

# 6. Crystal structure

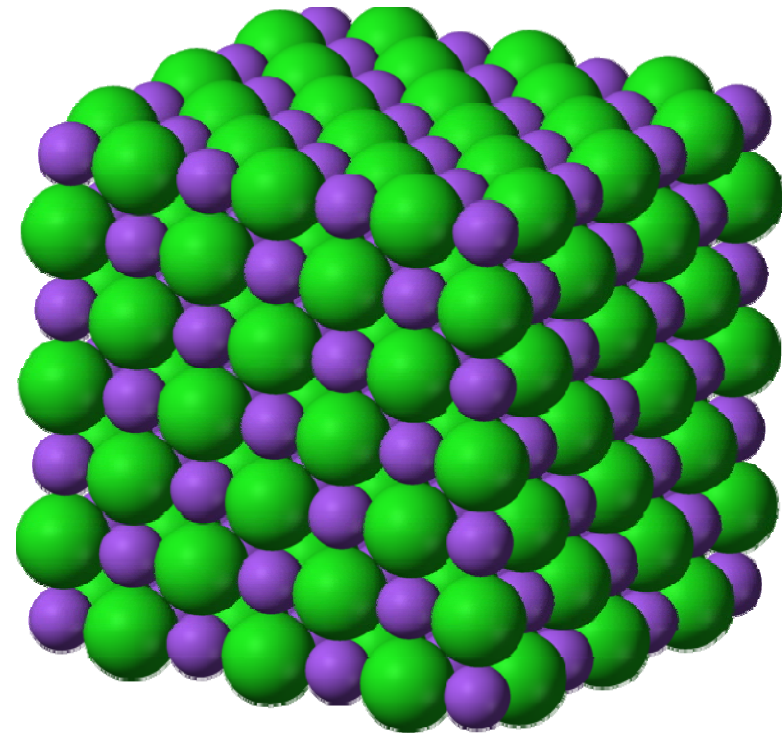
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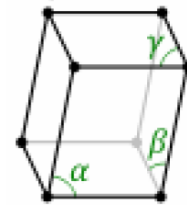
A crystal is a three dimensional periodic arrangement of atoms.



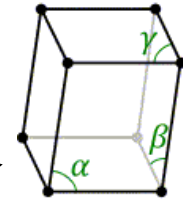
# 7 Crystal Systems

**triclinic:**  $a \neq b \neq c$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ$

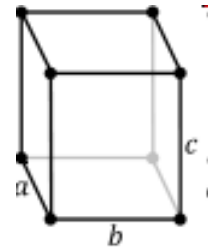
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$



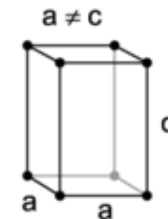
**monoclinic:**  $a \neq b \neq c$  and  $\alpha \neq 90^\circ$   $\beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$



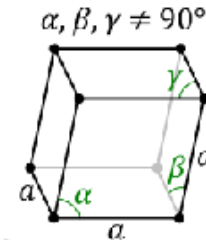
**orthorhombic:**  $a \neq b \neq c$  and  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$



**tetragonal:**  $a = b \neq c$  and  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$



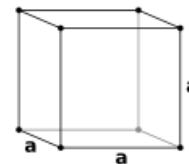
**rhombohedral:**  $a = b = c$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ$



**hexagonal:**  $a = b \neq c$  and  $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 120^\circ$

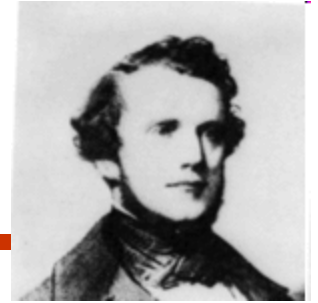


**cubic**  $a = b = c$  and  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$

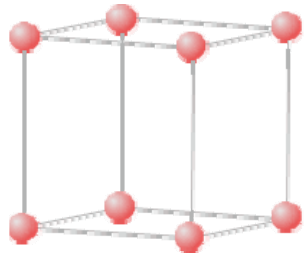
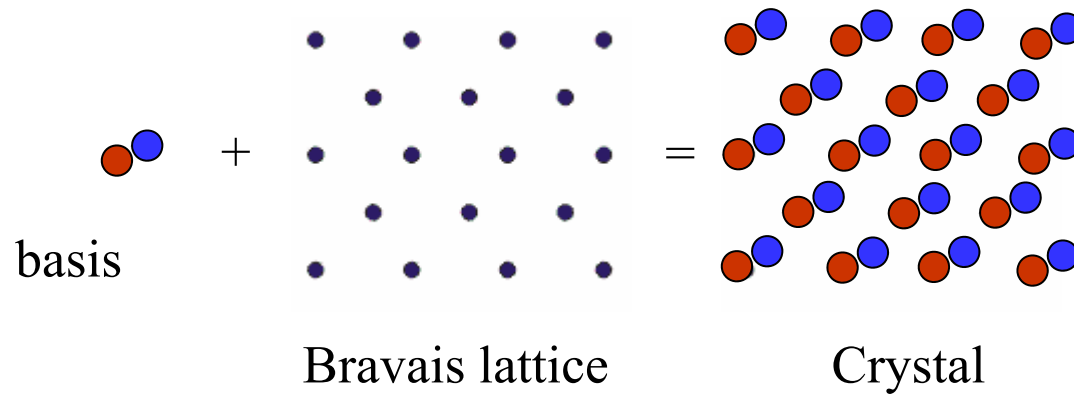


$\alpha$  is the angle between b and c

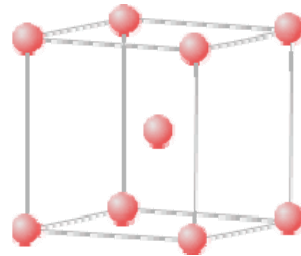
# Bravais lattice



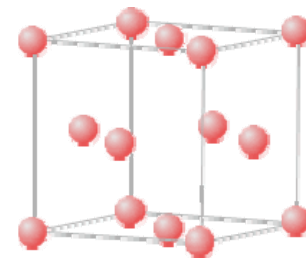
Auguste Bravais



simple cubic



body centered  
cubic, bcc



face centered  
cubic, fcc

# 14 Bravais lattices

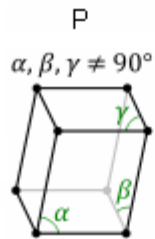
Crystal system

Bravais lattices

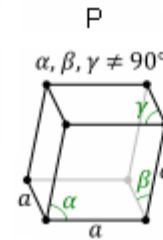
Crystal system

Bravais lattices

triclinic

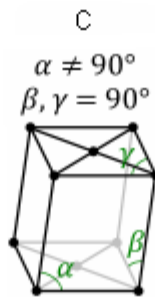
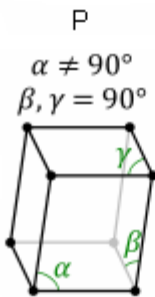


rhombohedral  
(trigonal)

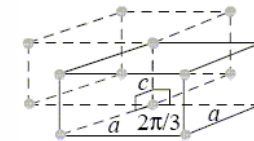


Points of a Bravais lattice do not necessarily represent atoms.

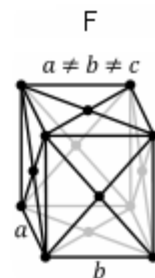
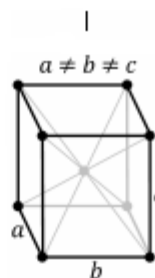
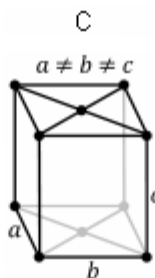
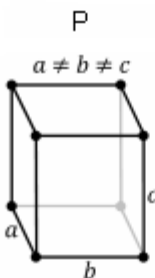
monoclinic



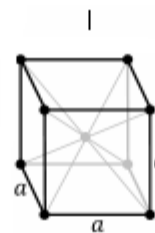
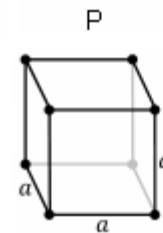
hexagonal



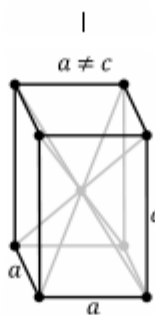
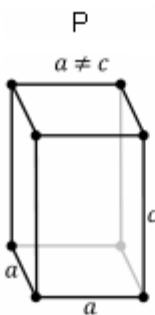
orthorhombic



cubic



tetragonal



P ... primitive

I ... body centered

F ... face centered

C ... centered

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bravais\\_lattice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bravais_lattice)

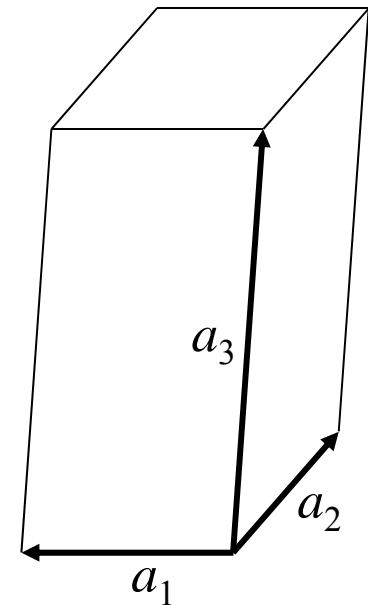
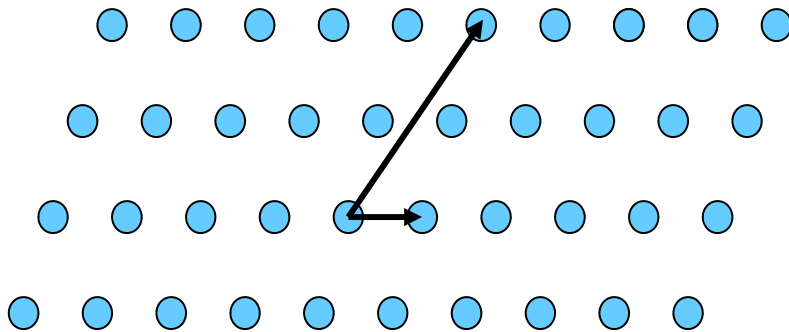
# Primitive lattice vectors

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Every point of a Bravais lattice can be reached from another point on the lattice by a translation vector

Translation vector

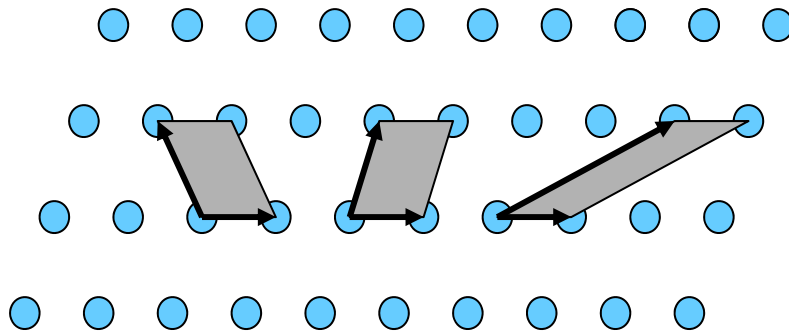
$$\vec{T} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3 \quad n_1, n_2, n_3 = \dots -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



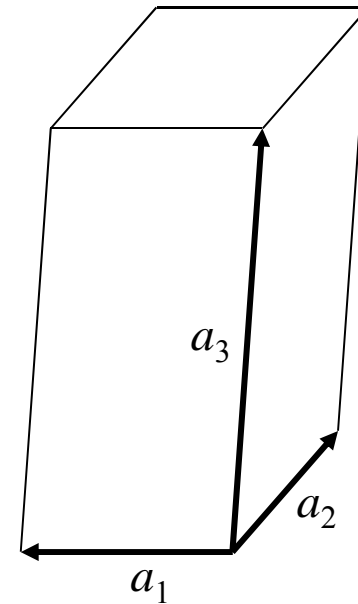
Primitive lattice vectors

# Primitive Unit Cell

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There is more than one choice for a primitive unit cell



volume of a unit cell =

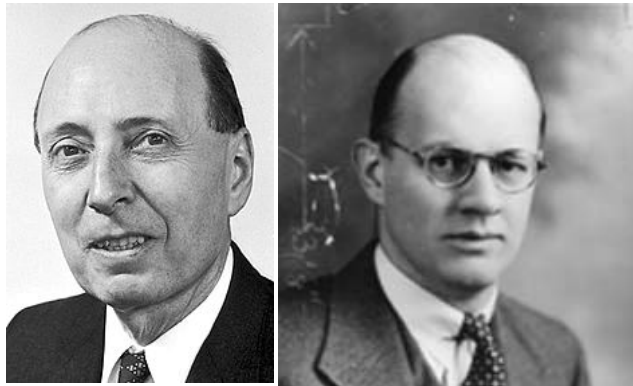
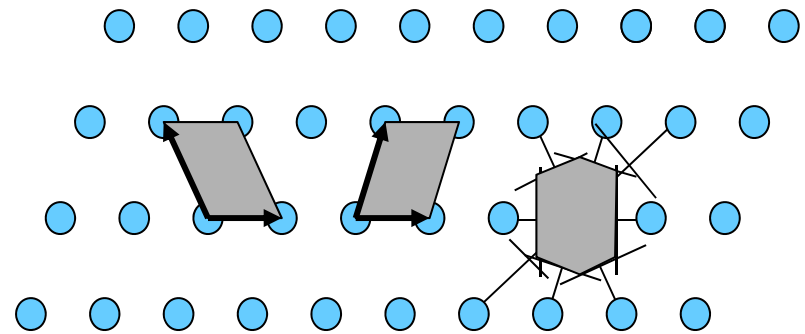
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$$|\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3|$$

# Unit Cells

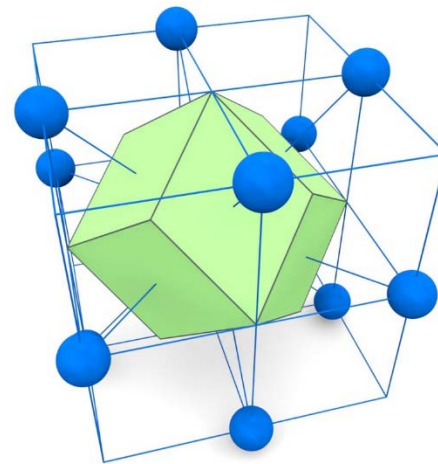
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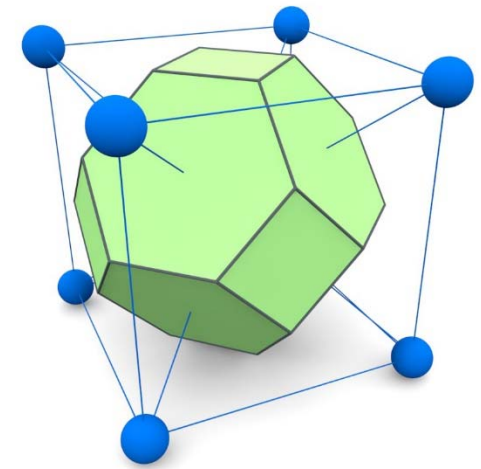


Eugene Wigner

Frederick Seitz



fcc



bcc

Wigner-Seitz primitive unit cell



# Wigner-Seitz cells

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The set of planes perpendicular to a vector  $A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$  is,

$$A_x x + A_y y + A_z z = C,$$

where  $C$  is any constant. If a point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  on the plane is known,  $C$  can be calculated,

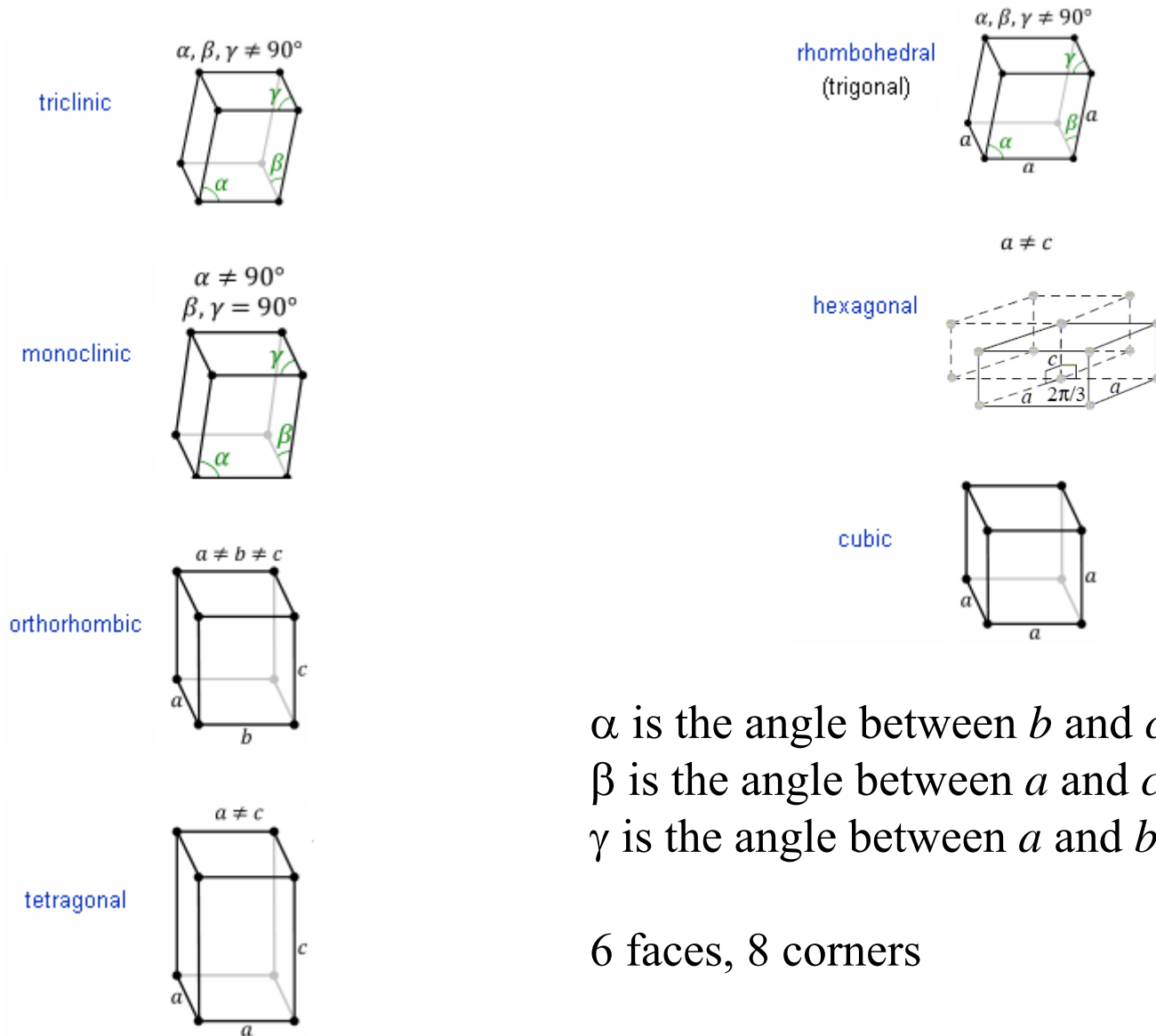
$$C = A_x x_0 + A_y y_0 + A_z z_0.$$

The app below will solve 3 linear equations for three unknowns. (It determines the point where three planes intersect.)

7	$x +$	3	$y +$	2	$z =$	6
5	$x +$	9	$y +$	4	$z =$	6
2	$x +$	1	$y +$	8	$z =$	2

solve

# Conventional (crystallographic) unit cell



$\alpha$  is the angle between  $b$  and  $c$   
 $\beta$  is the angle between  $a$  and  $c$   
 $\gamma$  is the angle between  $a$  and  $b$

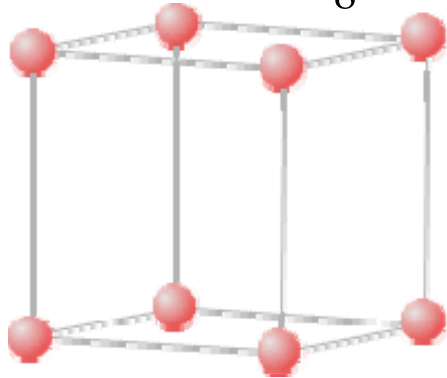
6 faces, 8 corners

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bravais\\_lattice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bravais_lattice)

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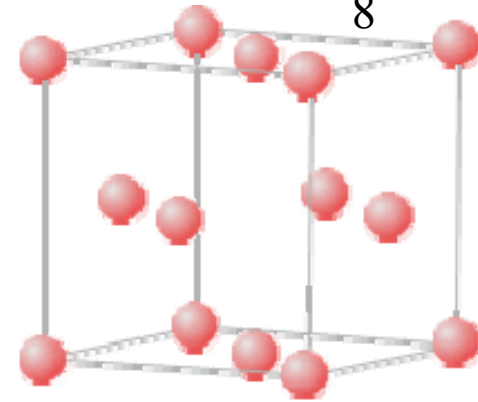
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$$8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$$



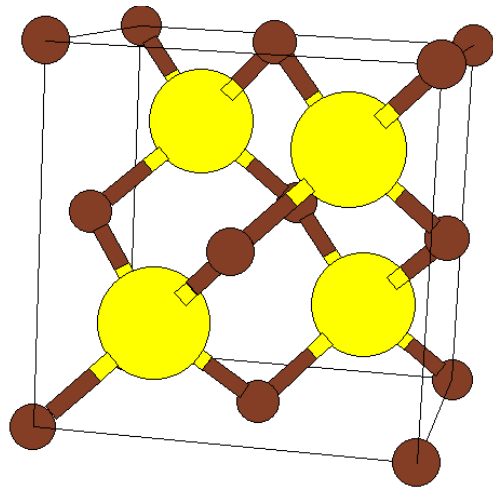
simple cubic

$$8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

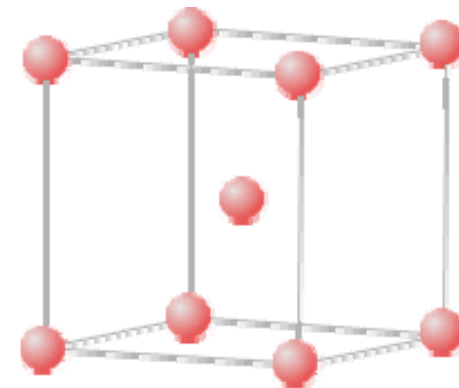


fcc

$$8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 = 2$$



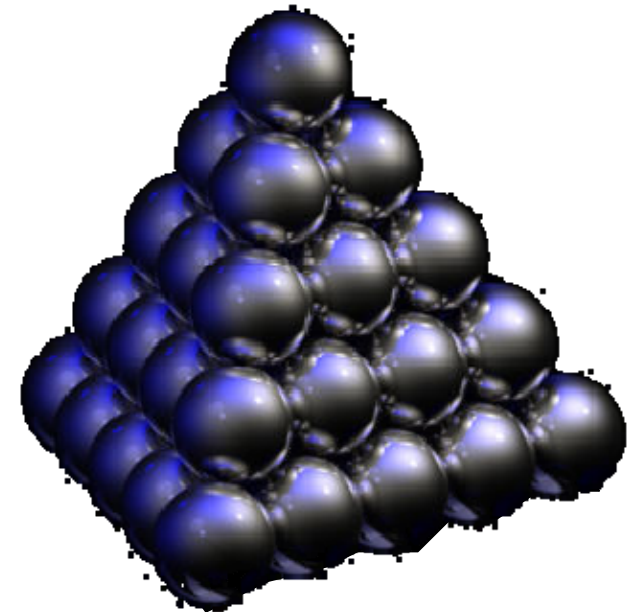
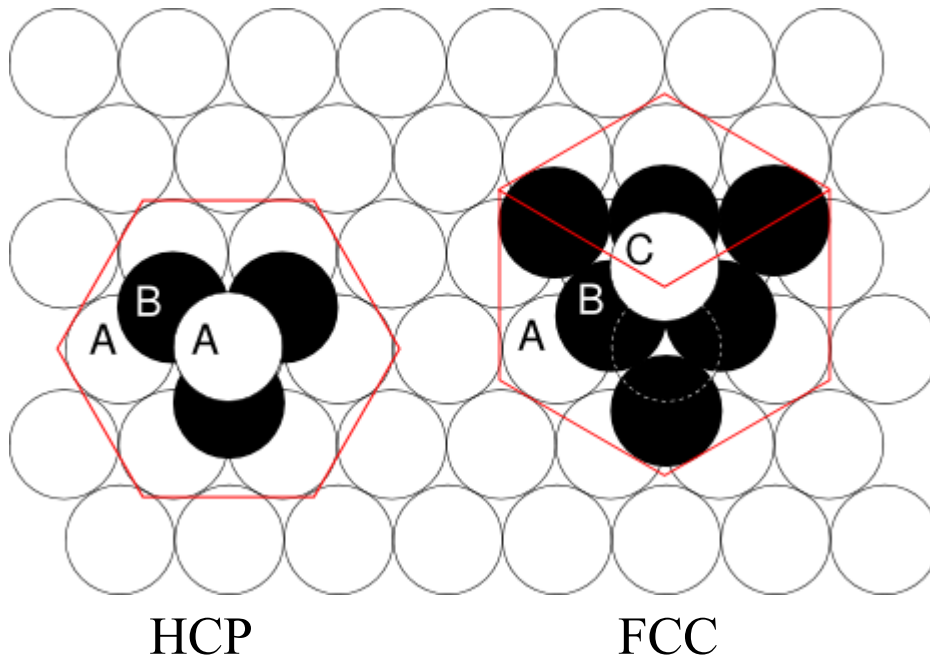
zincblende



bcc

# Close packing

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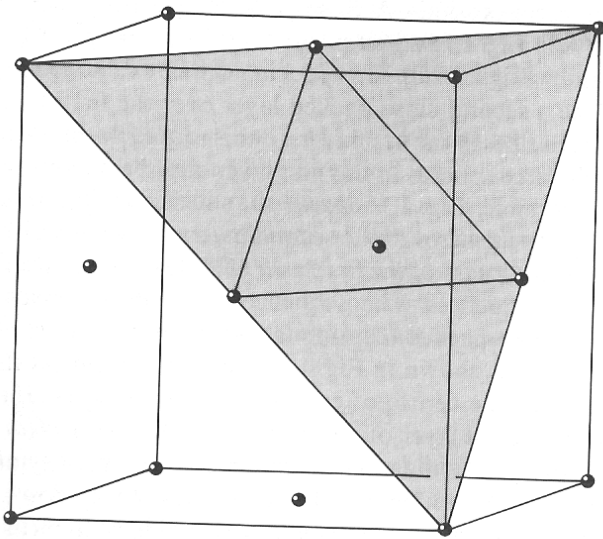


HCP = Hexagonal close pack

Hexagonal Bravais lattice with two atoms in the basis.

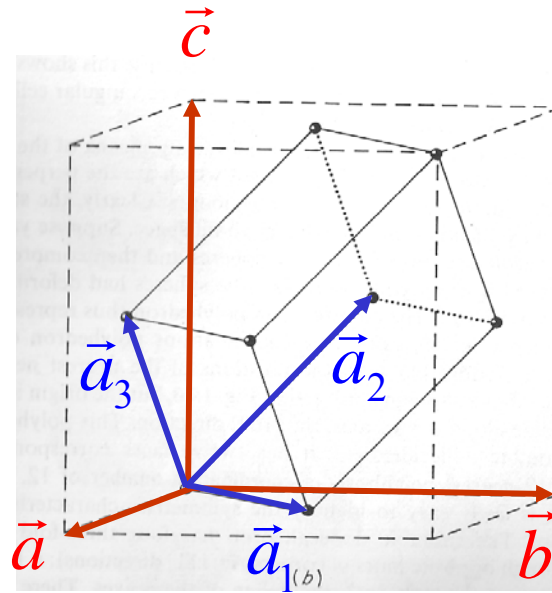
# Fcc

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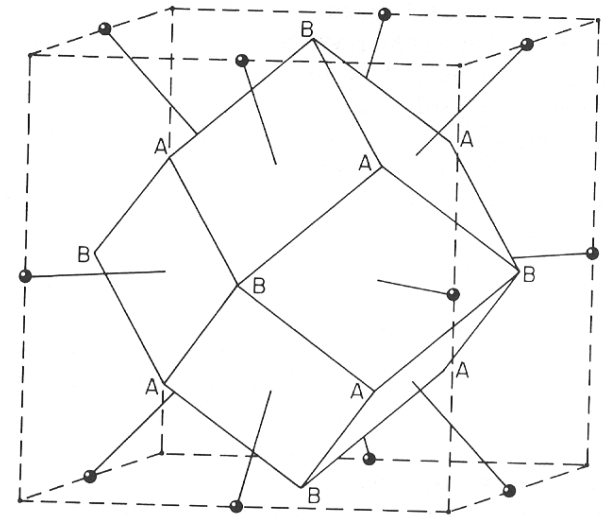


(a)

Crystallographic unit cell  
showing close packed  
plane



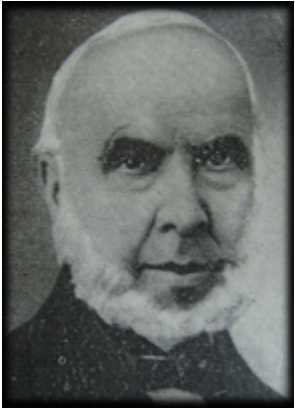
Crystallographic lattice  
vectors  
Primitive lattice vectors



Wigner-Seitz cell

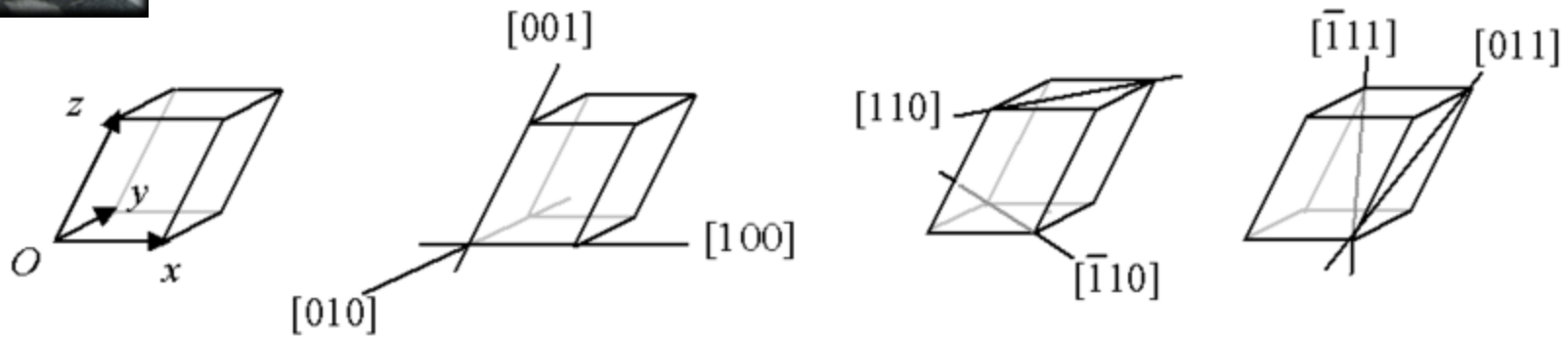
From: Hall, Solid State Physics

# Miller indices: Crystal direction $[uvw]$



$[uvw] = \text{vector in direction } u \mathbf{a} + v \mathbf{b} + w \mathbf{c}$

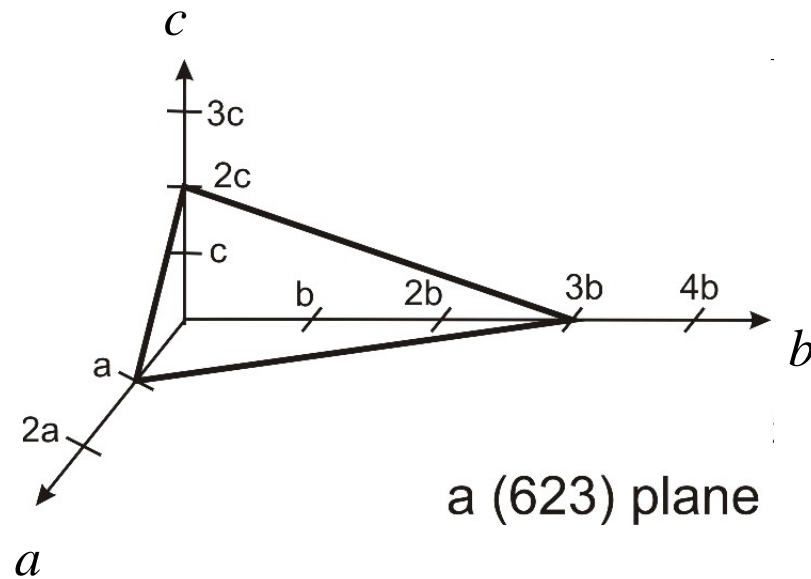
$\swarrow$        $\swarrow$        $\swarrow$   
 lattice vectors of the  
 crystallographic unit cell



notation:  $-1 = \bar{1}$

$[ ]$  specific direction  
 $\langle \rangle$  family of equivalent directions

# Miller indices: Crystal planes



( ) specific plane

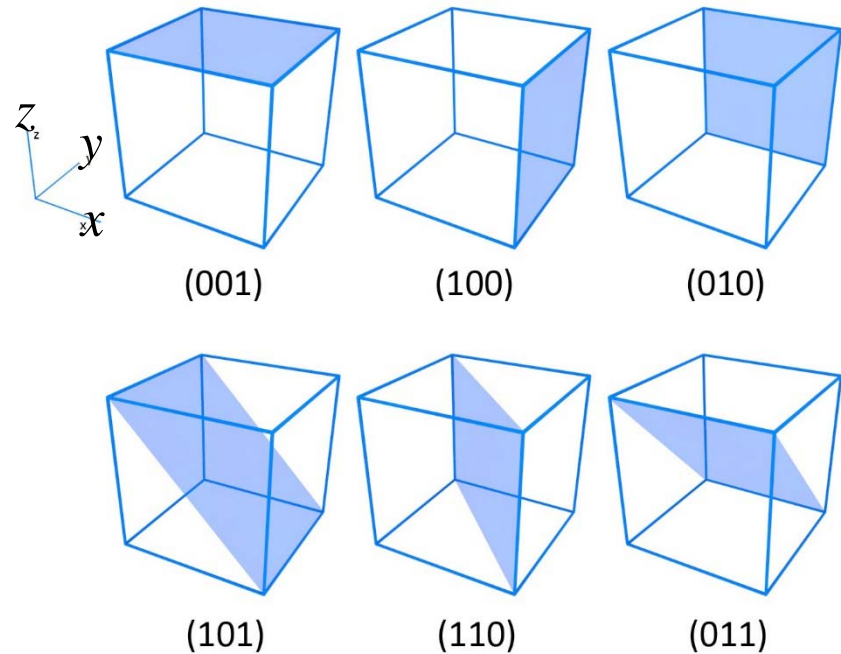
{ } family of equivalent planes



MOSFETs are made on  $\langle 100 \rangle$  wafers

A plane with the intercepts  $1/h, 1/k, 1/l$  is the  $(h,k,l)$  plane.

always use integers for  $h,k,l$

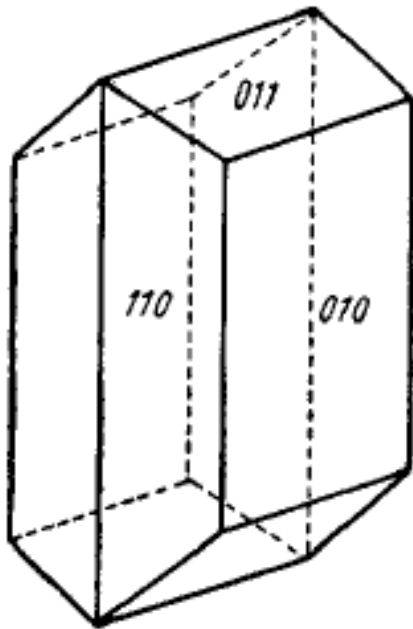


# Crystals

## rule of rationality

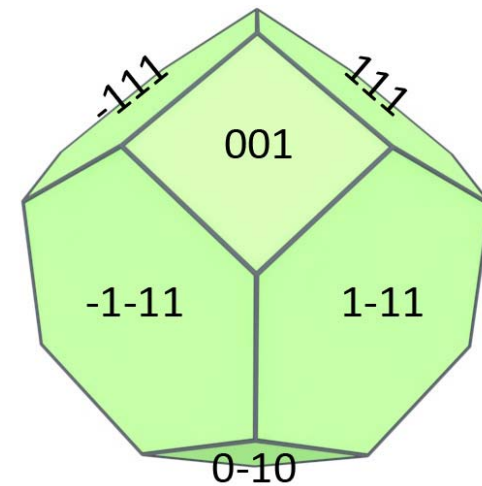
R. J. Haüy (1743-1822):

the indices of external planes of crystals are generally simple full numbers



orthorhombic  
Aragonit  $\text{CaCO}_3$

Bravais:



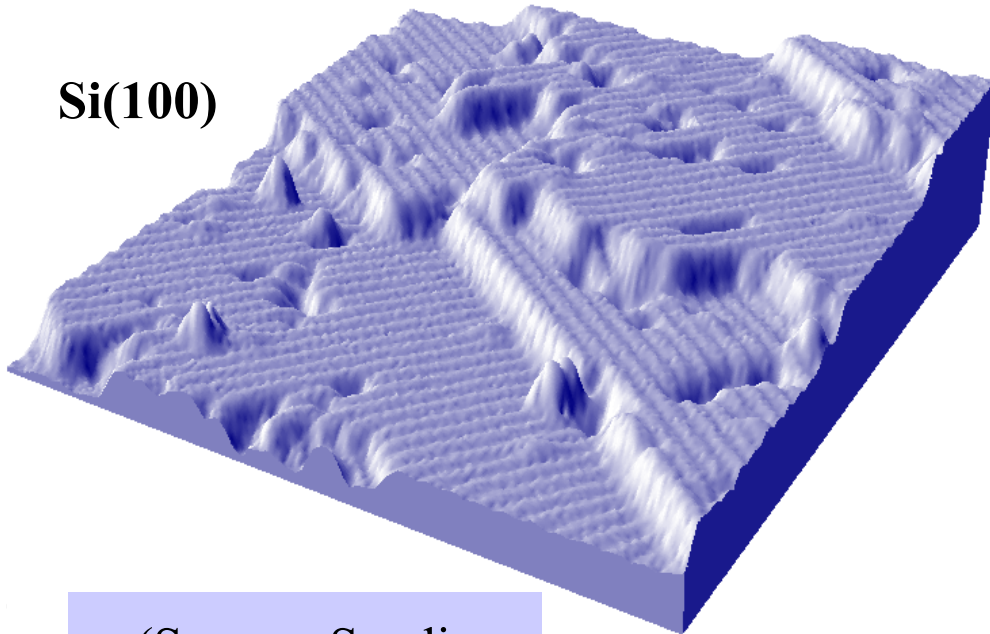
one possible morphology  
of a crystal with cubic structure

Planes with high atomic densities tend to dominate

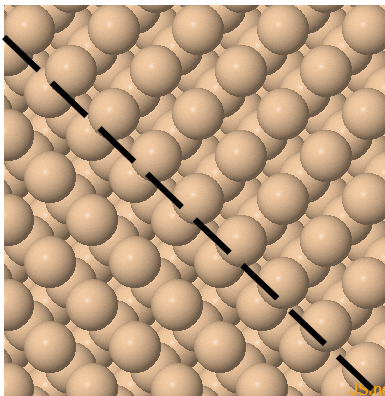


# Silicon surfaces

Si(100)



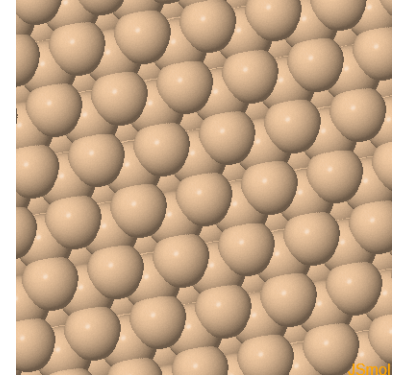
(Source: Sandia  
Nat.Labs.)



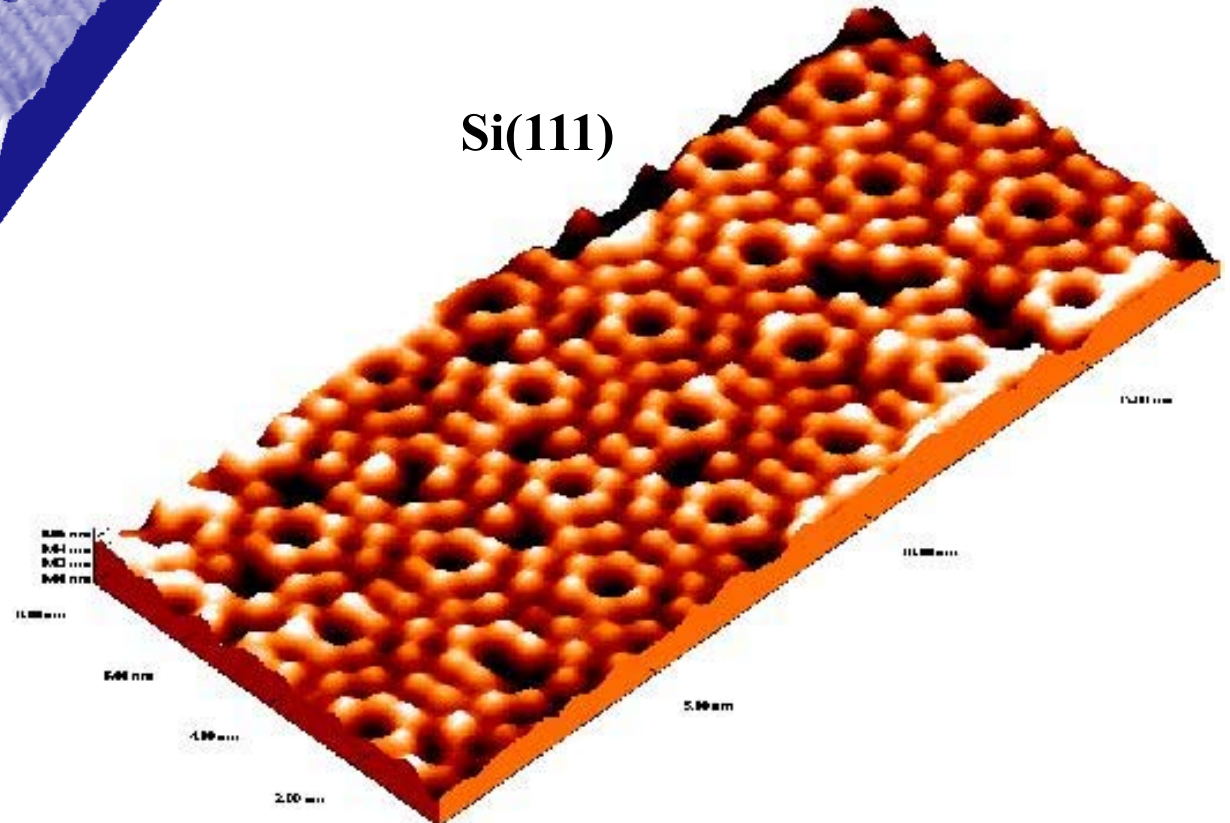
atomic  
step in  
Si(100)

unreconstructed

Si(111) →

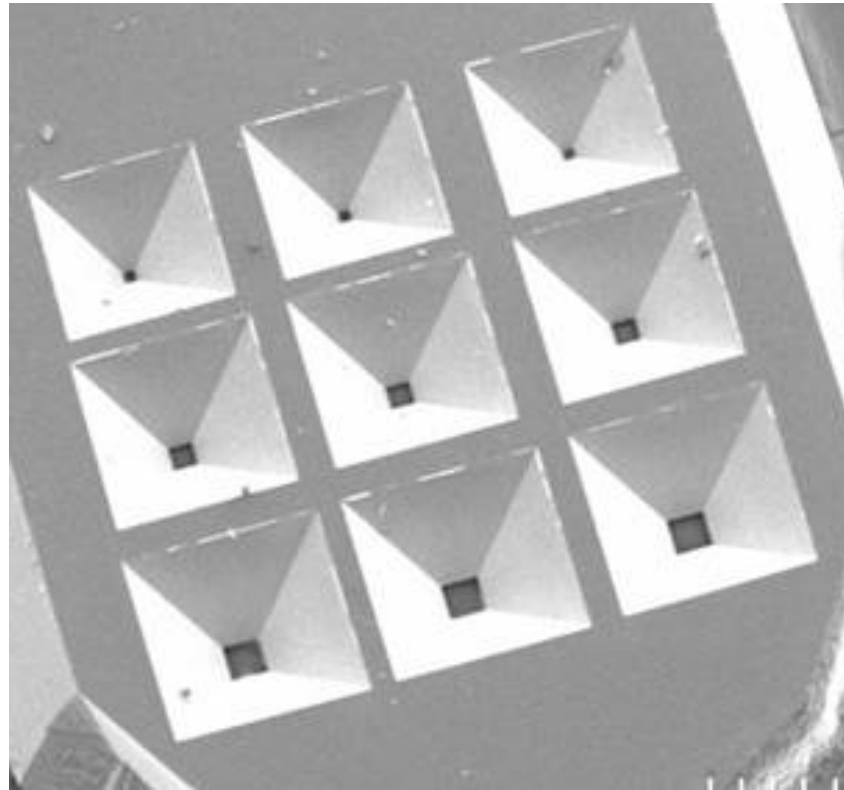


Si(111)



# KOH etching of silicon

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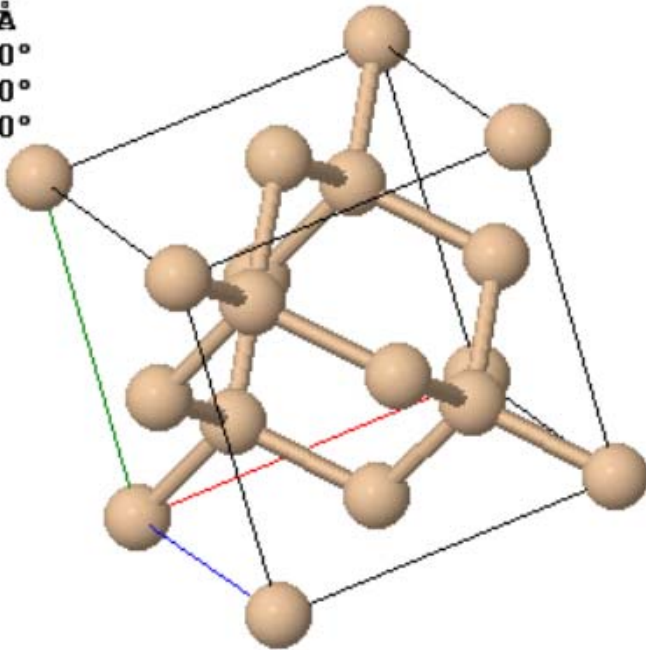


KOH etches Si  $\{110\} > \{100\} > \{111\}$ , producing a characteristic anisotropic V-etch, with sidewalls that form a  $54.7^\circ$  angle with the surface ( $35.3^\circ$  from the normal).

[http://www.ece.uncc.edu/research/clean\\_room/fabprocesses/KOH-EtchingAndDecon.pdf](http://www.ece.uncc.edu/research/clean_room/fabprocesses/KOH-EtchingAndDecon.pdf)

# Silicon

HM:F d -3 m S  
a=5.430Å  
b=5.430Å  
c=5.430Å  
α=90.000°  
β=90.000°  
γ=90.000°



Conventional unit cell Primitive unit cell Asymmetric unit

2 x 2 x 2

3 x 3 x 3

5 x 5 x 5

Ball and Stick

Spacefill

H: 1

K: 0

L: 0

show HKL plane

hide HKL plane

draw atoms in HKL plane

Thickness of HKL planes:



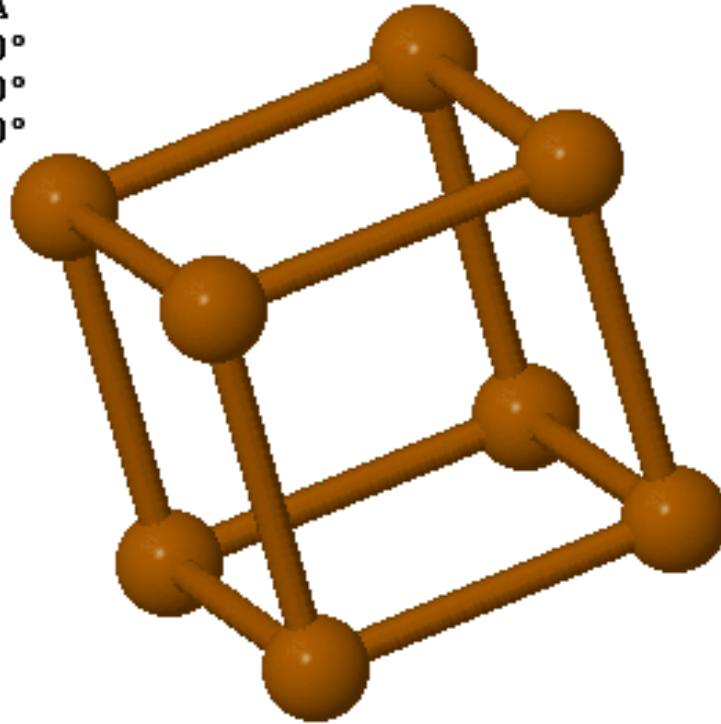
The conventional unit cell is a cube with sides of 0.543 nm. There are 8 atoms in the conventional unit cell. (The image can be rotated with a mouse.)

JSmol

# simple cubic

Po

HM:  $P m \bar{3} m$   
 $a=3.359\text{\AA}$   
 $b=3.359\text{\AA}$   
 $c=3.359\text{\AA}$   
 $\alpha=90.000^\circ$   
 $\beta=90.000^\circ$   
 $\gamma=90.000^\circ$



Number: 221

Primitive Vectors:

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

$$\vec{a}_2 = a\hat{y}$$

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

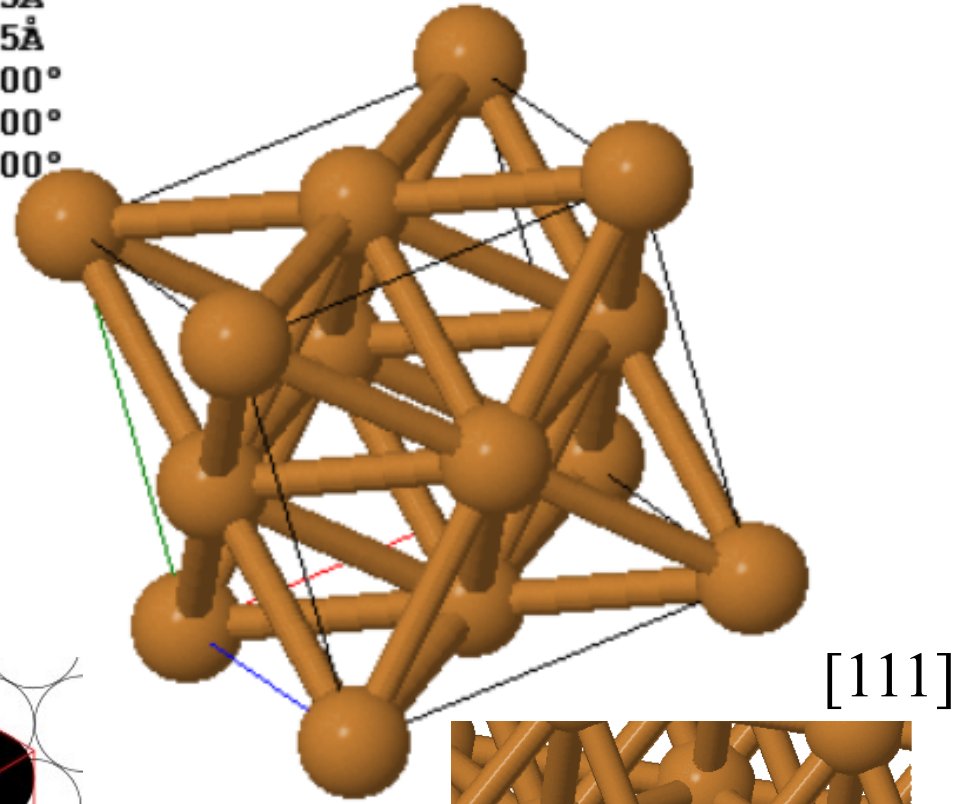
Basis Vector:  $\vec{B}_1 = (0, 0, 0)$

# fcc

Number 225

Al, Cu,  
Ni, Sr,  
Rh, Pd,  
Ag, Ce,  
Tb, Ir,  
Pt, Au,  
Pb, Th

HM:  $F m \bar{3} m$   
 $a=3.615\text{\AA}$   
 $b=3.615\text{\AA}$   
 $c=3.615\text{\AA}$   
 $\alpha=90.000^\circ$   
 $\beta=90.000^\circ$   
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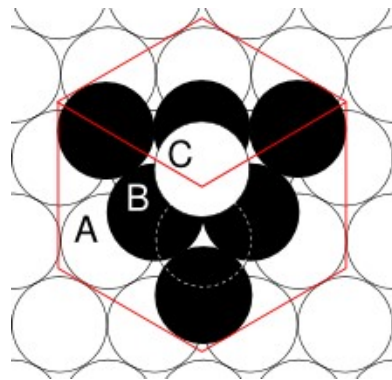


Primitive Vectors:

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

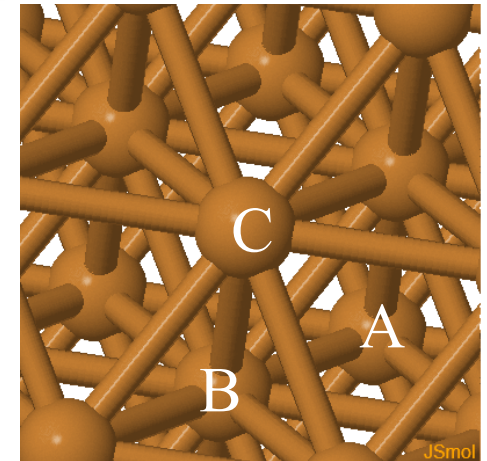
$$\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2} \hat{x} + \frac{a}{2} \hat{z}$$

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



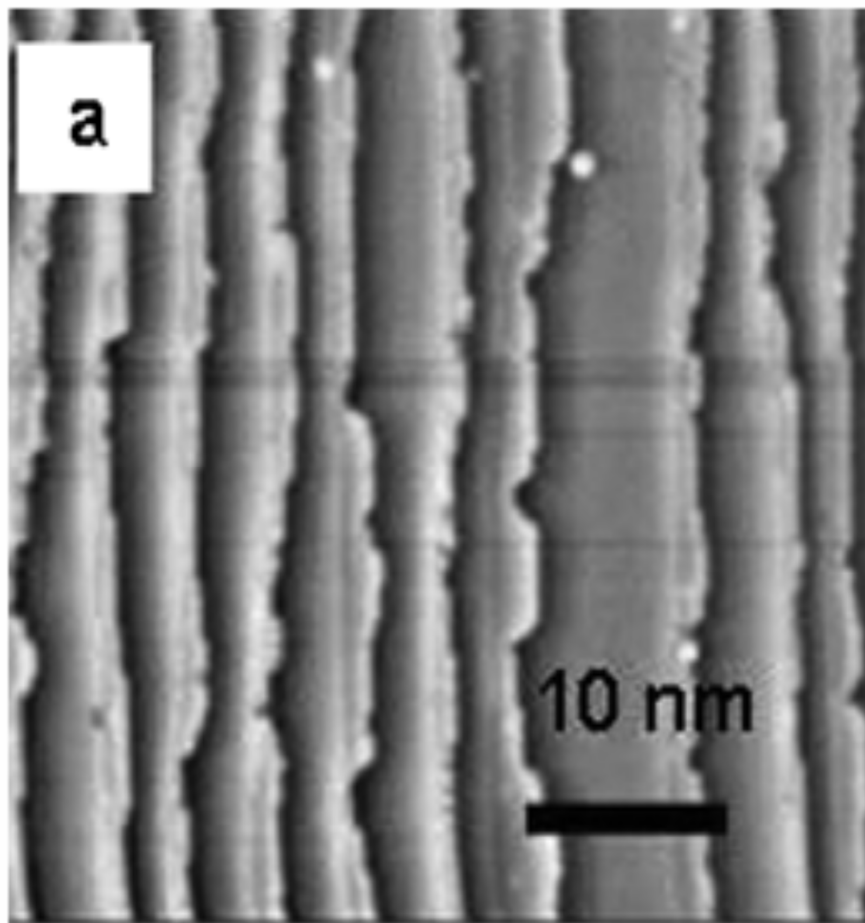
Basis Vector:

$$\vec{B}_1 = (0, 0, 0)$$

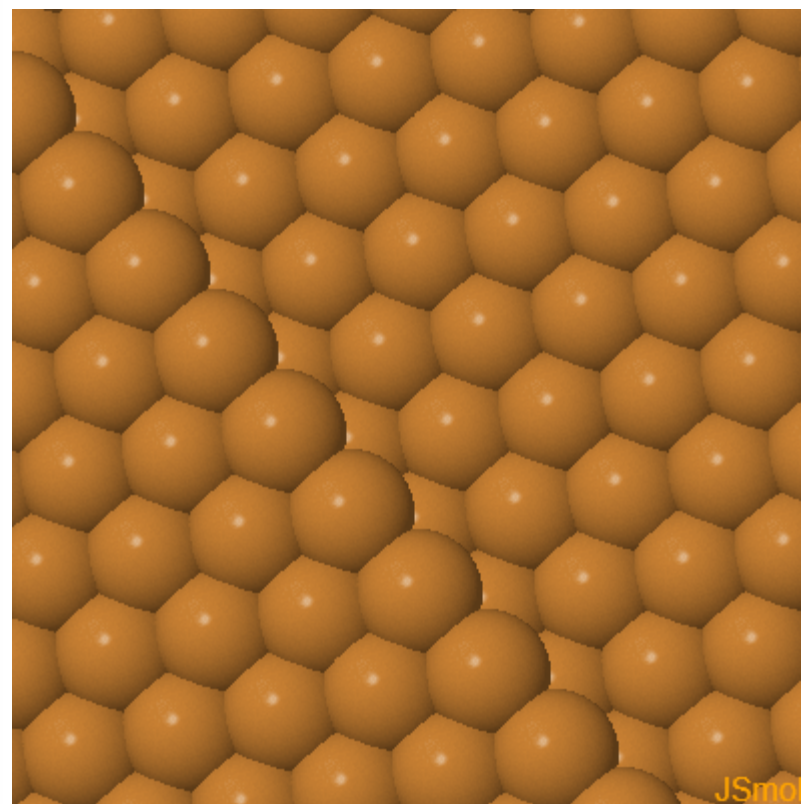


# Crystal planes: Miller indices

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Rh(15,15,13) fcc



(15,15,13) fcc

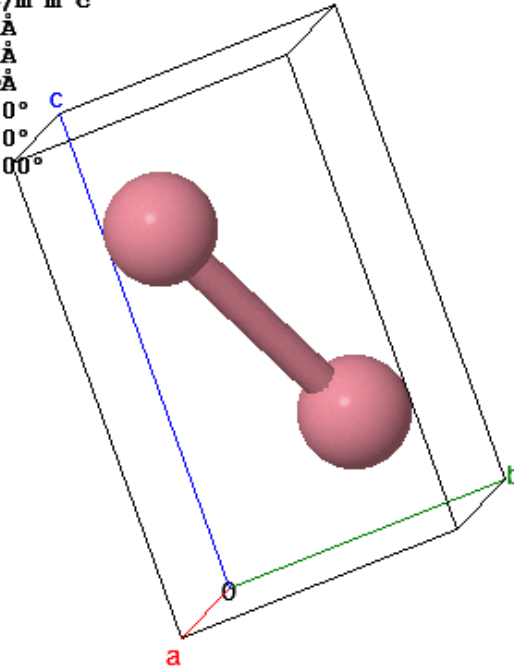
Reaction studies on nanostructured surfaces, Adolf Winkler, in *The Oxford Handbook of Nanoscience and Technology*, A. V. Narlikar and Y. Y. Fu ed., 2009.

# hcp

Space group 194 Crystallographic unit cell

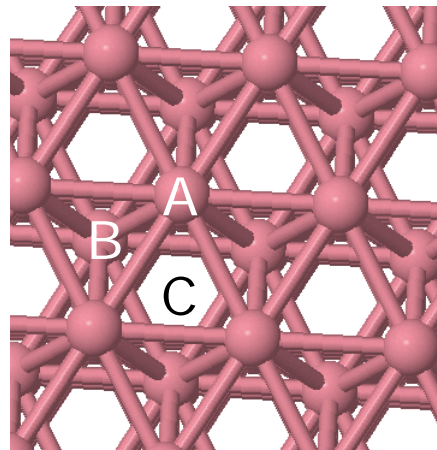
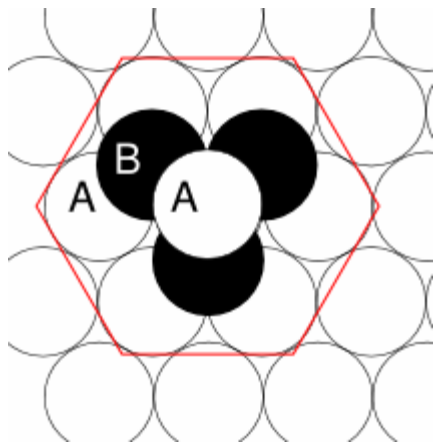
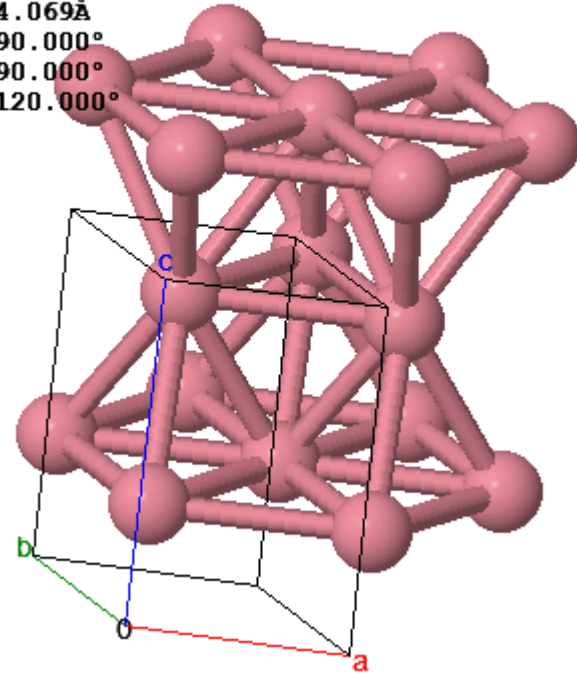
Mg, Be,  
Sc, Ti,  
Co, Zn,  
Y, Zr, Tc,  
Ru, Cd,  
Gd, Tb,  
Dy, Ho,  
Er, Tm,  
Lu, Hf,  
Re, Os,  
Tl

HM: P 63/m m c  
a=2.507Å  
b=2.507Å  
c=4.069Å  
α=90.000°  
β=90.000°  
γ=120.000°



## Hexagonal unit cell

HM: P 63/m m c  
a=2.507Å  
b=2.507Å  
c=4.069Å  
α=90.000°  
β=90.000°  
γ=120.000°



Hexagonal Bravais lattice  
Basis vectors:

$$\vec{B}_1 = (0, 0, 0) \quad \vec{B}_2 = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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Na

K

V

Cr

Fe

Rb

Nb

Mo

Cs

Ba

Eu

Ta

Primitive Vectors:

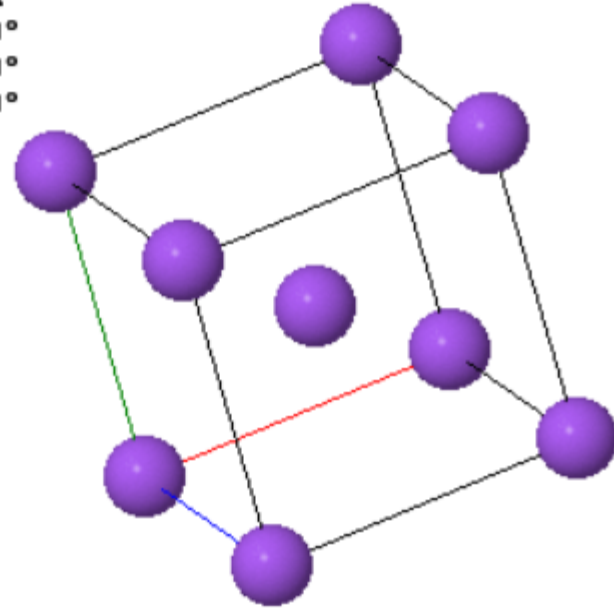
$$\vec{a}_1 = -\frac{a}{2}\hat{x} + \frac{a}{2}\hat{y} + \frac{a}{2}\hat{z}$$

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

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

Basis Vector:  $\vec{B}_1 = (0, 0, 0)$

HM: IM-3M  
a=4.291Å  
b=4.291Å  
c=4.291Å  
α=90.000°  
β=90.000°  
γ=90.000°





# Sodalite

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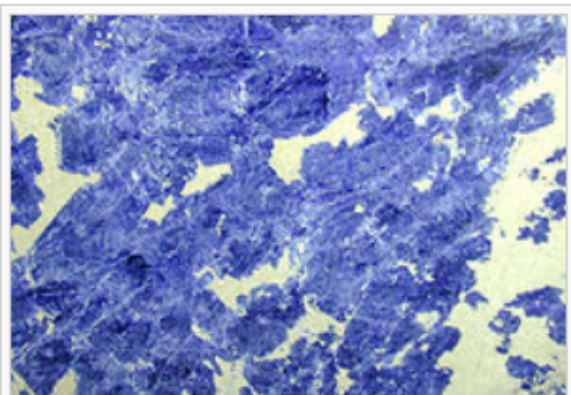
**Sodalite** is a rich royal blue [mineral](#) widely enjoyed as an [ornamental gemstone](#). Although massive sodalite samples are opaque, crystals are usually transparent to translucent. Sodalite is a member of the sodalite group with [hauyne](#), [nosean](#), [lazurite](#) and [tugtupite](#).

Discovered in 1811 in the [Ilimaussaq intrusive complex](#) in [Greenland](#), sodalite did not become important as an ornamental stone until 1891 when vast deposits of fine material were discovered in [Ontario, Canada](#).

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## Properties [\[edit\]](#)



A sample of **sodalite**-carbonate pseudomorphs from Bolivia, with a polished rock

A light, relatively hard yet fragile mineral, sodalite is named after its [sodium](#) content; in [mineralogy](#) it may be classed as a [feldspathoid](#). Well known for its blue color, sodalite may also be grey, yellow, green, or pink and is often mottled with white veins or patches. The more uniformly blue material is used in [jewellery](#), where it is fashioned into [cabochons](#) and [beads](#). Lesser material is more often seen as facing or inlay in

## Sodalite



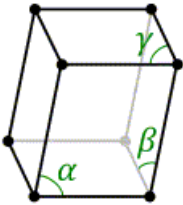
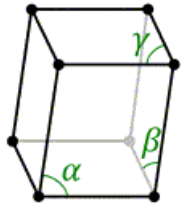
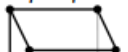
A sample of sodalite

## General

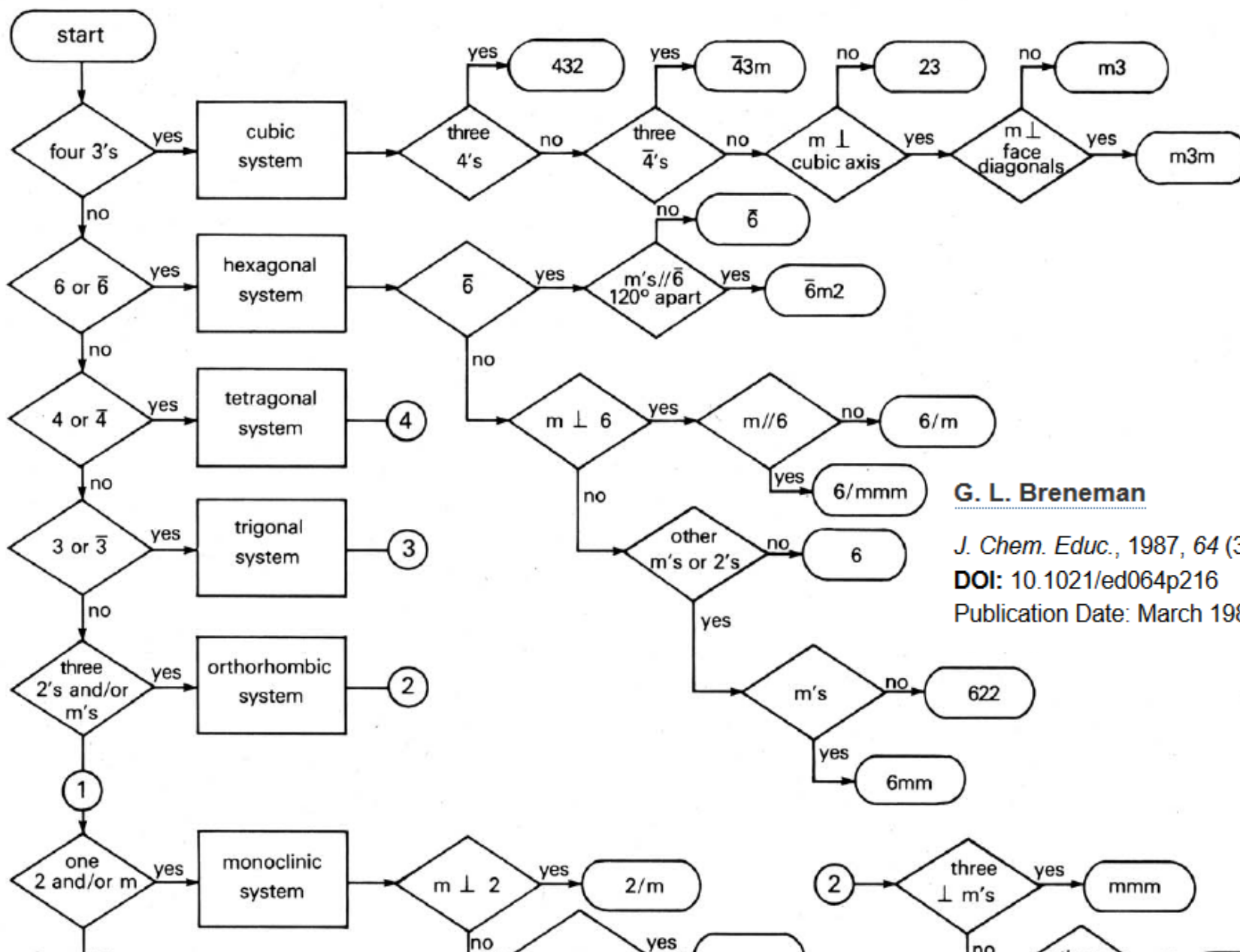
<b>Category</b>	Tectosilicates without zeolitic H <sub>2</sub> O
<b>Formula (repeating unit)</b>	Na <sub>8</sub> (Al <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>24</sub> )Cl <sub>2</sub>
<b>Strunz classification</b>	09.FB.10
<b>Crystal symmetry</b>	Isometric hextetrahedral H-M symbol: $\bar{4}3m$ Space group: P $\bar{4}3n$ 218
<b>Unit cell</b>	a = 8.876(6) Å; Z = 1

## Identification

# The 32 Crystal Classes

Crystal system	Crystal Class	International symbol	Schoenflies symbol	Space groups	2-fold axes	3-fold axes	4-fold axes	6-fold axes	mirror planes	inversion	Examples	Number of symmetry elements
<b>Triclinic</b> $a \neq b \neq c$ $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$ 	triclinic-pedial	1	$C_1$	1: P1	-	-	-	-	-	n		1
	triclinic-pinacoidal	$\bar{1}$	$S_2 = C_i$	2: $P\bar{1}$	-	-	-	-	-	y		2
<b>Monoclinic</b> $a \neq b \neq c$ $\alpha \neq 90^\circ$ , $\beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ 	monoclinic-sphenoidal	2	$C_2$	3: P2, 4: $P2_1$ , 5: C2	1	-	-	-	-	n		2
	monoclinic-domatic	$m$	$C_{1h} = C_s$	6: Pm, 7: Pc, 8: Cm, 9: Cc	-	-	-	-	1	n		2
	monoclinic-prismatic	$2/m$	$C_{2h}$	10: P2/m, 11: $P2_1/m$ , 12: C2/m, 13: P2/c, 14: $P2_1/c$ , 15: C2/c	1	-	-	-	1	y		4
<b>Orthorhombic</b> $a \neq b \neq c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ 	orthorhombic-disphenoidal	222	$V = D_2$	16: P222, 17: $P222_1$ , 18: $P2_12_12$ , 19: $P2_12_12_1$ , 20: $C222_1$ , 21: C222, 22: F222, 23: I222, 24: $I2_12_12_1$	3	-	-	-	-	n		4

# Crystallographic symmetry point group notation flow chart



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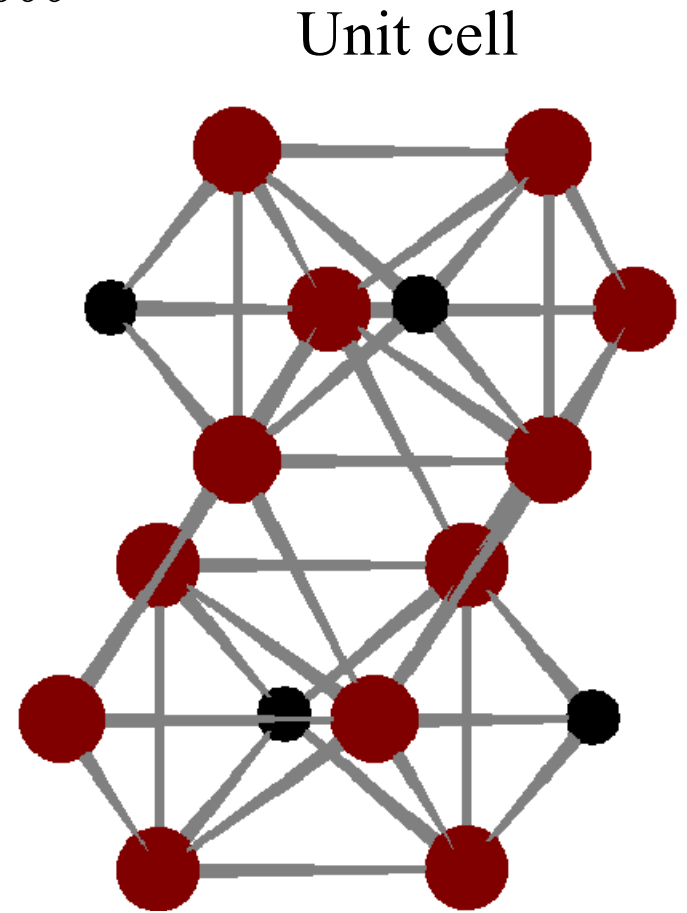
# Asymmetric unit

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Fe2 26 0.03600 0.25000 0.85200
C 6 0.89000 0.25000 0.45000
rgnr 62
Cohenite (Cementite) Fe3 C
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Asymmetric unit



Unit cell