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Chapter 2: Crystallography

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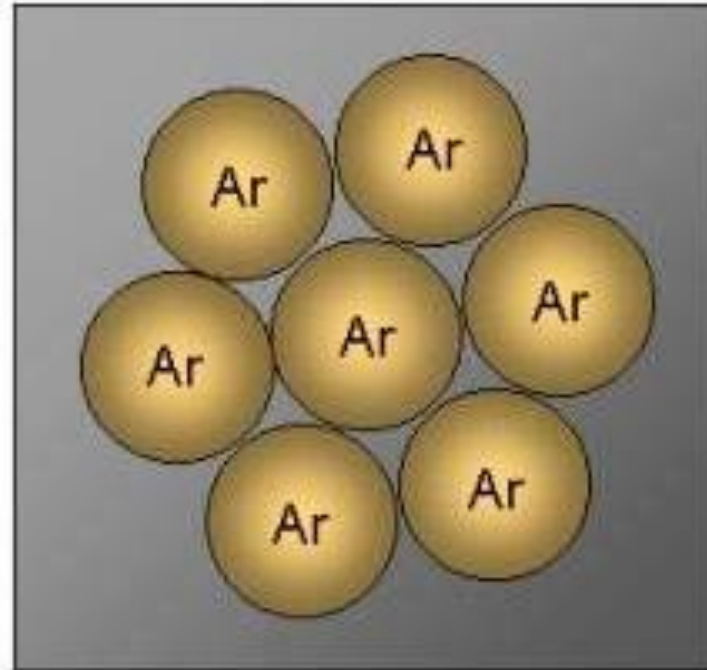


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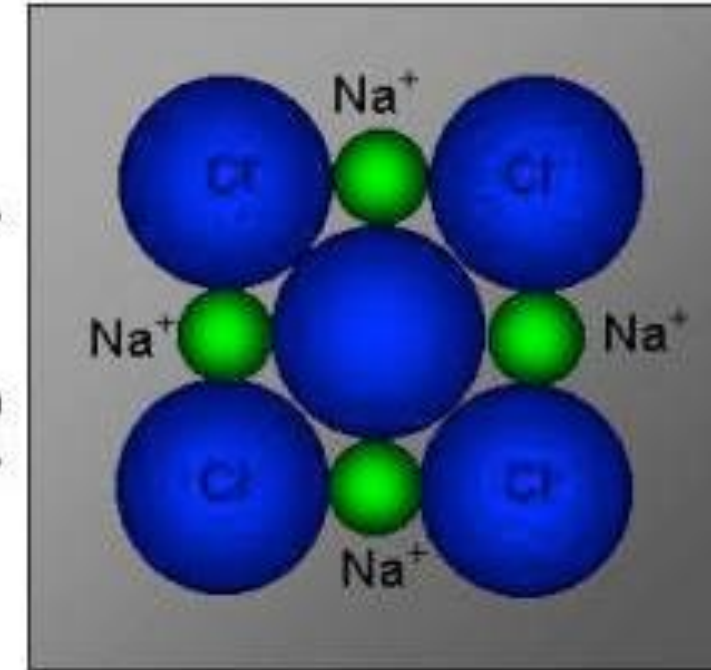
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Atomic bonding: structures

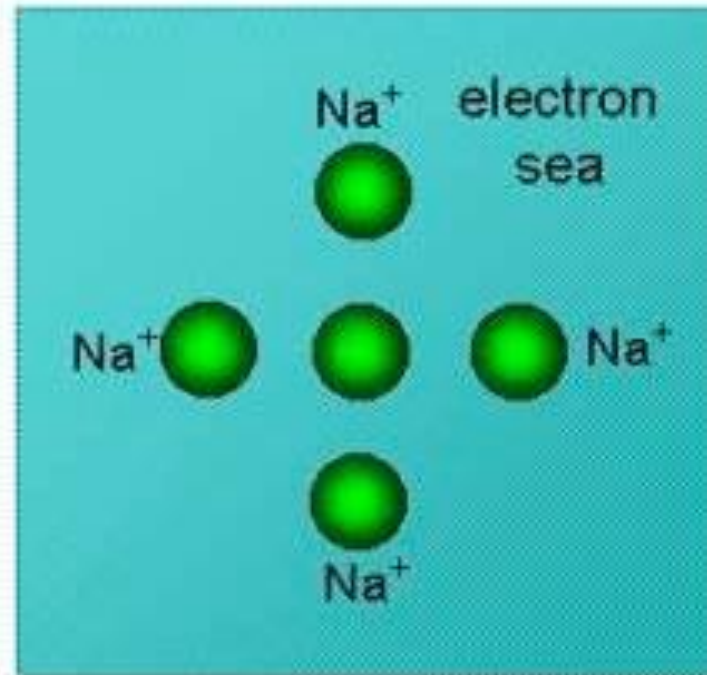
Van der Waals
bonding (eg Argon)



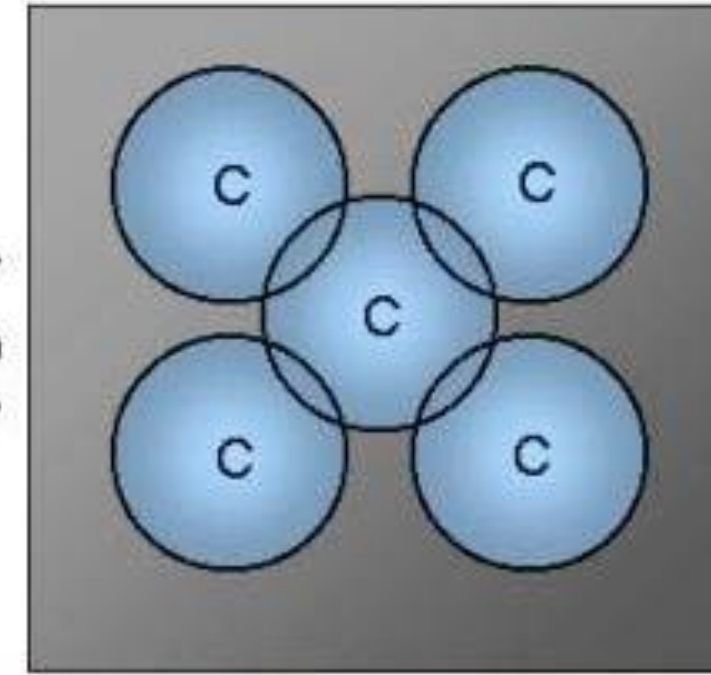
Ionic bonding
(eg NaCl)



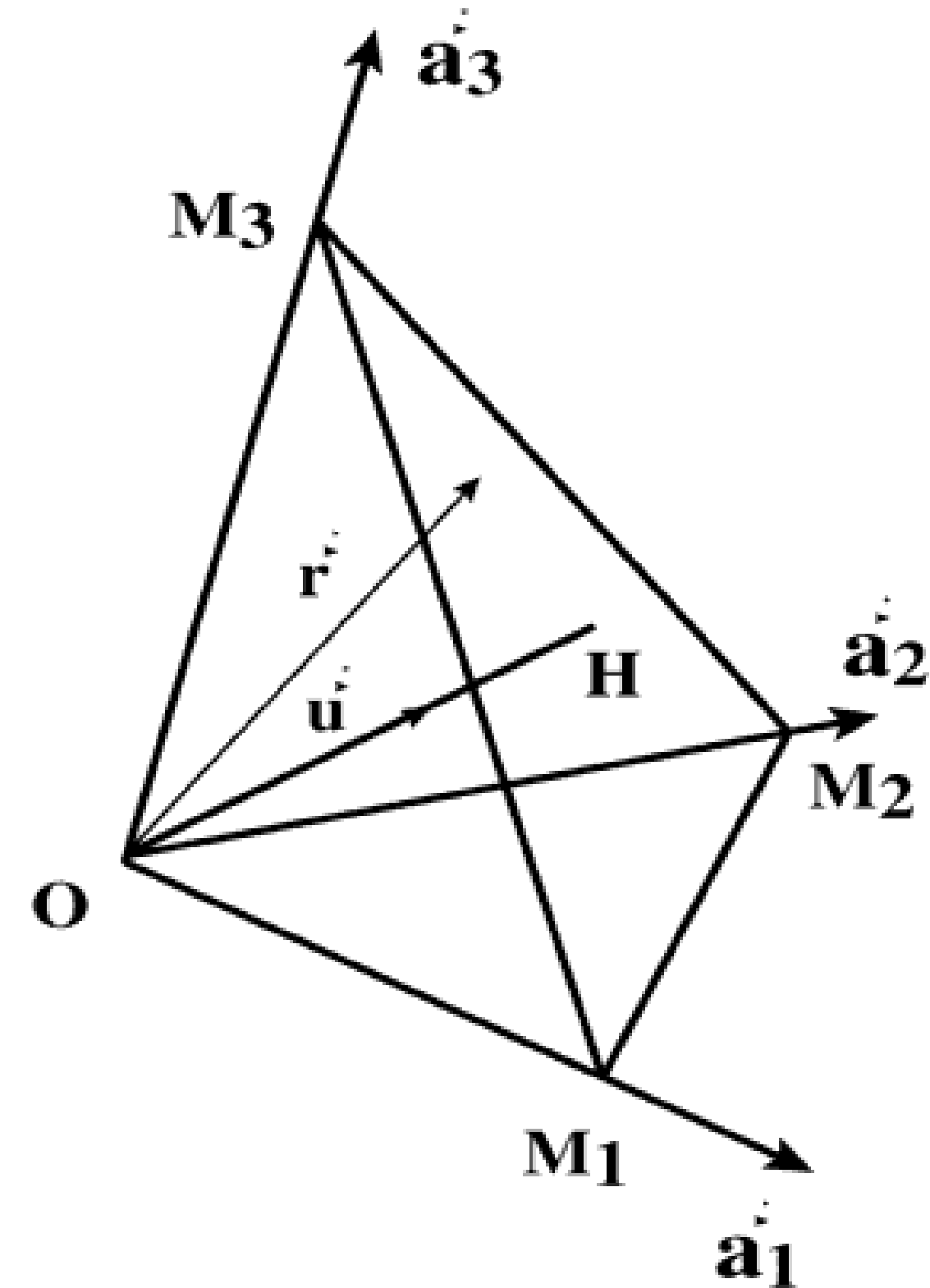
metallic bonding
(eg Na)



Covalent bonding
(eg C)



Nodes of the periodic lattice



$$\overrightarrow{OM} = m_1 \vec{a}_1 + m_2 \vec{a}_2 + m_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = m(m'_1 \vec{a}_1 + m'_2 \vec{a}_2 + m'_3 \vec{a}_3) = m \overrightarrow{OM'} \quad \text{with } m \text{ the GCD}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM_1} = n_1 \vec{a}_1$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM_2} = n_2 \vec{a}_2$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM_3} = n_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\overrightarrow{M_1 M_2} = n_2 \vec{a}_2 - n_1 \vec{a}_1$$

$$\overrightarrow{M_2 M_3} = n_3 \vec{a}_3 - n_2 \vec{a}_2$$

$$\overrightarrow{M_1 M_3} = n_3 \vec{a}_3 - n_1 \vec{a}_1$$

equation of the plane M_1, M_2, M_3

$$\vec{r} = x \vec{a}_1 + y \vec{a}_2 + z \vec{a}_3$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{u} = OH$$

$$OH = x(\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{u}) + y(\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{u}) + z(\vec{a}_3 \cdot \vec{u})$$

$$\text{but } \overrightarrow{OM_1} \cdot \vec{u} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{u} = OH \dots$$

$$(\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{u}) = \frac{OH}{n_1} \quad (\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{u}) = \frac{OH}{n_2} \quad (\vec{a}_3 \cdot \vec{u}) = \frac{OH}{n_3}$$

The equation of the plane becomes:

$$\frac{x}{n_1} + \frac{y}{n_2} + \frac{z}{n_3} = 1$$

let n be their GCD so that:

$$n_1 = nn'_1 \quad n_2 = nn'_2 \quad n_3 = nn'_3$$

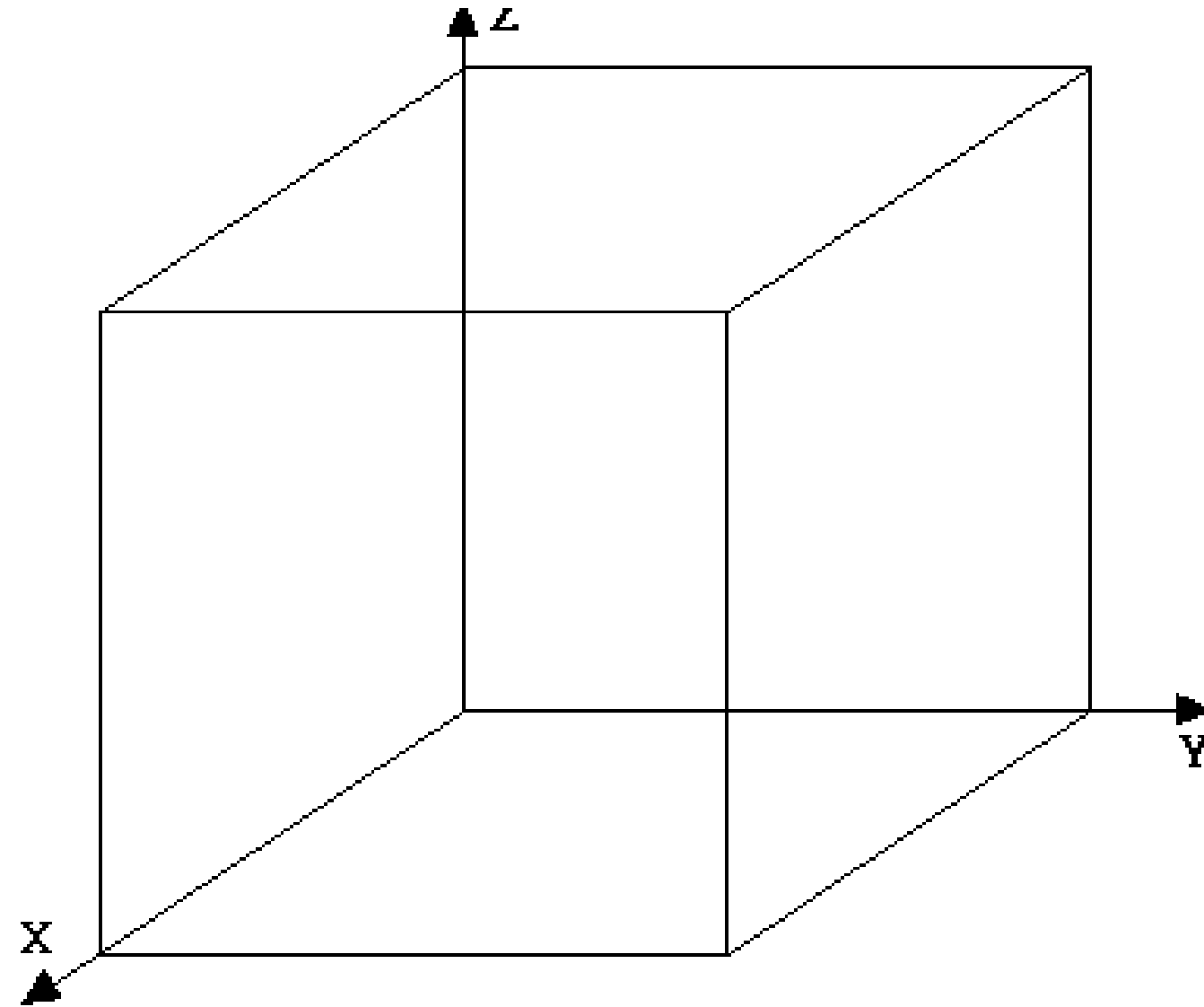
or $\frac{x}{n'_1} + \frac{y}{n'_2} + \frac{z}{n'_3} = 1$ n'_1, n'_2, n'_3 are prime numbers

$$n'_2 n'_3 x + n'_1 n'_3 y + n'_1 n'_2 z = n'_1 n'_2 n'_3$$

Miller indices

$$h = n'_2 n'_3 \quad k = n'_1 n'_3 \quad l = n'_1 n'_2$$

Examples equation of the plane



Normal vectors to crystallographic planes

$$\vec{u} = (n'_2 \vec{a}_2 - n'_1 \vec{a}_1) \times (n'_3 \vec{a}_3 - n'_1 \vec{a}_1)$$

$$\vec{u} = n'_2 n'_3 (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3) + n'_3 n'_1 (\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1) + n'_1 n'_2 (\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2)$$

$$\vec{u} = h(\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3) + k(\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1) + l(\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2)$$

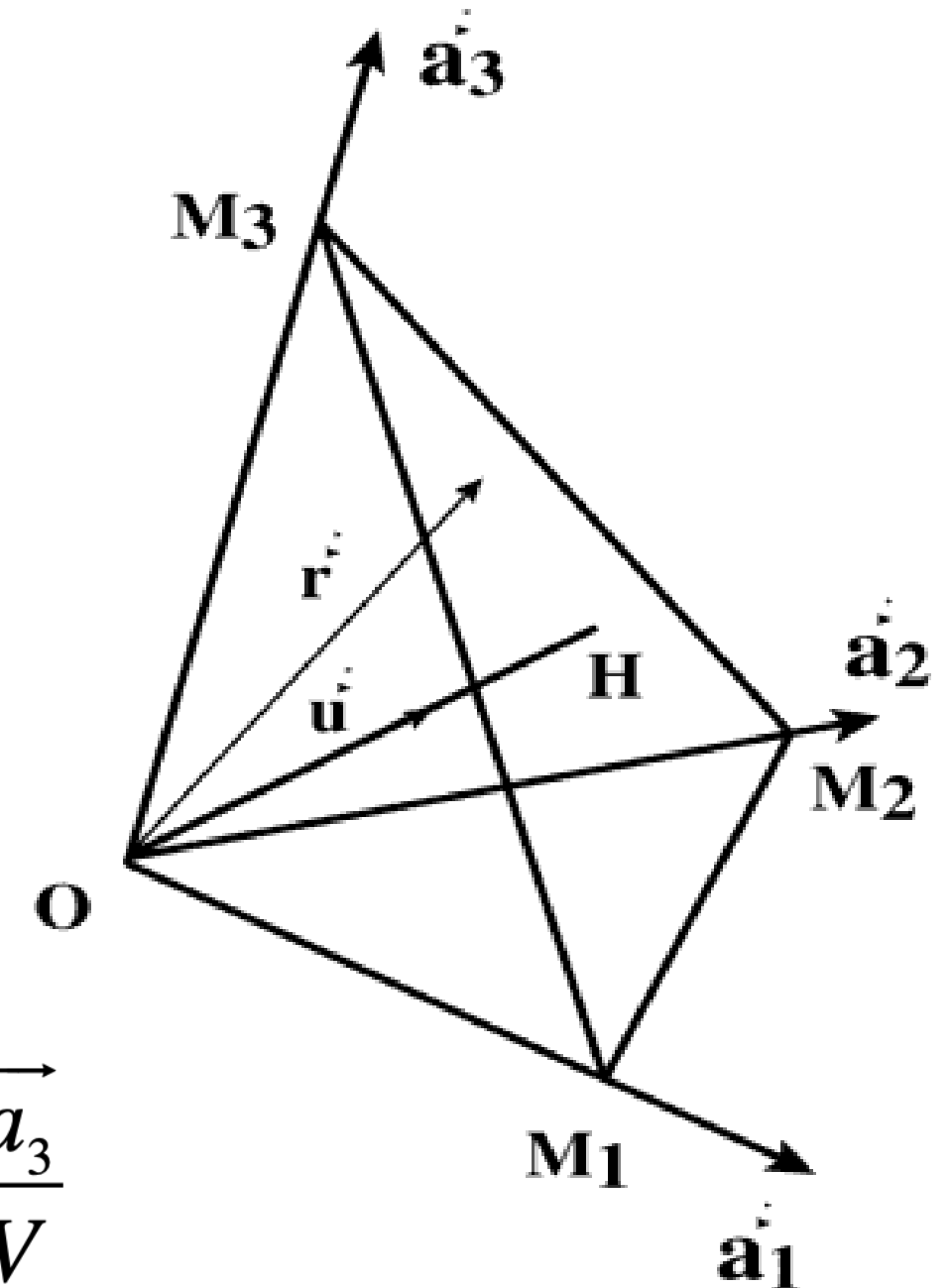
$$\vec{u} = h \vec{a}_1^* + k \vec{a}_2^* + l \vec{a}_3^* = \vec{r}^*$$

It would be better to normalize $\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_i^* = 1$

$$\vec{a}_1^* = \frac{(\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)} = \frac{(\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}{V} \quad \text{but also} \quad \vec{a}_1^* \times \vec{a}_2^* = \frac{\vec{a}_3}{V}$$

Distance between crystalline planes

$$\left| \vec{r}_{hkl}^* \right| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$$



The intersection of two crystalline planes

$$\begin{aligned} h_1x + k_1y + l_1z &= 0 \\ h_2x + k_2y + l_2z &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{plane through origin}$$

The common line between the two planes is given on the basis $(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3)$ by the vector

$$(k_1l_2 - l_1k_2)\vec{a}_1 + (l_1h_2 - h_1l_2)\vec{a}_2 + (h_1k_2 - h_2k_1)\vec{a}_3$$

Reciprocally by taking two vectors of the direct lattice

$$x\vec{a}_1 + y\vec{a}_2 + z\vec{a}_3 \quad \text{and} \quad x'\vec{a}_1 + y'\vec{a}_2 + z'\vec{a}_3$$

The normal to the plane formed by these vectors is given by

$$(yz' - y'z)\vec{a}_1^* + (x'z - xz')\vec{a}_2^* + (xy' - x'y)\vec{a}_3^*$$

Matrix math for non-orthonormal basis

$$\left(x\vec{a}_1 + y\vec{a}_2 + z\vec{a}_3\right) \cdot \left(x'\vec{a}_1 + y'\vec{a}_2 + z'\vec{a}_3\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1^2 & \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_3 \\ \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 & a_2^2 & \vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3 \\ \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_3 & \vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3 & a_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = \vec{r}_T \mathbf{M} \vec{r}$$

M is called metric tensor; its determinant is the Volume²

$$\left(h\vec{a}^*_1 + k\vec{a}^*_2 + l\vec{a}^*_3\right) \cdot \left(h'\vec{a}^*_1 + k'\vec{a}^*_2 + l'\vec{a}^*_3\right) = (hkl) \begin{pmatrix} a^{*2}_1 & \vec{a}^*_1 \cdot \vec{a}^*_2 & \vec{a}^*_1 \cdot \vec{a}^*_3 \\ \vec{a}^*_1 \cdot \vec{a}^*_2 & a^{*2}_2 & \vec{a}^*_2 \cdot \vec{a}^*_3 \\ \vec{a}^*_1 \cdot \vec{a}^*_3 & \vec{a}^*_2 \cdot \vec{a}^*_3 & a^{*2}_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h' \\ k' \\ l' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{h}_T \mathbf{M}^* \vec{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}^* = \mathbf{M}^{-1}$$

Bragg diffraction

If we consider X-rays (and electrons) as

plane waves $E = E_0 \exp(kx - \omega t)$

Wave vector $\vec{S}$ with amplitude $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$

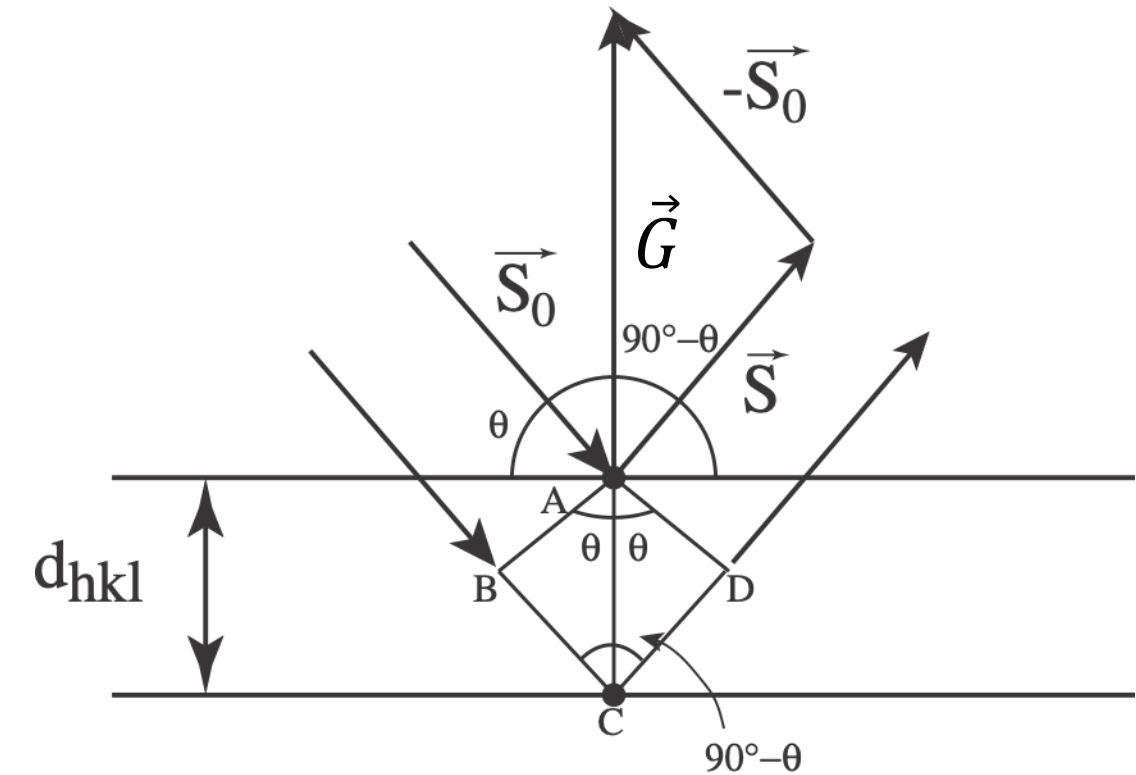
Constructive interference if $BC + CD = n\lambda$

$$2d_{hkl} \cos(90 - \theta) = 2d_{hkl} \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

In effect this can be written as:

$$\vec{S} - \vec{S}_0 = \vec{G} \quad \text{G is a reciprocal lattice vector}$$

$$||\vec{S} - \vec{S}_0|| = ||\vec{G}|| \Rightarrow 2||S||\sin\theta = 2\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\right)\sin\theta = \frac{2\pi}{d_{hkl}}$$

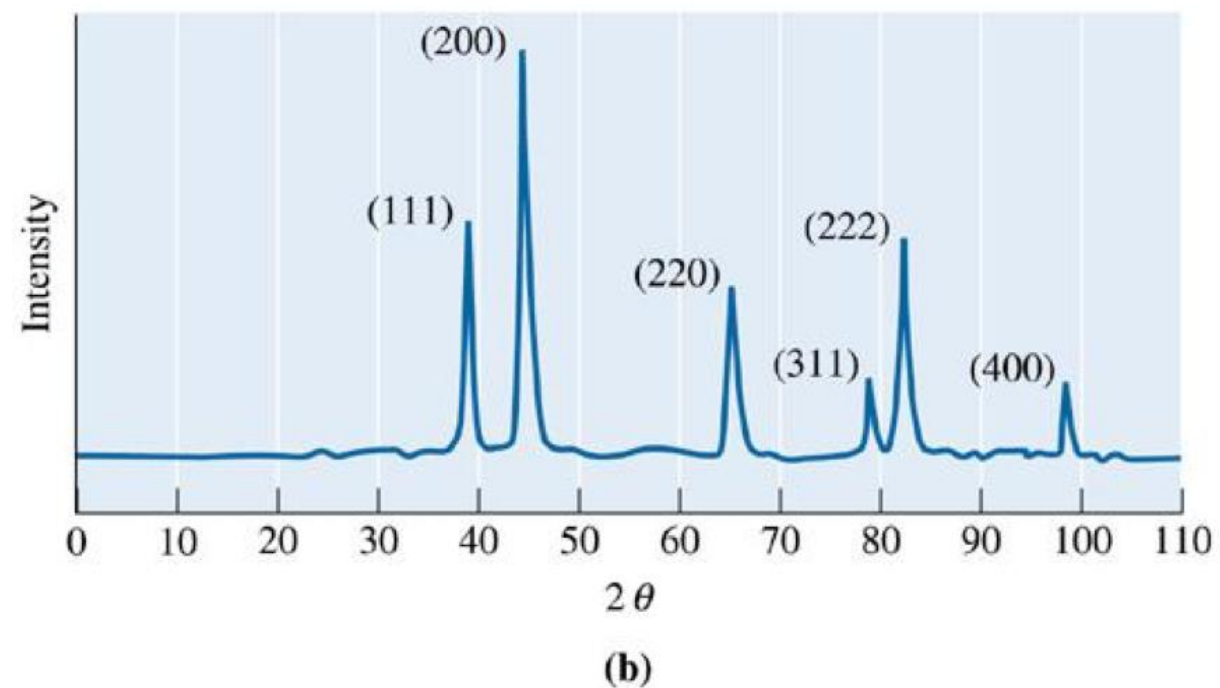
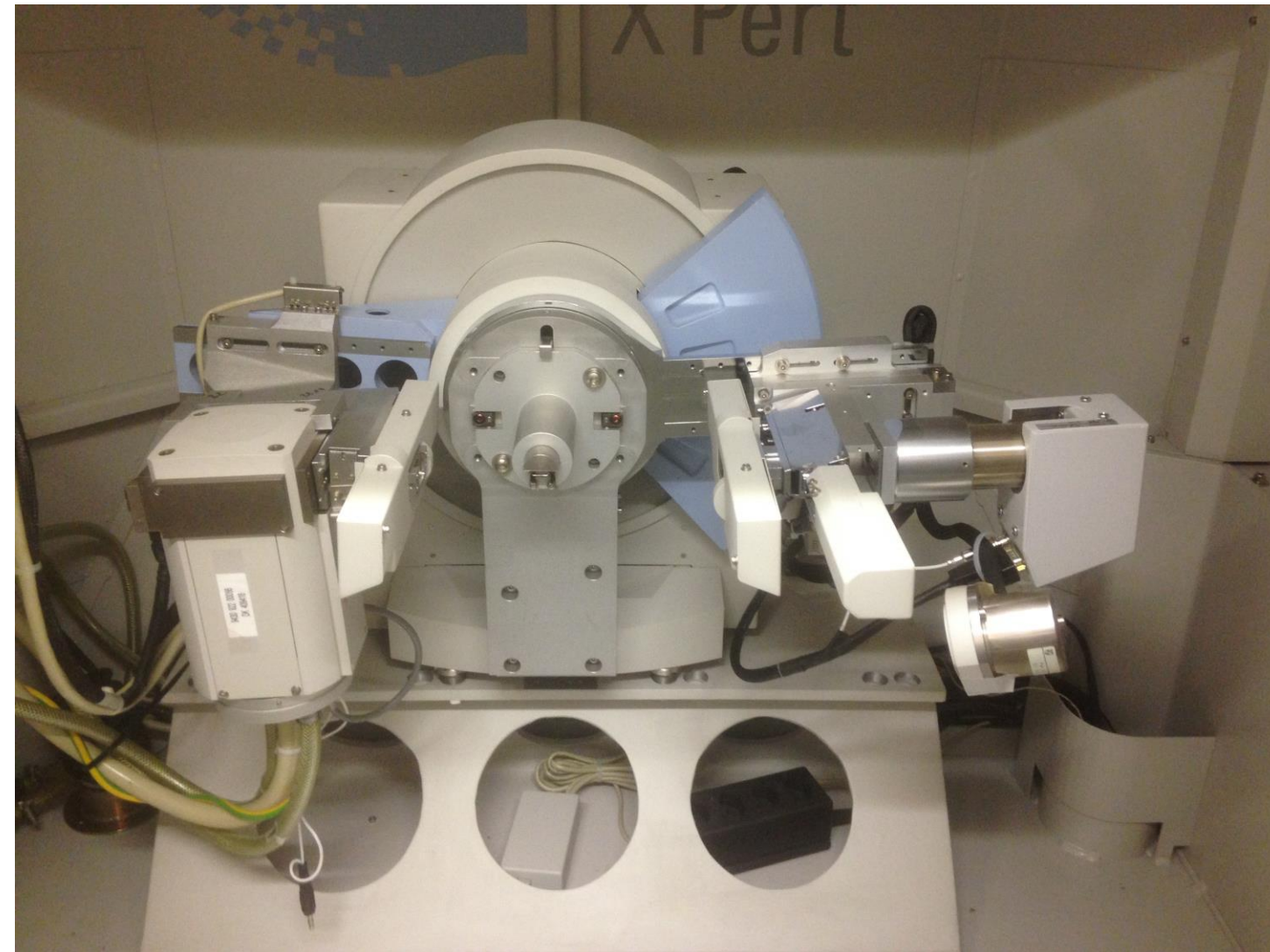
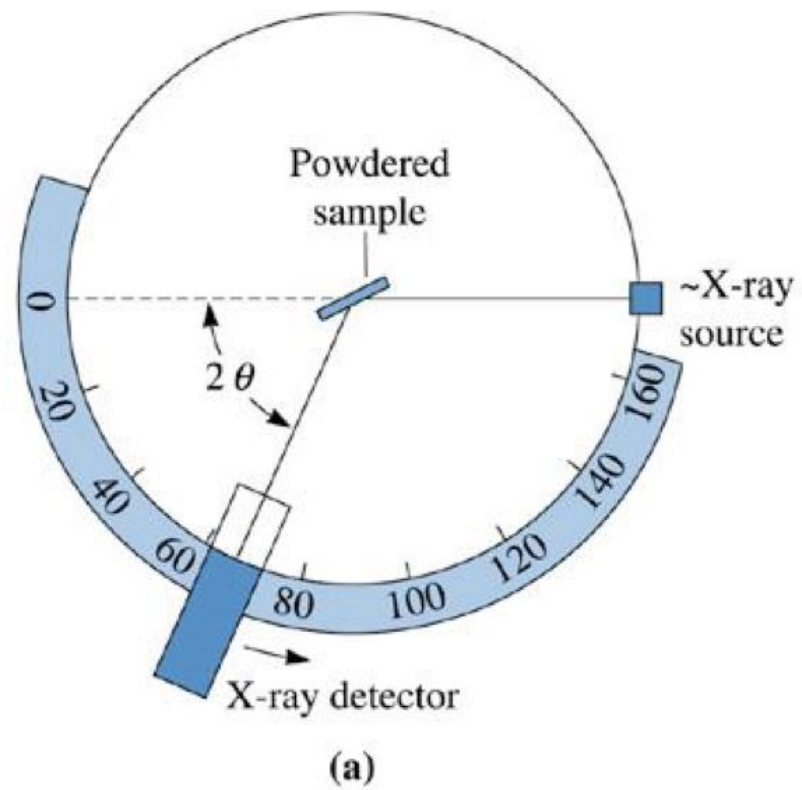


$$||\vec{S}|| = ||\vec{S}_0||$$

conservation of momentum

$$G = \frac{2\pi}{d_{hkl}} = ||\vec{r}_{hkl}^*|| = \frac{1}{d_{hkl}}$$

X-ray diffraction



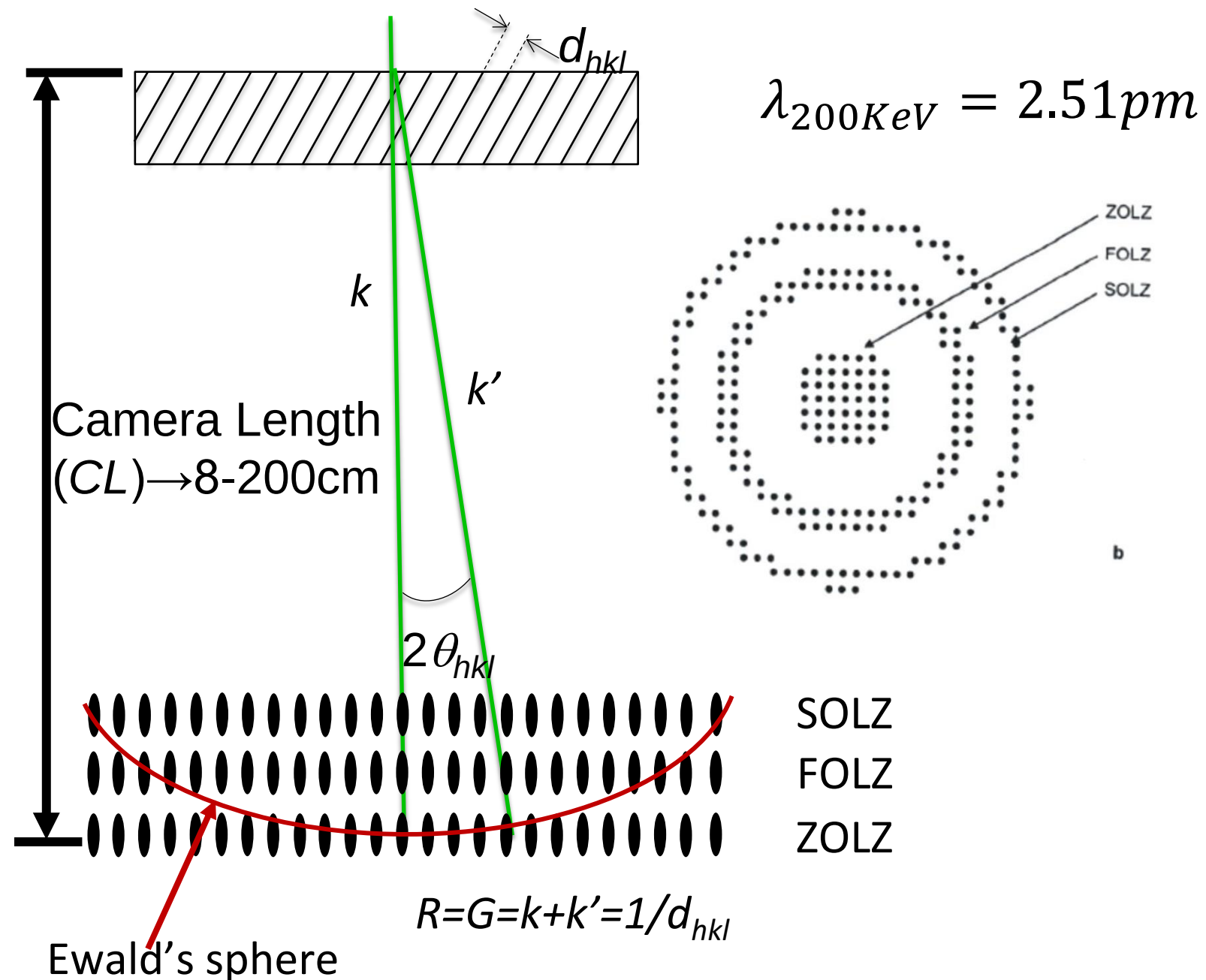
fcc Au

$$a = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin \theta} \sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

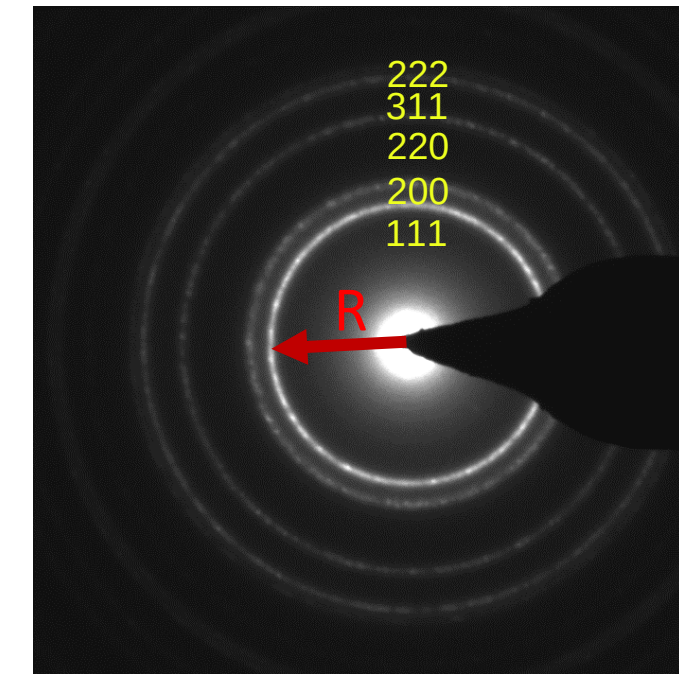
Transmission Electron Diffraction

$$2d\sin\theta = 2\theta d = n\lambda$$

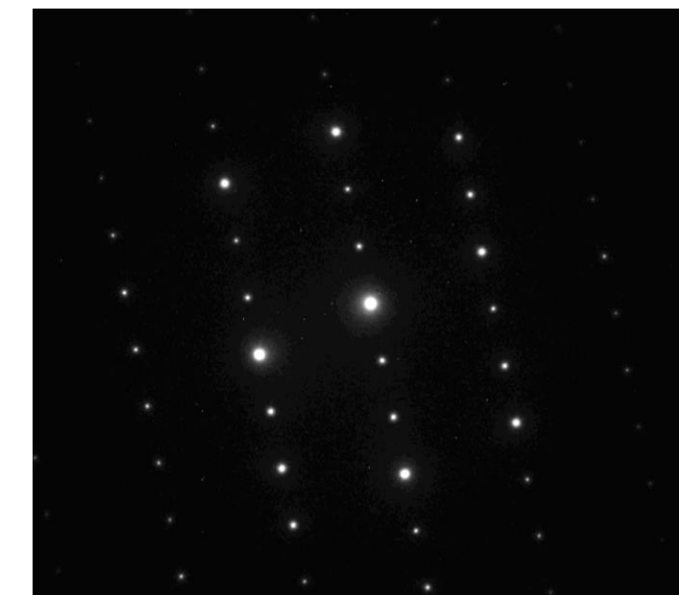
$$R\lambda = 2\theta = R/CL, d_{hkl} = \lambda CL/R$$



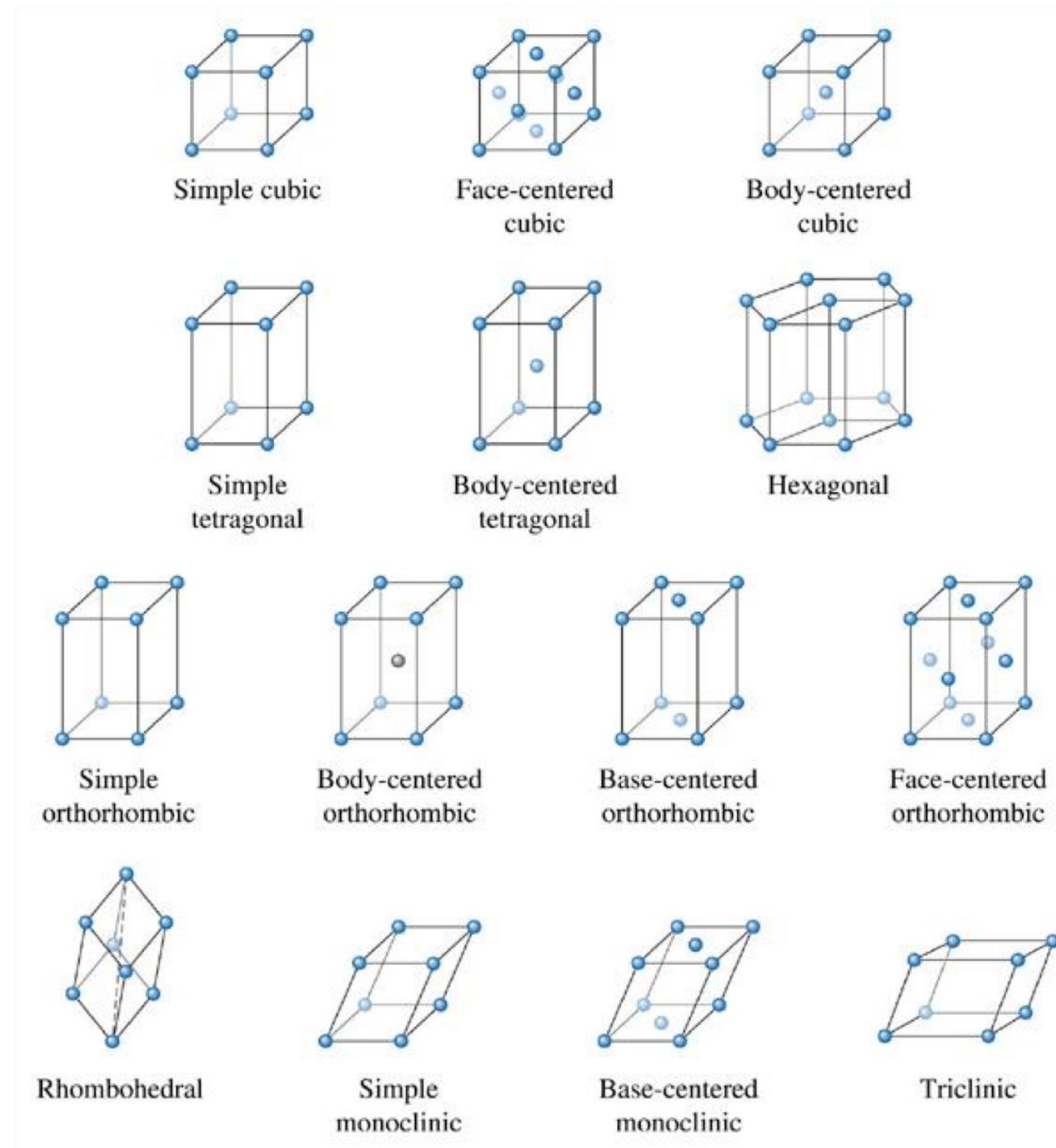
Bragg Diffraction Powder Pattern



Single Crystal Spot Pattern



Crystallography



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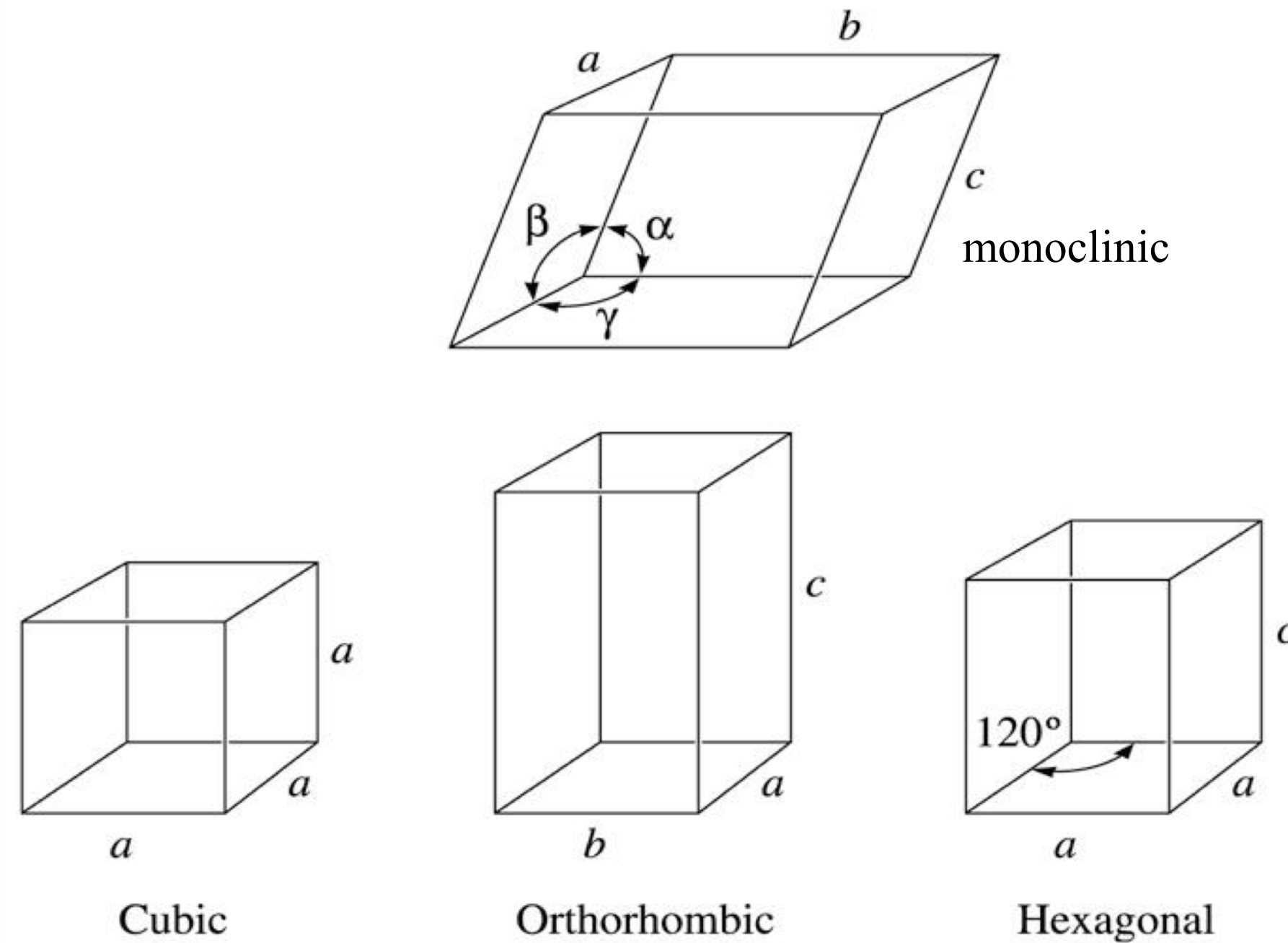
Metals

Ceramics
(ionic bonds)

Polymers
(covalent bonding)

14 Bravais lattices

Definition of crystalline cell angles and edges



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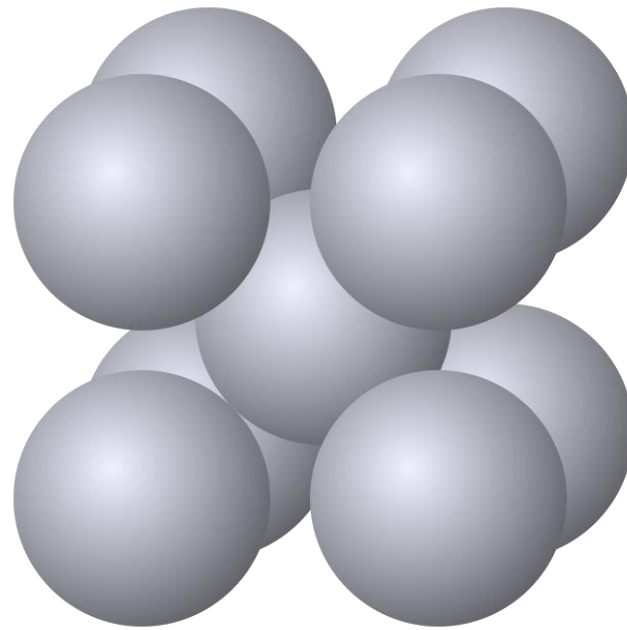
Characteristics of 7 crystalline systems

Structure	Axis	Angles between axis	Volume of the cell
Cubic	$a=b=c$	all = 90°	a^3
Tetrahedral	$a=b \neq c$	all = 90°	$a^2 \cdot c$
Orthorhombic	$a \neq b \neq c$	all = 90°	$a \cdot b \cdot c$
Hexagonal	$a=b \neq c$	$\alpha=\beta=90^\circ, \gamma=120^\circ$	$\sqrt{3}/2 \cdot a^2 c$
Rhombohedral	$a=b=c$	$\alpha=\beta=\gamma \neq 90^\circ$	$a^3 \sqrt{1 - 3(\cos \alpha)^2 + 2(\cos \alpha)^3}$
Monoclinic	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha=\gamma=90^\circ, \beta \neq 90^\circ$	$a \cdot b \cdot c \sin \beta$
Triclinic	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ$	$abc \sqrt{1 - (\cos \alpha)^2 - (\cos \beta)^2 - (\cos \gamma)^2 + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$



Compact Structures

Body centered cubic structure



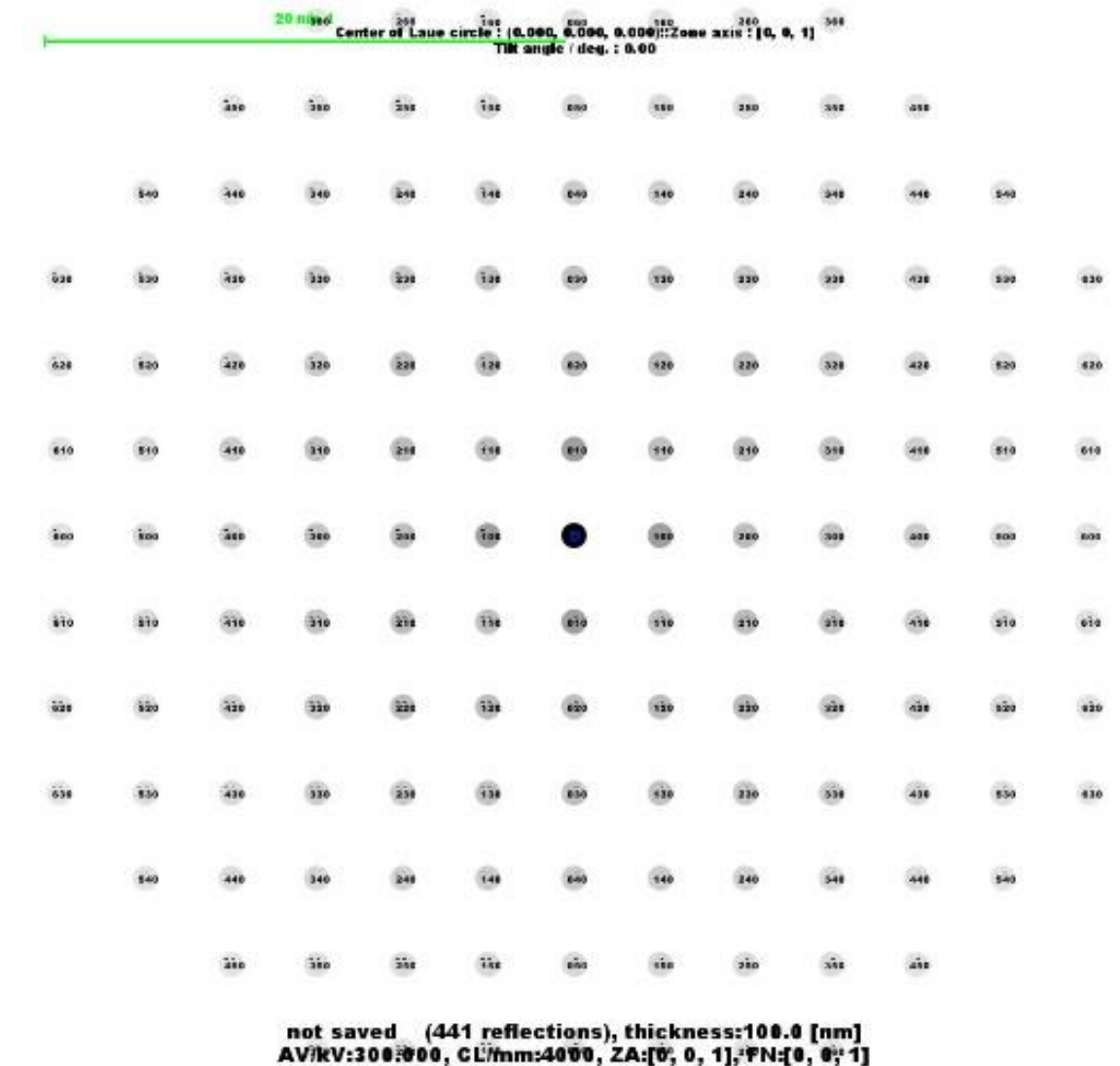
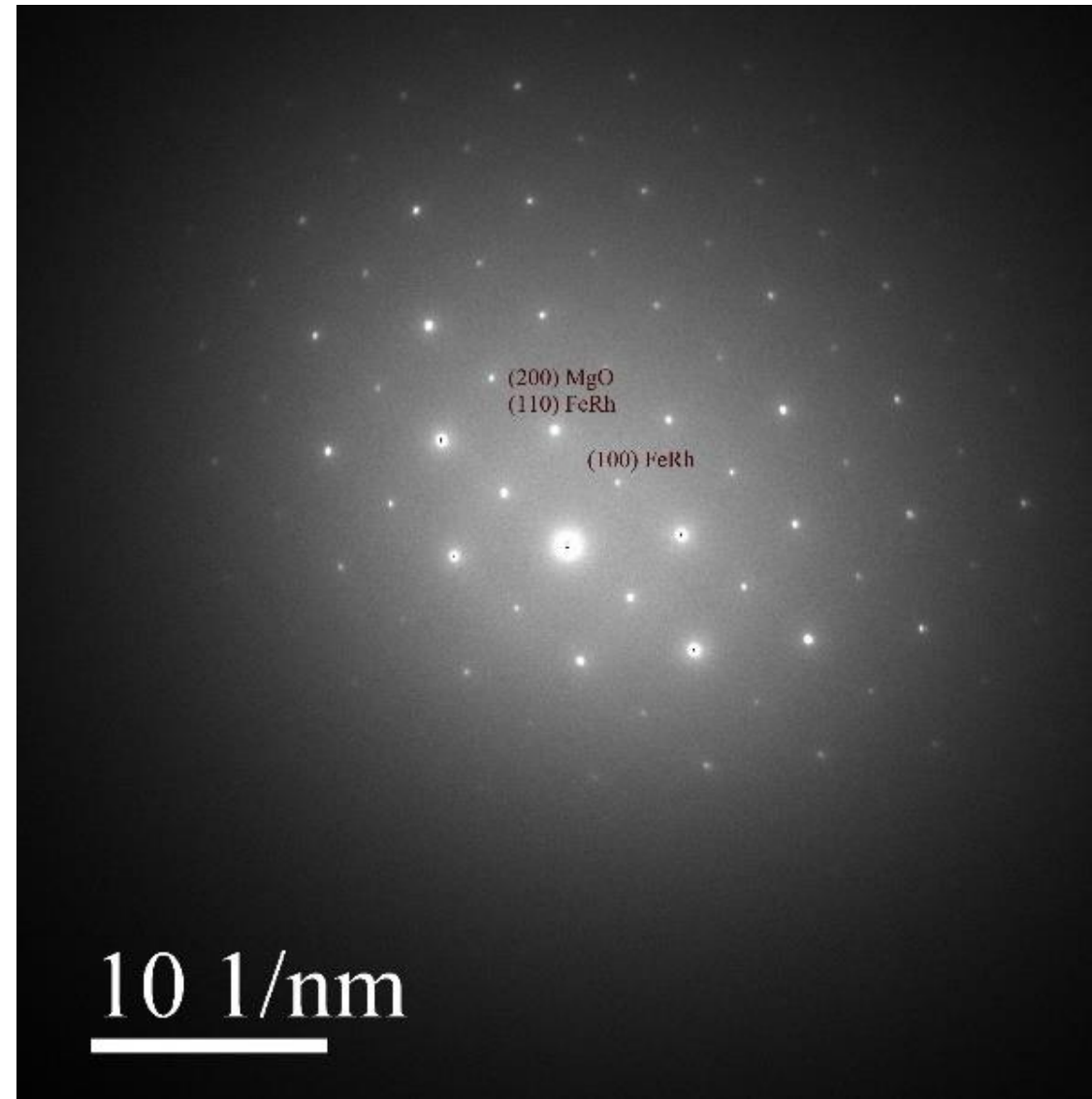
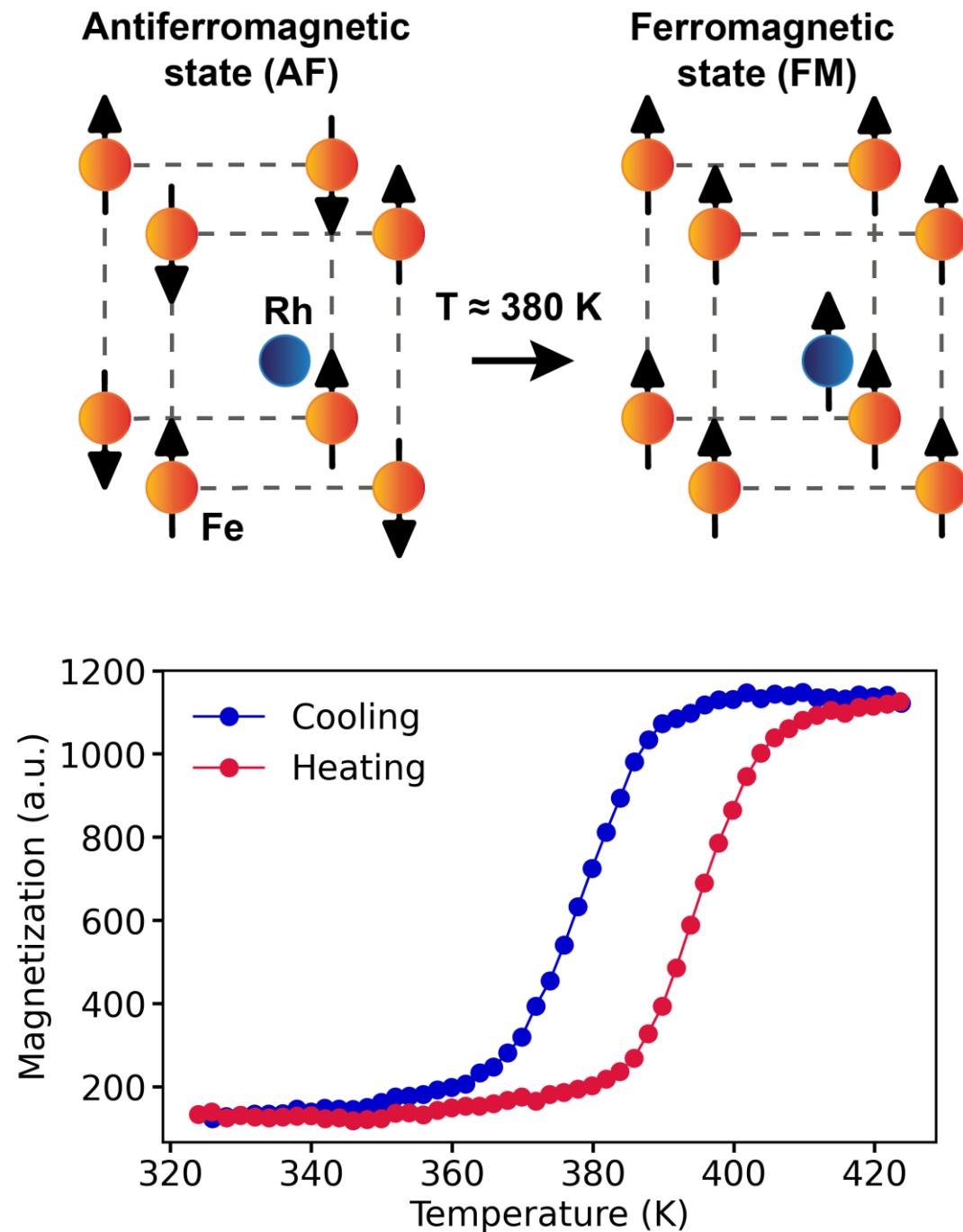
iron, chromium, tungsten.....

Electron Diffraction Example ordered BCC

$\text{Fe}_x\text{Rh}_{1-x}; x \in (0.48; 0.52)$

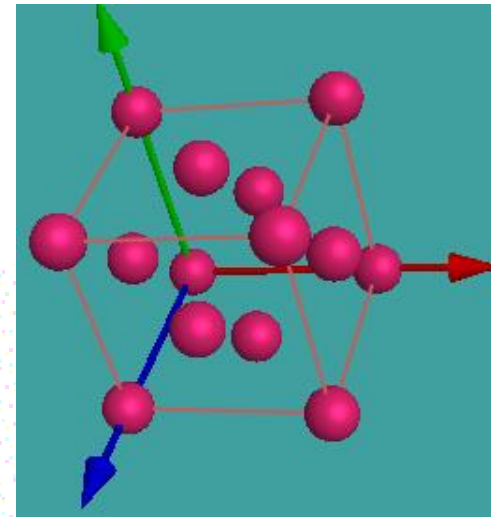
TEM diffraction

FeRh [100]ZA
simulation

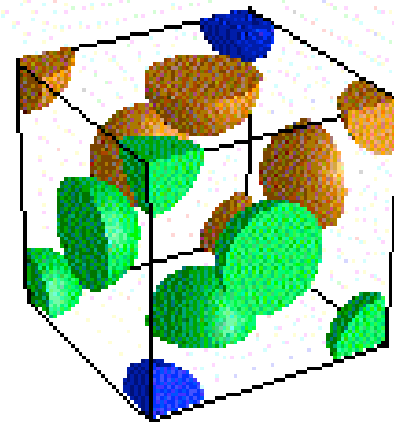


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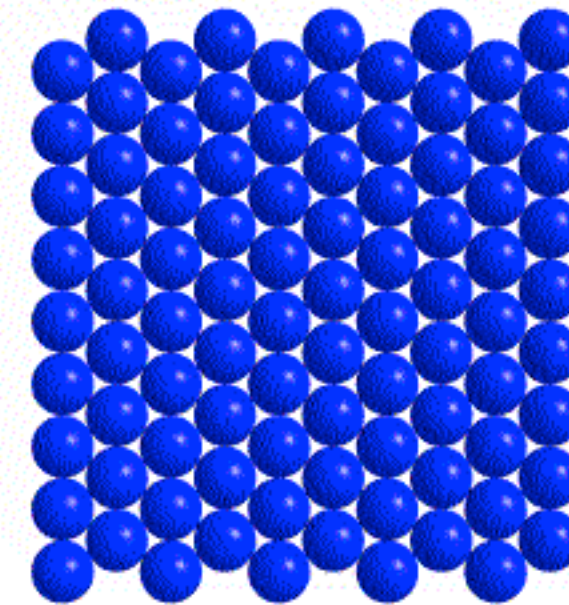
Face centered cubic structure



Stacking



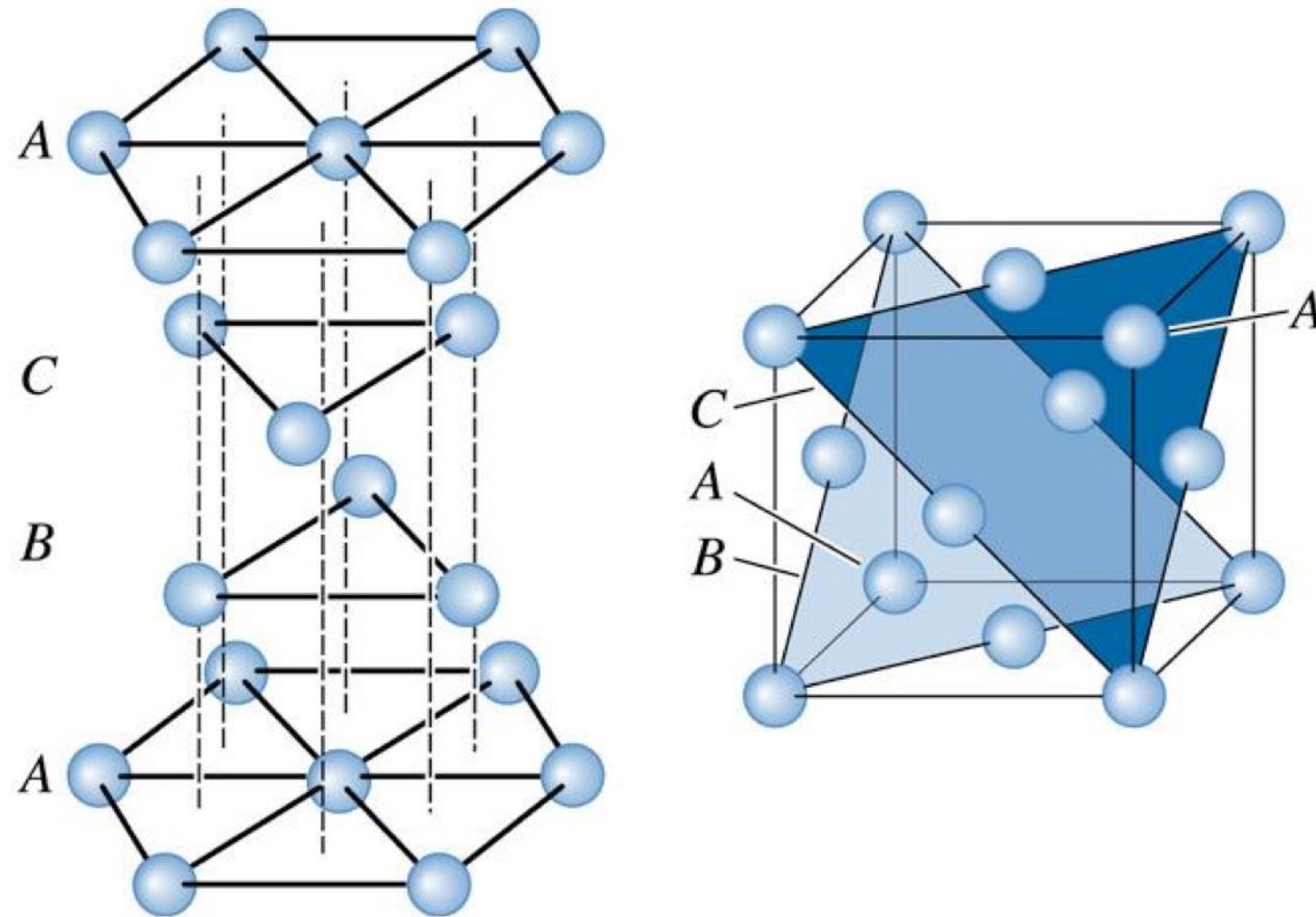
A-B-C-A-B sequence



aluminum, nickel, gold.....

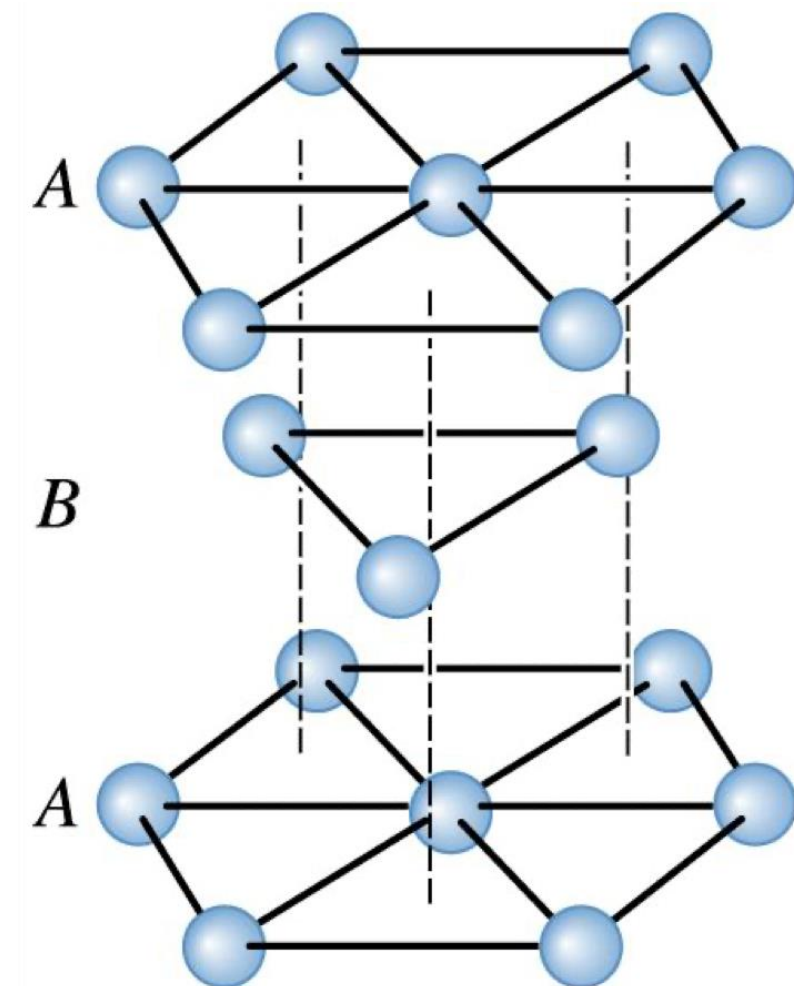
Compact Structures

Stacking in the FCC



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HCP



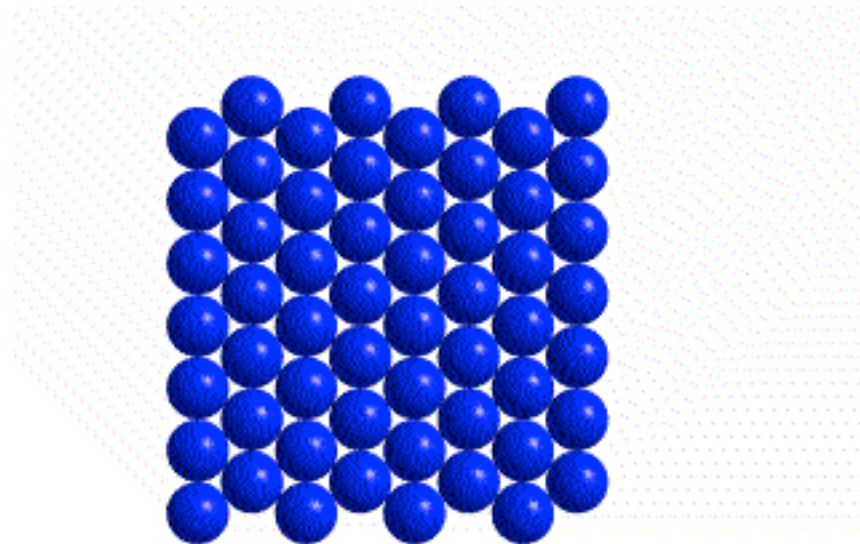
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Compact Structures

Hexagonal compact structure



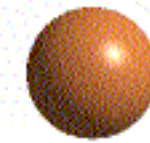
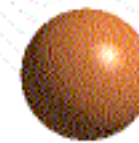
A-B-A-B structure



Comparison between structures

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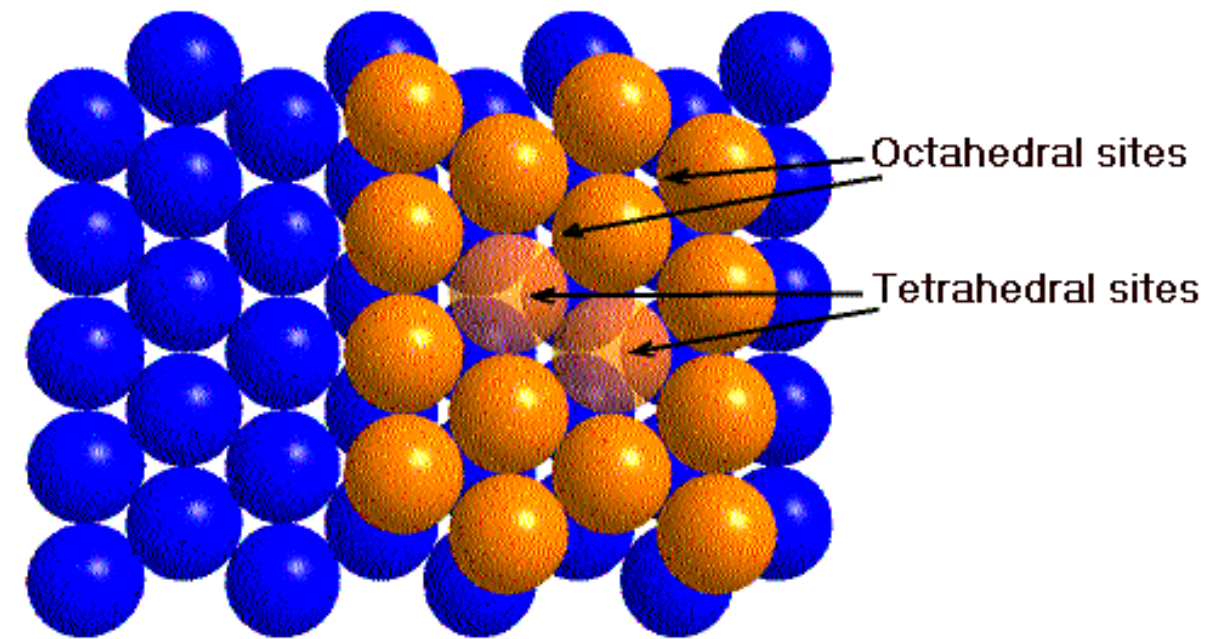
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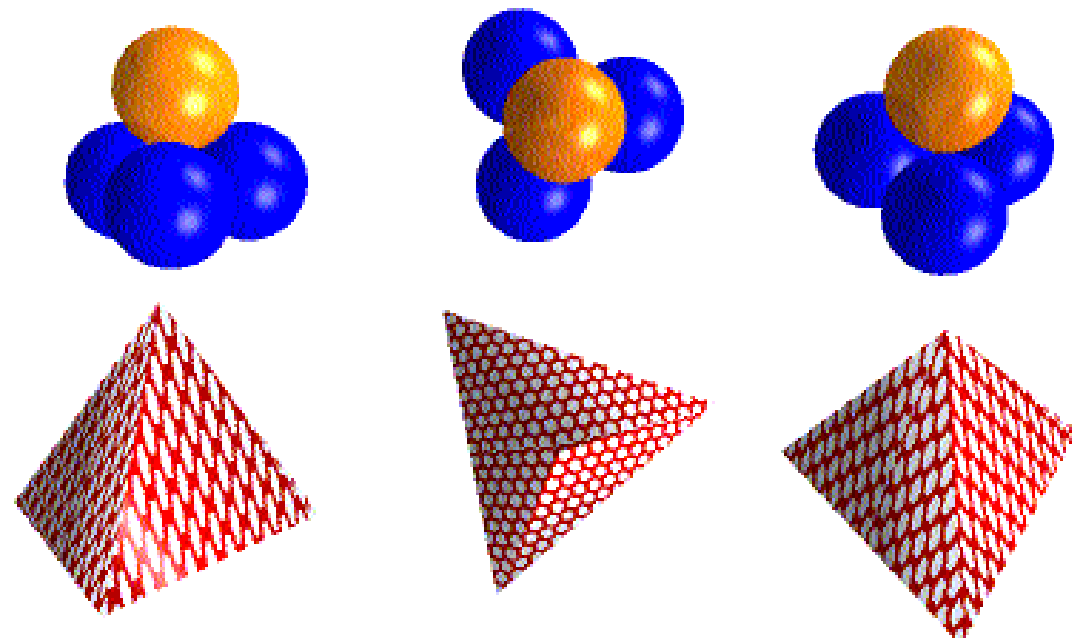
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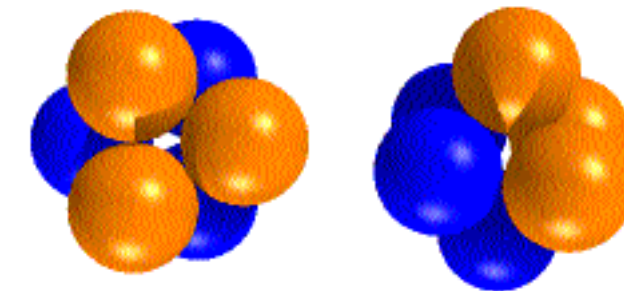
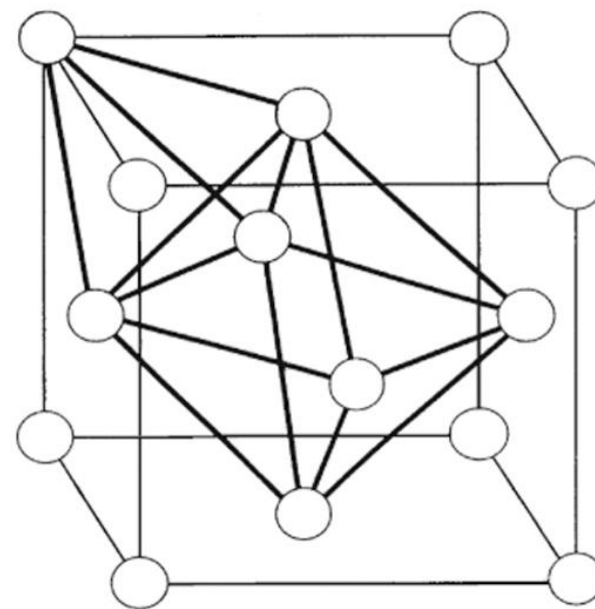
Interstitial sites in FCC metals



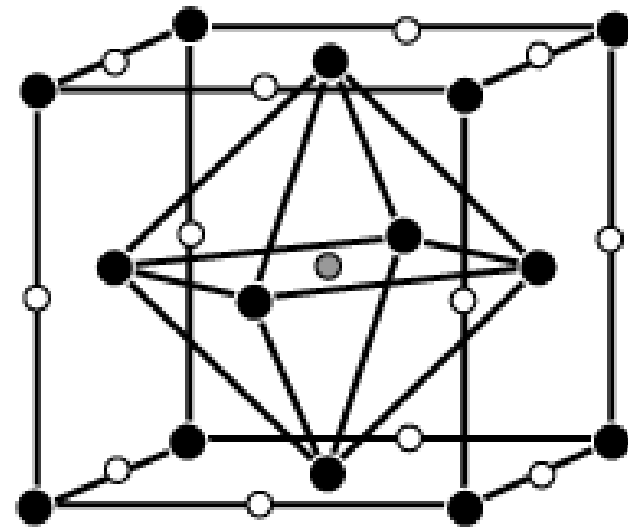
Tetrahedral sites



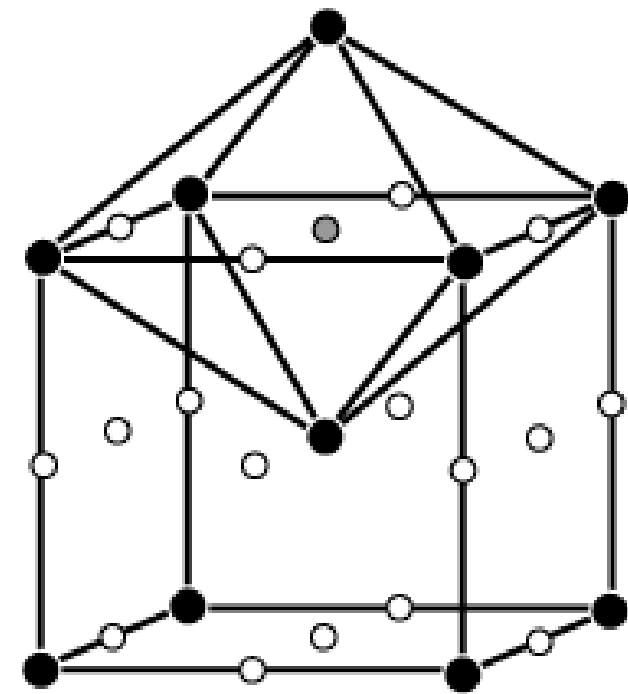
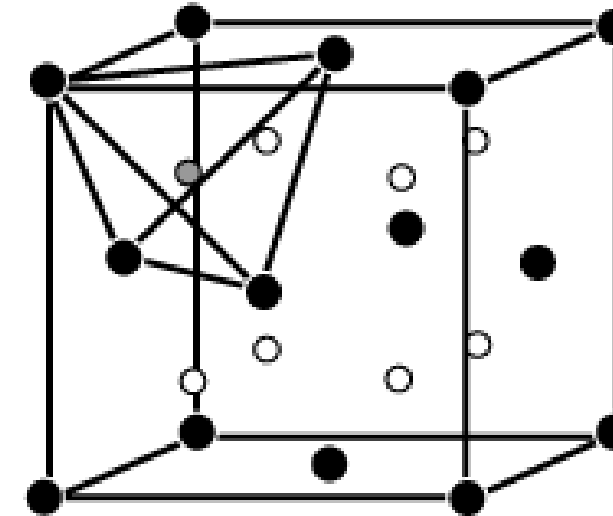
Octahedral sites



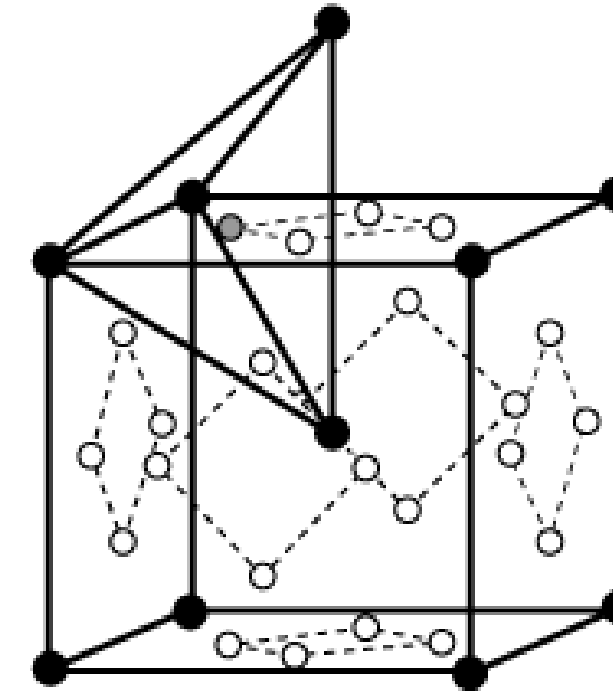
Interstitial sites



fcc



bcc



octahedral

tetrahedral

Coordination number atomic radius

Table 9 Atomic and ionic radius

Approximative values. For origin references, consult W.B. Pearson, *Crystal chemistry and physics of metals and alloys*, Wiley, 1972.

Units: $1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

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Symbole

Mg
0,65
1,40
1,60

Standard radii for ions

in the configuration of neutral gases (filled layer)

Radius of atoms in the case of tetrahedral covalent bonds

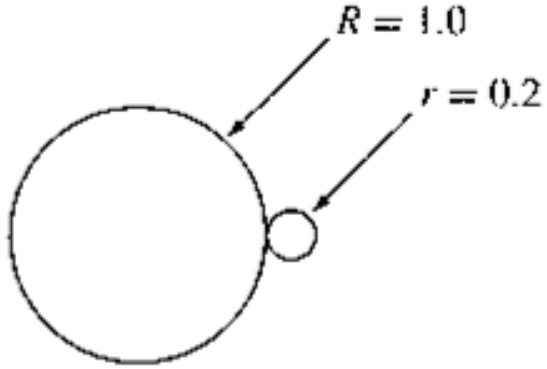
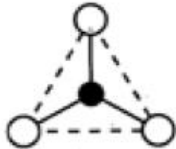
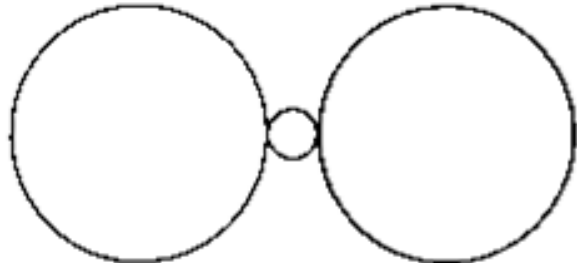
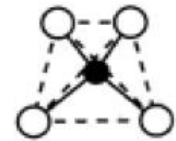
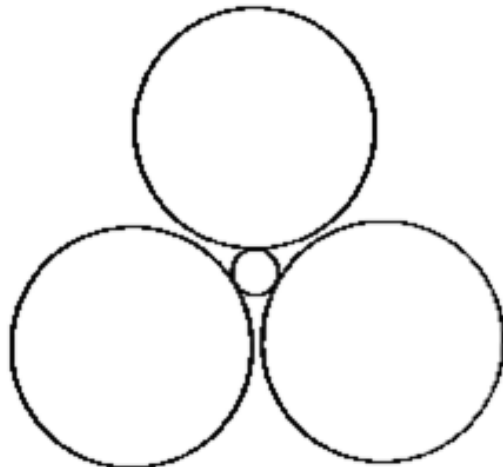
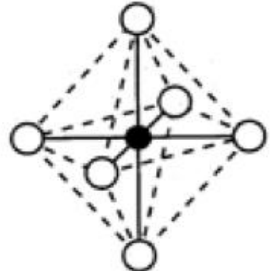
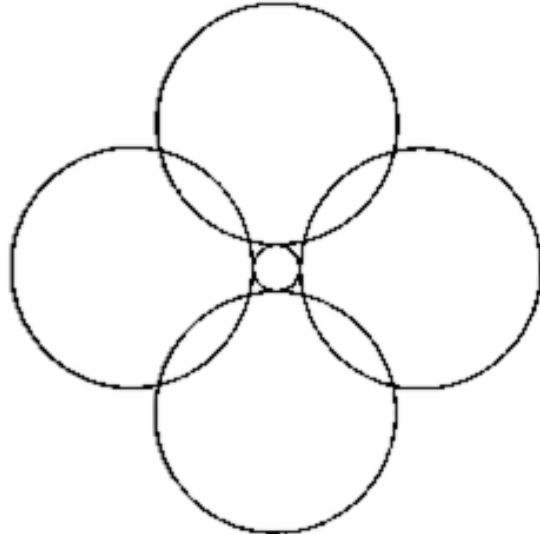
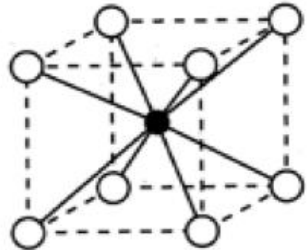
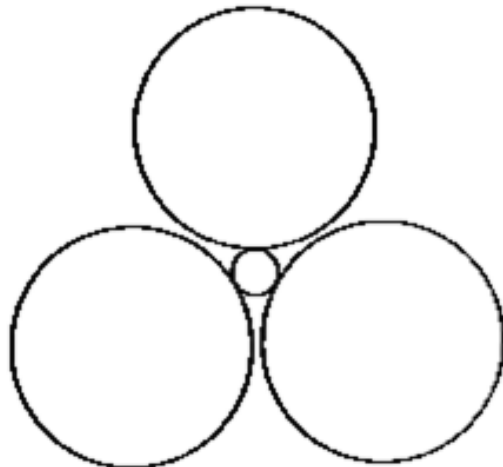
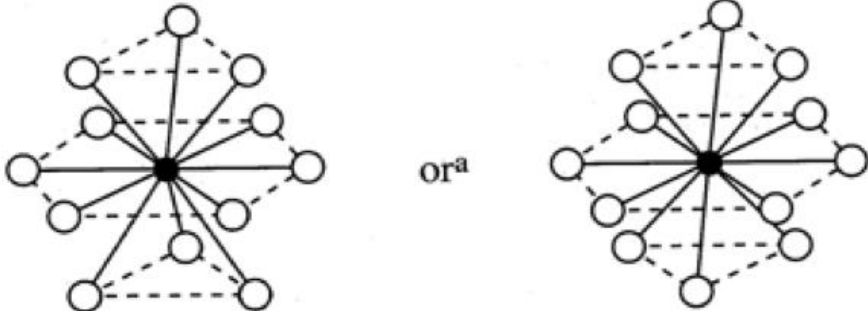
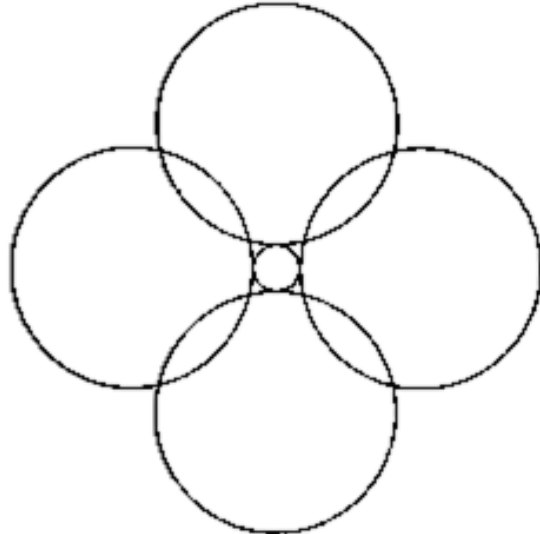
Radius of ions for coordination number of 12 (metals)

B	C	N	O	F	Ne
0,23	0,15	1,71	1,40	1,36	1,58
0,88	0,77	0,70	0,66	0,64	
0,98	0,92				
Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
0,50	0,41	2,12	1,84	1,81	1,88
1,26	1,17	1,10	1,04	0,99	
1,43	1,32				

K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
1,33	0,99	0,81	0,68								0,74	0,62	0,53	2,22	1,98	1,95	2,00
										1,35	1,31	1,26	1,22	1,18	1,14	1,11	
2,38	1,98	1,64	1,46	1,35	1,28	1,26	1,27	1,25	1,25	1,28	1,39	1,41	1,37	1,39			
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
1,48	1,13	0,93	0,80	0,67						1,26	0,97	0,81	0,71	2,45	2,21	2,16	2,17
										1,52	1,48	1,44	1,40	1,36	1,32	1,28	
2,55	2,15	1,80	1,60	1,47	1,40	1,36	1,34	1,35	1,38	1,45	1,57	1,66	1,55	1,59			
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
1,67	1,35	1,15								1,37	1,10	0,95	0,84				
										1,48							
2,73	2,24	1,88	1,58	1,47	1,41	1,38	1,35	1,36	1,39	1,44	1,57	1,72	1,75	1,70	1,76		

Fr	Ra	Ac	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
1,75	1,37	1,11	1,01													
			1,71-					2,04 ²⁺ -							1,94 ²⁺ -	
			1,82	1,83	1,82	1,81	1,80	1,80 ³⁺	1,80	1,78	1,77	1,77	1,76	1,75	1,74 ³⁺	
Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr			
0,99	0,90	0,83														
				1,58-												
1,80	1,63	1,56	1,56	1,64	1,81											

Coordination number

CN	r/R	geometry		
2	$0 < \frac{r}{R} < 0.155$			
3	$0.155 \leq \frac{r}{R} < 0.225$		Triangle	
4	$0.225 \leq \frac{r}{R} < 0.414$		Tetrahedron	
6	$0.414 \leq \frac{r}{R} < 0.732$		Octahedron	
8	$0.732 \leq \frac{r}{R} < 1$		Body Centered Cubic	
12	1		Face Centered Cubic and Hexagonal Close Packed	

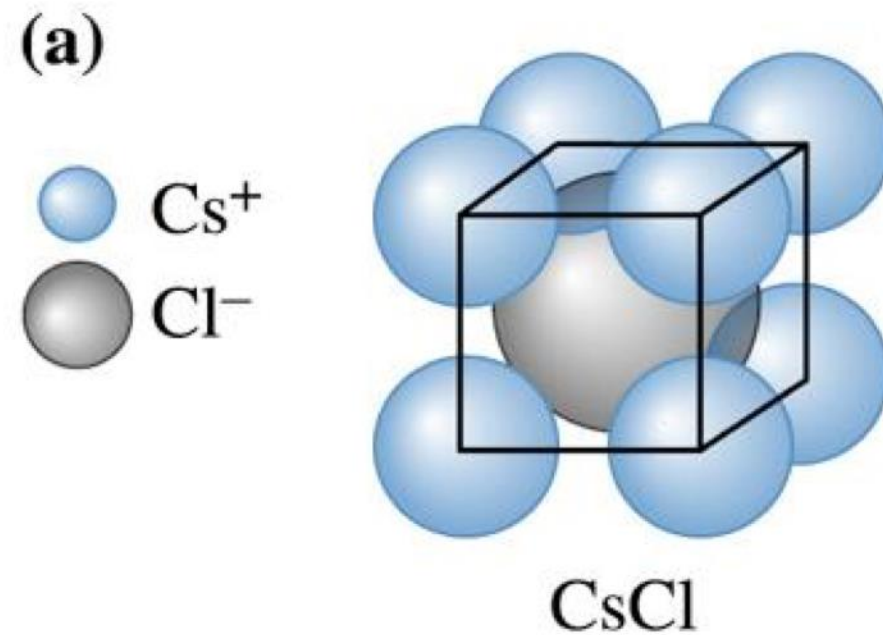
CN = 1 possible

CN = 2 possible

CN = 3 maximum

CN = 4 unstable

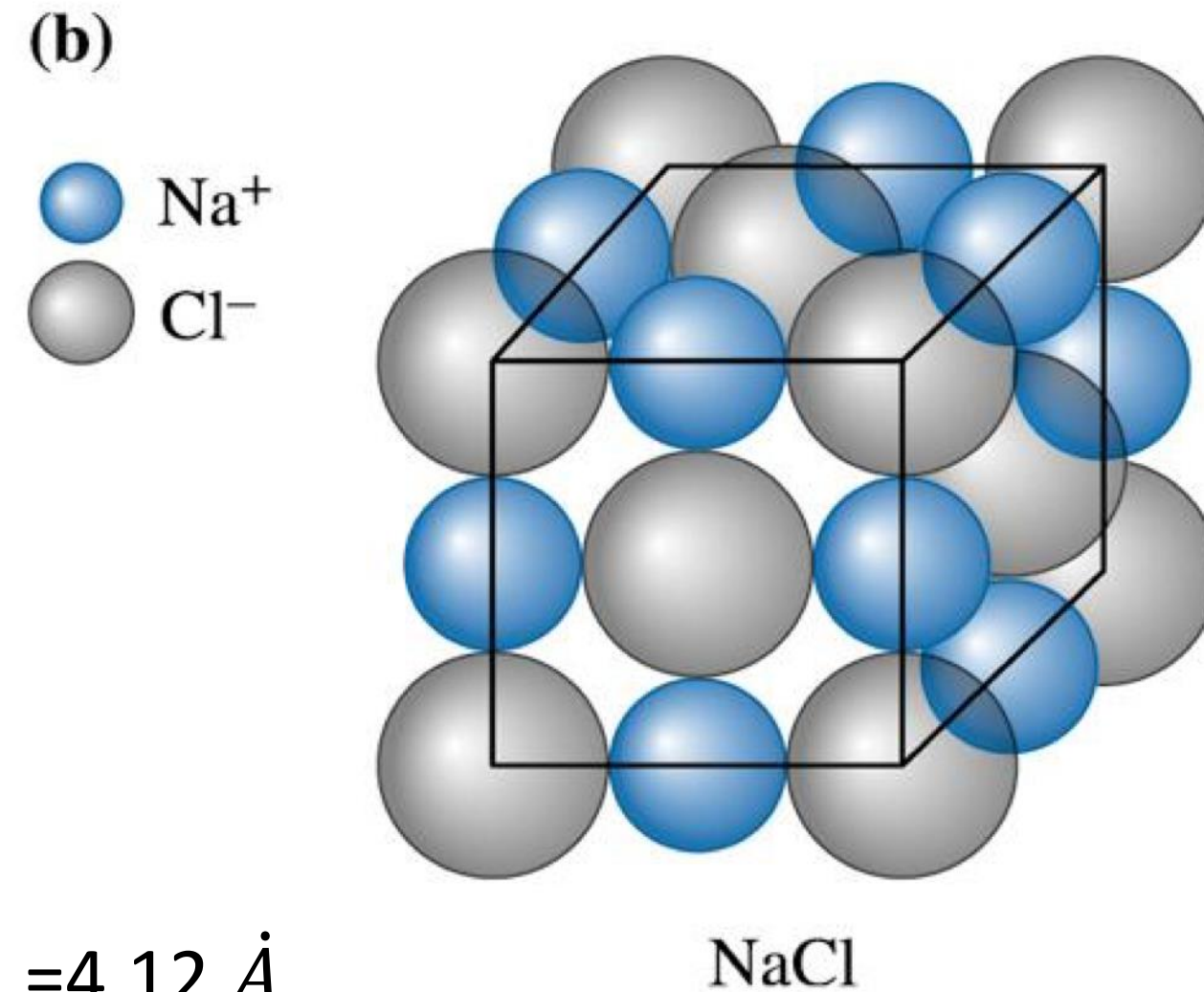
Composite structures



$$\frac{r}{R} = \frac{1.67}{1.81} = 0.9 \quad n=8$$

$$D = R_a + R_b + \Delta_N \quad D_{\text{CsCl}} = 3.56 \text{ \AA}, a_o = 4.12 \text{ \AA}$$

N	$\Delta_N(\text{\AA})$	N	$\Delta_N(\text{\AA})$	N	$\Delta_N(\text{\AA})$
1	-0.50	5	-0.05	9	0.11
2	-0.31	6	0	10	0.14
3	-0.19	7	0.04	11	0.17
4	-0.11	8	0.08	12	0.19

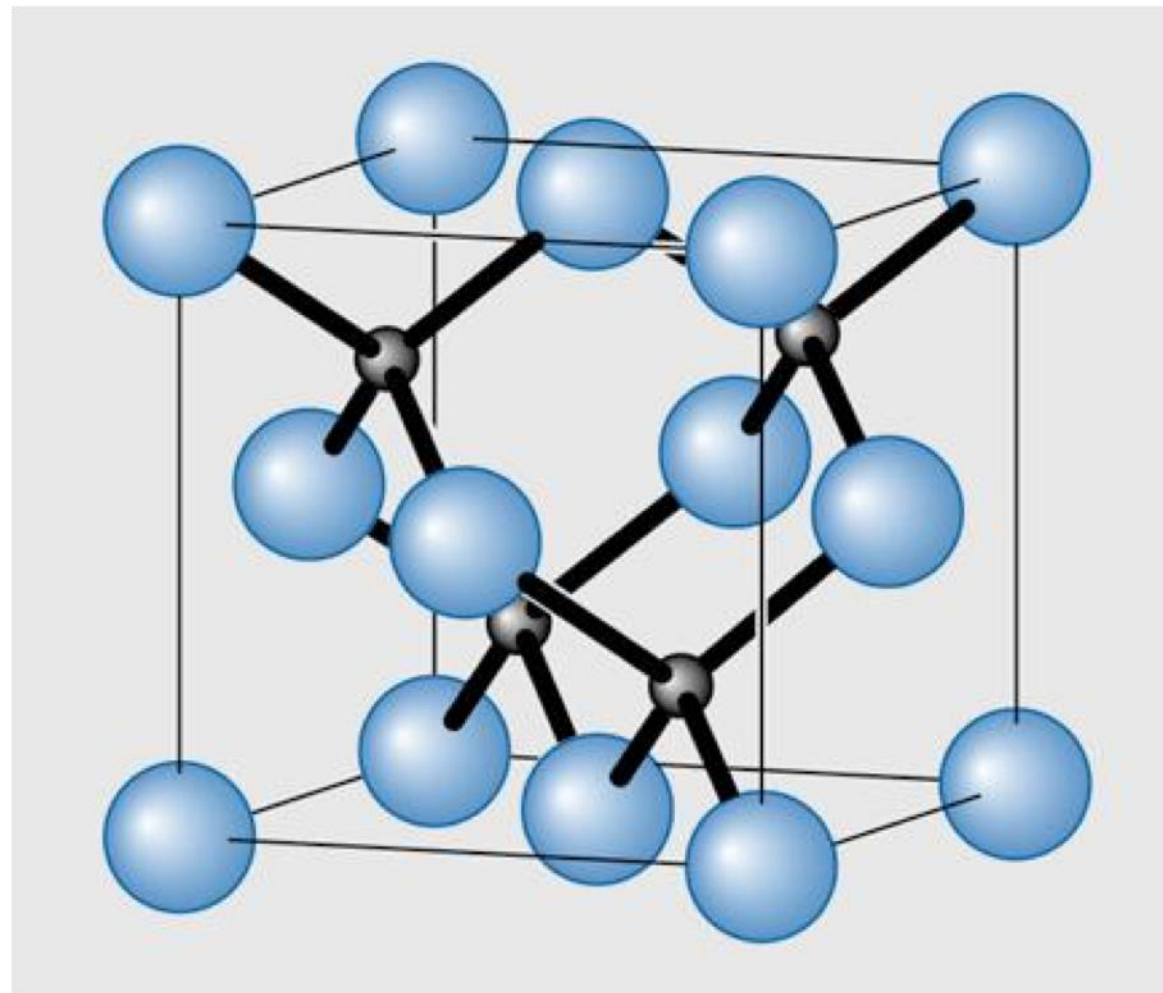


$$\frac{r}{R} = \frac{0.97}{1.81} = 0.5 \quad n=6$$

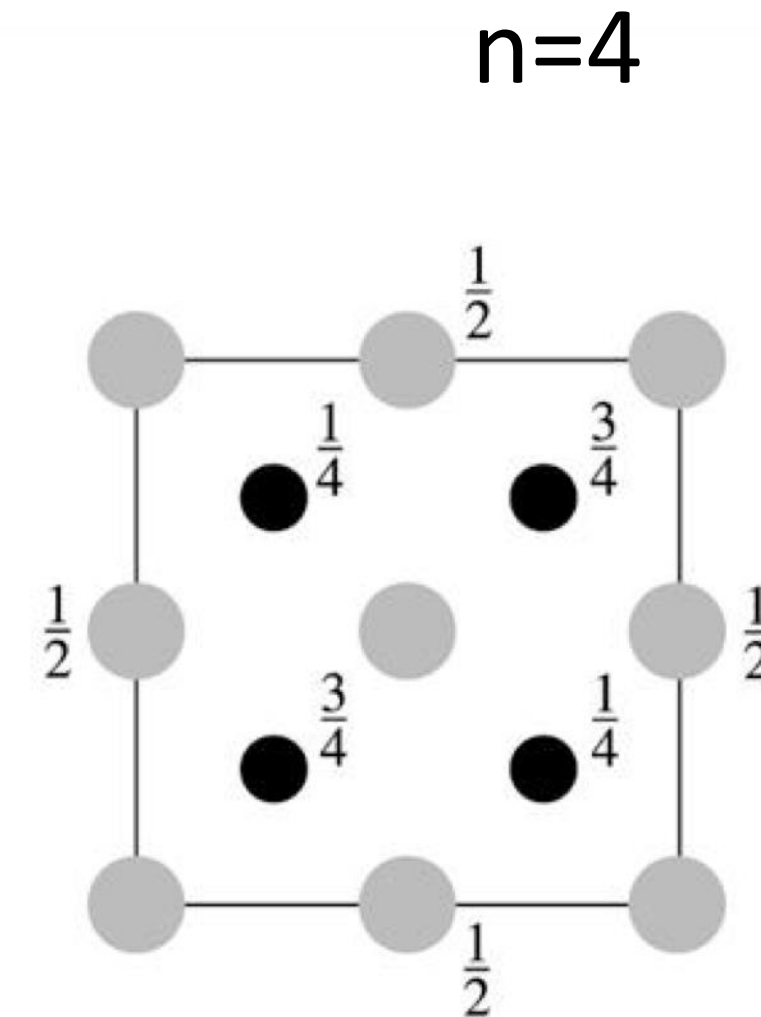
Composite structures

Sphalerite (zincblende)

$$\frac{r}{R} = \frac{0.74}{1.84} = 0.4$$



(a)

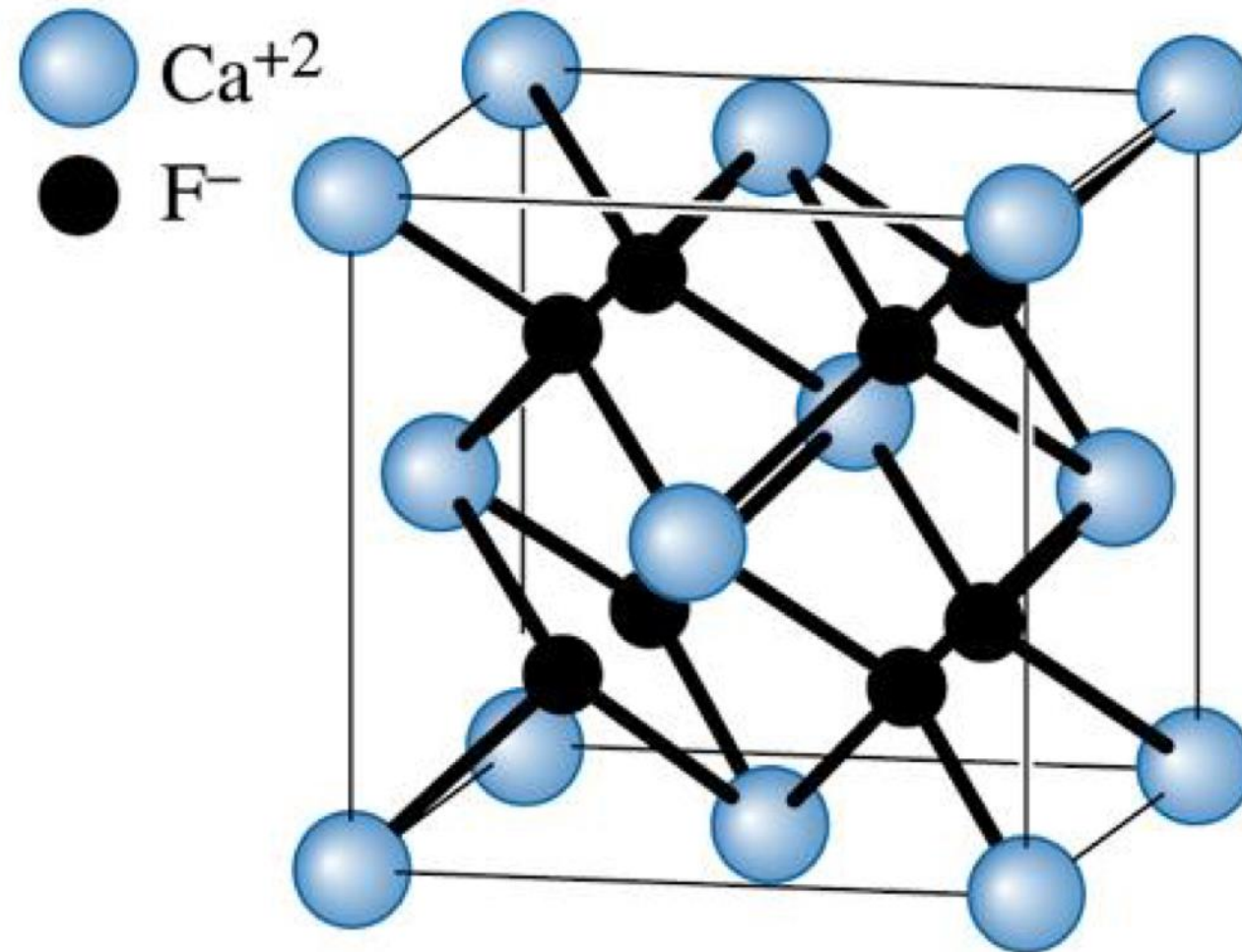


(b)

ZnS

Composite structures

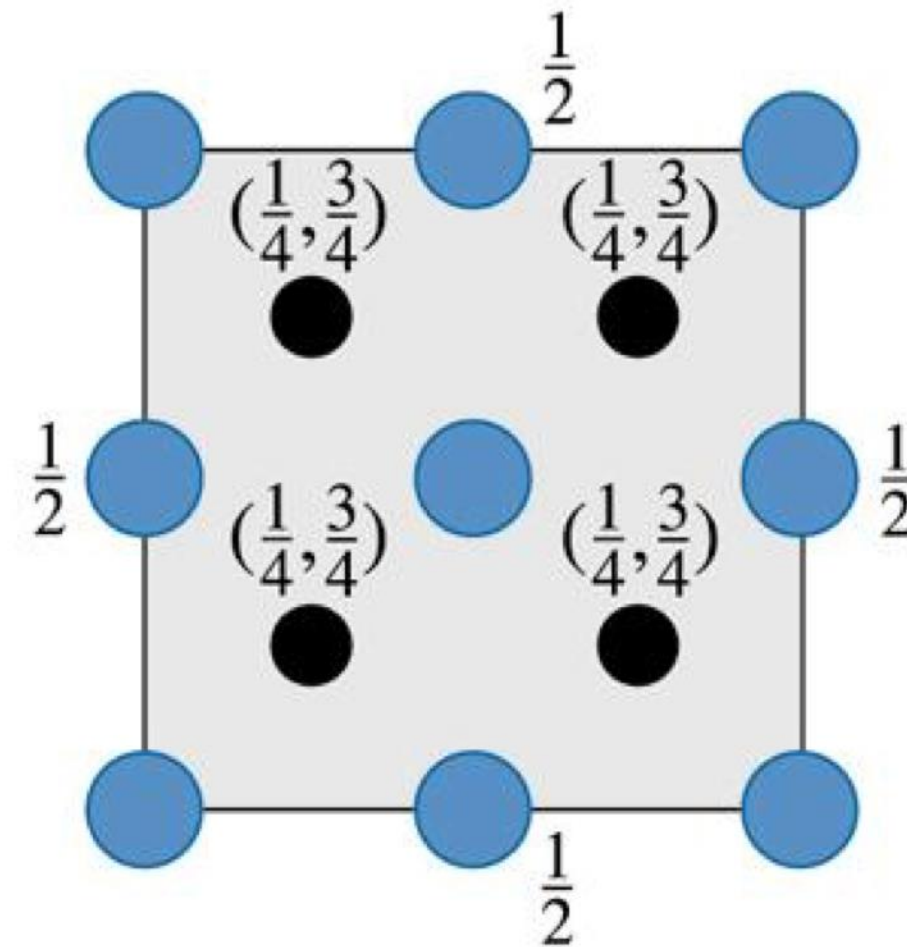
Fluorite CaF_2



Fluorite cell

(a)

$$n_{\text{Ca}}=8 \quad \frac{r}{R} = \frac{0.99}{1.36} = 0.73$$

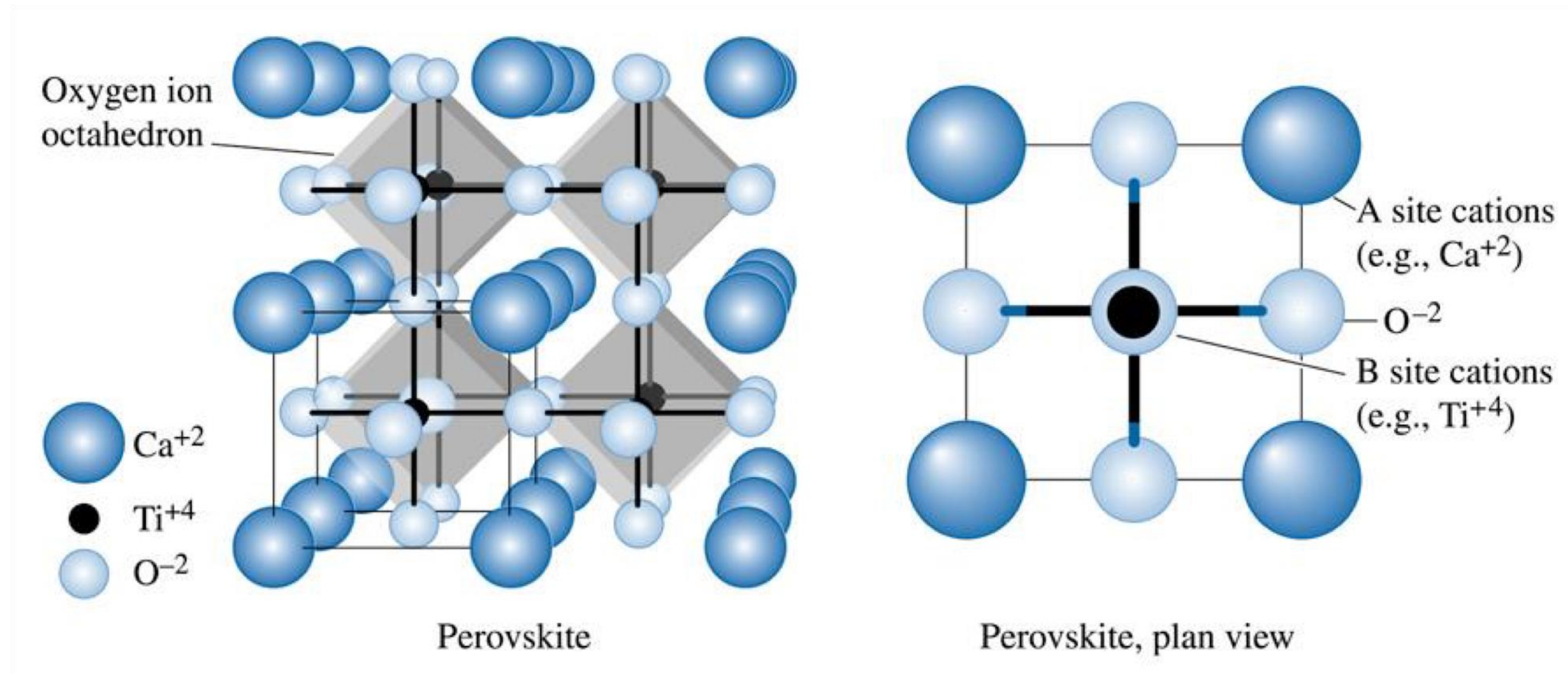


Plan view

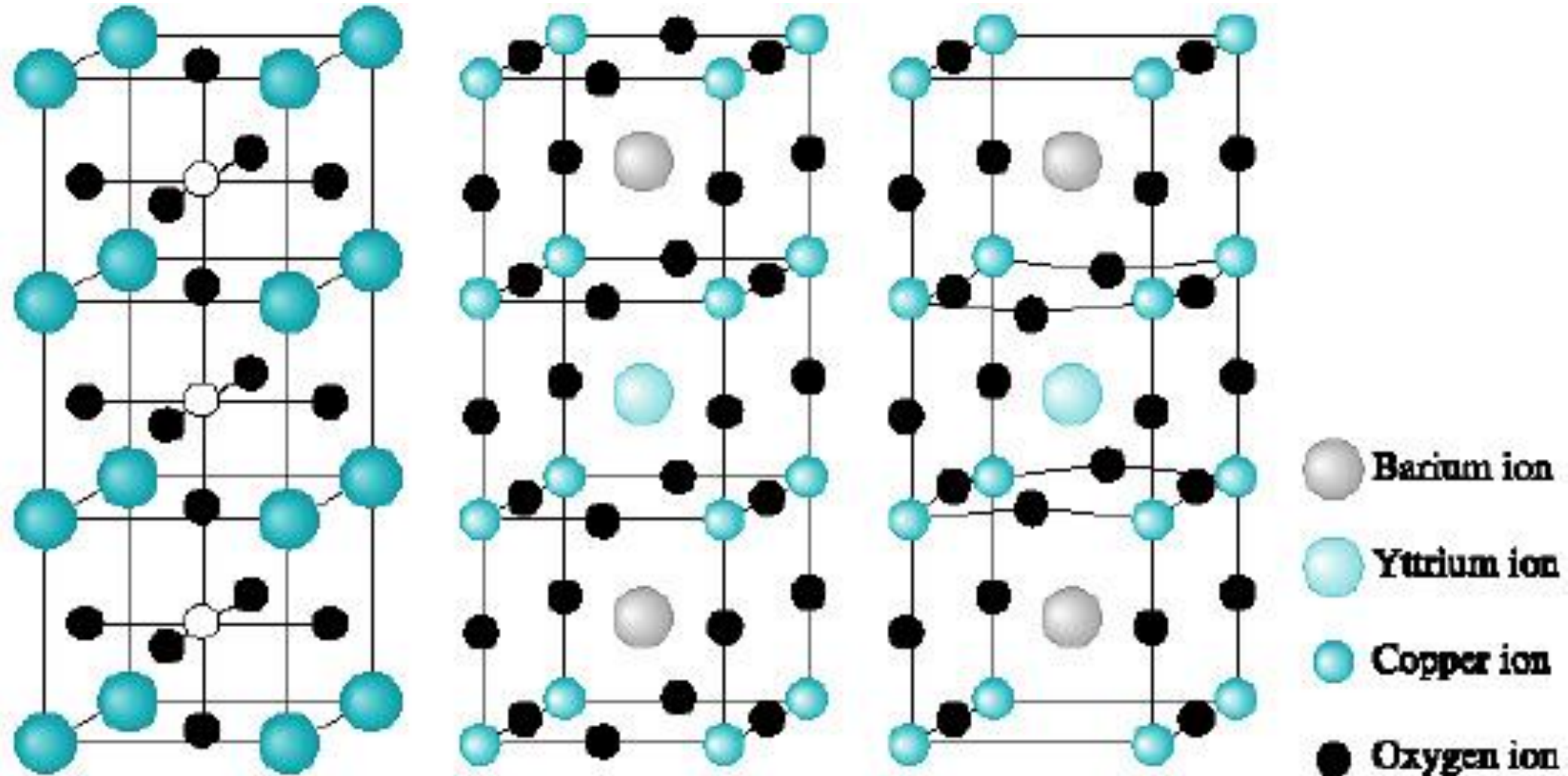
(b)

Composite structures

Perovskite CaTiO_3



Perovskite superconductor



Perovskite

$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$