

# Layered Compounds

## Two-dimensional layers

Graphite and Graphene

Clay Minerals

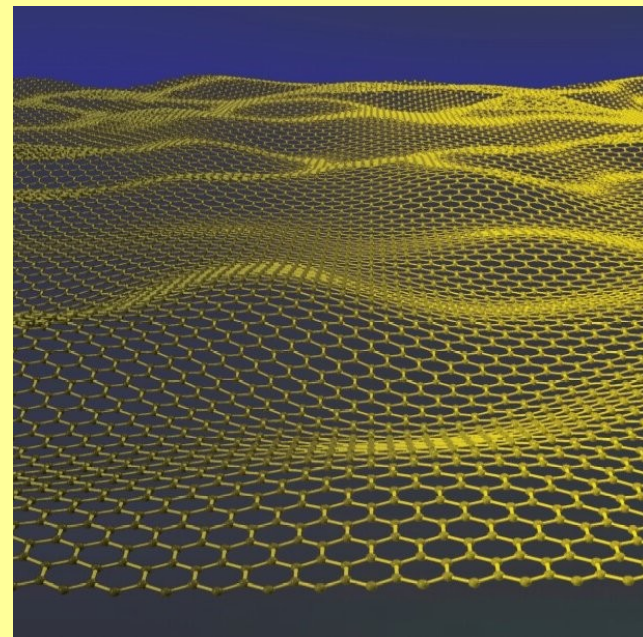
Layered Double Hydroxides (LDHs)

Layered Zirconium Phosphates and Phosphonates

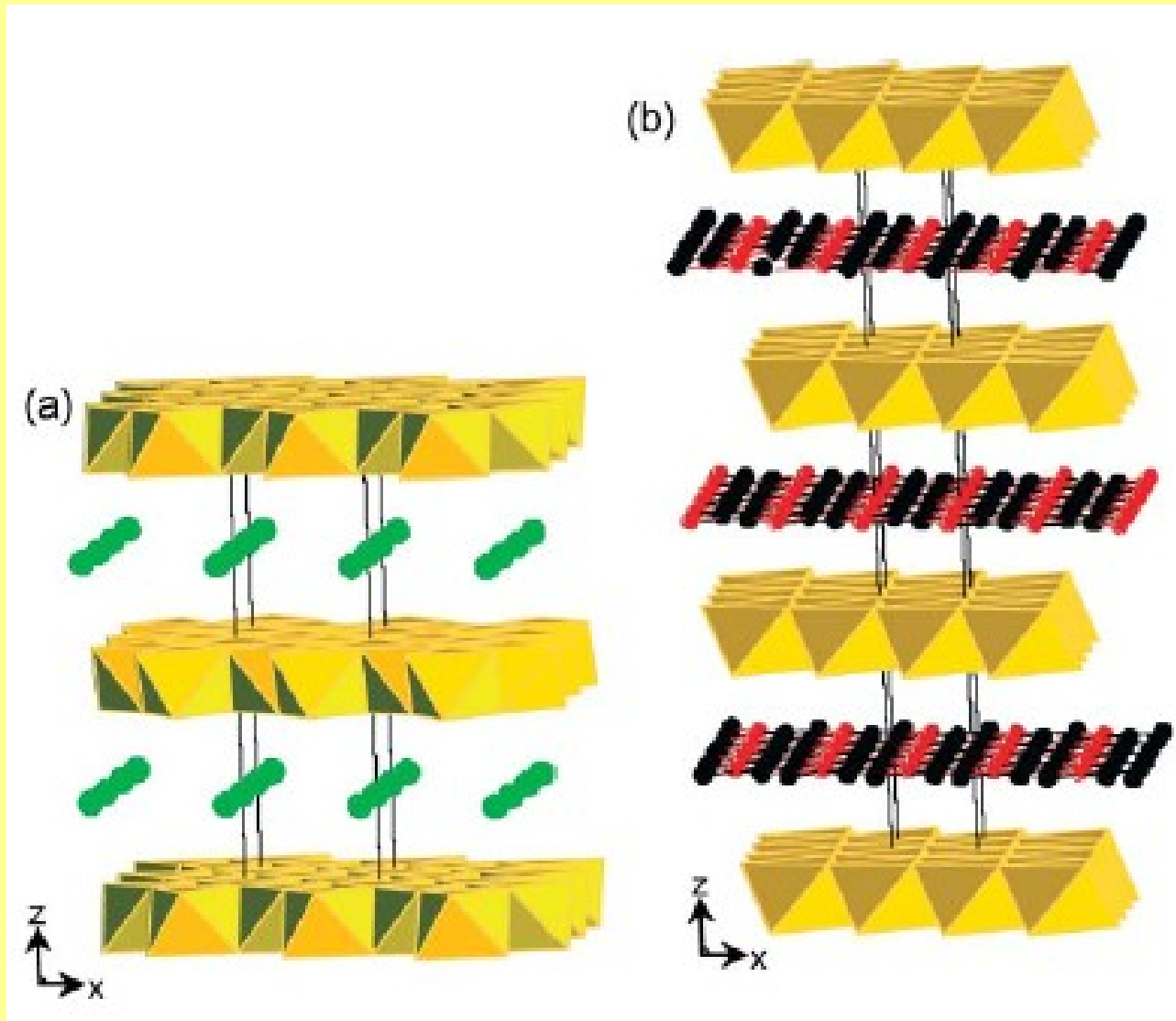
Layered Metal Oxides

Layered Metal Chalcogenides -  $\text{TiS}_2$ ,  $\text{MPS}_3$  (M = V, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Zn)

Alkali Silicates and Crystalline Silicic Acids



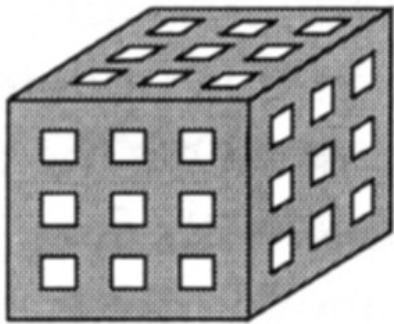
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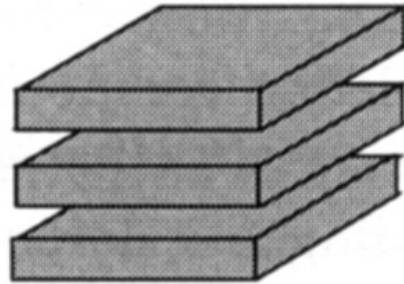
# Host-Guest Structures

Host dimensionality

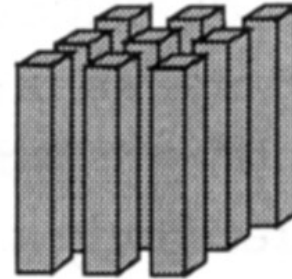
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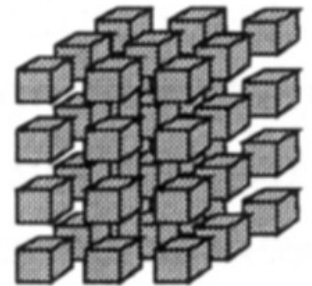
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1D



0D

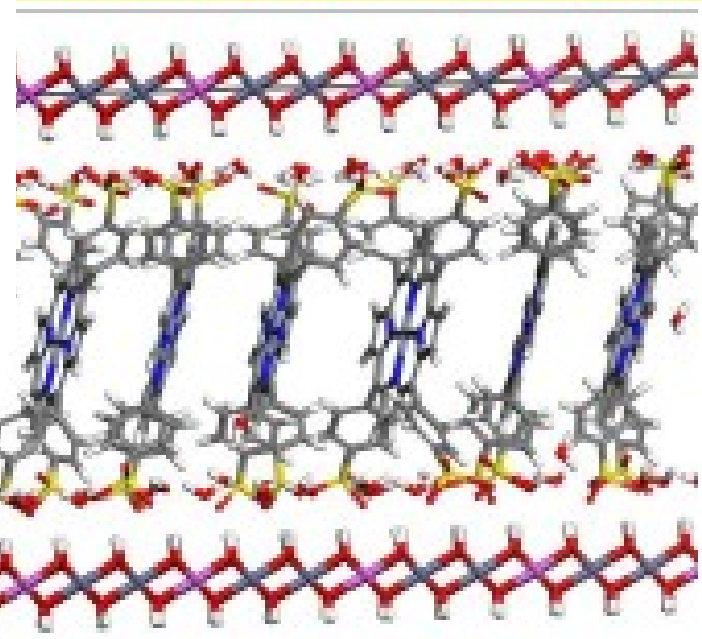
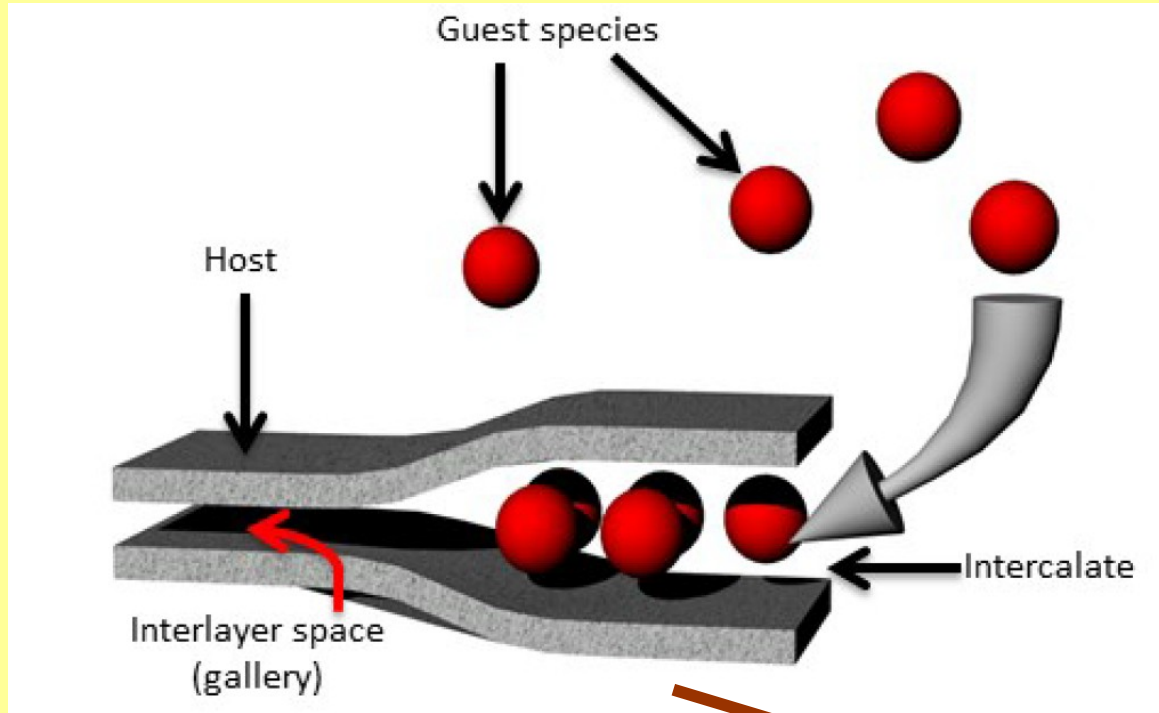


**TOPOTACTIC SOLID-STATE REACTIONS = modifying existing solid state structures while maintaining the integrity of the overall structure**

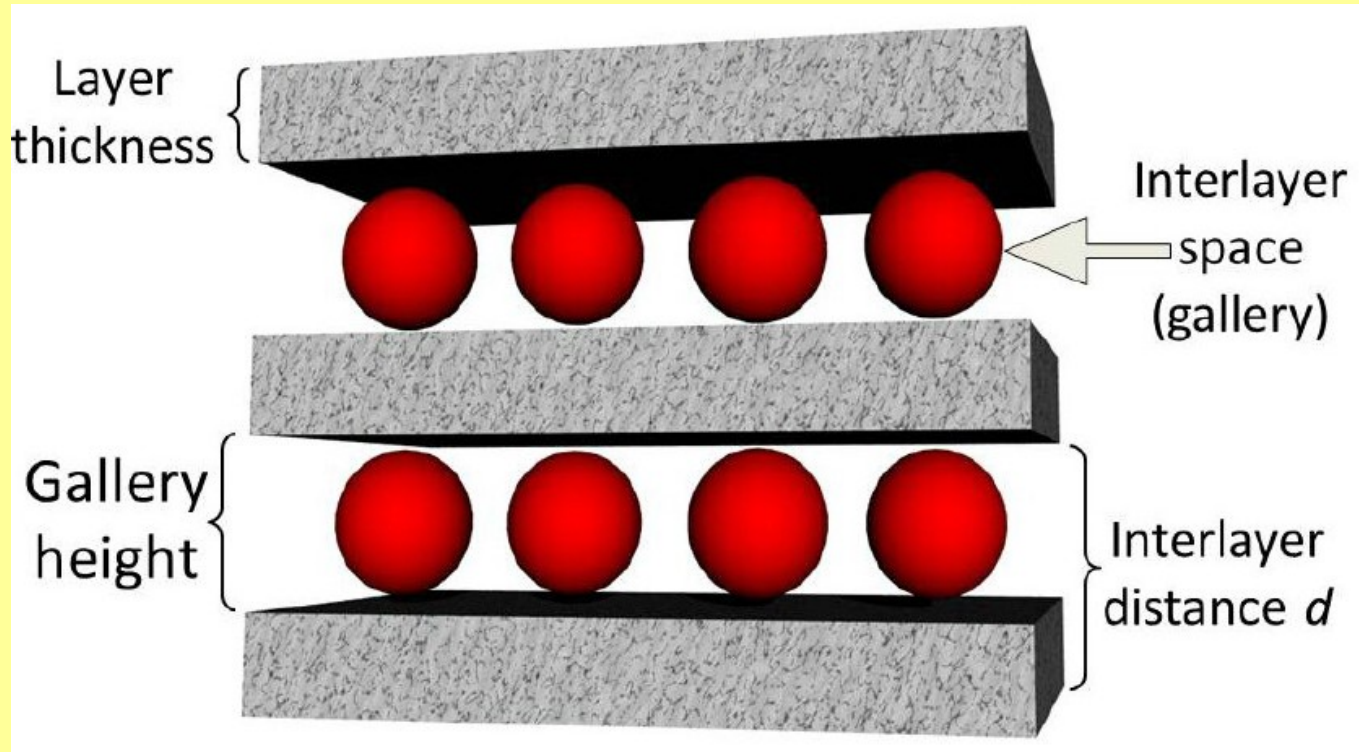
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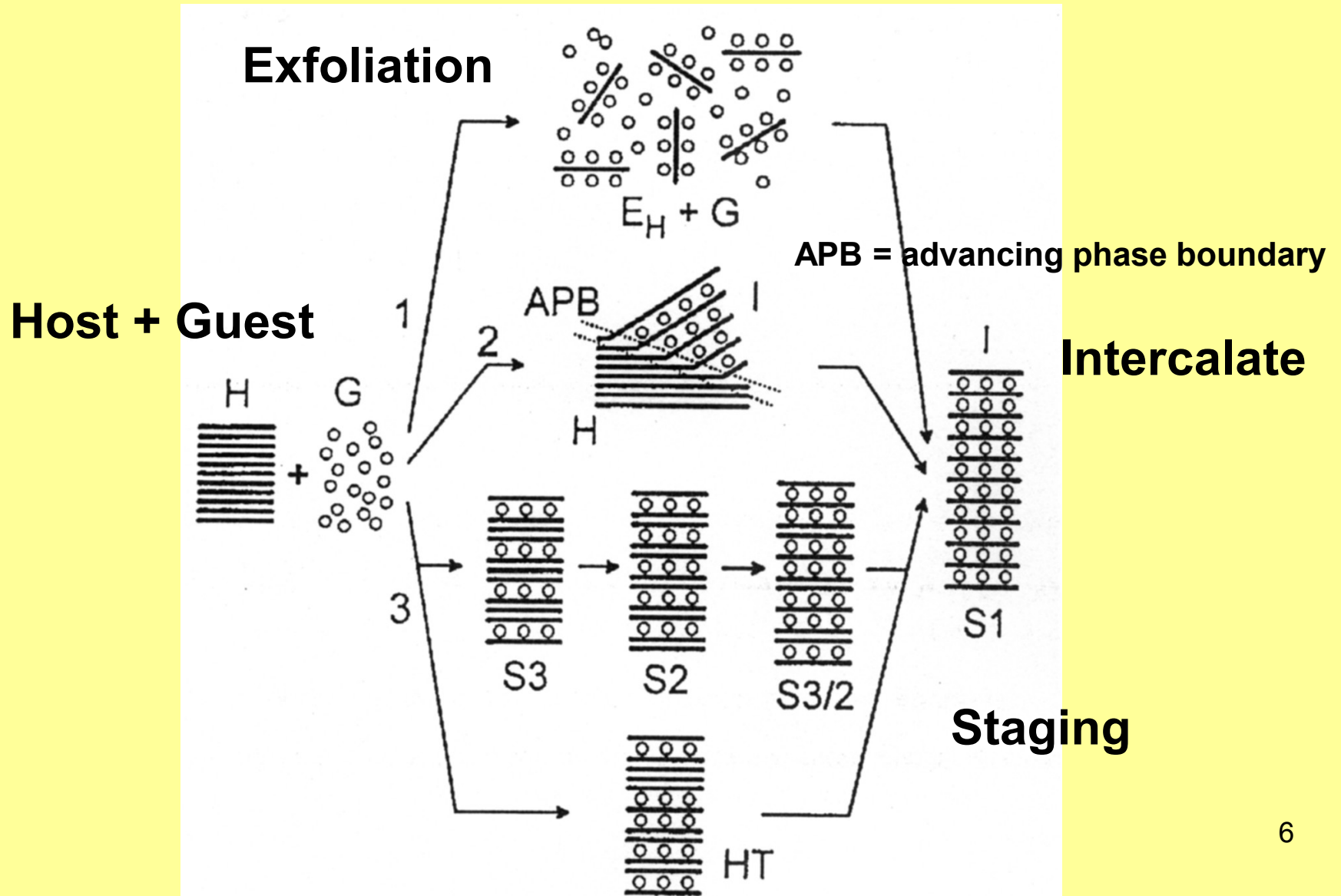
Insertion of molecules between layers



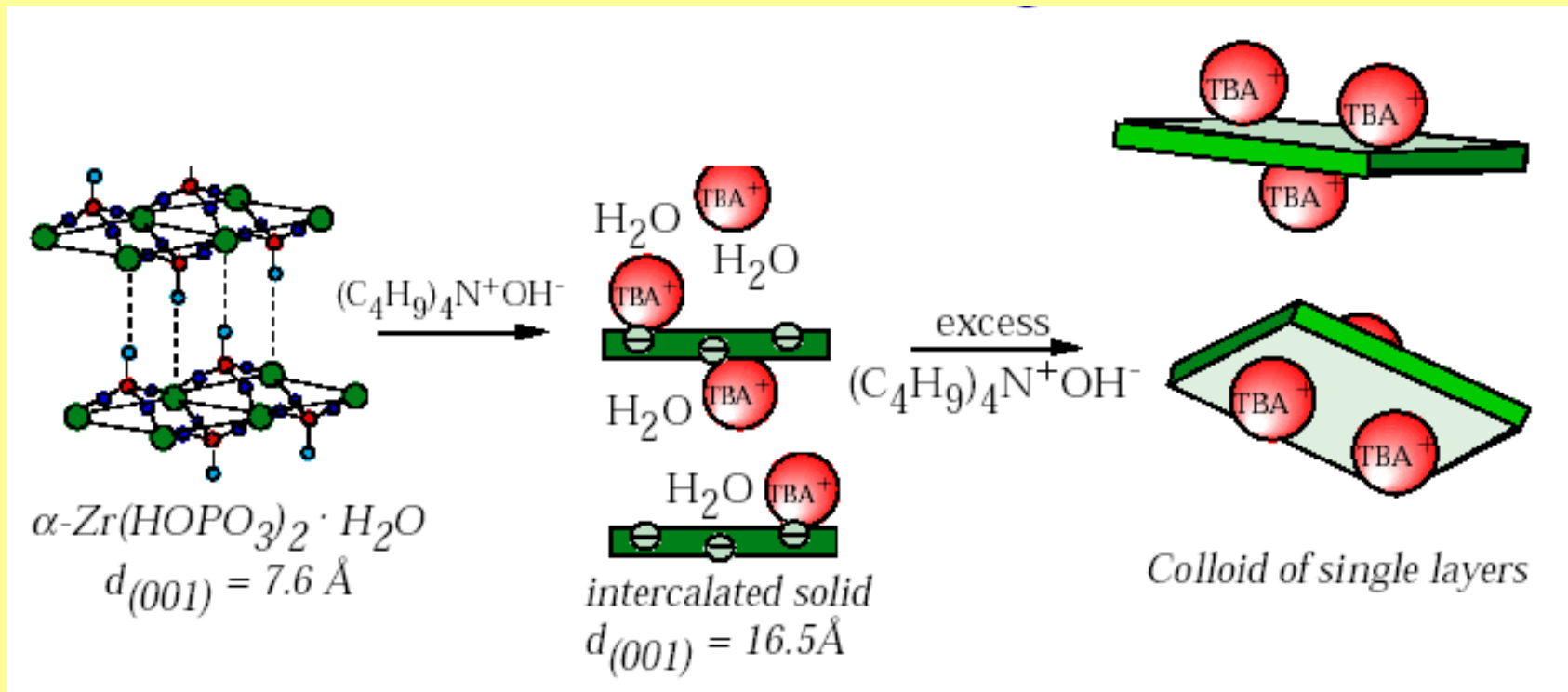
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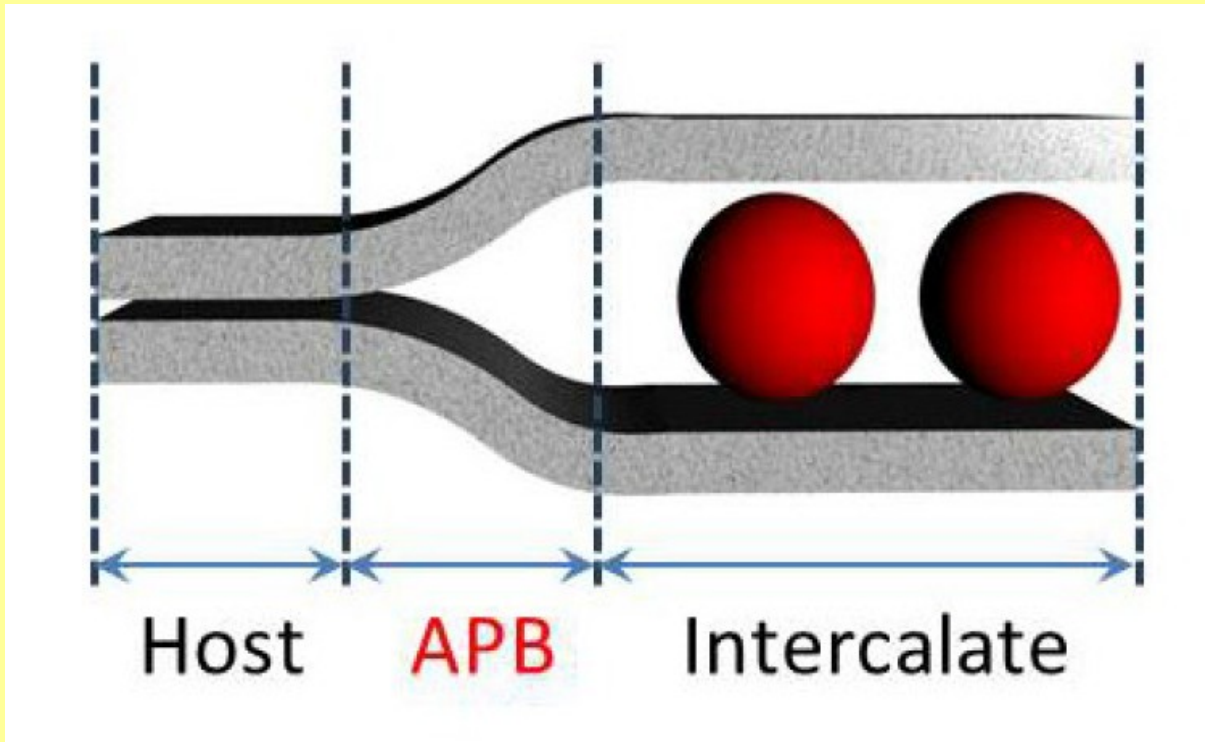
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# Exfoliation



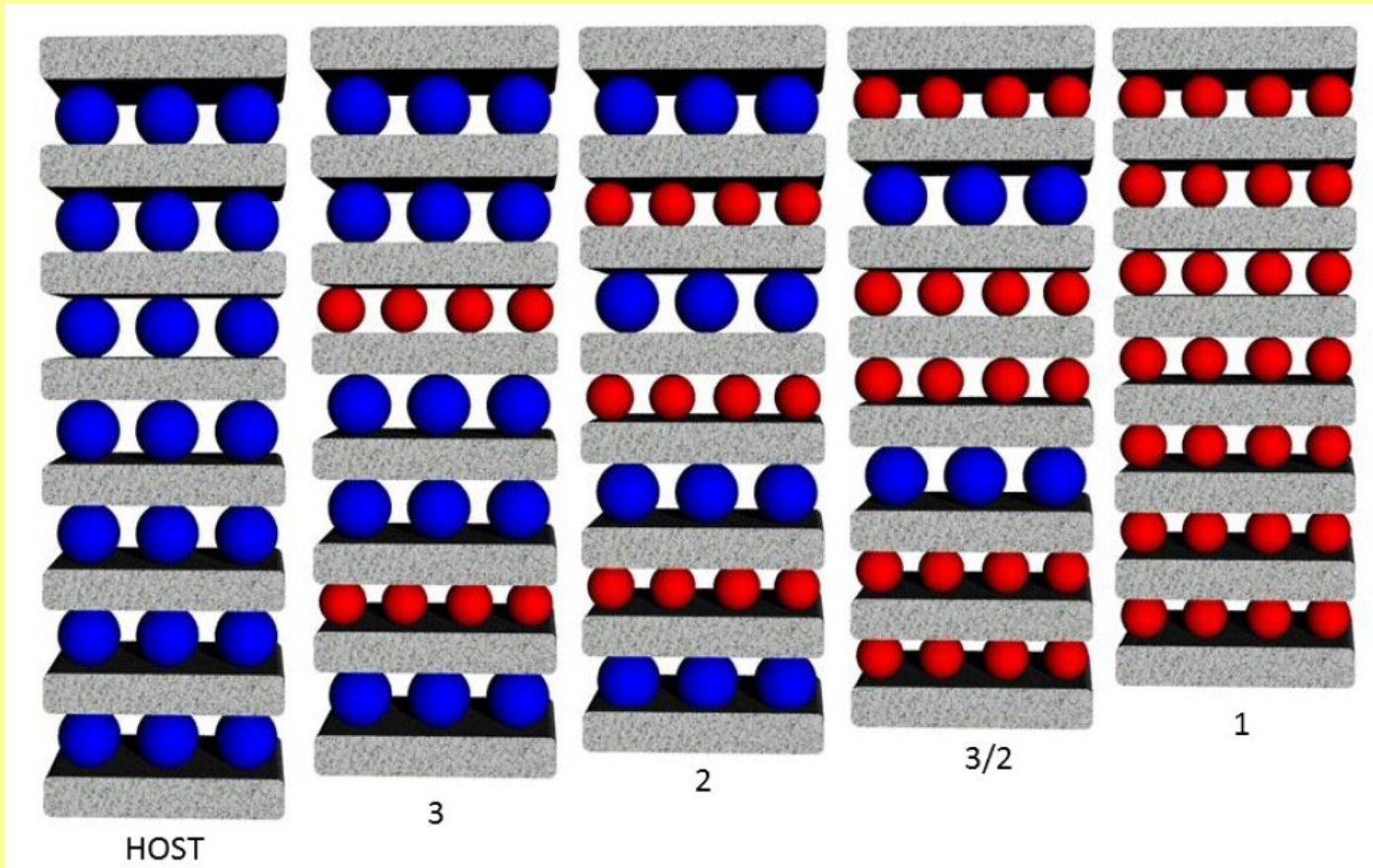
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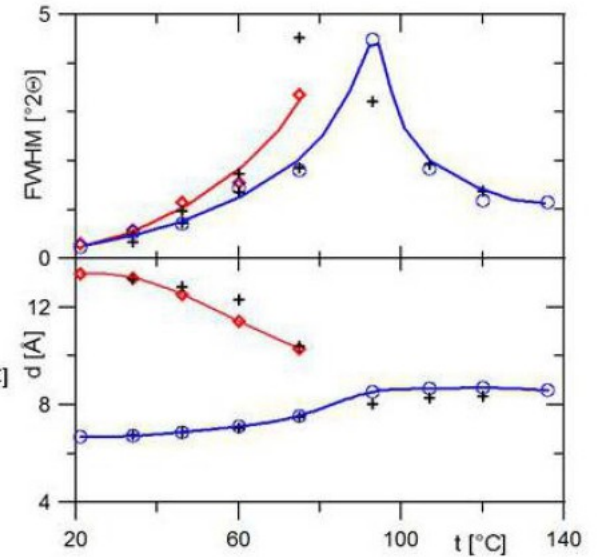
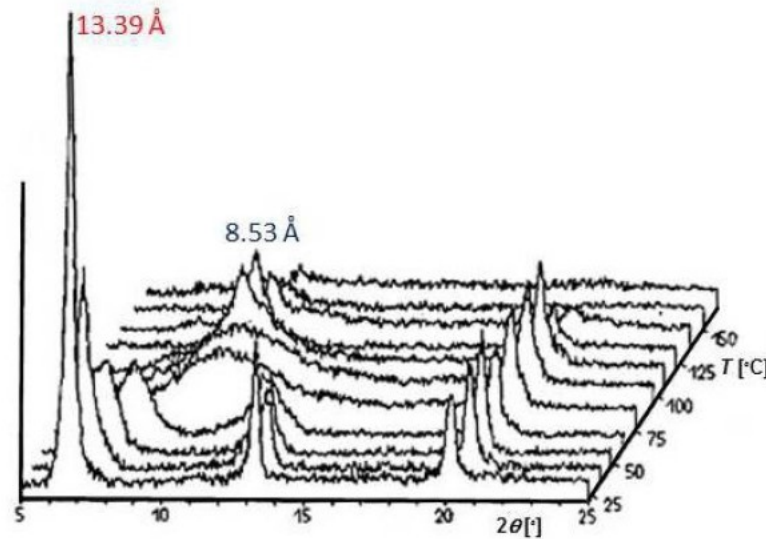
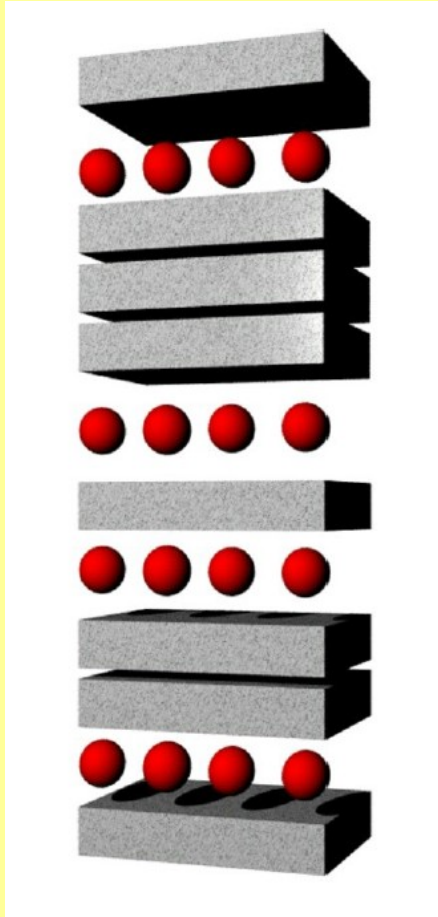
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# Staging

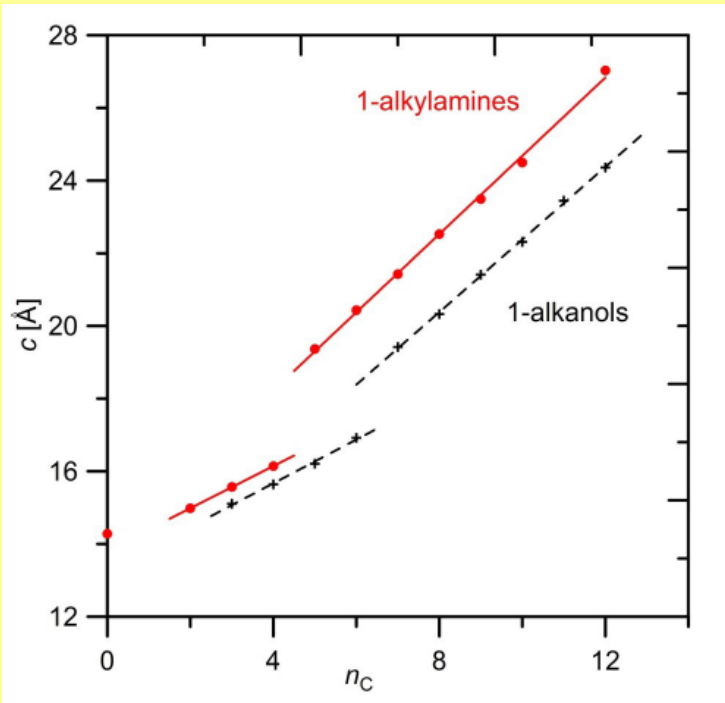


# Hendricks-Teller effect

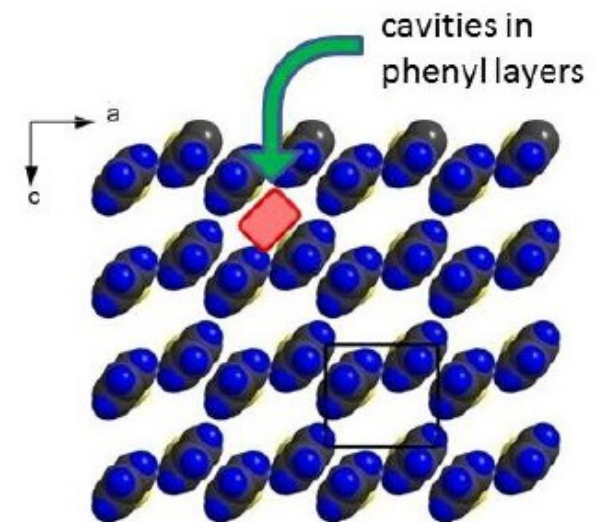
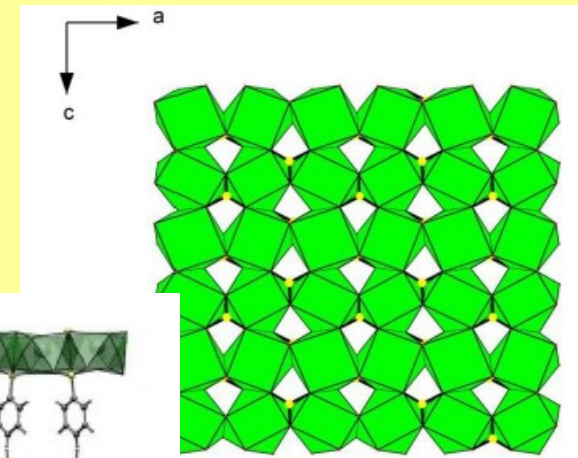
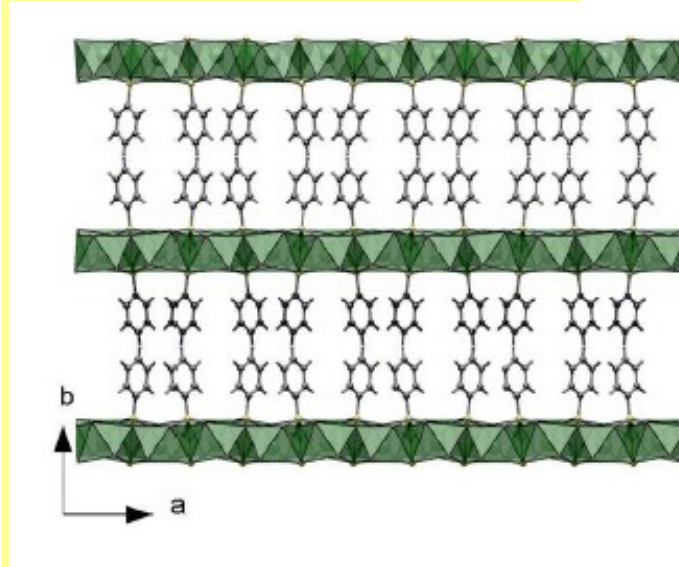


HT = galleries are filled randomly

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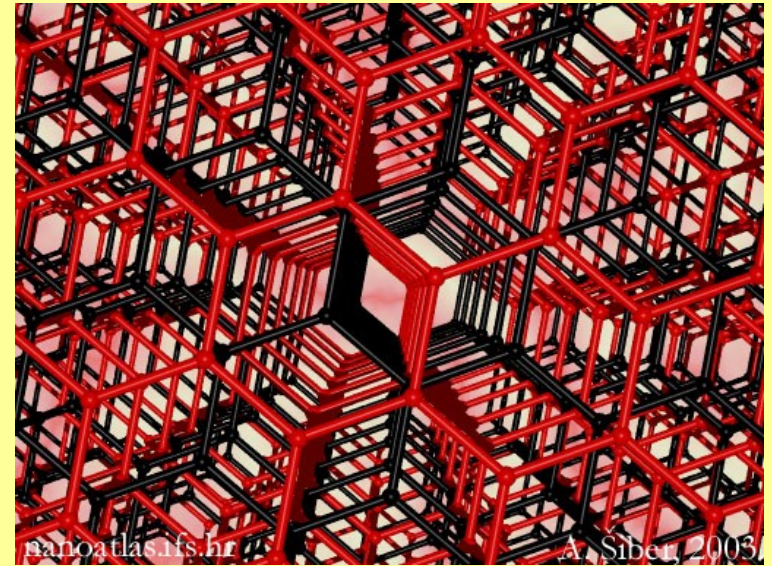
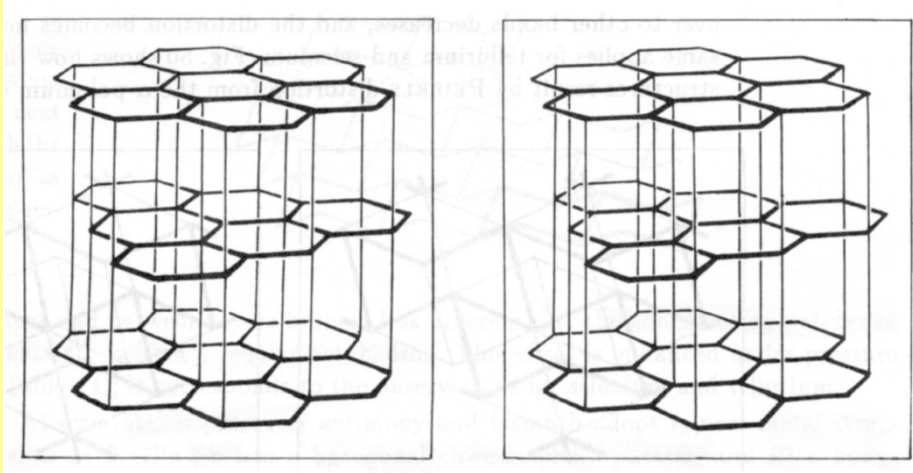


Dependence of the basal spacing of the intercalates of the alkylamines (circles) and alkanols (crosses) on the number of carbon atoms  $n_C$  in  $\text{SrC}_6\text{H}_5\text{PO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$



# Graphite

**ABABAB**



**Graphite  $sp^2$  sigma-bonding in-plane p-p-bonding out of plane  
Hexagonal graphite = two-layer ABAB stacking sequence**

**SALCAOs of the p-p-type create the valence and conduction bands of graphite, very small band gap, metallic conductivity properties in-plane,  $10^4$  times that of out-of plane conductivity**

# Graphite

## GRAPHITE INTERCALATION

**G (s) + K (melt or vapour) → C<sub>8</sub>K (bronze)**

**C<sub>8</sub>K (vacuum, heat) → C<sub>24</sub>K → C<sub>36</sub>K → C<sub>48</sub>K → C<sub>60</sub>K**

**C<sub>8</sub>K potassium graphite ordered structure**

**Ordered K guests between the sheets, K to G charge transfer**

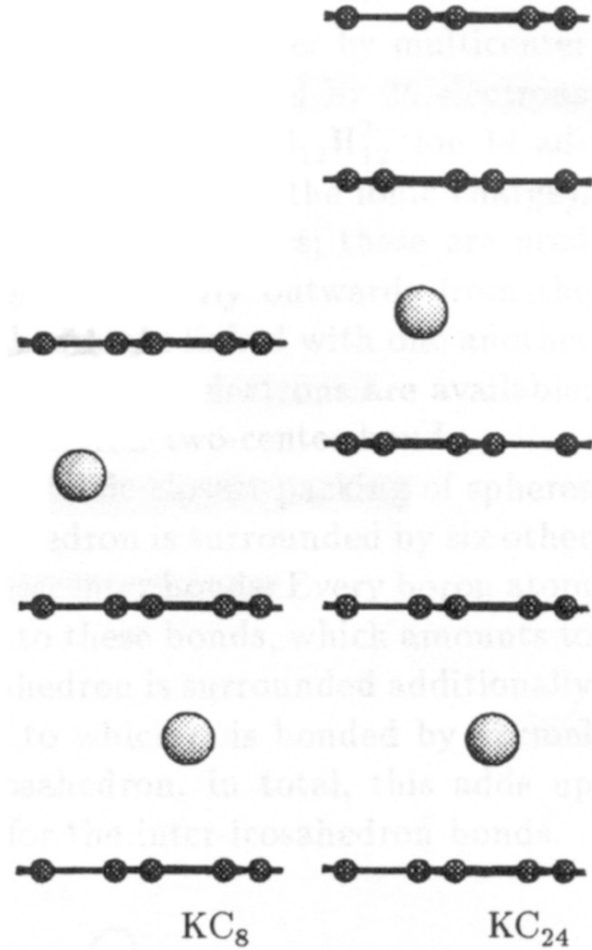
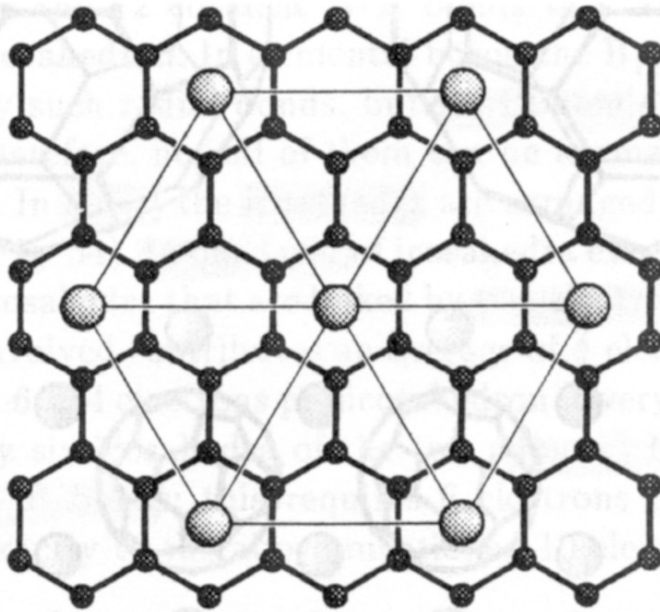
**AAAA stacking sequence**

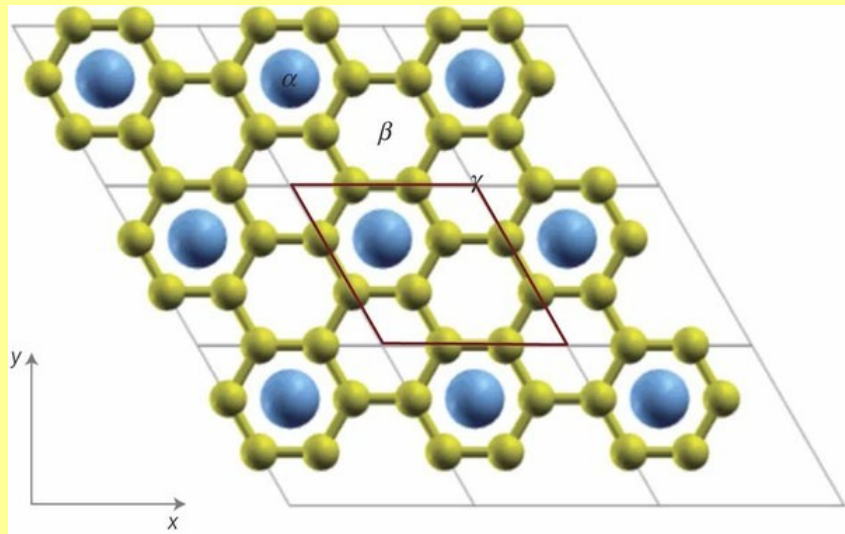
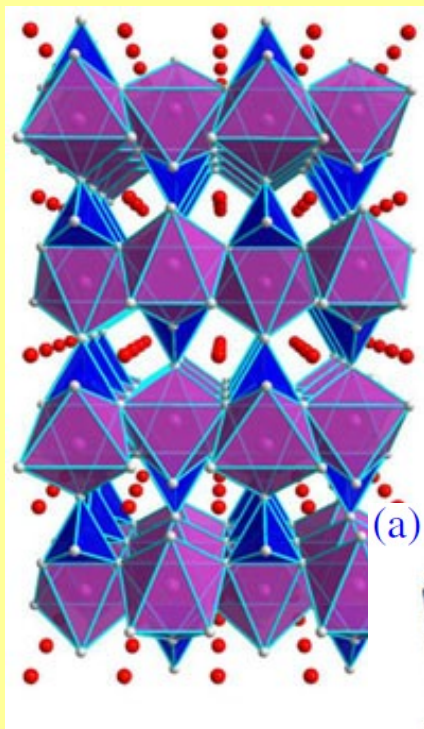
**reduction of graphite sheets, electrons enter CB**

**K nesting between parallel eclipsed hexagonal planar carbon six-rings**

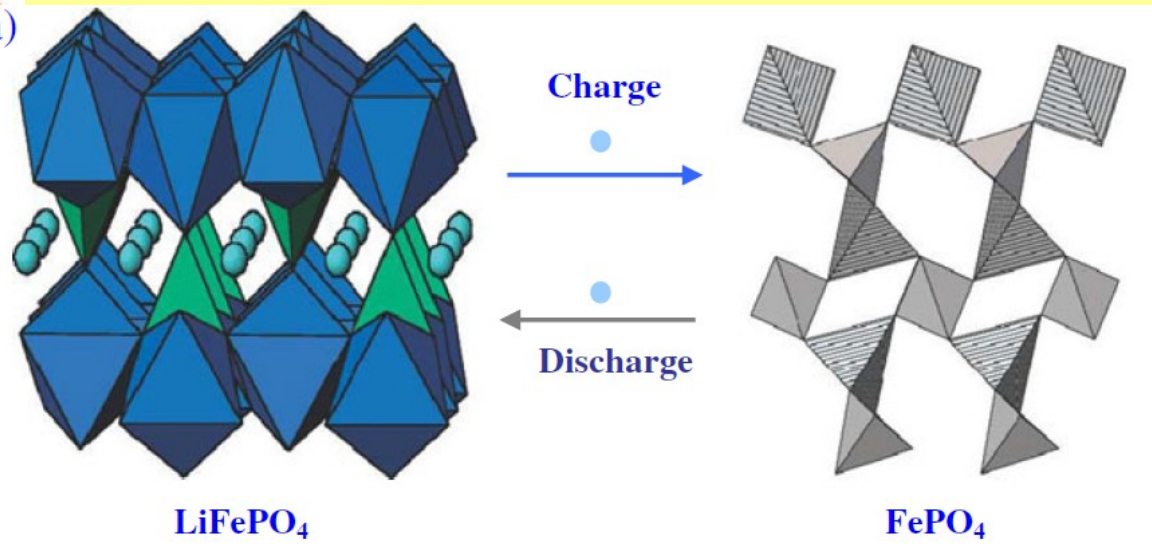
# Graphite

## Intercalates

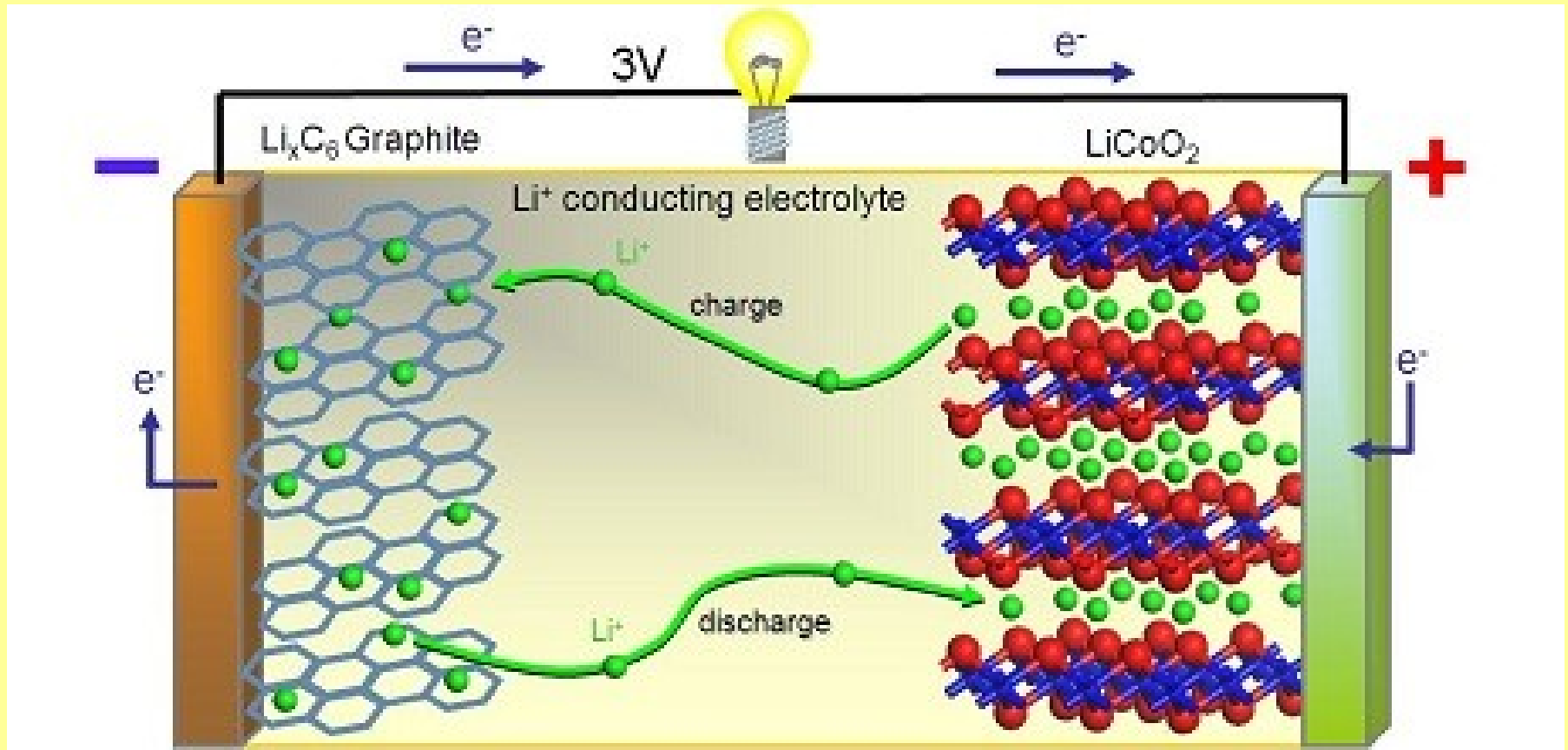




(a)



# Li-ion Cells





# Graphene

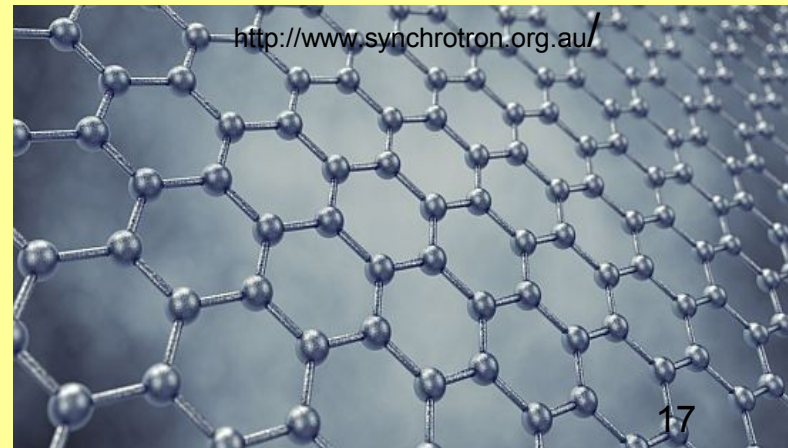
- **Discovery – 2004**
- **Exotic properties:**
  - Firm structure
  - Inert material
  - Hydrofobic character
  - Electric and thermal conductivity
  - High mobility of electrons
  - Specific surface area  
(theoretically):  
 $2630 \text{ m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$



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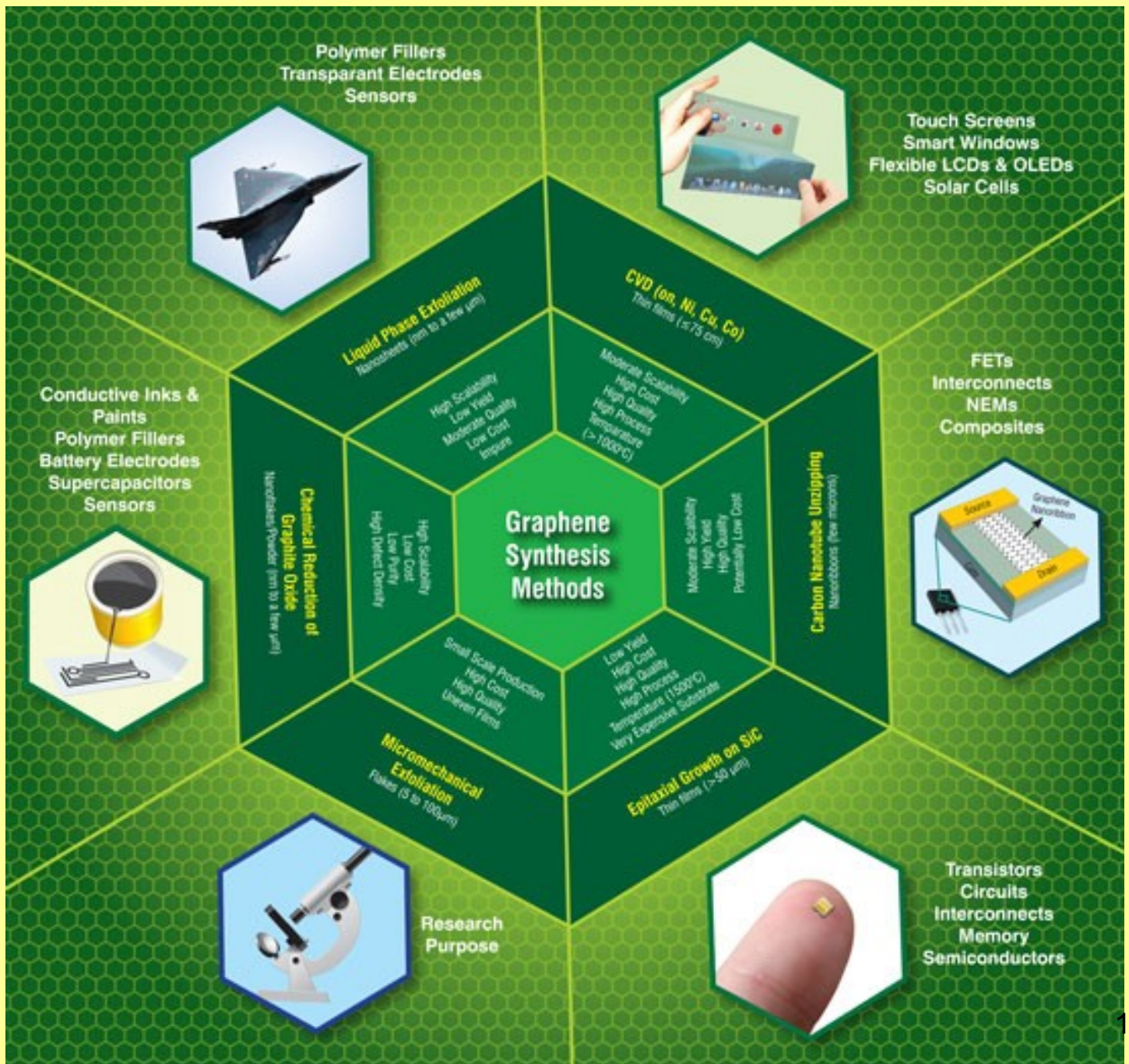


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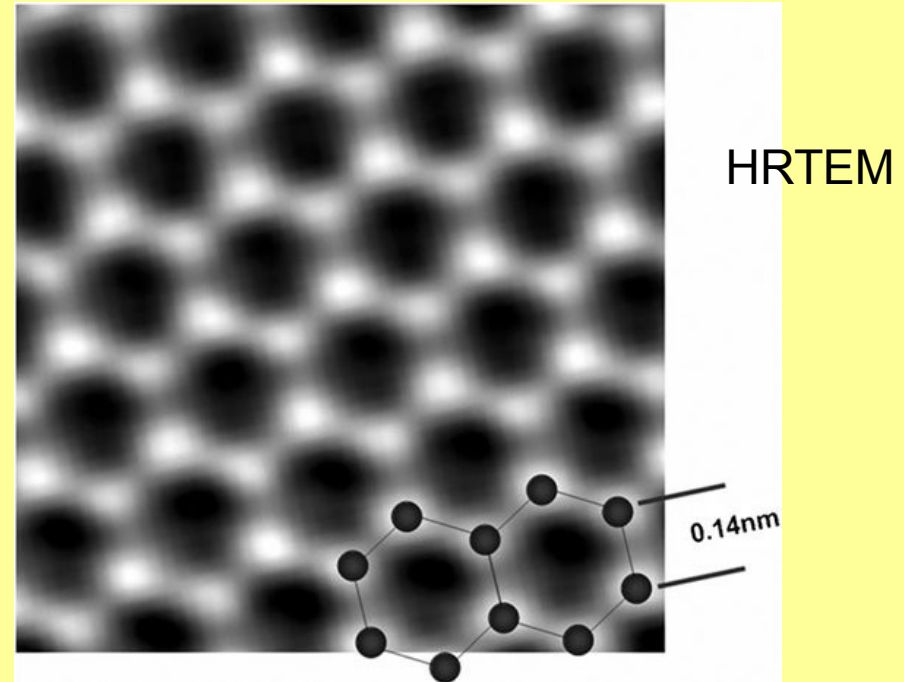


# Synthesis of graphene

- **Top down**
  - Mechanical exfoliation
  - Chemical exfoliation
- **Bottom up**
  - CVD, epitaxial growth, ...
- **Defects**
- **Application: diodes, sensors, solar cell, energy storage, composites, ...**



# Graphene

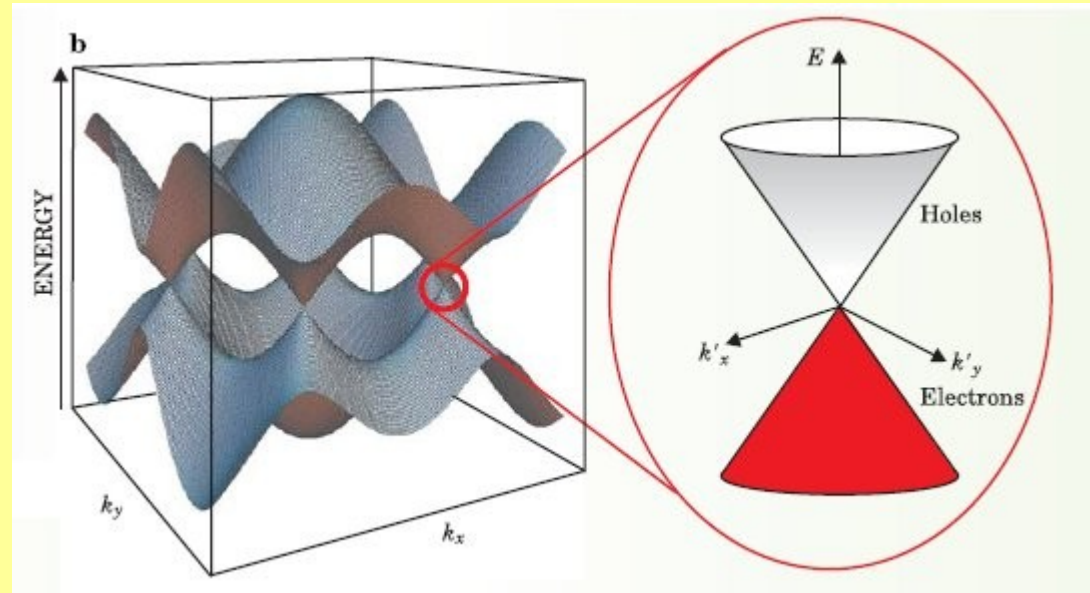
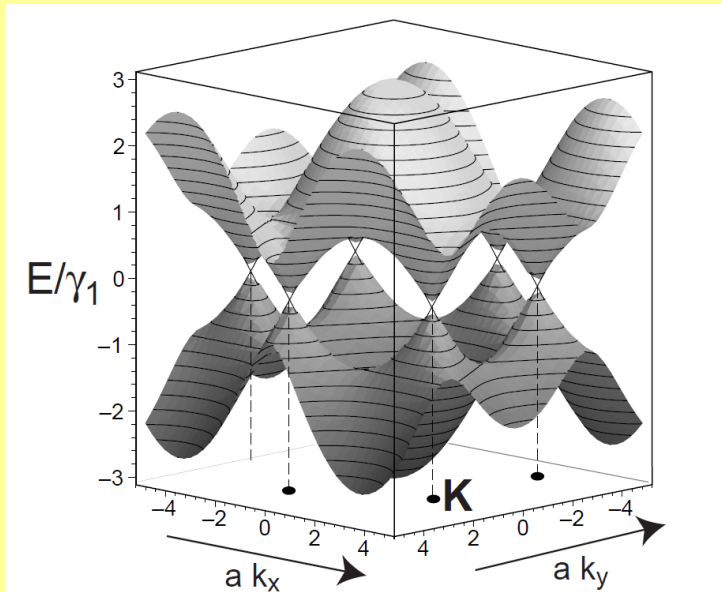


**High electric conductivity (metallic)**

**Optically transparent – 1 layer absorbs 2.3% of photons**

**High mechanical strength**

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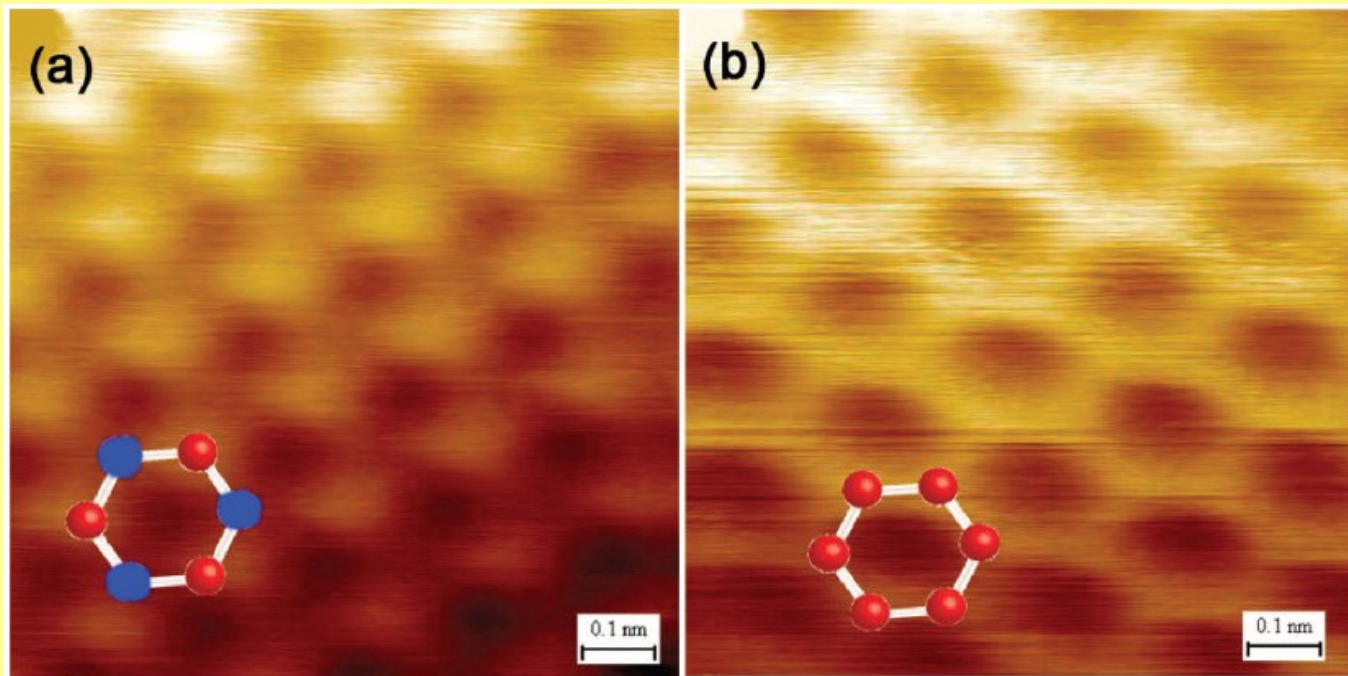


LCAO-band structure of graphene

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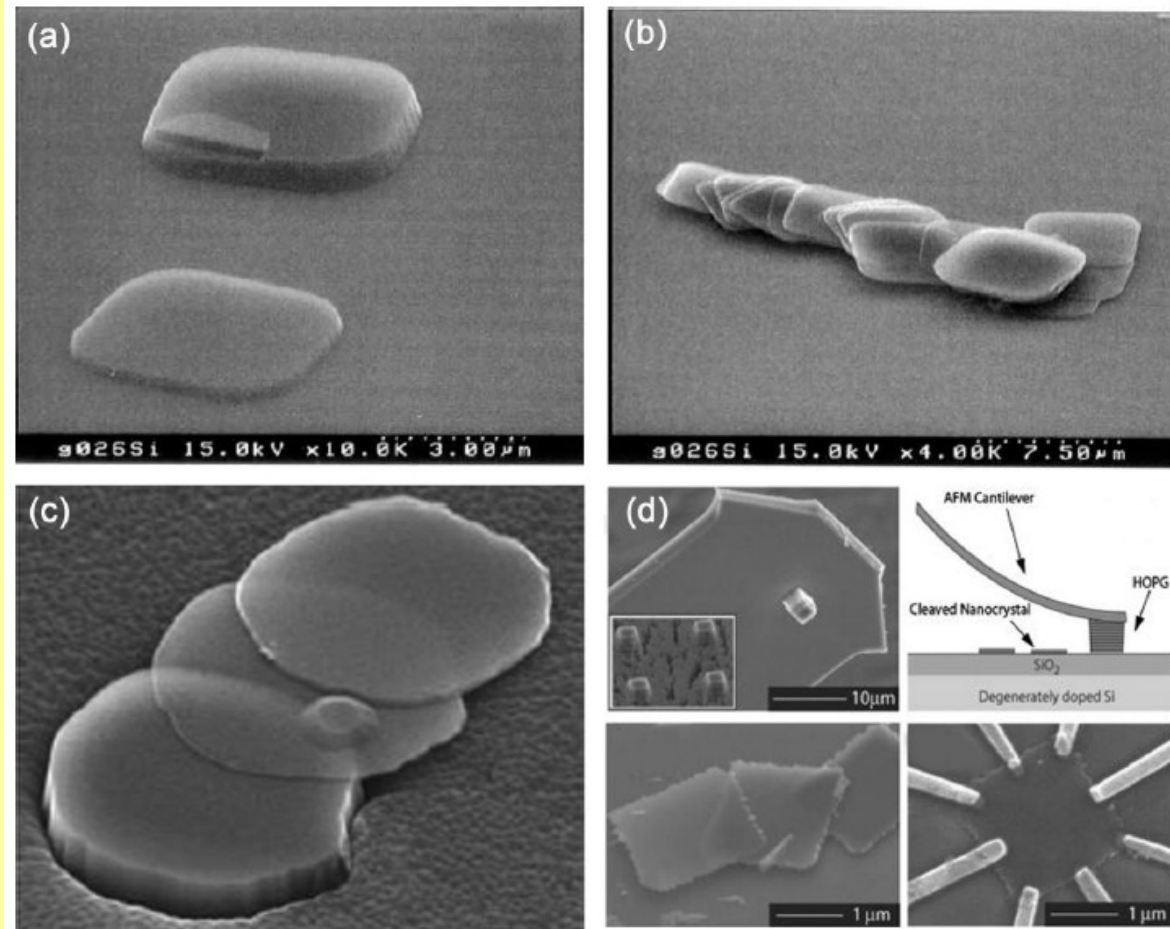
Preparation:

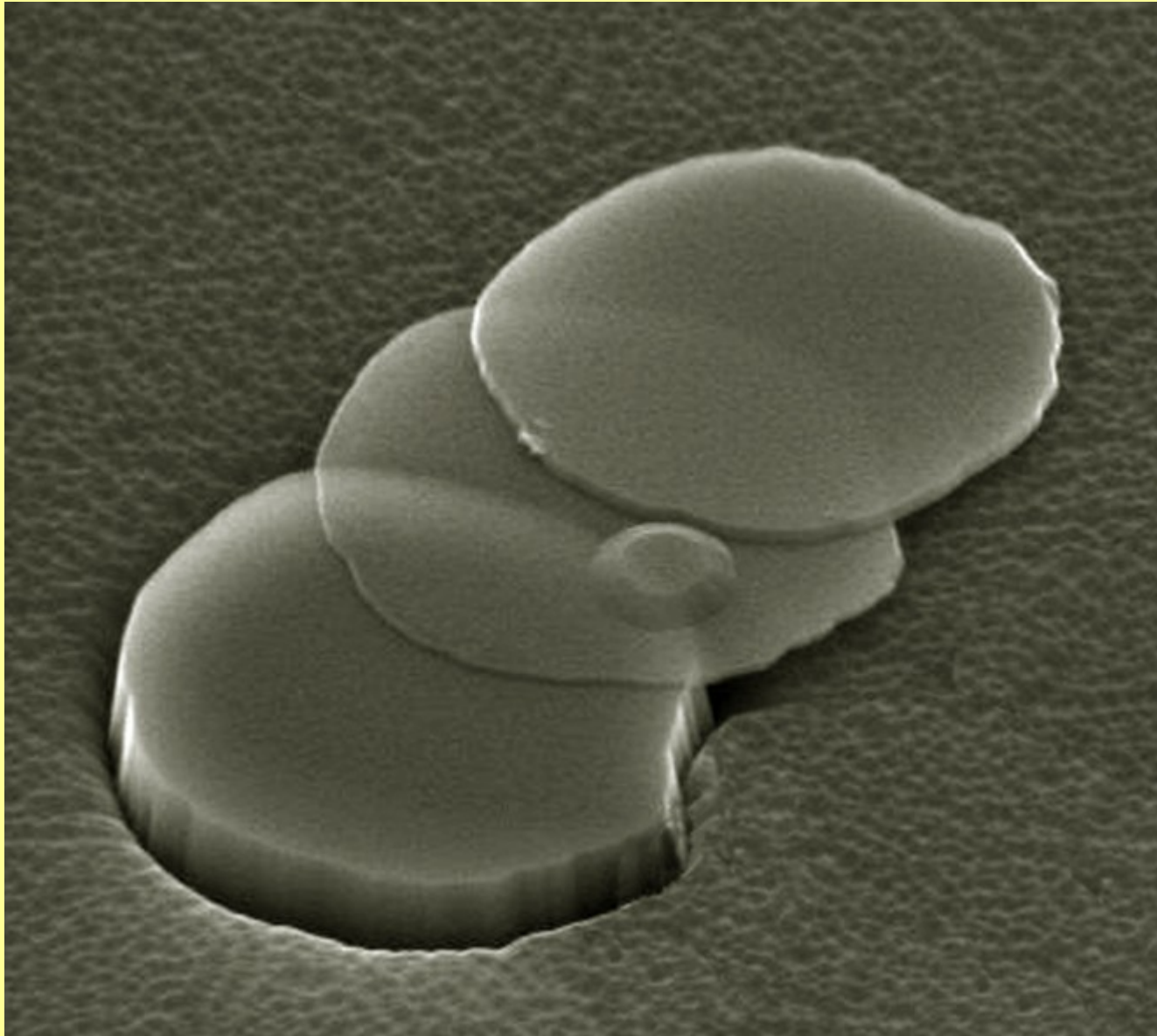
- Scotch tape – layer peeling, flaking
- SiC pyrolysis – epitaxial graphene layer on a SiC crystal
- Exfoliation of graphite (chemical, sonochemical)
- CVD from  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ , or  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_3$  on Ni (111), Cu, Pt surfaces



# Scotch tape – Layer peeling

## Mechanical exfoliation

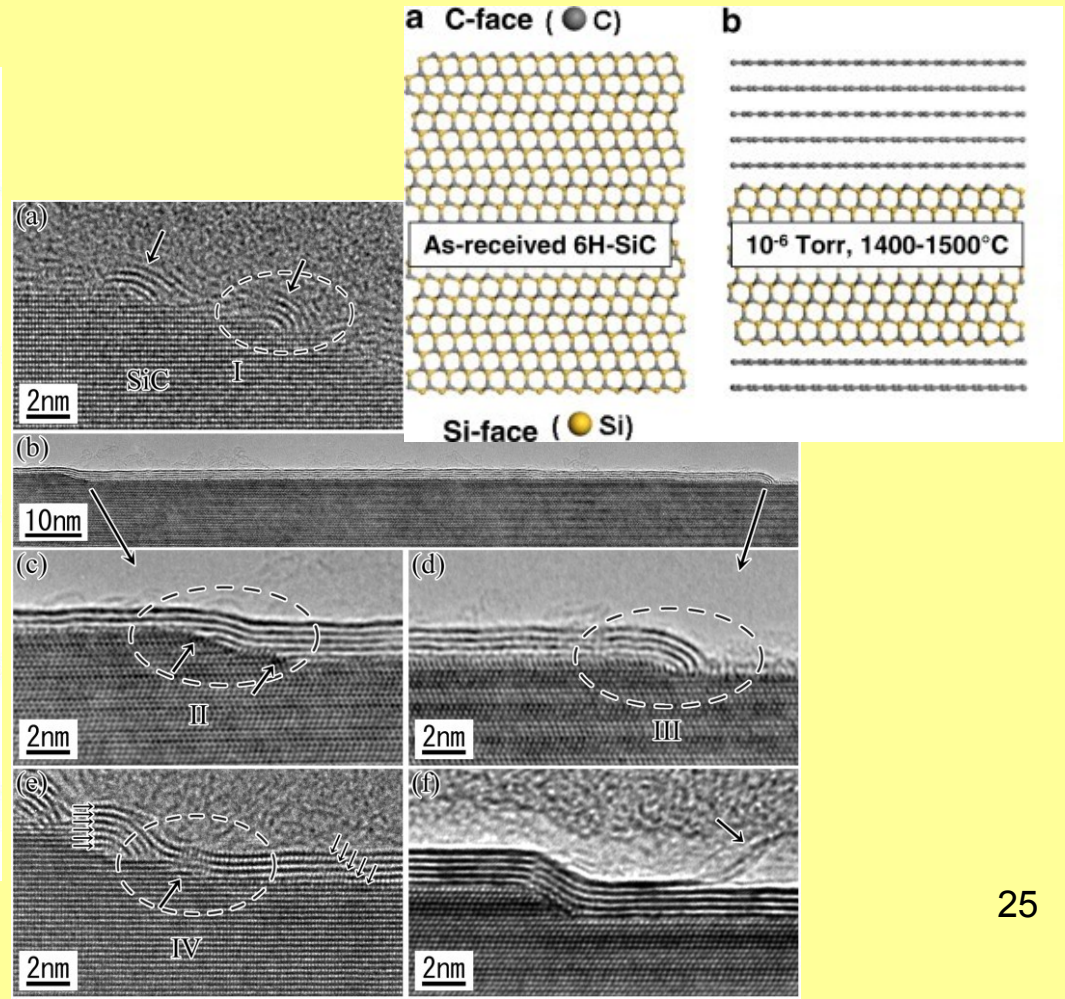
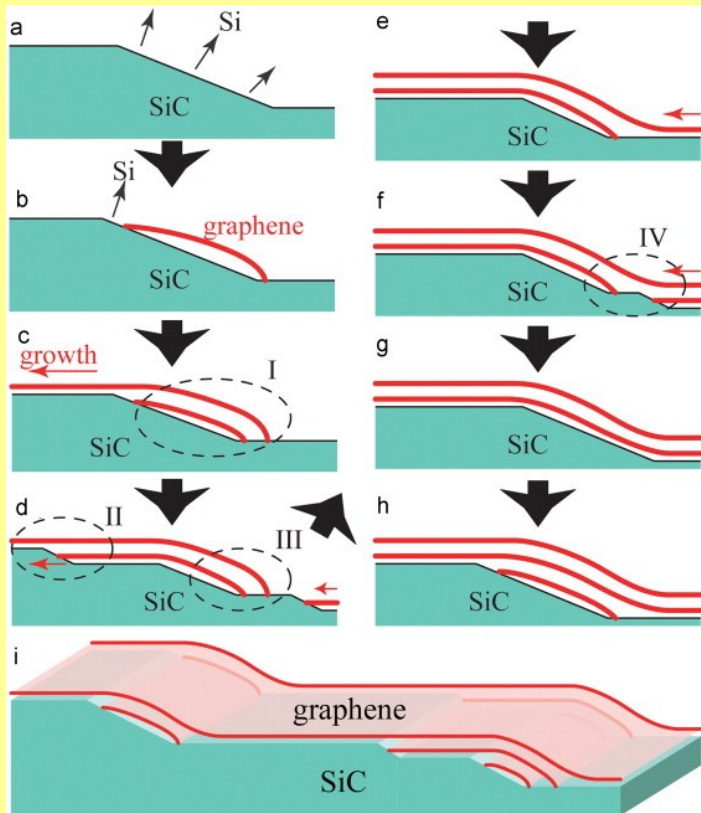






# SiC pyrolysis

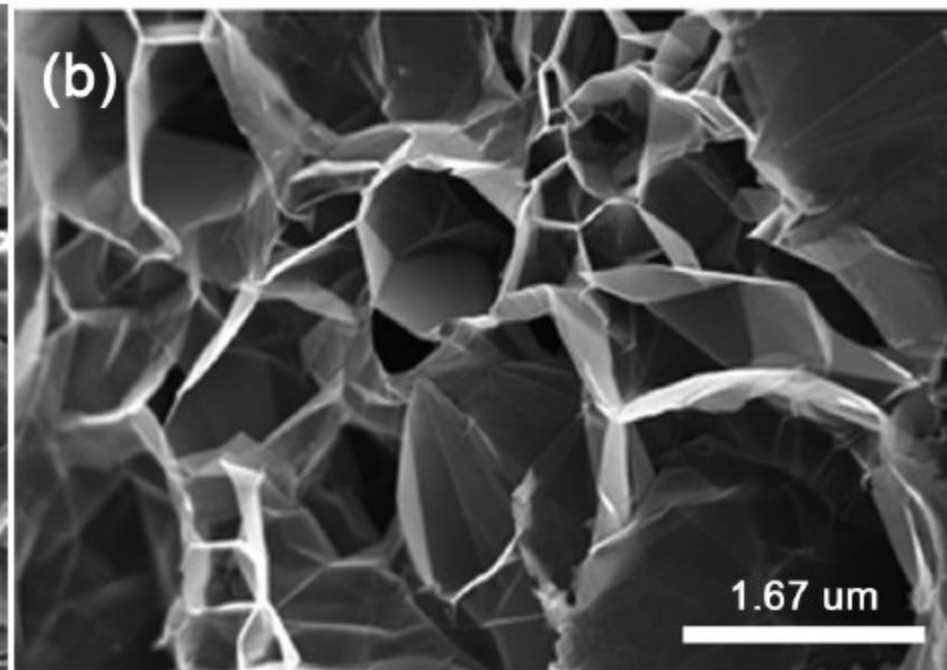
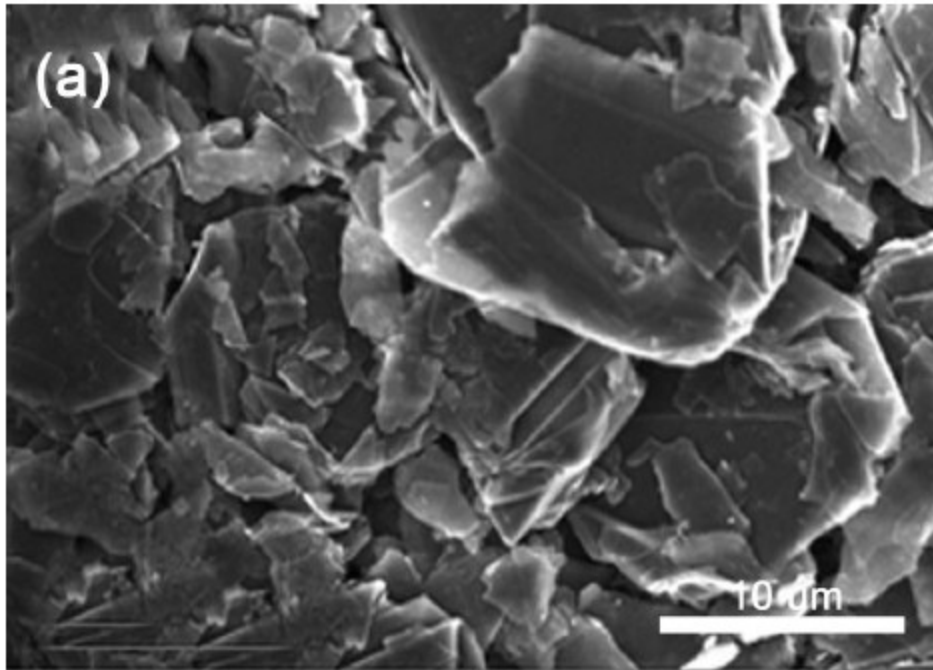
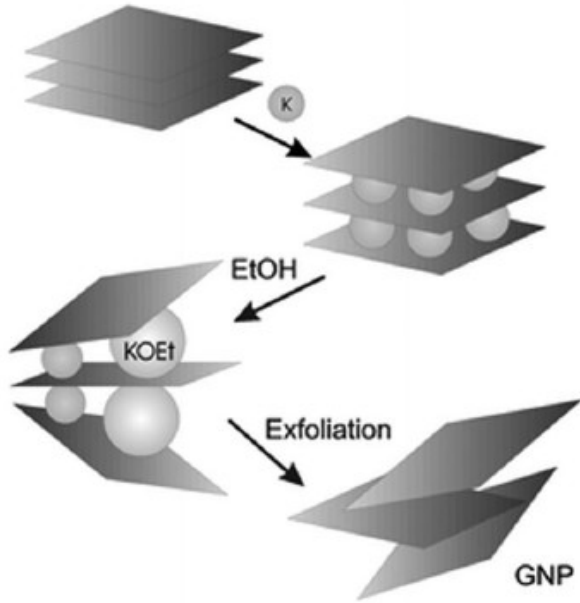
- Annealing of the SiC crystal in a vacuum furnace (UHV  $10^{-10}$  Torr)
- Sublimation of Si from the surface at 1250 - 1450 °C
- The formation of graphene layers by the remaining carbon atoms



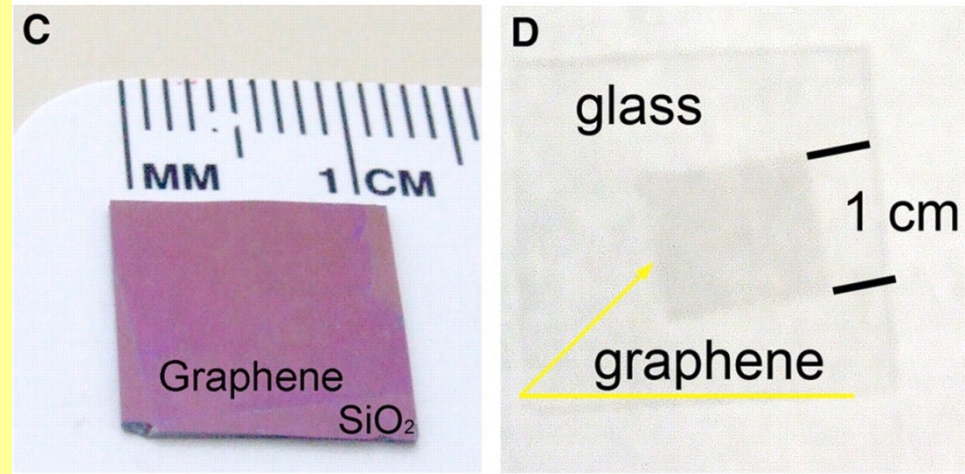
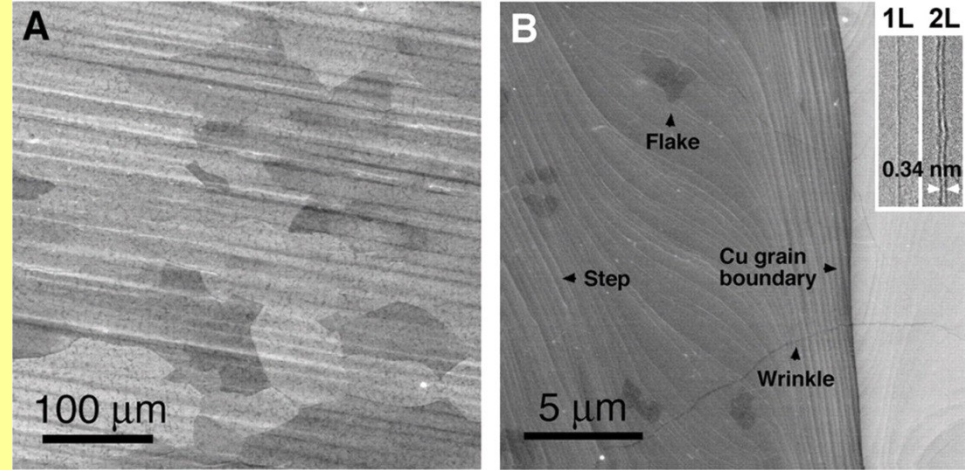
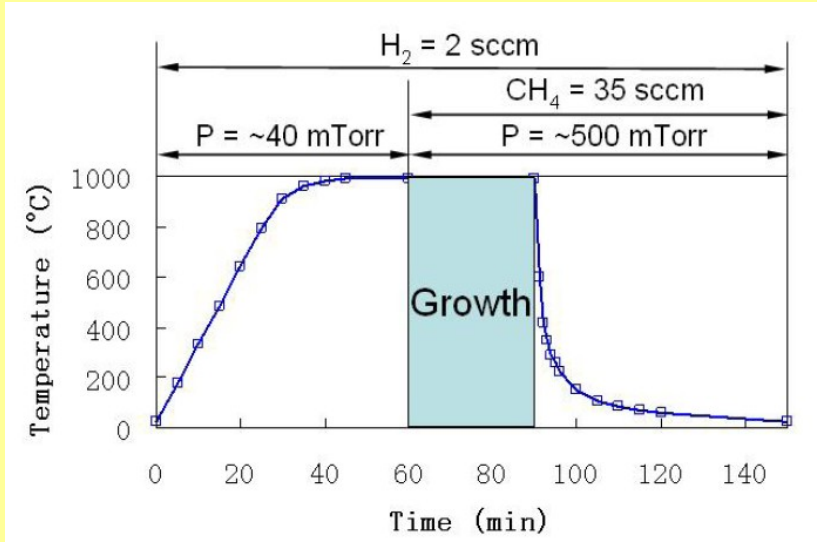
# Exfoliation

Chemical exfoliation (surfactant)

Sonochemical exfoliation



# CVD from CH<sub>4</sub> / H<sub>2</sub> on Metal Surfaces



(A) SEM - graphene on a copper foil  
 (B) High-resolution SEM - Cu grain boundary and steps, two- and three-layer graphene flakes, and graphene wrinkles. Inset (B) TEM images of folded graphene edges. 1L, one layer; 2L, two layers.

Graphene transferred onto  
 (C) a SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si substrate  
 (D) a glass plate

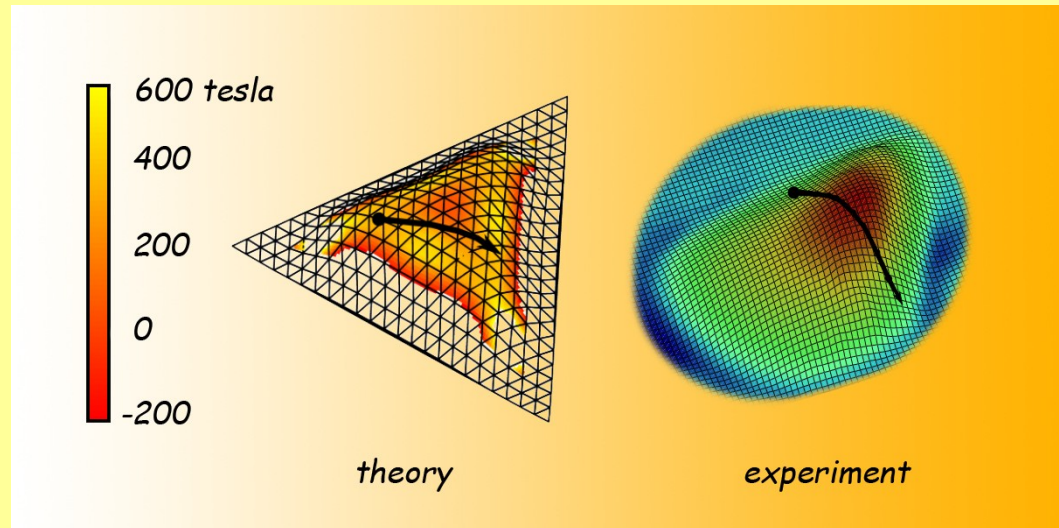
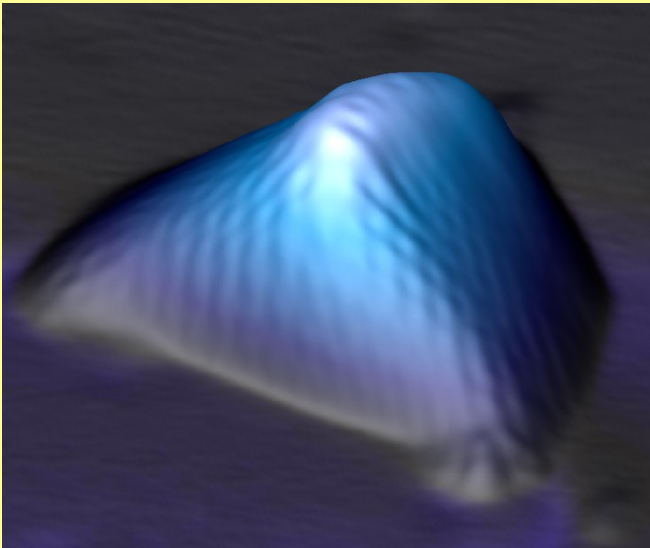
# Graphene on SiO<sub>2</sub>



# Pseudo-magnetism

Graphene on platinum grown from ethylene at high temperatures. Cooled to low temperature to measure STM to a few degrees above absolute zero.

Both the graphene and the platinum contracted – but Pt shrank more, excess graphene pushed up into bubbles, size 4-10 nm x 2-3 nm  
The stress causes electrons to behave as if they were subject to huge magnetic fields around 300 T  
(record high in a lab, max 85 T for a few ms)



# Graphene family

**Graphene**

**hBN**

**BCN**

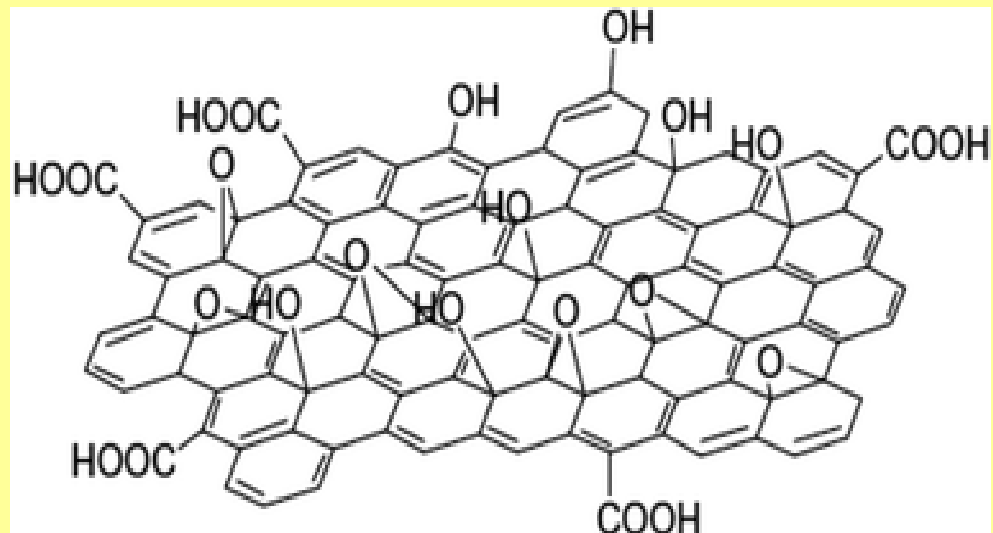
**Fluorographene**

**graphene oxide**

**C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>**

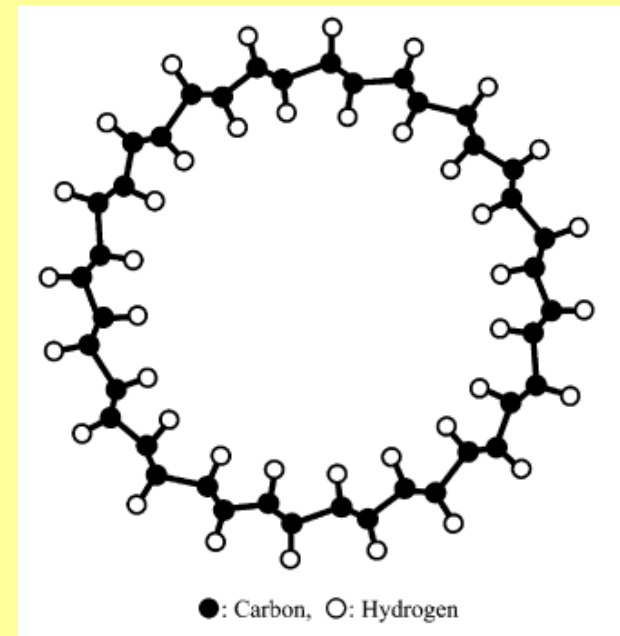
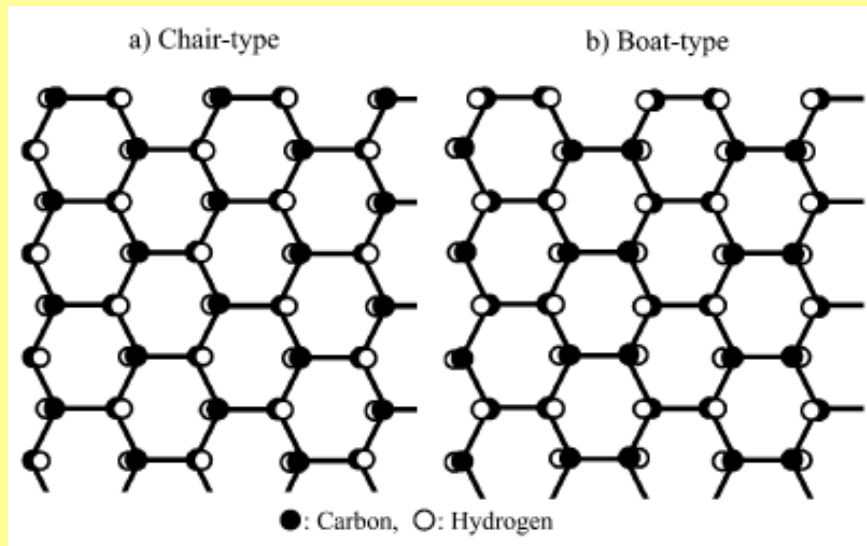
# Graphene oxide

- More reactive than graphene
- Presence of oxygen groups: -OH, -COOH, =O, -O- hydrophilic character
- Electric insulator
- Specific SA (theoretically): 1700-1800 m<sup>2</sup>g<sup>-1</sup>
- Hummers method



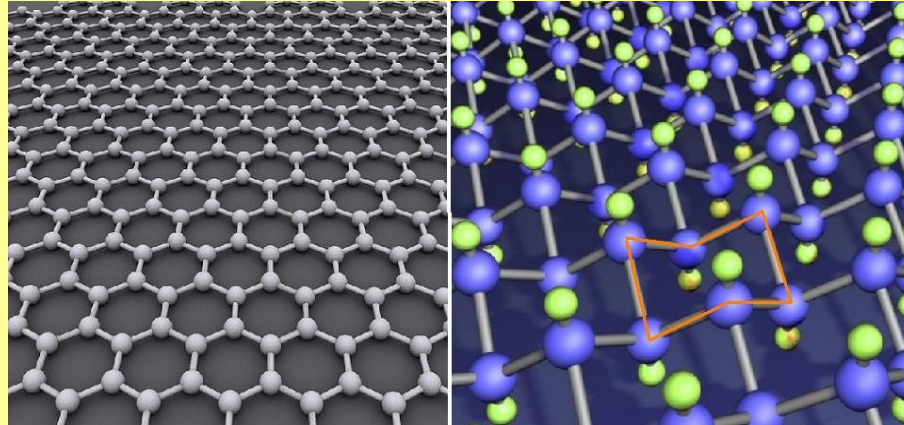
# Graphane – hydrogenated graphene

- 2009 (graphene + cold hydrogen plasma)
- Two conformations: chair x boat
- Calculated binding energy = most stable compound with stoichiometric formula CH
- Chair type graphane      insulating nanotubes



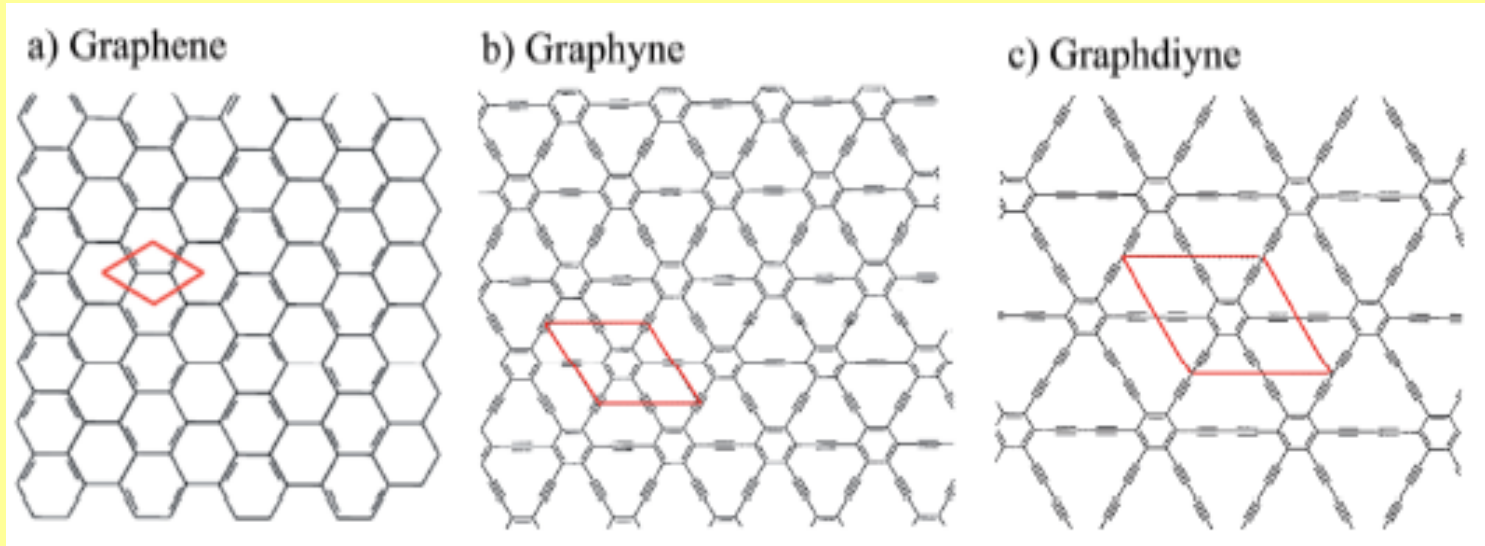


# Fluorographene



- **Monolayer of graphite fluoride**
- **Chair type x boat type-strong repulsion**
- **Synthesis:**
  - Graphene +  $\text{XeF}_2/\text{CF}_4$  (room temperature)
  - Mechanical or chemical exfoliation of graphite fluoride
  - By heating graphene in  $\text{XeF}_2$  gas at 250 °C
- **Graphene +  $\text{XeF}_2$  at 70 °C – high-quality insulator, stable up to 400 °C (resemblance with teflon)**

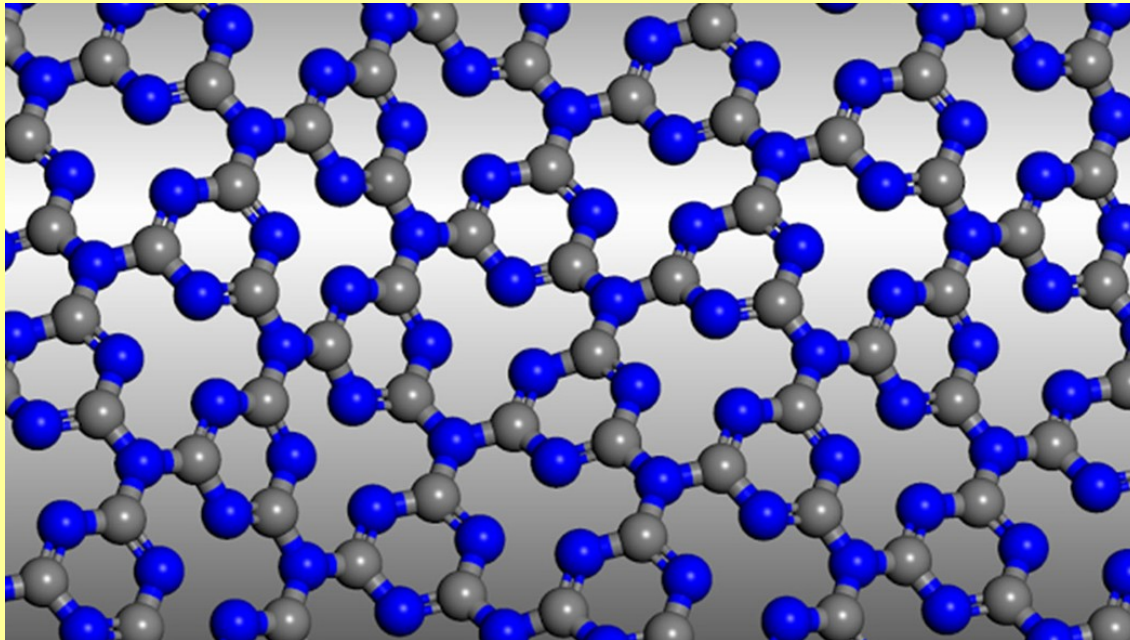
# Graphyn, graphydiyn



- **Predicted**
- **“Non-derivatives“ of graphene**
- **Semiconductors**
- **Movement of electrons as in graphene but only in one direction**

# Triazine-based graphitic carbon nitride (TGCN)

“graphitic carbon nitride” (“g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>”)

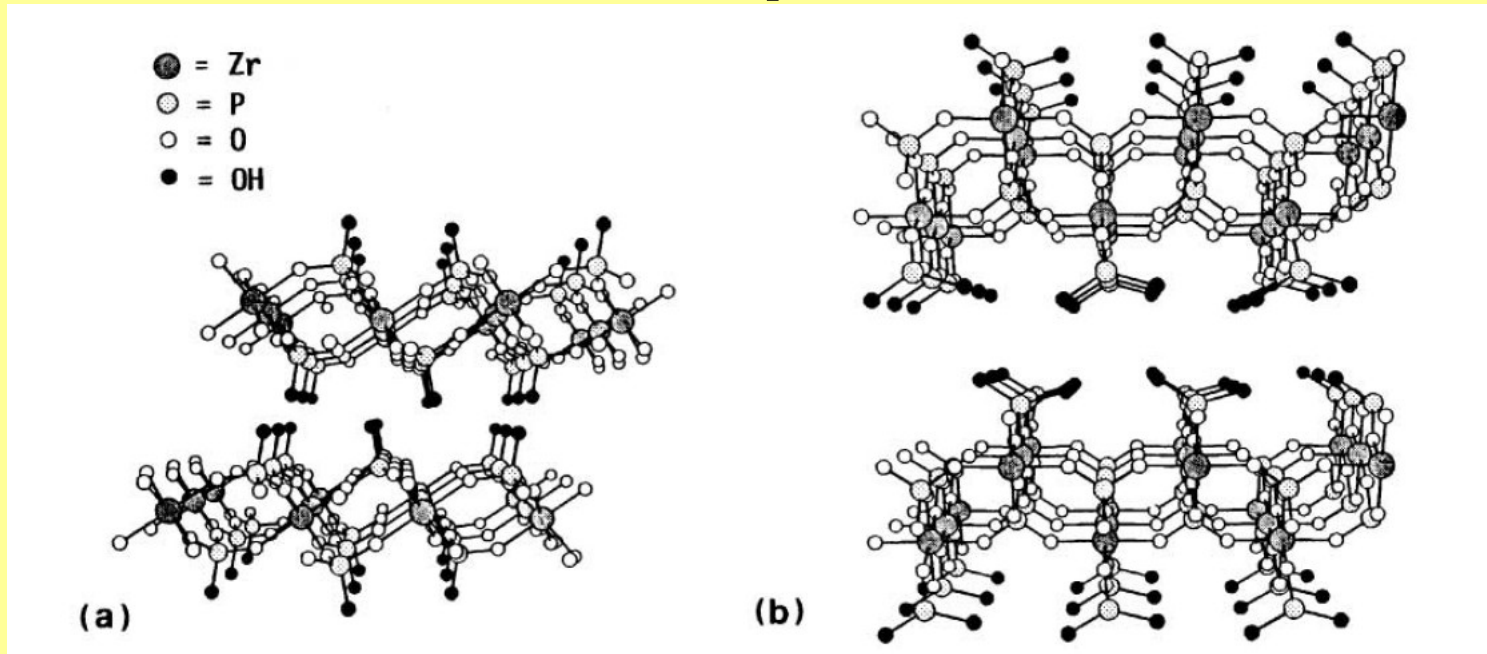


band gap 1.6 - 2.0 eV

small band gap semiconductors

Si (1.11 eV), GaAs (1.43 eV), and GaP (2.26 eV)

# Layered Compounds - Zirconium Phosphates



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interlayer spacing 7.6 Å

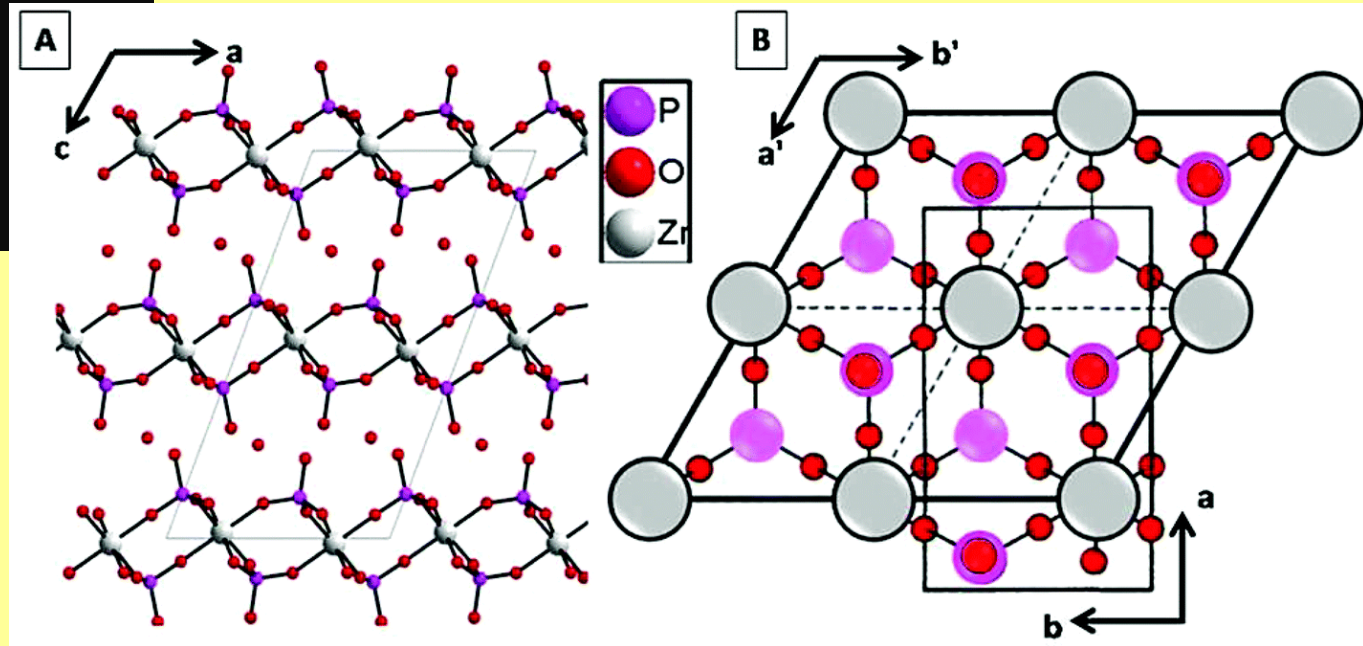
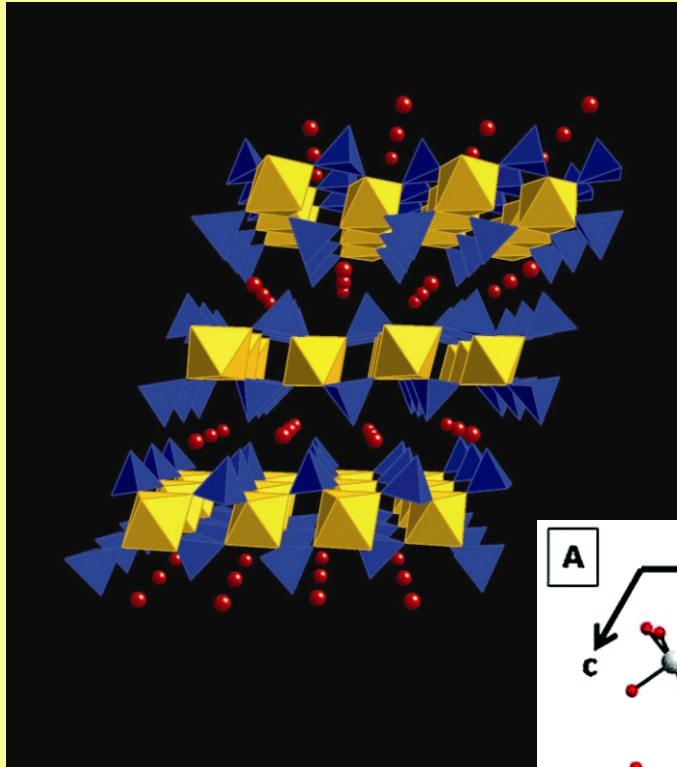
(b)  $\gamma$ -zirconium phosphate =  $\text{Zr}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
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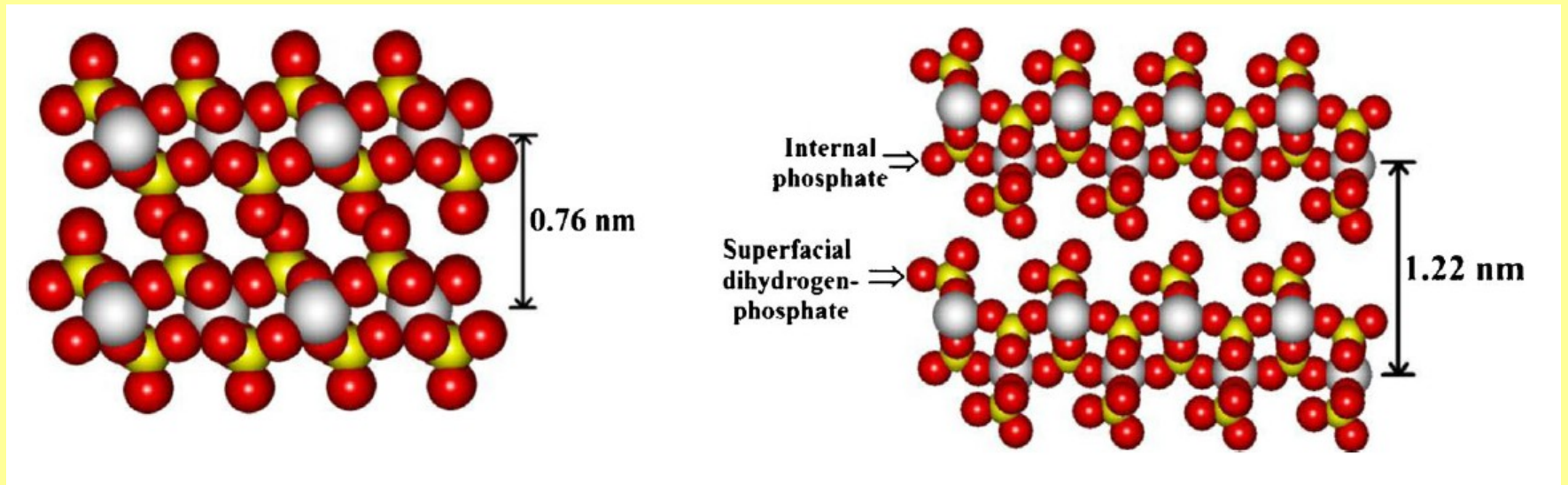
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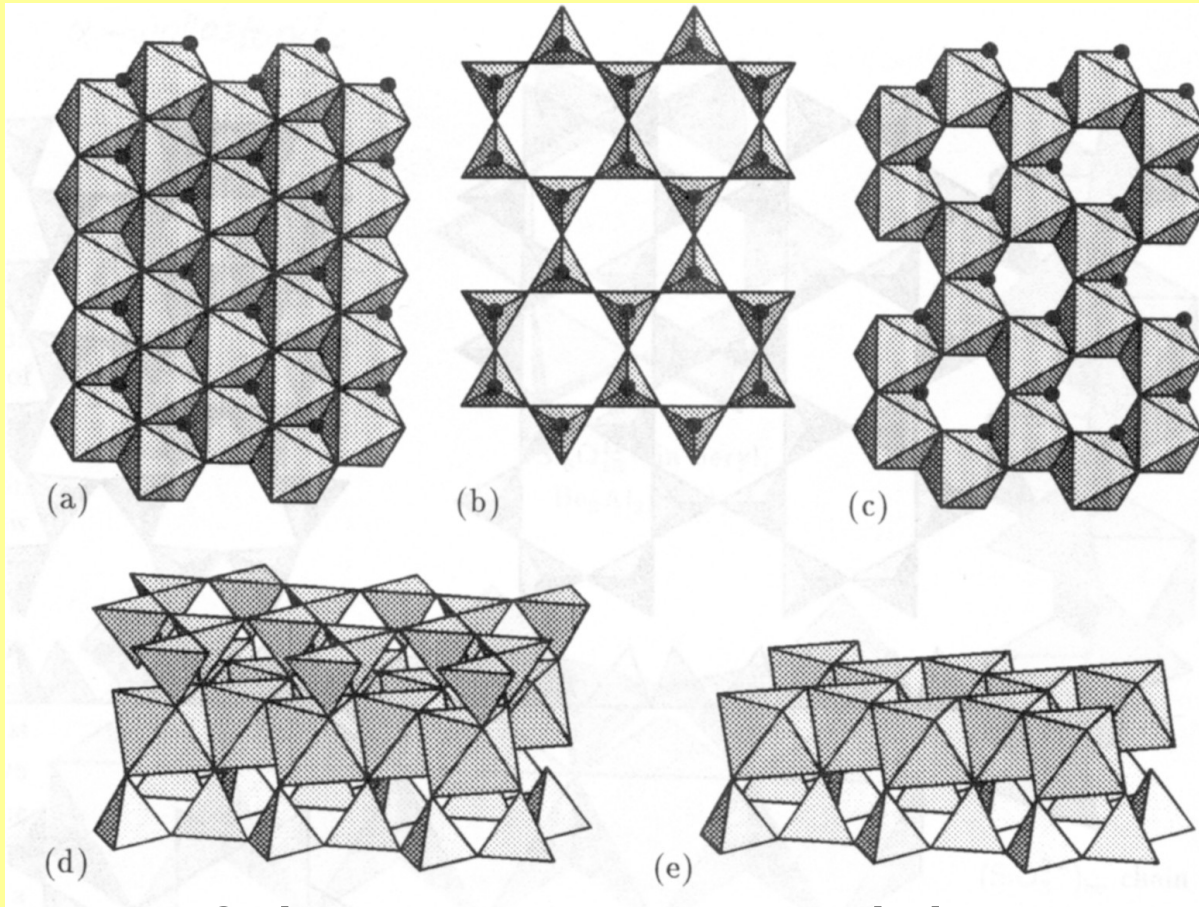
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# Clay Minerals



(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

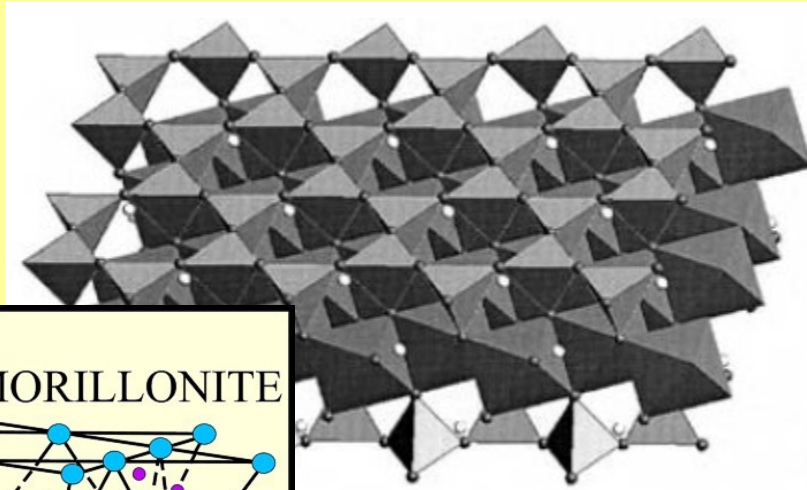
**2:1**

**montmorillonite**

**1:1**

**kaolinite**

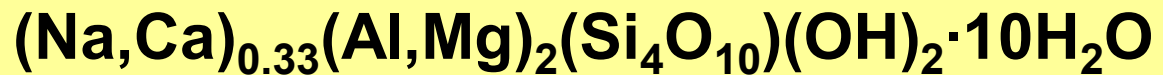
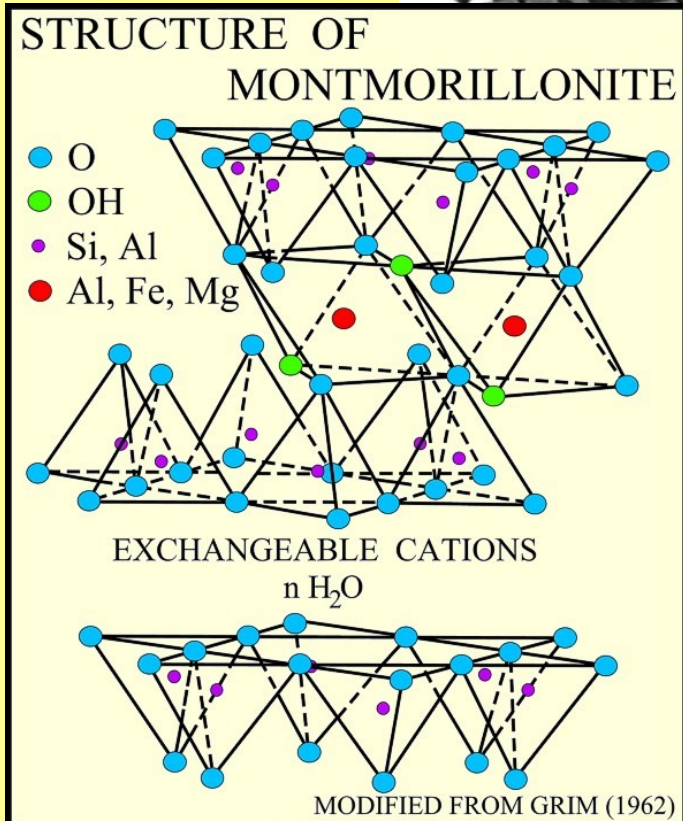
# Montmorillonite



- Dioctahedral clay mineral
- $T_d-O_h-T_d$  sandwich
- Isomorphous substitution

$O_h$ :  $Al^{3+}$  by  $Mg^{2+}$   
 $T_d$ :  $Si^{4+}$  by  $Al^{3+}$

→ Net negative charge  
 → Interlayer cations





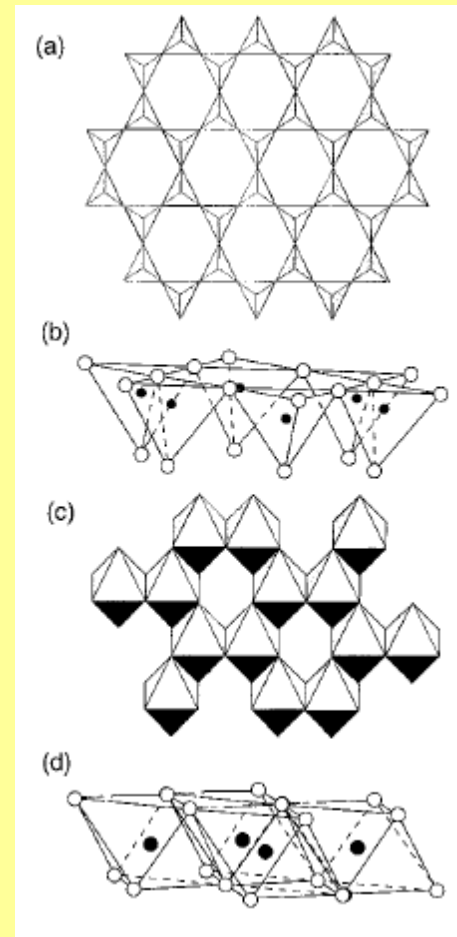
# Clay Minerals

A clay  $[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}]^{4-}$  tetrahedral (T) sheet in (a) top view and (b) side view

A clay octahedral (O) sheet (c) top view and (d) side view

The  $[\text{Al}_4\text{O}_{12}]^{12-}$  dioctahedral top view is shown in (c)

$[\text{Mg}_6\text{O}_{12}]^{12-}$  trioctahedral top view would show a continuous sheet of octahedral units



# Clay Minerals

## $N_2$ sorption isotherms

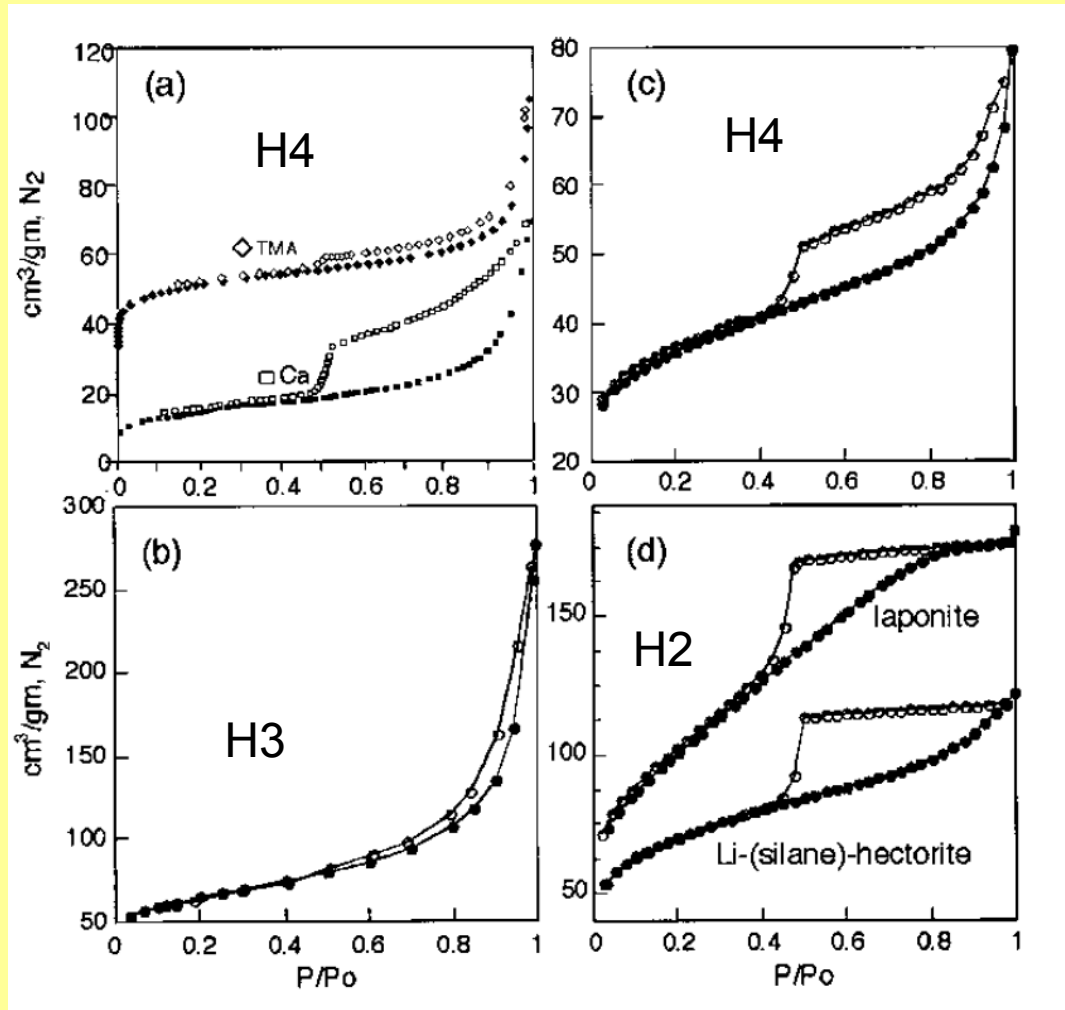
(a) TMA- and Ca-montmorillonite

(b) An Italian sepiolite

(c) Natural SHCa-1 Na-hectorite

(d) synthetic laponite and Li-(silane)-hectorites

Closed symbols = adsorption  
Open symbols = desorption



# Surface Area

the most important parameters of clays with respect to catalytic applications

**TABLE 3** N<sub>2</sub> BET Surface Areas of Various Clay Minerals

| Clay                                 | Outgassing conditions                     | S. A., m <sup>2</sup> /g |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Kaolinite <sup>a,b</sup>             | 200 °C, overnight, <10 <sup>-2</sup> torr | 8.75                     |
| Na,Ca-montmorillonite <sup>a,c</sup> | same                                      | 31.0                     |
| Ca-montmorillonite <sup>a,d</sup>    | same                                      | 80.2                     |
| Ca-montmorillonite <sup>a,e</sup>    | same                                      | 93.9                     |
| Na-hectorite <sup>a,f</sup>          | same                                      | 64.3                     |
| Laponite <sup>g</sup>                | 105 °C, overnight, 10 <sup>-3</sup> torr  | 360                      |
| Sepiolite <sup>h</sup>               | 96 °C, 3 h                                | 378                      |
| Palygorskite <sup>h</sup>            | 95 °C, <70 h                              | 192                      |

nonpolar guest molecules N<sub>2</sub> do not penetrate the interlayer regions

Na<sup>+</sup> forms of smectites and vermiculites – no penetration

larger ions (Cs<sup>+</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> keep the basal planes far enough) - limited penetration

# Layered Double Hydroxides

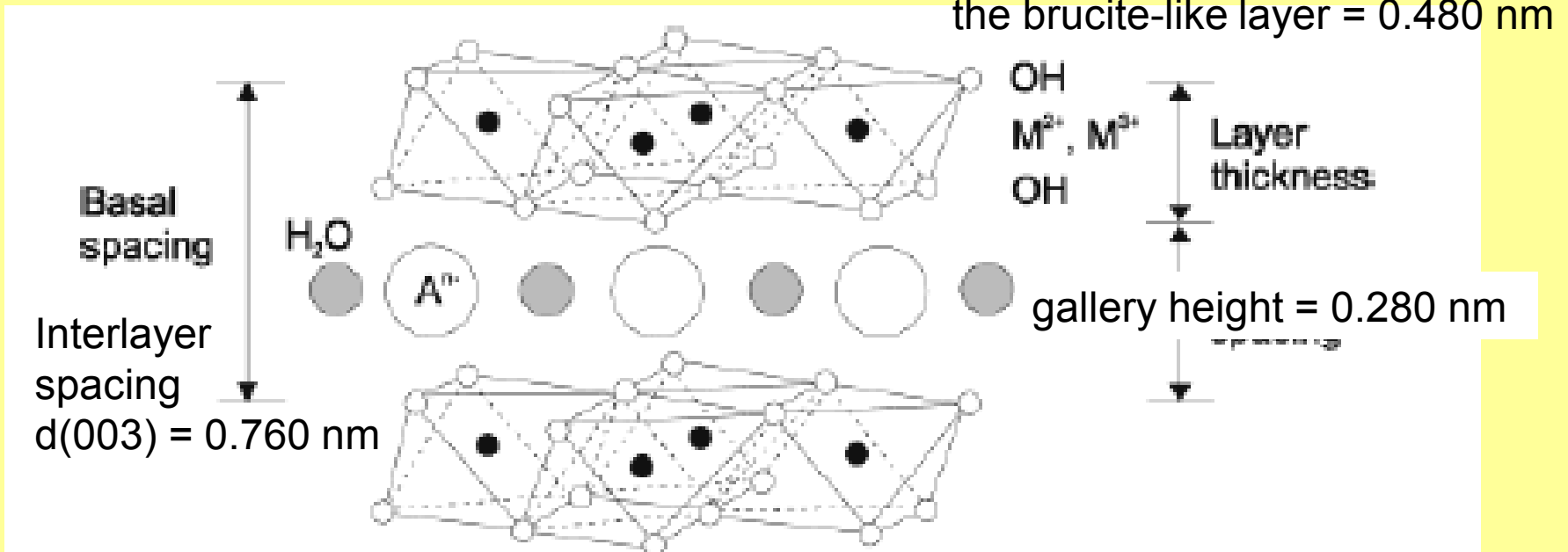
LDH = layered double hydroxides

HT = hydrotalcites

Natural mineral hydrotalcite  $\text{Mg}_6\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_{16}\text{CO}_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Brucite layers,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  substituted partially by  $\text{Al}^{3+}$

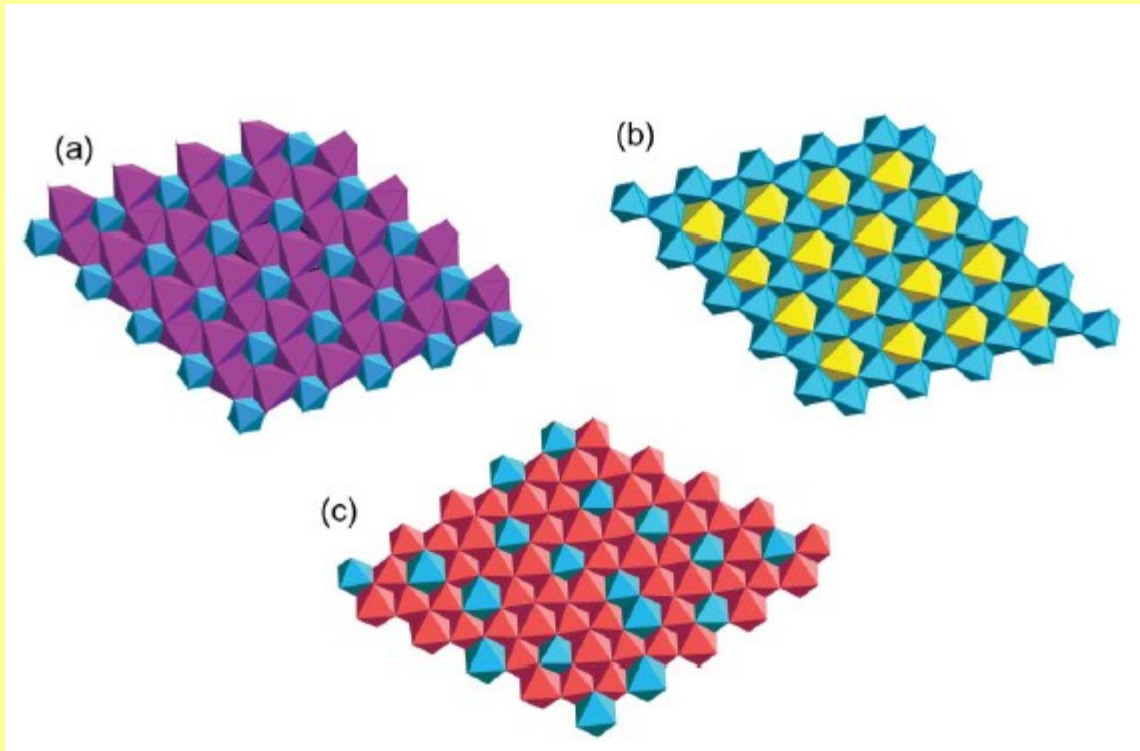
Layers have positive charge



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# Hydrotalcites

Brucite layers,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  substituted partially by  $\text{Al}^{3+}$   
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(a)  $[\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6]_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (b)  $[\text{LiAl}_2(\text{OH})_6]\text{Cl}$  (c)  $[\text{Mg}_{2.25}\text{Al}_{0.75}(\text{OH})_6]\text{OH}$

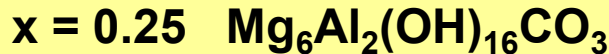
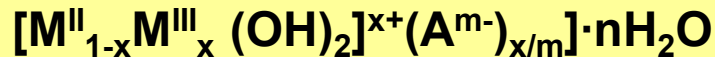
# Hydrotalcite

The layered structure of LDH is closely related to brucite  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$

a brucite layer,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions octahedrally surrounded by six  $\text{OH}^-$   
the octahedra share edges and form an infinite two-dimensional layer

the brucite-like layers stack on top of one another  
either rhombohedral (3R) or hexagonal (2H) sequence

Hydrotalcite  $\text{Mg}_6\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_{16}\text{CO}_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  - 3R stacking



# Hydrotalcite

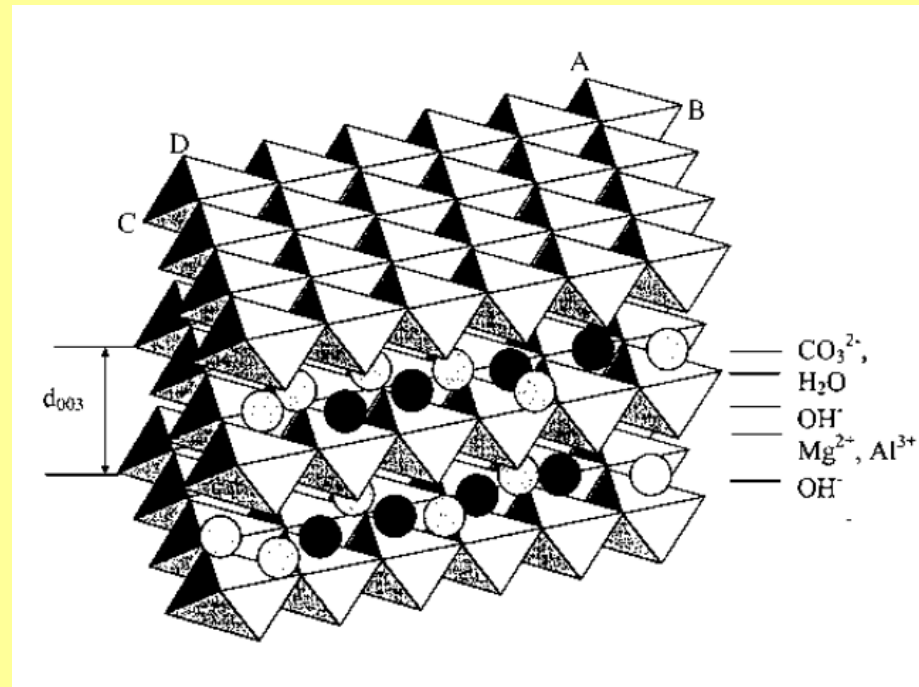
The interlayer spacing  $c'$  is equal to  $d_{003}$ ,  $2d_{006}$ ,  $3d_{009}$ , etc.;

$$c' = (d_{003} + 2d_{006} + \dots + nd_{00(3n)}) / n$$

The cell parameter  $c$  is a multiple of the interlayer spacing  $c'$

$c = 3c'$  for rhombohedral (3R)

$c = 2c'$  for hexagonal (2H) sequences



# Hydrotalcite

Hydrotalcite  $\text{Mg}_6\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_{16}\text{CO}_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  - 3R stacking

unit cell parameters

$$a = 0.305 \text{ nm} \quad c = 3d(003) = 2.281 \text{ nm}$$

the interlayer spacing:  $d(003) = 0.760 \text{ nm}$

the spacing occupied by the anion (gallery height) =  $0.280 \text{ nm}$

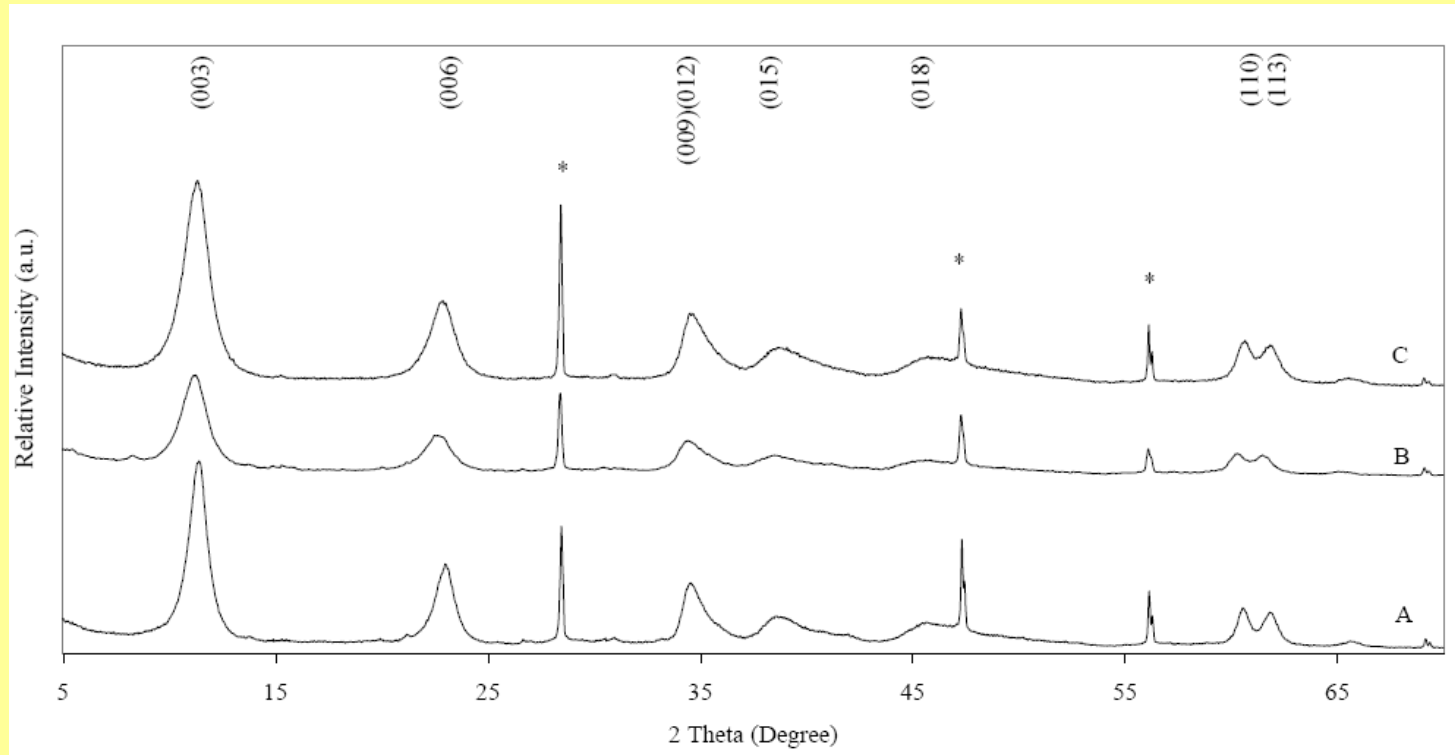
a thickness of the brucite-like layer =  $0.480 \text{ nm}$

the average M—O bond =  $0.203 \text{ nm}$

the distance between two nearest  $\text{OH}^-$  ions in the two opposite side layers =  $0.267 \text{ nm}$  shorter than  $a$  ( $0.305 \text{ nm}$ ) and indicative of some contraction along the  $c$ -axis.



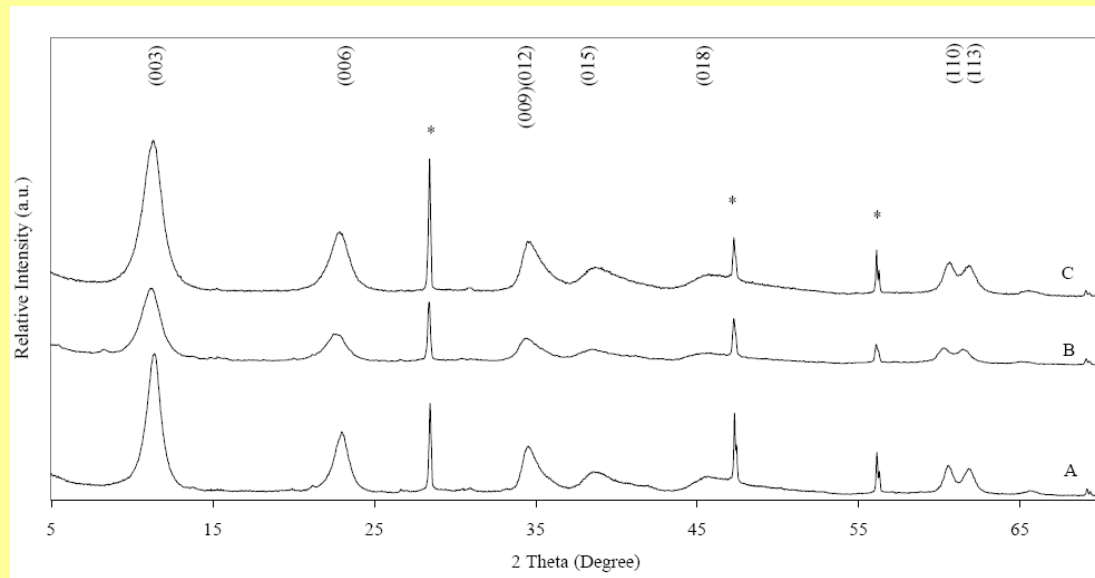
# XRD Patterns of LDH



**XRD patterns of layered double hydroxides synthesized by coprecipitation method with various cations composition:  
A – Mg/Al; B- Mg/Co/Al; C- Mg/Ni/Al**

**\* = Reflections from Si crystal used as a reference**

# XRD Patterns of LDH



rhombohedral structure  
the cell parameters  $c$  and  $a$

The lattice parameter  $a = 2d(110)$  corresponds to an average cation–cation distance

The  $c$  parameter corresponds to three times the thickness of  $d_{003}$

$$c = 3/2 [d_{003} + 2d_{006}]$$

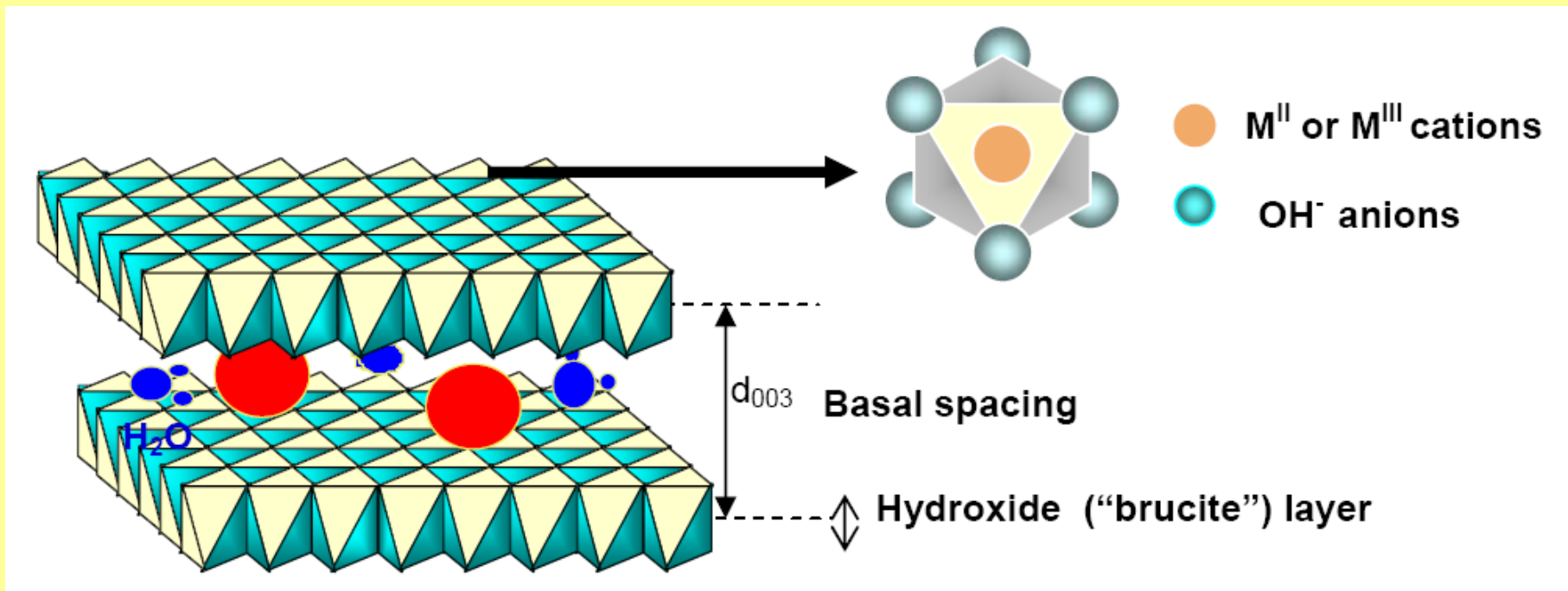
# Layered Compounds

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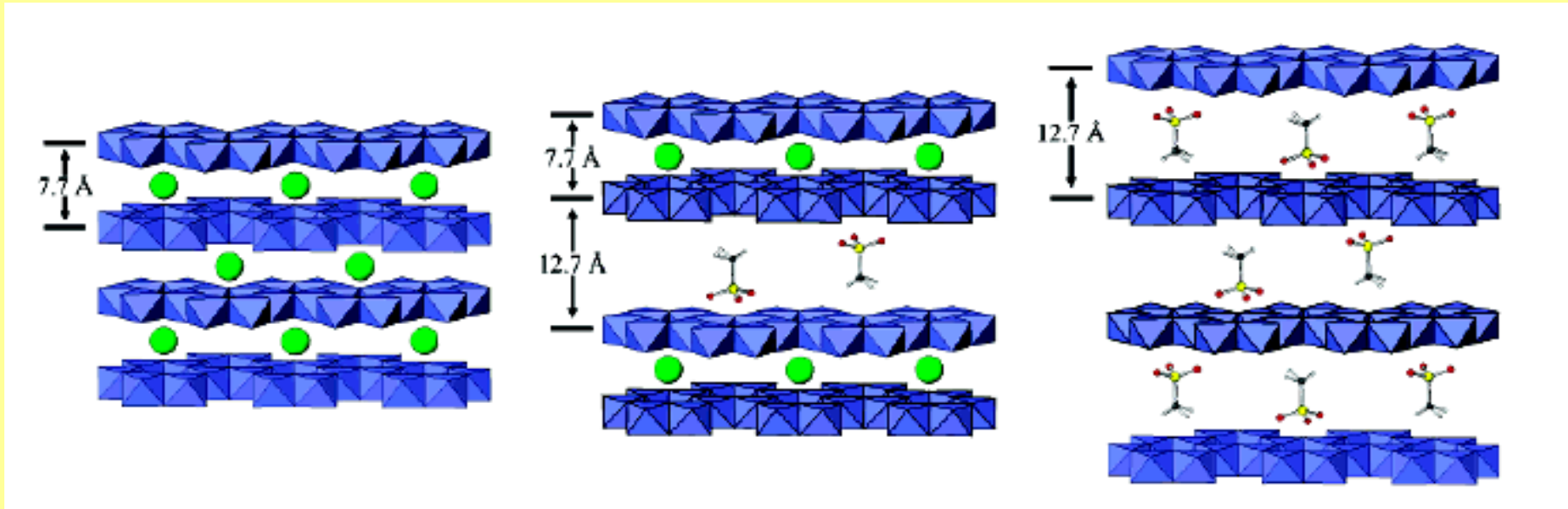
hydrotalcites

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Brucite layers,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  substituted partially by  $\text{Al}^{3+}$



# Intercalation to LDH



the intercalation of methylphosphonic acid into Li/Al LDH

(a)  $[\text{LiAl}_2(\text{OH})_6]\text{Cl}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$

(b) second-stage intermediate, alternate layers occupied by Cl and MPA anions

(c) first-stage product with all interlayer regions occupied by MPA.

# Intercalation to LDH

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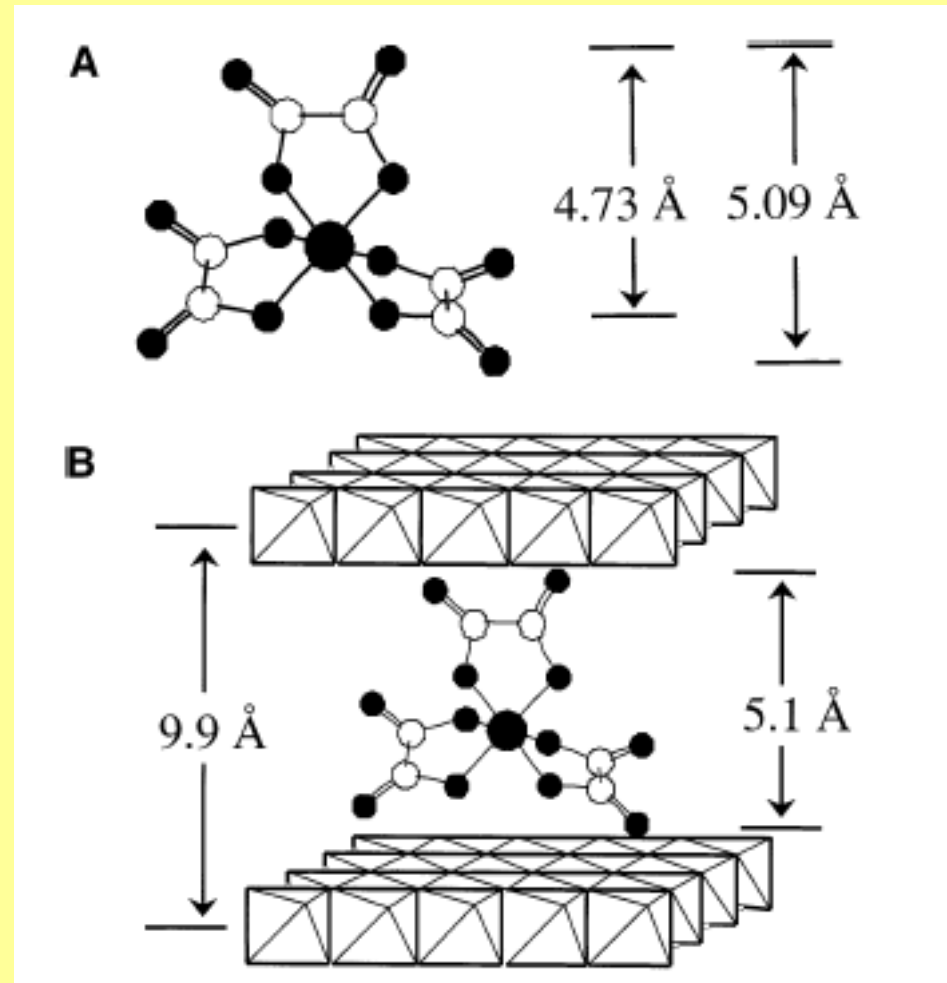
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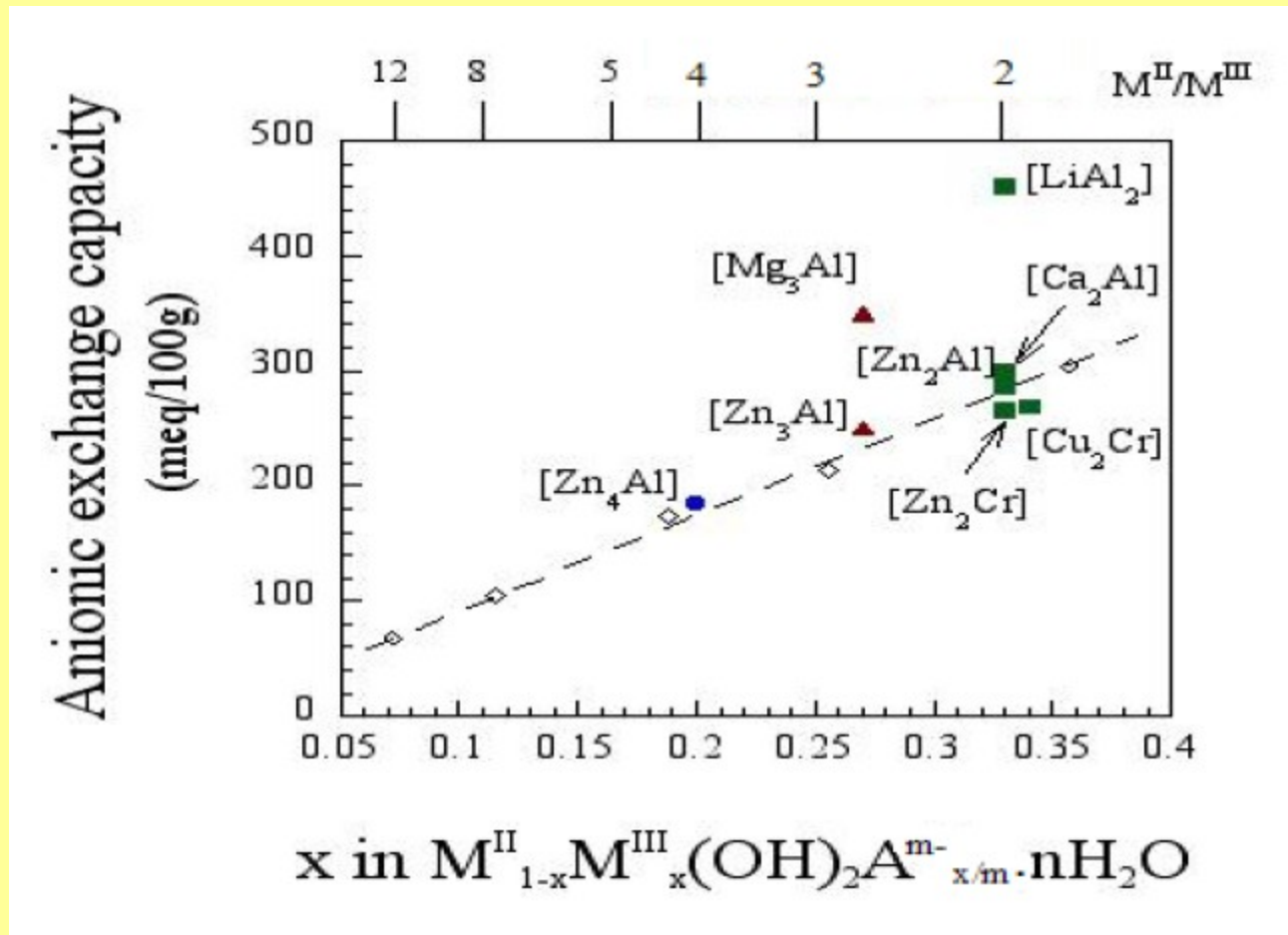
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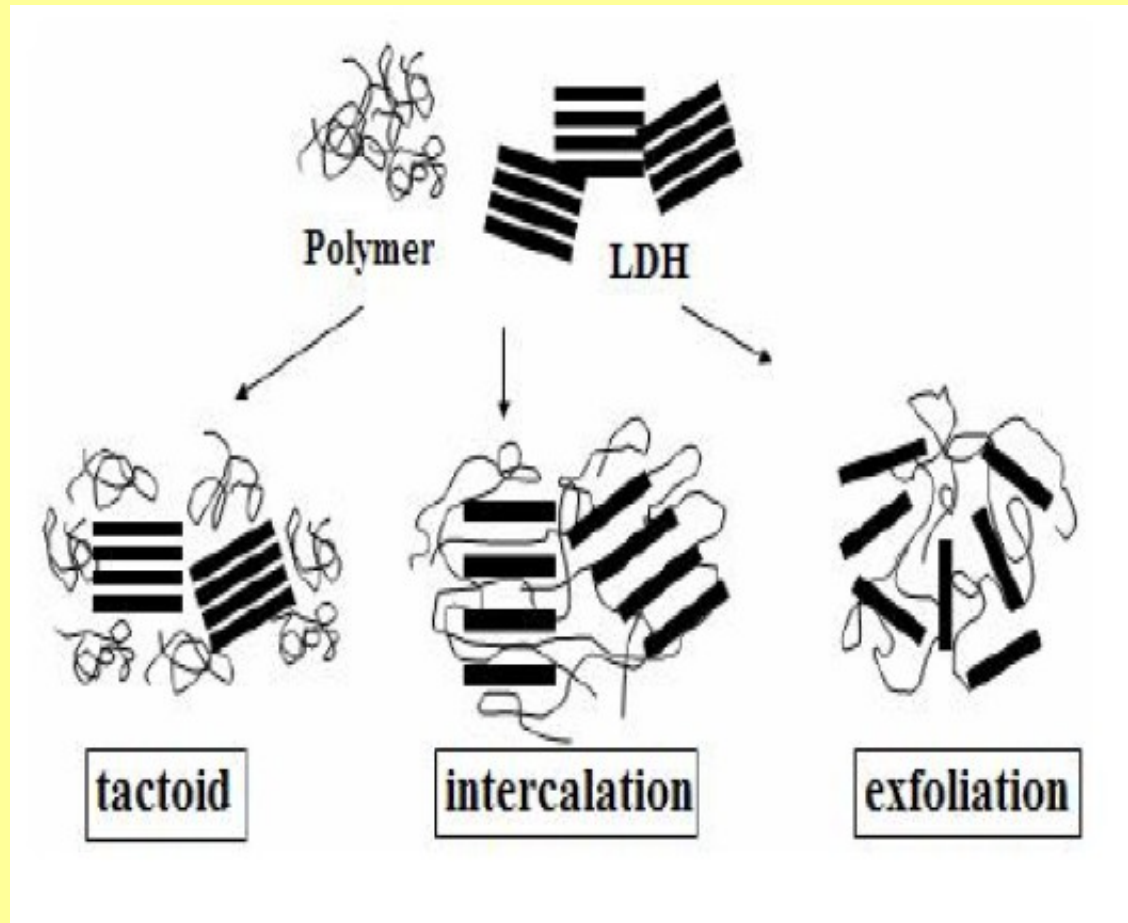
Intercalate anions  $[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]^{3-}$



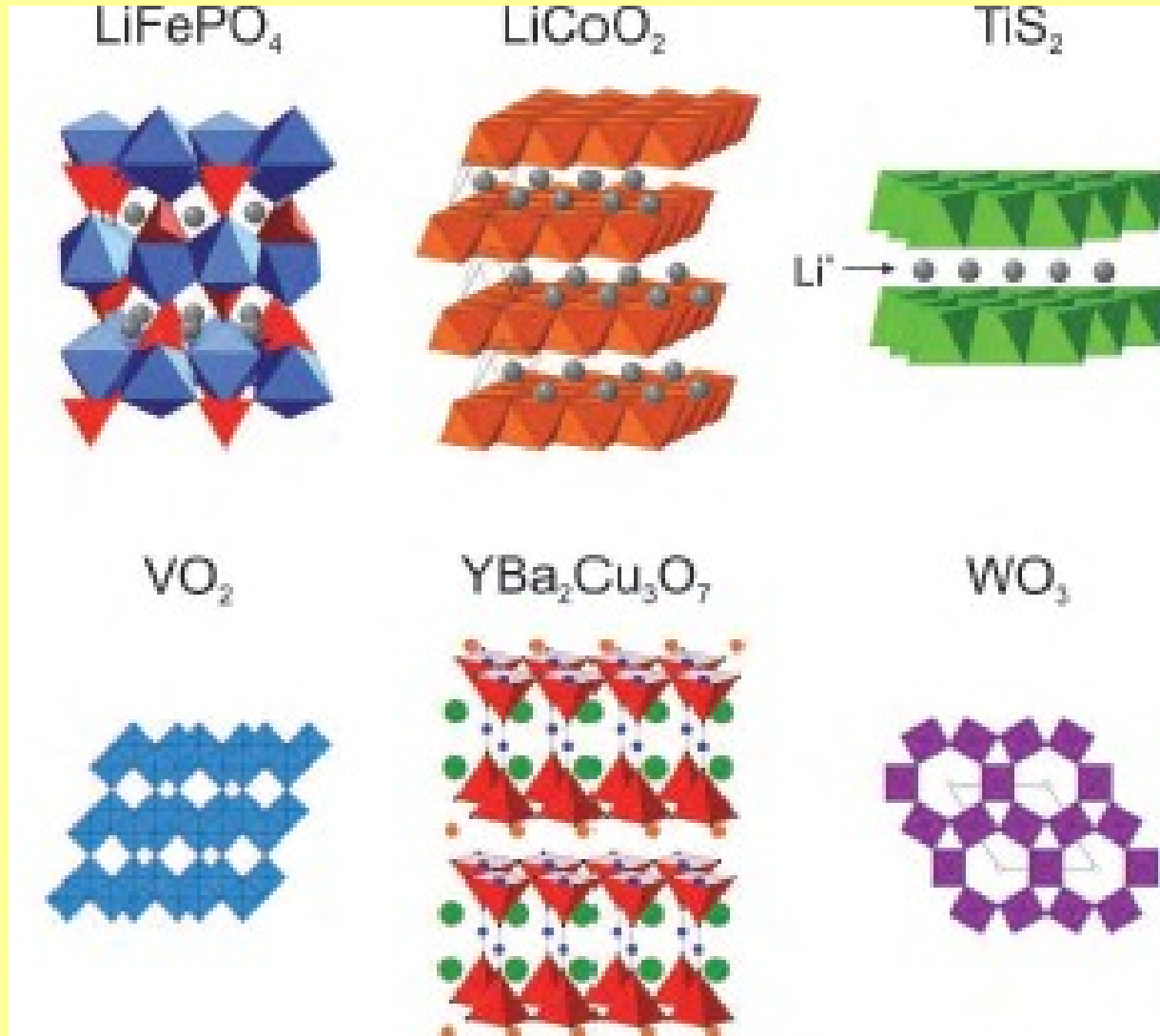
# The anionic exchange capacity (AEC)



# Types of the composite structures

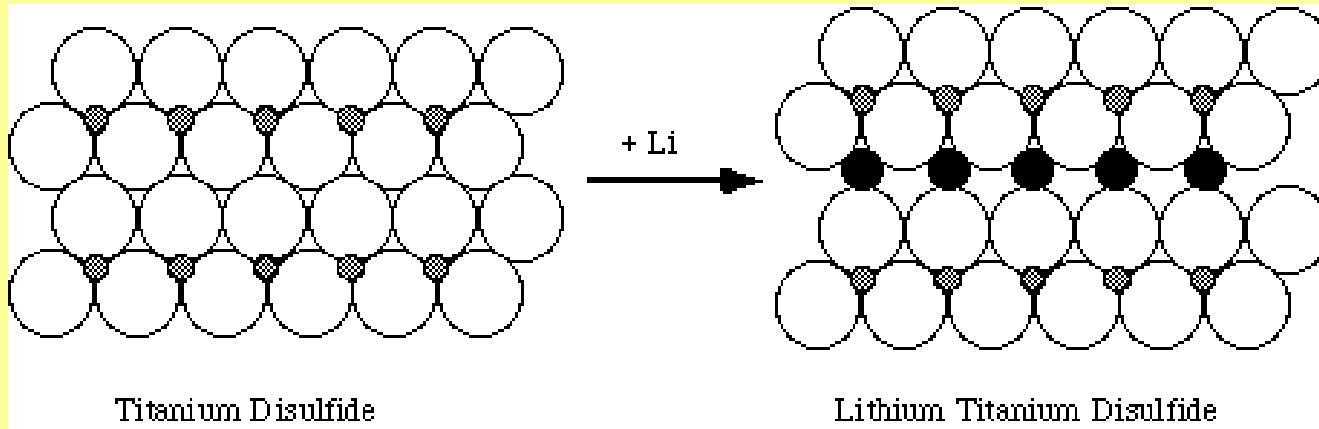
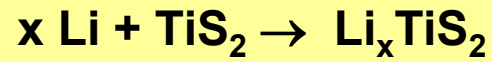


# Li Intercalation Compounds

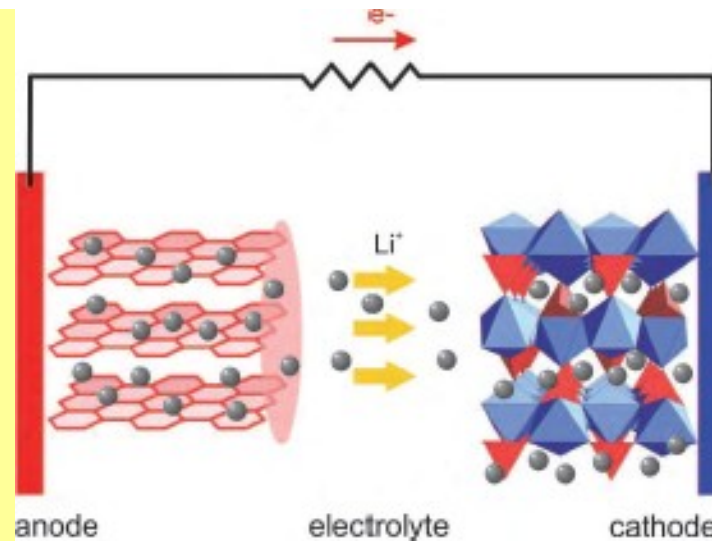
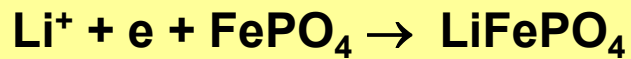
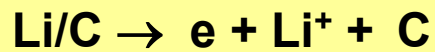
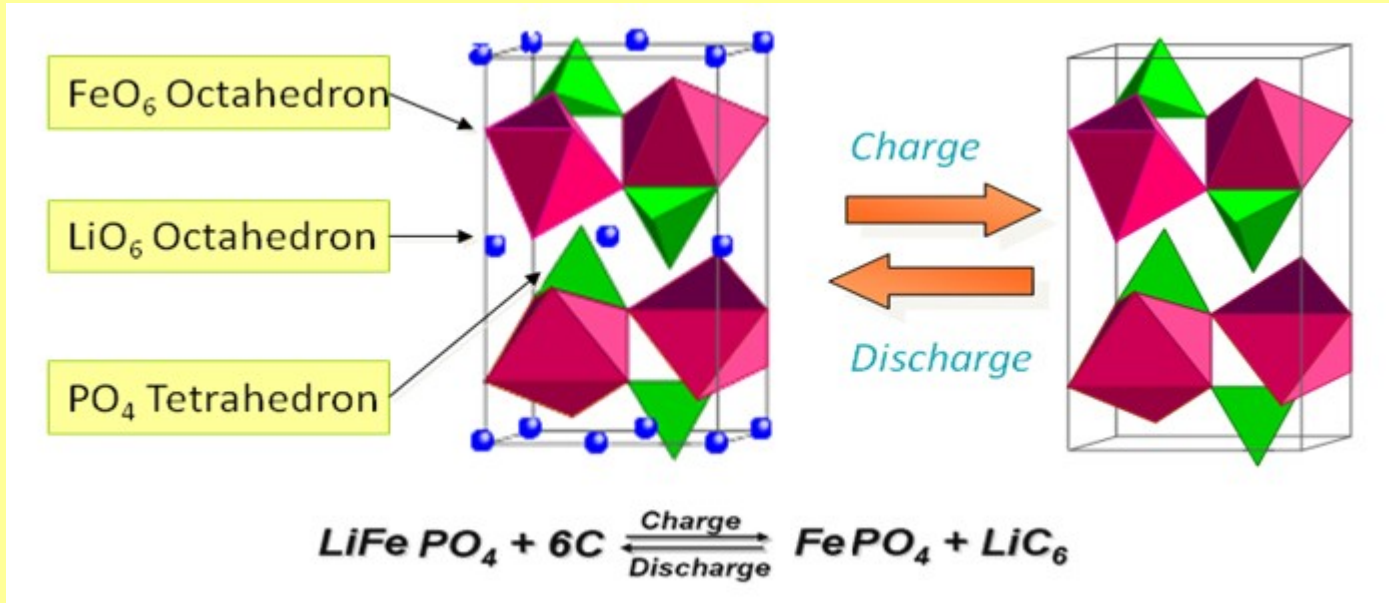




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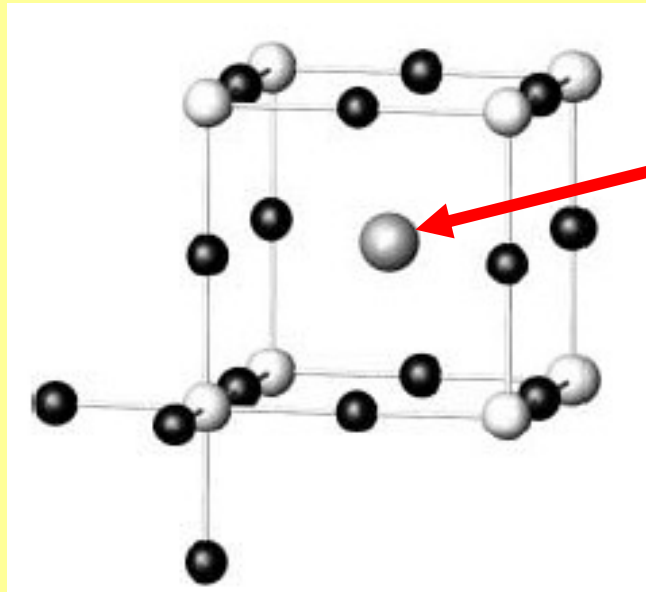


# Li Intercalation



# 3D Intercalation Compounds

$\text{Cu}_3\text{N}$  and  $\text{Mn}_3\text{N}$  crystallize in the (anti-)  $\text{ReO}_3$ -type structure



the large cuboctahedral void in the structure can be filled

By Pd to yield (anti-) perovskite-type  $\text{PdCu}_3\text{N}$

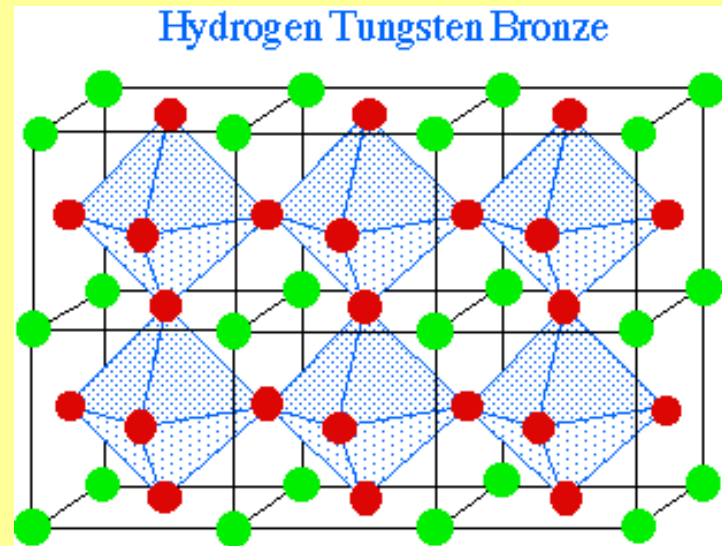
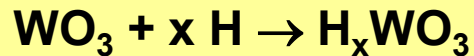
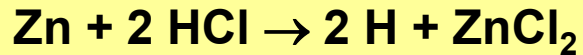
By  $M = \text{Ga}, \text{Ag}, \text{Cu}$  leading to  $\text{MMn}_3\text{N}$

# 3D Intercalation Compounds

Tungsten trioxide structure

=  $\text{WO}_6$  octahedra joined at their corners

= the perovskite structure of  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  with all the calcium sites vacant



The color and conductivity changes are due to the intercalation of protons into the cavities in the  $\text{WO}_3$  structure, and the donation of their electrons to the conduction band of the  $\text{WO}_3$  matrix. The material behaves like a metal, with both its conductivity and color being derived from free electron behavior.

The coloration reaction used in electrochromic displays for sun glasses, rear view mirrors in cars

# 0D Intercalation Compounds

$C_{60}$  = FCC

$K_3 C_{60}$

