

Proposal 0.0.4 of an XML format to replace TDB files

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Background

The current TDB format for Calphad databases has worked well for 40 years but introducing new models and features has revealed some awkward features, in particular the `TYPE_DEFINITION` keyword. When a change is needed it may be interesting to adopt an accepted Markup Language as XML or JSON. The XML has been selected for a new XTDB format as it has been around for a long time and is slightly more explicit.

There are many Markup Languages but as it is easy to convert between them the choice of XML is not very important except to avoid spending a year or two to discuss this choice.

XML is flexible and extendable each software may add their own flavour in a controlled way. It will be simpler to use an XTDB file by different softwares as one can easily indicate what is software specific rather than try to modify or extend the TDB format.

In section 1.1 the most important changes from previous versions of this proposal are listed and motivated.

To avoid the confusing use of **ELEMENT** both for chemical element and the XML element I now use **TAG** for the XML element.

The proposal here is a minimal change from the TDB format intended to:

- make manually editing an XTDB file as easy as the current TDB format.
- minimize problems when using software A to read a database file written by software B.
- provide better facilities to handle new models and features added by the different softwares using Calphad databases.
- provide users of a database with information about the bibliographic information even for encrypted databases.
- Software will be able to add tags and attributes in the database with minimal problems when the database is read by other software. Such modifications should not affect the thermodynamic data itself. Significant new features should be discussed with SGTE and integrated in the XTDB format.

This XTDB definition may require minor modifications in the XML format already adopted in some software. Commercial companies providing encrypted databases to customers can use whatever format they prefer for such databases. But they should provide a facility to read and write unencrypted databases in the XTDB format.

You are encouraged to ask anyone you think can contribute to defining the new database format to have a look at this and provide their comments.

1 How this document can be read

The following proposal is for a common definition of an XTDB file format based on XML. It can hopefully become an SGTE standard acceptable by all software which develop or use Calphad databases.

If you already read an earlier version of this maybe look at the next section and the examples in the Appendix to see if anything changed. Then look at points to discuss in section 3. If you find all OK or have some questions or comments send a message to bo.sundman@gmail.com to explain your points of view.

If you read the XML tag definitions in sections 1.3 to 1.12 and the corresponding notes please note what you like or dislike and send a message to bo.sundman@gmail.com to explain your points of view.

If you are not familiar with XML there are plenty of information online. In brief XML has “tags” with “attributes”. The tags and attributes proposed for the XTDB format are listed in the sections below and the attributes are explained and may have a “note”. If the note is “+” the attribute is compulsory, “-” if optional. A letter A-Z in the note refers to details explained in section 1.14.

In this document a tag is usually in **bold** when refereced in the text and an attribute in *italics*. But I have not been totally consequent. All values of the *Id* attributes are case insensitive as in the TDB file. Except for phase names the value of an *Id* cannot be abbreviated when used in other attributes.

An XML parser is convenient for reading XML files but to simplify the life for all the humans reading and editing the XTDB file it is strongly recommended that the attributes to an XML tag are provided in the order listed for each tag below. Software specific attributes can be added to a tag but should come at the end.

The order of XML tags in the XTDB file is fairly free but to simplify for a human reader and editing the XTDB file a recommended order is **Defaults**, **DatabaseInfo** followed by **Element**, **Species** and **TPfuns**, **Phases** (with many nested tags). These will be followed by **Parameters**, ordered by phases or **System** and finally the **Bibliography**. Optionally the **Model** tag and **AssessedSystem** and other tags at the end.

As a rule a tag or attribute starts with a capital letter and if it consists of two or more parts, such as *NumberOf*, the second part is joined without hyphen or underscore but starts also with a capital letter.

1.1 Significant changes from earlier versions

1. The “DISORDERED_PART” which can occur in the TYPE_DEFINITION in TDB files for some phases is now called **DisorderedPart**. I have previously called it SplitPhase.
2. The **Constituent** tsg inside the **Parameter2** tag is changed to **SublConst** to avoid confusing with the **Constituents** tag used inside the **Phase** tag.
3. The FCC4PERM and BCC4PERM are models in the **Permutations** tag.
4. Two complete examples added for Al-C with new unaries from Malin and Al-Li from Bengt with a suggestion for a **CrystalStructure** tag and 2 variants of the **DisorderedPart** tag with and without the **Disordered** attribute for the ordered FCC and BCC phases.
5. I have tried to update every part of this text when there has been suggestions I find interesting and useful. **But it means there can be inconsistencies between different parts of this document.**
6. Some new tags introduced such as **AppendiXTDB** and **CrystalStructure**. The **AssessedSystem** tag is removed and replaced by several **xSystem** tag.
7. I have merged the **System** and **AssessedSystem** tags and replaced them by **UnarySystem**, **BinarySystem** and **TernarySystem** tags, including an optional *Command* attribute to calculate a diagram. An optional *Command* attribute (which require there is a *Software* attribute in the **Defaults** tag) provides a software specific way to calculate the phase diagram.

A **Parameter** tag can appear anywhere, it is optional to include those relevant within a **BinarySystem** or **TernarySystem** tag. It is not an error to have a **Parameter** for another system inside a **xSystem** tag.

8. The attribute *Software* added to the **Default** tag.

1.2 UPPER and lower case and abbreviations

In a TDB file UPPER and lower case letters was treated as identical. The XML tags and attributes are case sensitive. But I propose that in the attribute values, for example elemen, species and phase names, the UPPER and lower case letters will be considered as identical.

I prefer not to allow the characters “(“ and “)” in the *Id* attribute of **Species** and **Phase** tags. It may complicate parsing the *Id* attribute of the **Parameter** tag and also interpreting commands in the user interface. Using a command line user i/f to set a condition for the fraction of a species in a phase when both the phase name and species name can contain parenthesis, can be a bit complicated.

If abbreviation of phase names is forbidden one can be allowed to use parentheses. It is already forbidden to abbreviate species names.

The current rule for abbreviation is that any part of a phase name starting with an underscore can be abbreviated separately, thus two phases MONOCLINIC_A and MONOCLINIC_B can be abbreviated as M_A and M_B (if there are no other phases which fit).

1.3 The XTDB file and some more

The XTDB file is divided into lines (terminated by LF (Line Feed or newline as preferred by UNIX dialects) or CRLF (Carriage Return and Line Feed as preferred by Windows)). A line should not exceed 2000 characters.

Only one XML tag per line in order to be easily readable by humans. But an XML tag may extend over several lines, including nested tags.

All attributes of an XML tag should fit within a line (2000 characters). The attribute *List* of the **Constituent** tag for a gas phase in a big system may exceed this but several **Constituent** tags can be used for the gas phase. **In this document some very long tags have been separated into several line in order to be listed.**

A software reading the XTBD file should ignore XML tags and attributes it does not support, preferably with a warning to the user.

An XML tag starts with “<TagName” and ends with “/>” or a longer “/TagName>” if it contains nested tags. A tag have attributes separated by one or more spaces. An attribute ends with “=” and its value is given within double quotes, “””, for example Id=”FE”.

The TagName and its attributes cannot be abbreviated and are case sensitive.

The characters “<”, “>” and “&” are forbidden everywhere except when used for the XML itself. One should avoid using double quotes, “ ”” and the equal sign “=” except when required by XML itself.

Comments can be added anywhere in the XML file starting with “<!--” and ending with “-->” and with no forbidden characters inside.

Comments can also be added inside a tag (after its attributes), excluding any forbidden characters.

1.4 The system XTDB tags

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
XTDB			Containing XML tags for an XTDB database.
	Version	+	Version of XTDB for this file.
	Software	+	Name of software generating the database.
	Date	+	Year/month/day the database was written or edited
	Signature	–	Name/email of person or organisation generating the database.
Defaults			Provides default values of attributes in other XML tags.
	LowT	–	Default value of low T limit.
	HighT	–	Default value of high T limit.
	Bibref	–	Default bibliographic reference.
	Elements	–	VA and/or /- (the electron).
	Software	–	Specification of software needed for some tags.
	Model	–	Any model applicable for the system, for example EEC
DatabaseInfo			Free text (excluding <> &).
	Date	–	Last update.
AppendixXTDB			Additional file for the XTDB database. It should contain XTBD tags only.
	File	+	File name.
	Description	–	Optional information about the file.

The **AppendixXTDB** makes it possible to separate a large XTDB database on several files. Maybe there should be some restrictions that such files should only contain specific tags such as **Models** or **Parameter** or **Bibliography**?

1.5 The element and species tags

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Element			Specifies a chemical element in the database. The vacancy is denoted “VA” and the electron “/-”.
	Id	+	Chemical element symbol, for example FE, H
	Refstate	+	Name of a phase, for example GAS
	Mass	+	Mass in g/mol
	H298	–	Enthalpy difference between 0 and 298.15 K in reference state.
	S298	–	Entropy difference between 0 and 298.15 K in reference state.
Species			Specifies a molecular like aggregate used as constituent of phases. The elements, except the electron, are also species.
	Id	A	Species name max 24 letters. For note see 1.14.
	Stoichiometry	B	One or more element <i>Id</i> each followed by an unsigned real representing the stoichiometric ratio. For note see 1.14. See also appendix A.1.
	MQMQA	C	For a constituent in the MQMQA model. For note see 1.14.
	UNIQUEAC	D	For a constituent in the UNIQUEAC model. For note see 1.14.

The elements should automatically be considered as species. VA is considered an element which must have activity 1 at equilibrium but with no amount. The electron “/-” is used as a charge on an element and requires an extra condition that each phase in the system is electrically neutral at equilibrium.

An iron species with positive charge have the stoichiometry “Fe/--2” or “FE/+2”.

One can create an electron species using the stoichiometry “VA/-1”, or a hole with stoichiometry “VA/- -1” or “VA/+1”

1.6 The function and temperature range tags

There is at present no way to handle several pressure ranges in the TDB file. The value of a function, as well as its first and second derivative with respect to T , must be continuous across an interval of T range. Breakpoints occur mainly for pure element data and those in the unary 1991 have been checked.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
TPfun	Id	E	Defines a T, P expression to be used in parameters or other functions. Function name, max 16 characters. The name can be used in the “Expr” attribute of other functions or parameters. For note see 1.14.
	LowT	–	If the default low T limit applies.
	Expr	+	Simple mathematical expression terminated by ;. Use the Trange tag if several ranges. See section 1.15
	HighT	–	If the default high T limit applies.
Trange			Only inside a TPfun or Parameter tag for an expression with several T ranges.
	Expr	+	Simple mathematical expression terminated by ;. See section 1.15.
	HighT	–	If the default high T limit applies.

The *Id* of other **TPfuns** can be used inside the *Expr* of a **Tpfun**, **Parameter** and **Parameter2** tags.

See section 1.15 for the restrictions of the mathematical expression in the *Expr* attribute and Appendix A.2 and others for examples.

1.7 The phase tag and some related tags

Normally the software requires information of sublattices, constituents and models for the phase in order to create the appropriate data structure for a phase.

Some software may not have an explicit disordered phase but arrange all **Parameter** tags for the ordered and disordered phase within the same phase. A phase with very long list of constituents (i.e. GAS) can have several **Constituent** tags for the same sublattice.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Phase			All data belongs to a phase.
	Id	F	Phase name, see 1.14 note F.
	Configuration	G	Model for the configurational entropy. For note see 1.14.
	State	–	G for gas phase, L for liquid phase. Needed if EEC is used.
Sites			Only inside a Phase tag.
	NumberOf	+	Number of sublattices, an integer value 1-10
	Multiplicities	+	Sites on each sublattice, as many reals as sublattices separated by a space.
CrystalStructure			Only inside a Phase tag.
	Prototype	-	Prototype phase.
	PearsonSymbol	-	Specification.
	SpaceGroup	-	Specification.
Constituents			Only inside a Phase tag.
	Sublattice	-	Needed if several sublattices.
	List	+	Species <i>Id</i> , separated by a space, in the sublattice.
AmendPhase			Only inside a Phase tag.
	Model	+	List of models <i>Ids</i> , separated by a space, for this phase, see section 1.11.
DisorderedPart		H	Only inside the Phase tag of the ordered phase. The Gibbs energies of the ordered and disordered parts of a phase (with identical constituents but different number of sublattices) are added according to eqs. 1 or 2 below. If the attribute <i>Subtract</i> ="Y", the Gibbs energy of the ordered phase is calculated a second time with the disordered fractions and subtracted. The configurational Gibbs energy is calculated only for the ordered phase.
	Disordered	I	Name of disordered phase, see also 1.14.
	Sum	+	Number of sublattices in the ordered phase to be summed for the disordered phase constitution. All sublattices summed must have the some set of constituents.
	Subtract	-	Must be Y if eq. 2 is to be used, omitted if eq. 1.

For a phase with the **DisorderedPart** tag and without the *Subtract* attribute, the Gibbs energy (excluding the configurational entropy) is calculated as:

$$G_M = {}^{\text{dis}}G_M(x) + {}^{\text{ord}}G_M(y) \quad (1)$$

where x is averaged values of y for some (or all) sublattices in the ordered phase. With *Subtract*=Y the Gibbs energy equation is:

$$G_M = {}^{\text{dis}}G_M(x) + {}^{\text{ord}}G_M(y) - {}^{\text{ord}}G_M(y = x) \quad (2)$$

where in the last term the sublattice fractions of the ordered phase are replaced by the disordered fractions. This means that parameters in the ordered part will have no contribution to the Gibbs energy when the phase is disordered. For details see the papers by Ansara et al., J All and Comp, **247** (1997) pp 20–30 and Hallstedt et al, Calphad, **31** (2007) pp 28–37.

1.8 The simple parameter tag

All thermodynamic data, and possibly kinetic and other physical phase dependent properties, are defined by the parameter tags. They can be arranged inside a phase tag or separately for each binary, ternary etc. subsystem. See also sections 1.9, 1.12, appendix A.4 and appendix D.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Parameter			Specifies the T, P expression of a model parameter for a set of constituents.
	Id	+	As in TDB file, for example G(LIQUID,A,B:VA;2). See also the Parameter2 tag.
	LowT	–	If the default low T limit applies.
	Expr	+	Simple mathematical expression terminated by ;. If several ranges use a Trange tag. See section 1.6.
	HighT	–	If the default high T limit applies.
	Bibref	+	Bibliographic reference.

The attribute *Id* defines the parameter as in the current TDB file. It starts with a model parameter identifier (MPID), see section 1.17, followed within parenthesis by a phase name (which can be abbreviated) and one or more constituents in each sublattice of the phase. Constituents in the same sublattice (i.e. for interaction parameters) are separated by a comma, “,”, and a colon, “:”, is used to separate constituents in different sublattices. The order of sublattices and their constituents are as defined by the **Phase** tag.

After the constituents in the last sublattice a semicolon, “;” followed by a single digit, 0-9, can be used to indicate a degree. This degree can have different meanings in different models but is normally used for the power in a Redlich-Kister series. If the digit is zero the semicolon and the digit can be omitted.

A wildcard, “*”, can be used as constituent in a sublattice indicating that the parameter is independent of the constituents in the sublattice. See also section 1.16.

For some reason which I have forgotten it is not allowed to have a parameter for an interaction between a wildcard and a specific constituent. For example G(FCC,VA,*:VA) which would represent an interaction $y_{Va}(1 - y_{Va})$ is not allowed.

1.9 The elaborate parameter tag

An alternative more elaborated XML tag can be used for parameters which may be preferred by software. It is straightforward to convert from one to another.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Parameter2			A more detailed parameter tag preferred by software.
	Id	–	As in TDB file, for example G(LIQUID,A,B:VA;2). See also the Parameter tag.
	MPID	J	Model parameter identifier, for example G or TC. For note see 1.14.
	Phase	–	Can be omitted inside a phase tag, otherwise the phase name.
	LowT	–	If the default low T limit applies.
	Expr	+	Simple mathematical expression terminated by ;. If several ranges use a Trange tag. See section 1.6.
	HighT	–	If the default high T limit applies.
ConstArray	Bibref	+	Bibliographic reference.
	Degree	K	Only inside a parameter2 tag. Encloses the SublConst tags. Can be omitted if zero, for note see 1.14.
SublConst			Only inside a ConstArray tag.
	Sublattice	+	Sublattice of constituent.
	Species	+	Name of a constituent (or two or more for an excess parameter?).

The **Parameter2** tag may be preferred by software but for manual editing **Parameter** is simpler, see the appendix A.4. Both tags can be used in the XTDB file and software can easily convert between them.

If the *Id* attribute is present in a **Parameter2** tag the software should check that this *Id* is identical to the long form and report an error if not.

A wildcard, “*”, can be used as constituent in a sublattice indicating that the parameter is independent of the constituent in the sublattice, see section 1.16.

1.10 Bibliography for parameters and models.

For each parameter there must be a bibliographic reference. This can be the same for all parameters from the same source. The models also have a reference which should indicate a paper where the model is explained, see Appendix A.6.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Bibliography			Contains bibliographic references
Bibitem			Only inside a Bibliography tag.
	Id	+	Used as value in the <i>bibref</i> attribute for a parameter or model, normally a paper or a comment by the database manager.
	Text	+	Reference to a paper or comment
	Date	–	Date when the bibref tag was created
	Sign	–	Signature of the one adding the reference

1.11 The model tags

The XML tags for generally accepted models can be on a separate file and the model *Id* attribute is the important and used in the **AmendPhase** tag for each phase which has the model. Most model has one or more model parameter identifiers (MPID) as attributes and these are used in the **Parameter** tag. See also the Appendix B. Software specific models must be explained in a model tag with an appropriate bibliographic reference.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Models			Contains model tags usually with an <i>Id</i> attribute used in AmendPhase tags inside Phase tags. The models usually specify one or more model parameter identifiers (MPID) needed by the model. Other models, such as DisorderedPart , must be included as tags within the Phase tag.

1.11.1 Some basic model tags

The XML tags listed here should be defined inside a library of **Model** tags and its *Id* attribute is used in the **AmendPhase** tag. The models normally specify one or more model parameter identifiers (MPIDs) used in parameters needed for the model. Additional text outside the attributes can be added describing the model.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Magnetic			There are several magnetic models.
	Id	+	This is used in AmendPhase tag.
	Aff	+	Antiferromagnetic factor (-1, -3 or 0). This is actually redundant but kept for compatibility with the TDB file.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.
	MPID1	+	Specifies a magnetic model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
	MPID2	+	Specifies a magnetic model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
	MPID3	+	Specifies a magnetic model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
Permutations			For FCC and BCC lattices a 4 sublattice tetrahedron model identical permutations of a parameter will be included only once in the XTDB file.
	Id	+	This is used in AmendPhase tag. Its value can be FCC4PERM or BCC4PERM.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.

The **Permutations** tag means that a parameter which can have permutation of its constituents on identical sites is stored only once in the database. For example in an FCC ordered phase a parameter

G(FCC_4LS,FE:AL:AL:AL:VA)

has 4 identical permutations such as G(FCC,AL:FE:AL:AL:VA) etc. 3 of which are not included in the database. Thus the size of the database can be reduced but it requires that the software calculates automatically the contribution from all 4 permutations of the constituents of identical sites. This can be quite complicated and instead the software may create all possible permutations and store them individually when reading the database. For a multicomponent system this can be quite a lot.

See Appendix B for an example of model tags.

1.11.2 More models including new unary models

There is also a new magnetic model. Other new **Model** tags may be included in the XTDB file in order to specify new MPIDs.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
Volume			Specifies the model for volume of a phase.
	Id	+	This is used in the AmendPhase tag.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.
	MPID1	+	Specifies a volume model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
	MPID2	+	Specifies volume model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
Einstein			The low T vibrational model.
	Id	+	This Id is used in AmendPhase tag.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.
	MPID1	+	Specifies the Einstein model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
Liquid2state			The liquid 2-state model.
	Id	+	This Id is used in AmendPhase tag.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.
	MPID1	+	Specifies liquid model parameter identifier (MPID) for parameters.
EEC			Specifies that the Equi-entropy model applies to the database. This must be implemented in the software. The liquid Phase tag must also have the <i>State</i> attribute equal to L.
	Id	+	has the value EEC.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.

After long discussions the unary group has decided to use a single composition dependent Einstein parameter for each unary. Those elements with their heat capacity fitted using several Einstein θ will have the additional θ described by the GEIN function in the *Expr* attribute in the **TPfun** tag, see section 1.15. See also the Al-C example in Appendix D.1.

1.11.3 Model tags which need additional data

These models are related to the constituents of a phase and they must be specified explicitly and cannot be included in the **AmendPhase** tag for the phase because they include additional information.

The **DisorderedPart** model is explained together with the **Phase** tag. The Toop and Kohler ternary extrapolation models are most likely specified together with the parameters for a specific ternary. The Muggianu ternary model is the default extrapolation model.

There are more models to be considered and we must take care how they can be integrated in the XTDB format.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
DisorderedPart			This is explained together with the Phase tag, see 1.7, because it requires additional data.
ToopModel			Subset of 3 constituents for which the Toop ternary extrapolation model should be used. By default the Muggianu extrapolation is used.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.
	Phase	+	Can be omitted if used inside a Phase tag. Otherwise the phase for which the model should be used.
	Constituents	+	Specifies 3 constituents, the Toop constituent first.
KohlerModel			Subset of 3 constituents for which the Kohler ternary extrapolation model should be used. By default the Muggianu extrapolation is used.
	Bibref	+	Where the model is described.
	Phase	+	Can be omitted if used inside a Phase tag. Otherwise the phase for which the model should be used.
	Constituents	+	Specifies 3 constituents in any order.

Evidently one can use Toop or Kohler when there are several sublattices (in the MQMQA model). But they have normally different constituents, but maybe a sublattice should be specified?

1.12 Organizing the data and software specific attributes

Each parameter in the database has a bibliography attribute and normally a software reading the database lists the relevant bibliographic data after extracting the data from the database or it can be listed from inside the software for calculations. The references is an important feature to assure a reliable database is used. However, the number of references for a multicomponent system with 1000 or more parameters from many assessments can be very long.

Additionally, the database manager normally arranges the model parameter per system to simplify updates and this habit has resulted in introducing a new tag in the XTDB format, missing in the TDB files. This arrangement in the XTDB file has no influence on the way the software handles the parameter.

Tag	Attributes	Note	Explanation
UnarySystem			Encloses a set of parameters for a unary system. There can be parameters for the unary also outside this tag.
	Element	+	Constituent for the parameters in the system.
	Bibref	+	Main bibliographic references.
BinarySystem			Encloses a set of parameters for a binary system. There can be parameters for the system outside this tag. Possibly also a software dependent attribute to calculate the system.
	Elements	+	Constituents for the parameters in the system joined by hyphens.
	Bibref	+	Main bibliographic references.
	Commands	-	Software specific commands to calculate the phase diagram. The software is specified in the Default tag.
TernarySystem			Encloses a set of parameters for a ternary system. There can be parameters for the system outside this tag.
	Elements	+	Constituents for the parameters in the system joined by hyphens.
	Bibref	+	Main bibliographic references.

Within a **BinarySystem** tag the parameters should be for the constituents in the *Elements* attribute. The parameters should have their own bibliographic reference which is needed for the database manager. Only the *Bibref* for the **BinarySystem** is listed when reading the database. Several *Bibrefs* values can be given.

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<BinarySystem Elements="C-Co" Bibref="88FER1 97KUS 06MAR" >
  <Parameter Id="G(LIQUID,C,C0;0)" Expr=" -107940.6+24.956*T;" Bibref="87FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(LIQUID,C,C0;1)" Expr=" -9805.5;" Bibref="87FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G2(B2_BCC,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +GHSERC0+3*GHSERC+247373.5-33.574*T;" Bibref="88FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(BCC_A2,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +GHSERC0+3*GHSERC+247373.5-33.574*T;" Bibref="88FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(CBCC_A12,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +UN_ASS;" Bibref="Default" />
  <Parameter Id="G(CEMENTITE_D011,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +3*GHSERC0+GHSERC-1567+3.963*T;" Bibref="88FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(CR3C2_D510,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +63920+794.135*T-132.57*T*LN(+T)-2.35E-05*T**2
    +1296100*T**(-1);" Bibref="14KAP" />
  <Parameter Id="G(CUB_A13,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +UN_ASS;" Bibref="Default" />
  <Parameter Id="G2(FCC_4SL,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +GHSERC0+GHSERC+50463.8-6.849*T;" Bibref="89FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(FCC_A1,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +GHSERC0+GHSERC+50463.8-6.849*T;" Bibref="89FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(HCP_A3,C0:C;0)" Expr=" +GHSERC0+0.5*GHSERC+22916.5-2.855*T;" Bibref="87FER1" />
  <Parameter Id="G(M23C6_D84,C0:C0:C;0)" Expr=" +GC023C6;" Bibref="97KUS" />
  <Parameter Id="G(M7C3_D101,C0:C;0)" Expr=" -5706.9+1408.9*T-249.28*T*LN(+T)+956820*T**(-1);"
    Bibref="06MAR" />
</BinarySystem>
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An additional feature with this tag is that the software reading the database can elucidate the subsystems which have not been assessed in the database.

The software should extract the references for all parameters extracted from the database and list them if a user asks for a list of parameters (even for encrypted databases).

The TYPE_DEFINITION keyword in the TDB file is replaced in this XML format by **AmendPhase, DisorderedPart** and some other tags and attributes. But some features of the TYPE_DEFINITION, which do not relate to the thermodynamic data, have to be replaced by software specific XML tags.

The ASSESSED_SYSTEM is an nice feature and the **BinarySystem** tag include this possibility also in the XTDB file.

Examples:

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<BinarySystem Elements="AG-I" Commands="TDB -* +GAS +LIQUID +FCC_A1 +AGI_S1 +AGI_S2 +I2_S ;P3 TMM:200/2500 STP:.2/1500/1" />
<BinarySystem Elements="AG-O" Commands="TDB -* +GAS +LIQUID +FCC_A1 +AG20 ;P3 TMM:200/2500 STP:.2/1500/1" />
<BinarySystem Elements="CR-MO" Commands="TDB -* +GAS +LIQUID +BCC_A2 ;G5 C_S:BCC_A2/MO:VA MAJ:BCC_A2/CR:VA
;P3 TMM:200/4500 STP:.2/2000/-2/2" />
<TernarySystem Elemenets="Cr-Fe-Ni" />
```

1.13 Conditional XML tags

The current TYPE_DEFINITION keyword is sometimes used to create composition sets if certain elements have been selected (for example Fe-Ti-C) or testing if certain phases should be rejected/restored.

This require conditional statement in the XTDB file. Maybe this can be implemented in a software indedendent way, but temporarily this can be handled by software specific tags.

1.14 Notes

Note that the XML tags and attributes are case sensitive whereas the names of chemical elements, species, functions, phases and other identifiers are case insensitive as in the TDB file. For example a chemical element written FE, Fe, fe and fE is the same element. Thus CO is Cobalt and to specify the stoichiometry of carbonmonoxide one must use C1O.

As a devoted Fortran programmer I prefer character variables with fixed length and also because it is difficult to format nice output with very long names of functions or phase names. For a human it is also complicated to handle long names, even if they may be abbreviated.

It is important to be strict here, it is easy to misunderstand a definition if one is not very explicit.

A: A species name (i.e. the *Id* attribute) must start with letter A-Z and can contain letters, digits and the special characters “_”, “/”, “-” and “+”. It must not be abbreviated when used as constituent in a **Phase**, **Parameter** or any other tag or attribute.

Should the characters “-” and “_” be treated as identical? Charged species do not have to have an explicit charge in its *Id*.

B: The species stoichiometry is a sequence of one or more chemical element names (case insensitive) followed by a real number specifying the stoichiometric ratio. Following the TDB standard a chemical element with a two letter name does not need a stoichiometric ratio equal to unity, for example MGO for MG1O1. A final stoichiometry unity can also be ignored. No parenthesis are allowed.

For MQMQA clusters the stoichiometry can maybe be omitted?

C: The *MQMQA* attribute should contain two or more chemical element names separated a comma or a sublattice separator “:” and followed by equal number of unsigned reals representing the bond fractions, For example:

```
<Species Id="CSLA/F" MQMQA="CS,LA:F 9.0 6.0 4.0" />
```

See also appendix A.1. According to the MQMQA model the cluster stoichiometry is calculated as 6.0 divided by the bond fractions. The MQMQA cluster is always electrically neutral. For endmember clusters (with one species in each sublattice) a real representing the SNN/FNN ratio, usually 2.4, must be supplied.

D: For species in the UNIQUAC model. Contains two reals representing volume and area of the species in m^3 and m^2 in that order.

E: The **TPfun** attribute *Id* must start with a letter A-Z and may contain letters, digits and the special character “_”. It must not be longer than 16 characters. It cannot be abbreviated.

When used in an *Expr* attribute it does not have to be terminated by the hash character “#”.

F: A phase name must start with a letter A-Z and have no more than 24 characters. It can contain letters, numbers and the special character “_”.

The characters “(“ and “)” must not be used in phase names.

A phase name may be abbreviated in parameters and some other cases and thus a phase name must be unique and not an abbreviation of another phase. This has to be observed when adding new assessments to a database.

G: For the configuration model we have CEF, I2SL, MQMQA, UNIQUAC and maybe some more. Maybe also “IDEAL” when there are ideal mixing and no interactions and “RKM” for a Redlich-Kister-Muggianu model with a single lattice and one site? An RKM or CEF model could have some Toop or Kohler ternaries.

H: The disordered phase within a **DisorderedPart** can be omitted if the parameters for the disordered phase are provided within the ordered phase. In OC a suffix “D” is added after the MPID name and the parameters has the appropriate reduced number of sublattices.

For example GD(SIGMA,CR) can be used as *Id* in a **Parameter** tag for the lattice stability of Cr in SIGMA if the SIGMA phase is modelled with 3 or more sublattices and has the **DisorderedPart** tag. Thus no need for a meaningless disordered DIS.SIGMA phase.

I: A BCC or FCC phase with a disordered part (i.e. a **DisorderedPart** model) with the attribute *Subtract*=”Y” will have the “ordered” part calculated using the disordered set of fractions and subtracted in order to allow the use of the disordered phase separately.

For phases which never disorder, for example the sigma phase, one can also have a “disordered” part with a single sublattice containing the pure elements as endmembers (and possibly some long range interaction parameters). In Thermo-Calc terminology this is the “NEVER” model. In this case the attribute *Subtract* can be omitted or given any other value than Y.

J: An initial set of model parameter identifies (MPID) should be defined, see section 1.17 and appendix C. At present G is the Gibbs energy, TC Curie *T*, BMAGN the Bohr magneton number etc. An MPID must not be abbreviated in a parameter. Different software may use different MPID?

K: The degree can be omitted if zero.

1.15 The mathematical expression used in Expr

The mathematical expressions for T and P used in the *Expr* attribute in **TPfun**, **Trange** and **Parameter** are the same as in TDB files. It is very restricted because some software must calculate first and second derivatives with respect to T, P (and constitution). A more extended mathematical expression could be allowed for expressions which are not used for database parameters. In OC it is allowed to enter more complex expressions for post processing in batch/macro files but they are not included in the database but used in macro/batch files.

In the 1990 definition of the TDB file the type of expression allowed consists of “simple terms” such as:

[signed real number] * [**TPfun Id**] ** [power] *T** [power] *P**[power]

where [power] is an integer (a negative power must be within parenthesis). No spaces allowed in a simple term. A “complex term” is a simple term multiplied with a math function of a simple term, such as:

[simple term] *LN([simple term])

An *Expr* attribute in **TPfun**, **Trange** or **Parameter** consists one or more terms. A positive sign of the first term can be omitted.

The following general math functions are allowed in OC: exp(), ln(), log(), erf(). Note that log() and ln() is the same and erf() is the error function. The number of math functions can be discussed and extended.

For the unary project the following math function can be used in the *Expr* attribute:

GEIN(θ) to calculate $1.5R\theta + 3RT \ln(1 - \exp(-\theta/T))$;

where the argument of GEIN should be the fitted Einstein temperature, θ . In the corresponding LNTH parameter one uses the logarithm of θ because the logarithm of θ varies with composition in a physically more reasonable way than θ itself.

It is not allowed to group several terms together using parenthesis, for example $5*(1+3*T+2*T*LN(T))$. Either one can multiply all coefficients with 5 or enter the expression within parenthesis as a separate **TPfun** and then multiply this with 5.

A square root of T is entered as two **TPfun**://

```
<TPfun Id="HALFT" Expr="0.5*LN(T);" />
<TPfun Id="SQRT" Expr="EXP(HALFT);" />
```

1.16 The use of wildcards for constituents in parameters

In some parameters a wildcard, “*”, is used to indicate the parameter is independent of the constituent in this sublattice. For example:

A parameter $G(\text{sigma}, \text{GA:GA:}; 0) = 100000$;

means that the Gibbs energy of formation of “phase” with GA in first and second sublattice is independent of the constituent in the third. In OC this parameter is stored only once with an indication it does not depend on the constituent in the third sublattice. If one later finds that for example the Gibbs energy for sigma with TA in the third sublattice should be just +70000 then, in OC one can set

$G(\text{sigma}, \text{GA:GA:TA}) = -30000$;

because OC stores the two parameters separately and will add the latter, multiplied with the fraction of TA when calculating its contribution to the Gibbs energy. These parameters can appear any order in the database. **This may be handled differently in other software and requires attention.**

1.16.1 The EBEF model use many wildcards

This model use the same notation for parameters as in CEF, and can replace a large number of **Parameter** tags for endmember parameters by fewer **Parameter** tags, representing bond energies between pairs of constituents. The bond energy parameters specify constituents in only 2 (or 3) sublattices in phases with 3 or more sublattices and use wildcards in remaining sublattices.

Using the **DisorderedPart** tag without a *Subtract* attribute and the *Sum* attribute equal to the number of sublattices for a SIGMA phase the pure element parameters can be specified as $GD(\text{SIGMA}, \text{CR})$ using the suffix D and just a single sublattice. An “endmember” parameter $G(\text{SIGMA}, \text{CR:FE:}; *)$ in the ordered part will then represent the bond energy between CR in first and FE in second sublattice, independent on the constituents in the other sublattices. Note that the parameter $G(\text{SIGMA}, \text{FE:CR:}; *)$ has not the same value because the sublattices have different environments.

Using such parameters (fitted for example to DFT calculated endmember energies) the number of parameters can be reduced by more than an order of magnitudes and, in addition, extrapolations can be improved!

1.16.2 An alternative notation to wildcards

To avoid using explicit wildcards one could indicate the sublattice after the constituent, i.e. to use

$G(\text{SIGMA}, \text{CR@1:FE@3})$ instead of $G(\text{SIGMA}, \text{CR:}; \text{FE:}; *)$, where the number after the character “@” indicates the sublattice.

1.16.3 A missing wildcard in the I2SL model parameters

An I2SL model may exist with only neutrals in the anion sublattice. For example the chemical elements C and S can be neutrals in the I2SL model and their parameters in Thermo-Calc are written as $G(\text{I2SL}, \text{C})$, omitting the cation sublattice. In OpenCalphad it is written $G(\text{I2SL}, *;\text{C})$ which may be a bit more consistent as it indicates that the constituent on the cation sublattice is irrelevant.

Alternatively the parameter could be written $G(\text{I2SL}, \text{C@2})$ if the proposal above is accepted.

Note that an interaction between neutrals with a single specific cation is forbidden in the I2SL model.

1.17 Model parameter identifiers, MPID

An MPID must start with a letter A-Z and contain letters and digits and not exceed 8 characters. It cannot be abbreviated. There are already some defined but there should be an extensive list of future MPIDs to avoid that different software use the same for (slightly) different things. See appendix C.

The letter “&”, frequently used for mobilities, is forbidden in XML but it can be replaced by some other character, for example “@”. Using “&” seems unnecessary and quite clumsy.

1.18 CVM and the cluster site model

These should eventually be included also.

2 Error handling

One of the reasons developing a new format for thermodynamic databases was that TDB files generated by one software could not be read by another software without some sophisticated editing. The reason was normally obscure but could often be fixed by moving some lines around or adding a comma or semicolon.

With the XTDB format this should be less of a problem but any software designed to read an XTDB file should have some error handling facilities. Typical problems could be

- Models which are not implemented.
- Software specific MPID or abbreviations of some MPID.

As always the software should try to report where the error occurred before crashing to allow a user to handle the problem.

3 Points to discuss

1. Should mathematical expressions be terminated by a “;”? It is not necessary because there is a final double quote of the expression but it may be nice to keep as an option.
2. The GEIN function is used in the **Parameter** for a pure element modeled with several Einstein θ . Only one of these is selected to vary with composition, as $\ln(\theta)$, using the model parameter identifier (MPID) LNTH. Thus there is no need for a composition dependent factor.
3. Should the sign of Redlich-Kister terms depend on the alphabetical order of the constituents or use the order the constituents are written in the parameter **Id**? Currently the TDB file assume alphabetical even if the order is not alphabetical.

We can add a **Default** attribute *RedlichKisterOrder*="Actual" to specify if alphabetical order should not be ignored for the sign of an odd RK parameter. If this attribute is set a parameter given as G(LIQUID,B,A;1) should be multiplied by $(x_B - x_A)$. More likely it will have its sign changed if the software insists on using $(x_A - x_B)$. In such a case the order of the constituents in a listing of the parameter will also be changed.

4. Should the element be automatically considered as species and not included in the list of species?

5. If there is an ordered FCC phase in the database and this phase has a tag **DisorderedPart** with the attribute *Subtract*="Y" then the disordered part is a complete description of the disordered FCC. It may be interesting to allow a user to extract just the disordered FCC parameters? For a multicomponent system calculations with the ordered FCC may be significantly longer.

Note that for a phase with the tag **DisorderedPart** but without the attribute *Subtract*="Y", the disordered phase will normally have only unary parameters and not describe a realistic disordered phase, for example a disordered SIGMA phase.

6. The model parameter identifier "L" is frequently used for interaction Gibbs energies, personally I use G for all such parameters. Should that be accepted?

Should it be an error to use "L" also for the Gibbs energy of endmember parameters?

7. I have changed the **Sublattice** tag to be **Sites** and if the argument *NumberOf* is 1 then the nested tag **Constituents** do not need the *Sublattice* attribute, just the *List* one. I have always felt uncomfortable to have phases with a single "sublattice".

8. If a **TPfun** or **Parameter** is calculated outside its defined T range an internal flag should be set which can be tested by the user or application software but no error termination of the calculation. The value calculated should be using the expression in the range closest below or above the actual T .

9. See also the discussion on wildcards in section 1.16.

10. Should the hyphen "-" and underscore "_" be treated as identical in names and other attributes? My proposal is that the XTDB file should only contain underscore but for interactive use the hyphen should be treated as identical to an underscore.

11. Based on the XTDB format one may create additional facilities for example a program to write the parameters in a nice format for printing using LaTeX or Word.

12. XML tags for conditional selection of data and software specific tasks.

4 Summary

There are certainly many more things to take care of but I think it is more important to agree on a minimum common XML format which can make the thermodynamic databases more useful both for experimentalists, assessments, database maintenance and thermodynamic software in particular for the development of new models and applications.

We can take one step at a time.

Appendix A Some examples

In the OC software I have now implemented a command to write an XTDB file (maybe not exactly identical to this definition as I am modifying details). In this Appendix I include some examples.

Developing routines to read an XTDB file is more complicated and I prefer to wait until there is a general agreement on the XTDB format.

A.1 Chemical elements and species.

The way to define MQMQA constituents and stoichiometry is tentative.

```
<Element Id="/" Refstate="ELECTRON_GAS" Mass=" 0.000000E+00" />
<Element Id="VA" Refstate="VACUUM" Mass=" 0.000000E+00" />
<Element Id="AL" Refstate="FCC_A1" Mass=" 2.698200E+01" H298=" 4.577300E+03" S298=" 2.832200E+01" />
<Element Id="FE" Refstate="BCC_A2" Mass=" 5.584700E+01" H298=" 4.489000E+03" S298=" 2.728000E+01" />
...
<Species Id="VA" Stoichiometry="VA" />
<Species Id="AL" Stoichiometry="AL" />
<Species Id="FE" Stoichiometry="FE" />
<Species Id="AL2FE" Stoichiometry="AL2/3FE1/3" />
...
<Species Id="LA/F" Stoichiometry="LA1/3F1" MQMQA="LA:F 6.0 2.0 2.4" />
<Species Id="LACS/F" MQMQA="LA,CS:F 9.0 6.0 4.0" />
```

The stoichiometry of the MQMQA species is calculated from the bond ratios according to the model. The *MQMQA* attribute for an “endmember” also include a factor, SNN/FNN, needed in the configurational entropy expression.

Note that **species names must not be abbreviated as constituents in phases or parameters** and thus one can have species names which are abbreviations of another species name. For example “C1O” and “C1O2”.

A.2 Defaults, TPfun and Trange

Using default T limits the function are not much more complex than in the TDB file.

```
<Defaults LowT="298.15" HighT="6000" Bibref="U.N.Known" Elements="VA /-" />
...
<TPfun Id="GHSERAL" >
  <Trange HighT="700" Expr=" -7976.15+137.093038*T-24.3671976*T*LN(T)-.001884662*T**2-8.77664E-07*T**3+74092*T**(-1);" />
  <Trange HighT="933.47" Expr=" -11276.24+223.048446*T-38.5844296*T*LN(T)+.018531982*T**2 -5.764227E-06*T**3+74092*T**(-1);" />
  <Trange HighT="2900" Expr=" -11278.378+188.684153*T-31.748192*T*LN(T)-1.230524E+28*T**(-9);" />
</TPfun>
...
<TPfun Id="LFALFE0" Expr="-104700+30.65*T;" />
<TPfun Id="LFALFE1" Expr="+30000-7*T;" />
<TPfun Id="LFALFE2" Expr="+32200-17*T;" />
<TPfun Id="UFALFE" Expr="-4000+T;" />
<TPfun Id="GAL3FE" Expr="+3*UFALFE+9000;" />
<TPfun Id="GAL2FE2" Expr="+4*UFALFE;" />
...
<TPfun Id="GOSERCC" Expr=" -17752.213+GTSERCC;" />
<TPfun Id="GEINGRACC" Expr=" -0.5159523*GEIN(+7.57725)+0.121519*GEIN(+6.10479)+0.3496843*GEIN(+6.8533)
+.0388463*GEIN(+5.26269)+.005840323*GEIN(+4.166667);" />
```

A.3 Phase

Entering phases in the XTDB file is a bit more complex but we have get rid of the TYPE_DEFINITION. It is not so nice to use CEF for the liquid, that is why I think RKM might be a nice option for a liquid model without sublattices and maybe **Sublattices** can be omitted?

```
<Phase Id="LIQUID" Configuration="RKM" state="L" >
  <Sites NumberOf="1" Multiplicities="1" >
    <Constituents List="AL C" />
  </Sites>
  <AmendPhase model="LIQ2STATE" />
</Phase>
...
<Phase Id="A2_BCC" Configuration="CEF" state="S" >
  <Sites NumberOf="2" Multiplicities="1 3" >
    <Constituents Sublattice="1" List="AL FE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="2" List="VA" />
  </Sites>
  <AmendPhase model="IHJBCC" />
</Phase>
...
<Phase Id="AL8FE5_D82" Configuration="CEF" state="S" >
  <Sites NumberOf="2" Multiplicities="8 5" >
    <Constituents Sublattice="1" List="AL FE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="2" List="AL FE" />
  </Sites>
</Phase>
...
<Phase Id="BCC_4SL" Configuration="CEF" state="S" >
  <Sites NumberOf="5" Multiplicities="0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 3" >
    <Constituents Sublattice="1" List="AL FE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="2" List="AL FE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="3" List="AL FE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="4" List="AL FE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="5" List="VA" />
  </Sites>
  <DisorderedPart Disordered="A2_BCC" Subtract="Y" Sum="4" Bibref="09Sun" />
  <AmendPhase model="IHJBCC BCC4Perm" />
</Phase>
...
<Phase Id="SIGMA" Configuration="CEF" State="S" >
  <Sites NumberOf="5" Multiplicities="2 4 8 8 8" >
    <Constituents Sublattice="1" List="MO RE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="2" List="MO RE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="3" List="MO RE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="4" List="MO RE" />
    <Constituents Sublattice="5" List="MO RE" />
  </Sites>
  <DisorderedPart Sum="5" />
</Phase>
```

Abbreviation of phase names is allowed and thus one cannot have a phase with a name which is an abbreviation of another phase name. Phase names can be abbreviated for each part separated by an underscore, “_”. A phase name “AL_X” is thus an abbreviation of “AL2_X”.

A.4 The Parameter tag

```
<Parameter Id="G(A2_BCC,FE:VA;0)" Expr="+GHSERFE;" Bibref="91Din" />
<Parameter Id="TC(A2_BCC,FE:VA;0)" Expr="1043;" Bibref="91Din" />
<Parameter Id="BMAGN(A2_BCC,FE:VA;0)" Expr="2.22;" Bibref="91Din" />
<Parameter Id="G(AL8FE5_D82,AL:AL;0)" Expr="+13*GALBCC;" Bibref="08Sun" />
...
<Parameter Id="G(BCC_4SL,AL:AL:FE:FE:VA;0)" Expr="+GB2ALFE;" Bibref="08Sun" />
<Parameter id="G(BCC_4SL,AL,FE:*:*:VA;1)" Expr="-634+0.68*T;" Bibref="08Sun" />
```

In the last parameter above the “wildcard” or asterisk, “*”, is used for species in three of the sublattices and it means that the parameter is independent of the constituents in these sublattices. See the discussion in section 1.16 how this is treated.

A.5 The Parameter2 tag

Using the **Parameter2** tag the last two parameters above are:

```
<Parameter2 Id="G(BCC_4SL,AL:AL:FE:FE:VA;0)" Expr="+GB2ALFE;" Bibref="08Sun" MPID="G" Phase="BCC_4SL" >
  <ConstArray Degree="0">
    <SublConst Sublattice=="1" Species="AL" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="2" Species="AL" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="3" Species="FE" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="4" Species="FE" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="5" Species="VA" />
  </ConstArray>
</Parameter2>
...
<Parameter2 id="G(BCC_4SL,AL,FE:*:*:VA;1)" Expr="-634+0.68*T;" Bibref="08Sun" MPID="G" Phase="BCC_4SL" >
  <ConstArray Degree="1">
    <SublConst Sublattice=="1" Species="AL" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="1" Species="FE" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="2" Species="*" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="3" Species="*" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="4" Species="*" />
    <SublConst Sublattice=="5" Species="VA" />
  </ConstArray>
</Parameter2>
```

For the second parameter maybe one can have

```
<SublConst Sublattice=="1" Species="AL FE" />
```

rather than having two SublConst tags?

A.6 Models

An extended form of the **Models** should be defined a separate global library file with the **Id** and full description but the models used in an XTDB file should appear in a short form as below.

```
<Models>
  <Magnetic Id="IHJBCC" MPID1="TC" MPID2="BMAGN" Bibref="82Her" />
  <Magnetic Id="IHJREST" MPID1="TC" MPID2="BMAGN" Bibref="82Her" />
  <Einstein Id="GLOWTEIN" MPID1="LNTH" bibref="01Che" />
  <Liquid2state Id="LIQ2STATE" MPID1="G2" MPID2="LNTH" bibref="14Becker" >
    Unified model for the liquid and the amorphous state treated as an Einstein solid
  </Liquid2state>
  <Volume Id="VOLOWP" MPID1="V0" MPID2="VA" MPID3="VB" bibref="05Lu" />
  ...
</Models>
...
<ToopModel Phase="Liquid" Constituents="C Fe Cr" />
```

The **ToopModel** or **KohlerModel** tags can appear anywhere in the XTDB file, even within the **Phase** tag but, more likely together with all the **Parameter** tags from an assessment of the binary or ternary system in order to simplify editing a large XTDB file. Either way may be a bit complicated to handle by the calculating software reading the XTDB file.

The **DisorderedPart** in example A.3 must appear within a **Phase** tag for the ordered phase.

Appendix B Proposal of Id and descriptions of model tags.

For the agreed models these are not needed explicitly in the database.

For models that are not agreed a full description of the model and its model parameter identifiers (MPIDs) should be provided in the XTDB file. Note the different software may use different model parameter identifiers (MPID) for the same property.

<Models>

This is a short explanation of XTDB model tags (or "elements") and their attributes, the models for the configuration. The AmendPhase tag (nested inside a Phase tag) is used to specify some additional models for the phase by using the attribute "Id" specified for most of the models below.

In these model tags there are model parameter identifiers (MPID) describing the dependence on composition, T and P. A DisorderedPart tag must be nested inside the Phase tag as it has additional information.

The Toop and Kohler tags will normally appear together with model parameters for the binaries and has thus a phase at the EEC tag is global for the whole database if included.

Some model tags and MPIDs are tentative and some attributes of the tags are optional.

<Magnetic Id="IHJBCC" MPID1="TC" MPID2="BMAGN" Aff=" -1.00" Bibref="82Her" >

f_below_TC= +1-0.905299383*TAO**(-1)-0.153008346*TAO**3-.00680037095*TAO**9-.00153008346*TAO**15; and

f_above_TC= -.0641731208*TAO**(-5)-.00203724193*TAO**(-15)-.000427820805*TAO**(-25);

in $G=f(TAO)*LN(BMAGN+1)$ where $TAO=T/TC$. Aff is the antiferromagnetic factor.

TC is a combined Curie/Neel T and BMAGN the average Bohr magneton number.

</Magnetic>

<Magnetic Id="IHJREST" MPID1="TC" MPID2="BMAGN" Aff=" -3.00" Bibref="82Her" >

f_below_TC= +1-0.860338755*TAO**(-1)-0.17449124*TAO**3-.00775516624*TAO**9-.0017449124*TAO**15; and

f_above_TC= -.0426902268*TAO**(-5)-.0013552453*TAO**(-15)-.000284601512*TAO**(-25);

in $G=f(TAO)*LN(BMAGN+1)$ where $TAO=T/TC$. Aff is the antiferromagnetic factor.

TC is a combined Curie/Neel T and BMAGN the average Bohr magneton number.

</Magnetic>

<Magnetic Id="IHJQX" MPID1="CT" MPID2="NT" MPID3="BMAGN" Aff=" 0.00" Bibref="01Che 12Xio" >

f_below_TC= +1-0.842849633*TAO**(-1)-0.174242226*TAO**3-.00774409892*TAO**9-.00174242226*TAO**15-.000646538871*TAO**19;

f_above_TC= -.0261039233*TAO**(-7)-.000870130777*TAO**(-21)-.000184262988*TAO**(-35)-6.65916411E-05*TAO**(-49);

in $G=f(TAO)*LN(BMAGN+1)$ where $TAO=T/CT$ or T/NT . Aff is the (redundant) antiferromagnetic factor.

CT is the Curie T and NT the Neel T and BMAGN the average Bohr magneton number.

</Magnetic>

<Einstein Id="GLOWTEIN" MPID1="LNTH" Bibref="01Che" >

The Gibbs energy due to the Einstein low T vibrational model, $G=1.5*R*THETA+3*R*T*LN(1-EXP(-THETA/T))$. The value u as this varies with composition in a more physically reasonable way.

</Einstein>

<Liquid2state Id="LIQ2STATE" MPID1="G2" MPID2="LNTH" Bibref="88Agr 13Bec" >

Unified model for the liquid and the amorphous state which is treated as an Einstein solid.

The G2 parameter describes the stable liquid and the transition to the amorphous state and

LNTH is the logarithm of the Einstein THETA for the amorphous phase.

</Liquid2state>

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```

<Volume Id="VOLOWP" MPID1="V0" MPID2="VA" MPID3="VB" Bibref="05Lu" >
  The volume of a phase as function of T, moderate P and constitution via the model parameters:
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  The Gibbs energy is calculated separately for the ordered and disordered model parameters and added
  but the configurational Gibbs energy is calculated only for the ordered phase.
  If Subtract="Y" the Gibbs energy of the ordered phase is calculated a second time using the disordered fractions and
  Some software has no special disordered phase but all parameters are stored in the ordered one and
  the parameters for the disordered phase has a suffix "D" (and different number of sublattices).
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  The 3 constituents, separated by a space, can be in any order.
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  The 3 constituents, separated by a space, must have the Toop constituent as the first one.
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  The Effective Bond Energy Formalism for phases with multiple sublattices using wildcards, "*", in the parameters
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Appendix C Proposal of initial set of Model Parameter Identifiers, MPID

The 32 model parameter identifiers, MPID, defined in OC are listed in Table 1. In OC a parameter for a disordered part of a **DisorderedPhase** use the same phase name but the MPID has a suffix “D” and there are fewer sublattices.

When I started to develop OC I wanted to use only 4 letters for the MPID as I know that many abbreviate for example BMAGN to just BM and I do not want to allow abbreviations of MPID. But I have no string feelings for this.

Table 1: Current set of model parameter identifiers in OC. For each parameter it is indicated if it can depend on T , P or have an extra constituent specification. Most of them have no associated code.

Indx	Ident	T	P	Specification	Status	Note
1	G	T	P		0	Gibbs Energy
2	TC	-	P		2	Combined Curie/Neel T
3	BMAG	-	-		1	Average Bohr magneton number
4	CTA	-	P		2	Curie temperature
5	NTA	-	P		2	Neel temperature
6	IBM	-	P	&<constituent#sublattice>;	12	Individual Bohr magneton number
7	LNTH	-	P		2	Einstein temperature
8	VO	-	-		1	Volume at T0, P0
9	VA	T	-		4	Thermal expansion
10	VB	T	P		0	Bulk modulus
11	VC	T	P		0	Alternative volume parameter
12	VS	T	P		0	Diffusion volume parameter
13	MQ	T	P	&<constituent#sublattice>;	10	Mobility activation energy
14	MF	T	P	&<constituent#sublattice>;	10	RT*ln(mobility freq.fact.)
15	MG	T	P	&<constituent#sublattice>;	10	Magnetic mobility factor
16	G2	T	P		0	Liquid two state parameter
17	THT2	-	P		2	Smooth step function T
18	DCP2	-	P		2	Smooth step function value
19	LPX	T	P		0	Lattice param X axis
20	LPY	T	P		0	Lattice param Y axis
21	LPZ	T	P		0	Lattice param Z axis
22	LPTH	T	P		0	Lattice angle TH
23	EC11	T	P		0	Elastic const C11
24	EC12	T	P		0	Elastic const C12
25	EC44	T	P		0	Elastic const C44
26	UQT	T	P	&<constituent#sublattice>;	10	UNIQUAC residual parameter (OC)
27	RHO	T	P		0	Electric resistivity
28	VIsc	T	P		0	Viscosity
29	LAMB	T	P		0	Thermal conductivity
30	HMVA	T	P		0	Enthalpy of vacancy formation (MatCalc)
31	TSCH	-	P		2	Schottky anomaly T (OC)
32	CSCH	-	P		2	Schottky anomaly Cp/R. (OC)
33	NONE	T	P		0	Unused

Appendix D Complete examples

D.1 The Al-C system with new unary models

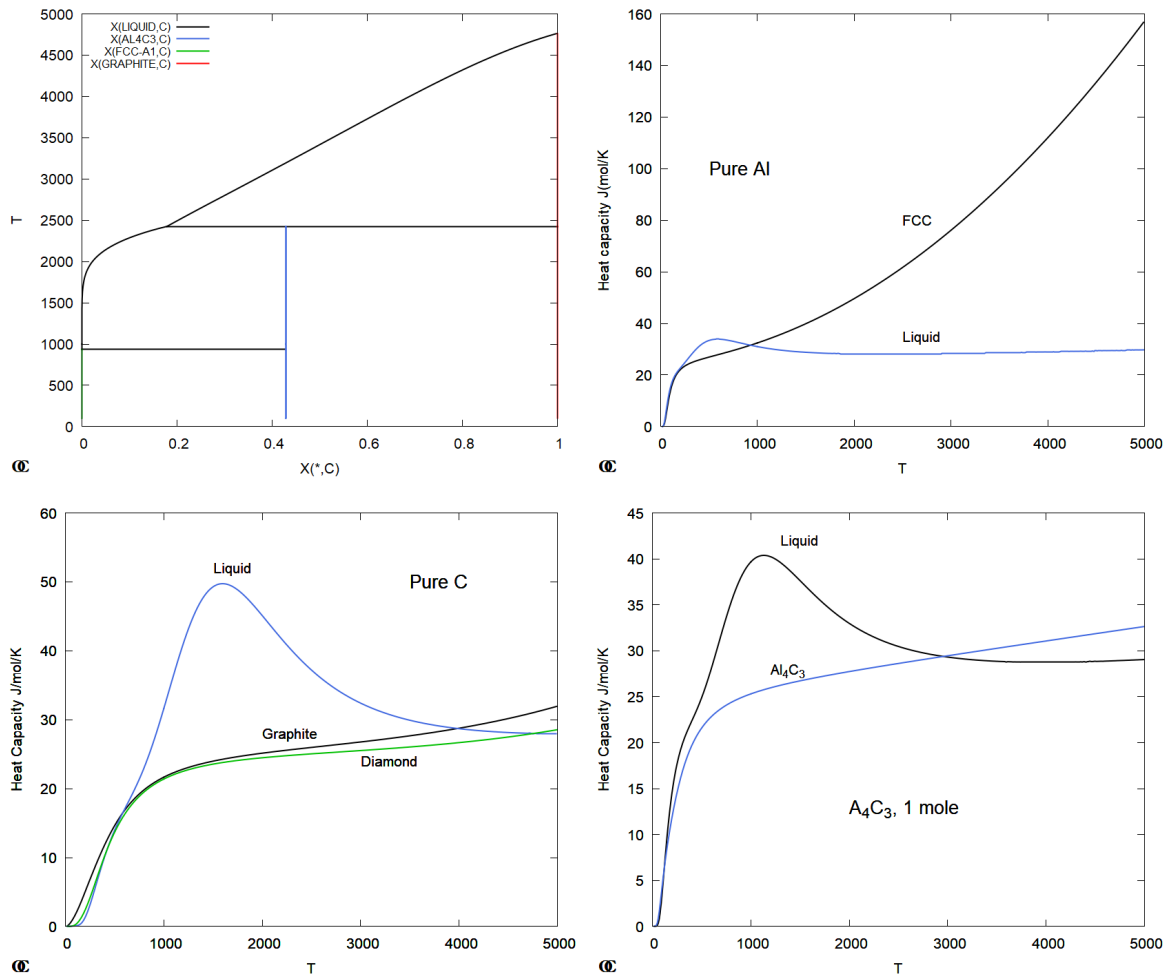
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Calculated phase diagram and heat capacity curves from the assessment of Zhangting He et al for Al-C using the new unary models.



It is nice to be able to extrapolate the heat capacity down to $T = 0$ K but I propose we set the low T limit at 10 K. The rapidly increasing heat capacity for the extrapolated metastable FCC phase requires the EEC model to prevent the FCC to become stable at high T .

Adding thermal vacancies to model the increase of the heat capacity of FCC-Al just before melting may suppress the increase of the extrapolated heat capacity but requires some extra parameters.

D.2 The Al-Li system with separated disordered FCC and BCC phases and with these integrated in the ordered phases

The first version in section D.2.1 has been generated using a TDB file where the disordered part of the 4 sublattice FCC and BCC phases has been described by separate phases A1_FCC and A2_BCC. In the **DisorderedPart** tag this is indicated by the *Disordered* attribute. This is the way this feature is implemented in TC. The **CrystalStructure** tag has no direct influence on the thermodynamic calculations but if provided should be stored internally and be provided as information to an application software and written on any XTDB file generated by the software.

The second version in section D.2.2 has been generated by OC and in OC there are no A1_FCC or A2_BCC phases because they are integrated as “disordered parts” of the ordered phases. Thus the **DisorderedPart** tag in the XTDB file has no attribute *Disordered* and the parameters have a suffix “D” and no sublattices for the ordering.

Both XTDB files have the same information but reflect the way the different software handle the disordered part. There should be problem using slightly different ways to provide the thermodynamic data on the XTDB files. Each software can read the data and use its own way to store the data and it should also implement ways to write XTDB files in such a way that other software can read them. It is important that the software developers document their XTDB format to allow other software to read their database files.

D.2.1 The Al-Li system with ordering and crystal structures

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D.2.2 The Al-Li system with the disordered parameters integrated in the ordered phases

This XTDB file for Al-Ni is generated from OC with the “DisorderedPart” integrated in the ordered FCC and BCC phases. Note the suffix “D” and the reduced number of sublattices for the Gibbs energy parameters in the disordered part.

In this listing all **TPfun** tags are in the beginning, the **CrystalStructure** tag is missing and the parameters for all phases listed together at the end. The list of parameters has been edited manually and may contain some errors.

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