

Supplemental Literature Review of Binary Phase Diagrams: B-Fe, Cr-Zr, Fe-Np, Fe-W, Fe-Zn, Ge-Ni, La-Sn, La-Ti, La-Zr, Li-Sn, Mn-S, and Nb-Re

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Introduction

Binary Alloy Phase Diagrams, 2nd edition, a comprehensive collection of alloy phase diagrams for 2159 binary systems, was published in 1990 (T.B. Massalski, H. Okamoto, P.R. Subramanian, and L. Kacprzak., ASM International, Materials Park, OH [Massalski2]). This review intends to provide more recent information on the binary phase diagrams for the B-Fe, Cr-Zr, Fe-Np, Fe-W, Fe-Zn, Ge-Ni, La-Sn, La-Ti, La-Zr, Li-Sn, Mn-S, and Nb-Re systems that have become available after 1990. The criteria for selecting such information for inclusion in this review are (1) systems for which no phase diagram was given in [Massalski2], (2) complete diagrams that are substantially different from the earlier version, and (3) partial diagrams that alter or clarify the earlier version. Thermodynamic consistency of the new phase diagrams was checked based on phase rules and the diagrams were modified if necessary. However, each updated phase diagram has not gone through the ordinary evaluation process. Accordingly, a newer phase diagram is not always a better diagram, especially when there is too little published data on a system. For convenience, reaction tables and crystal structure data have been added when new information was available.

B-Fe (Boron-Iron)

The information on the Fe-B system assessed by [1993Lia] was updated by [1995Oka] and then by [2004Oka]. According to these updates, the phase diagram could not be determined conclusively because the phase diagrams calculated by [1994Hal] and [2002Van] disagreed with the experimental data differently.

[2013Van] noticed inconsistencies or disagreements among thermodynamic models reported by [1984Kau], [1988Oht], [1994Hal], [2001Pal], [2002Van], and [2008Yos]. Figure 1 and 2 show the Fe-B phase diagram calculated by [2013Van] using an improved thermodynamic model. This result is in good agreement with the existing experimental data assembled by [1993Lia].

[2013Pol] also reported a calculated Fe-B phase diagram. The most noticeable difference of this diagram from others

is that the (β B) liquidus shows a plateau at around 2000 °C, ~90 at.% B. Because no experimental phase boundary data exist in this region, this phenomenon cannot be denied. Confirmation is required.

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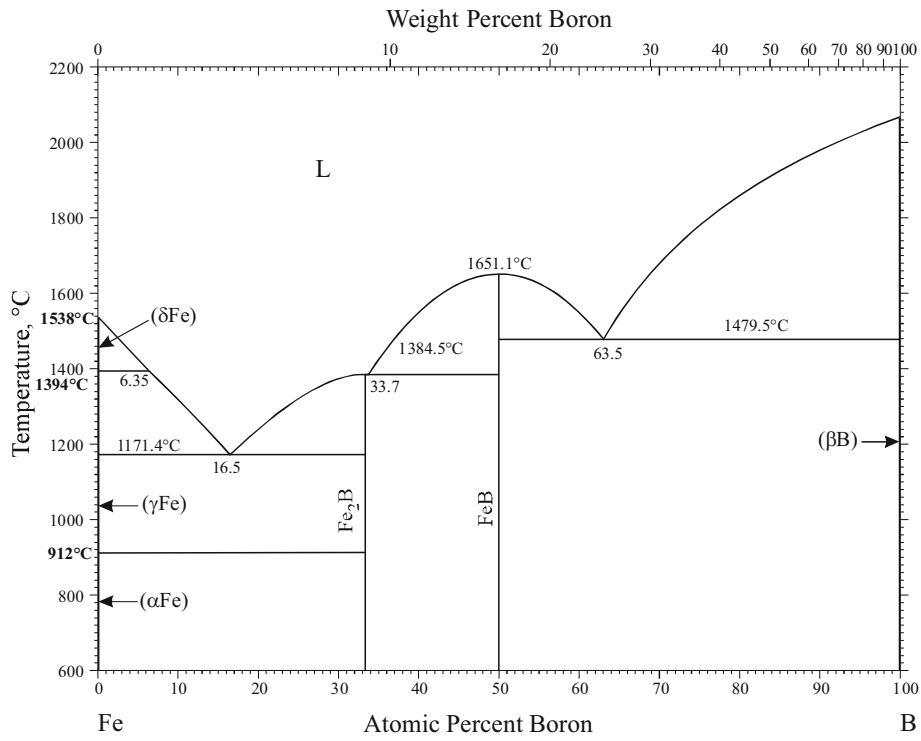


Fig. 1 Fe-B phase diagram [2013Van]

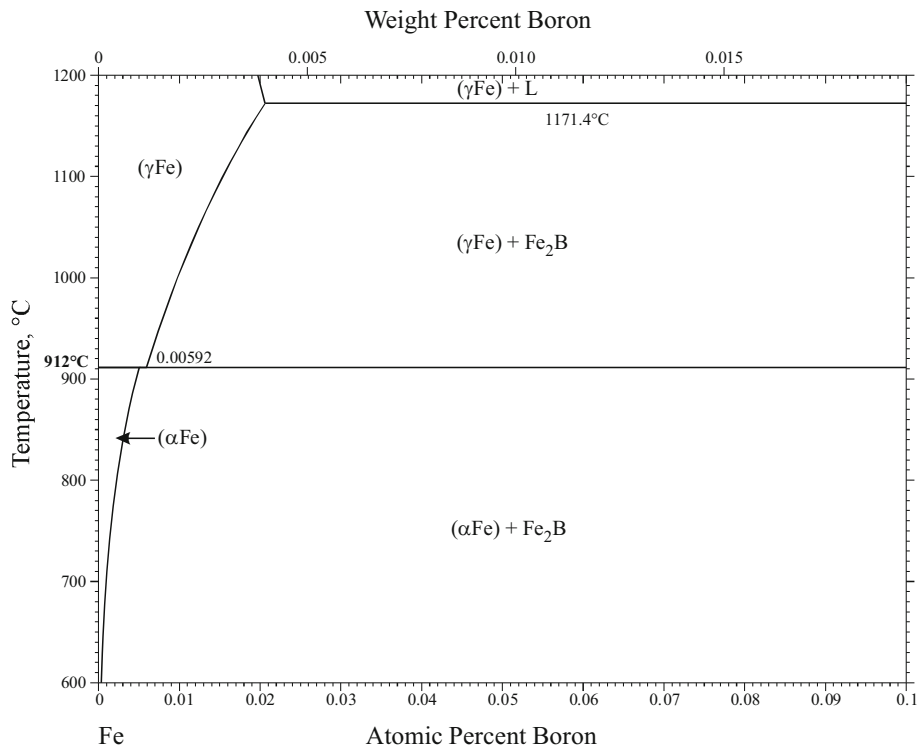


Fig. 2 Fe-rich corner of the Fe-B phase diagram [2013Van]

Cr-Zr (Chromium-Zirconium)

[1993Oka] updated the Cr-Zr phase diagram of [1990Mas] by introducing the thermodynamic modeling performed by [1993Zen2]. The information on this work is available in [1993Zen1] as well. Since then, [2009Pav] attempted thermodynamic modeling of this system based on the same experimental data as those used for determining the phase diagram of [1990Mas]. More recently, [2015Lu] reexamined the solvus boundaries of (Cr), $\alpha\text{Cr}_2\text{Zr}$, and (βZr) by EPMA measurements of annealed samples and then redetermined the Cr-Zr phase diagram by thermodynamic modeling. The result is shown in Fig. 3.

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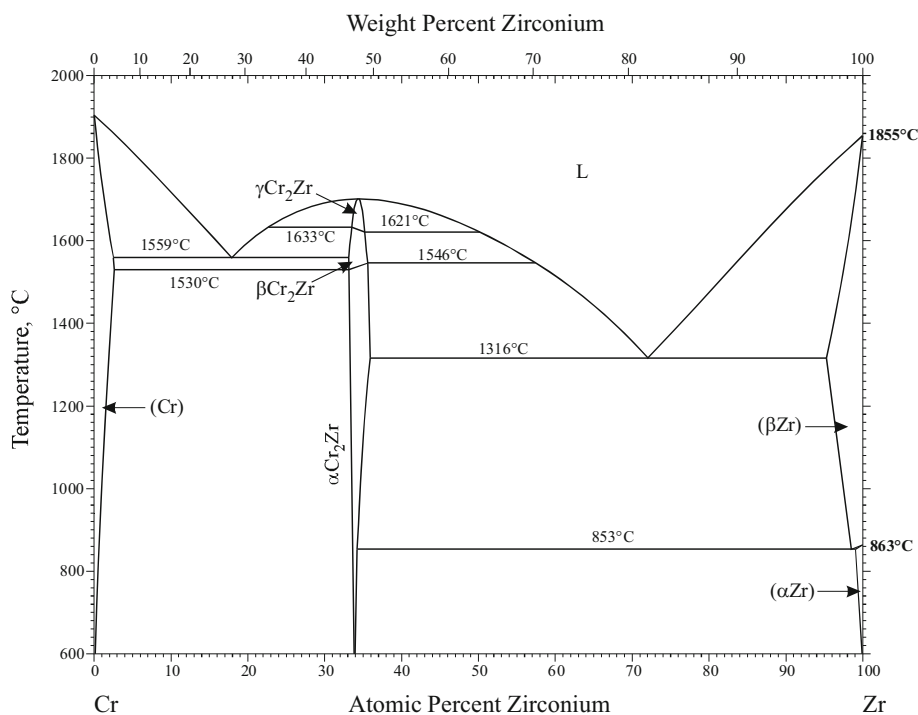


Fig. 3 Cr-Zr phase diagram [2015Lu]

Fe-Np (Iron-Neptunium)

[1995Oka] introduced the Fe-Np phase diagram reported by [1994Gib]. [2010Kur] updated this phase diagram by thermodynamic modeling, as shown in Fig. 4.

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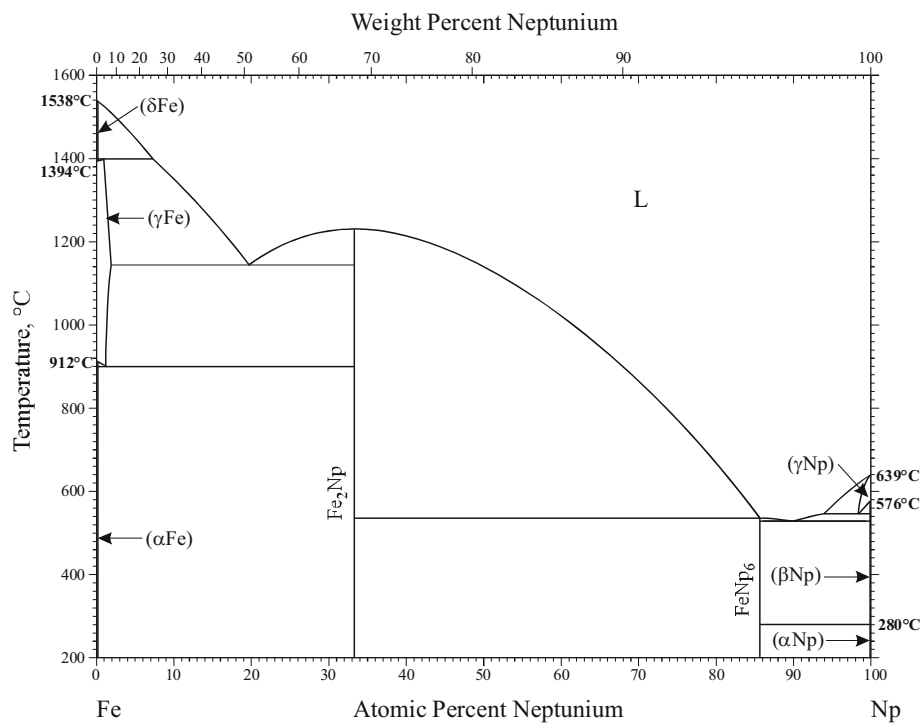


Fig. 4 Fe-Np phase diagram [2010Kur]

Fe-W (Iron-Tungsten)

The Fe-W phase diagram in [1990Mas] was adopted from the assessment done by [1986Nag]. This phase diagram was characterized by the existence of two intermediate phases Fe_7W_6 (1637-1190 °C) and FeW (<1215 °C). The Fe_2W phase observed by many investigators [2007Vil] was regarded as metastable. These features were based on the report of [1981Hen].

There have been many other experimental and theoretical reports on the Fe-W system, and the general consensus was that only Fe_2W and Fe_7W_6 exist in the stable state in this system. There is no report on FeW in [2007Vil]. Figure 5 shows one of the two Fe-W phase diagrams calculated by [2015Jac] by using two different thermodynamic models. This phase diagram is in good agreement with the experimental data reported by [1967Hil], [1967Sin], [1970Fis], [1973Kir], [1981Tak], [1986Ich], and [2013Ant]. The other model of [2015Jac] is also in good agreement, but there is no experimental thermodynamic data to support either one of the models. Experimental confirmation of the stability/instability of Fe_2W and FeW may be difficult due to slow kinetics of the formation reaction of these compounds.

More information on the Fe-W phase diagram is available in [1987Gus], [1988Gus1], [1988Gus2], and [1995Yam].

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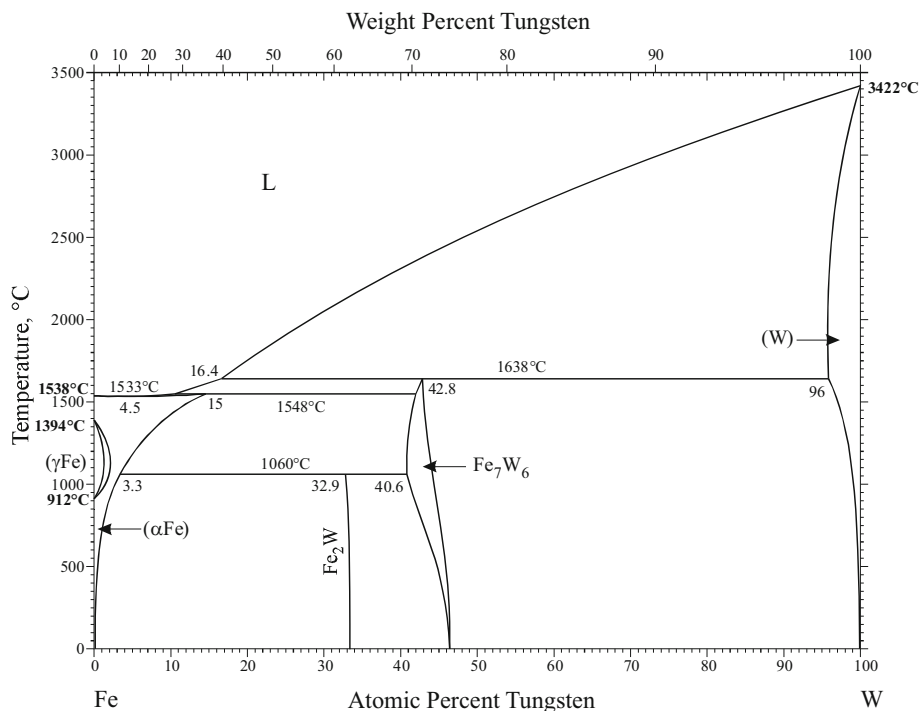


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Fe-Zn (Iron-Zinc)

[2007Oka] introduced the Fe-Zn phase diagram calculated by [2005Nak] as possible refinement of the phase diagram evaluated by [1993Bur]. However, [2009Xio] found that the thermodynamic model used by [2005Nak] was inappropriate because an inversed miscibility gap would form in the liquid phase above about the melting temperature of Fe. The same problem occurs for the thermodynamic model used by [2001Su], which was also quoted in [2007Oka].

Figure 6 shows the Fe-Zn phase diagram calculated by [2009Xio] using a problem-free thermodynamic model.

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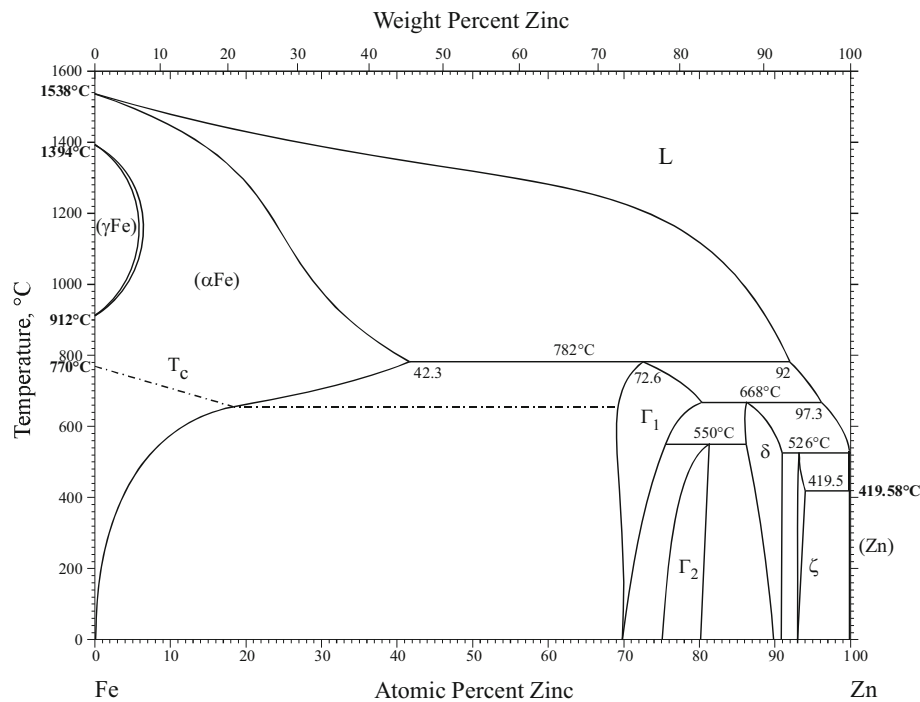


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Ge-Ni (Germanium-Nickel)

[2014Oka] introduced a Ge-Ni phase diagram calculated by [2012Jin]. The Ge-Ni phase diagram shown in Fig. 7, calculated by [2010Liu], should have also been intro-

duced for comparison. According to [2012Jin], three phases Ge_2Ni_3 , $\text{Ge}_{12}\text{Ni}_{19}$, and ϵ shown in Fig. 7 form a single-phase region.

The phase diagram of [2010Liu] reproduced the diagram assessed by [1991Nas]. On the other hand, the phase diagram of [2012Jin] was partly based on more recent experimental data. Clarification is required by taking into account these contradictory reports.

Table 1 shows Ge-Ni crystal structure data for the Fig. 7 type phase diagram, revised by referring to [2006Vil].

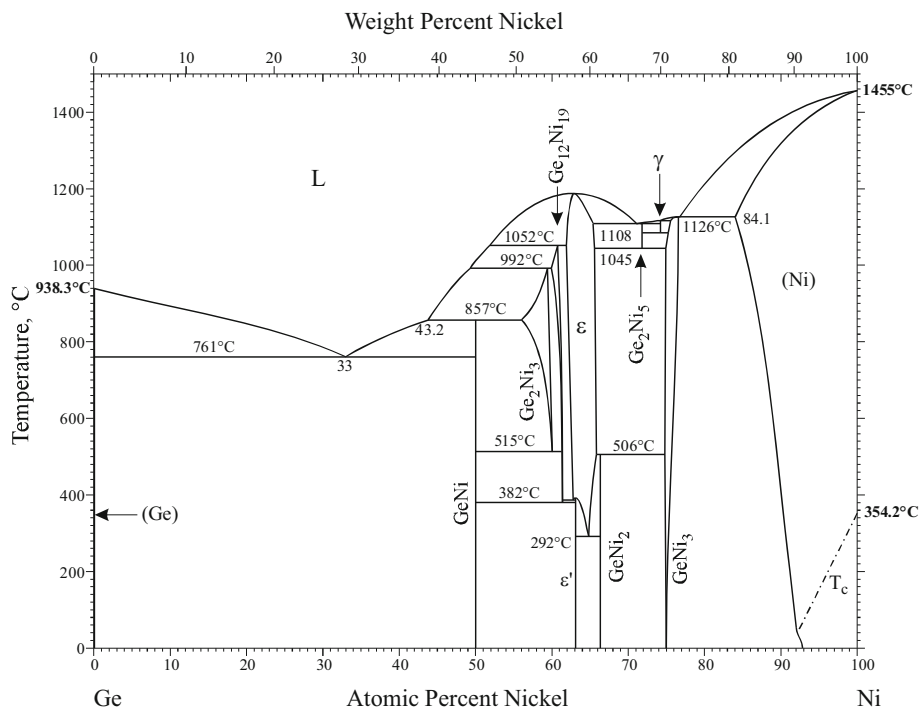


Fig. 7 Ge-Ni phase diagram [2010Liu]

Table 1 Ge-Ni crystal structure data

Phase	Composition, at.% Ni	Pearson symbol	Space group	Strukturbericht designation	Prototype
(Ge)	0	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fd$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>A4</i>	C (diamond)
GeNi	50	<i>oP8</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>B31</i>	MnP
Ge_2Ni_3	55.9 to 59.9	<i>hP4</i>	<i>P6$_3$/mmc</i>	<i>B8$_1$</i>	NiAs
$\text{Ge}_{12}\text{Ni}_{19}$	59.9 to 61.3	<i>mC62</i>	<i>C121</i>	...	...
ϵ	62 to 66.1	<i>mC32</i>	<i>C121</i>	...	...
ϵ'	63	<i>hP6</i>	<i>P6$_3$/mmc</i>	...	...
GeNi_2	66.7	<i>oP12</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>C23</i>	$\text{Co}_2\text{-Si}$
Ge_2Ni_5	72	<i>hP42</i>	<i>P6$_3$cm</i>	...	Pd_3Sb_2
γ	74.4	<i>cF16</i>	<i>Fd$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>B32</i>	NaTl
GeNi_3	75 to 77	<i>cP4</i>	<i>Pm$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>L1$_2$</i>	AuCu_3
(Ni)	84.1 to 100	<i>cF4</i>	<i>Fm$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>A1</i>	Cu

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La-Sn (Lanthanum-Tin)

The La-Sn system was reviewed by [1992Pal]. [2002Oka] introduced a thermodynamic assessment of this

system reported by [2000Hua]. Substantial disagreement was observed between [1992Pal] and [2000Hua] with regard to the LaSn_3 liquidus temperatures.

[2009Idb] disclosed that the thermodynamic model used by [2000Hua] was inadequate, as it would cause formation of an inverted miscibility gap in the liquid phase at high temperatures. Figure 8 shows the La-Sn phase diagram calculated by [2009Idb] using an improved thermodynamic model. The form of the LaSn_3 liquidus was reproduced in good agreement with the experimental phase diagram of [1992Pal].

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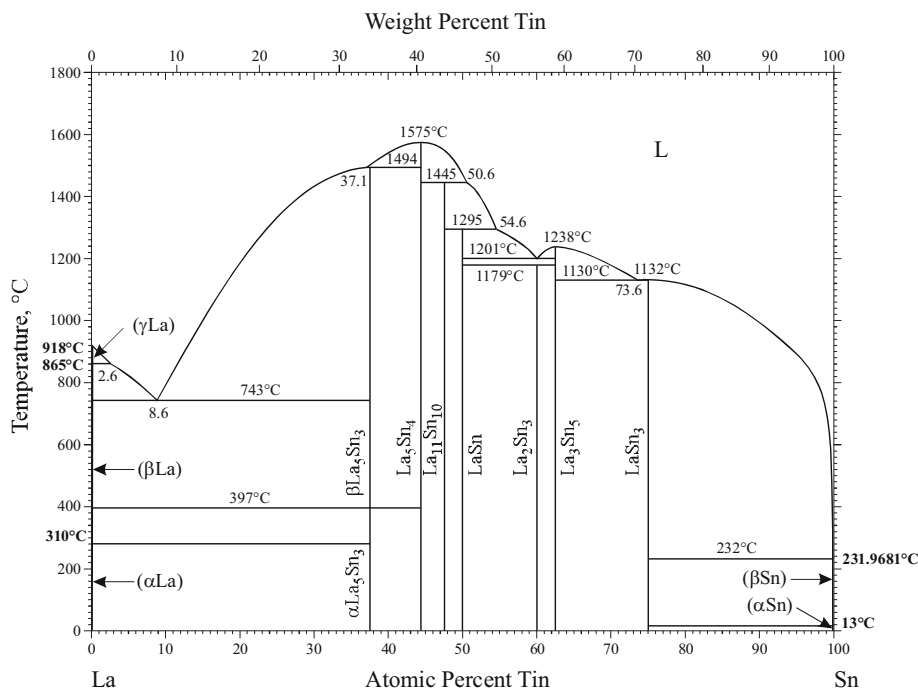


Fig. 8 La-Sn phase diagram [2009Idb]

La-Ti (Lanthanum-Titanium)

The La-Ti phase diagram in [1990Mas] was adopted from [1987Mur]. The assessed phase diagram was calculated based on very limited data of La solubility in (β Ti) and (α Ti) reported by [1957Sav] and [1962Sav]. Accordingly, [1987Mur] needed experimental determination of Ti solubility in (La) for reliable determination of the phase diagram.

Since then, [1988Cou] and [2016Mat] reported the La-Ti phase diagram. Figure 9 shows the phase diagram calculated by the latter based on experimental data obtained by in situ high-energy synchrotron x-ray diffraction. The phase diagram reported by [1988Cou] is also a monotectic type, but with a large (~ 20 at.%) solubility of Ti in (γ La). The phase diagram suggests a trend of forming continuous liquidus between W-type (γ La) and (β Ti), in contradiction with the existence of the monotectic reaction. This problem does not exist in the phase diagram shown in Fig. 9.

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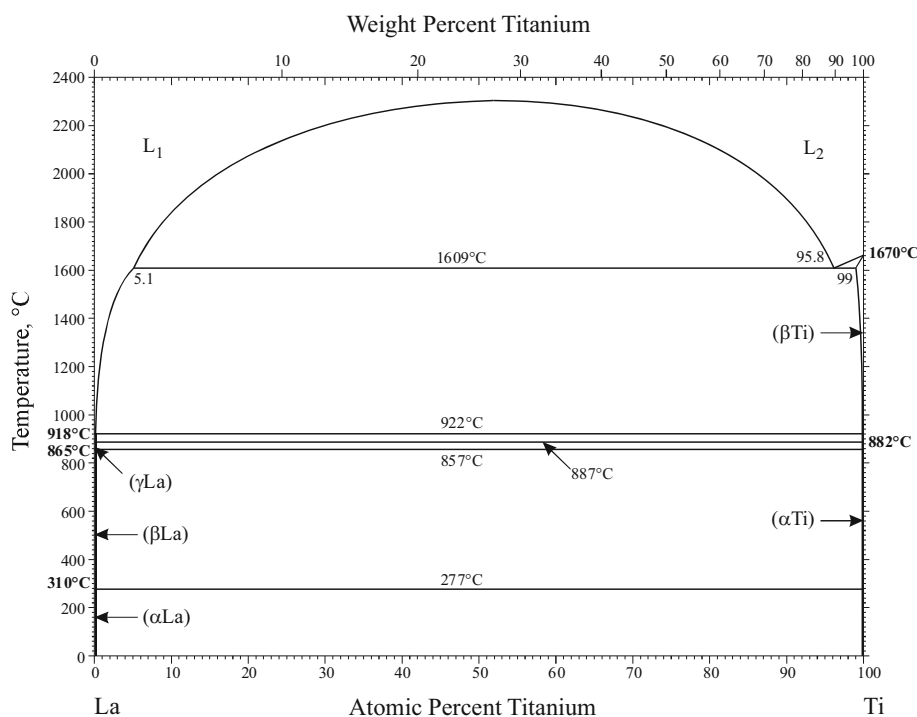


Fig. 9 La-Ti phase diagram [2016Mat]

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shows the phase diagram calculated by [2016Mat] based on the experimental data.

Table 2 shows La-Zr crystal structure data.

La-Zr (Lanthanum-Zirconium)

The La-Zr phase diagram was unknown in [1990Mas].

[2016Mat] investigated the La-Zr phase diagram by in situ high-energy synchrotron x-ray diffraction. Figure 10

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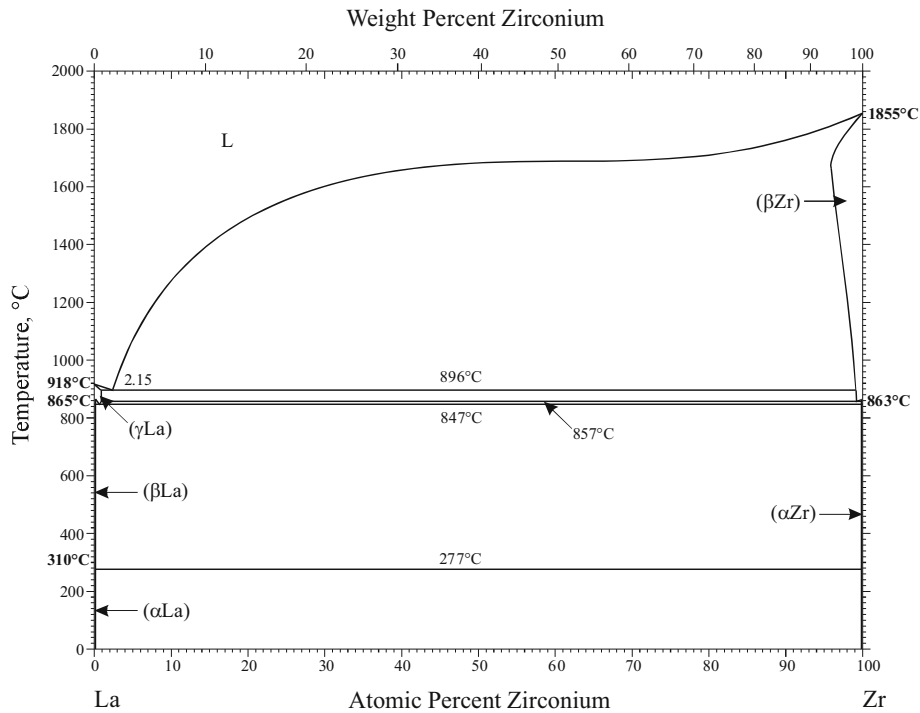


Fig. 10 La-Zr phase diagram [2016Mat]

Table 2 La-Zr crystal structure data

Phase	Composition, at.% Zr	Pearson symbol	Space group	Strukturbericht designation	Prototype
(γLa)	0 to 0.8	<i>cI2</i>	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}m$	<i>A2</i>	W
(βLa)	0 to 0.08	<i>cF4</i>	<i>Fm</i> $\bar{3}m$	<i>A1</i>	Cu
(αLa)	0	<i>hP4</i>	<i>P6</i> $_3/mmc$	<i>A3'</i>	αLa
(βZr)	96 to 100	<i>cI2</i>	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}m$	<i>A2</i>	W
(αZr)	99.71 to 100	<i>hP2</i>	<i>P6</i> $_3/mmc$	<i>A3</i>	Mg

Li-Sn (Lithium-Tin)

The Li-Sn phase diagram in [1990Mas] was copied from [1976Mof]. It was constructed based on [1934Gru] with modification for the composition range from Li_7Sn_2 to LiSn according to [1979Bai]. Subsequently, this system was assessed by [1998San].

Thermodynamic modeling of the phase diagram was attempted by [1996Gas], [2005Yin], [2006Du], and [2014Wan] based on the same experimental data as used by [1998San] for assessment.

Further improvement of the Li-Sn phase diagram was achieved by [2014Li]. DTA measurements were carried out in order to clarify reactions involving L, $\text{Li}_{17}\text{Sn}_4$, Li_7Sn_2 , and $\text{Li}_{13}\text{Sn}_5$. Figure 11 shows the Li-Sn phase diagram calculated by [2014Li] based on the new experimental data. $\text{Li}_{22}\text{Sn}_5$ in [1998San] was replaced by $\text{Li}_{17}\text{Sn}_4$. Table 3 shows Li-Sn crystal structure data copied from [1998San] with changes for $\text{Li}_{17}\text{Sn}_4$ according to [2003Lup]. This editor suspects the stability of $\text{Li}_{13}\text{Sn}_5$ at low temperatures because of its extreme proximity to Li_5Sn_2 , as suggested by [1993Oka].

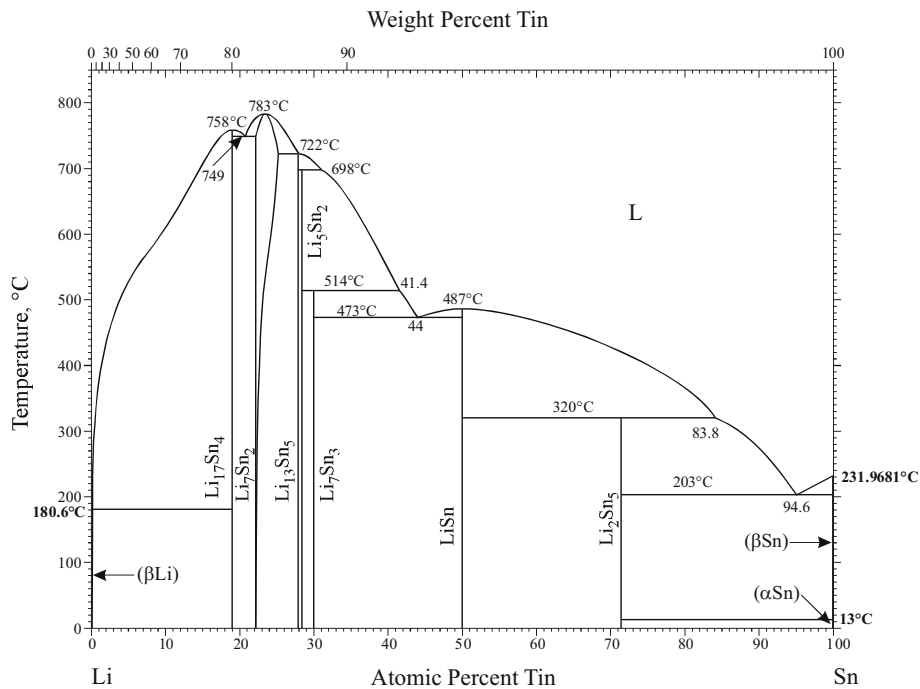


Fig. 11 Li-Sn phase diagram [2014Li]

Table 3 Li-Sn crystal structure data

Phase	Composition, at.% Sn	Pearson symbol	Space group	Strukturbericht designation	Prototype
(βLi)	0	<i>cI2</i>	<i>Im$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>A2</i>	W
$\text{Li}_{17}\text{Sn}_4$	19.0	<i>cF420</i>	<i>F$\bar{4}3m$</i>	...	...
Li_7Sn_2	22.2	<i>oC36</i>	<i>Cmmm</i>	...	...
$\text{Li}_{13}\text{Sn}_5$	27.8	<i>hP18</i>	<i>P$\bar{3}m1$</i>	...	...
Li_5Sn_2	28.6	<i>hR7</i>	<i>R$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>D8_i</i>	Mo_2B_5
Li_7Sn_3	30	<i>mP20</i>	<i>P2₁/m</i>	...	...
LiSn	50	<i>mP6</i>	<i>P2/m</i>	...	...
Li_2Sn_5	71.4	<i>tP14</i>	<i>P4/mbm</i>
(βSn)	100	<i>tI4</i>	<i>I4₁/amd</i>	<i>A5</i>	βSn
(αSn)	100	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fd$\bar{3}m$</i>	<i>A4</i>	C (diamond)

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Mn-S (Manganese-Sulfur)

The Mn-S phase diagram assessed by [1990Fra] was updated by [2011Oka] according to [2010Kan]. The S-rich side of MnS of this phase diagram was speculative due to lack of experimental data.

Figure 12 shows the complete Mn-S phase diagram assessed by [2015Dil]. The gas phase is suppressed, as in the phase diagram of [2010Kan]. Although the results of [2010Kan] and [2015Dil] are topologically the same, critical point temperatures differ up to about 500 °C. Experimental data are still not available to select a preferable phase diagram.

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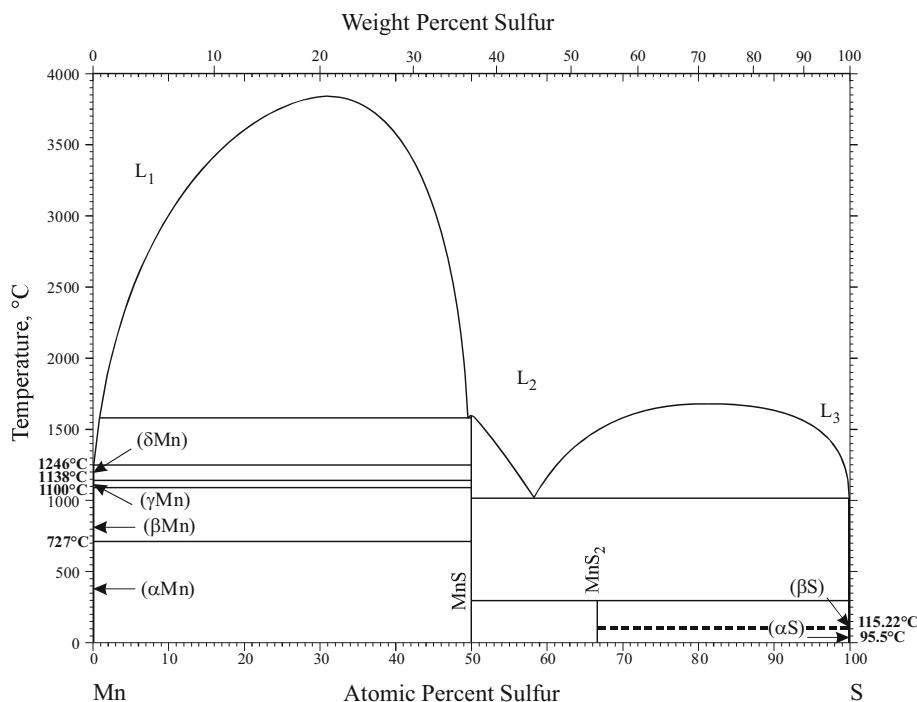


Fig. 12 Mn-S phase diagram [2015Dil] (> 227 °C)

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Nb-Re (Niobium-Rhenium)

The Nb-Re phase diagram in [1990Mas], redrawn from [1965Eli], was a preliminary version of the diagram reported by [1961Gie].

Figure 13 shows the Nb-Re phase diagram calculated by [2013Liu]. The phase boundary data reported by [1961Gie] were used as the primary basis of the thermodynamic model. Accordingly, the Nb-Re phase diagram in [1990Mas] has been improved in Fig. 13.

This system has been studied repeatedly by [1956Gre], [1959Kna], [1961Eng], [1961Lev], [1961Sav], [1969Sav], [1976Pan], [2008Jou], and [2009Jou], as well as [1961Gie]. These reports generally agreed that a narrow σ phase and a broad χ phase exist in this system, but reported phase boundaries showed significant disagreement. Further experimental studies may be needed for confirmation of the Nb-Re phase diagram shown in Fig. 13.

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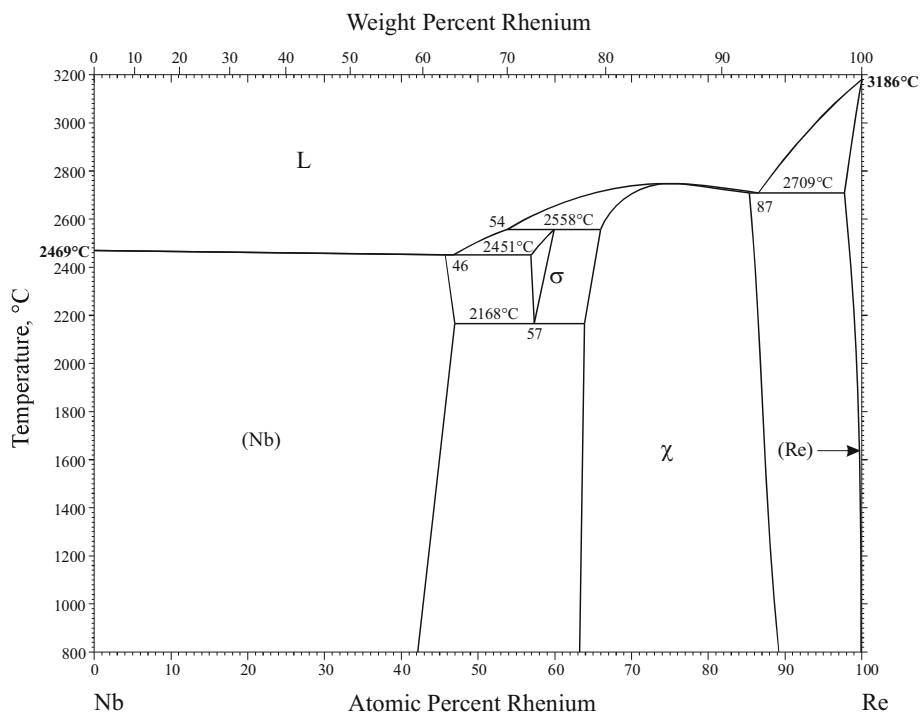


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