

Day 25

→ Vacancies in a metal crystal



Helmoltz Free Energy
is lower for the
defected crystal

→ Internal energy and vibrational entropy

→ $n_v \rightarrow$ no. of vacancies

→ $w \rightarrow$ no. of different configurations with
same energy.

$$w = {}^N C_{n_v}$$

→ Stirling's approximation: $\ln p! = p(\ln p - 1)$
(for large p)

→ $m = \frac{n_v}{N}$

$$S_{\text{config, def}} = -NK [m \ln m + (1-m) \ln(1-m)]$$

→ $\Delta F_{\text{def}} = F_{\text{def}} - F_{\text{perf}}$

$$F_{\text{def}} = U_{\text{perf}} + n_v U_d - TS_{\text{perf}} - T\Delta S_{\text{vib}} \\ - TS_{\text{config, def}}$$

$$F_{\text{perf}} = U_{\text{perf}} - TS_{\text{perf}}$$

$$\text{So } \Delta F_{\text{def}} = n_v U_d + 3KT \sum n_v \ln \frac{V}{N}$$

$$+ NK T [m \ln m + (1-m) \ln (1-m)]$$

$$= m \left[U_d + 3RT \ln \frac{z}{2} \right] + RT [m \ln m + (1-m) \ln (1-m)]$$

$$(NK=R, N U_d = U_d)$$

→ $\frac{d \Delta F_{def}}{dm} = 0$ gives equilibrium concentration

$$\Rightarrow m^{eq} = \frac{n_v^{eq}}{N_A} = \exp. \left(- \left[\frac{U_d - T \Delta S_{vib}}{RT} \right] \right)$$

$$(For \Delta F_f > 2.3 RT)$$

$$m^{eq} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{\Delta F_f}{RT}\right)}$$

ΔF_f range for metals: 50-150 kJ mol⁻¹

m.p for W (Tungsten) = 3500 K

→ Freeze in of vacancies