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# Chapter 15. Quaternary Phase Diagrams

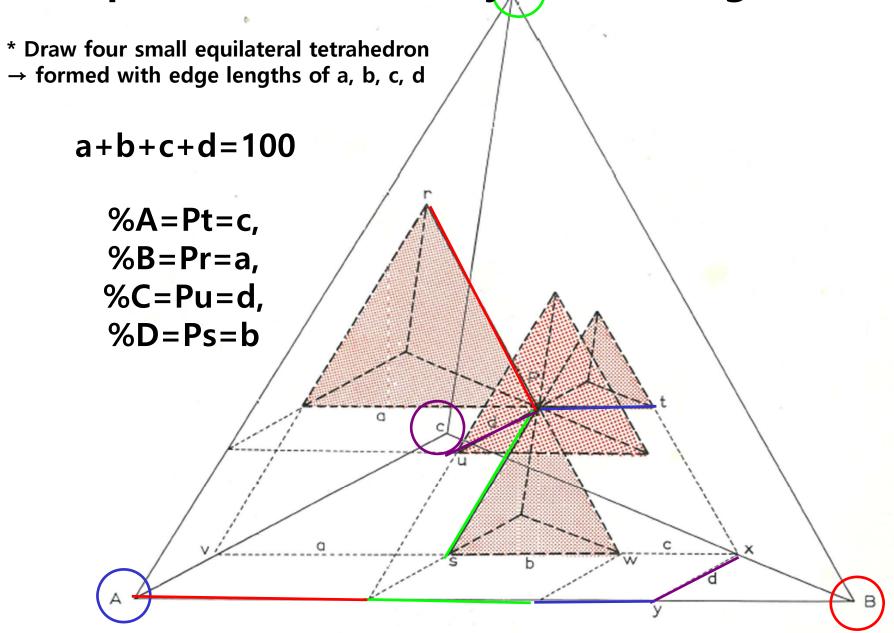
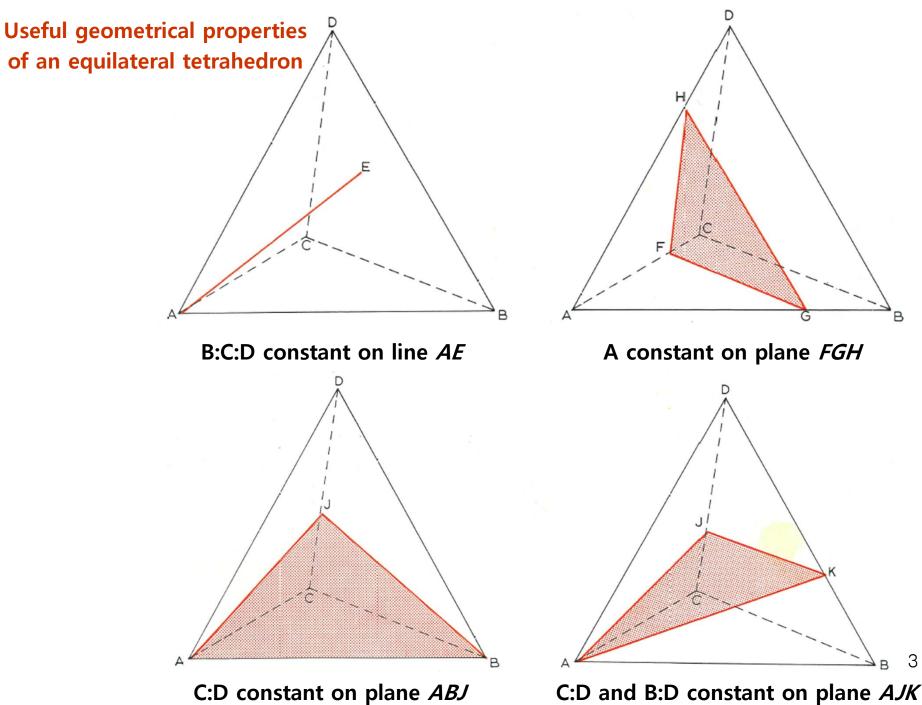
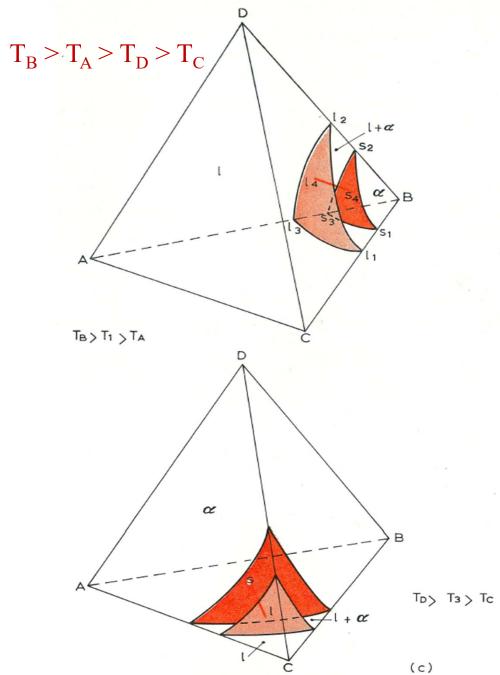


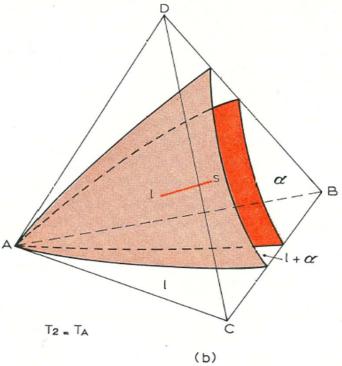
Fig. 247. Representation of a quaternary system by an equilateral tetrahedron.



C:D and B:D constant on plane AJK

#### \* Isobaric-isothermal sections through a quaternary system involving "two-phase equilibrium"

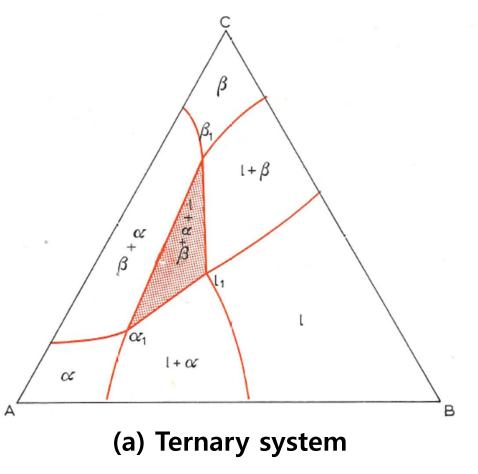




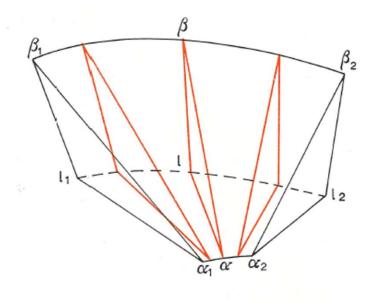
- \* The quaternary tie lines are going from one isothermal section to another with decreasing temperature the tie lines all change their orientation.
- \* The quaternary melt is richer in the lower-melting components than the quaternary solid solution it is in equilibrium with Konovalov's rule.
- \* The usual lever rule is applicable to tie lines in quaternary systems. 4

# \* Course of solidification of quaternary alloy P \* T<sub>1</sub> : liquidus surface m<sub>1</sub>m<sub>2</sub>m<sub>3</sub> → P Solidus surface $s_1s_2s_3 \rightarrow \alpha_1$ \* $T_2$ : tie line $\alpha_2 I_2$ → this tie line is not parallel to the first tie line $P\alpha_1$ in contrast to the series of tie lines in the ternary system. \* $T_3$ : liquidus surface $m_7 m_8 A \rightarrow l_3$ Solidus surface s<sub>7</sub>s<sub>8</sub>A → P \* Liquid trace curve: Pl<sub>2</sub>l<sub>3</sub> $\alpha$ phase trace curve: $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 P$ → Any departure from equilibrium conditions during solidification results in the formation of <u>a cored structure</u>, as was noted for the binary and ternary alloys.

## 15.3 THREE-PHASE EQUILIBRIUM



\* The tie triangles in the quaternary threephase region do not lie parallel to each other, in contrast to the superficially similar three-phase region in a ternary (isobaric) space model.



(b) quaternary system

Fig. 254. Isobaric-isothermal sections for systems involving three-phase equilibrium.

# Fig. 255. Polythermal projection of a quaternary system involving three-phase equilibrium of the type $I \rightleftarrows \alpha + \beta$



\* Binary eutectic: CA, CB, CD & A, B, D form continuous series of binary solid solution with each other.

\* Face ACD of the tetrahedron ABCD= polythermal projection of the ternary system ACD

: Continuous transition from the binary eutectic CD to the binary eutectic AC (monovariant liquidus curve E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>3</sub>)

\* Change in solubility in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ 

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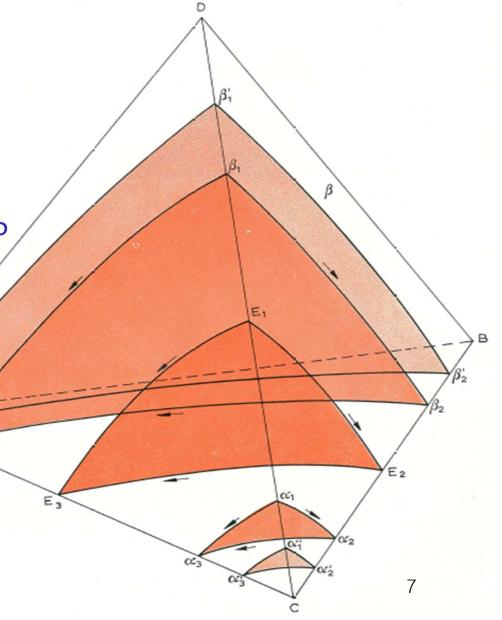


Fig. 256. <u>Isobaric-isothermal sections</u> through the quaternary system of Fig. 255

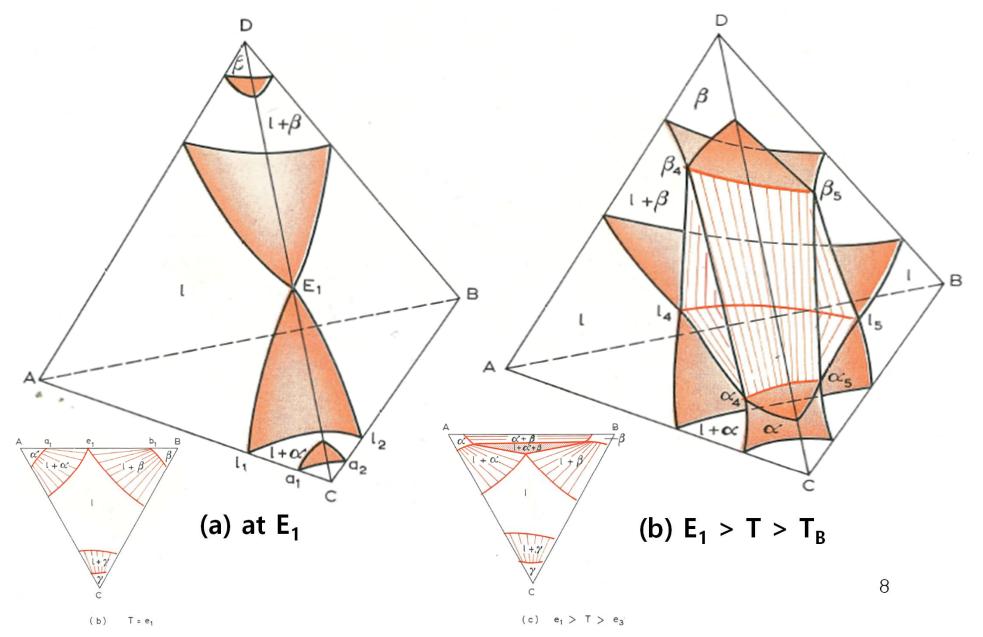


Fig. 256. Isobaric-isothermal sections through the quaternary system of Fig. 255

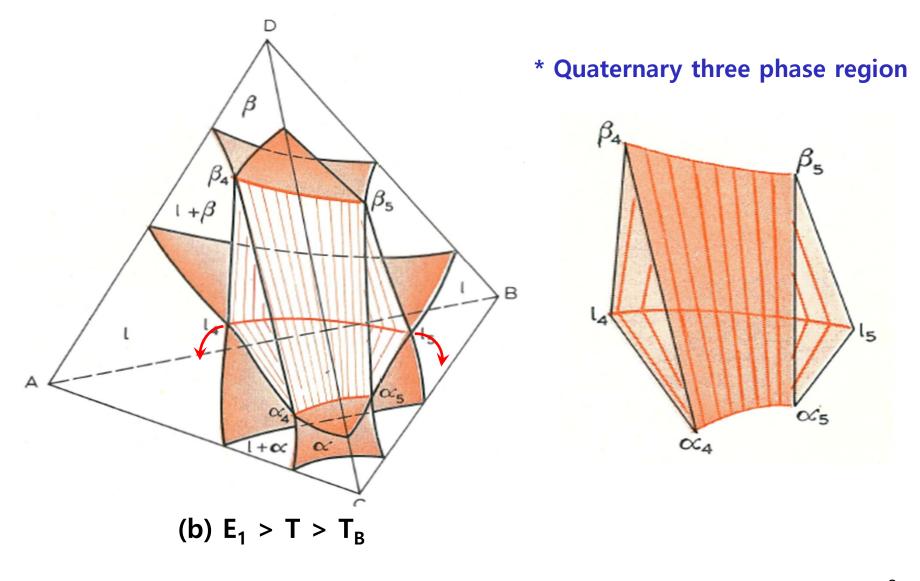
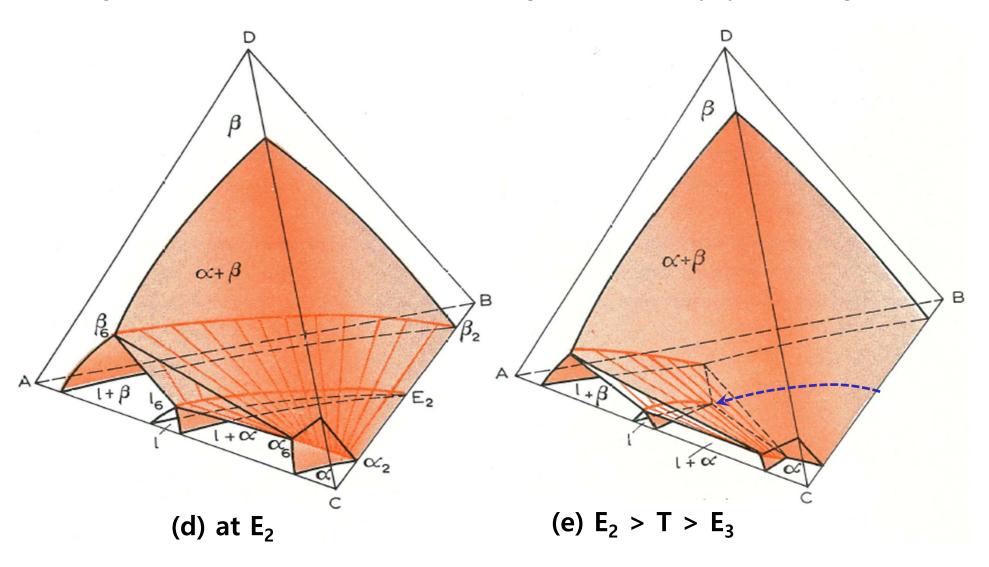
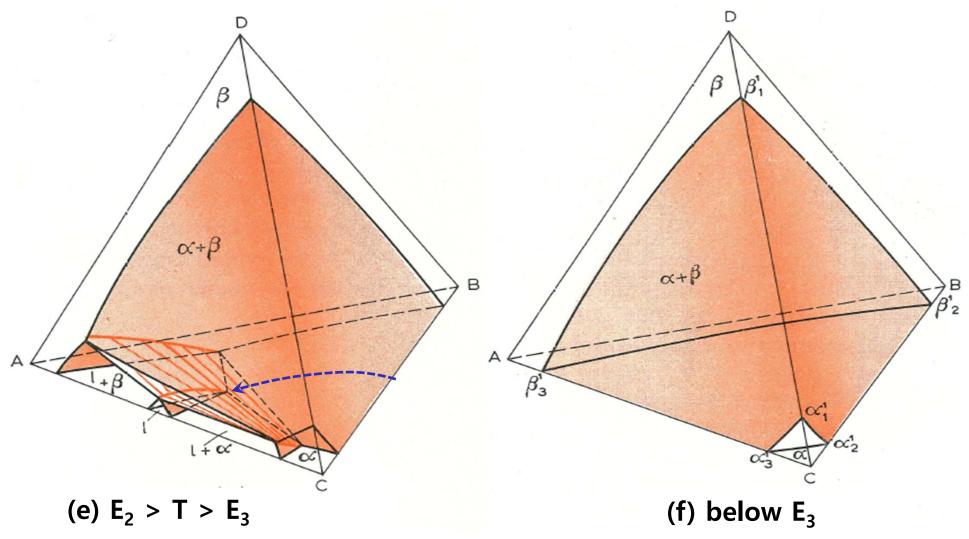


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$$T_D > T_C > E_1 > T_B > T_A > E_2 > E_3$$

Fig. 256. Isobaric-isothermal sections through the quaternary system of Fig. 255



- 1) At  $E_3$ , the last drop of liquid is consumed and all alloys in the quaternary system are completely solid at temperatures below  $E_3$ .
- 2) Below E<sub>3</sub>, change in solubility in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  ( $\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha'_1\alpha'_2\alpha'_3$ ,  $\beta_1\beta_2\beta_3 \rightarrow \beta'_1\beta'_2\beta'_3$ )

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The three-phase regions from Fig. 256.b, d, and e have been superimposed on the <u>polythermal projection</u> in Fig. 257.

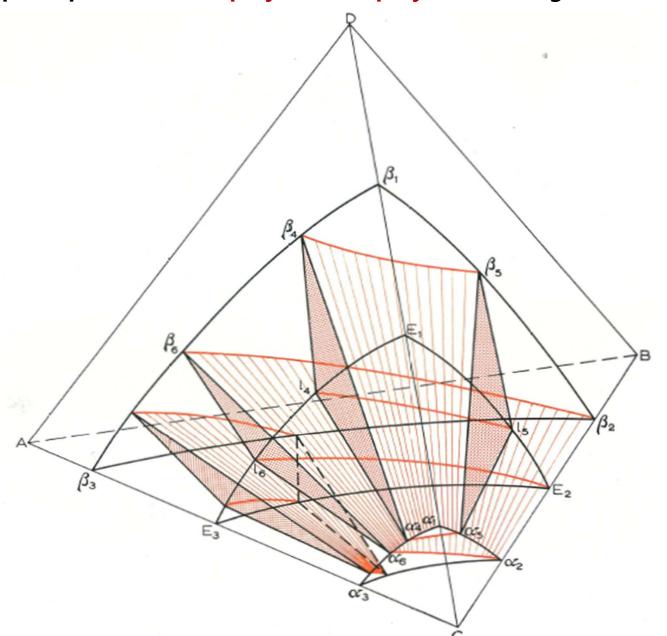


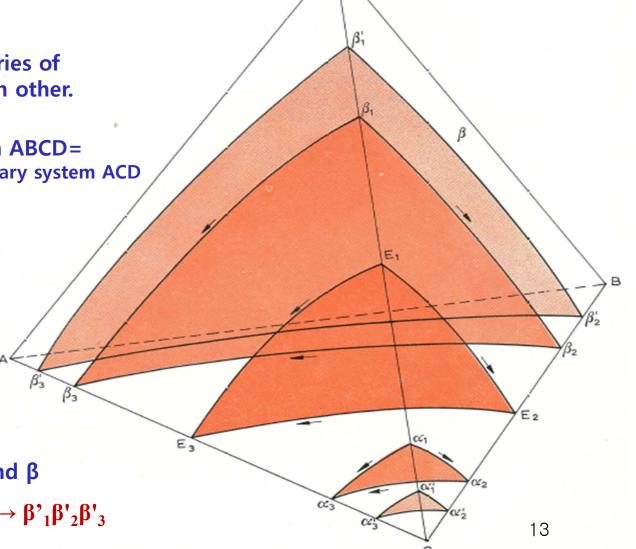
Fig. 255. Polythermal projection of a quaternary system involving three-phase equilibrium of the type  $I \rightleftarrows \alpha + \beta$ 



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## \* Equilibrium freezing of alloys

### A method proposed by Schrader and Hannemann

: the construction of a three-dimensional temperatureconcentration section for a constant amount of one of the components.

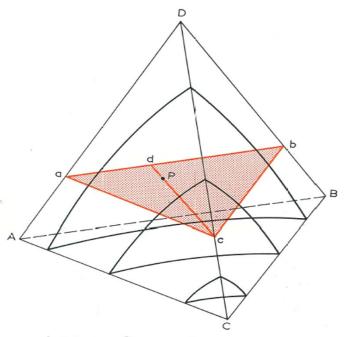
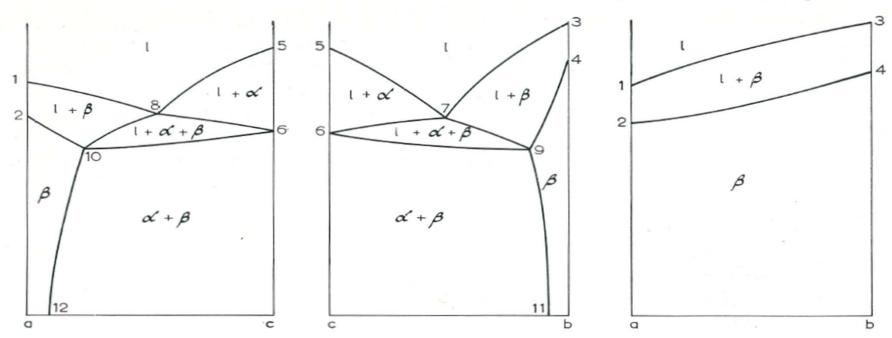
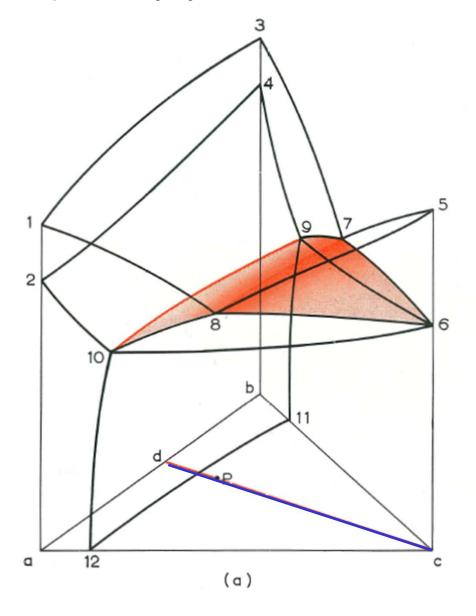


Fig. 258. Position of alloy P on plane abc.



Vertical sections a-c, c-b, and a-b at the ternary faces ACD, BCD, and ABD

Fig. 260. (a) <u>Three-dimensional temperature-concentration diagram</u> for a quaternary system abc; (b) two-dimensional section through Fig. 260 (a).



\* Consider the solidification of alloy P on plane abc,

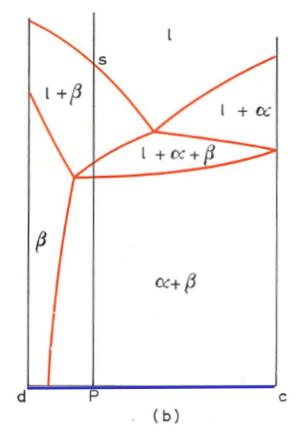


Fig. 261. Freezing of quaternary alloy P illustrated by reference to the polythermal projection of Fig. 255.

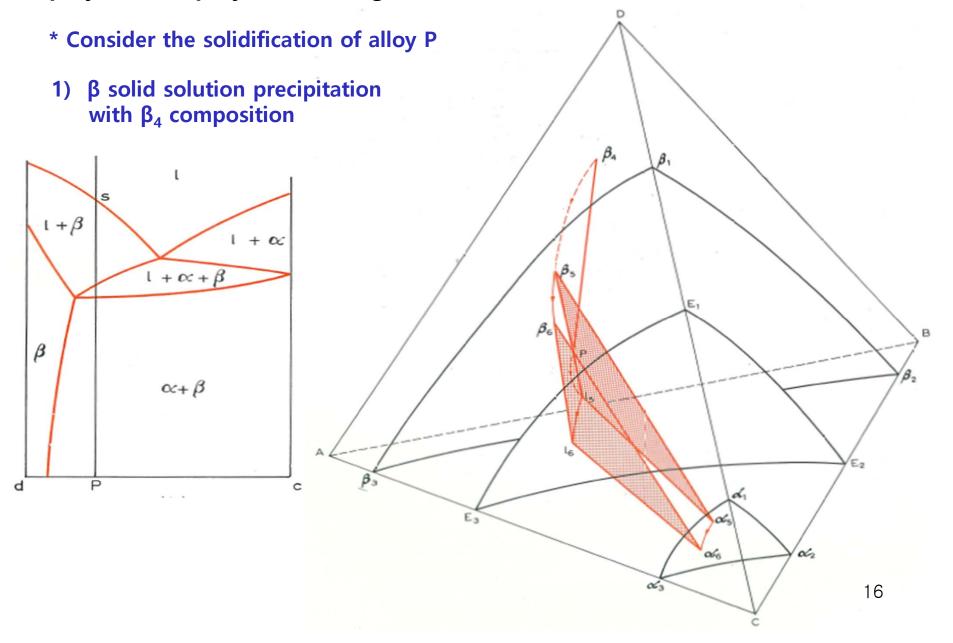


Fig. 261. Freezing of quaternary alloy P illustrated by reference to the

polythermal projection of Fig. 255.



1)  $\beta$  solid solution precipitation with  $\beta_4$  composition

2)  $\beta$  phases trace paths similar to those shown in Fig. 253. (  $\beta_4 \rightarrow \beta_5$  )

3) Liquid meet the eutectic surface  $E_1E_2E_3$ .  $\rightarrow$  three phase equilibrium appear. ( $I_5\alpha_5\beta_5 \rightarrow I_6\alpha_6\beta_6$ )

4) With cooling to room temperature,  $\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha'_1\alpha'_2\alpha'_3$ ,  $\beta_1\beta_2\beta_3 \rightarrow \beta'_1\beta'_2\beta'_3$ 

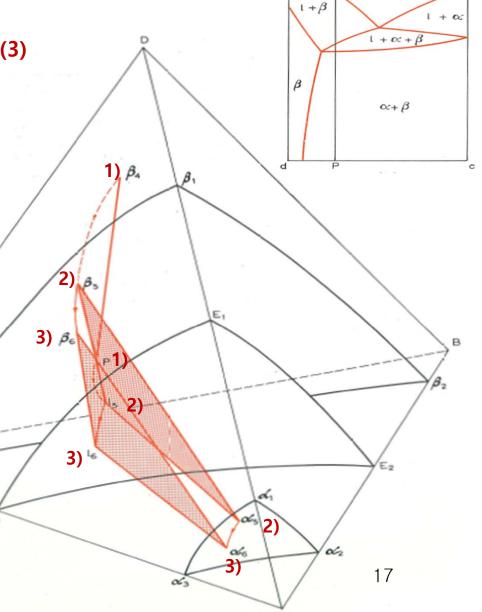


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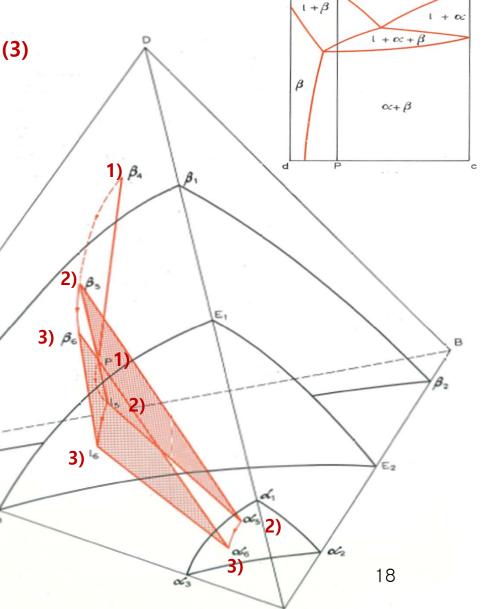


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## 15.4 FOUR-PHASE EQUILIBRIUM

Four phases can only exist at one temperature in a ternary system.

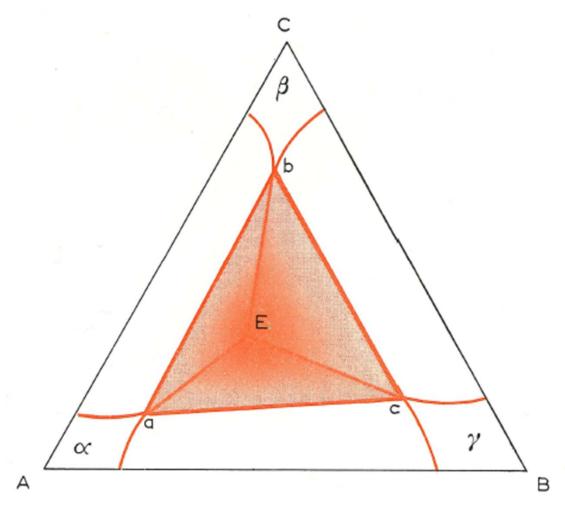
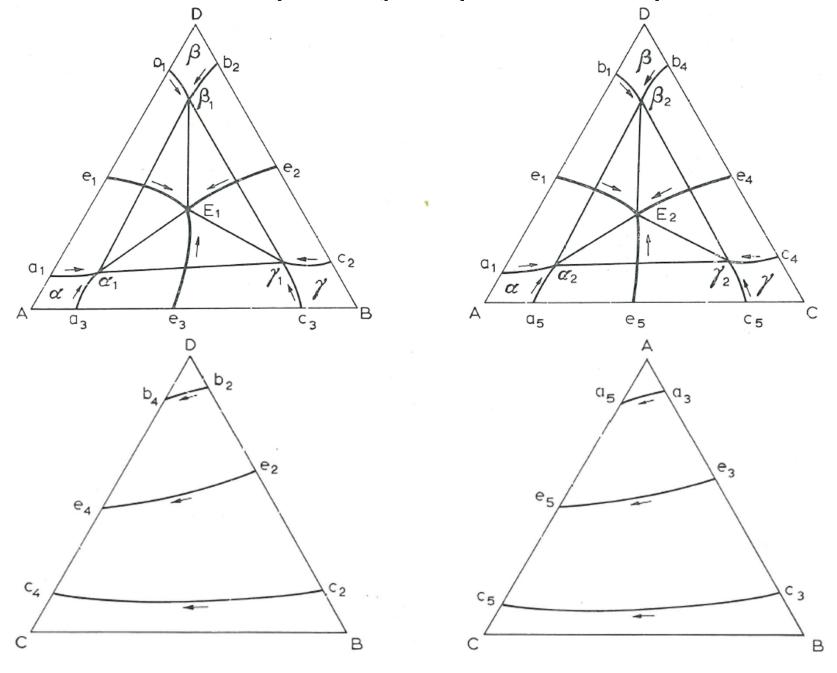


Fig. 262. Isobaric-isothermal section of a ternary system at the ternary eutectic temperature

Fig. 263. Polythermal projection of the ternary systems involved in a quaternary four phase eutectic equilibrium



#### <Hillert's criterion>

## Assumption, $X_A^{\beta} = X_A^{\prime} > X_A^{\alpha}$ (New coordinate system) $\Delta m_{\beta} + \Delta m_{\gamma} = -\Delta m_{\alpha}$

$$\Delta m_{\beta} + \Delta m_{I} = - \Delta m_{o}$$

$$\Delta X_{A} = m_{\alpha} \cdot \Delta X_{A}^{\alpha} + m_{\beta} \cdot \Delta X_{A}^{\beta} + m_{l} \cdot \Delta X_{A}^{l} + X_{A}^{\alpha} \cdot \Delta m_{\alpha} + X_{A}^{\beta} \cdot \Delta m_{\beta} + X_{A}^{l} \cdot \Delta m_{l} = 0$$

$$-X_{A}^{\alpha} \Delta m_{\alpha} - X_{A}^{\beta} \Delta m_{\beta} - X_{A}^{l} \Delta m_{l} = m_{\alpha} \Delta X_{A}^{\alpha} + m_{\beta} \Delta X_{A}^{\beta} + m_{l} \Delta X_{A}^{l}$$

$$\Delta m_{\alpha} (X_{A}^{\beta} - X_{A}^{\alpha}) = m_{\alpha} \Delta X_{A}^{\alpha} + m_{\beta} \Delta X_{A}^{\beta} + m_{l} \Delta X_{A}^{l}$$

Sign	Assumption	Sign	
$\Delta m_{\alpha}(X_{A}{}^{\beta}-X_{A}{}^{\alpha})$	$X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\beta} = X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{l} > X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\alpha}$	$m_{\alpha}\Delta X_{A}{}^{\alpha} + m_{\beta}\Delta X_{A}{}^{\beta} + m_{l}\Delta X_{A}{}^{l}$	
$\Delta m_{\beta}(X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\alpha}-X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\beta})$	$X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\alpha} = X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{l} > X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\beta}$	$m_{\alpha}\Delta X_{A}{}^{\alpha} + m_{\beta}\Delta X_{A}{}^{\beta} + m_{l}\Delta X_{A}{}^{l}$	
$\Delta m_l(X_A{}^\alpha - X_A{}^l)$	$X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\alpha} = X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{\beta} > X_{\mathbf{A}}{}^{l}$	$m_{\alpha}\Delta X_{A}{}^{\alpha}+m_{\beta}\Delta X_{A}{}^{\beta}+m_{l}\Delta X_{A}{}^{l}$	

here,  $\Delta m_{\alpha}$ : change of  $\alpha$  phase fraction with  $\Delta T$ 

$\Delta m_{lpha}$	$\Delta m_{eta}$	$\Delta m_l$		
+	+	-	$l \rightarrow \alpha + \beta$	eutectic
+	-	-	$l + \beta \rightarrow \alpha$	peritectic
-	+	-	$l + \alpha \rightarrow \beta$	peritectic

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In the case of a quaternary four-phase equilibrium application of the criterion indicates that:

- (1)  $\Delta m_{\alpha}, \Delta m_{\beta}, \Delta m_{\gamma}$  are positive and  $\Delta m_{1}$  is negative, the quaternary four-phase equilibrium is of the eutectic type:  $\mathbf{I} \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \mathbf{\beta} + \mathbf{\gamma}$ .
- (2) If one the expressions,  $\Delta m_{\alpha}$ ,  $\Delta m_{\beta}$ ,  $\Delta m_{\gamma}$  is negative and  $\Delta m_{1}$  is negative, the quaternary reaction is a quasi-peritectic type:  $I + \alpha \rightleftarrows \beta + \gamma$  for negative  $\Delta m_{\alpha}$ .
- (3) If two of the expressions  $\Delta m_{\alpha}, \Delta m_{\beta}, \Delta m_{\gamma}$  are negative and  $\Delta m_{1}$  is negative, the quaternary reaction is a peritectic type:  $\mathbf{I} + \alpha + \boldsymbol{\beta} \rightleftarrows \gamma$  for negative  $\Delta m_{\alpha}$  and  $\Delta m_{\beta}$ .

## \* Simplest case of quaternary four-phase equilibrium:

$$I \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta + \gamma$$

$$T_D > T_A > T_B > e_1 > e_2 > T_C > e_3 > e_4 > e_5 > E_1 > E_2$$

- Five binary eutectic systems
   AB, AC, AD, CD and BD
   one binary solid solution, BC
- 2) Ternary eutectic type ABD and ACD
- & only ternary three-phase equilibria ABC and BCD

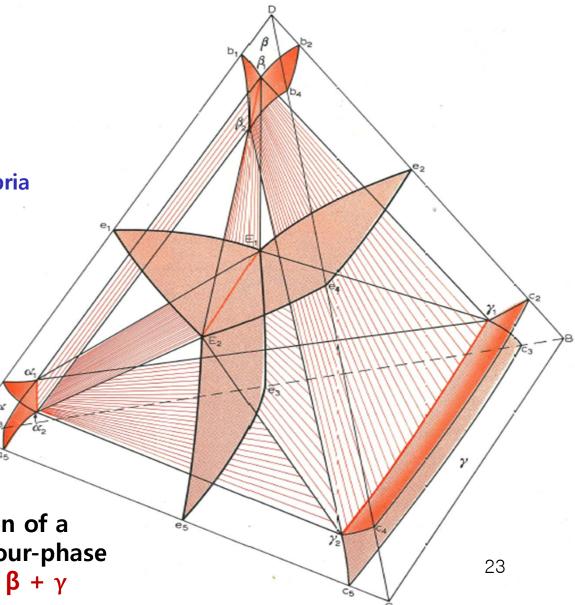
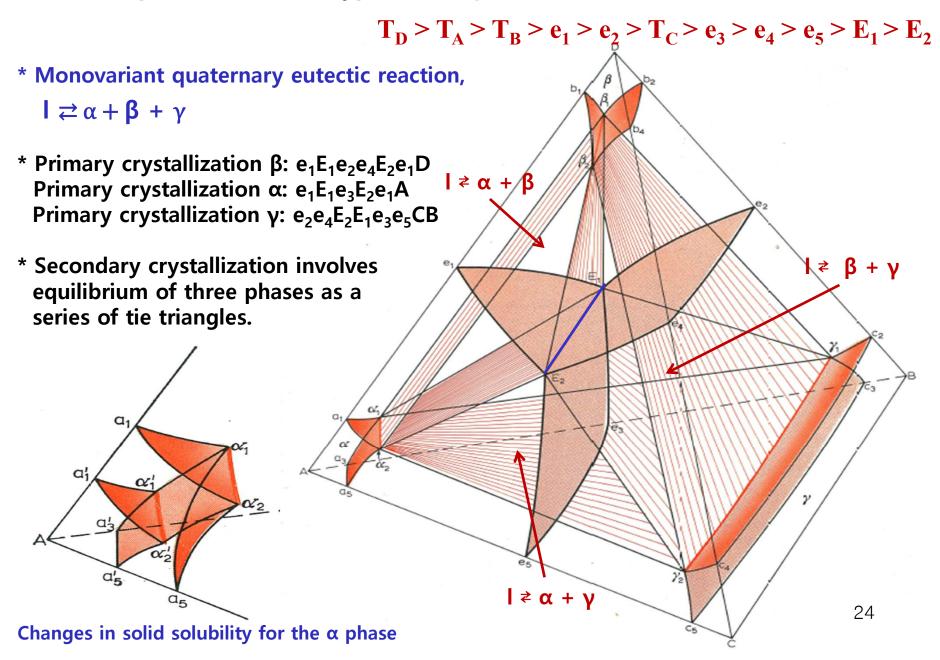
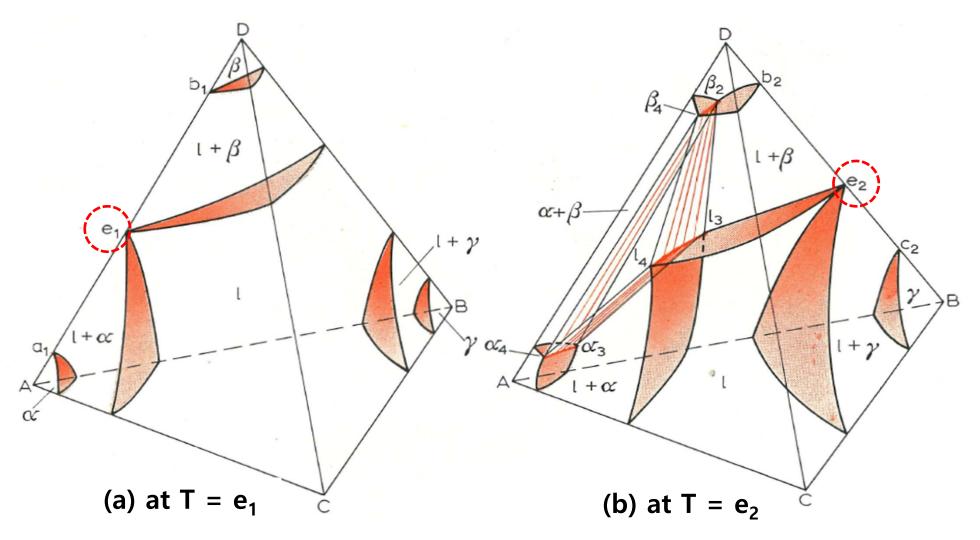


Fig. 264. Polythermal projection of a quaternary system involving four-phase equilibrium of the type  $I \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ 

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Isobaric-isothermal sections  $T_D > T_A > T_B > e_1 > e_2 > T_C > e_3 > e_4 > e_5 > E_1 > E_2$ Through the quaternary system of Fig. 264



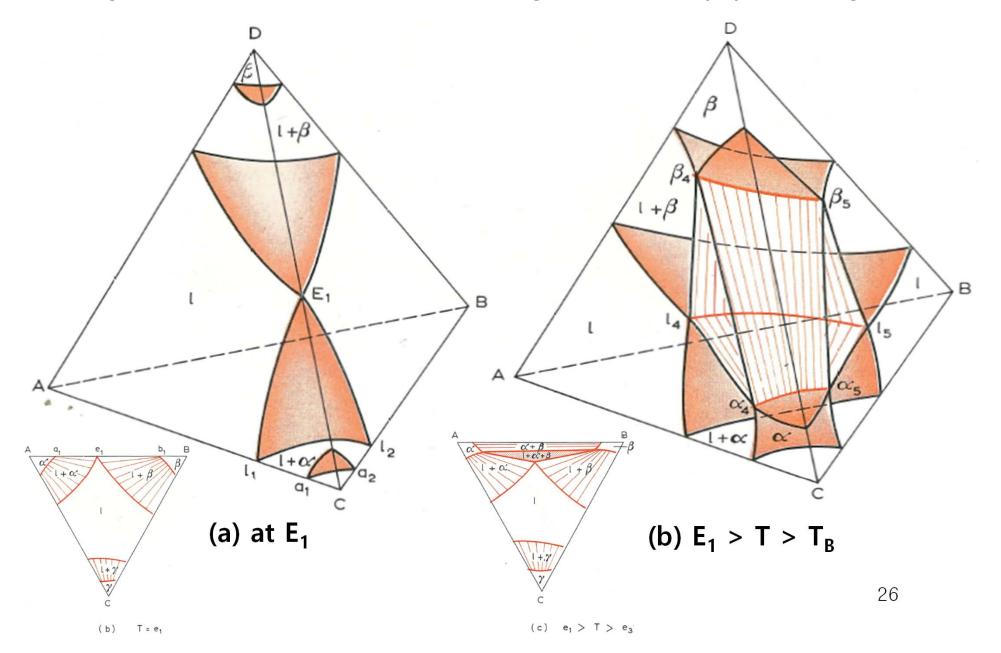
<sup>\*</sup> Initiation of 1<sup>st</sup> three phase  $(I+\alpha+\beta)$  region

→ appears in the <u>ternary ACD and ABD</u>

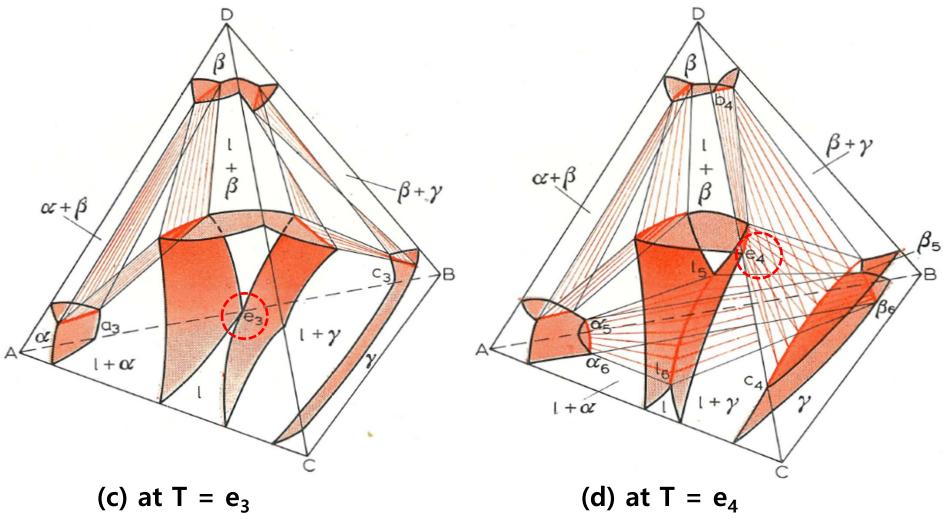
\* Initiation of  $2^{nd}$  three phase  $(I+\beta+\gamma)$  region

→ appears in the ternary <u>ABD and BED</u>

Fig. 256. <u>Isobaric-isothermal sections</u> through the quaternary system of Fig. 255



Isobaric-isothermal sections  $T_D > T_A > T_B > e_1 > e_2 > T_C > e_3 > e_4 > e_5 > E_1 > E_2$ Through the quaternary system of Fig. 264

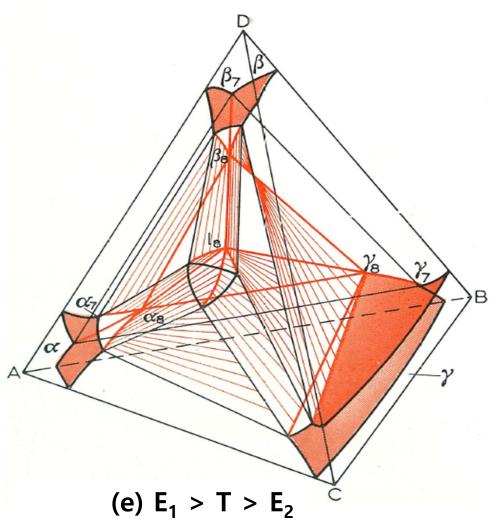


- \* Initiation of 3<sup>rd</sup> three phase ( $I+\alpha+\gamma$ ) region
- → appears in the ternary <u>ABD and ABC</u>

\* The liquid phase is restricted to a space which funnels from a triangular region within the ABD face to the rectangular region on the ACD face with a small triangular region on the ABC face.

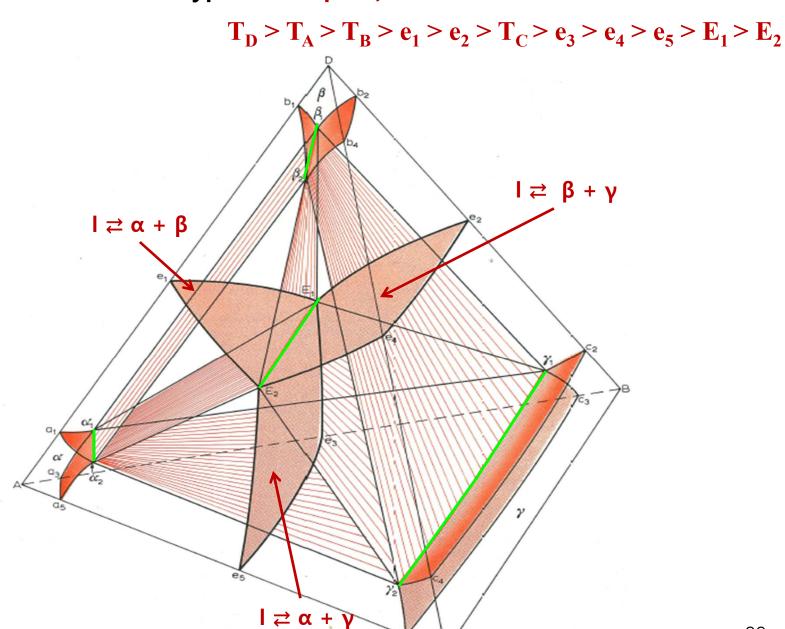
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- \* at  $T = e_5$ , three phase  $(I + \alpha + \gamma)$  region will degenerate into the tie line  $a_5 e_5 c_5$  on edge AC.
- \* Below  $e_5$ , three phase  $(I+\alpha+\gamma)$  region will make its first appearance on face <u>ACD</u>.



- \* Below E<sub>1</sub> on face ABD
- :  $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$  region will appear on face ABD.
- $\rightarrow$  <u>αβγ surface</u> extend from tie triangle  $\alpha_7 \beta_7 \gamma_7$  to αβγ surface  $\alpha_8 \beta_8 \gamma_8$ .
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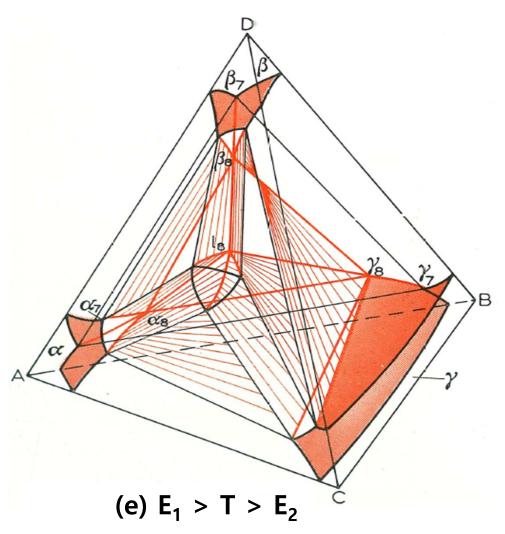
Fig. 264. Polythermal projection of a quaternary system involving four-phase equilibrium of the type  $I \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ 



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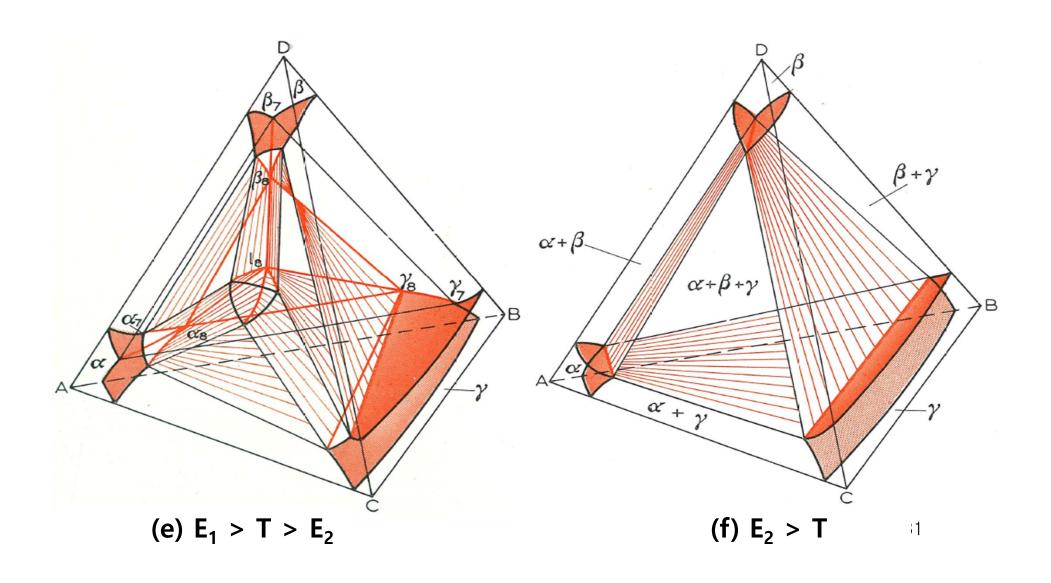
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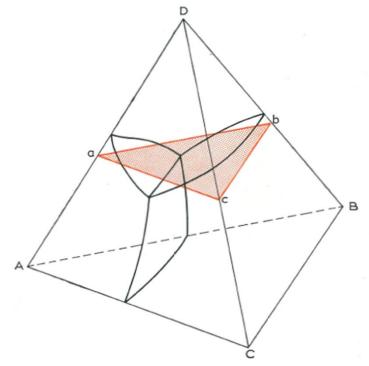


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- \* The <u>liquid region</u> is <u>now a curved</u> tetrahedron based on the ternary face ACD.

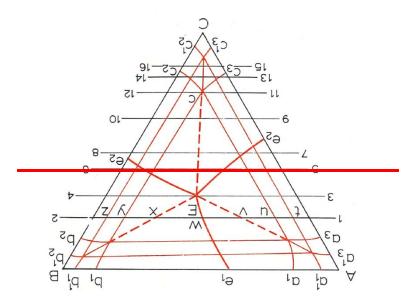
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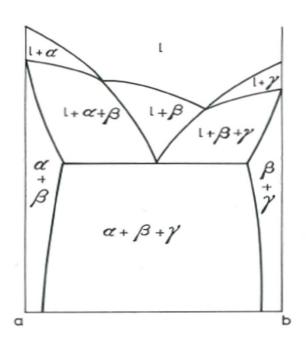


## **Vertical sections on constant %D**

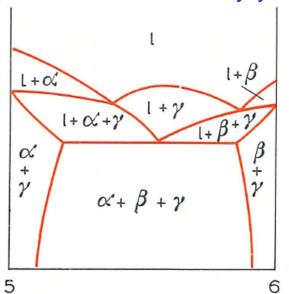


(a) Location of alloys under consideration





(b) Vertical sections of the ternary system



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Fig. 264. Polythermal projection of a quaternary system involving four-phase equilibrium of the type  $I \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ 

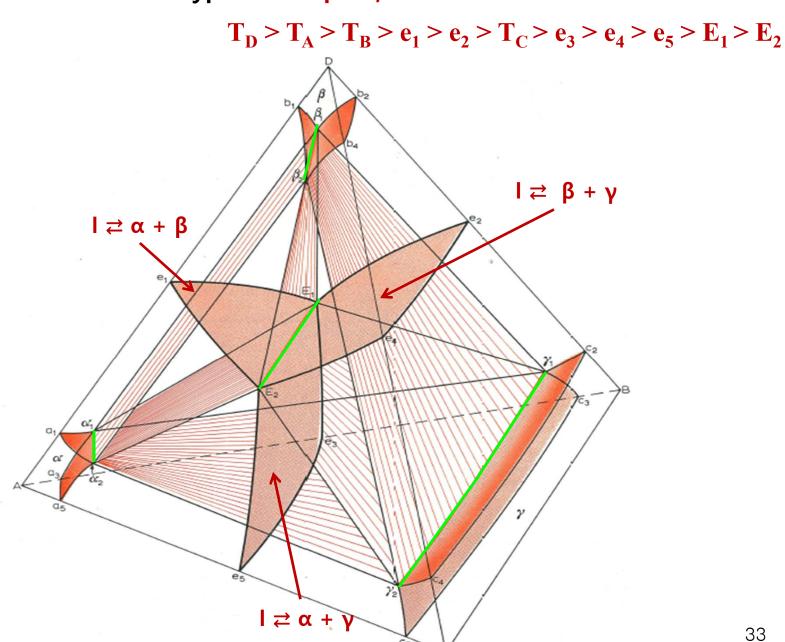
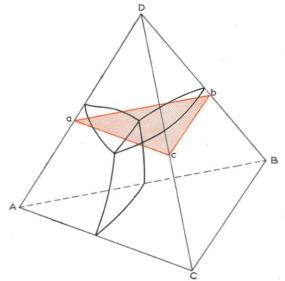
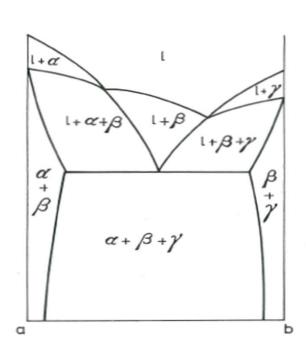
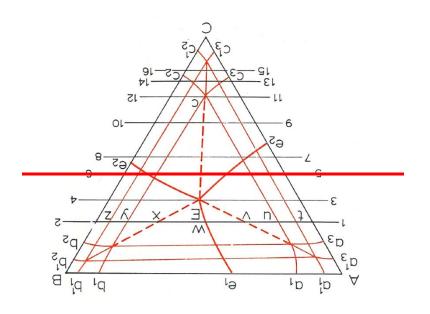


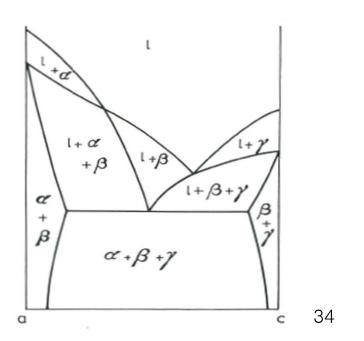
Fig. 267 Vertical sections on constant %D



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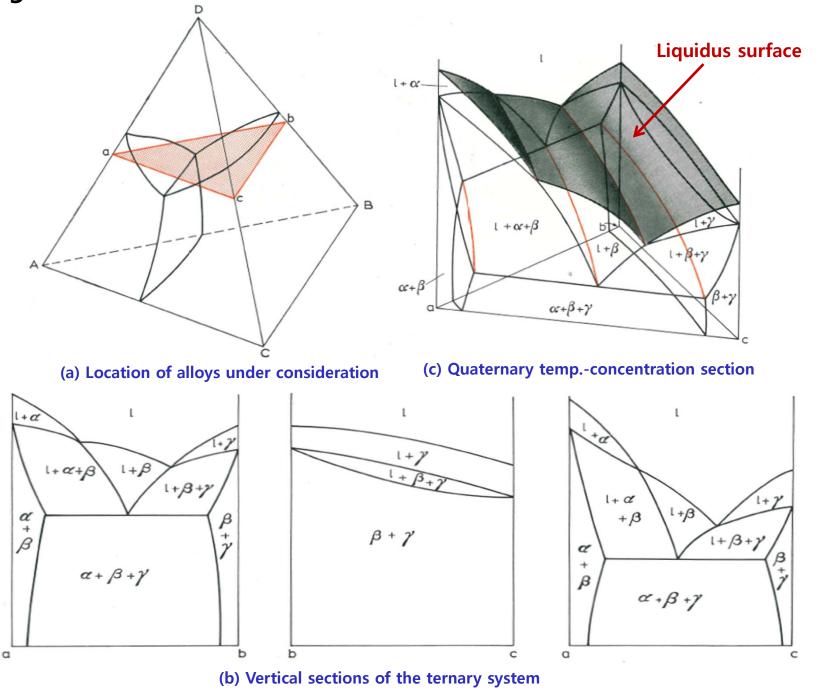


Fig. 268. Freezing of quaternary alloy P illustrated by reference to the polythermal projection of Fig. 264.

\* Consider the solidification of alloy P

1)  $\beta$  solid solution precipitation with  $\beta_3$  composition  $\Leftrightarrow 1_3$ 

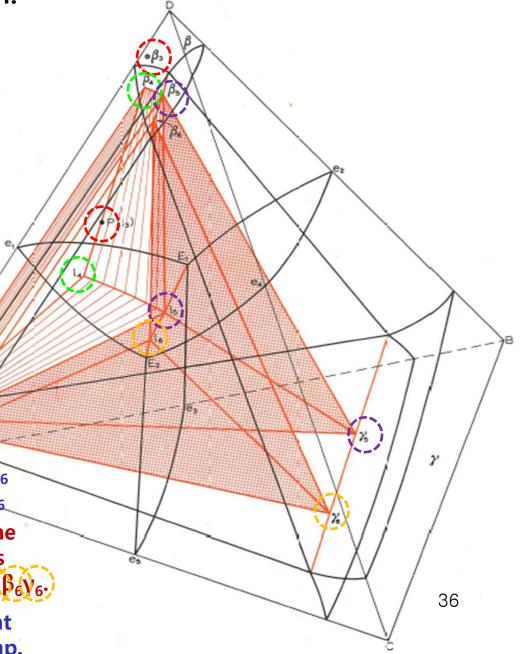
2)  $I_3 \rightarrow I_4$  on  $e_1E_1E_2e_1$ : a curved path  $\beta_3 \rightarrow \beta_4$  on  $\beta$  surface  $b_1\beta_1\beta_2$  Initiation of  $\alpha$  precipitation,  $\alpha_4$ 

3) Move over tracing path  $I_4I_5$  on  $e_1E_1E_2e_1/\beta_4\beta_5$  on  $\beta$  surface  $\alpha_4\alpha_5$  on  $\alpha$  surface Initiation of  $\gamma$  precipitation  $\gamma_5 \rightarrow I_5\alpha_5\beta_5\gamma_5$  tetrahedron : now four phase equilibrium

4) Liquid moves  $I_5E_2/\alpha$  along curve  $\alpha_5\alpha_6$   $\beta$  along curve  $\beta_5\beta_6/\gamma$  along curve  $\gamma_5\gamma_6$ 

 $\rightarrow$  solidification is completed when the last drop of liquid of composition  $l_6$  is consumed on the plane of triangle  $\alpha_6 \beta_6 \gamma_6$ .

5) Further change in the relative amount  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  with fall in temp. to room-temp.



In an isobaric section of a quaternary system, five phases can only exist in equilibrium at one temperature (invariant reaction).

- \* invariant reaction (1)  $I \rightleftarrows \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$  quaternary eutectic (2)  $I + \alpha \rightleftarrows \beta + \gamma + \delta$  2-3 quaternary quasi-peritectic (3)  $I + \alpha + \beta \rightleftarrows \gamma + \delta$  3-2 quaternary quasi-peritectic (4)  $I + \alpha + \beta + \gamma \rightleftarrows \delta$  quaternary peritectic.
  - (1) Quaternary eutectic  $I \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$

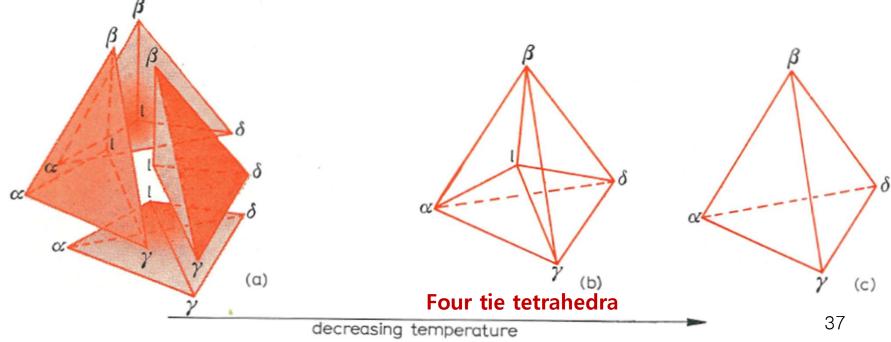


Fig. 269. Sequence of tie-tetrahedron on cooling through the quaternary eutectic temperature

# (2) 2-3 Qaternary quasi-peritectic $I + \alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta + \gamma + \delta$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
I + \alpha & \rightleftarrows & X \\
X & \rightleftarrows & \beta + \gamma + \delta
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
I + \alpha & \rightleftarrows & \beta + \gamma + \delta
\end{array}$$

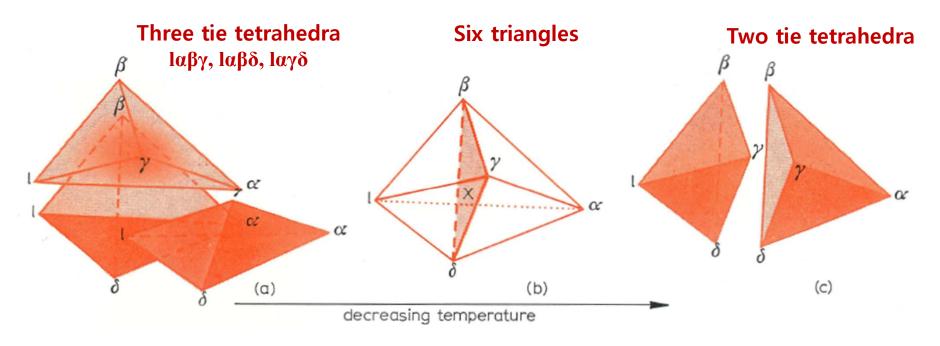


Fig. 270. Sequence of tie-tetrahedra on cooling through the quaternary 2-3 quasi-peritectic temperature

# (3) 3-2 Qaternary quasi-peritectic $I + \alpha + \beta \rightleftharpoons \gamma + \delta$

$$\begin{array}{c}
I + \alpha + \beta \rightleftharpoons \Upsilon \\
Y \rightleftharpoons \gamma + \delta \\
\hline
I + \alpha + \beta \rightleftharpoons \gamma + \delta
\end{array}$$

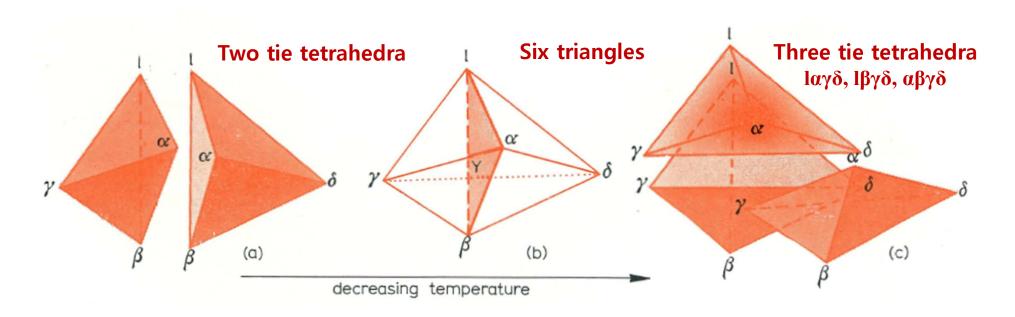


Fig. 271. Sequence of tie-tetrahedra on cooling through the quaternary 3-2 quasi-peritectic temperature

# (4) Qaternary quasi-peritectic $I + \alpha + \beta + \gamma \rightleftharpoons \delta$

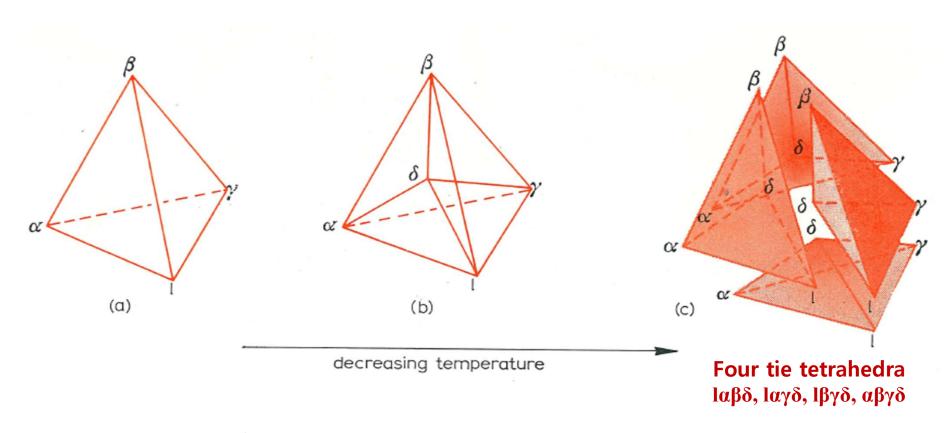


Fig. 272. Sequence of tie-tetrahedra on cooling through the quaternary peritectic temperature

Fig. 273. Polythermal projectin of a quaternary system involving five-phase equilibrium of the type I  $\rightleftarrows \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$  (schematic representation of the Bi-Cd-Pb-Sn quaternary eutectic system).

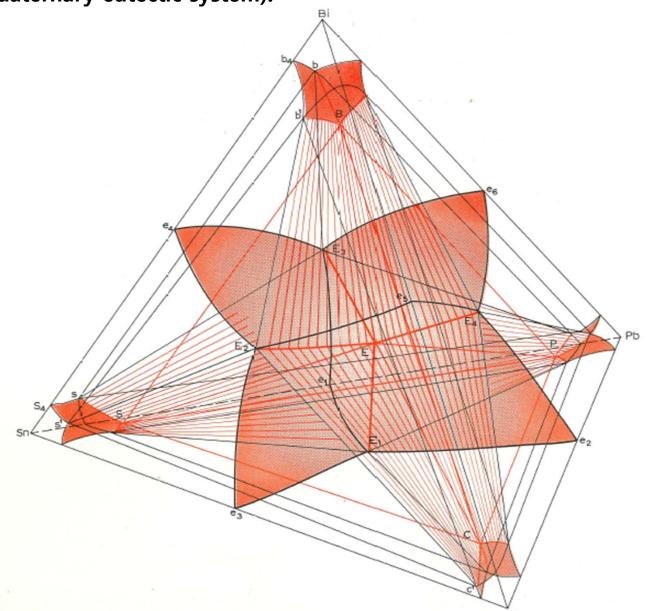


Fig. 274. Regions of primary crystallization in the Bi-Cd-Pb-Sn system

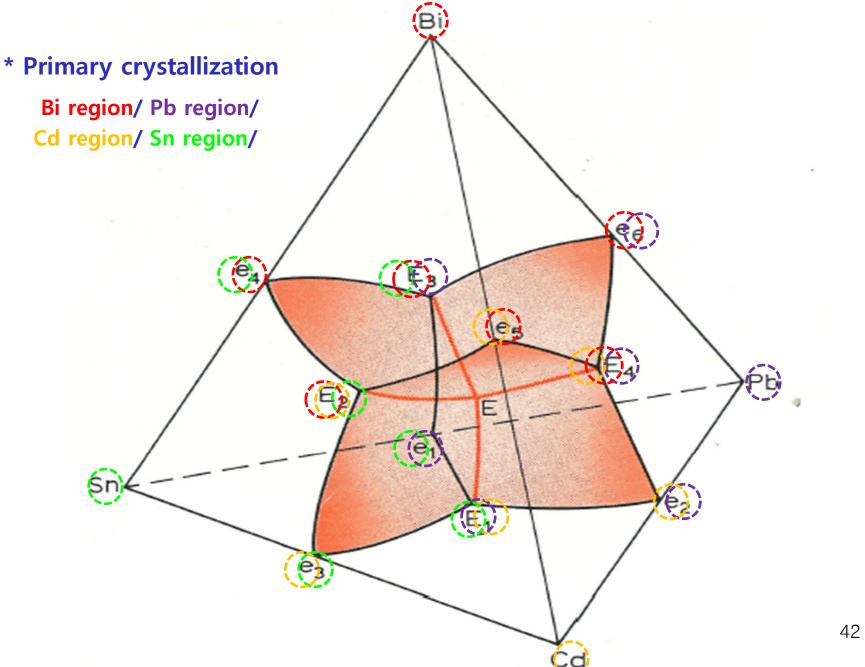


Fig. 275. Regions of secondary crystallization in the Bi-Cd-Pb-Sn system, (a) assuming complete insolubility of the metals in the solid state

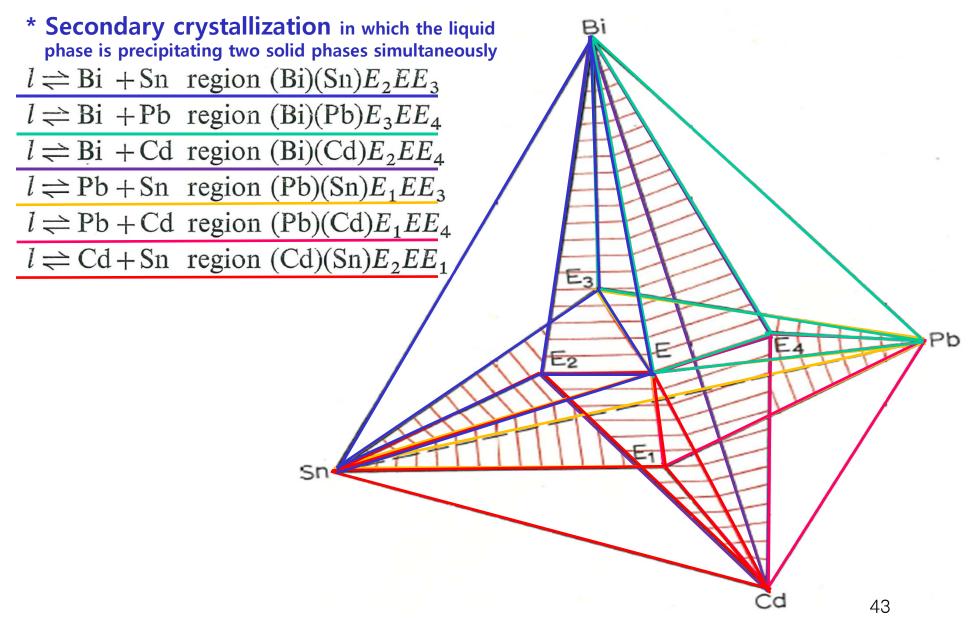


Fig. 275. Regions of secondary crystallization in the Bi-Cd-Pb-Sn system, (b) with solid solubility

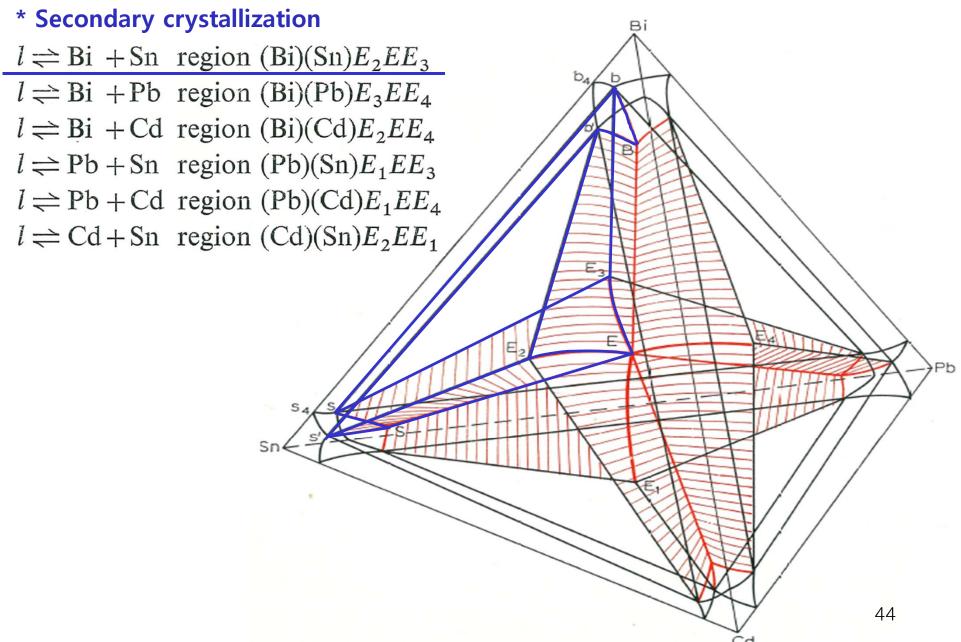


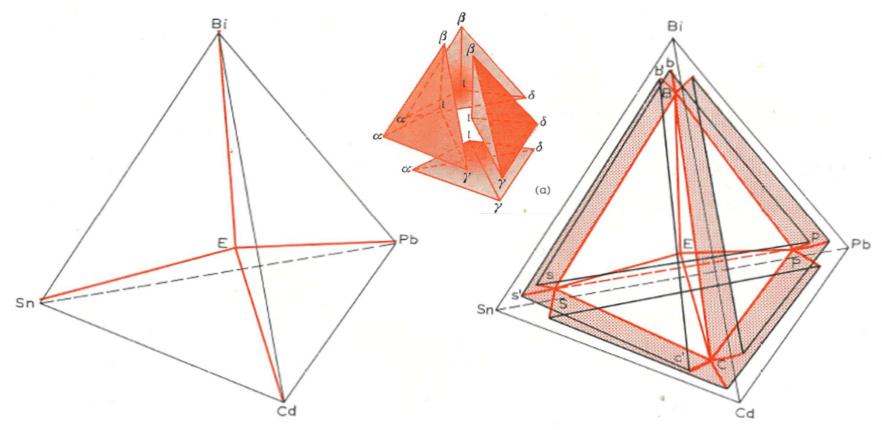
Fig. 276. Regions of tertiary crystallization in the Bi-Cd-Pb-Sn system, (a) assuming complete insolubility of the metals in the solid state (b) with solid solubility

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l \rightleftharpoons Bi + Sn + Pb region (Bi)(Sn)(Pb)E

l \rightleftharpoons Bi + Cd + Pb region (Bi)(Cd)(Pb)E

l \rightleftharpoons Bi + Cd + Sn region (Bi)(Cd)(Sn)E

l \rightleftharpoons Cd + Pb + Sn region (Cd)(Pb)(Sn)E
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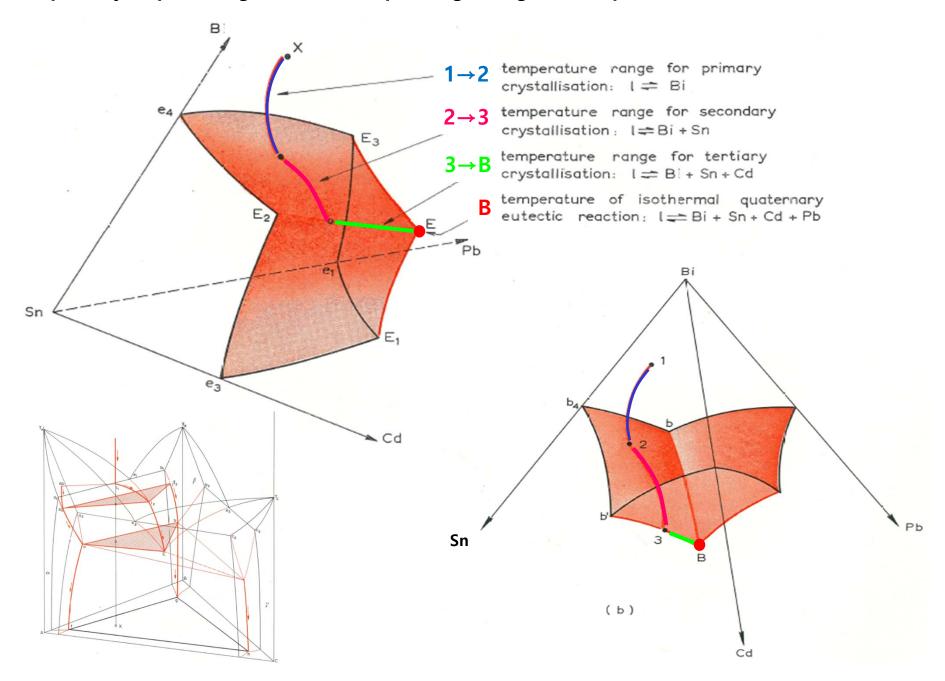


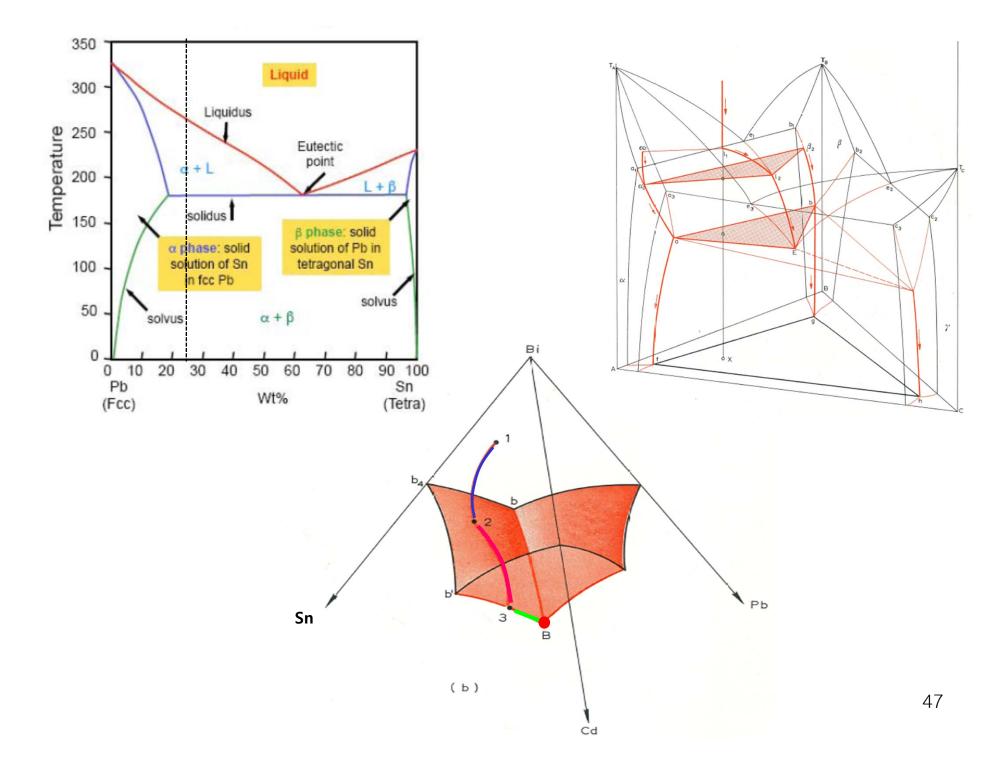
One region of quaternary crystallization in the Bi-Cd-Pb-Sn system: invariant quaternary eutectic reaction, E

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(isothermal separation from the remaining melt)

Fig. 277. (a) Change in liquid composition during freezing of an alloy whose composition lies in the primary Bi phase region, (b) corresponding change in composition of the Bi solid solution





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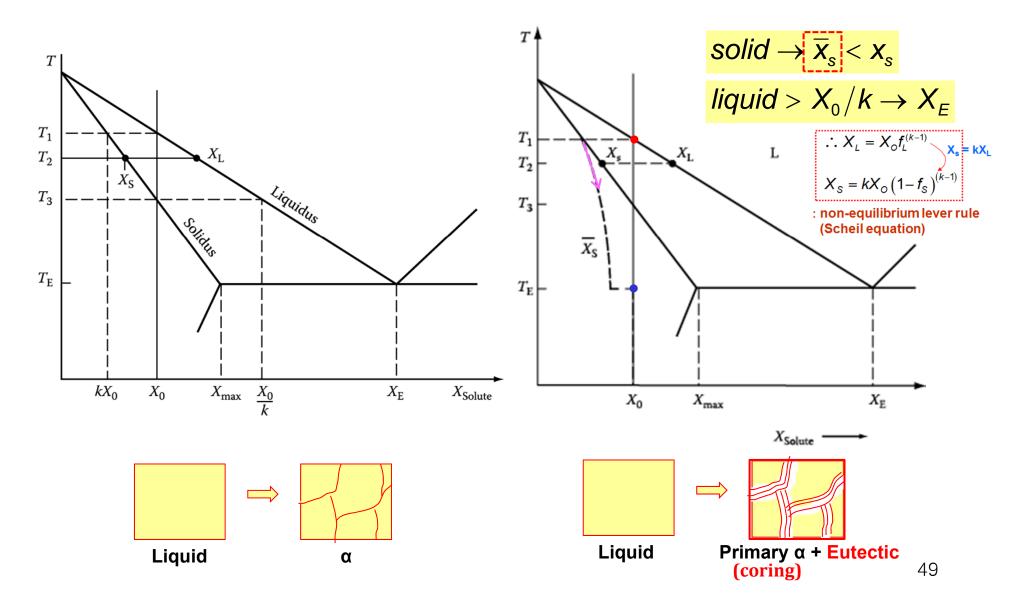
#### **Phase Transformation = Thermodynamics + Kinetics**

## **Equilibrium Solidification**

: perfect mixing in solid and liquid

# Non-equilibrium Solidification

: No Diffusion in Solid, Perfect Mixing in Liquid



#### **Phase Transformation = Thermodynamics + Kinetics**

