

# The effect of changing the nano size on the absorption coefficient and the energy gap of crushed NaCl samples

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**ABSTRACT**

Nanoscience represents one of the most powerful tools for controlling and changing the physical properties of matter. In this work, eight NaCl samples were prepared and crushed into different micro sizes. Their nano sizes were examined using an X-ray diffraction technique. The examination showed that the nano crystal size increases upon increasing the micro crunch size. The ultra violet-visible spectrometer results indicate that the absorption coefficient increases and the energy gap decreases when the crystal nano size and the crush size increase .

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**Introduction**

Electromagnetic waves play an important role in our life. They are widely used in telecommunications and internet networks. Electromagnetic waves are widely used in a wide variety of applications in medicine and industry. This requires studying

their physical properties and their interactions with matter. These include the phenomena of absorption, reflection, and transmission that takes place for the passage of light through a transparent medium [1,2,3].

Light that is transmitted into the transparent materials experiences a decrease in velocity, and, as a result, is bent at the interface; this phenomenon is termed refraction [4,5,6].

When light radiation passes from one medium into another having a different index of refraction, some of the light is scattered at the interface between the two media, even if both are transparent [7,8,9].

The scattering process takes place when the incident electromagnetic beam enters bulk matter. In this case, photons collide with atoms and change their direction and energy. The scattering process leads to energy gain by the medium. This energy can be converted into heat energy or can excite atoms [10,11,12]. The control of these physical properties is very difficult within the framework of conventional technology. But unfortunately the so called nano

technology opens a new horizon in controlling easily the physical properties of matter. Nano materials are materials in the form of very small, tiny isolated particles having dimensions in the range of a nanometer up to 300 nanometers. These particles obey quantum laws, and their physical properties can be changed easily by changing their nano shape, size structure, and concentration.

As the size of a material reduces to nanometer-scale dimensions, the material in general becomes superior to its bulk counterpart for many applications owing to its higher surface-to-volume ratio, size-dependent properties, and its potential for downscaling of device size [13,14,15].

Among different elements, carbon, placed in group 14 (IV A), has become one of the most important elements in the periodic table owing to its ability to form sp<sup>3</sup>, sp<sup>2</sup>, and sp hybrids, which result in 3D (diamond and graphite), 2D (graphene), 1D [carbon nanotube (CNT)], and 0D (Fullerene) materials with a wide variety of physical and chemical properties [16,17].

Nanotechnology is the creation of materials and devices by controlling matter at the levels of atoms, molecules, and super-molecular structures. .which means that it is the use of very small particles of materials to create new large-scale materials [18,19,20].This work is devoted to seeing how the change of the nano size changes the absorption coefficient and the optical energy gap. This is done in Section 2. Sections 3 and 4 are concerned with discussion and conclusion.

## Optical results of sodium chloride at different sizes of samples

The data of X-ray diffraction (XRD) have been analyzed by to gated crystal structure and lattice parameters of samples, the FT-IR data have been carried to investigate the chemical bonds within atoms, and the data of UV-visible used to evaluate the optical parameters. At last, optical results are calculated.

### XRD Results of Sodium Chloride (NaCl) crushed at different size

The result shows the XRD of ten samples of sodium chloride crushed at different sizes.

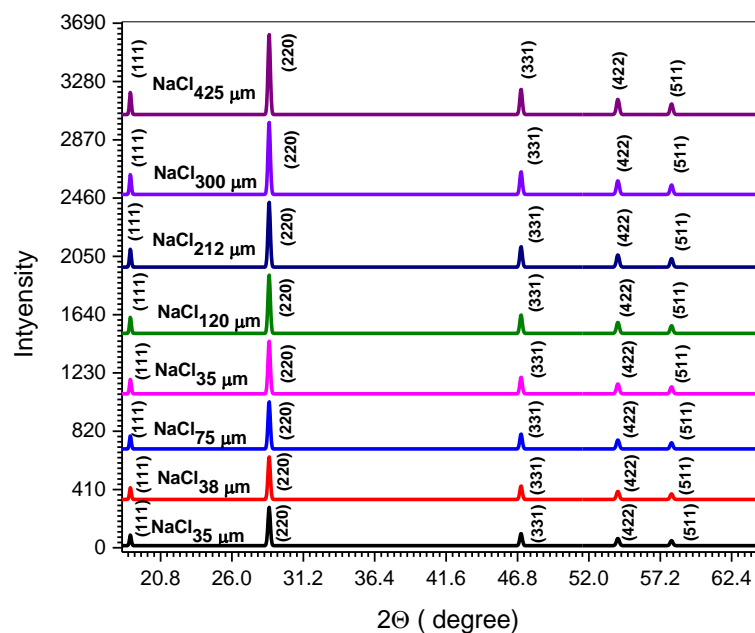


Fig (1) XRD spectrum of sodium chloridecrushed at different size

Table (1) Lattice parameters of sodium chloridecrushed at different size

XRD Data		S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8
Space Group		Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)	Fm - 3m (225)
Crystal System		cubic	cubic	Cubic	cubic	cubic	cubic	cubic	cubic
Cell Parameters 10 <sup>-10</sup> m	a	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287
	b	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287
	c	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287	8.287
Density (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> )		3.42	3.31	3.24	3.11	2.96	2.81	2.79	2.73
Volume (10 <sup>-10</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>		569.1	569.4	569.7	569.9	570.1	570.3	570.6	570.9
d (10 <sup>-10</sup> m)		2.58	2.62	2.68	2.73	2.79	2.84	2.88	2.93
Cell Angular	alpha	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
	beta	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
	gamma	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90

### FTIR Results of Sodium Chloride (NaCl) at different size

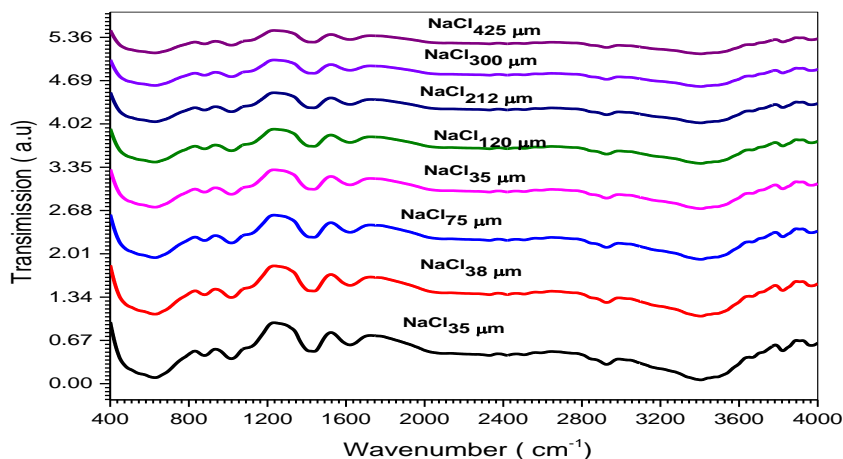


Fig (2) IR spectrum of sodium chloride crushed at different size

Table (2) Table of Characteristic IR sodium chloride crushed at different size samples

No	Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Functional Group Names	Type of Vibration
1	615	alkyl halides	C–Br stretch
2	890	aromatics	C–H “oop”
3	1112	aliphatic amines	C–N stretch
4	1426	aromatics	C–C stretch (in–ring)
5	1377	alkanes	C–H rock
6	1620	1° amines	N–H bend
7	2325	nitriles	C≡N stretch
8	2415	thiol	S–H (very weak)
9	2510	carboxylic acids	O–H stretch
10	2925	alkanes	C–H stretch
11	3400	alcohols, phenols	O–H stretch, H–bonded
12	3830	water	O–H stretch, free hydroxyl
13	3960	water	O–H stretch, free hydroxyl

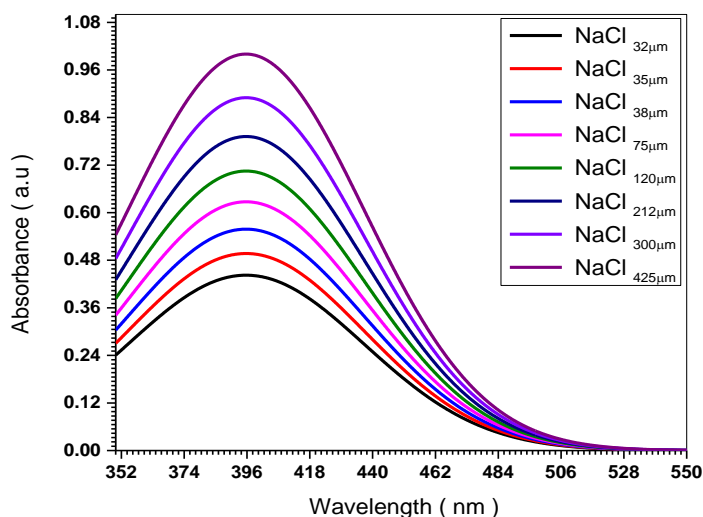


Figure (3) absorbance spectra of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples

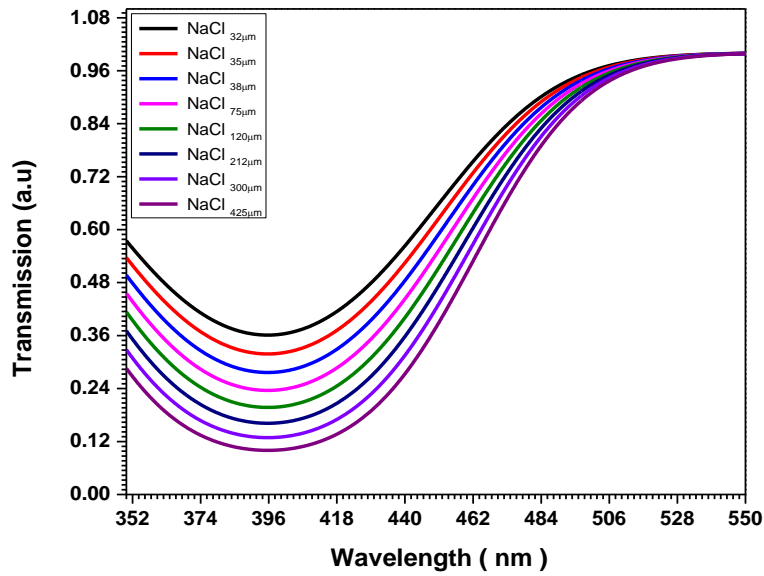


Figure (3) Transmission spectra of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples

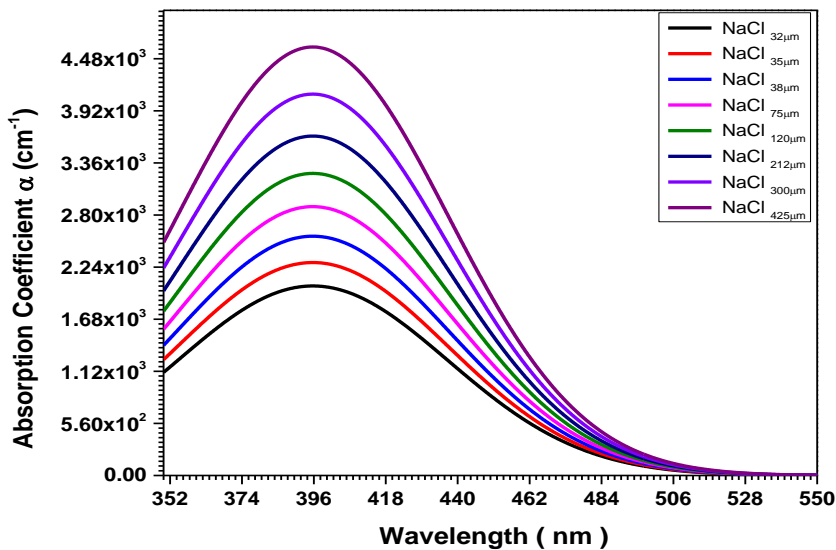


Figure (4) Absorption coefficient of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples as a function in wavelength

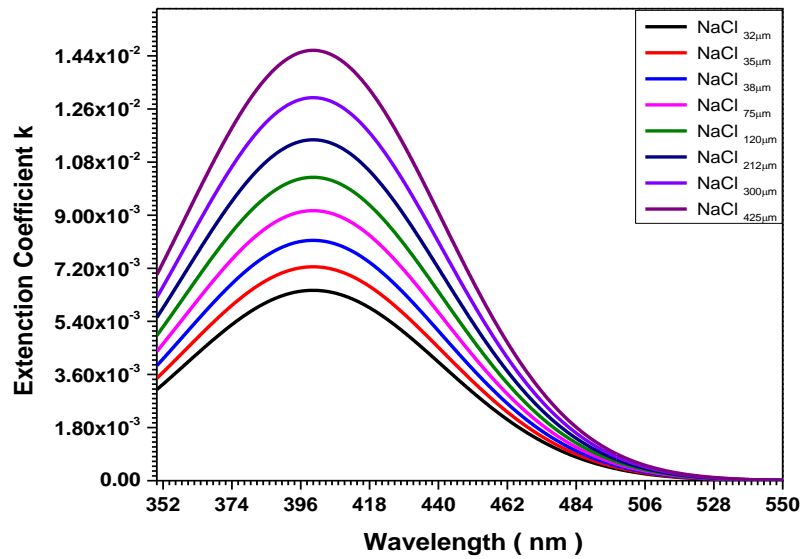


Figure (5) Extinction coefficient of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples as a function in wavelength

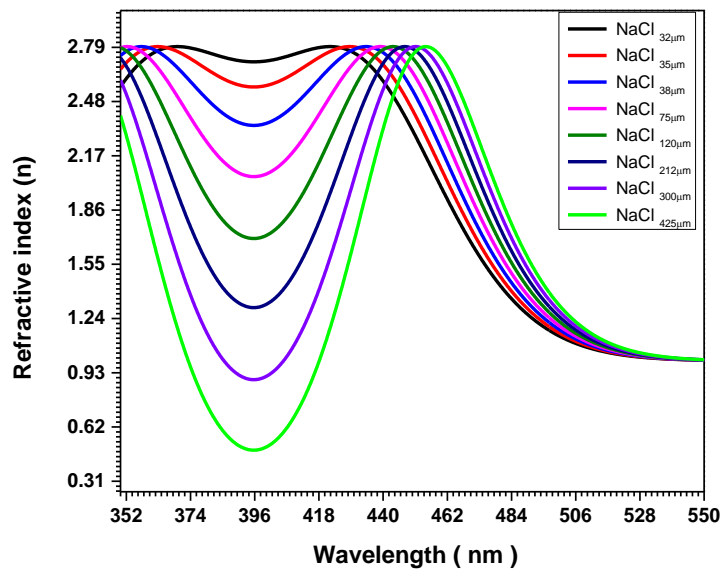
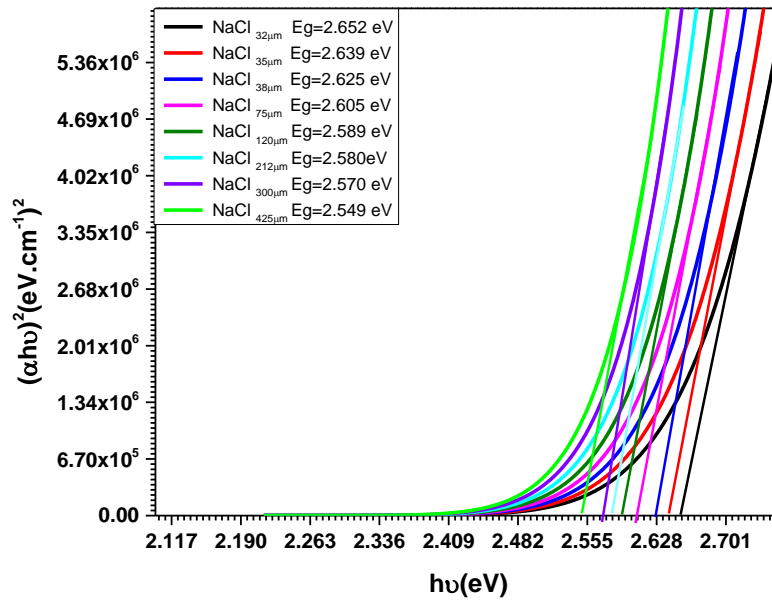


Figure (6) Refractive index of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples as a function in wavelength



Fig(7) optical energy band gap of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples

***Effect of Crushed Size on Properties of Sodium Chloride Samples***

Table (3) Structure, optical, electrical and magnetic properties of sodium chloride crushed at different size samples (all properties studied at wavelength 395 nm).

Sample	d-space 10 <sup>-10</sup> m	Density mg.cm <sup>-3</sup>	Volume (10 <sup>-10</sup> m) <sup>3</sup>	Eg eV	Refractive Index
NaCl 32µm	2.58	3.42	569.1	2.652	2.71
NaCl 35µm	2.62	3.31	569.4	2.639	2.56
NaCl 38µm	2.68	3.24	569.7	2.625	2.35
NaCl 75µm	2.73	3.11	569.9	2.605	2.05
NaCl 120µm	2.79	2.69	570.1	2.589	1.70
NaCl 212µm	2.84	2.81	570.3	2.580	1.30
NaCl 300µm	2.88	2.79	570.6	2.570	0.89
NaCl 425µm	2.93	2.73	570.9	2.549	0.48



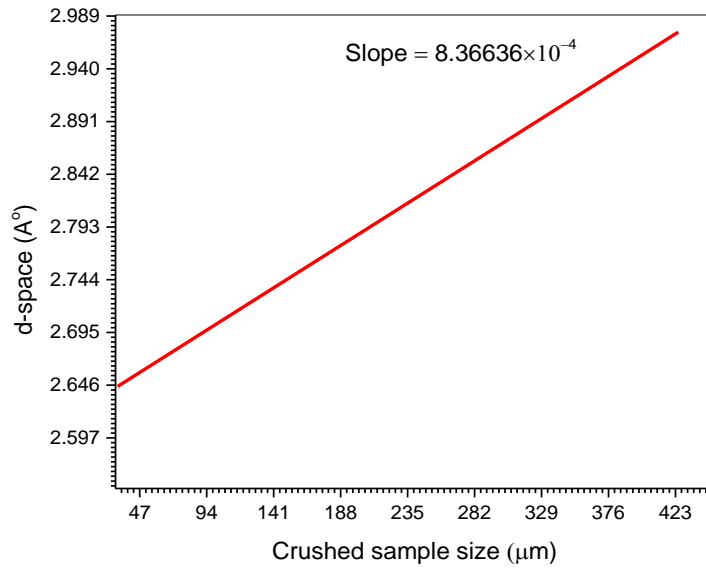


Figure (8) Relationship between crushed size of sodium chloride samples and d-space

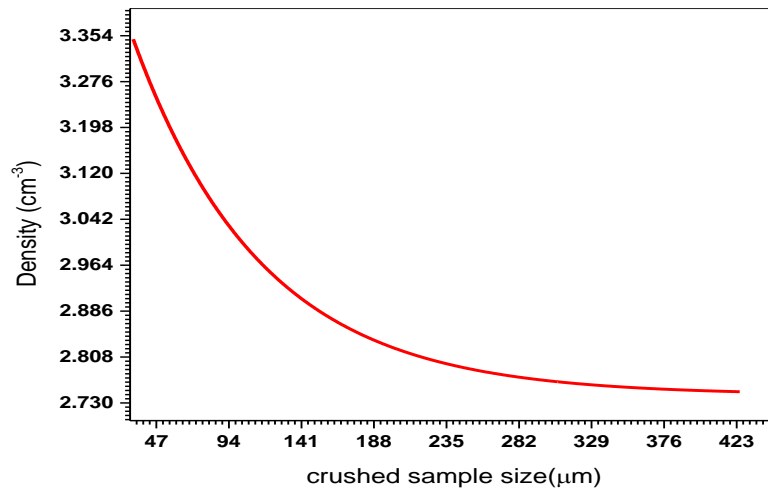


Figure (9) Relationship between crushed size of sodium chloride samples and density

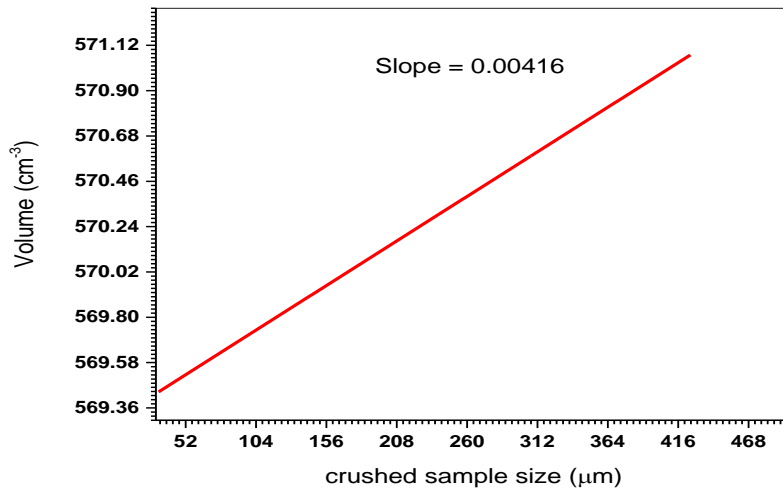


Figure (10) Relationship between crushed size of sodium chloride samples and volume

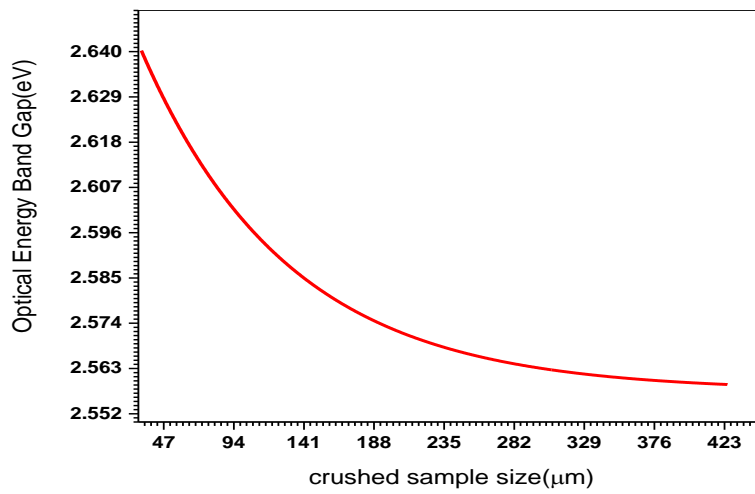


Figure (11) Relationship between crushed size of sodium chloride samples and optical energy band gap

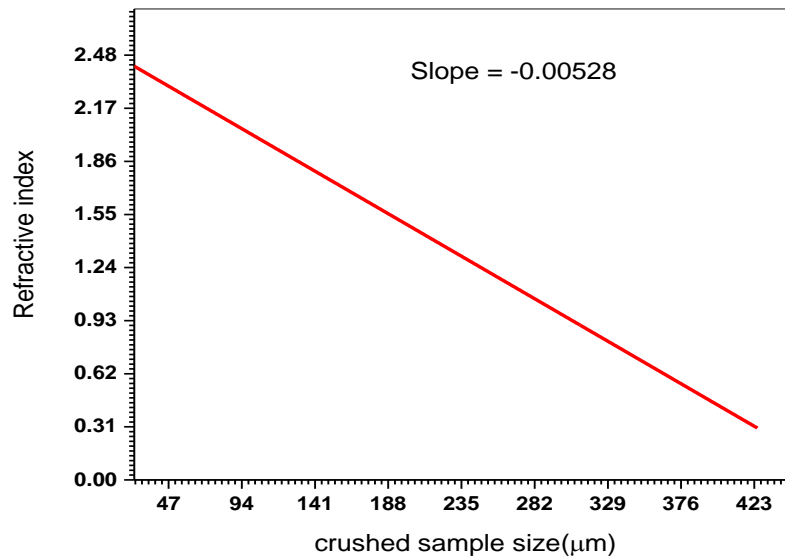


Figure (12) Relationship between crushed size of sodium chloride samples and refractive index

### Discussion

The change of some optical and electrical properties of the 8 samples of NaCl when crushed shows very interesting properties. Using a UV spectrometer, the change of absorption coefficient, refractive index, and energy gap were displayed graphically against the wavelength for different NaCl crushed sizes (32, 25, 28, 75, 120, 212, 300, and 425 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The absorption coefficient decreases when the nano and crush sizes decrease, as shown in figure (3). The refractive index in figures (6,12) decreases upon increasing the crush size in the wavelength range (352 – 462 nm), after that it increases.

The energy gaps decrease upon increasing the crush size as shown in the figures (7,11). Both crystal spacing and nanocrystal volume increase upon increasing the crush size as shown in figures (8 and 10). However, the density decreases upon increasing crush size as shown in figure (9).

### Conclusion:

The crushing of NaCl into small particles having different micro sizes shows that this causes their nano size to increase upon increasing their micro size, where each micro particle consists of aggregates of nano crystals. The absorption coefficient, crystal spacing increase upon increasing the nano and micro size. The energy gap decreases upon increasing the nano and micro sizes.

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