

Calphad modeling - introduction

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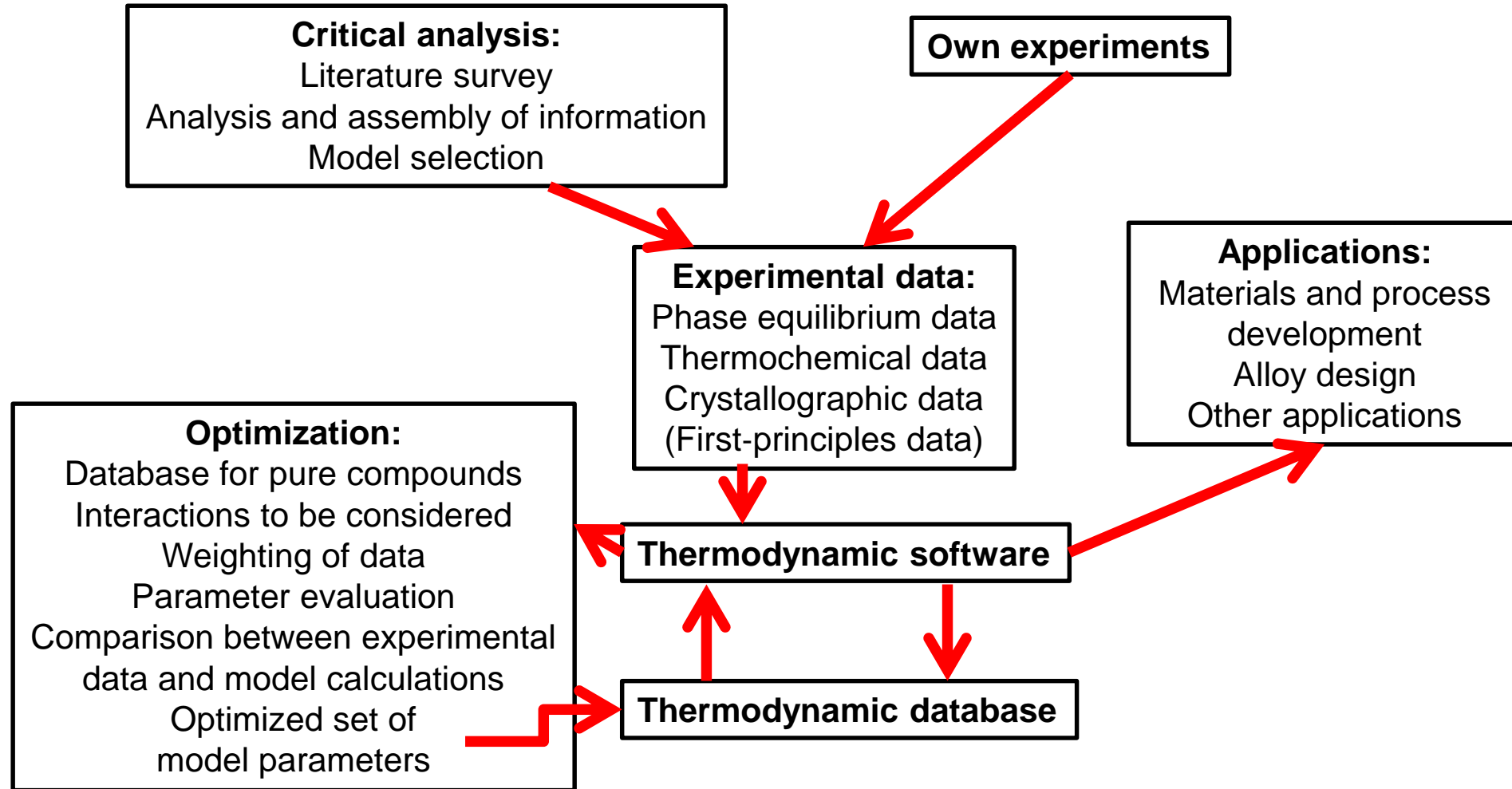
Learning outcomes

- Familiarize yourself with Calphad method
- Understand the common tangent method
- Recognize phase diagrams of different order

Introduction

- Calphad method (**C**alculations of **P**hase **D**iagrams)
 - “The “Calphad method” means the use of all available experimental and theoretical data to assess the parameters of the Gibbs energy models selected for each phase” (Lukas, Fries, Sundman:Computational Thermodynamics: The Calphad Method)
 - A technique to evaluate and optimize thermodynamic data and phase equilibrium data and develop consistent thermodynamic databases for multicomponent, multiphase equilibrium calculations including non-ideal solution phases
 - Unary→Binary→Ternary→Higher order systems

Procedure for the Calphad method



Experimental input

Thermodynamic data

Enthalpy data for pure compounds

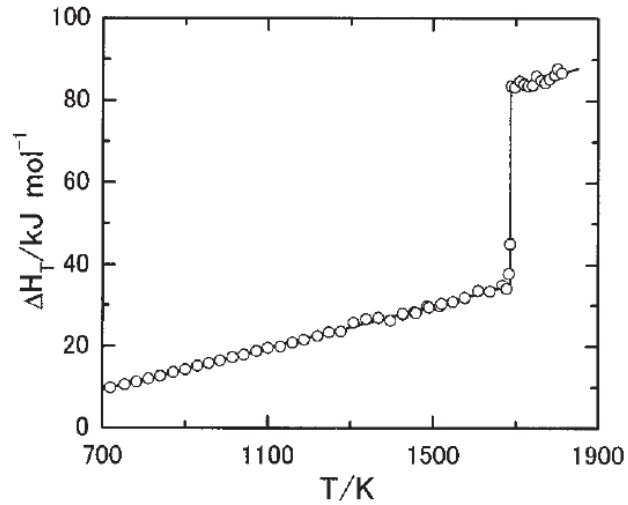
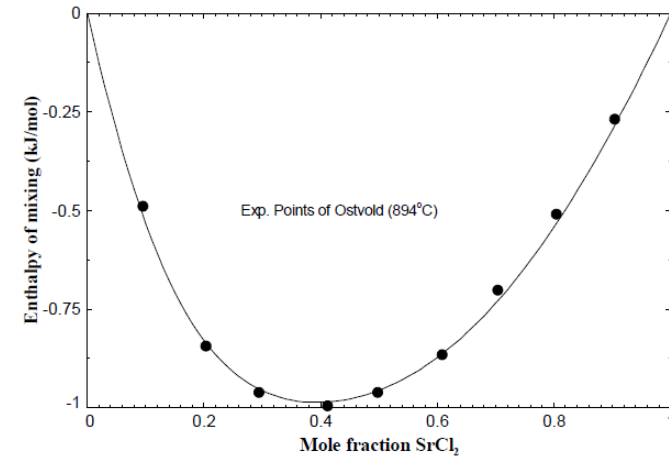
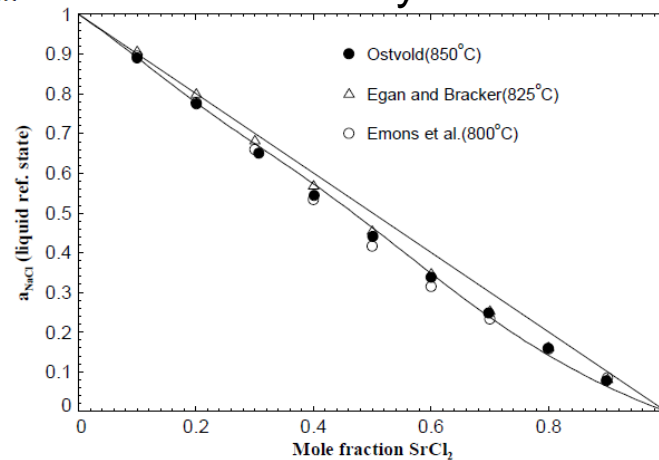


Fig. 4 Heat content of silicon

Enthalpy of mixing in the liquid state

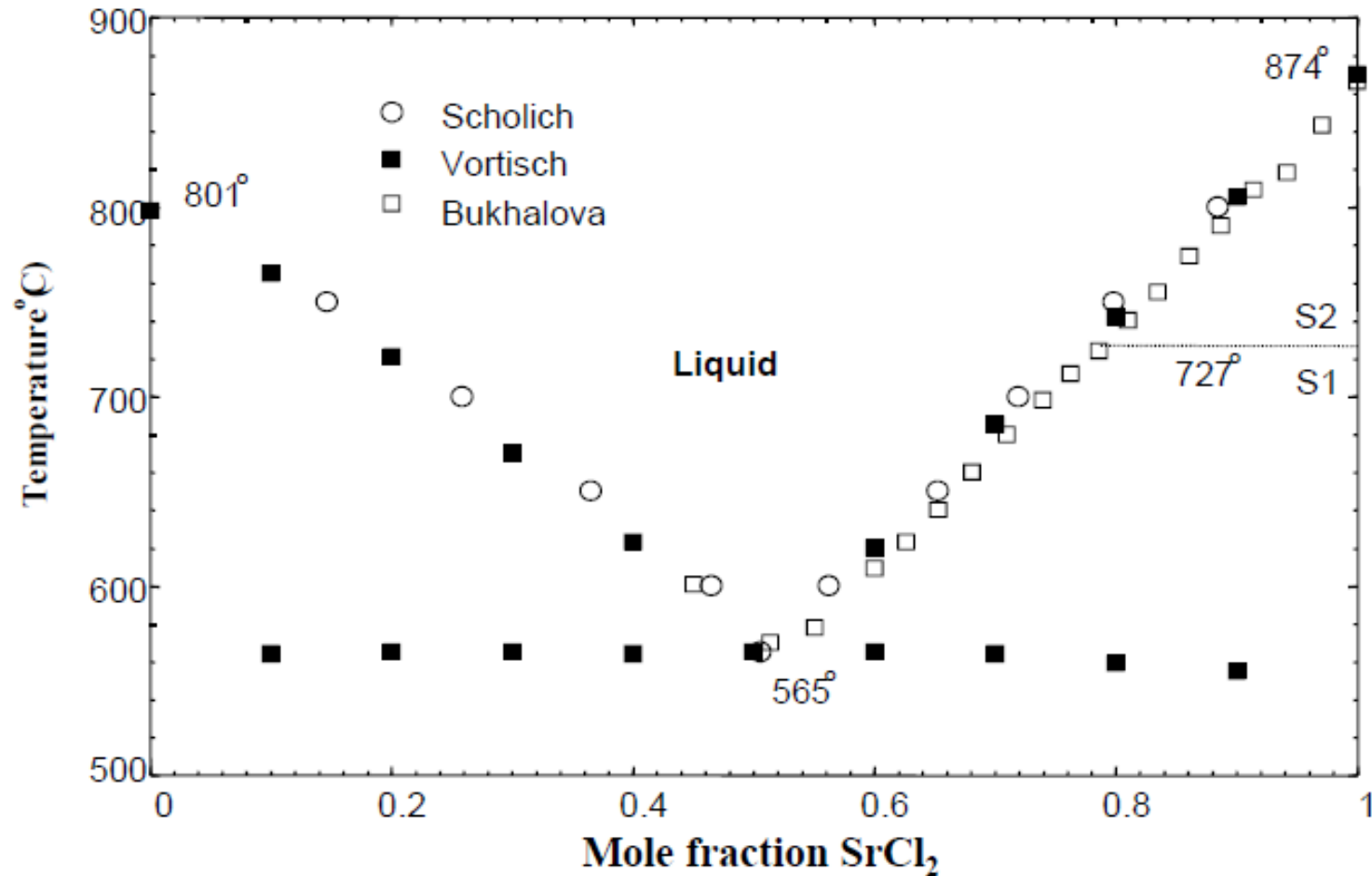


Activity data



Experimental input

Phase equilibrium data



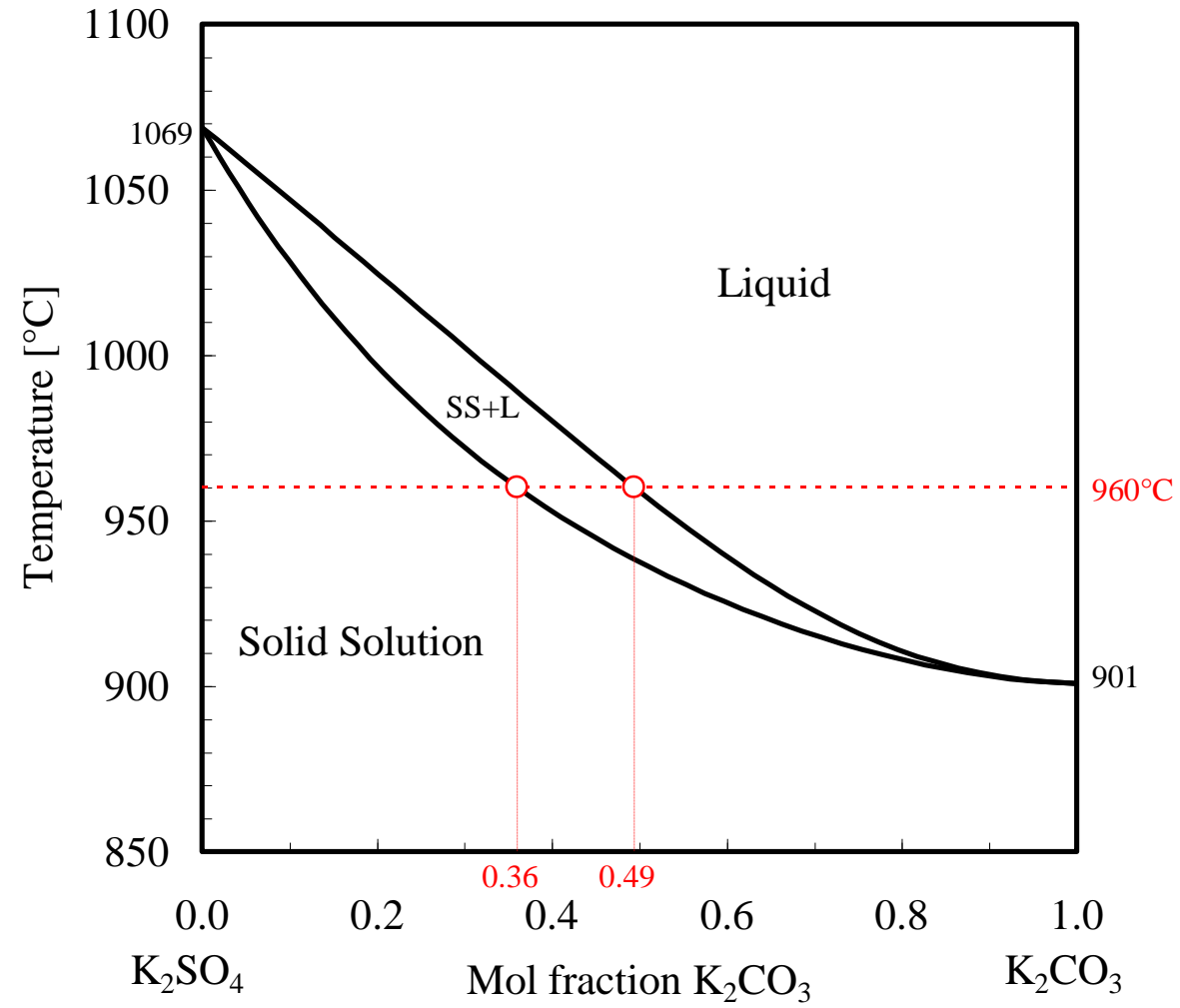
Phase diagrams and thermodynamic properties

**The common tangent method is demonstrated
for the following binary cases:**

- 1. Solid solution in whole composition range**
 K_2SO_4 - K_2CO_3
- 2. Solid solution – azeotropic system**
KCl-NaCl
- 3. Solid solution – miscibility gap**
KCl-NaCl

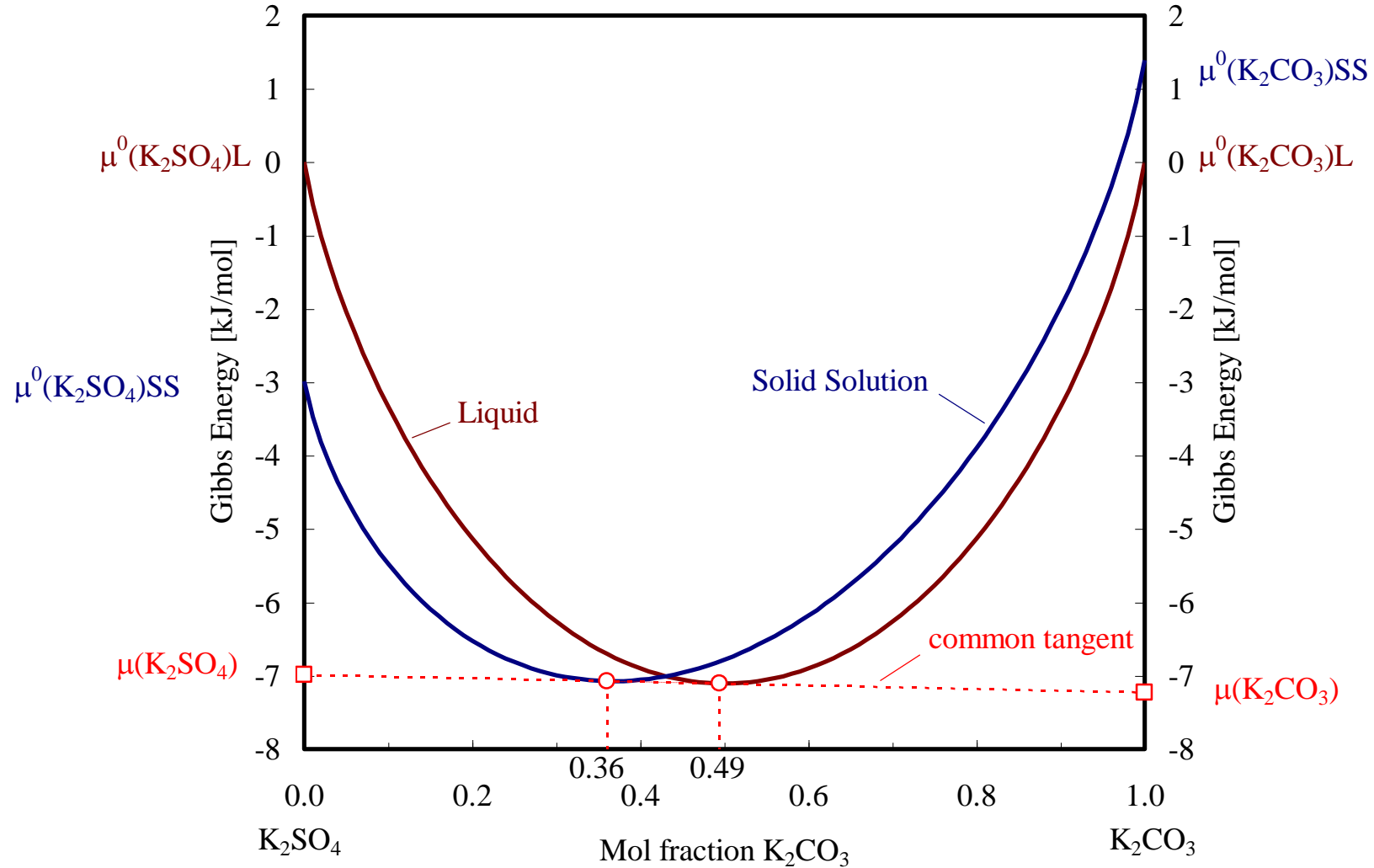
Demo 1.

Calculated phase diagram $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4\text{-K}_2\text{CO}_3$



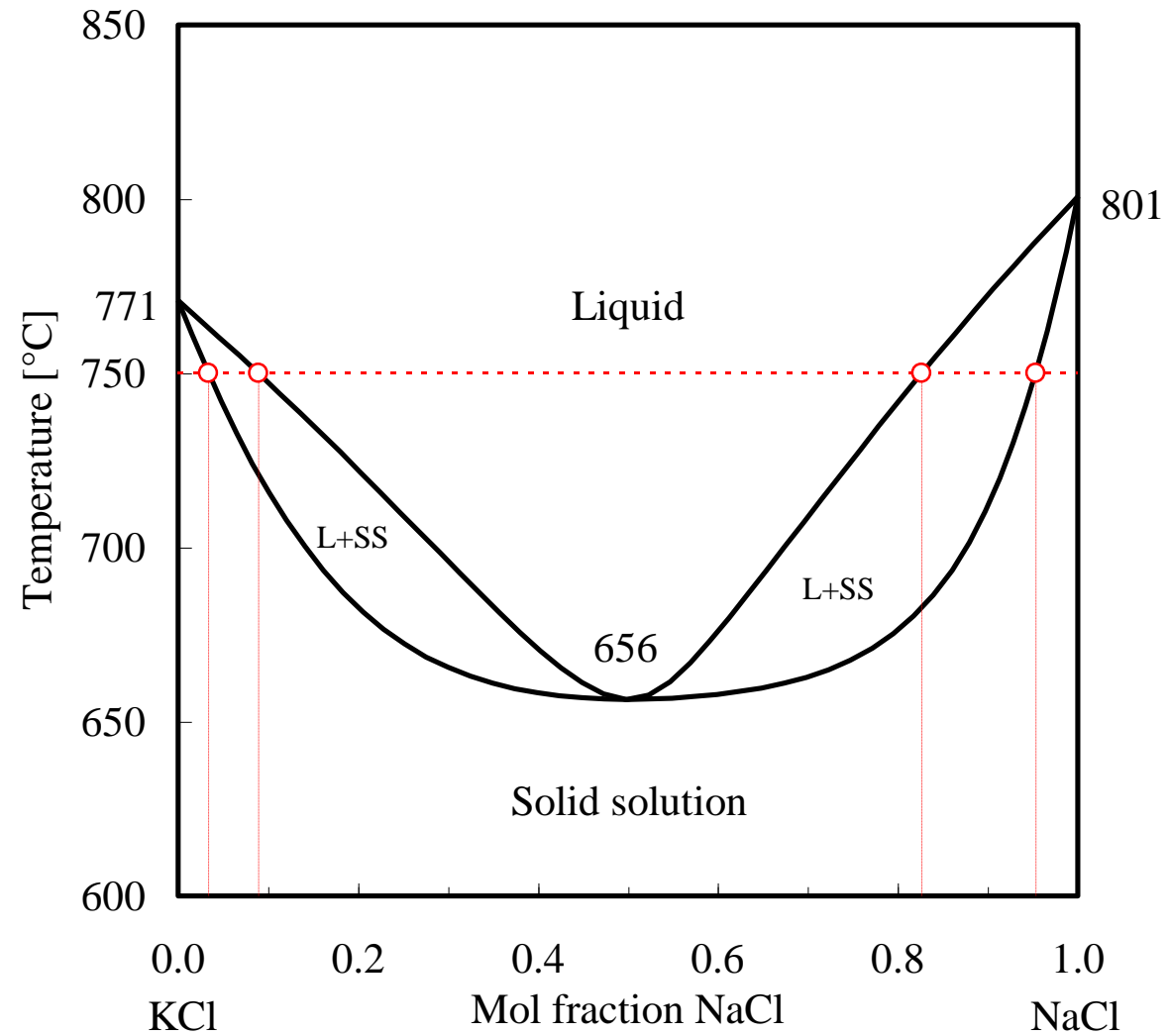
Demo 1.

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



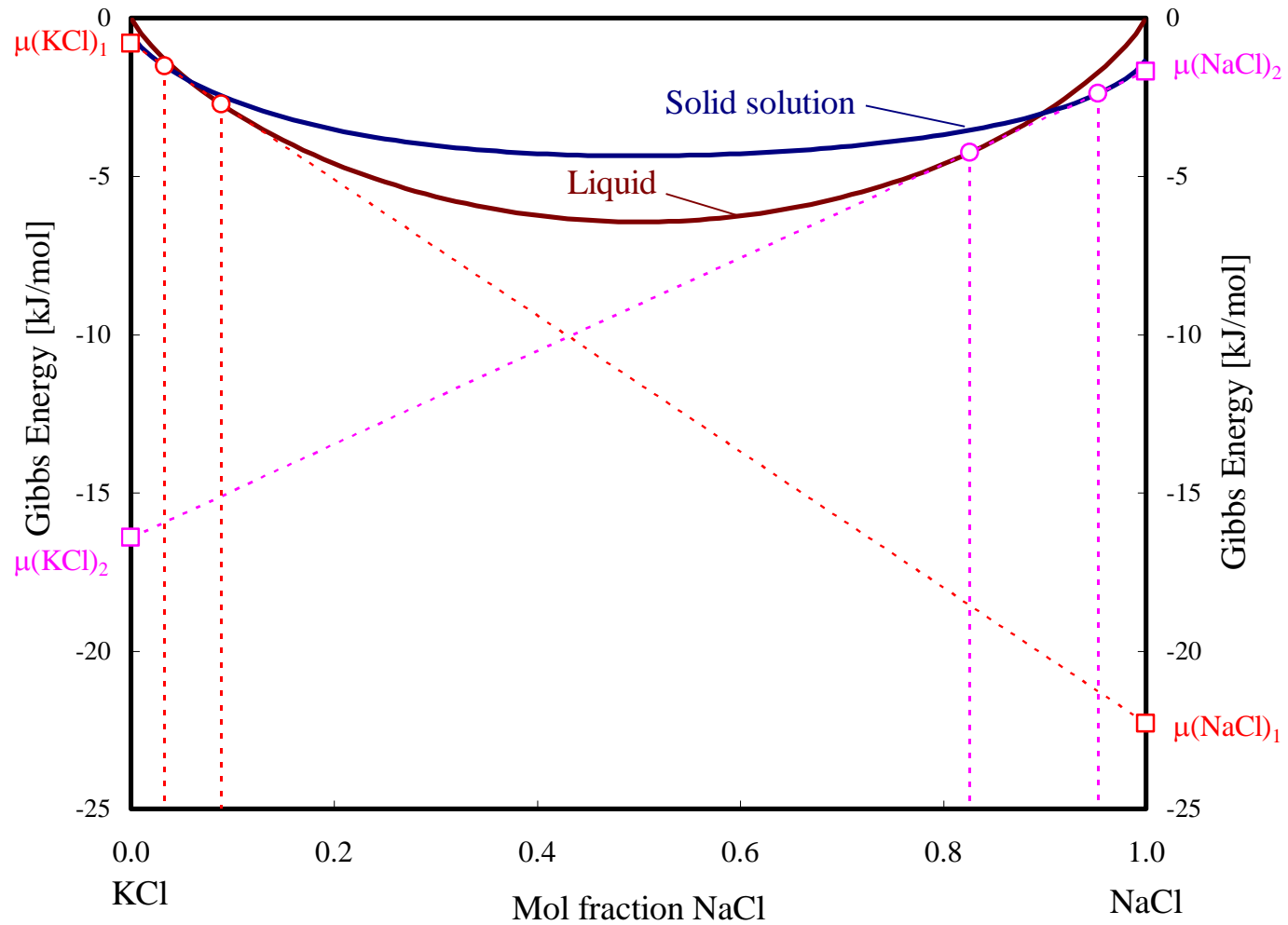
Demo 2.

Calculated phase diagram for KCl-NaCl



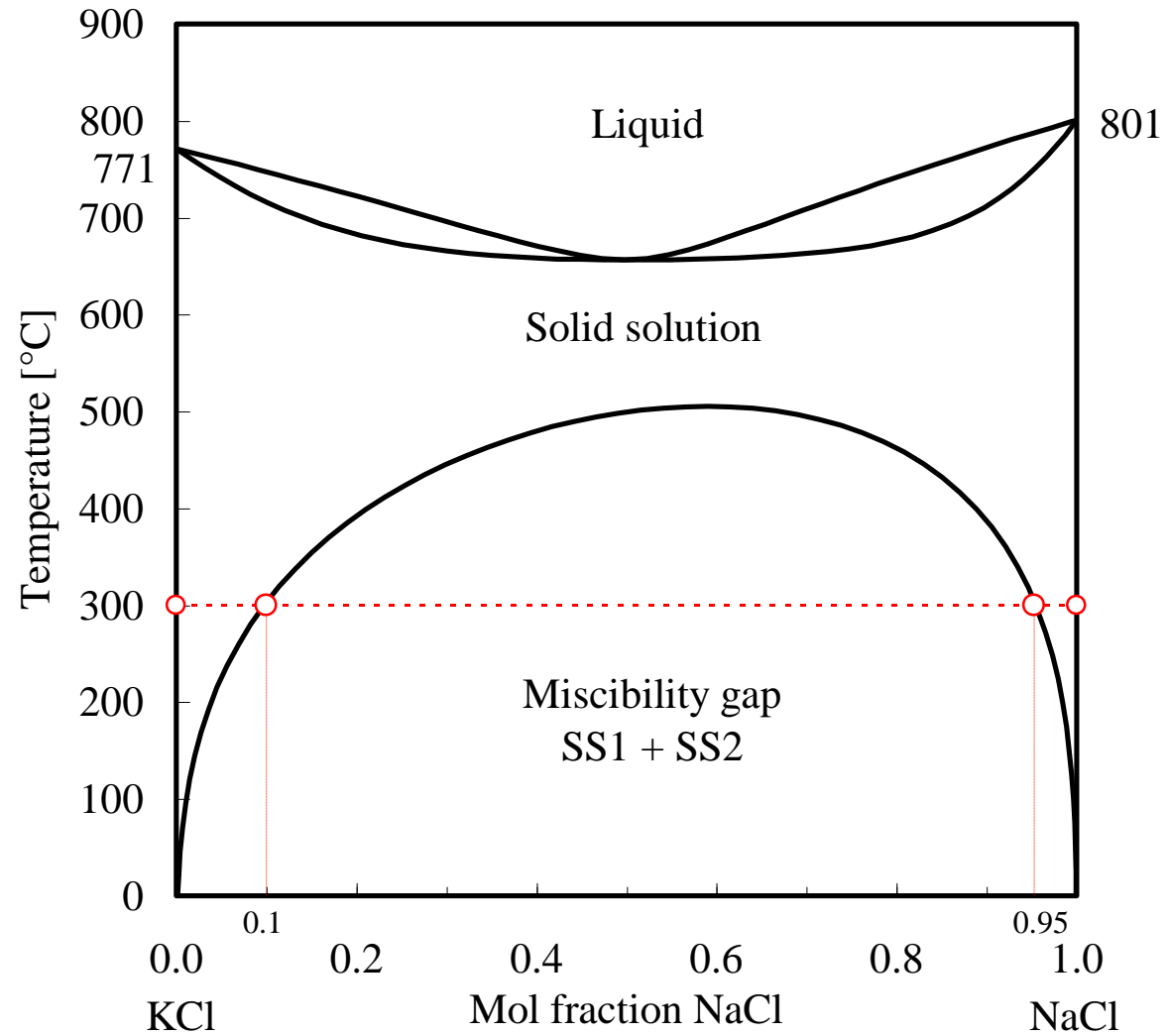
Demo 2.

KCl-NaCl: Total Gibbs Energy at 750°C
Reference State: KCl(l) and NaCl(l)



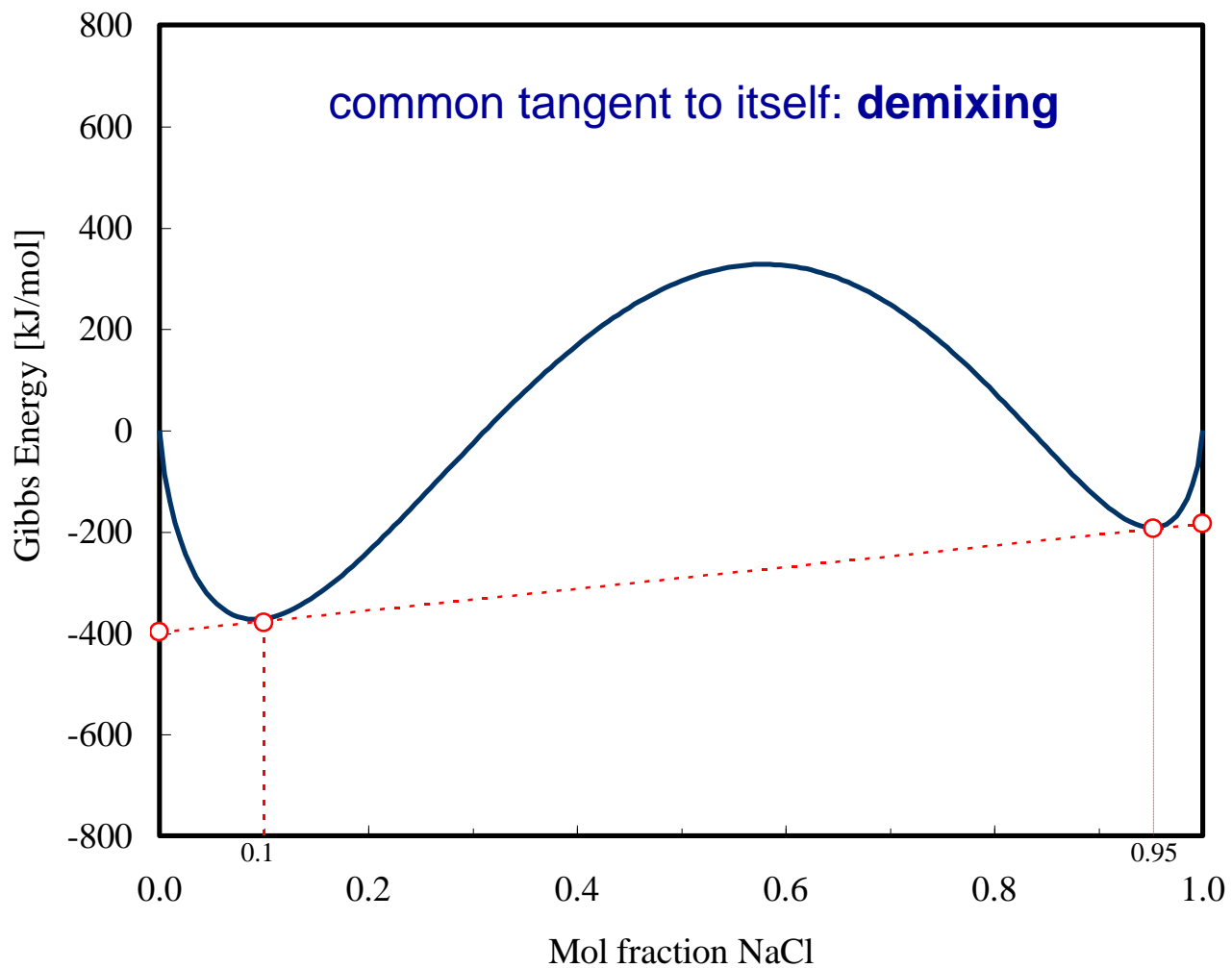
Demo 3.

Calculated phase diagram for KCl-NaCl



Demo 3.

KCl-NaCl solid solution: Total Gibbs Energy at 300°C
Reference State: KCl(ss) and NaCl(ss)



Other input

- Crystallographic data for sublattice configurations and site distribution in solid solutions
- Ab-initio (first-principles) data for phase stabilities
- Other estimations for thermodynamic data of phases

Choice of solution models

- Ideal solution

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

- Regular solution model

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

Choice of solution models

- Models that consider the physical properties of the solution phase are often more suitable than purely mathematical models
 - Easier to fit realistic model parameters
 - Easier to expand when new components are added to the database
- Ionic models for ionic phases
- Sublattice models for phases with clearly defined sublattices
- Associate or quasichemical models for solutions with shortrange ordering

Calphad method

- An evaluated thermodynamic database takes into account all experimental data:
 - Phase equilibrium
 - Calorimetric data
 - Activity data (EMF)
 - Crystal structure, crystallographic data
- A good thermodynamic model/database for solids and liquid should:
 - predict the phase equilibrium of binary and higher order systems within the uncertainties of experimental investigations of these systems
 - give good predictions of the phase equilibrium for conditions where no experimental data exist

Uncertainties when comparing experiments and calculations

Experimental melting/solidification data are not always related to equilibrium melting

- Supercooling of liquids ($T_{\text{experiment}} < T_{\text{equilibrium}}$)
- Equilibration of solid solutions
 - Melting related to local heterogeneities
- Volatilization and chemical reactions

Estimating thermodynamic properties

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Estimation of thermodynamic data for metallurgical applications

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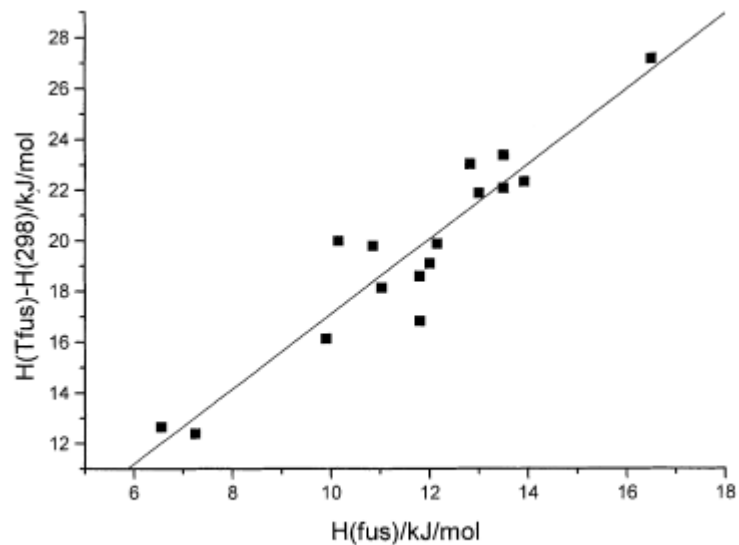


Fig. 3. Enthalpy of fusion vs. enthalpy at the melting point for alkali metal halides.

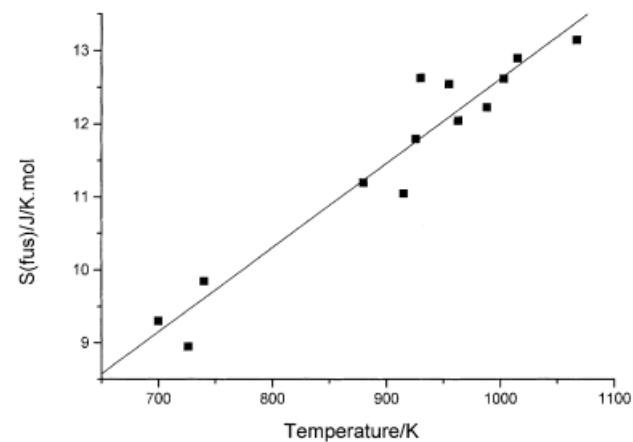


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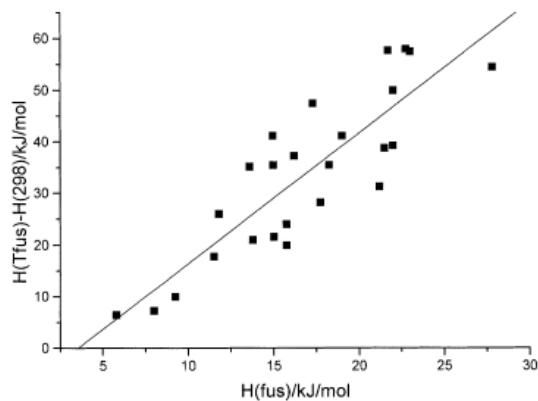
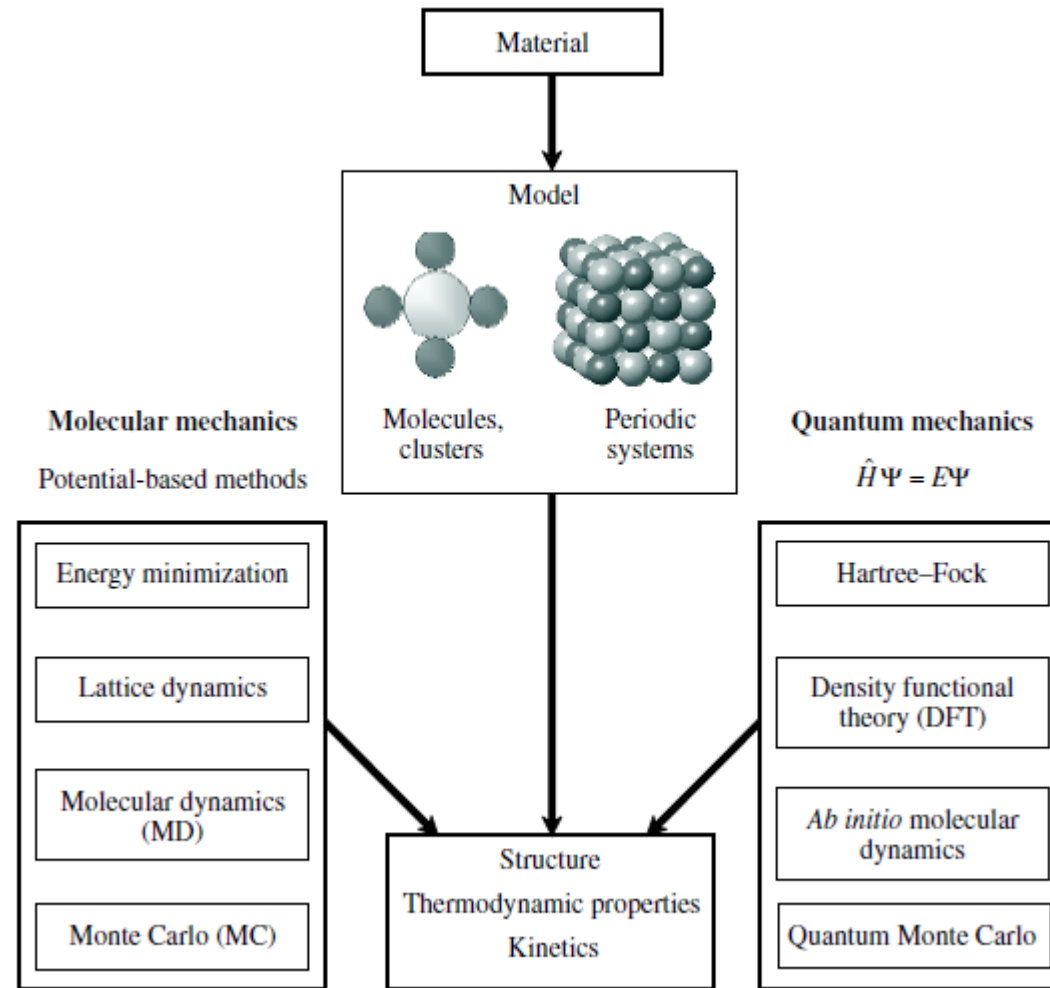


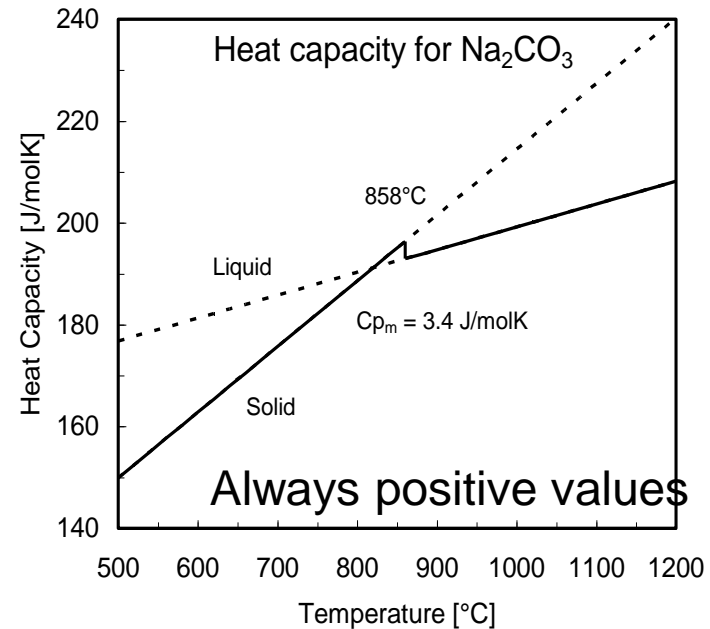
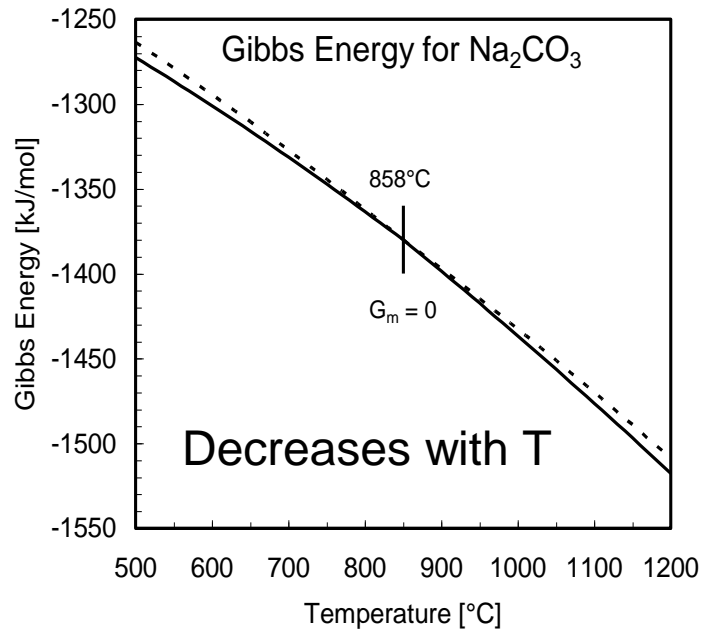
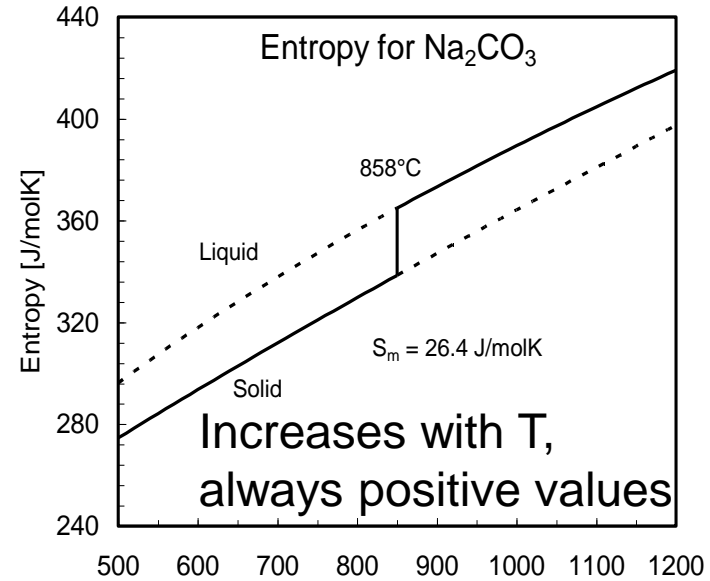
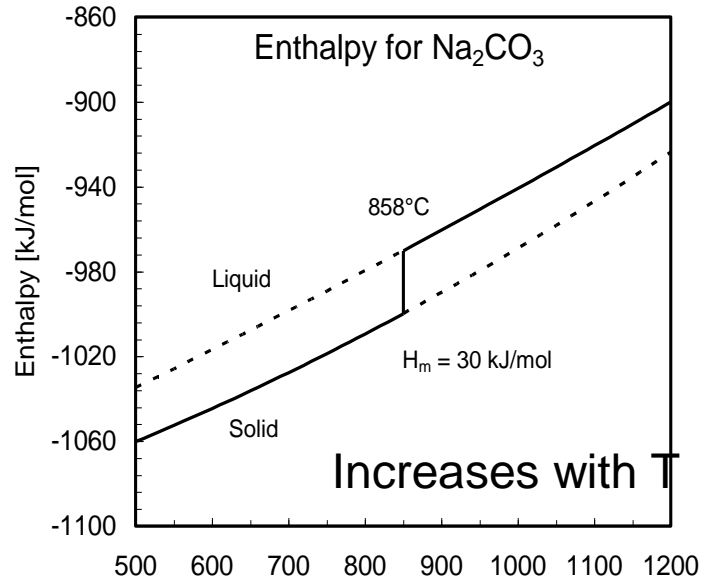
Fig. 4. Enthalpy of fusion vs. enthalpy at the melting point for a selection of inorganic compounds with different structures.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_{\text{fus}} = & S(298 \text{ K}) + A[0.023a(\log T_m - 2.4742) \\ & + 10^{-3}b(T_m - 298) \\ & + 0.005c(1.1261 - 10^5/T_m^2)] \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$



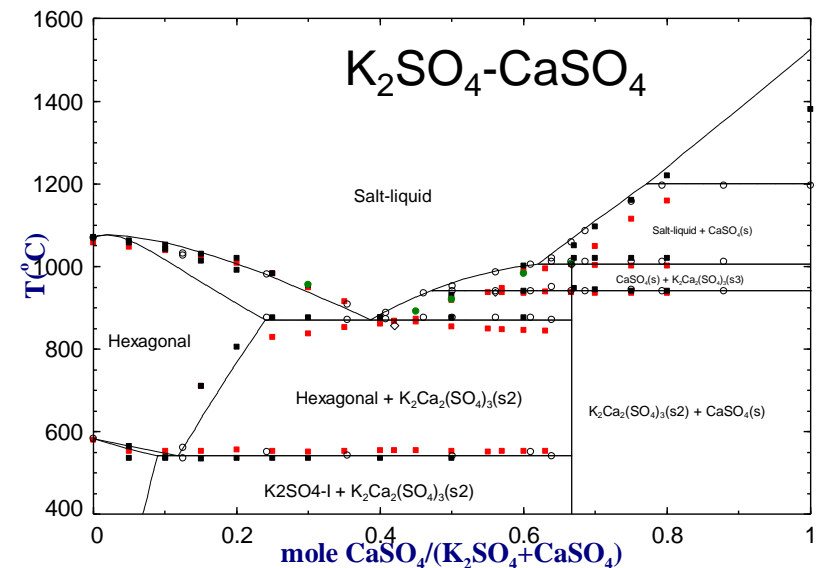
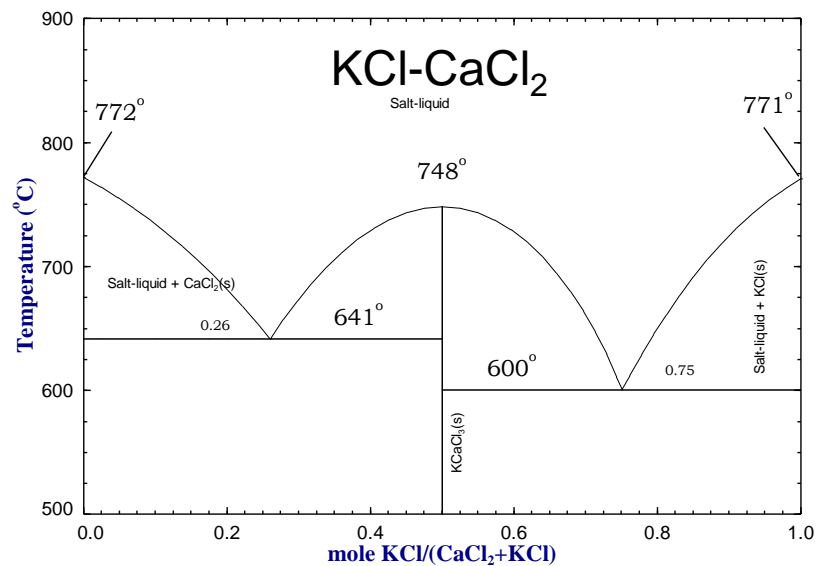
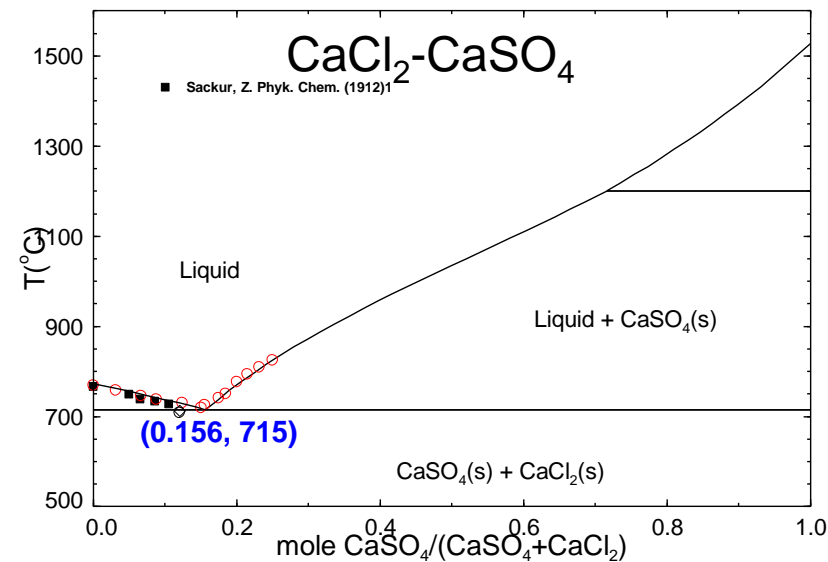
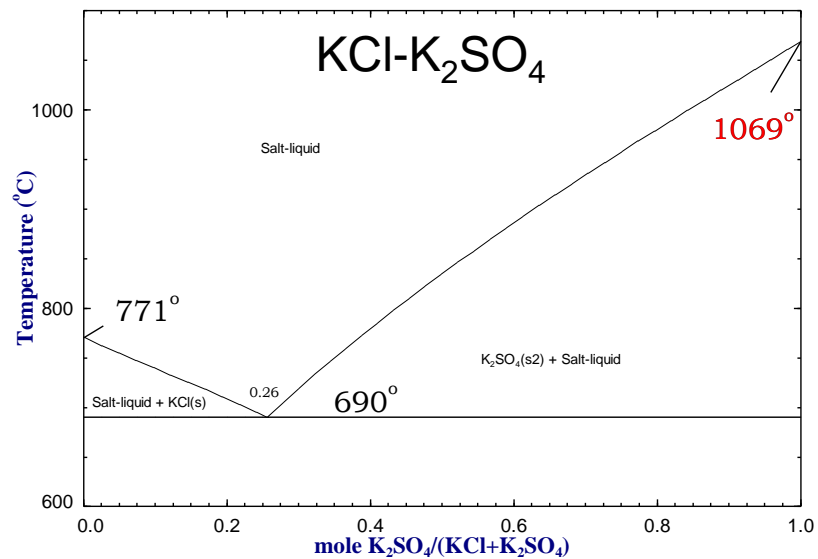
Unary data

Thermodynamic quantities of compounds



Binary data

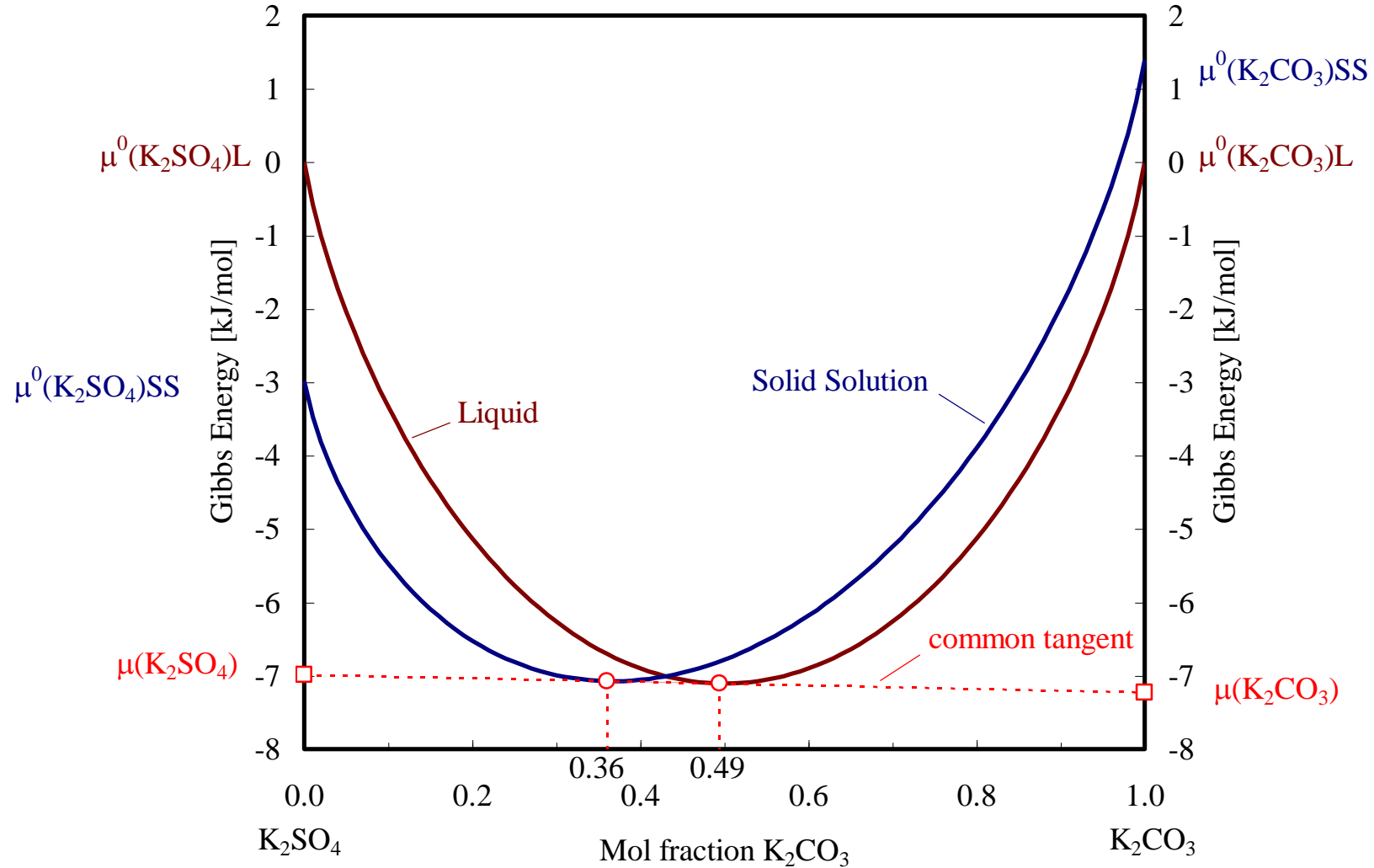
CaCl₂-CaSO₄-KCl-K₂SO₄



Gibbs energies of solutions

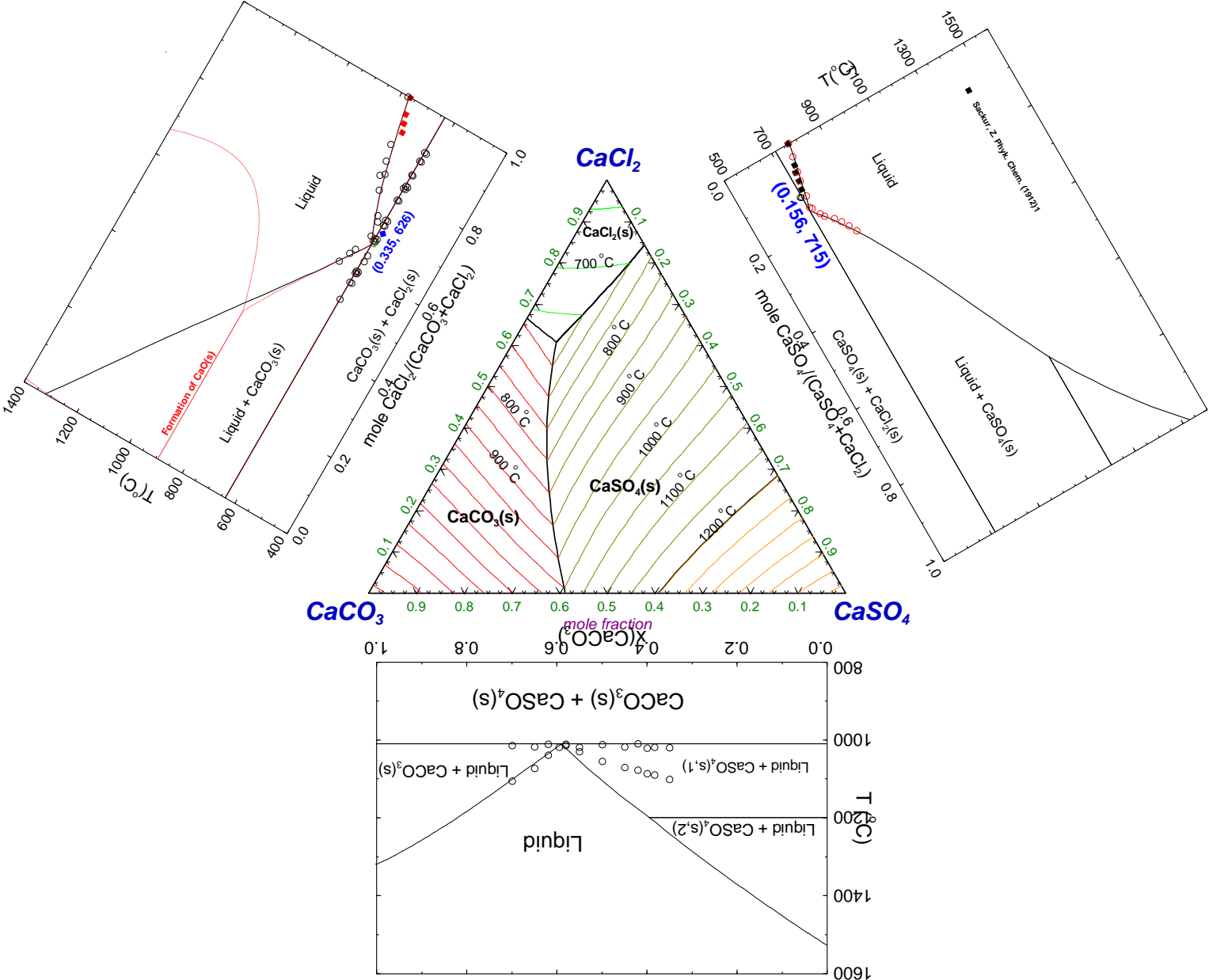
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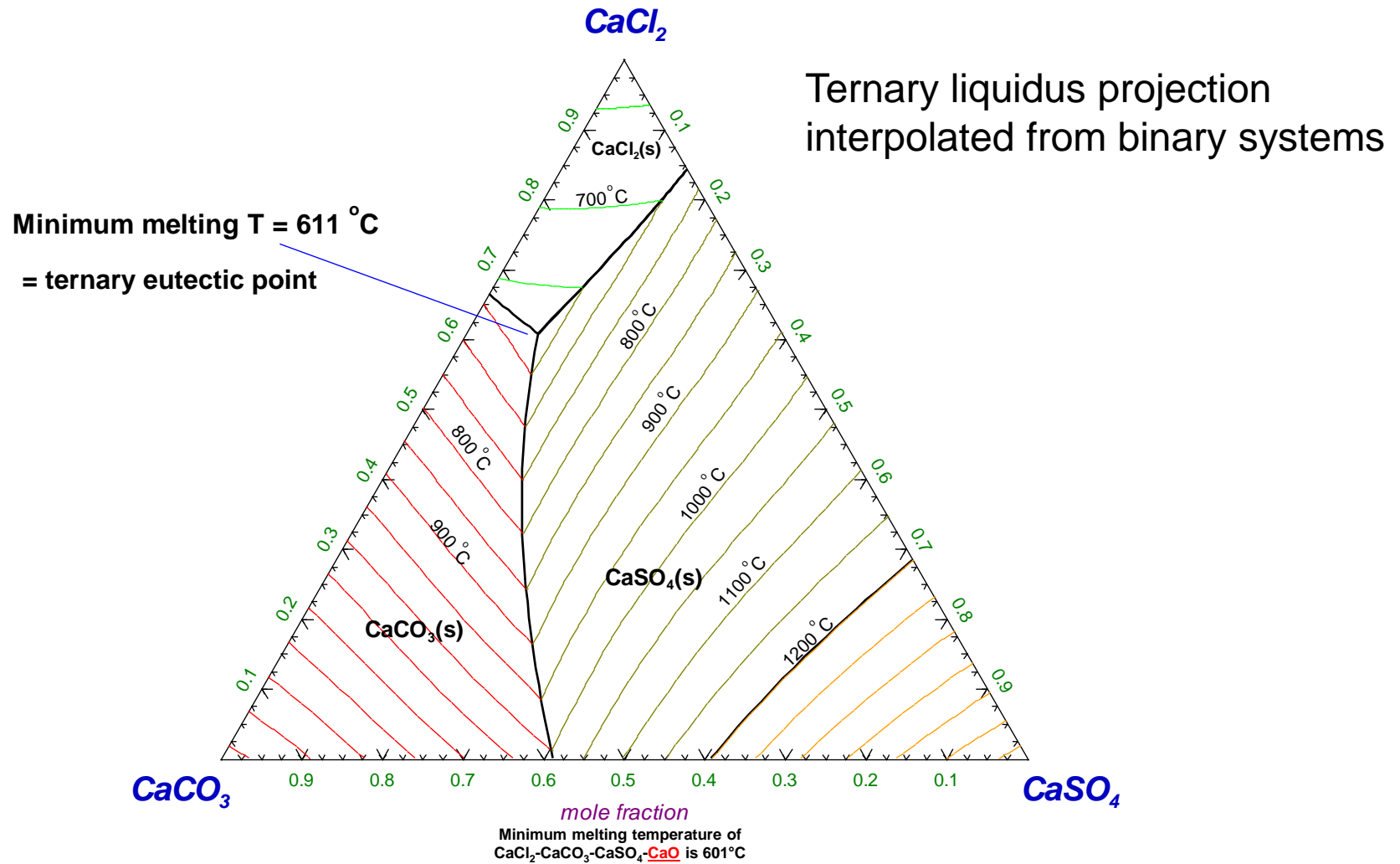


Ternary data

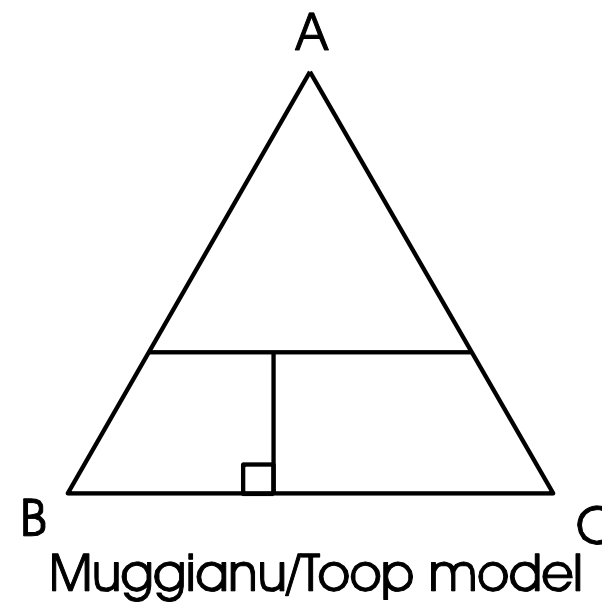
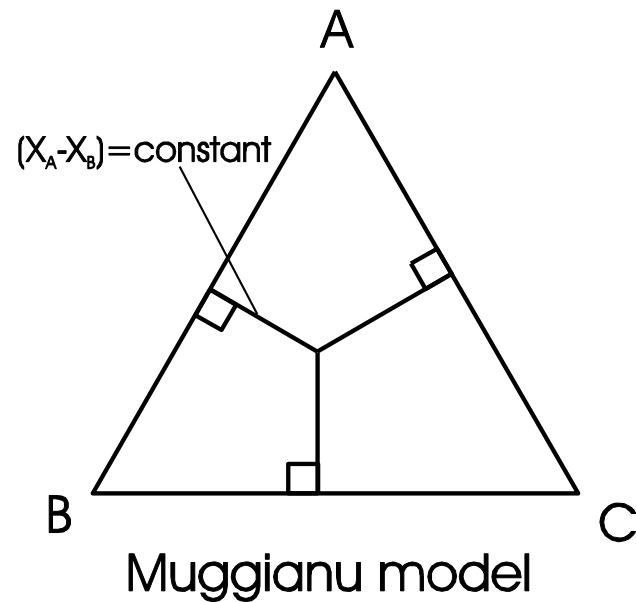
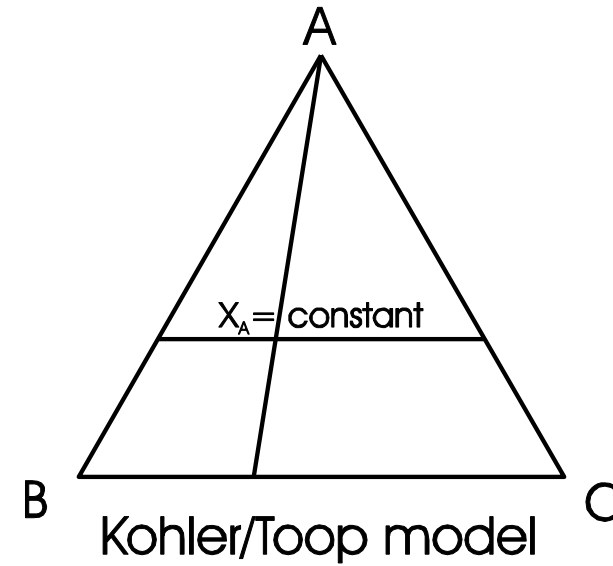
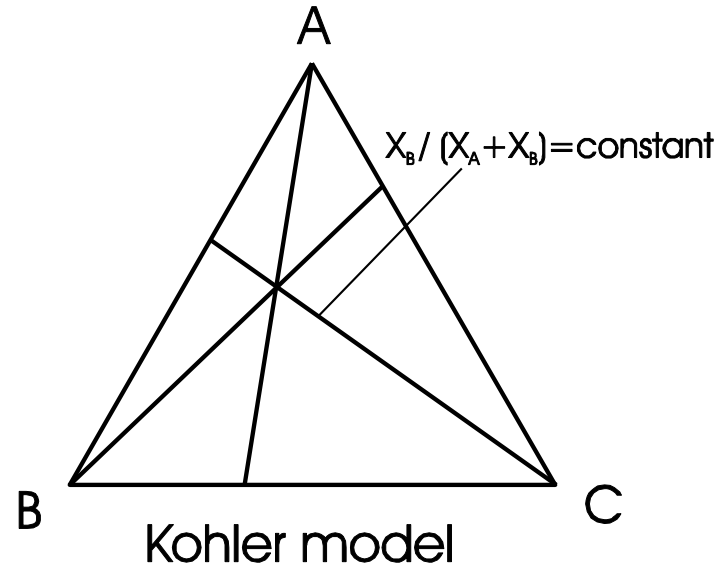
CaCl₂-CaCO₃-CaSO₄



CaSO₄ - CaCl₂ - CaCO₃

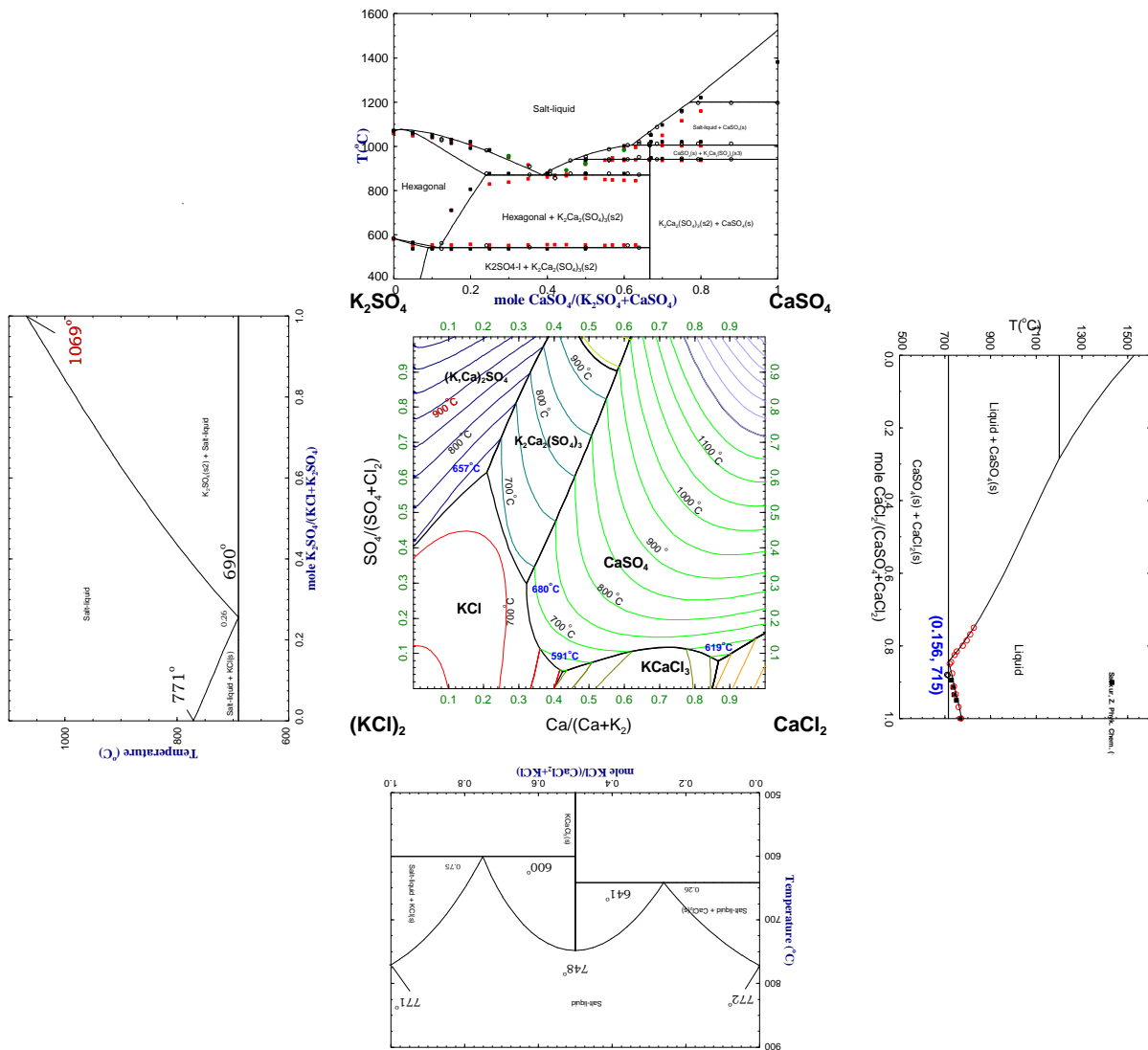


Extrapolation methods of binary parameters



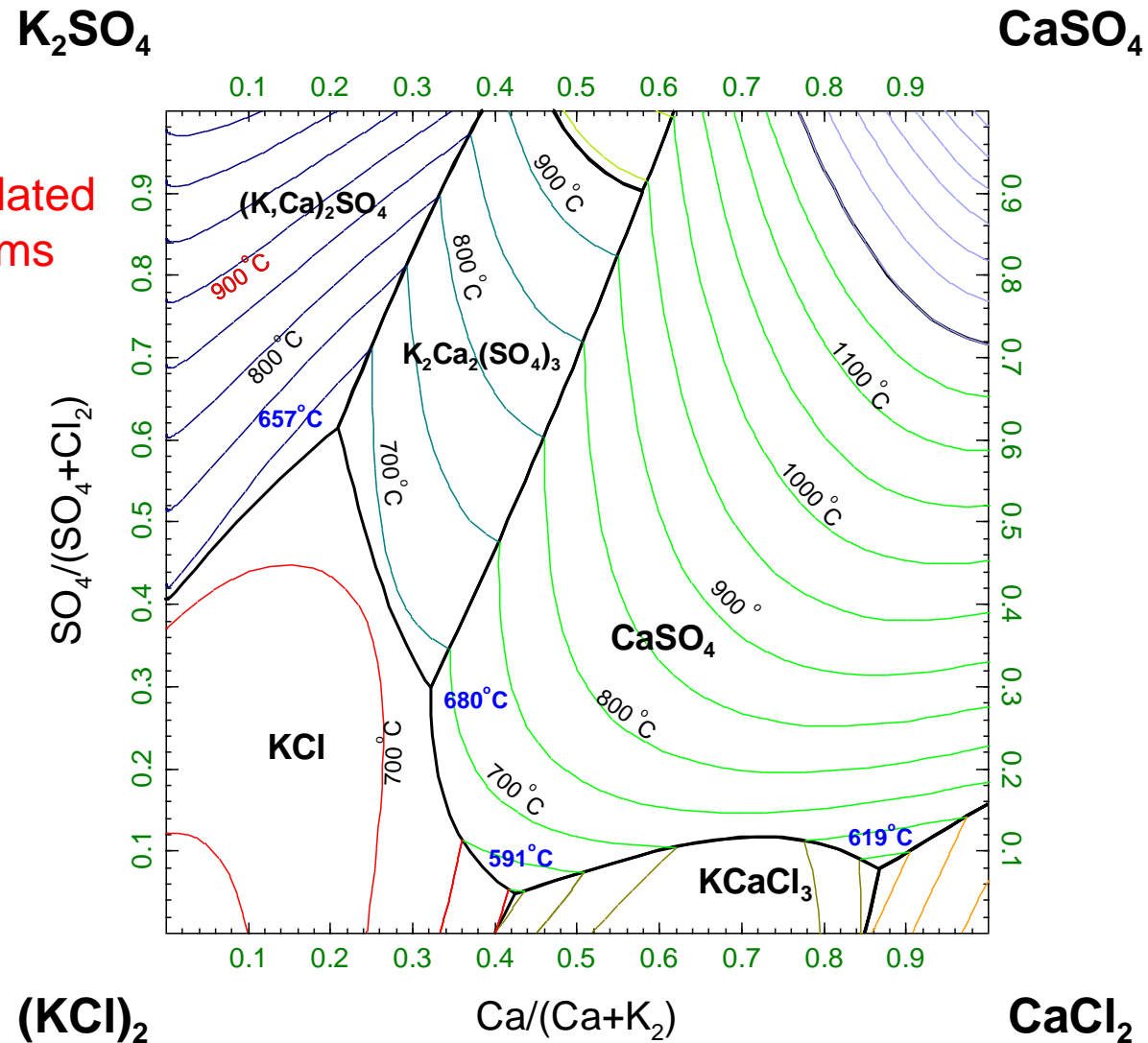
Reciprocal data

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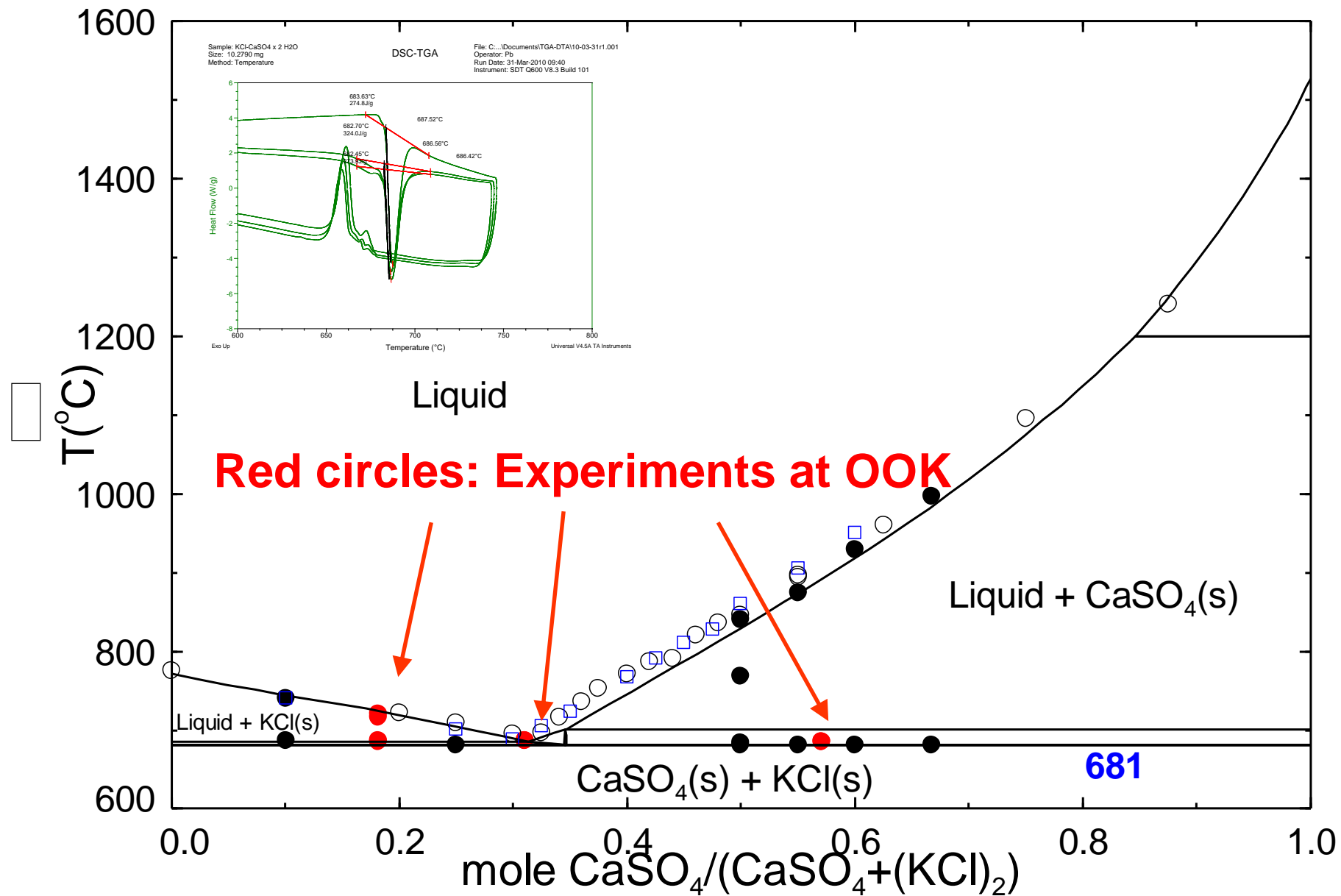


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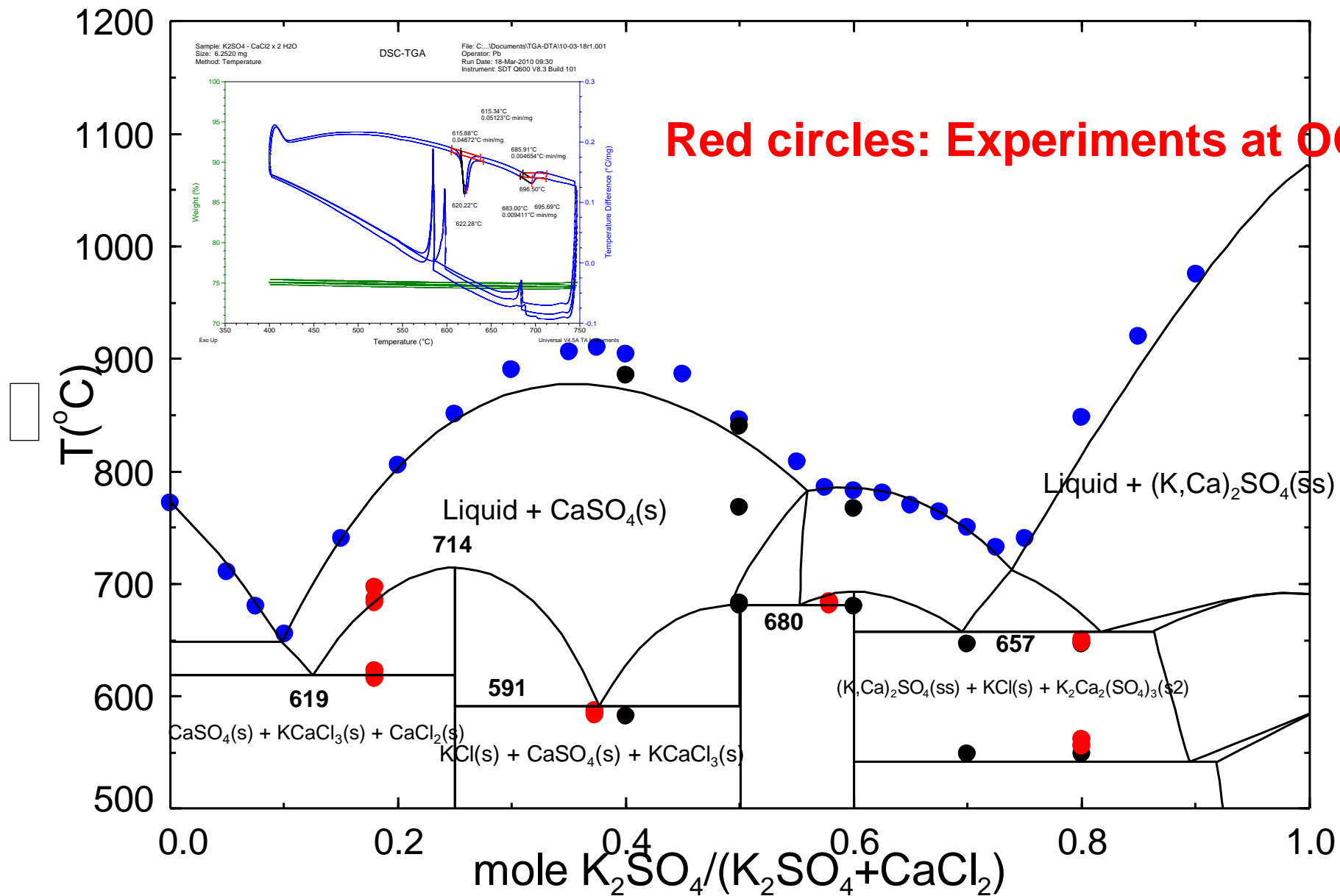
Liquidus (T100)
projection interpolated
from binary systems



CaSO₄ - (KCl)₂



K₂SO₄ - CaCl₂

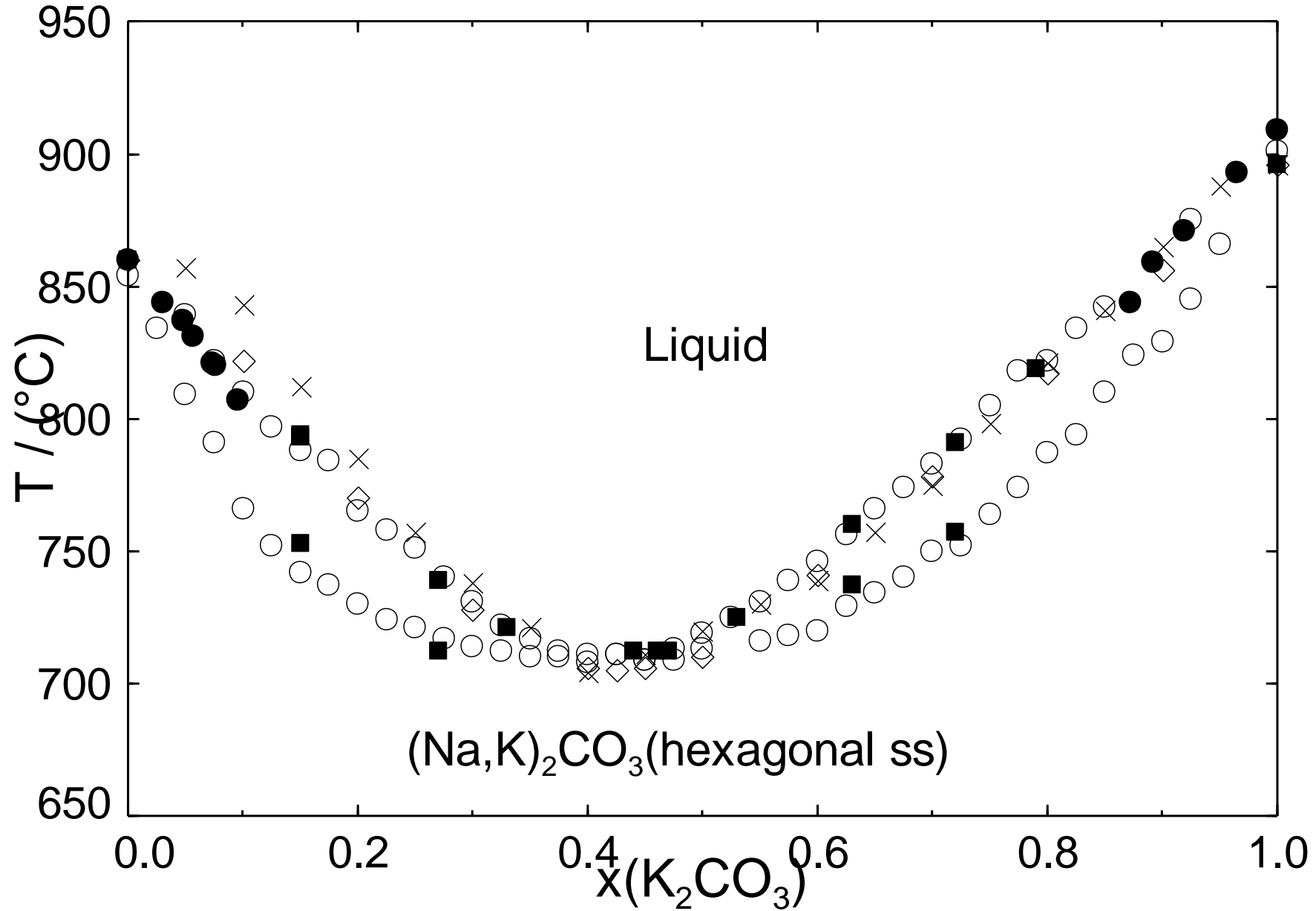


Red circles: Experiments at OOK

Demonstration

- Thermodynamic evaluation of the binary Na_2CO_3 - K_2CO_3 system
- Based on
 - Phase diagram data (solidus & liquidus)
 - Enthalpy of mixing of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{l})$ and $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{l})$

$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 - \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$



Crystal structure of Na_2CO_3 and K_2CO_3

MATERIAL: Na_2CO_3 ID: mp-20495 DOI: 10.17188/1195628

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Material Details

Final Magnetic Moment	0.000 μ_B
Magnetic Ordering	NM
Formation Energy / Atom	-2.069 eV
Energy Above Hull / Atom	0.019 eV
Density	2.28 g/cm ³
Decomposes To	Na_2CO_3
Band Gap	3.142 eV

Space Group

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P6₃/mmc [194]

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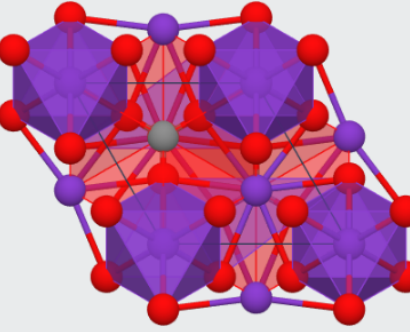
Crystal System
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Tags: Sodium carbonate - alpha, HT

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Material Details

Final Magnetic Moment	0.000 μ_B
Magnetic Ordering	NM
Formation Energy / Atom	-2.125 eV
Energy Above Hull / Atom	0.007 eV
Density	2.21 g/cm ³
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Band Gap	3.284 eV

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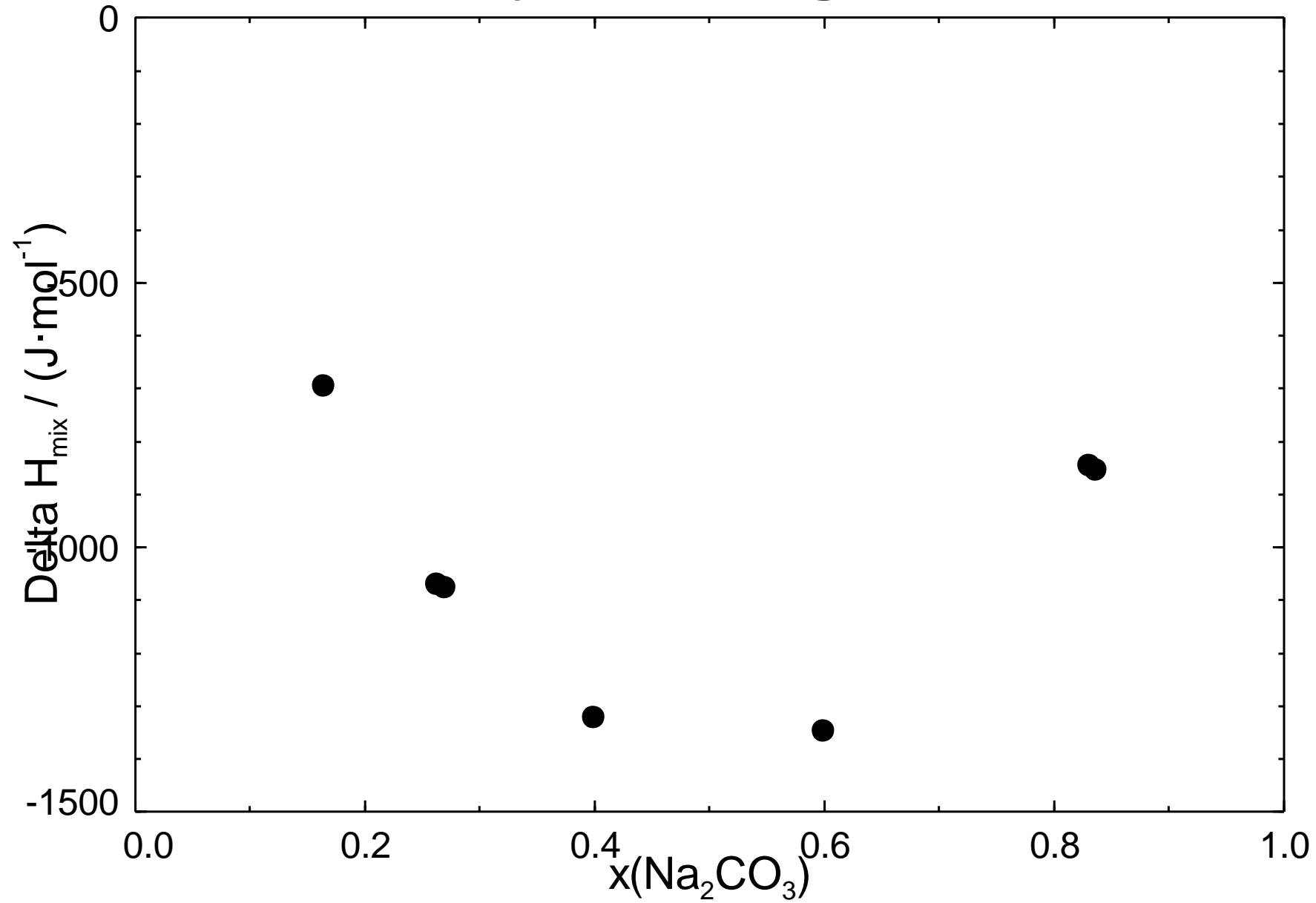
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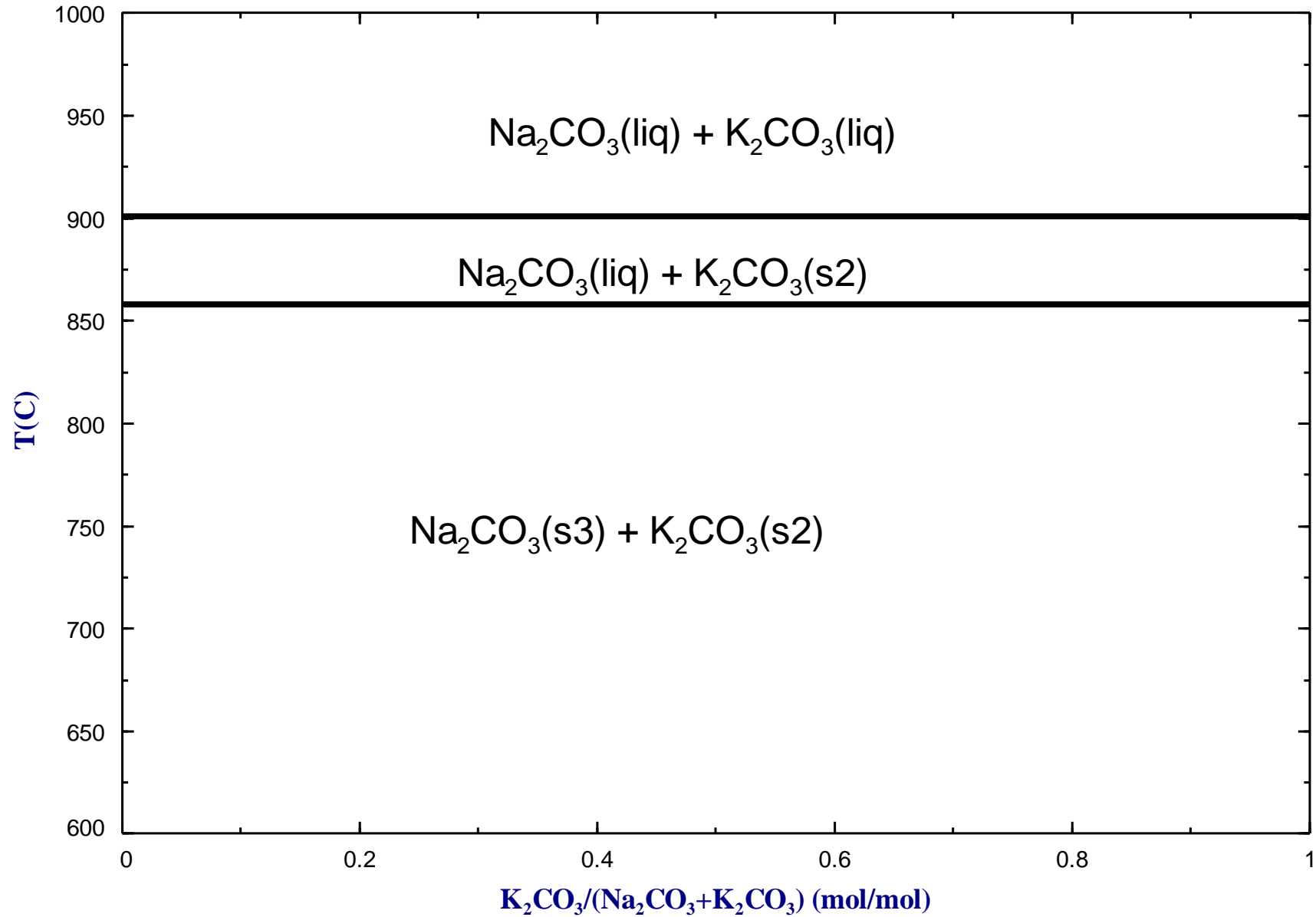
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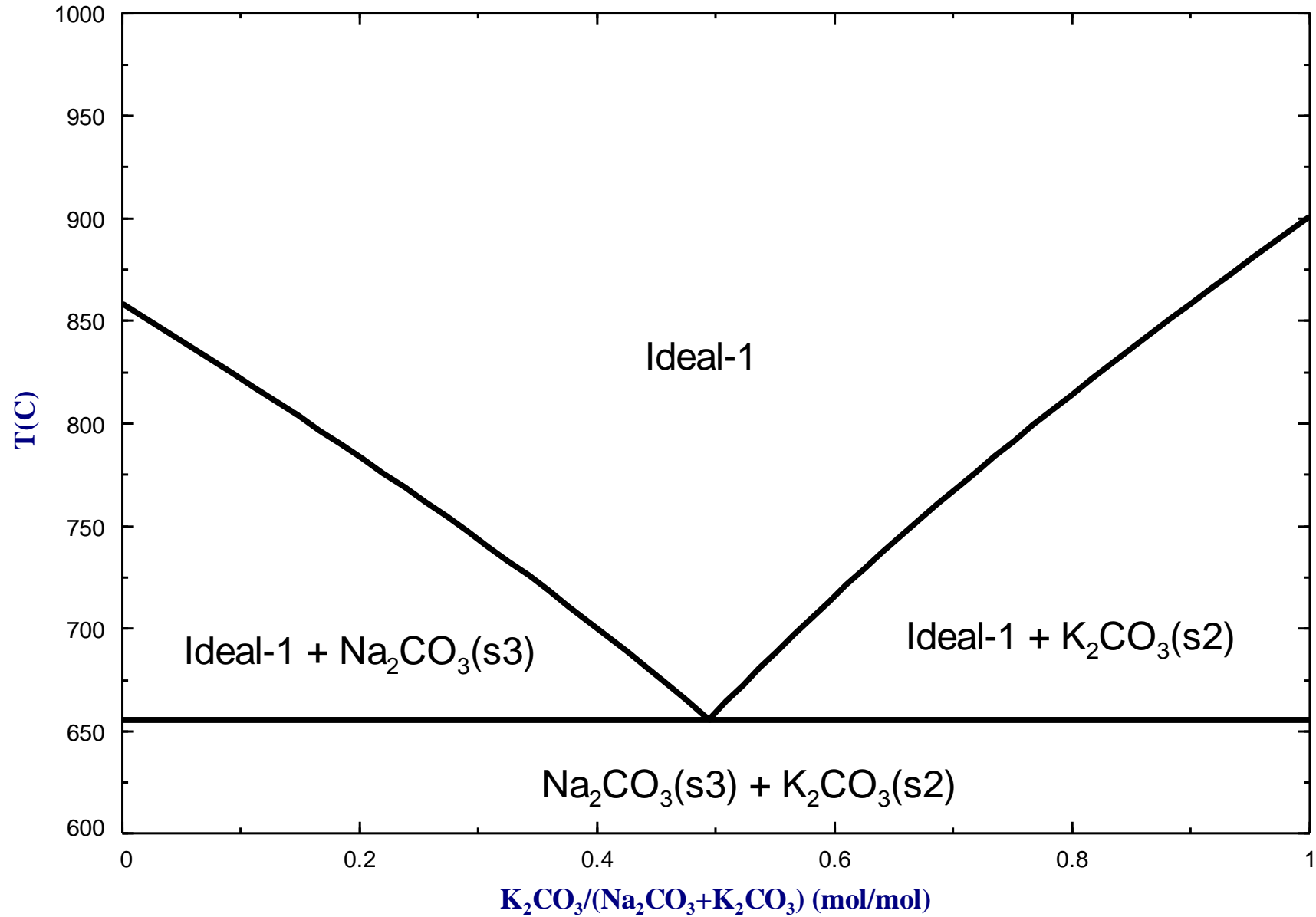
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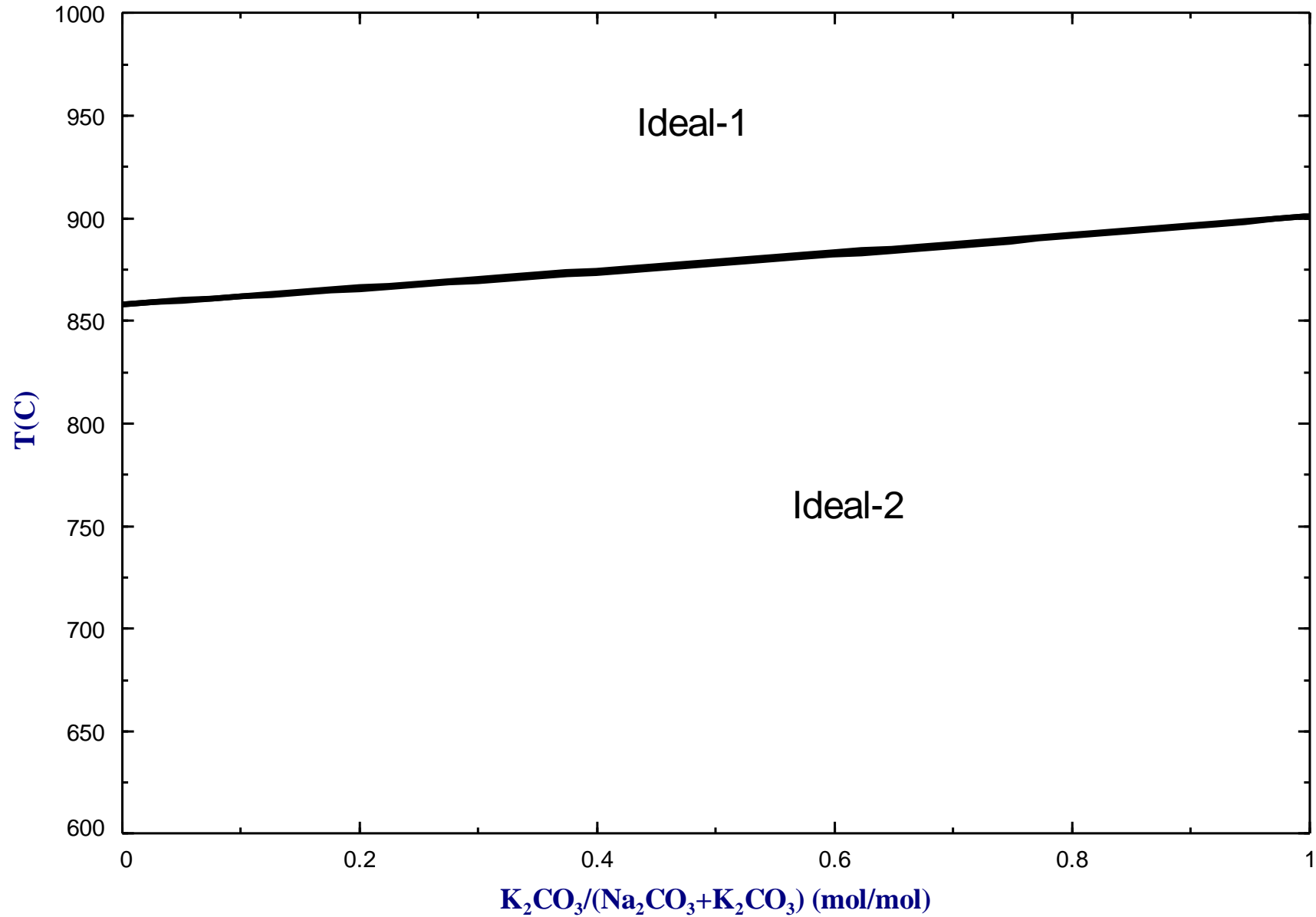
Na₂CO₃ - K₂CO₃



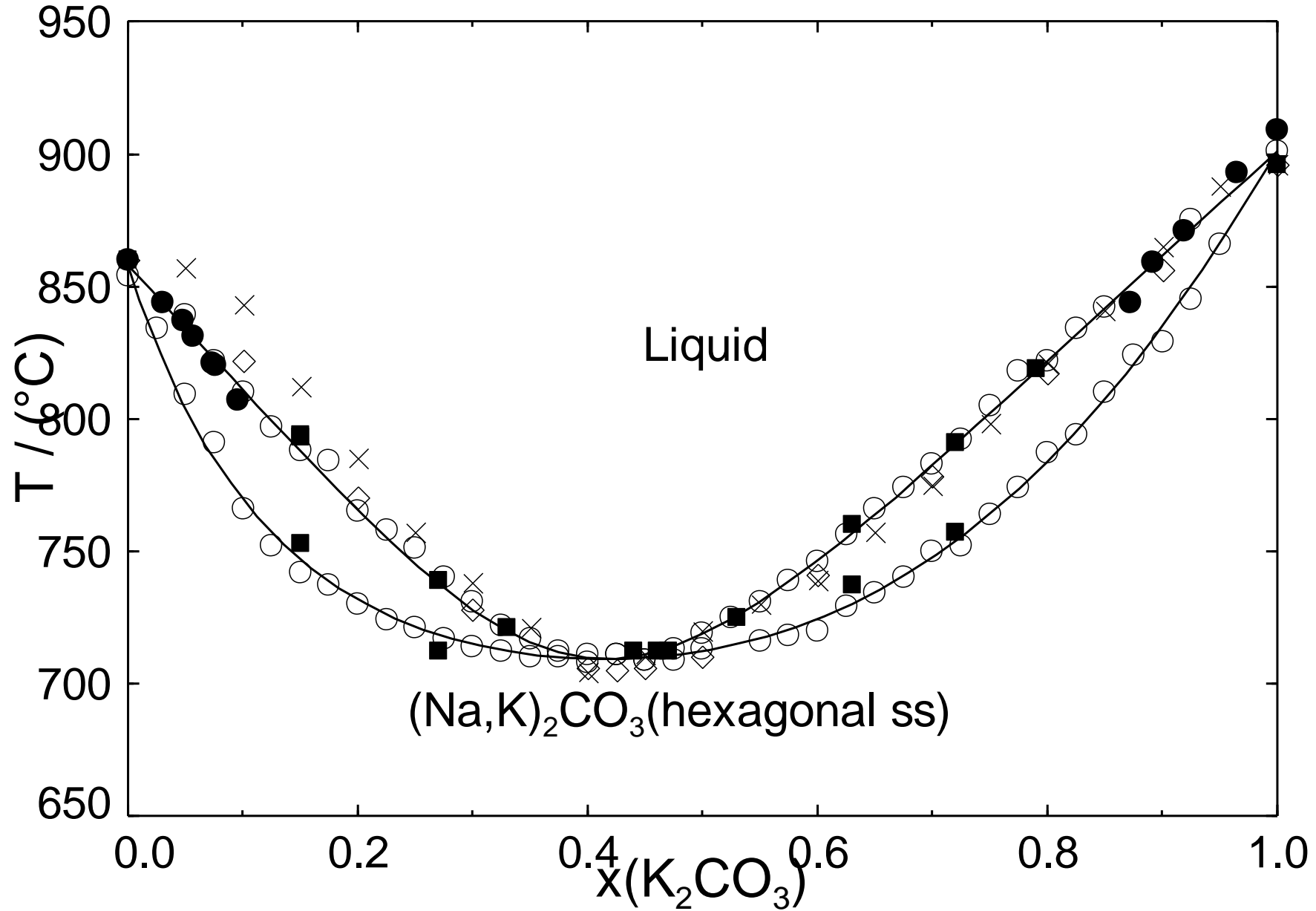
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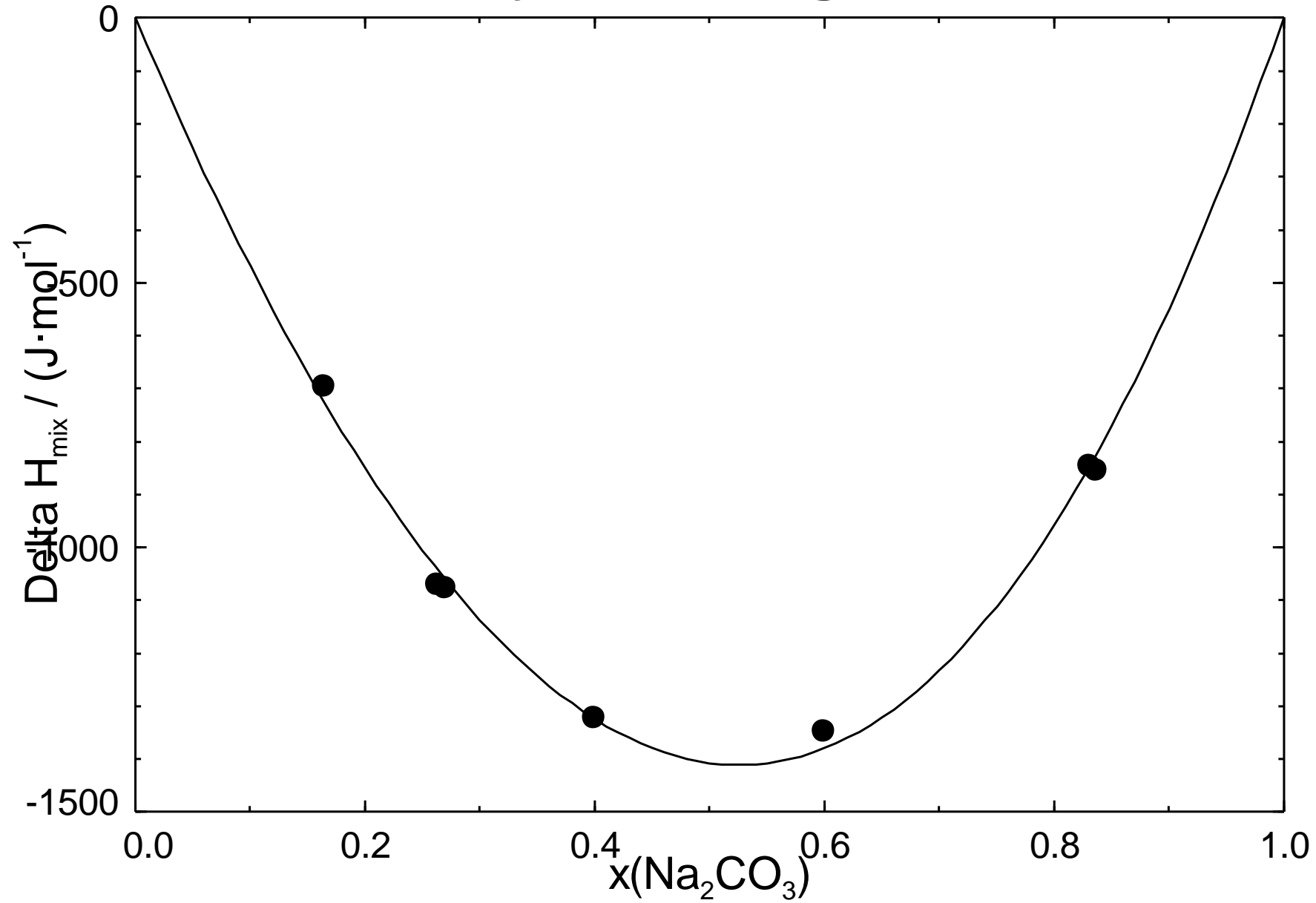
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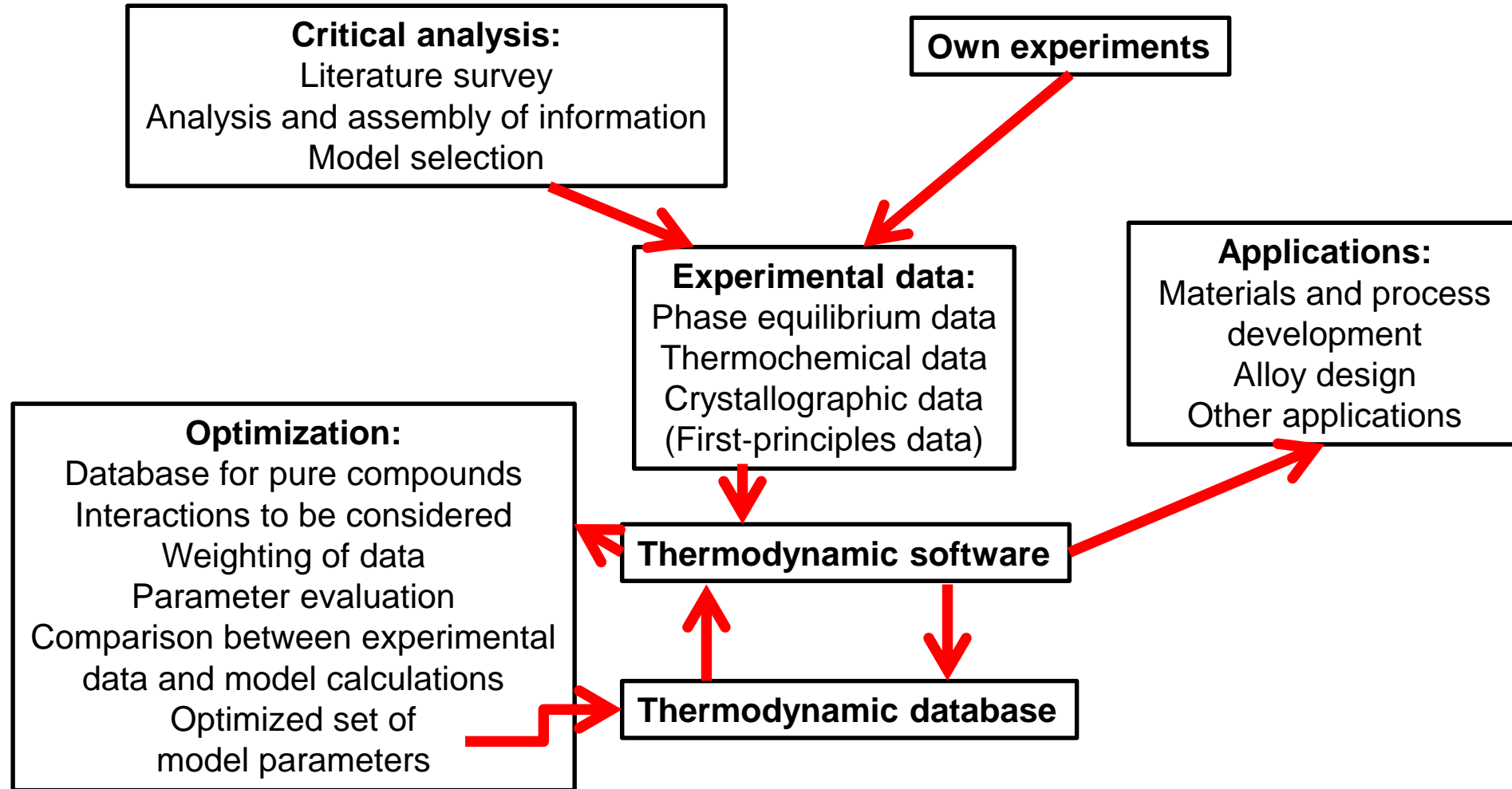
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Enthalpy of mixing at 905°C



Procedure for the Calphad method



Summary

- Calphad method
- Procedure
- Experimental input
- Choice of solution phase
- Demonstration