

## Thermodynamic databases and equilibrium calculations in metallurgical processes

Arthur D. Pelton

*Centre de Recherche en Calcul Thermochimique  
Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal, P. O. Box 6079, Station « Downtown »  
Montreal, Quebec, H3C 3A7, CANADA*

*Abstract* : Thermodynamic database computing systems consist of a suite of Gibbs energy minimization programs for the calculation of multiphase multicomponent equilibria coupled with extensive databases for pure substances and multicomponent solutions. The solution databases contain model parameters which are generally obtained by optimization of thermodynamic and phase diagram data of binary and ternary subsystems. The development of large databases is discussed for alloys, slags and glasses, salt solutions, mattes, ceramic solutions, etc. Emphasis is placed upon the proper choice of a model which correctly reflects the structure of the solution. Examples are given of calculations in which these databases are employed to simulate metallurgical and chemical processes such as continuous Pb smelting, ash formation during wood combustion for power generation and refractory corrosion in coal gasification.

### INTRODUCTION

In recent years several thermodynamic database computing systems suitable for metallurgical and materials applications have been developed. Three of the largest are F\*A\*C\*T (Montreal), Thermocalc (Stockholm) and MTDATA (Teddington, England). These systems combine databases of the thermodynamic properties of several thousand pure substances and solutions with Gibbs energy minimization software for the calculation of multicomponent multiphase equilibria. The solution data bases contain the parameters of model equations giving the thermodynamic properties as functions of composition and temperature. These parameters are obtained by the critical evaluation and optimization of available data for binary and ternary solutions, and the models are then used to extrapolate to multicomponent solutions.

The aim of the present article is to give a brief introduction to the current state of the art in the thermodynamic modeling of solutions, and to provide a few examples of applications of large evaluated solution databases to the simulation of metallurgical and chemical processes. The examples are taken from the F\*A\*C\*T system of which the author is a co-developer.

A more detailed discussion of the models can be found in references (1, 2).

### POLYNOMIAL MODELS

In the simplest model, for a binary solution A-B, the molar Gibbs energy is given by :

$$g = (X_A g_A^O + X_B g_B^O) + RT (X_A \ln X_A + X_B \ln X_B) + g^E \quad (1)$$

where  $g_i^O$  is the Gibbs energy of pure  $i$ ,  $X_i$  is the mole fraction of  $i$ , and  $g^E$  is the excess Gibbs energy which can be expanded as :

$$g^E = \alpha X_A X_B [ {}^0L + {}^1L (X_B - X_A) + {}^2L (X_B - X_A)^2 + \dots ] X_A X_B \quad (2)$$

where the  ${}^iL$  are parameters which are, in general, functions of  $T$ . If only the first term,  ${}^0L$ , is non-zero, then  $\alpha = \text{constant}$  and the solution is « regular ».

A critical evaluation/optimization of a binary solution consists in determining the values of the parameters which best reproduce simultaneously all available data (activities, Gibbs energies, enthalpies of mixing, phase diagrams, etc.) Generally, the experimental phase diagrams is the most useful source of data. Furthermore, since a major practical goal of developing the database is to permit the calculation of heterogeneous equilibria, it is most important to reproduce the phase diagram. As an example, the calculated Pu-U phase diagram (3, 4) is shown in Fig. 1 along with some experimental data points (5-7). Although data points are not shown in the lower part of the diagram, the fit is as good. The optimized parameters used to calculate the diagram are given in Table 1. These were obtained by least-squares optimization of the phase diagram data. Techniques of least squares optimization have been discussed (8-10). The values of  $g_i^0$  for the stable phases of Pu and U were taken from the F\*A\*C\*T pure substance database. Note that for a phase such as  $\gamma$ -Pu, in which U is only sparingly soluble,  $\gamma_U^0$  becomes an adjustable model parameter. For the  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$  phases, both  $g_{Pu}^0$  and  $g_U^0$  are adjustable model parameters.

Similar optimizations of the U-Zr and Pu-Zr systems have been performed (11,4). Each contains a  $\Gamma$  solid solution phase of the same structure as the  $\Gamma(\epsilon-\gamma)$  phase in the Pu-U system. To the Gibbs energy of the ternary  $\Gamma$  solution, we apply regular solution theory :

$$g = a_{AB} X_A X_B + a_{BC} X_B X_C + a_{CA} X_C X_A \quad (2)$$

where A, B, C = U, Pu, Zr. However, we see in Table 1 that  $\alpha_{PuU}$  is not constant but is equal to (730-390  $X_U$ ) in the Pu-U binary system. Similarly  $\alpha_{PuZr}$  and  $\alpha_{UZr}$  are not constant. For the ternary solution we follow the model of Kohler (12) that  $\alpha_{ij} = \text{constant}$  along lines of constant  $X_i / X_j$  ratio. (Other similar models are also used. See (1, 2).) We can now use the model to calculate the solvus surface of the  $\Gamma$  phase in equilibrium with other lower-temperature solids in the ternary system. The resultant calculated solvus is a few degrees lower than the available experimental data, so we add a small adjustable ternary term of (3800  $X_{Pu} X_U X_{Zr}$ ) to Eq (2) in order to give the calculated solvus in Fig. 2 (4) which agrees within experimental error limits with all available ternary data.

The binary and ternary parameters are stored in the solution databases. By the systematic optimization of many binary and ternary systems, large multicomponent databases are developed. Eq (2), along with the Kohler or similar models, is used to estimate the properties for a multicomponent solution from the stored parameters of its binary and ternary sub-systems. For example, the Thermocalc system contains extensive databases for ferrous alloys which have been developed in this way.

Such simple polynomial models are based upon regular solution theory which assumes approximately random mixing. Experience has shown that good results are obtained for simple alloys, common-anion or common-cation molten salt solutions and organic liquids (particularly non-polar) in which interactions are relatively weak. For liquids with strong interactions, however, significant short-range ordering occurs, and more sophisticated models must be used.

### SHORT-RANGE ORDERING

In the modified quasichemical model (13-15, 1, 2), the exchange of nearest-neighbour pairs in a binary system is considered according to :



The energy for this reaction is  $(\omega - \eta T)$ . If  $(\omega - \eta T)$  is very negative, then (A - B) pairs are favoured. Such is the case, for example, in molten Fe-S solutions. A « quasichemical » equilibrium constant can be written for reaction (3) :

$$K_{AB} = X_{AB}^2 / X_{AA} X_{BB} = 4 \exp [ -(\omega - \eta T) / RT ] \quad (4)$$

where  $X_{ij}$  is the fraction of total nearest-neighbour pairs which are (i - j) pairs. When  $(\omega - \eta T)$  is very negative, the resultant expression for the Gibbs energy of the system goes through a sharp minimum at  $X_A = X_B = 0.5$  (1, 2, 13). In order to provide more flexibility in optimizing data,  $(\omega - \eta T)$  can be expanded as :

TABLE 1 Optimized Parameters (cal/mol) for the Pu-U System (2)

Liquid	$g^E = X_{Pu} X_U (80)$
$\varepsilon - \gamma (\Gamma)$	$g^E = X_{Pu} X_U (730 - 390 X_U)$
$\delta' - Pu$	$g_U^o = g_U^o(\beta) + (2204 - 0.4745 T)$
$\delta - Pu$	$g_U^o = g_U^o(\beta) + (2228 - 0.4745 T)$
$\gamma - Pu$	$g_U^o = g_U^o(\gamma) + (953.5 + 0.8967 T)$
$\beta - Pu$	$g_U^o = g_U^o(\gamma) + (205.3 + 1.1307 T)$
$\beta - U$	$g_{Pu}^o = g_{Pu}^o(\varepsilon) + (491.3 + 0.0828 T)$
$\alpha - U$	$g_{Pu}^o = g_{Pu}^o(\varepsilon) + (-322.0 + 1.792 T)$
$\eta$	$g_{Pu}^o = g_{Pu}^o(\varepsilon) + (-169 + 0.2714 T)$
	$g_U^o = g_U^o(\beta) + (128 - 0.0838 T)$
	$g^E = X_{Pu} X_U (-760.2 + 1.338 T - 138.8 X_U)$
$\zeta$	$g_{Pu}^o = g_{Pu}^o(\varepsilon) + (-669 + 1.7914 T)$
	$g_U^o = -1742.7 + 31.9883 T + 4.3500 (10^{-4}) T^2$
	$-1.08633 (10^{-6}) T^3 - 6.5470 T \ln T + 11450.0 T^{-1}$
	$g^E = X_{Pu} X_U (-1750 + 200 X_U)$

$$(\omega - \eta T) = (\omega_o - \eta_o T) + (\omega_1 - \eta_1 T) X_B + (\omega_2 - \eta_2 T) X_B^2 + \dots \quad (5)$$

where  $\omega_i$  and  $\eta_i$  are the model parameters.

As an example, the activity coefficient of sulphur as measured by several authors in molten Fe-S solutions is plotted in Fig. 3 along with curves calculated from the optimized (16) expression :

$$(\omega - \eta T) = -(70017 + 9 T) - 74042 X_S - (798 - 15 T) X_S^3 + 40791 X_S^7 \quad J/mol \quad (6)$$

Similar optimizations have been performed (16) for Ni-S and Cu-S solutions. In Cu-S solutions, the sharp Gibbs energy minimum occurs near the composition  $Cu_2S$  (33% S). This is accommodated in the model by assuming that  $Z_S = 2 Z_{Cu}$  where  $Z$  = coordination number (2, 14, 15). The quasichemical model can now be used to predict the thermodynamic properties of molten Fe-Ni-Cu-S solutions by assuming that the values of  $K_{ij}$  in Eq (4) for the quaternary liquid at a sulphur fraction  $X_S$  are equal to their values in the binary systems at the same value of  $X_S$ . Equilibrium sulphur pressures calculated in this manner (16) with no additional adjustable parameters, are compared with measurements (17) in Fig. 4. In this way, a database for molten Fe-Ni-Cu-Co-Cr-Pb-Zn-S mattes has been developed in the F\*A\*C\*T system (16, 18).

Other models of short-range ordering have been used. For example, Fe-S solutions can be considered to contain FeS associated molecules as well as free Fe and S species. In our experience however, such models, being less physically realistic, yield less satisfactory results.

The quasichemical model for short-range ordering has also been applied with success to other ordered solutions such as ordered liquid alloys. In particular, much success has been achieved in silicate melts and glasses. In a binary silicate,  $AO_x-SiO_2$  ( $A = Ca, Mg, Na, \dots$ ), the tendency to short-range ordering can be identified with the tendency to form  $SiO_4^{4-}$  ions in basic solutions, or with the break-up of the silicate network in acid solutions, and the resultant formation of second-nearest-neighbour (A-Si) pairs. An (Si-Si) pair can be considered to be joined by a doubly-bonded (network) oxygen, an (A-A) pair is a pair of cations separated by an  $O^{2-}$  ion, and an (A-Si) pair represents an oxygen bonded to one Si. Hence, the quasichemical reaction (3) is applied for second-nearest-neighbour pairs. This is related to the

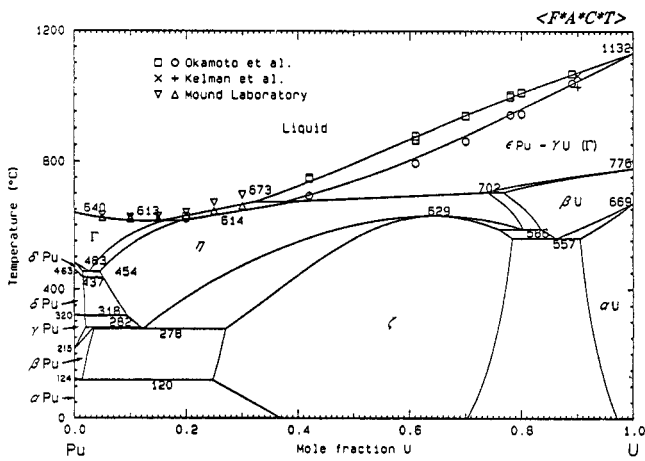


Fig. 1 Calculated optimized Pu-U phase diagram (2)

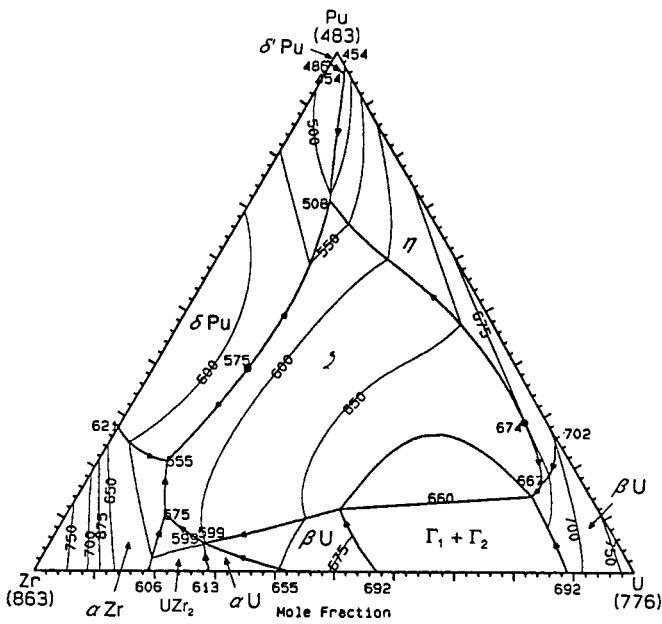


Fig. 2 Calculated projection of the solvus surface of the  $\Gamma$  solid solution phase in the Pu-U-Zr system (4). (T in °C)

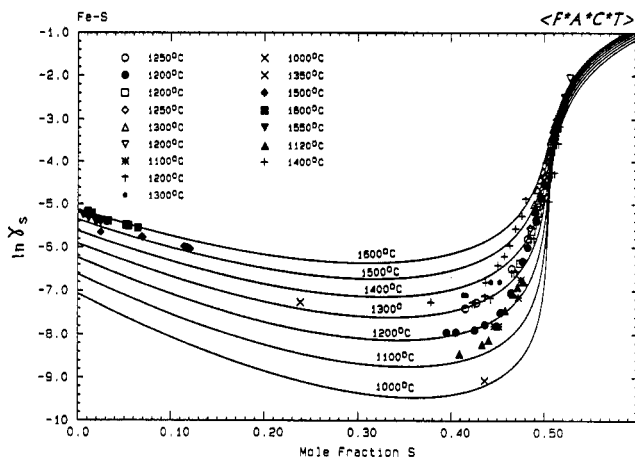


Fig. 3 Activity coefficient of S in liquid Fe-S solutions calculated from optimized model parameters and comparison with experimental data (16)

well-known equilibrium among free, singly-bonded and doubly-bonded oxygen :



and is also closely related to « cell » models of silicate melts (19).

The quasichemical model has been applied systematically to the optimization of a large number of oxide systems to develop the F\*A\*C\*T slag/glass databases for the oxides of Al, As, B, Ca, Cr(II), Cr (III), Cu(I), Fe(II), Fe(III), Mg, Mn, Na, Ni, Pb, Si, Ti(III), Ti(IV), Zn, Zr. At the same time, optimized databases have been developed for solid oxide solutions (spinel, ilmenite, olivine, perovskite, etc.). An example of an optimized oxide phase diagram is shown in Fig. 5 for the CrO-Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> system in equilibrium with metallic Cr(20). Agreement with experimental data is within error limits, as is also the case (20) for the system in equilibrium with air. From the optimized database it is then possible to calculate sections at any oxygen pressure as illustrated in Fig. 6.

### SUBLATTICE MODELS

The sublattice concept was first developed extensively for molten salt solutions (21). The cations are assumed to form a solution on a cationic sublattice, while the anions form a separate solution on an anionic sublattice. Interactions between ions on the same sublattice are modeled by the excess terms in the common-ion systems (e.g. LiCl-NaCl, NaCl-NaF), while interactions between ions on different sublattices are modeled through the Gibbs energy of exchange reactions, such as :



For a description of the model for molten salts, see (22). The model has been used to develop an optimized F\*A\*C\*T database for Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Mg, Ca/F, Cl, Br, I, OH, NO<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>4</sub> and other molten salt solutions as well as for the associated solid solution phases.

The sublattice concept has also proven very successful in modeling the thermodynamics of ceramic phases such as spinel in which the tetrahedral sites constitute one sublattice and the octahedral sites another. Through use of the very useful « Compound Energy Formalism » (23-25), the same mathematical formalism can be used for these solutions as is used for salt solutions. The sublattice model and the Compound Energy Formalism have also been applied, mainly by the Thermocalc group, to the development of extensive databases for interstitial solutions and for intermetallic phases.

### SOME APPLICATIONS

A few sample calculations using the solution databases and Gibbs energy minimization software of the F\*A\*C\*T system for metallurgical and materials applications will now be given.

#### Continuous Pb Smelting

A partial simulation of a continuous Pb smelting process proposed by Noranda/Brunswick Smelting is shown in Figs 7, 8 which are reproduced input/output from the F\*A\*C\*T system. A Pb-Zn-Cu concentrate (also containing Fe, S, As) of the concentration shown in the input at the top of Fig. 7 is mixed with a CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> flux as shown and is heated with carbon in a counter current of enriched air. The weight ratio of concentrate to air is approximately 1 : 1 as simulated in Fig. 7. Data for all possible product phases are automatically retrieved from the databases, and the equilibrium state is calculated by global Gibbs energy minimization. The first (roasting) stage is modeled to occur at 1000°C where reduction by C is very slow. This is simulated by putting 0.0 moles of C in the reactants in Fig. 7. The calculated equilibrium at 1000°C in Fig. 7 shows a slag (oxide) phase rich in Pb and Zn and a matte (sulphide) phase rich in Cu. No metallic phase occurs at this temperature. The formation of an undesirable solid CaSiO<sub>3</sub> phase suggests that the flux should be adjusted. At this point the matte phase is removed for separate processing, and the slag phase plus carbon continues to be heated to ~1250°C. In Fig. 8, this second (reduction) stage is modeled by taking as input the slag from the first stage, carbon,

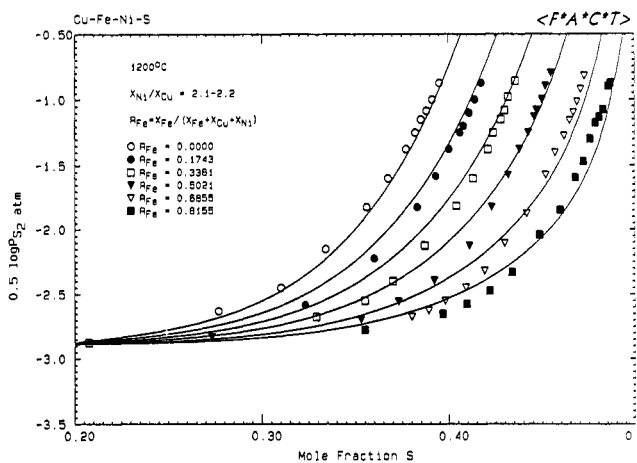


Fig. 4 Equilibrium partial pressure of  $S_2$  at 1200°C over Fe-Ni-Cu-S liquid mattes predicted by the quasi-chemical model from binary data (16) and comparison with experimental data (17).

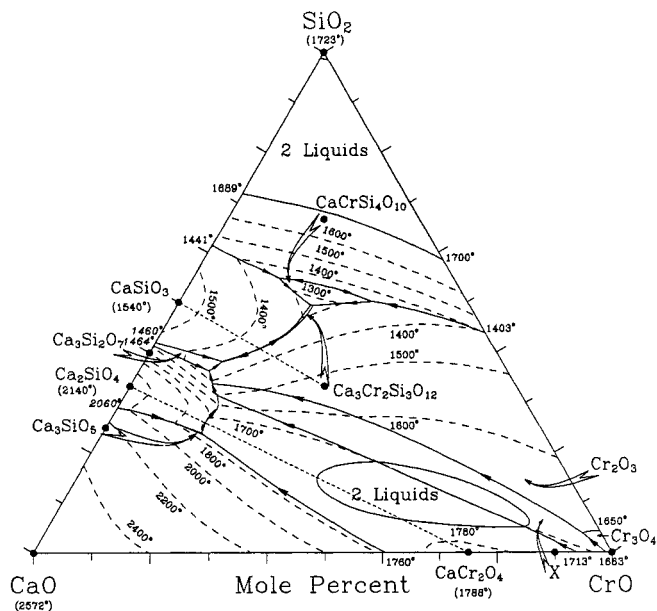


Fig. 5 Calculated (20) projection of the liquidus surface of the Cr-Si-Ca-O in equilibrium with metallic Cr from the Cr corner of the tetrahedron on to the CaO-CrO-SiO<sub>2</sub> plane. (T in °C).

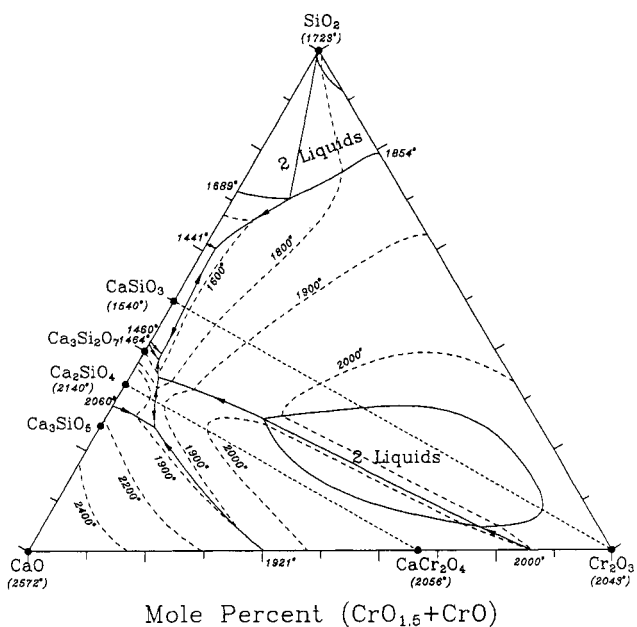


Fig. 6 Calculated (20) projection of the liquidus surface of the Cr-Si-Ca-O system at  $p_{O_2} = 10^{-6}$  atm (T in °C).

and some remaining S. At equilibrium an alloy of 97% Pb is achieved, with the Fe remaining in the slag where Pb losses are small. The distribution of As among the gas and other phases is also calculated.

The optimized F\*A\*C\*T databases for the matte and slag phases (quasichemical model) and the molten lead phase (polynomial model) were used. Calculations agree closely with results obtained in laboratory and pilot plant studies (18).

The sulphide content of the slag in Fig. 7 was calculated by a hybrid model (26).

(gram)	27.40	Pb	+	10.9	Zn	+	3.2	Cu	+	19.2	Fe	+		
(gram)	30.00	S	+	0.5	As	+								
(gram)	7.165	CaO	+	11.056	SiO <sub>2</sub>	+	0.0	C	+					Input
(gram)	<0.35A>	O <sub>2</sub>	+	<0.65A>	N <sub>2</sub>									=
A = 118 grammes														
	382.11	litre	(	74.860	vol%	N <sub>2</sub>								
			+	24.933	vol%	SO <sub>2</sub>								
			+	0.11949	vol%	PbS								
			+	0.55204E-01	vol%	Pb								
			+	0.24632E-01	vol%	PbO								Equilibrium
			+	0.47054E-02	vol%	Zn								gas
			+	0.18194E-03	vol%	S <sub>2</sub>								
			+	0.10908E-03	vol%	As <sub>2</sub>								
			+	0.17735E-06	vol%	O <sub>2</sub>								
														(1000.00 C, 1.0 atm, Gaz)
+	75.147	gram	(	36.046	wt. %	PbO								
			+	22.472	wt. %	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>								
			+	17.958	wt. %	ZnO								
			+	12.598	wt. %	FeO								Equilibrium
			+	6.1878	wt. %	SiO <sub>2</sub>								Slag
			+	1.9824	wt. %	Cu <sub>2</sub> O								
			+	1.5721	wt. %	CaO								
			+	0.87187	wt. %	As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>								
			+	0.15108	wt. %	PbS								
			+	0.84072E-01	wt. %	ZnS								
			+	0.60270E-01	wt. %	FeS								
			+	0.86209E-02	wt. %	Cu <sub>2</sub> S								
			+	0.79071E-02	wt. %	CaS								
														(1000.00 C, 1.0 atm, Laitier)
+	3.0890	gram	(	60.592	wt. %	Cu								
			+	20.902	wt. %	Pb								
			+	18.229	wt. %	S								
			+	0.14469	wt. %	Zn								Equilibrium
			+	0.10082	wt. %	As								Matte (liquid)
			+	0.31906E-01	wt. %	Fe								
														(1000.00 C, 1.0 atm, Matte)
+	0.00000E+00	mol	(	0.28124		Pb								
			+	0.86419E-01		Cu								
			+	0.15953E-01		CuS								
			+	0.15656E-01		S								
			+	0.26703E-02		As								
			+	0.51994E-05		Zn								
			+	0.58213E-06		Fe								
														(1000.00 C, 1.0 atm, Alliage de Pb, a=0.402)
			+	12.385	gram	CaSiO <sub>3</sub>								solid
														(1000.00 C, 1.0 atm, Sl, a= 1.000 ) formed

Fig. 7 Simulation of the first (roasting) stage of the continuous smelting of Pb concentrates (18) near 1000°C with CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> flux and enriched air

### Wood Combustion

The combustion of wood chips over an MgO gravel bed for power production in a turbine is modeled in Fig. 9. The input corresponds to the composition of Aspen wood, which contains appreciable amounts of Si, K, Ca and Al, plus excess air plus the MgO gravel. The process is simulated at 850°C and 4 atm. (27). At equilibrium the ash forms a solid phase rich in  $K_2SO_4$  and also a liquid phase rich in  $CaCO_3$  and  $K_2CO_3$  as well as solid  $CaO$ ,  $Ca_2SiO_4$  and  $CaAl_2O_4$ . No reaction with the MgO gravel occurs. The F\*A\*C\*T salt databases (sublattice model) were used for the salt phases. The formation of the liquid phase is undesirable because of problems of nozzle blocking, corrosion and turbine fouling. By altering T and P, a window of operation can be found (27) in which no liquid phase forms.

Similar applications to coal combustion and gasification and biomass combustion have proven fruitful in understanding the inorganic chemistry of these processes.

(gram)	23.120	Pb +	10.81	Zn +	0.38	Cu +	19.2	Fe +			
(gram)	1.00	S +	0.45	As +						Input	
(gram)	7.165	CaO +	11.056	SiO <sub>2</sub> +	6.0	C					
(gram)	20.96	O <sub>2</sub> +	0.00	N <sub>2</sub>					=		
	70.275	litre (	60.109	vol%	CO <sub>2</sub>						
		+	28.747	vol%	CO						
		+	6.9426	vol%	Zn						
		+	2.7550	vol%	Pb						
		+	1.0276	vol%	PbS						
		+	0.34709	vol%	As <sub>2</sub>					Equilibrium	
		+	0.42144E-01	vol%	PbO					gas	
		+	0.14160E-01	vol%	SO <sub>2</sub>						
		+	0.30717E-03	vol%	S <sub>2</sub>						
		+	0.21220E-07	vol%	O <sub>2</sub>						
			(1250.00 C, 1.0 atm, Gaz)								
+	56.035	gram (	38.110	wt.%	FeO						
		+	19.731	wt.%	SiO <sub>2</sub>						
		+	17.533	wt.%	ZnO						
		+	12.240	wt.%	CaO						
		+	4.7387	wt.%	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>					Equilibrium	
		+	3.5415	wt.%	PbO					slag	
		+	2.0835	wt.%	FeS						
		+	0.93806	wt.%	ZnS						
		+	0.70354	wt.%	CaS						
		+	0.17117	wt.%	Cu <sub>2</sub> O						
		+	0.16963	wt.%	PbS						
		+	0.31627E-01	wt.%	As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>						
		+	0.85069E-02	wt.%	Cu <sub>2</sub> S						
			(1250.00 C, 1.0 atm, Laitier)								
+	0.00000E+00	mol (	0.42724		Pb						
		+	0.15298		S					Matte not	
		+	0.11476		Cu					formed	
		+	0.60415E-01		Zn						
		+	0.45010E-02		Fe						
		+	0.28972E-03		As						
			(1250.00 C, 1.0 atm, Matte, a=0.760 )								
+	17.203	gram (	97.292	wt.%	Pb						
		+	1.6002	wt.%	Cu						
		+	0.80021	wt.%	As					Equilibrium	
		+	0.13675	wt.%	CuS					alloy (liquid)	
		+	0.88265E-01	wt.%	S						
		+	0.71844E-01	wt.%	Zn						
		+	0.10421E-01	wt.%	Fe						
			(1250.00 C, 1.0 atm, Alliage de Pb)								

Fig. 8 Simulation (18) of the second (reduction) stage of the slag from Fig. 7 near 1250°C with carbon after the matte has been removed.



### Refractory Corrosion in Coal Gasification

As a final example, a study was performed for the Alberta Research Council of the degradation of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  refractories in the presence of coal gasification slags. Results are shown in Fig. 10 for a slag of composition (wt %) (45  $\text{SiO}_2$ , 25  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , 19  $\text{CaO}$ , 4  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , 7  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ) at  $1400^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of a gas with  $P_{\text{O}_2} = 5 \times 10^{-10}$  bar (28). The process was studied by simulating the dissolution of progressively larger amounts of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in the weight ratio 70 :26 which is found in the refractory. After about 0.2 g of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  per 100 g. slag is dissolved, equilibrium with the precipitating corundum ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) solid solution is achieved. Degradation will nevertheless continue, albeit slowly, because the equilibrium  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  content of the solution is less than that of the refractory. When about 0.7 g of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  have eroded, the dissolved  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  begin to react partially with the Fe in the slag to precipitate spinel with a resultant probable increase in the erosion rate. The degradation was studied by simulation with different gas compositions (which affect the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ratio in the slag and thus influence the process) as well as with different slags, refractories and temperatures. The sublattice model was used for the (Fe, Cr, Al) spinel phase.

(gram)	51.57 C + 6.24 H + 617.88 N + 0.02 S +			
(gram)	226.96 O + 0.00079 Si + 0.0810 K + 0.15242 Ca +			Input
(gram)	0.00101 Al + 500 MgO =			
30.693	mol	(	0.71859 N2	
		+	0.13987 CO2	
		+	0.10085 H2O	
		+	0.40635E-01 O2	Equilibrium
		+	0.48782E-04 NO	gas
		+	0.96606E-05 KOH	
		+	0.10515E-05 NO2)	
			(850.0 C, 4.0 atm, gas)	
+ 0.53788E-03	mol	(	0.54809 CaCO3	
		+	0.40732 K2CO3	
		+	0.25580E-01 CaSO4	Liquid carbonate
		+	0.19010E-01 K2SO4)	formed
			(850.0 C, 4.0 atm, liquid)	
+ 0.65805E-03	mol	(	0.90964 K2SO4	
		+	0.89464E-01 K2CO3	
		+	0.81712E-03 CaSO4	Solid sulphate
		+	0.80365E-04 CaCO3)	formed
			(850.0 C, 4.0 atm, solid)	
		+	12.406 mol MgO	Other solid phases
		+	0.34188E-02 mol CaO	at equilibrium
		+	0.28128E-04 mol Ca2SiO4	
		+	0.18716E-04 mol CaAl2O4	

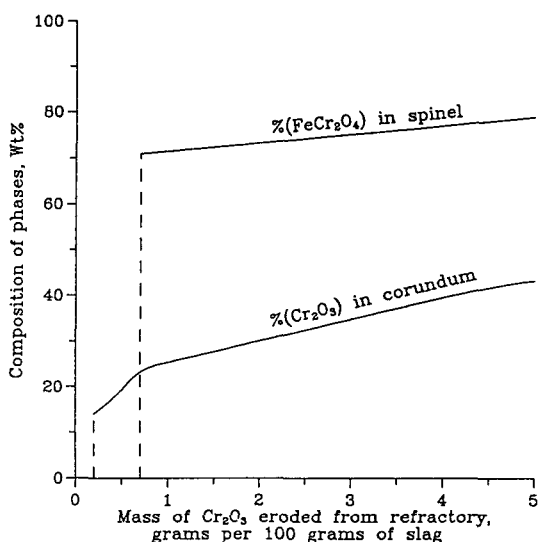


Fig. 9 Simulation of the combustion of Aspen wood in air at  $850^\circ\text{C}$  and 4 atm for power production (27)

Fig. 10 Precipitation of solid phases from coal gasification slag resulting from the dissolution of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  refractory at  $1400^\circ\text{C}$

## REFERENCES

1. A.D. Pelton, Ch. 1 in *Materials Science and Technology*, vol. 5 (R.W. Cahn, P. Haasen and E. J. Kramer ed.), pp 1-75, VCH, NY (1991).
2. A.D. Pelton, Ch. 3 in *Advanced Physical Chemistry in Process Metallurgy* (N-Sano, W.-K. Lu, P.V. Riboud and M. Maeda ed.) Academic, NY, in press.
3. L. Leibowitz, R.A. Blomquist and A.D. Pelton, *J. Nucl. Mater.*, **167**, 76-81 (1989).
4. P.K. Talley, A.D. Pelton and L. Leibowitz, to be submitted to *J. Nucl. Mater.*
5. F. H. Ellinger, R.O. Elliott and E.M. Cramer, *J. Nucl. Mater.*, **3**, 233, (1959).
6. L.R. Kelman, H. Savage, C.M. Walter, B. Blumenthal, R.J. Dunworth and H.V. Rhude, in *Plutonium 1965*, (A.E. Kay and M.B. Wadron ed.) pp. 458-484, Chapman and Hall, London (1967).
7. Mound Laboratory Report MLM-1402, Miamisburg, Ohio (1967).
8. H.L. Lukas, E.-Th. Henig and B. Zimmermann, *Calphad*, **1**, 225-236 (1977).
9. P. Dörner, E.-Th. Henig, H. Krieg, H.L. Lukas and G. Petzow, *Calphad*, **4**, 241-254 (1980).
10. C.W. Bale and A.D. Pelton, *Metall. Trans.*, **14B**, 77-84 (1983).
11. L. Leibowitz, R.A. Blomquist and A.D. Pelton, *J. Nucl. Mater.*, **184**, 59-64 (1991).
12. F. Kohler, *Monatsh. Chem.*, **91**, 738 (1960).
13. A.D. Pelton and M. Blander, *Proc. AIME Sympos. Molten Salts and Slags*, pp. 281-294, Am. Inst. Met. Eng., Warrendale, PA (1984).
14. A.D. Pelton and M. Blander, *Metall. Trans.*, **17B**, 806-815 (1986).
15. M. Blander and A.D. Pelton, *Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta*, **51**, 85-95 (1987).
16. F. Kongoli, M. Sc. App. Thesis, École Polytechnique, Montréal (1996).
17. C.W. Bale and J. Toguri, private communication (1996).
18. Y. Dessureault, Ph.D. thesis, École Polytechnique (1993).
19. M.L. Kapoor and M.G. Froberg, *Sympos. Chem. Metall. Iron and Steel*, Sheffield, England (1971).
20. S. Degterov and A.D. Pelton, *Metall. Trans.*, submitted
21. M. Blander, Ch.3 in *Molten Salt Chemistry* (M. Blander, ed.), Interscience, NY (1964).
22. A.D. Pelton, *Calphad*, **12**, 127-142 (1988).
23. B. Sundman and J.Ågren, *J. Phys. Chem. Solids*, **42**, 297 (1981).
24. M. Hillert, B. Jansson and B. Sundman, *Z. Metallk.*, **79**, 81 (1988).
25. T. I. Barry, A.T. Dinsdale, J.A. Gisby, B. Hallstedt, M. Hillert, B. Jansson, J. Jonsson, B. Sundman and J.R. Taylor, *J. Phase Equil.*, **13**, 459-476 (1992).
26. A.D. Pelton, G. Eriksson and A. Romero-Serrano, *Metall. Trans.*, **24B**, 817-825 (1993).
27. M. Blander, KW. Ragland, R.L. Cole, J.A. Libera and A.D. Pelton, *Biomass and Bioenergy*, **8**, 29-38 (1995).
28. S. Degterov and A.D. Pelton, *Proc. Am. Ceram. Soc. Symposium*, in press.