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# **“Phase Equilibria *in* Materials”**

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# Chapter 11. Ternary phase Diagrams

## Intermediate Phases

Intermediate phases may **melt congruently** or **incongruently**.  
They may occur as **either binary or ternary phases**.

# 11.1 Congruently melting intermediate phases

## 11.1. Binary intermediate phases

### 1) Two ternary eutectic reactions

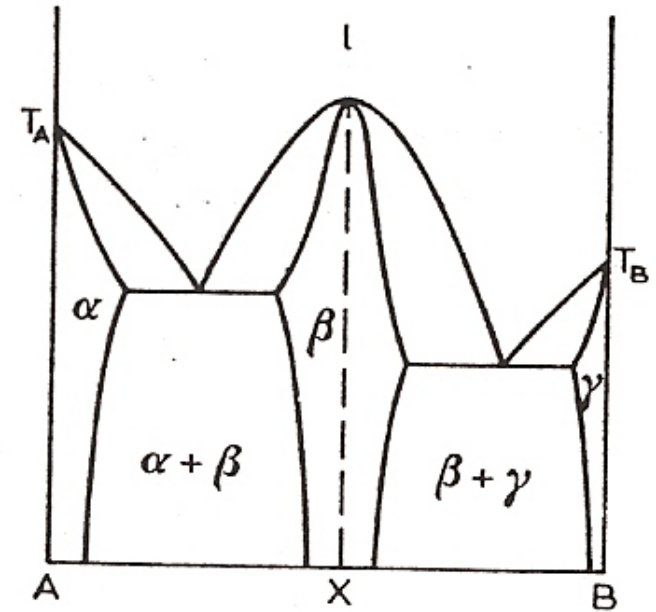
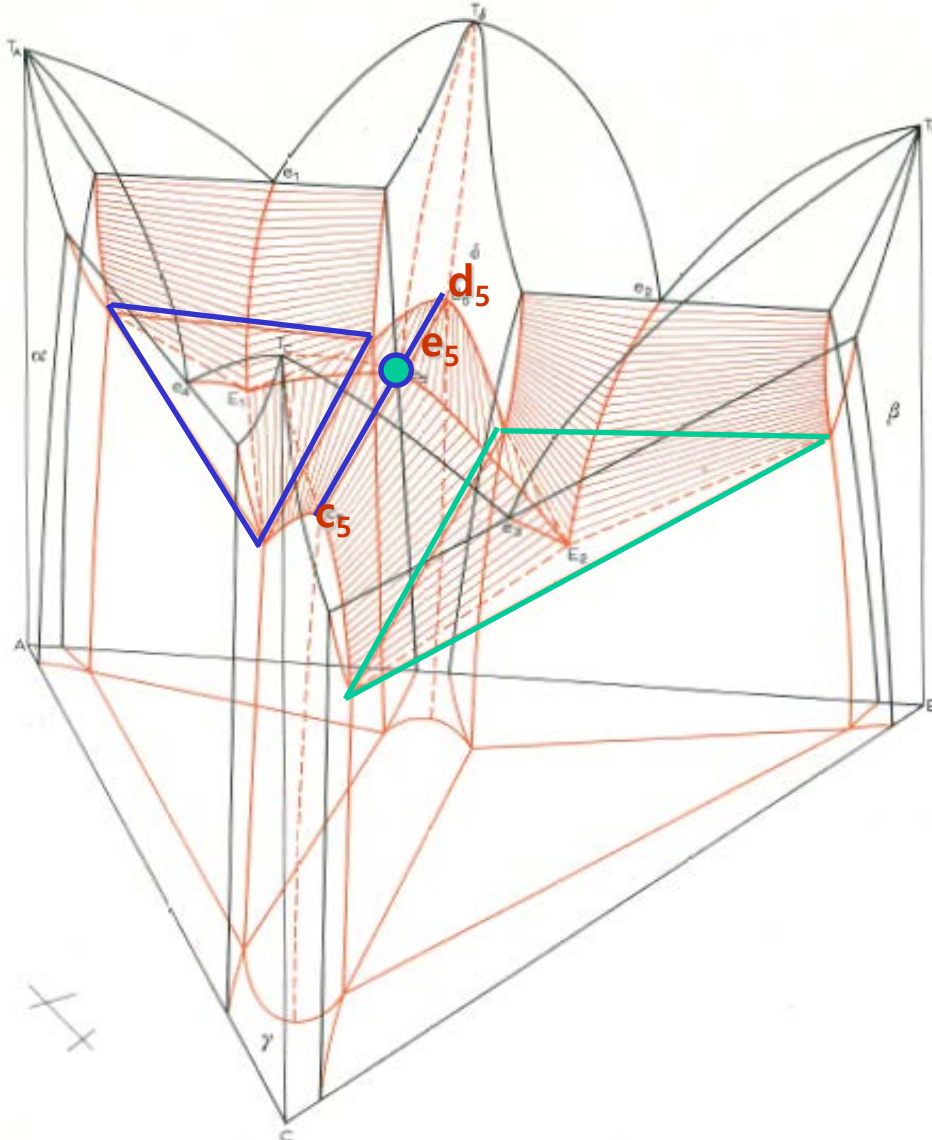


Fig. 78. Phase diagram with a congruent intermediate phase.

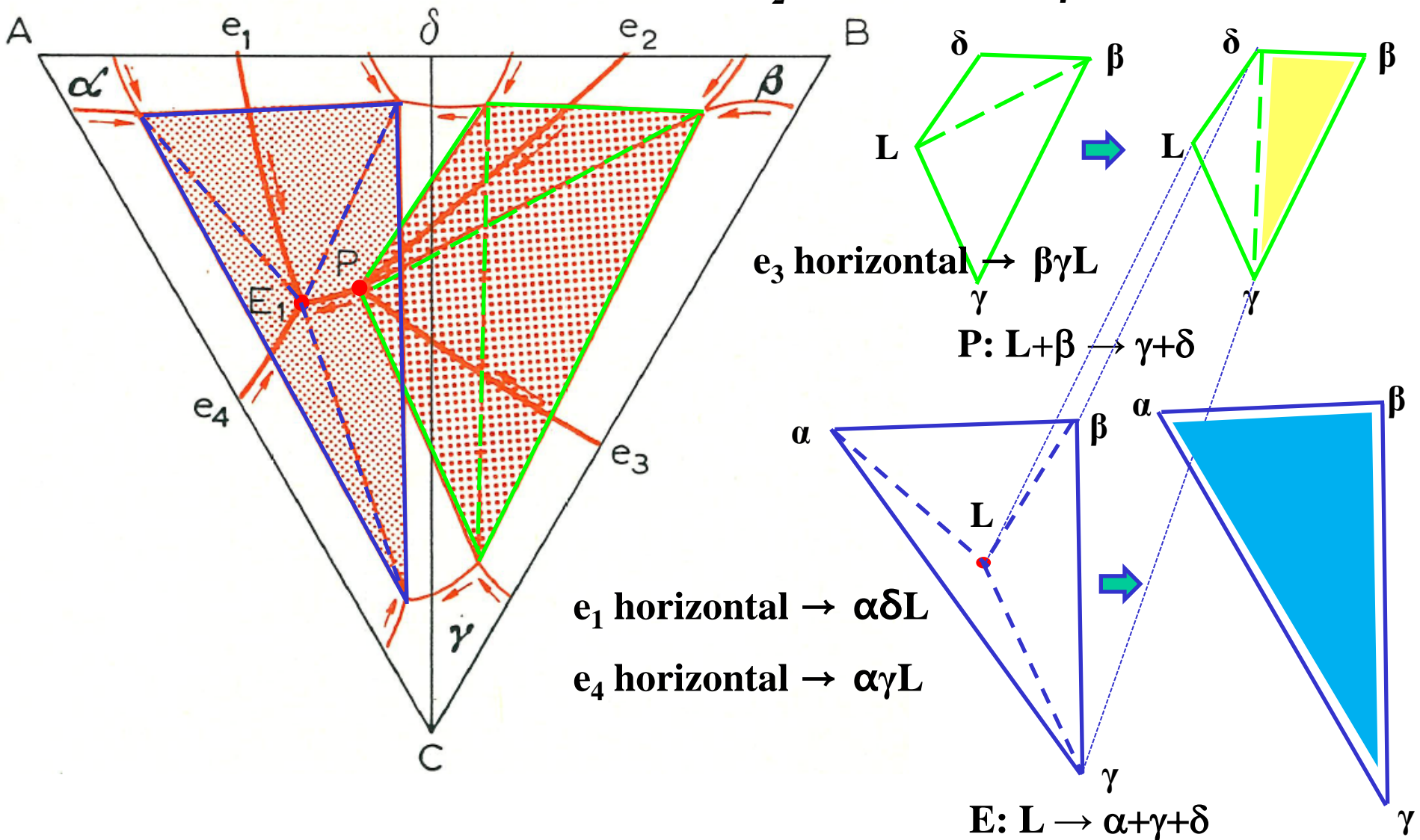
the **eutectic point  $e_5$**  on the quasi-binary section  $\delta C$  is **saddle point**.

the straight line is the quasi-binary eutectic horizontal  **$c_5e_5d_5$** .

# 11.1 Congruently-melting intermediate phases

- Binary intermediate phases

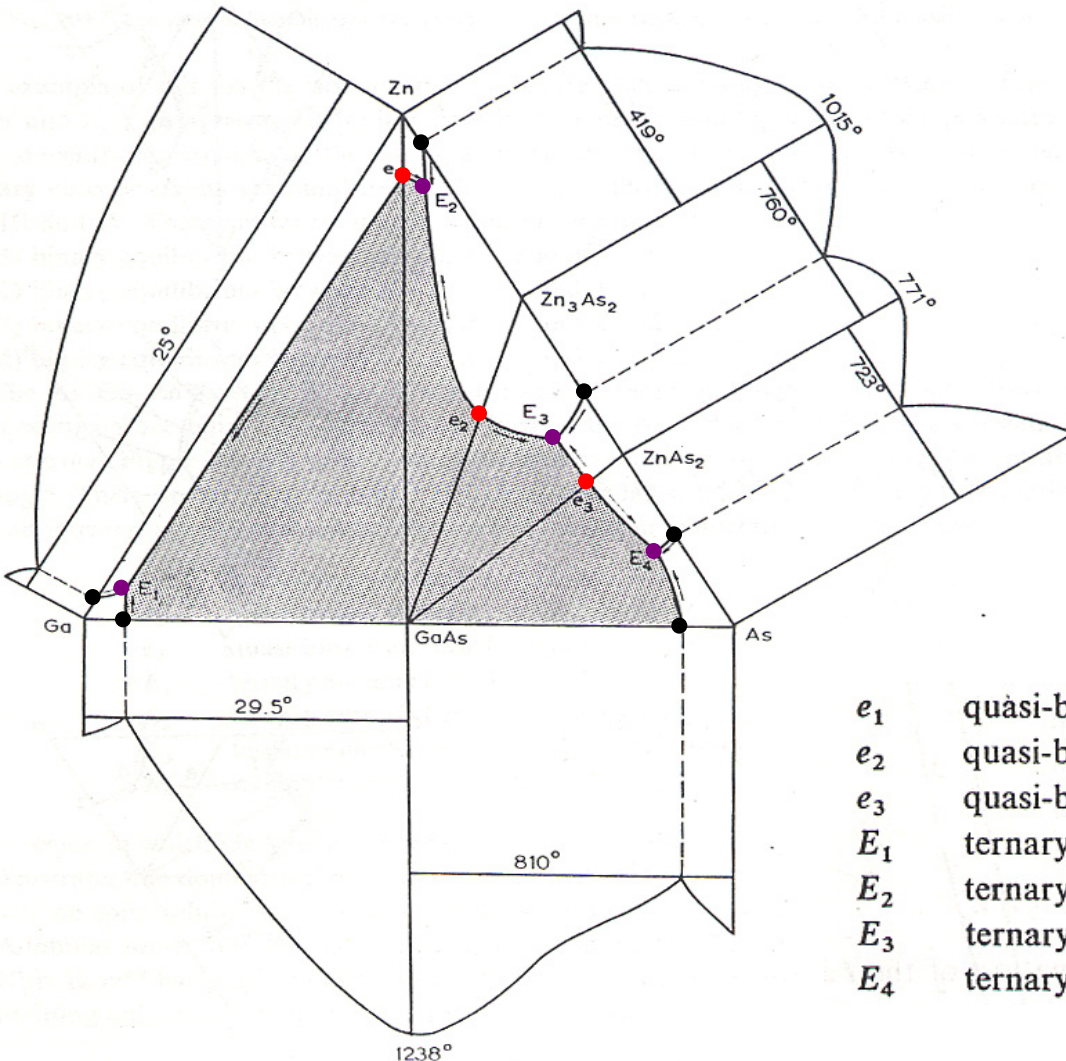
## 2) Quasi peritectic reaction



# 11.1 Congruently-melting intermediate phases

## a) Binary intermediate phases

: Quasi binary eutectic rxn. between Ga, As and Zn



- The region in which GaAs is the primary phase to crystallize from the liquid is lightly shaded.
- It illustrates the dominating behavior of the **high melting phase GaAs** in this system
- For clarity, **no solid solubility** between any of the phases has been indicated.

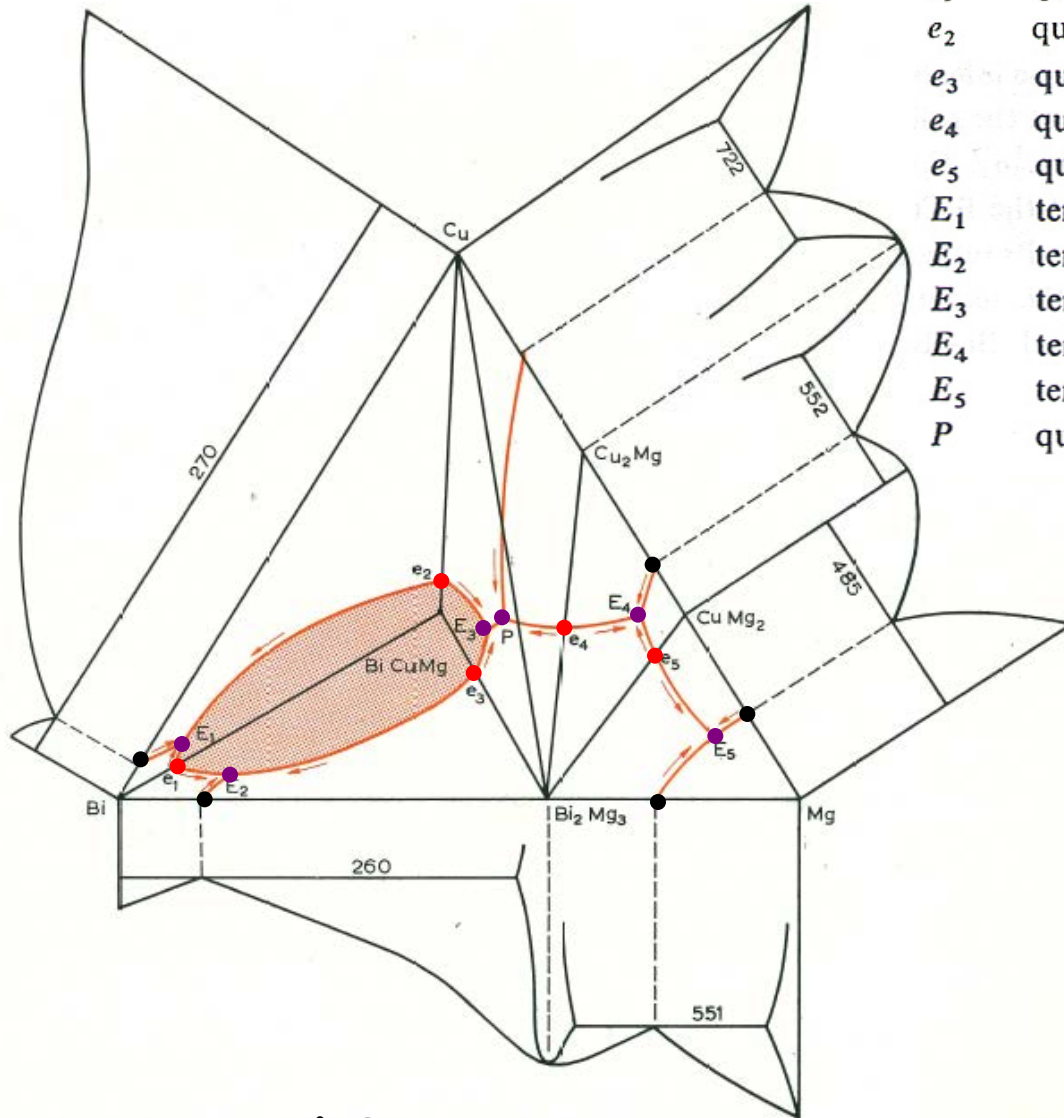
$e_1$	quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{Zn}$	at	414 °C,
$e_2$	quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{Zn}_3\text{As}_2$	at	972 °C,
$e_3$	quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{ZnAs}_2$	at	754 °C,
$E_1$	ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{Zn} + \text{Ga}$	at	~ 20 °C,
$E_2$	ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{Zn} + \text{Zn}_3\text{As}_2$	at	~410 °C,
$E_3$	ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{Zn}_3\text{As}_2 + \text{ZnAs}_2$	at	~750 °C,
$E_4$	ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{GaAs} + \text{ZnAs}_2 + \text{As}$	at	~720 °C.

As-Ga-Zn system

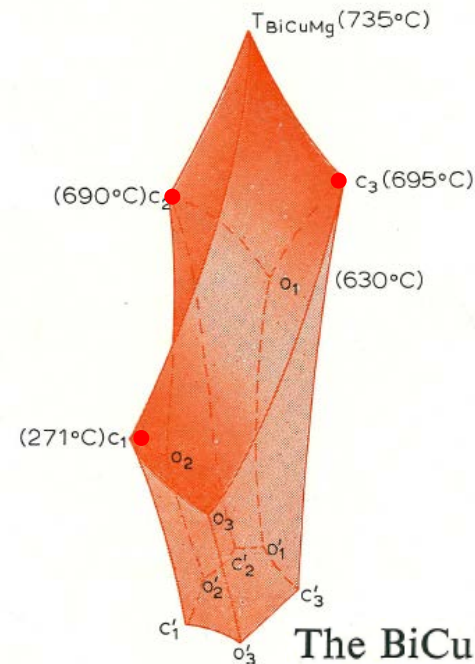
# 11.1 Congruently-melting intermediate phases

**b) Ternary intermediate phase: behaves as a pure metal in that it freezes isothermally and its appearance is associated with a maximum on the liquidus/solidus surfaces**

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|-------|---|-----------------------------|
| $e_1$ | quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi} + \text{BiCuMg}$                                | at $\sim 271^\circ\text{C}$ |
| $e_2$ | quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu} + \text{BiCuMg}$                                | at $690^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $e_3$ | quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{BiCuMg}$                   | at $695^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $e_4$ | quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{Cu}_2\text{Mg}$            | at $655^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $e_5$ | quasi-binary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{CuMg}_2$                   | at $557^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $E_1$ | ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi} + \text{Cu} + \text{BiCuMg}$                         | at $265^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $E_2$ | ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi} + \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{BiCuMg}$            | at $255^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $E_3$ | ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu} + \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{BiCuMg}$            | at $630^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $E_4$ | ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{Cu}_2\text{Mg} + \text{CuMg}_2$ | at $546^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $E_5$ | ternary eutectic $l \rightleftharpoons \text{Mg} + \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3 + \text{CuMg}_2$            | at $470^\circ\text{C}$      |
| $P$   | quasi-peritectic $l + \text{Cu}_2\text{Mg} \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu} + \text{Bi}_2\text{Mg}_3$     | at $660^\circ\text{C}$      |



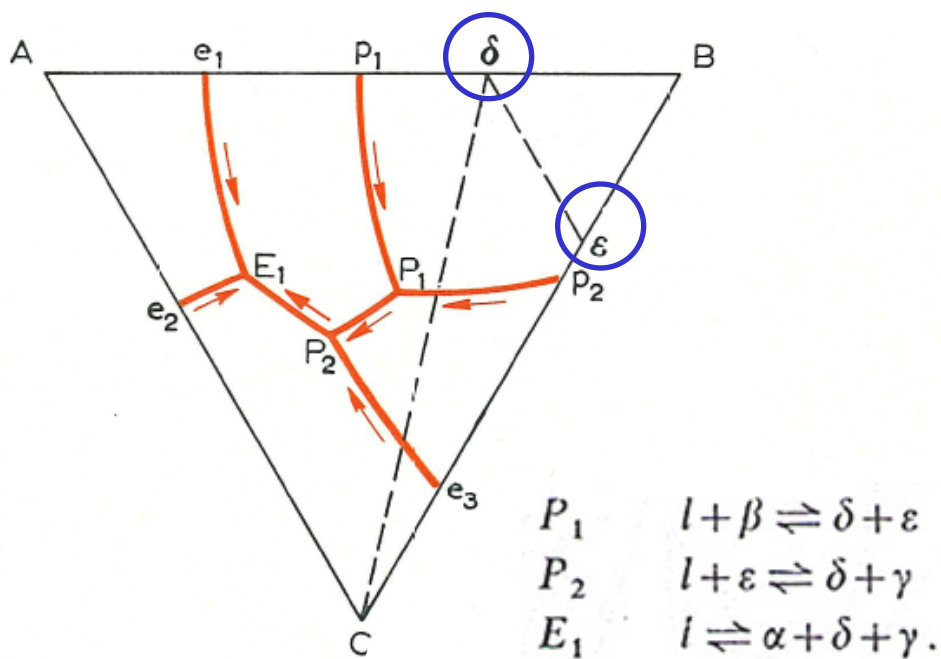
**Bi-Cu-Mg system**



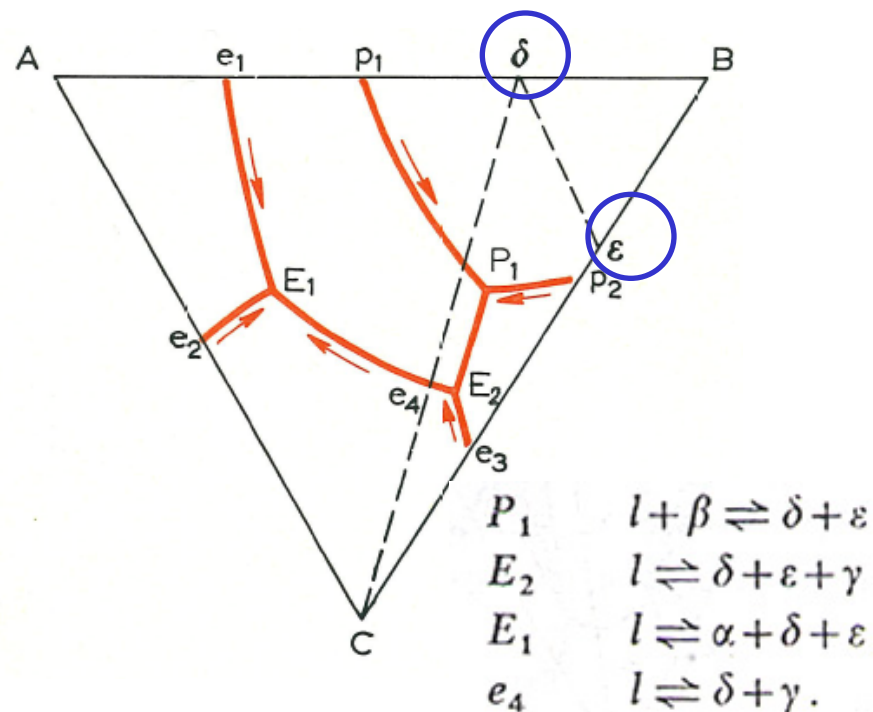
**The BiCuMg phase region.**

## 11.2 incongruently-melting intermediate phases

a) ternary system formed when two of the binaries contain incongruent intermediate phases

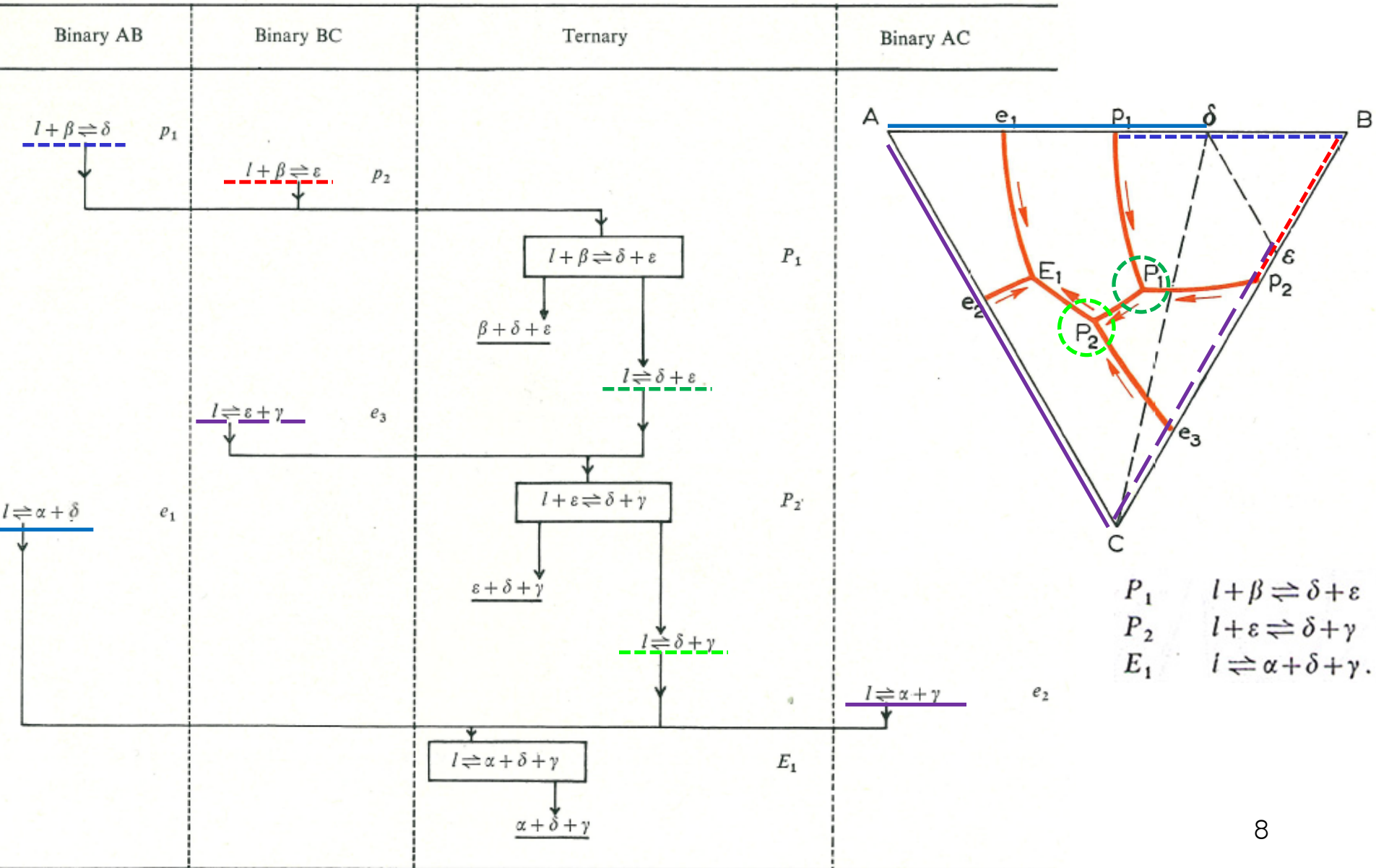


(a) Equilibria when the quasi-peritectic point P is located in the partial system AδC



(b) Equilibria when the quasi-peritectic point P is located in the partial system Cδε

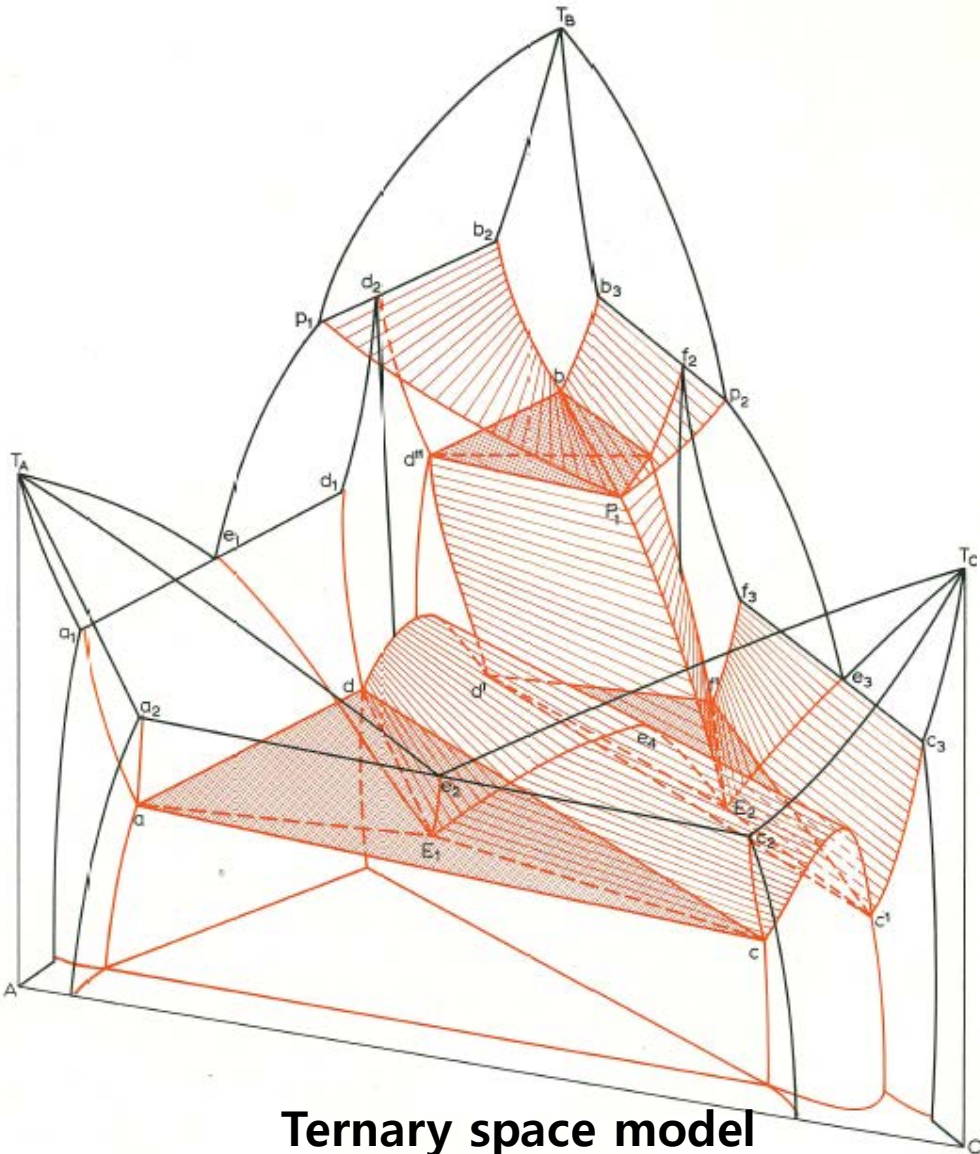
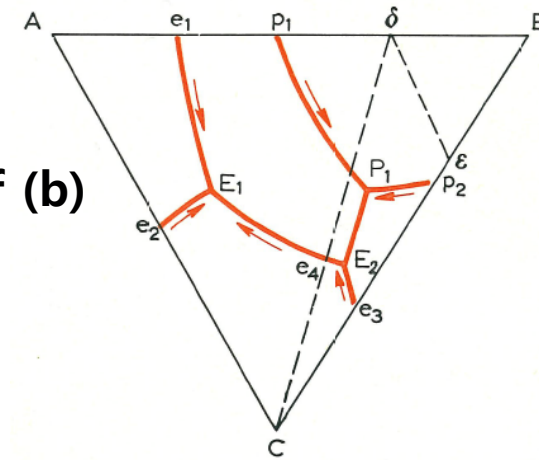
# Tabular representation of the ternary space model (a) :



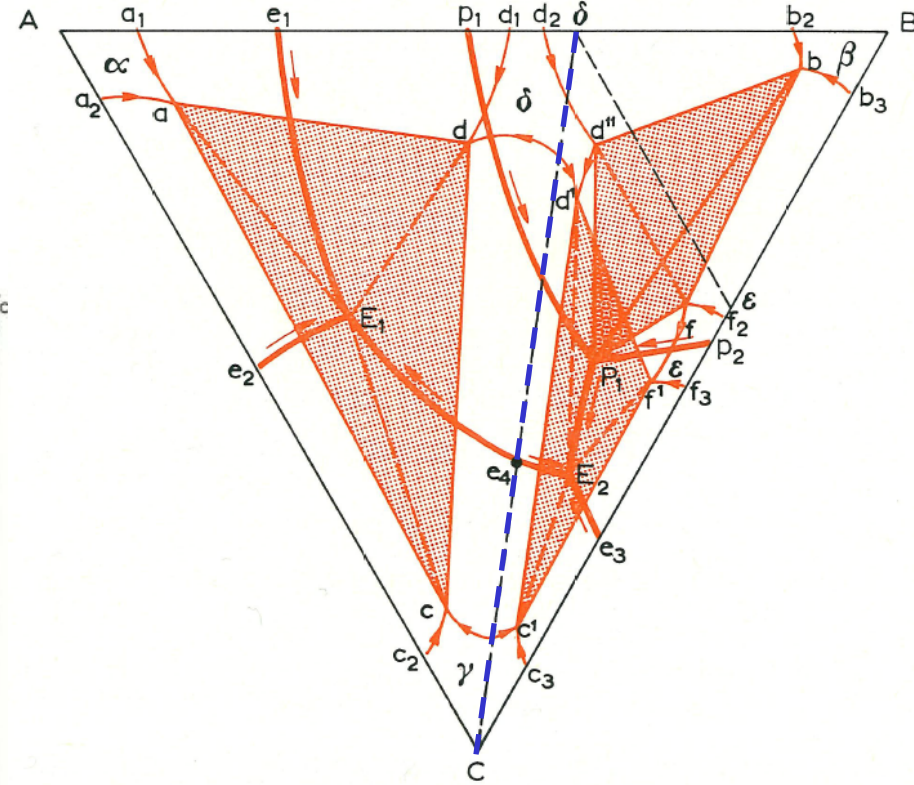


# 11.2 incongruently-melting intermediate phases

- Binary intermediate phases : ternary space model of (b)



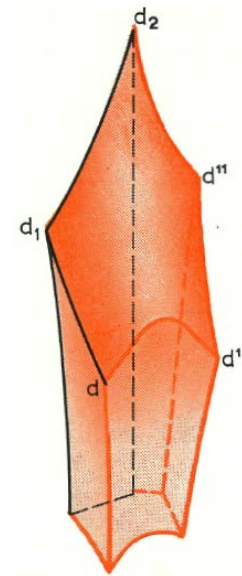
Ternary space model



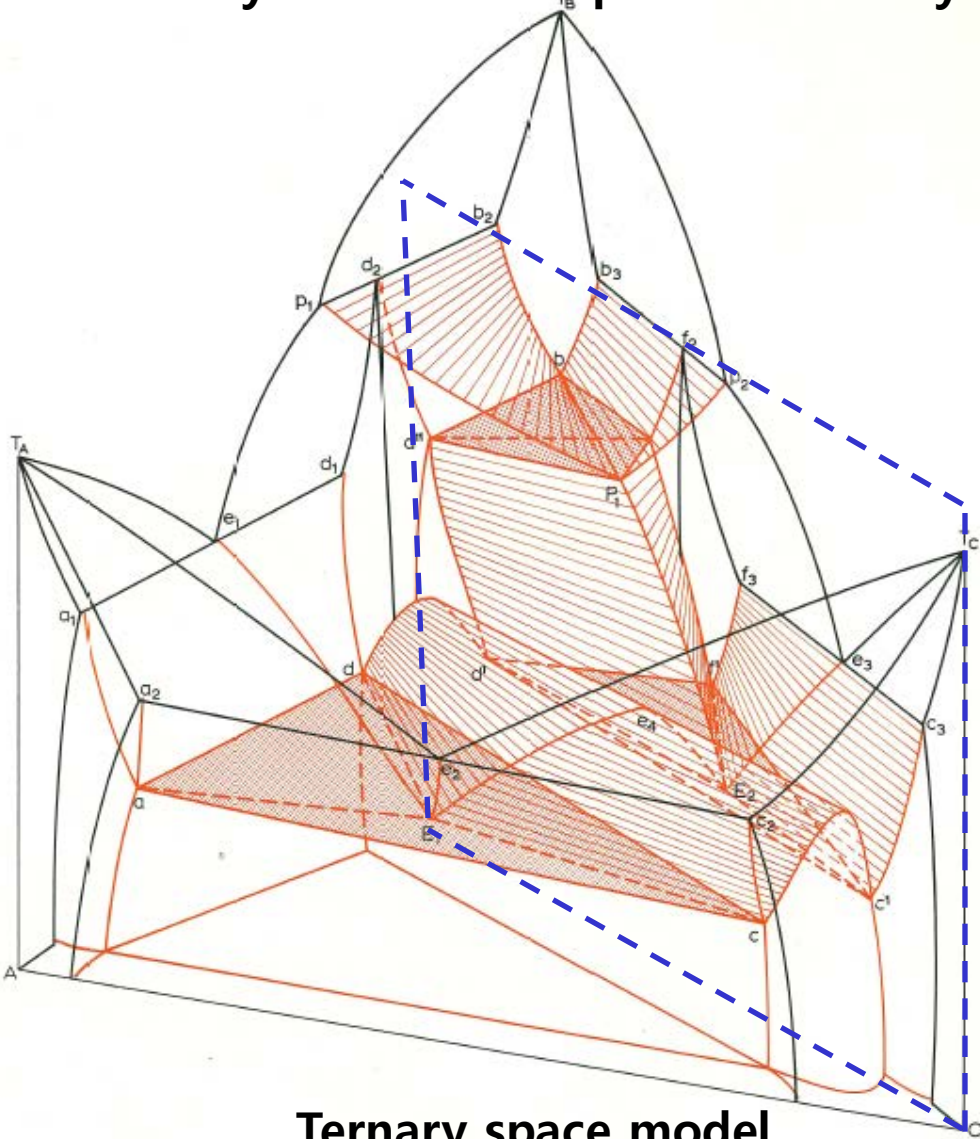
Projection of equilibria

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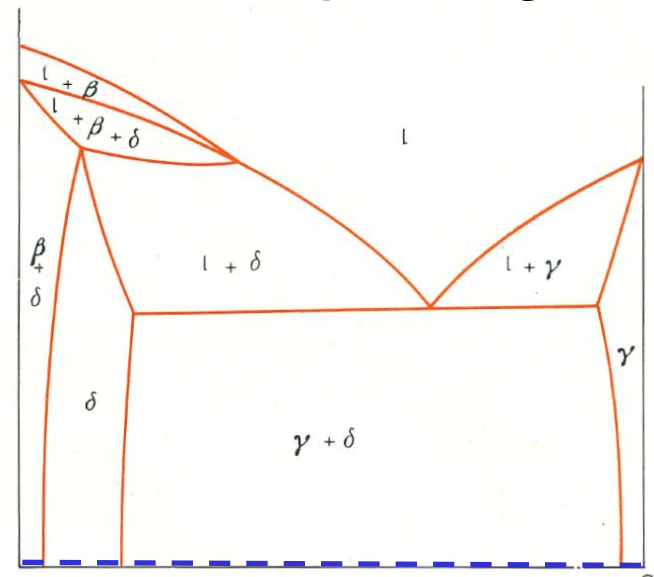
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**δ phase region**



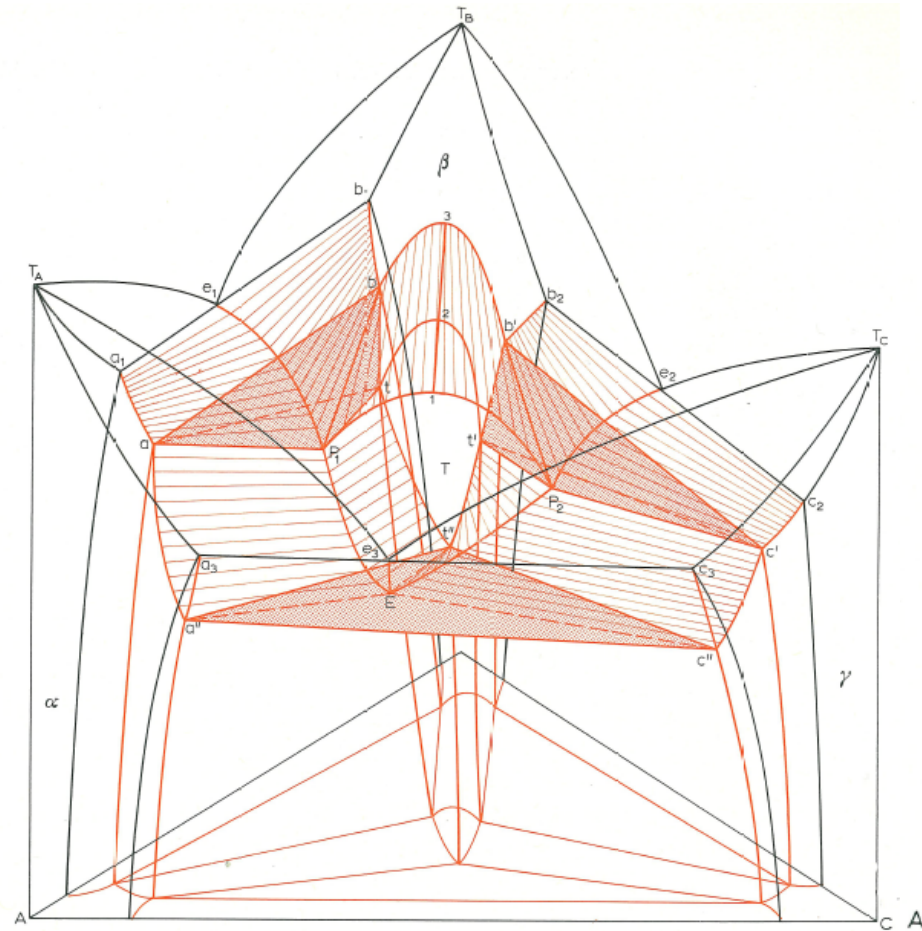
**Ternary space model**



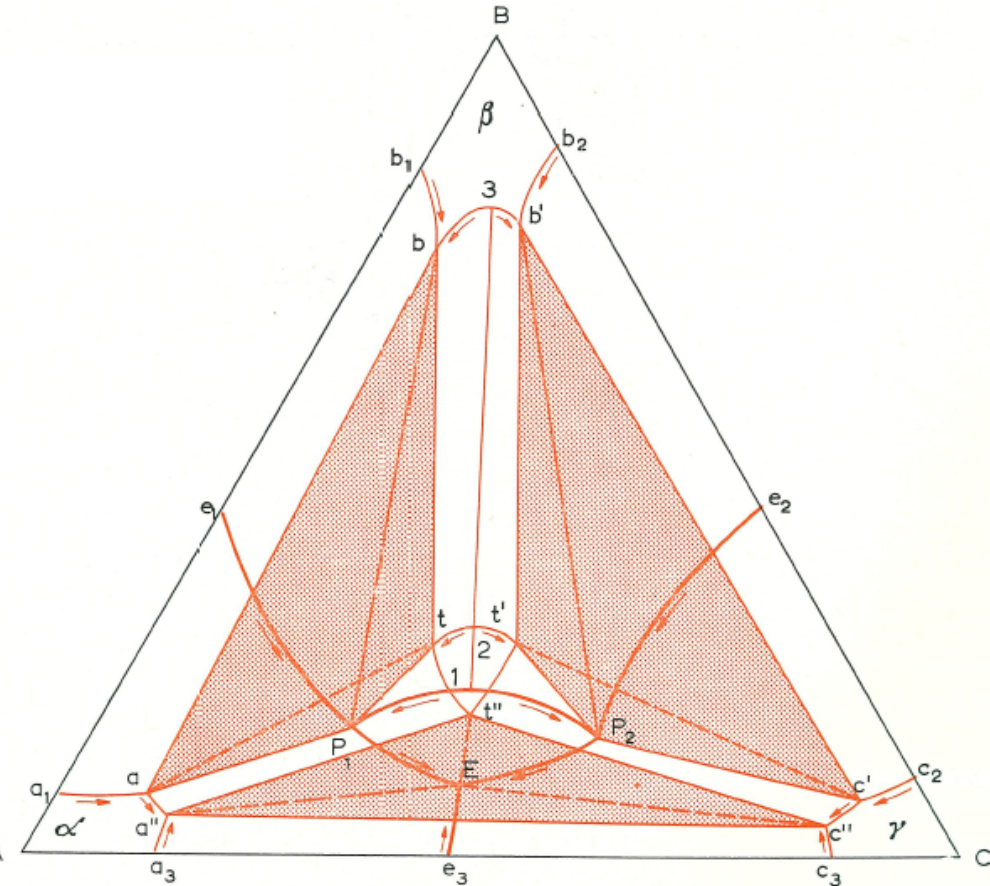
**Vertical section from C to δ**  
 : near quasi-binary nature  
 ~ not quasi-binary

# 11.2 incongruently-melting intermediate phases

b) **one ternary intermediate phase** and all three binary eutectic

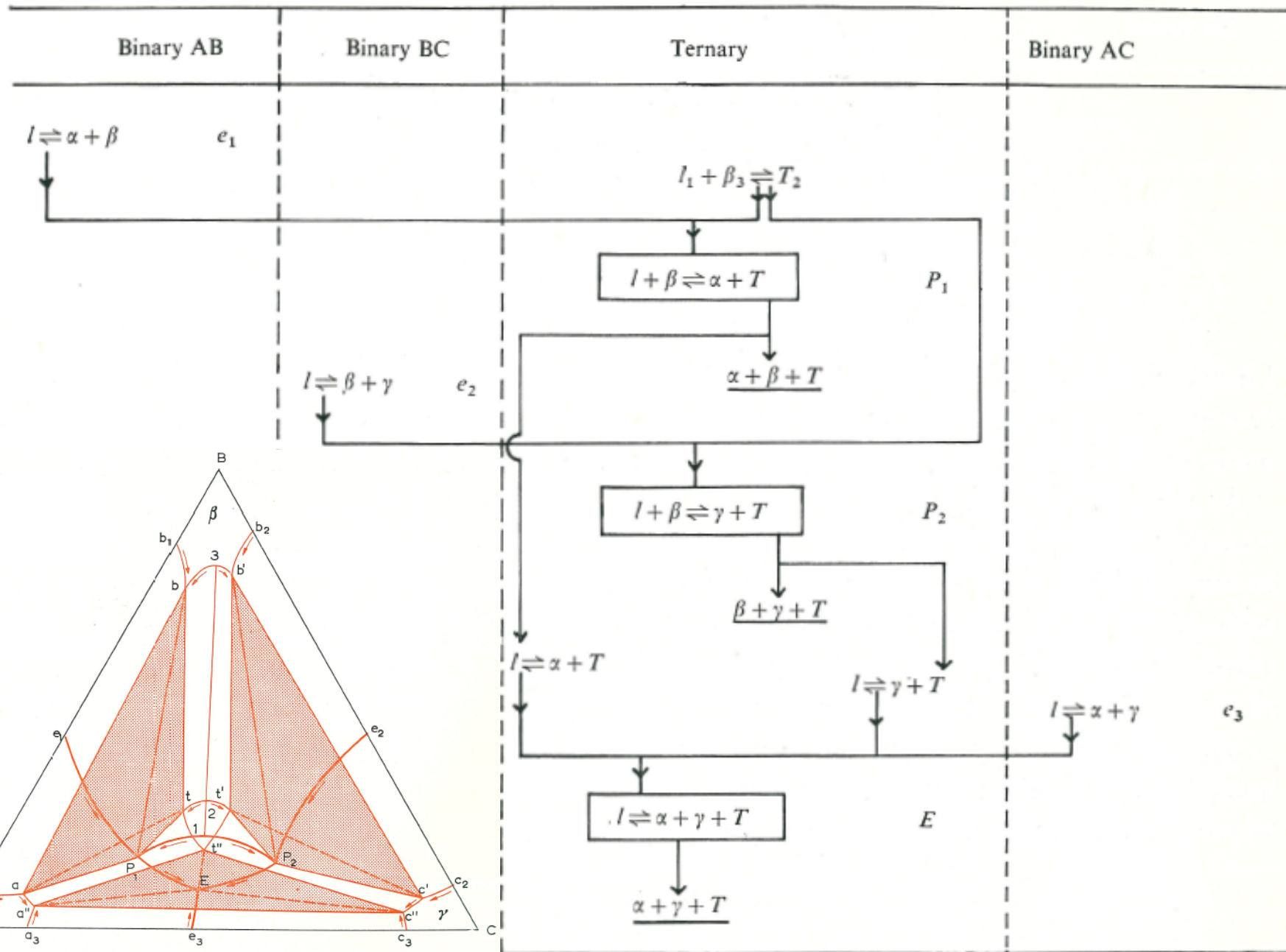


Ternary space model



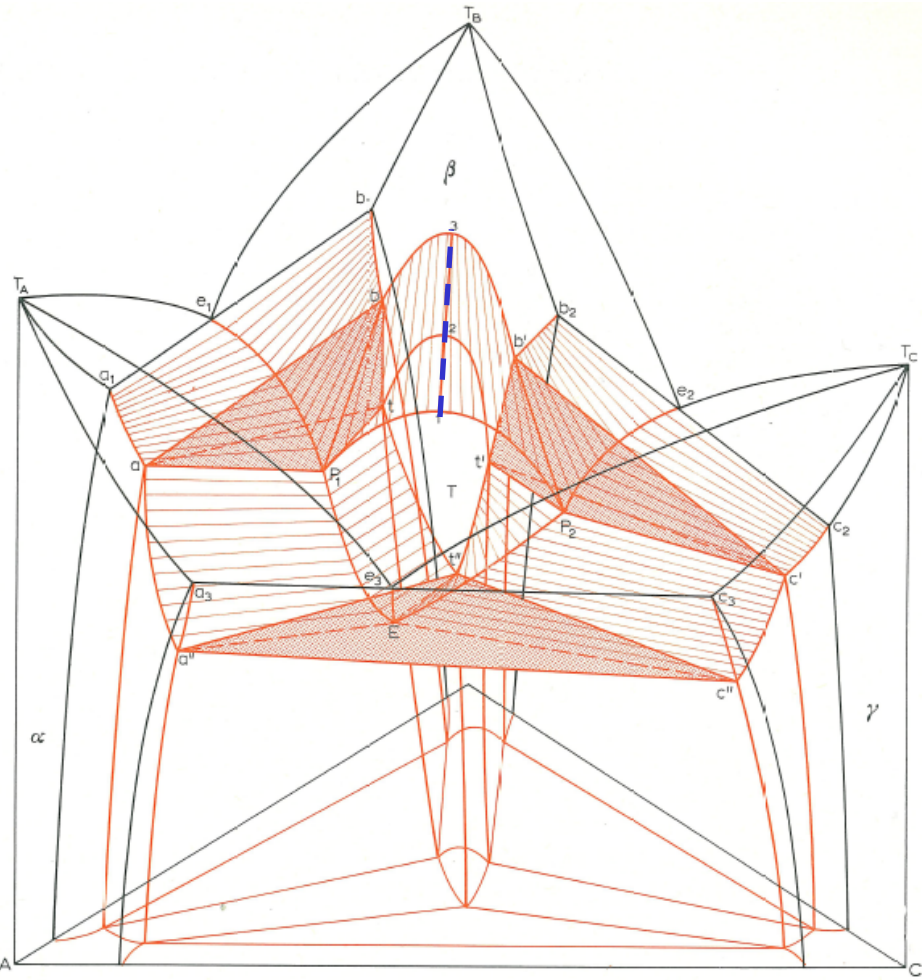
Projection on the concentration triangle

# Tabular representation of the ternary equilibria, e.g. Al-Mg-Zn system

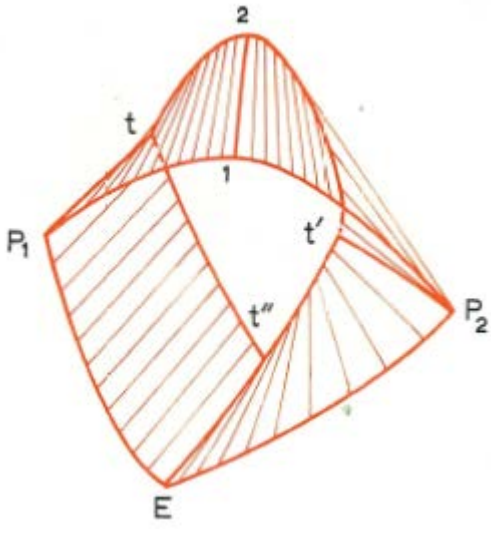


# 11.2 incongruently-melting intermediate phases

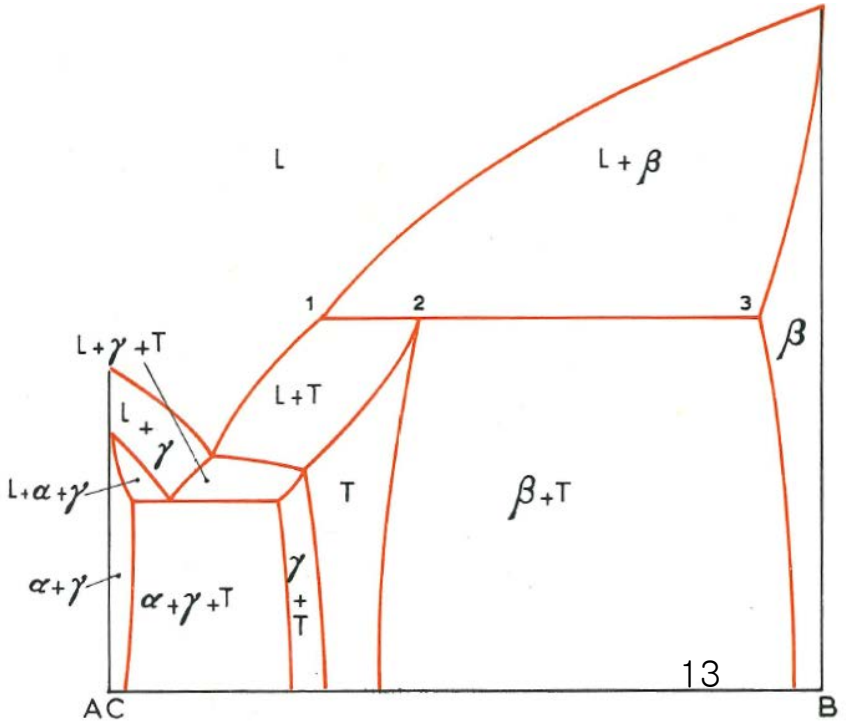
- Ternary intermediate phases



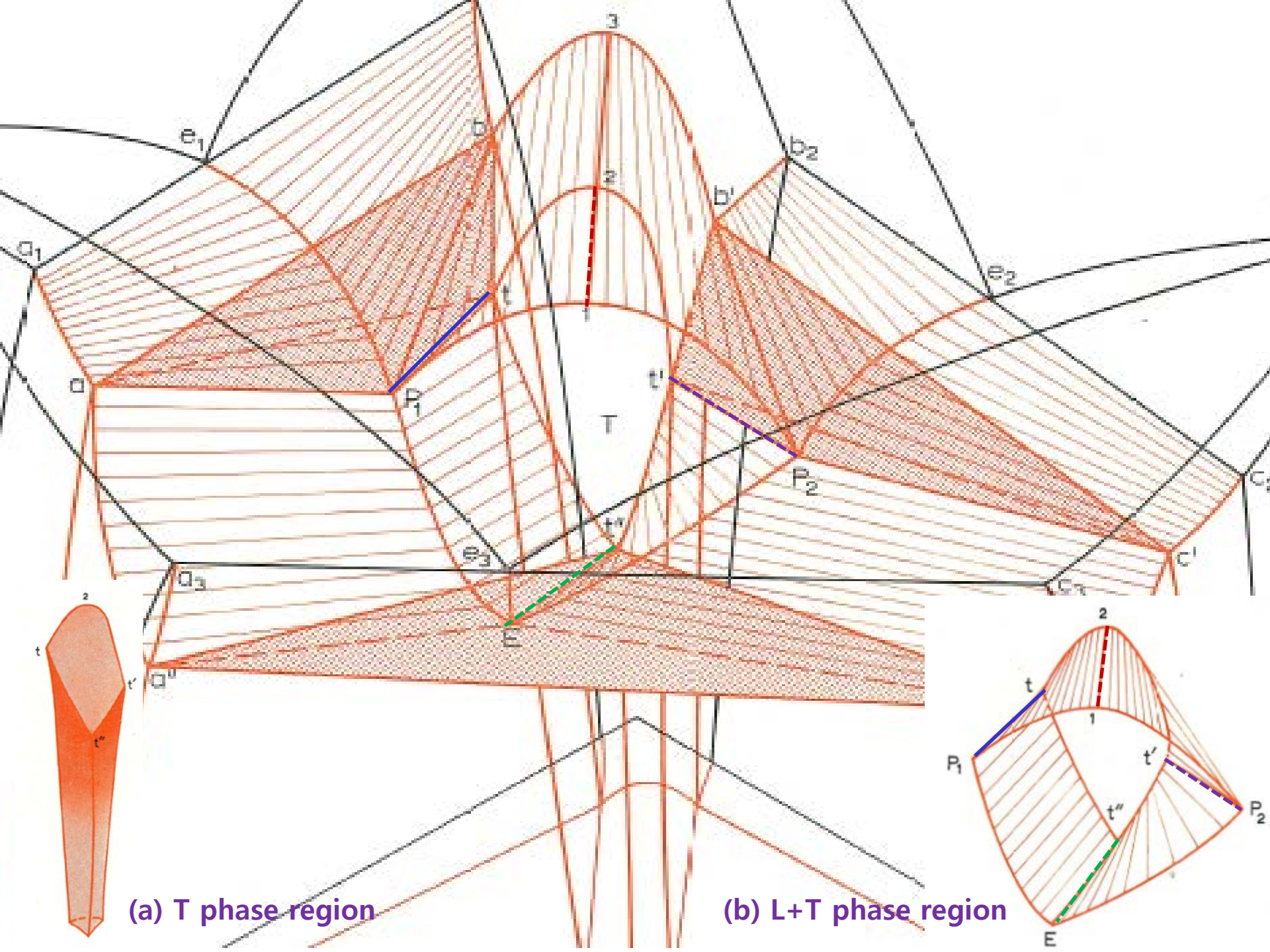
(a) T phase region



(b) L+T phase region



Vertical section along tiel line 1-2-3



(a) T phase region

(b) L+T phase region

# Chapter 12. Ternary phase Diagrams

## Liquid Immiscibility

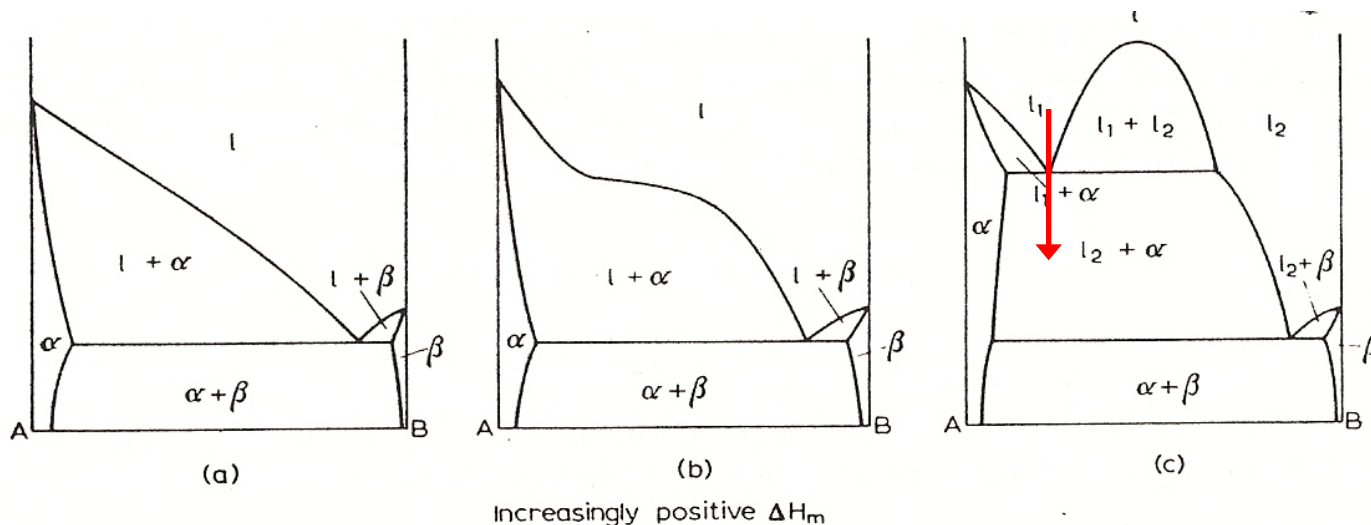
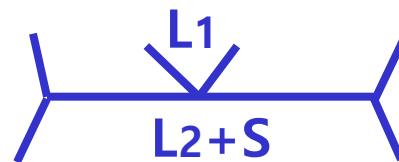
**Liquid immiscibility** in one or more of the binary systems can lead to either three-phase or four-phase equilibria in the ternary system.

**Immiscibility** can arise if either monotectic or syntectic reactions occur in the binary system; true ternary immiscibility is also possible.

# 1) Liquid immiscibility in binary system

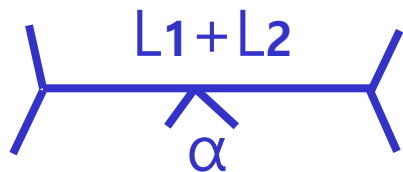
\* **Monotectic reaction:**

Liquid1  $\leftrightarrow$  Liquid2 + Solid

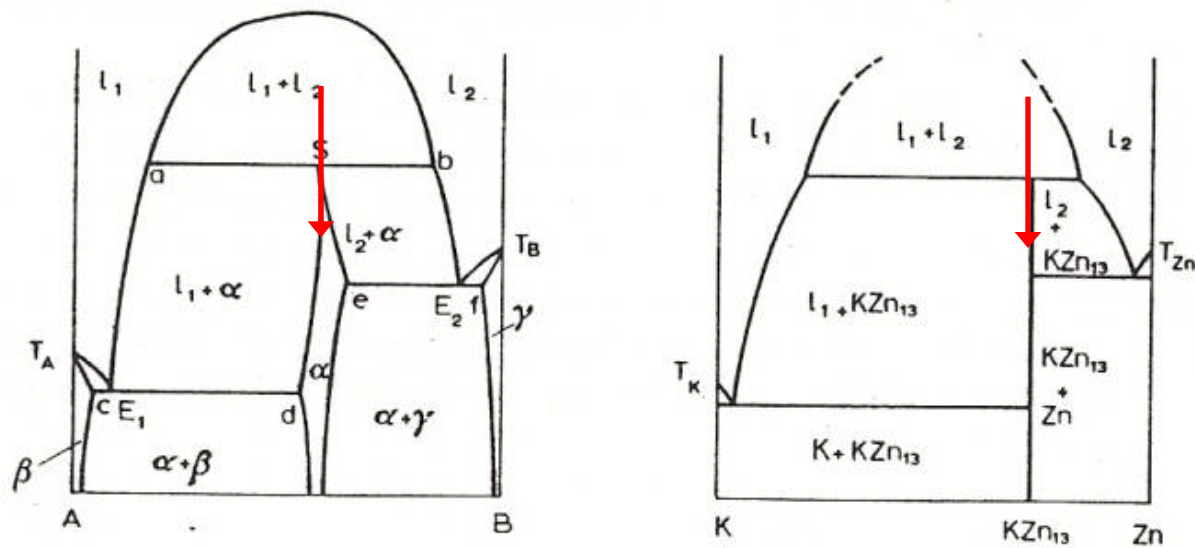


\* **Syntectic reaction:**

Liquid1 + Liquid2  $\leftrightarrow$   $\alpha$



K-Zn, Na-Zn,  
K-Pb, Pb-U, Ca-Cd





## 2) One binary liquid miscibility gap in ternary system

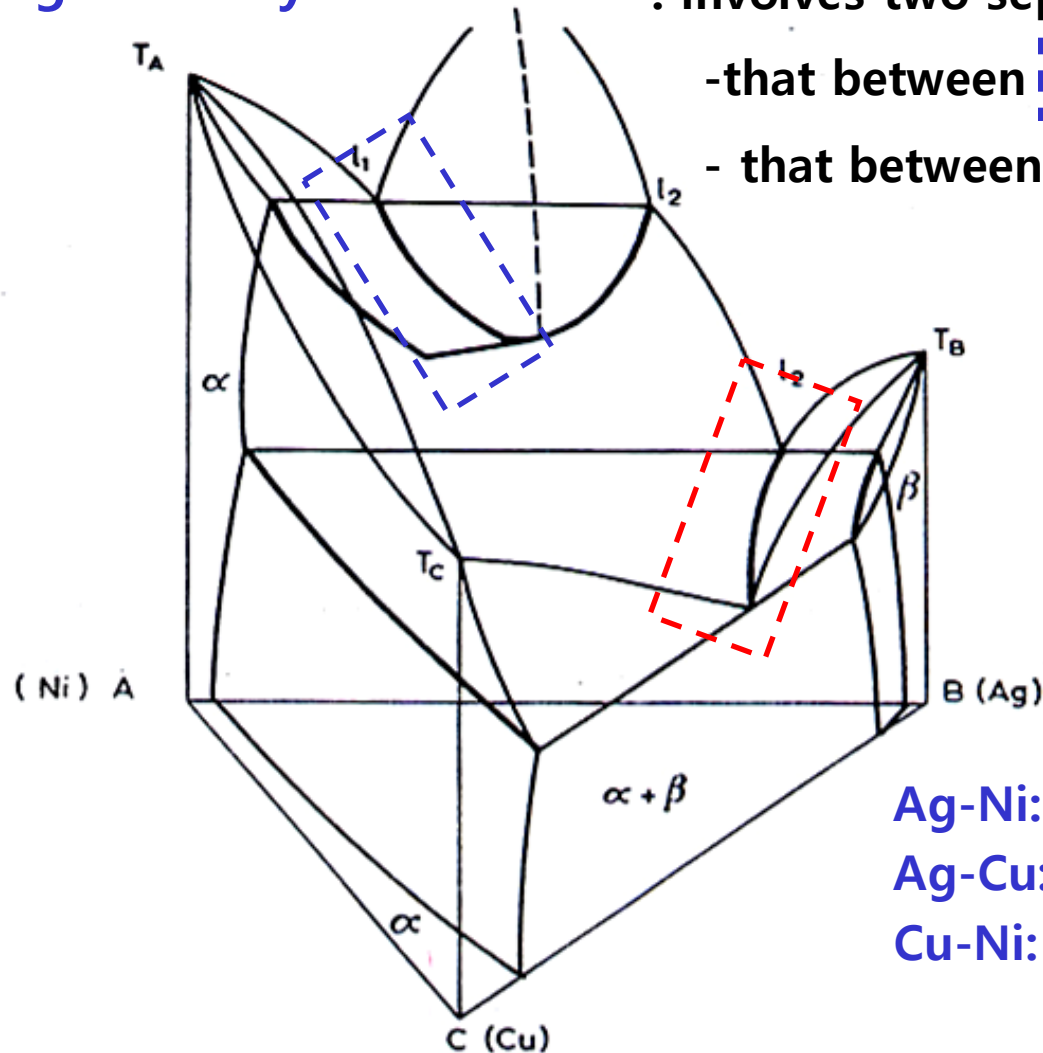
- Binary Monotectic, syntectic and metatectic reactions in combination with each other as well as with binary eutectic and peritectic reactions.

- **Ag-Cu-Ni system**

: involves two separate three phase equilibria

- that between  $\alpha$ ,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , and

- that between  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $l_2$



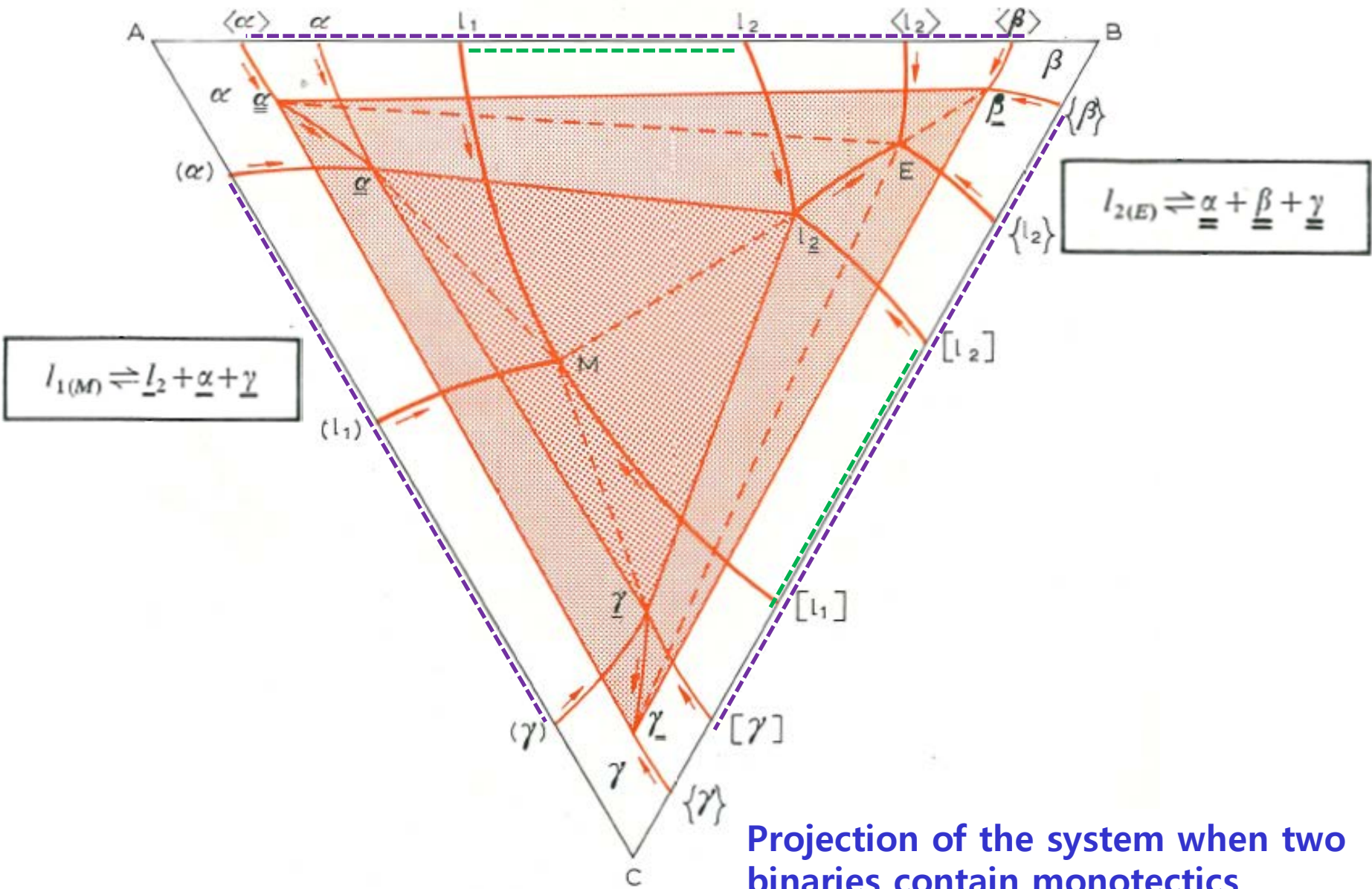
Ag-Ni: monotectic

Ag-Cu: eutectic

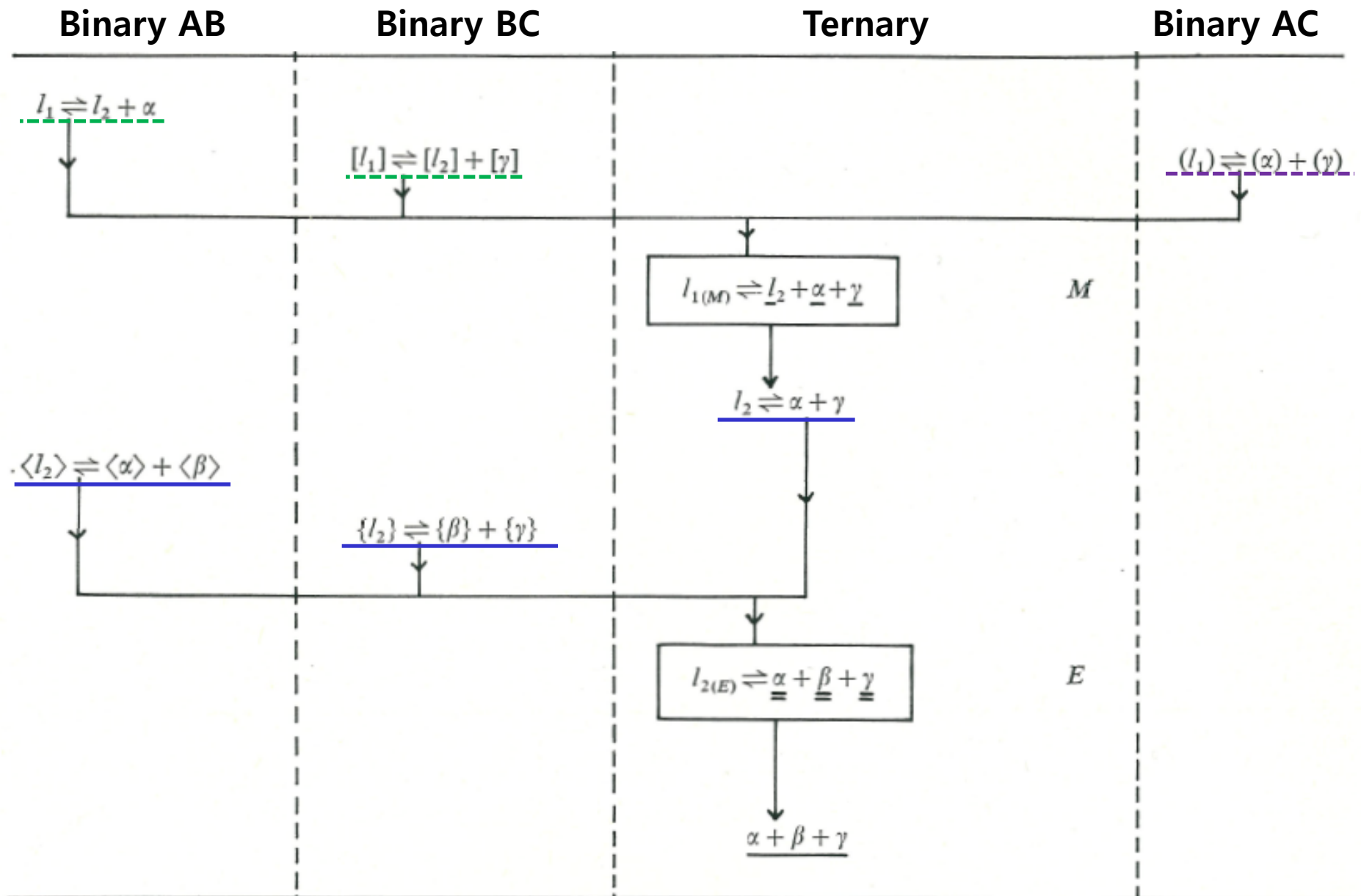
Cu-Ni: continuous series of solid soln

# 12.1. Two Binary Systems are Monotectic

- The AB and BC binaries are monotectic, the AC binary is eutectic.



\* Tabular foam of the system when two binaries contain monotectics

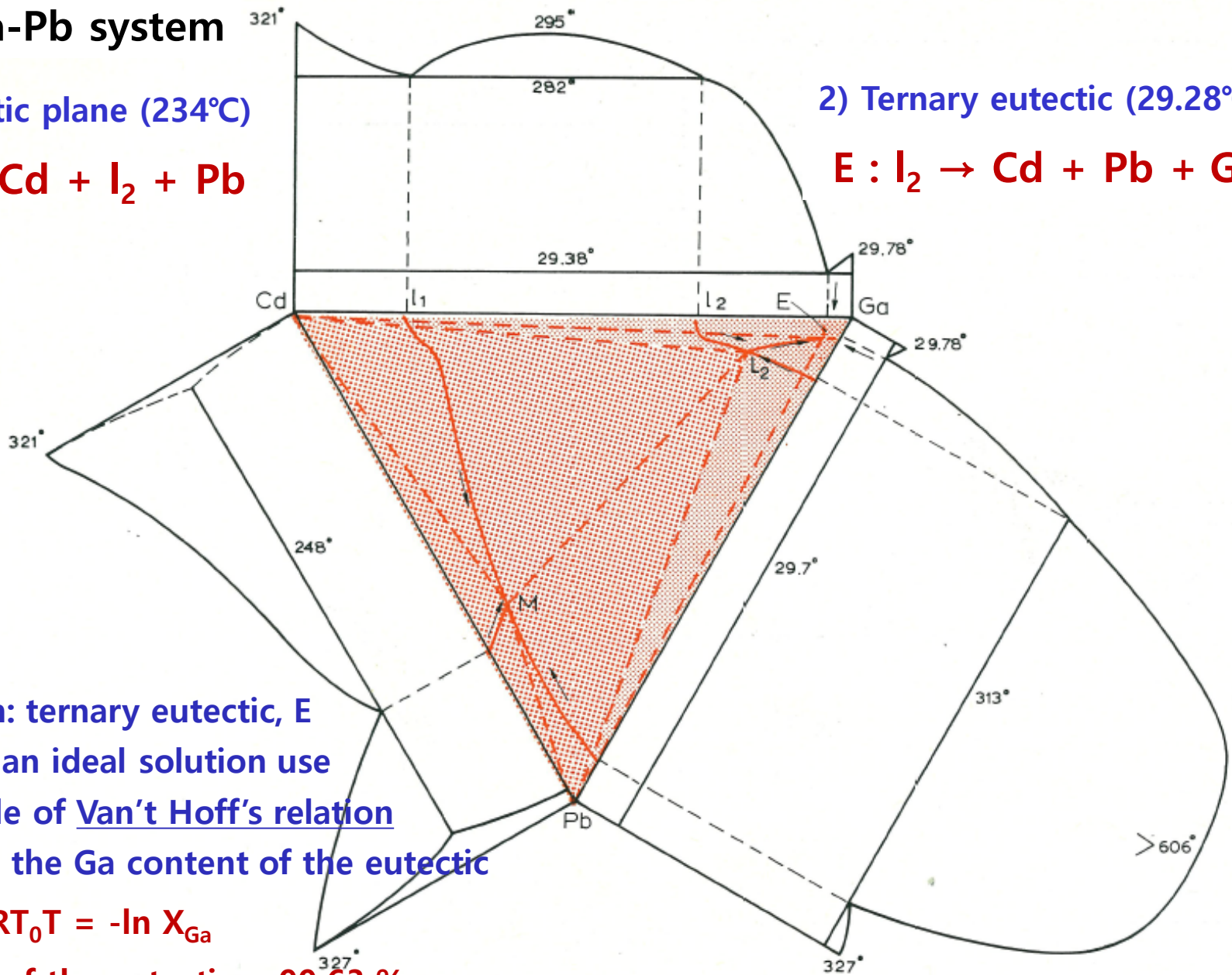


# The Cd-Ga-Pb system

1) Monotectic plane (234°C)



2) Ternary eutectic (29.28°C)



Assumption: ternary eutectic, E behaves as an ideal solution use can be made of Van't Hoff's relation to calculate the Ga content of the eutectic

$$[L_{Ga}(T_0 - T)]/RT_0T = -\ln X_{Ga}$$

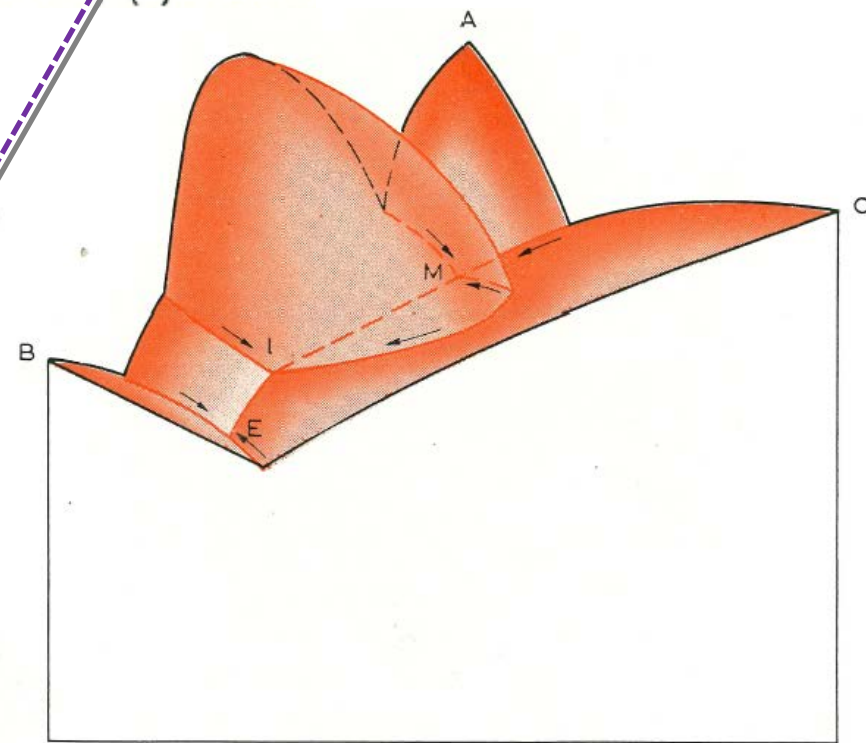
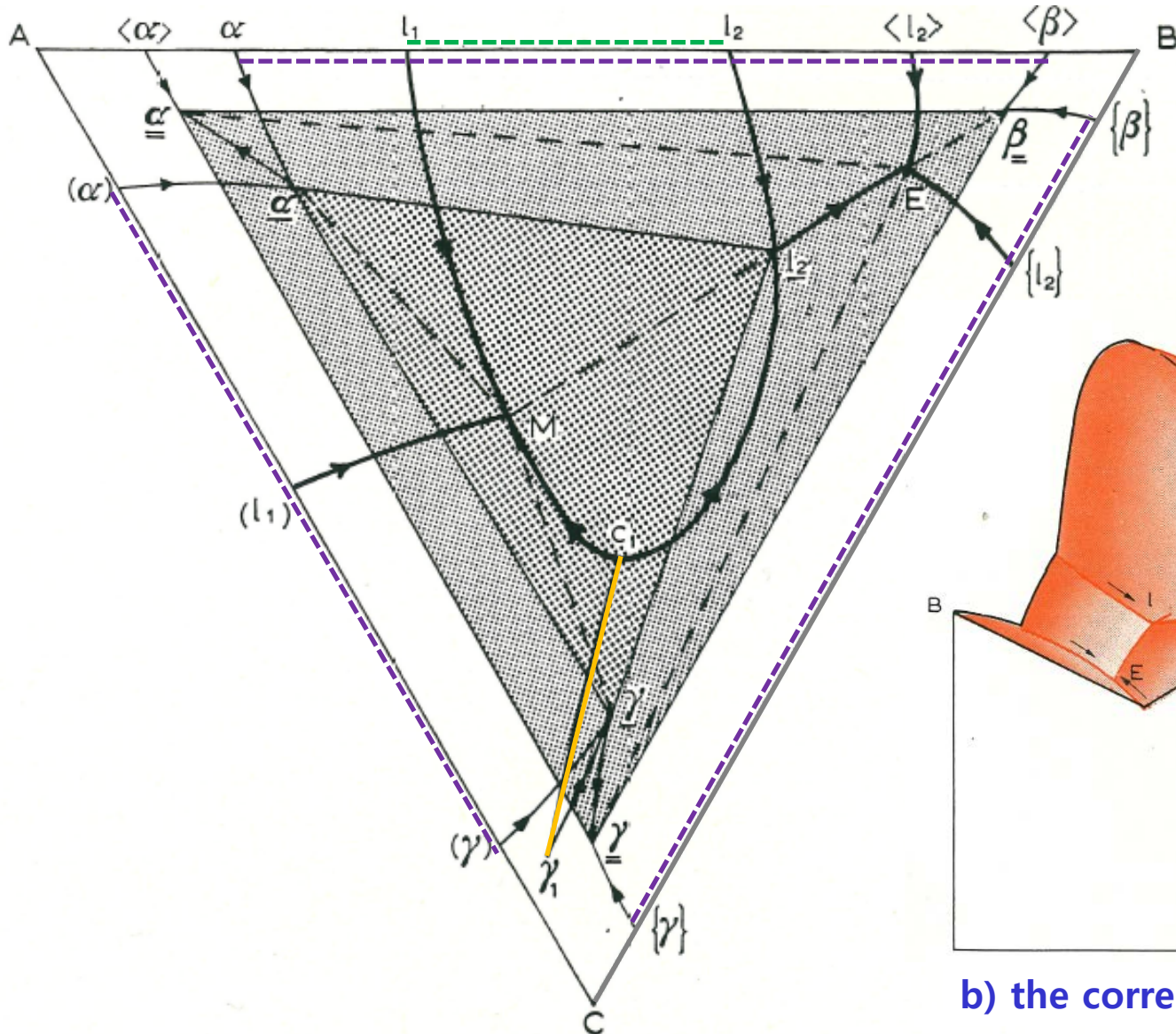
Ga content of the eutectic = 99.63 %

where  $L_{Ga}$  is the heat of fusion of Ga (1336 cal/g.-atom),  $T_0$  is the m.p. of Ga (302.93 °K),  $T$  is the ternary eutectic temperature,  $R$  the gas constant, and  $X_{Ga}$  the Ga content of the ternary eutectic  $E$ .

# 12.2. One Binary System is Monotectic

# Liquid immiscibility in ternary system

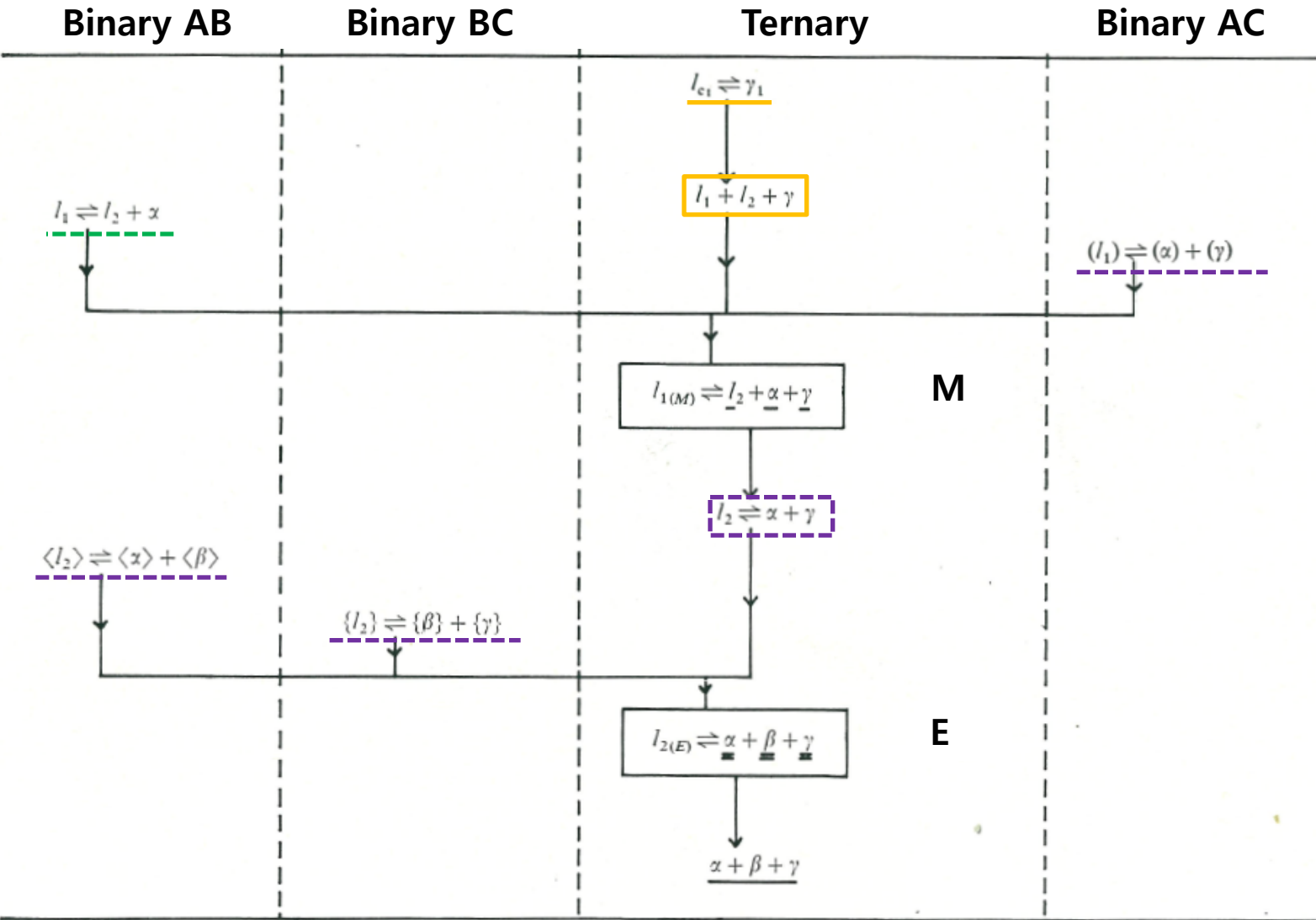
a) Projection of the system when only one binary is monotectic and two binaries are simple eutectic.



b) the corresponding liquidus surface

# 12.2. One Binary System is Monotectic

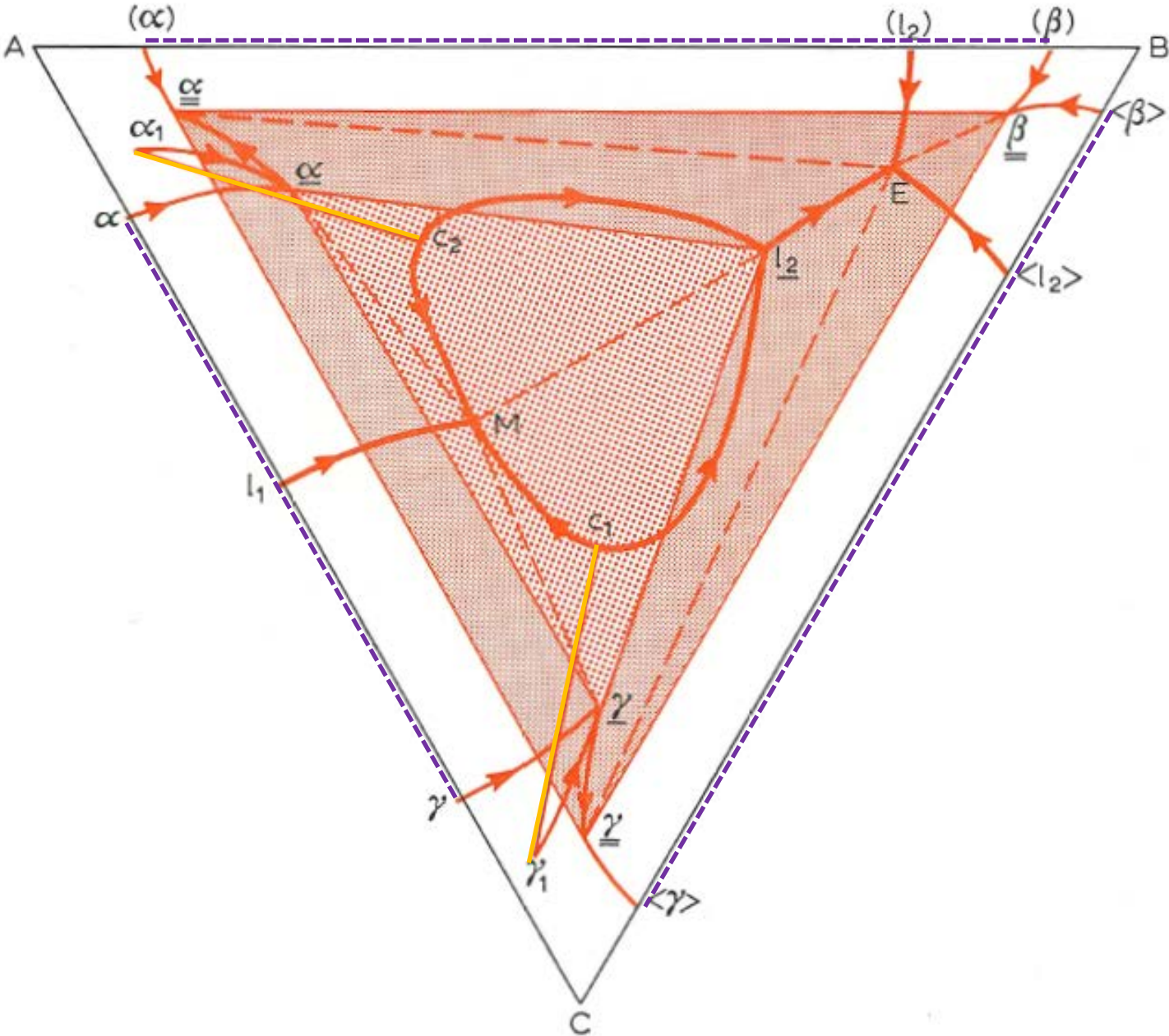
\* Tabular foam of the system when two binaries contain monotectics



\* ex)  $Fe_3C$ -FeS-Fe: partial system of C-Fe-S ternary

quasi-binary system Fe- $Fe_3C$ : monotectic/ Fe- $Fe_3C$  & Fe-FeS: simple eutectic

**12.3. None of the binaries contain liquid miscibility gaps but True Ternary Liquid Immiscibility Appears**



# 12.3. True Ternary Liquid Immiscibility Appears

\* Tabular foam of the system when true ternary liquid immiscibility appears

