

**ME1205 MATERIALS SCIENCE  
TUTORIAL 1**

1. Calculate the number of atoms contained in a cylinder  $1\mu\text{m}$  in diameter by  $1\mu\text{m}$  deep of (a) magnesium and (b) lead.
2. One mole of solid MgO occupies a cube  $22.37\text{ mm}$  on a side. Calculate the density of MgO (in  $\text{g/cm}^3$ ). Calculate the mass of an MgO refractory brick with dimensions:  $50\text{ mm} \times 100\text{ mm} \times 200\text{ mm}$ .
3. Calculate the dimensions of (a) cube containing 1 mol of copper and (b) a cube containing 1 mol of lead.

**2.6** Allowed values for the quantum numbers of electrons are as follows:

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$$

$$m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \pm l$$

$$m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

The relationships between  $n$  and the shell designations are noted in Table 2.1. Relative to the subshells,

$l = 0$  corresponds to an  $s$  subshell

$l = 1$  corresponds to a  $p$  subshell

$l = 2$  corresponds to a  $d$  subshell

$l = 3$  corresponds to an  $f$  subshell

- 2.7 Give the electron configurations for the following ions:  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^+$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ , and  $\text{S}^{2-}$ .
- 2.8 Cesium bromide ( $\text{CsBr}$ ) exhibits predominantly ionic bonding. The  $\text{Cs}^+$  and  $\text{Br}^-$  ions have electron structures that are identical to which two inert gases?
- 2.9 With regard to electron configuration, what do all the elements in Group VIIA of the periodic table have in common?
- 2.10 Without consulting Figure 2.6 or Table 2.2, determine whether each of the electron configurations given below is an inert gas, a halogen, an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, or a transition metal. Justify your choices.
  - (a)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^7 4s^2$ .
  - (b)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$ .
  - (c)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$ .
  - (d)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$ .
  - (e)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^2 4s^2$ .
  - (f)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1$ .

For the  $K$  shell, the four quantum numbers for each of the two electrons in the  $1s$  state, in the order of  $nlm_l m_s$ , are  $100(\frac{1}{2})$  and  $100(-\frac{1}{2})$ .

Write the four quantum numbers for all of the electrons in the  $L$  and  $M$  shells, and note which correspond to the  $s$ ,  $p$ , and  $d$  subshells.

**2.13** The net potential energy between two adjacent ions,  $E_N$ , may be represented by the sum of Equations 2.8 and 2.9, that is,

$$E_N = -\frac{A}{r} + \frac{B}{r^n}$$

Calculate the bonding energy  $E_0$  in terms of the parameters  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $n$  using the following procedure:

1. Differentiate  $E_N$  with respect to  $r$ , and then set the resulting expression equal to zero, since the curve of  $E_N$  versus  $r$  is a minimum at  $E_0$ .
  2. Solve for  $r$  in terms of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $n$ , which yields  $r_0$ , the equilibrium interionic spacing.
  3. Determine the expression for  $E_0$  by substitution of  $r_0$  into Equation 2.11.
- 2.17** (a) Briefly cite the main differences between ionic, covalent, and metallic bonding.  
(b) State the Pauli exclusion principle.