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Comments and Addenda

Comment

"Comments on the Cr-Mo Phase Diagram"

The main point of the discussion of the evaluation of data for the Cr-Mo system (88Bre) is the need to critically examine the experimental details. One should not average the reported values with equal weight. As Branscomb (85Bra) has emphasized, a large fraction can be seriously in error. This has been ignored by (87Ven) and (89Neu). They have selected a minimum in the liquidus on the basis that a thermodynamic equation can be selected that would be consistent with a minimum. However, thermodynamic values can be contrived to fit almost any diagram. Such a procedure is not justified unless predictive models that consider size and internal pressure differences and electronic configurations are used to limit the range of possible thermodynamic properties. As pointed out in the commentary by Swaminathan and Jacob (89Swa), the thermodynamic values needed to be consistent with a liquidus minimum seriously distort the remainder of the diagram. The proposed diagram of the Cr-Mo system (87Ven, 89Neu) is a step backwards in the representation of the information available.

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Addendum

The N-W System

In Vol. 10 No. 4, page 358, the values along the vertical axis in Fig. 1 should have been negative. The figure can be corrected by placing a minus sign in front of $\log C_N$ or by placing minus signs in front of the numbers on the vertical scale. References to the figure in text are correct.