

Interdiffusion Structures and Coefficients in Ternary Systems: Research and Education at UCF

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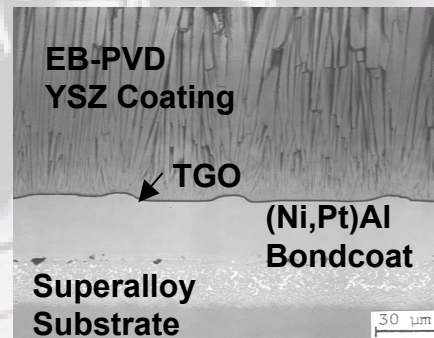
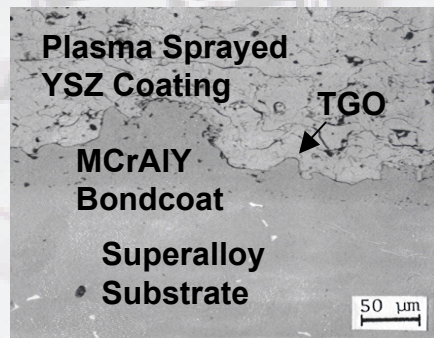
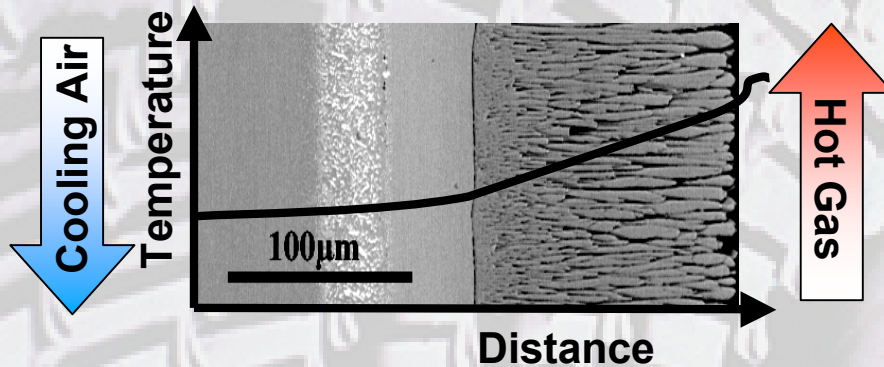
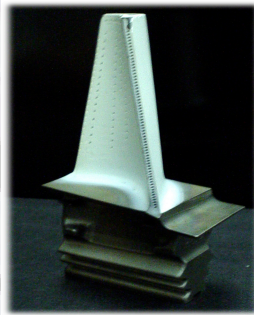
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Interdiffusion Structures and Coefficients in Ternary Systems

- 🍏 **Typical Application: High Temperature Coatings for Turbine Blades.**
- 🍏 **Diffusion Couple Studies.**
- 🍏 **Diffusion Structure (Microstructural Development) and Diffusion Paths.**
- 🍏 **Compositional Analysis by EDS on TEM via Specimen Preparation by FIB-INLO.**
- 🍏 **Determination of Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients.**

Gas Turbine Needs: Oxidation Resistant and Thermal Barrier Coatings (TBCs)

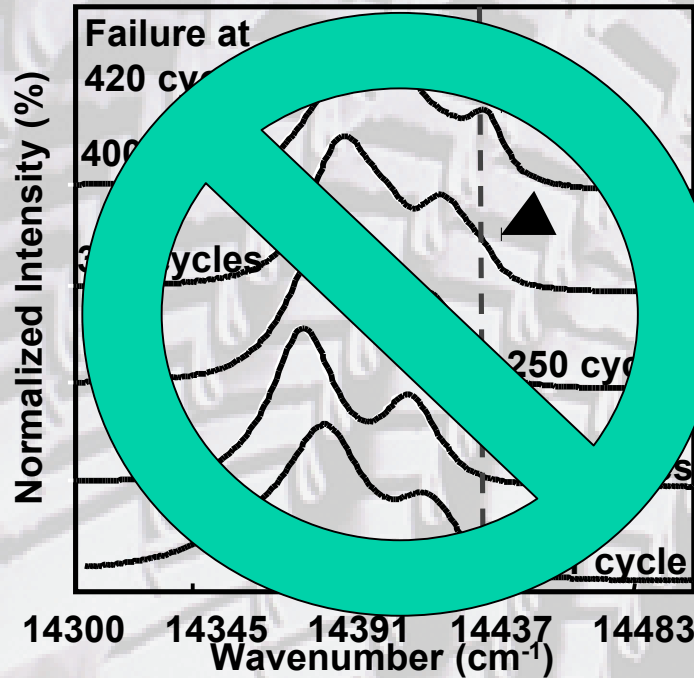
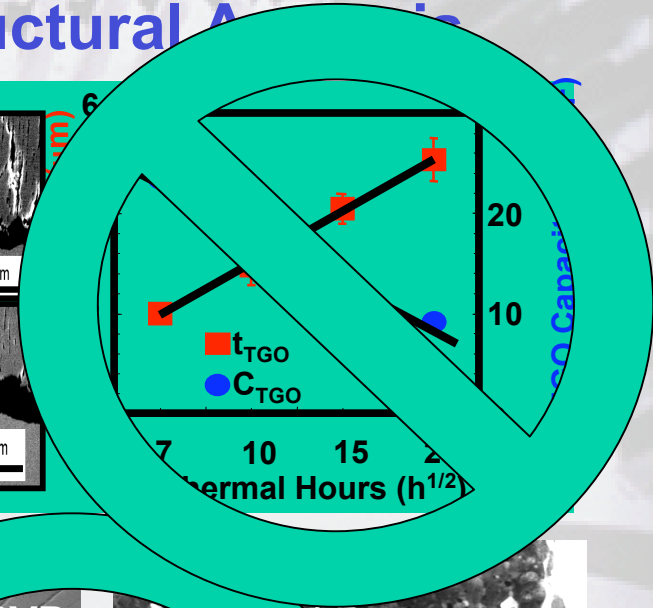
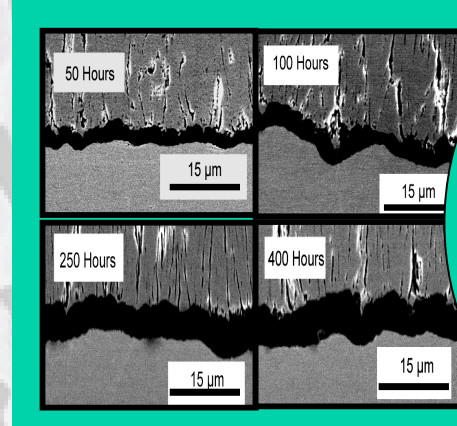
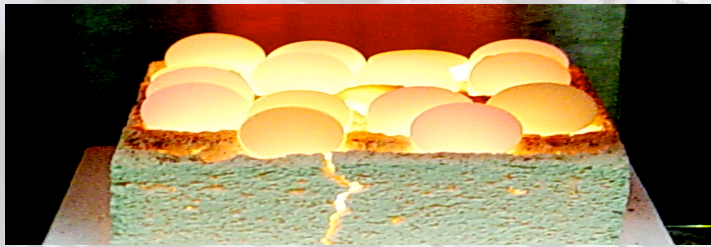


- Coatings Provide Protection of Hot Components in Advanced Gas Turbine Engines
 - Increase in Performance, Efficiency, Reliability and Maintainability.
 - Reduction in Emission and Life Cycle Costs.

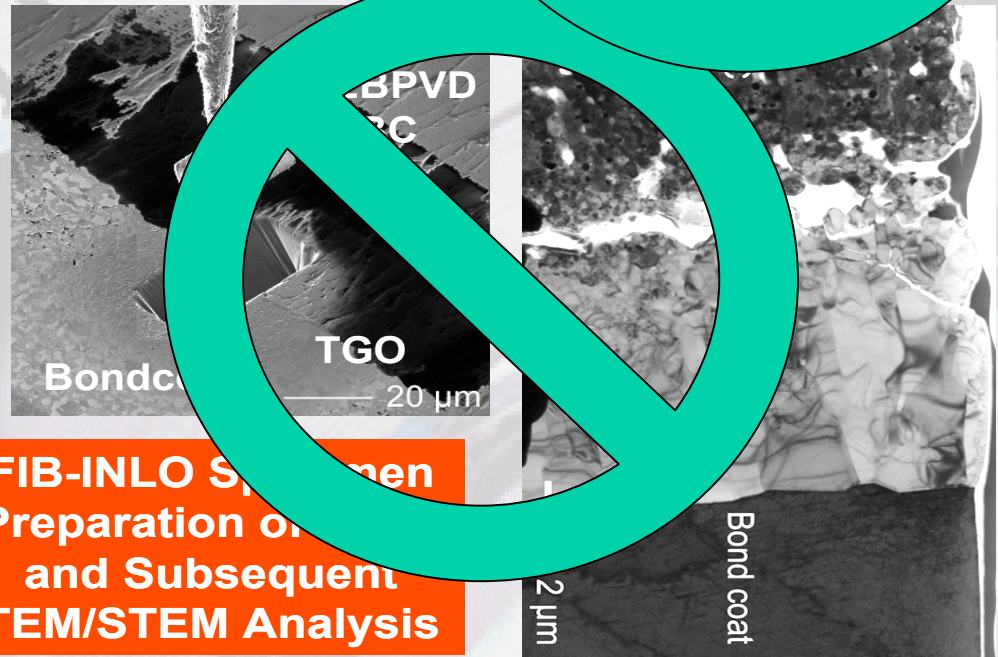
- Processing, Lifetime Prediction and Failure Mechanisms of High Temperature Coatings Requires Knowledge in Multicomponent - Multiphase Diffusion.

- Coating-Substrate Interdiffusion
- External and Internal Oxidation
- Kirkendall Porosity
- Phase Transformations

Thermal Barrier Coatings Program Overview: Assessment of Failure Mechanisms by Non-Destructive Evaluation and Advanced Microstructural Analysis



**Damage and Stress Relief
 Detected Prior to Spallation
 at 420 Cycles.**



**FIB-INOLO Specimen
 Preparation and
 Subsequent
 TEM/STEM Analysis**

Interdiffusion and Lifetime of TBCs

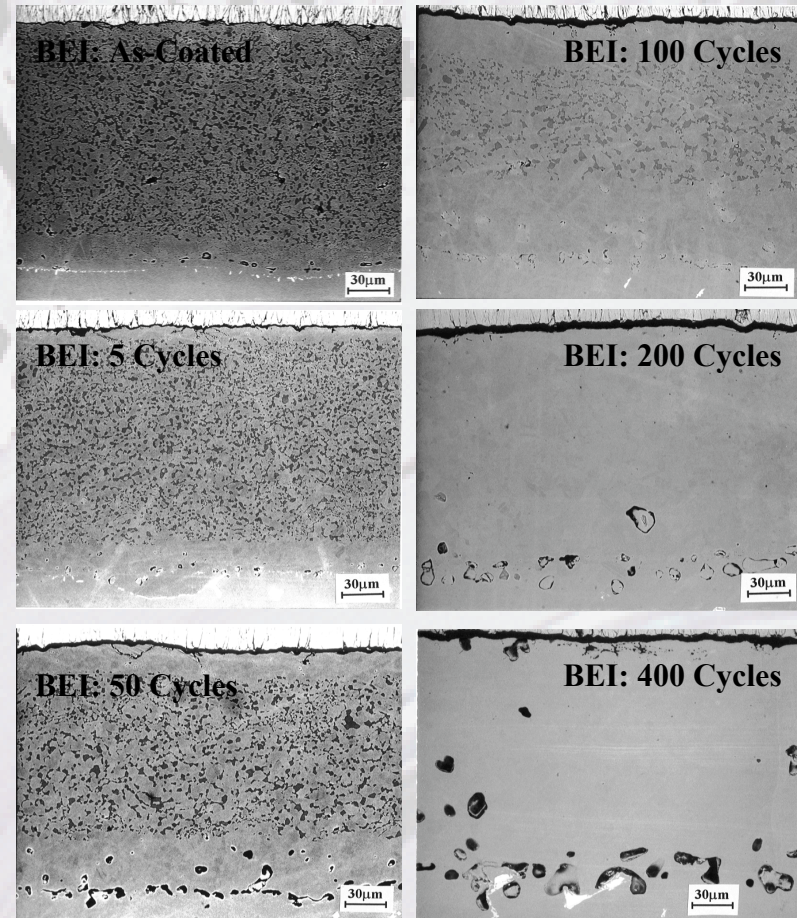
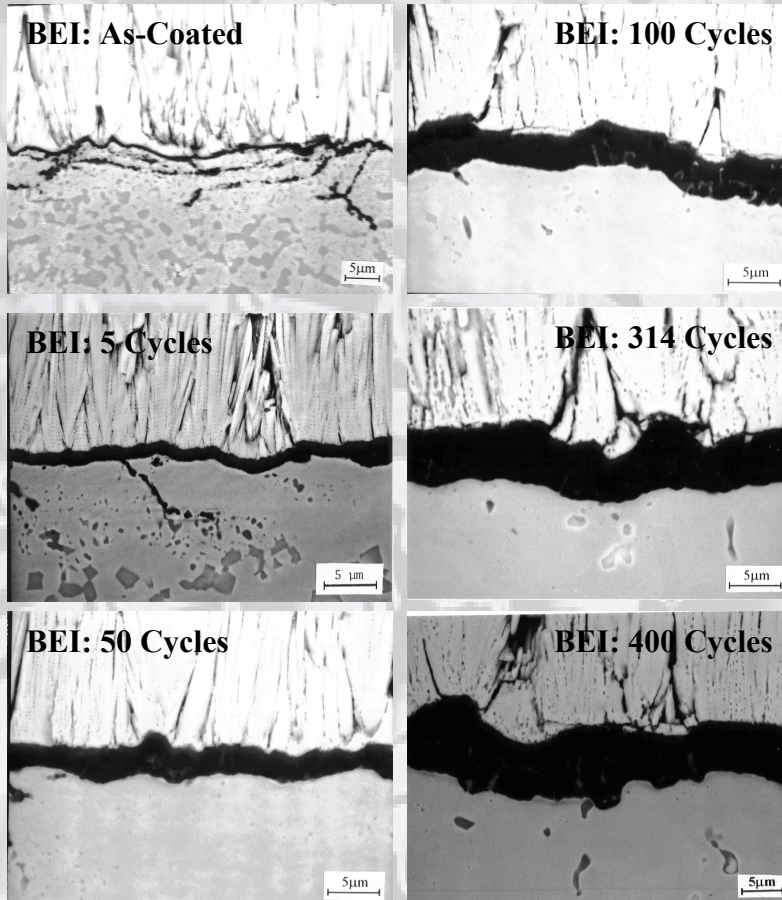
Parabolic Growth of TGO

$$K_p = 6.3 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}\cdot\text{sec}^{1/2}$$

Recession of ($\beta+\gamma$) in NiCoCrAlY

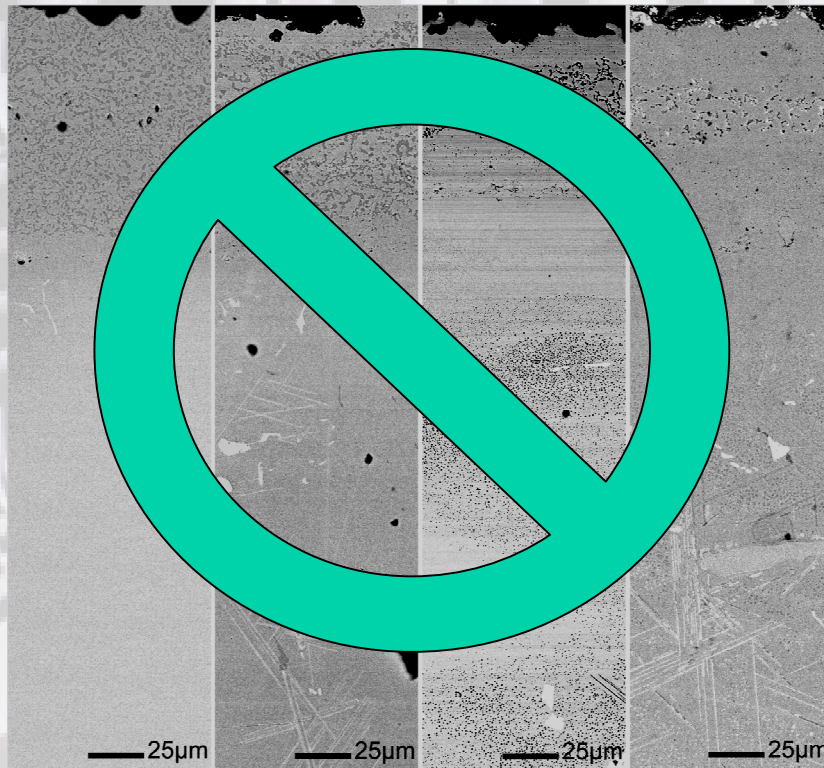
Depletion Zone: $D^{\text{eff}} = 3.4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

Interdiffusion Zone: $D^{\text{eff}} = 9.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

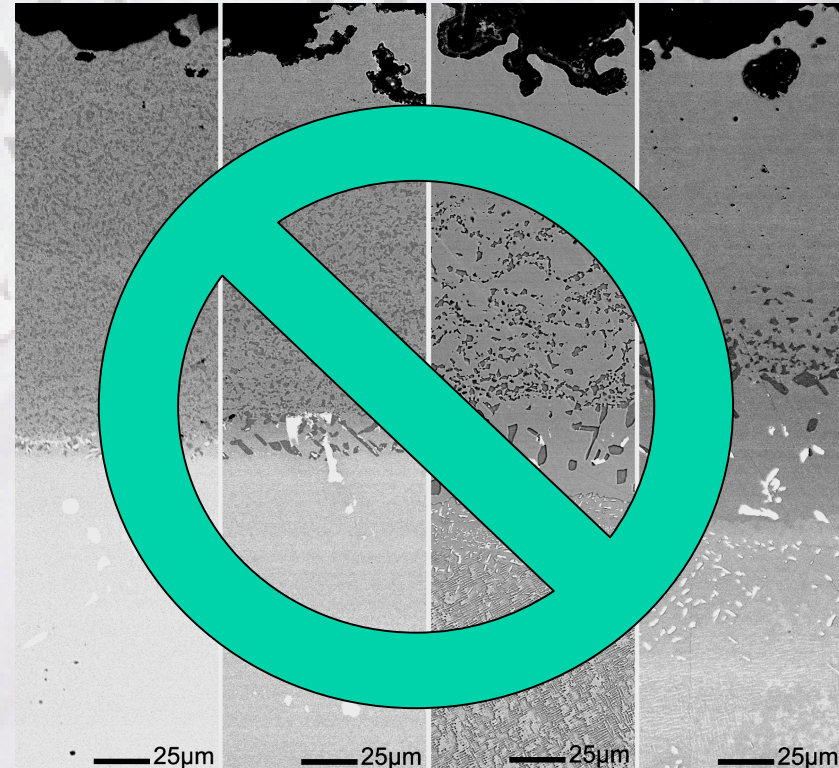


Interdiffusion and Lifetime of Oxidation Resistant Coatings

4X in Lifetime (Measured by Stability of Al-Rich β -NiAl Phase) Can be Achieved by Appropriate Selection of Substrate Composition (Given a Coating Composition).



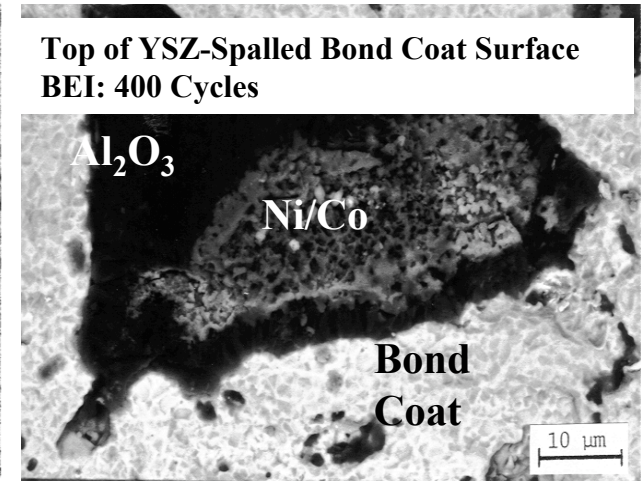
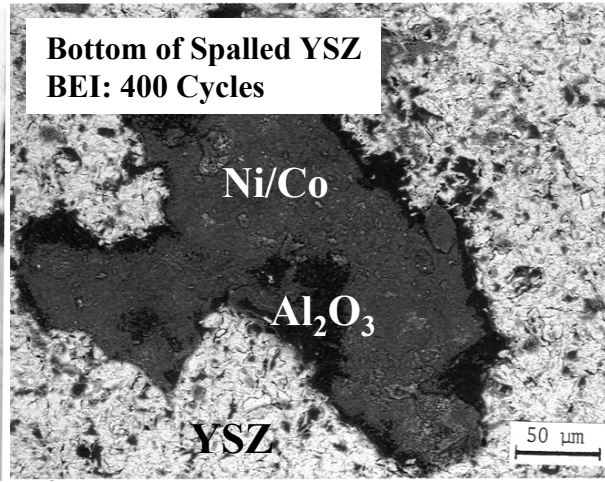
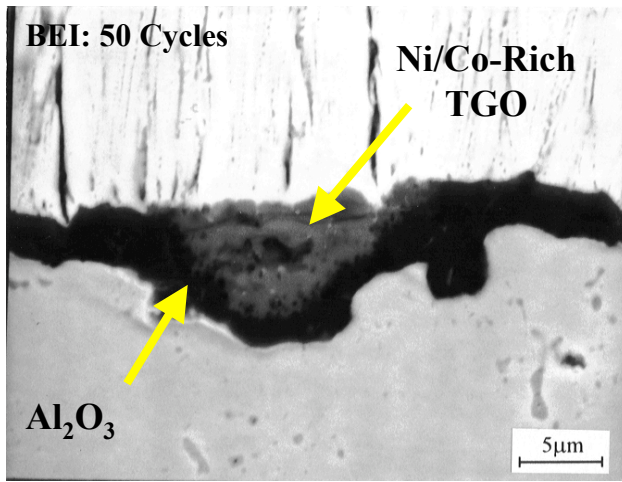
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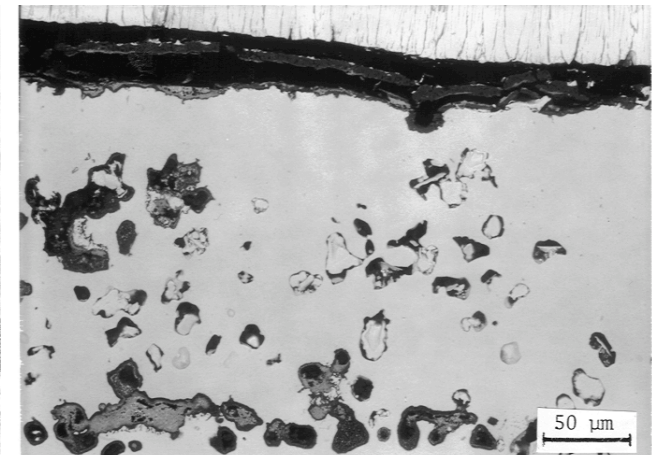
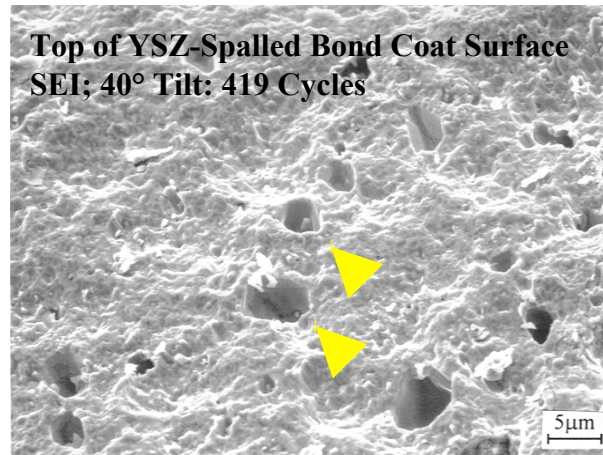
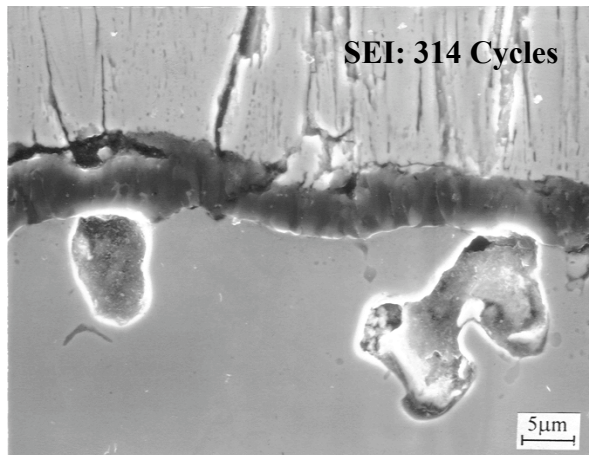
4 x Isothermal Exposure Time, $4t$

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Interdiffusion and Failure of TBCs



Premature Formation of Ni/Co-Rich Oxides due to Presence of **Embedded Oxides**.

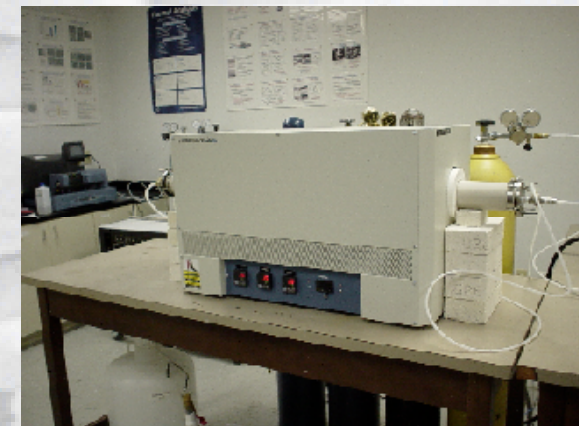
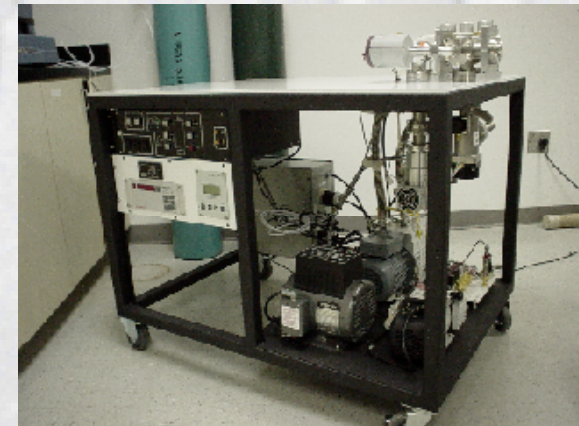


Formation of Kirkendall Porosity Near the **TGO/Bond Coat Interface** and **Internal Oxidation**.

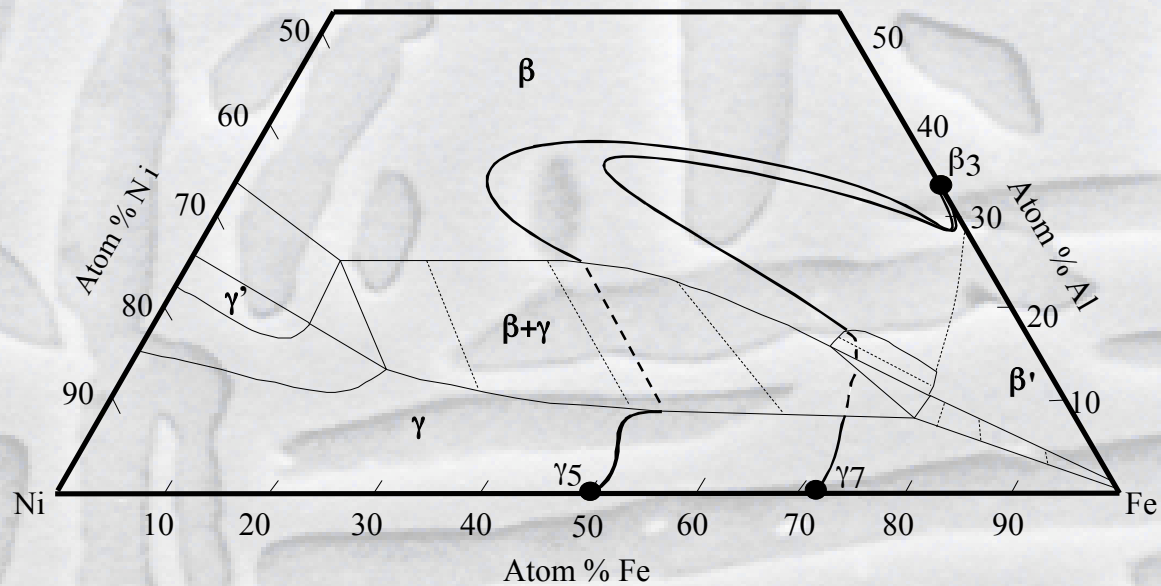
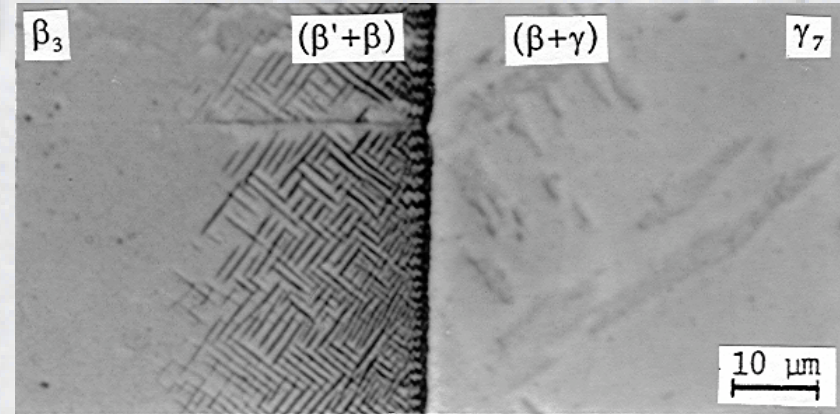
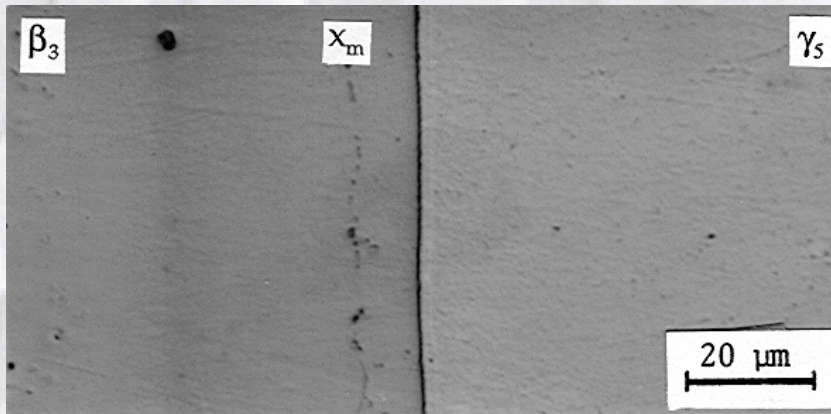
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Solid-to-Solid Diffusion Couples

- 🍏 Alloy Casting by Vacuum Induction Melting, Chill Casting and/or Tri-Arc Melting Furnace.
- 🍏 Homogenization Heat Treatment.
- 🍏 Microstructure, Phase Constituents and Compositional Analysis.
- 🍏 Assembled with Kovar Steel Jigs.
- 🍏 Encapsulate in Quartz Tube (Vacuum or Ar-Filled) After Several Vacuum-Hydrogen Flush.
- 🍏 Diffusion Anneal Using Three-Zone Tube Furnace.
- 🍏 Metallographic Preparation and Microstructural Analysis.
- 🍏 Compositional Analysis by Electron Probe Microanalysis (EMPA).
- 🍏 Interfacial Analysis by Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM).

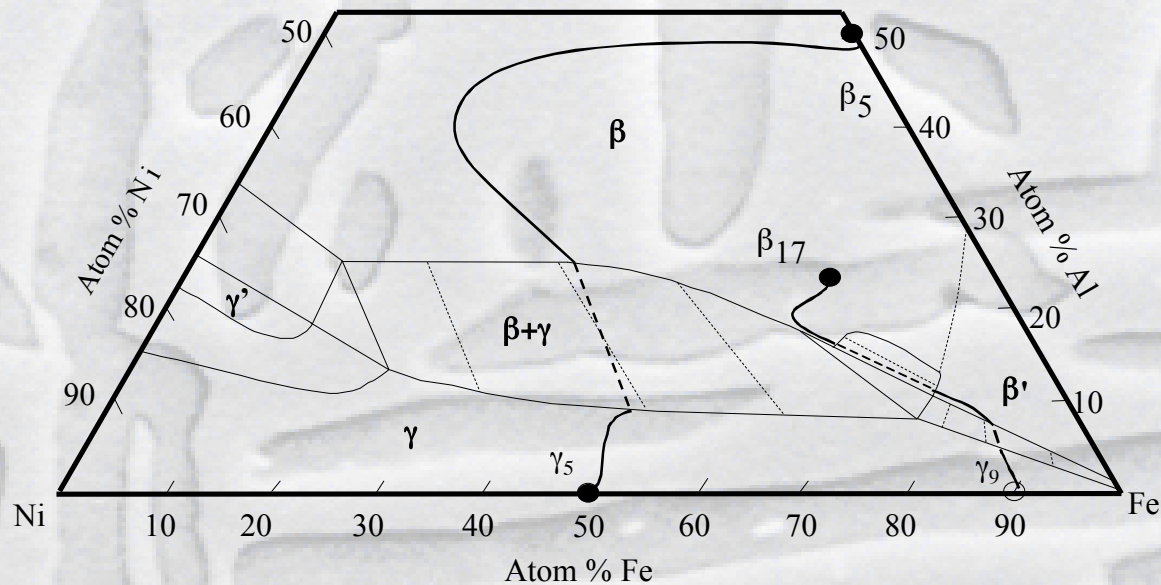
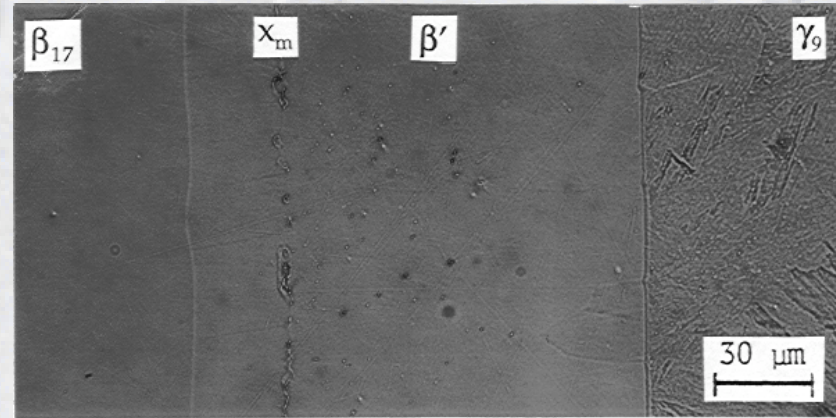
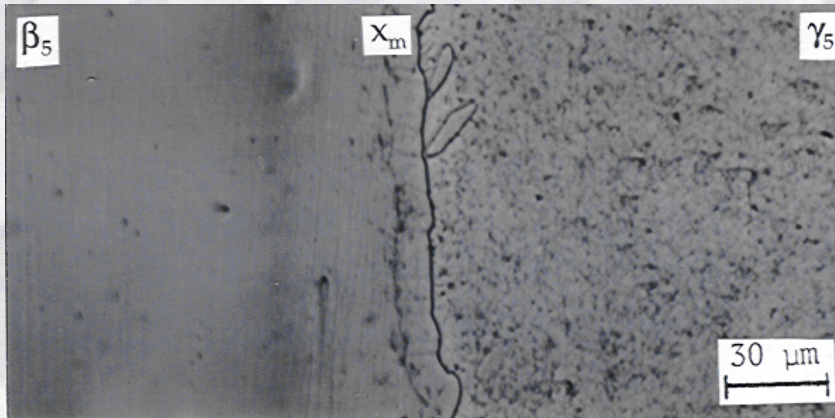


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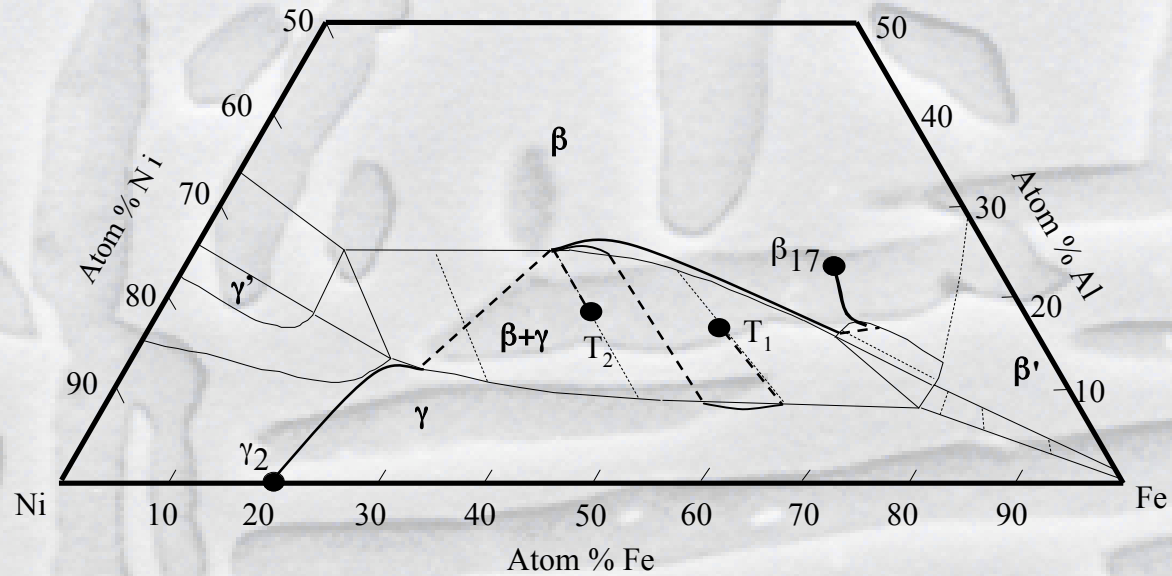
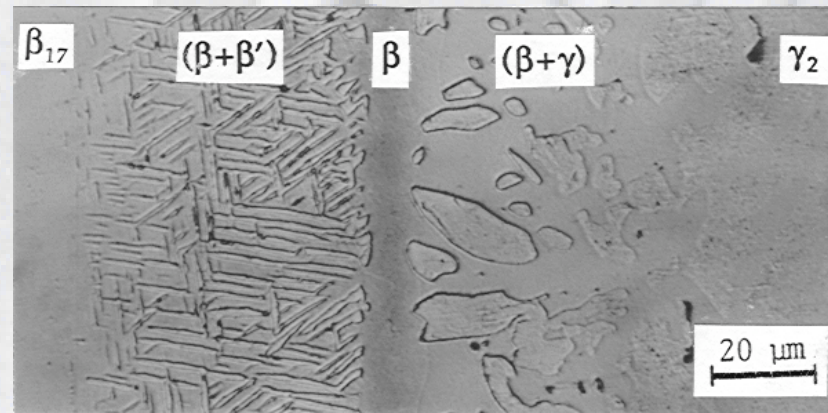
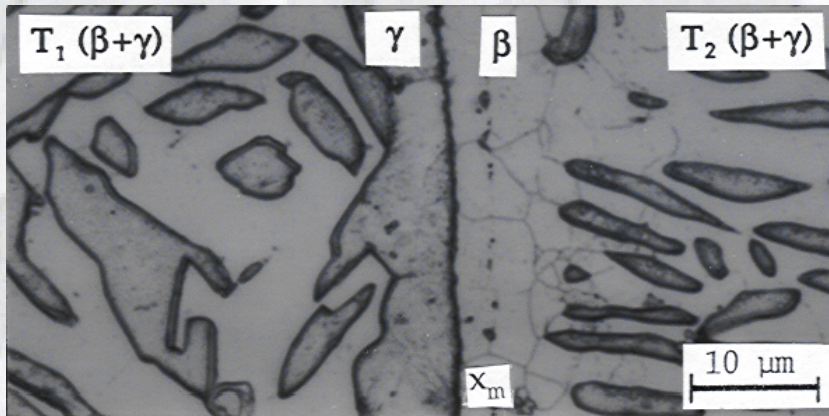
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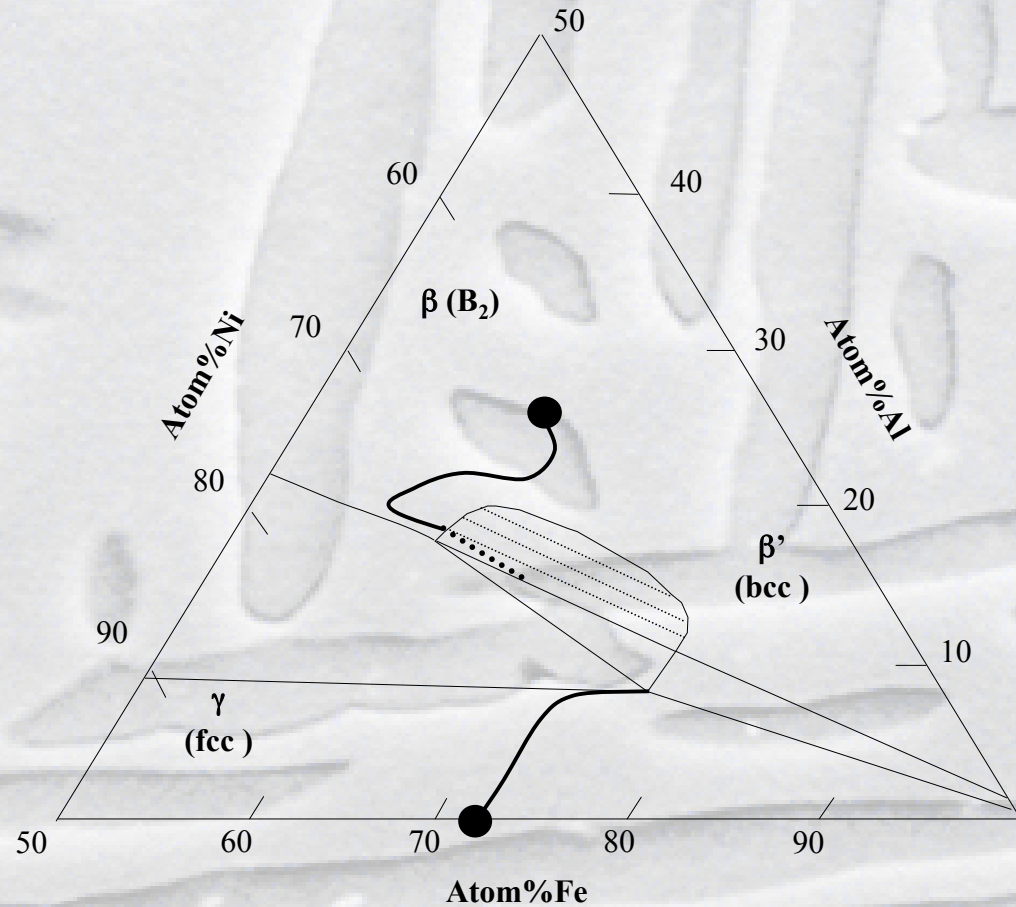
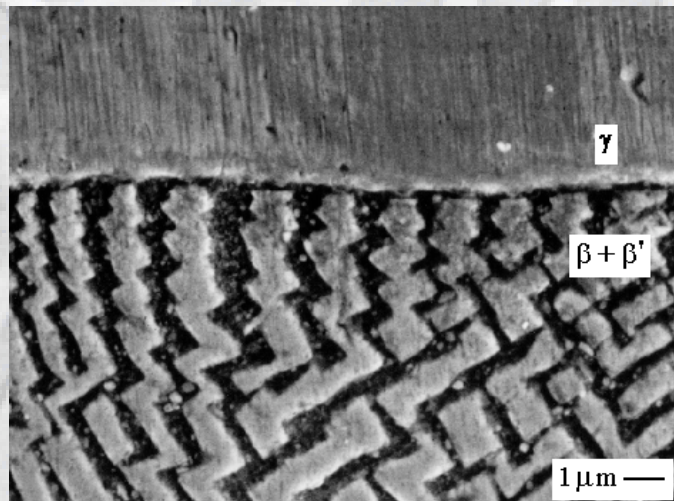
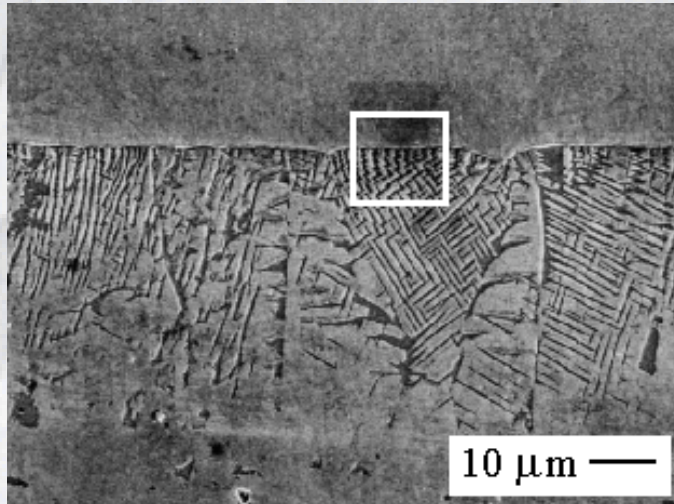
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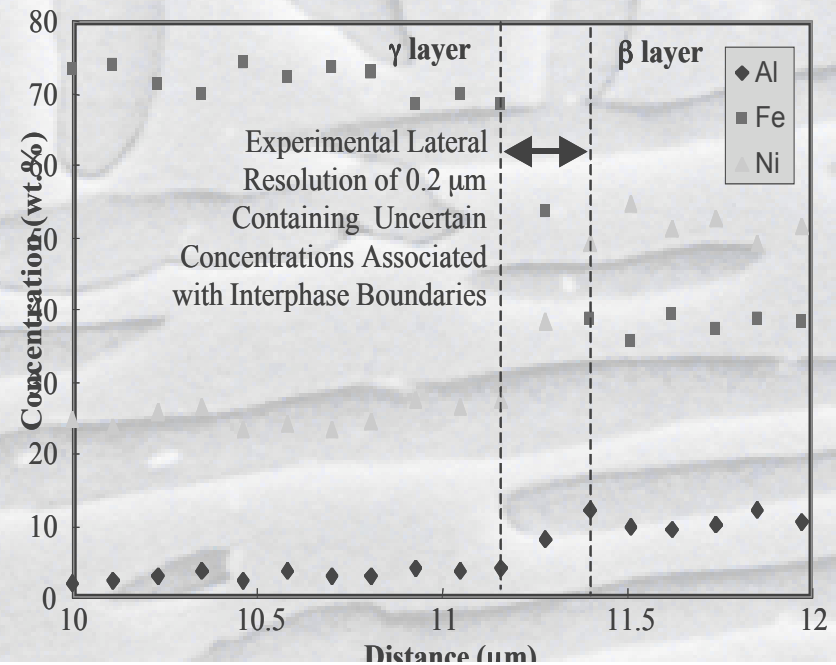
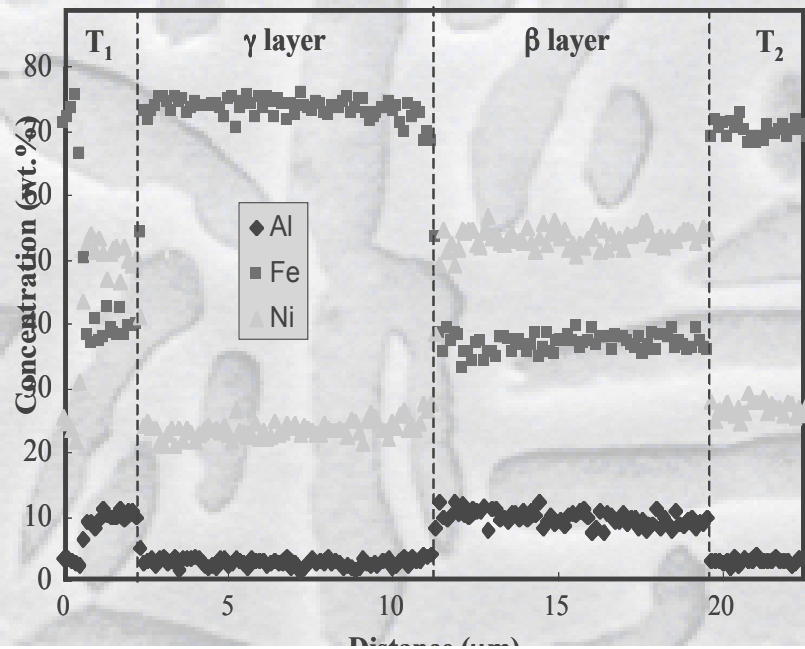
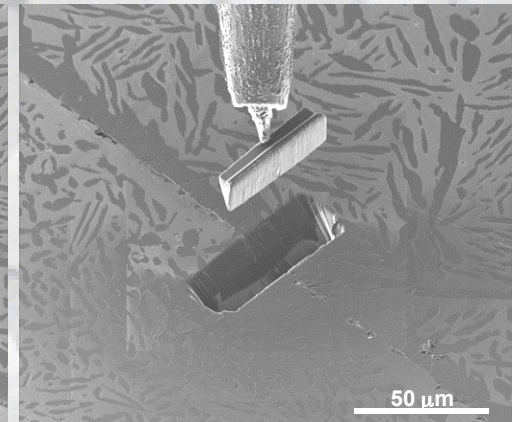
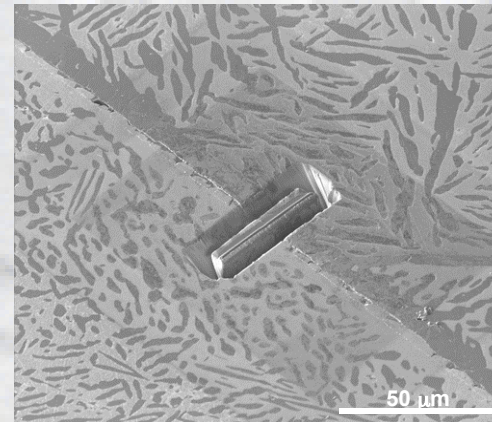
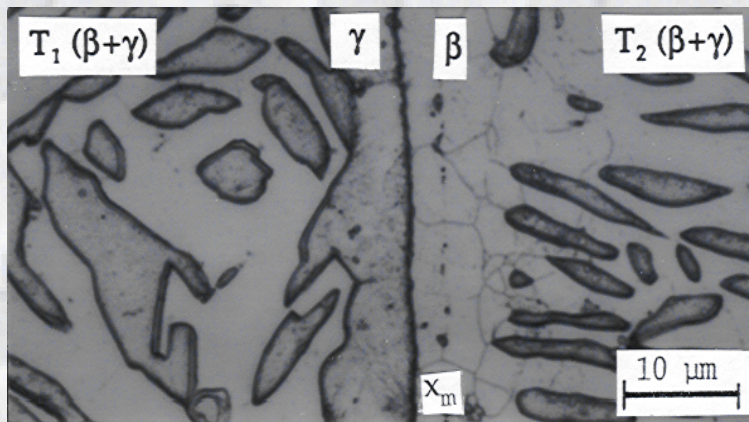
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Phenomenology of Isothermal Interdiffusion in Multicomponent System

- **Onsager's formalism* for The Interdiffusion Flux of Component i in a Multicomponent System :**

$$\tilde{J}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \tilde{D}_{ij}^n \frac{\partial C_j}{\partial x} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1)$$

where $\partial C_j / \partial x$ is the (n-1) independent concentration gradients

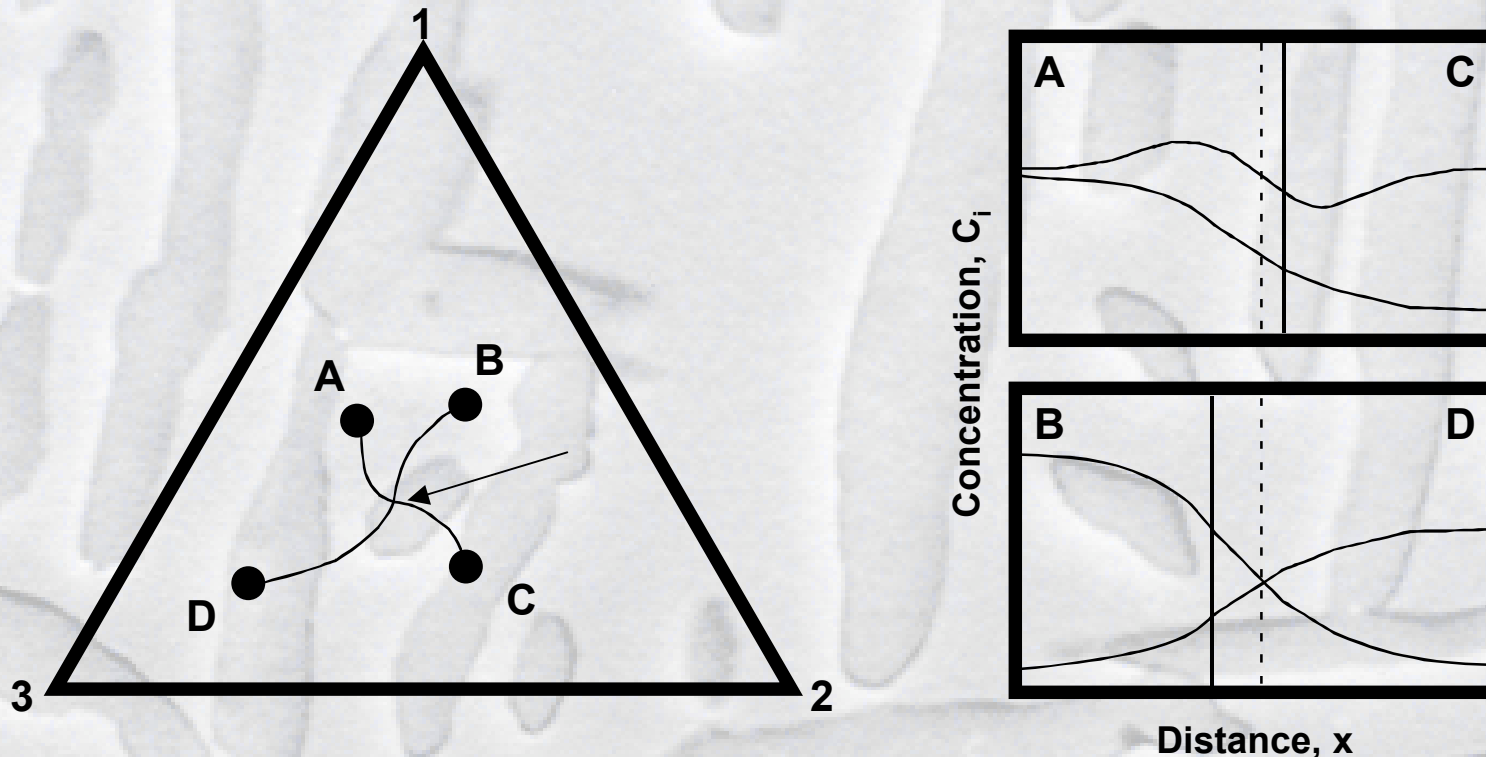
\tilde{D}_{ij}^n is the (n-1)² interdiffusion coefficients

- **Requires Knowledge of (n-1) Independent Concentrations and (n-1)² Interdiffusion Coefficients.**
- **For a Ternary Systems:**

$$\tilde{J}_1 = -\tilde{D}_{11}^3 \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial x} - \tilde{D}_{12}^3 \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{J}_2 = -\tilde{D}_{21}^3 \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial x} - \tilde{D}_{22}^3 \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x}$$

* L. Onsager, *Phys. Rev.*, 37 (1931) 405; 38 (1932) 2265; *Ann. NY Acad. Sci.*, 46 (1965) 241.

Determination of Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients by Extension of Boltzmann-Matano Analysis*



- Requires Two Independent Diffusion Couples Intersecting at a Common Composition.
- Requires A Significant Number of Diffusion Couple Experiment to Assess Compositional Dependence of Interdiffusion Coefficients.

* J. Kirkaldy, *Can. J. Phys.*, 35 (1957) 435.

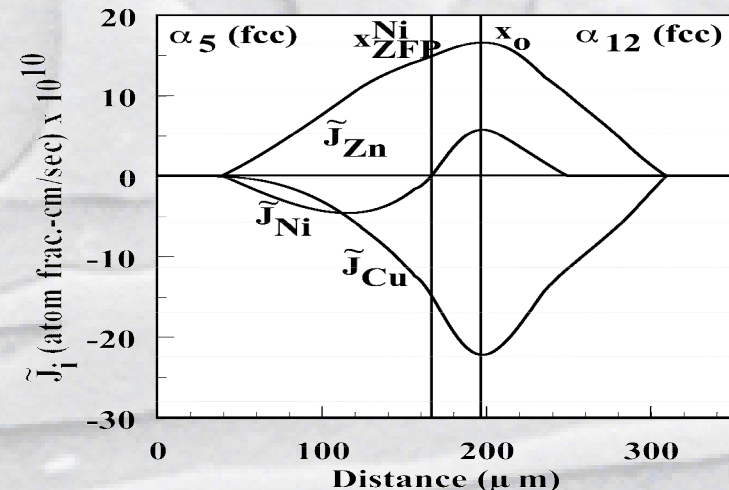
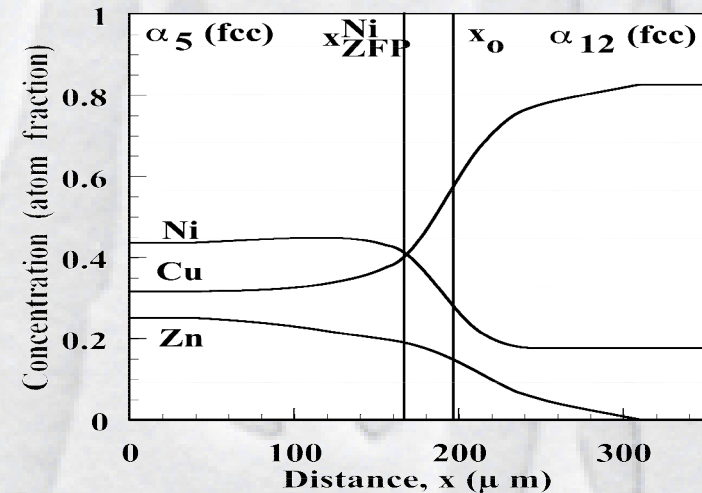
Determination of Interdiffusion Fluxes

- Interdiffusion fluxes of all components can be determined directly from their concentration profiles without the need of the interdiffusion coefficients:

$$\tilde{J}_i = \frac{1}{2t} \int_{C_i^- \text{ or } C_i^+}^{C_i(x)} (x - x_0) dC_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

where t is time

- No Need for Interdiffusion Coefficient to Assess Diffusional Behavior of Individual Components.
- Profiles of experimental concentration and the corresponding interdiffusion fluxes of Cu-Ni-Zn couple, α_5 (Cu-43.5at. %-25.0at. %Zn) vs. α_{12} (Cu-17.5at. %Ni), annealed at 775°C for 48 hours.



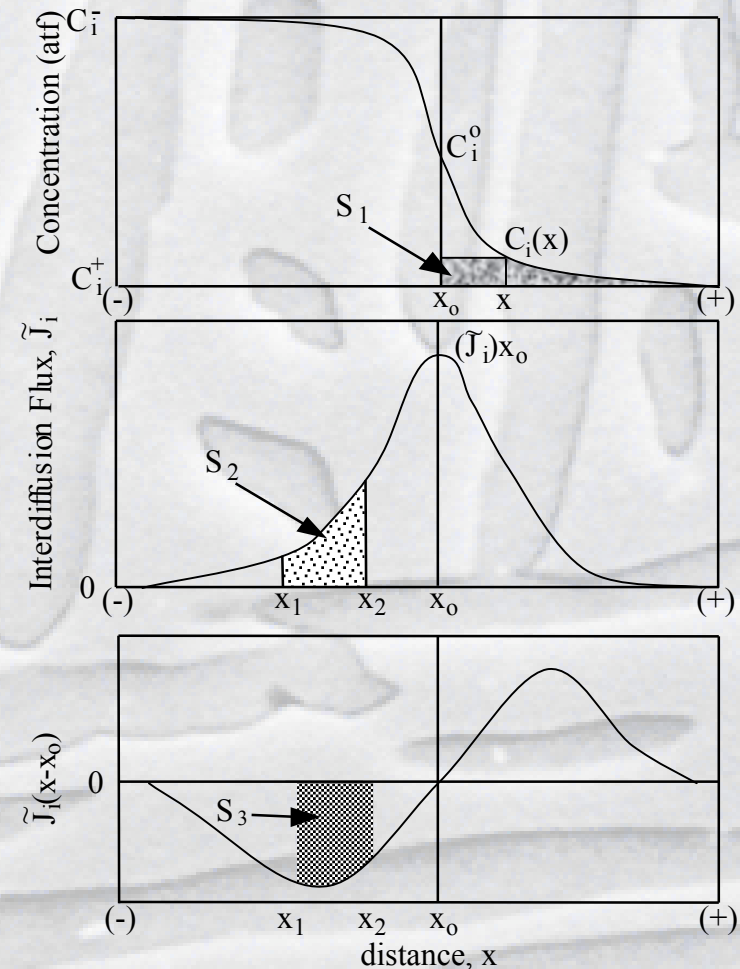
Alternative Approach for the Determination of Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \tilde{J}_i dx = \bar{D}_{i1}^3 [C_1(x_1) - C_1(x_2)] + \bar{D}_{i2}^3 [C_2(x_1) - C_2(x_2)]$$

(i, j = 1, 2)

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \tilde{J}_i (x - x_0) dx = 2t \left\{ \bar{D}_{i1}^3 [\tilde{J}_1(x_1) - \tilde{J}_1(x_2)] + \bar{D}_{i2}^3 [\tilde{J}_2(x_1) - \tilde{J}_2(x_2)] \right\}$$

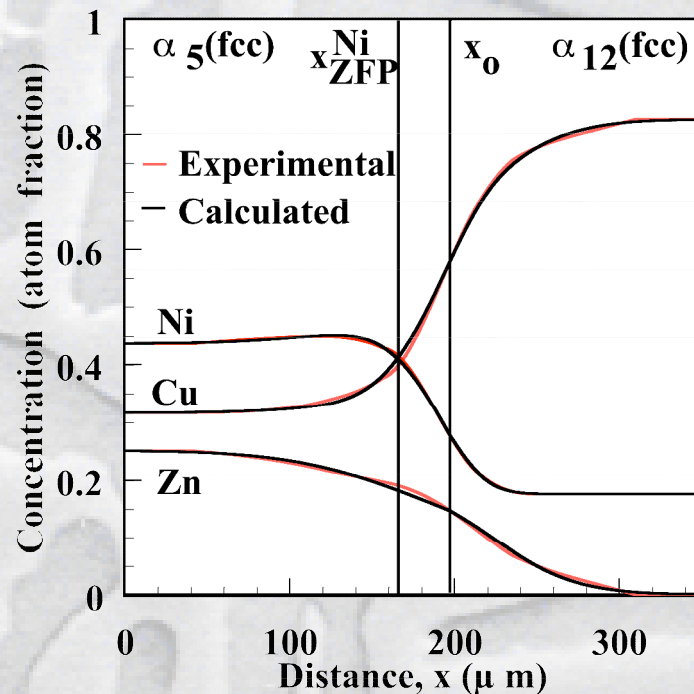
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Average Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients

Experimental and calculated concentration profiles* of Cu-Ni-Zn couple, α_5 (Cu-43.5at. %-25.0at. %Zn) vs. α_{12} (Cu-17.5at. %Ni), annealed at 775°C for 48 hours**.

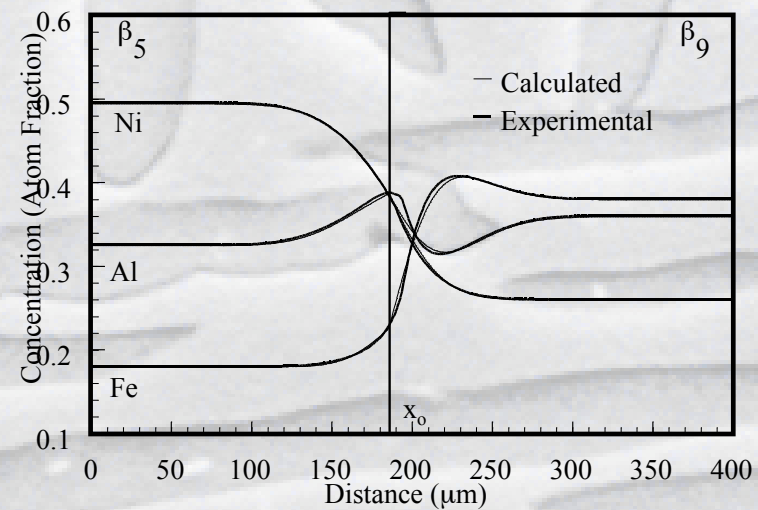
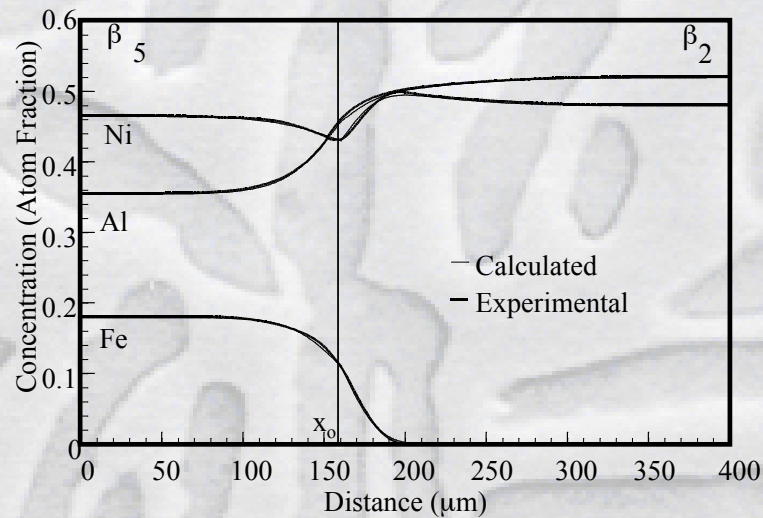
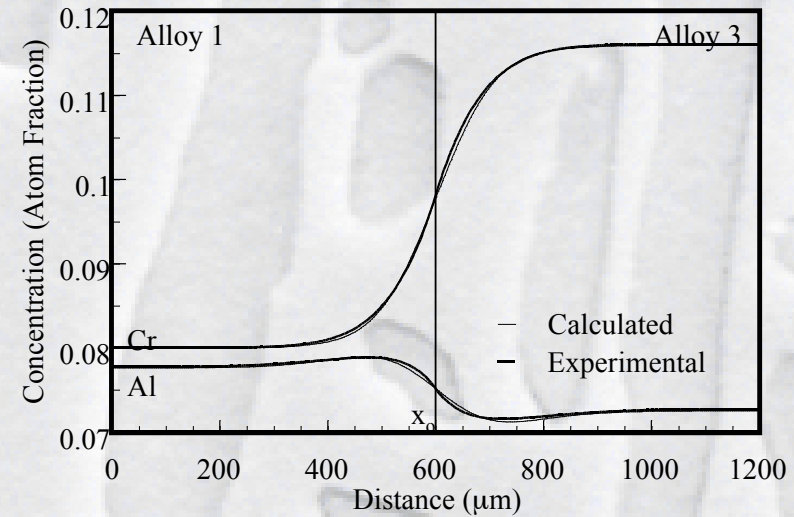
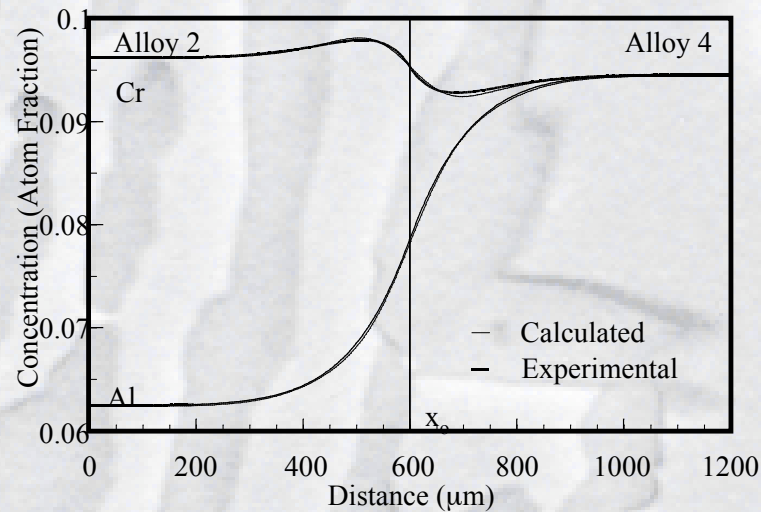


Range	$(C_i^- \times C_i^0)$	$(C_i^0 \times C_i^+)$
\bar{D}_{NiNi}^{Cu}	2.3	1.0
\bar{D}_{NiZn}^{Cu}	-6.1	-0.1
\bar{D}_{ZnNi}^{Cu}	1.2	2.5
\bar{D}_{ZnZn}^{Cu}	12.5	6.4

$$\bar{D}_{ij}^{Cu} \left(10^{-15} \text{ m}^2 / \text{sec} \right)$$

* M. A. Dayananda and Y. H. Sohn, *Metall. Mater. Trans.*, 30A (1999) 535.

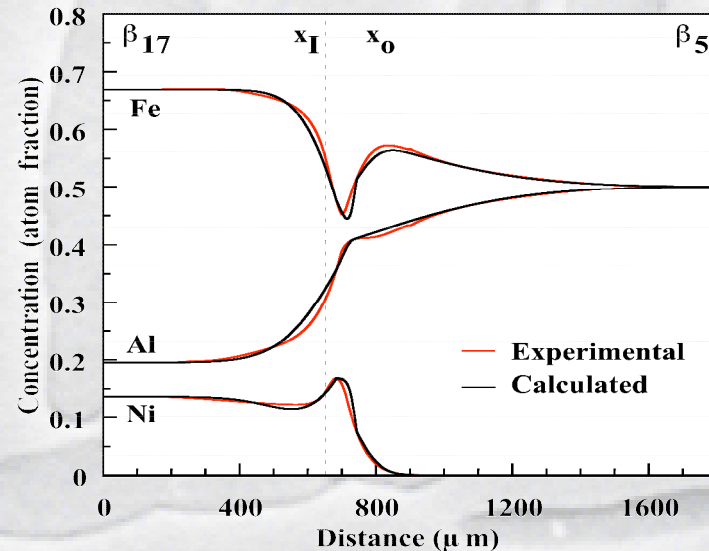
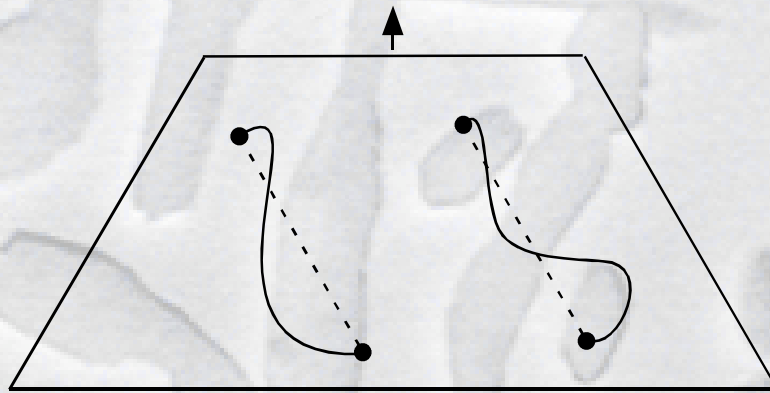
Modeling of Concentration Profiles Based on Average Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients



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Double Serpentine Diffusion Paths in the Fe-Ni-Al System

- Diffusion path crosses the straight line joining the terminal alloys **two** times for the couple β_{17} (61.8Fe-15.3Ni-22.9Al) vs. β_5 (50.7Fe-49.3Al), annealed at 1000°C for 48 hours.



- Double serpentine diffusion path was observed experimentally for the first time and quantitatively described using the new analysis.

Ternary Nonisothermal Thermotransport

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \tilde{J}_i dx = -\overline{\beta_i \tilde{Q}_i^*} \int_{T(x_1)}^{T(x_2)} C_i \frac{\partial T}{T} - \overline{\tilde{D}_i^{\text{eff}}} \int_{C(x_1)}^{C(x_2)} dC_i \quad (i=1,2)$$

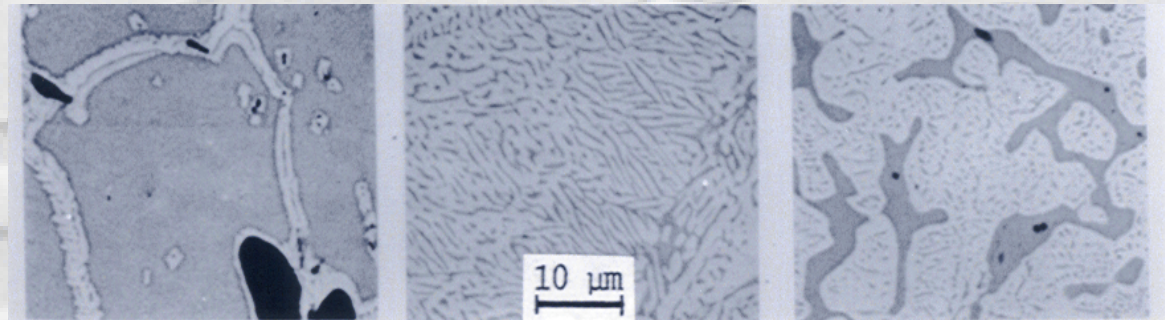
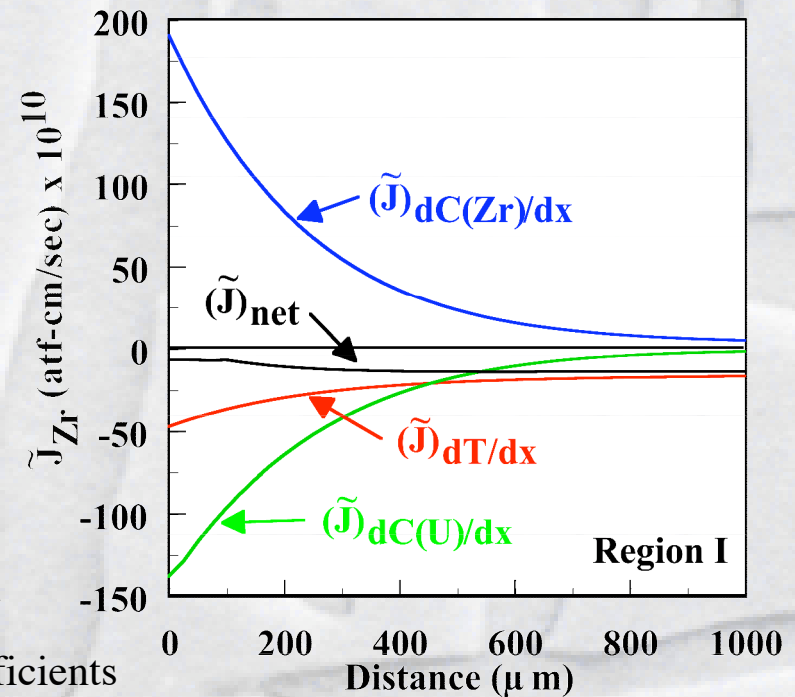
and

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \tilde{J}_i (x - x_0) dx = -\overline{\beta_i \tilde{Q}_i^*} \int_{T(x_1)}^{T(x_2)} C_i \frac{(x - x_0) \partial T}{T} - \overline{\tilde{D}_i^{\text{eff}}} \int_{C(x_1)}^{C(x_2)} (x - x_0) dC_i \quad (i=1,2)$$

where $\overline{\beta_i \tilde{Q}_i^*}$ is the average thermotransport coefficient

$\overline{\tilde{D}_i^{\text{eff}}}$ is the average effective interdiffusion coefficients

Defined by $\overline{\tilde{D}_i^{\text{eff}}} = \overline{\tilde{D}_{ii}^3} + \overline{\tilde{D}_{ij}^3} (\Delta C_j / \Delta C_i)$



Determination of Composition Dependent Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients

$$\tilde{J}_1 = -D_{i1}^3 \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial x} - D_{i2}^3 \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} \quad (i=1,2)$$

$$\tilde{J}(x) = \frac{1}{2t} \int_{C_i^{\pm\infty}}^{C_i} (x - x_0) dC_i = \frac{1}{2t} \left[(x_0 - x^{\pm\infty}) C_i^{\pm\infty} - \int_{\pm\infty}^x C_i dx + C_i (x - x_0) \right]$$

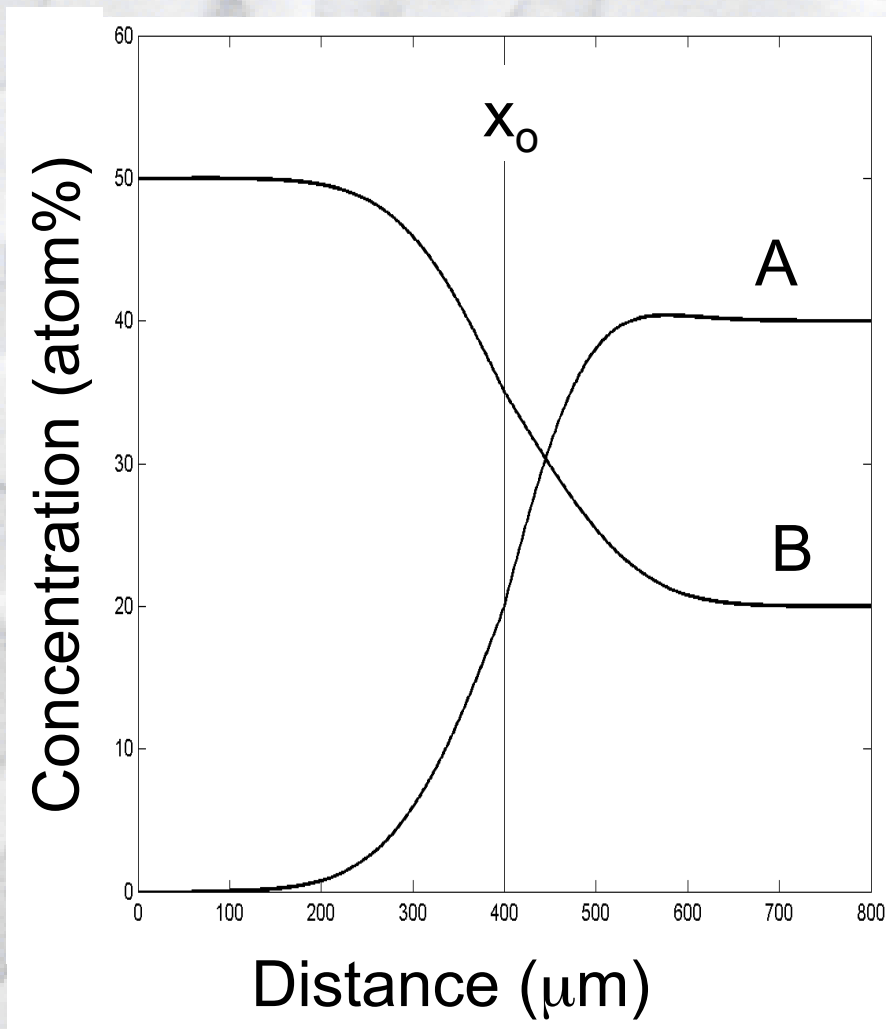
$$\tilde{J}_i(x - x_0) = -D_{i1}^3 (x - x_0) \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial x} - D_{i2}^3 (x - x_0) \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} \quad (i=1,2)$$

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \tilde{J}_i(x - x_0) dx = 2t \left\{ \bar{D}_{i1}^3 [\tilde{J}_1(x_1) - \tilde{J}_1(x_2)] + \bar{D}_{i2}^3 [\tilde{J}_2(x_1) - \tilde{J}_2(x_2)] \right\} \quad (i=1,2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{J}_i}{\partial x} = -\bar{D}_{i1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 C_1}{\partial x^2} - \bar{D}_{i2}^3 \frac{\partial^2 C_2}{\partial x^2} \quad (i=1,2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2t} (x - x_0) \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial x} = -\bar{D}_{i1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 C_1}{\partial x^2} - \bar{D}_{i2}^3 \frac{\partial^2 C_2}{\partial x^2} \quad (i=1,2)$$

Determination of Composition Dependent Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients



On the Left - hand Side of x_0 :

$$\bar{D}_{AA}^C = 32 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$\bar{D}_{AB}^C = 7 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$\bar{D}_{BA}^C = -4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$\bar{D}_{BB}^C = 19 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

On the Right - hand Side of x_0 :

$$\bar{D}_{AA}^C = 15 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

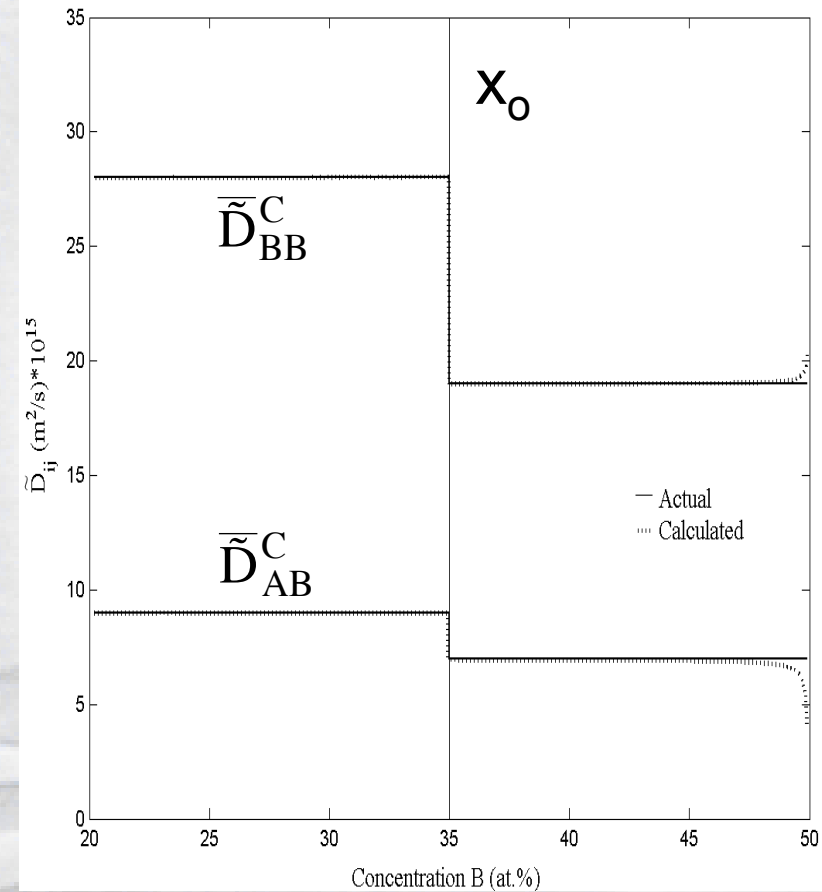
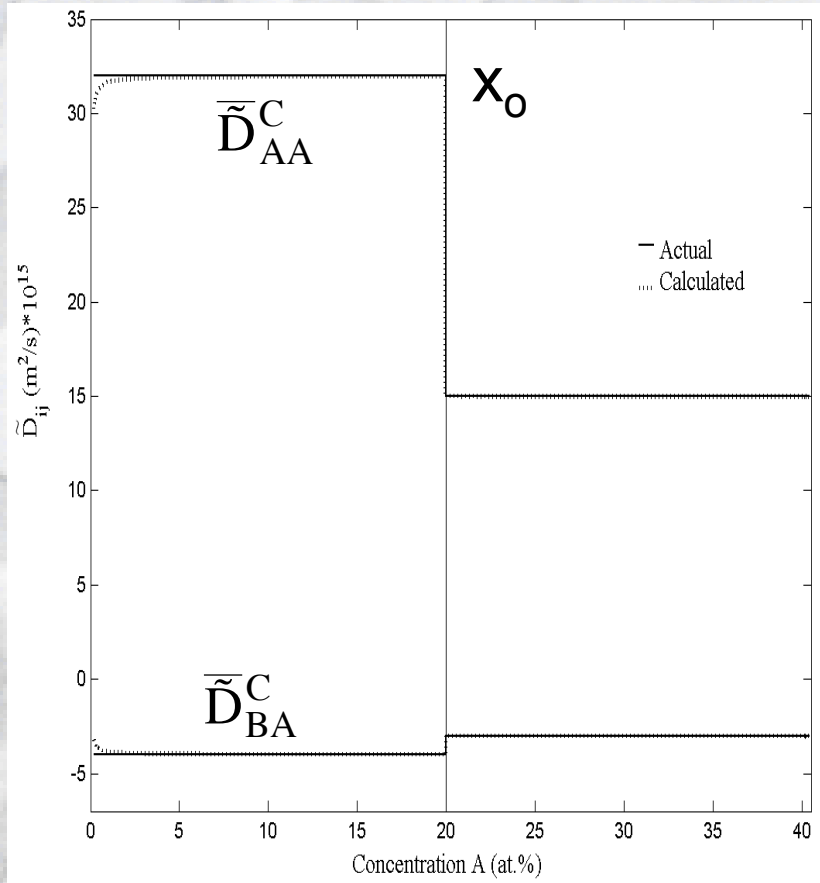
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Profiles Generated Based on Ternary Error Function Solution

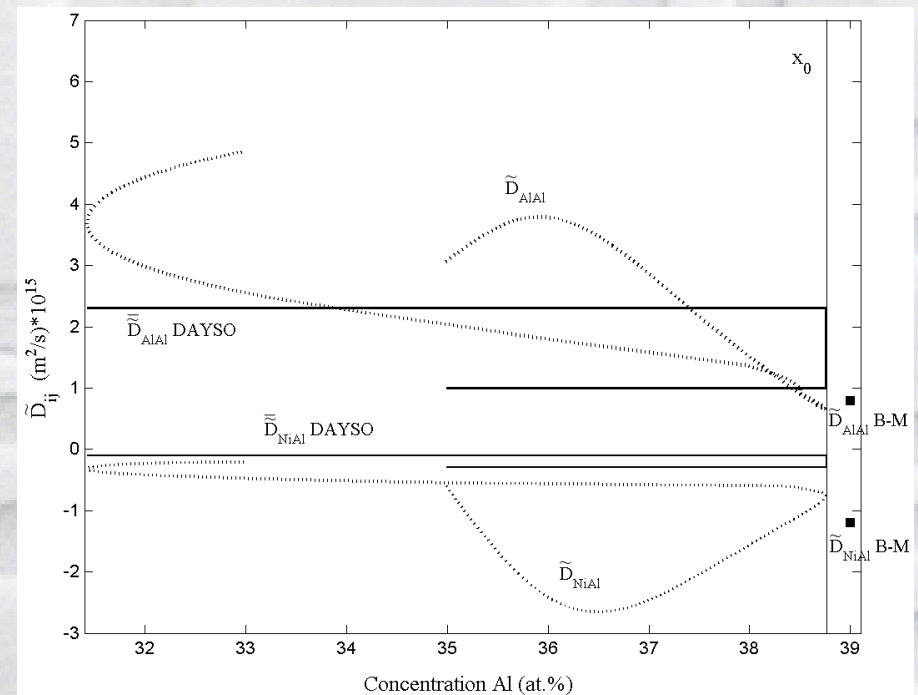
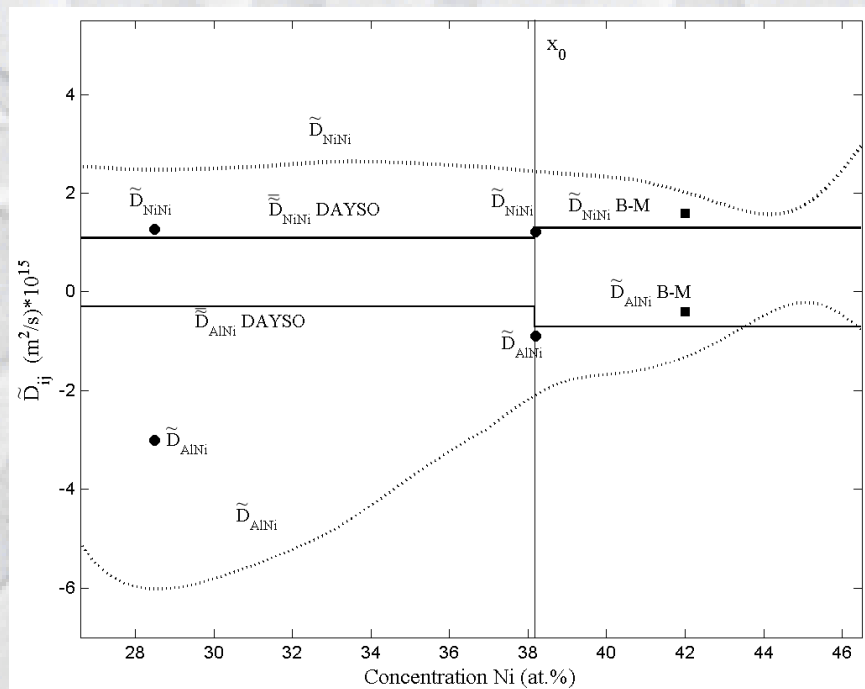
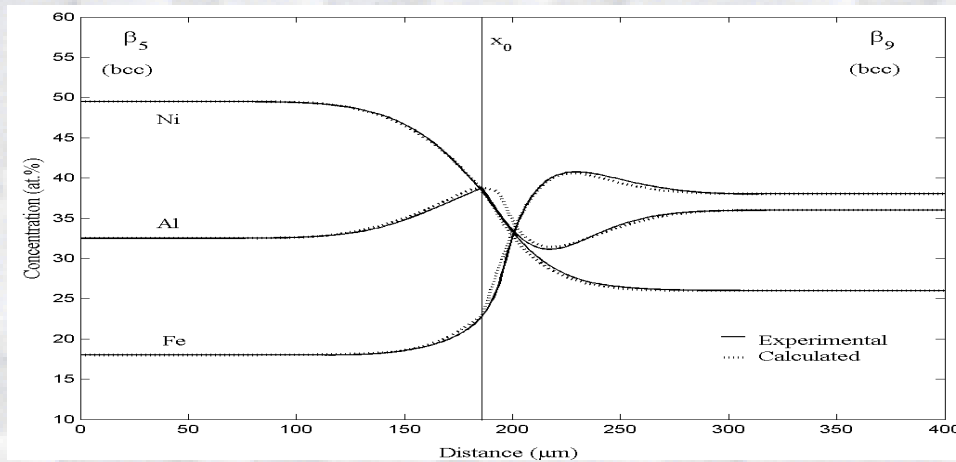
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Input of Constant Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients is Outputted as Constant Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients!

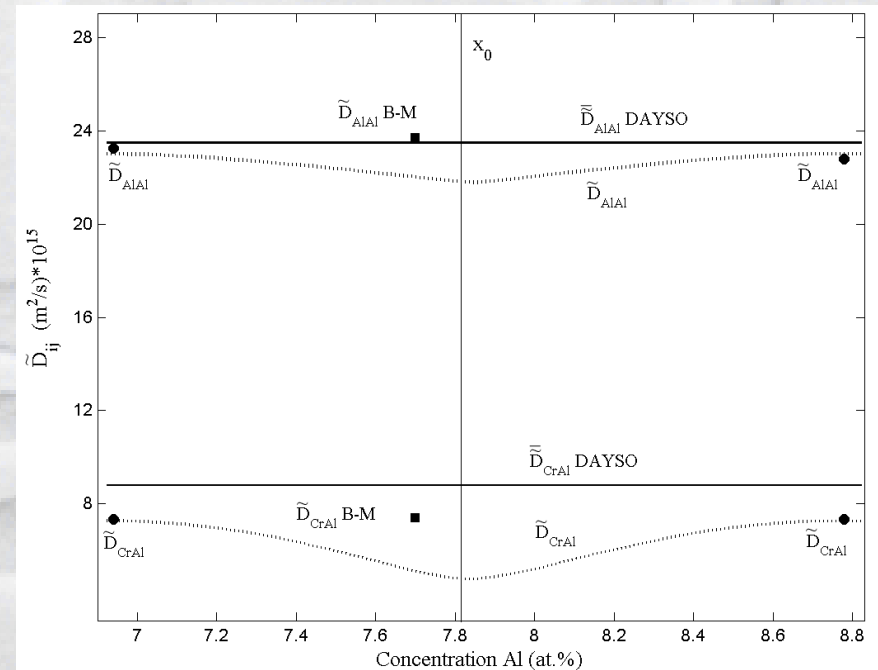
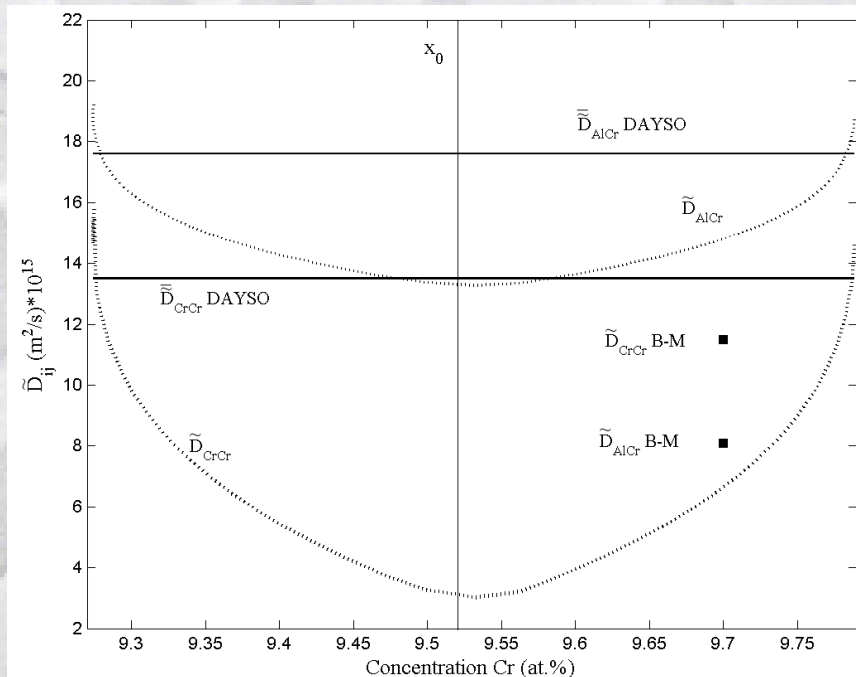
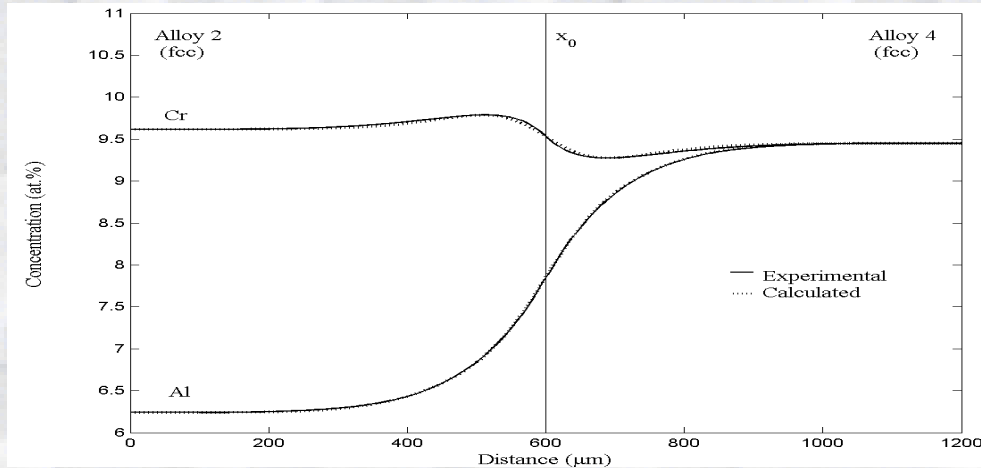
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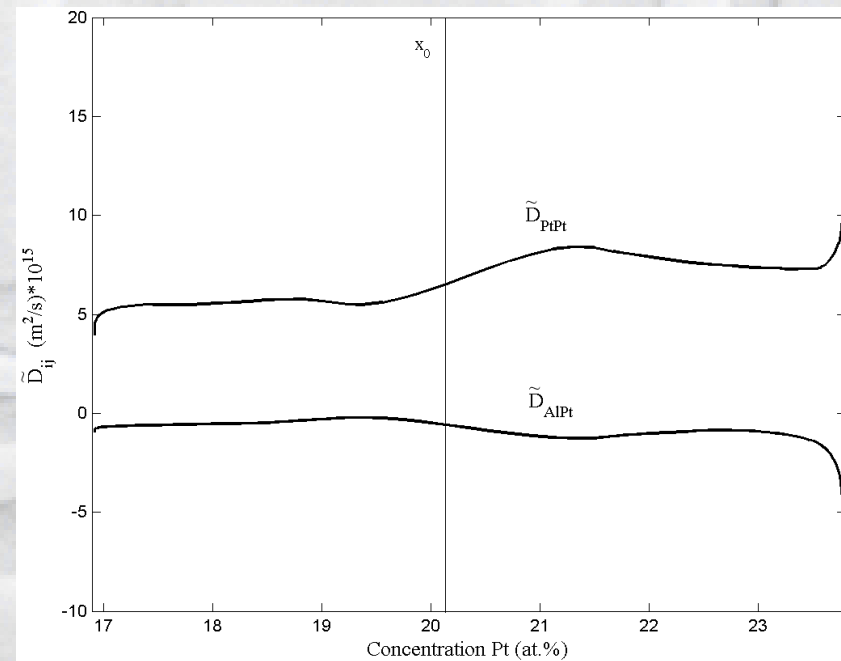
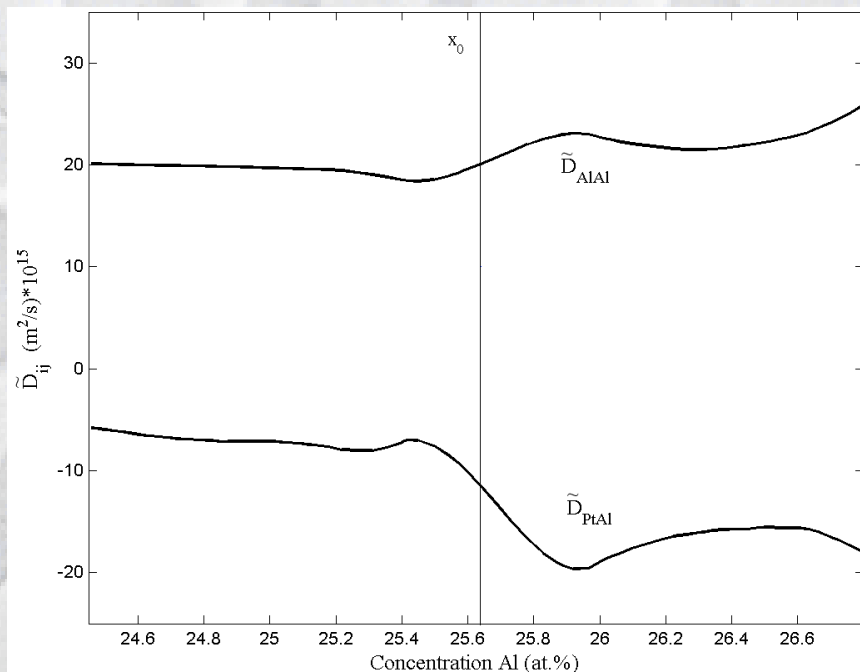
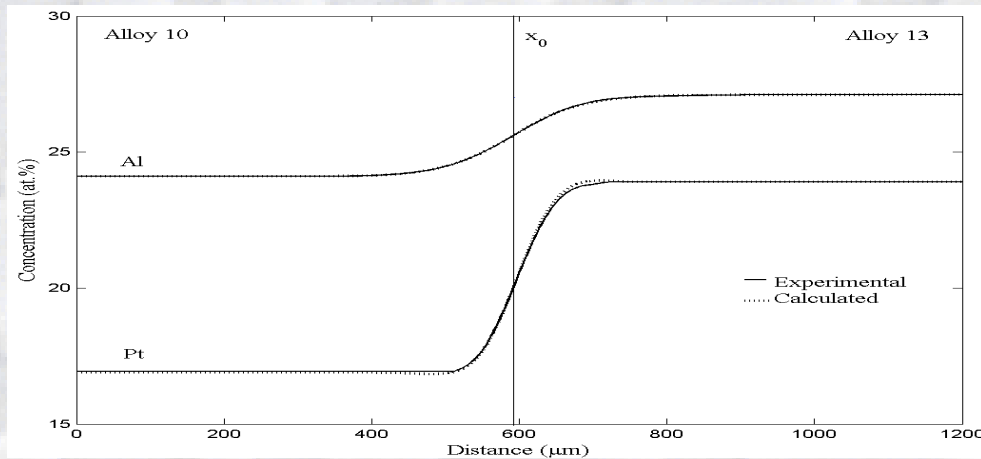
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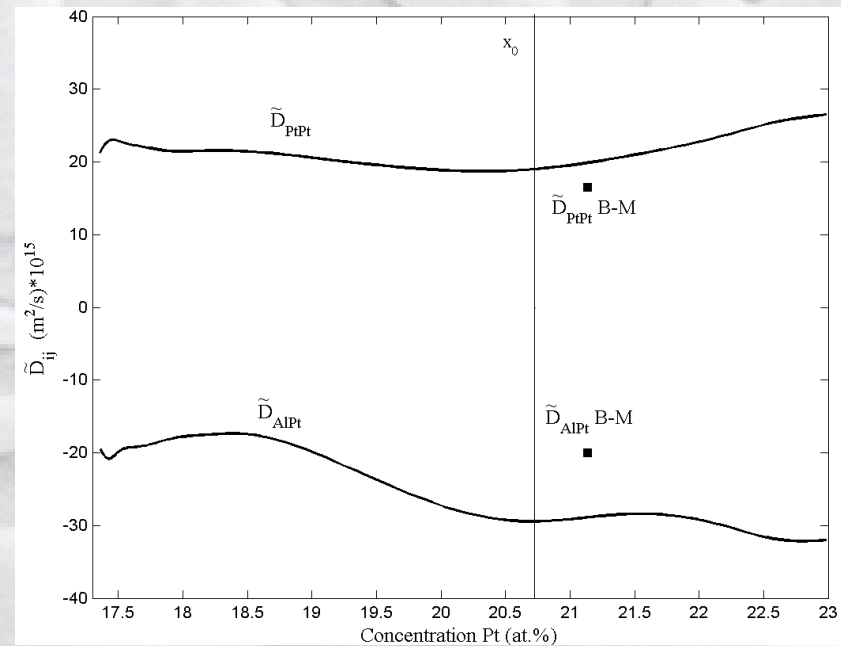
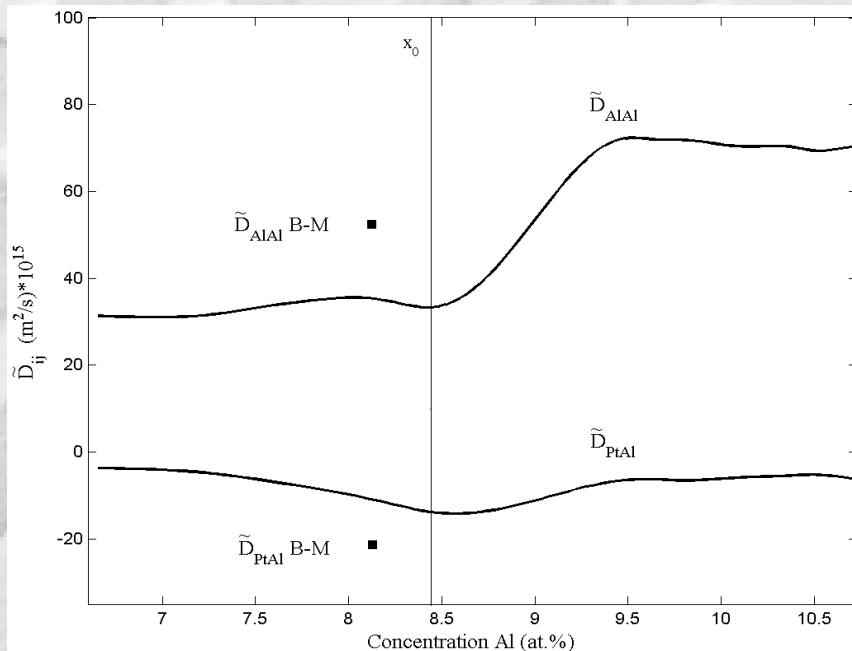
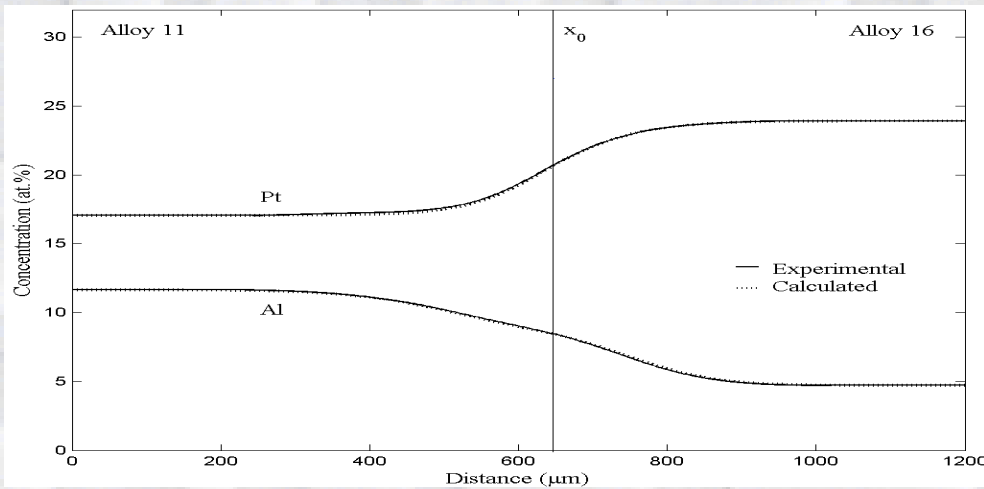
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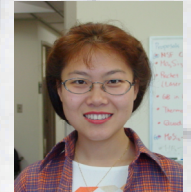
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- **A Complete Catalogue of Diffusion Structure in Ternary System Has Been Observed Experimentally.**
- **A New Analysis for the Determination of Composition Dependent Ternary Interdiffusion Coefficients Has Been Developed.**
- **Materials Systems with Well-Defined Boundary Condition Under Various Driving Forces of Diffusion Are Sought After.**

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