

triple point

The point in a one-component system at which the temperature and pressure of three phases are in equilibrium. If there are p possible phases, there are $p!/(p-3)!$ triple points.

Example: In the sulfur system four possible triple points (one metastable) exist for the four phases comprising rhombic S (solid), monoclinic S (solid), S (liquid) and S (vapour).

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