

Dear students. In this class we will be studying about a binary system with an eutectic. During this lecture we are going to talk about the binary eutectic system Diopside Anorthite.

At the end of this lecture you will be able to understand the Diopside-Anorthite system.

The crystallization trend of a diopside anorthite rich melt and also apply this knowledge to understand the melting trend of the same composition of the system.

The diopside and Anorthite system. Now this system represents the most simplest binary system. It contains simple eutectic and no solid solution. This system is applicable to the Gabbroic rocks, which are primarily composed of Clinopyroxene and plagioclase.

Now let us see what the diopside anorthite system and its phase diagram looks like. The diopside anorthite binary system is illustrated in an isobaric Temperature versus composition phase diagram. Now you see the phase diagram here on the horizontal axis we have the bulk composition of the two components that is Diopside on one end and anorthite on the other end, whereas on the

vertical axis we have a range of temperature. This entire system is studied at one atmospheric pressure. Now in this phase diagram we also see some.

Codes which are known as Liquidus now what is a liquidus?

A liquidus is a curve that specifies the composition of any liquid that coexists with a solid at a particular temperature. For example, you have at this curve you have the liquid and along with it there are diopside crystals. Here crystals Diopside stands for diopside which are also forming, so these diopside crystals are coexisting with the liquid.

Along this phase boundary that is the liquidus curve. Now if I want to know the composition of the a point of the liquid at this point on the liquidus, I will just have two.

Drag a cursor down to the horizontal axis and the composition will be known. In this case, the composition is.

In this case, the composition is about 15% anorthite. Since Anorthite starts from zero, 215% anorthite, and about 85% of diopside.

Next we look at something called as the eutectic point. Now eutectic point is that point, which is the lowest on the liquid's surface. Now you see the Liquidus line here and the

Liquidus line here. This point is the lowest point on the liquidus, and it represents a point where all the phases coexist. Now here you have three phases coexisting, you have the liquid you have the.

Dev said Crystal then you have this solid crystals annotate

crystals that are coexisting at

this point. So that is about liquidus and eutectic point. Now

let us see how a melt that is composed of diopside and anorthite

crystallizes in this one atmospheric pressure condition

in bearing temperatures. Let us consider a melt of bulk

composition X. So the bulk composition X melt is marked

here. Its composition is given straight down here, which is 75%

anorthite and 25% diopside. Since this point represents 100%

anorthite. Now, for equilibrium crystallization, the final solid

will also have the same composition as the starting

composition of the melt. We will see this a little later.

Let's start crystallizing this melt. So as the temperature

drops from about.

1500 degrees Celsius, where the temperature now is

about 1455 degrees Celsius. We see the first crystal of

Anorthite forming.

So we enter this field. At this point you have the first Northside crystal coexisting with the liquid. Now the first 10 Northside Crystal that forms will have a composition of pure anorthite that is. It will be 100% anorthite so the composition of the crystal that forms is read across this field onto the vertical axis. So this vertical axis indicates that it is 100% anorthite.

So as we cool from X1 to X2, you have the first anorthite crystal forming. Its composition is pure anorthite act as the temperature of the liquid's. For this composition, the system consists of 1% NR titan, 99% liquid.

Now you see, the first crystal has formed. It is just consisting of 1% NR titan, 99% of it is liquid here. Now let us drop the temperature from X2 to X3. The temperature here is about 1400 degrees Celsius.

At this temperature we have more and more energetic crystals that are forming right. From here we have anorthite crystals that are forming all of these anorthite crystals are 100% anorthite.

Now X3 lies in the field liquid plus crystals in this field.

As more and more pure anorthite crystals form the

composition of the liquid becomes richer and outside now from X2 we have reached X3 the composition of the solid is given straight across and it is 100% anorthite, whereas the composition of the liquid at this temperature is given state across onto the liquid's surface. Now here the point.

That corresponds to this temperature on the liquid's surface, gives us the composition of the liquid. Now this composition of the liquid is about 63% anorthite and 37% outside, so you see as we have moved from X2 to X3, the composition of the liquid keeps changing. Along this liquidus curve. Now if we had to move a little lower from X3 to say X4, the composition of the liquid would be given by a point corresponding to the liquidus.

At that temperature, the temperature of X4.

So as more and more pure anorthite crystals form the composition of the liquid becomes richer and outside.

Now to know the relative amounts of the phases at a given temperature, we use something called as the lever principle.

How much? What is the proportion of the anorthite crystals that have formed at this spot? Or what is the proportion of liquid that is remaining after the anorthite crystals had formed?

This is understood or is deduced by the lever principle. Before we understand what a lever principle is, let us understand what a tie line means.

Now a tie line is the line that connects the composition of the coexisting phases at a particular temperature. For example, if you look at this line now at this particular temperature at X₃, the coexisting phases are liquid and anorthite crystal. The composition of liquid and crystals is given by the composition of the liquid is given by L₃, whereas composition of the Northside crystal is given by this point here.

Now, this line that connects L₃ to this point is known as the tie line. So the tie line is the line which connects the composition of the two phases that are coexisting at a particular temperature, which is extreme.

Now according to the lever principle, the amount of a given phase is proportional to the length of the segment of the tie line on the opposite side of the bulk composition. To understand this better, we said this is the tie line. So if I want to know how many anorthite crystals or what is the amount of anorthite crystals that have crystallized as we lowered the temperature

here, the amount of crystals that have crystallized is proportional.

Do that. Length of the segment which is on the opposite side of the bulk composition. Now this line, this red line marks the bulk composition that we started with. So this is 1 segment of the tie line and this is the other segment of the tie line.

To understand the amount of energy that crystals that are formed, it is proportional to the length of this segment. The segment on the opposite side, whereas the length is the amount of liquid that is present.

Is proportional to the length of the segment on the opposite side, so the liquid composition is here. It is proportional to the length of the segment on the opposite side. OK, so that is the lever principle. Now let us look at X. 4X4 has reached 1274 degrees Celsius. Now at this point, the liquid composition has moved down the liquidus to a surface from L3 to the eutectic. So at this point, what is the composition of the liquid of the liquid? It is given by this eutectic point. So from here as we decrease the temperature, the liquid composition has moved down along this liquid's and now its composition is given by this

eutectic point, which is 42% anorthite and 58% diopside.

Now you notice that the liquid composition has changed from

having 75% anorthite, 2 having

42% anorthite. And this results from the fact that as

temperatures dropped from 1455 degrees Celsius to 1274

degrees Celsius and anorthite continuously starts forming and

as a result the liquid is depleted in anorthite content.

So overall the bulk composition has remained the same. Only the

proportions and compositions of the phases involved have

changed. Now what happens at this eutectic point, a eutectic

reaction begins, crystallizing anorthite. Anorthite crystals are forming,

so at this point the temperature remains constant until the last

drop of the liquid has crystallized and as the liquid

is crystallizing we have diopside and anorthite simultaneously

forming. Now here this point is an invariant point, hence the

degrees of freedom is 0.

If you slightly change the temperature, you will move into

the two crystals field, so eutectic point is an invariant

point where all three phases coexist, and I've said and

anorthite simultaneously crystallize. Now when the

crystallization is complete, the final solid that is formed, the

final rock that is formed, will have the amount of anorthite and
offset crystals which are equal to the initial bulk composition.

Now, if we lower the temperature from X4 to cure all of the
crystallization is complete any lowering of temperature will
not change the phases and the proportions of minerals that are
formed will remain constant. So far all that you have to
know that at the end of crystallization, the bulk
composition that we get in the end product, that is the rock is
the same as the bulk composition that we begin with X one.

Thank you.