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the energy of the lattice as it is continuously transformed from the NaCl to the CsCl structure at a number of pressures, and the results demonstrate the connection between a relatively weak value of C_{44} and the thermodynamic stability of the CsCl lattice. Hyde and O'Keeffe [1973] used a similar model to study some aspects of this transition, but they did not discuss C_{44} , and limited their calculation to zero pressure.





CsCl (ŋ=0.2)





Fig. 1. Transformation from the NaCl to the CsCl lattice by a shear deformation.

In our model calculation, we ignored thermal effects and assumed that the energy of the lattice is given by the expression

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$$F = \frac{z^2 e^2 A_r}{r} + \sum_{i=1}^8 \frac{b}{r_i}$$

(1)

where r_i is the interatomic distance, r is the nearest neighbor distance, and z^2e^2 , b, and n are constants. Summation is over the six nearest-neighbor interactions of the NaCl lattice and the two additional interactions that become nearest neighbors in the CsCl lattice.

The Madelung constant A_r , which gives the sum of all the electrostatic interactions, was calculated by the Ewald method [Born and Huang, 1954, p. 385] for each value of the reaction coordinate, η . By differentiation of equation (1), expressions for the pressure, P, and the bulk modulus, K, are obtained. It is most useful to write the relevant expressions in dimensionless form

$$\frac{F^{\star}}{K_{OO}^{V}} = \frac{9}{n-1} \left[-\frac{r_{O}}{r^{\star}} + \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{r_{O}}{r_{O}} \right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{r_{O}}{r^{\star}} \right)^{n} \right] \frac{A_{r}^{\star}}{A_{r}}$$
(2)

$$\left(\frac{r_{o}}{r_{o}}^{*}\right)^{n-1} = \left(\frac{6+2\left(\frac{r^{*}}{r_{2}^{*}}\right)^{n}}{6+2\left(\frac{r}{r_{2}}\right)^{n}}\right)\frac{A_{r}}{A_{r}^{*}}$$
(3)

$$\frac{v_o^*}{v_o} = \left(\frac{r_o^*}{r_o}\right)^3 \frac{\beta^*}{\beta} \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{V^{*}}{V_{o}^{*}} = \left(\frac{r^{*}}{r_{o}}\right)^{3} \quad \left(\frac{r_{o}}{r_{o}^{*}}\right)^{3} \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\kappa}{\kappa_o} = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\frac{v_o}{v} \right) \left[-4 \left(\frac{r_o}{r} \right) + (n+3) \left(\frac{r_o}{r} \right)^n \right]$$
(6)

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