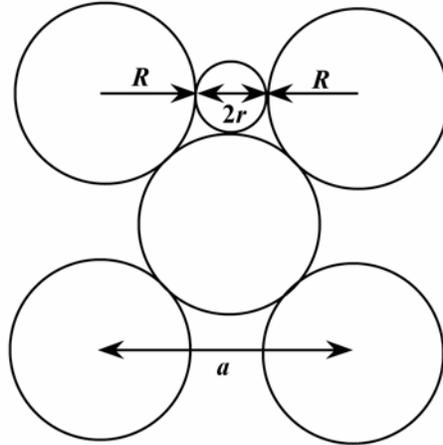


4.5 In the drawing below is shown the atoms on the (100) face of an FCC unit cell; the interstitial site is at the center of the edge.



The diameter of an atom that will just fit into this site ($2r$) is just the difference between that unit cell edge length (a) and the radii of the two host atoms that are located on either side of the site (R); that is

$$2r = a - 2R$$

However, for FCC a is related to R according to Equation 3.1 as $a = 2R\sqrt{2}$; therefore, solving for r from the above equation gives

$$r = \frac{a - 2R}{2} = \frac{2R\sqrt{2} - 2R}{2} = 0.41R$$

A (100) face of a BCC unit cell is shown below.