

## The atomic packing factor [A.P.F]:

It can be defined as the ratio between the volume of the basic atoms of the unit cell (which represent the volume of all atoms in one unit cell ) to the volume of the unit cell it self.

For cubic crystals,

A.P. F its depends on the riadus of atoms and charactrization of chemical bondings .

### Atomic Packing Factor for Simple Cubic :-

no. of atoms = 1

$$\text{volume of one atom} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\text{volume of unit cell (cubic)} = a^3$$

when , (a = 2r )

$$\text{Filling Factor} = \frac{1 * \frac{4\pi r^3}{3}}{a^3}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4\pi r^3}{3}}{(2r)^3} = \frac{\frac{4\pi r^3}{3}}{8r^3} = \frac{\pi}{6} = 52\%$$

### Atomic Filling Factor for BCC:—

no of atoms =2

$$\text{volume of tow atoms} = 2 * \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

volume of unit cell (cubic) =  $a^3$

$$\text{when } r = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$\text{Filling Factor} = \frac{2 \cdot \frac{4\pi r^3}{3}}{a^3}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8\pi r^3}{3}}{\left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3} = \frac{\frac{8\pi r^3}{3}}{\frac{64}{3\sqrt{3}} r^3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{8} = 68\%$$

### Atomic Filling Factor for FCC:–

no of atoms = 4

$$\text{volume of four atoms} = 4 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

volume of unit cell (cubic) =  $a^3$

$$\text{when } r = \frac{a\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Filling Factor} = \frac{4 \cdot \frac{4\pi r^3}{3}}{a^3}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{16\pi r^3}{3}}{(2\sqrt{2}r)^3} = \frac{\frac{16\pi r^3}{3}}{16\sqrt{2} r^3} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6} = 74\%$$

## Miller Indices:

- Miller Indices are used to refer to specific lattice planes of atoms.
- They are reciprocals of the fractional intercepts (with fractions cleared) that the plane makes with the crystallographic x,y and z axes of three nonparallel edges of the cubic unit cell.

## Miller Indices – Procedure:

1. Choose a plane that does not pass through origin
2. Determine the x,y and z intercepts of the plane
3. Find the reciprocals of the intercepts
4. Fractions?
  - a. If Yes, Clear fractions by multiplying by an integer to determine smallest set of whole numbers, then go to b
  - b. If No, Place a „bar“ over the Negative indices
5. Enclose in parenthesis (hkl) where h,k,l are miller indices of cubic crystal plane for x,y and z axes.

**Note** / if the one of axes value was negative then move the center of cubic to negative value direction .

### Example 1

Draw the following planes in the cubic crystal ?

$$(0\bar{1}0) -5 , (\bar{1}00) -4 , (001) -3 , (010) -2 , (100) -1$$

$$(00\bar{1}) -6 ,$$

Ans.

$$1 - (100)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$z = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

then miller indices are  $(1\infty\infty)$

2-  $(010)$

$$x = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$z = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

then miller indices are  $(\infty 1 \infty)$

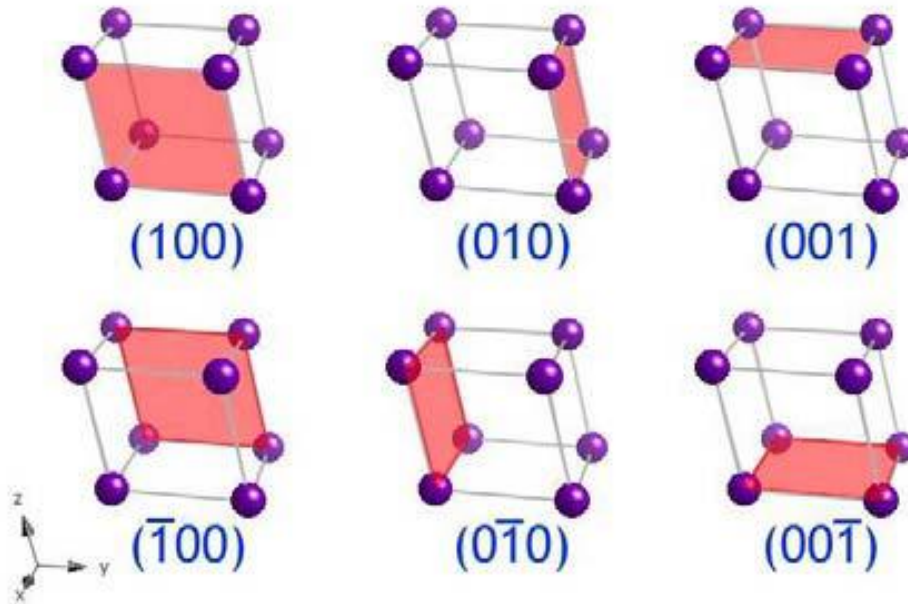
3-  $(001)$

$$x = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$y = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$z = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

then miller indices are  $(\infty \infty 1)$



Example 2 :-

Draw the following planes in the cubic crystal ?

‘  $(1\bar{1}0)$  -5 ‘  $(10\bar{1})$  -4 ‘  $(011)$  - 3 ‘  $(110)$  - 2 ‘  $(101)$  - 1  
 $(01\bar{1})$  -6

1- $(101)$

$$x = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$z = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

then miller indices are  $(1 \infty 1)$

2-  $(110)$

$$x = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$z = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

then miller indices are  $(1 1 \infty)$

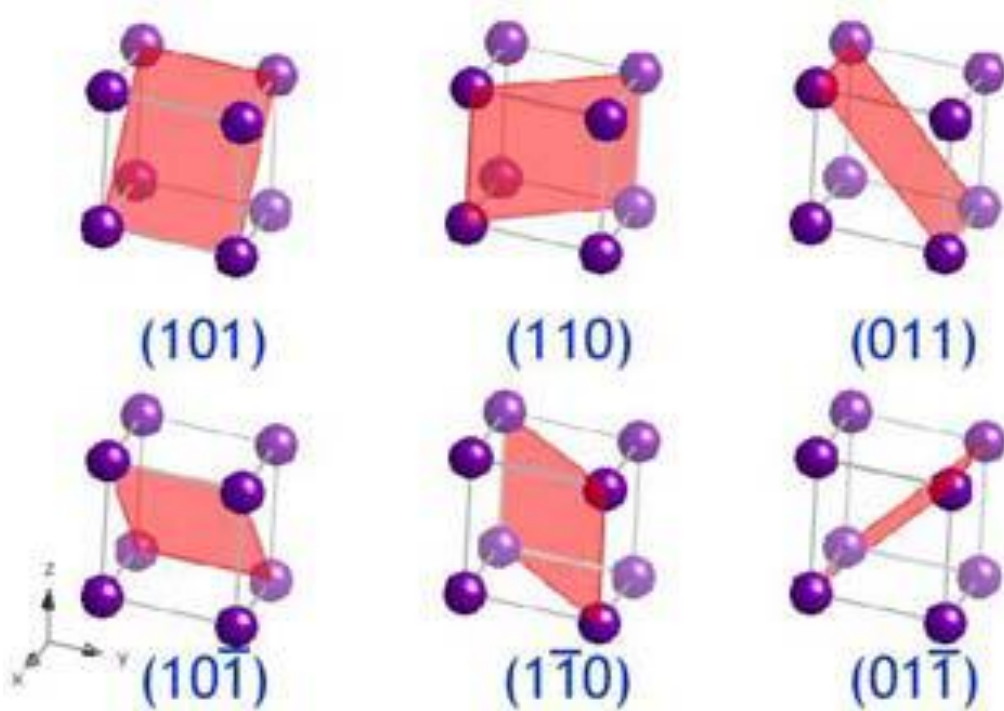
3-  $(011)$

$$x = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$z = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

then miller indices are  $(\infty 11)$



## Interplaner Distance between parallel planes

The space lattice consists from many crystal planes which are separated by the interplanar smallest distance.

The distance can be calculated by using x-ray diffraction, by using the law below :-

$$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$$

Where  $d_{hkl}$  = interplanar spacing between parallel closest planes with Miller indices  $h$ ,  $k$ , and  $l$

$a$  = lattice constant (edge of unit cube).

$h, k, l$  = Miller indices of cubic planes being considered.

## Angles between crystal planes :-

The crystal consist many from plance which contact with them in vairty angles , The angle between crystal planes can be calculated by using the following equation :-

$$\cos \theta = \frac{h_1 h_2 + k_1 k_2 + l_1 l_2}{\sqrt{(h_1^2 + k_1^2 + l_1^2)} * \sqrt{(h_2^2 + k_2^2 + l_2^2)}}$$

Example :-

Find the angle between the plances  $(1\bar{1}1)$  &  $(111)$ ?

$$\cos \theta = \frac{h_1 h_2 + k_1 k_2 + l_1 l_2}{\sqrt{(h_1^2 + k_1^2 + l_1^2)} * \sqrt{(h_2^2 + k_2^2 + l_2^2)}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1 + (-1) + 1}{\sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} * \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0.333$$

$$\cos^{-1} 0.333 = \theta$$

$$\theta = 70.32^\circ$$



## Example 2

Find the interplaner distance for plane (220) , which have FCC Craystal and raidus of atom (1.414 A) ?

Solution:-

The crystal is FCC then

$$a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$a = \frac{4(1.414)}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4(1.414)}{1.414} = 4 \text{ A}^\circ$$

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$$

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{4 + 4 + 0}} = 1.414 \text{ A}^\circ$$

Example: (H.W)

Copper has an FCC crystal structure and a unit cell with a lattice constant of 0.361 nm. What is its interplanar spacing  $d_{220}$ ?