

SCHEDULE

| | Date | Topic |
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| 1. | Tue 14.09. | Lec-1: Introduction |
| 2. | Fri 17.09. | Lec-2: Crystal Chemistry & Tolerance parameter |
| 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

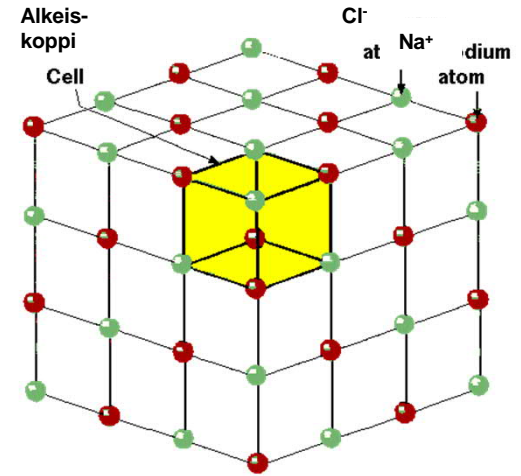
EXAMPLES of "everyday" crystals/structures



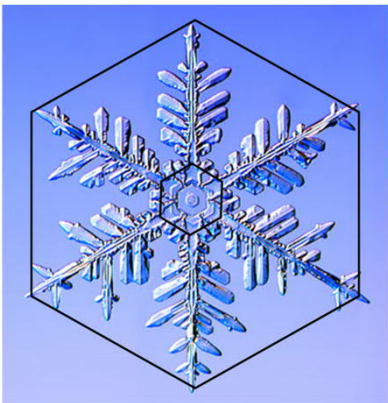
Rock salt (NaCl)



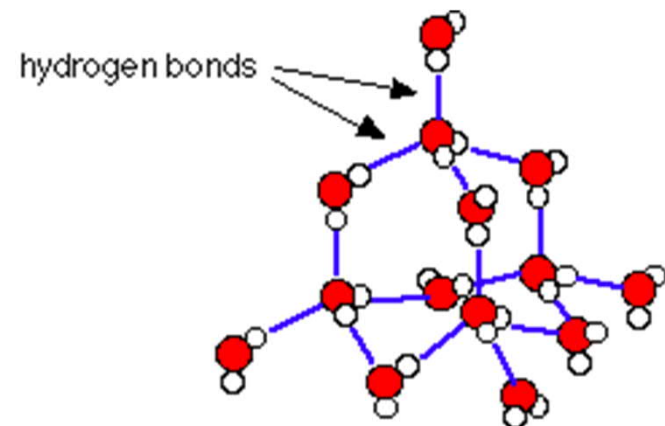
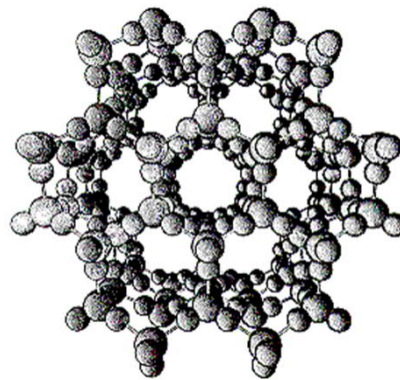
NaCl single crystal



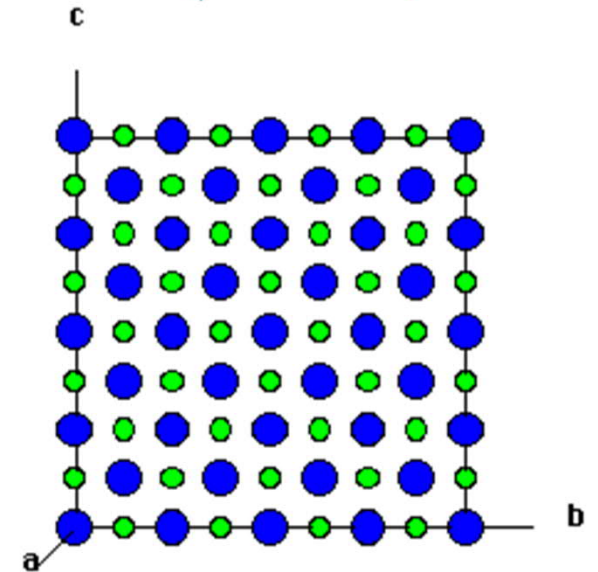
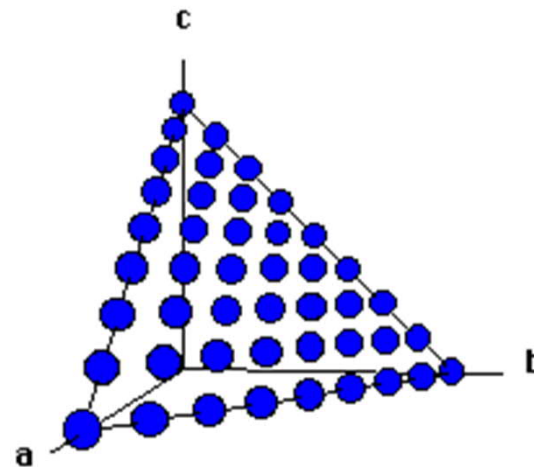
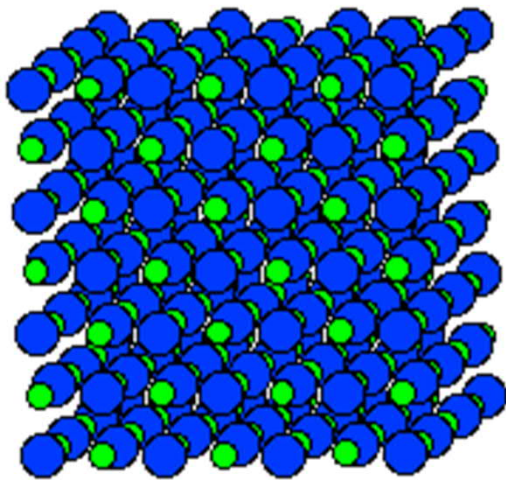
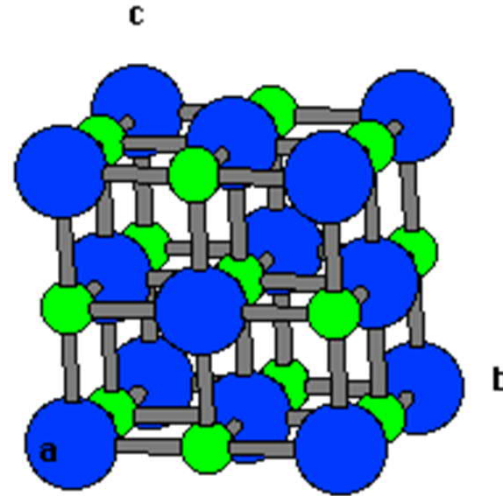
Cubic crystal structure:
high symmetry, ionic bonds
→ extremely stable

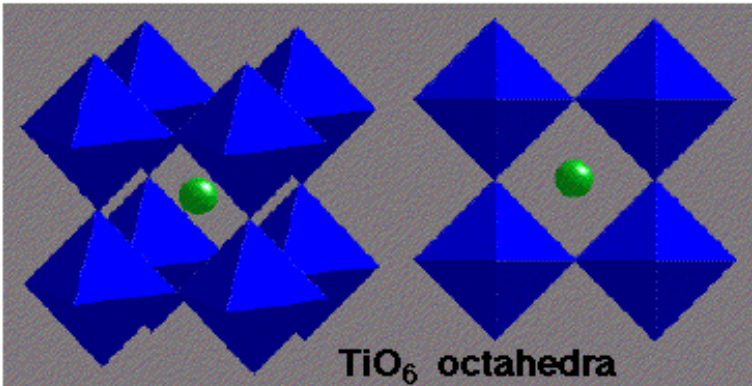


Snow flake:
hexagonal



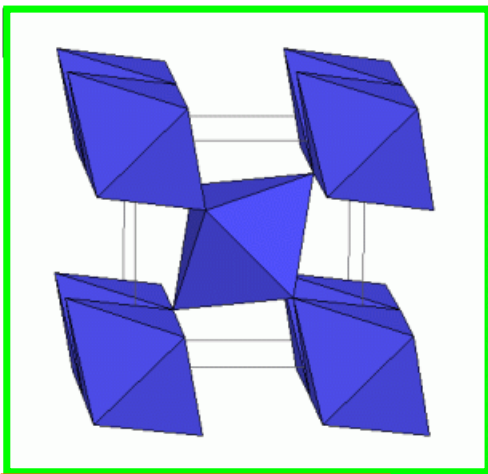
The same (NaCl) crystal structure can be presented in multiple ways



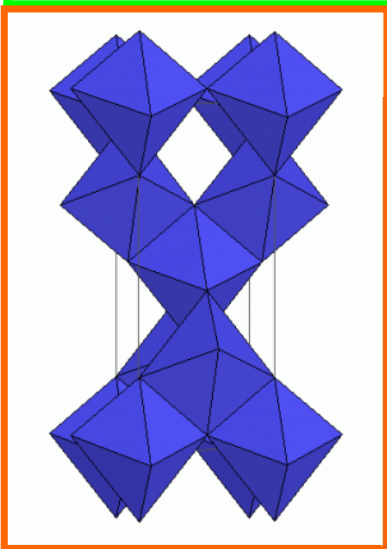
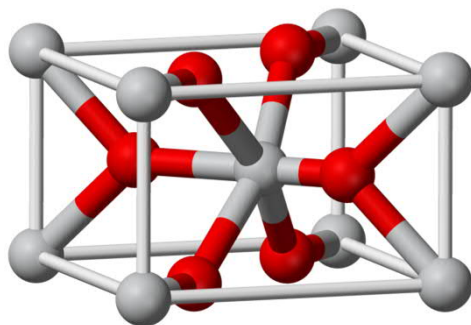


PEROVSKITE CaTiO₃

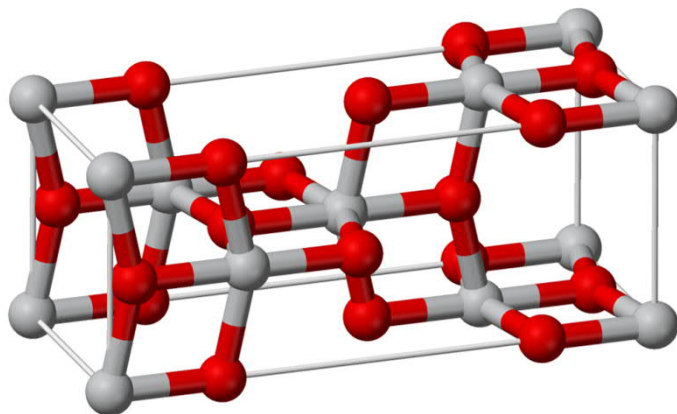
Other Examples
of common crystal structures



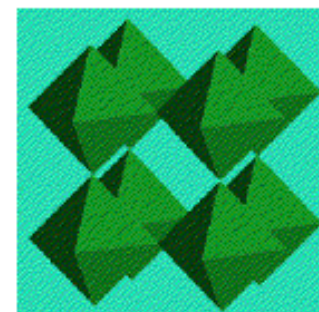
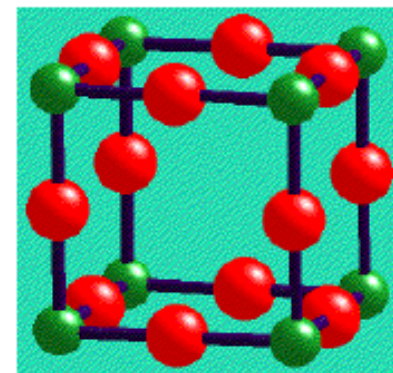
RUTILE TiO₂



ANATASE TiO₂

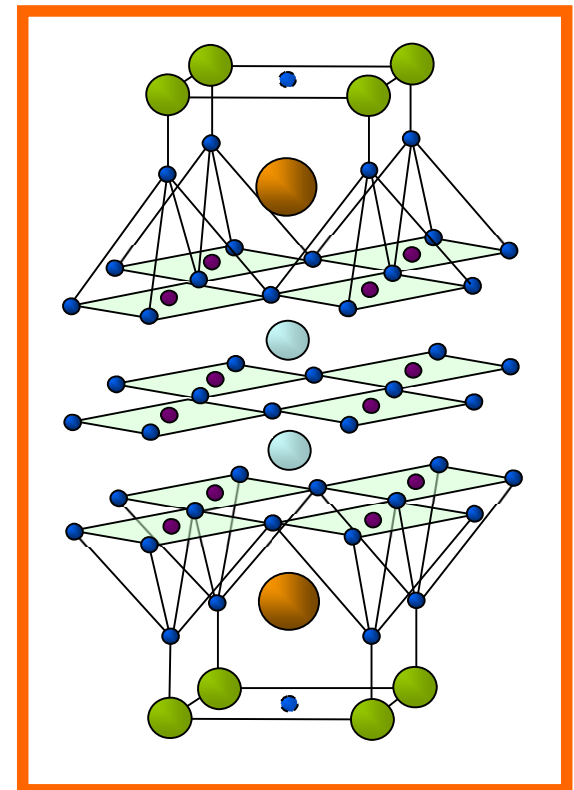
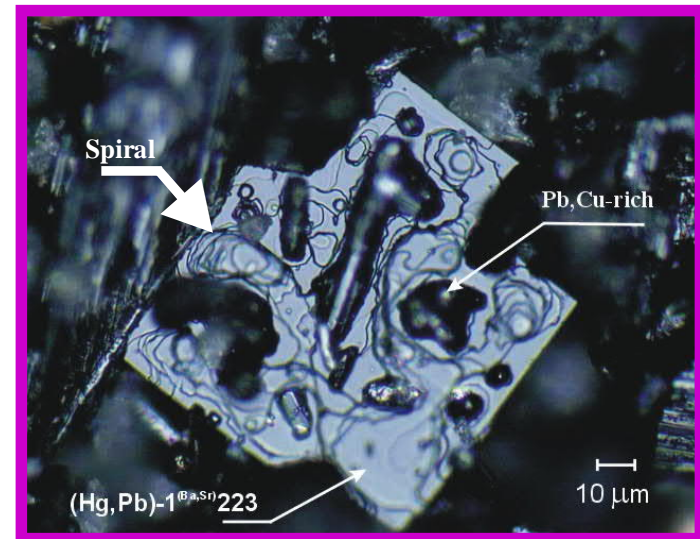


ReO₃



CRYSTAL

- Regularity of small building units in crystalline solids was predicted already in 17th 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

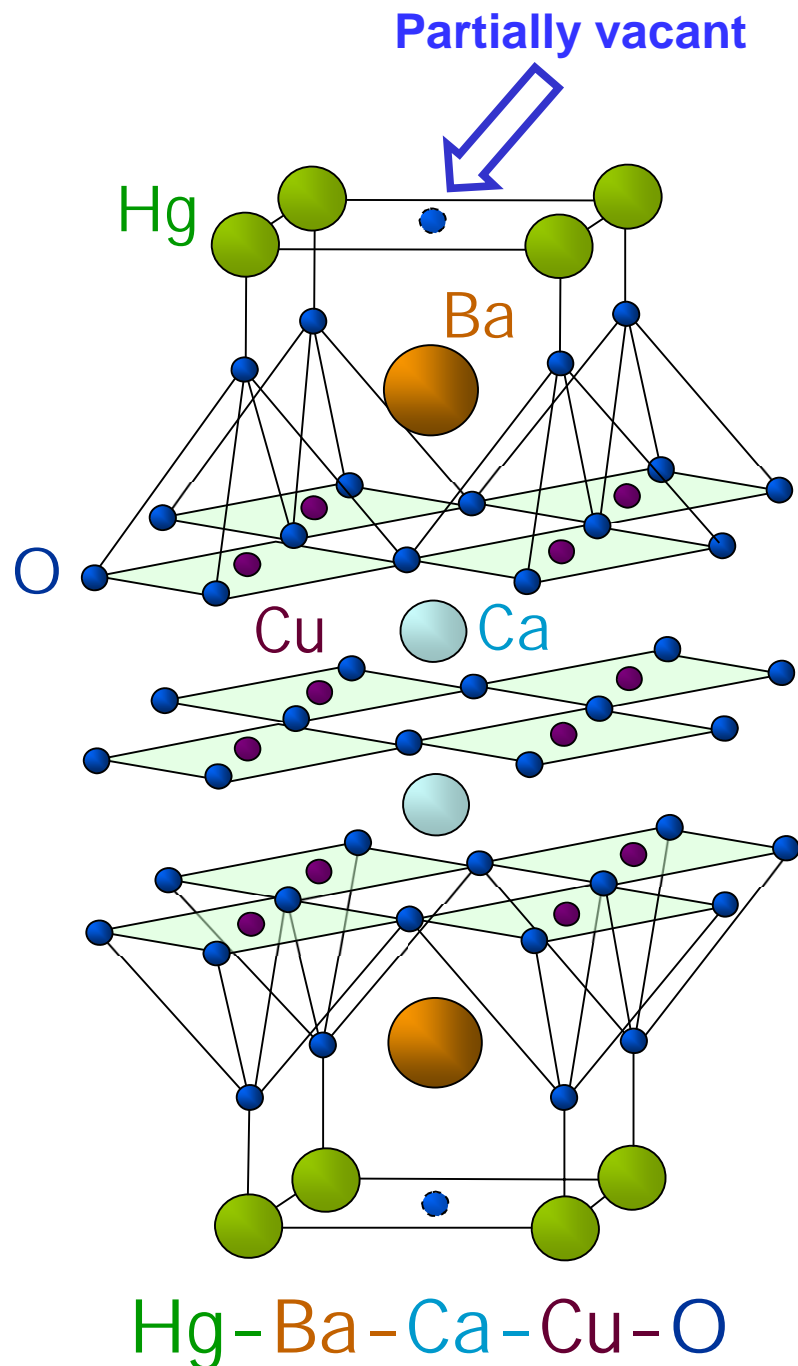
CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

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

CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY

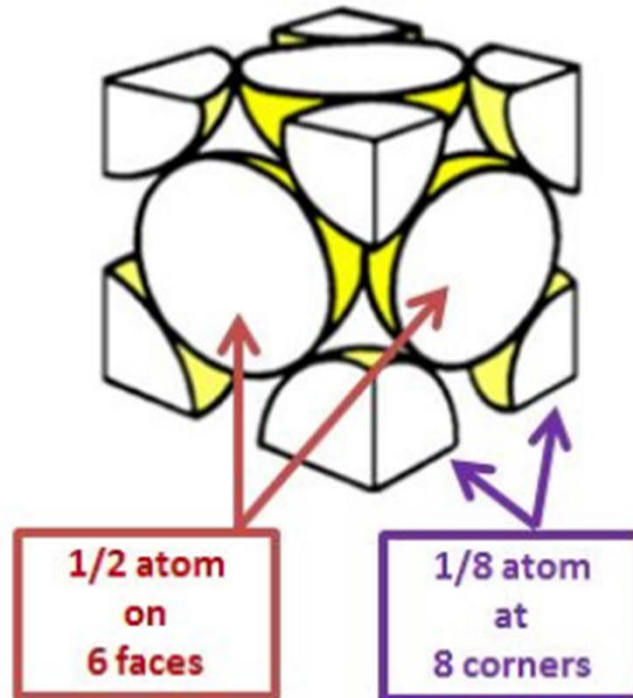
- coordination numbers
- coordination polyhedra
- bond lengths/angles
- occupancy factors
- etc.

This lecture is of **crystal chemistry** !

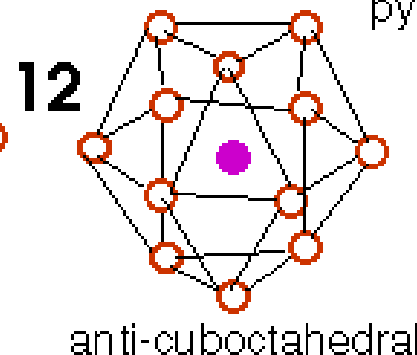
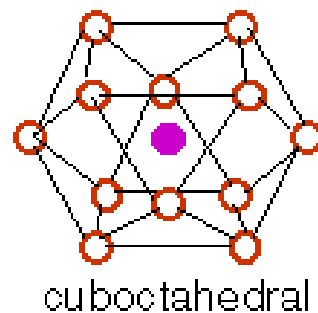
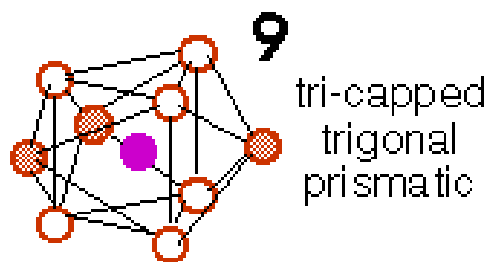
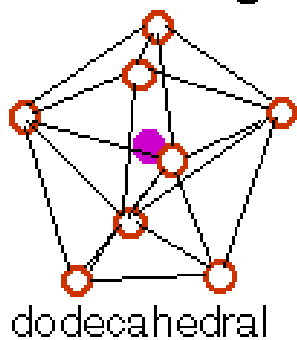
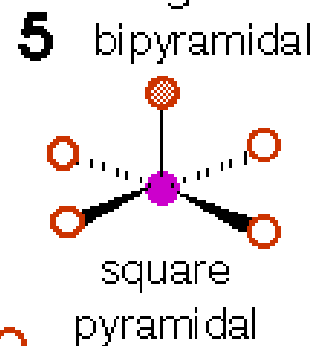
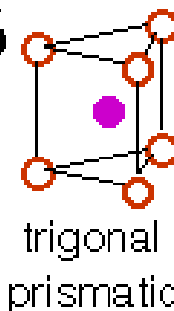
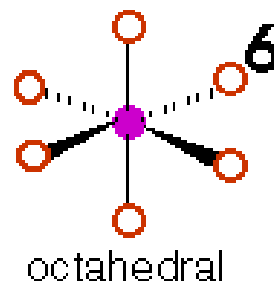
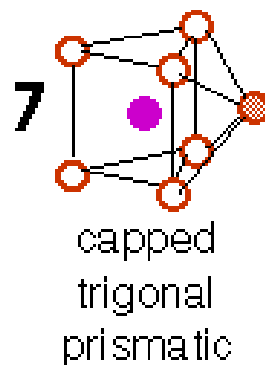
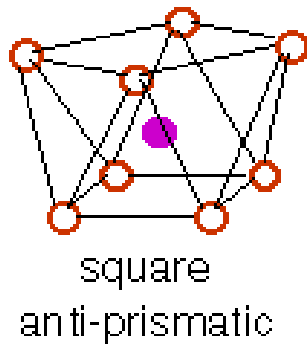
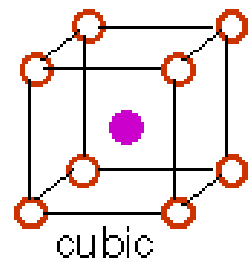
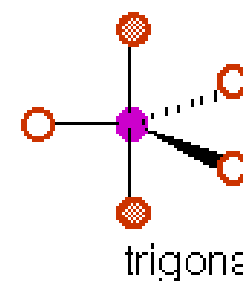
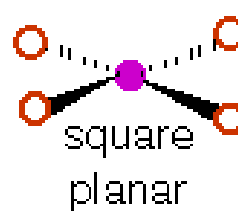
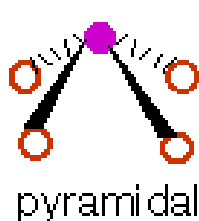
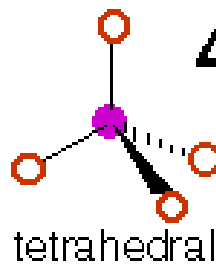
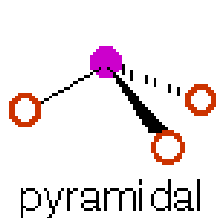
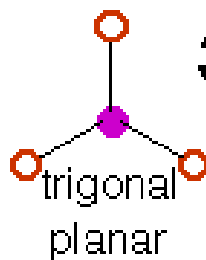
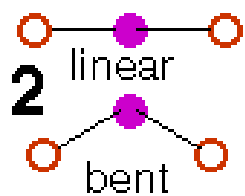


NUMBER of ATOMS in UNIT CELL

- 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

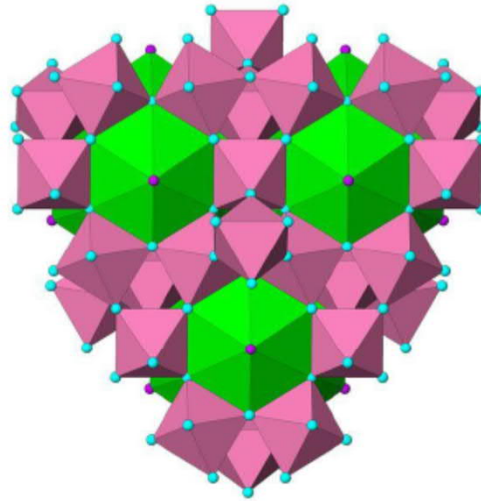
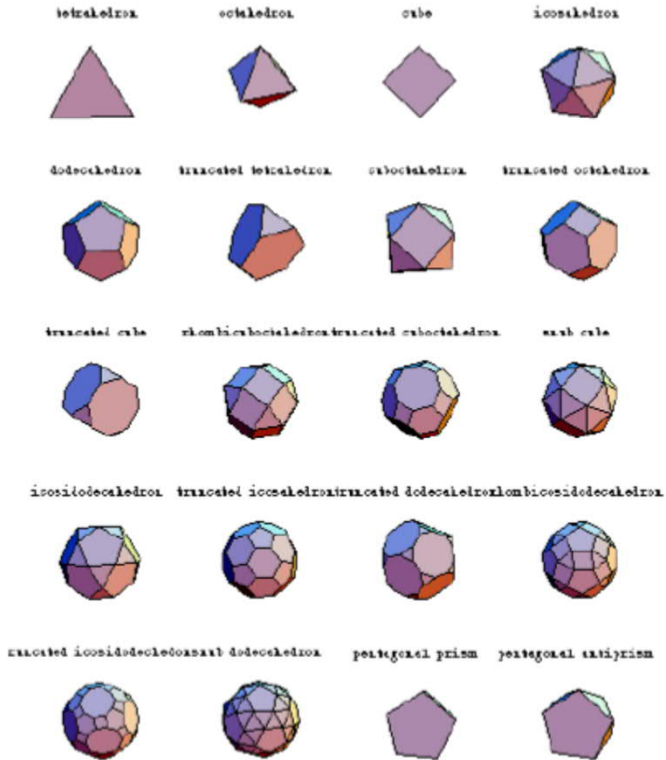


EXAMPLES OF COORDINATION NUMBERS/POLYHEDRA

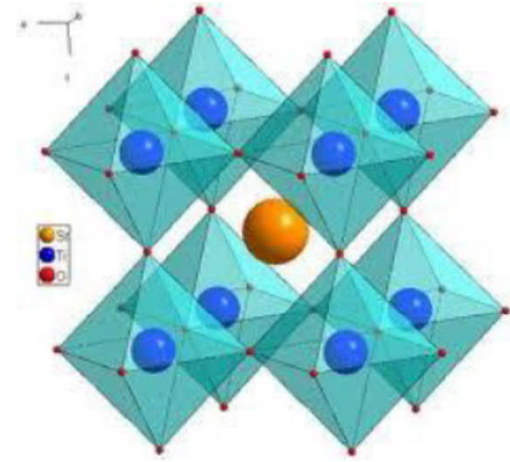


Polyhedra

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)

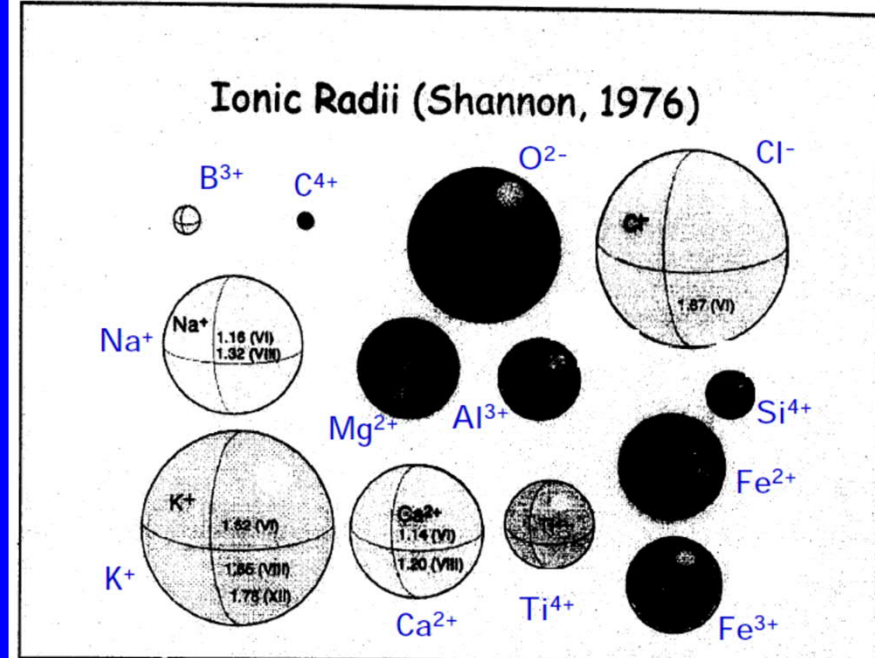
NEXT WE START THE DISCUSSION ON:

- 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.

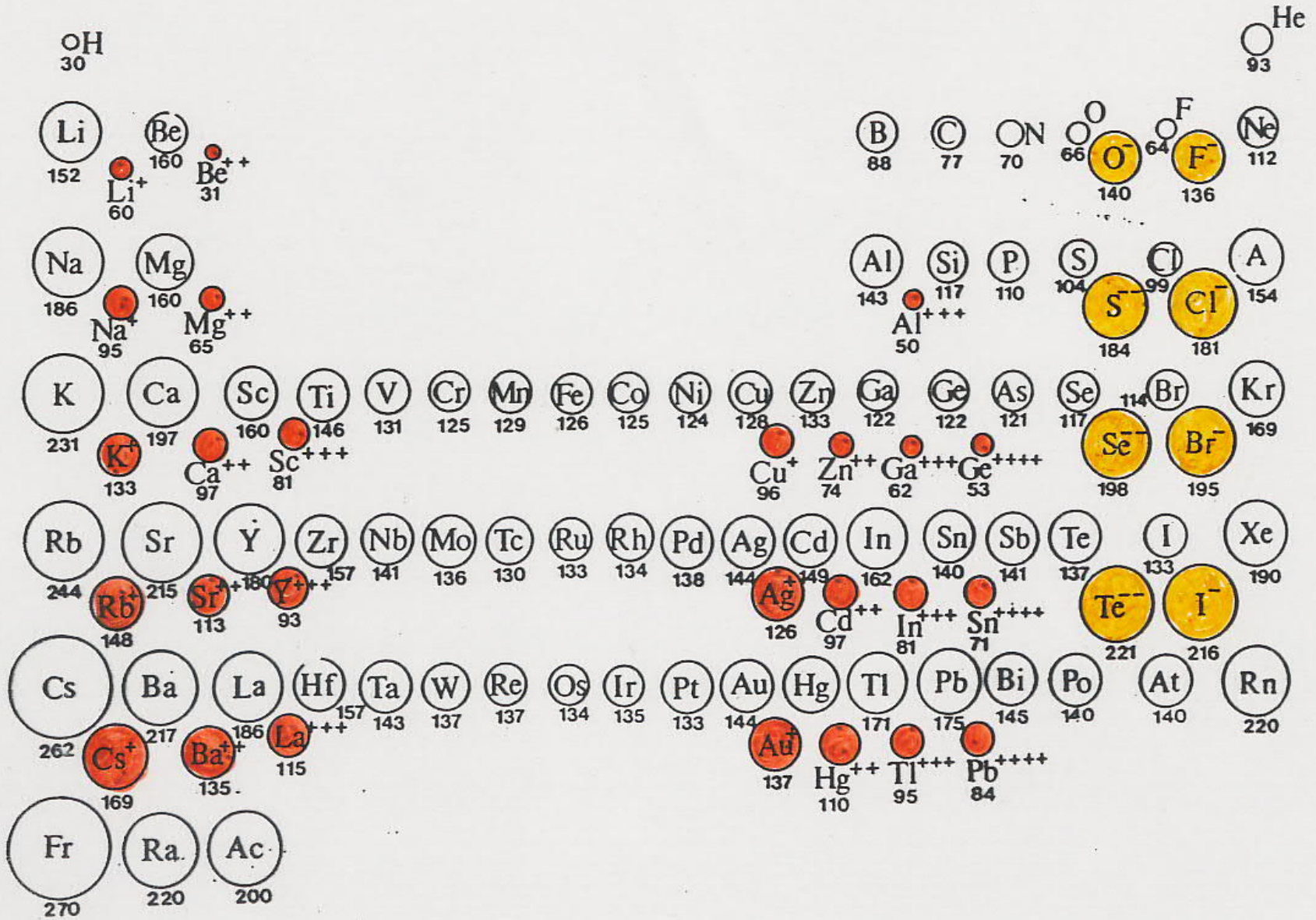
IONIC RADIUS

- 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.
 - Sr^{2+} : CN=6 \rightarrow 1.32 \AA , CN=8 \rightarrow 1.40 \AA ,
CN=10 \rightarrow 1.50 \AA , CN=12 \rightarrow 1.58 \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

$$r_C/r_A < 0.155$$

$$\text{CN} = 2$$

$$0.155 < r_C/r_A < 0.225$$

$$\text{CN} = 3$$

$$0.225 < r_C/r_A < 0.414$$

$$\text{CN} = 4$$

$$0.414 < r_C/r_A < 0.732$$

$$\text{CN} = 6$$

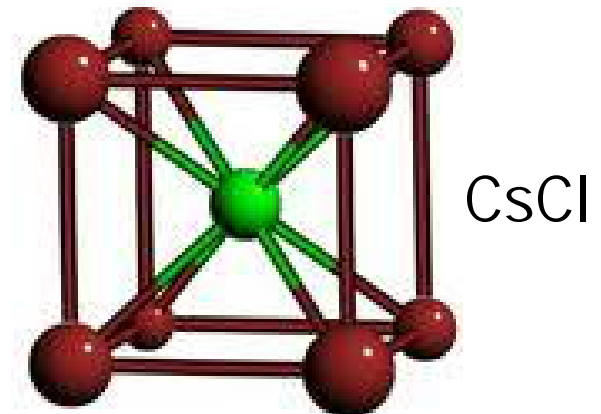
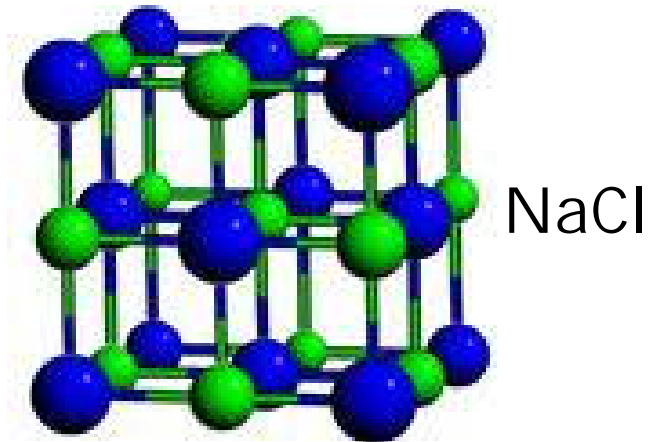
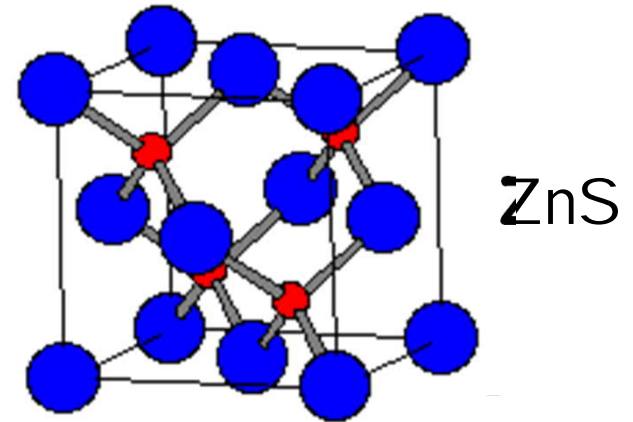
$$0.732 < r_C/r_A < 1.00$$

$$\text{CN} = 8$$

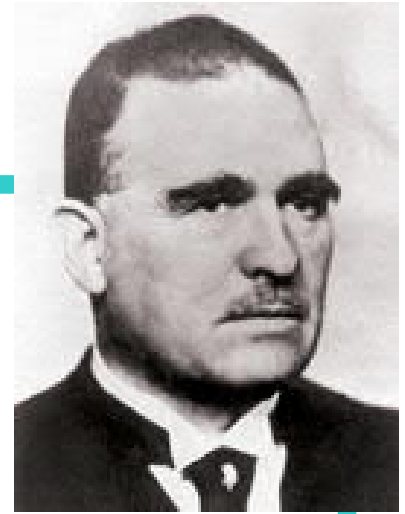
$$r_C/r_A > 1.00$$

$$\text{CN} = 12$$

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



Victor Moritz Goldschmidt
(1888-1947)



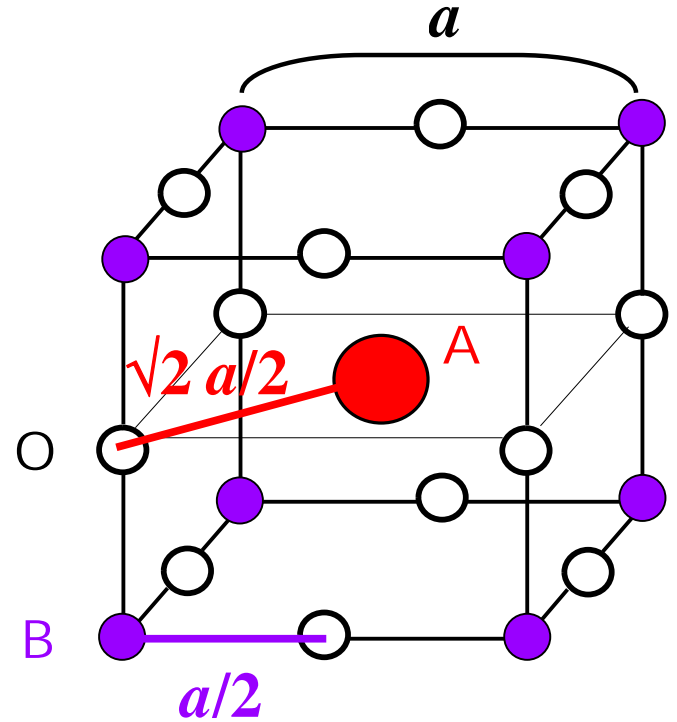
Another approach:

TOLERANCE FACTOR (t)

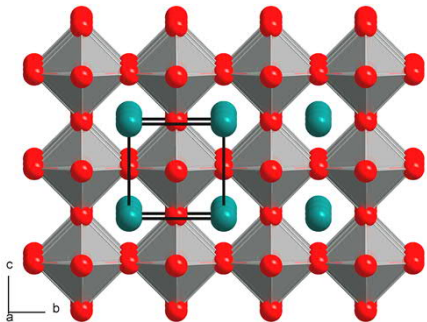
- **1926 Goldschmidt**
V.M. Goldschmidt , “Geochemische Verteilungsgesetze der Elemente”,
Skrifter Norske Videnskaps-Akad, Oslo, I. Mat-Naturr. K1 (1926)
- **t : measure for the degree of mismatch between two different atomic layers: at $t = 1$, perfect match**
- **Calculated from preferred bond lengths**
- **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

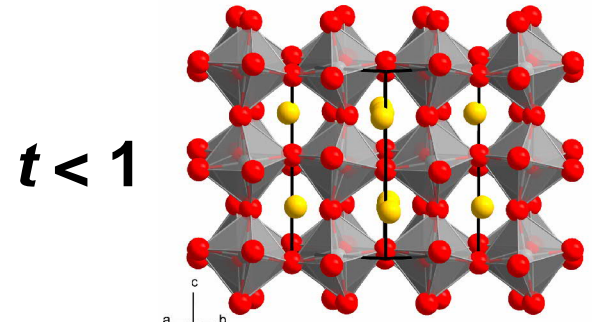
$$t = \frac{(r_A + r_O)}{\sqrt{2} (r_B + r_O)}$$



- $t = 1$: 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



$t = 1$

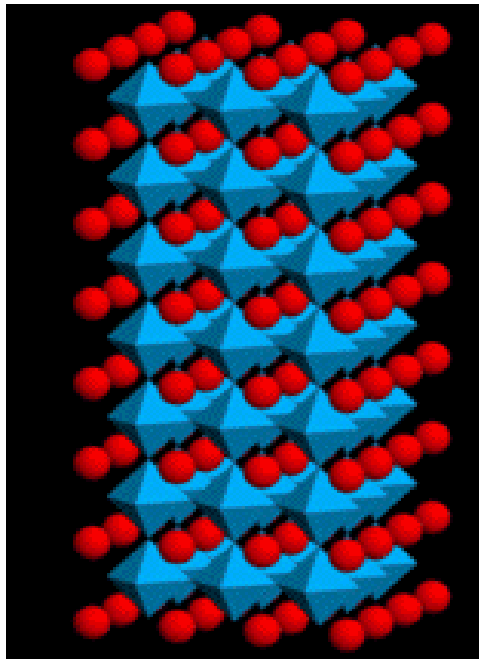


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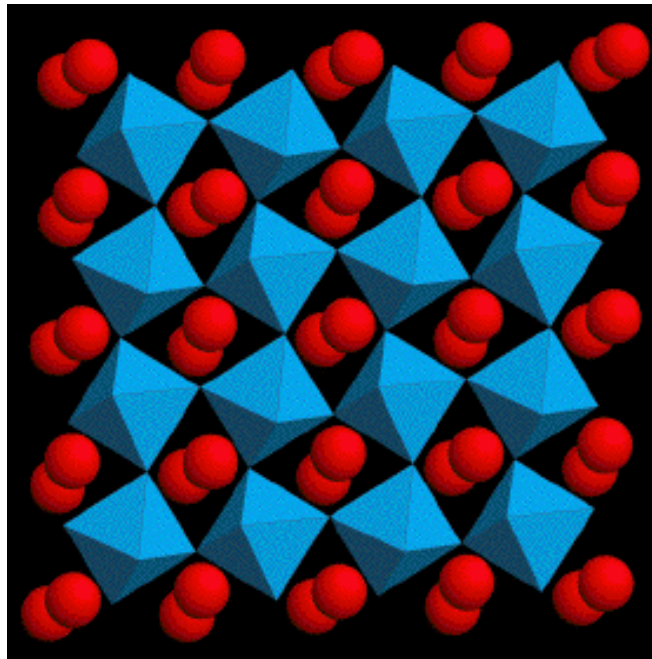
NOTE:
Oxygen vacancies
can be random or
ordered (as below)

$t = 1$



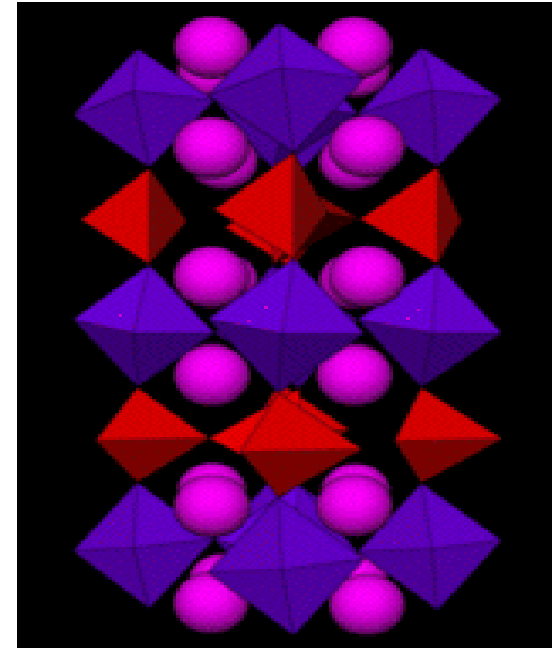
IDEAL

$t < 1$



**Changes in
atomic positions**

$t > 1$



**Oxygen
deficiency**

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

(1) Interstitial oxygen atoms



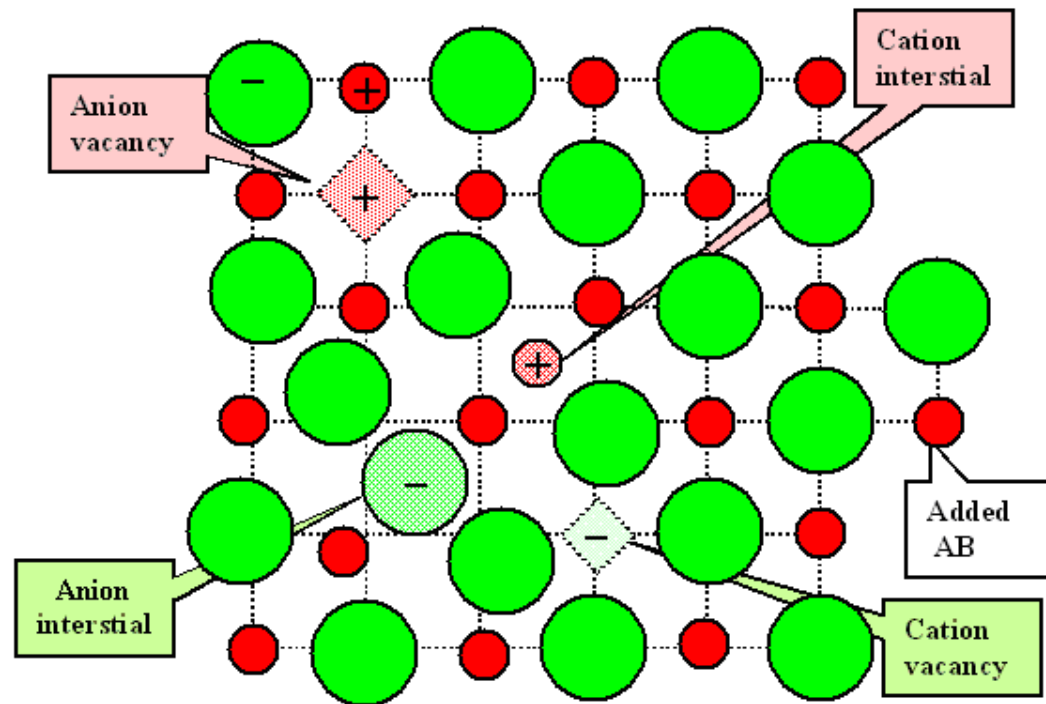
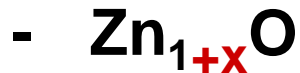
(2) Cation vacancies



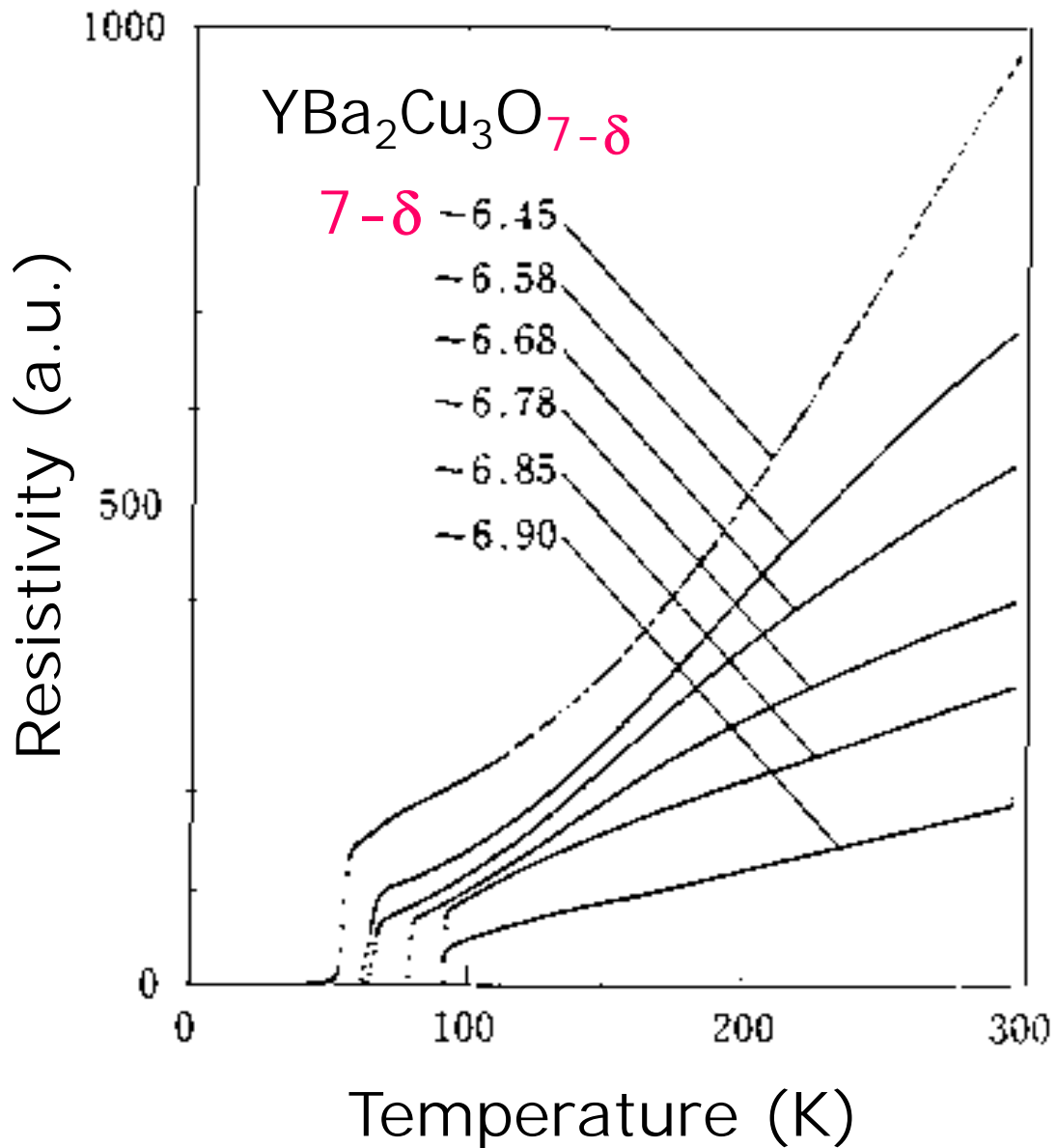
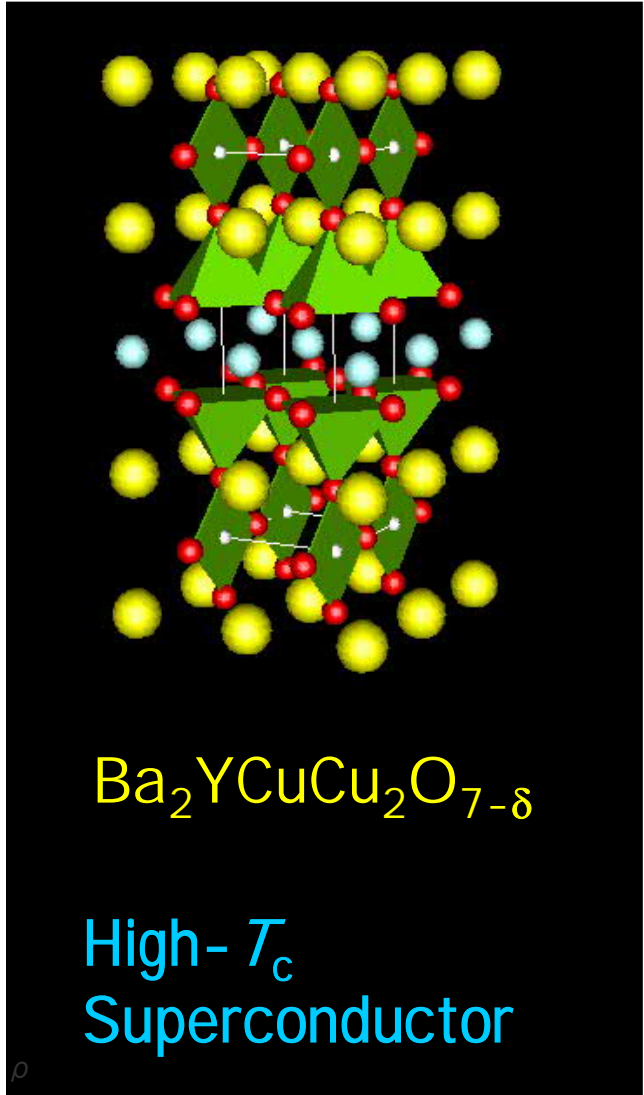
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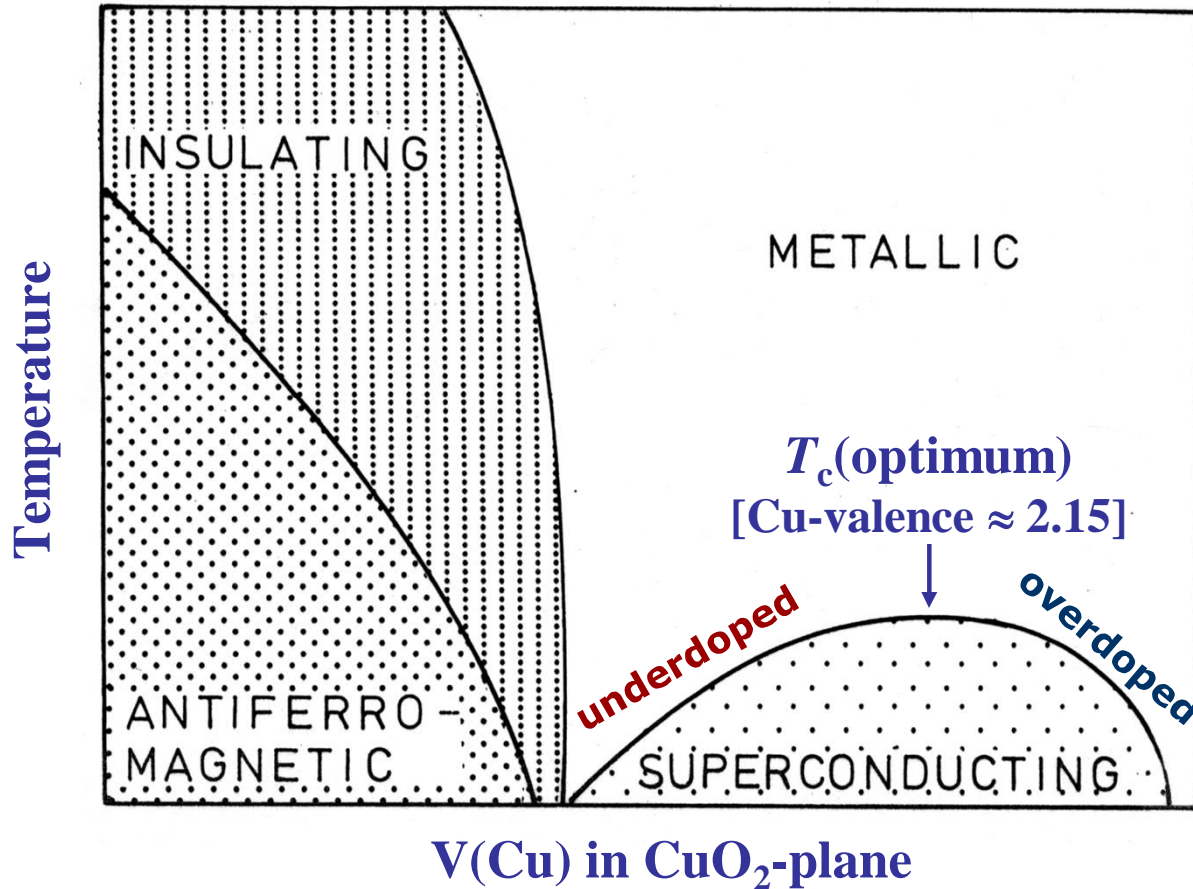
(4) Interstitial cations



YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ} (or Ba₂YCu(1)Cu(2)₂O_{7-δ} 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

