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# Molybdenum

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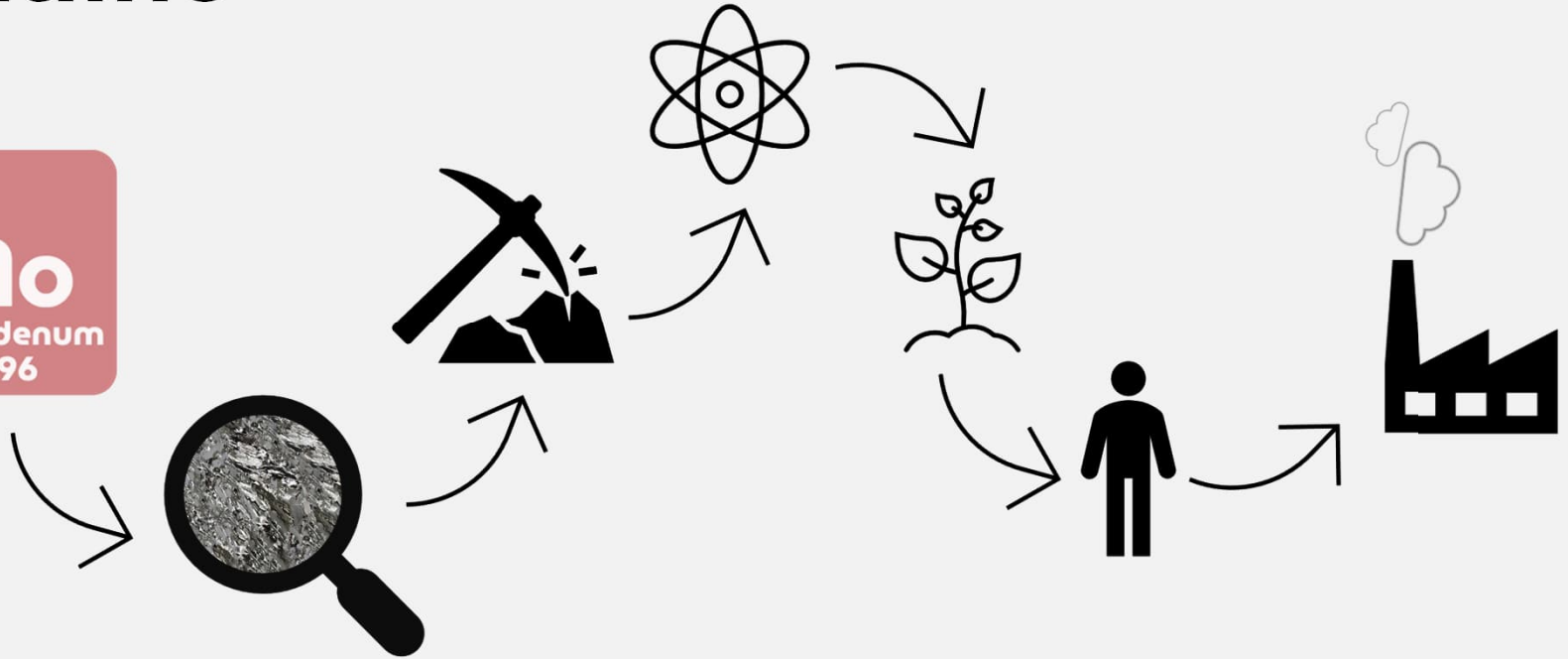
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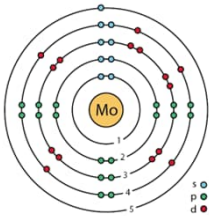
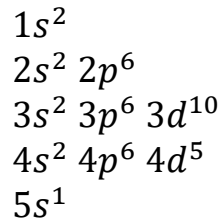
# Outline



# Molybdenum in the Periodic Table

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Electronic configuration:



Periodic Table of Elements

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# Discovery

- The name is based on Ancient Greek, “Molybdos”, meaning lead-like
- First Discovered by Carl Wilhelm Scheele, a Swedish chemist, in 1778
- Molybdenum was isolated by Peter Jacob Hjelm in 1781



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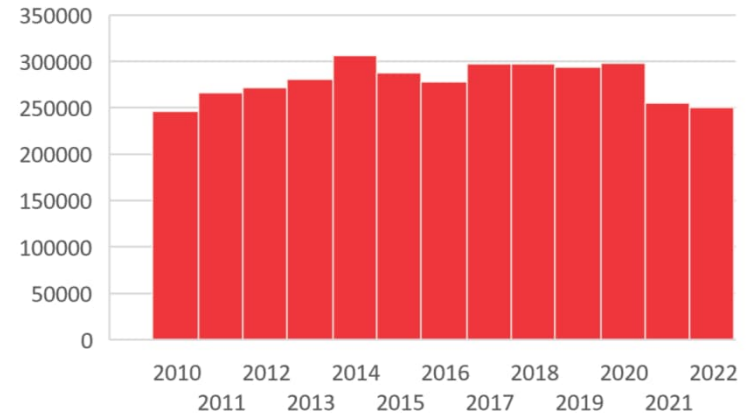
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# Production

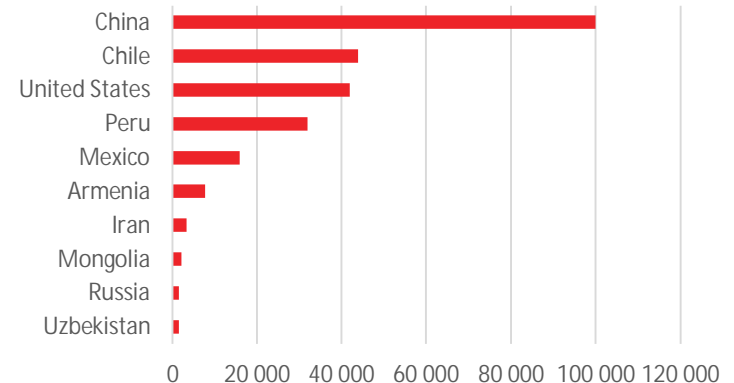


- Other elements are combined with Molybdenum in nature
- Most common form is  $\text{MoS}_2$
- Usually found with sulfide minerals, notably Cu
- Mo mines are classified based on minerals in ore body:
  - Primary mines
  - By-product
  - Co-product mines

## Mine Production of Mo



## Top 10 Mo Producers



# Properties of Molybdenum

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## Chemical properties

- Not found as a free metal, usually in minerals
- An essential trace element (co-factor)
- Metal alloys:
  - Strength
  - Acid resistance

- Electronegativity 2.16
- Oxidation states: -4, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3, +4, +5, +6
- Low solubility in water, except  $\text{MoO}_4^{2-}$



## Physical properties

- Melting point 2623 °C (6th highest)
- Boiling point 4639 °C
- Density 10,28 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- High thermal and electrical conductivity



## Isotopes

- 35 known isotopes
- Mo-98 most abundant isotope
- Mo-99, fission product



## Geometry

- Octahedral or tetrahedral
- Complexes with anionic species  
→ Colorful solutions (ascorbic acid)

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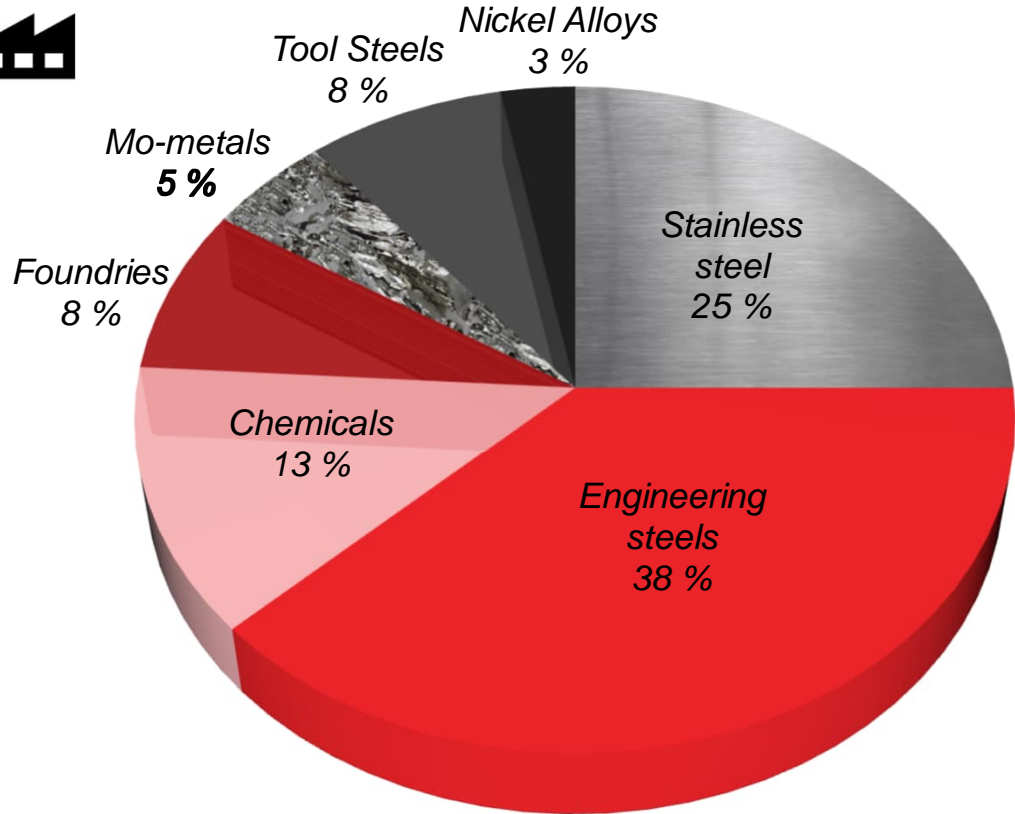
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# Application



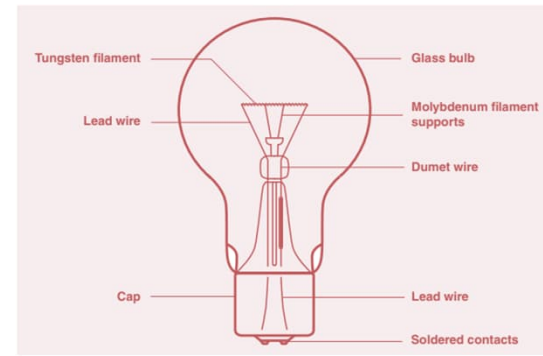
- Steel and Alloys
- Chemical Industry
- Electrical and Electronic
- Medicine
- Agriculture





# The First Mo Application

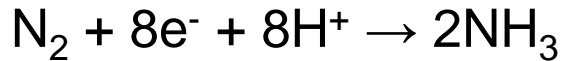
- Incandescent lighting (1940)
- Ideal to glass-to-metal seals
- Can be used in high intensity lamps and as a reflector
  - High-temperature strength, mechanical stability, resistance to corrosion and low thermal expansion
  - Maintain the strength and stability up to 1900 °C
- Today we mainly use compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) and light-emitting diode (LED) lamps
  - Nowadays: support wire and glass feed-throughs in halogen lamps and as mandrel wire



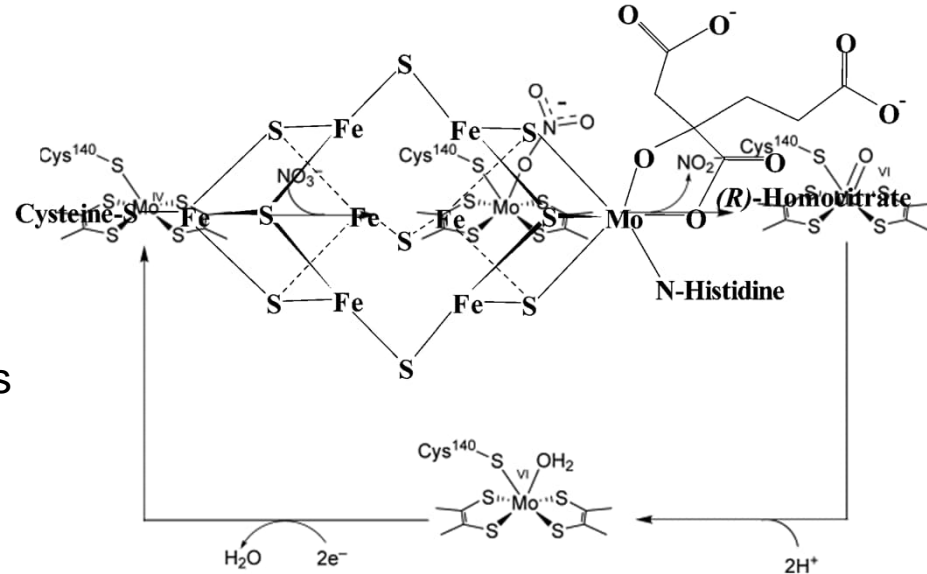
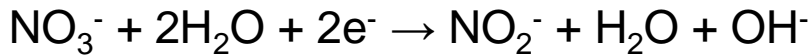
# Molybdenum in Plants



- Molybdenum act as an electron carrier in enzymes
- Essential in plant enzymes
  - **Nitrogenase**: Enzymes in bacteria that reduce  $N_2$  to  $NH_3$  → nitrogen fixation



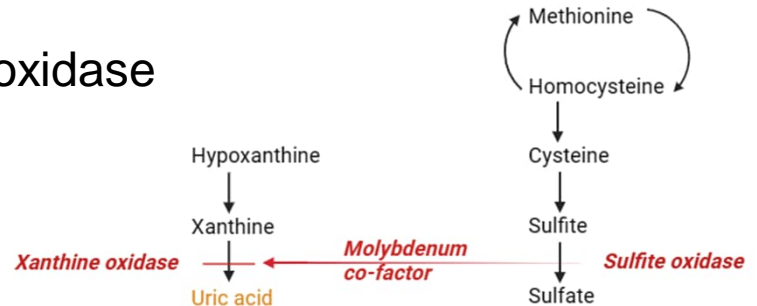
- **Nitrate Reductase**: molybdoenzymes that reduce nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ) to nitrite ( $NO_2^-$ )



# Molybdenum in Humans



- Molybdenum act as an electron carrier in enzymes
- Essential in human enzymes:
  - Needed for metabolism of sulfur amino acids
  - **Sulfite Oxidase**: **Mo** as co-factor, detoxification, catalyzes oxidation of sulfite ( $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ ) to sulfate ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )
  - **Aldehyde oxidase**: **Mo** as co-factor, catalyzes the hydroxylation of some heterocycles, drug metabolism
  - **Xanthine oxidase**: **Mo** as co-factor, generates reactive oxygen species, uric acid formation
- MoCo dependent on xanthine and aldehyde oxidase
- Deficiency causes neurological symptoms



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W, Mo, Co, and V are added to the alloy  
enhances heat resistance and overall durability  
Excel in cutting and drilling equipments

# Mo in ~~Stainless Steel~~ Steel

- Adding Molybdenum to different steel and alloys:

## Carbon Steel

## Stainless Steel

## Alloy Steel

## Tool Steel

- Divided into 2 classes:
  - **corrosion-resistant alloys:** resistance to nonoxidizing environments such as the halide acids and sulfuric acid
  - **high temperature alloy:** impart resistance to damage caused by high temperature creep.
    - **Solid-solution strengthened:** As molybdenum diffuses very slowly in nickel and high temperature creep is generally diffusion controlled, adding of molybdenum can reduce creep rates.
    - **Age-hardenable:** This alloys utilize the precipitation of gamma-prime and molybdenum additions strengthen the matrix and reduce the lattice mismatch between the matrix and the gamma-prime particles.

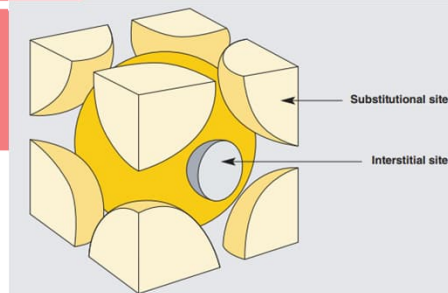
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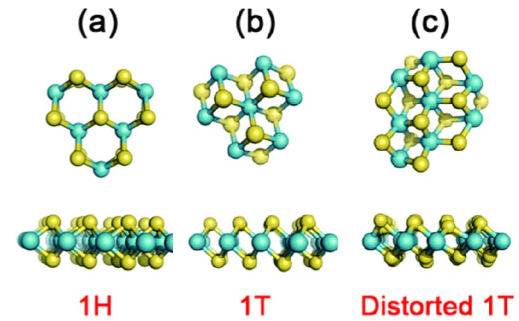
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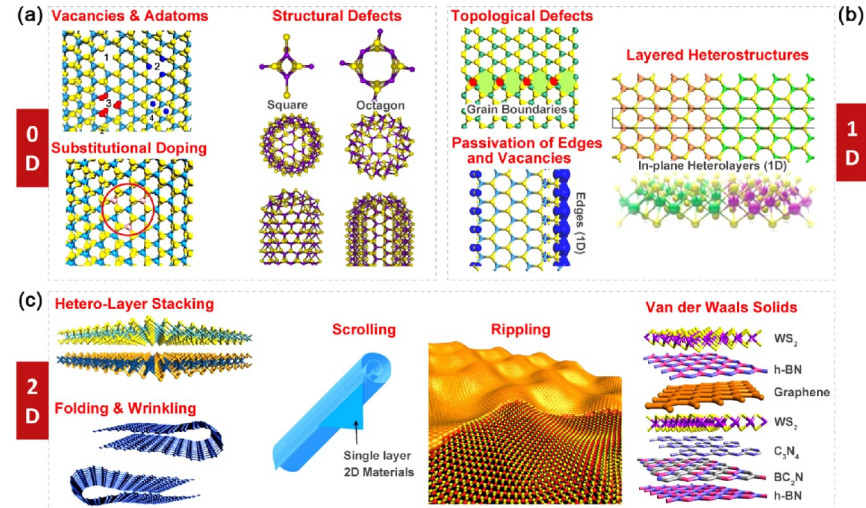
Mo	Min. 99.95–99.97 Mo (depending on the producer)	Constitutes the majority of Mo metal products: furnace and glass melting components, power semiconductor heat sinks, sputtering targets used to manufacture thin films in flat-panel displays and thin-film solar cells, powders spray-dried with either organic binders for high-speed pressing, or ADM for thermal spray applications
<b>Alloys</b>		
<b>Substitutional alloys</b>		
Mo-W	10–50 W	Equipment for handling molten Zn, glass stirrers
Mo-Re	3 Re, 5 Re, 41–47.5 Re	Thermocouples (low Re) and applications requiring low-temperature ductility (high Re)
Mo-Ta	10.7 Ta	Thin films in touch-screen displays
Mo-Nb	3.0–9.7 Nb	Thin films in touch-screen displays
<b>Carbide-stabilized alloys</b>		
TZM	0.5 Ti-0.08 Zr-0.03 C	Isothermal forging dies, injection molding tooling, metalworking tools, X-ray targets
MHC	1.2 Hf-0.08 C	Extrusion dies, metalworking tools
<b>Dispersion-strengthened alloys</b>		
Mo-La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.43–1.20 La, 0.075–0.21 O	Furnace heating elements, sintering boats, lamp components
Mo-ZrO <sub>2</sub>	1.24 Zr, 0.43 O	Glass-melting furnace components
Mo-Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.37–0.43 Y, 0–0.06 Ce, 0.11–0.12 O	Halogen lamp components, evaporation boats
K/Si doped	0.01–0.07 Si, 0.005–0.03 K, 0.01–0.07 O	Lamp components, heating elements
<b>Composite materials</b>		
<b>Laminates</b>		
Cu-Mo-Cu	Various Cu/Mo ratios possible; typically between 13% and 25% Cu thickness per side	Heat sinks for semiconductors and integrated circuits
Mo-Ni	Typically 5% Ni thickness bonded to one side	Power semiconductor heat sinks
<b>Powder composites</b>		
MoCu	15 Cu, 30 Cu	Heat sinks for power integrated circuits: hybrid vehicles, mobile telephone cell transmitters
Mo-Ti	50 atomic % Ti	Sputtering targets to manufacture thin films in flat-panel displays and thin-film photovoltaic devices
Mo-Na	1–3 Na	Sputtering targets to manufacture electrodes in thin-film photovoltaic devices
<b>Thermal spray powders</b>		
Pure Mo	99.0 Mo	Piston rings, synchro rings, continuous casting & ingot molds
Mo-C	Up to 6 C	Piston rings, synchro rings, pump impeller shafts
17.8Ni-4.3Cr-1.0Si-1.0Fe-0.8B	17.8 Ni-4.3 Cr-1.0 Si-1.0 Fe-0.8 B	Piston rings, synchro rings

# Defects in Transition Metal Dichalcogenide

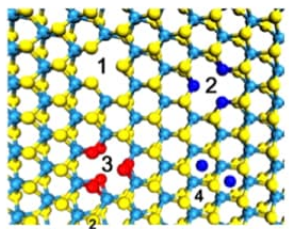
- Two possible structures for monolayer of  $\text{MX}_2$  (M= Mo, W, X=S,Se)
  - the semiconducting trigonal prismatic phase: **1H** phase
  - the metallic octahedral prismatic phase: **1T** phase
    - In some cases, the 1T phase is not thermodynamically stable, and the structure **1T'** can be observed instead
- Defects in 2D crystals can be classified based on their dimensionality:
  - Zero-dimensional (point defects)
  - One-dimensional (grain boundaries)
  - Two-dimensional



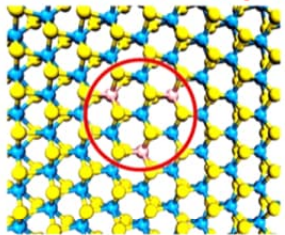
Chalcogen atoms are shown in yellow, and transition metal atoms are shown in blue



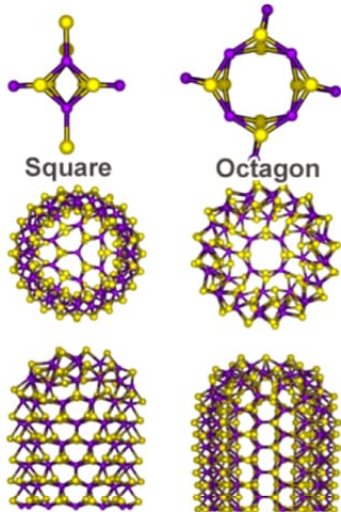
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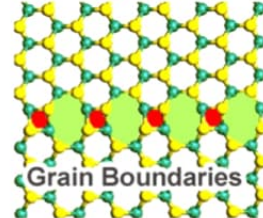
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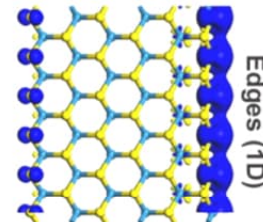
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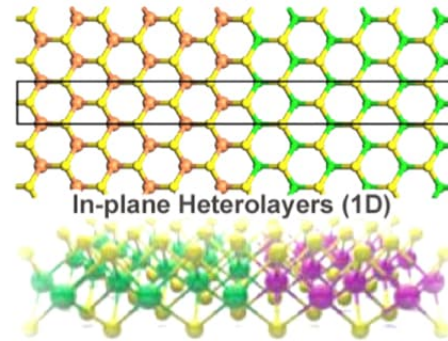
Topological Defects



Passivation of Edges and Vacancies



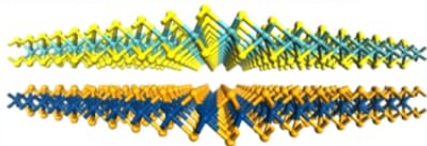
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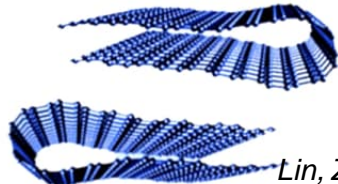
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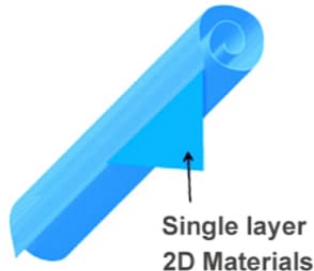
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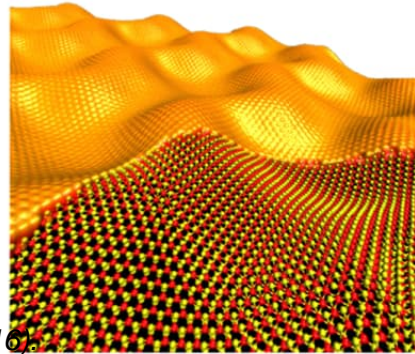
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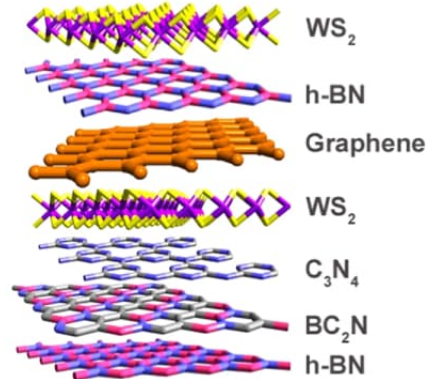
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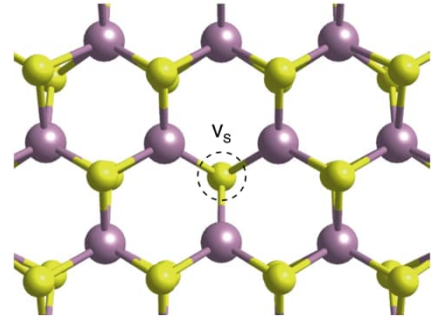
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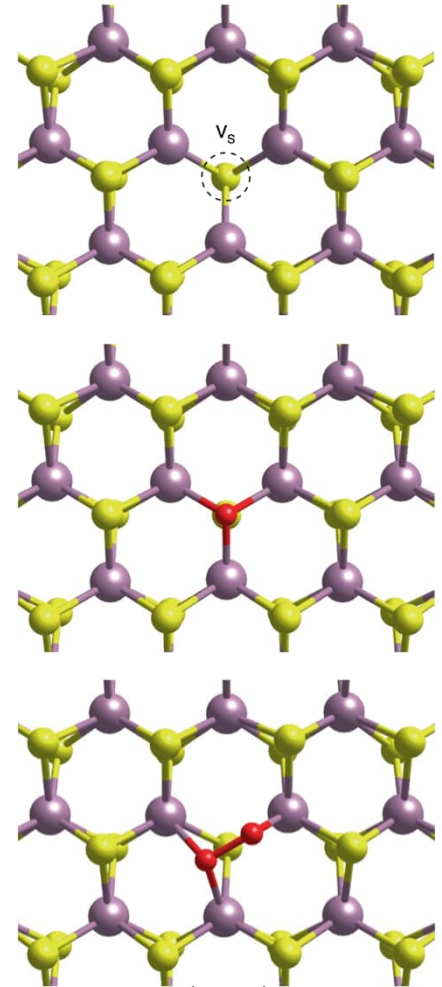
# MoS<sub>2</sub> Defects

- Chalcogen defect in metal dichalcogenide result in low performance in electronic devices
- Defects can affect the physical properties.
- Creating tailored applications by using defects
- Defect engineering via chemical doping:
  - After the growth of 2D material
  - During the growth of 2D material
    - Doping during the growth of the material result in dopant atom be covalently bonded to the crystalline lattice – making it more resilient to harsher environments
    - Covalently bonded oxygen can be used to passivate native chalcogen monovacancies



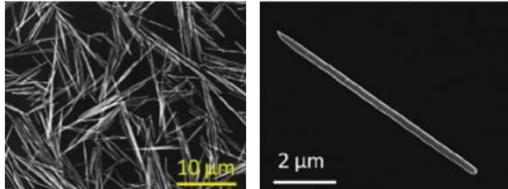
# Engineering MoS<sub>2</sub> Defects

- High density of chalcogen vacancies prevents the formation of ohmic contacts at the metal/semiconductor interfaces and lead to
  - High contact resistance
  - Scattering sources
  - Reduced carrier mobility
  - Unintentional doping
- An oxygen-incorporated chemical vapor deposition technique was used
  - passivates sulfur vacancies
  - Suppress the formation of donor states in MoS<sub>2</sub>
- This was achieved due to the formation of Mo-O bonding at the vacancy sites.
- Contact Resistance was lowered to 1 k $\Omega$   $\mu$ m.



# Assembly and Fabrication of MoS<sub>2</sub> Nanostructures

- Superior electronic properties
- Highly promising material for (opto)electronics, catalysis, energy storage, water treatment and gas sensing or biochemical sensing
- High research in transition metal dichalcogenides (TMD)
  - Single crystal MoS<sub>2</sub> nanoflakes possess edge sites and in plane sulfur vacancies **outstanding catalytic activity**
  - Semi-conductor → electric conductivity can be tuned



- Thin films have been synthesized via CVD and hydrothermal growth
- Tubular or core-shell nanostructures can be grown via catalyzed transport reaction
  - Demand of controlled fabrication of nanostructures
- Synthesized MoS<sub>2</sub> show high thermal stability and no morphological changes can be observed even after several high temperature treatments
- Nanoribbons can be fixed on the substrate upon UV light exposure
  - High accuracy in position and angle
  - Assembly of MoS<sub>2</sub> device
  - Can be used in new applications



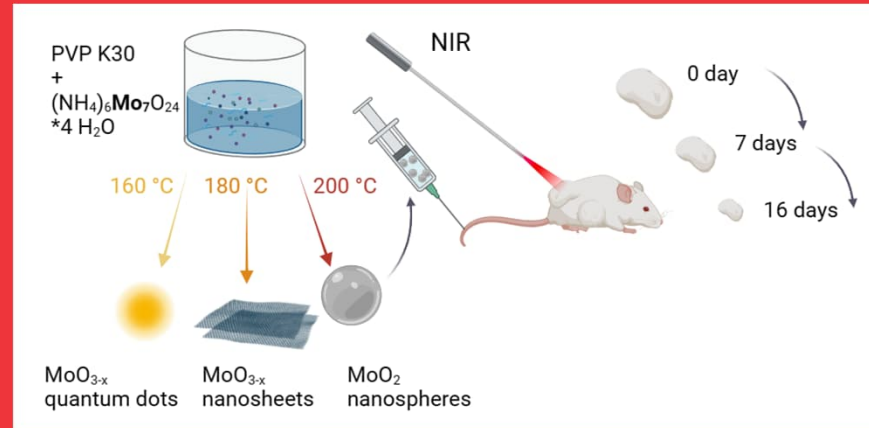
# Mo Future Application in Cancer Therapy

- Transition metal oxides:  $\text{MoO}_2$  and  $\text{MoO}_3$ 
  - Unique, localized surface plasmon resonance effects (SPR) → **adducts for photothermal cancer therapy**
  - Function via modulation/exchange of multiple intervalence charge-transfer via chemical alterations
  - Great absorption and photoconversion properties in NIR region → **photothermal/photoablation therapy**

*Dhas Namdev "Molybdenum-based hetero-nanocomposites for cancer therapy, diagnosis and biosensing application: Current advancement and future breakthroughs." (2021).*

## Transition metal dichalcogenides: consist of $\text{MoS}_2$

- Can be characterized as 2-D or 3-D nanomaterial → **medical application, imaging probes**
- Excellent electrical properties, conductivity and biocompatibility, superior charge-density-wave transition
- Inserting Mo sheets between sulfur sheets → nanoflakes have ability to get in cells via endosomal uptake → **drug delivery system**



# THANK YOU!



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# Mo in Carbon Steel

- Adding Molybdenum to different steel and alloys:

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- Improve hardenability of carbon steels
- $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}$  nano-sized particles contributes to secondary hardening
- The secondary hardening effect of molybdenum during tempering adds to the solute effect retaining part of the dislocation density.
  - an important function of molybdenum in high-speed steels
- It also allows achieving the desired strength level at reduced carbon equivalent and improving weldability.
- Anti-embrittlement effects of Molybdenum:
  - Temper embrittlement may occur when steels are slowly cooled after tempering through the temperature range between 450 and 550°C

# Mo in Stainless Steel

- Adding Molybdenum to different steel and alloys:

**Carbon Steel**

**Stainless Steel**

**Alloy Steel**

**Tool Steel**

- Increases corrosion resistance
  - Used in chemical processing plant or marine applications
- increases the elevated temperature strength of stainless steels through solid solution hardening
  - Used in heat exchangers and other elevated temperature equipment such as in automotive exhaust systems

# Mo in Alloy Steel

- Adding Molybdenum to different steel and alloys:

## Carbon Steel

## Stainless Steel

## Alloy Steel

## Tool Steel

- Divided into 2 classes:
  - corrosion-resistant alloys: resistance to nonoxidizing environments such as the halide acids and sulfuric acid
  - high temperature alloy: impart resistance to damage caused by high temperature creep.
    - solid-solution strengthened: As molybdenum diffuses very slowly in nickel and high temperature creep is generally diffusion controlled, additions of molybdenum are quite effective in reducing creep rates.
    - age-hardenable: This alloys utilize the precipitation of gamma-prime and molybdenum additions strengthen the matrix and reduce the lattice mismatch between the matrix and the gamma-prime particles.

