

# Structures and Properties of Solids

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- **Friday 20.10.06: 12.00-14.00, F002**
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# Introduction

# 1. Introduction

## Why is the solid state interesting?

Most elements are solid at room temperature

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Period																			
1	1 H																	2 He	
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	*	71 Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	103 Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Uun	111 Uuu	112 Uub	113 Uut	114 Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo
*Lanthanoids	*		57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb			
**Actinoids	**		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No			

**Solid Biomaterials (enamel, bones, shells...)**

**Nanomaterials (quantum dots, nanotubes...)**

# 1. Introduction

## Special aspects of solid state chemistry

**Close relationship to solid state physics and materials science**

**Importance of structural chemistry**

- Knowledge of several structure types
- Understanding of structures

**Physical methods for the characterization of solids**

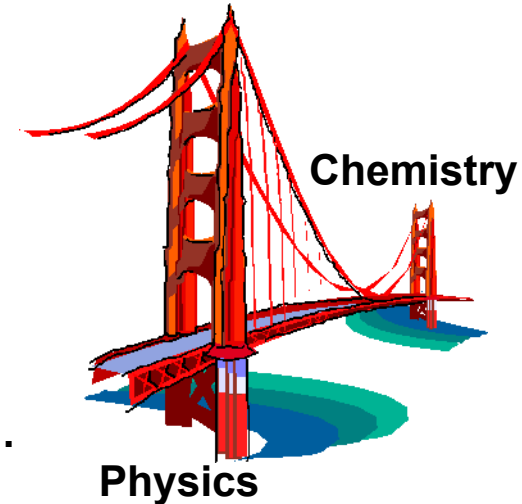
- X-ray structure analysis, electron microscopy...
- Thermal analysis, spectroscopy, conductivity measurements ...

**Investigation and tuning of physical properties**

- Magnetism, conductivity, sorption, luminescence
- Defects in solids: point defects, dislocations, grain boundaries

**Synthesis**

- HT-synthesis, hydrothermal synthesis, soft chemistry (chemistry)
- Strategies for crystal growth (physics)



# 1. Introduction

## Classifications for solids (examples)

### Degree of order

- Long range order: crystals (3D periodicity)
- Long range order with extended defects (dislocations...)
- Crystals with disorder of a partial structure (ionic conductors)
- Amorphous solids, glasses (short range order)

### Chemical bonding – typical properties

- Covalent solids (e.g. diamond, boron nitride): extreme hardness ...
- Ionic solids (e.g. NaCl): ionic conductivity ...
- Metals (e.g. Cu): high conductivity at low temperatures

### Structure and Symmetry

- Packing of atoms: close packed structure (high space filling)
- Characteristic symmetry: cubic, hexagonal, centrosymmetric/non-centrosymmetric...

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# Basic Structures



# 2.1 Basics of Structures

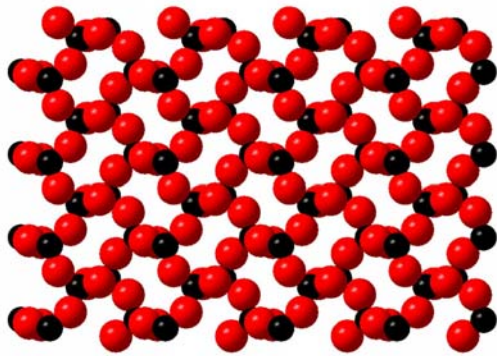
## Visualization of structures

How can we display structures in the form of images?

Example: Cristobalite ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )

### Approach 1

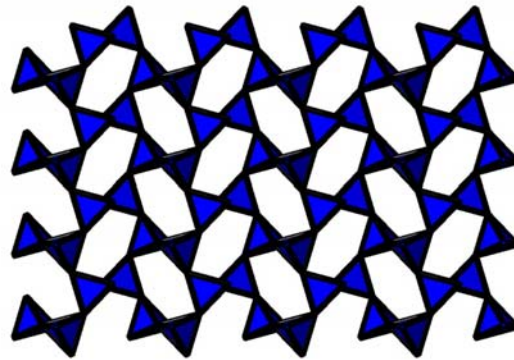
Packing of spheres  
Bragg jun. (1920)



Atoms = spheres

### Approach 2

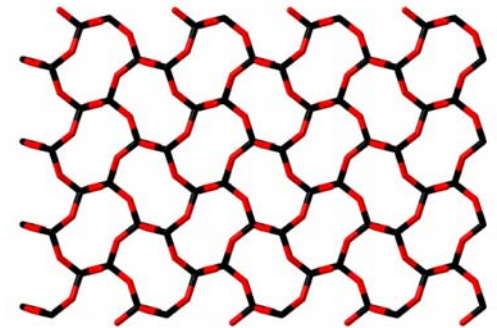
Coordination polyhedra  
Pauling (1928)



$\text{SiO}_4$ -tetrahedra

### Approach 3

Description of topology  
Wells (1954)



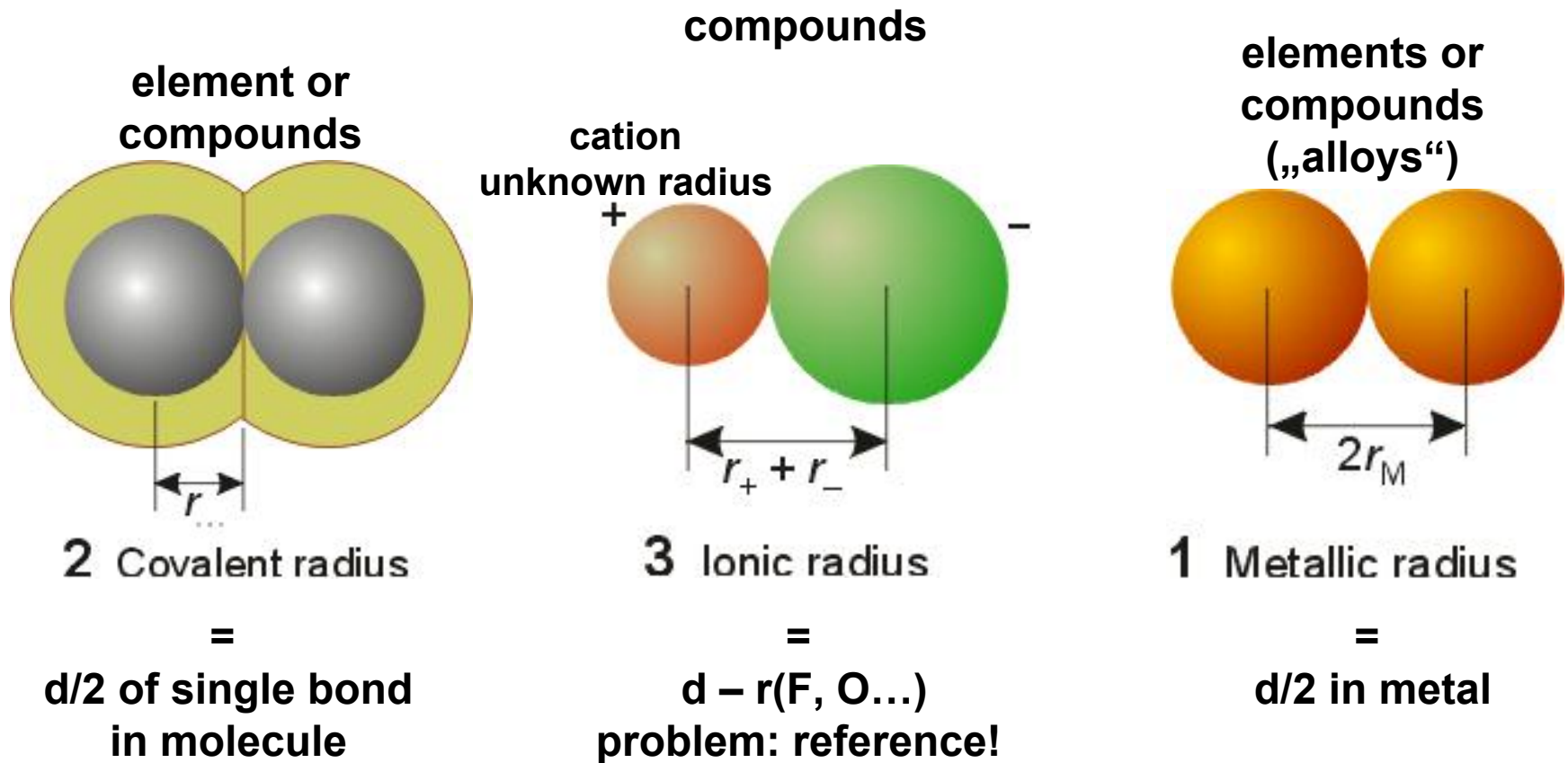
no atoms, 3D nets

One structure but very different types of structure images

# 2.1 Basics of Structures

Approximation: atoms can be treated like spheres

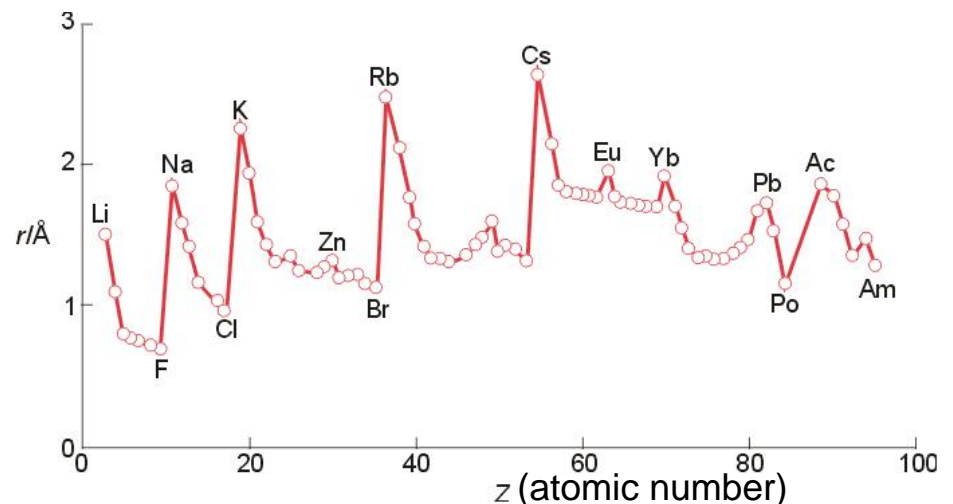
Approach 1: Concepts for the radius of the spheres depending on the nature of the chemical bond



# 2.1 Basics of Structures

## Trends of the atomic / ionic radii

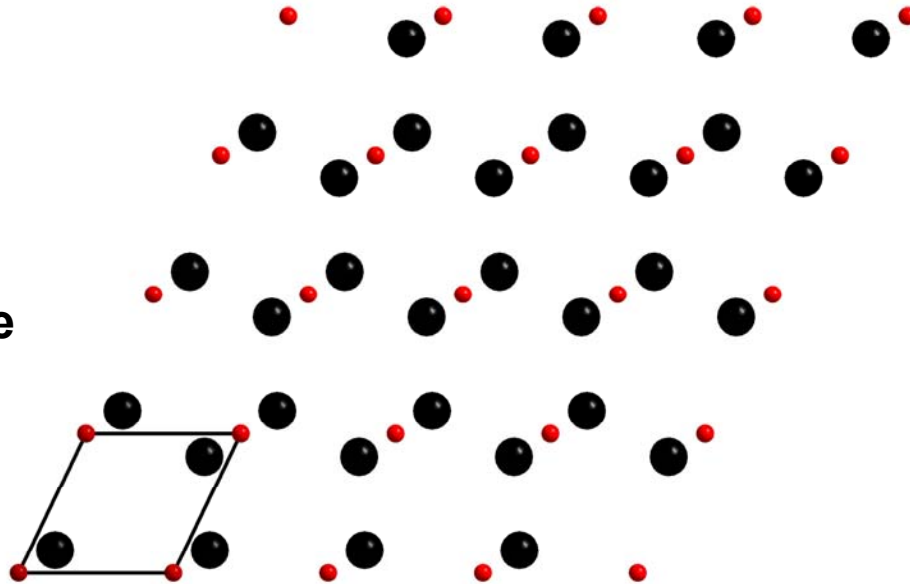
- Increase on going down a group (additional electrons in different shells)
- Decrease across a period (additional electrons in the same shell)
- Ionic radii increase with increasing CN  
(the higher its CN, the bigger the ions seems to be, due to increasing d!!!)
- Ionic radius of a given atom decreases with increasing charge  
( $r(\text{Fe}^{2+}) > r(\text{Fe}^{3+})$ )
- Cations are usually the smaller ions in a cation/anion combination  
(exception:  $r(\text{Cs}^+) > r(\text{F}^-)$ )
- Particularities:  $\text{Ga} < \text{Al}$  (d-block)



# 2.1 Basics of Structures

## Structure, lattice and motif

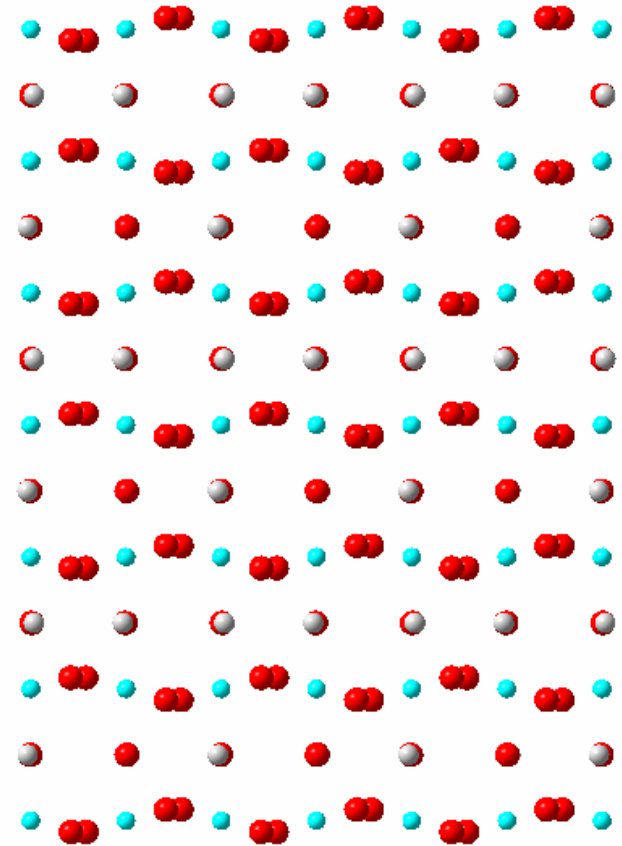
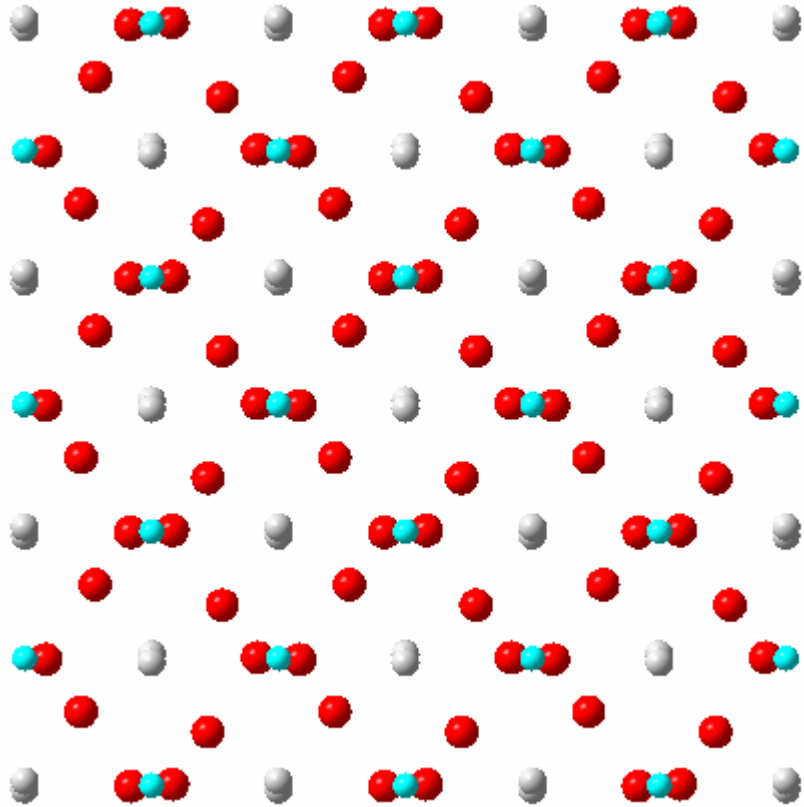
Example: Graphite



- **Lattice:** Determined by lattice vectors and angles
- **Motif:** Characteristic structural feature, e. g. molecule
- **Structure = Lattice + Motif**
- **Unit cell:** Parallel sided region from which the entire crystal can be constructed by purely translational displacements (Conventions!!!)

# 2.1 Basics of Structures

## Determine the unit cells



# 2.1 Basics of Structures

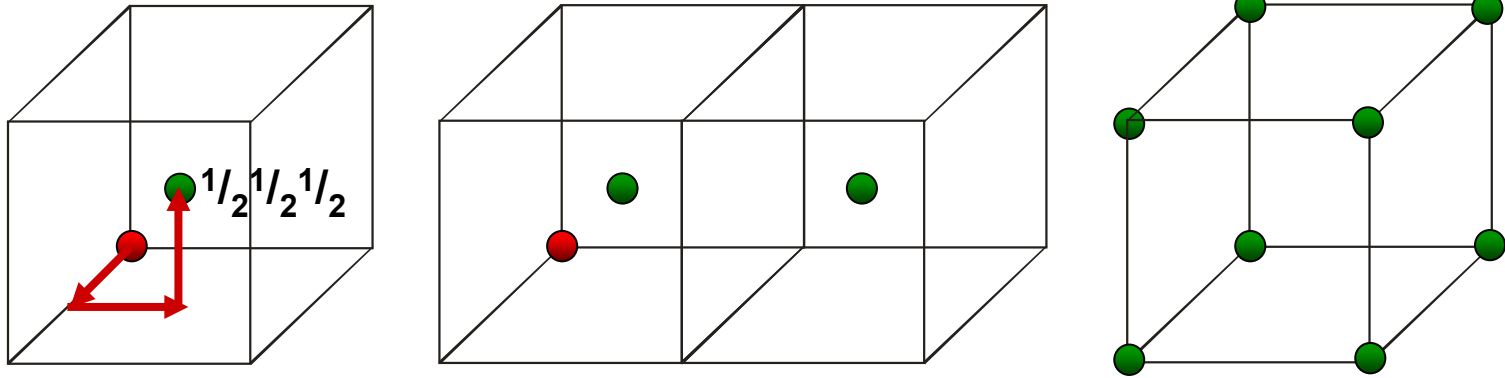
## Unit cells and crystal system

- Millions of structures but 7 types of primitive cells (crystal systems)
- Crystal system = particular restriction concerning the unit cell
- Crystal system = unit cell with characteristic symmetry elements (SSC)

Crystal system	Restrictions axes	Restrictions angles
Triclinic	-	-
Monoclinic	-	$\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$
Orthorhombic	-	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
Tetragonal	$a = b$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
Trigonal	$a = b$	$\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$
Hexagonal	$a = b$	$\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$
Cubic	$a = b = c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$

# 2.1 Basics of Structures

## Fractional coordinates (position of the atoms)



- possible values for x, y, z:  $[0; 1]$ , atoms are multiplied by translations
- atoms are generated by symmetry elements (see SSC)
- Example: **Sphalerite (ZnS)**
- Equivalent points are represented by one triplet only
  - equivalent by translation
  - equivalent by other symmetry elements (see SSC)

# 2.1 Basics of Structures

## Number of atoms/cell ( $Z$ : number of formula units)

**Molecular compounds: molecules determine the stoichiometry**

**Ionic or metallic compounds: content of unit cell  $\leftrightarrow$  stoichiometry**

### How to count atoms?

#### Rectangular cells:

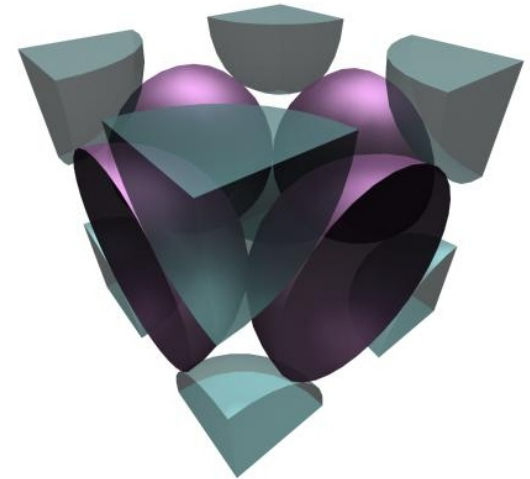
- Atom completely inside unit cell: count = 1.0
- Atom on a face of the unit cell: count = 0.5
- Atom on an edge of the unit cell: count = 0.25
- Atom on a corner of the unit cell: count = 0.125

Example 1: Sphalerite

Example 2: Wurzite

**Occupancy factor: number of atoms on one particular site**

Fraction of the atoms in unit cell

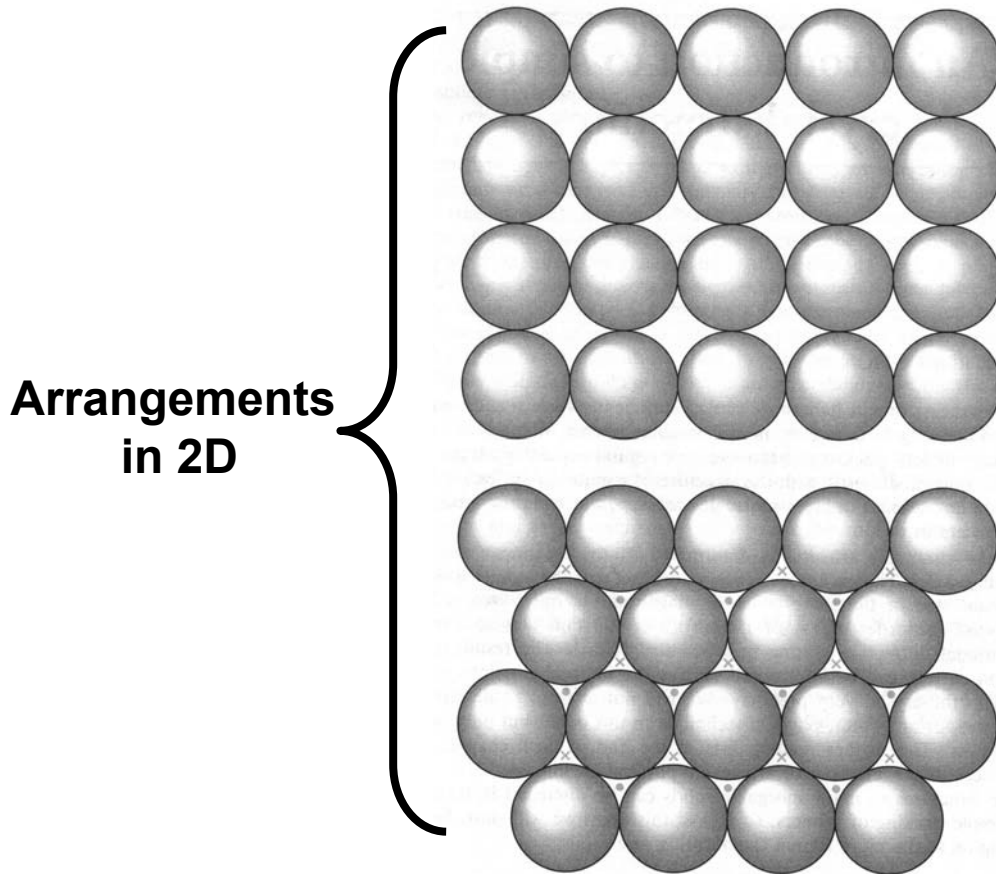




# 2.2 Simple close packed structures (metals)

## Close packing in 2D

Metal atoms → Spheres



**primitive (square) packing  
(large holes, low space filling)**

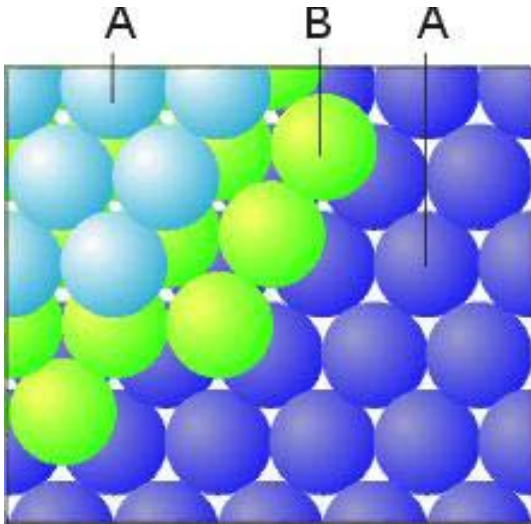
**close (hexagonal) packing  
(small holes, high space filling)**

# 2.2 Simple close packed structures (metals)

## Close packing in 3D

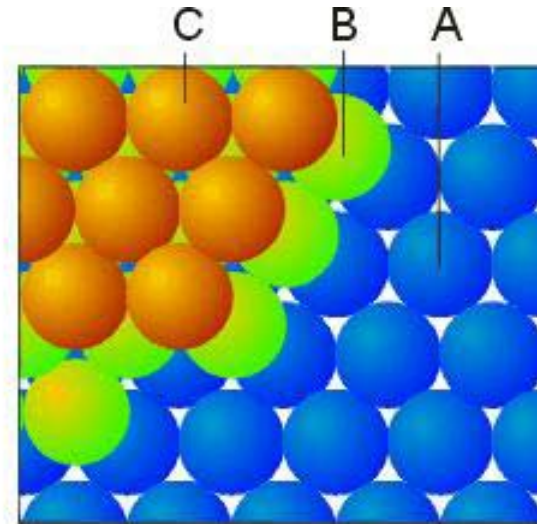
3D close packing:  
different stacking sequences of close packed layers

Example 1: HCP



stacking sequence: AB

Example 2: CCP



stacking sequence: ABC

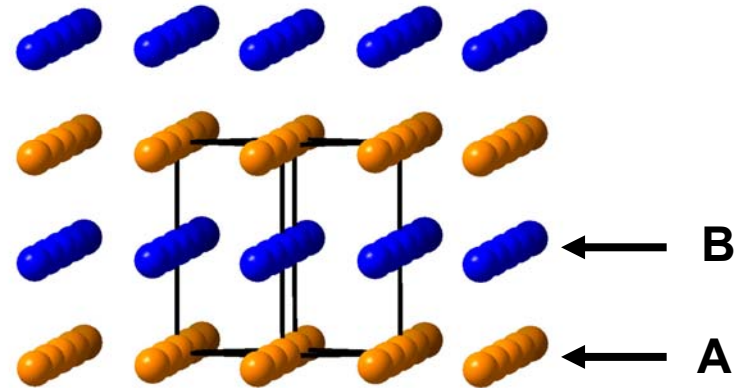
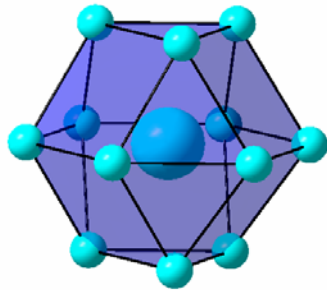
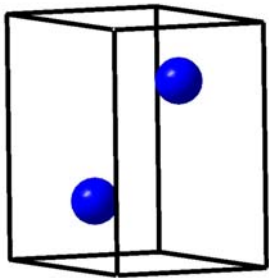
Polytypes: mixing of HCP and CCP, e. g. La, ABAC

# 2.2 Simple close packed structures (metals)

## Unit cells of HCP and CCP

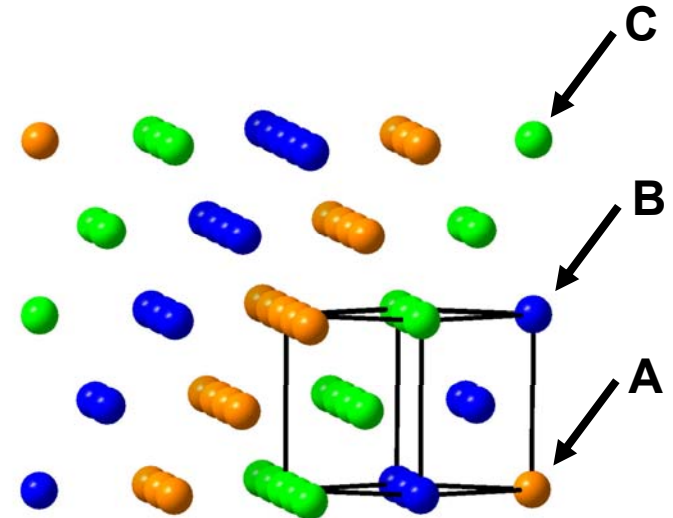
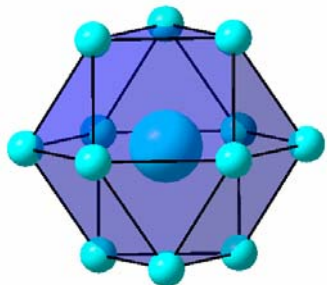
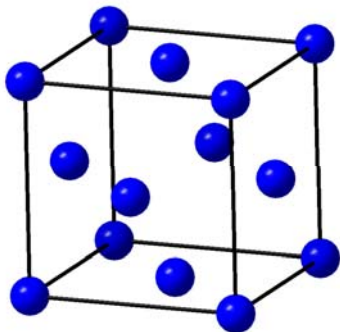
### HCP

(Be, Mg, Zn, Cd, Ti, Zr, Ru ...)



### CCP

(Cu, Ag, Au, Al, Ni, Pd, Pt ...)

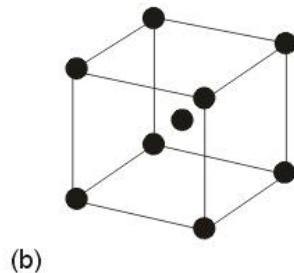
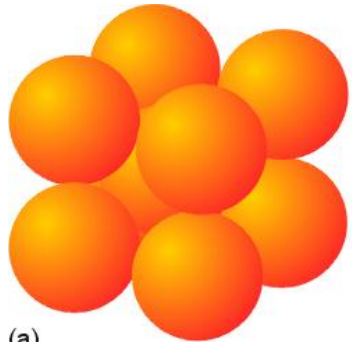


Common properties: CN = 12, space filling = 74%

# 2.2 Simple close packed structures (metals)

## Other types of metal structures

### Example 1: BCC



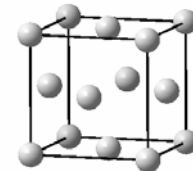
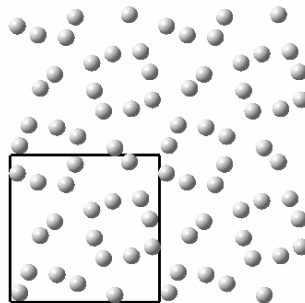
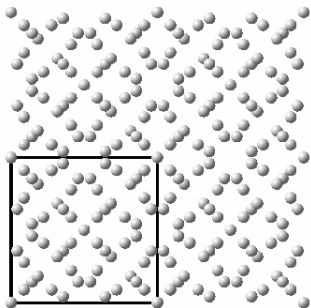
(Fe, Cr, Mo, **W**, Ta, Ba ...)

space filling = 68%

CN = 8, cube

Example 2: primitive packing ( $\alpha$ -**Po**)      space filling = 52%  
CN = 6, octahedron

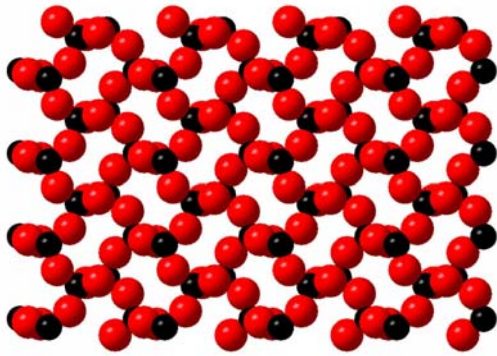
### Example 3: structures of manganese



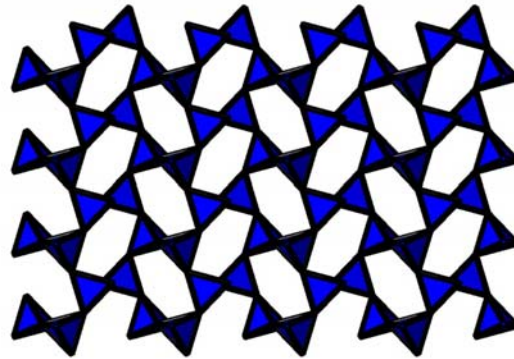
# 2.2 Basics of Structures

## Visualization of structures - polyhedra

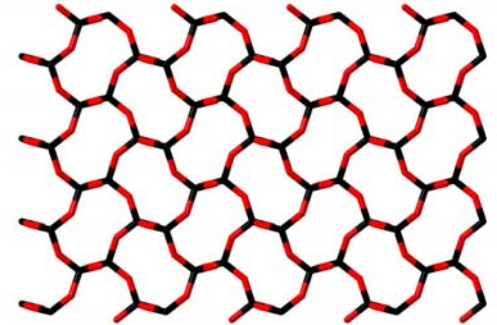
### Example: Cristobalite ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )



**Bragg jun. (1920)**  
**Sphere packing**



**Pauling (1928)**  
**Polyhedra**

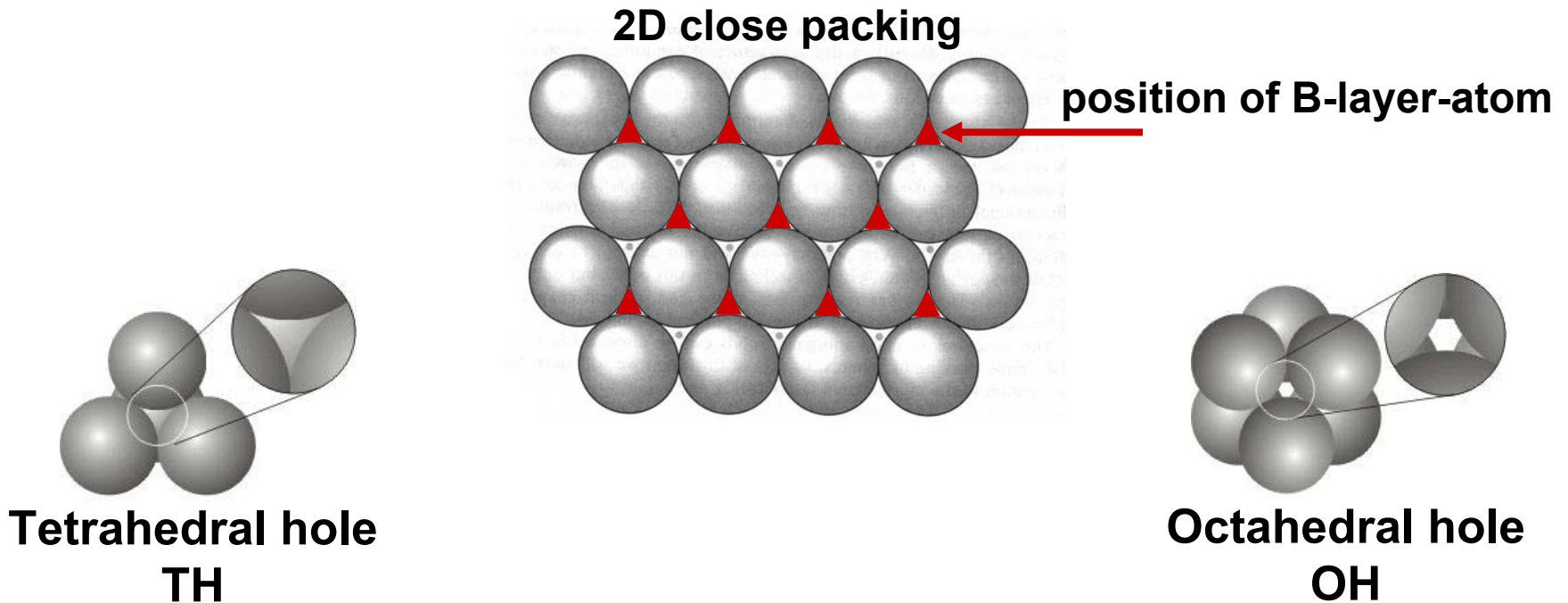


**Wells (1954)**  
**3D nets**

# 2.2 Simple close packed structures (metals)

## Holes in close packed structures

Different point of view → description of the environment of holes



Filled holes: Concept of polyhedra

# 2.2 Simple close packed structures (metals)

## Properties of OH and TH in CCP

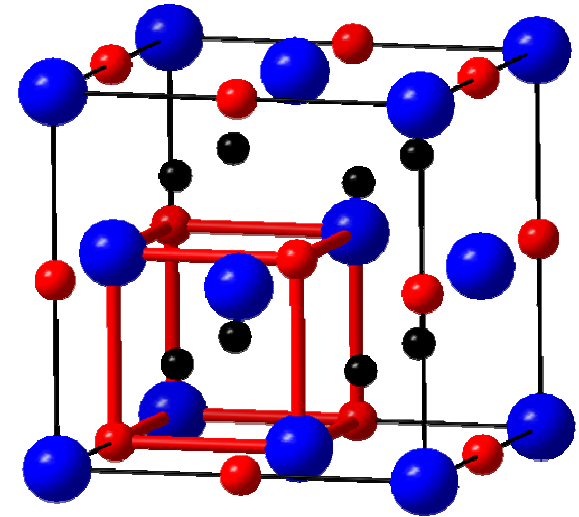
**Number**

**OH/TH**

(with respect to n-atoms/unit cell)

$$n: 12/4 + 1$$

$$2n: 8$$



**Location**

OH: center, all edges

TH: center of each octant

**Distances**

**OH/TH**

OH-OH: no short distances

TH-TH: no short distances

**!OH-TH!**

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Overview

„Basic“: anions form CCP or HCP, cations in OH and/or TH

Structure type	Examples	Packing	Holes filled OH and TH
NaCl	AgCl, BaS, CaO, CeSe, GdN, NaF, <b>Na<sub>3</sub>BiO<sub>4</sub></b> , <b>V<sub>7</sub>C<sub>8</sub></b>	CCP	n and 0n
NiAs	TiS, CoS, CoSb, AuSn	HCP	n and 0n
CaF <sub>2</sub>	CdF <sub>2</sub> , CeO <sub>2</sub> , <b>Li<sub>2</sub>O</b> , Rb <sub>2</sub> O, SrCl <sub>2</sub> , ThO <sub>2</sub> , ZrO <sub>2</sub> , AuIn <sub>2</sub>	CCP	0 and 2n
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	MgCl <sub>2</sub> , MnCl <sub>2</sub> , FeCl <sub>2</sub> , Cs <sub>2</sub> O, CoCl <sub>2</sub>	CCP	0.5n and 0
CdI <sub>2</sub>	MgBr <sub>2</sub> , PbI <sub>2</sub> , SnS <sub>2</sub> , Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> , Cd(OH) <sub>2</sub> , Ag <sub>2</sub> F	HCP	0.5n and 0
Sphalerite (ZnS)	AgI, BeTe, CdS, CuI, GaAs, GaP, HgS, InAs, ZnTe	CCP	0 and 0.5n
Wurzite (ZnS)	AlN, BeO, ZnO, CdS (HT)	HCP	0 and 0.5n
Li <sub>3</sub> Bi	Li <sub>3</sub> Au	CCP	n and 2n
<b>ReB<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>!wrong! (SSC)</b>	<b>HCP</b>	<b>0 and 2n</b>



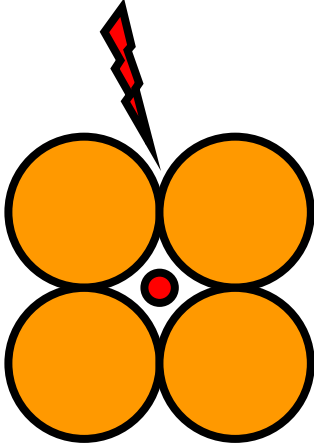
# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Pauling rule no. 1

**A polyhedron of anions is formed about each cation, the cation-anion distance is determined by the sum of ionic radii and the coordination number by the radius ratio:  $r(\text{cation})/r(\text{anion})$**

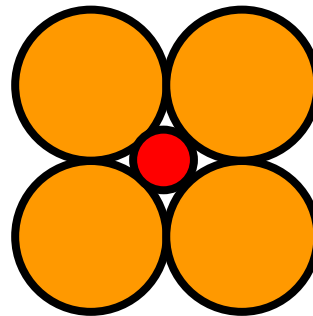
Scenario for radius ratios:

$r(\text{cation})/r(\text{anion})$   
< optimum value



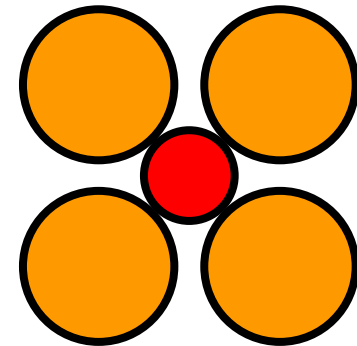
worst case  
(not stable)

$r(\text{cation})/r(\text{anion})$   
= optimum value



optimum

$r(\text{cation})/r(\text{anion})$   
> optimum value



low space filling  
(switching to higher CN)

## 2.3 Basic structure types

### Pauling rule no. 1

<b>coordination</b>	<b>anion polyhedron</b>	<b>radius ratios</b>	<b>cation</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>triangle</b>	<b>0.15-0.22</b>	<b>B in borates</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>tetrahedron</b>	<b>0.22-0.41</b>	<b>Si, Al in oxides</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>octahedron</b>	<b>0.41-0.73</b>	<b>Al, Fe, Mg, Ca in oxides</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>cube</b>	<b>0.73-1.00</b>	<b>Cs in CsCl</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>close packing (anti)cuboctahedron</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>metals</b>

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## NaCl-type

### Crystal data

Formula sum

Crystal system

Unit cell dimensions

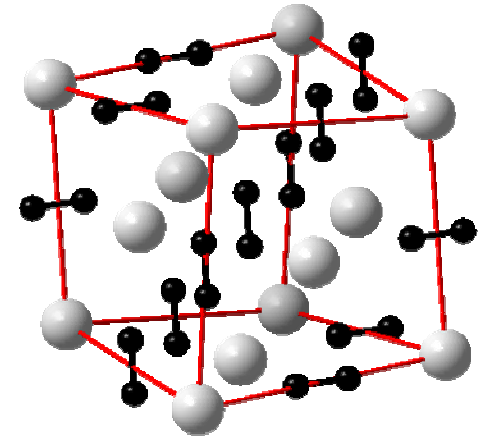
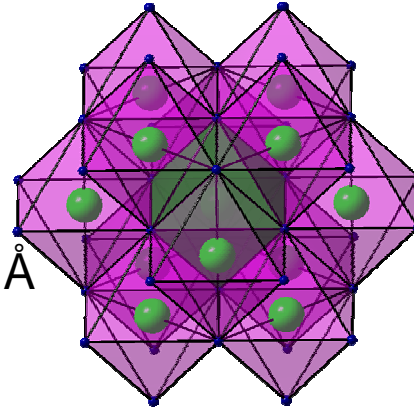
Z

NaCl

cubic

$a = 5.6250(5) \text{ \AA}$

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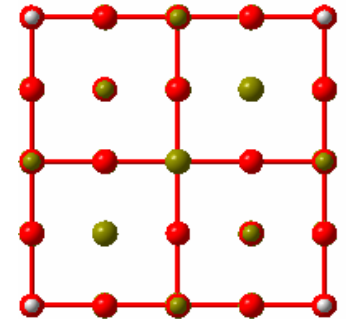
Variations of basic structure types:

Exchange/Decoration

$\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{C}_2^{2-}$

Superstructure

$\text{Na} \rightarrow \text{Li, Fe}$



### Features:

- All octahedral holes of CCP filled, type = antitype
- Na is coordinated by 6 Cl, Cl is coordinated by 6 Na
- One  $\text{NaCl}_6$ -octahedron is coordinated by 12  $\text{NaCl}_6$ -octahedra
- Connection of octahedra by common edges

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Sphalerite-type

### Crystal data

Formula sum

Crystal system

Unit cell dimensions

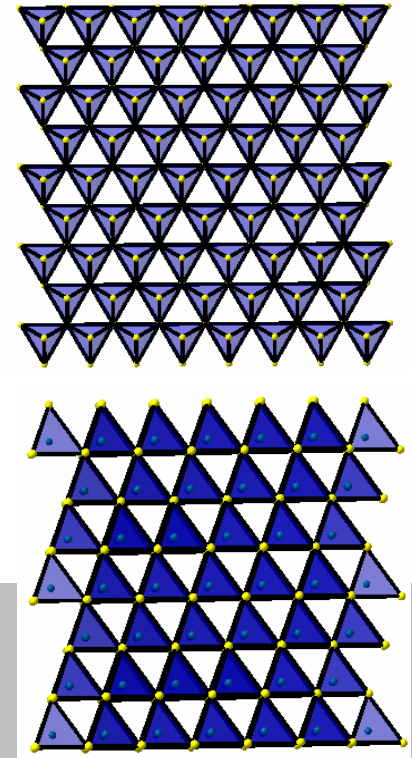
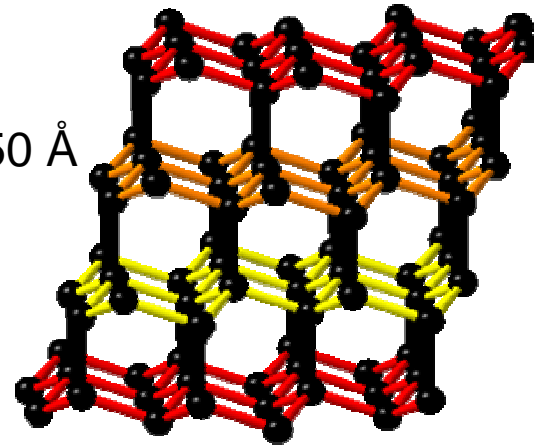
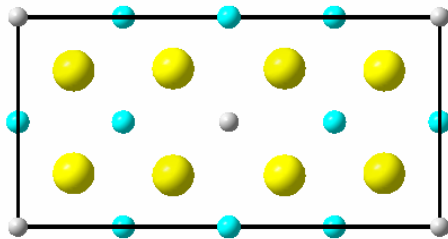
Z

ZnS

cubic

$a = 5.3450 \text{ \AA}$

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### **Features:**

- Diamond-type structure, or: 50% of TH in CCP filled
- Connected layers, sequence (S-layers): ABC, polytypes
- Zn, S coordinated by 4 S, Zn (tetrahedra, common corners), type = antitype
- Hexagonal variant (wurzite) and polytypes
- VEC = 4 for ZnS-type (AgI, CdS, BeS, GaAs, SiC)
- Many superstructures:  $\text{Cu}_3\text{SbS}_4$  (famatinite, VEC = 32/8)
- Vacancy phases:  $\text{Ga}_2\text{Te}_3$  (1SV),  $\text{CuIn}_3\text{Se}_5$  (1 SV),  $\text{AgGa}_5\text{Te}_8$  (2 SV)
- Applications: semiconductors, solar cells, transistors, LED, laser...

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## CaF<sub>2</sub>-type

### Crystal data

Formula sum

Crystal system

Unit cell dimensions

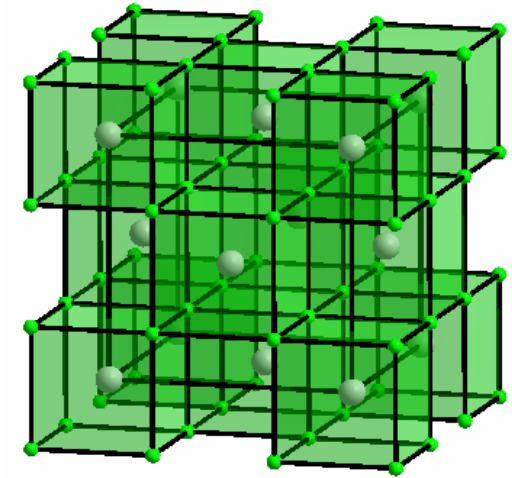
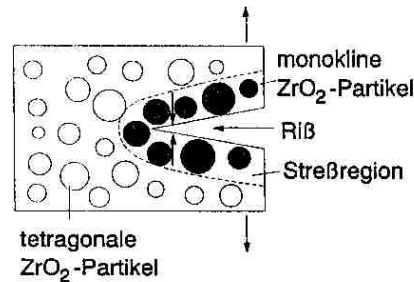
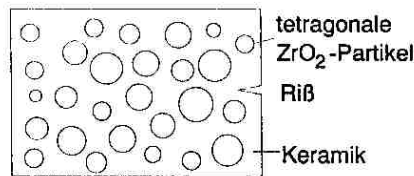
Z

CaF<sub>2</sub>

cubic

$a = 5.4375(1) \text{ \AA}$

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**Fracture is closed by monoclinic ZrO<sub>2</sub> (increase of volume)**

### **Features:**

- All TH of CCP filled
- F is coordinated by 4 Ca (tetrahedron)
- Ca is coordinated by 8 F (cube)
- Oxides MO<sub>2</sub> as high-temperature anionic conductors
- High performance ceramics

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## NiAs-type

### Crystal data

Formula sum

Crystal system

Unit cell dimensions

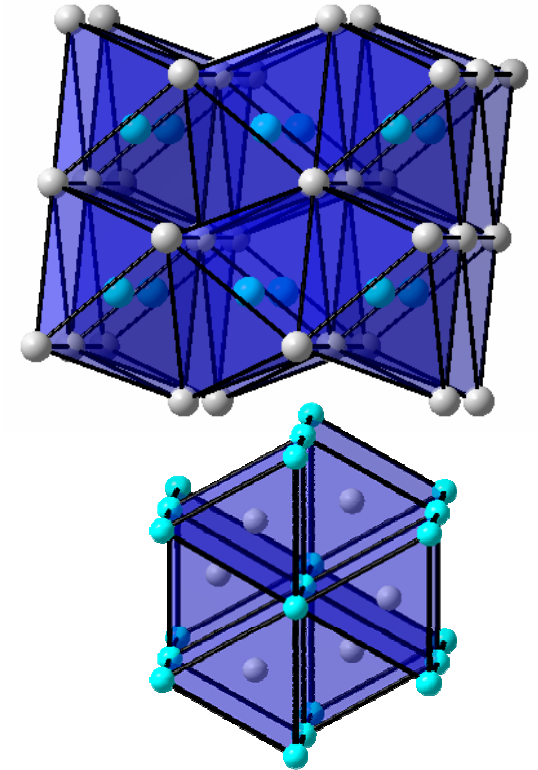
Z

NiAs

hexagonal

$a = 3.619(1) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 5.025(1) \text{ \AA}$

2



### **Features:**

- All OH of HCP filled, metal-metal-bonding (common faces of octahedra!)
- Ni is coordinated by 6 As (octahedron)
- As is coordinated by 6 Ni (trigonal prism)
- Type  $\neq$  antitype

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Oxides: Rutile ( $\text{TiO}_2$ )

### Crystal data

Formula sum

Crystal system

Unit cell dimensions

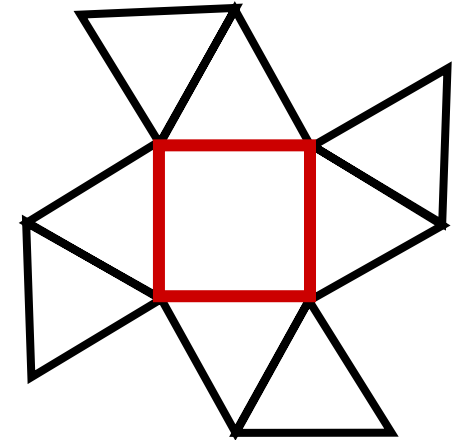
Z

$\text{TiO}_2$

tetragonal

$a = 4.5937 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 2.9587 \text{ \AA}$

2



### **Features:**

- No HCP arrangement of O (CN(O,O) = 11, tetragonal close packing)
- Mixed corner and edge sharing of  $\text{TiO}_6$ -octahedra
- Columns of trans edge sharing  $\text{TiO}_6$ -octahedra, connected by common corners
- Many structural variants ( $\text{CaCl}_2$ , Markasite)
- Application: pigment...

## 2.3 Basic structure types

### Oxides: undistorted perovskite ( $\text{SrTiO}_3$ )

#### Crystal data

Formula sum



Crystal system

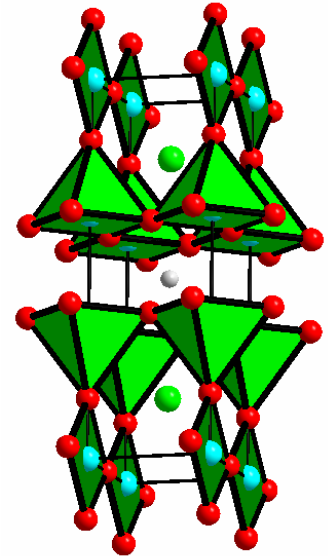
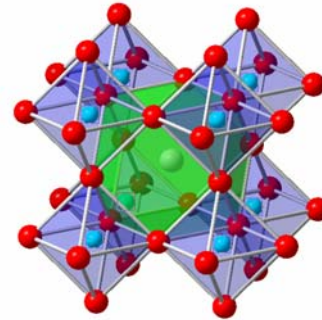
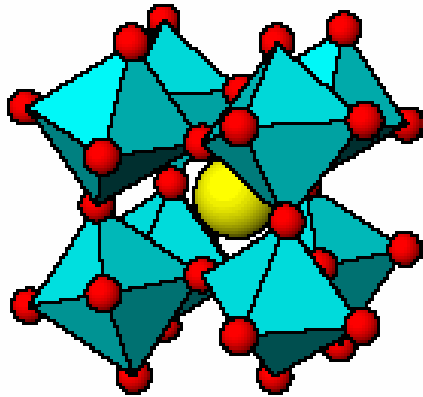
cubic

Unit cell dimensions

$$a = 3.9034(5) \text{ \AA}$$

Z

1



#### **Features:**

- Filled  $\text{ReO}_3$  phase, CN (Ca) = 12 (cuboctahedron), CN (Ti) = 6 (octahedron)
- Ca and O forming CCP, Ti forms primitive arrangement
- Many distorted variants ( $\text{BaTiO}_3$ , even the mineral  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  is distorted!)
- Many defect variants (HT-superconductors,  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$ )
- Hexagonal variants and polytypes



# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Oxides: Spinel ( $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$ )

### Crystal data

Formula sum



Crystal system

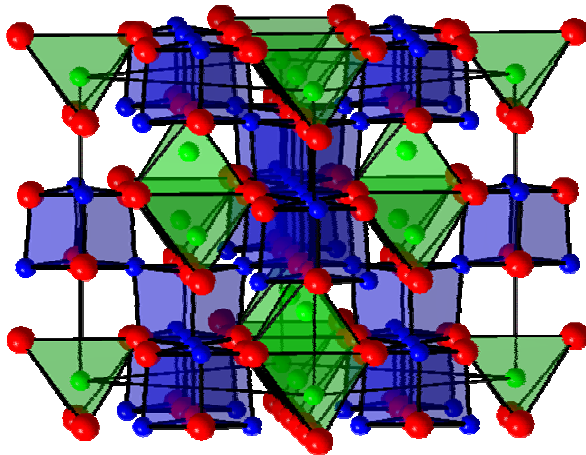
cubic

Unit cell dimensions

$$a = 8.0625(7) \text{ \AA}$$

Z

8



500 nm



Magnetospirillum  
( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ )

### **Features:**

- Distorted CCP of O
- Mg in tetrahedral holes (12.5%), no connection of tetrahedra
- Al in octahedral holes (50%), common edges/corners
- Inverse spinel structures  $\text{Mg}_{\text{TH}}\text{Al}_{2\text{OH}}\text{O}_4 \rightarrow \text{In}_{\text{TH}}(\text{Mg}, \text{In})_{\text{OH}}\text{O}_4$
- Application: ferrites (magnetic materials), biomagnetism

# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Oxides: Silicates- overview 1

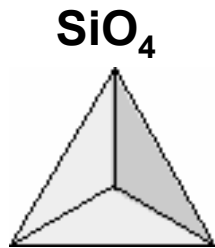
From simple building units to complex structures

### Structural features:

- fundamental building unit (b.u.):  $\text{SiO}_4$  tetrahedron
- isolated tetrahedra and/or tetrahedra connected via common corners
- $\text{MO}_6$  octahedra ,  $\text{MO}_4$  tetrahedra (M = Fe, Al, Co, Ni...)

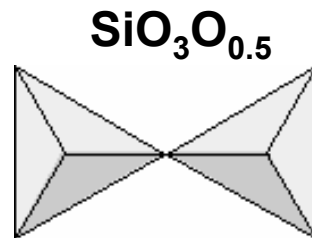
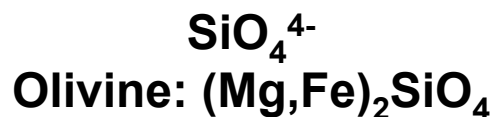
Composition of characteristic b.u.:

Determine the composition and relative number of different b.u.



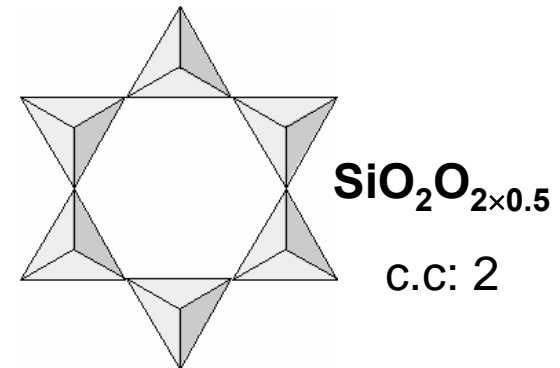
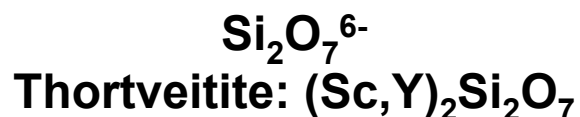
common corners (c.c): 0

### Nesosilicates

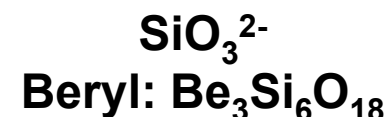


c.c: 1

### Sorosilicates

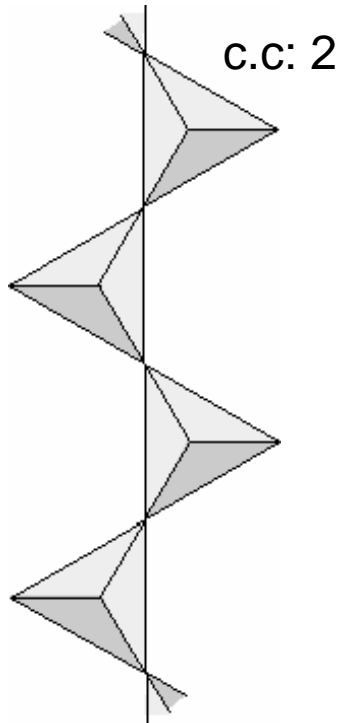


### Cyclosilicates

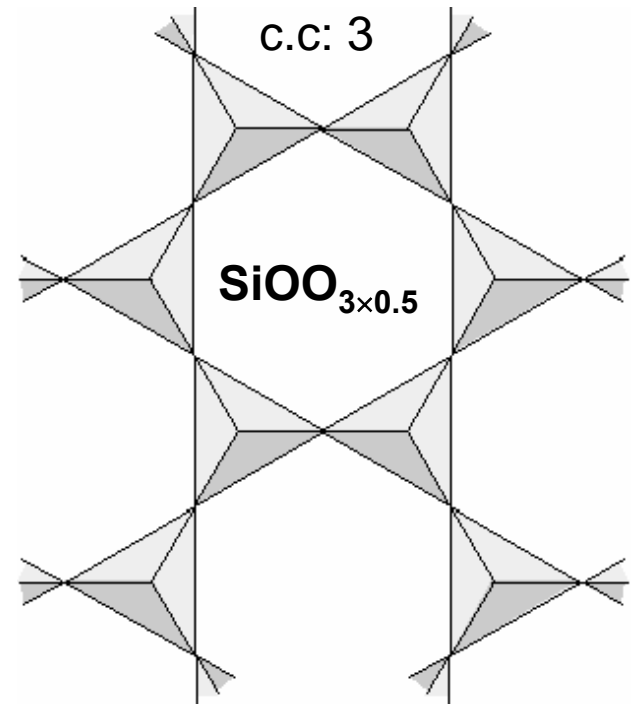
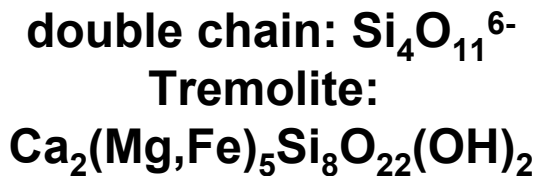
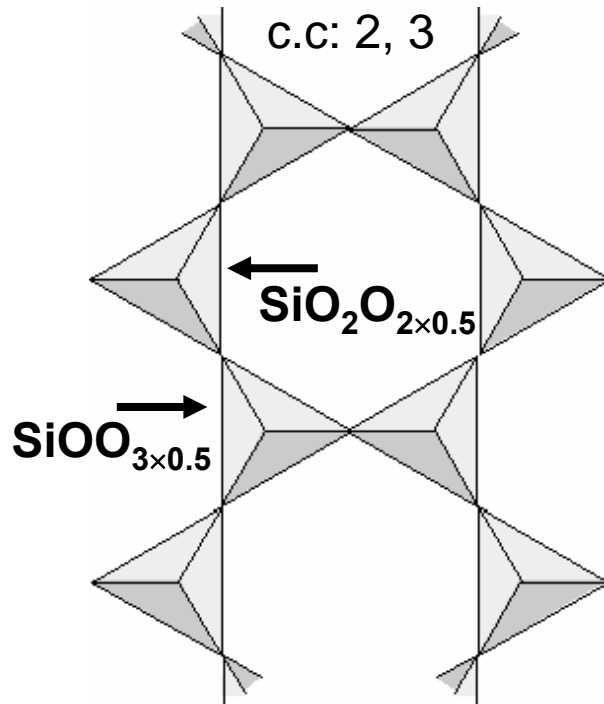


# 2.3 Basic structure types

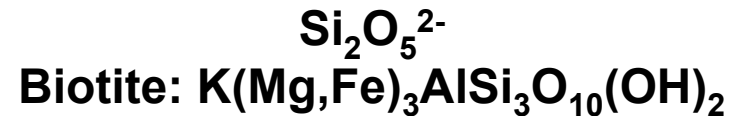
## Oxides: Silicates - overview 2



**Inosilicates**



**Phyllosilicates**

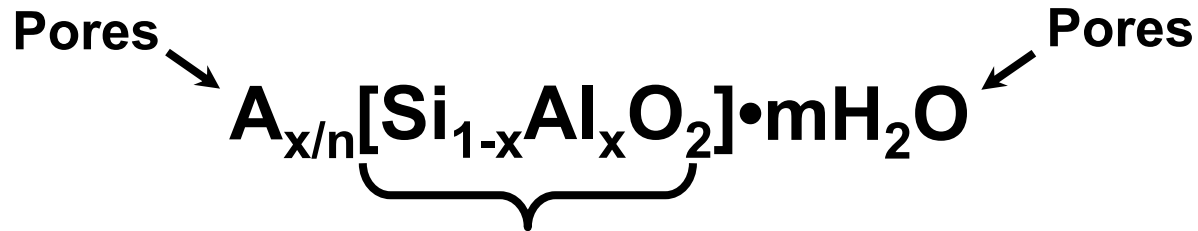


# 2.3 Basic structure types

## Oxides: Silicates- overview 3

### Tectosilicates

c.c: 4, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Faujasite: Ca<sub>28.5</sub>Al<sub>57</sub>Si<sub>135</sub>O<sub>384</sub>



T (= Si, Al)O<sub>4</sub>-Tetrahedra sharing all corners,  
isomorphous exchange of Si<sup>4+</sup>, charge compensation

x: Al content, charge of microporous framework, n: charge of A

### Zeolites

- Aluminosilicates with open channels or cages (d < 2 nm, “boiling stones”)
- Numerous applications: adsorbent, catalysis...

# 2.3 Basic structure types

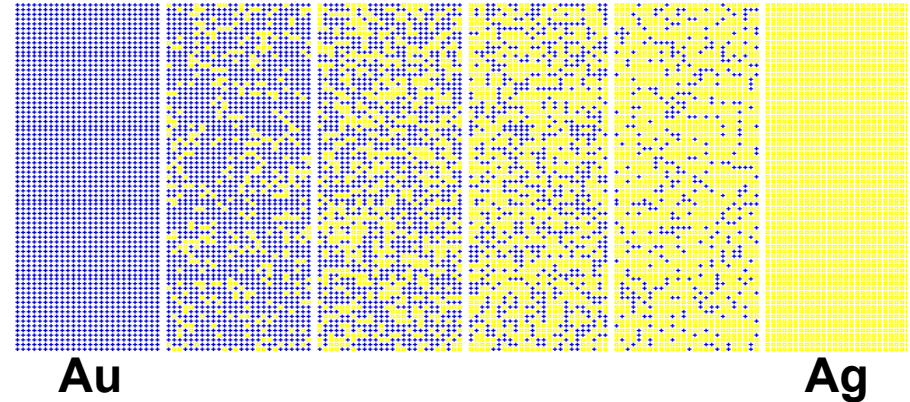
## Intermetallics- overview

**Solid solutions: random arrangement of species on the same position**

**Examples:  $Rb_xCs_{1-x}$  BCC,  $Ag_xAu_{1-x}$  CCP**

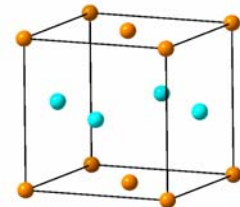
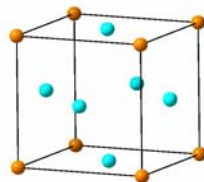
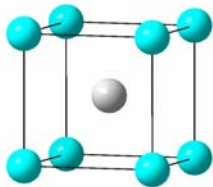
**The species must be related**

- Chemically related species
- Small difference in electronegativity
- Similar number of valence electrons
- Similar atomic radius
- (High temperature)



**Ordered structures: from complex building units to complex structures**

**Exception: simple structures**



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# Characterization of Solids

# 4. Introduction

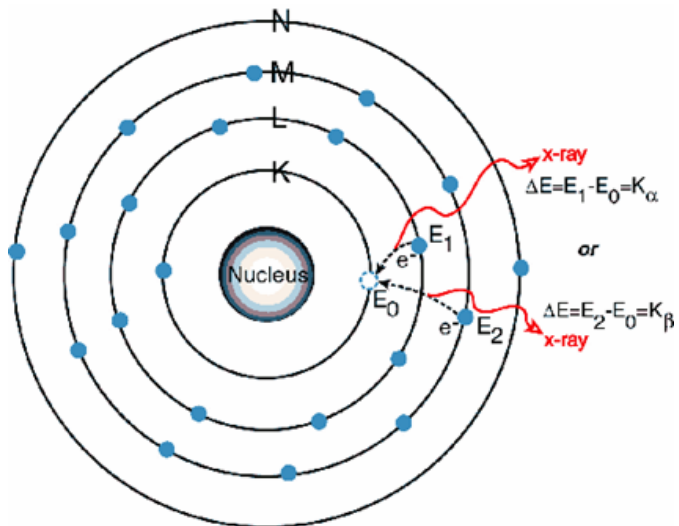
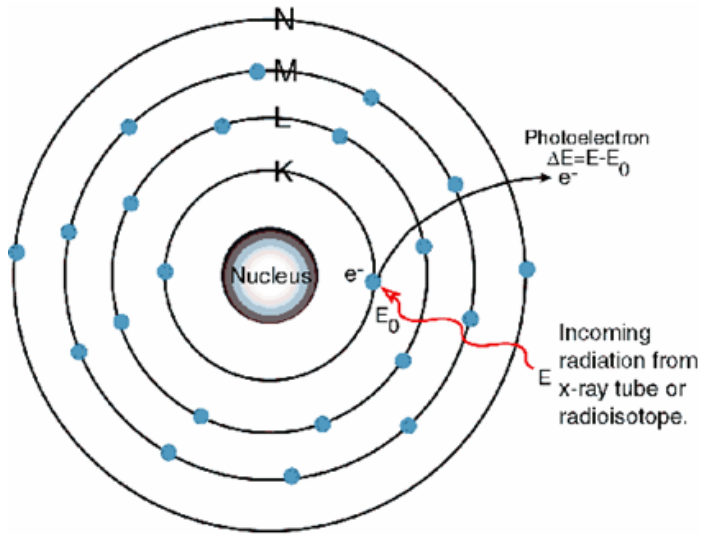
## Noble prizes associated with X-ray diffraction

- 1901 W. C. Roentgen (Physics) for the discovery of X-rays.
- 1914 M. von Laue (Physics) for X-ray diffraction from crystals.
- 1915 W. H. and W. L. Bragg (Physics) for structure derived from X-ray diffraction.
- 1917 C. G. Barkla (Physics) for characteristic radiation of elements.
- 1924 K. M. G. Siegbahn (Physics) for X-ray spectroscopy.
- 1927 A. H. Compton (Physics) for scattering of X-rays by electrons.
- 1936 P. Debye (Chemistry) for diffraction of X-rays and electrons in gases.
- 1962 M. Perutz and J. Kendrew (Chemistry) for the structure of hemoglobin.
- 1962 J. Watson, M. Wilkins, and F. Crick (Medicine) for the structure of DNA.
- 1979 A. Cormack and G. Newbold Hounsfield (Medicine) for computed axial tomography.
- 1981 K. M. Siegbahn (Physics) for high resolution electron spectroscopy.
- 1985 H. Hauptman and J. Karle (Chemistry) for direct methods to determine structures.
- 1988 J. Deisenhofer, R. Huber, and H. Michel (Chemistry) for the structures of proteins that are crucial to photosynthesis.



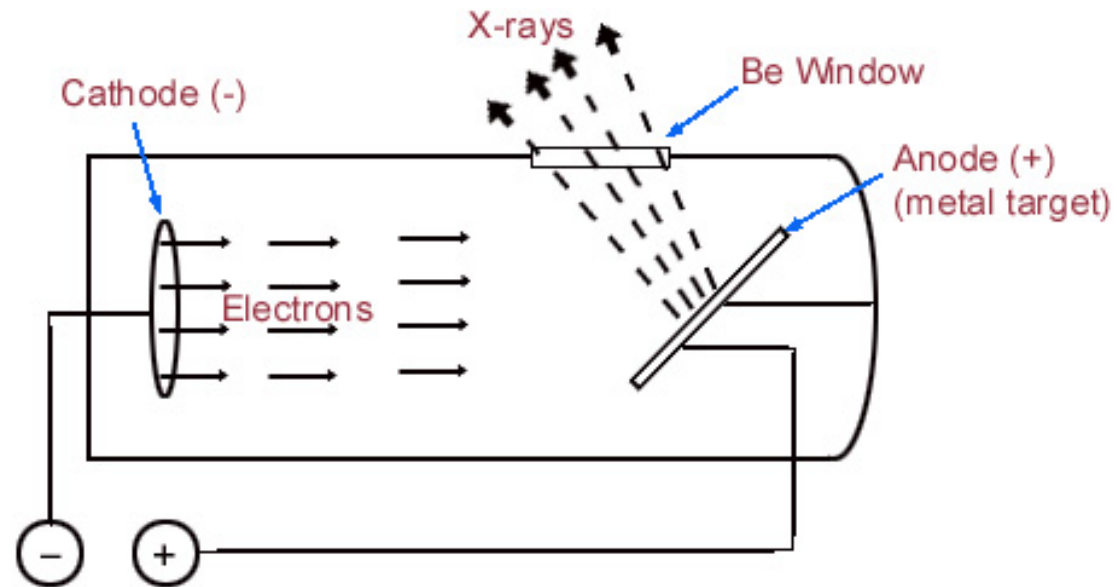
# 4.1 Diffraction

## Generation of X-rays



### Atomic scale scenario

- Inner shell electrons are struck out
- Outer shell electrons fill hole
- Production of X-rays due to energy difference between inner and outer shell electron

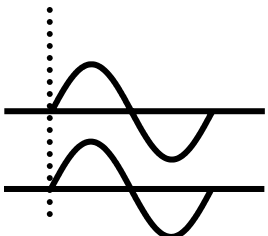


X-ray tube

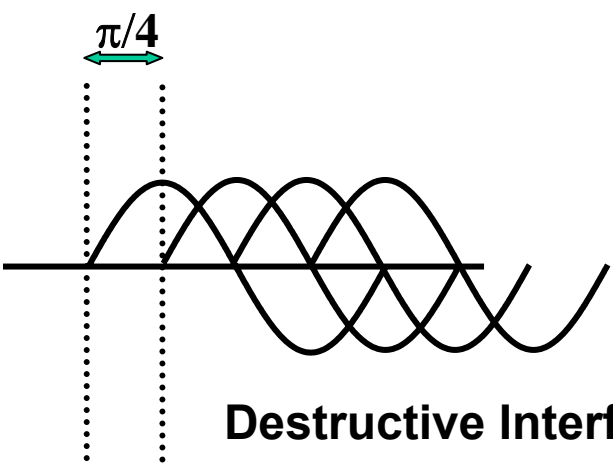


# 4.1 Diffraction

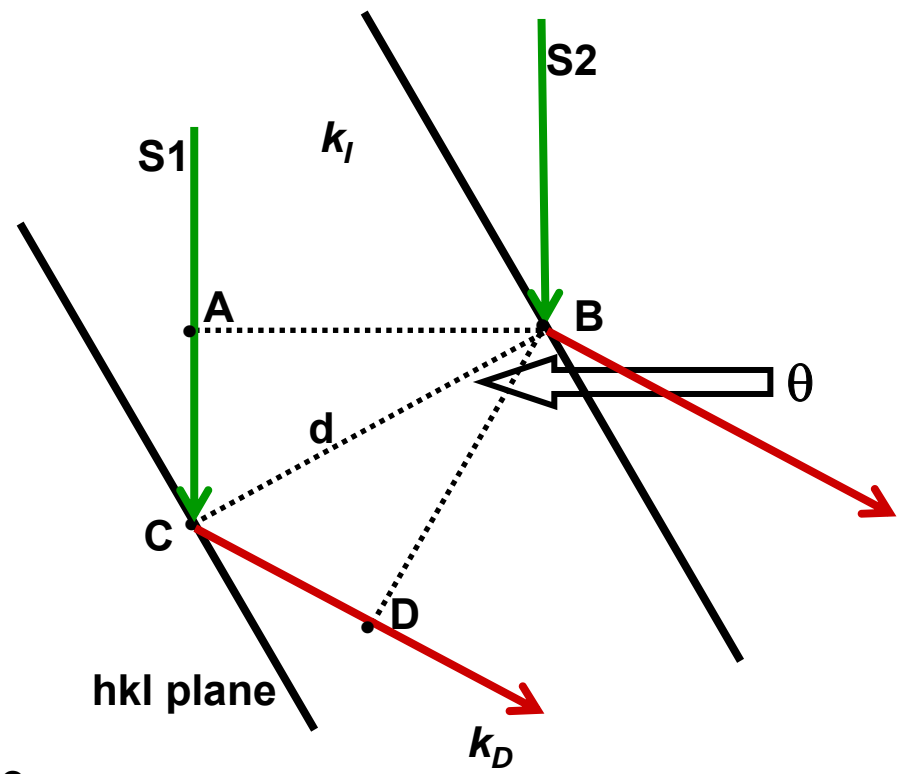
## Geometrical approach, Bragg's law (BL)



Constructive Interference



Destructive Interference



$$AC + CD = n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta_B$$

$$2\sin\theta_B/\lambda = n/d = nld^*l$$

# 4.1 Diffraction

## Results of diffraction studies- Overview

### **Lattice parameters**

Position of the reflections (Bragg's law), e. g.  $(1/d)^2 = (1/a)^2 [h^2 + k^2 + l^2]$

### **Symmetry of the structure**

Intensity of the reflections and geometry of DP = symmetry of DP

### **Identification of samples (fingerprint)**

### **Structure, fractional coordinates...:**

Intensity of the reflections, quantitative analysis (solution and refinement)

### **Crystal size and perfection**

Profile of the reflections

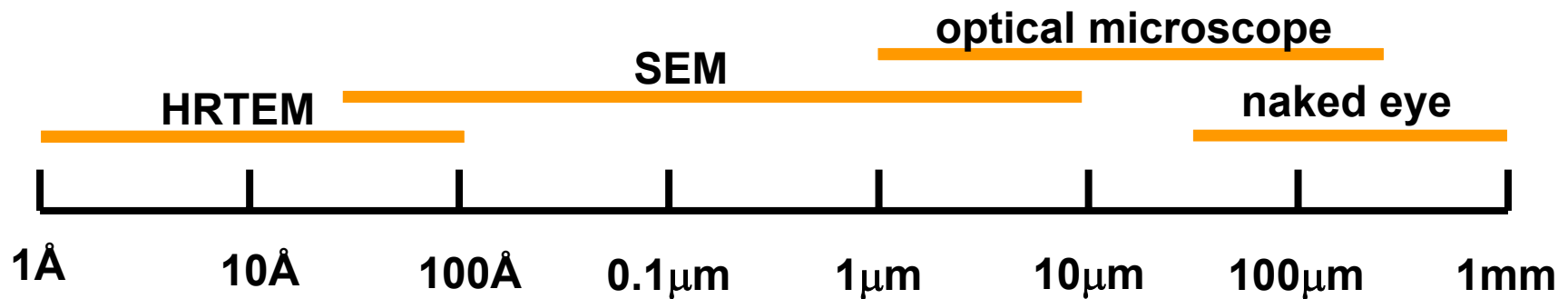
### **Special techniques**

- **Electron diffraction: highly significant data, SAED (DP of different areas of one crystal)**
- **Neutron diffraction: localization of H, analyses of magnetic structures**
- **Synchrotron: small crystals, large structures (protein structures)**

## 4.2 Imaging

# Optical microscopy and SEM- Possibilities

- Analysis of the homogeneity of the sample (color...)
- Selection of single crystals for structure determination
- Determination of the crystal class by analyzing the morphology
- Analysis of peculiar features of the morphology (steps, kinks...)
- SEM: Determination of the stoichiometry (EDX, cf. X-ray tube)

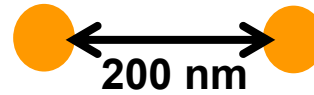


# 4.2 Imaging

## TEM- Basics of physics

**Light microscope**

Disadvantage: low resolution



**Abbe (Theory of light microscopes resolution)**

The smaller the wavelength, the higher the resolution

**De Broglie (Electrons as waves)**

Fast electrons possess small wavelength

**Consequence: Microscopy with high-energy radiation**

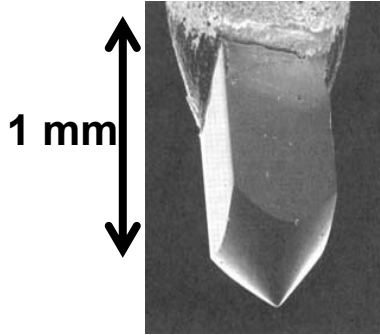
**Consequence: Microscopy with “fast electrons”**

**Advantage of electrons: negative charge**

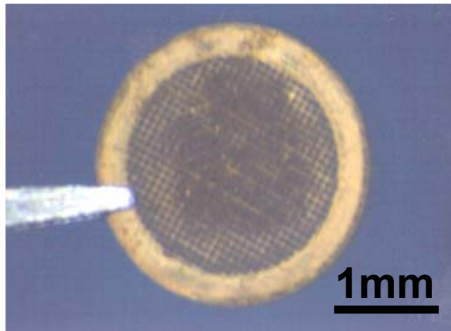
Acceleration and focusing in magnetic or electric fields

# 4.2 Imaging

## TEM- Basics of Hardware



**Beam formation**



**Interactions**

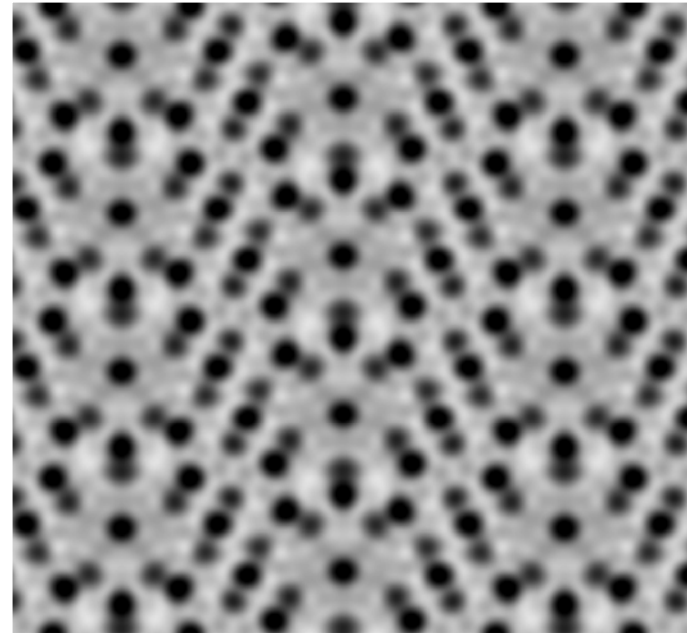
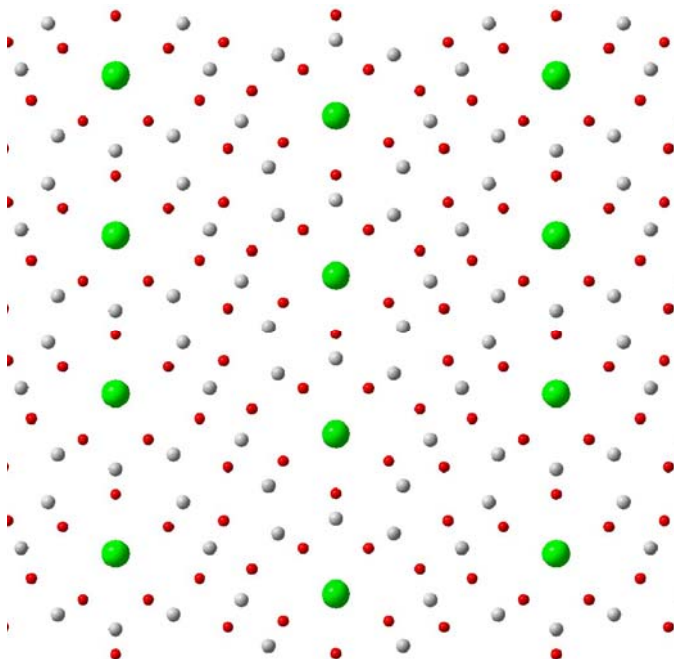


**Focusing**



## 4.2 Imaging HRTEM- Basics

Imaging of real structures on the atomic scale (HRTEM)



1 nm

**Black dots: positions of atoms**  
**White dots: positions of cavities of the structure**

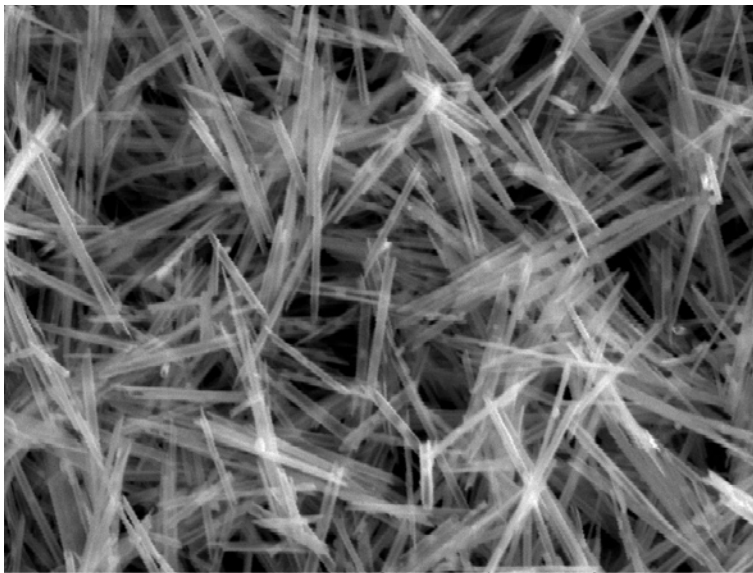
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Synthesis

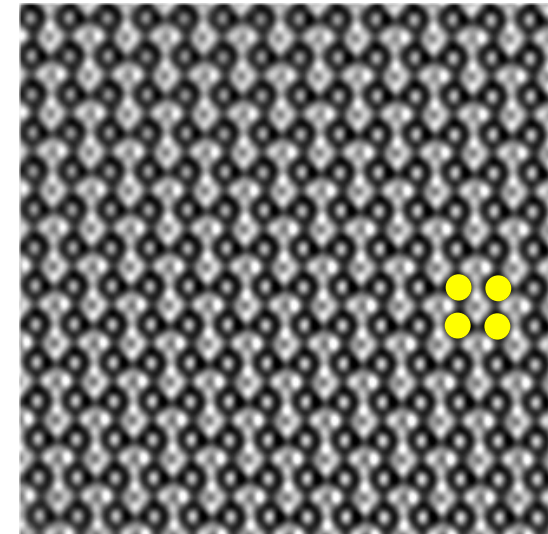
# 4. Introduction

## Goals of synthesis / preparation

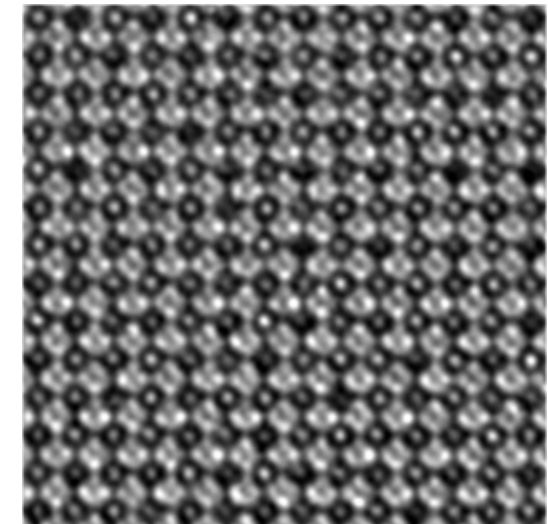
- Synthesis of new compounds
- Synthesis of highly pure, but known compounds
- Synthesis of highly pure single crystals (Iceberg-principle)
- Structural modification of known compounds  
bulk-structures and nanostructures



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HV: 20.0 kV  
VAC: HiVac  
DET: SE Detector  
DATE: 03/31/06  
Device: TS5130MM  
5 um  
Vega ©Tescan  
MPI-FKF



— 2 nm





# 4.1 HT-synthesis

## Introduction

**Standard procedure:**

**“Shake and bake”, “heat and beat”, “trial and error”**

**“The starting materials are finely grinded, pressed to a pellet and heated to a temperature „near“ the melting temperature.”**

**Parameters influencing the reaction:**

- **Purity of educts (sublimation)**
- **Handling of educts (glove box, Schlenck technique)**
- **Temperature:  $T(\text{reaction}) > 2/3 T(\text{melting point})$ , rule of Tamann. Effects on real structure (more defects at elevated T) and diffusion (increase with T)**
- **Solid state reactions are exothermic, “thermodynamically controlled“: Consequence: No metastable products (see e.g. Zeolites)**
- **Porosity, grain size distribution and contact planes: High reactivity of nanoparticles / colloids (low CN)**

# 4.1 HT-synthesis

## Practical work

### Experimental consequences:

- (1) large contact areas
- (2) small path lengths
- (3) small pore volume



*Reactive sintering:  
pellets of fine powders*

### Problems / Pitfalls:

- “Chemical problems” of containers materials: use of reactive materials  
remedy: double / coated containers
- “Physical problems” of containers: compatible expansion/compression coefficients, sufficiently stable to withstand pressure
- Separation of educts, remedy: special furnaces, reduced free volume, tricks
- No intrinsic purification processes

Ex.:  $2 \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{SiO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4 + 2\text{CO}_2$  (800 °C, 24 h)

- Li-compounds are highly reactive against containers (use of Au)
- Production of a gas, consequence: cracking of containers

# 4.1 HT-synthesis

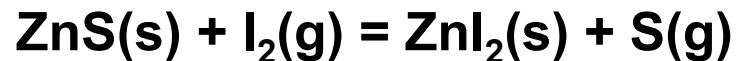
## Tricks

- Application of a “gaseous solvent” *chemical or vapour phase transport*  
Ex.:  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s}) + 3/2 \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2 \text{CrO}_3(\text{g})$   
 $\text{MgO}(\text{s}) + 2 \text{CrO}_3(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{MgCr}_2\text{O}_4(\text{s}) + 3/2 \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- Separation of educts in a temperature gradient (to avoid explosions)  
Ex.:  $2 \text{Ga}(\text{l}) + 3 \text{S}(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{Ga}_2\text{S}_3(\text{g})$
- Use of precursors for reactive educts  
Ex.: Thermal decomposition of  $\text{MN}_3$  (M = Na, K, Rb, Cs)  
Thermal release of reactive gases: ( $\text{O}_2$ :  $\text{MnO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ :  $\text{BaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ :  $\text{LnH}_2$ )  
Coprecipitation and thermal decomposition (e.g. oxalates to oxides)
- Use of fluxes  
Ex.:  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 + 5 \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \rightarrow 2 \text{LiFe}_5\text{O}_8 + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$  (incompl. :grind-fire-regrind, etc.)  
Or: Flux of  $\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  (dissolves  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ , remove flux with water)
- Metathesis reaction  
Ex.:  $2\text{GaCl}_3 + 3\text{Na}_2\text{Te} \rightarrow \text{Ga}_2\text{Te}_3 + 6\text{NaCl}$ , very exothermic!

# 4.2 CVT

## Introduction

A solid is dissolved in the gas phase at one place ( $T=T_1$ ) by reaction with a transporting agent (e.g.  $I_2$ ). At another place ( $T=T_2$ ) the solid is condensed again. Use of a temperature gradient.



- Used for purification and synthesis of single crystals (fundamental research)
- Reactions with large absolute value of  $\Delta H^\circ$  gives no measurable transport
- The sign of  $\Delta H^\circ$  determines the direction of transport:
  - exothermic reactions: transport from cold to hot*
  - endothermic reactions: transport from hot to cold.*

# 4.2 CVT

## Examples

- **Mond-process:  $\text{Ni(s)} + 4 \text{CO(g)} = \text{Ni(CO)}_4\text{(g)}$   
 $\Delta H^\circ = -300 \text{ kJ/mol}$ , transport from  $80^\circ$  to  $200^\circ\text{C}$**
- **Van Arkel / De Boer:  $\text{Zr(s)} + 2 \text{I}_2\text{(g)} = \text{ZrI}_4\text{(g)}$ ; (280 to  $1450^\circ\text{C}$ )**
- **$\text{Si(s)} + \text{SiX}_4\text{(g)} = 2 \text{SiX}_2\text{(g)}$ ; ( $1100^\circ$  to  $900^\circ$ )**
- **Mixtures of Cu and  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ :**
  - $3 \text{Cu(s)} + 3 \text{HCl(g)} = \text{Cu}_3\text{Cl}_3\text{(g)} + (3/2) \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$ ; (High T to Low T)**
  - $3/2 \text{Cu}_2\text{O(s)} + 3 \text{HCl(g)} = \text{Cu}_3\text{Cl}_3\text{(g)} + 3/2 \text{H}_2\text{O(g)}$ ; (Low T to High T)**
- **Transport of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O(s)}$ :**
  - $3/2 \text{Cu}_2\text{O(s)} + 3 \text{HCl(g)} = \text{Cu}_3\text{Cl}_3\text{(g)} + 3/2 \text{H}_2\text{O(g)}$ ; (Low T to High T)**
  - $\text{Cu}_2\text{O(s)} + 2 \text{HCl(g)} = 2 \text{CuCl(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)}$ ; (High T to Low T)**