

Modélisation thermodynamique de fontes verrières complexes selon la méthode Calphad (Calculation of Phase Diagrams) : avancées et perspectives

Exemple d'application à la compréhension du comportement des éléments platinoïdes dans les matrices de borosilicate élaborées en creuset froid

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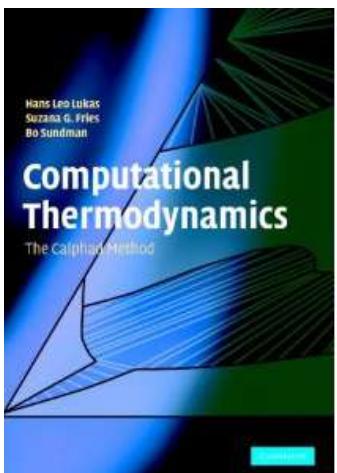
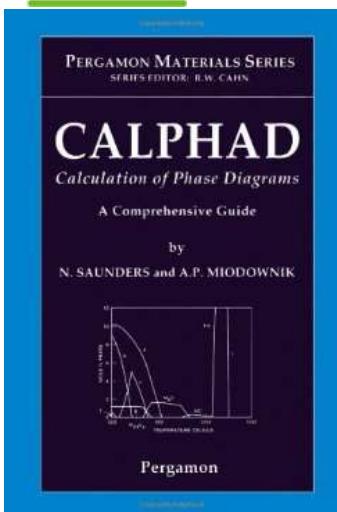
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Introduction



Une technique semi-empirique de modélisation et de calcul de diagrammes de phases...



In the early **seventies** computational thermodynamics started with the pioneering work of **Dr. Larry Kaufman**, evolving to what is known today as the **CALPHAD** method. The method is based on the concept of deriving the thermodynamic functions of a system **from all available experimental data**. The thermodynamic functions are expressed as polynomials of temperature and chemical composition. The numerical values of the polynomial coefficients are obtained using numerical optimization techniques.

The CALPHAD method is based on the fact that a phase diagram is a representation of the thermodynamic properties of a system. Thus, if the thermodynamic properties are known, it would be possible to calculate the multi-component phase diagrams. Thermodynamic descriptions of lower-order systems (**e.g., the Gibbs energy of each SOLID, LIQUID, GAS phase**) are combined to extrapolate higher-order systems.

The **Gibbs energy of a phase** is described by a model that contains a relatively small number of experimentally optimized variable coefficients. Examples of experimental information used include melting & transformation temperatures, solubilities, as well as **experimental** (heat capacities, enthalpies of formation, and chemical potentials) and **calculated** (DFT, MD) thermodynamic properties.

... également adaptée pour calculer les fonctions thermodynamiques de systèmes chimiques complexes (multiéléments, multiphasés)

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Definitions



Definition : www.calphad.com

Elements: Those from the periodic chart

Species: An element or a combination of elements that forms an entity: H_2O , CO_2 , Fe^{+2}

Constituents: Species that exist in a phase, a constituent can be real or fictitious

Components: Irreducible subset of the Species

Each phase is modelled separately:

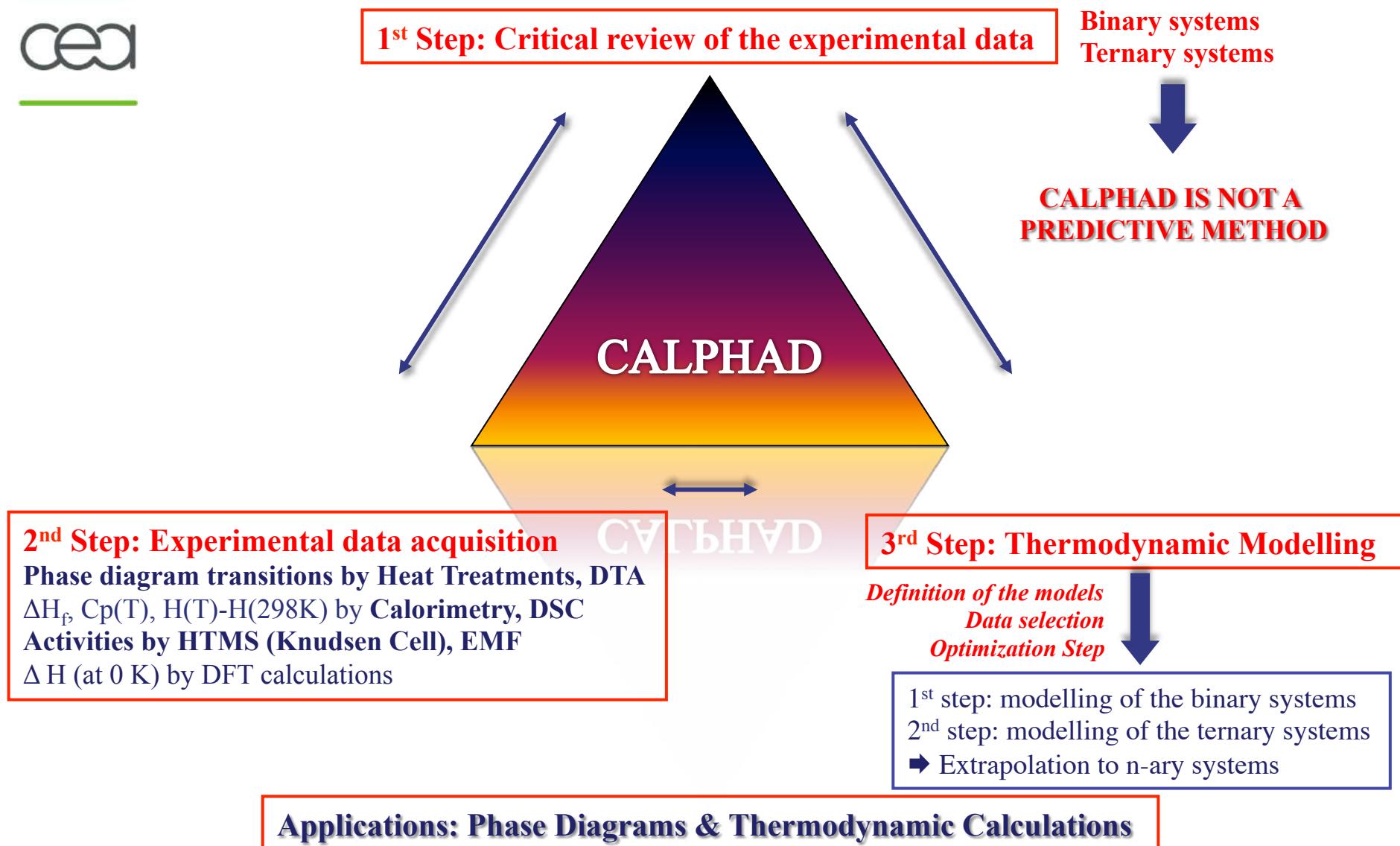
- Phases with no compositional variation has just a $G(T,p)$ expression.
- Phases with a small compositional variation can be very difficult to model as one should take into account the different types of defects that cause the non-stoichiometry (Vacancies, Interstitials)

Softwares: Factsage, Thermocalc, Pandat, MT Data, Gemini...

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Modelling Procedure

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Gibbs energy for pure elements, end members & stoichiometric compounds



For pure elements and stoichiometric compounds, the following model is most commonly used:
Relation used by the Scientific Group Thermodata Europ (SGTE)

$${}^{\circ}G_i(T) - {}^{\circ}H_i^{SER}(298.15K) = a + bT + cT \ln T + \sum d_n T^n$$

where G_i - H_i^{SER} is the Gibbs energy relative to a Standard Element Reference state (SER),
 H_i^{SER} is the enthalpy of the element in its stable state at the temperature of 298.15 K and the pressure
of 10^5 Pascal (1 bar). a , b , c , and d_i are the model parameters.

L'expression de l'énergie de Gibbs permet de calculer les fonctions thermodynamiques :

$$H(T) = -T^2 \left(\frac{\partial \left(\frac{G}{T} \right)}{\partial T} \right)_p = \int_0^T C_p dT = a - c T - \sum_2^n (n-1) d_n T^n$$

$$S(T) = - \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial T} \right)_p = \int_0^T \frac{C_p}{T} dT = -b - c - c \ln T - \sum_2^n n d_n T^{n-1}$$

$$C_p(T) = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_p = -c - \sum_2^n n(n-1) d_n T^{n-1}$$

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Gibbs energy in databases



Exemple de description de l'énergie de Gibbs du Si (Element pur)

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PHASE DIAMOND_A4 % 1 1 !
CONSTITUENT DIAMOND_A4 : Si : !
PARAMETER G(DIAMOND_A4,Si;0) 298.15 +GHSERSi; 3600 N Refl !
FUNCTION GHSERSi 298.15 -8162.609+137.236859*T-22.8317533*T*Ln(T)-.001912904*T^2-3.552E-09*T^3+176667*T^-1; 1687 Y
-9457.642+167.281367*T-27.196*T*Ln(T)-4.20369E+30*T^-9; 3600 N !
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Exemple de description de l'énergie de Gibbs de SiO₂ (Quartz stoechiométrique)

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PHASE QUARTZ % 1 1 !
CONSTITUENT QUARTZ : SiO2 : !
PARAMETER G(QUARTZ,SiO2;0) 298.15 +GSiO2S; 6000 N Ref0 !
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FUNCTION GSiO2S 298.15
-900936.64-360.892175*T+61.1323*T*Ln(T)-.189203605*T^2+4.9509742E-05*T^3-854401*T^-1; 540 Y
-1091466.54+2882.67275*T-452.1367*T*Ln(T)+.428883845*T^2-9.0917706E-05*T^3+12476689*T^-1;
770 Y
-1563481.44+9178.58655*T-1404.5352*T*Ln(T)+1.28404426*T^2-2.35047657E-04*T^3+56402304*T^-1; 848 Y
-928732.923+356.218325*T-58.4292*T*Ln(T)-.00515995*T^2-2.47E-10*T^3-95113*T^-1; 1800 Y
-924076.574+281.229013*T-47.451*T*Ln(T)-.01200315*T^2+6.78127E-07*T^3+665385*T^-1;
-957997.4+544.992084*T-82.709*T*Ln(T); 2960 Y
6000 N !
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Gibbs energy for substitutional solutions (solid or liquid)

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For a solution, the Gibbs energy per mole is :

$$G = G^\circ + {}^{id}G_{mix} + {}^{xs}G_{mix}$$

$$G^\circ = \sum_i c_i \cdot G_i^\circ$$

$${}^{id}G_{mix} = R \cdot T \cdot \sum_i c_i \cdot \ln(c_i)$$

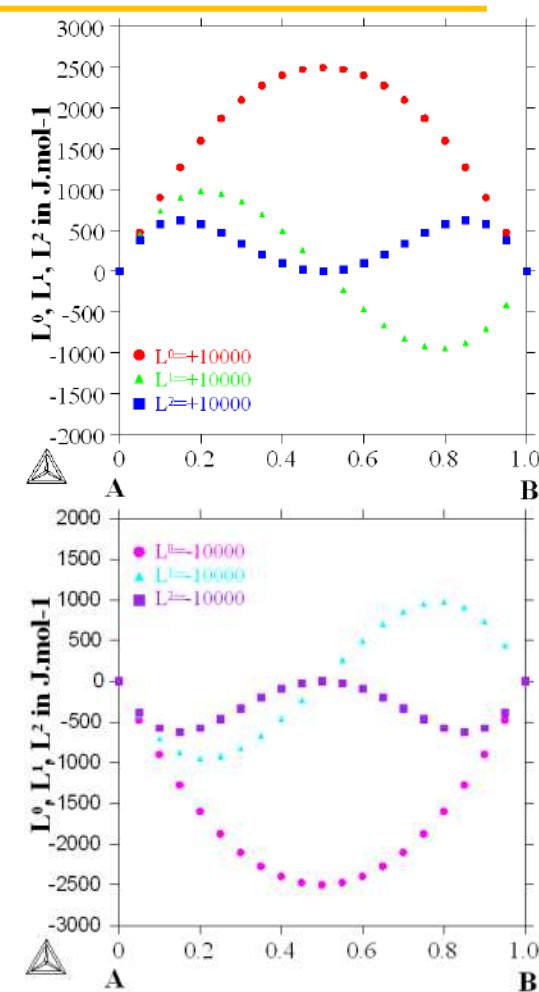
$${}^{xs}G_{mix} = \sum_i \sum_{j>i} c_i \cdot c_j \cdot \sum_k L_{i,j}^k \cdot (c_i - c_j)^k$$

c_i and c_j are the mole fraction of species i and j,
 $L_{i,j}^k$ is a binary interaction parameter between species i and j.

$$0\text{ order: } {}^{xs}G_{mix}^0 = c_i \cdot c_j \cdot L_{i,j}^0$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ order: } {}^{xs}G_{mix}^1 = c_i \cdot c_j \cdot (c_i - c_j) L_{i,j}^1$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order: } {}^{xs}G_{mix}^2 = \dots$$



G° = Gibbs energy due to the mechanical mixing of the constituent of the phase

${}^{id}G_{mix}$ = Ideal mixing contribution (Configuration entropy)

${}^{xs}G_{mix}$ = Excess Gibbs energy of mixing

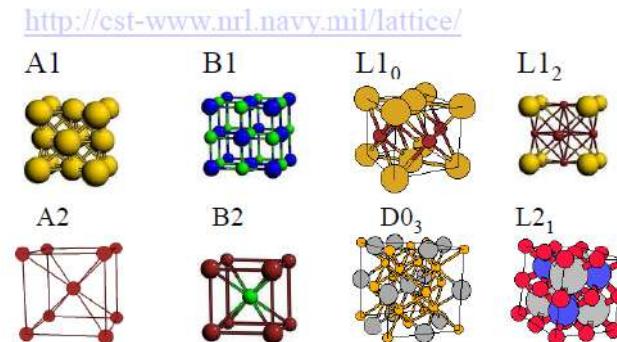
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Experimental Data



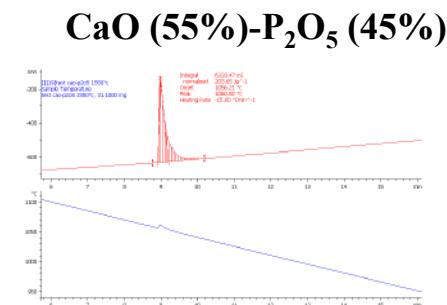
Crystallographic data

- Defects for non-stoichiometric compounds
 - Structure of the phases in the system
 - Sublattices for different constituents



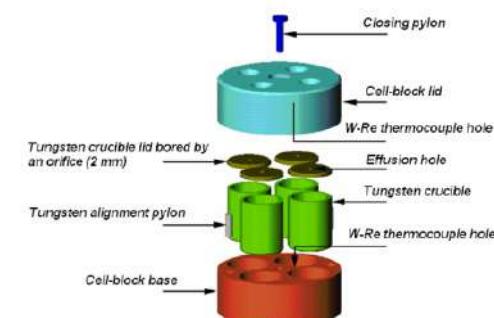
Phase diagram data

- Thermal analysis: start/end temperatures of transformations
 - Microscope: phase identification, determining phase amounts
 - X-ray: phase identification, lattice parameters
 - Microprobe: phase identification, phase compositions (tie-lines)
 - X-ray and neutron diffraction: site occupancies



Thermochemical data

- Calorimetric data: Enthalpy of formation, transformation, mixing
 - EMF, Knudsen cell data: chemical potentials, activities
 - Partial pressure: activities
 - DSC: heat content, heat capacity, enthalpy of transformation
 - DFT & MD Calculations



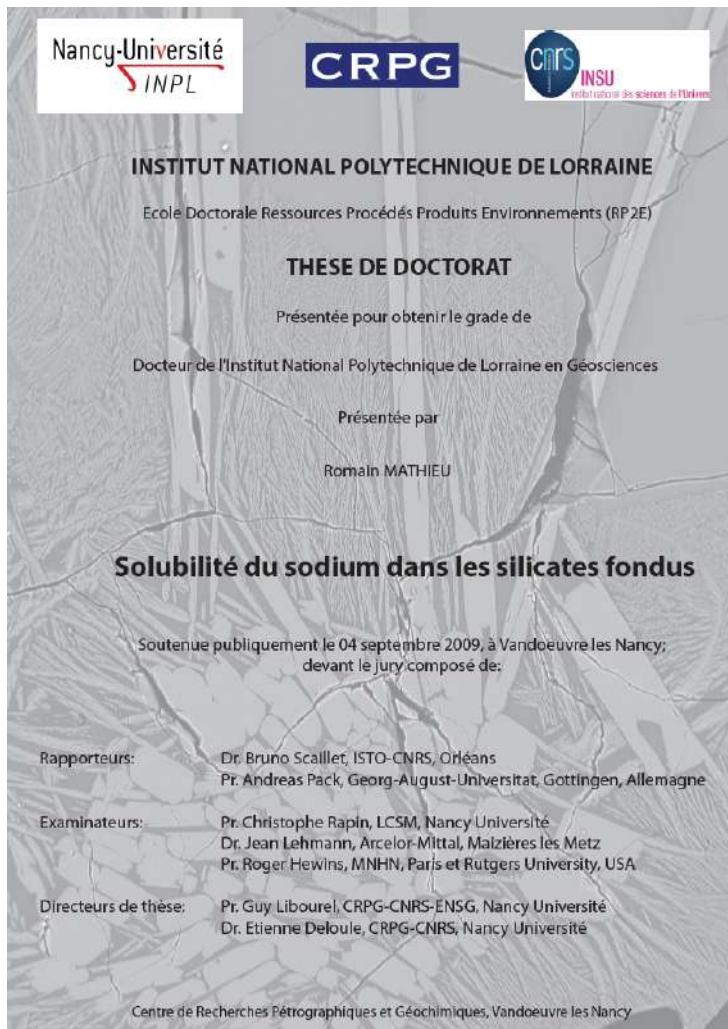
EXAMPLES & APPLICATIONS

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Résumé

Solubilité du Sodium dans les Silicates Fondus

Les alcalins, généralement lithophiles à basse température, deviennent volatils à haute température et/ou sous des conditions réductrices. Il existe peu de données expérimentales sur les relations activité-composition dans les silicates fondus et aucun modèle thermodynamique ne permet de prédire leur comportement dans les liquides silicatés. Pour acquérir une base de données cohérente sur ces relations, nous avons développé un nouveau système expérimental permettant d'imposer et de contrôler, à haute température, une pression partielle de sodium sous des conditions d'oxydoréduction fixées. Une cellule thermochimique originale, simple de mise en œuvre et efficace a été conçue pour contraindre l'ensemble de ces paramètres thermodynamiques. Les résultats de cette étude montrent que les processus de condensation et de volatilisation du sodium dans les liquides silicatés du système CaO-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂ peuvent être décrits par une équation simple de type : Na_(gaz) + 1/2 O_{2(gaz)} = Na₂O_(liq). Les données obtenues à l'équilibre sur des liquides de compositions différentes ont permis de dériver un modèle permettant de prédire la solubilité et les coefficients d'activité (a_{Na_2O} et γ_{Na_2O}) dans un liquide silicaté du système CaO-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂, à différentes températures et différentes PNa, en fonction de la composition de ce dernier. Ce modèle est basé sur la détermination de la basicité optique du liquide sans sodium, c'est-à-dire suivant l'état de polymérisation du liquide et suivant ses interactions acide-base entre oxydes. Par ailleurs, ces travaux ont permis la détermination d'un nouveau type de diagramme de phase à isoPNa. Enfin cette étude a de nombreuses applications en cosmochimie, sidérurgie et magmatologie.

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MODELING THE CHARGE COMPENSATION EFFECT IN SILICA-RICH $\text{Na}_2\text{O}\text{-K}_2\text{O}\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$ MELTS

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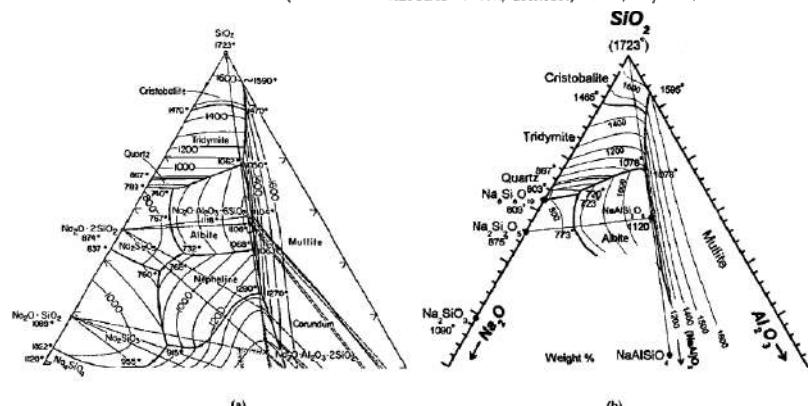


Figure 3: Liquidus surface of the $\text{Na}_2\text{O}\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$ system in the SiO_2 -rich region: (a) as reported by Osborn and Muan²¹; (b) calculated. (composition in weight%; T in °C)

$\text{Na}_2\text{O}\text{-K}_2\text{O}\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$ Modelling by P. Chartrand et al. (1999)

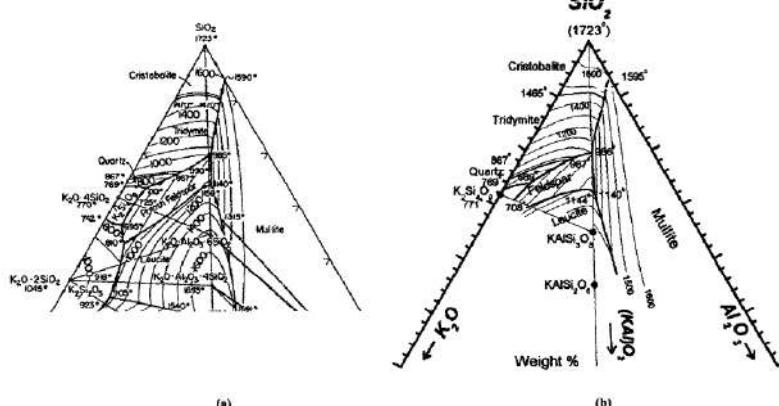


Figure 7: Liquidus surface of the $\text{K}_2\text{O}\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$ system in the SiO_2 -rich region: (a) as reported by Osborn and Muan²¹; (b) calculated. (composition in weight%, T in °C)



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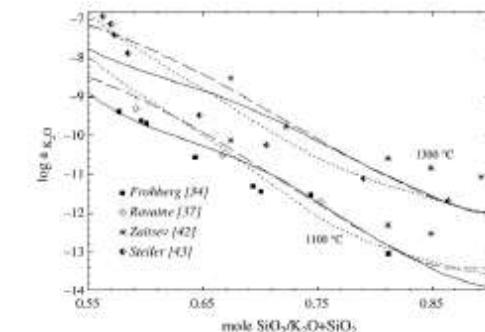
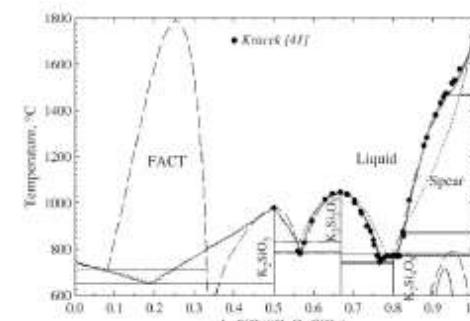
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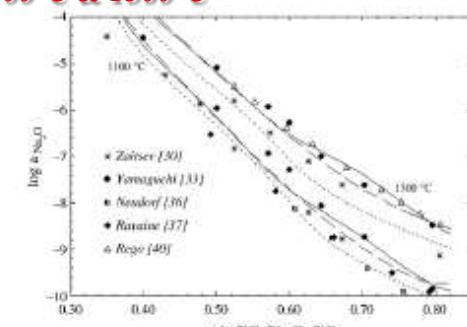
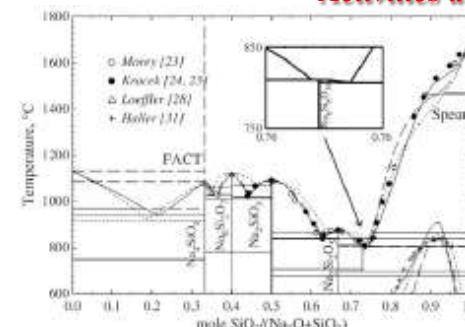
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Ex 1: Thermodynamic modelling of the Na₂O-CaO-SiO₂ System

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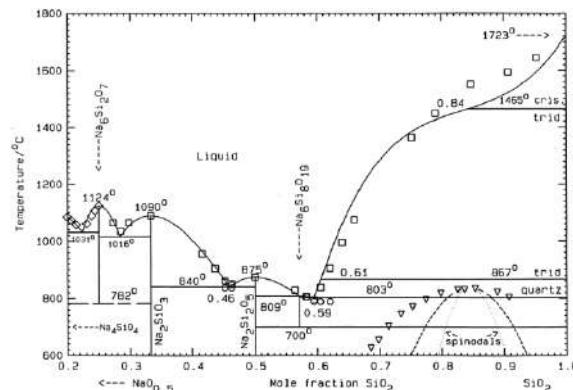
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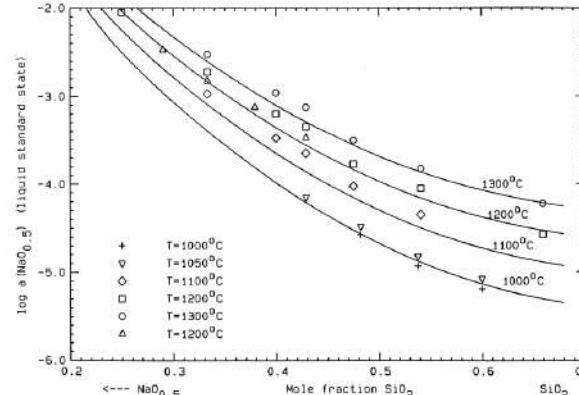
Thermodynamic modeling in glass-forming melts

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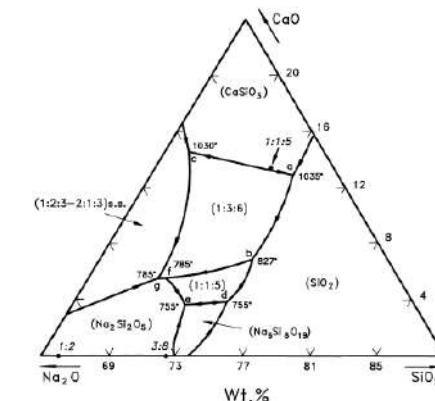
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Na₂O-SiO₂ System



NaO_{1/2} activity in the liquid



Liquidus in the rich SiO₂ domain

Modélisation des systèmes binaires et extrapolation au niveau ternaire
 Calcul des propriétés thermodynamiques (activité chimique)
 Possibilité de prendre en compte la solubilité des gaz dans le liquide (Sulfates, Phosphates...)

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Ex 2: Thermodynamic modelling of the B_2O_3 - SiO_2 & B_2O_3 - Al_2O_3 Systems

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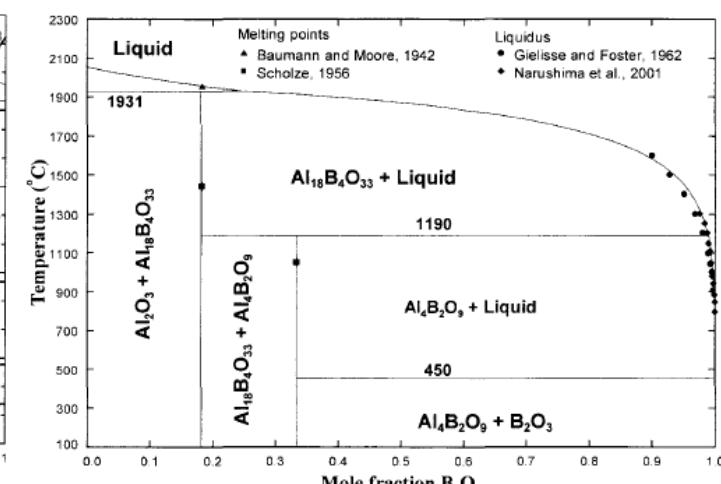
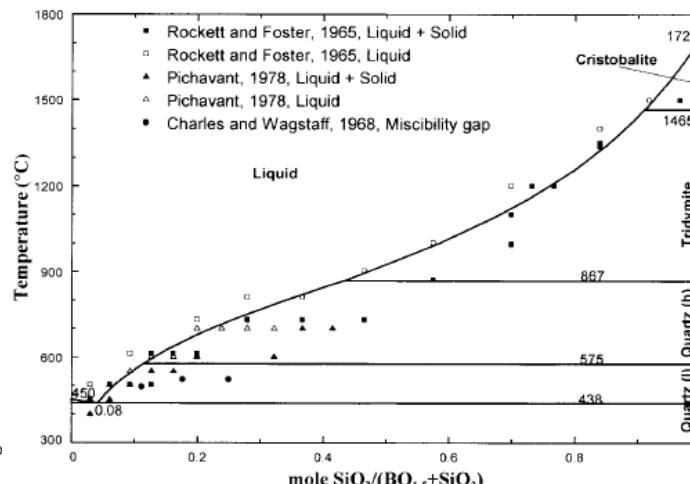
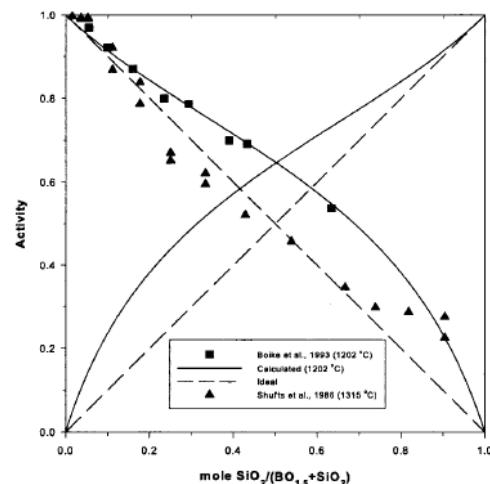
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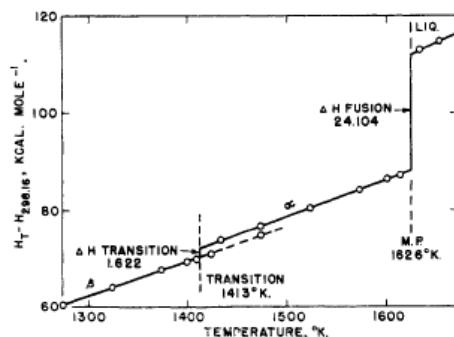
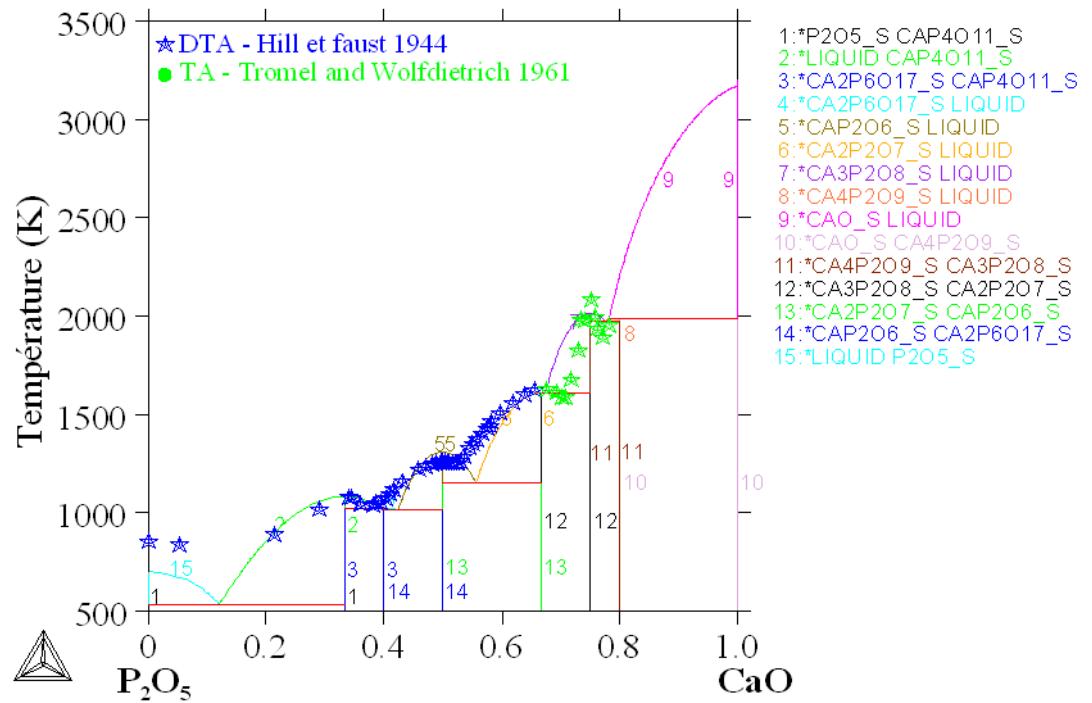
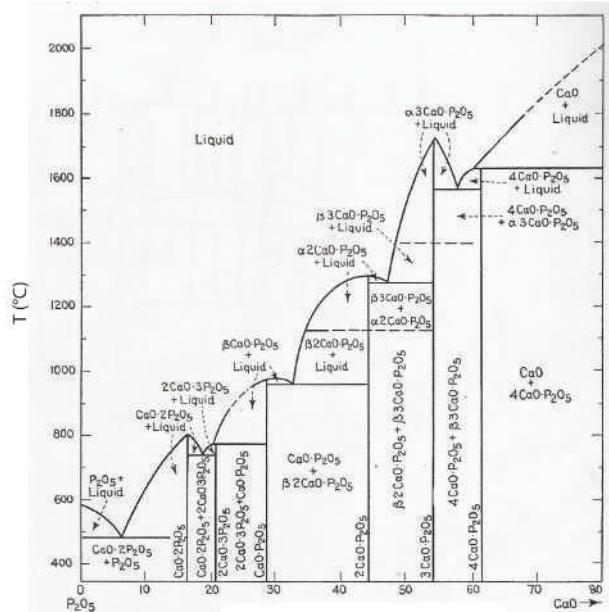
Modélisation des systèmes binaires, représentation des équilibres liquide/oxydes
 Calculs des activités de SiO_2 et de B_2O_3
 La description thermodynamique dépend de la qualité et de la cohérence des données exp

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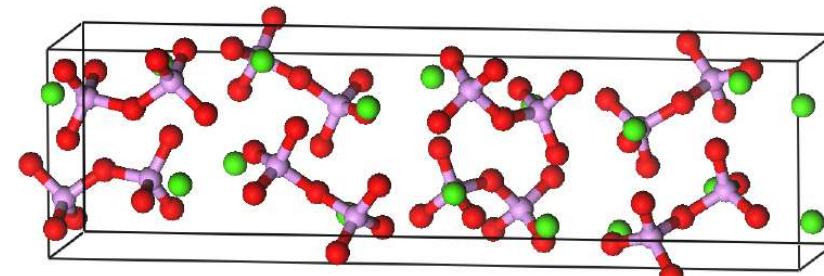
Ex 3: Modelling of the CaO-SiO₂ & P₂O₅-SiO₂ binary systems

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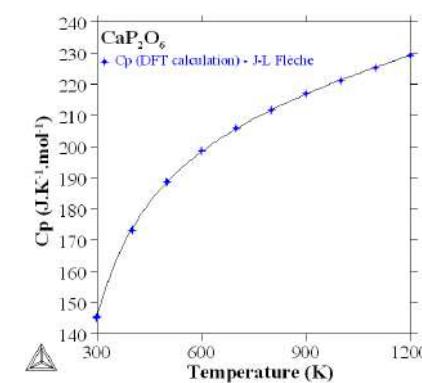
CaO-P₂O₅ phase diagram



$\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7 \quad H_t - H_{298} (\text{Kcal.mol}^{-1})$



Calcul DFT de la structure $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$



Calcul du C_p de CaP_2O_6

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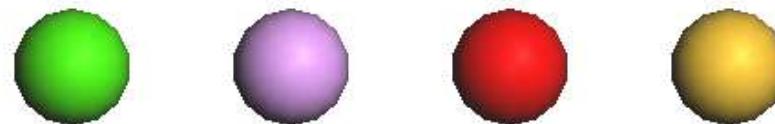
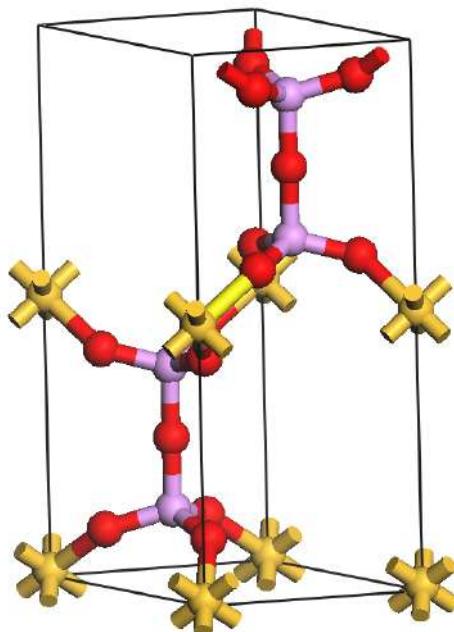


Calcul ab initio des fonctions thermodynamiques de Ca₂P₂O₇ et SiP₂O₇

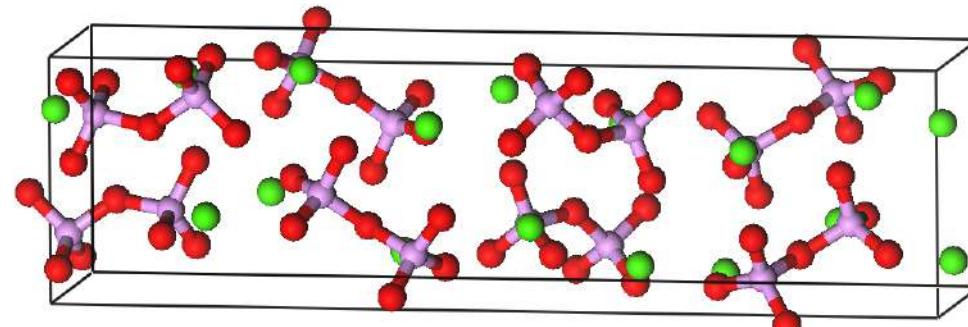
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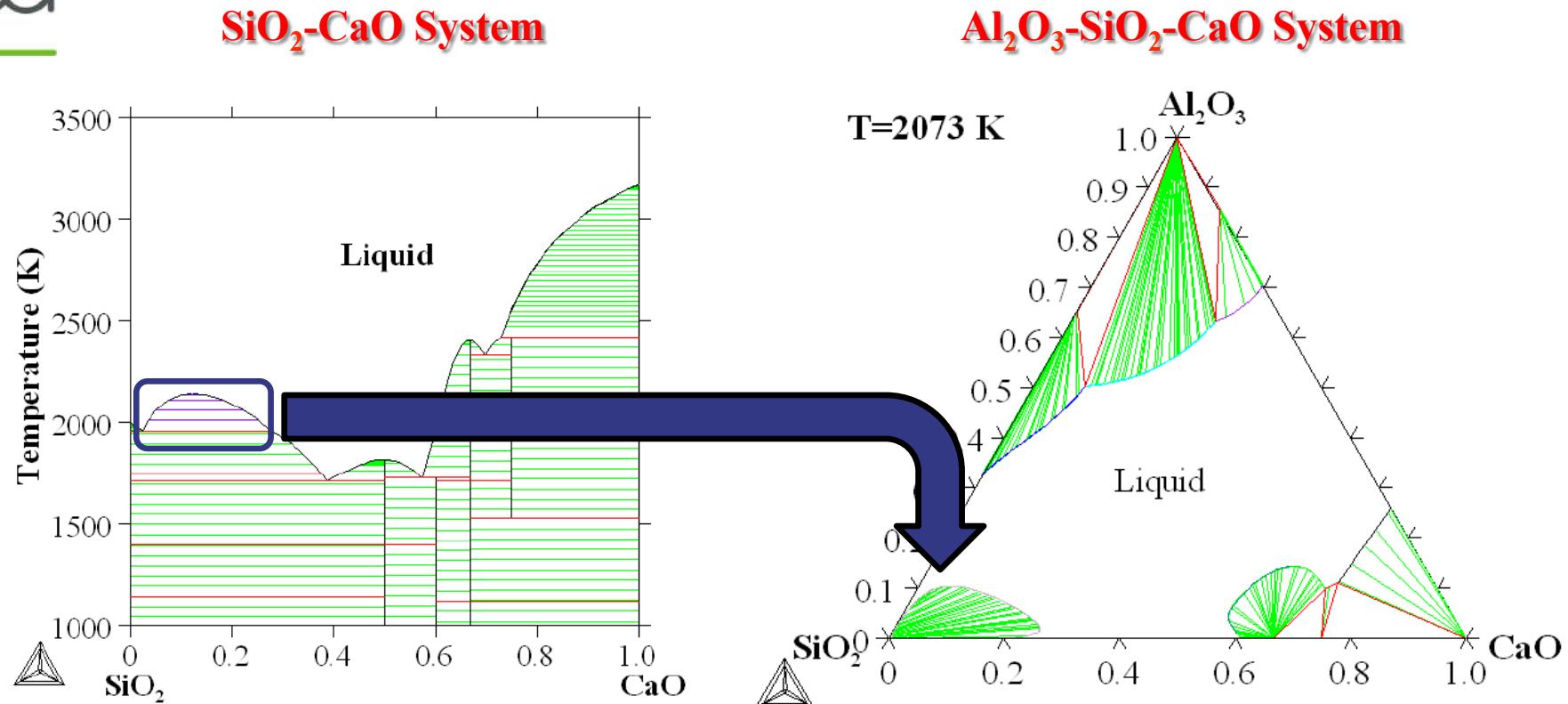
SiP ₂ O ₇ (P63)	a	b	c
mesures	4.7158	4.7158	11.917
ab initio	4.7829	4.7829	12.064

Ca ₂ P ₂ O ₇ (P41)	a	b	c
mesures	6.6858	6.6858	24.147
ab initio	6.7593	6.7593	24.454

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Ex 4: Miscibility Gaps in the liquid phase

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La méthode Calphad est adaptée pour décrire la thermodynamique du liquide (melt, slag) :

- *Les lacunes de miscibilité entre deux liquides oxydes*
- *Les lacunes de miscibilité entre un liquide oxyde et un liquide métallique*

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Ex 5: Modelling the viscosity of silicate melts



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A model to calculate the viscosity of silicate melts → A model to calculate the viscosity of silicate melts

Part I: Viscosity of binary $\text{SiO}_2\text{-MeO}_x$ systems
(Me = Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al)

Part II: The $\text{NaO}_{0.5}\text{-MgO-CaO-AlO}_{1.5}\text{-SiO}_2$ system

Relation entre la thermodynamique de la phase liquide et sa viscosité :

- La viscosité est modélisée en optimisant des paramètres représentatifs de la structure du liquide
- Utilisation du Modèles Quasi Chimique Modifié (Modélisation de l'ordre à courte distance, SRO)

The viscosity η of the unary systems as a function of temperature is given by an Arrhenius equation:

$$\ln(\eta_{\text{SiO}_2}) = A_{\text{SiO}_2}^* + A_{\text{SiO}_2}^E + \frac{E^* + E^E}{RT}$$

$$\ln(\eta_{\text{MeO}_x}) = A + \frac{E}{RT}$$

Dans les binaires la viscosité de SiO_2 est modélisée par 4 paramètres, sans réseau (SiO_4^{4-} isolé) et avec réseau et celle des autres oxydes par 2 paramètres...

Comment ???

Modélisation des populations en O^{2-} libres, O^- non-pontant et O^0 pontant dans SiO_2 liquide. Dans le cas d'un système binaire MeO-SiO_2 ou $\text{MeO}_{0.5}\text{-SiO}_2$ (Ca, Na=oxydes basiques), chaque SiO_2 entre dans le réseau sous la forme orthosilicate SiO_4^{4-} POLYMERISATION

Le nombre d'oxygènes pontants est calculé dans la population totale d'oxygène $n(O)_{tot}$

$$n(O)_{tot} = \frac{1}{2}X(\text{MeO}_{0.5}) + X(\text{MeO}) + \frac{3}{2}X(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3) + \frac{3}{2}X(\text{B}_2\text{O}_3) + 2X(\text{SiO}_2)$$

Aux basses températures, la déviation de la viscosité par rapport à la loi d'Arrhenius n'est pas considérée : Modèle établi pour les hautes températures

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Ex 5: Modelling the viscosity of silicate melts



Concept de Qⁱ-Species : où i représente le nombre d'oxygène pontant par atome de Si

Ex : Dans SiO₂, chaque O autour d'un Si est pontant donc la fraction de Q⁴-species=1

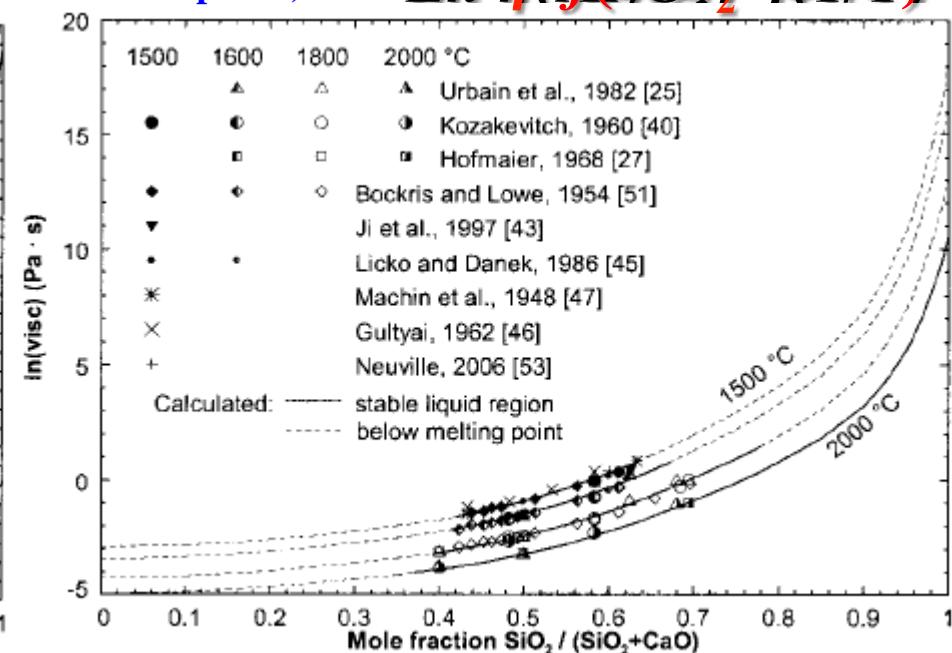
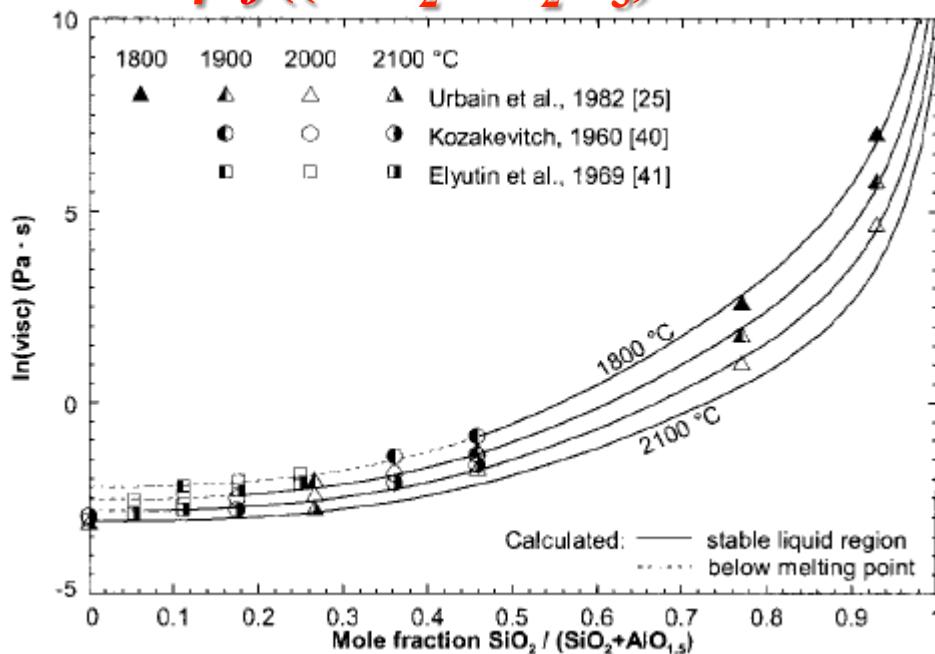
Un Si dans une chaîne est une Q²-species car 2 de ses atomes d'O sont pontants

"Qi -species in a melt (in-situ measurement) or in a quenched glass can be determined using Raman spectroscopy or nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) measurements ..."

$$\ln \eta = f((\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3))$$

(1 Pa.s = 1 poiseulle = 10 poises)

$$\ln \eta = f(\text{SiO}_2 + \text{CaO})$$



Modèle prédictif des viscosités pour des systèmes SiO₂ + Oxyde (Al₂O₃, CaO, MgO, Na₂O, K₂O)
Dans le cas des alcalins, le modèle s'applique dans le domaine 0.4 < X(SiO₂) < 0.7, les très faibles viscosités ne sont pas modélisées

The Calculation of Phase Diagram (Calphad) Method Application to glasses...



La méthode CALPHAD peut décrire la thermodynamique des systèmes oxydes

La thermodynamique du liquide (melt, slag) est modélisée, d'autres propriétés peuvent également l'être (Viscosité)

Dans ces bases, le verre est décrit en extrapolant les propriétés thermodynamiques du liquide vers les basses températures

La transition vitreuse n'est donc pas considérée

Et le verre ???

The Calculation of Phase Diagram (Calphad) Method

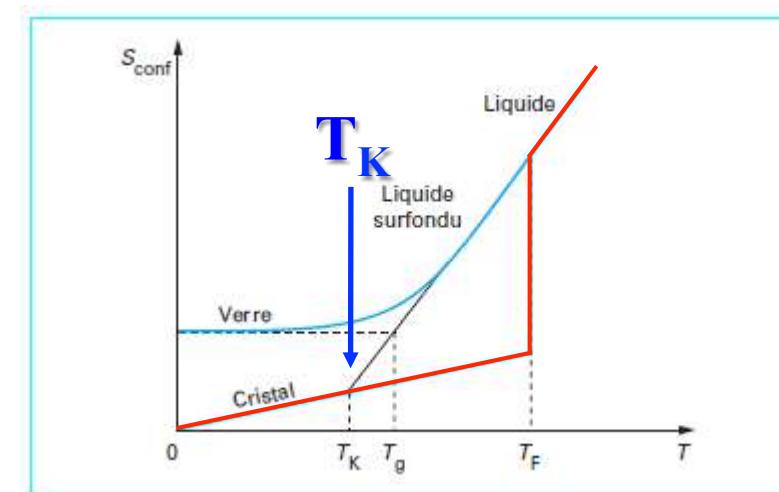
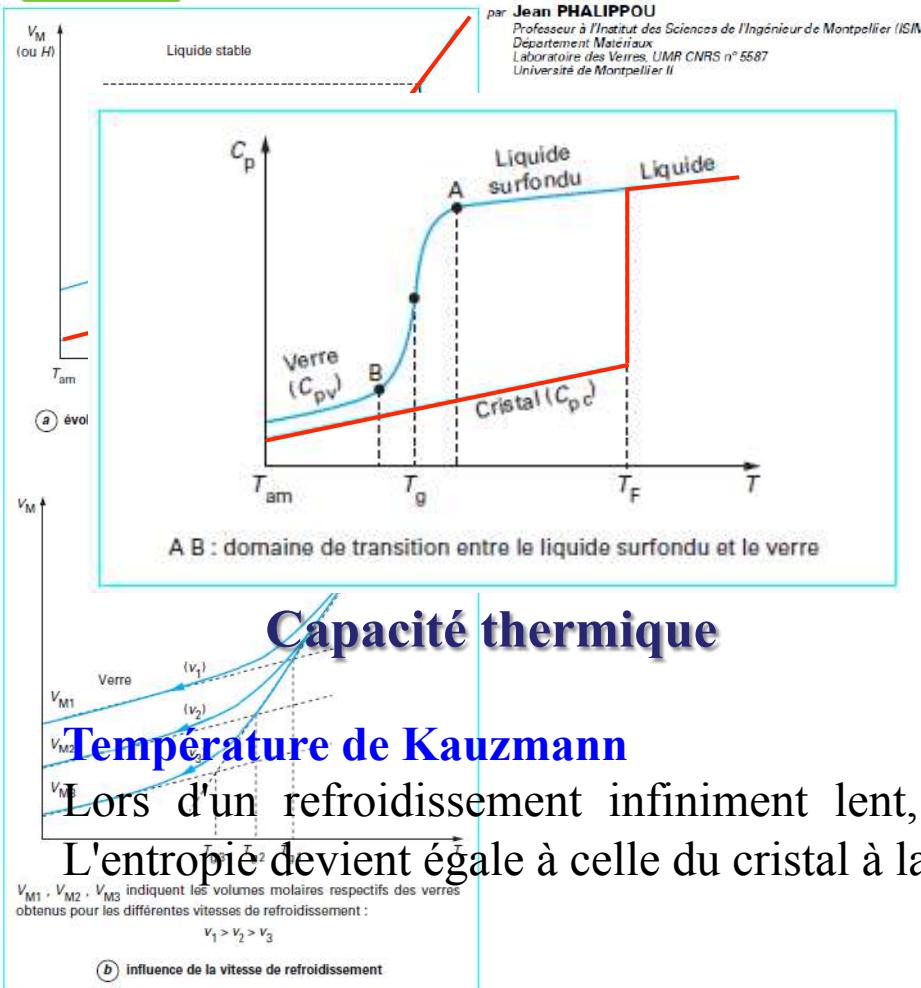
Application to glasses...



Verres

composés de triphasés

Du point de vue thermodynamique, la transition vitreuse peut être considérée comme une transition du 2nd ordre (saut de Cp, H et S restent continues)



The Calculation of Phase Diagram (Calphad) Method CALPHAD Modelling of Amorphous Alloys



Certains systèmes métalliques ont la capacité de former des alliages métalliques amorphes (Fe-B, Cu-Zr, Ni-Zr,Cu-Mg-Y)



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Driving forces for crystal nucleation in Fe–B liquid and amorphous alloys

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Prediction of amorphous phase stability in metallic alloys

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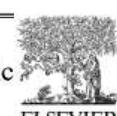
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Glass forming ability of multi-component metallic systems

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Thermodynamics and kinetics of metallic amorphous phases in the framework of the CALPHAD approach

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These formalisms can be applied to oxide glasses !!!

The Calculation of Phase Diagram (Calphad) Method

CALPHAD Modelling of Amorphous Alloys



To model the glass transition ($L \rightarrow Am$) as a second order transformation, the Gibbs energy of the amorphous solid needs to be formalised in such a way that **the change in entropy ($\Delta S_{L \rightarrow Am}$) and free energy ($\Delta G_{L \rightarrow Am}$) become zero above T_g** . Below T_g , $\Delta S_{L \rightarrow Am}$ approaches the maximum entropy change ΔS_{max} and $\Delta G_{L \rightarrow Am}$ approaches ΔH_{max} at $T=0\text{ K}$

Bormann's Model

Considering a binary liquid phase the temperature dependence of the first order term in Eq. (5) is given by

$${}^0L_{A,B}^{\text{liq}} = A_0^{\text{liq}} + B_0^{\text{liq}} \cdot T + C_0^{\text{liq}} \cdot T^{-1} \quad (7)$$

where the last term ($C_0^{\text{liq}}T^{-1}$) corresponds to the excess specific heat contribution; it can easily be demonstrated that it yields a specific heat proportional to T^{-2} . The amorphous phase is described as a Redlich-Kister polynomial as well, with the same number of coefficients as for the liquid phase, except for the absence of the excess term related to specific heat:

$${}^0L_{A,B}^{am} = A_0^{am} + B_0^{am} \cdot T. \quad (8)$$

Ne peut pas être appliqué quand $T \rightarrow 0\text{ K}$

Shao's Approach Magnetic Transition (T Curie)

$$\Delta G^{\text{liq} \rightarrow am} = -RT \ln(1 + \alpha) \cdot g(\tau) \quad (11)$$

where $\tau = T/T_g$ is the reduced temperature, $g(\tau)$ is expressed as a series expansion according to

$$g(\tau) = 1 - \left[\frac{79\tau^{-1}}{140p} + \frac{474}{497} \left(\frac{1}{p} - 1 \right) \right. \\ \times \left. \left(\frac{\tau^3}{6} + \frac{\tau^9}{135} + \frac{\tau^{15}}{600} \right) \right] / D \quad \text{at } \tau > 1$$

$$g(\tau) = - \left[\frac{\tau^{-5}}{10} + \frac{\tau^{-15}}{315} + \frac{\tau^{-25}}{1500} \right] / D \quad \text{at } \tau < 1 \quad (12)$$

where p is a structure dependent parameter (for example $p = 0.40$ for b.c.c. phases) and D is given by

On the contrary, the Association Solution Model (ASM) has been applied to a number of liquid alloys [65–71]. According to this model, the short range ordered parts of the liquid phase are described as associates with a well-defined composition. The rest of the atoms are instead taken as randomly distributed.

Considering a binary A–B system and an A_xB_y associate, it is assumed that n_{AxBy} moles of the associate are in equilibrium with n_A and n_B moles of free A and B atoms. The following expression is derived for the excess Gibbs free energy of the liquid phase:

$$G_m^{ex} = n_{AxBy} G_{AxBy}^0 + RT \left(n_A \ln \frac{n_A}{n} + n_B \ln \frac{n_B}{n} \right. \\ \left. + n_{AxBy} \ln \frac{n_{AxBy}}{n} \right) + \frac{n_A n_B}{n} G_{A,B}^{ex} \\ + \frac{n_A n_{AxBy}}{n} G_{A,AxBy}^{ex} + \frac{n_{AxBy} n_B}{n} G_{AxBy,B}^{ex} \quad (18)$$

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The Calculation of Phase Diagram (Calphad) Method Conclusion



Méthode de calcul thermodynamique par minimisation de l'énergie libre d'un système chimique

Trouve son intérêt dans les systèmes complexes ternaires, quaternaires, quinaires... Naires (plus de 15 éléments dans la base thermodynamique FUELBASE en cours de développement au CEA)

En général, modélisation jusqu'au niveau ternaire puis extrapolation aux niveaux supérieurs

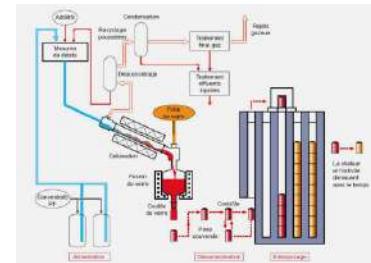
Permet de confronter des données pour valider leur cohérence dans un système chimique f(T, compo)

Fort besoin de données mesurées ou calculées

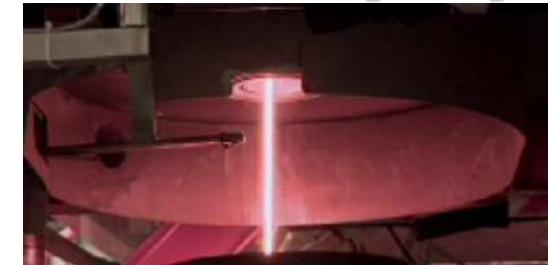
Le principe réside sur l'étude de systèmes chimiques simples, ensuite extrapolés vers des systèmes plus complexes

L'inverse ne correspond plus à la méthode Calphad

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Glass melt during cooling

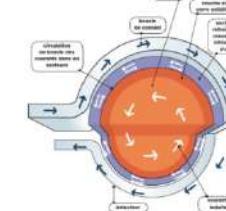
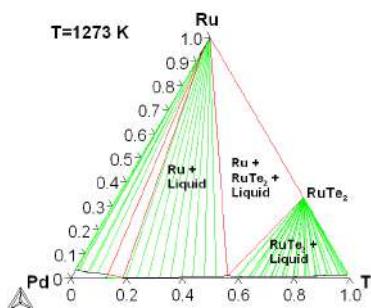
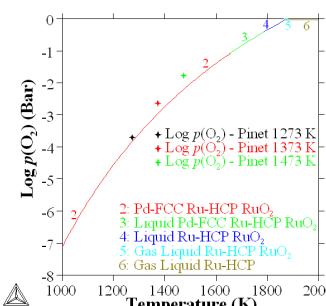


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High-level Waste glass

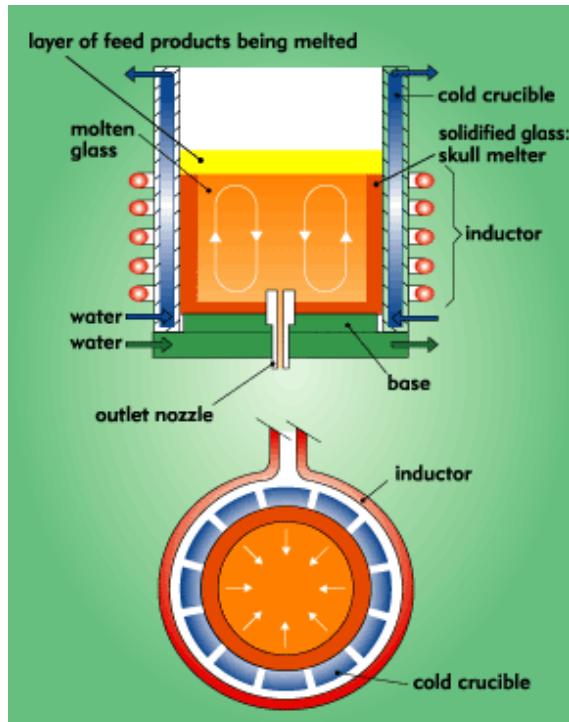


Platinoids Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses

The direct-induction cold-crucible vitrification process



<http://www.areva.com/EN/activites-3400/activites-l-ensemble-du-cycle-nucleaire-et-les-energies-renouvelables.html>
http://www.cea.fr/var/cea/storage/static/gb/library/Clefs46/pagesg/clefs46_42.html



In the cold crucible process, electric currents are induced directly in the material to be melted by an electromagnetic field. The melter load must be conductive to allow induction to occur. Glass is an insulating material at room temperature, but once melted its electrical resistivity drops and allows induction.

The advantages of the direct-induction cold crucible are mainly due to the formation of a layer of glass that solidifies upon contact with the cold melter walls to form a "skull melter". The skull prevents direct contact between the molten product and the cooled wall and creates a thermal insulation barrier.

From the nuclear waste-reprocessing standpoint, the main advantage is the very long melter service life that reduces maintenance requirements and the quantity of secondary technological waste to be managed

This process allows higher temperatures to be reached, generally leading to improved waste loading and therefore more effective volume reduction. It has been opened in 2010 at La Hague waste reprocessing facility

Platinoids Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses Approach



During the vitrification process, slightly soluble Pd-Rh-Ru platinoids precipitate in the vitreous matrix of High Level Waste containment glasses. These platinoids precipitate into Pd-Rh-Te intermetallics, Rh(Ru)-FCC or Ru-HCP metallic particles and $(\text{Ru},\text{Rh})\text{O}_2$ or Rh_2O_3 oxide phases

Understanding the formation of metallic inclusions in the glass

Investigation of the low temperature eutectics and of the solubility limits in the solid solutions

Development of a thermodynamic database on the Pd-Rh-Ru-Te system

- CalPhaD modelling of all the Pd-Rh, Pd-Te, Rh-Te, Pd-Ru, Rh-Ru, Ru-Te binary systems
- Pd-Ru-Te & Rh-Ru-Te: Description of the phase diagrams by extrapolating the binaries
- Pd-Rh-Ru & Pd-Rh-Te: Use of ternary interaction parameters to model the phase diagrams

Application to Laboratory Nuclear Waste Glasses

Improvement of the understanding of the Pd-Rh-Ru-Te alloys formation in the glass

- Calculation of solidification pathways with the same platinoids amounts as in laboratory glasses
- Calculation of the chemical activities considering the oxygen potential of the glass through the oxide phases
- Experimental work on the solubility limits of platinoids in the Te rich liquid by DTA (SEM+XRD Analyses)
- Temperature measurements of the solid/liquid transitions in the ternary systems

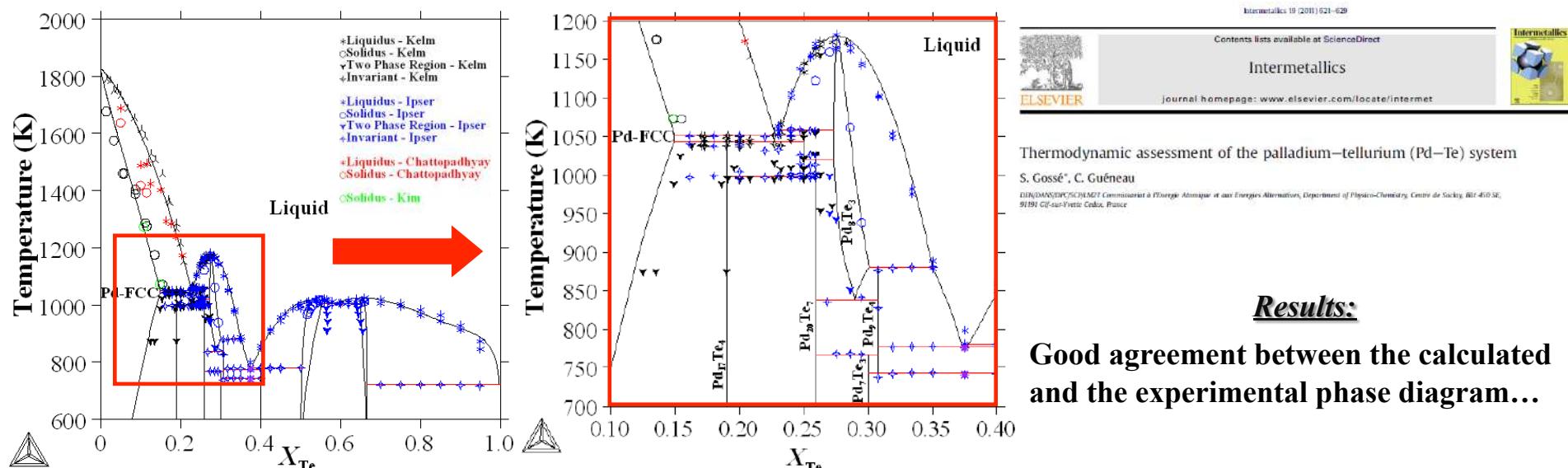
**Parce que les platinoides sont insolubles dans la matrice de verre, il est possible de modéliser leurs propriétés thermodynamiques indépendamment de celles du verre
Le verre n'est modélisé qu'au travers du rôle tampon du potentiel d'oxygène**

Palladium Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses

Thermodynamic study of the Pd-Te system (1)

The Pd-Te diagram is made up of 9 intermetallic phases:
Pd₁₇Te₄, Pd₃Te, Pd₂₀Te₇, Pd₈Te₃, Pd₇Te₃, Pd₉Te₄, Pd₃Te₂, PdTe and PdTe₂

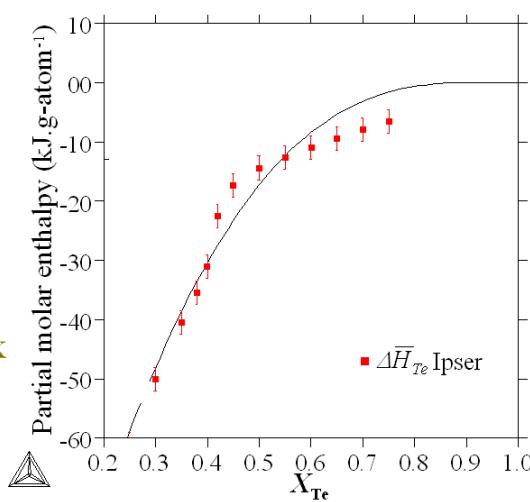
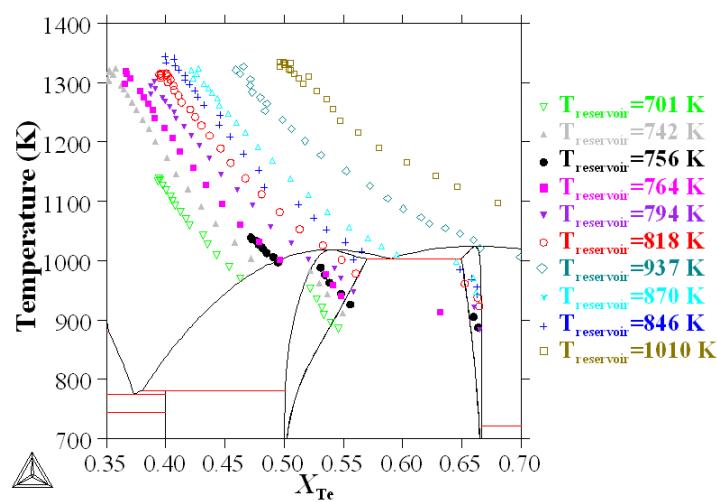
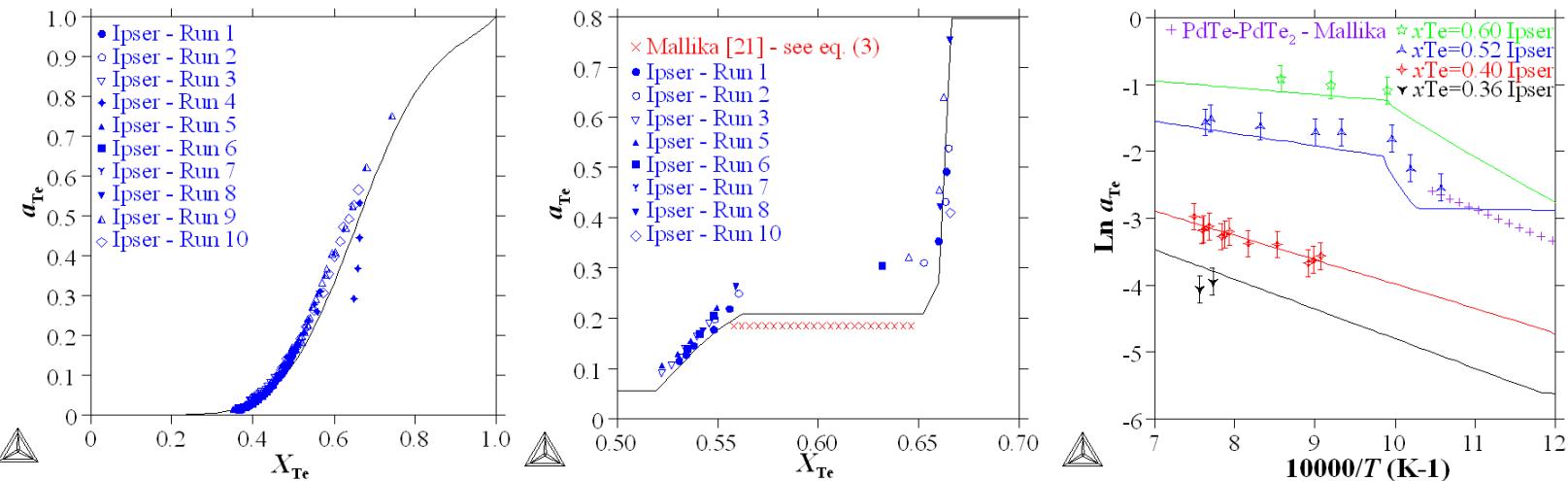
Phase	Pd ₁₇ Te ₄	Pd ₃ Te	Pd ₂₀ Te ₇	Pd ₈ Te ₃	Pd ₇ Te ₃	Pd ₉ Te ₄	Pd ₃ Te ₂	PdTe	PdTe ₂
Structure Type	Pd ₁₀ Te ₃	W	Pd ₂₀ Sb ₇	Pd ₉ Te ₄	Pd ₃ Te ₂	AsNi	CdI ₂
Space Groupe	<i>F</i> ⁻ <i>43m</i>	<i>I</i> ⁻ _m <i>3m</i>	<i>R</i> ⁻ ₃	<i>mP</i> ₅₂	<i>Cmcm</i>	<i>P</i> ₆ ₃ / <i>mmc</i>	<i>P</i> ⁻ ₃ <i>m</i> ₁
Parameters (Å)	<i>a</i> =12.678	<i>a</i> =3.226	<i>a</i> =11.797 <i>c</i> =11.172 $\gamma=120^\circ$	<i>a</i> =12.843 <i>b</i> =15.126 <i>c</i> =11.304	<i>a</i> =7.444 <i>b</i> =13.918 <i>c</i> =8.873	<i>a</i> =7.458 <i>b</i> =13.938 <i>c</i> =8.839	<i>a</i> =3.858 <i>b</i> =12.687 <i>c</i> =7.900	<i>a</i> =4.20 <i>c</i> =5.79 $\gamma=120^\circ$	<i>a</i> =4.0365 <i>c</i> =5.1262 $\gamma=120^\circ$
Reference	[Kim]	[Bhan]	[Wopersnow]	[Kim]	[Kim]	[Matkovic]	[Matkovic]	[Kjekshus]	[Furuseth]



Palladium Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses

Thermodynamic study of the Pd-Te system (2)

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Thermodynamic assessment of the palladium–tellurium (Pd–Te) system
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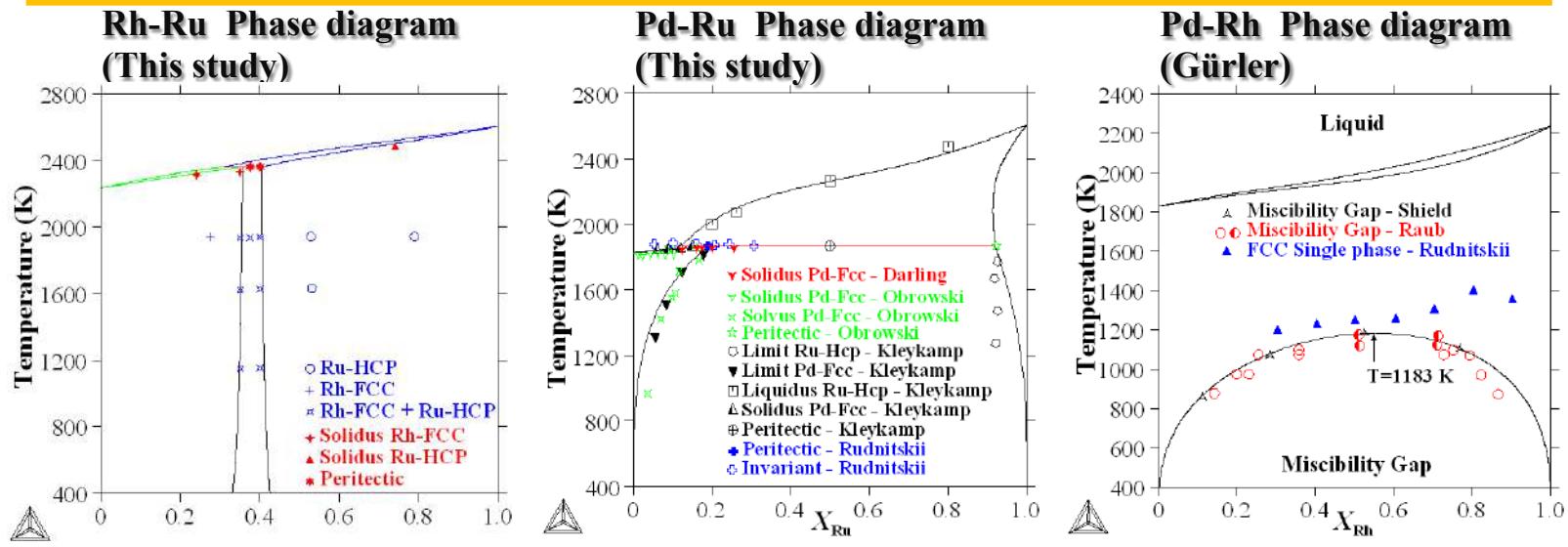
...The thermodynamic properties are well calculated too !

503 EXPERIMENTAL DATA USED TO MODEL THIS BINARY SYSTEM

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Modelling of the Pd-Rh-Ru system (Binary systems)

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Rh-Ru:

2 large solid solutions. No intermetallic phase, only one high temperature peritectic decomposition

Remark: No thermodynamic data

Pd-Ru:

No intermetallic phase , only one high temperature peritectic decomposition

Only one peritectic decomposition (15-20 at.% Ru)

Remark: The shape of the Pd limit in Ru-HCP by Kleykamp has not been considered

Pd-Rh:

No intermetallic phase, only one large miscibility gap between Pd-FCC and Rh-FCC

The thermodynamic modelling comes from Gürler et al.

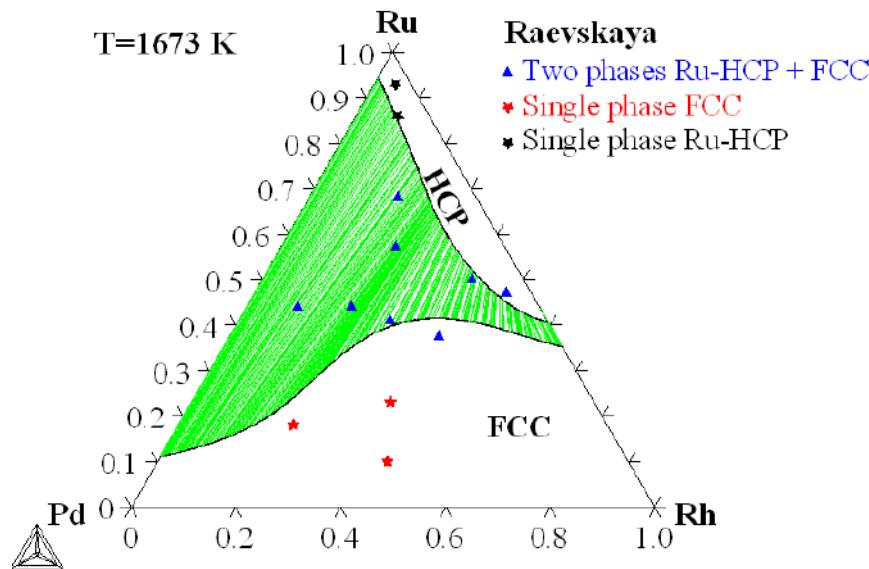
Due to the high temperature of the liquid formation, these systems are difficult to investigate

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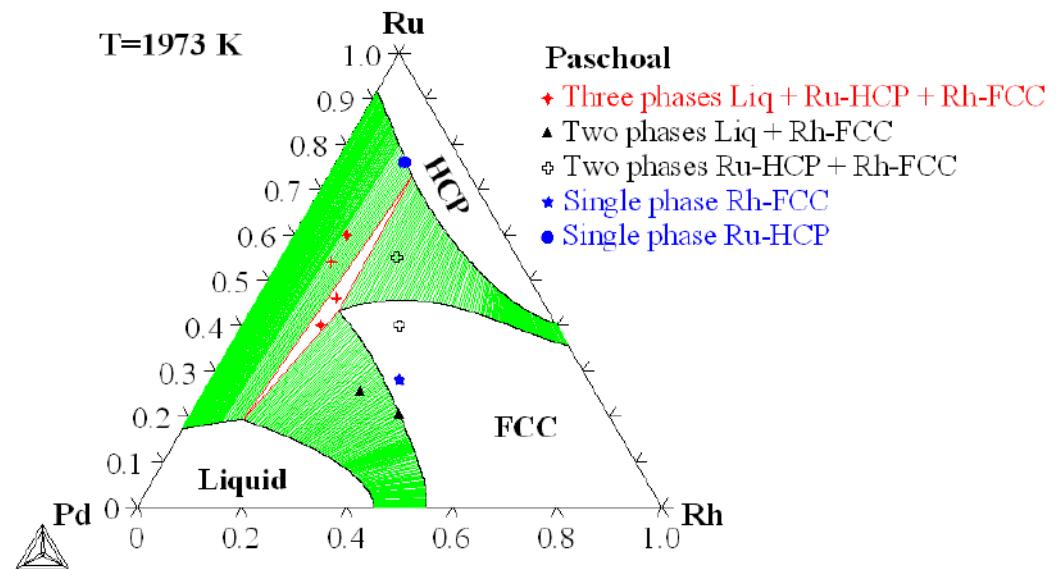
Description of the Pd-Rh-Ru ternary system



Pd-Rh-Ru Phase diagram at 1673 K
Comparison with data from Raevskaya



Pd-Rh-Ru Phase diagram at 1973 K
Comparison with data from Paschoal



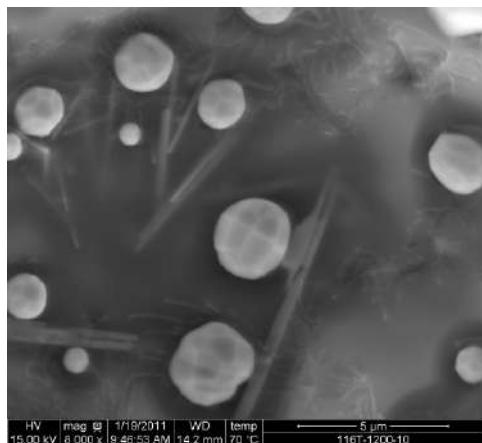
Two different sets of data make it possible to refine the thermodynamic modelling of the Pd-Rh-Ru systems:
 R. Gürler, *J. of Nuc. Mat.* 199 (1992)
 M. V. Raevskaya, V. V. Vasekin, I. G. Sokolova, *J. of the Less Com. Met.* 99 (1984)

Difficult to calculate isothermal sections both consistent with 1673 K & 1973 K results

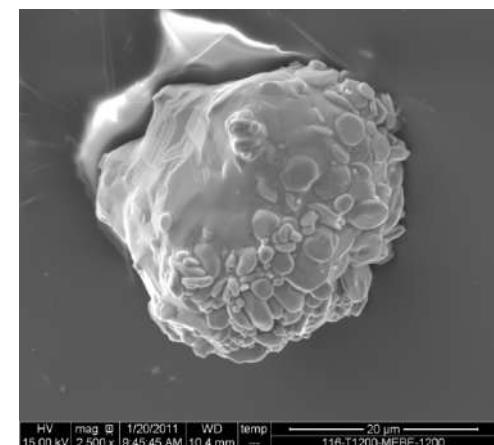
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SEM observation of the platinoid phases

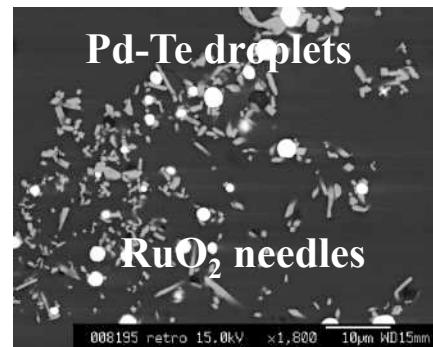
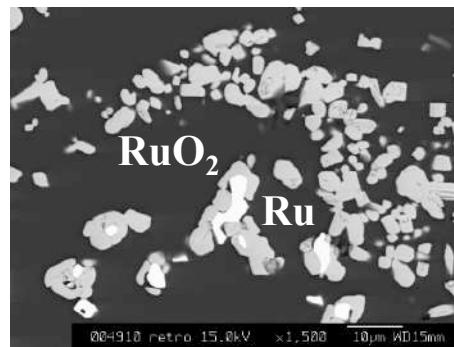
Pd-Te droplets inside the glass matrix



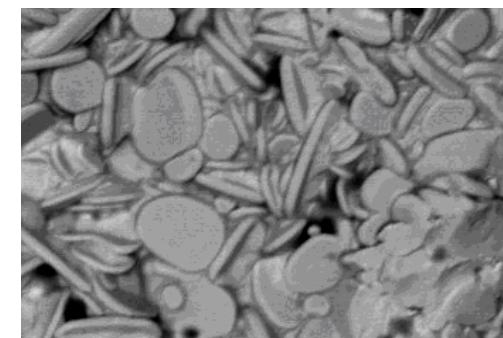
Ru, Pd-Te metallic inclusion



Morphologies of (Pd-Te, Ru) noble metals
in a simulated nuclear waste glass



Rh-Ru inclusions in the glass

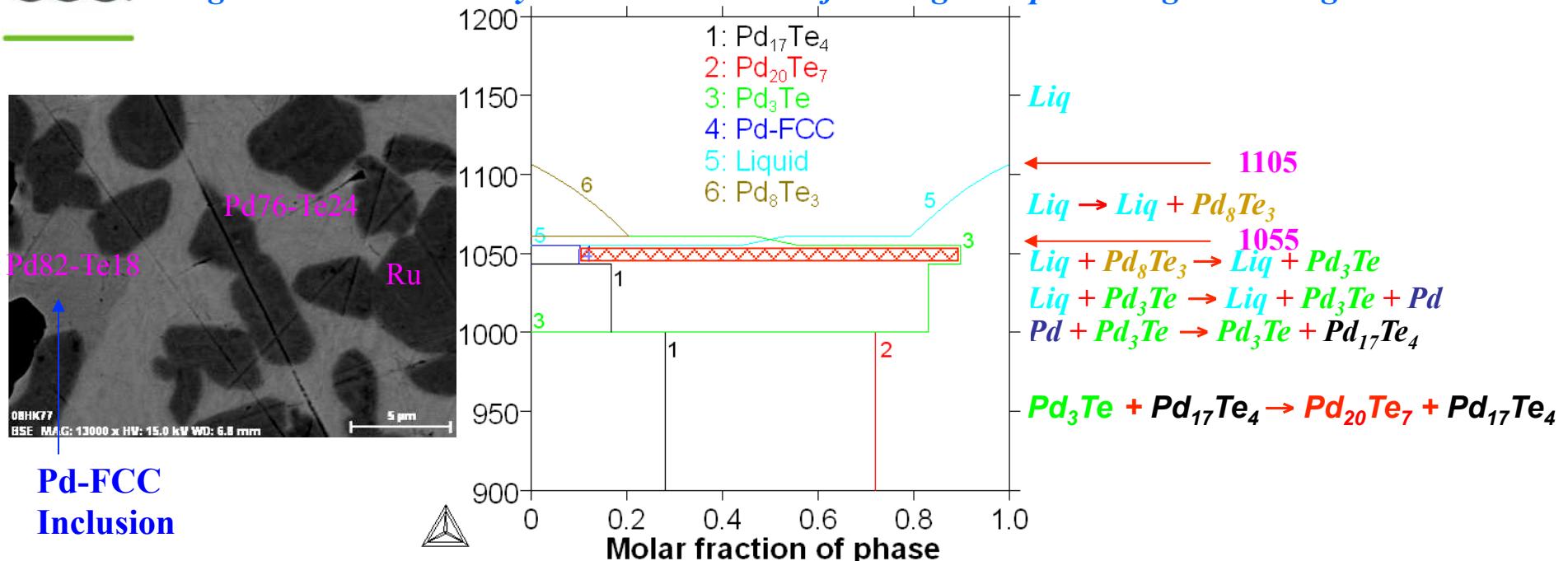


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Application to borosilicate waste glasses

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Explanation of the metallic alloy compositions: the Pd76-Te24 alloy (light grey)
 Origin: Mean Pd-Te alloy in metallic clusters from high temperature gradient region



At 1000 K, the last solid-solid reaction is: $\text{Pd}_3\text{Te} + \text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4 \rightarrow \text{Pd}_{20}\text{Te}_7 + \text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4$

For $T < 1000$ K the equilibrium phases should be $\text{Pd}_{20}\text{Te}_7$ and $\text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4$ (respectively 26 at.% and 19 at.% Te)
 But the Pd76-Te24 and Pd82-Te18 compositions match with (± 1 at.% Te):

- the Pd_3Te intermetallic compound
- the Pd-FCC solid solution (± 15 at.% Te @ 1050 K)

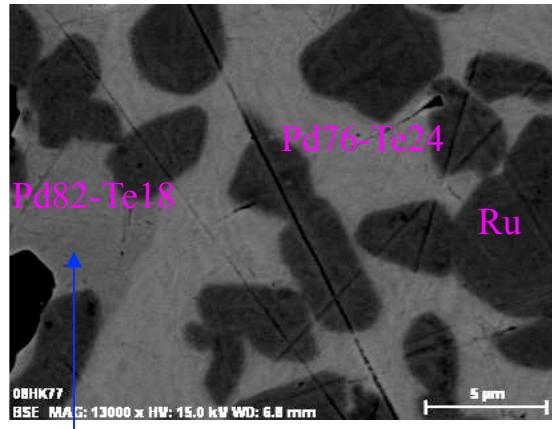
On the thermodynamic point of view, solidification of these alloys occurs between 1045 and 1055 K

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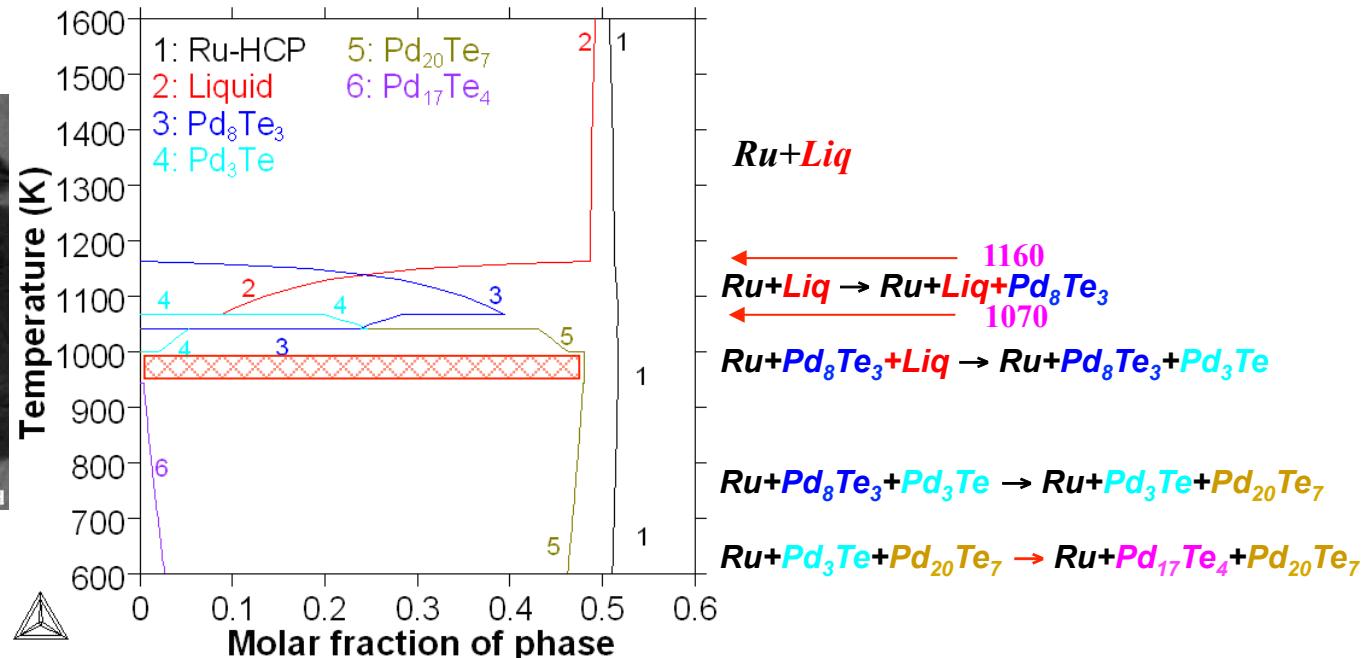
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Explanation of the metallic alloy compositions: the Pd37.5-Ru50-Te12.5 alloy
Composition approximately equal to the mean integrated composition of the picture



Pd-FCC
Inclusion



At 950 K, the last solid-solid reaction is: $\text{Ru} + \text{Pd}_3\text{Te} + \text{Pd}_{20}\text{Te}_7 \rightarrow \text{Ru} + \text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4 + \text{Pd}_{20}\text{Te}_7$

For $T < 1160$ K the mixture is made of 2 phases Ru-HCP + liquid (Ru solubility is about 1-2 at.%)

For $T < 950$ K the equilibrium phases should be Ru-HCP, $\text{Pd}_{20}\text{Te}_7$ and $\text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4$

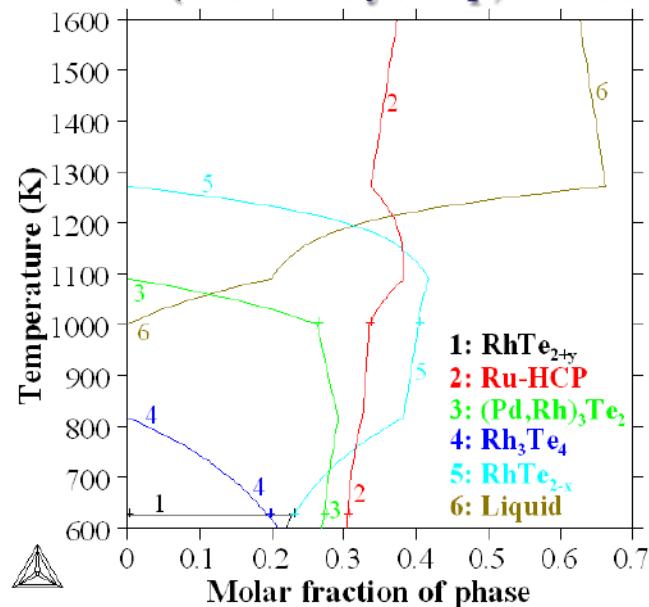
But the $\text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4$ phase hasn't been observed in the simulated waste glasses

On the thermodynamic point of view, solidification occurs above the formation of $\text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4$ ($T > 950$ K)

Platinoids Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses

Study of the Pd-Rh-Ru-Te Metallic system

The considered composition is $Pd_{0.08}-Rh_{0.25}-Ru_{0.30}-Te_{0.37}$. It is representative of the relative platinoids (Pd-Rh-Ru) and tellurium amounts produced by an UO_2 fuel inside a LWR reactor (see H. Kleykamp, *J. Nuclear Mater.* 171 (1990))



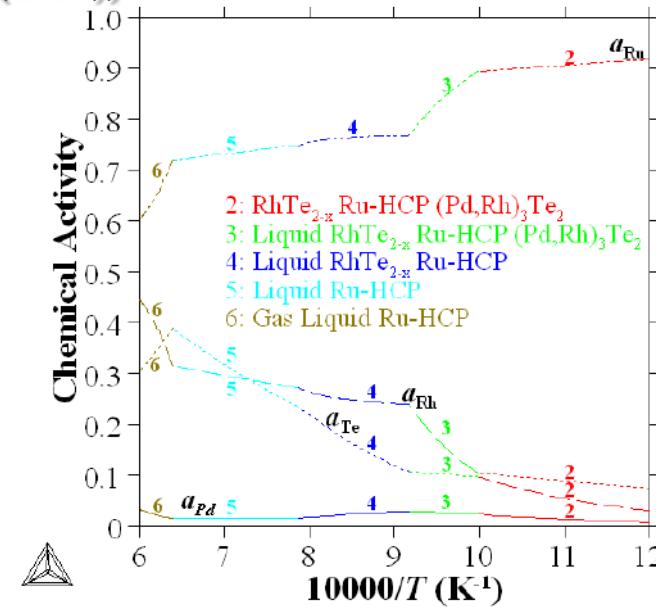
$Pd_{0.08}Rh_{0.25}Ru_{0.30}Te_{0.37}$ Solidification pathway

Main formed phases are intermetallics and Ru-HCP

The solidification pathway is consistent with the formation of Pd-Rh-Te ternary phases also experimentally observed by Belyaev and by Krause in High-Level Nuclear Waste glasses:

A. V. Belyaev, *Journal of Structural Chemistry* 44, 1 (2003)

Ch. Krause, B. Luckscheiter, *Journal of Materials Research* 6, 12 (1991)



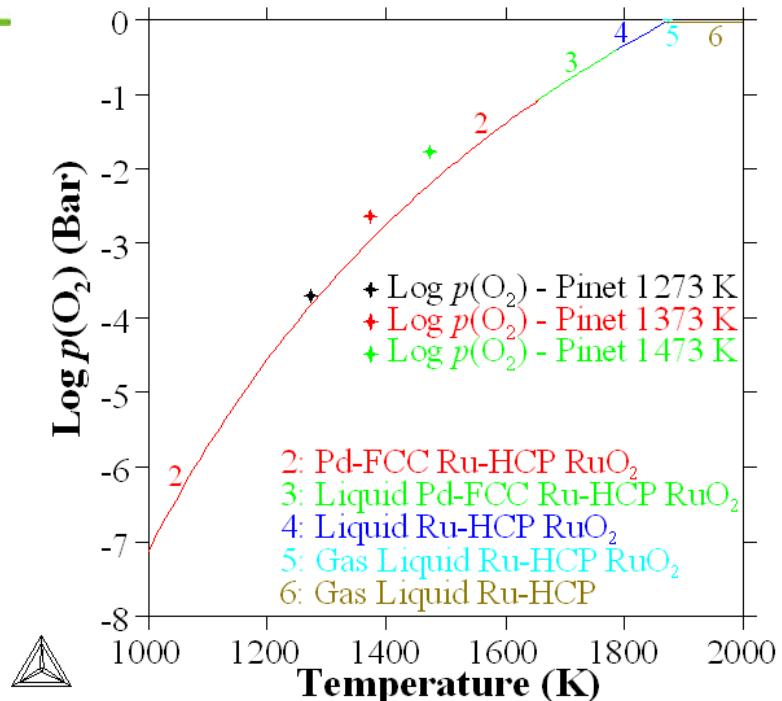
Pd, Rh, Ru and Te Activities and related equilibria in function of the inverse of temperature (activities referenced to the pure element standard states)

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Study of the Pd-Ru-Te-(O) Oxide system



Calculation of oxygen partial pressure and of solidification pathways for a Pd-Ru-Te-O mixture
Normalised conditions for the calculation are $x(\text{Pd})=2x(\text{Ru})$, $x(\text{Ru})=10x(\text{Te})$ and $x(\text{O})=0.09$



*Evolution of $\text{Log } p(\text{O}_2)=f(T)$ for the Pd-Ru-Te-O mixture
Comparison with measured oxygen partial pressure in a simplified nuclear waste glass by Pinet et al.*

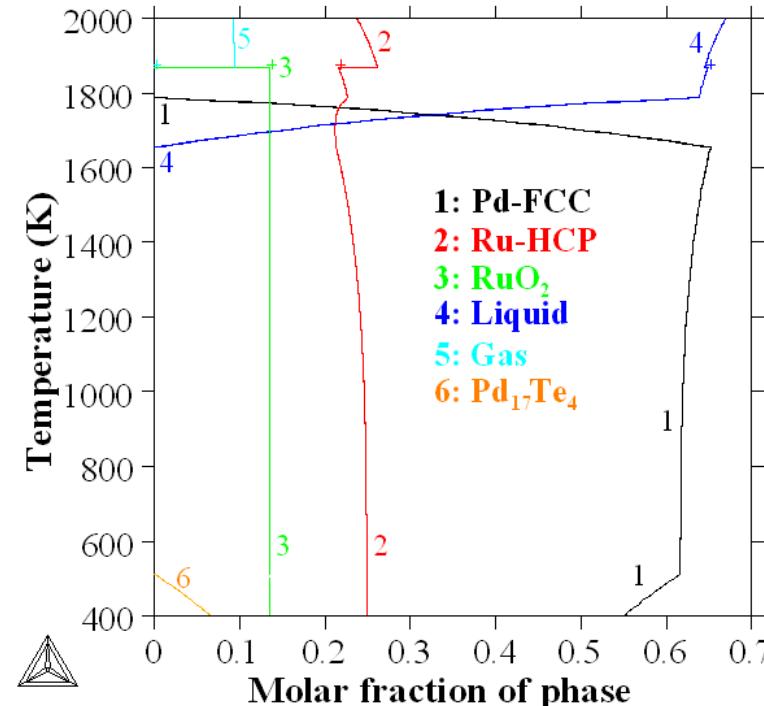
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Solidification pathway for the same composition

*Nearly constant ratio between RuO_2 and Ru-HCP
($\text{Ru-HCP}/\text{RuO}_2 \approx 1.8$)
Simultaneous existence of: (i) Ru-HCP and RuO_2
& (ii) $\text{Pd}_{17}\text{Te}_4$ and Pd-FCC phases*

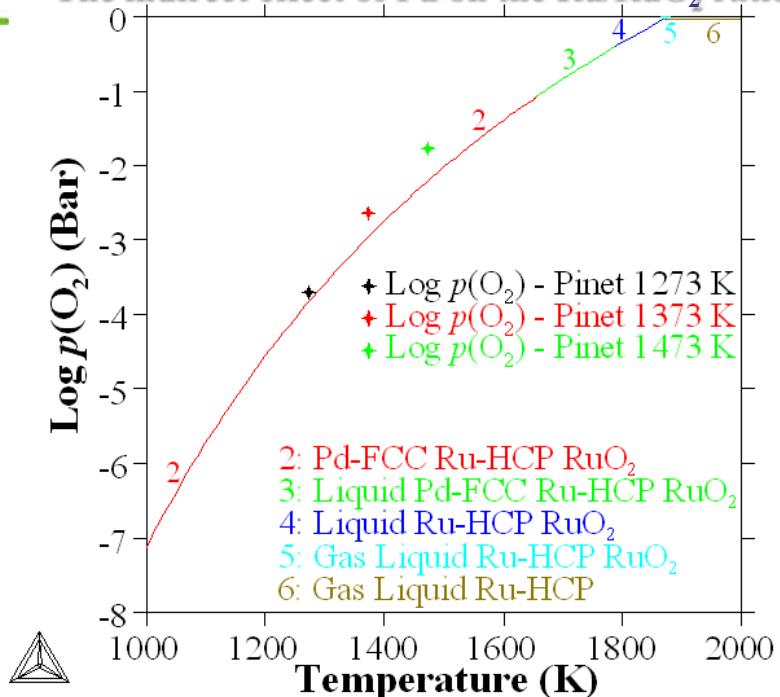
In both cases $\text{Log } p(\text{O}_2)=f(T)$ are nearly the same

Platinoids Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses

Study of the Ru-Te-(O) Oxide system

Calculation of oxygen partial pressure and of solidification pathways for a Ru-Te-O mixture (No Pd)
(Normalised conditions are $x(\text{Ru})=10x(\text{Te})$ and $x(\text{O})=0.09$)

The indirect effect of Pd on the Ru/RuO₂ ratio is highlighted by the Pd-FCC solid solution formation

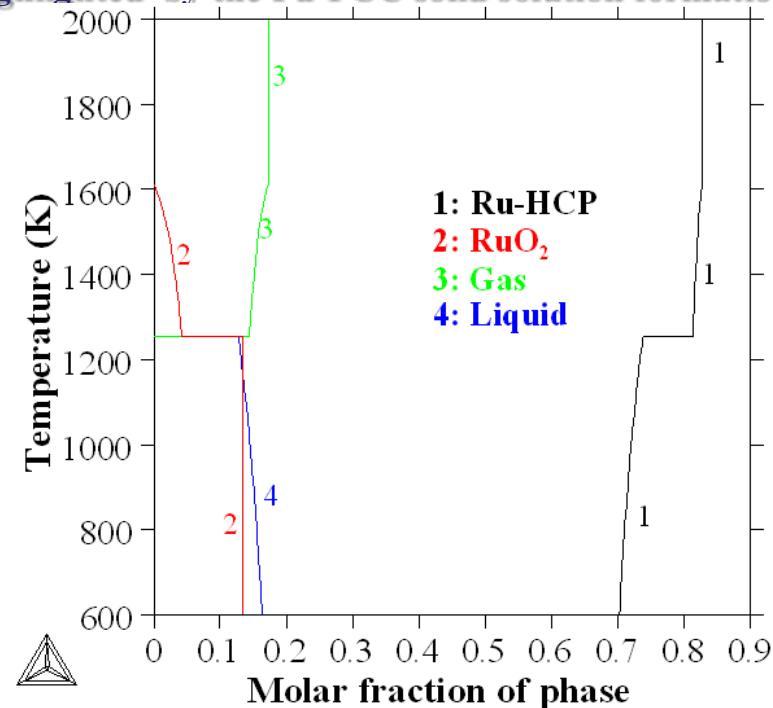


*Evolution of Log $p(\text{O}_2)=f(T)$ for the Ru-Te-O mixture
 Comparison with measured oxygen partial pressure in a simplified nuclear waste glass by Pinet et al.*

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In both cases Log $p(\text{O}_2)=f(T)$ are nearly the same



Solidification pathway for the same composition

*Ru-HCP over RuO₂ ratio is about Ru-HCP/RuO₂ ≈ 5 @ 1200 K
 No direct effect of palladium on the oxygen potential
 But, it can play an important role in the Ru-HCP/RuO₂ ratio*

Platinoids Thermodynamics in Nuclear Waste Glasses

Conclusion



The thermodynamics of platinoid elements is studied in the framework of the vitrification process of High-Level Nuclear Waste. Using the Calphad method, a thermodynamic Fission-Products database is being developed on both metallic (Pd-Rh-Ru-Te) and oxide (O-Pd-Rh-Ru-Te) systems.

Assessed systems:

All the binary systems: Pd-Rh (Gürler), Pd-Te, Rh-Te, Pd-Ru, Rh-Ru, Ru-Te

Ternary systems described by extrapolation of the binaries: Pd-Ru-Te & Rh-Ru-Te

Ternary systems described with **ternary interaction parameters**: Pd-Rh-Ru & Pd-Rh-Te

For the time being, oxide phases come from the Ssub database by Dinsdale (SGTE)

Application to Laboratory Nuclear Waste Glasses

Better understanding of the Pd-Rh-Ru-Te-(O) alloys or oxide phases in the glass

- Calculation of solidification pathways with the same platinoids amounts as in laboratory glasses
- Calculation of the chemical activities considering the oxygen potential of the glass through the oxide phases

Comparison with experimental results in both Pd-Ru-Te-O and Ru-Te-O simplified compositions:

The calculations show the high affinity of Te for Pd

Te preferentially dissolves in the Pd-FCC solid solution or forms (Pd,Rh)Te intermetallic phases

The calculated pathways are consistent with the precipitated phases observed in nuclear waste containment glasses

Shortly, this database will be refined to predict thermodynamics of more complex systems:

1. New FP or glass frit elements (Mo, Ni)
2. Ternary oxides (Na-Ru-O, Ca-Mo-O)

Possible merger with the FUELBASE

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