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Ageing of nanoalloys : Influence of size and concentration

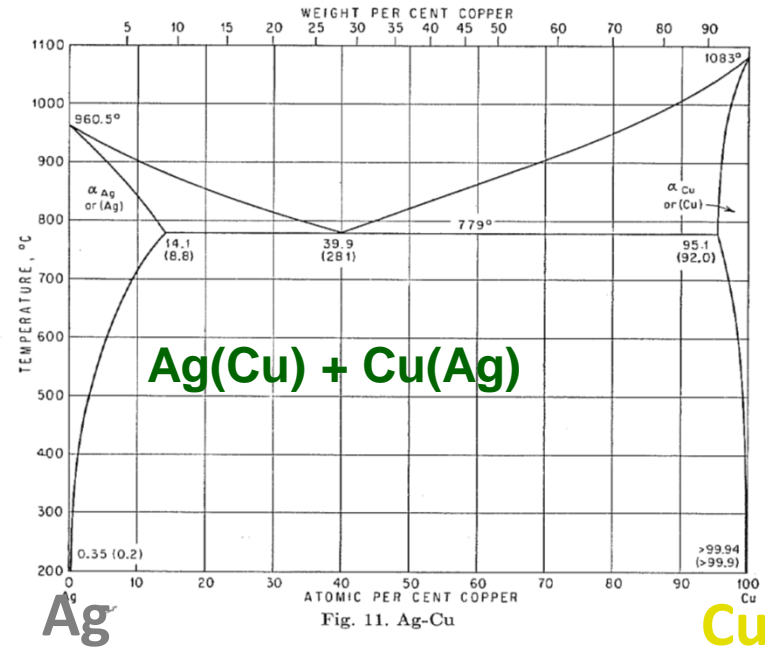
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Energetic model

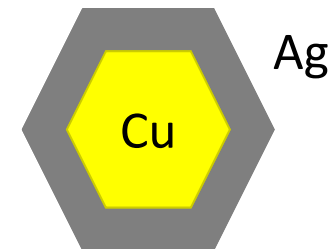


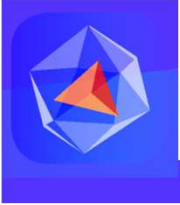
$$V = \frac{(V_{AA} + V_{BB} - 2V_{AB})}{2}$$

$V < 0$: Phase separation

$$\tau = \frac{(V_{AA} - V_{BB})}{2}$$

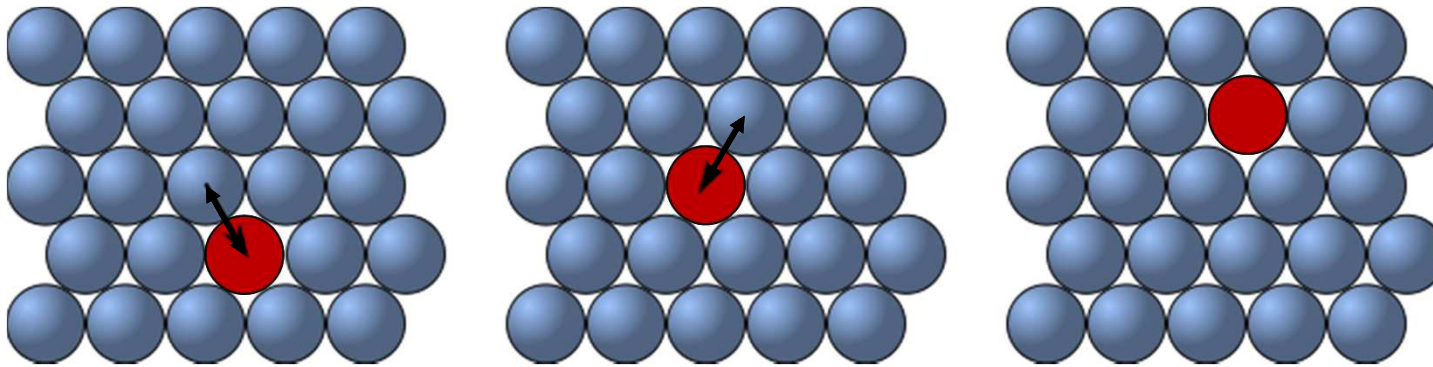
$\tau > 0$: A superficial segregation





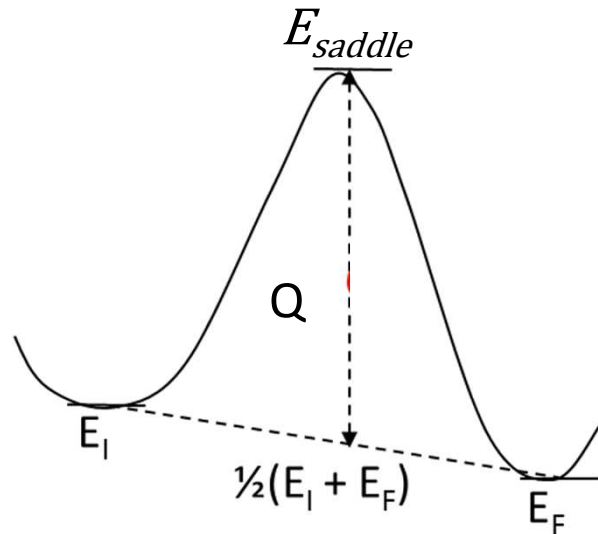
Diffusion mechanism

Direct exchange mechanism





Saddle energy model



$$P(E_I \rightarrow E_F) = \nu \exp\left(-\frac{E_{saddle} - E_I}{k_B T}\right)$$

Detailed balance

$$\frac{P(E_I \rightarrow E_F)}{P(E_F \rightarrow E_I)} = \exp\left(-\frac{E_F - E_I}{k_B T}\right)$$

$$E_I, E_{saddle} = f(\tau, V, \text{local environment})$$

$$Q = 2,02 \text{ eV/atome}$$

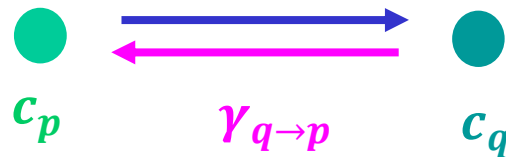
$$\nu = 4,8 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$t_0 = \nu^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{k_B T}\right) \propto 1/D$$

J. Eugène *et al.*, Surface Science **241**, 1 (1991)



Mean Field Approximation Site Kinetics (MFA-SK)



Site concentration

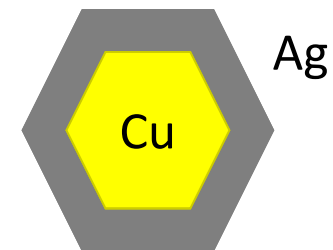
$$\frac{\partial c_p}{\partial (t/t_0)} = \sum_q [(1 - c_p)c_q\gamma_{q \rightarrow p} - c_p(1 - c_q)\gamma_{p \rightarrow q}]$$

$$\gamma_{q \rightarrow p} = f(\tau, V, c_p, c_q, T)$$

$$t_0 = \nu^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{k_B T}\right) \propto 1/D$$

$$\frac{\partial c_p}{\partial t} = 0$$

\leftrightarrow

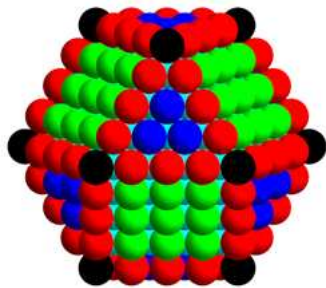


Kinetic models contain the two driving forces leading to:

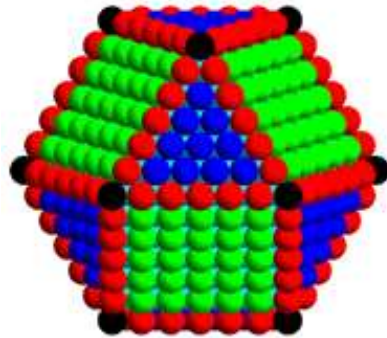
- Ag surface segregation
- phase separation



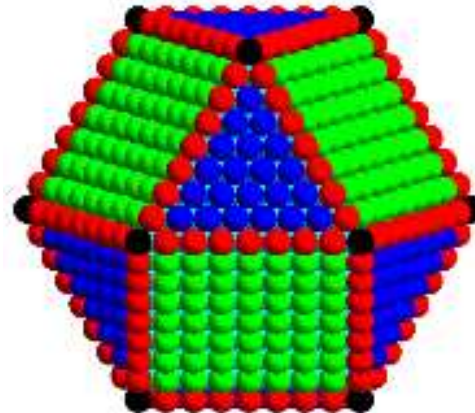
Cubo 5... 7... 9... 11



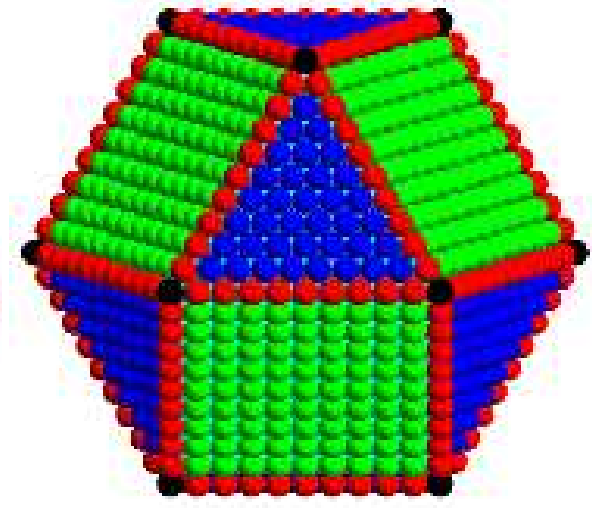
309 atoms



923 atoms



2057 atoms



3871 atoms

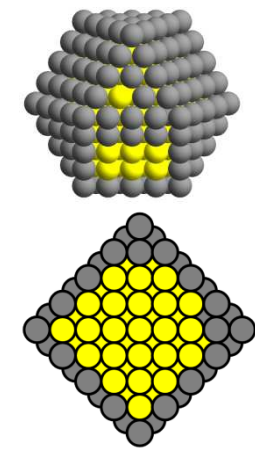
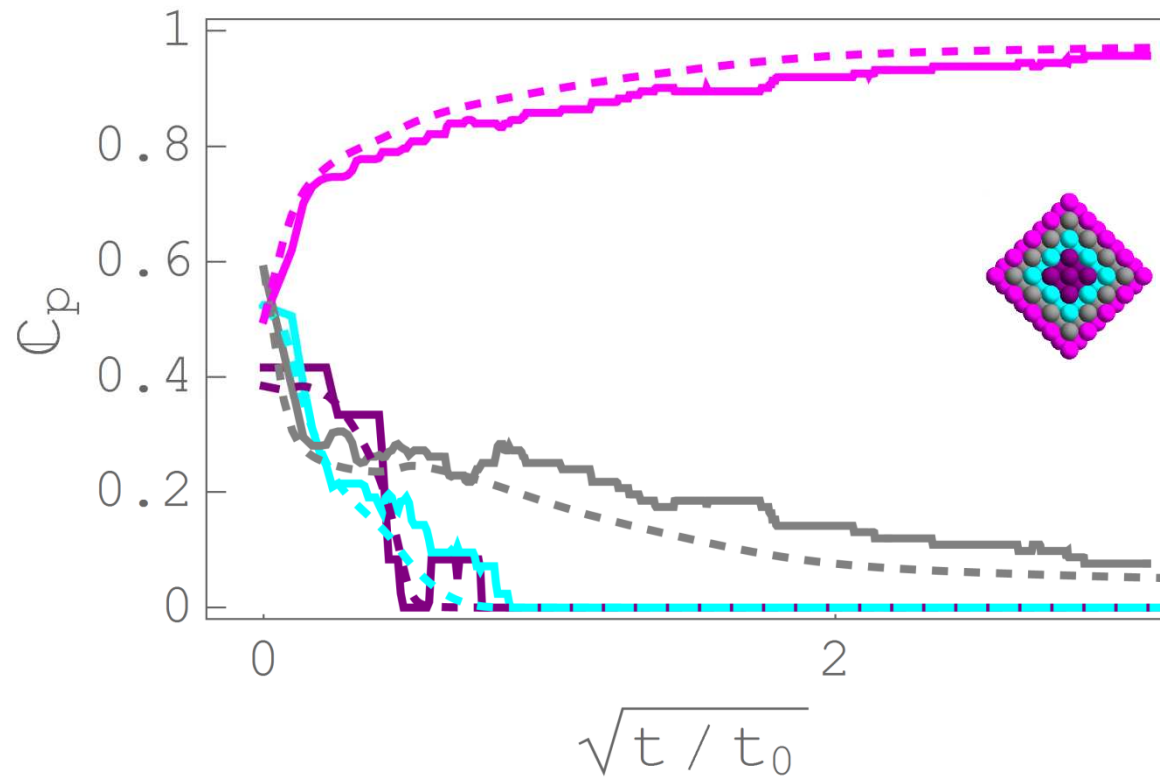
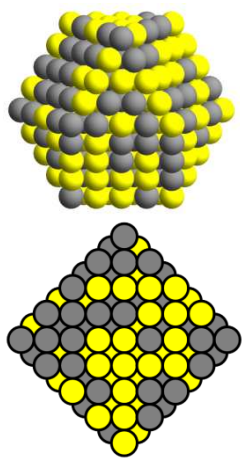


KMC \equiv MFA-SK

$c = 0,52$

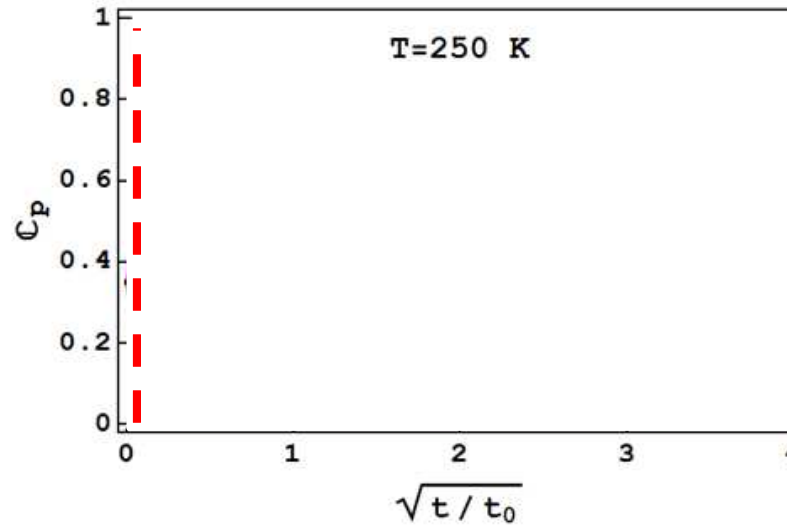
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$T = 300K$

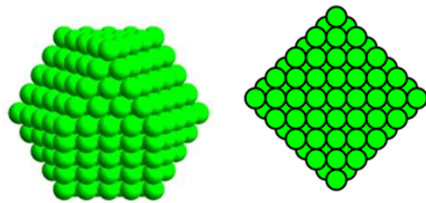
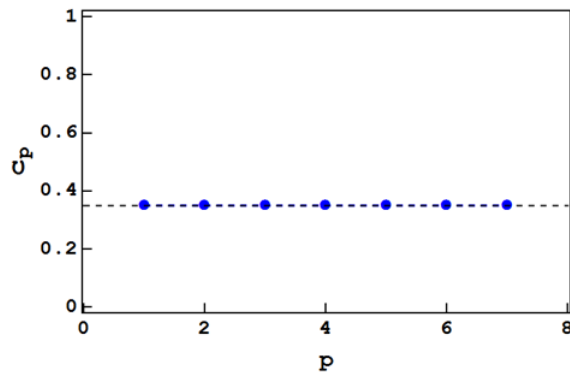




Ageing of initial uniform configurations (MFA-SK)

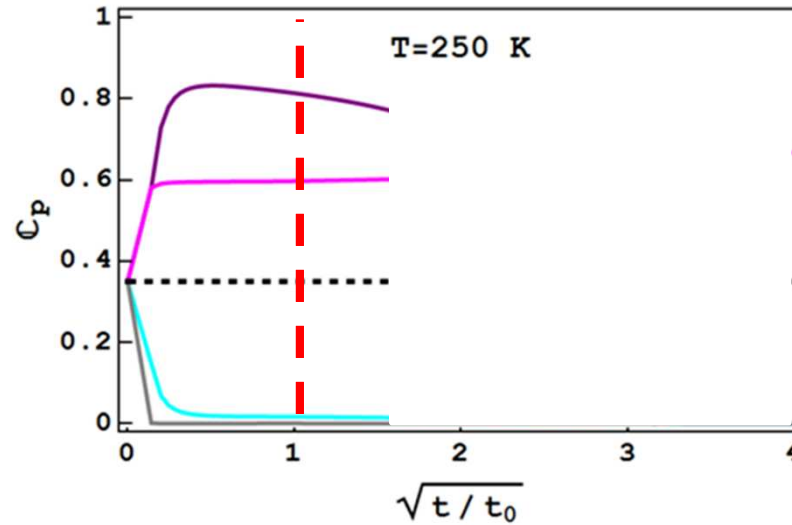


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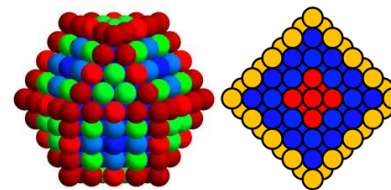
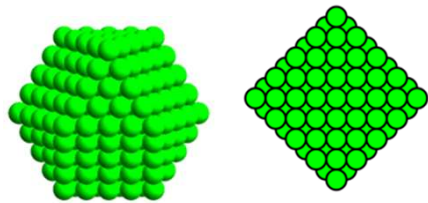
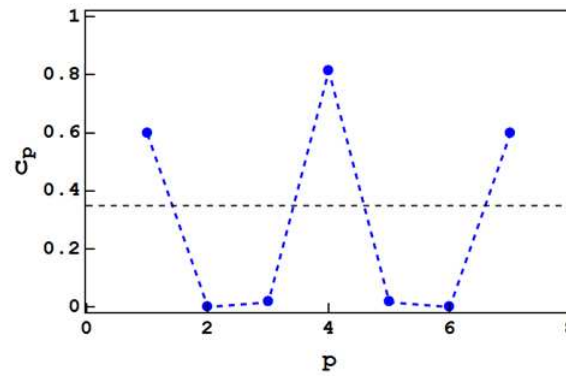
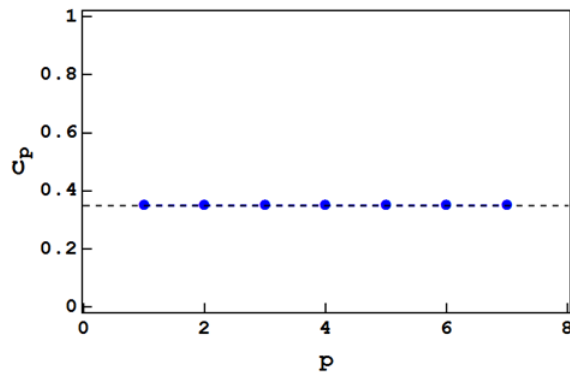




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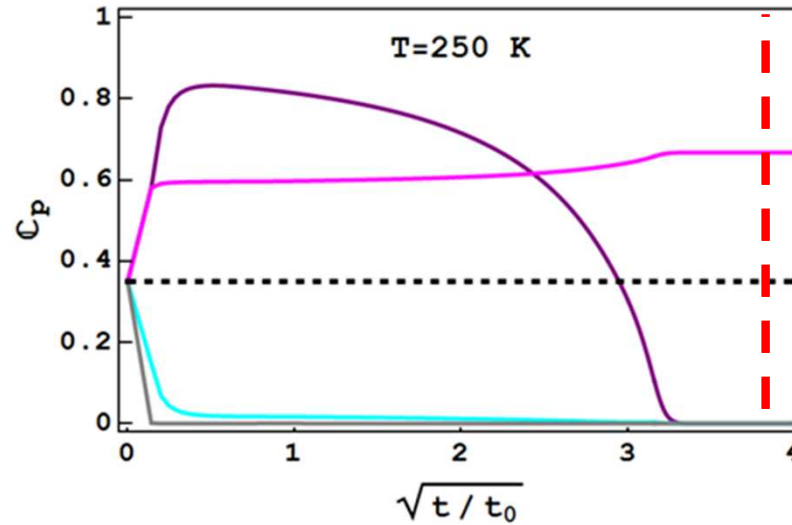
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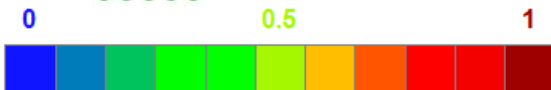
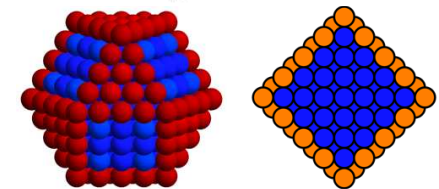
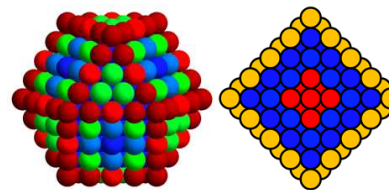
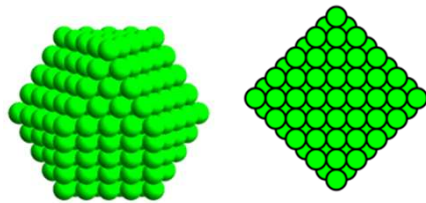
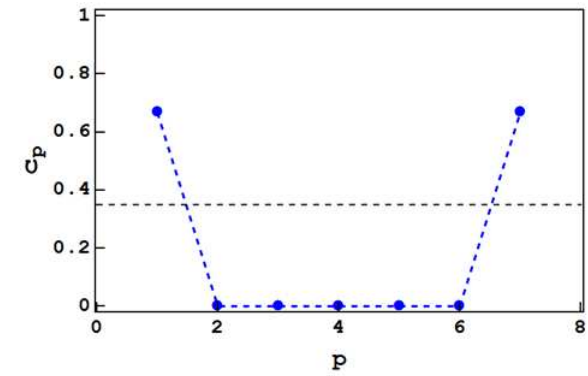
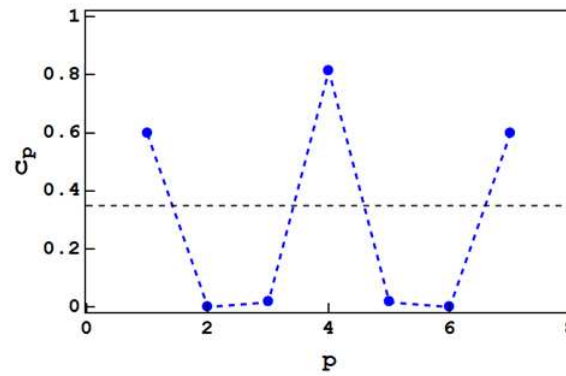
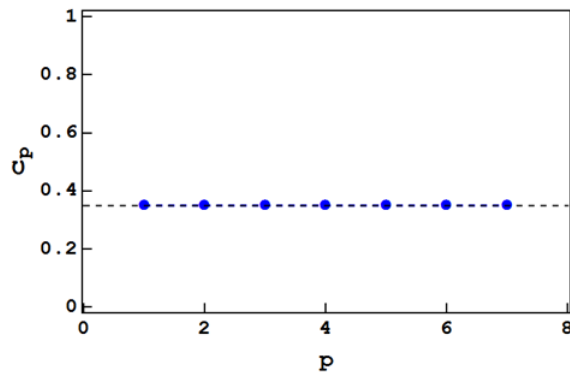
Metastable onion ?



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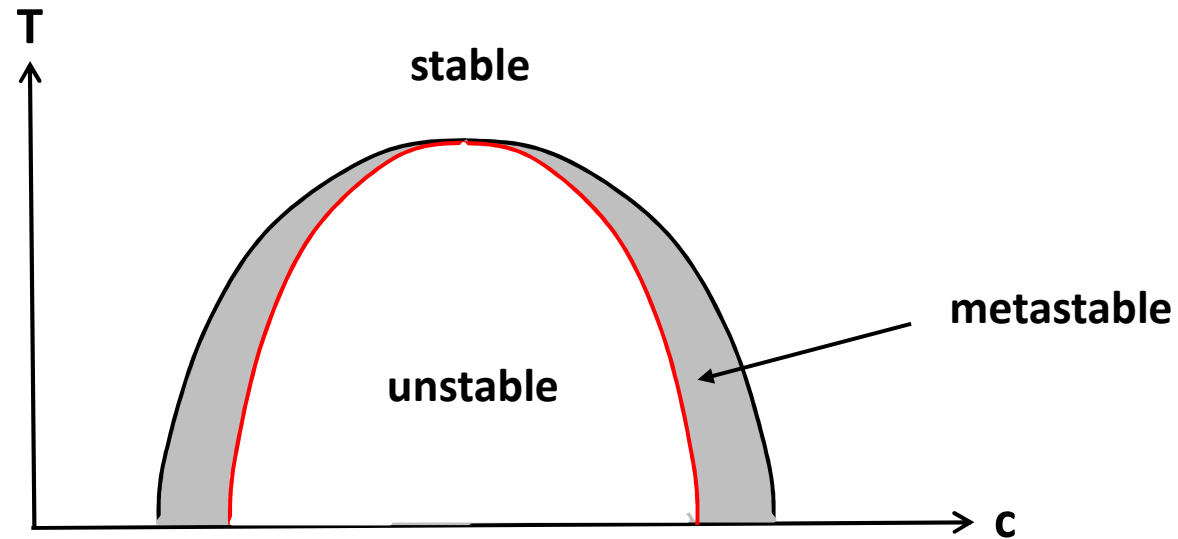


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When the results raise questions

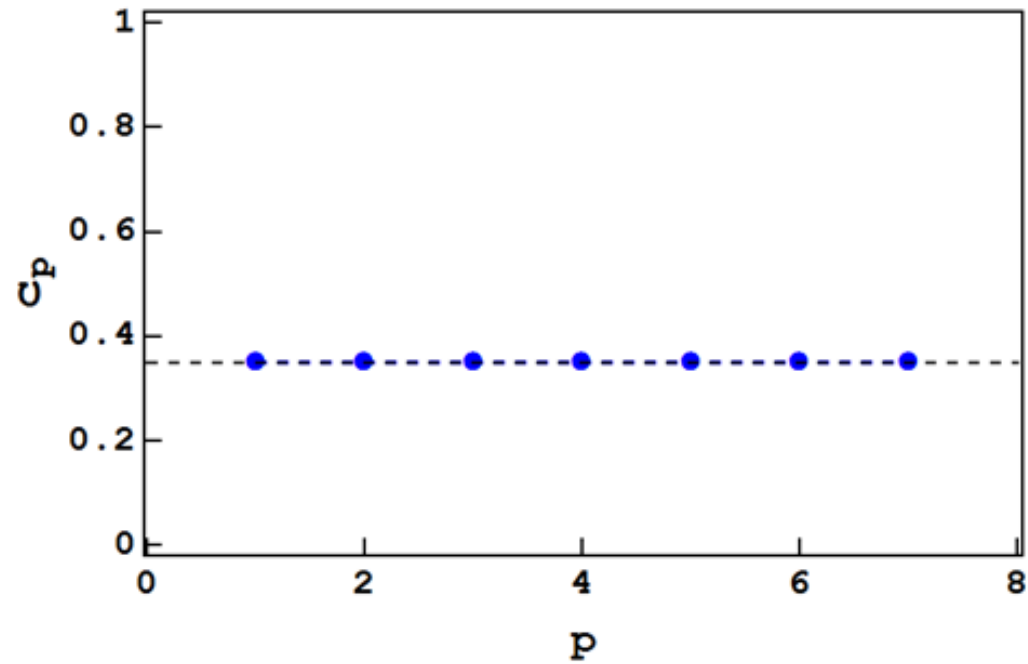


Unstable or metastable structure ??

Nucleation-growth or spinodal decomposition??



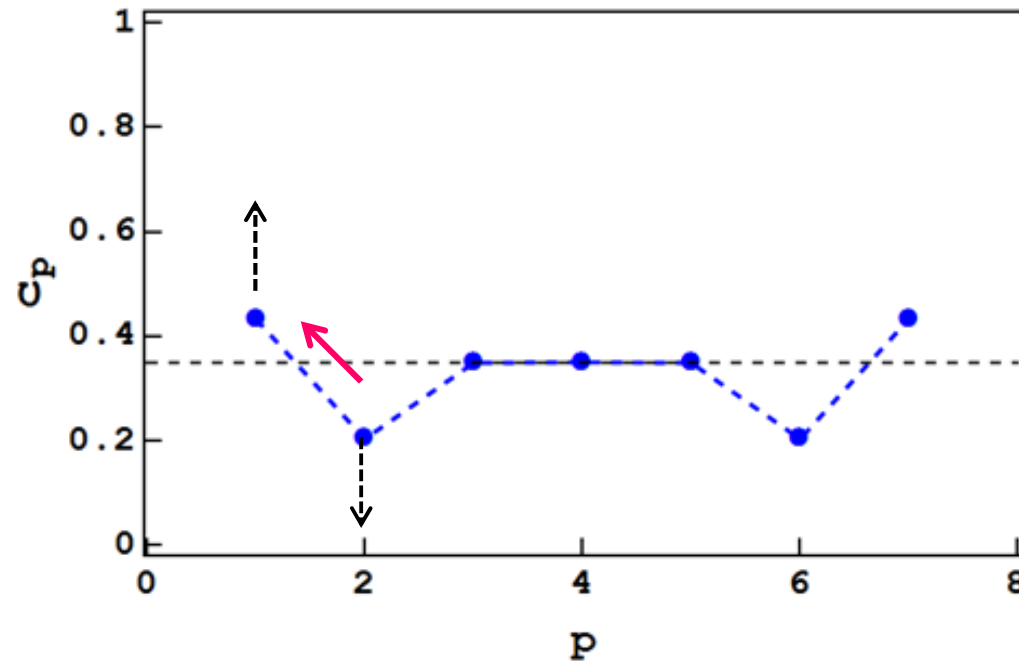
Formation of the onion-like structure





Formation of the onion-like structure

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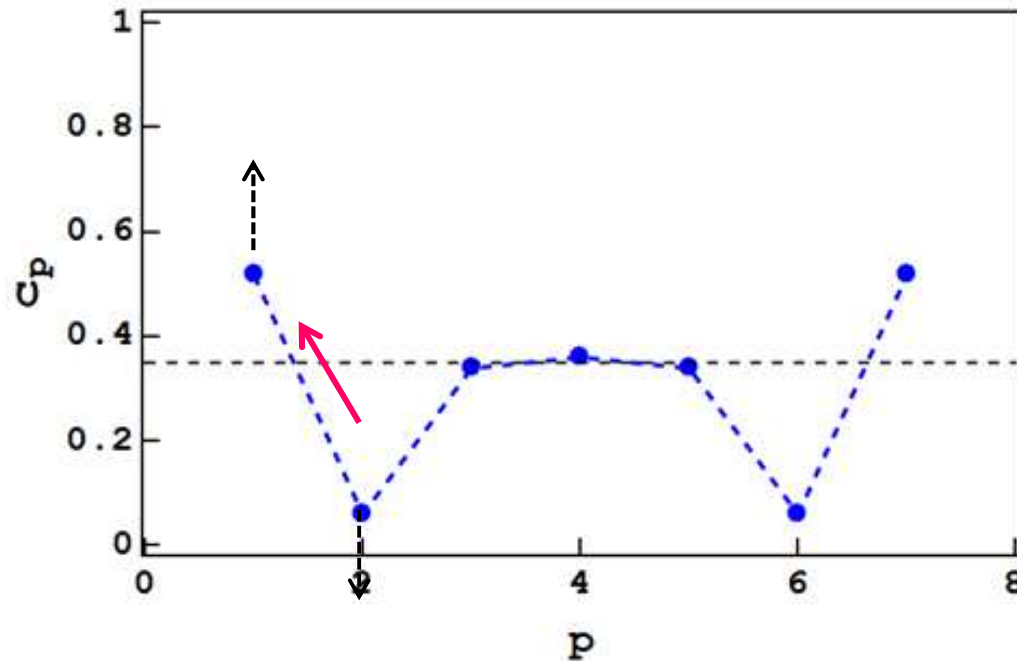


Ag surface segregation



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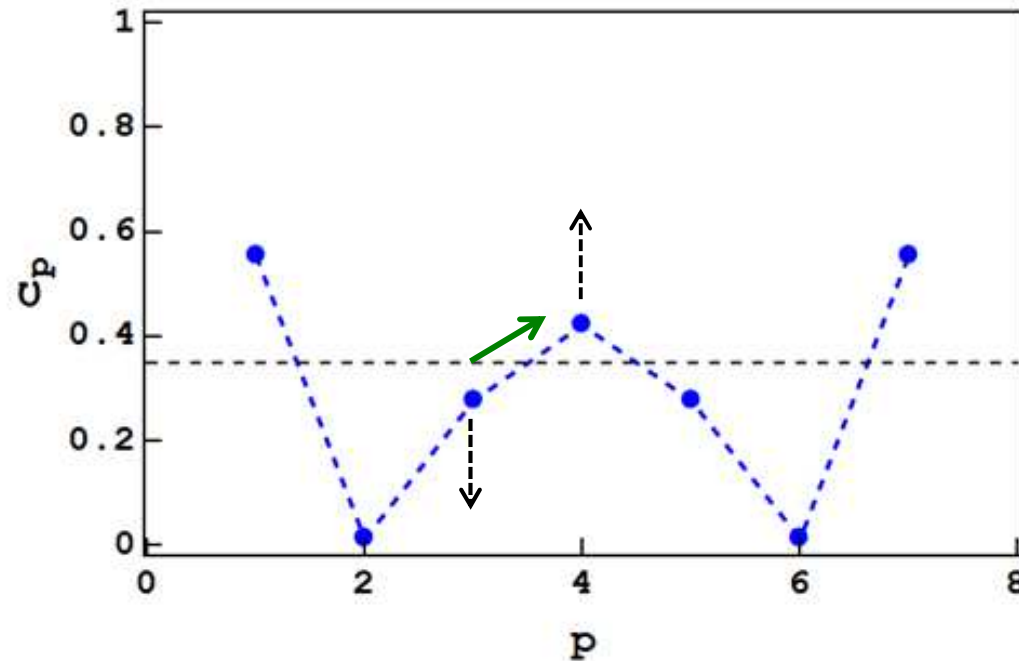


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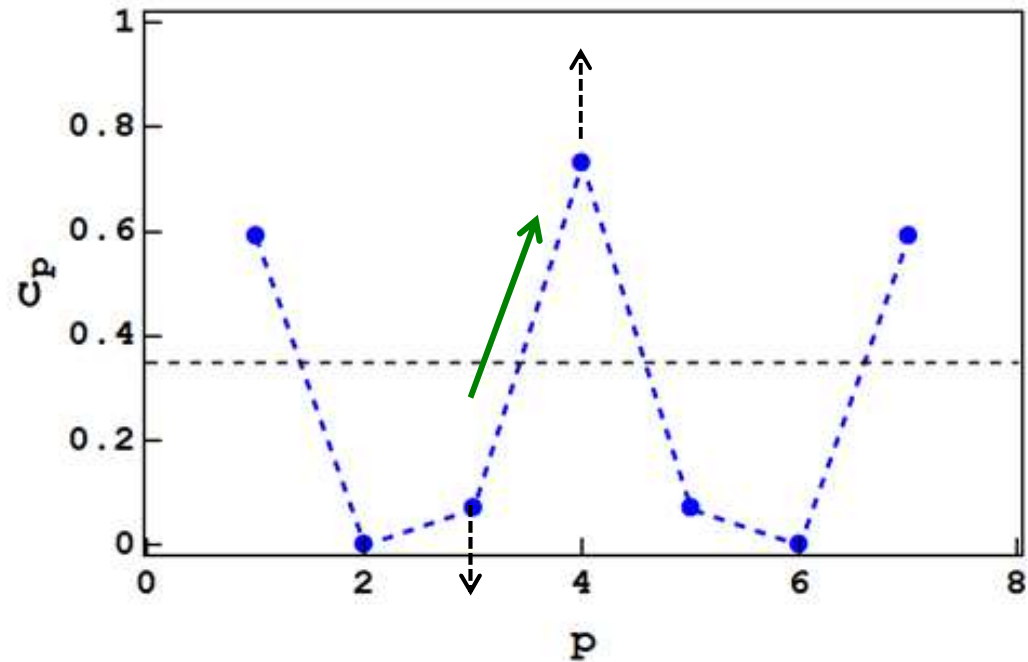
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Ag surface segregation
phase separation



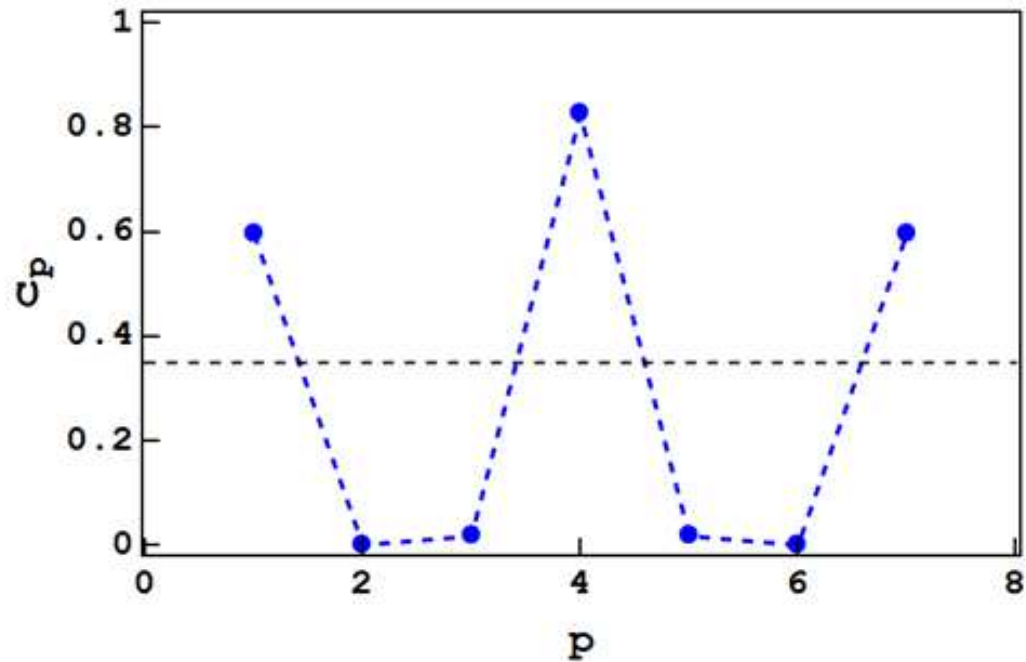
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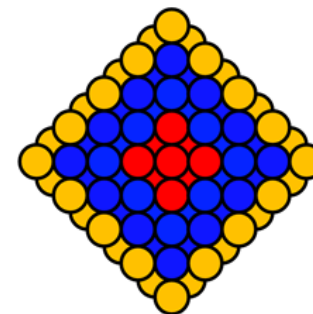
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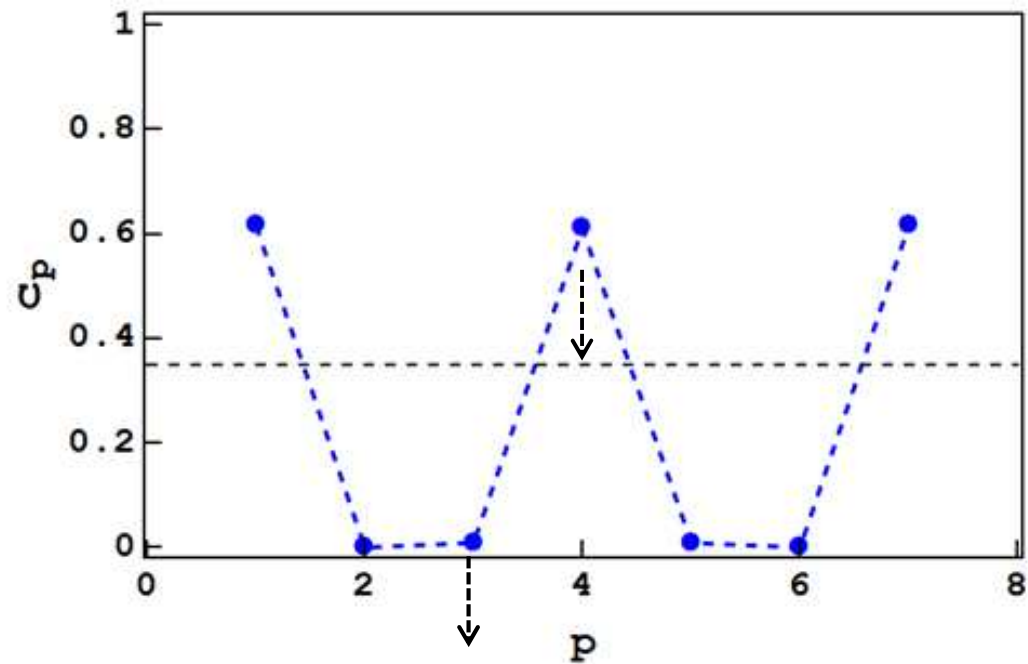


Onion-like structure : 2 interfaces Ag/Cu



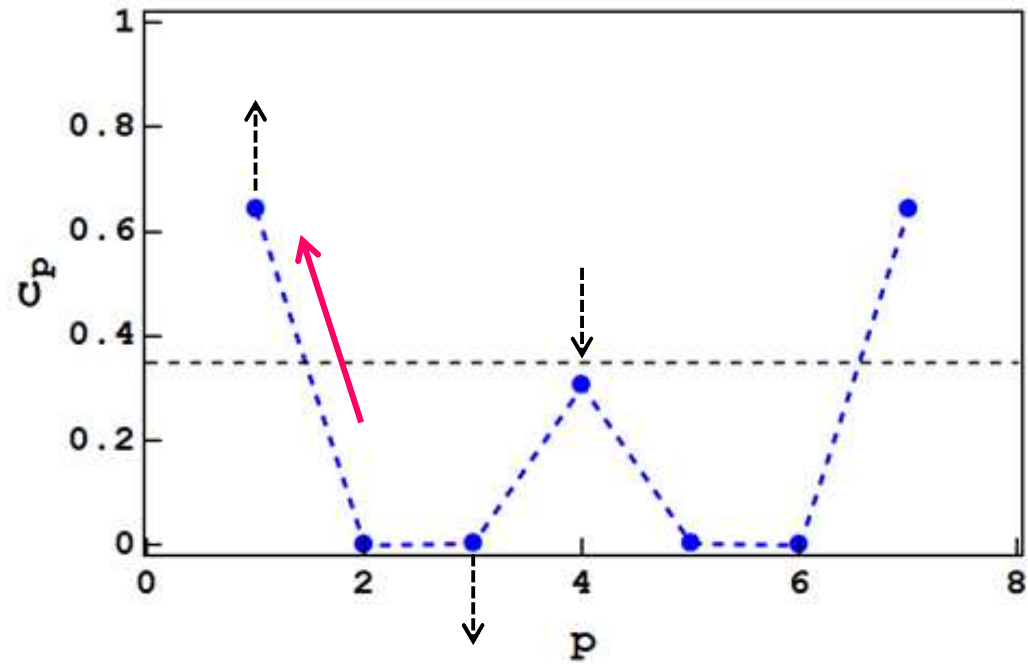


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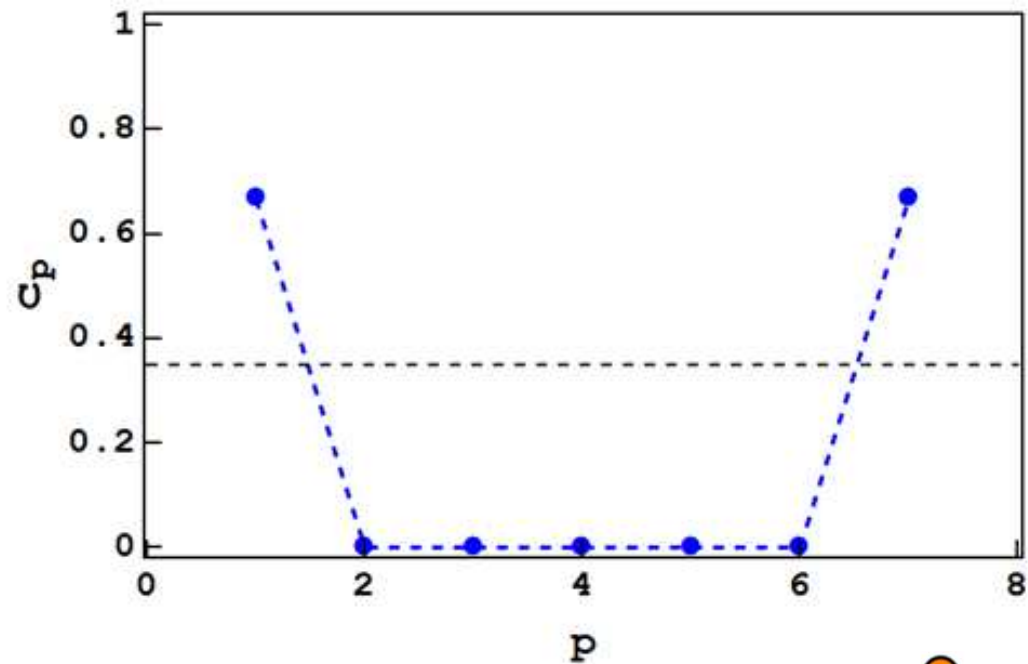


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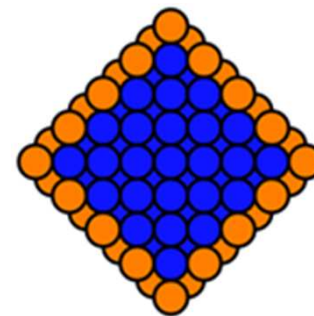




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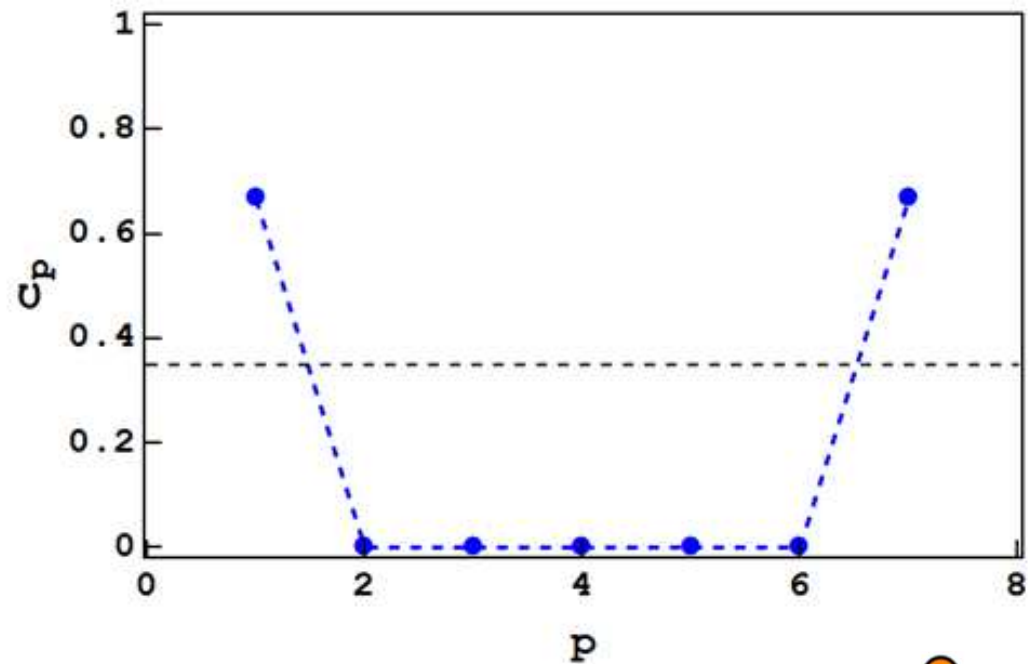


Core-Shell structure : 1 interface Ag/Cu

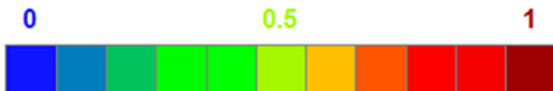
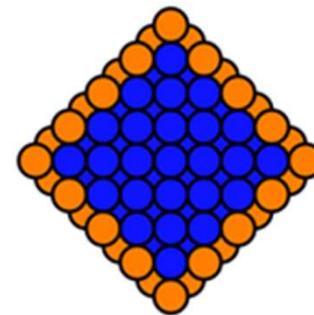




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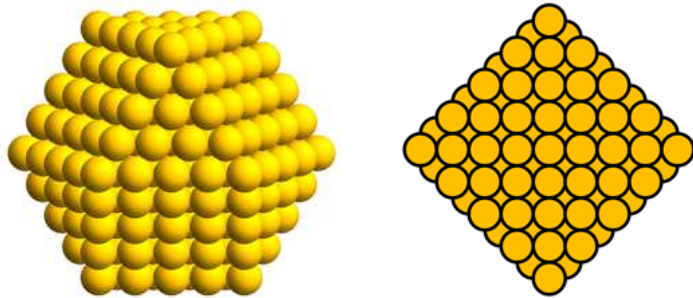
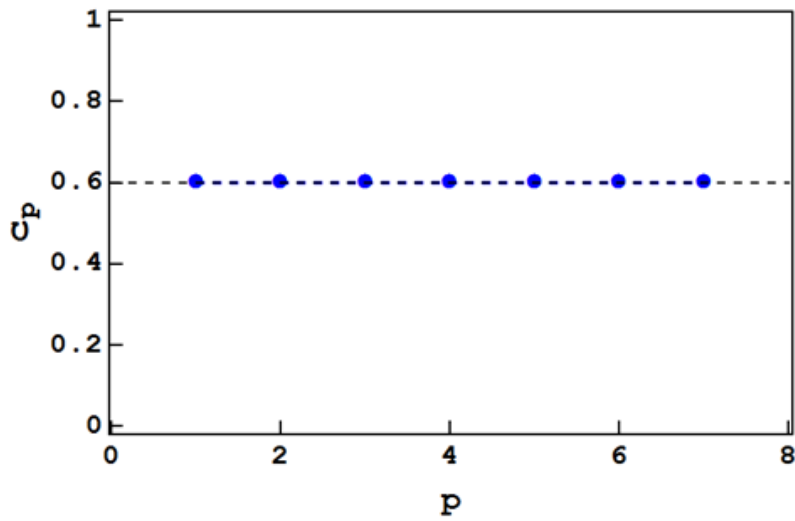
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Nucleation-growth or spinodal decomposition??

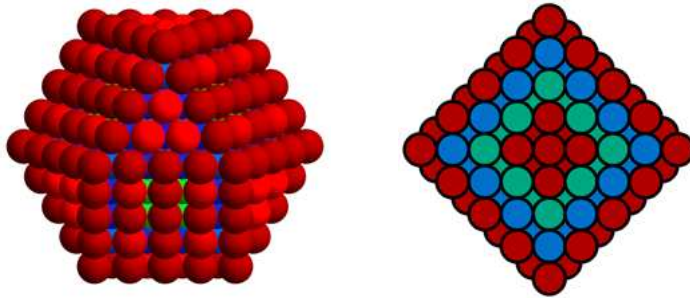
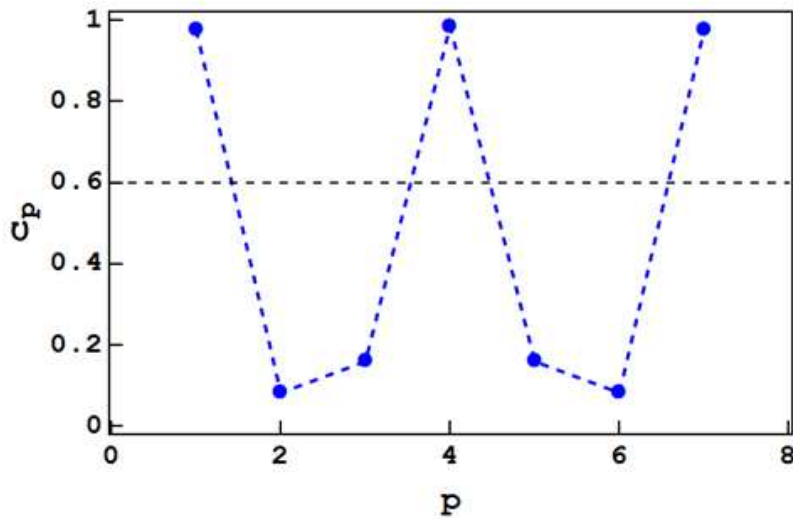


Influence of the concentration



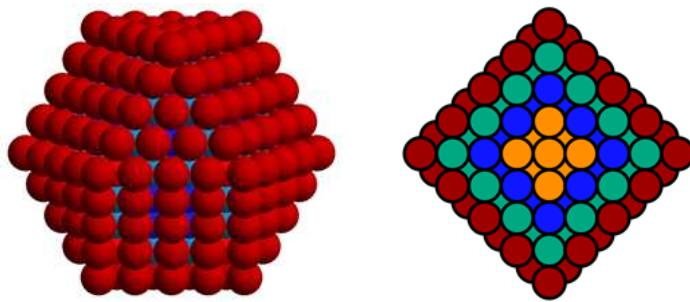
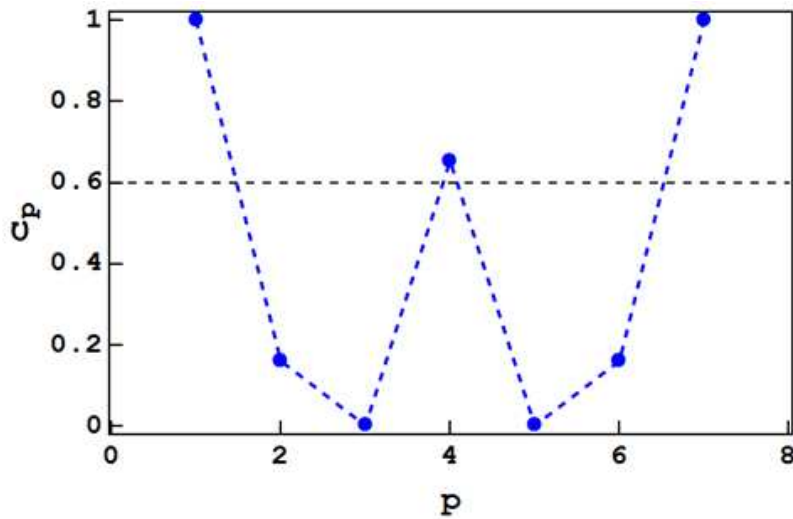


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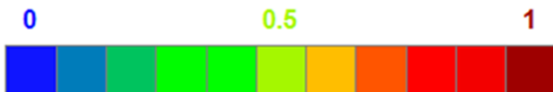
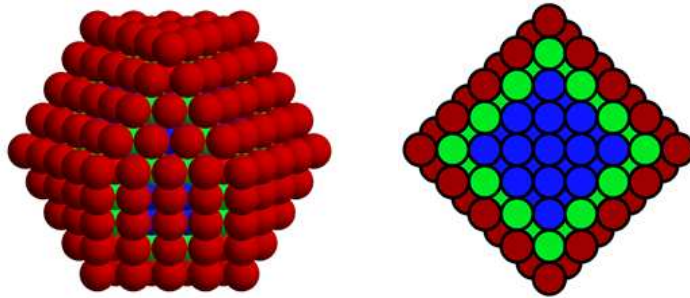
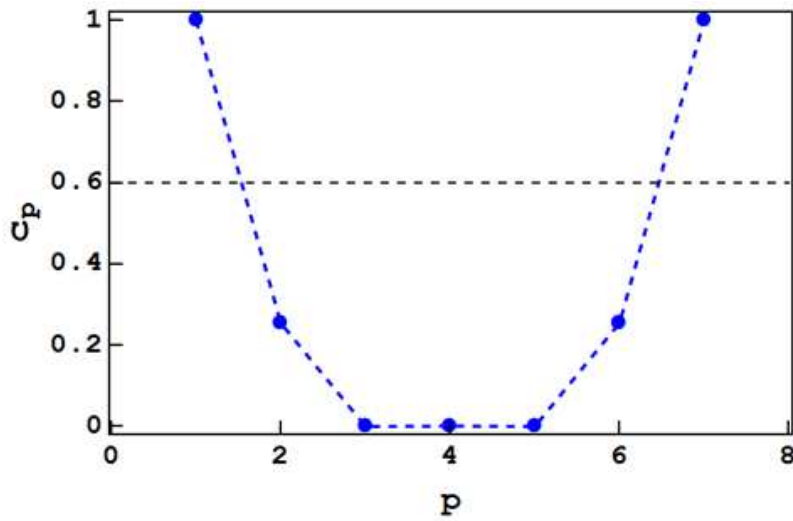


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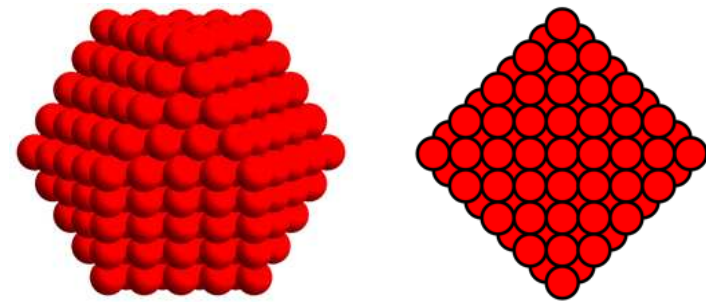
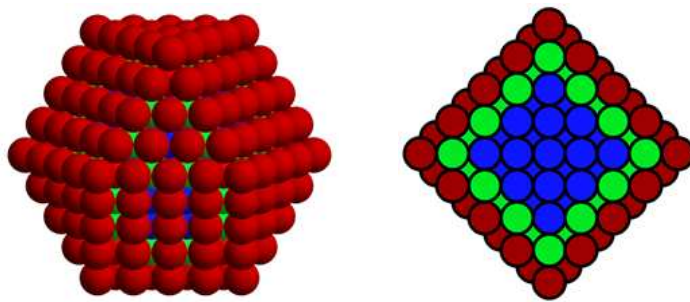
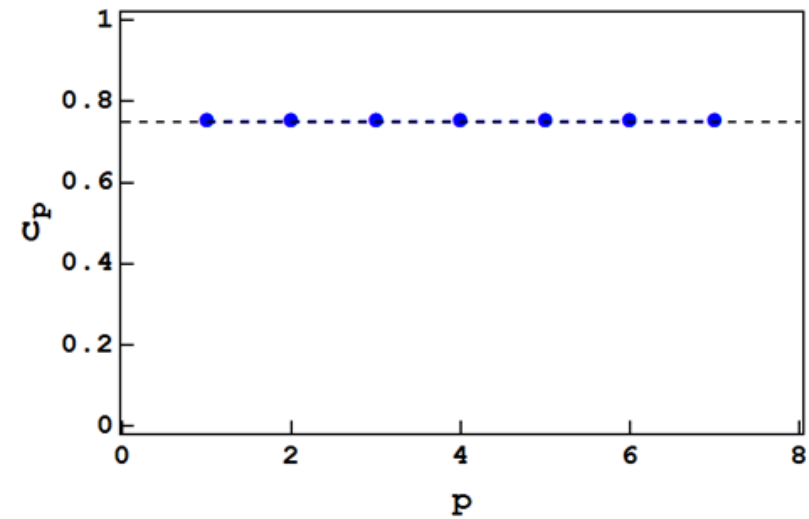
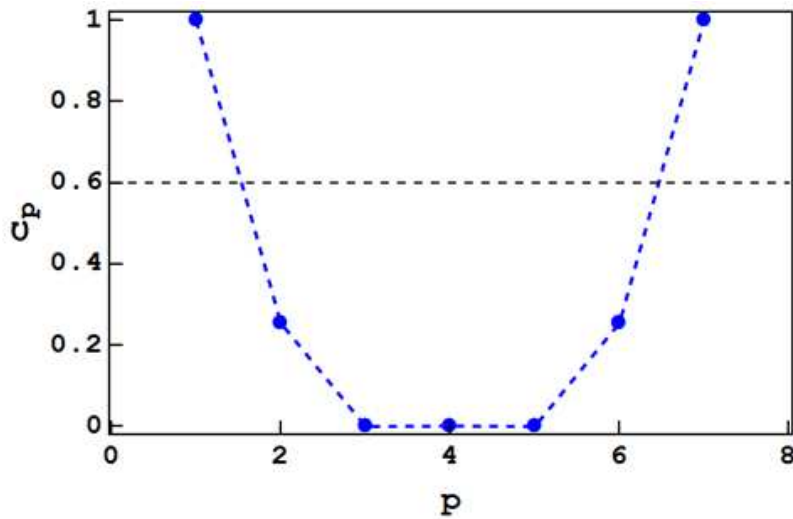


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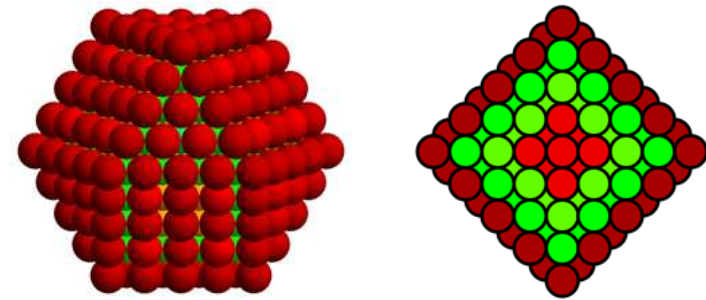
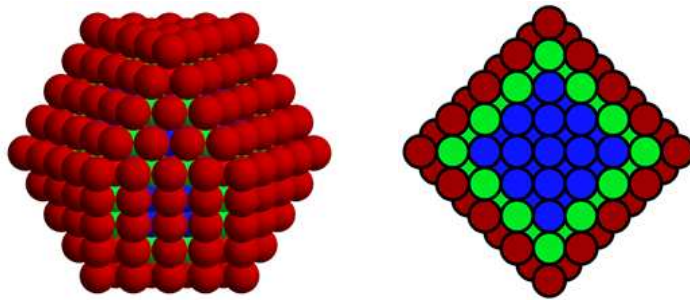
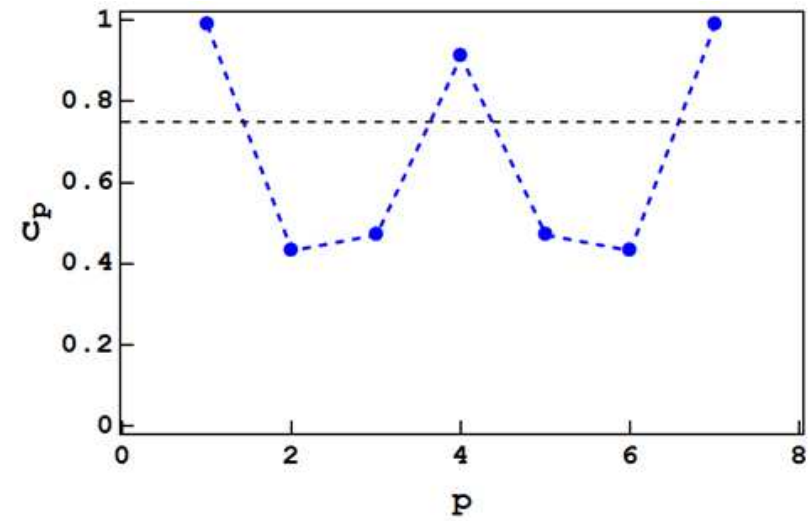
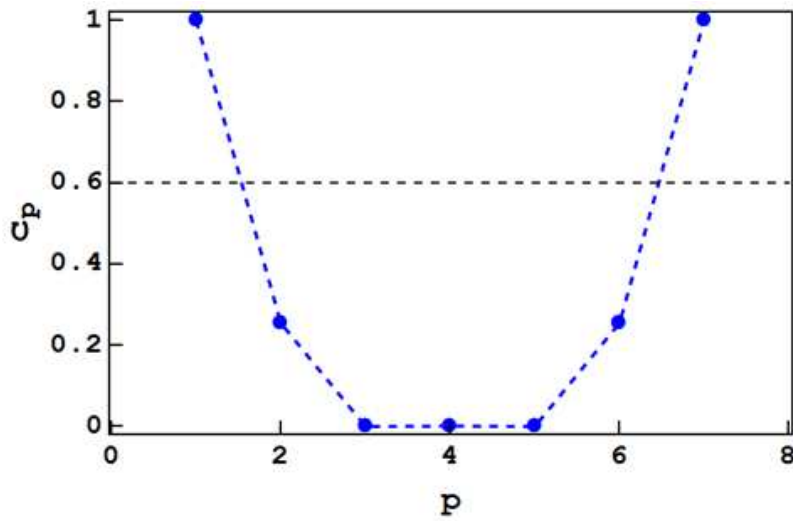


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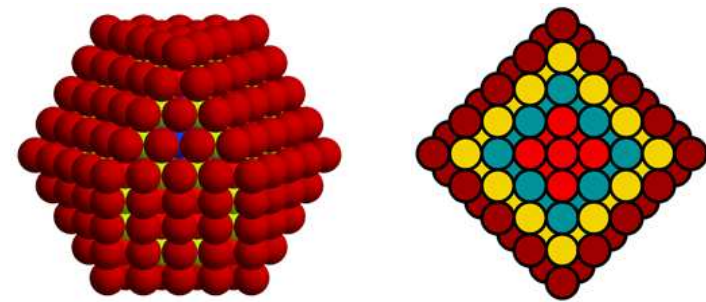
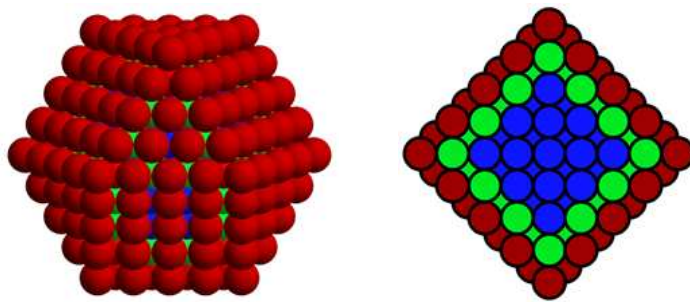
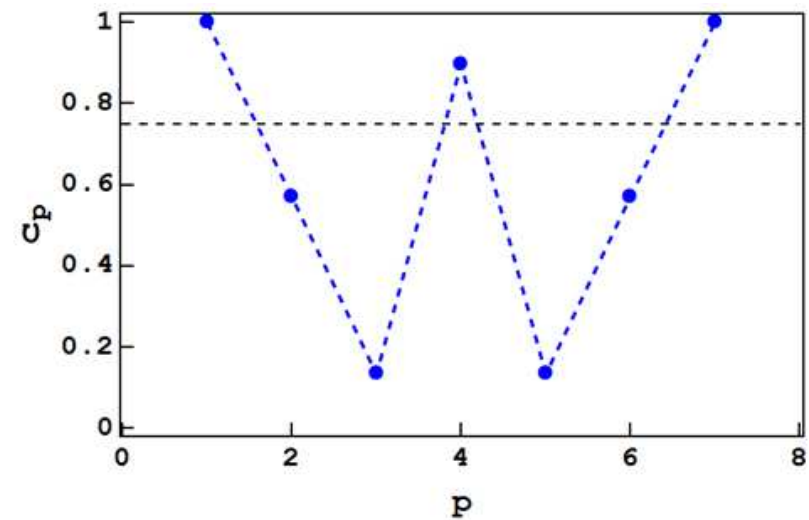
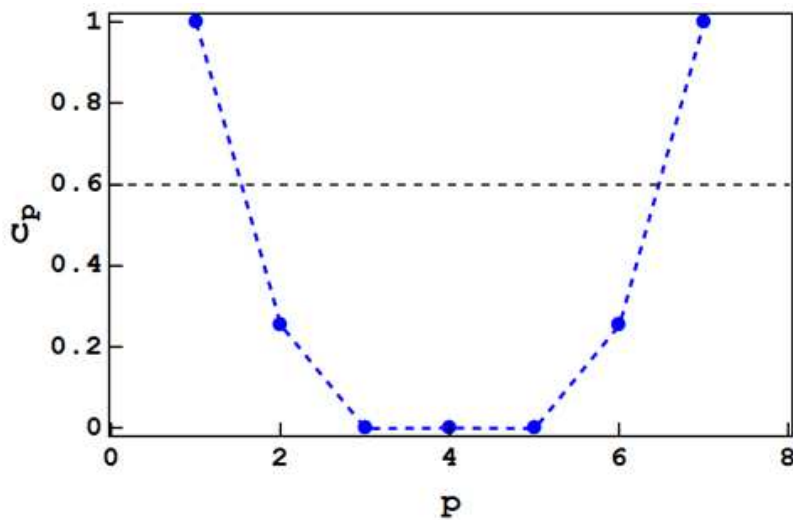


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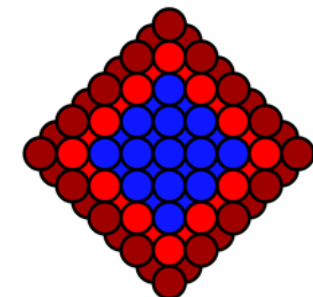
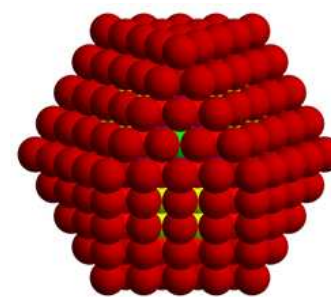
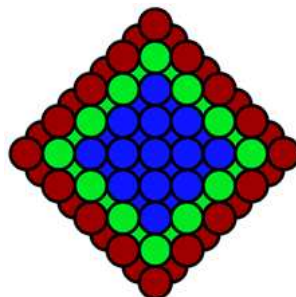
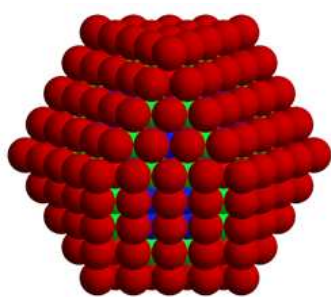
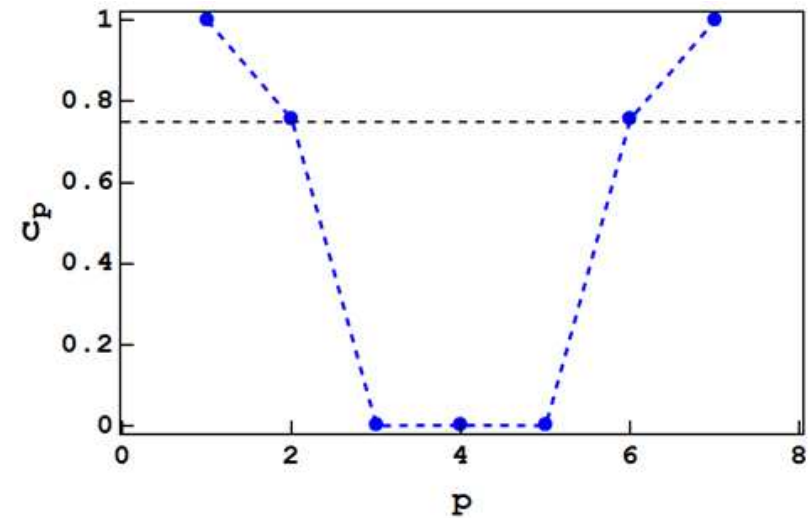
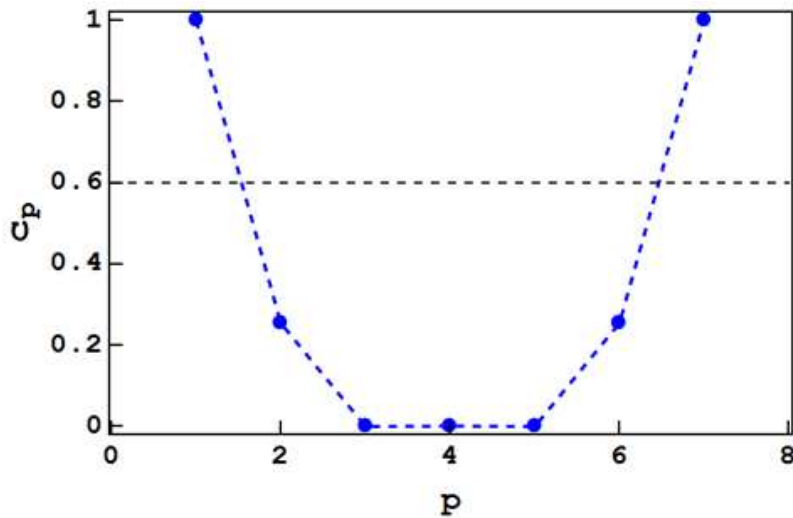


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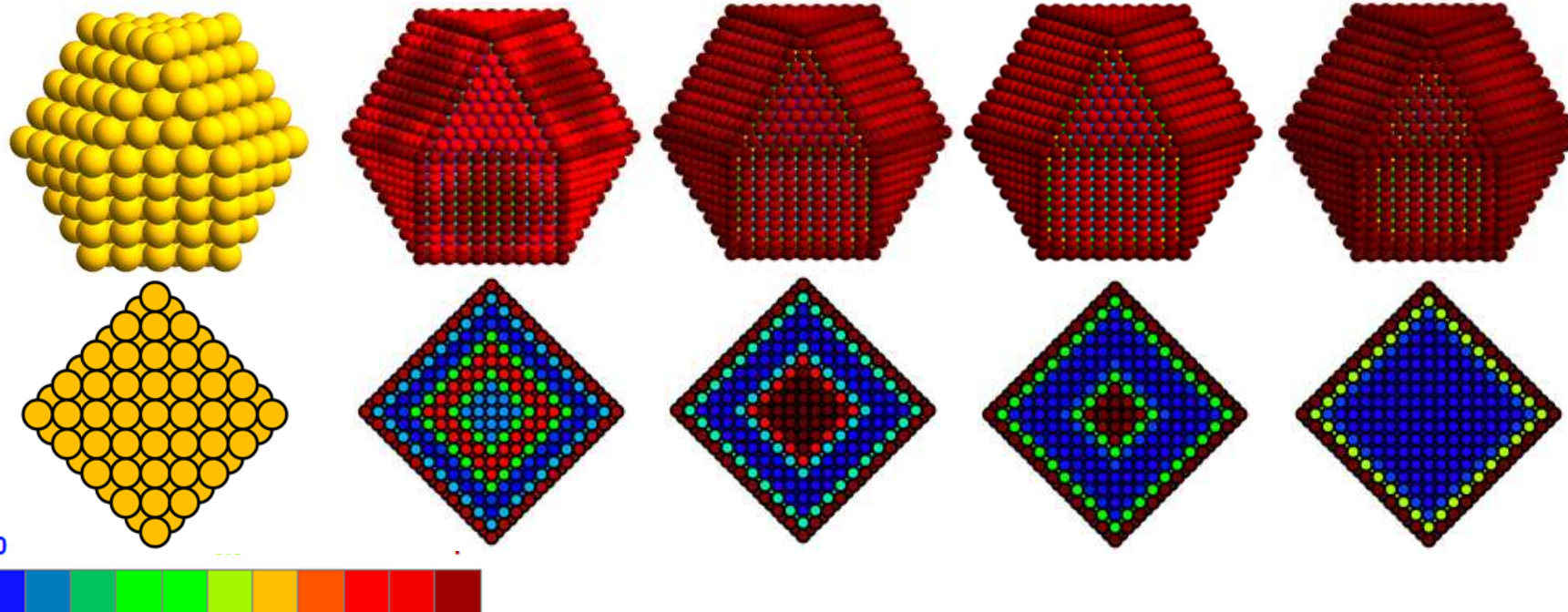
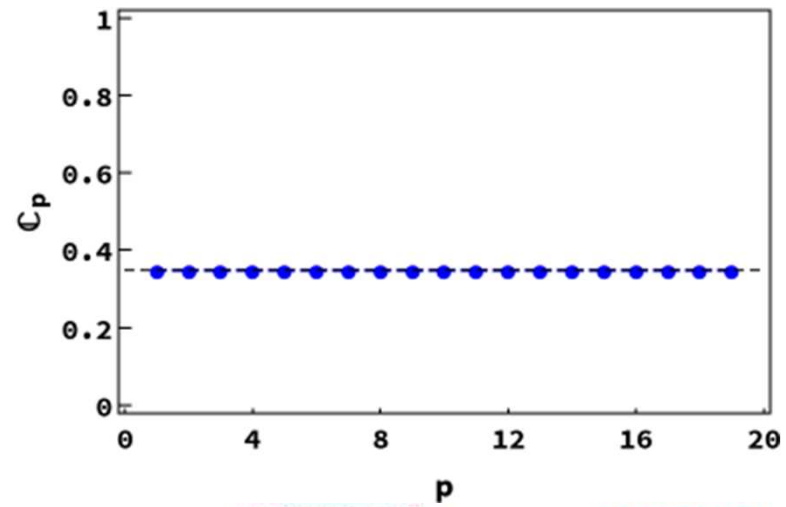
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Nucleation-growth or spinodal decomposition??

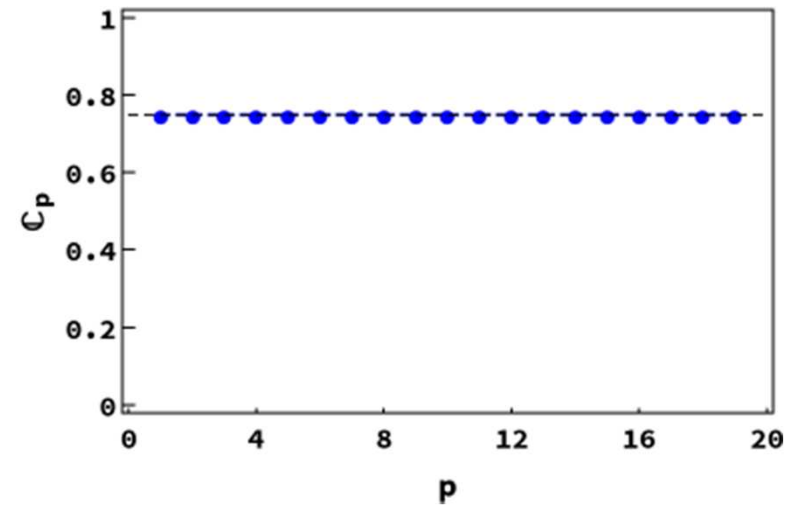
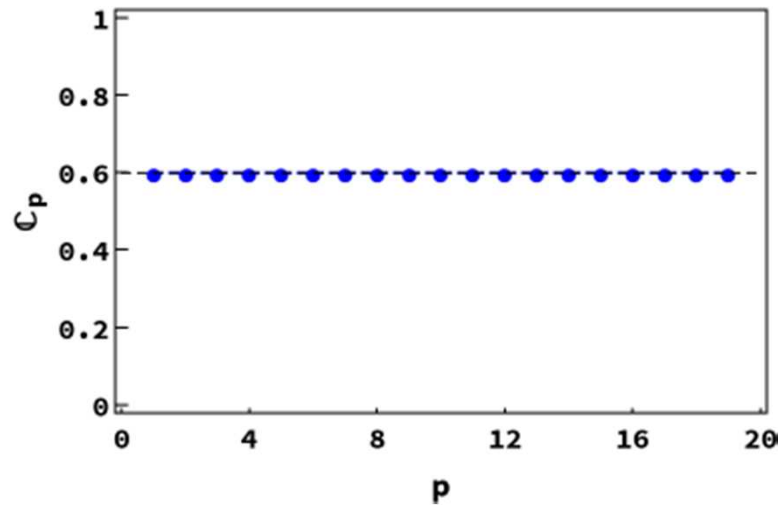


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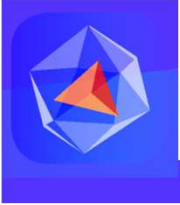




Size and concentration



spinodal decomposition

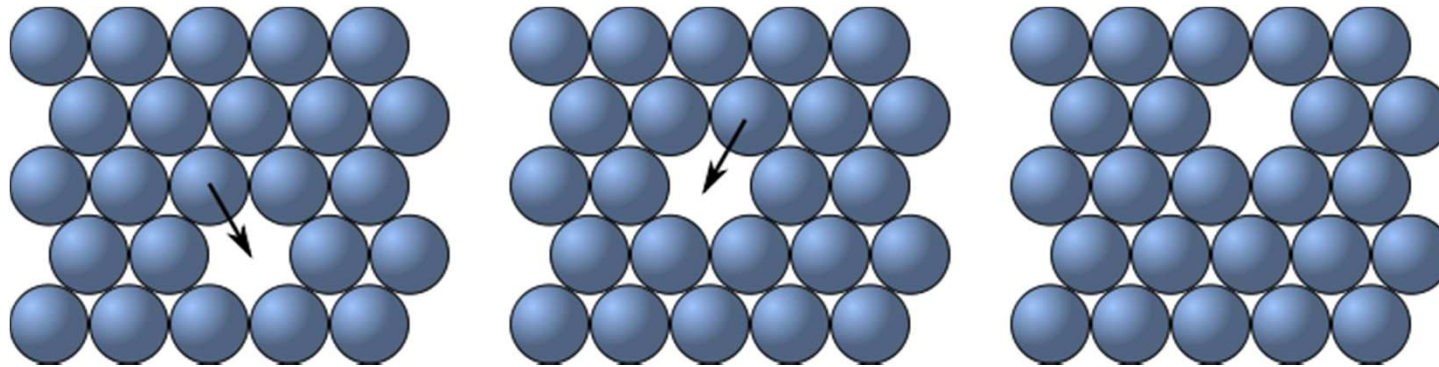


Conclusions

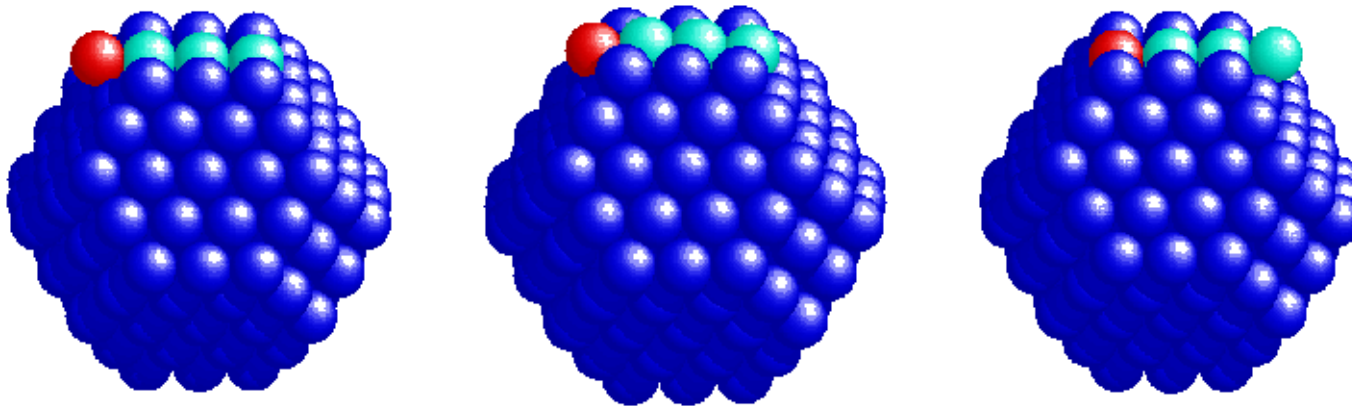


Diffusion mechanisms

Vacancy



Collective move of atoms



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Kinetic Monte Carlo (KMC)

