ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

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Solid State

Packing efficiency

Volume occupied by two spheres in the unit cell × 100 Total volume of the unit cell

- Mass of the atoms of unit cell = Number of atoms in a unit cell (Z) \times Mass of atom (M_{atom})
- Molar mass (M)Mass of one atom = Avogadro's constant (N_{Δ})
- Density (ρ) of unit cell of a cubic crystal = $\frac{ZM}{V \times N_A} = \frac{ZM}{a^3 N_A}$
- Bragg's equation: $2d \sin \theta = n\lambda$
- Number of octahedral voids = No. of particles present in the close packing
- Number of tetrahedral voids = 2 × No. of octahedral voids

Characteristics of Different Types of Unit Cells

Crystal	No. of atom(s)/ unit cell	Packing efficiency	C.No.	Relation in d, a and r
scc	1	52.4%	6	r = d/2 = a/2
bcc	2	68%	8	$r = d/2 = \sqrt{3}a/4$
fcc	4	74%	12	$r = d/2 = a/2\sqrt{2}$

Void	Radius Ratio	
Triangular	$0.155 \le r^+/r^- < 0.225$	
Tetrahedral	$0.225 \le r^+/r^- < 0.414$	
Octahedral	$0.414 \le r^+/r^- < 0.732$	
Body-centred cubic	$0.732 \le r^+/r^- < 1$	

Solids on the Basis of Electrical Properties

- Conductors: Electrical conductivity, 10⁴ to 10⁷ ohm⁻¹ m⁻¹
- Insulators: Electrical conductivity, 10⁻²⁰ to 10⁻¹⁰ ohm⁻¹ m⁻¹
- Semiconductors: Electrical conductivity, 10⁻⁶ to 10⁴ ohm⁻¹ m⁻¹
- n-type semiconductors : Group 14 elements doped with group 15 alamante fragalactrone increase conductivity

Solutions

- Molarity $(M) = \frac{n_1}{(n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2)/\rho}$ Molality (m) = -
- Henry's law: $p_A = K_H \cdot x_A : K_H$ increases with increase of temperature implying that solubility decreases with increase of temperature at the same pressure.
- Raoult's law: $p_1 = p_1^{\circ} x_1$, this law is applicable only if the two components form a homogeneous mixture.
- Dalton's law of partial pressure: $p_{\text{total}} = p_1 + p_2 + ... p_n$ and for two components system, $p_{\text{total}} = p_1^{\circ} + (p_2^{\circ} - p_1^{\circ})x_2$

Ideal and Non-ideal Solutions

Ideal Solutions	Non-ideal Solutions		
$p_1 = x_1 p_1^{\circ}; p_2 = x_2 p_2^{\circ}$	$p_1 \neq x_1 p_1^{\circ}; p_2 \neq x_2 p_2^{\circ}$		
$\Delta H_{\text{mix}} = 0$, $\Delta V_{\text{mix}} = 0$	$\Delta H_{\text{mix}} \neq 0, \Delta V_{\text{mix}} \neq 0$		
$A - B$ interactions $\approx A - A$	$A - B$ interactions $\neq A - A$		
and $B - B$ interactions.	and $B - B$ interactions.		

Non-ideal Solutions Showing Positive and Negative Deviations from Raoult's Law

Solutions showing positive deviation	Solutions showing negative deviation	
$A - B \ll A - A \text{ or } B - B$	A - B >> A - A or B - B	
interactions.	interactions.	
$\Delta H_{\rm mix} > 0$, $\Delta V_{\rm mix} > 0$	$\Delta H_{\rm mix} < 0$, $\Delta V_{\rm mix} < 0$	
$p_1 > p_1^{\circ} x_1$	$p_1 < p_1^{\circ} x_1$	

Colligative Properties

- Relative lowering of vapour pressure: $(p_A^{\circ} p_A)/p_A^{\circ} = x_B$
- Elevation in boiling point: $\Delta T_b = T_b T_b^{\circ} = K_b m$
- Depression in freezing point: $\Delta T_f = T_f^{\circ} T_f = K_f m$
- Osmotic pressure: $\pi = CRT = (n/V)RT$

van't Hoff Factor and its Significance

- Observed value of colligative property Calculated value of colligative property
- For association of solute: $nA \rightarrow (A)_n$
- Degree of association (α) = (1 i) n/n 1; i < 1
- For dissociation of solute: $(A)_n \rightarrow nA$