

Thermochemical Calculations Applied to High Temperature Corrosion of Ceramic and Refractory Materials

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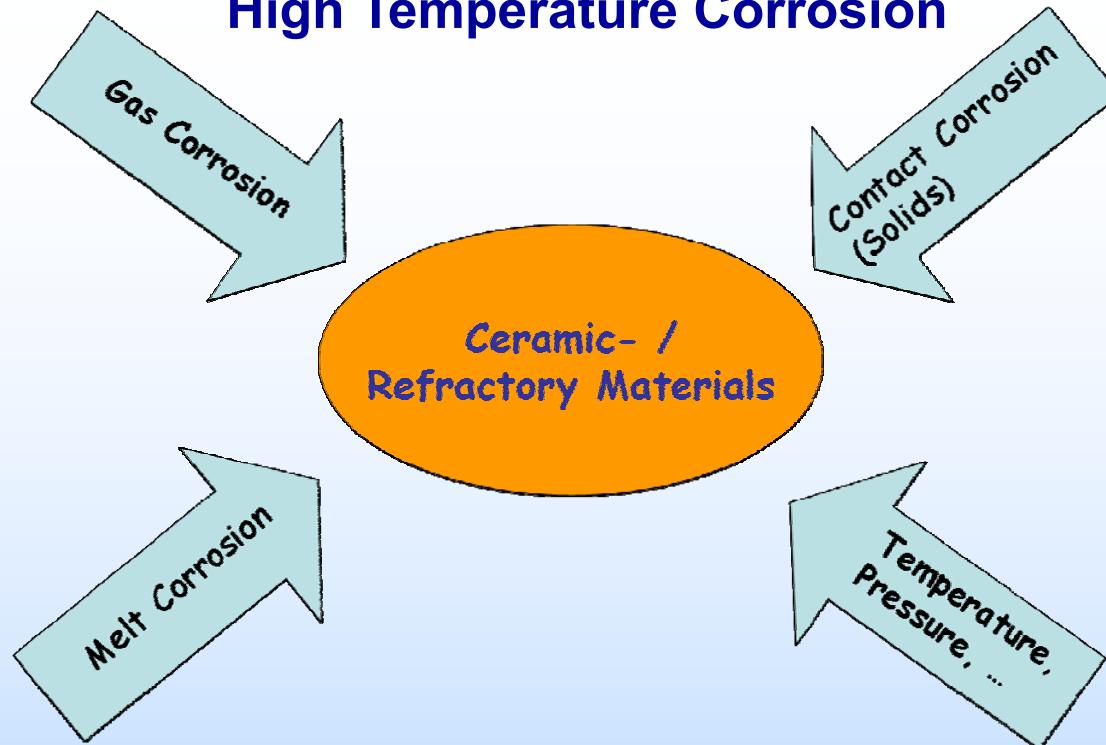
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High Temperature Corrosion



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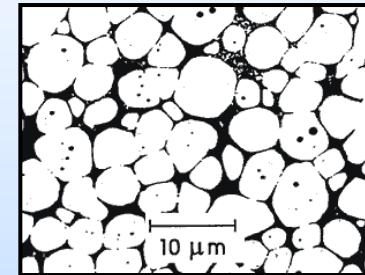
- ⇒ Prediction and analysis of corrosion processes
- ⇒ Prevention of corrosion processes by selection of suitable materials under given process conditions
- ⇒ Definition of application limits for specific materials
- ⇒ Optimization of high temperature processes → reduction of corrosion processes by optimization of relevant process parameters



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➤ Thixoforming

- Forming of Metals in the Semi-Solid State ($T_{\text{Solidus}} < T < T_{\text{Liquidus}}$)
- Alloy: Globulitic Solid Phase in a Low Melting Fluid Phase
- Thixotropic Flow Behaviour of Metal Alloy under Shear Stress during Forming
- Production of Complex Component Geometries with High Dimensional Accuracy Close to Final Dimensions

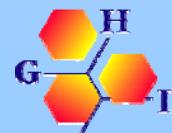
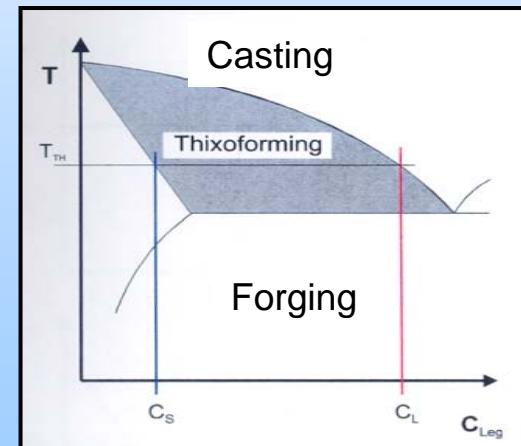


➤ Requirements for Ceramic Tool Materials:

- High Thermal Stability (850 - 1500 °C)
- High Strength and Wear Resistance
- High Thermal Shock Resistance
- Poor Wettability by Molten Alloys
- Good Corrosion Resistance



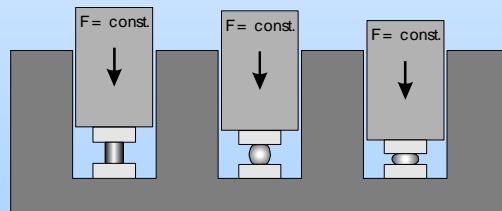
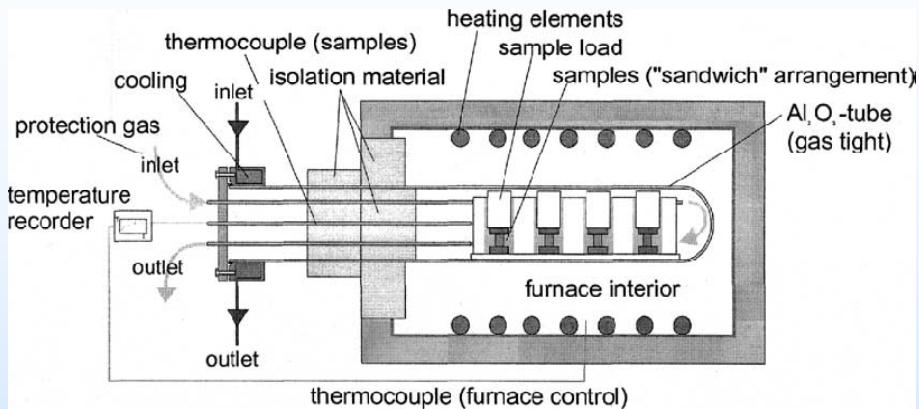
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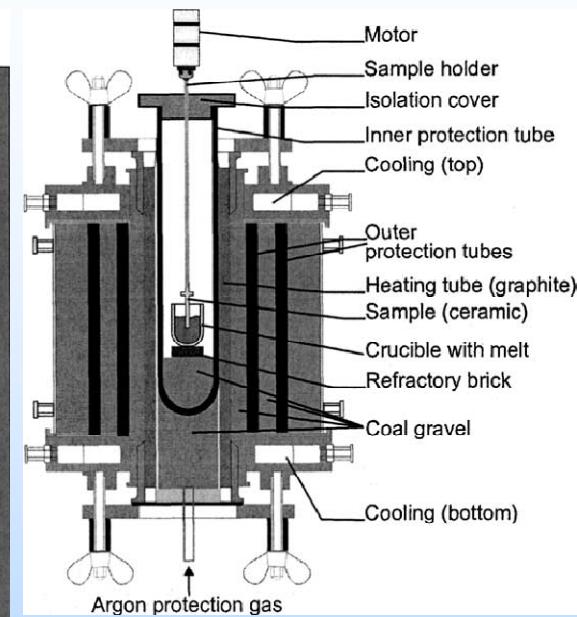
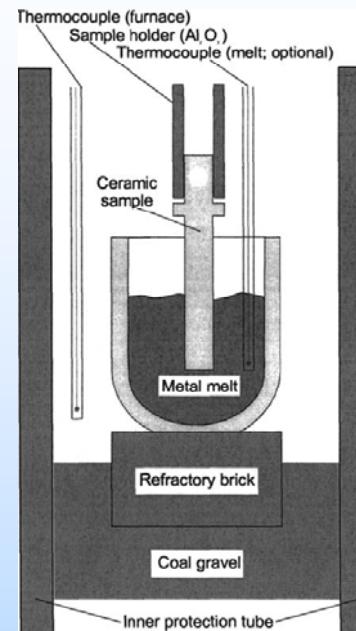
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Corrosion Tests

Contact Corrosion



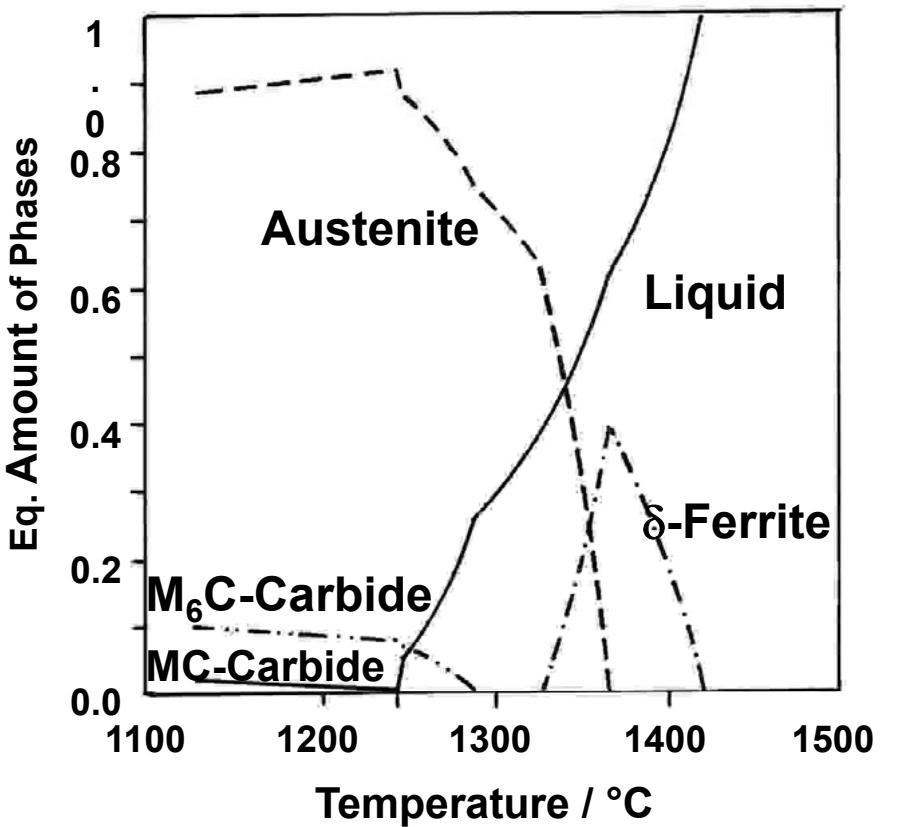
Melt Corrosion



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Steel HS 6-5-2

Phase Composition as a Function of Temperature



°C	Literature	Calculation
T _{Solidus}	1220	1234
T _{Liquidus}	1427	1427
Δ T	207	193

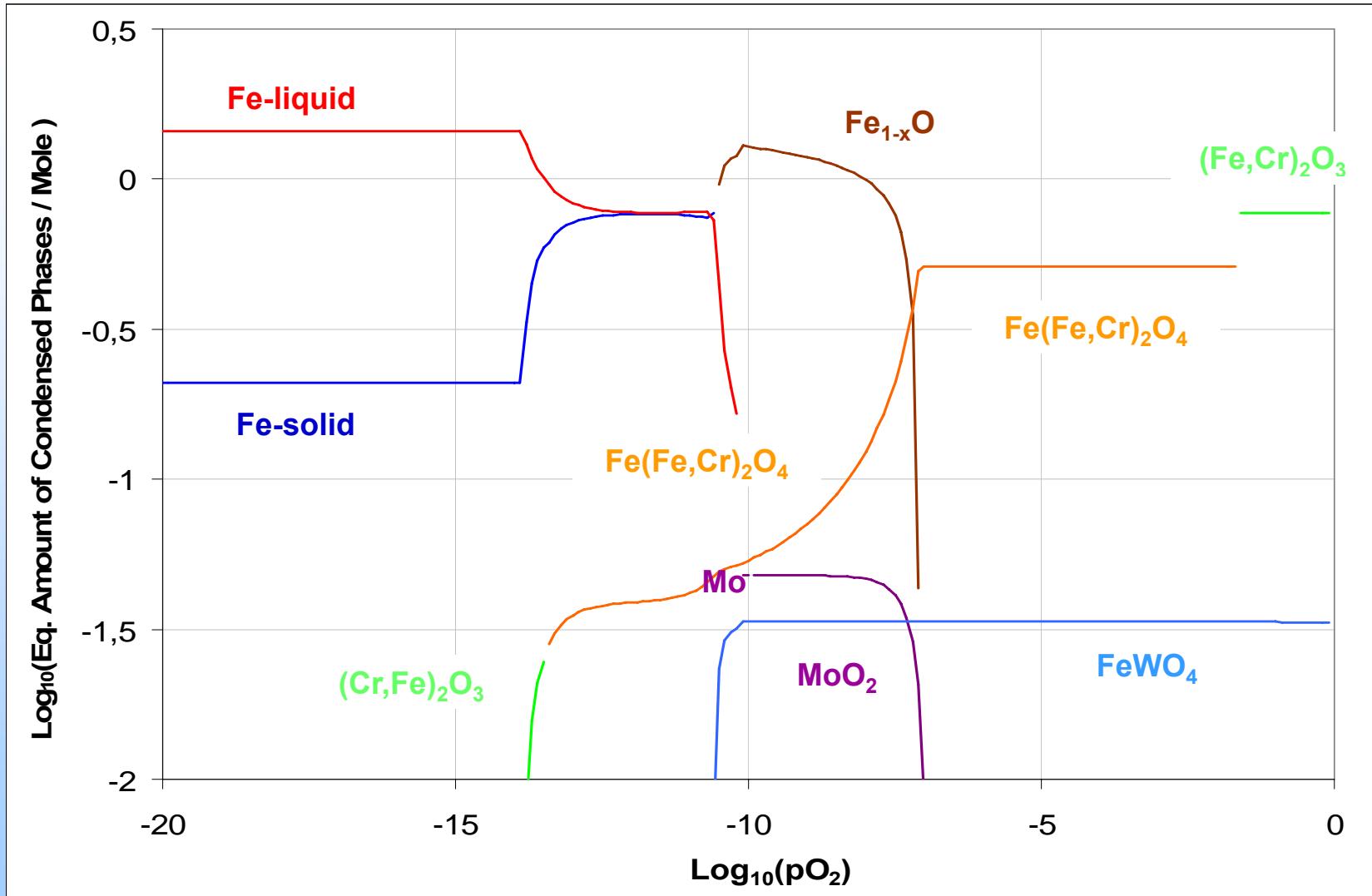
Stahl	C	Si	Mn	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	V	Cu	Al	Ti	N	W
HS 6-5-2	0.86	0.25	0.29	0.003	4.05	4.59	0.35	1.8	0.07	<0.01	<0.01	0.017	6.15



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Stahl HS 6-5-2 / 1330°C

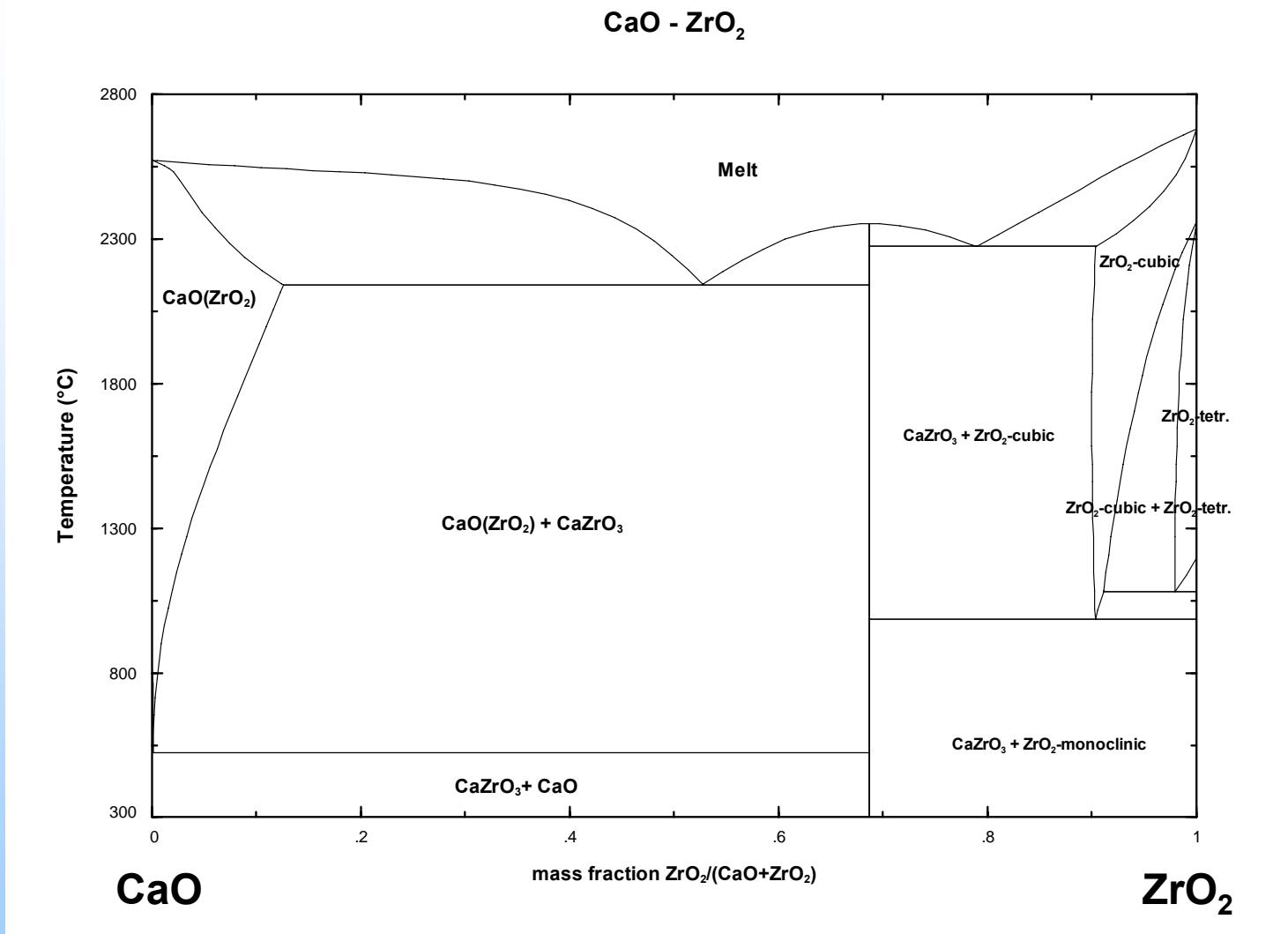
Phase Composition as a Function of Oxygen Partial Pressure



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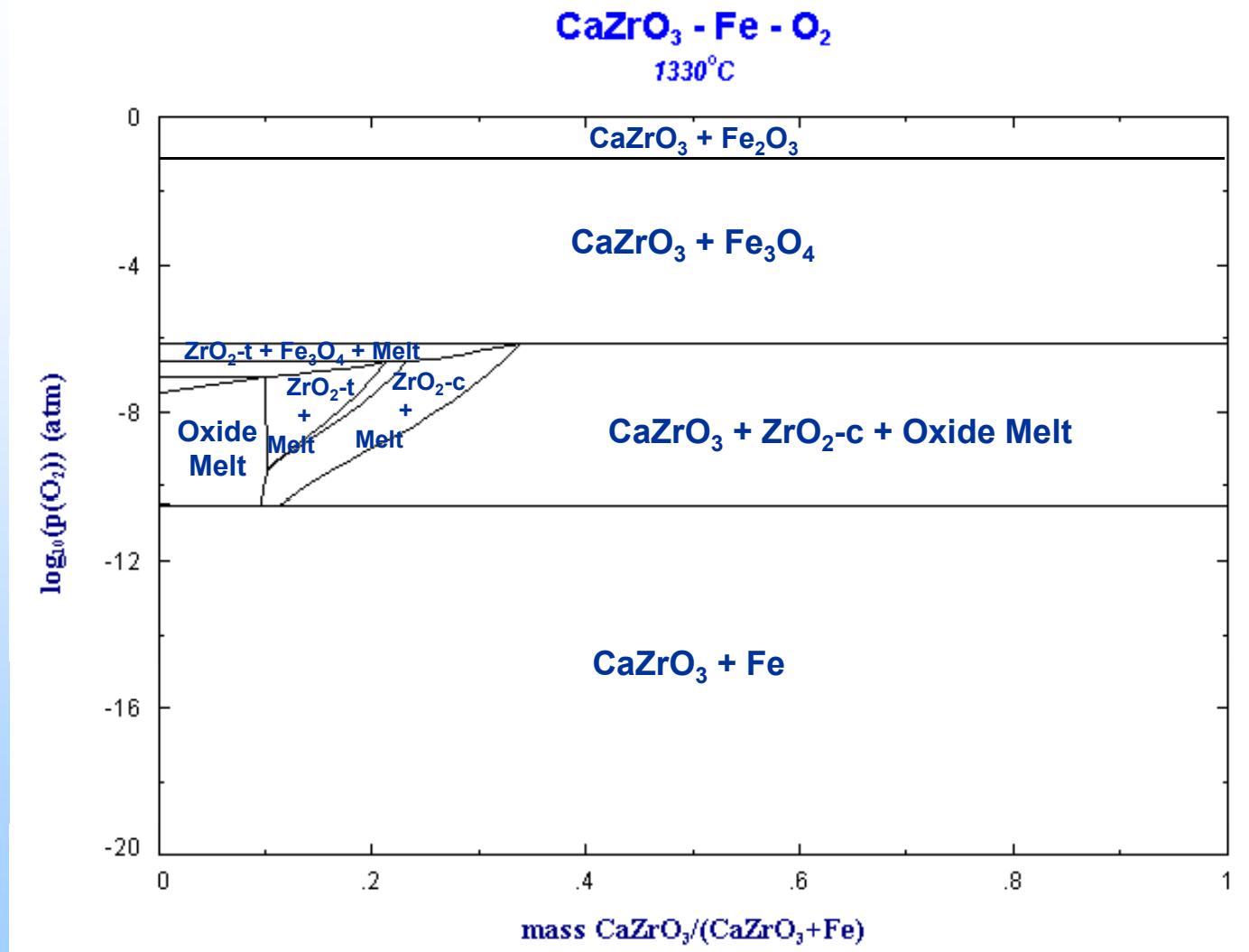
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Contact Corrosion of CaZrO_3 – Steel HS 6-5-2 at 1330°C



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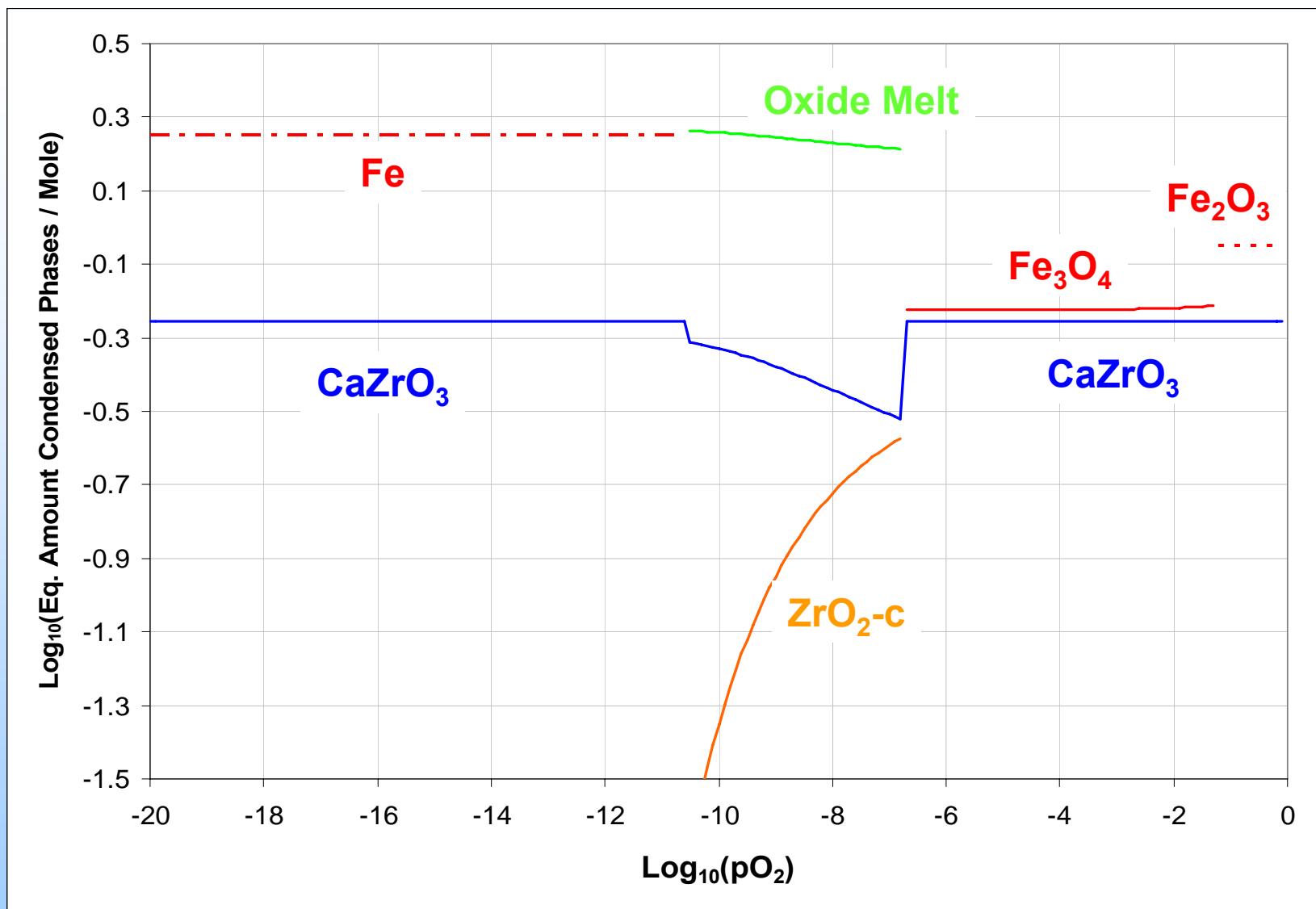
Contact Corrosion of CaZrO_3 – Steel HS 6-5-2 at 1330°C Phase Stabilities as a Function of Oxygen Partial Pressure



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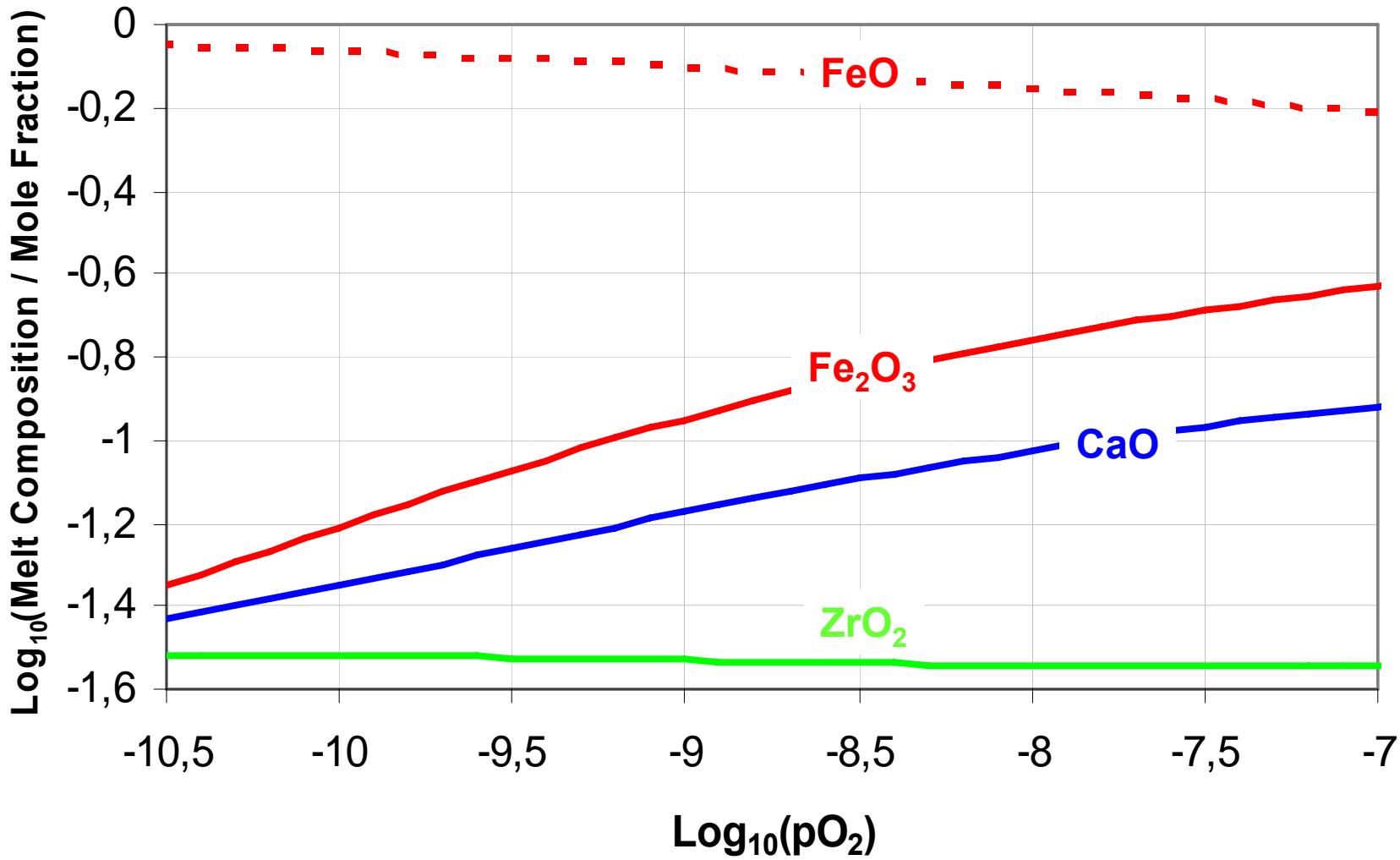
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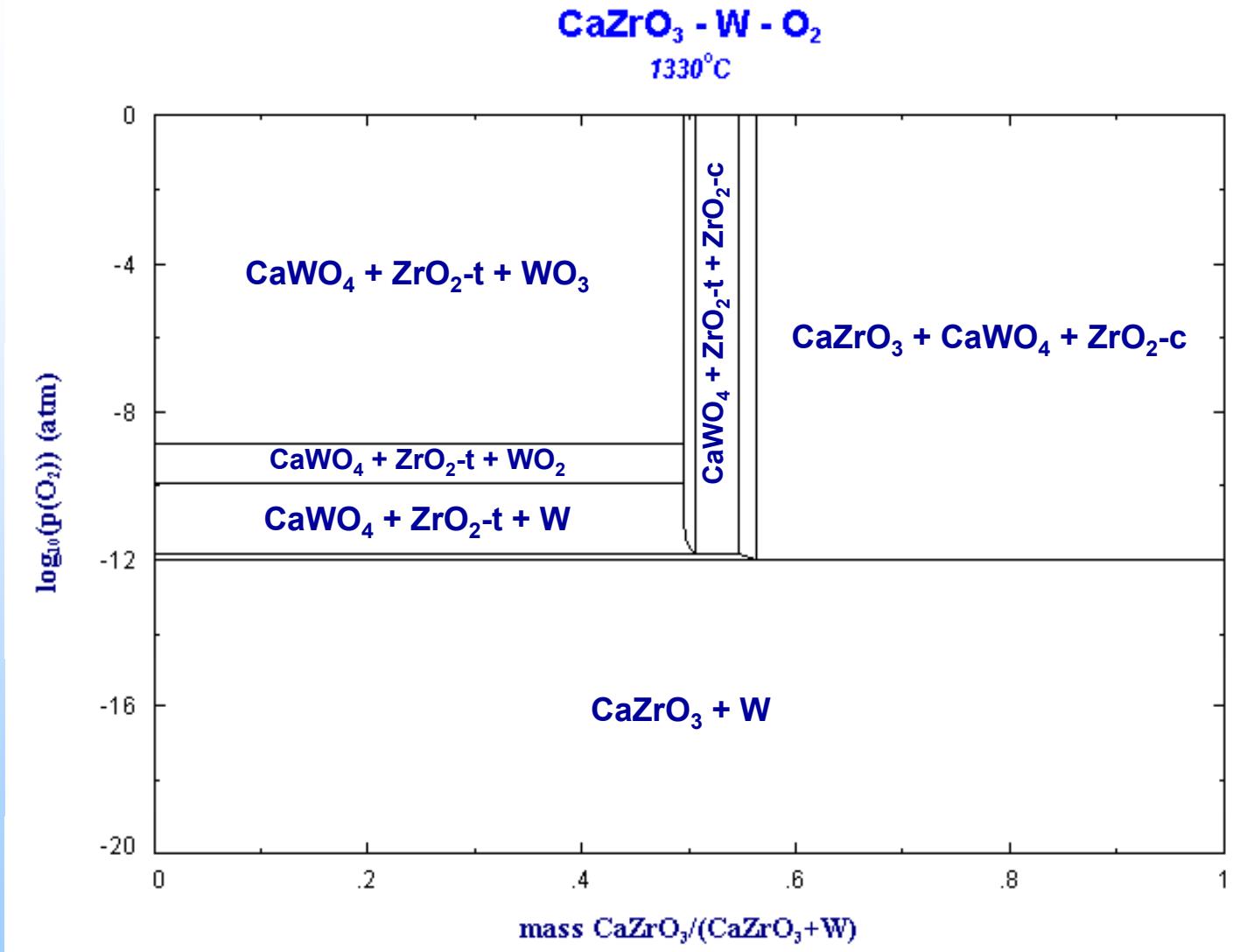
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Composition of Oxide Melt



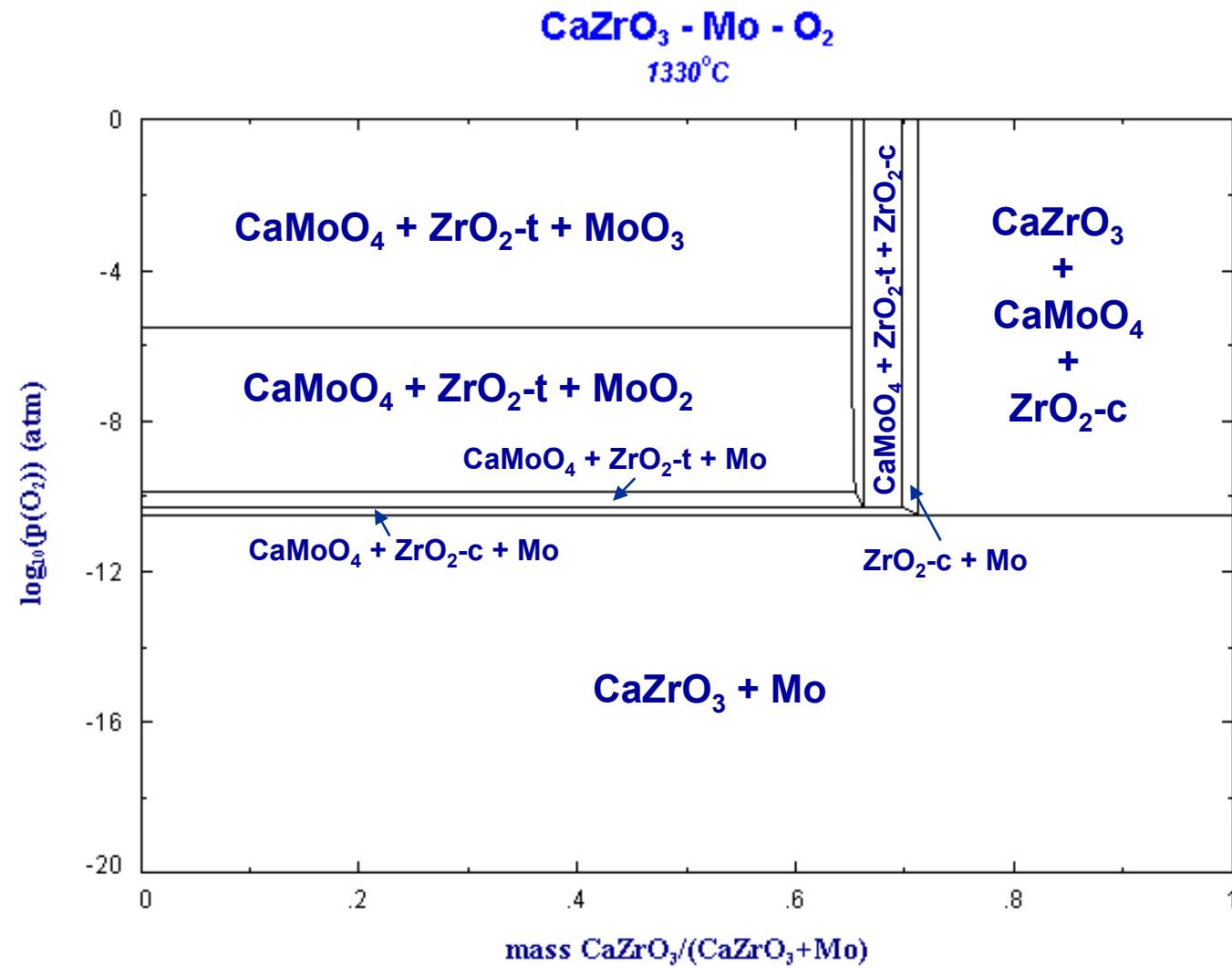
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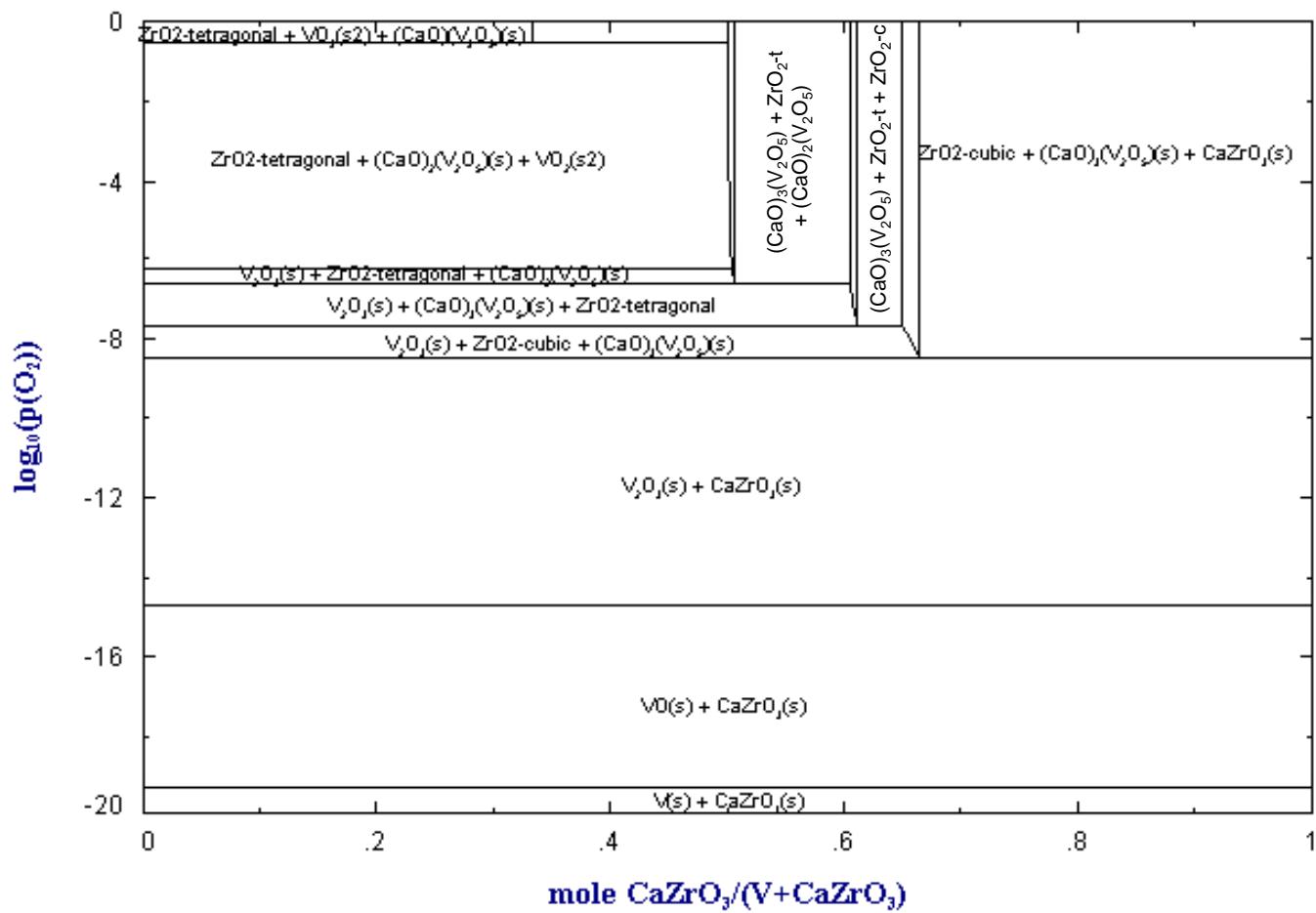
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System V - CaZrO_3 - O_2

1330°C

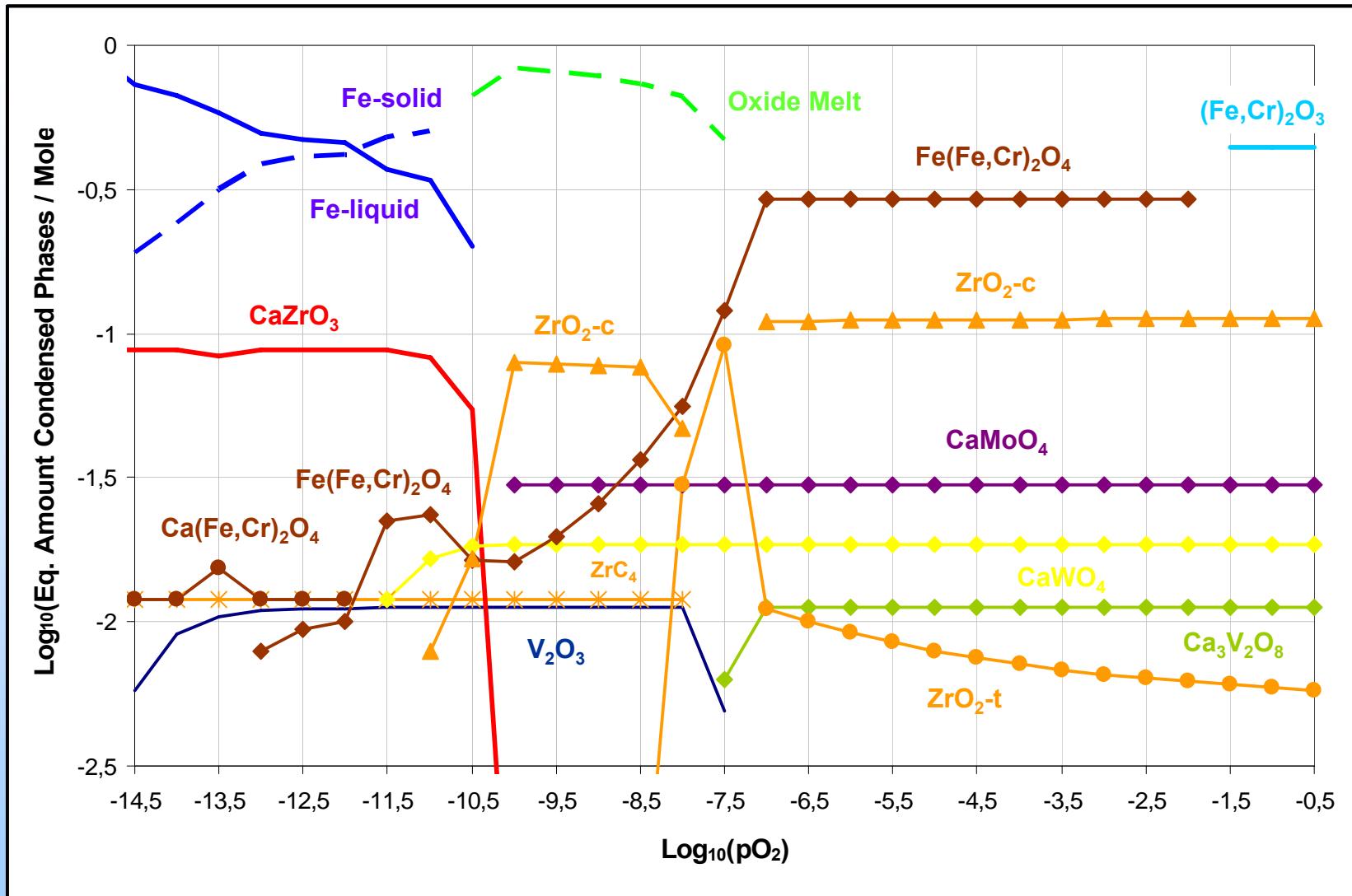


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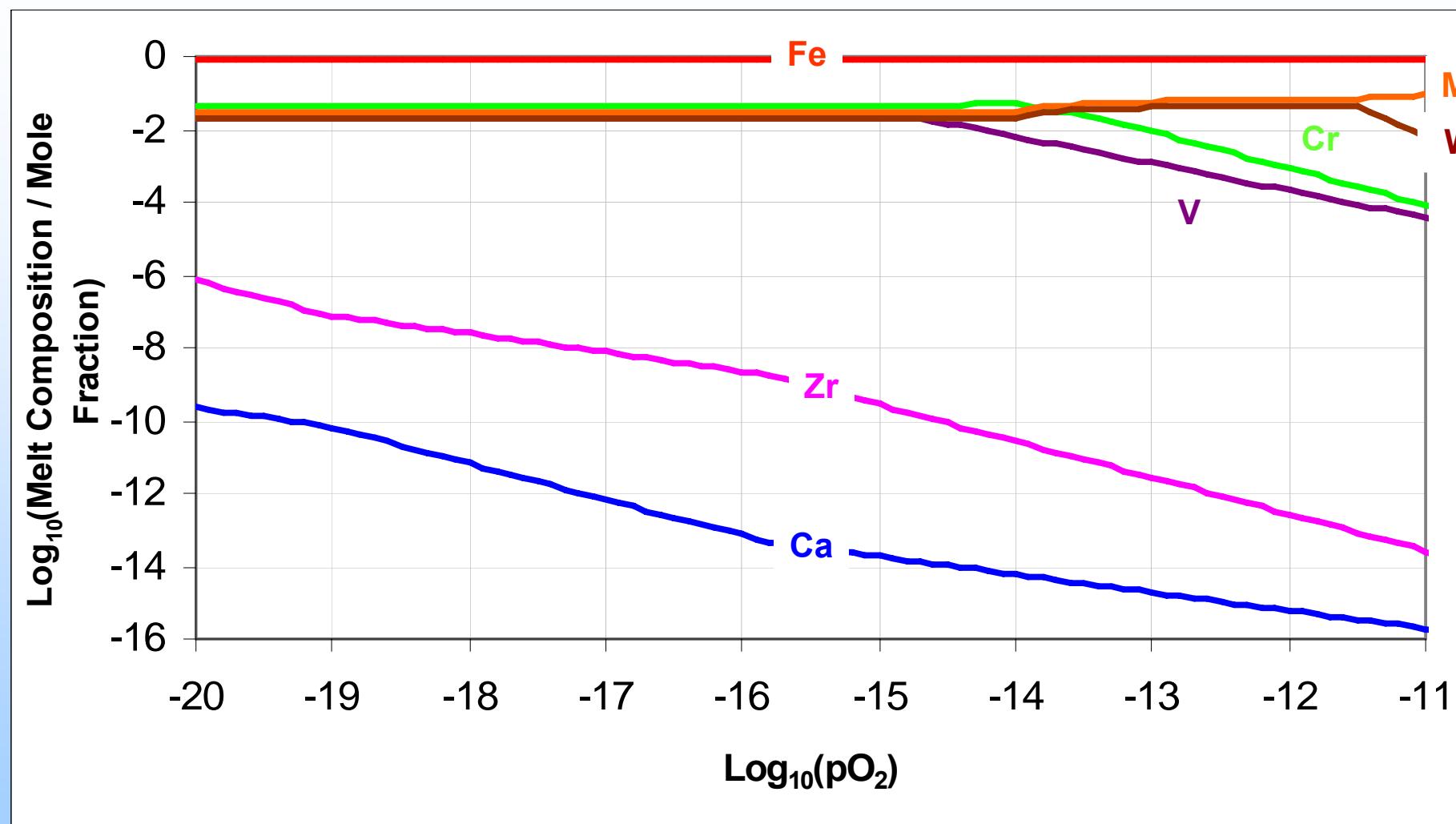


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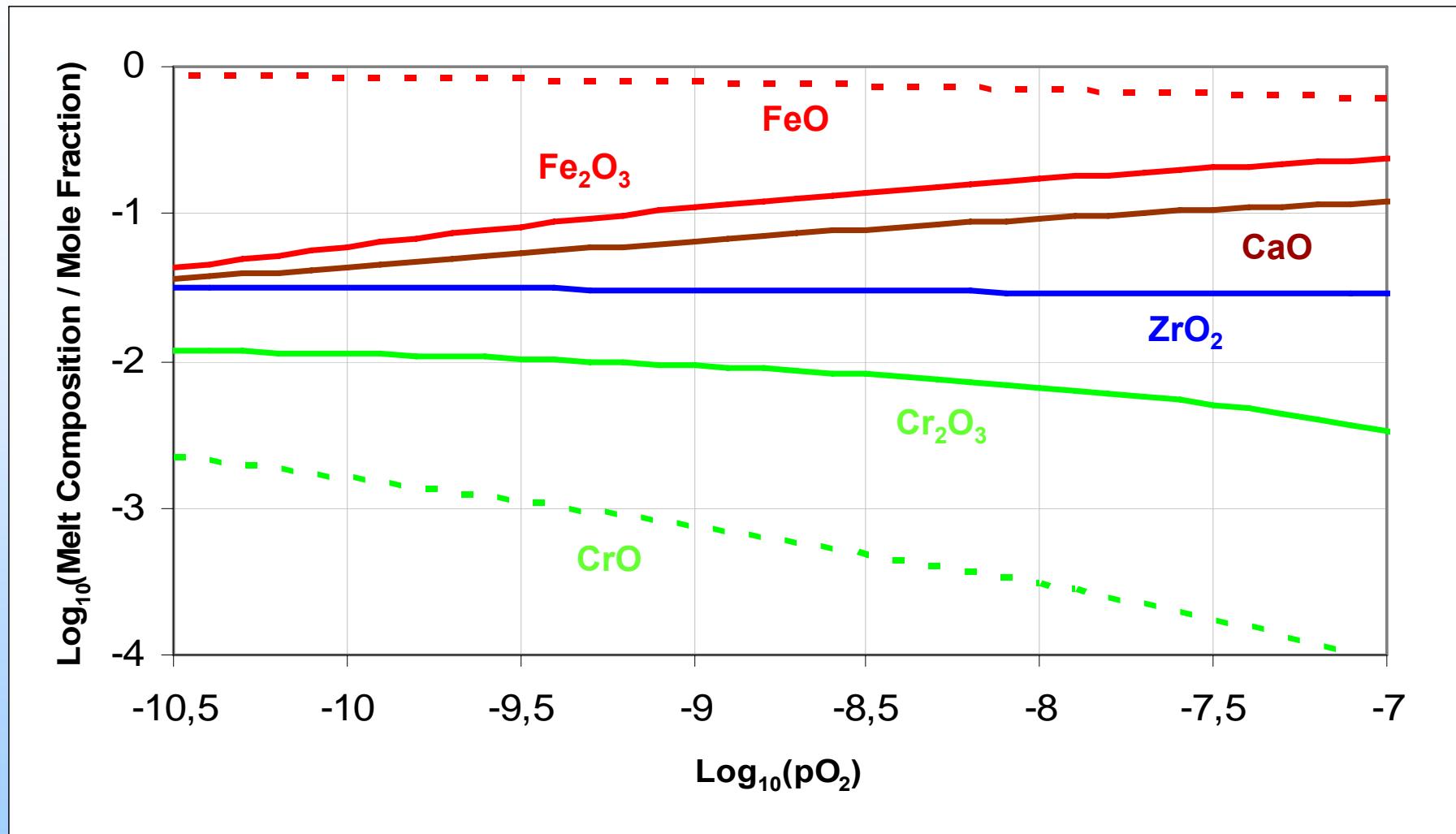
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Composition of Fe-Liquid

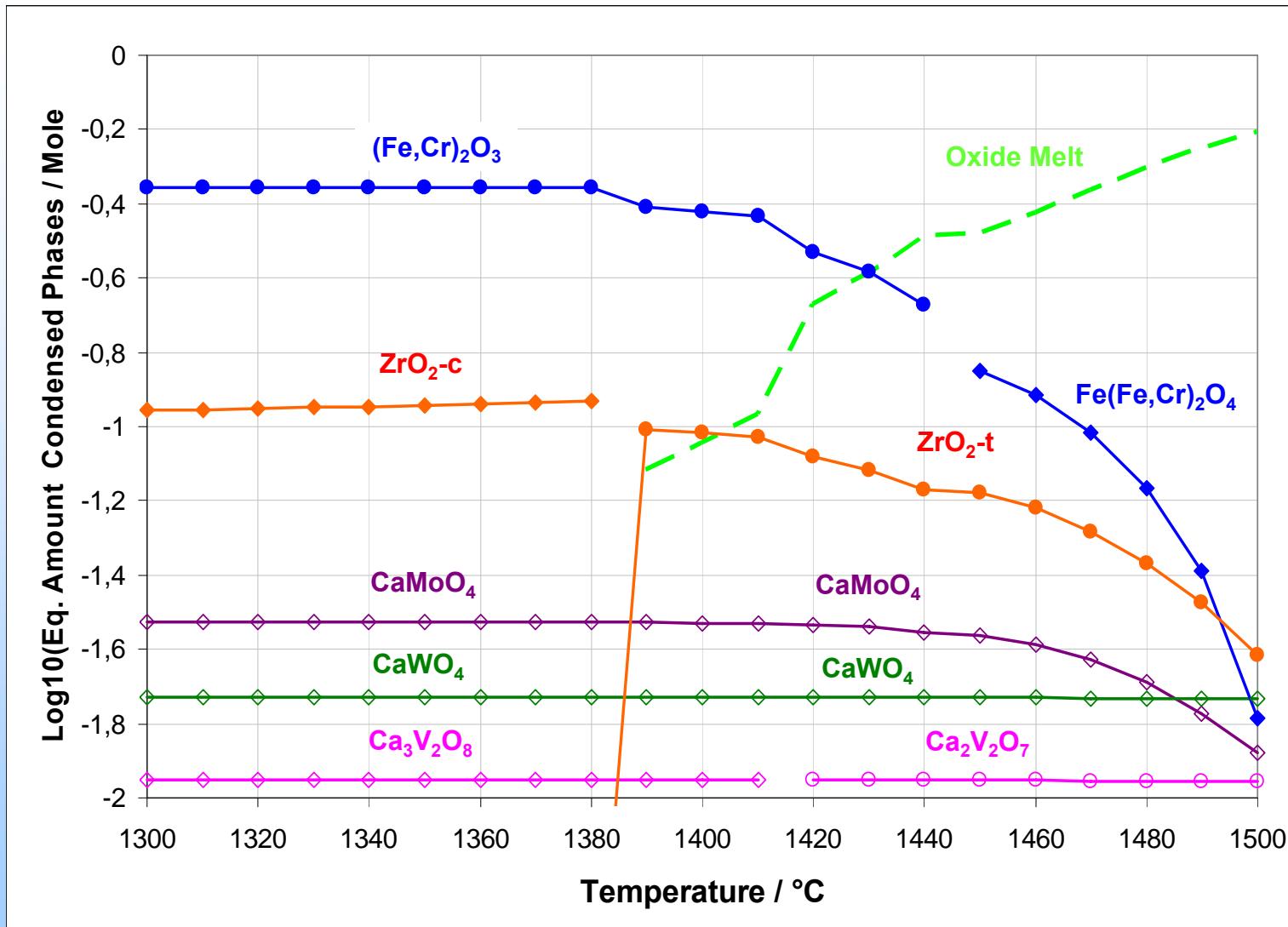


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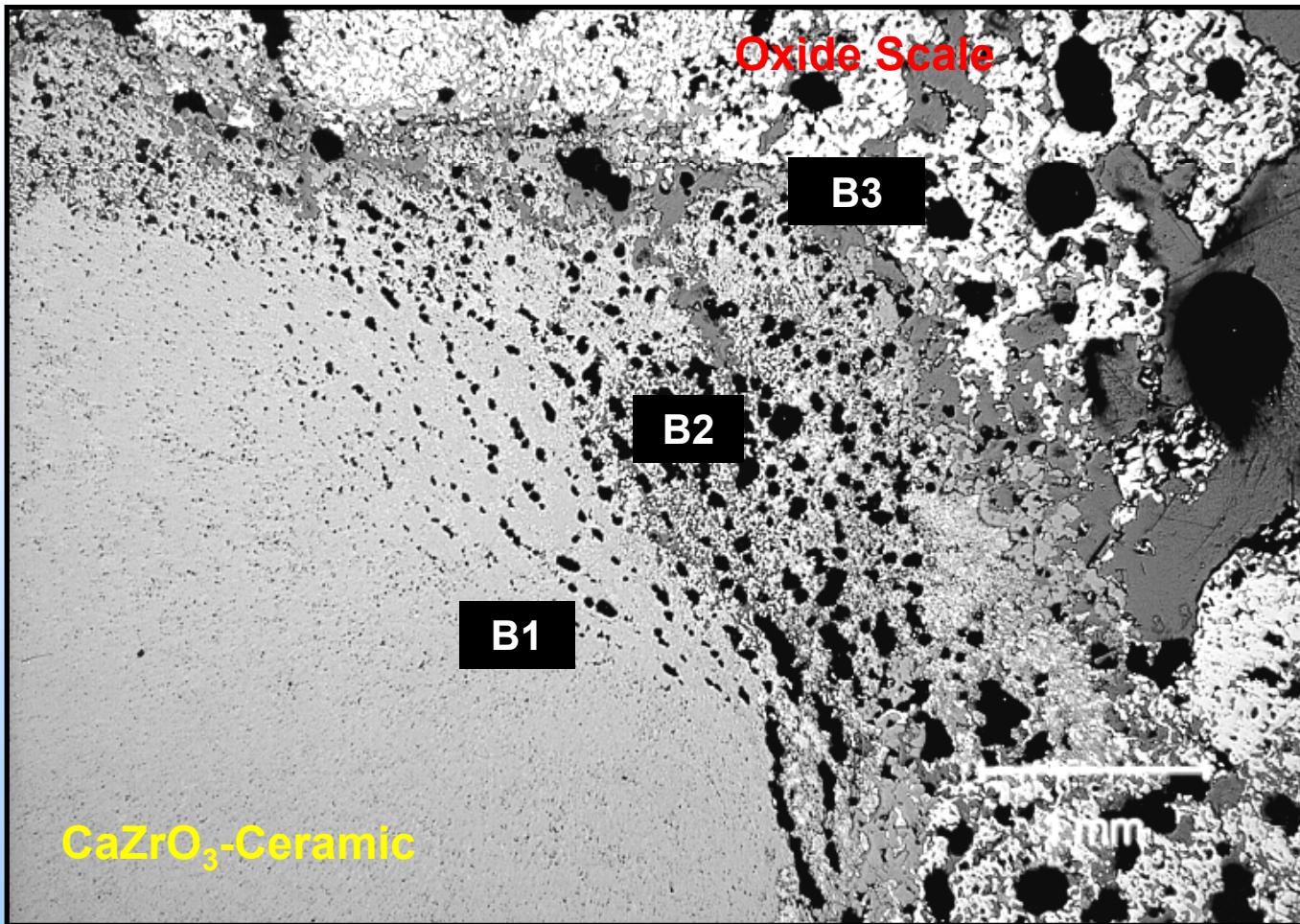
Phase Reactions between CaZrO_3 and the Oxide Scale of Steel HS 6-5-2



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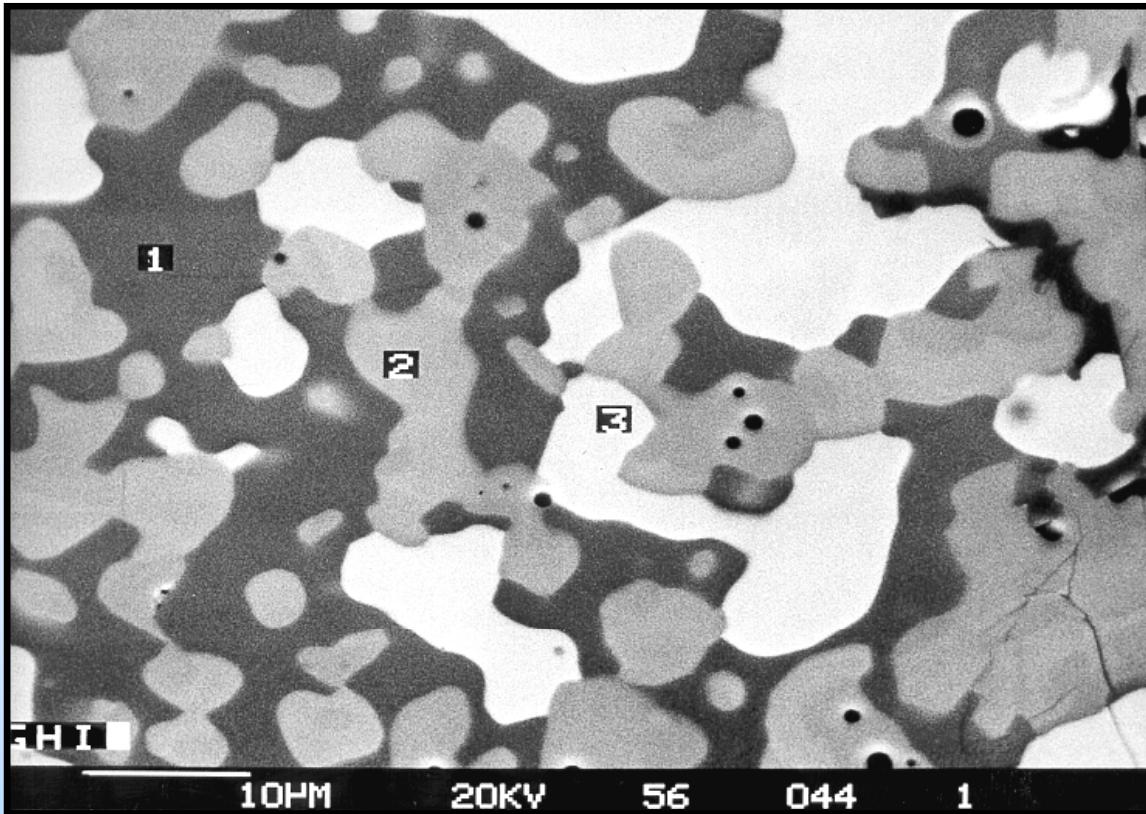
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Contact Corrosion of CaZrO_3 – Steel HS 6-5-2 at 1330°C (2h / air)



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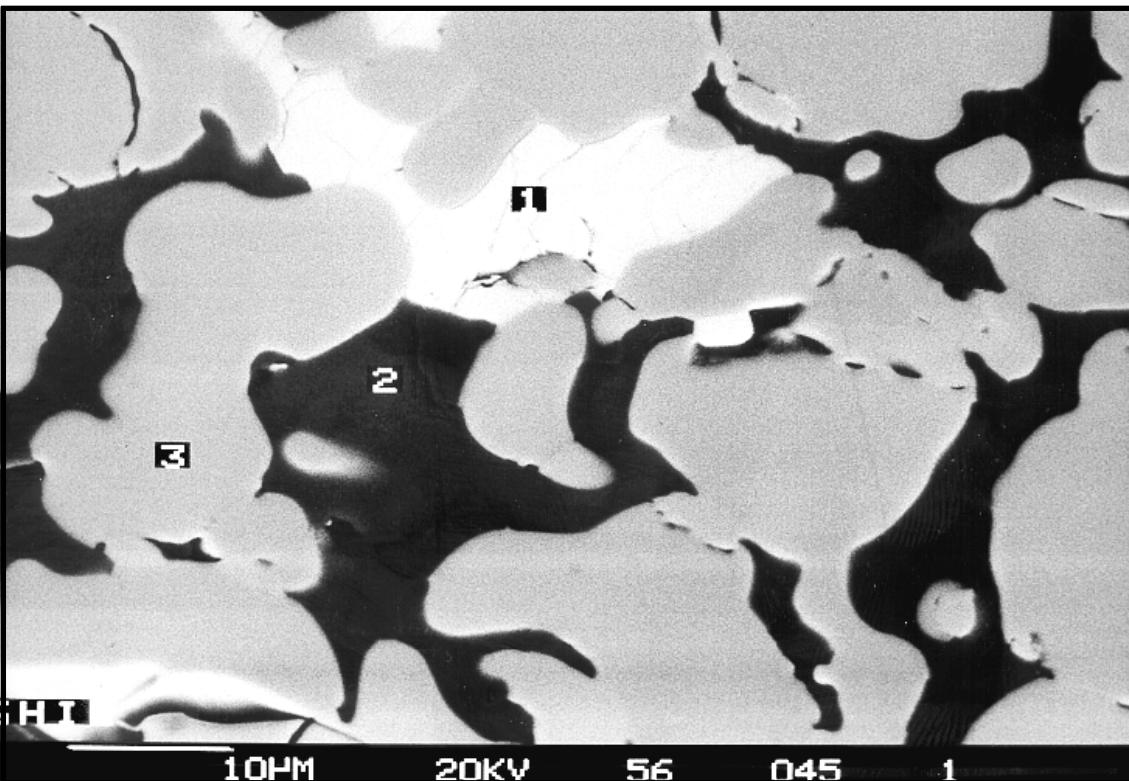
Area B1:

- dense microstructure
- pores formation in CaZrO₃ grains
- infiltration along the grain boundaries [1]
- dissolution of the CaZrO₃ grains [2] → enrichment of Ca + Zr in the infiltrating grain boundary phase [1]
- precipitation of ZrO₂ solid solution [3]

	[At.-%]	Ca	Zr	Fe	W	V
1	infiltrating grain boundary phase	38.8	27.1	28.6	1.7	3.6
2	CaZrO ₃	50.0	43.1	5.2	1.7	-
3	ZrO ₂ -solid sol.	19.9	74.8	5.3	-	-

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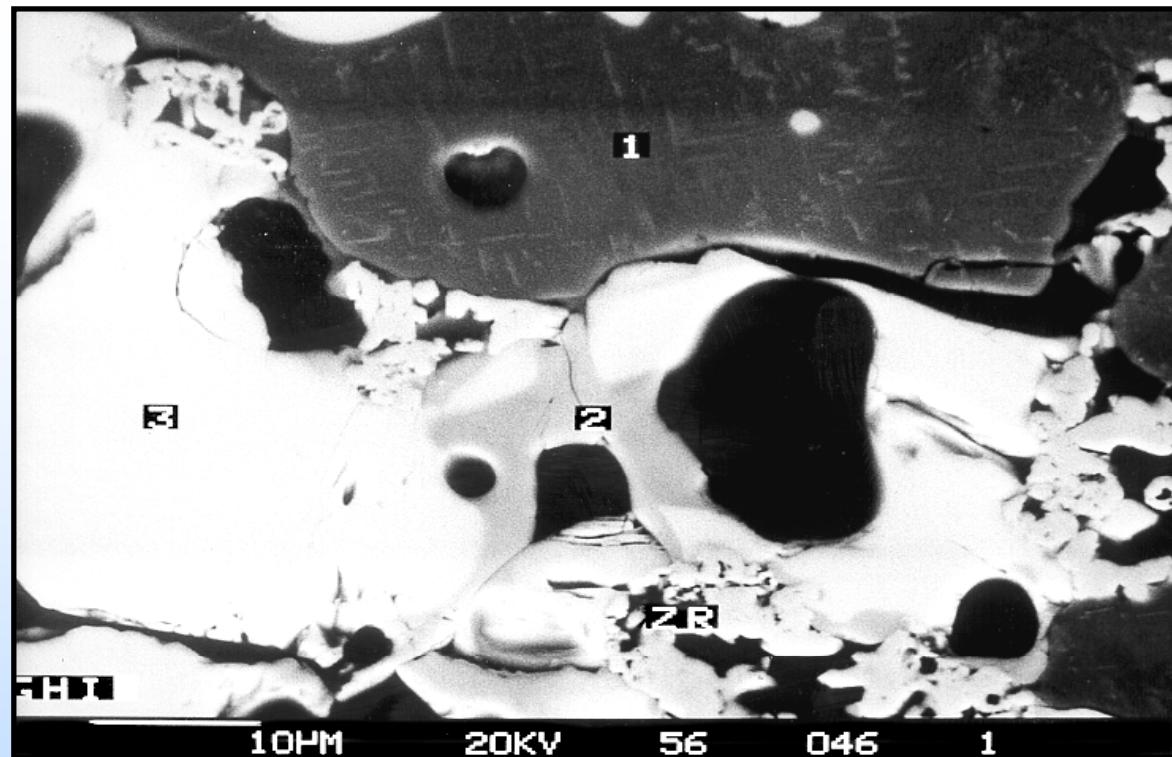
Area B2:

- advanced decomposition of microstructure
- no CaZrO₃
- infiltration along grain boundaries [2]
- new phases formed by reaction of solved Ca with the alloying elements → CaMoO₄ (Powellite) – CaWO₄ (Scheelite)–solid sol. [1]
- formation of ZrO₂ – solid solutions [3]

	[At.-%]	Ca	Zr	Mo	Fe	W	V	Si
1	Ca(Mo,W)O ₄ – solid sol.	47.7	-	33.1	-	19.3	-	-
2	infiltrating grain boundary phase	36.4	21.6	-	30.1	-	5.2	6.8
3	ZrO ₂ -solid sol.	16.8	75.1	-	8.1	-	-	-

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Area B3:

- porous oxide scale with ZrO₂-grains [Zr] / no solid solution
- (Fe,Cr)-Oxide – solid sol. [1]
- Formation of CaMoO₄ (Powellite) – CaWO₄ (Scheelite) – FeWO₄ (Ferberite) solid solutions [2], [3]

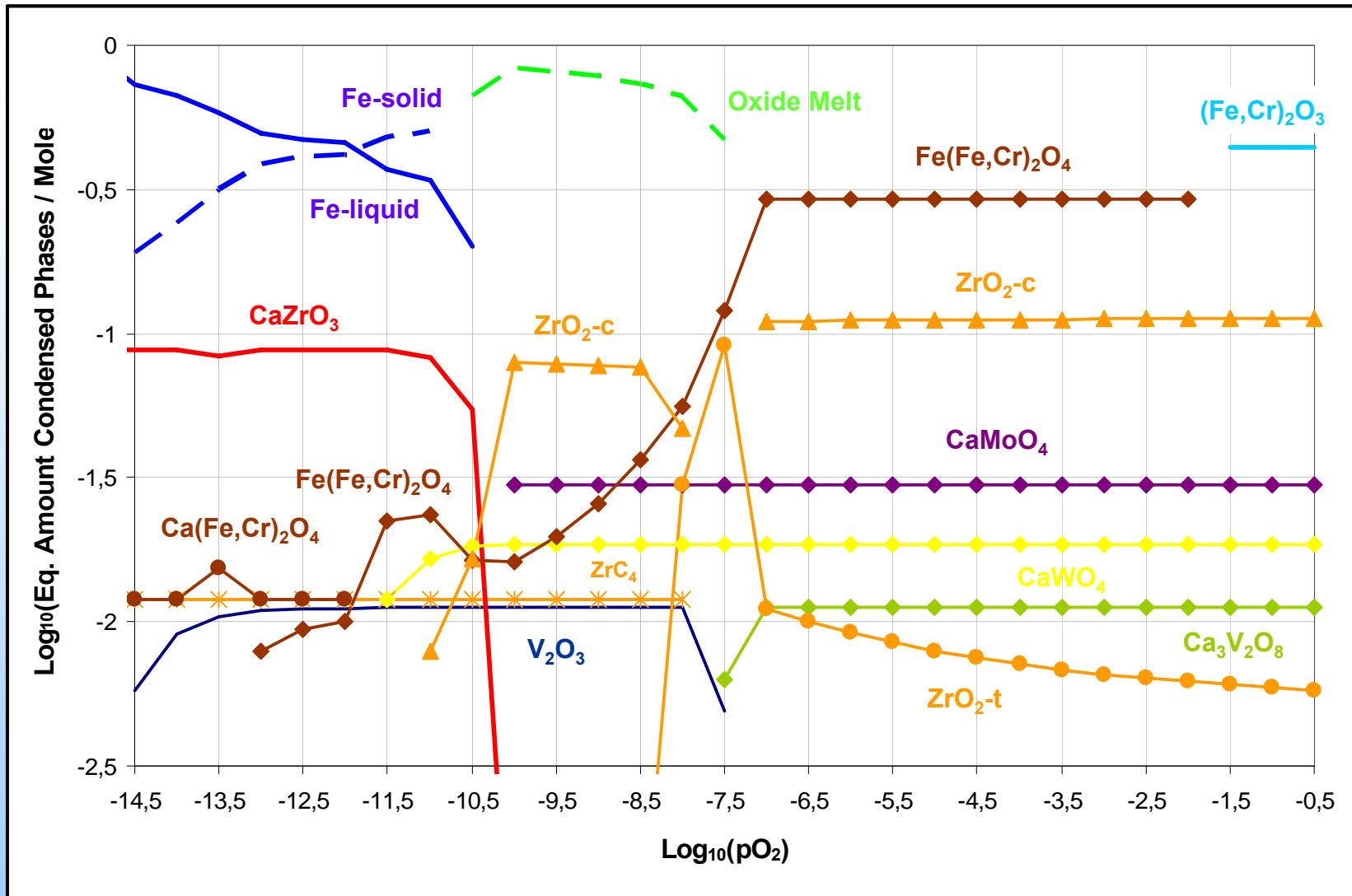
	[At.-%]	Ca	Zr	Mo	Fe	W	Cr
1	(Fe,Cr) ₂ O ₃		4.5	-	85.4	-	10.2
2	Ca(Mo,W)O ₄ – solid solution I	48.7	-	41.7		9.7	-
3	Ca(Mo,W)O ₄ – solid solution II	48.2	-	31.5	-	20.2	-



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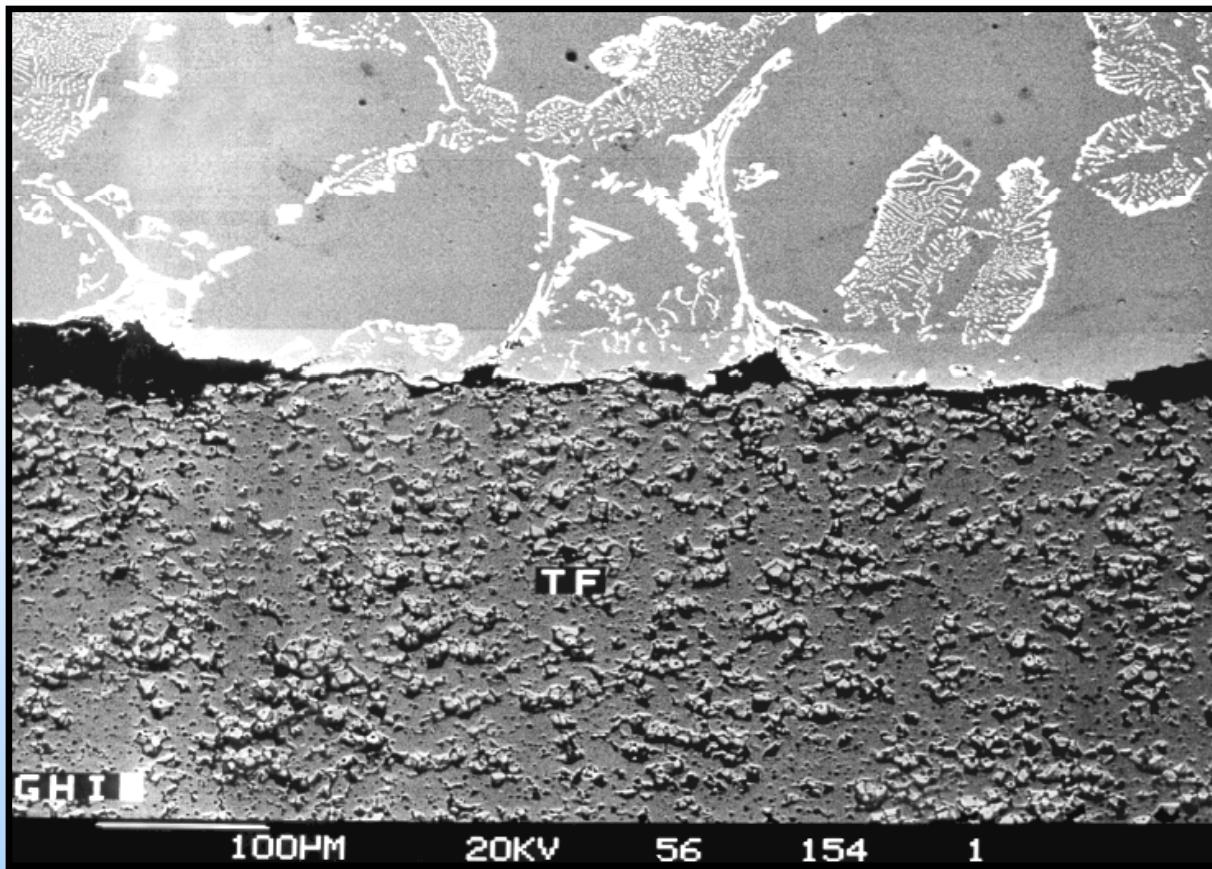
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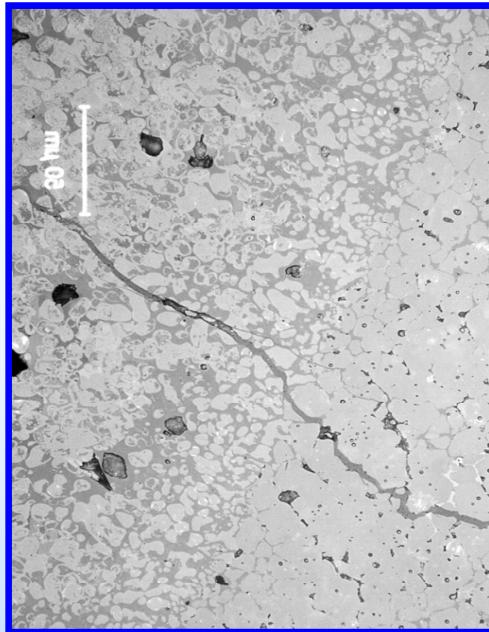
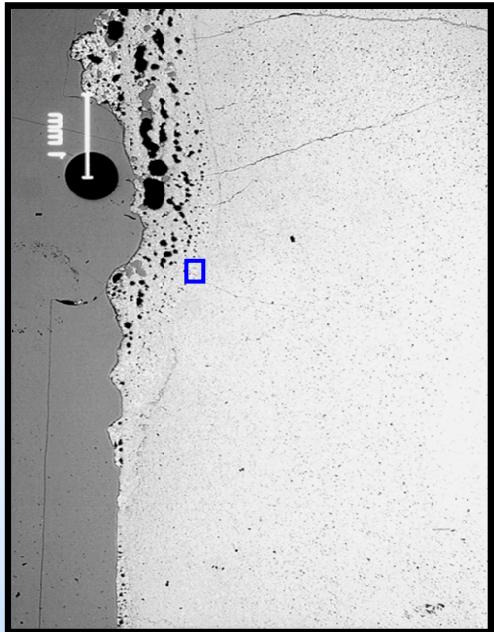
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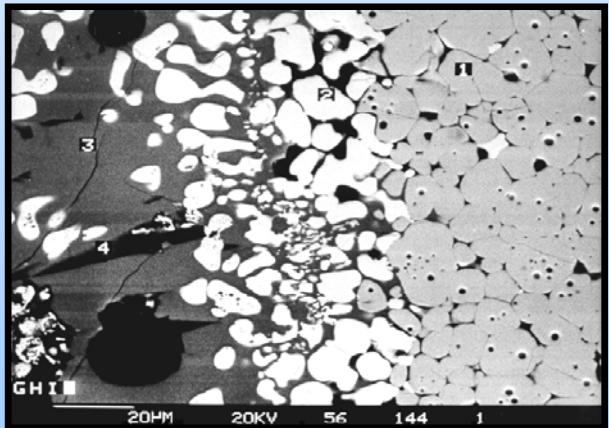
Melt Corrosion CaZrO₃ – Steel HS 6-5-2

1470 °C / Ar 4.6 / 1h



Area of Melt Surface

- dissolution of the ceramic material
- formation of a high porous layer
- formation of cracks



Contact
Slag - Ceramic

Corrosion Process:

- Infiltration along Grain Boundaries
- Dissolution of the Ceramic Material
- CaO solution in the infiltrating Grain Boundary Phase
- Precipitation of ZrO₂-Soild Solution
- Pores- and Crack-Formation



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Excellent Thermophysical Properties:

- low thermal expansion
- low thermal conductivity
- good corrosion resistance against glass melts, slags and liquid metal alloys

Applications as Refractory Materials:

- construction material in glass tanks, in iron and steel production, in energy technology
- moulds and cores in precision investment casting
- protective coatings of steel-moulding tools

→ Extremely differing information concerning the thermal stability of ZrSiO_4 and the temperature and the kinetics of the solid state dissociation $\text{ZrSiO}_4 \leftrightarrow \text{ZrO}_2 + \text{SiO}_2$

→ Substantial information for predicting service life and long-time behaviour of zircon based refractories

→ temperature, reaction mechanism, kinetics of zircon-decomposition
f(impurities, grain size, grainsize distribution, ...)



Literature Review : Thermal Decomposition of ZrSiO₄

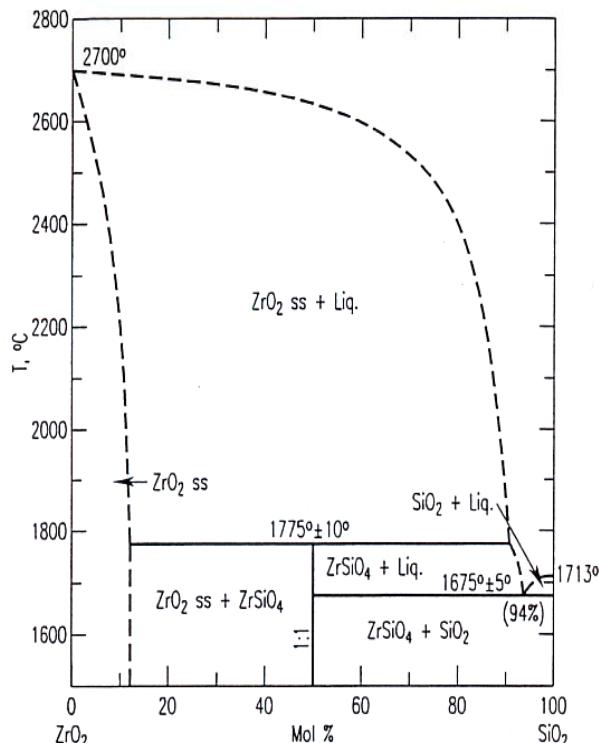
$\Delta T_{diss.} = 517 \text{ K}$

Author	Year	Decomposition of ZrSiO ₄	Temperature
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Jones, Kimura & Muan	1967	solid state dissociation	1675 ± 10 °C
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Klute & Woermann	1982	solid state dissociation	1681 ± 5 °C
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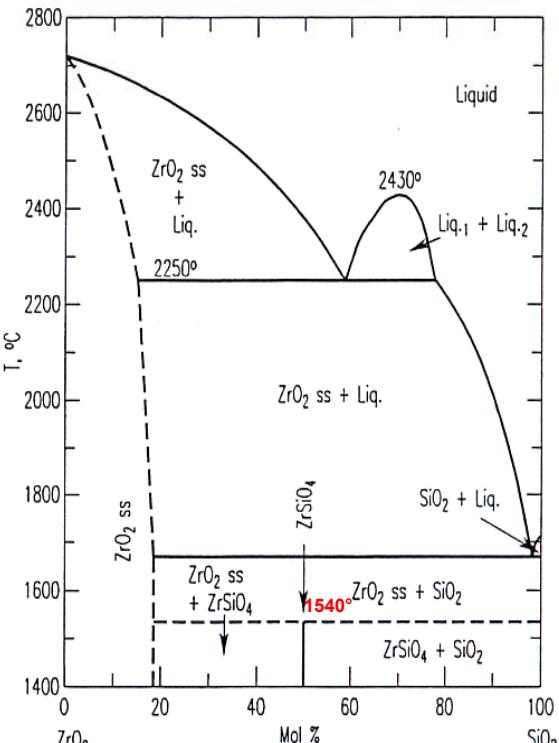


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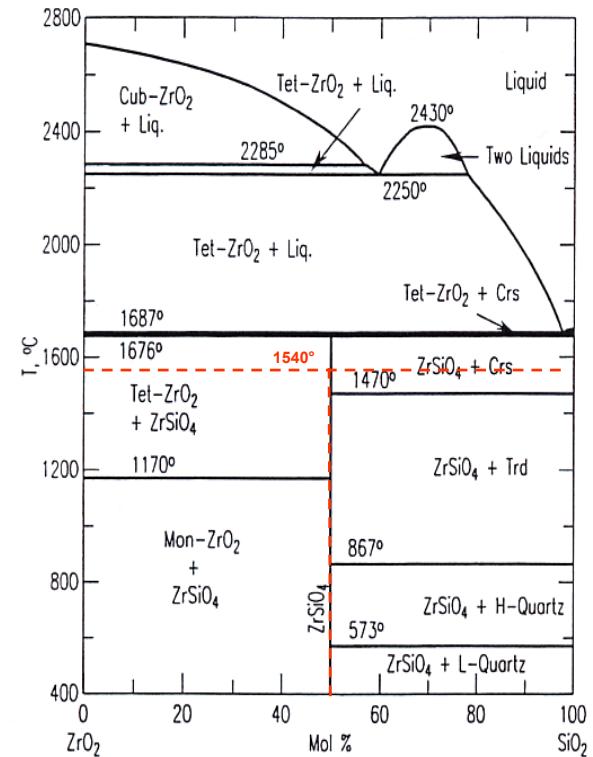
Literature Review : Phase Relationships in the System ZrO_2 - SiO_2 - System



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Toropov & Galakhov (1956)



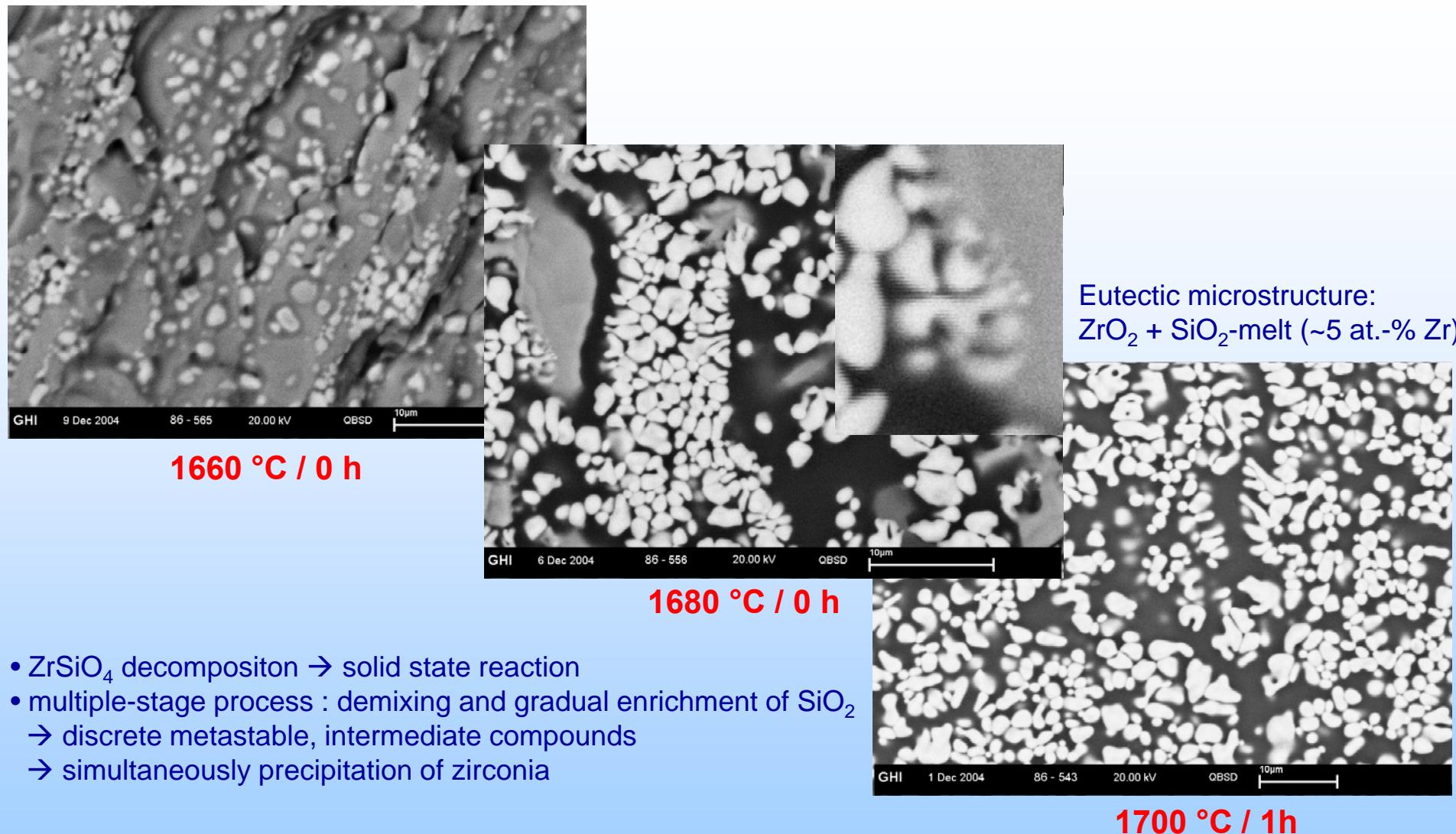
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$$\Delta T_{\text{diss.}} = 136 \text{ K}$$

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ZrSiO₄ Decomposition Mechanism - Single Crystal Experiments



- ZrSiO₄ decompositon → solid state reaction
- multiple-stage process : demixing and gradual enrichment of SiO₂
 - discrete metastable, intermediate compounds
 - simultaneously precipitation of zirconia



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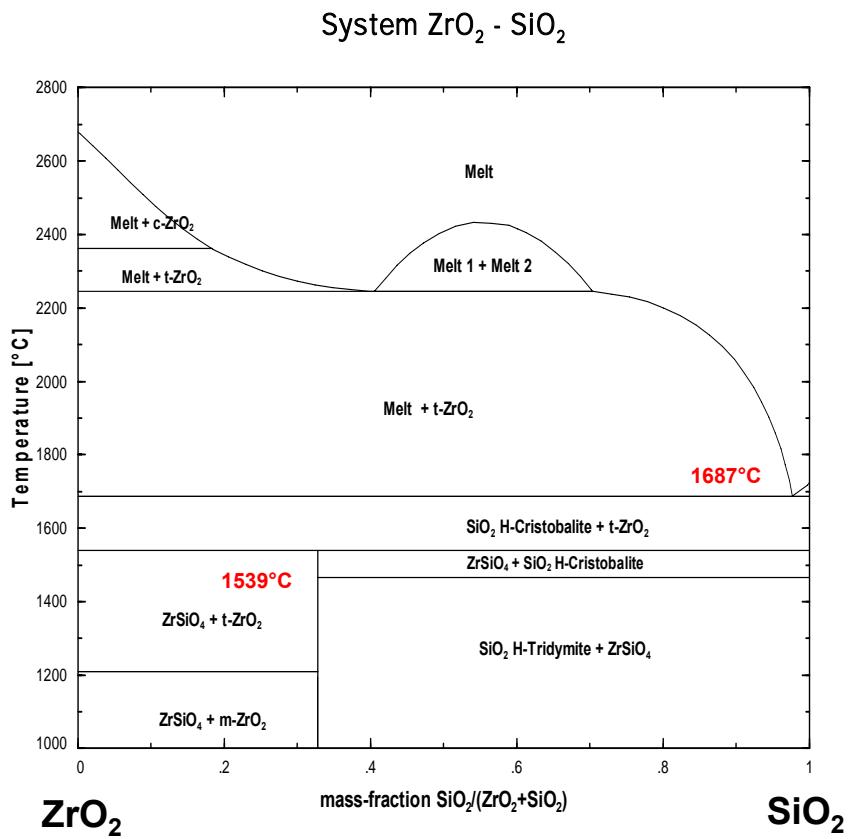
Thermodynamic Data

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-2023.801		84.027	BAR89
-2400.0 ± 20			O'NE01
-2034.2 ± 3.1		84.026	ELL92
-2035.7		84.027	KNA91
-2035.098 ± 8.4		84.5168	KUB79
		84.5168 ± 1.3	KUB67
-2023.956		83.87	CHA85
-2033.4		84.03	ROB78
-2022.1272		84.5168	MAT69
	-1917.54 ± 1.25		FER02
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	-2033.21 ± 1.1		MAN03
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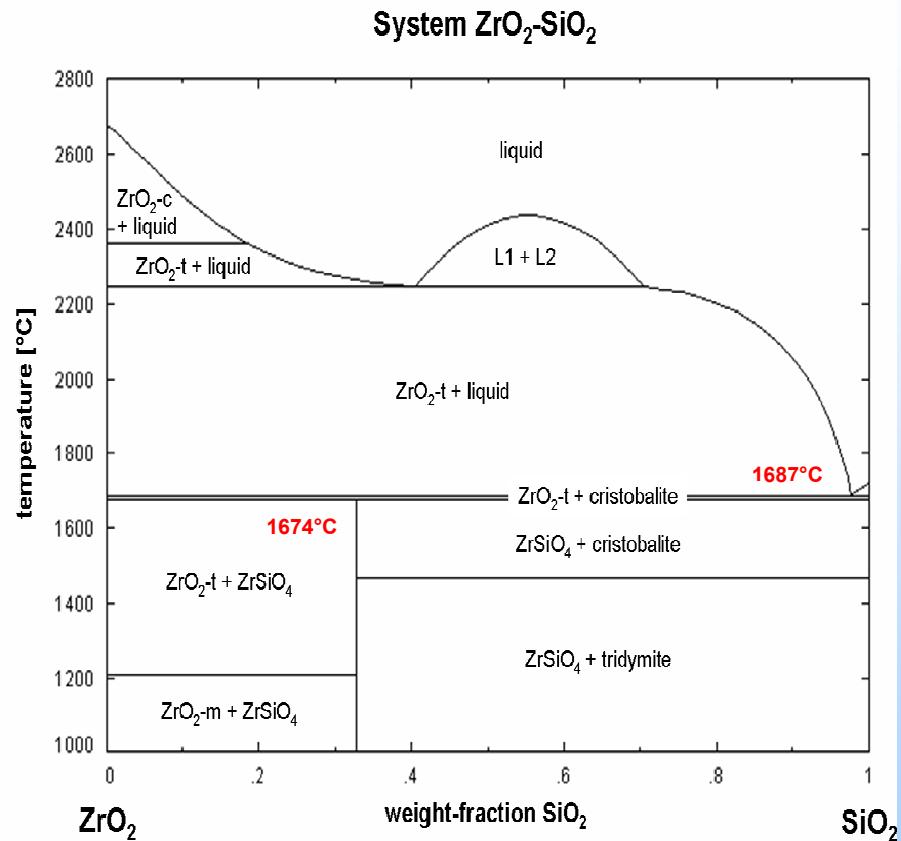


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Calculated Phase Diagram ZrO_2 - SiO_2



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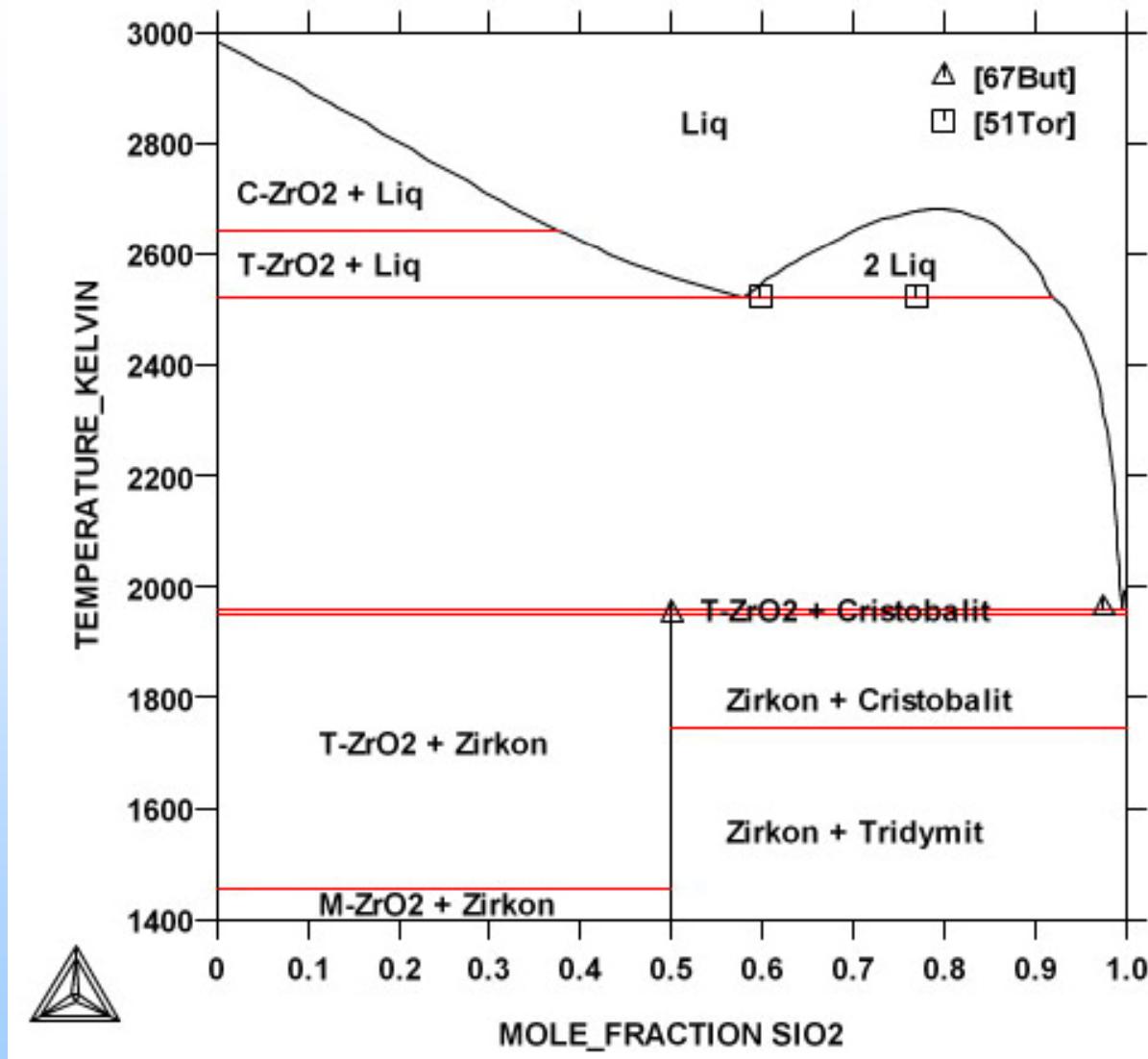


New Dataset



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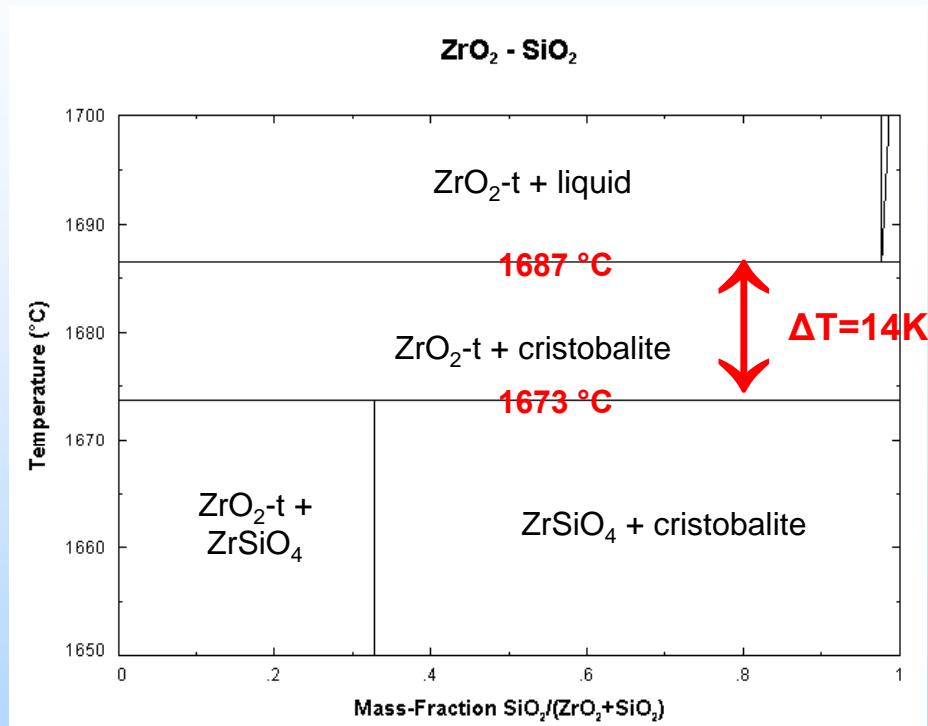
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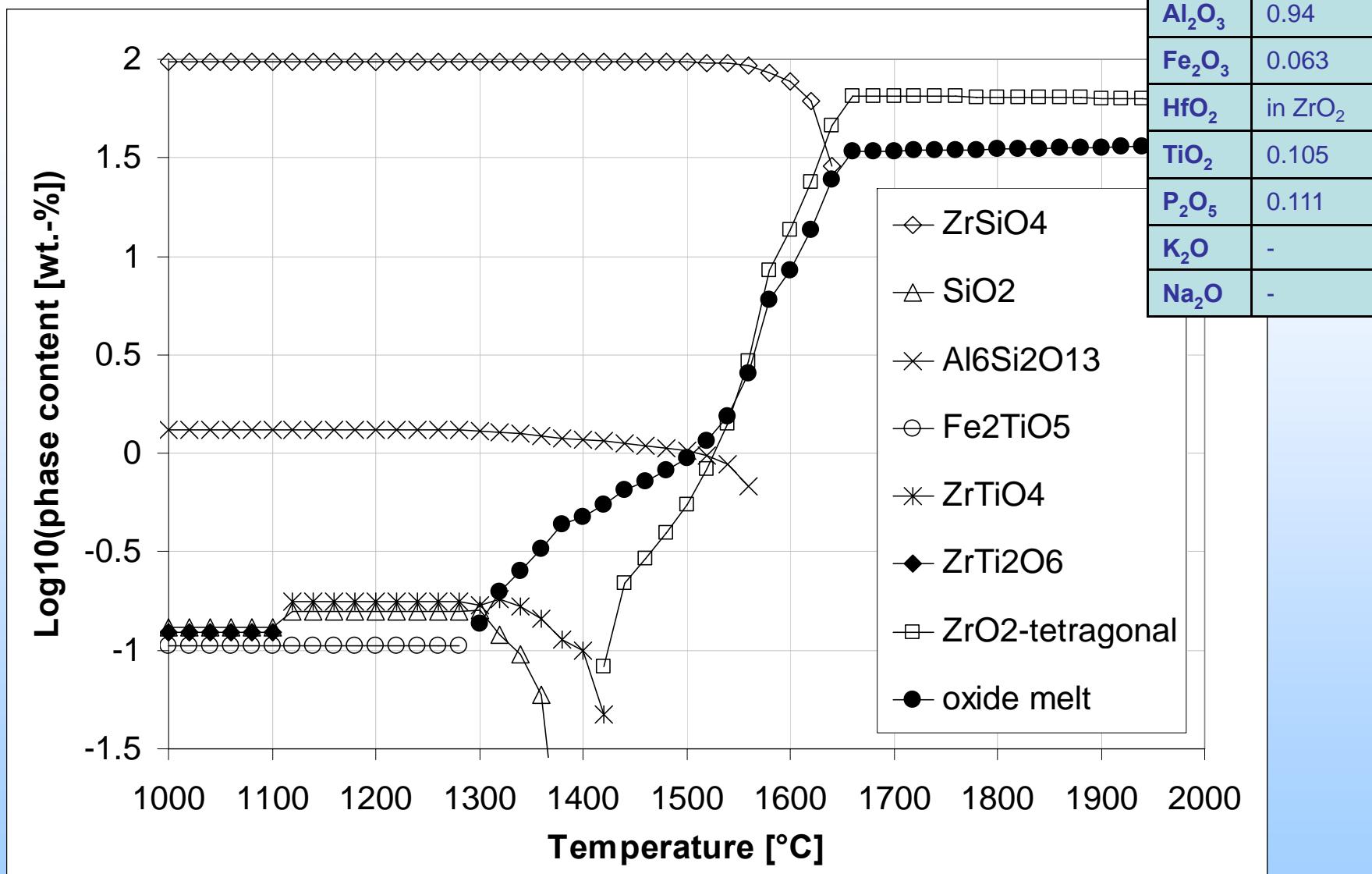
Impurities in natural zircon raw materials : rutile, illmenite, magnetite, quartz, corundum, kyanite, ...

$\Delta T = 14\text{K} \rightarrow$ Degradation of eutectic temperature in the binary system below the solid state dissociation temperature even by minor impurities

→ Solid state dissociation superimposed by formation of a silicate melt at temperatures noticeable below the dissociation temperature

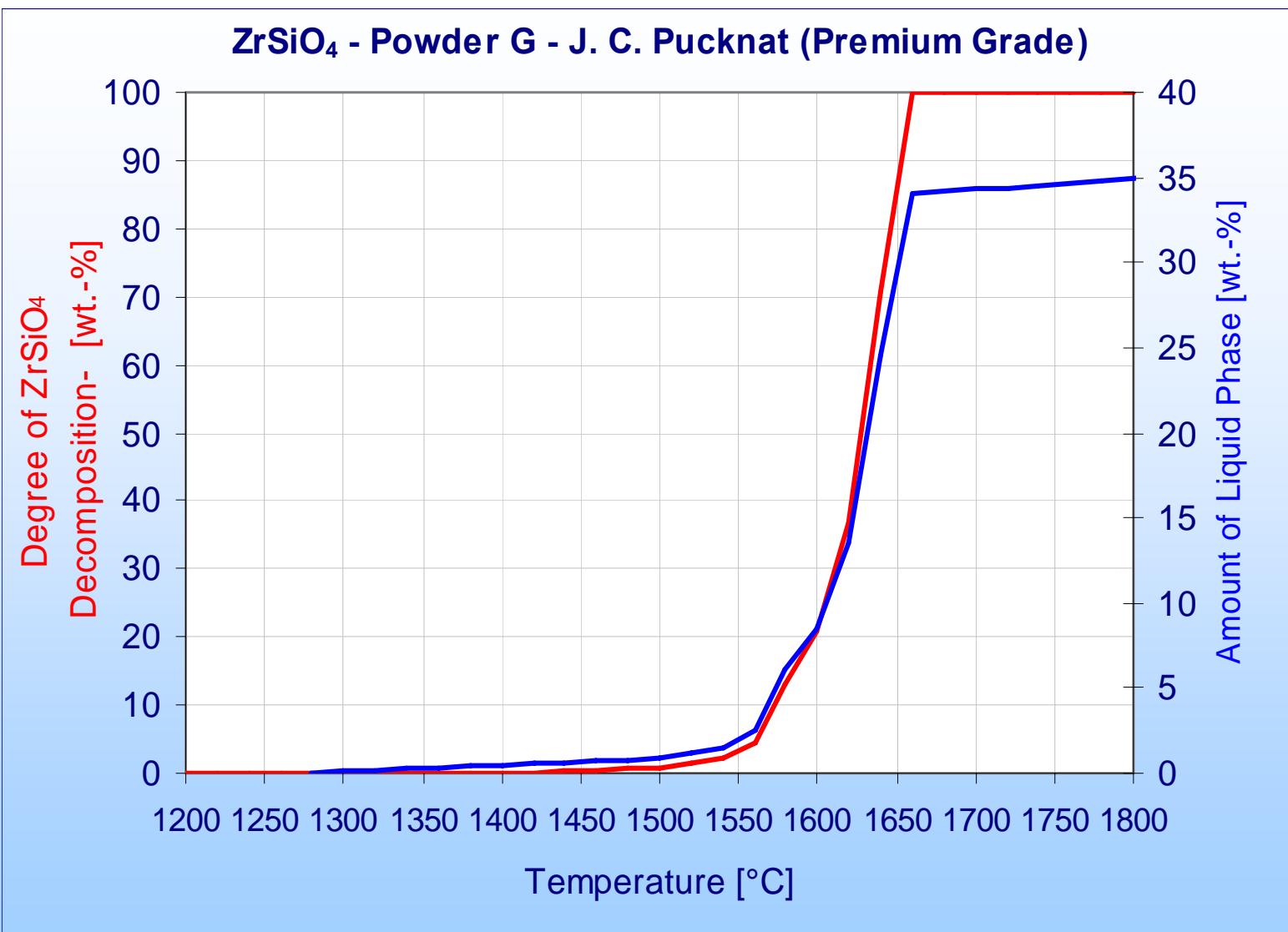


Thermal Decomposition of Natural Zircon Raw Materials



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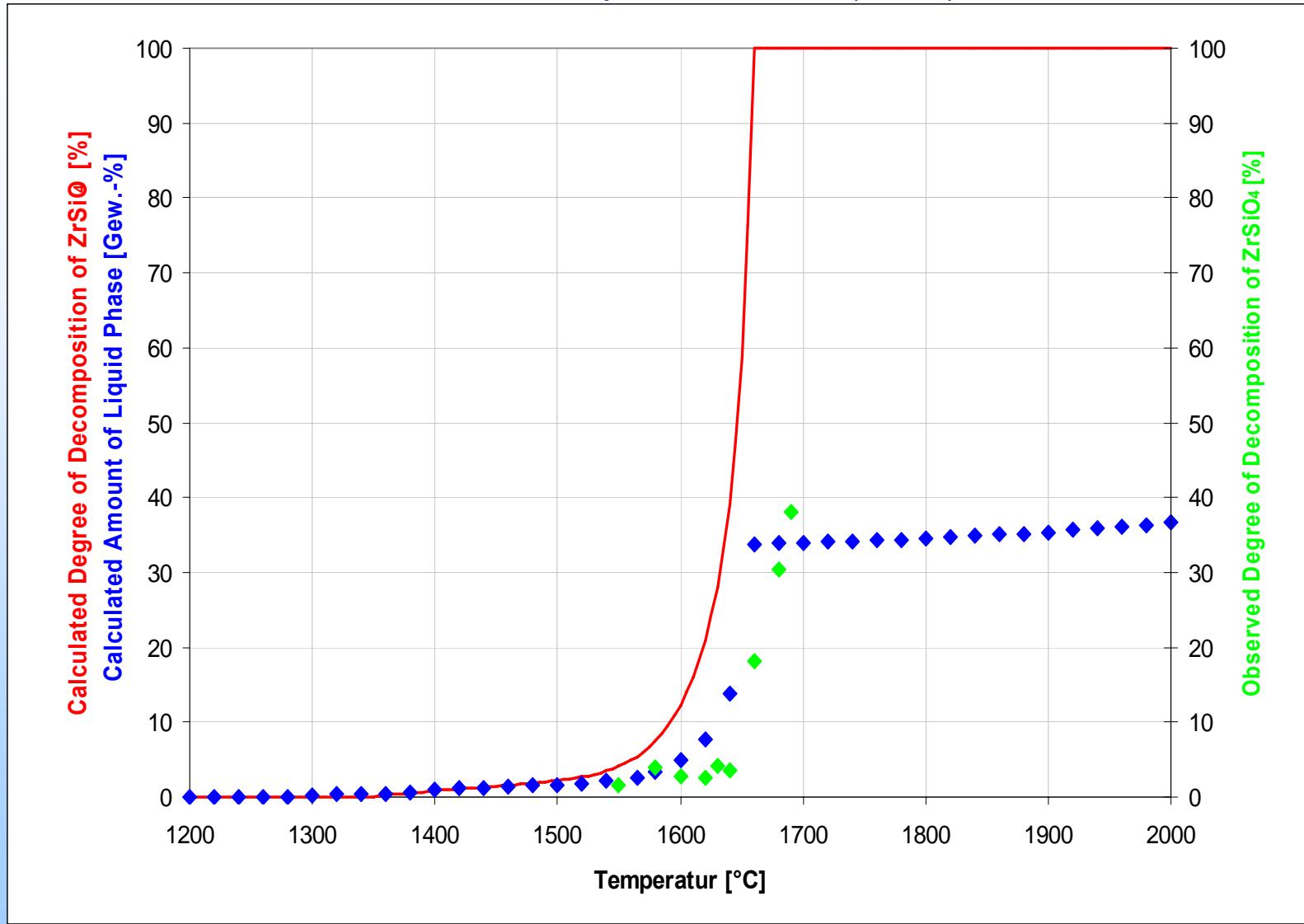


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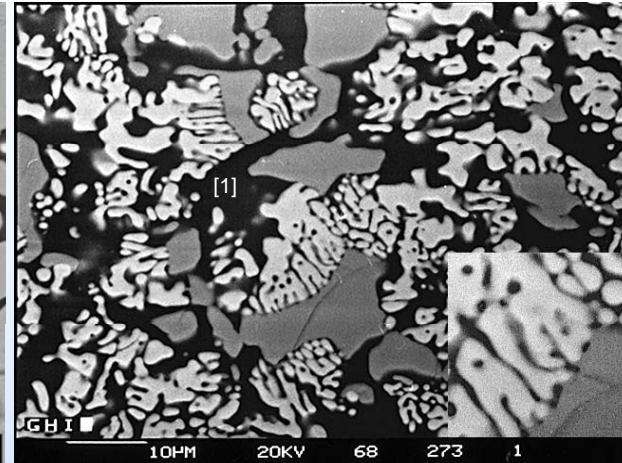
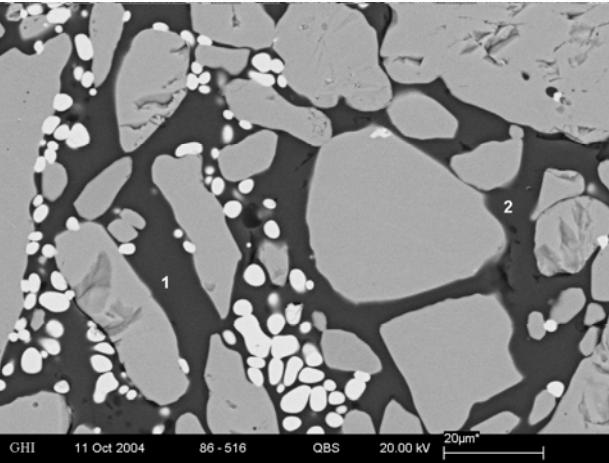
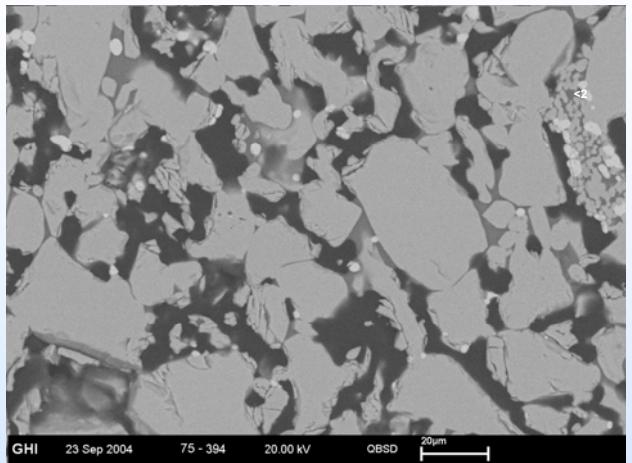
Thermal Decomposition of Natural Zircon Raw Materials

ZrSiO₄-Powder G (U. C. Pucknat)

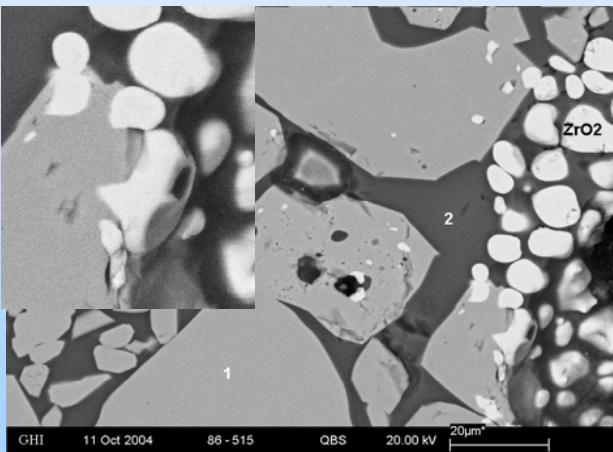
1600 °C / 16h / quenching

1650 °C / 16h / quenching

1700 °C / 5h / furnace cooled



	Gew.-%
Al ₂ O ₃	0.94
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.063
HfO ₂	in ZrO ₂
TiO ₂	0.105
P ₂ O ₅	0.111
K ₂ O	-
Na ₂ O	-



Melt Composition:

	1600	1650	1700
ZrO ₂	8.93	8.86	13.5
SiO ₂	64.80	78.04	81.1
Al ₂ O ₃	20.76	10.12	5.4
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.56	1.08	-
TiO ₂	2.95	1.89	-

Impurities Raw Material

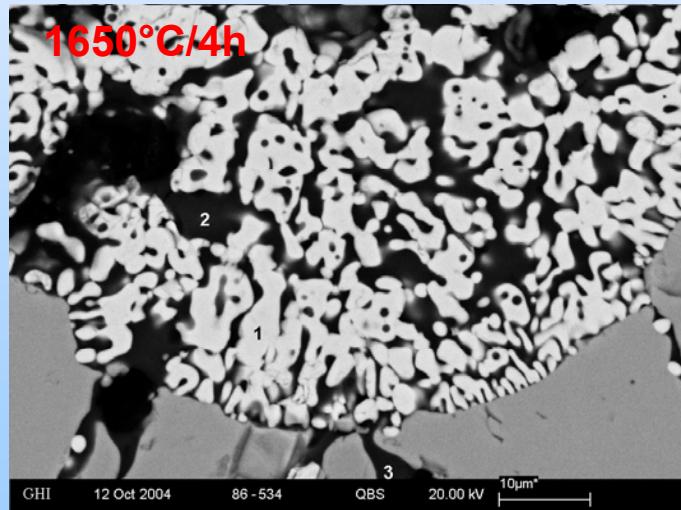
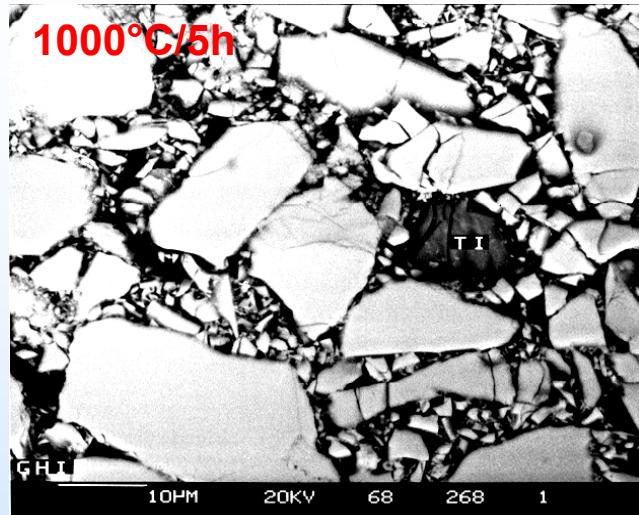
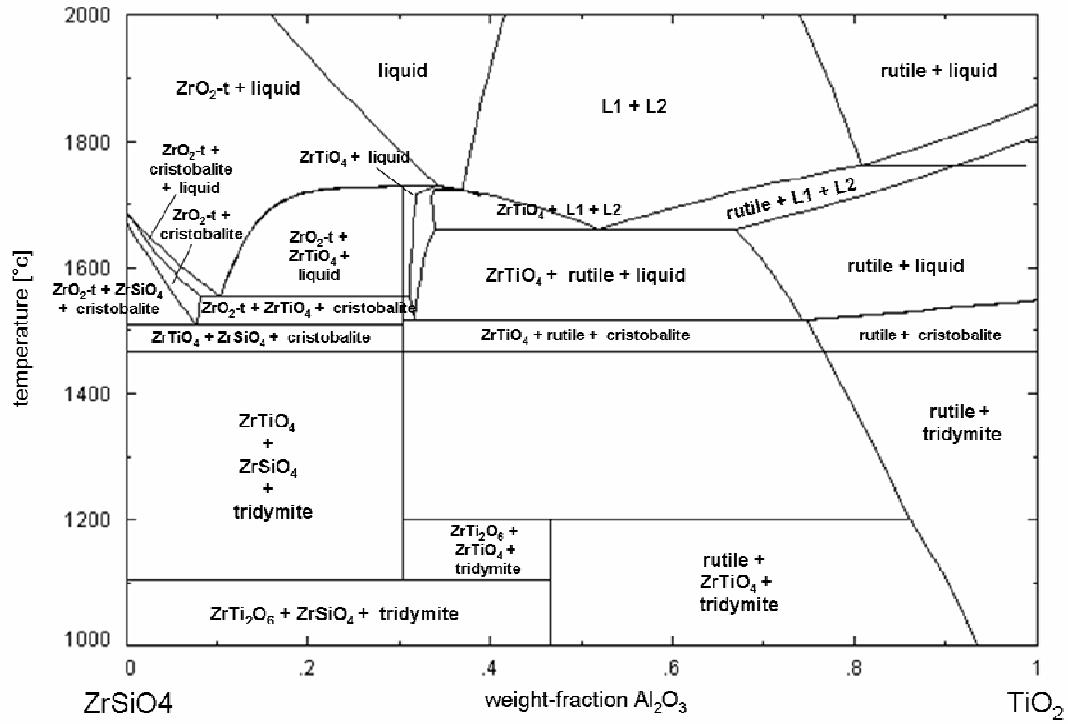


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Thermal Decomposition of Natural Zircon Raw Materials

Mineral Impurities: Rutile, Ilmenite, Magnetite, Corundum, Quarz, Kyanite, ...

$\text{ZrSiO}_4 \cdot \text{TiO}_2$



[1]: ZrO_2 – grain with 5.70 wt.-% TiO_2

[2]: $\text{SiO}_2\text{-TiO}_2$ -melt between ZrO_2 -grains (81.81 wt.-% SiO_2 , 3.61 wt.-% Al_2O_3 , 9.39 wt.-% TiO_2 , 5.19 wt.-% ZrO_2)

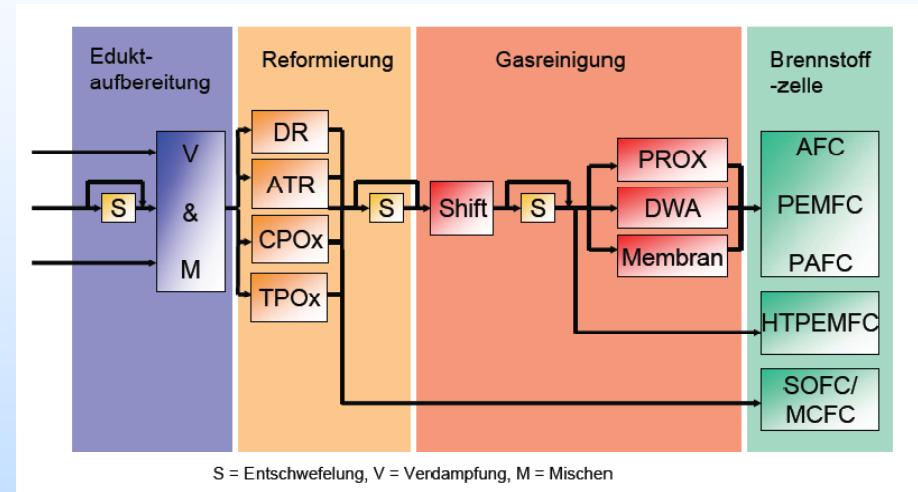


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Thermal Partial Oxidation Process for Fuel-Cell Anode Gas Synthesis

Advantages of Thermal Partial Oxidation:

- non-catalytical process (costs; toxicity)
- reforming of all liquid hydrocarbons (sulfur concentration, aromatics content)
- no external heat source
- educt conditioning: air, liquid hydrocarbons



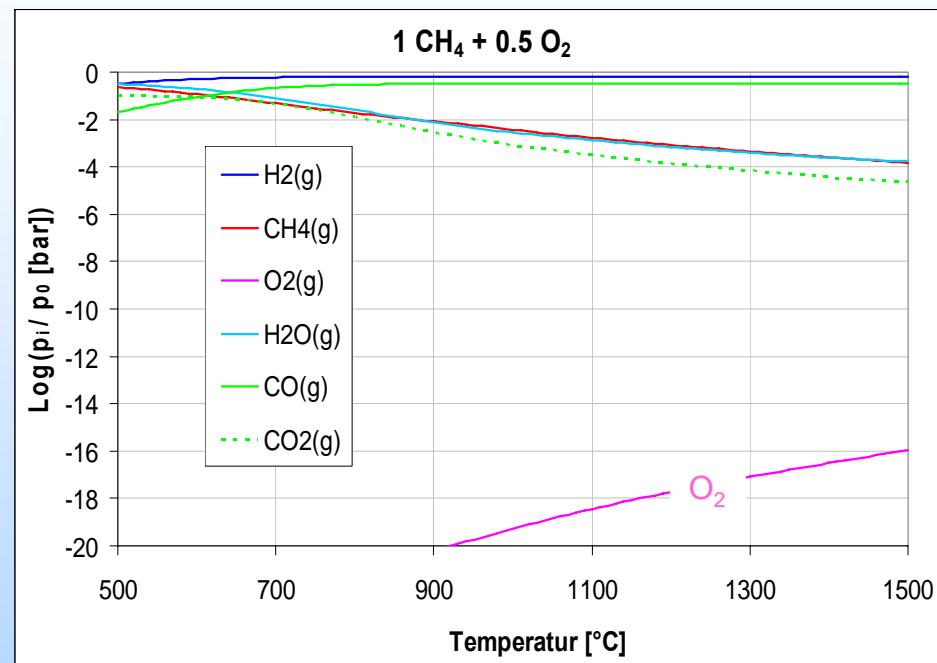
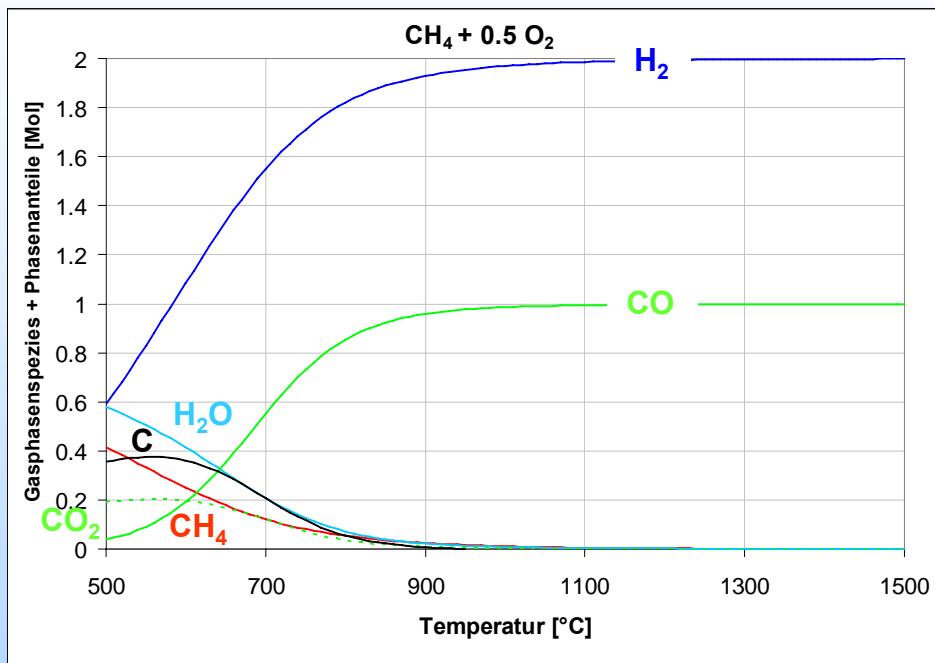
Inert Porous Ceramic Structures for Thermal Partial Oxidation:

- flame stabilization at high temperatures
- self-ignition of the air/hydrocarbon mixture at the ceramic matrix
- higher combustion rate
- lower process temperatures → reduced NO_x
- lower noise emission

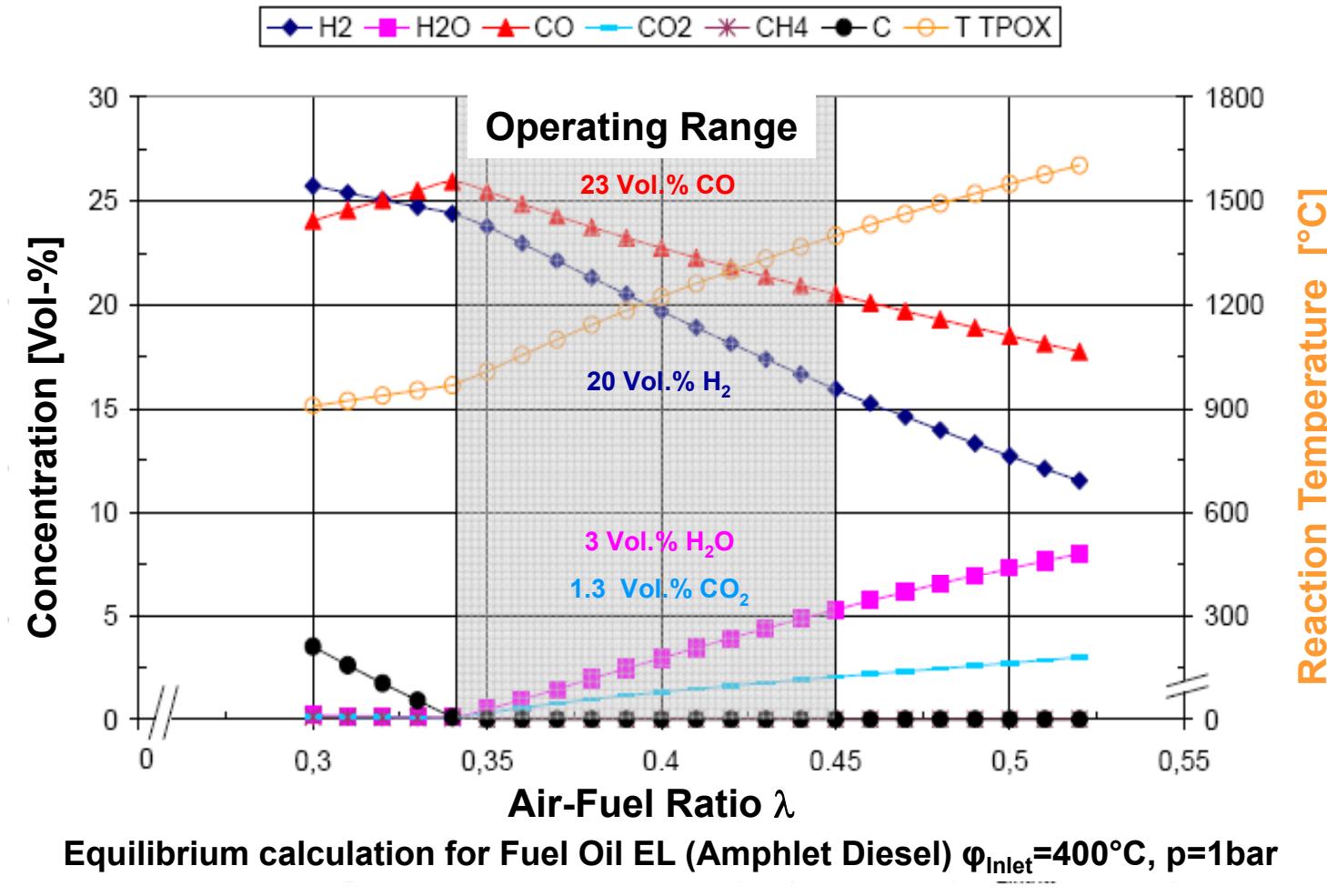


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Thermal Partial Oxidation of Methane CH₄



Thermal Partial Oxidation of Light Fuel Oil



- highly reducing atmospheres (+ carbon black formation at low temperatures)
- oxidizing atmospheres in case of start-up and shut-down procedures
- temperatures up to 1500°C



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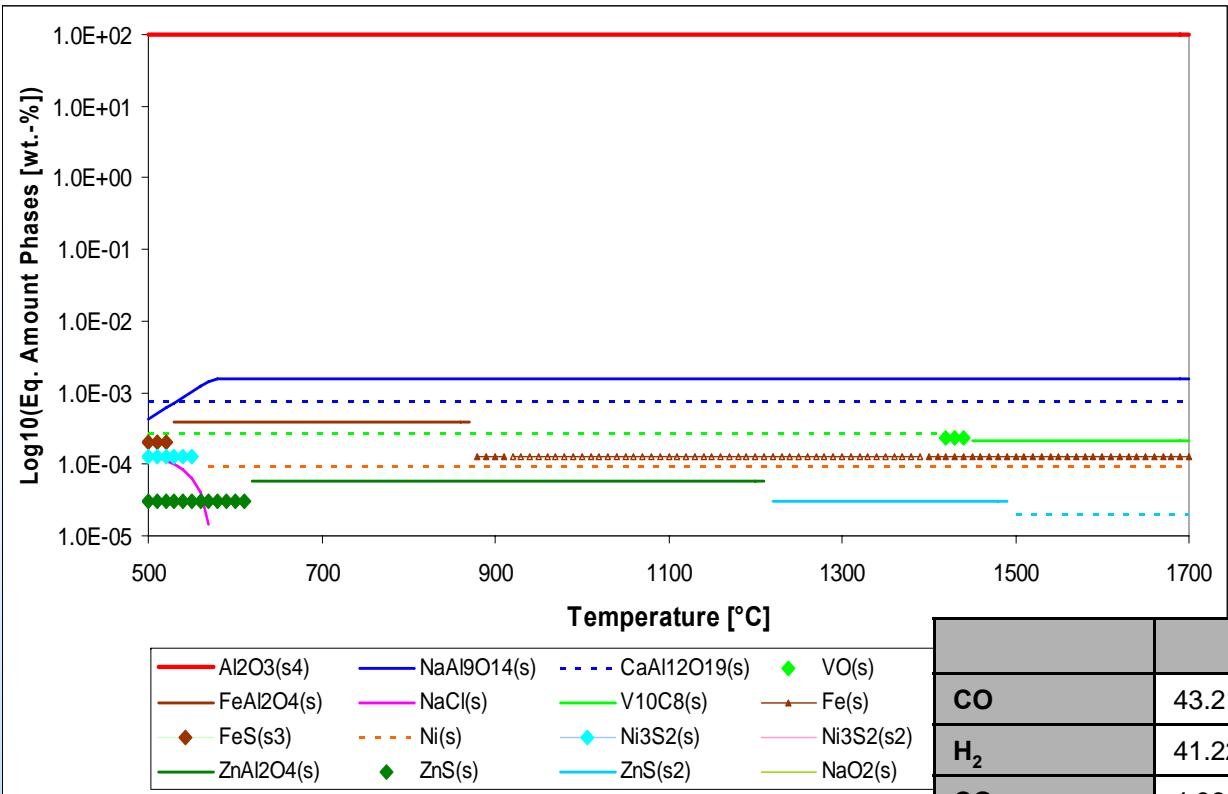
Thermal Partial Oxidation of Light Fuel Oil

	[Vol.-%]	COS [ppmV]	H ₂ S [ppmV]			[µg/kg]
	$\lambda=0.45$, $1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1bar					
CO	23				B	100
H ₂	20				Pb	50
H ₂ O	3				Na	100
CO ₂	1.3				Cl	500
N ₂	52.7				Sn	50
					Ca	110
10 ppm S		0.1	1.5		Fe	60
100 ppm S		1	15		Si	118
150 ppm S		1.5	22.5			
1000 ppm S		10	150			
2000 ppm S		20	300			



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Combustion of Heavy Fuel Oil / Steam - Mixtures



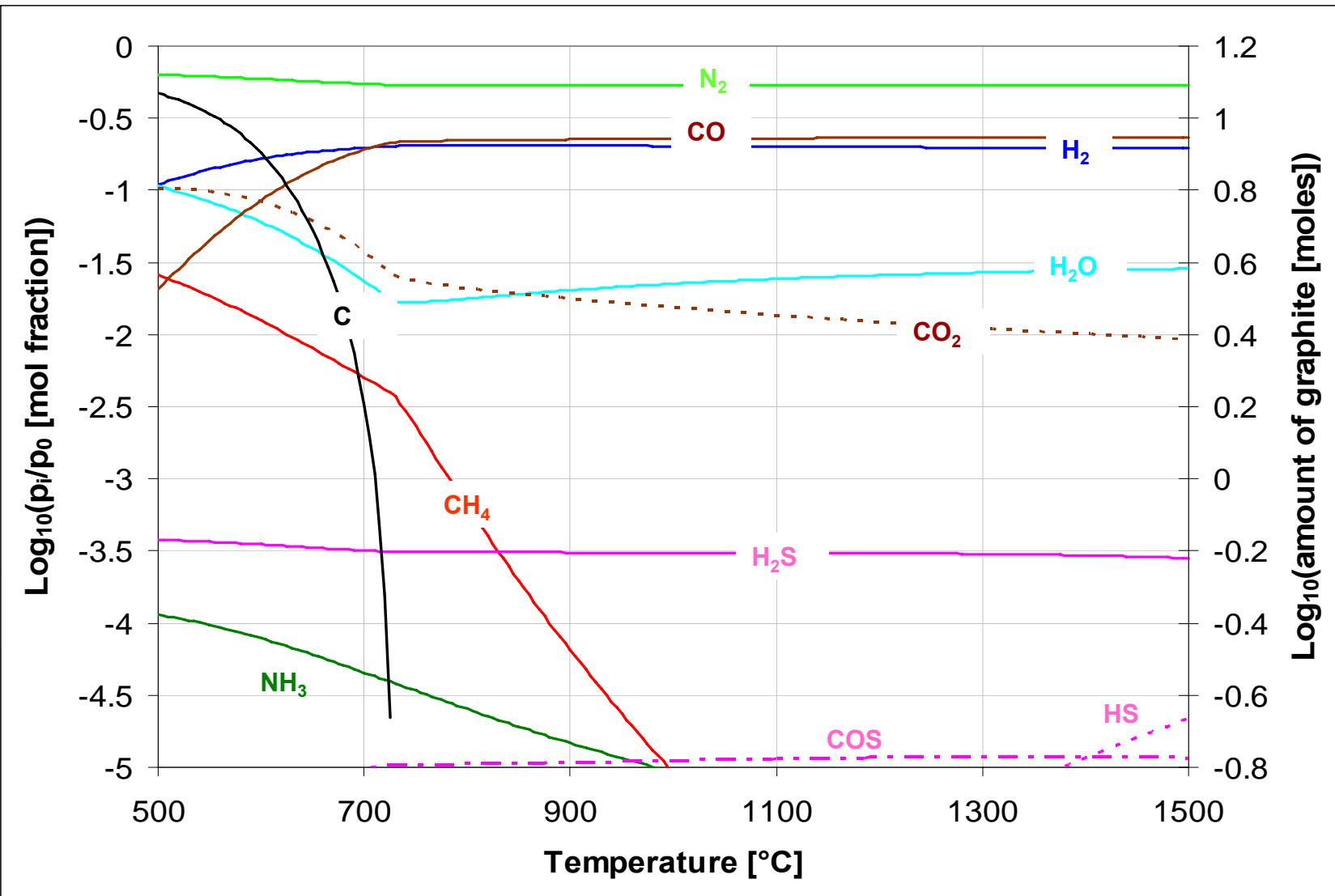
	[Vol.-%]		[mg/kg]
CO	43.2	Ca	11
H_2	41.22	Ni	23
CO_2	4.86	V	44
CH_4	0.18	Na	18
$\text{H}_2\text{S} (\text{COS})$	0.54	Zn	5
H_2O	10	Fe	31
NH_3	50 ppm	Cl	17
Cl	< 10 ppm		
HCN	10 – 30 ppm		



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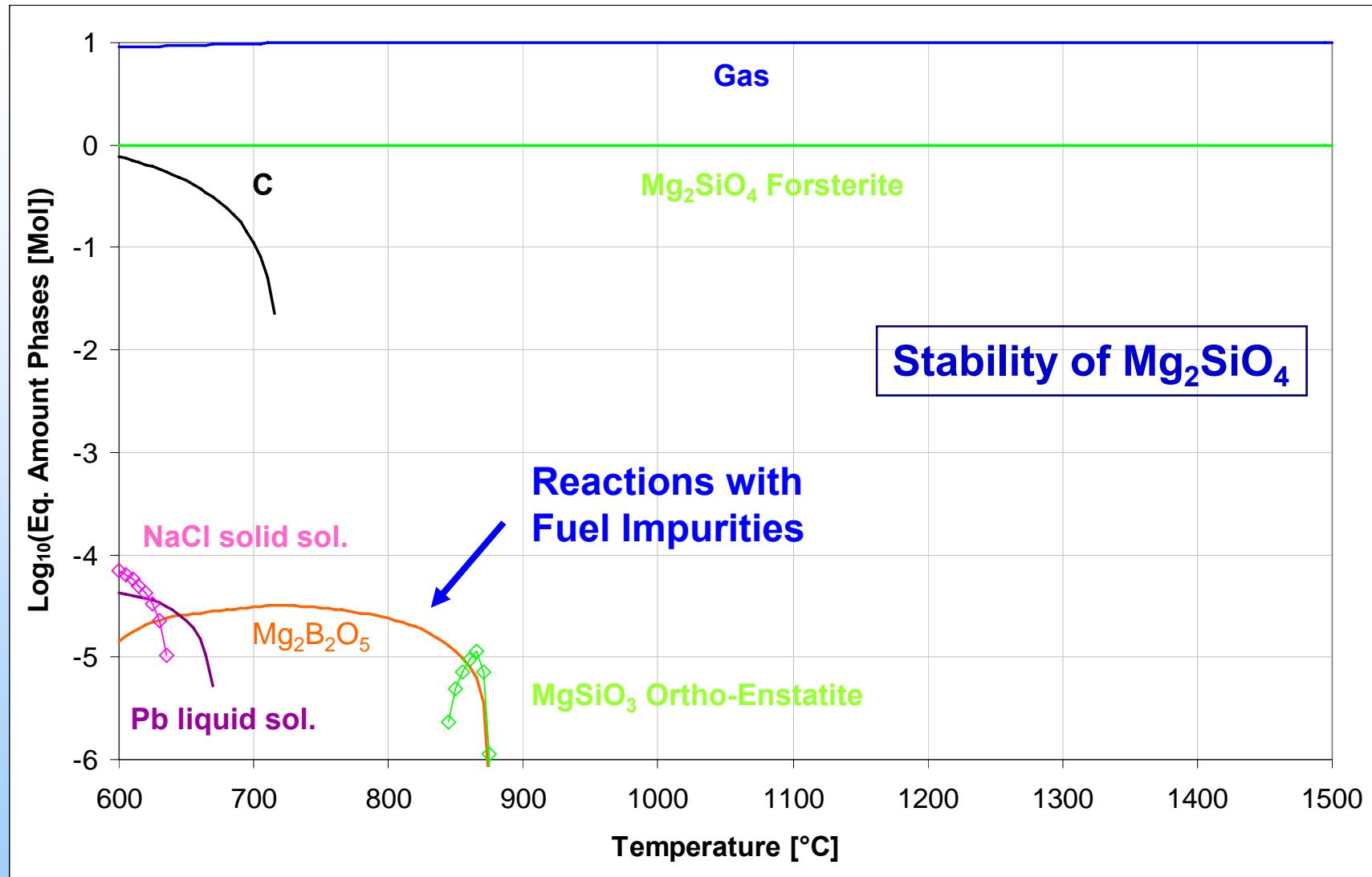
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1000 ppm S



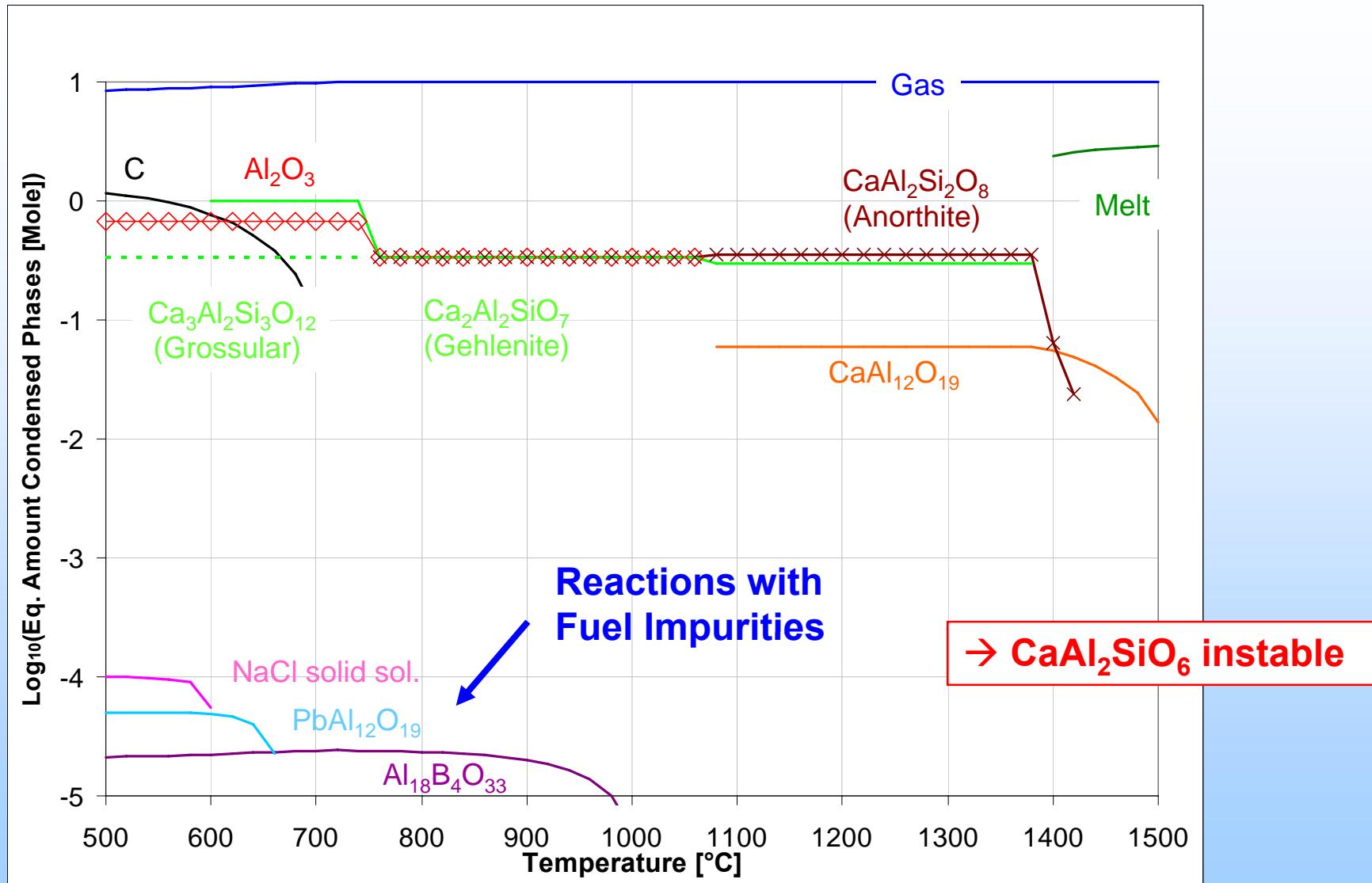
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Materials Selection: Heat Capacity \downarrow , Emissivity \uparrow , Thermal Shock Resistance \uparrow
→ Thermal and Chemical Stability in Oxidizing, Reducing (Boudouard) and Syngas Atmospheres



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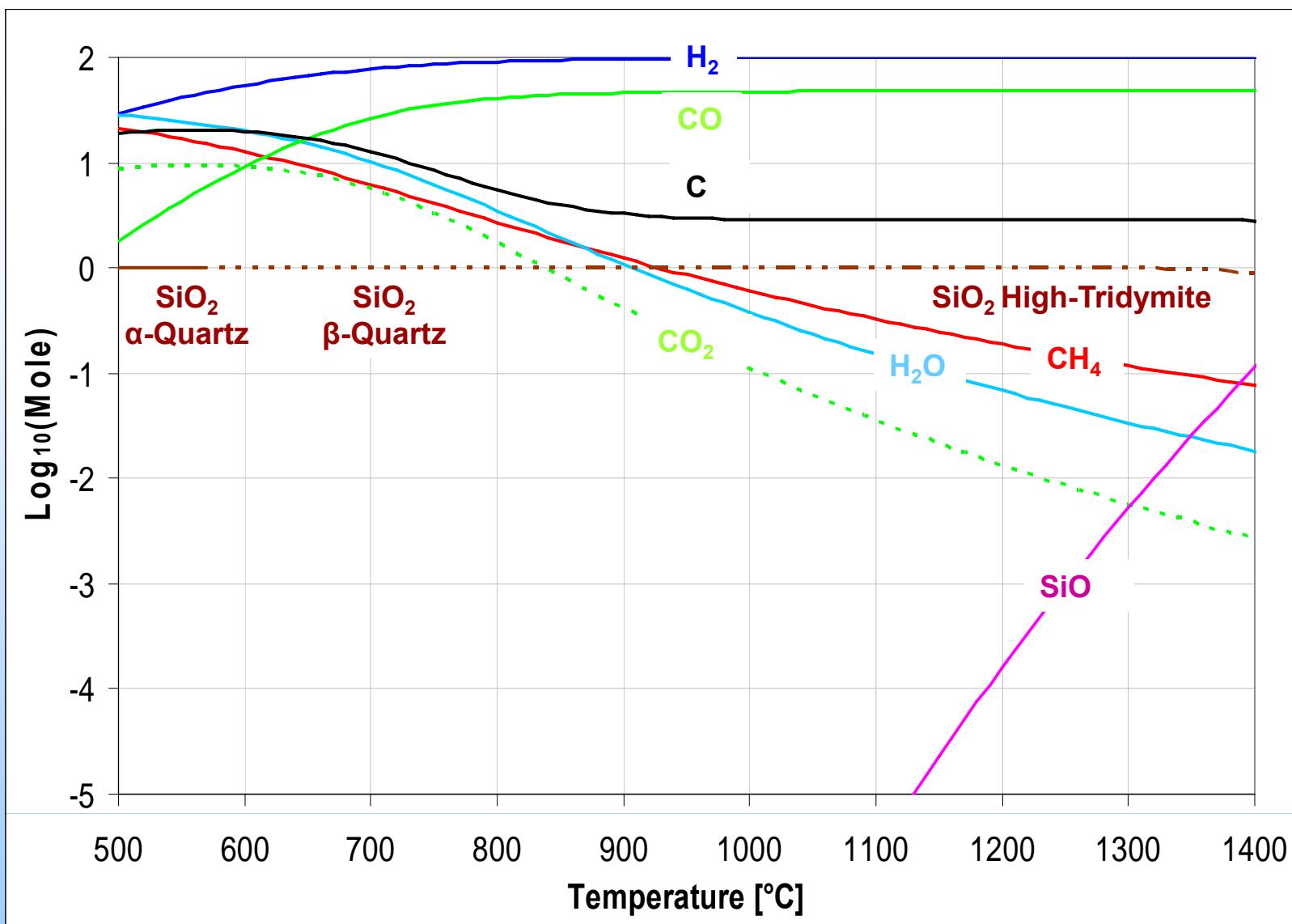
Thermal Partial Oxidation of CH₄ – Stability of CaAl₂SiO₆



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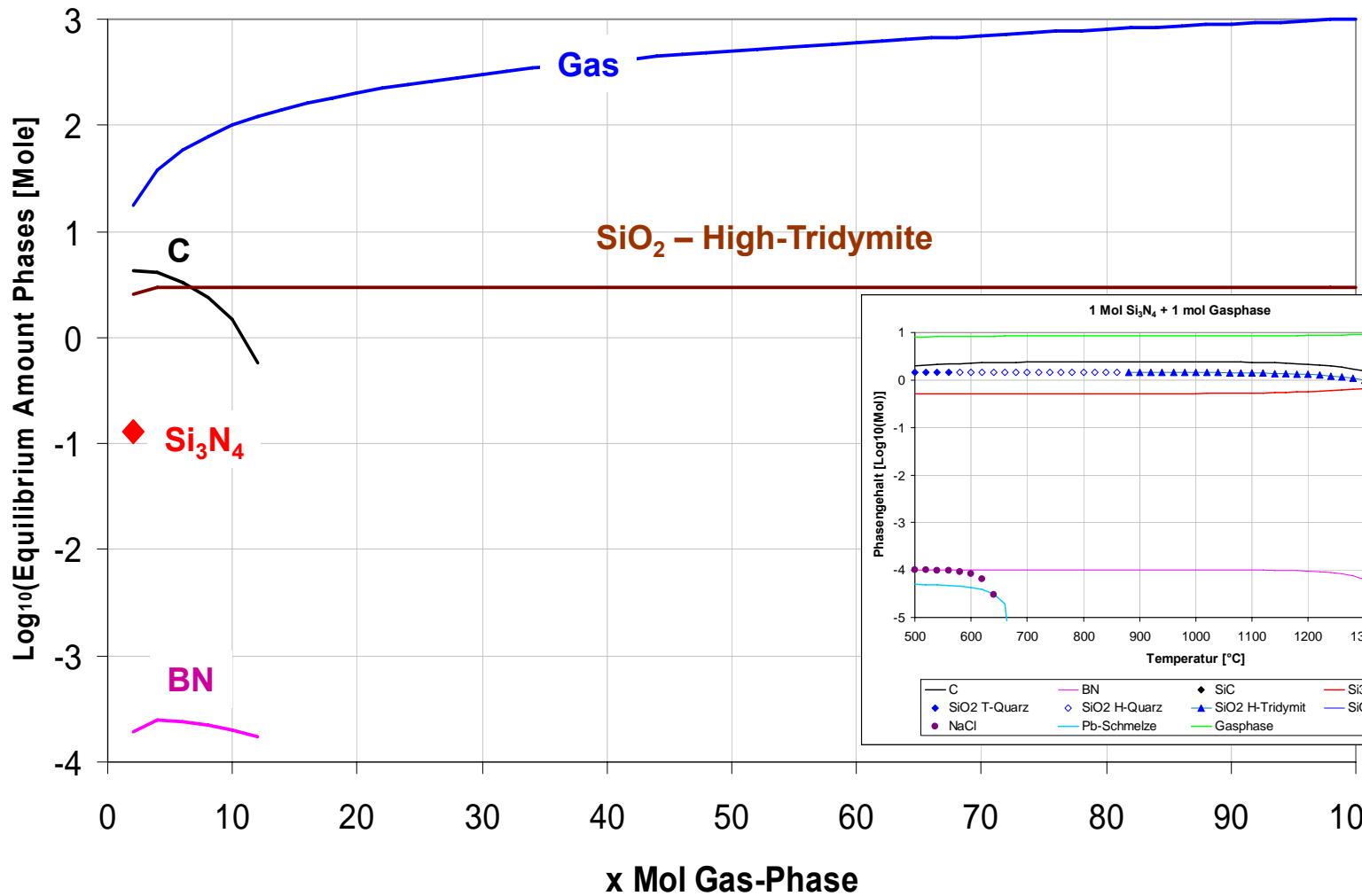
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Thermal Partial Oxidation of CH₄ – Stability of Si₃N₄

1 Mol Si₃N₄ + x Mol Gasphase (1100°C)

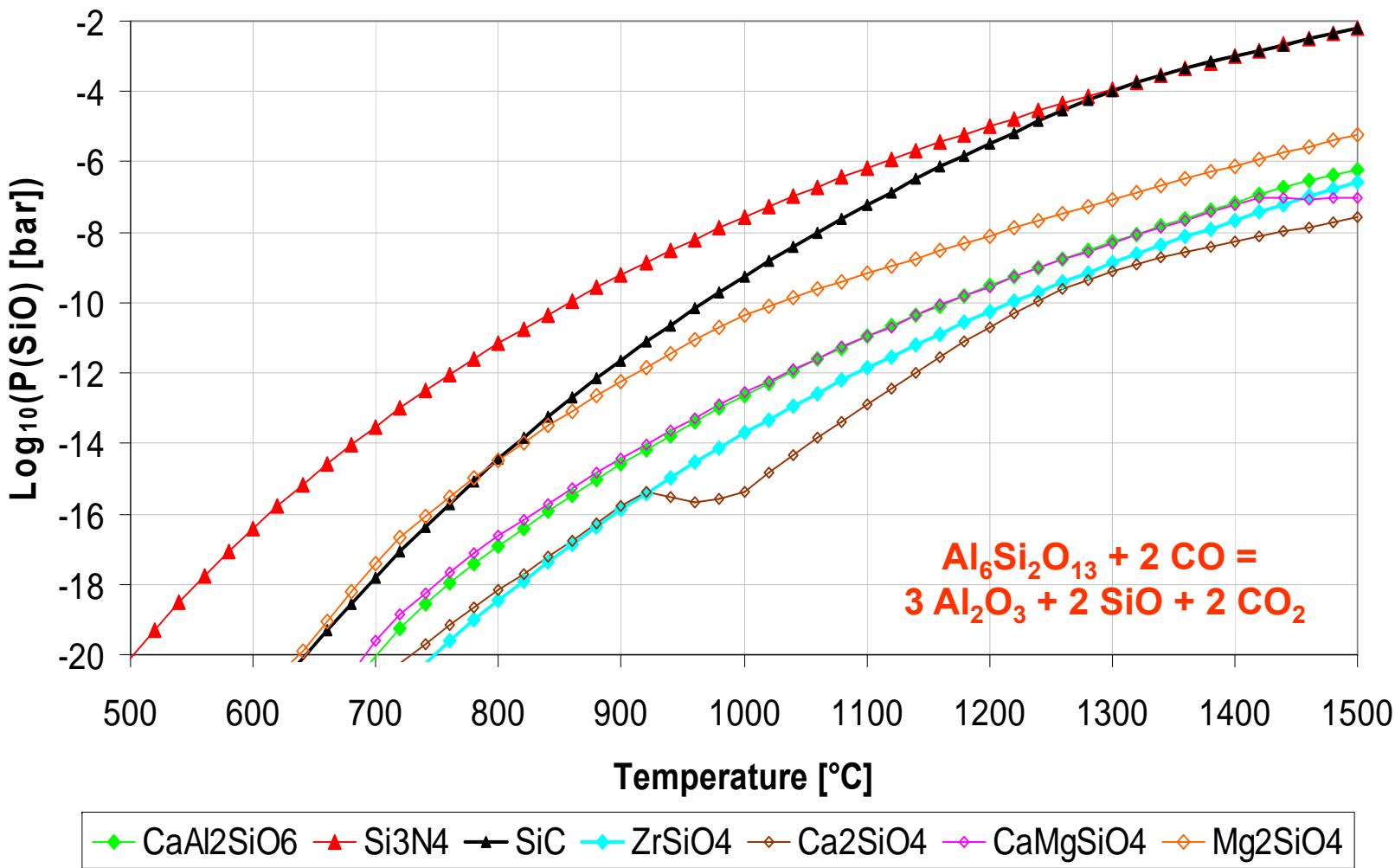


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Thermal Partial Oxidation of Light Fuel Oil

Comparison of Calculated SiO - Partial Pressures

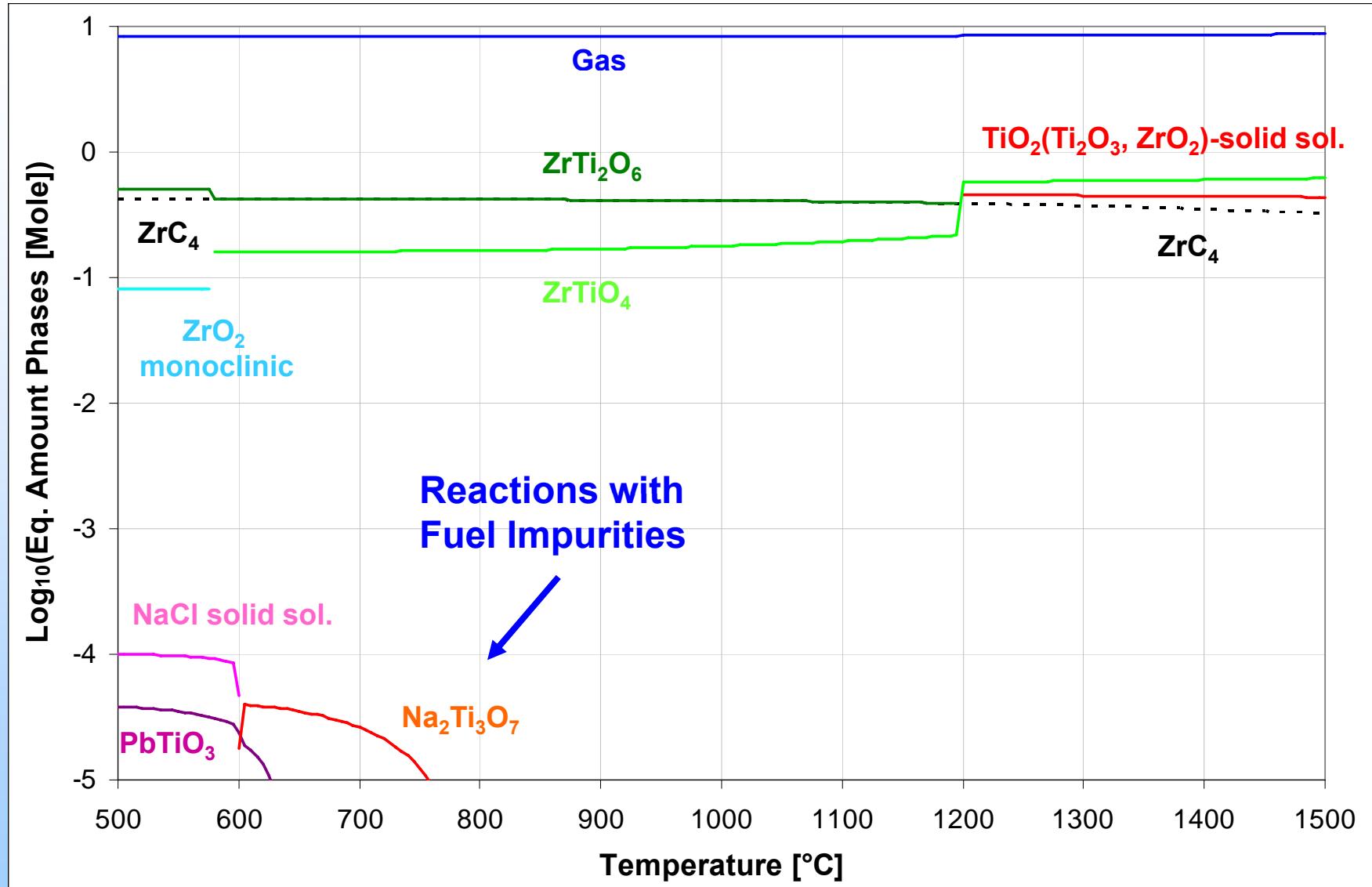


Legend:

- $\text{CaAl}_2\text{SiO}_6$
- Si_3N_4
- SiC
- ZrSiO_4
- Ca_2SiO_4
- CaMgSiO_4
- Mg_2SiO_4



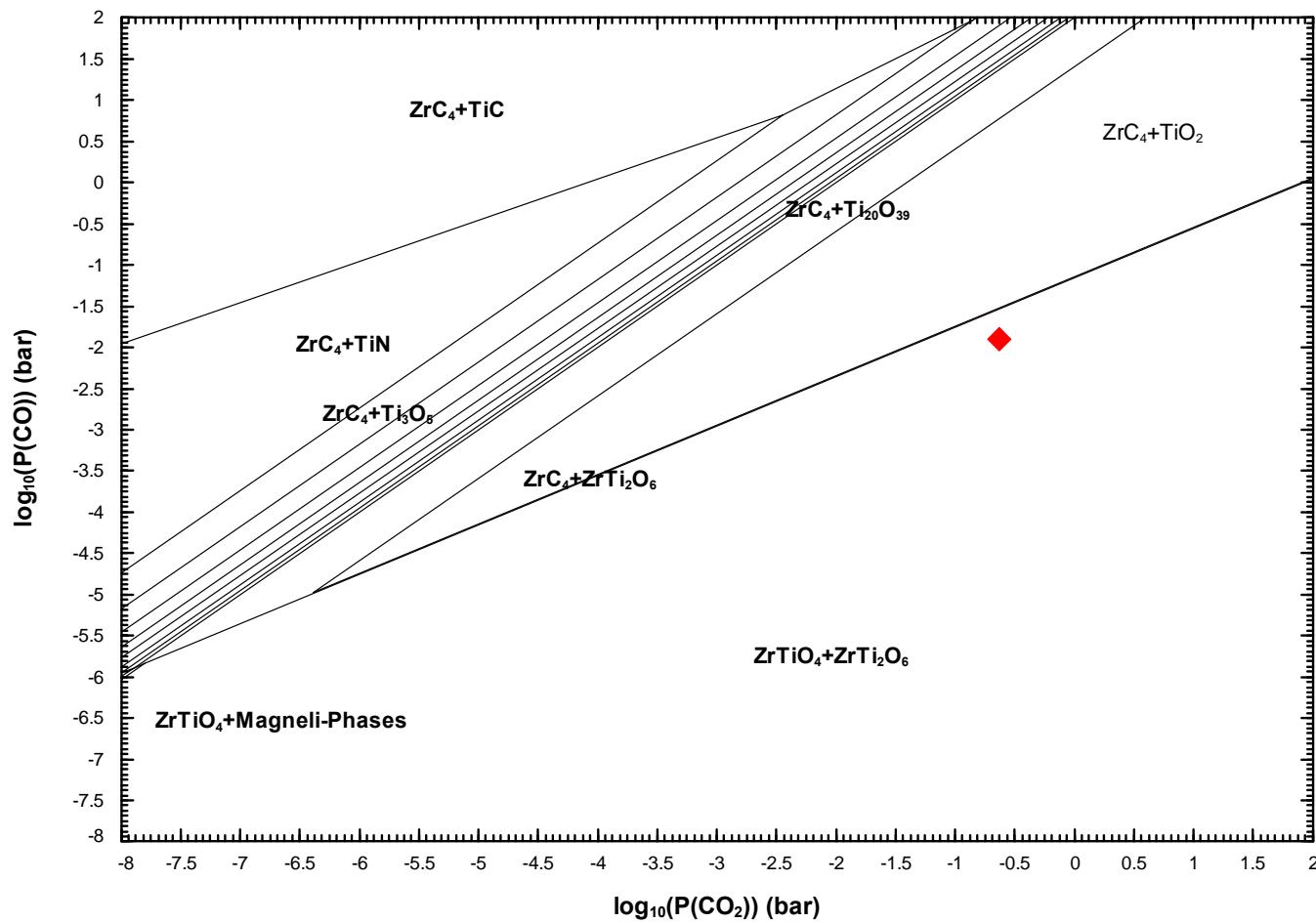
Thermal Partial Oxidation of Light Fuel Oil – Stability of ZrTiO_4



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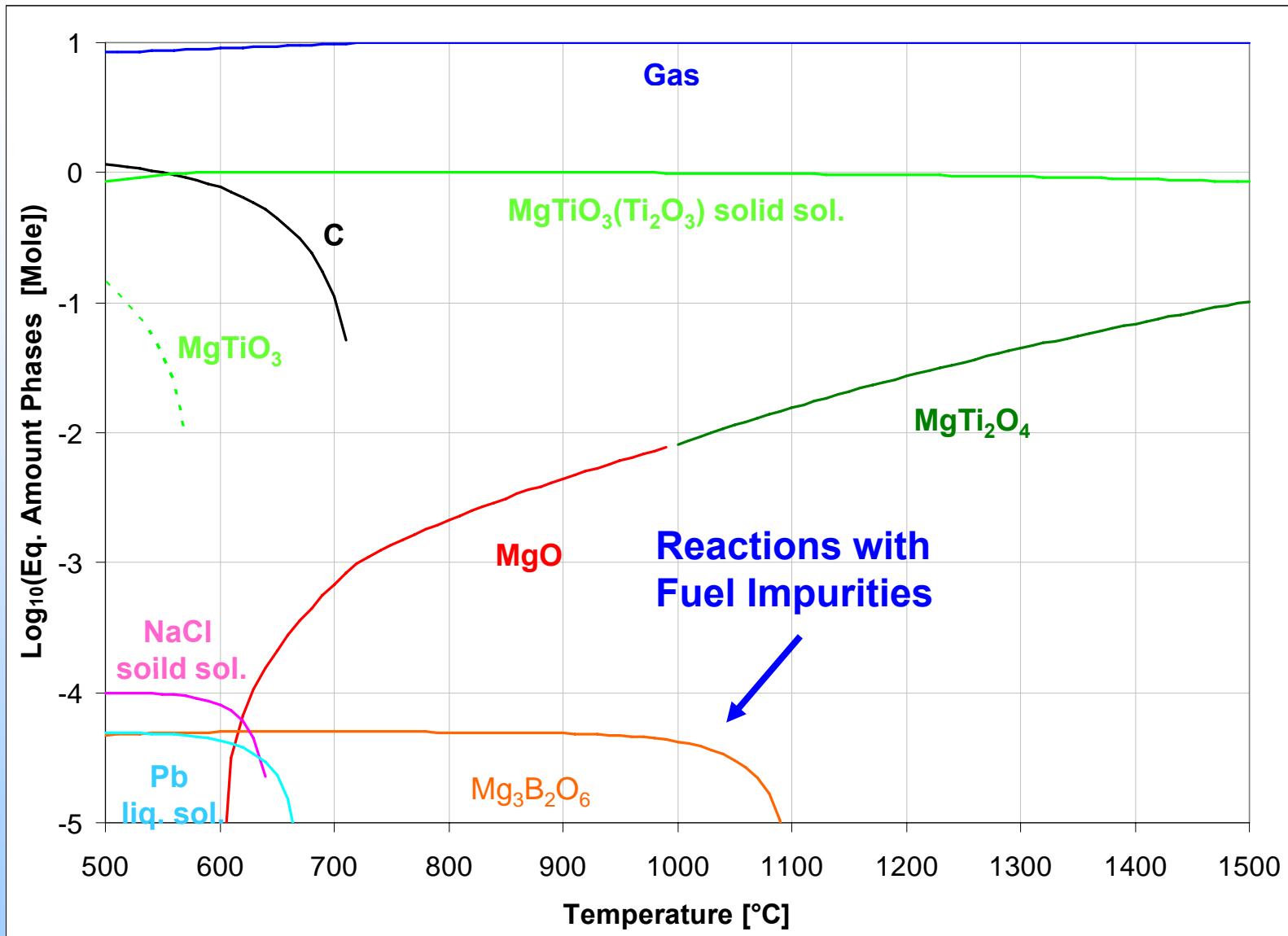
Zr-Ti-C-O-N, 1200 °C



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Thermal Partial Oxidation of Light Fuel Oil – Stability of MgTiO_3



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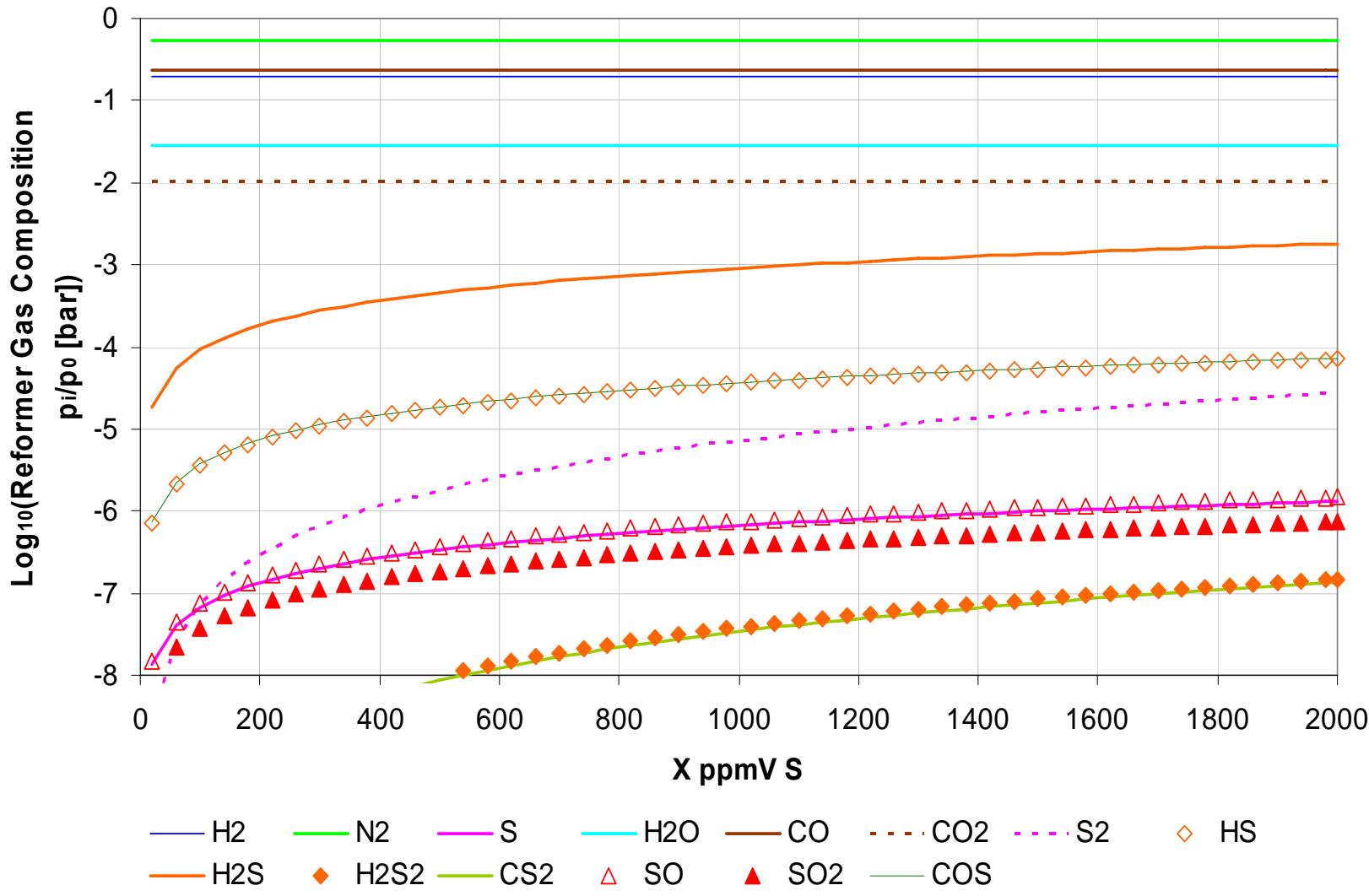
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Thermal Partial Oxidation of Light Fuel Oil

Reformer Gas Composition as a Function of Sulfur-Concentration

1400°C



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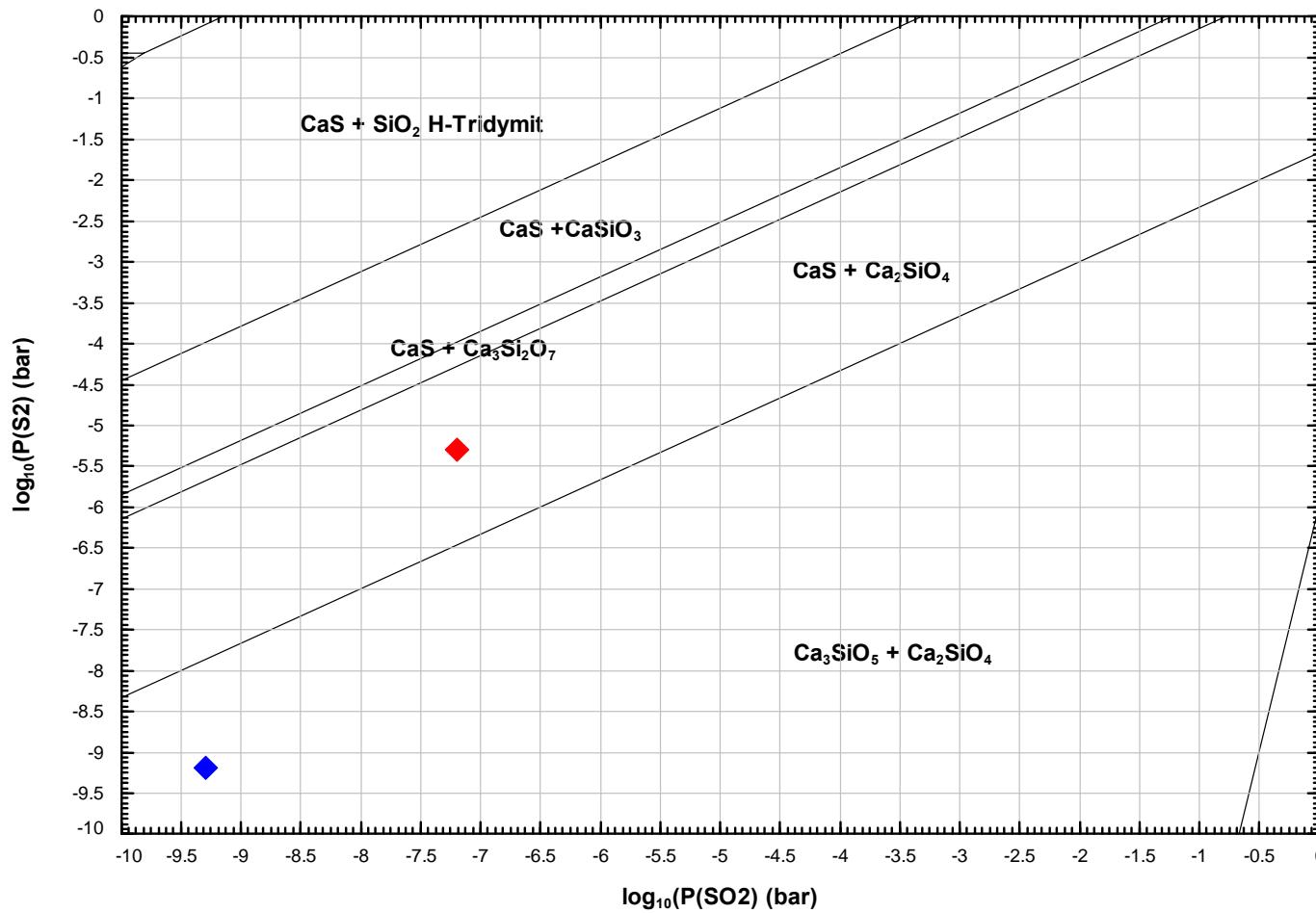
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Effect of Sulfur Concentraion in the Fuels

Ca-Si-S-O-C, 1300 °C



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Materials Selection:

CaAl_2O_4 , Mg_2SiO_4 , NdAlO_3 , ...

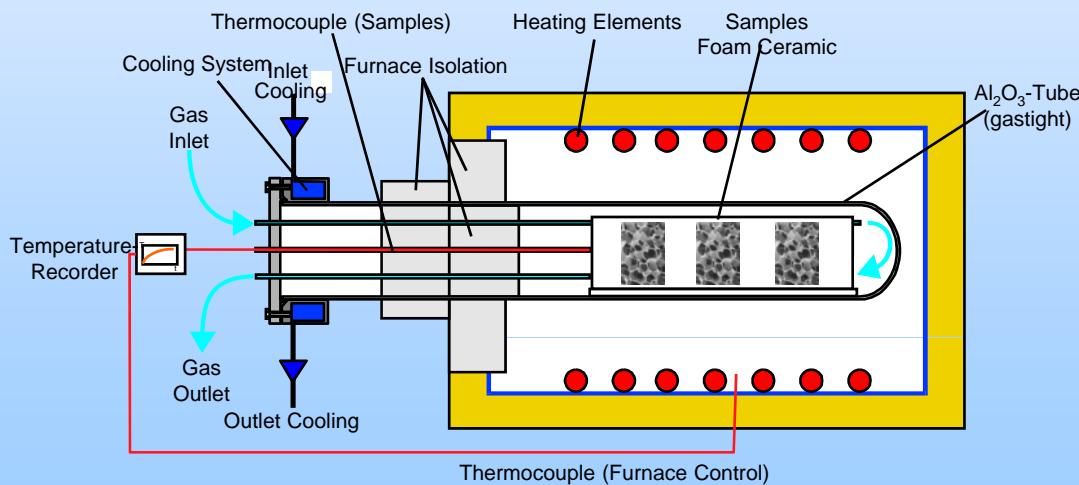
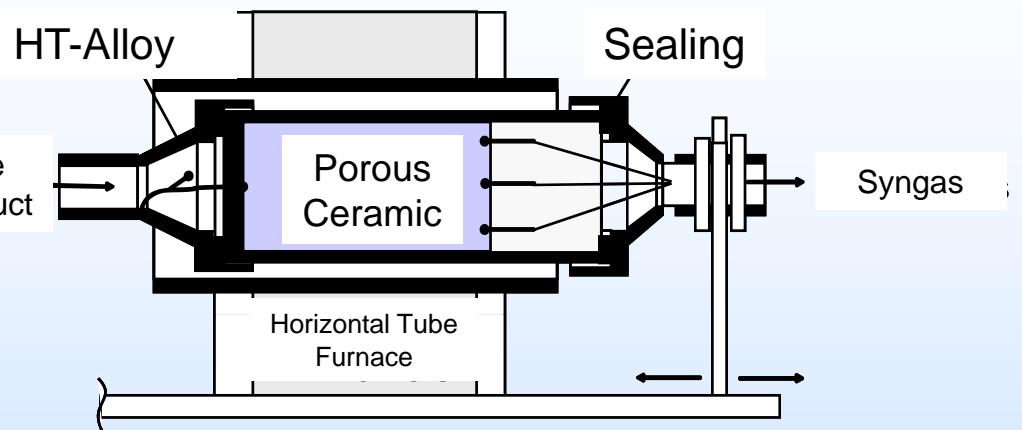
Foam  Ceramics



Gas Phase Corrosion Tests:

- Components (CO , CO_2 , H_2 , H_2O)
- Boudouard-Equilibrium
- Formier-Gas Atmosphere
- Gasmixtures for Simulation of Syngas-Atm.
- $T_{\max} = 1400 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}, 1 \text{ bar}$

tPOX-Reactor:



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