

Supplementary Information

Theory

The difference of the chemical potentials between liquid and solid is given by

$$\Delta\mu = x\Delta\mu_{AD} + (1 - x)\Delta\mu_{BD}, \quad (\text{S1})$$

where the chemical potential differences of AD and BD pairs in the liquid and in the solid state are given by

$$\Delta\mu_{AD} = \mu_A^L + \mu_D^L - \mu_{AD}^S, \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$\Delta\mu_{BD} = \mu_B^L + \mu_D^L - \mu_{BD}^S. \quad (\text{S3})$$

The chemical potentials of the species in the liquid are expressed as $\mu_i^L = \mu_i^0 + k_B T \ln(c_i) + \vartheta_i$, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A^L = & \mu_A^0 + k_B T \ln(c_A) + \omega_{AB} c_B^2 + \omega_{AD} c_D^2 \\ & + \omega_{AU} c_U^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S4})$$

$$+ (\omega_{AB} + \omega_{AD} - \omega_{BD}) c_B c_D$$

$$+ (\omega_{AB} + \omega_{AU} - \omega_{BU}) c_B c_U$$

$$+ (\omega_{AD} + \omega_{AU} - \omega_{DU}) c_D c_U$$

$$+ (c_B c_D - 2c_A c_B c_D) \omega_{ABD}$$

$$+ (c_B c_U - 2c_A c_B c_U) \omega_{ABU}$$

$$+ (c_D c_U - 2c_A c_D c_U) \omega_{ADU}$$

$$- 2c_B c_D c_U \omega_{BDU}$$

$$+ (2c_A c_B - c_B^2 - 2c_B c_A^2$$

$$+ 2c_B^2 c_A) \omega'_{AB}$$

$$+ (2c_A c_D - c_D^2 - 2c_D c_A^2$$

$$+ 2c_D^2 c_A) \omega'_{AD}$$

$$+ (2c_A c_U - c_U^2 - 2c_U c_A^2$$

$$+ 2c_U^2 c_A) \omega'_{AU}$$

$$+ 2(c_B c_D^2 - c_B^2 c_D) \omega'_{BD}$$

$$+ 2(c_B c_U^2 - c_B^2 c_U) \omega'_{BU}$$

$$+ 2(c_D c_U^2 - c_D^2 c_U) \omega'_{DU},$$

$$\mu_B^L = \mu_B^0 + k_B T \ln(c_B) + \omega_{AB} c_A^2 + \omega_{BD} c_D^2 \quad (\text{S5})$$

$$+ \omega_{BU} c_U^2$$

$$+ (\omega_{AB} + \omega_{BD} - \omega_{AD}) c_A c_D$$

$$+ (\omega_{AB} + \omega_{BU} - \omega_{AU}) c_A c_U$$

$$+ (\omega_{BD} + \omega_{BU} - \omega_{DU}) c_D c_U$$

$$+ (c_A c_D - 2c_A c_B c_D) \omega_{ABD}$$

$$+ (c_A c_U - 2c_A c_B c_U) \omega_{ABU}$$

$$+ (c_D c_U - 2c_B c_D c_U) \omega_{BDU}$$

$$- 2c_A c_D c_U \omega_{ADU}$$

$$+ (2c_A c_B - c_A^2 - 2c_A c_B^2$$

$$+ 2c_A^2 c_B) \omega'_{BA}$$

$$+ (2c_B c_D - c_D^2 - 2c_D c_B^2$$

$$+ 2c_D^2 c_B) \omega'_{BD}$$

$$+ (2c_B c_U - c_U^2 - 2c_U c_B^2$$

$$+ 2c_U^2 c_B) \omega'_{BU}$$

$$+ 2(c_A c_D^2 - c_A^2 c_D) \omega'_{AD}$$

$$+ 2(c_A c_U^2 - c_A^2 c_U) \omega'_{AU}$$

$$+ 2(c_D c_U^2 - c_D^2 c_U) \omega'_{DU},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_D^L = & \mu_D^0 + k_B T \ln(c_D) + \omega_{AD} c_A^2 + \omega_{BD} c_B^2 \\
& + \omega_{DU} c_U^2 \\
& + (\omega_{AD} + \omega_{BD} - \omega_{AB}) c_A c_B \\
& + (\omega_{AD} + \omega_{DU} - \omega_{AU}) c_A c_U \\
& + (\omega_{BD} + \omega_{DU} - \omega_{BU}) c_B c_U \\
& + (c_A c_B - 2c_A c_B c_D) \omega_{ABD} \\
& + (c_A c_U - 2c_A c_D c_U) \omega_{ADU} \\
& + (c_B c_U - 2c_B c_D c_U) \omega_{BDU} \\
& - 2c_A c_B c_U \omega_{ABU} \\
& + (2c_A c_D - c_A^2 - 2c_A c_D^2 \\
& + 2c_A^2 c_D) \omega'_{DA} \\
& + (2c_B c_D - c_B^2 - 2c_B c_D^2 \\
& + 2c_B^2 c_D) \omega'_{DB} \\
& + (2c_D c_U - c_U^2 - 2c_U c_D^2 \\
& + 2c_U^2 c_D) \omega'_{DU} \\
& + 2(c_A c_B^2 - c_A^2 c_B) \omega'_{AB} \\
& + 2(c_A c_U^2 - c_A^2 c_U) \omega'_{AU} \\
& + 2(c_B c_U^2 - c_B^2 c_U) \omega'_{BU}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S6}$$

Here μ^0 is the Gibbs free energy of the corresponding pure element, ω_{ij} and ω_{ijk} are the binary and ternary interaction parameters.

The chemical potentials in the solid of AD and BD binary species are given by

$$\mu_{AD}^s = \mu_{AD}^0 + k_B T \ln x \tag{S7}$$

$$+ (1-x)^2 [\omega_S + (4x-1)\omega'_S],$$

$$\mu_{BD}^s = \mu_{BD}^0 + k_B T \ln(1-x) \tag{S8}$$

$$+ x^2 [\omega_S + (4x-3)\omega'_S].$$

Here ω_S and ω'_S are the temperature dependent interaction parameters of zeroth and first order, and μ^0 is the Gibbs free energy of the corresponding binary compound.

The parameter b is given by [1]

$$\begin{aligned}
b = & \alpha - 6c_{tot}^2 \omega'_{AB} \\
& - 2c_{tot} [\omega_{AB} - 3c_{tot} \omega'_{AB} \\
& - c_D (\omega'_{AD} + \omega'_{BD}) \\
& - c_U (\omega'_{AU} + \omega'_{BU}) + c_D \omega_{ABD} \\
& + c_U \omega_{ABU}]
\end{aligned} \tag{S9}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha = & \Delta \mu_{AD}^0 - \Delta \mu_{BD}^0 \\
& + (\omega_{AB} - c_{tot} \omega'_{AB} - 2c_D \omega'_{BD} \\
& - 2c_U \omega'_{BU} + c_D \omega_{ABD} \\
& + c_U \omega_{ABU}) c_{tot} + (\omega_{AD} - \omega_{BD}) c_D \\
& + (\omega_{AU} - \omega_{BU}) c_U \\
& - (\omega'_{AD} - \omega'_{BD}) c_D^2 \\
& - (\omega'_{AU} - \omega'_{BU}) c_U^2 \\
& + (\omega_{ADU} - \omega_{BDU}) c_D c_U.
\end{aligned} \tag{S10}$$

The parameter b_D is given by

$$b_D = \mu_{AD}^0 - \mu_A^0 - \mu_D^0 - \vartheta_A - \vartheta_D. \tag{S11}$$

Parameters for As-Ga-In, In-Ga-Sb and Al-Ga-As material systems

Table S1. Ternary interaction parameters of the As-Au-Ga-In-Sb system. The energy values are in J/mole and the temperature is in K.

Ternary System	ω_{ijk}	ω_s	Refs.
Al-As-Ga	-55508.5 + 33.2087·T	2187	[2]
Ga-In-Sb	-5072.76 - 10.8842·T	9093 - 2.8698·T	[3]
In-Ga-As	-12889.5	19698.8 - 7.51693·T	[4]
In-Ga-Au	20500		[5]
Au-In-Sb	1129.0976 - 16.232·T		[6]

Table S2. Binary interaction parameters of the As-Au-Ga-In-Sb system. The energy values are in J/mole and the temperature is in K.

Binary Systems	ω_{ij}	ω'_{ij}	Refs.
Al-Ga	2613.3 - 2.94533·T	692.4 - 0.09271·T	[7]
Al-As	-15693 - 34.163·T		[7]
As-Ga	-25503.6 - 4.3109·T	-5174.7	[7]
Ga-Sb	-13953.8 + 71.07866·T - 9.6232·T·ln(T)	1722.9 - 1.92588·T	[7]
As-In	-15851 - 11.27053·T	-1219.5	[7]
In-Sb	-25631.2 + 102.9324·T - 13.45816·T·ln(T)	-2115.4 - 1.31907·T	[7]
Ga-In	4450 + 1.19185·T	0.25943	[8]
Al-Au	-131996.19 + 36.42·T	40781.83 - 1.896·T	[9]
Au-Sb	-10288.0428 - 14.7865028·T	-2901.66787 - 7.2503632·T	[10]
As-Au	18160.759 - 14.327686·T	-13132.906 + 13.229781·T	[11]
Au-In	-76196.19 + 64.2914·T - 6.6375·T·ln(T)	-31134.02 + 81.3582·T - 8.5134·T·ln(T)	[12]
Au-Ga	-71830.123 + 42.286·T - 4.289·T·ln(T)	-22892.323 + 5.069·T	[13]

Table S3. The chemical potentials of the species in the solid. The energy values are in J/mole and the temperature is in K.

Binary Sys- tems	μ_{ij}^0	Refs.
Al-As	-117130+7.78·T + GHSER _{Al} + GHSER _{As}	[7]
Ga-As	-104352 + 265.43256·T - 48.681258·T·ln(T) - 11.158E-04·T ² + 127670·T ⁻¹ - 7.1378E-07·T ³ (2)	[7]
In-As	-73057.2 + 230.91896·T - 45.187942·T·ln(T) - 0.00773·T ² + 69438·T ⁻¹ + 14.18E-08·T ³	[7]
Ga-Sb	-43476.2 - 21.07528·T + 5.385752·T·ln(T) - 0.00275582·T ² + GHSER _{Ga} + GHSER _{Sb}	[7]
In-Sb	-31698.6 + 0.586278·T + 2.587162·T·ln (T) + GHSER _{In} + GHSER _{Sb}	[7]

Table S4. The chemical potentials of the species in the liquid. The energy values are in J/mole and the temperature is in K.

Systems	μ_i^0	Refs.
Al	(298.15<T<700) 3028.879 + 125.251171·T - 24.3671976·T·ln(T) - 0.001884662·T ² - 8.77664E-07·T ³ + 74092·T ⁻¹ + 7.9337E-20·T ⁷ (700<T<933.47) - 271.21 + 211.206579·T - 38.5844296·T·ln(T) + 0.018531982·T ² - 5.764227E-06·T ³ + 74092·T ⁻¹ + 7.9337E-20·T ⁷	[14]
As	(298.15<T<1200) 24442.9 - 22.424679·T + GHSER _{As}	[14]
Ga	(200<T<302.91) 5491.298-18.073995·T + GHSER _{Ga} - 7.0171E-17·T ⁷ (302.91<T<4000) 5666.455-18.681147·T + GHSER _{Ga} - 1.64547E+23·T ⁹ (298.15<T<429.75) -3696.798 + 84.701255·T - 21.8386·T·ln(T)	[14]
In	- 0.00572566·T ² - 2.120321E-06·T ³ - 22906·T ⁻¹ - 5.59058E-20·T ⁷ (429.75<T<3800) - 3749.81 + 116.835784·T - 27.4562·T·ln(T) + 5.4607E-04·T ² - 8.367E-08·T ³ - 211708·T ⁻¹	[14]
Sb	(298.15<T<903.78) 19822.328 - 21.923164·T + GHSER _{Sb} - 1.74847E-20·T ⁷ (903.78<T<2000) 8175.359 + 147.455986·T - 31.38·T·ln(T)	[14]

Table S5. GHSER. The energy values are in J/mole and the temperature is in K.

Systems	GHSER _i	Refs.
Al	(298.15<T<700) -7976.15 + 137.093038·T - 24.3671976·T·ln(T) - 0.001884662·T ² - 8.77664E-07·T ³ + 74092·T ⁻¹ (700<T<933.47) -11276.24 + 223.048446·T - 8.5844296·T·ln(T) + 0.018531982·T ² - 5.764227E-06·T ³ + 74092·T ⁻¹	[14]
As	(298.15<T<1090) -7270.447 + 122.211069·T - 23.3144·T·ln(T) - 0.00271613·T ² + 11600·T ⁻¹ (1090<T<1200) -10454.913 + 163.457433·T - 29.216037·T·ln(T)	[14]
Ga	(298.15<T<302.91) -21312.331 + 585.263691·T - 108.228783·T·ln(T) + 0.227155636·T ² - 1.18575257E-04·T ³ + 439954·T ⁻¹ (302.91<T<4000) -7055.643 + 132.73019·T - 26.0692906·T·ln(T) + 1.506E-04·T ² - 4.0173E-08·T ³ - 118332·T ⁻¹ + 1.64547E+23·T ⁻⁹	[14]
In	(298.15<T<429.75) -6978.89 + 92.338115·T - 21.8386·T·ln(T) - 0.00572566·T ² - 2.120321E-06·T ³ - 22906·T ⁻¹ (429.75<T<3800) -7033.516 + 124.476588·T - 27.4562·T·ln(T) + 5.4607E-04·T ² - 8.367E-08·T ³ - 211708·T ⁻¹ + 3.53116E+22·T ⁻⁹	[14]
Sb	(298.15<T<903.78) -9242.858 + 156.154689·T - 30.5130752·T·ln(T) + 0.007748768·T ² - 3.003415E-06·T ³ + 100625·T ⁻¹ (903.78<T<2000) -11738.83 + 169.485872·T - 31.38·T·ln(T) + 1.616849E+27·T ⁻⁹	[14]

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