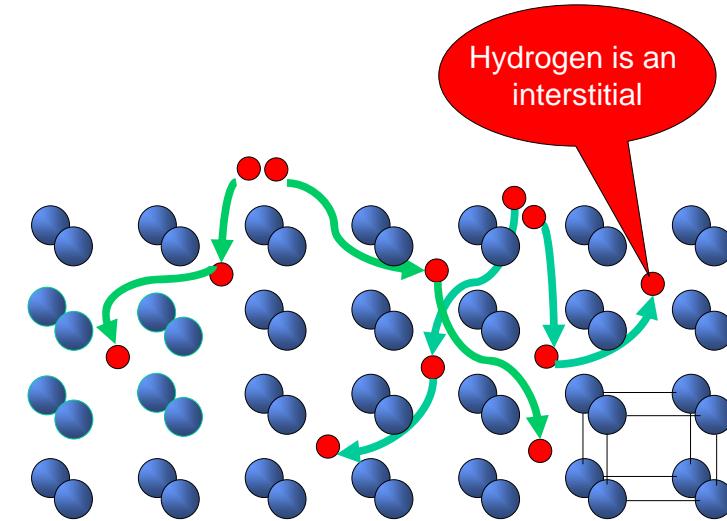


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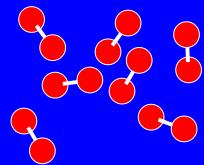


Interstitial alloy



Statistical physics of the hydrogen gas

$$F = -kT \ln \sum_n \exp\left(-\frac{E_n}{kT}\right)$$



over all states of the gas containing N_H molecules.

$$\left(\sum_{n \text{ states of the gas}} e^{-E_n / kT} \right) = \sum_n e^{-\sum_k \varepsilon_k / kT} = \left(\sum_{\text{molecular energies}} e^{-\varepsilon_k / kT} \right)^{N_{H_2}} \frac{1}{N_{H_2}!}$$

where ε_k is the energy of the k -th molecule.

$$F = -kT N_{H_2} \ln \sum_k e^{-\varepsilon_k / kT} + kT \ln N_{H_2} !$$

Using Stirling's formula

$$\ln N! \approx N \ln \frac{N}{e}$$

$$F = -kT N_{H_2} \ln \left(\frac{e}{N_{H_2}} \sum_k e^{-\varepsilon_k / kT} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_b + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{\mathbf{M}^2}{2\Theta_{H_2}}$$

ε_b is the binding energy of the H_2 molecule
 \mathbf{M} is the angular momentum and
 Θ is the moment of inertia of the molecule.
The classical limit

$$F = -kTN_{H_2} \ln \frac{e}{N_{H_2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^r} \int e^{-\varepsilon(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})/kT} d\mathbf{p}d\mathbf{q}$$

where $d\mathbf{p}=dp_1, \dots, dp_r$ and $d\mathbf{q}=dq_1, \dots, dq_r$ where r is the number of degrees of freedom of the molecule.

The free energy of a diatomic gas H_2

$$F_{H_2} = N_{H_2} \varepsilon_b + F_{translational} + F_{rotational}$$

$$= \{N_{H_2} \varepsilon_b\} + \left\{ -N_{H_2} kT \ln \left[\frac{eV}{N_{H_2}} \left(\frac{m_{H_2} kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \right] \right\} \\ + \left\{ -N_{H_2} kT \ln \left(\frac{kT\Theta_{H_2}}{\hbar^2} \right) \right\}$$

from which we derive the chemical potential μ_{H_2}

$$\mu_{H_2} = \frac{\partial F_{H_2}}{\partial N_{H_2}} = \varepsilon_b - kT \ln \left[\frac{eV}{N_{H_2}} \left(\frac{m_{H_2} kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \right] + kT \\ - kT \ln \left(\frac{kT\Theta_{H_2}}{\hbar^2} \right) \\ = \varepsilon_b - kT \ln \left[\frac{V}{N_{H_2}} kT \left(\frac{m_{H_2} kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \frac{\Theta_{H_2}}{\hbar^2} \right]$$

For an ideal gas $pV = N_{H_2} kT$

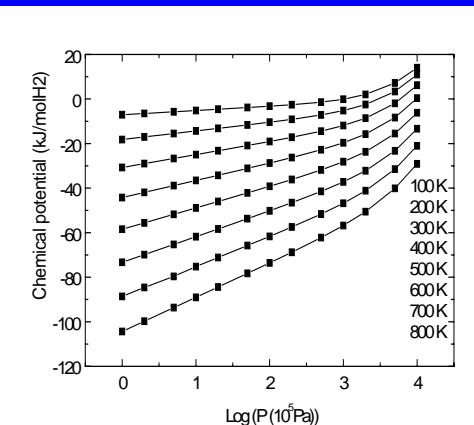
$$\mu_{H_2}(p, T) = \varepsilon_b - kT \ln \left[\frac{\Theta_{H_2} (kT)^2}{p\hbar^5} \left(\frac{m_{H_2} kT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} \right]$$

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$$\mu_{H_2} = \varepsilon_b + kT \ln \left[\frac{p}{p_0(T)} \right]$$

with

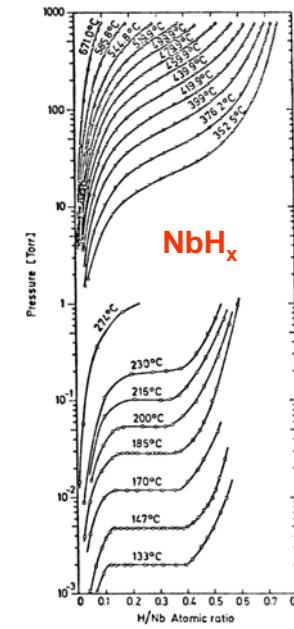
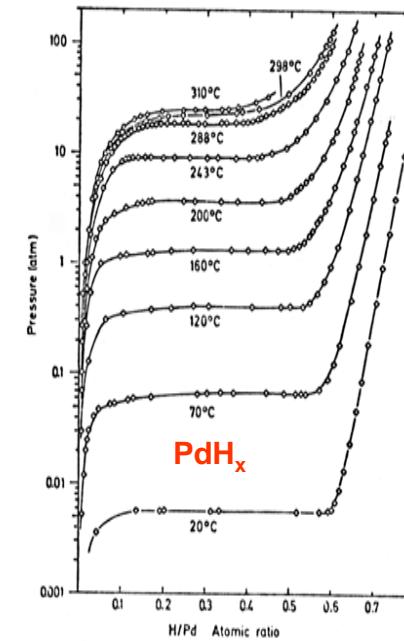
$$p_0(T) = \left(\frac{(kT)^{7/2} \Theta_{H_2} m_{H_2}^{3/2}}{\hbar^5 (2\pi)^{3/2}} \right)$$



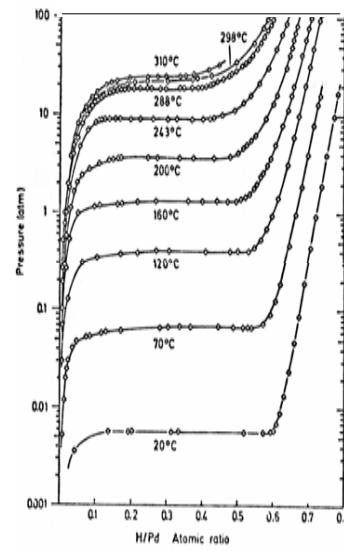
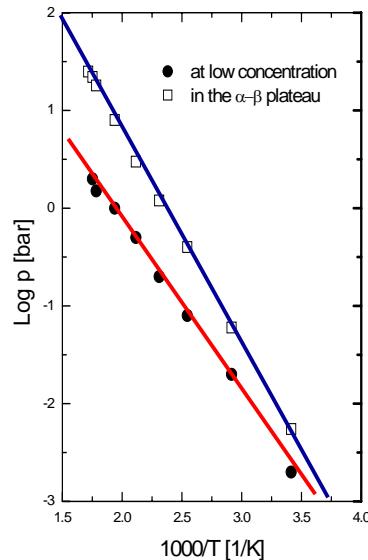
Thermodynamics of hydrogen in metals



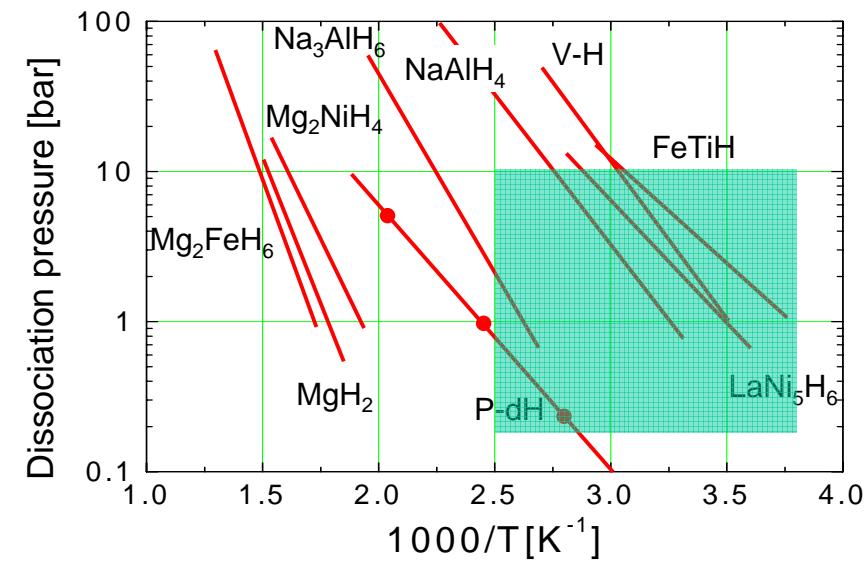
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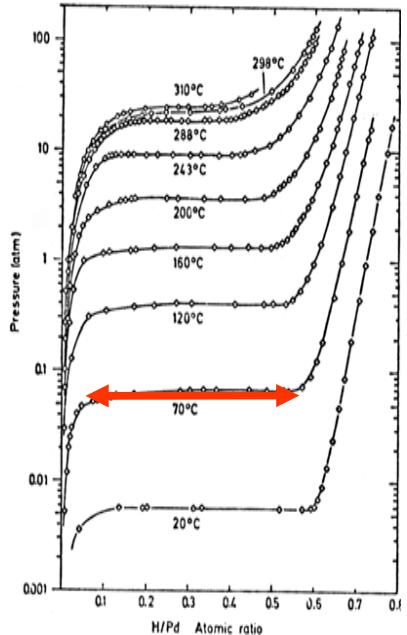


Van t'Hoff plots

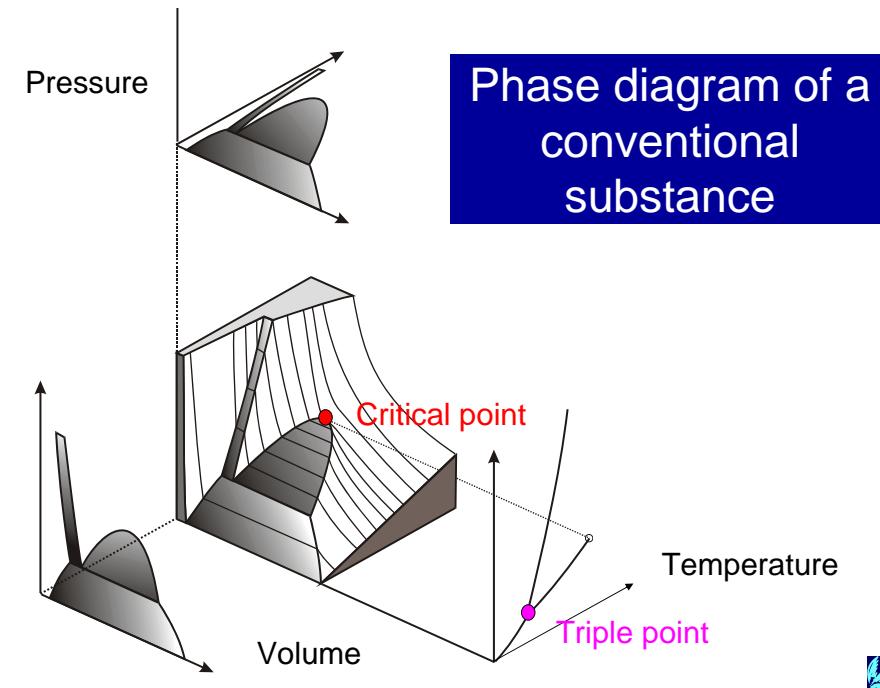


Van t'Hoff plots of some metal-hydrides

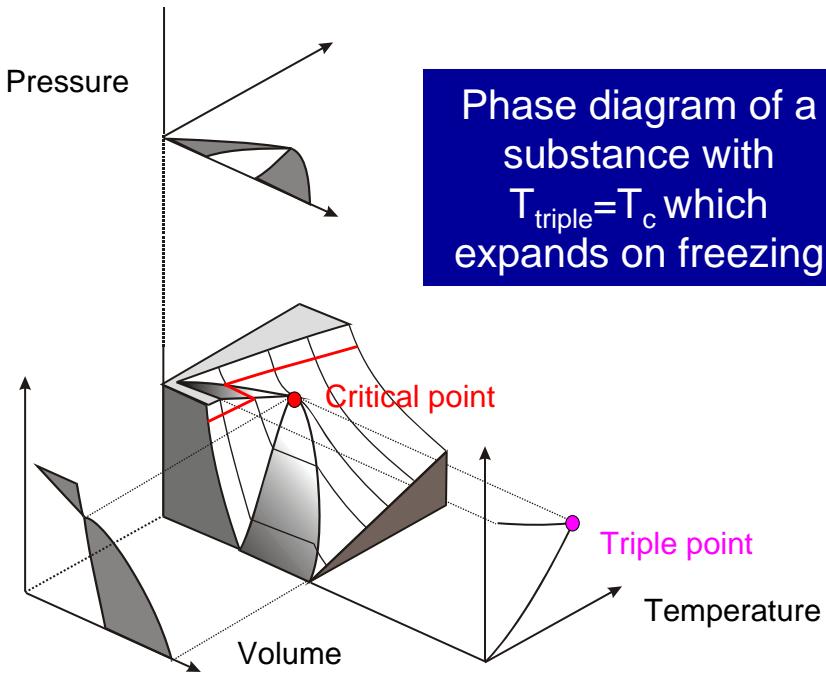




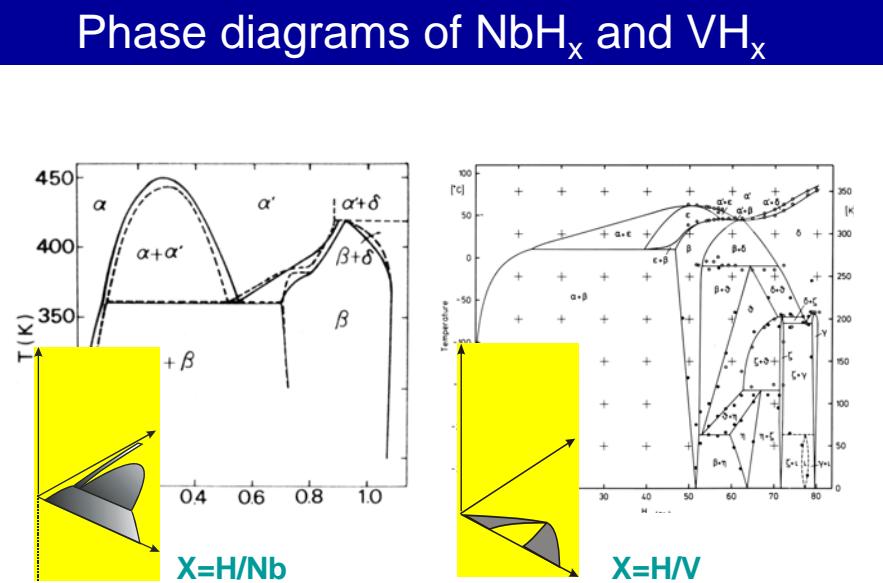
P-c isotherms
and phase
diagram



Phase diagram of a
conventional
substance

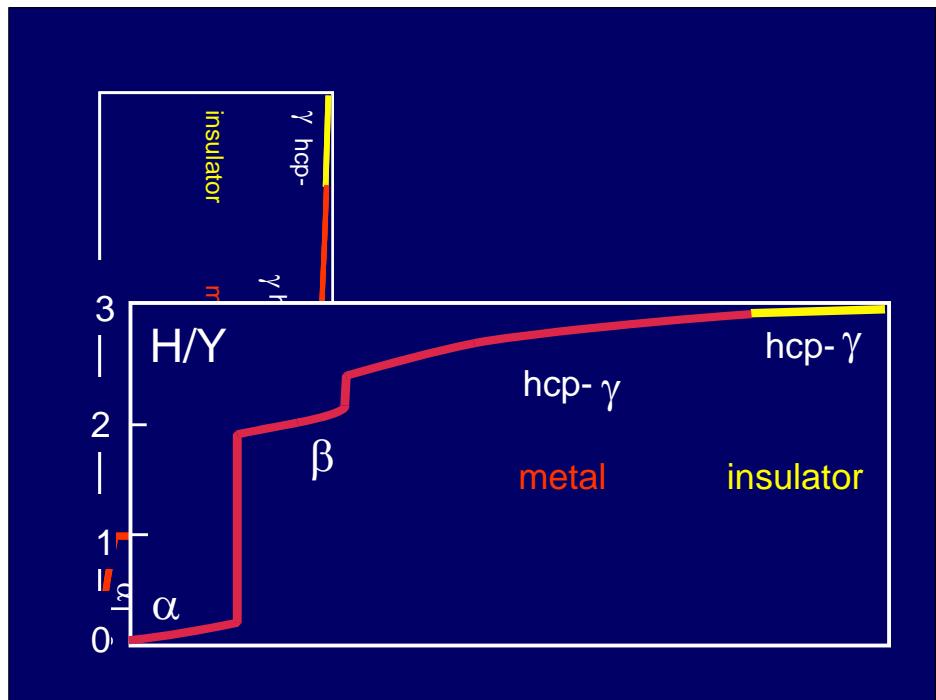
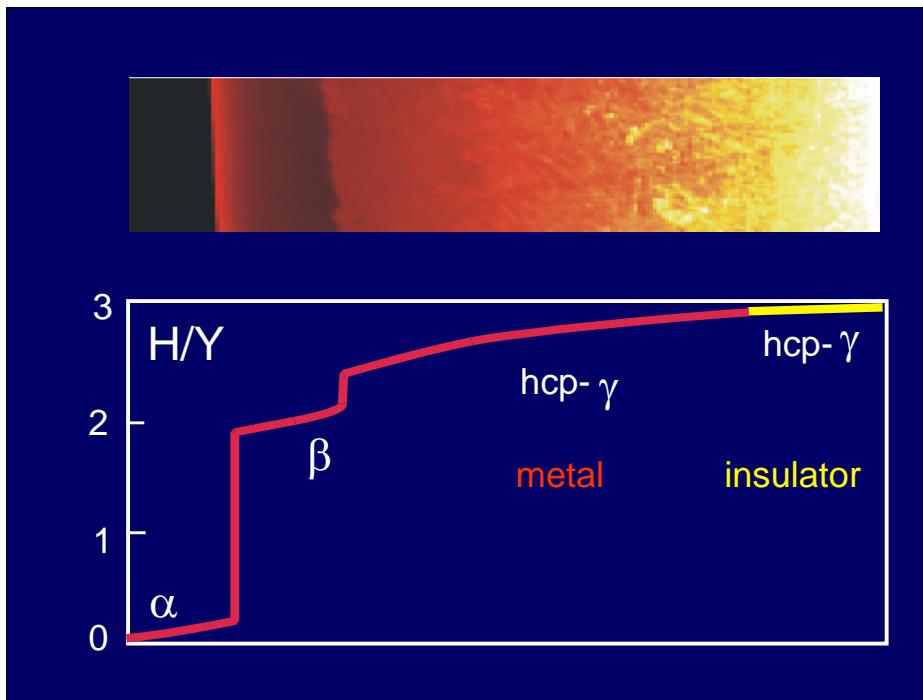
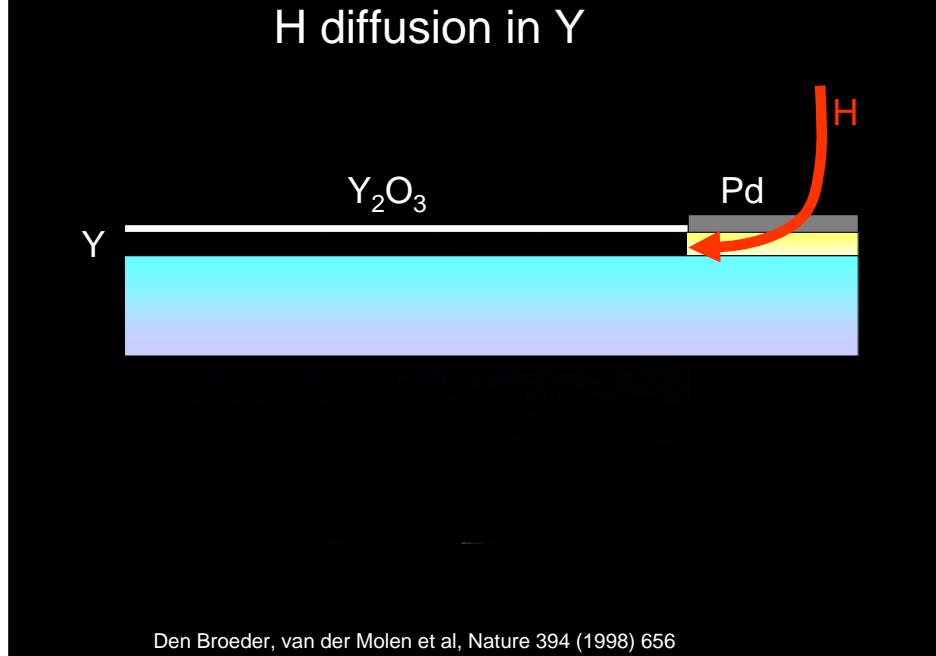


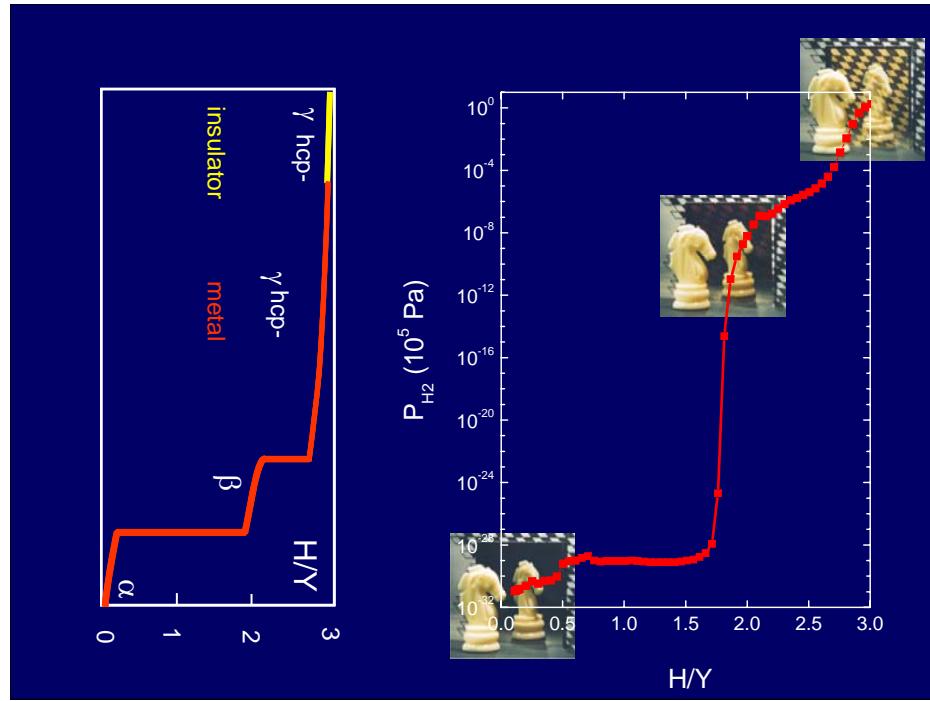
Phase diagram of a
substance with
 $T_{\text{triple}} = T_c$ which
expands on freezing



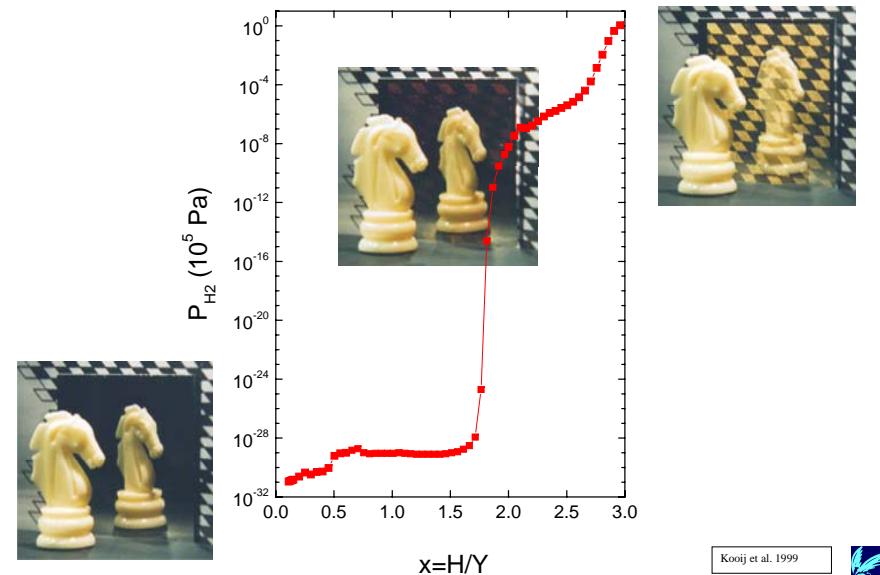
Phase diagrams of NbH_x and VH_x

Seeing a lattice gas moving in a metal

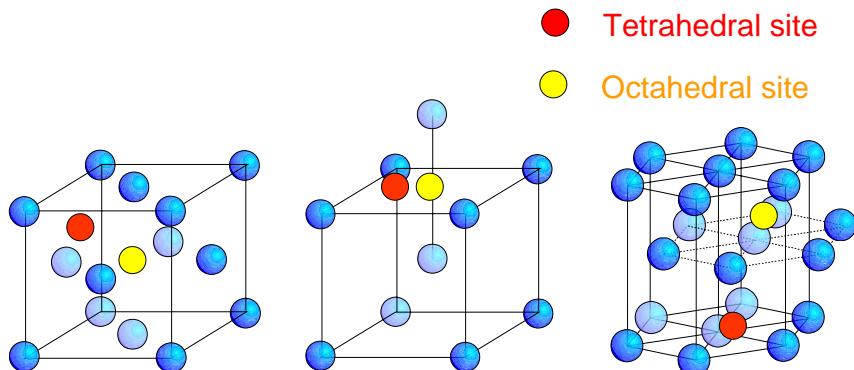




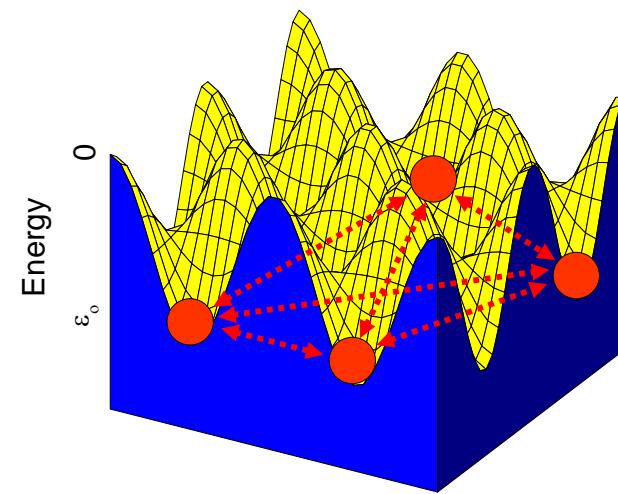
Pressure-composition isotherm of YH_x at $T=293 \text{ K}$



Interstitial sites in FCC, BCC and HCP lattices



Theory of the lattice gas



Definition of a lattice gas

A lattice gas is a monoatomic gas with the interaction

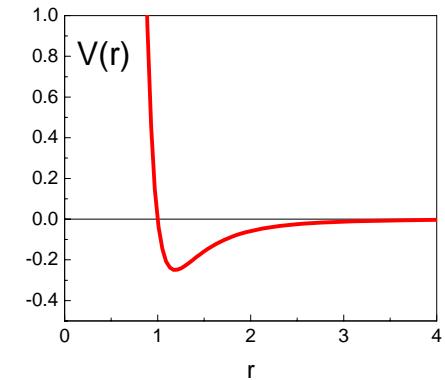
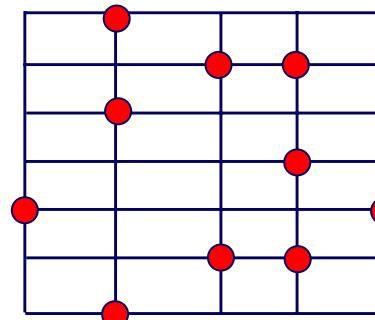
$$U = \sum_{i,j} U(|\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j|)$$

where \mathbf{R}_i indicates the position of the i-th atom and

- a) the atoms have a finite impenetrable core of diameter a , so that $U(r) = \infty$ for $r < a$
- b) the interaction has a finite range, so that $U(r) = 0$ for $r > b$
- c) $U(r)$ is nowhere $-\infty$



Definition of a lattice gas



Energy of hydrogen atoms dissolved in a metal

$$E = N_H \varepsilon_o + N_{HH} \varepsilon$$

N_{HH} : number of nearest neighbour H-pairs

ε : strength of H-H pair interaction energy

N : total number of sites

N_H : number of H

The free energy $F=U-TS$ is

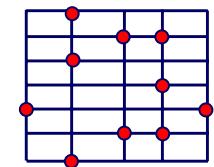
$$F = -kT \ln \sum \exp \left[-\frac{N_H \varepsilon_o + N_{HH} \varepsilon}{kT} \right]$$

where the sum is taken over all configurations of N_H atoms distributed over N sites.

The Bragg-William approximation

In this approximation

$$N_{HH} = N_H n \frac{N_H - 1}{N}$$



n = number of nearest neighbours interstitial sites

$\frac{N_H}{N}$ = probability of finding a n. n. around a given H

The energy E of a configuration is

$$E = \varepsilon_o N_H + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} n \frac{N_H^2}{N}$$



$$F = -kT \ln \sum \exp \left[-\frac{N_H \varepsilon_o + N_{HH} \varepsilon}{kT} \right]$$


$$F = -kT \ln \left[\frac{N!}{N_H!(N-N_H)!} e^{-\left(\varepsilon_o N_H + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} n \frac{N_H^2}{N}\right)/kT} \right]$$

$$= -kT \left[\ln N! - \ln N_H! - \ln(N-N_H)! \right] - \left(N_H \varepsilon_o + \varepsilon \frac{n}{2} \frac{N_H^2}{N} \right)$$

With Stirling's formula

$$\ln N! \approx N \ln N - N \quad \text{and} \quad c_H = \frac{N_H}{N}$$

$$F_H = kTN[c_H \ln c_H + (1-c_H) \ln(1-c_H)] + N[\varepsilon_o c_H + \varepsilon \frac{n}{2} c_H^2]$$

Chemical potential

$$F_H = kTN[c_H \ln c_H + (1-c_H) \ln(1-c_H)] + N[\varepsilon_o c_H + \varepsilon \frac{n}{2} c_H^2]$$

$$\mu_H(c_H, T) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial N_H} \Big|_{T,V} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial F}{\partial c_H} \Big|_{T,V}$$

$$\mu_H = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon_o + \varepsilon n c_H$$



Solubility isotherms

$$\mu_{H_2} = \varepsilon_b + kT \ln \left[\frac{p}{p_0(T)} \right]$$

$$\mu_H = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon_o + \varepsilon n c_H$$

$$p_0(T) = \left(\frac{(kT)^{7/2} \Theta_{H_2} m_{H_2}^{3/2}}{\hbar^5 (2\pi)^{3/2}} \right)$$

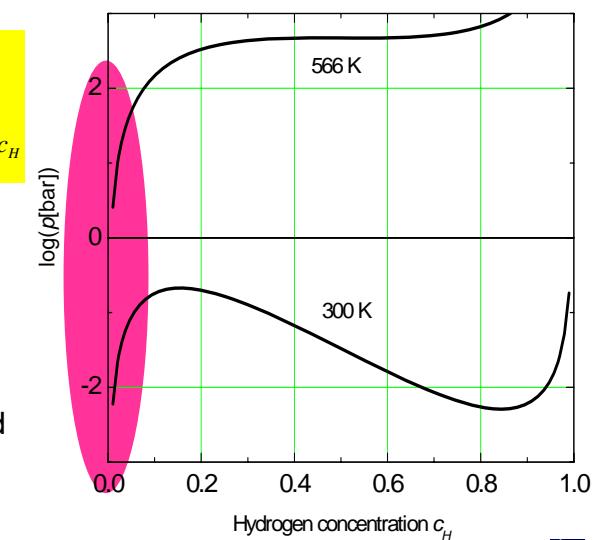
$$p_0(T) = \left(\frac{T}{9.13} \right)^{7/2} \quad \text{with } p_0 \text{ expressed in bar and } T \text{ in Kelvin.}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\varepsilon_b + kT \ln \frac{p}{p_0(T)} \right) = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon_o + \varepsilon n c_H$$



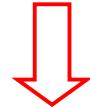
Example of isotherms

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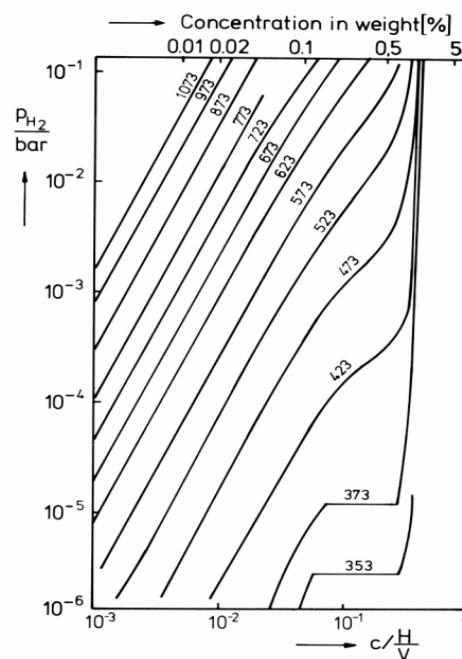
Sievert's law

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\varepsilon_b + kT \ln \frac{p}{p_0(T)} \right) = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \ln p = kT \ln c_H$$

$$\lim_{\delta p \rightarrow 0} \quad \lim_{\delta c_H \rightarrow 0}$$



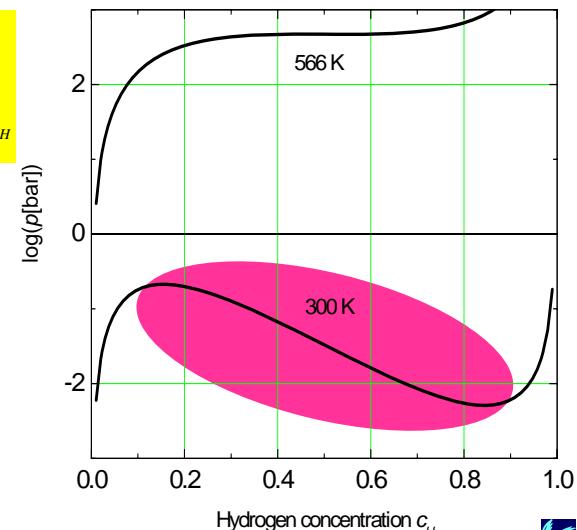
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$$\varepsilon_0 = -228 \text{ kJ/molH}$$

$$\varepsilon n = -19 \text{ kJ/molH and}$$

$$\varepsilon_b = -436 \text{ kJ/molH}_2$$

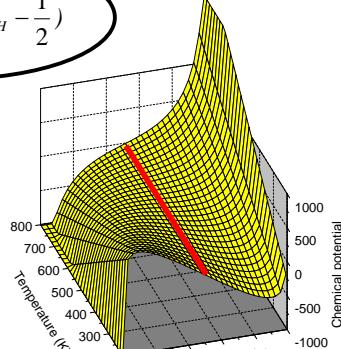


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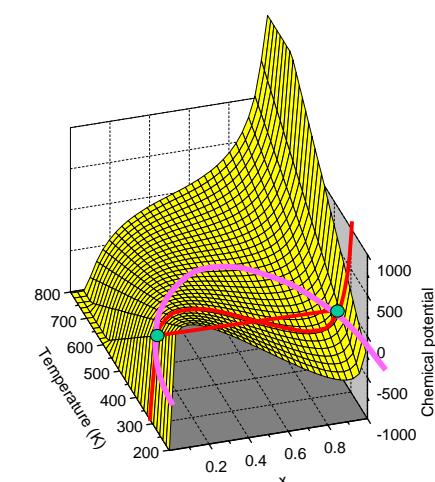
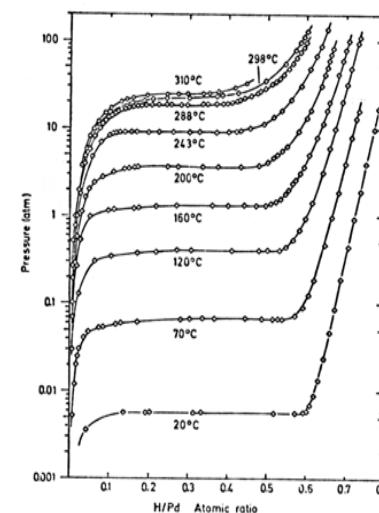
$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\varepsilon_b + kT \ln \frac{p}{p_0(T)} \right) = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\varepsilon_b - \varepsilon n + kT \ln \frac{p}{p_0(T)} - 2\varepsilon_0 \right) = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon n \left(c_H - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

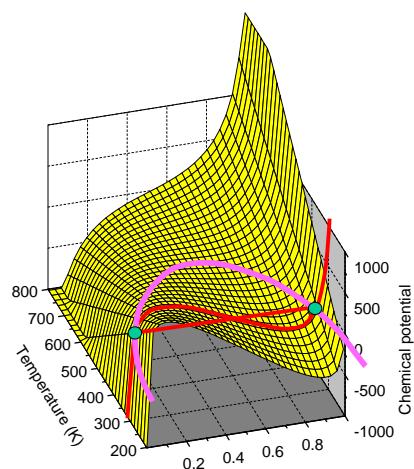
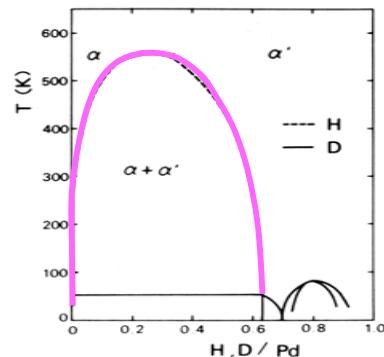
$$f(c_H) = kT \ln \frac{c_H}{1-c_H} + \varepsilon n \left(c_H - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$



Maxwell construction



P-c isotherms and phase diagram

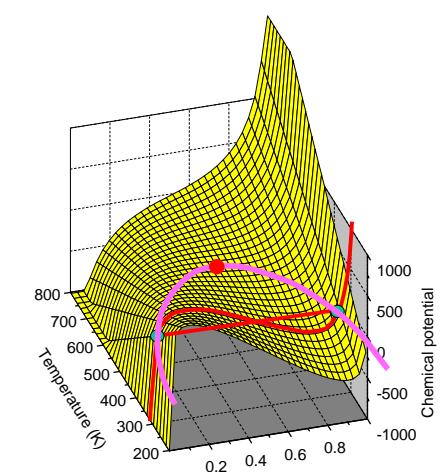


Coexistence curve

$$kT \ln \frac{c_i}{1 - c_i} + \varepsilon n (c_i - \frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

$$T_c = -\frac{\varepsilon n}{4k}$$

For PdH_x
 $T_c = 566$ K
 $\varepsilon n = -0.20$ eV
 $T_c = 566$ K

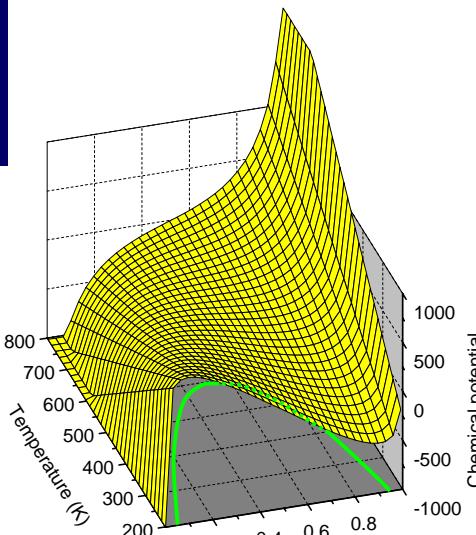


The spinodal is the locus of the points with

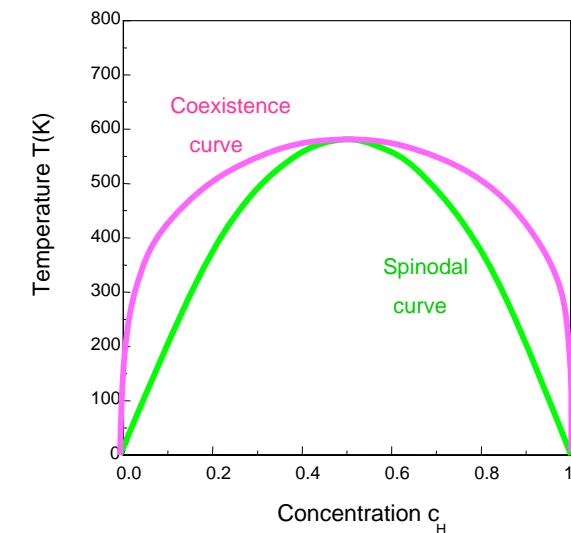
$$\frac{\partial \mu_H}{\partial c_H} = 0$$

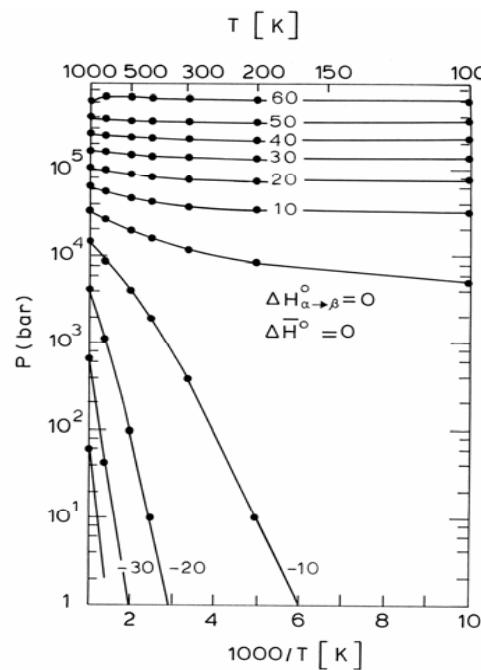
$$\frac{\partial \mu_H}{\partial c_H} = kT_{sp.} \frac{1}{c_H(1-c_H)} + \varepsilon n = 0$$

$$T_{sp.} = -\frac{\varepsilon n}{k} c_H(1-c_H)$$



Coexistence and spinodal curves



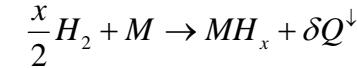


Plateau pressure of a metal-hydride with
 $V_H = 1.7 \text{ cm}^3/\text{molH}$
 $\Theta_E = 850 \text{ K}$

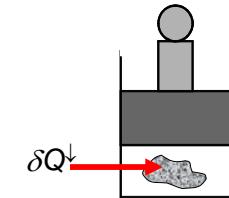


Heat of solution (reaction)

δQ^\downarrow is the amount of heat received by the system during the reaction



$\delta Q^\downarrow < 0$ for exothermic reactions
 $\delta Q^\downarrow > 0$ for endothermic reactions.



At constant pressure and at constant temperature $T=T_0$, δN_H hydrogen atoms are transferred from the gas to the metal

$$\delta Q^\downarrow = T_0 \delta S = \delta H$$

since $H = U + pV$



Along the coexistence line

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu_{H_2}(p, T) = \mu_H(p, T, c_H)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left. \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\mu_{H_2}/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right|_p + \left. \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\mu_{H_2}/T)}{\partial p} \right|_T \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial(1/T)} \right|_{c_H} \\ &= \left. \frac{\partial(\mu_H/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right|_{p, c_H} + \left. \frac{\partial(\mu_H/T)}{\partial p} \right|_T \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial(1/T)} \right|_{c_H} \end{aligned}$$

Using the general relations

$$\left. \frac{\partial(\mu/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right|_{p, n} = \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial n} \right|_{p, T} \equiv \bar{H}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial p} \right|_{n, T} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial p \partial n} \right|_T = \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} \right|_{p, T} \equiv \bar{V}$$

Partial molar heat of solution

$$\Delta \bar{H} = \bar{H}_H - \frac{1}{2} \bar{H}_{H_2} = \left(\bar{V}_H - \frac{1}{2} \bar{V}_{H_2} \right) \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \ln T} \right|_{c_H}$$



At low and moderate pressures

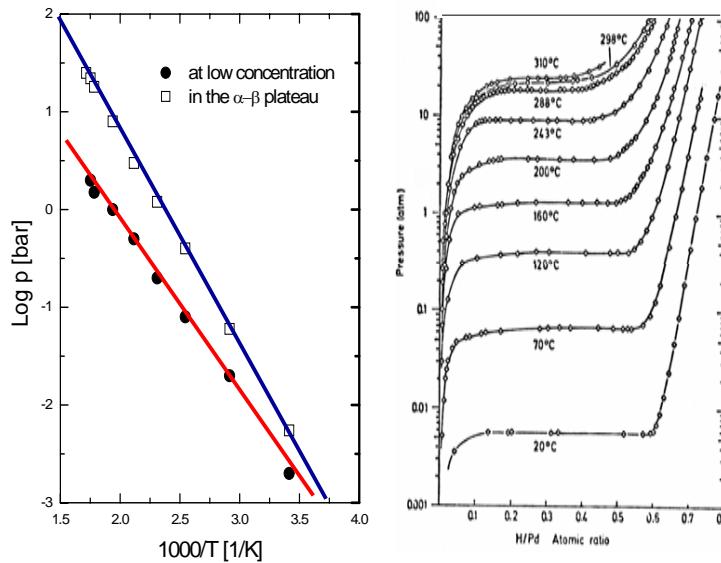
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$$p \bar{V}_{H_2} = RT$$

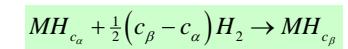
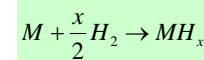
$$\Delta \bar{H} = \bar{H}_H - \frac{1}{2} \bar{H}_{H_2}^0 \cong \frac{R}{2} \left. \frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial (1/T)} \right|_{c_H}$$



Van t'Hoff plots



One-phased MH_x



$$\frac{\bar{H}_H - \frac{1}{2}\bar{H}_{H_2}}{(\bar{V}_H - \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_{H_2})} = \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \ln T} \right|_{c_H}$$

$$\frac{H_\beta - H_\alpha - \frac{1}{2}(c_\beta - c_\alpha)\bar{H}_{H_2}}{\frac{1}{2}(c_\beta - c_\alpha)\bar{V}_{H_2} - (V_\beta - V_\alpha)} = \frac{dp}{d \ln T}$$

$$\Delta \bar{H} = \bar{H}_H - \frac{1}{2}\bar{H}$$

$$\Delta H_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = \frac{H_\beta - H_\alpha}{c_\beta - c_\alpha} - \frac{1}{2}\bar{H}_{H_2}$$

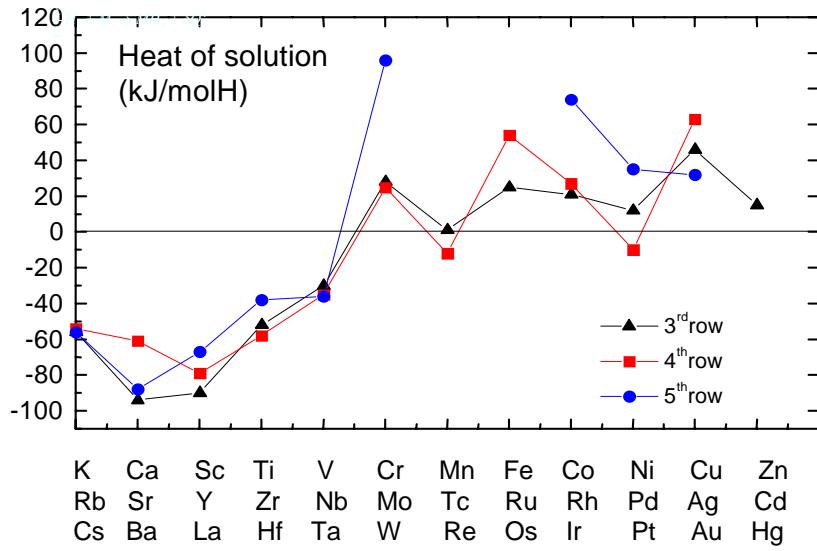
$$\Delta \bar{H} = (\bar{V}_H - \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_{H_2}) \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \ln T} \right|_{c_H} \quad p \bar{V}_{H_2} = RT \quad \Delta H_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} \approx (\bar{V}_H - \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_{H_2}) \frac{dp}{d \ln T}$$

$$\Delta \bar{H} \approx \frac{R}{2} \left. \frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial (1/T)} \right|_{c_H}$$

$$\Delta H_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} \approx \frac{R}{2} \left. \frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial (1/T)} \right|_c$$



Heat of solutions of some metal-hydrides



Inclusion of thermal and steric effects

$$\mu_H = RT \ln \left(\frac{c_H}{1 - c_H} \right) + \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H + \bar{V}_H p + \frac{3}{2} R \theta_E + 3RT \ln \left(1 - e^{-\theta_E/T} \right)$$

$$\bar{H}_H = \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H + \bar{V}_H p + \frac{3}{2} R \theta_E + 3R \theta_E \frac{1}{e^{\theta_E/T} - 1}$$

$$\bar{H}_{H_2} = \bar{H}_{H_2}^0 + \frac{7}{2} RT$$

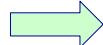


$$\Delta \bar{H} = \bar{H}_H^0 - \frac{1}{2} \bar{H}_{H_2}^0$$



A simple but useful relation

$$\mu_H = RT \ln\left(\frac{c_H}{1-c_H}\right) + \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H$$



$$\bar{H}_H = \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H$$

$$\bar{S}_H = -R \ln\left(\frac{c_H}{1-c_H}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu_{H_2}(p, T) = \mu_H(p, T, c_H)$$



$$\Delta \bar{H} = T \bar{S}_H - \frac{1}{2} T \bar{S}_{H_2}$$

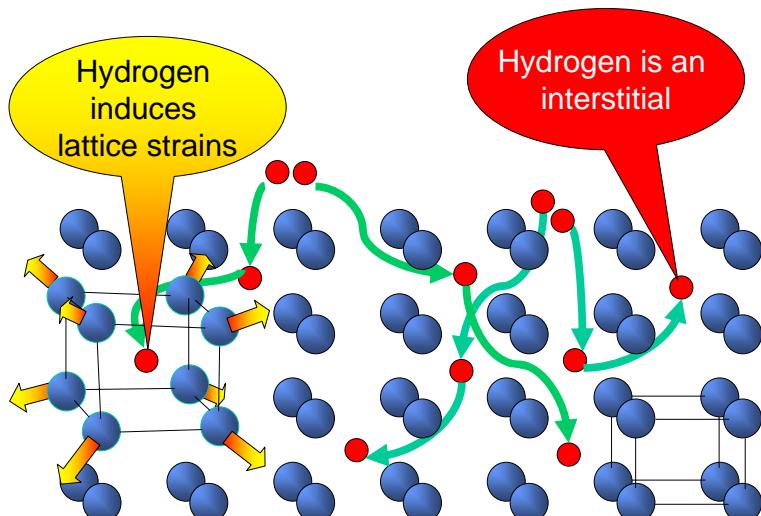
$$\bar{S}_{H_2} = \bar{S}_{H_2}^0 - R \ln p$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln p = \frac{\Delta \bar{H}}{RT} + \frac{S_{H_2}^0}{2R}$$

$$\text{with } \frac{S_{H_2}^0}{2R} = 7.87$$



Elastic H-H interaction



The interaction cannot be electronic

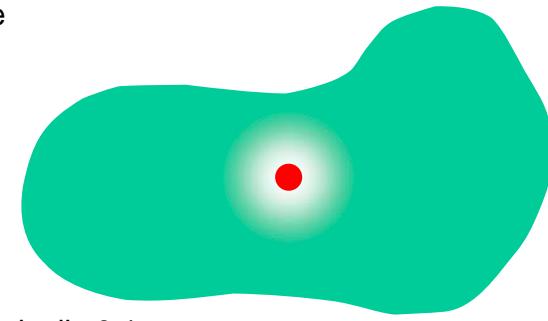
Potential of charge Ze
in vacuum

$$V_0(r) = \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

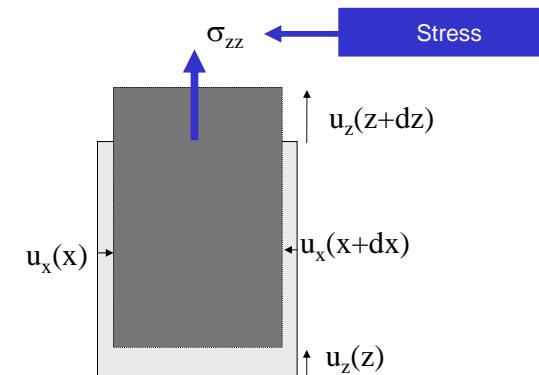


Potential of charge Ze
in a metal

$$V_0(r) = \frac{Ze^2 e^{-\frac{r}{r_{TF}}}}{r}$$



Displacements, strains and stresses



$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}$$

Displacement

Strain

$$u_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$



Hooke's law

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_{xx} - \nu(\sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})]$$

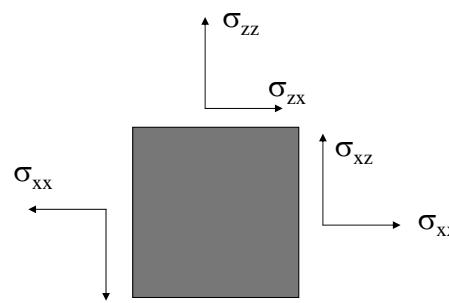
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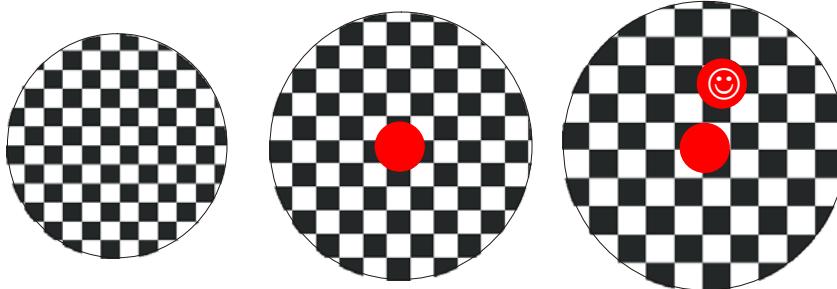
$$u_{zy} = \frac{(1+\nu)}{E} \sigma_{zy}$$

$$u_{zx} = \frac{(1+\nu)}{E} \sigma_{zx}$$

$$u_{xy} = \frac{(1+\nu)}{E} \sigma_{xy}$$



Long range attractive elastic interaction



Hooke's law

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{1}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} [(1-\nu)u_{xx} + \nu(u_{yy} + u_{zz})]$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} [(1-\nu)u_{yy} + \nu(u_{xx} + u_{zz})]$$

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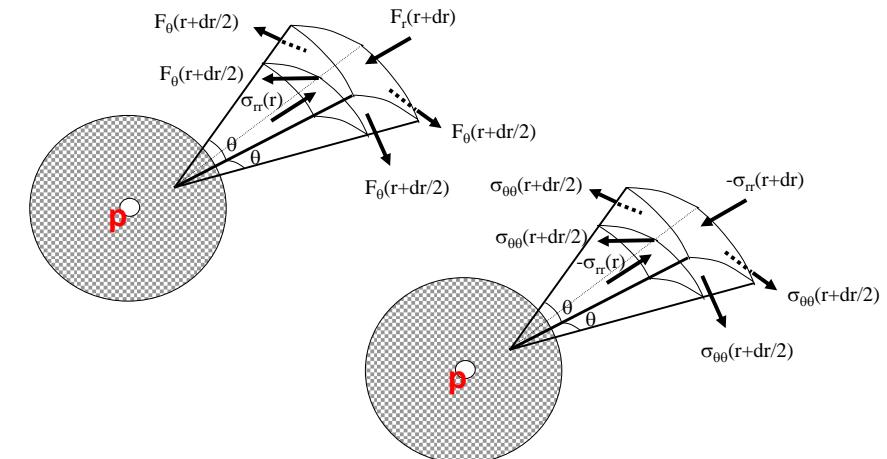
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$$\sigma_{zx} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)} u_{zx}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)} u_{xy}$$



Equilibrium of forces



$$-\sigma_{rr}[r+dr] \times \theta^2 (r+dr)^2 + 4\sigma_{θθ}\left[r+dr/2\right] \times \theta \times r \times \frac{\theta}{2} dr + \sigma_{rr}[r] \times \theta^2 \times r^2 = 0$$



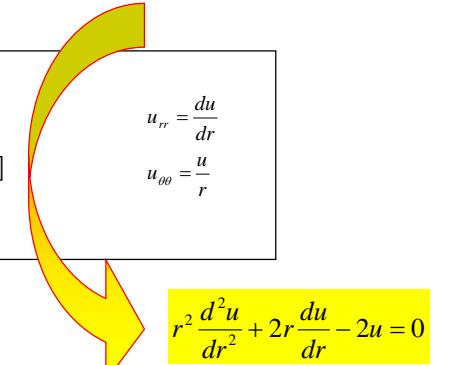
Equation for displacements $u(r)$

$$-\sigma_{rr}[r+dr]\times\theta^2(r+dr)^2 + 4\sigma_{\theta\theta}\left[r+dr/2\right]\times\theta\times r\times\frac{\theta}{2}dr + \sigma_{rr}[r]\times\theta^2\times r^2 = 0$$

Keeping terms to first order only we obtain $r^2 \frac{d\sigma_{rr}}{dr} + 2r\sigma_{rr} - 2r\sigma_{\theta\theta} = 0$

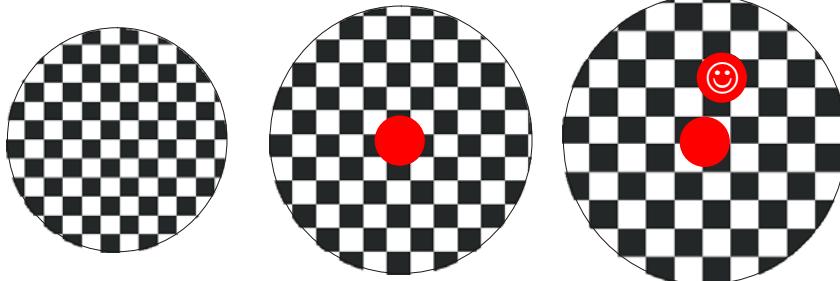
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)}[(1-\nu)u_{rr} + \nu(u_{\theta\theta} + u_{rr})] \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)}[(1-\nu)u_{\theta\theta} + \nu(u_{rr} + u_{\theta\theta})]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u_{rr} &= \frac{du}{dr} \\ u_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{u}{r}\end{aligned}$$

$$r^2 \frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{du}{dr} - 2u = 0$$




Long range attractive elastic interaction



$$\left. \frac{\partial(\mu/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right|_{p,n} = \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial n} \right|_{p,T} \equiv \bar{H}$$

$$\left(-\frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \ln V} \right) = B\bar{V}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(\frac{\partial(\mu/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right) \right|_{p,n} = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial(1/T)} \left(\frac{\partial(\mu/T)}{\partial p} \right) \right|_{T,n} = \bar{V} = \left. \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial p} \right|_{n,T}$$

For PdH_x:

$$\delta(\Delta\bar{H}) = -324 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{molH}} \left(\frac{\delta V}{V} \right)$$

Solution for displacements $u(r)$

The general solution of

$$r^2 \frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{du}{dr} - 2u = 0$$

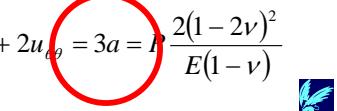
The displacement is of the form

$$u(r) = ar + \frac{b}{r^2}$$

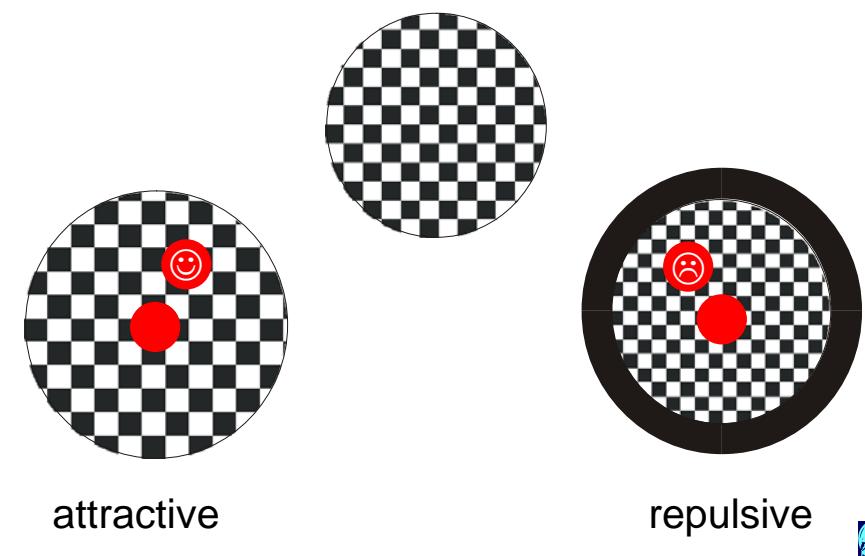
and the strains

$$\begin{aligned}u_{rr} &= \frac{du}{dr} = a - \frac{2b}{r^3} \\ u_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{u}{r} = a + \frac{b}{r^3}\end{aligned}$$

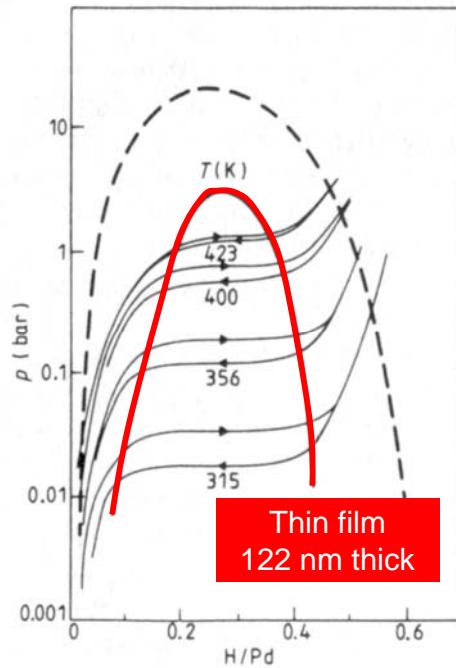
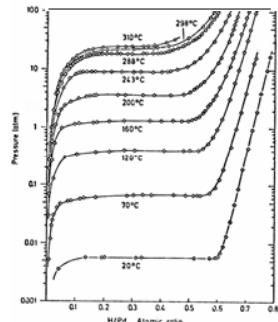
and the local volume dilation

$$\left. \frac{\Delta V}{V} \right|_{\text{matrix}} = u_{rr} + 2u_{\theta\theta} = 3a = R \frac{2(1-2\nu)^2}{E(1-\nu)}$$


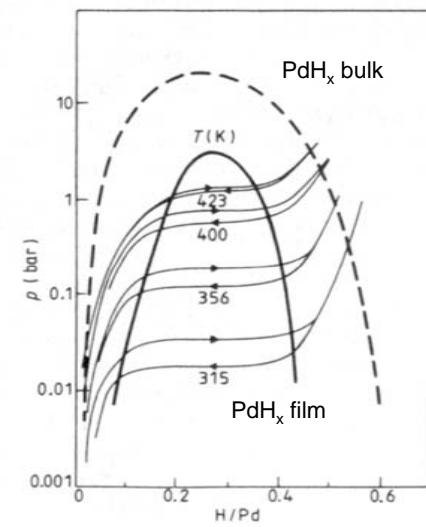
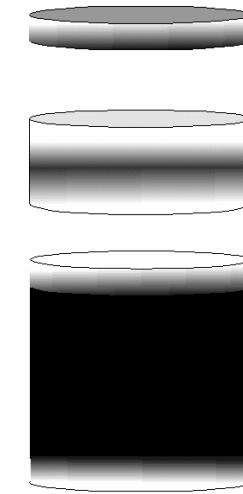
Effect of boundary conditions on H-H interaction



T_c lowering in PdH_x films



Shape dependence of macroscopic hydrogen density modes



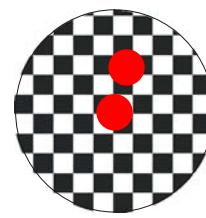
H in alloys and compounds II

$$\mu_H = kT \ln \left(\frac{c_H}{1 - c_H} \right) + \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H$$

leads to Fermi statistics for H in M

$$c_H = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon n c_H - \mu_H}{kT}} + 1}$$

$$c = \sum g_j c_j$$

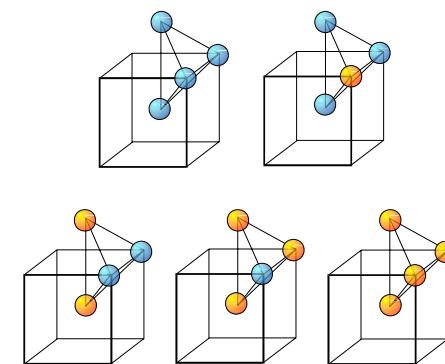


Elastic interaction not site dependent \Rightarrow depends only on total concentration c

$$c_j = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\varepsilon_j + f(c, T) - \mu_H}{kT}} + 1}$$



H in alloys and compounds



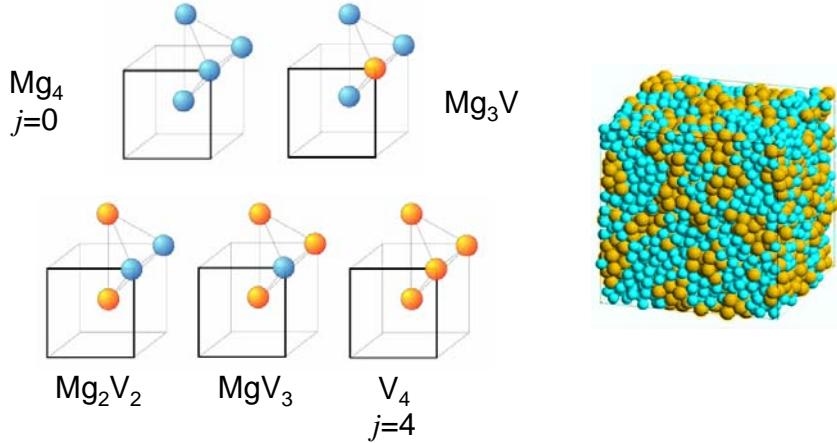
$$c = \sum g_j c_j$$

$$c_j = ?$$



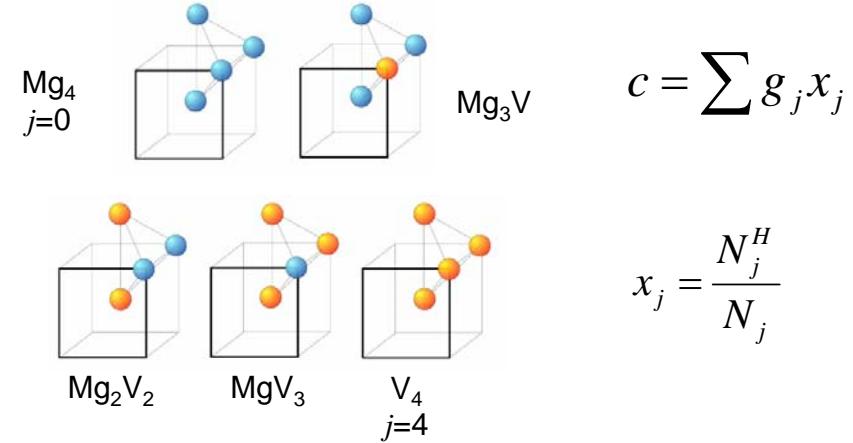
Multi-site lattice-gas model

H occupies tetrahedral sites formed of $(4-j)$ -Mg and j -V atoms.
There are 5 clusters $1 \leq j \leq 5$

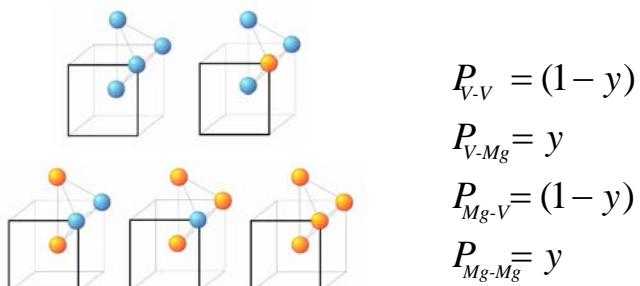


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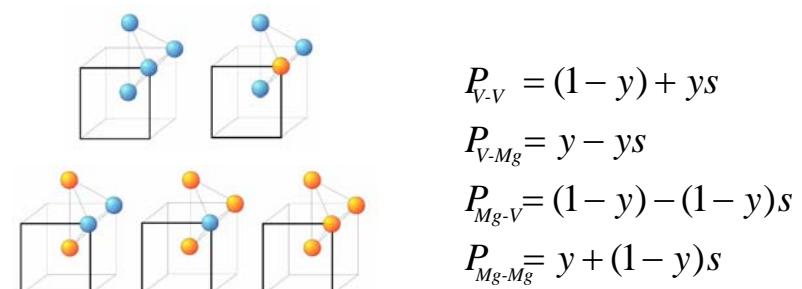
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Pair probabilities in a $\text{Mg}_y\text{V}_{1-y}$ alloy



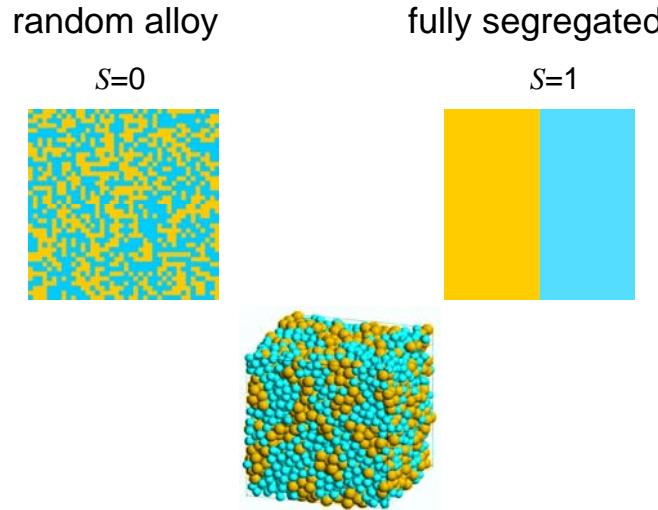
Chemical Short Range Order Parameter S



$S = 0$ random alloy

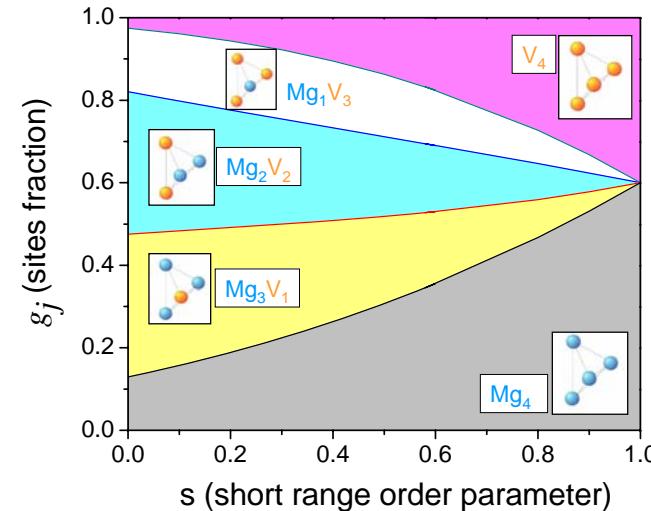
$S = 1$ fully segregated

Limiting cases of the CSRO parameter

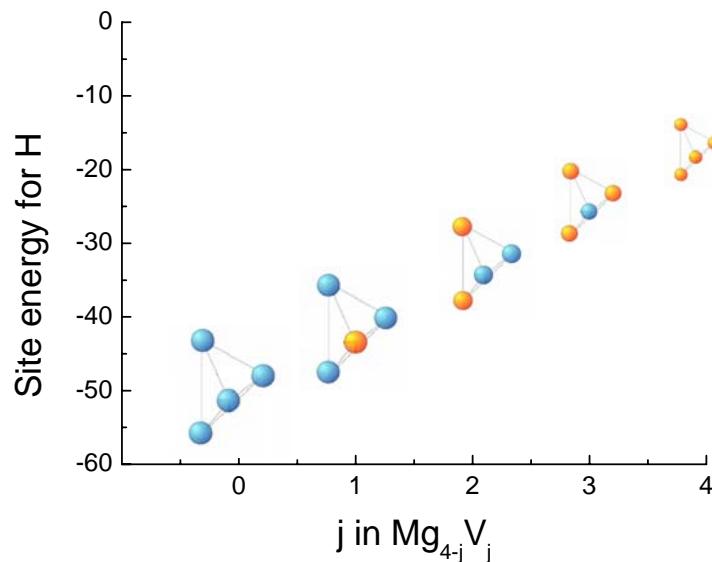


Site fraction in a $\text{Mg}_{60}\text{V}_{40}$ alloy

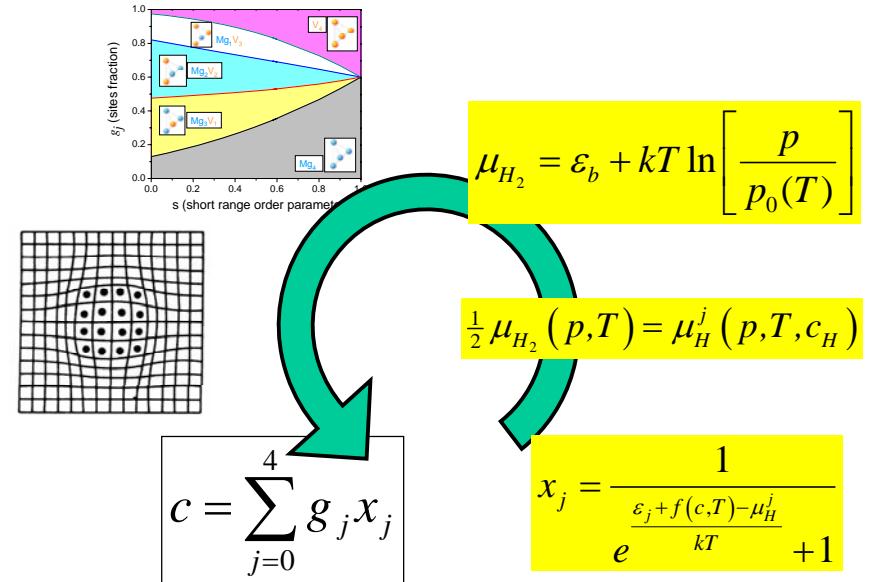
g_j = Fraction of sites of type j as a function of s (chemical short range order) for a certain composition.

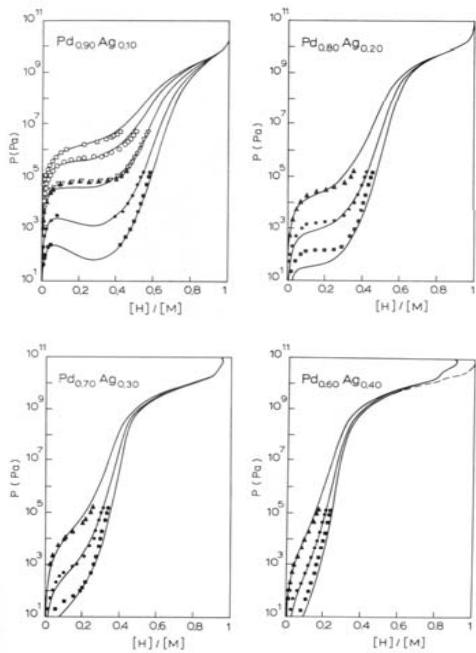


Site energy for H in a free cluster

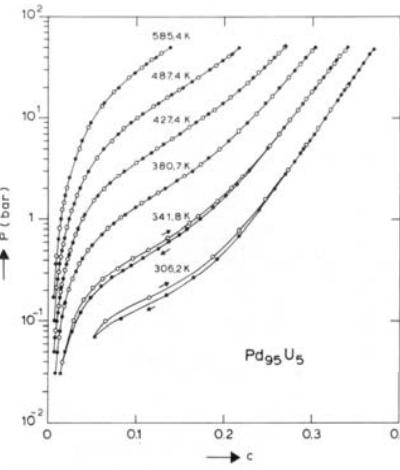


H in alloys

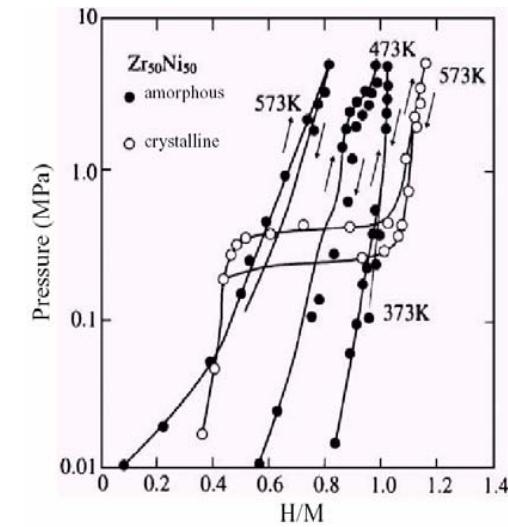




Sloping isotherms in alloys



H in amorphous metals



In amorphous materials there is a continuous distribution of site energies and the plateaus disappear completely

