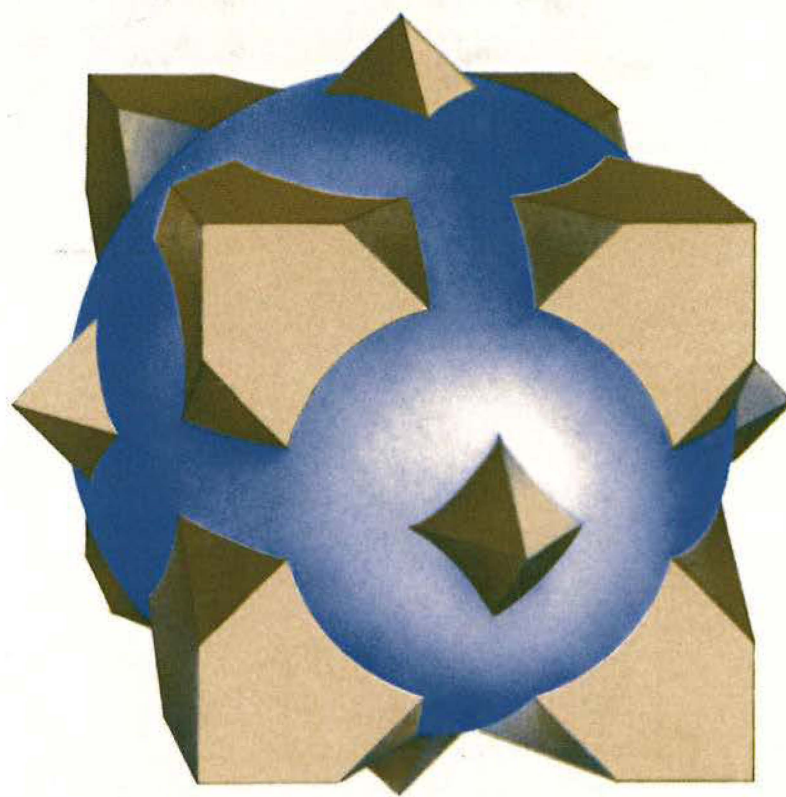


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The Sodium Chloride Structure

We are forced to describe the hexagonal close-packed and diamond lattices as lattices with bases by the intrinsic geometrical arrangement of the lattice points. A lattice with a basis is also necessary, however, in describing crystal structures in which the atoms or ions are located only at the points of a Bravais lattice, but in which the crystal structure nevertheless lacks the full translational symmetry of the Bravais lattice because more than one kind of atom or ion is present. For example, sodium chloride (Figure 4.24) consists of equal numbers of sodium and chlorine ions placed at alternate points of a simple cubic lattice, in such a way that each ion has six of the other kind of ions as its nearest neighbors.¹⁷ This structure can be described as a face-centered cubic Bravais lattice with a basis consisting of a sodium ion at $\mathbf{0}$ and a chlorine ion at the center of the conventional cubic cell, $(a/2)(\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z})$.

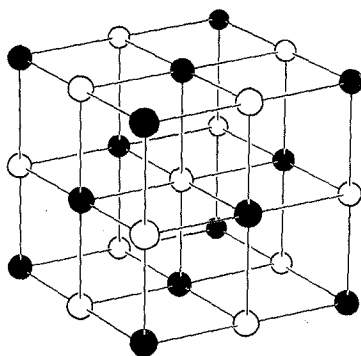


Figure 4.24

The sodium chloride structure. One type of ion is represented by black balls, the other type by white. The black and white balls form interpenetrating fcc lattices.

Table 4.5

SOME COMPOUNDS WITH THE SODIUM CHLORIDE STRUCTURE

CRYSTAL	a (Å)	CRYSTAL	a (Å)	CRYSTAL	a (Å)
LiF	4.02	RbF	5.64	CaS	5.69
LiCl	5.13	RbCl	6.58	CaSe	5.91
LiBr	5.50	RbBr	6.85	CaTe	6.34
LiI	6.00	RbI	7.34	SrO	5.16
NaF	4.62	CsF	6.01	SrS	6.02
NaCl	5.64	AgF	4.92	SrSe	6.23
NaBr	5.97	AgCl	5.55	SrTe	6.47
NaI	6.47	AgBr	5.77	BaO	5.52
KF	5.35	MgO	4.21	BaS	6.39
KCl	6.29	MgS	5.20	BaSe	6.60
KBr	6.60	MgSe	5.45	BaTe	6.99
KI	7.07	CaO	4.81		

The Cesium Chloride Structure

Similarly, cesium chloride (Figure 4.25) consists of equal numbers of cesium and chlorine ions, placed at the points of a body-centered cubic lattice so that each ion

¹⁷ For examples see Table 4.5.