

# SCHEDULE

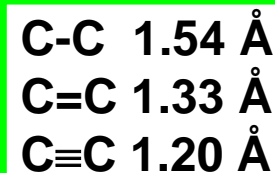
	Date	Topic
1.	Tue 14.09.	Lec-1: Introduction
2.	Fri 17.09.	Lec-2: Crystal Chemistry & Tolerance parameter
3.	Fri 17.09.	EXERCISE 1
4.	Tue 21.09.	Lec-3: Crystal chemistry & BVS
5.	Fri 24.09.	Lec-4: Symmetry & Point Groups
6.	Fri 24.09.	EXERCISE 2
7.	Tue 28.10.	Lec-4: Crystallography & Space Groups
8.	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

**EXAM: Friday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# LECTURE 3: CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY & BVS

- **Correlations between:**  
Coordination Number (CN), Bond Distance (d) & Valence State (V)
- **Bond Valence Sum (BVS):** quantitative measure for the correlation

# BOND & VALENCE



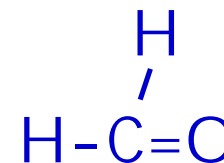
- Organic compounds:

- the valence of each bond takes an integer value
- the bond order (single, double or triple) correlates with the bond length (the higher the order, the shorter the bond)
- each atom possesses a valence that equals to the number of bonds it forms

- FOR EXAMPLE: formaldehyde HCHO

Bonds: 2 x C-H, 1 x C=O

Valences: C : 4, O : 2, H : 1



- Inorganic compounds:

- bonds do not adopt integer valences only
- FOR EXAMPLE: Al is trivalent in all its compounds but exists commonly in either tetrahedral or octahedral coordination

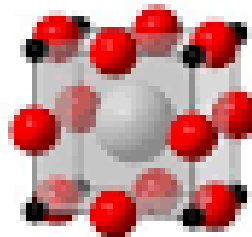
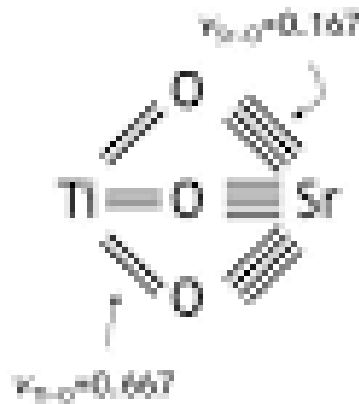
# Pauling's Second Rule

## Valence sum rule

The valence sum  $v_i$  of an atom is equal to the sum of bond valences  $v_{ij}$  around it

$$v_i = \sum_j v_{ij}$$

The valence sum of each atom,  $v_i$ , should be equal to the oxidation state of the atom



$$\text{Sr} = 12(0.167) = 2$$

$$\text{Ti} = 6(0.667) = 4$$

$$\text{O} = 2(0.667) + 4(0.167) = 2$$

# Bond-Valence-Sum (BVS) Calculation

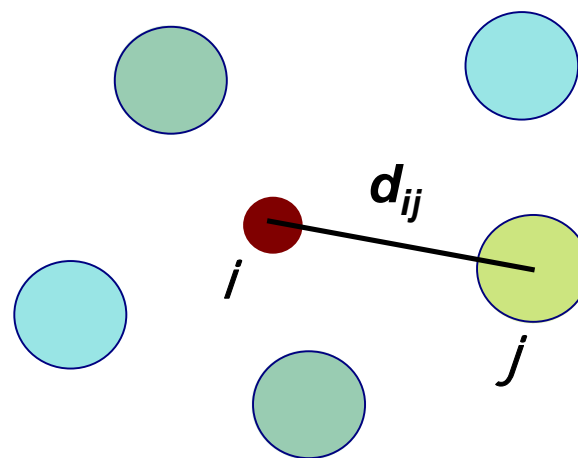
- Quantitative relation between the bond valence and the bond length
- Bond valence can be fractional & Neighbours may be unequivalent
- The shorter the bond, the stronger it is, and the larger the  $s_{ij}$  is

- Empirical equation:

$$s_{ij} = \exp[(R_{ij}^0 - d_{ij})/0.37]$$

$$V_i = \pm \sum s_{ij}$$

- $R_{ij}^0$  values tabulated  
(for various i-j combinations)

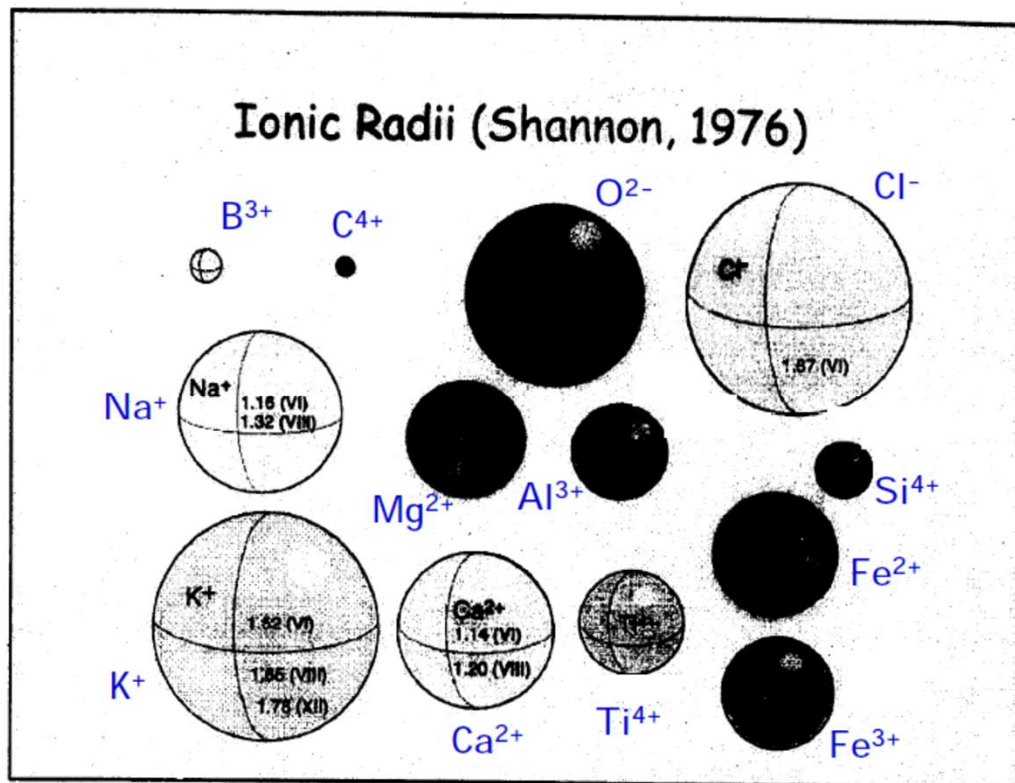


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$$s_{ij} = \exp \left[ \frac{(R_{ij}^0 - d_{ij})}{0.37} \right]$$

$$V_i = \pm \sum_j s_{ij}$$

# Examples of $R^0$ Values



$Ca^{2+} - O^{2-}$  1.933  
 $Sr^{2+} - O^{2-}$  2.118  
 $Ba^{2+} - O^{2-}$  2.265

$Fe^{2+} - O^{2-}$  1.734  
 $Fe^{3+} - O^{2-}$  1.759

$Cu^{+} - O^{2-}$  1.60  
 $Cu^{2+} - O^{2-}$  1.679  
 $Cu^{3+} - O^{2-}$  1.73

$Cu^{2+} - S^{2-}$  2.054  
 $Cu^{3+} - Cl^{-}$  1.979

$Cu^{3+} - F^{-}$  1.58

# COPPER OXIDES

Compound	CN(Cu)	Cu-O bonds	$V_{\text{nom}}(\text{Cu})$	BVS : $V_{\text{Cu}}$
$\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$	2	2 x 1.849	+I	+1.02
$\text{CuO}$	4	2 x 1.951 2 x 1.961	+II	+1.89
$\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_3$	4	2 x 1.958 2 x 1.967	+II	+1.86
$\text{KCuO}_2$	4	2 x 1.815 2 x 1.832	+III	+3.11
$\text{LaCuO}_3$	6	6 x 1.952	+III	+3.29
$\text{LaCuO}_{2.5}$	5	2 x 1.941 2 x 1.966 1 x 2.285	+II	+2.10

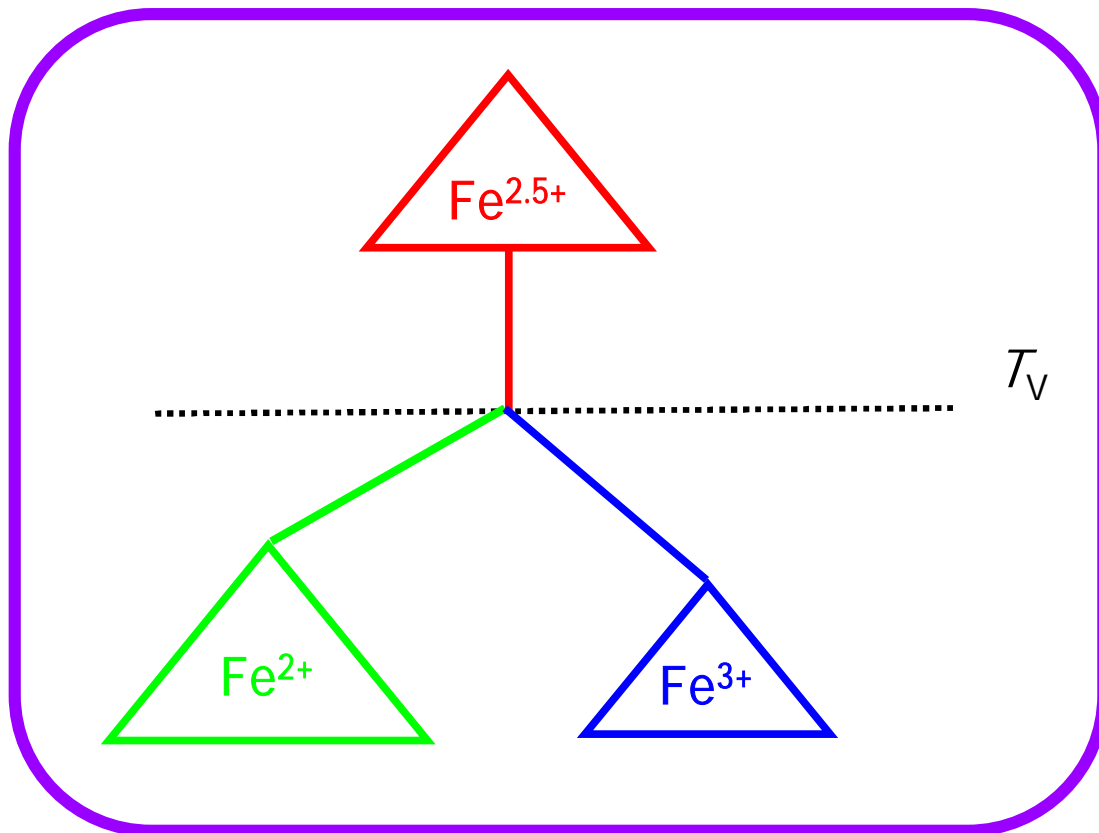
$R^0$ :  $\text{Cu}^+-\text{O}^{2-}$  1.600 Å,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}-\text{O}^{2-}$  1.679 Å,  $\text{Cu}^{3+}-\text{O}^{2-}$  1.730 Å

# BVS (Bond Valence Sum)

- Empirical but highly useful tool !!!
- Validation of crystal structure determination results
- "Inspecting" crystal structures (e.g. to find bonding instabilities)
- Location of light atoms (H, Li, etc.) that are hard to find by XRD, by examining the valences of the surrounding atoms
- Predicting/designing new materials/structures (for synthesis efforts)
- Prediction of bond distances:  $d_{ij} = R_{ij}^0 - 0.37 \times \ln s_{ij}$   
(can handle unsymmetrical coordination environments)
- Determining the charge distribution between two (or multiple) different sites of the same element
- Reasoning/prediction of structural distortions  
→ important e.g. for ferroelectrics



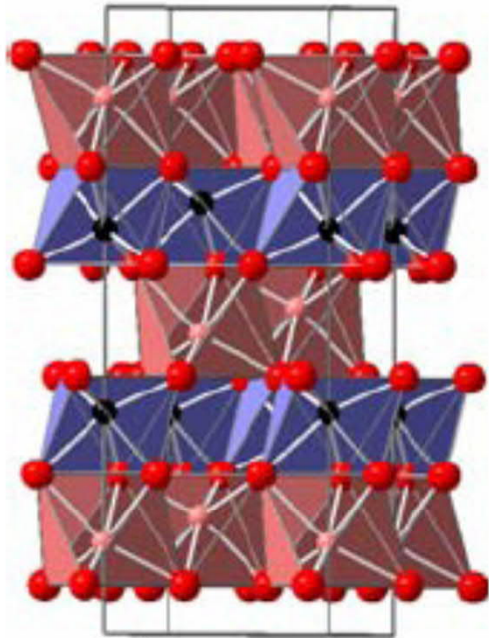
# Verwey Transition



Distorting the environment of an atom by lengthening some bonds and shortening others while holding the average bond length constant, results in an increase in the bond valence sum

To achieve distortion around a certain (transition metal) atom, this atom should be placed in a cavity that is too large (BVS too small); In such a case its environment will most probably distort to increase the BVS towards the ideal value.

# FeTiO<sub>3</sub> (Ilmenite)



BVS calculation confirms that:  
**Fe occupies the larger (red) octahedra**  
& **Ti the smaller (blue) octahedra**  
in the Ilmenite structure

## Bond Distances

$$\text{Fe-O} = 3 \times 2.07, 3 \times 2.20$$

$$\text{Ti-O} = 3 \times 1.88, 3 \times 2.09$$

## Bond Valence Sums

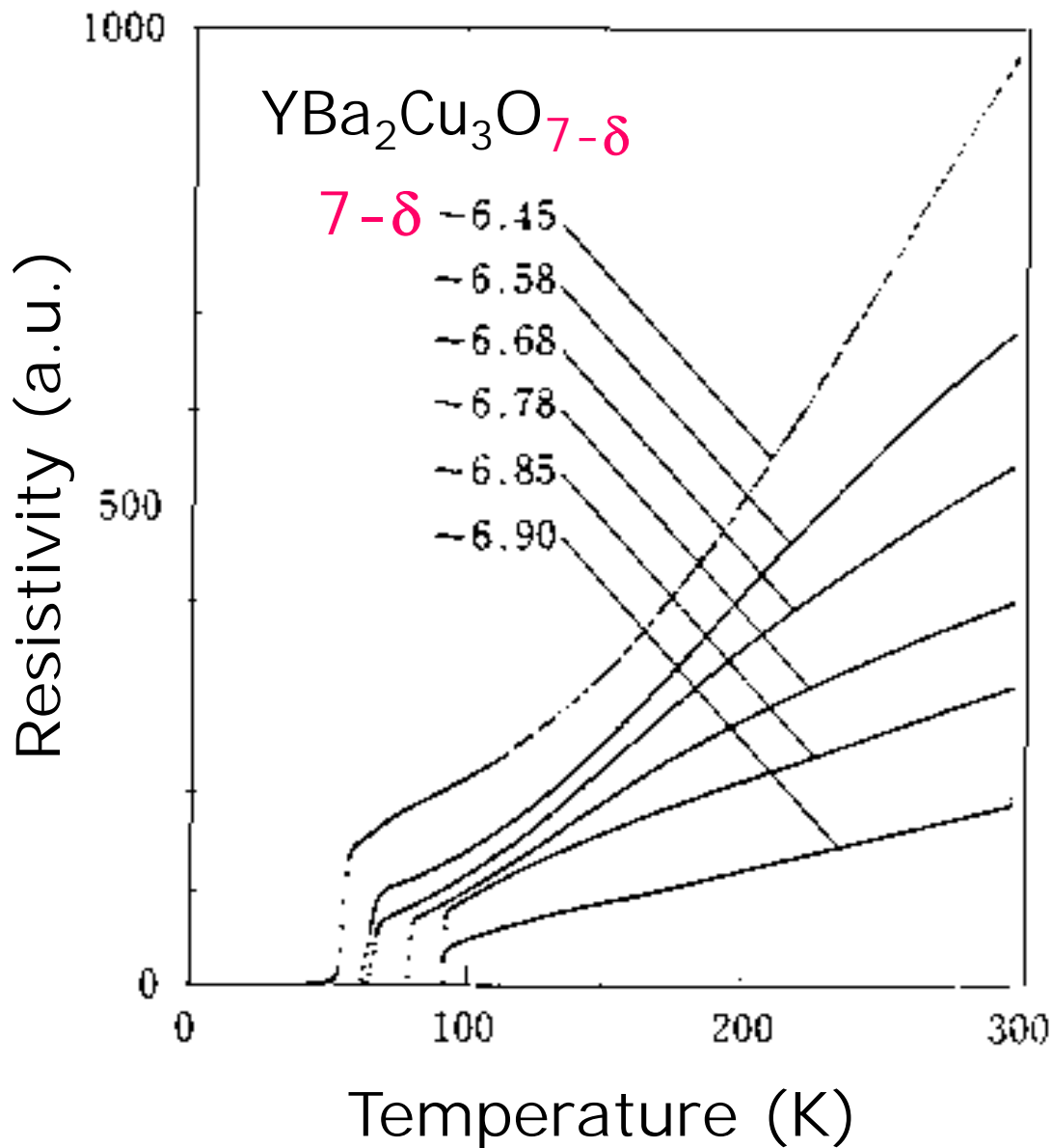
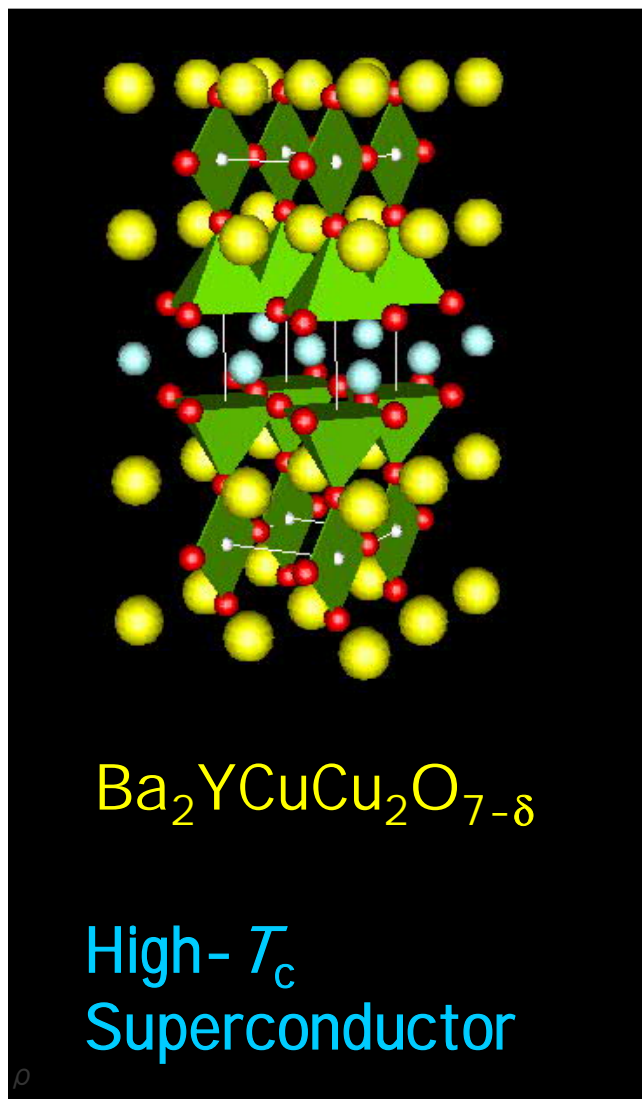
$$\text{Fe} = 3 \times 0.40 + 3 \times 0.28 = 2.04$$

$$\text{Ti} = 3 \times 0.84 + 3 \times 0.48 = 3.96$$

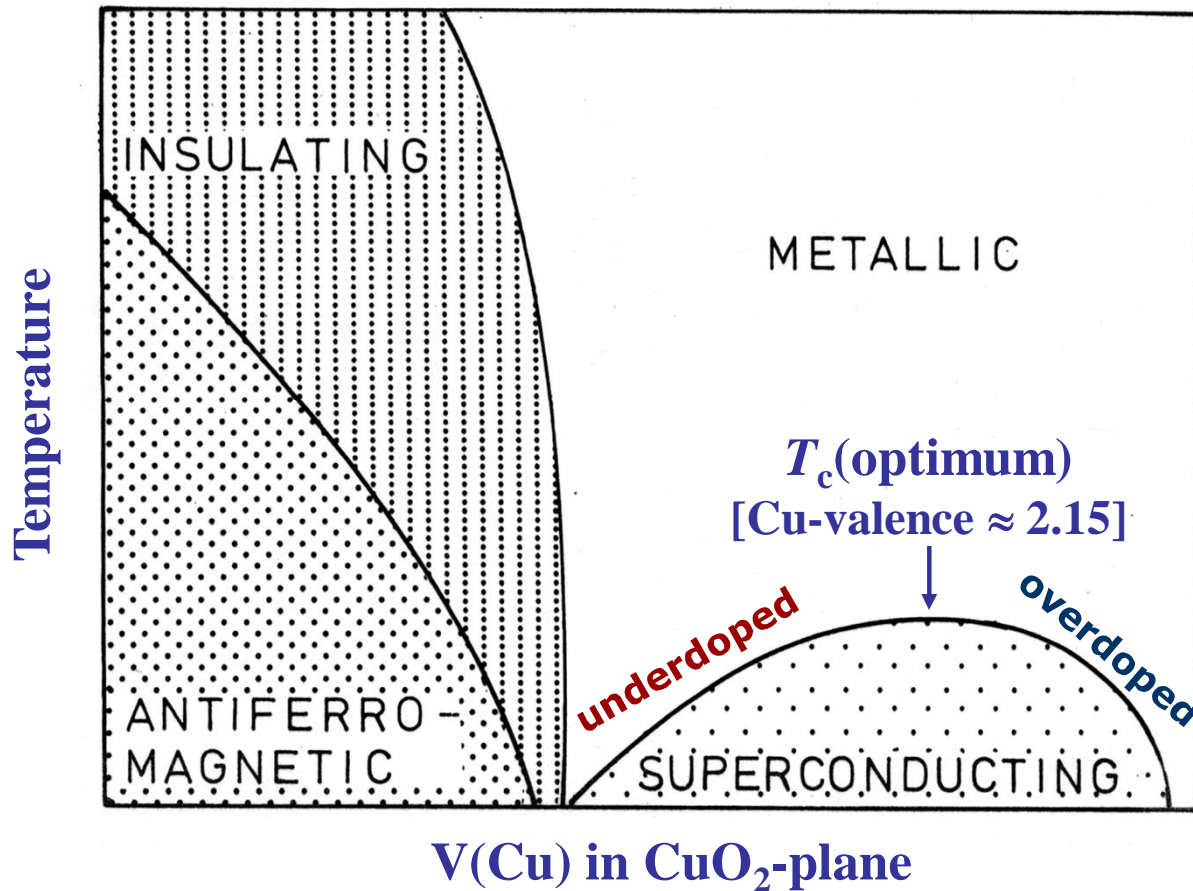
$$\text{O} = 0.40 + 0.28 + 0.84 + 0.48 = 2.00$$



$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$  (or  $\text{Ba}_2\text{YCu(1)Cu(2)}_2\text{O}_{7-\delta}$  to more properly reflect the structure) is a notorious example of the huge impact of oxygen (non)stoichiometry



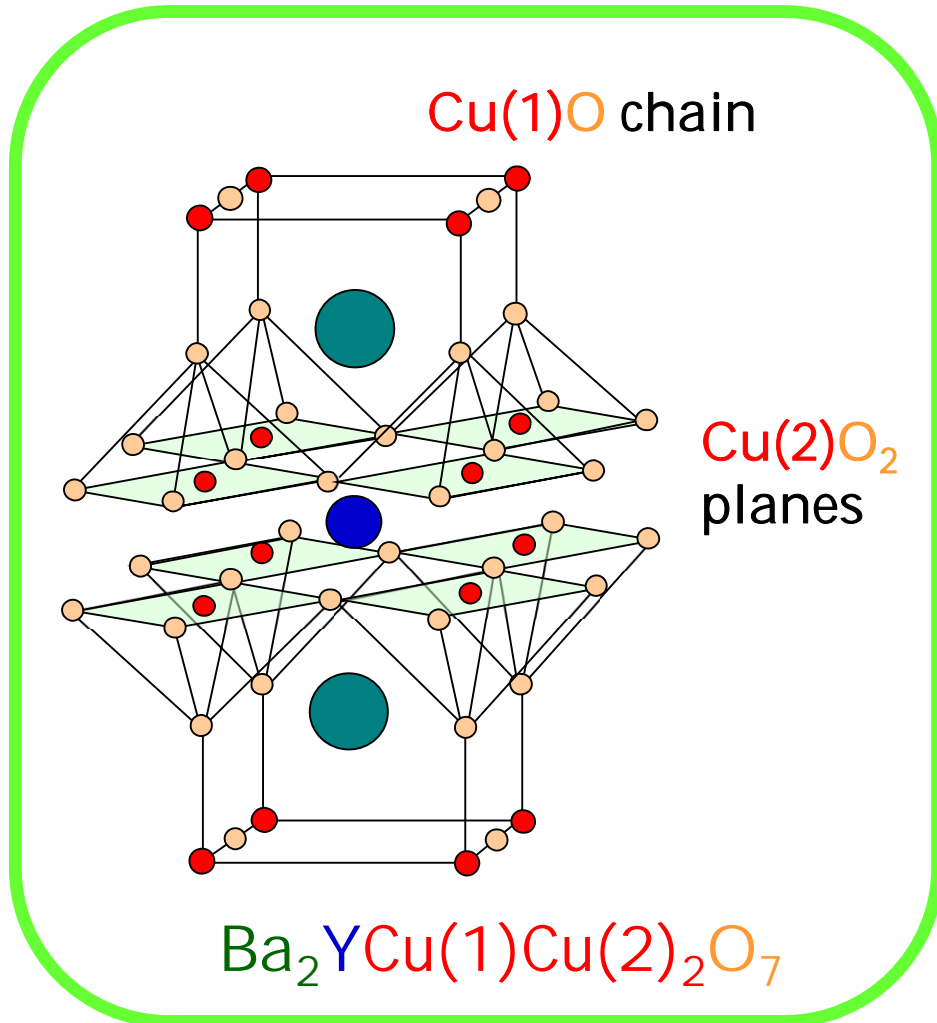
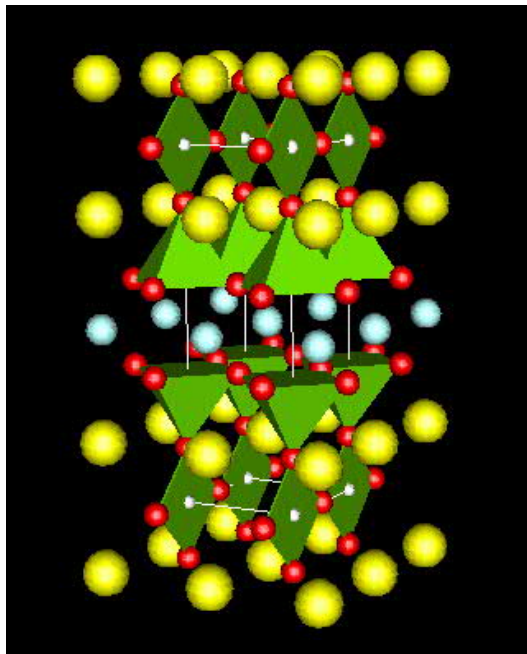
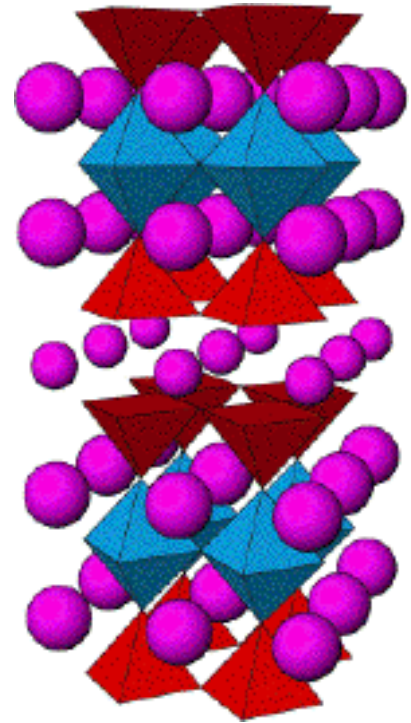
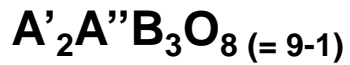
# Phase Diagram of High- $T_c$ Superconductors

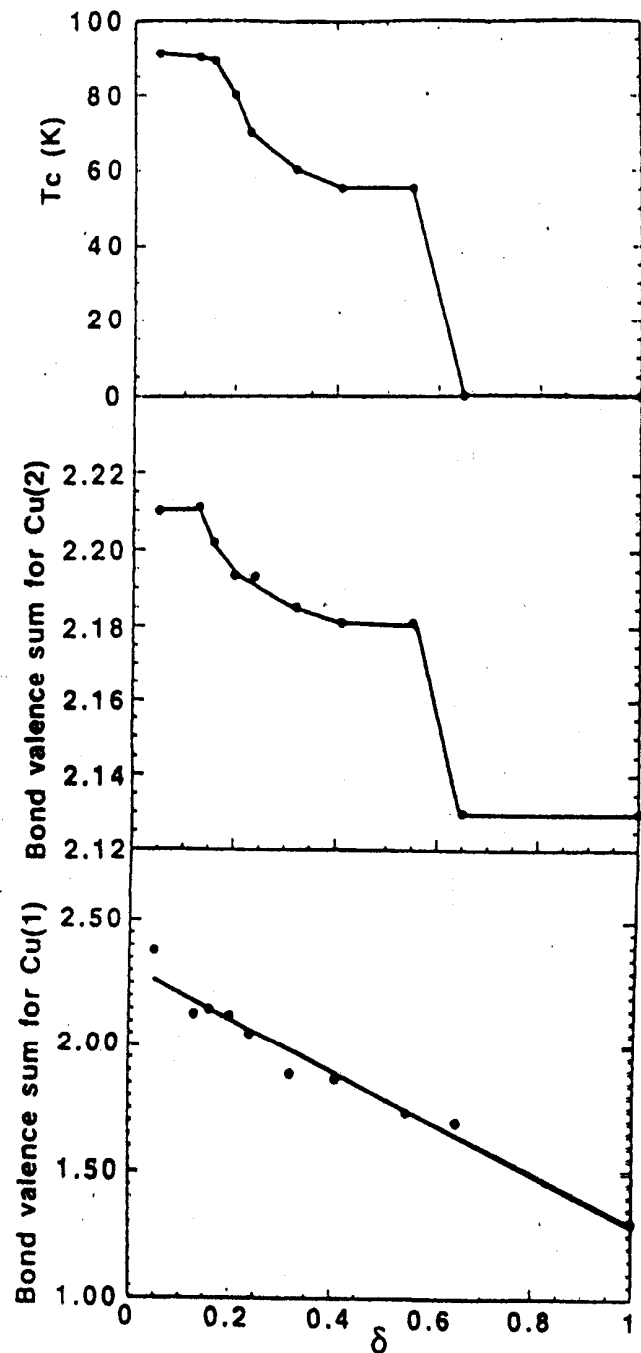


Oxygen content in  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$  controls the valence state of copper, and thereby the superconductivity ( $T_c$  value)

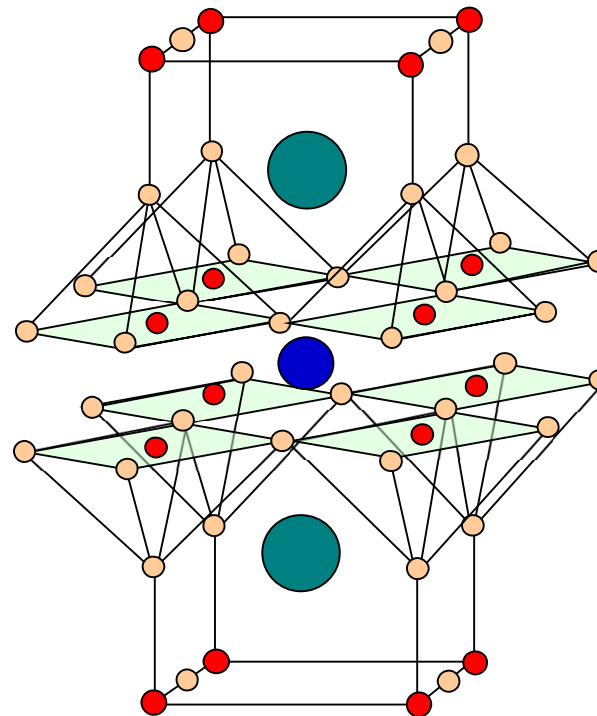
# Illustration how the $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ structure is derived from the perovskite structure through cation ordering and ordered oxygen vacancies

A-site ordered &  
oxygen-vacancy ordered  
TRIPLE PEROVSKITE





Cu(1)O chain



Cu(2)O<sub>2</sub>  
planes



**BVS calculation shows that with decreasing oxygen content in  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$  the valence state of both Cu(1) and Cu(2) decrease. Most importantly, the trend in Cu(2) valence follows the trend in  $T_c$ , indicating the valence of Cu(2) is important for the superconductivity.**