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Introduction

The knowledge base *MSI Eureka* provide concise and consistent descriptions of material systems, as far as published data allow.

The approach used is to discuss the phase relationships and to consider changes in state and phase reactions with decreasing temperature. This has influenced the terminology employed and is reflected in tables and text.

The world literature is thoroughly and systematically searched back to the year 1900. Then, the published data are critically evaluated by experts in materials science and reviewed under the authority of the MSIT[®] Program Board.

Conflicting information is commented upon and errors and inconsistencies removed wherever possible.

The system reports present concise descriptions and hence do not repeat in the text facts which can clearly be read from the diagrams. For most purposes the use of the compendium is expected to be self-sufficient. However, a bibliography with MSIT Keywords, is given to enable users to study the individual papers, if required.

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Chapter 1

Structure of a Binary System Report

Small system reports should not be split in chapters, whilst large system reports should be structured in the following chapters

Heading

Literature Data

Solid Phases

Phase Equilibria

Thermodynamics

Notes on Materials Properties and Applications

Miscellaneous

References

Tables

Figures

concise summary of other people's work

This is the authors intellectual work, evaluating critically the existing data, amending and completing diagrams and tables; justifying the conclusions made, etc .

Topics without sufficient data are skipped.

1.0. Heading

The diagram shows a rectangular box representing a report heading. In the top right corner, the text "25.02.12 Cu-Ti 1" is displayed. In the center, the title "Cu –Ti (Copper – Titanium)" is written in a large, bold font. Below the title, the authors' names "Ibrahim Ansara , Volodymyr Ivanchenko, Vitaliy Dubenskiy" are listed. In the bottom left corner, the section "Literature Data" is followed by a dotted line. Two arrows point from external text to the box: one from the top right pointing to the date and page number, and another from the bottom right pointing to the authors' names.

25.02.12 Cu-Ti 1

Cu –Ti (Copper – Titanium)

Ibrahim Ansara , Volodymyr Ivanchenko, Vitaliy Dubenskiy

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1.1. Literature Data

Gives a short overview of 'what has been done by whom'.

A brief review of the published works on the binary system should outline the experimental methods, the amount of work involved in studying the binary system and state the extent of agreement between different authors.

The arguments on which the decision on final selection of data will be based are NOT given here but later in the individual chapters.

Experimental methods used in investigation of the phase equilibria, crystal structure and properties should be described in Table 1: "Recent Investigations of the X-Y System". In the first column the reference is given; experimental techniques used are listed in the second column and in the third column temperature/composition/phase range studied should be given. See example system report on the Cu-Ti system amended to the "Notes for Authors".

Note: thermodynamic studies also should be mentioned in the "Literature Data" section, however experimental details should not be given in Table 1, but in the corresponding tables of the "Thermodynamics" section.

If for the system a review or assessment is available which covers the earlier data, make a reference to this review in a following way "Literature data up to 1985 are given in the review by [1994Mur].

The X-Y system was subsequently studied by several techniques and for different temperature and composition ranges which are listed in Table 1." Then in Table 1 only publications after 1985 should be described.

Such a table is mandatory in each system report, where experimental information is given.

1.2. Solid Phases

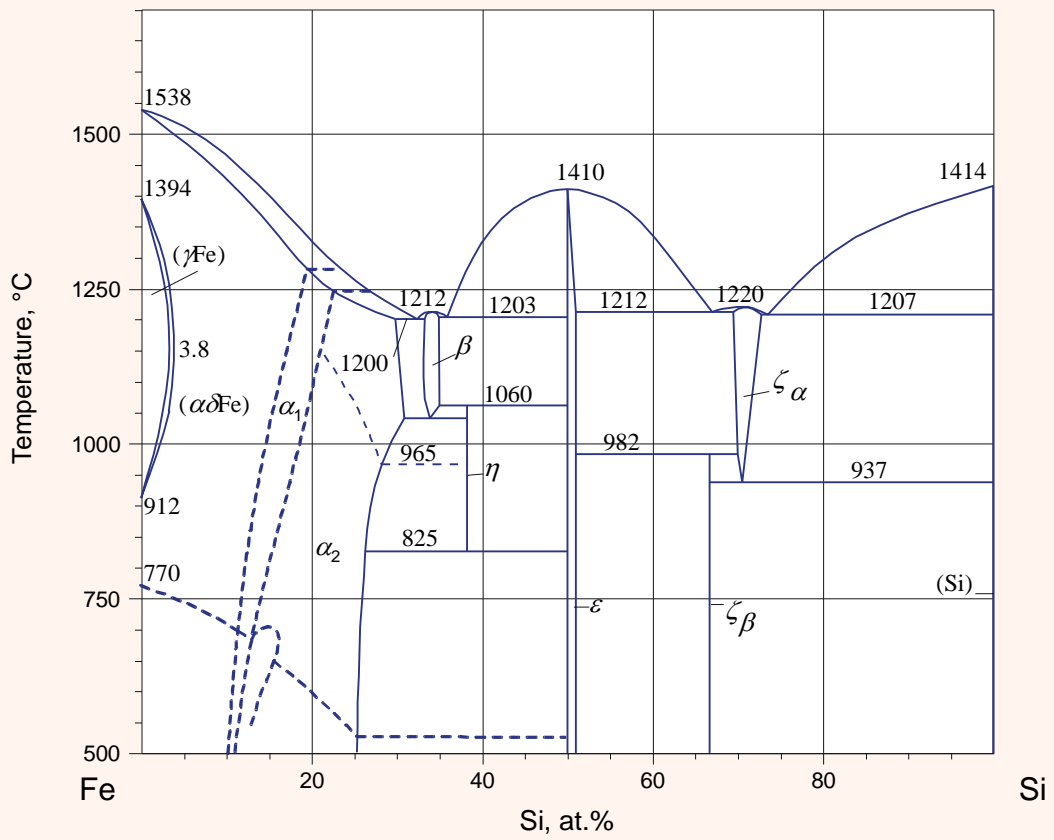
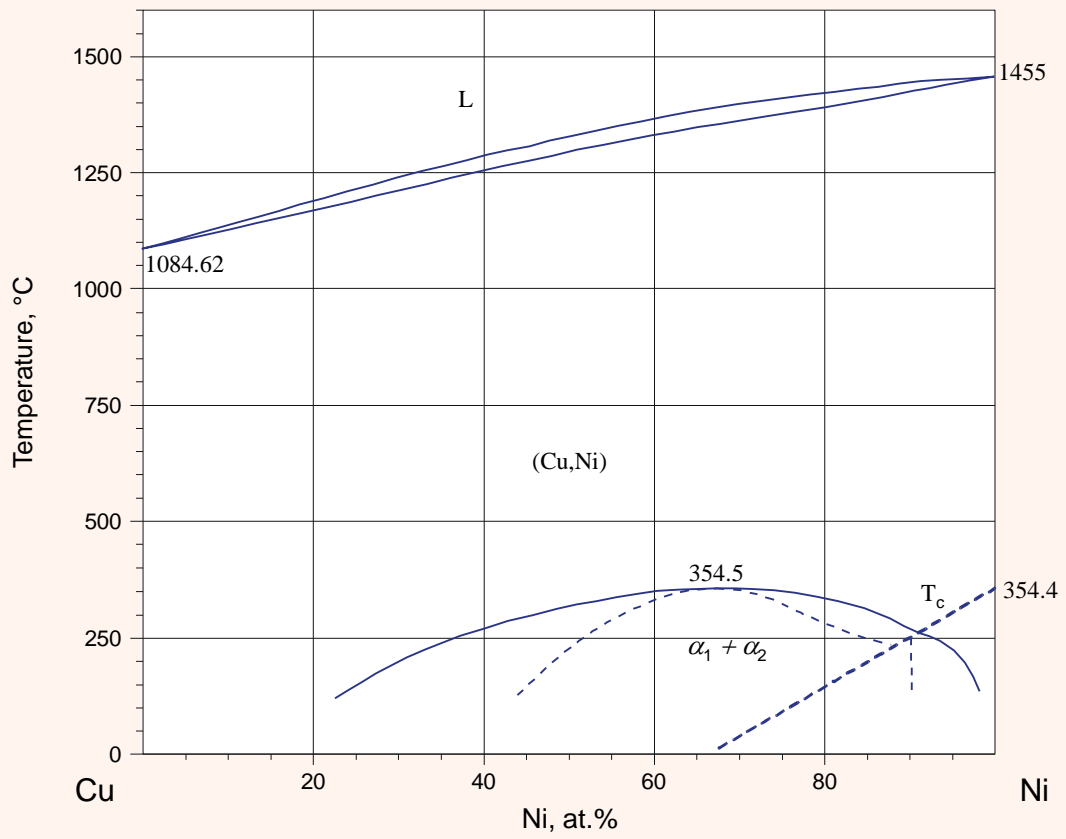
The assessed information is mainly presented in the Table "Solid Phases".

The Table "Solid Phases" should incorporate **all** phases of the binary system, *starting* with unary, proceeding to binary. This includes crystalline, high pressure and metastable phases (indication about amorphous and glassy state could be given under "Miscellaneous").

For the unary phases it is recommended to use the data prepared by the MSIT Program Board. They are available on request from evaluation@msiport.com.

Each phase appears only once. If the phase fields show a continuous connection at any range of the phase diagram then this phase must be described as a single unique phase. See examples below in Cu-Ni and Fe-Si (with closed γ loop) systems. If the α Fe and δ Fe solution ranges merge in the system, the designation of $\alpha\delta$ Fe is recommended. Please report the maximum solubilities and the respective temperatures.

Different phases are separated by horizontal lines in the table.



1. The *first column* of the table contains the formulae (at least an approximate one) of the phases. Whenever Greek letters are used to denote phases, these symbols must also appear in the first column.

Two phases must not have the same name and one phase can not have two different names. A one to one relationship between symbol and phase is necessary.

If the same Greek symbol is used for different phases, they must be distinguished by suffixes.

The sequence of the elements in the formula of a phase has to be according to the *chemical order* specified by Pettifor, see chapter 3.4. We use SiC (instead of CSi) in the C-Si system.

Different phases with the same formulae are distinguished by:

- a. different symbols ϵ , ϵ' , for allotropic transformations
- b. Roman letters (I), (II), for pressure modifications
- c. the temperature range of phase stability.

Different temperature modifications can be further indicated by lower case letters in brackets behind the phase designation, with

- a. (h) = high temperature modification
- b. (r) = room temperature modification
- c. (l) = low temperature modification ($l_1 > l_2$).

These letters are used in the sequence h_2, h_1, r, l_1, l_2 .

Also, αMn , βMn or αPr , βPr , $\alpha\text{Pr}_3\text{Al}_{11}$ and $\beta\text{Pr}_3\text{Al}_{11}$, $\alpha\delta\text{Fe}$ are possible within one system report.

2. The *second column* characterizes the crystal structure by the Pearson symbol, space group and its prototype, which also has to be given in *chemical order*. The prototype is the first phase where this structure was reported. If a sentence "is isotype to A_2XY [refs.]" is given in the literature, please check for prototype of A_2XY . If the structure is not known exactly (for example Bravais lattice and/or number of atoms per unit cell are unknown), the crystal system is sufficient (such as c^{**} , t^{**} , h^{**} , o^{**} , ...). No prototype may appear.

In some cases it may be helpful to give an incomplete Pearson symbol such as (o^*60).

Example for construction of Pearson symbol:

$aP7$; a – anorthic (triclinic) crystal system, P – primitive Bravais lattice type, 7 – number of atoms in unit cell.

Bravais lattice types : P, C, I, F, R

If the structure is known completely the prototype must be reported.

3. The *third column* gives the lattice parameters in **pm** and if necessary the angle of inclination of the crystal lattice.

Conversion must be made to pm :

$$1\text{\AA} = 0.1\text{ nm} = 100\text{ pm} ; 1\text{ kX} = 1.00202\text{\AA}$$

For rhombohedral lattices the hexagonal setting is mandatory. For convenience, the relationships between the cell parameters a, c of the triple hexagonal cell and the cell parameters a', α' of the primitive rhombohedral cell are listed:

$$a = 2a' \sin(\alpha'/2)$$

$$c = a' \sqrt{3\sqrt{1 + 2\cos\alpha'}}$$

The Pearson symbol $hR...$ should show the number of atoms in the hexagonal unit cell, e.g. $\alpha\text{Sm} : hR9$, but not $hR3$ with reference to the number, 3, of atoms contained in the primitive rhombohedral unit cell.

4. *Column four* allows the inclusion of additional information, such as: references, comments on accuracy, concentrations, etc. The source of data has to be referenced.

Authors should indicate whether the original work has truly proven the existence of a binary phase or merely the presence of a metastable phase.

Examples for Table Solid Phases

Table 2: Solid Phases

Phase/ Temperature Range (°C)	Pearson Symbol/ Space Group/ Prototype	Lattice Parameters (pm)	Comments
(Mg) <650	$hP2$ $P6_3/mmc$ Mg	$a = 320.944$ $c = 521.076$	pure Mg at 25°C [V-C2, Mas2] dissolves 0.14 at.% La at 613°C [Mas2] 0 to 0.44 at.% La at 600°C [V-C2]
(γ La) 918-865	$cI2$ $Im\bar{3}m$ W	$a = 426$	pure La at 887°C [V-C2] dissolves ~29 at.% Mg at 712°C [Mas2]
(β La) 865-310	$cF4$ $Fm\bar{3}m$ Cu	$a = 529.1$	[V-C2] dissolves 9.4 at.% Mg at 546°C [Mas2]
(α La) <310	$hP4$ $P6_3/mmc$ αLa	$a = 377.0$ $c = 1215.9$	[V-C2, Mas2]
LaMg_{12} <640	$oI338$ $Immm$ $\text{CeMg}_{12}(\text{II})$	$a = 1033$ to 1034 $b = 1033$ to 1034 $c = 7749$ to 7774	7.14-8.3 at.%La [Mas2] [1995Gio]
$\text{La}_2\text{Mg}_{17}$ <670	$hP38$ $P6_3/mmc$ $\text{Th}_2\text{Ni}_{17}$	$a = 1037$ $c = 1024$	at 10.53 at.% La [Mas2] [1995Gio]
$\text{La}_5\text{Mg}_{41}$ <670	$tI92$ $I4/m$ $\text{Ce}_5\text{Mg}_{41}$	$a = 1482.2$ $c = 1046.8$	[1995Gio]
LaMg_3 <798	$cF16$ $Fm\bar{3}m$ BiF_3	$a = 749.4 \pm 0.2$ $a = 748.8$ $a = 751.0$	[V-C2, Mas2, 1995Gio] Mg-rich [1994Gio] La-rich (25 at.%La) [1994Gio]
LaMg_2 775-725	$cF24$ $Fd\bar{3}m$ MgCu_2	$a = 877.4$ $a = 880.1$ to 880.6	[V-C2, Mas2] [1994Gio]
LaMg <745	$cP2$ $Pm\bar{3}m$ CsCl	$a = 397.0 \pm 0.3$ $a = 396.2$	[V-C2, Mas2]

* See page 10 for the instructions for creating overstrike characters

1.3. Phase Equilibria

Show the accepted phase diagram. Do not describe this figure in the text. Unclear points may be commented here.

Invariant equilibria should be listed in Table “Invariant Equilibria” in sequential order by decreasing temperature. The basic principles are briefly outlined below.

Binary three-phase reactions

$L' \rightleftharpoons L'' + \alpha$	monotectic reaction	e-type reactions “decomposition”
$L \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$	eutectic reaction	
$\alpha \rightleftharpoons L + \beta$	catatectic reaction	
$\alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta + \gamma$	eutectoid reaction	
$\beta' \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta''$	monotectoid reaction	
$L' + L'' \rightleftharpoons \alpha$	syntectic reaction	p-type reactions “formation”
$L + \alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta$	peritectic reaction	
$\alpha + \beta \rightleftharpoons \gamma$	peritectoid reaction	

To describe two-phase invariant equilibria the following terms can be used

Polymorph

Congruent

Critical point

Maximum (\max_1, \max_2)

Minimum (\max_1, \min_2)

Degenerate reactions:

In systems with stoichiometric phases some of the invariant equilibria may be degenerate. This means, no decision can be made between e- and p-type in a binary system, respectively. The reaction should be written:

L, α, β	d, degenerate
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For a more detailed discussion of the treatment of degenerate reactions (d-type) authors may refer to a paper

[1986Luk] Lukas, H.L., Henig, E.T., Petzow, G., "50 Years Reaction Scheme after Erich Scheil", *Z. Metallkunde*, **77**, 360-367 (1986)

Table 3: Invariant Equilibria

This section should include a table showing the details of the invariant equilibria present in the binary system; arrange with decreasing temperature. Four columns are necessary: reaction, temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), type, composition. For example:

Reaction	T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Type	Phase	Composition, at.%	
				Ti	Cu
$\text{L} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ti}_2\text{Cu}$	1012	congruent	L, Ti_2Cu	66.7	33.3
$\text{L} \rightleftharpoons (\beta\text{Ti}) + \text{Ti}_2\text{Cu}$	1005	e_1 , eutectic	L	70	30
			(βTi)	86.5	13.5
			Ti_2Cu	66.7	33.3
$\text{L} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ti}_2\text{Cu} + \text{TiCu}$	960	e_2 , eutectic	L	57	43
			Ti_2Cu	66.7	33.3
			TiCu	52	48
$\text{L} + \text{TiCu} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$	925	p_1 , peritectic	L	37.5	62.5
			TiCu	42.9	57.1
			Ti_3Cu_4	33.3	66.7

Note : use only e_i or p_i for **three-phase equilibria**, decomposition- or formation-type, respectively; e.g. e_8 , monotectic; e_9 , catatctic; e_{10} , monotectoid; p_8 , syntectic

1.4. Thermodynamics

Depending on data available for a system, generally there are two ways to report on thermodynamic data:

Case A: An accepted Calphad assessment exists.

- Report **diagrams** of those calculated thermodynamic data that are supported by **direct measurements** (enthalpy of mixing, activities,...). In that case, do not report individual experimental data in tables.
- If a thermodynamic quantity is not given in a diagram, tabulated values may be reported (generally best choice only) (data for stoichiometric phases,...)
- The author may **modify** a calculated phase diagram and/or a calculated thermodynamic quantity if that results in a better overall description of the system. Make a note in the text in that case.
- If experimental data are published after that assessment:
 - (i) if the data agree, then just state that in the text.
 - (ii) if the data disagree, then also report the actual values in the form of case B (see below). A new assessment may be proposed in that case. Show the phase diagram of the previous assessment (or your best choice) **and** show the new experimental thermodynamic data, comment in the text.

Case B: No accepted Calphad assessment exists.

- Report **only the directly measured** thermodynamic data. Use table form specified below.
- For practical reasons, report only data published after 1989 at this stage
- In principle, this is asking for a Calphad type assessment, but this is out of the scope of a system report

2 ways of graph presentations are acceptable:

" $RT \ln p_{O_2}$ vs T "

or

" $\log p_{O_2}$ vs $10^4/T$ "

However, if within one system report data from different original sources are reported, a uniform presentation of data should be used, and " $RT \ln p_{O_2}$ vs T " is preferred.

Table N – Thermodynamic data of reaction or transformation

Reaction or Transformation	Temperature (°C)	Quantity, per mol of atoms (kJ, mol, K)	Comments
$\frac{1}{4} \{ A(\alpha) + 3 B(\beta) \Rightarrow AB_3(s) \}$	25	$\Delta H = -11.2 \pm 0.8$	[1995Abc] dir.cal.
$\frac{1}{3} \{ A(\alpha) + 2 B(\beta) \Rightarrow AB_2(s) \}$	25	$\Delta H = -17.8$	[1996Mno] Calphad
$\frac{1}{3} \{ A(\alpha) + 2 B(\beta) \Rightarrow AB_2 \}$	25 - 800	$\Delta G = -14.0 + 0.003 T$	[1996Abc] derived from emf measurements
$\frac{1}{(2.56)} \{ Ce + 1.56 Si \Rightarrow CeSi_{1.56} \}$	800	$\Delta H = xxx$	[1996Abx]
$(1-x) A(L) + x B(L) \Rightarrow A_{(1-x)}B_x(L)$	1000	$\Delta H = -15.0 \pm 1$ -14.0 ± 1	$x = 0.3$ $x = 0.4$ [1996Def] solution cal.
$A(L) \Rightarrow L (n=\infty, x_B=0.5)$	1200	$a_A = 0.5$	[1994Ghi] emf
$A(\alpha, 25^\circ C) + L(n=\infty, 800^\circ C) \Rightarrow L (x_B = 0.2, 800^\circ C)$	25 – 800	$\Delta H'_A = 1.5 \pm 0.3$	[1997Jkl] drop cal.
$A(L) + L(n=\infty) \Rightarrow L (x_B=0.2)$	800	$\Delta H'_A = -0.5 \pm 0.3$	[1997Jkl] drop cal. $H_A (\alpha \rightarrow L)$ from [Din]
$A(\alpha, 25^\circ C) + L(n=\infty, 800^\circ C) \Rightarrow L (x_B = 1, 800^\circ C)$	25 – 800	$\Delta H'_A = 1.2 \pm 0.3$	[1997Jkl] drop cal. Infinite dilution
$\frac{1}{2}(H_2)(g) + L(n=\infty) \Rightarrow L (x_H = 0.01)$		$\Delta H'_H = xxx$	

Note: derived/calculated quantities only if the actual measurements are not available.

$\Delta H'_A$: users of MS Word should use prime to denote partial quantities. It will be denoted by a bar “ $\bar{\Delta H}$ ” with the final editing.

Table N+1: Thermodynamic properties of single phases

Phase	Temperature Range (°C)	Property, per mole of atoms (J, mol, K)	Comments
$\frac{1}{3} AB_2$	200 - 800	$C_p = 23.68 + 5.44 \cdot 10^{-3} T$	[1992Abc] DSC
	400 - 500	$C_p = 27 \pm 0.5$	[1993Def] drop cal. (calculated from ΔH)
	25	$S^\circ = 38.9 \pm 2.1$	[1998Ghi]
$\frac{1}{4} AB_3$	25 - 500	$H(773)-H(298) = 12400 \pm 500$	[1995Jkl] drop cal.
α	25 - 500	$H(773)-H(298) = 12800 \pm 500$	[1997Jkl] drop cal.

Table N+2: Vapor Pressure Measurements

Phase(s)	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (bar)	Comments
A(α)	700	$p_A = 0.2$	[1999Acb] Knudsen effusion
AB(s) + AB ₂ (s)	650	$\log_{10}(p_{B_2}) = -4.5$	

General notes for the chapter “Thermodynamics:

- 1) The authors should not give impression that thermodynamic data are evaluated here; just all data should be reported.
- 2) Graphical presentation of data is preferred.

1.5. Notes on Materials Properties and Applications

No specific literature search is performed for this section. However all relevant and noteworthy materials properties (mechanical, magnetic, electrical, optical, etc.) and applications (functional or structural application areas, processing, etc.) found in the constitutional literature should be reported briefly here.

This chapter is important as it can relate applications and properties with the temperature /concentration regime; i.e. showing the significance of phase diagrams.

1.6. Miscellaneous

This paragraph should include noteworthy features not covered by the preceding form of presentation. For example, for systems containing gas other kinds of presentation may be chosen for the description of the system, e.g. ($\log p(\text{O}_2)$ vs. T). In this case no instruction for the size and the form of diagrams is given for the authors.

Note: It is recommended to suggest further experiments which are crucial for a more complete understanding of the system, if applicable. Specify what kind of information is wanted from these experiments.

1.7. References

All references should be included. General references used in the text need not to be included in the reference list of each individual system. These are:

General References

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All other references are to be given by the 4 figures of the year and the first three letters of the name of the first author. If two different papers would have the same abbreviation a number index is added.

Examples are:

" ... it has been shown by [1968Joh1] that ... " or

" ... experiments with calcium [1968Joh2], potassium [1975Dal] ... "

Other abbreviations are:

Gürtler [1943Gue]

El-Boragy [1971ElB]

McKisson [1979McK]

von Unterrichter [1976Unt].

Use for ä = ae, ö = oe, ü = ue and Å = A.

The reference list should be written in the following style:

[2010Vog] Vogel, S., Stein, F., Palm, M., "Investigation of the Epsilon Phase in the Fe-Al System by High-Temperature Neutron Diffraction", *Appl. Phys. A*, **99**(3), 607-611 (2010), DOI: 10.1007/s00339-010-5619-y (Crys. Structure, Experimental, Phase Relations, 17)

For a journal article as mentioned in the example all authors are given, even when there are many, followed by the title of the paper in quotation marks. The title is always given in English. The original language, if not English, is indicated in brackets after the title. The abbreviation of the journal is given as listed in "*Chemical Abstracts, List of Periodicals*". Names of journals or other periodical publications not listed there should be written in full. The volume number is bold and the first and last page numbers must be given.

For journals that start the pagination of each issue with 1, the issue number must be given in parentheses following the volume number, if there is any:

[1986Pay1] Paygai, I.N., Khairidinov, S.Kh., Vakhobov, A.V., "The Ba-La Phase Diagram", *Russ. Metall.*, **3**(1), 213-214 (1986), translated from *Izv. Akad. Nauk. SSSR, Metally*, **3**(1), 216-217 (1986) (Experimental, Phase Diagram, Phase Relations, Magn. Prop., Electr. Prop., #, *, 4)

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A) Mandatory subject- keywords:

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Catalysis	Electronic Structure	Electr. Prop. for Electrical Properties	Electrochemistry	Interface Phenomena
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Number – number of references in the paper

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Examples.

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[1961Eng] English, J.J., "Binary and Ternary Phase Diagrams of Columbium, Molybdenum, Tantalum and Tungsten", *Defense Metals Information Center Report*, Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, OH, Report No. 152, 1-53 (1961) (Phase Diagram, Phase Relations, #, 7)

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Chapter 2

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Chapter 3

Best Technical and Editorial Practice

3.1. Diagrams

3.2. Text

3.3. Tables

3.4. Sequential Order of the Elements

3.1. Diagrams

The diagrams, which authors send to MSI will be digitized. The diagrams have to be as clear and complete as possible. Any error in these diagrams will enter the database. A correction at a later date is an avoidable, time consuming work that delays publication. Several points require special attention.

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8. Does the use of "after [xxxxAbc]" or "from [xxxxAbc]" in figure legends have any significance? If not, omit "after" and "from".

9. Always place references in square brackets []; do not use anything else.

3.2. Text

General

- Each page should be labelled in the upper right corner with the chemical symbols of the alloy system in alphabetical order. The pages should be numbered.
- In text the binary systems are indicated as: "The Au-Pb system ..."
- Use American spelling, e.g. *crystallization*, *homogenization*, *behavior*, *sulfur* (but *aluminium*, since this spelling is recommended by IUPAC).
- Within a report, reference may be made to individual sections of the report (not to chapters).
- Make complete sentences (e.g. "The solid phases are given in Table 1." but not "The solid phases see Table 1.").
- Do not capitalize the names of mineral forms (e.g. sphalerite, wurtzite).
- Omit the hyphen in phrases such as "a compound of Ag₂Te type" or "tie line"; do not write "Ag₂Te-type" or "tie-line".
- Use only lower case letter *p* (italic) to denote pressure (not P).
- The temperature symbol is written in italics: *T*, following the IUPAC.
- Differentiate between allotropic phases by using Greek letters only; do not use commas or dashes (e.g. αAgI neither α-AgI nor α,AgI) in Table 1.
- Capitalize all main words in the section and table headings. In figure captions capitalize only the first word.
- A statement of accuracy of the data should be given wherever it can be concluded from the published work.
- All citations should be given in "References" and all the references listed in "References" should appear in the text or tables.
- Use only \rightleftharpoons (and not $=$) in equations describing equilibria (e.g. $L \rightleftharpoons (Te) + \mu$; **not** $L = (Te) + \mu$).
- Use only the Greek letter ρ (rho) to denote density, given in the units $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$.
- Write the equation of equilibrium in one line,
e.g. $L + (Ag, Au) \rightleftharpoons AuTe_2 + \gamma Ag_2Te$,
and not $L + (Ag, Au) \rightleftharpoons$
 $AuTe_2 + \gamma Ag_2Te$.
- There is a blank space before and after *equal*, *less than* and *more than* signs; e.g. $\kappa = 10$ and $0 \leq \kappa \leq 1$
- Do not write "isn't", "doesn't", *etc.* Use the unabbreviated forms "is not", "does not", *etc.*
- If a paper is referred to as, [1971Gly], then it is singular, e.g. "[1971Gly] finds", even if several authors have contributed to the paper. The plural should be used, for example, in the following manner: "The authors of [1971Gly] find that ...".
- [1962Mai] is to be used as a noun in sentences.
- For several references listed together the format is, e.g.: "[1962Mai, 1963Mai, 1972Ran, 1973Luk] have ...", or, where two references are used as different nouns: "... both [1962Mai] and [1963Sch] found by different techniques ...".

- There should be no space inside phase symbols; e.g. Co₂Ni(h) or Co₂Ni(r).

Abbreviations

- An alloy may be abbreviated, for example, Cu-10Zn (at.%) or Ca-Mg50 (mass%).
- Do not use the abbreviations "Fig." or "Figs." at the beginning of a sentence, but write out "Figure" or "Figures".
- Use emf for electromotive force, not EMF.

Numbers and Numbering

- Decimal points should be used for decimal figures, (e.g. 1.23 not 1,23).
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- Use a, b, c as an additional label to identify figures (e.g. Fig. 11a, 11c; not Fig. 11.1, 11.2).
- Number figures according to the order in their logical sequence.
- In formulae, write e.g. $5 \cdot 10^{10}$, **not** 5×10^{10} .

Units

- In the text all temperatures should be given in °C (not °). At very low temperatures Kelvin (K) may be used.
- All other physical and chemical properties should be expressed in SI units (see International Organization for Standardization ISO, International Standard ISO 1000, First Edition, 1973).
- Use "mass%" not "wt.%".
- Hours and days are abbreviated by h and d, respectively.
- Usually leave a space between a number and its unit (e.g. 0.28 eV, 260 h, 6.5 at.%, but between number and °C leave no blank, e.g. 286°C not 286 °C).

3.3. Tables

- Footnotes are denoted in tables by superscripts in lower case letters without brackets and without full stop, e.g. xyz^a or xyz^b, (not xyz^a. nor xyz^b). Do not use subscripts for footnotes.
- In the 'Table Solid Phases' use "to" when giving the ranges of lattice parameters, e.g. 543.3 to 550 (not 543.3-550).
- In the Table "Solid Phases" write lattice parameters, their ranges and accuracy in one line, e.g. a = 1654±3.

3.4. Sequential Order of the Elements

For system names: alphabetical order of element symbols

For compound names: chemical order according to

G.D. Pettifor, *J. Phys. C*, **19**, 285-313 (1986)

For diagrams: chemical order - left side (element with lower Pettifor number); right side (element with higher Pettifor number)

Examples: HfC_{1-x} in the C–Hf system, or YAl_3 in the Al–Y system

Ac 48	Be 77	Cm41	Fe 61	Ho 23	Md 36	No 35	Pr 31	Sb 88	Te 92	Yb 17
Ag 71	Bi 87	Co 64	Fm 37	I 97	Mg 73	Np 44	Pt 68	Sc 19	Th 47	Zn 76
Al 80	Bk 40	Cr 57	Fr 7	In 79	Mn 60	O 101	Pu 43	Se 93	Ti 51	Zr 49
Am 42	Br 98	Cs 8	Ga 81	Ir 66	Mo 56	Os 63	Ra 13	Si 85	Tl 78	
Ar 3	C 95	Cu 72	Gd 27	K 10	N 100	P 90	Rb 9	Sm 28	Tm 21	
As 89	Ca 16	Dy 24	Ge 84	Kr 4	Na 11	Pa 46	Re 58	Sn 83	U 45	
At 96	Cd 75	Er 22	H 103	La 33	Nb 53	Pb 82	Rh 65	Sr 15	V 54	
Au 70	Ce 32	Es 38	He 1	Li 12	Nd 30	Pd 69	Rn 6	Ta 52	W 55	
B 86	Cf 39	Eu 18	Hf 50	Lr 34	Ne 2	Pm 29	Ru 62	Tb 26	Xe 5	
Ba 14	Cl 99	F 102	Hg 74	Lu 20	Ni 67	Po 91	S 94	Tc 59	Y 25	

Chapter 4. Sample System Reports

Cu – Ti (Copper – Titanium)

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Literature Data

Literature data up to 1985 are given in the review by [1994Mur]. Subsequently the Cu-Ti system was studied by several techniques and for different temperature and composition ranges which are listed in Table 1. This system exhibits six intermetallic compounds Ti_2Cu , $TiCu$, Ti_3Cu_4 , Ti_2Cu_3 , $TiCu_2$ and $TiCu_4$ for which the structure and homogeneity ranges are fairly well established. $TiCu_4$ presents two polymorphs. However, there is considerable scatter in the reported phase boundaries.

In their study of the Cu-Fe-Ti system, [1994Ali] investigated the Ti_2Cu compound. The microstructure of the cast alloy contained only coarse grains with sharp boundaries, and the diffraction pattern only contained tetragonal structure of that compound.

[1996Oli] determined the structure, phases and kinetics of phase formation of the Cu-Ti by diffusion couple. In their examination they found all well known compounds except for Ti_3Cu_4 due probably to very slow kinetics of formation of that phase.

Several thermodynamic assessments were performed [1970Kau, 1978Kau, 1983Mur, 1985Sau, 1990Zen, 1991Zen]. In these studies, the stable phases Ti_2Cu_3 and $TiCu_2$ were not considered. Furthermore [1970Kau, 1978Kau] did not consider Ti_3Cu_4 . In all these assessments, the non-stoichiometry of $TiCu$ and $TiCu_4$ was ignored. [1996Kum] reassessed thermodynamically the system, taking into account all the phases as well as considering the non-stoichiometry of $TiCu$ and $TiCu_4$. The calculated values of the enthalpy of formation of $TiCu$, Ti_3Cu_4 , Ti_2Cu_3 and $TiCu_4$ are in excellent agreement with the values measured later by [1997Col] except for βTi_2Cu . However, the enthalpies of mixing of liquid alloys are more positive than those recalculated by [1982Kle].

Solid Phases

[1997Dur] determined the crystal structures of the Cu-Ti intermetallic phases in the samples annealed at 850°C. Their results agree perfectly well with [Mas2] assessment for that temperature.

[1999Nag] determined the lattice parameter of copper with titanium contents of 1.5, 3.0, 4.5 and 5.5 mass.% Ti, melted from an oxygen free copper and a Cu - 26 mass.% Ti master alloy and casted in a graphite mould. The samples were homogenized for 24 h at 850°C and then aged at 450°C for peak strength. The lattice parameter of the solution treated samples is linear with respect to x_{Ti} (Table 2). For the peak aged two-phase samples, the lattice parameter is equal to 362 ± 5 pm. The value of 0.8 at.% Ti for the solvus at 450°C is obtained from this information.

Phase Equilibria

In accordance with [1994Ali] the thermal analysis of the alloy Ti_2Cu presented a single heat effect at $1012 \pm 3^\circ C$. These results confirmed those obtained by [1966Ere] which would lead to a eutectic reaction $L \rightleftharpoons (\beta Ti) + Ti_2Cu$ instead of a possible peritectic reaction as indicated in [1994Mur].

The assessed phase diagram is shown in Fig. 1 and is based on [1994Mur] with a modification of the Ti-rich region. Invariant equilibria in the Cu-Ti system are given in Table 3.

Thermodynamics

Enthalpies of formation of the intermetallic compounds Ti_2Cu , $TiCu$, Ti_3Cu_4 , Ti_2Cu and $\beta TiCu_4$ were determined by solution calorimetry in liquid aluminium [1997Col]. The values are given in Table 4.

[1995Tur] determined the enthalpies of mixing of liquid copper alloys using a heat flux high temperature isoperibolic calorimeter. His results were then reported in a series of papers [1996Tur1, 1996Tur2, 1996Tur3, 1997Tur, 1998Tur1, 1998Tur2]. His values are more negative than those obtained by [1982Kle].

[1992Hos] measured at very dilute solution ($5 \cdot 10^{-6} < x_{Ti} < 3.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$) the activity of titanium by solid state emf measurements at 1373 K using oxygen sensor $ZrO_2(MgO)$ as solid electrolyte. [1999Pan] also measured the activity of titanium in the composition range 0.678-3.25 at.% and at 1423K by the same technique. The integral quantities reported do not extrapolate to zero at pure copper [1999Pan] and only the actually measured activity of titanium is given in Table 4. The reference state of solid titanium was not further specified. There is a significant difference with the assessed values from [1996Kum].

Notes on Materials Properties and Applications

Aged-hardening copper-titanium alloys by spinodal decomposition can be used for electric functional materials due to their high conductivity and strength.

These alloys show good glass forming tendency by rapid quenching from the liquid phase, the amorphizing range being wide due to very steep liquidus curves in the terminal regions and low melting compounds in its central region. A very shallow metastable liquidus curve is hence expected at low temperatures which would favor solid state amorphization.

Copper-titanium alloys are also used in the production of jet engines and gas turbines, while copper is added to Ni-Ti shape memory alloys to increase the strength differences between the parent and martensitic phases, and to improve the transformational cyclic behavior.

Miscellaneous

[1994Yam] determined the phase boundaries in the titanium-rich region under high pressure (1.9-2.8 GPa) on polished cylindrical samples serving as diffusion couples. The composition at the phase boundary (Ti)/(Ti)+ Ti_2Cu was not affected by these high pressures. However the eutectoid temperature was lowered by about 16°C and the peritectic temperature $L + (\beta Ti) \rightleftharpoons Ti_2Cu$ increased by about 50°C, the composition of copper in the (βTi) increasing by 4 at.%.

[1999Dob] used mechanical alloying under a pressure of 5GPa in order to synthesize 16 Cu-Ti alloys. They found that in the composition range 0-10 at.% Cu, the alloys were single supersaturated phases having the αTi (hexagonal) structure, while in the composition range 90-100 at.% Cu, the alloys were also single supersaturated phases with the αCu (fcc) structure. In the composition range 58-80 at.% Cu, mechanical alloying yielded amorphous structures.

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Table 1: Recent Investigations of the Cu-Ti System

Reference	Experimental Technique	Temperature/Composition/Phase Range Studied
[1994Yam]	EPMA	Ti-rich corner between 1000-1400 K
[1994Ali]	Diffusion couple, X-ray, Metallography	structure of diffusion zone
[1996Oli]	DTA, Hardness, X-ray, Metallography	structure and fusion of Ti ₂ Cu
[1999Nag]	X-ray	Cu-rich alloys and Cu-rich+TiCu ₂ alloys

Table 2: Solid Phases

Phase / Temperature Range (°C)	Pearson Symbol/ Space Group/ Prototype	Lattice Parameters (pm)	Comments
(Cu) < 1084.87	<i>cF4</i> <i>Fm</i> $\bar{3}m$ Cu	$a = 361.46$ $a = 361.47 + 33.38x_{Ti}$	pure Cu at 25°C [Mas2] dissolves 8 at.% Ti at 885°C [Mas2] dissolves 0.8 at.% Ti at 450°C [1999Nag] $0 < x_{Ti} < 0.3646$ [1999Nag]
(βTi) 1670-790	<i>cI2</i> <i>Im</i> $\bar{3}m$ W	$a = 330.65$	pure Ti(h) at 25°C [Mas2] dissolves 13.5 at.% Cu at 1005°C [Mas2]
(αTi) < 882	<i>hP2</i> <i>P6</i> ₃ / <i>mmc</i> Mg	$a = 295.06$ $c = 468.35$	pure Ti(r) at 25°C [Mas2] dissolves 1.6 at.% Cu at 790°C [Mas2]
Ti ₂ Cu < 1012	<i>tI6</i> <i>I4/mmm</i> MoSi ₂	$a = 295.3$ $c = 1073.4$	[Mas2, V-C2, 1994Ali]
TiCu < 982	<i>tP4</i> <i>P4/nmm</i> TiCu	$a = 310.8$ to 311.8 $c = 588.7$ to 592.1	48 to 52 at.% Cu [Mas2, V-C2]
Ti ₃ Cu ₄ < 925	<i>tI14</i> <i>I4/mmm</i> Ti ₃ Cu ₄	$a = 313.0$ $c = 1994$	[Mas2, V-C2]
Ti ₂ Cu ₃ < 875	<i>tP10</i> <i>P4/nmm</i> Ti ₂ Cu ₃	$a = 313$ $c = 1395$	[Mas2, V-C2]

