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B3: VI. CONDENSED-MATTER PHYSICS

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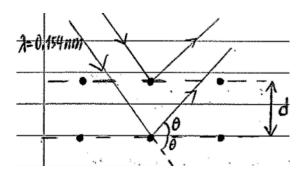
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1. (DRAFT)

(a) For EM wave to interact with a nucleus, it must possess wavelength of \sim fm range, this corresponds to gamma rays and therefore X-rays do not interact with it well. X-rays are therefore only affected by the bound e^- in an atom.



Bragg's Law:

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

Total diffraction angle: 2θ

For cubic lattice,

$$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 + k^2 + l^2 = \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^2$$

2θ (°)	d (nm)	$\frac{d_0}{d} \to \left(\frac{d_0}{d}\right)^2$	$h^2 + k^2 + l^2$	a (nm)
27.4	$0.325 = d_0$	$1 \rightarrow 1$	$3 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$	0.563
31.7	0.282	$1.15 \rightarrow 1.33$	$4 = 2^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$	0.564
45.4	0.200	$1.63 \rightarrow 2.65$	$8 = 2^2 + 2^2 + 0^2$	0.566
53.8	0.170	$1.91 \rightarrow 3.65$	$11 = 3^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$	0.564

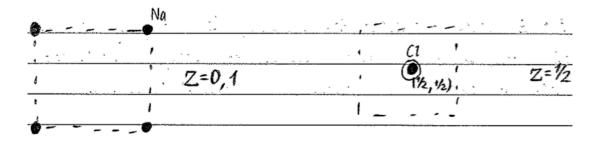
Since h, k, l all have the same parity, NaCl is an FCC crystal in this condition.

Lattice constant:

$$a = \sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}d$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (0.563 + 0.564 + 0.566 + 0.564)$$

$$= 0.564 \text{ (nm)}$$



(b) Scattering amplitude now becomes:

$$S_{(hkl)} = f_{\text{Na}} + f_{\text{Cl}}e^{i\pi(h+k+l)}$$

Since $f_{\text{Na}} \neq f_{\text{Cl}}$, and the fact that NaCl is now a simple cubic lattice means that any h, k, l constitute a diffraction peak.

Minimum diffraction angle should then correlates to the {100} family:

$$a = d_0 = \frac{\lambda}{2\sin\theta} = 0.300 \,\mathrm{nm}$$

Next ring should be due to the $\{110\}$ family:

$$\begin{split} d_{\{110\}} &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2}} = 0.212\,\mathrm{nm} \\ \Rightarrow \sin\frac{1}{2}\theta_{\{110\}} &= \frac{\lambda}{2d_{\{110\}}} \\ &= 0.362 \\ \Rightarrow \theta_{\{110\}} &= 42.5^\circ \end{split}$$

Ratio of intensity:

$$\frac{I_{\{110\}}}{I_{\{100\}}} = \frac{M_{\{110\}}}{M_{\{100\}}} \left| \frac{S_{\{110\}}}{S_{\{100\}}} \right|^2$$

where $M_{\{110\}}=12$ and $M_{\{100\}}=6$ are multiplicities associated with the corresponding family.

Since $f_i \propto Z_i$ for atom i, we write:

$$f_{\text{Na}} = 11f$$
 $f_{\text{Cl}} = 17f$

with constant of proportionality f.

Structure factors read:

$$\begin{split} S_{\{110\}} &= 11f + 17fe^{i2\pi} = 28f \\ S_{\{100\}} &= 11f + 17fe^{i\pi} = -6f \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{I_{\{110\}}}{I_{\{100\}}} &= \frac{12}{6} \left| \frac{28}{-6} \right|^2 \\ &= 43.56 \end{aligned}$$

Ratio of volume =
$$\left(\frac{a_{80\,\text{GPa}}}{a_{\text{STP}}}\right)^3$$
 = $\left(\frac{0.300}{0.564}\right)^3 = 0.150$

2. (DRAFT)

- (a) Debye model:
 - Atoms behave like a harmonic oscillator independent to its immediate neighbours.
 - The oscillation is quantised such that the quantisation (phonons) obeys the Bose-Einstein statistics.
 - Linear phonon dispersion $\omega = vk$.

von Karman boundary condition:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \to \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{k}$$

Total energy:

$$E = 3 \cdot \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^\infty 4\pi k^2 \cdot \hbar\omega \cdot \left(n_{\rm B} + \frac{1}{2}\right) dk \quad \text{where } n_{\rm B} = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$$
$$= \frac{3V}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{v} \left(\frac{\omega}{v}\right)^2 \hbar\omega \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1} d\omega$$

Make substitution $x = \beta \hbar \omega \Rightarrow dx = \beta \hbar d\omega$:

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{3V}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\beta \hbar v} \frac{\hbar}{v^2} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{\beta \hbar}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{e^x - 1} dx$$
$$= \frac{3V}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta^4 v^3 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} dx$$

Hence heat capacity:

$$C = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T}$$

$$= \frac{6V k_{\rm B}^4 T^3}{v^3 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} \, \mathrm{d}x$$