

X-Ray Diffraction: Determining the distance between planes of atoms

X-rays and atoms

Orders of diffraction

Bragg's Law

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

Using X-Ray Diffraction: Bragg's Law

Platinum metal crystallizes in a **face-centered** cubic lattice with one atom per lattice point. Monochromatic X-radiation from a **Mo** target has a wavelength of **71.07 pm**. If this radiation is used in a diffraction experiment with a **platinum** crystal, a **second order** diffracted beam is observed at a theta value of **10.43°**. If the spacing between these planes corresponds to the unit cell length ($d = a$), what is the d-spacing between the planes that gave rise to this reflection?

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

? 10.43° 2 71.07 pm

$$d = \frac{n \lambda}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{2(71.07 \text{ pm})}{2(0.181)} = 393 \text{ pm}$$

1st exam
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2nd exam

