## **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.

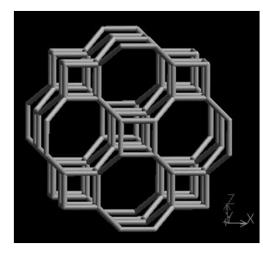
IUPAC classification of porous materials Macroporous > 50 nm Mesoporous 2–50 nm Microporous < 2 nm Ultramicroporous < 0.7 nm

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

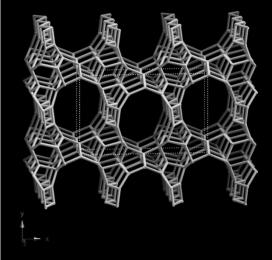
Chemical compositionSilicaSiO2Aluminosilicates $M_x^{\ I}Al_xSi_{2-x}O_4 \cdot nH_2O$ AluminophosphatesAlPO4 (isoelectronic with Si2O4)MetallophosphatesMPO4Silicoaluminophosphates $M_x^{\ I}Si_xAlP_{1-x}O_4$ 

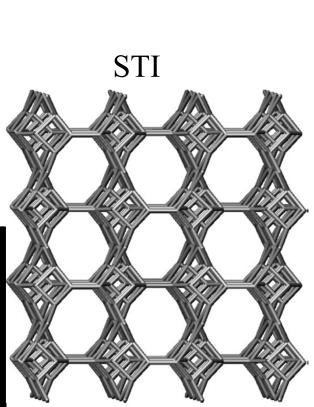


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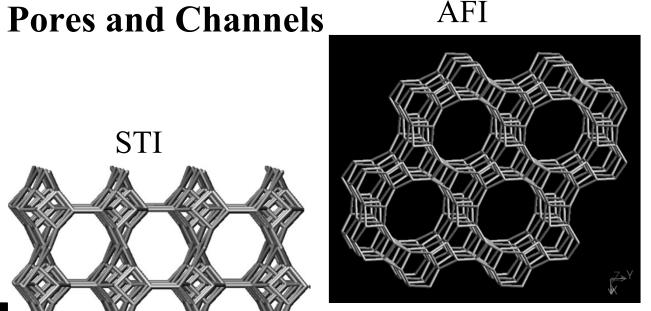


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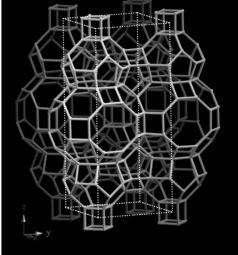




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# **Zeolite Types**

>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

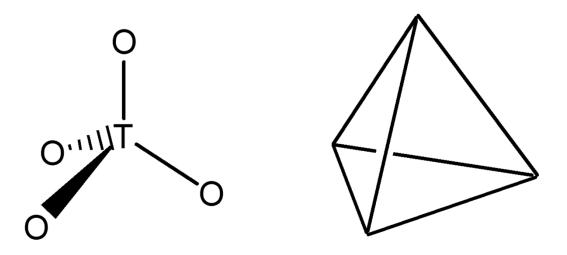
•codes – AlPO4-5, 8, 11, ..., 54, ZSM-4, 18, 57, ...

•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**

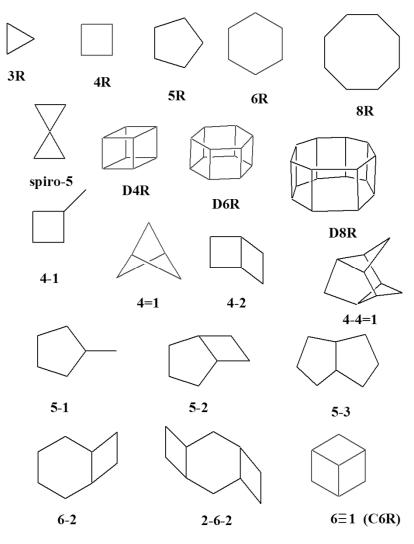
### Primary building units: Al(III)O<sub>4</sub>, P(V)O<sub>4</sub> and Si(IV)O<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra

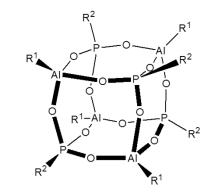


**Isoelectronic relationship** 

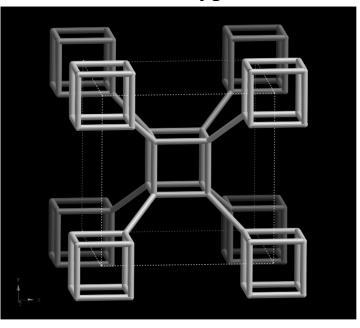
 $(SiO_2)_2$  [AlSiO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> AlPO<sub>4</sub>

# Secondary (Structural) Building Units (SBU)





#### Framework Type ACO









[4<sup>6</sup>] double 4-ring (D4R)

[4<sup>6</sup>6<sup>2</sup>] double 6-ring (DGR)

[4<sup>8</sup>8<sup>2</sup>] double 5-ring (DISR)

Polyhedral composite building units



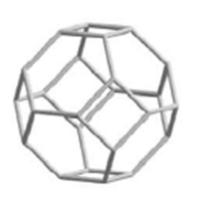




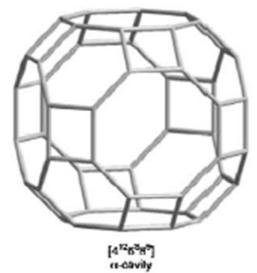
[5<sup>8</sup>] pentasil unit

[4<sup>6</sup>9<sup>5</sup>] cencrinite cage

[4°5°8°] gmelinite cavity

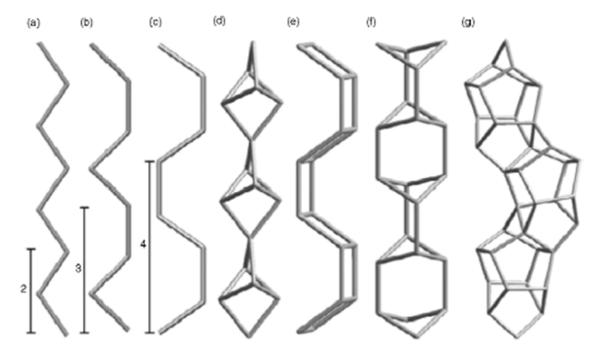


[4<sup>6</sup>8<sup>8</sup>] socialite cage or β-cage



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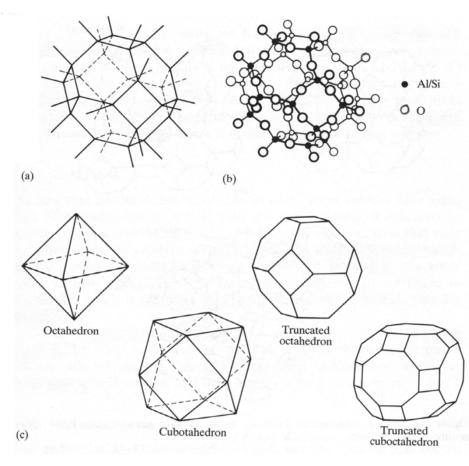
# Chain composite building units



- (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**

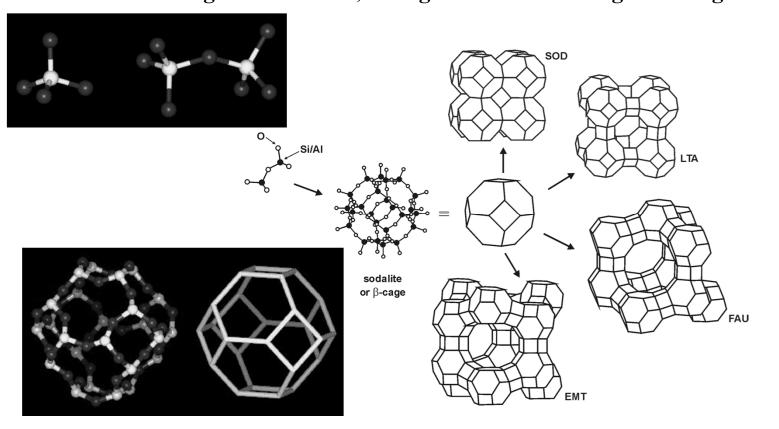
#### Truncated octahedron



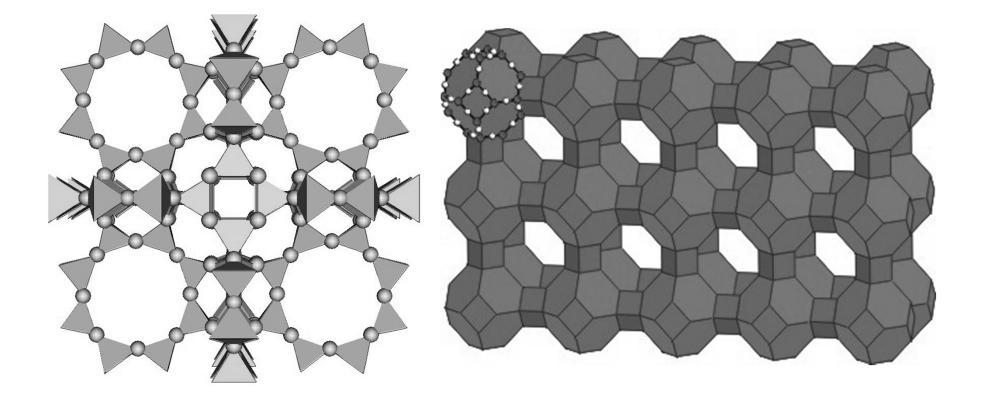


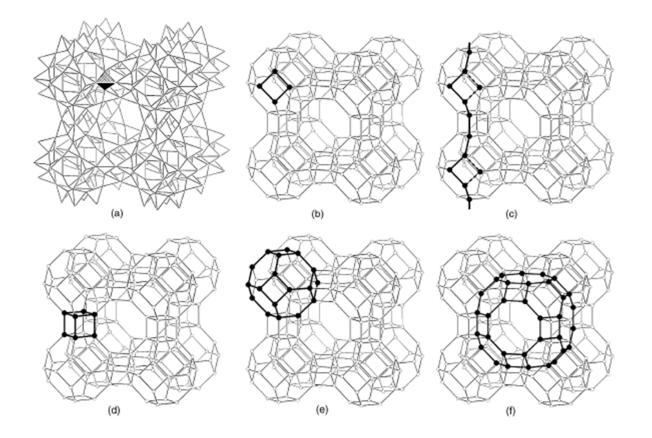
### **Sodalite Unit**

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

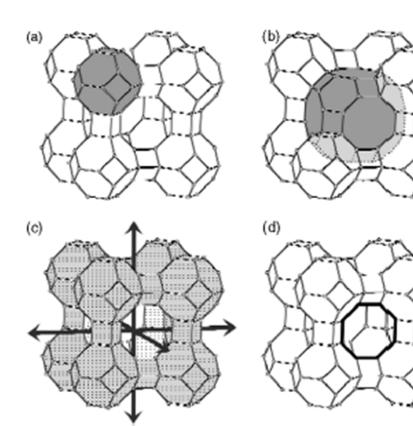




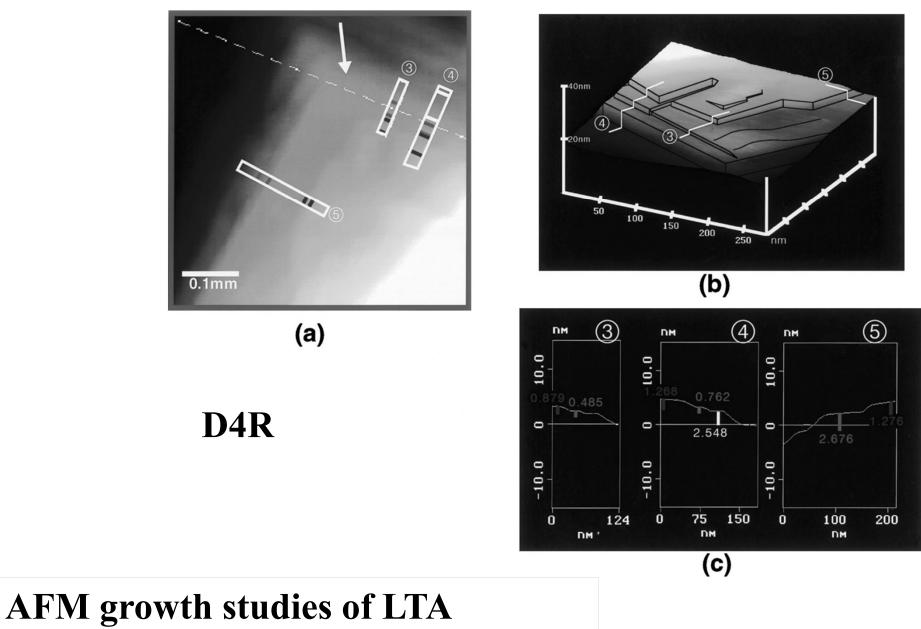
#### **Zeolite** A

- (a) [TO<sub>4</sub>] tetrahedra as BBU
- (b) four-membered single rings
- (c) **IB** fuenfer chains
- (d) cubes [4<sup>6</sup>]
- (e) truncated octahedra [4<sup>6</sup>6<sup>8</sup>] (sodalite- or  $\beta$ -cages)
- (f) truncated cubeoctahedra [4<sup>12</sup>6<sup>8</sup>8<sup>6</sup>] (α-cavities)

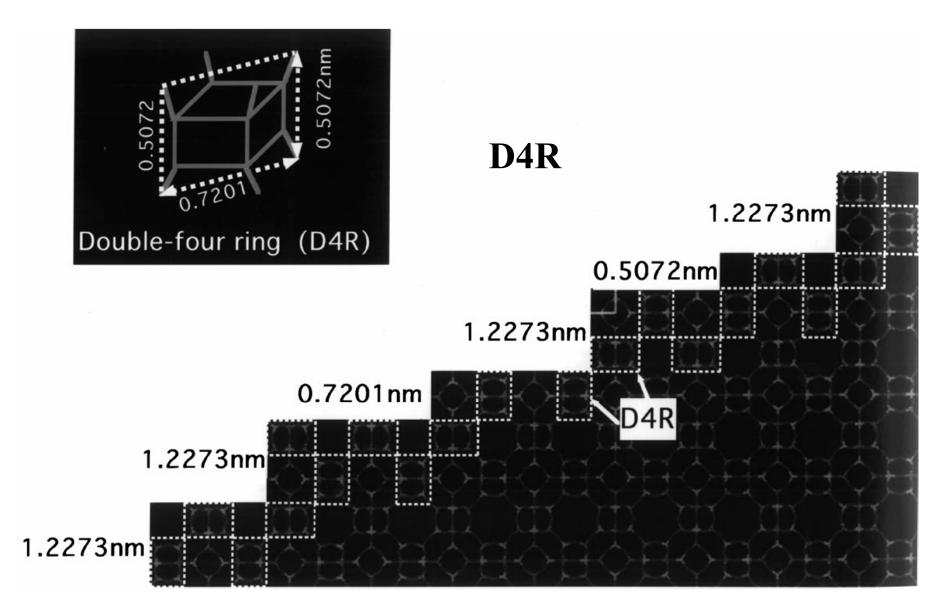
## **Pores in Zeolite A (LTA)**

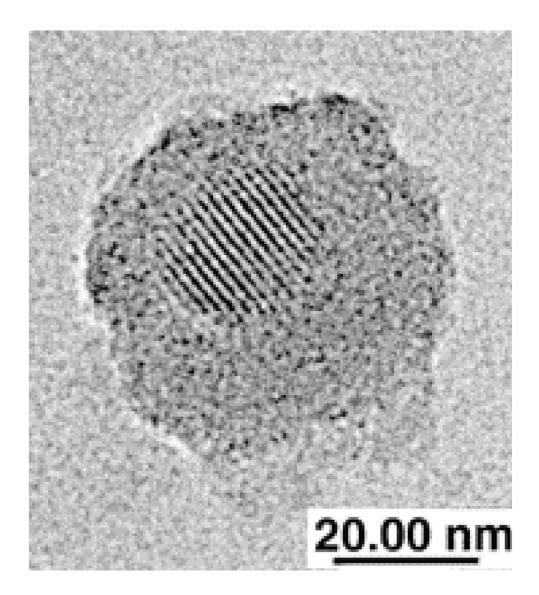


- (a) the sodalite cage  $[4^{6}6^{8}]$
- (b) the  $\alpha$ -cavity [4<sup>12</sup>6<sup>8</sup>8<sup>6</sup>]
- (c) the 3-dimensional channel system
- (d) the 8-ring defining the 0.41 nm effective channel width



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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

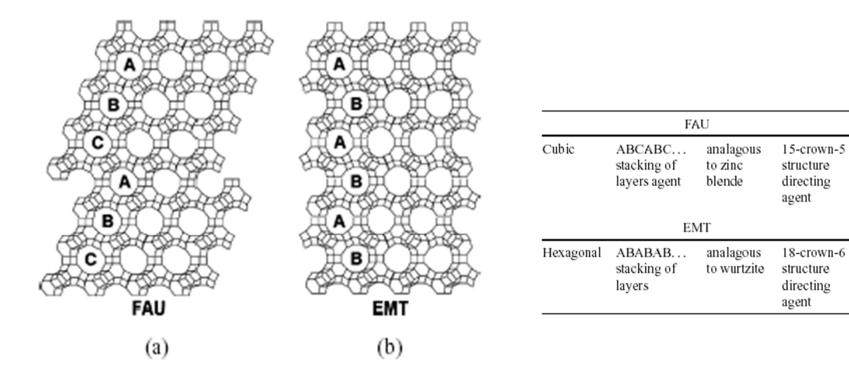
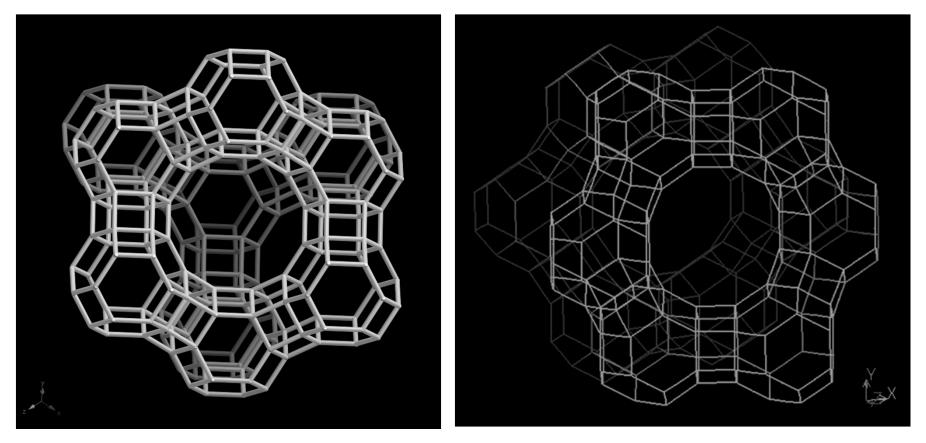


Fig. 1. Structure of zeolite Y: (a) cubic polymorph known as FAU with ABCABC... stacking, (b) hexagonal polymorph known as EMT with ABABAB... stacking.

### Zeolite FAU (X and Y) and EMT



**Cubic diamond (sfalerite)** 

### Hexagonal diamond (wurzite)

## **Molecular Sieves**

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

#### Zeolite Y contains more Si

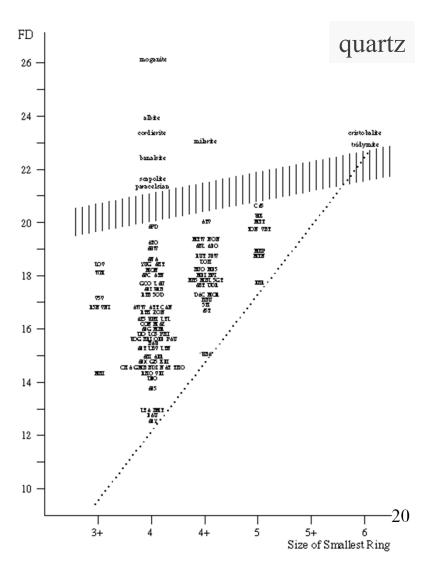
#### **Framework Density**

Framework density (FD)

Defined as the number of tetrahedral atoms (T-atoms) per cubic nanometer (1000 A<sup>3</sup>)

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



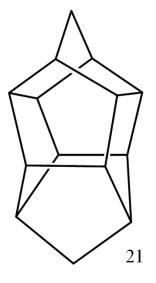
## Pores

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

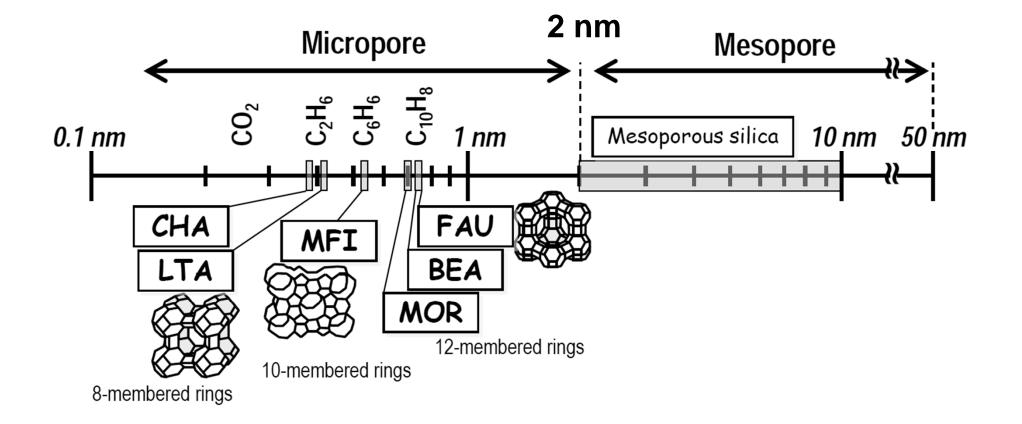
Extraframework charge-balancing cations Ion-exchangeable, size, charge, positions, distribution, ordering, coordination number

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 -  $\infty$ Pure SiO2Si/Al =  $\infty$ 

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)

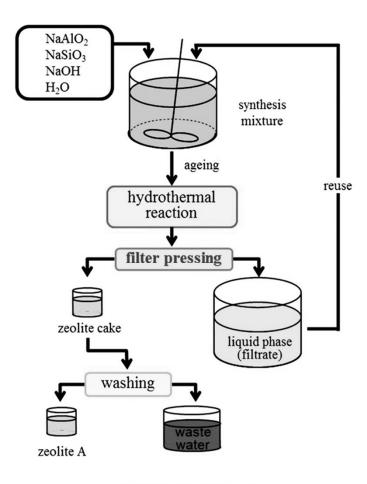
- pH
- Stirring/no stirring
- Pressure
- Seeding
- Reactor material (PTFE, glass, steel)
- Templates

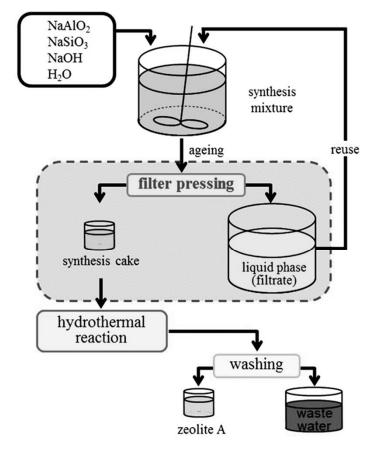
Templates: Organic cationic quaternary alkylammonium salts, alkylamines, aminoalcohols, crownethers,

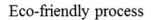
structure-directing, space-filling, charge-balancing

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 AlPO<sub>4</sub>-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 AlPO<sub>4</sub>-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

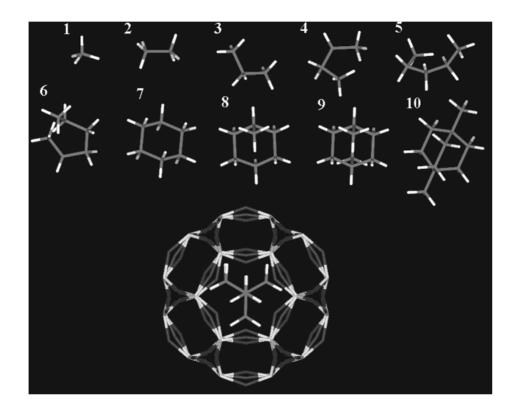
A curiosity: aluminophosphate VPI-5 does not require any guest for its formation!

### 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.

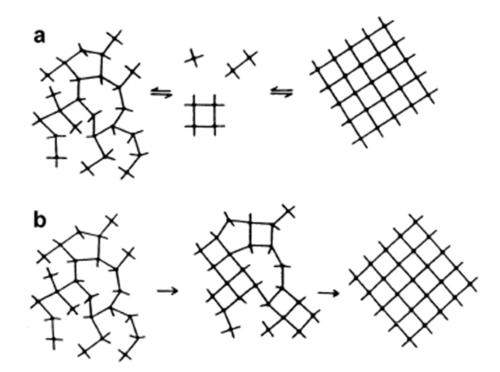
Existence of primary and secondary units in a synthesis mixture

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



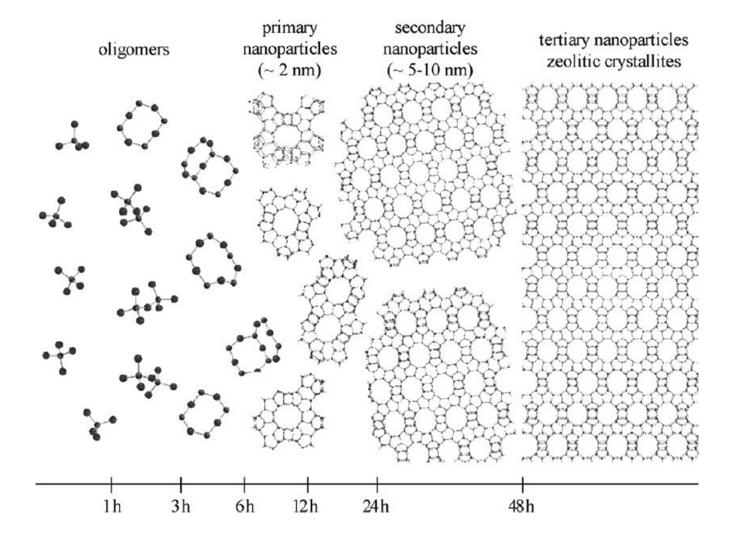
### **Zeolite Synthesis Mechanisms**

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

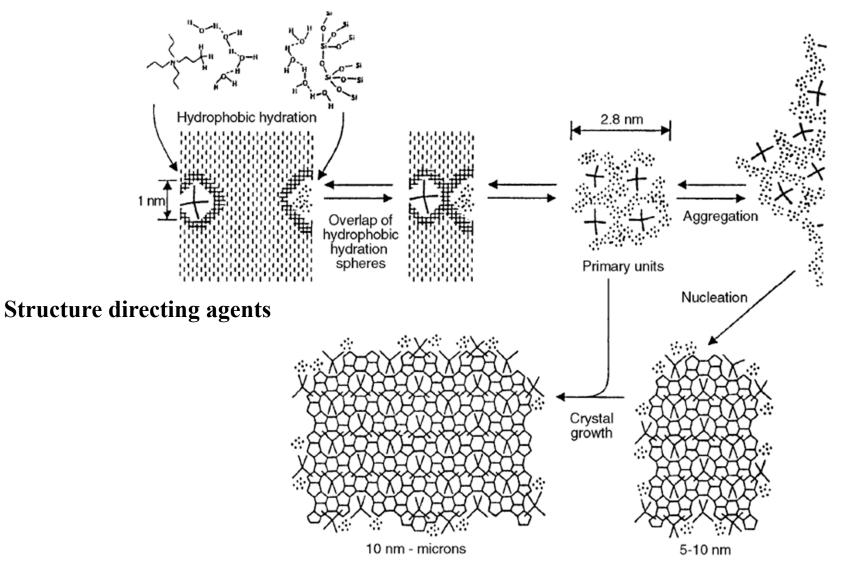


(b) "in situ" rearrangement of the gel

### **Zeolite Synthesis Mechanisms**

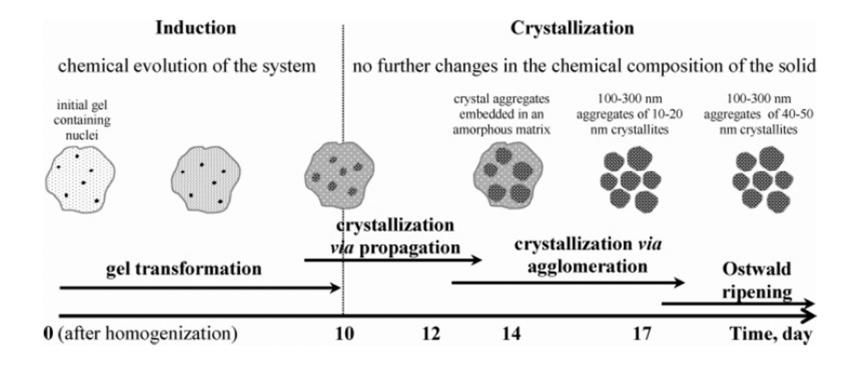


### **Zeolite Synthesis Mechanisms**



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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 (Ca<sup>2+</sup> exchanged for Na<sup>+</sup>)

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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**

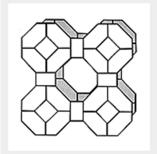
#### Lőwenstein rule: never Al-O-Al

#### 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

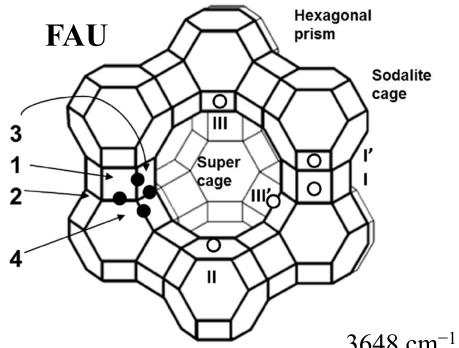
Industrial Products Absorbents for oil and spills Gas separations

**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<sup>-1</sup> site 1 (pointing to the supercage) 3625 cm<sup>-1</sup> site 1' or 4 (pointing to the supercage) 3571 cm<sup>-1</sup> site 2 (pointing to the sodalite cage) 3526 cm<sup>-1</sup> site 3 (pointing to the hexagonal prism) 3744 cm<sup>-1</sup> 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<sup>+</sup>-exchange of the charge-compensating metal cations
- (2) NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-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<sup>+</sup> via partial hydrolysis of H<sub>2</sub>O molecules
- (4) exchange by metal cations that can be reduced by H<sub>2</sub> to a lower valence state, generating protons on the surface

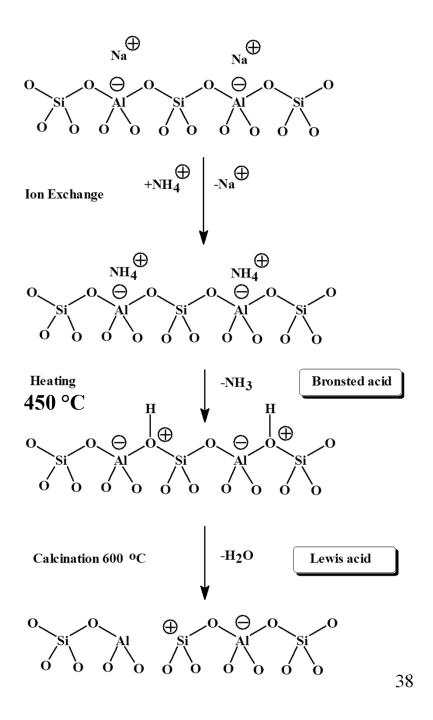
#### **Brønsted Acidity**

**Tuning Brønsted acidity:** 

- Ion exchange for NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>
- Pyrolysis to expel NH<sub>3</sub>
- Calcination to expel H<sub>2</sub>O

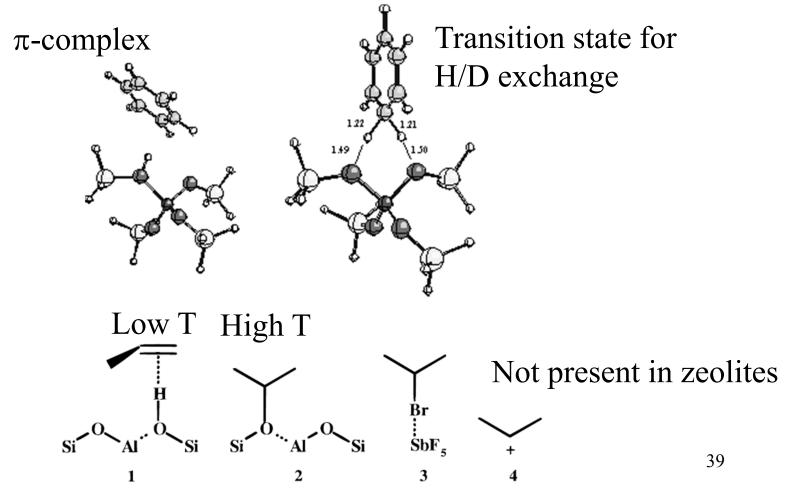
Solid acid for the hydrocarbon cracking

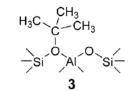
The larger the Si/Al ratio of a zeolite, the more Brønsted acidic is the OH, but the number of these sites decreases

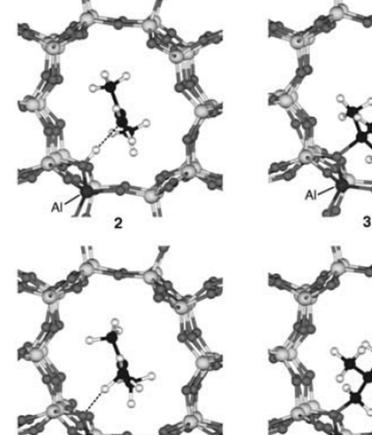


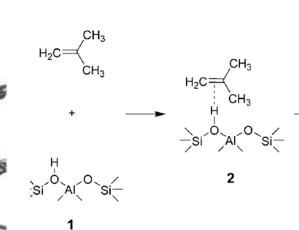
#### **Strong Brønsted Acidity**

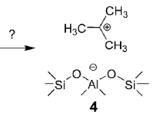
#### **Protonation of benzene**

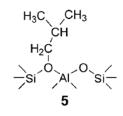


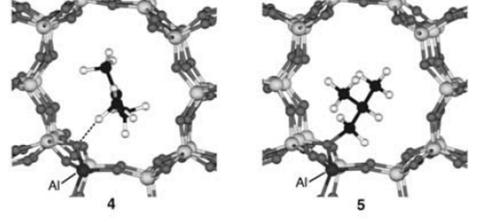












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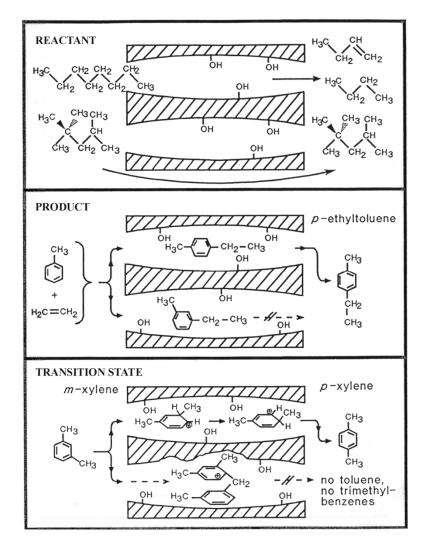
Figure 1. Portions of the structures calculated for the  $\pi$  complex of isobutene in ferrierite (2), for the tert-butyl cation in ferrierite (4), and for the tert-butoxide (3) and isobutoxide (5) of ferrierite.

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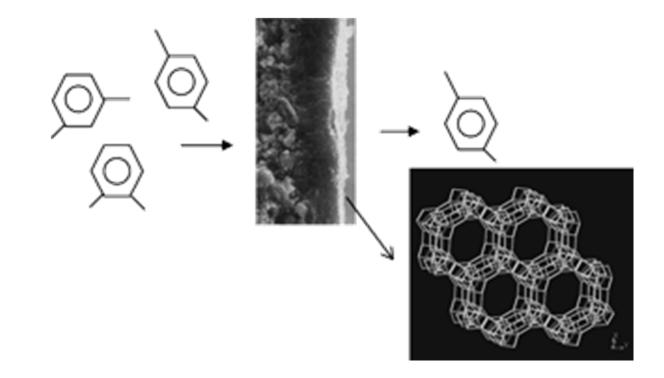
#### **Size-Shape Selectivity**

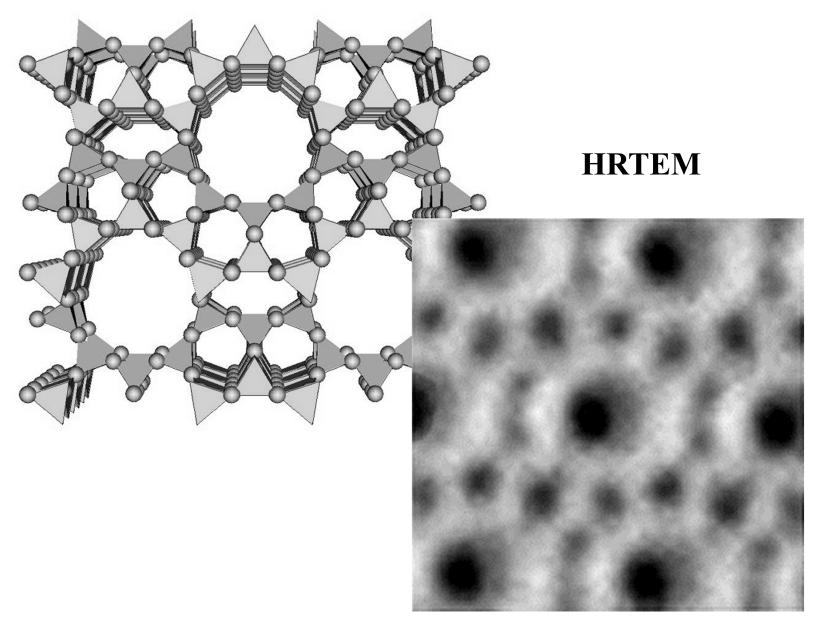
Size-shape selective catalysis, separations, sensing

- 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 Si<sup>4+</sup> (0.26 Å) is very close to the average of the ionic radii of Al<sup>3+</sup> (0.39 Å) and P<sup>5+</sup> (0.17 Å)

Many similarities between aluminosilicate and  $AIPO_4$ molecular sieves Dense  $AIPO_4$  phases are isomorphic with the structural forms of SiO<sub>2</sub>: quartz, tridymite, and cristobalite Aluminosilicate framework charge balanced by extraframework cations Aluminophosphate frameworks neutral  $(AIO_2^{-})(PO_2^{+}) =$ 

AlPO<sub>4</sub>

#### Aluminophosphates

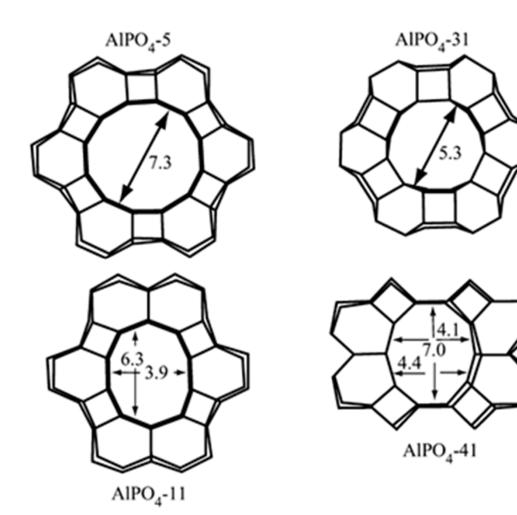
Some AlPO<sub>4</sub> structures are analogous to zeolites while other are novel and unique to this class of molecular sieves.

**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 AlPO<sub>4</sub> gives a vast number of element-substituted molecular sieves (MeAPO, MeAPSO, SAPO) important heterogeneous catalysts M<sup>1+</sup>, M<sup>2+</sup>, and M<sup>3+</sup> incorporate into the Al sites M<sup>5+</sup> elements incorporate into the P sites

This substitution introduces a negative charge on these frameworks. Si<sup>4+</sup>, Ti<sup>4+</sup>, and Ge<sup>4+</sup> 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)<sub>3</sub>

Mixing with aqueous  $H_3PO_4$  in the equimolar ratio – low pH ! Forms an AlPO<sub>4</sub> gel, left to age One equivalent of a guest compound = template Crystallization in a reactor Separated by filtration, washed with water Calcination

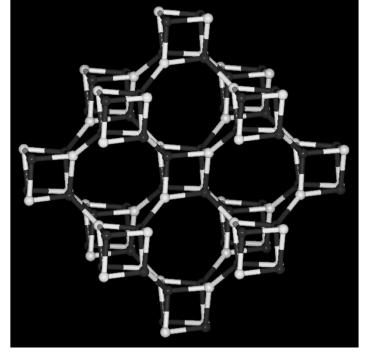
Other zeolite materials Oxide and non-oxide frameworks, sulfides, selenides Coordination frameworks, supramolecular zeolites The quest for larger and larger pore sizes

# **Cobalto-Aluminophosphate**

#### ACP-1 (Co/Al 8.0)

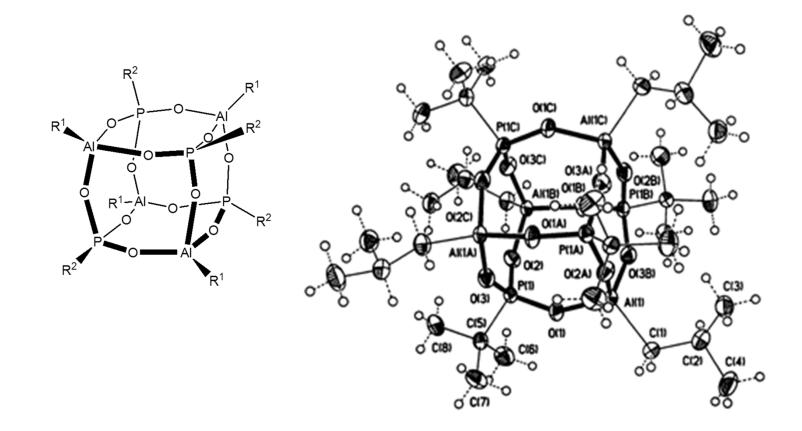
bcc arrangement of the double 4-ring units (D4R) Ethylenediamine molecules are located inside 8-ring channels At the centre of eac<u>h D4R, there is a water molecule, 2</u>.31 Å away from four

metal sites



Al(O-iPr)<sub>3</sub>, CoCO<sub>3</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 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)** 

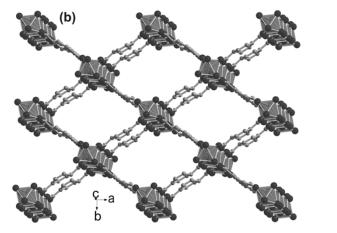
#### **Metal centers**

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

#### **Polytopic Ligands**

- Organic spacers
- Flexible rigid
- Variable length



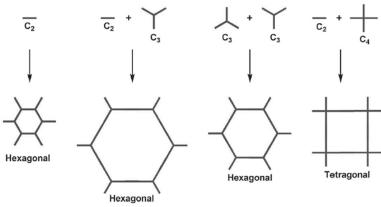


#### **Reticular Chemistry**

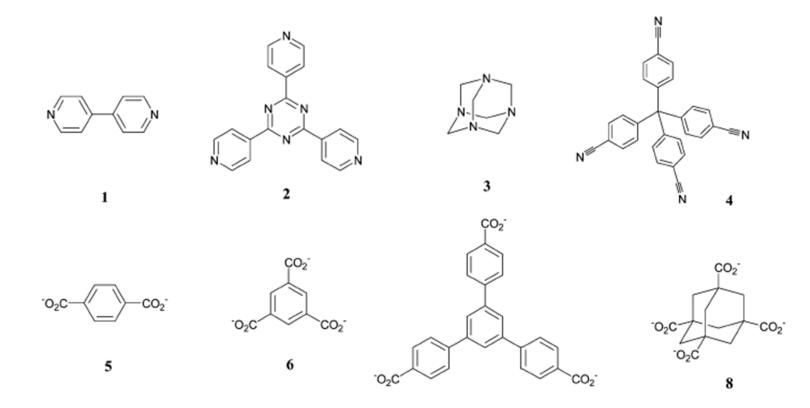
A building-block approach to the synthesis of nanostructured materials Materials formed by a bottom-up self-assembly of building blocks (reticuli) with predetermined symmetry

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:  $C_{\infty}$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $T_d$ , ... $\downarrow$ Rigid, inert $\downarrow$ Functional groups for linking $\downarrow$ Suitable linking reactionJDiscrete bonding direction $\downarrow$ 



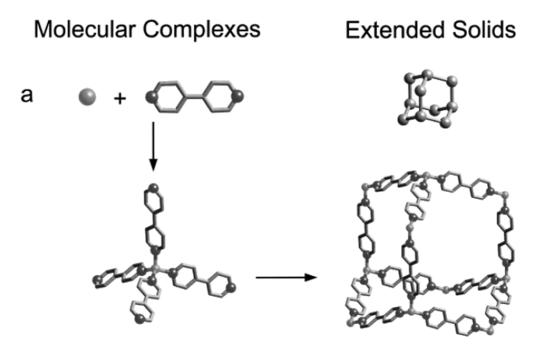
### **Polytopic Organic Linkers**



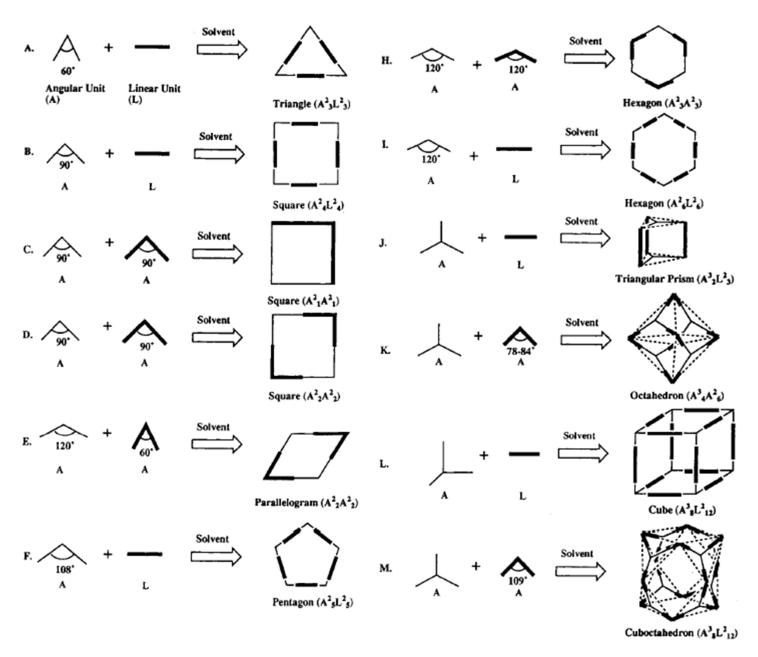
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### **Polytopic N-bound Organic Linkers**

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

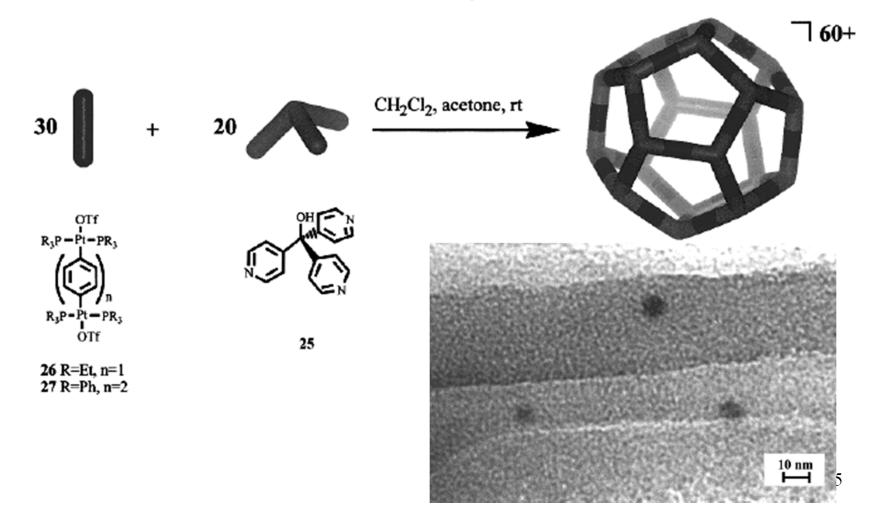


Expanded Framework



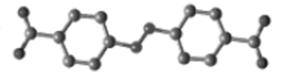
#### **Metallo-Organic Framework Structures**

Scheme 4. Self-Assembly of Dodecahedra

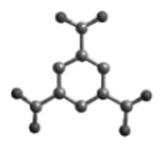


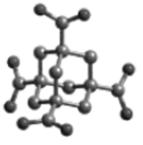
#### **Polytopic carboxylate linkers**





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





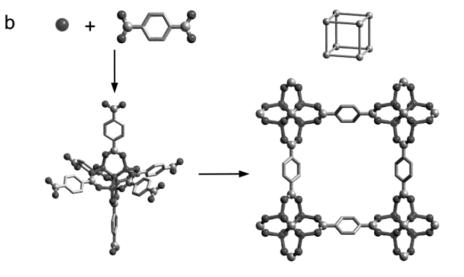
1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate (BTC)

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



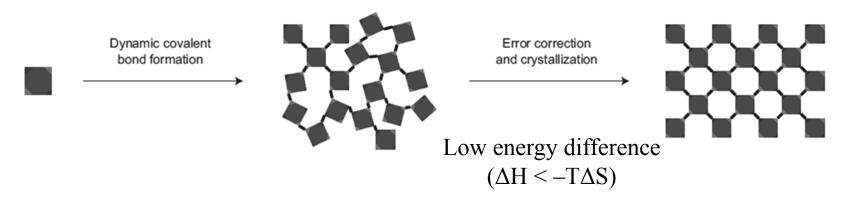


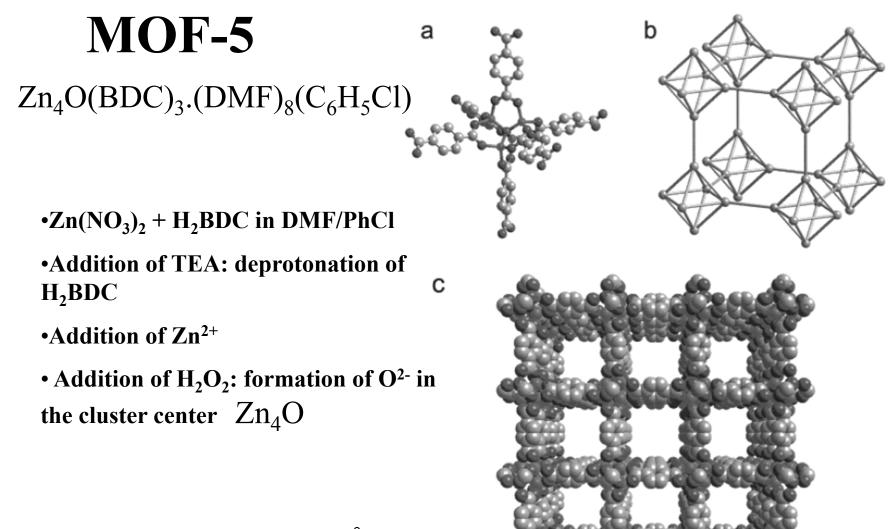
Decorated-Expanded Framework 57

### **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,  $\mu$  to establish equilibrium

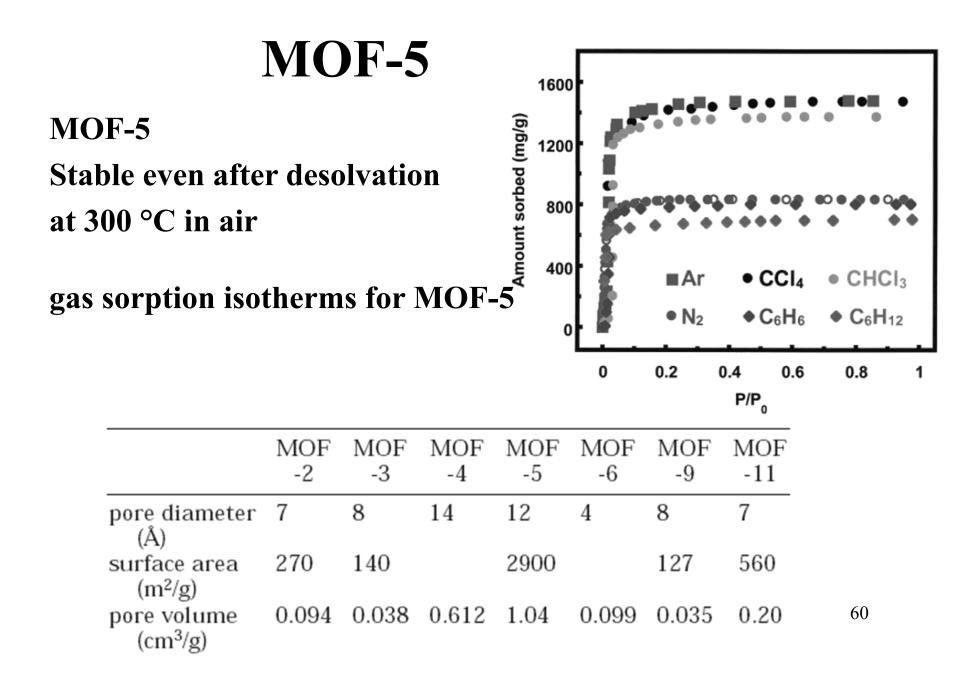




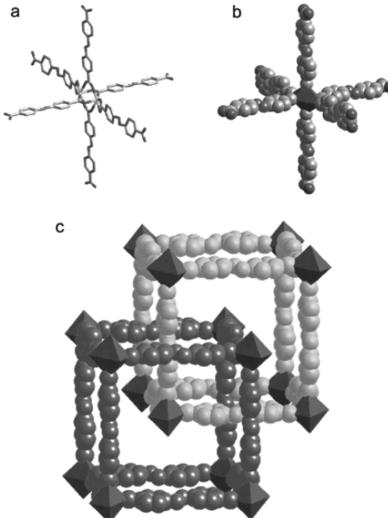
Cavity diam. 18.5 Å

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a primitive cubic lattice

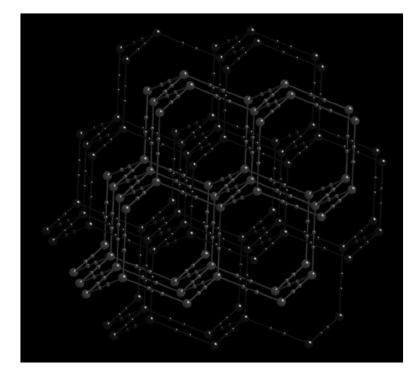


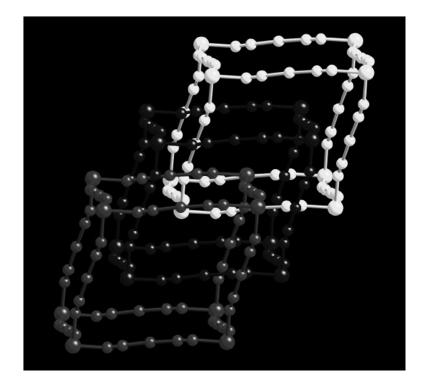
### Interpenetration



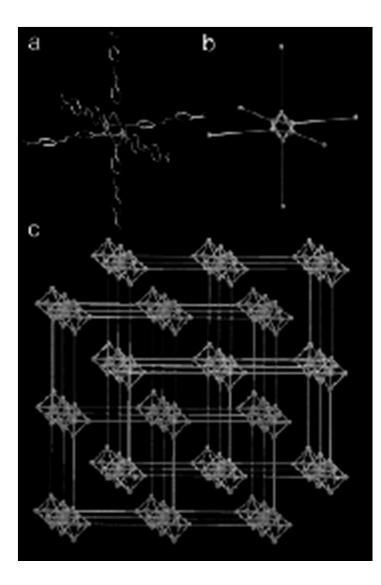
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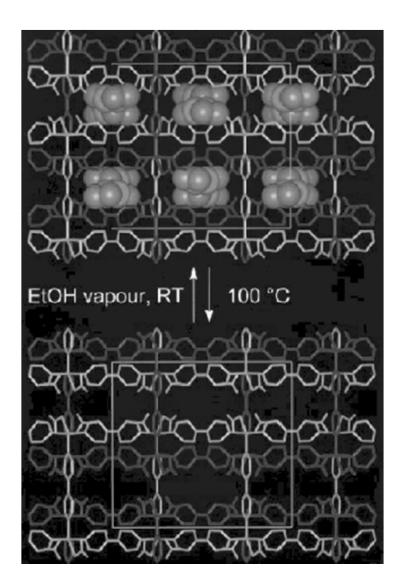
## Interpenetration





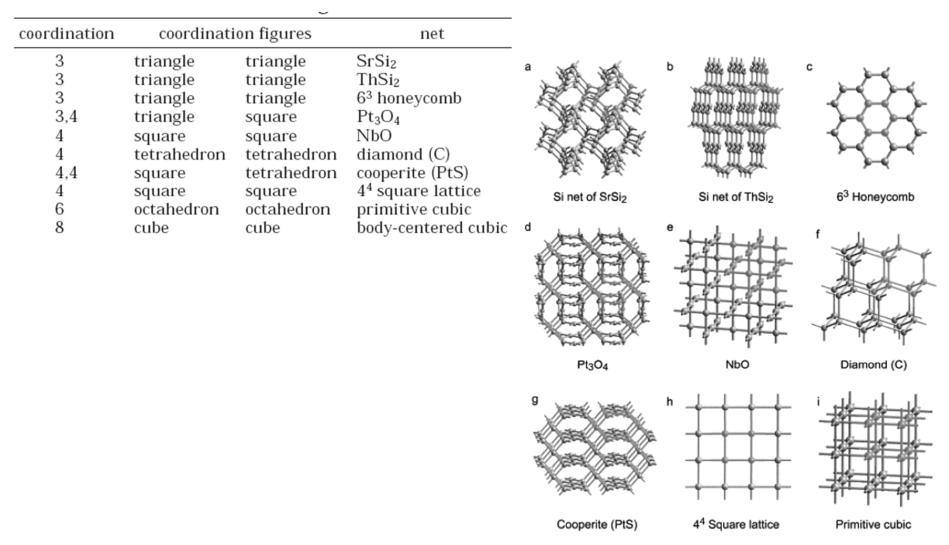
#### **Metallo-Organic Framework Structures**



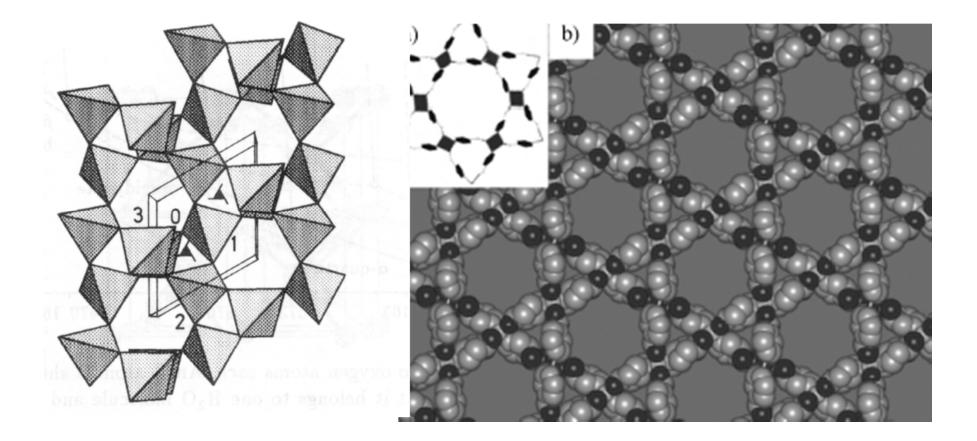


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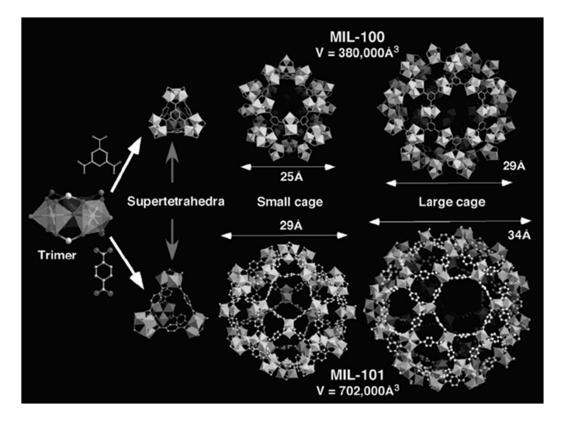
#### **Basic Nets**



#### **Inorganic and Metallo-Organic Quartz**

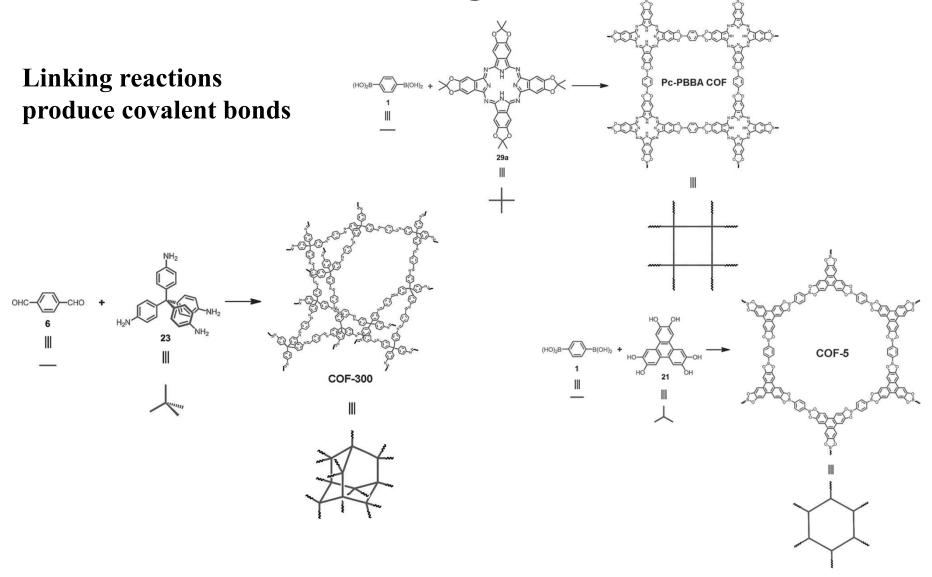


## MIL-100 and MIL-101

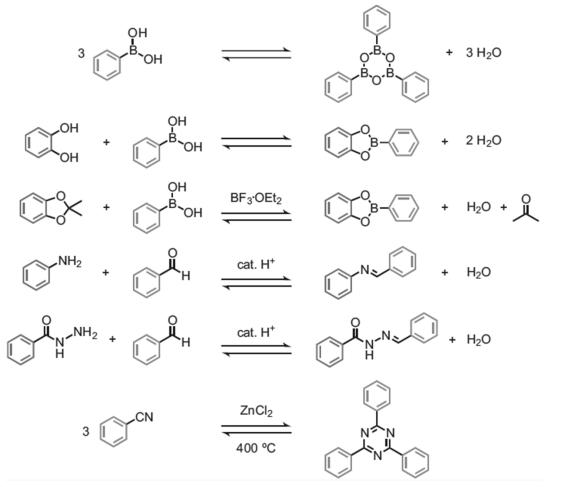


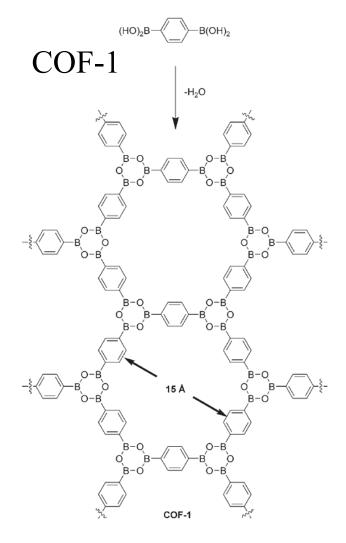
MIL-101 Record Surface area 5 900 m<sup>2</sup>/g

### **COF - Covalent Organic Frameworks**



Linking reactions





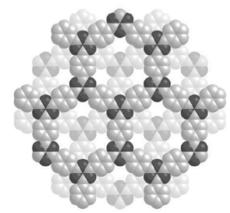
Solvents - reactants are poorly soluble (to slow down the reversible condensation) mesitylene-dioxane (1:1)

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

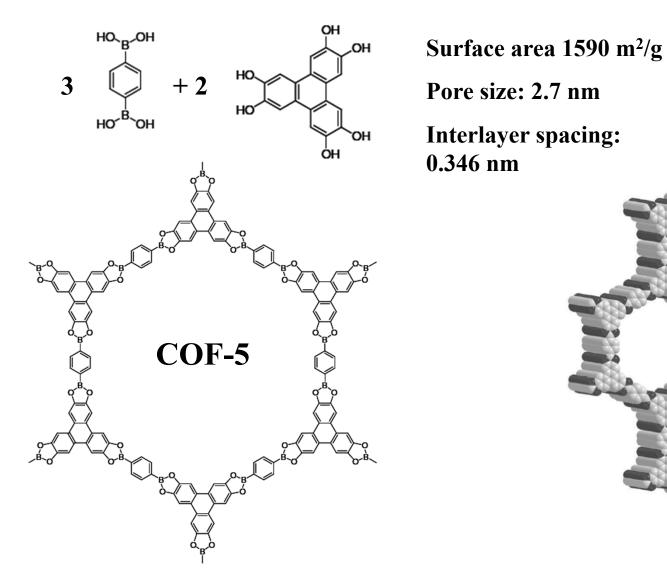
COF-1 = microcrystalline, high yield, high structural order by XRD

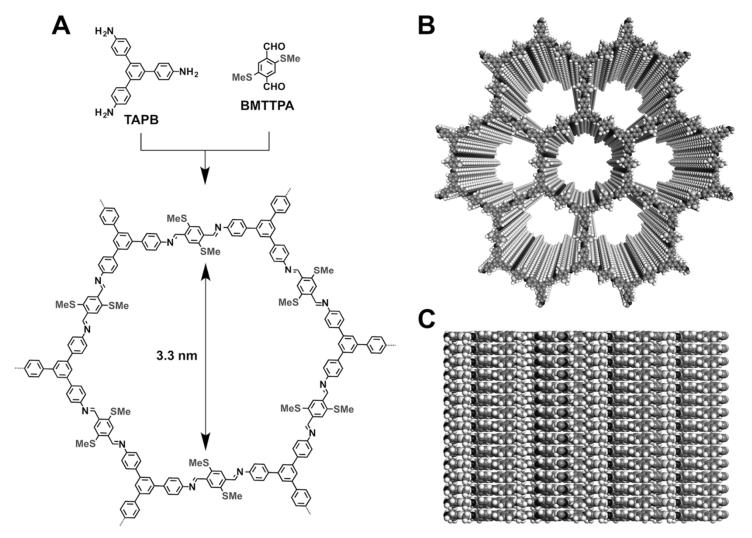
Solvent molecules are enclosed inside the pores, can be removed at 200 °C without collapse of the crystalline structure

Surface area of 711 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, pore size 0.7 nm

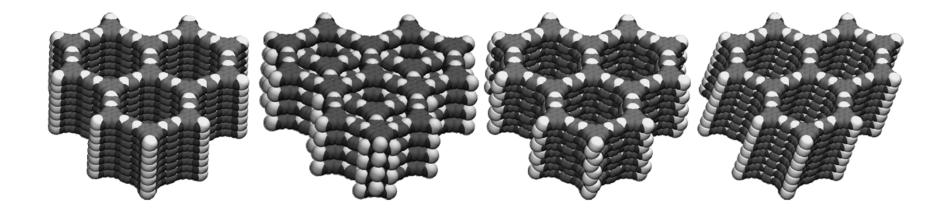


Interlayer spacing: 0.333 nm



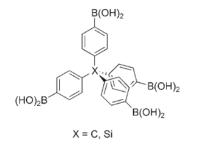


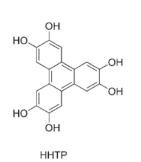
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Layer stackings: AA, AB, serrated and inclined

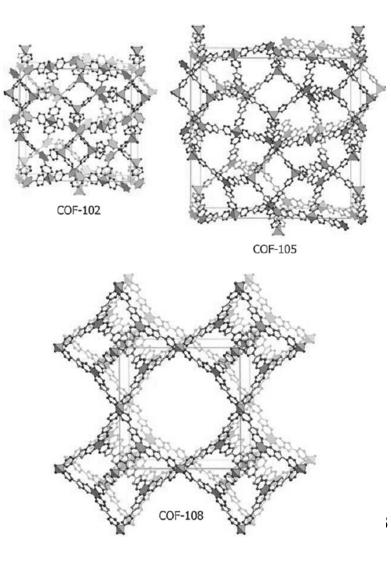
3D frameworks COF-102, COF-103, COF-105, and COF-108

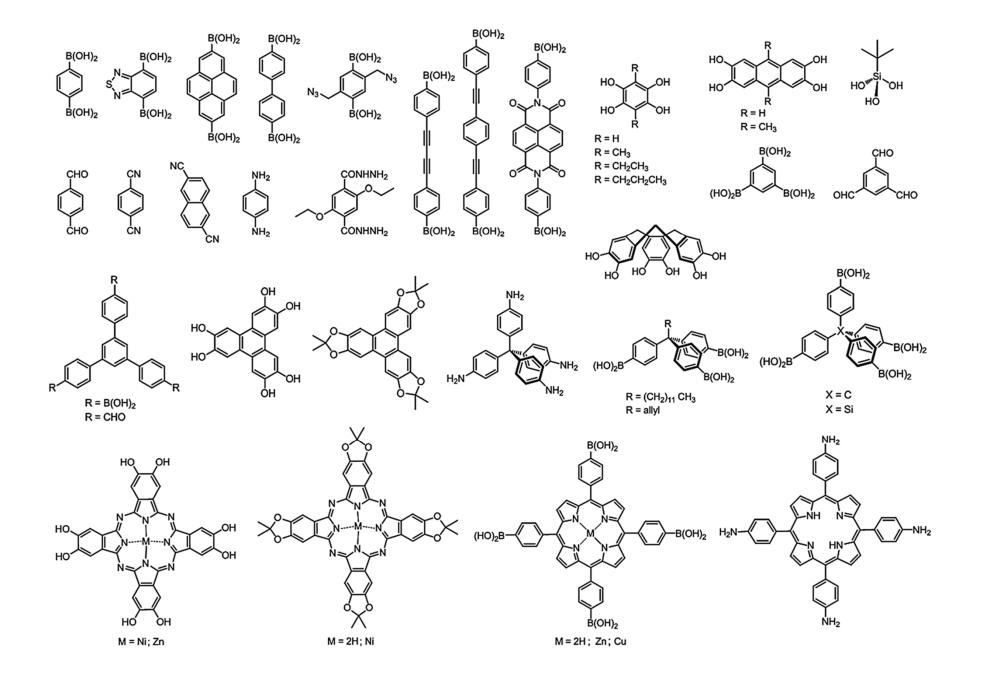




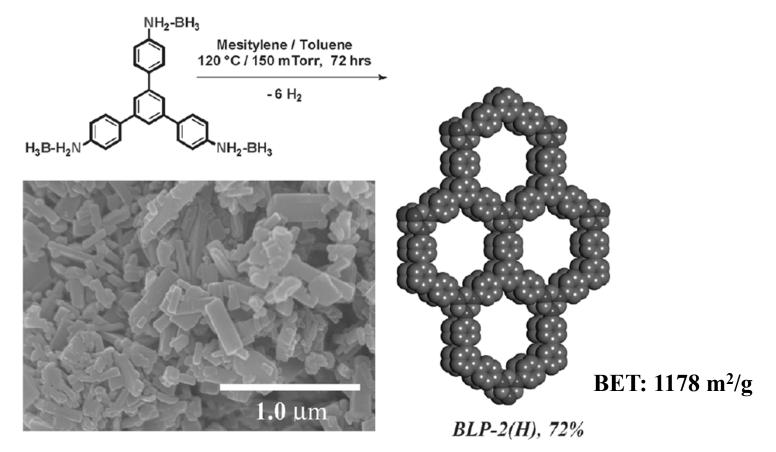
COF-108 - bor structure two different types of pores diameters of 15.2 and 29.6 Å. density 0.17 g cm<sup>-3</sup>

surface area, m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> COF 102 3472 COF 103 4210





### **Borazine COFs**



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

#### Pore size: 0.64 nm