



Design and Growth of Novel Materials

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By the end of this lecture I want you to know where single crystalline samples come from and the effort that goes into discovering and optimizing new materials and properties.

The reason for this is simple. Many physicists have a poor idea of what is involved. This means that they can be lazy or sloppy when it comes to understanding the importance (as well as the limitations) of single crystalline samples.

LET'S START WITH A STORY....

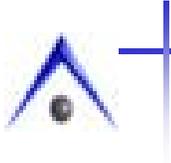




Once upon a time, there was a nice single crystal

THAT GOT DROPPED AND BROKEN BY A HURRIED STUDENT





THERE WAS A GREAT ANGER IN THE LAND.





Do you have *ANY*
idea where single
crystal samples
come from????!!!!



Thanks to David Mandrus for archival photo....



Yes...

Said the little student....



Yes...

Single crystal come from





Yes...



NO....I want you to know the proper reply.



This class will draw heavily from these three papers

**Proceedings of the 2nd Annual European School in
Material Science Ljubljana, Slovenia May 2007.**

CHAPTER 2

GROWTH PAPER ONE

SOLUTION GROWTH OF INTERMETALLIC SINGLE
CRYSTALS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE.

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PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE B, 1992, VOL. 65, No. 6, 1117–1123

Growth of single crystals from metallic fluxes

By P. C. CANFIELD and Z. FISK

Los Alamos National Laboratory,
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545, USA

GROWTH PAPER TWO

Journal of Crystal Growth 225 (2001) 155–161

High-temperature solution growth of intermetallic
single crystals and quasicrystals

Paul C. Canfield*, Ian R. Fisher

GROWTH PAPER THREE



New Materials
development / single
crystal growth is
often done with very
modest equipment



The spaces are small, and there can be a delivery room-like atmosphere. Crystal growth, like birth, can be messy. It is a fantastic, exciting, and addictive experience, (*spontaneous symmetry breaking at its best*).

Let's see how this works

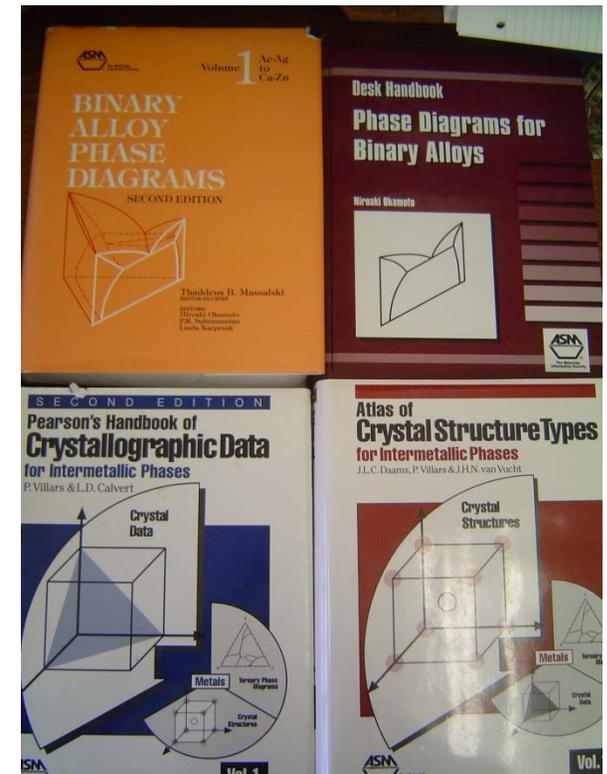
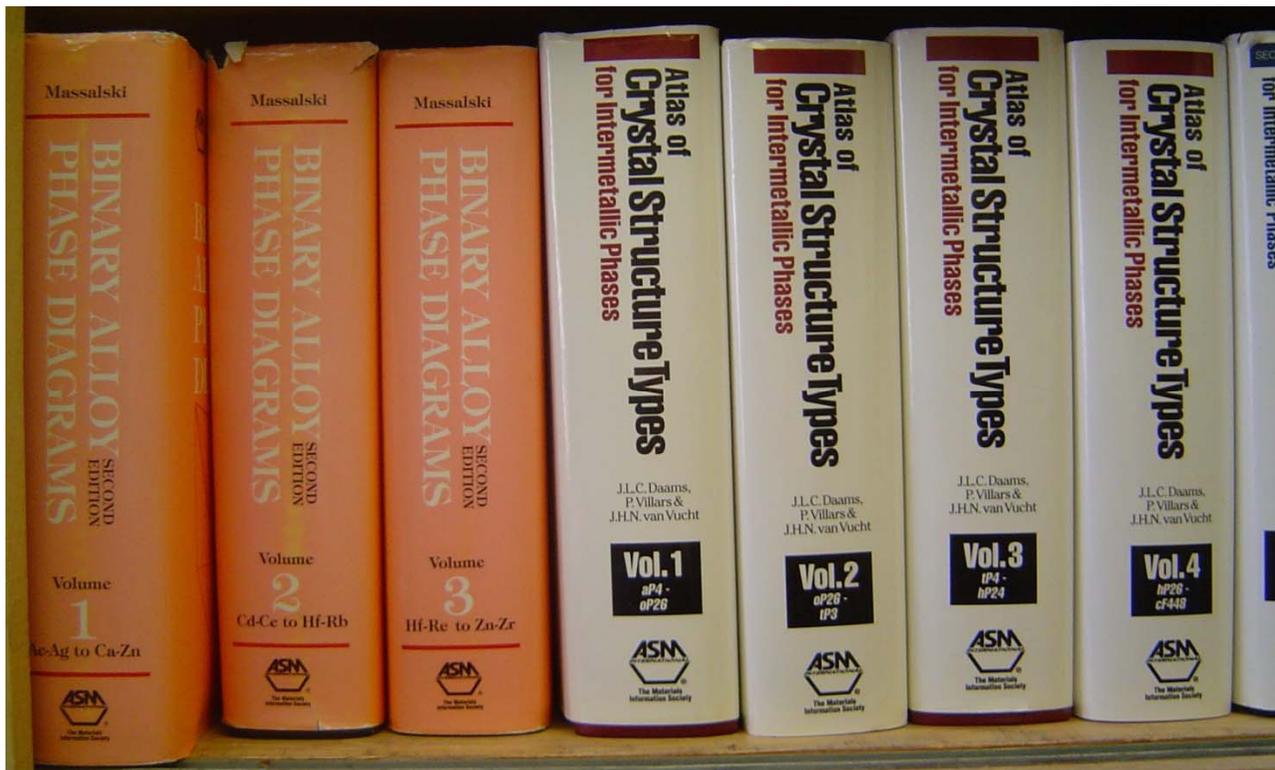


First you need an idea....

This is often the tricky part of research....

Next, you should check some phase diagrams to see what might work....

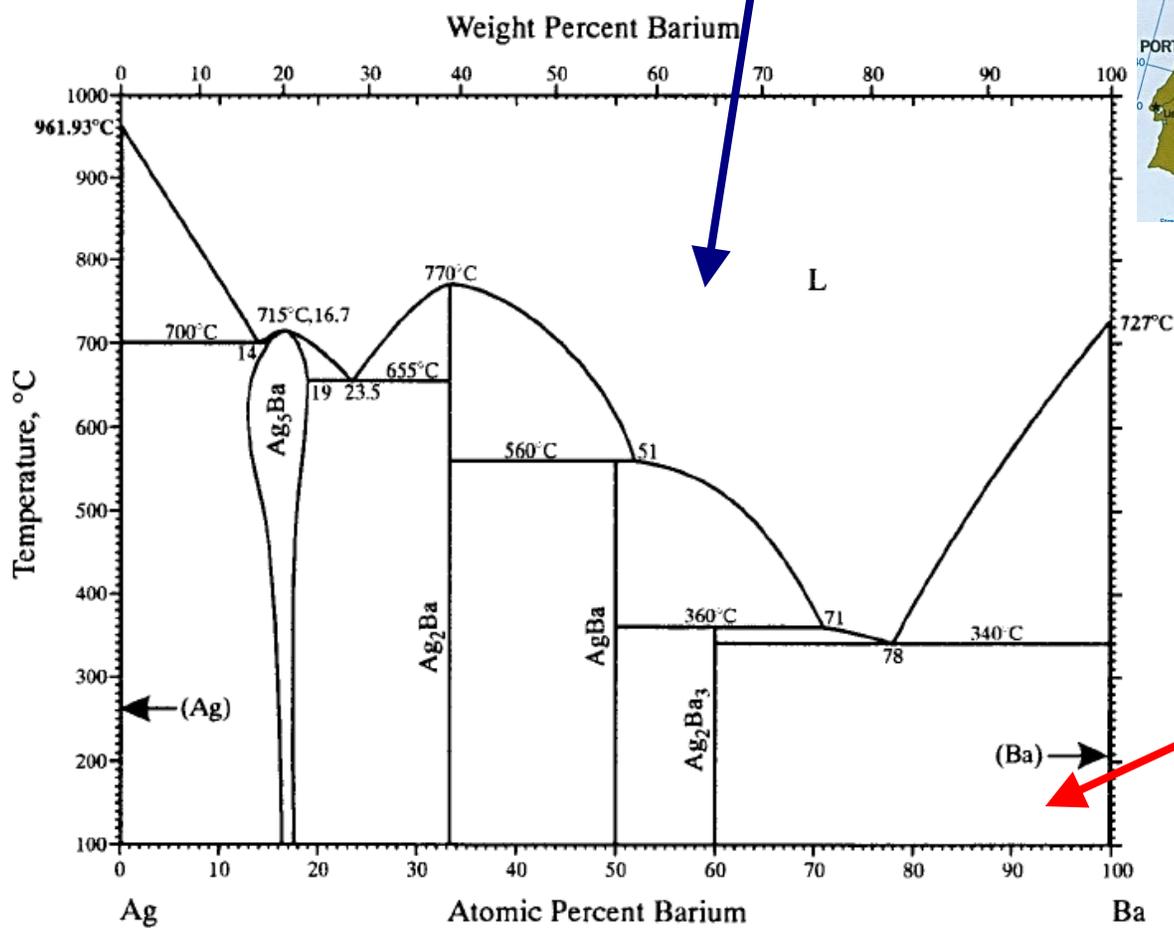
Most of the diagrams I will show come from these books.





Binary phase diagrams are fundamentally like maps: they show the extent of liquid and solid.

Liquids



Solids

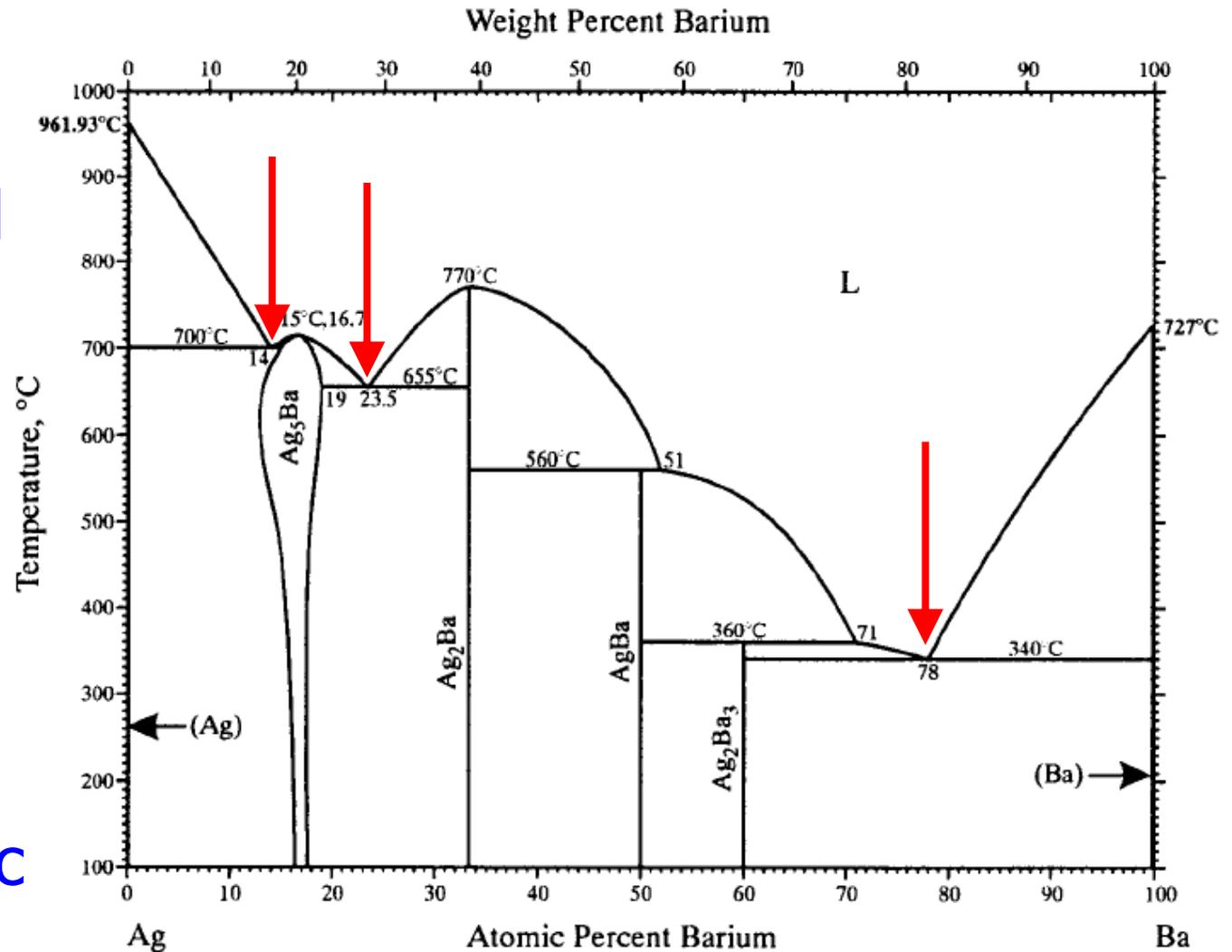
Let's develop a little vocabulary



Eutectic points: minima in liquid regions

Solution growth requires readily accessible liquid regions.

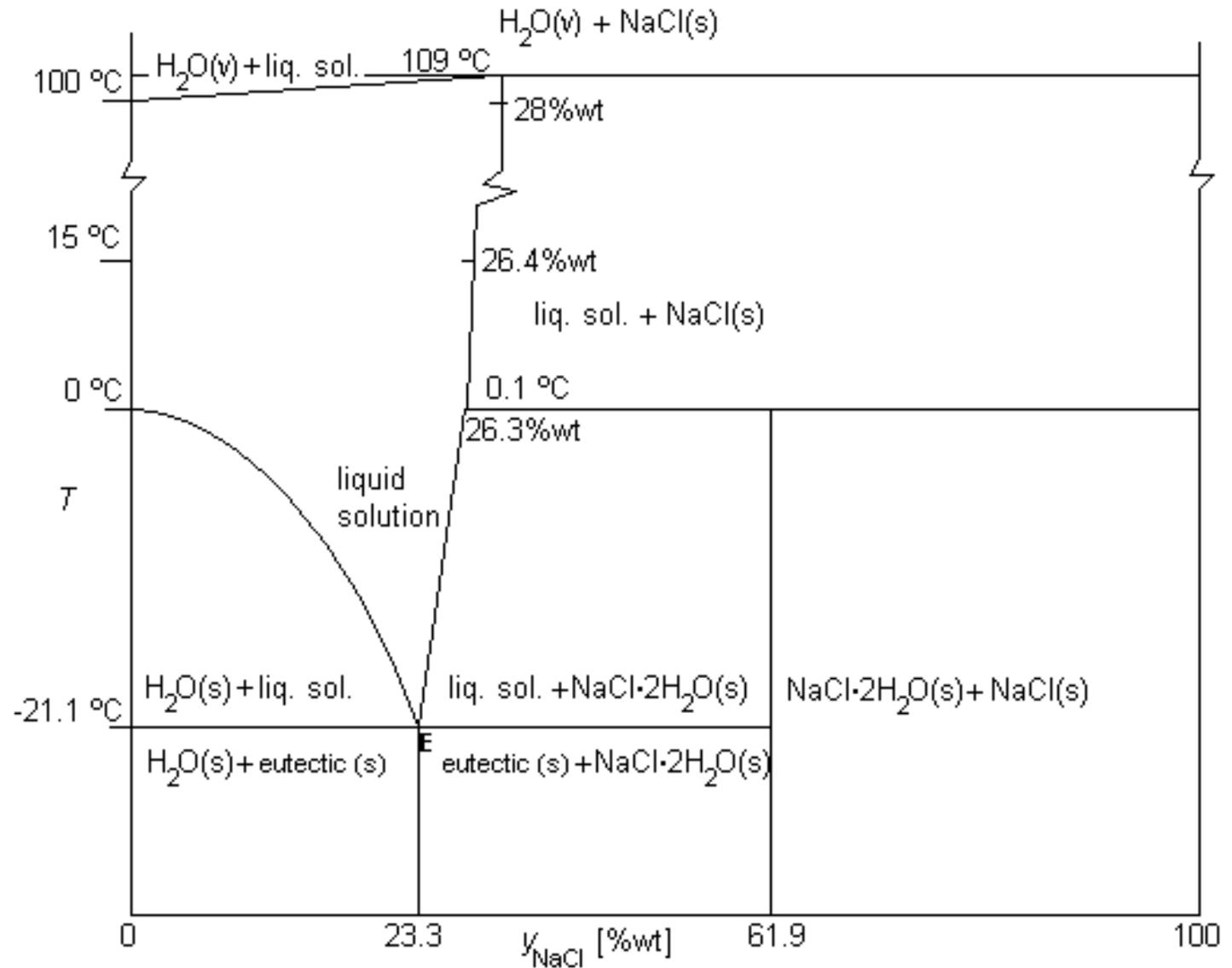
Often these are found in eutectic valleys





Eutectic points: minima in liquid regions

Here is a familiar one associated with melting ice with salt, or lower freezing point of sea water.

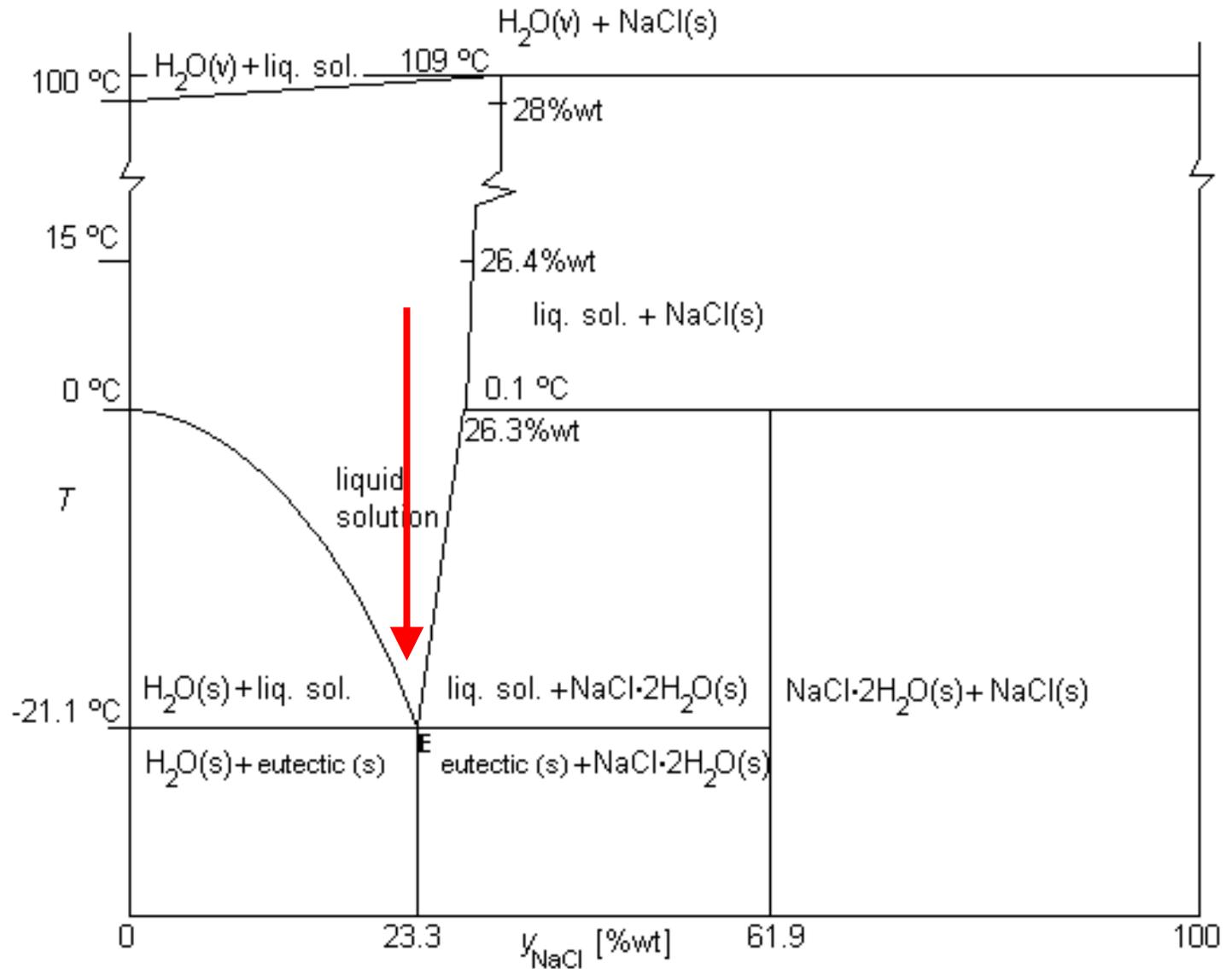




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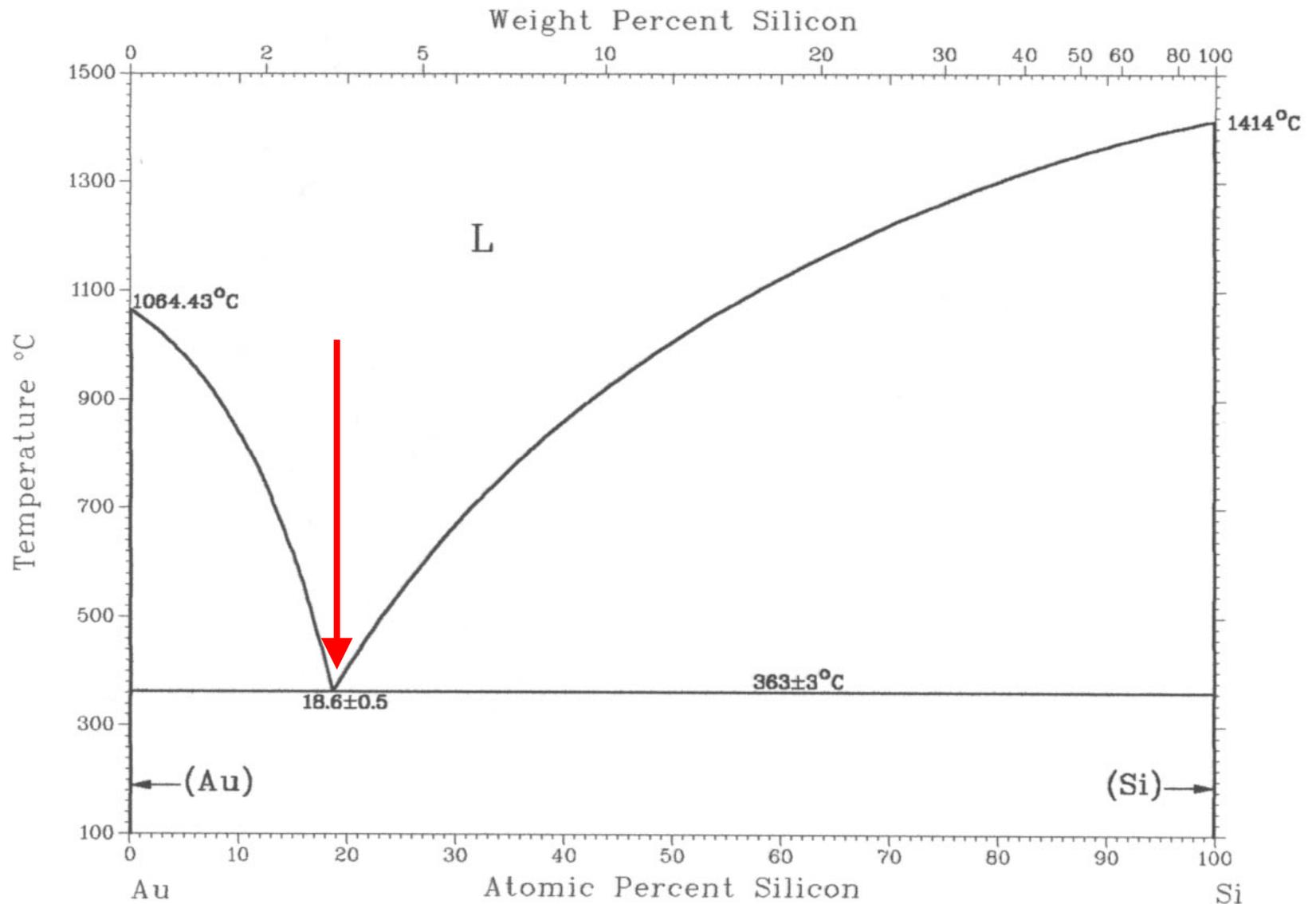
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At 23.3 weight percent NaCl, H₂O melts / solidifies just below -21 °C





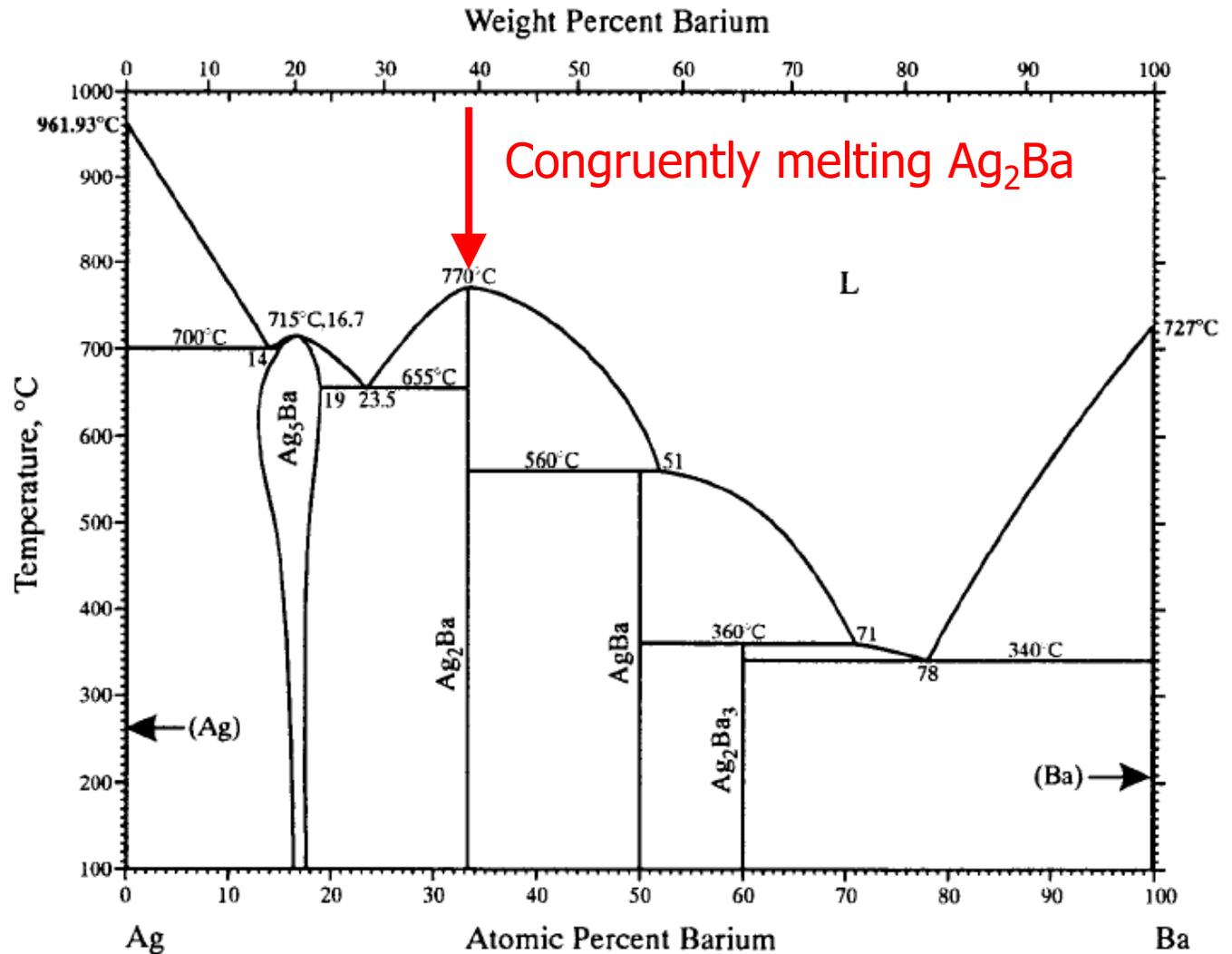
Deep Eutectics offer tempting liquid regions for growth





Congruently melting compounds transform from a homogeneous solid to a homogeneous liquid at melting point.

Congruently melting compounds can be made by a wide variety of growth techniques that simply melt and solidify samples of fixed composition.

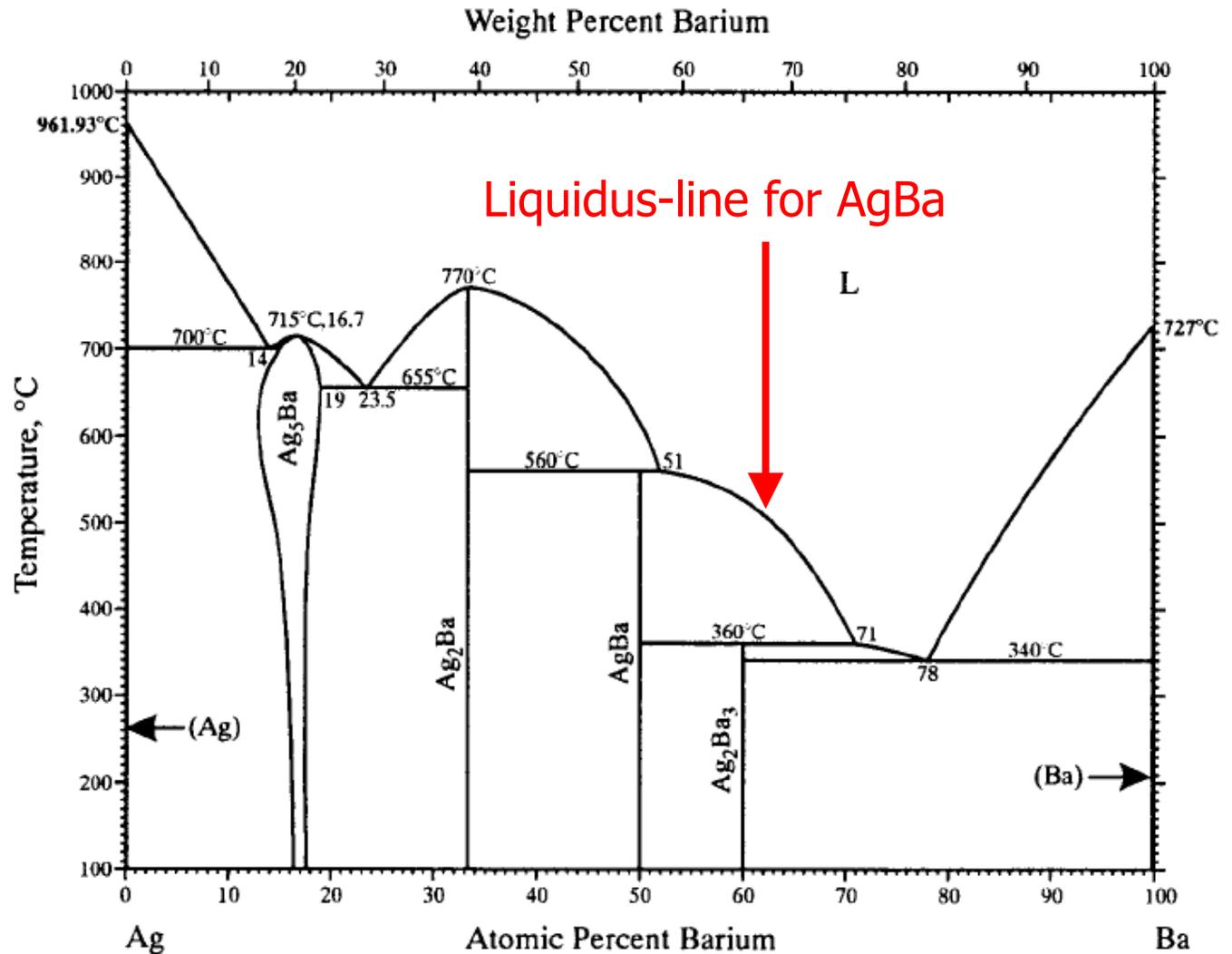




Liquidus-line

As we cool through the liquid, we ultimately cool enough to hit the liquidus-line for AgBa. At this temperature AgBa starts crystallizing and the remaining liquid becomes more Ba rich. The sample is no longer homogeneous and instead contains a solid of one stoichiometry and a liquid of another, changing stoichiometry.

KEY to solution / flux growth!



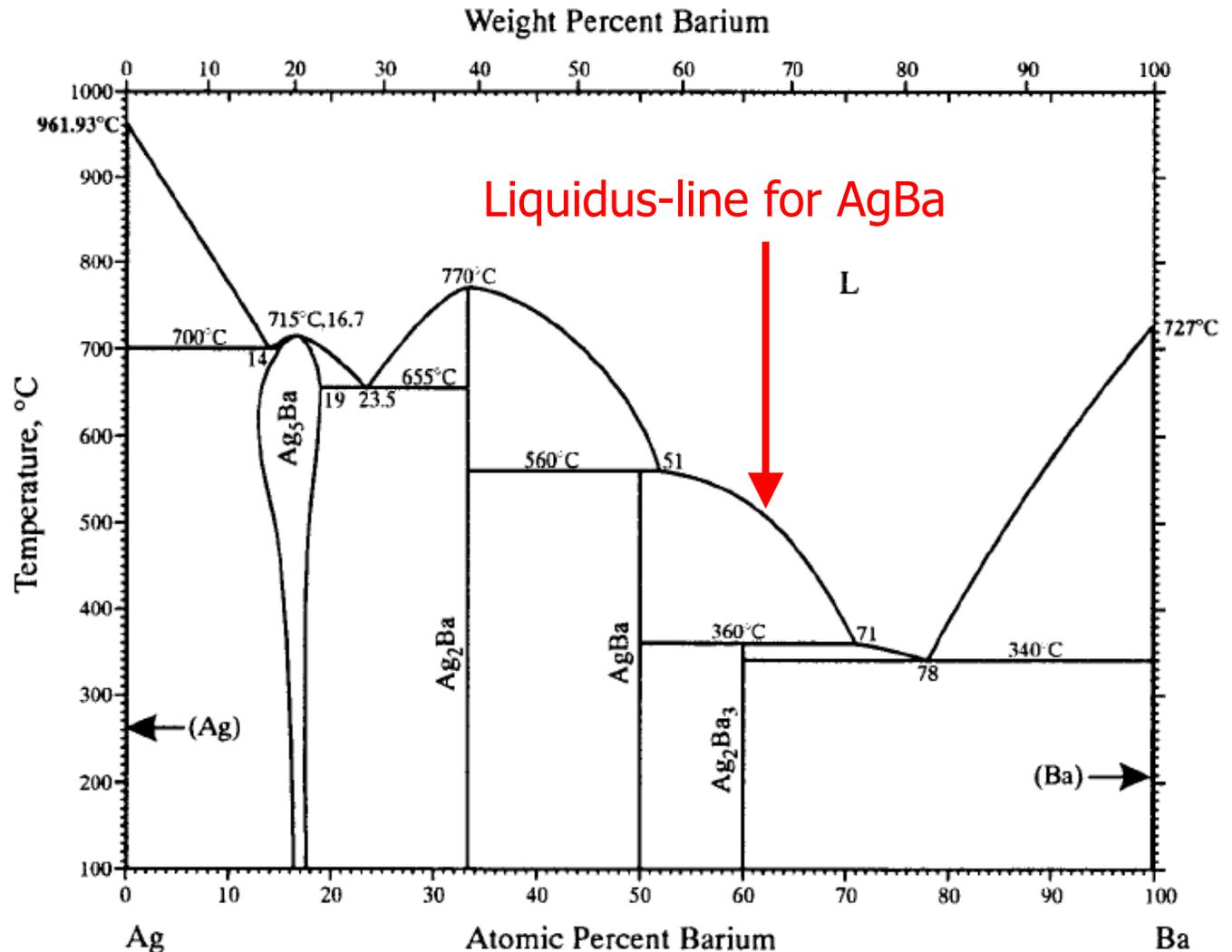


Liquidus-line

KEY to solution / flux growth!

Once we cool low enough to hit the liquidus line, the system enters a TWO PHASE REGION. The liquidus line tells us the composition of the remaining liquid, which changes as we form solid phases.

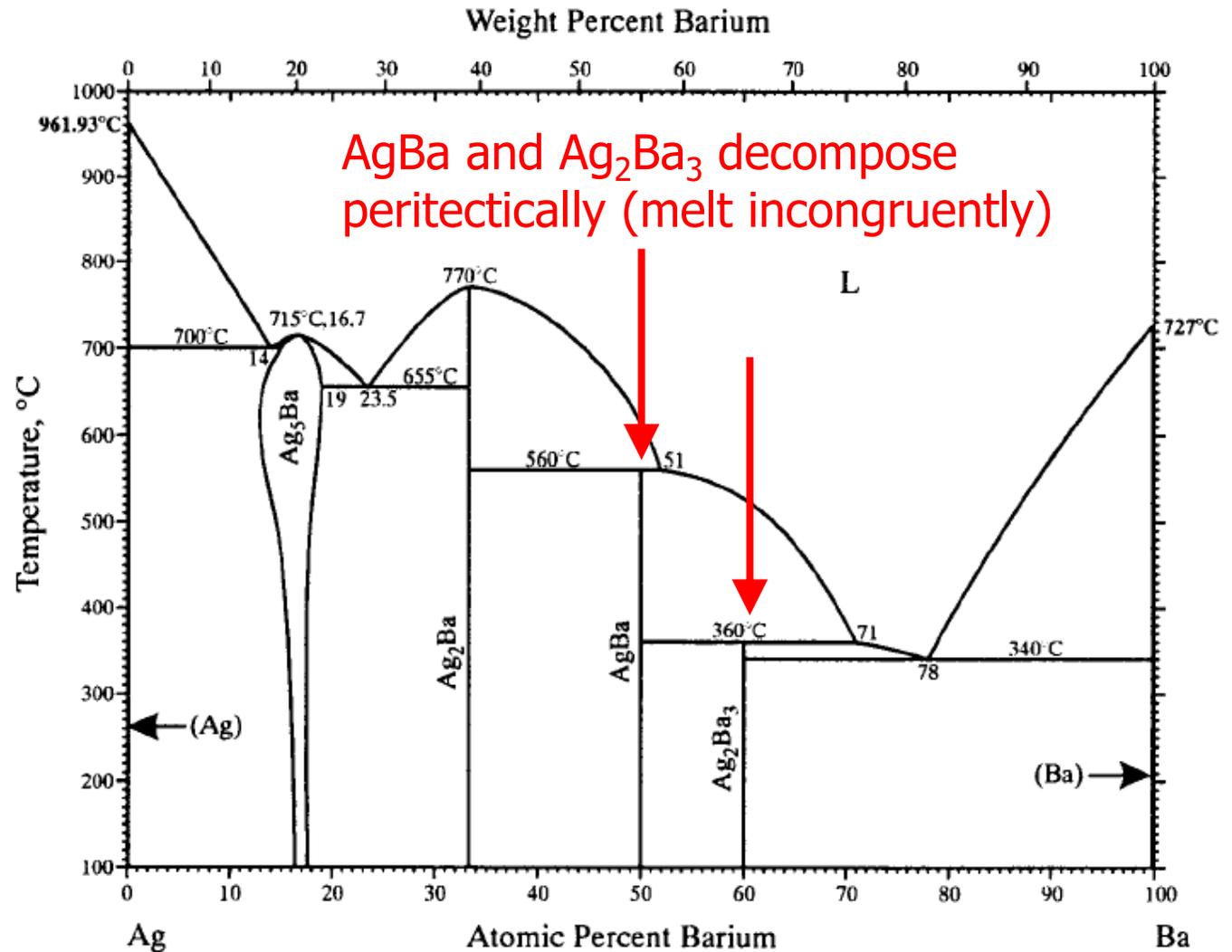
More on this in few slides.





Incongruently melting compounds undergo a peritectic decomposition into a mixed solid and liquid phase, only to form a homogeneous liquid at higher temperatures.

If you cool a liquid with composition AgBa, it will first form Ag_2Ba as the remaining liquid becomes more Ba rich and only forms AgBa below the peritectic temperature of 560 C.

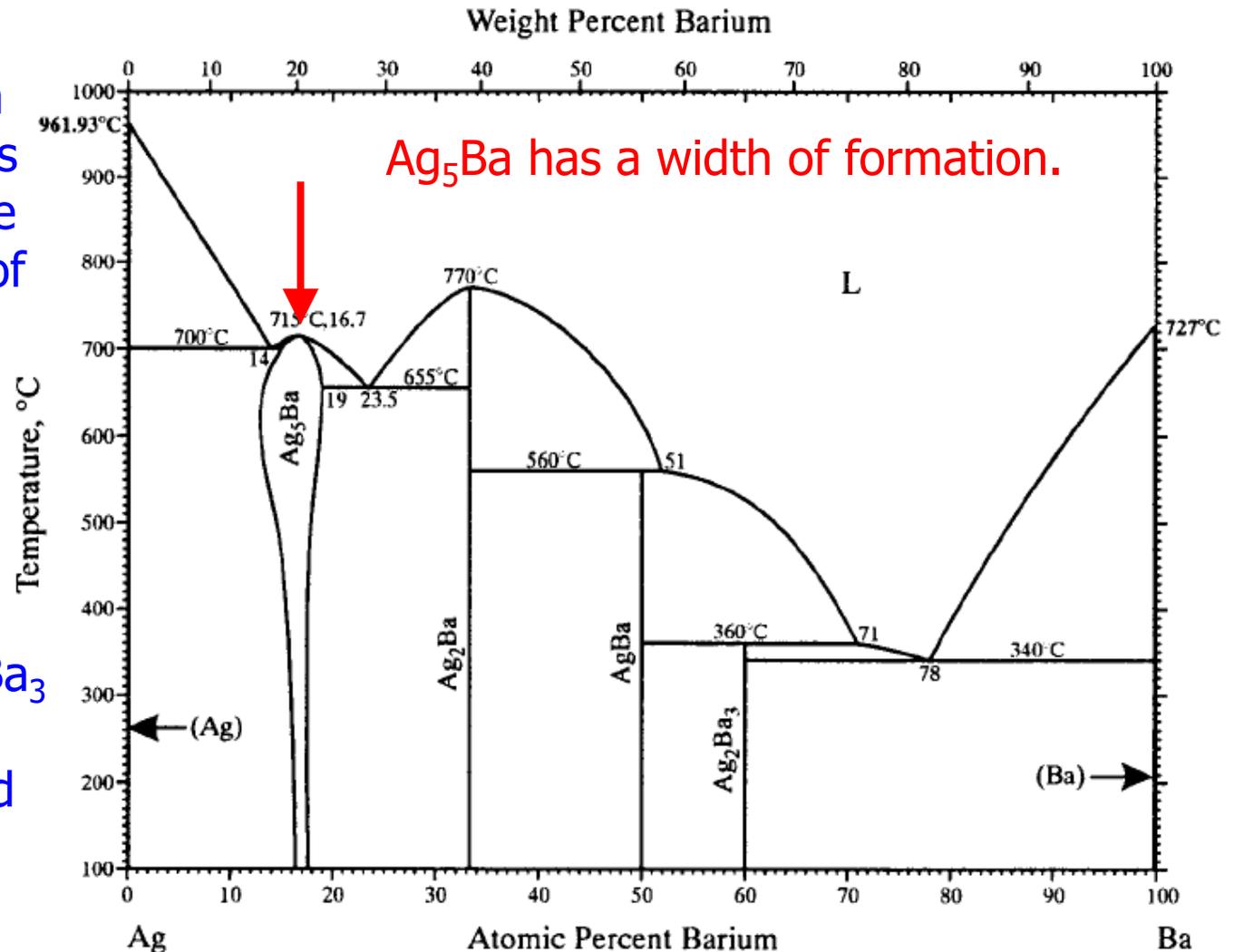




Widths of formation and line compounds.

Ag_5Ba can form with a variety of compositions and even have a single crystal with a spread of stoichiometries.

Ag_2Ba , AgBa and Ag_2Ba_3 are shown to have no width of formation and are called "line" compounds.





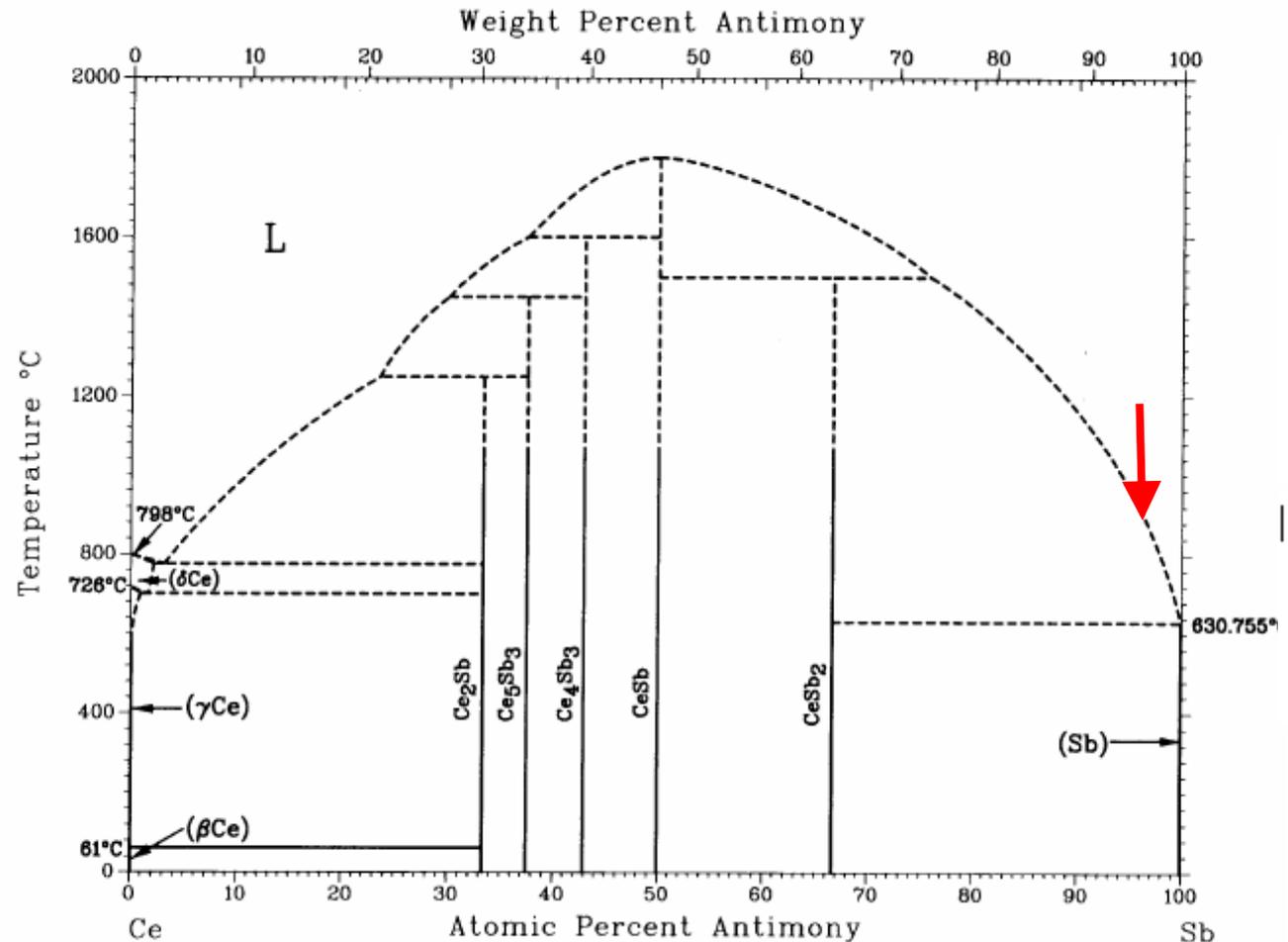
Crystal growth of $CeSb_2$?

This is all nice in theory....But how do we REALLY DO THIS???

WITH OUR HAND AND BODIES NOT SOME MENTAL EXERCISE

$CeSb_2$ is incongruently melting at a relatively high temperature. An attempt to cool a melt of $CeSb_2$ would end up with a mixed phase and lots of mess (high vapor pressures).

On the other hand there is a very open line of primary solidification. Grow $CeSb_2$ out of a "self flux" of excess Sb.

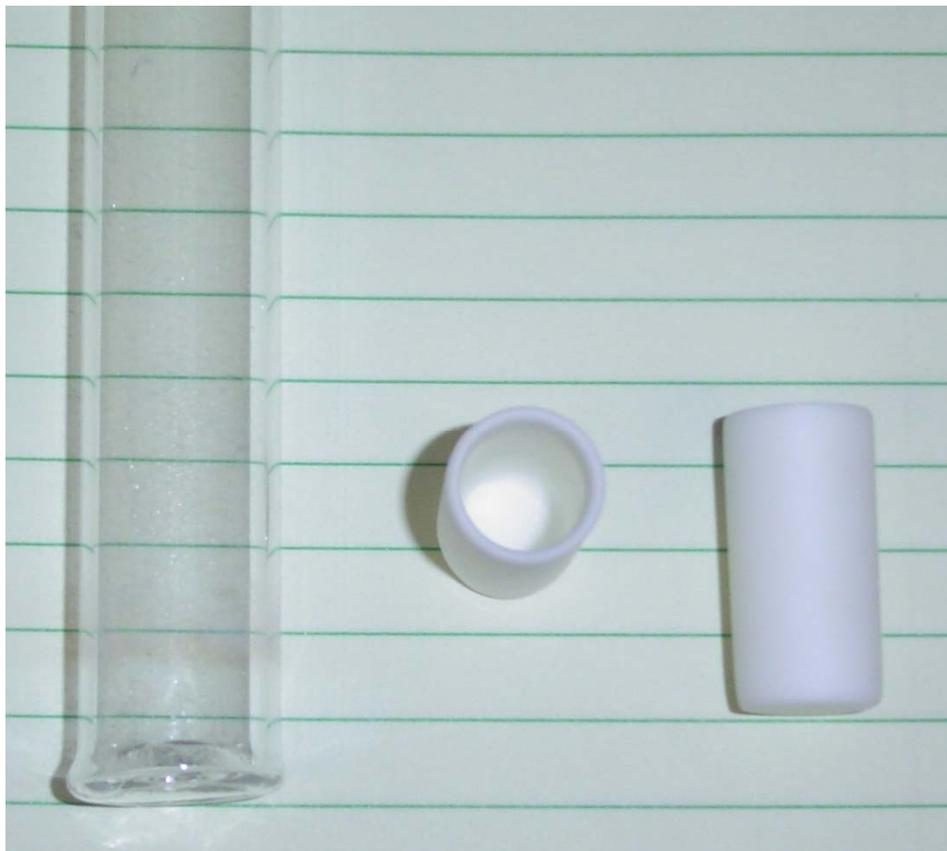


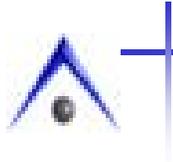


As a rule of thumb, if we are below $\sim 12\%$ R we can use Al_2O_3 crucibles

We need to seal the crucible in a silica tube to contain and protect the growth

Shown below are two 2 ml crucibles and a snugly fitting silica tube

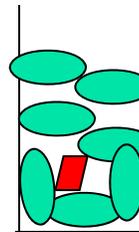
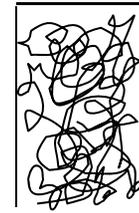




Place the **Ce** and **Sb** into the growth crucibles

Put quartz wool into the catch crucible

Place the growth crucibles and catch crucibles into the silica tubing





Place quartz wool on top of the crucibles

Use the H_2 - O_2 torch to neck down the silica





Evacuate the silica and seal off the ampoules

Clean off any finger prints, grease, etc.

Place ampoules into furnace





Program the temperature – time profile and let the thermodynamics take place

When growth is done, pour off the excess liquid.
($a = 10\text{-}1000\text{ g}$ is better than $a = 1\text{ g} = 9.8\text{ m/s}^2$)

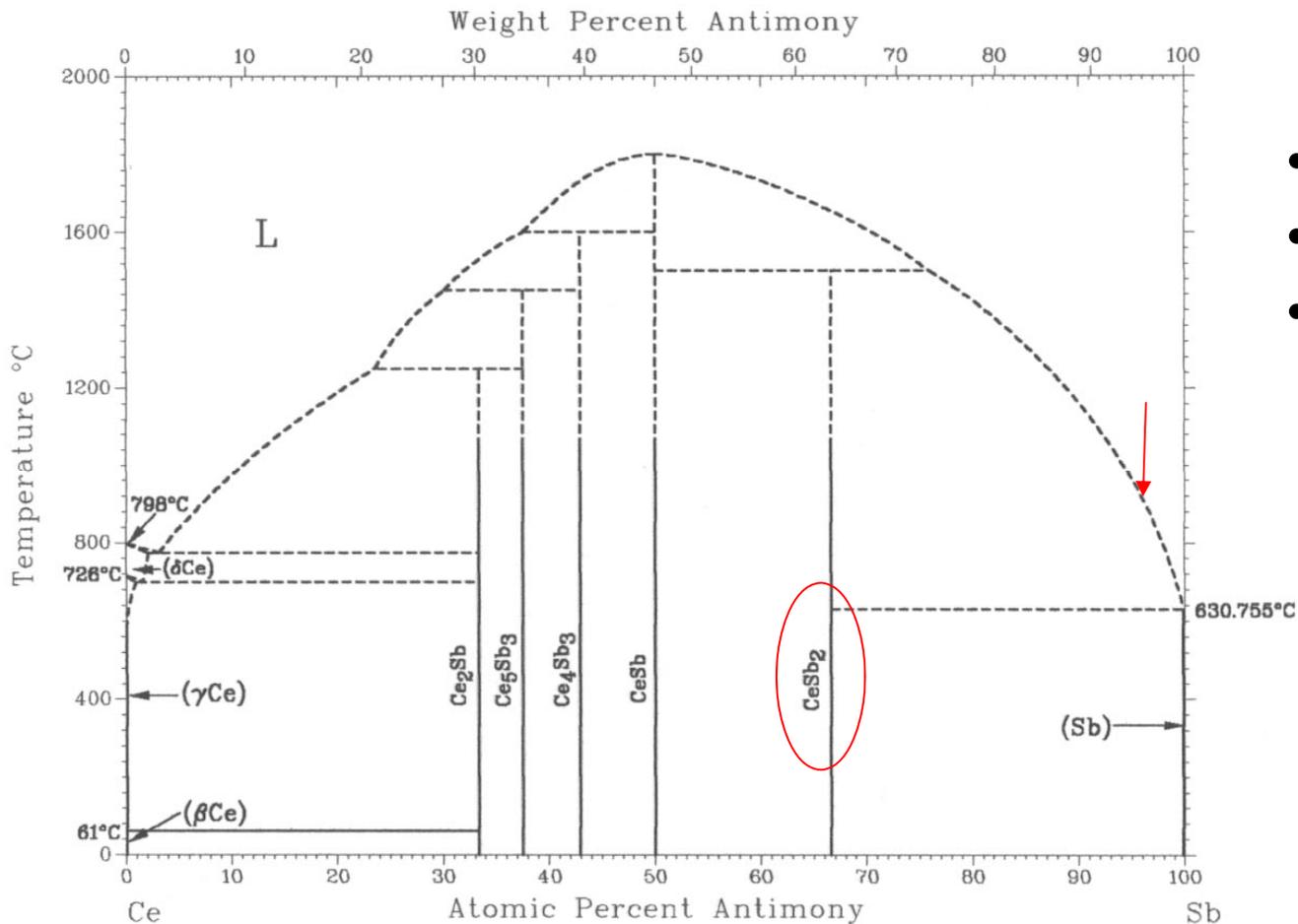




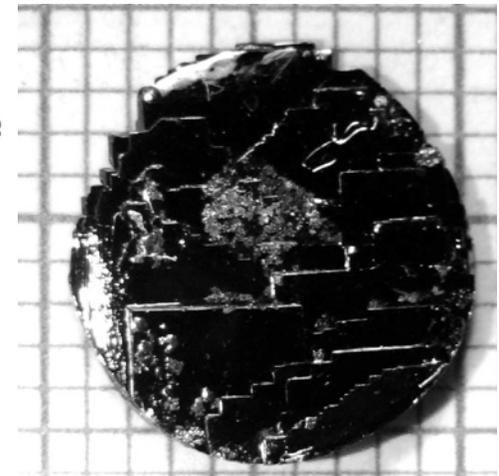
Flux growth (slow cooling of a melt)

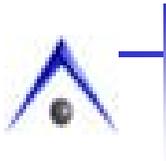
Basic idea: slow cool into 2-phase region

eg: CeSb_2 / Sb



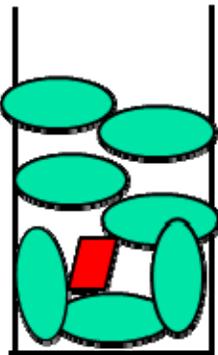
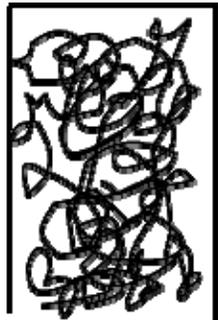
- self flux
- $\text{Ce}_{0.05}\text{Sb}_{0.95}$
- $1190\text{ }^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow 700\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$





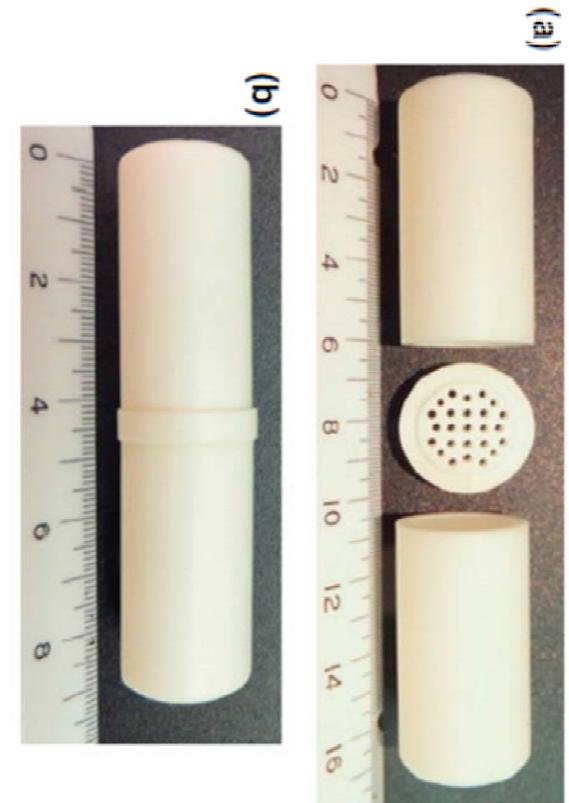
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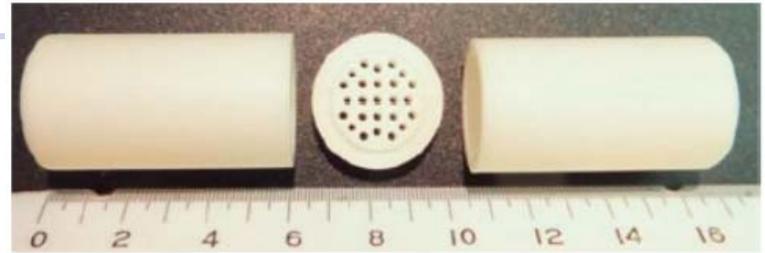
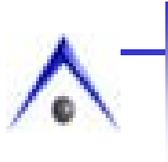
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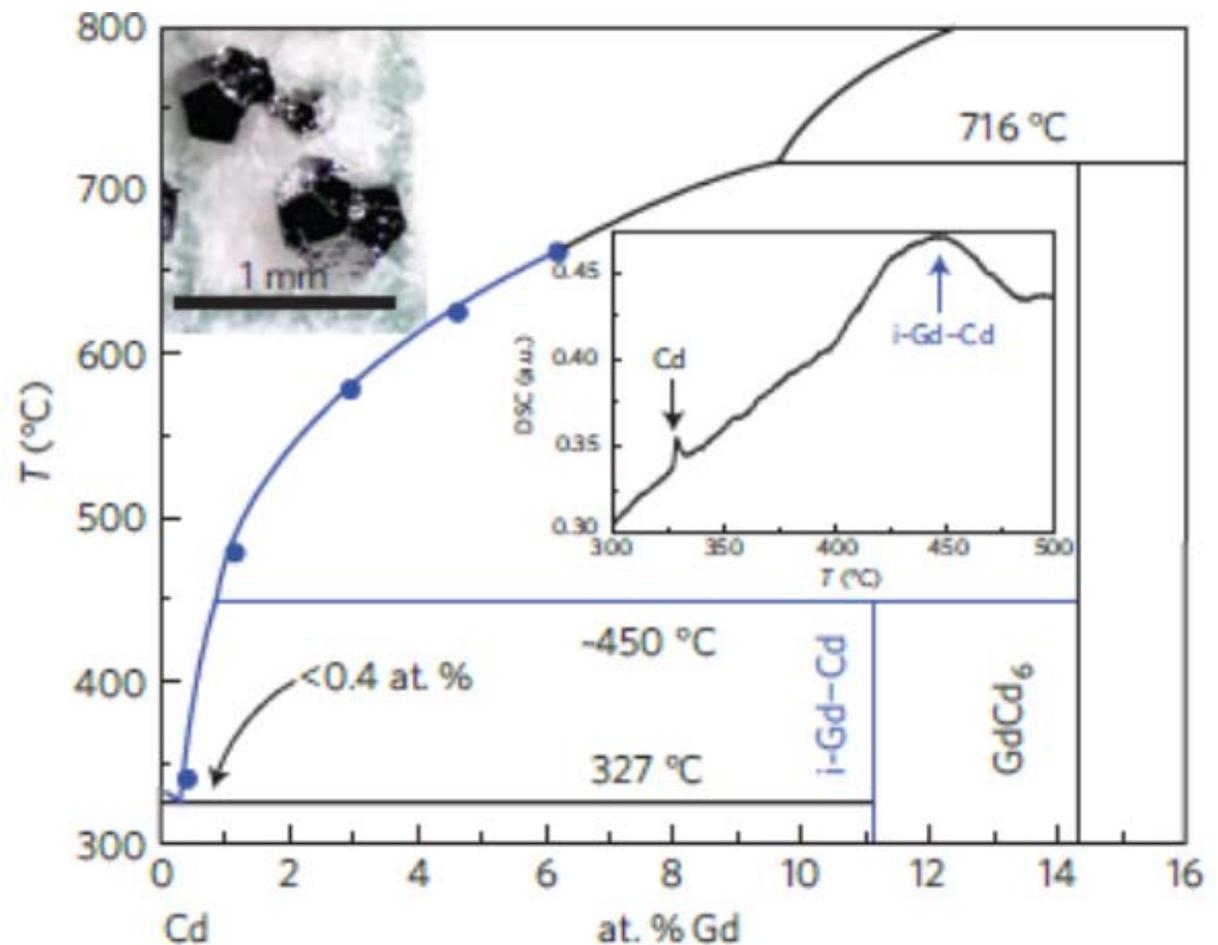
Instead of using silica wool as a filtering agent, we recently developed a frit-disc filtering mechanism and were able to integrate it with the alumina crucibles.

This allows for clean separation of the solids and liquid phases during the decanting process.





Clean recovery of both growth side as well as spin side materials allow for weighing and reuse. This allows for fractionation of the growth as well as phase diagram determination (at least in some cases).



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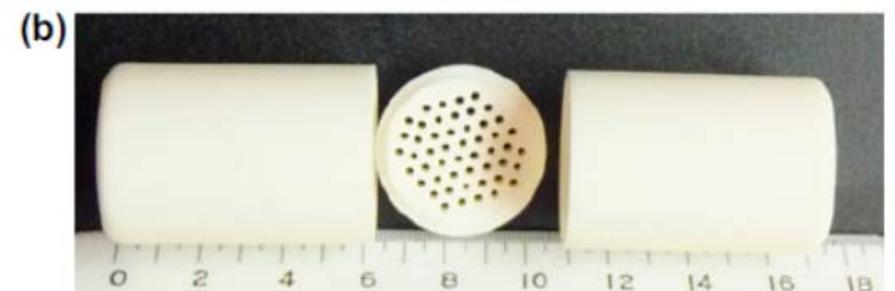
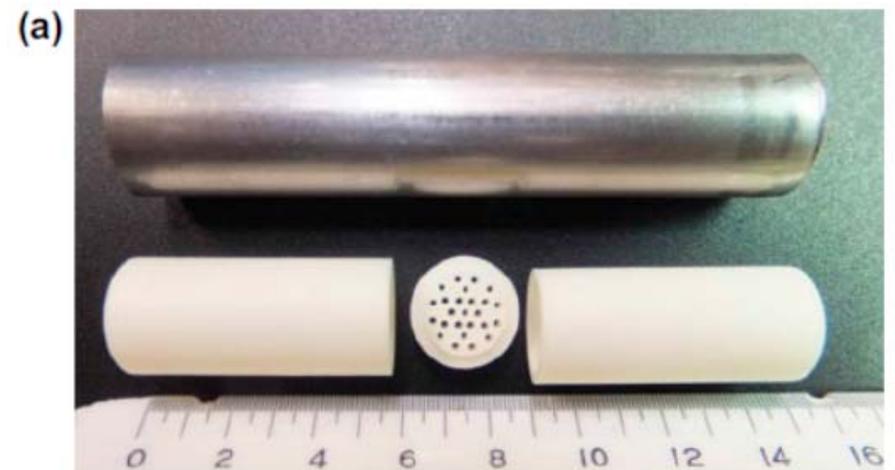
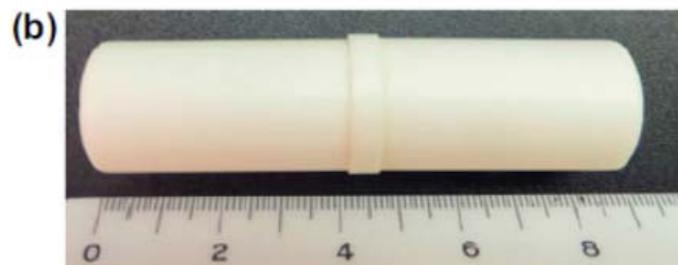
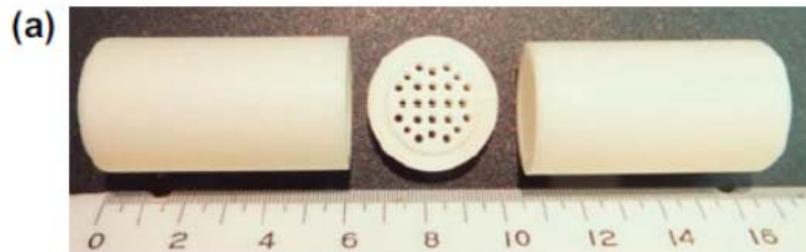
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These three piece sets are now available in a variety of sizes





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<https://lspceramics.com/canfield-crucible-sets-2/>



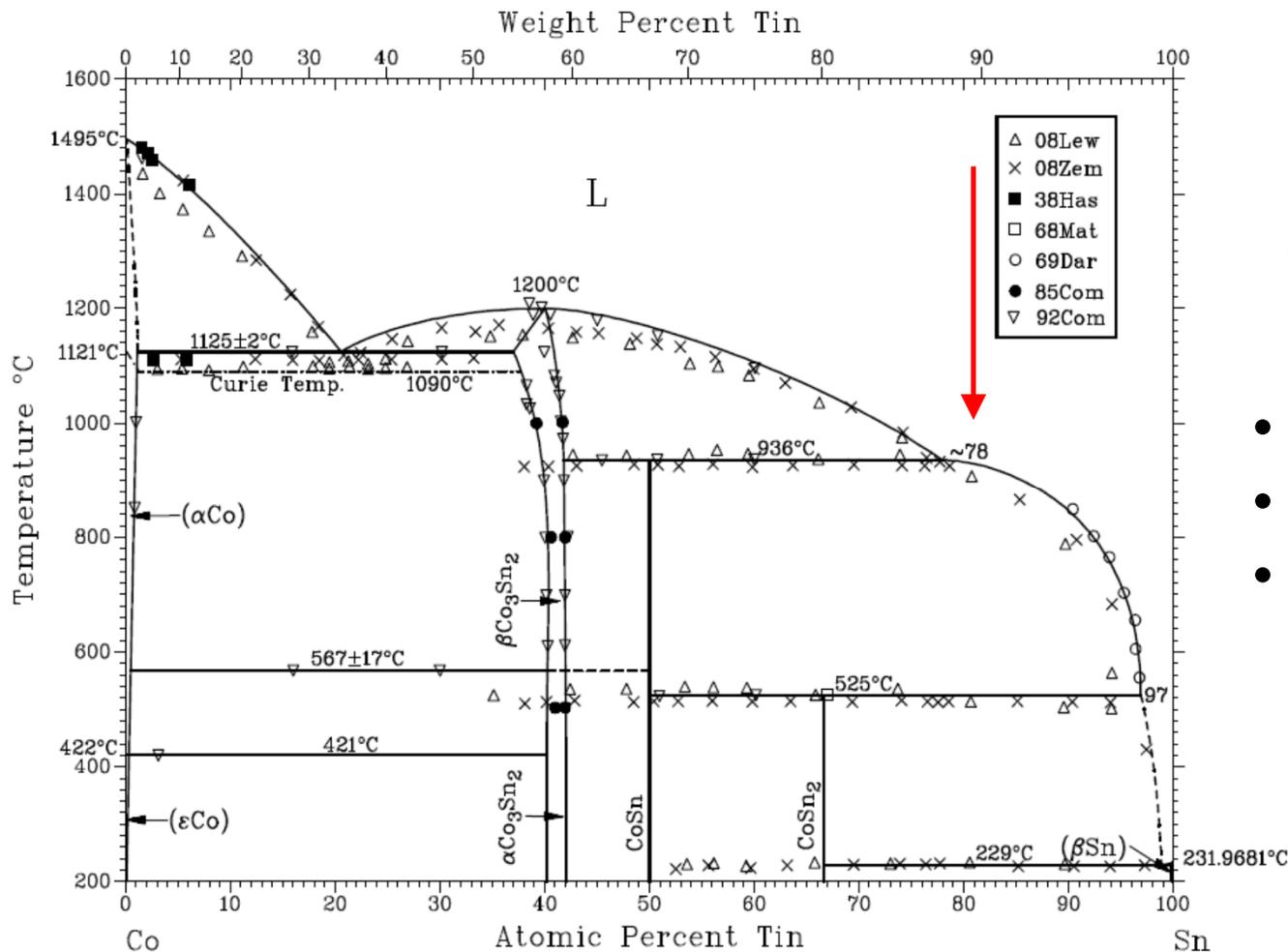
Canfield Crucible Sets



2nd example, let's see how to grow CoSn.

It is deeply peritectic, but it has a large exposed liquidus line.

We can cool a binary melt with more than 78% Sn and grow CoSn.



eg: CoSn / Sn

- self flux
- Co_{0.20}Sn_{0.80}
- 1050 °C → 650 °C



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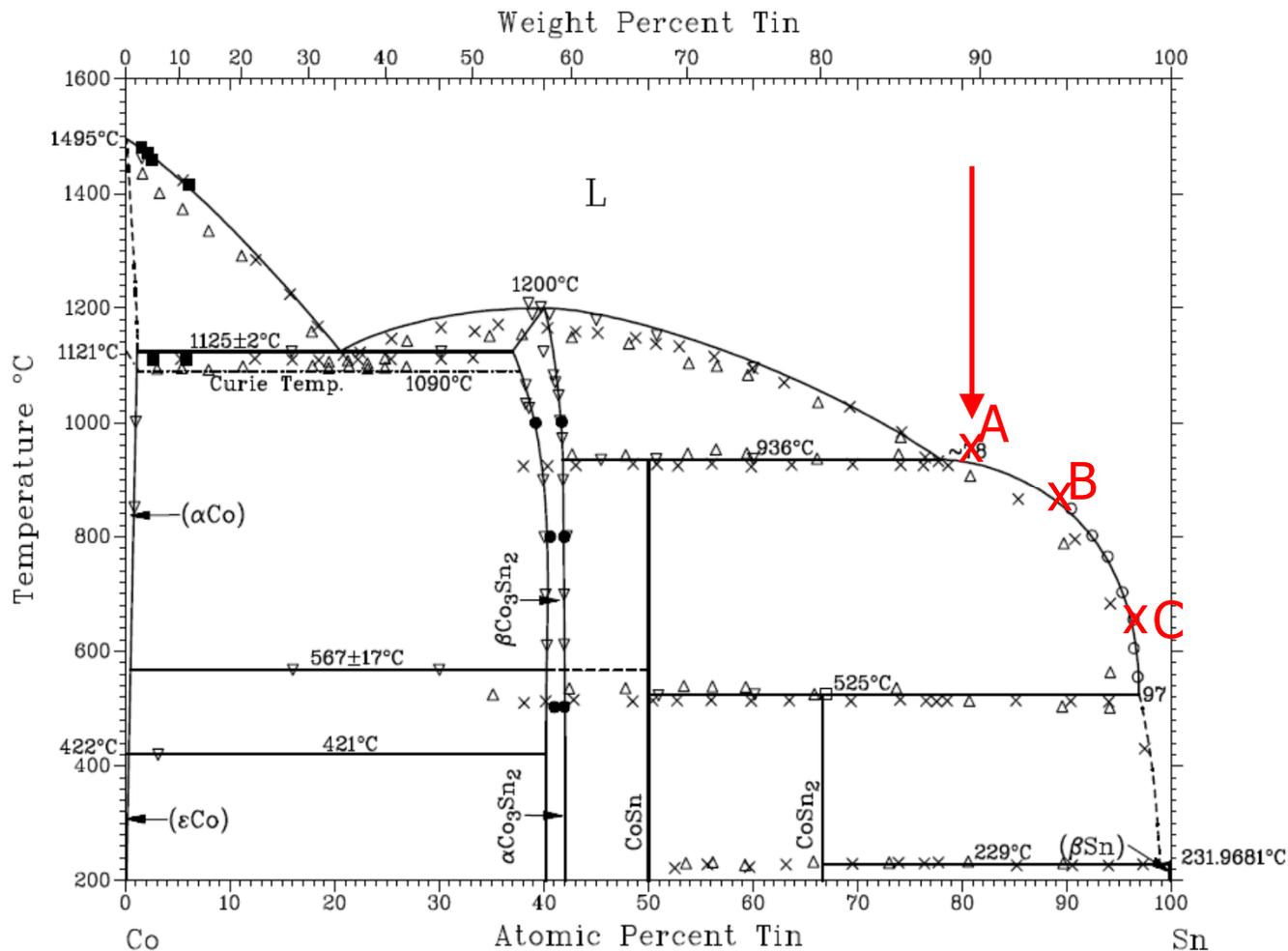
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Baln. arenæ ...	⚱	Fictile.....	⚱	Resina	⚱	Urina.....	⚱
" mariæ ...	⚱M	Fixum.....	⚱	Retorta	⚱	Ustare	⚱
" vapis...	⚱V	Flores.....	⚱	Saccharum.....	⚱	Zincum.....	⚱
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This is associated with the apparent change in the stoichiometry of the liquid as we cool into a two phase region.

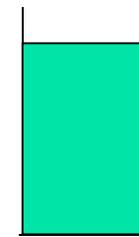
Even though we start with a $\text{Co}_{20}\text{Sn}_{80}$ solution at high temperature, we end up with a nearly pure Sn solution at low temperature.



How does this work?
We can not change Co into Sn!!!

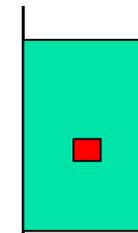


As we grow CoSn phase the remaining liquid becomes more Sn rich.



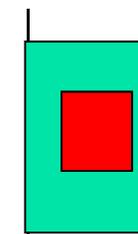
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Solid: None

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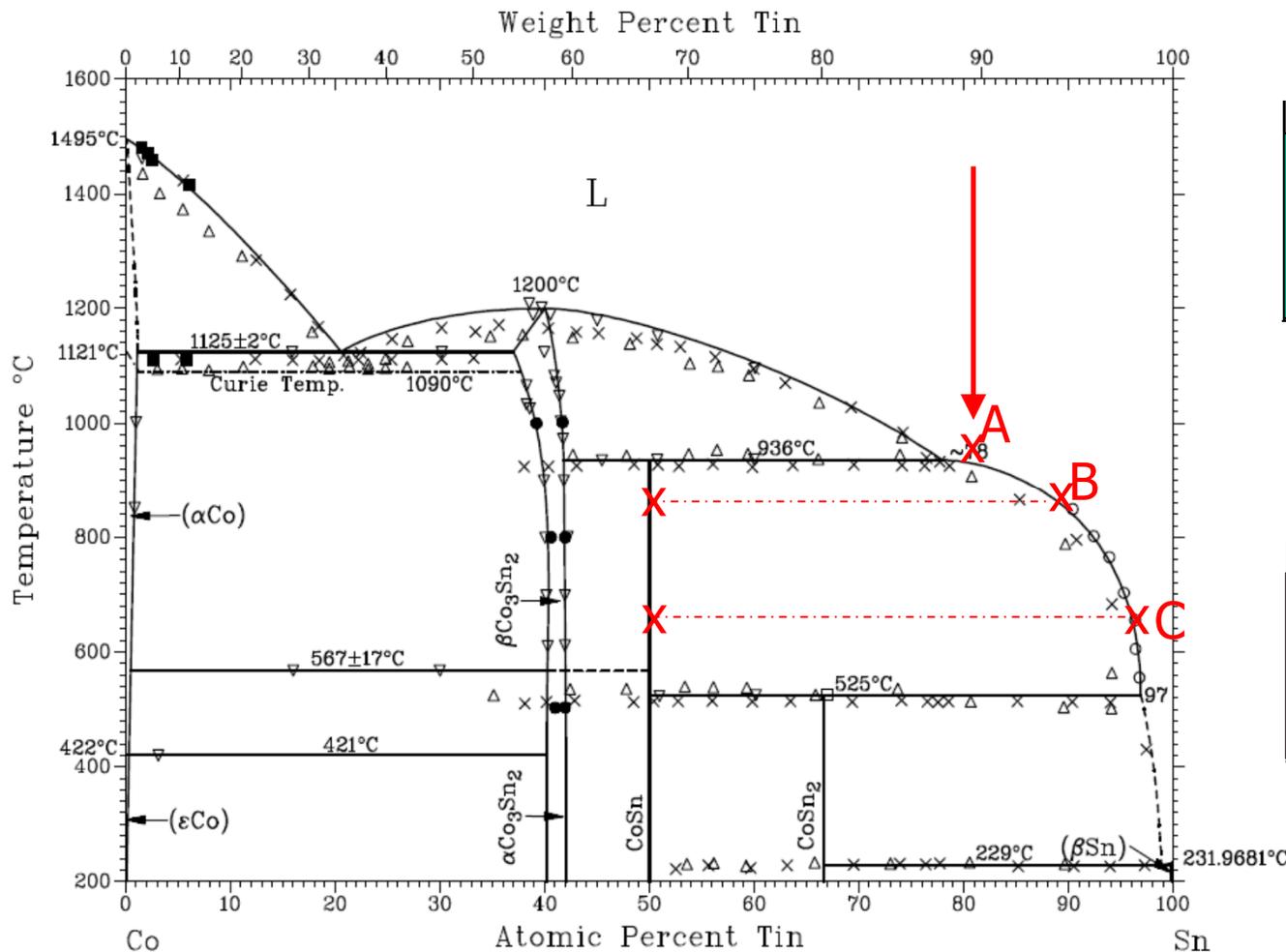
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Solid: CoSn

B



Liquid: 95% Sn
Solid: CoSn

C



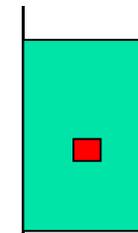


The composition of liquid changes BECAUSE we are crystallizing a phase different from initial melt stoichiometry



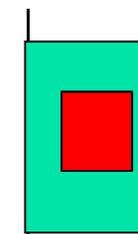
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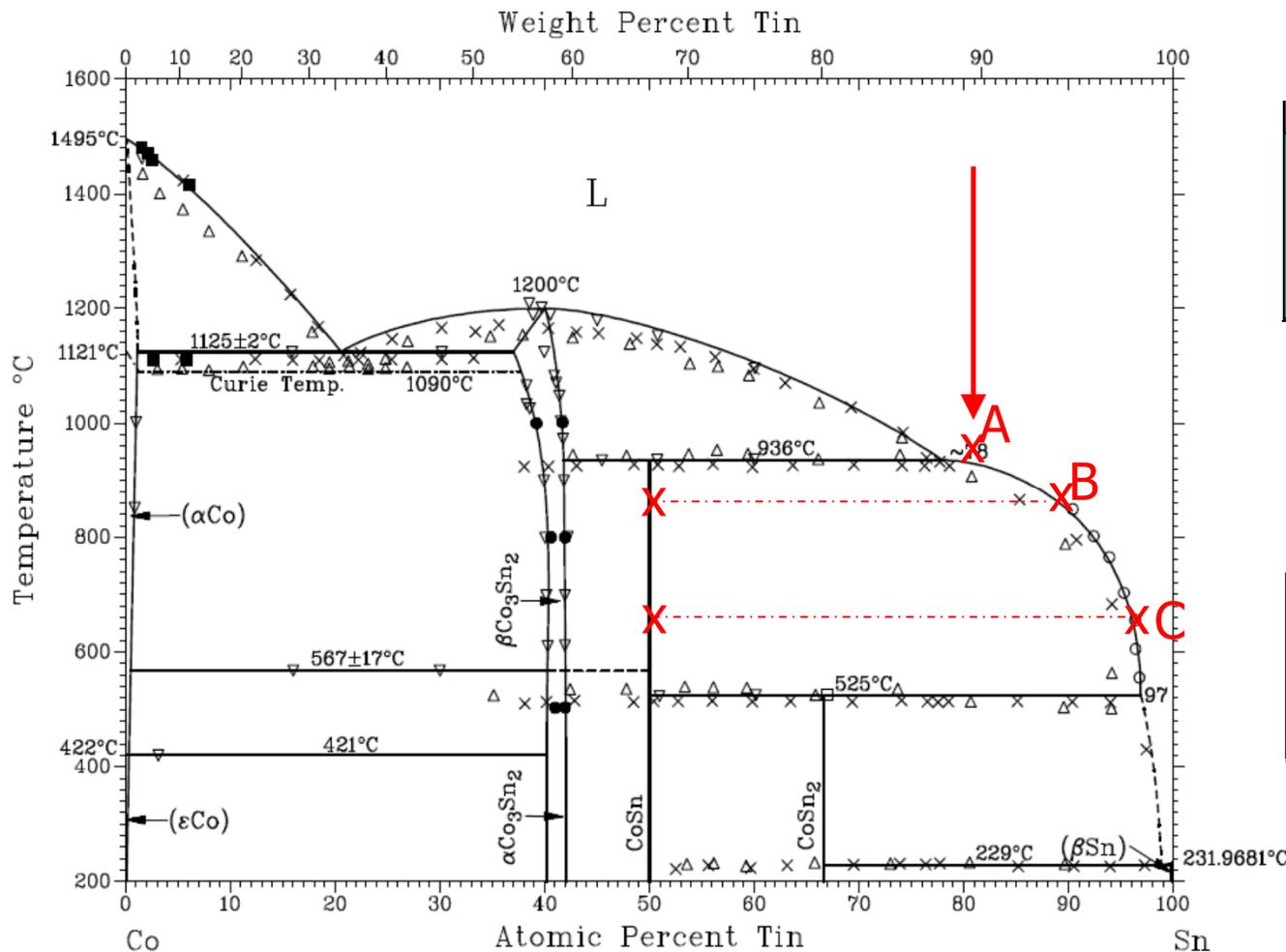
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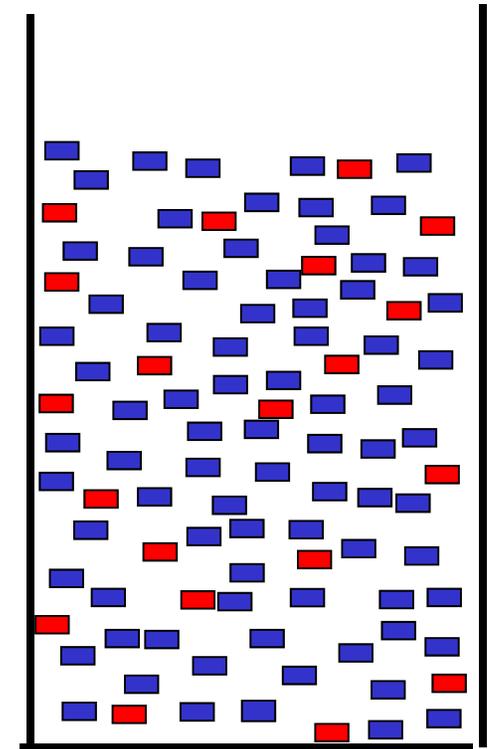
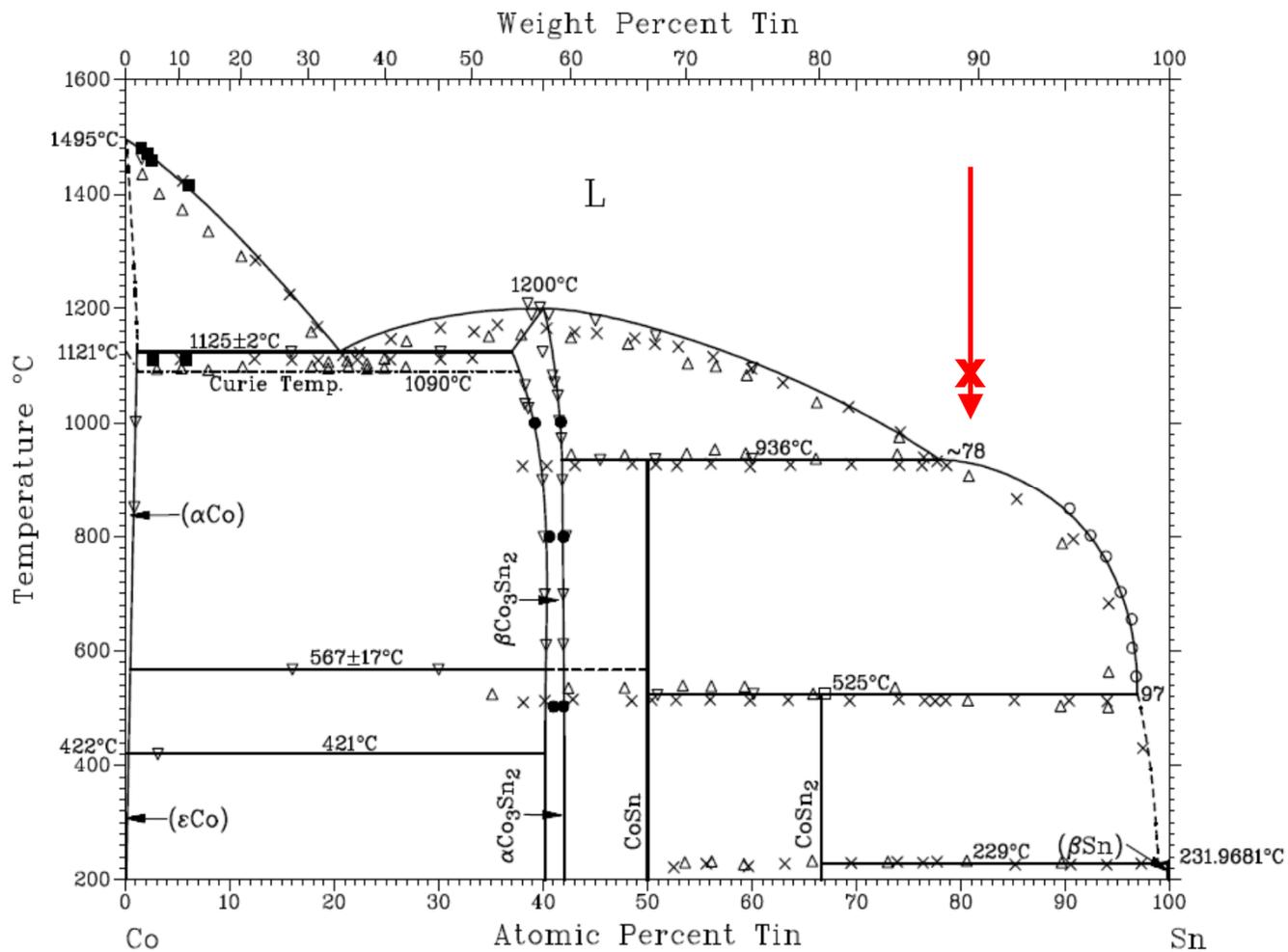
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We can also think about this in terms of atoms....

Let's have Sn blue and Co red in the mix to right.
There are 80 Sn and 20 red blocks.

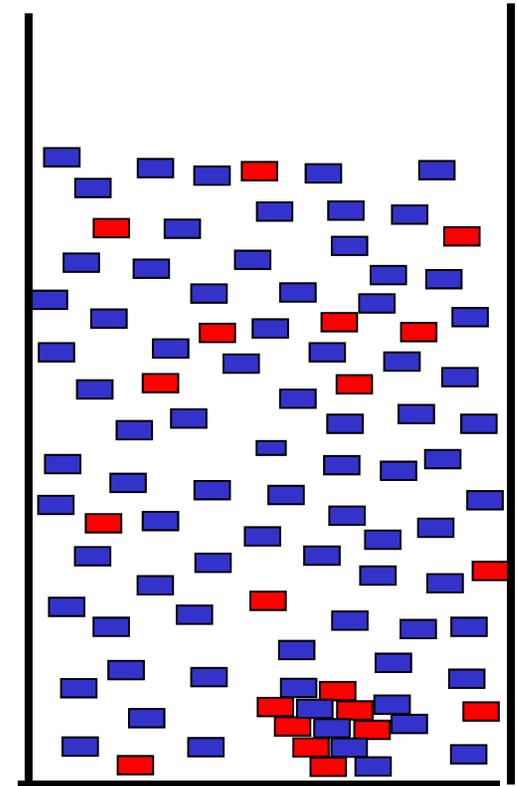
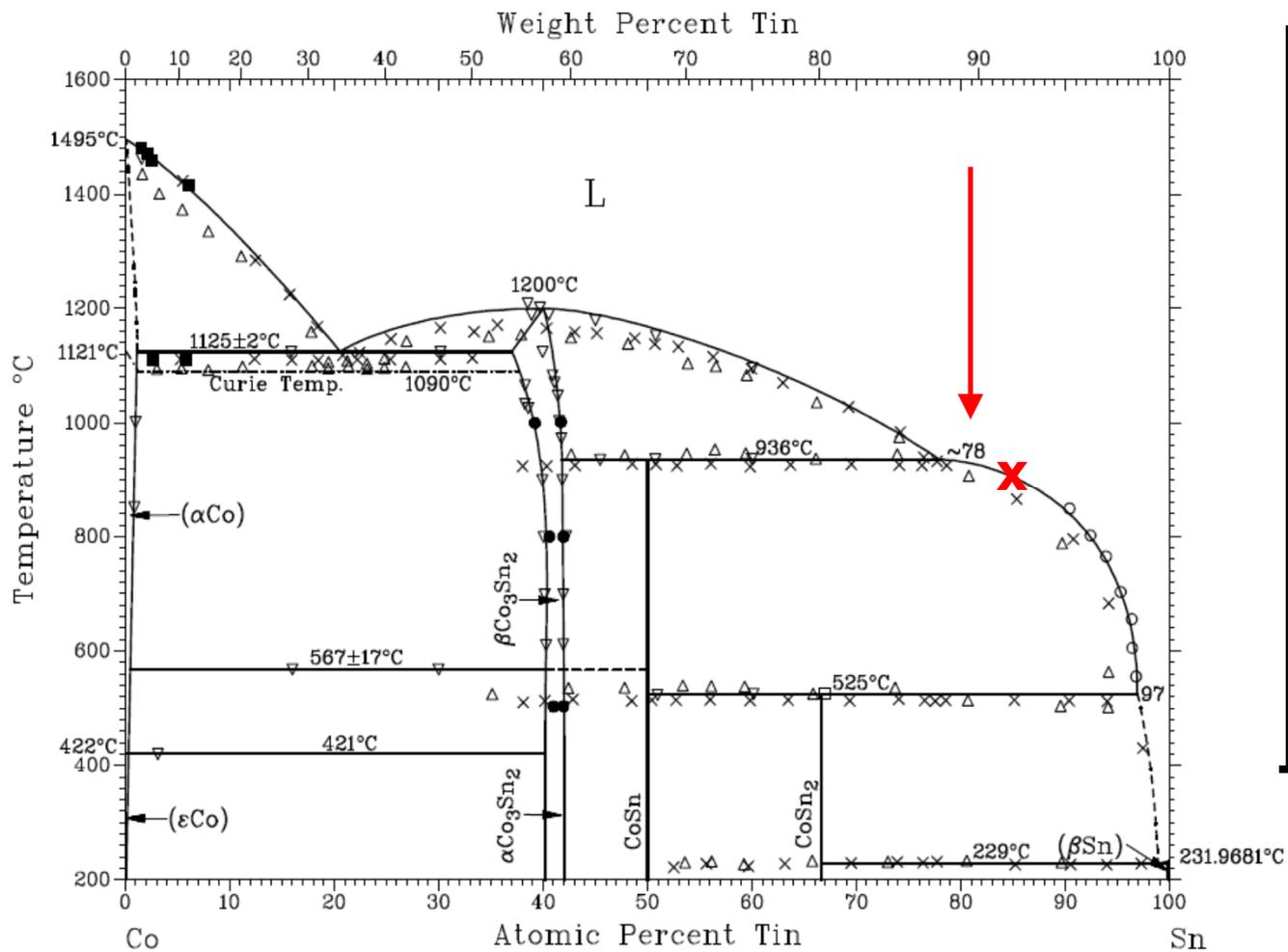


In single phase,
liquid state



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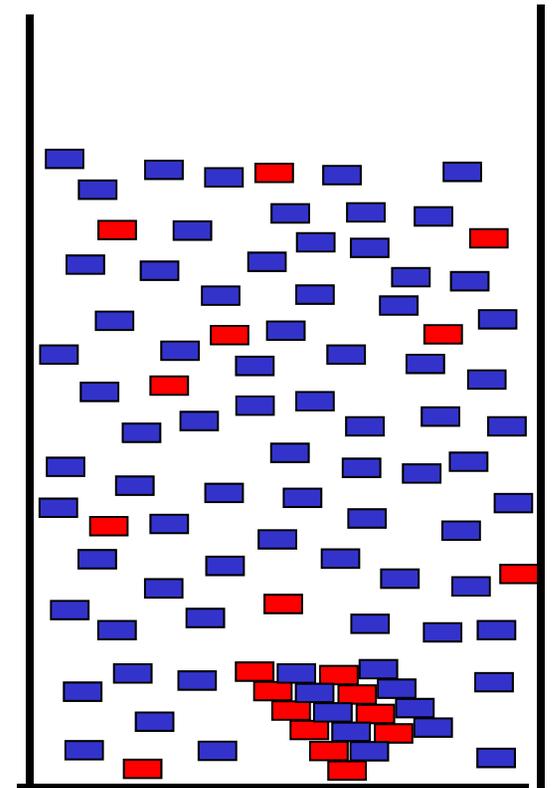
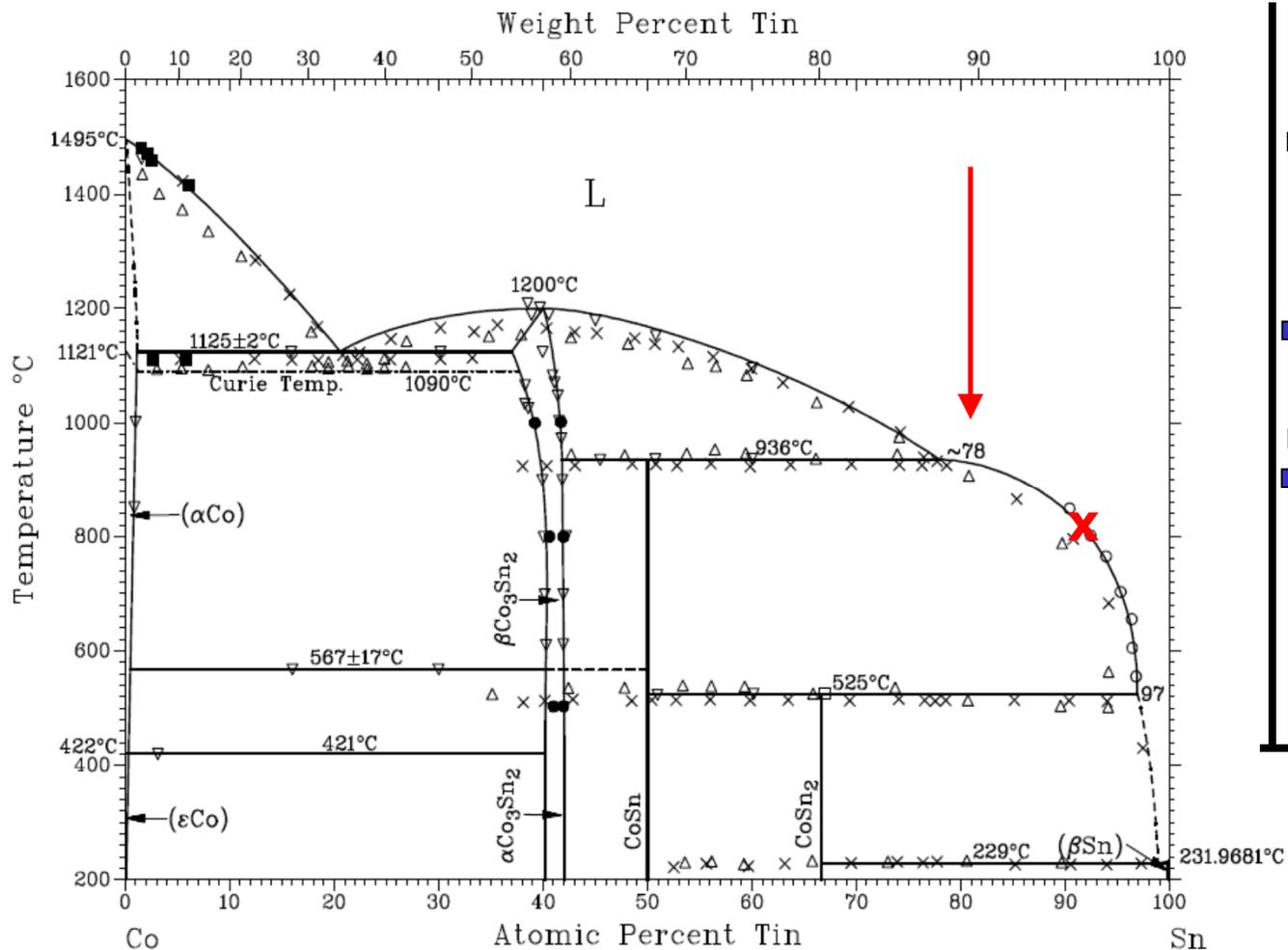


Just starting to
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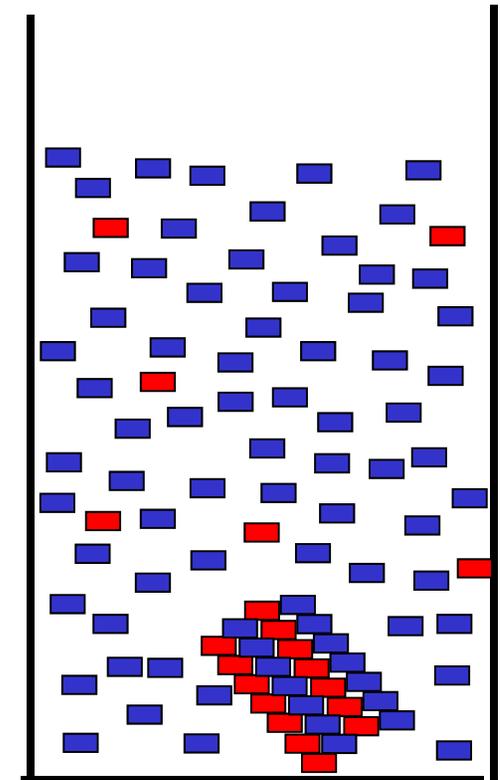
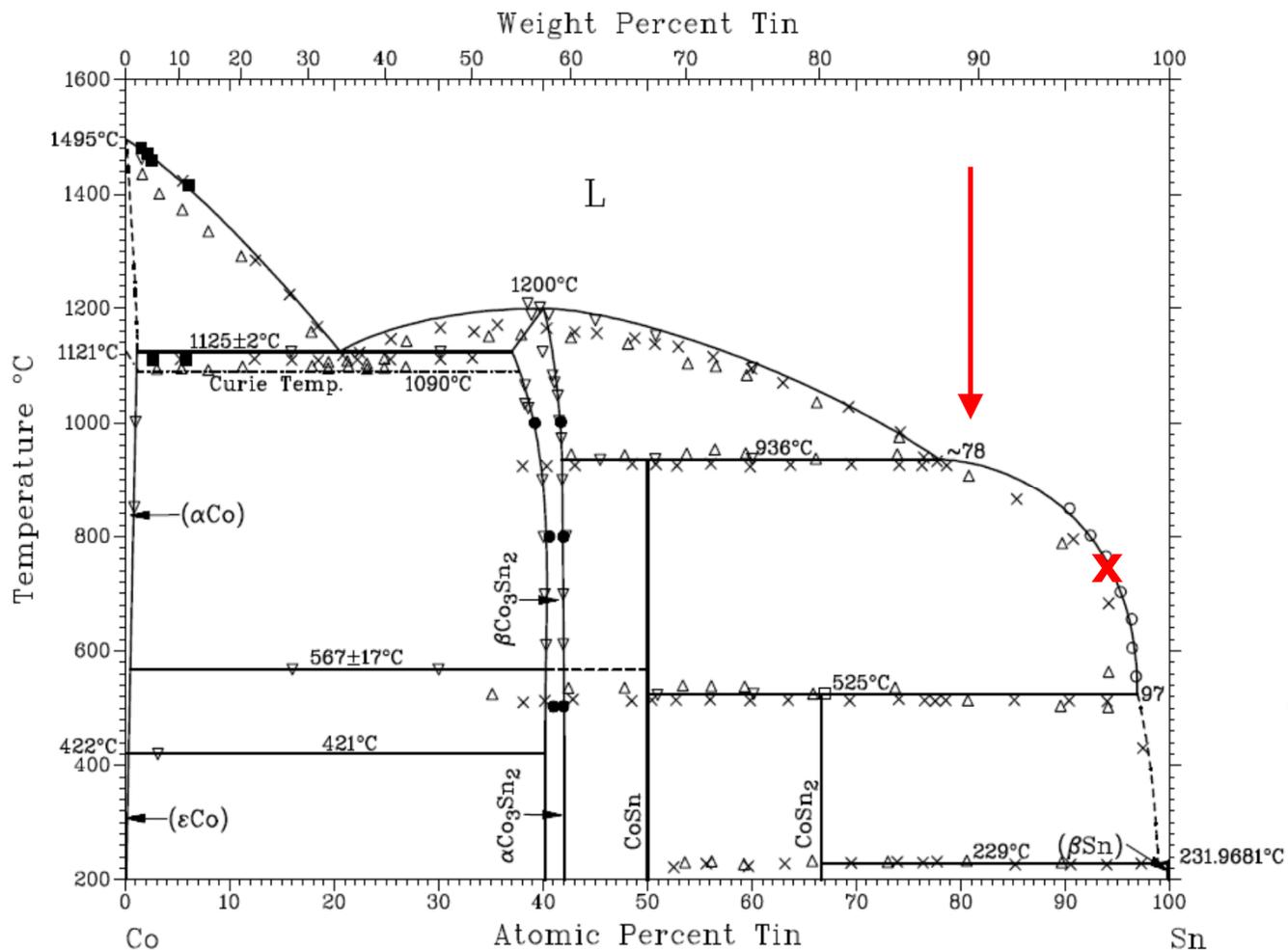
Note: as CoSn
grows less Co in
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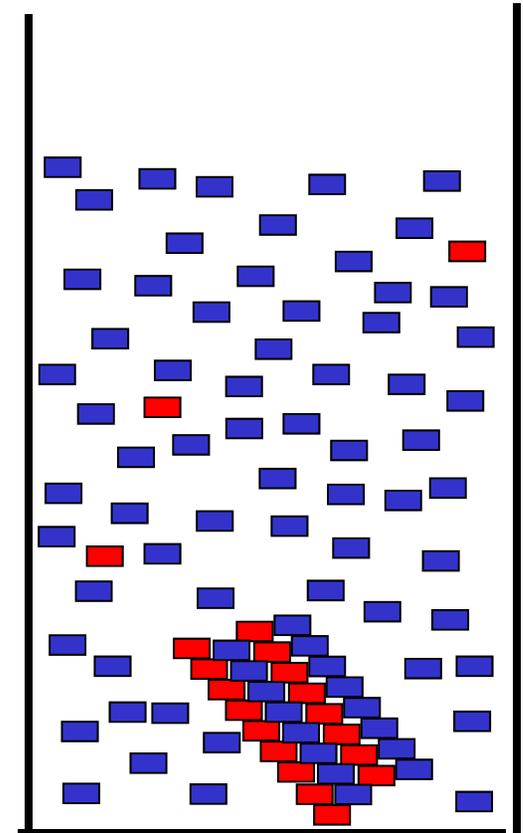
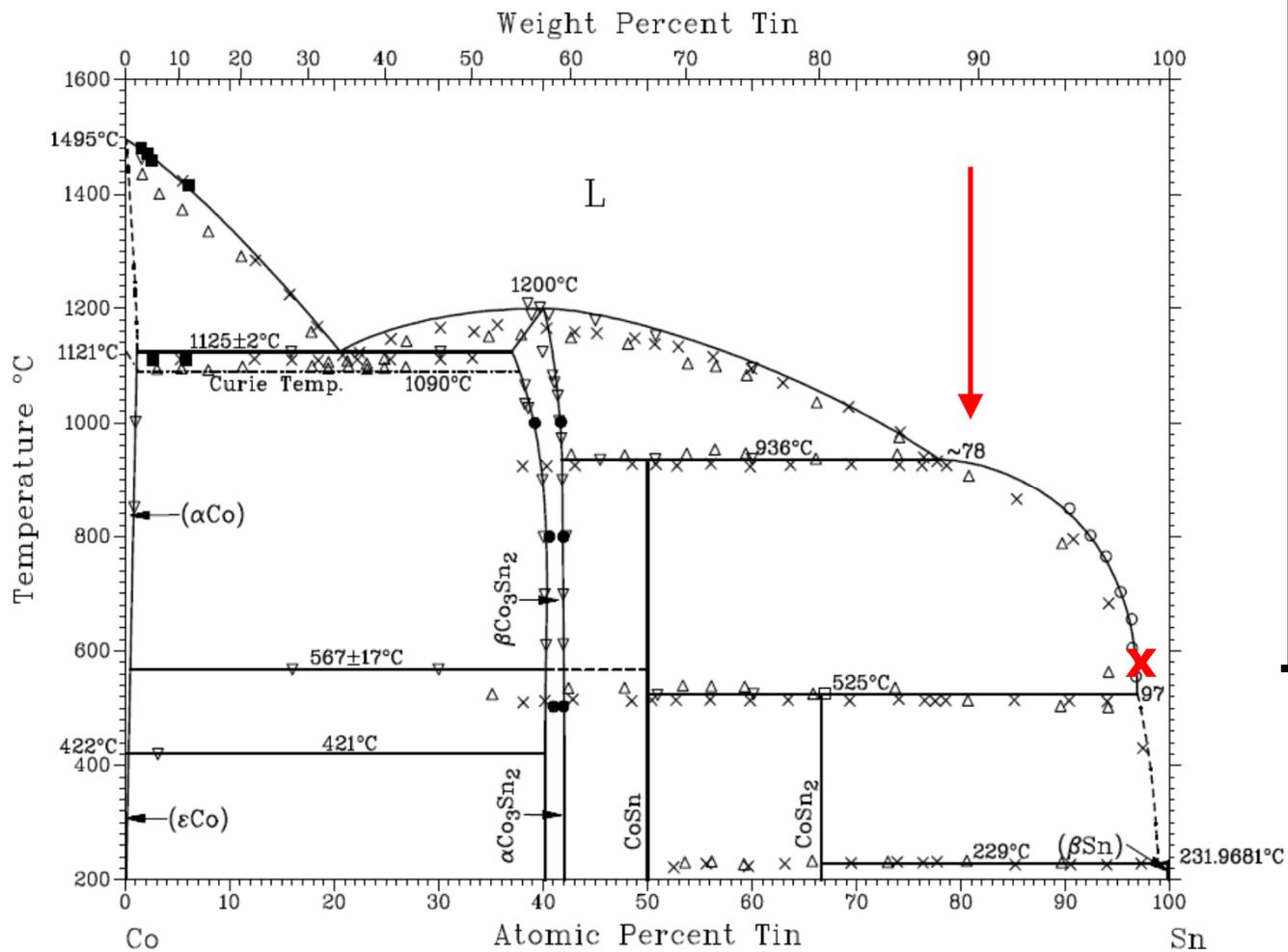


x on liquidus line gives composition of remaining liquid



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CoSn crystal has consumed most of initial Co. Liquid is almost pure Sn



Not *ALCHEMY*, just old fashion chemistry.

By the way, it is interesting to study history of chemistry as it emerged from alchemy into systematic science; very active debate and evolution of science. Look at names of elements to get some of this flavor.



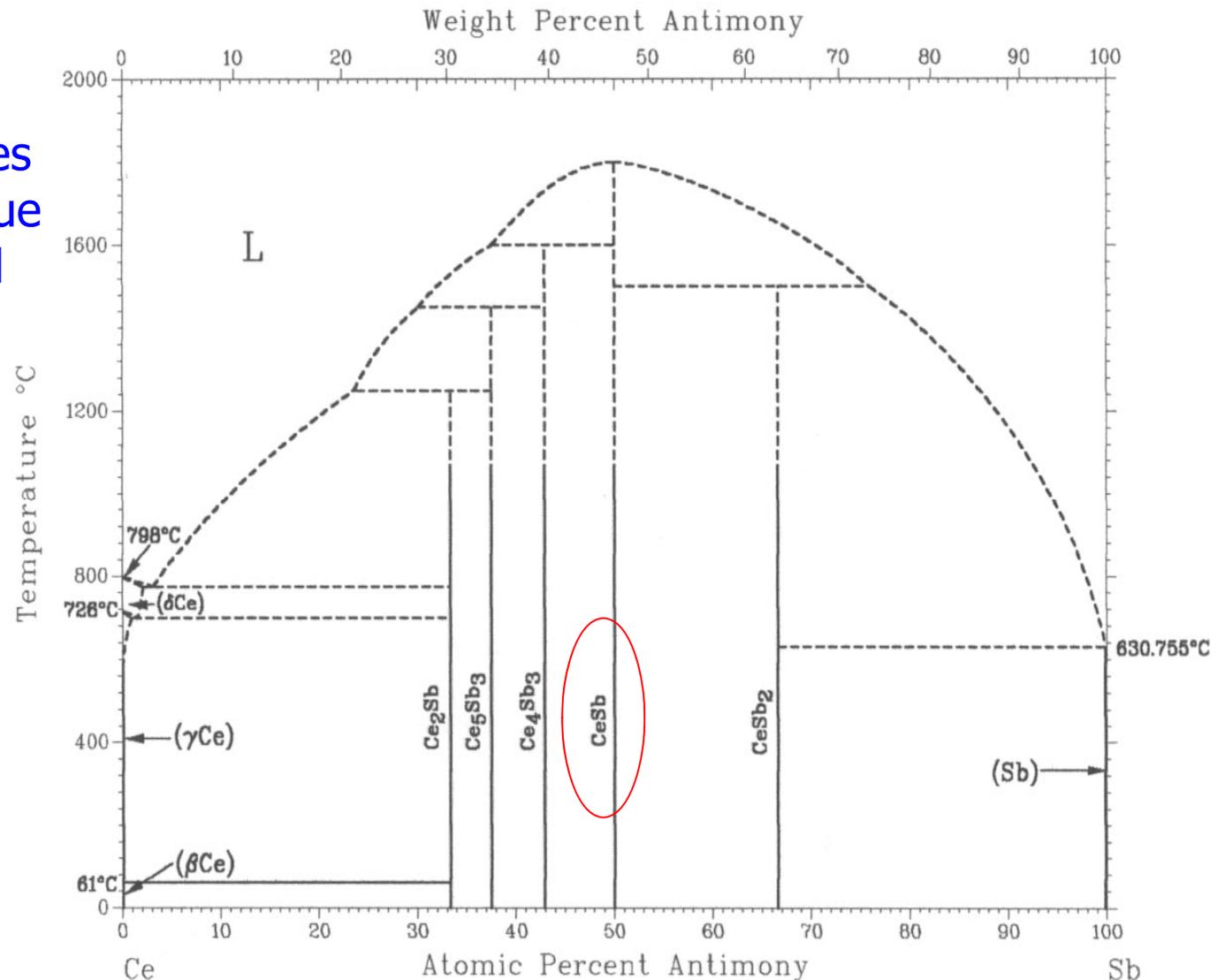
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Aerugo	⊕	Cancer.....	♁	Lapis	♁	Spiritus vini ...	♁v.♁
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Auripigmentum	♁	Cuprum.....	♁	Preparare	♁	Vitriolum.....	♁
Aurum	♁	Distillare.....	♁	Pulvis.....	♁	Vitrum	♁
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" mariæ...	♁M	Fixum.....	♁	Retorta	♁	Ustare.....	♁
" vaporis...	♁V	Flores.....	♁	Saccharum.....	♁	Zincum.....	♁
Baryta	♁	Gummi	♁	Sal	♁		
Bismuth	♁	Hora	♁	Sal alkali	♁		
		Hydrargyr.....	♁				



OK, now higher melts: what about growth of the congruently melting compound, CeSb?

This is tricky if done just out of the binary: very high temperatures and lots of defects (due to vapor pressure and entropy).

But why would you want to grow this compound anyway?

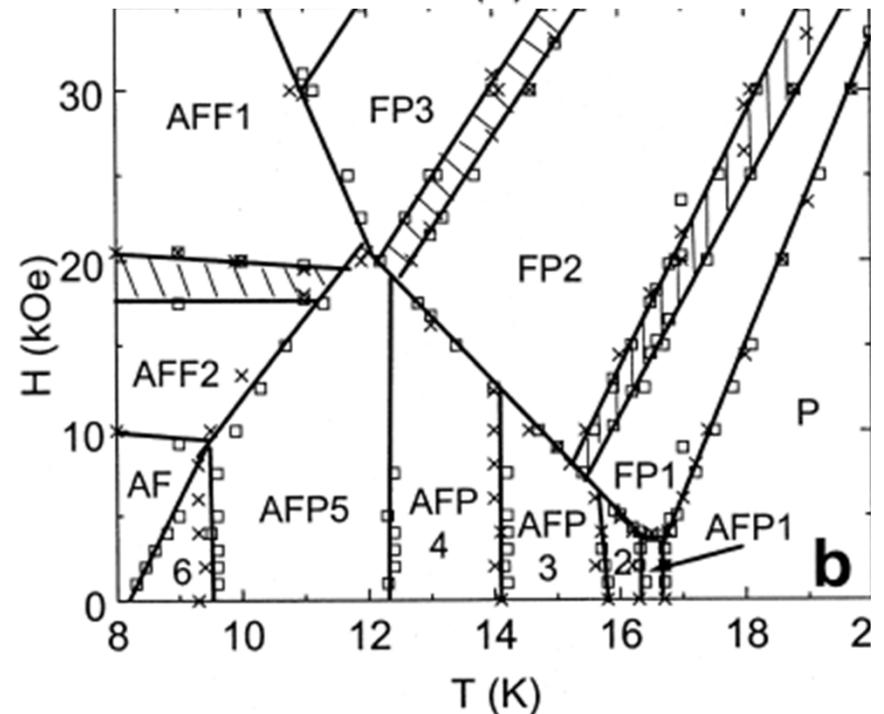
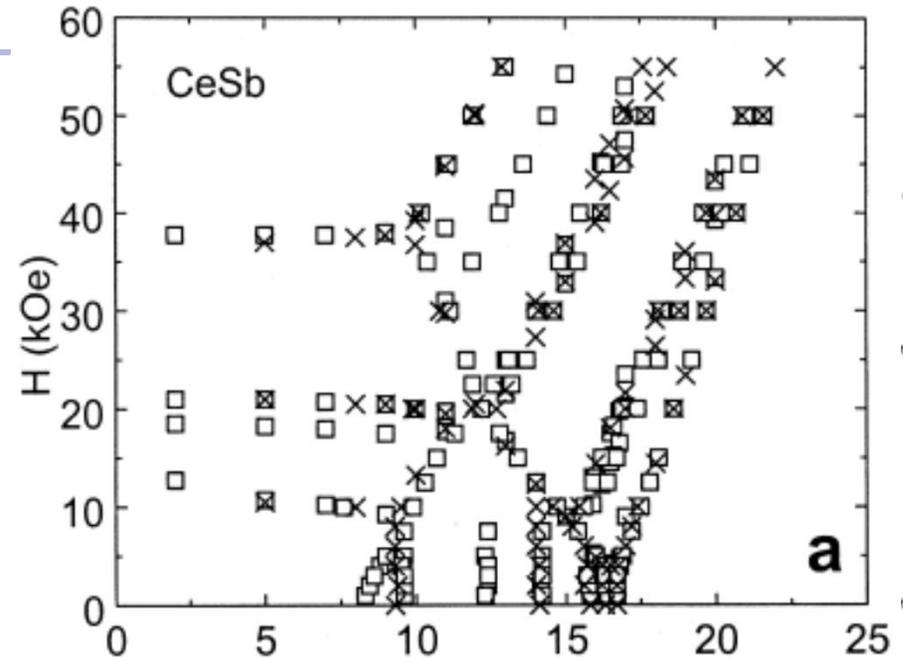




Multiple transitions in temperature and field

CeSb

$M(H)$, $M(T)$, $\rho(H)$ and $\rho(T)$ data can be used to assemble an H-T phase diagram of fantastic detail. This system was studied extensively in the 70's and 80's by several neutron scattering groups as well as serving as the inspiration for the ANNNI model.



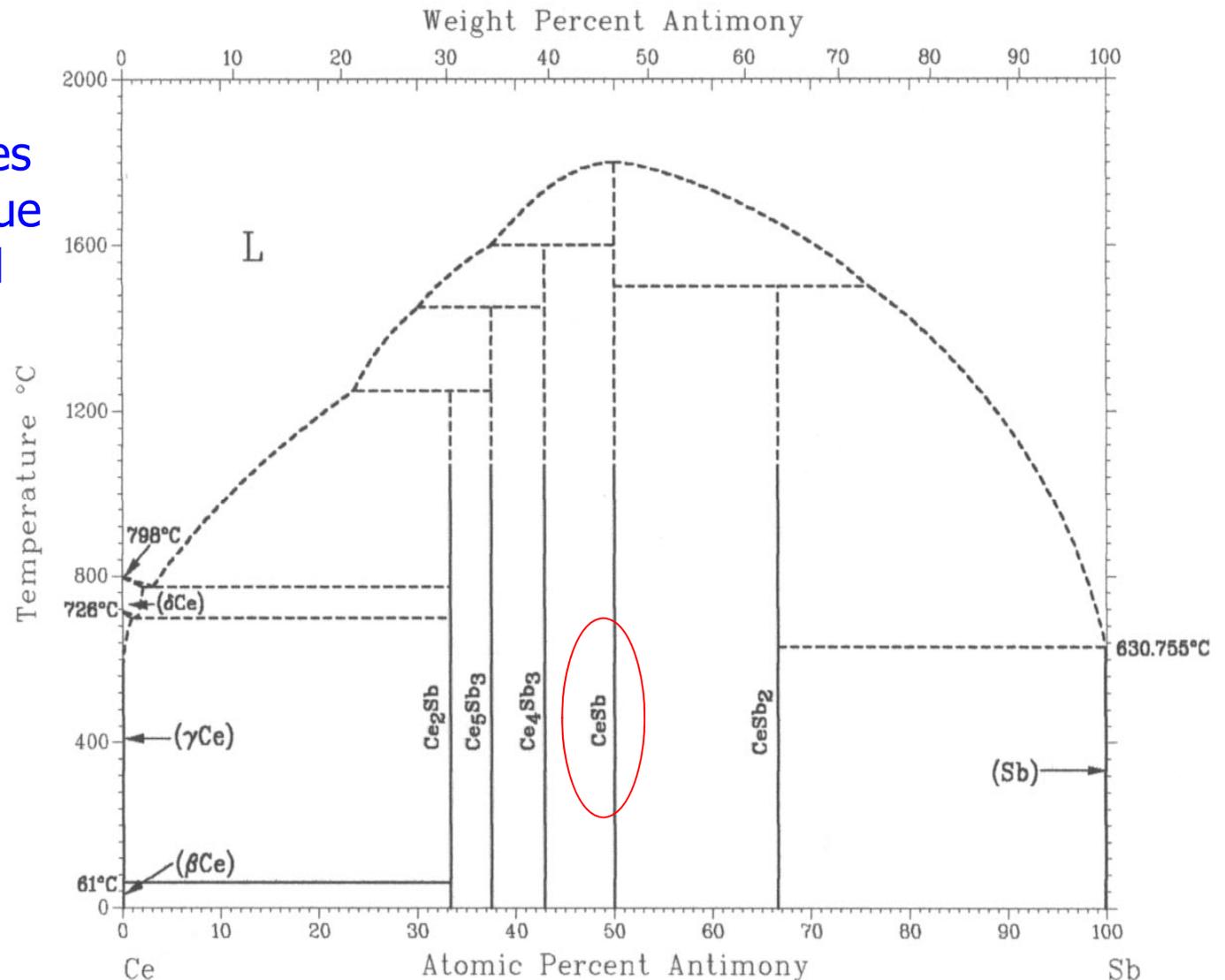


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Can this be grown out of extra elements in manner similar to growing a salt out of water?

This question is the essence of flux growth.





When I was first faced with this goal I simply tried several of the "usual suspects", i.e. low melting elements that offered good solubility for both Ce and Sb.

Sn worked best

Atomic number

Symbol

Atomic weight

Metal

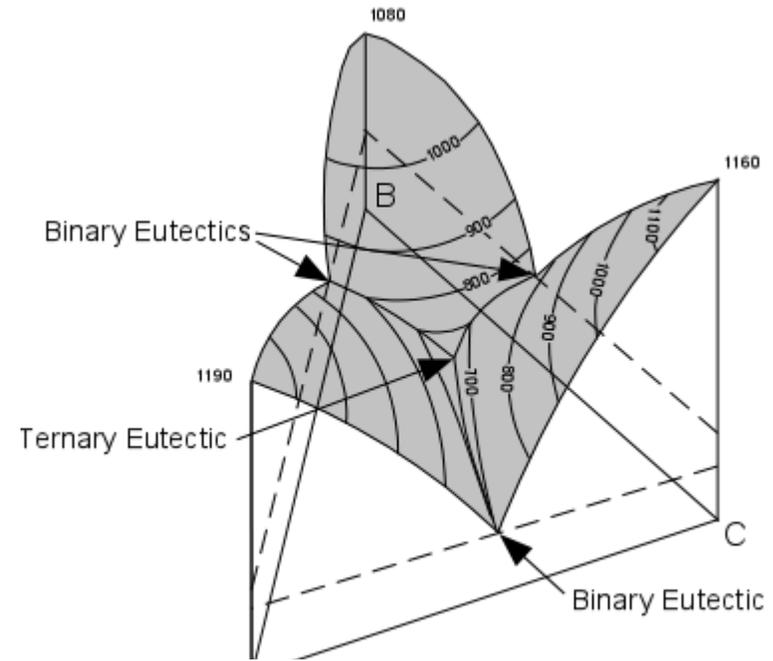
Semimetal

Nonmetal

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19 K 39.10	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.96	22 Ti 47.88	23 V 50.94	24 Cr 52.00	25 Mn 54.94	26 Fe 55.85	27 Co 58.93	28 Ni 58.69	29 Cu 63.55	30 Zn 65.39	31 In 114.8	32 Sn 118.7	33 Sb 121.8	34 Te 127.6	35 I 126.9	36 Xe 131.3
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.91	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.91	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc 98.91	44 Ru 101.1	45 Rh 102.9	46 Pd 106.4	47 Ag 107.9	48 Cd 112.4	49 Tl 204.4	50 Pb 207.2	51 Bi 209.0	52 Po 209.0	53 At 210.0	54 Rn 222.0
55 Cs 132.9	56 Ba 137.3	71 Lu 175.0	72 Hf 178.5	73 Ta 180.9	74 W 183.8	75 Re 186.2	76 Os 190.2	77 Ir 192.2	78 Pt 195.1	79 Au 197.0	80 Hg 200.6	81 Tl 204.4	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 209.0	84 Po 209.0	85 At 210.0	86 Rn 222.0
87 Fr 223.0	88 Ra 226.0	103 Lr 262.1	104 Rf 261.1	105 Db 262.1	106 Sg 263.1	107 Bh 264.1	108 Hs 265.1	109 Mt 268	110 Uun 269	111 Uuu 272	112 Uub 277	113 Uut 289	114 Uuq 289	115 Uup 289	116 Uuh 289	117 Uus 289	118 Uuo 293
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We are now talking about a ternary growth.
We have added another dimension.



In many cases we are guessing how to ski blind, on a slope we can only speculate about.

Note, when the ternary diagram is known (rarely) it looks a lot like a topo-map.

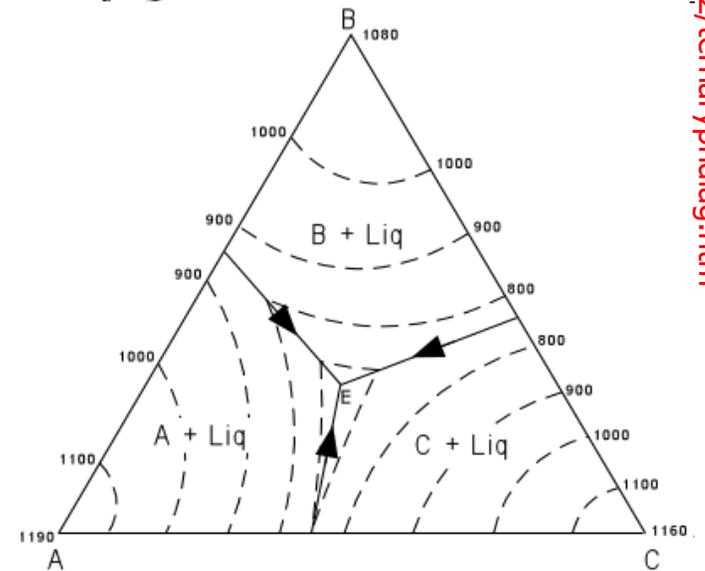
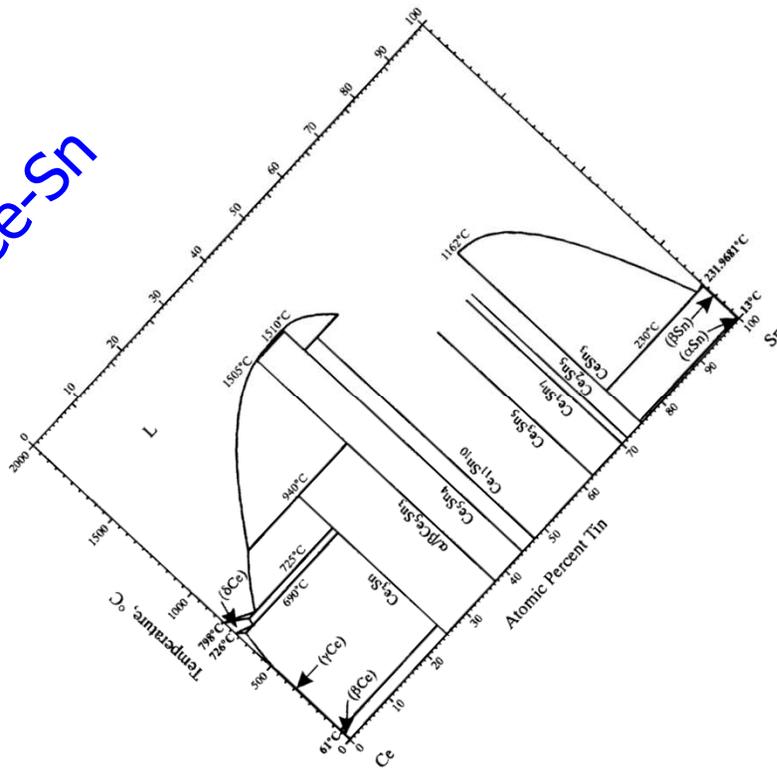


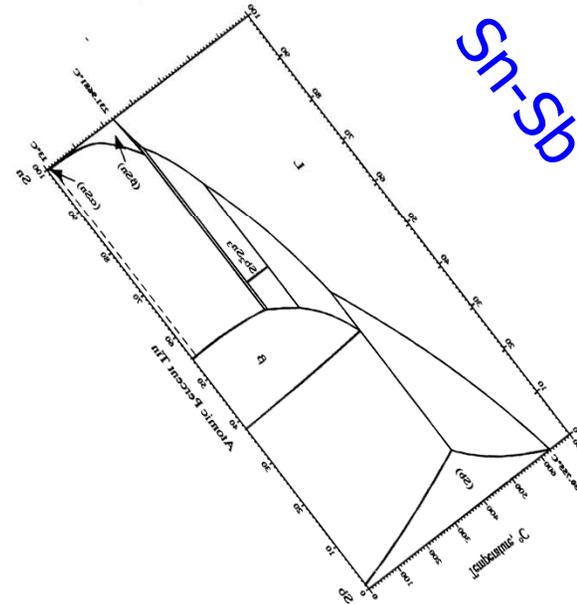
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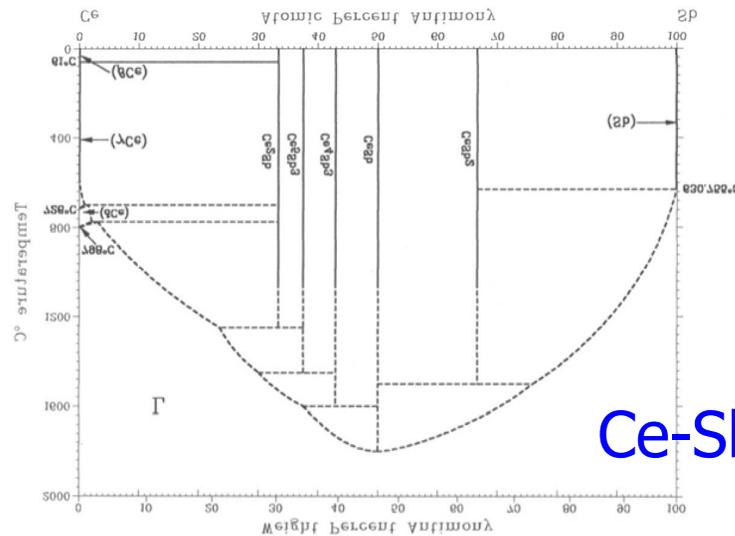
Ce-Sn



Sn-Sb



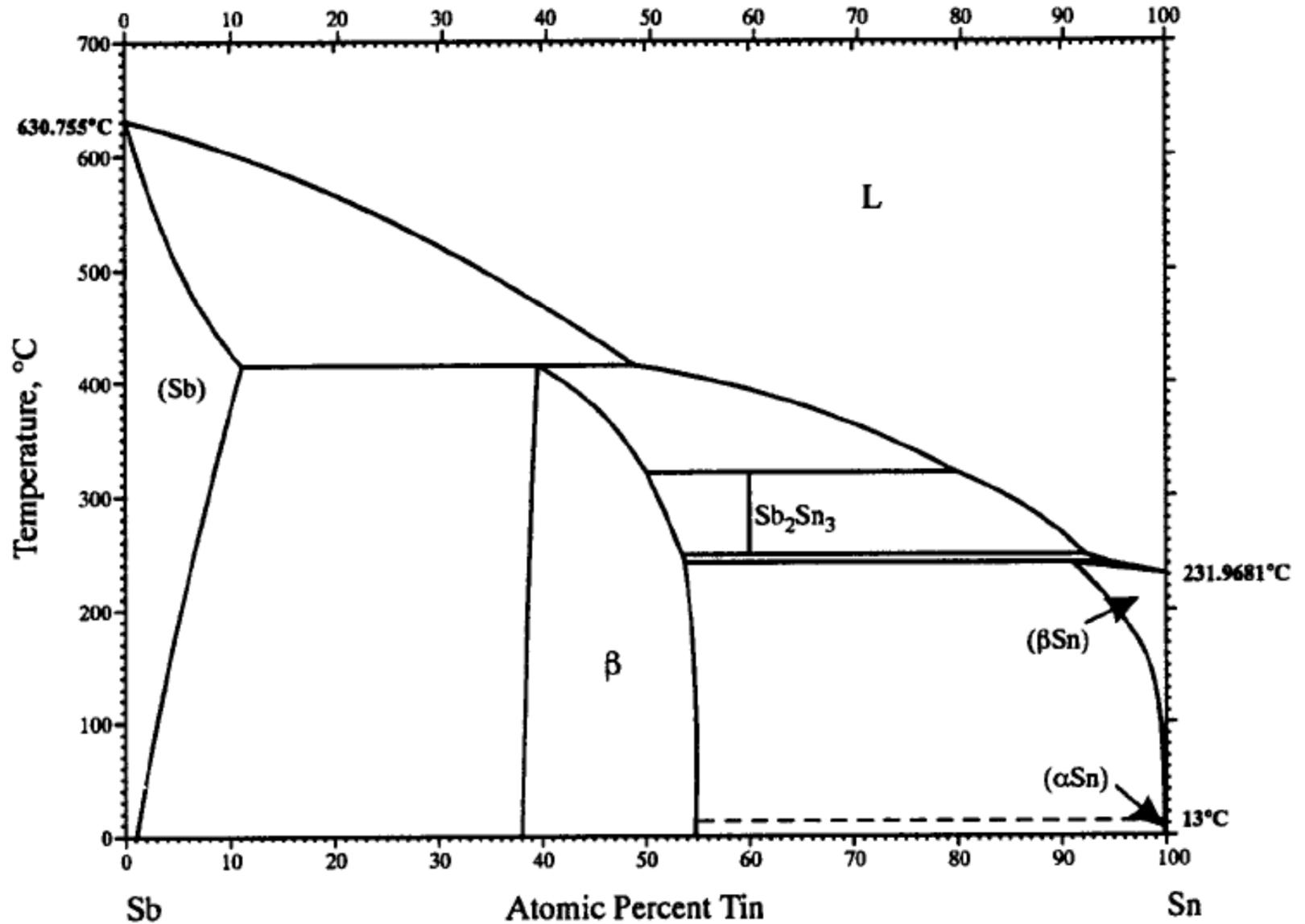
We can use binary phase diagrams to give sense of edges of the ternary.



Ce-Sb

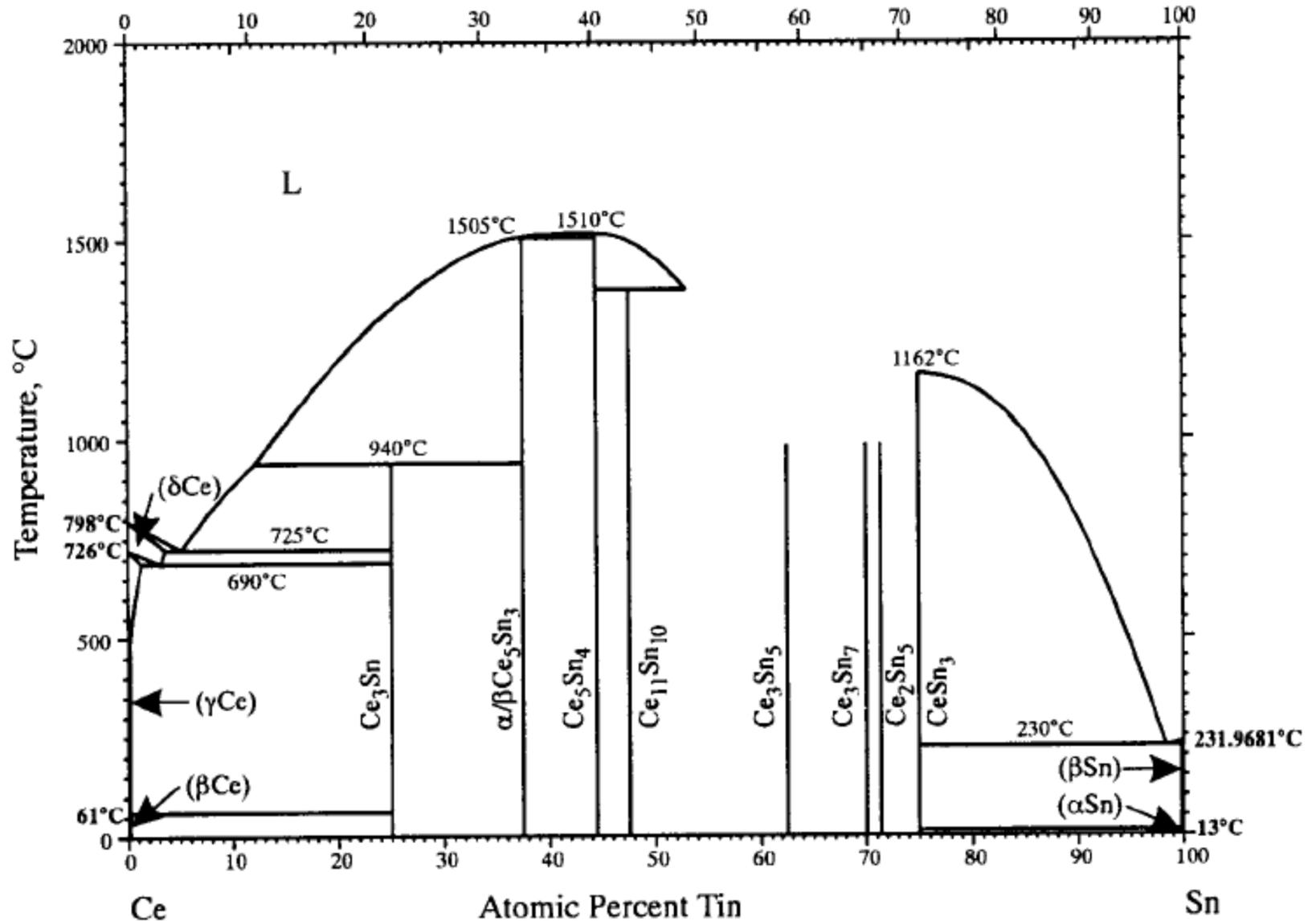


There are only low melting compounds of Sn and Sb





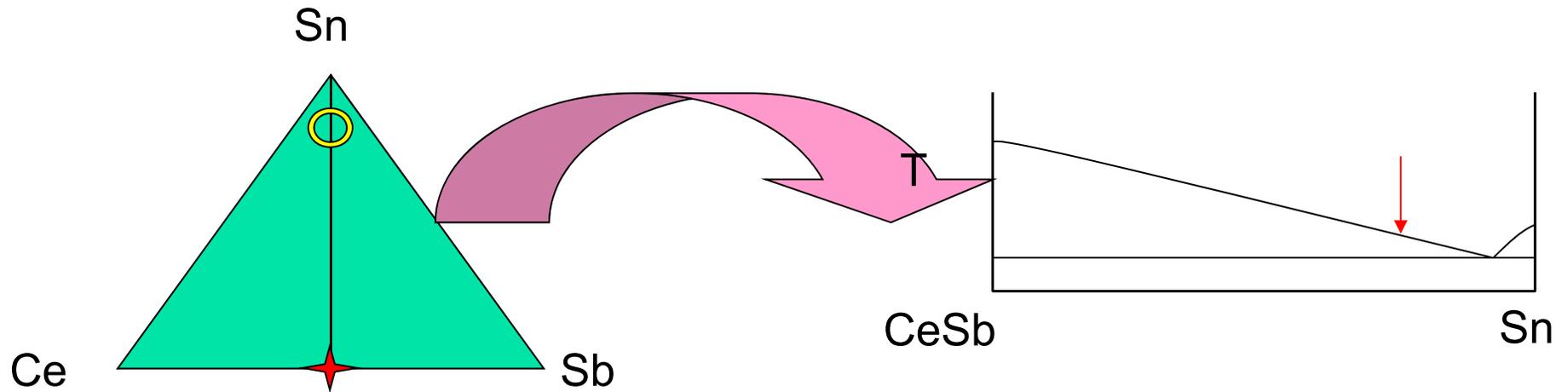
If the Ce is dilute in Sn, then we only worry about CeSn_3 at low temperatures.



3rd element flux

eg: CeSb / Sn

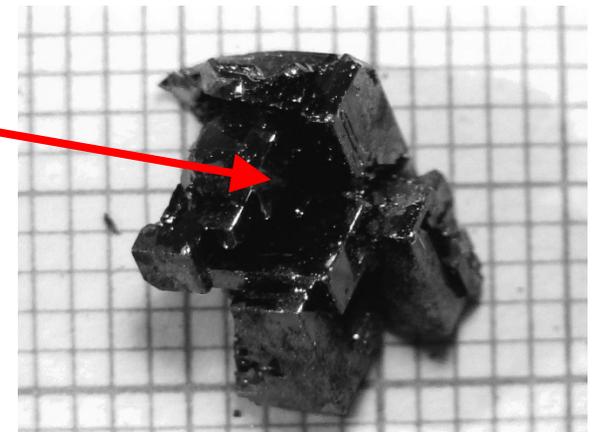
In this case we can think of this as a pseudo-binary cut through the Ce-Sb-Sn ternary phase diagram.

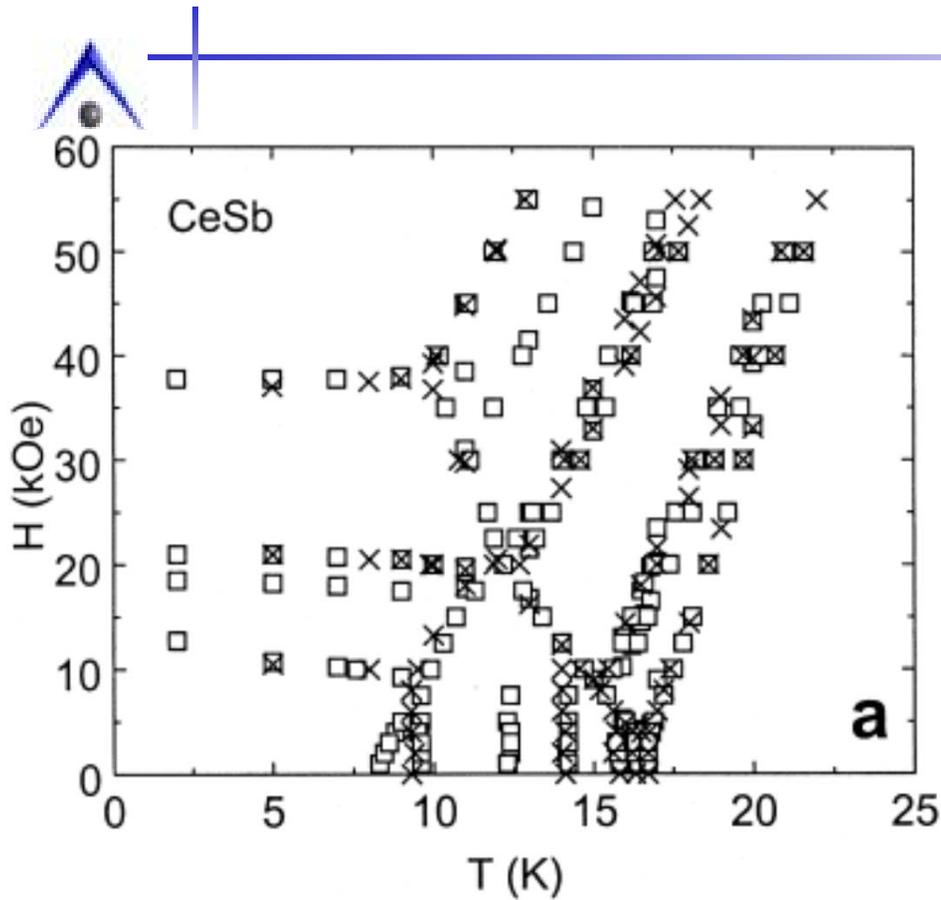


1150 °C → 800 °C

(Spin at 800 to avoid the CeSn₃ 2nd phase)

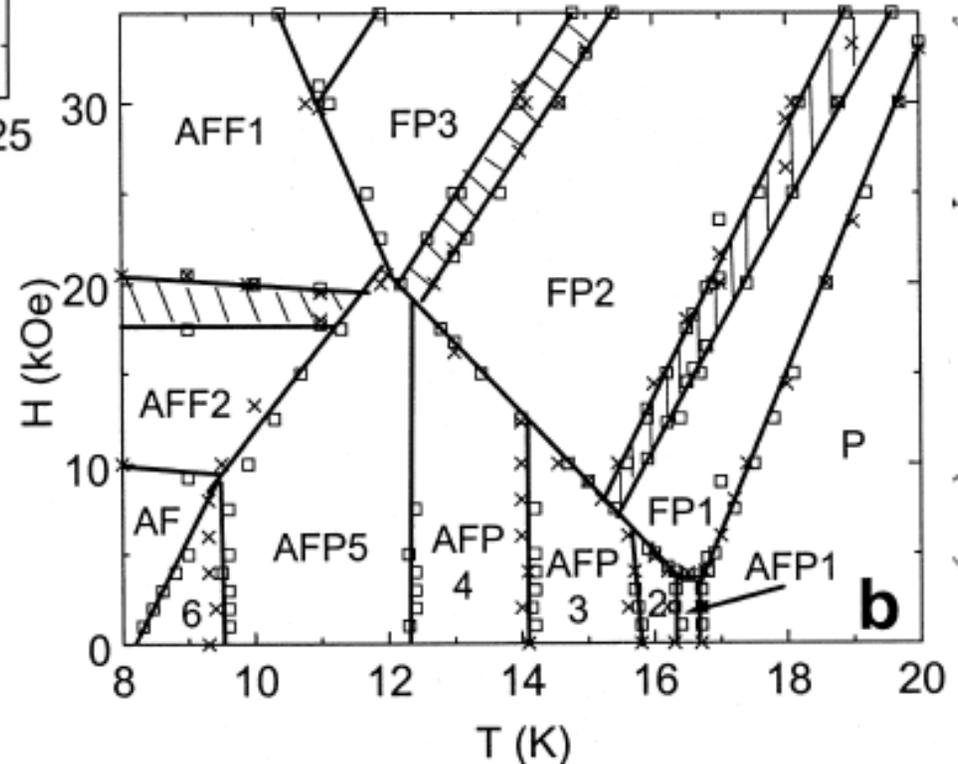
CeSb





Complex field and temperature dependent magnetism can be found in CeSb, especially very high purity single crystals grown out of Sn in this method.

M(H), M(T), $\rho(H)$ and $\rho(T)$ data can be used to assemble an H-T phase diagram of fantastic detail.





For the rest of this lecture we will review other examples of growth design and implementation. I will try to point out issues associated with:

Silica Softening---When using silica tubing you must respect $T \sim 1200\text{ C}$

Vapor pressure (attack)

Crucible stability

But before that do be aware of:

Toxicity of compounds before reaction

Toxicity of compounds after reaction

Check before you start

Expense of it all...Quartz, crucibles, elements....

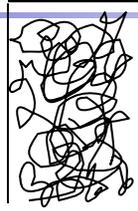


Let's start with an example of a growth that appears to be easy, but requires attention to

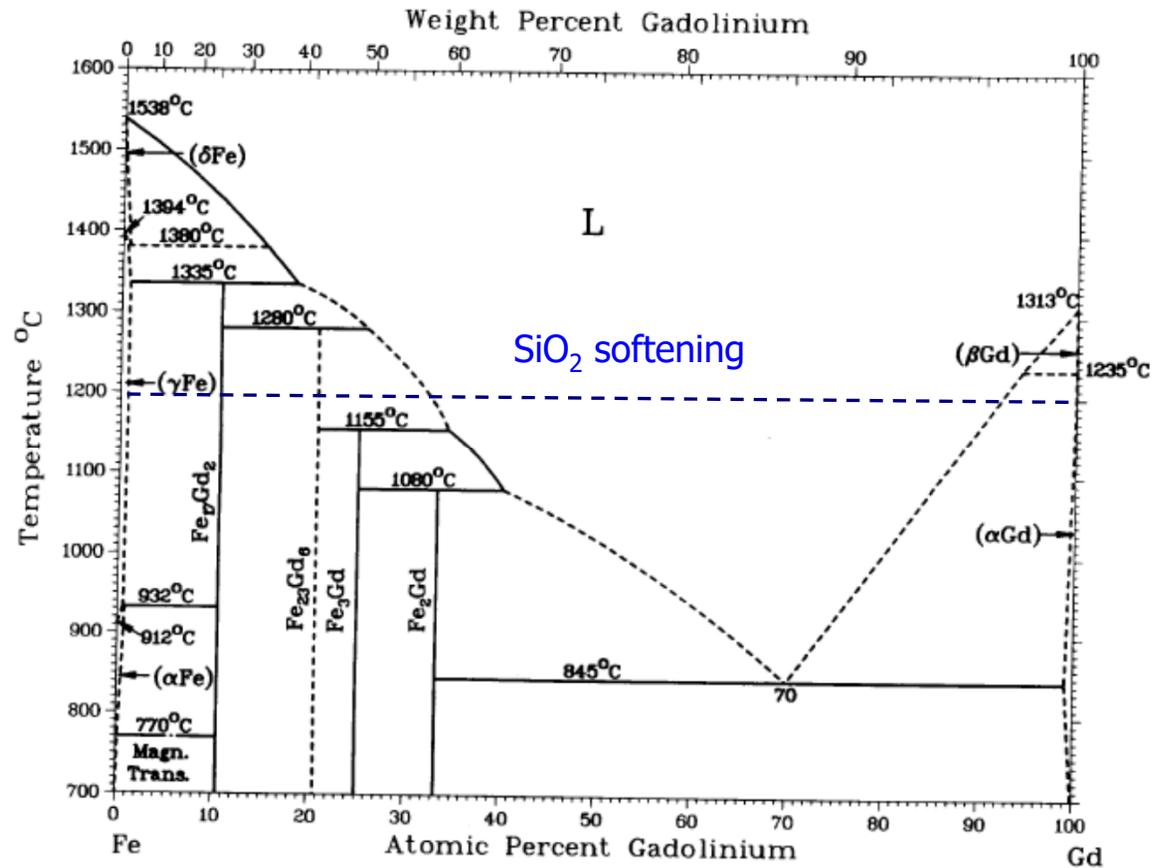
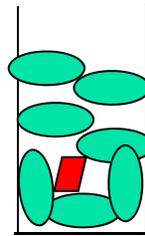
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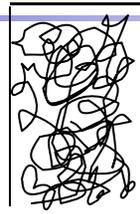
Let's try to grow $GdFe_2$.



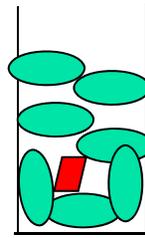
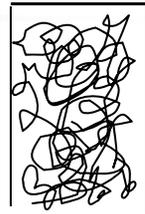
Heat to 1200 C and cool



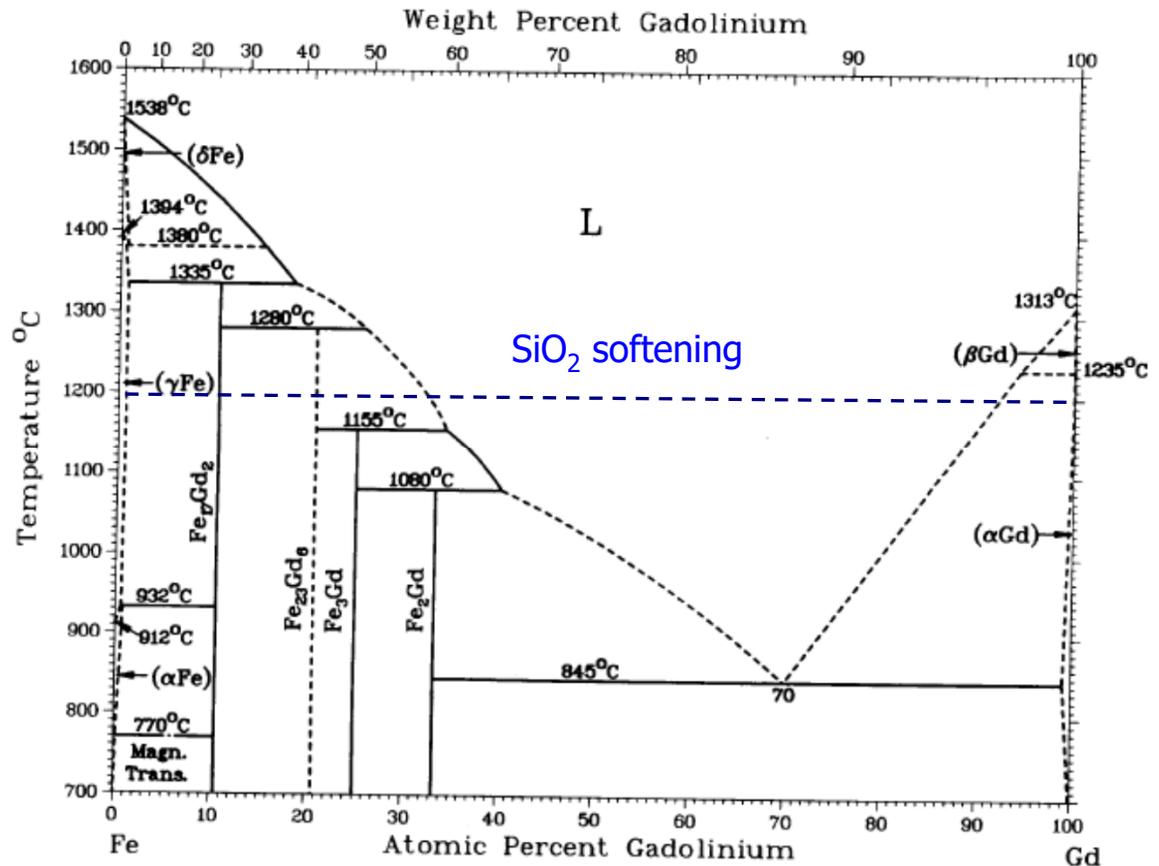
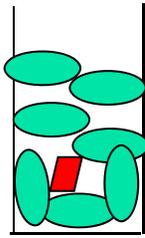
Let's try to grow GdFe_2 . This presents several problems. The first is the fact that both elements are relatively high melters. If we just put Gd and Fe in a crucible and heated to 1200 C they would not react (surface area of contact matters).



Heat to 1200 C and cool

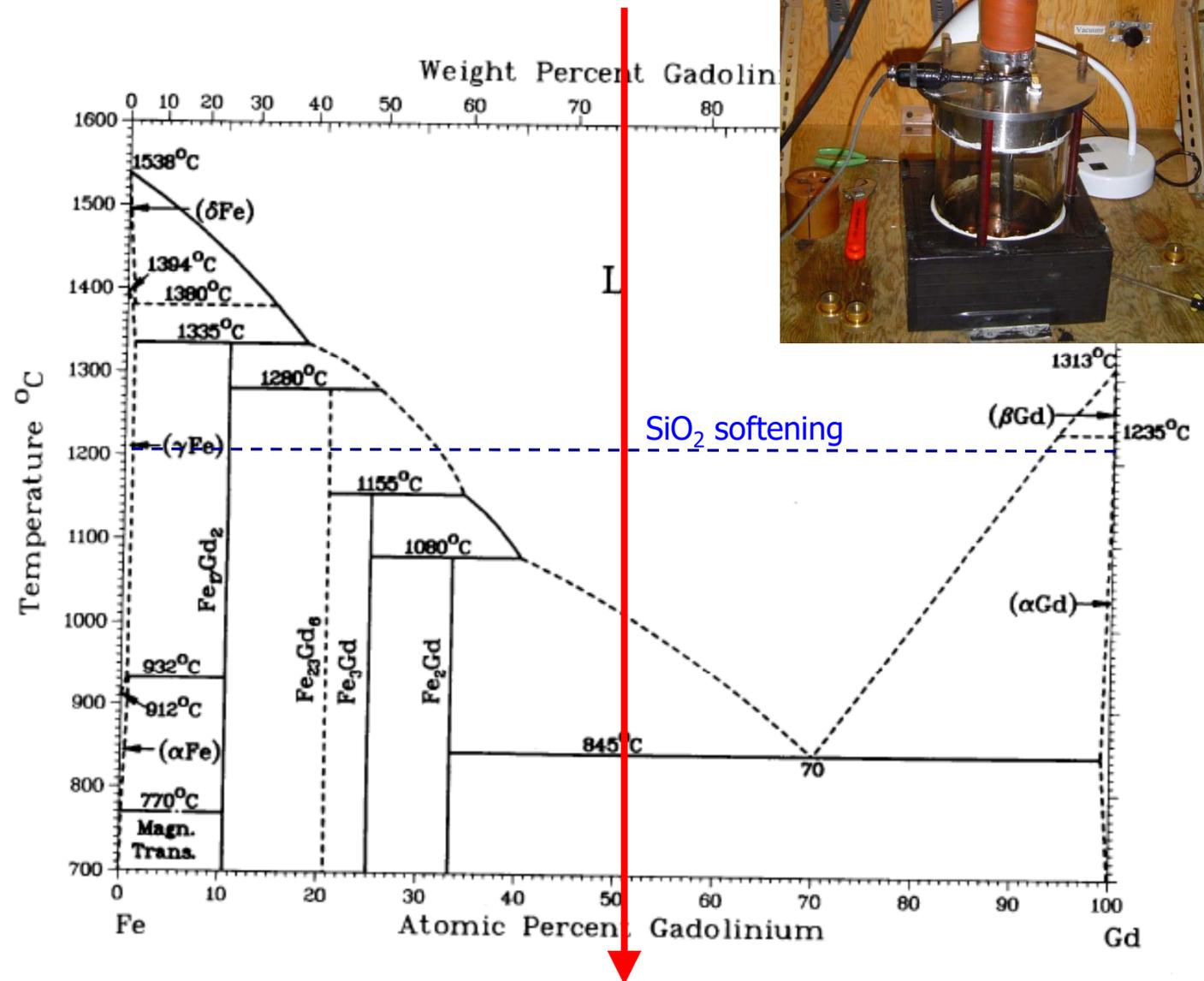


NOTHING HAPPENS!!!





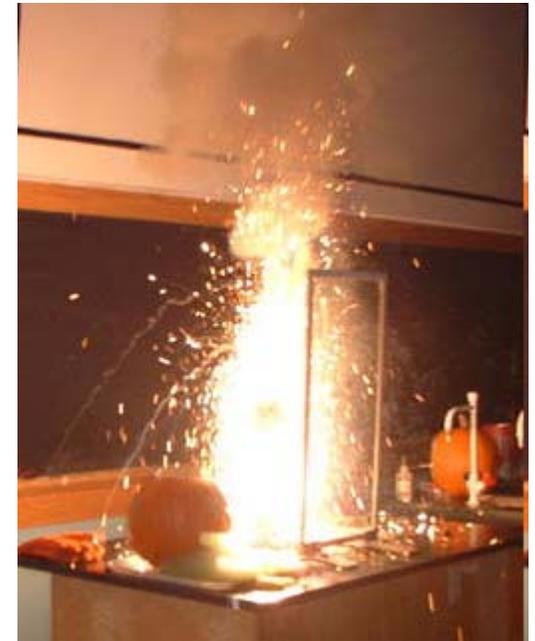
To solve this problem, an arc-melter can be used to pre-alloy (essentially finely mix through quench cooling) the elements to allow growth below 1200 C





Second problem:

Lots of Gd will attack Al_2O_3 via a thermite-type reaction



Classic thermite reaction: $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Al} \rightarrow \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Fe} + \Delta$ (heat)

Or in this case, Gd reacts with Al_2O_3

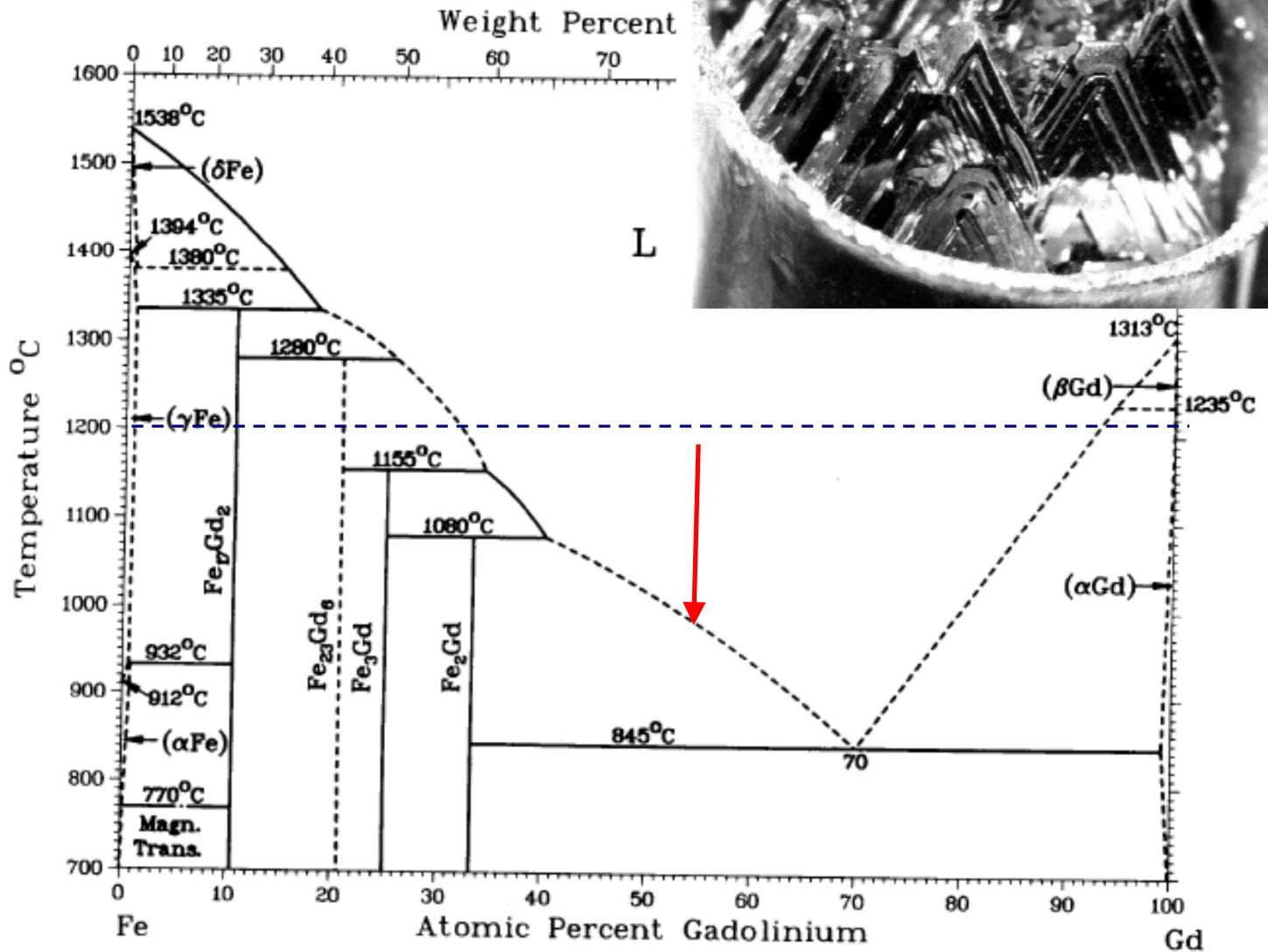
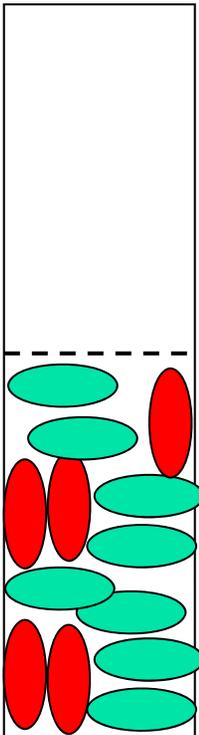
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Gd} \rightarrow \text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Al} + \Delta$ (heat)

(Results in damaged / leaking crucible as well as contaminated and depleted melt.)



Lots of Gd which attacks Al_2O_3 via the thermite reaction

We solved this by developing a 3-cap Ta crucible.



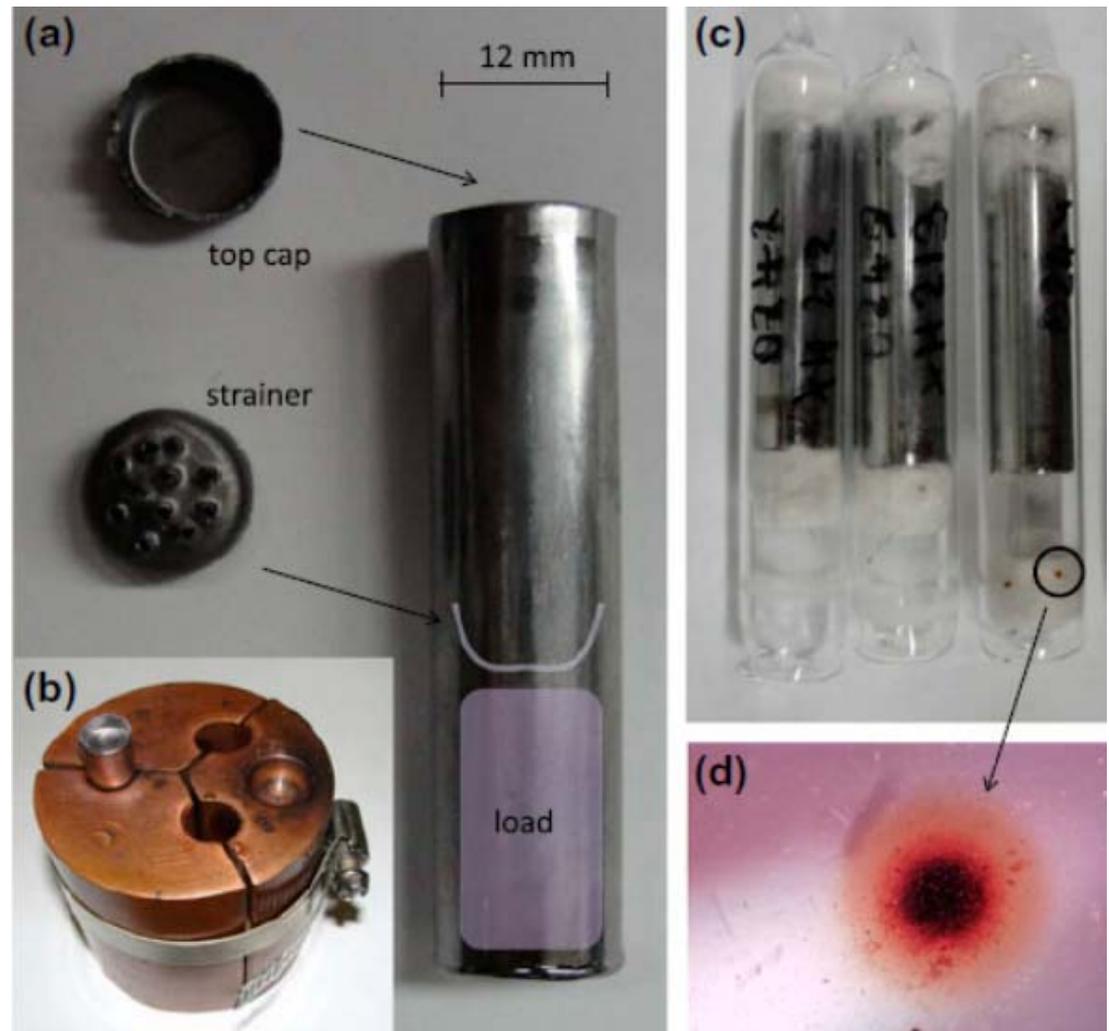
Single crystal growth from light, volatile and reactive materials using lithium and calcium flux

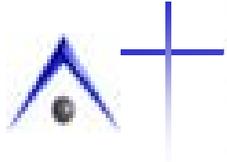
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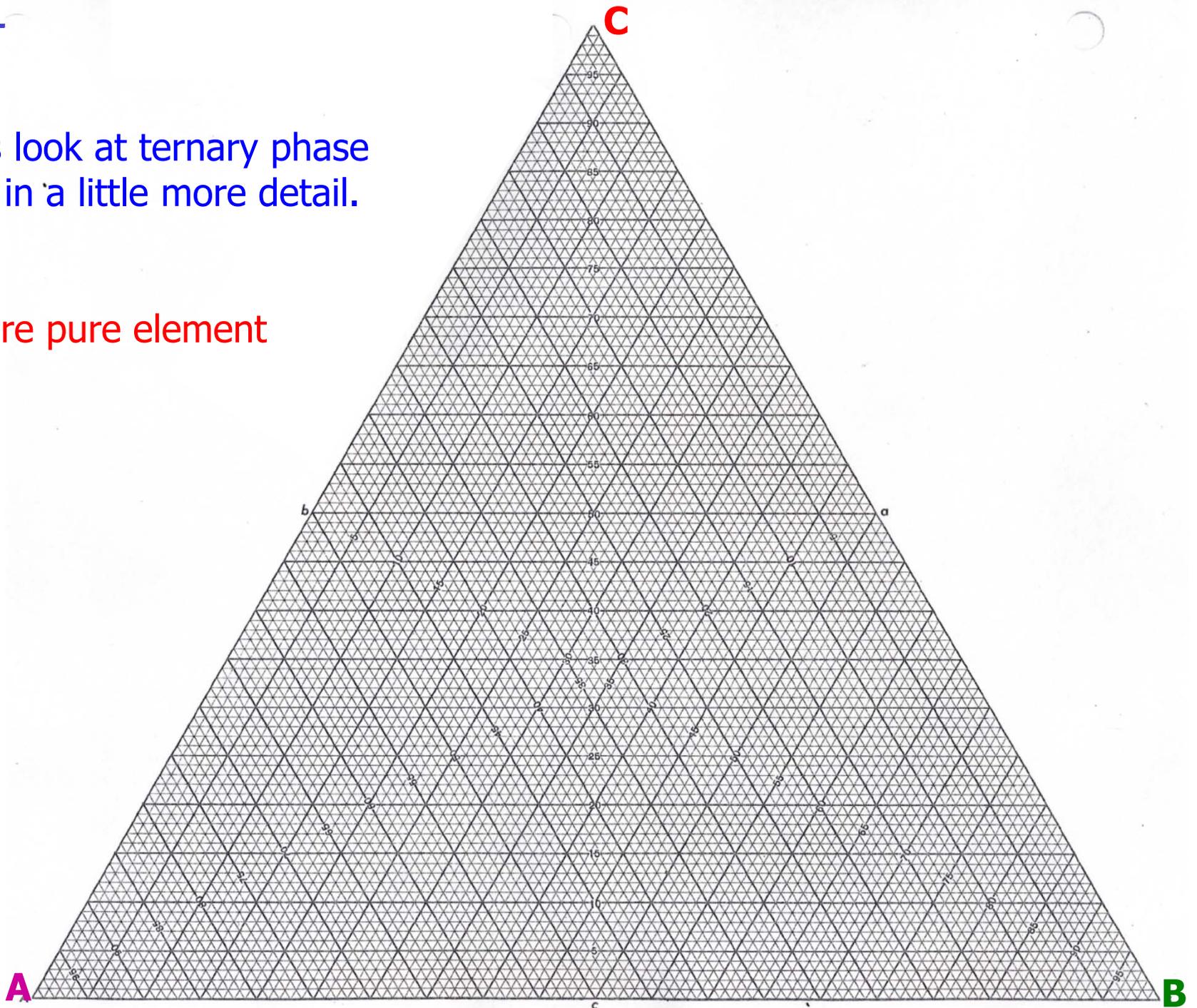
We extended the use of Ta-3-cap crucibles from R-rich melt to Mg-based melts all the way to Li- and Ca-base melts. This allowed us to handle a wide variety of reactive elements for solution growth.

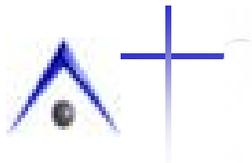




Now, let's look at ternary phase diagrams in a little more detail.

Corners are pure element





90% C

Line parallel to one edge gives percentage of element on opposite corner.

30% C

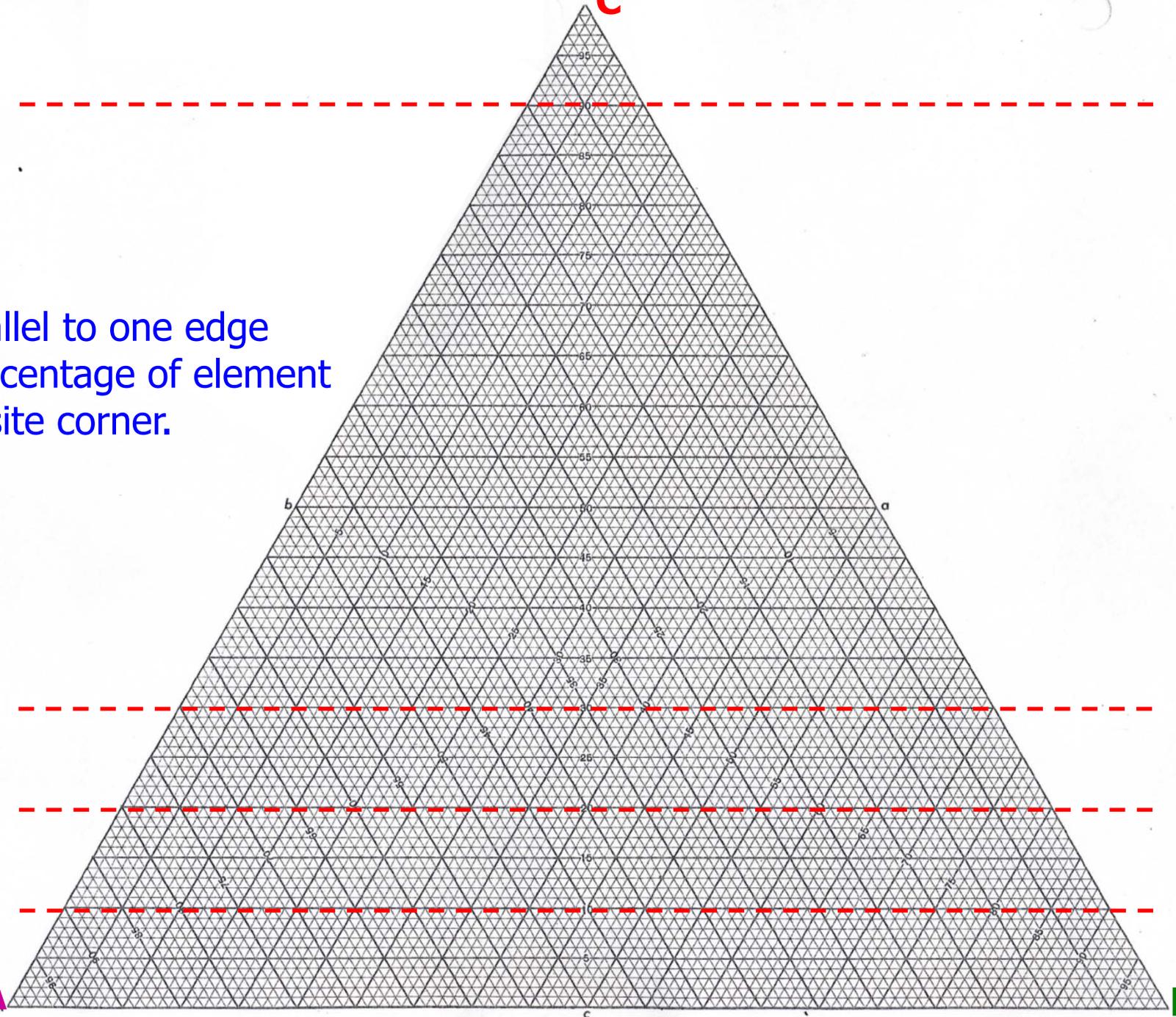
20% C

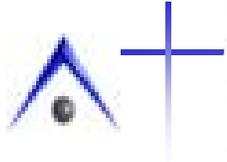
10% C

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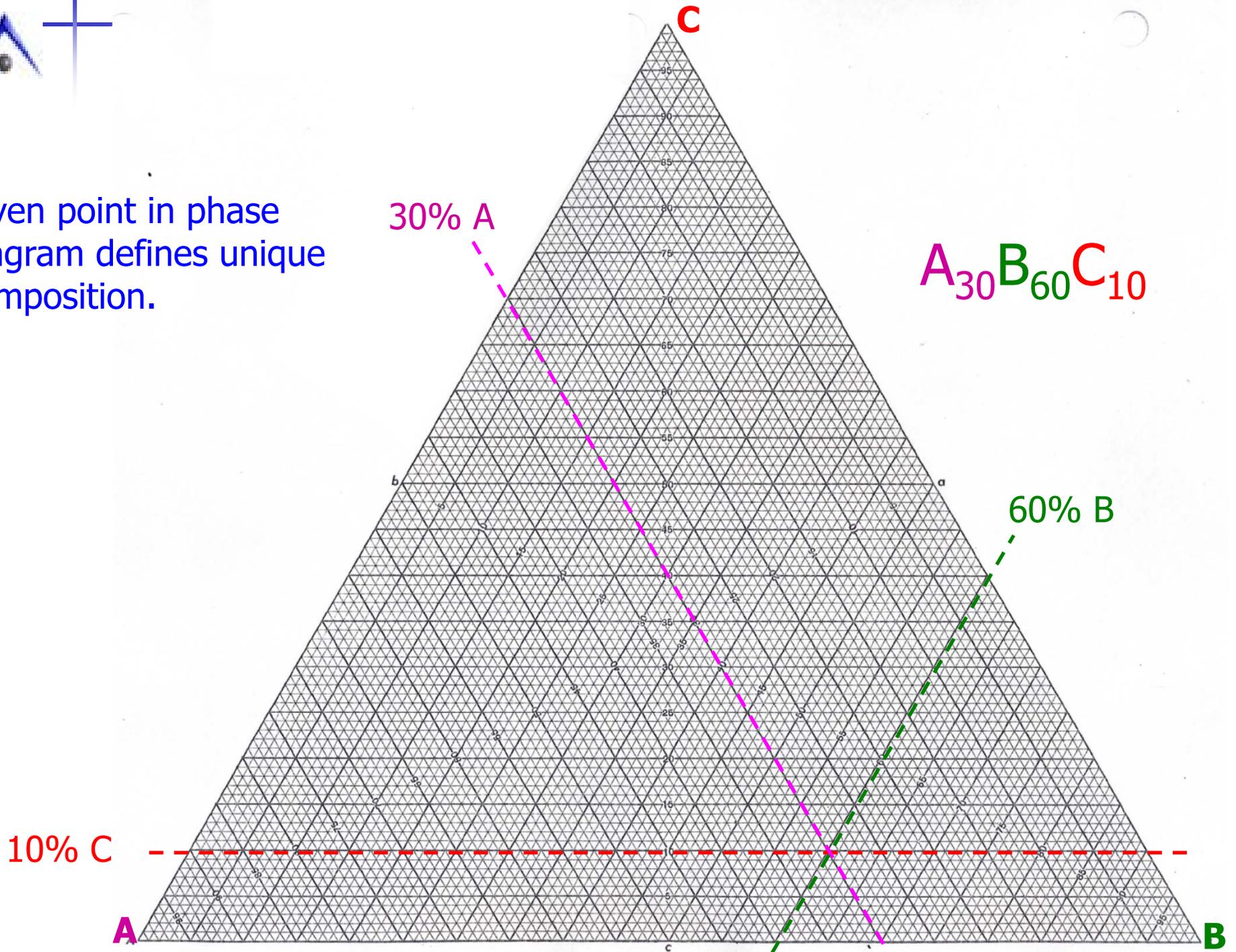
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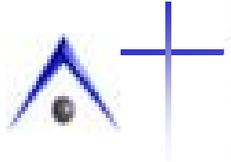
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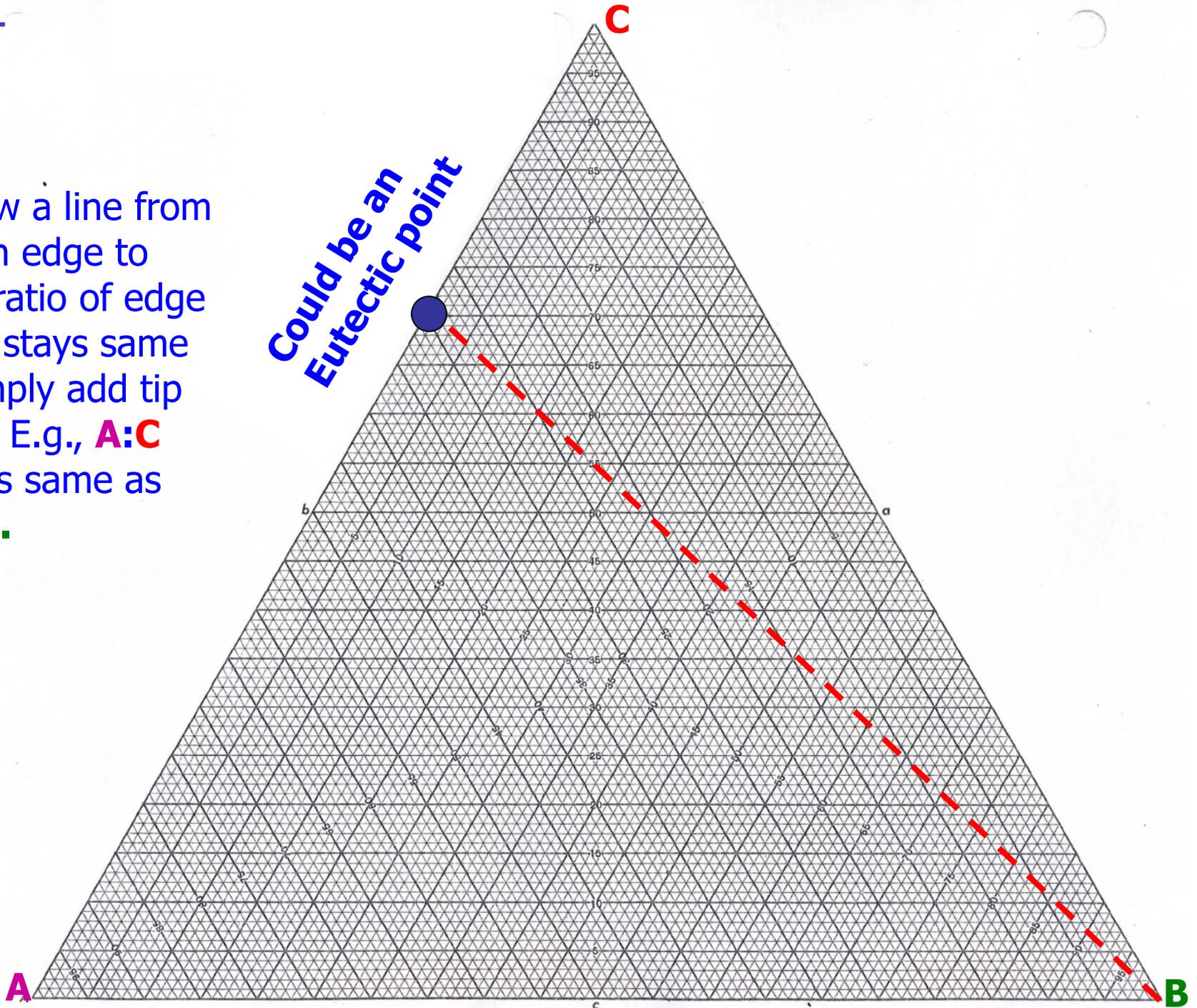


Given point in phase diagram defines unique composition.





If we draw a line from a point on edge to tip, then ratio of edge elements stays same as we simply add tip element. E.g., **A:C** ratio stays same as we add **B**.



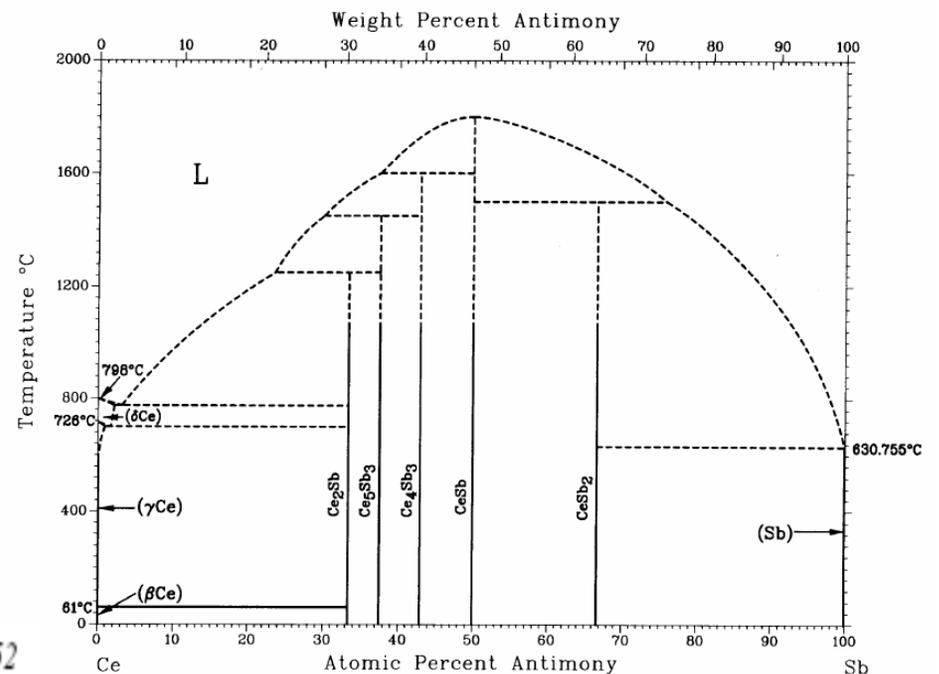
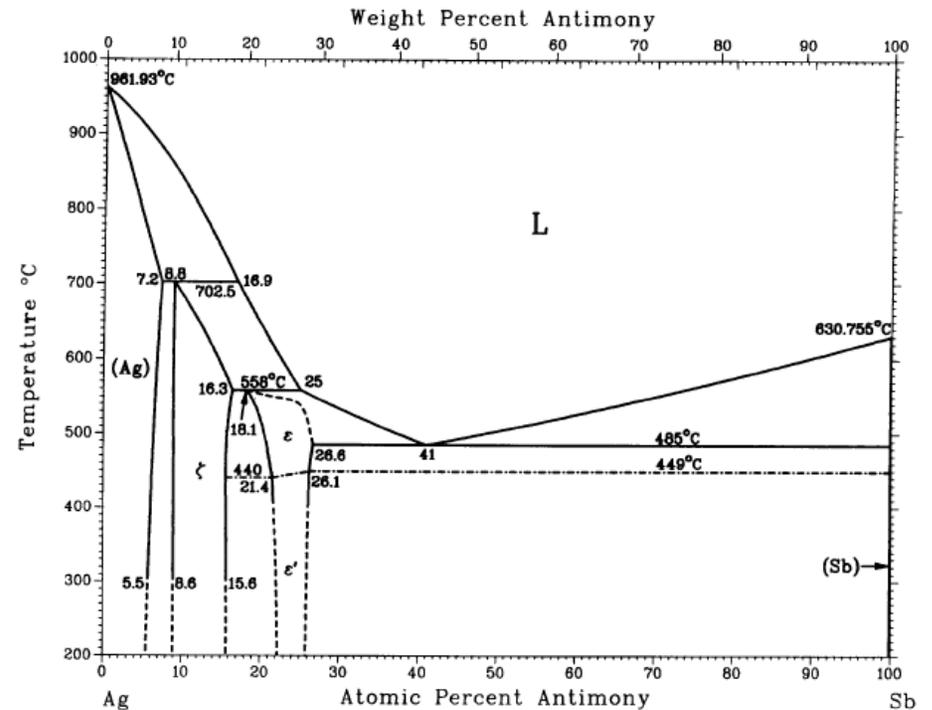


Now for some ternary compounds.

RAgSb₂ to start

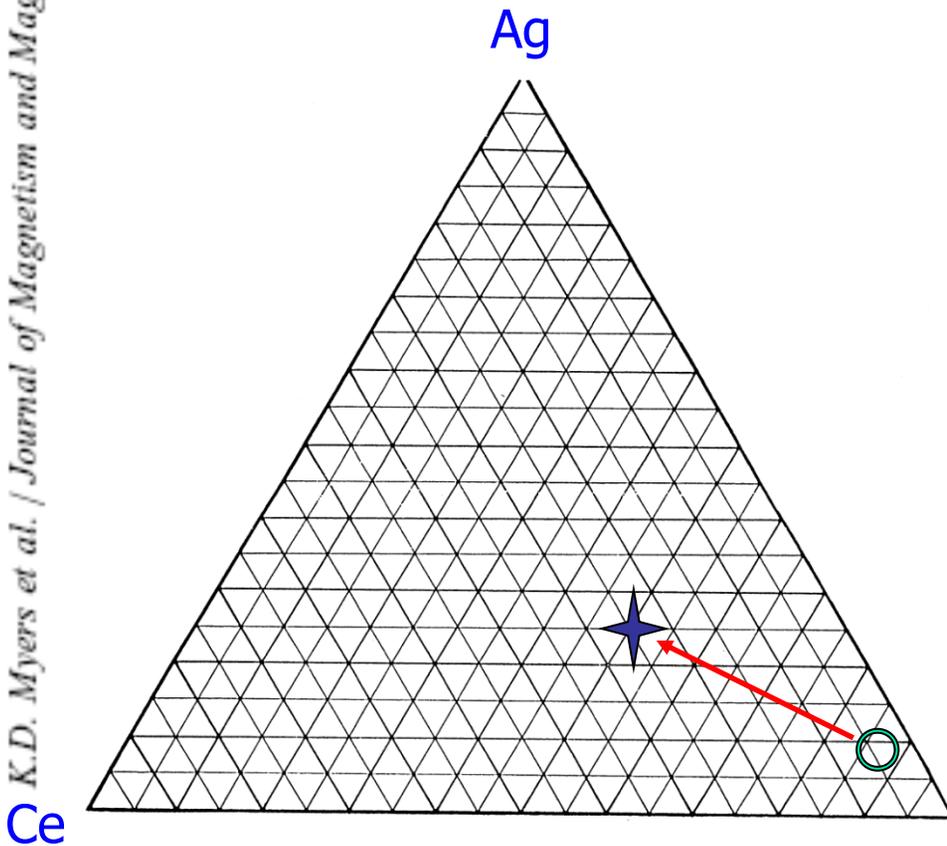
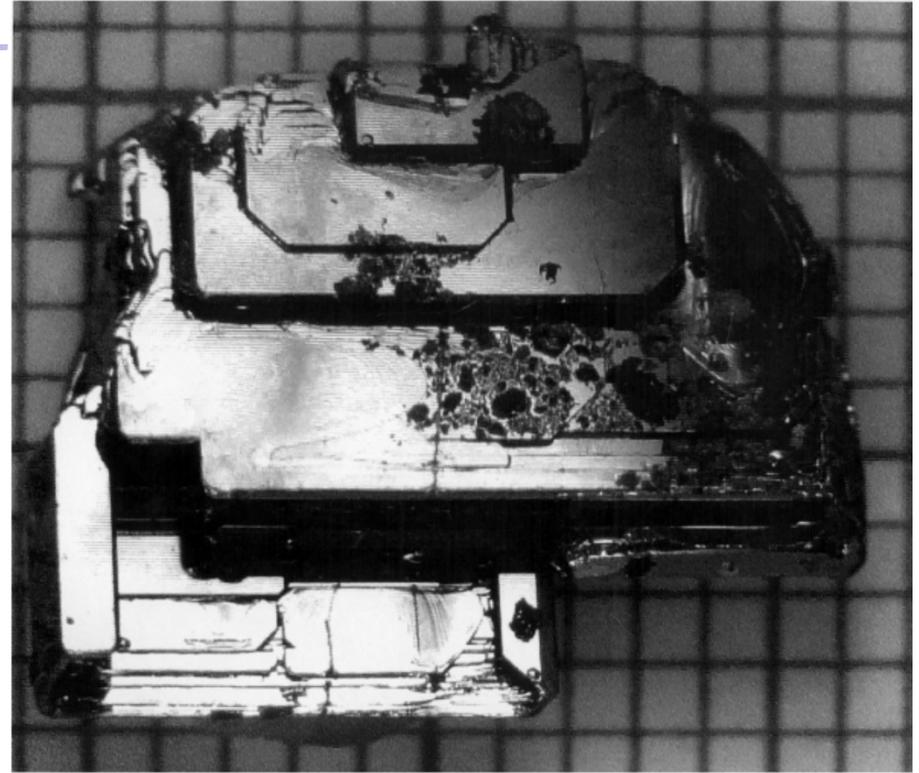
RAgSb₂ compounds can be grown out of excess Sb.

This is similar in spirit to growing CeSb₂ out of excess Sb: we are growing out of an excess of one of the constituent elements





CeAgSb₂ (Ce₂₅Ag₂₅Sb₅₀)
can be grown from a melt
with initial stoichiometry of
Ce₄Ag₉Sb₈₇. Same works
for R = La, Ce, Pr, Nd...



This growth can be place in
Al₂O₃ and sealed in silica.
Temperature profile is:

1200 C $\xrightarrow{120 \text{ hours}}$ 670 C

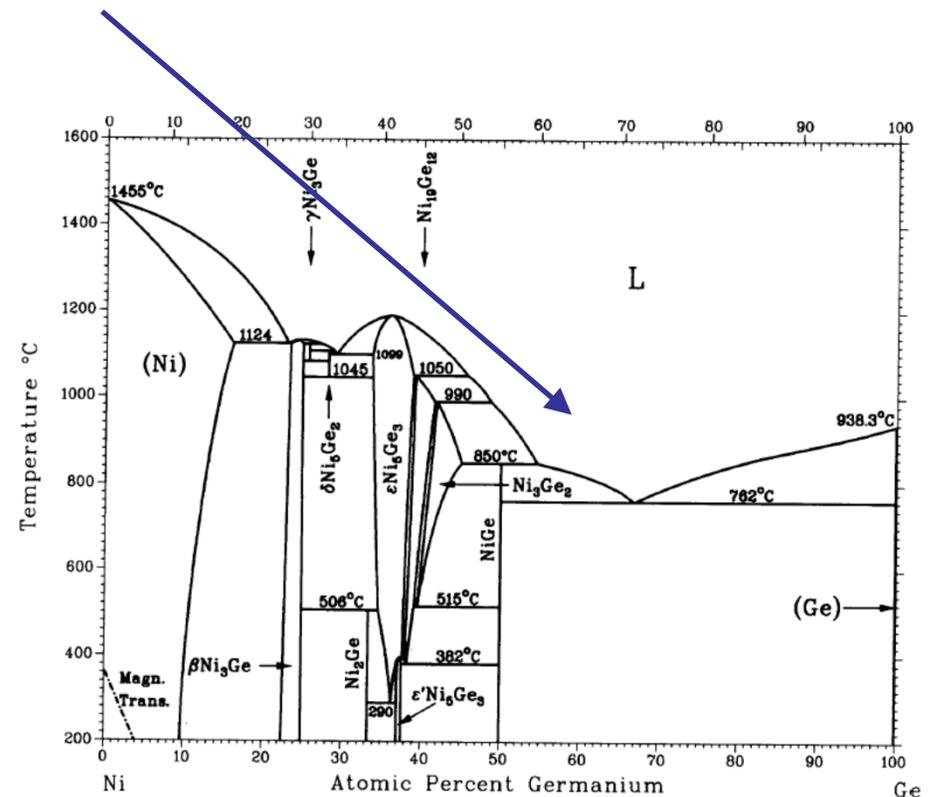
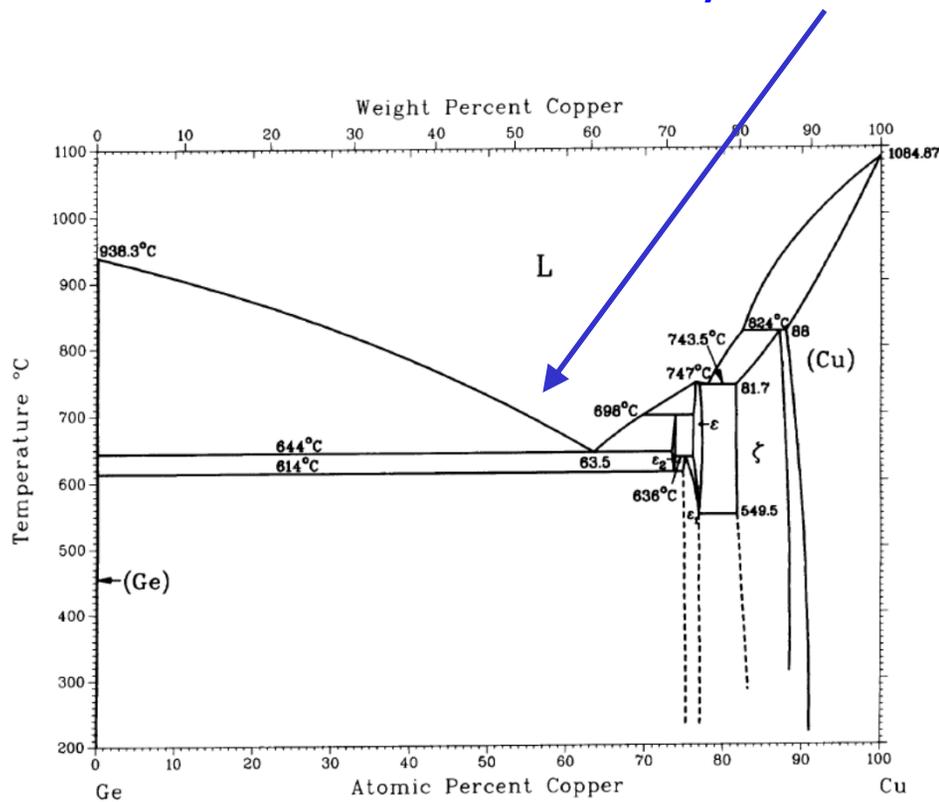
Sb



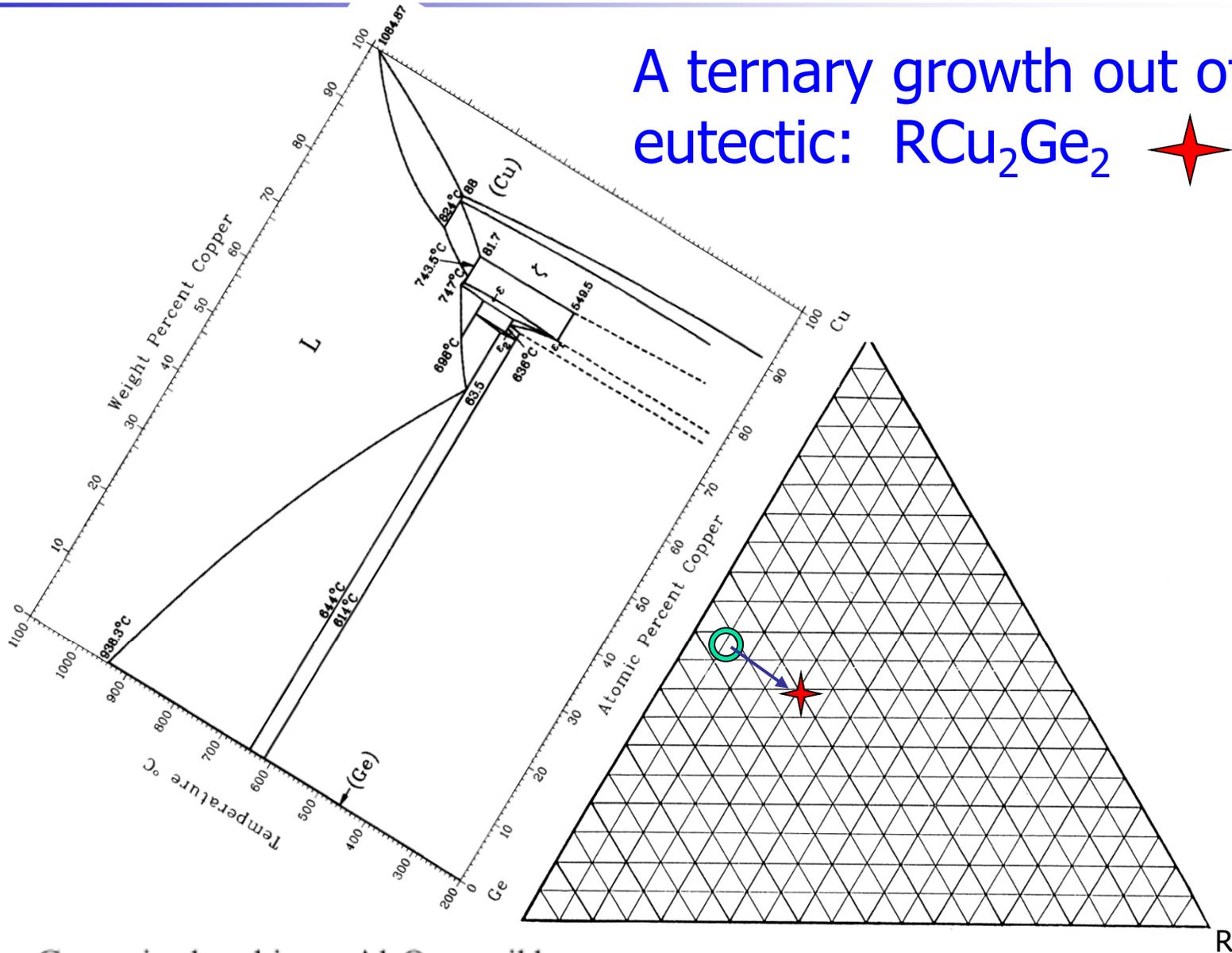
Now ternary growths out of eutectics:

RNi_2Ge_2 and RCu_2Ge_2 series.

Both the Ge-Cu and the Ge-Ni binaries have low, broad eutectic valleys.



A ternary growth out of an eutectic: RCu_2Ge_2 ✨

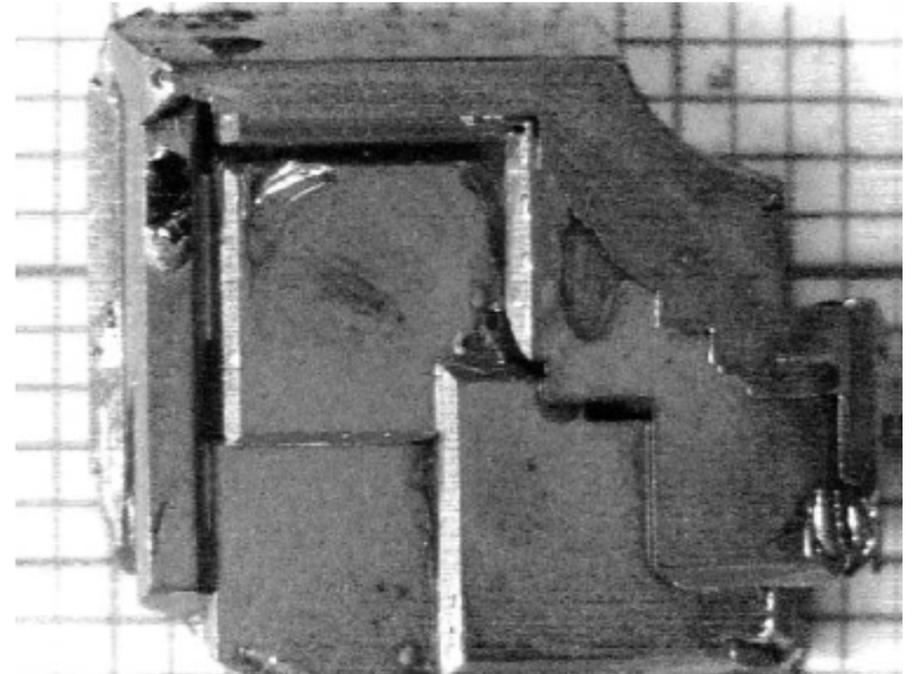


$\text{Ce}_{0.05}\text{Cu}_{0.475}\text{Ge}_{0.475}$ is placed in an Al_2O_3 crucible, sealed in a quartz ampule and heated to 1190°C . The ampule is cooled to 825°C over 200 h and then the excess liquid is decanted. The resulting crystal



CeCu_2Ge_2 ($m = 2 \text{ g}$)

Grown in a 5 ml Al_2O_3
crucible, sealed in silica



1190 C $\xrightarrow{200 \text{ hours}}$ 825 C

Growth of single crystals from metallic fluxes

Crystal growth from metallic flux.

Crystals	Flux	Dilution ^a (at.%)	Temperature (°C)	Comments
RB ₄	Al	R, 0.2	1450-700	R ≡ Sm, Gd-Lu, also U, Th
YbAlB ₄	Al	Yb, 1.0	1450-700	
RB ₆	Al	R, 0.2	1450-700	R ≡ La-Eu, Yb, Ca, Ba, Sr, Np, Am
RBe ₁₃	Al	R, 5.0	1250-700	R ≡ La-Lu, Y, U, Th BeO crucible
RAl ₃	Al	Yb, 0	1200-660	R ≡ Yb, Lu, Y, Sc
TiB ₂	Al	Ti, 2.0	1440-800	No spin, NaOH etch
CeSi _{2-x}	Al	Ce, 5.0	1150-800	No spin, NaOH etch
UAl ₃	Bi	U, 2.0	1150-700	
UPt ₃	Bi	U, 7.0	1250-800	BeO crucible
YPd	Bi	Y, 10	1175-600	
RBiPt	Bi	Ho, 6.0; Yb, 10; Lu, 3.0	1150-500	R ≡ Nd-Lu
R ₃ Bi ₄ Pt ₃	Bi	Ce, 13	1150-500	R ≡ La-Pr
RBi ₂	Bi	Ce, 10	800-400	R ≡ La, Ce, Pr, Yb
R ₂ Bi	Ce	Bi, 15	1150-900	R ≡ La, Ce, Ta crucible
Ce ₂ Sb	Ce	Sb, 12	1150-900	Ta crucible
CeFe ₂	Ce	Fe, 45	1100-700	Ta crucible
RSb	Ga	Ce, 5.0	1150-650	R ≡ La-Nd
R ₂ Pt ₄ Ga ₈	Ga	Ce, 1.0	1100-500	R ≡ La-Nd, Sm, Gd, etc.
CeCu ₂ Ge ₂	In	Ce, 3.0	1175-750	Plates 2 mm × 2 mm × 0.2 mm
CeNi ₂ Ge ₂	In	Ce, 3.0	1175-700	Plates 2 mm × 2 mm × 0.2 mm
YbCu ₂ Si ₂	In	Yb, 4.0	1150-600	Plates 2 mm × 2 mm × 0.2 mm
RPb ₃	Pb	Ce, 10	1100-800	R ≡ La, Ce
RPbPt	Pb	Ce, 7.0	1150-500	R ≡ La, Ce
RBiPt	Pb	Ce, 7.0	1150-500	R ≡ La, Ce, Pr
YbCu ₂ Si ₂	Sn	Yb, 3.0	1150-700	R ≡ La, Ce, Pr
TiNiSn	Sn	Ti, 9.0	1150-600	Pyramidal
MnSnNi	Sn	Mn, 10	1150-450	Pyramidal
RSb	Sn	Ce, 5.0	1150-750	R ≡ La-Nd
RSb ₂	Sb	Ce, 10	1175-750	R ≡ La, Ce
U ₃ Sb ₄ Pt ₃	Sb	U, 8.0	1150-750	
PtSb ₂	Sb	Pt, 10	1150-750	

^a All materials in this table are dissolved in the flux stoichiometrically. The values shown for dilution are the amounts of one of the crystal components with respect to the flux.

Here is a 1992 summary of binary and ternary samples that I had grown out of binary, ternary and quaternary melts.

This is a very powerful technique for exploratory growth. Over about two (plus) decades my group has made close to 10,000 growths similar to the ones I have been describing.





Since 1992 we have made on the order of 10,000 more growths and published several “growth papers” in Philosophical Magazine

PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE B, 1992, VOL. 65, No. 6, 1117–1123

Growth of single crystals from metallic fluxes

Philosophical Magazine

Vol. 92, Nos. 19–21, 1–21 July 2012, 2436–2447

Development of viable solutions for the synthesis of sulfur bearing single crystals

Philosophical Magazine

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Growing intermetallic single crystals using *in situ* decanting

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Single crystal growth from light, volatile and reactive materials using lithium and calcium flux

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Use of frit-disc crucibles for routine and exploratory solution growth of single crystalline samples



Summary:

I hope that some of you now simply want to get into the lab and play around with growth.

You are NOT limited to the four samples that your Professor found in a drawer.

All Physics does not *have* to be found in Si.

You can try to discover, design, and make crystals that will allow you to pursue the specific science that interest YOU.



Questions?



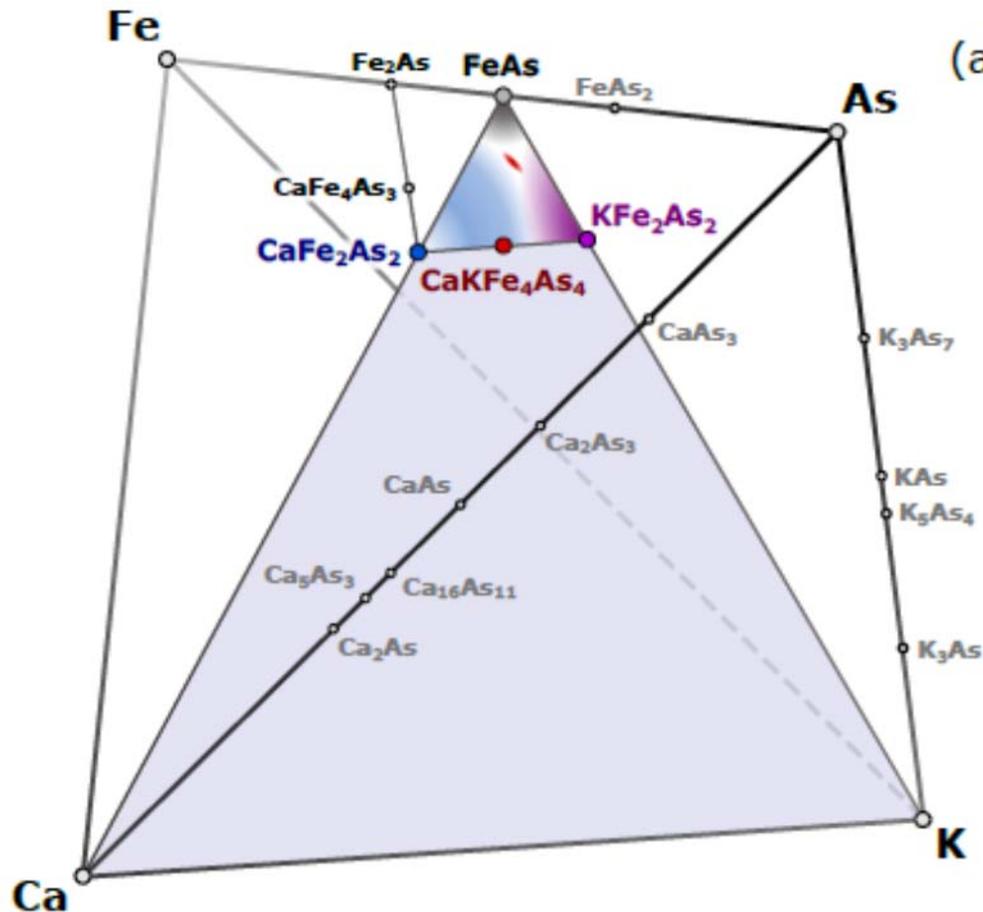


Optimization of the crystal growth of the superconductor $\text{CaKFe}_4\text{As}_4$ from solution in the $\text{FeAs-CaFe}_2\text{As}_2\text{-KFe}_2\text{As}_2$ system

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This is a true
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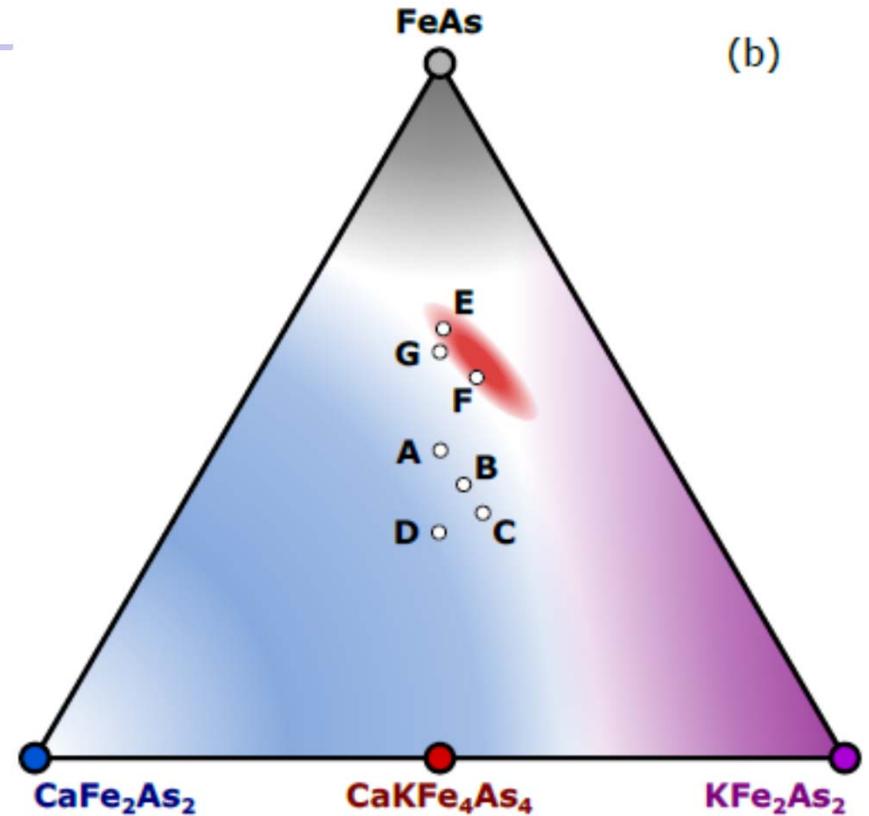
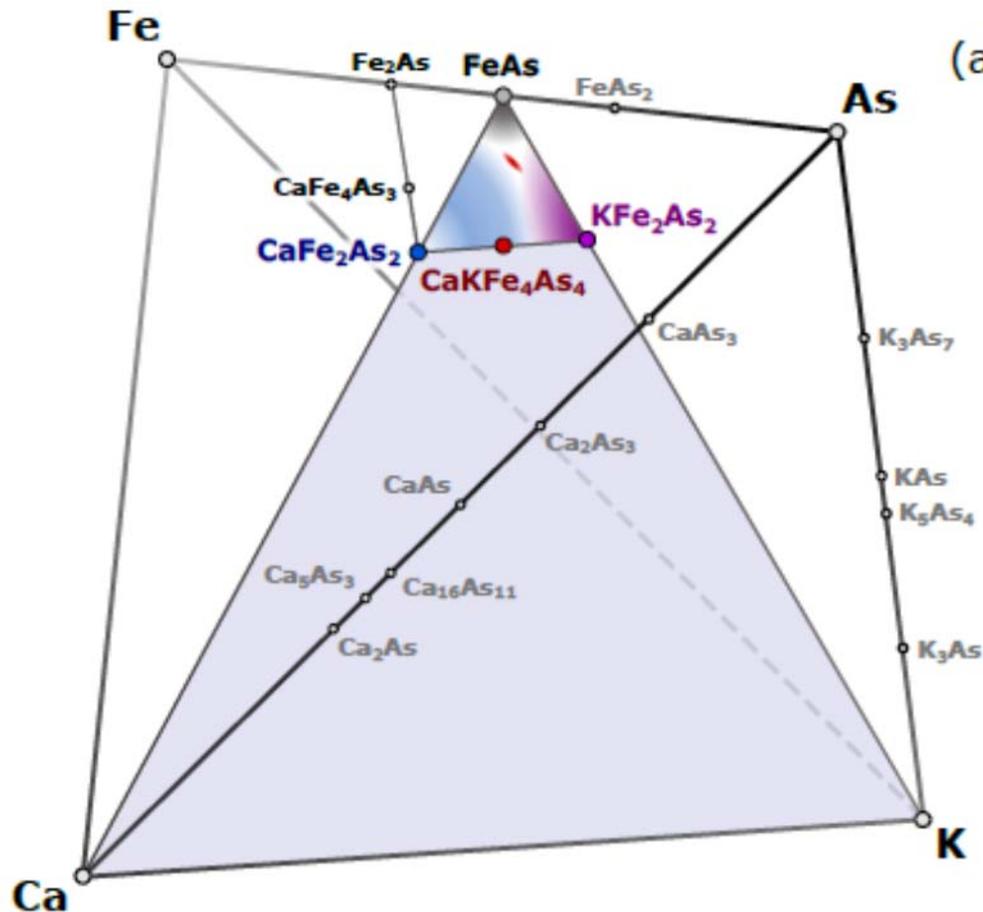
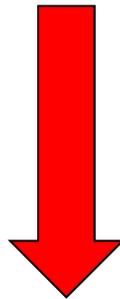
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We can start with the formal tetrahedron



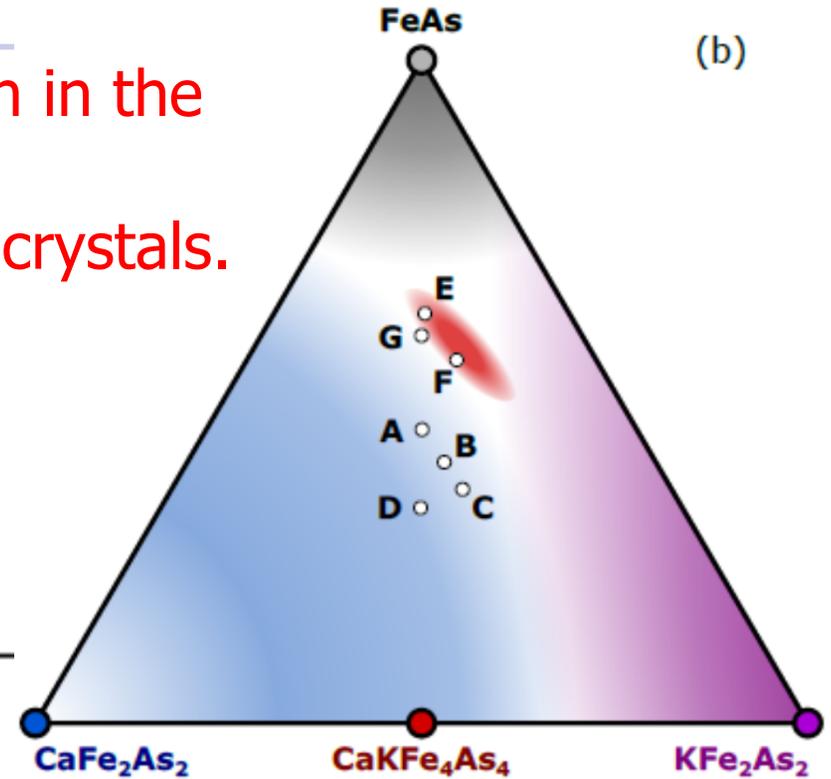
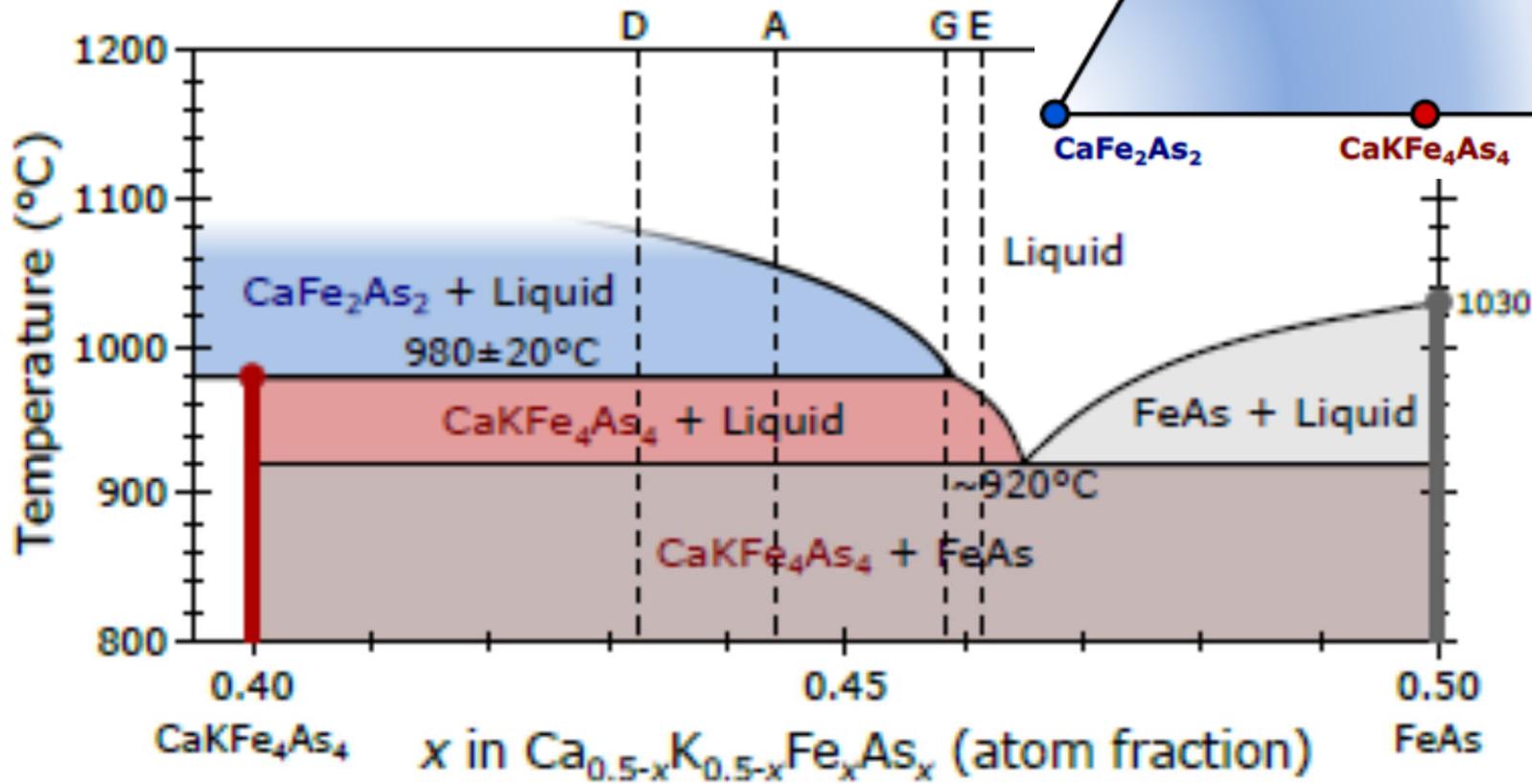
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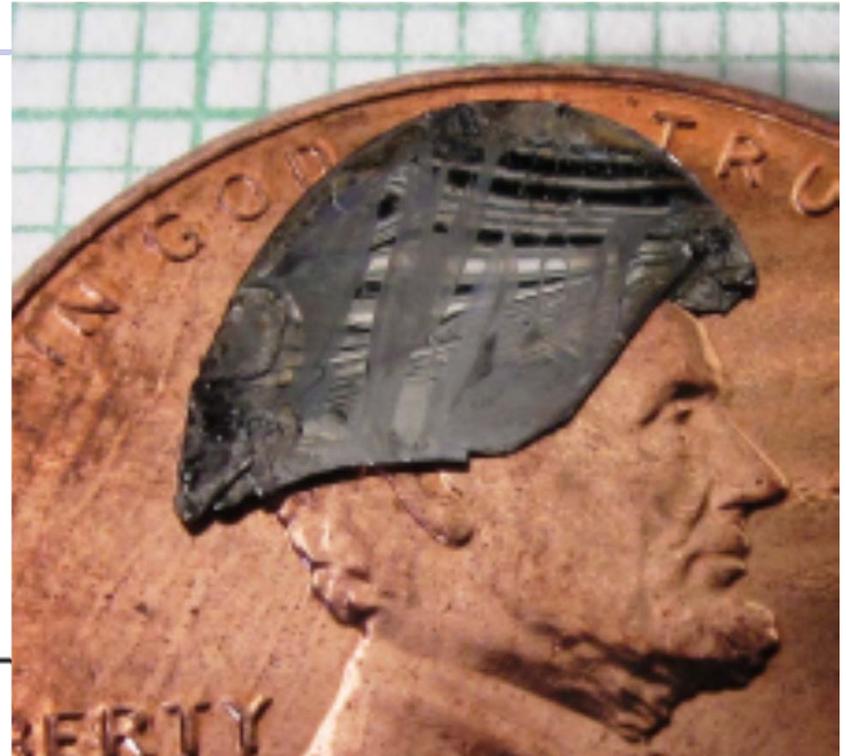
We could identify the red region in the pseudo-ternary cut as primary solidification for the $\text{CaKFe}_4\text{As}_4$ crystals.

This can be seen in the pseudo-binary cut below.

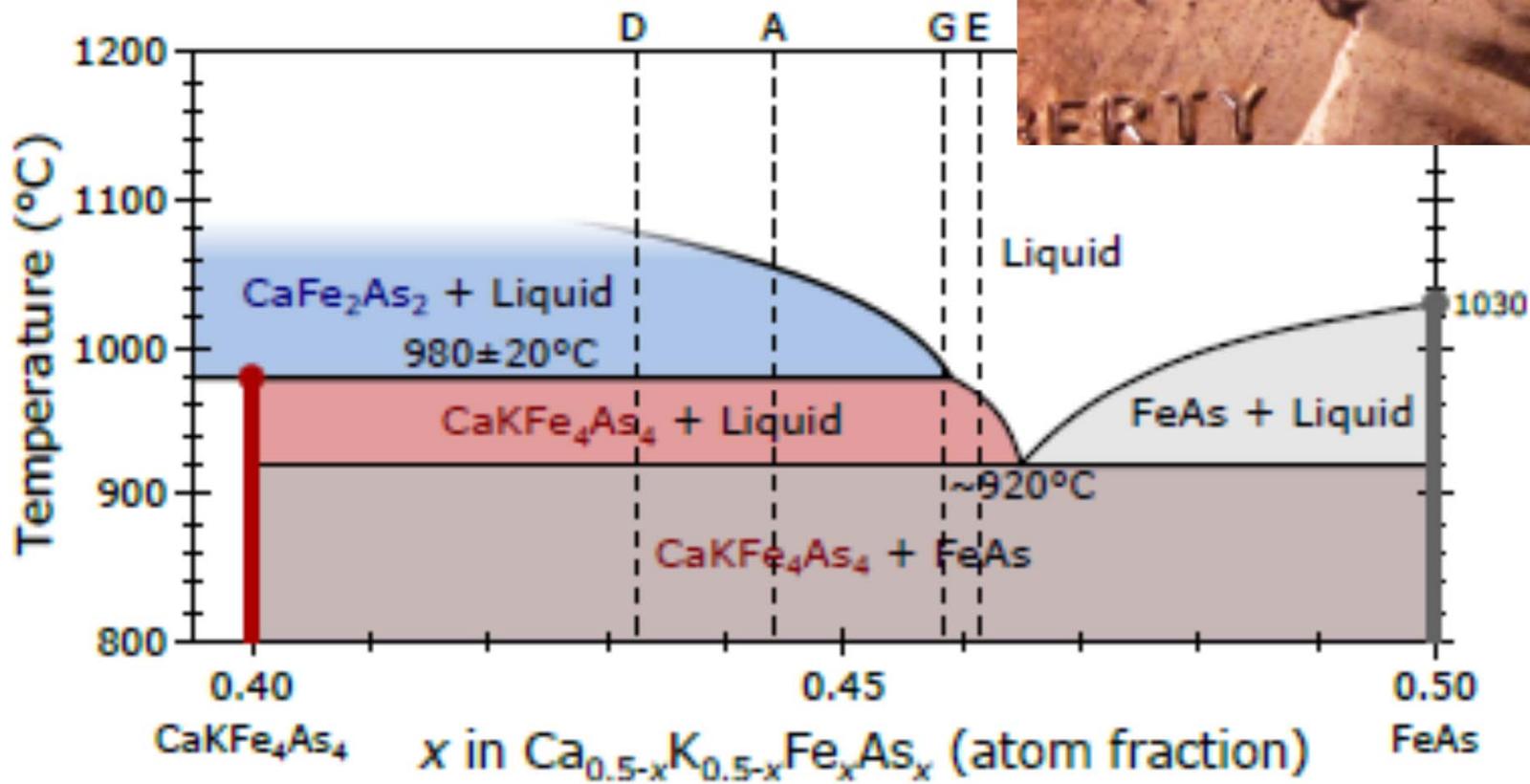
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By hitting this very limited region of primary solidification we can grow sizable $\text{CaKFe}_4\text{As}_4$ crystals.





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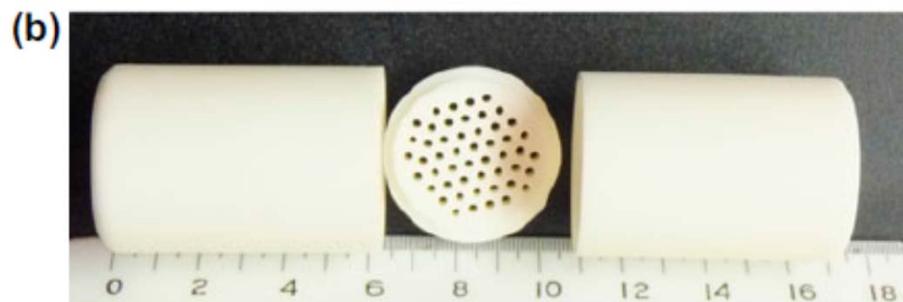
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Next Semester

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Topics to cover in no particular order

Crystal growth and sample synthesis