# Thermodynamic Description of the Al-Mo and Al-Fe-Mo Systems

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The Al-Mo and Al-Fe-Mo systems were critically assessed using the CALPHAD technique. The solution phases (liquid, fcc and bcc) were described by a substitutional solution model. The non-stoichiometric compound AlMo<sub>3</sub> was described by a two-sublattice model (Al,Mo)(Al,Mo)<sub>3</sub> in the Al-Mo binary system and (Al,Fe,Mo)(Al,Fe,Mo)<sub>3</sub> in the Al-Fe-Mo ternary system. Other compounds  $Al_{63}Mo_{37}$ ,  $Al_8Mo_3$ ,  $Al_3Mo$ ,  $Al_4Mo$ ,  $Al_{17}Mo_4$ ,  $Al_{22}Mo_5$ ,  $Al_{12}Mo$  and  $Al_5Mo$  in the Al-Mo system were treated as stoichiometric compounds in the binary system and as line compounds  $Al_m(Fe,Mo)_n$  in the Al-Fe-Mo ternary system. The compounds  $\mu$  and Fe<sub>2</sub>Mo in the Fe-Mo system were treated as (Al,Fe)<sub>7</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>(Fe,Mo)<sub>4</sub> and (Fe,Mo)<sub>2</sub>(Al,Mo) in the Al-Fe-Mo system, respectively. Compounds  $Al_5Fe_4$ ,  $Al_2Fe$ ,  $Al_5Fe_2$  and  $Al_{13}Fe_4$  in the Al-Fe system were treated as (Al,Fe,Mo),  $Al_2(Fe,Mo)$ , (Al,Fe)<sub>5</sub>(Al,Fe,Mo)<sub>2</sub> and (Fe,Mo)<sub>0.235</sub>Al<sub>0.6275</sub>(Al,Va)<sub>0.1375</sub> in the Al-Fe-Mo system, respectively. Ternary compounds  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  were treated as  $Al_8(Al,Fe)Mo_3$  and (Al,Fe,Mo)(Va)<sub>3</sub>, respectively. A set of self-consistent thermodynamic parameters of the Al-Fe-Mo system was obtained.

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# 1. Introduction

The Al-Fe alloys with high Al contents are attractive for high-temperature applications because of their outstanding oxidation and hot-corrosion resistance.<sup>[1,2]</sup> However, insufficient strength and creep resistance have been identified as obstacles for the use of Fe-Al-based alloys at high temperatures. Molybdenum is one of the elements often added to improve the properties of Al-Fe alloys. The mechanical properties of Al-Fe-Mo alloys have been studied by many researchers, e.g. Eumann et al.<sup>[3,4]</sup> Knowledge of the Al-Fe-Mo phase diagram is significant for the development of Fe-Al-based alloys by providing information regarding the phases that are present at service temperatures, their compositions and volume fractions and so on.<sup>[5]</sup>

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In the present work, thermodynamic modeling and optimization of the Al-Mo binary and the Al-Fe-Mo ternary systems are performed using the CALPHAD method on the basis of the experimental data reported in the literature.

# 2. Experimental Information

#### 2.1 Al-Mo System

The Al-rich part of the phase diagram of the Al-Mo system was investigated by many researchers.<sup>[6-16]</sup> Yamaguchi and Simizu<sup>[8]</sup> measured the Al-rich liquidus compositions up to 1273 K. Roentgen and Koch,<sup>[7]</sup> Mondolfo<sup>[9]</sup> and Vigdorovich et al.<sup>[14]</sup> determined the solid solubility of Mo in fcc (Al). Based on the above experimental data, Walford<sup>[17]</sup> reviewed the Al-rich region of the Al-Mo system, and concluded that there were five intermediate phases, Al<sub>12</sub>Mo, Al<sub>6</sub>Mo, Al<sub>5</sub>Mo, Al<sub>4</sub>Mo and Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>.

The phase equilibria and the intermetallic compounds in the Al-Mo system were further investigated by many researchers.<sup>[18-26]</sup> The compound Al<sub>2</sub>Mo<sup>[12,18,19]</sup> was not observed by Petzow and Rexer,<sup>[20]</sup> Hansen and Raman<sup>[21]</sup> and Rexer.<sup>[22]</sup> The compound Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub> was determined to melt congruently by Petzow and Rexer,<sup>[20]</sup> Rexer<sup>[22]</sup> and Shilo and Franzen.<sup>[23]</sup> In addition, Rexer<sup>[22]</sup> determined the phase equilibria related to the phases Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>, Al<sub>63</sub>Mo<sub>37</sub>, AlMo, AlMo<sub>3</sub> and bcc (Mo) in the temperature range of 1673 to 1873 K by light optical microscopy, thermal analysis, and XRD. Tendeloo et al.<sup>[24]</sup> determined the existence of compounds Al<sub>17</sub>Mo<sub>4</sub> and Al<sub>22</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>. Yeremenko et al.<sup>[25]</sup> and Malinovskii<sup>[26]</sup> measured the composition of the Al-rich liquidus. In addition, Ham,<sup>[10]</sup> Rexer<sup>[22]</sup> and Shilo and Franzen<sup>[23]</sup> determined the solubility of Al in bcc(Mo). Based on the assessed result of Walford<sup>[17]</sup> and the above experimental data (except for Shilo and Franzen<sup>[23]</sup> and Malinovskii<sup>[26]</sup>), Brewer and Lamoreaux<sup>[27]</sup> reviewed

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the Al-Mo phase diagram again. They included three solution phases (liquid, bcc (Mo) and fcc (Al)) and ten intermetallic phases:  $Al_{12}Mo$ ,  $Al_6Mo$ ,  $Al_5Mo$ ,  $Al_{17}Mo_4$ ,  $Al_{22}Mo_5$ ,  $Al_4Mo$ ,  $Al_{63}Mo_{37}$ , AlMo,  $Al_8Mo_3$  and AlMo<sub>3</sub> in their equilibrium Al-Mo phase diagram.

Recently, Schuster and Ipser<sup>[28]</sup> reinvestigated the partial phase diagram between Al and Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>, and found ten intermetallic compounds, Al<sub>12</sub>Mo, Al<sub>5</sub>Mo(h), Al<sub>5</sub>Mo(h'), Al<sub>5</sub>Mo(r), Al<sub>3</sub>Mo(h), Al<sub>3+x</sub>Mo<sub>1-x</sub>(h), Al<sub>17</sub>Mo<sub>4</sub>, Al<sub>22</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>, Al<sub>4</sub>Mo(h), and Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>. The crystal structures of the phases Al<sub>5</sub>Mo(h'), Al<sub>5</sub>Mo(r), Al<sub>3</sub>Mo(h), and Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>1-x</sub>(h) were reported. Eumann et al.<sup>[29]</sup> confirmed the phases and phase equilibria reported by Schuster and Ipser<sup>[28]</sup> with the exception of the phases Al<sub>3+x</sub>Mo<sub>1-x</sub>(h) and Al<sub>5</sub>Mo(h') and determined the homogeneity ranges of the Al-rich intermetallic compounds. The work of Eumann et al.<sup>[29]</sup> was adopted in the present work.

Belyaeva et al.<sup>[18]</sup> determined the thermodynamic activities and derived partial free energies of Al in alloys between 8 and 75 at.% Mo using an electromotive force (EMF) method. Dubrovin et al.<sup>[30]</sup> measured the enthalpies of formation of the Al-Mo system by a calorimeter. Recently, Shilo and Franzen<sup>[23]</sup> determined the enthalpies of formation of alloys in the range from Mo to Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>. Sudsatsova et al.<sup>[31]</sup> measured the mixing enthalpies of liquid in the Al-rich region of Al-Mo system.

#### 2.2 Al-Fe-Mo System

Markiv et al.<sup>[32]</sup> constructed the partial isothermal sections of the Al-rich part of the Al-Fe-Mo system at 1073 and 1323 K. Two ternary compounds "N-phase" and "S-phase" were observed at 1323 K. The compound "N-phase" was also designated as  $\tau_1^{[33]}$  with the formula Al<sub>8</sub>Fe<sub>5</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>.<sup>[34]</sup> Sokolovskaya et al.<sup>[35]</sup> investigated the phase equilibria in the Al-rich corner and constructed an isothermal section at 823 K and isopleths for Fe:Mo = 3:1 and FeAl<sub>3</sub>-MoAl<sub>12</sub>. Using five different alloys, Wang et al.<sup>[36]</sup> determined the phase equilibria between bcc (Al, Fe) and  $\mu$  at 1073 K by both EDS and EPMA.

The effect of Mo on the AlFe (D0<sub>3</sub>)  $\leftrightarrow$  AlFe (B2) and AlFe (B2)  $\leftrightarrow$  bcc (A2) transition temperatures was investigated by many researchers.<sup>[37-41]</sup> Stepien-Damm et al.<sup>[42]</sup> reported a ternary phase Al<sub>0.25</sub>Fe<sub>4.75</sub>Mo<sub>9</sub> formed at about 1923 K. During the process of studying mechanical properties of Al-Fe-Mo alloys,<sup>[3,4]</sup> an isothermal section at 1273 K was constructed. Based on the above experimental results, Raghavan<sup>[43]</sup> assessed the Al-Fe-Mo system. Recently, Eumann et al.<sup>[44,45]</sup> systematically investigated

Recently, Eumann et al.<sup>[44,45]</sup> systematically investigated three isothermal sections at 1073, 1273 and 1423 K in the Al-Fe-Mo system. The compound  $\tau_1$  reported by Markiv et al.<sup>[32]</sup> was confirmed by Eumann et al.<sup>[45]</sup> In addition, new ternary compounds  $\tau_2$  and  $\epsilon^*$  were found.<sup>[45]</sup> The compound  $\tau_2$  with W-type structure was determined to have a large homogeneity range. And the compound  $\epsilon^*$  has a hexagonal Al<sub>8</sub>Cr<sub>5</sub>-type structure and ranges in composition from Al<sub>57.2</sub>Fe<sub>39.0</sub>Mo<sub>3.8</sub> to Al<sub>55</sub>Fe<sub>30.9</sub>Mo<sub>14.1</sub>. The  $\mu$  phase in the Fe-Mo binary system had a high Al solubility.<sup>[44,45]</sup> From the established phase equilibria,<sup>[44,45]</sup> a reaction scheme in the temperature range 1073-1423 K was set up without any contradiction.

## 3. Thermodynamic Models

In order to maintain consistency with other thermodynamic assessments, the Gibbs energy of each pure element is taken from the SGTE compilation by Dinsdale.<sup>[46]</sup> The Gibbs energy function of element i is described by the following equation:

$$G_i^{\phi}(T) = a + bT + cT \ln T + dT^2 + eT^3 + fT^{-1} + gT^7 + hT^{-9}$$
 (Eq 1)

In a standard element reference (SER) state, it is denoted as  $GHSER_i$ , i.e.,

GHSER<sub>i</sub> = 
$${}^{0}G_{i}^{\phi}(T) - H_{i}^{\text{SER}}(298.15 \text{ K})$$
 (Eq 2)

where  $H_i^{\text{SER}}(298.15 \text{ K})$  is the molar enthalpy of the element *i* at 298.15 K in its SER state: fcc for Al, bcc for Fe and bcc for Mo.

#### 3.1 Solution Phases

In the Al-Fe-Mo system, there are three solution phases: liquid, fcc, and bcc. Their molar Gibbs energies are described by the following expression:

$$G_{\rm m}^{\phi} = x_{\rm Al} G_{\rm Al}^{\phi}(T) + x_{\rm Fe} G_{\rm Fe}^{\phi} + x_{\rm Mo} G_{\rm Mo}^{\phi}(T) + RT(x_{\rm Al} \ln x_{\rm Al} + x_{\rm Fe} \ln x_{\rm Fe} + x_{\rm Mo} \ln x_{\rm Mo}) + {}^{E} G_{\rm m}^{\phi} + {}^{\rm mg} G_{\rm m}^{\phi}$$
(Eq 3)

where *R* is the gas constant;  $x_{Al}$ ,  $x_{Fe}$  and  $x_{Mo}$  are the mole fraction of Al, Fe and Mo, respectively;  ${}^{E}G_{m}^{\phi}$  is the excess Gibbs energy and is expressed by the Redlich-Kister polynomial,

$${}^{E}G_{m}^{\phi} = x_{Al}x_{Fe} \sum_{j}{}^{j}L_{Al,Fe}^{\phi}(x_{Al} - x_{Fe})^{j} + x_{Fe}x_{Mo} \sum_{j}{}^{j}L_{Fe,Mo}^{\phi}(x_{Fe} - x_{Mo})^{j} + x_{Al}x_{Mo} \sum_{j}{}^{j}L_{Al,Mo}^{\phi}(x_{Al} - x_{Mo})^{j} + x_{Al}x_{Fe}x_{Mo}{}^{j}L_{Al,Fe,Mo}^{\phi}$$
(Eq.4)

where  ${}^{j}L^{\phi}_{Al,Fe}$ ,  ${}^{j}L^{\phi}_{Fe,Mo}$  and  ${}^{j}L^{\phi}_{Al,Mo}$  are the interaction parameters between elements Al and Fe, Fe and Mo, and Al and Mo, respectively;  ${}^{j}L^{\phi}_{Al,Fe,Mo}$  is the ternary interaction parameter;  ${}^{j}L^{\phi}_{Al,Mo}$  and  ${}^{j}L^{\phi}_{Al,Fe,Mo}$  are to be evaluated in the present work. The general form of the interaction parameters is

$$L^{\phi} = a + bT + cT \ln T + dT^{2} + eT^{3} + fT^{-1}$$
 (Eq 5)

In most cases, only the first one or two terms are used according to the temperature dependence on the experimental data.  ${}^{\text{mg}}G^{\Phi}_{\text{m}}$  is the magnetic contribution to the Gibbs energy.

#### 3.2 Intermetallic Compounds

**3.2.1 Al-Mo System.** There are ten intermetallic compounds  $Al_{12}Mo$ ,  $Al_3Mo$ ,  $Al_5Mo$ ,  $Al_{17}Mo_4$ ,  $Al_{22}Mo_5$ ,  $Al_4Mo$ ,  $Al_{63}Mo_{37}$ , AlMo,  $Al_8Mo_3$  and AlMo<sub>3</sub> in the Al-Mo binary system. The compound AlMo with A2 structure<sup>[22]</sup>

was treated as the same phase as bcc (Mo), and its Gibbs energy function was similar to Eq 3. The AlMo<sub>3</sub> with a homogeneity range<sup>[22,23,29]</sup> was described by a twosublattice model<sup>[47,48]</sup> (Al, Mo)(Al, Mo)<sub>3</sub>. The Gibbs energy per mole of formula unit AlMo<sub>3</sub> is expressed as following:  $C^{AlMo_3} = a' a'' C^{AlMo_3} + a' a'' C^{AlMo_3}$ 

$$G_{\rm m}^{\rm AlMo_3} = y'_{\rm Al} y''_{\rm Al} G_{\rm Al:Al}^{\rm AlMo_3} + y'_{\rm Al} y''_{\rm Mo} G_{\rm Al:Mo}^{\rm AlMo_3} + y'_{\rm Mo} y''_{\rm Al} G_{\rm Mo:Al}^{\rm AlMo_3} + y'_{\rm Mo} y''_{\rm Mo} G_{\rm Mo:Mo}^{\rm AlMo_3} + RT (y'_{\rm Al} \ln y'_{\rm Al} + y'_{\rm Mo} \ln y'_{\rm Mo}) + 3RT (y''_{\rm Al} \ln y'_{\rm Al} + y''_{\rm Mo} \ln y''_{\rm Mo}) + y'_{\rm Al} y'_{\rm Mo} y''_{\rm Al} \sum_{j} {}^{j} L_{\rm AlMo_3}^{\rm AlMo_3} (y'_{\rm Al} - y'_{\rm Mo})^{j} + y'_{\rm Al} y'_{\rm Mo} y''_{\rm Mo} \sum_{j} {}^{j} L_{\rm Al,Mo:Mo}^{\rm AlMo_3} (y'_{\rm Al} - y'_{\rm Mo})^{j} + y'_{\rm Al} y''_{\rm Mo} y''_{\rm Mo} \sum_{j} {}^{j} L_{\rm Al,Mo:Mo}^{\rm AlMo_3} (y''_{\rm Al} - y'_{\rm Mo})^{j} + y'_{\rm Al} y''_{\rm Mo} y''_{\rm Mo} \sum_{j} {}^{j} L_{\rm Al,Mo:Mo}^{\rm AlMo_3} (y''_{\rm Al} - y'_{\rm Mo})^{j} (Eq 6)$$

where  $y'_*$  and  $y''_*$  are the site fractions of Al or Mo in the first and the second sublattices, respectively;  $G_{*:*}^{AIMo_3}$  represents the Gibbs energies of the compound AlMo<sub>3</sub> when the first and the second sublattices are occupied by only one element Al or Mo, which are related to the enthalpies of pure fcc for Al and bcc for Mo in their SER state;  ${}^{j}L_{AI,Mo:*}^{AIMo_3}$  and  ${}^{j}L_{*:AI,Mo}^{AIMo_3}$  represent the *j*th interaction parameters between the elements Al and Mo in the first and the second sublattices, respectively.

The homogeneity ranges of the other compounds in the Al-Mo system were determined to be within 0.1 to 0.4 at.% by Eumann et al.,<sup>[29]</sup> and thus these compounds were treated as stoichiometric compounds in the present work. The Gibbs energy per mole of formula unit  $Al_mMo_n$ , which presents compounds  $Al_{12}Mo$ ,  $Al_3Mo$ ,  $Al_5Mo$ ,  $Al_{17}Mo_4$ ,  $Al_{22}Mo_5$ ,  $Al_4Mo$ ,  $Al_{63}Mo_{37}$  and  $Al_8Mo_3$ , is expressed as follows:

$$G_{\rm m}^{\rm Al_m Mo_n} = m \rm GHSER_{\rm Al} + n \rm GHSER_{\rm Mo} + \Delta G_{\rm f}^{\rm Al_m Mo_n} \quad (\rm Eq \ 7)$$

where  $\Delta G_{\rm f}^{{\rm Al}_m{\rm Mo}_n}$  is the Gibbs energy of formation per mole of formula unit Al<sub>m</sub>Mo<sub>n</sub>. Due to a lack of experimental measurements, it is assumed that the Neumann-Kopp rule applies to the heat capacity, i.e.,  $\Delta C_{pf} = 0$ . Thus  $\Delta G_{\rm f}^{{\rm Al}_m{\rm Mo}_n}$  can be given by the following expression:

$$\Delta G_{\rm f}^{\rm Al_m Mo_n} = a + bT \tag{Eq 8}$$

where the parameters a and b are to be evaluated in the present work.

**3.2.2** Al-Fe-Mo System. The compound AlMo<sub>3</sub> in the Al-Mo system was treated as  $(Al,Fe,Mo)(Al,Fe,Mo)_3$  in the Al-Fe-Mo system. The stoichiometric intermetallic compounds Al<sub>12</sub>Mo, Al<sub>3</sub>Mo, Al<sub>5</sub>Mo, Al<sub>17</sub>Mo<sub>4</sub>, Al<sub>22</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>, Al<sub>4</sub>Mo, Al<sub>63</sub>Mo<sub>37</sub> and Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub> in the Al-Mo system are treated as Al<sub>m</sub>(Fe,Mo)<sub>n</sub> the Al-Fe-Mo ternary system with Al in the first sublattice and Fe and Mo in the second one. The Gibbs energy per mole of formula unit Al<sub>m</sub>(Fe,Mo)<sub>n</sub> is expressed as follows:

$$G_{\rm m}^{\Phi} = y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} G_{\rm Al:Fe}^{\Phi} + y_{\rm Mo}^{\prime\prime} G_{\rm Al:Mo}^{\Phi} + nRT (y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} \ln y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} + y_{\rm Mo}^{\prime\prime} \ln y_{\rm Mo}^{\prime\prime}) + y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} y_{\rm Mo}^{\prime\prime} \sum_{j}^{j} L_{\rm Al:Fe,Mo}^{\Phi} (y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} - y_{\rm Mo}^{\prime\prime})^{j}$$
(Eq 9)

where  $y_{Fe}''$  and  $y_{Mo}''$  are the site fractions of Fe and Mo in the second sublattice, respectively;  $G_{Al:Fe}^{\phi}$  and  $G_{Al:Mo}^{\phi}$  represent the Gibbs energies of the compounds  $Al_m(Fe,Mo)_n$  when the second sublattice is occupied by only one element Fe and Mo, respectively;  ${}^{j}L_{Al:Fe,Mo}^{\phi}$  represents the *j*th interaction parameter between the elements Fe and Mo in the second sublattice.

The compound Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub> in the Al-Fe binary system was treated as  $(Al,Fe)_5(Al,Fe)_2$  by a two sublattice model according to the homogeneity range of Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub> determined by Eumann et al.<sup>[44,45]</sup> The compounds Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>, Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub> and Al<sub>13</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> in the Al-Fe system were treated as (Al,Fe,Mo), (Al,Fe)<sub>5</sub>(Al,Fe,Mo)<sub>2</sub> and (Fe,Mo)<sub>0.235</sub>Al<sub>0.6275</sub>(Al,Va)<sub>0.1375</sub>, respectively, in the Al-Fe-Mo ternary system considering the Mo solubility in these compounds.<sup>[44,45]</sup> The compound Al<sub>2</sub>Fe in Al-Fe system was treated as a line compound Al<sub>2</sub>(Fe,Mo) in the Al-Fe-Mo system.

The compounds  $\mu$  and Fe<sub>2</sub>Mo in the Fe-Mo system were treated as (Al,Fe)<sub>7</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>(Fe,Mo)<sub>4</sub> and (Fe,Mo)<sub>2</sub>(Al,Mo) in the Al-Fe-Mo system, respectively. The other compounds R and sigma ( $\sigma$ ) were treated as binary compounds without Al solubility due to a lack of experimental data.

In the Al-Fe-Mo system, the intermetallic compound  $\tau_1$  is treated as Al<sub>8</sub>(Al,Fe)Mo<sub>3</sub> with Al in the first sublattice, both Al and Fe in the second one and Mo in the third one according to the experimental data of Eumann et al.<sup>[45]</sup> The Gibbs energy per mole of formula unit  $\tau_1$  is expressed as following:

$$G_{\rm m}^{\tau_1} = y_{\rm Al}^{\prime} G_{\rm Al:Al:Mo}^{\tau_1} + y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime} G_{\rm Al:Fe:Mo}^{\tau_1} + RT \left( y_{\rm Al}^{\prime} \ln y_{\rm Al}^{\prime\prime} + y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime} \ln y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} \right) + y_{\rm Al}^{\prime\prime} y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime} \sum_{j}^{j} L_{\rm Al:Al,Fe:Mo}^{\tau_1} \left( y_{\rm Al}^{\prime} - y_{\rm Fe}^{\prime\prime} \right)^{j}$$
(Eq 10)

The intermetallic compound  $\tau_2$  with an W-type structure<sup>[22]</sup> was treated as (Al,Fe,Mo)Va<sub>3</sub> according to the experimental data obtained by Eumann et al.<sup>[45]</sup> The expression of the Gibbs energy per mole of formula unit  $\tau_2$  is similar to Eq 3.

The ternary compound  $\varepsilon^*$  in the Al-Fe-Mo system has a hexagonal Al<sub>8</sub>Cr<sub>5</sub>-type structure, and Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> in the Al-Fe binary system has a cubic Cu<sub>5</sub>Zn<sub>8</sub>-type structure. Eumann et al.<sup>[45]</sup> thought that the transition from Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> to  $\varepsilon^*$  is a second order transition in the Al-Fe-Mo system. Since the composition where this transition takes place at 1423 K had not been established,<sup>[45]</sup> the  $\varepsilon^*$  and Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> were treated as one phase in the present work.

## 4. Assessment Procedure

In order to obtain a thermodynamic description of a multi-component system, it is necessary to have a thermodynamic description of each lower-order system. The thermodynamic descriptions of the Fe-Mo system optimized by Andersson<sup>[49]</sup> are adopted in the present work.

The Al-Fe system was optimized by Kaufman and Nesor,<sup>[50]</sup> Saunders and Rivlin<sup>[51]</sup> and Seierstein.<sup>[52]</sup> Saunders and Rivlin<sup>[51]</sup> did not consider the order-disorder transition between bcc-A2 and bcc-B2. Seierstein<sup>[52]</sup> calculated transformation temperature between bcc-A2 and bcc-B2,

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# Table 1 Thermodynamic parameters in the Al-Fe-Mo system (a)

Phase		Thermodynamic parameters	Reference
	GHSER =		[46]
	298-700	$-7976.15 + 137.093038T - 24.3671976T \ln T$	
		$-1.884662 \text{E-} 3T^2 - 0.877664 \text{E-} 6T^3 + 74092 T^{-1}$	
	700-933	$-11276.24 + 223.048446T - 38.5844296T \ln T$	
		$+18.531982E \cdot 3T^{2} - 5.764227E \cdot 6T^{3} + 74092 T^{-1}$	
	933-2900	$-11278.378 + 188.684153T - 31.748192T \ln T - 1230.524E25T^{-9}$	[46]
	$GHSER_{Fe} =$	$1225.7 + 124.1247 = 22.514271 + 7 = 4.207525.27^2$	[40]
	298-1811	$+1225.7 + 124.1347 - 25.51437 \ln T - 4.39752E-57 - 0.058927E-67^3 + 773597^{-1}$	
	1811-6000	$-25383.581 + 299.31255T - 46T \ln T + 2296.03E28T^{-9}$	[46]
	$GHSER_{Mo} =$		[40]
	130-2896	$-7/46.302 + 131.919/T - 23.56414T \ln T$ $-0.002442206T^{2} + 5.66282E 07T^{3} + 65812T^{-1} = 1.20027E 10T^{4}$	
	2806 5000	$-0.0034433901 + 5.00285E \cdot 0/1 + 658121 - 1.3092/E \cdot 101$ 20556 41 + 292 550746T - 42 62820T ln T - 4 840215E + 22T <sup>-9</sup>	
	GECCFE =	$-30330.41 \pm 283.3397407 - 42.038297 \text{ III} T - 4.849313 \text{E} \pm 357$	
	298-1811	$-236.7 + 132.416T - 24.6643T \ln T$	
	200 1011	$-0.00375752T^2 - 5.8927E-08T^3 + 77359T^{-1}$	
	1811-6000	$-27097.3963 + 300.252559T - 46T \ln T + 2.78854E + 31T^{-9}$	
	GBCCAL =		
	298-700	$+2106.85 + 132.280038T - 24.3671976T \ln T$	
		$-0.001884662T^2 - 8.77664E - 07T^3 + 74092T^{-1}$	
	700-933	$-1193.24 + 218.235446T - 38.5844296T \ln T + 0.018531982T^{2}$ $-5.764227E - 06T^{3} + 74092 T^{-1}$	
	933-6000	$-1195.378 + 183.871153T - 31.748192T \ln T - 1.230524 \text{E} + 28T^{-9}$	
liquid: (Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>1</sub>	G(liquid,Fe) =		[46]
	298-1811	$+13265.87 + 117.57557T - 23.5143T \ln T -0.00439752T^2 - 5.8927E-08T^3 + 77359T^{-1} - 3.67516E-21T^7$	
	1811-6000	$-10838.83 + 291.302T - 46T \ln T$	
	G(liquid,Al) =		[46]
	298-700	$+3028.879 + 125.251171T - 24.3671976T \ln T$	
		$-0.001884662T^2 - 8.77664E \cdot 07T^3 + 74092T^{-1} + 7.9337E \cdot 20T'$	
	700-933	$-271.21 + 211.206579T - 38.5844296T \ln T$	
	022 2000	$+0.018531982T^2 - 5.764227E-06T^3 + 74092T^{-1} + 7.9337E-20T''$	
	933-2900	$-795.996 + 177.4301/8T - 31.748192T \ln T$	[46]
	G(IIquid,Mo) =	$\pm 24085.045 \pm 117.0247887 = 22.564147.1 m.7$	
	130-2890	$-0.003443396T^2 + 5.66283E_07T^3 + 65812T^{-1} - 1.30927E_10T^4$	
		$+ 4.24519E-22T^7$	
	2896-5000	$+3538.963 + 271.6697T - 42.63829T \ln T$	
	${}^{0}L_{A1Ee}^{\text{liq.}} = -91976.5$ -	+ 22.1314 <i>T</i>	[52]
	${}^{1}L_{ALFe}^{Iiq.} = -7338.0 +$	5.9149 <i>T</i>	This work
	${}^{0}L_{\rm Fe,Mo}^{\rm liq.} = -6973.0 -$	- 0.3700 <i>T</i>	[49]
	${}^{1}L_{\rm Fe,Mo}^{\rm liq.} = -9424.0 +$	- 4.5020 <i>T</i>	[49]
	${}^{0}L_{\rm Al,Mo}^{\rm liq.} = -96235.7$	+20.9416T	This work
	${}^{1}L_{Al,Mo}^{iiq.} = -4384.1 +$	- 12.3636 <i>T</i>	This work
	${}^{2}L_{\rm Al,Mo}^{\rm inq.} = -25091.6$		This work
	${}^{0}L_{A1,Fe,Mo}^{hq.} = +81728.$	8	This work
	$L_{Al,Fe,Mo}^{HP} = +5637.6$		This work
$(A + E_{B} + M_{O})$ (Va)	G(DCC,AI:Va;0) =	$\pm 2106.85 \pm 132.280038T$ 24.3671076T in T	
(1,1,1,2,1,10)1(va)3	290-700	$-1.884662F_3T^2 = 0.877664F_6T^3 + 74002T^{-1}$	
	700-933	$-1.000002E^{-5}T = 0.877004E^{-0}T + 74092T$ -1193.24 + 218.235446T - 38.5844296T ln T + 18.531982E-3T <sup>2</sup> 5.764227E 6T <sup>3</sup> + 74002T <sup>-1</sup>	
	933-2900	$-1195.378 + 183.871153T - 31.748192T \ln T - 1230.524E25T^{-9}$	

# Table 1 Continued

Phase	Thermodynamic parameters			
	$G(bcc.Fe:Va:0) = GHSER_{Fe}$	[46]		
	Tc(bcc,Fe:Va:0) = +1043.00	[46]		
	Bm(bcc.Fe:Va:0) = +2.22	[46]		
	$G(bcc,Mo:Va;0) = GHSER_{Mo}$	[46]		
	${}^{0}L_{\rm MFe}^{\rm bcc} = -129691.8 + 35.8074T$	This work		
	${}^{1}L_{\text{ALE}2}^{\text{bcc}} = +2907.1$	This work		
	${}^{0}T^{bcc}_{col E_{a}} = +504$	[52]		
	${}^{0}L_{\text{FeMa}}^{\text{bcc}} = -36818.0 + 9.1410T$	[49]		
	${}^{1}L_{\text{FeMO}}^{\text{bec}} = -362 - 5.7240T$	[49]		
	$^{0}T_{\text{Ee}}^{\text{bcc}} = 335$	[49]		
	$^{1}T_{bcc}^{bcc}$ = 526	[49]		
	${}^{0}L_{\text{ALMO}}^{\text{bcc}} = -75938.8 + 10.8187T$	This work		
	${}^{1}L_{\text{bcc.}}^{\text{bcc.}} = -44502.8 + 21.6488T$	This work		
	${}^{2}L_{\text{MMO}}^{\text{bec}} = -22927.1$	This work		
	${}^{0}L_{\text{MFe}Mo}^{\text{boc}} = -20873.3 + 61.9179T$	This work		
	${}^{1}L_{\text{MFe}Mo}^{\text{boc}} = -31675.6 + 10.3679T$	This work		
	${}^{2}L_{\text{MFe}Mo}^{\text{bcc}} = -55074.3 + 14.7262T$	This work		
fcc: $(A1,Fe,Mo)_1(Va)_1$	$G(fcc,Al:Va;0) = GHSER_{Al}$	[46]		
	G(fcc,Fe:Va;0) =	[46]		
	$-236.7 + 132.416T - 24.6643T \ln T$			
	$-0.00375752T^2 - 5.8927$ E $-08T^3 + 77359T^{-1}$			
	$1811-6000 -27097.3963 + 300.252559T - 46T \ln T + 2.78854 \text{E} + 31T^{-9}$			
	$T_{c}(fcc,Fe:Va;0) = -201.00$	[46]		
	Bm(fcc,Fe:Va;0) = -2.10	[46]		
	G(fcc,Mo:Va;0) =	[46]		
	$298-2896 + 7453.698 + 132.5497T - 23.56414T \ln T$			
	$-0.003443396T^{2} + 5.66283E-07 T^{3} + 65812T^{-1} - 1.30927E-10T^{4}$			
	$2896-5000 - 15356.41 + 284.189746T - 42.63829T \ln T - 4.849315E + 33T^{-9}$			
	${}^{0}L^{ m fcc}_{ m ALFe} = -76066.1 + 18.6758T$	[52]		
	${}^{1}L_{\text{ALFe}}^{\text{fcc}} = +21167.4 + 1.3398T$	[52]		
	${}^{0}L_{\rm Fe,Mo}^{\rm fcc} = +28347.0 - 17.6910T$	[49]		
	${}^{0}L^{ m fcc}_{ m Al,Mo} = -85300.0 + 20.4000T$			
	${}^{1}L_{ m Al,Mo}^{ m fcc} = -10000.0$	[54]		
AlFe (ordered part of B2):	$G_{\text{Al:Fe}}^{\text{AlFe}} = -9000.0 - 2.7500T$	This work		
(Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>0.5</sub> (Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>0.5</sub> (Va) <sub>3</sub>				
	$G_{ m Fe:Al}^{ m AlFe} = -9000.0 - 2.7500T$	This work		
	$L_{ m Fe;Al,Mo}^{ m AlFe} = L_{ m Al,Mo;Fe}^{ m AlFe} = -5250.0$	This work		
Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> : (Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>2</sub> (Al,Fe) <sub>5</sub>	$G_{\mathrm{Al;Al}}^{\mathrm{Al_5Fe_2}} = 7\mathrm{GHSER}_{\mathrm{Al}} + 35000.0$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Fe:Al}}^{\text{Al}_5\text{Fe}_2} = 5\text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + 2\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} - 231624.1 + 51.7626T$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Al;Fe}}^{\text{Al;Fe}} = 2\text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + 5\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 301624.1 - 51.7626T$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Fe:Fe}}^{\text{Al}_{5}\text{Fe}_{2}} = 7\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 35000.0$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Mo:Al}}^{\text{AlsFe}_2} = \frac{13}{21} G_{\text{Al:Mo}}^{\text{AlgMo}_3} + \frac{1}{21} G_{\text{Al:Mo}}^{\text{AlMo}_3} + 42000.0$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Mo:Fe}}^{\text{AlsFe}_2} = 2\text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 5\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 35000.0$	This work		
	${}^{0}L_{\text{AI},\text{Fe}:\text{AI}}^{\text{AI}_{\text{S}}\text{re}_{2}} = {}^{0}L_{\text{AI},\text{Fe};\text{Fe}}^{\text{Fe};\text{AI}_{5}} = -103529.0 + 45.0302T$	This work		
	${}^{0}L_{\text{Al:Al,Fe}}^{\text{Als}re_{2}} = {}^{0}L_{\text{Fe:Al,Fe}}^{\text{re_{2}Al_{5}}} = -101095.0 + 44.9577T$	This work		
$Al_2Fe:$ (Fe,Mo) $Al_2$	$G_{\text{Fe:Al}}^{\text{Al}_2\text{Fe}} = 2\text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} - 100876.8 + 20.7349T$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Mo:Al}}^{\text{Al_2FC}} = \frac{5}{21} G_{\text{Al:Mo}}^{\text{Al_8MO_3}} + \frac{2}{21} G_{\text{Al:Mo}}^{\text{AlMO_3}} + 24804.1$	This work		
$Al_{13}Fe_4$ : (Fe,Mo) <sub>0.235</sub> $Al_{0.6275}$ (Al,Va) <sub>0.1375</sub>	$G_{\text{Fe:A1:A1}}^{\text{A1:Fe:A}} = 0.765 \text{GHSER}_{\text{A1}} + 0.235 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} - 31054.8 + 7.5963 T$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Fe:Al:Ya}}^{\text{Ali:Fe:Al}} = 0.6275 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + 0.235 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} - 27466.6 + 7.2767T$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Mo:A1:A1}}^{cu_{13}rc_{4}} = \frac{1}{17} \left( \frac{1}{19} G_{\text{A1:M0}}^{cu_{17}m0_{4}} + \frac{16}{19} G_{\text{A1:M0}}^{cu_{8}m0_{3}} \right) + 5000.0$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Mo;AI:Va}}^{\text{Au}_1\text{3}\text{re}_4} = 0.6275 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + 0.235 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 5000.0$	This work		
$Al_5Fe_4$ : (Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>1</sub>	$G_{A1}^{r_{A1}r_{C4}} = \text{GHSER}_{A1} + 9285.7 - 5.1818T$	This work		
	$G_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{rusred}} = \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 60675.0$	This work		
	$G_{\rm Mo}^{\rm auga  aug} = \rm GHSER_{\rm Mo} + 29106.1$	This work		

# Table 1 Continued

Phase	Thermodynamic parameters	Reference
	${}^{0}L_{A1Fe}^{Al_{5}Fe_{4}} = -213741.0 + 15.6364T$	This work
	${}^{1}L_{A1Fe_{4}}^{A15Fe_{4}} = -41619.0 + 76.9227T$	This work
	${}^{0}L_{\rm Fe_{4}}^{\rm Fe_{4}} = +5000.0$	This work
	${}^{0}L_{A15Fe_{4}}^{A15Fe_{4}} = -693184.5 - 44.1504T$	This work
	${}^{1}L_{A15}^{A15}Fe_{44} = +375088.2$	This work
	${}^{2}L_{Al_{5}Fe_{4}}^{Al_{5}Fe_{4}} = -888547.6 - 27.6887T$	This work
Fe <sub>2</sub> Mo: (Fe,Mo) <sub>2</sub> (Al,Mo)	$G_{\text{Fe2Mo}}^{\text{Fe2Mo}} = 2\text{GFCCFE} + \text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} - 10797.9 - 0.132T$	[49]
	$G_{M_{0}:M_{0}}^{Fe_{2}M_{0}} = 3 \text{GHSER}_{M_{0}} + 15000.0$	[49]
	$G_{\text{FeyMo}}^{\text{FeyMo}} = 1.5 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 0.5 G_{\text{FeyMo}}^{\text{Al}_2\text{Fe}} + 15000.0$	This work
	$G_{M_{2}M_{3}}^{\text{Fe2Mo}} = \frac{1}{21} G_{M_{3}M_{3}}^{\text{AlgMo_{3}}} + \frac{13}{21} G_{M_{3}M_{3}}^{\text{AlMo_{3}}} + 15000.0$	This work
	$L_{\rm Fe_2Mo}^{\rm Fe_2Mo} = +200000.0$	[49]
μ:(Al,Fe)7Mo2(Fe,Mo)4		This work
F ( ) -77 -2( ) -74	$G_{\text{Al:Mo:Fe}}^{\mu} = 7\text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + 2\text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 4\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}}$	
	+835282.0+71.6587T	[49]
	$G_{\text{Fe:Mo:Fe}}^{\mu} = 7\text{GFCCFE} + 2\text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 4\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}}$	
	+39475.0 - 6.0320T	This work
	$G^{\mu}_{A1M_{2}M_{2}} = \frac{5}{7} G^{Al_{8}Mo_{3}}_{A1M_{2}} + \frac{9}{7} G^{AlMo_{3}}_{A1M_{2}} + 117666.5 + 15.6431T$	
	$G_{\mu}^{\mu}$ = 7GFCCFE + 6GHSER <sub>Mo</sub> - 46663.0 - 5.8910 <i>T</i>	[49]
	${}^{0}L^{\mu}_{\mu}$ , $\mu = -2580495.1 - 21.1903T$	This work
	${}^{1}L^{\mu}_{\mu\nu}$ = -1425536.5	This work
	${}^{0}L^{\mu}_{\mu\nu}$ = -308534.9 + 11.9578 <i>T</i>	This work
	${}^{1}L^{\mu}_{\mu}$ = +128862.5	This work
$B \cdot Fe_{27}Mo_{14}(Fe Mo)_{12}$	Al,re:Mo:Mo	[49]
	$G_{\text{Fe:Mo:Fe}}^{\text{K}} = 27\text{GFCCFE} + 14\text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 12\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}}$	
	-77487.0 - 50.4860T	[49]
	$G_{\text{Fe:Mo:Mo}}^{\text{R}} = 27 \text{GFCCFE} + 26 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 313474.0 - 289.4720T$	
$\sigma$ : Fe <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub> (Fe,Mo) <sub>18</sub>	$C^{0}$ OPCOPE + ACHOED + 10CHOED	[49]
	$G_{\text{Fe:Mo:Fe}} = 80FCCFE + 40HSEK_{Mo} + 180HSEK_{Fe}$	
	-1813.0 - 27.27201	[49]
	$G_{\rm Fe:Mo:Mo}^{\sigma} = 8 { m GFCCFE} + 22 { m GHSER}_{\rm Mo} + 83326.0 - 69.6180 T$	
	${}^{0}L^{\sigma}_{\rm Fe:Mo:Fe,Mo} = +222909.0$	[49]
Al <sub>12</sub> Mo:Al <sub>12</sub> (Fe,Mo)	$G_{Al_{12}Mo}^{Al_{12}Mo} = 12 \text{GHSER}_{Al} + \text{GHSER}_{Mo} - 146766.8 + 23.1256T$	This work
	$G_{Al_{12}Mo}^{Al_{12}Mo} = \frac{17}{4}G_{Fe;Al;Al}^{Al_{13}Fe_4} + \frac{35}{4}GHSER_{Al} + 65000.0$	This work
Al <sub>5</sub> Mo: Al <sub>5</sub> (Fe,Mo)	$G_{\text{Al:Mo}}^{\text{Al;Mo}} = 5\text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + \text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} - 144819.3 + 25.4357T$	This work
	$G_{A1:Fe}^{A1_5Mo} = \frac{17}{4} G_{Fe:A1:A1}^{A1_{13}Fe_4} + \frac{7}{4} GHSER_{A1} + 30000.0$	This work
Al <sub>22</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> : Al <sub>22</sub> (Fe,Mo) <sub>5</sub>	$G_{Al_{2D}Mo_{5}}^{Al_{22}Mo_{5}} = 22 \text{GHSER}_{Al} + 5 \text{GHSER}_{Mo} - 723273.3 + 132.3154T$	This work
	$G_{Al_{2}E}^{Al_{2}Mo_{5}} = \frac{85}{4}G_{Fe^{-Al_{1}A}}^{Al_{13}Fe_{4}} + \frac{23}{4}GHSER_{Al} + 441068.3$	This work
Al <sub>17</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub> : Al <sub>17</sub> (Fe,Mo) <sub>4</sub>	$G_{Al_{1}Mo_{0}}^{Al_{17}Mo_{4}} = 17 \text{GHSER}_{Al} + 4 \text{GHSER}_{Mo} - 578455.4 + 107.4145T$	This work
	$G_{A1_{1}Fe}^{A1_{17}Mo_4} = 17G_{Fe^*A1^*A1}^{A1_{13}Fe_4} + 4GHSER_{A1} + 172925.6$	This work
Al <sub>4</sub> Mo: Al <sub>4</sub> (Fe,Mo)	$G_{Al_{MO}}^{Al_{4}M_{0}} = 4$ GHSER <sub>A1</sub> + GHSER <sub>M0</sub> - 138851.8 + 23.1120 <i>T</i>	This work
	$G_{A1+Fe}^{A14M0} = \frac{17}{4} G_{Fe-A1+A1}^{A1_{13}Fe_4} + \frac{3}{4} GHSER_{A1} + 15778.2$	This work
Al <sub>3</sub> Mo: Al <sub>3</sub> (Fe,Mo)	$G_{Al_{2}Mo}^{Al_{3}Mo} = 3 \text{GHSER}_{Al} + \text{GHSER}_{Mo} - 143196.7 + 30.6912T$	This work
	$G_{A1_{3}Fe_{2}}^{A1_{3}Mo} = \frac{1}{6}G_{Fe^{*}A1}^{A1_{5}Fe_{2}} + \frac{17}{6}G_{Fe^{*}A1^{*}A1}^{A1_{13}Fe_{4}} + 35000.0$	This work
Al <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>3</sub> : Al <sub>8</sub> (Fe,Mo) <sub>3</sub>	$G_{Al_{8}Mo_{3}}^{Al_{8}Mo_{3}} = 8 \text{GHSER}_{Al} + 3 \text{GHSER}_{Mo} - 432556.9 + 99.1737T$	This work
	$G_{A_{1}E_{0}}^{A_{18}Mo_{3}} = \frac{7}{6}G_{E_{0}A_{1}}^{A_{15}E_{2}} + \frac{17}{6}G_{E_{0}A_{1}A_{1}}^{A_{13}E_{4}} + 496161.3$	This work
Al <sub>63</sub> Mo <sub>37</sub> : Al <sub>63</sub> (Fe,Mo) <sub>37</sub>	$G_{A1M_0}^{A1_{63}M_{037}} = 63GHSER_{A1} + 37GHSER_{M_0} - 1638310.2 - 403.7604T$	This work
	$G_{A1E_{a}}^{A1_{63}Mo_{37}} = \frac{63}{2}G_{E_{a}:A1}^{A1_{2}Fe} + \frac{11}{2}GHSER_{Fe} + 500000.0$	This work
AlMo <sub>3</sub> : (Al,Fe,Mo)(Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>3</sub>	$G_{A1:A1}^{A1Mo_3} = 4$ GHSER <sub>A1</sub> + 20000.0	This work
	$G_{\text{Fe} \to 1}^{\text{AIM}_{03}} = \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 3\text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + 20000.0$	This work
	$G_{M_{10},3}^{AIM_{03}} = GHSER_{M_0} + 3GHSER_{A1} + 135830.9 - 2.0081T$	This work
	$G_{A1\text{Mo}_3}^{A1\text{Mo}_3} = \text{GHSER}_{A1} + 3\text{GHSER}_{Fe} + 50000.0$	This work
	$G_{\text{Everg}}^{\text{AIRO}_3} = 4\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 20000.0$	This work
	$G_{M_{MOE3}}^{\text{re.re}} = \text{GHSER}_{M_0} + 3\text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 20000.0$	This work
	$G_{A1Mo_3}^{A1Mo_3} = \text{GHSER}_{A1} + 3\text{GHSER}_{Mo} - 95830.9 + 2.0081T$	This work
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Phase	Thermodynamic parameters	Reference	
	$G_{\text{FerMo}}^{\text{AIMo}_3} = \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 3\text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} + 10000.0$	This work	
	$G_{M_0:M_0}^{AIM_{0_3}} = 4 \text{GHSER}_{M_0} + 20000.0$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{A1M0_3}^{AIM0_3} = {}^{0}L_{A1M0_3}^{AIM0_3} = +11628.1$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{A1:A1M0}^{AIM0_{3}} = {}^{0}L_{M0^{-}A1M0_{3}}^{AIM0_{3}} = +52100.0$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{\text{FerFe Mo}}^{\text{AIMo_3}} = {}^{0}L_{\text{Mo-Fe Mo}}^{\text{AIMo_3}} = +50000.0$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{\text{Fe},\text{Mo:Fe}}^{\text{AlMo}_{3}} = {}^{0}L_{\text{Fe},\text{Mo:Mo}}^{\text{AlMo}_{3}} = +50000.0$	This work	
τ <sub>1</sub> : Al <sub>8</sub> (Al,Fe)Mo <sub>3</sub>	$G_{\rm Al:Al:Mo}^{\tau_1} = 3G_{\rm Al:Mo}^{\rm Al_3:Mo} + 10000.0$	This work	
	$G_{\text{AlFe:Mo}}^{\text{r}_{1}} = 8 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Al}} + \text{GHSER}_{\text{Fe}} + 3 \text{GHSER}_{\text{Mo}} - 397772.5 + 67.2088T$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{\text{Al}:\text{Al} \text{Fe:Mo}}^{\tau_1} = -90500.0$	This work	
τ <sub>2</sub> : (Al,Fe,Mo) <sub>1</sub> (Va) <sub>3</sub>	$G_{\text{Al:Va}}^{r_2} = \text{GBCCAL}$	This work	
	$G_{\rm Fe:Va}^{r_2} = { m GHSER}_{ m Fe}$	This work	
	$G_{Mo:Va}^{\tau_2} = GHSER_{Mo}$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{A1Fe:Va}^{\tau_2} = -129000.0 + 35.8074T$	This work	
	${}^{1}L_{A1Fe,Va}^{\tau_{2}} = +2907.1$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{A1Mo:Va}^{\tau_2} = -74000.0 + 10.8187T$	This work	
	${}^{1}L_{A1Mo:Va}^{r_2} = -44502.8 + 21.6488T$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{\text{Fe}.Mo:Va}^{\tau_2} = +36818.0 - 9.1410T$	This work	
	${}^{1}L_{\text{Fe},\text{Mo:Va}}^{\tau_2} = -362.0 - 5.7240T$	This work	
	${}^{0}L_{A1Fe}^{\tau_{2}} = -40194.6 + 17.7874T$	This work	
	${}^{1}L_{A1Fe,Mo;Va}^{r_{2}} = +114371.2 - 68.9163T$	This work	
	${}^{2}L_{\text{Al,Fe,Mo:Va}}^{\tau_{2}} = -113794.9 + 82.5891T$	This work	

(a) In SI units (Joule, mole of the formula units and Kelvin)

Table 2 Invariant reactions in the Al-Mo system

	Present work				Ref 29			
Reaction	<i>Т</i> , К		x (Mo)		Т,К		x (Mo)	
liq. + bcc(Mo) $\rightarrow$ AlMo <sub>3</sub>	2423	0.7155	0.7767	0.7520	2423		0.810	0.755
liq. + AlMo <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ AlMo	1993	0.4378	0.7315	0.5523	1993	0.450	0.740	0.540
liq. + AlMo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>63</sub> Mo <sub>37</sub>	1843	0.3546	0.4802		1843	0.350	0.475	
$liq. \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + Al_{63}Mo_{37}$	1814	0.3083			1808	0.320		
$Al_{63}Mo_{37} \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + AlMo$	1763			0.4818	1763			0.490
AlMo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>3</sub> + AlMo <sub>3</sub>	1743	0.4914		0.7331	1743	0.500		0.740
liq. $\rightarrow Al_8Mo_3$	1819				1819			
liq. $\rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + Al_3Mo$	1495	0.0582			1495	0.055		
liq. + Al <sub>3</sub> Mo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>4</sub> Mo	1425		0.0227		1425		0.035	
liq. + Al <sub>4</sub> Mo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>17</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub>	1267	0.0227			<1273	0.030		
$liq. + Al_{17}Mo_4 \rightarrow Al_{22}Mo_5$	1218	0.0168			<1223	0.020		
$Al_4Mo \rightarrow Al_3Mo + Al_{17}Mo_4$	1215				1215			
$liq. + Al_{22}Mo_5 \rightarrow Al_5Mo$	1119	0.0079			1119	0.010		
$Al_3Mo \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + Al_{17}Mo_4$	1017				<1073			
liq. + Al <sub>5</sub> Mo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>12</sub> Mo	985	0.0018			985	0.005		
liq. $\rightarrow Al_{12}Mo + fcc$	933	0.0005			933	0.002		

but his result was higher than the experimental temperature.<sup>[53]</sup> Considering the availability of new experimental data,<sup>[44,45,53]</sup> the thermodynamic parameters of the Al-Fe system were re-optimized while adopting the Seierstein's thermodynamic parameters of liquid and fcc.<sup>[52]</sup>

The Al-Mo system was optimized by Kaufman and Nesor<sup>[50]</sup> and Saunders.<sup>[54]</sup> Kaufman and Nesor<sup>[50]</sup>

optimized the partial phase diagram between  $Al_8Mo_3$  and bcc(Mo) including four compounds  $AlMo_3$ , AlMo,  $Al_3Mo_2$ , and  $Al_8Mo_3$ . Since the work of Saunders<sup>[54]</sup> was submitted in 1989, the experimental data of Schuster and Ipser<sup>[28]</sup> published in 1991 was not included in his work. In the assessed phase diagram of Saunders,<sup>[54]</sup> five intermetallic compounds  $Al_{12}Mo$ ,  $Al_5Mo$ ,  $Al_4Mo$  and  $Al_8Mo_3$  were

#### Table 3 Predicted invariant reactions in the Al-Fe-Mo system

		Present work				
			С	omposition in liqu	uid	Dof 45
Reaction	Туре	<i>Т</i> , К	<i>x</i> (Al)	<i>x</i> (Fe)	x (Mo)	<i>T</i> , K
liq. $\rightarrow Al_5Fe_4 + AlMo_3$	$C_1$	1862	0.4739	0.2485	0.2776	
liq. $\rightarrow \tau_1 + Al_8Mo_3$	$C_2$	1803	0.7210	0.0221	0.2569	
liq. $\rightarrow \tau_1 + AlMo_3$	C <sub>3</sub>	1779	0.3046	0.4791	0.2163	
liq. $\rightarrow \tau_1 + Al_5Fe_4$	$C_4$	1742	0.6180	0.1610	0.2210	
liq. + Al_8Mo_3 $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>63</sub> Mo <sub>37</sub> + $\tau_1$	$U_1$	1794	0.6717	0.0234	0.3049	
liq. + Al <sub>63</sub> Mo <sub>37</sub> $\rightarrow$ $\tau_1$ + AlMo	$U_2$	1786	0.6439	0.0395	0.3166	
liq. + AlMo <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + AlMo	$U_3$	1785	0.5627	0.1533	0.2840	
liq. + AlMo <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow \tau_2$ + bcc	$U_4$	1778	0.2649	0.5063	0.2288	
liq. + Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + AlMo <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow \tau_2$	$U_5$	1769	0.4102	0.3895	0.2003	
liq. $+\sigma \rightarrow bcc + R$	$U_6$	1751	0.0140	0.6898	0.2962	
liq. $\rightarrow Al_5Fe_4 + AlMo + \tau_1$	$E_1$	1740	0.5992	0.1394	0.2614	
liq.+ $\tau_2 \rightarrow Al_5Fe_4 + AlFe$	$U_7$	1544	0.5703	0.4048	0.0249	
liq. + Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + $\tau_1 \rightarrow$ Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	1447	0.6928	0.2938	0.0134	
liq. + Al <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ $\tau_1$ + Al <sub>3</sub> Mo	$U_8$	1435	0.8981	0.0709	0.0310	
liq. + Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>13</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + $\tau_1$	U <sub>9</sub>	1400	0.8132	0.1758	0.0110	
liq. $+\tau_1 \rightarrow Al_{13}Fe_4 + Al_3Mo$	U <sub>10</sub>	1339	0.8746	0.1141	0.0113	
liq. + Al <sub>3</sub> Mo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>13</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + Al <sub>4</sub> Mo	U <sub>11</sub>	1329	0.8811	0.1079	0.0110	
liq. + $Al_{17}Mo_4 \rightarrow Al_{22}Mo_5 + Al_4Mo$	U <sub>12</sub>	1167	0.9669	0.0252	0.0079	
liq. + $Al_{22}Mo_5 \rightarrow Al_5Mo + Al_4Mo$	U <sub>13</sub>	1114	0.9660	0.0296	0.0044	
liq. + Al <sub>4</sub> Mo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>13</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + Al <sub>5</sub> Mo	U <sub>14</sub>	1100	0.9647	0.0317	0.0036	
liq. + Al <sub>5</sub> Mo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>13</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + Al <sub>12</sub> Mo	U <sub>15</sub>	972	0.9860	0.0130	0.0010	
liq. $\rightarrow Al_{12}Mo + Al_{13}Fe_4 + fcc$	$E_2$	927	0.9909	0.0087	0.0004	
$Al_{63}Mo_{37} + \tau_1 \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + AlMo$	U <sub>16</sub>	1764				
$bcc + \sigma \rightarrow R + mu$	U <sub>17</sub>	1736				
AlMo + Al <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ $\tau_1$ + AlMo <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>18</sub>	1725				
AlMo $\rightarrow$ Al <sub>5</sub> Fe <sub>4</sub> + $\tau_1$ + AlMo <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>	1700				
$Al_5Fe_4 + AlMo_3 \rightarrow \tau_1 + \tau_2$	U19	1431				
$Al_5Fe_4 + \tau_2 \rightarrow AlFe + \tau_1$	U <sub>20</sub>	1421				
$Al_5Fe_2 + Al_5Fe_4 \rightarrow Al_2Fe + \tau_1$	U <sub>21</sub>	1378				
$Al_5Fe_4 \rightarrow Al_2Fe + \tau_1 + AlFe$	$E_4$	1353				1358-1368
$\tau_2 \rightarrow AlFe + AlMo_3 + \tau_1$	E <sub>5</sub>	1350				1344-1368
$Al_3Mo + \tau_1 \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + Al_{13}Fe_4$	U <sub>22</sub>	1317				
$Al_{13}Fe_4 + \tau_1 \rightarrow Al_5Fe_2 + Al_8Mo_3$	U <sub>23</sub>	1275				
$\tau_1 + Al_5Fe_2 \rightarrow Al_2Fe + Al_8Mo_3$	U <sub>24</sub>	1174				
$AlMo_3 + \tau_1 \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + AlFe$	U <sub>25</sub>	1139				
$\tau_1 \rightarrow Al_2Fe + Al_8Mo_3 + AlFe$	E <sub>6</sub>	1120				~1120 <sup>[32]</sup>
$Al_4Mo + Al_5Mo \rightarrow Al_{13}Fe_4 + Al_{22}Mo_5$	U <sub>26</sub>	1080				
$Al_4Mo + Al_{22}Mo_5 \rightarrow Al_{13}Fe_4 + Al_{17}Mo_4$	U <sub>27</sub>	1066				
$Al_4Mo \rightarrow Al_3Mo + Al_{13}Fe_4 + Al_{17}Mo_4$	E <sub>7</sub>	1030				
$Al_3Mo \rightarrow Al_8Mo_3 + Al_{13}Fe_4 + Al_{17}Mo_4$	E <sub>8</sub>	958				

optimized in the Al-rich region. Schuster and Ipser<sup>[28]</sup> and Eumann et al.<sup>[29]</sup> re-measured the Al-Mo phase diagram, and found more compounds in the Al-rich region. In the present work, the Al-Mo system is re-optimized according to the experimental data of Eumann et al.<sup>[28,29]</sup>

The optimization is carried out by means of the optimization module PARROT of the thermodynamic software Thermo-Calc.<sup>[55]</sup> The program works by minimizing a squared error sum where each of the selected values is given a certain weight. The weight is chosen by our personal judgment and changed by trial and error during the work

until most of the selected experimental information is reproduced within the expected uncertainty limits.

## 4.1 AI-Mo System

The phase relations and the transformation temperatures are optimized on the basis of the Al-Mo phase diagram determined by Eumann et al.<sup>[29]</sup>

The optimization is carried out in two steps. In the first treatment,  $Al_{12}Mo$ ,  $Al_3Mo$ ,  $Al_5Mo$ ,  $Al_{17}Mo_4$ ,  $Al_{22}Mo_5$ ,  $Al_4Mo$ ,  $Al_{63}Mo_{37}$ ,  $Al_8Mo_3$  and  $AlMo_3$  are assumed to be





Fig. 1 Calculated Fe-Mo phase diagram using the thermodynamic parameters from Ref 49



Fig. 2 Calculated Al-Fe phase diagram using the present thermodynamic parameters, in which the thermodynamic parameters of fcc are from Ref 52

stoichiometric compounds; in the second step,  $AlMo_3$  is treated as the formula  $(Al,Mo)(Al,Mo)_3$ . The thermodynamic parameters obtained from the first step are the starting values for the second step.

# 4.2 AI-Fe-Mo System

The thermodynamic parameters for the Al-Fe-Mo system are optimized on the basis of the experimental results.<sup>[44,45]</sup> As a rule, only those coefficients that can be optimized from



Fig. 3 Calculated Al-Mo phase diagram by the present thermodynamic description



**Fig. 4** Calculated standard enthalpy of formation at 298 K of the Al-Mo system in comparison with the experimental data from Ref 23

experimental data should be adjusted.<sup>[56]</sup> When there are insufficient experimental data to adjust a particular parameter, a reasonable estimate has to be made. This kind of estimation is mainly used to reduce the number of thermodynamic parameters of each compound.

# 5. Results and Discussion

The thermodynamic description of the Al-Fe-Mo system obtained in the present work is shown in Table 1. The



**Fig. 5** Calculated enthalpy of mixing at 3000 K of the Al-Mo system in comparison with the experimental data from Ref 31

calculated invariant reaction temperatures and phase compositions of the Al-Mo system are listed in Table 2 showing satisfactory agreement between the calculated and the experimental data with the largest discrepancy of about 6 K in the temperature of the invariant reaction liq.  $\rightarrow$ Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub> + Al<sub>63</sub>Mo<sub>37</sub>. All experimental invariant reaction compositions determined by Eumann et al.<sup>[29]</sup> in the Al-Mo system are well reproduced within 1-2 at.%. Table 3 presents the predicted temperatures and the liquid compositions for the invariant reactions in the Al-Fe-Mo system. The decomposition temperatures of  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$  and  $\epsilon^*(Al_5Fe_4)$ are 1120, 1350 and 1353 K, respectively, which are basically in agreement with the experimental temperatures 1120,<sup>[32]</sup> 1344-1368<sup>[45]</sup> and 1358-1368 K.<sup>[45]</sup>

The calculated phase diagram of the Fe-Mo system by means of the thermodynamic parameters optimized by Andersson<sup>[49]</sup> is shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 2 is the calculated phase diagrams of the Al-Fe system using the present thermodynamic descriptions, in which the thermodynamic parameters of liquid and fcc are adopted from Seierstein.<sup>[52]</sup> The optimized phase diagram is in good agreement with the experimental data.<sup>[53]</sup>

The Al-Mo phase diagram calculated using the present thermodynamic parameters is presented in Fig. 3. The phase  $Al_5Mo(r)$  is not considered due to the uncertainty in the transition temperature between  $Al_5Mo(r)$  and  $Al_5Mo(h)$ . The optimized phase diagram is nearly identical to the one determined by Eumann et al.,<sup>[29]</sup> as shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 4 is the calculated standard enthalpies of formation at 298 K in the Al-Mo system in comparison with the experimental data.<sup>[23]</sup> Figure 5 compares the calculated mixing enthalpies of liquid at 3000 K in the Al-Mo system with the experimental data.<sup>[31]</sup> It can be seen that the calculated mixing enthalpies and the standard enthalpies of



**Fig. 6** (a) Calculated isothermal section of the Al-Fe-Mo system at 1073 K using the present thermodynamic description in comparison with the experimental data from Ref 44. (b) Enlarged section of (a)

formation are in good agreement with the experimental data of Sudsatsova et al.<sup>[31]</sup> and Shilo and Franzen.<sup>[23]</sup>

Figures 6-8 present the calculated isothermal sections of the Al-Fe-Mo system at 1073, 1273 and 1423 K using the present thermodynamic descriptions. Satisfactory agreement is obtained between the calculated and the experimental results.<sup>[44,45]</sup> Figure 6(b) is the enlarged section of the isothermal section at 1073 K in the Al-Fe-Mo system, and agrees well with the second sketch (Fig. 4b in Ref 44) of three cases proposed by Eumann et al.<sup>[44]</sup> There is appreciable difference in the Al-rich corner of the Al-Fe-Mo isothermal section at 1073 K between the calculated one and that determined by Markiv et al.<sup>[32]</sup> This is partly due to



**Fig. 7** Calculated isothermal section of the Al-Fe-Mo system at 1273 K using the present thermodynamic description in comparison with the experimental data from Ref 45



**Fig. 8** Calculated isothermal section of the Al-Fe-Mo system at 1423 K using the present thermodynamic description in comparison with the experimental data from Ref 45

the confirmation of the existence of  $Al_{22}Mo_5$ ,  $Al_{17}Mo_4$  and the change of the stability temperature range of  $Al_4Mo$ . In the Al-Mo system presented by Markiv et al.,<sup>[32]</sup> there is no existence of  $Al_{22}Mo_5$  and  $Al_{17}Mo_4$ , and the compound  $Al_4Mo$  is still stable at room temperature, which is different from the experimental results by Eumann et al.<sup>[29]</sup> that the stability temperature range of  $Al_4Mo$  is 1215-1425 K. In the present work, the isothermal section of the Al-Fe-Mo at



**Fig. 9** (a) Predicted the projection of liquidus surface in the Al-Fe-Mo system using the present thermodynamic description. (b) Enlarged section of (a)

1073 K determined by Eumann et al.<sup>[44]</sup> is adopted as a basis of optimization.

The alloy with 60 at.% Al and 40 at.% Fe at 1423 K was determined to have AlFe and Al<sub>2</sub>Fe phases by Eumann et al.<sup>[45]</sup>; but according to the binary Al-Fe phase diagram determined by Stein and Palm,<sup>[53]</sup> this alloy should be in the single phase region of Al<sub>3</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>.<sup>[45]</sup> The alloy with 48.7 at.% Al, and 46.4 at.% Fe was reported to have three different phases at 1423 K in the experimental results of Eumann et al.,<sup>[45]</sup> thus the phase equilibria at this composition had not reached equilibrium and are not considered in the present work. The contradiction exists between the calculated decomposition temperature of Al<sub>3</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> and solid



Fig. 10 Computed reaction scheme in the Al-Fe-Mo system

solubilities of AlFe-B2 and AlFe-A2. If the solid solubility of AlFe-B2 at 1423 K agrees well with the experimental data,<sup>[45]</sup> the decomposition temperature of Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> is 1309 K and the discrepancy is about 50 K. So the present calculated results of the discrepancy 5 K on the decomposition temperature of Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> and the phase boundary of AlFe-B2 related to Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> were accepted as a final result of this work.

Figure 9 shows the computed liquidus surface projection of the Al-Fe-Mo system. Figure 10 is the predicted reaction scheme which is divided into three sections and shown in Fig. 10(a)-(c). Comparing with the established reaction scheme, <sup>[45]</sup> the calculated three-phase regions at 1073, 1273 and 1423 K are similar to the experimental data, but the calculated reaction scheme is different from the established reaction scheme<sup>[45]</sup> between 1273 and 1423 K in the Al-rich corner. The difference is mainly caused by one key invariant reaction liq. +  $\tau_1 \rightarrow Al_5Fe_2 + Al_3Mo$  proposed by Ref 45 which is substituted by the present invariant reaction liq. +  $Al_5Fe_2 \rightarrow Al_{13}Fe_4 + \tau_1$  at 1400 K. Attempts to reproduce the invariant reaction liq. +  $\tau_1 \rightarrow Al_5Fe_2 + Al_3Mo$ 





was unsuccessful. If the liquidus surface of Al<sub>3</sub>Mo is forced to contact with the one of Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>, the phase relationships<sup>[45]</sup> among Al<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>, AlMo<sub>3</sub>, Al<sub>13</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> and  $\tau_1$  at 1273 K can not to be reproduced. So the calculated invariant reaction liq. + Al<sub>5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Al<sub>13</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub> +  $\tau_1$  at 1400 K is accepted in the present work.

# 6. Conclusions

The phase relations and the thermodynamic properties in the Al-Mo binary and the Al-Fe-Mo ternary systems are optimized from the experimental information available in

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Fig. 10 Continued

the literature. A set of self-consistent thermodynamic parameters describing the Gibbs energies of individual phases as functions of composition and temperature is obtained. With the present optimized parameters, various thermodynamic calculations of practical interest can be made.

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