

i) Describe different types of point defects in crystal.

Ans Point defects :- All the atoms in a solid possess vibrational energy and at all temperatures above absolute zero, there will be a finite number of atoms which will leave their equilibrium position. Once the atoms are free from their lattice sites, they give rise to point defects. Also, due to the presence of impurity atoms - point defects are likely to come in the crystal.

Point Defects.

Non-ionic
crystals.

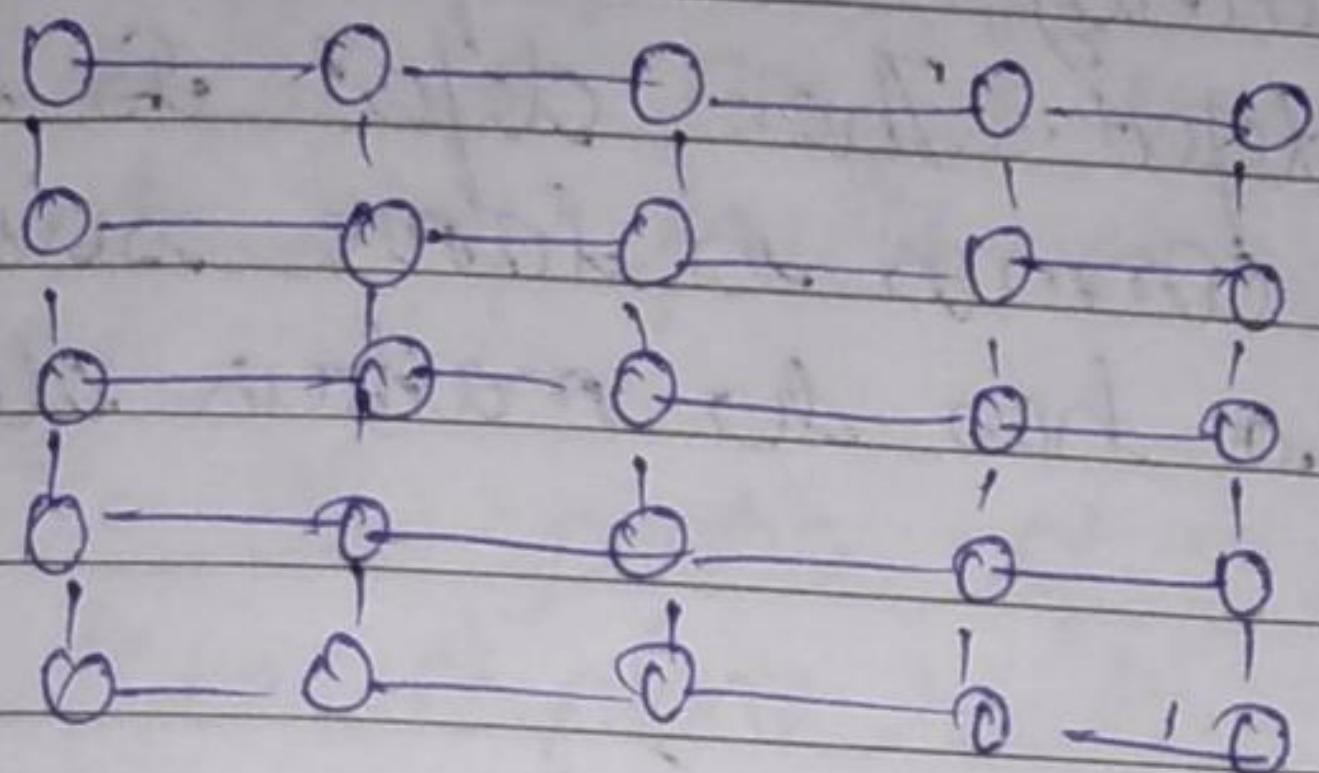
Ionic crystals.

Vacancy Impurity Other Schottky defect

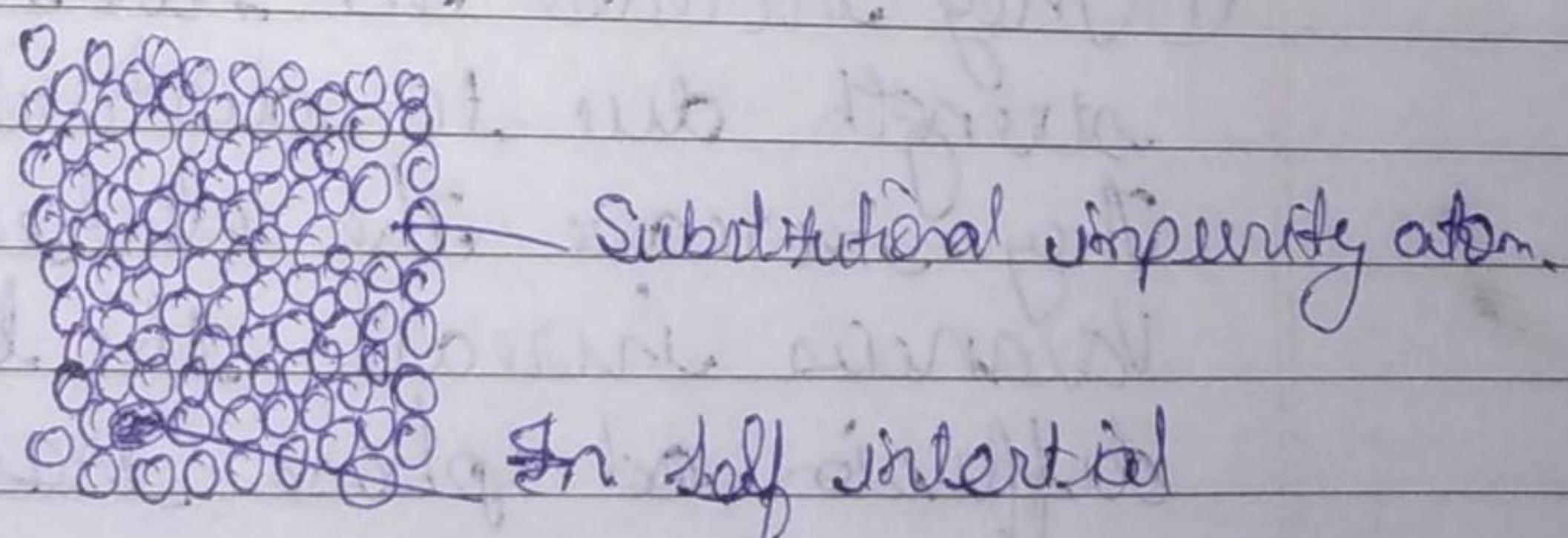
Interstitial Substitutional

Vacancies are when an atom is missing from its lattice site in a crystal structure. The atoms surrounding a vacancy experienced a slight displacement.

into the empty lattice site and thus, a vacancy is a centre of approximately spherical distortion in the lattice.

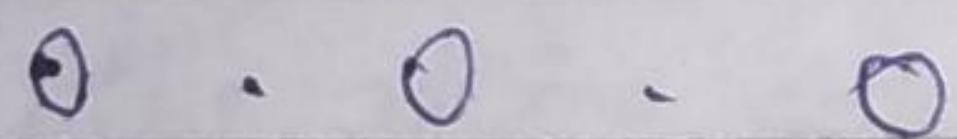


If the matrix atom occupies its own interstitial site, the defect is called self-interstitial. If the foreign atom occupies the position of material atom, it is called as substitutional impurity atom. If it occurs occupies an interstitial position of the matrix atom it is called as interstitial impurity atom.



In Ionic solids, Frenkel and Schottley defects are likely to form. An atom may leave its regular sites and may occupy nearby interstitial sites of the matrix giving rise to two defects simultaneously i.e. one vacancy and the other self interstitial. These two defects together

is called as Frankel defect. This can occur only for cations because of their small size as compared to the size of anions. When cation vacancy is associated with anion vacancy, the defect is called a Schottkey defect. These defects are more common in ionic solids because the lattice has to maintain electrical neutrality.



$\textcircled{O} \cdot \textcircled{O} \cdot \textcircled{O} - \textcircled{O}$ — Frankel imperfections.

$\textcircled{O}, \textcircled{O} \cdot \textcircled{O} : \textcircled{O}$ — Schottkey.

$\textcircled{O} \cdot \textcircled{O} \cdot \textcircled{O} \cdot \textcircled{O}$ — Imperfections.

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The effect of these defects on some of the properties is:-

- ① They increase the hardness and tensile strength due to distortion of the lattice.
- They increase the electrical resistivity.
- Vacancies increases the kinetics of diffusion and phase transformation.

2) Short note on short stacking faults.

Stacking faults which occurs in FCC metals represent an error in the stacking sequence of close packed phases. So normally, a stacking sequence of ABC ABC ABC is produced in perfect FCC crystal. But due to stacking fault it will be ABC ABAB CDBe.

In the portion of the sequence indicated a type A plane replace where a type C plane would normally be located. This small region, which has a HCP stacking sequence instead of the FCC stacking sequence, represents a stacking faults stacking faults interface with the slip planes.