Zeolites and Zeolitic Materials

Molecular sieves = highly organized matrices of tunable pore shape, size, and polarity for separation, recognition, and organization of molecules with precision of about 1 Å.

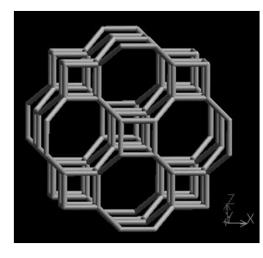
IUPAC classification of porous materials Macroporous > 50 nm Mesoporous 2–50 nm Microporous < 2 nm Ultramicroporous < 0.7 nm

detergent builders, adsorbents, size-shape selective catalysts, supramolecular chemistry, nanotechnology

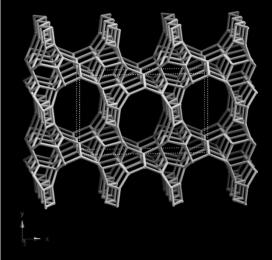
Chemical compositionSilicaSiO2Aluminosilicates $M_x^{\ I}Al_xSi_{2-x}O_4 \cdot nH_2O$ AluminophosphatesAlPO4 (isoelectronic with Si2O4)MetallophosphatesMPO4Silicoaluminophosphates $M_x^{\ I}Si_xAlP_{1-x}O_4$

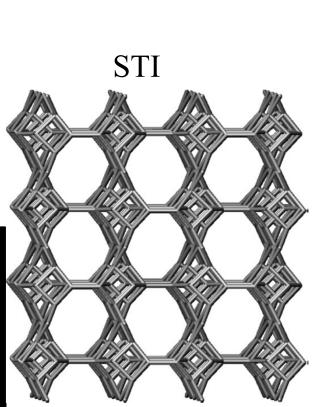


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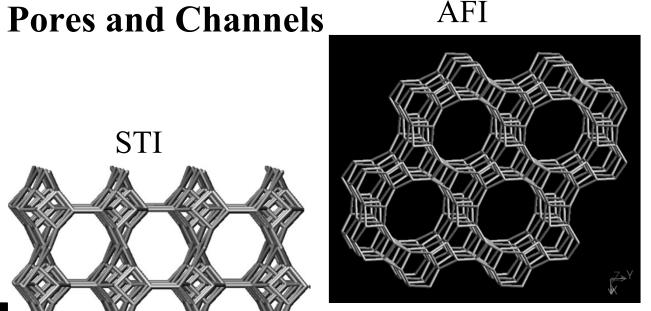


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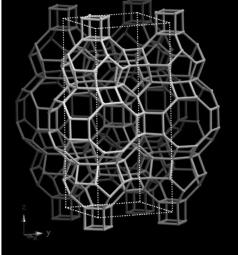




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Zeolite Types

>60 naturally occurring zeolites - large deposits of analcime, chabazite, clinoptilolite, erionite, mordenite and phillipsite
>232 zeolite framework types (IZA - 2017)
many hundreds of zeolite compounds

Nomenclature http://www.iza-structure.org/ Structure types - three capital letter codes Most well known zeolite archetypes: SOD, LTA, FAU, MOR, MFI Aluminium Cobalt Phosphate - 1 (One) = ACO

•Four-connected frameworks
•Interrupted frameworks (denoted by a hyphen: –CLO, cloverite)
Structure types do not depend on: chemical composition, element distribution, cell dimensions, symmetry

Several zeolite compounds can belong to the same structure type: FAU – faujasite, Linde X, Y, Beryllophosphate-X, SAPO-37, Zincophosphate-X

Zeolite Names

Names of zeolite materials:

•trivial names – Alpha, Beta, Rho

•chemical names – Gallogermanate-A



•mineral names – Chabazite, Mordenite, Stilbite, Sodalite

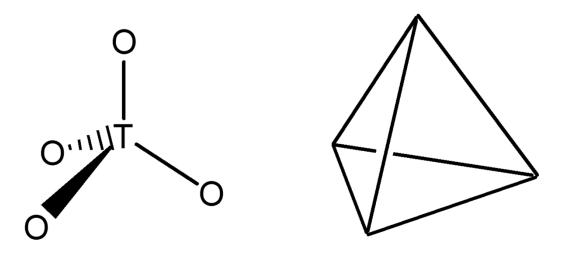
•codes – AlPO4-5, 8, 11, ..., 54, ZSM-4, 18, 57, ...

•brand names – Linde A, D, F, L, N, Q, R, T, W, X, Y

•university names VPI-5 (Virginia Polytechnical Institute) ULM (University Le Mans) MU-n (Mulhouse, Université de Haute Alsace)

Zeolites Building Units

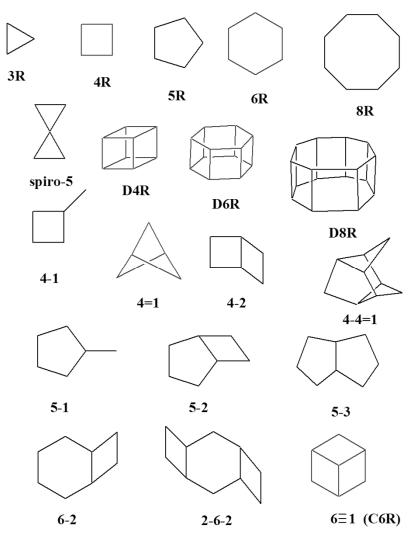
Primary building units: Al(III)O₄, P(V)O₄ and Si(IV)O₄ tetrahedra

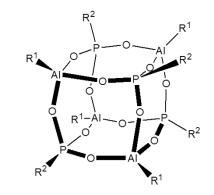


Isoelectronic relationship

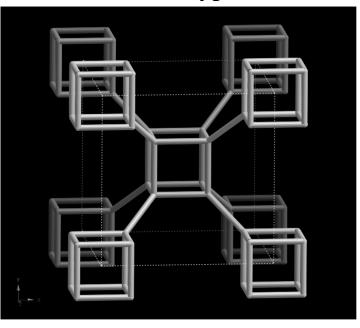
 $(SiO_2)_2$ [AlSiO₄]⁻ AlPO₄

Secondary (Structural) Building Units (SBU)





Framework Type ACO









[4⁶] double 4-ring (D4R)

[4⁶6²] double 6-ring (DGR)

[4⁸8²] double 5-ring (DISR)

Polyhedral composite building units



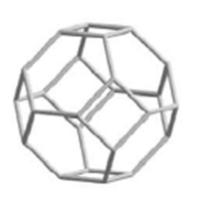




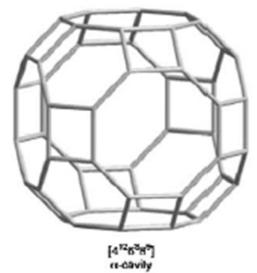
[5⁸] pentasil unit

[4⁶9⁵] cencrinite cage

[4°5°8°] gmelinite cavity

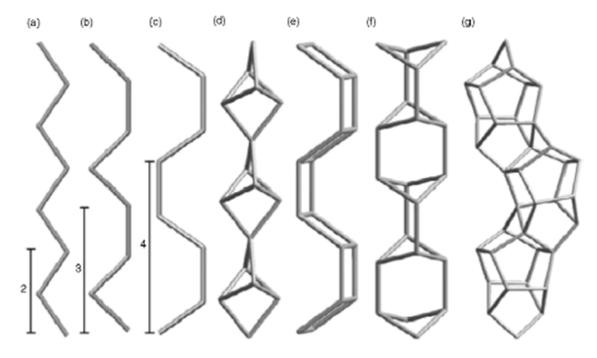


[4⁶8⁸] socialite cage or β-cage



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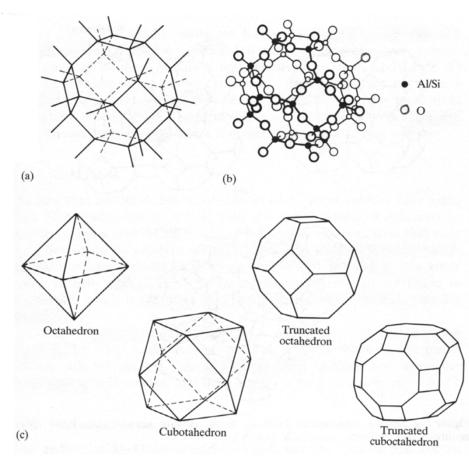
Chain composite building units



- (a) zig-zag unbranched single chain, periodicity of two
- (b) sawtooth unbranched single chain, periodicity of three
- (c) crankshaft unbranched single chain, periodicity of four
- (d) natrolite branched single chain
- (e) double crankshaft chain, an unbranched double chain
- (f) narsarsukite chain, a branched double chain
- (g) a pentasil chain

Sodalite Unit

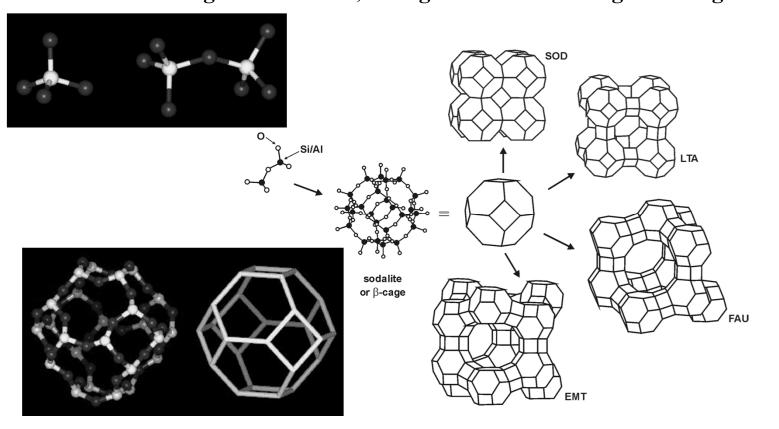
Truncated octahedron



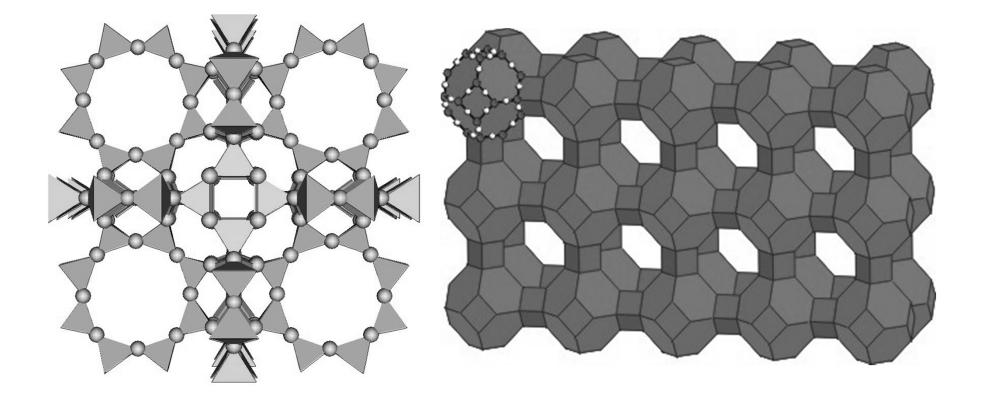


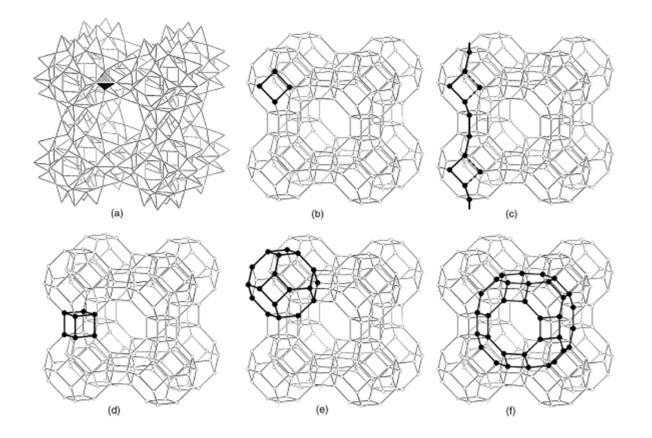
Sodalite Unit

Packing of the sodalite units:
SOD – bcc, sharing of 4-rings
LTA – sc, 4-rings connected through O bridges
FAU (faujasite) – cubic diamond, 6-rings connected through O bridges
EMT – hexagonal diamond, 6-rings connected through O bridges



Zeolite LTA

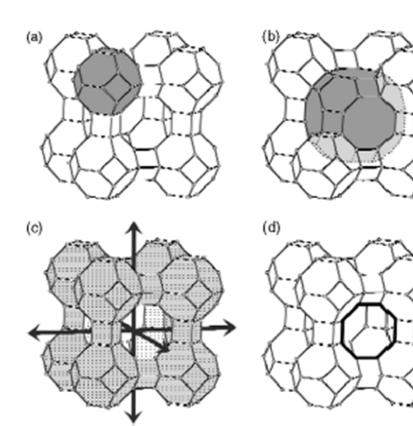




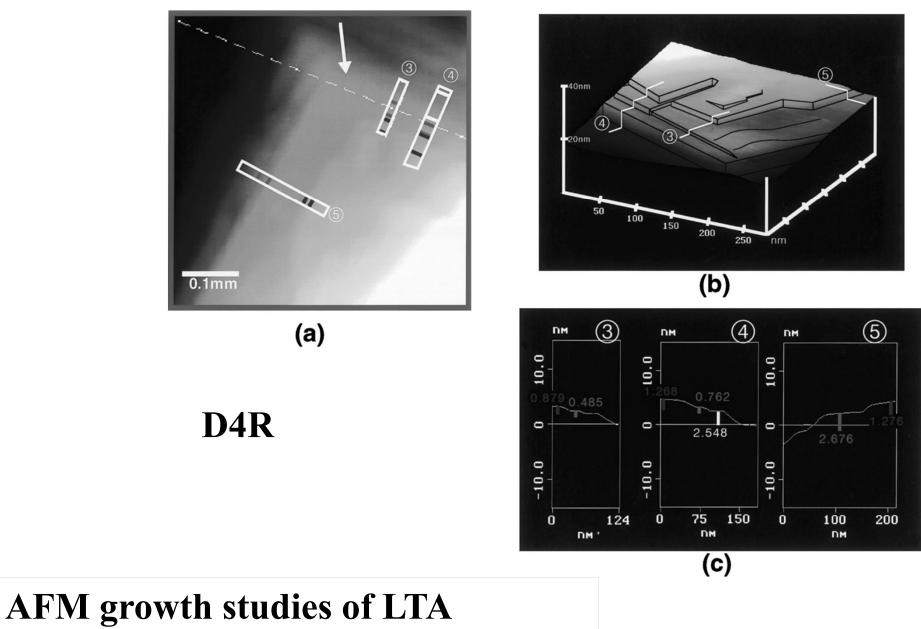
Zeolite A

- (a) [TO₄] tetrahedra as BBU
- (b) four-membered single rings
- (c) **IB** fuenfer chains
- (d) cubes [4⁶]
- (e) truncated octahedra [4⁶6⁸] (sodalite- or β -cages)
- (f) truncated cubeoctahedra [4¹²6⁸8⁶] (α-cavities)

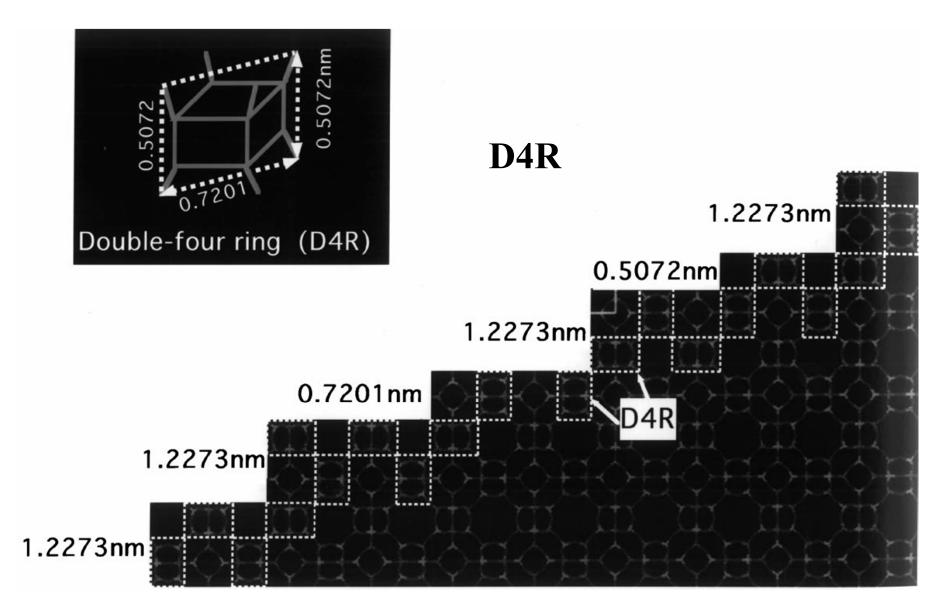
Pores in Zeolite A (LTA)

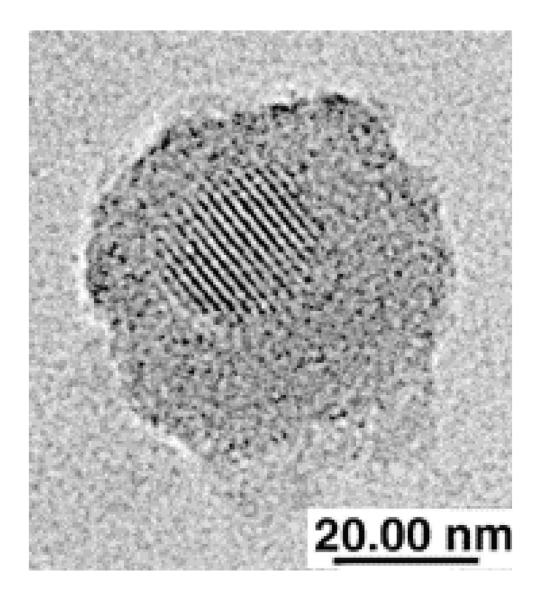


- (a) the sodalite cage $[4^{6}6^{8}]$
- (b) the α -cavity [4¹²6⁸8⁶]
- (c) the 3-dimensional channel system
- (d) the 8-ring defining the 0.41 nm effective channel width



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Zeolite A crystal in an amorphous gel particle after a synthesis time of 3 days at room temperature

Zeolite FAU (X and Y) and EMT

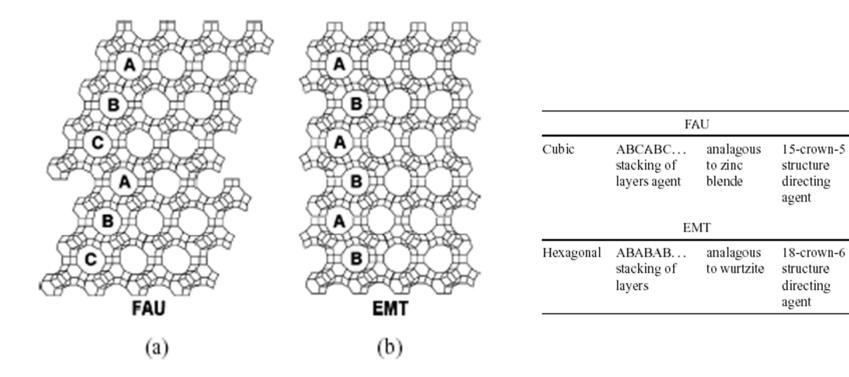
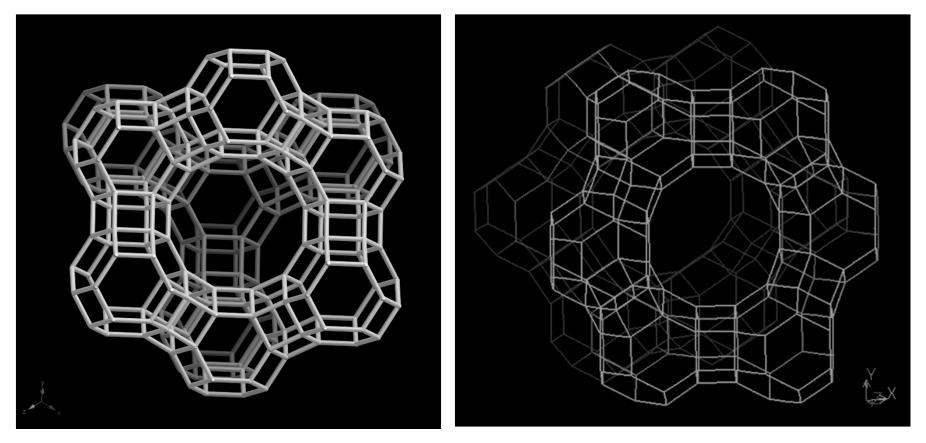


Fig. 1. Structure of zeolite Y: (a) cubic polymorph known as FAU with ABCABC... stacking, (b) hexagonal polymorph known as EMT with ABABAB... stacking.

Zeolite FAU (X and Y) and EMT



Cubic diamond (sfalerite)

Hexagonal diamond (wurzite)

Molecular Sieves

Zeolite	Cation	Code	Pore diameter
Zeolite A:	Na	4 A	0.42 nm
	Ca	5A	0.48 nm
	Na, K	3A	0.38 nm
Zeolite X:	Na	13X	0.8-1.0 nm
	Ca	10X	0.7 nm

Zeolite Y contains more Si

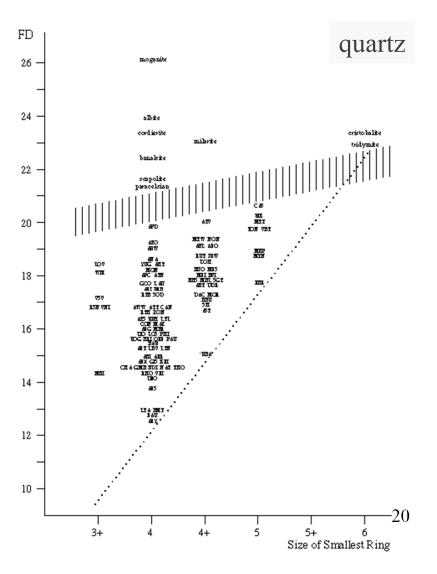
Framework Density

Framework density (FD)

Defined as the number of tetrahedral atoms (T-atoms) per cubic nanometer (1000 A³)

FD is related to the void volume of the crystal: as the FD value decreases, the void volume and capacity for adsorption increases

FD < 20 are characteristic of microporous structures the minimum known FD is 12.5 with the void occupying just over half of the crystal volume



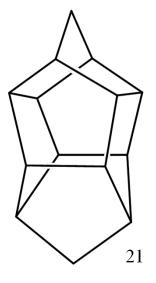
Pores

Various sizes (4 - 13 Å), shapes (circular, elliptical, cloverleaf-like), and connectivity (1-3D) The size of the rings formed by the TO_4 tetrahedra ranges from 4 to 18 of the T-atoms and determines the pore aperture

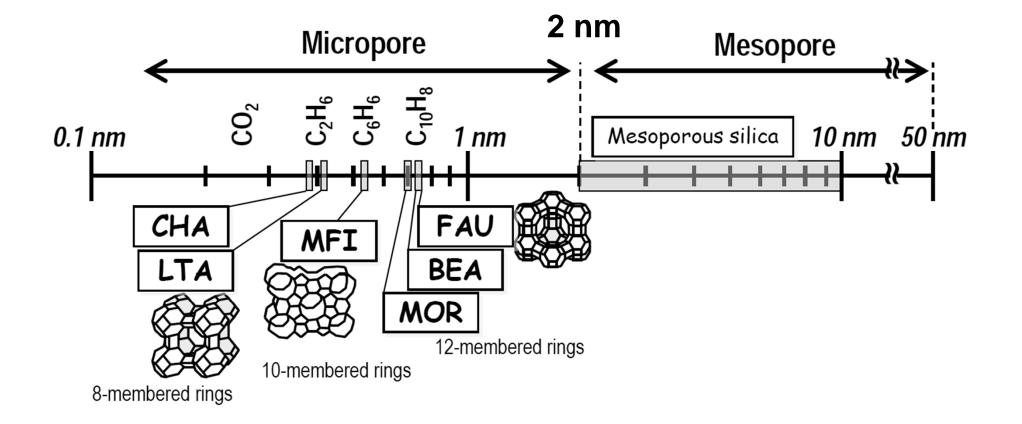
Extraframework charge-balancing cations Ion-exchangeable, size, charge, positions, distribution, ordering, coordination number

Si-to-Al ratioInfluences cation content, hydro-phobicity/-philicity, acidityLöwenstein rule:absence of the Al-O-Al moieties, in aluminosilicates Si/Al > 1Linde A (LTA)Si/Al = 1ZK-4 (LTA)Si/Al = 2.5ZSM-5Si/Al = 20 - ∞ Pure SiO2Si/Al = ∞

Pentasils ZSM-5







Zeolite Synthesis

Synthesis - an empirical and heuristic process, new phases are often discovered by serendipity

Aluminosilicates – high pH

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△ Mixing
NaAl(OH)_4(aq) + Na_2SiO_3(aq) + NaOH(aq), 25 °C,
condensation-polymerization, gel formation
Ageing
Na(H_2O)_n^+ template effect \rightarrow Na_a(AlO_2)_b(SiO_2)_c.NaOH.H_2O(gel) \rightarrow
25-175 °C
△ Hydrothermal crystallization of amorphous gel, 60-200 °C
Na_x(AlO_2)_x(SiO_2)_y.zH_2O(crystals)
A Separation of the solid product by filtration
A Calcination
- occluded water, removed by 25-500 °C vacuum thermal
dehydration
-template removal – calcination in O<sub>2</sub> at 400-900 °C removes the
                     guest molecules from the framework without
                     altering it
- extraction (neutral templates)
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Zeolite Synthesis

Structure of the zeolite product depends on:

- Composition
- Concentrations and reactant ratios
- Order of mixing
- Temperature
- Ageing time (hours to weeks)
- Crystallization time (days to weeks,

kinetics of the structure-directing process is slow)

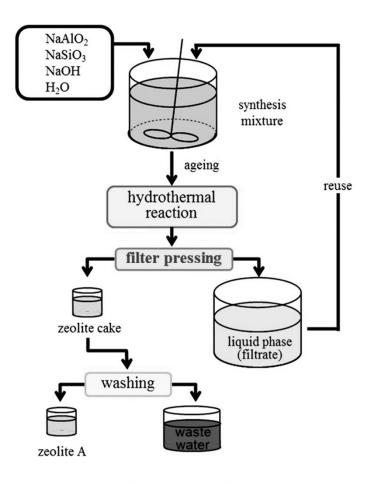
- pH
- Stirring/no stirring
- Pressure
- Seeding
- Reactor material (PTFE, glass, steel)
- Templates

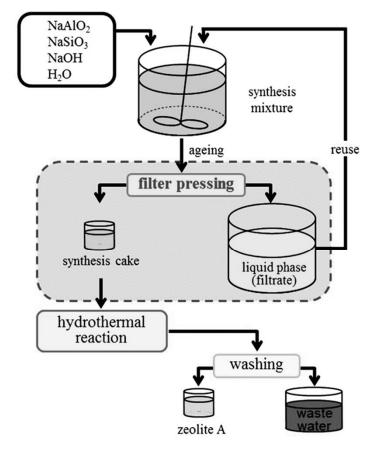
Templates: Organic cationic quaternary alkylammonium salts, alkylamines, aminoalcohols, crownethers,

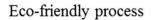
structure-directing, space-filling, charge-balancing

Vary the template - discover new structures !

Zeolite Synthesis







Conventional process

Templates

Template or guest compounds

Three levels of the guest action with increasing structure-directing specificity:

■ Space-filling - the least specific, observed, for example, in the synthesis of AlPO₄-5, 23 different, structurally unrelated compounds, could be employed, they pack in the channels of the structure thereby increasing its stability.

■ Structure-directing - a higher degree of specificity, only tetramethylammonium hydroxide is effective in the synthesis of AlPO₄-20

-elongated molecules, such as linear diamines, initiate the formation of channels

-nondirectional-shaped guests leads to the formation of cage-like cavities, the size of these cavities correlates with the size of freely rotating guests

■ True templating - very rare, it requires even more precise hostguest fit which results in the cessation of the free guest-molecule rotation

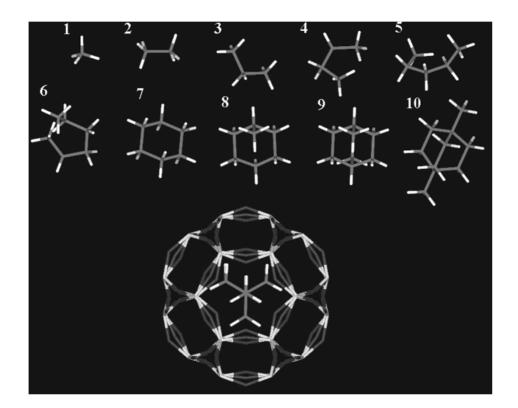
A curiosity: aluminophosphate VPI-5 does not require any guest for its formation!

Templates

The ratio $TO_2/(C + N + O)$ is a measure of space-filling of the framework by the guest molecules, characteristic for a specific guest and structure.

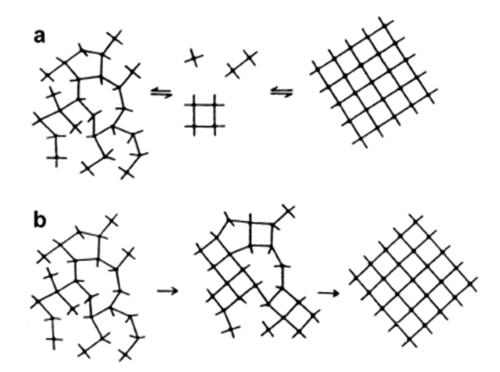
Existence of primary and secondary units in a synthesis mixture

4R, 6R, 8R, D4R, D6R, 5-1, cubooctahedron



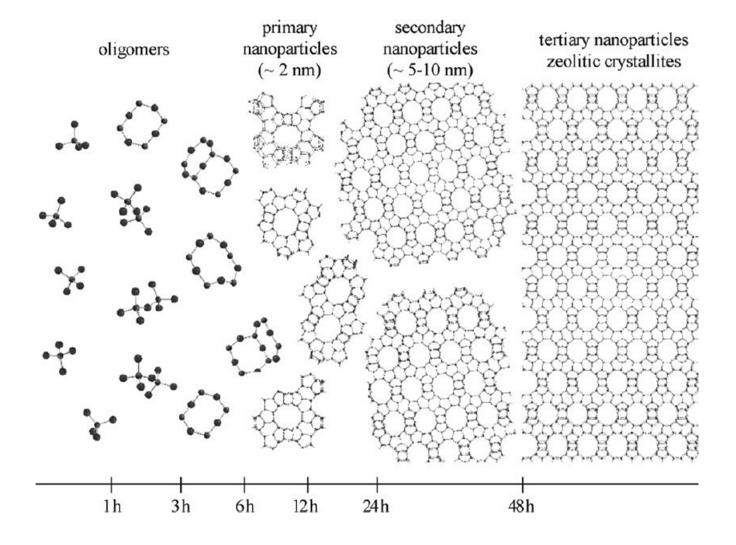
Zeolite Synthesis Mechanisms

(a) gel dissolution and solution mediated crystallization (SBU in solution)

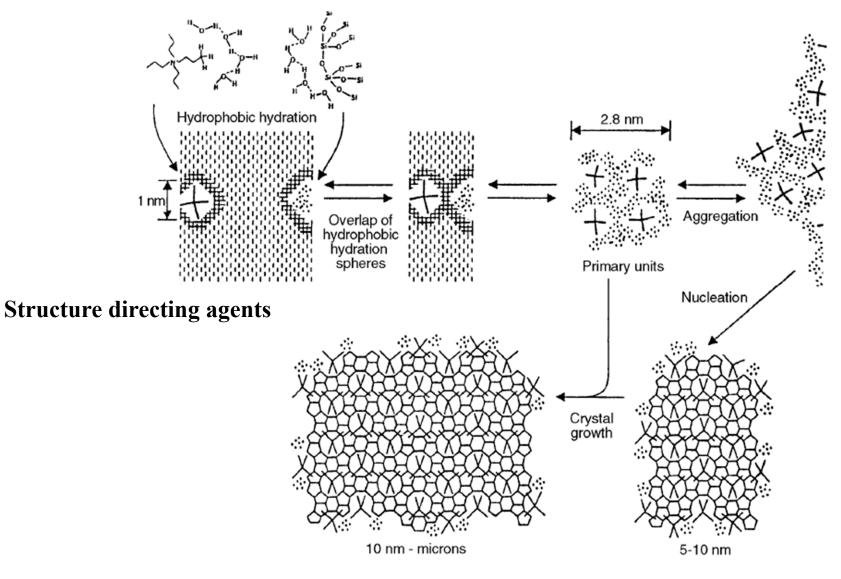


(b) "in situ" rearrangement of the gel

Zeolite Synthesis Mechanisms

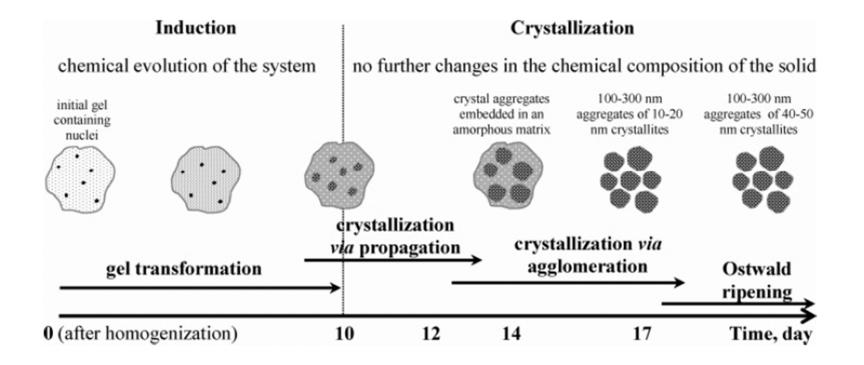


Zeolite Synthesis Mechanisms



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Crystallization Mechanism



crystallization mechanism of FAU-type zeolite under ambient conditions

Zeolites and zeolitic materials

Wide range of solid state characterization methods for zeolites: diffraction, microscopy, spectroscopy, thermal, adsorption and so forth

Zeolite post modification for controlling properties of zeolites

Tailoring channel, cage, window dimensions:

+Cation choice (Ca²⁺ exchanged for Na⁺)

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+Larger Si/Al
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decreases unit cell parametrs, window size decreases number of cations, free space increases hydrophobicity

+Reaction temperature, higher T, larger pores

Stability Rules

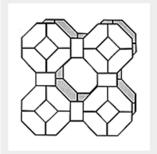
Lőwenstein rule: never Al-O-Al

Dempsey rule: Al-O-Si-O-Si-O-Al

is more stable than

Al-O-Si-O-Al

NNN-principle



Synthetic Zeolite Applications

Production 1.6 million tons p.a. (about half that of natural zeolites)

Detergent - water softening by ion exchange (82%) - zeolites A and X

Catalysis (8%) - zeolite Y (faujasite, 96 wt.%), mordenite, ZSM-5, zeolite Beta

Desiccants/absorption (5%) - zeolites A, X, Y and mordenite

Host-guest inclusion, atoms, ions, molecules, radicals, organometallics, coordination compounds, clusters, polymers (conducting, insulating)

Nanoreaction chambers

Advanced zeolite devices, electronic, optical, magnetic applications, nanoscale materials, size tunable properties, QSEs

Mineral zeolites - odor control, antidiarrheal

Natural Mineral Zeolite Applications

Aquaculture

Ammonia filtration in fish hatcheries Biofilter media

Agriculture

Odor control Confined animal environmental control Livestock feed additives

Horticulture Nurseries, Greenhouses

Floriculture

Vegetables/herbs

Foliage

Tree and shrub transplanting

Turf grass soil amendment

Reclamation, revegetation, landscaping

Silviculture (forestry, tree plantations)

Medium for hydroponic growing

Household Products Household odor control Pet odor control

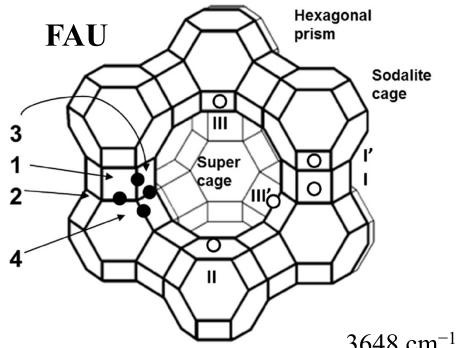
Industrial Products Absorbents for oil and spills Gas separations

Radioactive Waste Site remediation/decontamination

Water Treatment Water filtration Heavy metal removal Swimming pools

Wastewater Treatment Ammonia removal in municipal sludge/wastewater Heavy metal removal Septic leach fields

Brønsted Acidity



3648 cm⁻¹ site 1 (pointing to the supercage) 3625 cm⁻¹ site 1' or 4 (pointing to the supercage) 3571 cm⁻¹ site 2 (pointing to the sodalite cage) 3526 cm⁻¹ site 3 (pointing to the hexagonal prism) 3744 cm⁻¹ free terminal OH at the external surface $\frac{36}{36}$

Brønsted Acidity

Solid acid catalysts for the hydrocarbon cracking

Introducing Bronsted acidity into zeolites:

- (1) direct H⁺-exchange of the charge-compensating metal cations
- (2) NH₄⁺-exchange of the compensating metal cations followed by calcination to decompose the ammonium cation leaving a proton on the surface
- (3) exchange with polyvalent cations that can generate H⁺ via partial hydrolysis of H₂O molecules
- (4) exchange by metal cations that can be reduced by H₂ to a lower valence state, generating protons on the surface

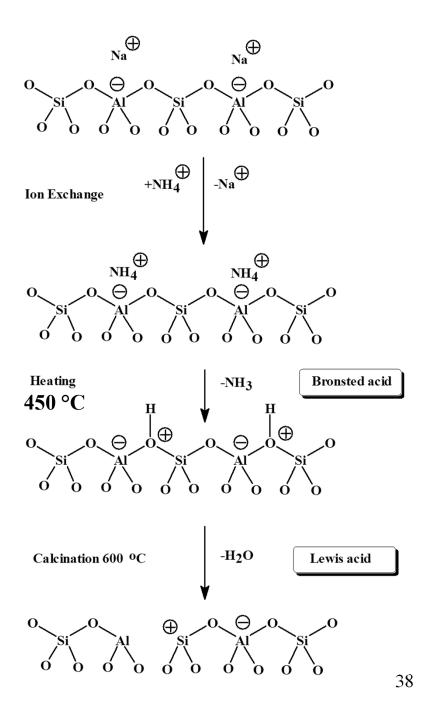
Brønsted Acidity

Tuning Brønsted acidity:

- Ion exchange for NH₄⁺
- Pyrolysis to expel NH₃
- Calcination to expel H₂O

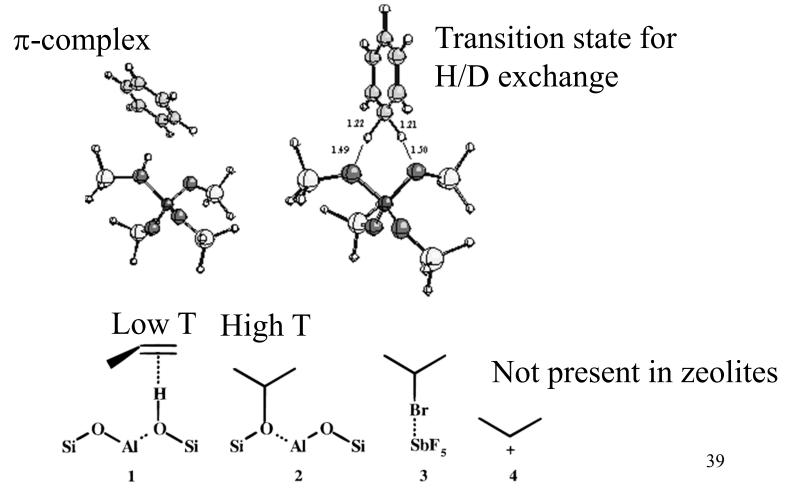
Solid acid for the hydrocarbon cracking

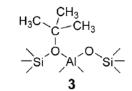
The larger the Si/Al ratio of a zeolite, the more Brønsted acidic is the OH, but the number of these sites decreases

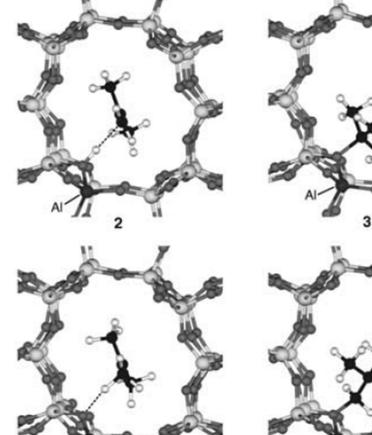


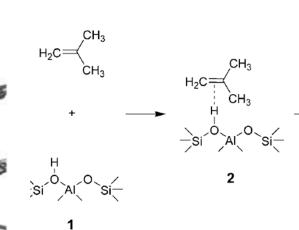
Strong Brønsted Acidity

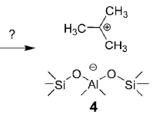
Protonation of benzene

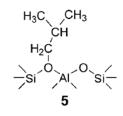


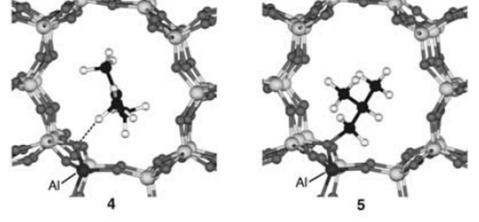












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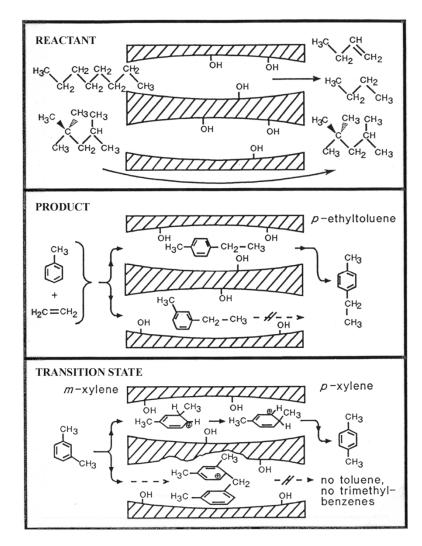
Figure 1. Portions of the structures calculated for the π complex of isobutene in ferrierite (2), for the tert-butyl cation in ferrierite (4), and for the tert-butoxide (3) and isobutoxide (5) of ferrierite.

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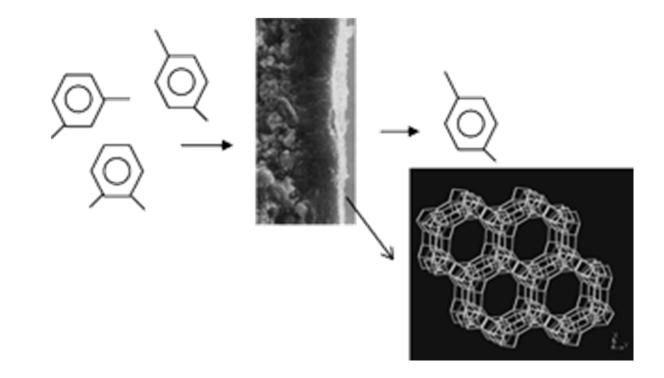
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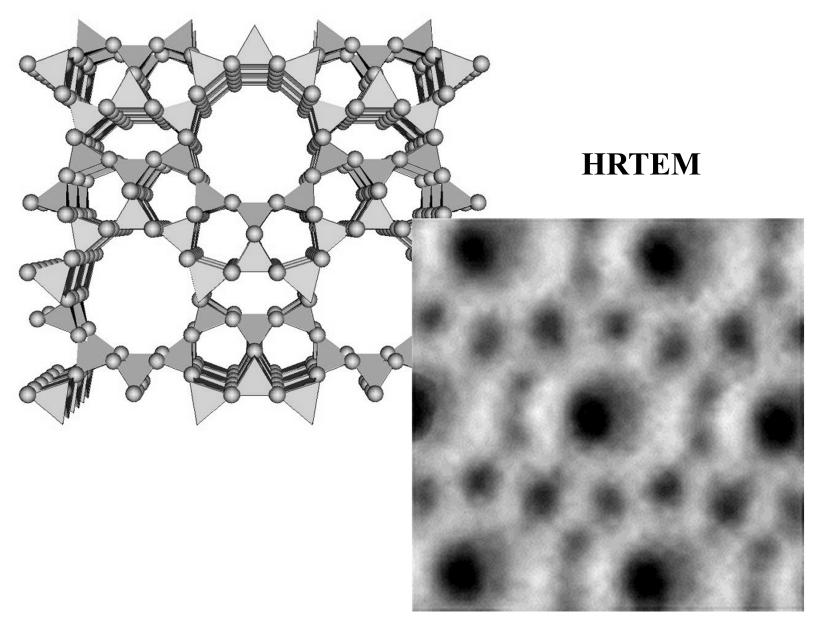
Size-shape selective catalysis, separations, sensing

- Selectivity at:
- •Reactants
- •Products
- •Transition state



Separation of xylene isomers by pervaporation through a MFI membrane





Aluminophosphates

+Isoelectronic relationship of $AIPO_4$ to $(SiO_2)_2$

★Ionic radius of Si⁴⁺ (0.26 Å) is very close to the average of the ionic radii of Al³⁺ (0.39 Å) and P⁵⁺ (0.17 Å)

Many similarities between aluminosilicate and $AIPO_4$ molecular sieves Dense $AIPO_4$ phases are isomorphic with the structural forms of SiO₂: quartz, tridymite, and cristobalite Aluminosilicate framework charge balanced by extraframework cations Aluminophosphate frameworks neutral $(AIO_2^{-})(PO_2^{+}) =$

AlPO₄

Aluminophosphates

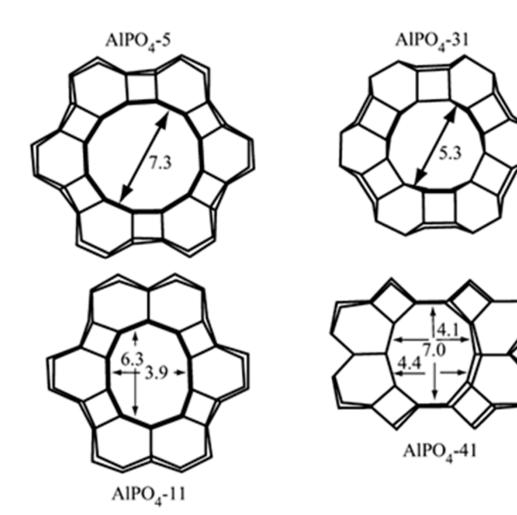
Some AlPO₄ structures are analogous to zeolites while other are novel and unique to this class of molecular sieves.

Only even-number rings = the strict alternation of Al and P atoms

Incorporation of elements such as Si, Mg, Fe, Ti, Co, Zn, Mn, Ga, Ge, Be, Li, As, and B into the tetrahedral sites of AlPO₄ gives a vast number of element-substituted molecular sieves (MeAPO, MeAPSO, SAPO) important heterogeneous catalysts M¹⁺, M²⁺, and M³⁺ incorporate into the Al sites M⁵⁺ elements incorporate into the P sites

This substitution introduces a negative charge on these frameworks. Si⁴⁺, Ti⁴⁺, and Ge⁴⁺ can either replace P and introduce a negative charge or a pair of these atoms can replace an Al/P pair and retain the charge neutrality. 45

Aluminophosphates



Aluminophosphate Synthesis

Aluminophosphates prepared by the hydrothermal synthesis Source of Al: pseudoboehmite, Al(O)(OH), Al(O*i*-Pr)₃

Mixing with aqueous H_3PO_4 in the equimolar ratio – low pH ! Forms an AlPO₄ gel, left to age One equivalent of a guest compound = template Crystallization in a reactor Separated by filtration, washed with water Calcination

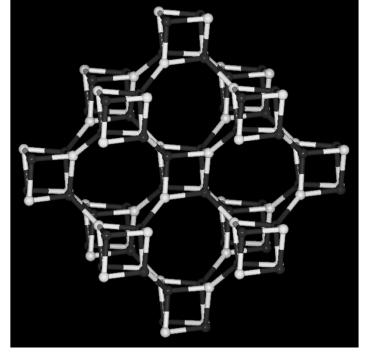
Other zeolite materials Oxide and non-oxide frameworks, sulfides, selenides Coordination frameworks, supramolecular zeolites The quest for larger and larger pore sizes

Cobalto-Aluminophosphate

ACP-1 (Co/Al 8.0)

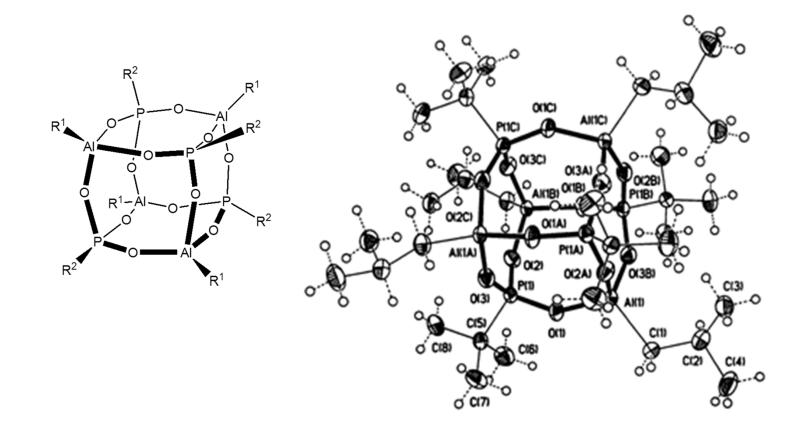
bcc arrangement of the double 4-ring units (D4R) Ethylenediamine molecules are located inside 8-ring channels At the centre of eac<u>h D4R, there is a water molecule, 2</u>.31 Å away from four

metal sites



Al(O-iPr)₃, CoCO₃.H₂O, 85% H₃PO₄, ethylene glycol, ethylenediamine, pH 8.4 Heated in a Teflon-coated steel autoclave at 180 °C for 4 d

Synthesis of Double 4-ring Units (D4R)



Metallo-Organic Framework (MOF) Structures

4000 structures known (2008), 1000 new per year

Porous coordination polymers (PCP)

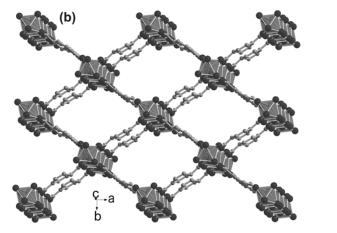
Metal centers

- Coordinative bonds
- Coordination numbers 3-6
- Bond angles

Polytopic Ligands

- Organic spacers
- Flexible rigid
- Variable length



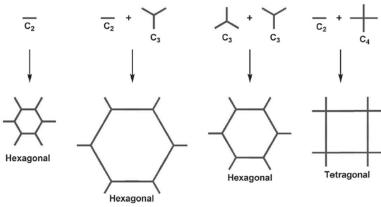


Reticular Chemistry

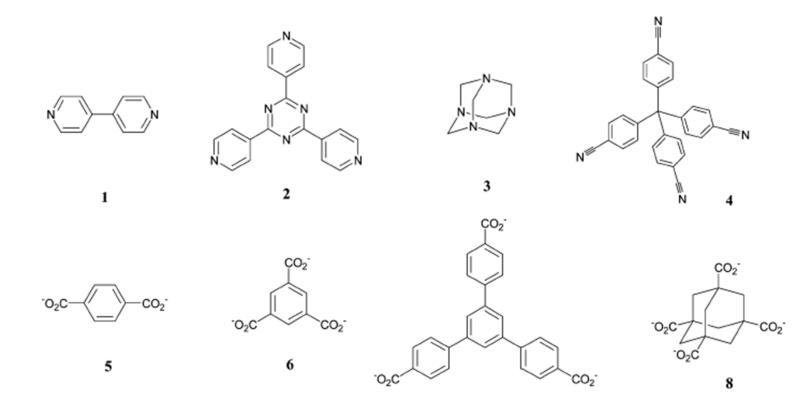
A building-block approach to the synthesis of nanostructured materials Materials formed by a bottom-up self-assembly of building blocks (reticuli) with predetermined symmetry

Targeted, predictable, and straightforward design and synthesis Chemistry of the self-assembly and the design should not interact

Building blocks: $\overline{c_2}$ Discrete symmetry: C_{∞} , C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , T_d , ... \downarrow Rigid, inert \downarrow Functional groups for linking \downarrow Suitable linking reactionJDiscrete bonding direction \downarrow



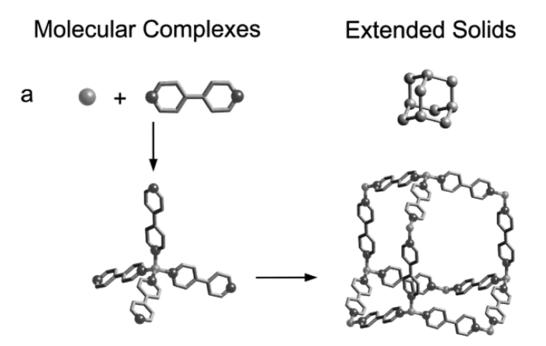
Polytopic Organic Linkers



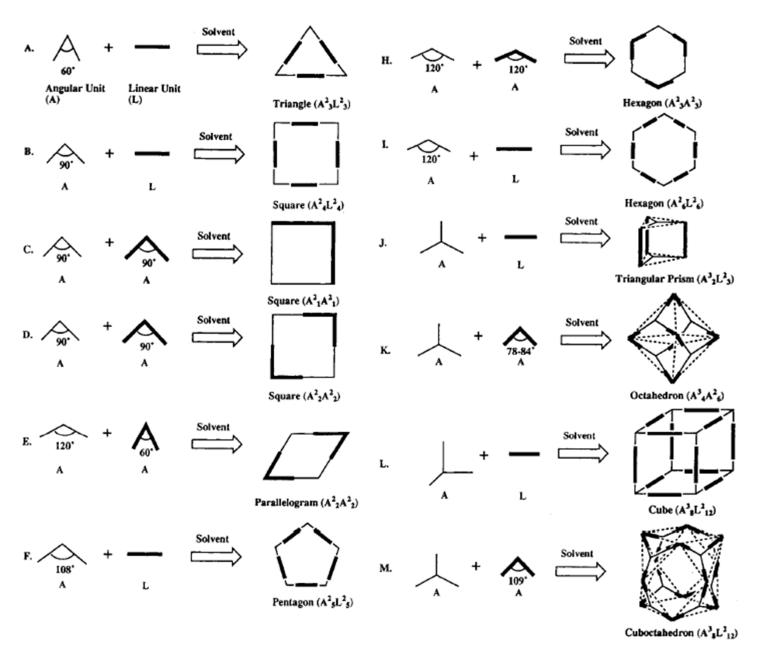
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Polytopic N-bound Organic Linkers

Cationic framework structures Evacuation of guests within the pores usually results in collapse of the host framework

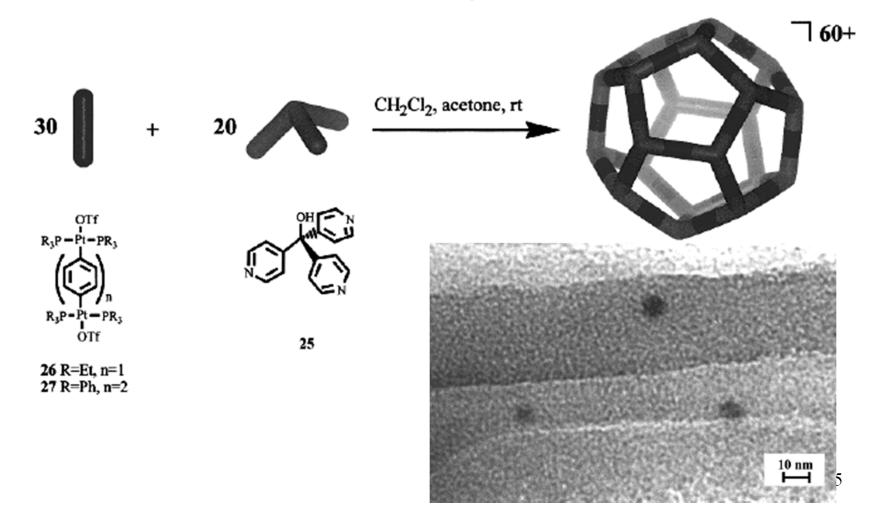


Expanded Framework



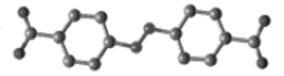
Metallo-Organic Framework Structures

Scheme 4. Self-Assembly of Dodecahedra

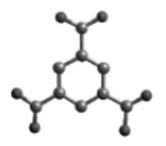


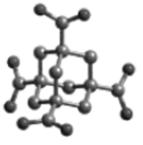
Polytopic carboxylate linkers





1,4-benzenedicarboxylate (BDC) 1,4-azodibenzoate (ADB)





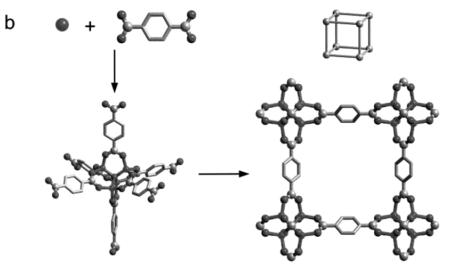
1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate (BTC)

1,3,5,7-adamantanetetracarboxylate (ATC)

Polytopic Carboxylate Linkers

Aggregation of metal ions into M-O-C clusters form more rigid frameworks frameworks are neutral no need for counterions



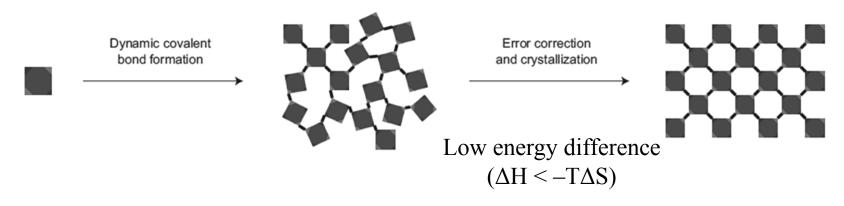


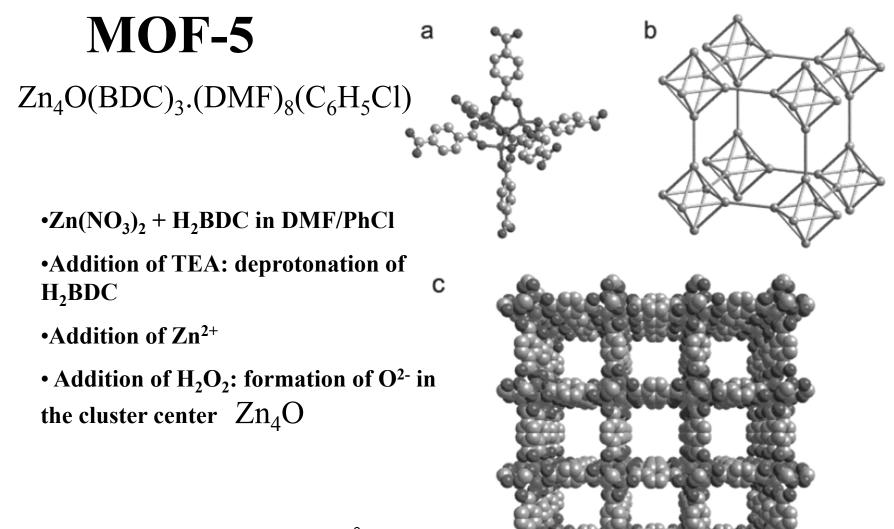
Decorated-Expanded Framework 57

MOF Crystallization

Entropy-driven errors in self-assembly Mechanism for error correction required The reaction should be reversible to allow for thermodynamic control No side-reactions should exist (loss of reagents, contamination) The building block rigidity, symmetry and discrete bonding direction decrease the incidence of errors

Solvothermal methods – control over p, T, μ to establish equilibrium

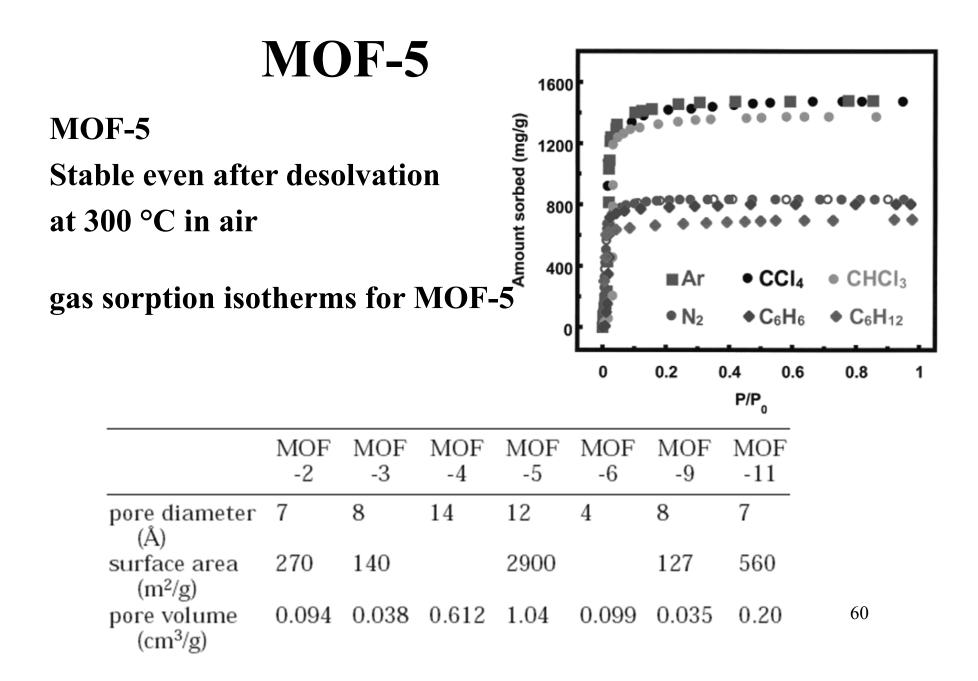




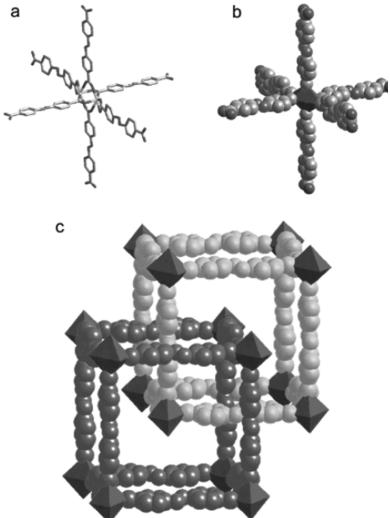
Cavity diam. 18.5 Å

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a primitive cubic lattice

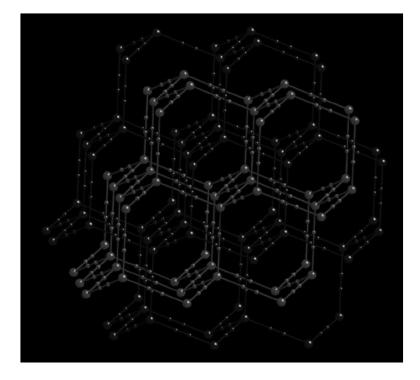


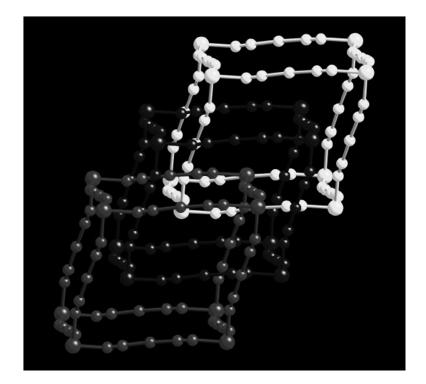
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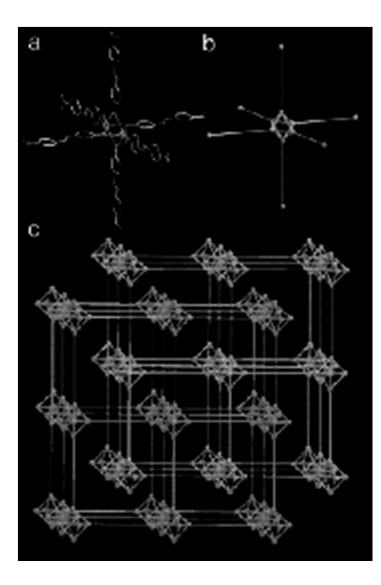
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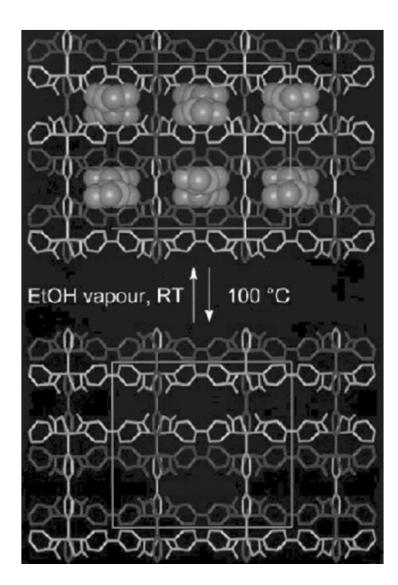
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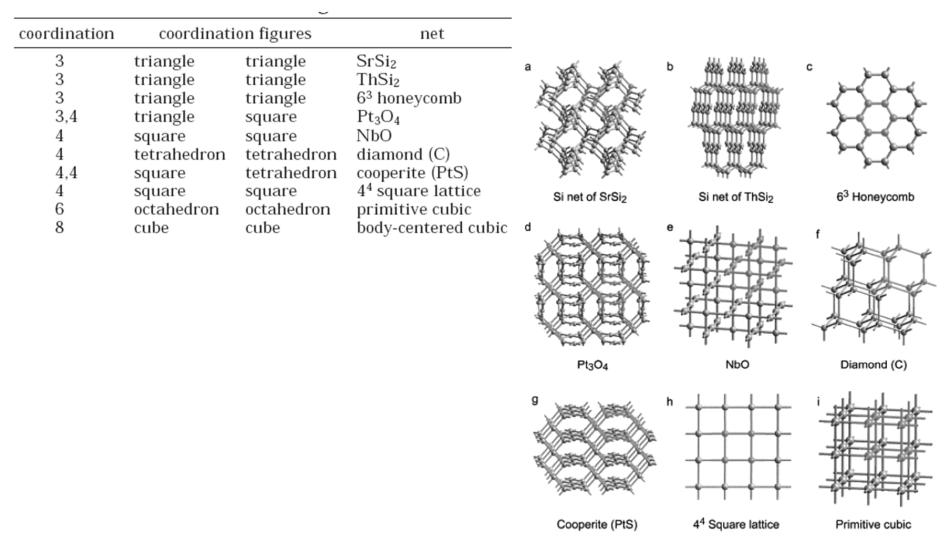
Metallo-Organic Framework Structures



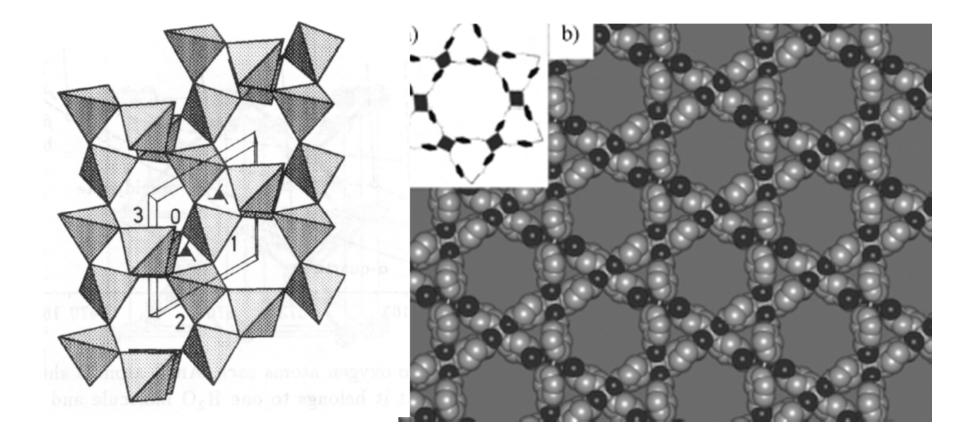


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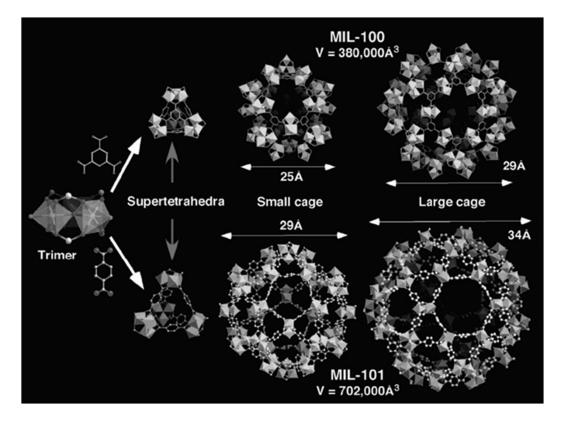
Basic Nets



Inorganic and Metallo-Organic Quartz

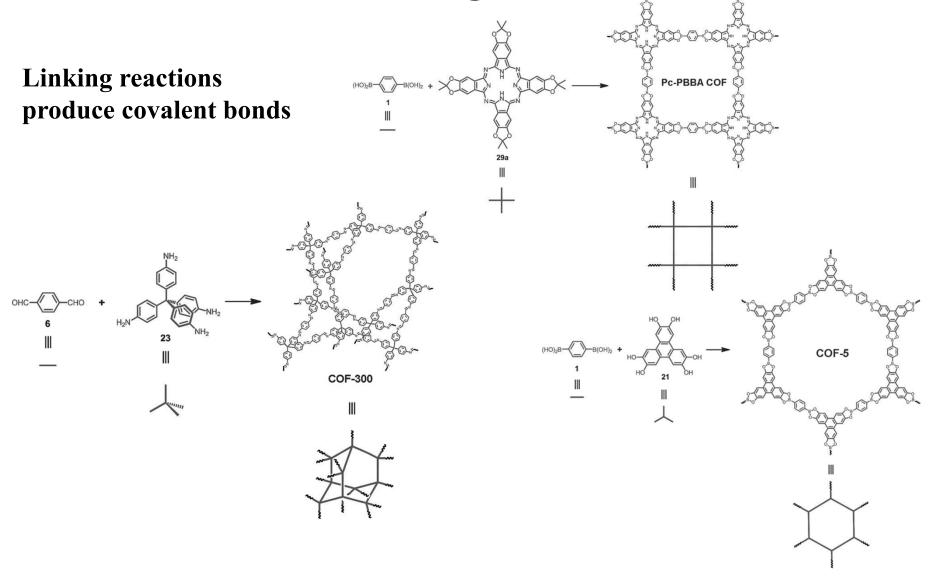


MIL-100 and MIL-101

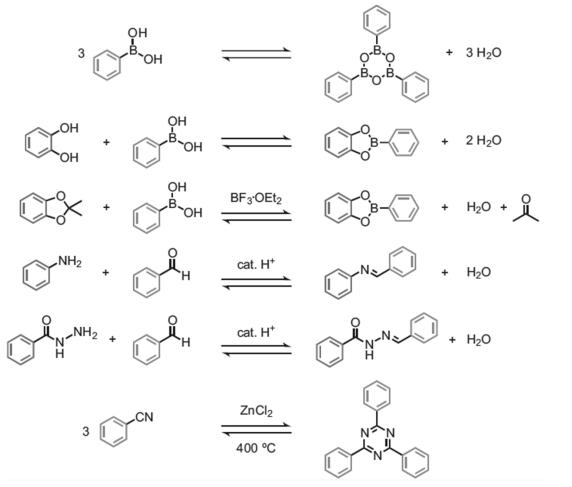


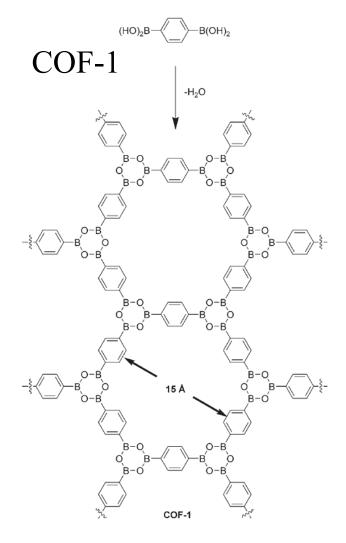
MIL-101 Record Surface area 5 900 m²/g

COF - Covalent Organic Frameworks



Linking reactions





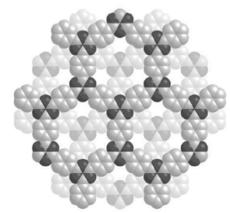
Solvents - reactants are poorly soluble (to slow down the reversible condensation) mesitylene-dioxane (1:1)

Sealed pyrex tubes, 110 °C, 72 h, minimize defects by selfhealing

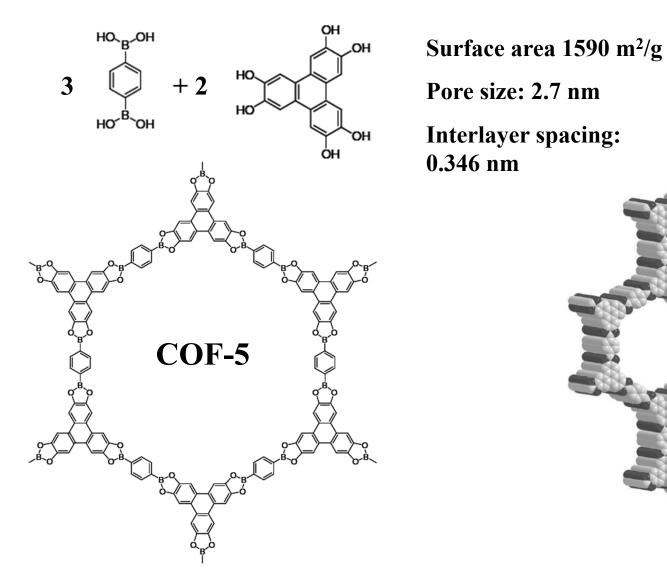
COF-1 = microcrystalline, high yield, high structural order by XRD

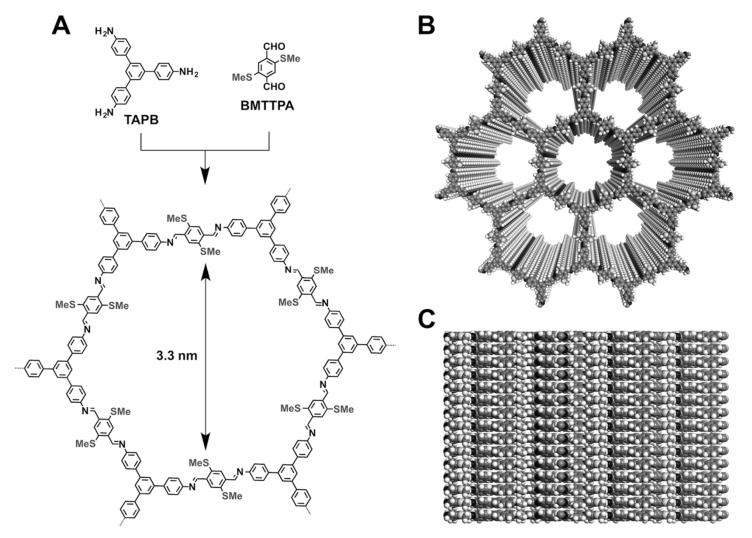
Solvent molecules are enclosed inside the pores, can be removed at 200 °C without collapse of the crystalline structure

Surface area of 711 m² g⁻¹, pore size 0.7 nm

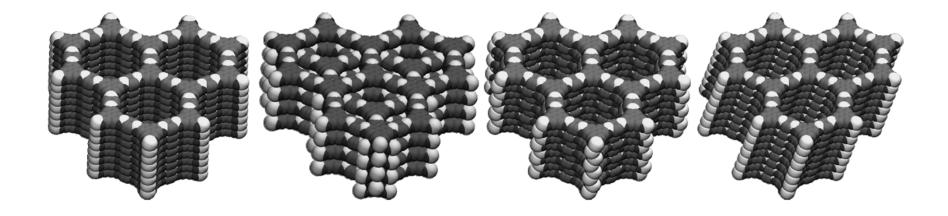


Interlayer spacing: 0.333 nm



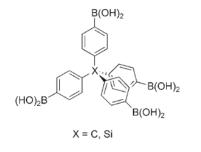


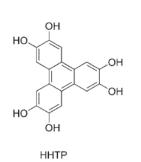
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Layer stackings: AA, AB, serrated and inclined

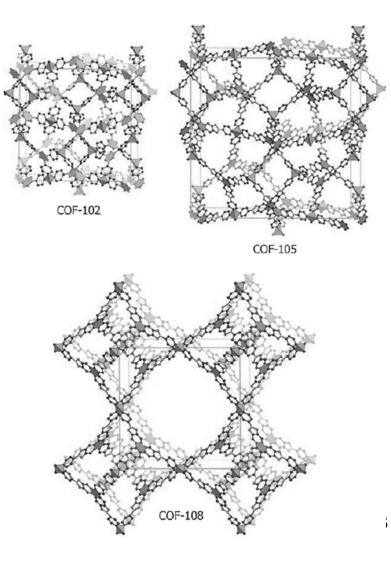
3D frameworks COF-102, COF-103, COF-105, and COF-108

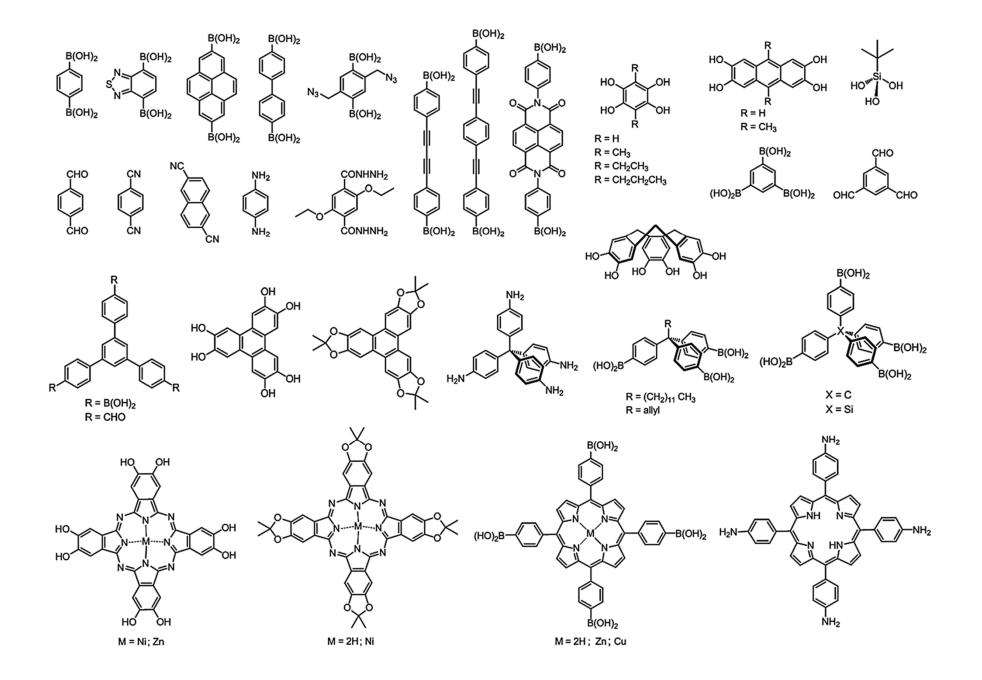




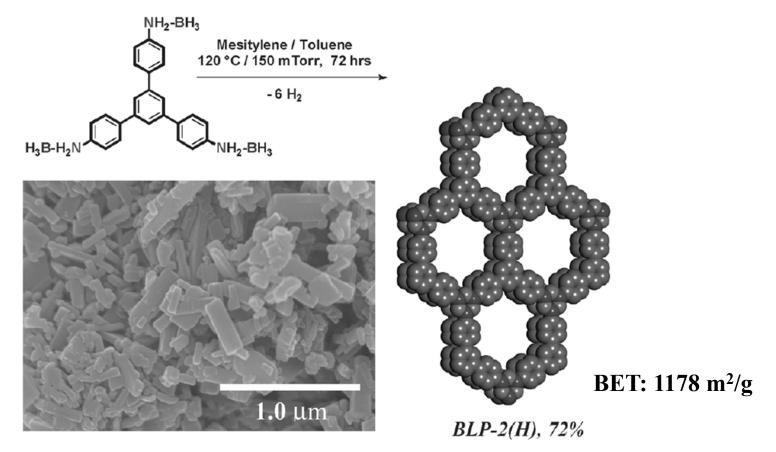
COF-108 - bor structure two different types of pores diameters of 15.2 and 29.6 Å. density 0.17 g cm⁻³

surface area, m² g⁻¹ COF 102 3472 COF 103 4210





Borazine COFs



Jackson K., Reich T., Chem. Commun., 2012, 48, 8823-8825

Pore size: 0.64 nm