

Answer on Question #71684, Chemistry / General Chemistry

X rays from a copper X-ray tube ($\lambda = 154 \text{ pm}$) were diffracted at an angle of 14.20 degrees by a crystal. Assuming first-order diffraction ($n = 1$ in the Bragg equation), what is the interplanar spacing in this crystal?

Solution

Bragg's law says:

$2d\sin\theta = n\lambda$, where d is interplanar spacing

$$d = \frac{n\lambda}{2\sin\theta} = \frac{154}{2 \times 0,245} = \mathbf{314 \text{ pm}}$$

Answer

The interplanar spacing in this crystal is **314 pm**.