

LECTURE-23

Regular Binary Solutions:

For binary solution case, we have defined a function α that is given by

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\ln \gamma_i}{(1-x_i)^2} \quad (255)$$

So, for A-B solution

$$\alpha_B = \frac{\ln \gamma_B}{(1-x_B)^2} = \frac{\ln \gamma_B}{x_A^2} \quad (256)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \gamma_B = \alpha_B x_A^2 \quad (257)$$

Similarly,

$$\ln x_A = \alpha_A x_B^2 \quad (258)$$

For binary regular solution

$$\alpha_A = \alpha_B = \alpha = \text{Constant} \quad (259)$$

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Since we know

$$\Delta H^m = G^{xs} = RT (x_A \ln \gamma_A + x_B \ln \gamma_B) \quad (260)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H^m = RT (x_A \alpha_A x_B^2 + x_B \alpha_B x_A^2) \quad (261)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H^m = RT \alpha (x_A x_B^2 + x_B x_A^2) \quad (262)$$

(Using equation (258))

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H^m = RT \alpha x_A x_B (x_A + x_B) \quad (263)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H^m = RT \alpha X_A X_B \quad (264)$$

(Since $x_A + x_B = 1$)

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H^m = \Omega x_A x_B \quad (\text{Since } \Omega = RT \alpha) \quad (265)$$

[Where Ω is a parameter related to interaction energies in the solution]

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Again, we have

$$\overline{H}_A^m = \overline{G}_A^{xs} = RT \ln \gamma_A = RT \alpha x_B^2 = \Omega x_B^2 \quad (266)$$

$$\overline{H}_B^m = \overline{G}_B^{xs} = RT \ln \gamma_B = RT \alpha x_A^2 = \Omega x_A^2 \quad (267)$$

ΔH^m , \overline{H}_i^m of solutions mainly constant over a limited range approximately. So Ω assumed to be independent of temperature.

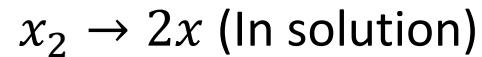
Therefore,

$$\alpha = \frac{\Omega}{RT} \Rightarrow \alpha \propto \frac{1}{T} \quad (268)$$

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SIEVERT'S LAW: Statement of the law is “The atomic gases do not dissolve into the metal in their molecular form rather they dissolve by dissociation i.e. in atomic form.”

So dissolution of a diatomic gas into metal (condensed phase)



[Where $x_2 \rightarrow$ diatomic gases]

Equilibrium constant of reaction

$$K_p = \left[\frac{h_x}{[P_{x_2}]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]_{eq} \quad (269)$$

[Where, $h_x \rightarrow$ Henry activity of component x dissolve in condensed / solid phase.

$P_{x_2} \rightarrow$ Partial pressure of x_2 .

$K_p \rightarrow$ Sievert's constant]

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As the solubility of gases in condensed phase under moderate condition of temperature and pressure is very small. So, the h_x for the above expression for gases are preferred to use in terms of wt. %. The above equation (269) changes to

$$K_p = \frac{f_x (\text{wt.}\% x)}{P_{x_2}^{1/2}} \quad (270)$$

[Where, $f_x \rightarrow$ Henry's activity co-efficient]

In Henry's law if the activity co-efficient $f_x \rightarrow 1$, then equation (270) becomes

$$K_p = \frac{(\text{wt.}\% x)}{P_{x_2}^{1/2}} \quad (271)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{wt.}\% x = K_p \sqrt{P_{x_2}} \quad (272)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{wt.}\% x = (\text{Sievert's law constant}) \times \sqrt{P_{x_2}} \quad (273)$$

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From equation (272), Sievert's law can be expressed as, at constant temperature, the solubility of diatomic gases into the condensed phase is proportional to the square root of partial pressure.

Limitation of Sievert's Law: It is applicable only to the limiting type of solution where Henerian activity $h_x \rightarrow 1$ (when $f_x \neq 1$) in such case expression for Sievert's law take the form

$$\ln(\text{wt. \% } x) = \ln K_p + \frac{1}{2} \ln P_{x_2} - \ln f_x \quad (274)$$

$$[\text{Since, } f_x(\text{wt. \% } x) = (K_p) (P_{x_2}^{1/2})]$$

The function f_x can be expressed in terms of interaction co-efficient that means

$$\ln f_x = (\epsilon_X^X \cdot \text{wt\% } x) + (\epsilon_X^1 \cdot \text{wt\% of 1st component}) + (\epsilon_X^2 \cdot \text{wt\% of 2nd component}) + \dots + (\epsilon_X^n \cdot \text{wt\% of nth component}) \quad (275)$$

[Where, ϵ_X^X —Self interaction parameter of the gas component "X"

$\epsilon_X^1, \epsilon_X^2, \dots, \epsilon_X^n$ —Interaction parameter on component X of component 1, 2,..., n]

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Problem:- Calculate the solubility of N_2 gas under 1 atm pressure & $1600^\circ C$ in an iron-based alloy having the composition C = 3.5%, Mn = 1%, Si = 1.2%, P = 0.5%. The interaction parameters for various components are

$$\epsilon_N^C = 0.25 \times 2.3, \epsilon_N^P = 0.51 \times 2.3, \epsilon_N^{Mn} = 0.02 \times 2.3$$

$$\epsilon_N^N = 0, \epsilon_N^{Si} = 0.047 \times 2.3$$

Sievert's constant for N_2 (K_p) = 0.045

Solution:- As we know from limiting condition of Sievert's law

$$\ln f_x = (\epsilon_N^C \cdot \text{wt\% of C}) + (\epsilon_N^P \cdot \text{wt\% of P}) + (\epsilon_N^{Mn} \cdot \text{wt\% of Mn}) + \dots + (\epsilon_N^N \cdot \text{wt\% of N})$$

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$$= [(0.25 \times 3.5) + (0.51 \times 0.5) + (0.02 \times 1) + (0.047 \times 1.2)] \times 2.3$$

$$[\text{Since, } \epsilon_N^N = 0]$$

$$= [1.2064] \times 2.3 = 2.77472 \cong 2.775$$

Since, we know from Sievert's law as

$$f_x \times (\text{wt. \% } N) = \text{Sivert's constant } (K_P) \times \sqrt{P_{N_2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{wt. \% } N = \frac{0.045 \times \sqrt{1}}{16.04} = (2.8 \times 10^{-3}) \quad (\text{Ans})$$