

ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Get well prepared for exams with quick revision of important concepts of physical chemistry.

Solid State

$$\text{Packing efficiency} = \frac{\text{Volume occupied by two spheres in the unit cell}}{\text{Total volume of the unit cell}} \times 100$$

- Mass of the atoms of unit cell = Number of atoms in a unit cell (Z) \times Mass of atom (M_{atom})
- Mass of one atom = $\frac{\text{Molar mass } (M)}{\text{Avogadro's constant } (N_A)}$
- 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 = $2 \times$ No. of octahedral voids

Characteristics of Different Types of Unit Cells

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

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

Solids on the Basis of Electrical Properties

- **Conductors:** Electrical conductivity, 10^6 to $10^7 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$
- **Insulators:** Electrical conductivity, 10^{-20} to $10^{-10} \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$
- **Semiconductors:** Electrical conductivity, 10^{-7} to $10^4 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$
 - **n-type semiconductors:** Group 14 elements doped with group 15 elements, free electrons increase conductivity.
 - **p-type semiconductors:** Group 14 elements doped with group 13 elements, holes increase conductivity.

Solutions

$$\bullet \text{ Molality } (m) = \frac{M}{\rho \cdot \frac{MM_2}{1000}} \quad \bullet \text{ Molarity } (M) = \frac{n_1}{(n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2) V}$$

- **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:** $p_1 = p_1^* x_1$, this law is applicable only if the two components form a homogeneous mixture.
- **Dalton's law of partial pressure:** $p_{\text{total}} = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n$ and for two components system, $p_{\text{total}} = p_1^* x_1 + p_2^* x_2$

Ideal and Non-Ideal Solutions

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

Colligative Properties

- **Relative lowering of vapour pressure:** $(p_A^* - p_A)/p_A^* = x_B$
- **Elevation in boiling point:** $\Delta T_b = T_b - T_b^* = K_b m$
- **Depression in freezing point:** $\Delta T_f = T_f^* - T_f = K_f m$
- **Osmotic pressure:** $\pi = CRT$ (or) πRT

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) = $(1 - i)/n - 1$; $i < 1$
- **For dissociation of solute:** $(A)_n \rightarrow nA$
Degree of dissociation (α) = $i/n - 1$; $i > 1$
- **Modified colligative properties:**
 $p_A^* = p_A/p_A^* = (x_A/AT)_0 = (R_b m_s/AT)_0 = (R_p m_s \pi - i) CRT$