

# TCS Steels/Fe-Alloys Mobility Database (MOBFE8)

## Technical Information

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# MOBFE8: TCS Steels/Fe-Alloys Mobility Database

The TCS Steels/Fe-Alloys Mobility Database (MOBFE) is a kinetic database containing mobility data limited to Fe-based alloys. Data is present in a format suitable for simulation of diffusion controlled phenomena using the add-on Diffusion Module (DICTRA) and/or Precipitation Module (TC-PRISMA), and/or for use together with any Thermo-Calc programming interface.

MOBFE8 is compatible and recommended for use in combination with the TCFE14 (TCS Steels/Fe-Alloys Database) thermodynamic database.

Primarily for aiding alloy design and the optimization of manufacturing processes, through simulation of different diffusion controlled phenomena, such as e.g. microsegregation during solidification, homogenization, kinetics of phase transformations, precipitate growth/dissolution kinetics, carburization, nitriding, and much more.



[MOBFE: TCS Steel and Fe- Mobility Database Revision History](#). The current version of the database is MOBFE8.

## The CALPHAD Method

The Thermo-Calc databases are developed with the CALPHAD approach based on various types of experimental data and theoretical values (e.g. those from first-principles calculations). It is based on the critical evaluation of binary, ternary, and for some databases, important higher order systems. This enables predictions to be made for multicomponent systems and alloys of industrial importance. Among these, the thermodynamic database is of fundamental importance.



For more learning resources about CALPHAD and our databases, visit the video tutorials on our [website](#) or our [YouTube playlist](#).



Learn more on our website about the [CALPHAD Method](#) and how it is applied to the Thermo-Calc databases.

## Additional Resources



Go to the [Steels and Fe-Alloys Databases](#) page on our website where you can access this Technical Information plus learn more about the compatible thermodynamic database and its Validation and Calculation Examples Collection. Also explore further [applications of Thermo-Calc to iron and steels](#) including links to resources such as publications, webinars, videos, and more.

# MOBFE8 Elements and Phases

## Included Elements

There are 29 elements included in the most recent version of the database.

Al	B	C	Ca	Ce	Co	Cr	Cu	Fe	H
Mg	Mn	Mo	N	Nb	Ni	O	P	Ru	S
Si	Sn	Ta	Ti	W	V	Y	Zn	Zr	

## Included Phases

BCC_A2	CEMENTITE	FCC_A1	FE4N_LP1	HCP_A3	LIQUID
M5C2					



The phases have diffusion data included in the database. You can include other phases in a diffusion simulation. However, these other phases are treated as so-called diffusion **NONE**, i.e. there is no diffusion considered in these other phases. Any phase not listed above is automatically entered as diffusion **NONE** (in Console Mode in the DICTRA module or in Graphical Mode with the Diffusion Module (DICTRA) and/or Precipitation Module (TC-PRISMA)), as long as a thermodynamic description for the phases is retrieved prior to reading data from the mobility database.

A model from Jönsson includes the effect on diffusion from the ferromagnetic transition in body-centred cubic Fe [B. Jönsson, On Ferromagnetic Ordering and Lattice Diffusion: A Simple Model. Zeitschrift für Met. 83, 349–355 (1992)]. Diffusion data for the LIQUID phase has been assessed for systems where experimental data is available; otherwise the modified Sutherland equation was used for estimation. For the phase HCP\_A3 most data are assumed to be the same as that in FCC\_A1.

## Limits

As in the spirit of the CALPHAD method, predictions can be made for multicomponent systems by extrapolation into multicomponent space of data critically evaluated and assessed based on binary, ternary

and in some cases higher order systems. However, critical calculations must always be verified by equilibrium experimental data; it is the user's responsibility to verify the calculations but Thermo-Calc Software AB is interested to know about any significant deviations in order to improve any future release.

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# MOBFE8 Assessed Systems

This database contains assessed self- and impurity diffusion data for a number of elements, as well as assessed data for some alloy systems (listed below). Since a lot of experimental data is missing in the literature, naturally some parameters are missing in the database. In order to make the database as complete as possible, some parameters have been estimated.

## Binary Systems

### BCC\_A2

Al-Co	Al-Cr	Al-Fe	Al-Mn	Al-Mo
Al-Nb	Al-Ni	Al-Sn	Al-Ti	Al-V
B-Fe	C-Fe	C-Cr	Cr-Fe	Cr-H
Cr-Mo	Cr-N	Cr-Nb	Cr-Ni	Cr-Ta
Cr-Ti	Cr-V	Cu-Fe	Fe-H	Fe-N
Fe-Mo	Fe-Ni	Fe-O	Fe-Si	Fe-Ti
Fe-V	Fe-Zn	Mn-Mo	Mn-Si	Mn-Ti
Mn-V	Mn-Zr	Mo-H	Mo-Nb	Mo-Ni
Mo-Ta	Mo-Ti	Mo-W	Mo-Zr	Nb-H
Nb-Ni	Nb-Ta	Nb-Ti	Nb-V	Nb-W
Nb-Zr	Ni-Ta	Ni-Ti	Ni-V	Ni-W
Sn-Ti	Sn-V	Ta-H	Ta-Ti	Ta-W
Ta-Zr	Ti-H	Ti-V	Ti-Zr	V-H
V-Zr				

### FCC\_A1

Al-Cr	Al-H	Al-Ni	B-Fe	C-Co
C-Fe	C-Ni	Co-Cr	Co-Cu	Co-Fe

Co-H	Co-Ni	Co-W	Cr-Fe	Cr-N
Cr-Ni	Cu-Fe	Cu-H	Cu-Mn	Cu-Ni
Fe-H	Fe-Mn	Fe-N	Fe-Ni	Fe-O
Fe-Ru	Fe-Si	Fe-V	Fe-Zn	H-Ni
Mn-Ni	Ni-N	Ni-Ti	Ni-V	

### HCP\_A3

Al-H	C-Fe	Co-H	Fe-N	Ti-H
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### FE4N

C-Fe	Fe-N			
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### LIQUID

Al-Ce	Al-Cu	Al-H	Al-Mg	Al-Ni
Al-Si	Al-Zn	Ce-Ni	Cu-H	Fe-H
Fe-Mn	Fe-Si	H-Ni	H-Si	Mg-H
Mg-Zn	Ni-Si			

## Ternary Systems

### BCC\_A2

Al-Fe-Mn	Al-Fe-Ti	Al-Mn-Ti	Al-Mn-V	Al-Mo-Ti
Al-Nb-Ti	Al-Sn-Ti	Al-V-Ti	C-Cr-Fe	C-Fe-Mn
Cr-Fe-H	C-Fe-Mo	Cr-Fe-Mo	Cr-Fe-V	Fe-H-Si
Fe-Mn-Mo	Fe-Mn-Si	H-Mo-Ti	H-Nb-V	H-Ti-V

### FCC\_A1

Al-Cr-Ni	C-Cr-Fe	C-Fe-Mn	C-Fe-Ni	Co-Cr-Fe
Co-Cu-Fe	Co-Fe-Ni	Co-H-Ni	Cr-Fe-H	Cu-Fe-Mn



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Cu-Fe-Mn	Cu-Fe-Ni	Fe-H-Ni	Fe-Mn-Si	Fe-Mn-Mo
N-Cr-Fe	N-Cr-Ni	N-Fe-Ni		

## LIQUID

Co-Fe-H	Cr-Fe-H	Cu-Fe-H	Fe-H-Mn	Fe-H-Mo
Fe-H-Ni	Fe-H-Nb	Fe-H-V	Fe-H-W	

## Higher Order Systems

### BCC\_A2

C-Cr-Fe-N-Ni

### FCC\_A1

C-Cr-Fe-Ni N-Cr-Fe-Ni

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# MOBFE: TCS Steel and Fe- Mobility Database Revision History

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## Current Database Version

<i>Database name (acronym):</i>	<b>TCS Steels/Fe-Alloys Mobility Database (MOBFE)</b>
<i>Database owner:</i>	<b>Thermo-Calc Software AB</b>
<i>Database version:</i>	<b>8.1</b>
<i>First release:</i>	<b>MOBFE1 was released in 2009</b>

## Changes in the Most Recent Database Release

### MOBFE8.0 to MOBFE8.1

Software release version: 2025a (January 2025)

- Reassessment of BCC\_A2 Fe-Mn-Si system

## Previous Releases

### MOBFE7 to MOBFE8

Software release version: 2023b (June 2023)

- The mobility parameters for N in FCC\_A1 Ni, Fe-Ni, Fe-Cr and Cr-Ni are assessed.
  - Added mobility of C and Fe in CEMENTITE and M5C2 phases.
  - New updated mobility for Fe-X:
    - FCC\_A1 : Fe-Co, Fe-Ni, Fe-V, and Fe-Zn
    - BCC\_A2: Fe-Cu, Fe-Si, Fe-Ti, Fe-V, and Fe-Zn
    - CEMENTITE\_D011: Fe-C
    - M5C2: Fe-C
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- New updated mobility for Fe-X-Y:
  - FCC\_A1 : Fe-Co-Ni, Fe-Co-Cu, Fe-Cu-Ni, Fe-Ni-Ti, Fe-Ni-V, Fe-Co-Cr, Fe-Ni-N, and Fe-Cr-N
  - BCC\_A2: Fe-Al-Mn, Fe-Al-Ni, Fe-Al-Ti, Fe-Al-V, Fe-Cr-Mo, Fe-Cr-V, and Fe-Mn-Si

## MOBFE6 to MOBFE7

Software release version: 2022a (December 2021/January 2022)

- Addition of Sn in BCC, FCC, and liquid phases.

## MOBFE5 to MOBFE6

Software release version: 2021a (December 2020/January 2021)

Addition of Hydrogen (H) to the database with the following assessed systems:

- FCC\_A1: Al-H, Co-H, Cu-H, Fe-H, H-Ni, Fe-H-Ni, Cr-Fe-H, Co-H-Ni
- BCC\_A2: Cr-H, Fe-H, Mo-H, Nb-H, Ti-H, Ta-H, V-H, Fe-H-Si, Cr-Fe-H, H-Mo-Ti, H-Nb-V, H-Ti-V
- HCP\_A3: Al-H, Co-H, Ti-H
- LIQUID: Al-H, Cu-H, Fe-H, Mg-H, H-Ni, H-Si, Co-Fe-H, Cr-Fe-H, Cu-Fe-H, Fe-H-Mn, Fe-H-Mo, Fe-H-Ni, Fe-H-Nb, Fe-H-V, Fe-H-W

## MOBFE4 to MOBFE5

Software release version: 2020a (January 2020)

- Added new element Ru and mobility of Ru.
- Added mobility of C and W in FCC-Co.
- Revised default composition sets (type\_defs).
- Updated the reference states of elements according to PURE5.

## MOBFE3 to MOBFE4

Software release version: 2017a (March 2017)

Ce has been added in MOBFE4. The self-diffusion and impurity diffusion data related to Ce were included in the BCC\_A2, FCC\_A1, HCP\_A3 and LIQUID phases. Mobility data for several Mn containing binary and ternary systems was also added. Diffusion data for the LIQUID phase has also been assessed for systems

where experimental data is available; otherwise the modified Sutherland equation was used for estimation. Therefore, the description of the LIQUID phase has been entirely updated in this version of the database, from a constant value ( $1 \cdot 10^{-9}$  [m/s<sup>2</sup>]) to temperature dependent ones. In addition to pure element data, complete and critical assessments for the LIQUID phase in 11 binary systems are implemented.

## **MOBFE2 to MOBFE3**

Software release version: 2015a (June 2015)

The change from MOBFE2 to MOBFE3 is the addition of atomic mobilities of Y and Zn in bcc, fcc and liquid Fe.

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