



1.9. What type of solids are electrical conductors, malleable and ductile?

Ans: Metallic solids

1.10. Give the significance of a 'lattice point'.

Ans: Each lattice point represents one constituent particle of the solid. This constituent particle may be an atom, a molecule or an ion.

1.11. Name the parameters that characterise a unit cell.

Ans: A unit cell is characterized by following parameters:

- (i) the dimensions of unit cell along three edges:  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .
- (ii) the angles between the edges:  $\alpha$  (between  $b$  and  $c$ );  $\beta$  (between  $a$  and  $c$ ) and  $\gamma$  (between  $a$  and  $b$ )

1.12. Distinguish between

(i) Hexagonal and monoclinic unit cells

(ii) Face-centred and end-centred unit cells.

Ans: (i)

Hexagonal unit cell	Monoclinic unit cell
$a=b \neq c$	$a \neq b \neq c$
$\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$	$\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$
$\gamma = 120^\circ$	$\beta \neq 90^\circ$

(ii)

Face-centred unit cell	End-centred unit cell
A Face-centred unit cell the constituent particles are present at the corners and one at the centre of each face.	An End-centred unit cell contains particles at the corners and one at the centre of any two opposite faces.
Total no of particles in a face centered unit cell = 4	Total no. of particles in an end centered unit cell = 2

1.13. Explain how much portion of an atom located at

(i) corner and

(ii) body centre of a cubic unit cell is part of its neighbouring unit cell.

Ans:

(i) An atom at the corner is shared by eight adjacent unit cells.

Hence, portion of the atom at the corner that belongs to one unit cell =  $1/8$ .

(ii) An atom at the body centre is not shared by any other unit cell.

Hence, it belongs fully to unit cell.

1.14. What is the two dimensional coordination number of a molecule in square close-packed layer?

Ans: In 2D, square close packed layer, an atom touches 4 nearest neighbouring atoms. Hence, its CN=4

1.15. A compound forms hexagonal close-packed structure. What is the total number of voids in 0.5 mol of it? How many of these are

tetrahedral voids?

Ans:

No. of atoms in close packings  $0.5 \text{ mol} = 0.5 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 3.011 \times 10^{23}$

No. of octahedral voids = No. of atoms in packing  $= 3.011 \times 10^{23}$

No. of tetrahedral voids =  $2 \times$  No. of atoms in packing

$= 2 \times 3.011 \times 10^{23} = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

Total no. of voids =  $3.011 \times 10^{23} + 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$= 9.033 \times 10^{23}$

1.16. A compound is formed by two elements M and N. The element N forms ccp and atoms of M occupy  $1/3$ rd of tetrahedral voids.

What is the formula of the compound?

Ans:

Atoms of N form ccp, therefore, if the lattice points are n, then

No. of atoms of N = n

No. of oct voids = n

No. of td voids =  $2n = 2 \times 1n/3 = 2n/3$

$\therefore$  Formula of compound is: M : N

$2/3 n : n$

$2n : 3n$

$2 : 3$

i.e.,  $M_2N_3$

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