

Implementing and testing a Kinetic Phase Transition Model

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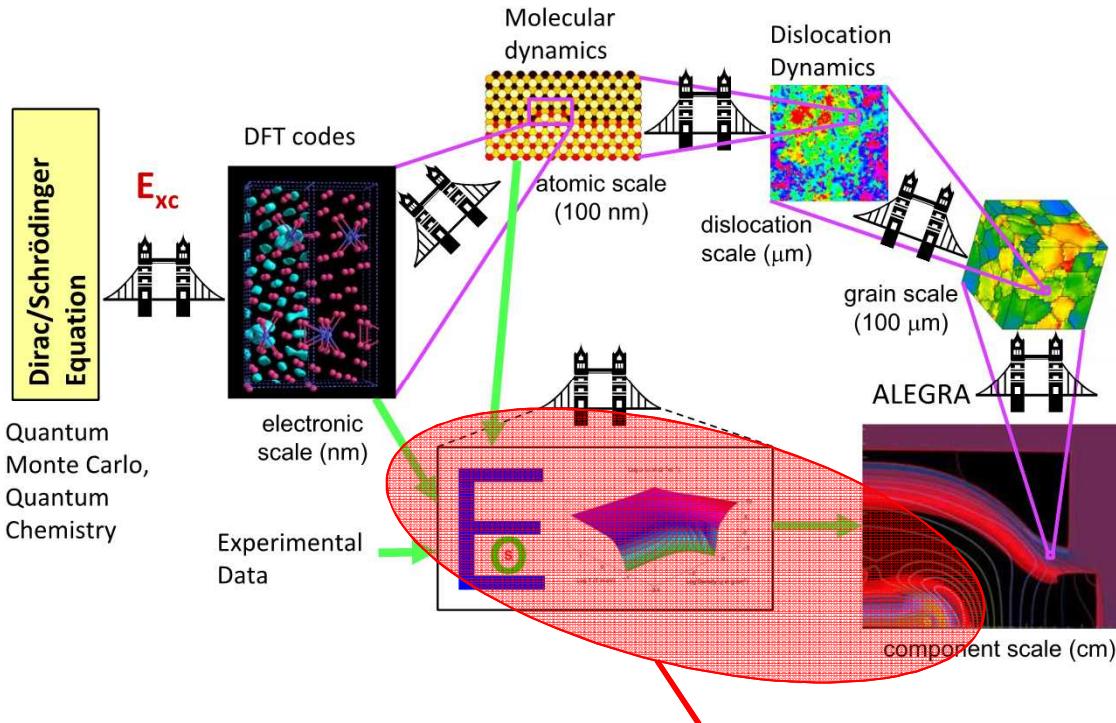
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Bridges between Fundamental Law of Nature and Engineering: Kinetics of Phase transitions



Implementing a kinetic phase transition model into hydro-codes.

- *Developing, documenting and implementing Carl Greeff's (LANL) kinetic phase transition model into Lambda for use in LASLO and ALEGRA for advanced modeling.*

Kinetics of Phase transitions

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MODELING DYNAMIC PHASE TRANSITIONS IN TI AND ZR

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Only difference between simulations (dashed lines) is how fast the phase transition occur.

Carl Greeff (LANL) has proposed an empirical model for taking this into account and I am implementing it into the codes the scientists at the Z-machine use at Sandia.

Lambda provides subroutines for use in **LASLO**, **ALEGRA**, and other codes at Sandia. Lambda can also use these subroutines internally, for testing etc.

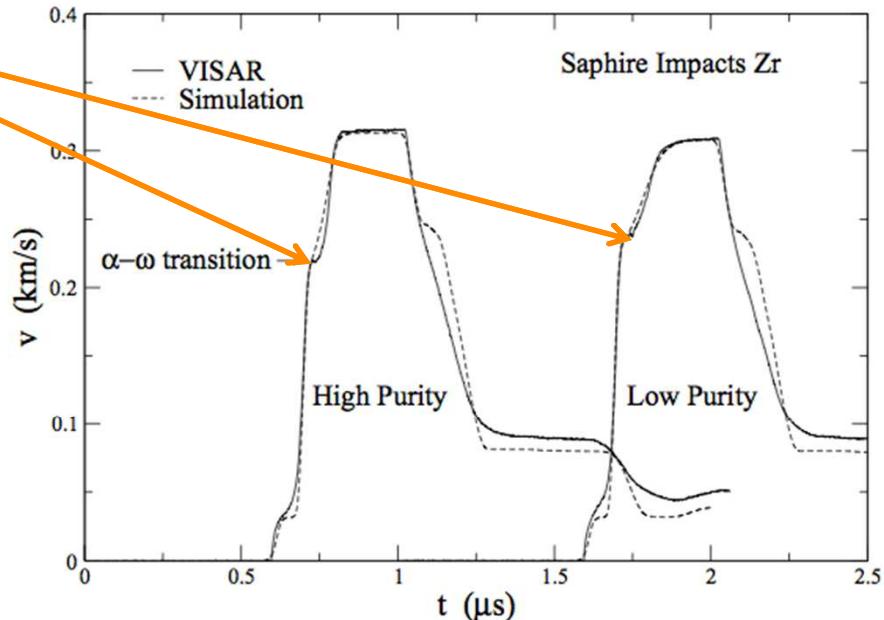


FIGURE 5. Impurity effects on $\alpha - \omega$ transition in Zr. Zr samples impacted by sapphire flyer with sapphire window. Solid curve - VISAR, dashed curve - simulation.

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A complete EOS for each of the phases

Phase transitions are determined by Gibbs Free energy (G), which is also present in any kinetic phase transition model:

$$G = E - T S + P V$$

E: Internal Energy

T: Temperature

S: Entropy

P: Pressure

V: Specific volume

Entropy needed, not only Pressure and Internal Energy as functions of specific volume and temperature as are usually available in EOS models.

The first task: Deriving, and implementing into Lambda, entropy for the Vinet and Mie-Grüneisen models.

Here I call “Mie Grüneisen” the one with a Hugoniot reference curve.

What I call “Vinet” is an extended Vinet formulation with temperature dependence.

Entropy

Both Vinet and Mie-Grüneisen are incomplete EOSs.

They are not derived in a thermodynamically consistent way from a thermodynamic potential, such as the Helmholtz free energy.

There can be more than one, or none, complete EOS consistent with an incomplete EOS.

The assumptions in both Vinet and Mie-Grüneisen are:

- The specific heat at constant volume (C_V) is constant.
- The Grüneisen parameter (Γ) times density (ρ) is constant.
(Or equivalently, volumetric thermal expansion (α) times isothermal bulk modulus (B) is constant, since $C_V\Gamma\rho=\alpha B$ by definition.)

$$S(V, T) = S_0 + \alpha_0 B_0 (V - V_0) + C_{V0} \ln \frac{T}{T_{ref}}.$$

where S_0 is the entropy at V_0 and T_{ref} .

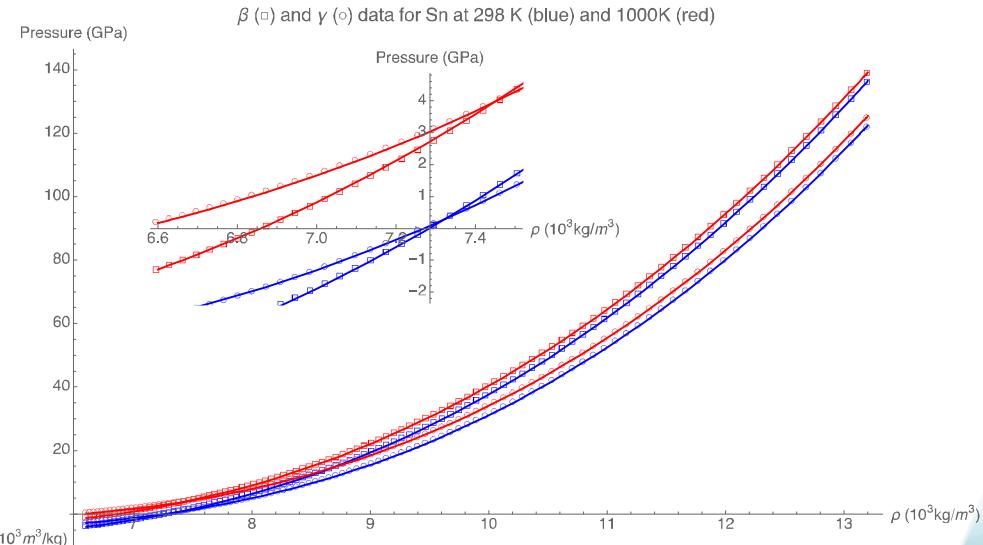
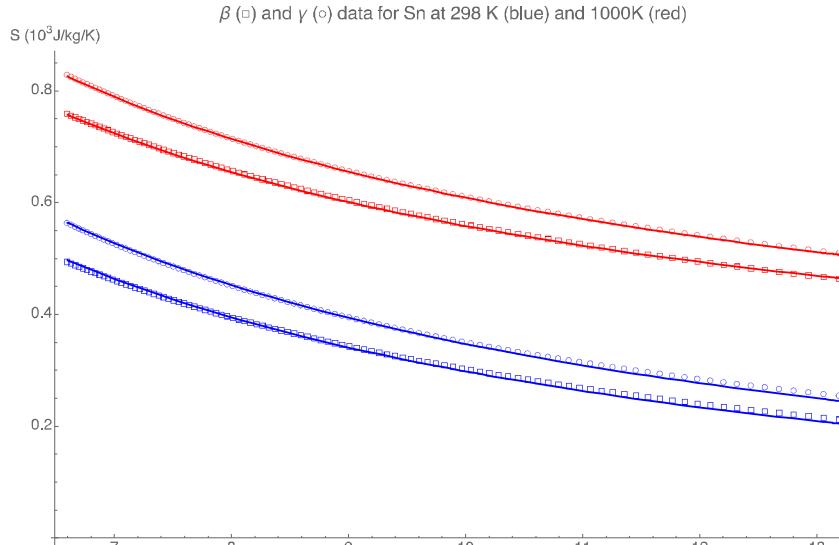
This form violates the **third law of thermodynamics** which states that the entropy of a system at zero temperature is a well-defined constant. Should mainly be used for $T > \approx T_{ref}$.

In addition we can obtain negative temperatures in the iterative procedure we need for finding the specific volumes and specific energies for the individual phases.
We use: If $T \leq 0$ we set $S=0$.

Phase models

For a specific material we need one separate EOS model for each phase.
We (Sandia) do not have those models yet.

Carl Greeff has his own EOS generating code and I got a few tabulated isotherms for the β and γ phases of Tin (Sn) from him that I fitted the Vinet model parameters to reproduce:



Entropy

Examples

Pressure

Justin has parameterized a few other multi phase tables using this modified extended Vinet formula with good results.

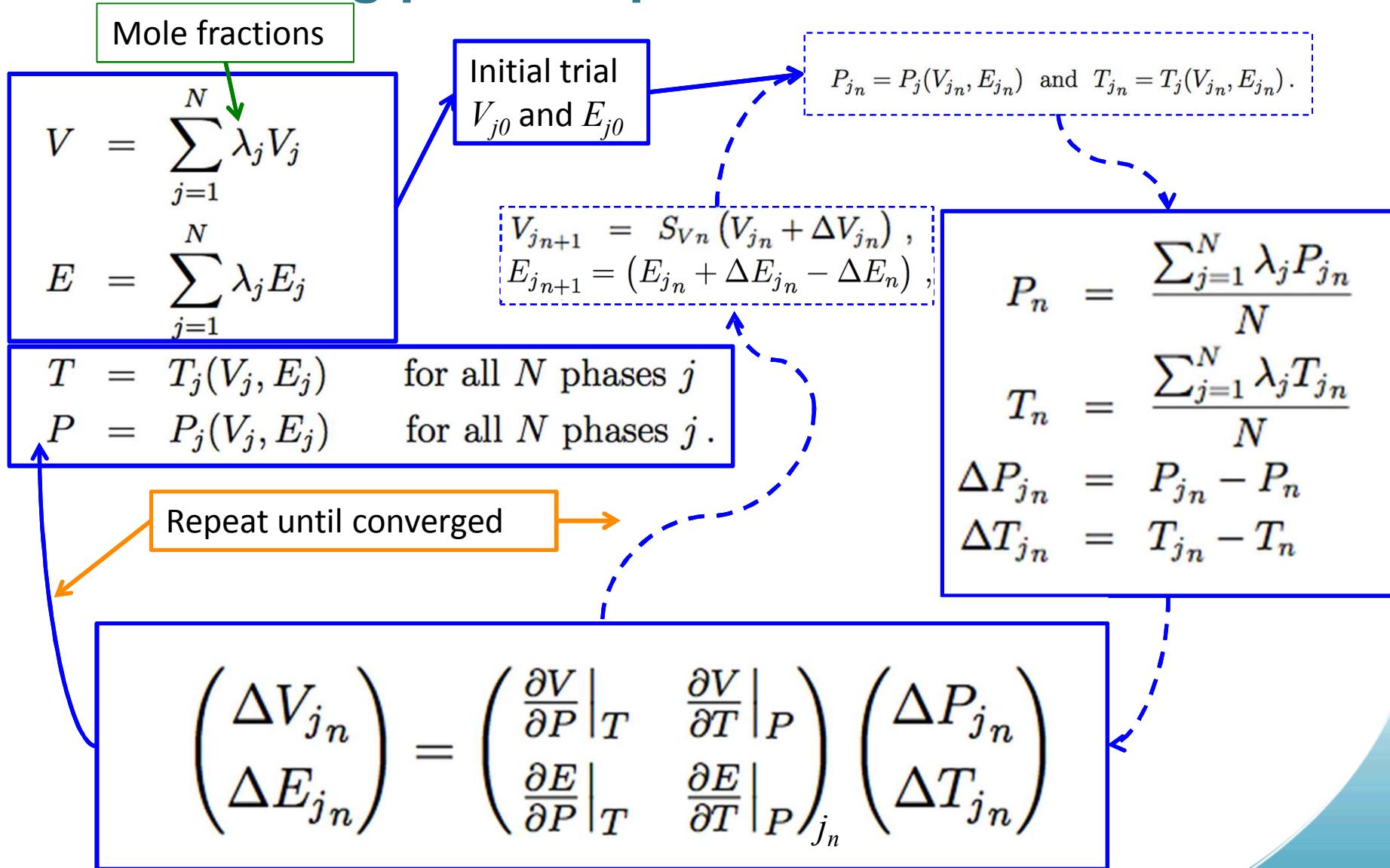
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Determining phase equilibrium



Key to stable implementation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta V_{j_n} \\ \Delta E_{j_n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \Big|_T & \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \Big|_P \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial P} \Big|_T & \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \Big|_P \end{pmatrix}_{j_n} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta P_{j_n} \\ \Delta T_{j_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Analytical derivatives. Thermodynamic derivatives galore...

Hydro-code: Internal Energy $E(S,V)$

EOS models: Helmholtz free energy $F(V,T)$

Phase transitions: Gibbs free energy $G(P,T)$

Example: If we have Helmholtz free energy quantities:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \Big|_P = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \Big|_\rho - \frac{\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \Big|_\rho \frac{\partial E}{\partial \rho} \Big|_T}{\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \Big|_T}$$

Long term plan: Add capability to use multi phase tables in the UTri format, to be able to tabulate these derivatives explicitly to eliminate numerical noise.

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Finally: Updating mole fractions

Exponential can give numerical troubles.

$$R_{ij} = \nu_{ij} \theta(G_i - G_j) \frac{(G_i - G_j)}{B_{ij}} \exp \left((G_i - G_j)^2 / B_{ij}^2 \right)$$

Calculate and store $\log R_{ij}$

$$\dot{\lambda}_i = \sum_j \lambda_j R_{ji} - \lambda_i R_{ij}.$$

$$\lambda_j^{new} = \lambda_j + \lambda_j \Delta t$$

Make sure updated molfractions are not becoming negative by subdividing the time step and updating successively.

Assumption in subdividing time step: Rates do not change substantially over the total time step. Which means Gibbs free energy for a phase should not change substantially during the phase transition.

Main problem: Sign change of $G_i - G_j$ results in numerical slushing between phases. More work needed here.

Updating thermodynamic quantities

Analytical derivatives. Thermodynamic derivatives galore...

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Only derivatives along isotherms and isobars are well defined and we need to rewrite other thermodynamic derivatives in terms of these. These also gives a bridge between phase derivatives and total derivatives.

Example:

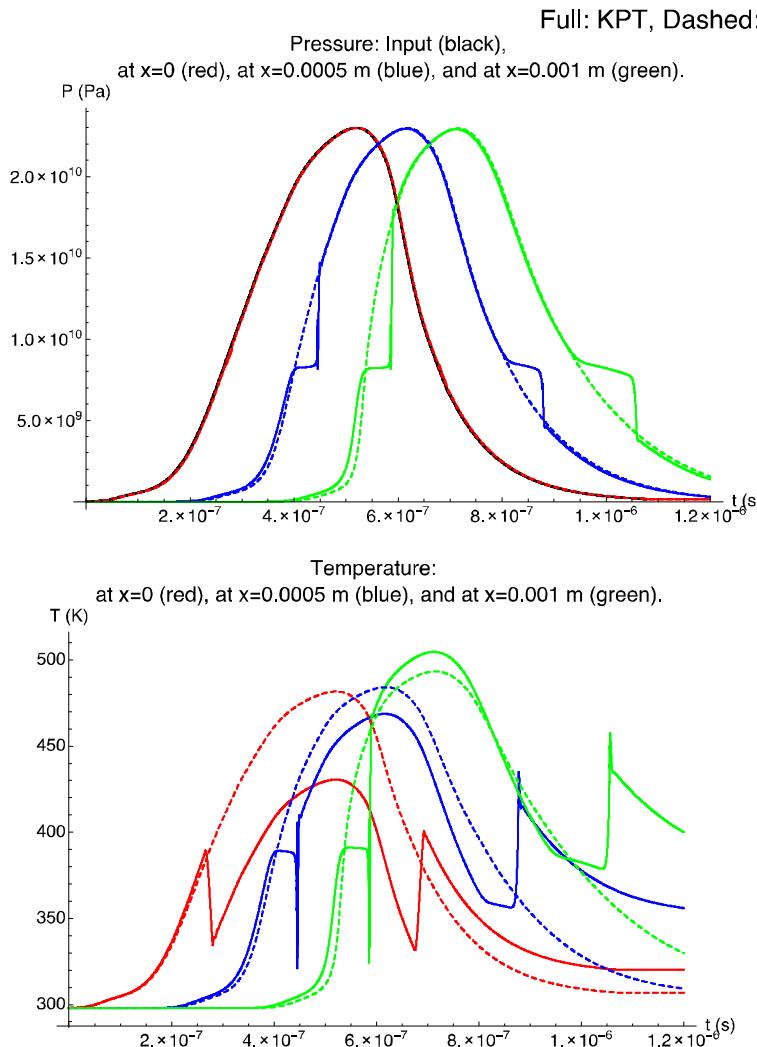
$$\left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right|_P = \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right|_\rho - \frac{\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right|_\rho \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial \rho} \right|_T}{\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right|_T} = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \left. \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial T} \right|_{\rho_j} - \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \frac{\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right|_{\rho_j} \left. \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial \rho_j} \right|_T}{\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho_j} \right|_T}.$$

Most complicated (in my view): Sound speed:

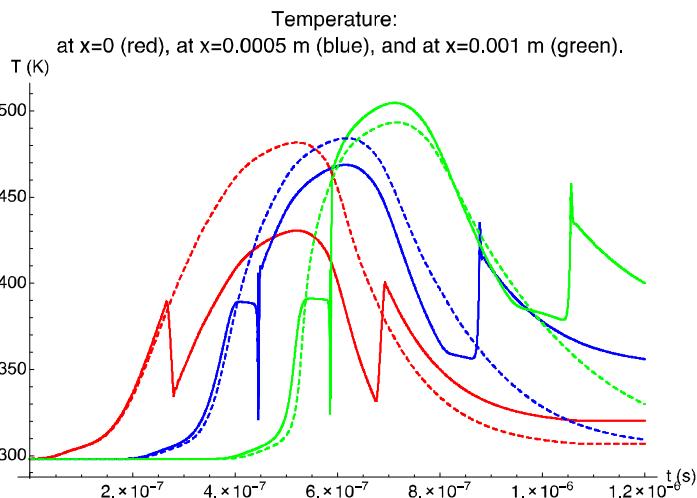
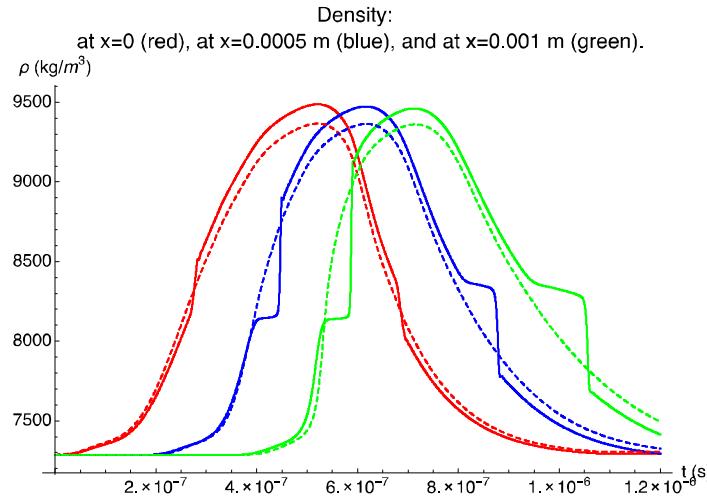
$$C_S^2 \left. \frac{\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}}{\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}} \right|_T = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j C_{Sj}^2 \left. \frac{\frac{\partial E_j}{\partial T}}{\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho_j}} \right|_{\rho_j}.$$

Implementation in Laslo: Sn

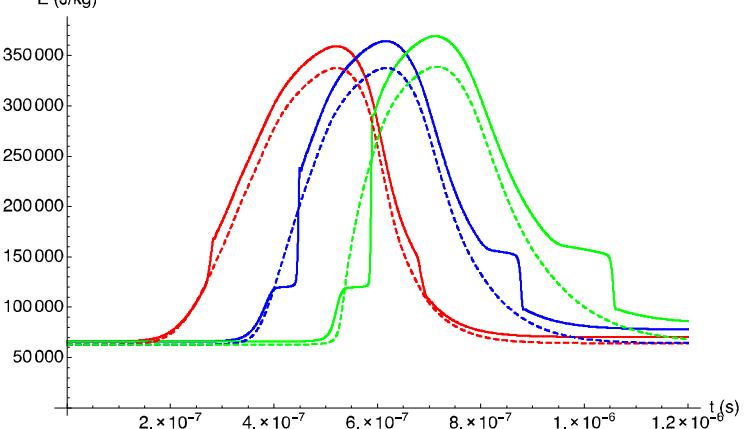
Working with Justin Brown to test it and getting experience on how to use it.



Full: KPT, Dashed: A standard Mie Grüneisen.

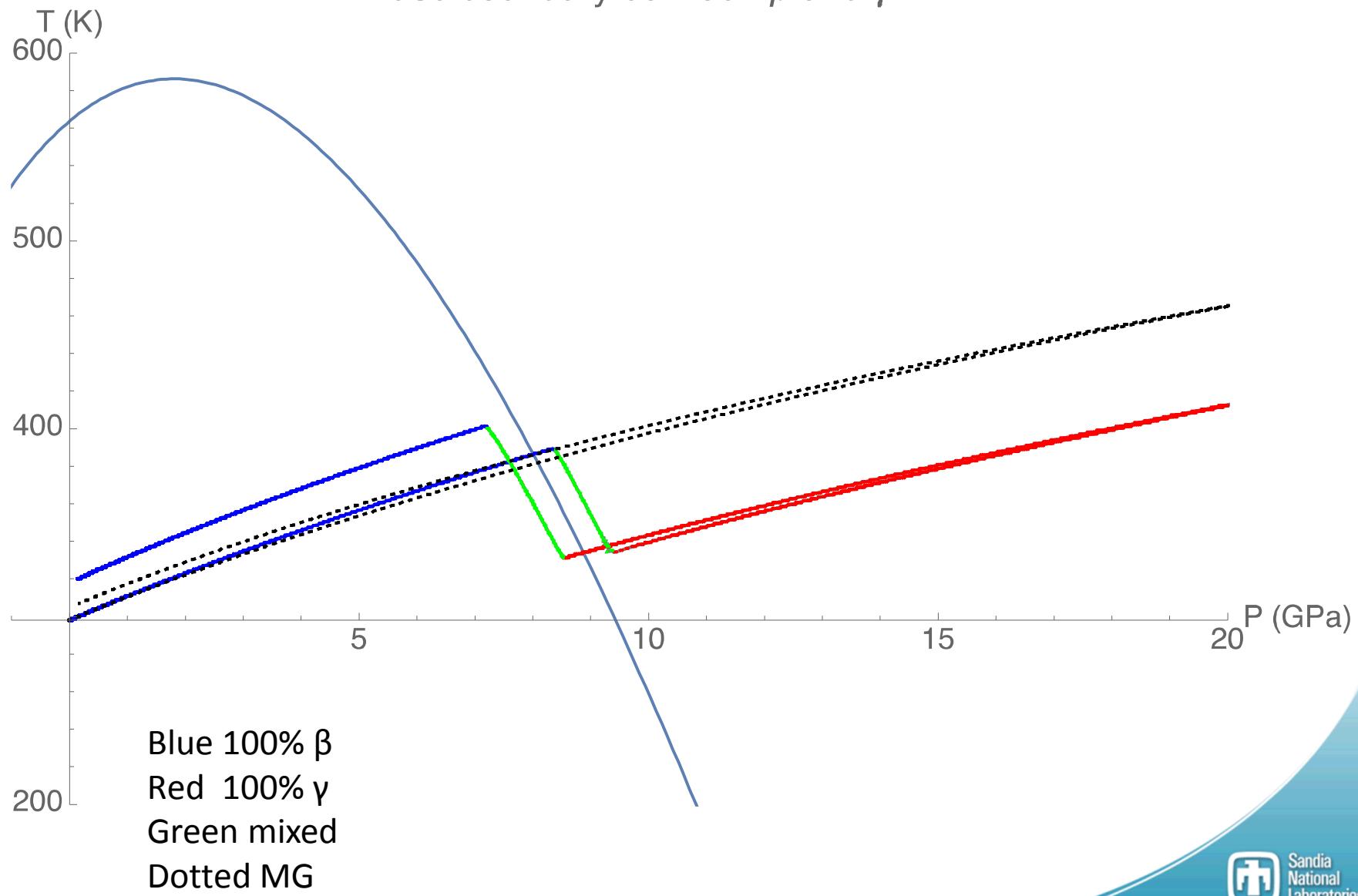


Internal Energy:
at $x=0$ (red), at $x=0.0005$ m (blue), and at $x=0.001$ m (green).



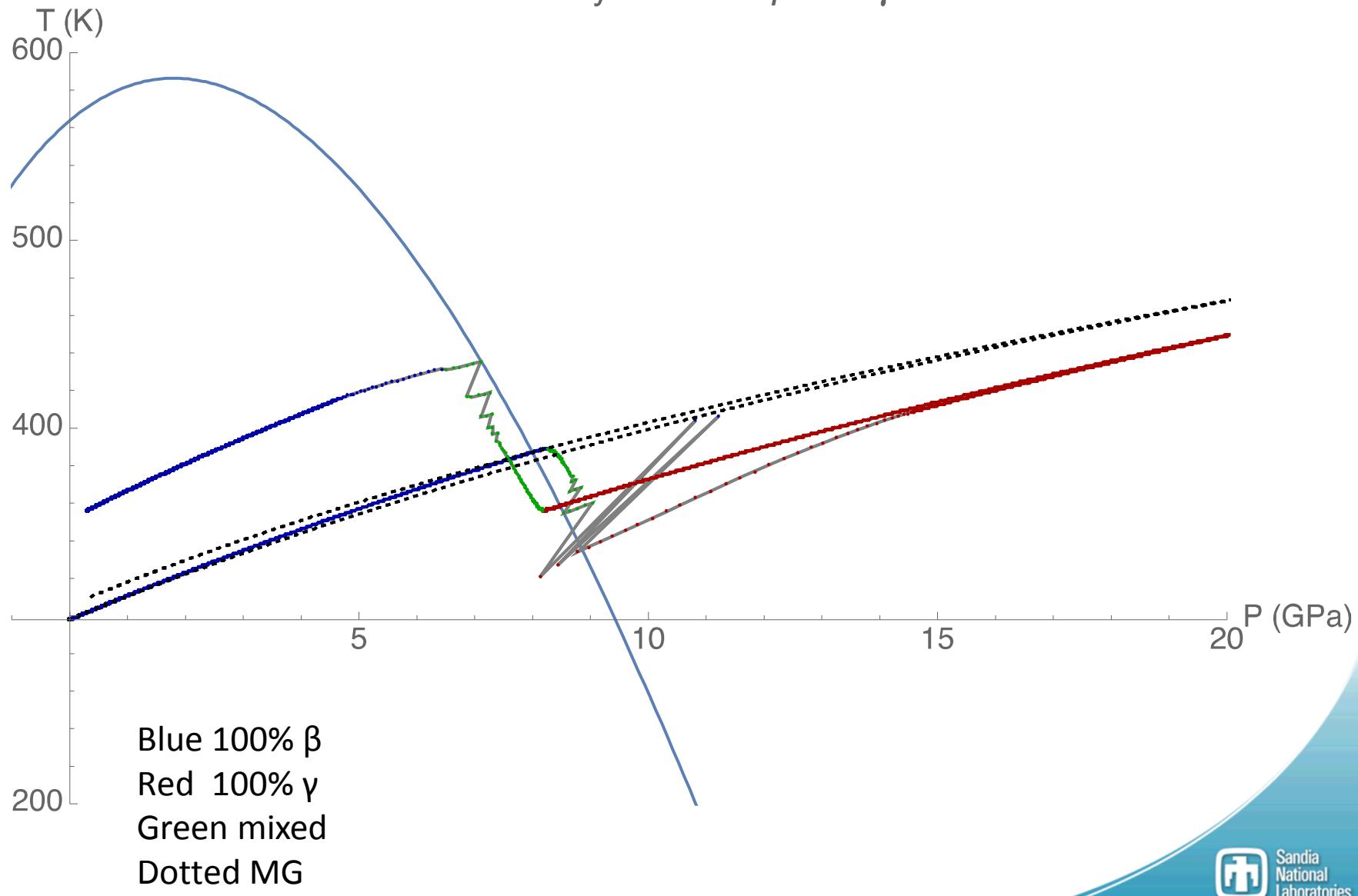
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Phase boundary between β and γ



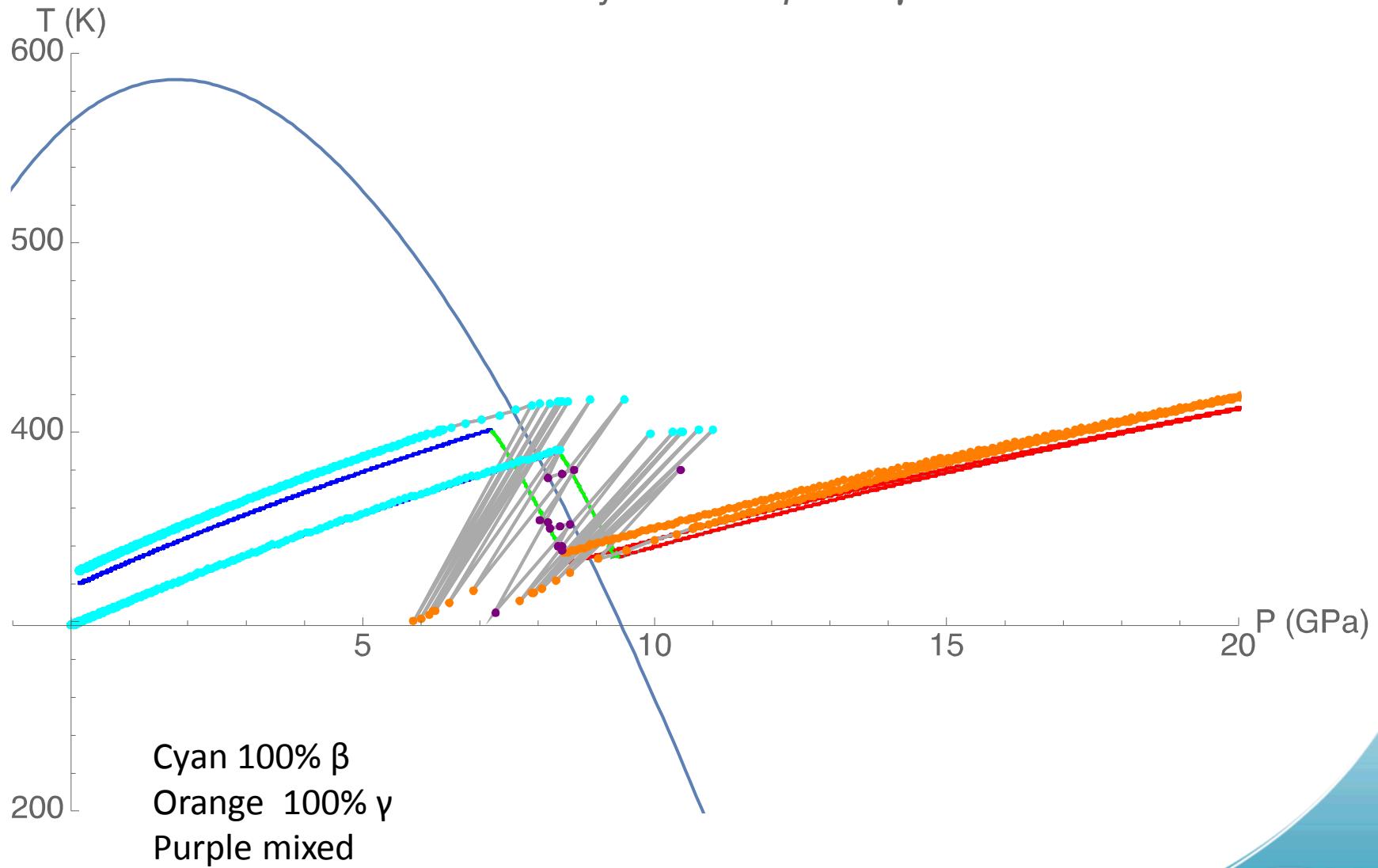
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Summary

- We have subroutines for Carl Greeff's kinetic phase transition model in Lambda.
- We have used them for a good implementation in Laslo.
- We will use them also for an implementation in ALEGRA.

- The subroutines in Lambda can use the extended Vinet and the Mie Grünesien EOSs as phase models.
- We will add the capability of using Utri tables.

- We have several ideas about how to address the “time step problem”.