

Q.1) In certain BCC structure the volume/unit cell is  $61.72 \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^3$ . Calculate the lattice parameter.

Ans → Total volume =  $61.72 \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^3$

free volume = volume of unit cell - volume of atoms in unit cell

$$61.72 \times 10^{-30} = a^3 - n \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$a^3 = 61.72 \times 10^{-30} + 2 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)^3$$

$$a^3 = 61.72 \times 10^{-30} + \frac{8\pi a^3 \sqrt{3}}{216 \times 4}$$

$$a^3 - \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi a^3}{8} = 61.72 \times 10^{-30}$$

$$a^3 - 0.683 a^3 = 61.72 \times 10^{-30}$$

$$0.316 a^3 = 61.72 \times 10^{-30}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{61.72 \times 10^{-30}}{0.316}$$

$$a = 4.645 \text{ Å} \approx 5.778 \text{ Å}$$

Q.2) Identify the Crystal structure if its density is  $9.6 \times 10^2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Lattice constant is  $4.3 \text{ Å}$  and atomic weight is 23.

Ans →  $\rho = 9.6 \times 10^2 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 9.6 \times 10^2 \times 10^3 \text{ g/cm}^3$

$$M = 23$$

$$\rho = \frac{nM}{N_A a^3}$$

$$9.6 \times 10^5 = \frac{n \times 23}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (4.3 \times 10^{-10})^3}$$

$$n = \frac{9.6 \times 10^5 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (4.3 \times 10^{-10})^3}{23}$$

$$n = 1.999$$

$$n = 2$$

∴ Crystal structure is Bcc.

Q.3) Potassium bromide has FCC crystal structure with lattice constant  $6.6 \text{ \AA}$ . If its molecular weight is 119, calculate its density.

Ans →  $a = 6.6 \text{ \AA} = 6.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

$$M = 119$$

$$n = 4$$

$$\rho = ?$$

$$\rho = \frac{nM}{N_A a^3}$$

$$\rho = \frac{4 \times 119}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (6.6 \times 10^{-10})^3}$$

$$\rho = 2.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

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Q.4) An elemental crystal has a density of  $8570 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and packing fraction 0.68. Determine the mass of the atom, nearest neighbor distance is  $2.86 \text{ \AA}$ .

Ans  $\rightarrow \rho = 8570 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 8570 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g/cm}^3$

$$\rho = \frac{n \cdot M}{N_A a^3}$$

$$8570 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{n \times M}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times a^3}$$

Packing fraction is 0.68, thus the given crystal is in BCC structure

$$n = 2$$

$$\text{Neighbour distance} = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$2.86 \times 10^{-8} = \frac{a \times \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$2 \times 2.86 \times 10^{-8} = a$$

$$\sqrt{3}$$

$$3.30 \times 10^{-8} = a$$

$$\rho = 8570 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{2 \times M}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (3.3 \times 10^{-8})^3}$$

$$\frac{8570 \times 10^{-3} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (3.3 \times 10^{-8})^3}{2} = M$$

$$92.75 = M$$

Q.5) Lithium crystallizes in BCC structure. Calculate the lattice constant, given that the atomic weight and density for Li are 6.94 and  $530 \text{ kg/m}^3$  respectively.

Ans → Given → BCC  $n = 2$   
 $M = 6.94$   
 $\rho = 530 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 0.53 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Solution →

$$\rho = \frac{nM}{a^3 N}$$

$$0.53 = \frac{2 \times 6.94}{a^3 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{2 \times 6.94}{0.53 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = 43.48 \times 10^{-24}$$

$$a = 3.5 \text{ \AA}$$

Q.6) Silicon has same structure as that of diamond. If its density is  $2.33 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and atomic weight is 28.9. Calculate the lattice constant and the atomic radius of Silicon.

Ans →  $\rho = 2.33 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$A = 28.9$$

$$n = 8$$



Ans →

$$\rho = \frac{nM}{N_A a^3}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{nM}{N_A \rho} = \frac{8 \times 28.9}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 2.33 \times 10^3}$$

$$a^3 = 16.4747 \times 10^{-26}$$

$$a = 5.482 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Atomic radius of Silicon} = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{8} = 5.482 \times 10^{-9} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

$$r = 1.1864 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$

Q.7) Diamond structure has its cube edge  $3.75 \text{ \AA}$  and atomic weight 12.01, calculate its density.

Ans → Given:  $a = 3.75 \text{ \AA} = 3.75 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

$$A = 12.01$$

$$\rho = ?$$

$$\rho = \frac{nM}{N_A a^3}$$

$$\rho = \frac{8 \times 12.01}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (3.75 \times 10^{-10})^3}$$

$$\rho = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g/m}^3$$

$$\rho = 3 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

Q.8) A crystal plane makes intercept at a length  $a$ ,  $2b$ ,  $-\frac{3}{2}c$ . Find the miller indices of the planes.

Ans → Given → Intercepts =  $a, 2b, -\frac{3}{2}c$

Solution :-

$$\text{let } A = \left[ a, 2b, -\frac{3}{2}c \right]$$

$$\text{Reciprocal of } A = \left[ \frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{2b}, -\frac{2}{3c} \right]$$

by taking LCM,

$$\text{considering } a=b=c=-1$$

$$A = [6, -3, -4]$$

Hence Miller Indices =  $(6, -3, -4)$

Q.9) A certain crystal has lattice constant of  $4.24 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $10 \text{ \AA}$  and  $3.66 \text{ \AA}$  on  $x, y, z$  axis respectively. Determine the miller indices of the lattice planes having intercepts of

(i)  $2.12 \text{ \AA}, 10 \text{ \AA}, 1.83 \text{ \AA}$

Ans → let  $A$  be the intercepts

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2.12 & 10 & 3.66 \\ 4.24 & 10 & 1.83 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2} \right]$$



taking reciprocal

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ Miller Indices  $\equiv (2 \ 1 \ 2)$ 

$$(ii) \ 4.24 \text{ \AA}^0, \infty, 1.22 \text{ \AA}^0$$

$$\text{let } B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4.24}{4.24} & \frac{\infty}{10} & \frac{1.22}{3.66} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{\infty}{10} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Taking reciprocal

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{10}{\infty} & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ Miller indices  $\equiv (1, 0, 3)$ 

Q.10) If the x-rays of Wavelength  $1.549 \text{ \AA}^0$  will be reflected from a crystal with interplanar spacing  $4.255 \text{ \AA}^0$ . Calculate the smallest glancing angle and the highest Order of reflection that can be observed.

Ans → Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) =  $1.549 \text{ \AA}^0 = 1.549 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$   
 Interplanar spacing =  $4.255 \text{ \AA}^0 = 4.255 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

by Bragg's law,

$$n = 1$$

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{n\lambda}{2d} = \frac{1 \times 1.549 \times 10^{-10}}{2 \times 4.225 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$\sin\theta = 0.183$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(0.183)$$

$$\theta = 10.544^\circ$$

for highest,  $\sin\theta = 1$

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$$

$$n = \frac{2d \sin\theta}{\lambda}$$

$$n = \frac{2 \times 4.255 \times 10^{-10} \times 1}{1.549 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$n = 5.49$$

$$\text{i.e. } n = 5$$

∴ highest order is 5

Q.11) An x-ray beam of wavelength  $0.71 \text{ \AA}$  is diffracted by a FCC crystal of density  $1.99 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Calculate the interplanar spacing for  $[200]$  planes and the glancing angle for the 2nd order reflection from these planes if the molecular weight of the crystal is 74.6

Ans → Wave length ( $\lambda$ ) =  $0.71 \text{ \AA} = 0.71 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

no. of atomic unit = 4 (fcc crystal)

Density ( $\rho$ ) =  $1.99 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$



$$a^3 = \frac{nM}{Nf}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{4 \times 74.6}{6.023 \times 10^{26} \times 1.99 \times 10^3}$$

$$a^3 = 2.4896 \times 10^{-30}$$

$$a = 6.29 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a = 6.29 \text{ \AA}$$

As we know,  $d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$

$$h = 2, k = 0, l = 0$$

$$d = \frac{6.29 \times 10^{-10}}{\sqrt{2^2 + 0^2 + 0^2}}$$

$$d = 3.14 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$d = 3.14 \text{ \AA}$$

Now

for glancing angle 2<sup>nd</sup> order  
so  $n = 2$

By Bragg's law

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{n\lambda}{2d}$$

$$\sin \theta = 0.2251$$

$$\theta = 13.04^\circ$$

Q.12) In comparing the wavelengths of two monochromatic x-ray lines it is found that line A gives 1<sup>st</sup> order Bragg's maximum at a glancing angle of  $30^\circ$  to the smooth face of  $\frac{1}{2}$  crystal. Line B of known wavelength of  $0.97 \text{ \AA}$  gives 3<sup>rd</sup> order reflection maximum at a glancing angle of  $60^\circ$  with the same ~~for~~ face of crystal. Find the wavelength of line A.

Ans → for line A

$$n_1 = 1$$

$$\theta_1 = 30^\circ$$

for line B

$$n_2 = 3$$

$$\theta_2 = 60^\circ$$

$$2d \sin \theta_1 = n_1 \lambda_1 \dots (i)$$

$$2d \sin \theta_2 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots (ii)$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \times \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} \times \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0.97 \times 10^{-10} \times \frac{\sin 30}{\sin 60} \times \frac{3}{1}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.68 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.68 \text{ \AA}$$