

**Problem 1**

Rhodium has an atomic radius of 0.1345 nm, a density of 12.41 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> and atomic weight,  $A_{Rh}$  = 102.91 gm/mole. Determine if the structure is BCC or FCC.

$$r = 0.1345 \text{ nm} \quad \rho = 12.41 \text{ gm/cm}^3 \quad A_w = 102.91 \text{ gm/mole}$$

$$\rho = \frac{n A_w}{V_c N_A}$$

$$V_{c_{BCC}} = a_{BCC}^3 = \left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 \quad n_{BCC} = 2$$

$$V_{c_{FCC}} = a_{FCC}^3 = (2r\sqrt{2})^3 \quad n_{FCC} = 4$$

For FCC

$$\rho = \frac{4 (102.91 \text{ gm/mole})}{(2 \times 0.1345 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm } \sqrt{2})^3 \cdot 6.02 \times 10^{23} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{mole}}} = 12.42 \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

For BCC

$$\rho = \frac{2 (102.91 \text{ gm/mole})}{\left(\frac{4 \times 0.1345 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 \cdot 6.02 \times 10^{23} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{mole}}} = 11.41 \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

Then it is FCC

**Problem 2**

An alloy contains 20 wt.% zinc and 80 wt.% copper. What is the concentration of Zn (in atoms of Zn/m<sup>3</sup>) in the alloy?

DATA:  $A_{\text{Cu}} = 63.55 \text{ gm/mole}$ ,  $A_{\text{Zn}} = 65.41 \text{ gm/mole}$ ,  $\rho_{\text{Cu}} = 8.94 \text{ gm/cm}^3$ ,  $\rho_{\text{Zn}} = 7.13 \text{ gm/cm}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} & 20 \text{ wt.\% Zn} \quad 80 \text{ wt.\% Cu} \\ & A_{\text{Cu}} = 63.55 \text{ gm/mole} \quad A_{\text{Zn}} = 65.41 \text{ gm/mole} \\ & \rho_{\text{Cu}} = 8.94 \text{ gm/cm}^3 \quad \rho_{\text{Zn}} = 7.13 \text{ gm/cm}^3 \\ \\ & N_{\text{Zn}} = \frac{(6.02 \times 10^{23} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{mole}}) (20 \text{ wt.\%})}{\frac{(65.41 \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{mole}}) (20 \text{ wt.\%})}{7.13 \text{ gm/cm}^3} + \frac{65.41 \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{mole}} (80 \text{ wt.\%})}{8.94 \text{ gm/cm}^3}} \\ \\ & = 1.57 \times 10^{22} \frac{\text{Zn atoms}}{\text{cm}^3} = \boxed{1.57 \times 10^{28} \frac{\text{Zn atoms}}{\text{m}^3}} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3**

The fraction of vacancies in a metal at 1000°C is  $5.32 \times 10^{-5}$ . What is the fraction of vacancies at 1200°C?

$$n_v = \exp\left(\frac{-Q_v}{kT}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } 1000^\circ\text{C} = 1273\text{K} \quad n_v &= \exp\left(\frac{-Q_v}{8.62 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{atom K}} \cdot 1273\text{K}}\right) \\ &= 5.32 \times 10^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 1.08 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{At } 1200^\circ\text{C} = 1473\text{K} \quad n_v = \left(\frac{-1.08}{8.62 \times 10^{-5} \cdot 1473}\right) = \boxed{2.02 \times 10^{-4}}$$



Tabulation of Error Function Values

$z$	$\text{erf}(z)$	$z$	$\text{erf}(z)$	$z$	$\text{erf}(z)$
0	0	0.55	0.5633	1.3	0.9340
0.025	0.0282	0.60	0.6039	1.4	0.9523
0.05	0.0564	0.65	0.6420	1.5	0.9661
0.10	0.1125	0.70	0.6778	1.6	0.9763
0.15	0.1680	0.75	0.7112	1.7	0.9838
0.20	0.2227	0.80	0.7421	1.8	0.9891
0.25	0.2763	0.85	0.7707	1.9	0.9928
0.30	0.3286	0.90	0.7970	2.0	0.9953
0.35	0.3794	0.95	0.8209	2.2	0.9981
0.40	0.4284	1.0	0.8427	2.4	0.9993
0.45	0.4755	1.1	0.8802	2.6	0.9998
0.50	0.5205	1.2	0.9103	2.8	0.9999

**Problem 4**

Nitrogen from a gaseous phase is to be diffused into pure iron. If the surface concentration is maintained at 0.1 wt.% N, what will be the concentration at 1 mm from the surface after 10 hours? The diffusion coefficient for N in Fe is  $2.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$ .

$$T = 700^\circ\text{C} = 973 \text{ K}$$

$$C_s = 0.1 \text{ wt.\% N} \quad C_0 = 0 \quad C_x = ? \quad x = 10^{-3} \text{ m} \quad t = 10 \text{ hrs}$$

$$D = 2.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$\frac{C_x - C_0}{C_s - C_0} = 1 - \text{erf} \left( \frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}} \right)$$

$$\frac{C_x}{0.1} = 1 - \text{erf} \left[ \frac{10^{-3} \text{ m}}{2\sqrt{2.5 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}} \times 10 \text{ hrs} \times 3600 \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{hr}}}} \right]$$

$$\frac{C_x}{0.1} = 1 - \text{erf}(0.53)$$

From table

$z$	$\text{erf}(z)$
0.5	0.5205
0.53	x
0.55	0.5633

$$\frac{C_x}{0.1} = 1 - 0.55$$

Interpolate:

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C_x = 0.045 \text{ wt.\% N}}$$

$$\frac{x - 0.5205}{0.53 - 0.5} = \frac{0.5633 - 0.5205}{0.55 - 0.5}$$

$$x = 0.55 = \text{erf}(0.53)$$

**Problem 5**

Put your answer in the boxes to the right.

	(answer)
A close packed plane in the BCC structure is the: (a) (111) (b) (001) (c) $(1\bar{1}0)$ (d) none of the above	c
An ionic bond forms by the: (a) formation of an electron cloud surrounding the atoms (b) sharing of electrons between the atoms (c) transfer of an electron from one atom to the other (d) none of the above	d
An x-ray diffraction pattern from a FCC crystal has a peak at $2\theta = 40^\circ$ that is indexed to the (200) plane. What is the lattice parameter? The x-ray wavelength = 0.154 nm. (a) 0.450 nm (b) 0.120 nm (c) 0.239 nm (d) none of the above	a
T/F Steady state diffusion occurs when the concentration gradient is fixed.	T
The grain size of a material can be determined by: (a) x-ray diffraction (b) optical microscopy (c) the density (d) all of the above	b

$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta_{hkl} = n\lambda \quad n = 1$$

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + \ell^2}}$$

$$\frac{2a}{\sqrt{2^2}} \sin(20^\circ) = 0.154 \text{ nm}$$

$$a = 0.450 \text{ nm}$$