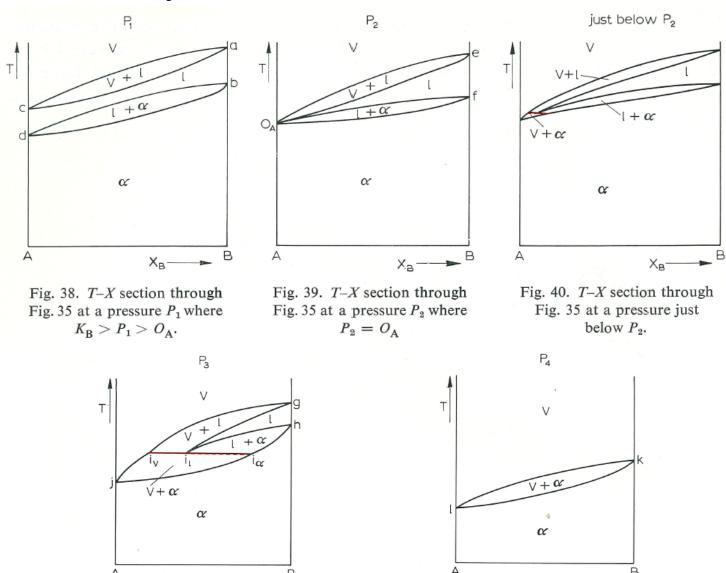


Fig. 41. T-X section through Fig. 35 at a pressure P_3 where $O_A > P_3 > O_B$.

X_B-

Fig. 42. T-X section through Fig. 35 at a pressure P_4 where $O_{\rm B} > P_4 > P_{\rm B}$.

X_B-

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- c) Limiting forms of eutectic phase diagrams
- d) Retrogade solidus curves

* Simple Eutectic Systems

$$\Delta H_{mix}^{\alpha} > \Delta H_{mix}^{l} > 0$$

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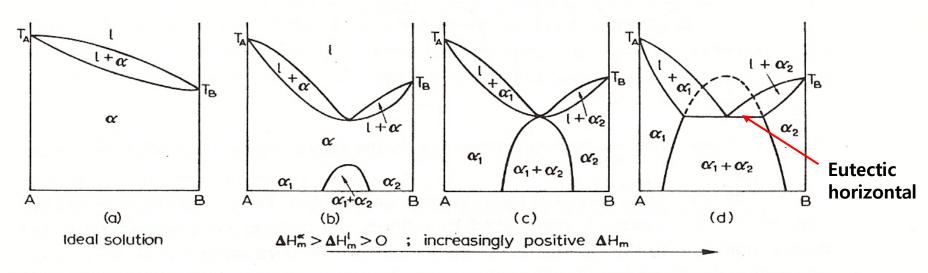


Fig. 43. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram for a continuous series of solutions to a eutectic-type.

* Simple Eutectic Systems

ΔH_m>>0 and the miscibility gap extends to the melting temperature.
 (when both solids have the same structure.)

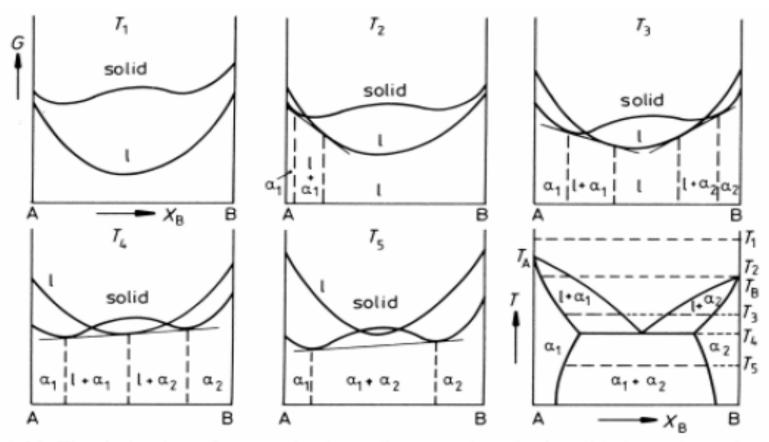


Fig 1.32 The derivation of a eutectic phase diagram where both solid phases have the same crystal structure. (After A.H. Cottrell, *Theoretical Structural Metallurgy*, Edward Arnold, London, 1955, ©Sir Alan Cottrell.)

(when each solid has the different crystal structure.)

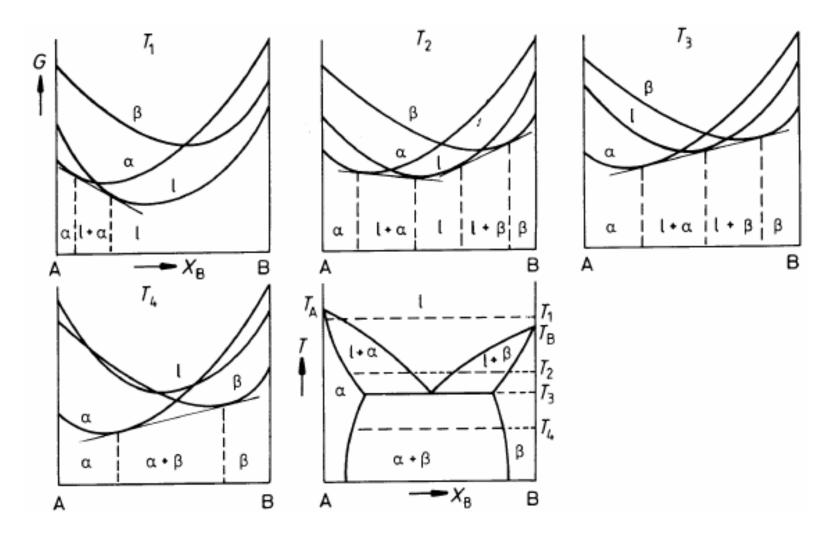
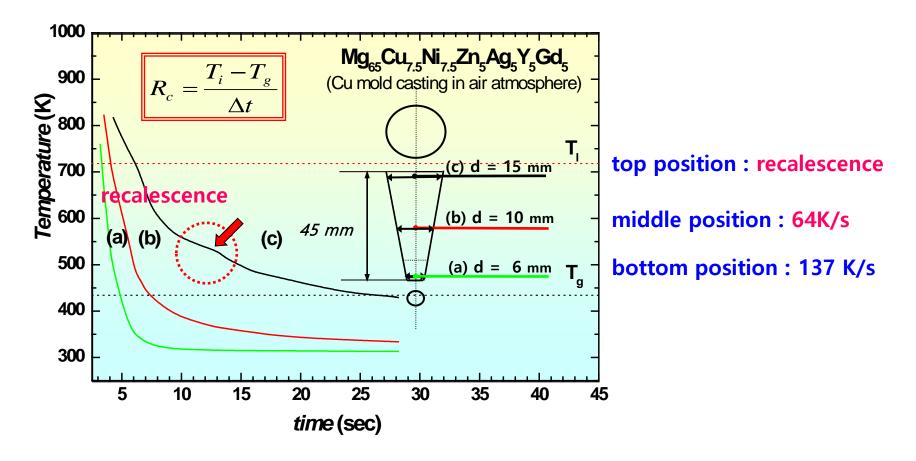


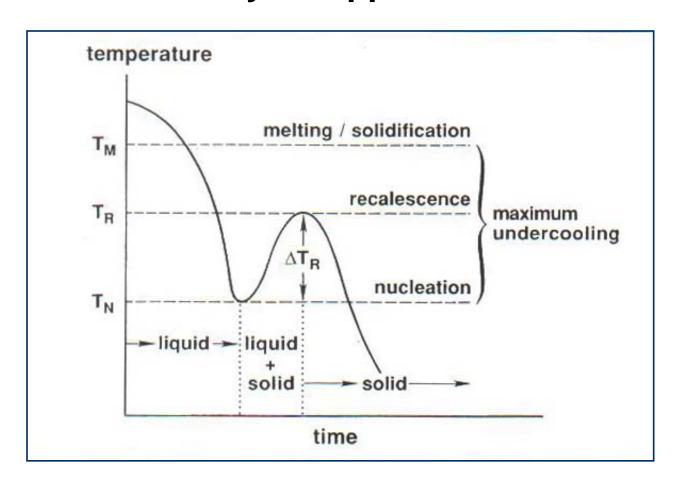
Fig. 1.33 The derivation of a eutectic phase diagram where each solid phase has a different crystal structure. (After A. Prince, Alloy Phase Equilibria, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1966.)

Measurement of R_c in Mg BMG (D_{max} =14 mm)



* Cooling curves measured at the center of the three transverse cross sections

Nucleation Theory as Applied to solidification



- The recalescence process is illustrated by a temperature versus time plot, showing the temperature rise on nucleation due to release of the heat of fusion.
- A sudden glowing in a undercooled liquid of metal caused by liberation of the latent heat of transformation
- The higher the recalescence temperature, the larger the microstructural scale in the solid.

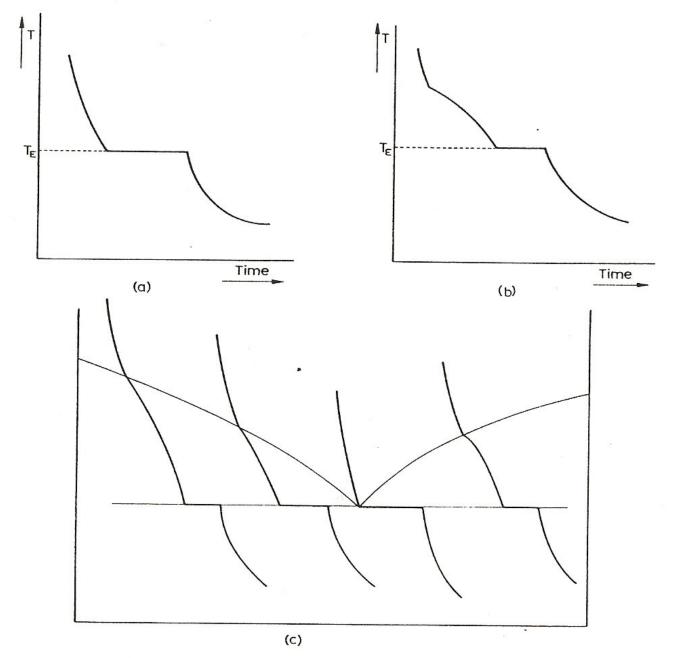


Fig. 48. Cooling curve for (a) the eutectic alloy, (b) hypo-eutectic alloy N, and (c) a series of alloys, allowing the determination of the liquidus and eutectic horizontal.

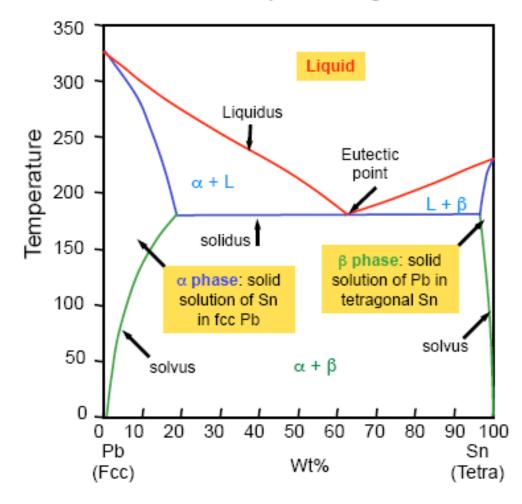
Eutectic Systems

$$\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0 \quad \Delta H_{mix}^{S} >> 0$$

Pb-Sn phase diagram

The Pb-Sn system is characteristic of a valley in the middle. Such system is known as the **Eutectic** system. The central point is the Eutectic point and the transformation though this point is called Eutectic reaction: L◆α+β

Pb has a fcc structure and Sn has a tetragonal structure. The system has three phases: L, α and β.



Solidification of Eutectic Systems

Alloy II

At point 1: Liquid Solidification starts at eutectic point (where liquidus and solidus join)

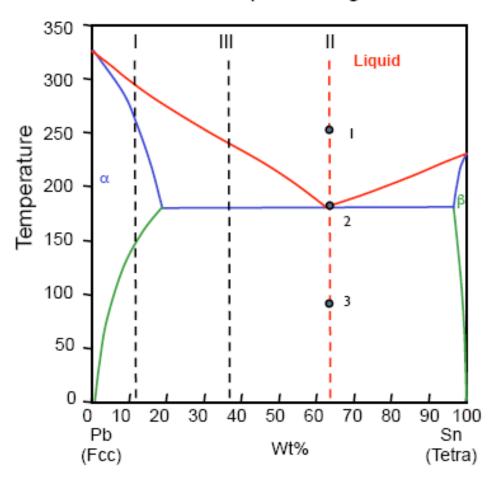
At point 2: $L \spadesuit (\alpha + \beta)$ (eutectic reaction)

The amounts of α and β increase in proportion with time.

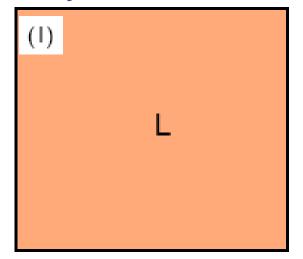
Solidification finishes at the same temperature.

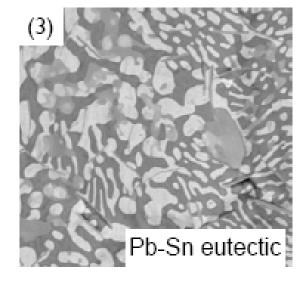
At point 3: $\alpha+\beta$ Further cooling leads to the depletion of Sn in α and the depletion of Pb in β .

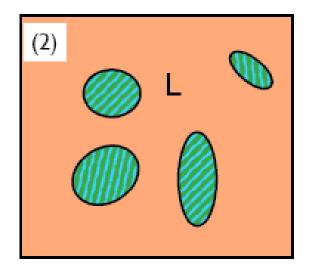
Pb-Sn phase diagram



Alloy II







Nucleation of colonies of α and β laminates

Eutectic structure of intimate mix of α and β to minimise diffusion path

4.3.2 Eutectic Solidification: $L \rightarrow \alpha + \beta$

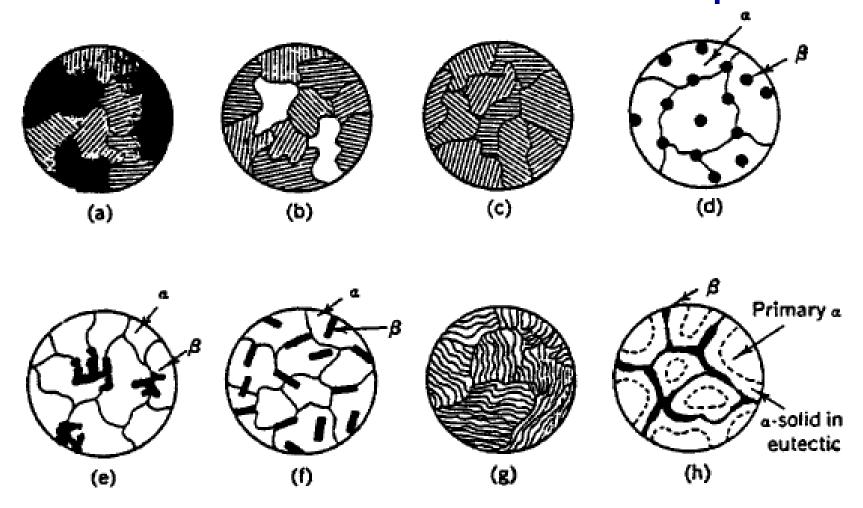


Fig. 14 Schematic representation possible in eutectic structures. (a), (b) and (c) are alloys shown in fig. 13; (d) nodular; (e) Chinese script; (f) acicular; (g) lamellar; and (h) divorced.

4.3.2 Eutectic Solidification

During solidification both phases grow simultaneously behind an essentially planar solid/liquid interface.

Normal eutectic

both phases have low entropies of fusion.

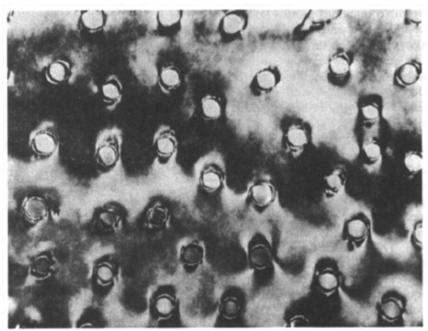
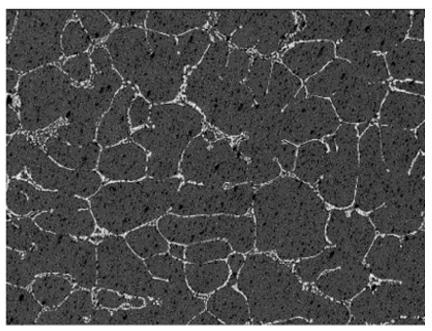


Fig. 4.30 Rod-like eutectic. Al₆Fe rods in Al matrix. Transverse section. Transmission electron micrograph (x 70000).

Anomalous eutectic

One of the solid phases is capable of faceting, i.e., has a high entropy or melting.

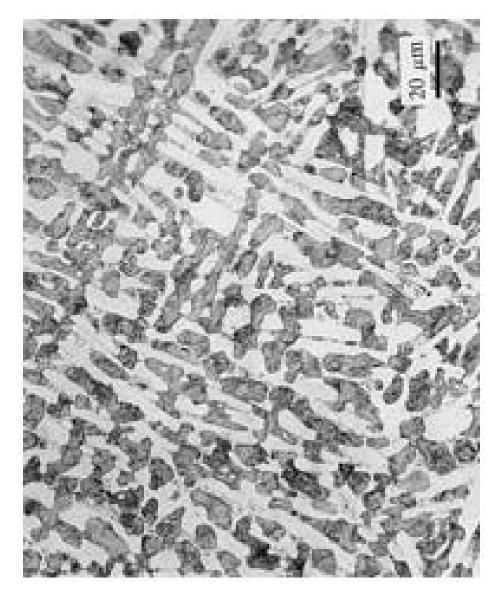


The microstructure of the Pb-61.9%Sn (eutectic) alloy presented a coupled growth of the (Pb)/βSn eutectic. There is a remarkable change in morphology increasing the degree of undercooling with transition from regular lamellar to anomalous eutectic.

Eutectic



Divorced Eutectic



Solidification of Eutectic Systems

Alloy I:

At point 1: Liquid

Solidification starts at liquidus

At point 2: L+α

The amount $\alpha \uparrow$ with $\downarrow T$

Solidification finishes at solidus

At point 3: α

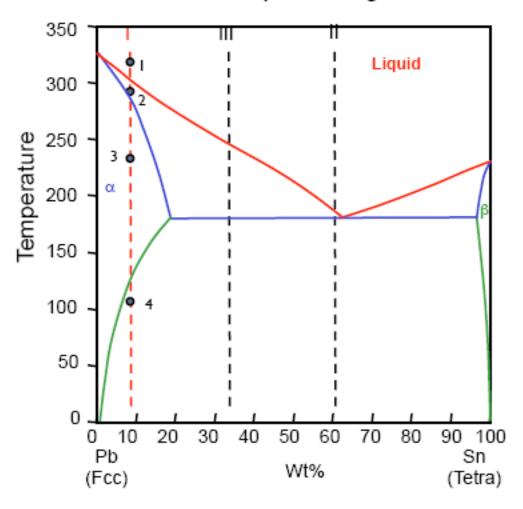
Precipitation starts at solvus

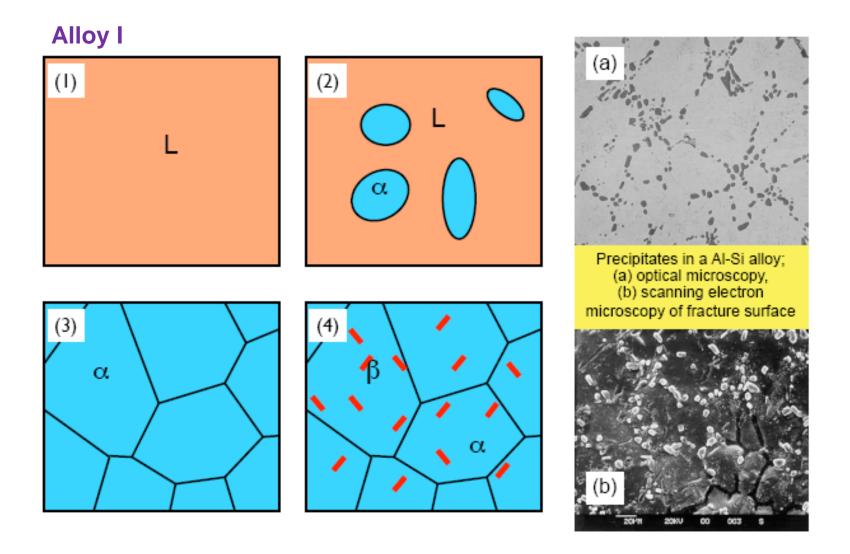
At point 4: α+β

Further cooling leads to formation and growth of more β precipitates whereas Sn% in α decreases

following the solvus.

Pb-Sn phase diagram





Solidification of Eutectic Systems

Alloy III

At point 1: Liquid

Solidification starts at liquidus

At point 2: $L + L + \alpha$ (pre-eutectic α)

The amount $\alpha \uparrow$ with $\downarrow T$

At point 3: L $\Leftrightarrow (\alpha + \beta)$ (eutectic

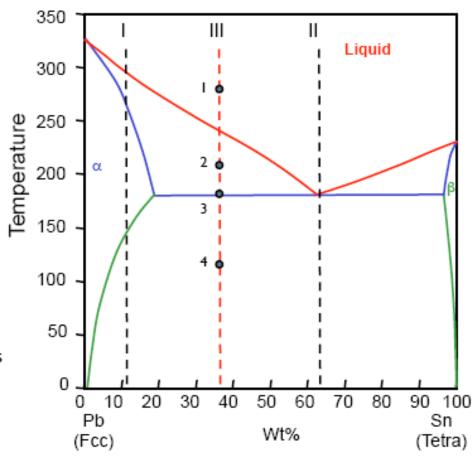
reaction)

Solidification finishes at the eutectic temperature

At point 4: $\alpha+\beta$ (pre-eutectic $\alpha+(\alpha+\beta)$ eutectic mixture) Further cooling leads to the depletion of Sn in α and the depletion of Pb in β .

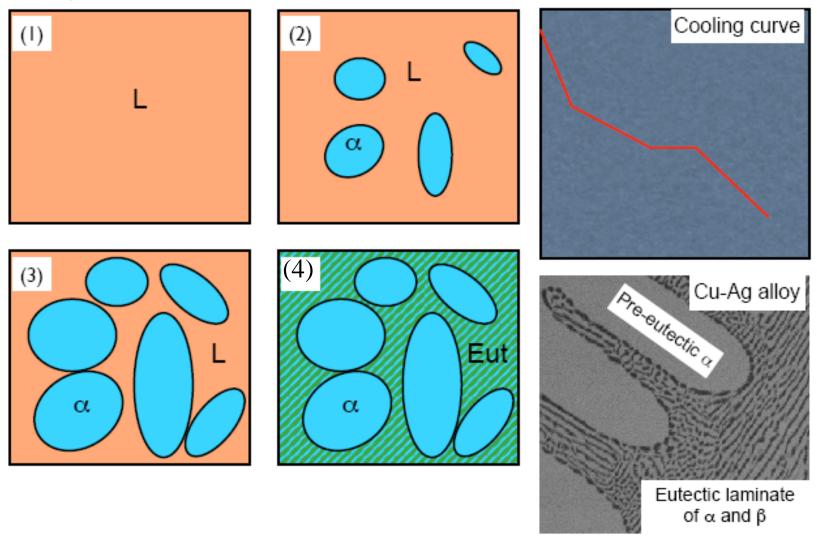
The cooling curve of this alloy is a combination of the two cooling curves shown in slide 9.

Pb-Sn phase diagram



1.5 Binary phase diagrams: Hypoeutectic

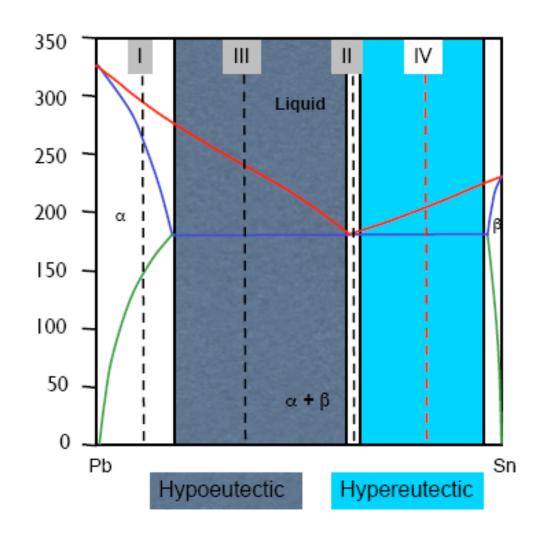
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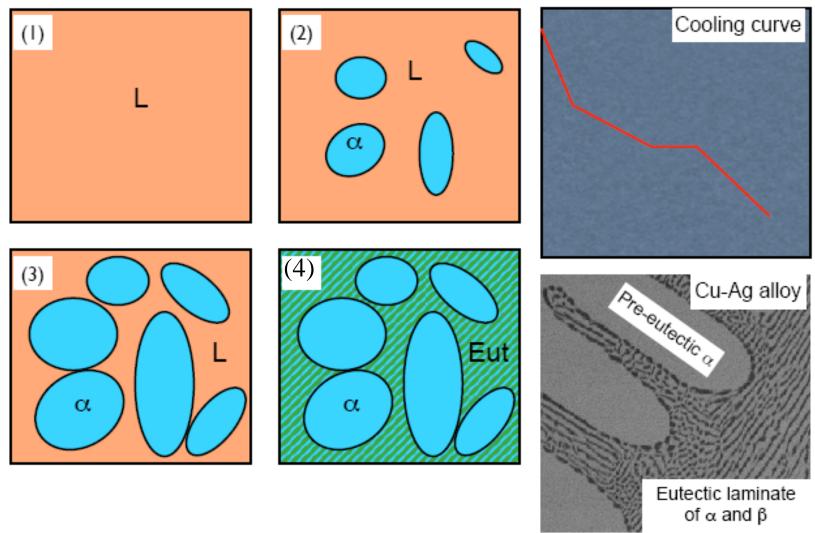
Alloy IV

Can you describe the solidification process of alloy IV, including microstructure evolution, morphology of phases and cooling curve?



1.5 Binary phase diagrams: Hypereutectic

Alloy IV



4.2.3. Limiting forms of eutectic phase diagram

1) Complete immiscibility of two metals does not exist.

: The solubility of one metal in another may be so low (e.g. Cu in Ge <10⁻⁷ at%.) that it is difficult to detect experimentally, but there will always be a measure of solubility.

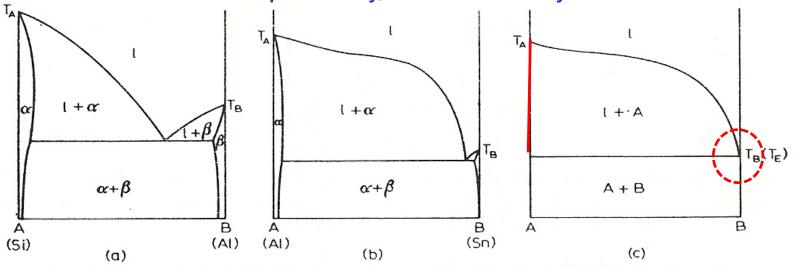


Fig. 53. Evolution of the limiting form of a binary eutectic phase diagram.

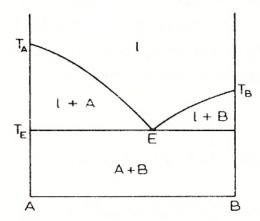
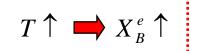
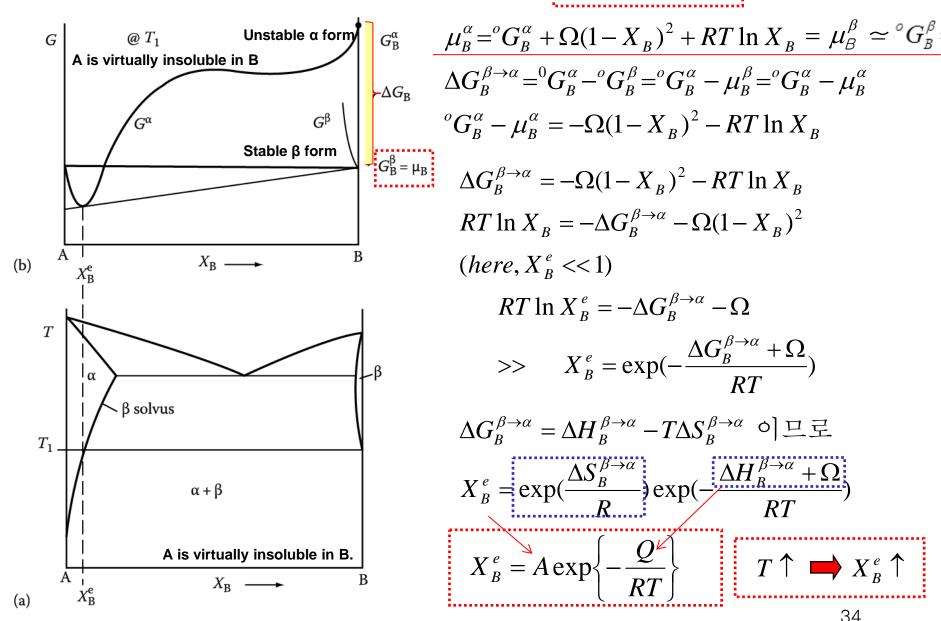


Fig. 54. Impossible form of a binary eutectic phase diagram.

* Effect of T on solid solubility





Q: heat absorbed (enthalpy) when 1 mole of β dissolves in A rich α as a dilute solution.

* Limiting forms of eutectic phase diagram

The solubility of one metal in another may be so low.

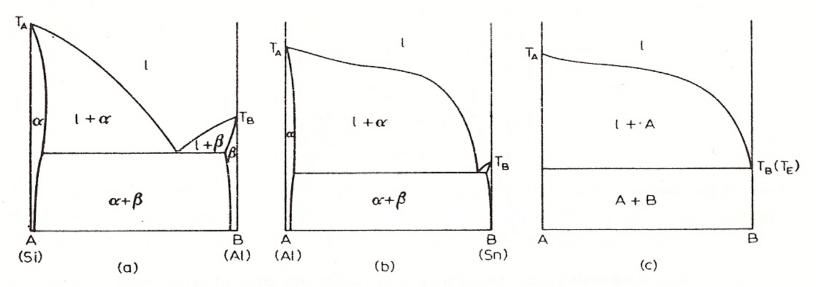


Fig. 53. Evolution of the limiting form of a binary eutectic phase diagram.

$$X_B^e = A \exp\left\{-\frac{Q}{RT}\right\}$$
 a) $T \uparrow \implies X_B^e \uparrow$

b) It is interesting to note that, except at absolute zero, X_B^e can never be equal to zero, that is, no two compo-nents are ever completely insoluble in each other.

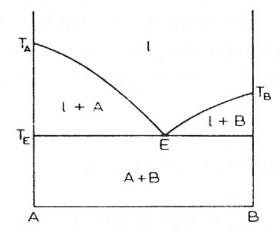
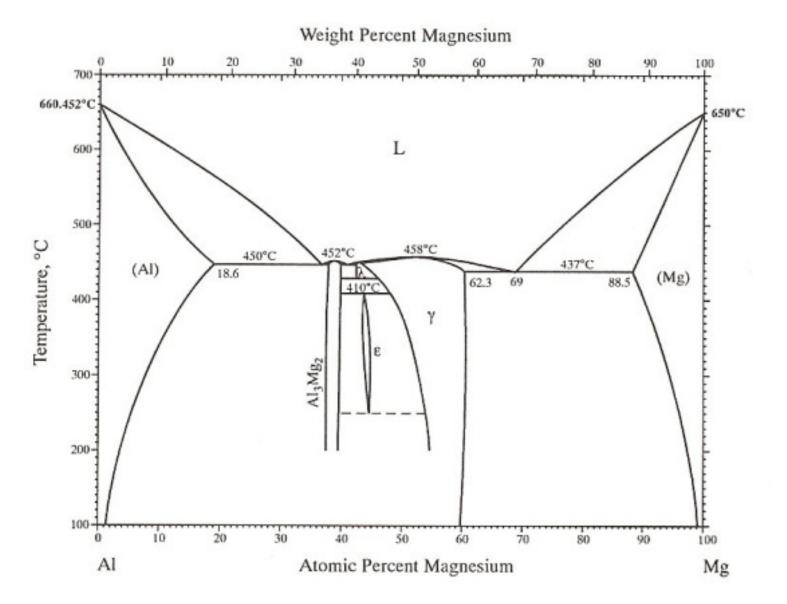
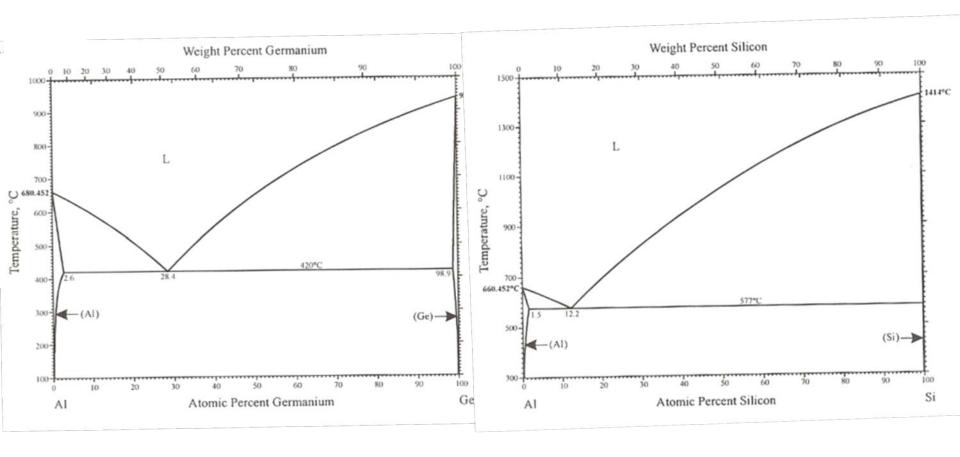
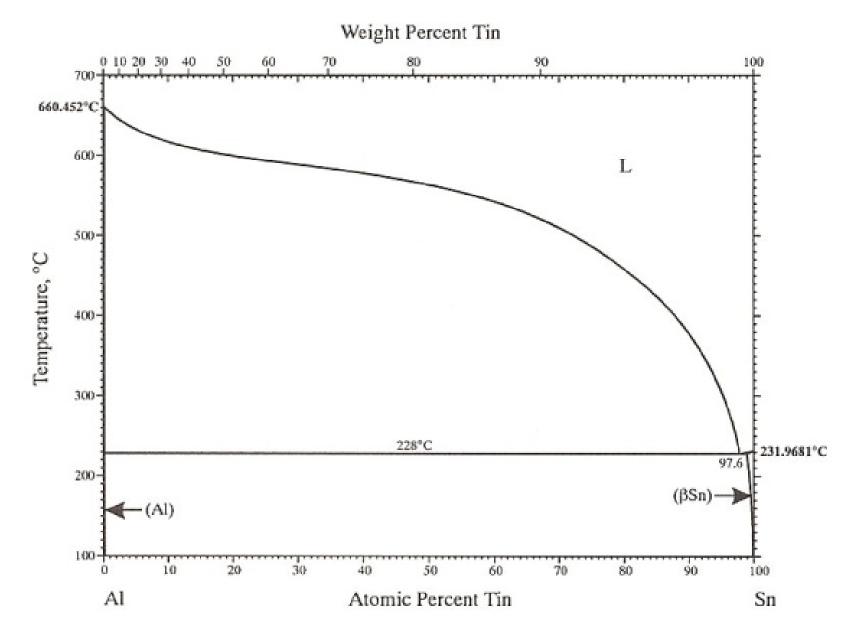


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4.2.5. 2) Retrograde solidus curves

: A maximum solubility of the solute at a temperature between the melting point of the solvent and an invariant reaction isothermal

Solidus curve in the systems with low solubility

Ex) semiconductor research using Ge and Si as solvent metals

A high value of ΔH_B^S (or a large difference in the melting points of the components) is associate with a significant difference in atomic radii for A and B, which can lead to a large strain energy contribution to the heat of solutions.

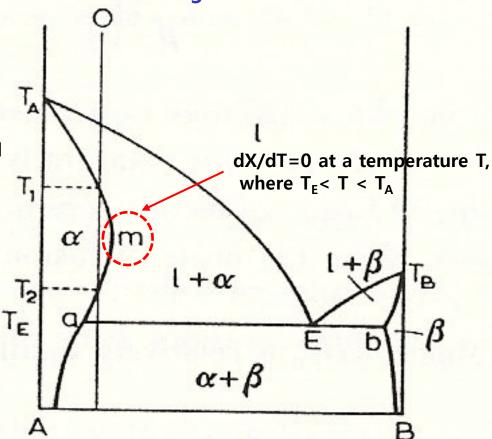


Fig. 57. Partial re-melting associated with retrograde solubility. Intensive Homework 3: Understanding of retrograde solidus curves from a thermodynamic standpoint

4.2.5. Disposition of phase boundaries at the eutectic horizontal

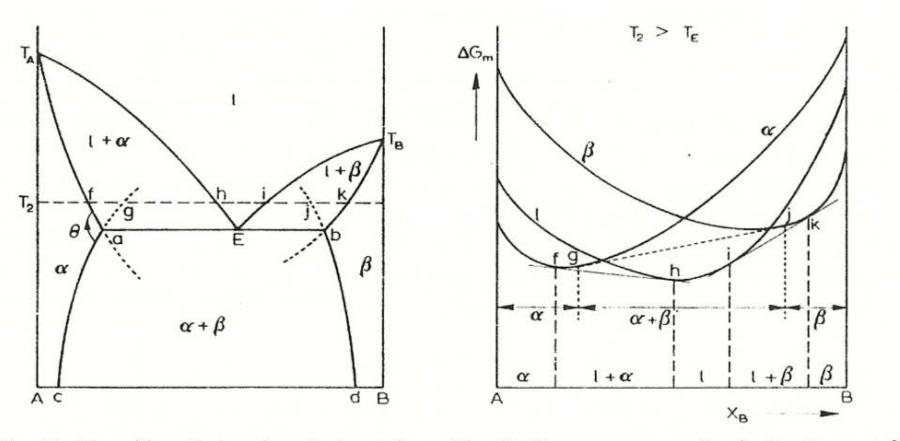


Fig. 58. Disposition of phase boundaries at the eutectic horizontal *aEh*.

Fig. 59. Free energy curves for the liquid, α and β phases at a temperature T_2 where $T_2 > T_E$.

⇒ 3) Θ between solidus and solubility curves must be less than 180° .

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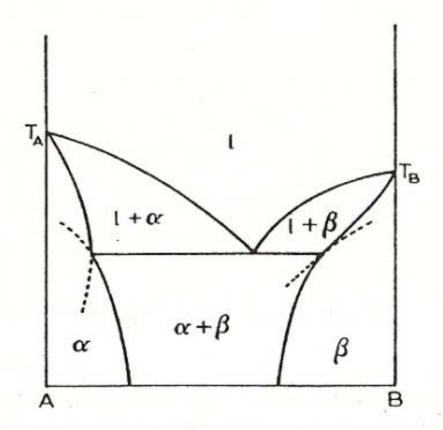


Fig. 60. Impossible dispositions of phase boundaries at a eutectic horizontal.

O between solidus and solubility curves must be less than 180°.

This is a general rule applicable to all curves which meet at an invariant reaction horizontal in a binary diagram, whether they be eutectic, peritectics, eutectoid, etc., horizontals.

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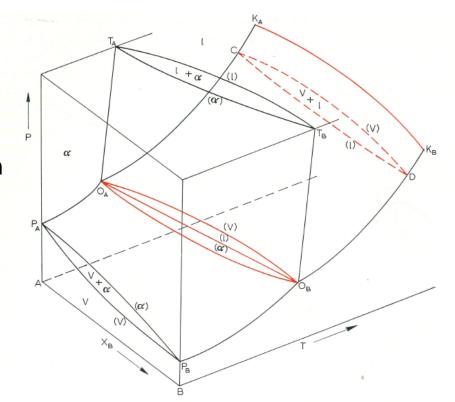
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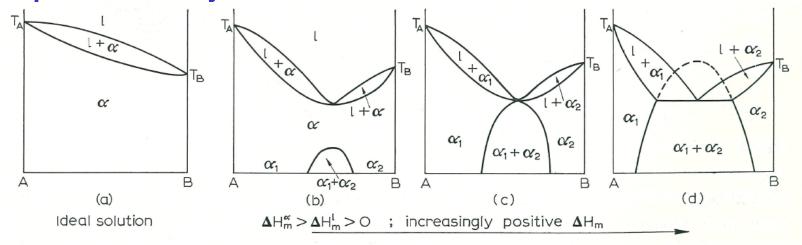


Fig. 43. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram for a continuous series of solutions to a eutectic-type.

By plotting a series of the free energy-composition curves at different temperatures we established the manner in which the phase compositions changes with temperature. In other words, we determined the phase limits or phase boundaries as a function of temperature. A phase diagram is nothing more than a presentation of data on the position of phase boundaries as a function of temperature.

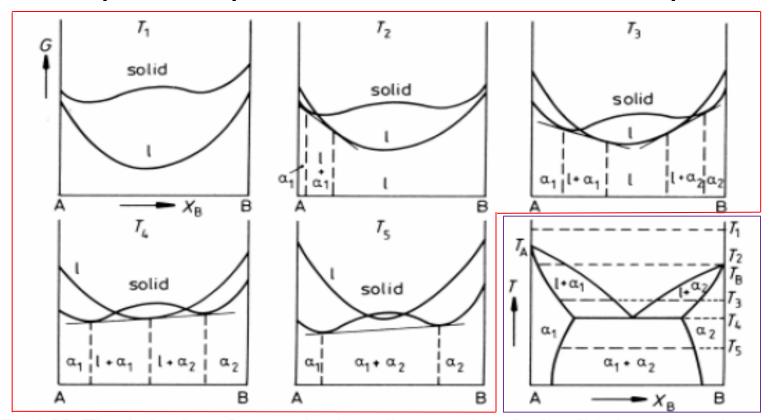
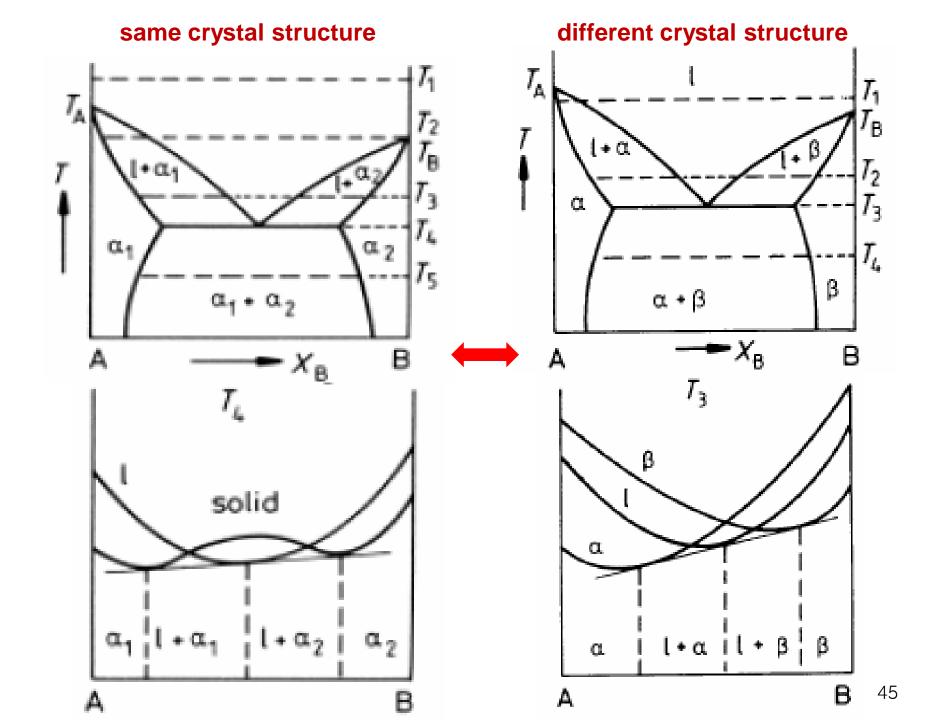


Fig 1.32 The derivation of a eutectic phase diagram where both solid phases have the same crystal structure. (After A.H. Cottrell, *Theoretical Structural Metallurgy*, Edward Arnold, London, 1955, ©Sir Alan Cottrell.)



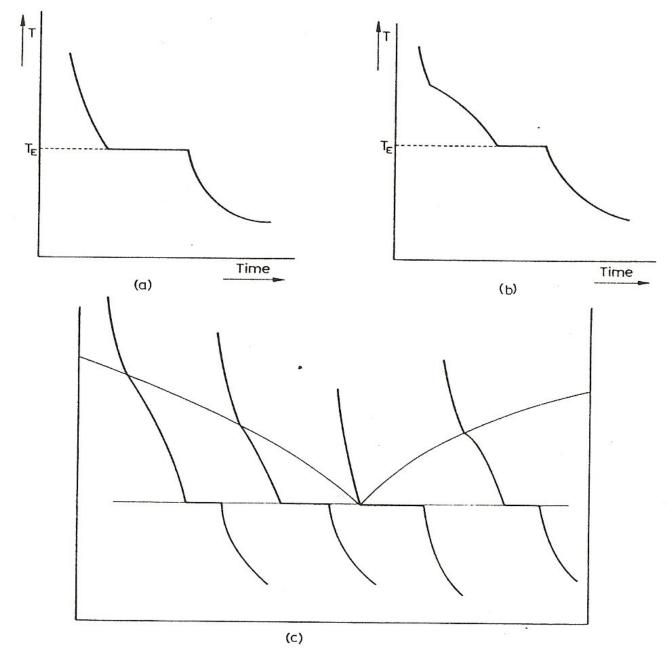


Fig. 48. Cooling curve for (a) the eutectic alloy, (b) hypo-eutectic alloy N, and (c) a series of alloys, allowing the determination of the liquidus and eutectic horizontal.

4.2.3. Limiting forms of eutectic phase diagram

1) Complete immiscibility of two metals does not exist.

: The solubility of one metal in another may be so low (e.g. Cu in Ge <10⁻⁷ at%.) that it is difficult to detect experimentally, but there will always be a measure of solubility.

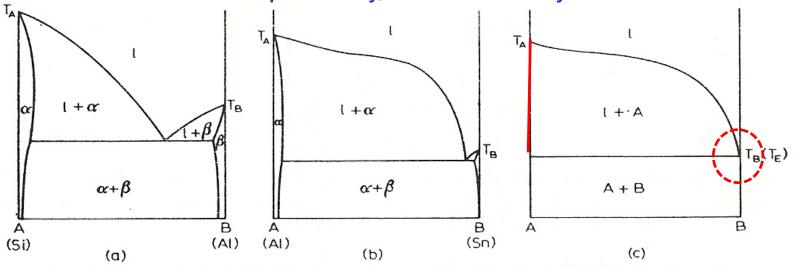


Fig. 53. Evolution of the limiting form of a binary eutectic phase diagram.

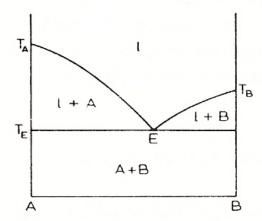


Fig. 54. Impossible form of a binary eutectic phase diagram.

4.2.5. 2) Retrograde solidus curves

: A maximum solubility of the solute at a temperature between the melting point of the solvent and an invariant reaction isothermal

Solidus curve in the systems with low solubility

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A high value of ΔH_B^S (or a large difference in the melting points of the components) is associate with a significant difference in atomic radii for A and B, which can lead to a large strain energy contribution to the heat of solutions.

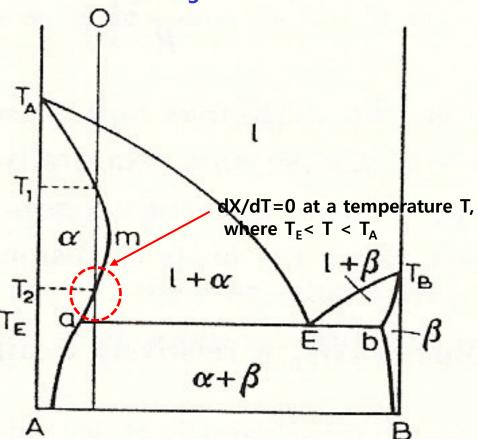


Fig. 57. Partial re-melting associated with retrograde solubility.

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4.2.5. Disposition of phase boundaries at the eutectic horizontal

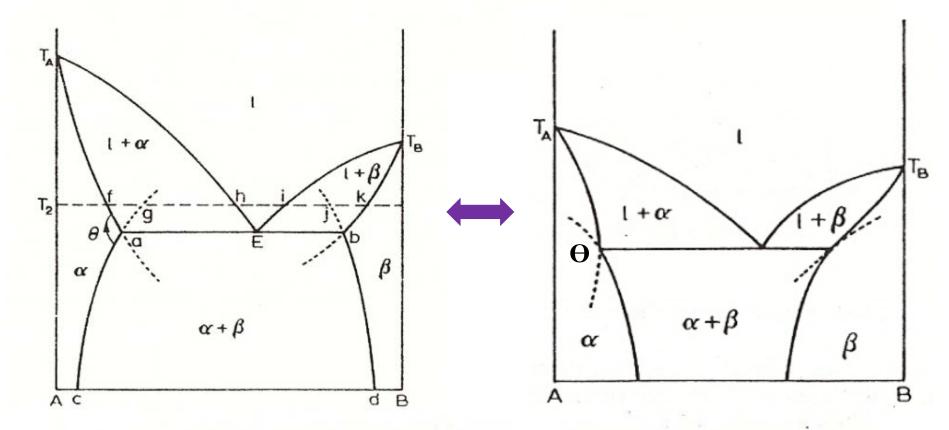


Fig. 60. Impossible dispositions of phase boundaries at a eutectic horizontal.

3) Θ between solidus and solubility curves must be less than 180°.

This is a general rule applicable to all curves which meet at an invariant reaction horizontal in a binary diagram, whether they be eutectic, peritectics, eutectoid, etc., horizontals.