

imperfections in solids

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$$S = \frac{n \cdot A}{V_n N_A} \quad \frac{N_A \cdot S}{A} = \frac{n}{V_n} \rightarrow \text{number of atoms per unit cell volume}$$

point defects:

1. vacancy, vacant lattice site

no material without vacancies. if an atom is missing in the point where it supposed to be.
number of vacancies increases exponentially with temperature

$$N_V = N \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{kT}\right)$$

number of vacancies is N_V .

k is boltzman constant or gas constant.

Q is the energy required for formation of vacancy

2. self interstitial:

case where an atom changes place and creates a vacancy, but goes between the ordered atoms within the same material.

3. impurities in solids:

solid solution:

solvent=host: highest concentration

solute: minor concentration

for two atoms to create solid solutipn:

1. atomic size factor
2. similar crystal structure
3. dissimilar electronegativity
4. dissimilar valences

3.1 substitutional: solute atoms replace the host atoms

3.2 interstitial: solute atoms fill the voids among host atoms

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\%Wt} & \quad \text{atom\%} \\ C_1 &= \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \times 100 & C_1' &= \frac{n m_1}{n m_1 + n m_2} \times 100 \\ & & n m_1 &= \frac{m_1'}{A_1} \\ \underbrace{C_1' &= \frac{C_1 A_2}{C_1 A_2 + C_2 A_1} \times 100}_{\text{\%atom caprolar}} & / & \underbrace{C_1 = \frac{C_1' A_1}{C_1' A_1 + C_2' A_2}}_{\text{\%Wt paramel.}} \end{aligned}$$

(A atomic weight)

point defects:

1. **vacancy defect:** when an atom is missing from its regular lattice
2. **interstitial defect:** when an extra atom occupies space between regular lattice
3. **substitutional defect:** a different atom replaces the host atom
4. **schottky defect:** equal number of cations and anions are missing
5. **frenkel defect:** combination of a cation vacancy and cation interstitial

linear defects:

1. **edge dislocation:** extra half plane of atoms occurs in the crystal lattice
2. **screw dislocation:** caused by external shear force, formed when a part of crystal lattice is twisted
3. **mixed dislocation:** combination of edge and screw dislocation

interfacial defects:

1. **grain boundaries:** occur due to the differences in the orientation of adjacent grains
2. **twin boundaries:** two regions of the crystal are mirror images of each other
3. **stacking faults:** common in close packed structures, stacking faults are mistakes in the regular stacking sequence, like ABABAB, when there is a stacking fault, it could be AABABA etc.