# Materials and Testing - Lecture Content -

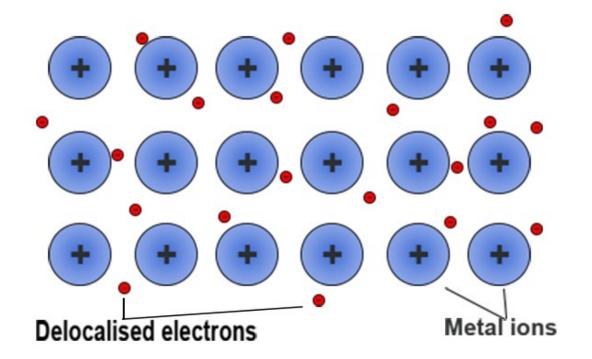
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# **Metallic Bond**

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## Interaction between free (valence) electrons and metallic cations



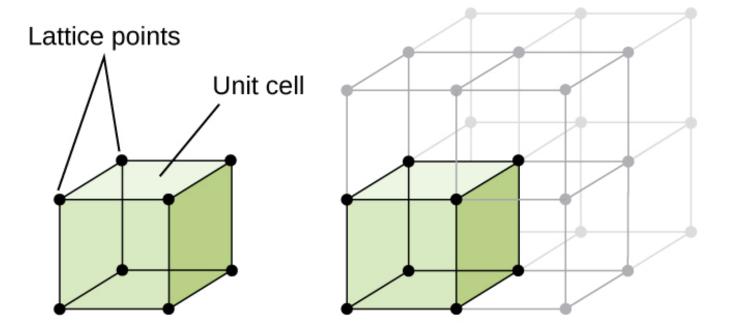
## "The electrons do not know their mother"

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# **Crystal Lattice and Unit Cell**

The smallest section of a crystal lattice that fully describes the entire structure is called unit cell.

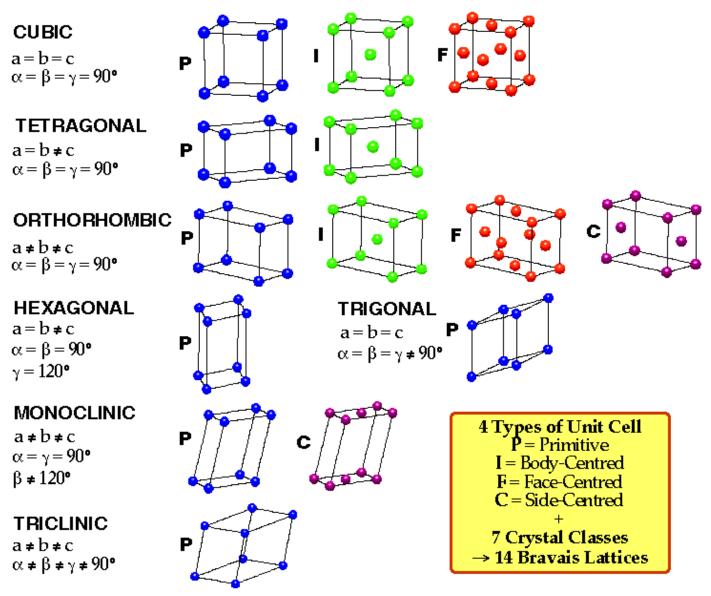


The crystal system distinguishes between four types of unit cells and seven crystal classes, combining to 14 Bravais lattices.

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# **Crystal System**

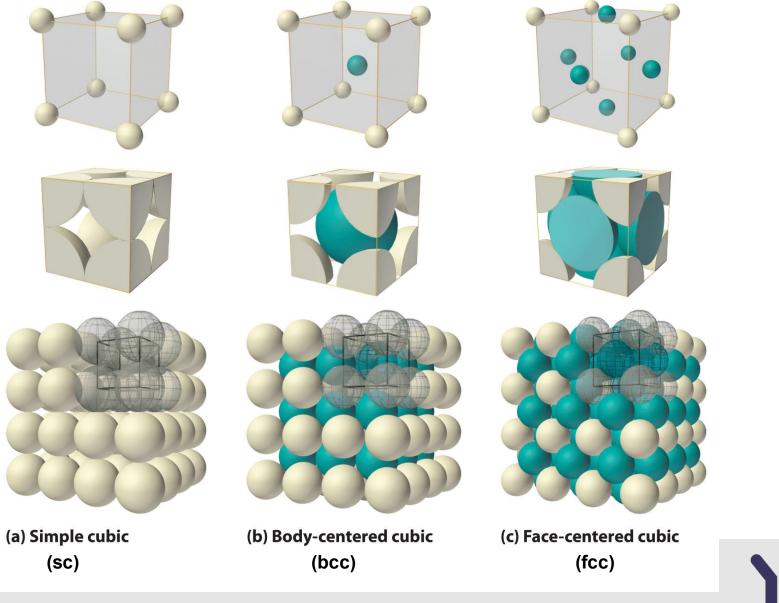




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# **Basic cubic Structures**



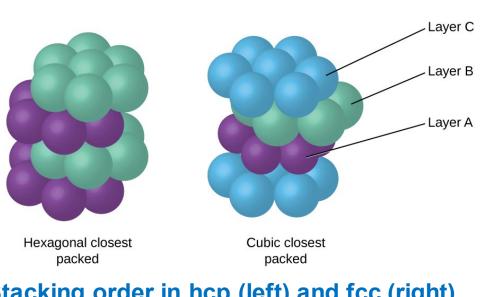


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#### **Comparison between hcp and fcc** Repetition

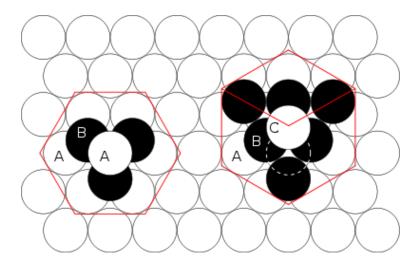
Hexagonal close packing (hcp) and face centered cubic packing (fcc) are very similar. The difference can be found in the way of stacking the layers: In hcp the third layer is exactly positioned above the first layer A (ABAstacking), whereas in fcc the third layer is placed between layers A and B (ABC-stacking).



#### Stacking order in hcp (left) and fcc (right)

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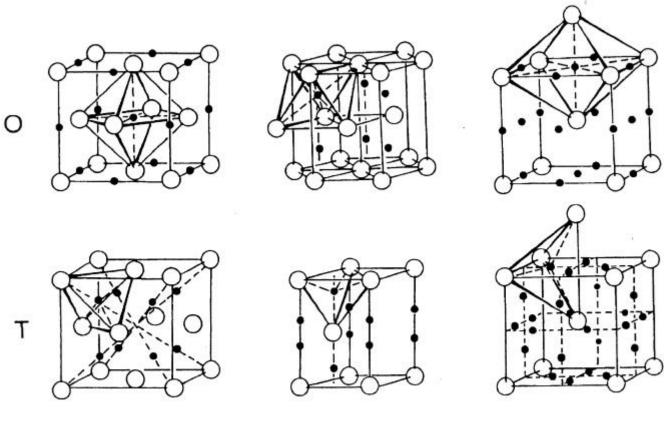


The fcc stacking may be converted to hcp by translation of the uppermost sphere, as shown by the dashed outline.



# **Tetrahedral and octahedral Sites**

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fcc

hcp

bcc

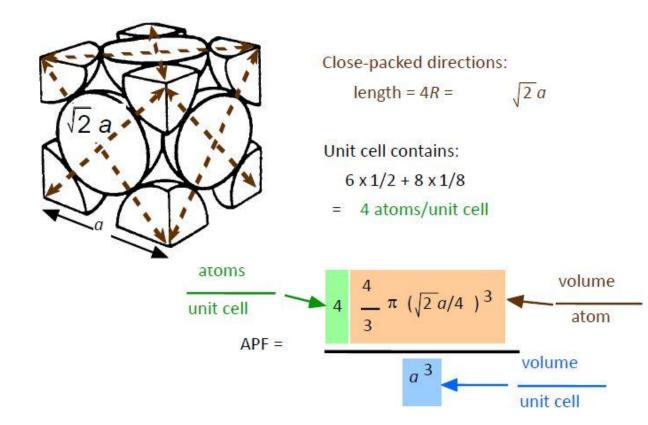
Octahedral (O) and tetrahedral (T) sites in crystal structures fcc, hcp and bcc: White spheres represent metal atoms. Interstitial sites O and T can be filled with small foreign atoms (black spheres).

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# **Atomic Packing Factor (APF)**

Atomic Packing Factor of the face centered cubic structure (fcc)

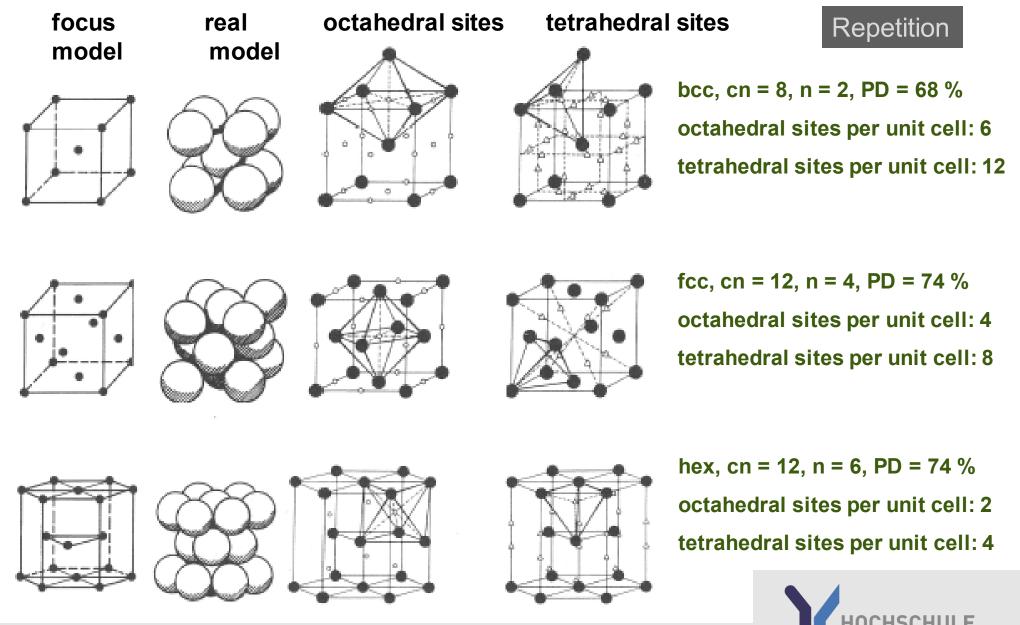


**APF** = 0.740 (**PD** = 74.0 % of the unit cell volume are filled with atoms)

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## A brief Overview on selected crystal Structures

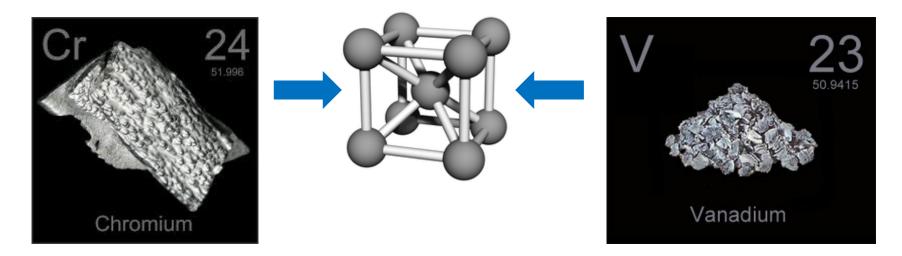


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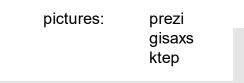
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# Metals with body centered cubic Structure

The body centered cubic structure is characteristic for the entire group of alkali metals (first main group). Other examples for metals with bcc structure are Vanadium (V), Chromium (Cr), Manganese (Mn) and the ferritic phases of Iron (Fe).



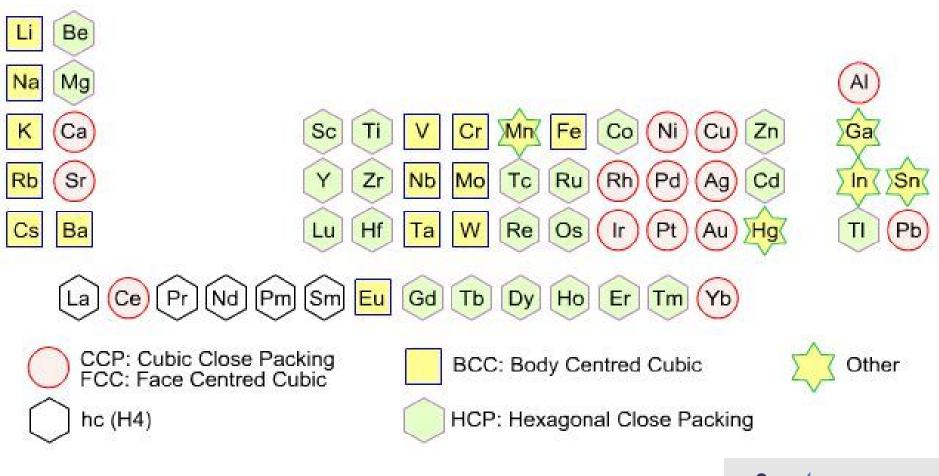
#### Both Chromium and Vanadium have bcc structure





## A brief Overview on selected crystal Structures

## Metal crystal structure periodic table:





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- Lattice Structure Defects
- Impact of Lattice Structure
  Defects on mechanical Properties



# **Goals for the lecture - learnings**

- Understand the four dimensions of lattice defects
- Be able to explain the four crucial lattice defects and its related strengthening mechanisms
  - alloying
  - strain hardening
  - grain fining
  - age hardening
- Know the proportionality of the strengthening effects



# **Real Structure of Metals**

In reality, the atomic structure of metals (and any other group of materials) is not perfect. There are defects, which do affect the macroscopic properties significantly.

The defects in the lattice structure are classified according to their dimension:

**Dimension 0: Point Defects** 

**Dimension 1: Line Defects** 

**Dimension 2: Planar Defects** 

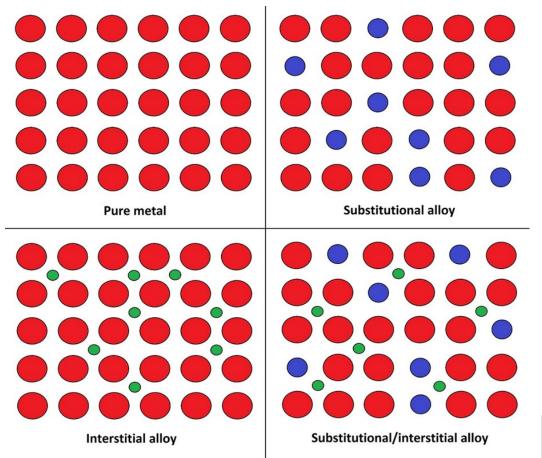
**Dimension 3: Bulk Defects** 



# **Impact of Point Defects**

Point defects can be used to improve the strength of a metal. By adding foreign atoms (alloying), which, depending on their size, act as substitutes or interstitials, a so called solid solution (alloy) is

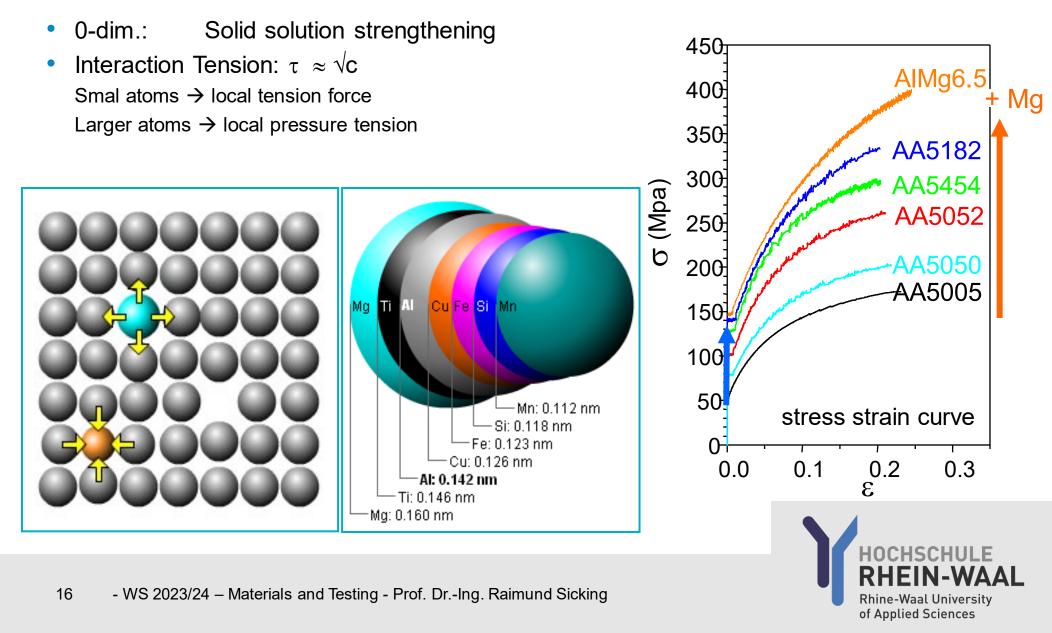
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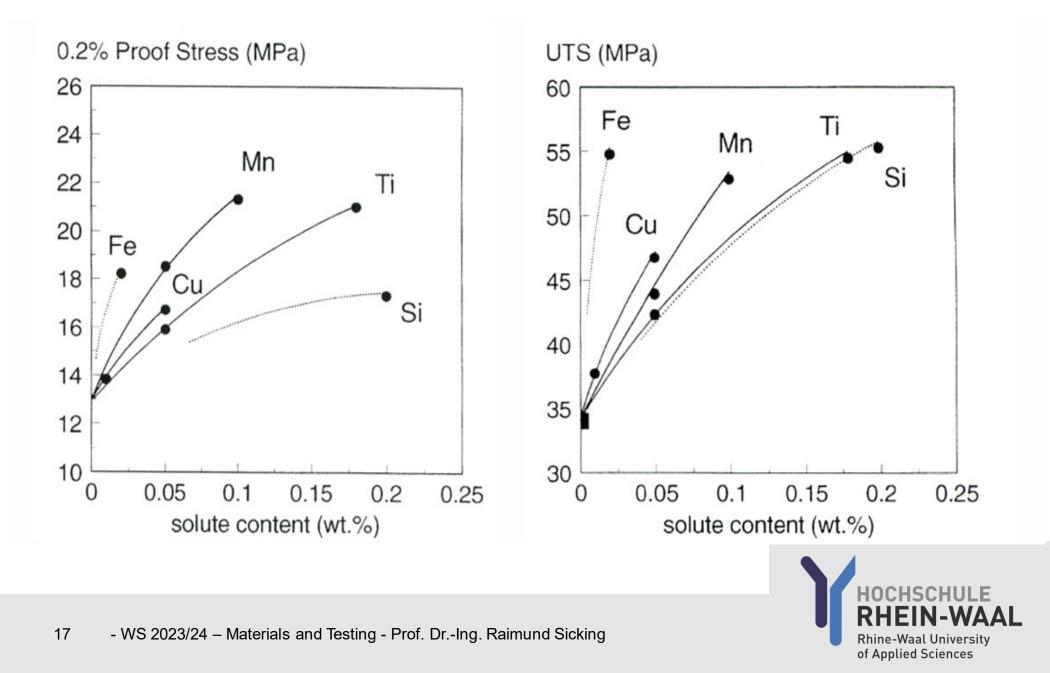
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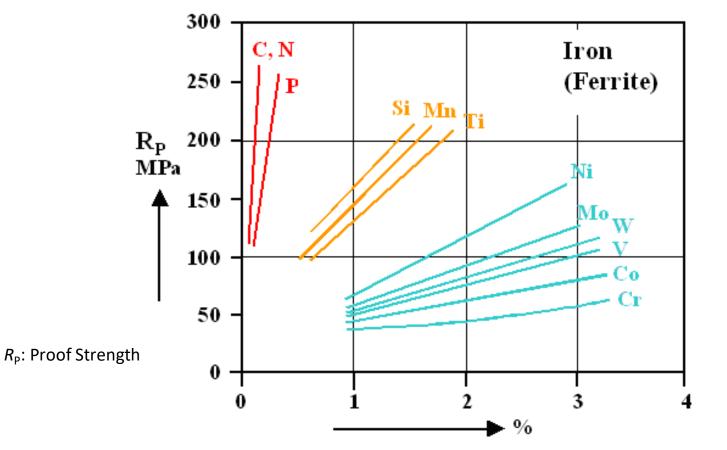
# **Strengthening Mechanism in Metals and alloys**



# **Solid Solution Strengthening in Aluminium**



# Impact of Point Defects in Iron (and Steel)



Solid solution strengthening of ferritic iron: The increase in strength depends on the type of alloying element as well as on its concentration (in above shown diagram given in percent by weight). Most effective elements for solid solution strengthening are the interstitials carbon (C) and nitrogen (N) plus substitutional phosphorus (P). At zero concentration all curves would converge at around 25 MPa, confirming that pure iron is very soft.

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## Lattice Defects, their dimensions and effects

dimension	lattice defect	effect ⇒property
0 = point defects	vacancies, foreign atoms (alloying)	diffusion solid solution hardening ⇒ <b>strength</b>

