CALCULATION AND INTERPRETATION OF PROJECTIONS OF THE TEMPERATURE OF FIRST MELTING

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<u>Fe-Cr-V-C isothermal section illustrating</u> <u>Zero-Phase-Fraction (ZPF) lines</u>







FactSage will calculate phase diagrams with solid projection by the same strategy of following Zero-Phase-Fraction (ZPF) lines as for all other types of phase diagrams.

Input parameters for a phase diagram calculation can be chosen such that phase fields might be overlapping. Such phase diagram types are not permitted in FactSage, the reason being that the ZPF-line method will then not work properly.

















A node in a general phase diagram section or a solidus projection





Tie triangle in a ternary isothermal section or in a ternary solidus projection



Schreinemakers' Rule





Zn - Mg - Al Isothermal section at 25 °C







Zn-Mg-Al liquidus projection



Each ternary invariant (P=peritectic, E=eutectic) point on the liquidus projection corresponds to a tie-triangle on the solidus projection



Zn-Mg-Al solidus projection







Zn-Mg-Al-Y







Solidus projection when stable ternary compounds





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Exceptions and challenges

- In systems with catatectics or retrograde solubilities, a liquid phase can resolidify upon heating.
- In such systems, phase fields on a solidus projection can overlap.
- However, phase fields on a <u>'first-melting-temperature' projection</u> never overlap. These are calculated automatically by the ZPF strategy.
- If a system contains no catatectics or retrograde solubilities (as is the case in the great majority of systems), the first-melting-temperature and solidus projections are identical.
- Note: For systems exhibiting catactectics or retrograde solubility, the usual phase diagram rules are not necessarily obeyed in those composition ranges where liquid resolidifies upon heating.





Ag-Bi with a retrograde solubility







Ag-Bi-Ge







The catatectic system Ce-Mn







The catatectic system Ce-Ag









Ag - Mn - Ce Projection - formation (LIQUID), 1 atm







Ag - Cu - Ti Projection - formation (LIQUID), 1 atm







Y - Ce - Co Projection - formation (LIQUID), 1 atm





Ca-Zn: retrograde solubility Ca-Li: catatectics Li-Zn: not evaluated











CaO - Al₂**O**₃ Data from FToxid - FACT oxide database 2010













State-of-the-art solidus vs. first-meltingtemperature projection

- Solidus projection works acceptably with FactSage 6.3.
- For solidus projection in FactSage 6.4, temperature would have to be scanned along the phase diagram axes to explore whether or not the system to be calculated exhibits retrograde solubilities or catatectics. When this is found to be the case, a first-melting-temperature projection would have to be executed.





Thank you for your kind attention!



