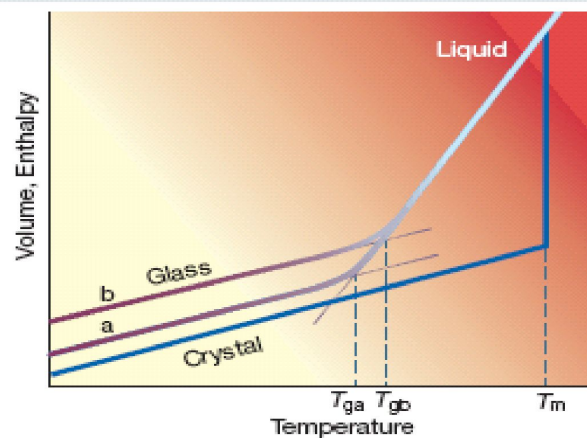
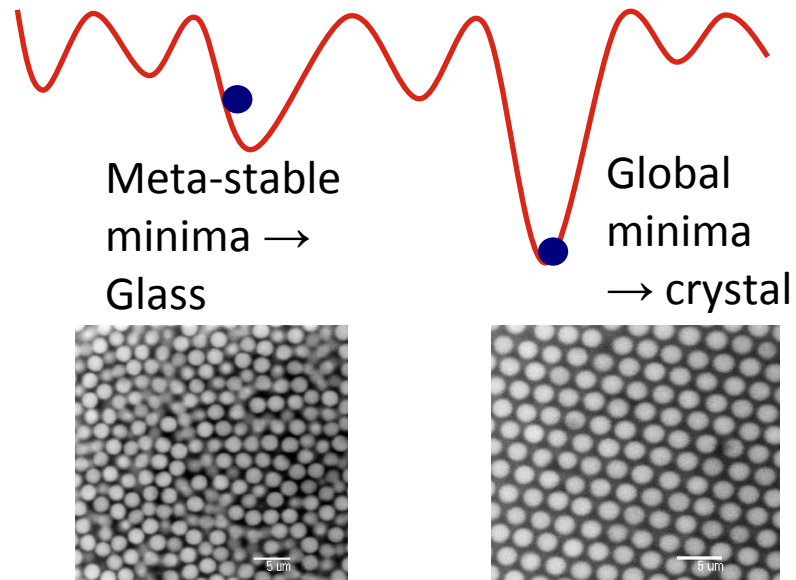


# **The Glass Forming Ability of a Binary Mixture: The Role of Entropy**

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# *What is glass forming ability?*



# Role of frustration

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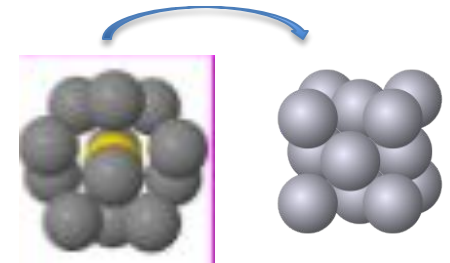
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## Supercooling of Liquids

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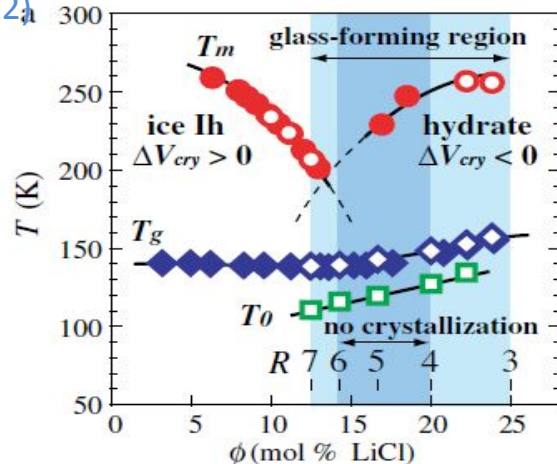
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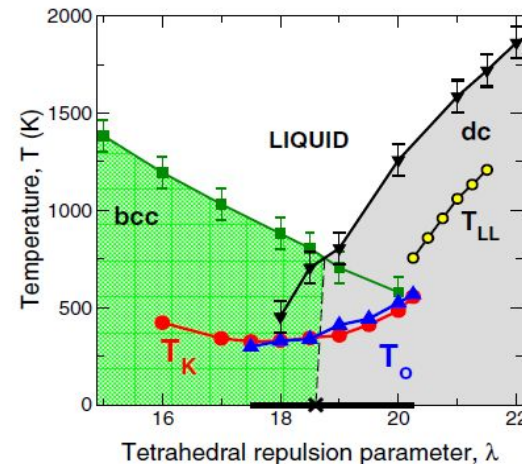
**Stability of supercooled liquid:** Icosahedral ordering locally stable .  
Crystal ordering globally stable. Costly local rearrangement of molecules slows down crystallization, promotes supercooling.

## *V shaped phase diagram and frustration*

Tanaka *Eur. Phys. J. E*, **35**:113,  
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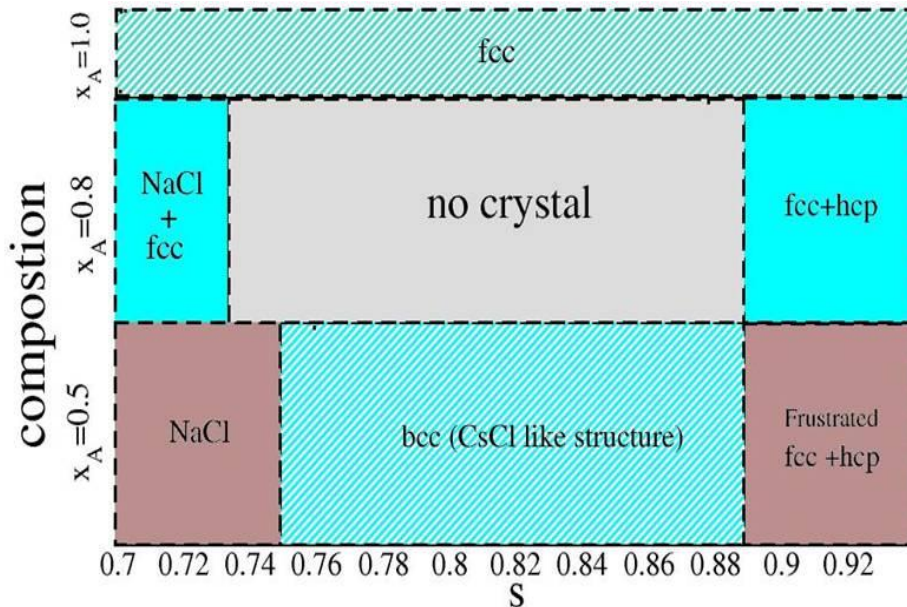


Molinero et al PRL, **97**:075701 (2006)



➤ Frustration between two different crystal structures

# Crystallization vs. Glass transition



Binary Lennard- Jones mixtures

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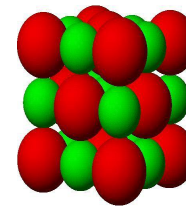
$$S = \sigma_{AB} / \sigma_{AA}$$

$$\sigma_{BB} = 0.88$$

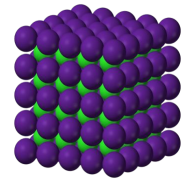
$$\epsilon_{AA} = 1.0$$

$$\epsilon_{BB} = 0.5$$

$$\epsilon_{AB} = 1.5$$



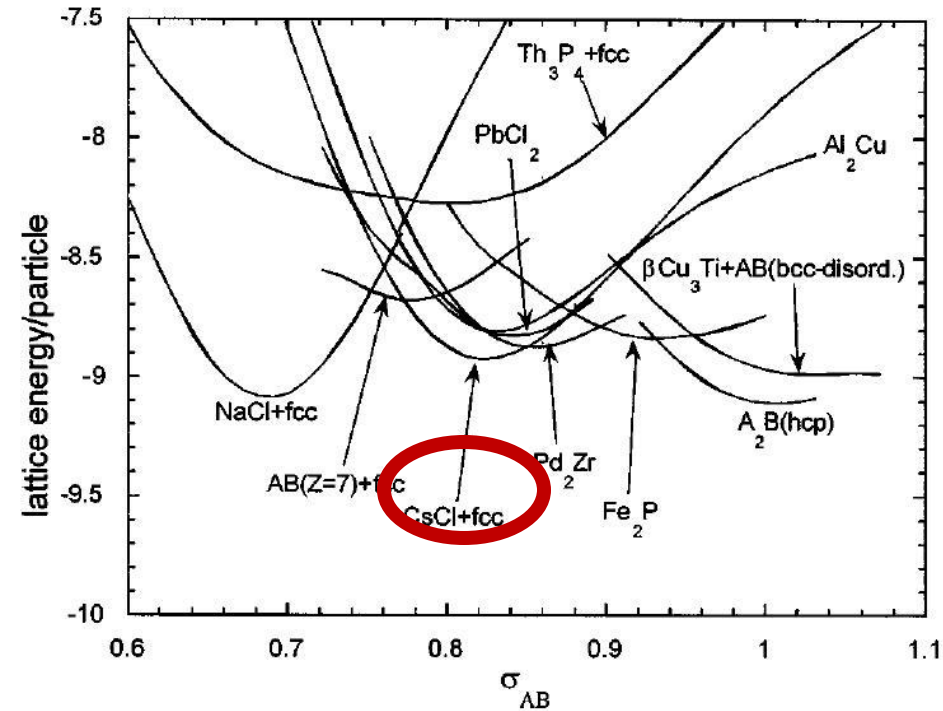
NaCl crystal



CsCl (bcc) crystal

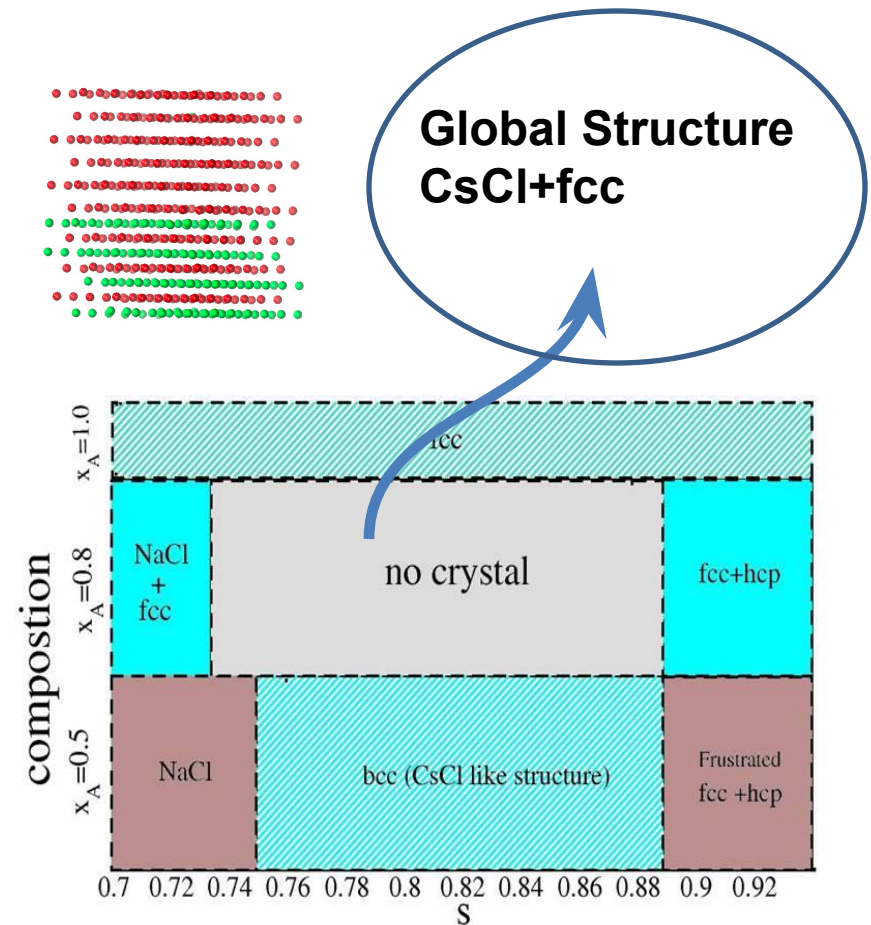
**Overlap between bcc (CsCl) zone and no crystal zone**

# Global Structure of the no crystal zone

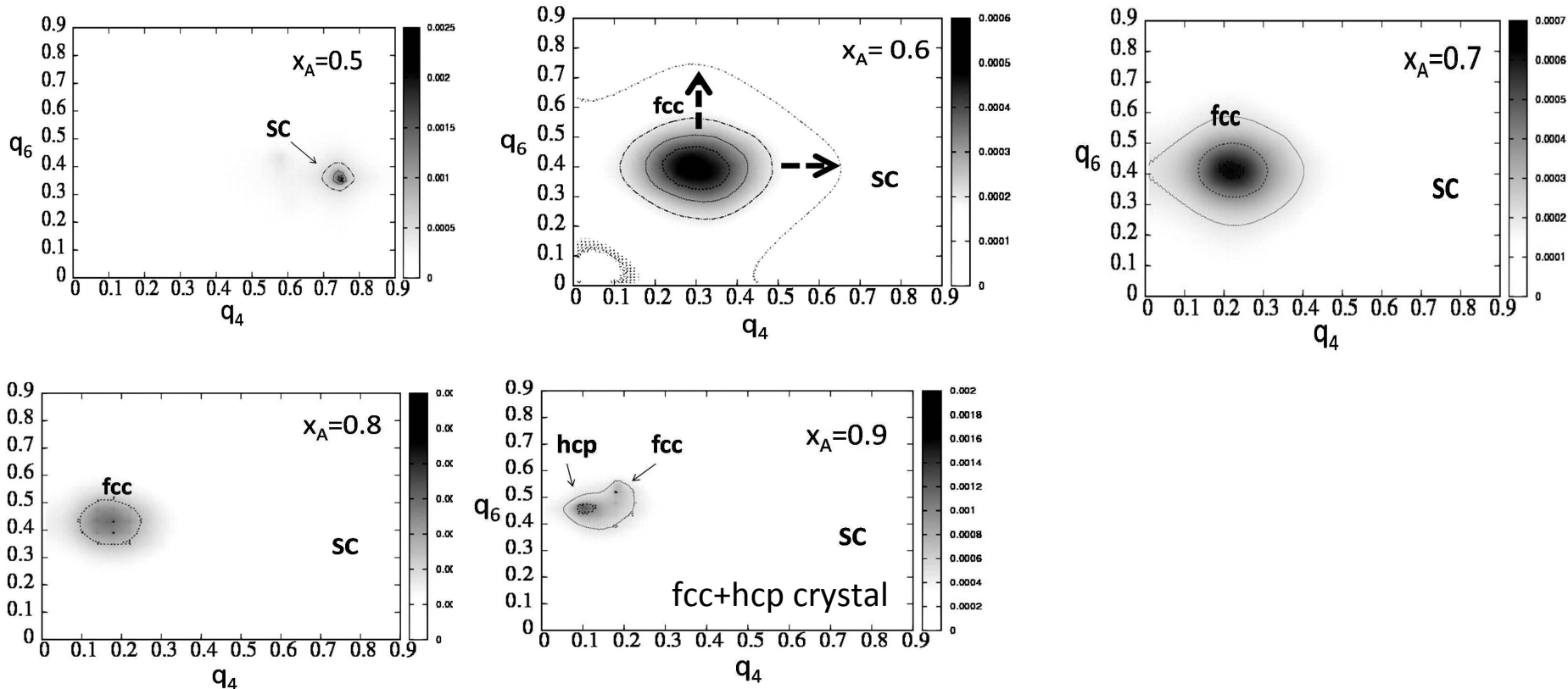


Fernandez & Harrowell JCP,120,9222(2004)

AB particles form CsCl crystal  
Remaining A particles form pure fcc  
structure



# Transition from sc to fcc with increasing $x_A$

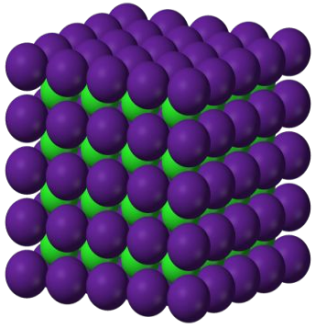


**No sc (bcc) formation tendency at  $x_A = 0.8$**

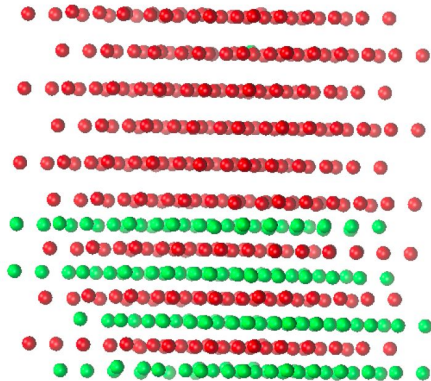
**→ Nucleation barrier for bcc formation increases with  $x_A$**



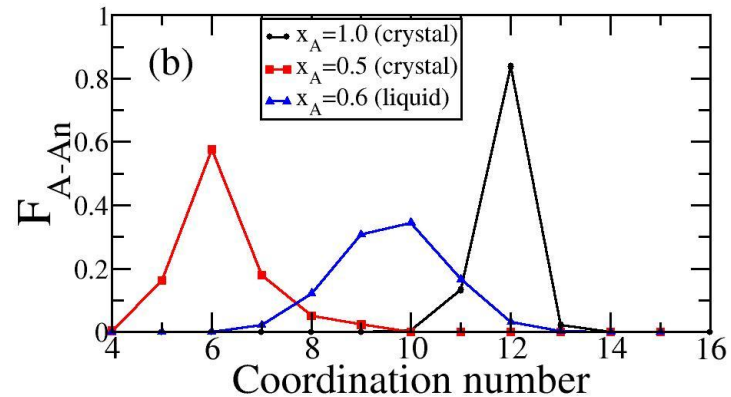
# $CsCl$ vs. $CsCl + fcc$



$CsCl \rightarrow$  interpenetrating sc's  
 $A-A \rightarrow$  sc (6 nn)



$CsCl + fcc$   
 $A-A \rightarrow$  sc and fcc (6 and 12 nn)



fcc and sc  $\rightarrow$  large difference in nearest neighbours

## **Criteria for stability against Crystallization**

**Global structure has two different crystalline forms (NaCl+fcc, CsCl+fcc)**

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**A single species contribute to both crystal forms (A in NaCl, fcc or in CsCl, fcc )**

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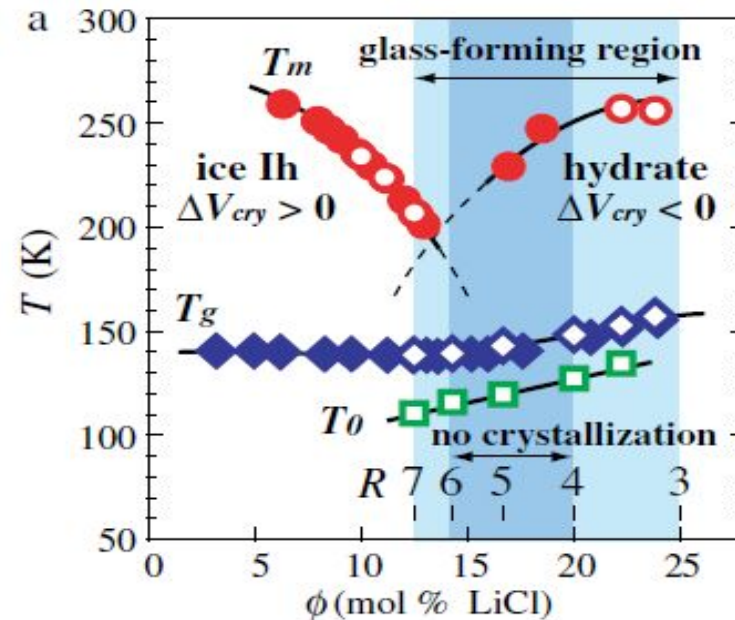
**A large difference in its order parameter (CN or local BOO or any other order parameter like A in CsCl and fcc )**



**Frustration between the LPS and the global structure**



### *V Shaped zone $\rightarrow$ Kinetics Vs. Thermodynamics*



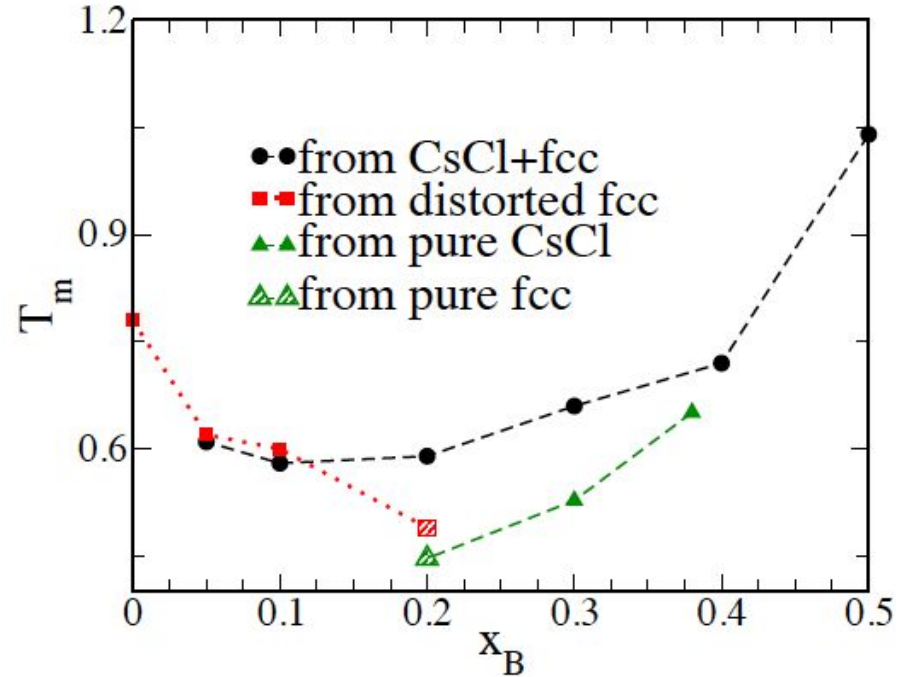
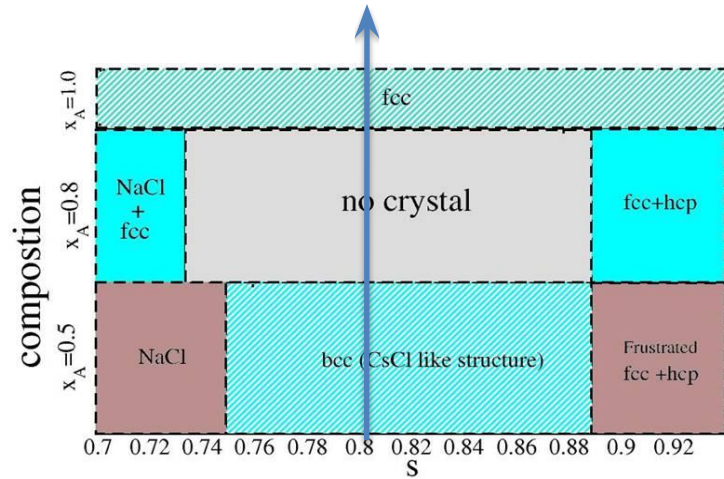
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### Overlap of glass forming region and eutectic point.

Eutectic point  $\rightarrow$  Slow dynamics  $\rightarrow$  Suppression of nucleation

# Kinetic or Thermodynamics ????

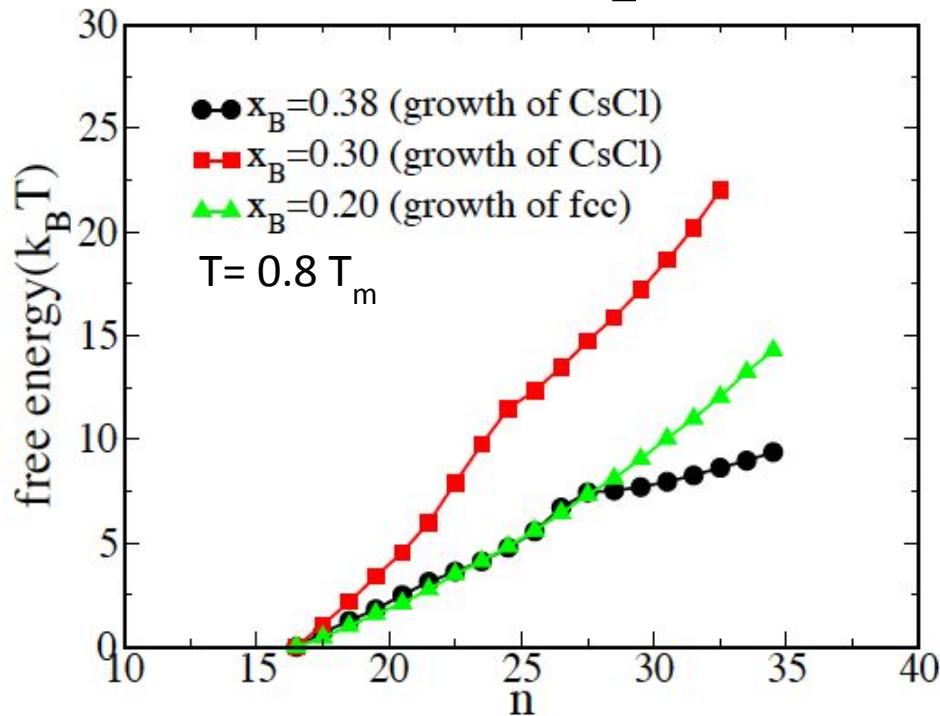
# Thermodynamics vs. Kinetics



# Free energy cost of nucleation

## Biased MC

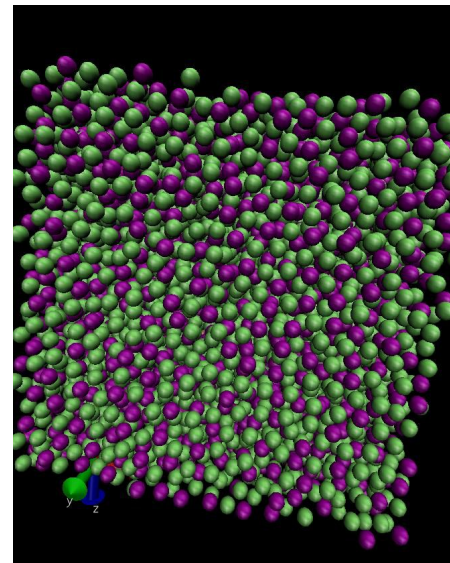
External potential --  $\frac{1}{2}k(n - n_c)^2$



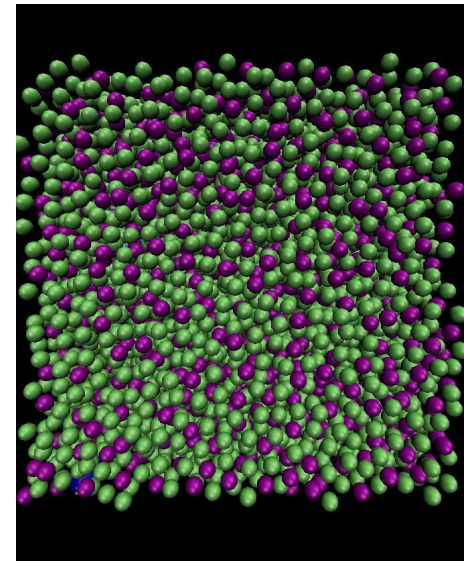
❖ Free energy cost is high

❖ B particles  $\downarrow \rightarrow$  free energy cost of growth of CsCl  $\uparrow$

Unbiased simulation with a seed of 432 particles



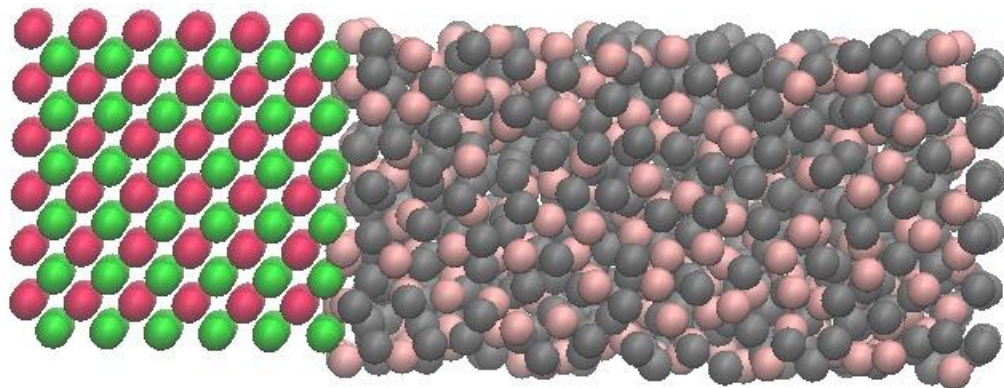
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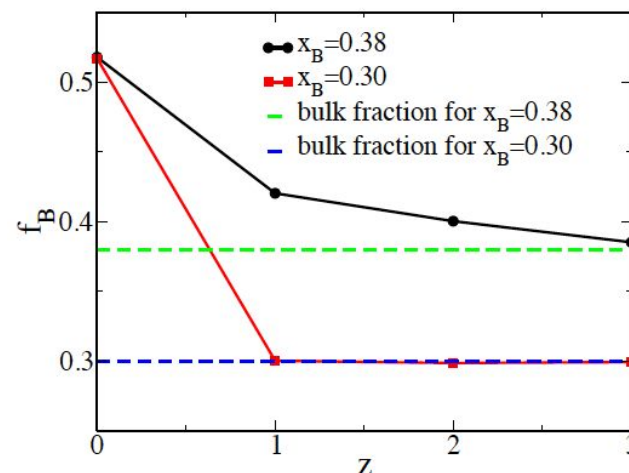
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Is the demixing an effect of crystallization or a cause of it ???

# Role of demixing



$$T = 1.2 T_m$$



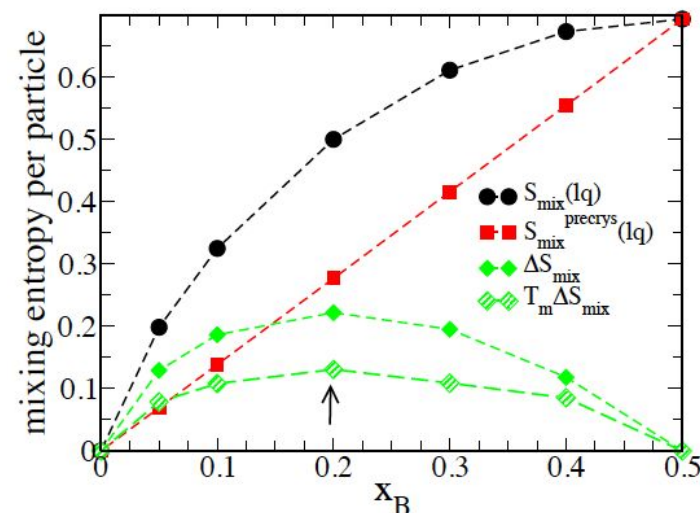
## ❖ Pre crystalline demixing in liquid

Liquid Entropy  $s_{mix}(lq) \propto -x_i \ln x_i$

Demixed liquid entropy  $s_{mix}^{precrs}(lq) \propto -2x_B \ln 0.5$

$$S \propto s_{mix}(lq) - s_{mix}^{precrs}(lq)$$

$$\propto -x_i \ln x_i + 2x_B \ln 0.5$$

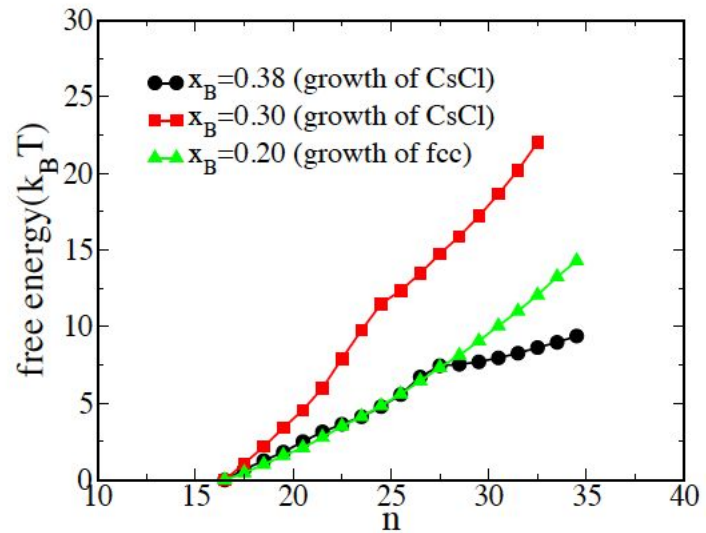


## ❖ Non monotonic composition dependence of demixing entropy

Nandi, Banerjee, Chakrabarty and Bhattacharyya, JCP **145**, 034503 (2016)

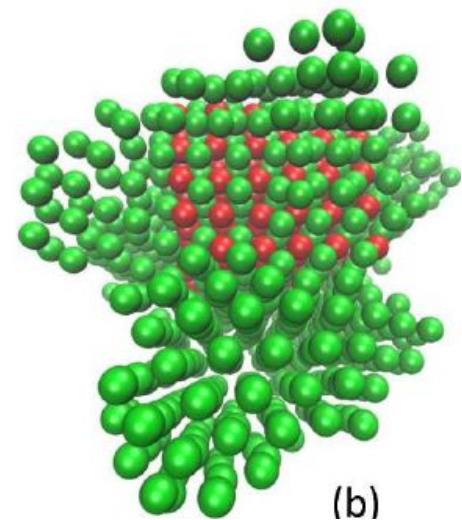


## Tendency of fcc formation in 80:20 mixture ??



Free energy cost for fcc formation less than CsCl formation

Growth of fcc around CsCl

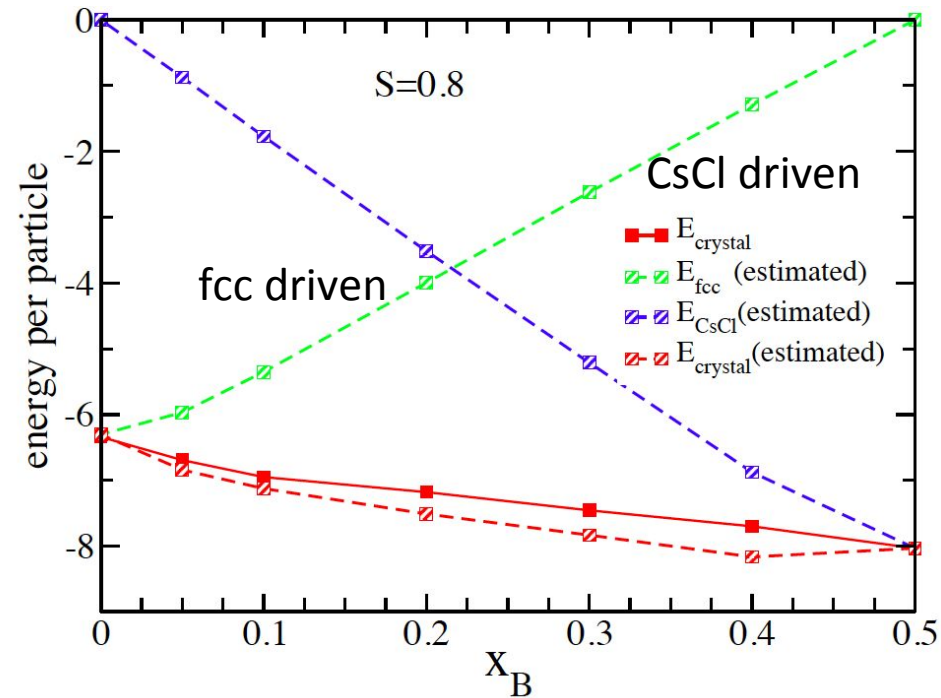
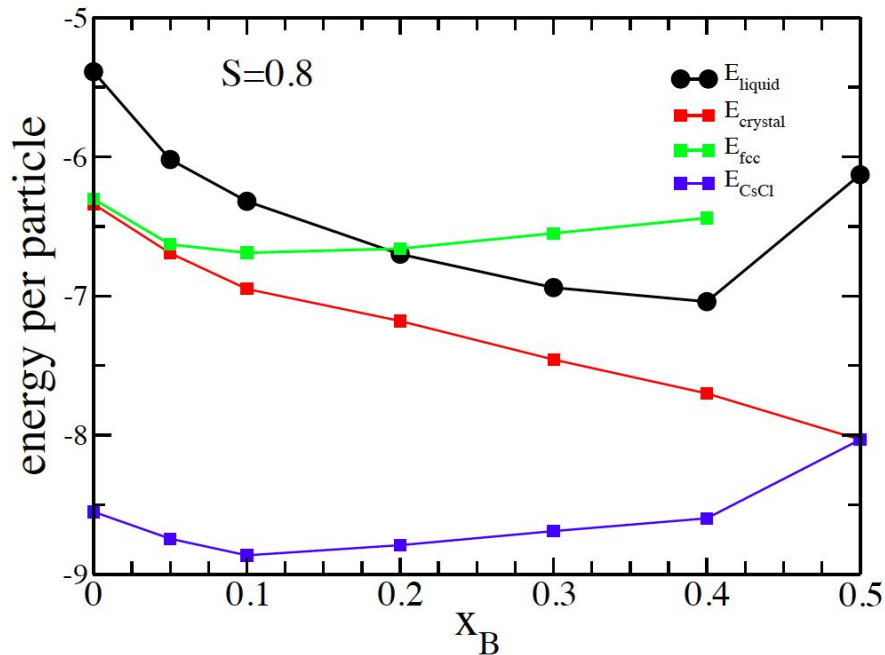




# Driving force for crystallization

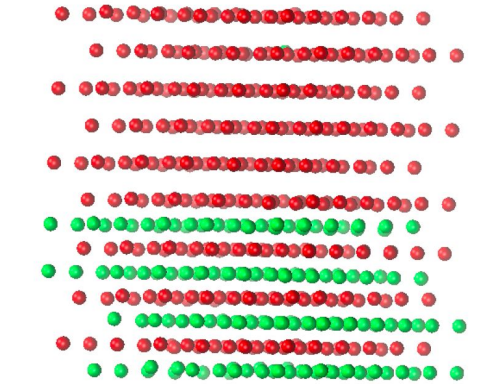
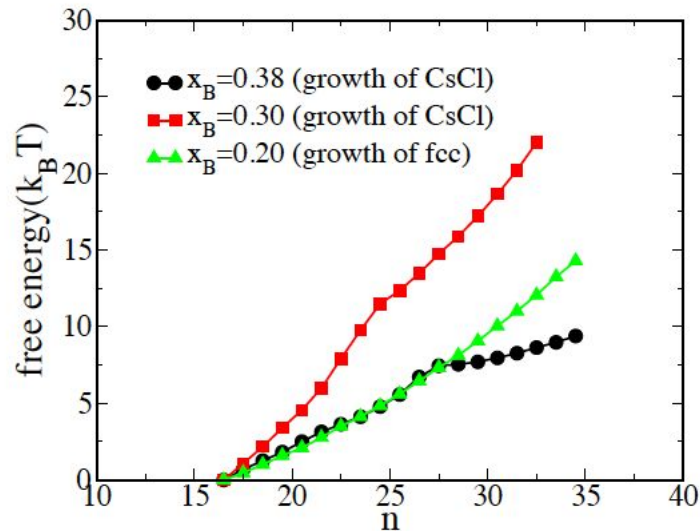
$$E_{\text{crystal}}(\text{estimated}) \square E_{\text{CsCl}}(\text{estimated}) \square E_{\text{fcc}}(\text{estimated})$$

$$\square 2x_B E_{\text{CsCl}} \square (x_A \square x_B) E_{\text{fcc}}$$

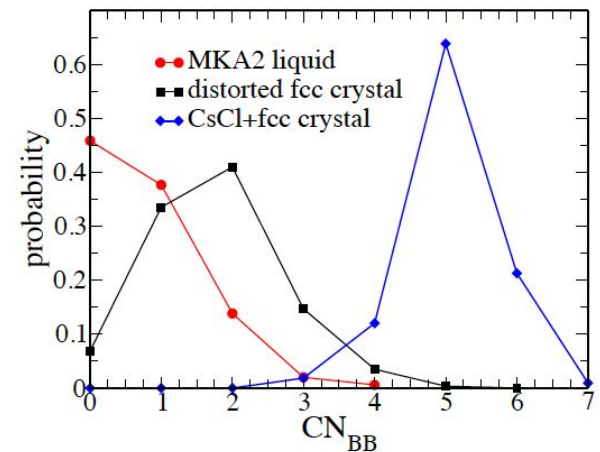
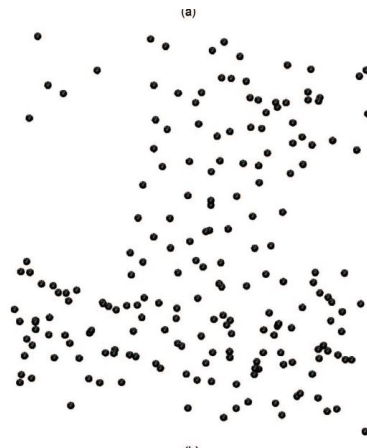
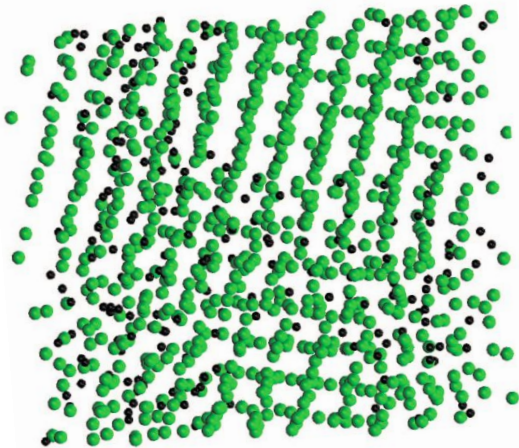


$x_B < 0.2 \rightarrow$  crystallization dominated by fcc formation

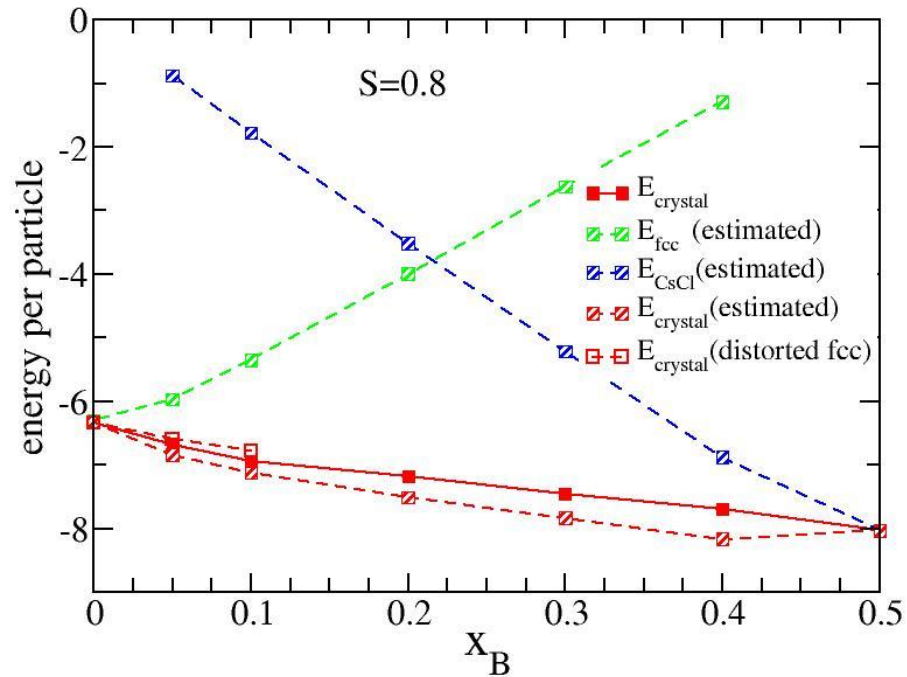
# Why fcc has a lower barrier ??



MKA2 model  $\rightarrow$  reduces AB interaction  $\rightarrow$  Lowers the viscosity of the system



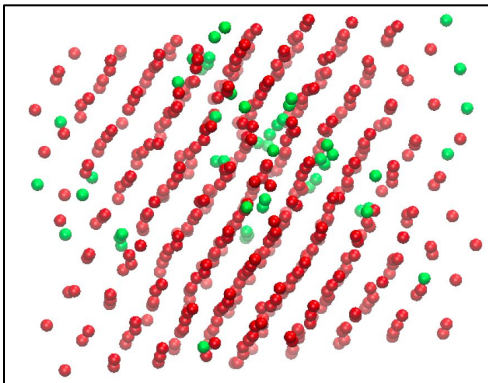
# Mixed vs. Demixed crystal



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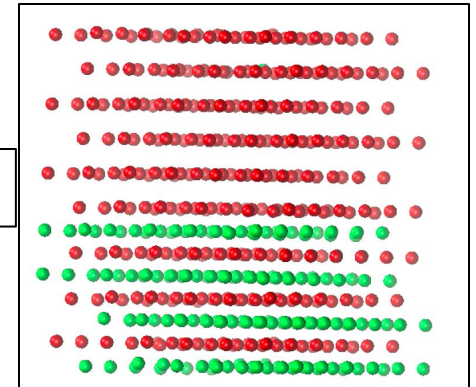
$x_B=0.3$

fcc  $\rightarrow$  less demixing

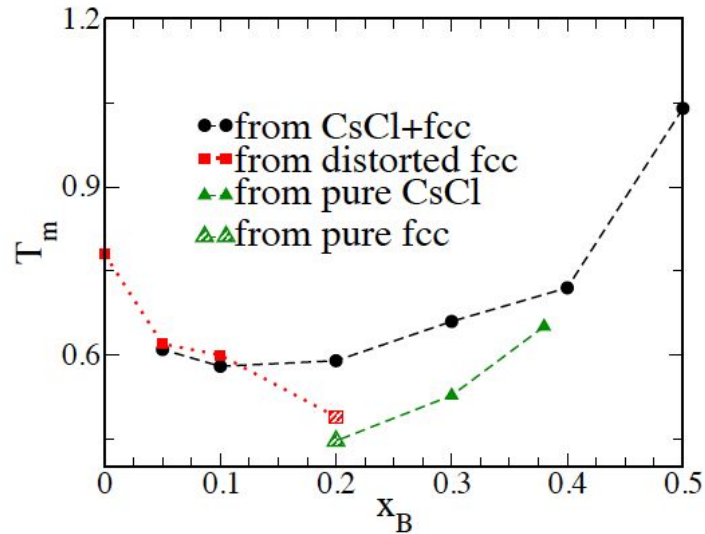


$$\text{Entropy}_{\text{distorted fcc}} > \text{Entropy}_{\text{CsCl} + \text{fcc}}$$

CsCl + fcc  $\rightarrow$  Demixing

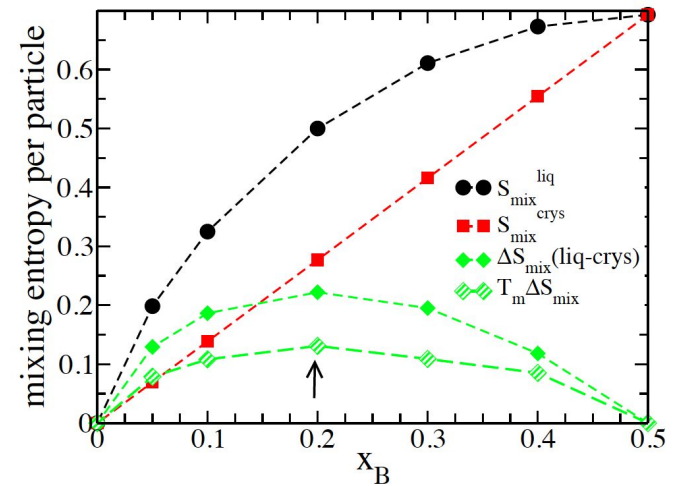


# Factors working for 80:20 mixture

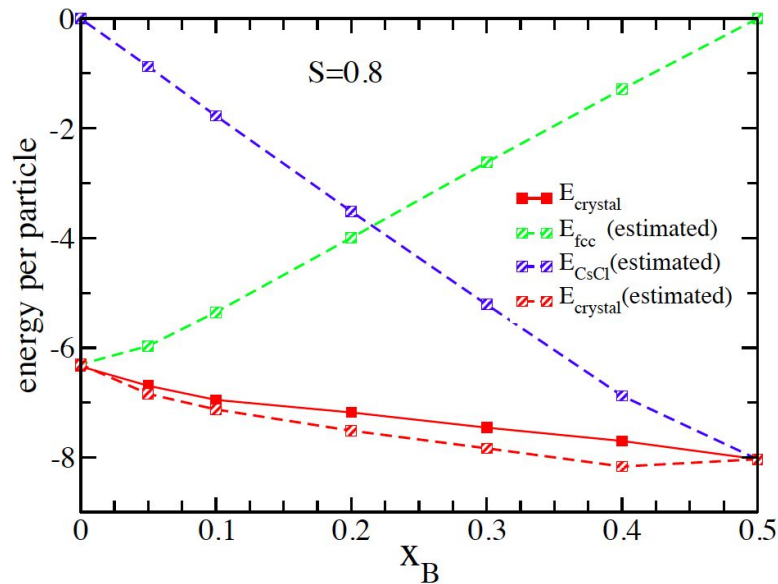


Sitting at the deep eutectic point  
→ Kinetically favoured

Maximum loss of mixing entropy → largest barrier

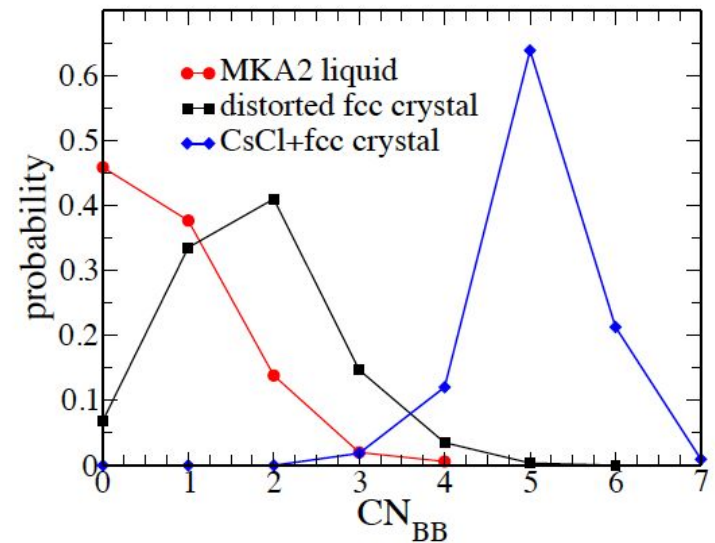


# Factors working against 80:20 mixture



Sitting at the edge of fcc formation tendency

Distorted fcc  $\rightarrow$  less demixing



# *Summary*

- *Frustration between locally favoured structure and Global structure*
- *Loss of demixing entropy*
- *Thermodynamics plays a greater role → GFA*



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