

# Phase Diagrams with FACTSage

## Speaking different Languages for Thermochemical Properties

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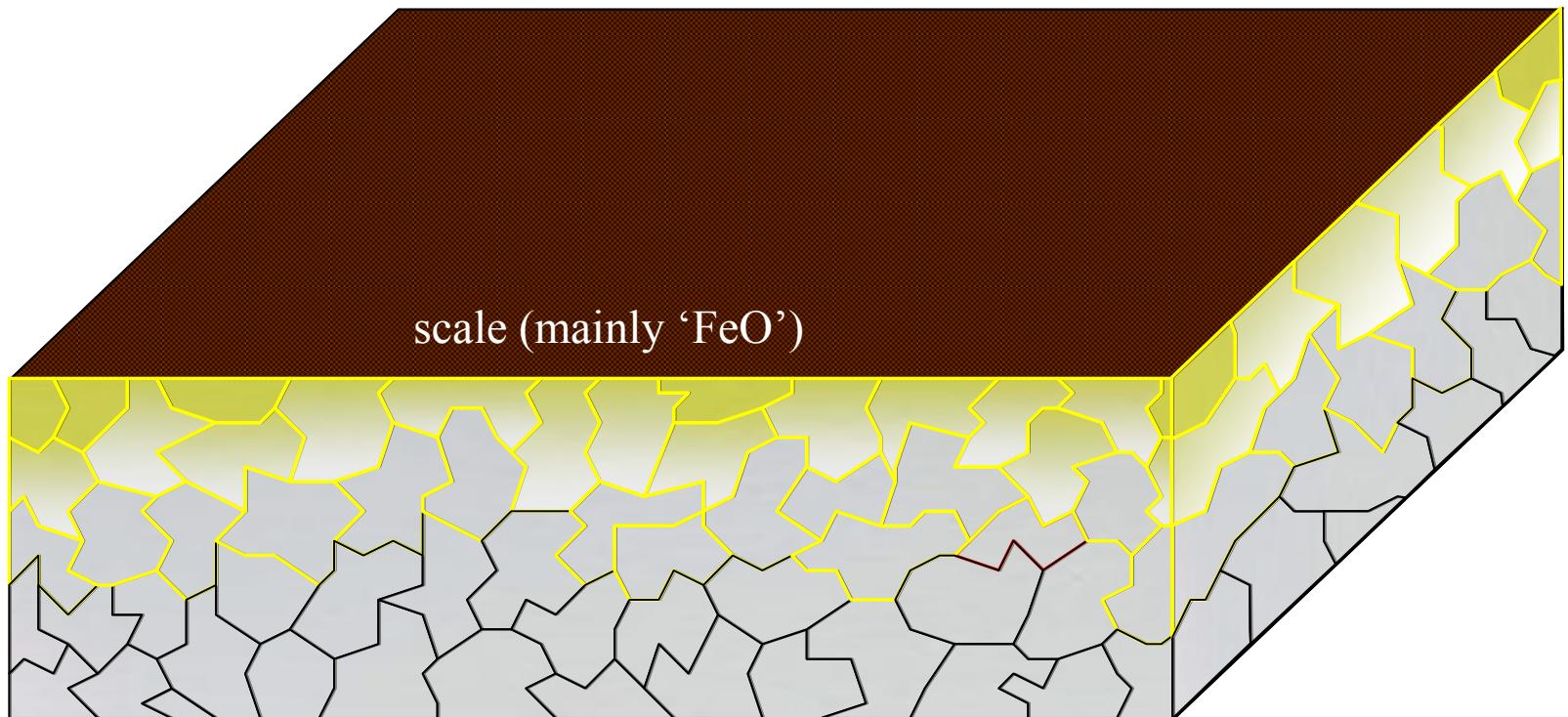
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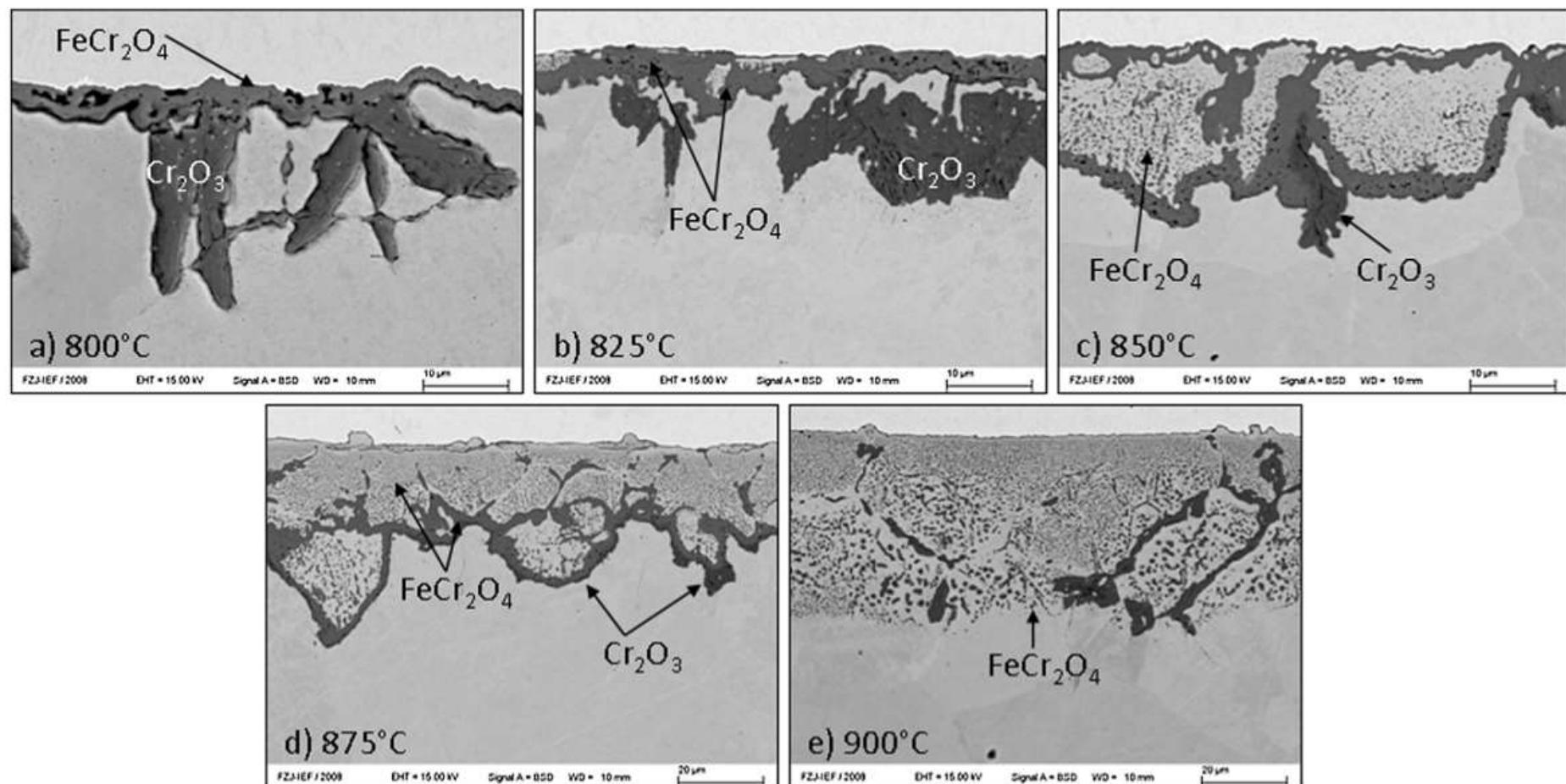
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# Oxidation Processes in Steels

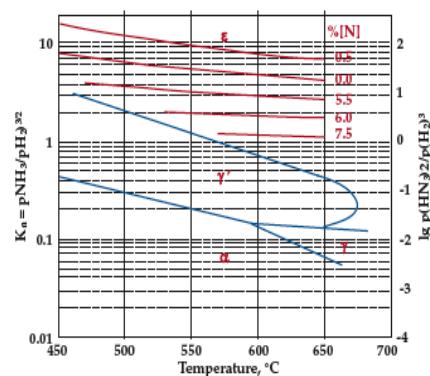
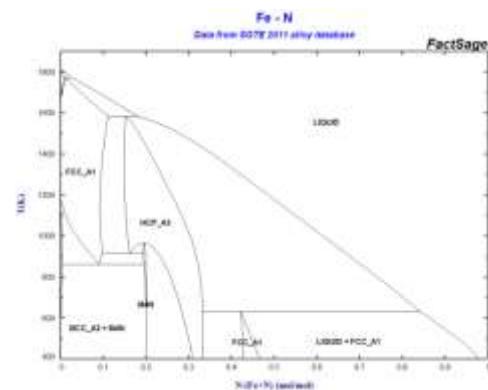
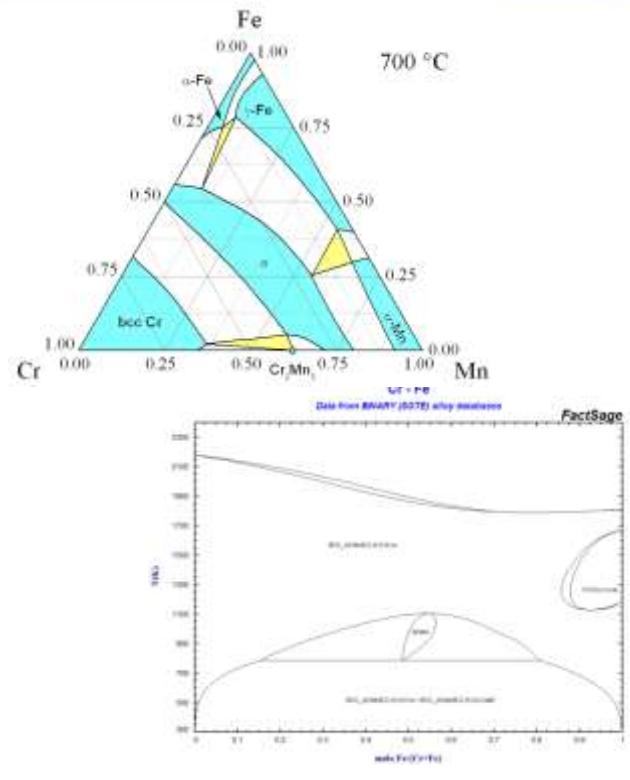
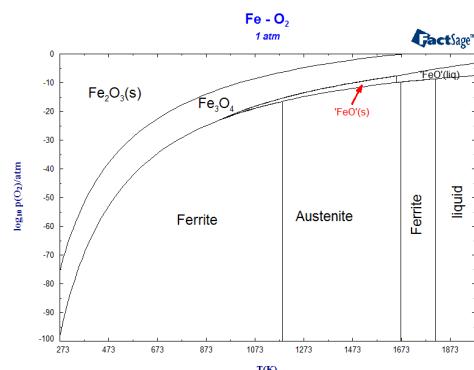
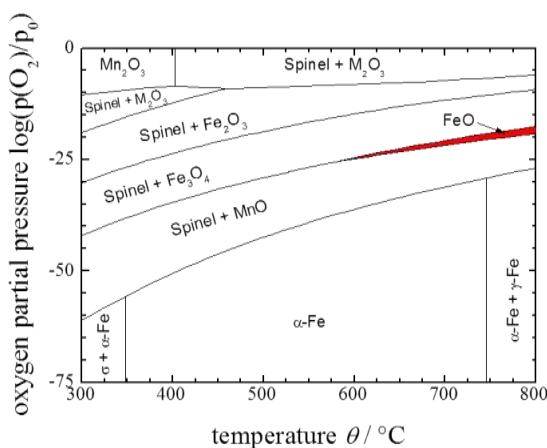


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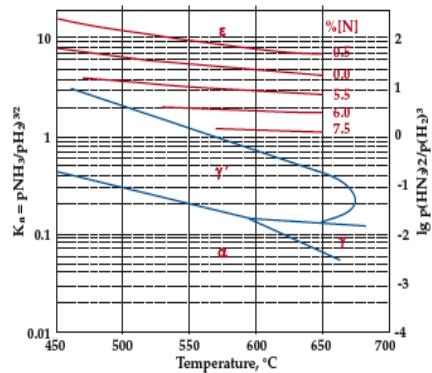
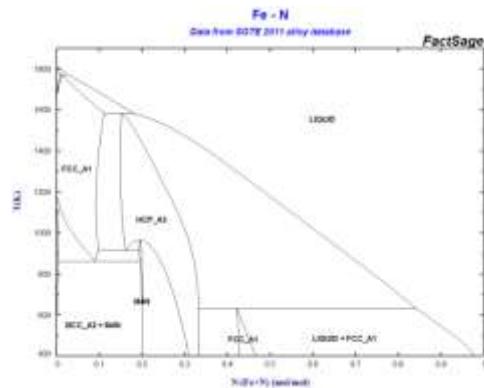
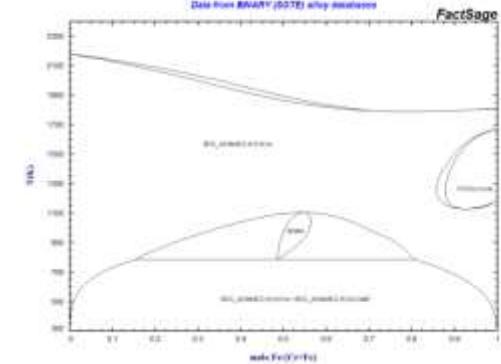
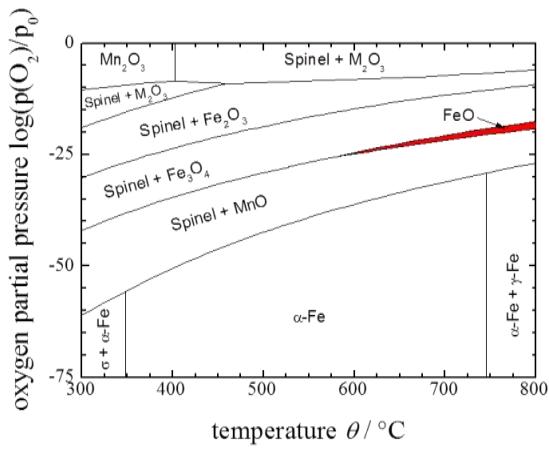
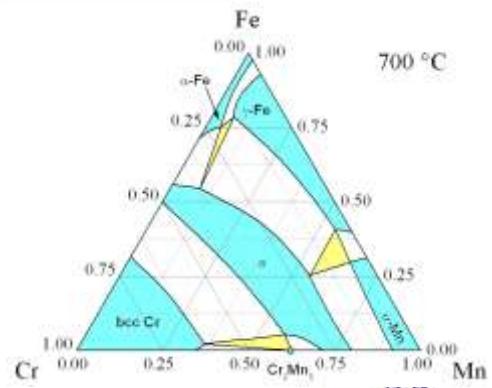
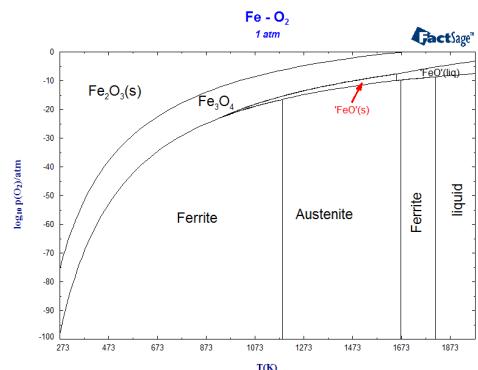
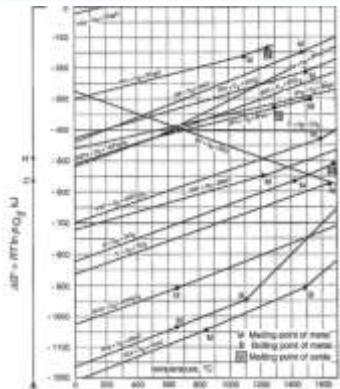


**Figure 18.** Cross-section SEM micrographs of Fe-10Cr after isothermal oxidation for 72 h at temperatures between 800 and 900 °C in Ar-4%H<sub>2</sub>-2%H<sub>2</sub>O

# The Problem



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# Lost in Translation?

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ପଚଳ“

„Мне нравится  
термодинамики“

„أنا أحب الديناميكا  
الحرارية“



„我喜歡熱力學“

„Μου αρέσει  
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# An Effective Solution

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„I like thermo-  
dynamics“



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# Part I

## Thermochemical Properties of Oxides

# Ellingham Diagram

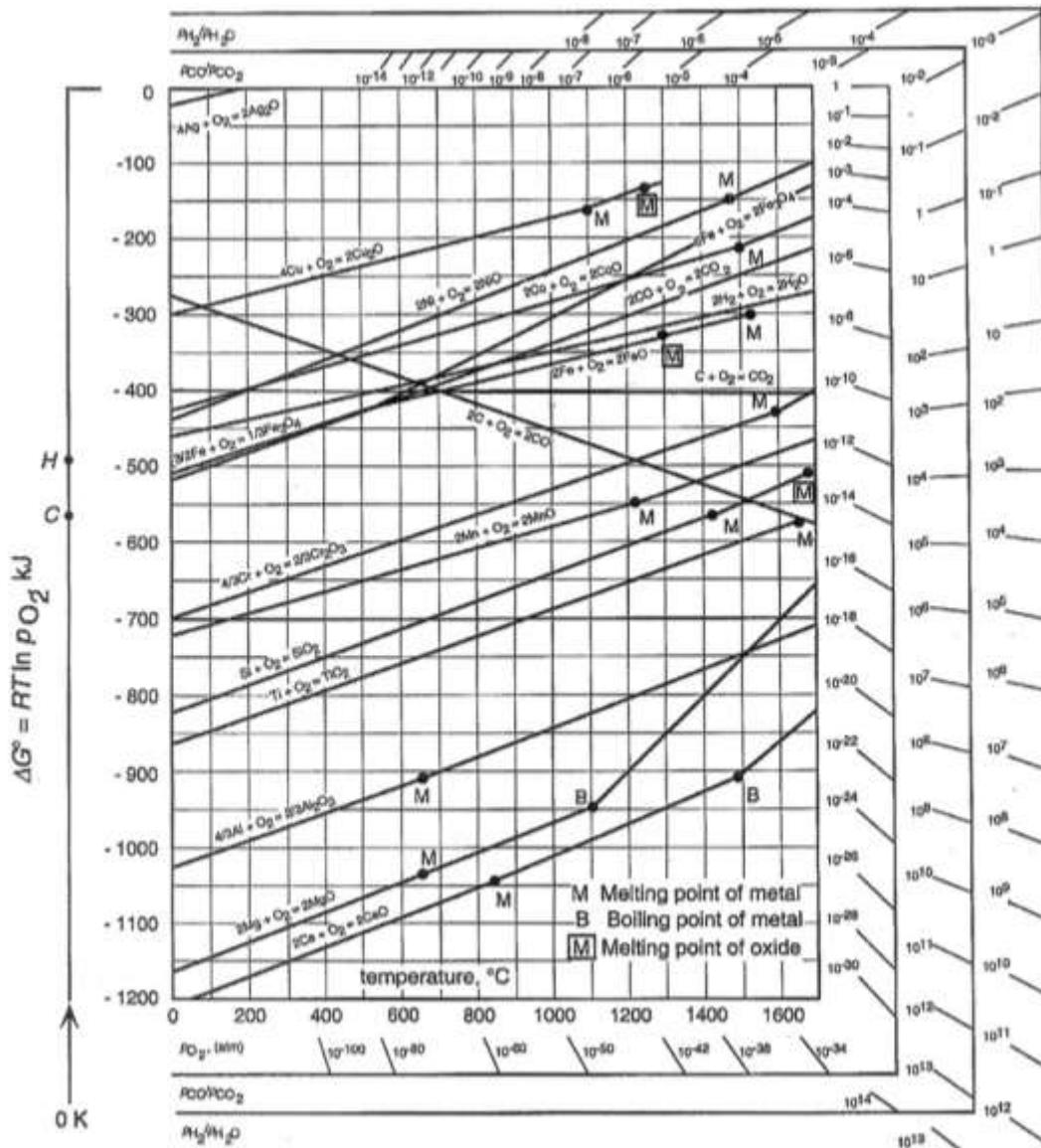
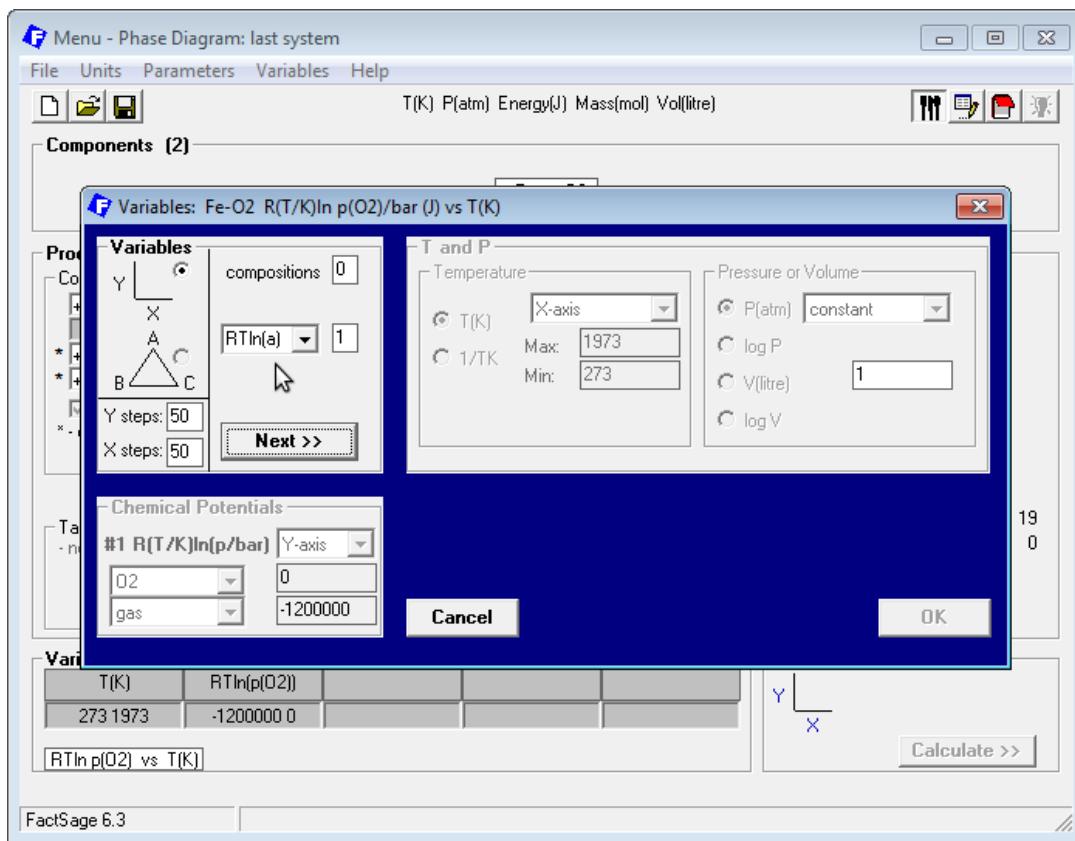
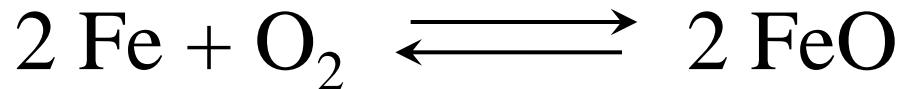


Figure 12.13 The Ellingham diagram for selected oxides.



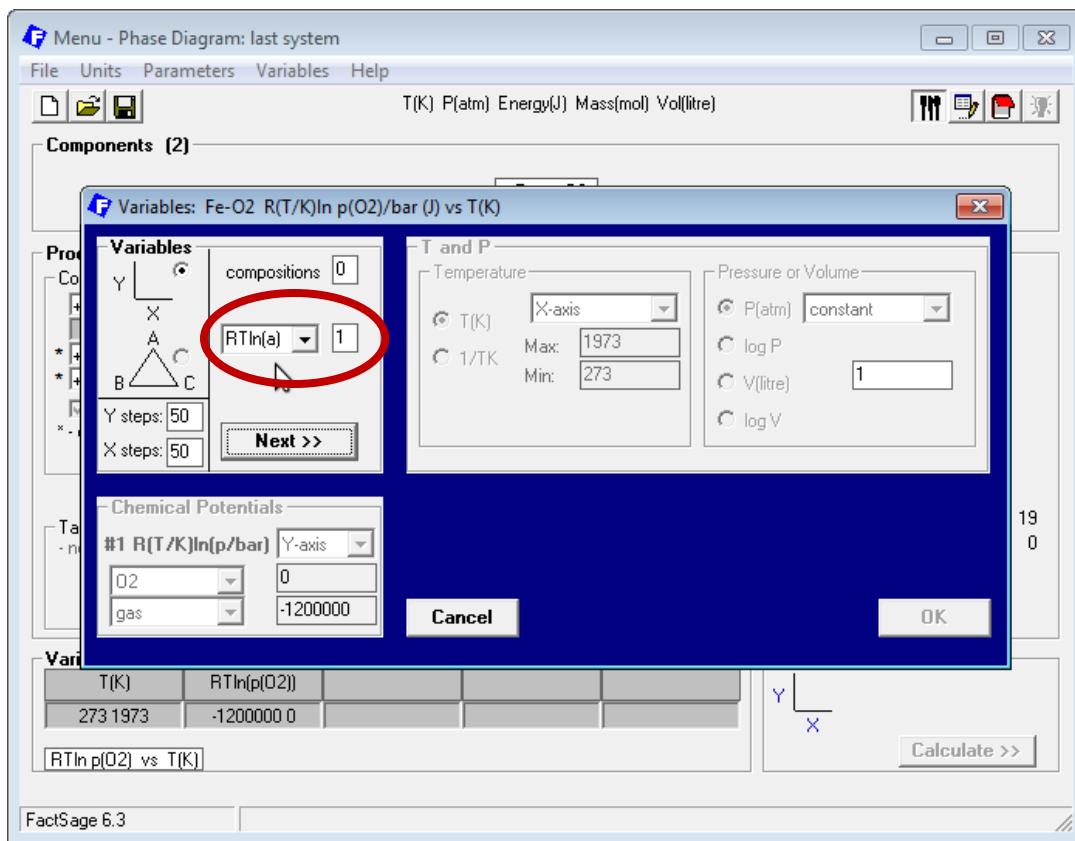
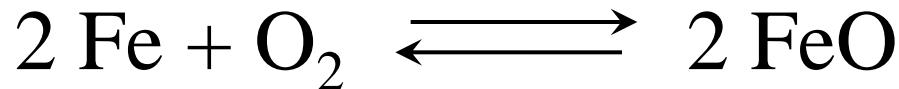
# Ellingham Diagram with FACTSage



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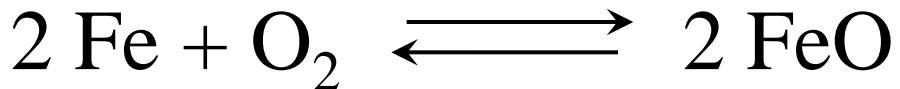


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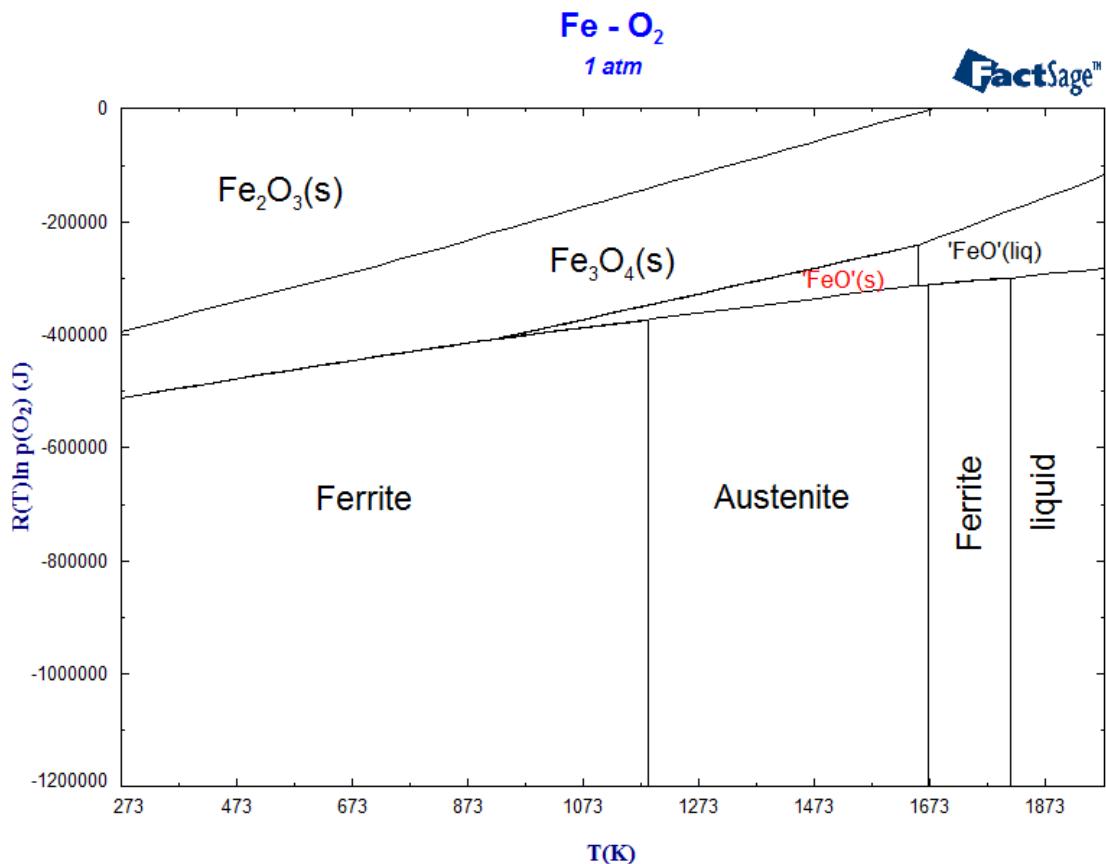
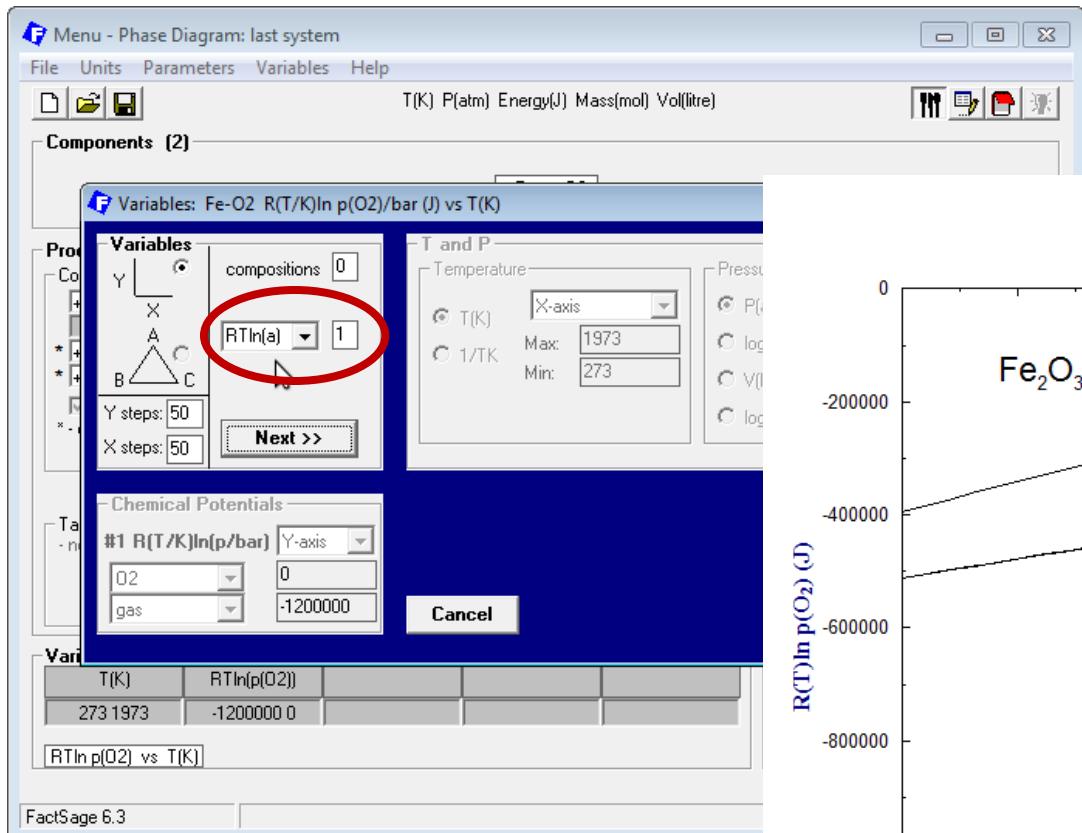


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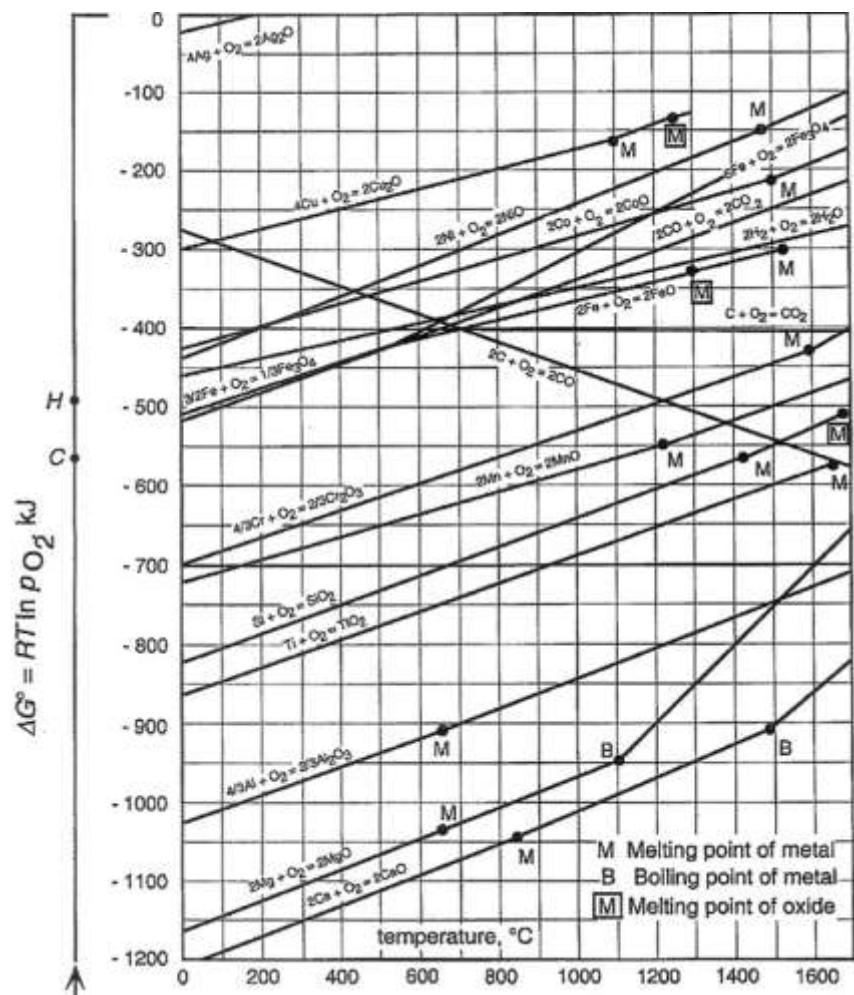
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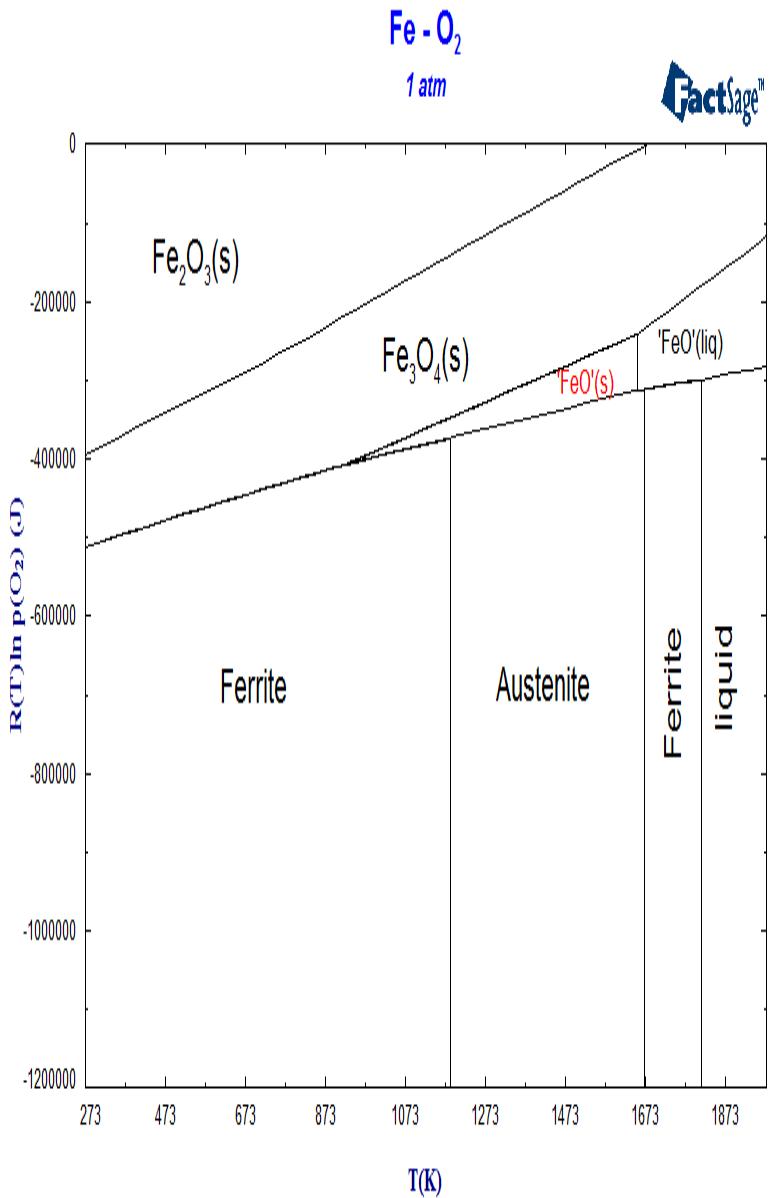
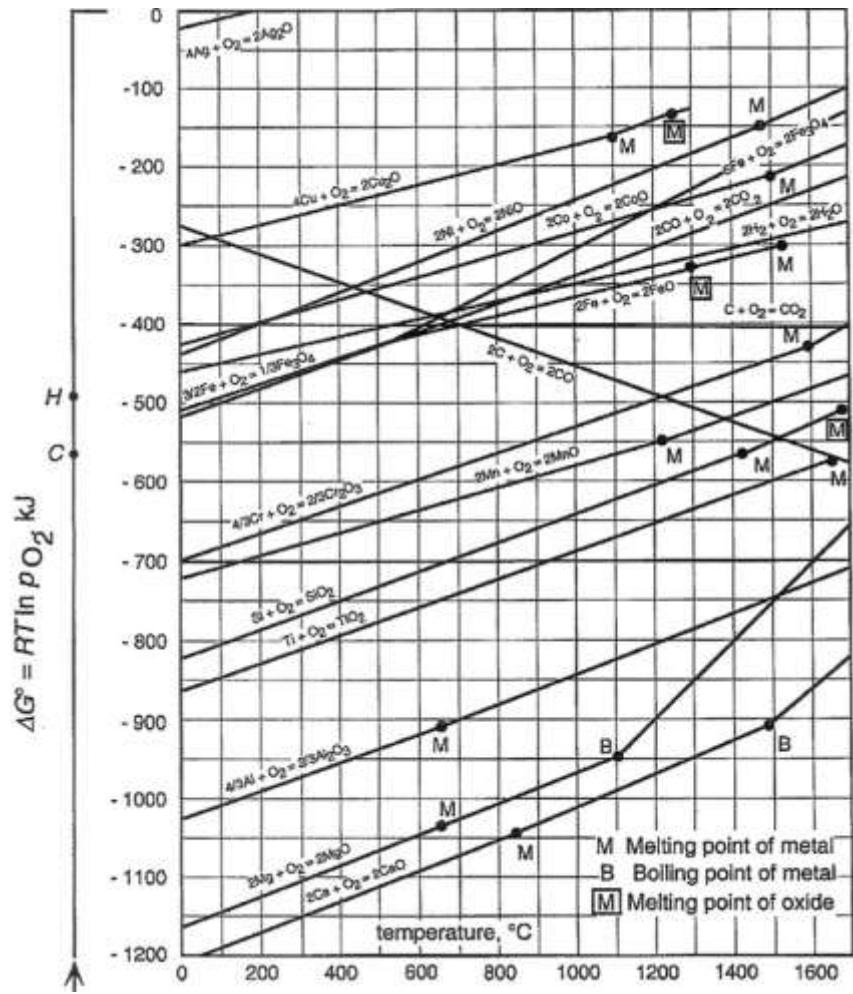
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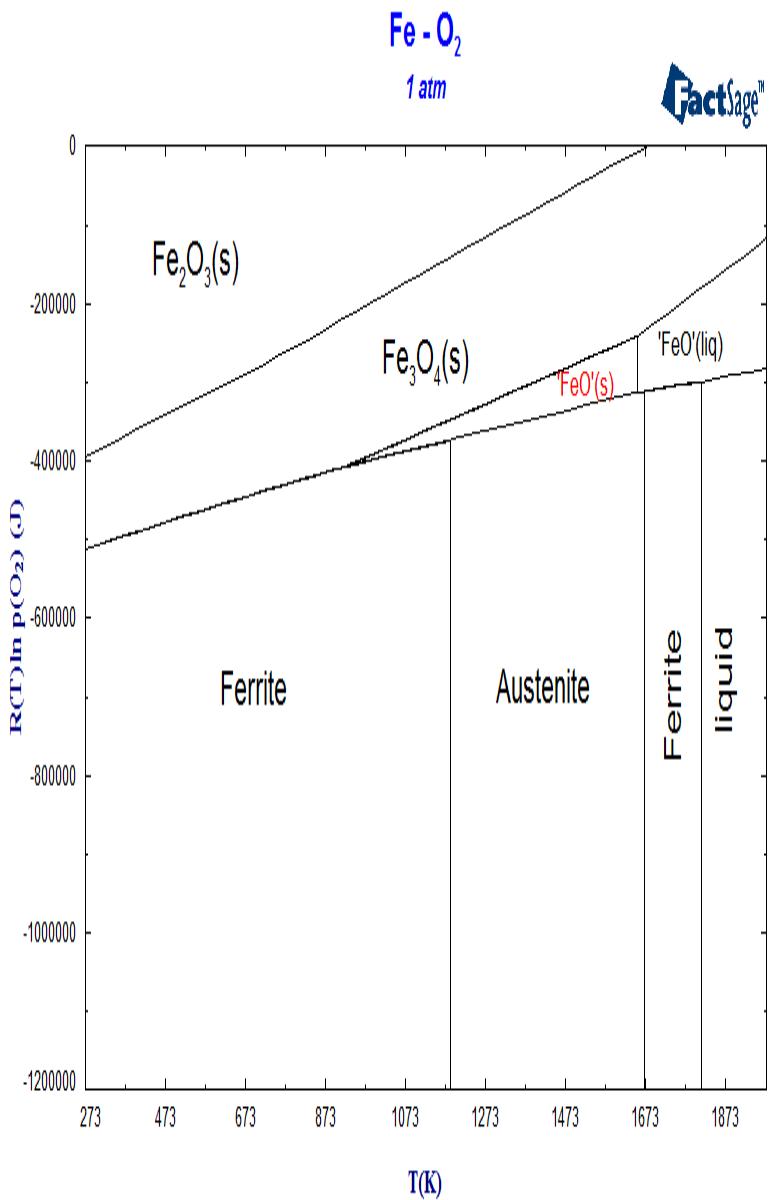
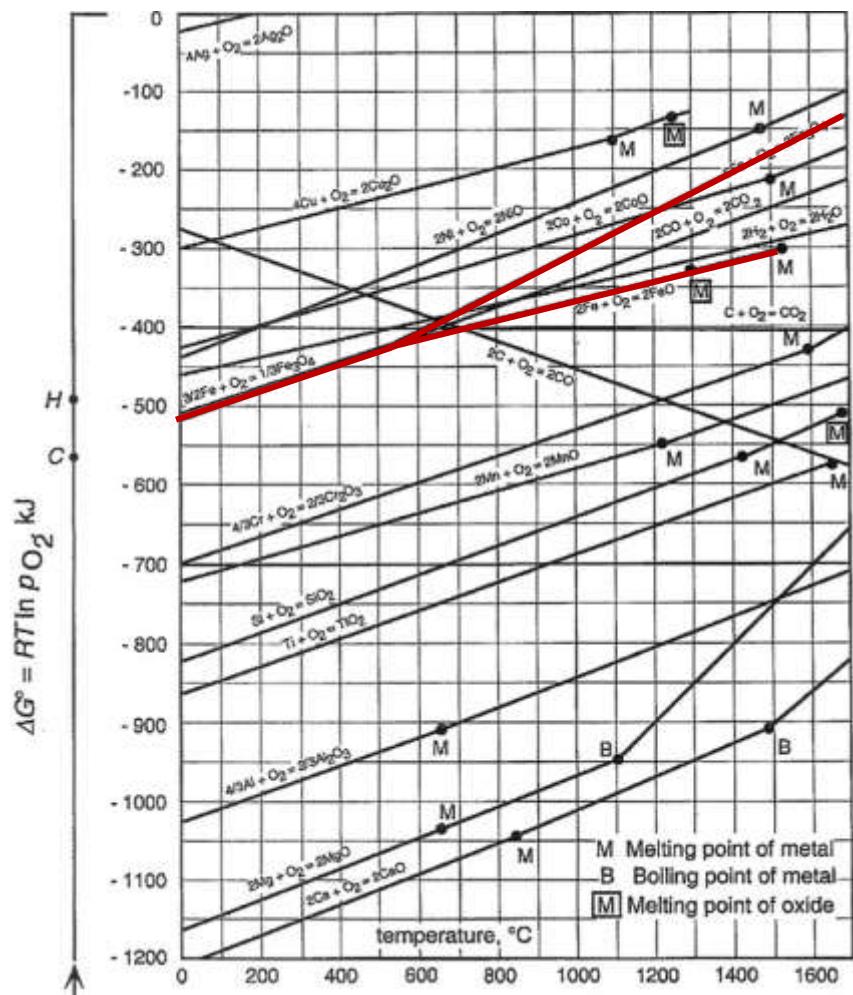
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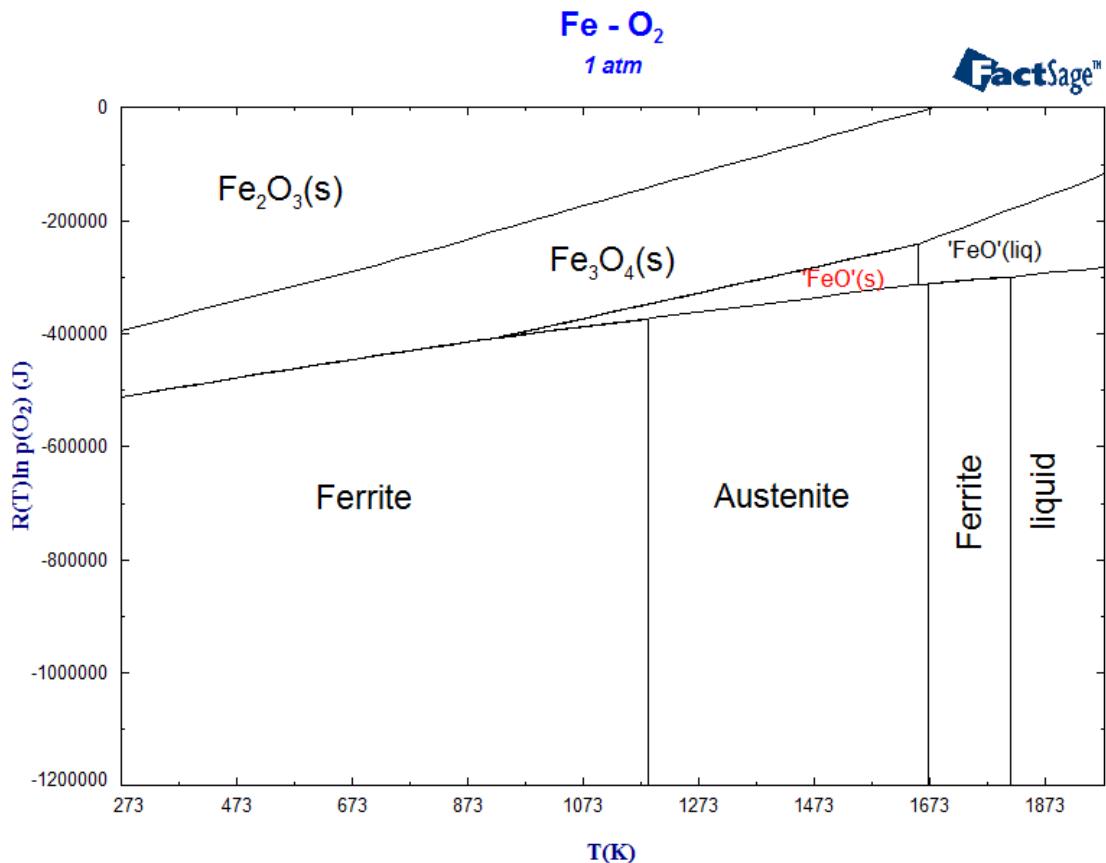
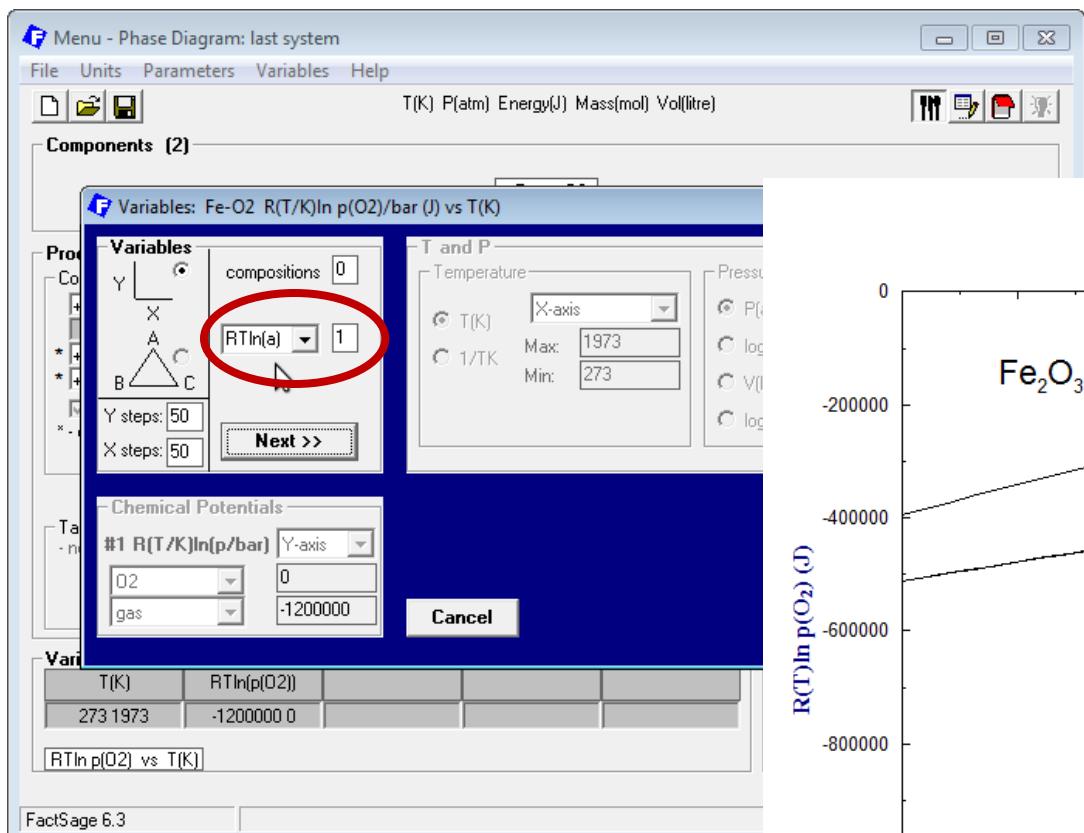
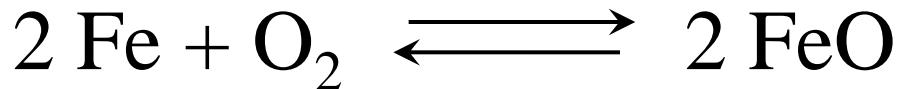
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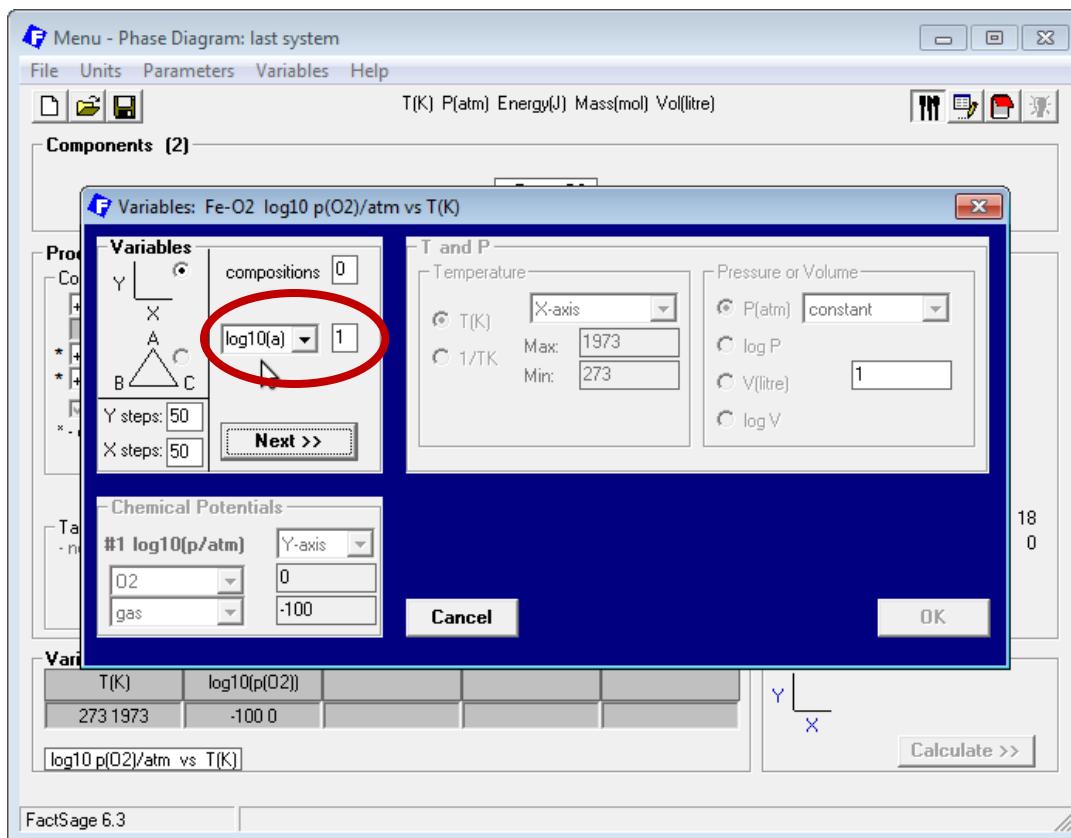
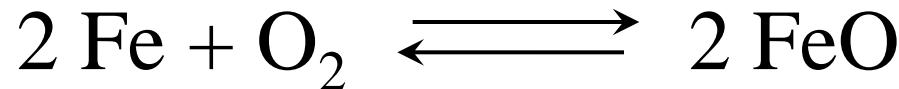
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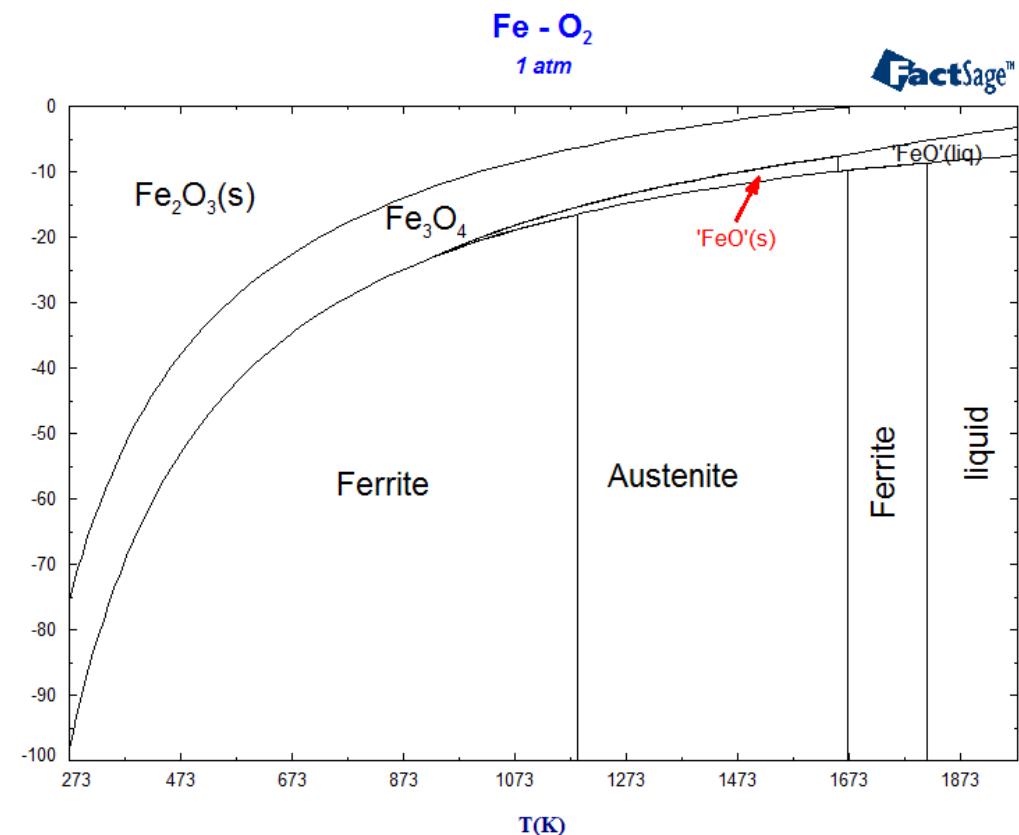
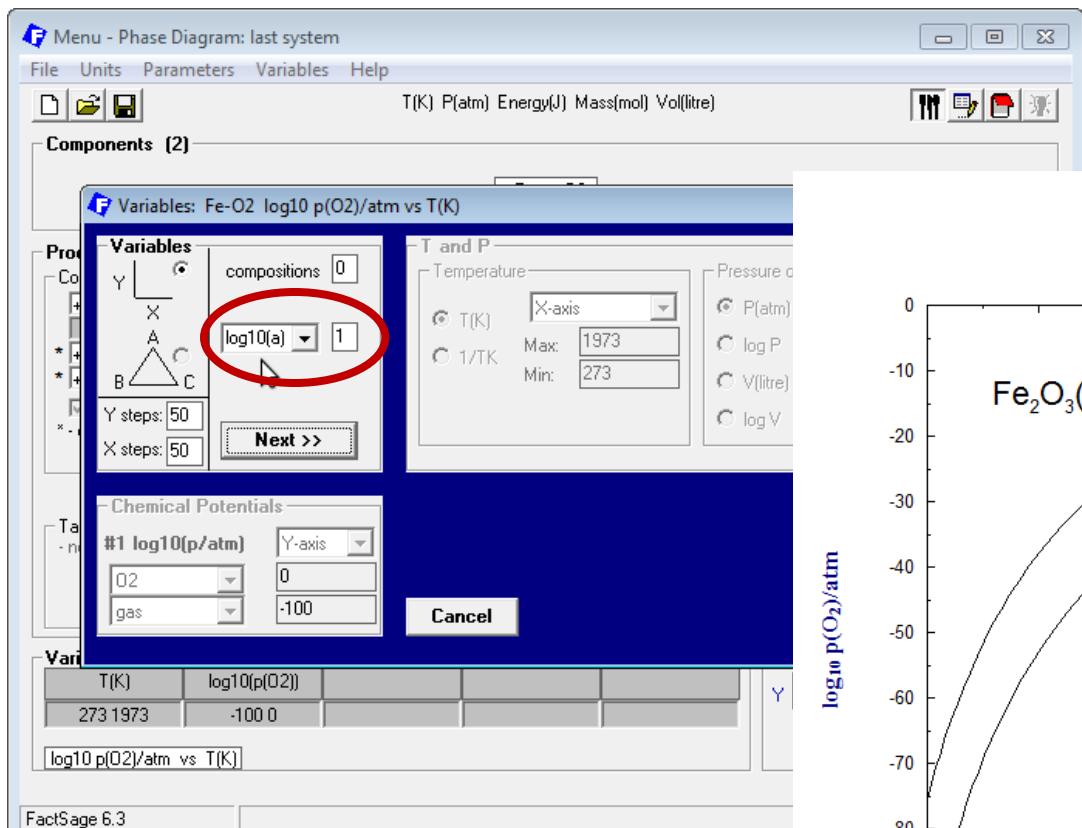
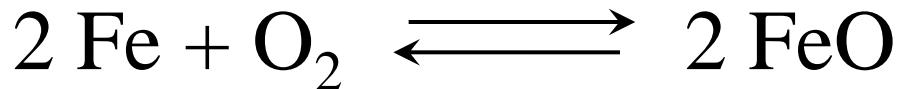
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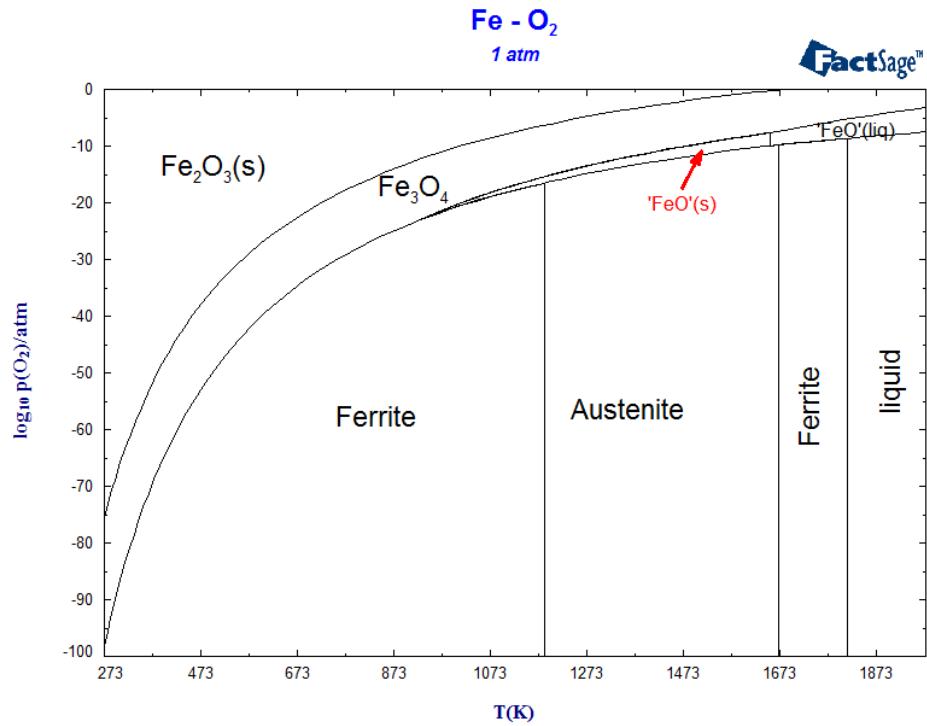
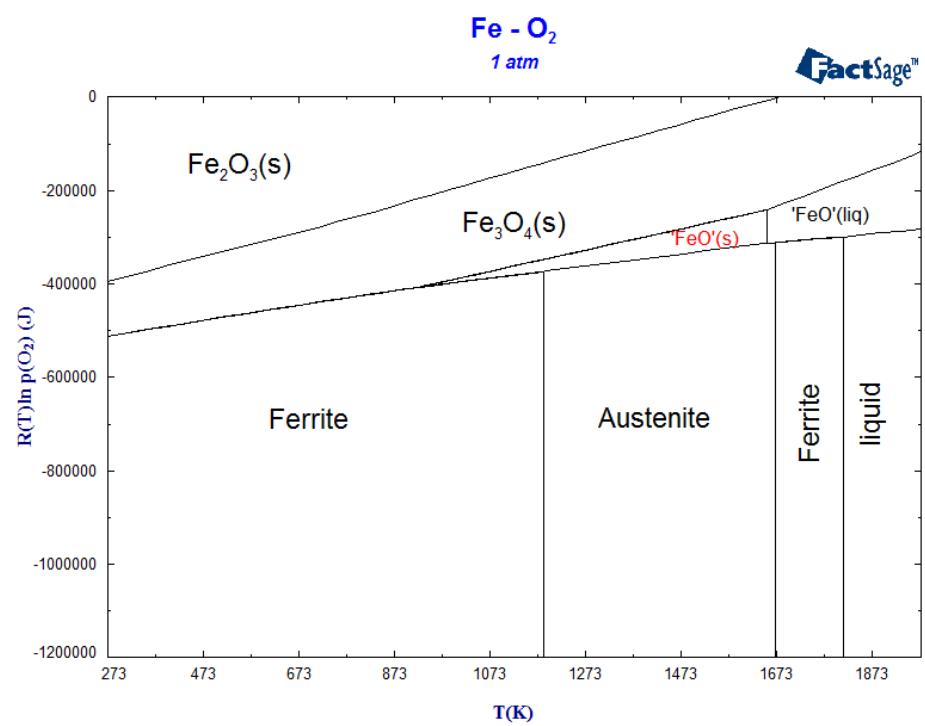
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# Comparison

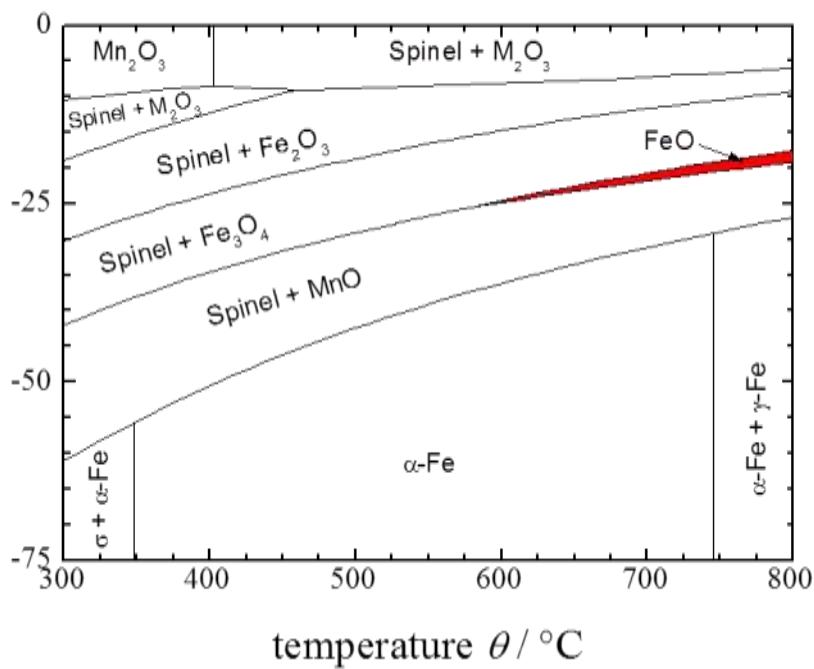
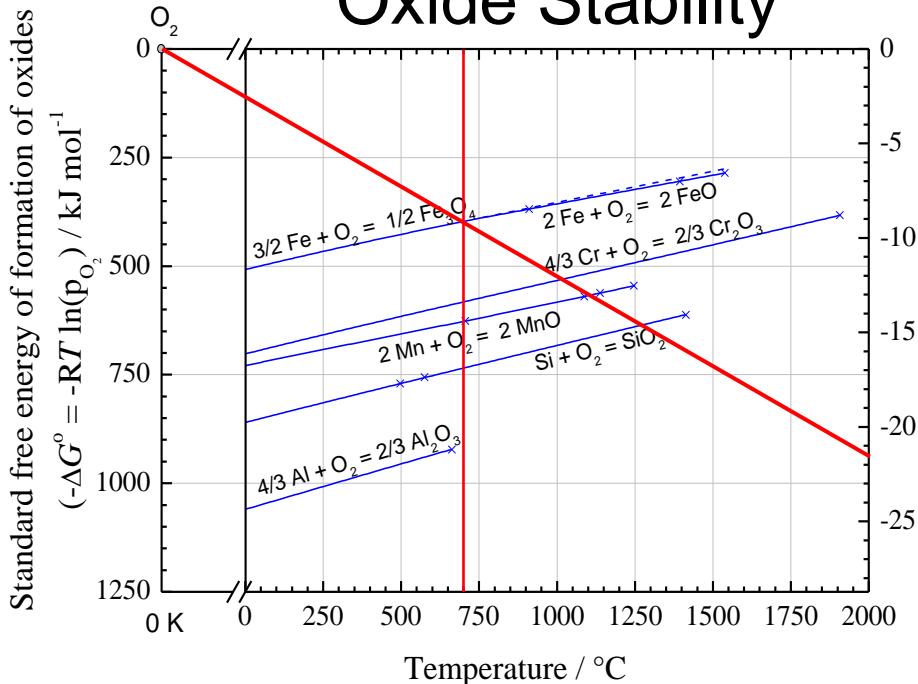


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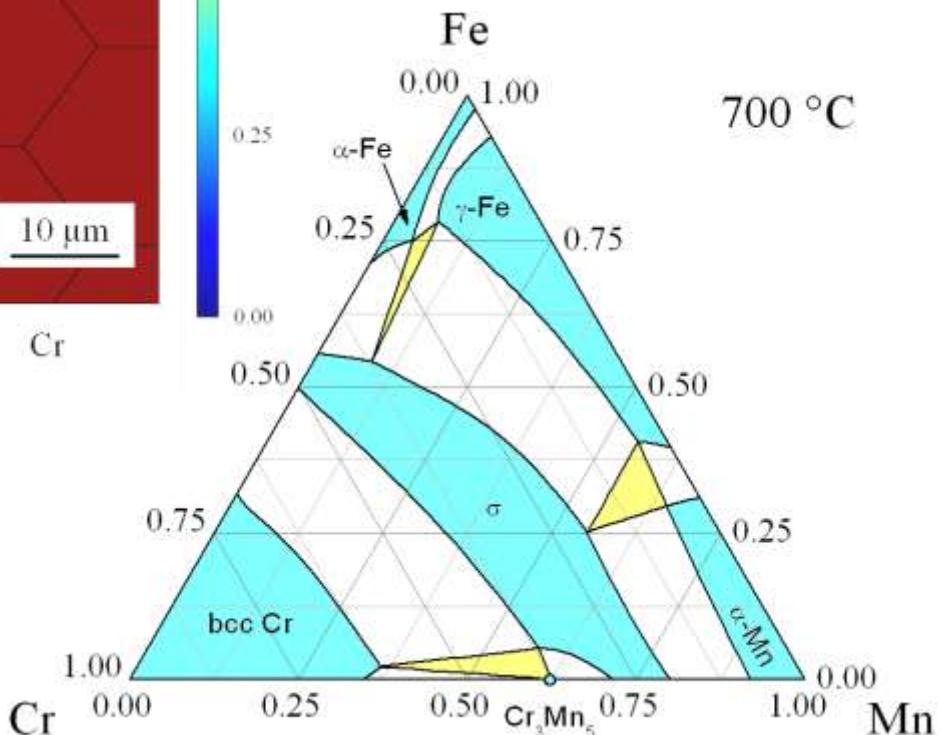
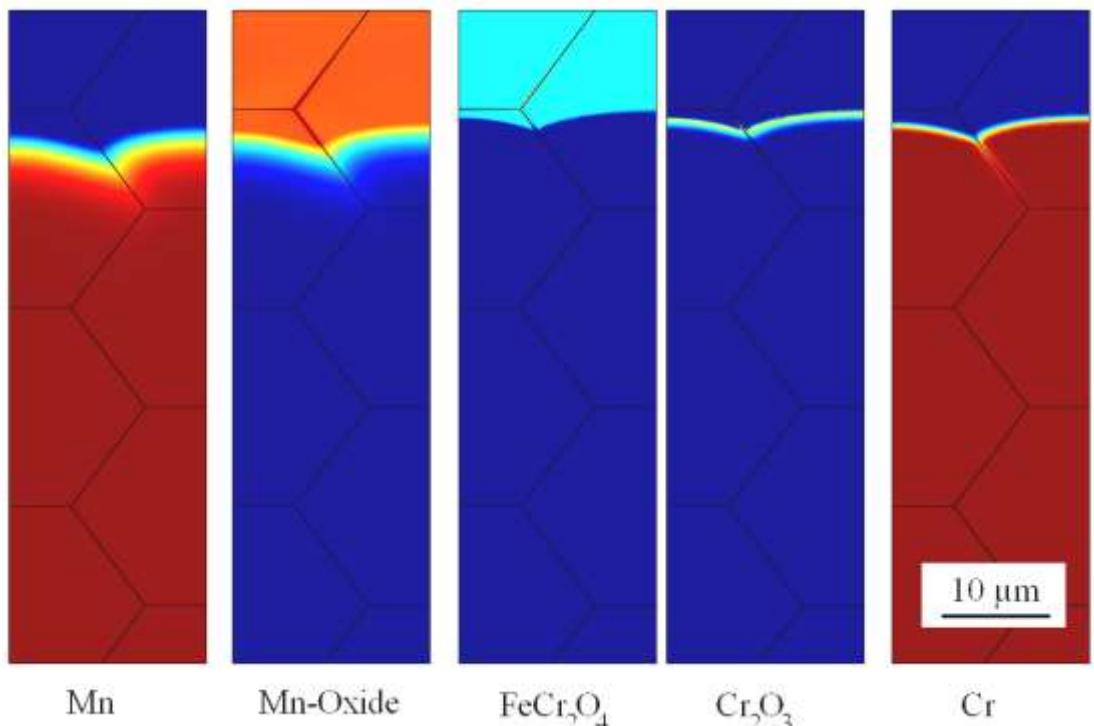
$$-\frac{2 G_{(T)}^{o, FeO} - 2 G_{(T)}^{o, Fe} - G_{(T)}^{o, O_2}}{RT} = \ln \left( \frac{p_{O_2}}{p_o} \right)$$

# Properties of Oxygen

## Oxide Stability



# Iron – Manganese – Chromium alloy



**Figure:** Spatial phase distribution in an Fe, 2 wt-% Mn, 0.8 wt-% Cr alloy after oxidation at  $p(O_2) = 3 \cdot 10^{-22}$  bar and 700 °C for 120 min and ternary phase diagram.

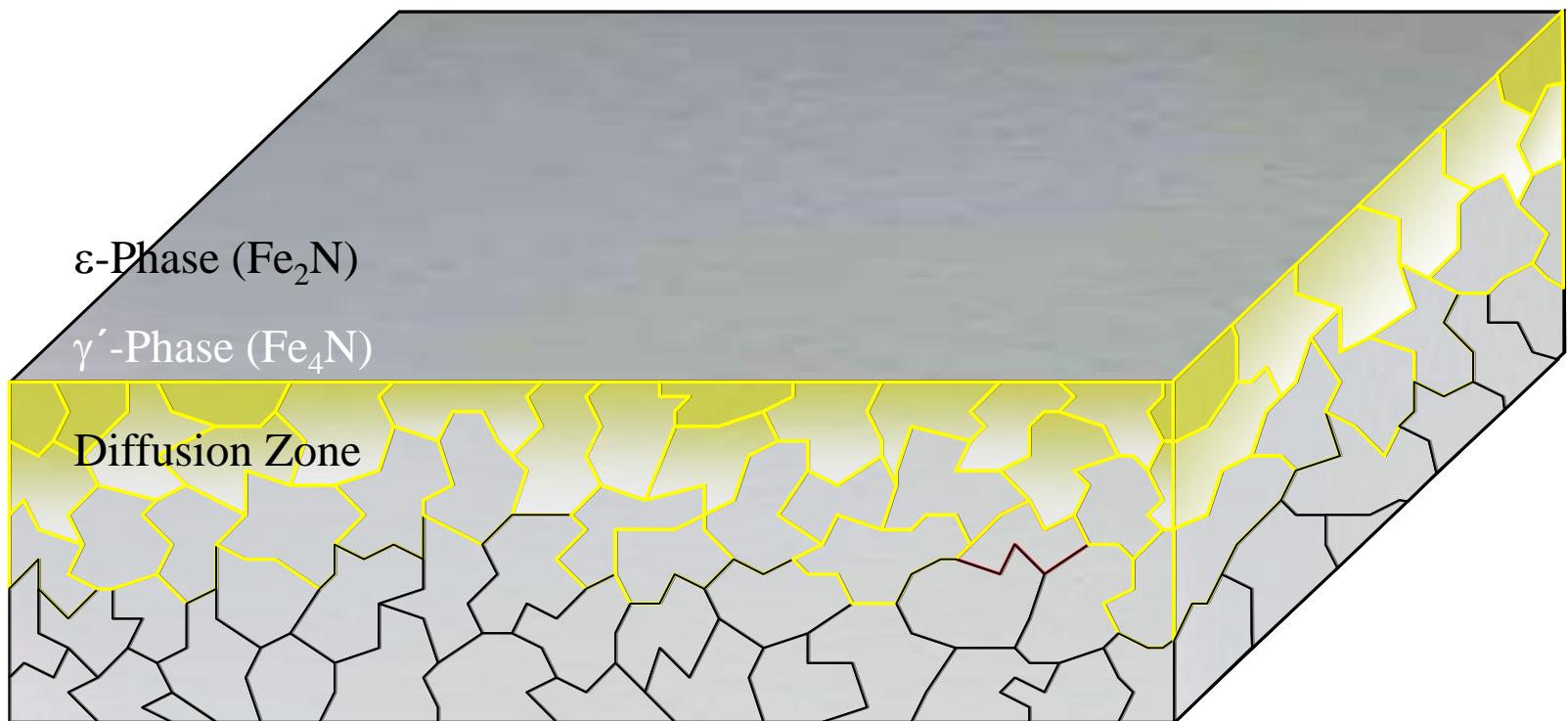
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## Gaseous Nitriding in the system Fe – Cr – C

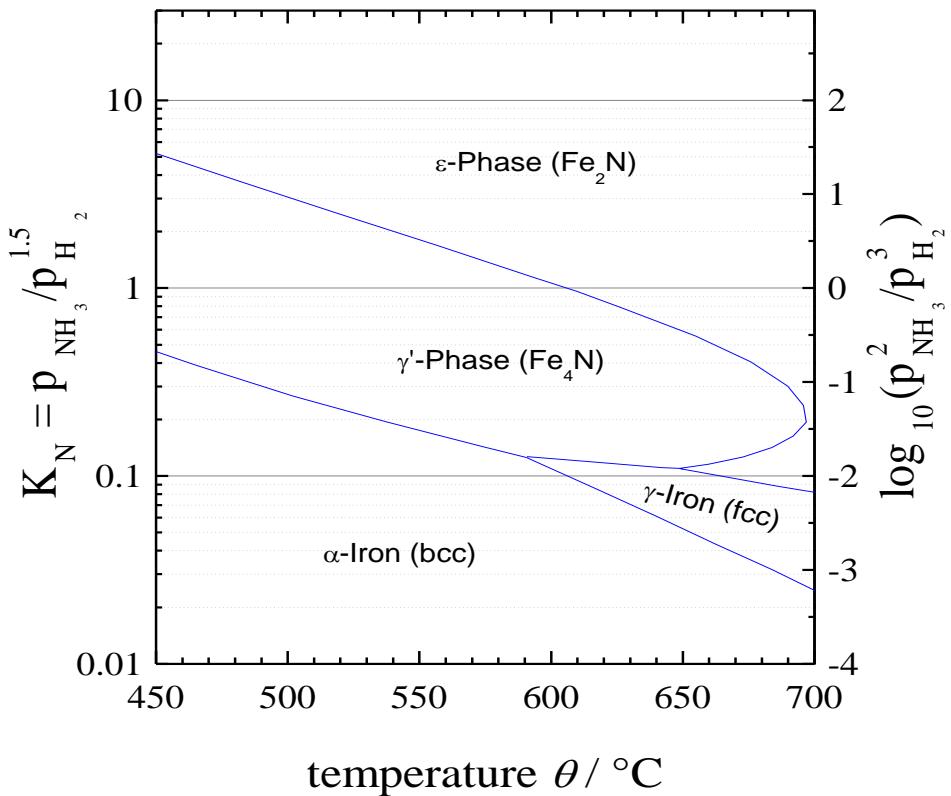
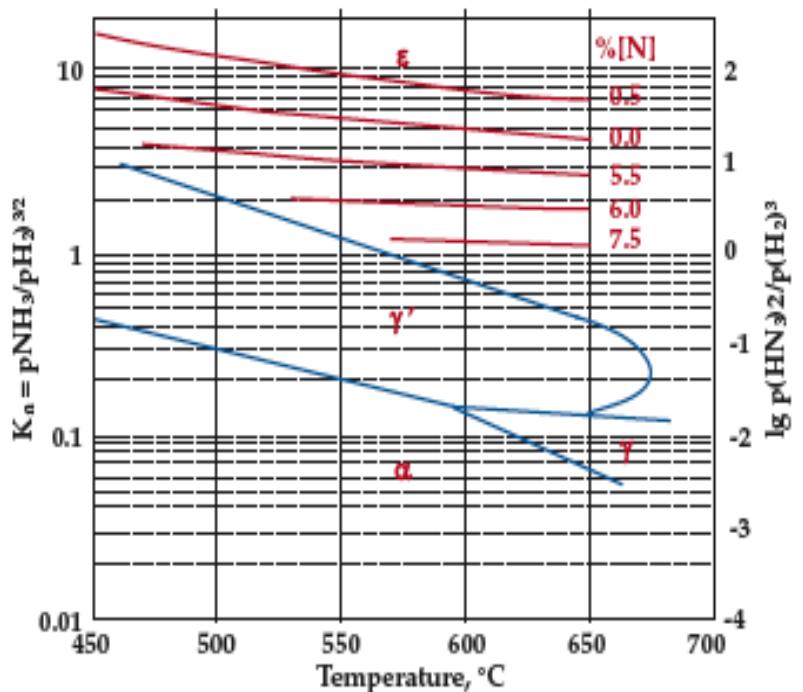
Nitriding of      Fe, 1 wt-% Cr, 0.10 wt-% C and

Conditions:    48 h at 500 °C  
                   $p(\text{NH}_3) : p(\text{H}_2) = 100$  ( $K_N = 1\,000$ )

# Gaseous Nitriding Process

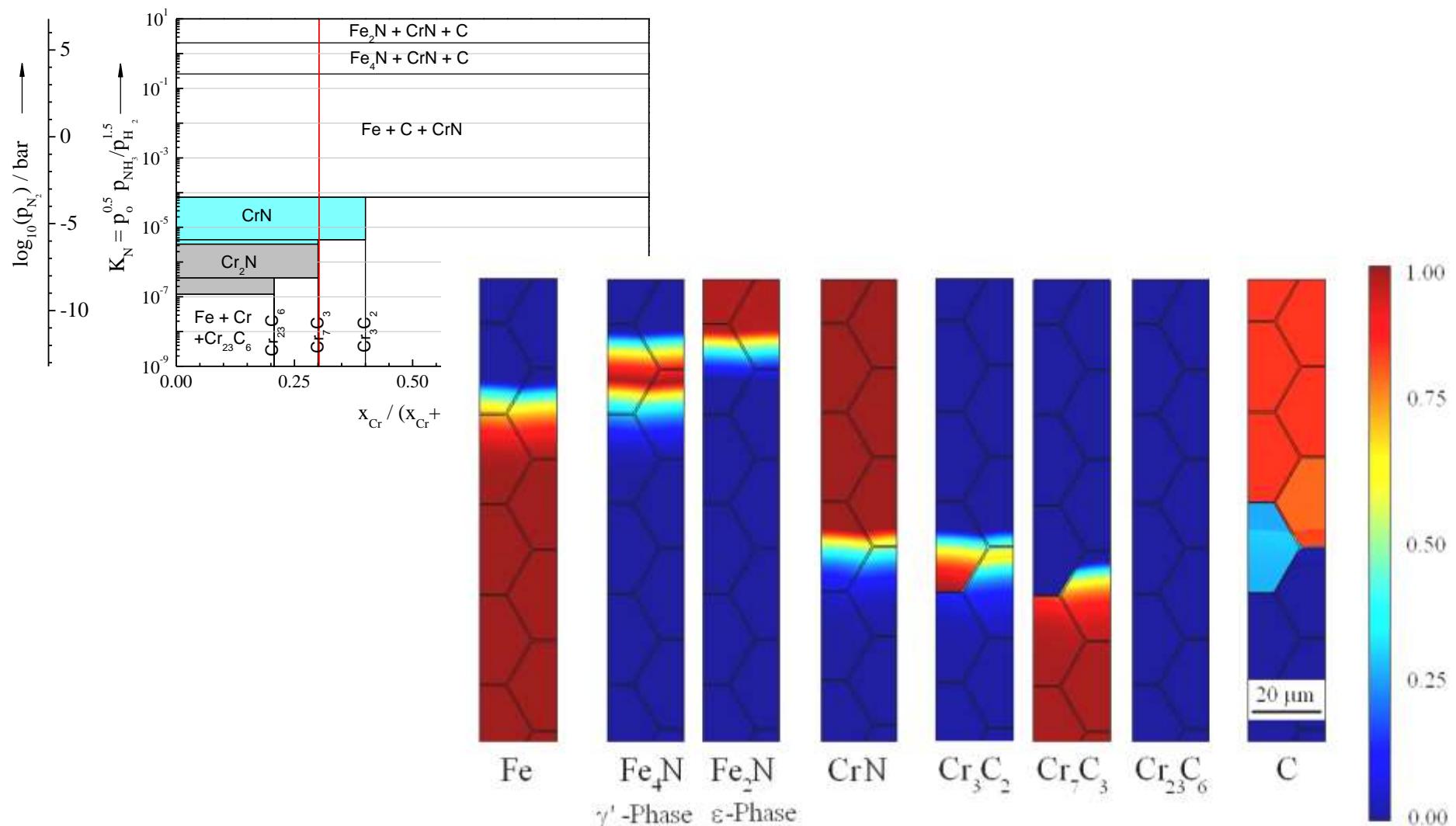


# Theoretical Principles



**Figure:** Lehrer-Diagramm of iron nitrides according to literature (left) and calculated with the programme FactSage (right).

# Iron – Chromium – Carbon alloy

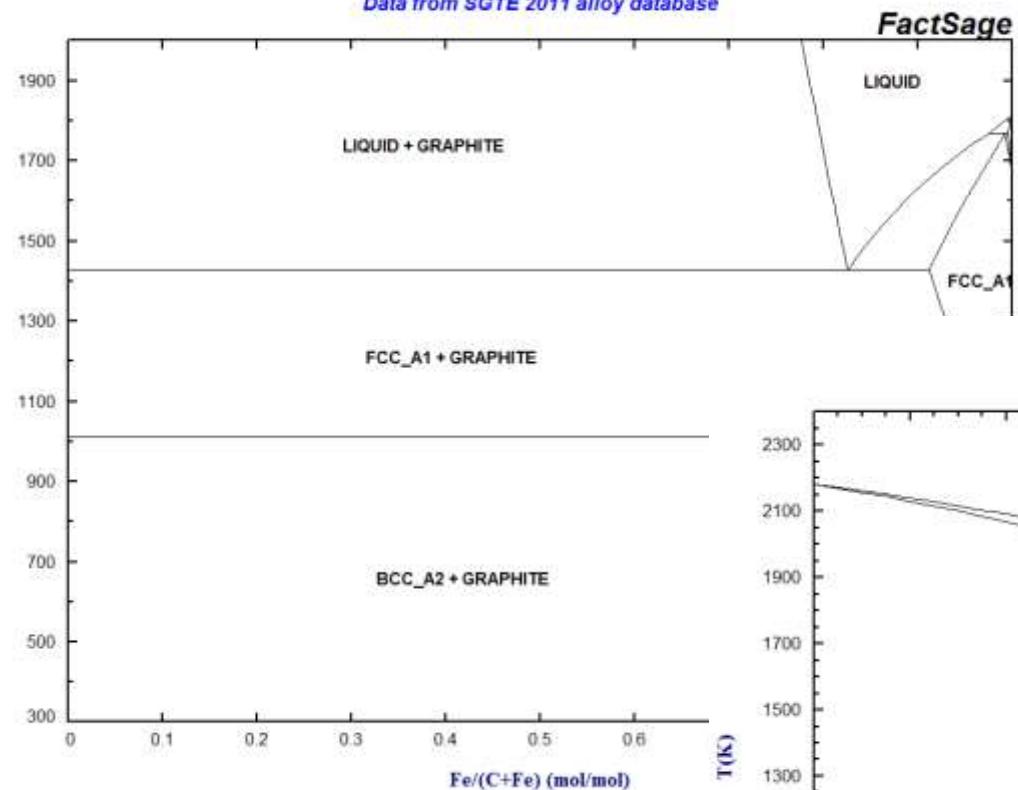


**Figure:** Spatial phase distribution in an Fe, 1 wt-% Cr, 0.1 wt-% C alloy after gas nitriding at  $K_N = 2.4$  and 500 °C for 48 h and phase stability diagram.

# Binary Phase Diagrams

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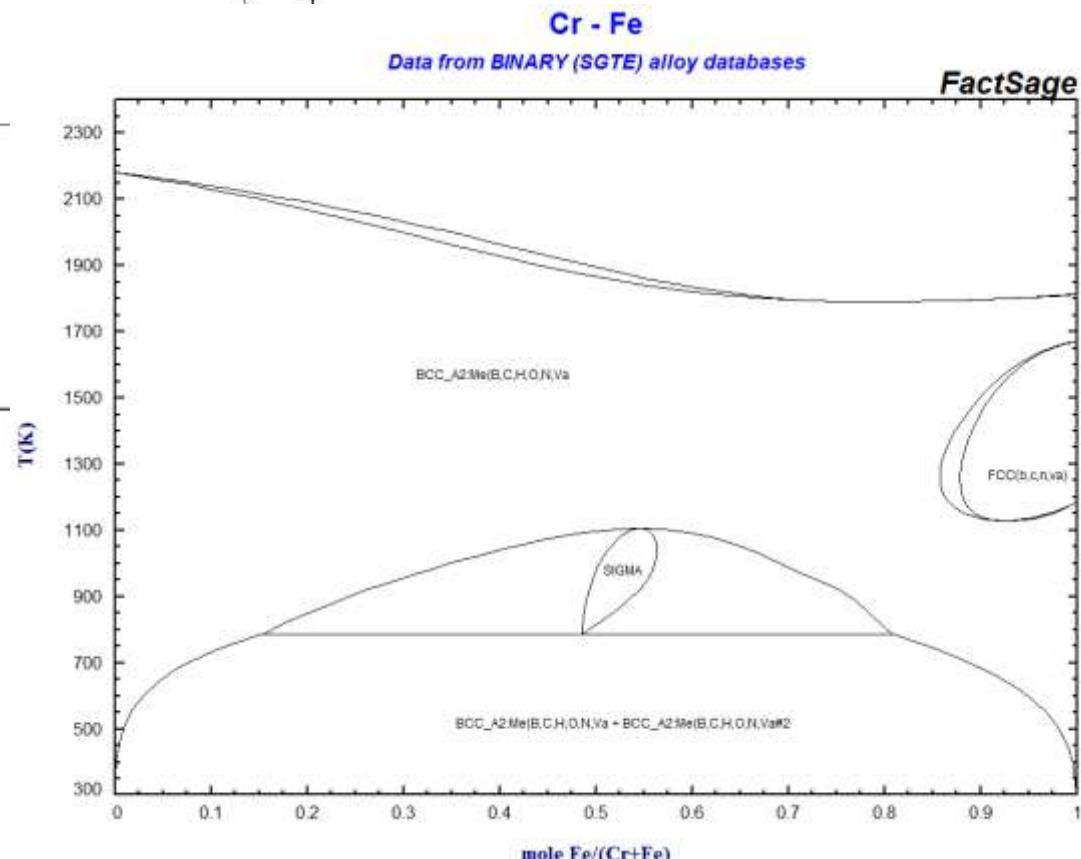
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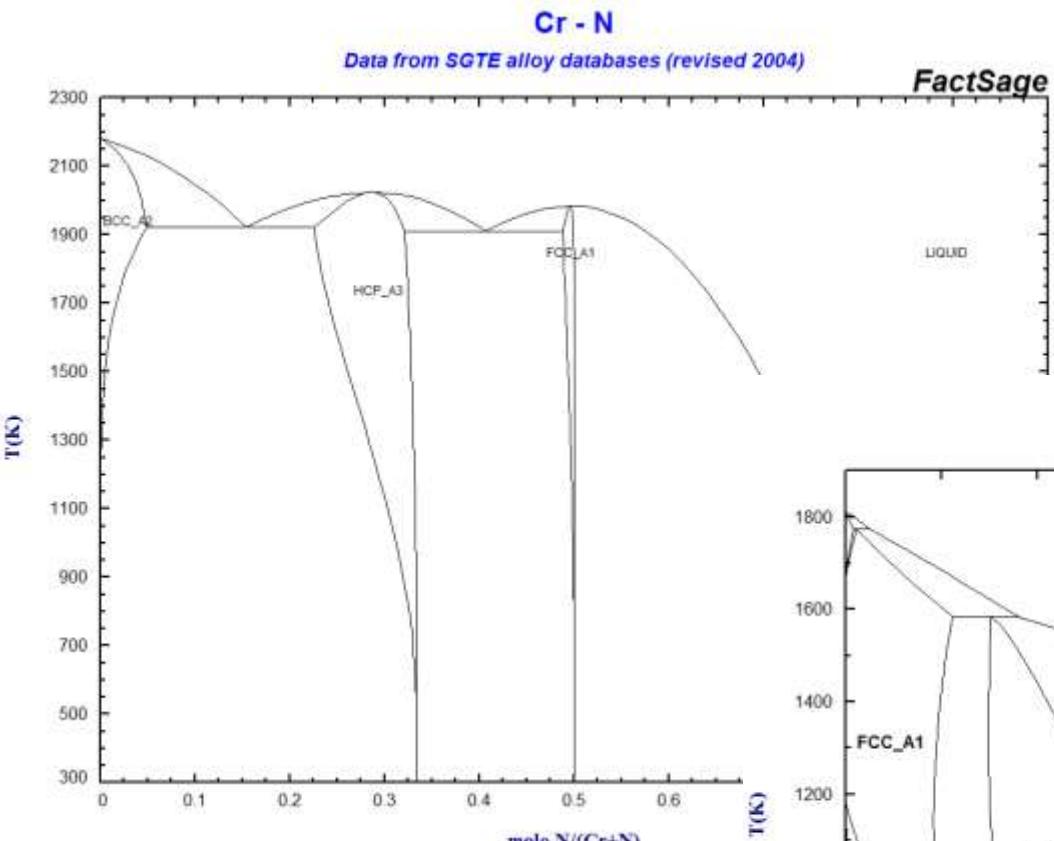


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**Cr - N**

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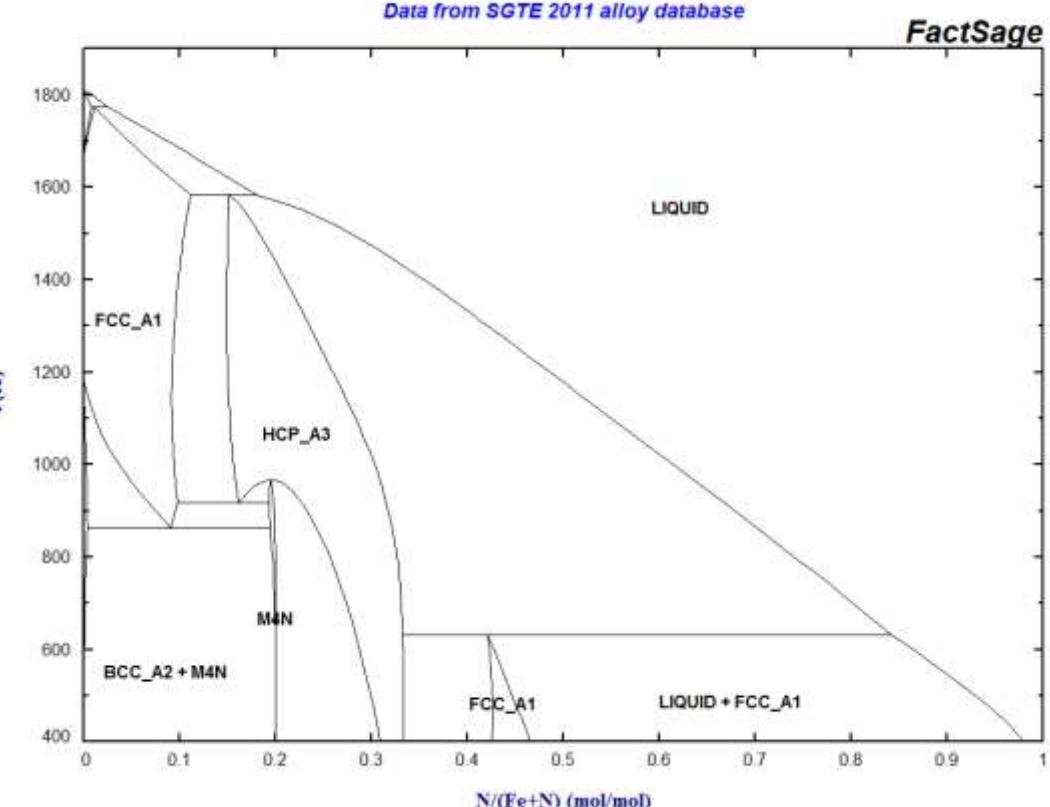


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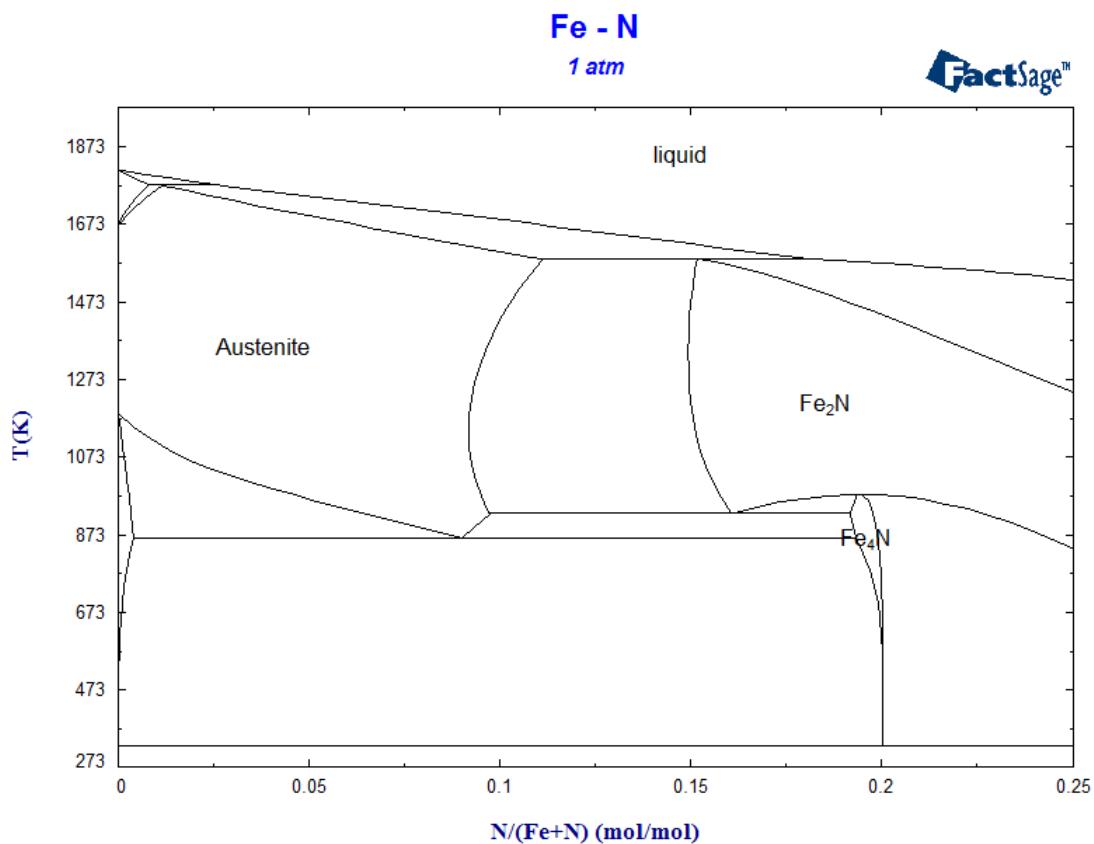
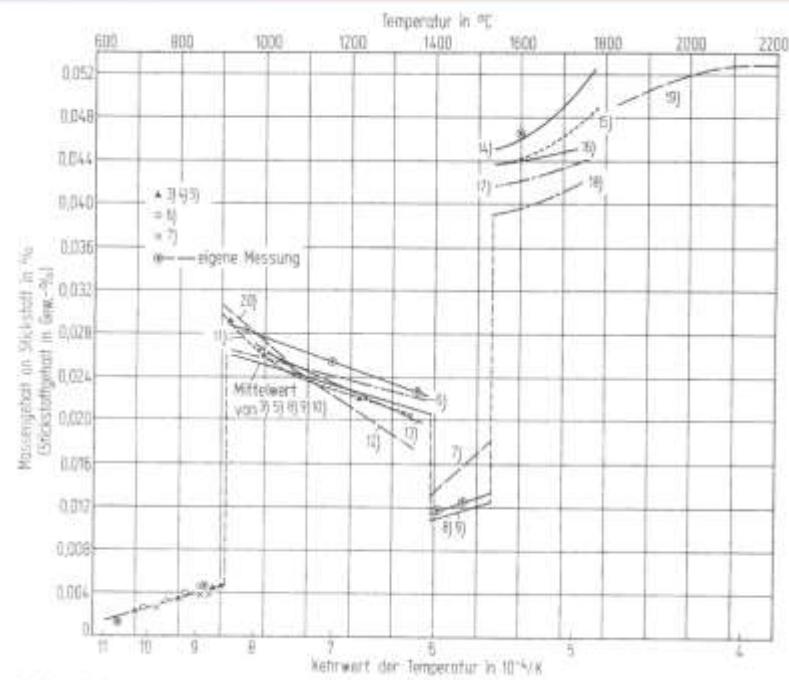
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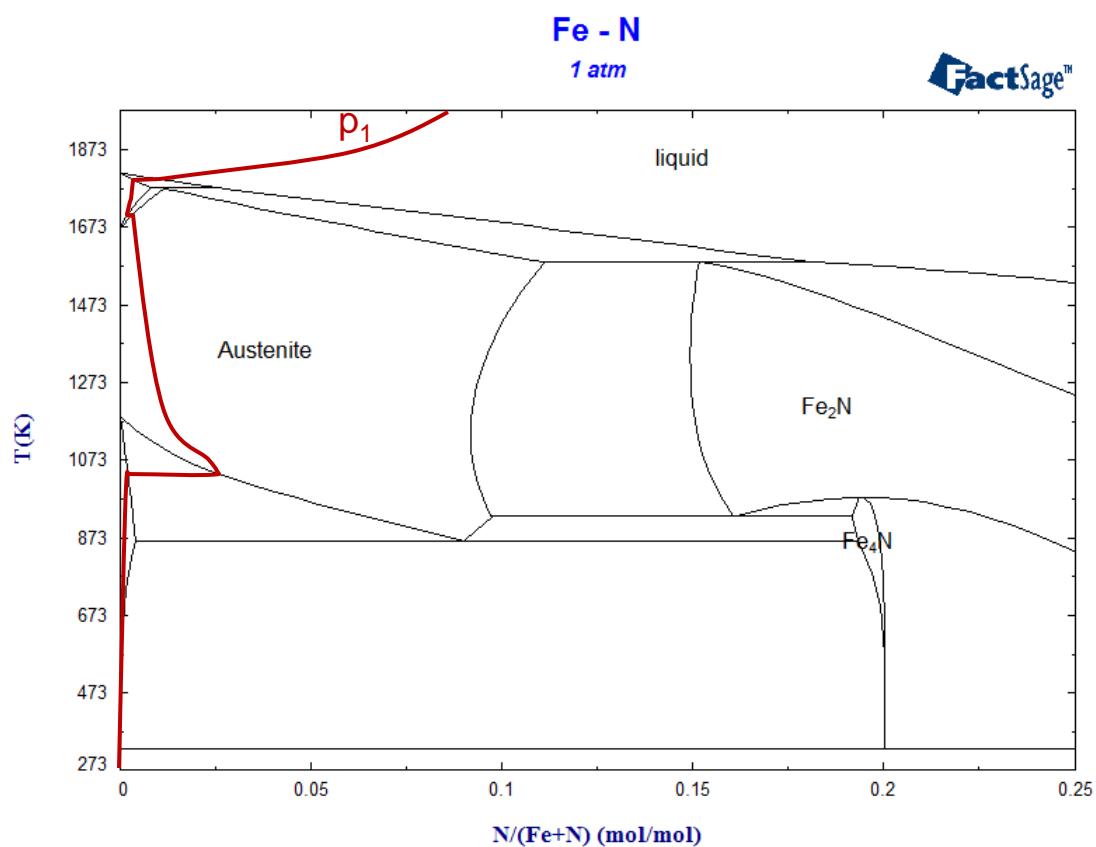
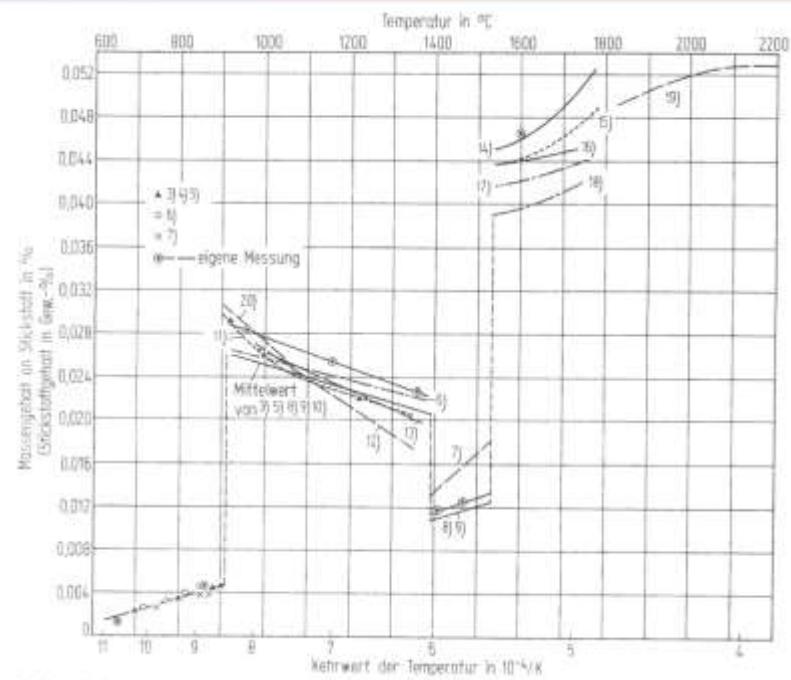


# The System Iron – Nitrogen



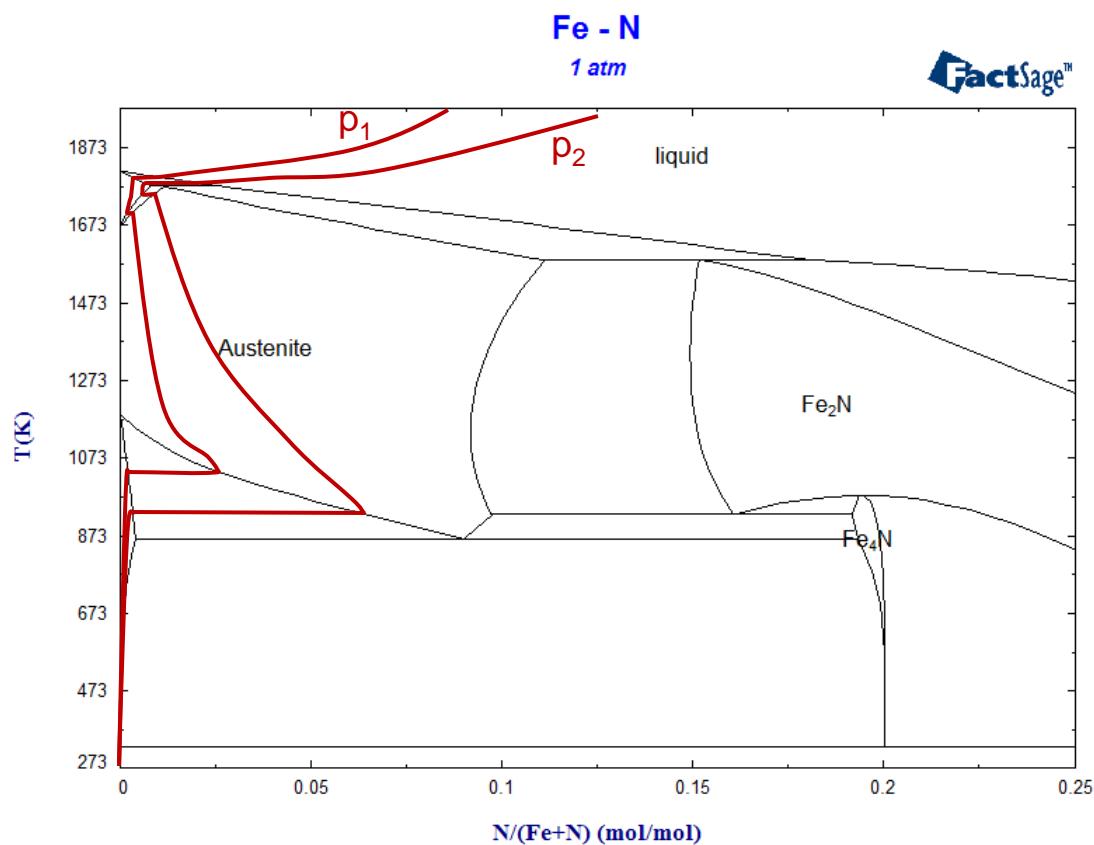
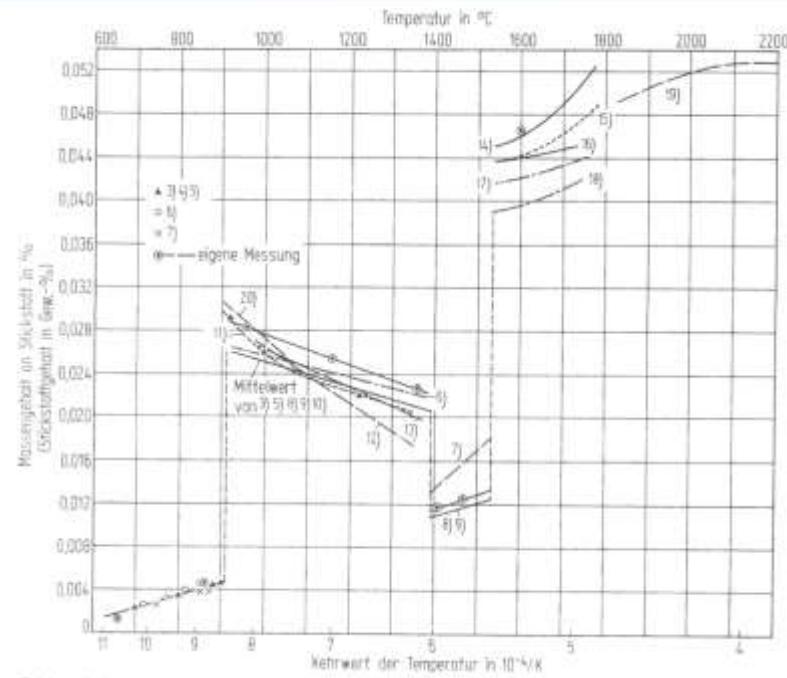
**Figure:** Nitrogen Solubility in Iron at 1 bar (left) and binary Iron-Nitrogen phase diagram, calculated with FACTSage (right).

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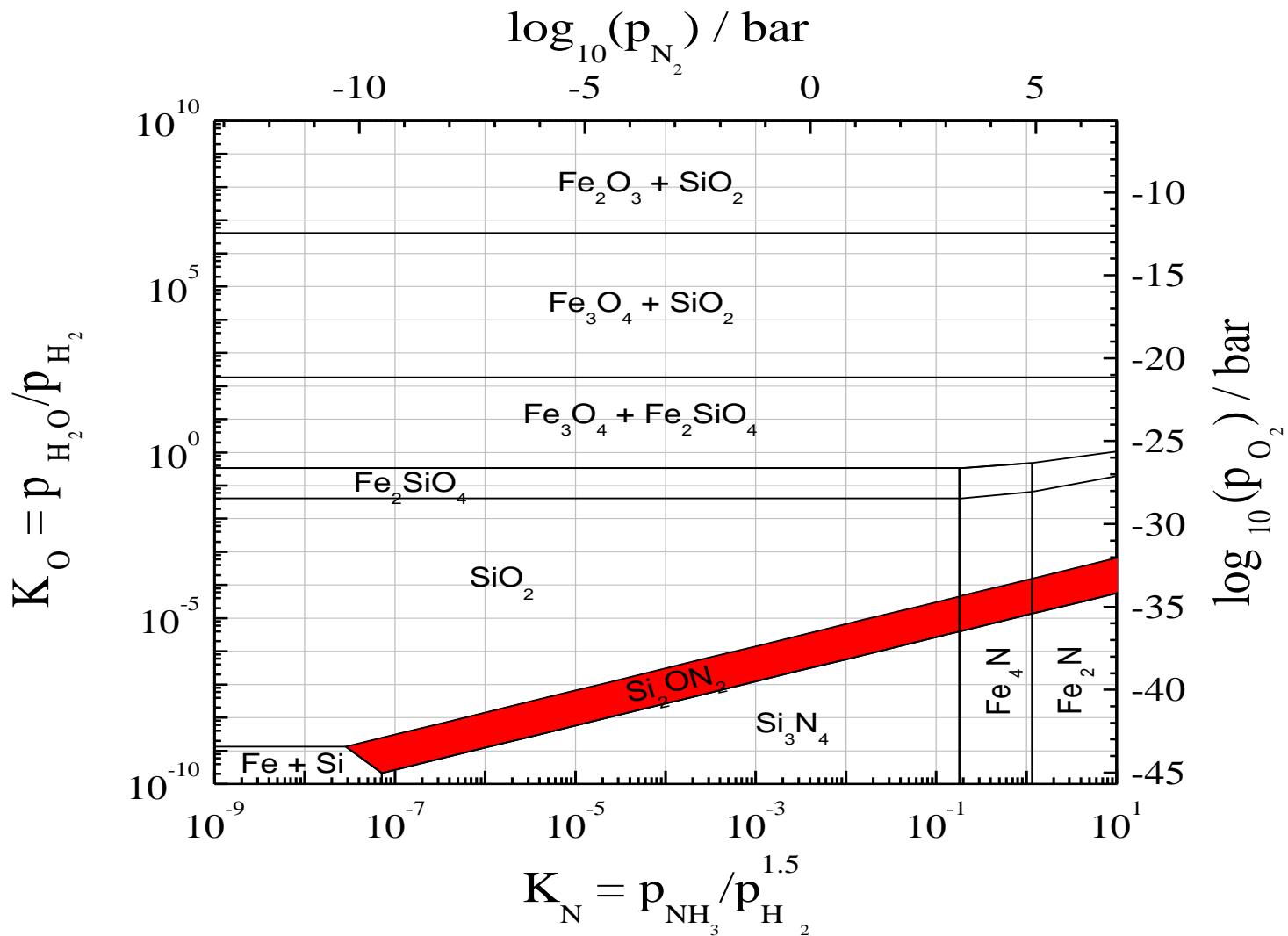
# Part III

## Gaseous Nitriding and Oxidation in the system Fe – Si

Nitriding of      Fe, 1 wt-% Si

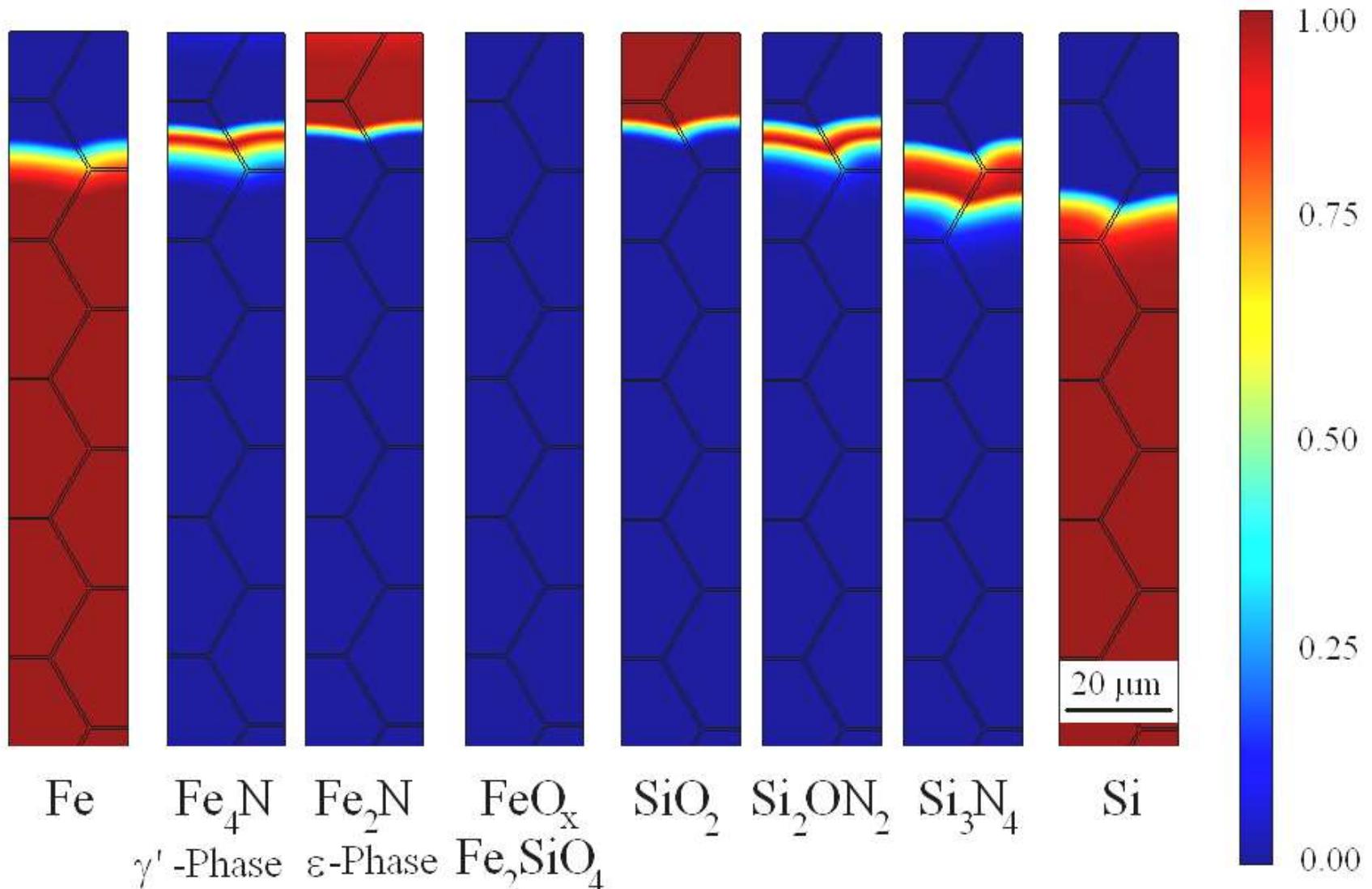
Conditions:      20 h at 550 °C ( $K_N = 1\ 000$ )  
                      4 h at 550 °C ( $K_O \approx 0.01$ )

# Stability Diagram of Iron – Silicon



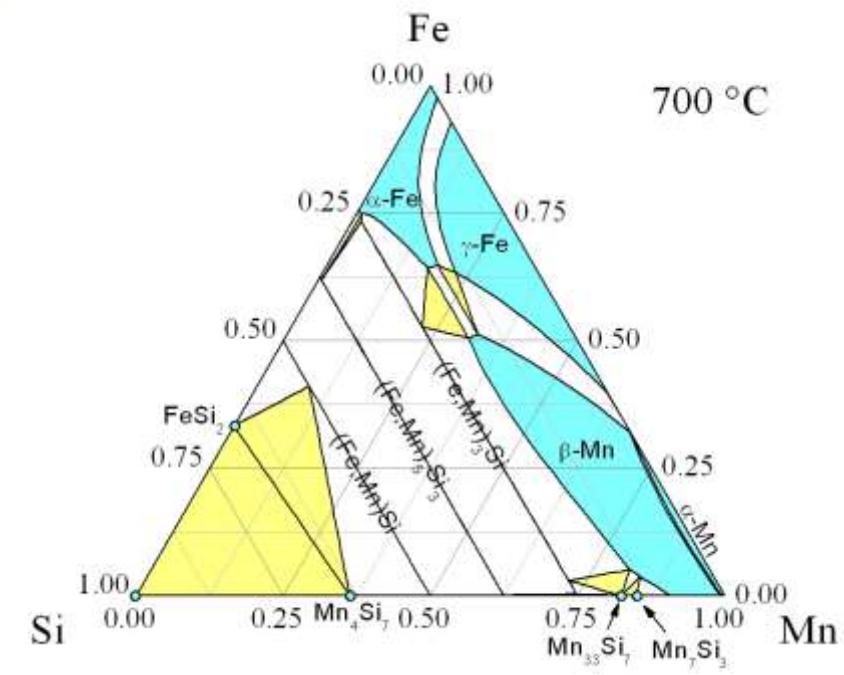
**Figure:** Stability diagram of an Fe, 1 wt-% Si alloy at 550 °C with respect to the partial pressures of nitrogen and oxygen (SGTE Pure Substance Database).

# Simulation Results with ASTRID

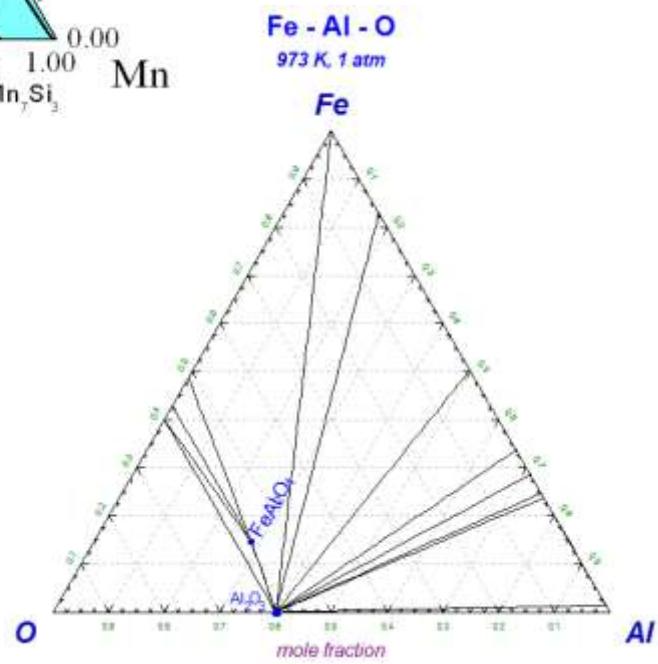
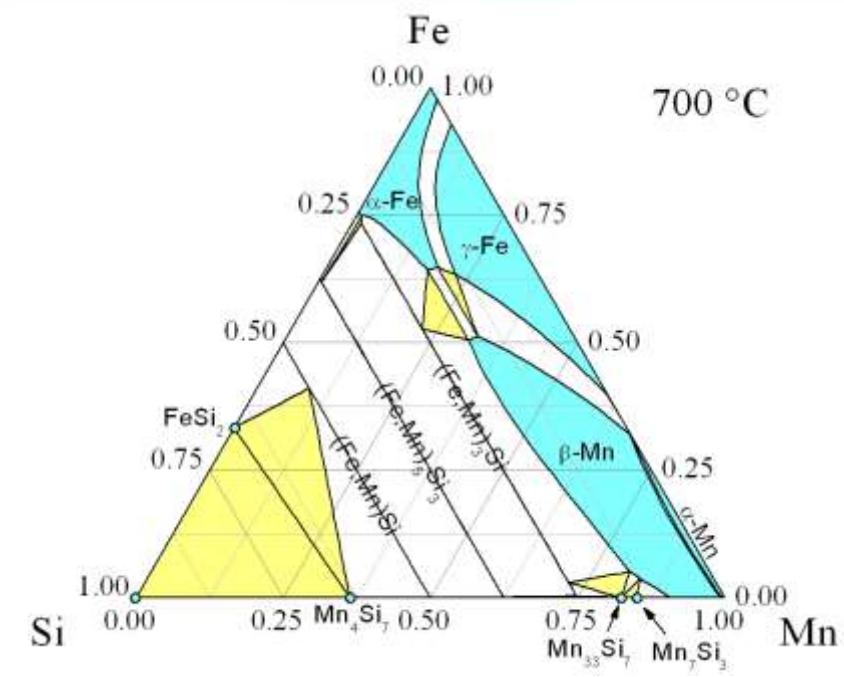


**Figure:** Spatial phase distribution in Fe, 1 wt-% Si after gaseous nitriding for 20 h at  $K_N = 1\ 000$  and oxidation for 4 h and  $K_O \approx 0.01$  ( $p_{\text{tot}} = 1 \text{ atm}$ ,  $550^\circ\text{C}$ ) .

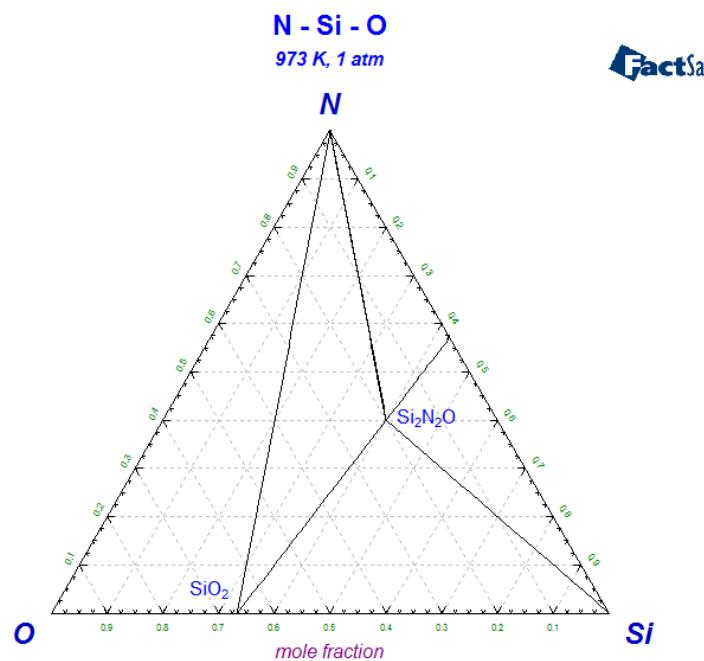
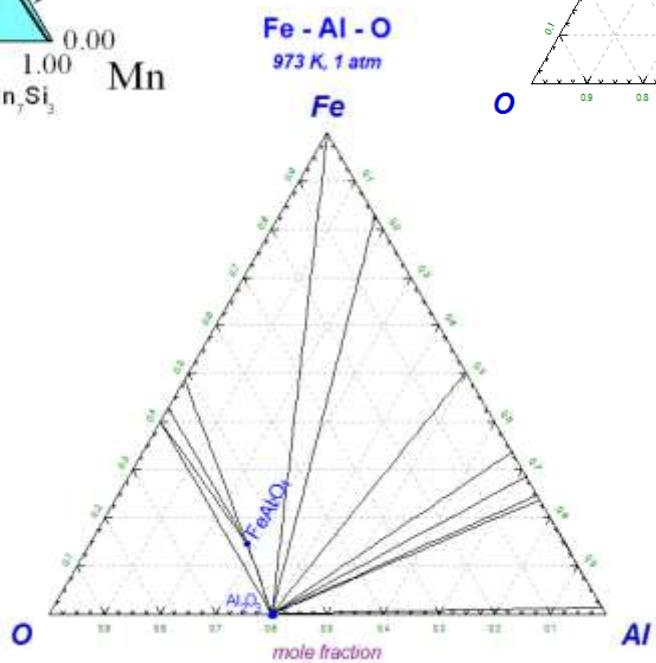
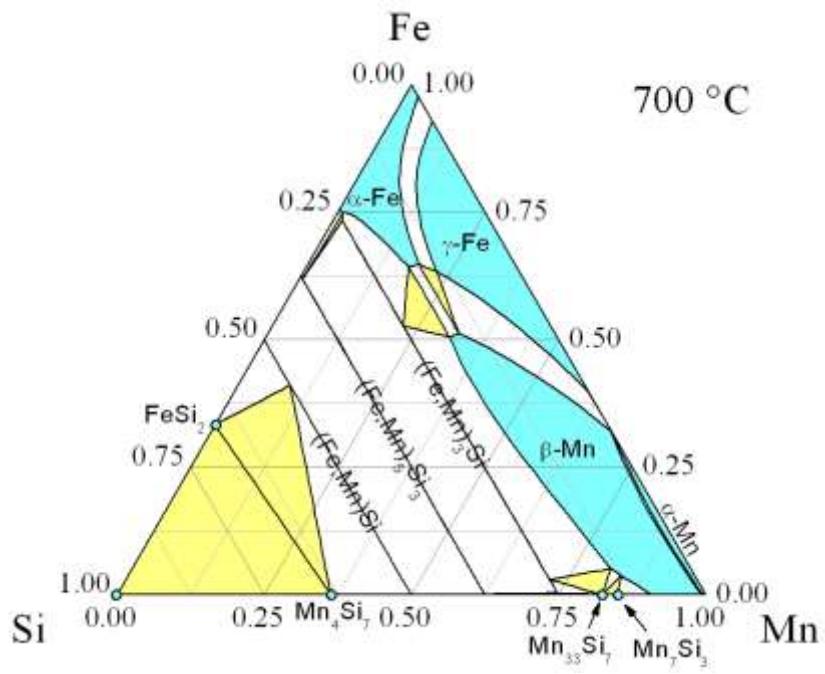
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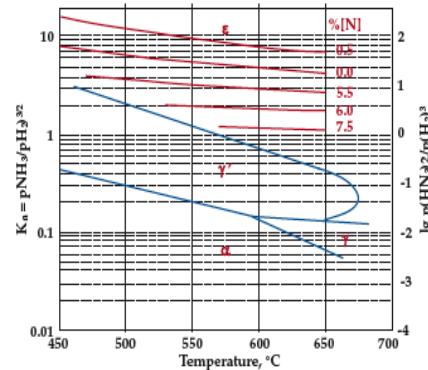
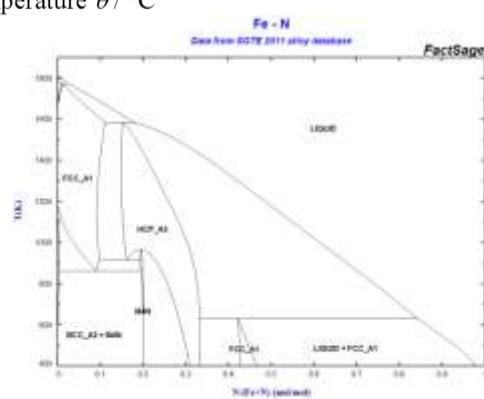
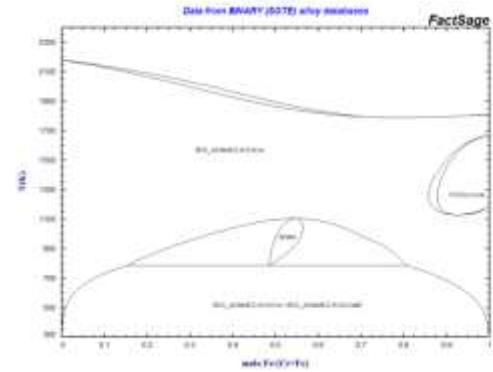
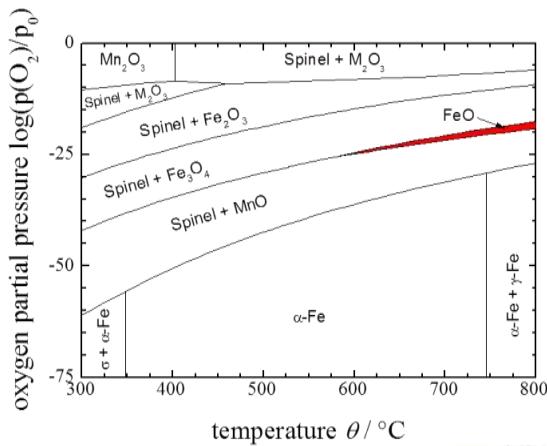
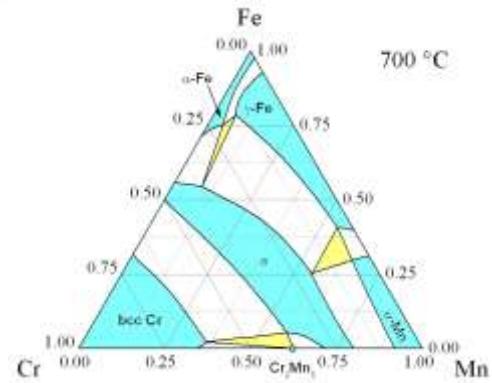
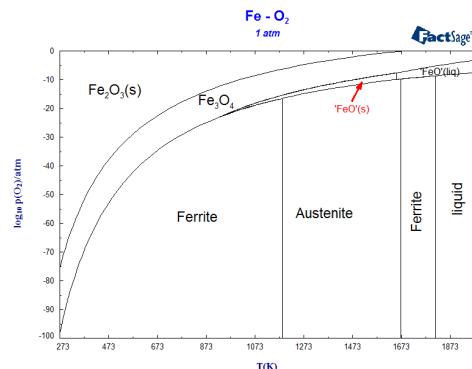
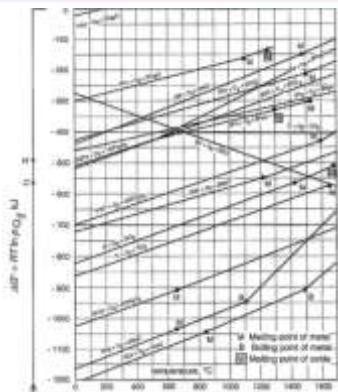
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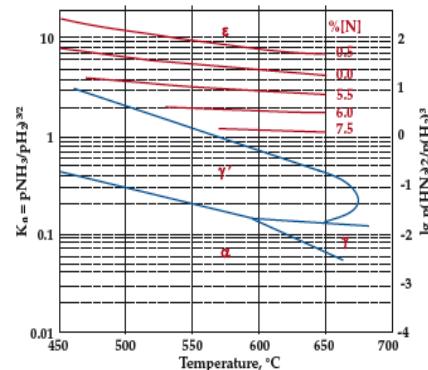
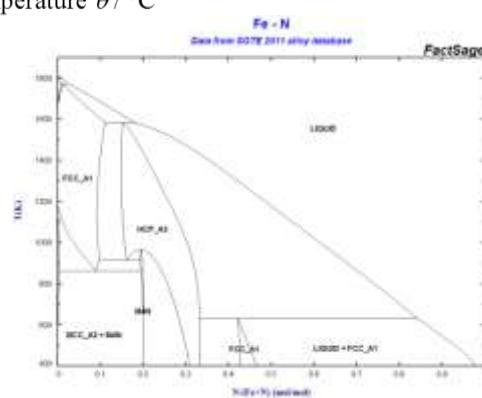
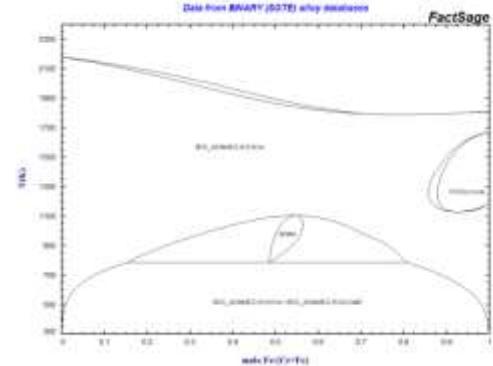
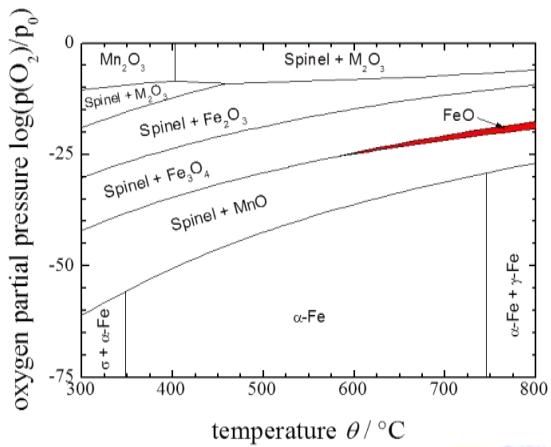
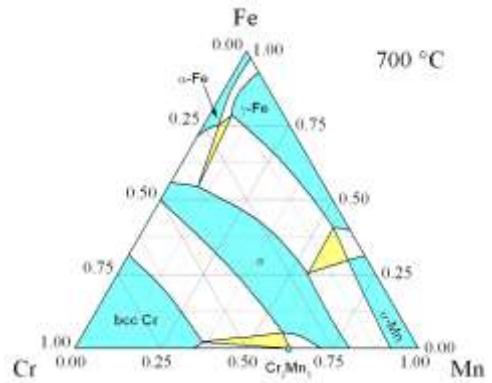
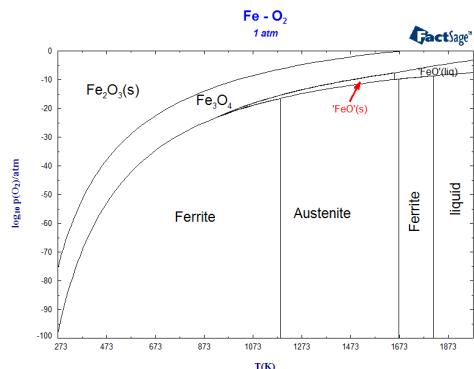
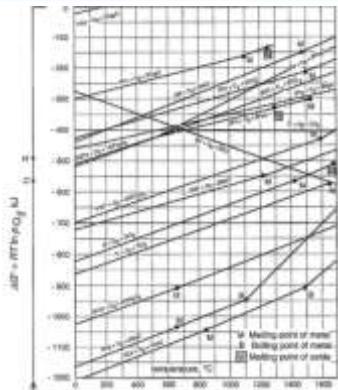
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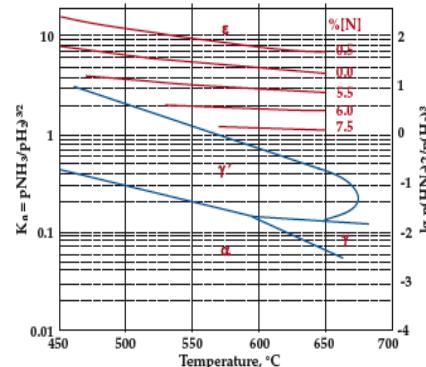
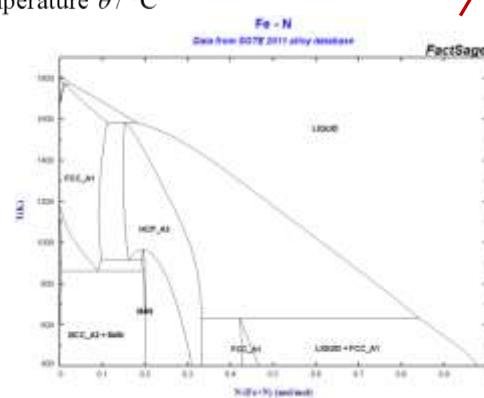
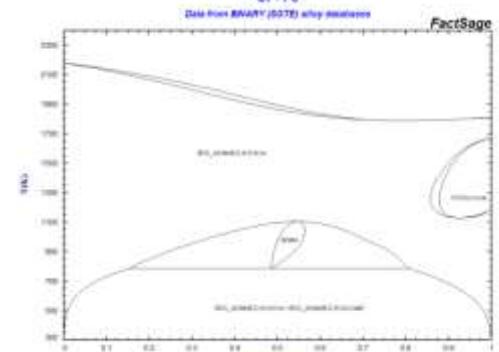
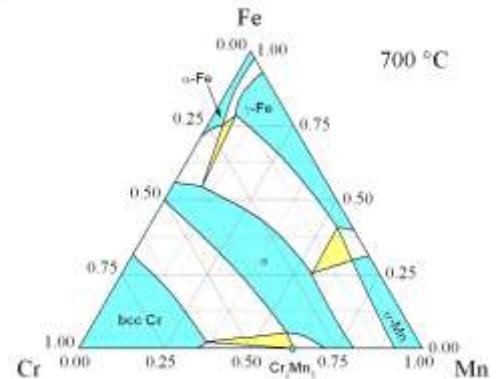
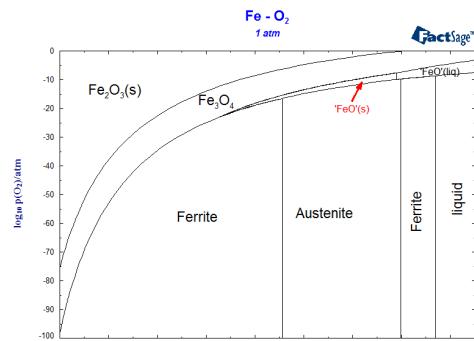
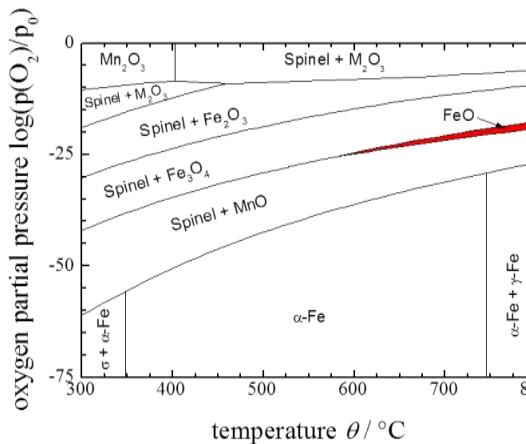
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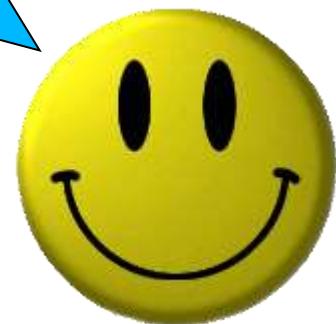
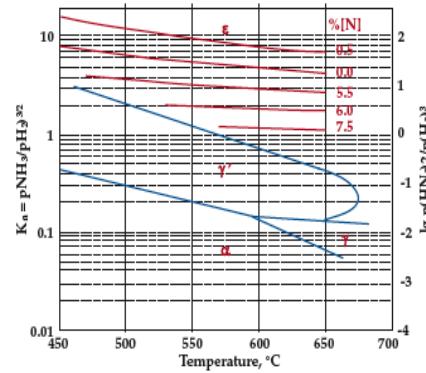
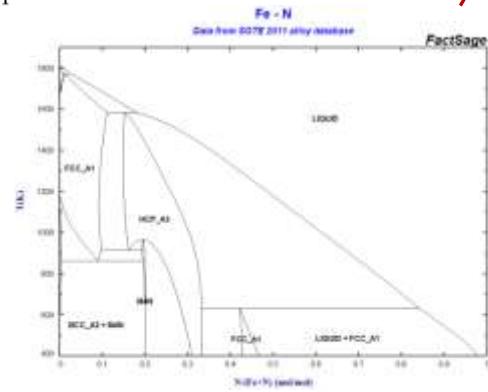
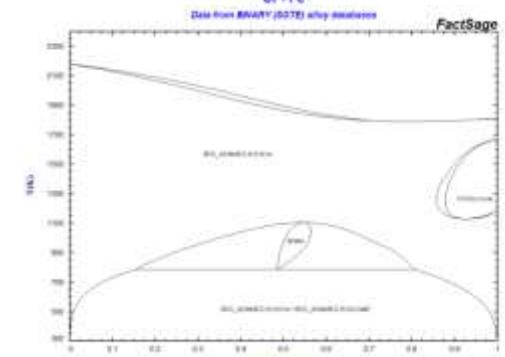
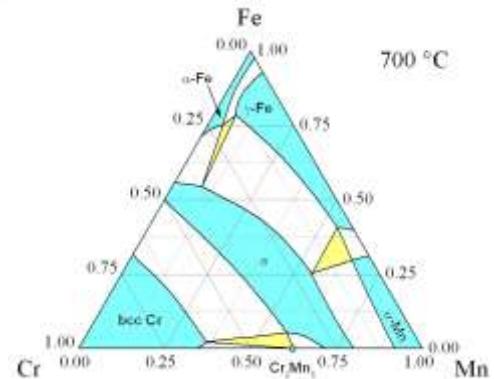
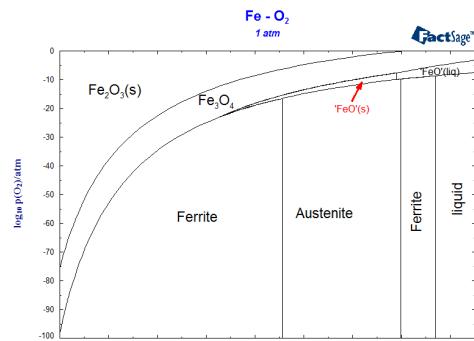
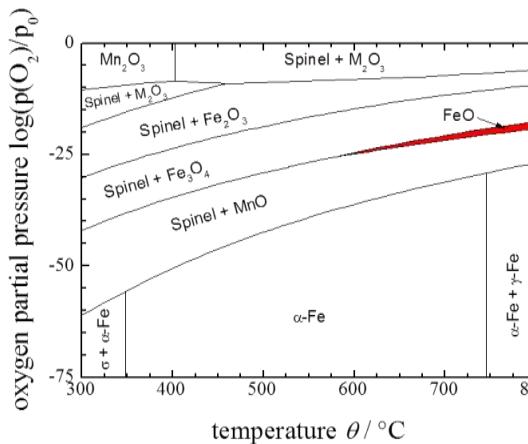
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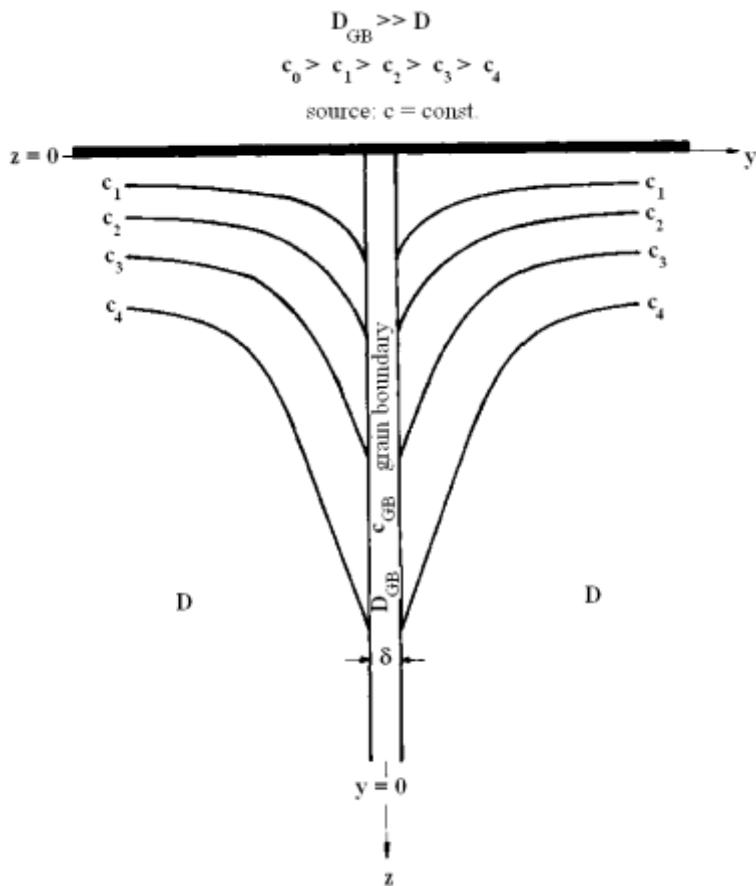
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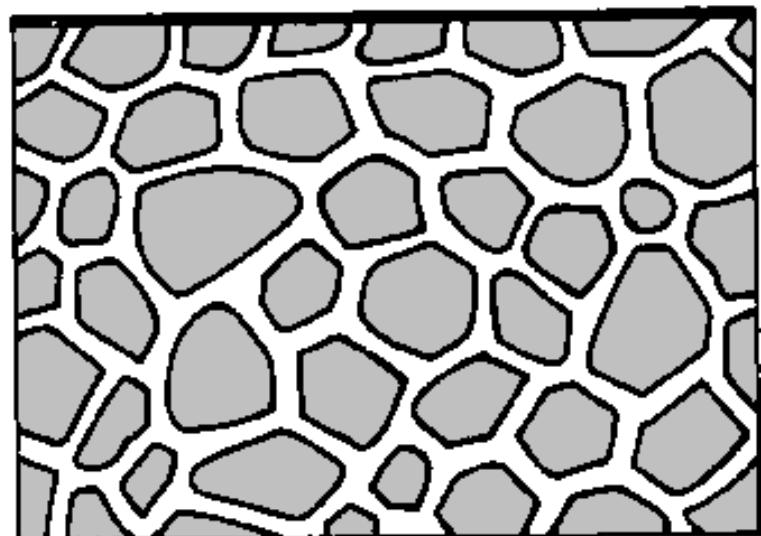


# Fisher's Model of Diffusion



*Whipple – Le Claire* equation

$$s \delta D_{GB} = 0.3292 \sqrt{\frac{D}{t}} \left( \frac{\partial \log \bar{c}}{\partial z^{6/5}} \right)^{-\frac{5}{3}}$$



*Levine – MacCallum* equation

$$s \delta D_{GB} = 0.4704 \sqrt{\frac{D}{t}} \left( \frac{\partial \log \bar{c}}{\partial z^{6/5}} \right)^{-\frac{5}{3}}$$

# Some Published Works on HT-Corrosion



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## Internal Corrosion of Engineering Alloys: Experiment and Computer Simulation

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High-temperature corrosion is generally known as a material degradation process that occurs at the surface of engineering components. In the case of internal corrosion, the corrosive species penetrates into the material by solid-state diffusion leading to the formation of internal precipitates, for instance, oxides (internal oxidation), nitrides (internal nitridation), and carbides (carburization). It is known from numerous publications and technical failure cases that internal corrosion results in a strong deterioration of the properties of a material (i.e., near-surface embrittlement or the dissolution of strengthening phases). The present article introduces the classic theory of internal oxidation and reviews some recent research on internal corrosion phenomena that are closely related to the failure mechanisms of thermally grown protective oxide scales on several commercial high-temperature alloys (e.g., single-crystalline and polycrystalline Ni-base alloys and Cr steels). The mechanisms and kinetics of internal corrosion processes are determined by the temperature, the local chemical composition of the material, the solubility and diffusivity of the corrosive species, as well as the mechanical loading conditions. These influence factors are taken into account by means of a computer model combining a numerical finite-difference approach to solve the diffusion differential equations with the thermodynamic tool ChemApp. Using several examples, it is shown that the model has been applied successfully to simulate the internal nitridation, carburization, and oxidation of high-temperature alloys.



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#### Abstract

A coupled phase transformation as well as multiple coexisting phases in a  $\gamma$ -Ni-27%Cr-2%Al-2%Ti-0.5%Nb-0.5%W-0.5%Mo-0.5%Co-0.5%Fe-0.5%Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> system is observed during the developing oxidation stage, whereas the parabolic oxide-layer growth rate is

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#### 1. Introduction

Internal corrosion is a generic kind of material degradation occurring at high temperatures that is driven by the inward diffusion of a corrosive species (i.e., oxygen, nitrogen, carbon, or sulfur), followed by internal precipitation of the respective oxides, nitrides, carbides, and sulfides.<sup>[1]</sup> Contrary to the formation of superficial scales, which in the case of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  protect the substrate against excessive corrosion attack,<sup>[2]</sup> internal corrosion may result in a deep deterioration of the physical properties of the material (e.g., creep resistance and high-temperature fatigue strength).<sup>[3,4]</sup> Figure 1 shows an example of internal oxidation (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and nitridation (AlN; penetration depth  $\xi = 600 \mu\text{m}$ ) underneath a thin  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  scale.

The mechanism of internal corrosion depends on the local concentrations and the diffusivities of the corrosive species and the metallic elements in the substrate. For the example shown in Fig. 1, a low oxygen partial pressure,  $p(\text{O}_2)$ , relative to the nitrogen partial pressure  $p(\text{N}_2)$  in the combustion gas leads to conditions in the material interior, for

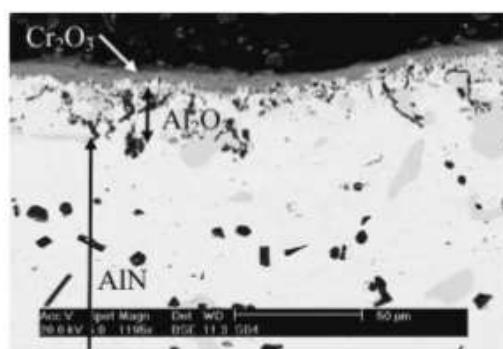


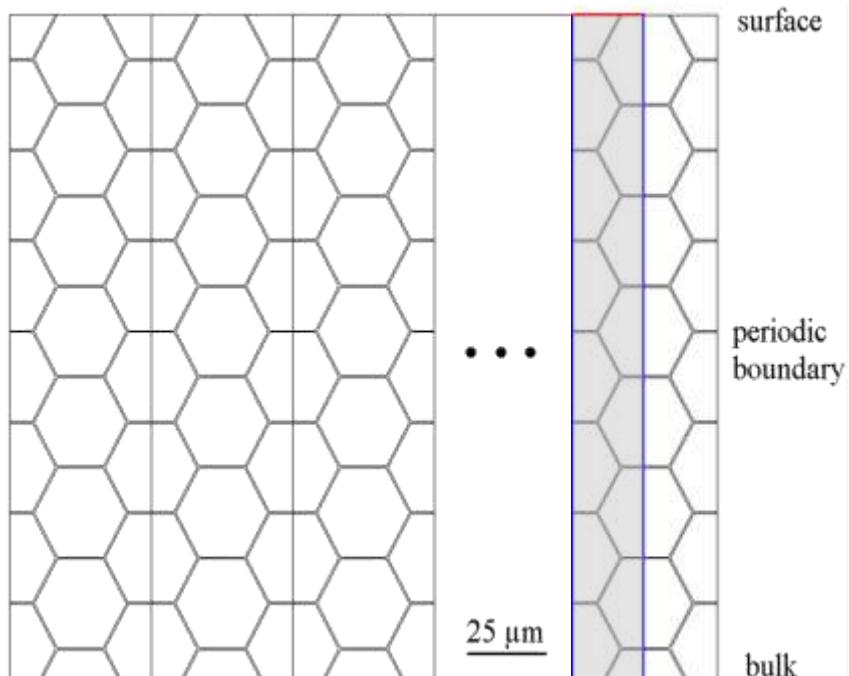
Fig. 1 Internal oxidation and nitridation attack of a failed natural gas burner tube of alloy 601 operated at  $T = 1100^\circ\text{C}$

which AlN instead of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is the thermodynamically most stable compound.\*

Even in the case of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -scale-forming Ni-base super-

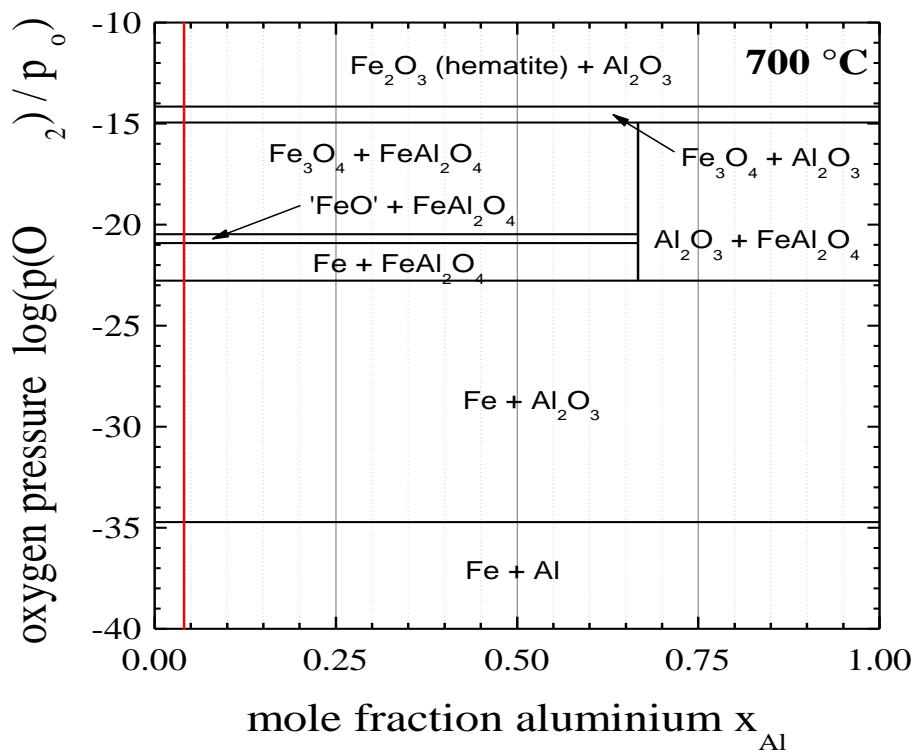
## element migration

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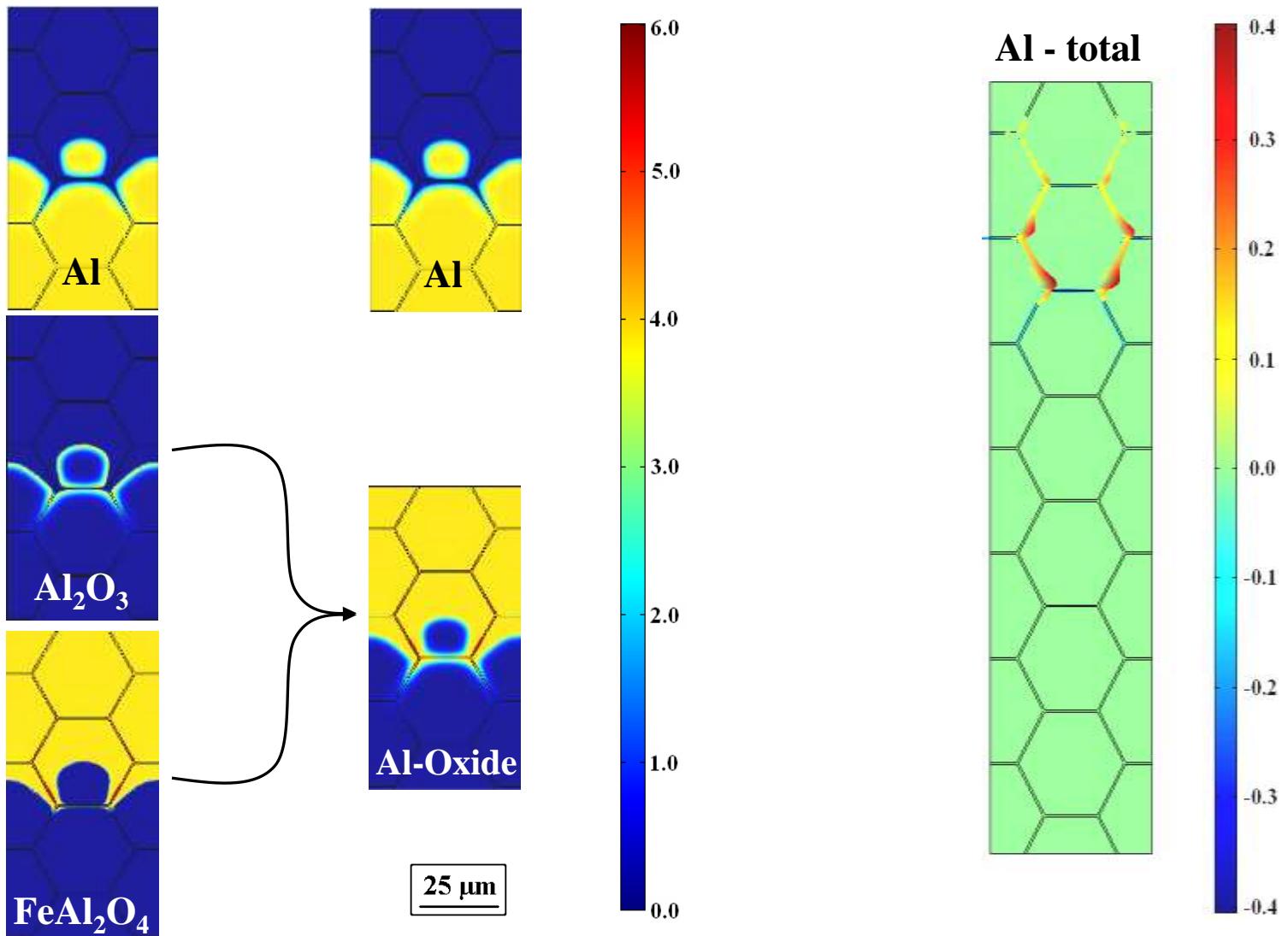


## chemical reaction

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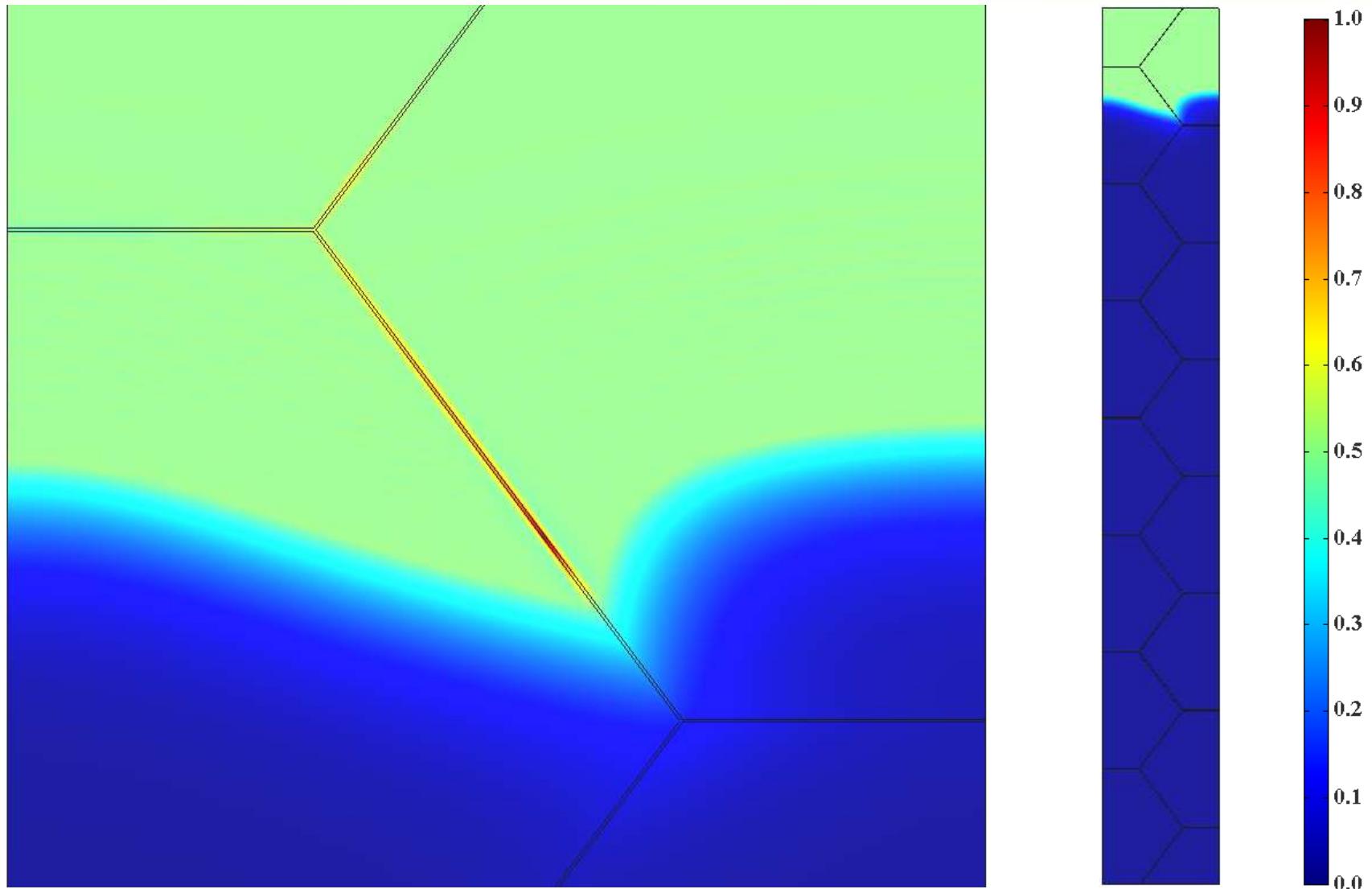


# Data Handling



**Figure:** Spatial phase distributions of Fe, 2 wt-% Al (4.05 mol-% Al) after oxidation at  $p(\text{O}_2) = 10^{-22}$  bar for 60 min at 700 °C.

# Detail of a Grain Boundary



**Figure:** Spatial distribution of chromium oxides  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$  along a grain boundary in Fe, 3 wt-% Cr after finished cooling from 650 °C.

# Diffusion between different Phases



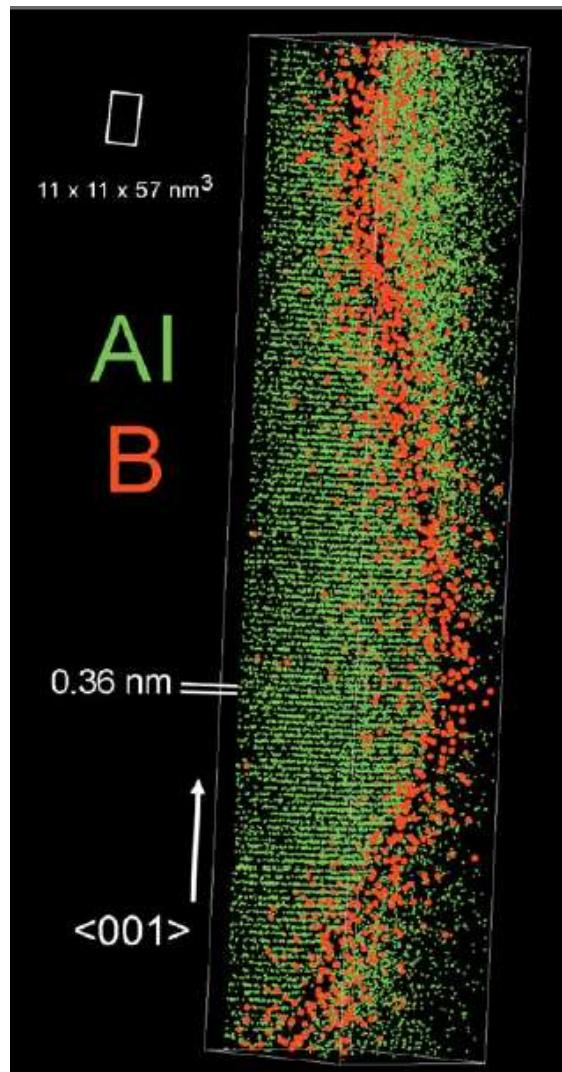
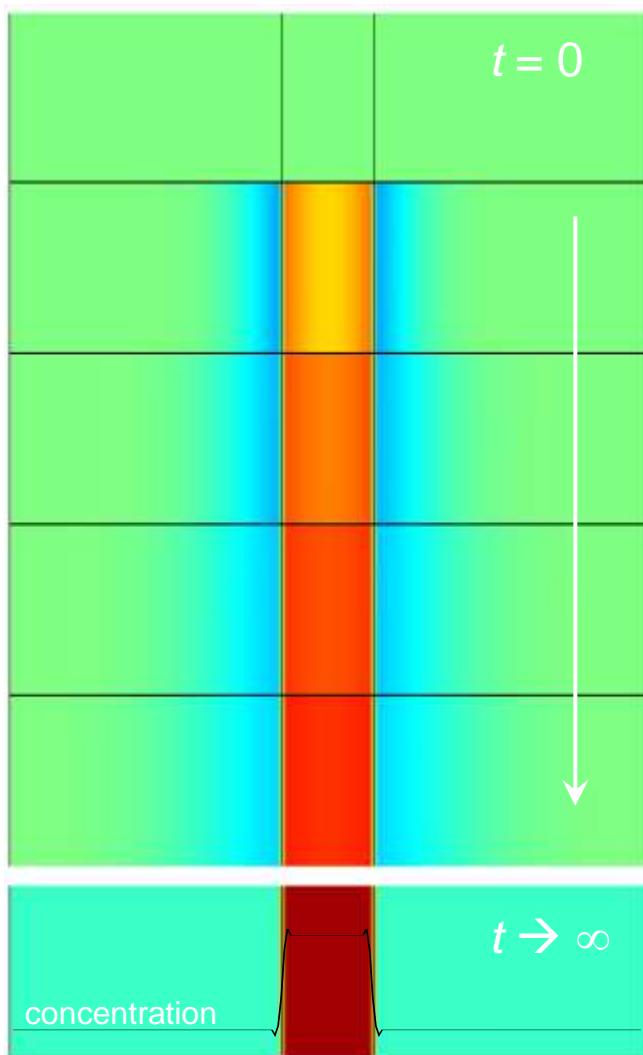
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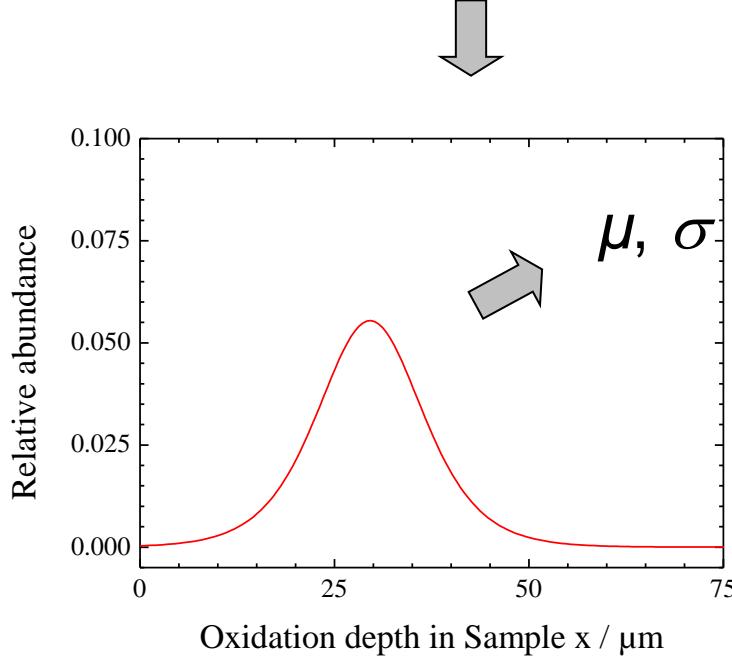
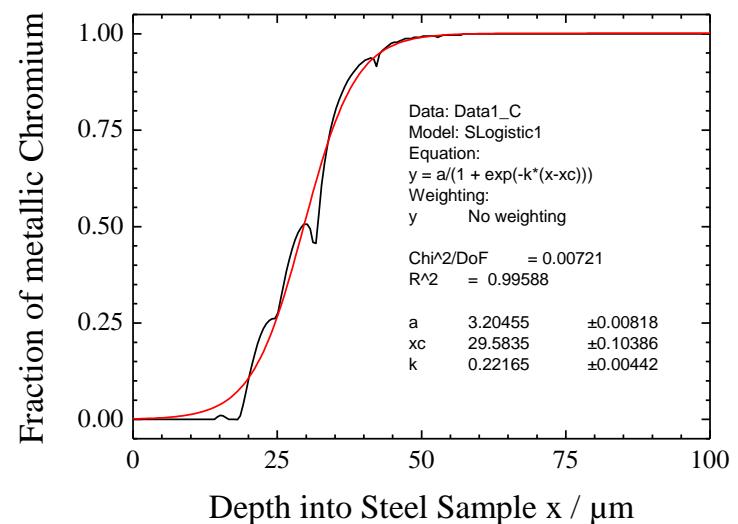
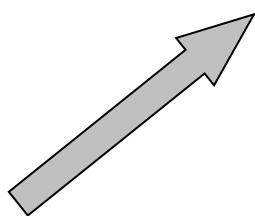
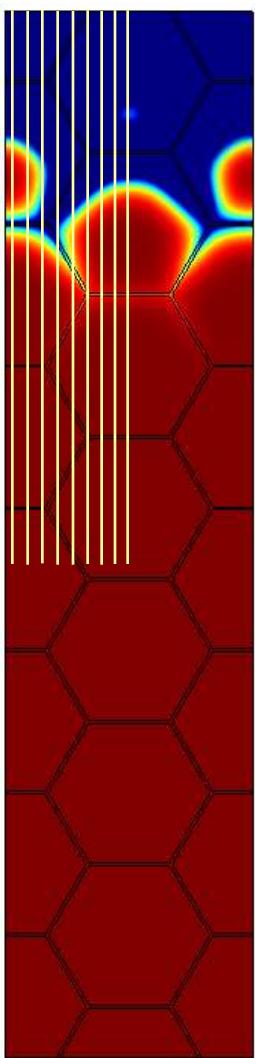
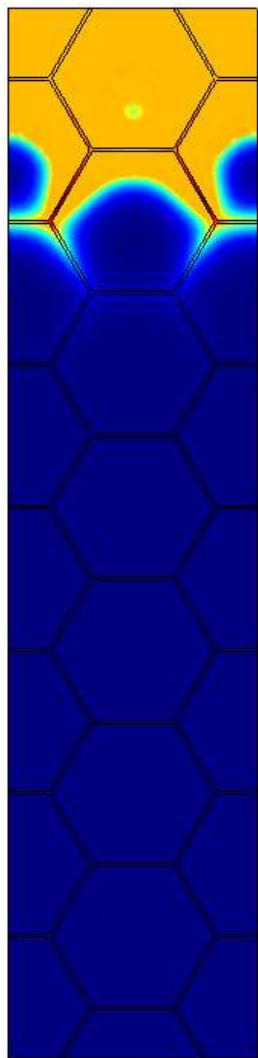
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# Modelling Segregation

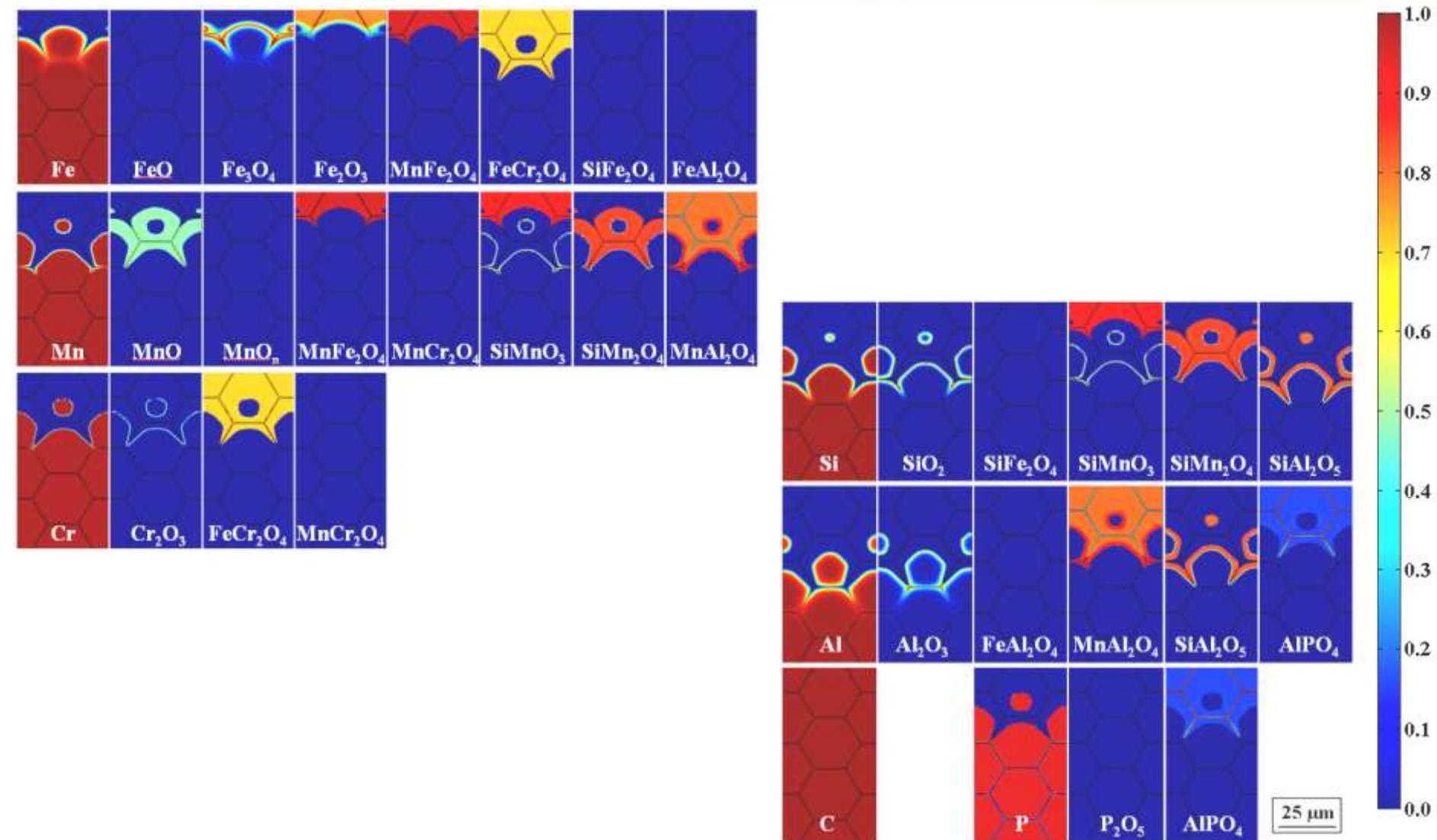


**Figure:** Numerical simulation of segregation (left) and 3D atom probe tomography of segregated boron atoms along the grain boundary in a NiAl superalloy [1] (right).

# Calculation of the Oxidation Depth



# Multikomponentensysteme

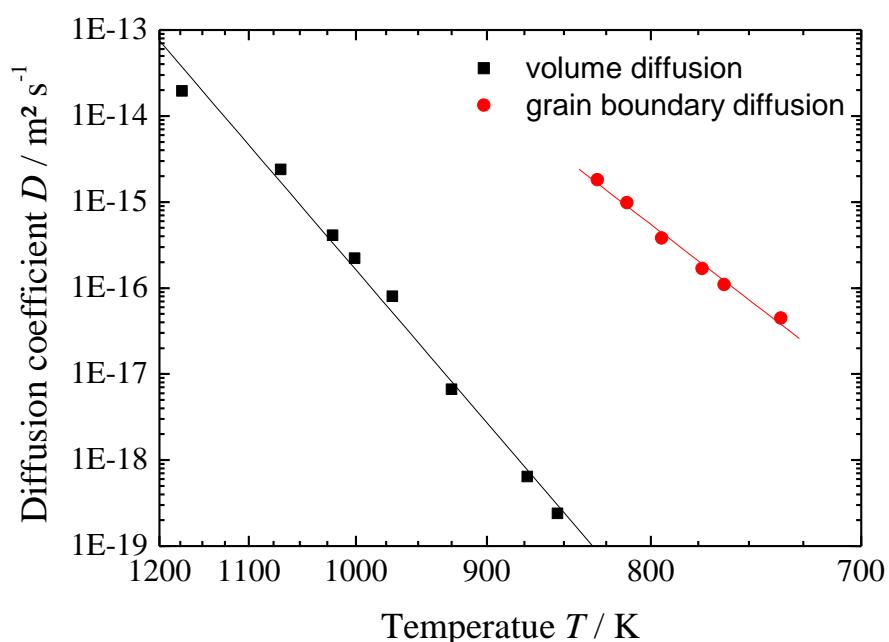


**Abbildung:** Phasenverteilung einer industrienahen Legierungszusammensetzung nach erfolgter Oxidation bei  $p(O_2) = 10^{-22}$  bar und einer technischen Abkühlkurve.

# Temperature Dependence

$$\frac{dc_{i(x,t)}}{dt} = \operatorname{div}\left(D_{i(x,T)} \cdot \nabla c_{i(x,t)}\right) + f_{(x,T,c_i(x,t))}$$

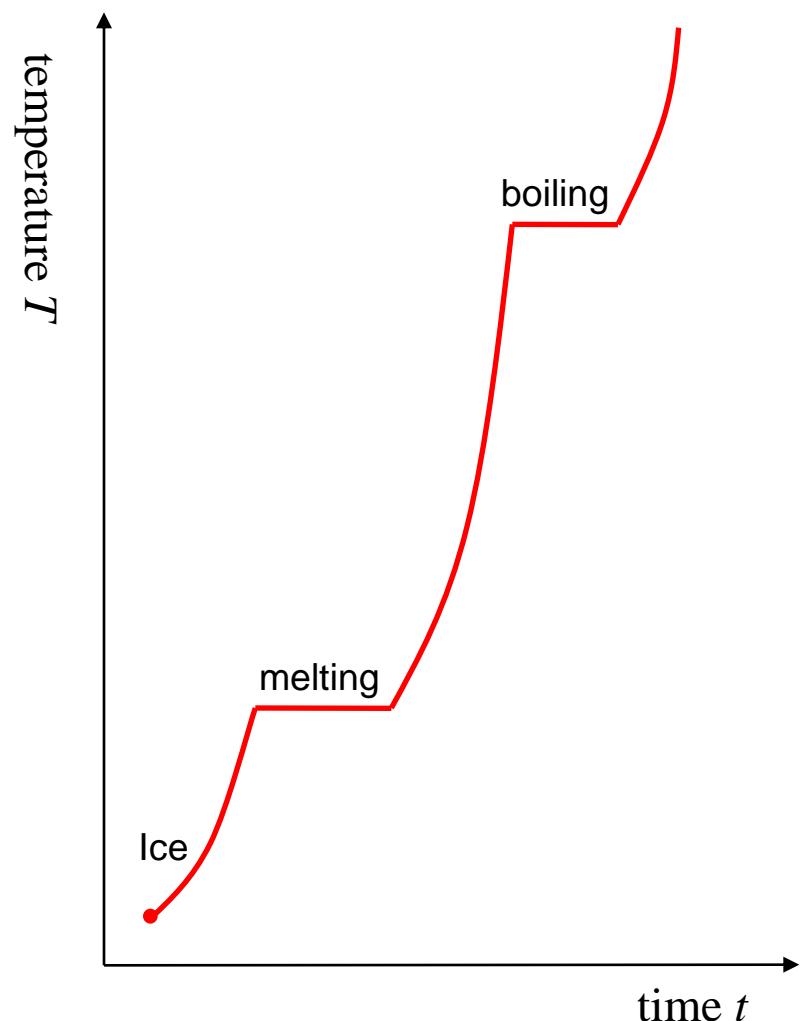
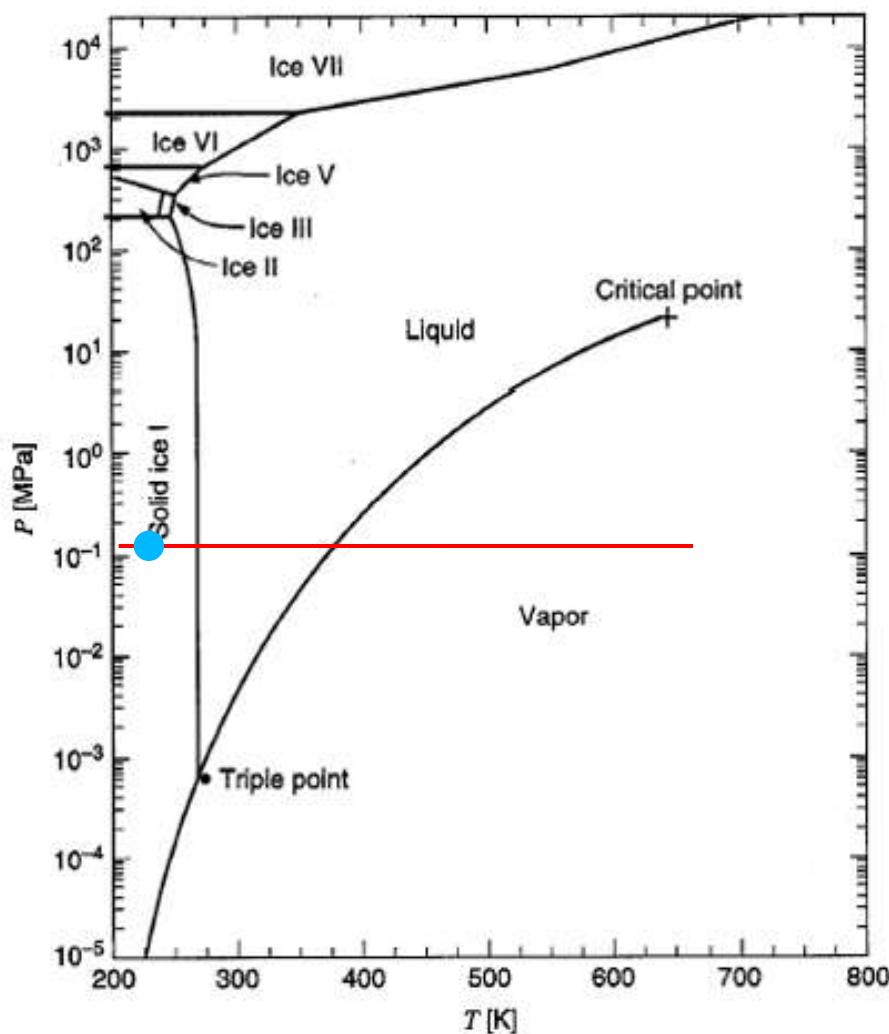
Diffusion equation



$$D_i(T) = D_i^o e^{-\frac{Q}{RT}}$$

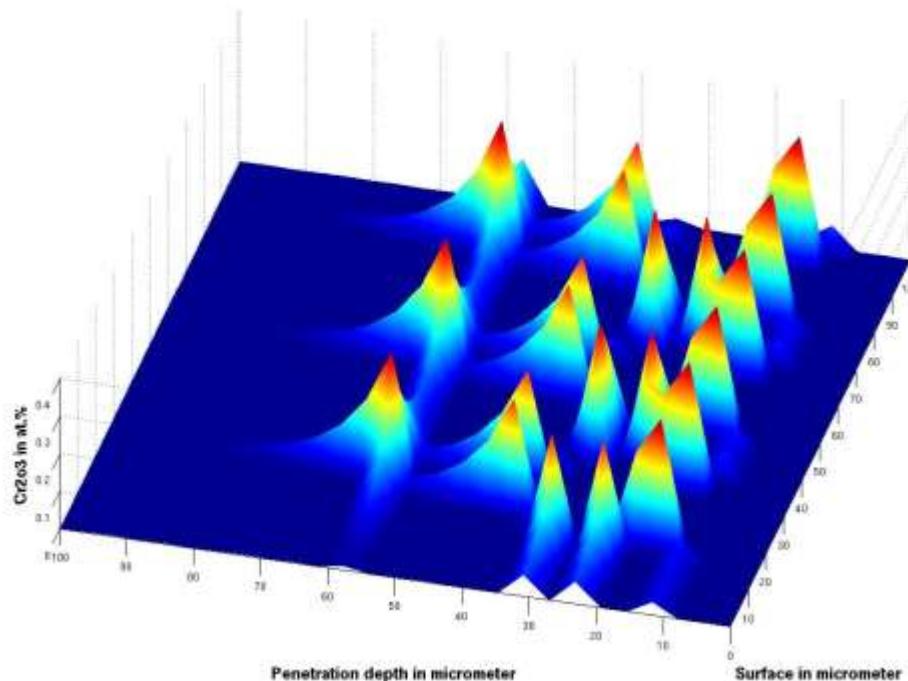
**Figure:** Temperature dependence of phosphorous diffusion in iron.

# Thermodynamic Principles

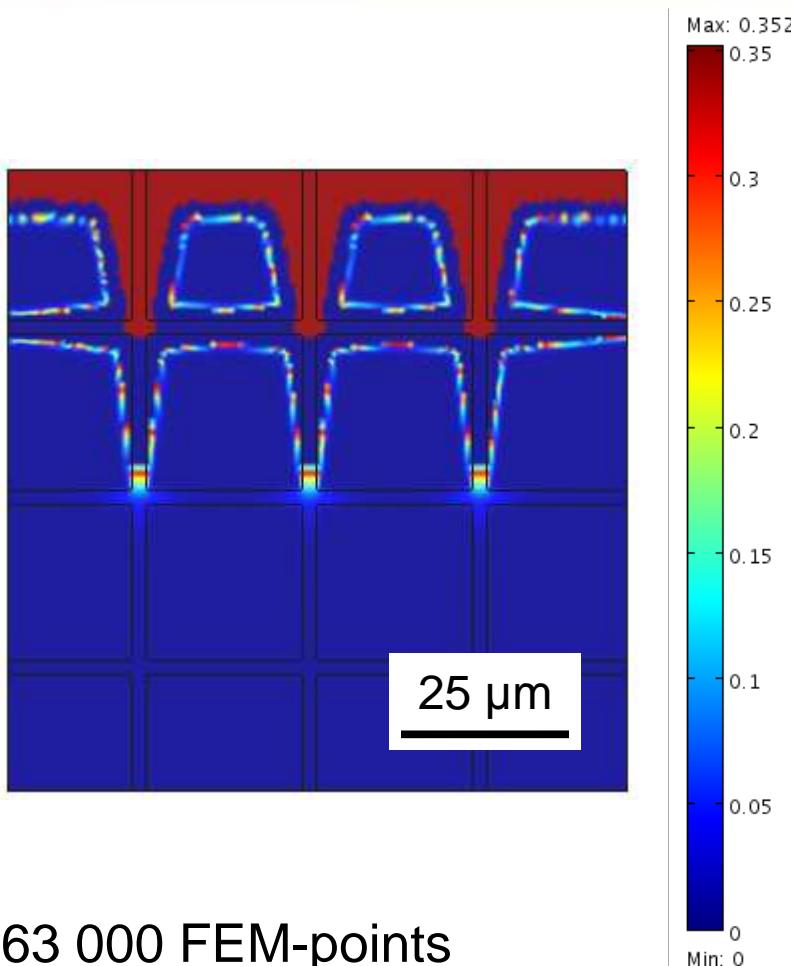


**Figure:** State diagram of water [2] (left) and schematic temperature evolution with constant heating (right).

# Efficiency of the Calculation



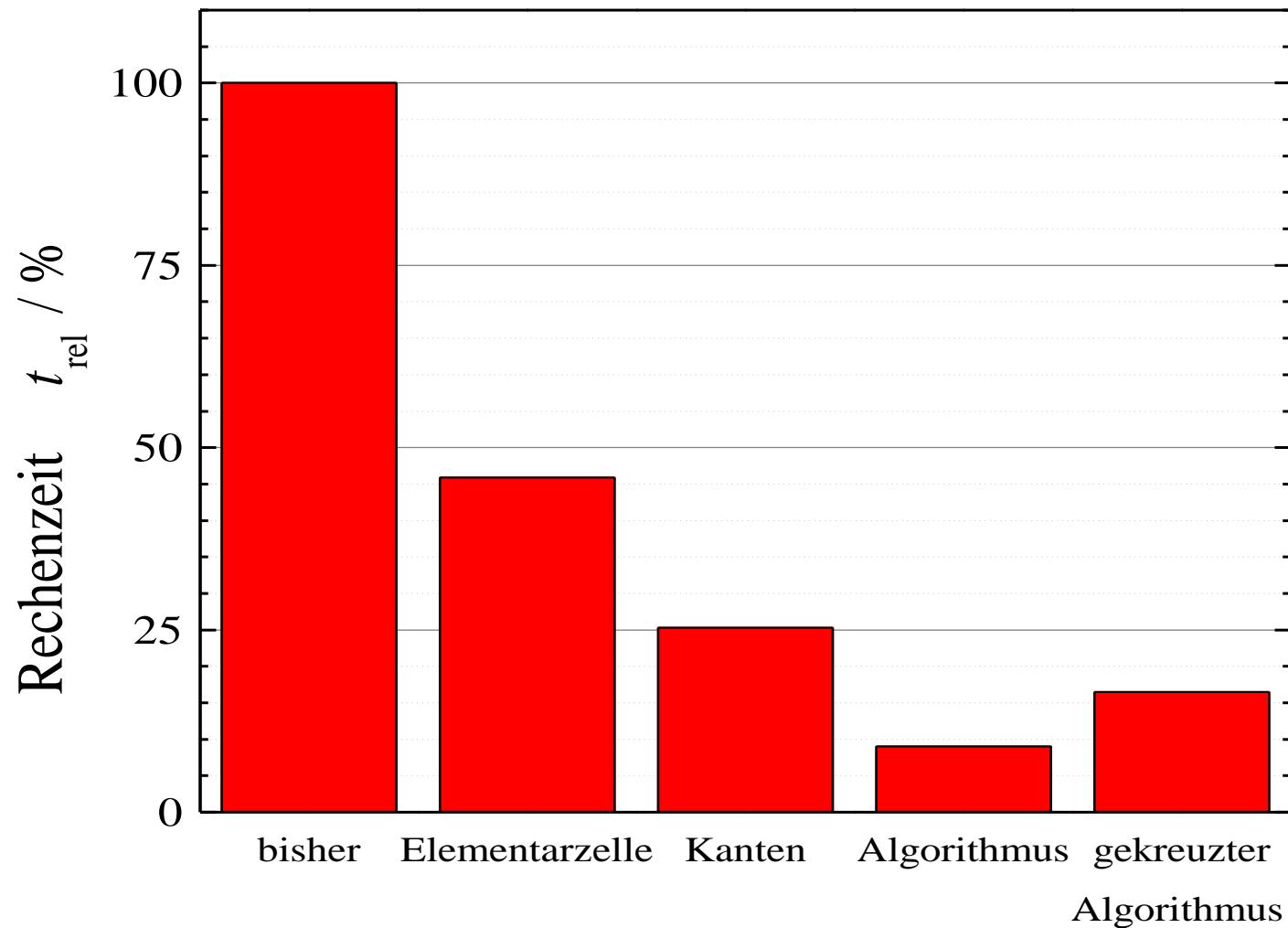
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Calculation time: 90 min



63 000 FEM-points  
Calculation time: 120 min

**Figure:** Distribution of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  in Fe, 0.67 wt-% Cr at 700 °C after 90 min. Simulation with InCorr (left) and with self-written programme (right).

# Berechnungsaufwand



**Abbildung:** Abhangigkeit der Rechenzeit zur Simulation des Oxidationsverhaltens von Fe, 3 wt-% Cr bei verwendetem Kuhlprogramm ab 650 °C (B).

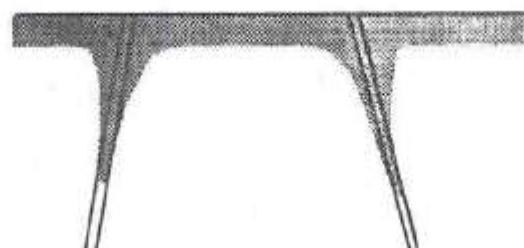
# Grain Boundary Diffusion Regimes



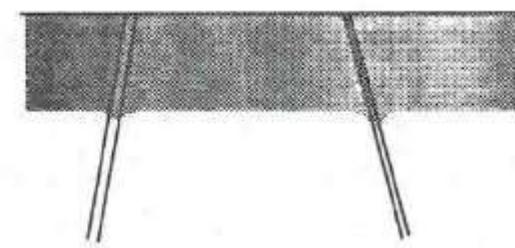
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C – regime

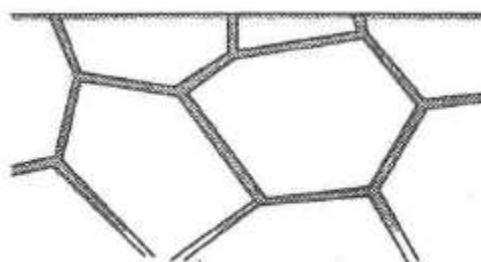


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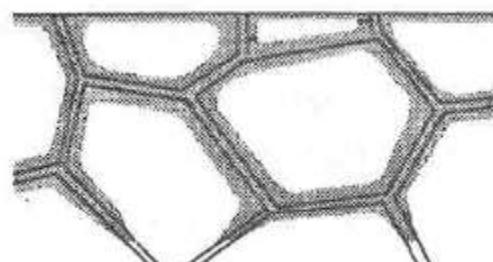


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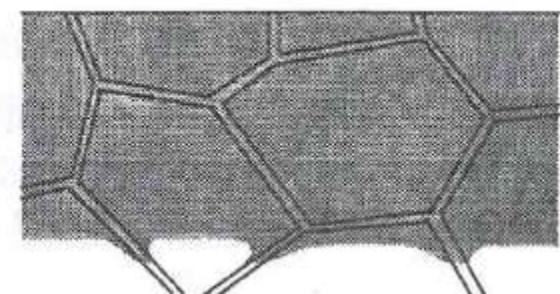
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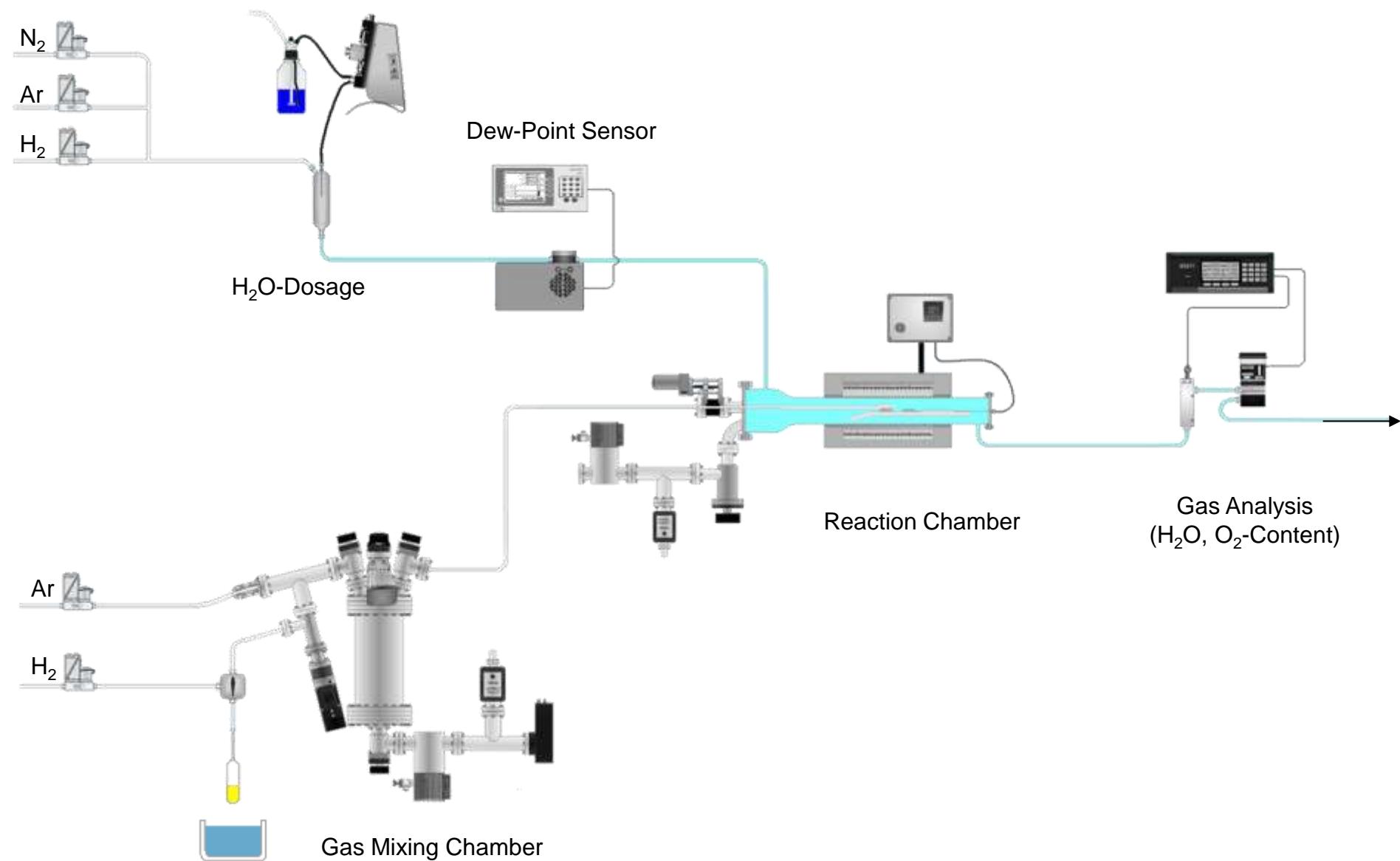
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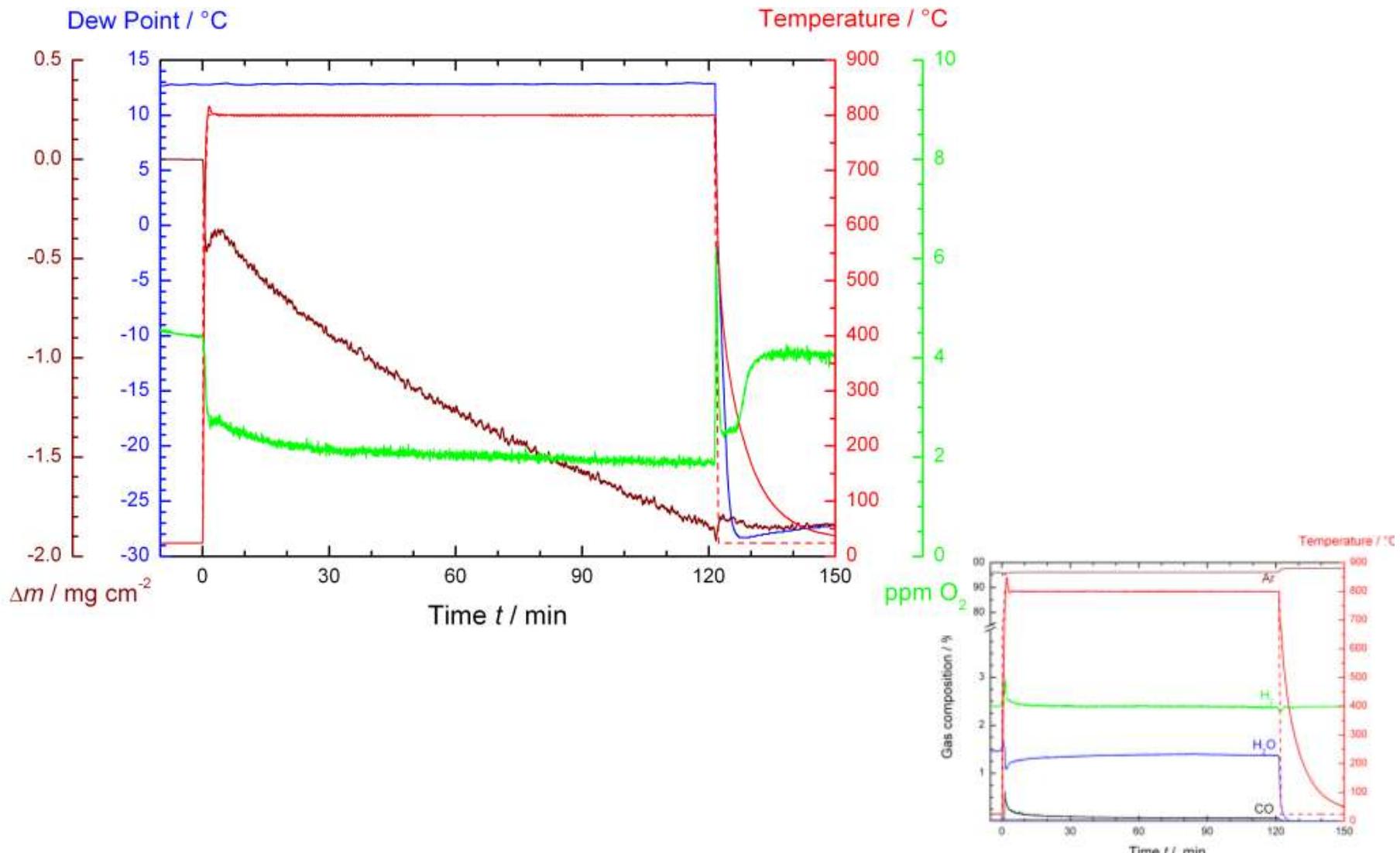
**Figure:** Illustration of different diffusion regimes, depending on total diffusion time and ratio of  $D_{GB}/D$ .

# Experimental Set-up





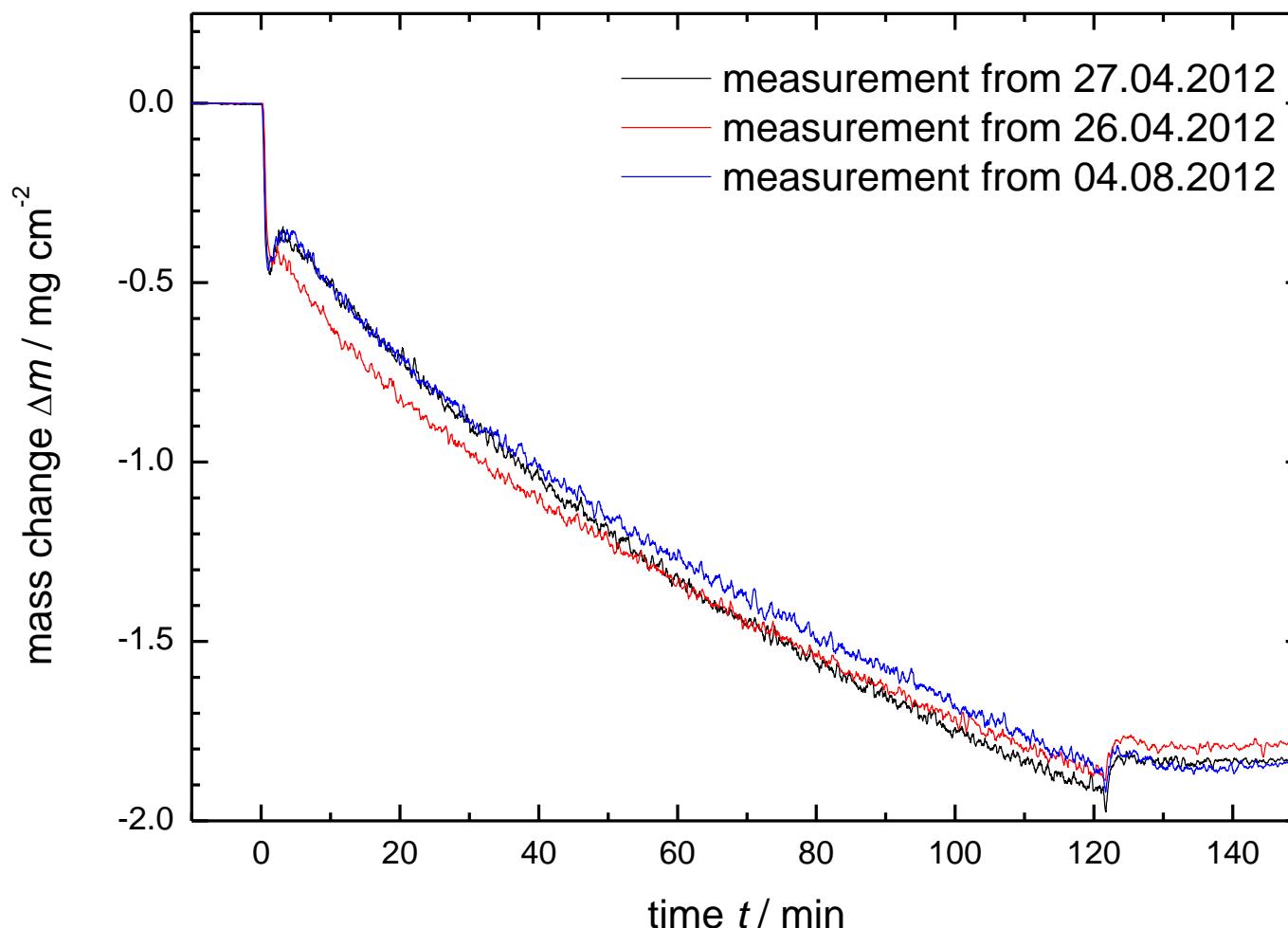
# Selective Decarburisation at 800 °C



**Figure:** Experimental parameters during selective decarburisation of Fe, 0.8 wt-% C at 800°C in Ar / 2.5 vol-% H<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>O.

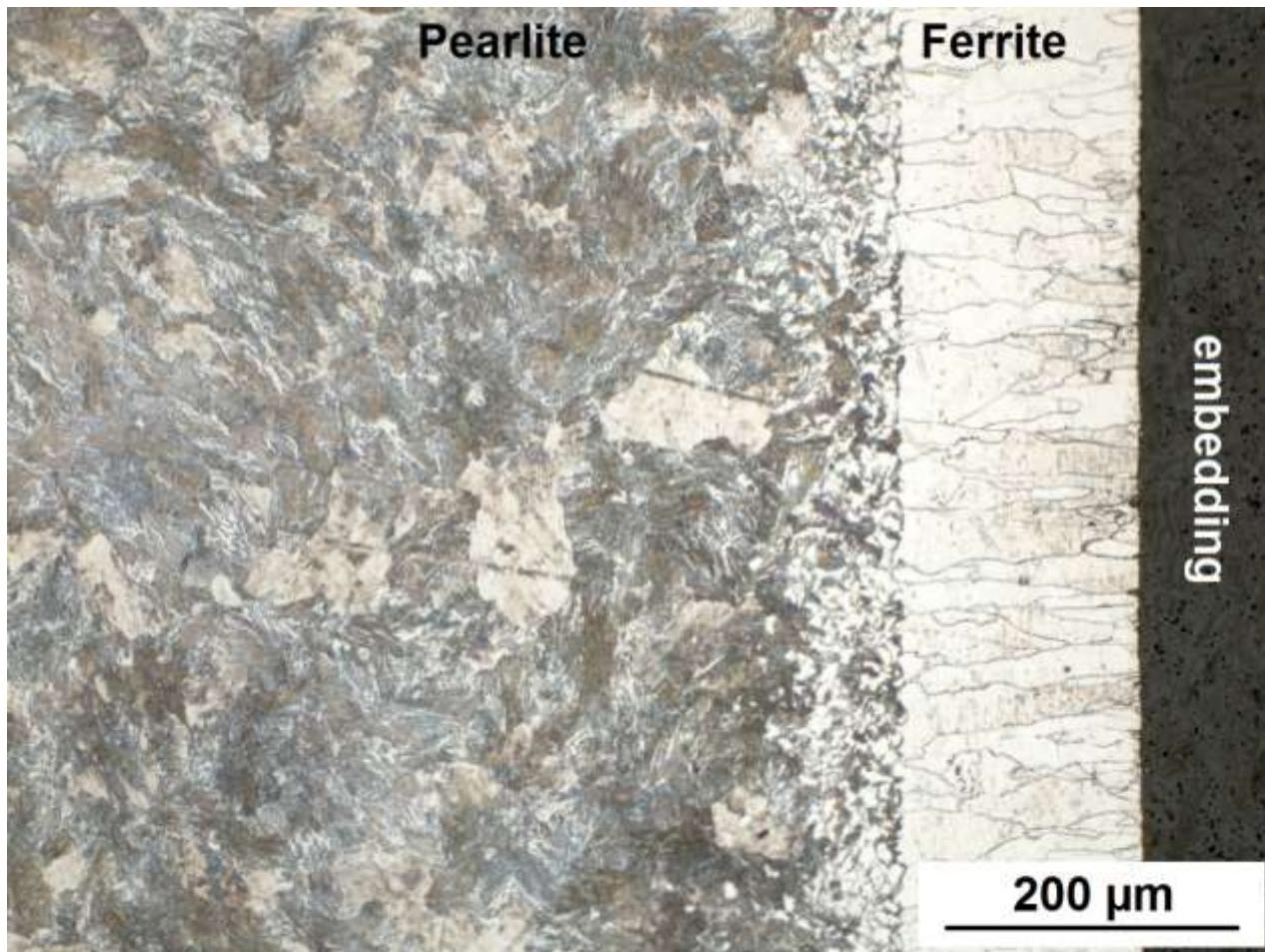
# Selective Decarburisation at 800 °C

Fe, 0.8 wt-%C, 800 °C, Ar/2.5% H<sub>2</sub>, DP+13°C



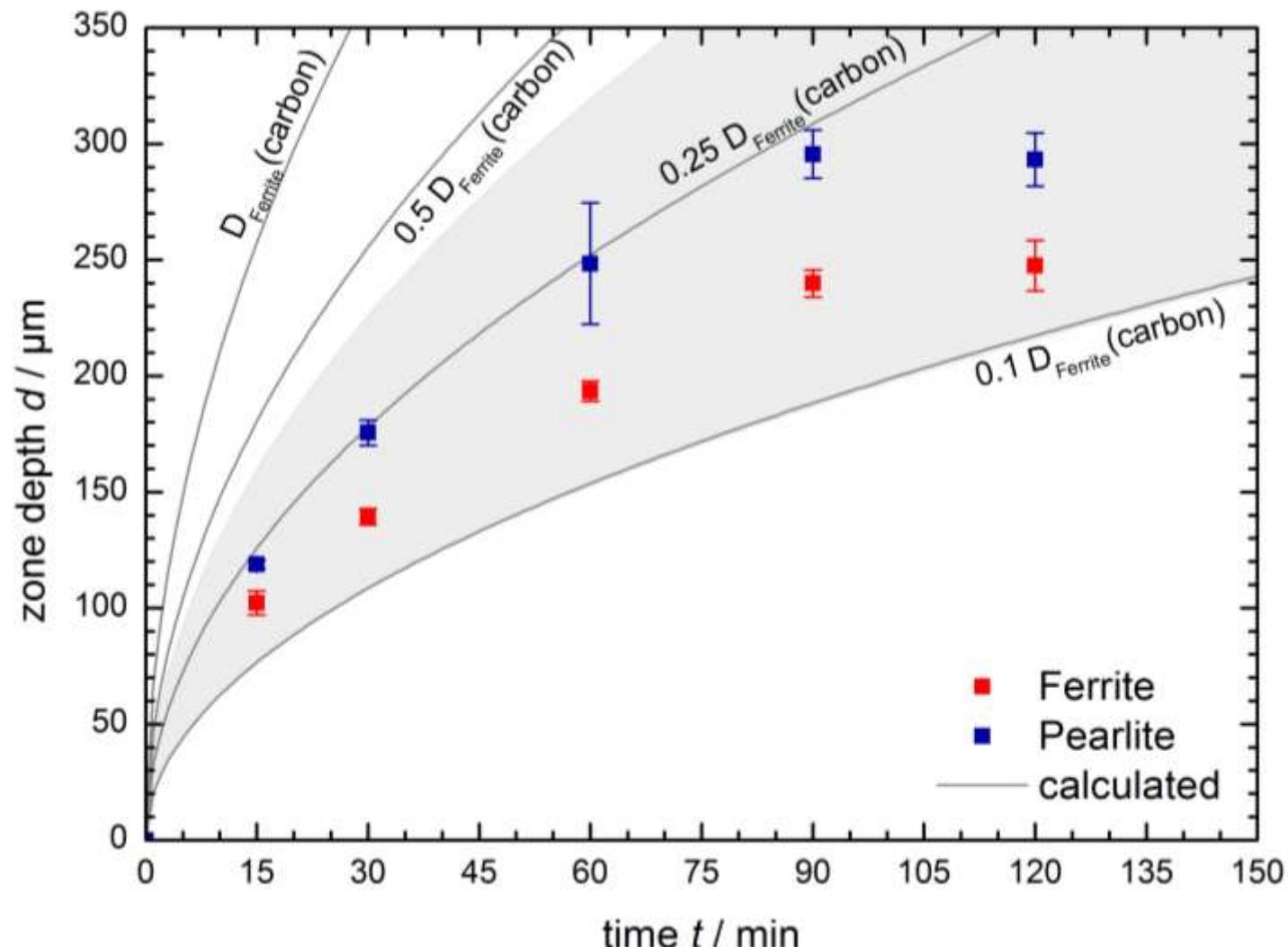
**Figure:** Mass change during selective decarburisation of Fe, 0.8 wt-% C at 800°C in Ar / 2.5 vol-% H<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>O.

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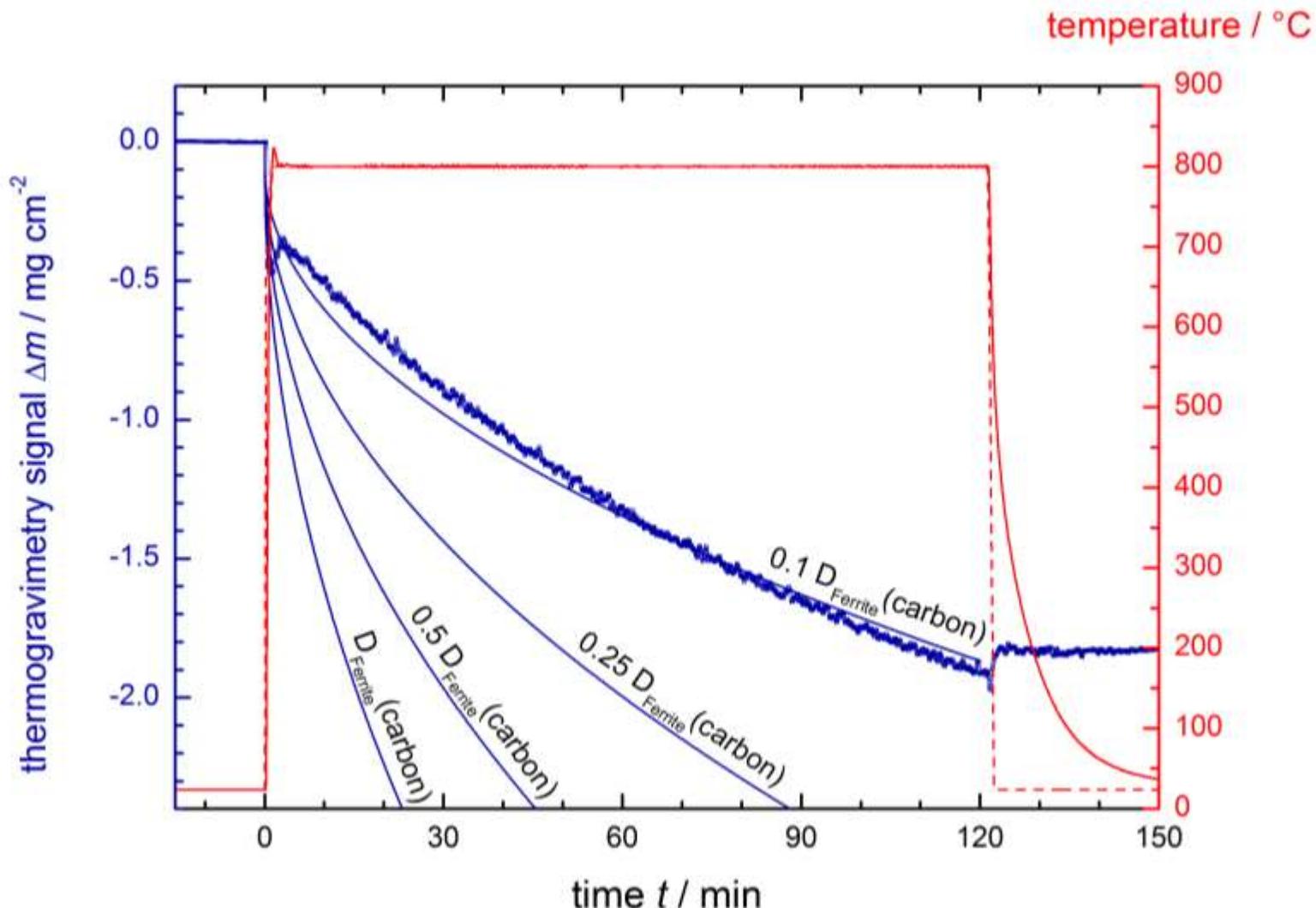
**Figure:** Cross section of Fe, 0.8 wt-% C after oxidation at 800 °C in Ar / 2.5 % H<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>O for 60 min. The cross section was etched with 1 % HNO<sub>3</sub> / Ethanol for 15 s.

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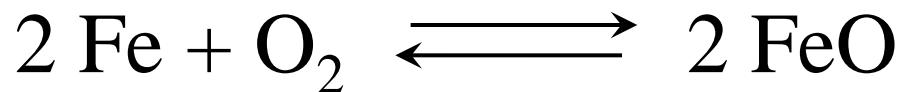


**Figure:** Evolution of the decarburised zone depth in Fe, 0.8 wt-% C after oxidation at 800 °C in Ar / 2.5 % H<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>O. The solid lines represent theoretical results.

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$$\Delta G_{(T)}^{\text{Formation}} \approx 2 \mu_{(T)}^{\text{FeO}} - 2 \mu_{(T)}^{\text{Fe}} - \mu_{(T)}^{\text{O}_2} = 0$$

$$0 = 2 G_{(T)}^{o, \text{FeO}} + 2 RT \ln(a_{\text{FeO}}) - 2 G_{(T)}^{o, \text{Fe}} - 2 RT \ln(a_{\text{Fe}}) - G_{(T)}^{o, \text{O}_2} - RT \ln\left(\frac{p_{\text{O}_2}}{p_o}\right)$$

$$\Delta G_{(T)}^{o, \text{Formation}} = 2 G_{(T)}^{o, \text{FeO}} - 2 G_{(T)}^{o, \text{Fe}} - G_{(T)}^{o, \text{O}_2} = -RT \ln\left(\frac{p_{\text{O}_2}}{p_o}\right) + 2(RT \ln(a_{\text{FeO}}) - RT \ln(a_{\text{Fe}}))$$

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# Properties of Nitrogen

## Nitride Stability

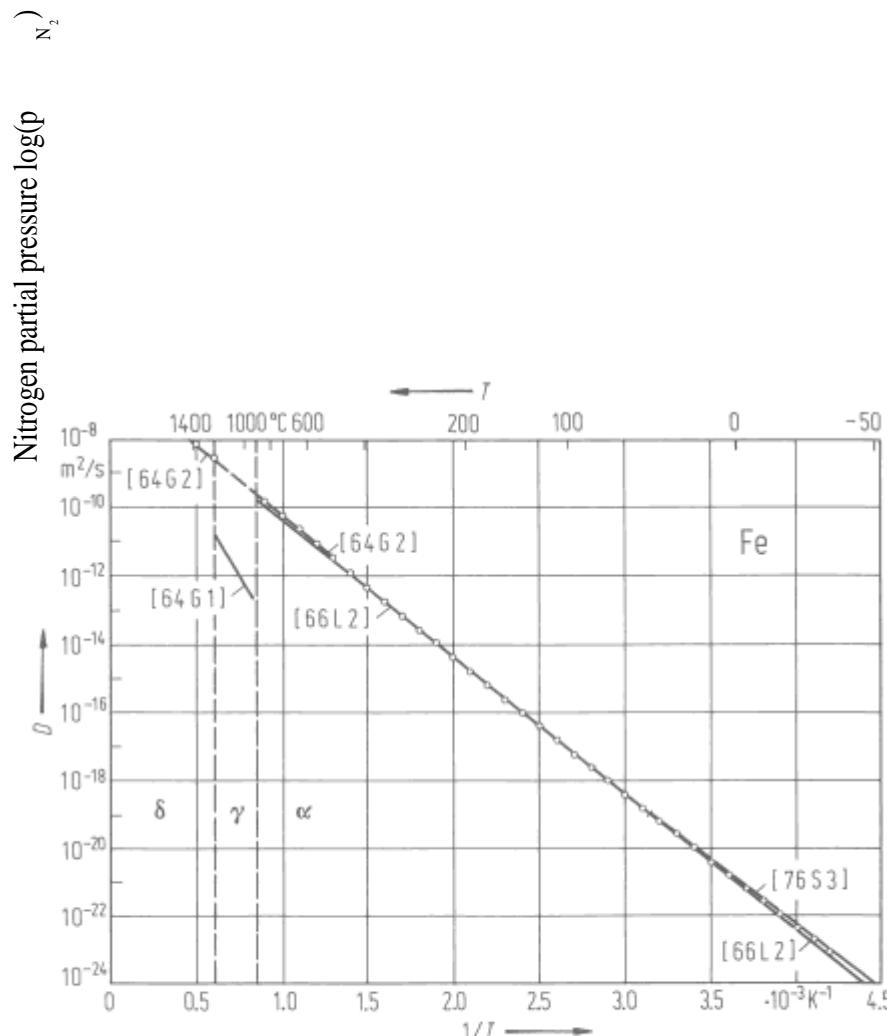
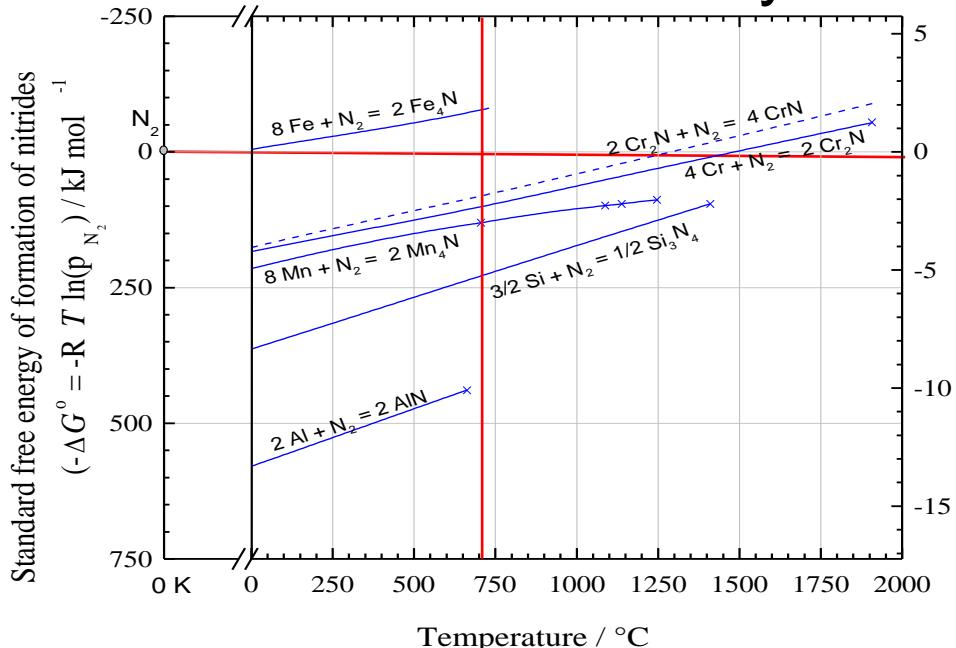
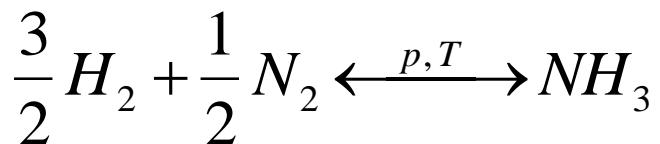


Fig. 22. Fe. Diffusion coefficient for N diffusion in  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ -phase Fe vs. (reciprocal) temperature. Circles: calculated from equation quoted from [76S3].

# Theoretical Principles



$$G_{(T)}^{NH_3} - \frac{3}{2}G_{(T)}^{H_2} - \frac{1}{2}G_{(T)}^{N_2} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

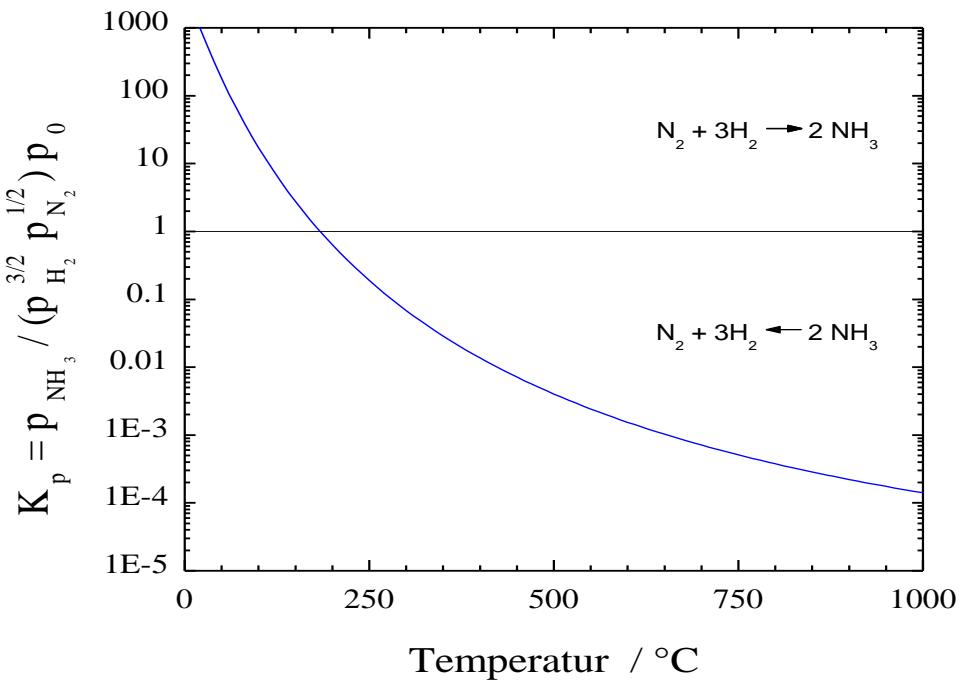
$$K_{p(T)} = e^{\frac{G_{NH_3,(T)}^o - \frac{3}{2}G_{H_2,(T)}^o - \frac{1}{2}G_{N_2,(T)}^o}{RT}}$$

$$K_{p(T)} = \frac{p_{NH_3}}{p_{H_2}^{1.5} p_{N_2}^{0.5}} p_0$$

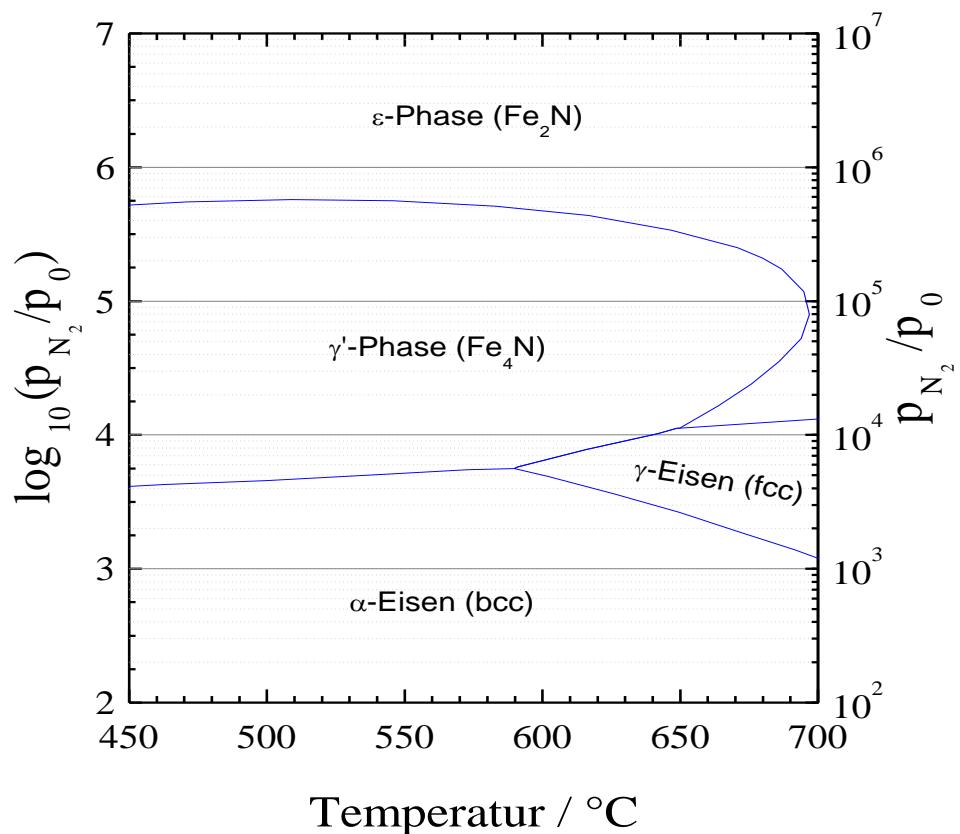
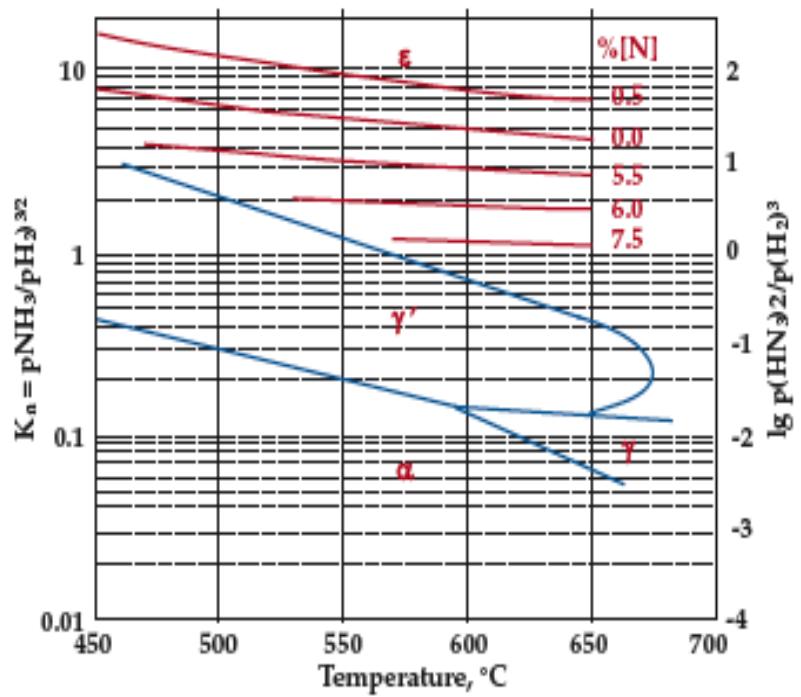
$$K_N \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{p_{NH_3}}{p_{H_2}^{1.5}} \sqrt{p_0}$$

$$K_N = \sqrt{p_{N_2}} \frac{K_{p(T)}}{\sqrt{p_0}}$$


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# Theoretical Principles



**Figure:** Lehrer-Diagramm of iron nitrides according to literature (left) and stability diagram calculated with the programme FactSage (right).