

Principles of Laves

1. **Space** Principle: Space is used most efficiently
2. **Symmetry** Principle: Highest possible symmetry is adopted
3. **Connection** Principle: There will be the most possible "connections" between components
(i.e. *coordination numbers are maximized*)

- *Followed by metals and inert gases - close-packed structures*
- *Deviations: BCC metals*
- *'Ionic' compounds strive to follow the principles.*

The 'Ionic Model' (Goldschmidt')

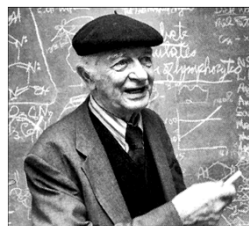
"Ions are essentially Charged, Incompressible, Non-Polarizable Spheres"

More sophisticated models assume ions are composed of two parts:
a central hard, unperturbable core, where most electron density is concentrated
a soft, polarizable outer sphere, which contains very little electron density

Pauling's Rules

Goldschmidt's structural principles for IONIC crystals were summarized by Pauling in a series of Rules.

Historically Pauling's Rules have been widely used, & are still useful in many situations.



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THE PRINCIPLES DETERMINING THE STRUCTURE OF COMPLEX IONIC CRYSTALS

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1. The Relative Stability of Alternative Structures of Ionic Crystals.—

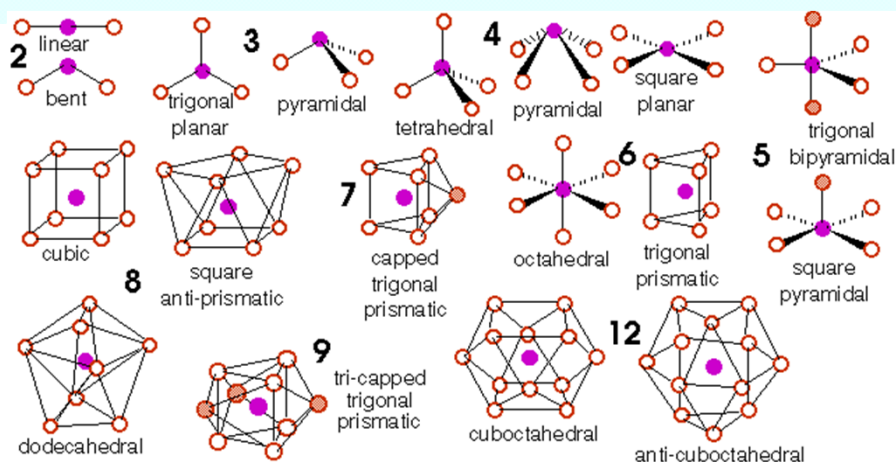
The elucidation of the factors determining the relative stability of alternative crystalline structures of a substance would be of the greatest significance in the development of the theory of the solid state. Why, for example, do some of the alkali halides crystallize with the sodium chloride structure and some with the cesium chloride structure? Why does titanium dioxide under different conditions assume the different structures of rutile, brookite and anatase? Why does aluminum fluosilicate, Al_2SiO_5 , crystallize with the structure of topaz and not with some other structure? These questions are answered formally by the statement that in each case the structure with the minimum free energy is stable. This answer, however, is not satisfying; what is desired in our atomistic and quantum theoretical era is the explanation of this minimum free energy in terms of atoms or ions and their properties.

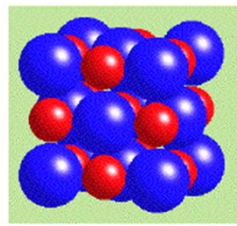
Efforts to provide such a treatment for simple alternative structures, such as the sodium chloride and cesium chloride structures and the fluoride and rutile structures, have been made with the aid of the Born potential expression and modifications of it. Assuming that all ions repel each

Linus Pauling, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* **51**, 1010 (1929)**Pauling Rule 1: Coordination Polyhedra**

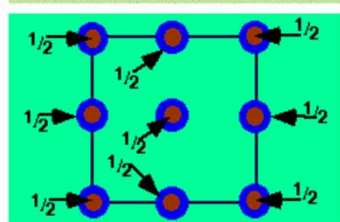
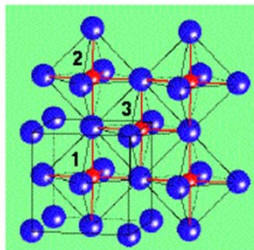
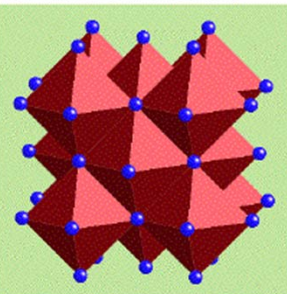
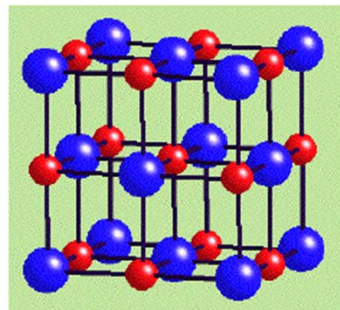
"A coordination polyhedron of anions is formed around every cation (and vice-versa) - it will only be stable if the cation is in contact with each of its neighbors.

- Ionic crystals may thus be considered as sets of linked polyhedra.
- The cation-anion distance is regarded as the sum of the ionic radii."

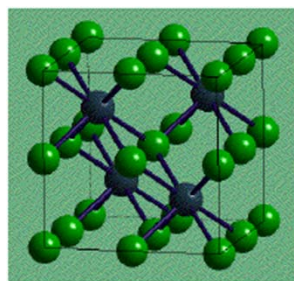




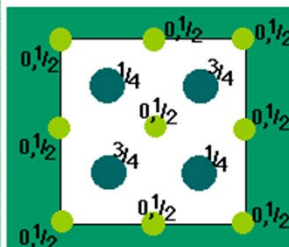
NaCl
Rock Salt
(Halite)



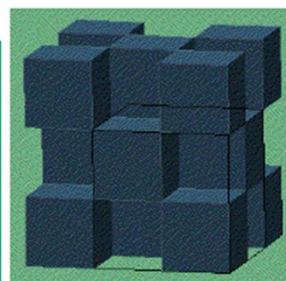
NaCl; ccp, O sites: 100%



Fluorite B-cell

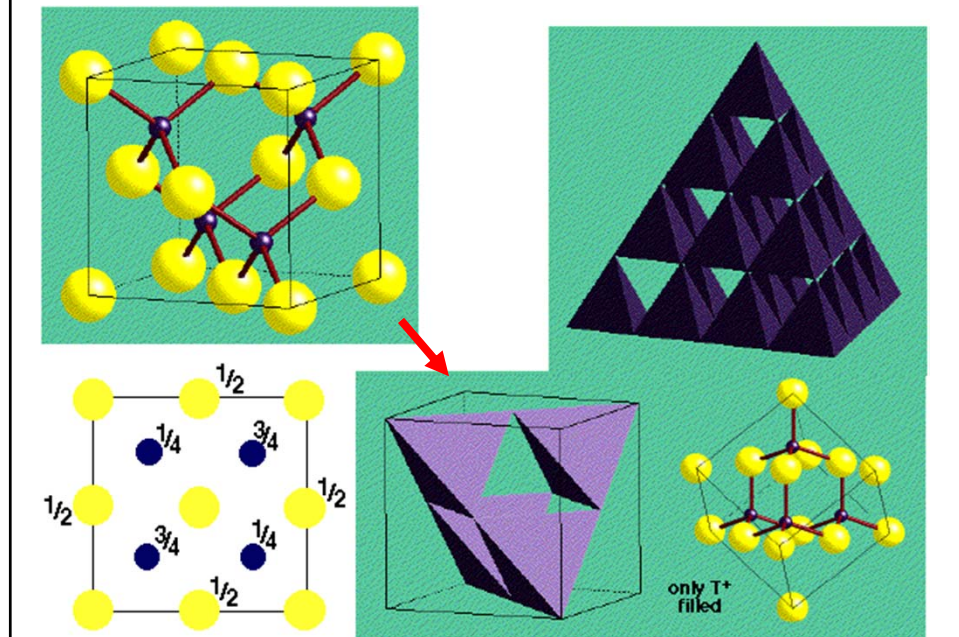


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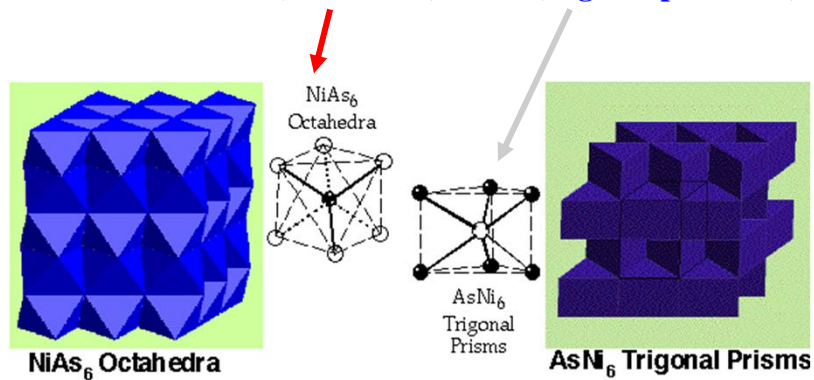


CaF₈ Cubes

Zinc Blende: ZnS



- **HCP As with Ni in all Octahedral holes**
- **Lattice: Hexagonal - P**
- $a = b, c$
- **Motif:** 2Ni at $(0,0,0)$ & $(0,0,1/2)$ 2As at $(2/3,1/3,1/4)$ & $(1/3,2/3,3/4)$
- **2NiAs in unit cell**
- **Coordination:** Ni 6 (octahedral) : As 6 (trigonal prismatic)



Pauling Rule 1: Coordination Polyhedra

Molecular Materials

- Absolute coordination numbers are controlled by valency (VSEPR)

Non-Molecular Materials

- **Valency** has only an indirect bearing on coordination number
e.g. Na^+Cl , Mg^{2+}O , Sc^{3+}N , Ti^{4+}C all have the Rock Salt (6:6) Structure despite change in valency and from predominantly ionic to covalent bonding
- Ionic Size does influence coordination number

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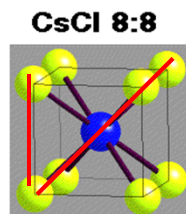
The Coordination Number of the Cation will be Maximized subject to the criterion of Maintaining Cation-Anion Contact

Determined by comparison of the ratio of the ionic radii, r_+/r_- with values derived from the **geometric contact criterion**

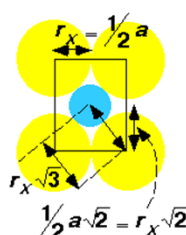
Radius Ratio Rule

Limiting Radius Ratios

Radius
Ratio
Rule



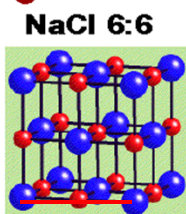
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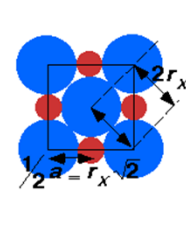
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$$\frac{r_M}{r_X} = \sqrt{3} - 1$$

$$= 0.732$$



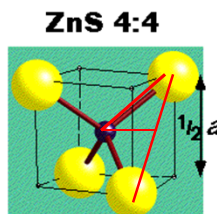
face diagonal $a\sqrt{2}$



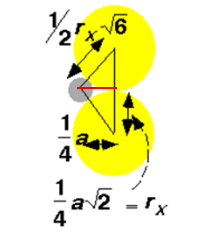
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$$\frac{r_M}{r_X} = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$= 0.414$$



body diagonal $a\sqrt{3}$



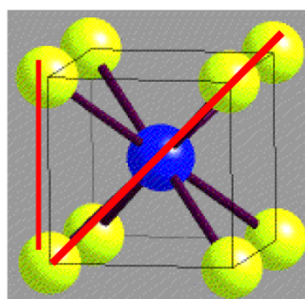
$$r_M + r_X = \frac{1}{2} r_X \sqrt{6}$$

$$\frac{r_M}{r_X} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} - 1$$

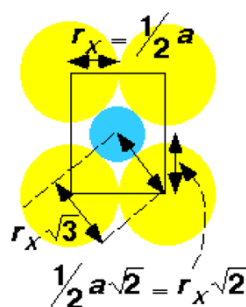
$$= 0.225$$

Red line:
Contacting

CsCl 8:8



cell side a

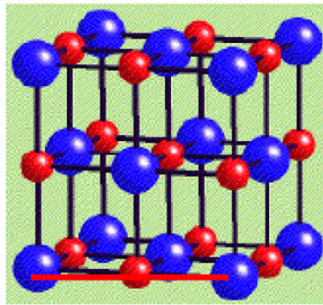


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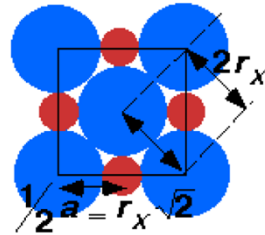
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NaCl 6:6



unit cell

face diagonal $a\sqrt{2}$

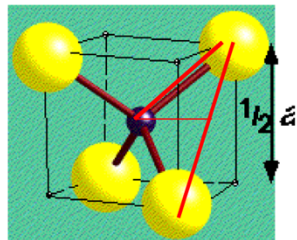


$$r_M + r_X = r_X \sqrt{2}$$

$$r_M / r_X = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

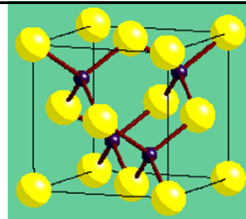
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ZnS 4:4



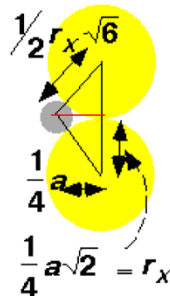
1/8th unit cell

body diagonal $a\sqrt{3}$



Zinc Blende ZnS

The diamond
network
with alternate
Zn & S atoms



$$r_M + r_X = \frac{1}{2} r_X \sqrt{6}$$

$$r_M / r_X = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} - 1$$

$$= 0.225$$

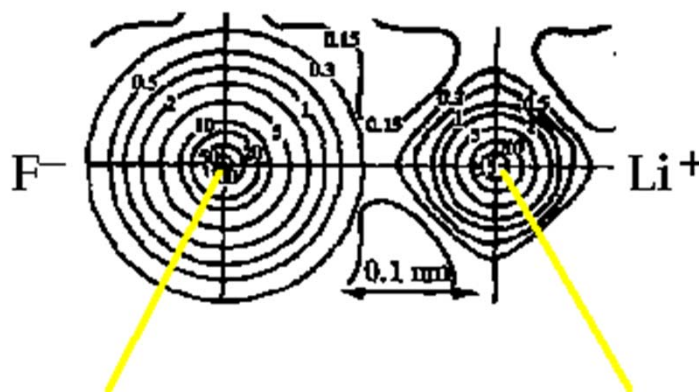
Limiting Radius Ratios - anions in the coordination polyhedron of cation are in contact with the cation and with each other

If cations were to shrink further (i.e. r_+/r_- decrease), cation-anion contact would be lost in contravention of Pauling's 1st Rule.

Radius Ratio	Coordination no.	Binary (AB) Structure-type
$r_+/r_- = 1$	12	none known
$1 > r_+/r_- > 0.732$	8	CsCl
$0.732 > r_+/r_- > 0.414$	6	NaCl
$0.414 > r_+/r_- > 0.225$	4	ZnS

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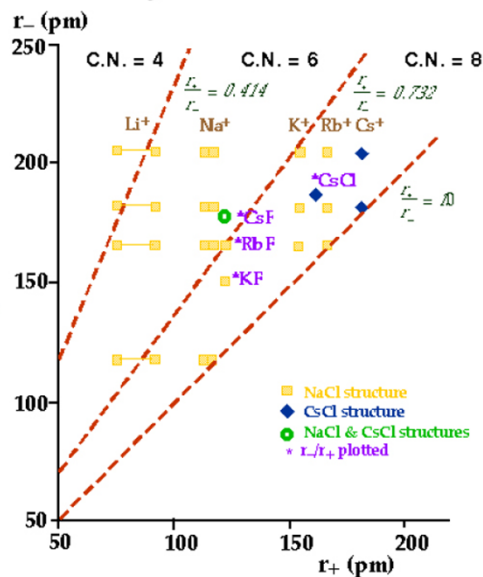
What's the Numerical Value of a specific Ionic Radius?



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Limiting Radius Ratios: do they work?

- For Li^+ and Na^+ salts, ratios calculated from both r_6 and r_4 are indicated
- Radius ratios suggest adoption of **CsCl** structure more than is observed in reality
- **NaCl** structure is **observed more** than is predicted
- **Radius ratios are only correct ca. 50% of the time,**



Lattice Energy = net potential energy of the arrangement of charges that form the structure.

= energy required to sublime the crystal and convert it into a collection of gaseous ions.



$$\Delta H = -U$$

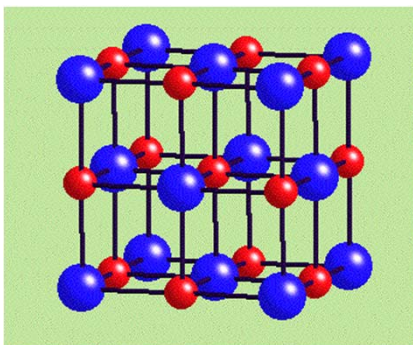
Electrostatic force
(Attraction & repulsion)

$$V = -\frac{Z_+ Z_- e^2}{r}$$

Short range repulsion:

$$V = \frac{B}{r^n}$$

B: Born exponent; n = 5-12



Ion Conf.	n
He	5
Ne	7
Ar, Cu ⁺	9
Kr, Ag ⁺	10
Xe, Au ⁺	12

Example: NaCl structureStart with one Na⁺ cation.Next neighbors: 6 Cl⁻ at distance r .

$$V_1 = -6 Z_+ Z_- e^2 / r$$

Next nearest neighbors:

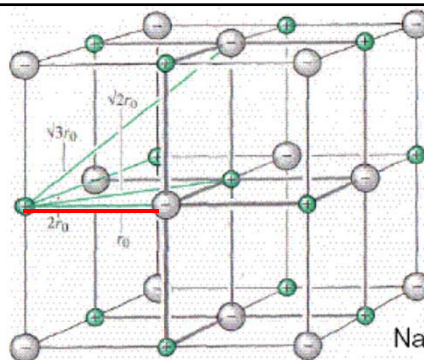
12 Na⁺ at distance $\sqrt{2}r$.

$$V_2 = +12 Z_+ Z_- e^2 / (\sqrt{2}r)$$

Next next:

8 Cl⁻ at distance $\sqrt{3}r$.

$$V_3 = -8 Z_+ Z_- e^2 / (\sqrt{3}r)$$

**Net attractive electrostatic energy between one Na⁺ and the rest:**

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots = -Z_+ Z_- e^2 / r \cdot \{6 - 12/\sqrt{2} + 8/\sqrt{3} - 6/\sqrt{4} + \dots\}$$

Net attractive electrostatic energy:repeat summation for each ion, i.e. for $2N$ ions per mole NaCl,
then divide by 2!

$$V = -Z_+ Z_- e^2 / r \cdot N \cdot A$$

A: Madelung constant

$$V = -\frac{Z_+Z_-e^2}{r} \left(6 - \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{4}} + \dots\right)$$

Madelung Constant

Structure Type	Madelung Constant
CsCl	1.763
NaCl	1.748
ZnS (Wurtzite)	1.641
ZnS (Zinc Blende)	1.638

$$U = -\frac{Z_+Z_-e^2NA}{r} + \frac{BN}{r^n}$$

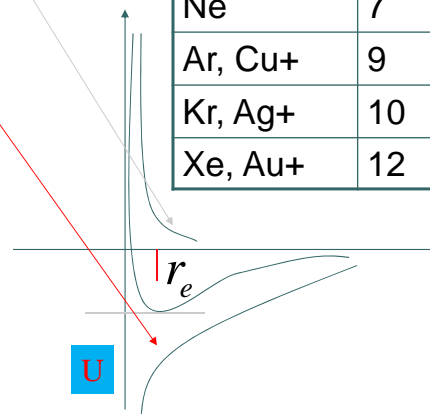
$$\frac{dU}{dr} = \frac{Z_+Z_-e^2NA}{r^2} - \frac{nBN}{r^{n+1}} = 0$$

$$B = \frac{Z_+Z_-e^2Ar^{n-1}}{n}$$

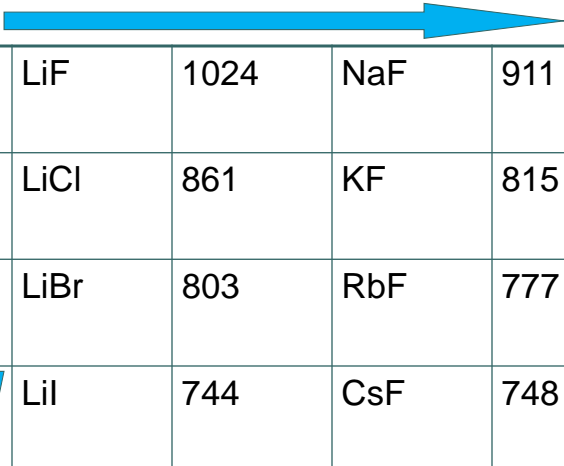
$$U = -\frac{Z_+Z_-e^2NA}{r_e} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

N: Avogadro No.

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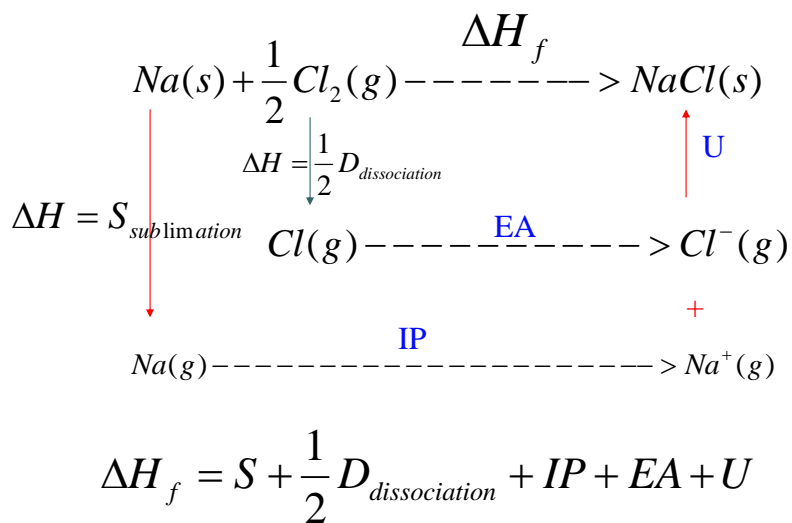
Some Lattice Energies:



MgO	3938 kJ/mol	LiF	1024	NaF	911
CaO	3566	LiCl	861	KF	815
SrO	3369	LiBr	803	RbF	777
BaO	3202	LiI	744	CsF	748


Melting point: MgO: 2800 °C
 CaO: 2572 °C
 BaO: 1923 °C

Born-Habor Cycle/Thermochemical Calculation



For NaCl:

S	109kJ/mol
IP	493.7kJ/mol
1/2D	121kJ/mol
EA	-356kJ/mol
U	-764.4kJ/mol




$$\Delta H_f = -396.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Experimentally:

-410.9kJ/mol

	$U_{\text{calc.}}$	$U_{\text{Born-Haber}}$	ΔU
AgF	920	953	33
AgCl	832	903	71
AgBr	815	895	80
AgI	777	882	105


Increasing covalency!

Stabilities of unknown compounds

- If calc. $\Delta_f H$ is positive (and 'large') compound cannot be made \rightarrow prediction!
 - Assume **ArCl** has rock salt structure & $r(\text{Ar}^+)$ is between $r(\text{Na}^+)$ and $r(\text{K}^+)$ then $U(\text{ArCl}) \sim -745 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

S	1/2D	IP	EA	U	$\Delta_f H$ (calc.)
0	121	1524	-356	-745	+544

Pauling Rule 2: *Electrostatic Valence Principle* ("Bond Strength")

"In a stable ionic structure the charge on an ion is balanced by the sum of electrostatic bond strengths to the ions in its coordination polyhedron"

i.e. A stable ionic structure must be arranged to preserve *Local Electroneutrality*

Electrostatic Bond Strength (e.b.s.)

- For a cation M^{m+} surrounded by n anions X^{x-} , the electrostatic bond strength of the cation is defined as:

$$e. b. s = \frac{m}{n}$$

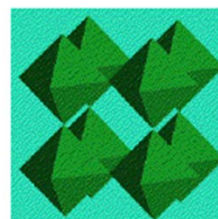
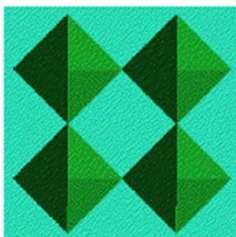
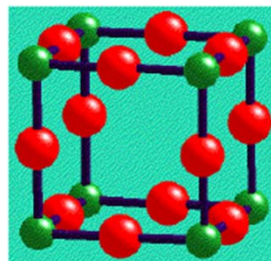
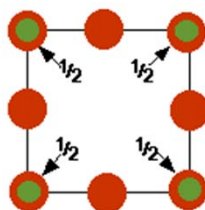
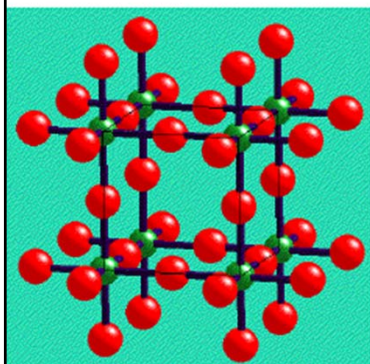
- For each anion (cation) the sum of the electrostatic bond strengths of the surrounding cations (anions) must balance the negative (positive) charge on the anion (cation)

$$\sum \frac{m}{n} = x$$

For a binary compound A_xB_y the coordination numbers of A and B are in the ratio $y:x$

Fluorite, CaF_2 Ca^{2+} (8-coordinate), F^- (4-coordinate)

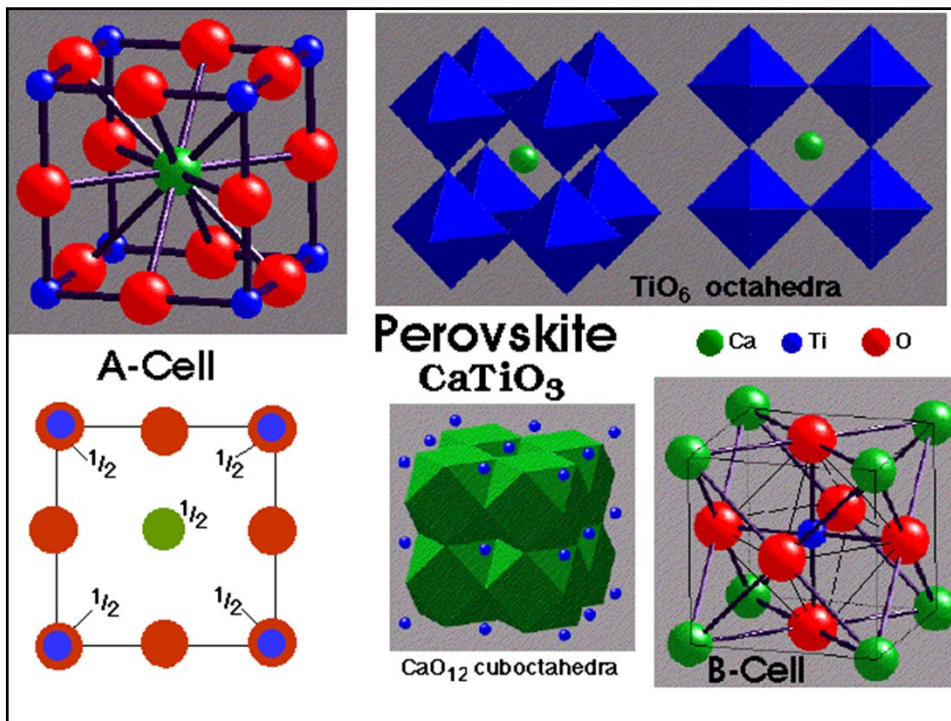
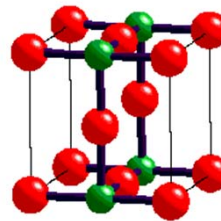
ReO_3
Rhenium Trioxide



- **Lattice: Primitive Cubic**
- **1ReO₃ per unit cell**
- **Motif: Re at (0, 0, 0); 3O at ($\frac{1}{2}$, 0, 0), (0, $\frac{1}{2}$, 0), (0, 0, $\frac{1}{2}$)**
- **Re: 6 (octahedral coordination)**
- **O: 2 (linear coordination)**
- **ReO₆ octahedra share only vertices**
- **May be regarded as ccp oxide with $\frac{1}{4}$ of ccp sites vacant (at center of the cell)**

Examples:

- **WO₃, AlF₃, ScF₃, FeF₃, CoF₃,**
- **Sc(OH)₃ (distorted)**

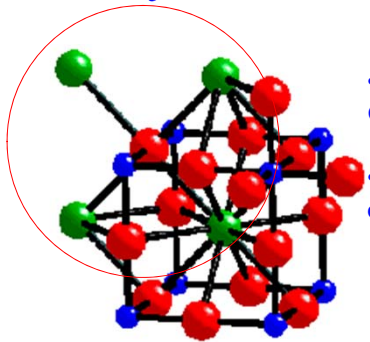


- **Lattice:** Primitive Cubic (idealised structure)
- **1 CaTiO₃** per unit cell
- **A-Cell Motif:** Ti at (0, 0, 0); Ca at ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$); 3O at ($\frac{1}{2}$, 0, 0), (0, $\frac{1}{2}$, 0), (0, 0, $\frac{1}{2}$)
- **Ca 12-coordinate by O (cuboctahedral)**
- **Ti 6-coordinate by O (octahedral)**
- **O distorted octahedral (4xCa + 2xTi)**
- **TiO₆** octahedra share **only vertices**
- **CaO₁₂** cuboctahedra share **faces**
- **Ca fills the vacant ccp site in ReO₃, \Rightarrow a CaO₃ ccp arrangement with $\frac{1}{4}$ of octahedral holes (those defined by 6xO) filled by Ti**
- **Examples:** NaNbO₃, BaTiO₃, CaZrO₃, YAlO₃, KMgF₃
- **Many undergo small distortions: e.g. BaTiO₃ is ferroelectric**

Allow Structure Prediction/Rationalization

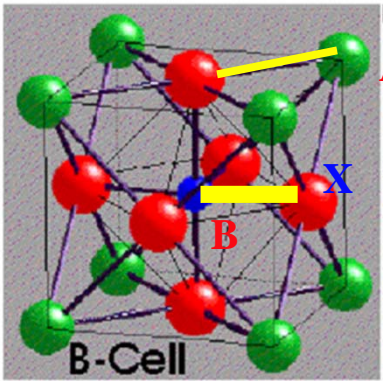
e.g. In Perovskite, CaTiO₃

- **Ca²⁺** is 12-coordinated by O²⁻ \Rightarrow Ca-O bond has e.b.s. = $\frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$
- **Ti⁴⁺** is 6-coordinated by O²⁻ \Rightarrow Ti-O bond has e.b.s. = $\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$



- **O²⁻** has a total valency of 2 \Rightarrow satisfied by $\{4 \times \text{Ca}^{2+}(\frac{1}{6})\} + \{2 \times \text{Ti}^{4+}(\frac{2}{3})\}$
- **Each Oxygen must be common to 4 CaO₁₂ cuboctahedra & 2 TiO₆ octahedra**

Pauling Rule 2: Electrostatic Valence Principle ("Bond Strength")

<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Perovskite Structure: ABO₃</h2> <p style="color: red; margin: 10px 0;">Tolerance factor:</p> $t = \frac{R_A + R_X}{\sqrt{2}(R_B + R_X)}$ </div> </div>		
t	Effect	Possible structure
>1	A cation too large to fit in interstices	Hexagonal perovskite
0.9-1.0	ideal	Cubic perovskite
0.71-0.9	A cation too small	Orthorhombic perovskite
<0.71	A cation same size as B cation	Possible close packed lattice

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Perovskite: most widely studied oxide structure

Wide range of chemistries possible
- thousands of examples known

Unique properties of perovskites:

- high T_c cuprate superconductors
- Colossal Magneto-Resistance (La,SrMnO₃)
- fast ion conduction (Li⁺, O²⁻), batteries, fuel cells
- mixed electronic/ionic conduction, fuel cells
- oxidation/reduction catalysts
- ferroelectric / piezoelectric ceramics (BaTiO₃, Pb(ZrTi)O₃)
- important mineral structure in lower mantle (MgSiO₃)
- frequency filters for wireless communications : Ba(Zn_{1/3}Ta_{2/3})O₃

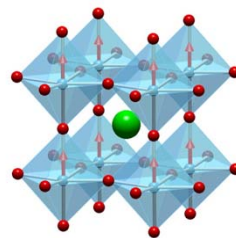
Ferroelectrics

BaTiO₃: Ba²⁺ $r=1.56 \text{ \AA}$ $t=0.992$
 Ti⁴⁺ $r=0.75 \text{ \AA}$
 O²⁻ $r=1.26 \text{ \AA}$

KNbO₃ K⁺ 1.65 \AA $t=1.01$
 Nb⁵⁺ 0.78 \AA

LiNbO₃ Li⁺ 1.06 \AA $t=0.81$
 Nb⁵⁺ 0.78 \AA

Rhombhedral distortion

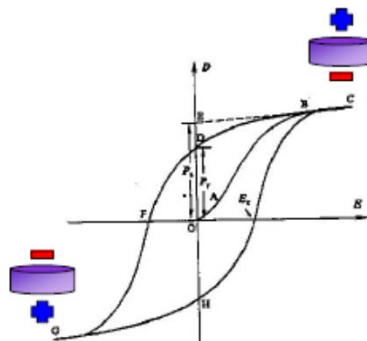


What is a Ferroelectric

A ferroelectric material develops a spontaneous polarization (builds up a charge) in response to an external electric field.

•The polarization does not go away when the external field is removed.

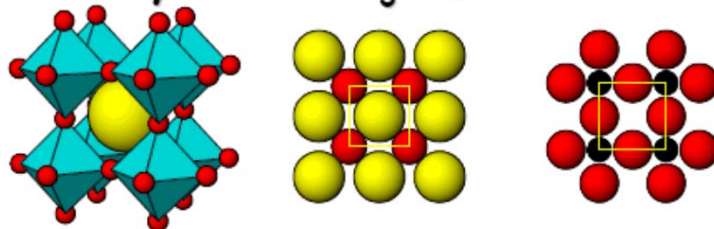
•The direction of the polarization is reversible.



Applications of Ferroelectric Materials

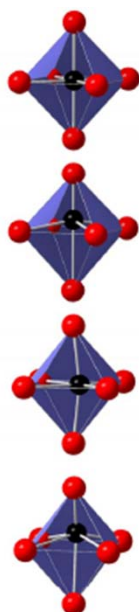
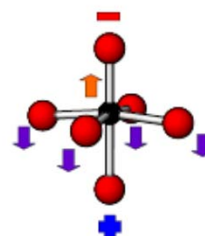
- Multilayer capacitors
- Non-volatile FRAM (Ferroelectric Random Access Memory)

Why is BaTiO₃ Ferroelectric



a shift of Ti⁴⁺ toward one of the corners of the octahedron.

• The direction of the shift can be altered through application of an electric field.



Cubic (Pm3m)

T > 393 K

Ti-O Distances (Å)
6x2.00

Tetragonal (P4mm)

273 K < T < 393 K

Ti-O Distances (Å)
1.83, 4x2.00, 2.21

Toward a corner

Orthorhombic (Amm2)

183 K < T < 273 K

Ti-O Distances (Å)
2x1.87, 2x2.00, 2x2.17

Toward an edge

Rhombohedral (R3m)

183 K < T < 273 K

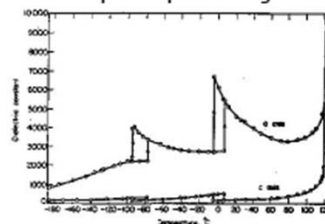
Ti-O Distances (Å)
3x1.88, 3x2.13

Toward a face

BaTiO₃ Phase Transitions

In the cubic structure BaTiO₃ is paraelectric. That is to say that the orientations of the ionic displacements are not ordered and dynamic.

Below 393 K BaTiO₃ becomes ferroelectric and the displacement of the Ti⁴⁺ ions progressively displace upon cooling.



See Kwei et al. *J. Phys. Chem.* **97**, 2368 (1993).

Magnetoresistive materials:

LaMnO_3 : 1.30 Å ; 0.72 Å $t=0.91$

$\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$: 1.28 Å, 0.695 Å $t=0.92$

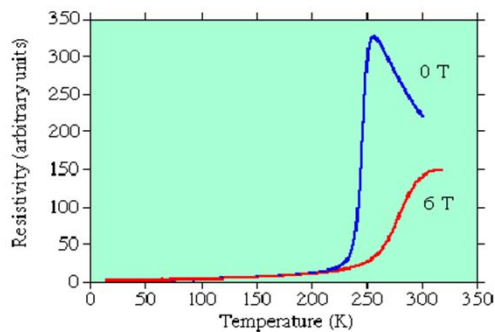
Mn^{3+} , d^4 :

large Jahn-Teller effect, tetragonal distortion

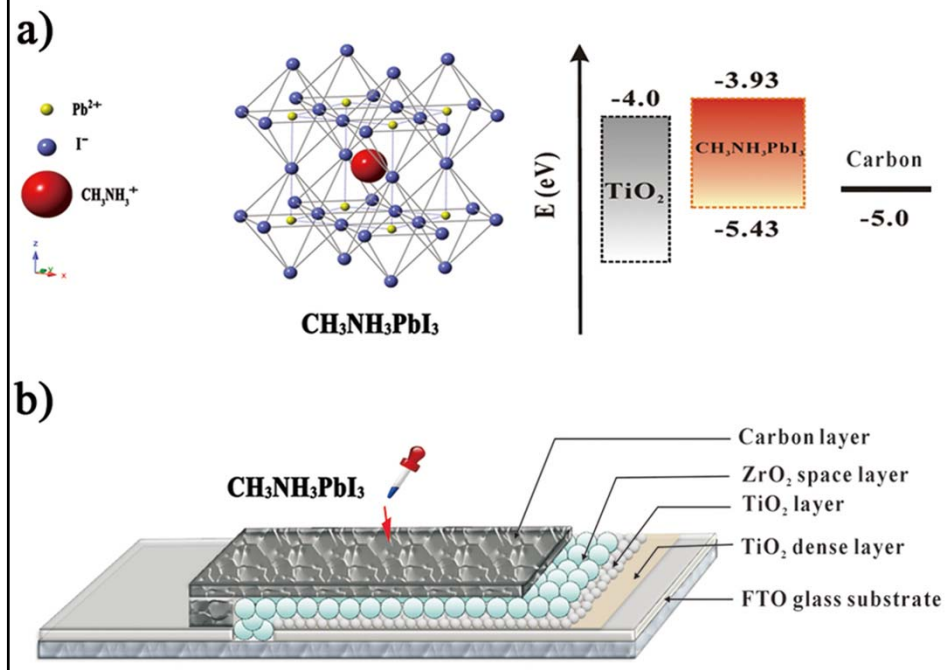
Colossal Magnetoresistance

Temperature Dependence

Temperature dependence of the resistivity of epitaxial $\text{La}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{MnO}_3$ film



As the temperature is increased through the ferromagnetic Curie temperature T_C , the electrical resistance rises sharply, and becomes strongly dependent on applied magnetic field.



Pauling Rule 3: Polyhedral Linking

"The stability of structures with different types of polyhedral linking is **vertex-sharing > edge-sharing > face-sharing**"

- effect is largest for cations with high charge and low coordination number
- especially large when r_+/r_- approaches the lower limit of the polyhedral stability

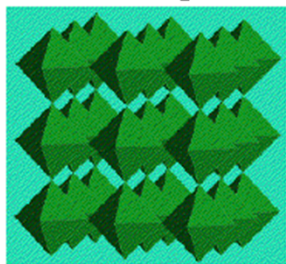
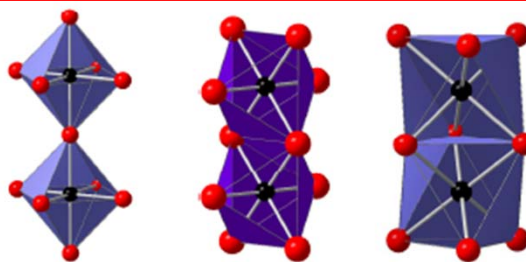
Sharing edges/faces brings ions at the center of each polyhedron closer together, hence increasing electrostatic repulsions

*i.e. disposition of ions of similar charge will be such as to **minimize the Electrostatic Energy between them***

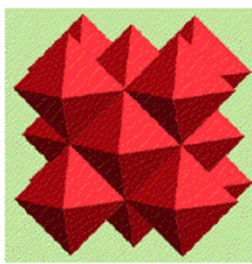
Linus Pauling, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* **51**, 1010 (1929)

When polyhedra share a common edge or face it brings the cations closer together, thereby increasing electrostatic repulsions.

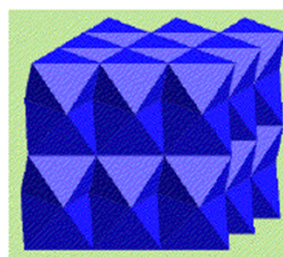
	<i>Cation-Cation Distance</i>		
	<i>Corner</i>	<i>Edge</i>	<i>Face</i>
Tetrahedra	2 M-X	1.16 M-X	0.67 M-X
Octahedra	2 M-X	1.41 M-X	1.16 M-X



Vertex-Sharing Only



Edge-Sharing



Face-Sharing in Columns

Ni-Ni interaction

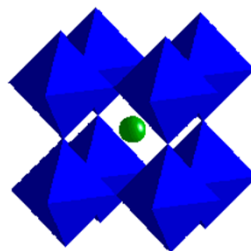
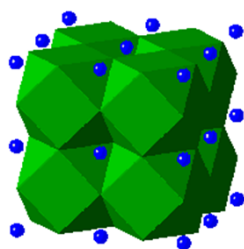
Pauling Rule 4: Cation Evasion in >Binaries

"In a crystal containing different cations, those of high valency and small coordination number tend **NOT** to share polyhedron elements with each other"

e.g. In Perovskite, CaTiO_3

Ca^{II} 12-coordinate CaO_{12} cuboctahedra share **FACES**

Ti^{IV} 6-coordinate TiO_6 octahedra share only **VERTICES**



Pauling Rule 5: Environmental Homogeneity

"The number of essentially different kinds of constituent in a crystal tend to be small"

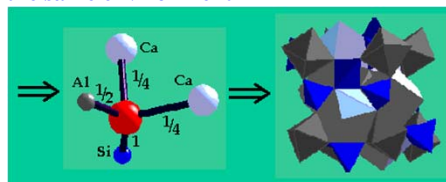
i.e. similar environments for chemically similar atoms

Treating the mineral *Garnet* $\text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$ as an ionic crystal

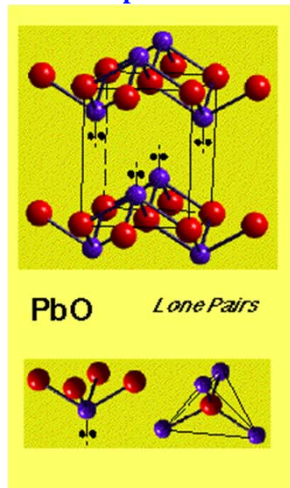
	Ca^{2+}	Al^{3+}	Si^{4+}
<i>coordination</i>	8	6	4
<i>e.b.s.</i>	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1

O^{2-} bond strength of 2 is satisfied by a number of alternative combination of bonds

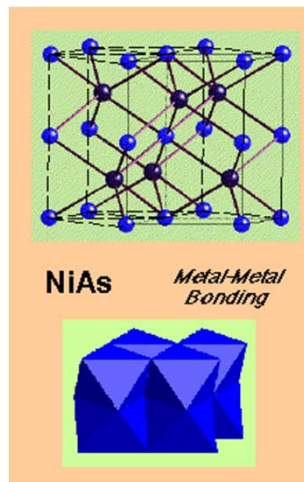
- Pauling Rule 5: Each O^{2-} would prefer the same environment
- Only one possible arrangement:



When Pauling's Rules are NOT Obeyed Special structural influences in the bonding



Distorted coordination polyhedra

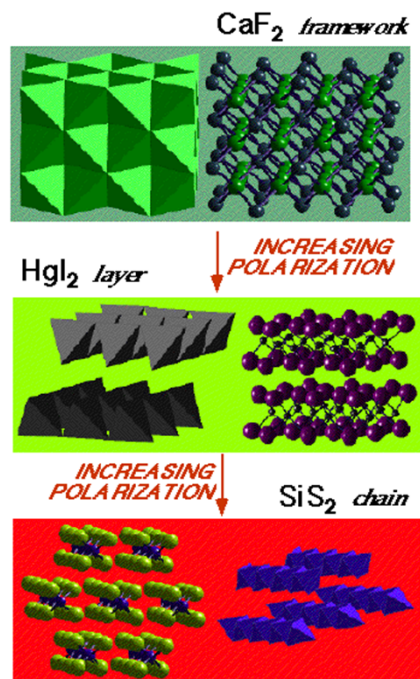


Face-sharing

Indirect evidence
that the structure is NOT
ionic

Increasing Polarization in
bonding

↓
low-dimensionality -
layers/chains



Fajan's Rules (*Polarization*)

Polarization will be increased by:

1. High charge and small size of the cation

Ionic potential Z_+/r_+ (= *polarizing power*)

2. High charge and large size of the anion

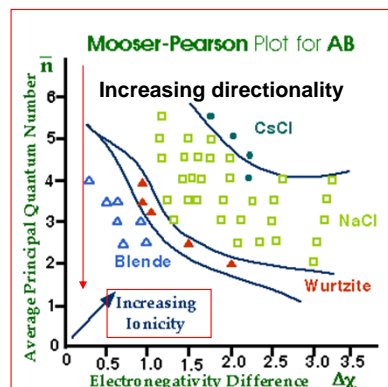
The polarizability of an anion is related to the deformability of its electron cloud (*i.e.* its "*softness*")

Mooser-Pearson Plots

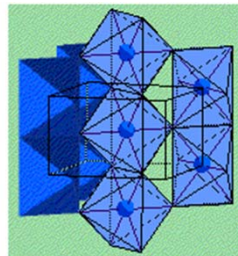
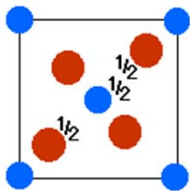
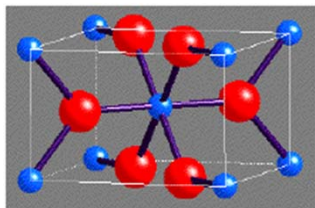
Combining Bond Directionality, Size and Electronegativity in a Structure Map

- x-axis is **Electronegativity Difference**, $\Delta\chi$ (partially related to bond ionicity)
- y-axis is the **average principal quantum number** \bar{n}
 - c_i = no. of atoms of i per formula unit
 - \bar{n} is related to **bond directionality**
- larger \bar{n} **larger orbitals, less directionality**

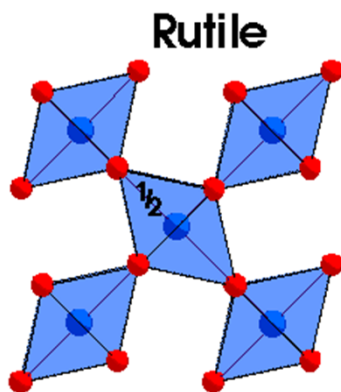
$$\bar{n} = \frac{\sum c_i n_i}{\sum c_i}$$



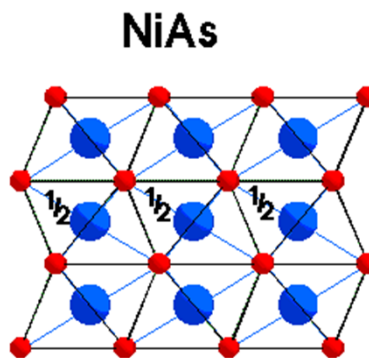
Oxide Structures & Networks



- **Unit Cell:** Primitive Tetragonal ($a = b \neq c$)
- **2TiO₂** per unit cell
- **Motif:** 2Ti at $(0, 0, 0)$; $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ & 4O at $\pm(0.3, 0.3, 0)$; $\pm(0.8, 0.2, \frac{1}{2})$
- **Ti:** 6 (octahedral coordination)
- **O:** 3 (trigonal planar coordination)
- **TiO₆** octahedra share edges in chains along c
- **Edge-sharing Chains** are linked by vertices
- **Examples:**
 - **oxides:** MO₂ (e.g. Ti, Nb, Cr, Mo, Ge, Pb, Sn)
 - **fluorides:** MF₂ (e.g. Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Pd)



vs



i.e. Rutile is distorted hcp O with Ti in $\frac{1}{2}$ Octahedral holes.

Anatase: ccp version

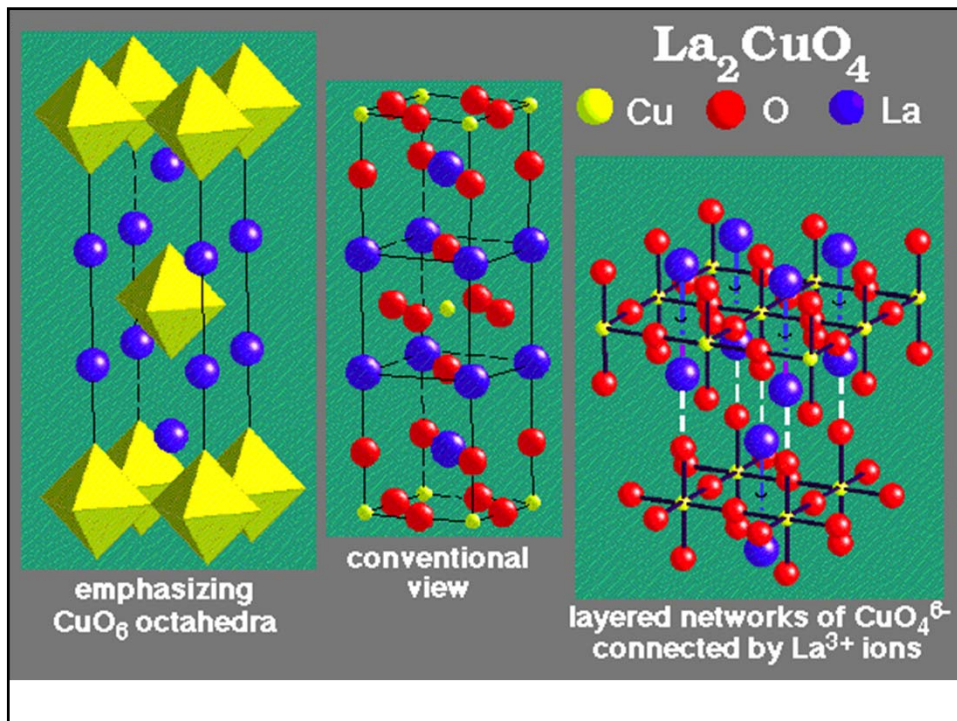
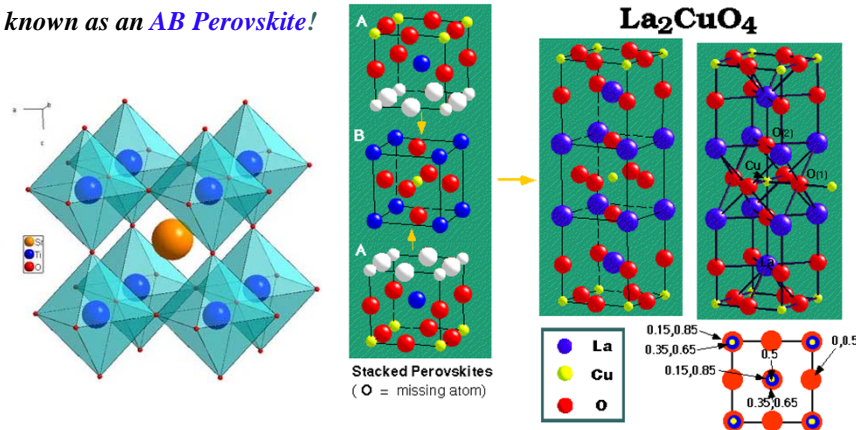
La_2CuO_4 { K_2NiF_4 structure}

Doped La_2CuO_4 was the first (1986) High- T_c Superconducting Oxide ($T_c \sim 40$ K)

Bednorz & Müller were awarded a Nobel Prize

La_2CuO_4 may be viewed as if constructed from an ABAB... arrangement of Perovskite cells

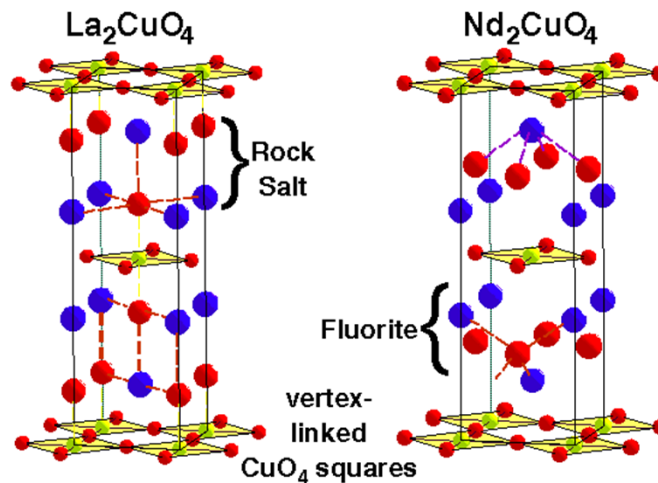
- known as an *AB Perovskite*!



We may view the structure as based on:

1. Sheets of elongated CuO_6 octahedra, sharing only vertices
2. Layered networks of CuO_4^{6-} , connected only by La^{3+} ions

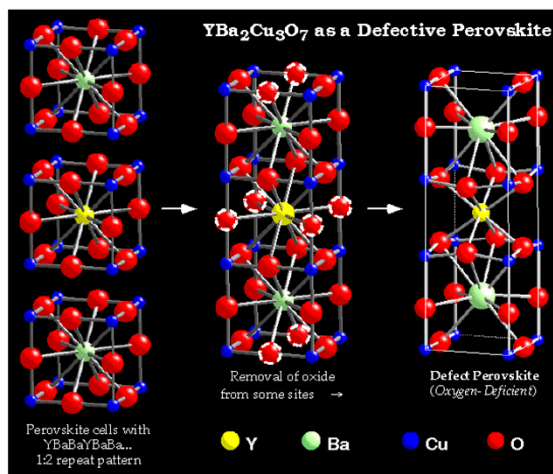
Comparison of La_2CuO_4 with the related Nd_2CuO_4



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- Common structural motif of **vertex-linked CuO_4 squares**.
- This motif occurs in all the high temperature superconducting copper oxides.
- The structures differ in the structure of the 'filling' in the 'sandwich' of copper oxide layers - known as **Intergrowth Structures**.

• $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ can be viewed as an **Oxygen-Deficient Perovskite**.

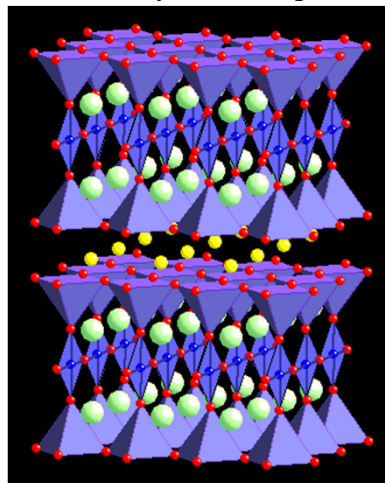


- Two types of Cu site

Layers of CuO_5 square pyramids (elongation \Rightarrow essentially *vertex-linked CuO_4 squares* again)

Chains of vertex-linked CuO_4 squares

These are indicated in a Polyhedral Representation



CuO2

BaO

CuO

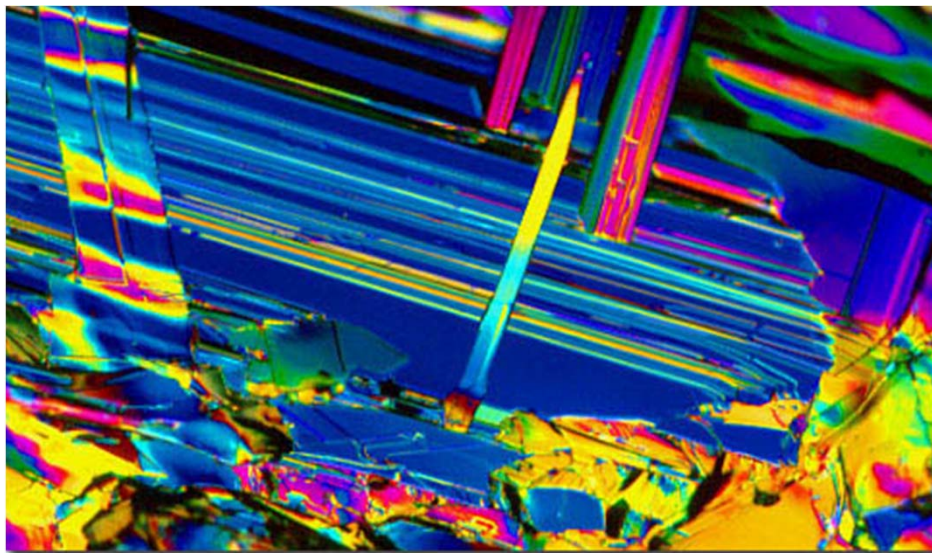
BaO

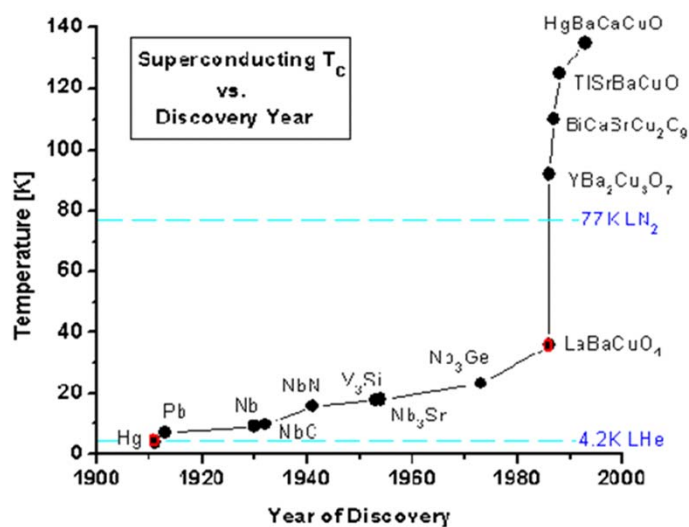
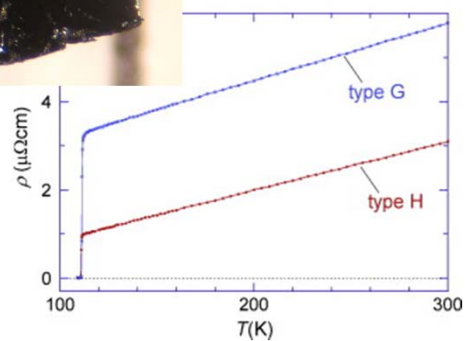
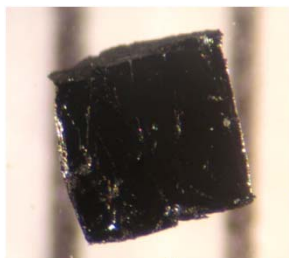
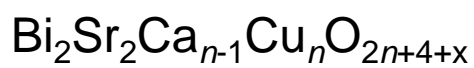
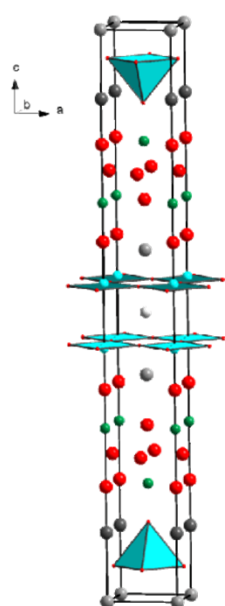
CuO2

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Infinite-layer-structure oxide: SrCuO_2

