

MODULE - V



Nanotechnology

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1. Calculate the surface area to its volume ratio of a spherical particle of diameter 8 mm.

Sol:

Given: Particle diameter = 8mm = 8×10^{-3} m.
Particle radius = 4×10^{-3} m.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Surface area to volume ratio} &= 3/r, \text{ r is radius.} \\ &= 3/(4 \times 10^{-3}) \\ &= 0.75 \times 10^3/\text{m}\end{aligned}$$

2. If the radius of a sphere is made one-third, how its surface area to volume ratio changes.

Sol:

Given: Particle radius = $r/3$

Surface area to volume ratio = $3/r$, r is radius.

$$= 3/(r/3)$$

$$= 9/r = 3 \times (3/r)$$

Surface area to volume ratio increases by 3 times.

3. If the dimension of a cube is doubled, how its surface area to volume ratio varies.

Sol:

Given: Volume of a cube = $a^3 = (2a)^3$

Surface area of a cube = $6a^2 = 6 \times (2a)^2 = 6 \times 4a^2 = 24a^2$

$$\text{Surface area to volume ratio} = \frac{24a^2}{8a^3} = \frac{3}{a}$$

The surface to volume ratio decreases by 2 times.

4. Calculate average particle size using X-ray diffraction pattern having 0.1541 nm of X-ray wavelength, 0.011radian of full width and half maximum and diffraction angle of 45°.

Sol:

Given: Wavelength $\lambda = 0.1541 \text{ nm} = 0.1541 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$.

Full width half maximum $B = 0.011$ radian.

Angle of diffraction $\theta = 45^\circ$.

Sherrer's formula $D = K\lambda / (B \cos \theta_B)$

$$= (1 \times 0.1541 \times 10^{-9}) / (0.011 \times \cos 45^\circ)$$

$$= 1.98 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$$

5. A beam of X-rays is incident on a NaCl crystal with lattice spacing 0.282 nm. Calculate the wavelength of X-rays if the first order Bragg reflection takes place at a glancing angle of $8^{\circ}35'$.

Sol:

Given: Lattice spacing $d=0.282 \text{ nm} = 0.282 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

Order of diffraction $n = 1$.

Angle of diffraction $\theta = 8^{\circ}35' = 8.585$

Bragg's law $n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= 2 \times 0.282 \times 10^{-9} \times \sin(8^{\circ}35') \\ &= 8.419 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

6. X-rays of wavelength 1.5418 \AA are diffracted by (111) planes in a crystal at an angle 30° in the first order. Calculate the interatomic Spacing.

Sol:

Given: Wavelength $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA} = 1.5418 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Order of diffraction $n = 1$

Angle of diffraction $\theta = 30^\circ$

Bragg's law $n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$

$$d = \frac{n\lambda}{(2 \sin \theta)} = 1.541 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

7. An X-ray beam of wavelength 3 \AA is diffracted from (100) plane of a cubic crystal. The first order maximum is obtained for glancing angle of 40° . Determine the space of the reflecting plane and also the volume of the unit cell.

Sol:

Given: Wavelength $\lambda = 3 \text{ \AA} = 3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Order of diffraction $n = 1$.

Angle of diffraction $\theta = 40^\circ$.

Bragg's law $n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$, $d = n\lambda / (2 \sin \theta) = 2.33 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Interplanar spacing $d = a / \sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2} = a / \sqrt{1 + 0 + 0}$

Volume of cube $= a^3 = 12.64 \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^3$

8. In an X-ray diffraction experiment, peak width at half maximum is 0.6° and its corresponding Bragg angle is 24° . Calculate the crystallite size using Scherrer equation, the wavelength used in X-ray diffraction experiment is 1.54 \AA .

Sol:

Given: Wavelength $\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA} = 1.54 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Full width half maximum $B = 0.6^\circ = 0.01 \text{ radian}$.

Angle of diffraction $\theta = 24^\circ$.

Scherrer's constant $K = 1$.

Scherrer's formula $D = K\lambda / (B \cos \theta_B) = 1.68 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$

9. What is the angle at which the third order reflection of X-rays of 0.79 \AA wavelength can occur in a calcite crystal of $3.04 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$ spacing?

Sol:

Given: Wavelength $\lambda = 0.79 \text{ \AA} = 0.79 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Order of diffraction $n = 3$.

Interplanar spacing $d = 3.04 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 3.04 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Bragg's law $n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{n\lambda}{2d}\right) = 22.94^\circ$$

10. Monochromatic X-rays of wavelength $\lambda = 1.5 \text{ \AA}$ are incident on a crystal face having an interplanar spacing of 1.6 \AA . Find the highest order for which Bragg's reflection maximum can be seen.

Sol:

Given: Wavelength $\lambda = 1.5 \text{ \AA} = 1.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Interplanar spacing $d = 1.6 \text{ \AA} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Bragg's law $n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$

$$n = \frac{2d \sin\theta}{\lambda} = \frac{2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-10} \times \sin(90^\circ)}{1.5 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$n = 2.133 \sim 2$$

Summary & Discussion



Thank you!