

Ga-Pu (Gallium-Plutonium)

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The Ga-Pu phase diagram in [Massalski2] was redrawn from [1988Pet]. This diagram was similar to that shown in Fig. 1, but the (δ Pu) phase was shown to be stable down to at least 0 °C. However, [1991Adl] suggested that (δ Pu) decomposes into α GaPu₃ and (α Pu) by a eutectoid reaction at around 81 °C, based on thermodynamic modeling. [2007Tur] proposed the complete Ga-Pu phase diagram, as shown in Fig. 1, by thermodynamic calculations. This phase diagram is in agreement with [1991Adl]. [2007Mas] reviewed the above reports and discussed the nature of the (δ Pu) phase at low temperatures.

Table 1 shows Ga-Pu crystal structure data from [1988Pet] with modifications to agree with Fig. 1.

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Table 1 Ga-Pu crystal structure data

Phase	Composition, at.% Pu	Pearson symbol	Space group	Strukturbericht designation	Prototype
(Ga)	0	<i>oC8</i>	<i>Cmca</i>	A11	Ga
Ga ₁₅ Pu ₂	11.8	<i>t**</i>
Ga ₆ Pu	14.3	<i>tP14</i>	<i>P4/nbm</i>	...	...
Ga ₄ Pu	20	<i>oI20</i>	<i>Imma</i>	D1 _b	Al ₄ U
Ga _{3,7} Pu	21.3	...	...	...	...
Ga ₇ Pu ₂	22.2	<i>t**</i>
γ Ga ₃ Pu	25	...	...	...	...
β Ga ₃ Pu	25	<i>hP8</i>	<i>P6₃/mmc</i>	D0 ₁₉	Ni ₃ Sn
α Ga ₃ Pu	25	<i>hR16</i>	<i>R$\bar{3}m$</i>	...	...
Ga ₂ Pu	33.3	<i>hP3</i>	<i>P6/mmm</i>	C32	AlB ₂
Ga ₃ Pu ₂	40	<i>hP*</i>
β GaPu	50	<i>cI2</i>	<i>Im$\bar{3}m$</i>	A2	W
α GaPu	50	<i>tI2</i>	<i>I4/mmm</i>	A6	In
η	60-79	<i>cI16</i>	<i>I2₁3</i>	...	...
Ga ₃ Pu ₅	62.5	<i>tI32</i>	<i>I4/mcm</i>	D8 _m	W ₅ Si ₃
β GaPu ₃	75	<i>cP4</i>	<i>Pm$\bar{3}m$</i>	L1 ₂	AuCu ₃
α GaPu ₃	75	<i>tP4</i>	<i>P4/mmm</i>	L6 ₀	Pb ₃ Sr
(ϵ Pu)	89.5-100	<i>cI2</i>	<i>Im$\bar{3}m$</i>	A2	W
(δ' Pu)	100	<i>tI2</i>	<i>I4/mmm</i>	A6	In
(δ Pu)	86-100	<i>cF4</i>	<i>Fm$\bar{3}m$</i>	A1	Cu
(γ Pu)	100	<i>oF8</i>	<i>Fddd</i>	...	γ Pu
(β Pu)	100	<i>mC34</i>	<i>C2/m</i>	...	β Pu
(α Pu)	100	<i>mP16</i>	<i>P2₁/m</i>	...	α Pu

