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## ABSTRACT

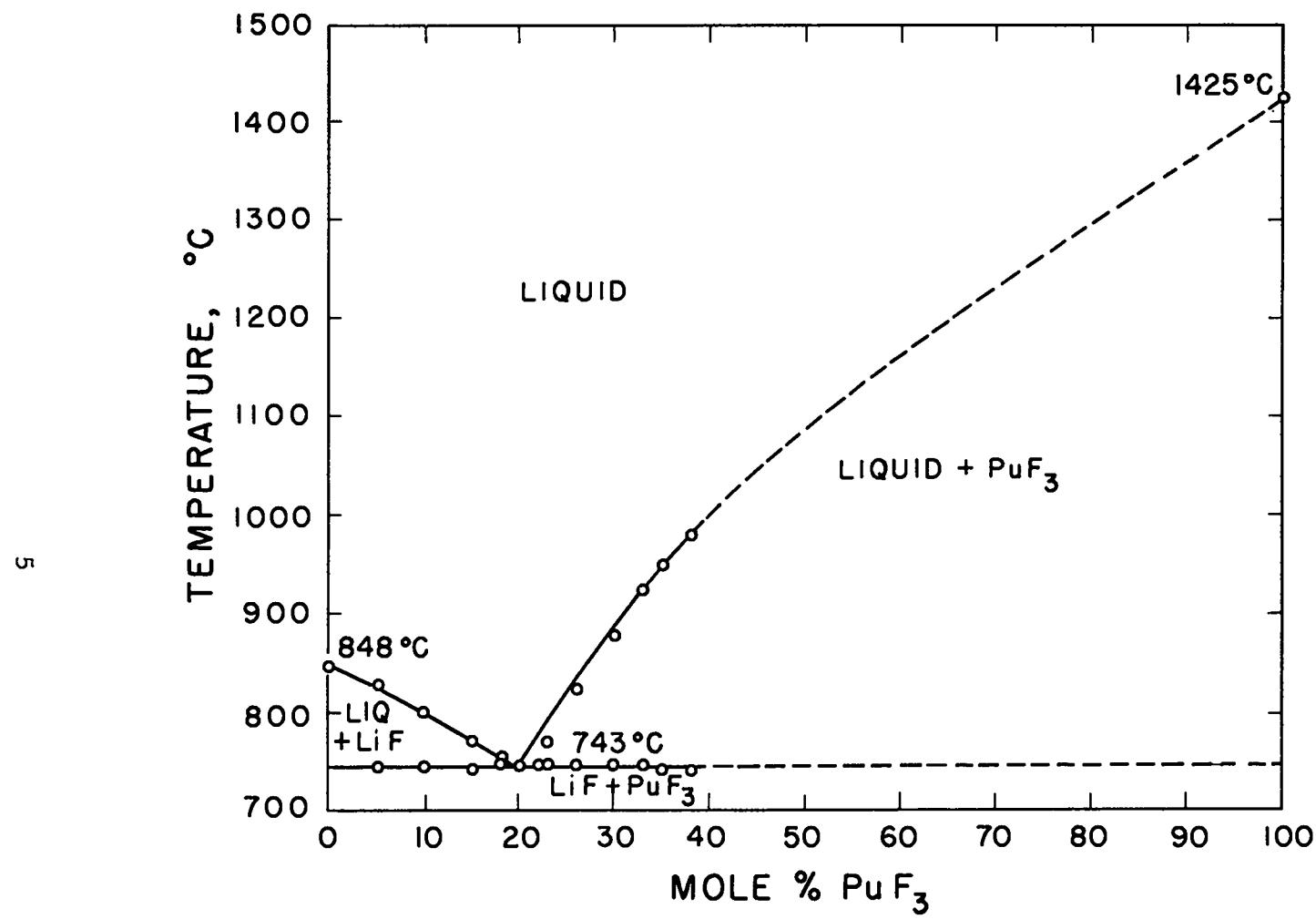
Temperature composition diagrams are presented for the systems  $\text{PuF}_3\text{-LiF}$ ,  $\text{PuF}_3\text{-NaF}$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-LiCl}$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-NaCl}$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-KCl}$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-RbCl}$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-CsCl}$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-MgCl}_2$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-SrCl}_2$ , and  $\text{PuCl}_3\text{-BaCl}_2$ .

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## FOREWORD

The following temperature-composition diagrams were constructed from the literature cited in the references. The two plutonium(III) fluoride diagrams were reported in The Journal of Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry by workers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and are included in this compilation with the permission of the authors. All of the plutonium(III) chloride diagrams have been reported in the Journal of Physical Chemistry by workers at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. The diagrams have been compiled in this report for convenient reference.



### THE $\text{PuF}_3$ - LiF SYSTEM

Fig. 1 (reference 1)  
 Eutectic point at  $743^\circ\text{C}$ , 19.5 percent  $\text{PuF}_3$   
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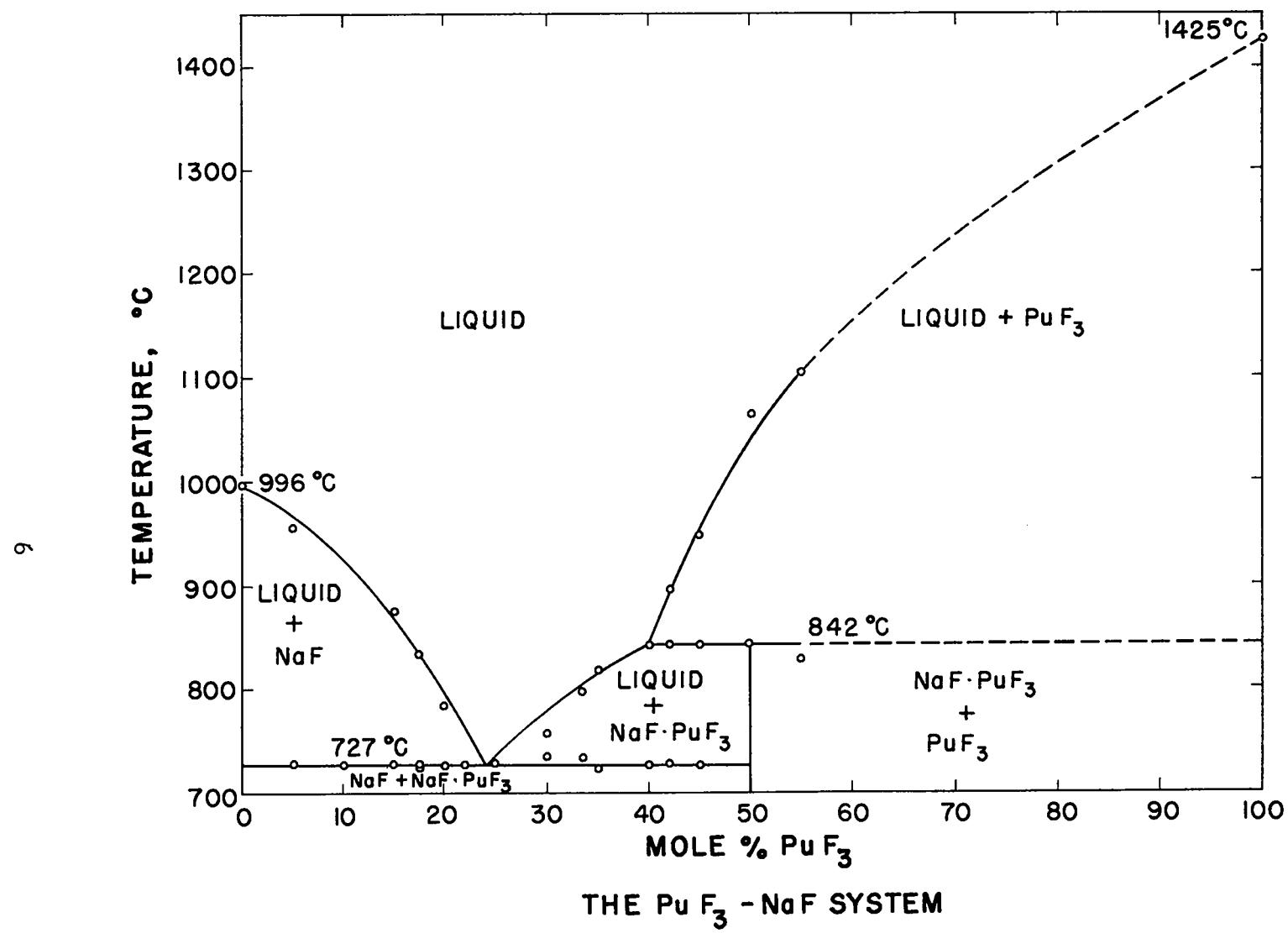


Fig. 2 (reference 2)  
 Eutectic point at  $727^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 24 percent  $\text{PuF}_3$   
 Peritectic point at  $842^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 40 percent  $\text{PuF}_3$   
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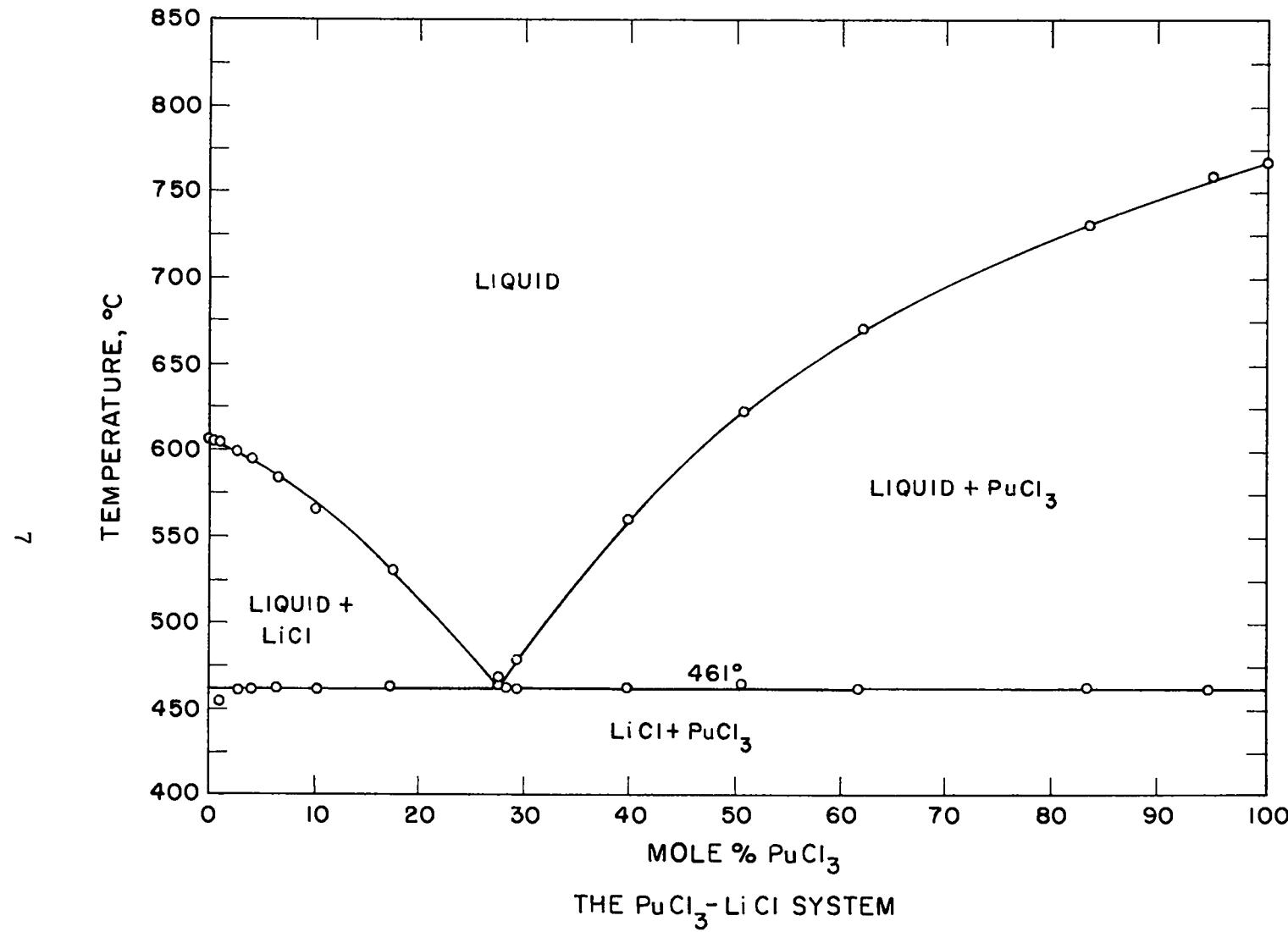


Fig. 3 (reference 3)  
 Eutectic point at  $461^\circ$ , 28 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
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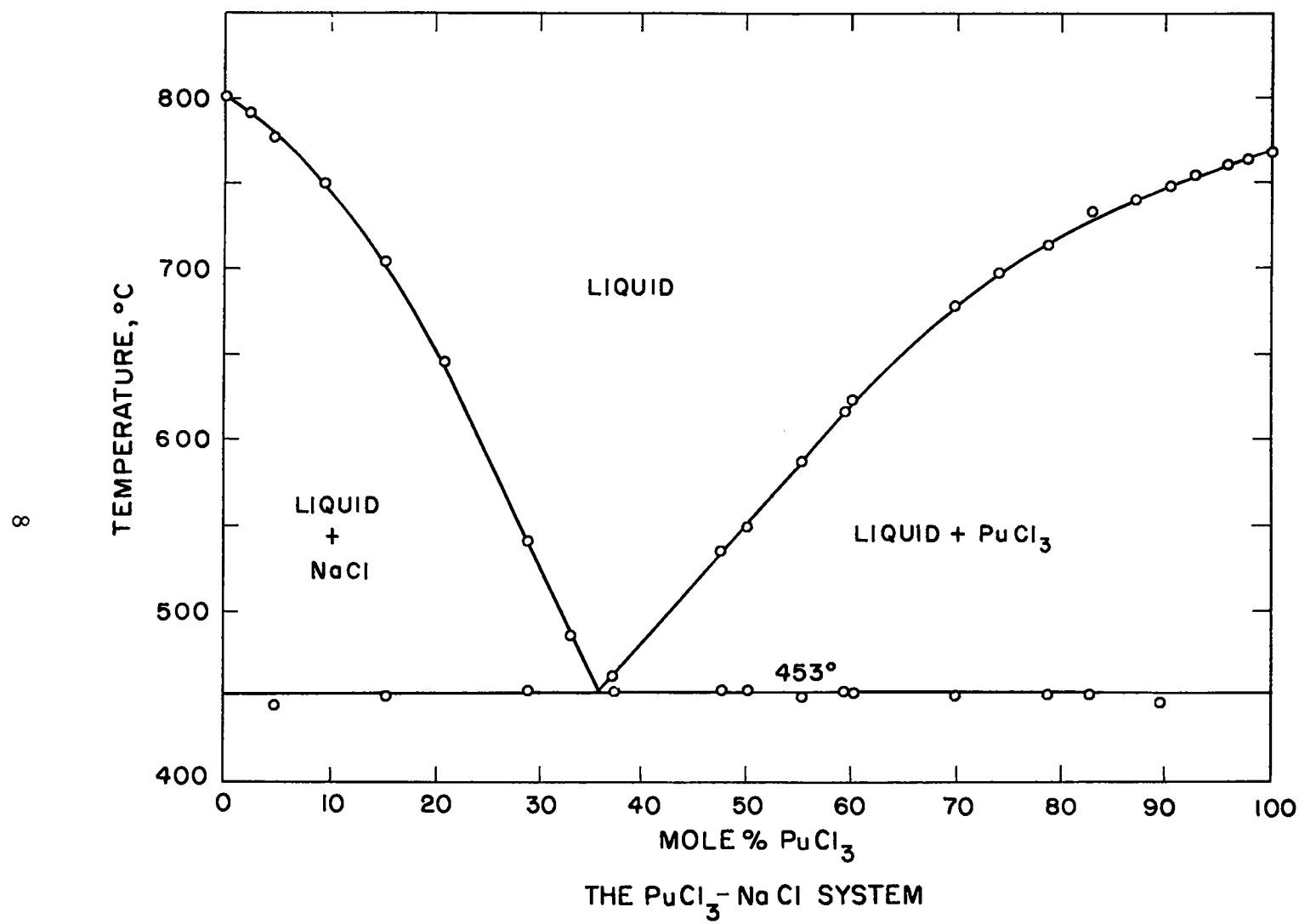


Fig. 4 (reference 3)  
 Eutectic point at  $453^\circ$ , 36 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
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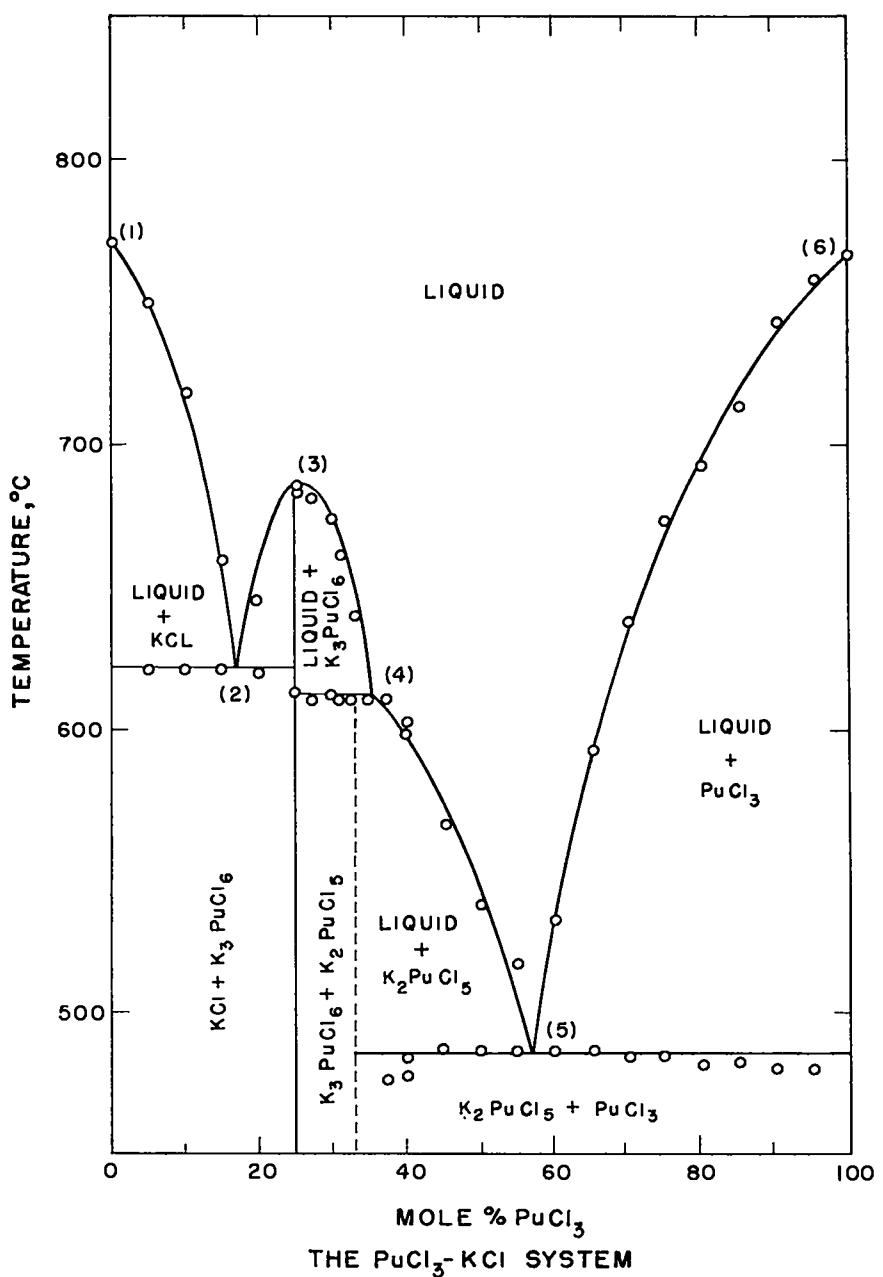


Fig. 5 (reference 4)

- (1)  $\text{KCl}$  melting point,  $771^\circ$
- (2) Eutectic point at  $621^\circ$ , 17 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (3)  $\text{K}_3\text{PuCl}_6$  melting point,  $685^\circ$
- (4) Peritectic point at  $611^\circ$ , 35 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (5) Eutectic point at  $486^\circ$ , 57 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (6)  $\text{PuCl}_3$  melting point,  $769^\circ$

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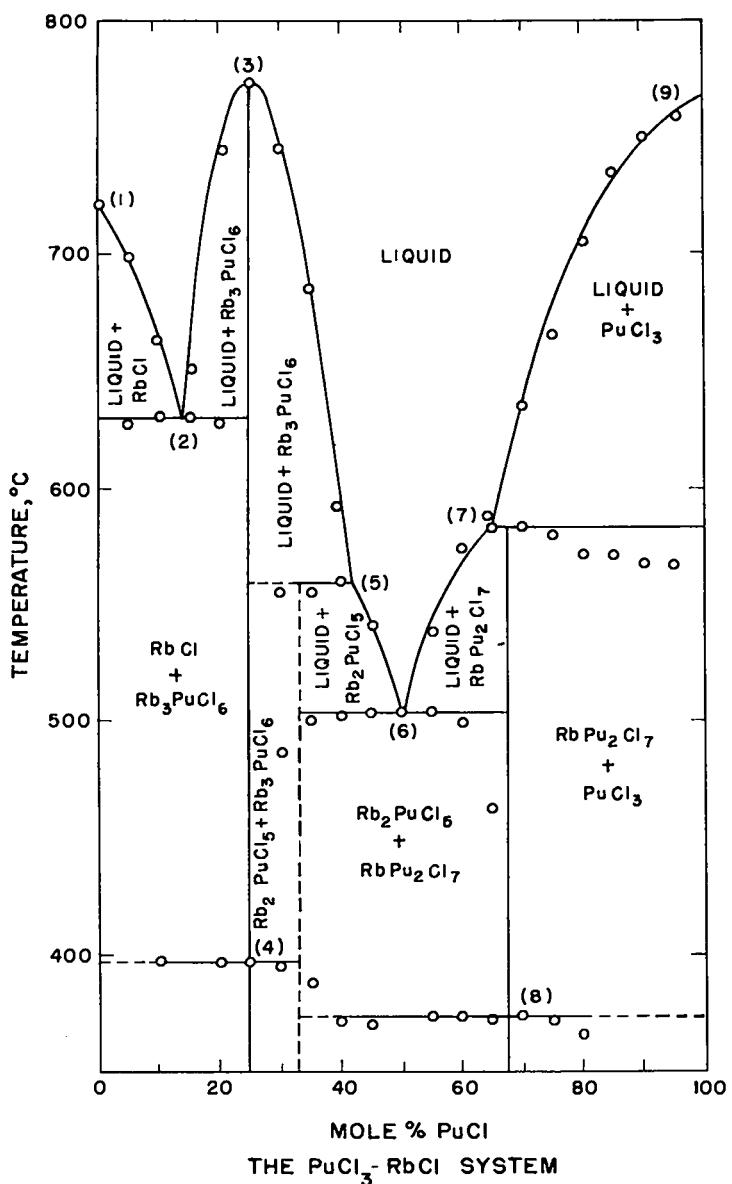


Fig. 6 (reference 5)

- (1)  $\text{RbCl}$  melting point,  $721^\circ$
- (2) Eutectic point at  $630^\circ$ , 14 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (3)  $\text{Rb}_3\text{PuCl}_6$  melting point,  $774^\circ$
- (4)  $\text{Rb}_3\text{PuCl}_6$  polymorphic transformation,  $398^\circ$
- (5) Peritectic point at  $560^\circ$ , 42 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (6) Eutectic point at  $304^\circ$ , 50 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (7) Peritectic point at  $584^\circ$ , 64 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (8)  $\text{RbPu}_2\text{Cl}_7$  polymorphic transformation,  $374^\circ$
- (9)  $\text{PuCl}_3$  melting point,  $769^\circ$

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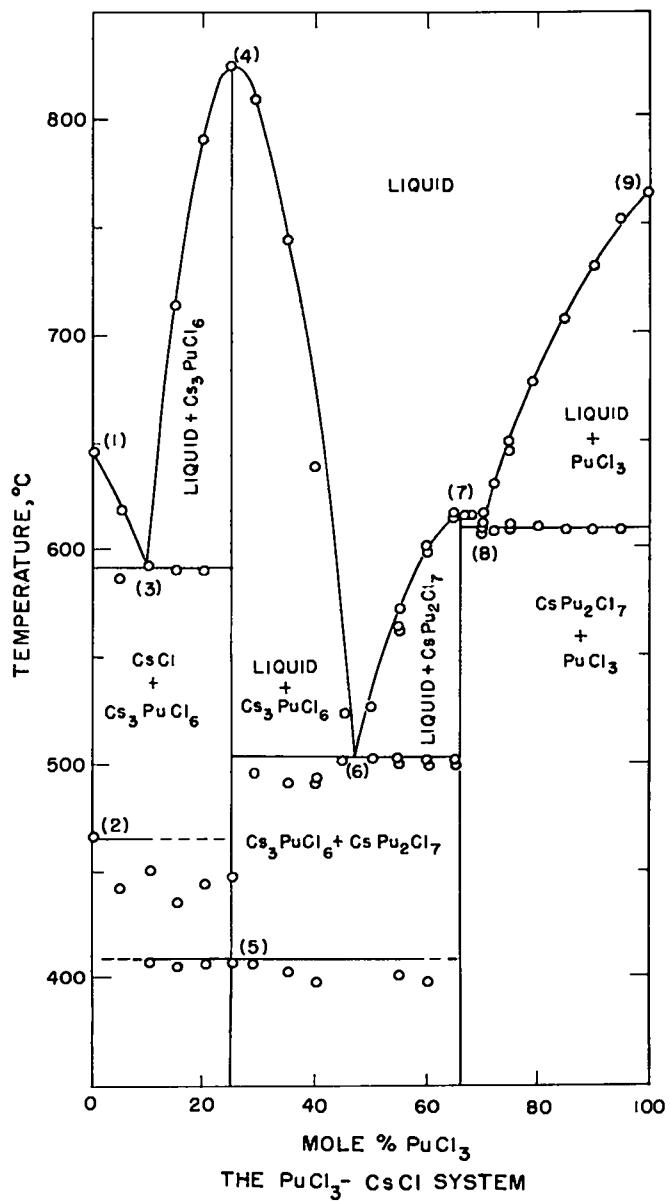


Fig. 7 (reference 5)

- (1)  $\text{CsCl}$  melting point,  $645^\circ\text{C}$
- (2)  $\text{CsCl}$  polymorphic transformation,  $465^\circ\text{C}$
- (3) Eutectic point at  $592^\circ\text{C}$ , 10 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (4)  $\text{Cs}_3\text{PuCl}_6$  melting point,  $825^\circ\text{C}$
- (5)  $\text{Cs}_3\text{PuCl}_6$  polymorphic transformation,  $410^\circ\text{C}$
- (6) Eutectic point at  $504^\circ\text{C}$ , 47 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (7)  $\text{CsPu}_2\text{Cl}_7$  melting point,  $616^\circ\text{C}$
- (8) Eutectic point at  $611^\circ\text{C}$ , 70 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$
- (9)  $\text{PuCl}_3$  melting point,  $769^\circ\text{C}$

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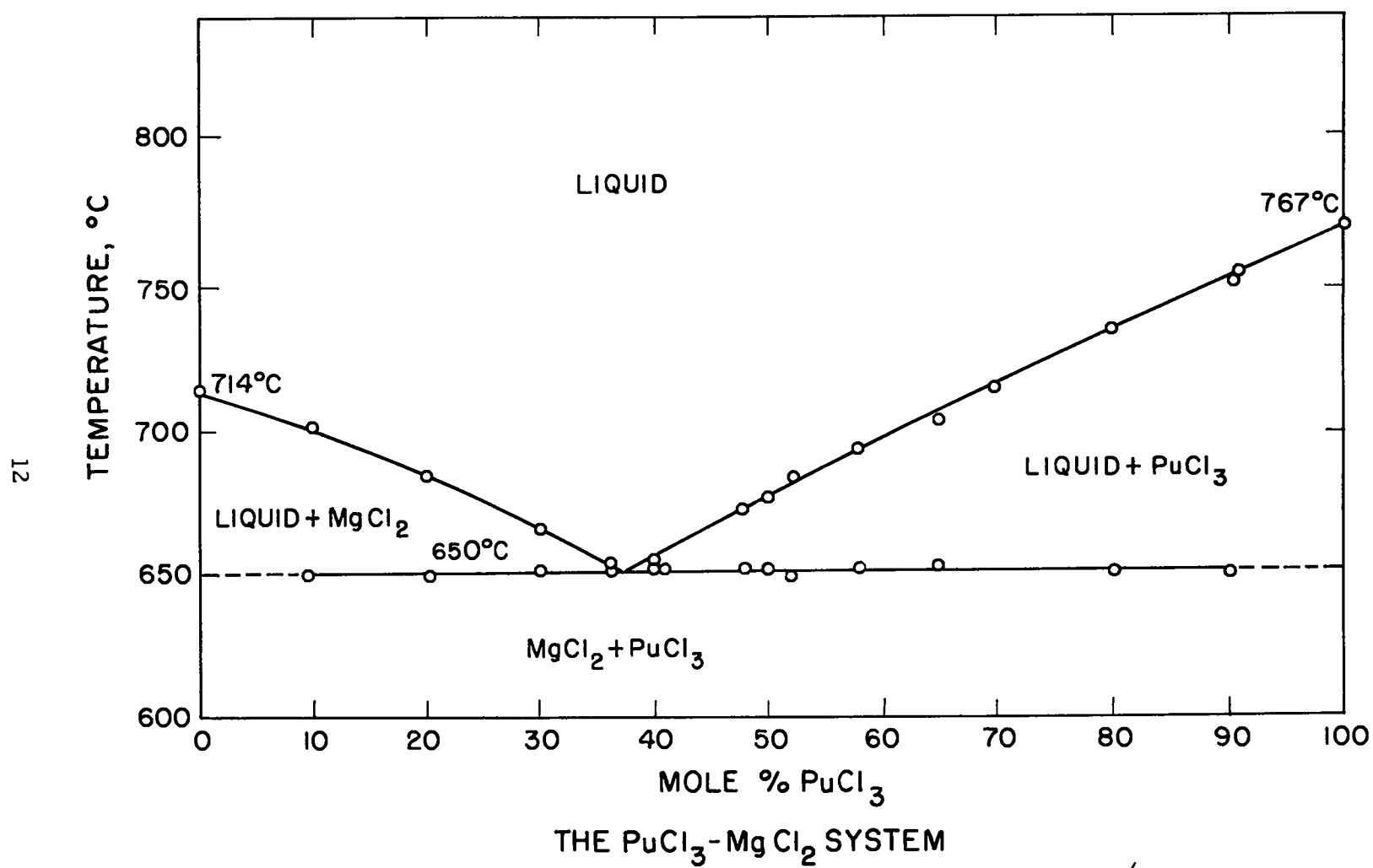
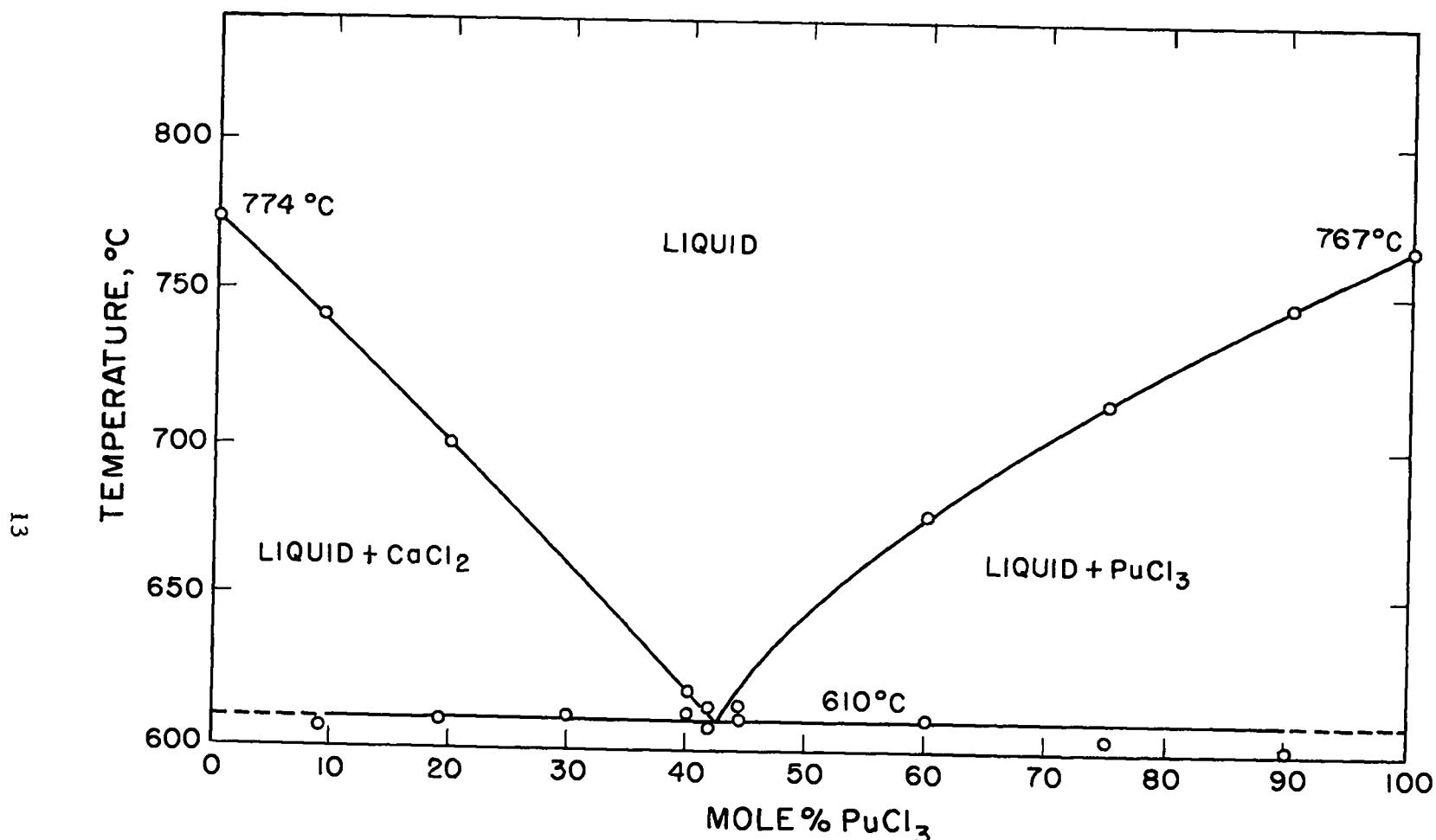


Fig. 8 (reference 6)  
 Eutectic point at  $650^\circ\text{C}$ , 38 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
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### THE $\text{PuCl}_3$ - $\text{CaCl}_2$ SYSTEM

Fig. 9 (reference 6)  
 Eutectic point at 610 °C, 43 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
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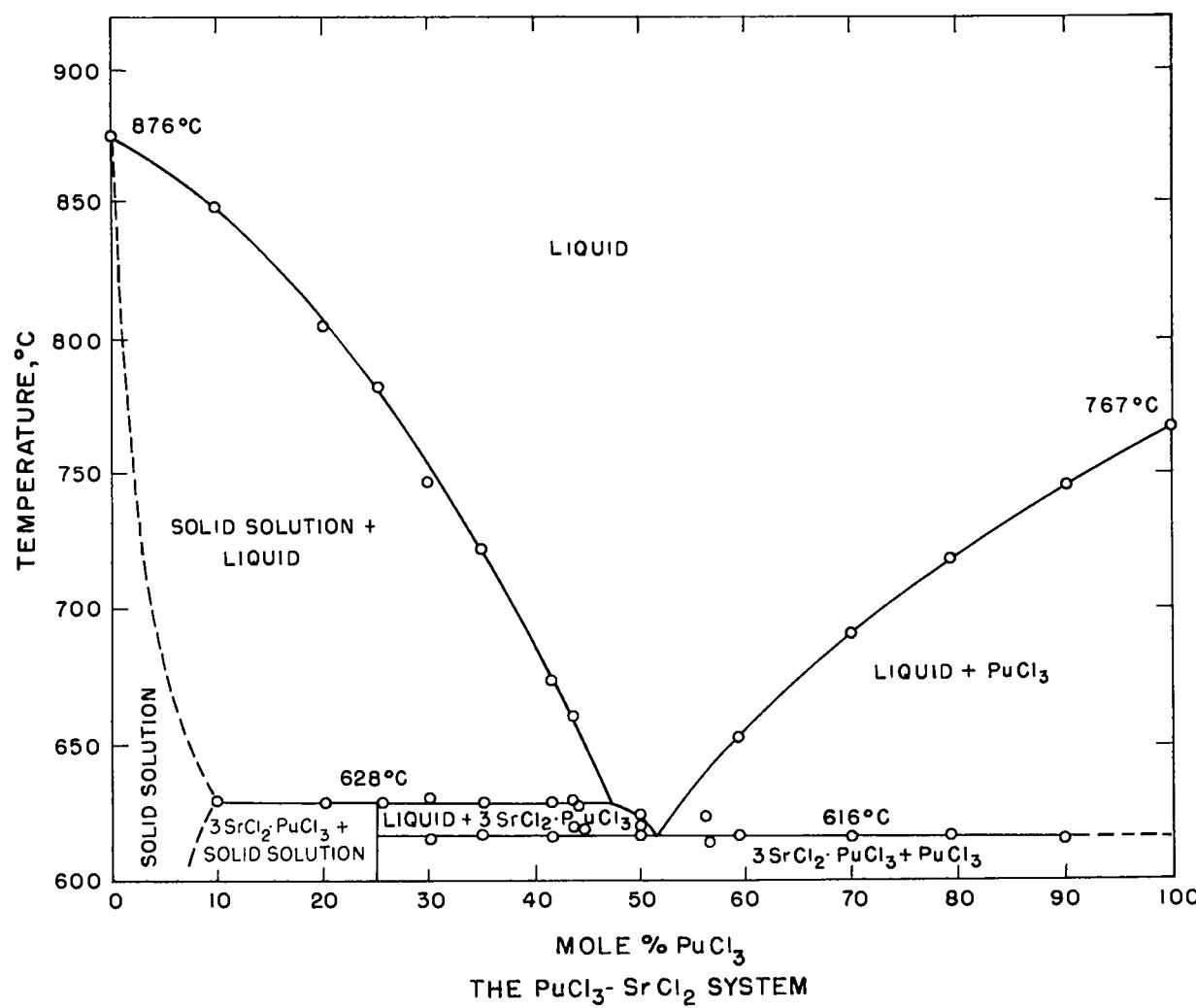


Fig. 10 (reference 6)  
Peritectic point at  $628^\circ\text{C}$ , 47 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
Eutectic point at  $616^\circ\text{C}$ , 52 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
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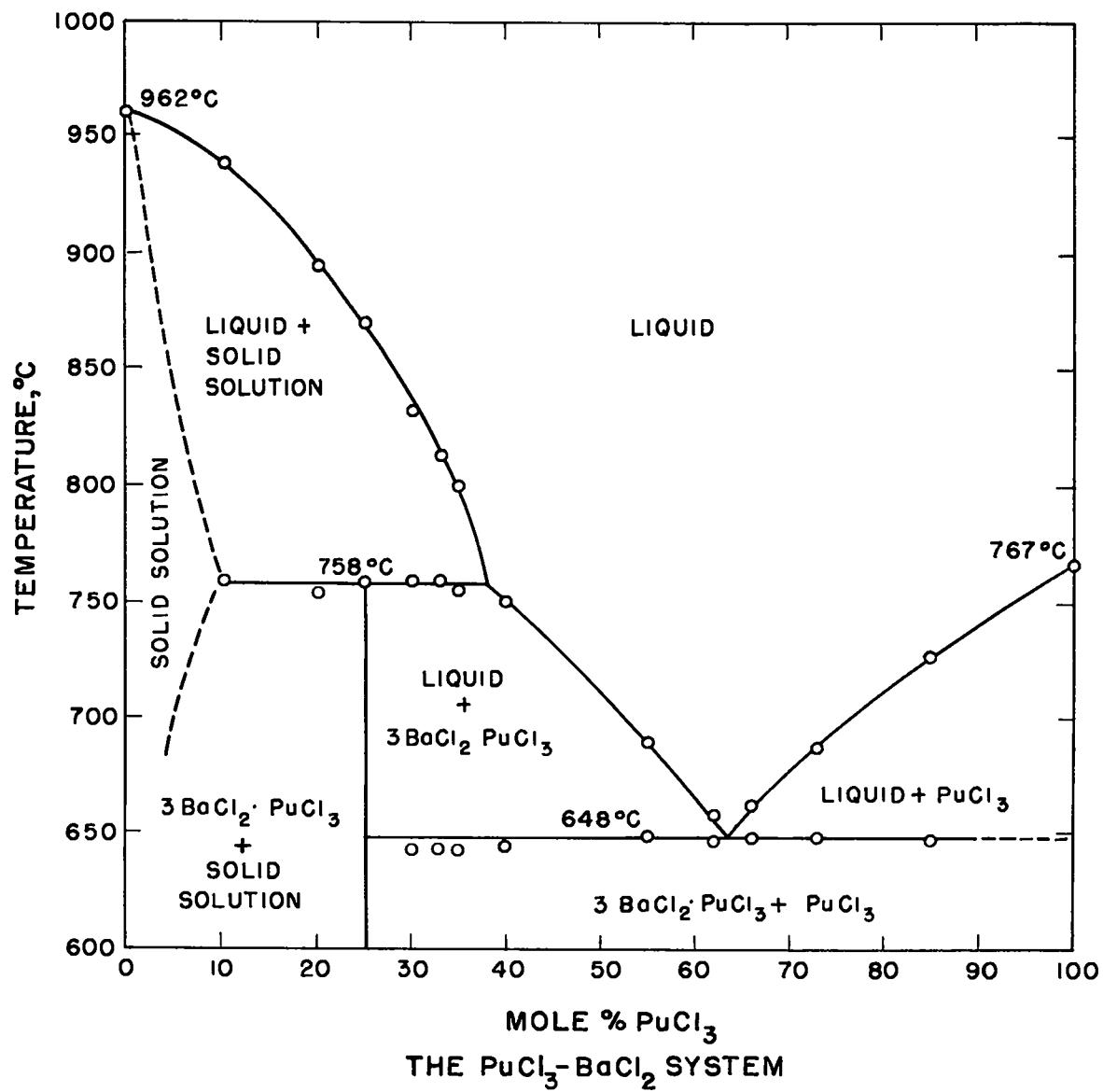


Fig. 11 (reference 6)  
 Peritectic point at  $758^\circ\text{C}$ , 38 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
 Eutectic point at  $648^\circ\text{C}$ , 64 percent  $\text{PuCl}_3$   
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