## CORRELATION IN DISTRIBUTION OF INTERSTITIAL ATOMS IN H.C.P. ALLOYS

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The physical properties of crystals are defined to a large extent by materials structure and character of atoms distribution in crystal lattice [1, 2]. The interstitial phases [3-23], as refractory, hard, high-temperature alloys, are of considerable current use in science and technology. The peculiarity of their physical properties is determined by the presence of structural defects induced by interstitial atoms.

In studies of correlation in distribution of atoms of different sort throughout the lattice sites and interstitial sites it can be established, the reality of short-range and local order forming, it can be ascertained the concentration and temperature ranges of phases homogeneity and chiefly it is possible to gain insight into the development of new materials based on old materials, to create new refractory metallic carbides, nitrides, borides without use of too costly alloying elements.

In the present paper the calculation of correlation parameters is carried out at first for h.c.p. alloys  $AB-C_{IN}$  with superstructure  $B8_1$  and then with B19. The alloys of such type present in Ir-Si-C, Pd-Si-C, Pt-Si-C, Rh-Si-C, Nb-N systems and others.

The arrangement of interstitial atoms C in interstitial sites of two types: octahedral and tetrahedral is taken into account in calculation. It is suggested that C atoms (hydrogen, nitrogen, carbon, boron) are located in the centre of octahedron or tetrahedron.

In ordered state of alloys with  $B8_1$  structure the one type of octahedral interstitial site O and two types of tetrahedral interstitial sites  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  are distinguished in this lattice. The O interstitial site is surrounded by three sites of first type legal for A atoms and by three sites of second type legal for B atoms, the  $T_1$  interstitial site has three nearest sites of first type and one site of second type and the  $T_2$  interstitial site has one site of first type and three sites of second type.

The alloys with B19 structure have two types of octahedral  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and one type of

tetrahedral T interstitial sites. The  $O_1$  interstitial site is surrounded by four nearest sites of first type and by two sites of second type, the  $O_2$  interstitial site has two nearest sites of first type and four – of second type. The T interstitial site has two sites of first type and two sites of second type from the four nearest sites.

For determination of correlation parameters the free energy is calculated. The method of configurations is used, i.e. all possible configurations of A and B atoms around interstitial sites are taken into account. The interaction of AC, BC atomic pairs is taken into consideration in the first coordination sphere.

For  $B8_1$  structure the correlation parameters in substitution of sites  $i=1,\,2$  and of interstitial sites O,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  respectively by atomic pairs AC, BC are found to be:

$$\begin{split} \epsilon^{(10)} &= \frac{c P_A^{(1)} P_B^{(1)} e}{K_1^4 K_2^3} \ , \qquad \epsilon^{(20)} = \frac{c P_A^{(2)} P_B^{(2)} e}{K_1^3 K_2^4} \ , \\ \epsilon^{(1T_1)} &= \frac{2 c P_A^{(1)} P_B^{(1)} e' K_1'}{\left(K_1'^2 + K_2'^2\right)} \ , \quad \epsilon^{(2T_1)} = \frac{2 c P_A^{(2)} P_B^{(2)} e' K_1'^2}{K_2' \left(K_1'^2 + K_2'^2\right)} \ , \\ \epsilon^{(1T_2)} &= \frac{2 c P_A^{(1)} P_B^{(1)} e' K_2'^2}{K_1' \left(K_1'^2 + K_2'^2\right)} \ , \quad \epsilon^{(2T_2)} &= \frac{2 c P_A^{(2)} P_B^{(2)} e' K_2'}{\left(K_1'^2 + K_2'^2\right)} \ , \end{split}$$

and for B19 structure and interstitial sites  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ , T they are equal to

$$\begin{split} & \epsilon^{(10_1)} = \frac{2c P_A^{(1)} P_B^{(1)} e K_1}{\left(K_1^2 + K_2^2\right)} \,, \quad \epsilon^{(20_1)} = \frac{2c P_A^{(2)} P_B^{(2)} e K_1^2}{K_2 \left(K_1^2 + K_2^2\right)} \,, \\ & \epsilon^{(10_2)} = \frac{2c P_A^{(1)} P_B^{(1)} e K_2^2}{K_1 \left(K_1^2 + K_2^2\right)} \,, \quad \epsilon^{(20_2)} = \frac{2c P_A^{(2)} P_B^{(2)} e K_2}{\left(K_1^2 + K_2^2\right)} \,, \\ & \epsilon^{(1T)} = \frac{c P_A^{(1)} P_B^{(1)} e'}{K_1'} \,, \qquad \epsilon^{(2T)} = \frac{c P_A^{(2)} P_B^{(2)} e'}{K_2'} \,, \end{split}$$

where

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$$\begin{split} & P_{A}^{(1)} = a + \frac{1}{2} \eta \,, \quad P_{A}^{(2)} = a - \frac{1}{2} \eta \,, \\ & P_{B}^{(1)} = b - \frac{1}{2} \eta \,, \quad P_{B}^{(2)} = b + \frac{1}{2} \eta \,, \\ & e = \exp \frac{\alpha}{kT} - \exp \frac{\beta}{kT} \,, \\ & K_{1} = P_{A}^{(1)} \exp \frac{\alpha}{kT} + P_{B}^{(1)} \exp \frac{\beta}{kT} \,, \\ & K_{2} = P_{A}^{(2)} \exp \frac{\alpha}{kT} + P_{B}^{(2)} \exp \frac{\beta}{kT} \,, \end{split}$$

the e', K'<sub>1</sub>, K'<sub>2</sub> quantities are expressed by formulae as e, K<sub>1</sub>, K<sub>2</sub> with  $\alpha'$ ,  $\beta'$  in place of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ; a, b, c are atomic concentrations of alloy components A, B, C;  $\eta$  is the atomic order degree,  $\alpha = -\upsilon_{AC}$ ,  $\beta = -\upsilon_{BC}$  are energies of AC, BC pairs interaction for octahedral interstitial sites,  $\alpha'$ ,  $\beta'$  are identical energies for tetrahedral interstitial sites.

The derived formulae determine the dependence of correlation parameters on alloy composition, temperature and order parameters.

From the derived formulae it follows that correlation parameters are found to be equal to zero, firstly, in the case of completely ordered alloys of stoichiometric composition, secondly, at the equal energetic parameters  $\alpha=\beta$ ,  $\alpha'=\beta'$ , thirdly, in uncombined metals A (or B), and fourthly, at very high temperatures  $(T\rightarrow\infty)$ .

The derived analytical expressions for correlation parameters can be used in studies of many phenomena in alloys, as an example, at the investigation of intensity of diffuse scattering of X-rays, neutrons, electrons.

The regularity knowledge of functional dependences of correlation parameters can permit the prediction of atomic order and the correlation influence on physical characteristics of alloys and on occurred processes in them.

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