

PH401: Introduction to Nanomaterials

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Question 1

Write a computer program to deduce the total number of atoms and surface atoms for different shells of cuboctahedral/spherical shape. Plot % of atoms in bulk/surface versus particle size. The user should get ideas to generate the thickness or size of nanoparticles for a particular application (optical/electrical/magnetic/strength).

How to run locally

Download the repository and move to that directory. Run the following commands:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
streamlit run index.py
```

Then visit the local url that shows in command prompt and voila!

Implementation

Inputs

- Shape (Cuboctahedral/Spherical)
- Application (Optical/Electrical/Magnetic/Strength/None)
- Range of size of nanoparticle (default: 1-50 nm): Depends on user choice of application

Output

- Table with deduced values of bulk and surface atoms for each particular layer
- Graph that plots the surface atom % and bulk atom % w.r.t. particle sizes
- Graph that shows relation between bulk/surface atom ratio w.r.t. particle sizes

Code

The code uses the following formulae:

1. Total Number of atoms in Cuboctahedral shape = $(10k^3 + 15k^2 + 11k + 3)/3$
2. Number of atoms on the surface of Cuboctahedral shape = $(10k^2 + 2)$
3. Total Number of atoms in Spherical shape = $(10k^3 - 15k^2 + 11k - 3)/3$
4. Number of atoms on the surface of Spherical shape = $(10k^2 - 20k + 12)$

where k is the size of nanoparticle here

After the user gives the inputs, the application will apply the appropriate formulae to calculate surface atoms, bulk atoms and total atoms. First 5 rows of the dataset are then displayed in a table for the viewer.

Then we calculate the **% of surface atoms and bulk atoms** for the **specified shape** . These percentages are plotted **for all particle sizes in the size range specified**. Another graph for ratio between these atoms is also plotted.

Outputs

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Nanoparticle Characteristics

Select nanoparticle shape:

☐ Cuboctahedral

☒ Spherical

Spherical

Select an application:

Magnetic

Magnetic

Specify size limits for nanoparticle: (in nm)

1

50

150

	Particle Size	Bulk Atoms	Surface Atoms	Total Atoms
0	1	-1	2	1
1	2	1	12	13
2	3	13	42	55
3	4	55	92	147

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4	5	147	162	309

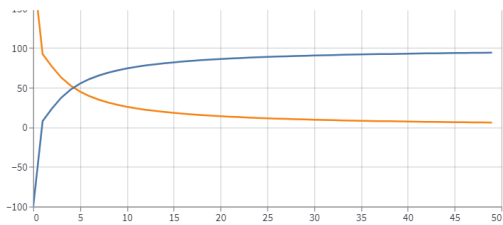
Visualize Data

% of Bulk and Surface Atoms vs. Particle Size

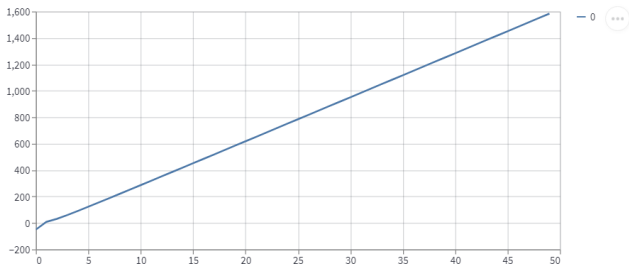
Bulk Atoms

Surface Atoms

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Ratio of Bulk/Surface Atoms vs. Particle Size



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