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Crystal Structures

Simple Cubic Structure
There is one atom at each corner of the unit cell. These atoms touch each other along cube edge.

1. No. of atoms per unit cell
Share of each unit cell = $\frac{1}{8}$ of each corner atom.
Total no. of atoms in one unit cell = $\frac{1}{8} \times 8 = 1$

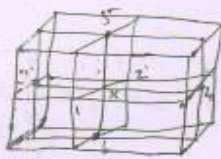
Q. Coordination no.
It has 8 corner atoms. Let us consider one of the corner atoms (x).
There are 4 nearest neighbouring atoms to this particular atom 'x'.
4 are in a horizontal plane & 4 more atoms in vertical plane.
Hence, the coordination no. for SCC = 6.

Q. Atomic radius
 $2r = a$
 $r = \frac{a}{2}$

Q. Packing factor
No. of atoms per unit cell = 1.
Volume of one atom $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$ ~~$r = \frac{a}{2}$~~ $2r = a$
Total volume of the unit cell = a^3
 $P.F. = \frac{V}{V}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}{a^3} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}{8r^3} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{3.14}{6}$

P.F: 52%

52% \rightarrow occupied by the atoms
48% \rightarrow volume is vacant
eg: Polonium





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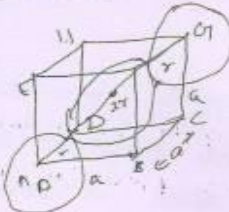
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Body-centred Cubic Structure

1) NO. of atoms per unit cell : $\frac{1}{8} \times 8 = 1 \Rightarrow 1 + 1 = 2$

2) CN \Rightarrow The corner atoms do not touch each other. But all the eight corner atoms of the unit cell touch the body centred atom along the body diagonal.

3) atomic radius:



ΔABC ,
 $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$
 $a^2 + a^2 = 2a^2$
 $AB = r + 2r + r = 4r$
on eq on both sides, we get
 $(AG)^2 = (4r)^2$
 ΔACG : $AG^2 = AC^2 + CG^2$
 $(4r)^2 = 2a^2 + a^2 = 3a^2 \Rightarrow 4^2 r^2 = 3a^2$
 $r^2 = \frac{3a^2}{4^2}$ $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4}$

4) P.F : No. of atoms per unit cell : 2
 $V = 2 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$; $a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$

Volume of the unit cell $V = a^3$ P.F : $\frac{V}{V}$

P.F : $\frac{2 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}{a^3}$

$= \frac{2 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}{\left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{8}{3} \pi r^3}{\frac{64r^3}{\sqrt{3}^3}} = \frac{\pi \sqrt{3}}{8}$

$= 68\%$