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Simple cubic crystal

→ It is a primitive cell

→ It has an atom at each of its corners

→ No. of atoms per unit cell = $8 \times \frac{1}{8}$
= 1 atom

→ Coordination number = 6

→ Atomic radius $r = a/2$, where a is length of the side of cube.We know $a = 2r$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r = a/2}$$

$$\text{Volume of cubic unit cell} = a^3 = (2r)^3 \\ = 8r^3$$

simple cubic contains only one atom ($V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$)

$$\text{packing efficiency} = \frac{\text{Volume of one atom}}{\text{Volume of cubic unit}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}{8r^3} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} \times 100$$

$$= 52.4 \%$$

$$\text{void space} = 47.6 \%$$

