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

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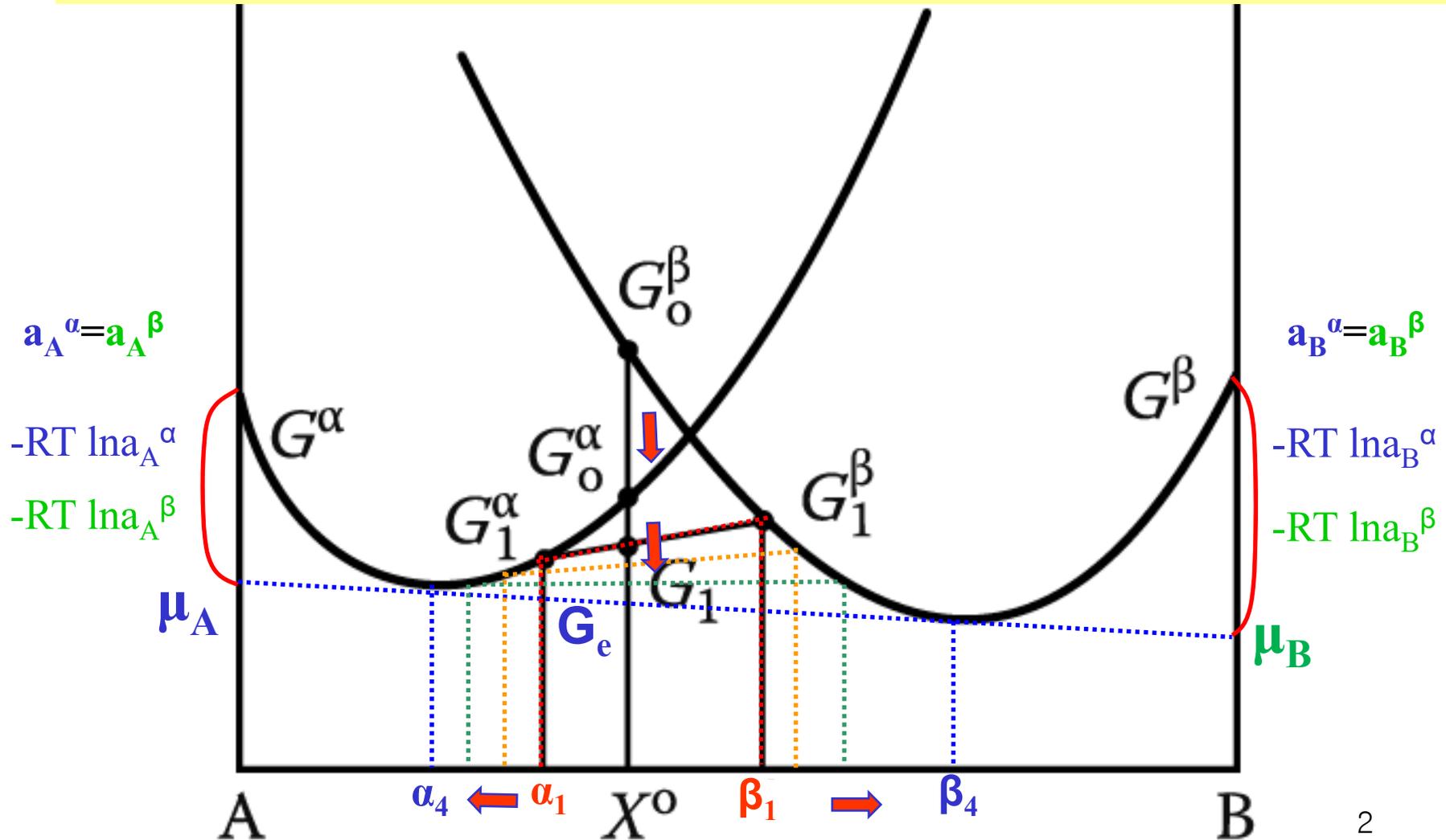
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Contents for previous class

## Equilibrium in Heterogeneous Systems

In  $X^0$ ,  $G_0^\beta > G_0^\alpha > G_1 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta$  separation  $\Rightarrow$  unified chemical potential



# - Two-Phase Equilibrium

## 1) Simple Phase Diagrams

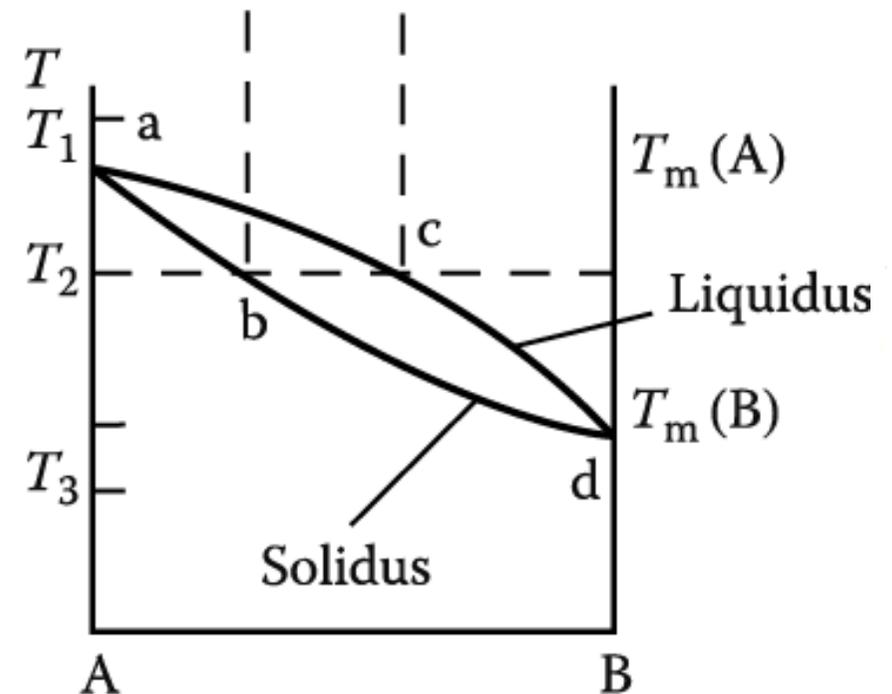
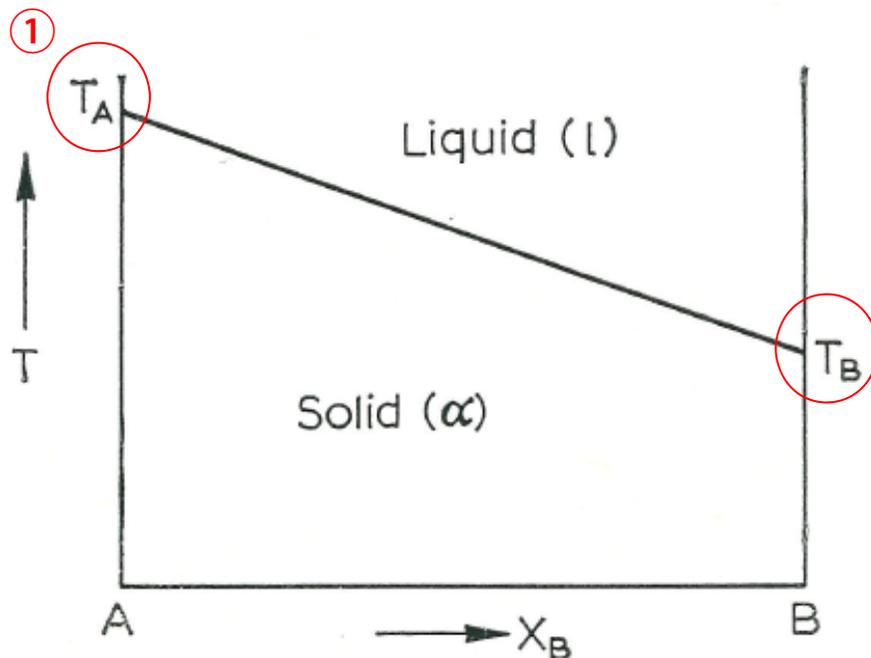
**Assumption: (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid.**

**(2) Both are ideal soln.**

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

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

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  $\alpha$  phase at a temperature  $T$ , where  $T_A > T > T_B$ . The standard states are pure solid A and pure liquid B at temperature  $T$ .  $\rightarrow$  Derive the free energy curves for the liquid and  $\alpha$  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  $T_A$ :

$$\ln \frac{X_B^s}{X_B^l} = \frac{\Delta H_B}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_B} \right). \quad \text{X-T relationship in A-rich composition} \quad (103)$$

Similarly, if the temperature approaches  $T_B$ ,  $X_B^s \simeq X_B^l \rightarrow 1$  and  $1/T \rightarrow 1/T_B$ . Near  $T_B$ :

$$\ln \frac{X_A^s}{X_A^l} = \frac{\Delta H_A}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_A} \right). \quad \text{X-T relationship in B-rich composition} \quad (104)$$

Knowing  $\Delta H_A$ ,  $\Delta H_B$ ,  $T_A$  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

$$X_A \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{and} \quad -\ln X_A \simeq X_B.$$

In terms of eqn. (104):

$$X_A^l - X_A^s = \frac{\Delta H_A}{R} \left( \frac{T_A - T}{TT_A} \right).$$

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

$$X_B^s - X_B^l = \frac{\Delta H_A}{R} \left( \frac{T_A - T}{TT_A} \right). \quad (105)$$

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  $\underline{RT_A^2}$ . Therefore

$$X_B^s - X_B^l = \frac{\Delta H_A}{RT_A^2} (T_A - T) \quad (106)$$

or,

③  **$\Delta H$  effect for G curvature**  
**: initial slope of solidus**  
**and liquidus curve**

$$\left( \frac{dX_B^s}{dT} - \frac{dX_B^l}{dT} \right)_{T=T_A} = \frac{\Delta H_A}{RT_A^2}. \quad (107)$$

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 ( $\Delta H_A$ ) but independent of the nature of the solute.

\* **Consider actual (or so-called regular) solutions**

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

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

Since

$$\Delta G_A = \Delta H_A - T\Delta S_A$$

then,

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

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,

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

④ **Temperature effect for G variation  
: role of  $\Delta S$**

# 1) Simple Phase Diagrams

a) Variation of temp.:  $G^L > G^S$

b)  $T \downarrow \rightarrow$  Decrease of curvature of G curve  
 ( $\because$  decrease of  $-T\Delta S_{\text{mix}}$  effect)

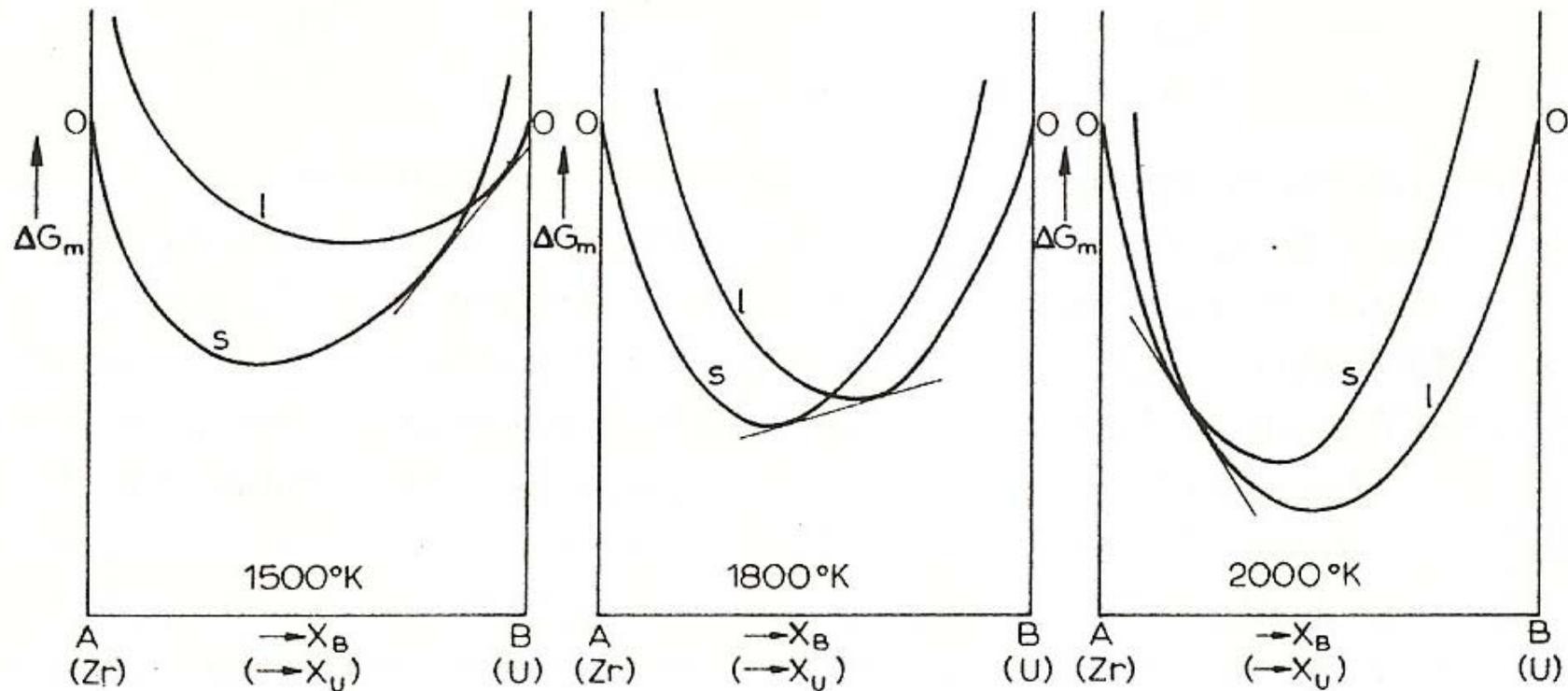


Fig. 26. Free energy curves for liquid and solid phases in the U–Zr system at 1500°, 1800° and 2000 °K.

It was assumed that  $\Delta H_m^l = \Delta H_m^s$

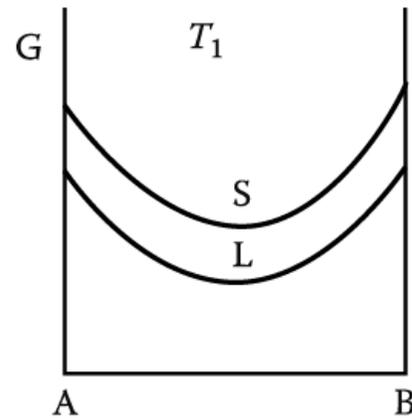
# 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

## 1) Simple Phase Diagrams

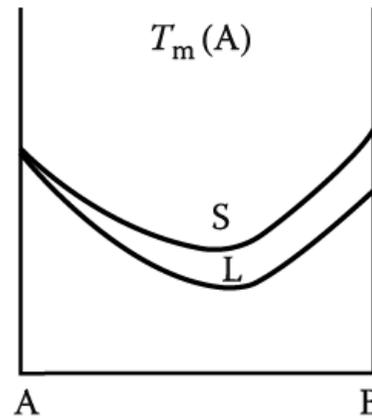
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Assumption:

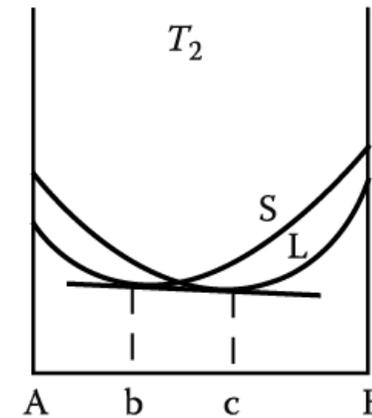
- (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid.
- (2) Both are ideal soln.
- (3)  $T_m(A) > T_m(B)$
- (4)  $T_1 > T_m(A) > T_2 > T_m(B) > T_3$



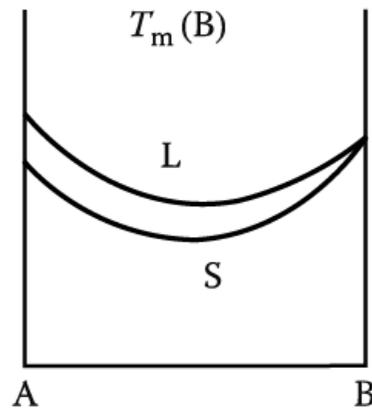
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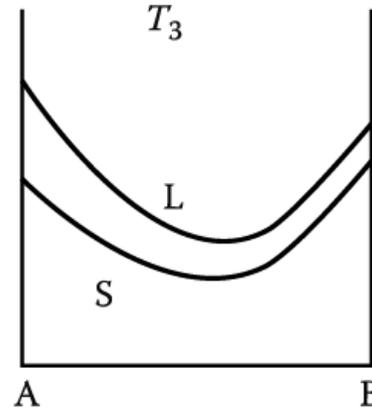
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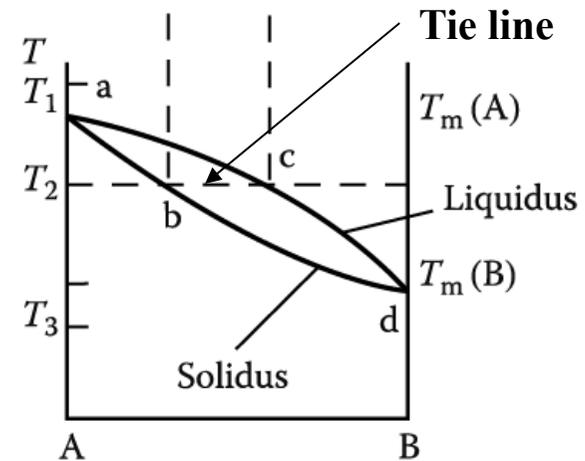
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

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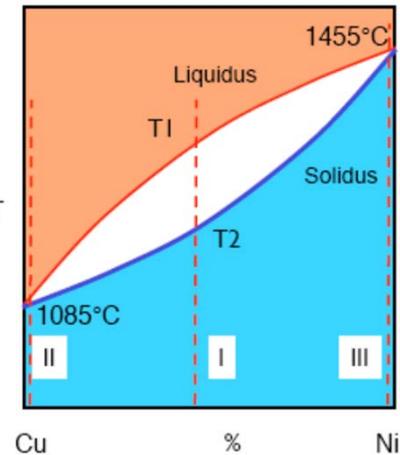
$G_0^\beta > G_0^\alpha > G_0^{\alpha+\beta} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta \text{ separation} \Rightarrow \text{unified chemical potential}$

## - Binary phase diagrams

### 1) Simple Phase Diagrams

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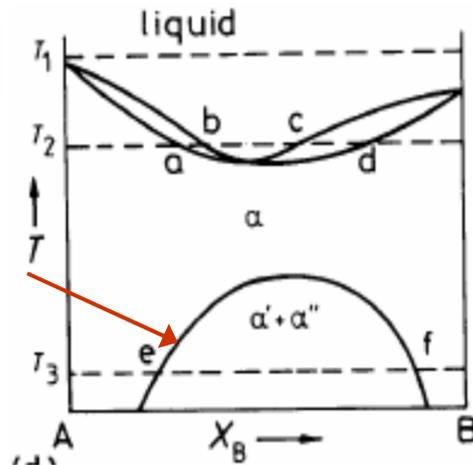
Assume: (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid.  
 (2) Both are ideal soln.



### 2) Variant of the simple phase diagram

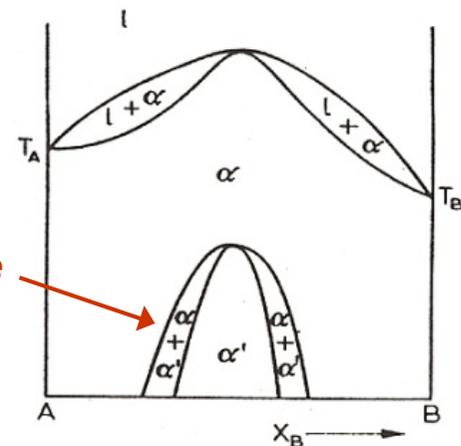
$\Delta H_{mix}^\alpha > \Delta H_{mix}^l > 0$

miscibility gap



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

Ordered phase



### 3.2.6 Pressure-Temperature-Composition phase diagram for a system with continuous series of solutions

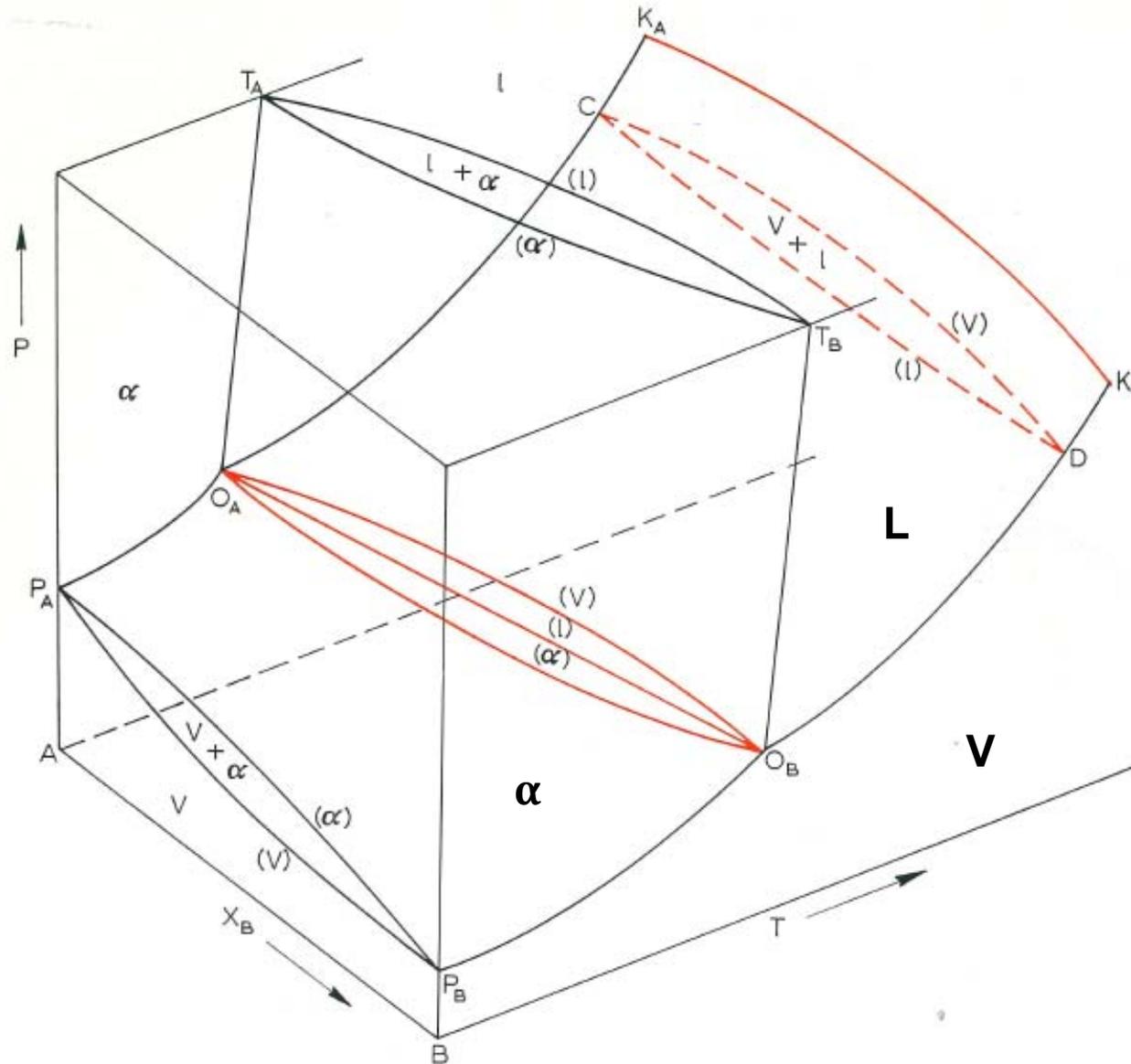


Fig. 35. Pressure-temperature-composition phase diagram for a system with continuous series of solutions

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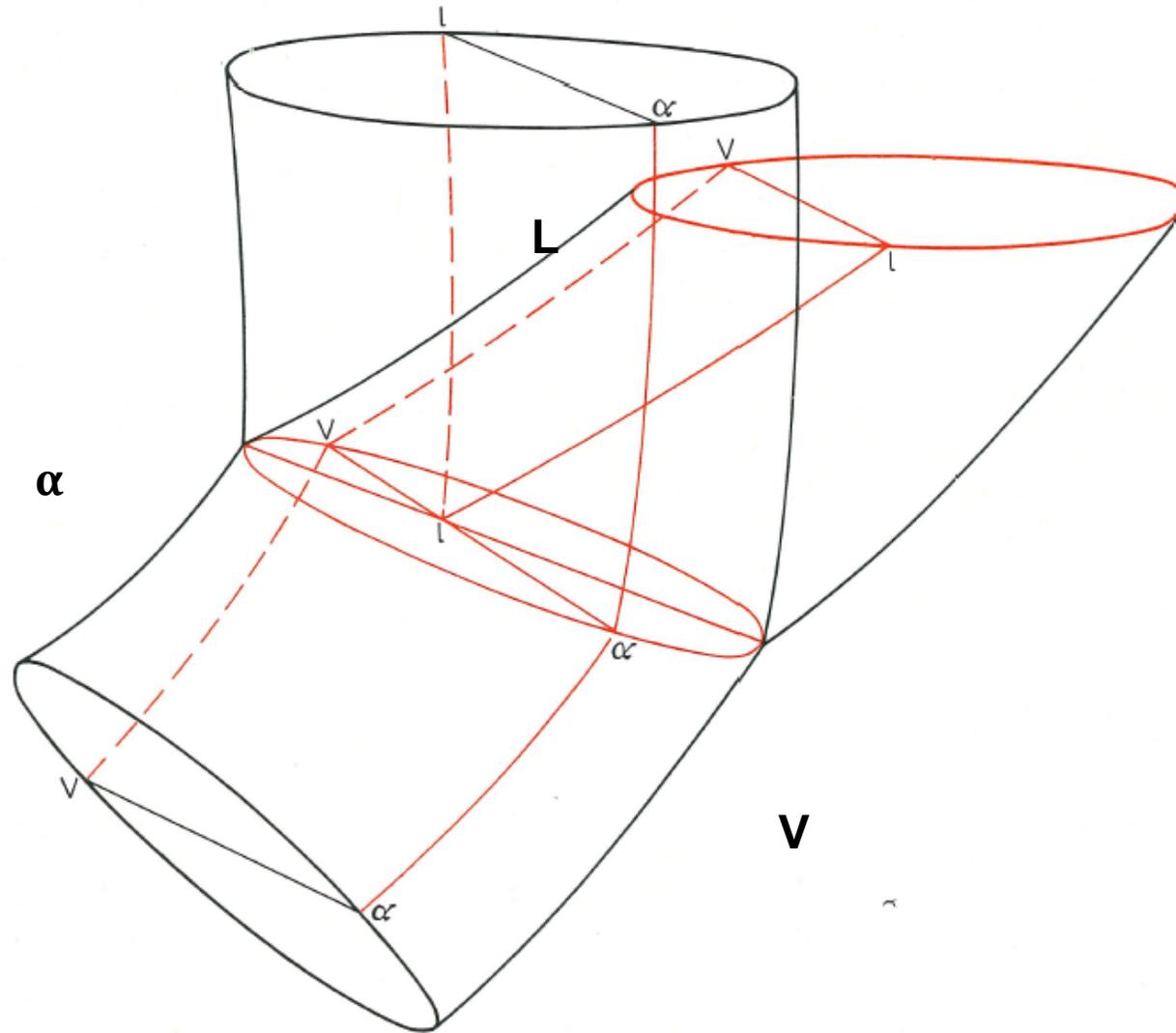


Fig. 36. Formation of a three-phase tie line  $Vl\alpha$ .

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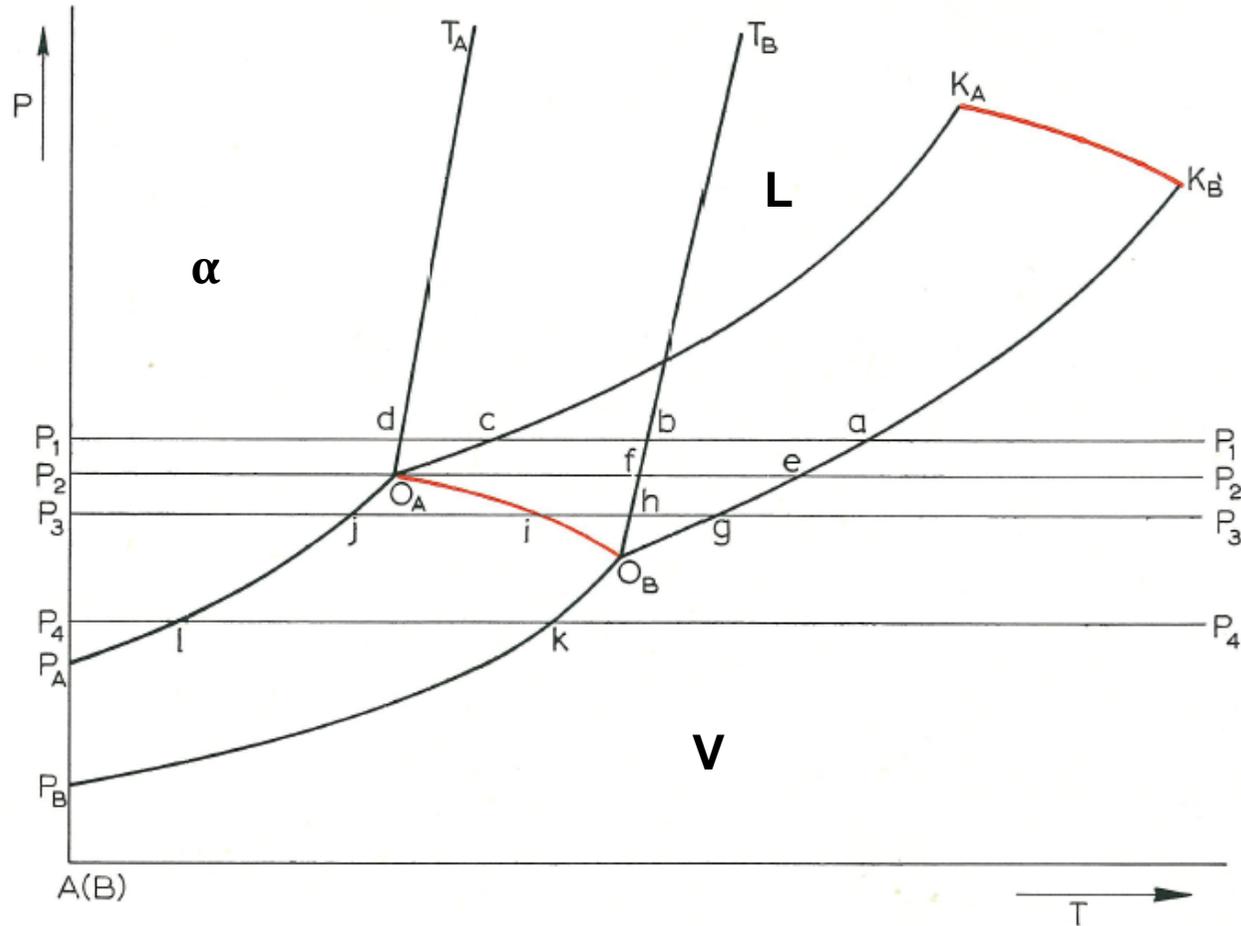


Fig. 37. Two-dimensional projection of Fig. 35 on the  $P$ - $T$  plane for component A.

$P_A O_A$  — equilibrium between  $V_A$  and  $\alpha_A$ ;  $P_B O_B$  —  $V_B$  and  $\alpha_B$ ;  $O_A T_A$  —  $l_A$  and  $\alpha_A$ ;  $O_B T_B$  —  $l_B$  and  $\alpha_B$ ;  $O_A K_A$  —  $V_A$  and  $l_A$ ;  $O_B K_B$  —  $V_B$  and  $l_B$ ;  $O_A O_B$  —  $V_{AB}$ ,  $l_{AB}$  and  $\alpha_{AB}$ ;  $O_A$  —  $V_A$ ,  $l_A$  and  $\alpha_A$ ;  $O_B$  —  $V_B$ ,  $l_B$  and  $\alpha_B$ ;  $K_A K_B$  —  $V_{AB} = l_{AB}$ .

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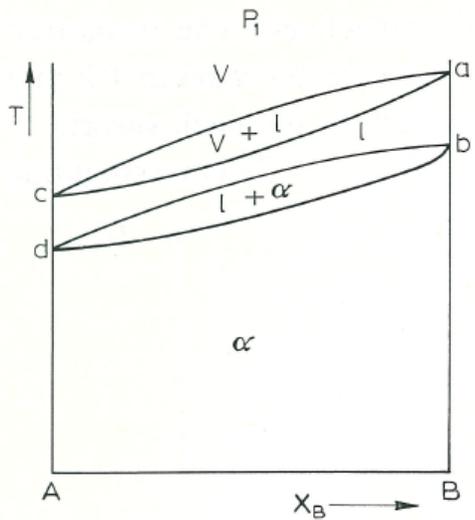


Fig. 38.  $T$ - $X$  section through Fig. 35 at a pressure  $P_1$  where  $K_B > P_1 > O_A$ .

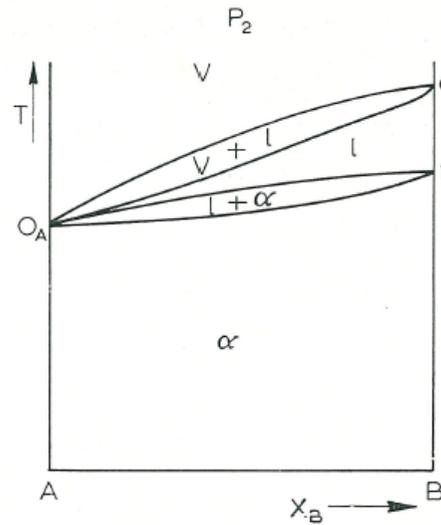


Fig. 39.  $T$ - $X$  section through Fig. 35 at a pressure  $P_2$  where  $P_2 = O_A$ .

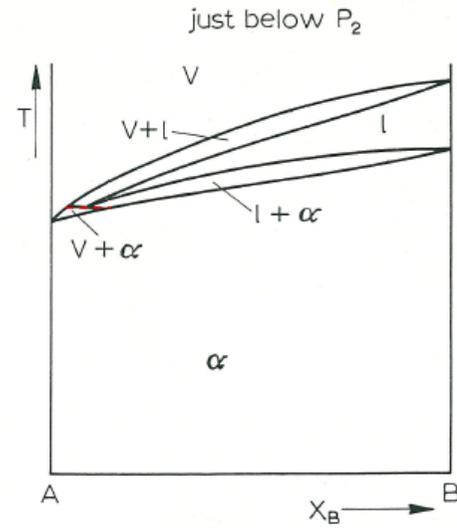


Fig. 40.  $T$ - $X$  section through Fig. 35 at a pressure just below  $P_2$ .

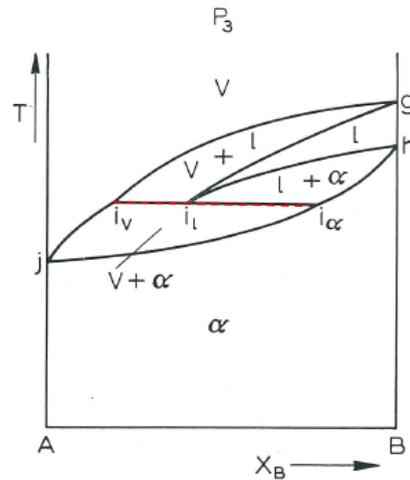


Fig. 41.  $T$ - $X$  section through Fig. 35 at a pressure  $P_3$  where  $O_A > P_3 > O_B$ .

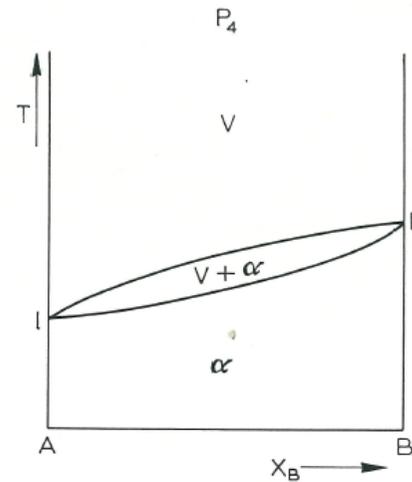


Fig. 42.  $T$ - $X$  section through Fig. 35 at a pressure  $P_4$  where  $O_B > P_4 > P_B$ .

# Contents for today's class

## CHAPTER 4

### Binary Phase Diagrams

Three-Phase Equilibrium Involving Limited Solubility of the Components in the Solid State but Complete Solubility in the Liquid State

#### \* Three-Phase Equilibrium : Eutectic Reactions

##### a) Structural Factor: Hume-Rothery Rules

Empirical rules for substitutional solid-solution

**complete solid solution** ↔ **limited solid solution**

Similar atomic radii, the same valency and crystal structure

##### b) The eutectic reaction

##### c) Limiting forms of eutectic phase diagrams

##### d) Retrograde solidus curves

## \* Simple Eutectic Systems

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

- Three-Phase Equilibrium Involving Limited Solubility of the Components in the Solid State but Complete Solubility in the Liquid State

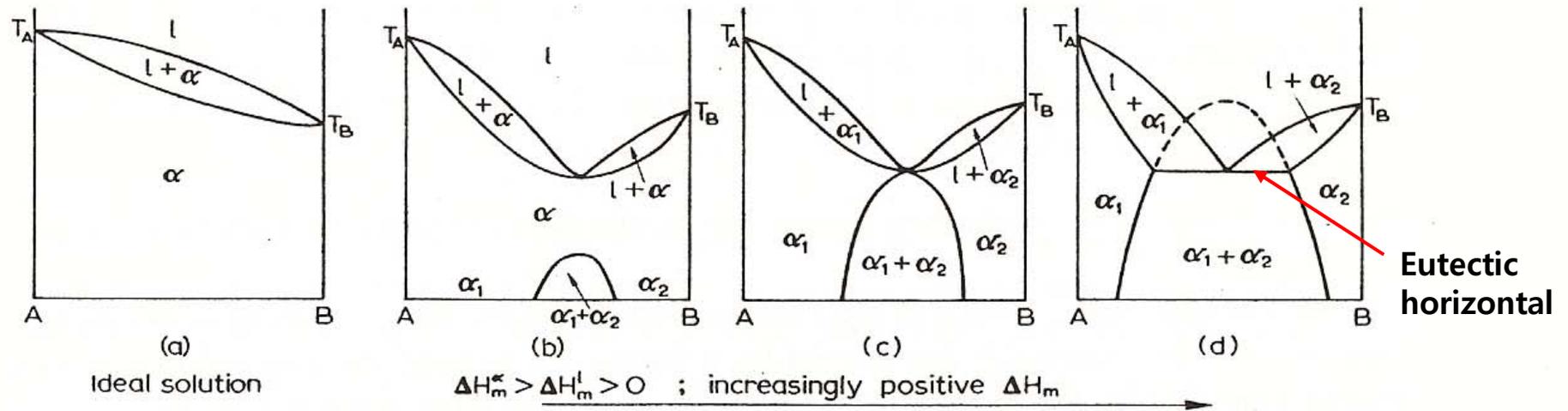


Fig. 43. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram for a continuous series of solutions to a eutectic-type.

## \* Simple Eutectic Systems

- $\Delta H_m \gg 0$  and the miscibility gap extends to the melting temperature. (when both solids have the same structure.)

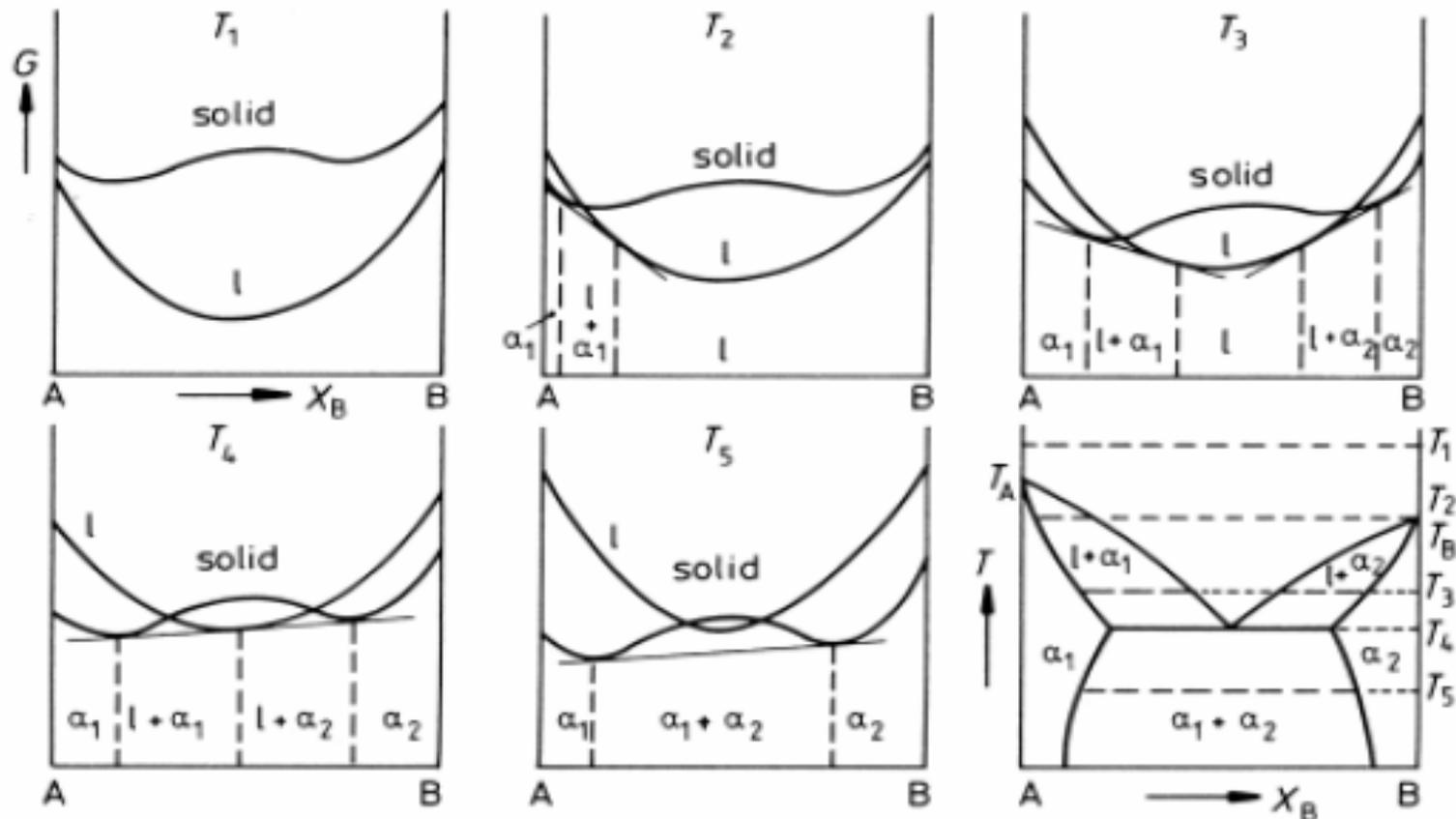


Fig 1.32 The derivation of a eutectic phase diagram where both solid phases have the same crystal structure. (After A.H. Cottrell, *Theoretical Structural Metallurgy*, Edward Arnold, London, 1955, ©Sir Alan Cottrell.)

(when each solid has the **different crystal structure.**)

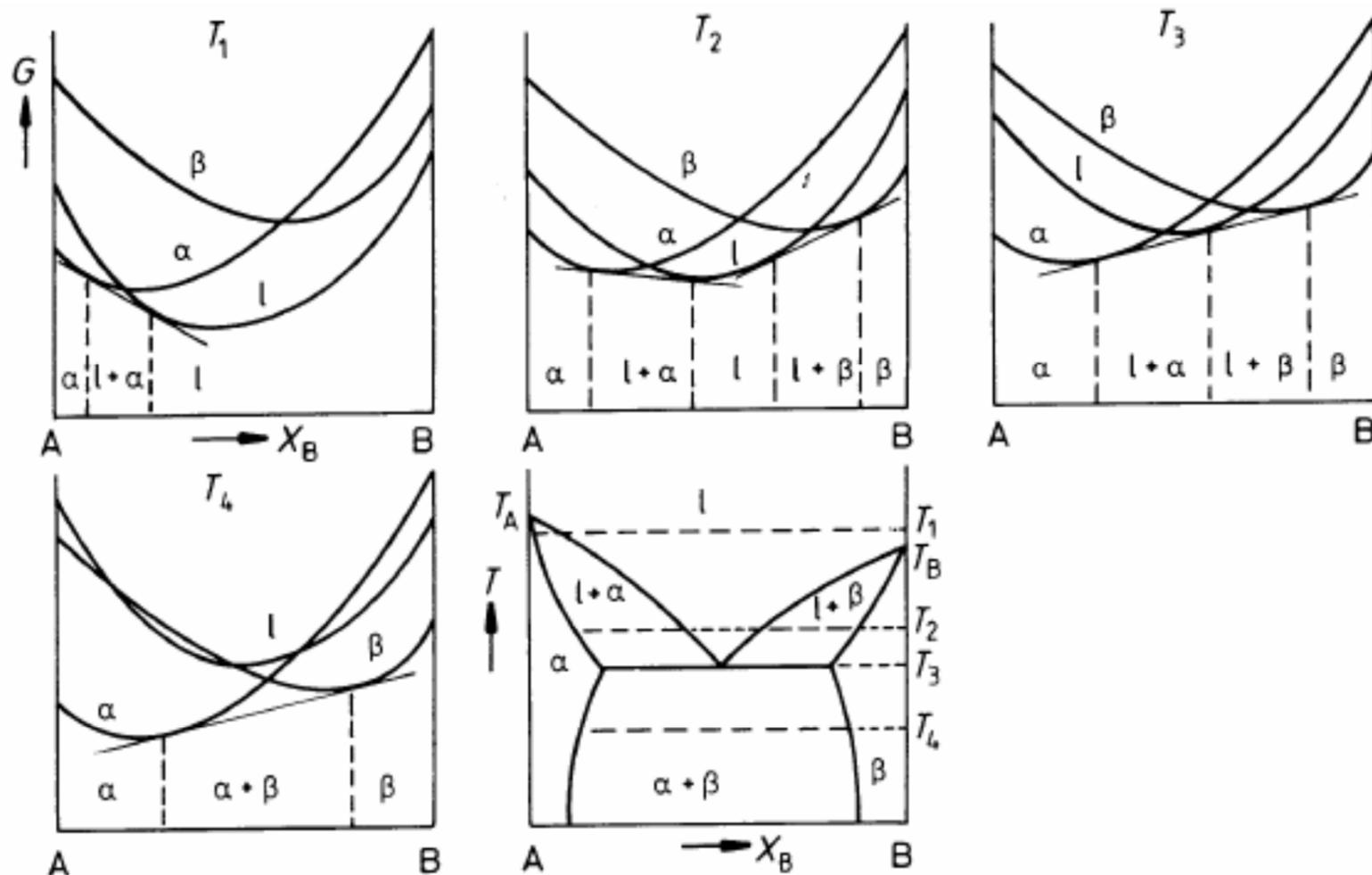
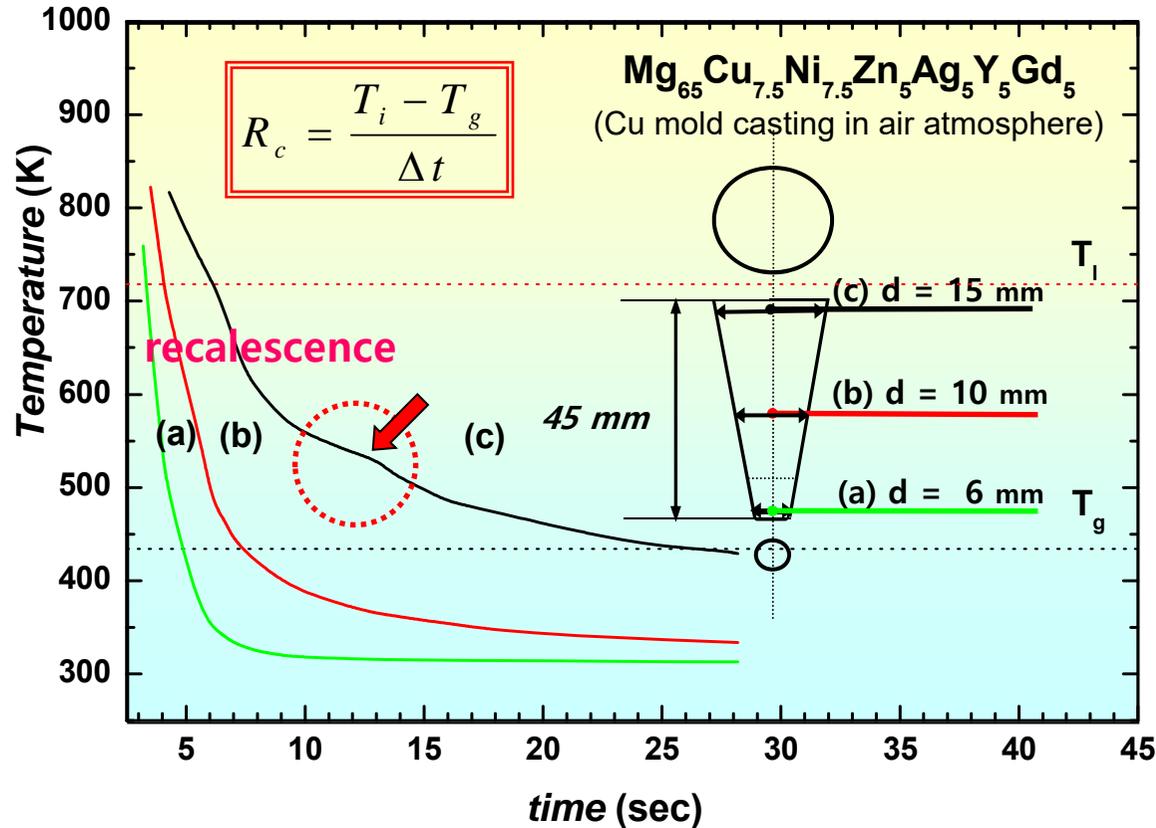


Fig. 1.33 The derivation of a eutectic phase diagram where each solid phase has a different crystal structure. (After A. Prince, *Alloy Phase Equilibria*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1966.)

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



top position : recalescence

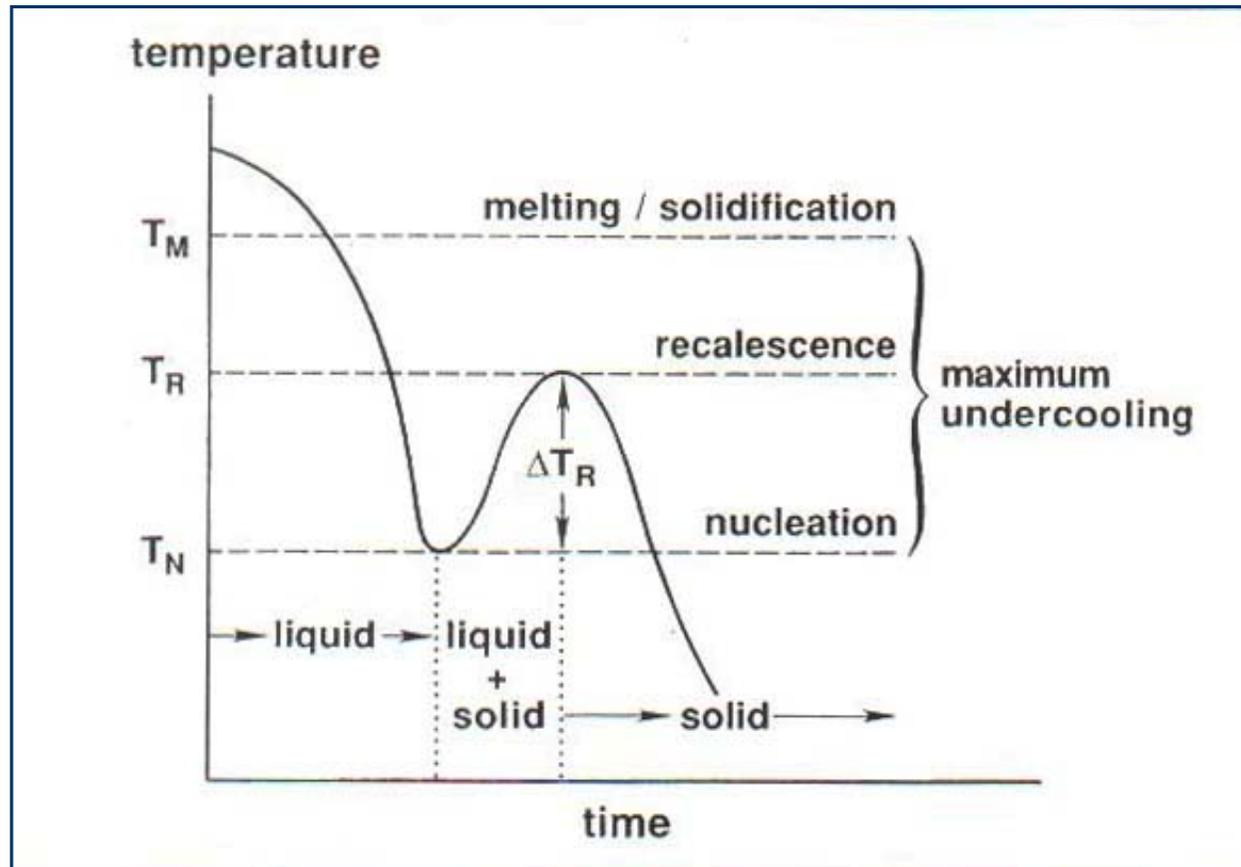
middle position : 64K/s

bottom position : 137 K/s

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

\* JAP 104, 023520 (2008)

# 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.

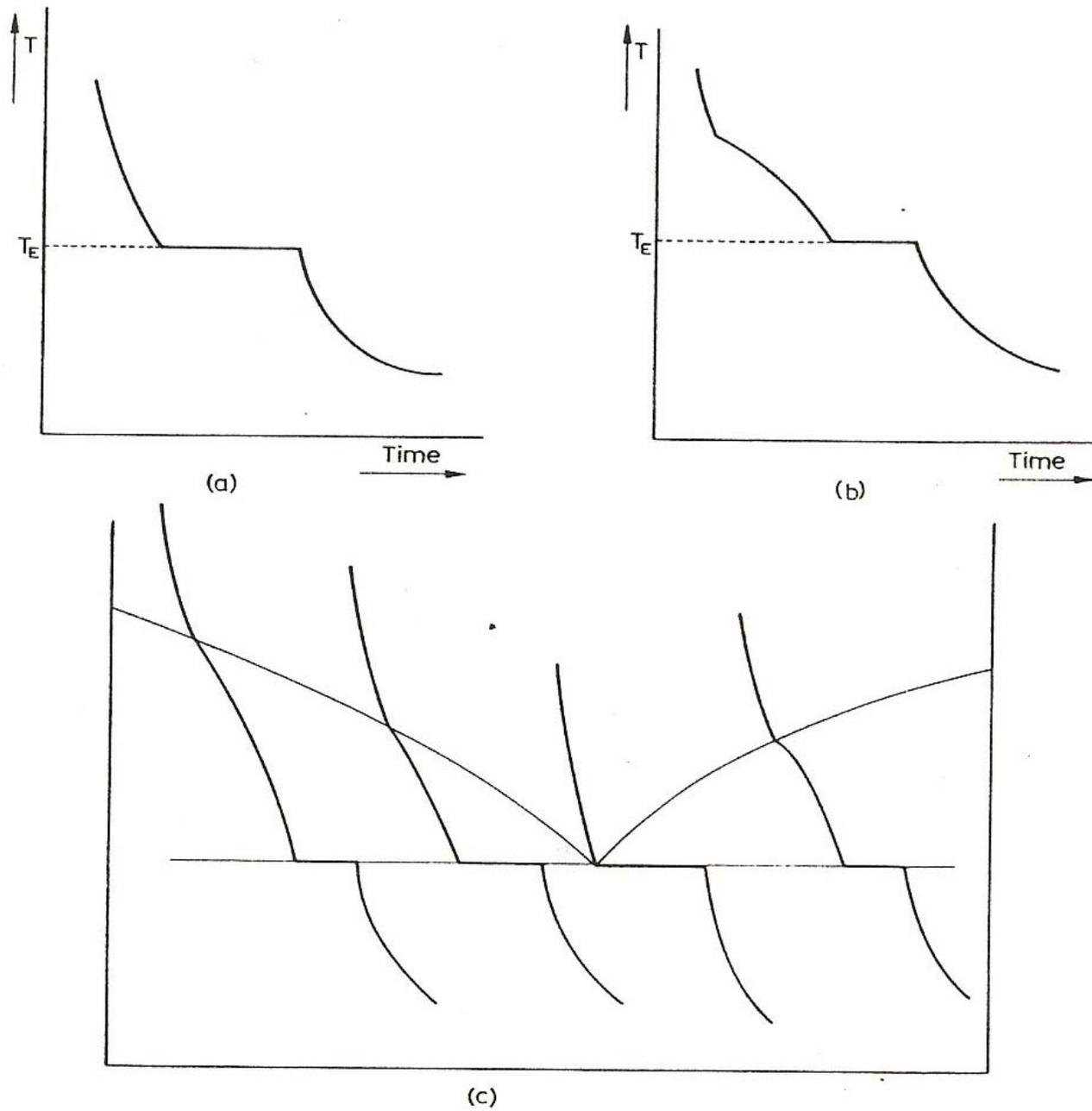


Fig. 48. Cooling curve for (a) the eutectic alloy, (b) hypo-eutectic alloy  $N$ , and (c) a series of alloys, allowing the determination of the liquidus and eutectic horizontal.

## 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

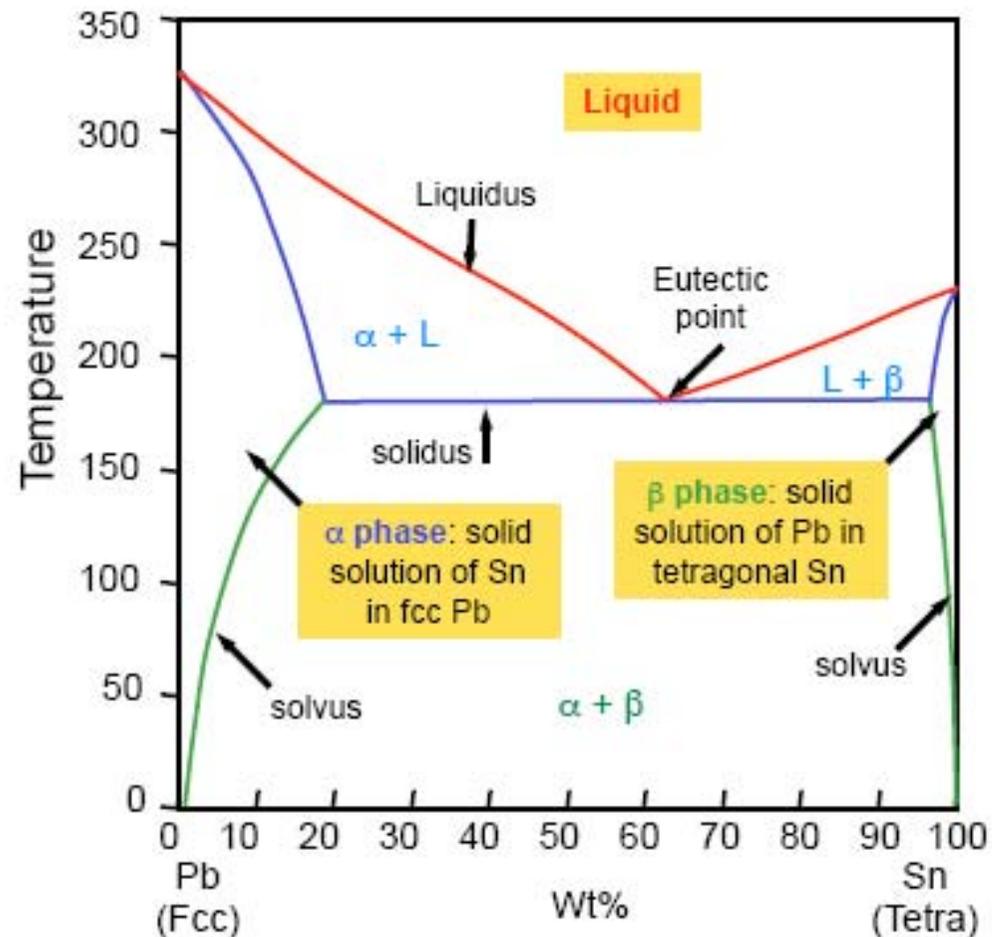
# Eutectic Systems

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

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 through this point is called Eutectic reaction:  $L \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$

Pb has a fcc structure and Sn has a tetragonal structure. The system has three phases: L,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Pb-Sn phase diagram



## 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

# Solidification of Eutectic Systems

### Alloy II

At point 1: Liquid

Solidification starts at eutectic point (where liquidus and solidus join)

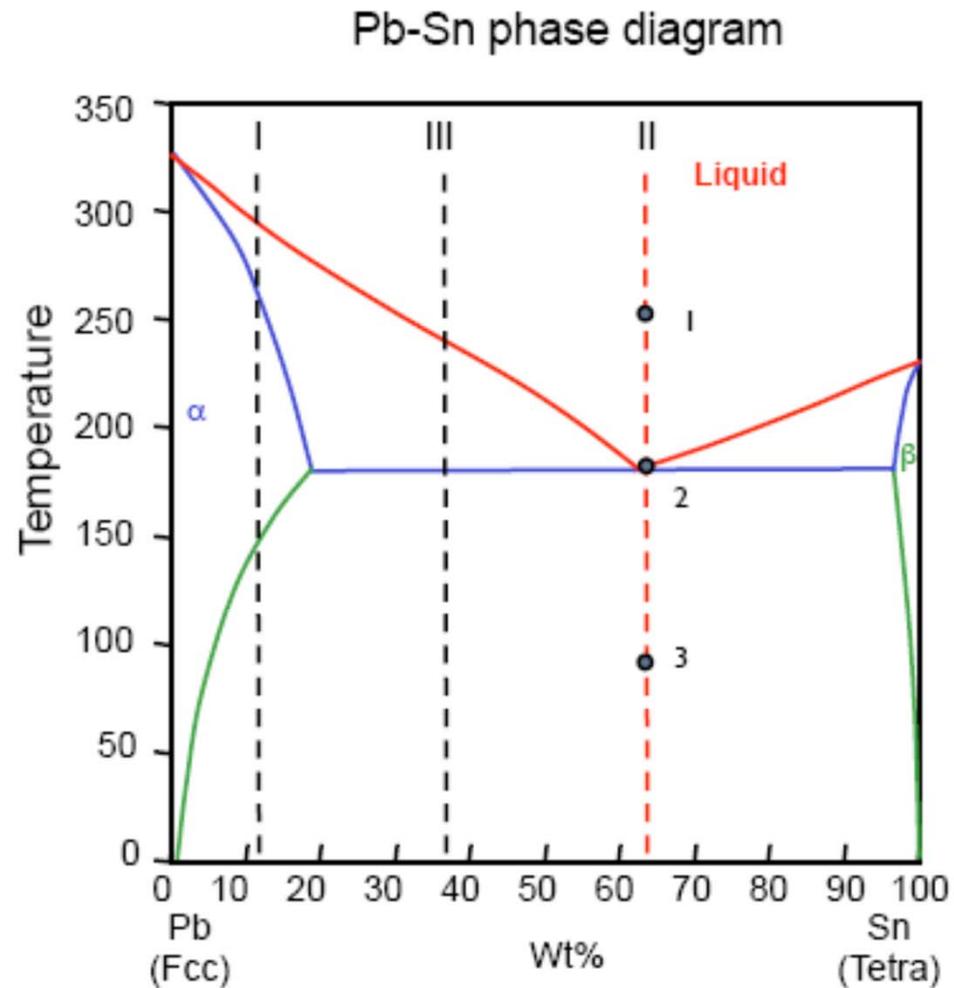
At point 2:  $L \rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)$  (eutectic reaction)

The amounts of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  increase in proportion with time.

Solidification finishes at the same temperature.

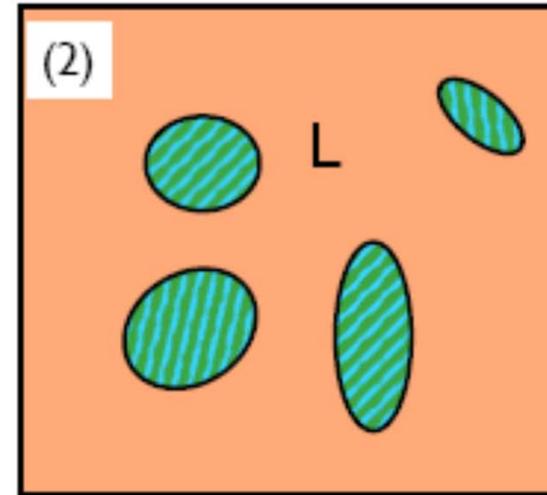
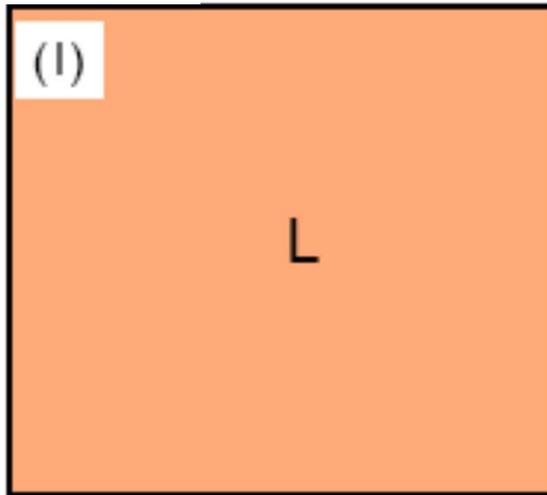
At point 3:  $\alpha + \beta$

Further cooling leads to the depletion of Sn in  $\alpha$  and the depletion of Pb in  $\beta$ .

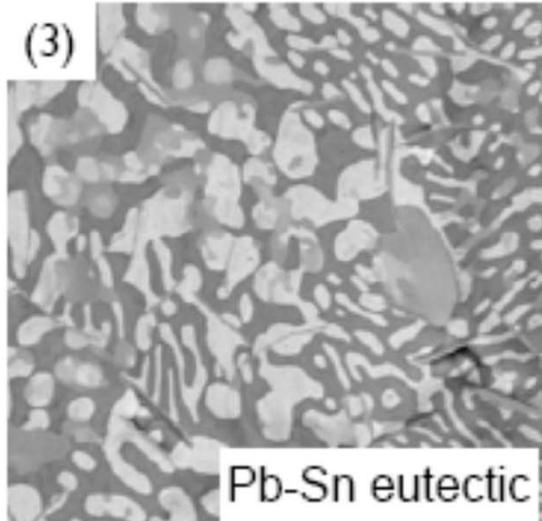


## 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

### Alloy II



Nucleation of colonies  
of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  laminates



Eutectic structure of  
intimate mix of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to  
minimise diffusion path

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

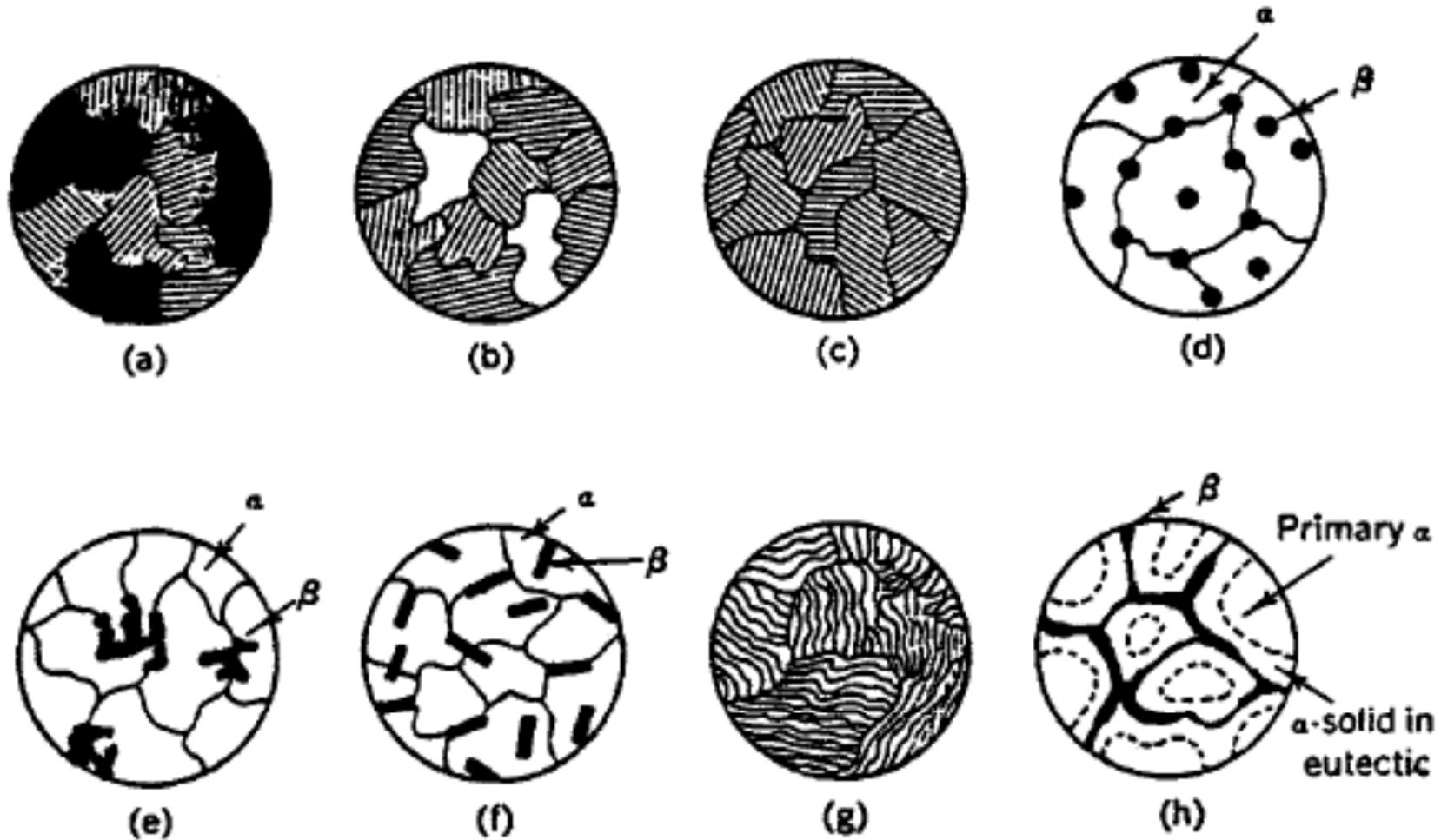


Fig. 14 Schematic representation possible in eutectic structures. (a), (b) and (c) are alloys shown in fig. 13; (d) nodular; (e) Chinese script; (f) acicular; (g) lamellar; and (h) divorced.

## 4.3.2 Eutectic Solidification

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

### Normal eutectic

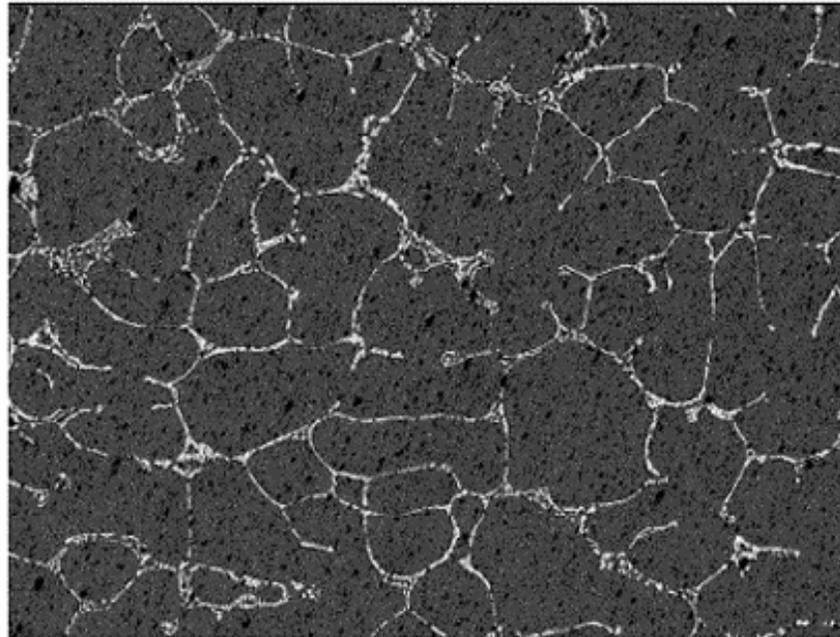
both phases have low entropies of fusion.



Fig. 4.30 Rod-like eutectic.  $\text{Al}_6\text{Fe}$  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 of melting.

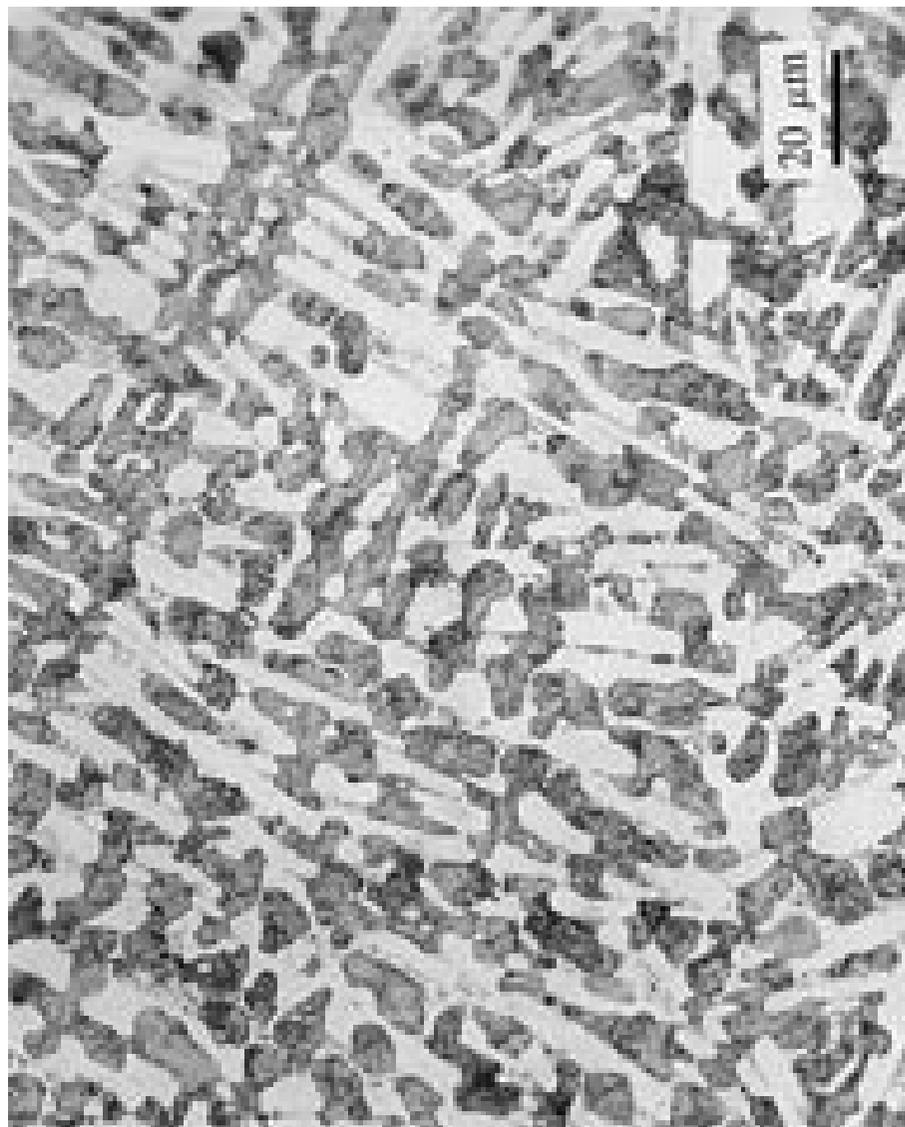


The microstructure of the **Pb-61.9%Sn (eutectic)** alloy presented a coupled growth of the (Pb)/ $\beta\text{Sn}$  eutectic. There is a remarkable change in morphology **increasing the degree of undercooling** with transition from regular lamellar to **anomalous eutectic**. 25

## Eutectic



## Divorced Eutectic



## 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

# Solidification of Eutectic Systems

### Alloy I :

At point 1: Liquid

Solidification starts at liquidus

At point 2: L+ $\alpha$

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

Solidification finishes at solidus

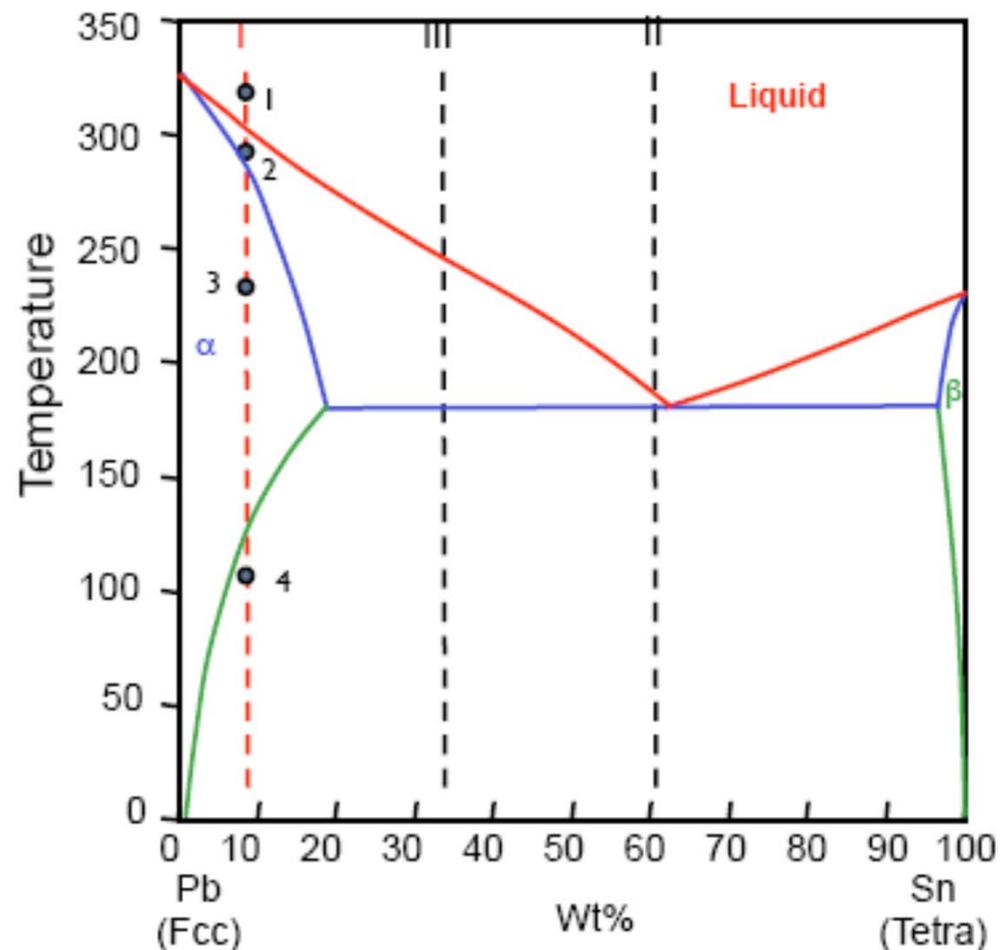
At point 3:  $\alpha$

Precipitation starts at solvus

At point 4:  $\alpha$ + $\beta$

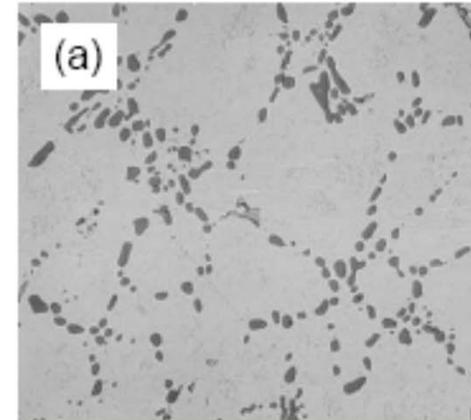
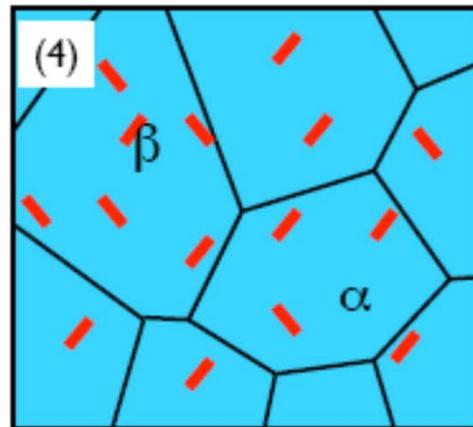
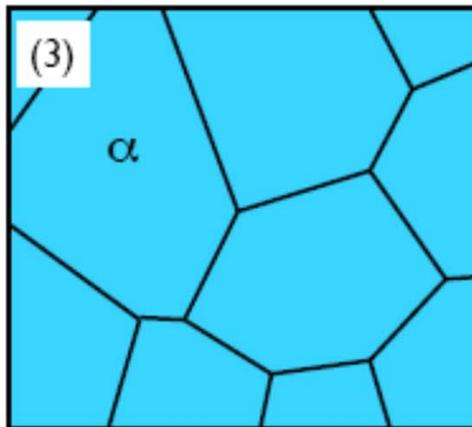
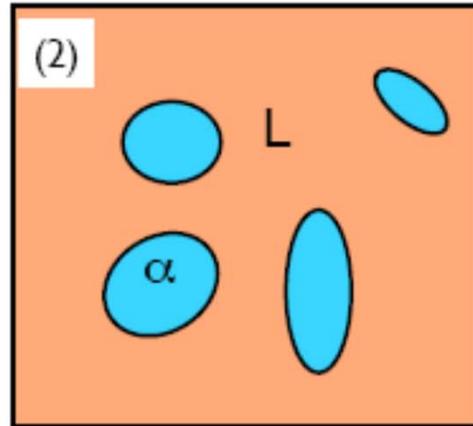
Further cooling leads to formation and growth of more  $\beta$  precipitates whereas Sn% in  $\alpha$  decreases following the solvus.

Pb-Sn phase diagram

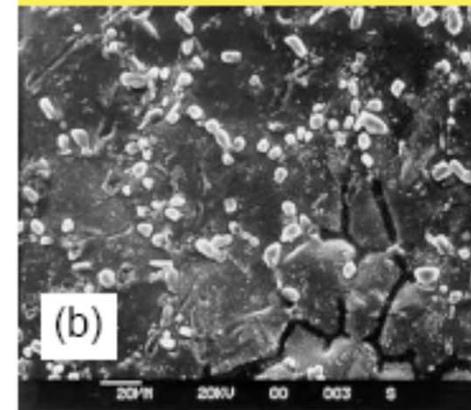


# 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

## Alloy I



Precipitates in a Al-Si alloy;  
(a) optical microscopy,  
(b) scanning electron  
microscopy of fracture surface



## 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

# Solidification of Eutectic Systems

### Alloy III

At point 1: Liquid

Solidification starts at liquidus

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

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

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

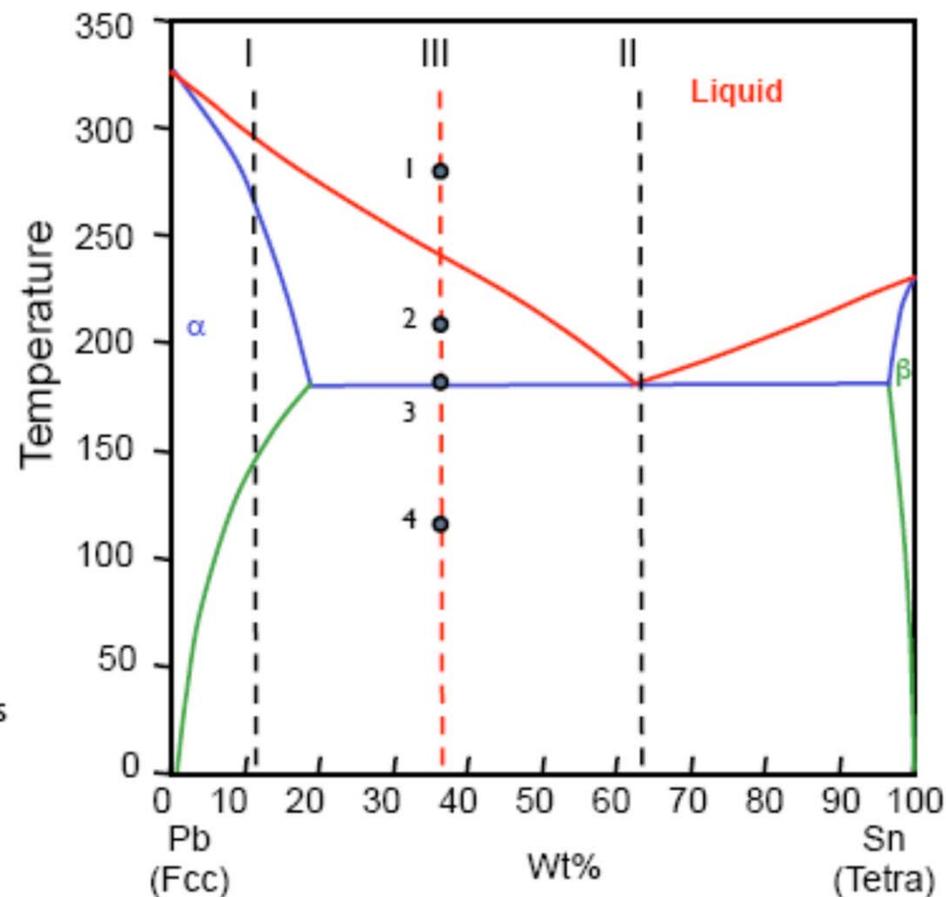
Solidification finishes at the eutectic temperature

At point 4:  $\alpha + \beta$  (pre-eutectic  $\alpha + (\alpha + \beta)$  eutectic mixture)

Further cooling leads to the depletion of Sn in  $\alpha$  and the depletion of Pb in  $\beta$ .

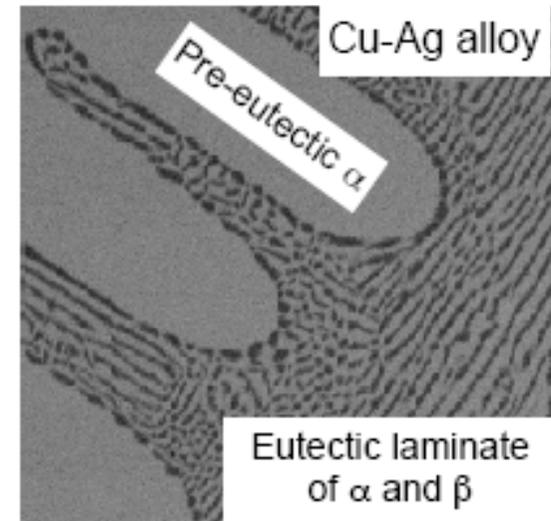
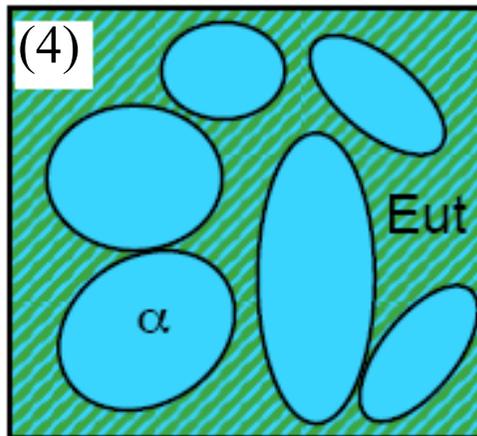
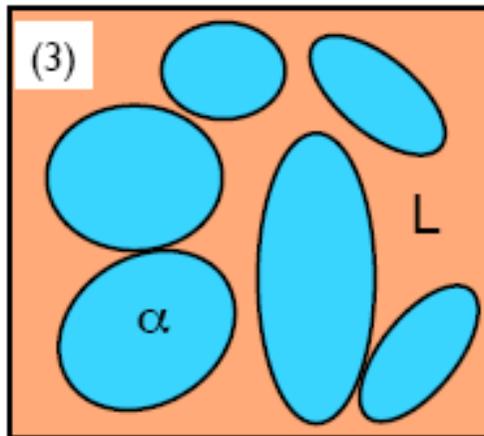
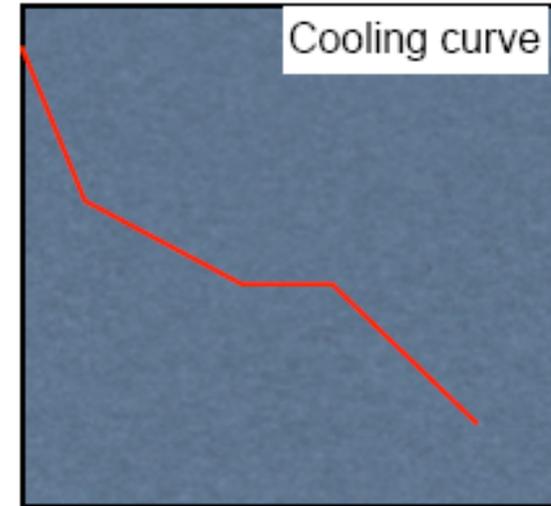
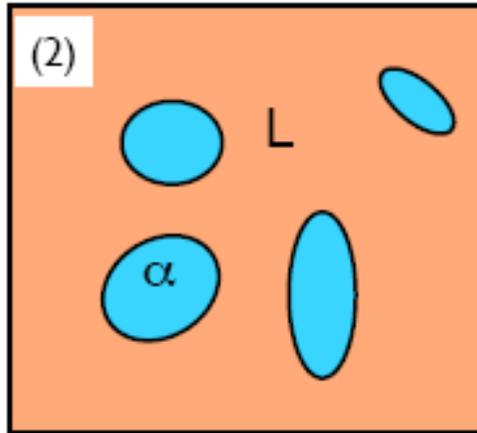
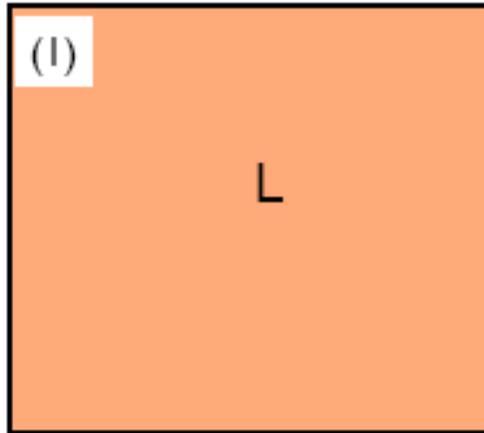
The cooling curve of this alloy is a combination of the two cooling curves shown in slide 9.

Pb-Sn phase diagram



# 1.5 Binary phase diagrams: Hypoeutectic

## Alloy III

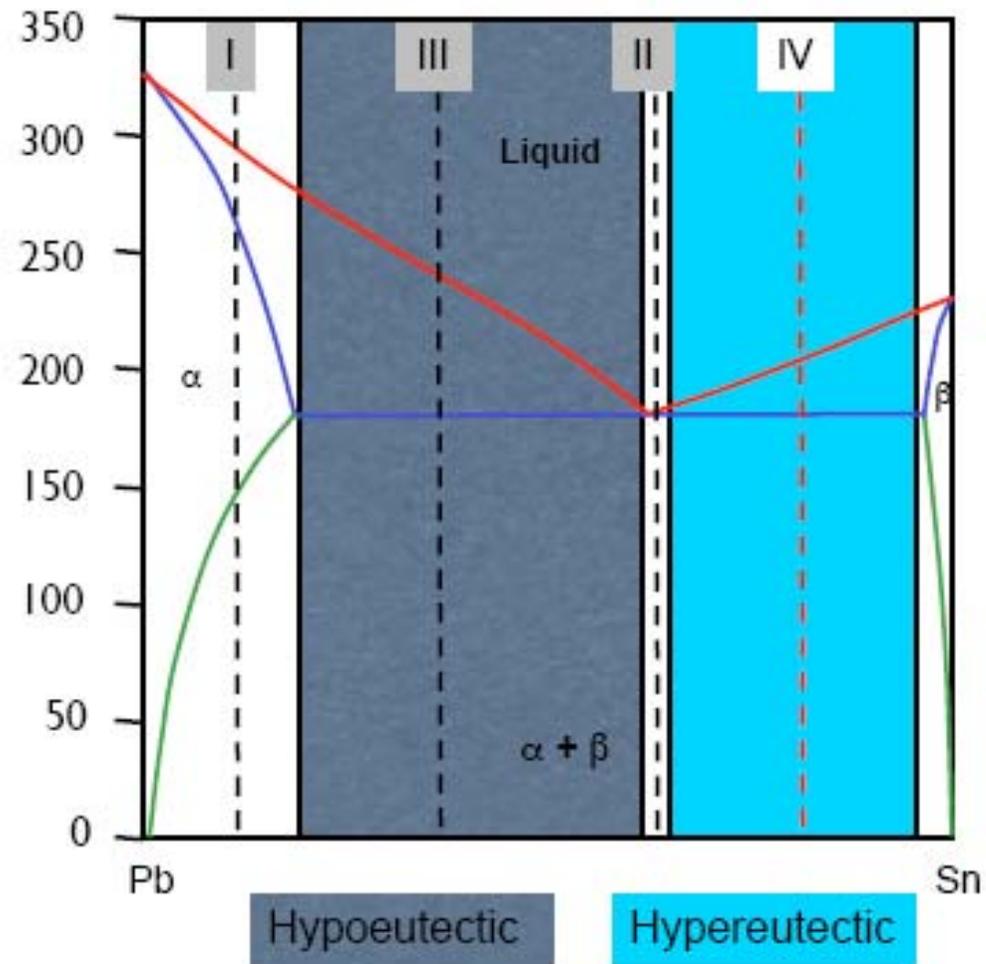


## 1.5 Binary phase diagrams

# Solidification of Eutectic Systems

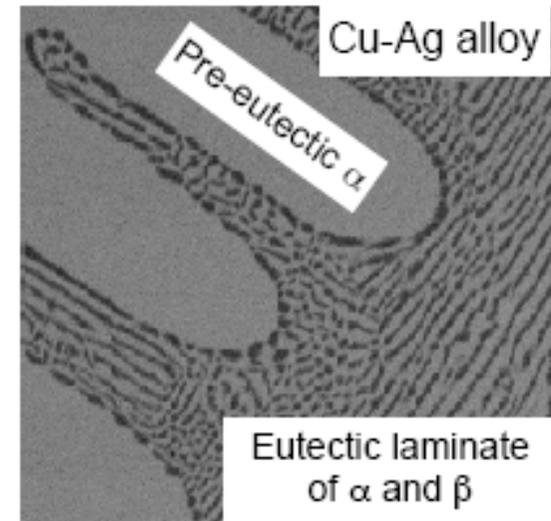
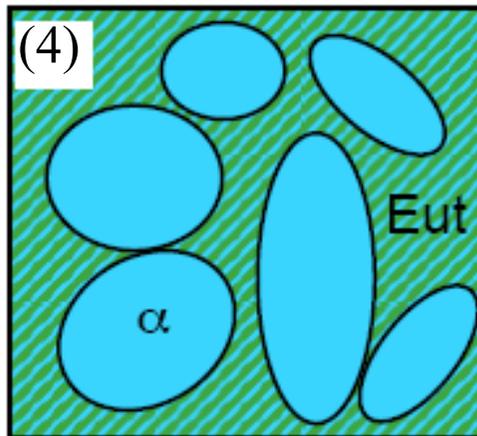
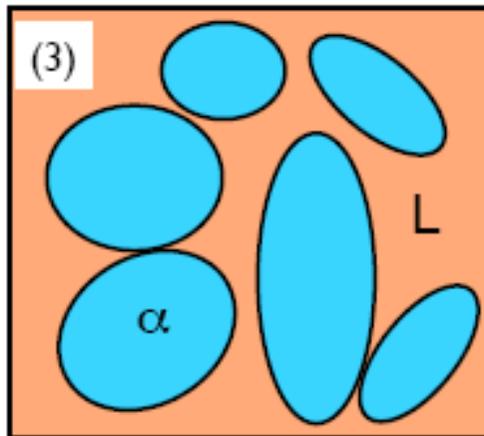
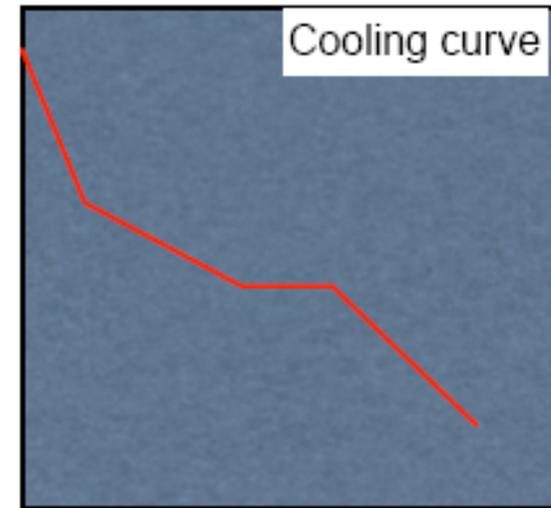
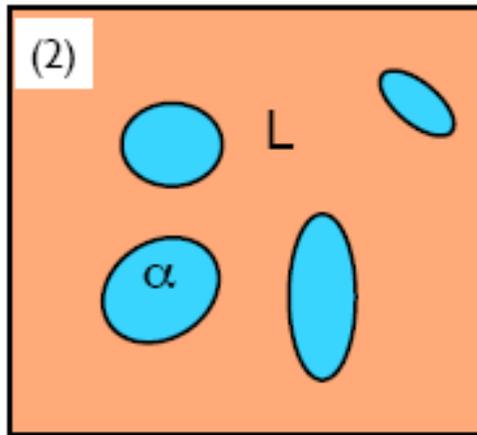
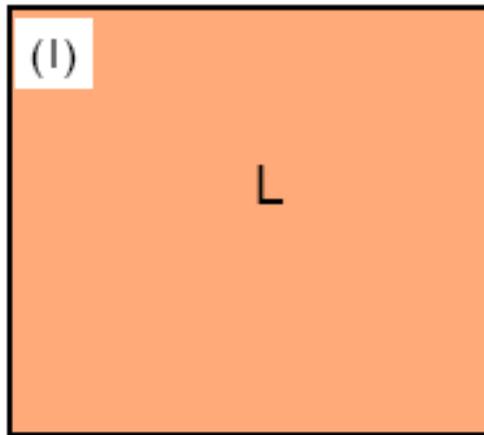
### Alloy IV

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

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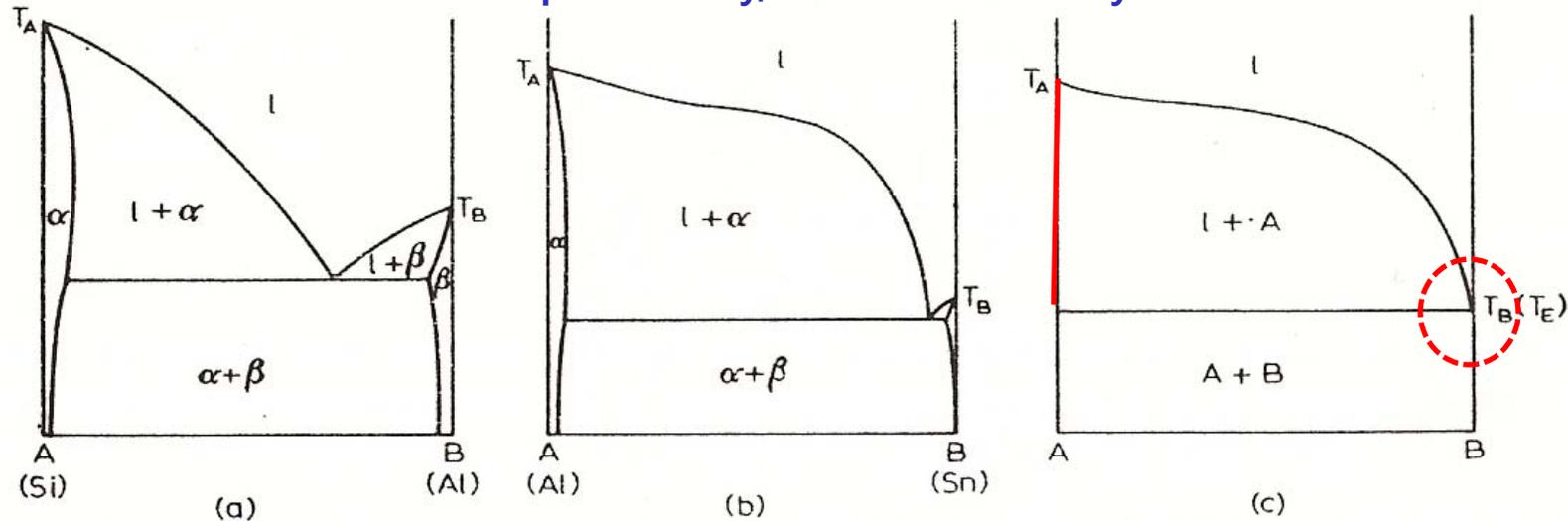


Fig. 53. Evolution of the limiting form of a binary eutectic phase diagram.

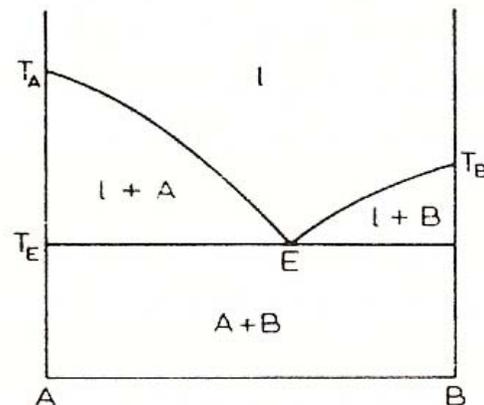
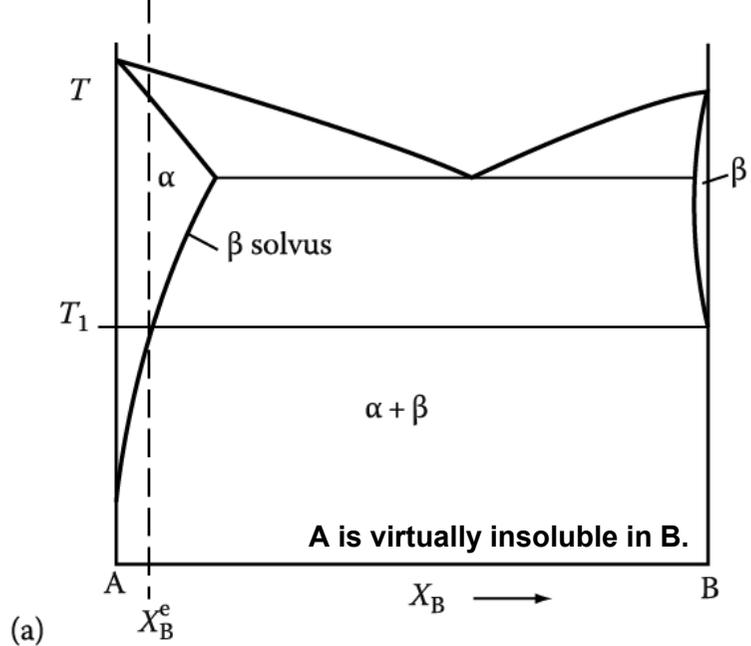
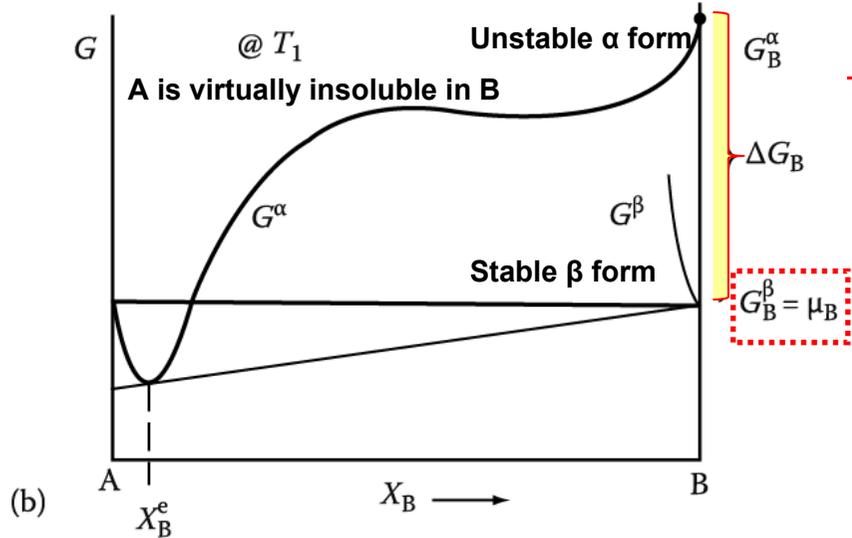


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# \* Effect of T on solid solubility

$$T \uparrow \Rightarrow X_B^e \uparrow$$



$$\mu_B^\alpha = {}^oG_B^\alpha + \Omega(1 - X_B)^2 + RT \ln X_B = \mu_B^\beta \approx {}^oG_B^\beta$$

$$\Delta G_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} = {}^oG_B^\alpha - {}^oG_B^\beta = {}^oG_B^\alpha - \mu_B^\beta = {}^oG_B^\alpha - \mu_B^\alpha$$

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(here,  $X_B^e \ll 1$ )

$$RT \ln X_B^e = -\Delta G_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} - \Omega$$

$$\gg X_B^e = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} + \Omega}{RT}\right)$$

$$\Delta G_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} = \Delta H_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} - T\Delta S_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} \quad \text{이므로}$$

$$X_B^e = \exp\left(\frac{\Delta S_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha}}{R}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_B^{\beta \rightarrow \alpha} + \Omega}{RT}\right)$$

$$X_B^e = A \exp\left\{-\frac{Q}{RT}\right\}$$

$$T \uparrow \Rightarrow X_B^e \uparrow$$

**Q** : heat absorbed (enthalpy) when 1 mole of  $\beta$  dissolves in A rich  $\alpha$  as a dilute solution.

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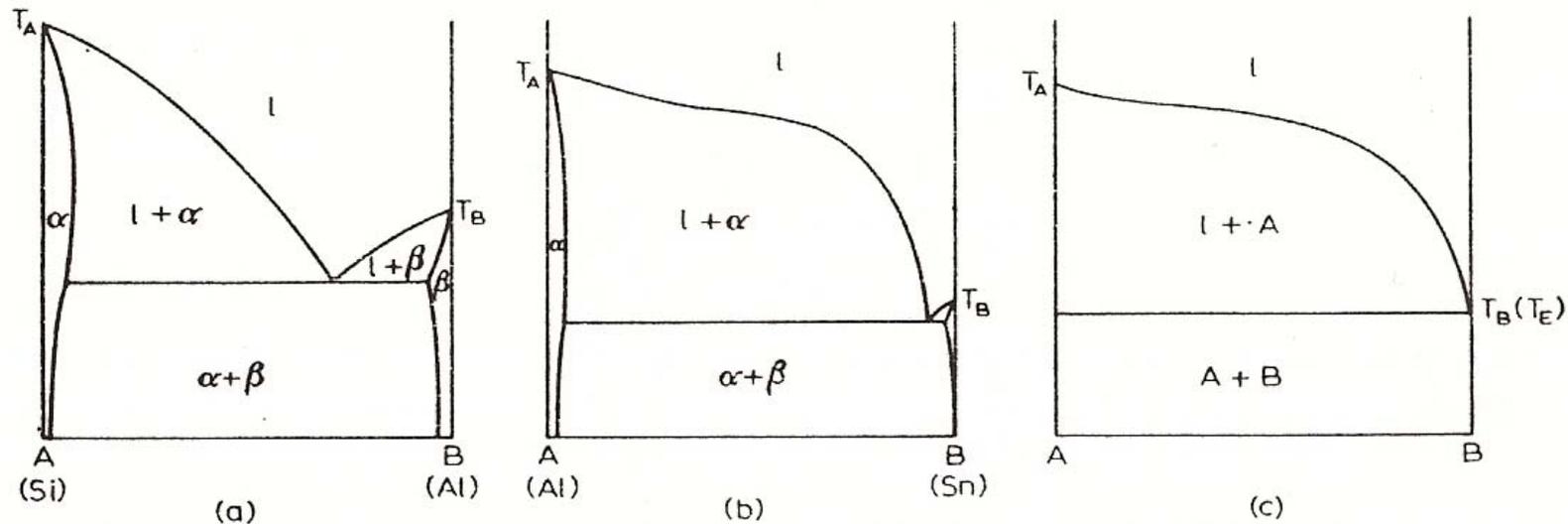


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$$X_B^e = A \exp\left\{-\frac{Q}{RT}\right\} \quad \text{a) } T \uparrow \Rightarrow X_B^e \uparrow$$

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

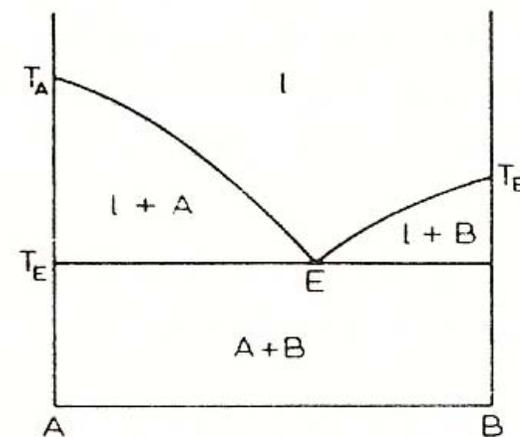
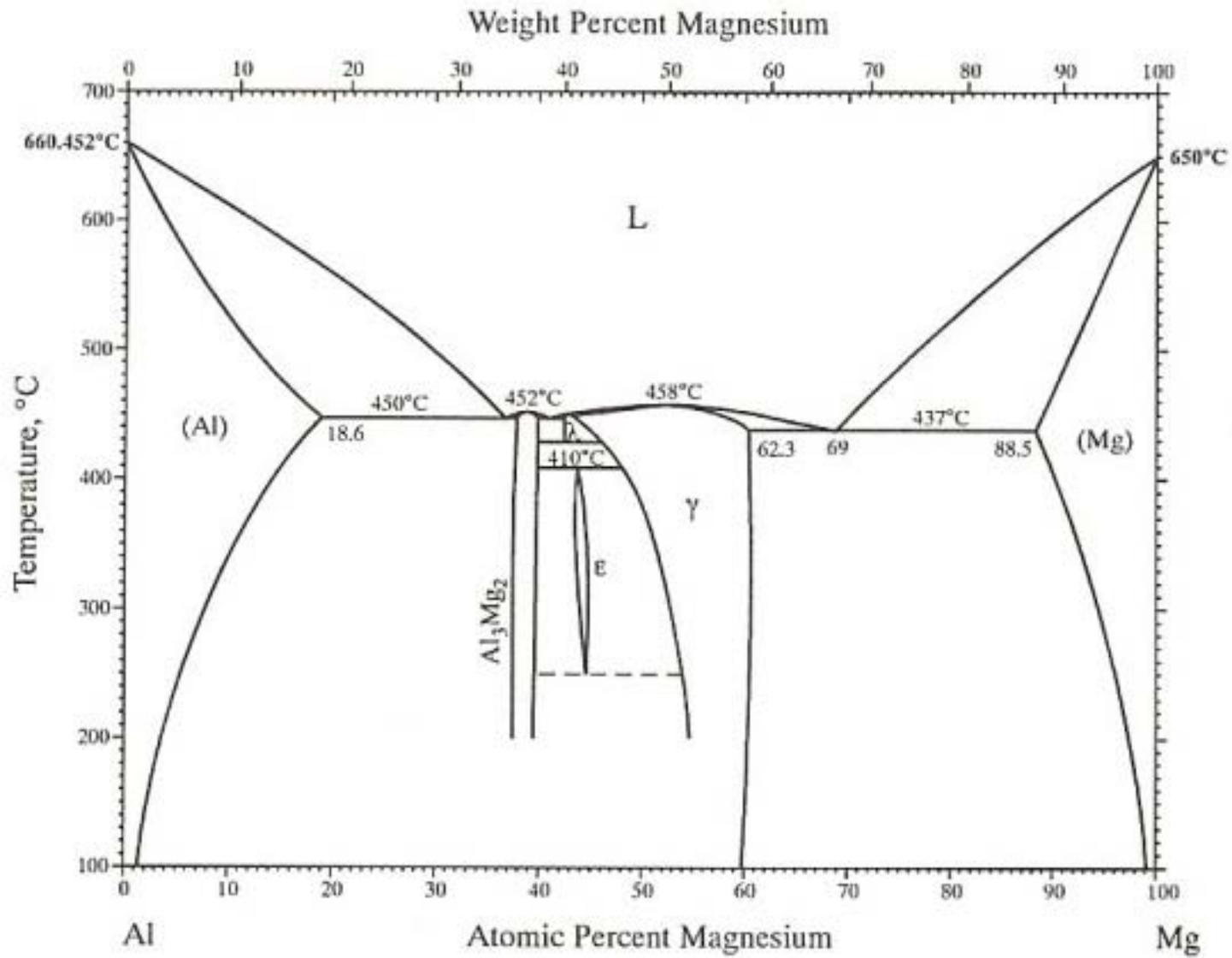
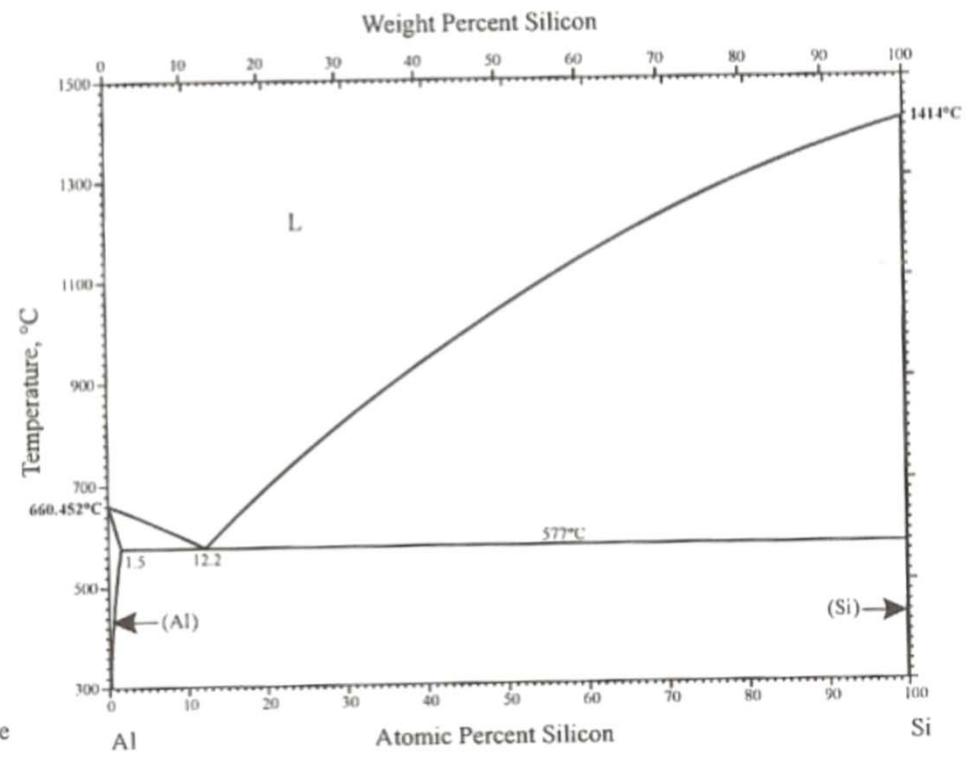
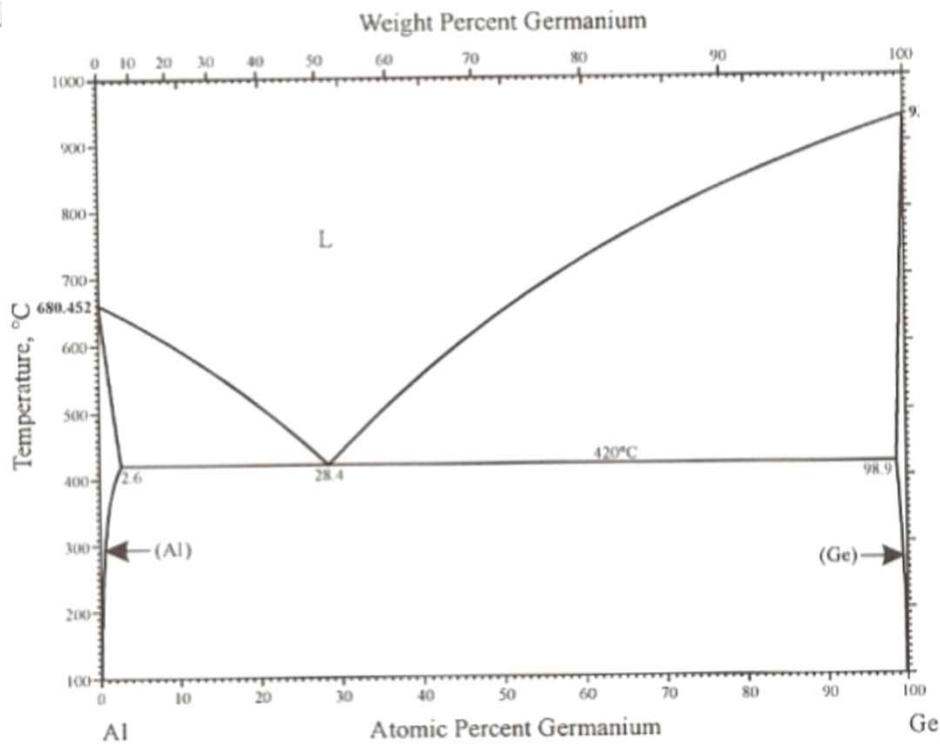
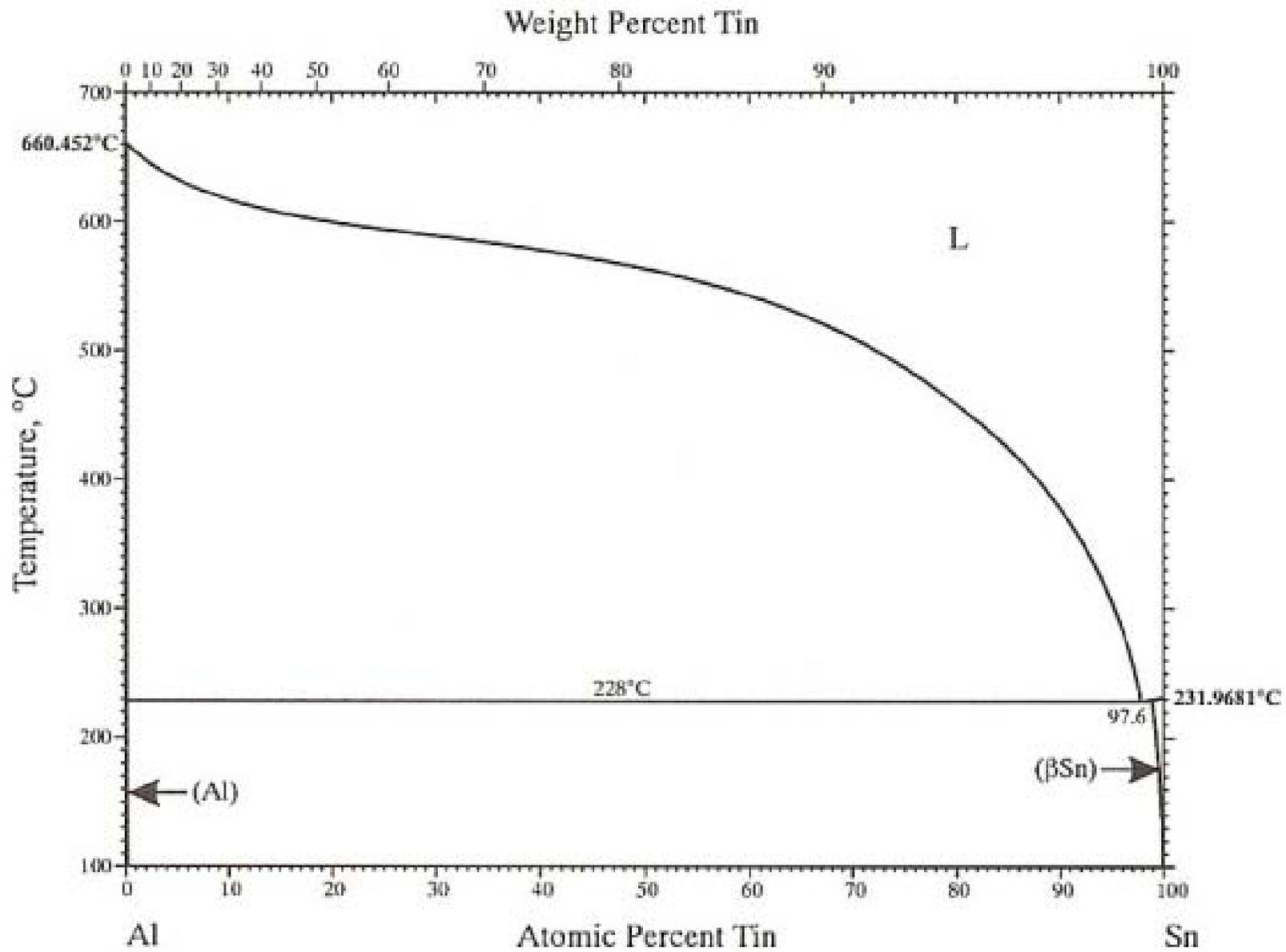


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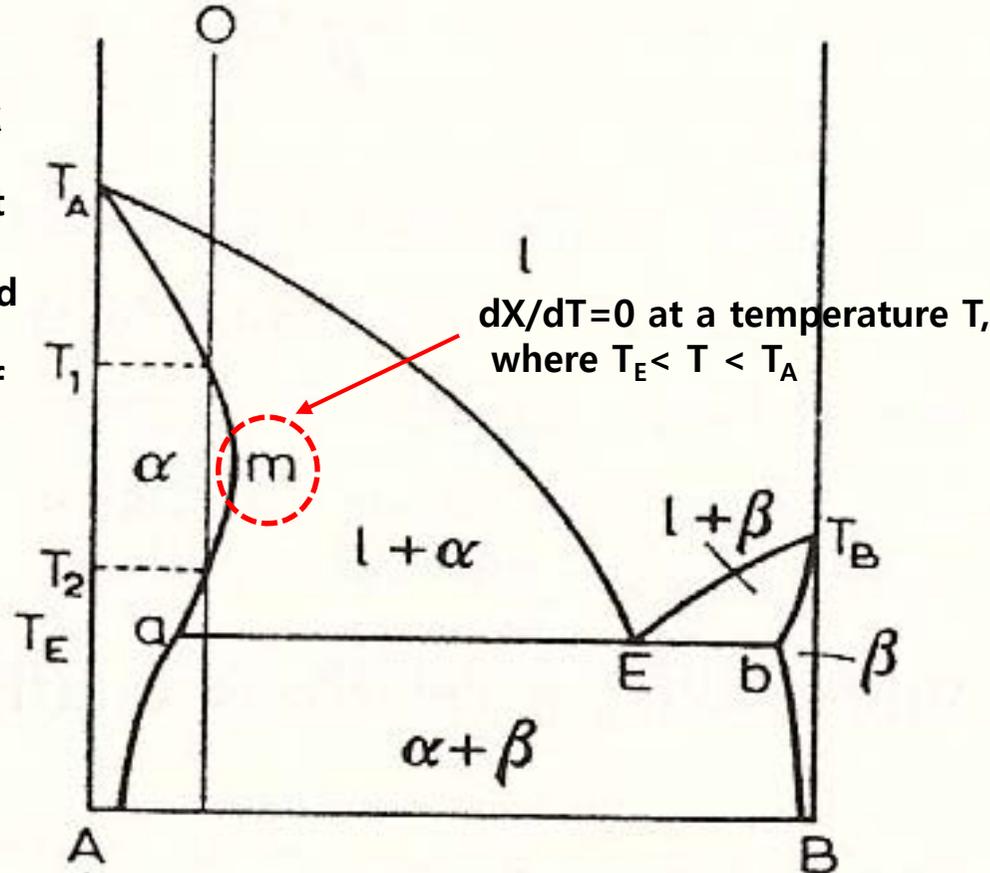


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Intensive Homework 5: Understanding of retrograde solidus curves from a thermodynamic standpoint

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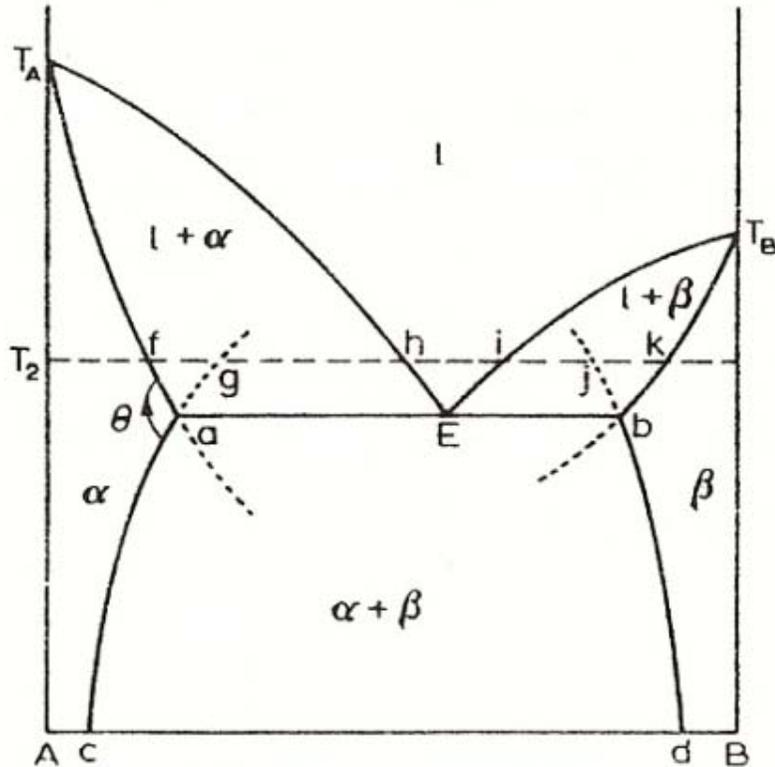


Fig. 58. Disposition of phase boundaries at the eutectic horizontal  $aEb$ .

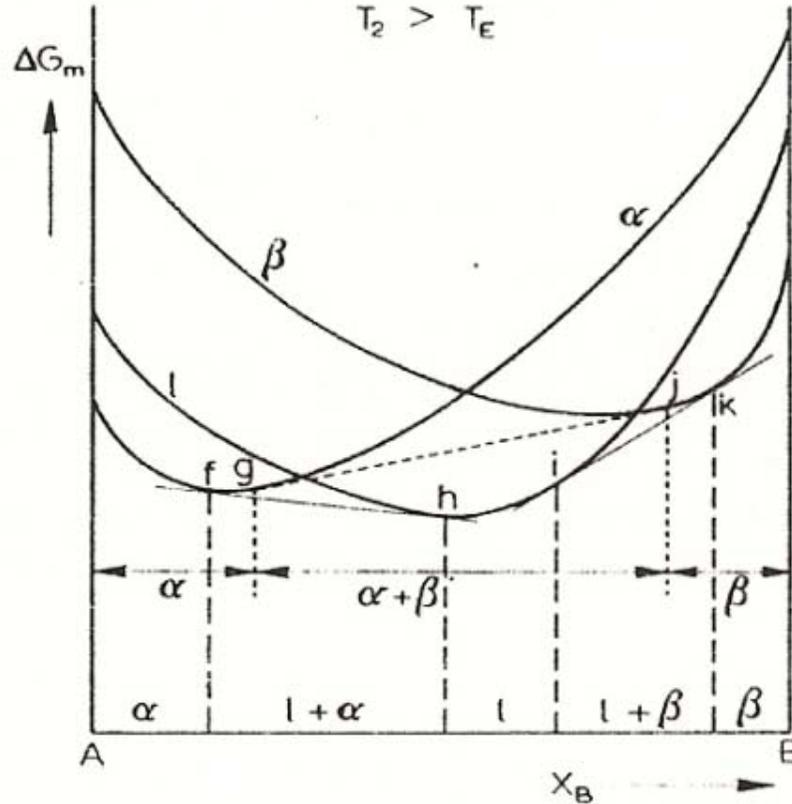


Fig. 59. Free energy curves for the liquid,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases at a temperature  $T_2$  where  $T_2 > T_E$ .

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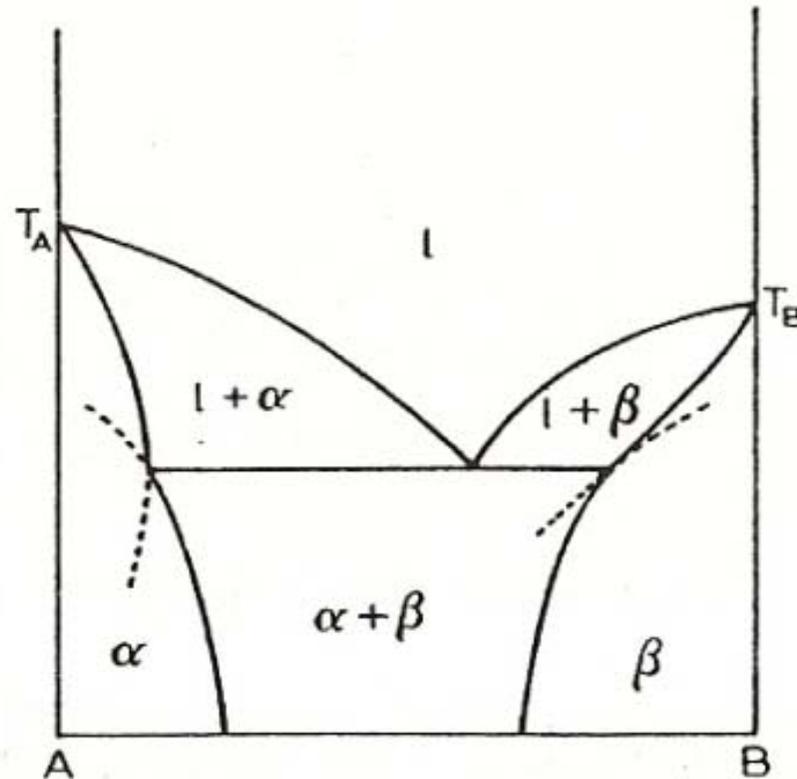


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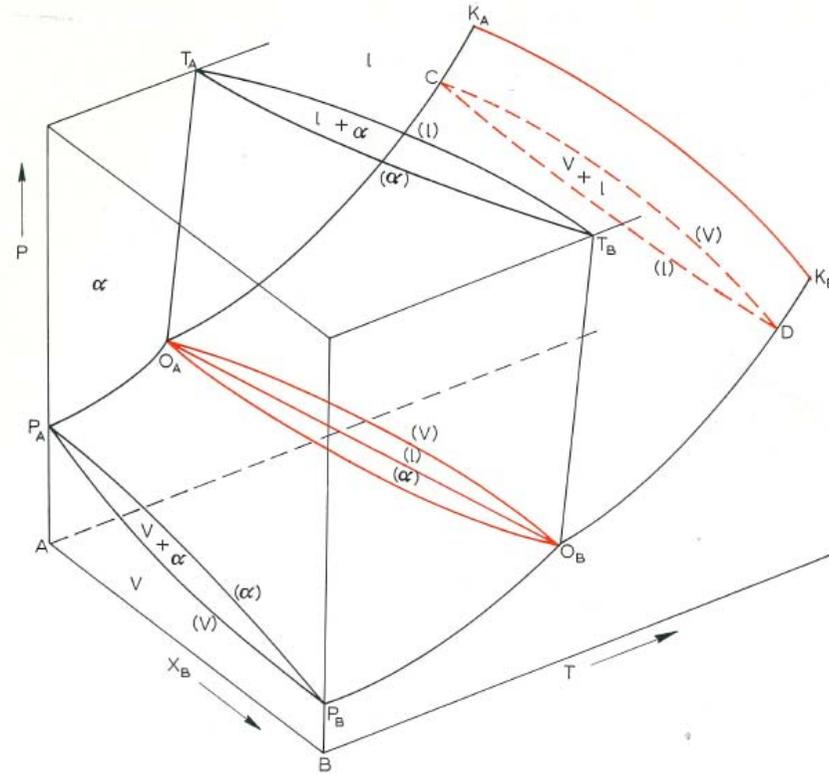


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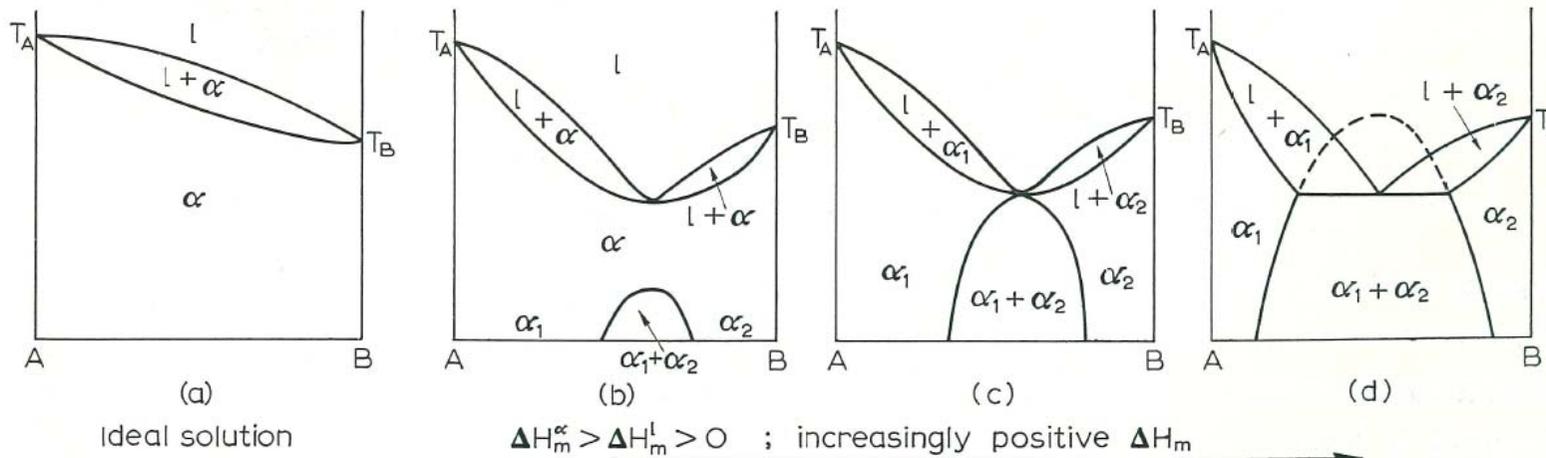


Fig. 43. Effect of increasingly positive departure from ideality in changing the phase diagram for a continuous series of solutions to a eutectic-type.

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.

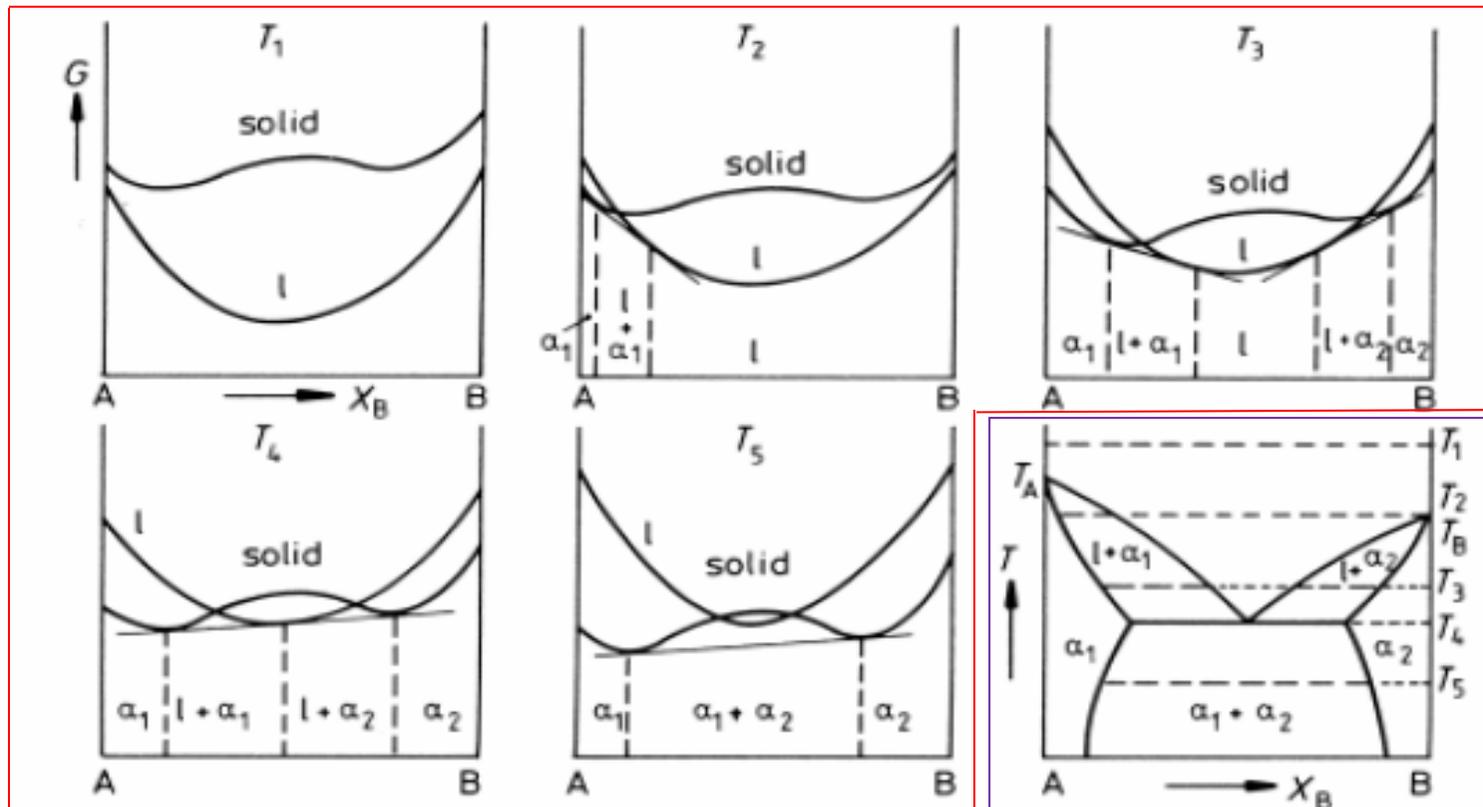
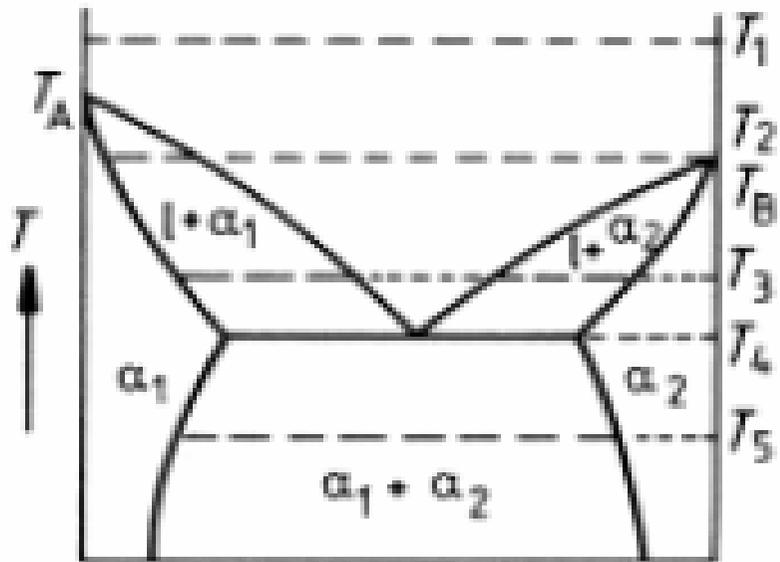
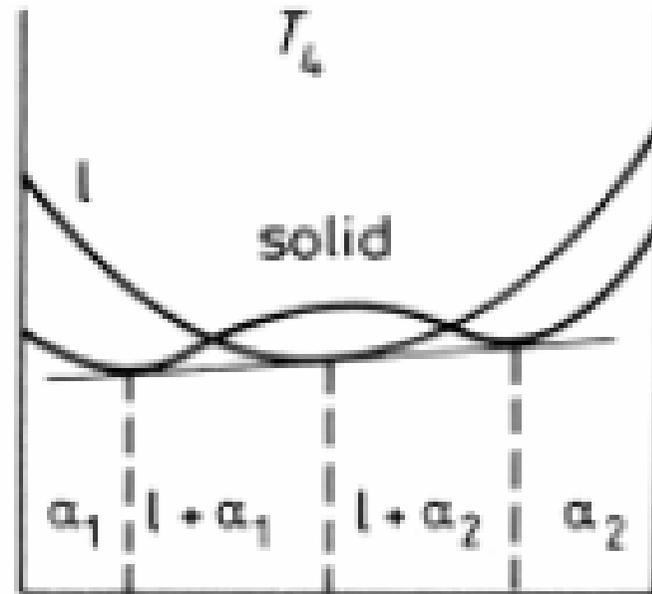


Fig 1.32 The derivation of a eutectic phase diagram where both solid phases have the same crystal structure. (After A.H. Cottrell, *Theoretical Structural Metallurgy*, Edward Arnold, London, 1955, ©Sir Alan Cottrell.)

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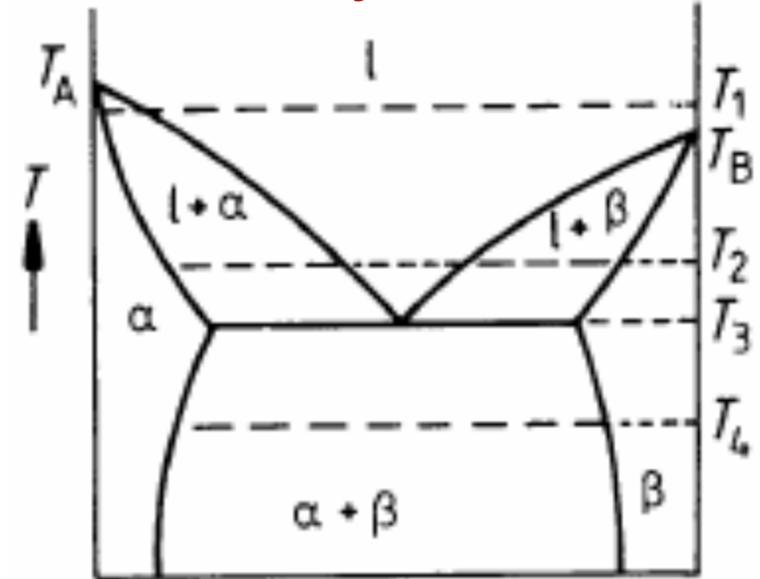


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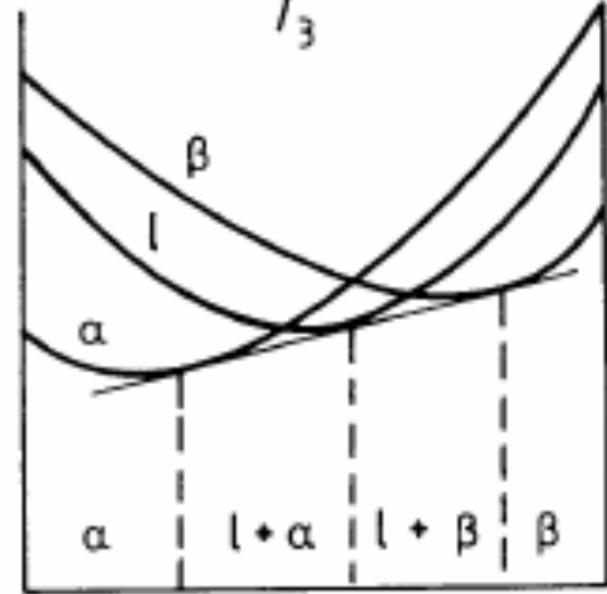


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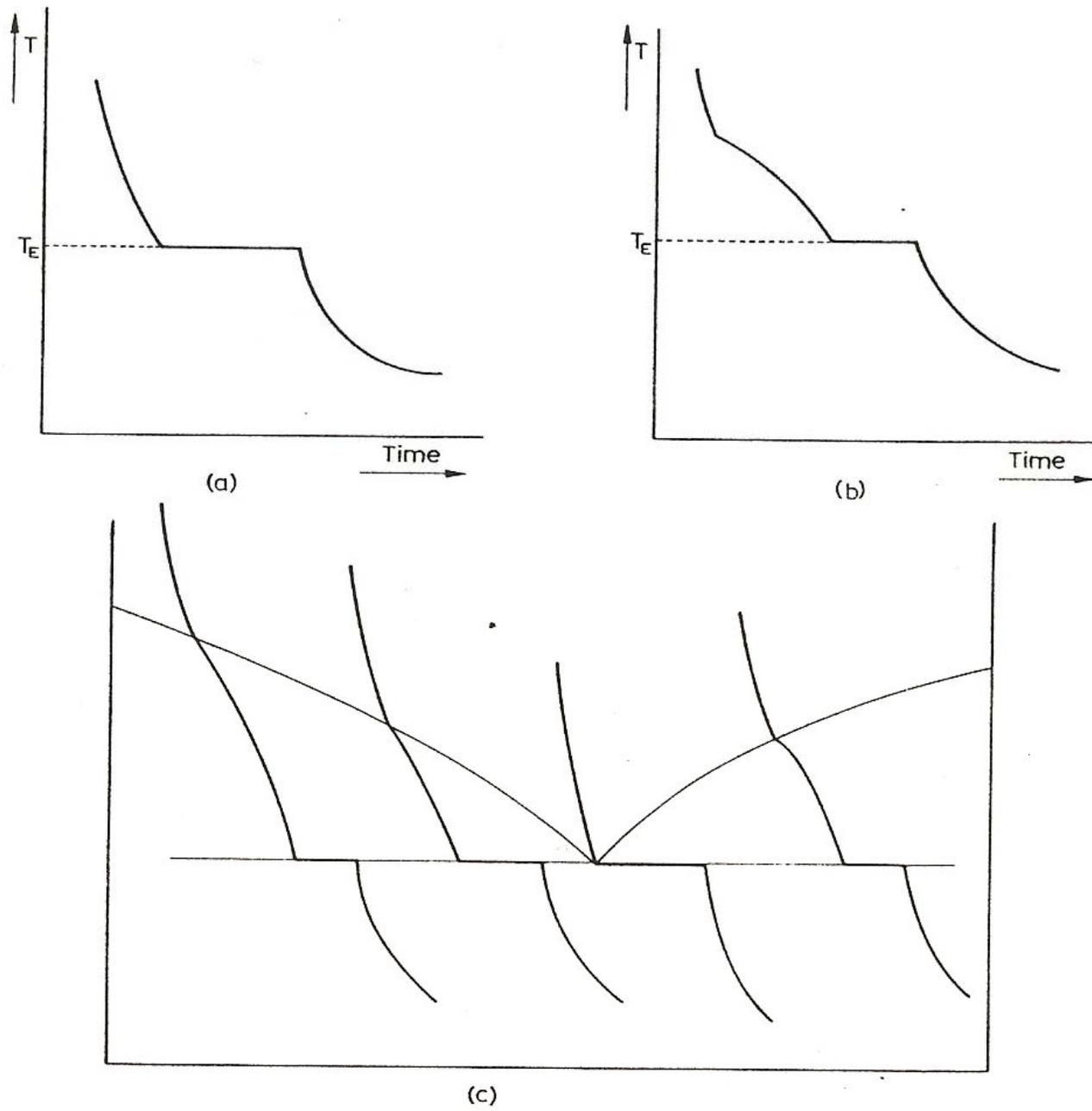


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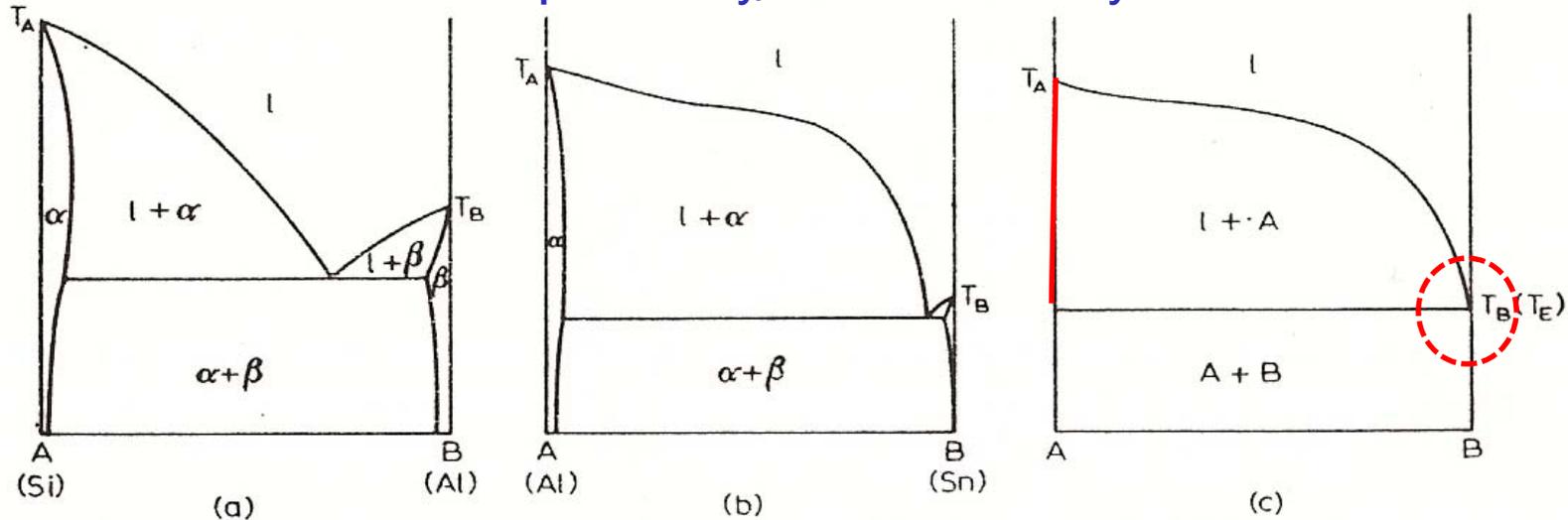


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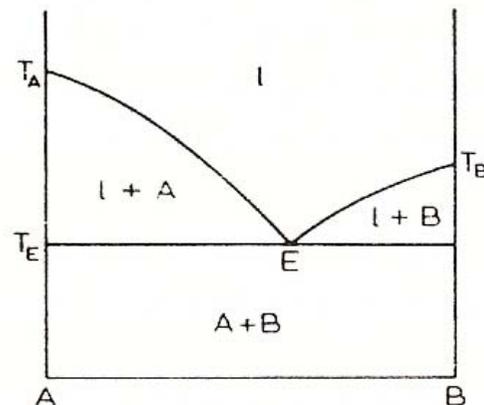


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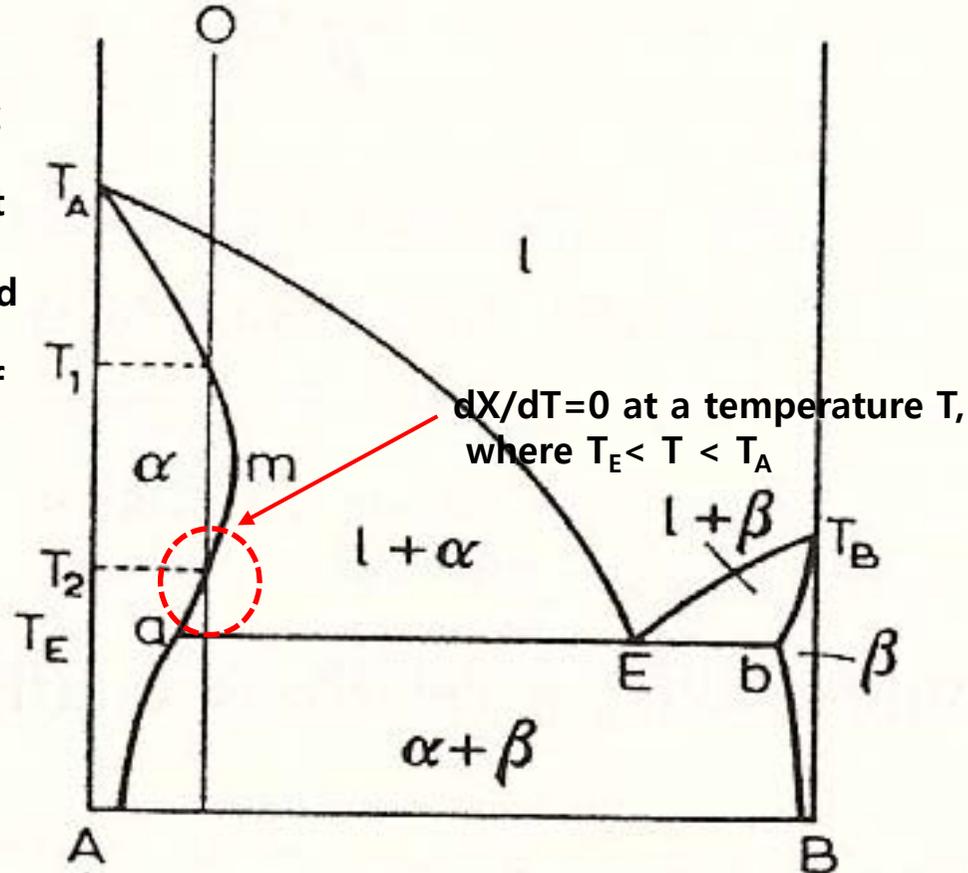


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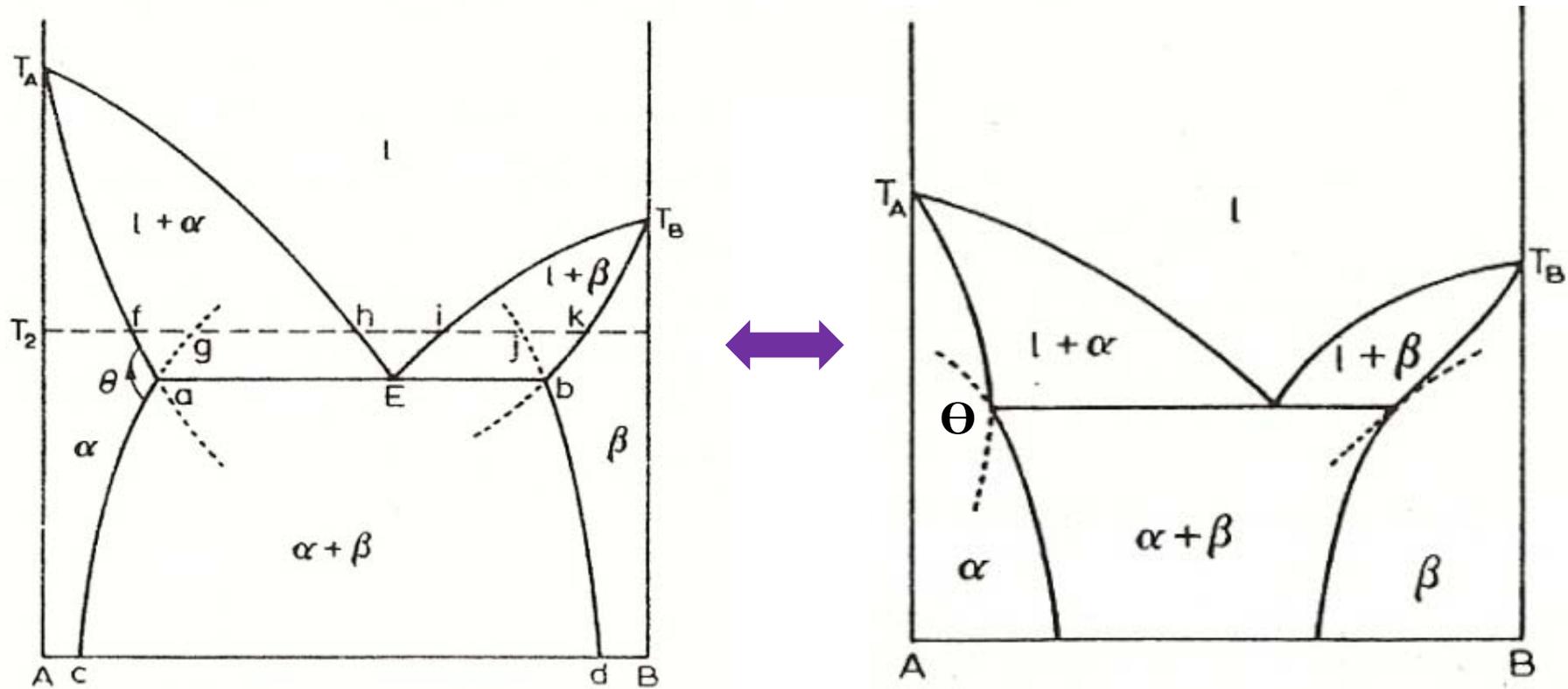


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