

## Advanced Physical Metallurgy "Phase Equilibria in Materials"

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### **Contents for previous class**

- Gibbs Phase Rule F = C P + 2 (from T, P)
- Invariant reaction

$1 \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$	eutectic reaction (e.g. Ag-Cu system)
$\gamma \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$	eutectoid reaction (e.g. C-Fe system)
$l_1 \rightleftharpoons \alpha + l_2$	monotectic reaction (e.g. Cu-Pb system)
$\alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta + l$	metatectic reaction (e.g. Ag-Li system)
$1 + \alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta$	peritectic reaction (e.g. Cu-Zn system)
$\alpha + \beta \rightleftharpoons \gamma$	peritectoid reaction (e.g. Al-Cu system)
$l_1 + l_2 \rightleftharpoons \alpha$	syntectic reaction (e.g. K-Zn system)

- Peritectic reaction



#### - Congruent transformation

a melting point minimum, a melting point maximum, and a critical temperature associated with a orderdisorder transformation Congruent melting :  $S_{x1} \xrightarrow{\text{melting}} L_{x1}$ Incongruent melting :  $S_{x1} \xrightarrow{\text{melting}} L_{x2}$ 



# Peritectic solidification



Steel

Fe

# Peritectic solidification



Figure 5. Peritectic reaction in Fe-0.18 pct C alloy: cooling rate =10 K/min [2].

# Peritectic solidification



Figure 6. Phase-field simulation of peritectic reaction [3].

# Congruent vs Incongruent

## **Congruent phase transformation: no compositional change associated with transformation**

**Examples:** 

- Allotropic phase transformations
- Melting points of pure metals
- Congruent Melting Point \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Incongruent phase transformation:** at least one phase will experience change in composition

#### **Examples:**

- Melting in isomorphous alloys
- Eutectic reactions
- Pertectic Reactions
- Eutectoid reactions



**Isomorphous systems** contain metals which are completely soluble in each other and have a single type of crystal structure.



Weight percent nickel

### 4.3.5. Non-stoichiometeric compounds



Fig. 74. A non-stoichiometric  $\beta$  phase based on the intermediate phase A<sub>2</sub>B.



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

#### 4.3.5. Non-stoichiometeric compounds



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### **Contents for today's class**

- Monotectic reaction: Liquid1 ↔ Liquid2+ solid
- Synthetic reaction: Liquid1+Liquid2  $\leftrightarrow \alpha$   $\alpha$  L1+L2K-Zn, Na-Zn, K-Pb, Pb-U, Ca-Cd
- Binary Phase Diagrams: Reactions in the Solid State
  - \* Eutectoid reaction:  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta + \gamma$
  - \* Monotectoid reaction:  $\alpha_1 \leftrightarrow \beta + \alpha_2$
  - \* Peritectoid reaction:  $\alpha + \beta \leftrightarrow \gamma$
- Allotropy of the Components
  - \* SYSTEMS IN WHICH ONE PHASE IS IN EQUILIBRIUM WITH THE LIQUID PHASE
  - \* SYSTEMS IN WHICH TWO PHASES ARE IN EQUILIBRIUM WITH THE LIQUID PHASE

Metatectic reaction:  $\beta \leftrightarrow L + \alpha$  Ex. Co-Os, Co-Re and Co-Ru<sub>11</sub>

### $\Delta G_{m} = NCX_{A}(1-X_{A}) + NkT[X_{A}InX_{A} + (1-X_{A})In(1-X_{A})] \text{ where, } C = Z[H_{AB} - (H_{AA} + H_{BB})/2.$

Here, C is an energy term, and k is bolzmann's constant (energy/temperature).



Fig. 14. Variation of free energy with composition for a homogeneous solution with  $\Delta H_{in} > 0$ . Free energycomposition curves are given for various values of the parameter kT/C.

#### Free energy and activity curves for (a) kT/C<0.5, (b) kT/C=0.5 (c) kT/C>0.5



# Effect of very large positive deviations from ideality in changing the phase diagram from a eutectic to a monotectic reaction



#### **Eutectic reaction:** Liquid $\leftrightarrow \alpha + \beta$

#### Monotectic reaction: Liquid1 ↔ Liquid2+ solid

The reversible transition, on cooling, of a liquid to a mixture of a second liquid and a solid 14

### **Monotectic Phase Diagrams**



G.A. Chadwick, Brit. J. App. Phys., 16 (1965) 1096

## Monotectic



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Source: Reed-Hill, Abbaschian, Physical Metallurgy Principles, 3rd Edition, PWS Publishing Company, 1994.



Fig. 85. Derivation of the monotectic phase diagram from the free energy curves for the liquid,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases.



Fig. 86. Limiting form of the monotectic phase diagram.



## Morphology in monotectic solidification



Figure 2. Solid-liquid interface morphology for different interfacial energy conditions: (a)  $\gamma_{S_1L_2} > \gamma_{S_1L_1} + \gamma_{L_1L_2}$ , (b)  $\gamma_{S_1L_2} = \gamma_{S_1L_1} - \gamma_{L_1L_2} \cos \theta$ , (c)  $\gamma_{S_1L_1} > \gamma_{S_1L_2} + \gamma_{L_1L_2}$ .

Case 1:  $\gamma_{\alpha l_1} < \gamma_{\alpha l \, 2} - \gamma_{l_1 l \, 2}$ 



Hg-Te single crystal





Growth mechanism of alloy of monotectic composition to produce a fibrous structure

$$\lambda \propto V^{-0.5}$$

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### Synthetic reaction



Fig. 87. Syntectic phase diagrams. (a) Schematic; (b) the K-Zn system.

Ex. K-Zn, Na-Zn, K-Pb, Pb-U and Ca-Cd

### **Binary Phase Diagrams: Reactions in the Solid State**

Eutectoid reaction:  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta + \gamma$ 

Monotectoid reaction:  $\alpha_1 \leftrightarrow \beta + \alpha_2$ 

Peritectoid reaction:  $\alpha + \beta \leftrightarrow \gamma$ 



Transformation can only proceed if  $-\Delta G_{bulk} > +\Delta G_{interface} + \Delta G_{strain}$ 

Disordered atomic arrangement at grain boundaries will reduce the strain energy factor and the interfacial energy needed to nucleate a new phase.



The finer the grain size, and hence the larger the grain boundary area, the more readily will the transformation proceed. 25



(a)

## **Iron-Carbon System**



## Iron Carbon Phase Diagram



## **Cementite – What is it?**

Iron Carbide – Ceramic Compound

Purple: Carbon atoms Orange: Iron atoms



- Cementite has an orthorhombic lattice with approximate parameters 0.45165, 0.50837 and 0.67297 nm.
- There are twelve iron atoms and four carbon atoms per unit cell, corresponding to the formula Fe<sub>3</sub>C.

Source: <u>http://www.msm.cam.ac.uk/phase-trans/2003/Lattices/cementite.html</u> H. K. D. H. Bhadeshia

# Pearlite: What is it?



- The eutectoid transformation:  $\gamma$  (0.77% C)  $\rightarrow \alpha$  (0.02%C) + Fe<sub>3</sub>C (6.67%C)
- Alternate lamellae of ferrite and cementite as the continuous phase
- Diffusional Transformation
- "Pearlite" name is related to the regular array of the lamellae in colonies. Etching attacks the ferrite phase more than the cementite. The raised and regularly spaced cementite lamellae act as diffraction gratings and a pearl-like luster is produced by the diffraction of light of various wavelengths from different colonies

# Pearlite

• Two phases appear in definite ratio by the lever rule:

$$\alpha = \frac{6.67 - 0.77}{6.67} \approx 88\%$$
  
cementite =  $\frac{0.77 - 0}{6.67} \approx 12\%$ 

- Since the densities are same (7.86 and 7.4) lamellae widths are 7:1
- Heterogeneous nucleation and growth of pearlite colonies – but typically grows into only 1 grain



**Fig. 18.6** Pearlite consists of plates of  $Fe_3C$  in a matrix of ferrite. (Vilella, J. R., *Metallographic Technique for Steel*, ASM Cleveland, 1938.) 2500X.

Reed-Hill, Abbaschian, 1994, [5]