

# Diffusion in Al-Ni-Ce Melts

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# Motivation

- Influence of structure and thermodynamic forces on diffusion in metallic melts?

$$D_{ik} = (D_i^* N_k + D_k^* N_i) \Phi M \quad \text{in melts?}$$

L.S. Darken, Trans. AIME 180 (1948) 430

J.R. Manning, Phys. Rev. 124, 2 (1961) 470

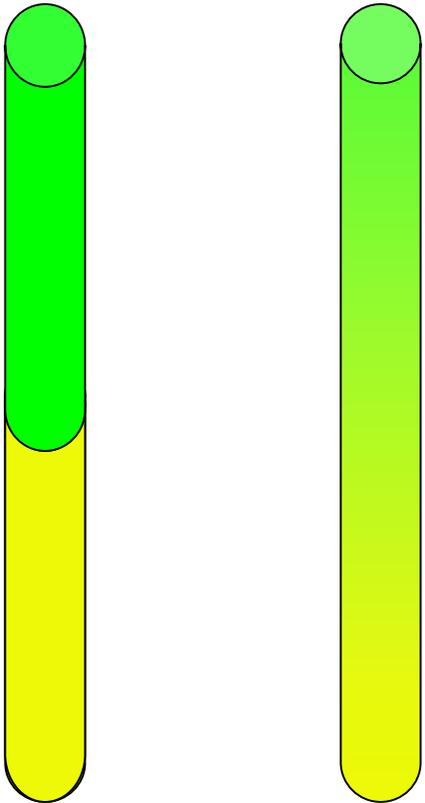
ambiguous result in SnIn melts:  $M \neq 1$

G. Froberg in *Scientific Results of the German Spacelab Mission D-2*, DLR Cologne (1994) 275ff

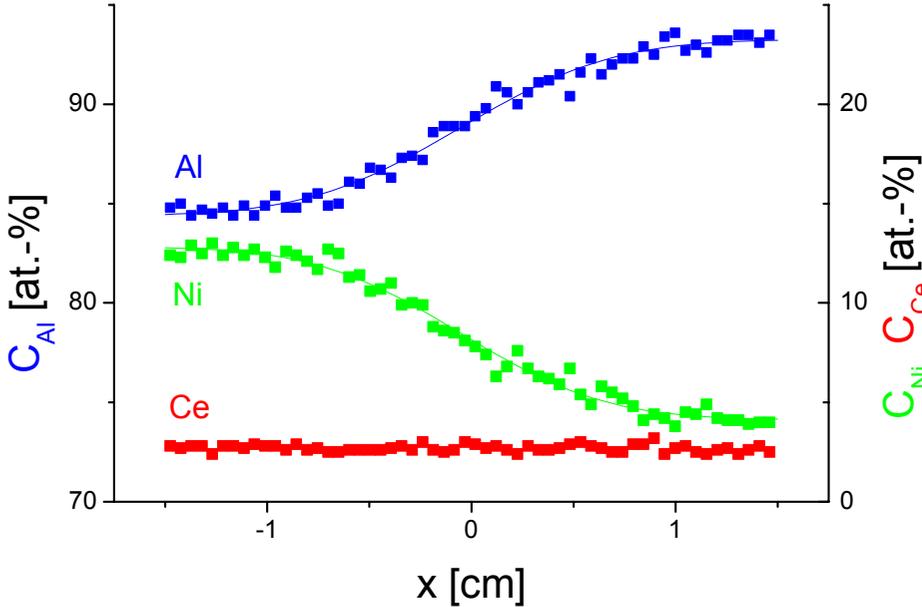
- $\text{AlNi}_{20}$ ,  $\text{AlNi}_{20}\text{Ce}_3$ ,  $\text{AlNi}_{10}\text{Ce}_3$

# Long-Capillary Technique

Ø1,5 mm x 30 mm



EDS  
AAS  
→  
ICP-MS



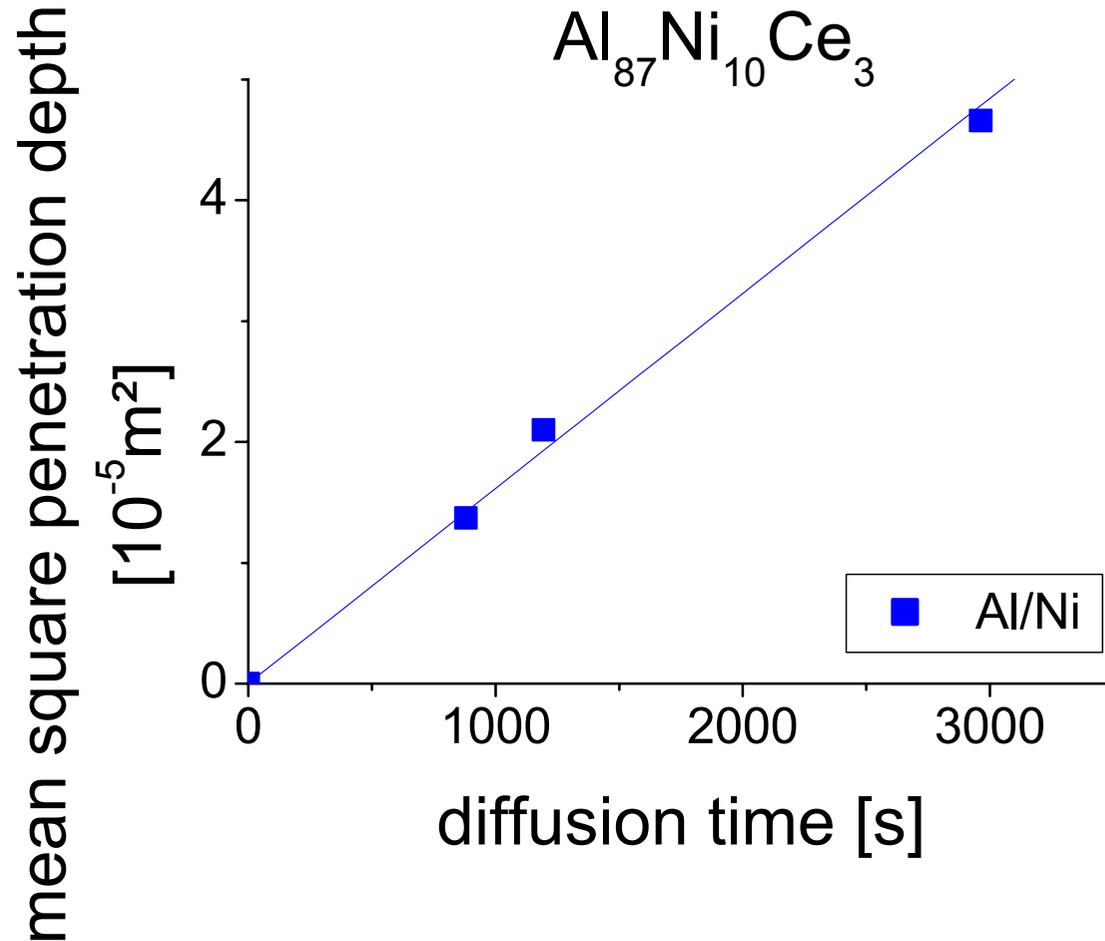
$t = 0$   
 $T = RT$   
 $\Delta C = 10 \text{ at}\%$

$t > 0$   
 $T > T_{\text{liq}}$

- Corrections:
- sample length
  - effective diffusion time

$D_{ik}$  = fit parameter  
 relative error =  $\pm 30 \dots 40\%$

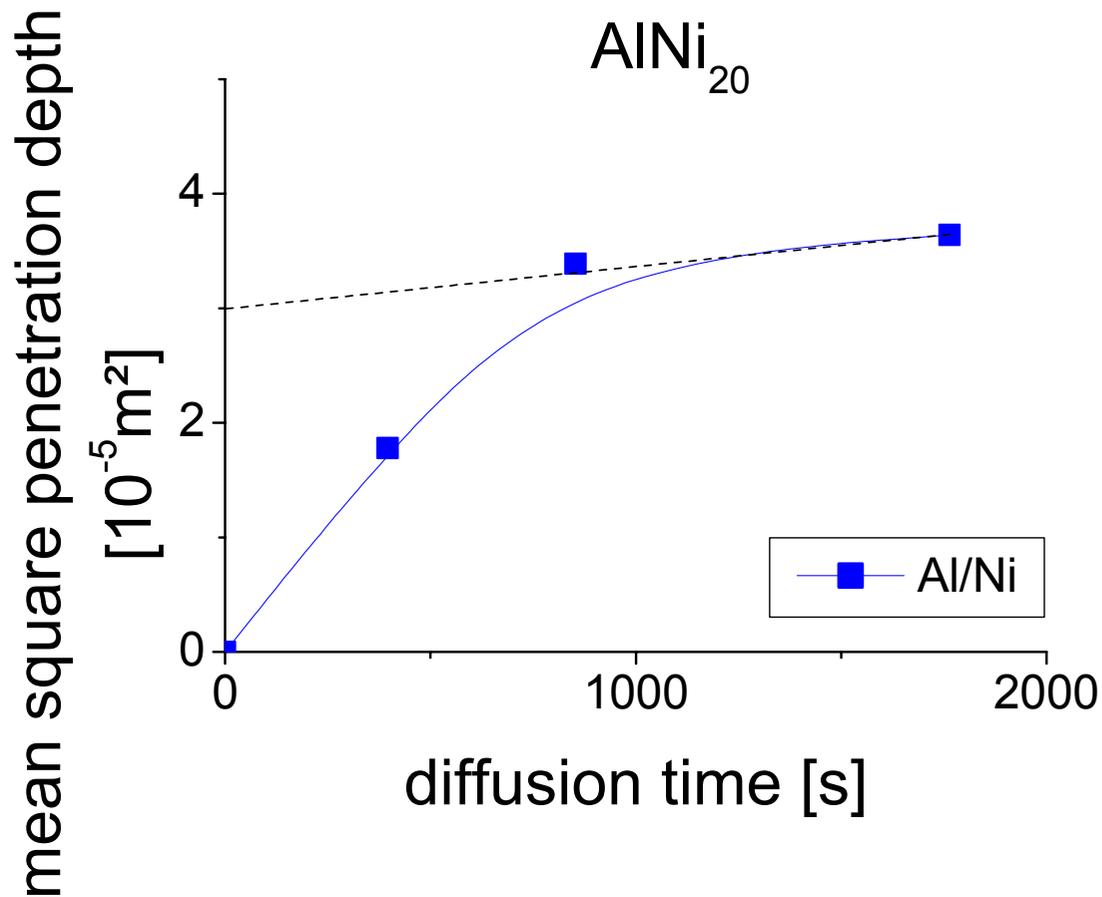
# Check for additional Transport



•  $x^2 = 2Dt$

⇒ no additional transport

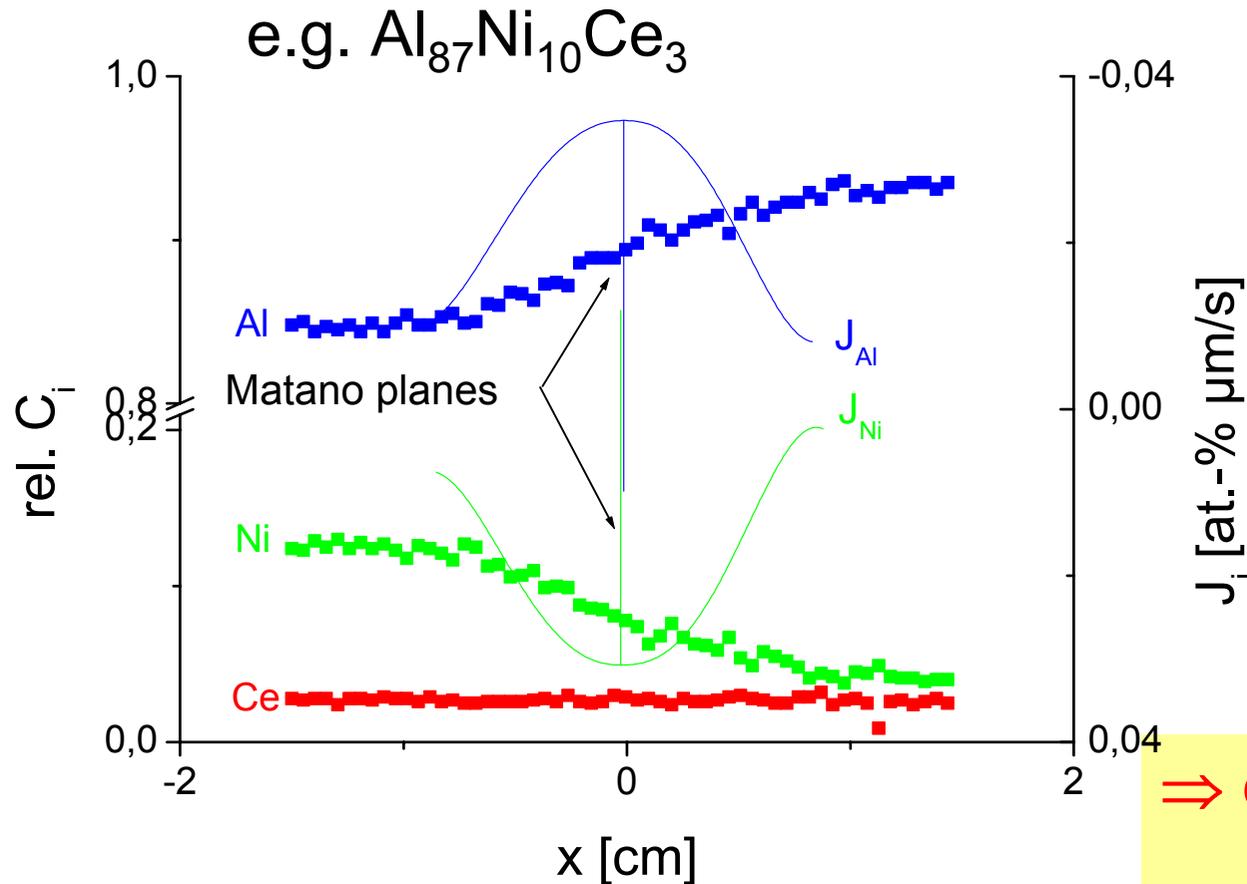
# Check for additional Transport



- $x^2 = 2Dt + x_0^2$

⇒ additional transport  
segregation Al<sub>3</sub>Ni<sub>2</sub>

# Boltzmann-Matano Analysis



**MultiDiFlux**

M.A. Dayananda, Purdue Uni.

**$\Rightarrow$  conc. independence of  $D$**

**• Matano planes at  $x = 0$**

**•  $J_{\text{Al}} + J_{\text{Ni}} = 1$**

**$\Rightarrow$  quasi-binary**

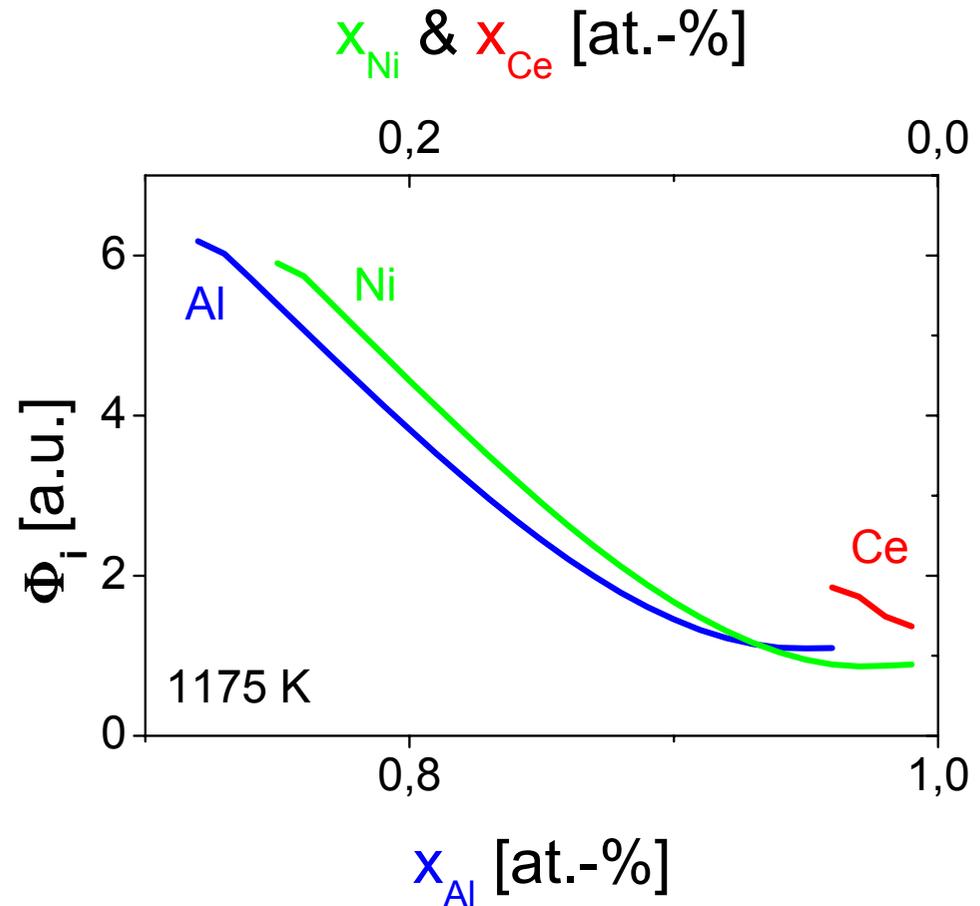
# Thermodynamic Factor $\Phi$

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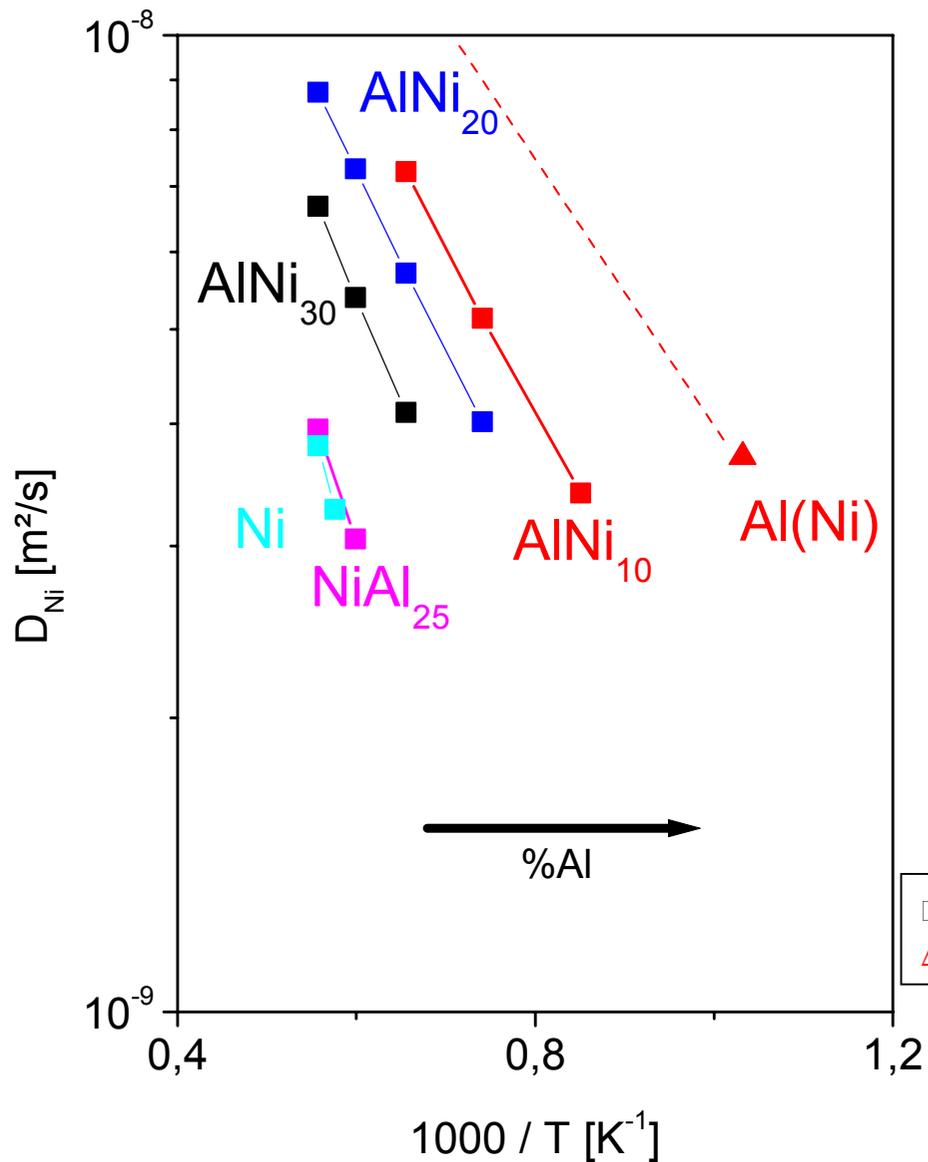
$$\mu_i = \mu_{0,i} + RT \ln(a_i)$$

$$\Phi_i = 1 + (d \ln(\gamma_i) / d \ln(x_i))$$



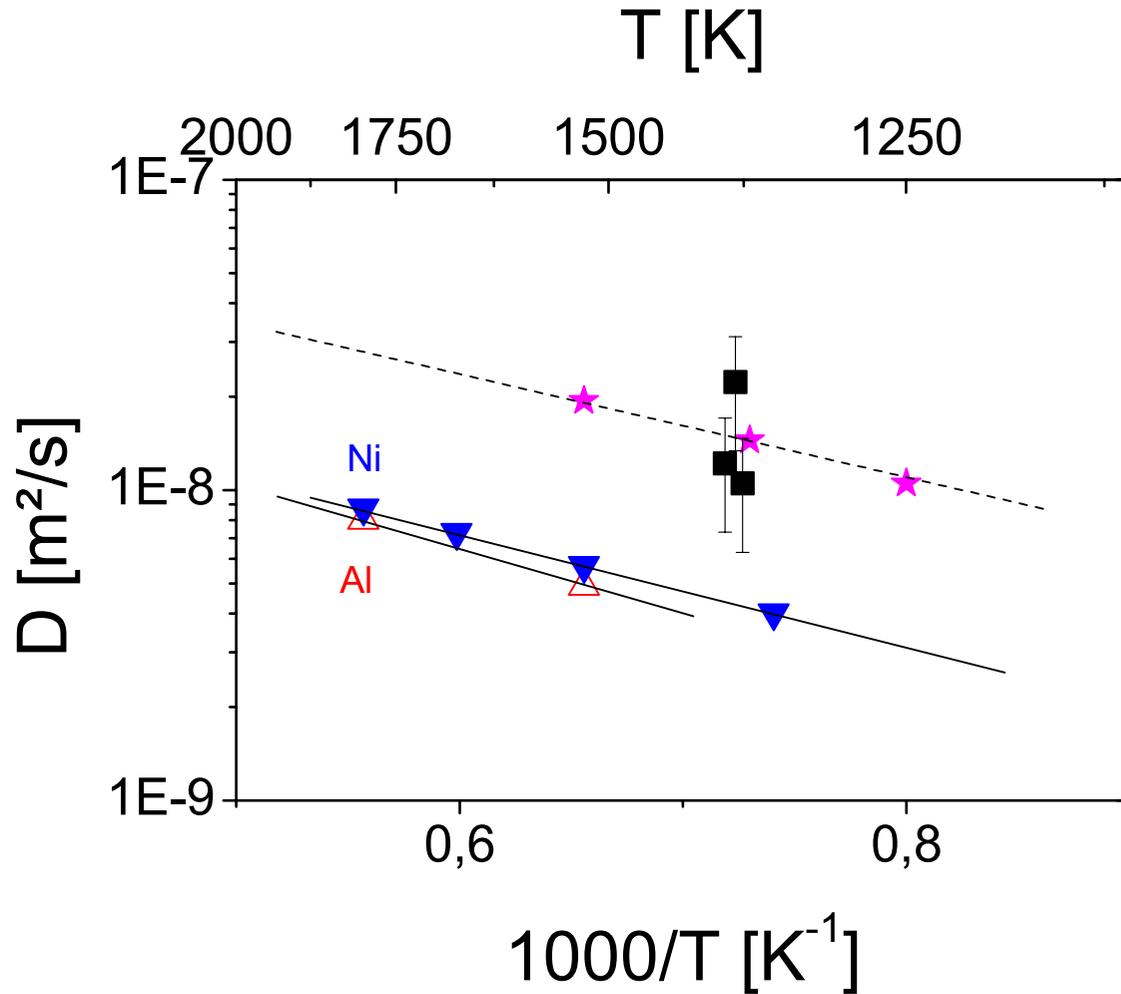
- $\Phi_i$  depends strongly on alloy composition

# Ni Self Diffusion in AlNi



• increase of  $D_{Ni}^*$  with  $x_{Al}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  influence of CSRO

# Darken-Test in $\text{AlNi}_{20}$

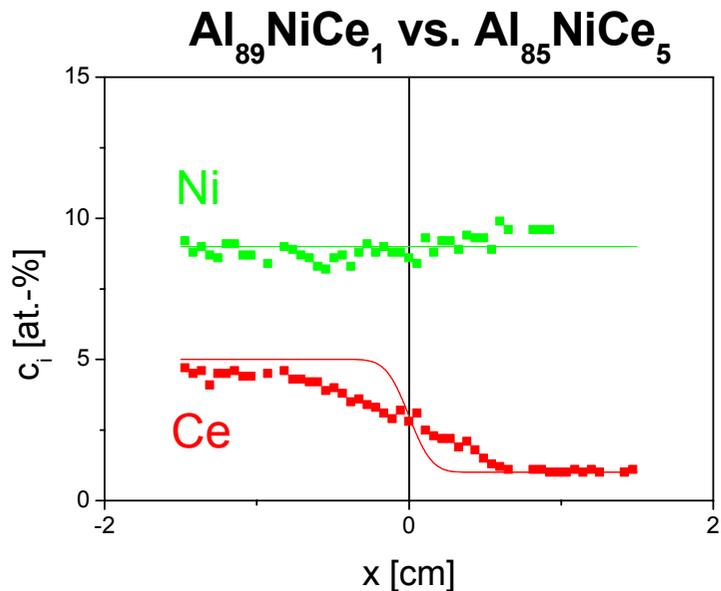
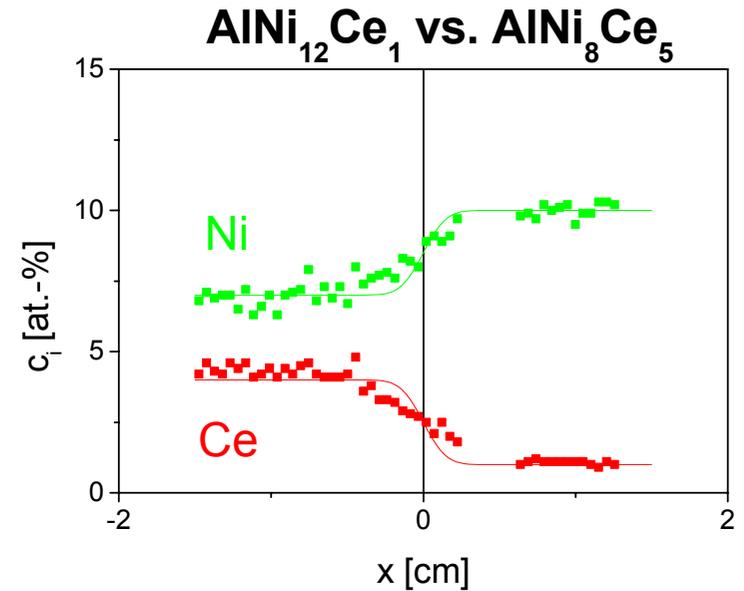
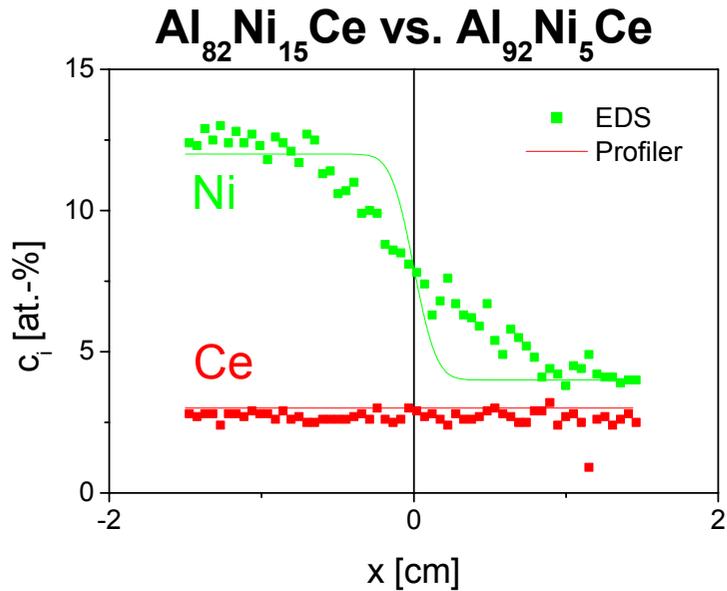


• *calc.  $D_{\text{AlNi}} = \text{exp. } D_{\text{AlNi}}$*

⇒ **Darken fulfilled**

- ▼ ▲ Horbach, Meyer et al., APL 82,1 (2005) 11918
- exp. interdiffusion, this work
- ★ calc. w/ Darken-Eq.,  $M=1$

# Darken-Test in $\text{Al}_{87}\text{Ni}_{10}\text{Ce}_3$



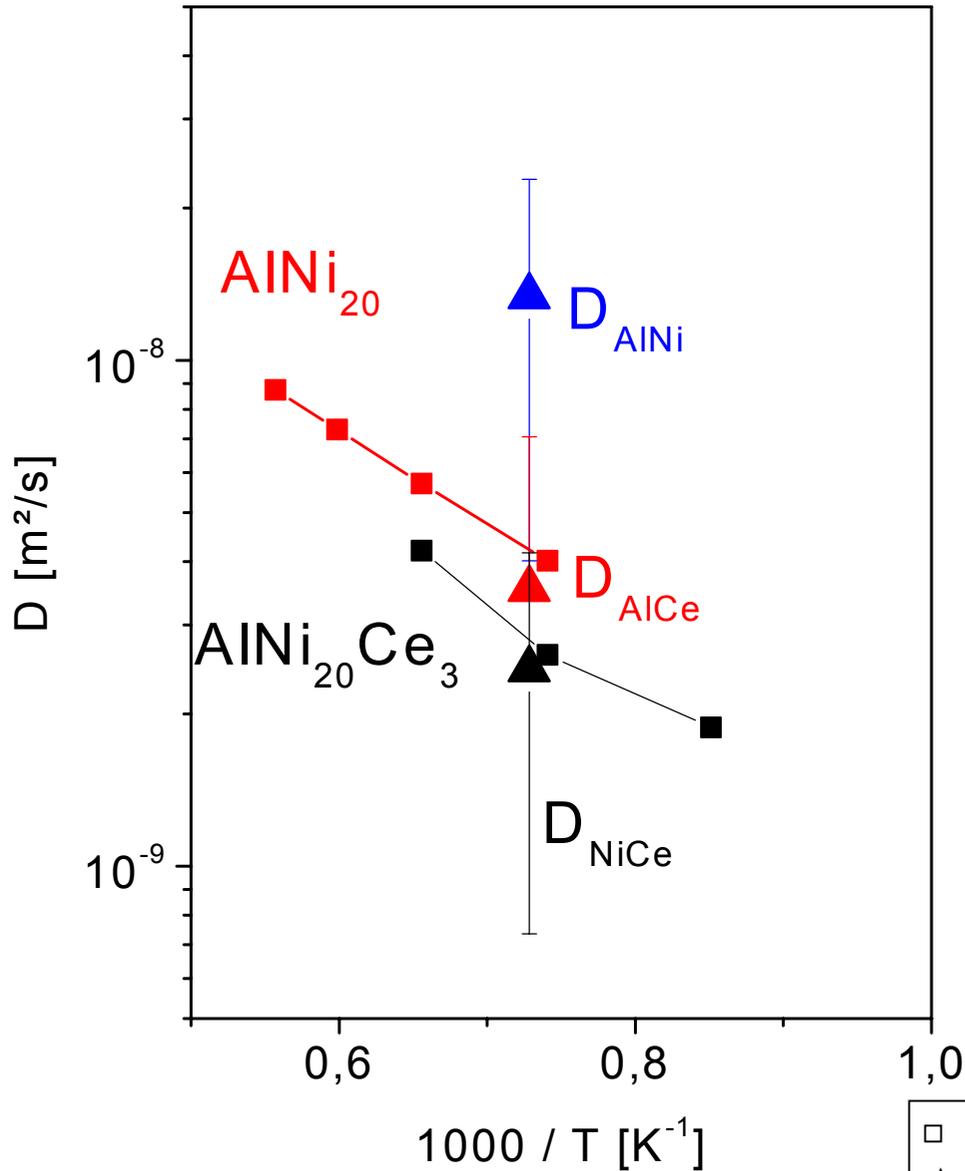
**PROFILER**

J. Morral / Uni. Connecticut

- no singularity
- poor agreement

⇒ Darken fulfilled?

# Diffusion in $\text{Al}_{77}\text{Ni}_{20}\text{Ce}_3$



• Ce decreases  $D^*_{\text{Ni}}$  ( $\sim 30\%$ )

$\Rightarrow$  structural change

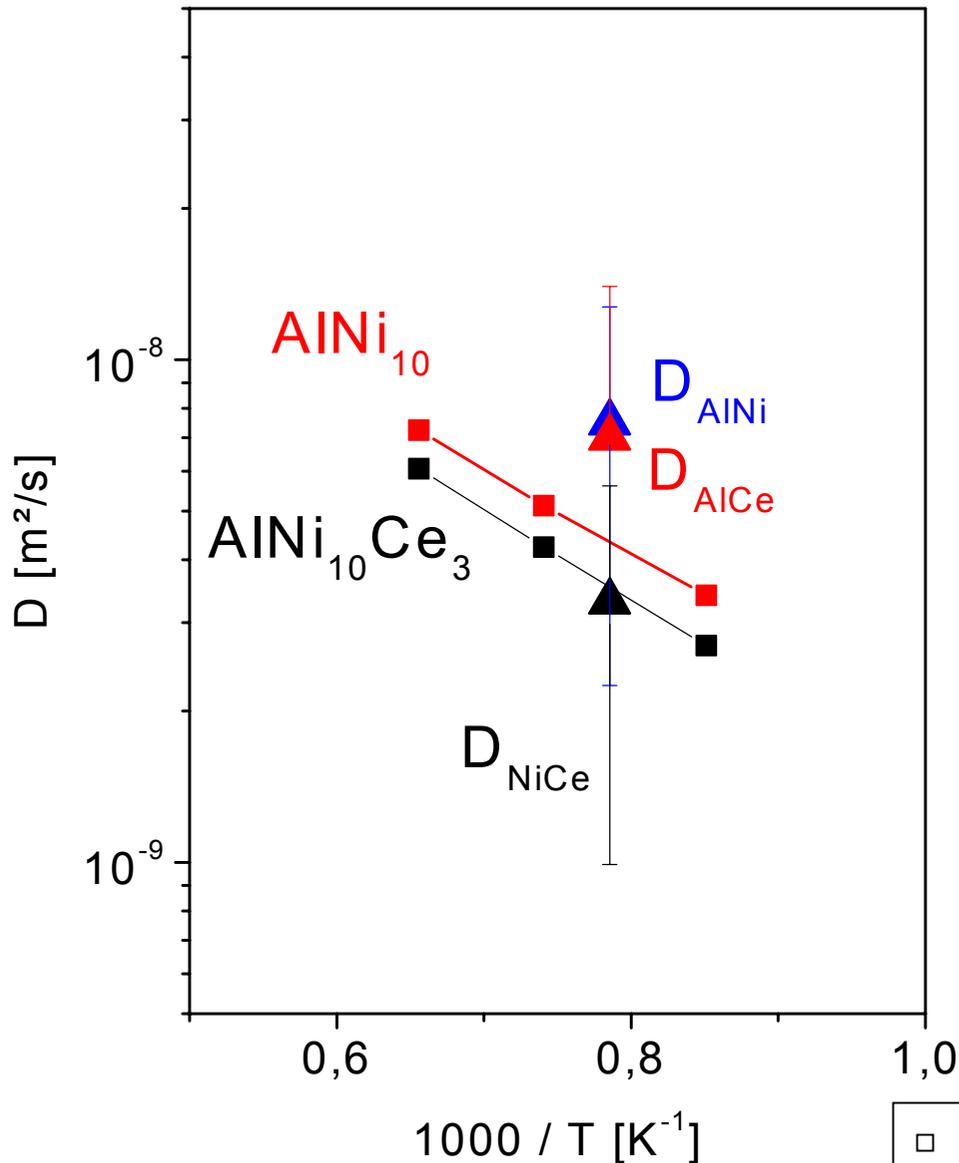
•  $D_{\text{AlNi}} > D_{\text{AlCe}} > D_{\text{NiCe}}$

•  $D_{\text{AlNi}} \approx 5 D^*$

$\Rightarrow$  thermodynamic forces

- Self Diffusion Ni (Meyer et al.)
- △ Interdiffusion

# Diffusion in $\text{Al}_{87}\text{Ni}_{10}\text{Ce}_3$



• Ce decreases  $D_{\text{Ni}}^*$  (~20%)

⇒ structural change

•  $D_{\text{AlNi}} > D_{\text{AlCe}} > D_{\text{NiCe}}$

•  $D_{\text{AlNi}} \approx 2 D^*$

⇒ thermodynamic forces

□ Self Diffusion Ni (Meyer et al.)  
 △ Interdiffusion

# Relationship Diffusion - Thermodynamic Force

	<i>ratio <math>D_{ik} / D^*</math></i>	$\Phi$
$\text{AlNi}_{20}$	$D_{\text{AlNi}} \approx 3,8 D^*$	3,8
$\text{AlNi}_{20}\text{Ce}_3$	$D_{\text{AlNi}} \approx 5 D^*$	4
$\text{AlNi}_{10}\text{Ce}_3$	$D_{\text{AlNi}} \approx 2 D^*$	1,8

•  $D_{ik} \approx D^* \Phi$

J. Böttiger et al., Mat. Sci. Eng. A 178 (1994) 65

## Conclusion

- ✓ Ce addition decreases  $D \Rightarrow$  change in structure
- ✓  $D^*$  depends strongly on AlNi composition  $\Rightarrow$  CSRO
- ✓  $\Phi$  depends strongly on alloy comp.  $\Rightarrow$  strong atomic interaction
- ✓ validation of Darken's equation in molten AlNi<sub>20</sub>
- ✓ qualitative validation of Darken's equation in molten AlNiCe?  
(check Al<sub>77</sub>Ni<sub>20</sub>Ce<sub>3</sub>)
- ✓ rule-of-thumb: ratio of  $D_{iK} / D^*$  correlates with  $\Phi$

End

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