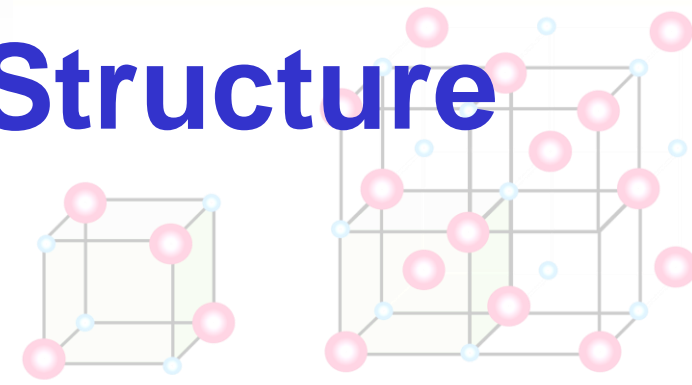




# MS31007: Materials Science

## Chapter 3 (Part-II): Crystal Structure



Unit Cell

Crystal Lattice



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# Crystal Structure : Solid State Materials

- Lattice structures of common chemical elements.  
Concept of Bravais lattice, definition and examples.  
Primitive vectors of Bravais lattice.  
Primitive/Conventional unit cell.
- Coordination number.
- Examples of common crystal structures.
  - ☐ Body-centered cubic lattice.
  - ☐ Face-centered cubic lattice.
  - ☐ Crystal systems
  - ☐ Lattice planes and Miller indices.
- Ceramic Crystal Structures
- Determination of Lattice Spacing : X-ray Diffraction



**Celestite** is a [mineral](#) consisting of [strontium sulfate](#) ( $\text{SrSO}_4$ ). [Orthorhombic](#)



Pyrite –  $\text{FeS}_2$





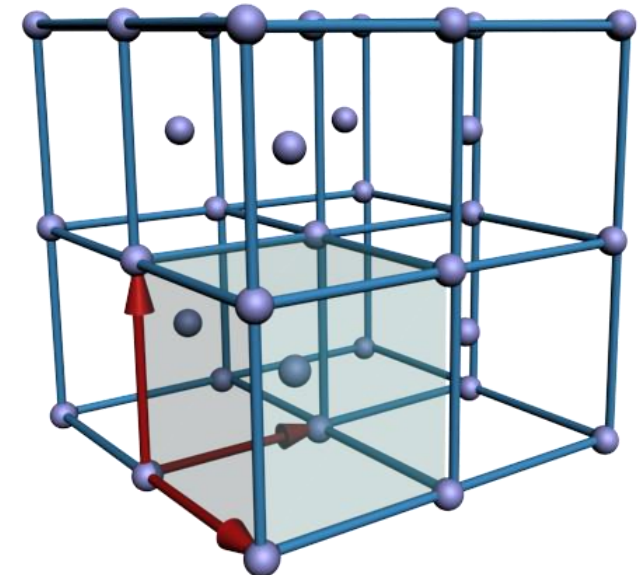
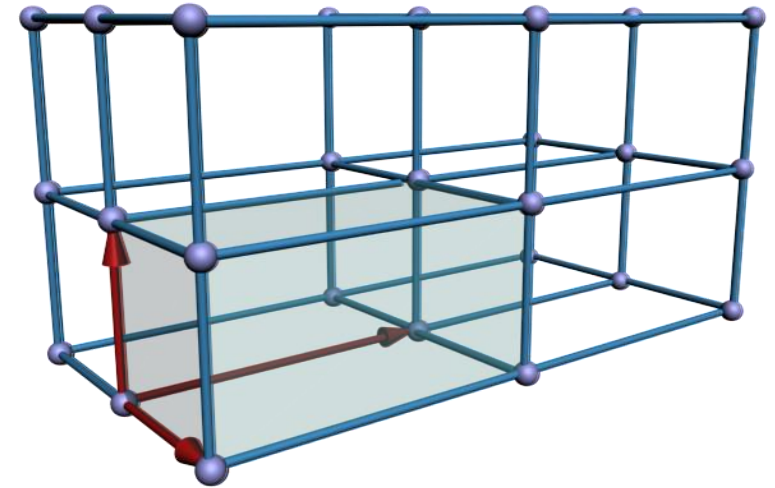
# Primitive Cell for 3D Crystals

## Standard model

- volume associated with one lattice point
- Parallelepiped with lattice points in the corner
- Each lattice point shared among 8 cells
- Number of lattice point/cell =  $8 \times 1/8 = 1$
- $V_c = |\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3)|$

## ■ Crystallographic unit cell

- larger cell used to display the symmetries of the crystal
- Primitive



Not primitive





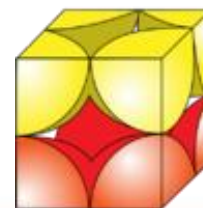
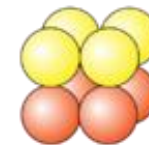
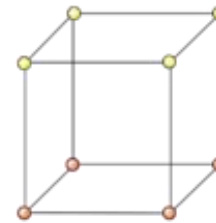
# Bravais lattices in 3D

In 3D, there are 14 Bravais lattices. These are obtained by combining one of the 7 LATTICE SYSTEM with one of the centering types.

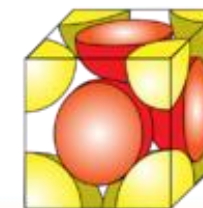
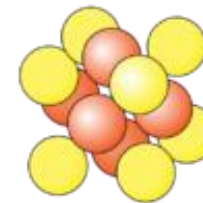
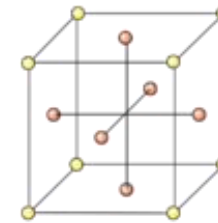
The centering types identify the locations of the lattice points in the unit cell as follows:

- **Primitive (P)**: lattice points on the cell corners only (~simple)
- **Body-centered (I)**: lattice points on the cell corners, with one additional point at the center of the cell
- **Face-centered (F)**: lattice points on the cell corners, with one additional point at the center of each of the faces of the cell
- **Base-centered** : lattice points on the cell corners with one additional point at the center of each face of one pair of parallel faces of the cell (sometimes called end-centered)

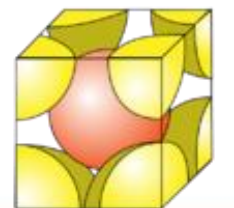
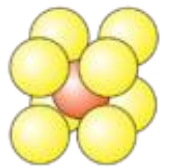
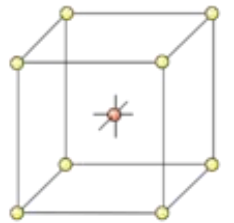
Simple Cubic



Face-centered cubic



Body-centered cubic





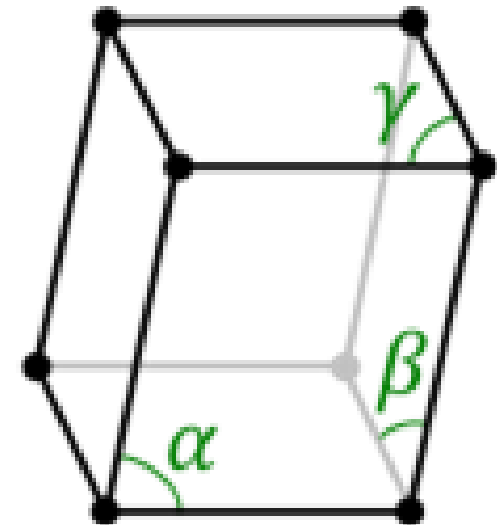
# Crystal Family: Triclinic

In the triclinic system, the [crystal](#) is described by vectors of unequal length, as in the [orthorhombic](#) system. In addition, the angles between these vectors must all be different and may not include  $90^\circ$ .

System	Number of lattices	Cell axes and angles
<b>Triclinic</b>	<b>1</b>	<b><math> a_1  \neq  a_2  \neq  a_3 </math> , <math>\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma</math></b>
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An example of the triclinic crystals, [microcline](#)





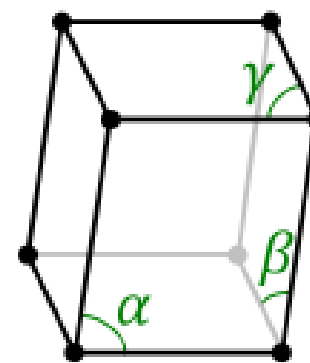
# Monoclinic crystal system

In the monoclinic system, the [crystal](#) is described by vectors of unequal lengths, as in the [orthorhombic](#) system. They form a rectangular [prism](#) with a [parallelogram](#) as its base. Hence two pairs of vectors are perpendicular, while the third pair makes an angle other than  $90^\circ$ .

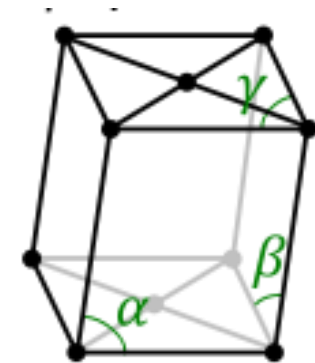
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An example of the monoclinic crystal [orthoclase](#)



**Primitive  
monoclinic**



Base centered  
monoclinic





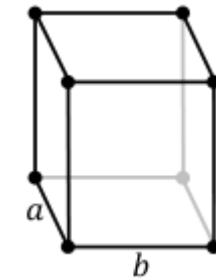
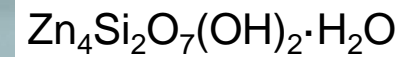
# Orthorhombic crystal system

Orthorhombic [lattices](#) result from stretching a [cubic lattice](#) along two of its orthogonal pairs by two different factors, resulting in a **rectangular prism** with a rectangular [base](#) ( $a$  by  $b$ ) and height ( $c$ ), such that  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are distinct. All three bases intersect at  $90^\circ$  angles, so the three lattice vectors remain mutually [orthogonal](#).

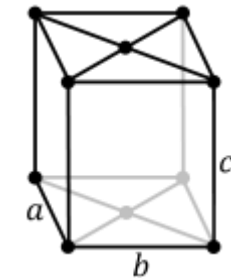
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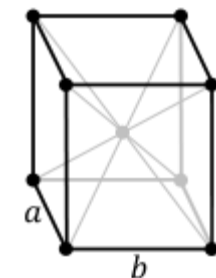
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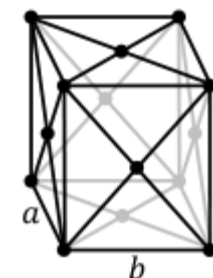
Primitive



Base centered  
orthorhombic



Body centered  
orthorhombic



Face centered  
orthorhombic



# Tetragonal crystal system

Tetragonal [crystal lattices](#) result from stretching a cubic lattice along one of its lattice vectors, so that the [cube](#) becomes a rectangular [prism](#) with a square base ( $a$  by  $a$ ) and height ( $c$ , which is different from  $a$ ).

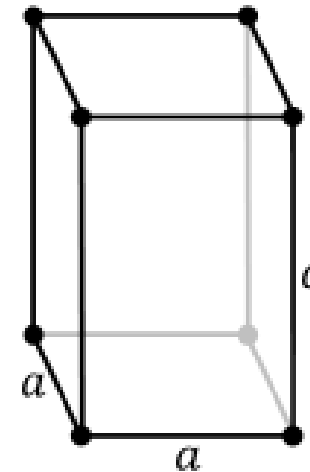
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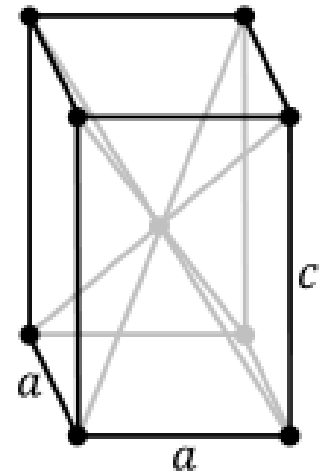
An example of the tetragonal crystals  
[wulfenite](#) [PbMoO<sub>4</sub>](#)



[Molybdate mineral](#)



Primitive tetragonal



Body centered tetragonal





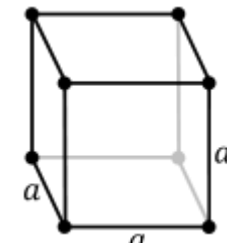
# Cubic crystal system

This is one of the most common and simplest shapes found in [crystals](#) and [minerals](#).

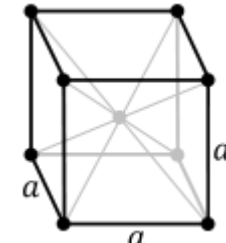
A rock containing three crystals of [pyrite](#) ( $\text{FeS}_2$ ).



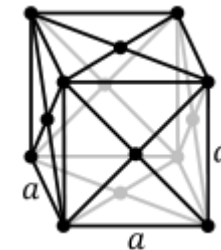
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Simple cubic **sc**



Body centered cubic **bcc**



Face centered cubic **fcc**





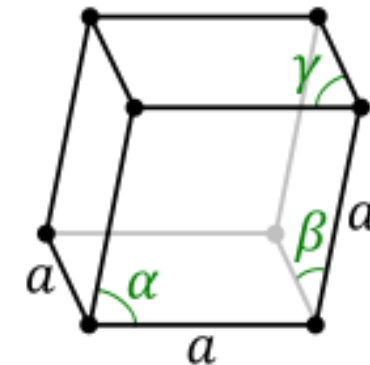
# Trigonal Crystal System

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Cubic	3	$ a_1  =  a_2  =  a_3 $ , $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
<b>Trigonal/ Rhombohedral</b>	<b>1</b>	<b><math> a_1  =  a_2  =  a_3 </math> , <math>\alpha = \beta = \gamma &lt; 120^\circ \neq 90^\circ</math></b>
Hexagonal	1	$ a_1  =  a_2  \neq  a_3 $ , $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$ $\gamma = 120^\circ$



Carbonate minerals

Dolomite (white) on [talc](#)



The **hexagonal crystal family** is one of the six [crystal families](#), which includes two crystal systems (hexagonal and **trigonal**) and two lattice systems (hexagonal and **trigonal/rhombohedral**)





# Hexagonal crystal system

Hexagonal close packed (hcp) is one of the two simple types of atomic packing with the highest density

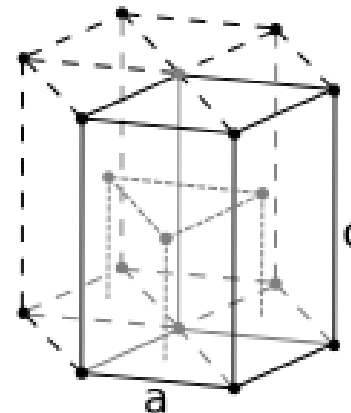
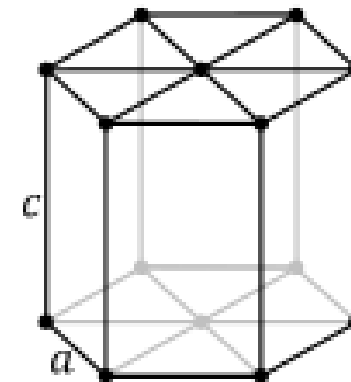
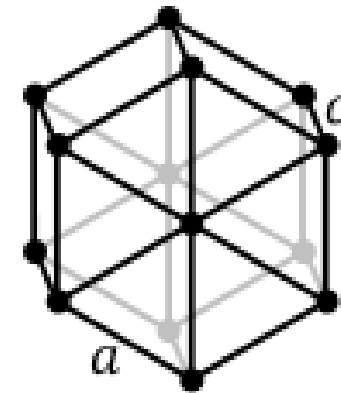
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$\alpha$ -Quartz




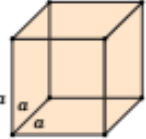

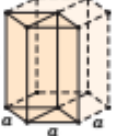

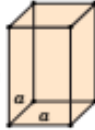



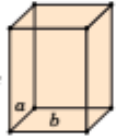

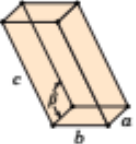

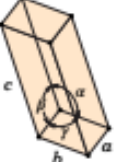
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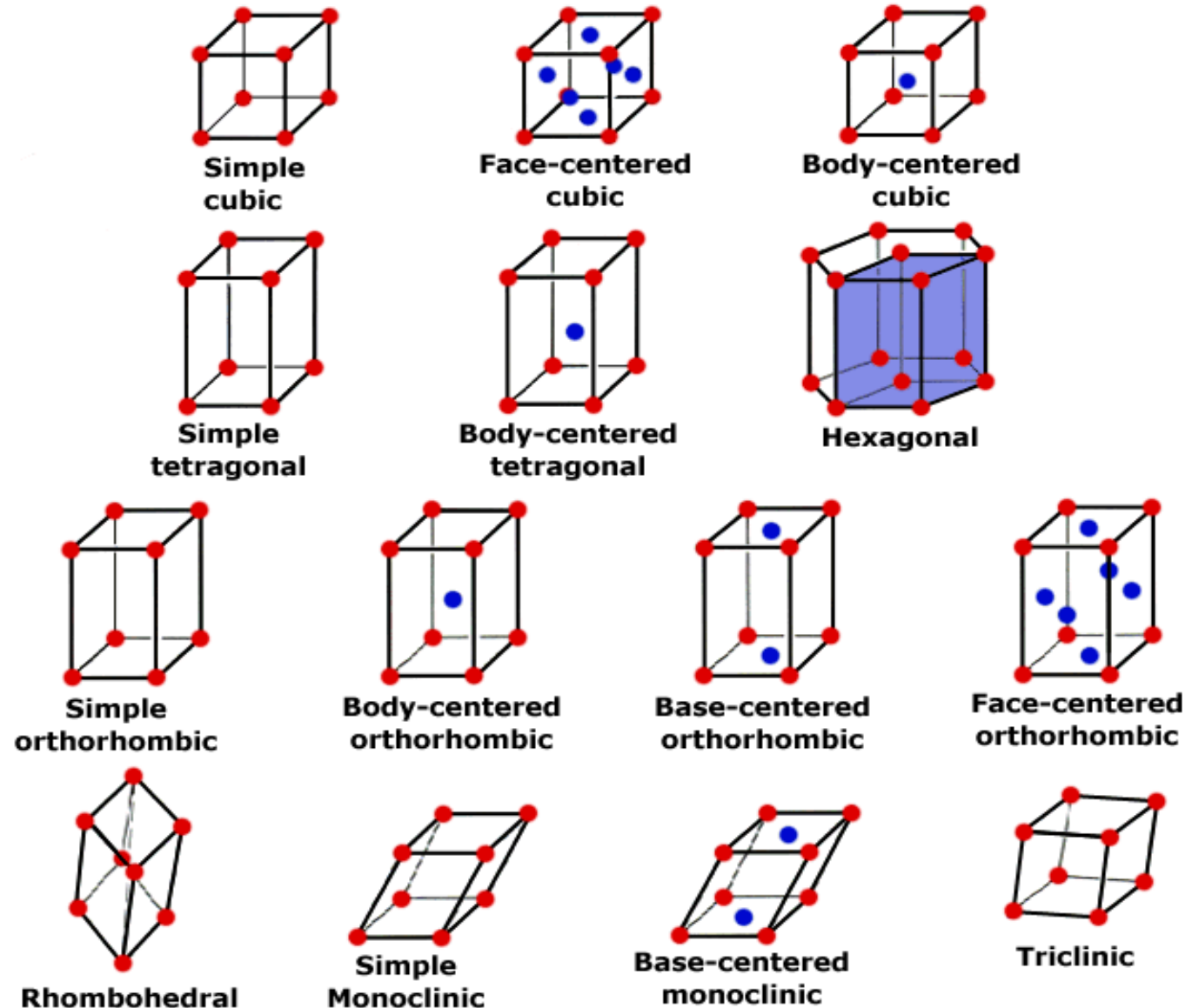




# Bravais Lattice

14 types of unit cells under seven crystal systems

Crystal System	Axial Relationships	Interaxial Angles	Unit Cell Geometry
 Cubic	$a = b = c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	
 Hexagonal	$a = b \neq c$	$\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$	
 Tetragonal	$a = b \neq c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	
 Rhombohedral (Trigonal)	$a = b = c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90^\circ$	
 Orthorhombic	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	
 Monoclinic	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ \neq \beta$	
 Triclinic	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ$	







# 14 Bravais Lattices divided into 7 Crystal Systems

	Crystal System	Shape of UC	Bravais Lattices			
			P	I	F	C
1	Cubic	Cube	✓	✓	✓	
2	Tetragonal	Square Prism (general height)	✓	✓		
3	Orthorhombic	Rectangular Prism (general height)	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Hexagonal	120° Rhombic Prism	✓			
5	Trigonal	Parallopiped (Equilateral, Equiangular)	✓			
6	Monoclinic	Parallogramic Prism	✓			✓
7	Triclinic	Parallopiped (general)	✓			

P	Primitive
I	Body Centred
F	Face Centred
C	Base- Centred

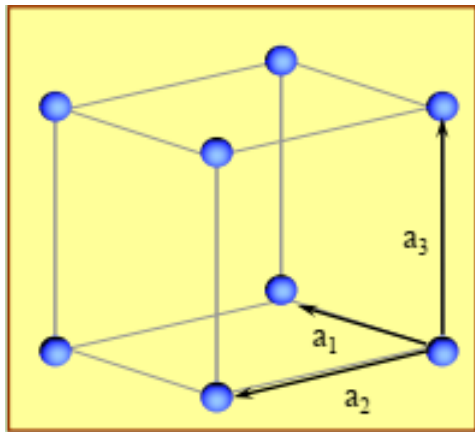




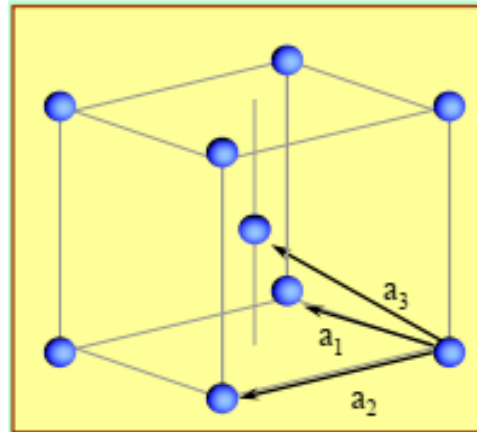
# Metallic Crystal Structures

- ❑ Metals are usually (poly)crystalline; although formation of amorphous metals is possible by rapid cooling
- ❑ The atomic bonding in metals is non-directional  $\Rightarrow$  no restriction on numbers or positions of nearest-neighbor atoms  $\Rightarrow$  large number of nearest neighbors and dense atomic packing
- ❑ **The most common types of unit cells are**
  - faced-centered cubic (FCC)
  - body-centered cubic (BCC)
  - hexagonal close-packed (HCP)

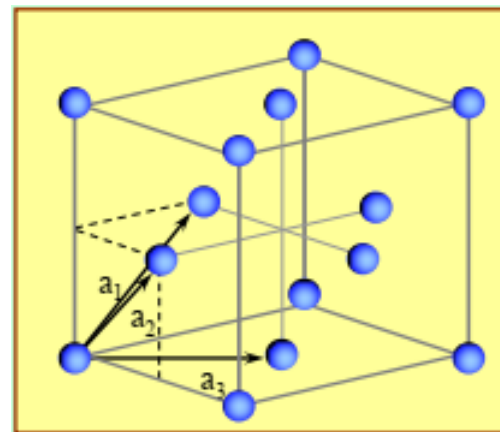
**Atomic packing factor, APF** = fraction of volume occupied by hard spheres



Simple Cubic lattice



Body-Centred Cubic lattice



Face-Centred Cubic lattice

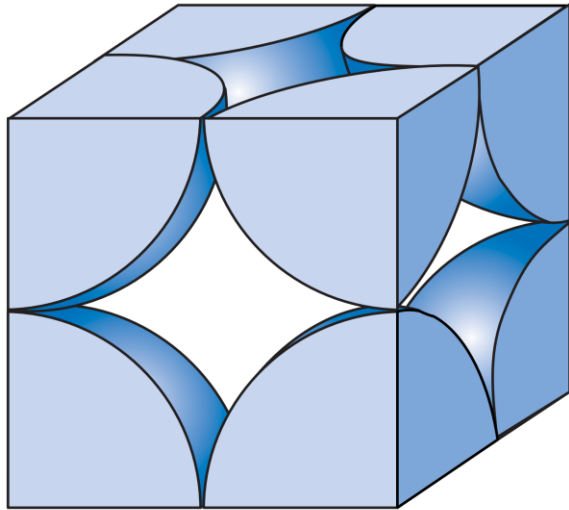
$$APF = \frac{\text{Sum of atomic volumes}}{\text{Volume of cell}}$$

**Number of Atoms per Unit Cell,  $N$ ,**

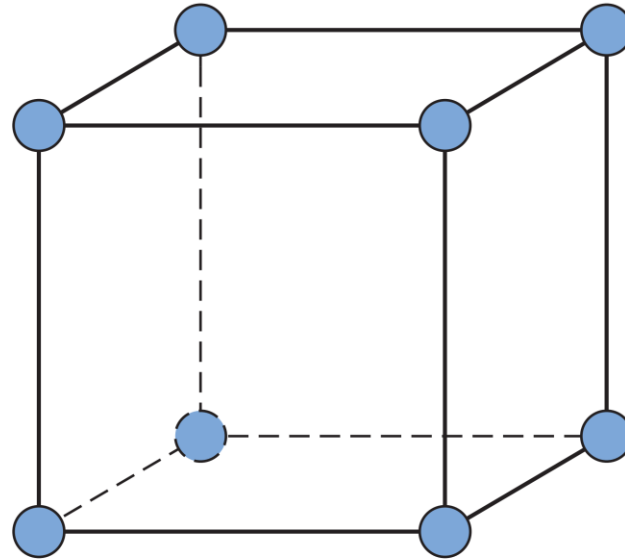
$$N = N_i + \frac{N_f}{2} + \frac{N_c}{8}$$



# Simple cubic (SC) crystal structure



(a)



(b)

For the simple cubic crystal structure, (a) a hard-sphere unit cell, and (b) a reduced-sphere unit cell.

- None of the metallic elements have this crystal structure because of its relatively low atomic packing factor.
- The **only simple-cubic element is polonium**, which is considered to be a metalloid (or semi-metal).

Number of Atoms per Unit Cell,  $N$ ,

$$N = N_i + \frac{N_f}{2} + \frac{N_c}{8} \longrightarrow N = 0 + 0 + 8/8 = 1$$

(Primitive Unit cell)

$$\text{APF} = \frac{\text{Sum of atomic volumes}}{\text{Volume of cell}}$$

$$\text{APF} = \frac{N_{\text{atoms}} V_{\text{atom}}}{V_{\text{unit cell}}} = \frac{1 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}{(2r)^3}$$

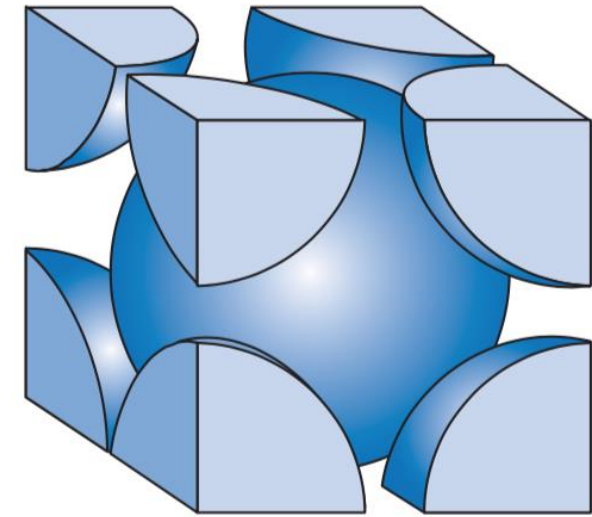
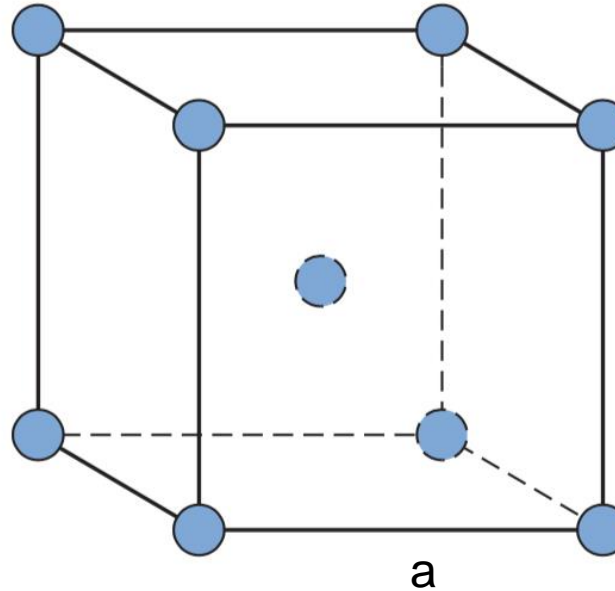
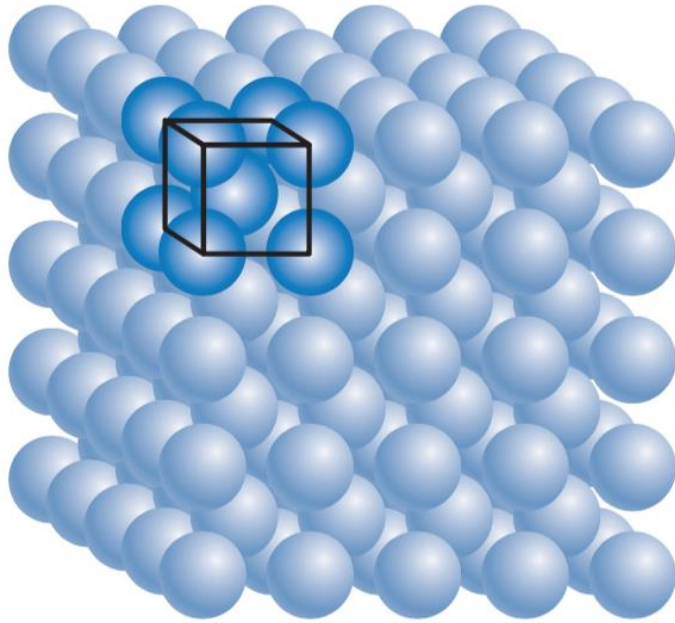
$$= \frac{\pi}{6} \approx 0.5236$$

$$\text{APF} : 0.52$$



# Body - centered cubic structure

Atom at each corner and at center of cubic unit cell : Cr,  $\alpha$ -Fe, Mo, W have this crystal structure



- The hard spheres touch one another along cube diagonal  
 $\Rightarrow$  **the cube edge length,  $a = 4R/\sqrt{3}$**
- **The coordination number, CN = 8**
- **Number of atoms per unit cell,  $n = 2$**   
Center atom (1) shared by no other cells:  $1 \times 1 = 1$   
8 corner atoms shared by eight cells:  $8 \times 1/8 = 1$
- **Atomic packing factor, APF = 0.68**

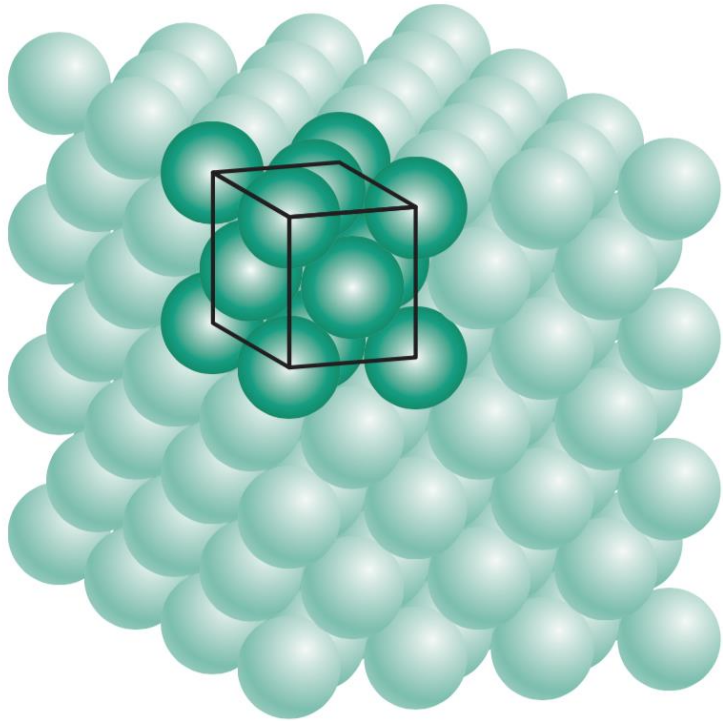
$$N = N_i + \frac{N_f}{2} + \frac{N_c}{8}$$
$$= 1 + 0 + \frac{8}{8} = 2$$



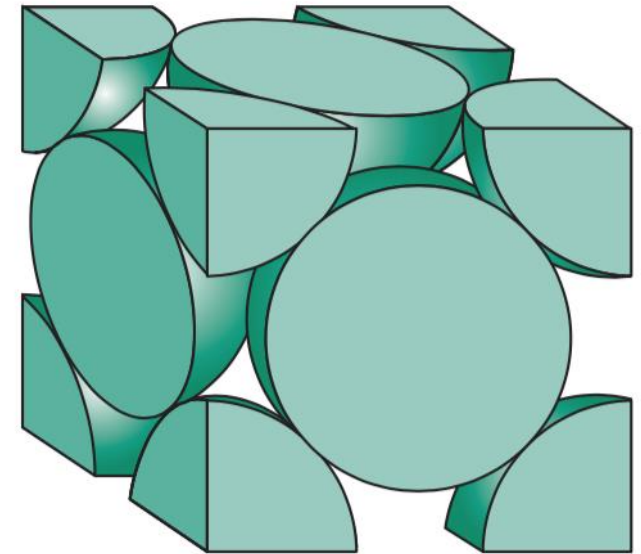
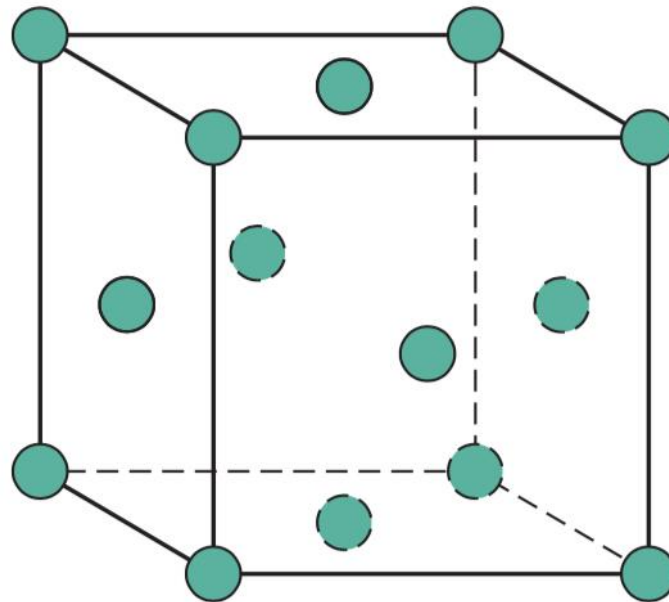


# Face - Centered Cubic (FCC) Crystal Structure

- Atoms are located at each of the corners and on the centers of all the faces of cubic unit cell
- Cu, Al, Ag, Au have this crystal structure

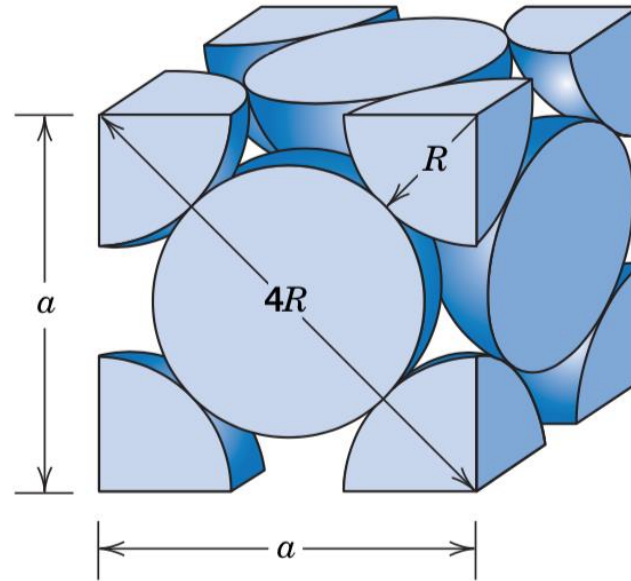
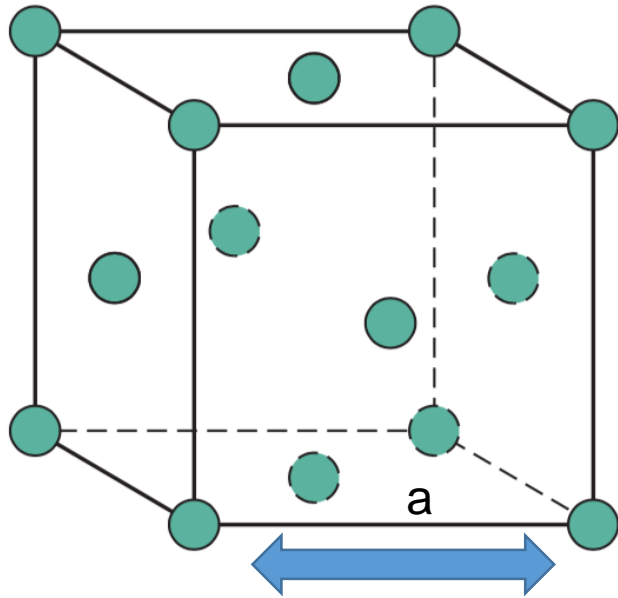


Two representations  
of the FCC unit cell





# Face - Centered Cubic (FCC) Crystal Structure



Number of Atoms per Unit Cell,  $N$ ,

$$N = N_i + \frac{N_f}{2} + \frac{N_c}{8}$$

$$N = 0 + \frac{6}{2} + \frac{8}{8} = 4$$

**Number of atoms per unit cell,  
 $N = 4$**

The hard spheres touch one another across a face diagonal  $\Rightarrow$  the cube edge length,  **$a = 2R\sqrt{2}$**

**The coordination number, CN** = the number of closest neighbors to which an atom is bonded = number of touching atoms, **CN = 12**

$$\text{APF} = \frac{\text{Sum of atomic volumes}}{\text{Volume of cell}}$$

Volume of 4 hard spheres in the unit cell:  $4 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$

Volume of the unit cell:  $a^3 = 16R^3 \sqrt{2}$

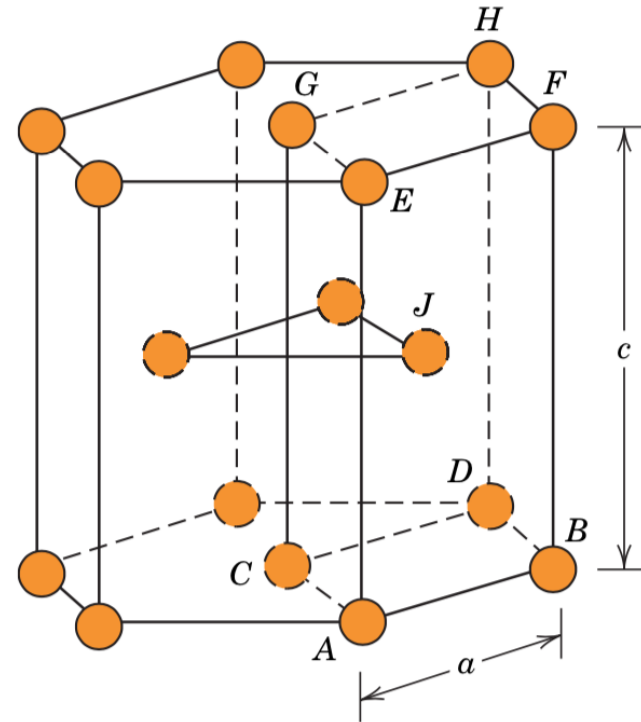
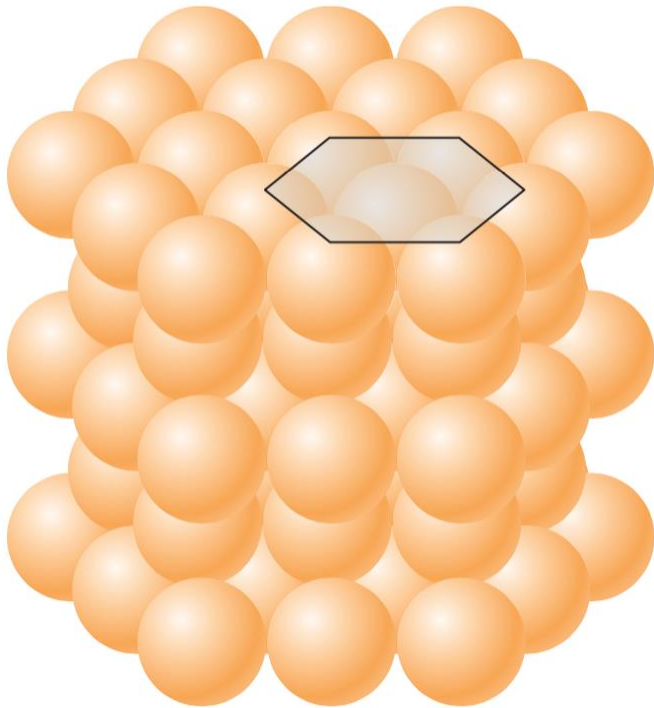
$$\text{APF} = \frac{16}{3} \pi R^3 / 16R^3 \sqrt{2} = \pi / 3\sqrt{2} = 0.74$$

maximum possible packing of hard spheres



# Hexagonal close – packed structure

- HCP is one more common structure of metallic crystals
- Six atoms form regular hexagon, surrounding one atom in center. Another plane is situated halfway up unit cell (c-axis), with 3 additional atoms situated at interstices of hexagonal (close-packed) planes
- Cd, Mg, Zn, Ti have this crystal structure



- **Number of atoms per unit cell,**  
3 mid-plane atoms shared by no other cells:  
 **$3 \times 1 = 3$**
- 12 hexagonal corner atoms shared by 6 cells:  
 **$12 \times 1/6 = 2$**
- 2 top/bottom plane center atoms shared by 2 cells:  
 **$2 \times 1/2 = 1$**

$$N = N_i + \frac{N_f}{2} + \frac{N_c}{6}$$

$$N = 3 + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{12}{6} = 6$$

**The coordination number, CN = 12 (same as in FCC)**

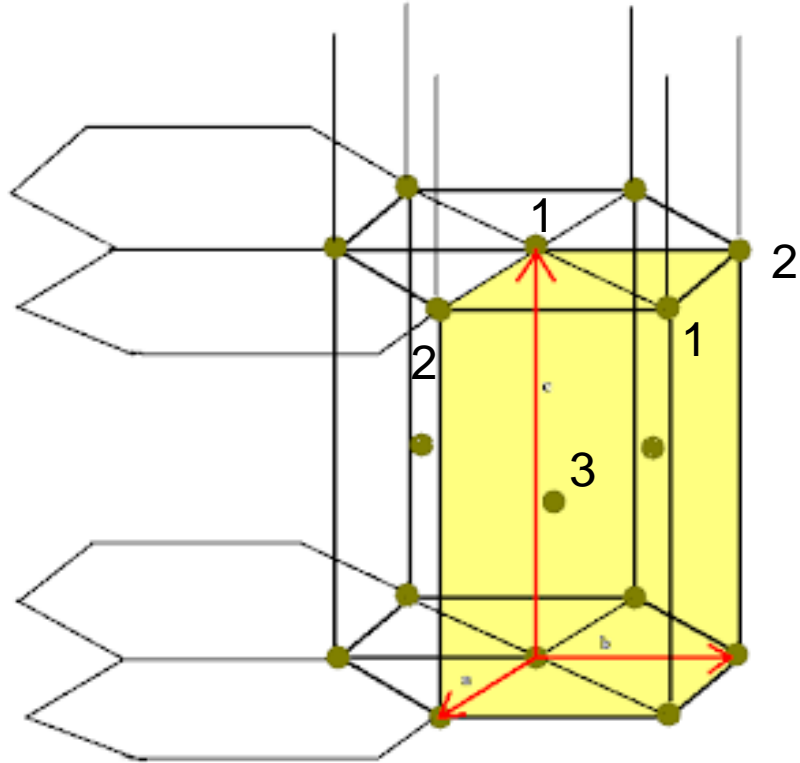
**Atomic packing factor, APF = 0.74 (same as in FCC)**





# Isolated HCP Unit Cell

The isolated HCP unit cell also called the primitive cell?



Slightly elongated along c

Slightly compressed along c

Position 1 contributes =  $1/6$

Position 2 contributes =  $1/12$

Position 3 contributes = 1

“3” centered inside the unit cell but extends beyond the boundary of the cell

$$\text{Total Atom: } 4 (1/6) + 4 (1/12) = 1$$

$$\text{Total Atom per unit cell : } 4 (1/6) + 4 (1/12) + 1 = 2$$

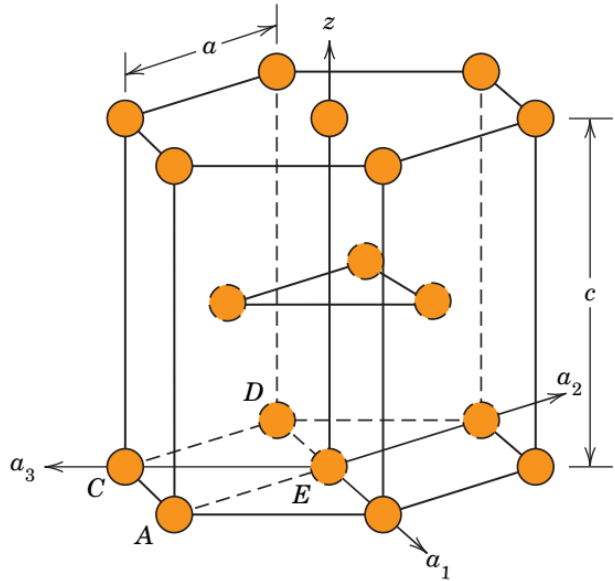
- The  $c/a$  ratio for an ideal HCP crystal structure consisting of uniform spheres packed as tightly together as possible is 1.633.

Metal	Lattice constants (nm)		Atomic radius $R$ (nm)	$c/a$ ratio	% deviation from ideality
	$a$	$c$			
Cadmium	0.2973	0.5618	0.149	1.890	+15.7
Zinc	0.2665	0.4947	0.133	1.856	+13.6
Ideal HCP				1.633	0
Magnesium	0.3209	0.5209	0.160	1.623	-0.66
Cobalt	0.2507	0.4069	0.125	1.623	-0.66
Zirconium	0.3231	0.5148	0.160	1.593	-2.45
Titanium	0.2950	0.4683	0.147	1.587	-2.81
Beryllium	0.2286	0.3584	0.113	1.568	-3.98





# Determination of HCP Unit Cell Volume



The unit cell volume is just the product of the base area times the cell height,  $c$ .

The area of  $ACDE$  is just the length of  $\overline{CD}$  times the height  $\overline{BC}$ . But  $\overline{CD}$  is just  $a$ , and  $\overline{BC}$  is equal to

$$\overline{BC} = a \cos(30^\circ) = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Thus, the base area is just

$$\text{AREA} = (3)(\overline{CD})(\overline{BC}) = (3)(a)\left(\frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{3a^2\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Again, the unit cell volume  $V_C$  is just the product of the AREA and  $c$ ; thus,

$$V_C = \text{AREA}(c) = \left(\frac{3a^2\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)(c) = \frac{3a^2c\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$a = 2R$$

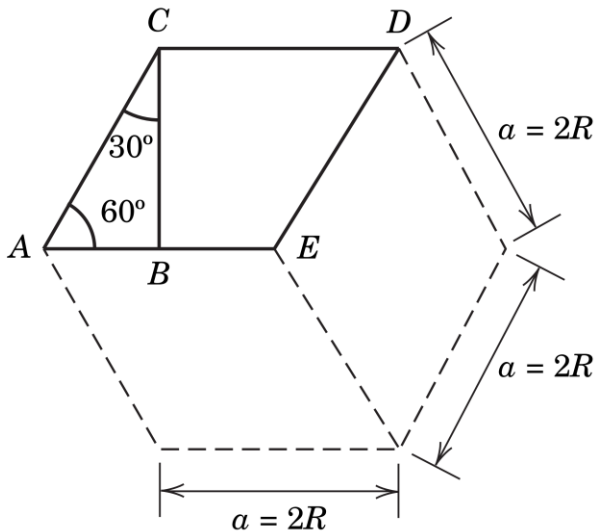
Now making this substitution for  $a$  in Equation 3.7a gives

$$V_C = \frac{3(2R)^2c\sqrt{3}}{2} = 6R^2c\sqrt{3}$$

**Home work :**

Unit cell has two lattice parameters  $a$  and  $c$ . Show the Ideal ratio  $c/a = 1.633$  ?

**Atomic packing factor, APF = 0.74 (same as in FCC)**

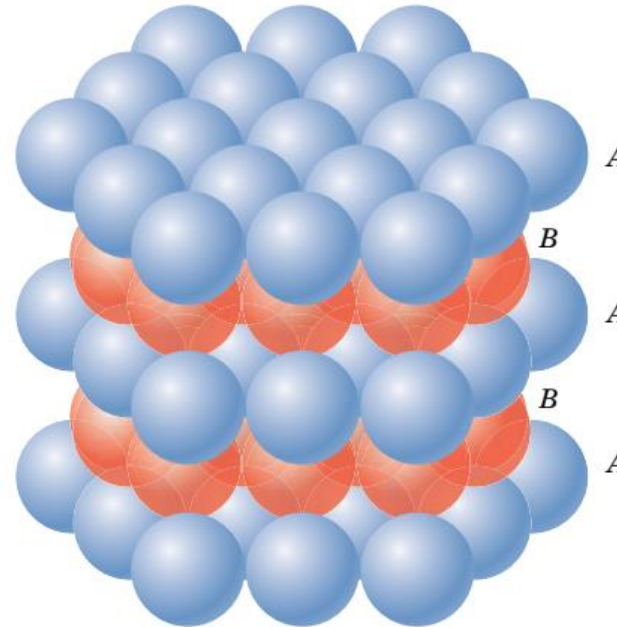
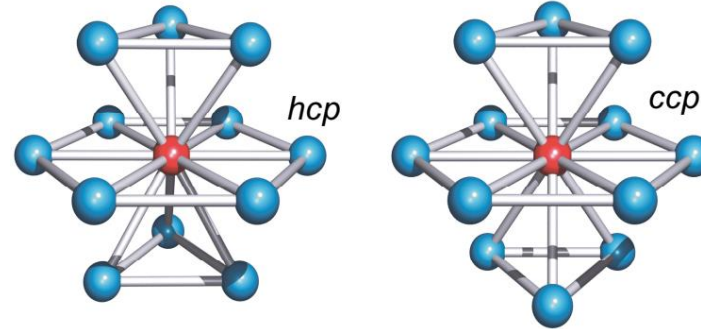
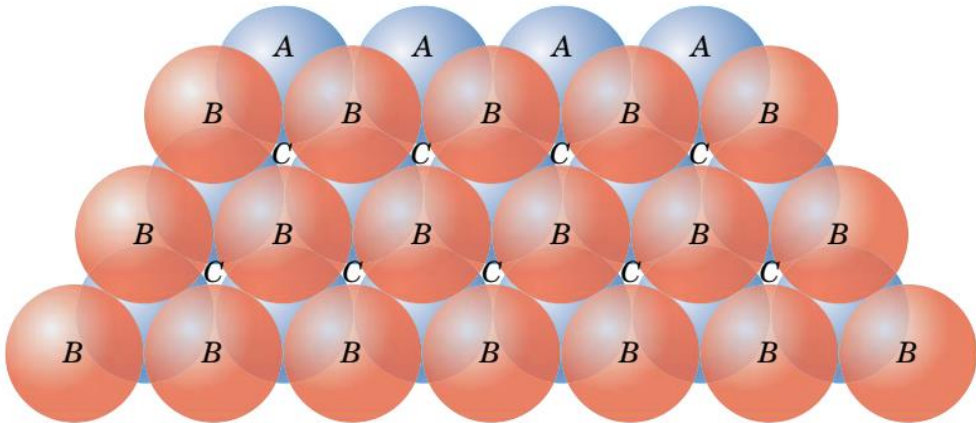
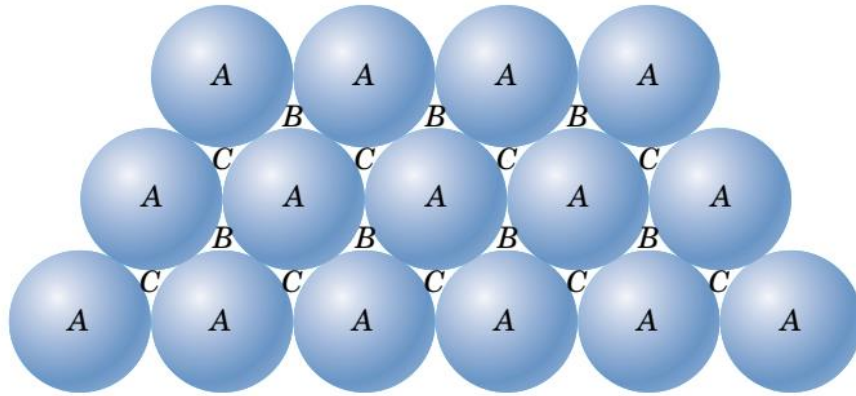




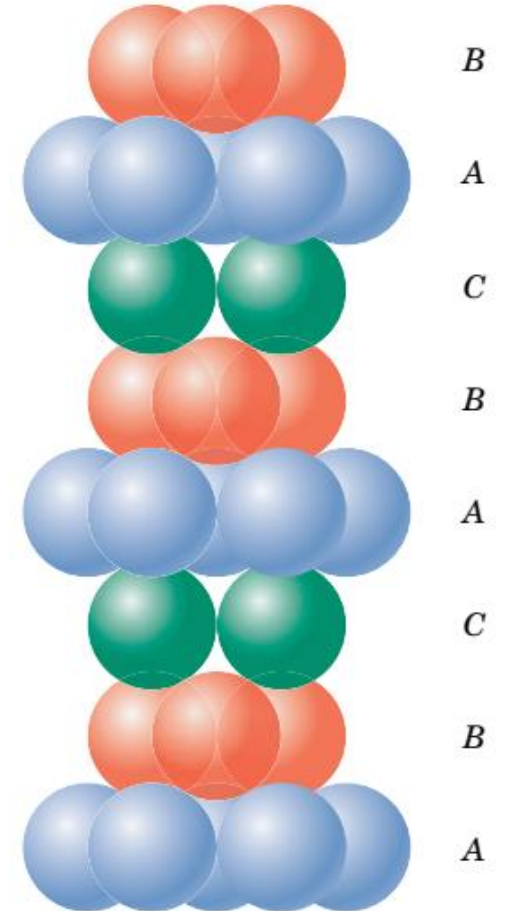
# Close-packed Structures (FCC and HCP)

- ❑ Both FCC and HCP crystal structures have atomic packing factors of 0.74
- ❑ Both FCC and HCP crystal structures may be generated by the stacking of close-packed planes

**The difference between the two structures is in the stacking sequence**



HCP: ABABAB...

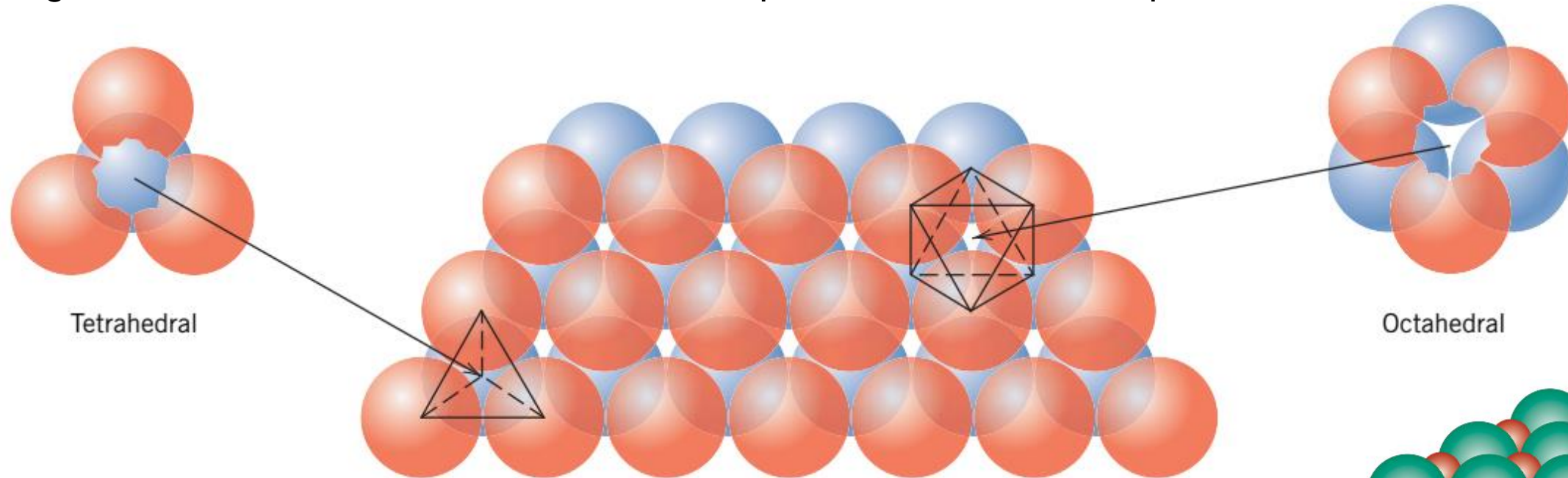


FCC: ABCABCABC...

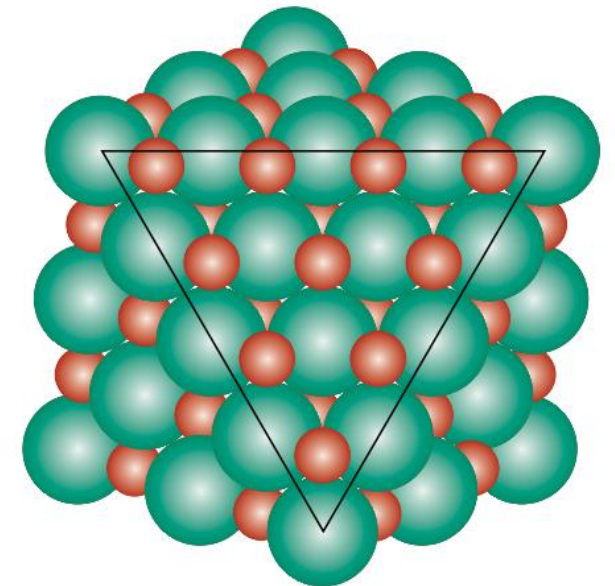


## Close-packed Structures: Tetrahedral ~ Octahedral

The stacking of one plane of close-packed (orange) spheres (anions) on top of another (blue spheres); the geometries of tetrahedral and octahedral positions between the planes are noted.



A section of the rock salt crystal structure from which a corner has been removed. The exposed plane of anions (green spheres inside the triangle) is a  $\{111\}$ -type plane; the cations (red spheres) occupy the interstitial octahedral positions.

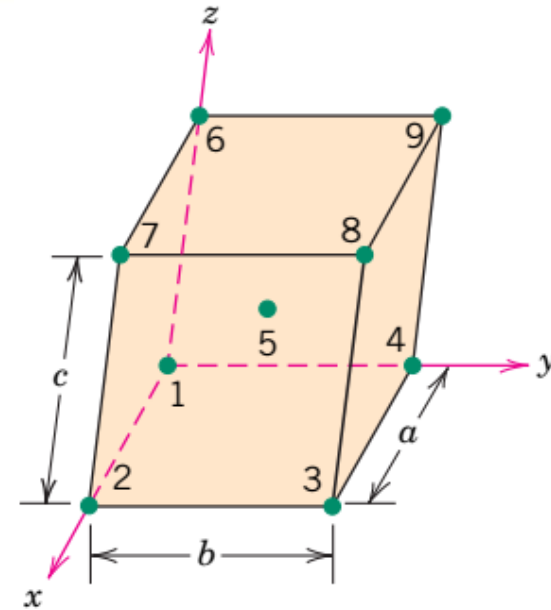
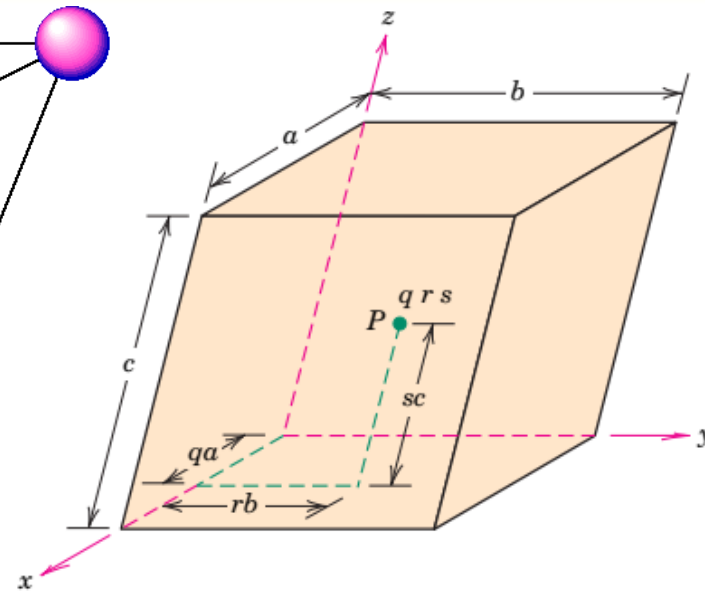
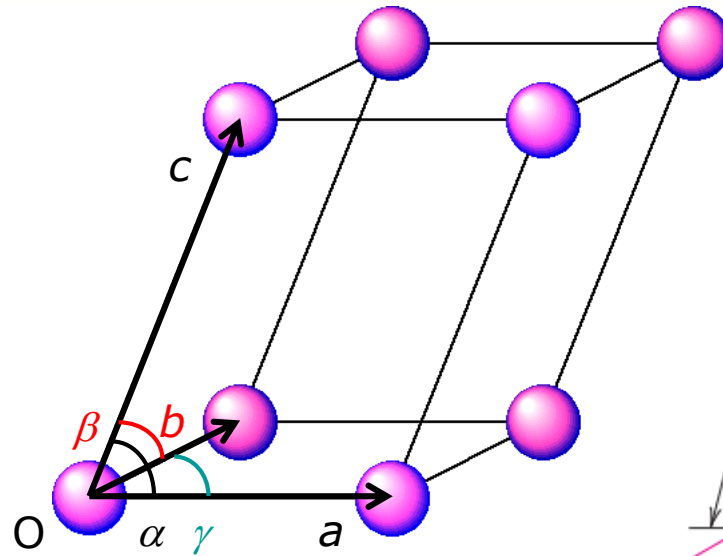
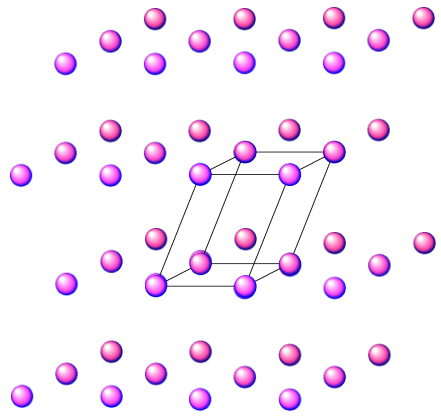






# Unit Cell : Point Coordinates

Unit cell in a crystal :



$a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  : crystal axes

$|a|$ ,  $|b|$ ,  $|c|$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  : lattice constants

- It is necessary to specify a lattice position using three *point coordinate indices*:  $q$ ,  $r$ , and  $s$ .
- These indices are fractional multiples of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  unit cell edge lengths

$a/q$ ,  $b/r$ ,  $c/s$  : ratios  $\rightarrow$  smallest integers

$q$ ,  $r$  and  $s$  : coordinates ( $\bar{u}$  : negative)

Point Number	$q$	$r$	$s$
1	0	0	0
2	1	0	0
3	1	1	0
4	0	1	0
5	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	0	0	1
7	1	0	1
8	1	1	1
9	0	1	1



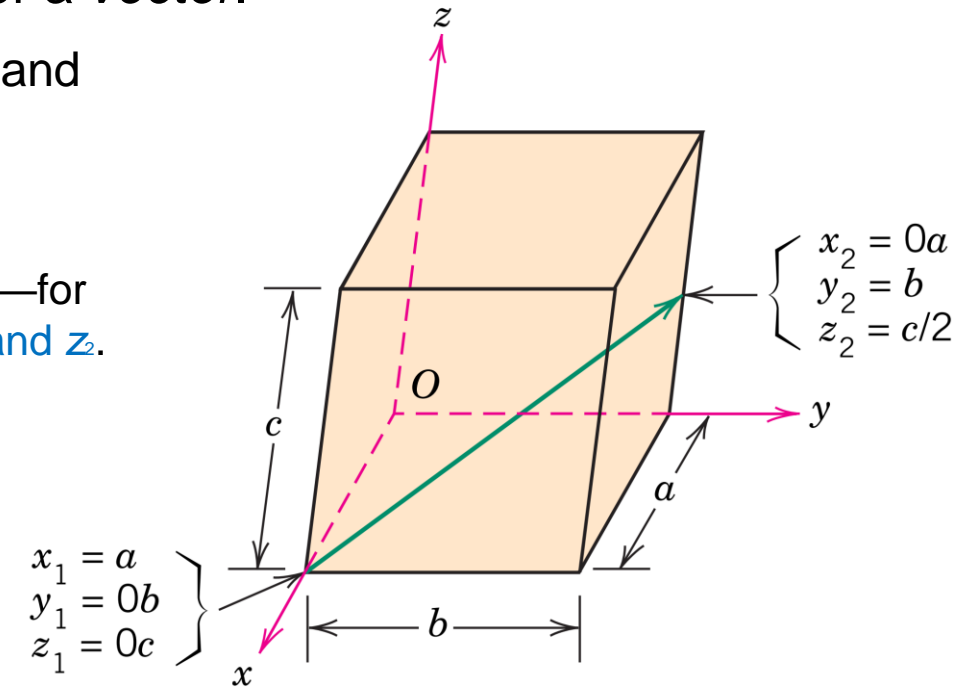


# Directions in the Unit Cell

**Crystallographic direction:** a line directed between two points, or a *vector*.

**Miller-indices** - notation to describe certain crystallographic directions and planes in a material

1. **First construct** x-y-z coordinate system
2. The coordinates of two points that lie on the direction vector are determined—for example, **Point 1:  $x_1$ ,  $y_1$ , and  $z_1$** ; whereas for the vector head, **Point 2:  $x_2$ ,  $y_2$ , and  $z_2$** .
3. Tail point coordinates are subtracted from head point components—that is,  **$x_2 - x_1$ ,  $y_2 - y_1$ , and  $z_2 - z_1$** .
4. These coordinate differences are then normalized by  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  lattice parameters



$$\frac{x_2 - x_1}{a} \quad \frac{y_2 - y_1}{b} \quad \frac{z_2 - z_1}{c}$$

$$u = n \left( \frac{x_2 - x_1}{a} \right)$$

$$v = n \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{b} \right)$$

$$w = n \left( \frac{z_2 - z_1}{c} \right)$$

$$x_2 = ua + x_1$$

$$y_2 = vb + y_1$$

$$z_2 = wc + z_1$$

5. Reduce them to the smallest integer values.
6. The three resulting **indices,  $[uvw]$** . The  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  integers correspond to the normalized coordinate differences referenced to the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes, respectively.





# A direction in a unit cell

$a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  : axes of coordinate/ lattice constants

$a/u$ ,  $b/v$ ,  $c/w$  : ratios  $\rightarrow$  smallest integers

$u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  : coordinates ( $\bar{u}$  : negative)

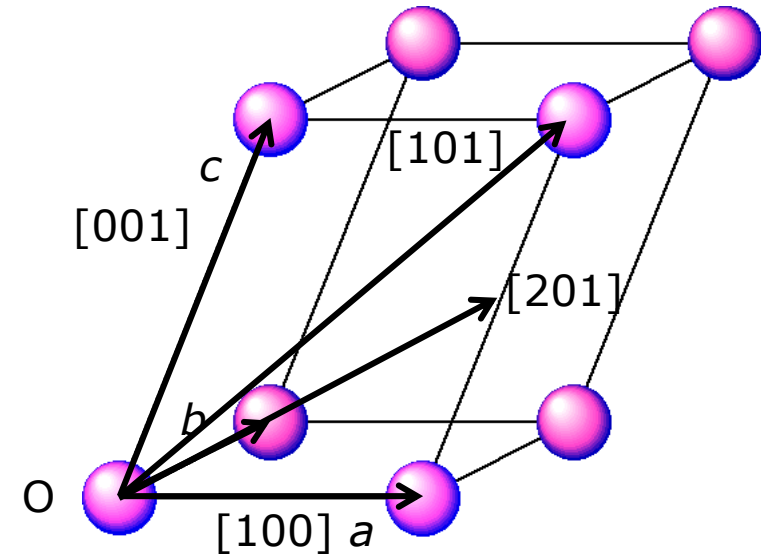
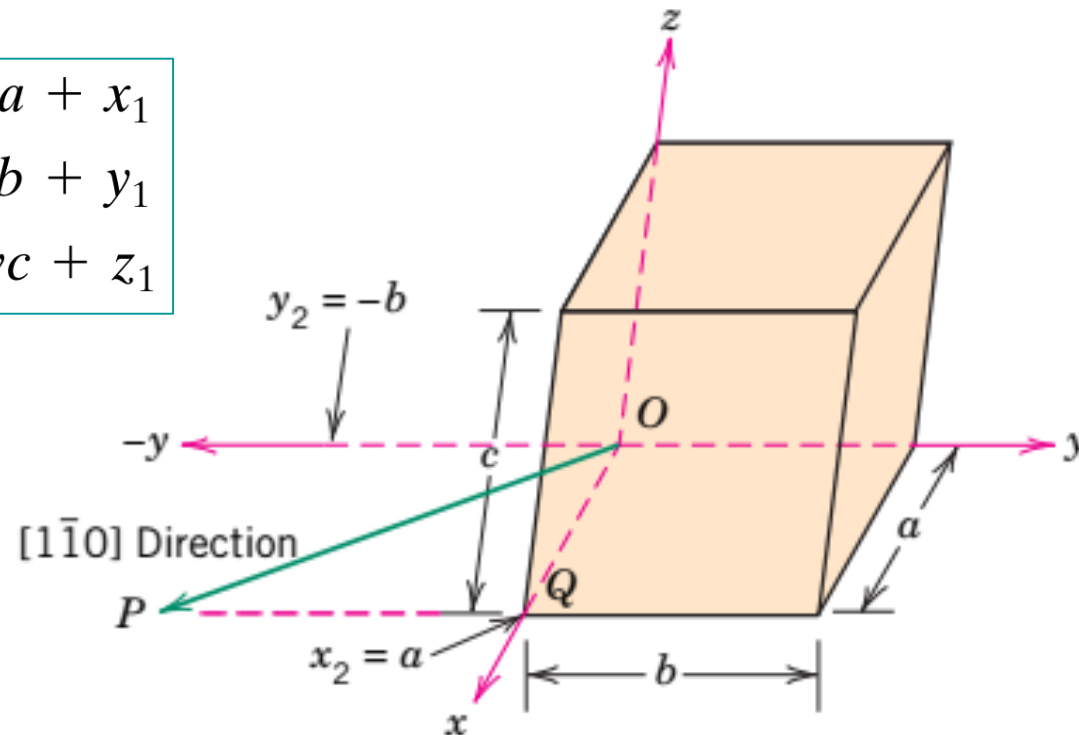
$[x\ y\ z]$  : lattice directions

$\langle x\ y\ z \rangle$  : directions of a form  $\langle 100 \rangle = [100], [010], [001], \dots$

$$x_2 = ua + x_1$$

$$y_2 = vb + y_1$$

$$z_2 = wc + z_1$$



## Construction of a Specified Crystallographic Direction

Within the following unit cell draw a  $[1\bar{1}0]$  direction with its tail located at the origin of the coordinate system, point O.