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# The fluorine effect for the high temperature oxidation protection of Ti-based alloys – A thermodynamic approach

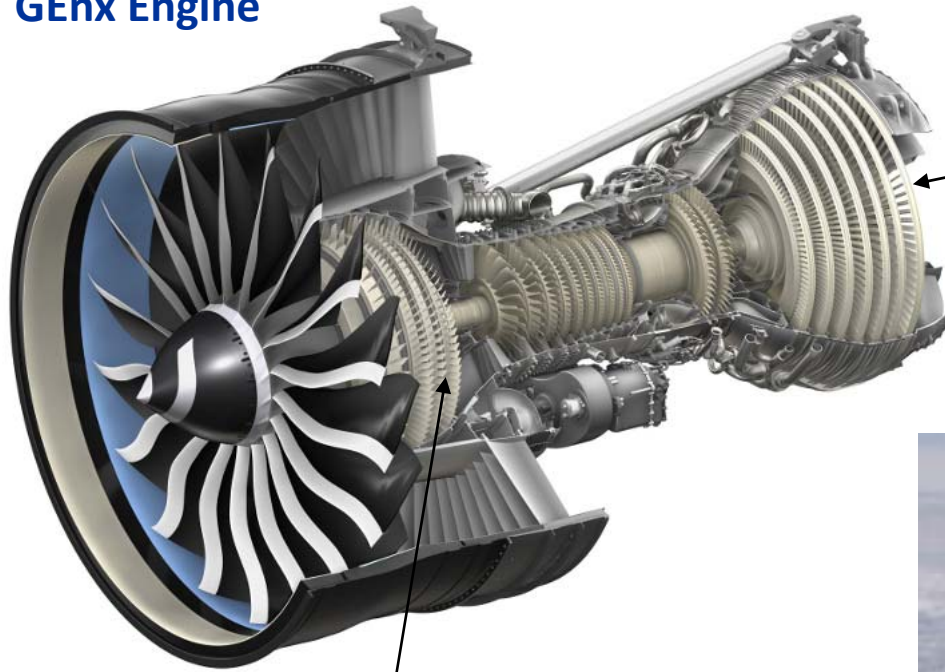
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# Motivation

Use of Ti-based light weight materials to increase the efficiency of e.g. jet engines.

## GENx Engine

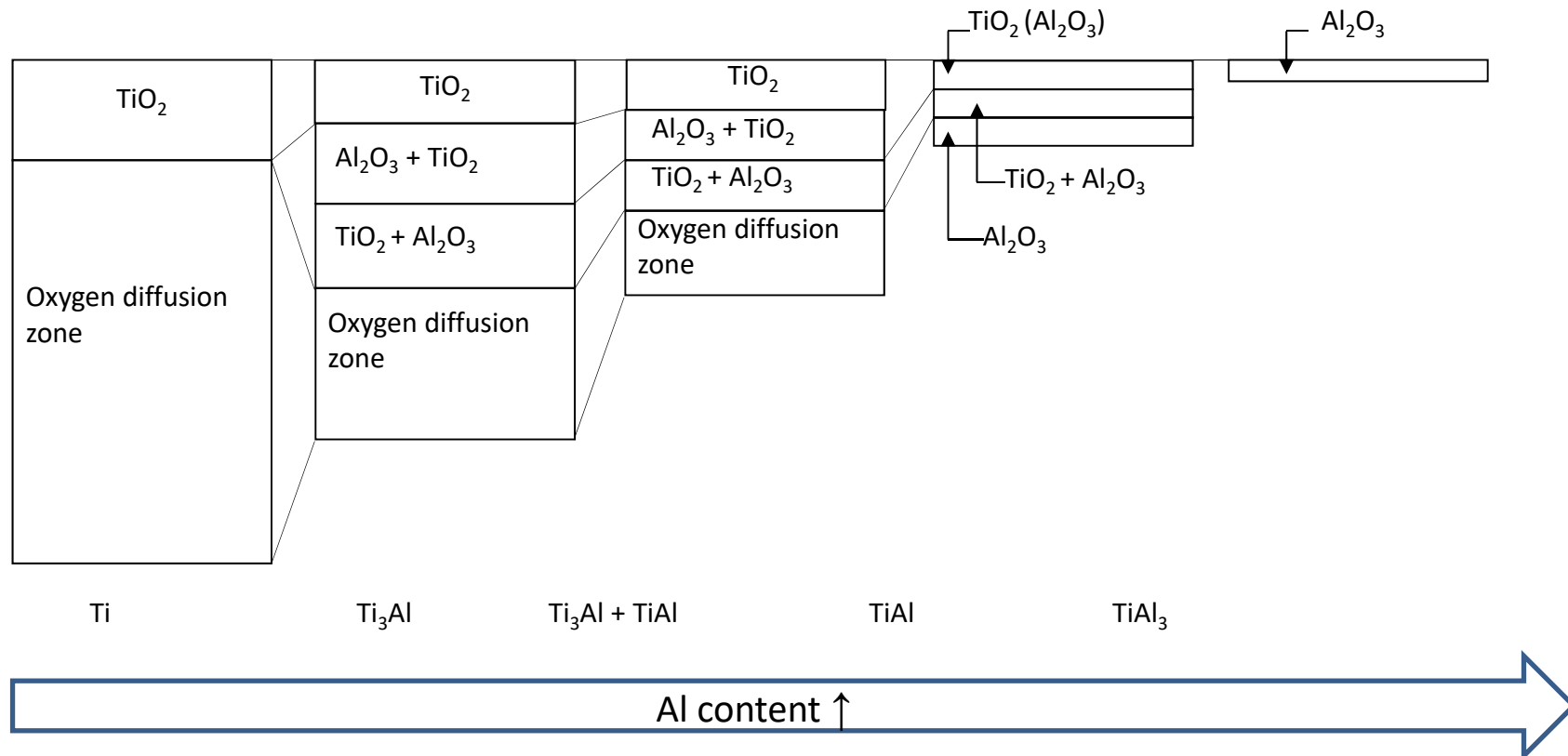


Ti low pressure compressor blades ( $T < 500^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  $\rho$  ca.  $4.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$

TiAl low pressure turbine blades used in the last two stages ( $T < 700^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  $\rho$  ca.  $4 \text{ g/cm}^3$



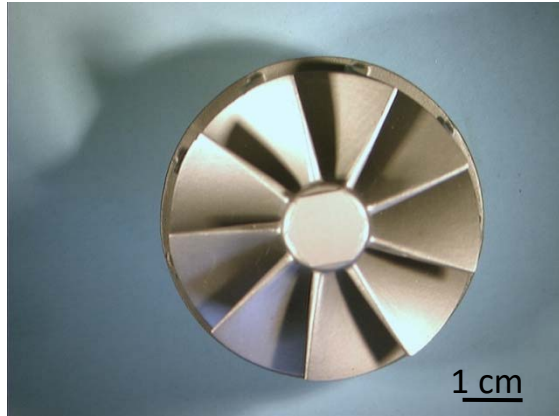
# Oxidation of Ti-Alloys and Titanium Aluminides



Scheme of the oxide layers and the oxygen diffusion zone on titanium and titanium aluminides (J.L. Smialek et al.; Mat. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc. 364(1995)1935)

⇒ **Embrittlement by oxygen inward diffusion, mixed scale non-protective!**

# Destruction of TiAl-Components



Before HT-exposure



After 100h at 1050°C in air



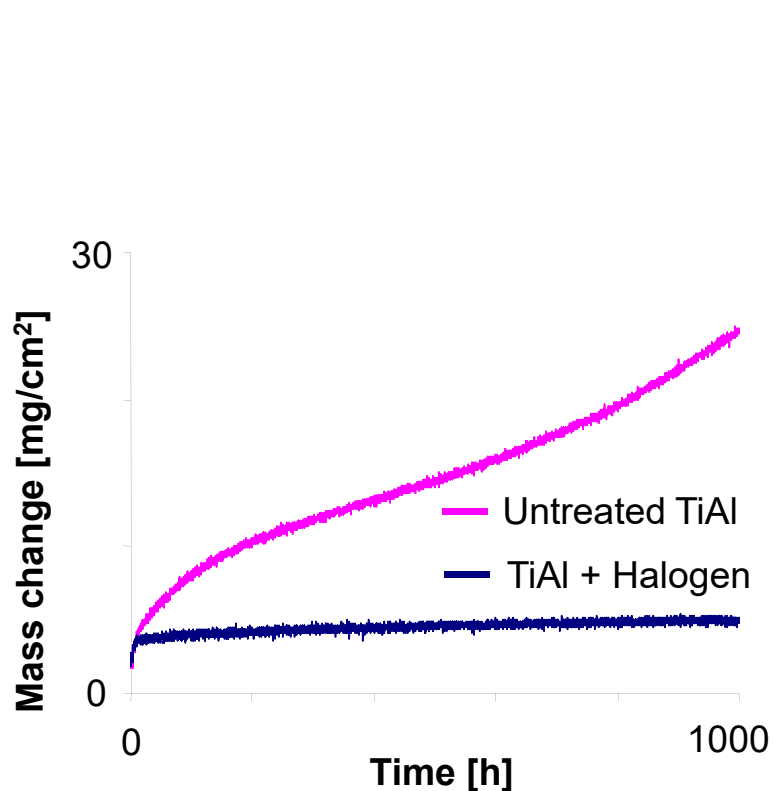
After 1200h at 1050°C in air

**Insufficient high temperature stability**

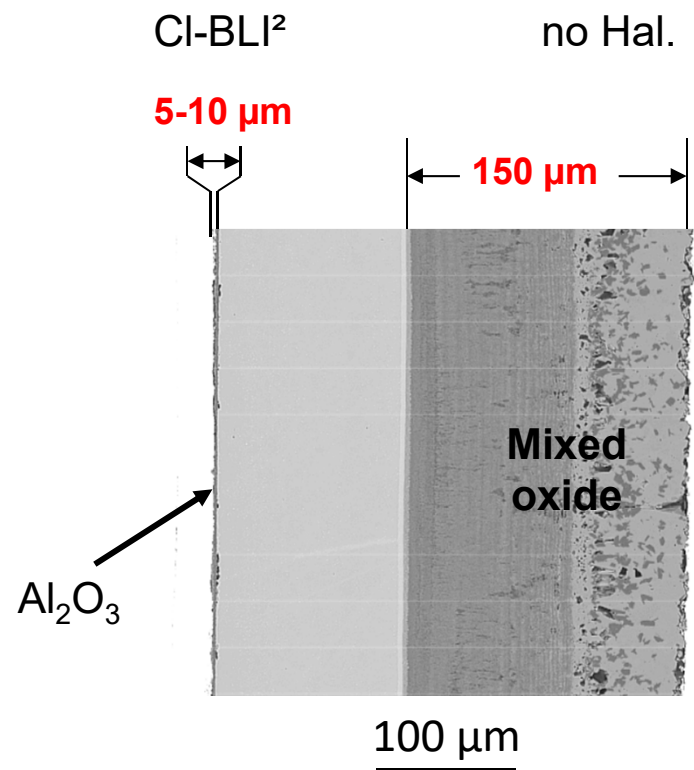
**⇒ Improvement of the oxidation resistance necessary!**

# The Halogen Effect

TiAl, 900°C, 1000 h, air



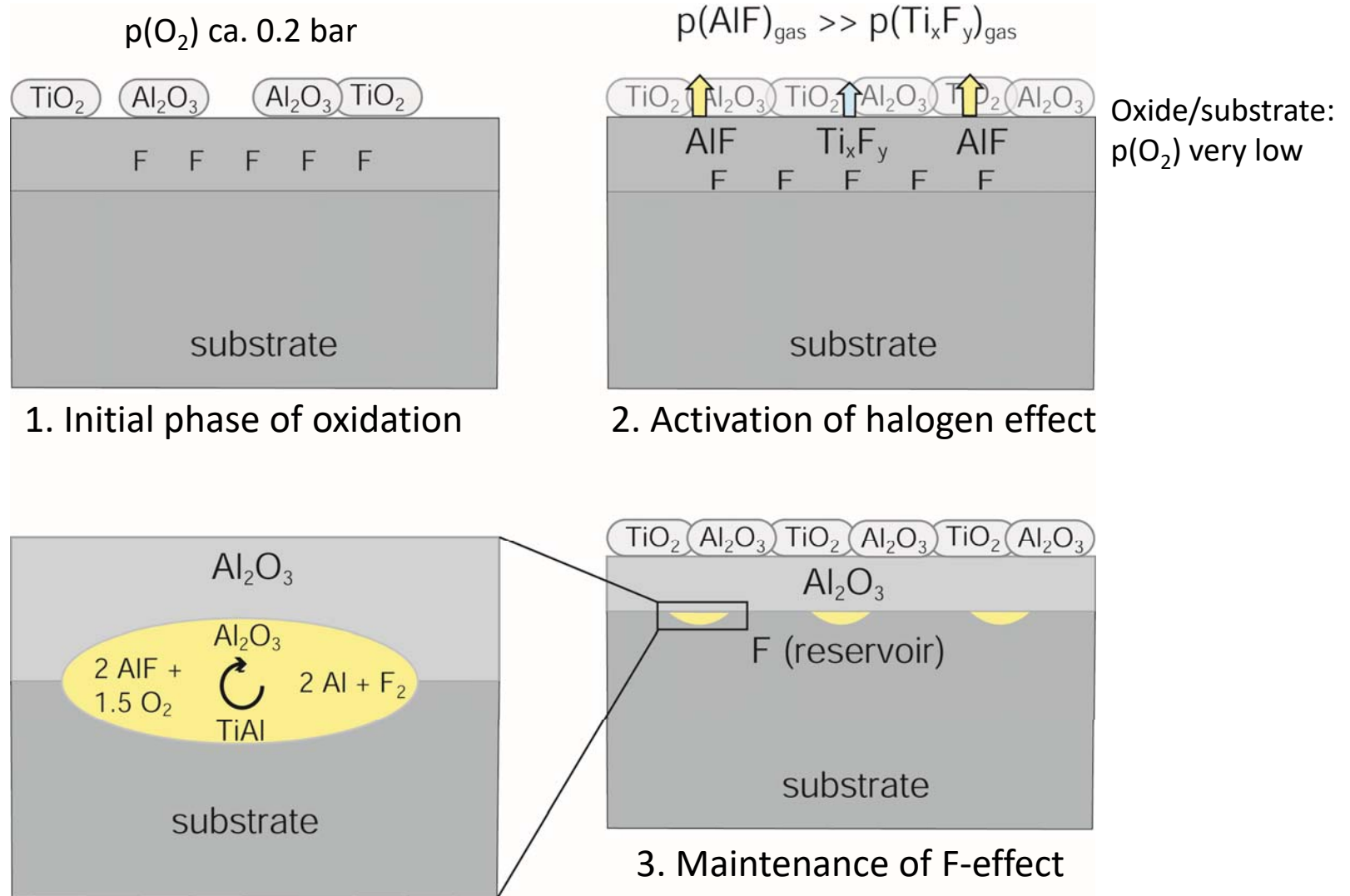
Thermogravimetric data



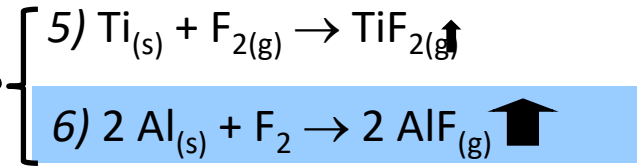
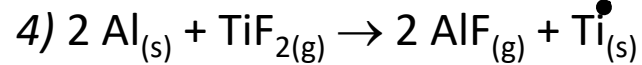
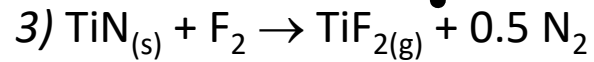
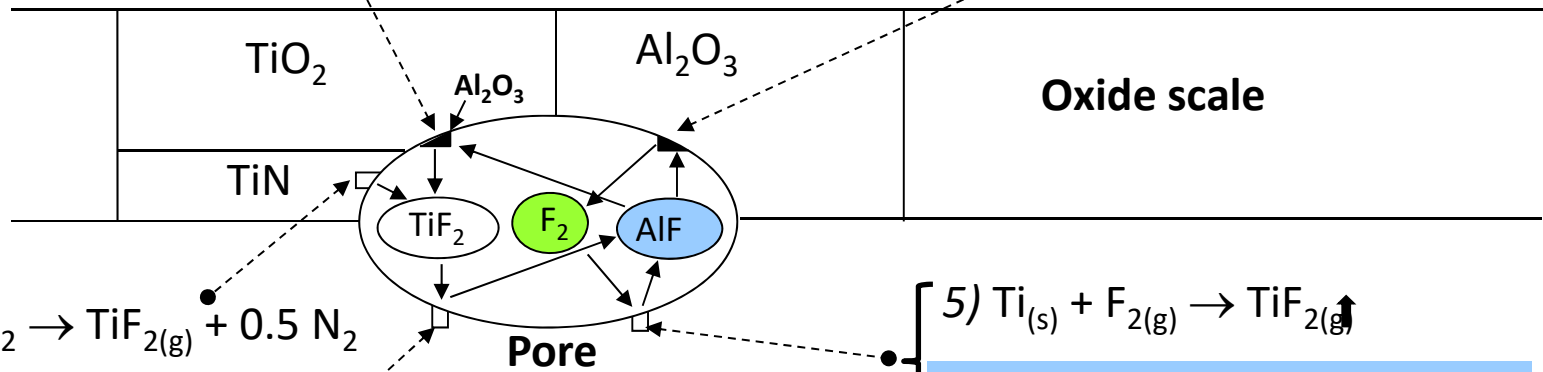
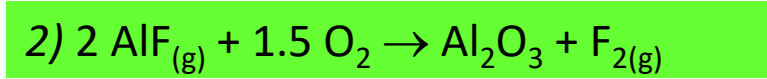
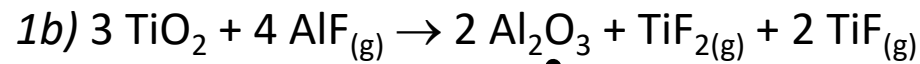
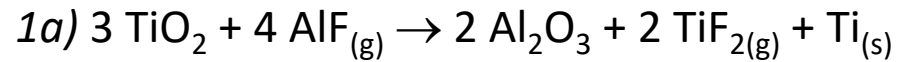
SEM-image of a TiAl-sample implanted on the left side with Cl



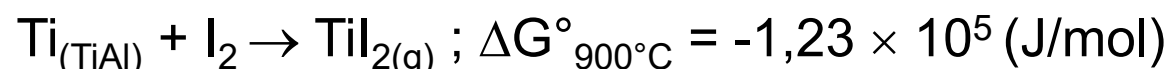
# Mechanism



# Reactions

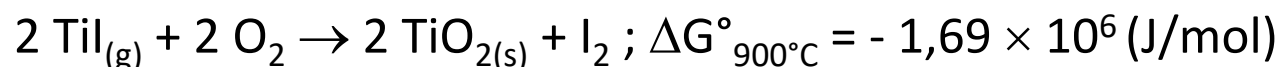
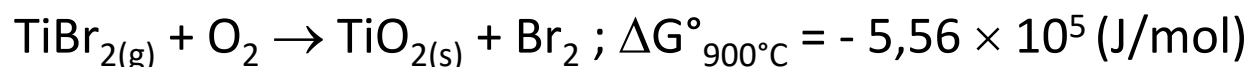
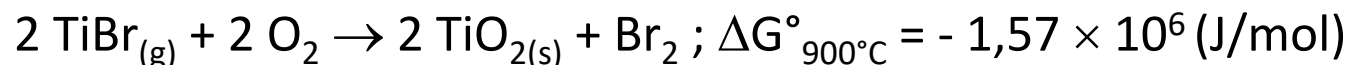
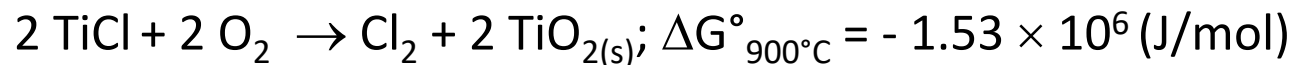
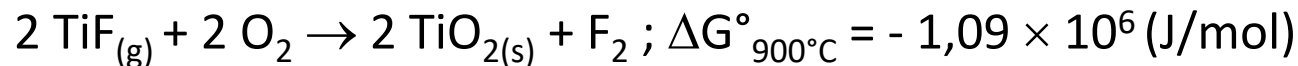
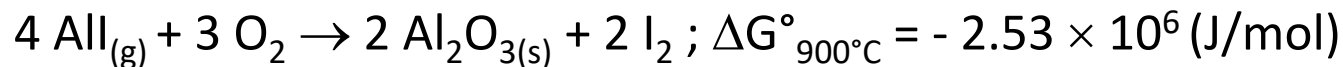
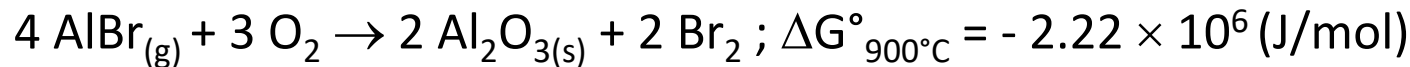
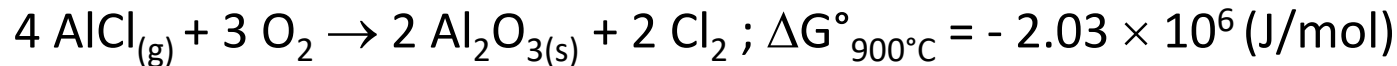
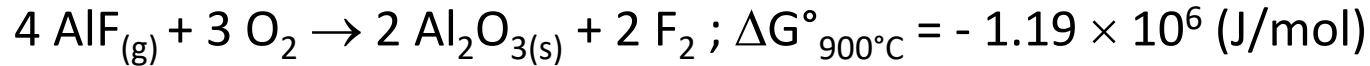


# Reactions of TiAl





# Reactions of MeX (X = F, Cl, Br, I)



# Al-Flux

Necessary amount of Al calculated from the parabolic rate constant

$$(1) \quad J_{\text{Al}}^{\text{ox}} = \frac{1}{48} \left( \frac{k_p}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \frac{\text{mol Al}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec}}$$

$K_p = 5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ g}^2/\text{cm}^4 \cdot \text{sec}$  at  $900^\circ\text{C}$  so after 60 sec of oxidation

$$J_{\text{Al}}^{\text{ox}} = 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol}/\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec}$$

Deduced from the kinetic gas theory for AIX (X = hal.) the flux is as follows

$$(2) \quad J_{\text{AIX}} = J_{\text{Al}} = 44.3 \frac{P_{\text{AIX}}}{(M_{\text{AIX}} T)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \frac{\text{mol Al}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec}}$$

with  $p_{\text{AIX}}$  = partial pressure and  $M_{\text{AIX}}$  = molar weight.

In the case of AlCl (2) turns into  $J_{\text{Al}} = 0.164 P_{\text{AlCl}} \frac{\text{mol Al}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec}}$

The fluxes must be equal  $J_{\text{Al}}^{\text{ox}} = J_{\text{Al}} \quad (2 \times 10^{-9} = 0.164 P_{\text{AlCl}})$

$$\Rightarrow \quad P_{\text{AlCl}}^{\text{min}} = 1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ atm}$$

# Pressure $\leftrightarrow$ $k_p$

T [°C]	$k_p(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$ [g <sup>2</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup> s]	$P_{\text{AlCl}}^{\text{min}}$ [atm]	$P_{\text{Cl}_2}^{\text{min}}$ [atm]
700	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	$5 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-10}$
800	$5 \times 10^{-14}$	$4 \times 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$
900	$5 \times 10^{-13}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$5 \times 10^{-7}$
1000	$1 \times 10^{-12}$	$2 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$
1100	$8 \times 10^{-12}$	$5 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-8}$

Parabolic rate constants and necessary minimum amounts /partial pressures of AlCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

# FactSage Results I (F)

Excerpt of the tabular output from the Equilib menu: T = 900°C

Compound	Pressure / bar	Compound	Pressure / bar	Compound	Pressure / bar
AlF	3.1416 E-08	AlF	3.1416 E-07	AlF	3.1416 E-06
Al <sub>2</sub> O	4.0640 E-09	Al <sub>2</sub> O	4.0640 E-09	Al <sub>2</sub> O	4.0640 E-09
Al	6.5253 E-10	Al	6.5253 E-10	Al	6.5253 E-10
AlF <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17	AlF <sub>3</sub>	1.9990 E-14	AlF <sub>3</sub>	1.9990 E-11
Ti	8.8189 E-17	AlF <sub>2</sub>	1.4258 E-14	AlF <sub>2</sub>	1.4258 E-12
Al <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17	AlFO	5.1448 E-16	TiF <sub>3</sub>	4.7494 E-14
AlFO	5.1448 E-17	TiF	5.0519 E-16	TiF <sub>2</sub>	2.4699 E-14
TiF	5.0519 E-17	TiF <sub>2</sub>	2.4699 E-16	AlFO	5.1448 E-15
AlF <sub>3</sub>	1.9990 E-17	Ti	8.8189 E-17	TiF	5.0519E-15
TiF <sub>2</sub>	2.4699 E-18	Al <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17	Ti	8.8189 E-17
TiO	2.7096 E-19	TiF <sub>3</sub>	4.7494 E-17	Al <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17
N <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-15	N <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-15	N <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-15
O <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-37	O <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-37	O <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-37
F <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-44	F <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-42	F <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-40

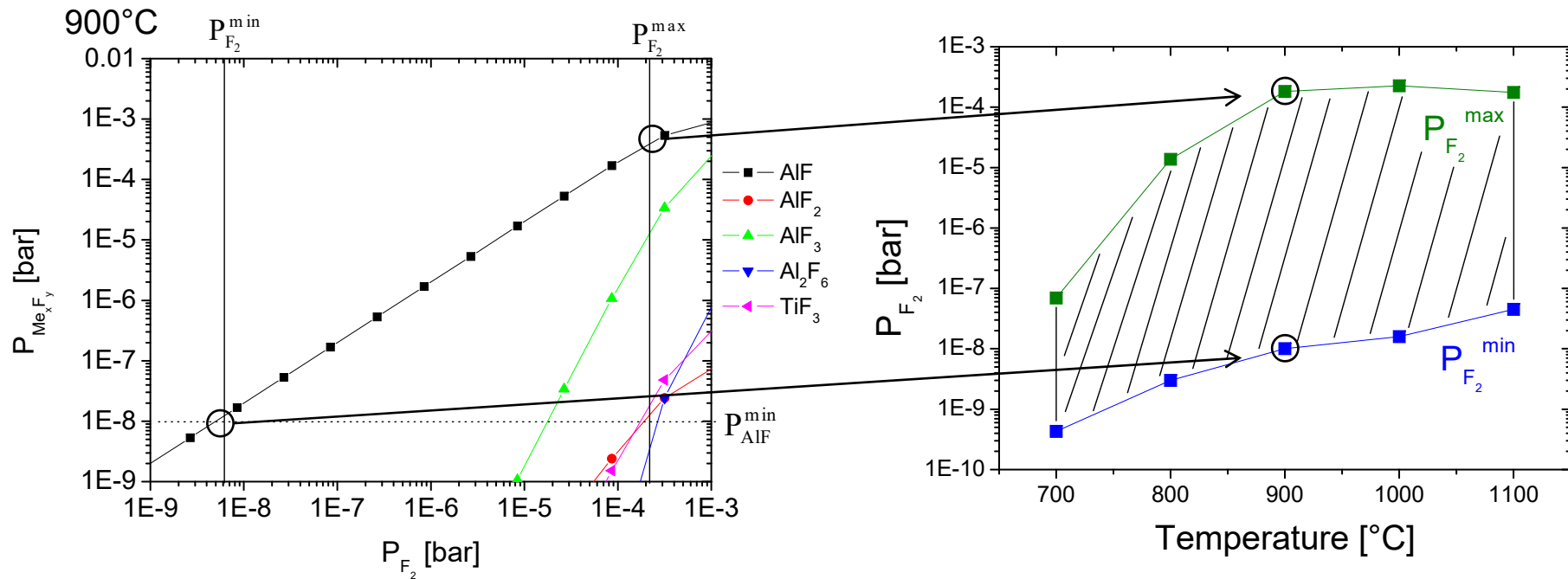
# FactSage Results II (Cl)

Excerpt of the tabular output from the Equilib menu: T = 900°C

Compound	Pressure / bar	Compound	Pressure / bar	Compound	Pressure / bar
AlCl	1.5092 E-08	AlCl	1.5092 E-07	AlCl	1.5092 E-06
Al <sub>2</sub> O	4.0640 E-09	Al <sub>2</sub> O	4.0640 E-09	Al <sub>2</sub> O	4.0640 E-09
Al	6.5253 E-10	Al	6.5253 E-10	Al	6.5253 E-10
AlCl <sub>2</sub>	1.2392 E-15	AlCl <sub>2</sub>	1.2392 E-13	AlCl <sub>2</sub>	1.2392 E-11
Cl	3,5274 E-16	AlCl <sub>3</sub>	9.4609 E-15	AlCl <sub>3</sub>	9.4609 E-12
Ti	8.8189 E-17	Cl	3,5274 E-15	TiCl <sub>2</sub>	1.1376 E-13
Al <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17	TiCl <sub>2</sub>	1.1376 E-15	Cl	3,5274 E-14
TiCl <sub>2</sub>	1.1376 E-17	Ti	8.8189 E-17	TiCl <sub>3</sub>	7.8854 E-15
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	9.4609 E-18	TiCl	8.1550 E-17	Ti	8.8189 E-17
TiCl	8.1550 E-18	Al <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17	Al <sub>2</sub>	5.6573 E-17
TiO	2.4699 E-18	TiCl <sub>3</sub>	7.8854 E-18	AlClO	7.4107 E-18
N <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-15	N <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-15	N <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-15
O <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-37	O <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-37	O <sub>2</sub>	1.0000 E-37
Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>1.0000 E-26</b>	Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>1.0000 E-24</b>	Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>1.0000 E-22</b>

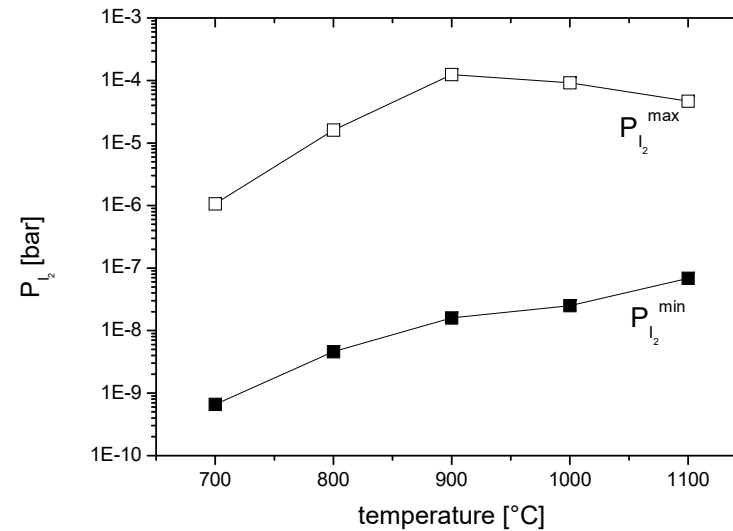
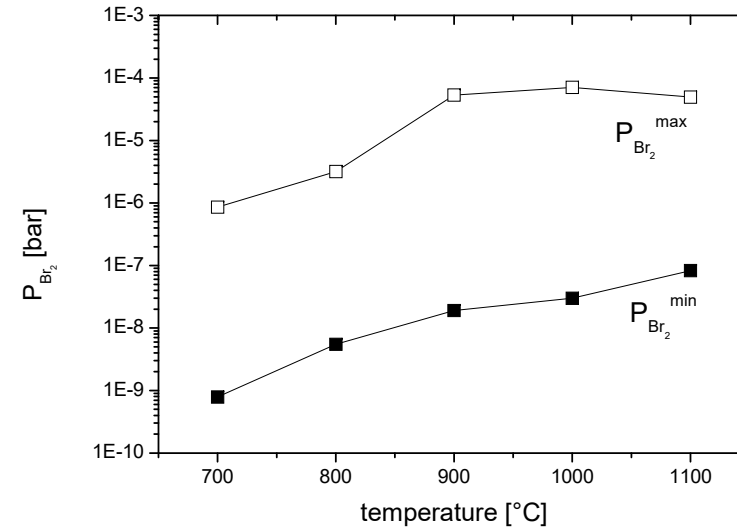
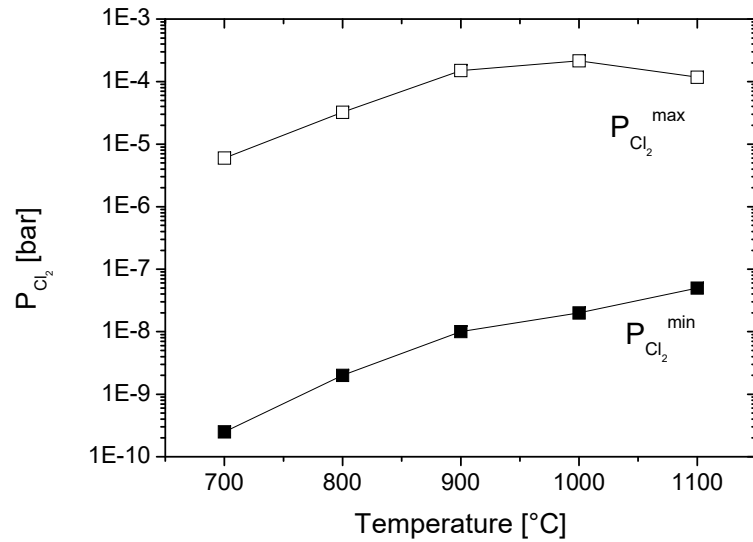
# Fluorine Pressures

Conditions at the metal/oxide interface (low partial pressures of oxygen and nitrogen)

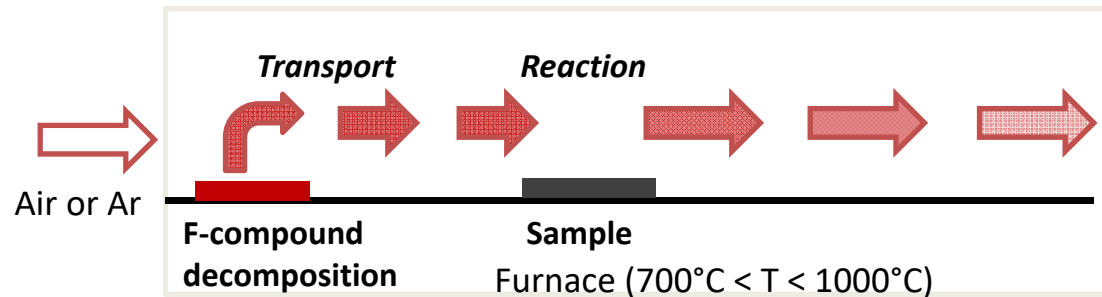
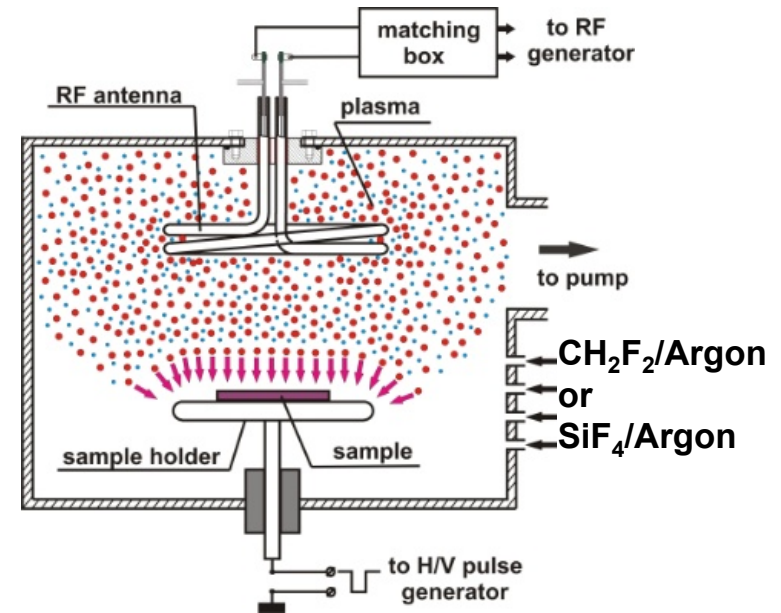
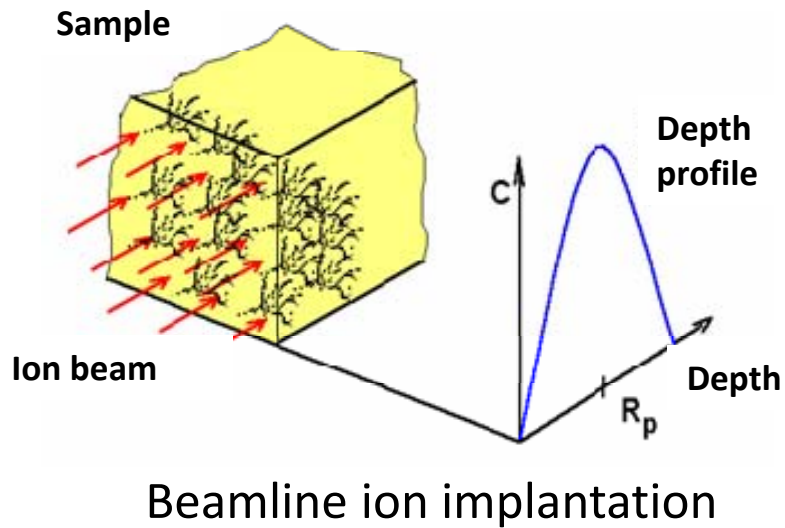




# Limits of the Cl-, Br- and I-Effect



# Fluorine Applications



# Liquid Fluorine Applications

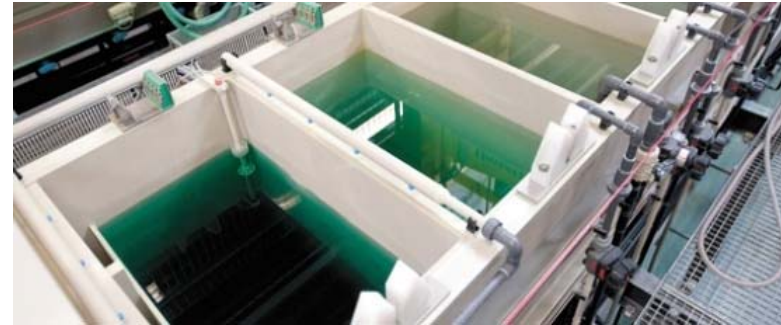


## Spraying

of F-containing compounds:  
F-polymer spray or suspension, F-paste

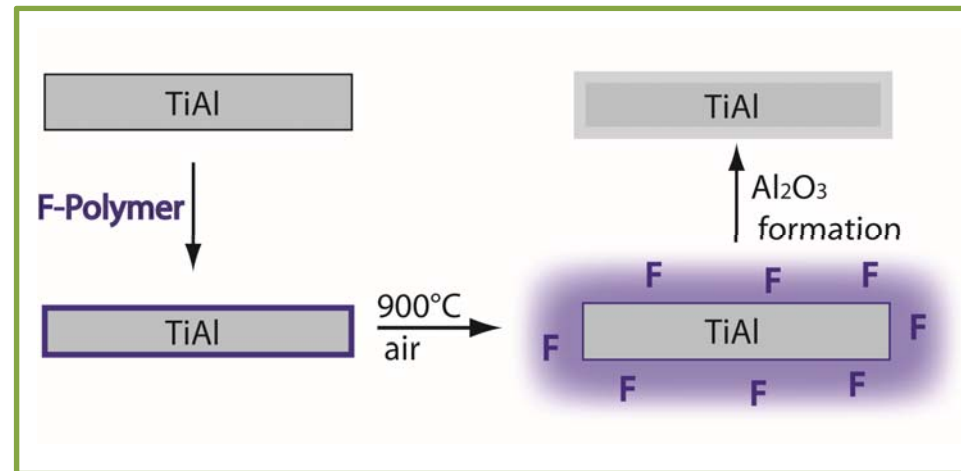


## Painting



## Dipping

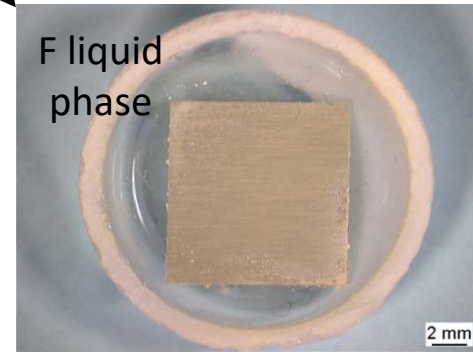
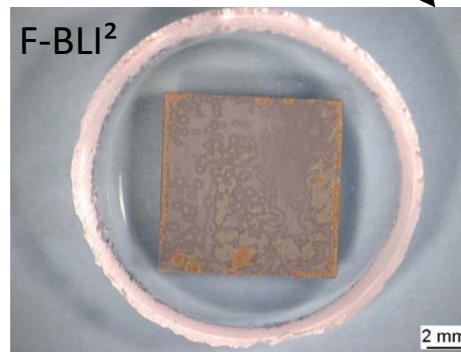
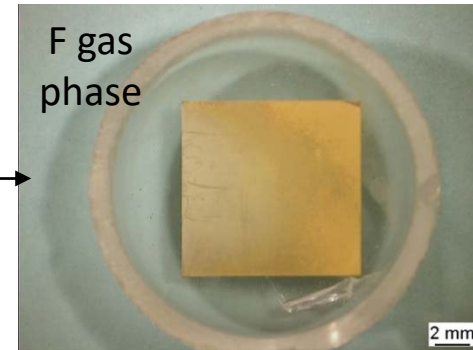
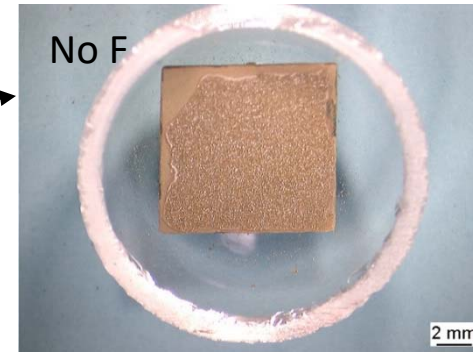
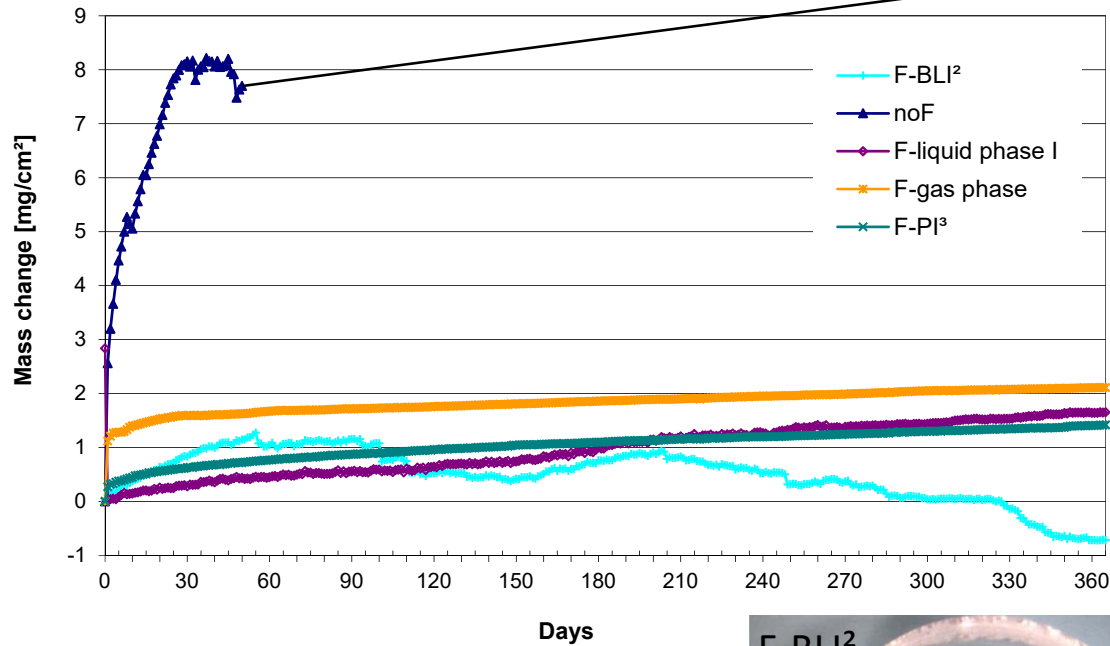
in F-containing acids, e.g.  $\text{HF}_{(\text{aq.})}$



Activation process at elevated temperatures

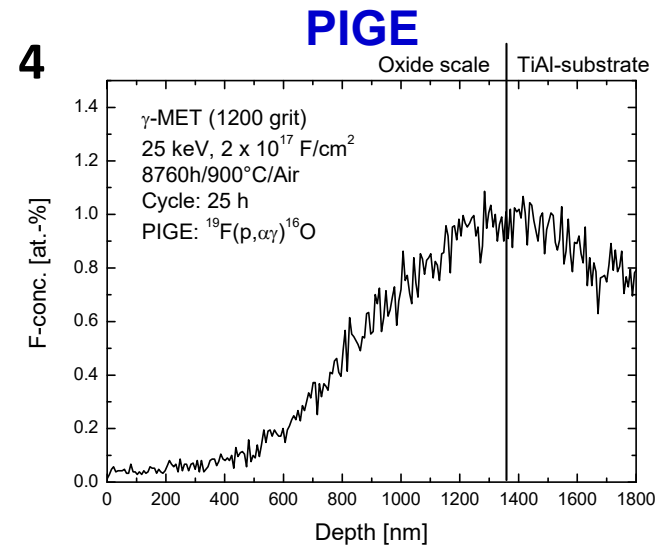
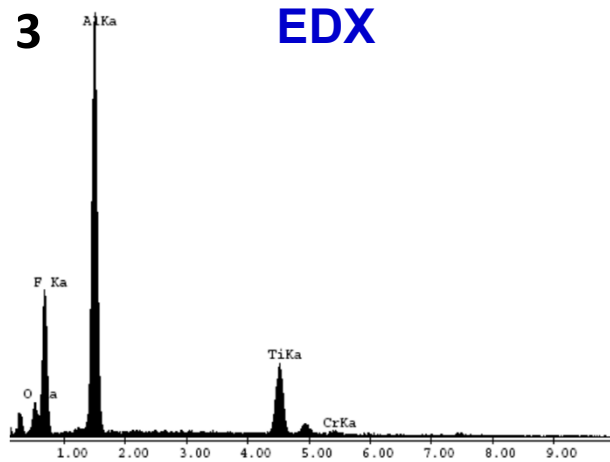
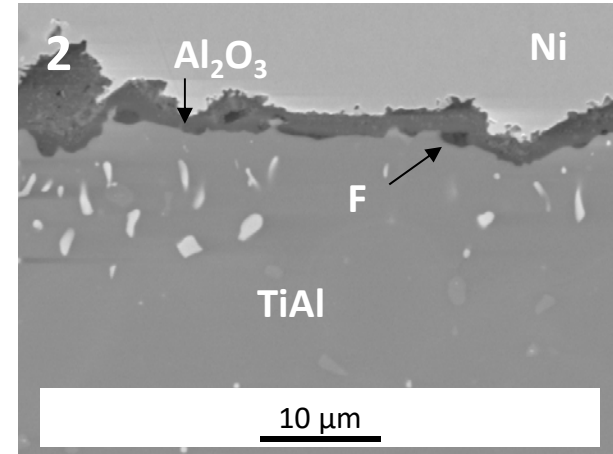
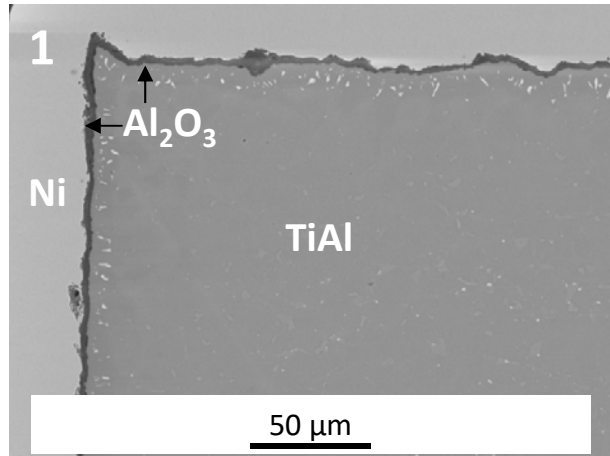
# Long Term Stability of the Fluorine effect

TiAl/25h-cycle test/24h hot/1h cold/900°C/air



# Proof of Fluorine

TiAl + F-PI<sup>3</sup>/25h-cycle test/24h hot/1h cold/900°C/8760h/air

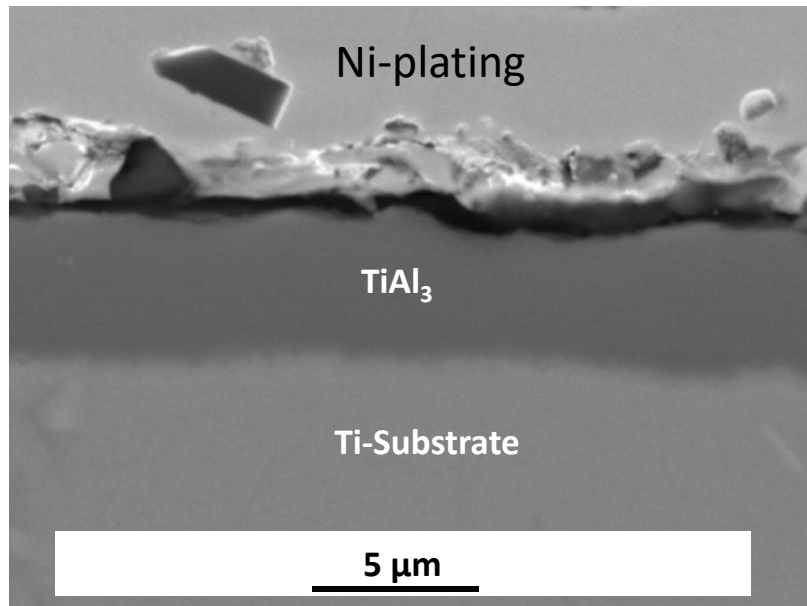


Proof of F by

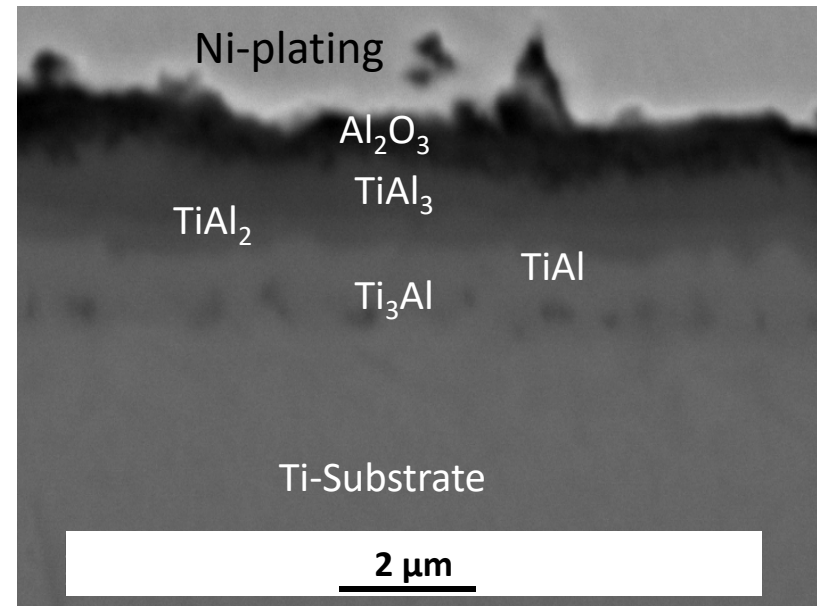
3) EDX

4) PIGE

# Results for Ti-Alloys



$\text{TiAl}_3$ -layer after pack process



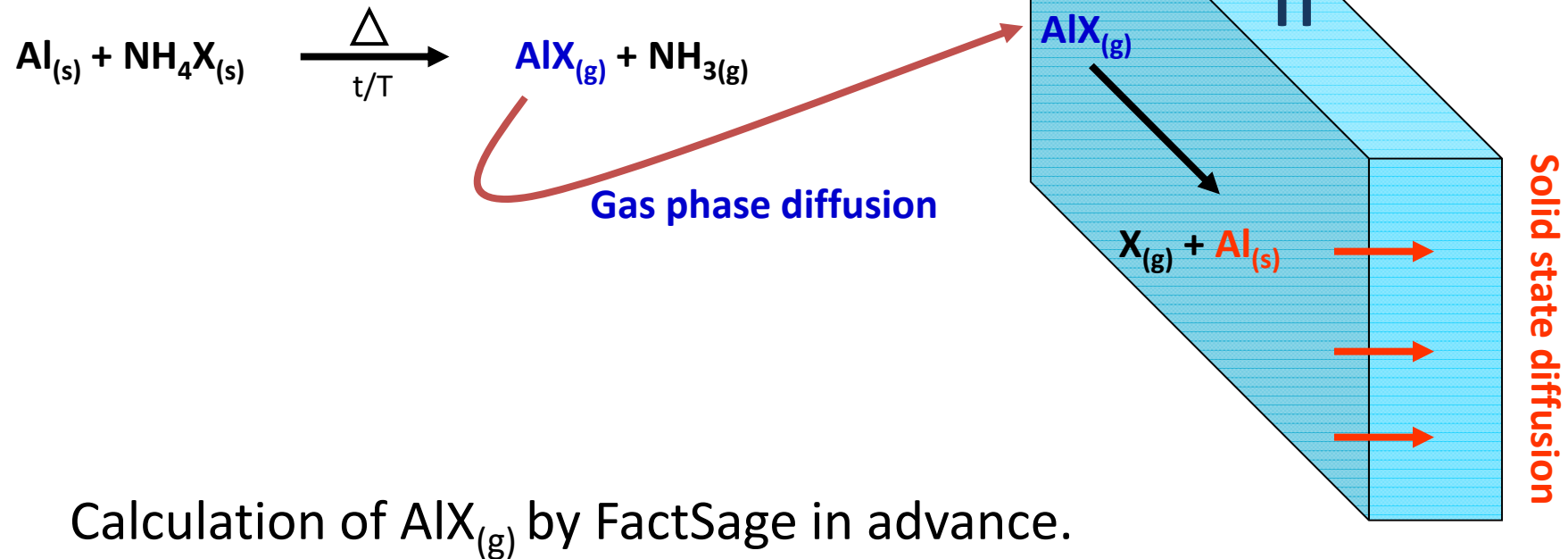
After fluorination and oxidation  
at  $600^\circ\text{C}$  for 120 h in air



# Powder Pack Process of Aluminum

Precursors: e.g. Al,  $Ti_xAl_y$ ,  $Cr_yAl_x$   
Activators: e.g.  $NH_4Cl$ ,  $H(NH_4)F_2$ ,  $AlF_3$   
Filler:  $Al_2O_3$

Temperature: 500 - 600°C  
Gas: Ar  
Time: 1-5 hours



# Conclusions

- Thermodynamic calculations have revealed the halogen effect process windows
- The halogen effect works at temperatures above 700°C by changing the oxidation mechanism from mixed oxide scale formation to protective alumina formation
- Fluorine is the best doping halogen
- The F-effect works for all technical TiAl alloys with an Al-content  $\geq 40\text{at.}\%$
- The F-effect works also for technical Ti-alloys after Al-enrichment

**Thank you for your attention !!!**

