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# Contents for previous class

## - Equilibrium in Heterogeneous Systems

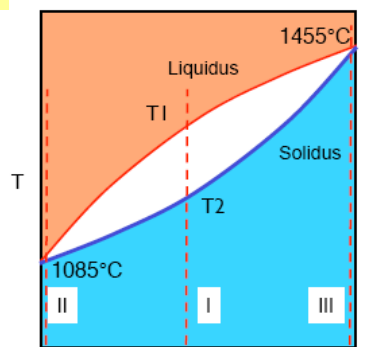
$G_0^\beta > G_0^\alpha > G_0^{\alpha+\beta} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta \text{ separation} \Rightarrow \text{unified chemical potential}$

## - Binary phase diagrams

### 1) Simple Phase Diagrams

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

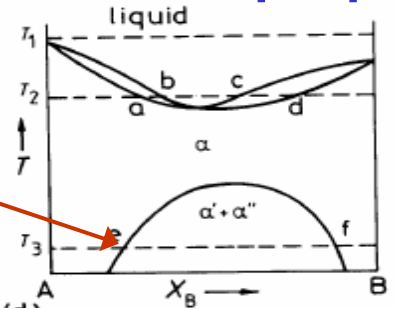
Assume: (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid.  
 (2) Both are ideal soln.



### 2) Variant of the simple phase diagram

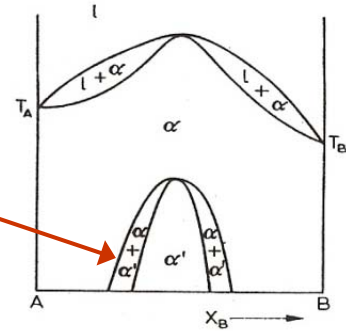
$\Delta H_{mix}^\alpha > \Delta H_{mix}^l > 0$

miscibility gap

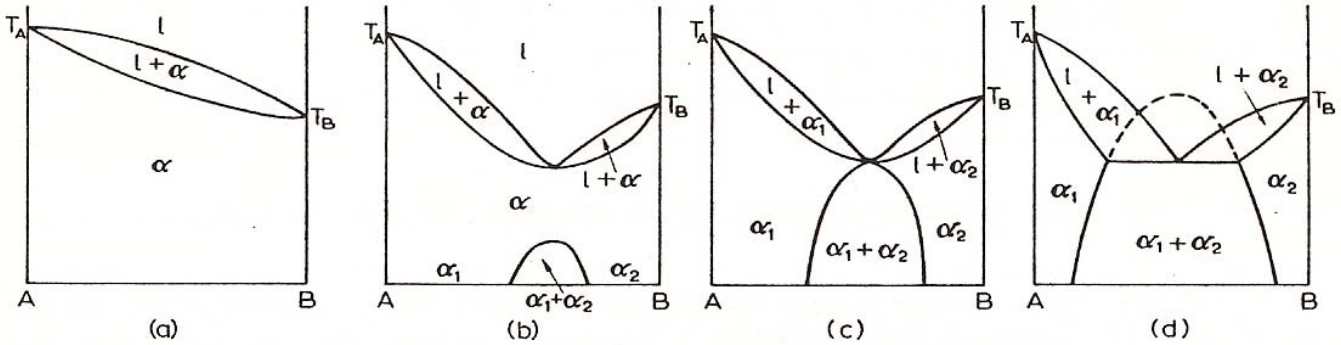


$\Delta H_{mix}^\alpha < \Delta H_{mix}^l < 0$

Ordered phase



### 3) Simple Eutectic Systems



(a) Ideal solution

$\Delta H_m^\alpha > \Delta H_m^l > 0$  ; increasingly positive  $\Delta H_m$

# Contents for today's class

- **Gibbs Phase Rule**

- **Eutectoid reaction**

- **Peritectic reaction**

  - Formation of intermediate phases by peritectic reaction

  - Non-stoichiometric compounds

- **Congruent transformations**

# The Gibbs Phase Rule

In chemistry, Gibbs' phase rule describes the possible number of degrees of freedom (F) in a closed system at equilibrium, in terms of the number of separate phases (P) and the number of chemical components (C) in the system. It was deduced from thermodynamic principles by Josiah Willard Gibbs in the 1870s.

## Gibbs phase rule

$$F = C + N - P$$

F: degree of freedom

C: number of chemical variables

N: number of non-chemical variables

P: number of phases

In general, Gibbs' rule then follows, as:

$$F = C - P + 2 \quad (\text{from } T, P).$$

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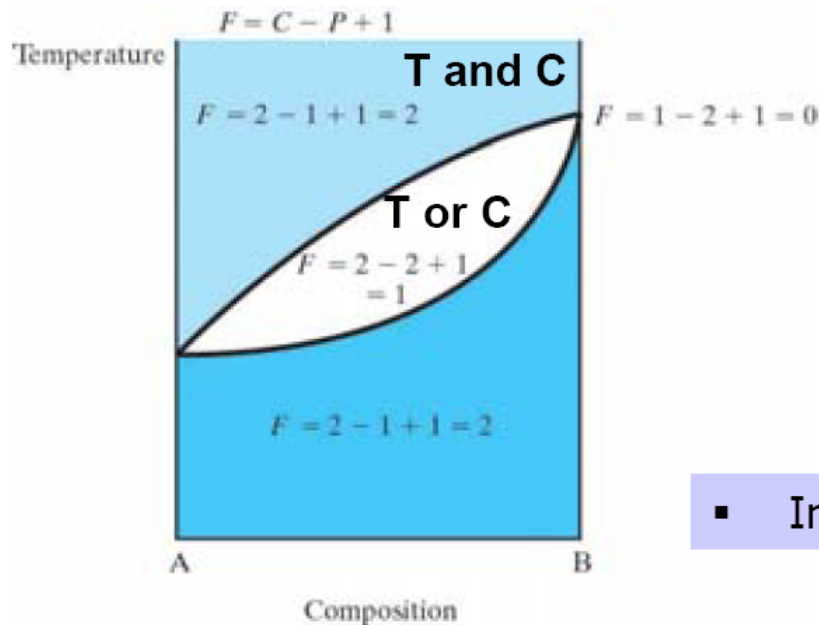
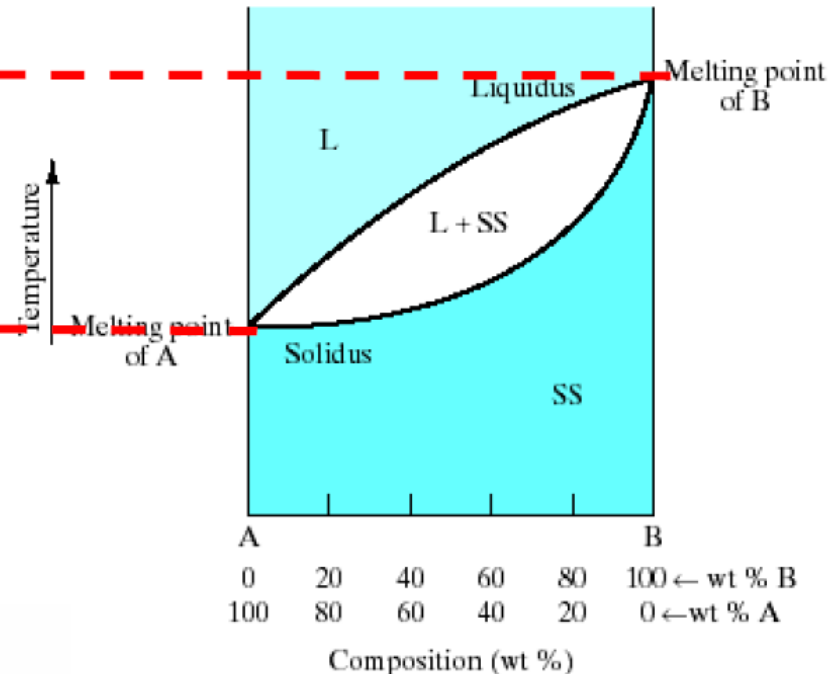
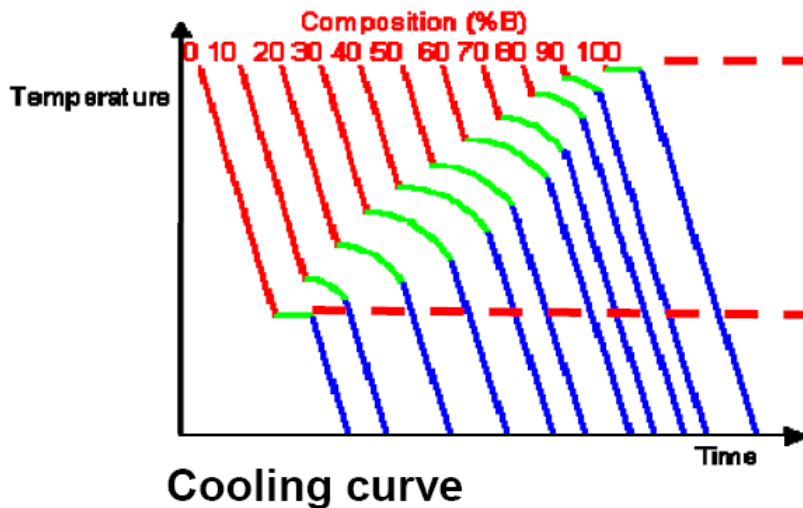
For a binary system the equilibria possible are summarised below.

<i>Number of components</i>	<i>Number of phases</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Equilibrium</i>	
$c = 2$	$p = 1$	$f = 2$	bivariant	<b>P=c-1</b>
$c = 2$	$p = 2$	$f = 1$	monovariant	<b>P=c</b>
$c = 2$	$p = 3$	$f = 0$	invariant	<b>P=c+1</b>

Invariant reactions which have been observed in binary diagrams are listed below, together with the nomenclature given to such reactions.

$l \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$	eutectic reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> Ag–Cu system)
$\gamma \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$	eutectoid reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> C–Fe system)
$l_1 \rightleftharpoons \alpha + l_2$	monotectic reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> Cu–Pb system)
$\alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta + l$	metatectic reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> Ag–Li system)
$l + \alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta$	peritectic reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> Cu–Zn system)
$\alpha + \beta \rightleftharpoons \gamma$	peritectoid reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> Al–Cu system)
$l_1 + l_2 \rightleftharpoons \alpha$	syntectic reaction	( <i>e.g.</i> K–Zn system)

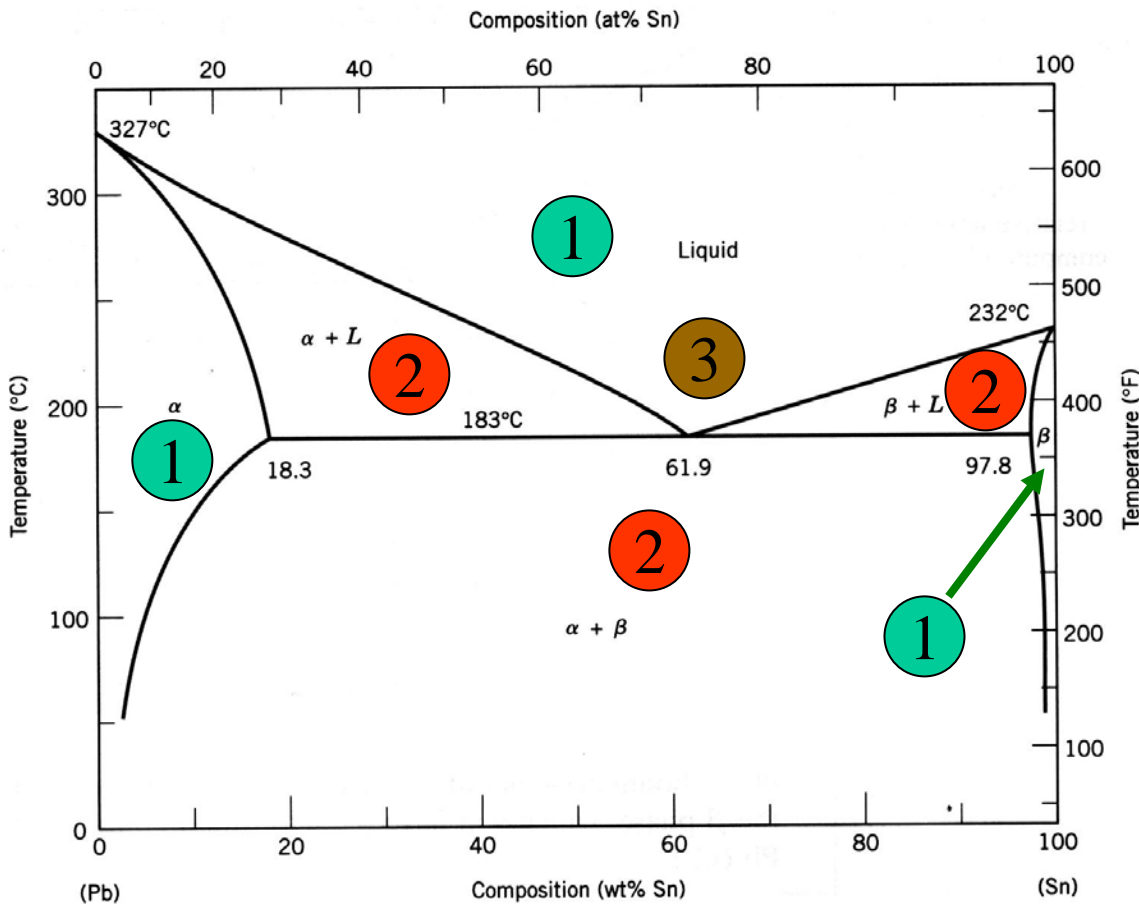
# How to Construct a Phase Diagram



- Invariant point is that at which  $F = 0$ .

# The Gibbs Phase Rule

For Constant Pressure,  
 $P + F = C + 1$



**1** single phase  
 $F = C - P + 1$   
 $= 2 - 1 + 1$   
 $= 2$

can vary T and composition independently

**2** two phase  
 $F = C - P + 1$   
 $= 2 - 2 + 1$   
 $= 1$

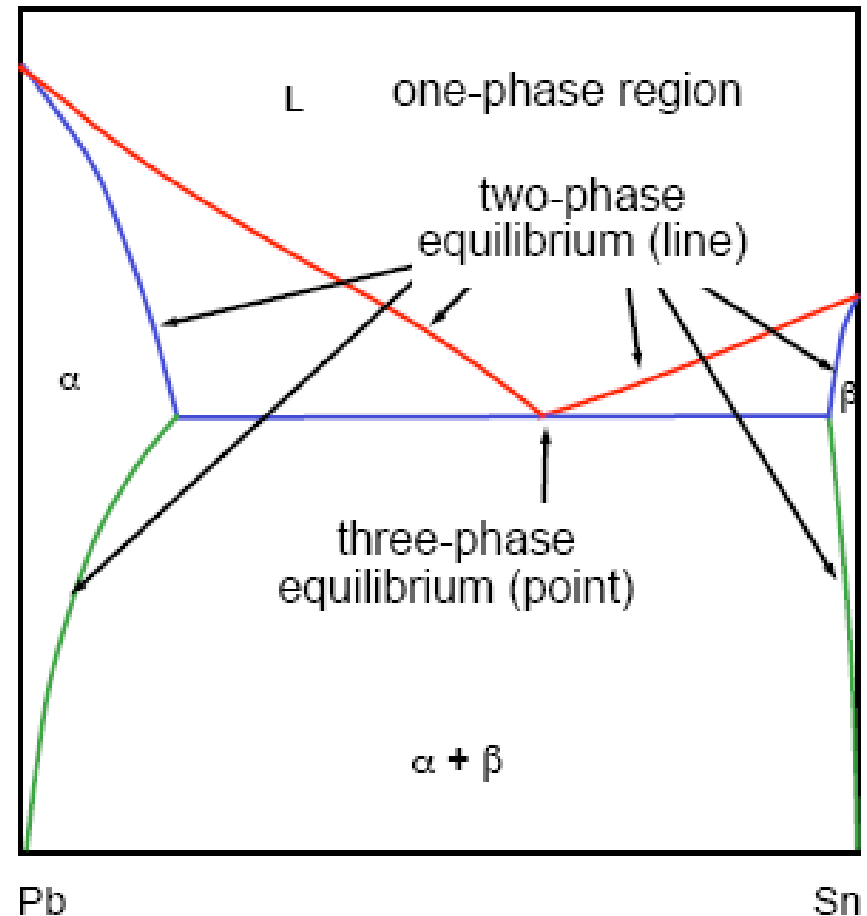
can vary T *or* composition

**3** eutectic point  
 $F = C - P + 1$   
 $= 2 - 3 + 1$   
 $= 0$

can't vary T or composition

# The Gibbs Phase Rule

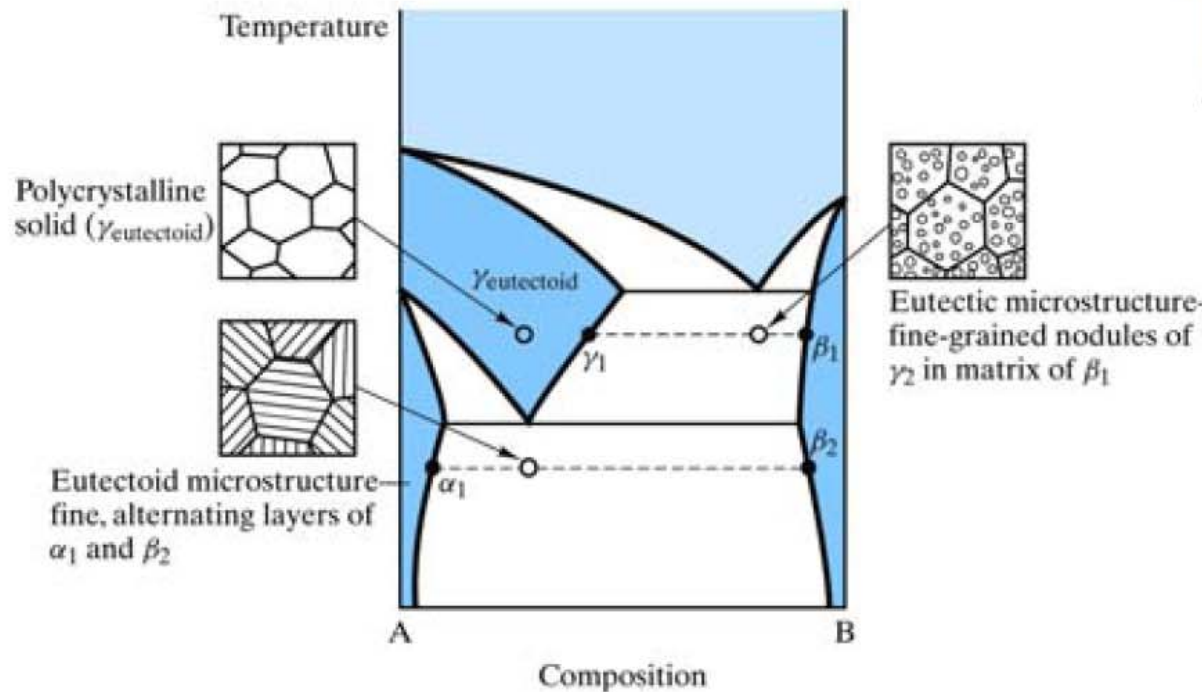
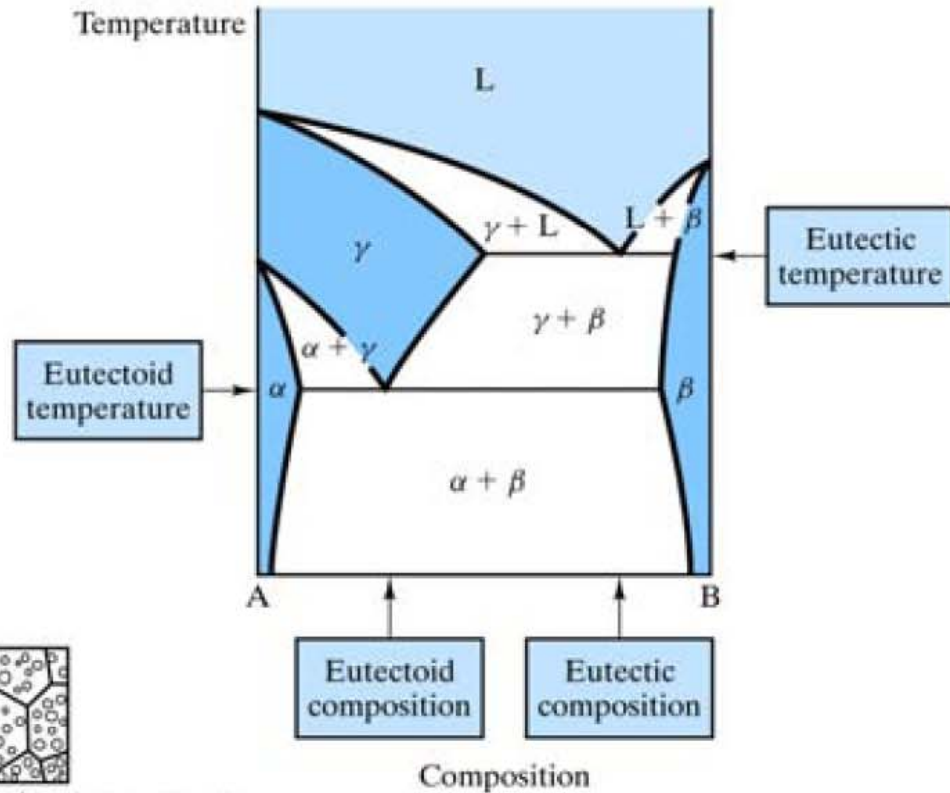
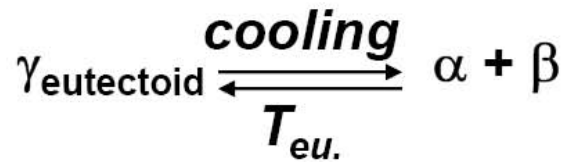
Application of Gibbs phase rule:  
For a binary system at ambient pressure:  
 $C=2$  (2 elements)  
 $N=1$  (temperature, no pressure)  
For single phase:  $F=2$ : % and  $T$   
(a region)  
For a 2-phase equilibrium:  $F=1$ :  
% or  $T$  (a line)  
For a 3-phase equilibrium:  $F=0$ , (invariant  
point)





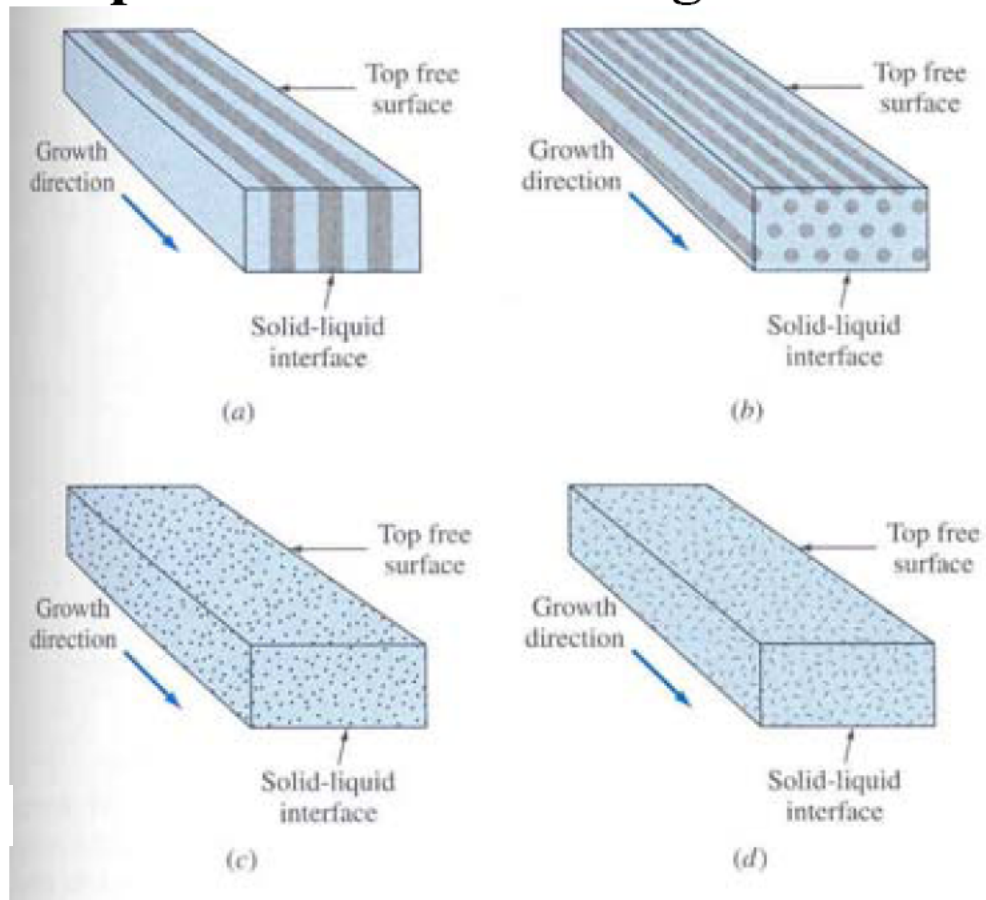
# Eutectoid reaction

Eutectoid reaction :

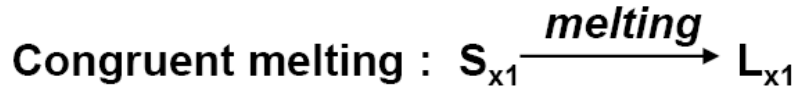


# Various Eutectic Structures

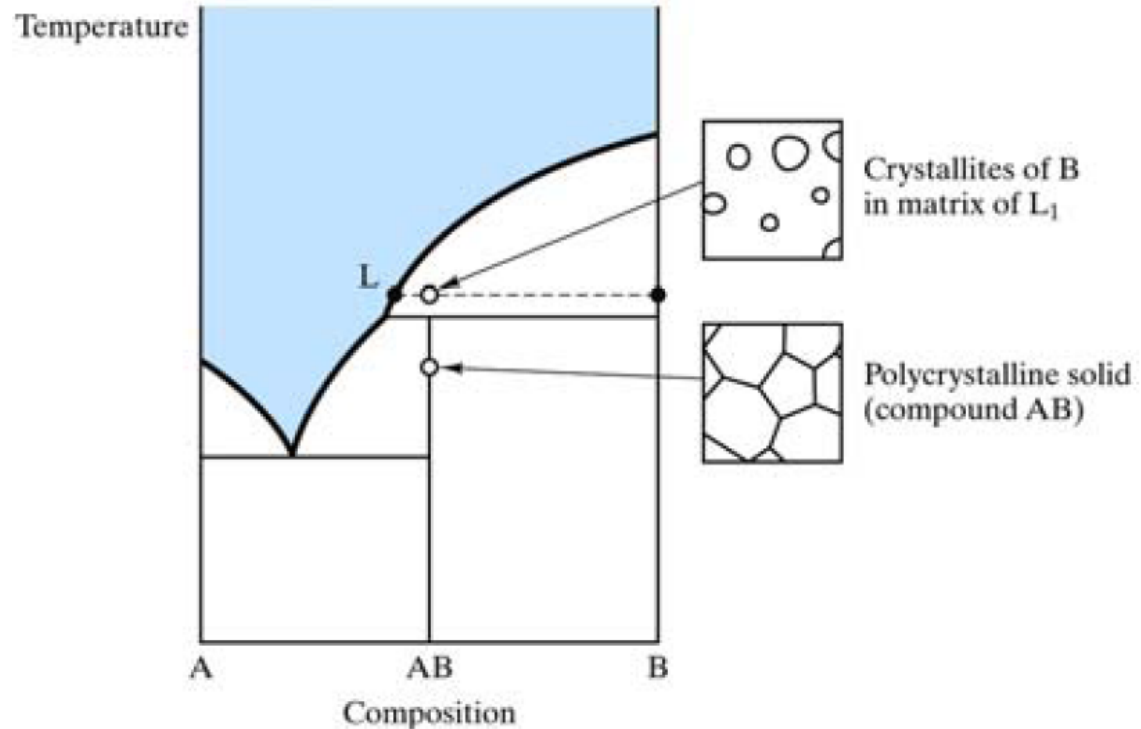
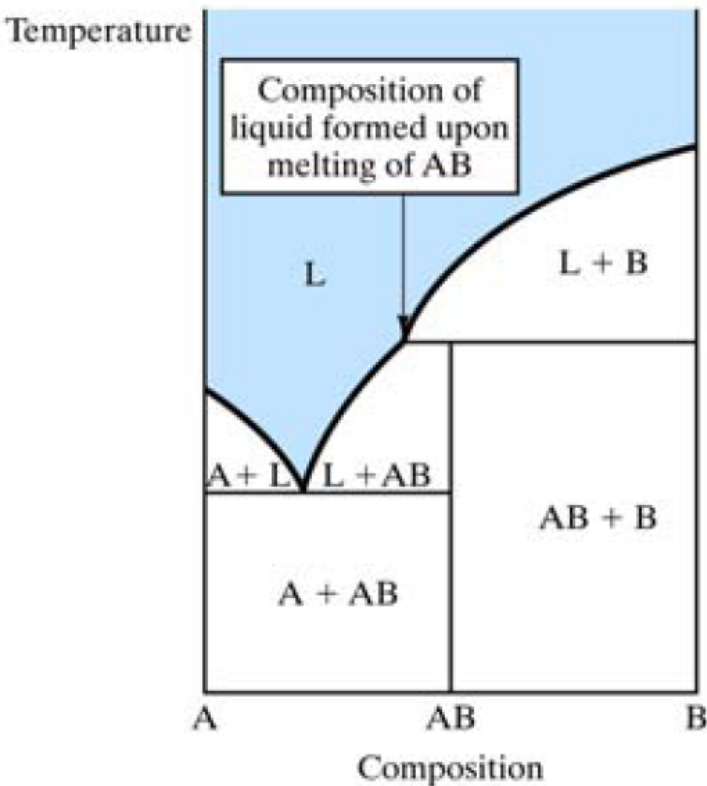
- Structure depends on factors like **minimization of free energy** at  $\alpha / \beta$  interface.
- Manner in which two phases **nucleate** and grow also affects structures.



# Peritectic reaction



Which one here??



# Peritectic reaction

Considerable difference between the melting points

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

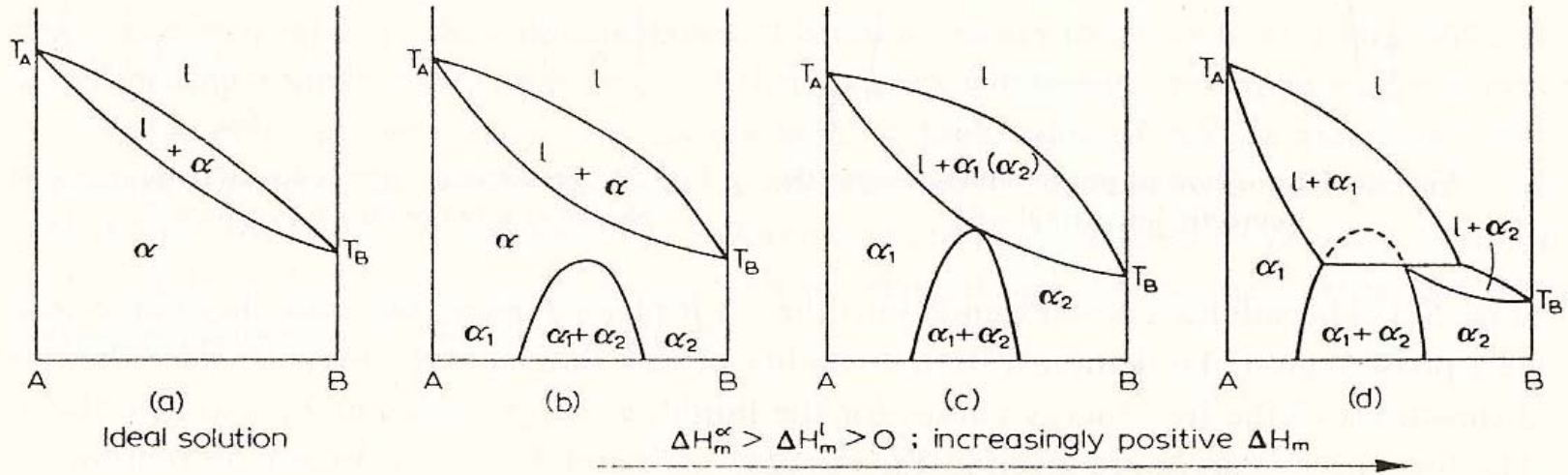


Fig. 61. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram from a continuous series of solutions to a peritectic-type.

# Eutectic reaction

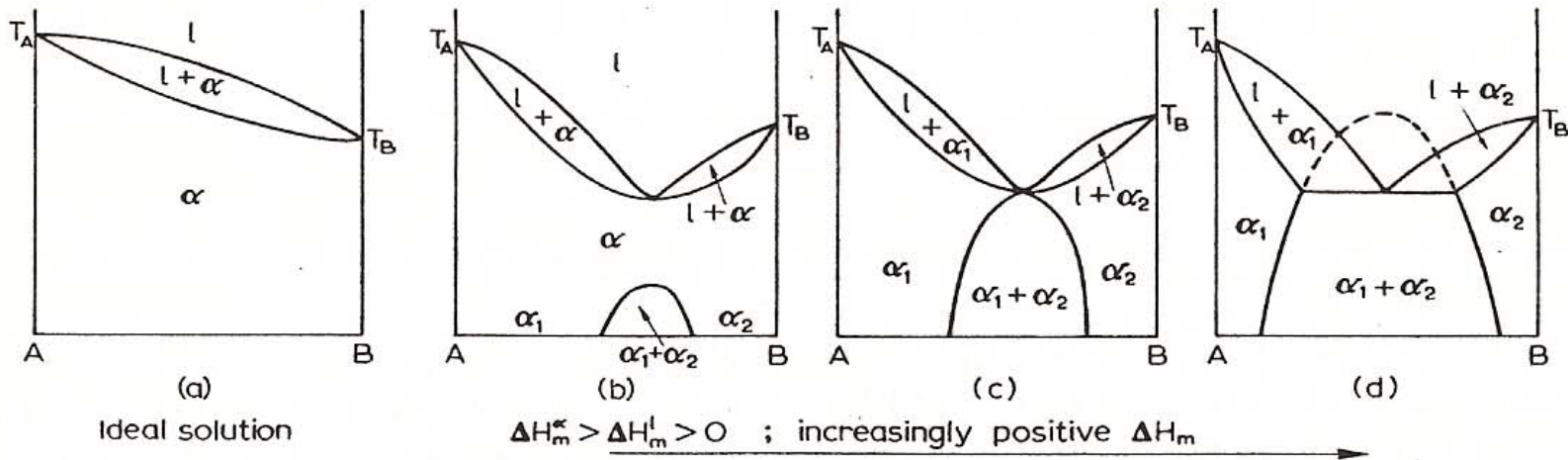


Fig. 43. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram for a continuous series of solutions to a eutectic-type.

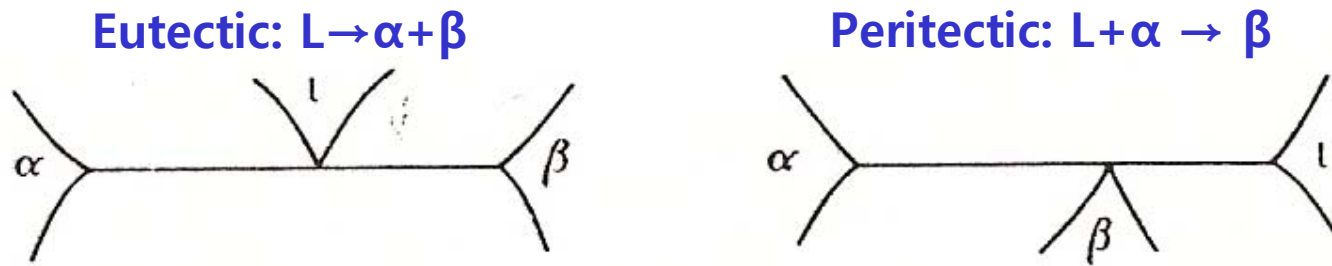


Fig. 63. Relationship between eutectic and peritectic reactions.

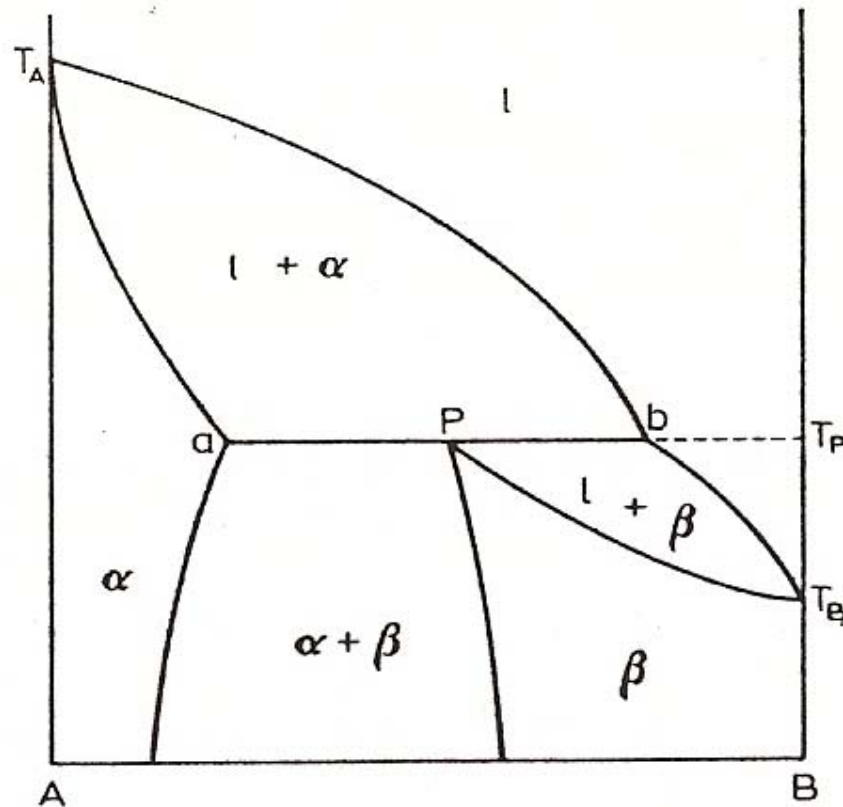


Fig. 64. Binary peritectic phase diagram.



# Peritectic reaction

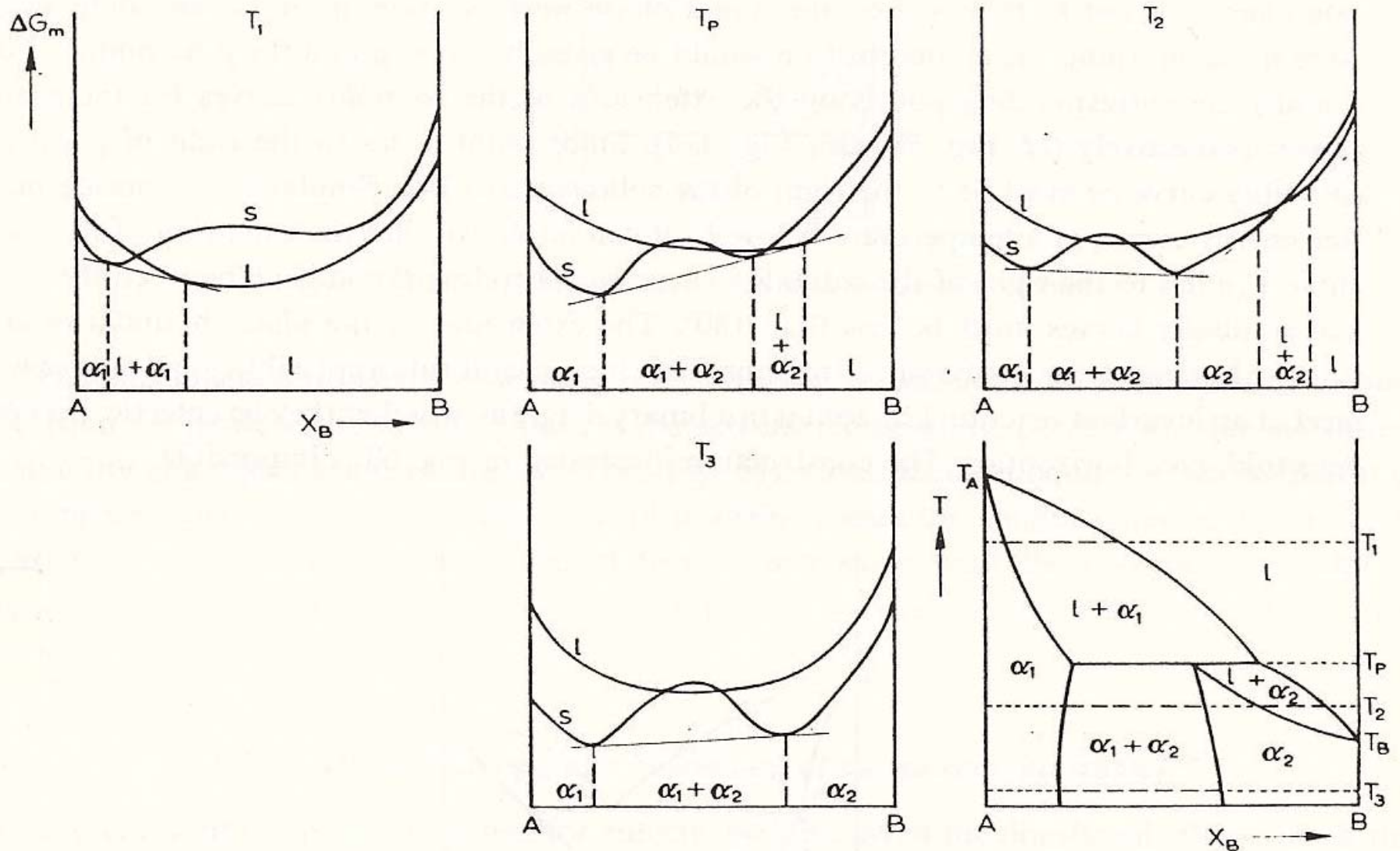


Fig. 62. Derivation of the peritectic phase diagram from the free energy curves for the liquid and solid phases.

## Peritectic reaction

- **Surrounding or Encasement:** During peritectic reaction,  $L + \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , the beta phase created surrounds primary alpha.
- Beta creates **diffusion barrier** resulting in coring.

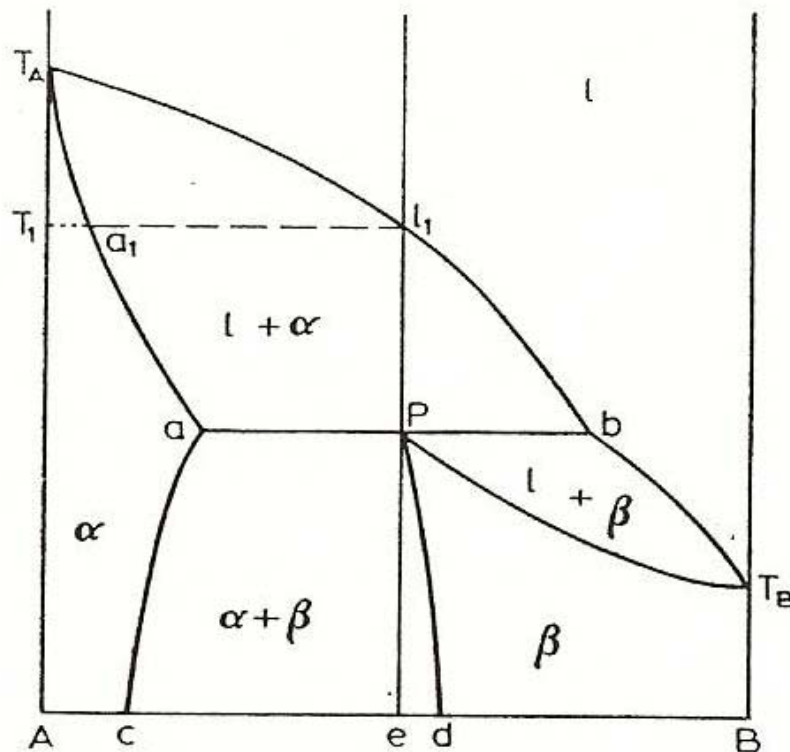


Fig. 65. Freezing of the peritectic alloy  $P$ .

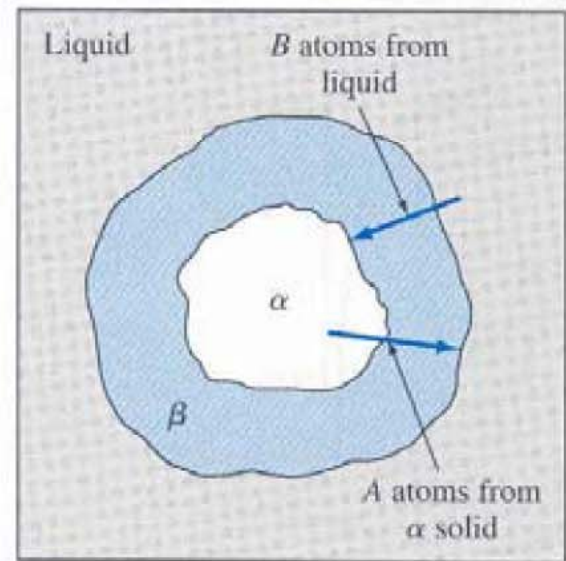
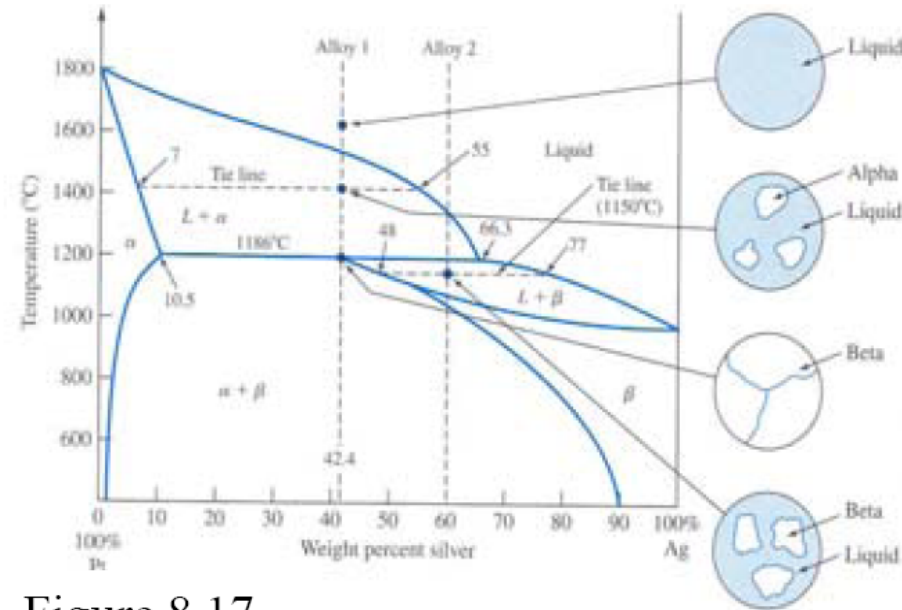


Figure 8.19

# Peritectic Alloy System



- At 42.4 % Ag & 1400°C**

Phases present	<b>Liquid</b>	<b>Alpha</b>
Composition	55% Ag	7%Ag
Amount of Phases	$\frac{42.4 - 7}{55 - 7}$	$\frac{55 - 42.4}{55 - 7}$
	= 74%	= 26%

- At 42.4% Ag and 1186°C - ΔT**

Phase Present	<b>Beta</b> only
Composition	42.4% Ag
Amount of Phase	100%

- At 42.4% Ag and 1186°C + ΔT**

Phases present	<b>Liquid</b>	<b>Alpha</b>
Composition	66.3% Ag	10.5%Ag
Amount of Phases	$\frac{42.4 - 10.5}{66.3 - 10.5}$	$\frac{66.3 - 42.4}{66.3 - 10.5}$
	= 57%	= 43%

Figure 8.17

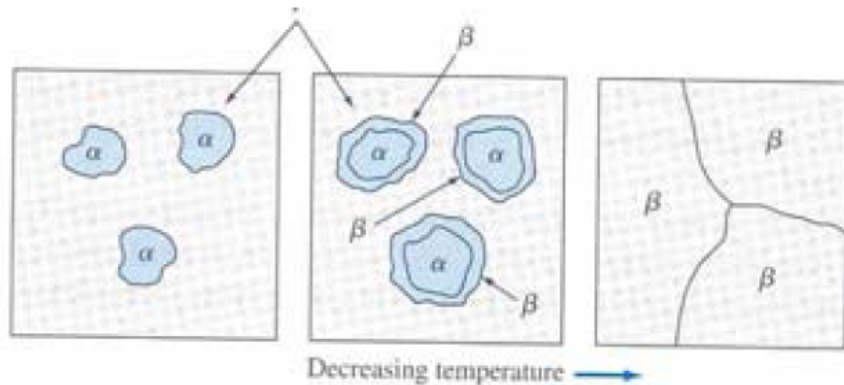


Figure 8.18



### 4.3.4. Formation of intermediate phases by peritectic reaction

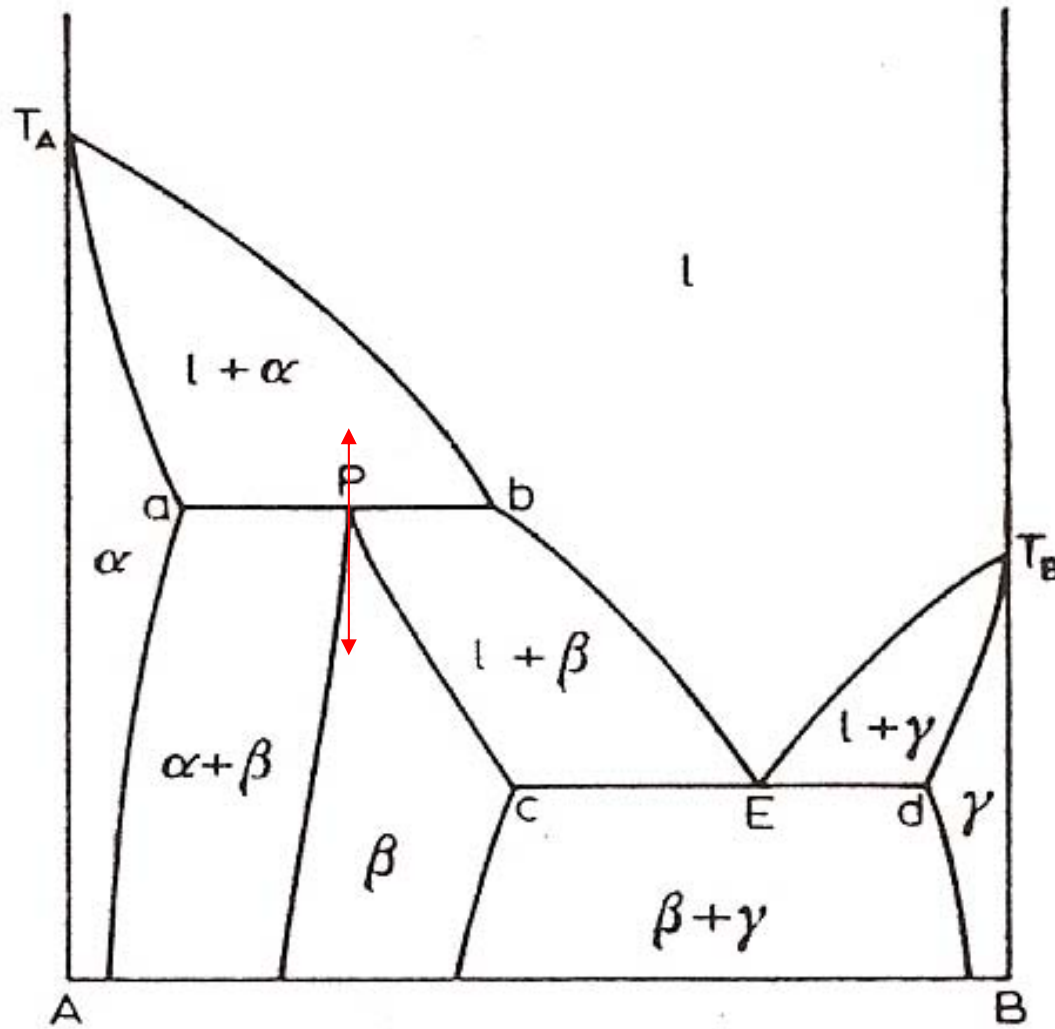


Fig. 68. Formation of an intermediate phase,  $\beta$ , by peritectic reaction.

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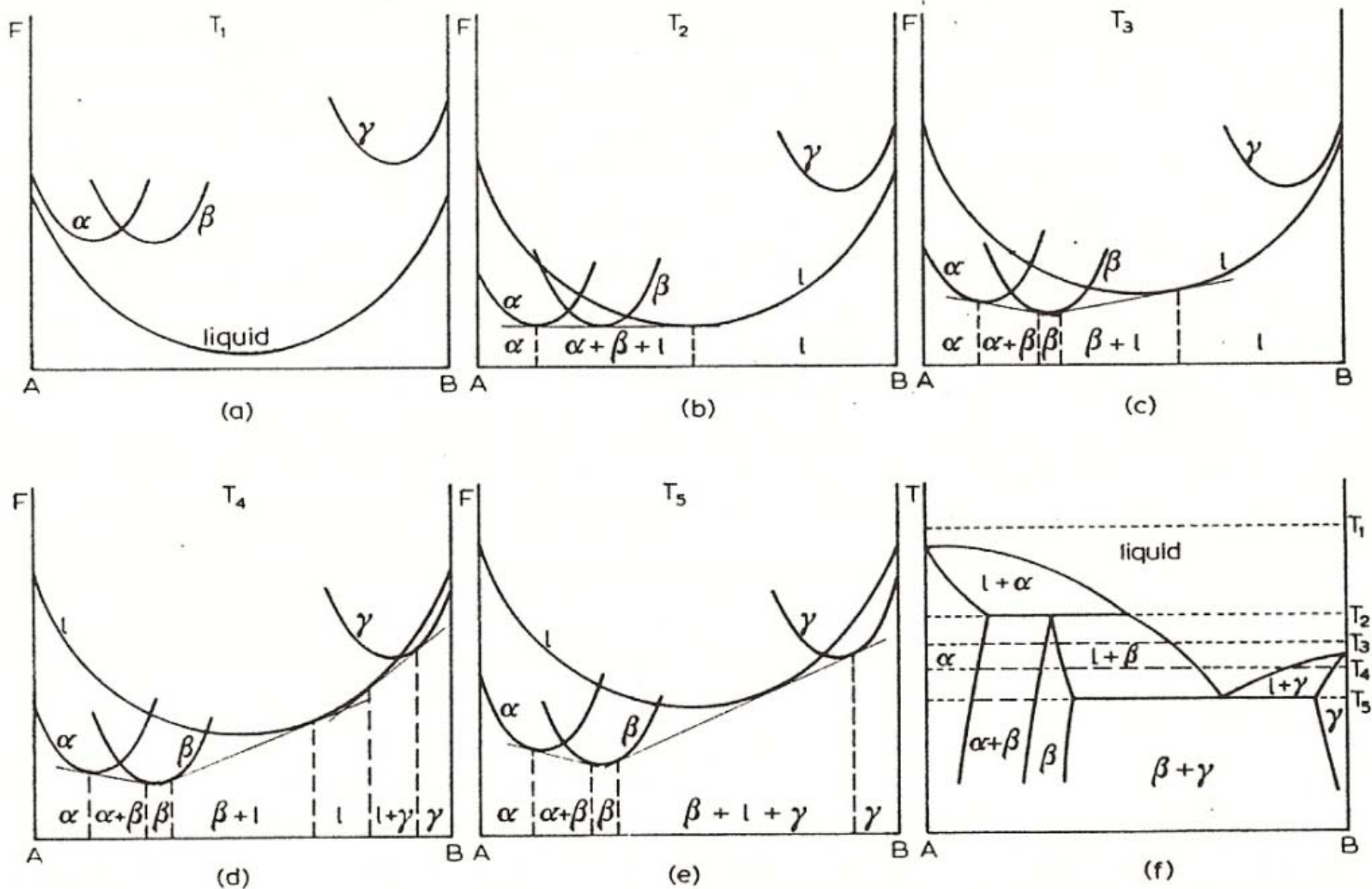


Fig. 69. Derivation of the phase diagram (Fig. 68) from the free energy curves of the liquid,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  phases. (After A. H. COTTRELL; courtesy Edward Arnold.)

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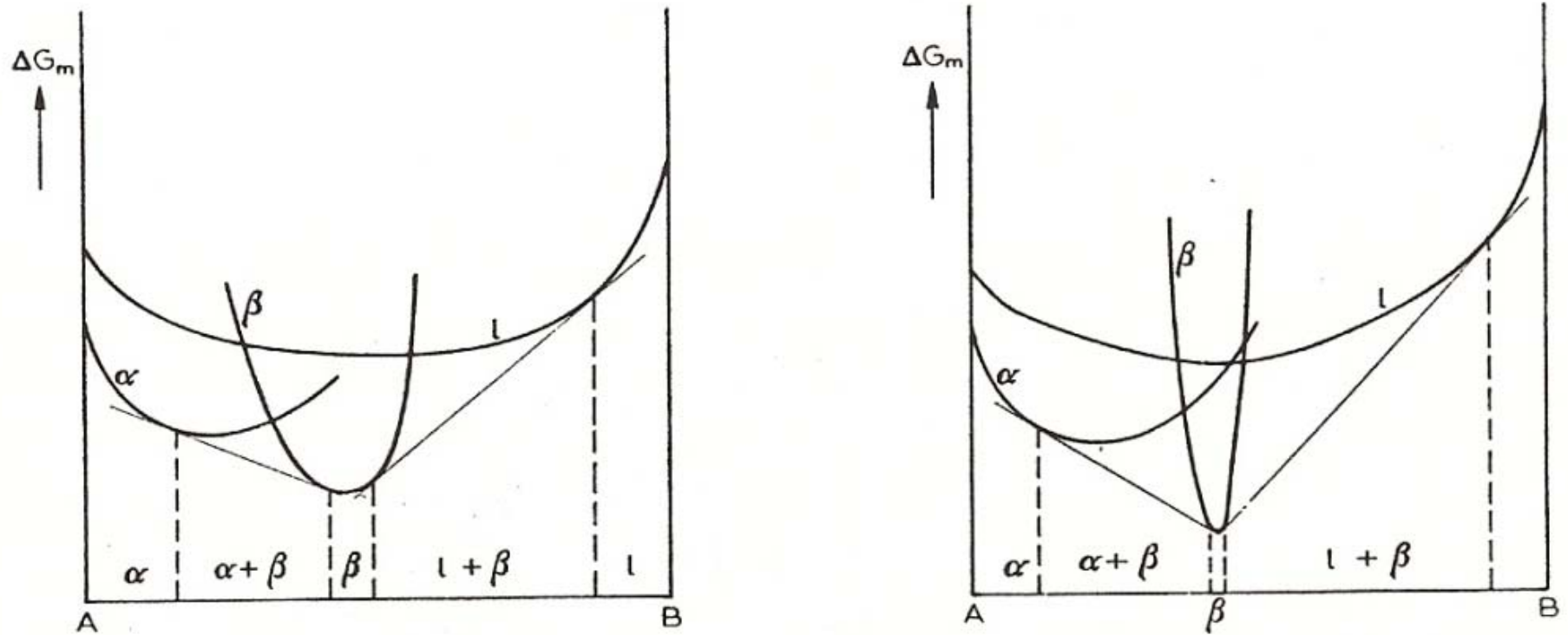


Fig. 70. Decreasing range of stability of an intermediate phase with its increasing stability relative to the terminal solid solutions.

## 4.3.4. Formation of intermediate phases by peritectic reaction

- (1)  $l + \alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta$
- (2)  $l + \beta \rightleftharpoons \gamma$
- (3)  $l + \gamma \rightleftharpoons \delta$
- (4)  $l + \delta \rightleftharpoons \varepsilon$
- (5)  $l + \varepsilon \rightleftharpoons \eta$

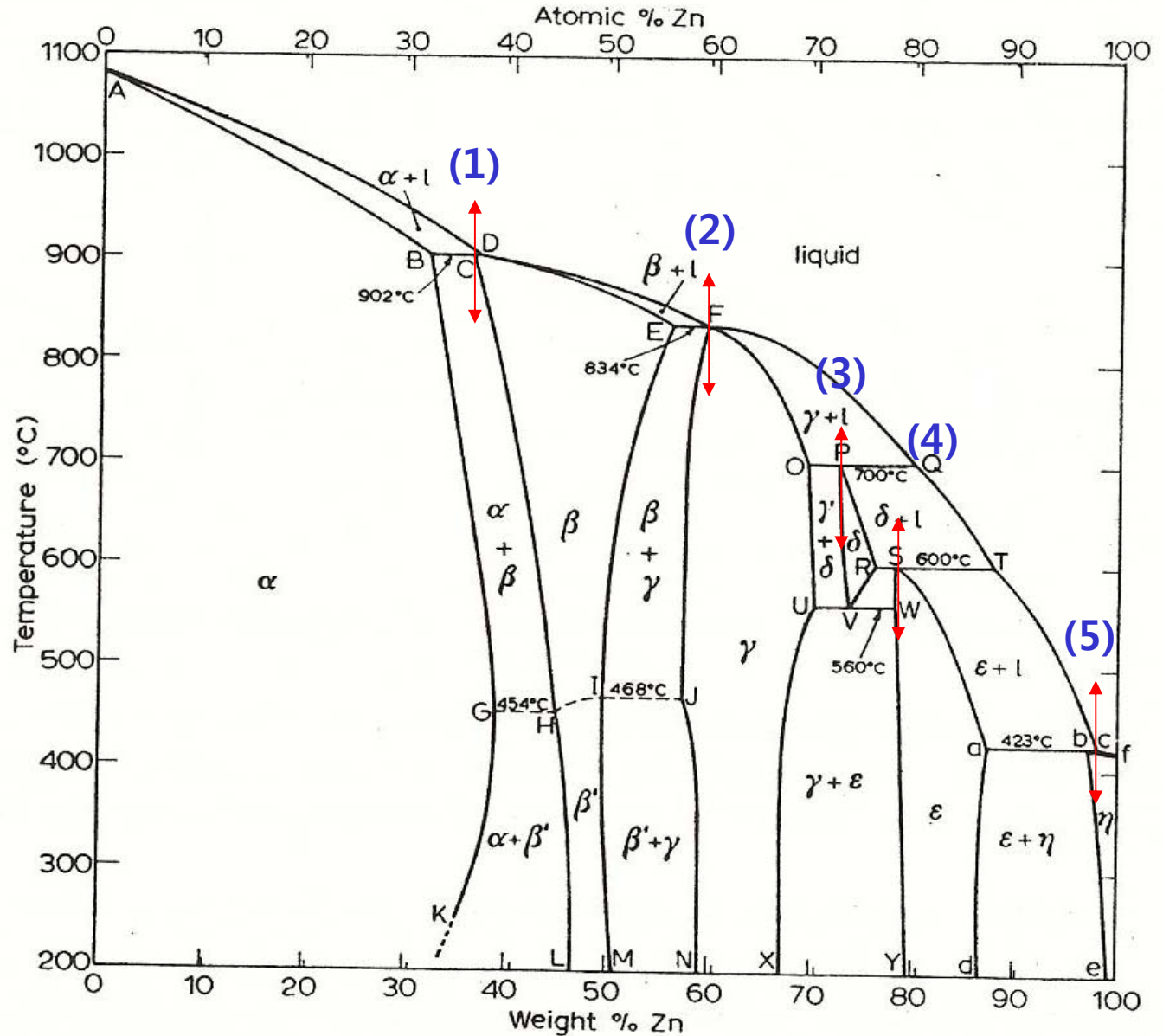


Fig. 71: The Cu-Zn phase diagram. (After G. V. RAYNOR; courtesy Institute of Metals.)

Peritectic point virtually coincides with the liquid composition.  
 But, thermodynamically, points P and b is not possible to coincide.

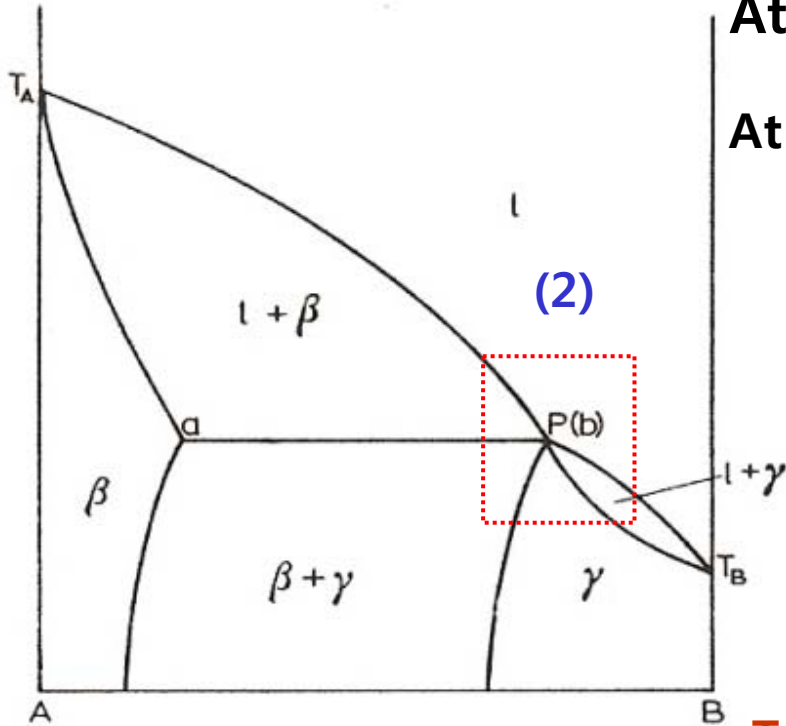


Fig. 72. Limiting case of the peritectic reaction.

At equilibrium,  $dG^s = dG^l, \mu_A^s = \mu_A^l, \mu_B^s = \mu_B^l$

At const P and differentiating with respect to  $X_A$

$$(S^s - S^l) \frac{dT}{dX_A} = (\mu_A - \mu_B) \left( \frac{dX_A^s}{dX_A} - \frac{dX_A^l}{dX_A} \right)$$

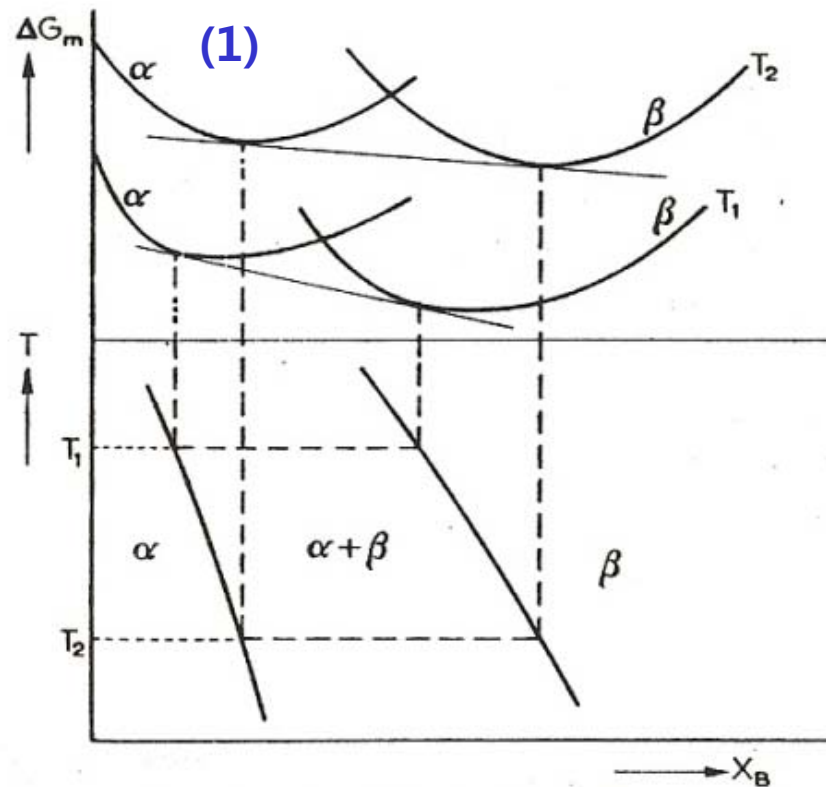
$$X_A^s = X_A^l \rightarrow (S^s - S^l) \frac{dT}{dX_A} = 0$$

$$S^s \neq S^l, dT / dX_A = 0$$

Temp. maximum or minimum must be present.

Peritectic point and the liquid composition are so close to each other that the experimental techniques used were not able to distinguish them.

Decreasing solubility of Zn in Cu with rise in temperature  
 in contrast to the normal decrease in solubility with fall in temperature



Due to an equilibrium with a disordered intermediate phase  
 (e.g. the  $\beta$  phase above 454 °C, Fig. 71)

This has been explained as being due to a greater relative movement of  
 the free energy curve of the intermediate phase compared with the  $\alpha$   
 solid solution with rise in temperature.



### 4.3.5. Non-stoichiometric compounds

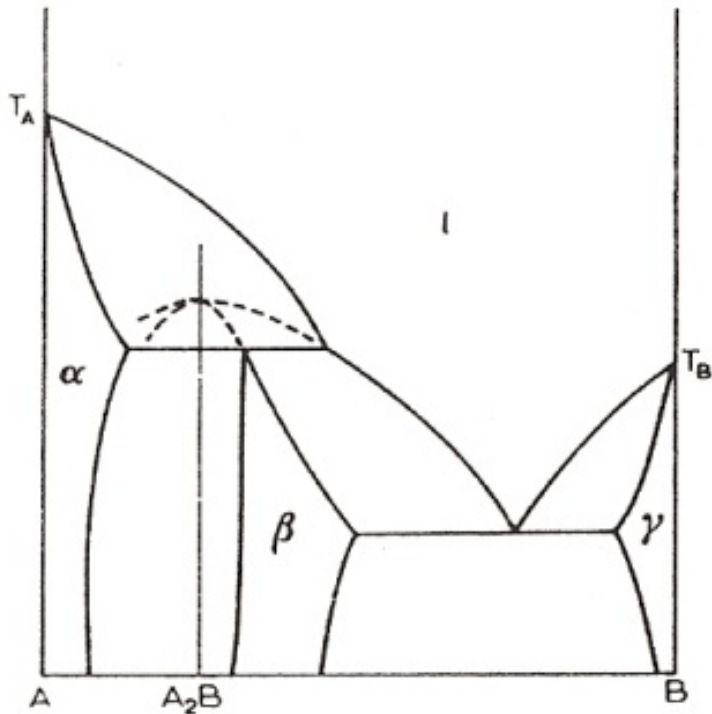


Fig. 74. A non-stoichiometric  $\beta$  phase based on the intermediate phase  $A_2B$ .

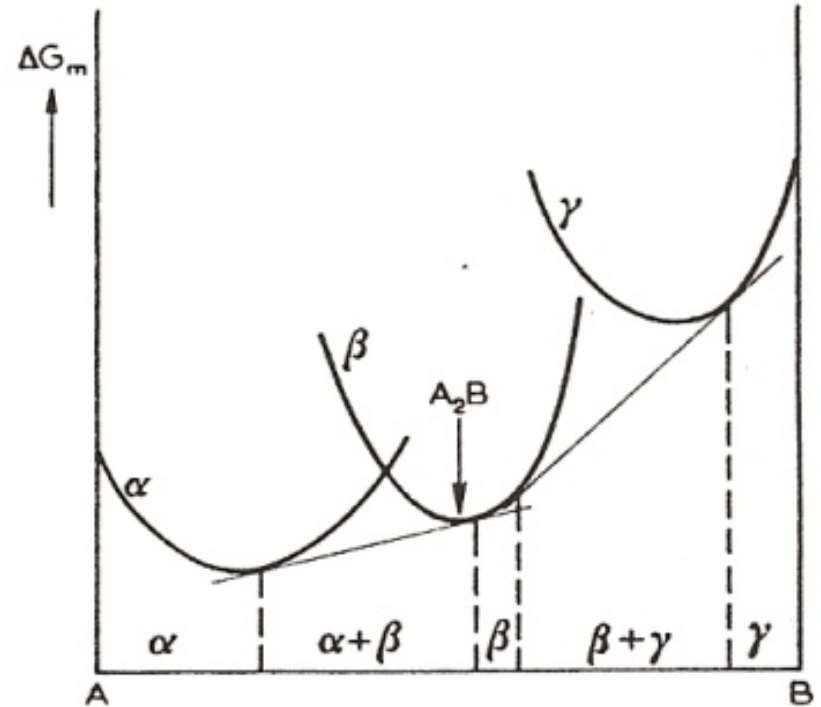
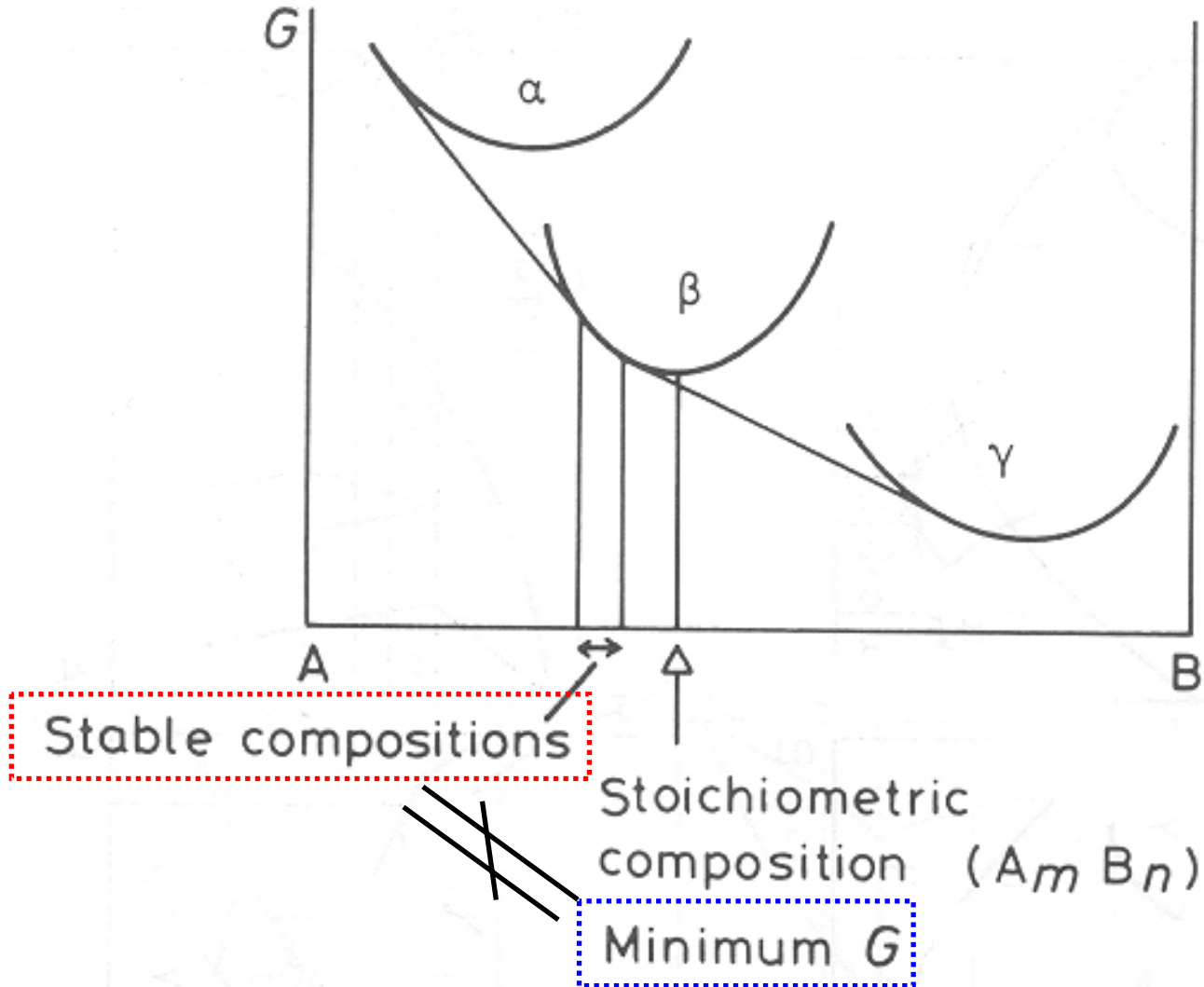


Fig. 75. Use of free energy curves to illustrate the occurrence of non-stoichiometric phases.

### 4.3.5. Non-stoichiometric compounds



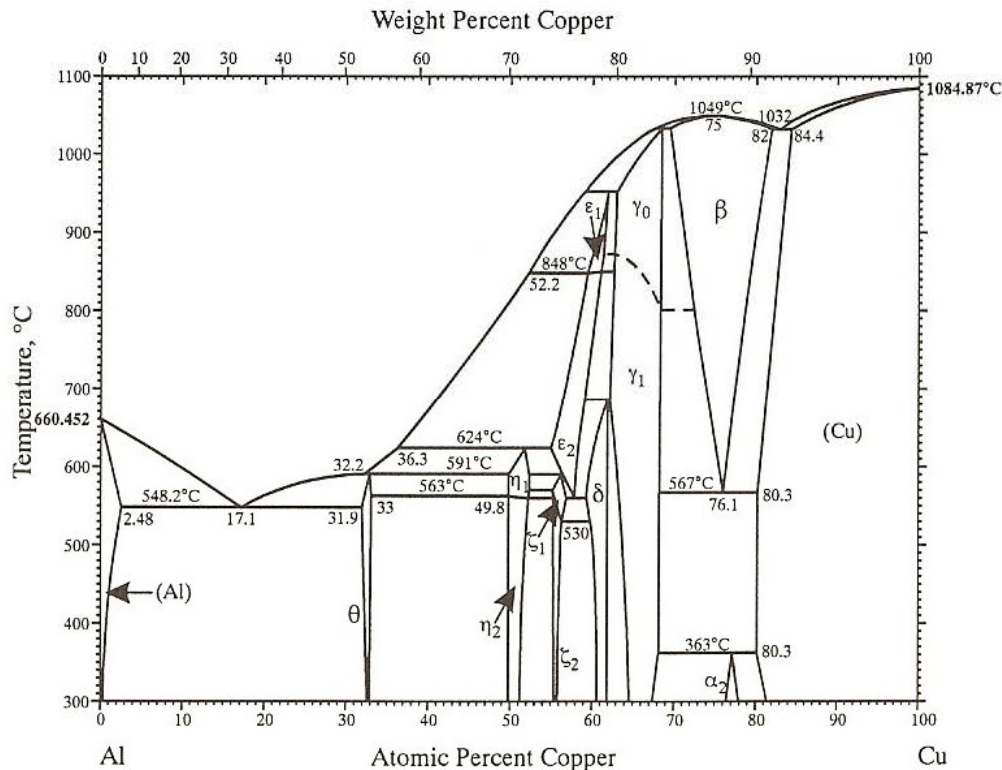


## 4.3.5. Non-stoichiometric compounds

$\theta$  phase in the Cu-Al system is usually denoted as  $\text{CuAl}_2$  although the composition  $X_{\text{Cu}}=1/3$ ,  $X_{\text{Al}}=2/3$  is not covered by the  $\theta$  field on the phase diagram.

Al-Cu

Al-Cu



Phase	Composition, at.% Cu	Pearson symbol	Space group	Strukturbericht designation	Prototype
(Al)	0 to 2.48	<i>cF4</i>	<i>Fm</i> $\bar{3}m$	A1	Cu
$\theta$	31.9 to 33.0	<i>tI12</i>	<i>I4/mcm</i>	C16	$\text{Al}_2\text{Cu}$
$\eta_1$	49.8 to 52.4	<i>oP16</i> or <i>oC16</i>	<i>Pban</i> or <i>Cmmm</i>	...	...
$\eta_2$	49.8 to 52.3	<i>mC20</i>	<i>Cm/2</i>	...	...
$\zeta_1$	55.2 to 56.8	<i>hP42</i>	<i>P6/mmm</i>	...	...
$\zeta_2$	55.2 to 56.3	<i>m**</i>	...	...	...
$\epsilon_1$	59.4 to 62.1	<i>c**</i>	...	...	...
$\epsilon_2$	55.0 to 61.1	<i>hP4</i>	<i>P63/mmc</i>	B8 <sub>1</sub>	NiAs
$\delta$	59.3 to 61.9	<i>hR*</i>	<i>R</i> $\bar{3}m$	...	...
$\gamma_0$	63 to 68.5	<i>cI52</i>	<i>I</i> $\bar{4}3m$	D8 <sub>2</sub>	$\text{Cu}_5\text{Zn}_8$
$\gamma_1$	62.5 to 68.5	<i>cP52</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{4}3m$	D8 <sub>3</sub>	$\text{Al}_4\text{Cu}_9$
$\beta$	69.5 to 82	<i>cI2</i>	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}m$	A2	W
$\alpha_2$	76.5 to 78	...	...	...	...
(Cu)	80.3 to 100	<i>cF4</i>	<i>Fm</i> $\bar{3}m$	A1	Cu

J.L. Murray, *Phase Diagrams of Binary Copper Alloys*, P.R. Subramanian, D.J. Chakrabarti, and D.E. Laughlin, ed., ASM International, Materials Park, OH, 18-42 (1994)

X.L. Liu, I. Ohnuma, R. Kainuma, and K. Ishida, *J. Alloys Compds*, 264, 201-208 (1998)

## 4.4. Congruent transformations

**Congruent transformation:**

a melting point minimum, a melting point maximum, and a critical temperature associated with a order-disorder transformation

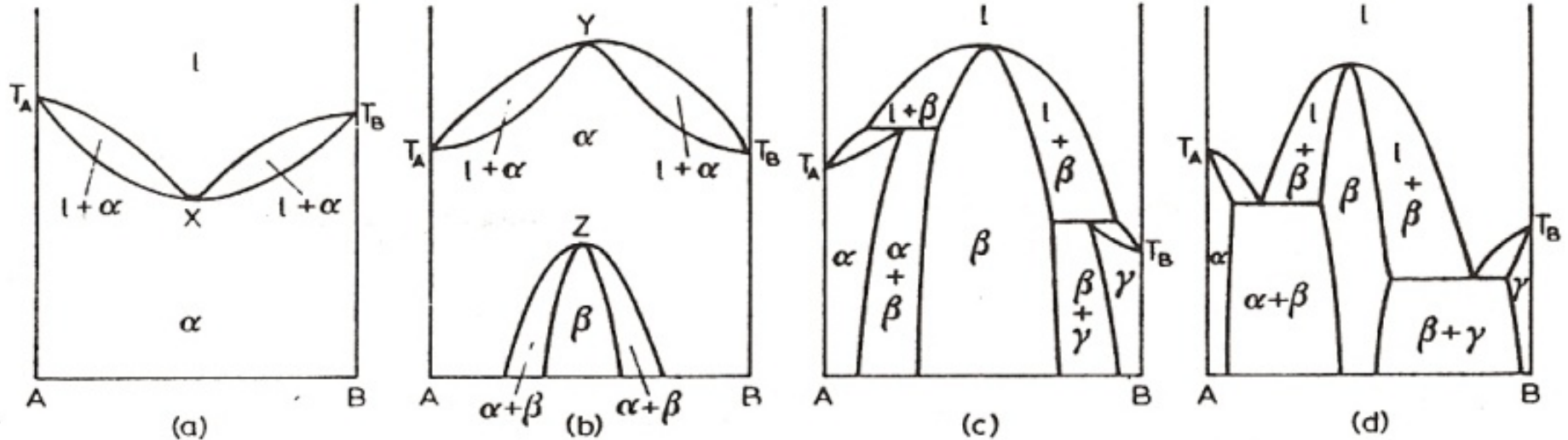


Fig. 76. Examples of congruent transformations.

## 4.4. Congruent transformations

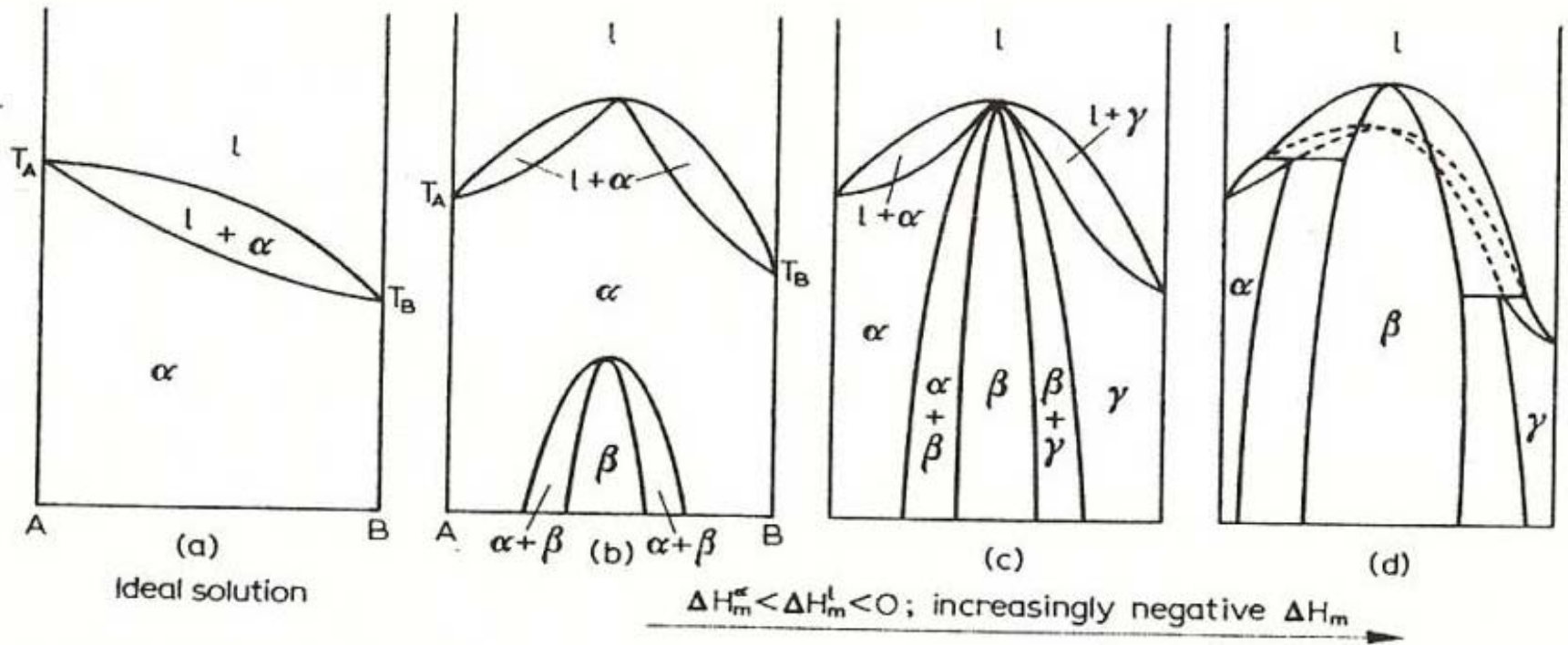


Fig. 77. Effect of increasingly negative departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram from a continuous series of solutions to one containing a congruent intermediate phase.

## 4.4. Congruent transformations

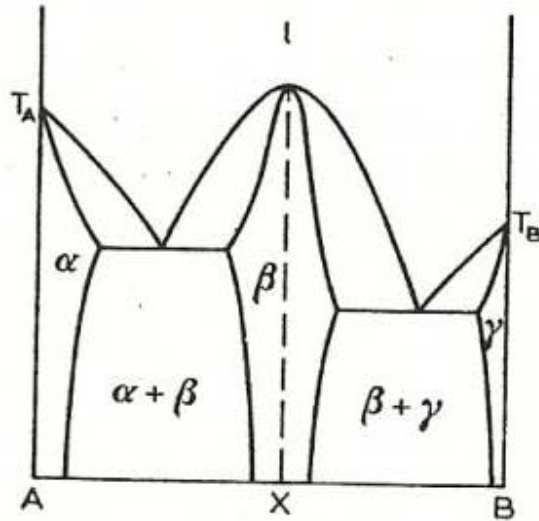


Fig. 78. Phase diagram with a congruent intermediate phase.

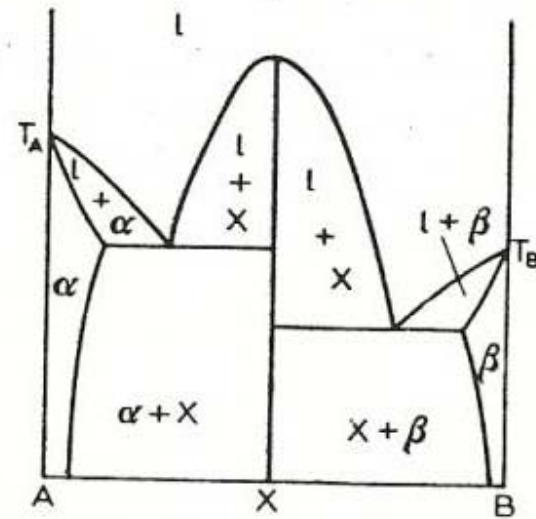


Fig. 79. Limiting case of Fig. 78.

