

# Introduction to Solid State Physics 固体物理学

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# Chapter 1 Crystal Structure

- **1.1** Periodic Crystal Structures
- ✓ The existence of a periodic structure lies at the heart of modern solid state physics.
- ✓ Main distinction to liquids/amorphous solids.
- **1.2** Fundamental Types of Lattices
- 1.3 Symmetry and Classifications of Bravais Lattices<sub>2</sub>

# A perfectly periodic crystal?



The amethyst

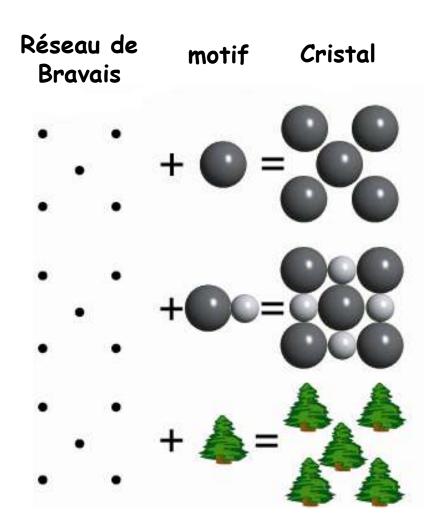


ironstone

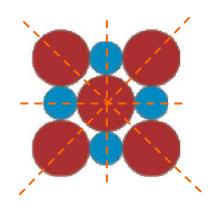


«crystal» made out of glass

# Crystal = Bravais lattice + motif/basis



The crystal can also be described by its additional symmetries



Symmetry mirror relative to 4 axes



No additional symmetry

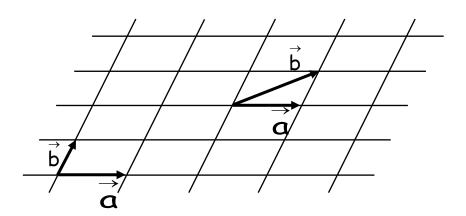
# The ideal crystal

Cristal ideal = infinite repetition of identical basic structures

#### Bravais lattice:

In each point of the Bravais lattice, we see the crystal identically to itself in chemical composition, structure and orientation

2D: 
$$\overrightarrow{R} = n\overrightarrow{a} + m\overrightarrow{b}$$
 3D:  $\overrightarrow{R} = n\overrightarrow{a} + m\overrightarrow{b} + p\overrightarrow{c}$ 



# 思考1:

# 布拉维格子的定义

定义1:布拉维格子是离散点按照特定的规则无穷排列组成的,从任意点看出去,晶格看起来是一模一样的(空间位置和指向)。

定义2: 选定布拉维格子中的某个参考点为原点,其他任意格点都可以用下面的公式表述(且不产生多余的格点)。

$$\vec{R}_n = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$$

请证明,上述两个定义是等价的。

# 两维布拉维格子的分类

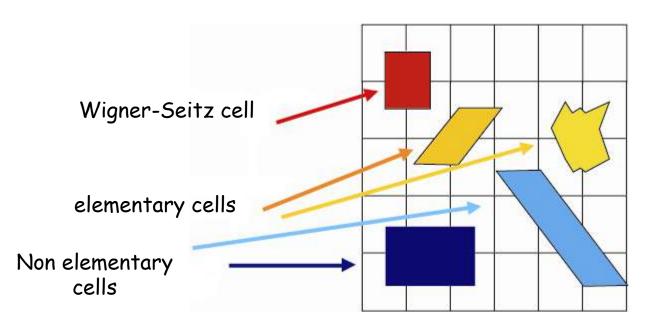
# 思考2:

六角格子是布拉维格子吗?是的话给出证明,不是的话按照布拉维格子+基元的方式找出其对应的布拉维格子。

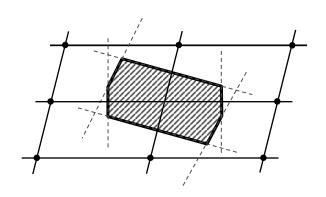
# 思考3:

请画出一些两维布拉维格子,并按照对称性找出两维布拉维格子的所有分类。

# Bravais lattice and primitive cell



**Primitive cell** = the volume of space that translate to any point of the Bravais lattice completely fills the space without overlapping

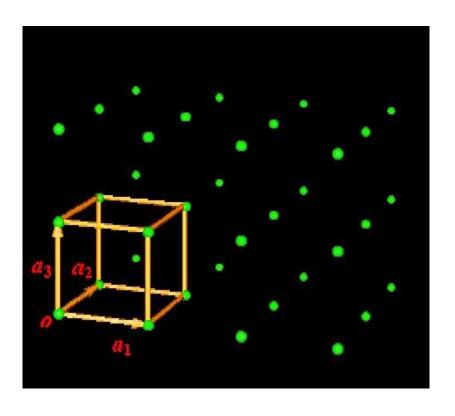


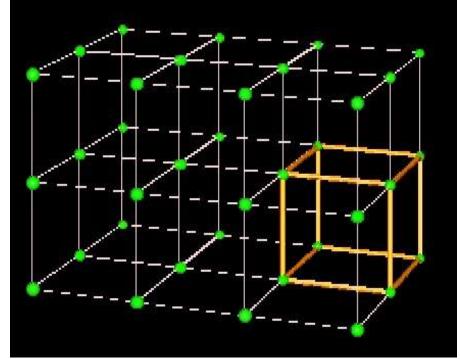
Wigner-Seitz Cell
reflecting the network of
symmetry



# (1) simple cubic, sc

$$\vec{a}_1 = a\hat{x} \quad \vec{a}_2 = a\hat{y} \quad \vec{a}_3 = a\hat{z}$$





# (2) body-centered cubic, bcc

$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z})$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2} \left( -\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z} \right)$$

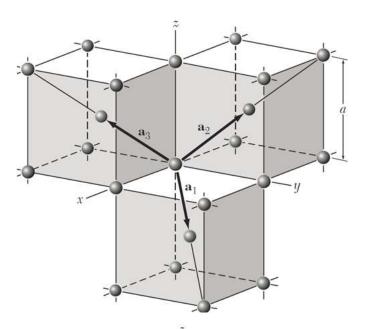
$$\vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z})$$

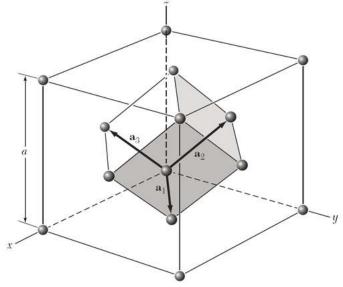
### (3) face-centered cubic, fcc

$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{y} + \hat{z})$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{x} + \hat{z})$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$



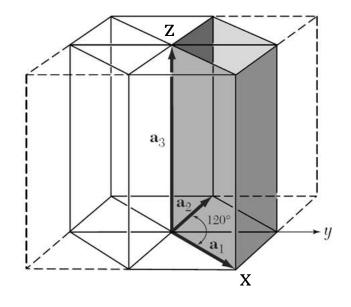


# (4) simple hexagonal, sh

$$\vec{a}_1 = a\hat{x}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = -\frac{a}{2}\,\hat{x} + \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2}\,\hat{y}$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = c\hat{z}$$



< > ——equivalent crystal arrays

# Crystal Array & Crystal Plane

1. crystal array: The direction of a line consists of atoms/bases in a crystal.

Position vector of any lattice point on the crystall array through the origin:

$$\vec{R} = \vec{l_1}\vec{a_1} + \vec{l_2}\vec{a_2} + \vec{l_3}\vec{a_3}$$

$$l_1:l_2:l_3=l_1':l_2':l_3'$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix}l_1l_2l_3\end{bmatrix}$  —index of crystal array

2. Index of crystal plane: labelling the direction of crystal plane

$$h_1: h_2: h_3 = \frac{1}{r}: \frac{1}{s}: \frac{1}{t}$$
  $(h_1h_2h_3)$ 

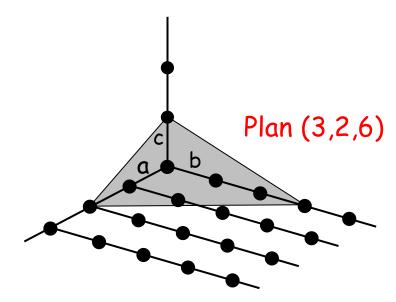
——index of crystal plane

Miller indices use the primitive vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  consisting the convential unit cell.

{ }-- equivalent crystall planes

A family of lattice planes: a set of parallel, equally spaced lattice planes (with distance  $d_{h_1h_2h_3}$ ), which together contain all the points of the 3D Bravais lattice.

# Crystal planes: Miller indices



- Considering the intersections of the plan with 3 axes
   Intersection on ma, nb, pc
   2a, 3b, 1c
- Taking the inverse numbers m, n p

$$h' = 1/m, k' = 1/n, l' = 1/p$$

$$h' = 1/2, k' = 1/3, l' = 1$$

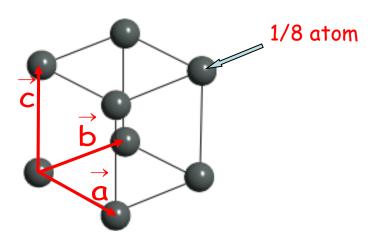
■ We take the triple of the smallest integers that are in the same ratio as h', k', l'.

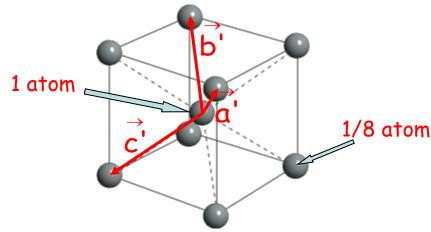
$$h = rh', k = rk', l = rl'$$

$$h = 3, k = 2, l = 6$$

1.2 Fundamental Types of Lattices

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#### Simple cubic, SC

#### Body centered cubic, BCC

- Cubic structure = Bravais Network
- 1 atom per unit cell.
- 6 carbon nearest neighbors.
- Filling rate of 52%
   (model of hard spheres in contact)
- 2 cs elements crystallize in the structure:
   F and O

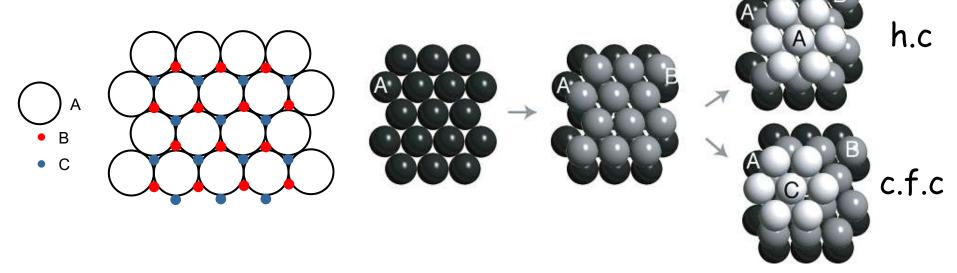
- Centered cubic structure = Bravais
   Network, but the cube is not a primitive cell
- 2 atoms per unit cell..
- 8 carbon nearest neighbors.
- Filling rate of 68%.
- Exemples: W, Mo, Ta

# **1.2** Fundamental Types of Lattices

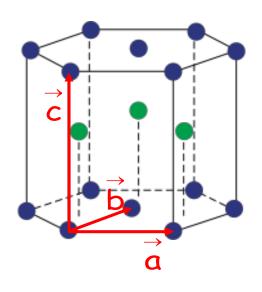


Many elements crystallize in compact crystal structures.

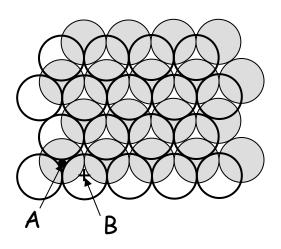
Crystal structures encountered particularly in molecular and metallic crystals (spherical symmetry of the electron cloud of each atom)



# Compact hexagonal Structure (h.c.p.)



ABABA...



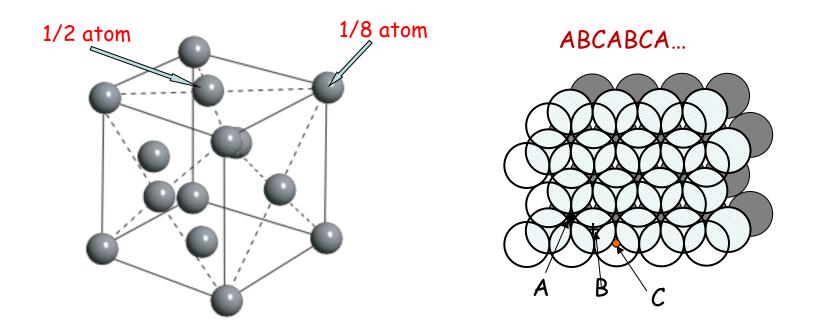
Q: Is it a Bravais lattice?

No, two interpenetrating hexagonal Bravais lattices.

What about FCC?

- 2 atom per unit cell.
- 12 carbon nearest neighbors.
- Filling rate of 74%.

# Face-centered cubic structure (fcc)

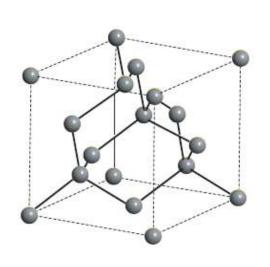


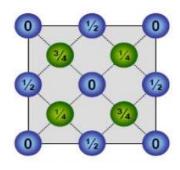
- The face-centered cubic structure is a Bravais lattice.
- 4 atoms per unit cell.
- 12 carbon nearest neighbors.
- Filling rate of 74%

# Crystal structures: diamond and zinc-blende

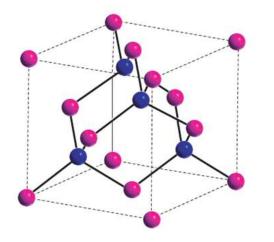
#### Structure diamond

#### Structure Zinc-Blende











Examples:

Exemples:

C (diamant)	a =3,57 Å
Si	a = 5,43 Å
Ge	a = 5,66 Å

GaAs	a = 5,65 Å
InAs	a = 6,04 Å
SiC	a = 4,35 Å

Noncompact crystal structures encountered in particular in crystals covalent where the directivity of the link is important

# Examples of ionic crystals

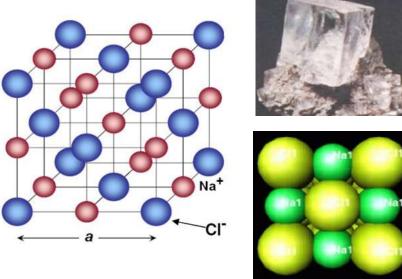
#### Structure CsCl

# CIT CS+

#### Examples:

Cu Pd	a = 2,99 Å
Cs Cl	a = 4,11Å
Cs Br	a = 4,29 Å

#### Structure NaCl



#### Examples:

Mg O	a = 4,20 Å
Na Cl	a = 5,63 Å
K CI	a = 6,29 Å

Compactness of the structure also depends on the intensity of the electrostatic interaction, and the relative size of the ions

# I. Symmetry Elements

Few solid state physicist need to master the whole analysis of crystallography

**Tanslation symmetry + Rigid Operations** 

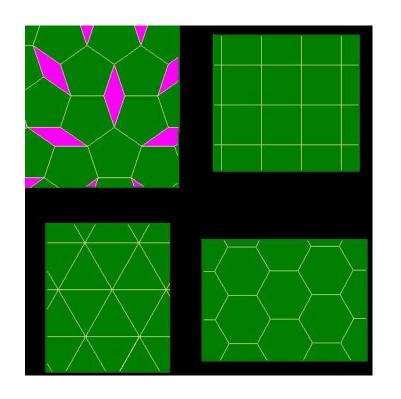
# 1. Inversion Symmetry:

 $\vec{r} \Longrightarrow \vec{r} = -\vec{r}$  through a lattice point transform the lattice into itself, denoted as *i*.

## 2. Rotation Symmetry:

Rotate the crystal about an axis  $\frac{2\pi}{n}$  and take the lattice into itself. It is called n-th axis, denoted as  $C_n$ .

The lattice site can be considered as hard spherical ball which do not affect symmetry.



Theorem: The allowed rotational axes can only be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th axes.

$$n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$$

# 3. Reflection Symmetry:

The crystal is invariant after a reflection across a plane, denoted as  $\sigma(m)$ .

# 五次对称轴

# 思考4:

为何五次对称轴不出现?是否与晶格对称性不兼容?

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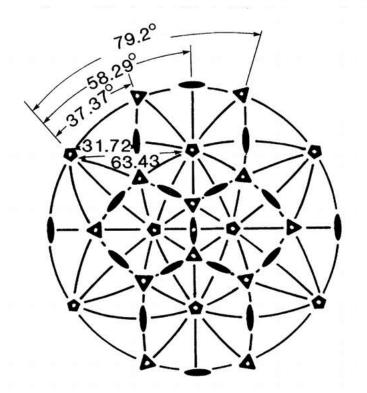
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#### Metallic Phase with Long-Range Orientational Order and No Translational Symmetry

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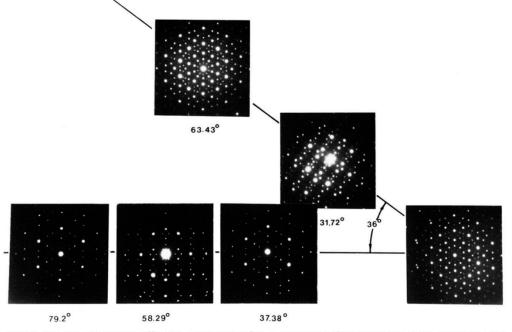


FIG. 2. Selected-area electron diffraction patterns taken from a single grain of the icosahedral phase. Rotations match those in Fig. 1.

# II. Elementary symmetry operation

- 1.  $i, C_n, \sigma(m)$
- 2. *n-th* inversion symmetry

Rotate along the axis by  $\frac{2\pi}{n}$  and then take inversion  $\overline{1}$ ,  $\overline{2}$ ,  $\overline{3}$ ,  $\overline{4}$ ,  $\overline{6}$ 

#### Therefore, in total there exists

 $1, 2, 3, 4, 6, \overline{4}, i, m$  eight independent symmetry operations

+ translation through Bravais lattice vectors.

# III. Point Group and Space Group

The full symmetry group of a Bravais lattice contains only operations of the following form:

- 1. Translation through Bravais lattice vectors.
- 2. Operations that leave a particular point of the lattice fixed.
  3. Successive applications of the operators of type (1) and (2).
- ✓ Operations of type (2) form the point group
- ✓ 23 point groups (but Bravais lattices can have 7 out of them).
- ✓ Add translation operations, 230 space groups.

#### 3. Screw Axis

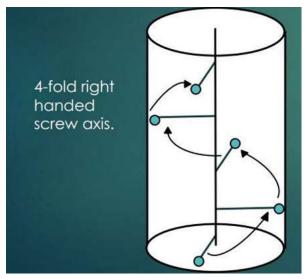
rotation + translation

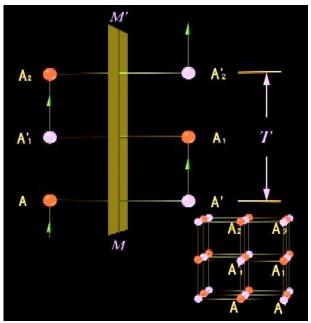
Rotate  $2\pi/n$  around u axis, and translate l times of T/n, the crystal restores its original status.

#### 4. Glide Plane

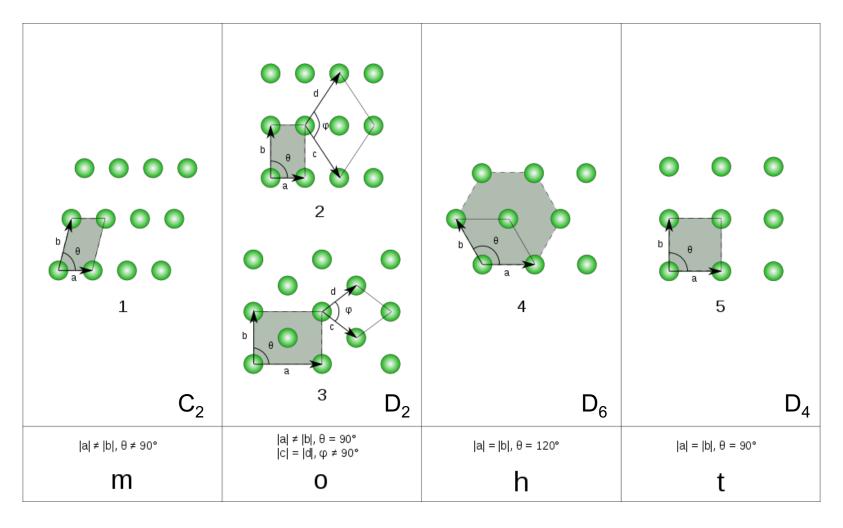
reflection + translation

Reflect across a plane, and then translate along some direction of distance *T/n*.





#### **Bravais lattices in 2 dimensions**



In two-dimensional space, there are **5** Bravais lattices, grouped into **4** crystal families (of the same point group).

# IV. 7 Crystal Systems and 14 Bravais Lattices

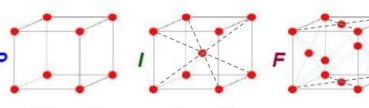
System	Number of lattices	Restrictions on conventiona cell axes and angles
Triclinic	1	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$
Monoclinic	2	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha = \gamma = 90^{\circ} \neq \beta$
Orthorhombic	4	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Tetragonal	2	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Cubic	3	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Trigonal	1	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma < 120^{\circ}, \neq 90$
Hexagonal	1	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^{\circ}$ $\gamma = 120^{\circ}$

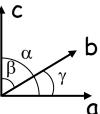
7 distinct point group and 14 distinct space group for Bravai lattice!

Frankenheim (1842) miscounted this number as 15; A. Bravais is the first one get a right counting (1845).

#### Cubic

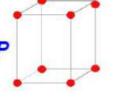
$$a = b = c$$
,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$ 

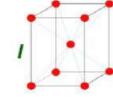


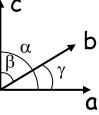


#### 2. <u>tetragonal</u>

$$a = b \neq c$$
,  $a = b = g = 90^{\circ}$ 

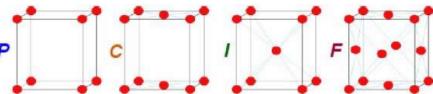






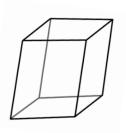
#### othorhombic

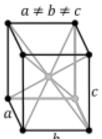
$$a \neq b \neq c$$
,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$ 

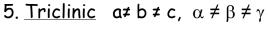


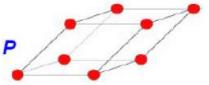
#### 4. Monoclinic

$$a \neq b \neq c$$
,  $\alpha = \gamma = 90^{\circ} \neq \beta$ 



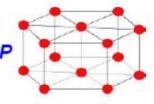


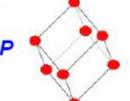




#### Hexagonal

$$a = b \neq c$$
,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$ 





$$a = b = c$$
,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90^{\circ}$ 

# 面心四角?

# 思考5:

- ✔ 立方晶系中包括简单立方、面心立方、体心立方
- ✔ 四角晶系中包括简单四角、体心四角

请问是否可以把面心四角单列为一种独立的三维布拉维格子,并说明理由。

Homework: monoclinic group

- 1. Why there are only two monoclinic lattices?
- 2. Monoclinic system can also be shown as following, is it right?

