

Phase Transformation of Materials

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Diffusion in substitutional alloys



Atomic mobility

 The problem of atom migration can be solved by considering the thermodynamic condition for equilibrium; namely that the chemical potential of an atom must be the same everywhere. In general the flux of atoms at any point in the lattice is proportional to the chemical potential gradient: diffusion occurs down the slope of the chemical potential.

 $J_B = v_B c_B$ A diffusion flux is a combined quantity of a drift velocity and random jumping motion.



- $v_B = -M_B \frac{\partial \mu_B}{\partial x}$ $-\frac{\partial \mu_B}{\partial x}$: chemical force causing atom to migrate M_B : mobility of B atoms



How the mobility of an atom is related to its diffusion coefficient?

Relationship between M_B and D_B

$$J_{B} = -M_{B}C_{B}\frac{\partial \mu_{B}}{\partial x}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \mu_{B}}{\partial x} = -M_{B}\frac{X_{B}}{V_{m}}\frac{RT}{X_{B}}(1 + \frac{\partial \ln \gamma_{B}}{\partial \ln X_{B}})\frac{\partial X_{B}}{\partial x}$$

$$= RT(\frac{\partial \ln \gamma_{B}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \ln X_{B}}{\partial x})$$

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For ideal or dilute solutions, near $X_B \approx 0$, γ_B = const. with respect to X_B

$$\therefore F = 1 \qquad D_B = M_B RT$$

For non-ideal concentrated solutions, thermodynamic factor must be included.

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2.5 Tracer diffusion in binary alloys



It is possible to use radioactive tracers (D^*_{Au}) to determine the intrinsic diffusion coefficients (D_{Au}) of the components in an alloy .

 $D_{Au}^* = D_{Au}$ (self diffusivity)

How does D_{Au}^* differ from D_{Au} ?

 D^*_{Au} gives the rate at which Au* (or Au) atoms diffuse in a chemically homogeneous alloy, whereas D_{Au} gives the diffusion rate of Au when concentration gradient is present.

If concentration gradient exhibit,

$$\Delta H_{mix} > 0 \rightarrow D_{Au} < D_{Au}^*, D_{Ni} < D_{Ni}^*$$

the rate of homogenization will there fore be slower.

Since the chemical potential gradient is the driving force for diffusion in both types of experiment, it is reasonable to suppose that the atomic mobility are not affected by the concentration gradient.

What would be the relation between the intrinsic chemical diffusivities $D_{\rm B}$ and tracer diffusivities $D_{\rm B}^*$?

In the tracer diffusion experiment the tracer essentially forms a dilute solution in the alloy.

$$D_{B}^{*} = M_{B}^{*}RT = M_{B}RT \qquad \longleftarrow \quad D_{B} = M_{B}RT \left\{ 1 + \frac{d \ln \gamma_{B}}{d \ln X_{B}} \right\} = FM_{B}RT$$

$$D_{A} = FD_{A}^{*}$$

$$D_{B} = FD_{B}^{*} \qquad \qquad \tilde{D} = X_{B}D_{A} + X_{A}D_{B} = F\left(X_{B}D_{A}^{*} + X_{A}D_{B}^{*}\right)$$

Additional Thermodynamic Relationships for Binary Solution: Variation of chemical potential (dµ) by change of alloy compositions (dX) Eq.(1.71)

$$X_{A}X_{B}\frac{d^{2}G}{dX^{2}} = RT\left\{1 + \frac{d\ln\gamma_{A}}{d\ln X_{A}}\right\} = RT\left\{1 + \frac{d\ln\gamma_{B}}{d\ln X_{B}}\right\}$$
$$\implies F = \left\{1 + \frac{d\ln\gamma_{A}}{d\ln\gamma_{A}}\right\} = \left\{1 + \frac{d\ln\gamma_{B}}{d\ln\gamma_{B}}\right\} = \frac{X_{A}X_{B}}{RT}\frac{d^{2}G}{dX^{2}}$$

2.5 Tracer diffusion in binary alloys



$$\tilde{D} = X_B D_A + X_A D_B$$

 $\widetilde{D} = F\left(X_B D_A^* + X_A D_B^*\right)$

Fig. 2.22 Interdiffusion in Au-Ni alloys at 900°C (a) Au-Ni phase diagram, (b) the thermodynamic factor, F, at 900°C, (c) experimentally measured tracer diffusivities at 900°C, (d) experimentally measured interdiffusion coefficients compared with values calculated from (b) and (c). (From J.E. Reynolds, B.L. Averbach and Morris Cohen, *Acta Metallurgica*, 5 (1957) 29.)

2.6 Diffusion in ternary alloys: Additional Effects

Example) Fe-Si-C system (Fe-3.8%Si-0.48%C) vs. (Fe-0.44%C) at 1050 ℃





How do the compositions of A and B change with time?



Fig. 2.24. Schematic diagram showing the change in composition of two points (A and B)

2.7.1 High-diffusivity paths

Real materials contain defects.



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Diffusion along grain boundaries

Atoms diffusing along the boundary will be able to penetrate much deeper than atoms which only diffuse through the lattice.

In addition, as the concentration of solute builds up in the boundaries, atoms will also diffuse from the boundary into the lattice.



Fig. 2.25. The effect of grain boundary diffusion combined with volume diffusion. (After R.E. Reed-Hill, *Physical Metallurgy Principles, 2nd edn.*, Van Nostrand, New York, 1973.)

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Combined diffusion of grain boundary and lattice?



Fig. 2.26 Combined lattice and boundary fluxes during steady-state diffusion through a thin slab of material.

makes a significant contribution

only when $D_b \delta > D_l d$.

The relative magnitudes of $D_b \delta$ and $D_l d$ are most sensitive to temperature.



Fig. 2.27 Diffusion in a polycrystalline metal.

Therefore, the grain boundary diffusion becomes predominant at temperatures lower than the crossing temperature.
 (T < 0.75~0.8 T_m)

2.7.2 Diffusion along dislocations



Fig. 2.28. Dislocations act as a high conductivity path through the lattice.

D_{app} = ? hint) 'g' is the cross-sectional area of 'pipe' per unit area of matrix.



ex) annealed metal ~ 10^5 disl/mm²; one dislocation($^{\perp}$) accommodates 10 atoms in the cross-section; matrix contains 10^{13} atoms/mm².

$$g = \frac{10^5 * 10}{10^{13}} = \frac{10^6}{10^{13}} = 10^{-7}$$

g = cross-sectional area of 'pipe' per unit area of matrix

At high temperatures,

diffusion through the lattice is rapid and gD_p/D_l is very small so that the dislocation contribution to the total flux of atoms is very small.

Due to $Q_p < Q_l$, the curves for D_l and gD_p/D_l cross in the coordinate system of InD versus 1/T.

At low temperatures, $(T < ~0.5 T_m)$ gD_p/D₁ can become so large that the apparent diffusivity is entirely due to diffusion along dislocation.

2.8 Diffusion in multiple binary system



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How can we formulate the interface (α/β , β/γ) velocity?

If unit area of the interface moves a distance dx, a volume (dx·1) will be converted from α containing C_B^{α} atoms/m³ to β containing C_B^{β} atoms/m³.



Fig. 2.30. Concentration profile across the α/β interface and its associated movement assuming diffusion control.

Local equilibrium is assumed.

A flux of B towards the interface from the β phase $J_B^{\ \ \beta} = -\tilde{D}(\beta) \frac{\partial C_B^{\ \ b}}{\partial x}$

A flux of B away from the interface into the α phase

 $J_{B}^{\ \alpha} = -\tilde{D}(\alpha) \frac{\partial C_{B}^{\ \alpha}}{\partial x}$

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In a time dt, there will be an accumulation of B atoms given by

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} \implies \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J}{\partial x}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\left(\tilde{D}(\beta)\frac{\partial C_B^b}{\partial x}\right) - \left(-\tilde{D}(\alpha)\frac{\partial C_B^a}{\partial x}\right) \right\} dt = (C_B^b - C_B^a) dx$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{(C_B^{-b} - C_B^{-a})} \left\{\tilde{D}(\alpha)\frac{\partial C_B^{-a}}{\partial x} - \tilde{D}(\beta)\frac{\partial C_B^{-b}}{\partial x}\right\}$$
(velocity of the α/β interface)

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(Ch3) 결정계면과 미세조직

(Ch4) $\exists \Box$: Liquid \rightarrow Solid

대표적인 상변태

(Ch5) 고체에서의 확산 변태: Solid → Solid (Diffusional)

(Ch6)고체에서의 무확산 변태: Solid → Solid (Diffusionless)

- 3. Crystal interfaces and microstructure
- Types of Interface
- 1. Free surface (solid/vapor interface)
- 2. Grain boundary (α / α interfaces)
 - > same composition, same crystal structure
 - > different orientation
- **3. inter-phase boundary (** α / β interfaces)
 - > different composition &
 - crystal structure



