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Thermodynamic modeling assisted by massive first principles calculations

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 \simeq 120 permanents + 50 non-permanents







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ICMPE: research on materials science

Synthesis, Structural and chemical characterization XRD, EPMA, SEM-FEG-EBSD, ICP-OES, TDS, ATG, PPMS,...

Ball-milling, SPS, melt spinning, induction and arc melting...



Multi-scale calculations

5 reseachers, 3 PhDs, 4 workstations, no assist GENCI since 2009: 1.400.000 h/year in 2018

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computation of phase diagram?



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Enthalpy of formation

Ex: Cu-Mg system



[1] DFT from AFLOW database

calculation of heats of formation







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Enthalpy of mixing





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$$F(T \neq 0)$$

Ex: Laves $C15-Cu_2Mg$

Phonon calculation in harmonic, quasi-harmonic approximation:



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Calculation methods

- DFT PAW : VASP 5.4 (GGA, meta-GGA, mBJ)
- Phonopy 1.13 (Supercell approach)
- ATAT / MCSQS (CEM, SQS)



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Non-stoichiometry of complex intermetallics

In **superalloys**, (*e.g.* Ni-based) refractory bcc element is added:

- improve the creep resistance at high temperature
- precipitation of brittle IMC phases

Ex: Os-Nb phase diagram





How can we predict IMC precipitation?

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Modeling of phase diagram

The Calphad method (CALculation of PHAse Diagram) :

- based on Gibbs energies $G^{\varphi}(x,T,P)=H-T\cdot S$
- phases φ_i in equilibrium if $\mu_i = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i}\right)_{P,T}$



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Thermodynamic modeling with Calphad

Using the Compound Energy Formalism (CEF):

$$G^{\varphi} = {}^{\mathrm{srf}}G^{\varphi} + {}^{\mathrm{cnf}}G^{\varphi} + {}^{\mathrm{ex}}G^{\varphi} + {}^{\mathrm{phy}}G^{\varphi}$$

[3] B. Sundman and B. J. Ågren, J. Phys. Chem. Solids 42 (1981) 297.

(i) description of a solid solution (ex: A - B) :

•
$$\operatorname{srf} G^{\varphi} = x_A G_A^{\varphi} + x_B G_B^{\varphi}$$

•
$$\operatorname{cnf} G^{\varphi} = -T \cdot \operatorname{cnf} S^{\varphi} = -RT(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B)$$

•
$$e^{ix}G^{\varphi} = x_A x_B L_{AB}$$
 , Où $L_{AB} = \sum_{i=0}^n {}^i L^{\varphi}_{A,B} (x_A - x_B)^i$



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(ii) description of a non-stoichiometric compounds in (CEF)

The ${}^{\mathrm{srf}}G^{\varphi}$ is expressed regarding the crystallography of the φ phase.

As an example, the compound AB described by a full substitution model $(A,B):(A,B)_1$

 ${}^{\rm srf}G = y_A^1 y_A^2 G_{A:A}^0 + y_A^1 y_B^2 G_{A:B}^0 + y_B^1 y_A^2 G_{B:A}^0 + y_B^1 y_B^2 G_{B:B}^0$ Where each $G^0 \simeq \Delta H_f$ could be expressed by DFT.

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An example: the Laves phase Cu₂Mg

Crystal structure:

Strukturbericht: *C*15, Pearson: cF24 Space group: $Fd\bar{3}m$ (227, o1) $a \simeq 7.05$ Å, 6 atoms in the primitive cell





Site	Wyc	x	y	z	CN
Cu	16d	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	12
Mg	8a	0	0	0	16

\Rightarrow DFT calculation of every end-members

C15: 2 sites, 2²=4 ordered binary configurations in the CEF



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The Laves phase described by the (Cu,Mg)₁:(Cu,Mg)₂ model

Heat of formation of 2²=4 end-members at 0 K



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More complex structures: the χ - and σ -phase

Crystal structure of the χ -phase

lpha-Mn, $A12, I\bar{4}3m$, (217) $a \simeq 9$ Å, 58(29) atoms in 4 sites



Site	Wyc	x	y	z	CN
\mathcal{A}	2a	0	0	0	16
B					16
\mathcal{C}	$24g_{1}$	${\sim}0.36$	x	~ 0.03	13
\mathcal{D}	$24g_2$	${\sim}0.09$	x	\sim 0.28	12

In a binary system: 2⁴=16 different ordered configurations

Crystal structure of the σ -phases

 $\sigma\text{-CrFe},\,D8_b,\,P4_2/mnm$ (136) a \simeq 9Å, c \simeq 5Å, 30 atoms in 5 sites



Site	Wyc	x	y	z	CN
\mathcal{A}	2a	0	0	0	12
B	4f	\sim 0.39	x	0	15
\mathcal{C}		${\sim}0.46$	\sim 0.13	0	- 14
\mathcal{D}	$8i_2$	\sim 0.74	${\sim}0.07$	0	12
E	8j	\sim 0.18	x	\sim 0.25	14

In a binary system: 2⁵=32 different ordered configurations

[4] Joubert *et al.*, Prog. Mater. Sci. 54 (2009) [5] Joubert, Prog. Mater. Sci. 53 (2008) →

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The σ -phase in a binary system, *e.g.* Mo–Re

(1) ΔH_{for} of every ordered compound: $2^5 = 32$ configurations (2) Estimation of the Gibbs energy neglecting the interaction between atoms of same lattice (Bragg Williams – Gorsky approximation): $G^{\sigma} = {}^{\mathrm{srf}}G^{\sigma} + {}^{\mathrm{cnf}}G^{\sigma} + {}^{\underline{\mathrm{srf}}}G^{\sigma}$

with ${}^{\mathrm{srf}}G^{\sigma} = \sum_{ijklm=\mathrm{Mo,Re}} \left[y_i^{(\mathcal{A})} y_j^{(\mathcal{B})} y_k^{(\mathcal{C})} y_l^{(\mathcal{D})} y_m^{(\mathcal{E})} \right] \times \Delta {}^{\mathrm{for}} H_{ijklm}^{0,\sigma}$ and ${}^{\mathrm{cnf}}G^{\sigma} = -R \times T \sum_s a^{(s)} \sum_{i=\mathrm{Mo,Re}} y_i^{(s)} \times \ln(y_i^{(s)})$



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An ab initio binary phase diagram

(1) ΔH_{for} of every ordered compound of both χ and σ -phase (2) Estimation of the Gibbs energy in BWG approximation (3) phases diagram build from the common tangent rule



[6] Crivello et al. Inorg. Chem. (2013)

[7] Crivello et al. J. Phys.: Condens. Matter (2010)

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An ternary system? e.g. Re-W-Zr

Systematic calculations

- 4 phases: χ (3⁴ = 81), σ (3⁵ = 243), C15, C14
- 3 solid solutions (fcc, bcc, hcp by SQS)



Sites occupation in the χ -phase:

Experiment occupancies obtained by joint refinement on 2 diffraction sets of different contrast

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An ab initio ternary phase diagram



Similar agreement in other system: Mo-Ni-Re, Cr-Co-Re,...

[9] K. Yaqoob et al., Inorg. Chem. (2012)

[10] Joubert, Crivello et al., Applied Sciences (2015)

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Study of a quaternary system: Cr–Mo–Ni–Re

 $4^5 = 1024$ configurations ordered in σ phase Use of ZenGen code [11] Crivello *et al.*, Calphad (2015)



Computed with BWG approximation:



prediction of TCP phases precipitation

- BWA may works for complex IMC such as TCP (χ , σ ,...)
- not sufficient for more simple IMC such as Laves phases

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Temperature phase transition for thermoelectric applications

The **thermoelectric effect** is the conversion of temperature differences to electric voltage (and vice versa) Evaluation of material with the **figure of merit**: $ZT = \frac{\alpha^2 T}{\alpha \lambda}$

Heusler type Fe₂VAI: potential candidate

- semi-metal, Pauli paramagnetic
- good electronic transport properties: $\frac{\alpha^2}{\rho} = 5 \text{ mW m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-2}$
- but thermal conductivity (λ) is too large

Effect of temperature?

Fe₂VAI





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Fe₂VAI: phase transition

experimental: DTA heating and cooling scan



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Fe_2VAI : phase transition

theoritical work: what is the most stable phase? with temperature dependance?



two combined calculations

- SQS
- phonon

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Fe₂VAI: SQS+DFT results at 0 K



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Fe₂VAI: phonon calculations



Calculations done with Phonopy code in harmonic approximation [12] Togo, Oba, Tanaka, PRB 78 (2008)

- SQS-*B*2: 64 atoms, 112 displ.
- SQS-A2: 32 atoms, 191 displ.

From the phonon dispersion curves, Helmholtz free energy:

$$F(T) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{q},s} \hbar \omega(\mathbf{q},s) + k_B T \sum_{\mathbf{q},s} \ln \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar \omega(\mathbf{q},s)}{k_B T}\right) \right]$$
$$S = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_V; \quad C_V = -T\left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial T^2}\right)_V$$

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Fe₂VAI: thermodynamic modeling

 $\Delta G^{\varphi}(x,T,P) = \Delta H - T \cdot \Delta S$



 \Rightarrow Prediction of the phase transitions $L2_1 \rightarrow B2 \rightarrow A2$ [13] Maier, Acta Mater. (2015)

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Fe₂VAI: agreements



Neutron diffraction with temperature: order/disorder transitions [14] Maier, Acta Mater. (2015)

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The hydrogen economy

Why hydrogen ?

- H is a renewable resource, very abundant (15% at. on Earth)
- H is a zero-emission fuel (when burned with oxygen)
- · H is associated to a high exothermic reaction (in mass unit)

$$H_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \Leftrightarrow H_2O, +142MJ/kg$$

What are its limitations?

- H needs to be produced
- H needs to be stored

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Hydrogen in the solid stored-state

4 liters of H is need to fed a fuel-cell for driving 400 km by car:



Metallic hydride

- presents high volumic density
- is safe (in opposition to the liquid or gas state)
- drives H with a tunable and reversible reaction

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A complete investigation: Ni–H system

A combined methodologies approaches based on Calphad modelling:

- DFT + CEM : ${}^{ex}G^{\varphi}$
- DFT + phonon QHA : V(T, P)
- high pressure model: $V(T, P) = x + y \ln \left(\frac{B}{P^0}\right)$



[15] Bourgeois et al., J Phys Chem C, 119 (2015)

estimation of pressure phase diagram



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Binary metal hydrogen M-H systems



Heat of formation of metallic hydride is governed by :

- the chemical nature of the host M element
- the crystal structure

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A systematic/screening investigation by calculation

- 31 binary metal hydrogen M-H systems
- 30 crystal structures of hydrides

Questions

- · Can we build a trustful thermodynamic database?
- May we can predict new hydride structure?
- What is the effect of the vibration? Application to the isotopic effect

Methodology

- DFT at 0 K (PAW, VASP, GGA-PBE, $E_{\text{cutoff}} = 800 \text{ eV}$ $\Rightarrow \Delta H_{\text{for}}(M \text{H})^{\varphi} = E(M \text{H})^{\varphi} - E(M)^{\text{SER}} - \frac{1}{2}E(\text{H}_2)^{\text{dimer}}$
- harmonic phonon calculation \Rightarrow ZPE, $S_{\rm vib}$

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Selection of s- and d-elements

covers a large variety of

- crystal structures
- electronic structure types

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30 crystal structures of binary hydrides

H/M	Proto.	P.S.	S.G.	Wyckoff P.	Site	M–H sys.
0.25	PdH _{0.25}	tl8	I4/mmm (139)	M: 4c, 4e, H: 2a	0	-
0.5	AuTe ₂	mC6	C2/m (12)	M:4i, H:2a	0	V
0.5	TiO ₂ -ana	tl12	$I4_{1} / amd$ (141)	M: 8e, H: 4a	0	Pd
0.5	Cdl ₂	hP3	P3m1 (164)	M: 2d, H: 1a	0	Tc
0.5	Ta ₂ H	oS6	C222 (21)	M: 4k, H: 2a	0	Та
0.75	PdH _{0.75}	tl8	I4/mmm (139)	M: 4c, 4e, H: 4d, 2b	0	-
0.8	PdH _{0.8}	tl10	I4/m (87)	M: 8h, 2a, H: 8h	0	Pd
1	NbH _{0.95}	oP8	Pnnn (48)	M: 4f, H: 2a, 2b	te	Nb, T i
1	PtS	tP4	$P4_{2}/mmc$ (131)	M: 4c, H: 2a, 2b	te	Zr, Ti
1	CsCl	cP2	Pm3m (221)	M: 1a, H: 1b	CN=4	Na, K, Rb
1	NaCl	cF8	$Fm\bar{3}m$ (225)	M: 1a, H: 1b	0	Li, Na, K, Rb, Ru, Co, Rh, Ni, Pd
1	ZnO	hP4	P63mc (186)	M: 2b, H: 2b	te	Cu
1	CrB	oS8	Cmcm (63)	M: 4c, H: 4c	CN=7	Cs
1	NiAs	hP2	$P6_3 / mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, H: 2a	0	Cr, Mn, Co
1	anti-NiAs	hP2	$P6_3 / mmc$ (194)	M: 2a, H: 2c	CN=6	-
1	FeH	hP14	$P6_3/mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, 2a H: 4f	0	Fe
1	BN-b	hP2	$P6_3/mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, H: 2d	tr	-
2	ReB ₂	hP6	$P6_3/mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, H: 4f	te	-
2	TiO ₂	tP6	$P4_2/mnm$ (136)	M: 2a, H: 4f	tr	Mg
2	CaF ₂	cF12	$Fm\bar{3}m$ (225)	M: 4a, H:8c	te	Sc, Y, Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Cr, Rh
2	PdF_2	cP12	P a 3 (205)	M: 4a, H:8c	te	Mg
2	PbO ₂	oP12	Pbcn (60)	M: 4c, H: 8d	tr	Mg
2	ThH_2	tl6	I4/mmm (139)	M: 2a, H: 4d	te	Ti, Zr, Hf
2	Co ₂ Si	oP12	Pnma (62)	M: 4c, H: 4c	te/CN=5	Ca, Sr
3	AuSb ₃	cl8	Im3m (229)	M: 2a, H: 6b	CN=2	-
3	BiF ₃	cF16	$Fm\bar{3}m$ (225)	M: 4a, H: 4b, 8c	o, te	-
3	ReB ₃	hP8	$P6_3/mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, H: 2a, 4f	o, te	-
3	HoD3	hP24	P3c1 (165)	M: 6f, H: 12g, 4d, 2a	tri/CN=3	Y
3	NaH3	hP8	$P6_3 / mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, H: 2d, 4f	tr, te	-
3	Na ₃ Ås	hP8	$P6_{3}/mmc$ (194)	M: 2c, H: 2b, 4f	tr, te	Gd

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Strong importance of the ZPE contribution!





agreements: NaCl structure stable for the 4 alkali metal hydrides, with very unstable di-hydrides **chemical bonds:** ionic bond, strong charge transfer ($Li^{+0.85}$, $Na^{+0.78}$, $K^{+0.75}$, $Rb^{+0.74}$): decreasing with the increase of the period, associated with the decreased of the hydride stability

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agreements: di-hydrides stable with correctly predicted structures, no-mono hydrides **chemical bonds:** important charge transfer (Mg^{+1.6}, Ca^{+1.4}, Sr^{+1.4}), highly exothermic formation for Ca and Sr

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agreements: all hydrides stable with correctly predicted structures $(MH_{0.5} \text{ stable only for } M = V, \text{ no TaH}_2)$ **prediction:** monohydride VH, TaH₂ at 3 GPa

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A systematic/screening investigation



 \Rightarrow similar chemical properties for the hydrides formed with elements of the same column (chemical bonds, crystal structures,...)

 \Rightarrow obtention of the ground state and assessment of the metastability

 \Rightarrow predicted structures in agreement with the experimental observations: prediction of higher hydrides TaH₂ (CaF₂), TcH, PdH₂ (Co₂Si), ZrH₃ (HoD₃), AgH (ZnO), TaH₂ at 3 GPa

[16] Bourgeois, Crivello et al. ACS Combinatorial Science (2017)

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Ex: Results on NiH (B1, NaCl)

$$F(V_0,T) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{q},s} \hbar \omega(\mathbf{q},s)}_{\text{ZPE}} + k_B T \sum_{\mathbf{q},s} \ln \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar \omega(\mathbf{q},s)}{k_B T}\right) \right]$$

the ZPE contribution is not negligible for Metal-hydride systems!

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where: $\Delta E_{vib} = E_{vib}(MX_y) - E_{vib}(M) - \frac{y}{2}E_{vib}(X_2^{dimer})$

definition:

 $\Delta E^{\mathrm{H},\mathrm{D}} = \left(E_{vib}(M\mathrm{H}_y) - \frac{y}{2}E_{vib}(\mathrm{H}_2) \right) - \left(E_{vib}(M\mathrm{D}_y) - \frac{y}{2}E_{vib}(\mathrm{D}_2) \right)$

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Isotope effect



 \Rightarrow prediction of normal or inverse stabilization



H/D: Modification of the ground state possible

[17] Bourgeois, Crivello et al., J. Phys: Cond Mater 2018

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Outlook 1: Screening of new thermoelectric compounds



[18] Barreteau, Crivello et al., J. Comput. Mater. 2019



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Thermodynamic modeling assisted by massive first principles calculations

Type of calculations

- large number of small DFT calculations: ~ 30 atoms/cell
- phonon calculations: large number of asymmetric supercell
- magnetism for alloys: collinear and non-collinear
- oxydes & thermoelectrics: use of meta-GGA and mBJ functionals

Continuous Help in VASP needs: thanks the CINES Support

- help for choosing the NPAR and KPAR paramaters
- help for number of nodes
- guide for typical errors

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