

# L10, 2/20: Chemical Thermodynamics

## Liquid-liquid miscibility gap example

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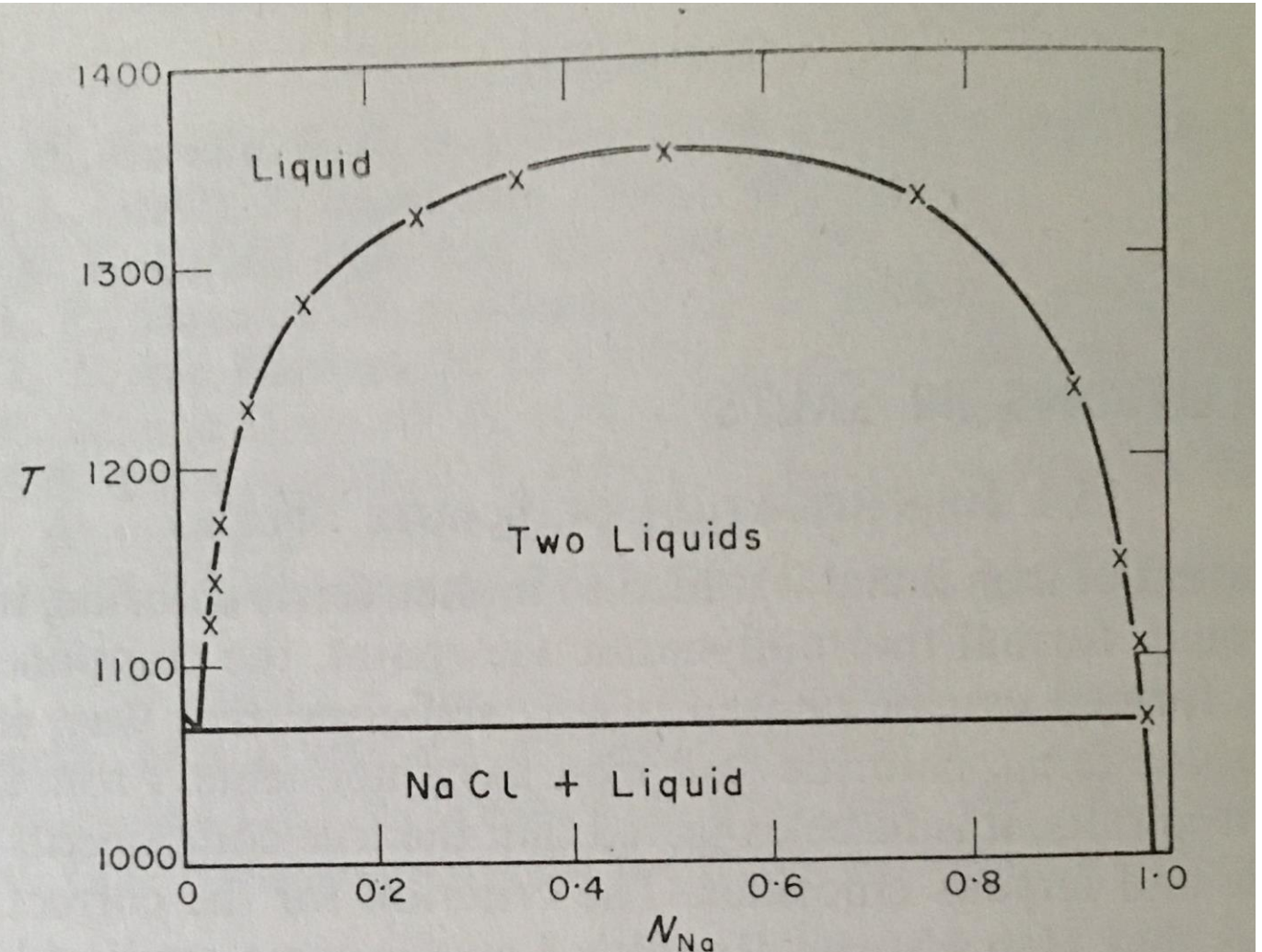


FIG. 1. Sodium and sodium chloride.

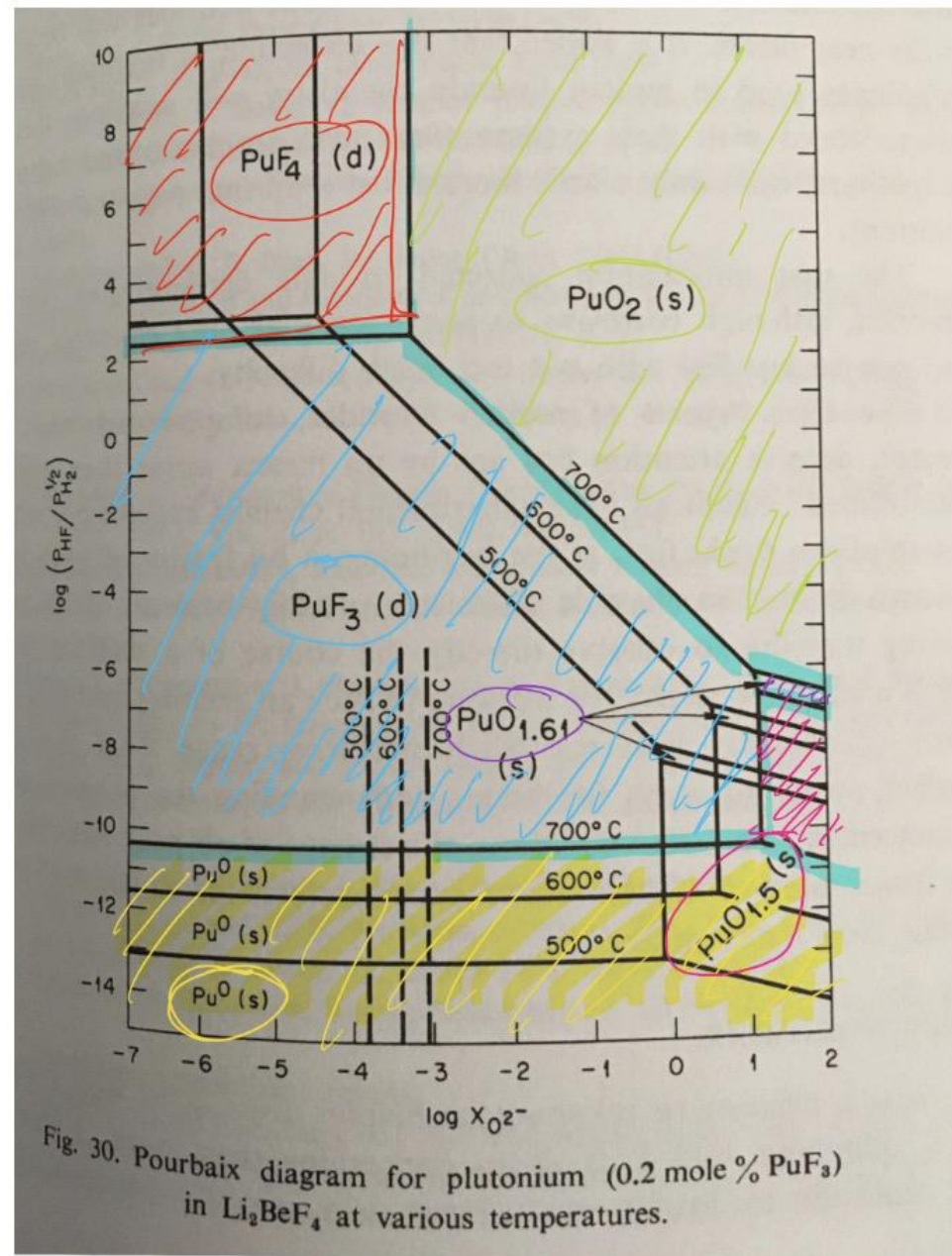
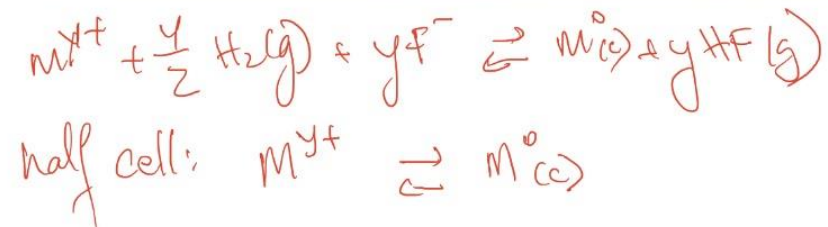
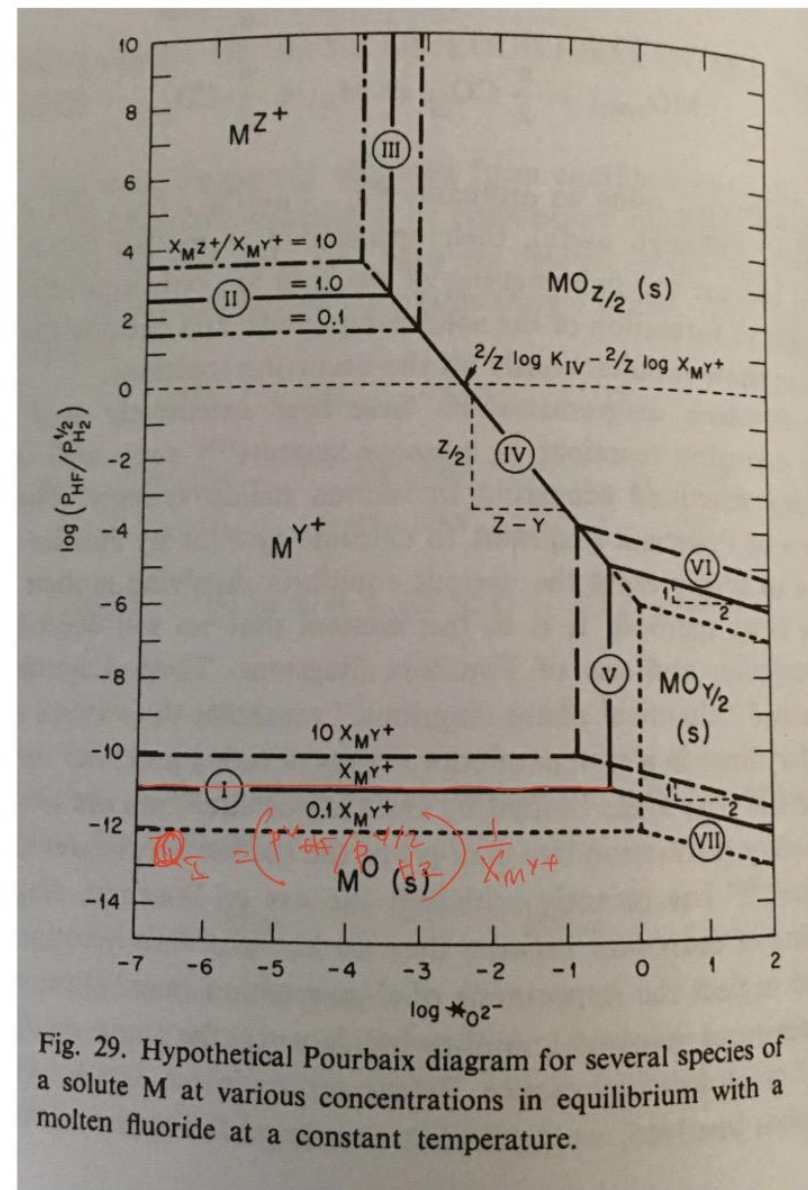
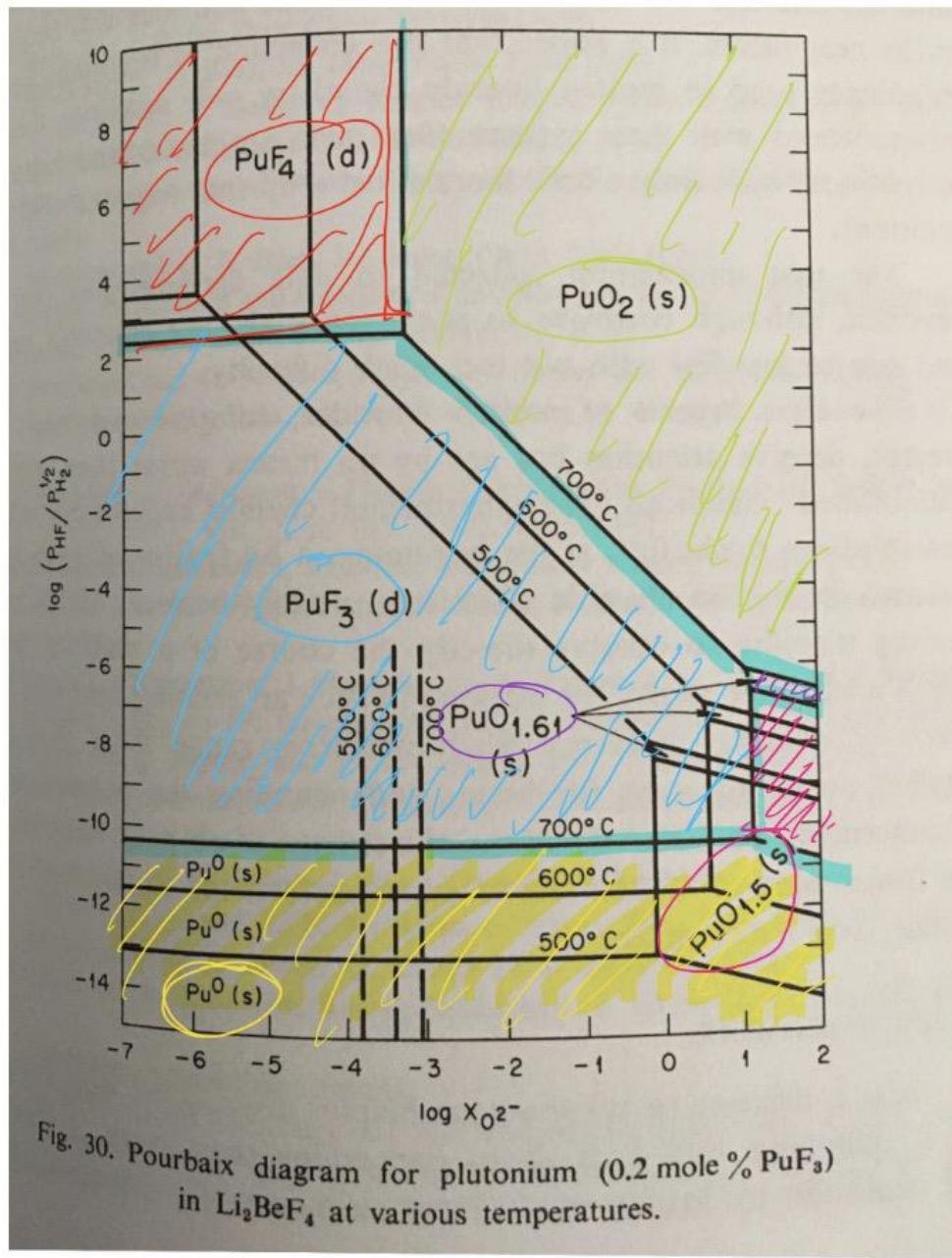


Fig. 30. Pourbaix diagram for plutonium (0.2 mole %  $\text{PuF}_3$ ) in  $\text{Li}_2\text{BeF}_4$  at various temperatures.



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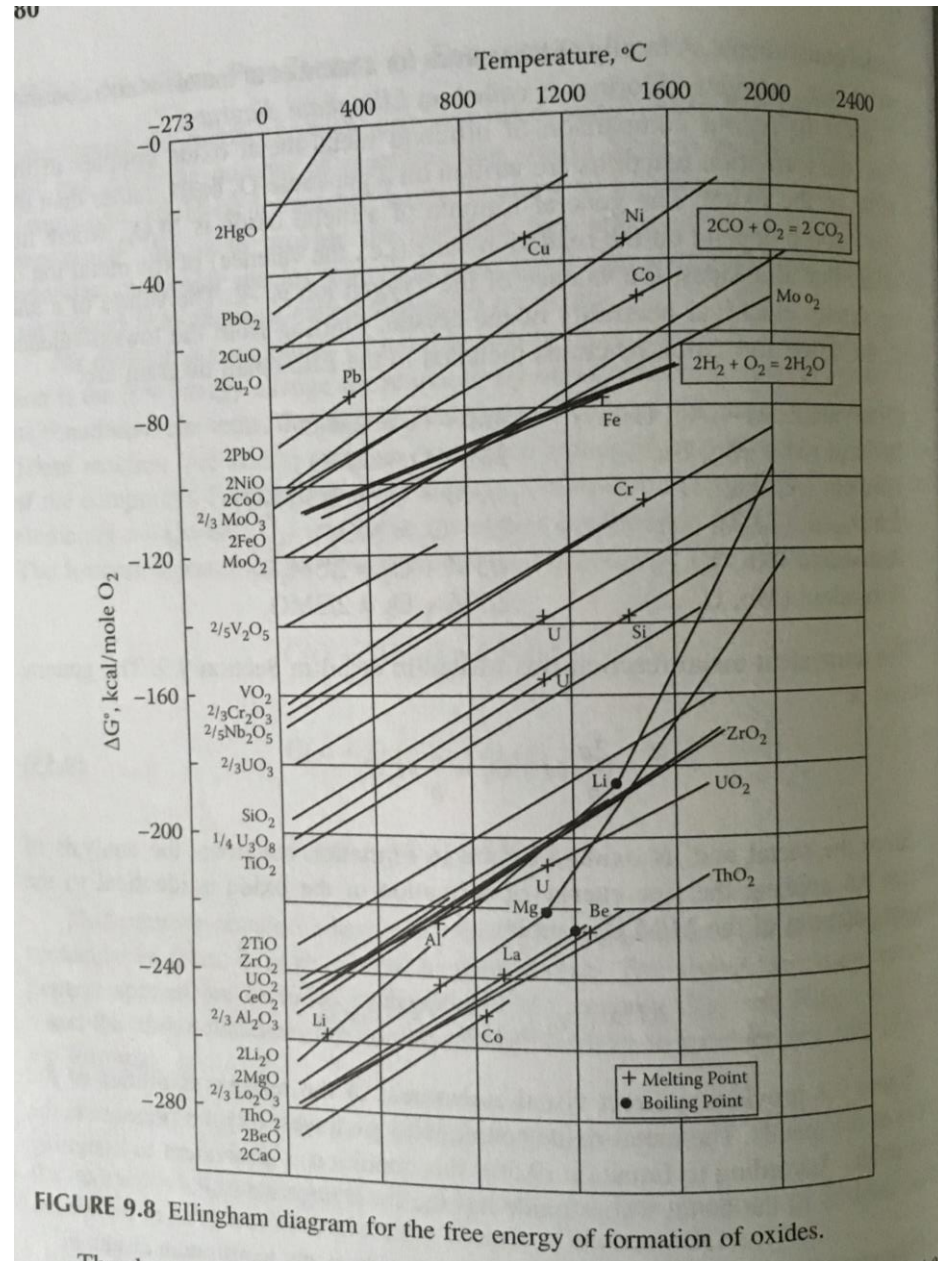


FIGURE 9.8 Ellingham diagram for the free energy of formation of oxides.



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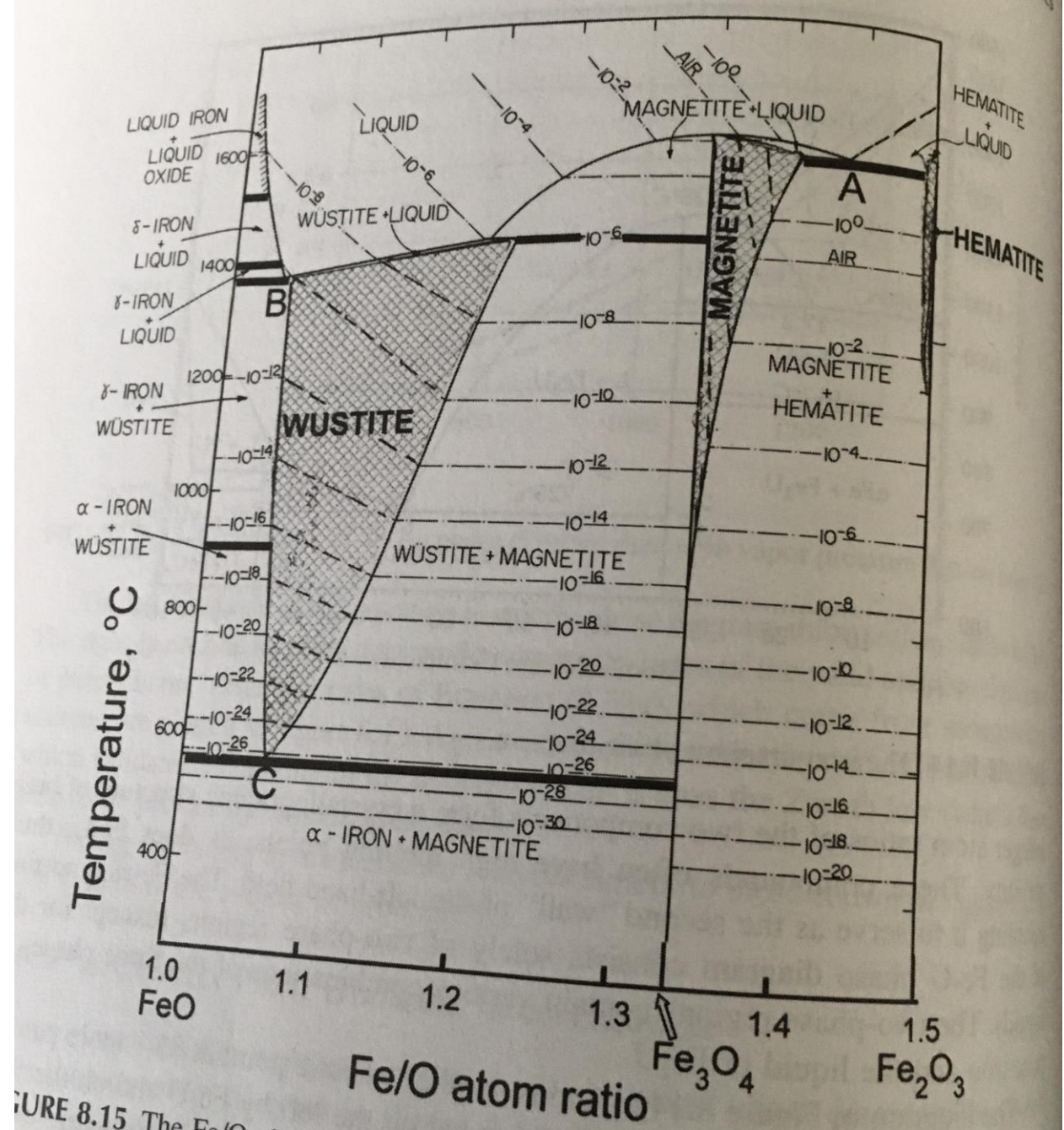


FIGURE 8.15 The Fe/O phase diagram with oxygen pressure isobars. Important nonmetal is

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**Table 1 Pure compounds hydrolysis temperature corresponding to an equilibrium constant (R1) of 1**

Reaction	T (°C)
$\text{BeF}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{BeO} + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	700
$\text{ThF}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{ThO}_2 + 4\text{HF}(\text{g})$	850
$\text{ThF}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{ThOF}_2 + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	840
$\text{ZrF}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{ZrO}_2 + 4\text{HF}(\text{g})$	495
$\text{UF}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{UO}_2 + 4\text{HF}(\text{g})$	660
$\text{UF}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{UOF}_2 + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	680
$2\text{LiF} + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{Li}_2\text{O} + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	3320
$2\text{NaF} + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{Na}_2\text{O} + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	3300
$2\text{KF} + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) = \text{K}_2\text{O} + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	4200

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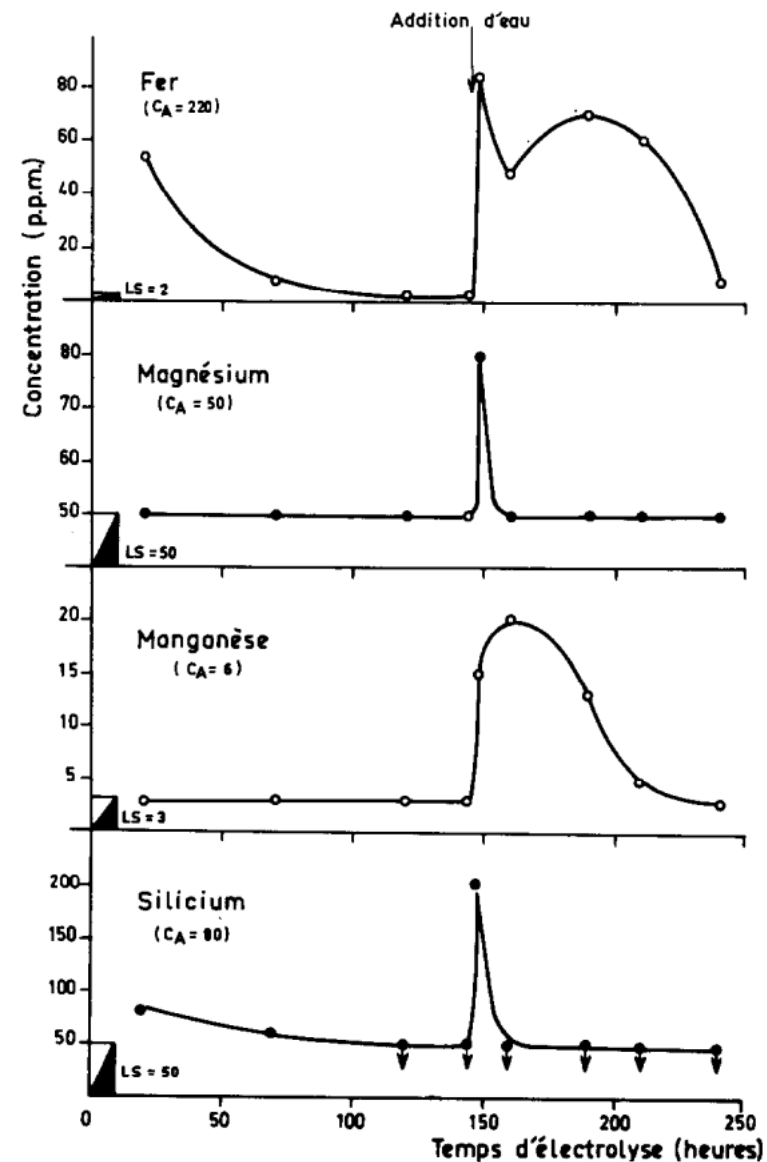


Fig. 4. Influence d'une addition d'eau à l'électrolyte sur la teneur en impuretés de l'uranium déposé.  $C_A$ : concentration de l'impureté dans l'anode,  $L_S$ : limite de sensibilité de la technique analytique (d'après [12]).



[102] M. A. Bredig. Mixtures of Metals with Molten Halides. Technical Report ORNL-3391, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 1963.[103]

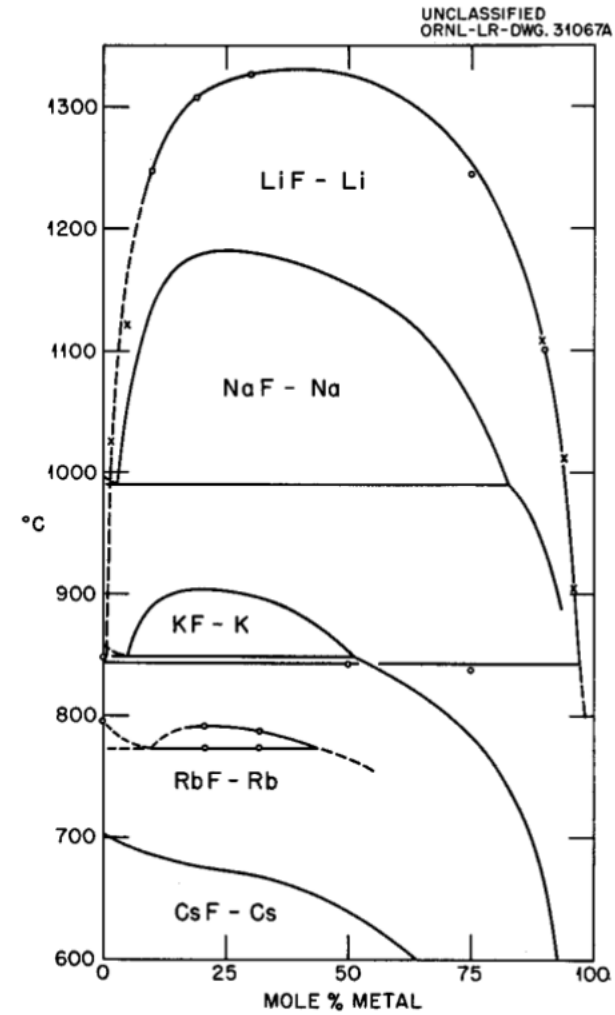


Figure 5.21: Phase diagrams of metal-metal halide systems of the alkali halides [102].

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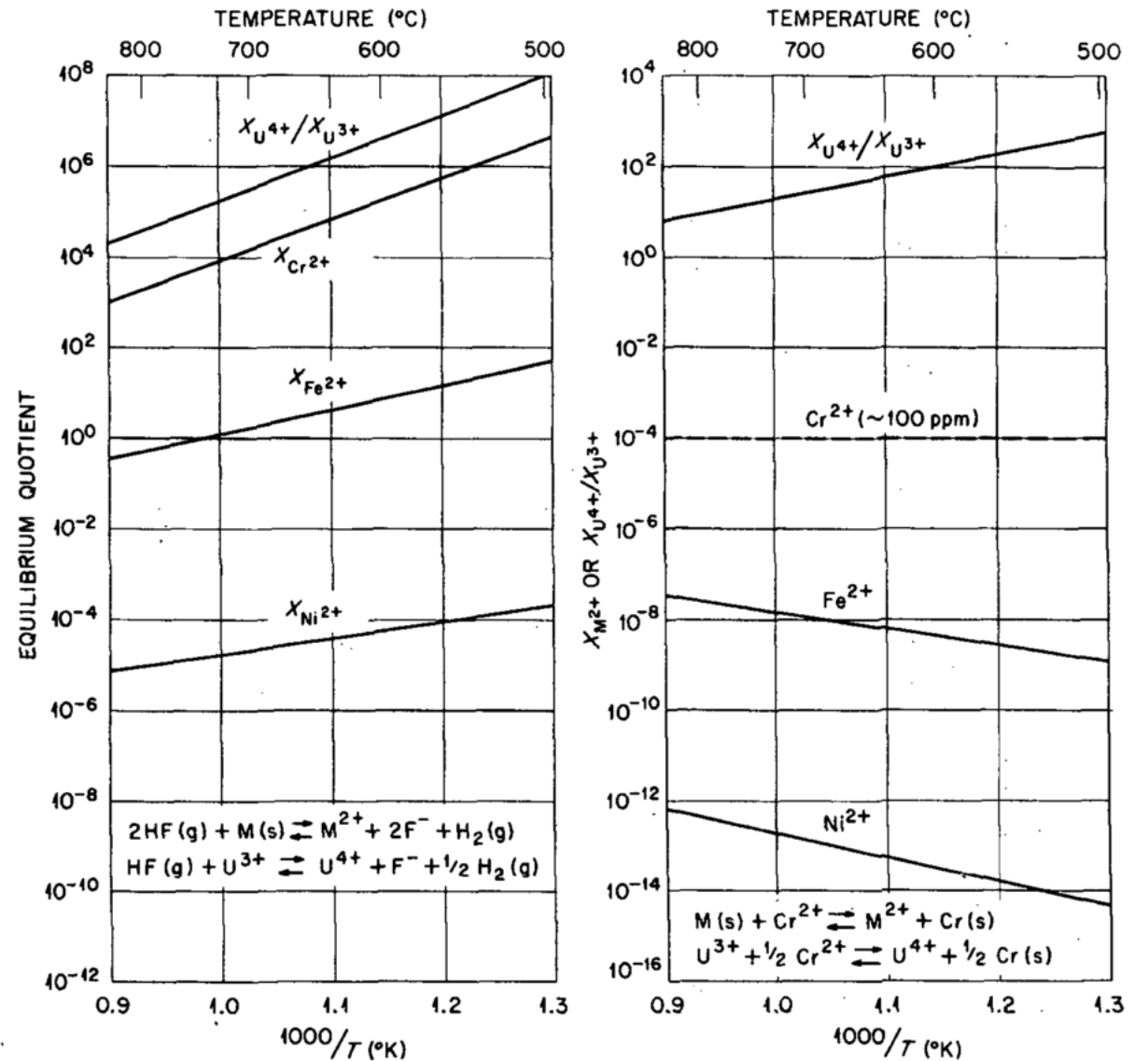


FIG. 2. Oxidation-reduction reactions in  $LiF-0.33BeF_2$ . Left; reaction of Cr, Fe, Ni, and  $U^{3+}$  with HF (1 atm) and  $H_2$  (1 atm); right; mole fractions of  $FeF_2$ ,  $NiF_2$  and the  $x(UF_3)/x(UF_3)$  ratio in equilibrium with  $10^{-4}$  mole fraction  $CrF_2$  and chromium metal.

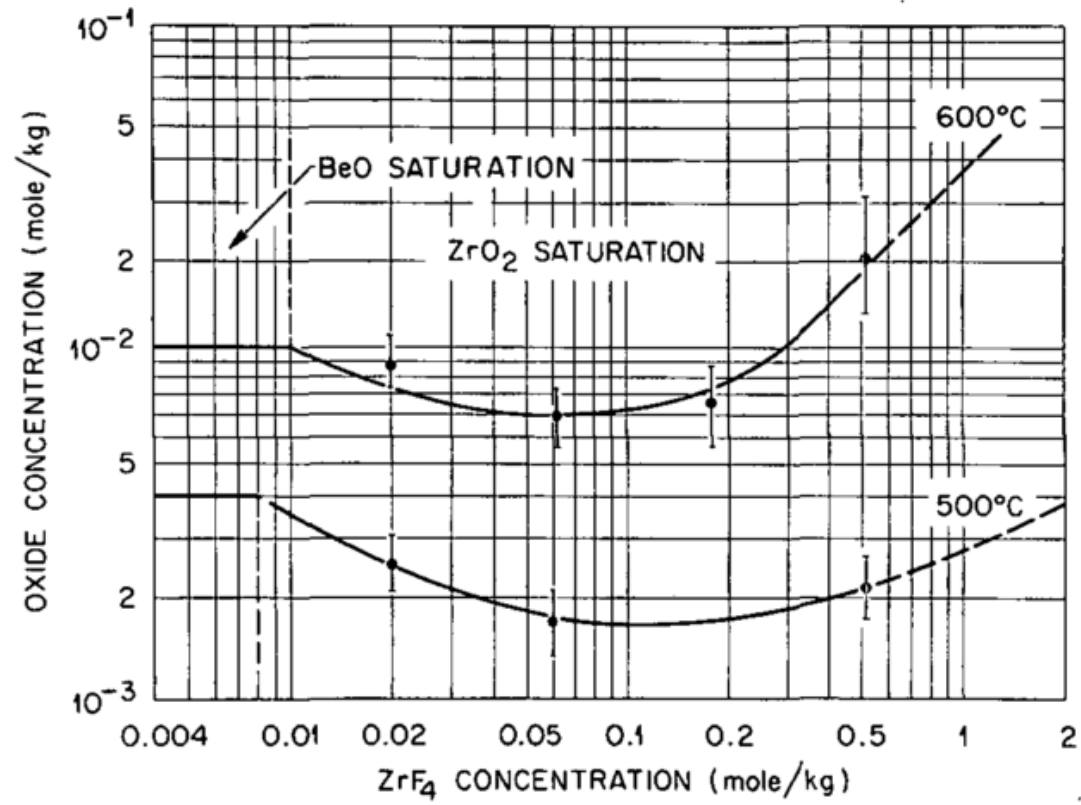


FIG. 4. Oxide concentration at saturation in  $LiF-0.33BeF_2$  as a function of the concentration of  $ZrF_2$  added.

Table I  
Reactions in  $\text{LiF-0.33BeF}_2$   
[ $\log K = a + b (10^3/T)$ ]

<u>Reduction Reactions Involving Hydrogen<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>K<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>a</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>Est. <math>\pm</math> Error in log K</u>	<u>Source<sup>c</sup></u>
1 $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{NiF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ni}(\text{s}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2/(P_{\text{H}_2})(x_{\text{NiF}_2})$	8.37	-3.60	0.04	Ref. 4
2 $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{FeF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}(\text{s}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2/(P_{\text{H}_2})(x_{\text{FeF}_2})$	5.20	-5.31	0.02	Ref. 4
3 $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{CrF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Cr}(\text{s}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2/(P_{\text{H}_2})(x_{\text{CrF}_2})$	5.12	-9.06	0.06	Ref. 4
4 $\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{UF}_4(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{UF}_3(\text{d}) + \text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})(x_{\text{UF}_3})/(P_{\text{H}_2})^{\frac{1}{2}}(x_{\text{UF}_4})$	4.07	-9.33	0.02	Ref. 5
5 $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{BeF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Be}(\text{s}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2/(P_{\text{H}_2})$	7.21	-21.56	0.1	Refs. 6,7
<u>Metathesis Reactions Involving Gases</u>					
6 $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{BeF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{BeO}(\text{s}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2/(P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})$	4.23	-5.67	0.02	Ref. 9
7 $2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{ZrF}_4(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{ZrO}_2(\text{s}) + 4\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^4/(P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})^2(x_{\text{ZrF}_4})$	11.21	-10.66	0.04	Ref. 10
8 $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + 2\text{F}^-(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{O}^{2-}(\text{d}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2(x_{\text{O}^{2-}})/(P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})$	4.20	-8.64	0.08	Ref. 9
9 $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{F}^-(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{OH}^-(\text{d}) + \text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})(x_{\text{OH}^-})/(P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})$	-1.03	-2.08	0.04	Ref. 9
10 $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g}) + 2\text{F}^-(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{S}^{2-}(\text{d}) + 2\text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})^2(x_{\text{S}^{2-}})/(P_{\text{H}_2\text{S}})$	$\log K(873^\circ\text{K}) < -4$		----	Ref. 12
11 $\text{HI}(\text{g}) + \text{F}^-(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{I}^-(\text{d}) + \text{HF}(\text{g})$	$(P_{\text{HF}})(x_{\text{I}^-})/(P_{\text{HI}})$	$\log K(763^\circ\text{K}) \leq -3$		----	Ref. 13
<u>Metathesis Reactions Involving Solid Oxides</u>					
12 $\text{ZrO}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{BeF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{ZrF}_4(\text{d}) + 2\text{BeO}(\text{s})$	$x_{\text{ZrF}_4}$	-2.75	-0.69	0.05	6,7; Ref. 15
13 $\text{UO}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{BeF}_2(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{UF}_4(\text{d}) + 2\text{BeO}(\text{s})$	$x_{\text{UF}_4}$	-2.07	-1.74	0.07	12,14; Ref. 15
14 $\text{ZrO}_2(\text{s}) + \text{UF}_4(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{ZrF}_4(\text{d}) + \text{UO}_2(\text{s})$	$(x_{\text{ZrF}_4})/(x_{\text{UF}_4})$	-0.67	1.05	0.05	Ref. 15
15 $\text{ThO}_2(\text{s}) + \text{UF}_4(\text{d}) \rightleftharpoons \text{ThF}_4(\text{d}) + \text{UO}_2(\text{s})$	$(x_{\text{ThF}_4})/(x_{\text{UF}_4})$	$\log K(1023^\circ\text{K}) \approx 1.2$		----	Ref. 18



Table I (continued)

Solubility Reactions	$K^b$	a	b	Est. $\pm$ Error in log K	Source <sup>c</sup>
16 $\text{BeO}(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Be}^{2+}(d) + \text{O}^{2-}(d)$	$x_{\text{O}^{2-}}$	-0.04	-2.96	0.08	6,8
17 $\text{ZrO}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Zr}^{4+}(d) + 2\text{O}^{2-}(d)$	$(x_{\text{Zr}^{4+}})(x_{\text{O}^{2-}})^2$	-2.82	-6.62	0.09	7,8
18 $\text{UO}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{U}^{4+}(d) + 2\text{O}^{2-}(d)$	$(x_{\text{U}^{4+}})(x_{\text{O}^{2-}})^2$	-2.15	-7.66	0.1	14,17
19 $\text{ThO}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Th}^{4+}(d) + 2\text{O}^{2-}(d)$	$(x_{\text{Th}^{4+}})(x_{\text{O}^{2-}})^2$	$\log K(1023^\circ\text{K}) \approx -8.6$		---	15,18
20 $\text{NiO}(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ni}^{2+}(d) + \text{O}^{2-}(d)$	$(x_{\text{Ni}^{2+}})(x_{\text{O}^{2-}})$	-2.58	-4.39	---	Eqs. 25, 26, Ref. 32
21 $\text{FeO}(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{2+}(d) + \text{O}^{2-}(d)$	$(x_{\text{Fe}^{2+}})(x_{\text{O}^{2-}})$	-0.52	-4.12	---	Eqs. 25, 26, Ref. 32
22 $\text{NiF}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{NiF}_2(d)$	$x_{\text{NiF}_2}$	0.30	-2.07	0.01	Ref. 4
23 $\text{FeF}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{FeF}_2(d)$	$x_{\text{FeF}_2}$	2.45	-3.05	0.01	Ref. 4
24 $\text{LaF}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{LaF}_3(d)$	$x_{\text{LaF}_3}$	1.58	-3.38	0.02	Ref. 20
25 $\text{CeF}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{CeF}_3(d)$	$x_{\text{CeF}_3}$	1.64	-3.38	0.02	Ref. 20
26 $\text{SmF}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{SmF}_3(d)$	$x_{\text{SmF}_3}$	1.97	-3.38	0.02	Ref. 20
27 $\text{PuF}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{PuF}_3(d)$	$x_{\text{PuF}_3}$	1.30	-3.15		Ref. 19

<sup>a</sup> The notations (s), (d), and (g) indicate respectively the solid, dissolved, and gaseous states.

<sup>b</sup>  $P_i$  is expressed in atmospheres;  $x_i$  is the mole fraction and, for  $\text{LiF}-0.33\text{BeF}_2$ , is equal to moles of  $\text{i/kg}$  of salt/30.03.

<sup>c</sup> Numbers other than reference numbers and numbers of equations in text refer to reactions in this table.