

# SCHEDULE

	Date	Topic
1.	Tue 14.09.	Lec-1: Introduction
2.	Fri 17.09.	<b>Lec-2: Crystal Chemistry &amp; Tolerance parameter</b>
3.	Fri 17.09.	EXERCISE 1
4.	Tue 21.09.	Lec-3: Crystal chemistry & BVS
5.	Fri 24.09.	Lec-4: Symmetry & Point Groups
6.	Fri 24.09.	EXERCISE 2
7.	Tue 28.10.	Lec-4: Crystallography & Space Groups
8.	Fri 01.10.	Lec-5: XRD & Reciprocal lattice
9.	Fri 01.10.	EXERCISE 3
10.	Tue 05.10.	Lec-6: ND & GI-XRD
11.	Fri 08.10.	Lec-7: Rietveld
12.	Fri 08.10	. EXERCISE 4: Rietveld
13.	Tue 12.10.	Lec-8: Synchrotron rad. & XAS & RIXS
14.	Fri 15.10.	EXAFS & Mössbauer
15.	Fri 15.10.	EXERCISE 5
16.	Tue 19.10.	Seminars: XPS, FTIR, Raman, ED, HRTEM, SEM, AFM
17.	Fri 19.10.	Lec-12: XRR
18.	Fri 22.10.	EXERCISE 6: XRR

COURSE START:  
Tue 14.09. at 12.15  
in Zoom

**EXAM:**  
**Fri Oct. 29, 2021**

# LECTURE 2: CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY

- Learn to "read" different types of crystal structure representations
- Concepts of coordination number (CN) and coordination polyhedron (= spatial arrangement of nearest-neighbour atoms)
- Ionic radius: dependence on CN and valence (V)
- Tolerance factor concept and utilization

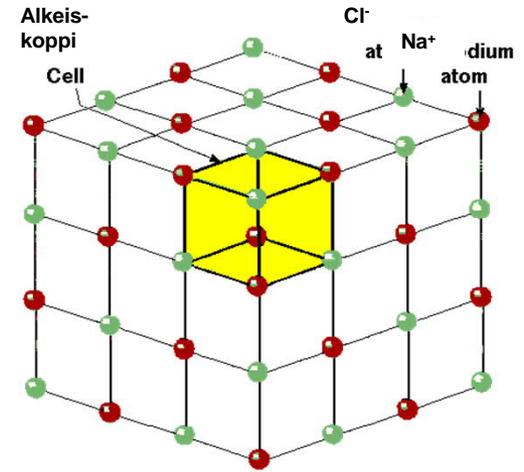
# EXAMPLES of "everyday" crystals/structures



Rock salt (NaCl)



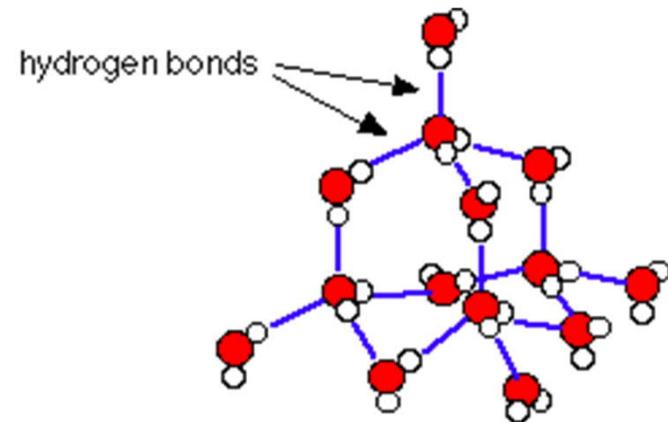
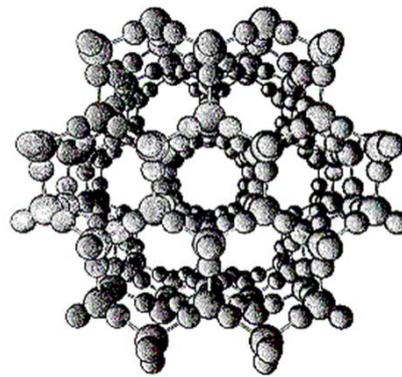
NaCl single crystal



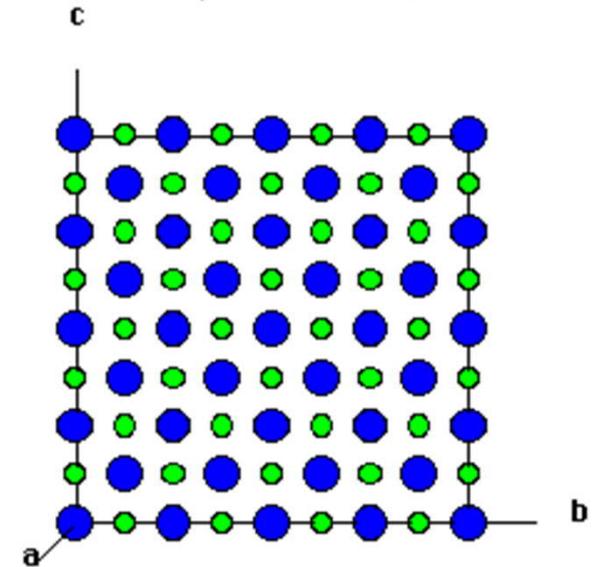
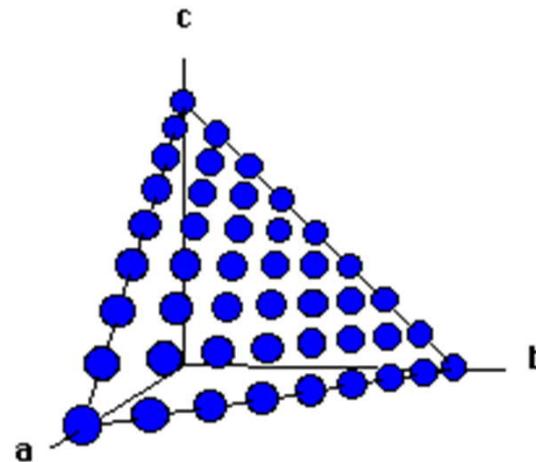
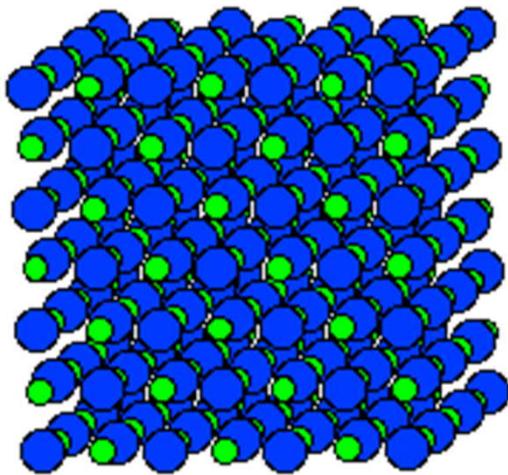
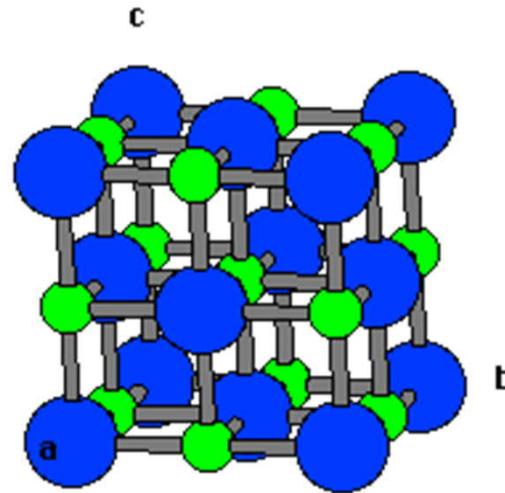
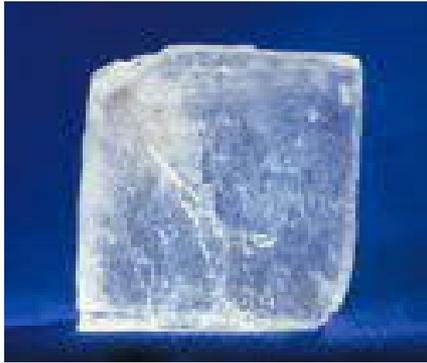
Cubic crystal structure:  
high symmetry, ionic bonds  
→ extremely stable

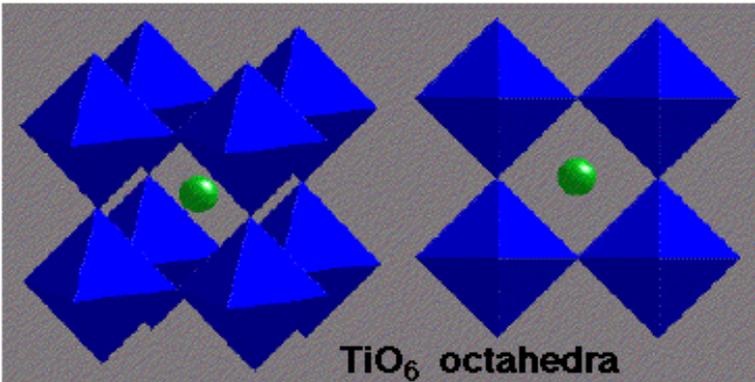


Snow flake:  
hexagonal



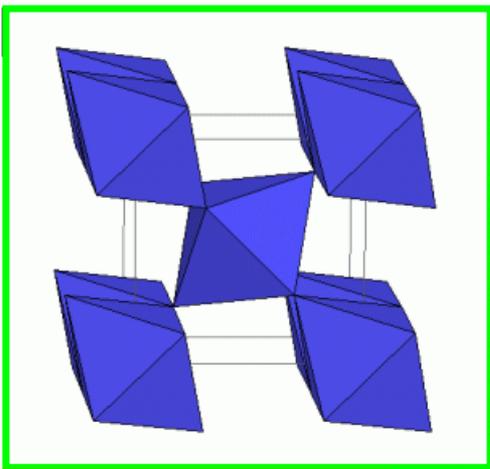
The same (NaCl) crystal structure can be presented in multiple ways



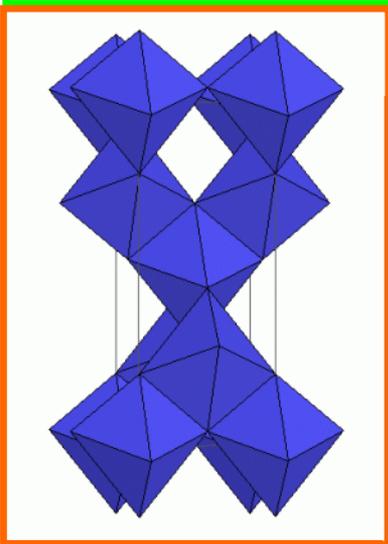
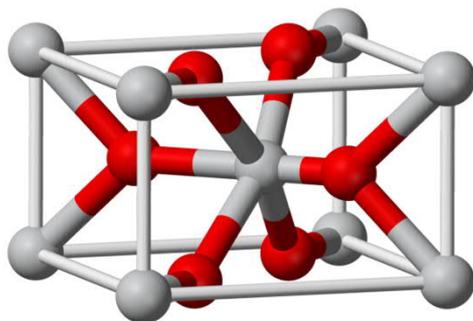


# PEROVSKITE CaTiO<sub>3</sub>

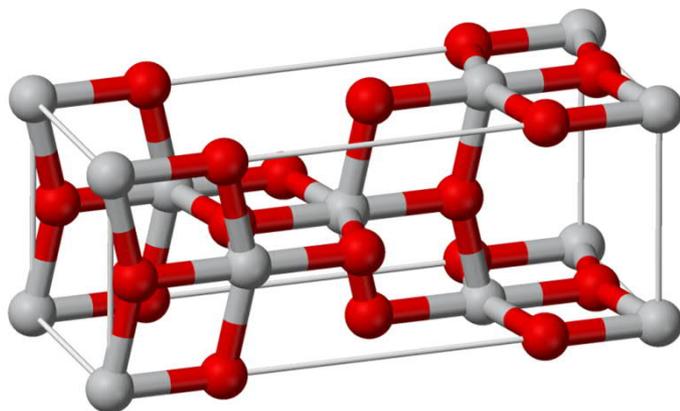
Other Examples  
of common crystal structures



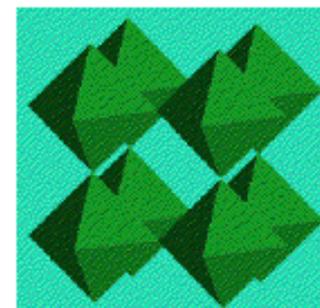
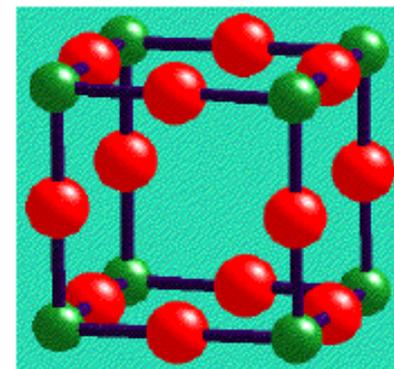
## RUTILE TiO<sub>2</sub>



## ANATASE TiO<sub>2</sub>

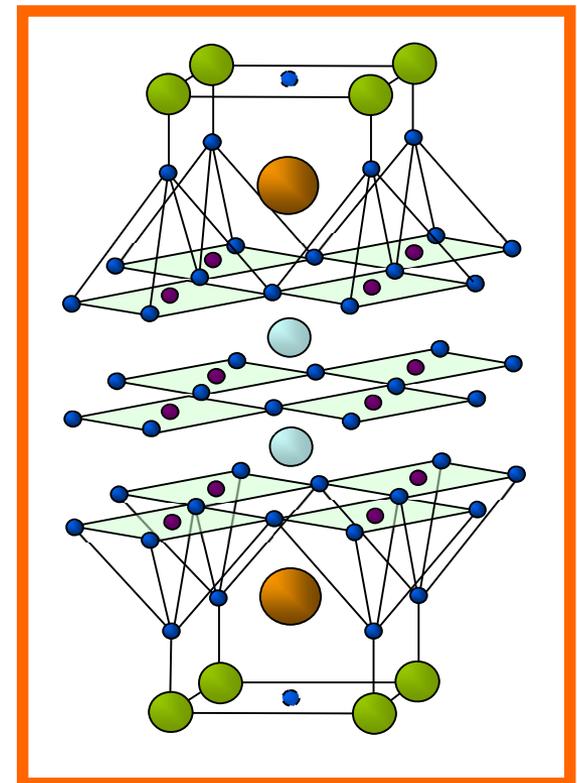
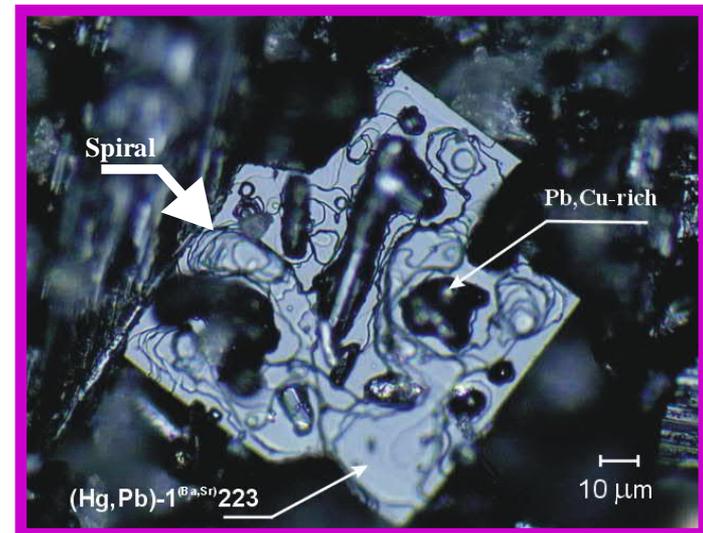


## ReO<sub>3</sub>



# CRYSTAL

- Regularity of small building units in crystalline solids was predicted already in 17<sup>th</sup> century based on the beautifully symmetric shapes of macroscopic crystals
- Experimentally this was verified in 1912 by showing that crystals work as 3D diffraction gratings for X-rays (with wavelength of the same order as the distances of atoms in crystals)
- Interatomic distances in crystals are of **Ångström-scale:  $1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 0.1 \text{ nm}$**
- On the right, the tiny crystal (grown from flux by my students) is a single crystal of the record-high  $T_c$  (135 K) Hg-Ba-Ca-Cu-O superconductor; crystal structure shown below



# WHAT WE LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

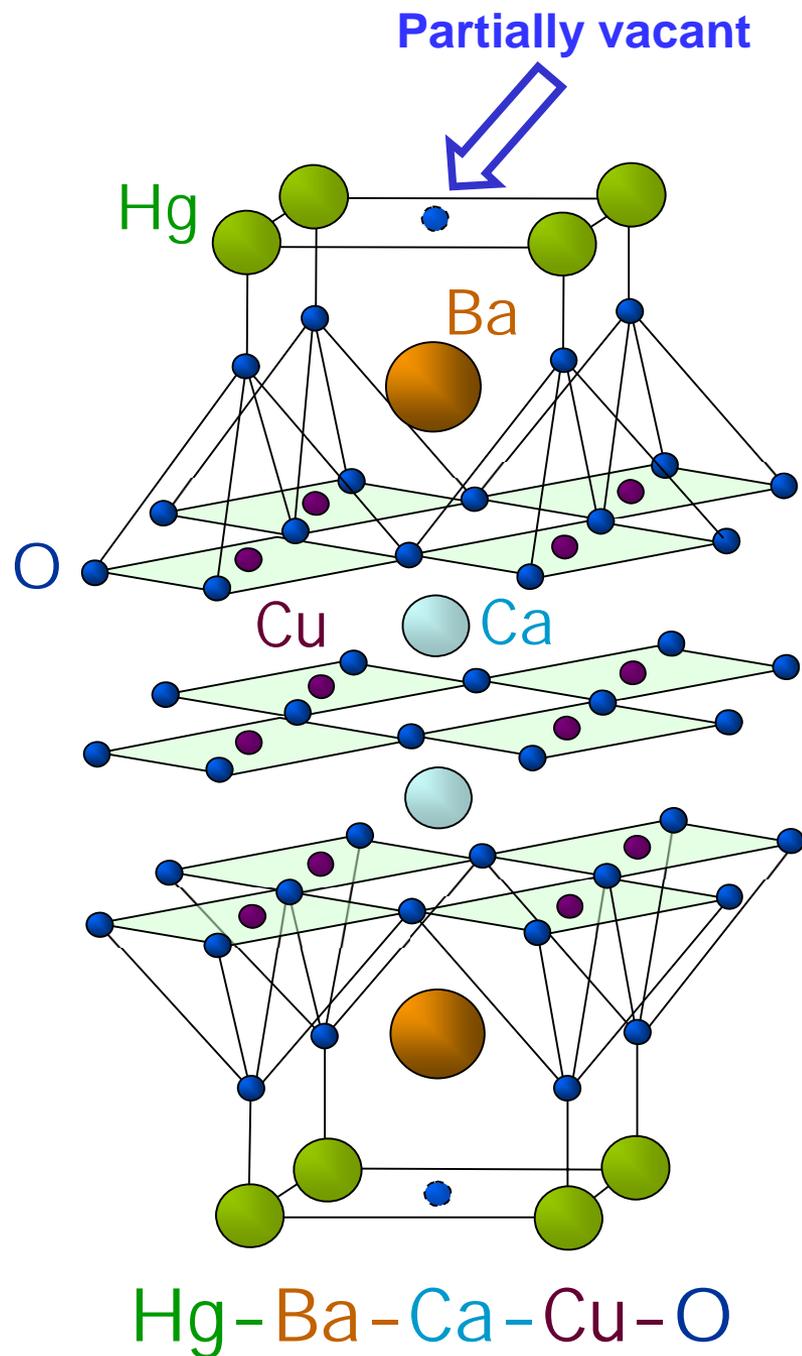
## CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

- unit cell
- lattice parameters
- symmetry
- space group
- number of formula units in unit cell
- etc.

## CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY

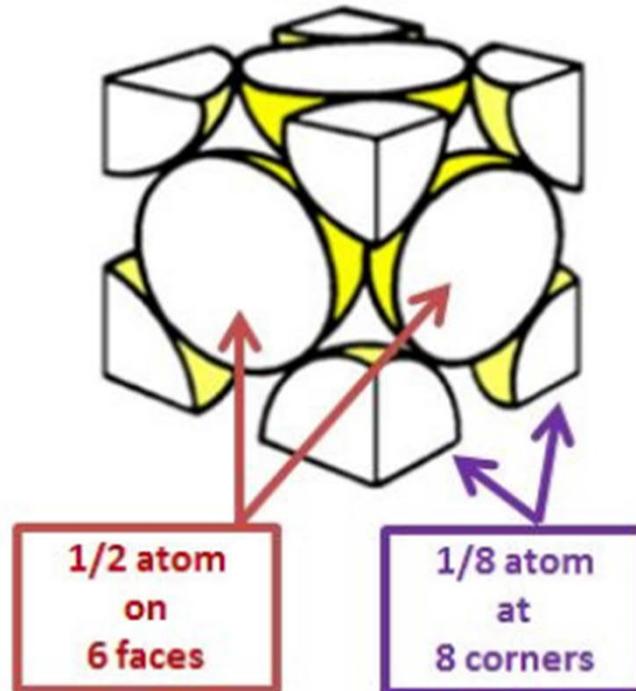
- coordination numbers
- coordination polyhedra
- bond lengths/angles
- occupancy factors
- etc.

This lecture is of **crystal chemistry** !

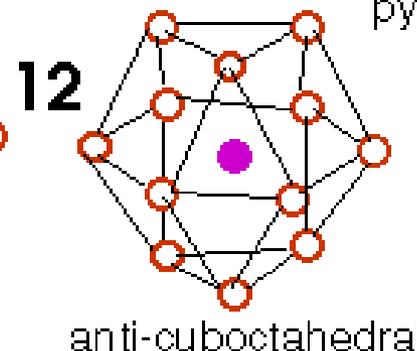
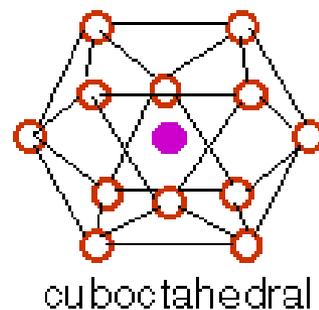
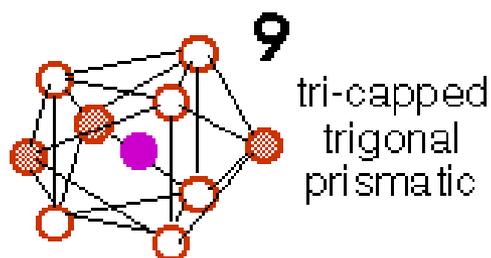
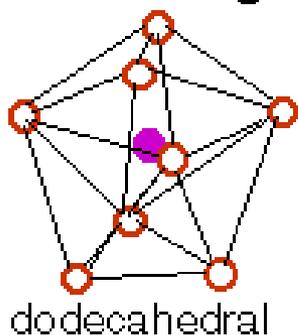
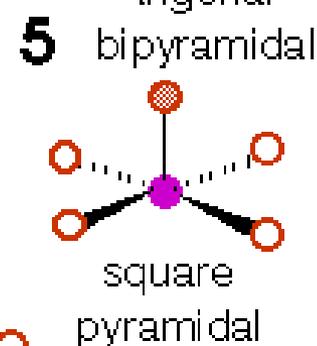
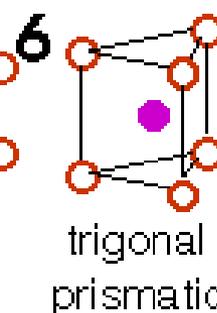
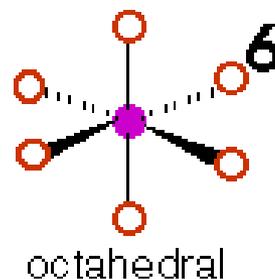
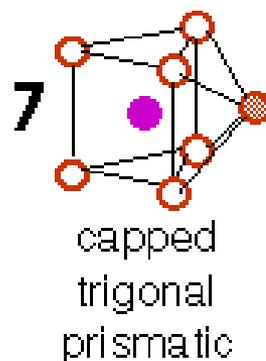
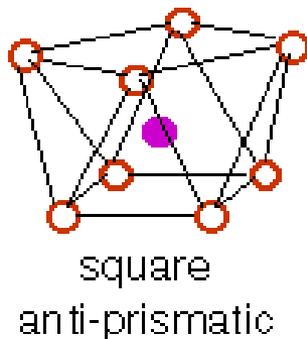
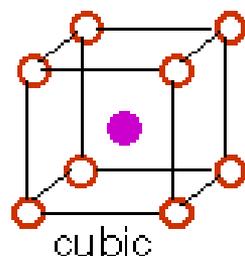
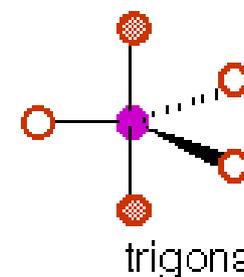
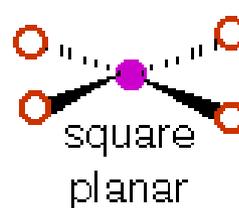
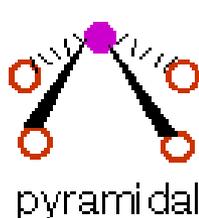
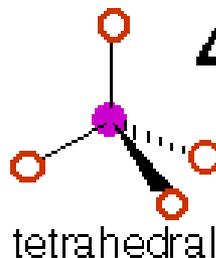
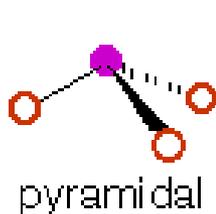
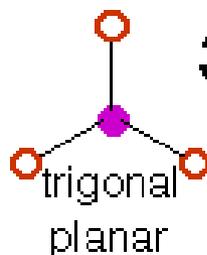
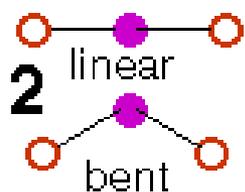


## NUMBER of ATOMS in UNIT CELL

- atom inside unit cell: belongs only to one unit cell → 1
- atom on unit cell face: belongs to two unit cells → 0.5
- atom on unit cell edge: belongs to four unit cells → 0.25
- atom on unit cell corner: belongs to eight unit cells → 0.125

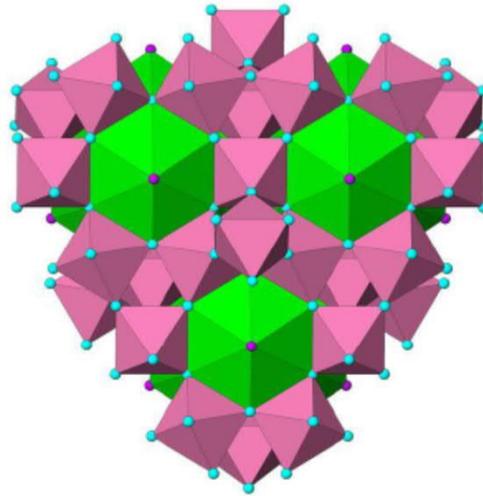
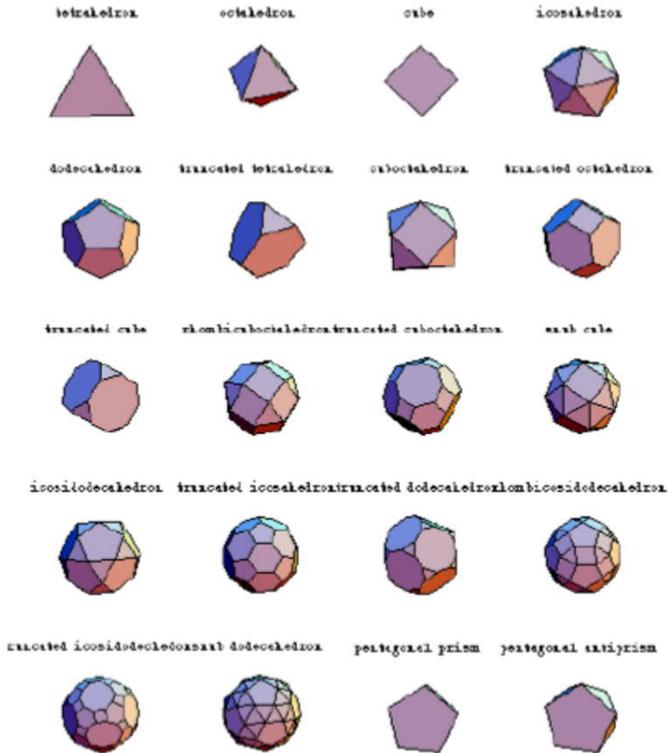


# EXAMPLES OF COORDINATION NUMBERS/POLYHEDRA

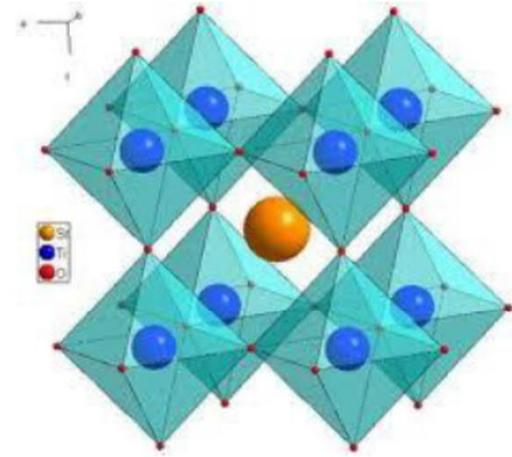


# Polyhedra

Generally metal in centre and oxide or halide at vertices



Pyrochlore



Perovskite

## How the atoms are located in the structure depends on:

- relative sizes of atoms/ions
- charges (oxidation states) of ions
- nature of chemical bonds (involvement of different orbitals)

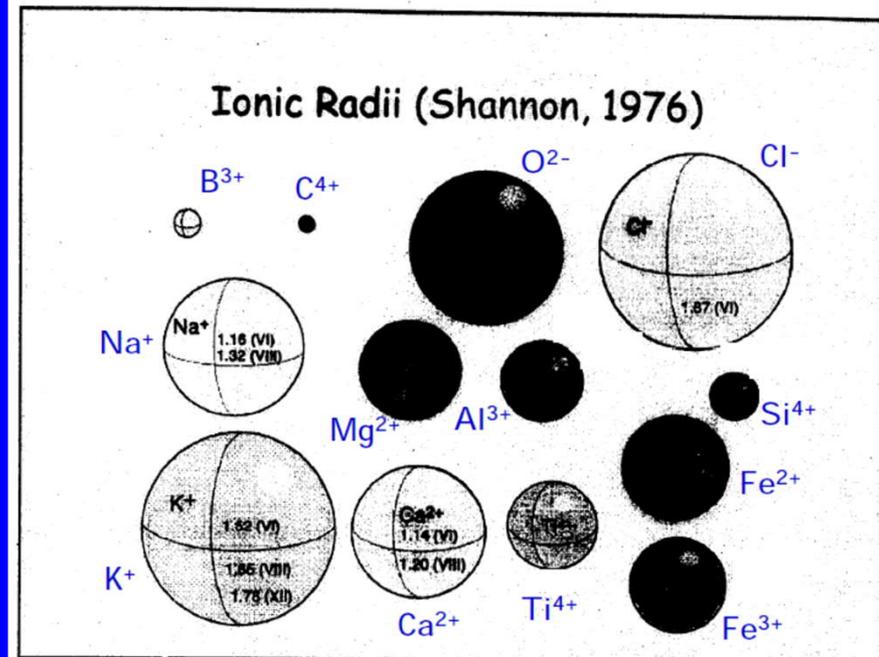
## NEXT WE START THE DISCUSSION ON:

- Ion size (ionic radius) and how it affects the structure

Theorists are always predicting new structures that we (experimentalists) can't make. But we keep making structures they can't predict.

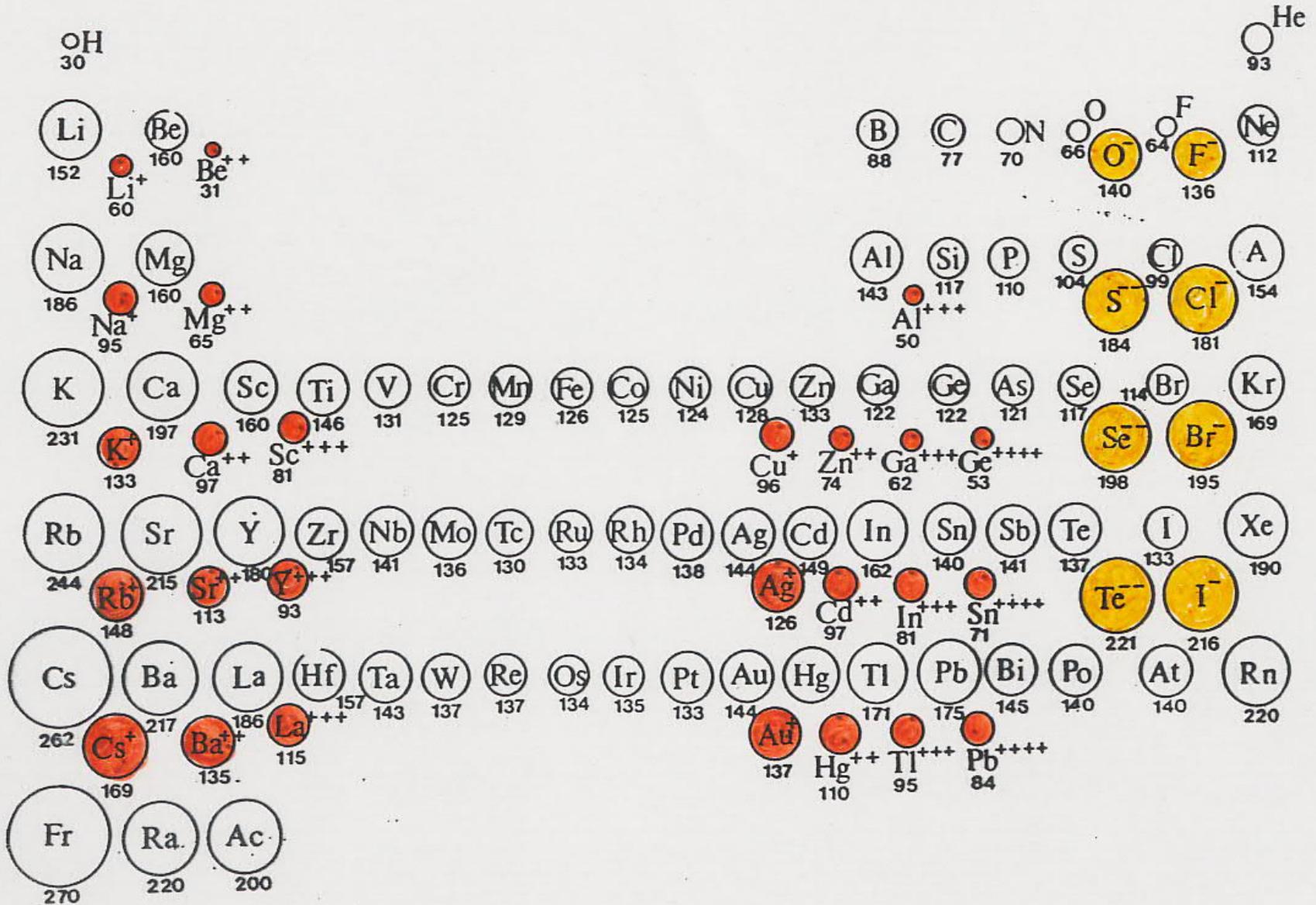
# IONIC RADIUS

- It is not possible to measure ionic radius values directly
- The values are estimated (using statistical techniques) for each ion from a large experimental data set for bond lengths between many pairs of two different elements in different (ionic) compounds
- These are tabulated; there are several different ionic radius tables; the most commonly used one is: R.D. Shannon, Acta Cryst. A 32, 751 (1976)
- There are relatively large differences in ionic radii among different ions
- For the same element, ionic radius depends on the oxidation state and coordination number



# Ionic Radii - Notable Trends

- The radius increases as you move down a column.
  - $\text{Al}^{3+} = 0.675 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Ga}^{3+} = 0.760 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{In}^{3+} = 0.940 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Tl}^{3+} = 1.025 \text{ \AA}$
- The radius decreases as you move across a period.
  - $\text{La}^{3+} = 1.172 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Nd}^{3+} = 1.123 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Gd}^{3+} = 1.078 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Lu}^{3+} = 1.001 \text{ \AA}$
- The 4d & 5d metals have similar radii due to the lanthanide contraction.
  - $\text{Nb}^{5+} = 0.78 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Ta}^{5+} = 0.78 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Pd}^{4+} = 0.755 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Pt}^{4+} = 0.765 \text{ \AA}$
- The cation radius decreases as you increase the oxidation state.
  - $\text{Mn}^{2+} = 0.810 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{3+} = 0.785 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{4+} = 0.670 \text{ \AA}$
- The radius increases as the coordination number increases.
  - $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ : CN=6  $\rightarrow$  1.32  $\text{ \AA}$ , CN=8  $\rightarrow$  1.40  $\text{ \AA}$ ,  
CN=10  $\rightarrow$  1.50  $\text{ \AA}$ , CN=12  $\rightarrow$  1.58  $\text{ \AA}$



Linus Pauling was the first to predict crystal structures based on relative (cation versus anion) ionic radii

### Pauling's Rule for binary AB compounds

$$r_C/r_A < 0.155$$

$$\text{CN} = 2$$

$$0.155 < r_C/r_A < 0.225$$

$$\text{CN} = 3$$

$$0.225 < r_C/r_A < 0.414$$

$$\text{CN} = 4$$

$$0.414 < r_C/r_A < 0.732$$

$$\text{CN} = 6$$

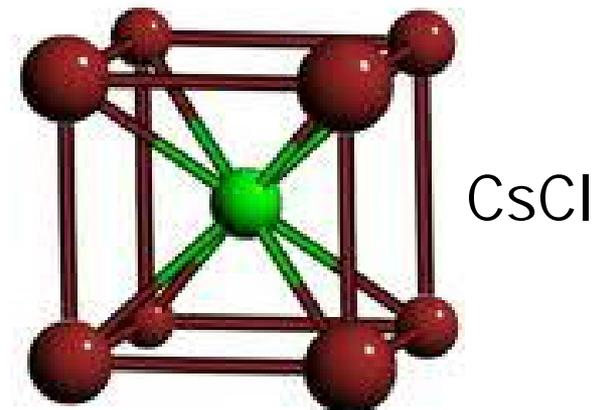
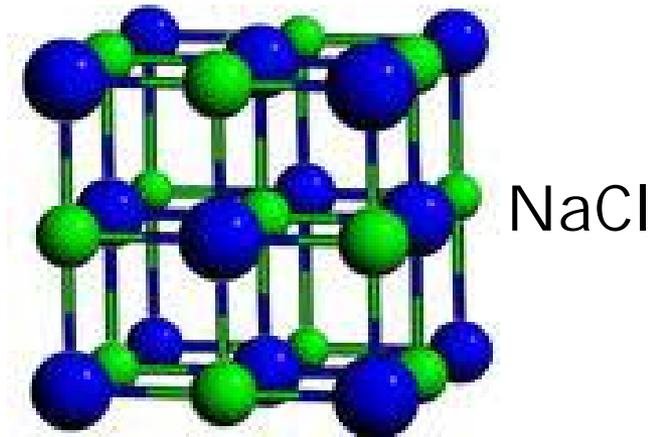
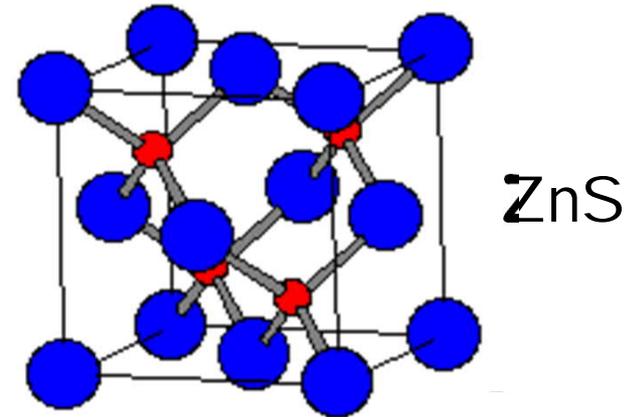
$$0.732 < r_C/r_A < 1.00$$

$$\text{CN} = 8$$

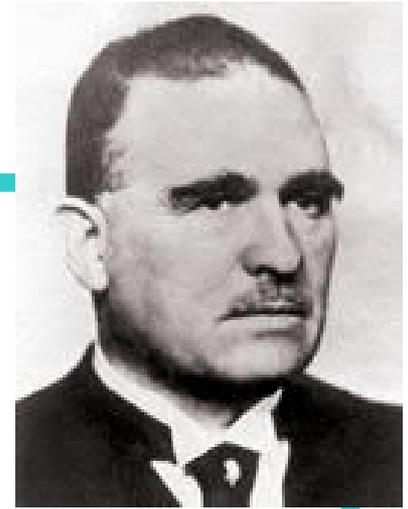
$$r_C/r_A > 1.00$$

$$\text{CN} = 12$$

QUESTION: what are the coordination numbers (CN) in ZnS, NaCl and CsCl ?



Victor Moritz Goldschmidt  
(1888-1947)



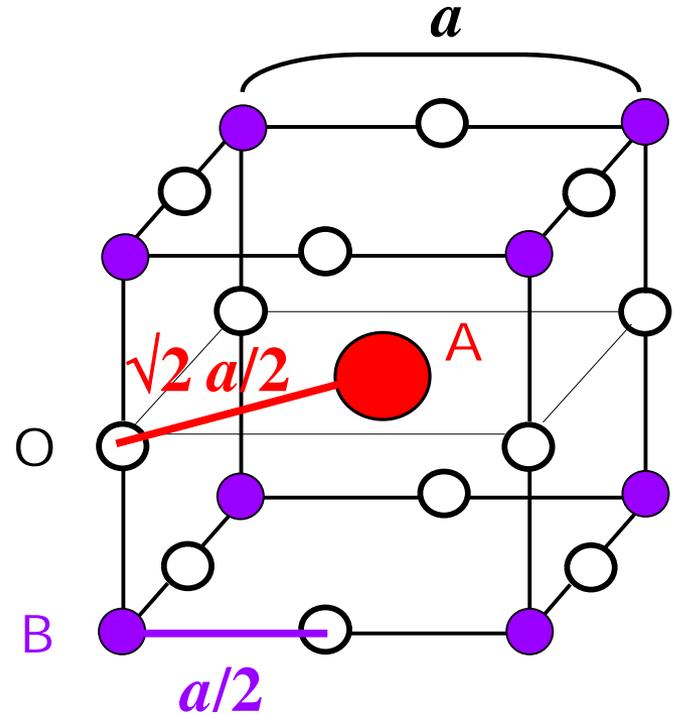
**Another approach:**

## **TOLERANCE FACTOR ( $t$ )**

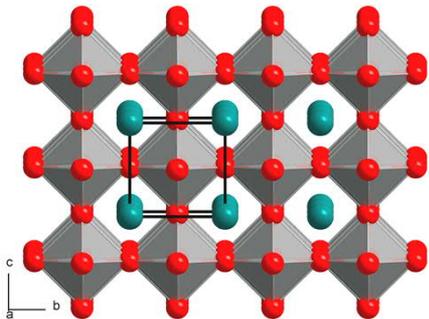
- **1926 Goldschmidt**  
V.M. Goldschmidt , “Geochemische Verteilungsgesetze der Elemente”,  
Skrifter Norske Videnskaps-Akad, Oslo, I. Mat-Naturr. K1 (1926)
- **$t$ : measure for the degree of mismatch between two different atomic layers: at  $t = 1$ , perfect match**
- **Calculated from preferred bond lengths**
- **Preferred bond lengths are estimated from ionic radii (Shannon)**
- **Developed first for the perovskite structure, later extended to other structures as well**
- **To understand the stability of the structures and the creation of different distortions/defects (e.g. oxygen vacancies)**

# Tolerance factor for $ABO_3$ perovskite

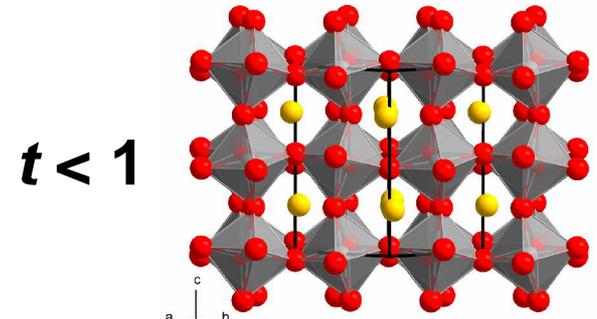
$$t = \frac{(r_A + r_O)}{\sqrt{2} (r_B + r_O)}$$



- $t = 1$  : ideal matching (0.80 <  $t$  < 1.05 possible)
- $t < 1$  : A is too small  $\rightarrow$  changes in oxygen position
- $t > 1$  : B is too small  $\rightarrow$  B is reduced  $\rightarrow$  oxygen vacancies



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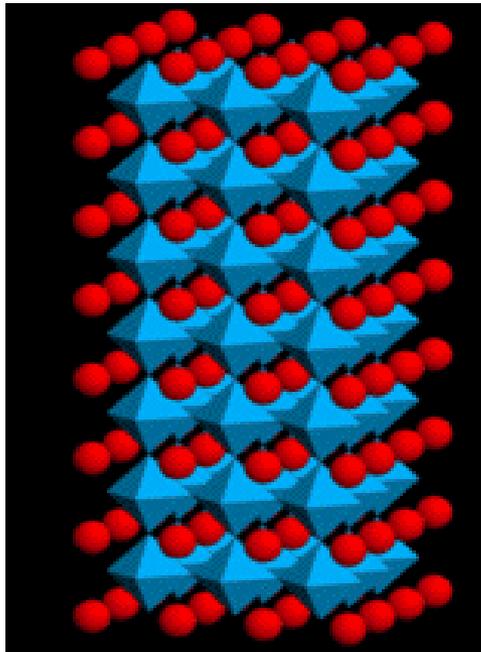


$t < 1$

$$t = \frac{(r_A + r_O)}{\sqrt{2} (r_B + r_O)}$$

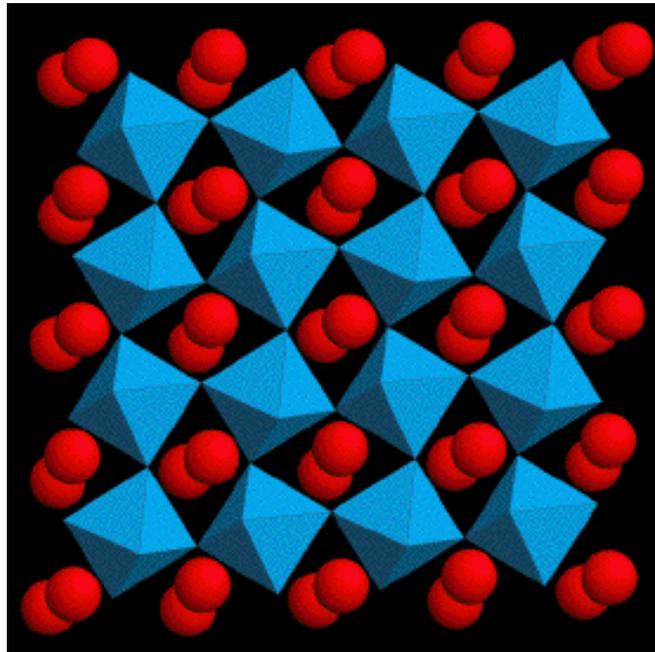
**NOTE:**  
Oxygen vacancies  
can be random or  
ordered (as below)

**$t = 1$**



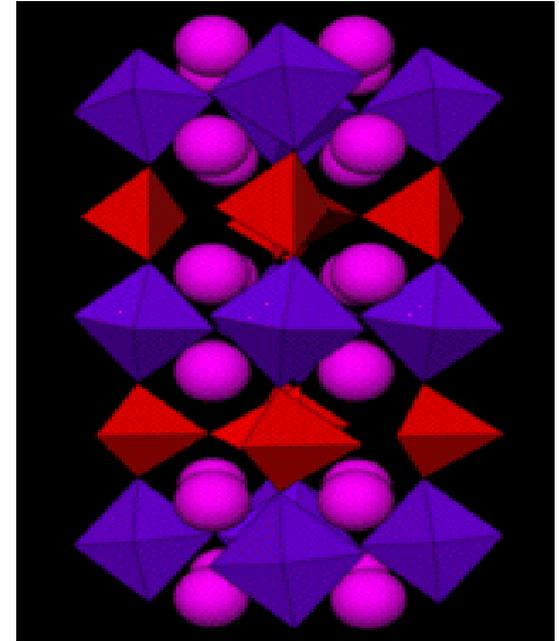
**IDEAL**

**$t < 1$**



**Changes in  
atomic positions**

**$t > 1$**



**Oxygen  
deficiency**

# FOR METAL OXIDES, defects are usually discussed in terms of oxygen nonstoichiometry

## (1) Interstitial oxygen atoms



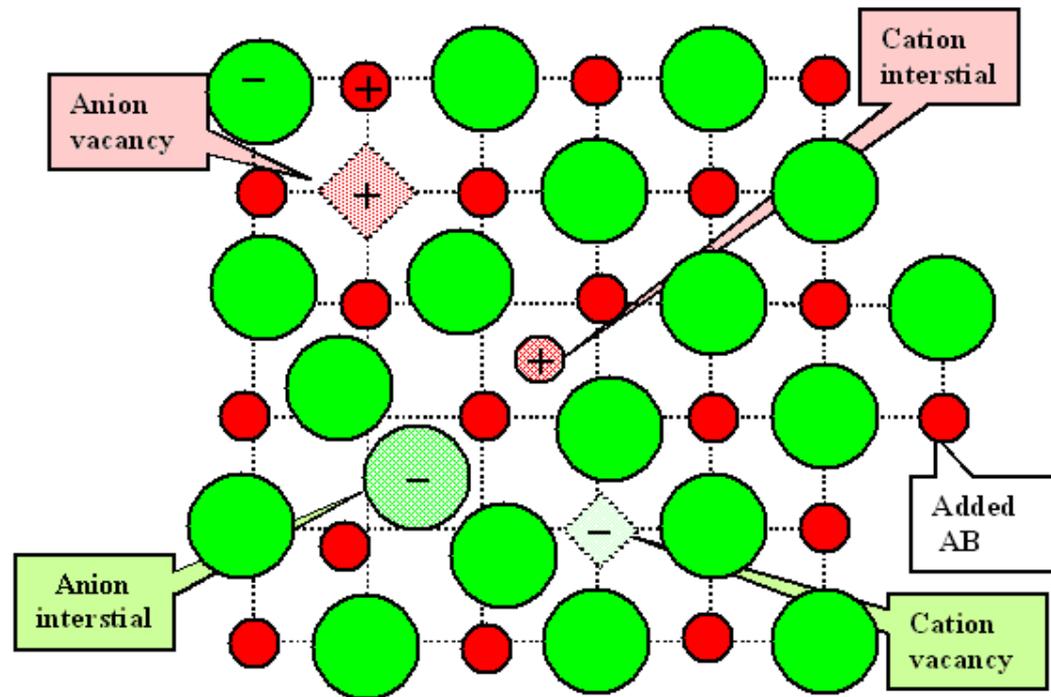
## (2) Cation vacancies



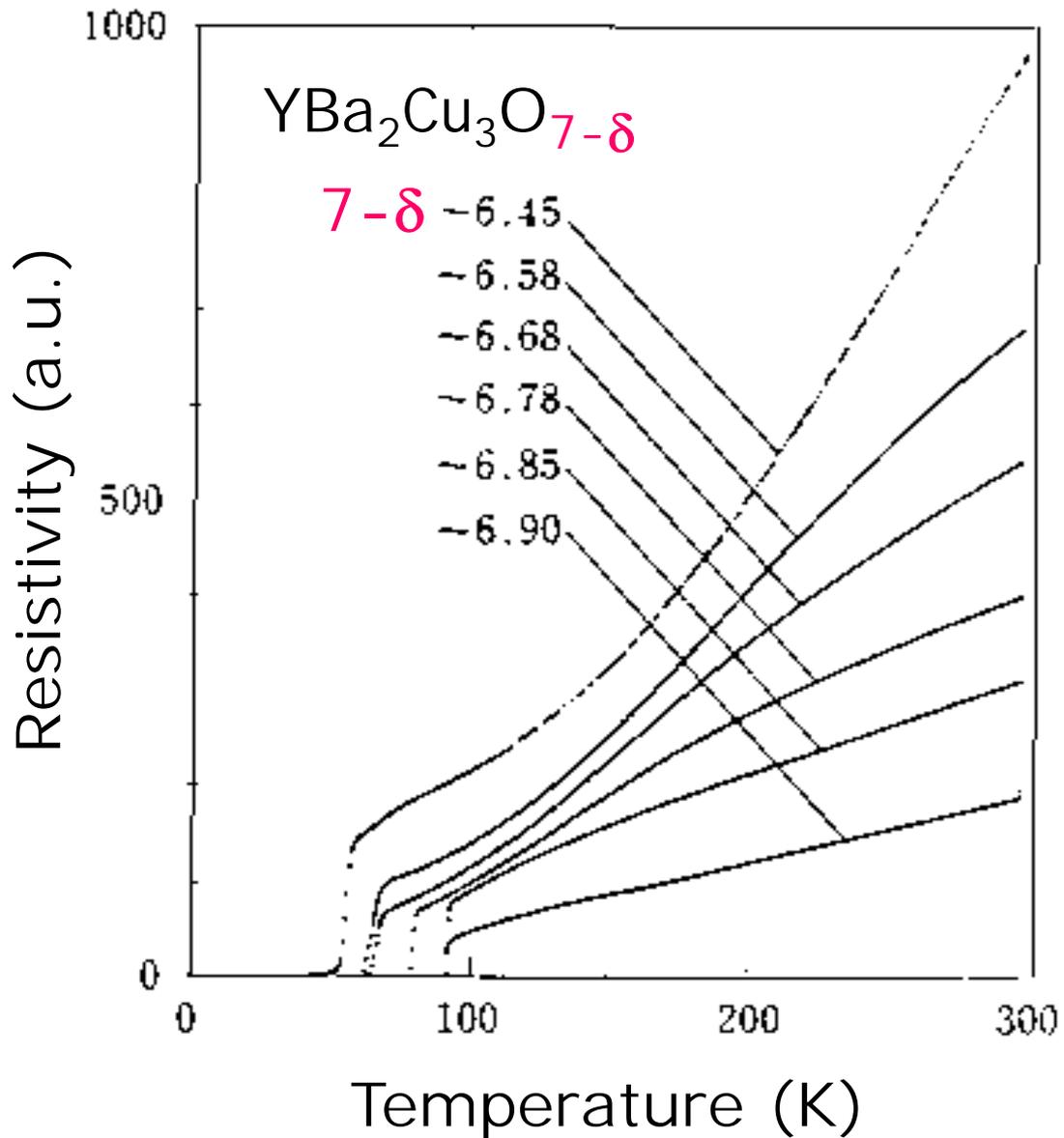
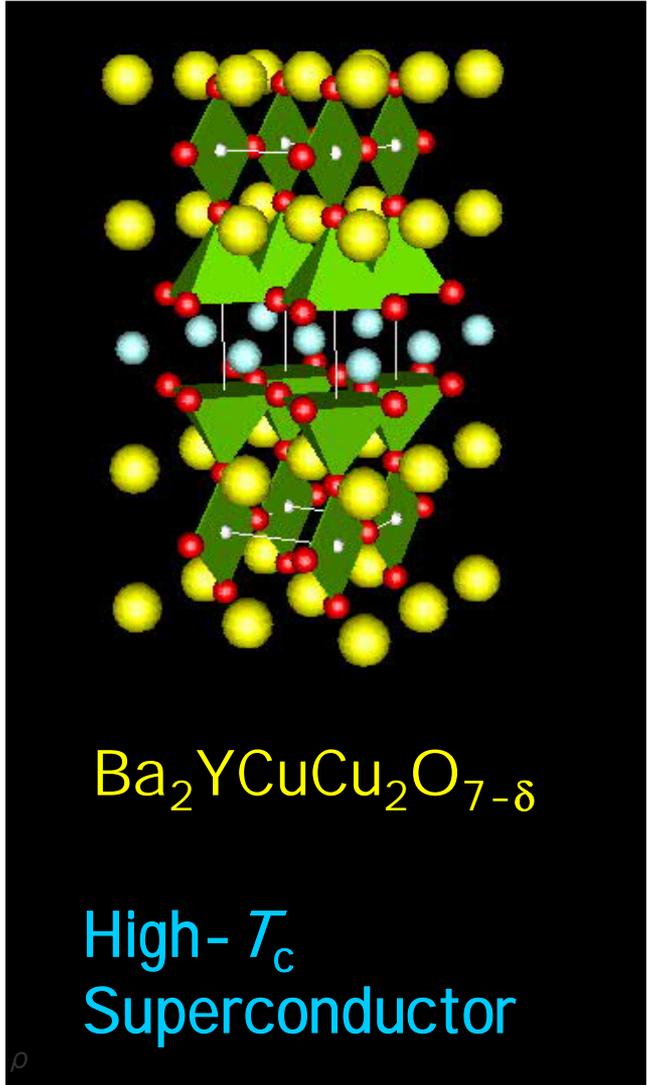
## (3) Oxygen vacancies



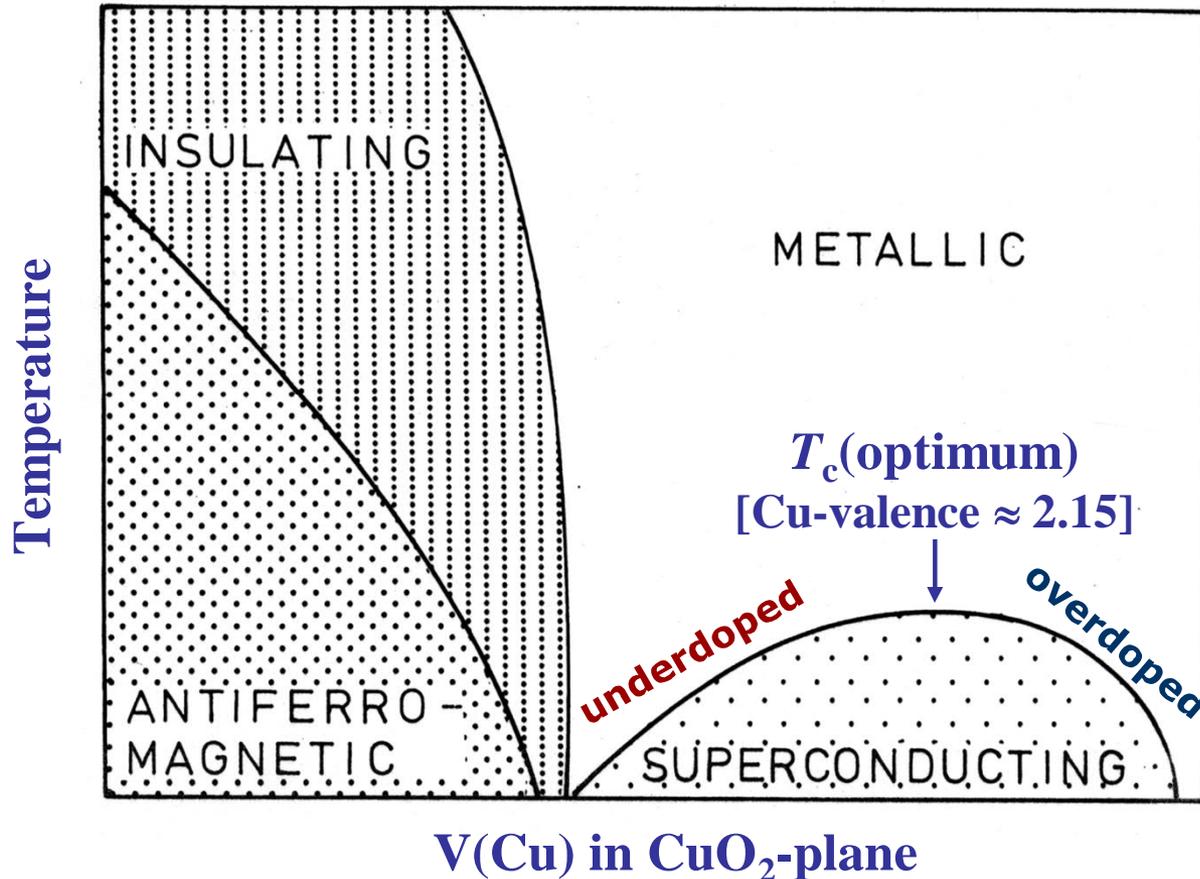
## (4) Interstitial cations



**YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-δ</sub> (or Ba<sub>2</sub>YCu(1)Cu(2)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7-δ</sub> to more properly reflect the structure) is a notorious example of the huge impact of oxygen (non)stoichiometry**



# Phase Diagram of High- $T_c$ Superconductors



Oxygen content in  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$  controls the valence state of copper, and thereby the superconductivity ( $T_c$  value)

# Illustration how the $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ structure is derived from the perovskite structure through cation ordering and ordered oxygen vacancies

A-site ordered &  
oxygen-vacancy ordered  
TRIPLE PEROVSKITE

