



Surface Tension of Ternary FeNiCr alloys

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Motivation:

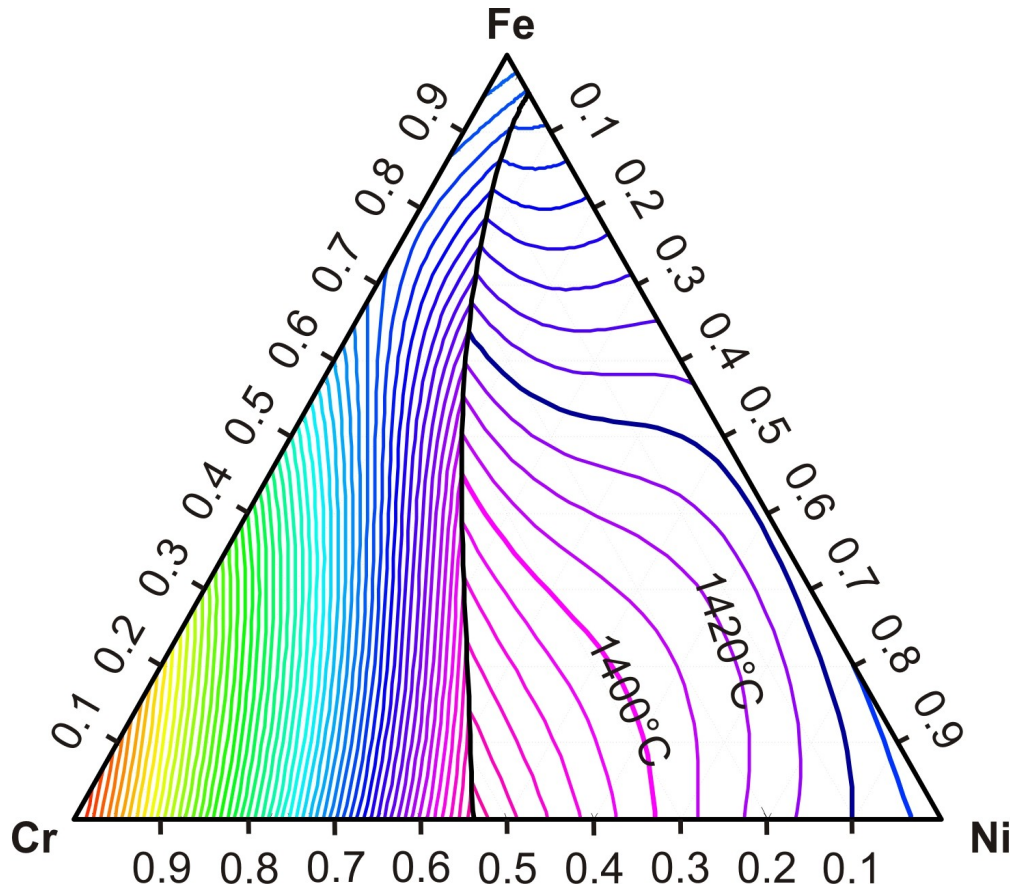
Thermophysical properties: density, surface tension, viscosity

- Important quantities in steelmaking (casting processes)
- Important input parameters for simulation of e.g. casting processes



Model system FeNiCr:

Calculated melting temperatures:

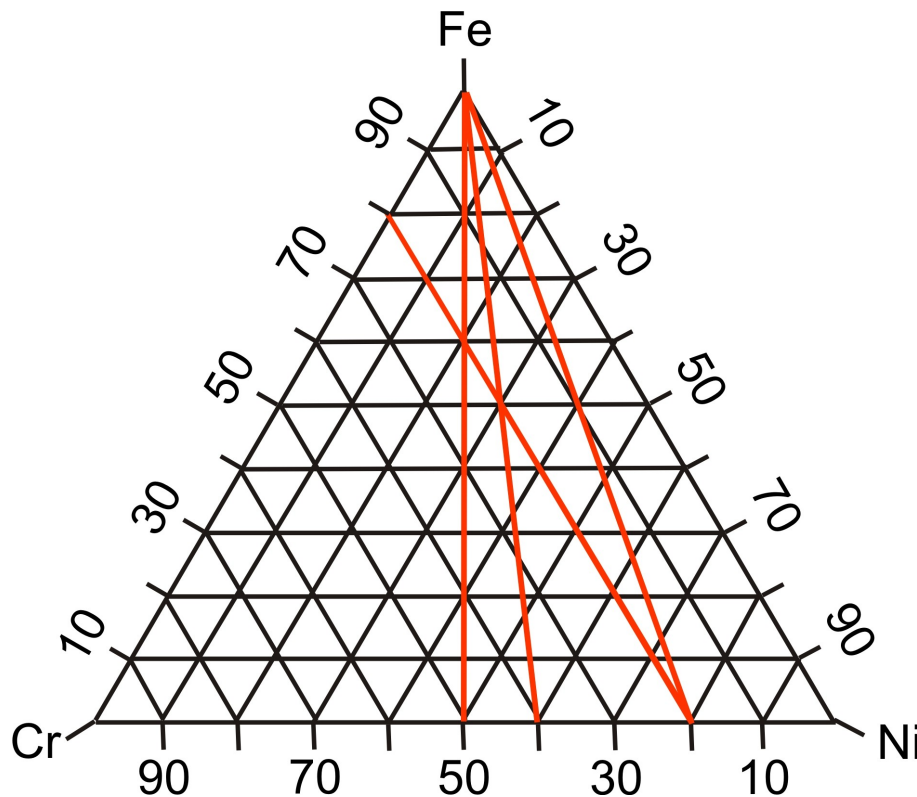


Cr rich side (left):

- high melting temperatures
 - strong evaporation of Cr (large exp. error)
- ⇒ focus on the Cr-poor side (right)
- T / °C

Model system FeNiCr:

Very many steels based on ternary FeNiCr-system

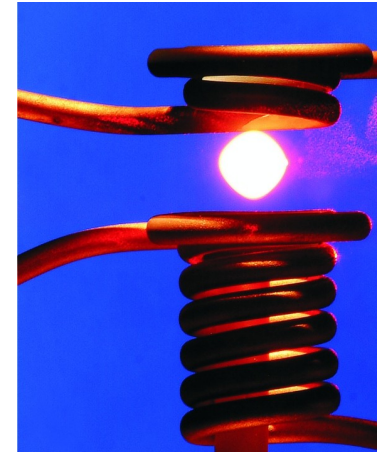
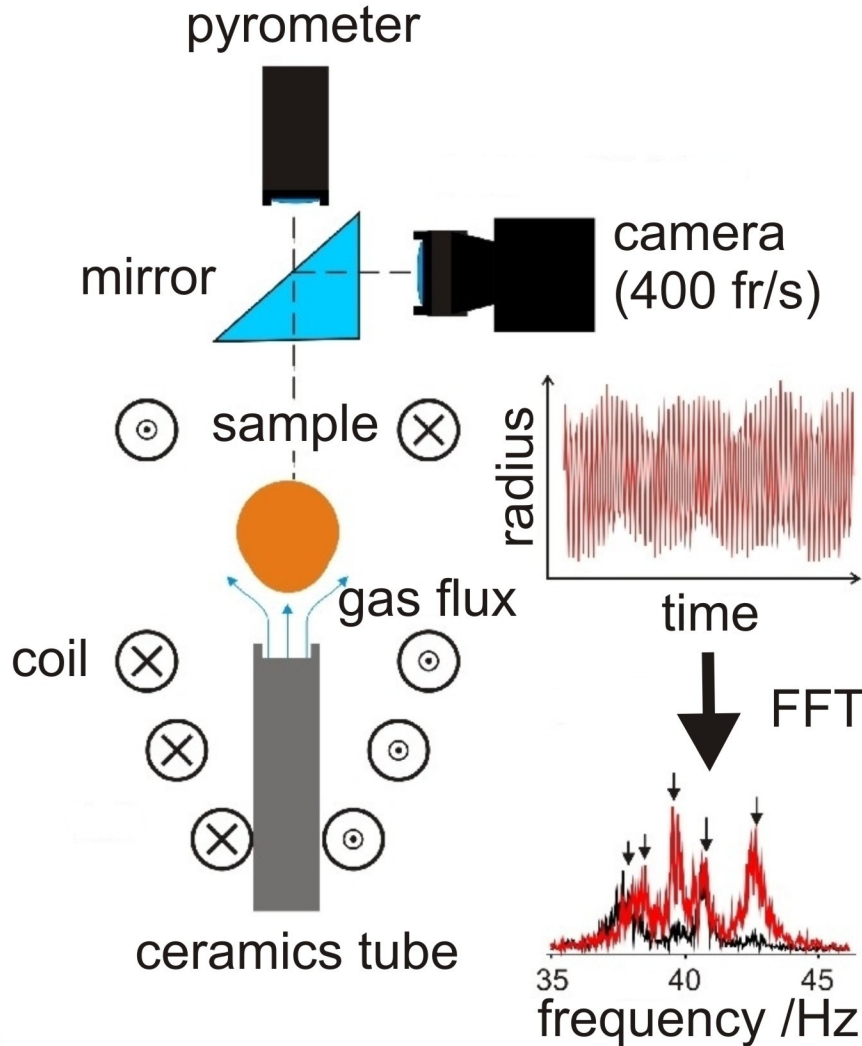


Four cuts through phase diagram:

1. $\text{Fe}_x\text{Ni}_{0.8-x}\text{Cr}_{0.2}$
2. $\text{Fe} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_{50}\text{Ni}_{50}$
3. $\text{Fe} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_{40}\text{Ni}_{60}$
4. $\text{Fe} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_{20}\text{Ni}_{80}$

Aim:
Development of a database
containing surface tension data

Electromagnetic Levitation - Oscillating Drop



levitated liquid drop

Oscillating Drop

oscillating spherical force-free liquid drop¹:

$$\omega_l^2 = l(l-1)(l+2) \frac{\gamma}{\rho R^3} \quad \text{levitation experiments: } l = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_2^2 = \omega_R^2 = \frac{8\gamma}{\rho R^3}$$

Rayleigh formula

under ground-based experimental conditions: drop is not force-free !

ω_R Rayleigh frequency

γ surface tension

R radius of the liquid sample

ρ density of liquid sample (temperature dependent)

Oscillating Drop

correction of Cummings and Blackburn², sum rule:

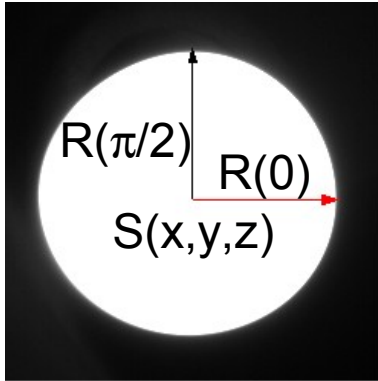
$$\omega_R^2 = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=-2}^2 \omega_{i,2}^2 - \overline{\omega_\tau^2} \left(1.90 + 1.2 \frac{g^2}{4 (\overline{\omega_\tau^2})^2 R^2} \right)$$

Rayleigh frequency ω_R splits up into 5 not degenerated frequencies:

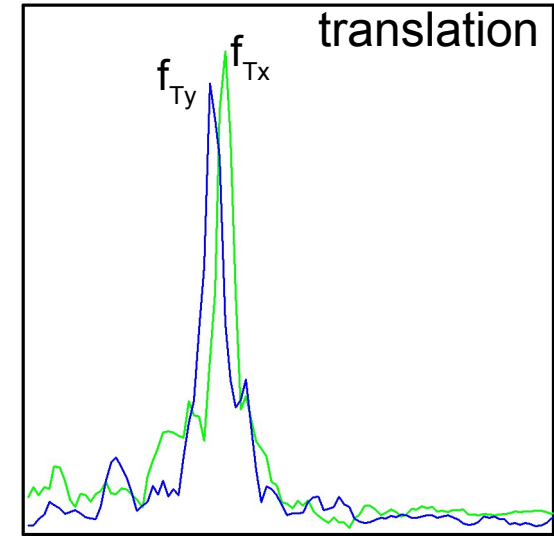
$$\overline{\omega_{osc}^2} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=-2}^2 \omega_{i,n}^2 = (\omega_0^2 + \omega_{-1}^2 + \omega_1^2 + \omega_{-2}^2 + \omega_2^2)$$

$$\overline{\omega_\tau^2} = \frac{1}{3} (\omega_{\tau x}^2 + \omega_{\tau y}^2 + \omega_{\tau z}^2) \text{ mean square translation frequency}$$

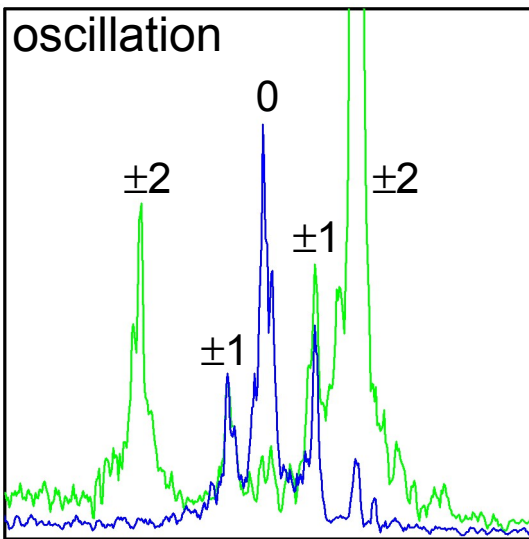
Oscillating Drop



fft {R(0)}, fft{R(pi/2)},
fft {A}



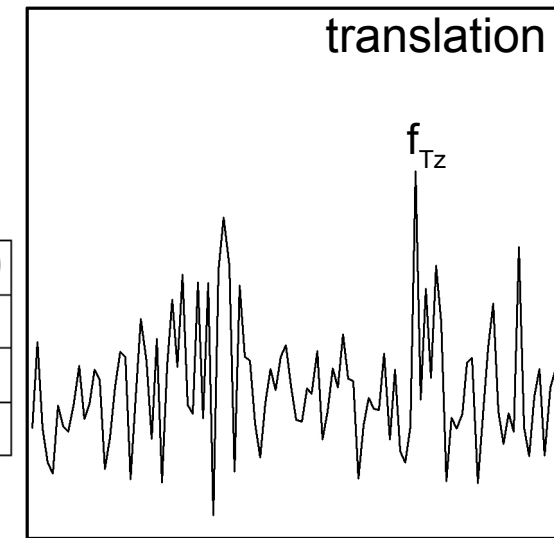
↓ fft {R(0) - R(pi/2)}
↓ fft {R(0) + R(pi/2)}



selection rules:

Peak	fft (sum)	fft (difference)
$m=0$	+	-
$m=\pm 1$	+	+
$m=\pm 2$	-	+

+ visible, - not visible



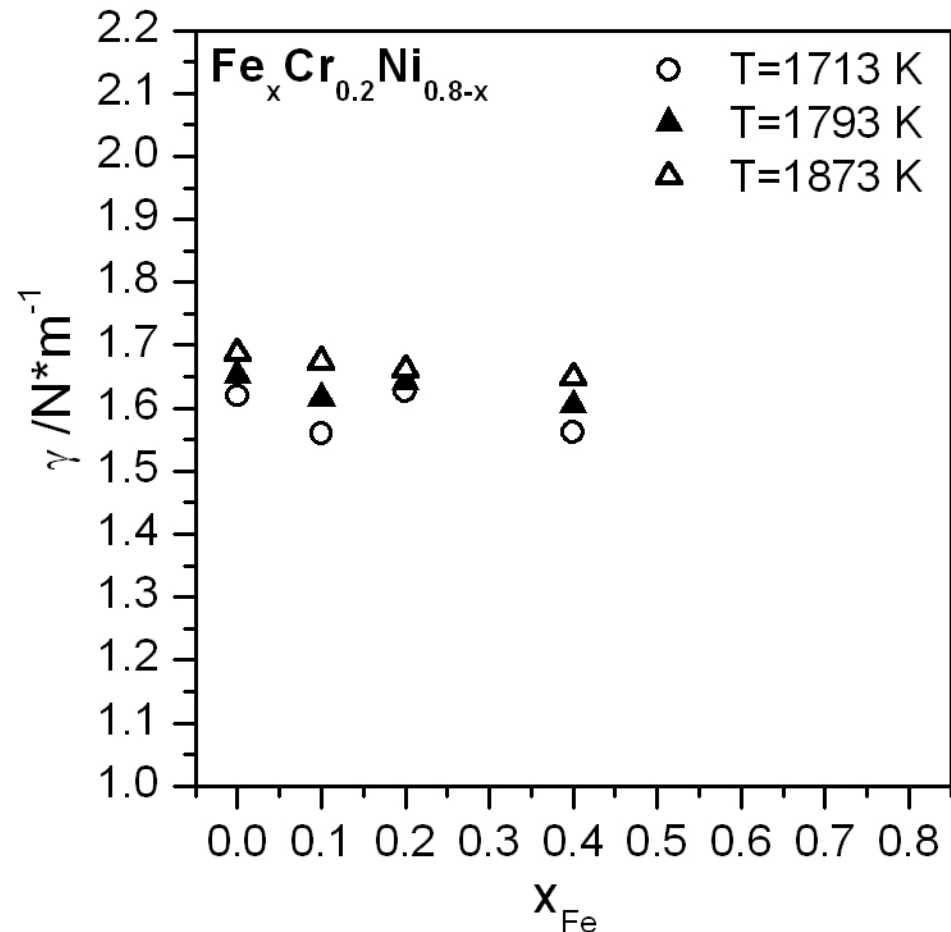
Electromagnetic Levitation - Oscillating Drop

From electromagnetic levitation, temperature dependence of surface tension is obtained:

⇒ usually linear:

$$\gamma = \gamma_L + \gamma_T \cdot (T - T_L)$$

For constant T the dependence of surface tension on concentration can be derived



Surface Tension – Theoretical background

Surface tension calculation method based on Butler's equation³

for binary solution of A and B:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \gamma_A + \frac{RT}{A_A} \ln \frac{(1 - c_B^s)}{(1 - c_B^b)} + \frac{1}{A_A} G_A^{E,s} - \frac{1}{A_A} G_A^{E,b} \\ &= \gamma_B + \frac{RT}{A_B} \ln \frac{c_B^s}{c_B^b} + \frac{1}{A_B} G_B^{E,s} - \frac{1}{A_B} G_B^{E,b}\end{aligned}$$

γ_A, γ_B surface tensions of components A, B with molar free surface A_A and A_B

$G_A^{E,b}, G_B^{E,b}, G_A^{E,s}, G_B^{E,s}$ partial excess Gibbs energies of A and B in the bulk (b) and in the surface (s)

$c_A^b, c_A^s, c_B^b, c_B^s$ concentrations of A, B in the bulk (b) and the surface (s)

Surface Tension – The Butler equation

Butler's equation is difficult to handle for multi-component systems

Generalisation:

$$\text{equilibrium}$$
$$\mu_i^b = \mu_i^s$$

$$\mu_i^b = \mu_i^{0,b} + RT \ln a_i^b$$
$$\mu_i^{0,b} = \mu_i^0$$

$$\mu_i^s = \mu_i^{0,s} + RT \ln a_i^s - A_i \gamma$$
$$\mu_i^{0,s} = \mu_i^0 + \gamma_i A_i$$
$$\mu_i^s = \mu_i^0 + \gamma_i A_i + RT \ln a_i^s - A_i \gamma$$

$\mu_i^{0,b}$, $\mu_i^{0,s}$ = chemical standard potential of i in bulk (b) and surface (s)

μ_i^0 = chemical standard potential of i

Surface Tension – Calculation

Generalized Gibbs Energy Constraint Method⁴

System	Constraint	Conjugate Potential
System with chemical equilibrium	$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{\Omega} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\alpha}} a_{kj} n_k^{\alpha} = b_j$ mass balance	$\sum_{j=1}^l a_{kj} \pi_j = \mu_k$ chem. potential
Systems with surface/interface equilibria	$A = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} n_i^s A_i$ surface area	$\pi_l = \gamma \cdot A_0$ surface energy for unit area

Gibbs free energy:
$$G = \sum_i \mu_i^b n_i^b + \sum_i \mu_i^s n_i^s + \gamma \sum_i A_i n_i^s$$

with chemical potentials:

$$G = \sum_i n_i^b (\mu_i^0 + RT \ln a_i^b) + \sum_i n_i^s (\mu_i^{0,s} + RT \ln a_i^s)$$

G calculated from bulk and surface phase constraint

Surface Tension – Calculation

Prerequisite data for calculation:

- *Chemical potentials* μ of the pure liquid components, i.e. the G-values \Rightarrow equilibrium calculations
- *Excess Gibbs energies* of the liquids (L-terms of Redlich-Kister formalism or other models)
- Temperature dependent *density values* of the pure liquid components \Rightarrow molar surface area
- Temperature dependent *surface tensions* of the pure liquid components
- Scaling factor β from bulk to liquid \Rightarrow excess Gibbs energies of the surface liquid $G^{ex,s} = \beta G^{ex,b}$

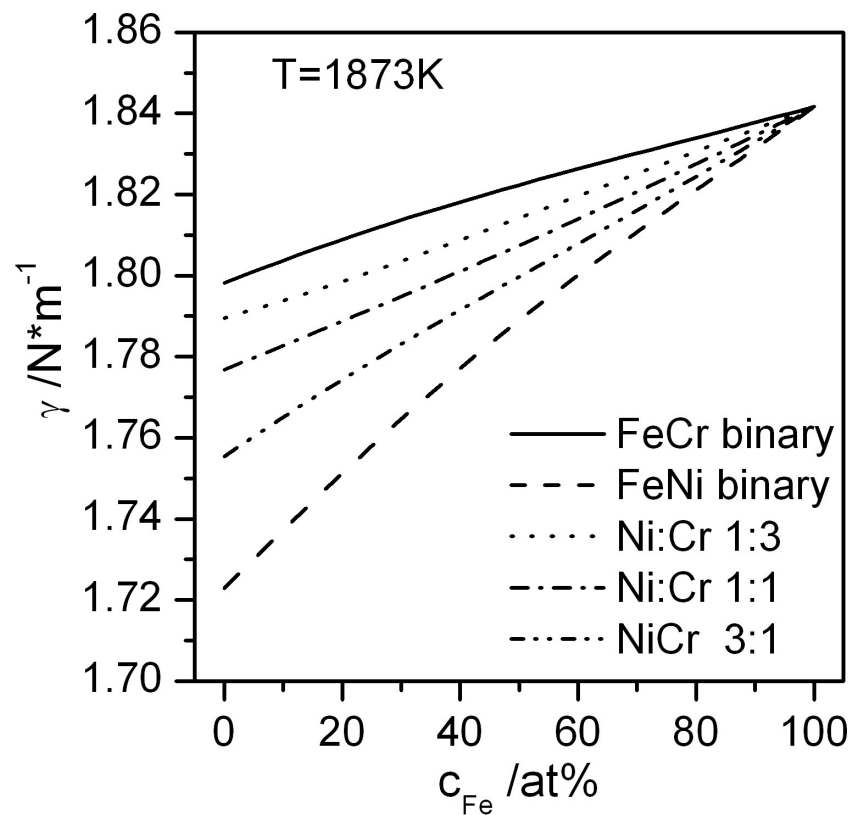
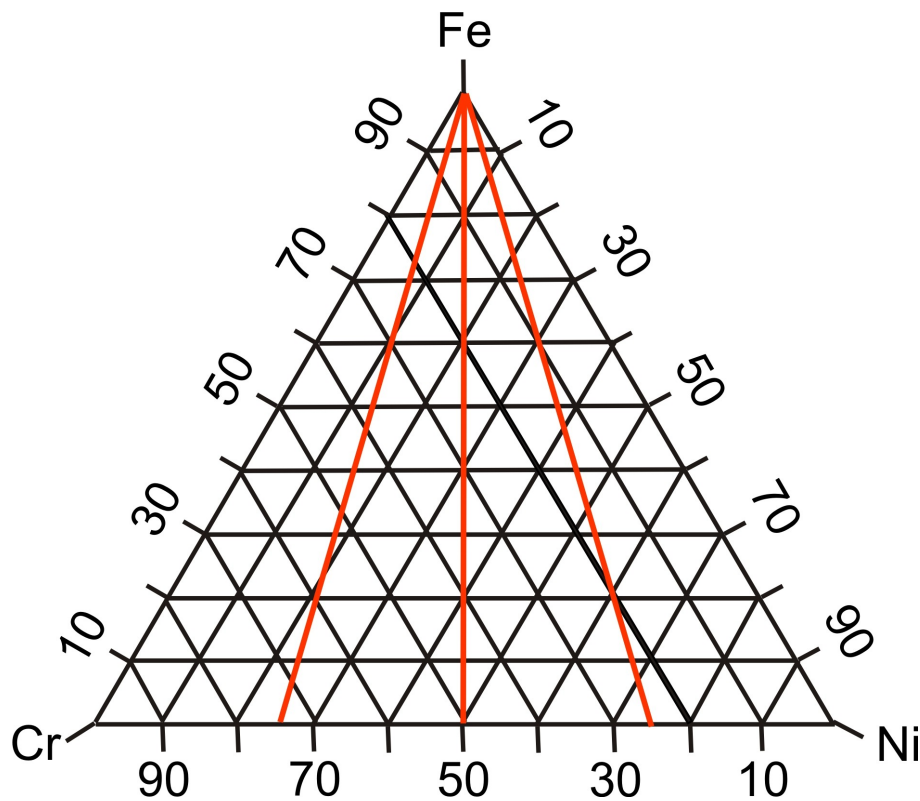




Surface Tension – Calculation

1. Stoichiometric matrix of multicomponent system containing all relevant information, e.g. molar surface area
2. Calculation of surface tension $\gamma_i(T)$
3. Calculation of $A_i\gamma_i$
4. Determination of excess Gibbs energies of surface components from bulk data (β)
5. Determination of surface bulk equilibrium
 - surface tension either as ratio of additional Lagrangian multiplier and scaling factor or as ratio of difference in chemical potential and molecular surface area

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- The Butler equation
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