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Problem 47.35 (RHK)

Monochromatic x rays are incident on a set of NaCl crystal whose interplanar spacing is 39.8 pm. When the beam is rotated 51.3° from the normal, first-order Bragg reflection is observed. We have to find the wavelength of the x rays.

Solution:

It is given that the Bragg reflection occurs when the beam is incident at an angle of 51.3° from the normal to the crystal planes. Therefore, the Bragg angle will be

$$\theta = 90^\circ - 51.3^\circ = 38.7^\circ.$$

For the first order Bragg reflection, we have the equation

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

where d is the interplanar spacing. For the NaCl crystal $d = 39.8$ pm.

Therefore,

$$\lambda = 2 \times 39.8 \times \sin 38.7^\circ \text{ pm} = 49.76 \text{ pm}.$$