

"Phase Transformation in Materials"

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Contents for previous class:

- F = C P + 1 (constant pressure) Gibbs Phase Rule Gibbs' Phase Rule allows us to construct phase diagram to represent and interpret phase equilibria in heterogeneous geologic systems.
- **Effect of Temperature on Solid Solubility**

$$X_B^e = A \exp\left\{-\frac{Q}{RT}\right\}$$
 a) $T \uparrow \implies X_B^e \uparrow$ **b)** X_B^e can never be equal to zero.

Equilibrium Vacancy Concentration $X_{V}^{e} = exp \frac{-\Delta G_{V}}{PT}$



Influence of Interfaces on Equilibrium

 $\Delta G = \frac{2\gamma V_m}{r}$ Gibbs-Thomson effect

• Gibbs-Duhem Equation: $X_A d\mu_A + X_B d\mu_B = 0$

: Be able to calculate the change in chemical potential that result from a change in alloy composition.

$$X_A X_B \frac{d^2 G}{dX^2} = RT \left\{ 1 + \frac{d \ln \gamma_A}{d \ln X_A} \right\} = RT \left\{ 1 + \frac{d \ln \gamma_B}{d \ln X_B} \right\}$$

합금조성의 미소변화 (dX)로 인한 화학퍼텐셜의 미소변화(dμ) 를 계산



Contents for today's class

- Ternary Phase Diagram
- Measurement of multi-component phase diagram
- Computation of Phase Diagram

Q1: "Ternary Phase Diagram"?

What are ternary phase diagram?

Diagrams that represent the equilibrium between the various phases that are formed between three components, as a function of temperature.

Normally, pressure is not a viable variable in ternary phase diagram construction, and is therefore held constant at 1 atm. **Gibbs Phase Rule for 3-component Systems**

F = C + 2 - P For isobaric systems: F = C + 1 - P

For C = 3, the maximum number of phases will co-exist when F = 0

$$P = 4$$
 when $C = 3$ and $F = 0$

Components are "independent components"

Gibbs Triangle

An Equilateral triangle on which the pure

components are represented by each corner.



Concentration can be expressed as either "wt. %" or "at.% = molar %".

 $X_A + X_B + X_C = 1$

Used to determine the overall composition

Overall Composition



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Overall Composition



<u>Isomorphous System</u>: A system (ternary in this case) that has only one solid phase. All components are totally soluble in the other components. The ternary system is therefore made up of three binaries that exhibit total solid solubility.

<u>The Liquidus surface</u>: A plot of the temperatures above which a homogeneous liquid forms for any given overall composition.

<u>The Solidus Surface</u>: A plot of the temperatures below which a (homogeneous) solid phase forms for any given overall composition.











Ternary Isomorphous System Isothermal section \rightarrow F = C - P



Isothermal section



Ternary Isomorphous System Isothermal section $\rightarrow F = C - P$



- Fig. 1.41 (a) Free energy surface of a liquid and three solid phases of a ternary system.
- (b) A tangential plane construction to the free energy surfaces defined equilibrium between s and I in the ternary system
- (c) Isothermal section through a ternary phase diagram

Locate overall composition using Gibbs triangle



The Ternary Eutectic Reaction:

 $\mathsf{L} = \alpha + \beta + \gamma$

A liquid phase solidifies into three separate solid phases

Made up of three binary eutectic systems, all of which exhibit no solid solubility



















T= ternary eutectic temp.





TA: Melting Point Of Material A

T_B: Melting Point Of Material B

T_C: Melting Point Of Material C

TEI: Eutectic Temperature Of A-B

T_{E2}: Eutectic Temperature Of B-C

TE3: Eutectic Temperature Of C-A





Main outline of Ternary Phase Diagram with Ternary Eutectic (Te) and Solid Single Phase Regions Shown





Temperature Slice At T₂ > T_A But, T₂ < T_B, T_C






T= ternary eutectic temp.





Ternary Eutectic System

3) Solidification Sequence: liquidus surface



Ternary Eutectic System



- * The horizontal lines are not tie lines. (no compositional information)
- * Information for equilibrium phases at different tempeatures 41



10.1. THE EUTECTIC EQUILIBRIUM $(l = \alpha + \beta + \gamma)$

Vertical section Location of vertical section





10.1. THE EUTECTIC EQUILIBRIUM $(l = \alpha + \beta + \gamma)$



< Quaternary phase Diagrams >





Fig. 247. Representation of a quaternary system by an equilateral tetrahedron.

Q2: "Measurement of multi-component phase diagram"?





Thermodynamic calculation

Expecting approximation of phase diagram

X-ray diffraction

Determination of phases

TGA/DSC

- **Finding out temperatures** of phase transformations
- **Confirming invariant** reaction points

FE-EPMA

Investigation of equilibrium composition at each temperature

> Phase diagram was expected to optimize composition and microstructure of phase separating HEA

Pseudo-binary phase diagram of PS-HEA





Pseudo-binary system between FeCoCrNi and Cu shows monotectic reaction having liquid separation region.

MoVNbTiZr: Construction of pseudo-ternary phase diagram



TiNbMoVZr: Construction of pseudo-ternary phase diagram



Calculated pseudo-ternary isothermal sections of the MoNbTiVZr system

MoVNbTiZr: Construction of pseudo-ternary phase diagram



X-ray diffraction analysis of the as-cast samples



Find single phase region without intermetallic compounds

Q3: "Computation of Phase Diagram"?

<Computation of Phase Diagram>

In the phase diagram, we found many differences between the predicted values and the experimental results! Therefore, it is necessary to calibrate the G value!



$$G_m = G_{\text{lattice}} + G_{\text{magnetic}} + G_{\text{pressure}}$$

considering contribution of lattice & magnetic & pressure

<Magnetic Contribution>

$$G_{\text{magnetic}} = RTf\left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{c}}}\right)\ln\left(\beta+1\right)$$

Tc = Curie temperature (to lose magnetic property) β : magnetic moment per atom f structure-dependent function of T

<Pressure Contribution>

$$G_{\text{pressure}} = V^{0} \exp\left[\int_{298}^{T} \alpha(T) dT\right] \frac{[1+nK(T)P]^{(1-(1/n))} - 1}{(n-1)K(T)}$$

$$K(T) = K_{0} + K_{1}T + K_{2}T^{2}$$

$$\alpha(T) = \text{thermal expansion of volume}$$

$$= A_{0} + A_{1}T + A_{2}T^{2} + \frac{A_{3}}{T^{2}}$$

$$n \text{ is pressure derivative of bulk}$$
This polynomial Function fit into real graph!

ii) Calculating G for Solid Solution

- Consider only **substitutional** solid solution.
- Binary ideal solution : $G^{id} = x_A G_A + x_B G_B + RT(x_A \ln x_A + x_B \ln x_B)$

• Multi-component ideal solution : $G^{id} = \sum X_i G_i + RT \sum X_i \ln(X_i)$

• Since $G = G^{id} + G^{ex}$, need <u>calculation of G^{ex} </u> for **G**

Method of Redlich & Kister

- Calculation of ternary system using thermodynamic data from binary system
 - Binary system : $G_{AB}^{ex} = x_A x_B \sum L_{AB}^{(i)} (X_A X_B)^{(i)}$
 - Ternary system : $G_{ABC}^{ex} = G_{AB}^{ex} + G_{BC}^{ex} + G_{CA}^{ex}$

 L_{AB}^{0} independent of x_{j} $L_{AB}^{i \neq 0}$ dependent of x_{j}

- Use experimental value of ternary solid solution
 - Add $x_A x_B x_C L^0_{ABC}$ to the G^{ex}_{ABC} term for correction
 - Further correction \rightarrow use expansion of the expression

$$x_A x_B x_C [L_{ABC}^{(0)} + \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2x_A - x_B - x_C)L_{ABC}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2x_B - x_A - x_C)L_{BCA}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2x_C - x_B - x_A)L_{CBA}^{(1)}]$$

Further multi-component system

- Quaternary system → need thermodynamic data from ternary system to calculate.
- Some data of ternary system is not available
- Database of quaternary system is not yet established
- Still, it is possible to calculate by correction using $x_A x_B x_C x_D L_{ABCD}^{(0)}$ term to G^{ex}

Homework1:

Please explain more detail how to calculate multi-component phase diagram reflecting excess Gibbs energy (within 5 pages PPT) * Incentive Homework 1

Please submit ternary phase diagram model which can clearly express 3D structure of ternary system by October 15 in Bldg. 33-313. You can submit the model individually or with a small group under 2 persons.

* Homework 2 : Exercises 1 (pages 61-63)

Good Luck!!



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Contents for previous class

- Ternary Equilibrium: Ternary Phase Diagram
- 1) Gibbs Triangle

Used to determine the overall composition

$$X_{A} + X_{B} + X_{C} = 1$$

2) Isothermal section \rightarrow **F** = **C** - **P** 2 phases region Tie line: A straight line joining any two ternary compositions G Amount of each phase present is determined by using the Inverse Lever Rule **Tangential plane** Free energy surface a t (c) Isothermal section through Fig. 1.41 (a) Free energy surface of a liquid

and three solid phases of a ternary system.

(b) A tangential plane construction to the free energy surfaces defined equilibrium between s and I in the ternary system

a ternary phase diagram



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< Quaternary phase Diagrams >





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1.10 The kinetics of phase transformations



Contents in Phase Transformation

Background to understand phase transformation (Ch1) Thermodynamics and Phase Diagrams

(Ch2) Diffusion: Kinetics

(Ch3) Crystal Interface and Microstructure

Representative Phase transformation (Ch4) Solidification: Liquid \rightarrow Solid

(Ch5) Diffusional Transformations in Solid: Solid \rightarrow Solid

(Ch6) Diffusionless Transformations: Solid \rightarrow Solid

Contents for today's class

- Diffusion
- Interstitial Diffusion Fick's First Law
 - Effect of Temperature on Diffusivity
 - Nonsteady-state diffusion Fick's Second Law
- Solutions to the diffusion equations
- Substitution Diffusion
 - 1. Self diffusion in pure material
 - 2. Vacancy diffusion
 - 3. Diffusion in substitutional alloys

Q1. What is the driving force for diffusion? ⇒ a concentration gradient (x) ⇒ a chemical potential gradient (o)

Diffusion \Rightarrow Movement of atoms to reduce its chemical potential μ .


Diffusion: THE PHENOMENON

• Interdiffusion: in a solid with more than one type of element (an alloy), atoms tend to migrate from regions of large concentration.



Mechanism of Solid-State Diffusion



Fig. 10.6 Curves showing concentration as a function of distance along a diffusion couple. Curves of this type are usually called *penetration curves*.

Substitutional diffusion \iff Interstitial diffusion

R.E. Reed-Hill, Physical Metallurgy Principles

Diffusion : Movement of atoms to reduce its chemical potential μ .

'down-hill' diffusion Driving force: Reduction of G G_3 G_1 G_2 **Down-hill diffusion** G_{Λ} movement of atoms from a high B-rich A-rich В А 2 concentration region to low (b) (a) concentration region. 'up-hill' diffusion G_1 G_2 G_3 **Up-hill diffusion** G_4 movement of atoms from a low concentration region to high B-rich A-rich 2 А (1)В concentration region (d) (c) μ^1_A μ_B^1 μ_A^2 μ_B^1 μ_B^2 μ^1_A 2 (2)(1)В В А А

(f)

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(e)

Down-hill diffusion

movement of atoms from a high concentration region to low concentration region.



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Diffusion

Movement of atoms to reduce its chemical potential μ .

Driving force: Reduction of G Down-hill diffusion movement of atoms from a high

concentration region to low concentration region.

Up-hill diffusion movement of atoms from a low concentration region to high concentration region



В

2

А

(e)



В

В

(2)

А

(f)

(1)

5.5.5 Spinodal Decomposition

Spinodal mode of transformation has no barrier to nucleation

: describing the transformation of a system of two or more components in a metastable phase into two stable phases



Fig. 5.38 Alloys between the spinodal points are unstable and can decompose into two coherent phasees α_1 and α_2 without overcoming an activation energy barrier. Alloys between the coherent miscibility gaps and the spinodal are metastable and can decompose only after nucleation of the other phase.

How does it differ between inside and outside the inflection point of Gibbs free energy curve?

1) Within the spinodal $\frac{d^2G}{dX^2} < 0$

: phase separation by small fluctuations in composition/ "up-hill diffusion"

2) If the alloy lies outside the spinodal, small variation in composition leads to an increase in free energy and the alloy is therefore metastable.

> The free energy can only be decreased if nuclei are formed with a composition very different from the matrix.

- \rightarrow nucleation and growth 18
 - : "down-hill diffusion"



Fig. 5.39 & 5.40 schematic composition profiles at increasing times in (a) an alloy quenched into the spinodal region (X_0 in Figure 5.38) and (b) an alloy outside the spinodal points (X_0 ' in Figure 5.38) ¹⁹

Diffusion

Diffusion : Mechanism by which matter transported through matter

What is the driving force for diffusion?

- \Rightarrow a concentration gradient (x)
- ⇒ a chemical potential gradient (o)

But this chapter will explain with "concentration gradients for a convenience". (Down-hill diffusion)

Q2. Interstitial diffusion vs Substitutional diffusion

Fick's First Law of Diffusion

Atomic mechanisms of diffusion

The mean vibrational energy is **3kT**, therefore the amplitude of thermal oscillation of an atom increases markedly with **temperature**. If a neighboring atom site is vacant, then the oscillation atom can change site with a certain probability (**atom jumping**). The probability consists of **creation of the vacant site** and movement of a neighboring atom into the site.

(b)

Substitutional vs. Interstitial diffusion

Substitutional diffusion

Fig. 2.3 (a) Octahedral interstices (O) in an fcc crystal. (b) Octahedral interstices in a bcc crystal.

Interstitial diffusion

How interstitial diffusion differs from substitutional diffusion?

Interstitial diffusion

Random jump of solute B atoms in a dilute solid solution of a simple cubic lattice Ο Ο Ο B interstitials Atoms of parent lattice Assume that there is no lattice distortion and also that there are always six vacant sites around the diffusion atom. \cap (a) $J_B = \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_B n_1 - \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_B n_2$ α $C_B(1) - C_B(2) = -\alpha (\partial C_B / \partial x)$ $C_{\rm B}$ J_{B} : Net flux of B atom $\Gamma_{\rm B}$: Average jump rate of B atoms **n**₁ : # of atoms per unit area of plane 1 n₂: # of atoms per unit area of plane 2 (b) 25

Fig. 2.5 Interstitial diffusion by random jumps in a concentration gradient.

Fick's First Law of Diffusion

$$J_{B} = \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}n_{1} - \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}n_{2} = \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}(n_{1} - n_{2})_{C_{B}}$$

$$C_{B}(1) = n_{1}/\alpha, \quad C_{B}(2) = n_{2}/\alpha$$

$$(n_{1} - n_{2}) = \alpha\left(C_{B}(1) - C_{B}(2)\right)$$

$$(b)$$

$$C_{B}(1) - C_{B}(2) = -\alpha\left(\partial C_{B}/\partial x\right)_{A}$$

$$J_{B} = \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}\left(n_{1} - n_{2}\right) = -\left(\frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}\alpha^{2}\right)\frac{\partial C_{B}}{\partial x} = -D_{B}\frac{\partial C_{B}}{\partial x}$$

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Concentration varies with position. (atoms m⁻² s⁻¹)

D_B: Intrinsic diffusivity or Diffusion coefficient of B

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⇒ <u>depends on microstructure</u> <u>of materials</u> Magnitude of D in various media

Gas : $D \approx 10^{-1} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ Liquid : $D \approx 10^{-4} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ Solid : Materials near melting temp. $D \approx 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ Elemental semiconductor (Si, Ge) $D \approx 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

OX

OX

* Estimate the jump frequency of a carbon atom in γ-Fe (FCC) at 1000 °C.

lattice parameter of γ -Fe : ~0.37 nm

 $\alpha = 0.37 / \sqrt{2} = 0.26 nm \qquad D_C = 2.5 \times 10^{-11} m^2 s^{-1}$ $\Gamma = 2 \times 10^9 \text{ jumps s}^{-1}$

the vibration frequency of carbon : ~ 10^{13} Only about one attempt in 10^4 results in a jump from one site to another.

* If the crystal structure is not cubic, then the probability of jump is anisotropic (different α). For example the probability of jumps along the basal direction and the axial direction of hcp crystal are different.

D_B, in general, is concentration-dependent.

For example, in γ -Fe at 1000 °C,

- $D_c = 2.5 \times 10^{-11} m^2 s^{-1}$, when $C_c = 0.15 \text{ wt\%}$
- $D_c = 7.7 \times 10^{-11} m^2 S^{-1}$, when $C_c = 1.4 \text{ wt\%}$

$$C_c \uparrow \to D_C \uparrow$$

C atoms stain the Fe lattice thereby making diffusion easier as amount of strain increases.

Q3. What is the radial distance, r from the origin in random work?

$$r = \alpha \sqrt{(\Gamma t)} = f(D) = 2.4\sqrt{Dt}$$

For random walk in 3 dimensions,

The direction of each new jump is independent of the direction of the previous jump.

after n steps of length $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

 $ightarrow lpha \sqrt{n}$ Net distance from its original position

During random walk, an atom will move in time (t) <u>a radial distance (r)</u> from the origin

In 1 s, each carbon atom will move a total distance of ~ 0.5 m \rightarrow a net displacement : ~ 10 µm.

⇒ Very few of the atom jumps provide a useful contribution to the total diffusion distance.

Q4. What is the effect of the temperature on diffusivity?

$$D_{B} = D_{B0} \exp \frac{-Q_{ID}}{RT}$$

(Arrhenius-type equation)

EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE on Diffusivity

Fig. 2.6 Interstitial atom, (a) in equilibrium position, (b) at the position of maximum lattice distortion. 31 (c) Variation of the free energy of the lattice as a function of the position of interstitial.

Thermally activated process jump frequency Γ_B ?

$$\Gamma_{B} = Z \nu \exp(-\Delta G_{m} / RT)$$

- Z : nearest neighbor sites
- $\boldsymbol{\nu}$: vibration frequency

 $\Delta \boldsymbol{G}_m$: activation energy for moving

$$\Delta G_{m} = \Delta H_{m} - T\Delta S_{m}, D_{B} = \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}\alpha^{2} \}$$

$$D_{B} = \left[\frac{1}{6}\alpha^{2}Zv \exp(\Delta S_{m}/R)\right] \exp(-\Delta H_{m}/RT)$$

$$\Delta H_{m} \equiv Q_{ID}$$

$$D_{B} = D_{B0} \exp\frac{-Q_{ID}}{RT_{N}}$$
(Arrhenius-type equation)

Temperature Dependence of Diffusion

How to determine Q_{ID} experimentally?

$$\log D = \log D_0 - \frac{Q}{2.3R} \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$

Therefore, from the slope of the D-curve in an log D vs 1/T coordinate, the activation energy may be found.

Fig. 2.7 The slope of log D v. 1/T gives the activation energy for diffusion Q.

Q5. Steady state diffusion vs Non-steady state diffusion?

Fick's first Law $J_{B} = -D_{B} \frac{\partial C_{B}}{\partial X}$

Concentration varies with "position"

Fick's Second Law

"Both position and time"

Steady-state diffusion

The simplest type of diffusion to deal with is when the concentration at every point does not change with time.

(does not vary with position)!

Steady-state diffusion

The simplest type of diffusion to deal with is when the concentration at every point does not change with time.

Q: How much carbon is transferring from the rich to deficient side?

$$J = -D\frac{C_2 - C_1}{x_2 - x_1} = 2.4 \times 10^{-9} \frac{kg}{m^2 s}$$

Nonsteady-state diffusion

In most practical situations steady-state conditions are not established, <u>i.e. concentration varies with both distance and time</u>, and Fick's 1st law <u>can no longer be used</u>.

How do we know the variation of C_B with time? \rightarrow Fick's 2nd law

The number of interstitial B atoms that diffuse into the slice across plane (1) in a small time interval d*t*:

$$J_1 A dt$$
 Likewise : $J_2 A dt$

Sine $J_2 < J_1$, the concentration of B within the slice will have increased by

Due to mass conservation

$$(J_{1} - J_{2})A\delta t = \delta C_{B}A\delta x \qquad \delta C_{B} = \frac{(J_{1} - J_{2})A\delta t}{A\delta x} \qquad 37$$

Nonsteady-state diffusion

Fick's Second Law

Q6. How to solve the diffusion equations? : Application of Fick's 2nd law

homogenization, carburization, decarburization, diffusion across a couple

Solutions to the diffusion equations (Application of Fick's 2nd law)

Ex1. Homogenization

of sinusoidal varying composition

in the elimination of segregation in casting

Fig. 2.10 The effect of diffusion on a sinusoidal variation of composition.

\overline{C} : the mean composition l: half wavelength

 β_0 : the amplitude of the initial concentration profile

Initial or Boundary Cond.?

$$C = \overline{C} + \beta_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \quad \text{at t=0}$$

Rigorous solution of

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

Using a method of variable separation

Let
$$C = XT \longrightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

 $X \frac{dT}{dt} = DT \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2}$
 $\frac{1}{DT} \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -\lambda^2$

$$\frac{1}{T}\frac{dT}{dt} = -\lambda^2 D$$
$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \lambda^2 X = 0$$
$$X = A' \cos \lambda x + B' \sin \lambda x$$
$$T = T_0 e^{-\lambda^2 D t}$$
$$X(x,0) \equiv \overline{C} + \beta_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

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for
$$C(x,0) = \overline{C} + \beta_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

 $\therefore C = (A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x)e^{-\lambda^2 D t}$
 $\therefore C = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \sin \lambda_n x + B_n \cos \lambda_n x)$
 $t = 0 \rightarrow C \equiv \overline{C} + \beta_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \qquad \lambda = \frac{\pi}{l}$
 $; A_0 = \overline{C}, B_n = 0, A_1 = \beta_0$
 $(A_n = 0 \text{ for all others})$
 $\therefore C \equiv \overline{C} + \beta_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} e^{\frac{t}{2}/\pi^2 D}$
 $C = \overline{C} + \beta_0 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \exp(\frac{-t}{\pi^2 D})$
 $\tau = \frac{l^2}{\pi^2 D} \quad \tau : \text{ relaxation time}$
 $\beta = \beta_0 \exp(-t/\tau) \quad at \quad x = \frac{l}{2}$

Solutions to the diffusion equations

Ex1. Homogenization of sinusoidal varying composition in the elimination of segregation in casting

Amplitude of the concentration profile (β) decreases exponentially with time, $C rac{r}{\Rightarrow} \overline{C}$

 $\tau = \frac{l^2}{\pi^2 D}$ τ : relaxation time

decide homogenization rate

The initial concentration profile will not usually be sinusoidal, but in general any concentration profile can be considered as <u>the sum of an infinite series of sine waves of</u> <u>varying wavelength and amplitude</u>, and each wave decays at a rate determined by jts own " τ ". Thus, the short wavelength terms die away very rapidly and <u>the homogenization</u> <u>will ultimately be determined by τ for the longest wavelength component</u>.

Solutions to the diffusion equations

Ex2. Carburization of Steel

The aim of carburization is to increase the carbon concentration in the surface layers of a steel product in order to achiever a harder wear-resistant surface.

- 1. Holding the steel in CH₄ and/or Co at an austenitic temperature.
- 2. By controlling gases the concentration of C at the surface of the steel can be maintained at a suitable constant value.
- 3. At the same time carbon continually diffuses from the surface into the steel.

Carburizing of steel

that is

Fig. 2.11 Concentration profiles at successive times $(t_3>t_2>t_1)$ for diffusion into a semi-infinite bar when the surface concentration Cs is maintained constant.

• Since erf(0.5)~0.5, the depth at which the carbon concentration is midway between C_s and C₀ is given $(x/2\sqrt{Dt}) \cong 0.5$

 $x \cong \sqrt{Dt} \longrightarrow \text{Depth of Carburization}$

Error function

In mathematics, the error function (also called the <u>Gauss error</u> <u>function</u>) is a non-elementary function which occurs in probability, statistics and partial differential equations.

It is defined as:

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$$\mathrm{erf}(x)=\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_{\mathbf{0}}^{x}e^{-t^{2}}dt.$$

By expanding the right-hand side in a Taylor series and integrating, one can express it in the form

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)n!} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{10} - \frac{x^7}{42} + \frac{x^9}{216} - \cdots \right)$$

for every real number x. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Error function

 $\operatorname{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{z} \exp(-y^{2}) dy$

Table 1-1. The Error Function

(a) Schematic diagram illustrating the main features of the error function.

	Z	$\operatorname{erf}(z)$	Ζ	$\operatorname{erf}(z)$
116	0	0	0.85	0.7707
	0.025	0.0282	0.90	0.7969
	0.05	0.0564	0.95	0.8209
	0.10	0.1125	1.0	0.8427
	0.15	0.1680	1.1	0.8802
	0.20	0.2227	1.2	0.9103
	0.25	0.2763	1.3	0.9340
	0.30	0.3286	1.4	0.9523
	0.35	0.3794	1.5	0.9661
	0.40	0.4284	1.6	0.9763
	0.45	0.4755	1.7	0.9838
	0.50	0.5205	1.8	0.9891
	0.55	0.5633	1.9	0.9928
	0.60	0.6039	2.0	0.9953
	0.65	0.6420	2.2	0.9981
	0.70	0.6778	2.4	0.9993
	0.75	0.7112	2.6	0.9998
	0.80	0.7421	2.8	0.9999
Carburizing of steel

Depth of Carburization?

- 1) Specimen ~ infinitely long.
- 2) Diffusion coefficient of carbon in austenite increases with increasing concentration, but an approximate solution: Taking an average value

The error function solution:







Fig. 2.11 Concentration profiles at successive times $(t_3>t_2>t_1)$ for diffusion into a semi-infinite bar when the surface concentration Cs is maintained constant.

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$$\frac{C_{\rm s}-C}{C_{\rm s}-C_{\rm 0}}= erf\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right) \qquad \text{erf(0.5)}\approx 0.5 \qquad C=\frac{C_{\rm s}+C_{\rm 0}}{2}$$

• Since $erf(0.5)\approx 0.5$, the depth at which the carbon concentration is <u>midway between C_s and C_0 is given $(x/2\sqrt{Dt}) \cong 0.5$ </u> that is $x \cong \sqrt{Dt} \rightarrow Depth of Carburization$

Carburizing of steel

Thus the thickness of the carburized layer is $\cong \sqrt{Dt}$.

Note also that the depth of any is concentration line is directly proportion to \sqrt{Dt} , i.e. to obtain a twofold increase in penetration requires a fourfold increase in time.

(2배의 침투 깊이 → 4배의 시간)



 C_{s} = Surface concentration C_{0} = Initial bulk concentration



Solutions to the diffusion equations

Ex4. Diffusion Couple

Joining of two semi-infinite specimens of compositions C_1 and C_2 ($C_1 > C_2$)



Fig. 2.12 (b) concentration profiles at successive times (t2>t1>0) when two semi-infinite bars of different composition are annealed after welding.

The section is completed with **4 example solutions to Fick's 2nd law:** *carburisation, decarburisation, diffusion across a couple* and *homogenisation.*

The solutions given are as follows:

Process	Solution
Homogenization	$C = C_{\text{mean}} + \beta_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$
	C_{mean} = Mean concentration b_0 = Initial concentration amplitude 1 = half-wavelength of cells t = relaxation time
Carburization	$C = C_{\rm S} - (C_{\rm S} - C_0) \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$
	$C_s = Surface concentrationC_0 = Initial bulk concentration$
Decarburization	$C = C_0 \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$ C ₀ = Initial bulk concentration
Diffusion Couple	$C = \left(\frac{C_1 + C_2}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{C_1 - C_2}{2}\right) \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$
	C_1 = Concentration of steel 1 C_2 = Concentration of steel 2

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Contents for today's class

• **Diffusion** Movement of atoms to reduce its chemical potential μ . driving force: Reduction of G

Down-hill diffusion movement of atoms from a high C_B region to low C_B region. **Up-hill diffusion** movement of atoms from a low C_B region to high C_B region.

- Interstitial Diffusion / Substitution Diffusion
 - Steady-state diffusion– Fick's First Law _____

$$J_{B} = \frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}(n_{1} - n_{2}) = -\left(\frac{1}{6}\Gamma_{B}\alpha^{2}\right)\frac{\partial C_{B}}{\partial x} = -D_{B}\frac{\partial C_{B}}{\partial x}$$

Concentration varies with position. (atoms $m^{-2} s^{-1}$)

- Nonsteady-state diffusion – Fick's Second Law



- For random walk in 3 dimensions, after n steps of length α
- **Effect of Temperature on Diffusivity**

$$r = \alpha \sqrt{(\Gamma t)} = f(D) = 2.4\sqrt{Dt}$$
$$\log D = \log D_0 - \frac{Q}{2.3R} \left(\frac{1}{T}\right) = 52$$