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# **Non-ideal solutions & Thermodynamic solution models**

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# Overview

- Ideal solution and regular solution
- Metals and alloys
  - Compound Energy Formalism
- Ionic solutions
  - Sublattice models
- Slags/liquid oxides
  - Associate model
  - Quasichemical model
- Quadruplet model

# Solution phase

- Solutions are thermodynamic phases with varying compositions:
- Gas
- Supercritical fluids
- Liquid phase
  - Aqueous solutions
  - Organic liquids
  - Molten slags, molten salts, etc.
- Solid solutions
  - Alloys, minerals

For a binary system A-B we have for **each solution phase** at constant temperature

$$G_T = x_A^0 G_A + x_B^0 G_B + \underbrace{RT(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B)}_{G_{mix}^{id}} + \underbrace{G^E}_{\text{Excess Gibbs energy}}$$

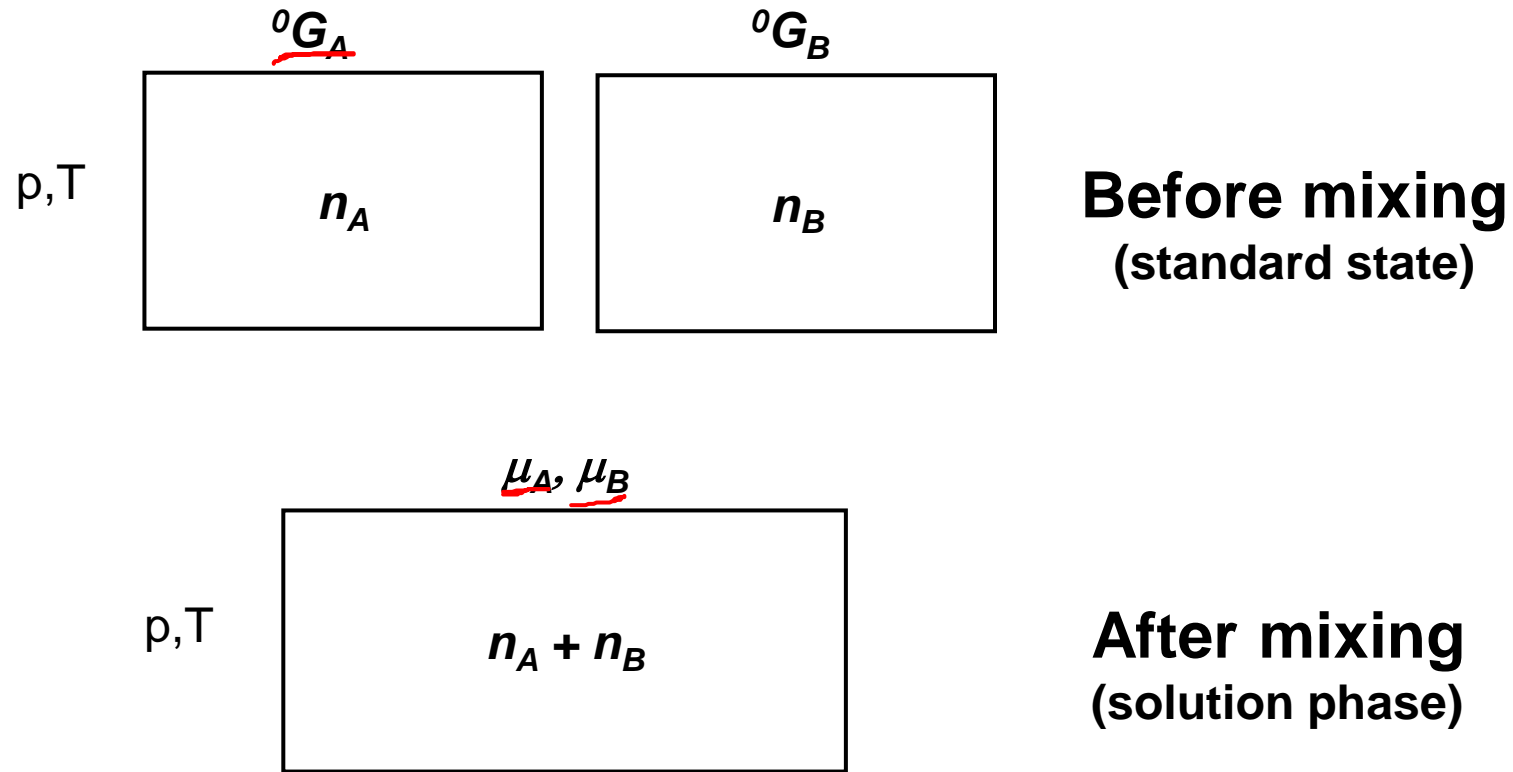
$$G_{mix} = G_{mix}^{id} + G^E \quad \text{Gibbs energy of mixing}$$

$^0G_A$  and  $^0G_B$  are the Gibbs energies for **pure, unmixed A and B**

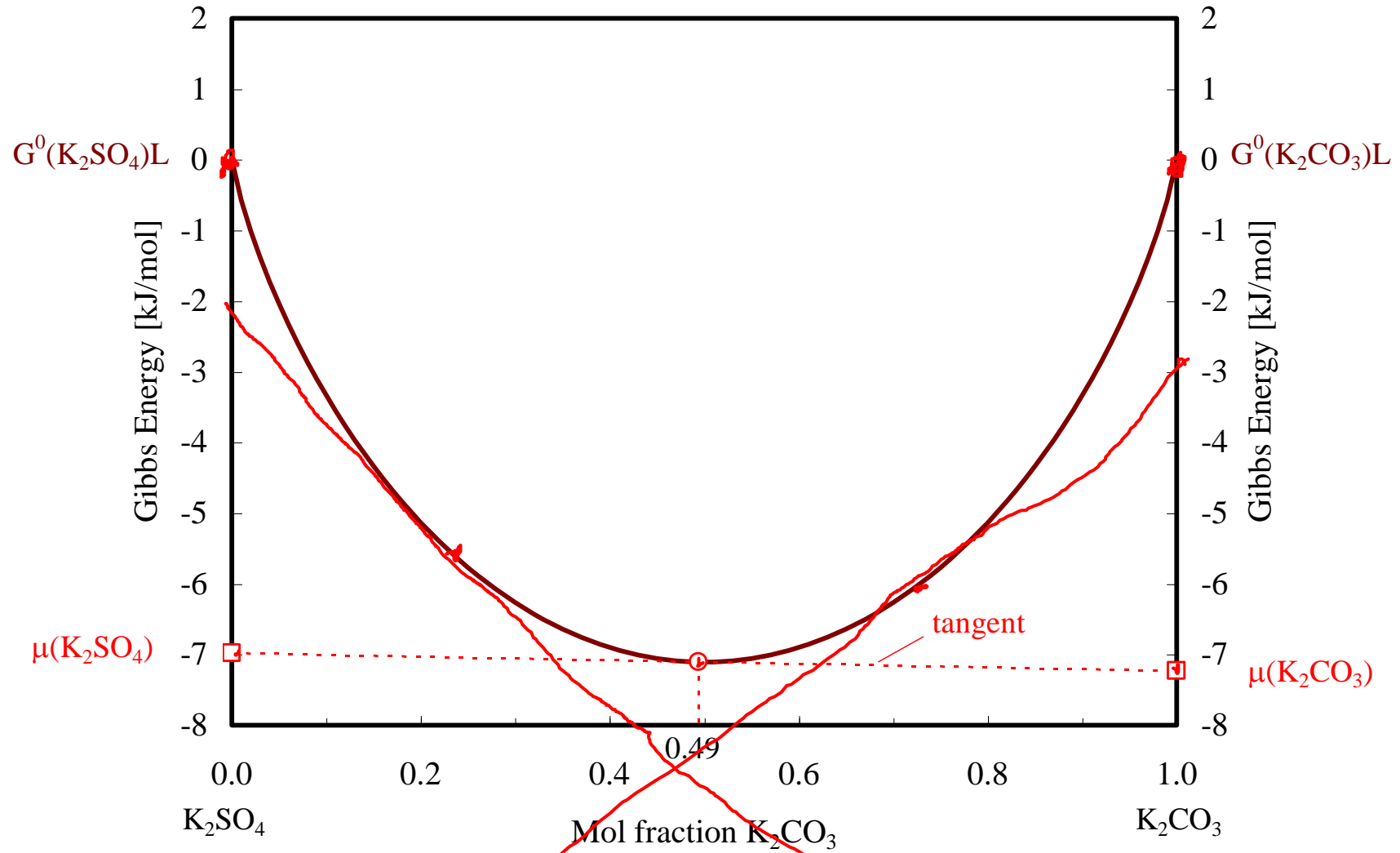
At equilibrium the sum of  $G$  for all phases present is at **minimum** and the *chemical potential* (partial Gibbs energy) for A and B is **equal** in all phases present at equilibrium

$$\mu_A = G'_A = x_A^0 G_A + RTx_A \ln x_A + G^E_A$$

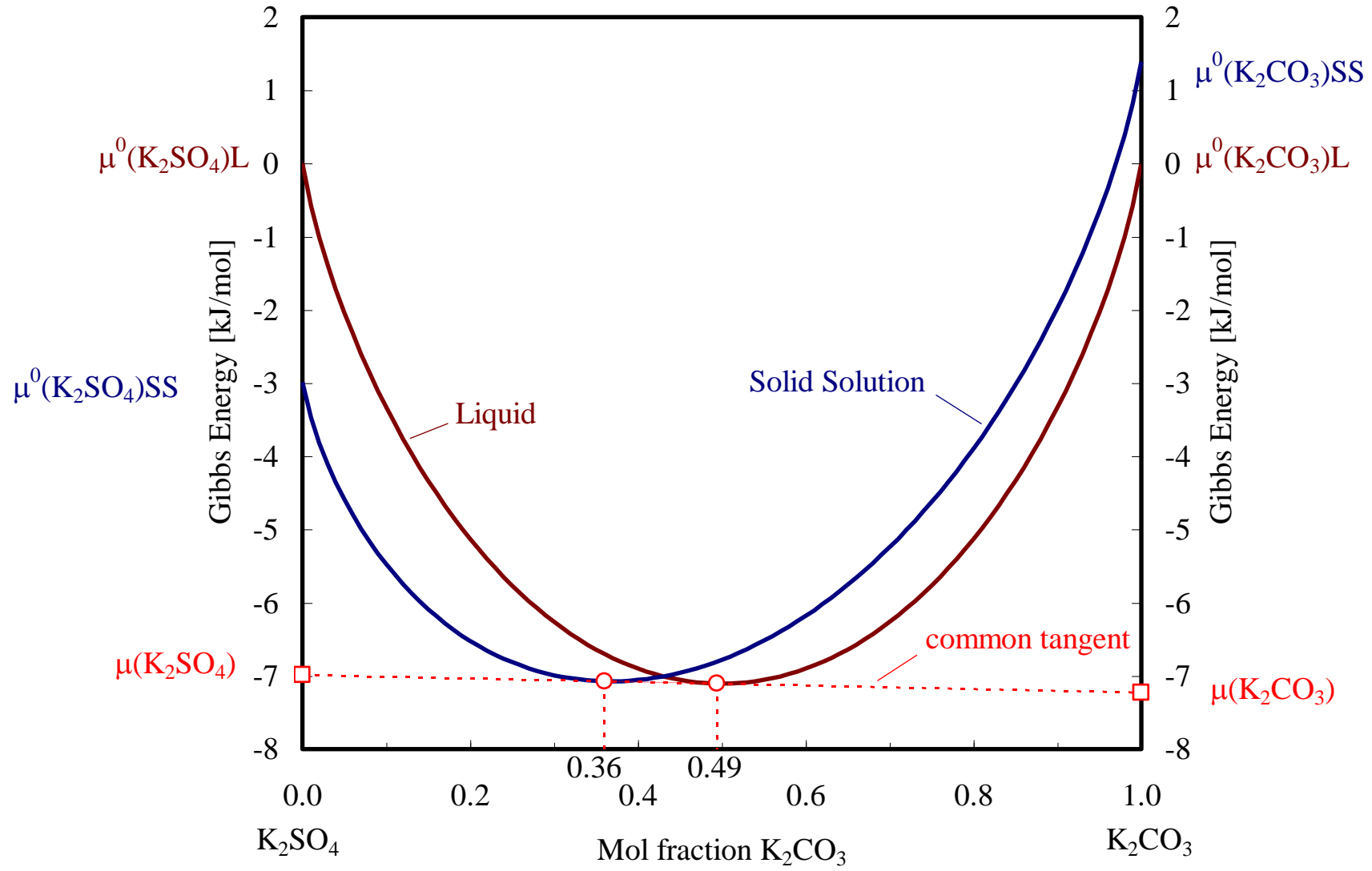
# Illustration of mixing properties



$\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4\text{-K}_2\text{CO}_3$ : Partial Gibbs Energy for liquid at 960°C  
Reference State:  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{l})$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{l})$



$K_2SO_4$ - $K_2CO_3$ : Total Gibbs Energy at 960°C  
Reference State:  $K_2SO_4(l)$  and  $K_2CO_3(l)$





$G^E$  is dependent on the physical properties of the solution  
i.e. **interaction** between different atoms or molecular groups

The numerical value of  $G^E$  is dependent of the **solution model**  
used for the description of the phase

Thus,  $G^E$  is the quantity to be **modeled** as a function of  
phase composition and temperature

# Solution phase

- Gases

- Ideal gas: follows the ideal gas law

- $PV=nRT$

- $P_{\text{tot}} = \sum P_i, P_i = x_i \cdot P_{\text{tot}}$

- $a_i = P_i / P_i^\circ$

- Real gas

- Requires other equations of state for real gases

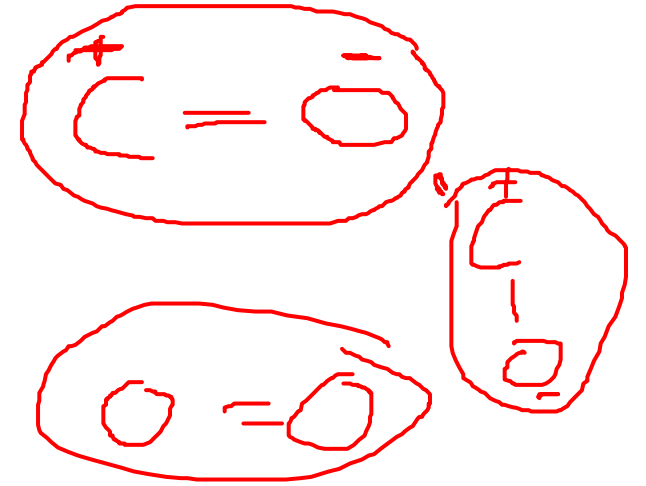
- Largest deviations are observed for low T and high P

- $a_i = f_i / P_i^\circ$  (f = fugacity)

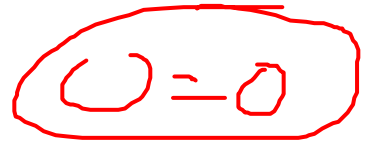
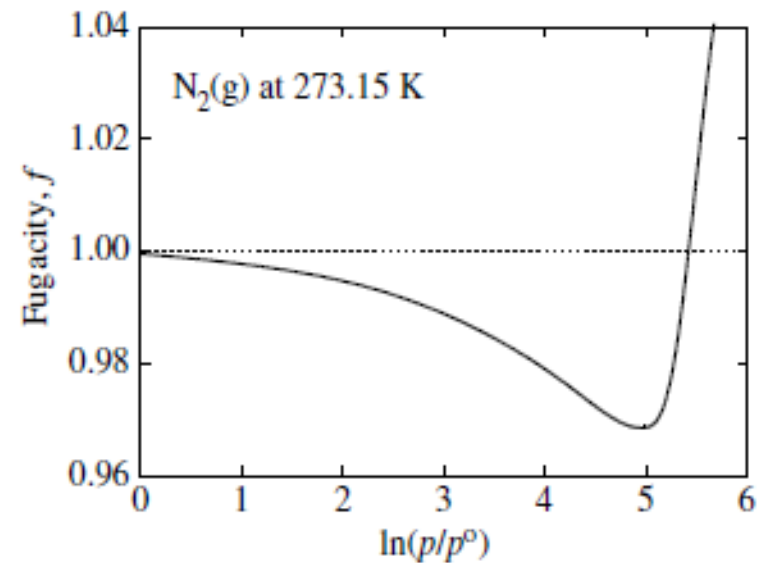
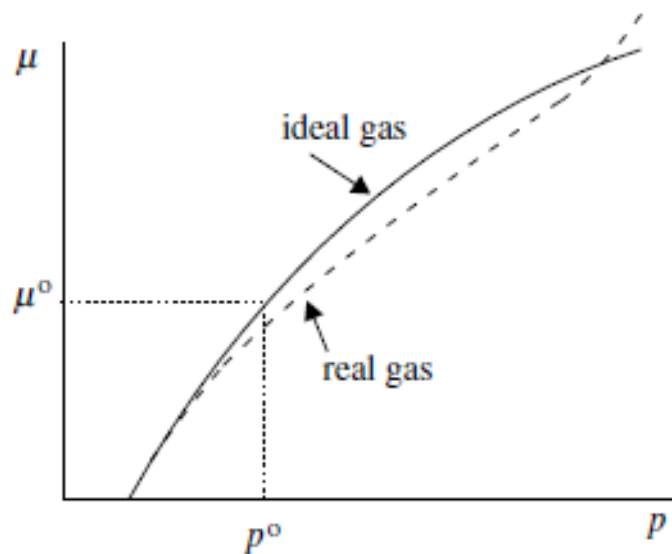
# Solution phase

- Real gas

$$\left[ p + a \left( \frac{n}{V} \right)^2 \right] (V - nb) = nRT$$



Example: van der Waal's equation



Deviations from ideality

# Ideal solution

- A solution where the thermodynamic activity is proportional to its mole fraction
- Follows Raoult's law
- For  $A(l) + B(l) \rightarrow A + B$  (liquid solution)

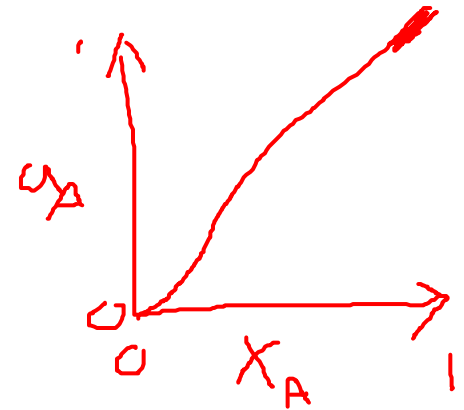
$$\Delta V = 0$$

$$\Delta H_{\text{mixing}} = 0$$

$$S_{\text{mixing}} = -R(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B) \text{ (ideal entropy of mixing)}$$

$$G_{\text{mixing}}^{\text{ideal}} = \underbrace{\Delta H_{\text{mixing}}}_{=0} - T S_{\text{mixing}} = RT(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B)$$

$$G_m = \sum_i x_i G_i^o + RT \sum_i x_i \ln x_i$$



$$a = x$$

$$a = \gamma \cdot x$$

# Regular solution

- Simplest non-ideal solution model
- For  $A(l) + B(l) \rightarrow A + B$  (liquid solution)

$$\Delta H_{\text{mixing}} = \Omega x_A x_B$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{mixing}} = -R(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B) \text{ (ideal entropy of mixing)}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{mixing}} = \Delta H_{\text{mixing}} - T\Delta S_{\text{mixing}} =$$

$$\Omega x_A x_B + RT(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B)$$

Regular solution

$$G_m = \sum_i x_i G_i^o + RT \sum_i x_i \ln x_i + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} x_i x_j \Omega_{ij}$$

Ideal mixing

Excess mixing

# Regular solution

- often expanded into simple power series  
sub-regular, sub-sub-regular....

$$G^E = \underline{x_1 x_2} (\omega_0 + \omega_1 x_2 + \omega_2 x_2^2 + \dots)$$

$$\omega_0 = a + bT \dots$$

- coefficients can be made temperature dependent
- correlation between coefficients
- terms have maximum value at  $x_2 = 1$ , zero at  $x_2 = 0$
- The model works well for many non-polar molecular solutions and simple binary ionic solutions
- For statistical explanation of regular solution model, see Gaskell Chap. 9.10

# Regular solution

- Redlich-Kister expansion

$$G^E = x_1 x_2 (L_0 + L_1(x_2 - x_1) + L_2(x_2 - x_1)^2 + \dots)$$

- coefficients can be made temperature dependent
- decreased correlation between coefficients:  
 $(x_2 - x_1) = 0$  at  $x_1 = x_2 = 0.5$
- terms do not have maximum value at the same composition

$$G_m = \sum_i x_i G_i^o + RT \sum_i x_i \ln x_i + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} x_i x_j \sum_n \Omega_{ij}^n (x_i - x_j)^n$$

# Regular solution

Negative deviation =  
Liq. more stable

Ideal liquid  
 $\Omega^{\text{liq}} / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

Positive deviation =  
Liq. less stable

Positive deviation =  
ss less stable

Ideal solid solution

Negative deviation =  
ss more stable

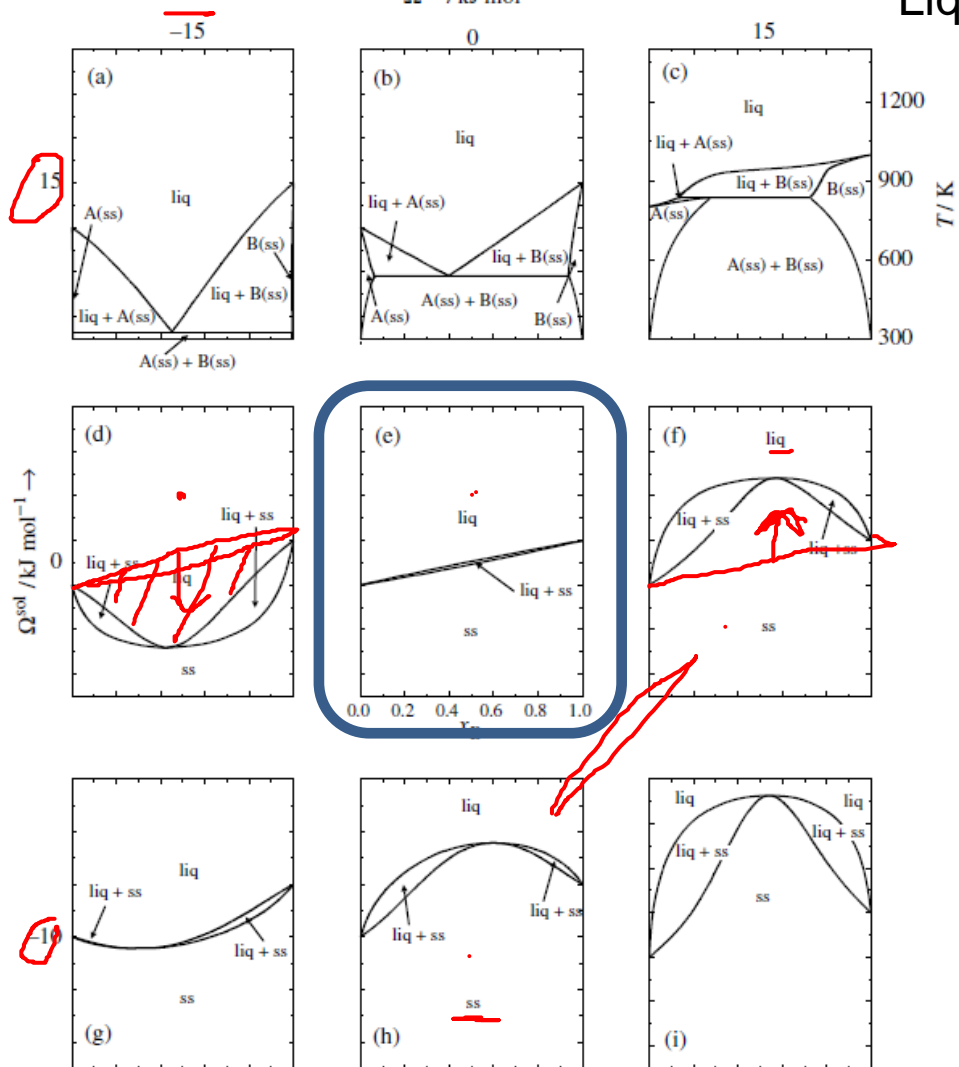


Figure 4.10 (a)–(i) Phase diagrams of the hypothetical binary system A–B consisting of regular solid and liquid solution phases for selected combinations of  $\Omega^{\text{liq}}$  and  $\Omega^{\text{sol}}$ . The entropy of fusion of compounds A and B is  $10 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  while the melting temperatures are 800 and 1000 K.



$$G_i = \overset{\circ}{G}_i + RT \ln a_i$$

## Excess functions

$\mu_i$

- Gibbs energy of a dissolved substance  $i$  is divided into two parts in the following way:

$$G_i = \overset{\circ}{G}_i + RT \ln x_i + RT \ln \gamma_i,$$

$$\ln(\gamma \cdot x) = \ln \gamma + \ln x$$

where  $a_i \equiv \gamma_i x_i$  and the variable  $\gamma_i$  is the *activity coefficient* of  $i$  in the solution.

- G-function for the total system can thus be written as:

$$G = \sum x_i G_i = \sum x_i \overset{\circ}{G}_i + RT \sum (x_i \ln x_i) + RT \sum (x_i \ln \gamma_i)$$

- Its third term is called Gibbs energy *excess function*  $^{Ex}G$  (of the solution), and each of its term is called excess Gibbs energy  $^{Ex}G_i$  of substance  $i$ . We can also summarise:

$$^{Ex}G = RT \sum x_i \ln \gamma_i = \underline{\underline{\Omega x_A x_B}}$$



# Industrial melts

Industrial process	Melt composition	Role of melt	Temperature
Biomass/waste combustion /gasification	Alkali salt mixtures and complex silicates	Facilitates increased corrosion, deposition and agglomeration in boilers and furnaces	<400 °C to >1000 °C
Black liquor combustion	Sodium salt mixtures (smelt)	Forms smelt bed for sulfur reduction, can cause deposition and corrosion	500-1200 °C
Batteries and fuel cells	Molten carbonates	Electrolyte	>650 °C
Flash smelting	Matte (liquid metal sulfide) and oxide slag	Liquid phase captures impurities from copper/nickel ore	>1000 °C
Aluminum electrolysis	Cryolite (NaF-AlF <sub>3</sub> ) liquid and liquid aluminum	Cryolite dissolves Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and acts as electrolyte, liquid aluminum is a product	~1000 °C
Iron- and steelmaking (Blast furnaces & BOF)	Liquid metal and silicate/oxide slags	Liquid metal is a product, slag captures impurities from liquid iron and steel	~1000 °C-2000 °C
Cement manufacturing	Ca-rich silicate liquid	Acts as solvent and reaction medium in the cement kiln	>1000 °C
Glass manufacturing	Oxide/silicate mixtures	Glass forms from a cooling liquid phase	500-1500 °C
Ionic liquids	Complex organic salts	Reaction medium, solvent, etc.	<100°C

# Different type of phases

- Metals and alloys
  - Ex. Fe-Cu
- Simple ionic phases
  - Ex. KCl-NaCl,  $K^+, Na^+//Cl^-, SO_4^{2-}$
- Polymeric oxide phases
  - Ex.  $SiO_2-P_2O_5-B_2O_3$ (+metal oxides)
  - May also show ionic character and strong short-range ordering in the liquid phase
- Sulfides
  - May show ionic, metallic or covalent characteristics depending on the metal sulfide

# Metals and alloys

- The so-called Calphad community (**C**alculations of **P**hase **D**iagrams) studies mainly phase equilibria and thermodynamic properties of metals and alloys with focus on material properties



Thermodynamic models for the liquid phase are often simple compared to solid phases

# Simplified binary atomic structures

## Substitutional

AABABBBAB  
BABBBABAA  
BBAABABA  
ABABBBABB  
ABABBBAAA

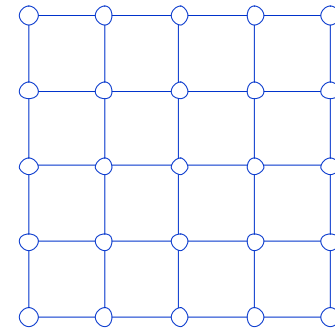
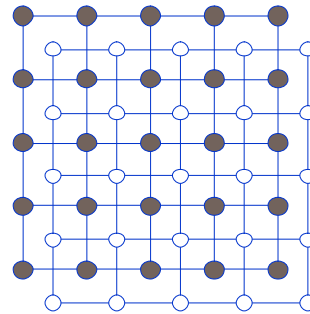
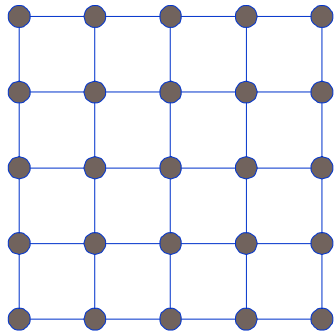
## With vacancies

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BA BABAA  
BBAAB BA  
ABAB ABB  
ABABBBAAA

## Interstitial

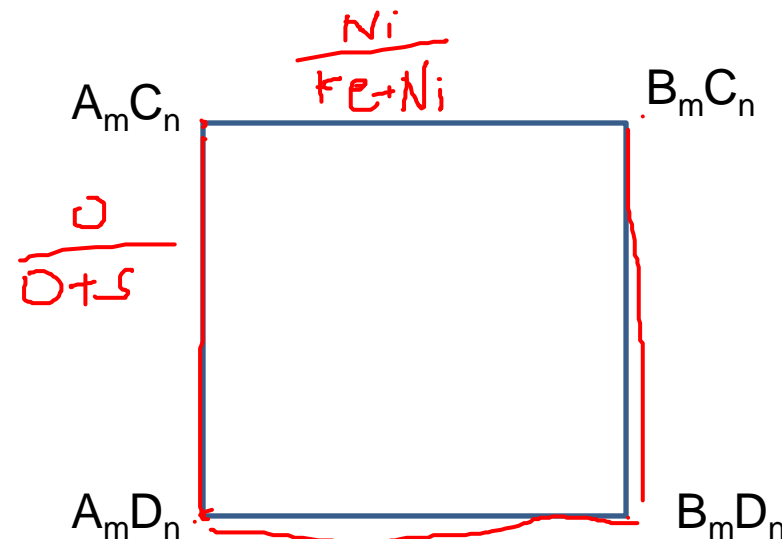
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## Sublattice structures



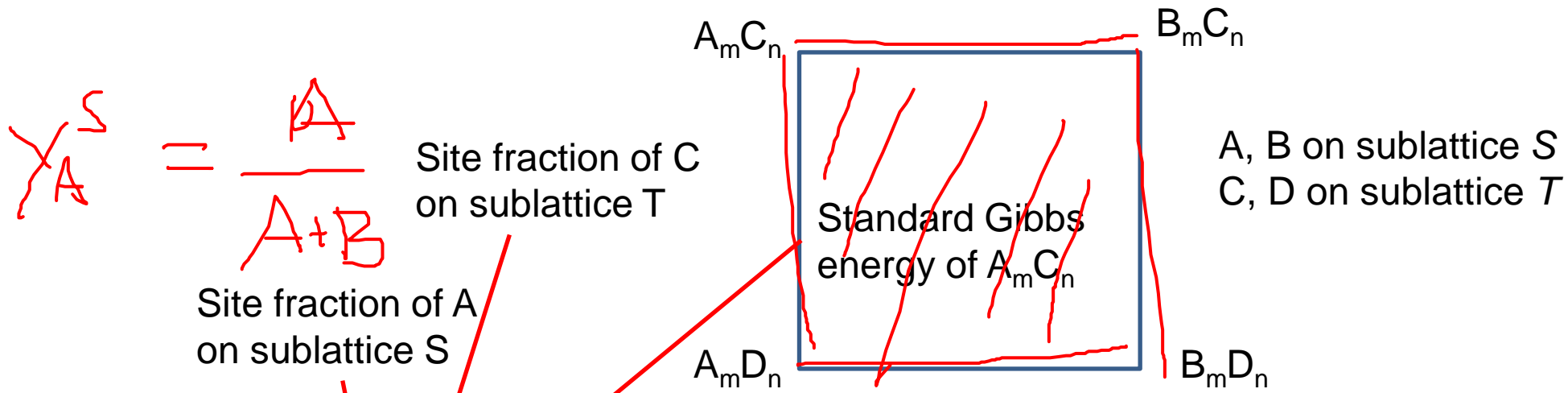
# Metals and alloys

- **Compound Energy Formalism (CEF)** is a mathematical description for the thermodynamic properties of phases with several sublattices
- Often used for complicated metallic phases, but also solid solutions of oxides, sulfides, ionic salts
- Assume a reciprocal phase  $(A,B)_m(C,D)_n$



$(Fe, Ni)_1 (O, S)_1$   
 $A = Fe$        $C = O$   
 $B = Ni$        $D = S$   
 A, B on sublattice S  
C, D on sublattice T

# Compound Energy Formalism



$$G_m = y_A^S y_C^T G_{A:C}^\circ + y_A^S y_D^T G_{A:D}^\circ + y_B^S y_C^T G_{B:C}^\circ + y_B^S y_D^T G_{B:D}^\circ$$

$$+ (mRT(y_A^S \ln y_A^S + y_B^S \ln y_B^S)) + (nRT(y_C^T \ln y_C^T + y_D^T \ln y_D^T)) + G^E$$

Ideal mixing on S sublattice

Ideal mixing on T sublattice

Excess term

$$G^E = y_A^S y_B^S y_C^T L_{A,B:C} + y_A^S y_B^S y_D^T L_{A,B:D} + y_A^S y_C^T y_D^T L_{A,C,D} + y_B^S y_C^T y_D^T L_{B,C,D} + y_A^S y_B^S y_C^T y_D^T L_{A,B:C,D}$$

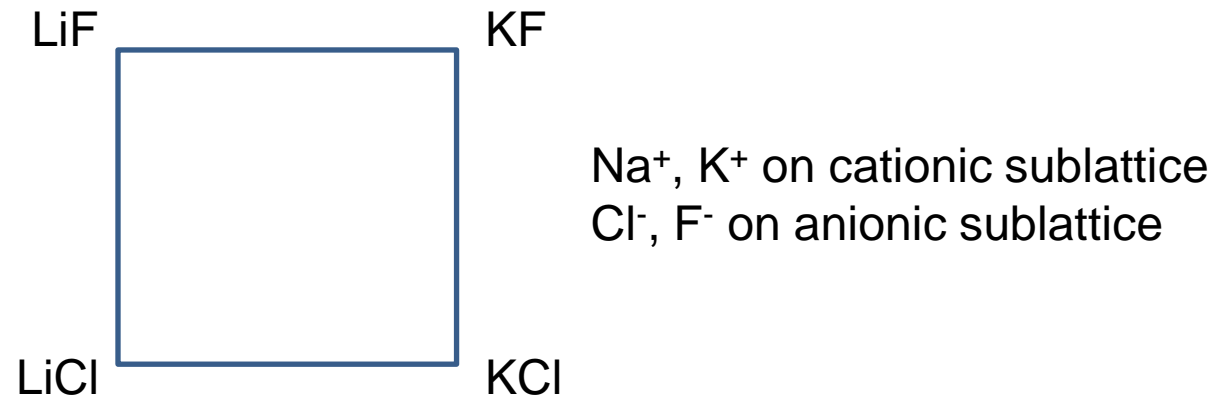
Binary interactions

Reciprocal term



# Ionic solutions

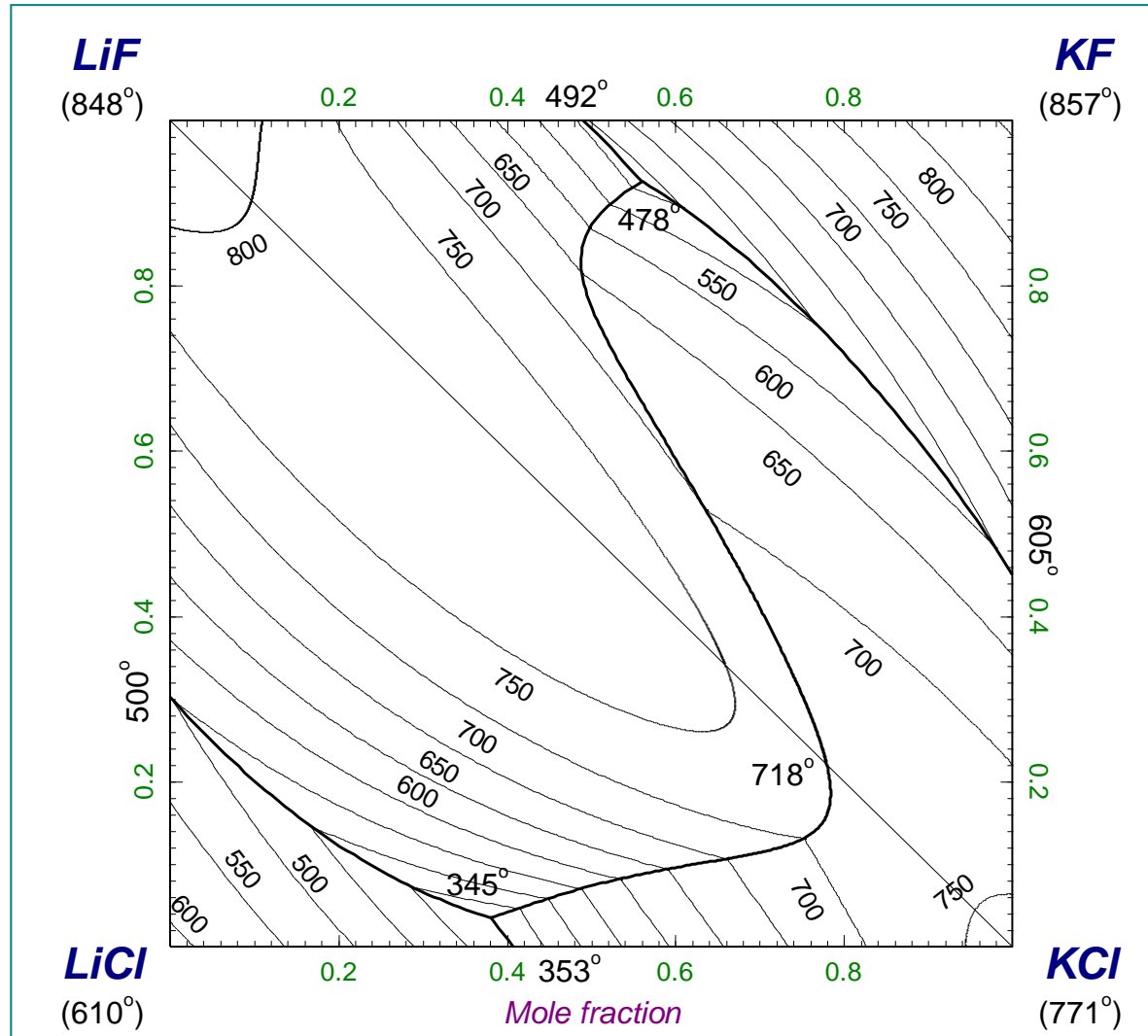
- Models for ionic phases consider the physical nature by assuming cations mix on a cationic sublattice and anions on an anionic sublattice
- Sublattice assumption for liquid phase is appropriate due to cation-anion interactions



$$G_m = x_A^{cation} x_X^{anion} G_{AX}^\circ + x_A^{cation} x_Y^{anion} G_{AY}^\circ + x_B^{cation} x_X^{anion} G_{BX}^\circ + x_B^{cation} x_Y^{anion} G_{BY}^\circ + RT(x_A^{cation} \ln(x_A^{cation}) + x_B^{cation} \ln(x_B^{cation})) + RT(x_X^{anion} \ln(x_X^{anion}) + x_Y^{anion} \ln(x_Y^{anion})) + G^E.$$

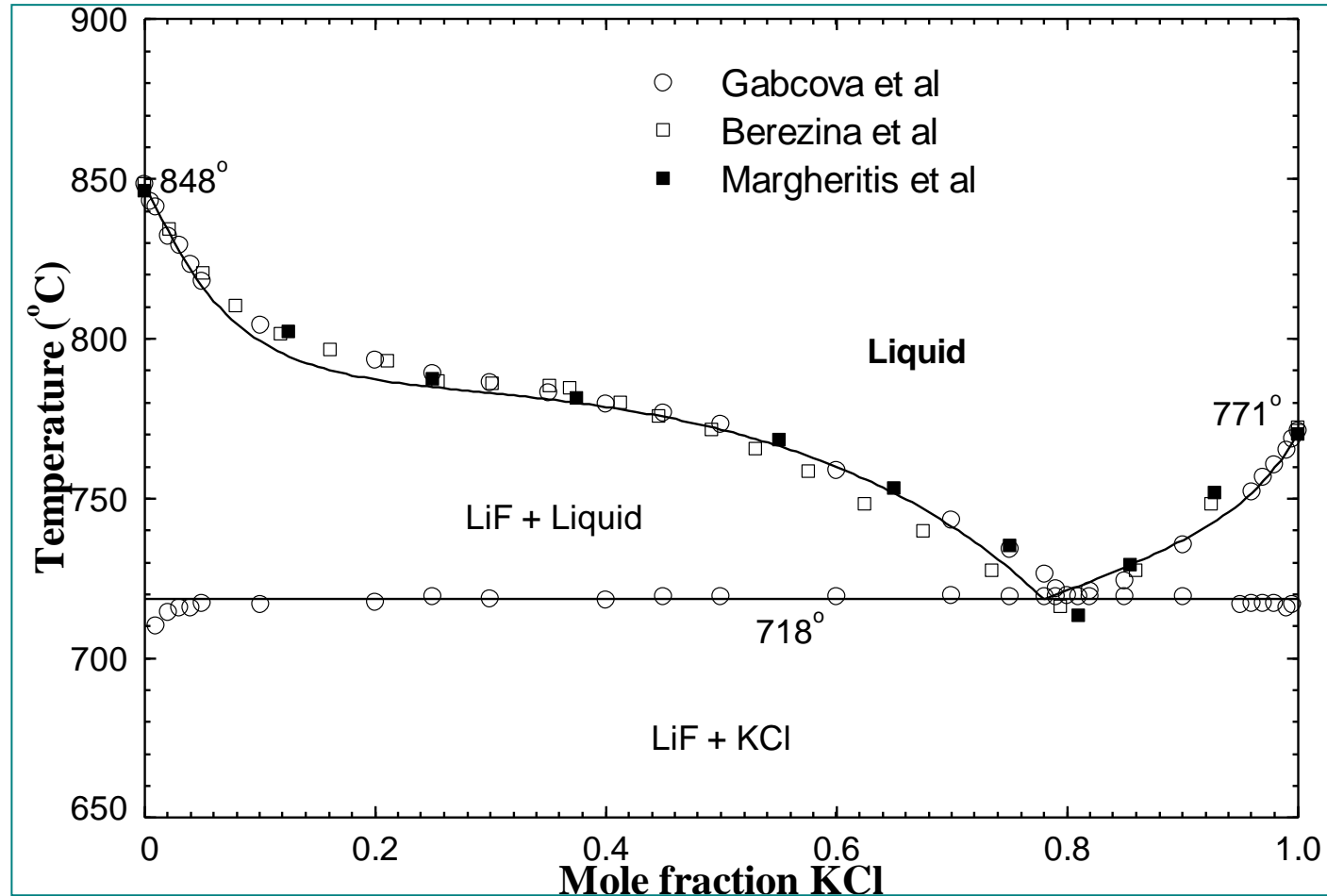
# Reciprocal molten salt system Li,K/F,Cl

- Liquidus projection



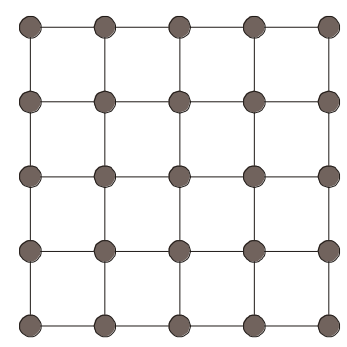
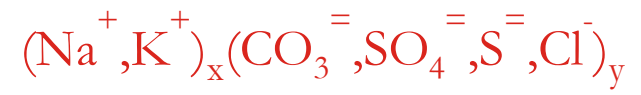
Arthur Pelton

# Section of the preceding phase diagram along the LiF-KCl diagonal

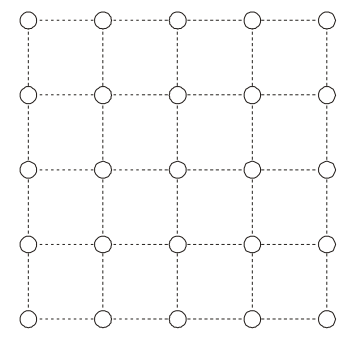
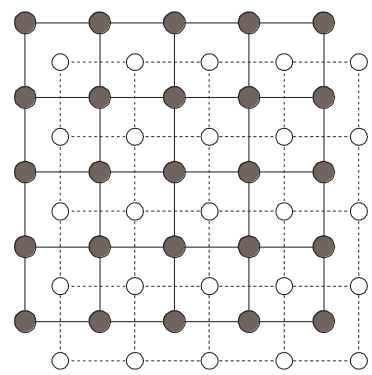


- A tendency to de-mixing (immiscibility) is evident.
- This is typical of reciprocal salt systems, many of which exhibit an actual miscibility gap oriented along one diagonal.

# Ionic sublattice model



Cationic sublattice  
 $\text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+$



Anionic sublattice  
 $\text{CO}_3^-, \text{SO}_4^-, \text{S}^-, \text{Cl}^-$

Equivalents on cationic sublattice = Equivalents on anionic sublattice

Equivalent cationic fraction =

$$Y_{\text{Na}} = \frac{q_{\text{Na}} n_{\text{Na}}}{(q_{\text{Na}} n_{\text{Na}} + q_{\text{K}} n_{\text{K}})}$$

Equivalent anionic fraction =

$$Y_{\text{CO}_3} = \frac{q_{\text{CO}_3} n_{\text{CO}_3}}{(q_{\text{CO}_3} n_{\text{CO}_3} + q_{\text{SO}_4} n_{\text{SO}_4} + q_{\text{S}} n_{\text{S}} + q_{\text{Cl}} n_{\text{Cl}})}$$

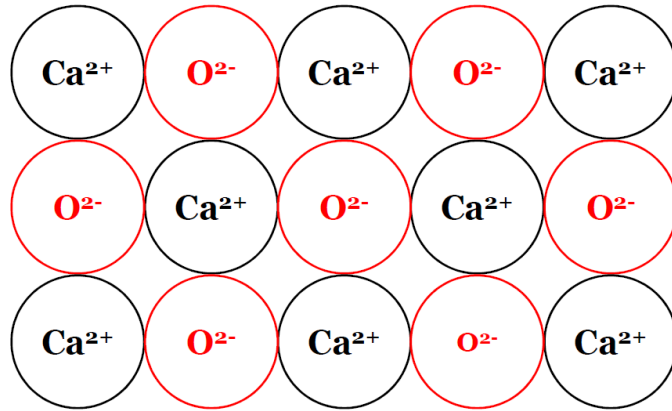
$q_i$  = absolute ionic charge of  $i$ ,  $n_i$  = number of moles of  $i$  in solution

PELTON, A.D. A database and sublattice model for molten salts. CALPHAD:

Comput. Coupling Phase Diagrams Thermochem. 1988, 12(2), 127-142.

# Slags/liquid oxides

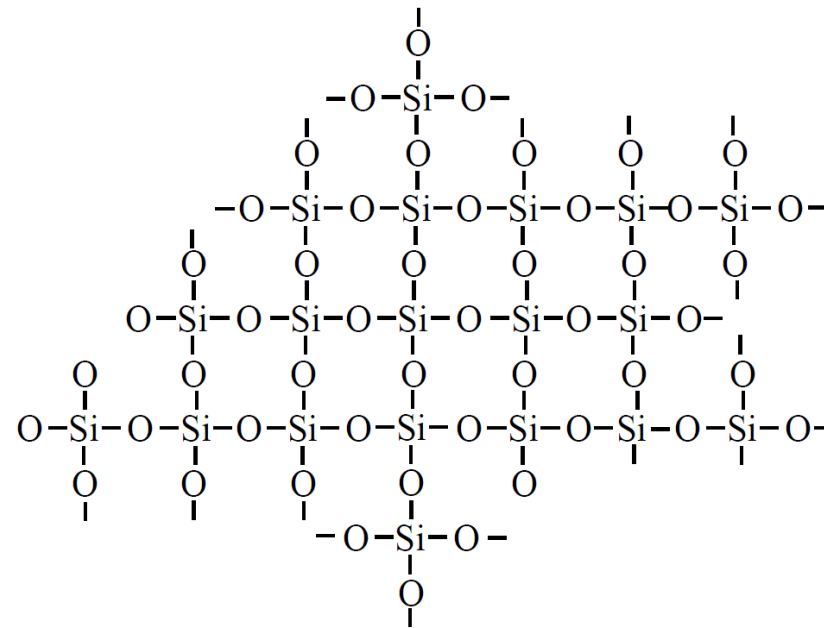
## Ionic (“Basic”) Oxides



CaO, MgO, FeO, MnO, ...

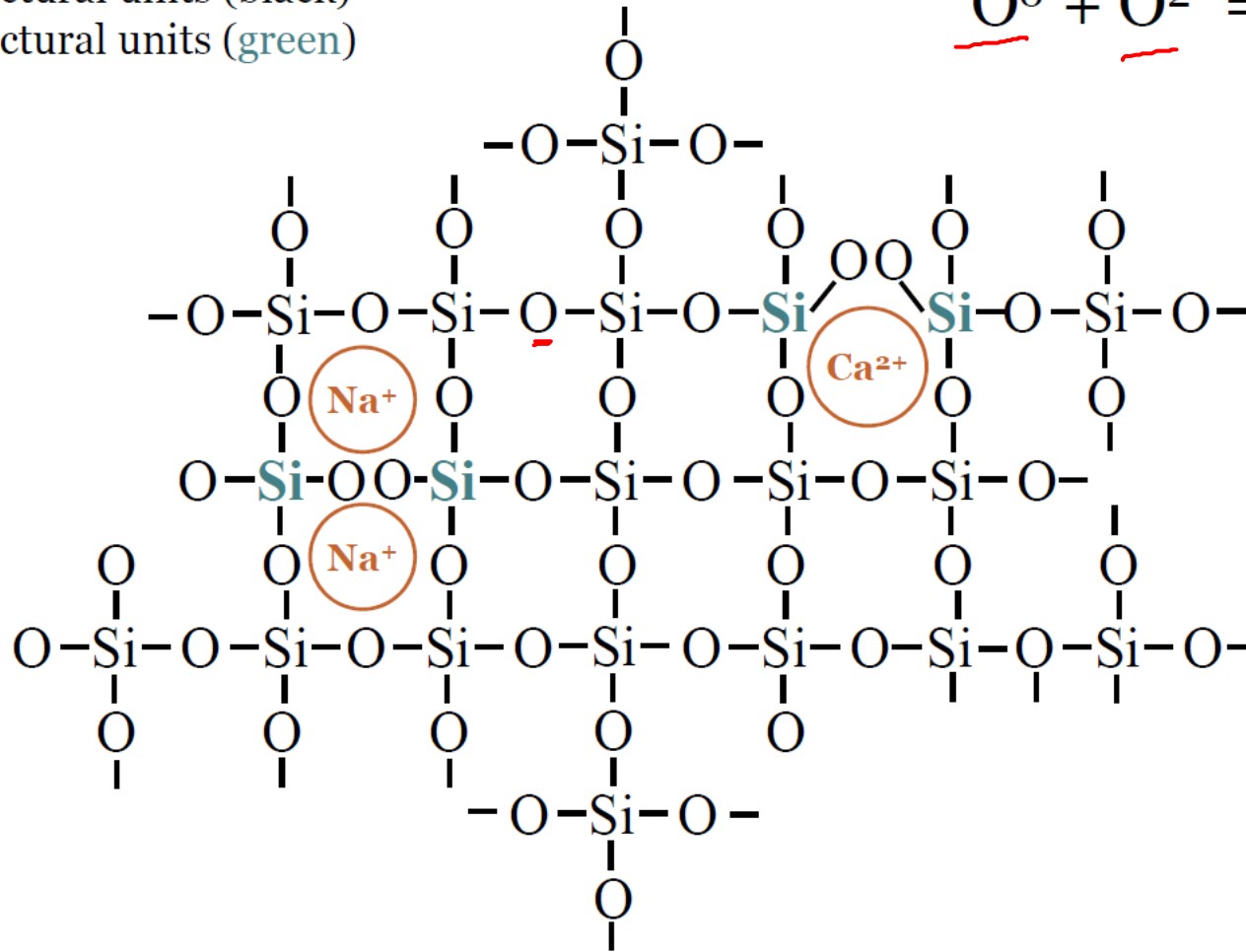
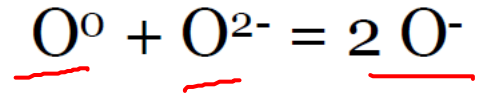
Na<sub>2</sub>O, K<sub>2</sub>O, ...

## Structure of SiO<sub>2</sub>

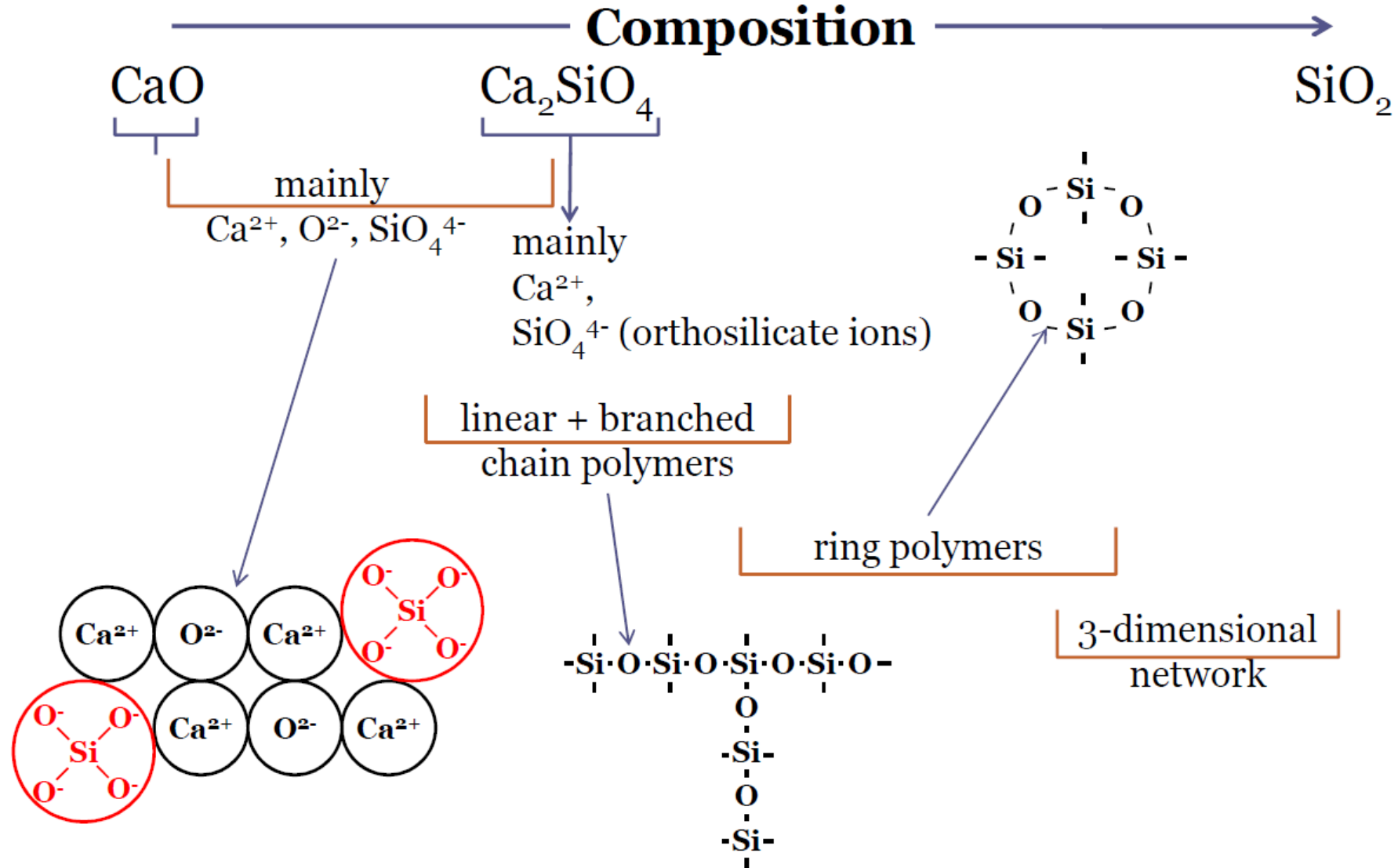


# Network Modification by Basic Oxides

Q<sup>4</sup> structural units (black)  
Q<sup>3</sup> structural units (green)



# Structure of CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> Liquid Solutions



# Structural features of the CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> system

Structural features of the system CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> [25].

SiO <sub>2</sub> , mol%	Structural features of the system CaO-SiO <sub>2</sub>	
$X_{\text{SiO}_2} \geq 88$	3-dimensional network in the form of $[\text{Si}_n\text{O}_{3n}]^{2n-}$	
$88 > X_{\text{SiO}_2} \geq 67$	Anion complexes in the form of $[\text{Si}_{n+r}\text{O}_{n(2r+1)}]^{2n-}$	
$67 > X_{\text{SiO}_2} \geq 50$	Ring structure in the form of $[\text{Si}_n\text{O}_{3n}]^{2n-}$	
$50 > X_{\text{SiO}_2} \geq 33$	Chain structure in the form of $[\text{Si}_n\text{O}_{3n+1}]^{2(n+1)-}$	
$33 > X_{\text{SiO}_2} \geq 25$	Chain structure and monomer $[\text{SiO}_4]^{4-}$ and $\text{O}^{2-}$	
$25 > X_{\text{SiO}_2}$	Monomer $[\text{SiO}_4]^{4-}$ and $\text{O}^{2-}$	

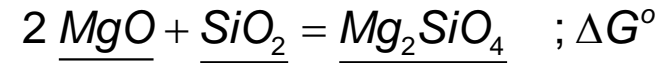


# Slags/liquid oxides

- Several types of models are used for liquid oxides
  - Quasichemical model (Factsage, CRCT Montreal)
  - Associate model (MTdata, Mtox, NPL)
  - Reciprocal Ionic models (Thermo-calc)
  - Cell model
- Quasichemical model, associate model, and cell model consider short-range ordering

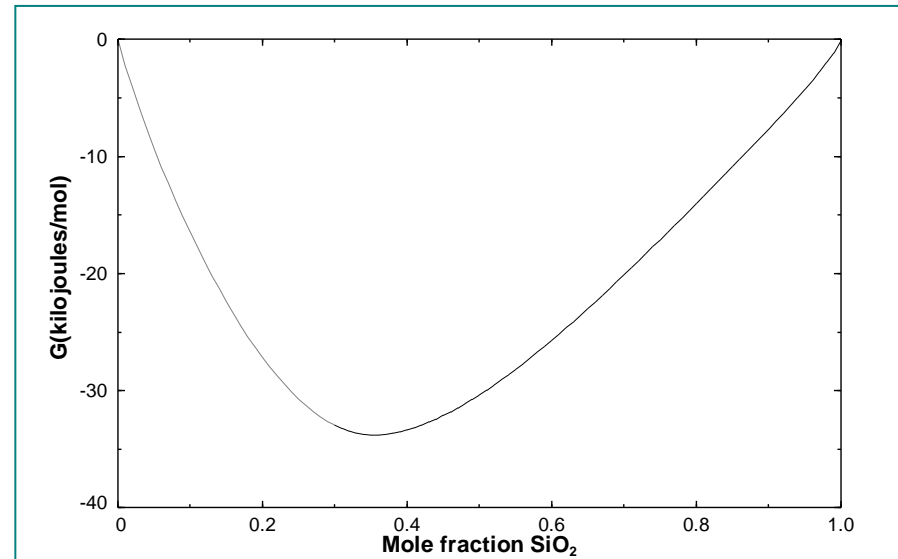
# Associate Models

- Model the MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub> binary liquid assuming MgO, SiO<sub>2</sub> and ~~Mg<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>~~ «molecules»

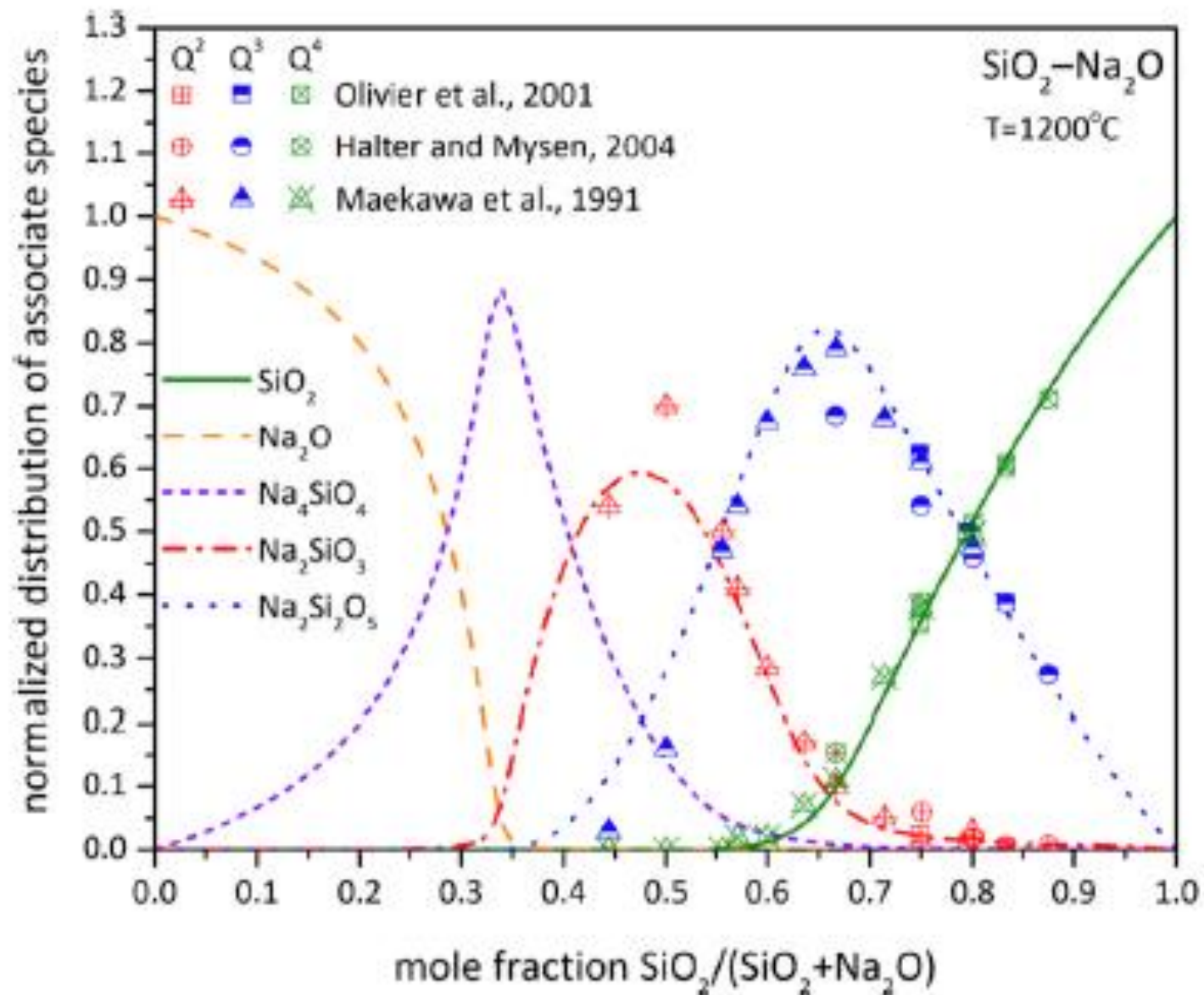


$$K = \frac{X_{\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4}}{X_{\text{MgO}}^2 X_{\text{SiO}_2}} = \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G^\circ}{RT}\right)$$

- With the model parameter  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$ , one can reproduce the Gibbs energy of the binary liquid reasonably well:



Gibbs energy of liquid MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub> solutions

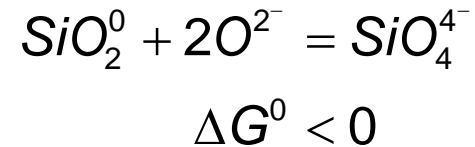


**Fig. 2.** Q-species distribution as calculated from the non-ideal associate model together with experimental information [41–43] in the system  $SiO_2-Na_2O$  [32].

# Reciprocal Ionic Liquid Model

(M. Hillert, B. Jansson, B. Sundman, J. Ågren)

- Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> randomly distributed on cationic sublattice
- O<sup>2-</sup>, (SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> and neutral SiO<sub>2</sub> species randomly distributed on anionic sublattice
- An equilibrium is established:



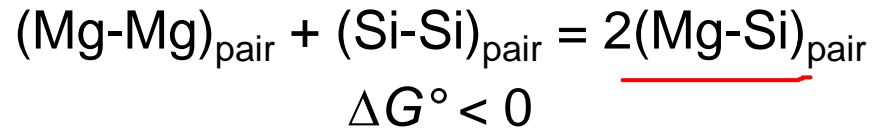
(Very similar to:  $\text{O}^0 + \text{O}^{2-} = 2 \text{O}^-$ )

- In basic melts mainly Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, O<sup>2-</sup>, (SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> **randomly** distributed on two sublattices.

Short-range-ordering is neglected.

# Modified Quasichemical Model

, «Quasichemical» reaction among second-nearest-neighbour pairs:



(Very similar to:  $\text{O}^0 + \text{O}^{2-} = 2 \text{O}^-$ )

 **In basic melts:**

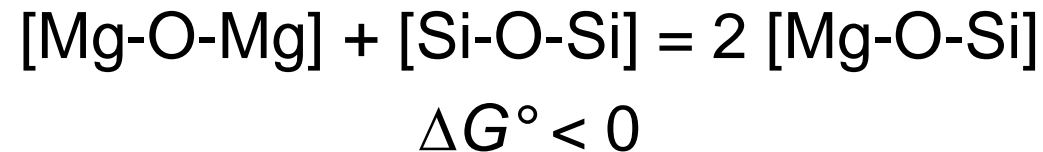
- Mainly (Mg-Mg) and (Mg-Si) pairs (because  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$ ).
- That is, most Si atoms have **only** Mg ions in their second coordination shell.
- This configuration is equivalent to  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  anions.
- In very basic (MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub>) melts, the model is essentially equivalent to a sublattice model of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  ions.

At higher SiO<sub>2</sub> contents, more (Si-Si) pairs are formed, thereby modeling polymerization.

# The Cell Model

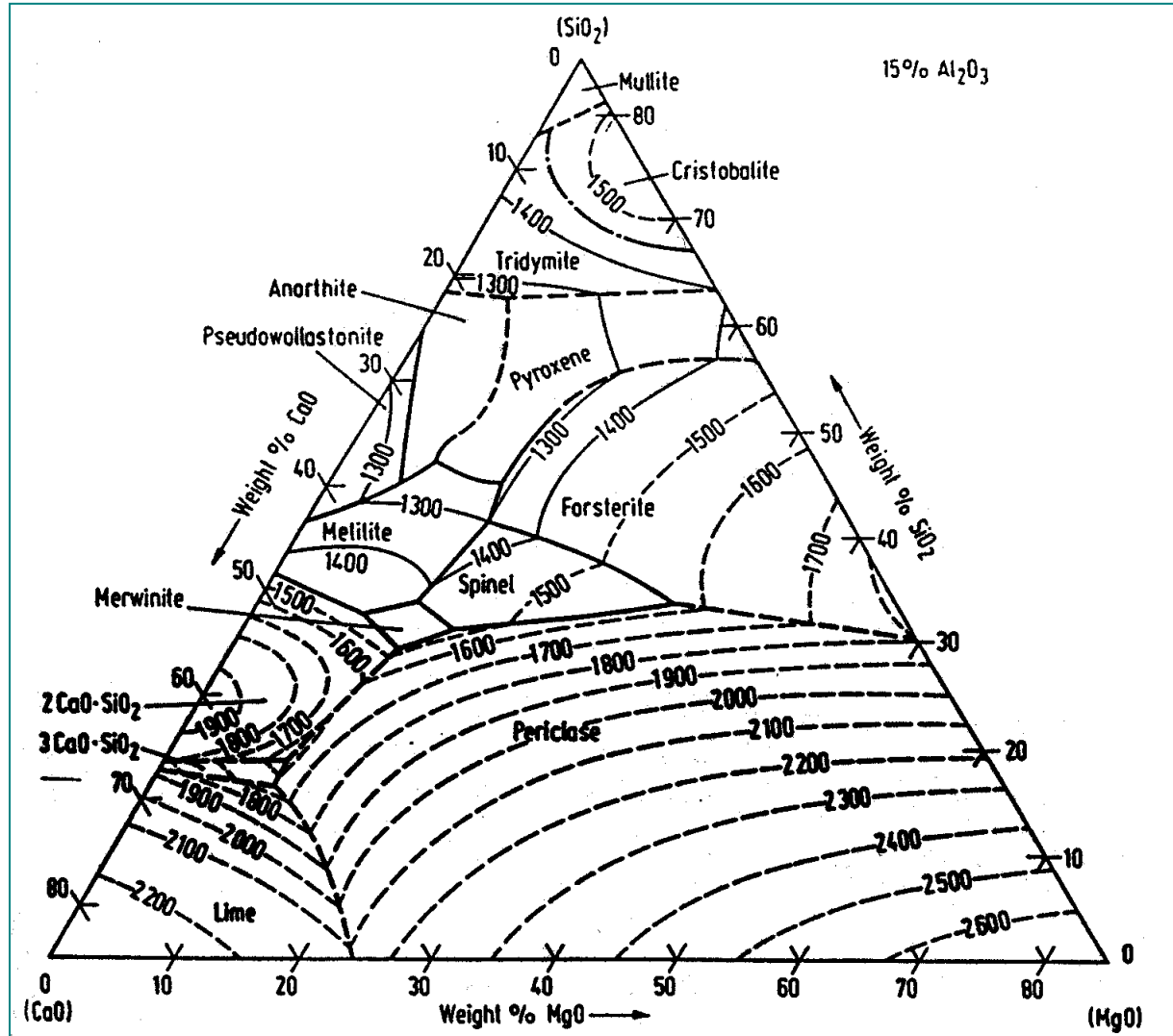
M.L. Kapoor, G.M. Froberg, H. Gaye and J. Welfringer

- Slag considered to consist of «cells» which mix essentially ideally, with equilibria among the cells:



- Quite similar to Modified Quasichemical Model
- Accounts for ionic nature of slags **and** short-range-ordering.





Liquidus projection of the CaO-MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> system at 15 wt % Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, as reported by E. Osborn, R.C. DeVries, K.H. Gee and H.M. Kramer



# Thermodynamic models for liquid phase

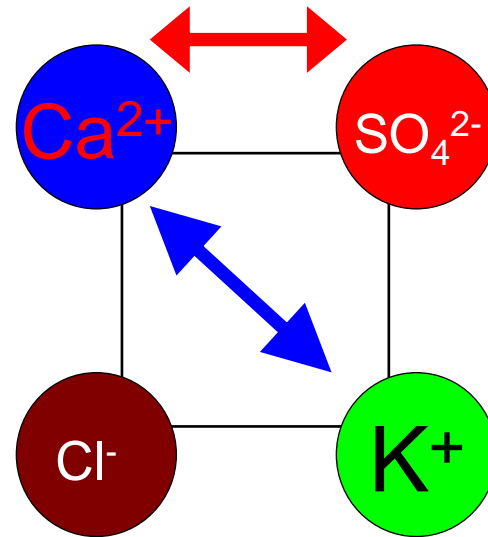
## Molten salts

- a) Quasichemical model for common-anion(cation) systems, e.g. KCl-NaCl-CaCl<sub>2</sub>-MgCl<sub>2</sub>-ZnCl<sub>2</sub>-PbCl<sub>2</sub> (K<sub>2</sub>O-Na<sub>2</sub>O-CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub>) taking into account short-range ordering. Additional anions, such as SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> can't be added  
(Only one sublattice)
- b) Simple two-sublattice models, e.g. Na<sup>+</sup>,K<sup>+</sup>//SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>  
Can give reasonable results for alkali salts but can't take into account short-range order, which is important for systems such as KCl-ZnCl<sub>2</sub>
- c) Quasichemical model with quadruplet approximation  
Can consider mixing on cationic and anionic sublattices and takes into account short-range ordering

# Thermodynamic model for ionic solution phases (liquid/solid)

Modified quasichemical model in the quadruplet approximation

Takes into account anion-cation and cation-cation /anion-anion interactions

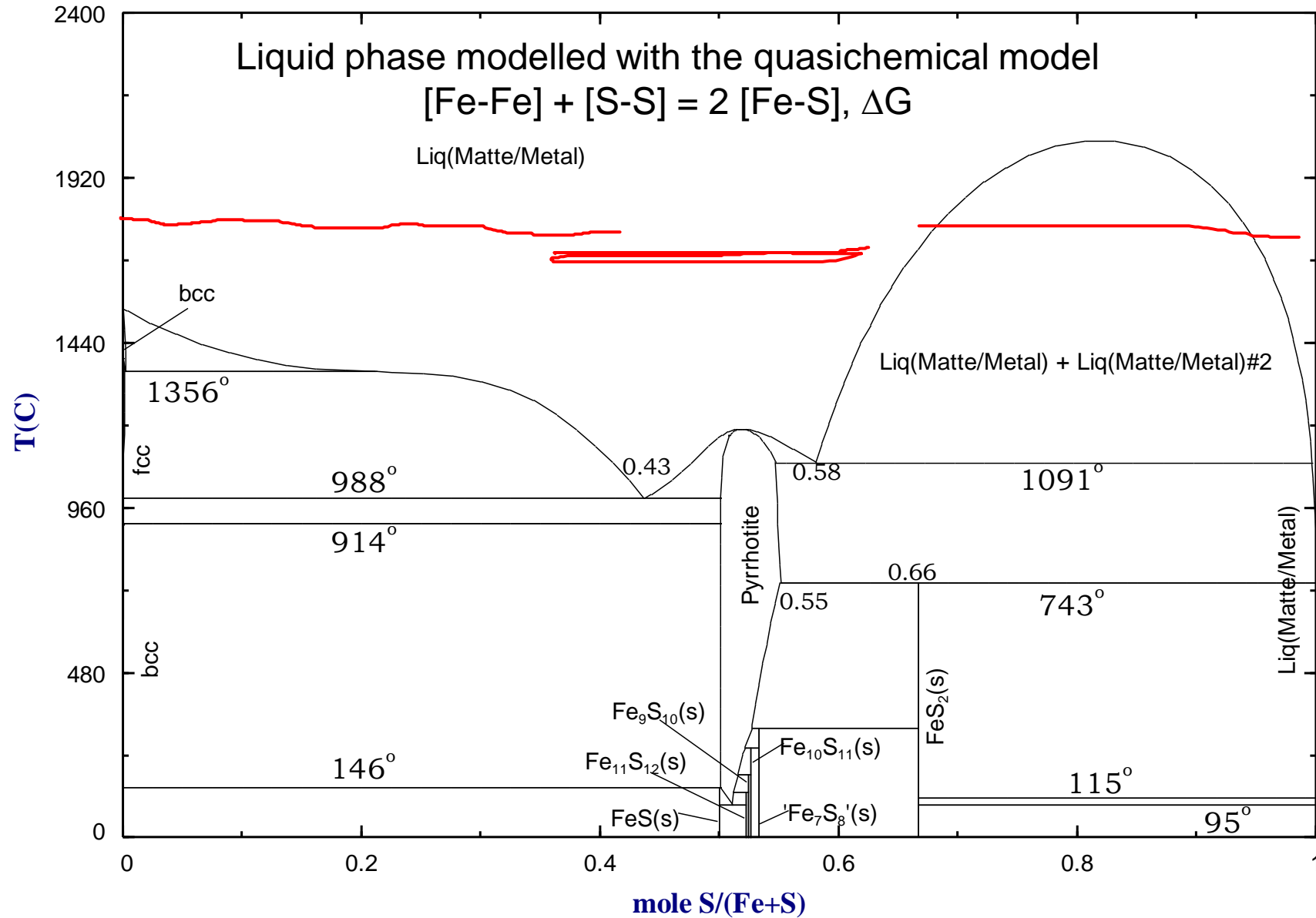


# Liquid sulfides

- Liquid metal sulfides behave very differently depending on the metal
- Na-S and K-S are ionic with long polymerized polysulfide ion ( $S^{2-}$  to  $S_8^{2-}$ )
  - Can be modelled with ionic models
- Fe-S, Ni-S shows strong short-range ordering around the FeS or NiS composition
  - Can be modelled with associate or quasichemical models

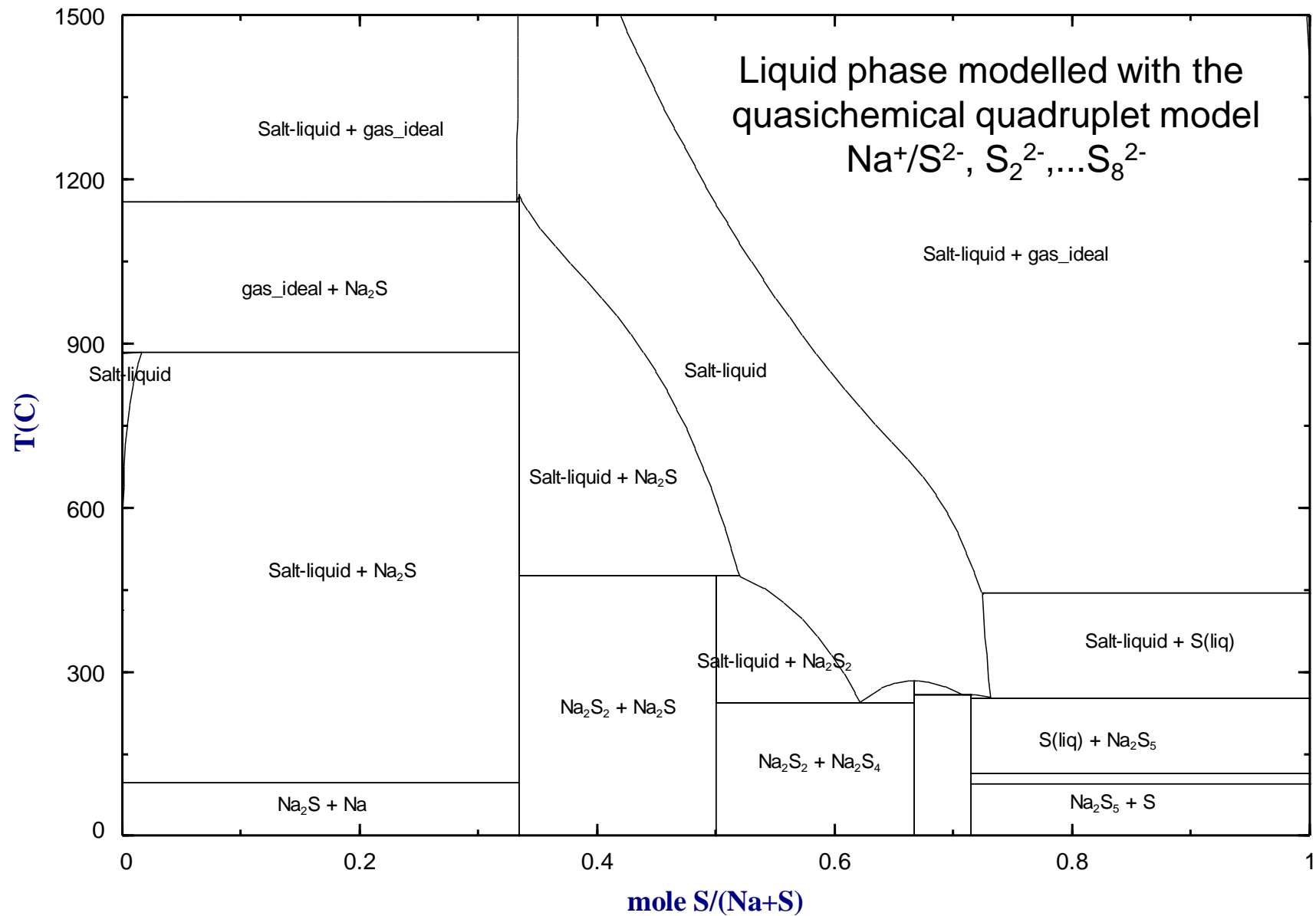
# Fe - S - Gas phase suppressed

Data from FTmisc - FACT miscellaneous database 2010



# Na - S

Data from FTpulp - FACT pulp and paper databases



# Terms and concepts

- Ideal solution and regular solution
- Metals and alloys
  - Compound Energy Formalism
- Ionic solutions
  - Sublattice models
- Slags/liquid oxides
  - Associate model
  - Quasichemical model
- Quadruplet model