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The Surface Orientation Dependence of the Pre-Exponential Factors Extracted from the Segregation Profiles of a Cu(111/110) Bi-crystal

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-p>Previous experimental investigations have only shown, without explanation, that the pre-exponential factor (D₀), in the diffusion coefficient of Sb segregating in Cu, is dependent on the surface orientation of a crystal. In this study, the surface concentration of Sb in a Sb doped Cu(111/110) bi-crystal was measured using a method combining AES and linear temperature heating. Segregation parameters, including the D₀'s are extracted from the experimental data of surface concentration versus temperature using the modified Darken model. The difference in the two pre-exponential factors D₀ (Sb in Cu(111)) and D₀ (Sb in Cu(110)) is explained thermodynamically in terms of entropy change Δ S that is calculated, for the first time, for a Cu(111/110) bi-crystal.

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