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минералов и неорганических соединений*

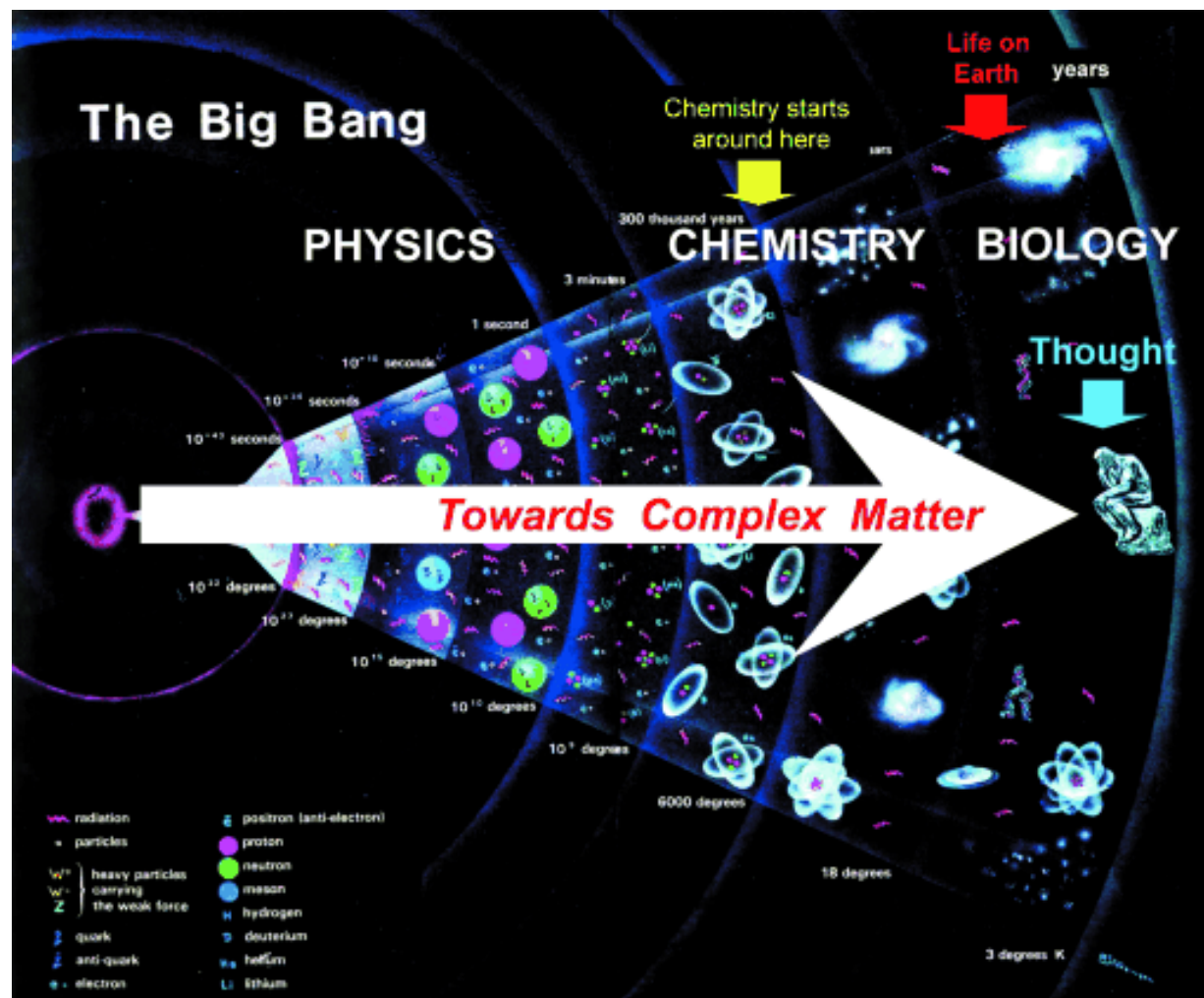
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Perspectives in Chemistry—Steps towards Complex Matter

Jean-Marie Lehn*



Chemistry is to Physics what a Beethoven quartet is to the laws of acoustics!



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1. Crystal structures as complex systems
2. Which system is more complex? Intuitive feelings
3. Static complexity of spatial structures: quantitative approach
4. Dynamic complexity: cellular automata and design
5. When complexity matters: metastable crystallization
6. Conclusions

Crystal structures as complex systems

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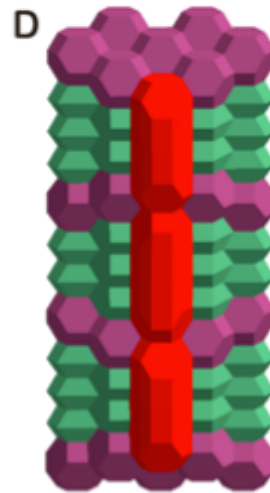
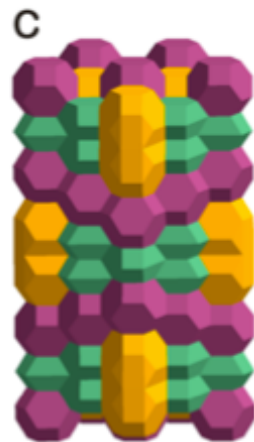
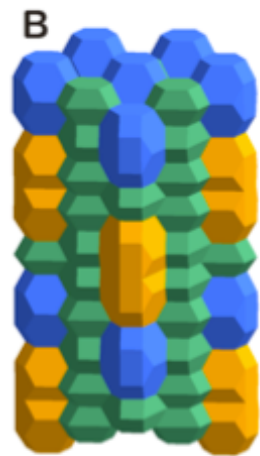
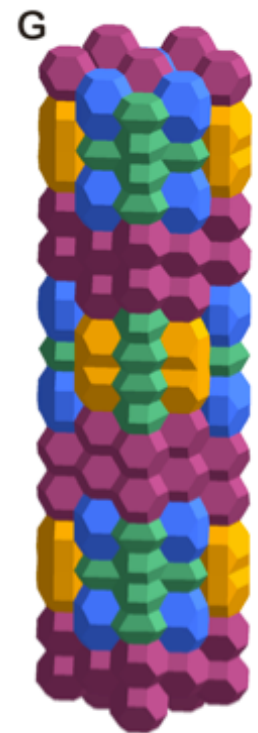
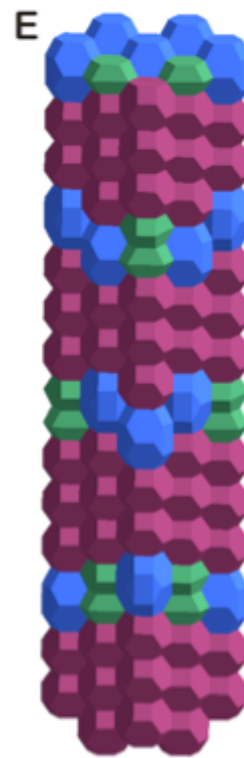
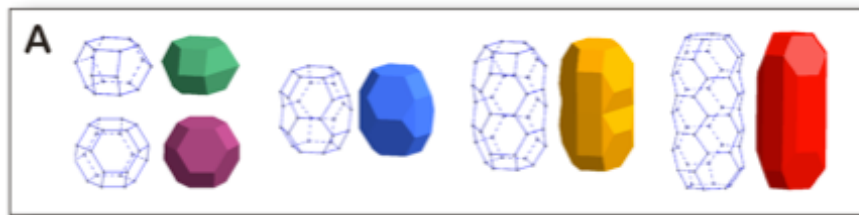
How to Define Complexity in Physics, and Why

Long-Range Order, the existence of statistical correlations between arbitrarily remote parts of a body, is an unsatisfactory complexity measure, because it is present in such intuitively simple objects such as perfect crystals.

Bennet, C.H. (1990) How to define complexity in physics, and why. In: Zurek, W.H. (ed.) *Complexity, Entropy, and the Physics of Information. Santa Fe Institute Studies in the Sciences of Complexity*. Vol. VIII. Addison-Wesley, pp. 137-148.

Complex Mineral Structures

Minerals of the Cancrinite-Sodalite Supergroup



tounkite

farneseite

giuseppettite

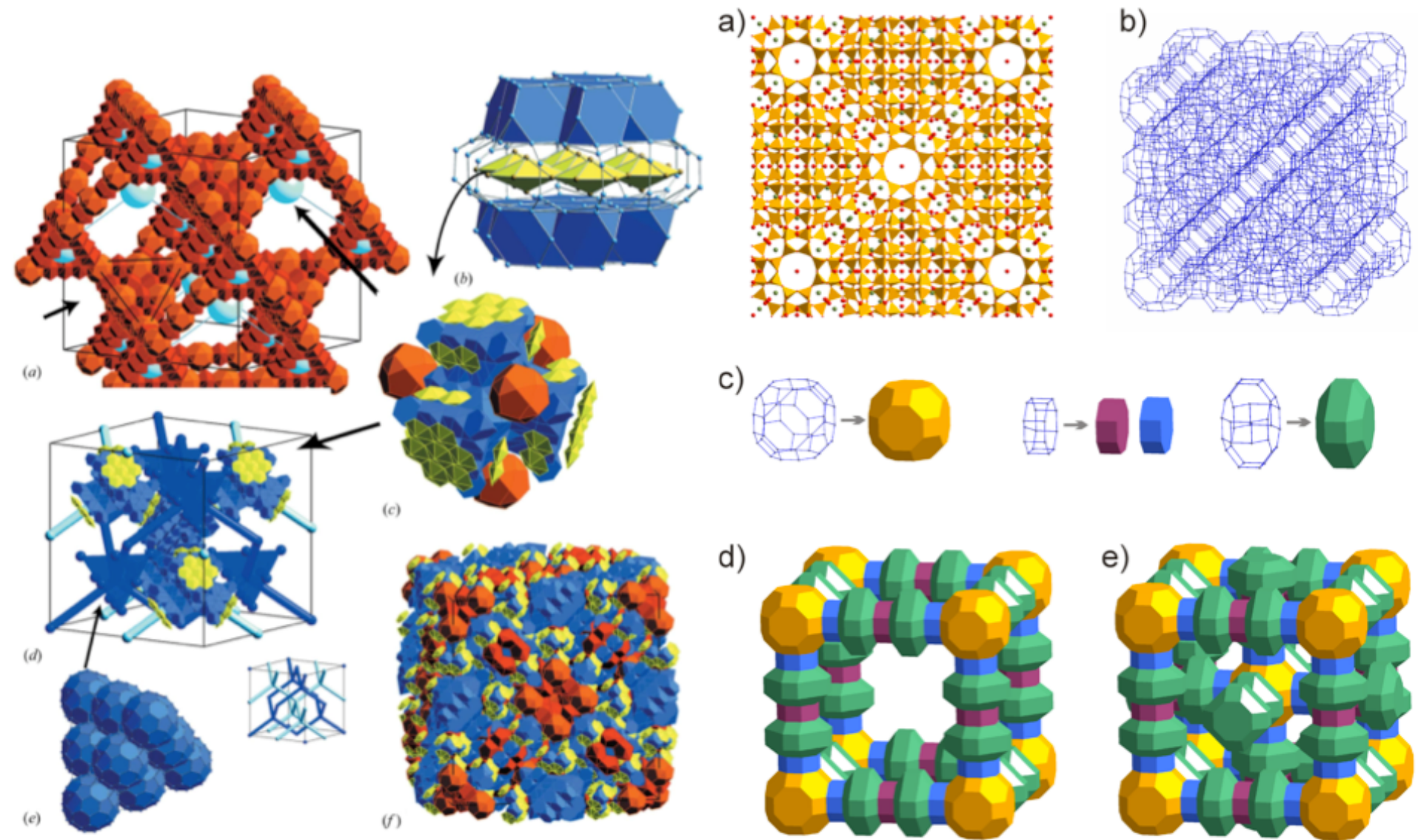
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Cámara *et al.*, 2005, 2010, 2012; Bonaccorsi, 2004; Bonaccorsi *et al.*, 2012;
Rozenberg *et al.*, 2004

Complex Inorganic Structures



Complexity

Static Complexity

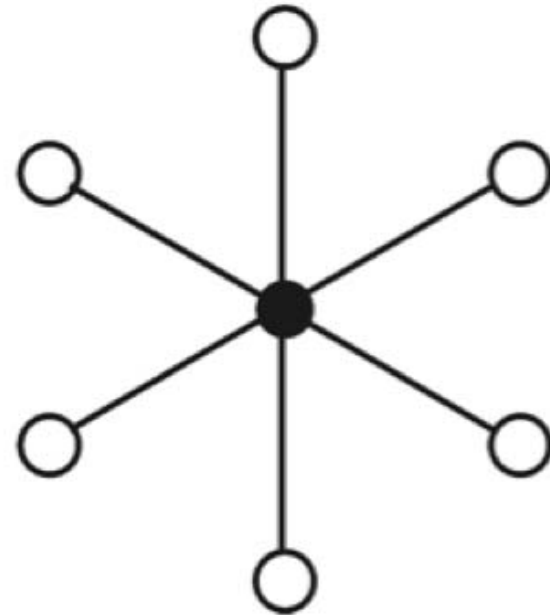
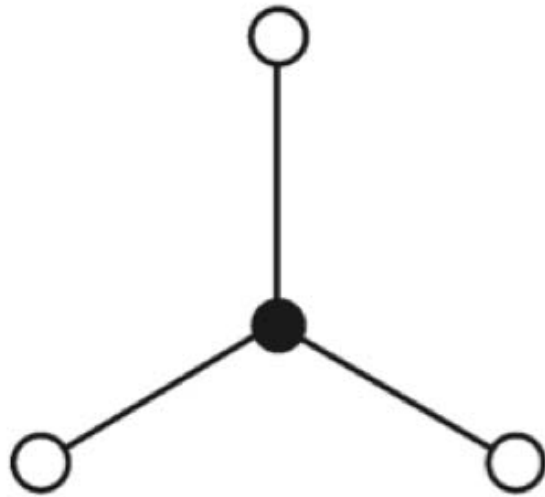
addresses purely structural informational aspects and is independent of the processes by which information is encoded and decoded

Dynamic Complexity

addresses the question of how much dynamical or computational effort is required to build a system

Which system is more complex?

Intuitive feelings

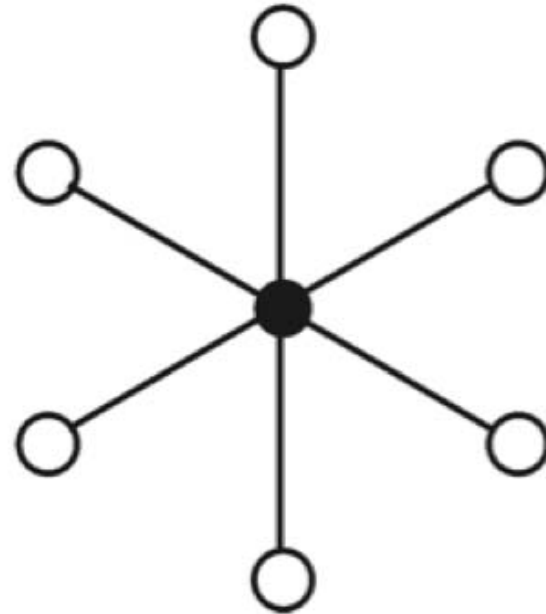
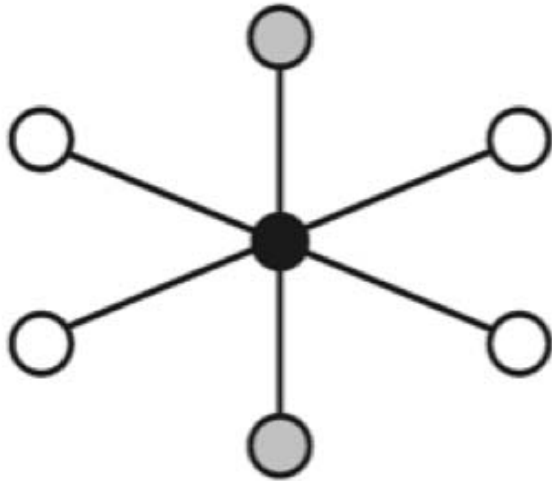


FIRST CONSIDERATION

The more parts the system has, the more complex it is

Which system is more complex?

Intuitive feelings

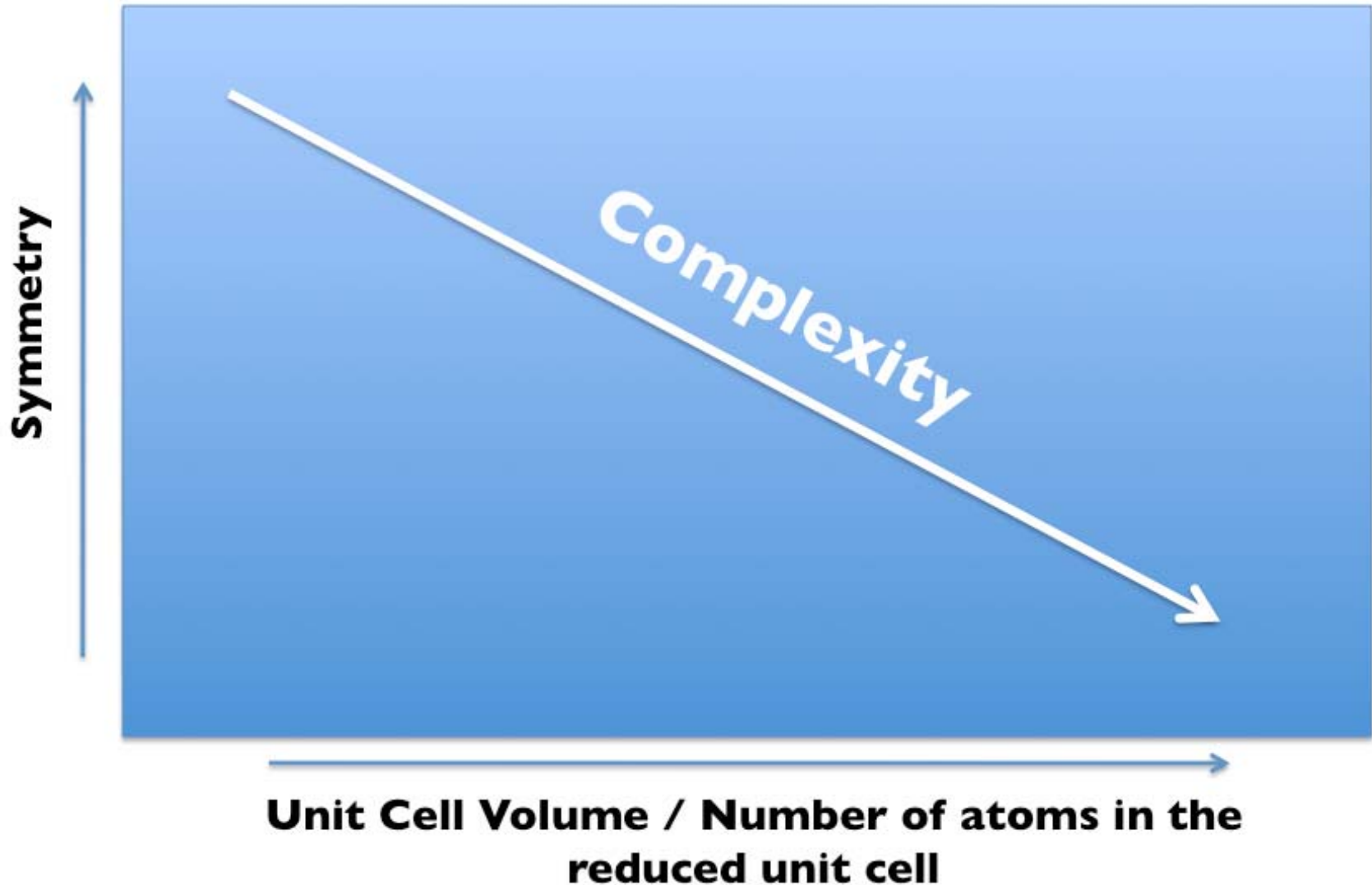


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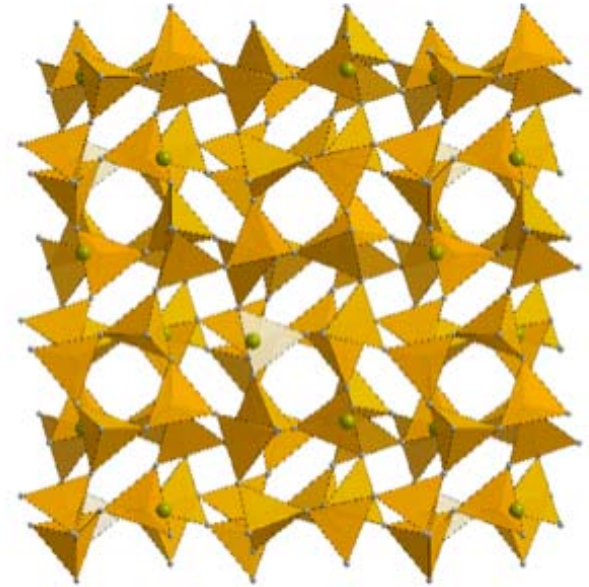
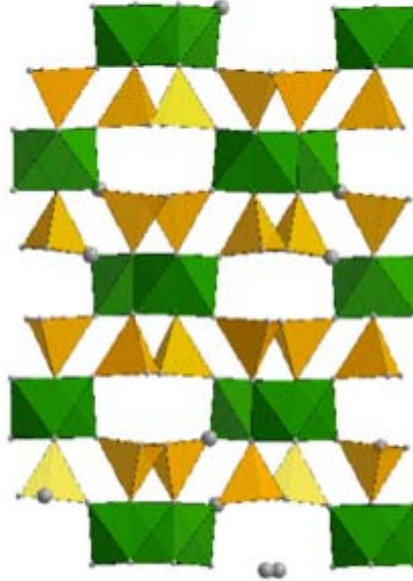
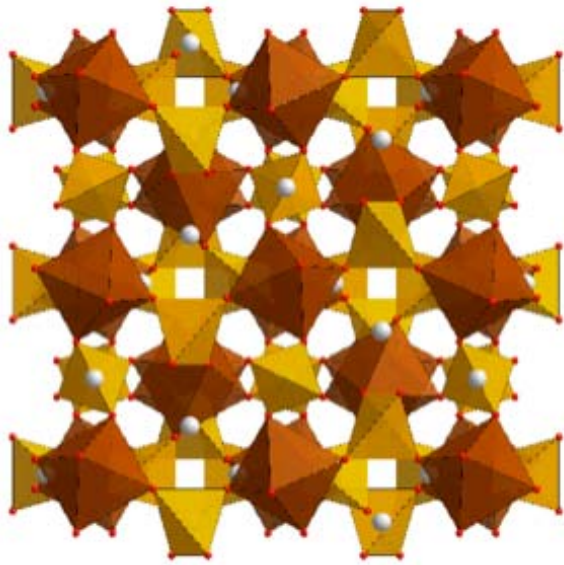
The lower the symmetry of the system, the more complex it is

Which structure is complex?

Intuitive feelings



Which structure is more complex?



Andradite
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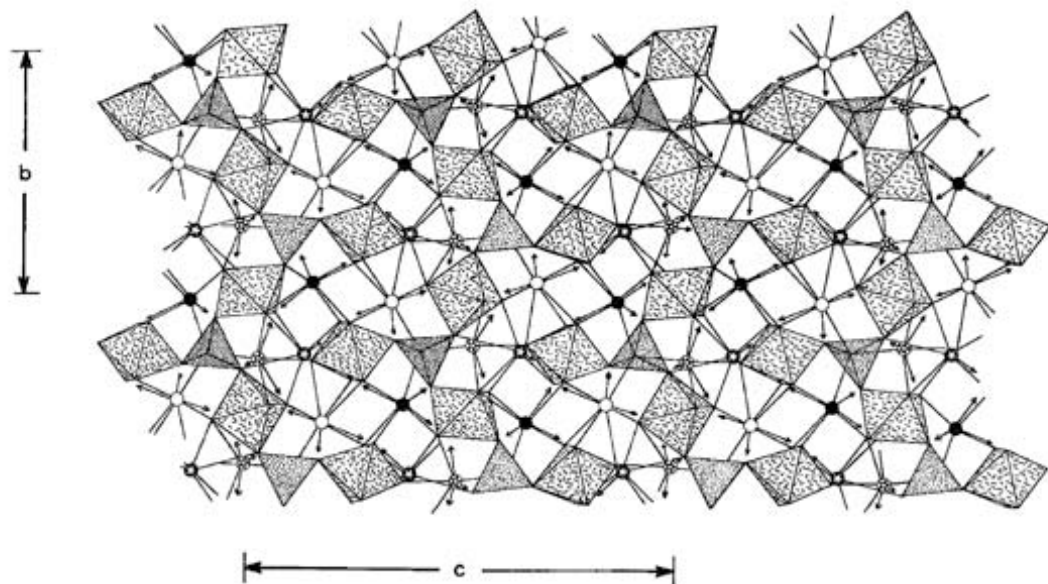
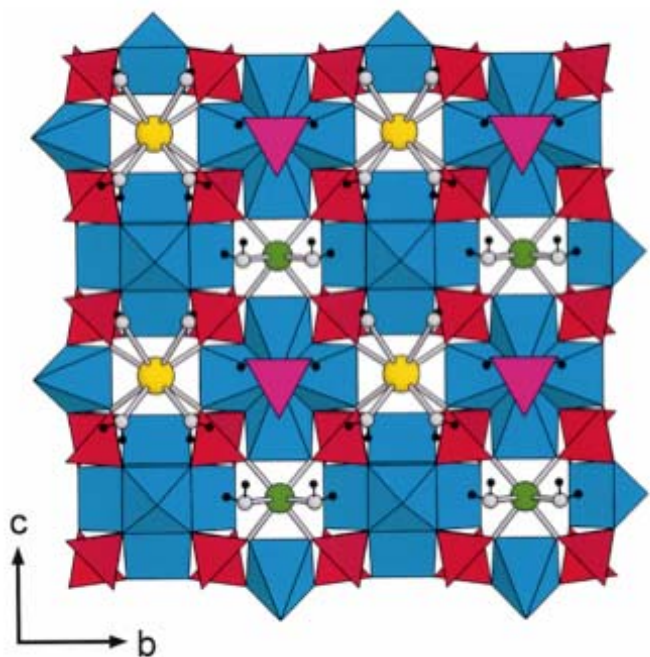
Leucite (high)
 KAlSiO_4

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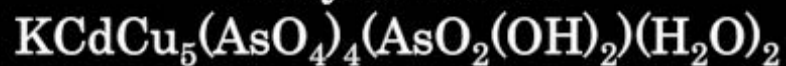
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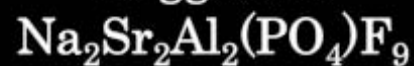


$P2_1/m$

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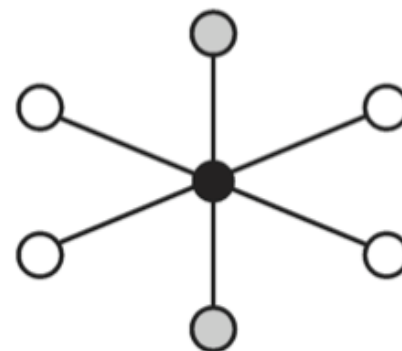
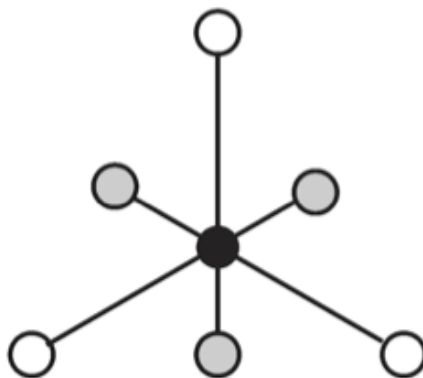
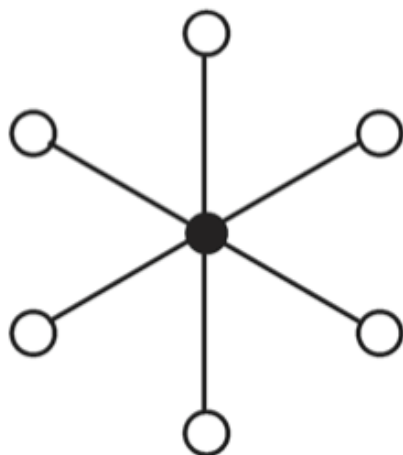
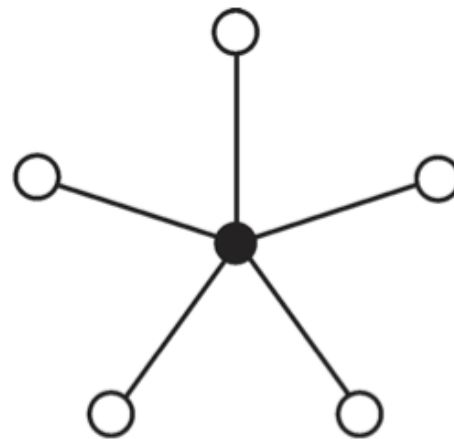
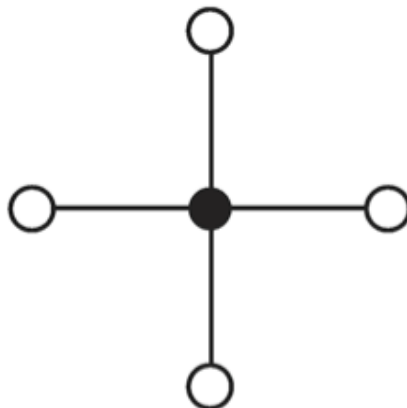
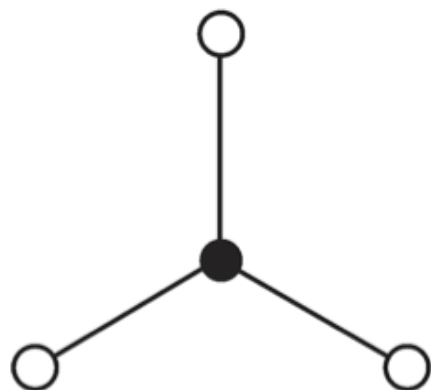
Bøggildite



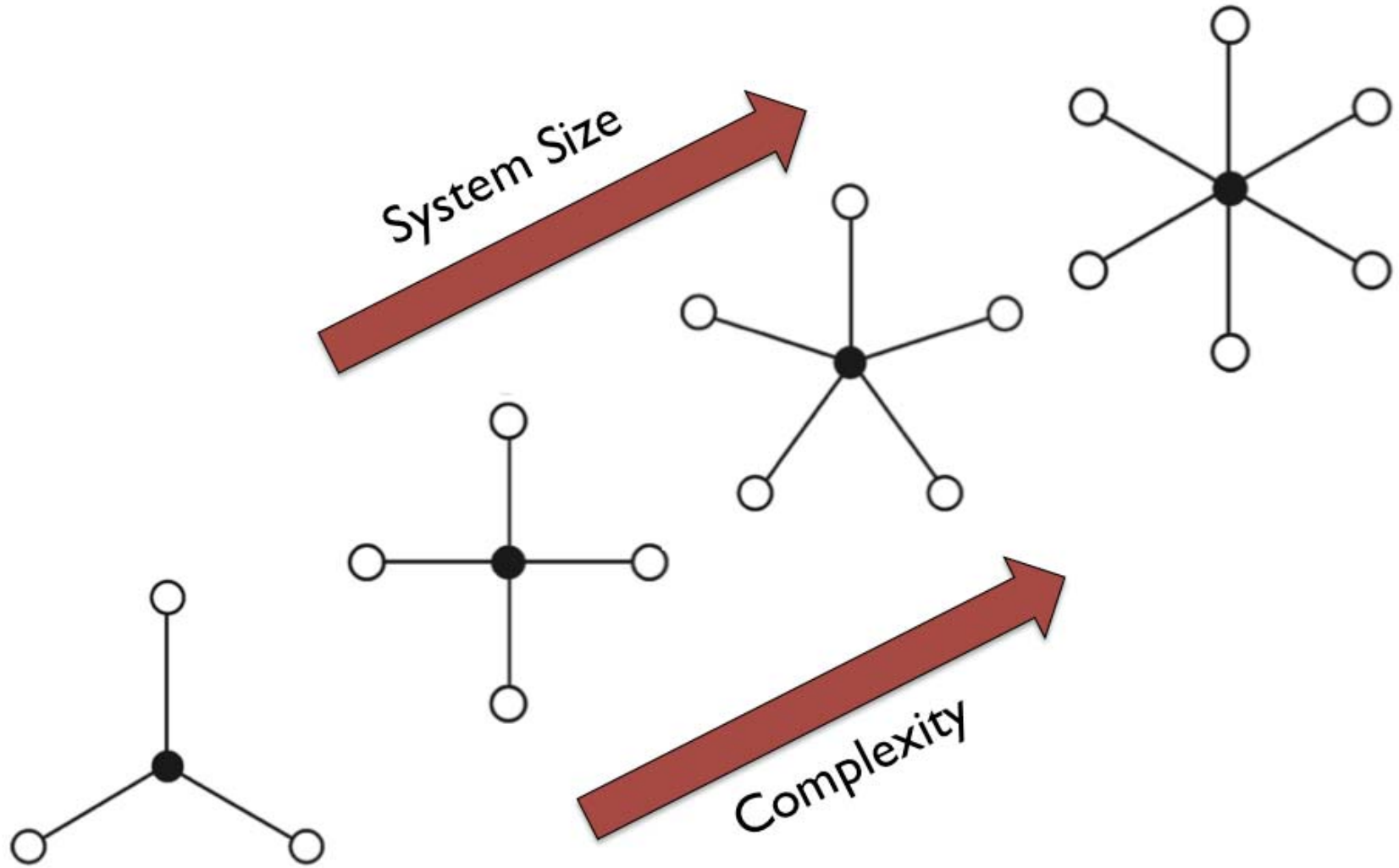
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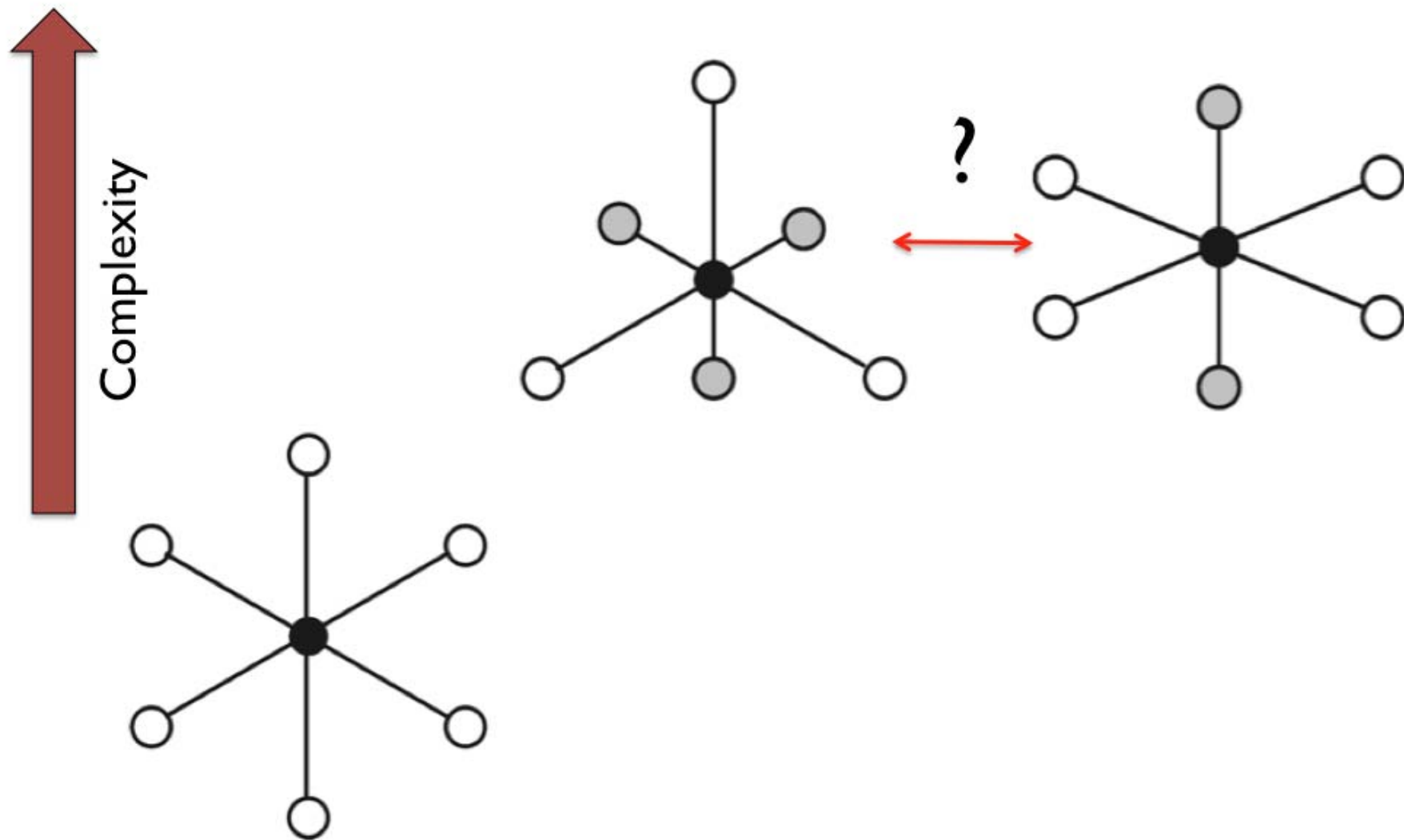
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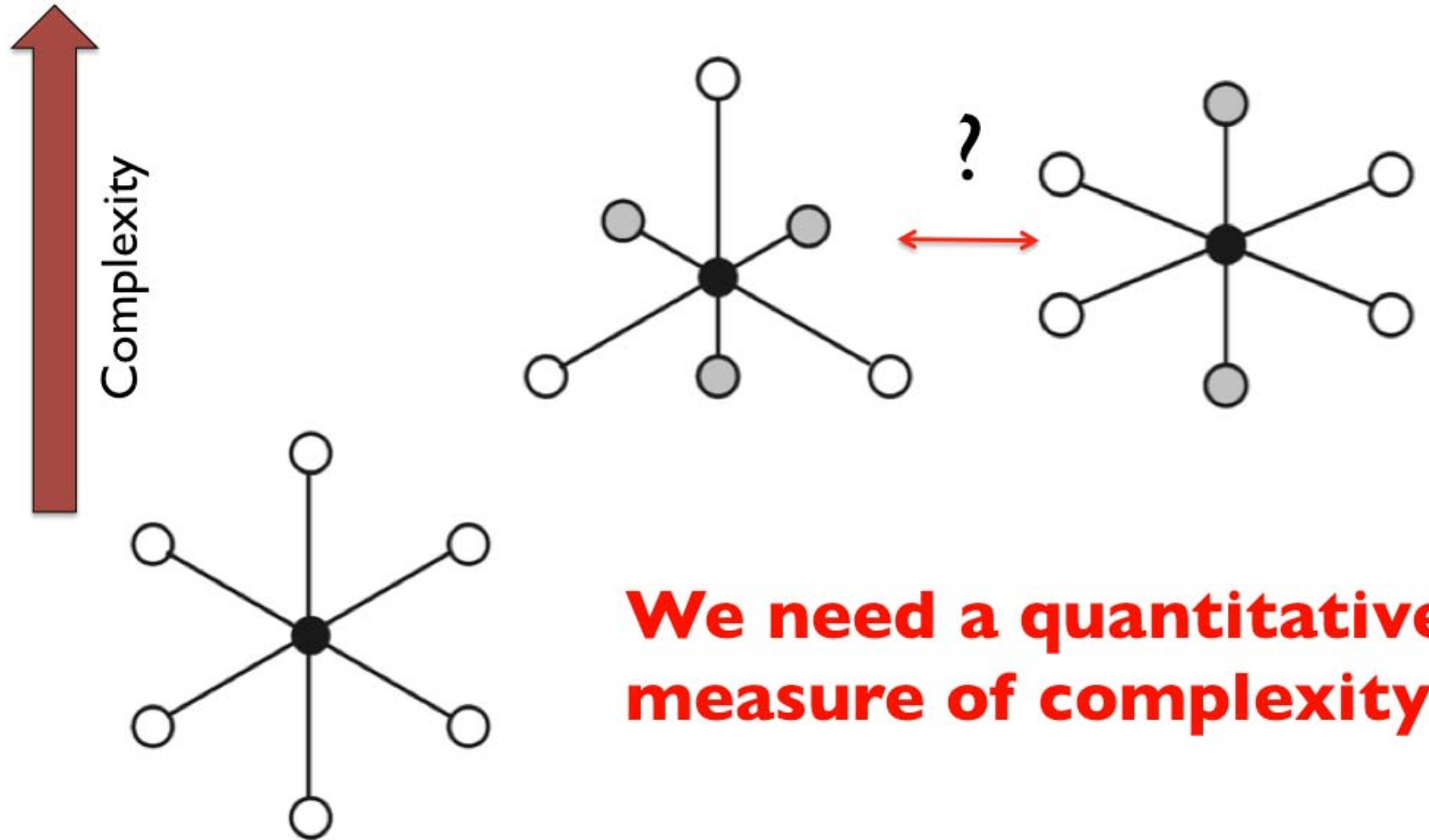
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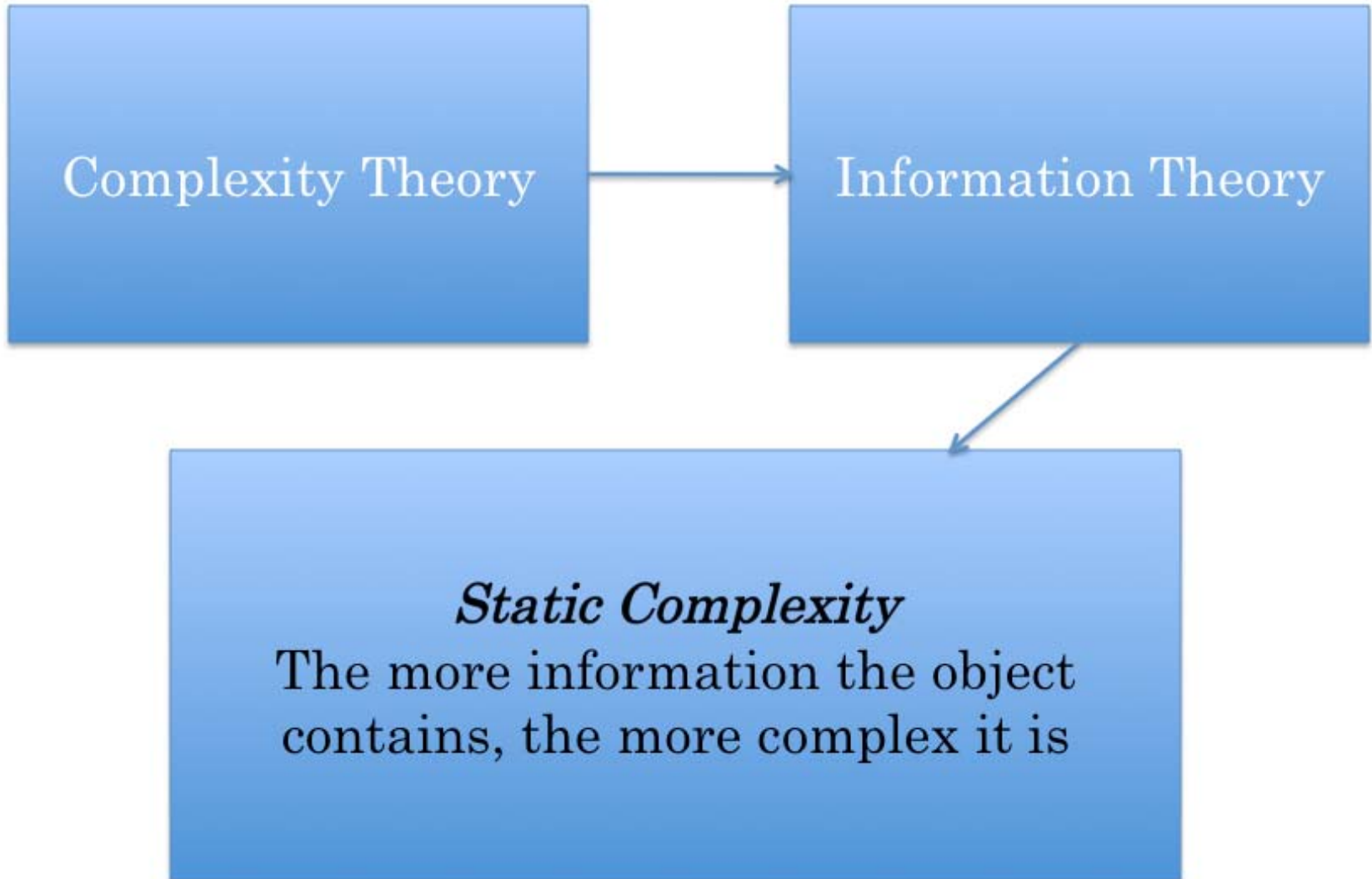


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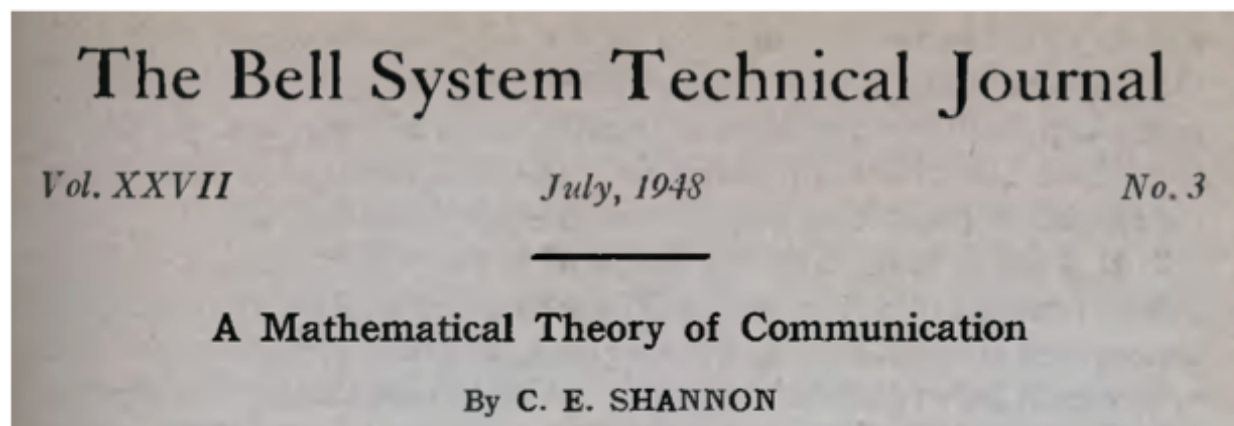


We need a quantitative measure of complexity

Which object is more complex?



Information Theory



Information amount H of the message X ,
consisting from n
symbols, subdivided into k equivalence classes
that contain n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k symbols can be
calculated according to the Shannon formula:

$$H(X) = - \sum p_i \log_2 p_i \quad (\text{bits/symbol})$$

(amount of information per 1 symbol),

$$\text{where } p_i = n_i/n$$

Information Theory

GTKTTGKTGGK

11 symbols : $n = 11$

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3 classes : $n_1 = 4$, $n_2 = 4$, $n_3 = 3$

$p_1 = 4/11$, $p_2 = 4/11$, $p_3 = 3/11$

Information Theory

G T K T T G K T G G K

$$H = - \left[\frac{4}{11} \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{11} \right) + \frac{4}{11} \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{11} \right) + \frac{3}{11} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{11} \right) \right] =$$
$$= 1.573 \text{ bits/symbol}$$

Total information content = $11 * 1.573 = 17.303$ bits

Information Theory Applied to Graphs

LIFE, INFORMATION THEORY, AND TOPOLOGY

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The topological information content, or entropy per symbol, of the graph (due to its points) was defined by N. Rashevsky as

$$I = - \sum_{k=1}^m w_k \lg w_k, \quad (1)$$

where \lg denotes the logarithm to the base 2, and

$$w_k = \frac{n_k}{n}; \quad (2)$$

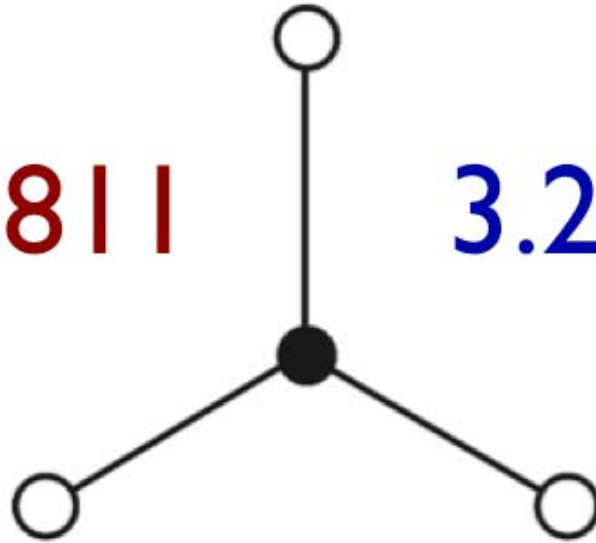
m is the number of sets of topologically equivalent points in the graph, and n_k the number of points belonging to the k th set. The



Information Theory Applied to Graphs

Information per
vertex
(bits/vertex)

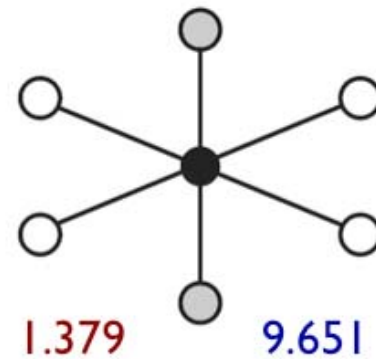
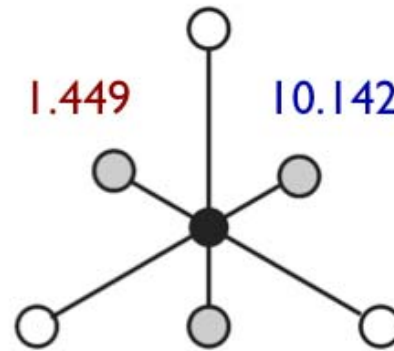
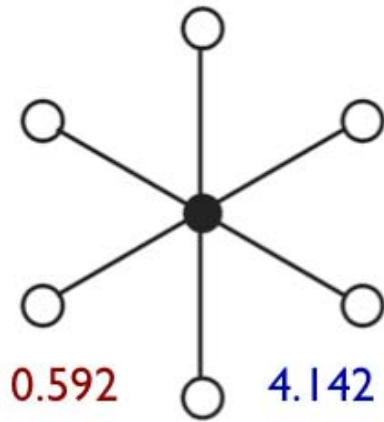
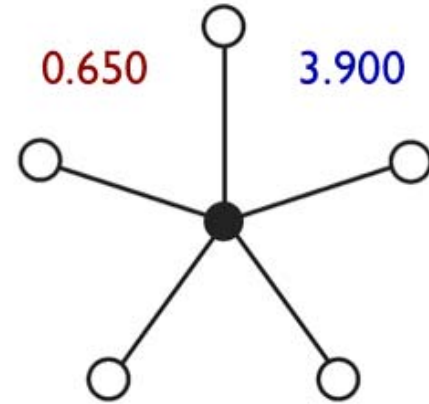
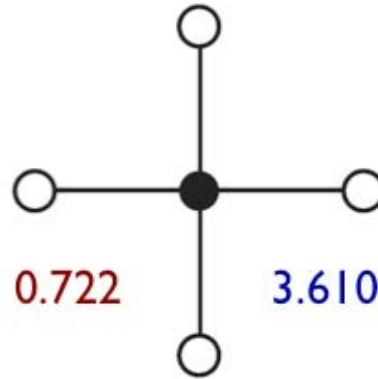
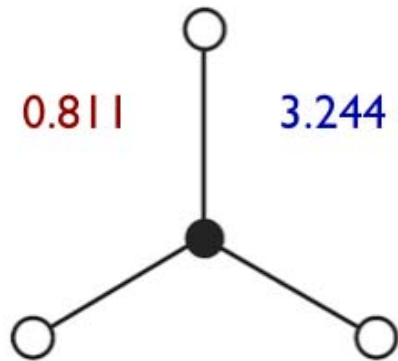
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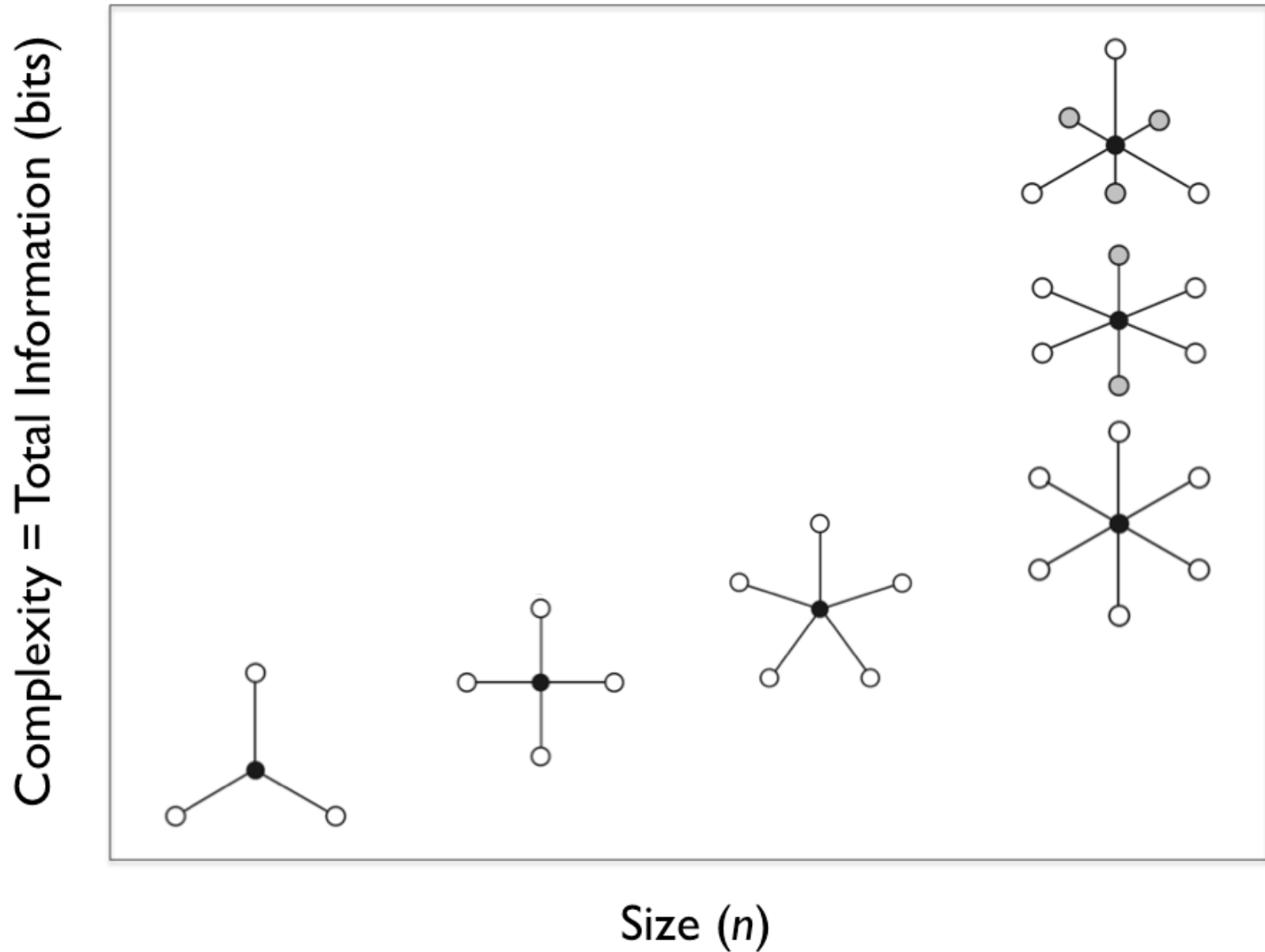
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Information per
graph
(bits)

Information Theory Applied to Graphs



Which object is more complex?



Information Theory Applied to Crystals

$$I_{G,total} = -v \sum_{i=1}^v p_i \log_2 p_i$$

where $p_i = m_i / v$

- v : number of atoms in the reduced unit cell
 m_i : multiplicity of the crystallographic orbit
occupied by the i th atom

Complexity of a Crystal Structure

$$I_{G,total} = - \left[v \sum_{i=1}^v p_i \log_2 p_i \right]$$

size-sensitive
(symbolic complexity)

symmetry-sensitive
(combinatorial complexity)

Complexity of Inorganic Structures

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database analysis



TOPOS

Version 4.0 Professional (beta evaluation)

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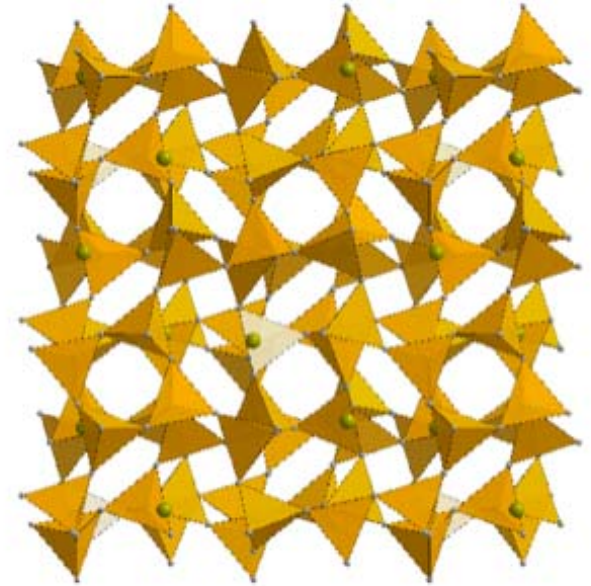
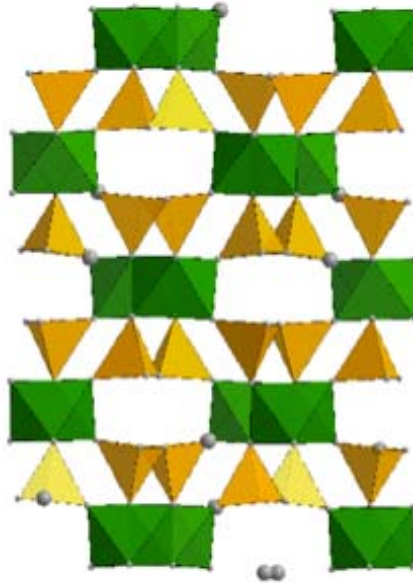
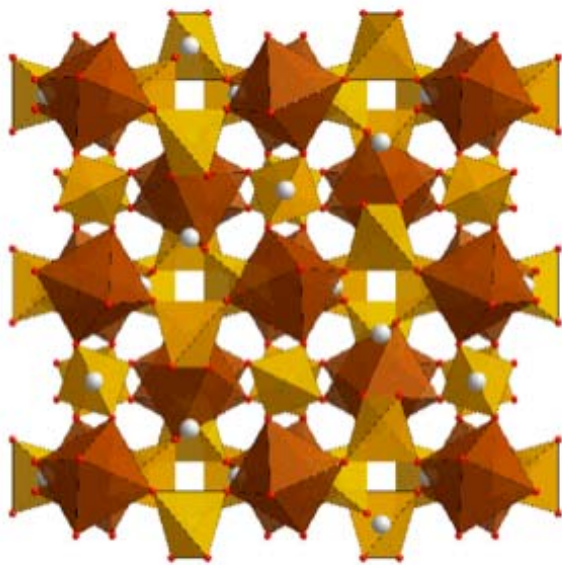
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142 457 structure reports

142457:0:1

0%

Which structure is more complex?



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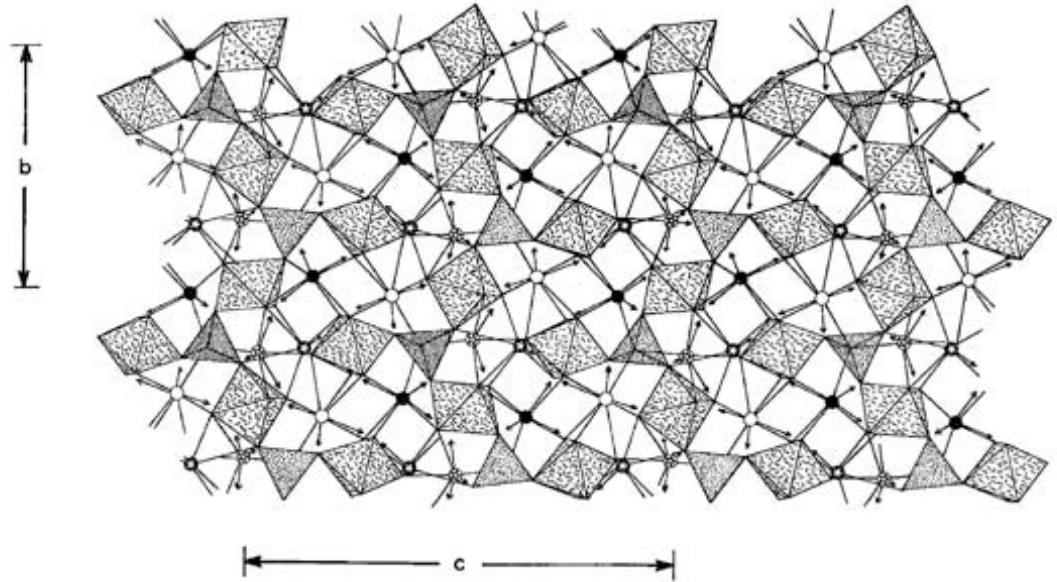
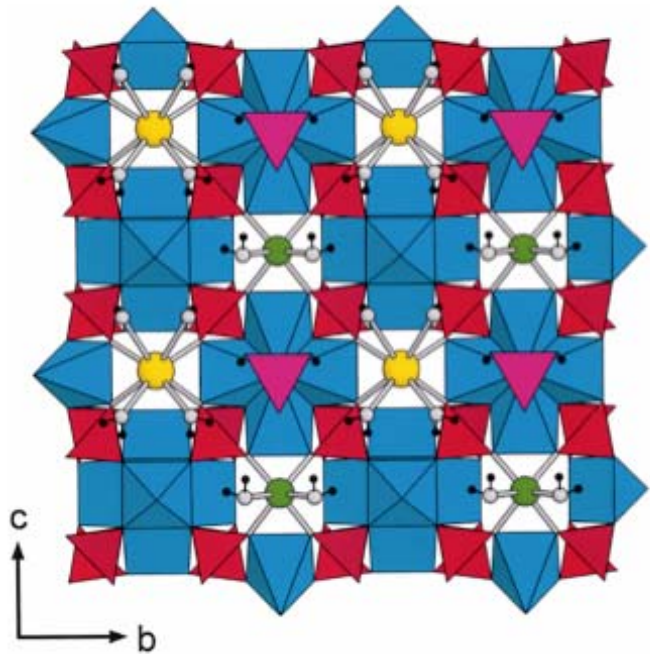
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127.637 bits

265.754 bits

103.637 bits

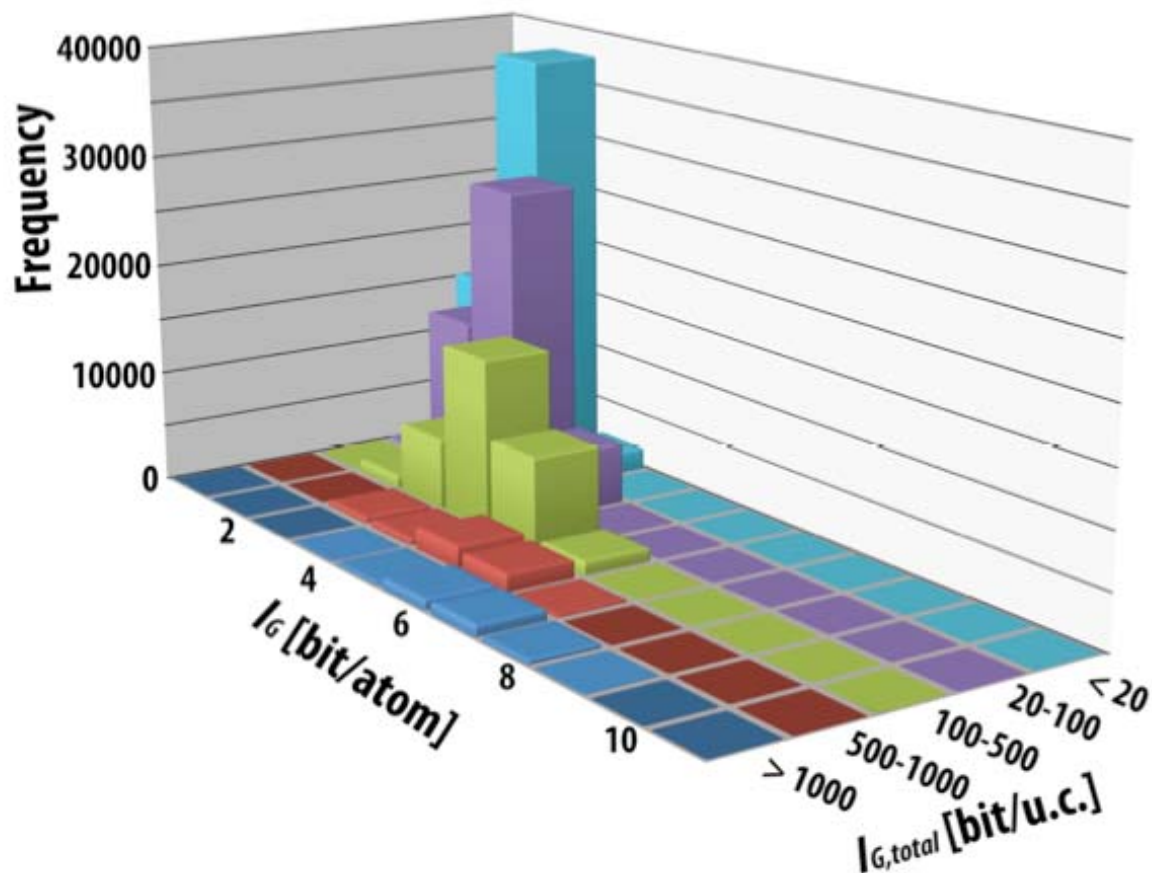
Which structure is more complex?



<p>Andyrobertsite $\text{KCdCu}_5(\text{AsO}_4)_4(\text{AsO}_2(\text{OH})_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$</p>	<p>Bøggildite $\text{Na}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)\text{F}_9$</p>
$P2_1/m$	$P2_1/c$
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361.754 bits	349.754 bits

Most Complex Inorganic Compounds

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database Analysis



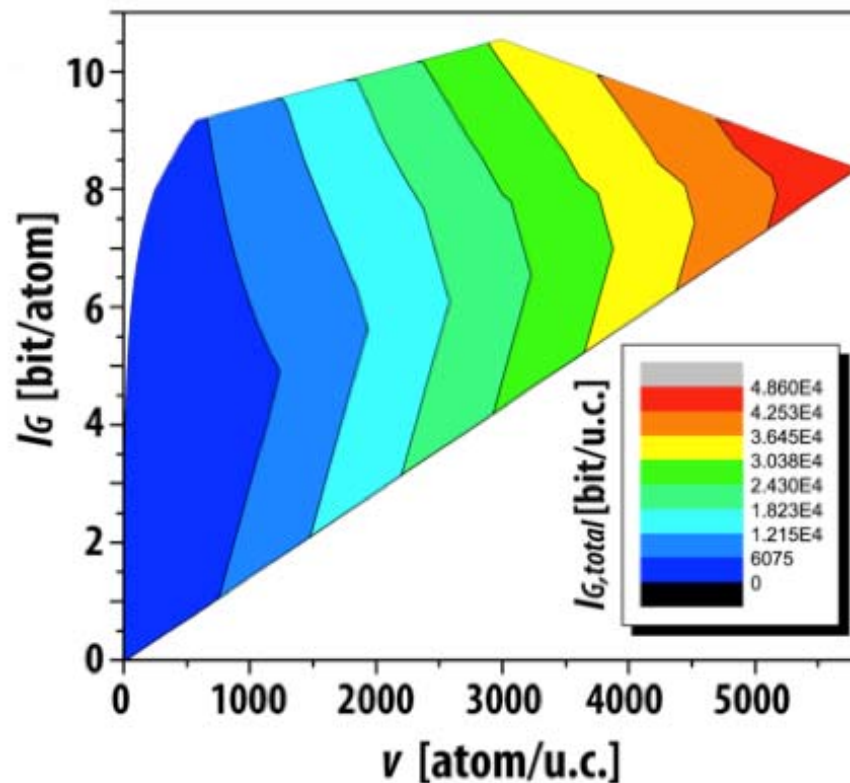
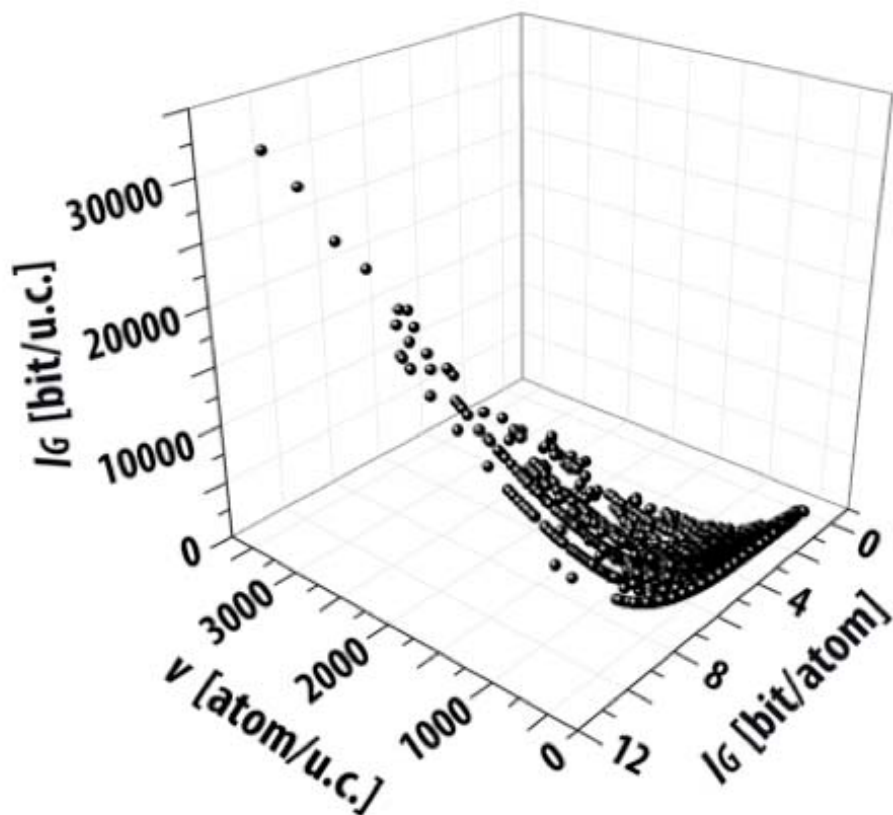
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Classification of Inorganic Structures by Complexity

Category	$I_{G,total}$ [bits/u.c.]	Number of ICSD entries
very simple	< 20	~ 55 000
simple	20-100	~ 50 000
intermediate	100-500	~ 33 000
complex	500-1000	~ 5 000
very complex	> 1000	~ 3 000

Most Complex Inorganic Compounds

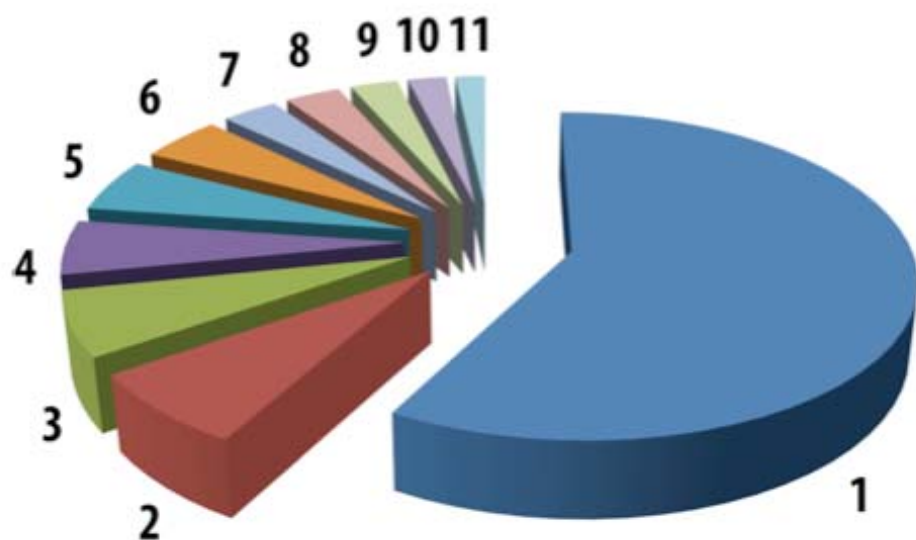
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Most Complex Inorganic Compounds

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database Analysis

2000 most complex inorganic structures according to their chemical identity:



- 1 – Mo-W-V-based polyoxometallates;
- 2 – oxides and oxysalts;
- 3 – structures containing (nano)clusters;
- 4 – zeolites and microporous framework compounds;
- 5 – intermetallic compounds;
- 6 – fullerene-based structures;
- 7 – uranyl peroxide nanospheres;
- 8 – superstructures;
- 9 – Nb-Ti-based polyoxometallates;
- 10 – sulphides and selenides;
- 11 – halogenides.

Complexity of Inorganic Structures

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database analysis

The most complex
inorganic structure:

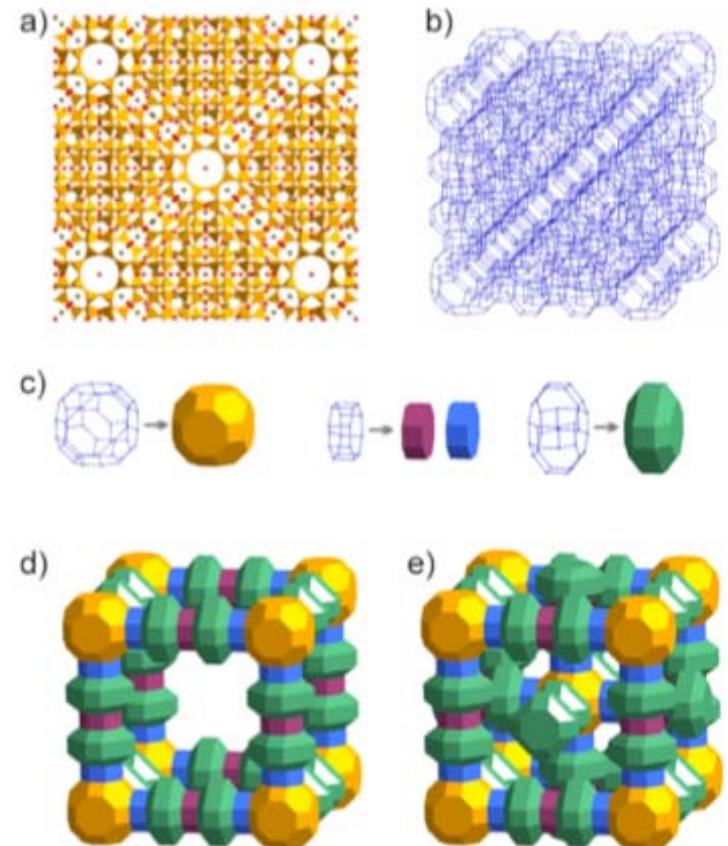
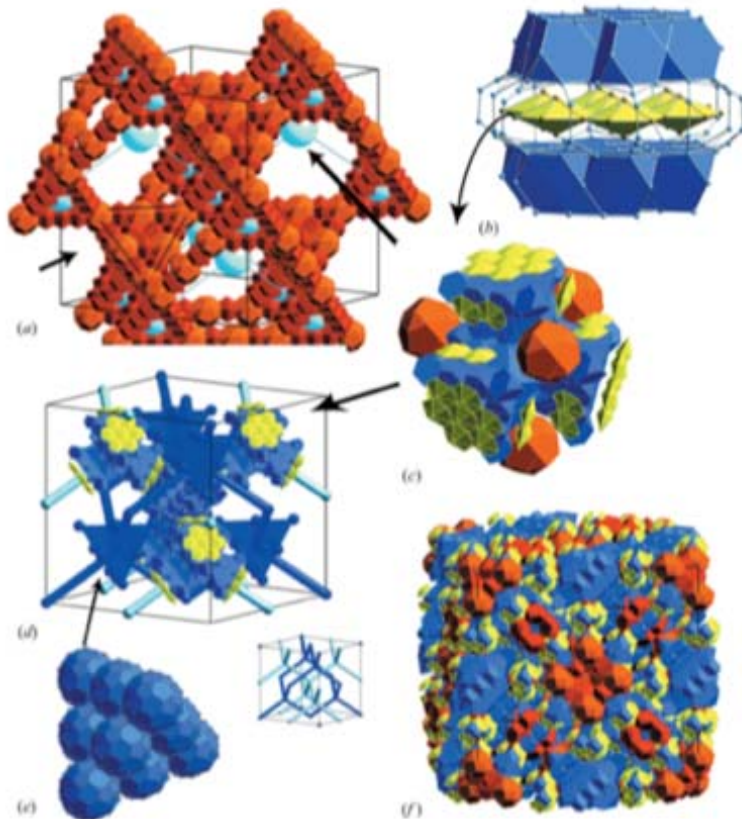


$$I_{G,\text{total}} = 48538.637 \text{ bits}$$

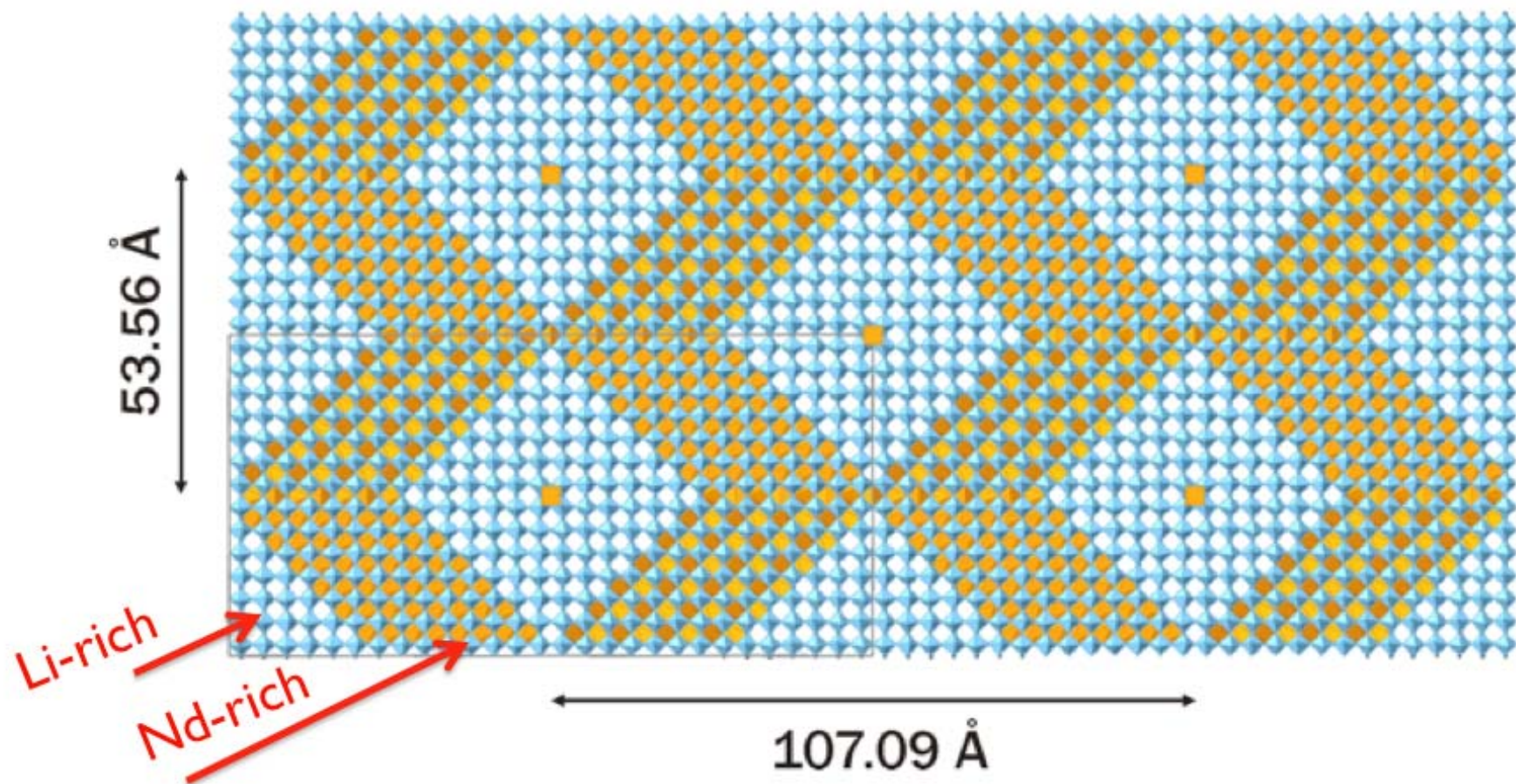
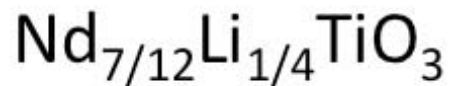
The most complex
mineral structure:

Paulingite

$$I_{G,\text{total}} = 6766.998 \text{ bits}$$



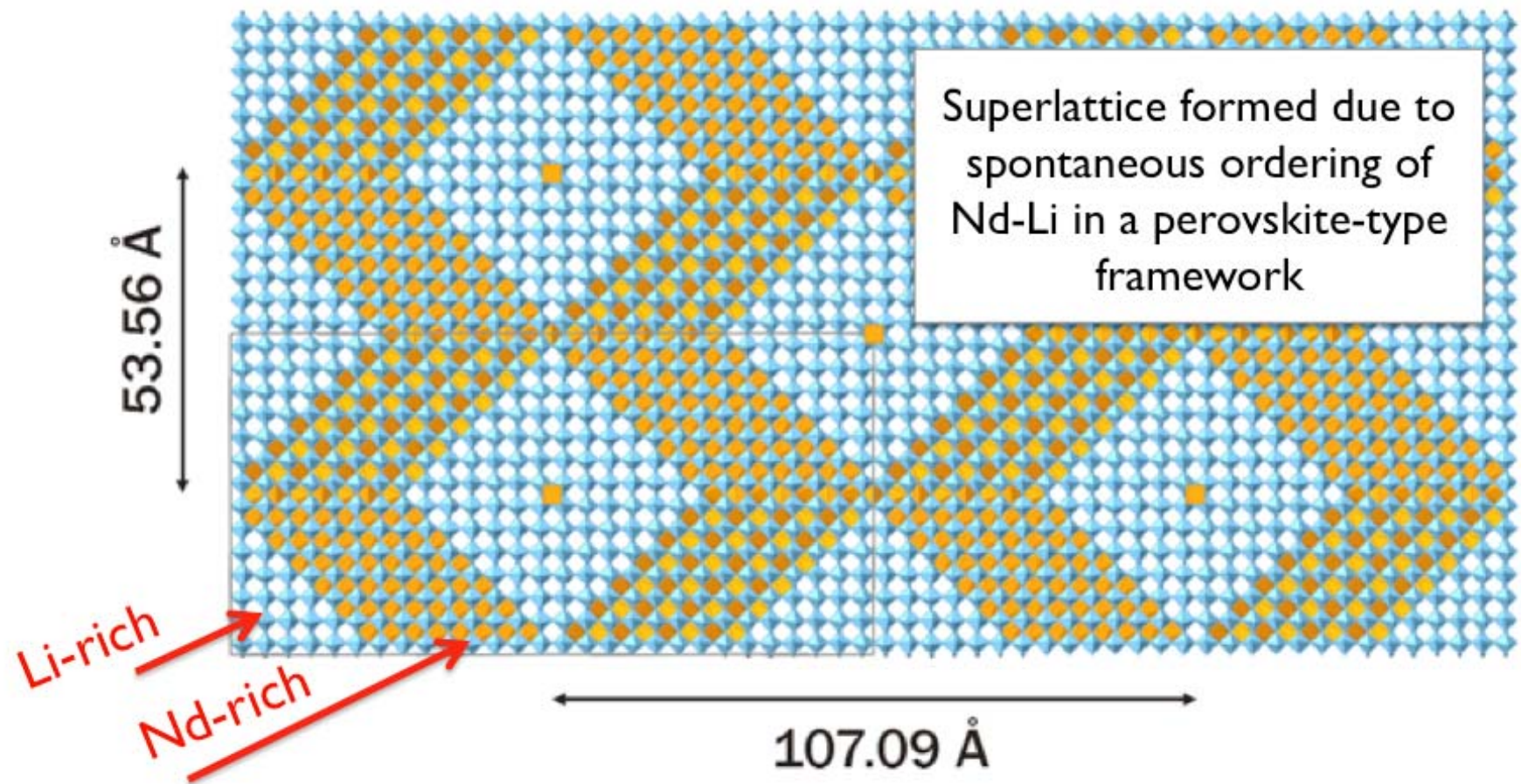
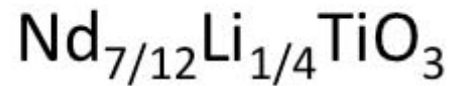
Most Complex Rare Earth Compounds



$$\nu = 1973 ; I_G = 8.43 \text{ bit/atom} ; I_{G,\text{total}} = 16634.804 \text{ bit/u.c.}$$

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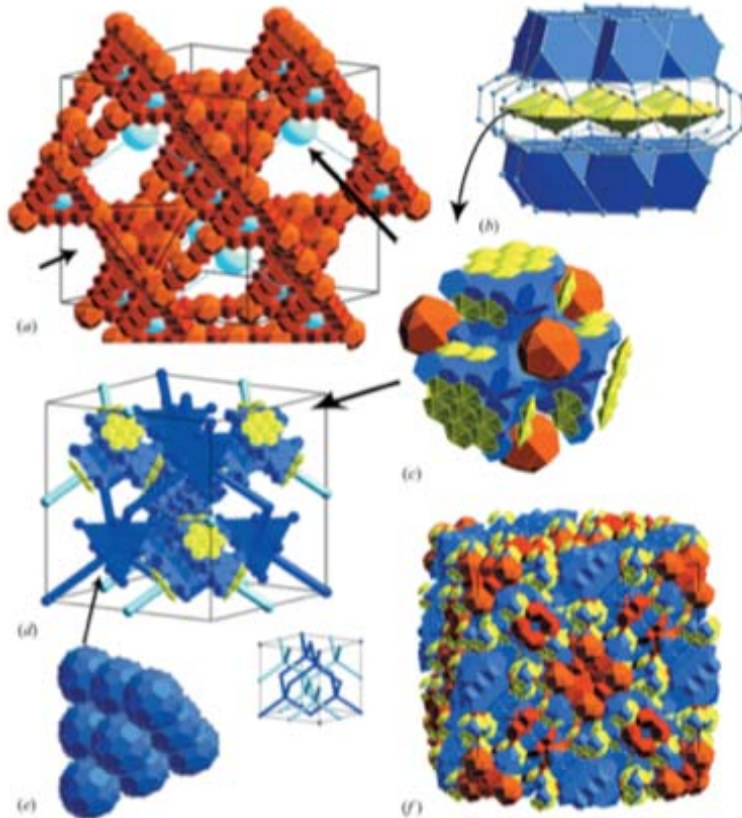
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Inorganic Crystal Structure Database analysis

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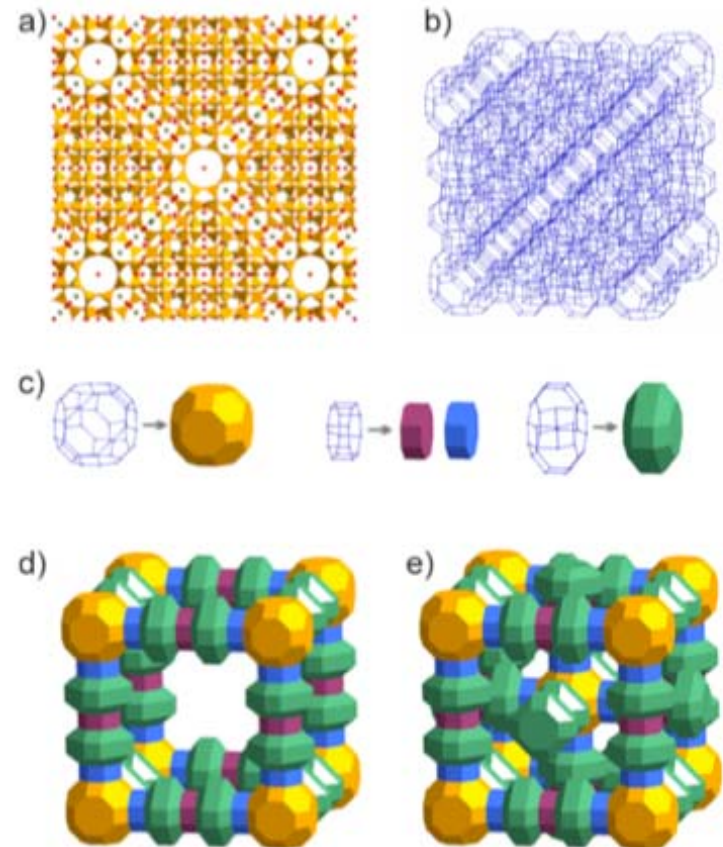
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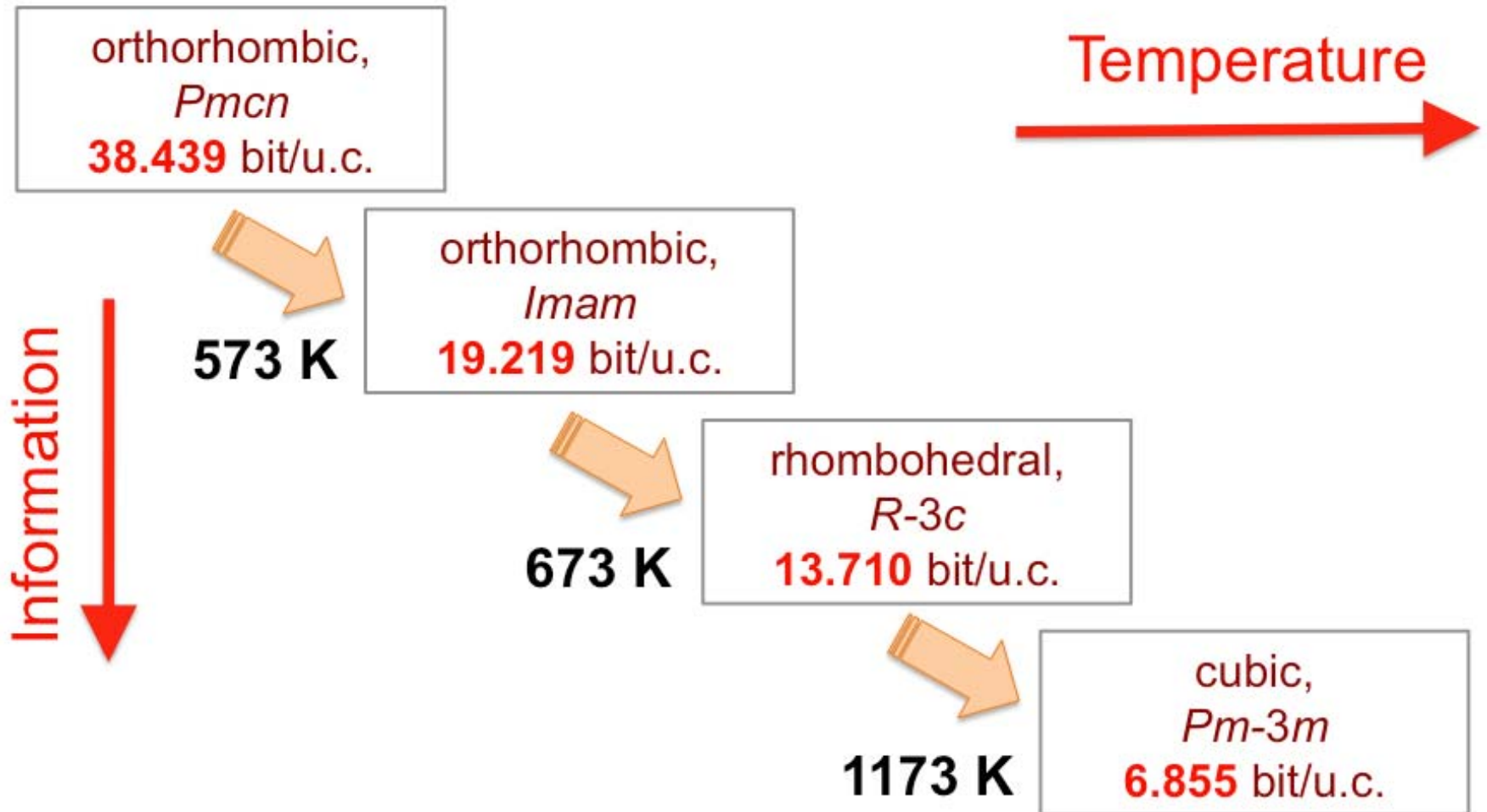
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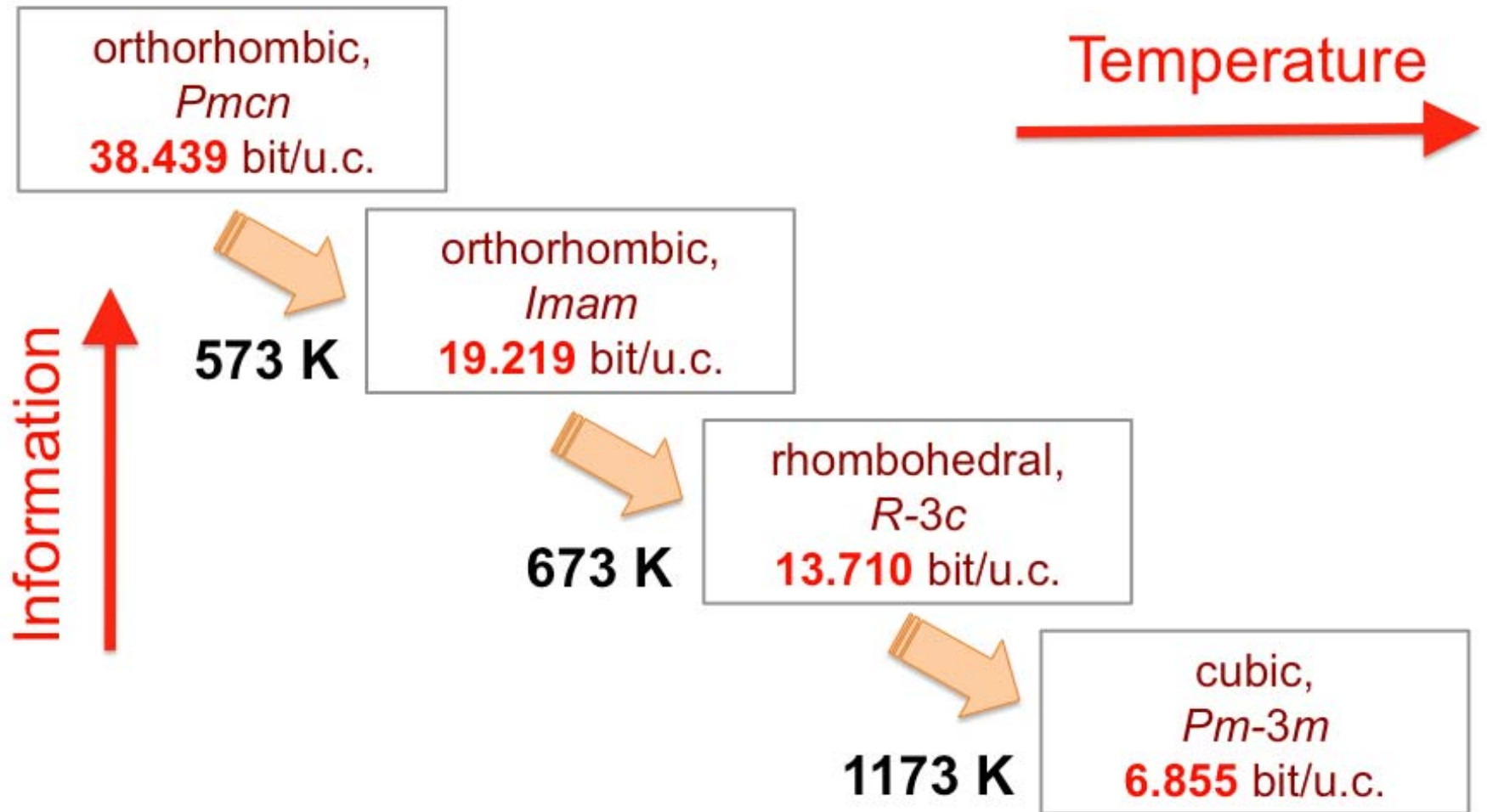
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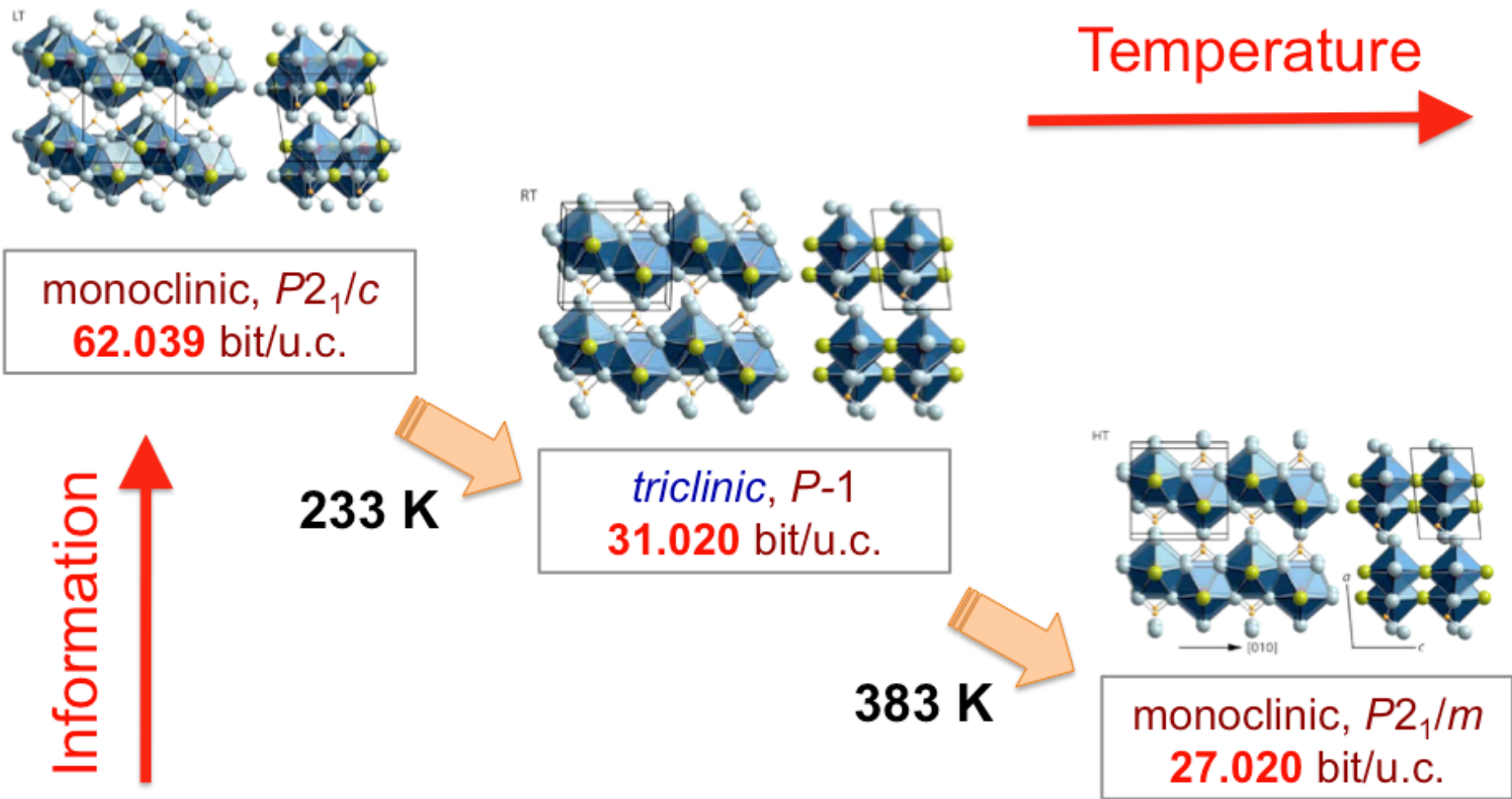


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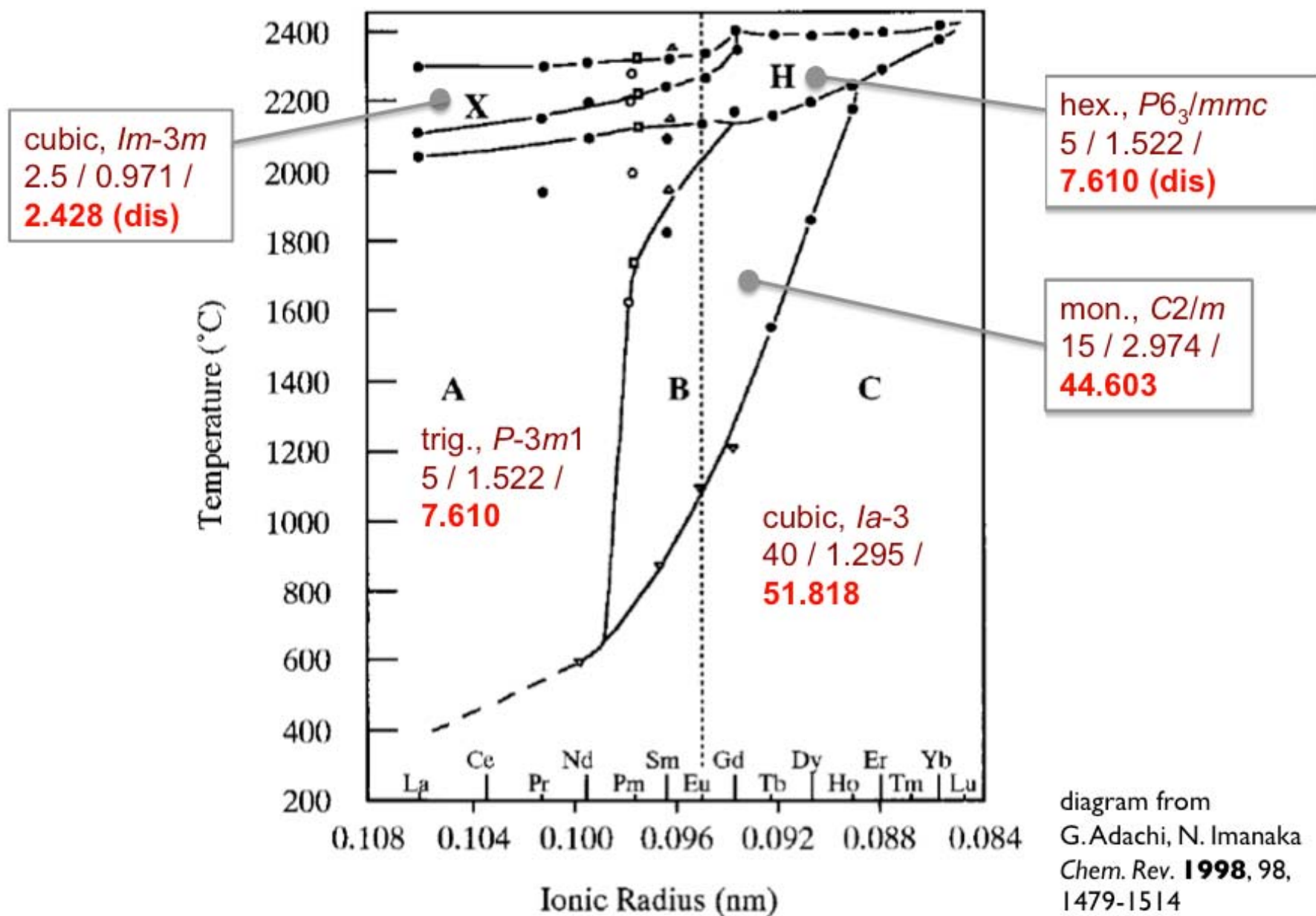
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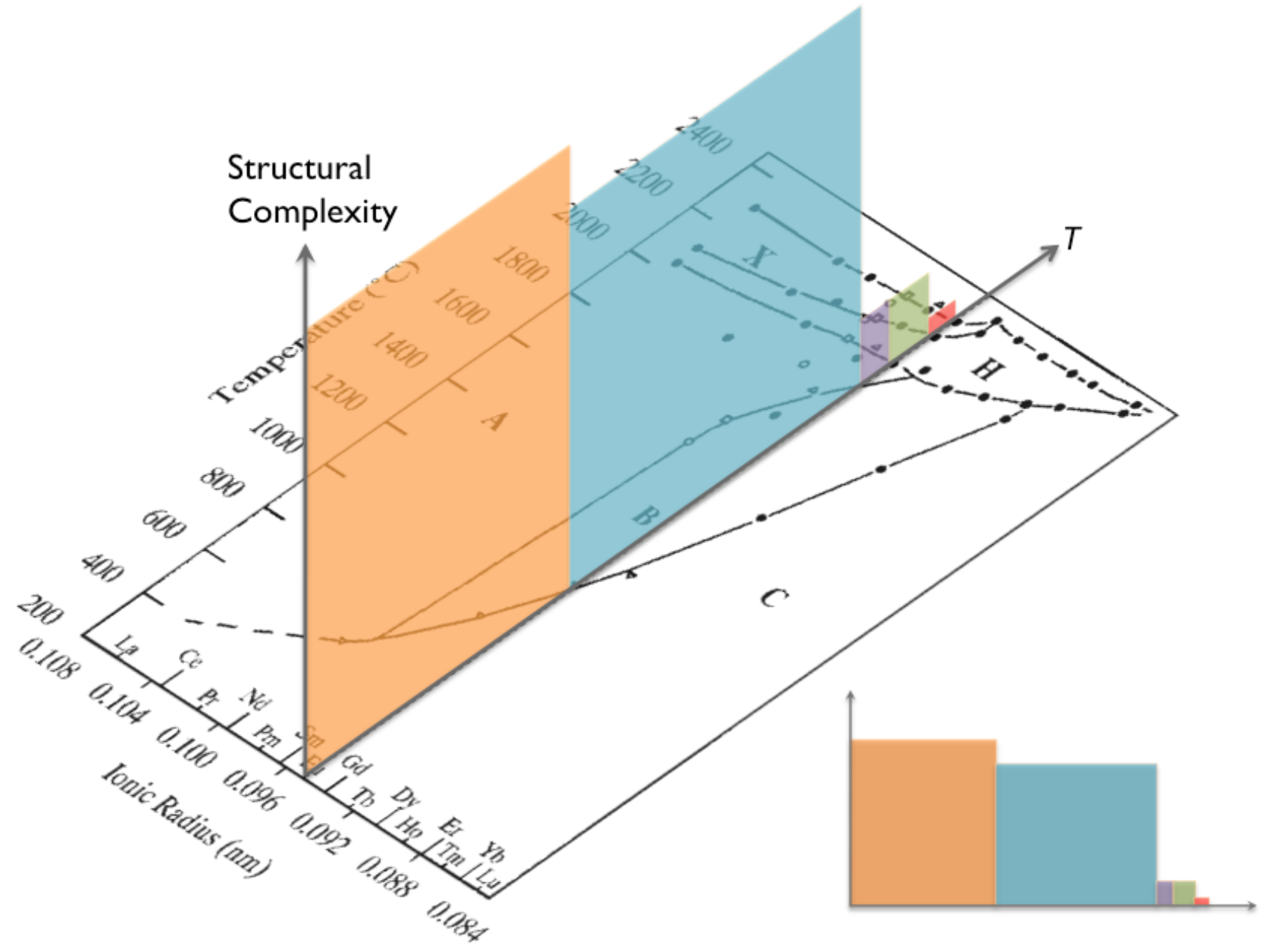
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Polymorphism of REE_2O_3 oxides vs. Temperature



Polymorphism of REE_2O_3 oxides vs. Temperature



Dynamic Complexity: Cellular Automata and Design

Actinyl oxysalt compounds with VIth-group elements



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		I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		IX											
		а	б	а	б	а	б	а	б	а	б	а	б	а	б	а	б	а											
1	1															He	2												
2	2	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F											Ne	10									
3	3	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl											Ar	18									
4	4	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni							Kr	36										
	5	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br																					
5	6	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd							Xe	54										
	7	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I																					
6	8	Cs	Ba	ЛАНТАНОИДЫ			Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt							Rn	86								
	9	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At																					
7	10	Fr	Ra	АКТИНОИДЫ			Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hn	Mt																	
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АКТИНОИДЫ																													
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S 16
sulfur

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chromium

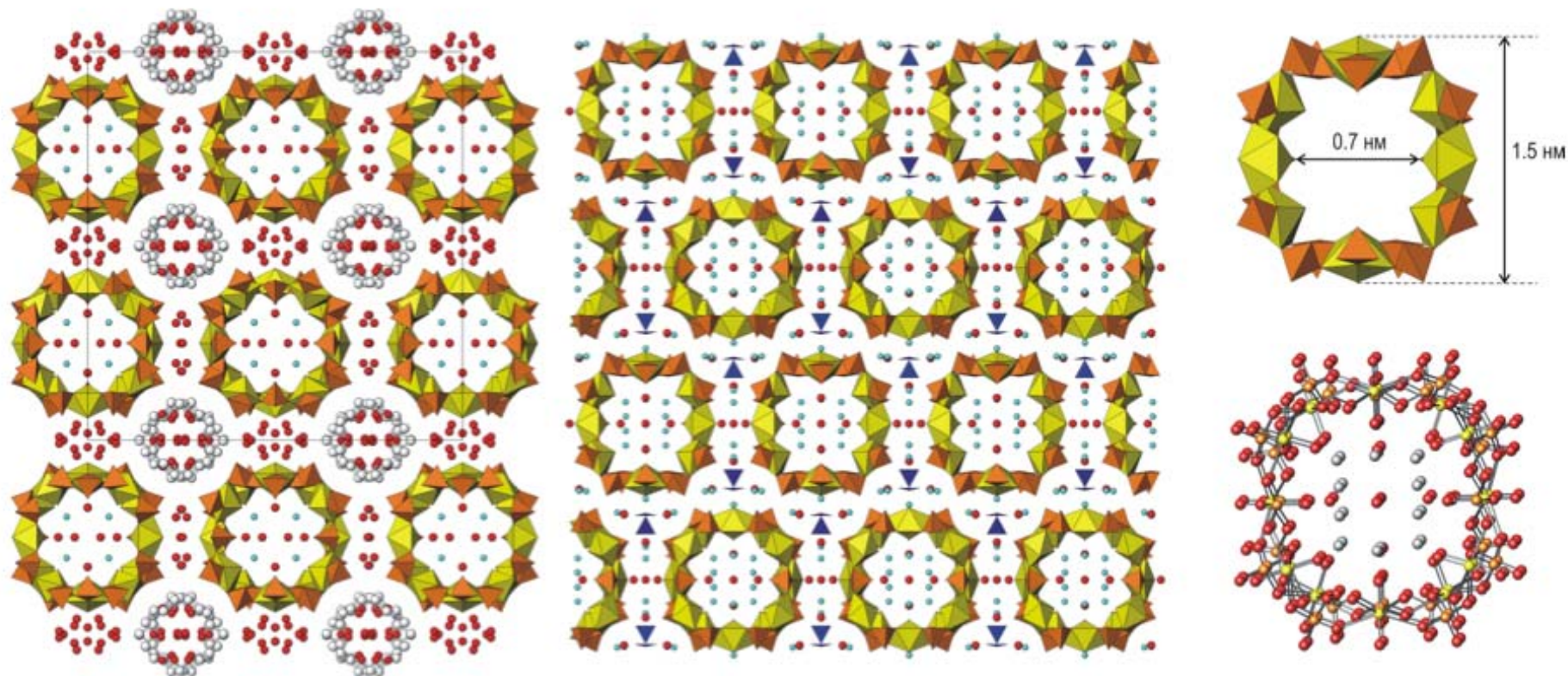
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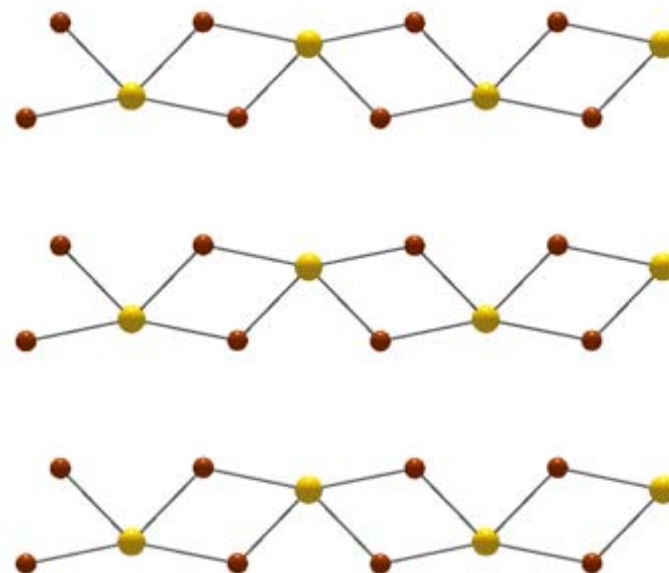
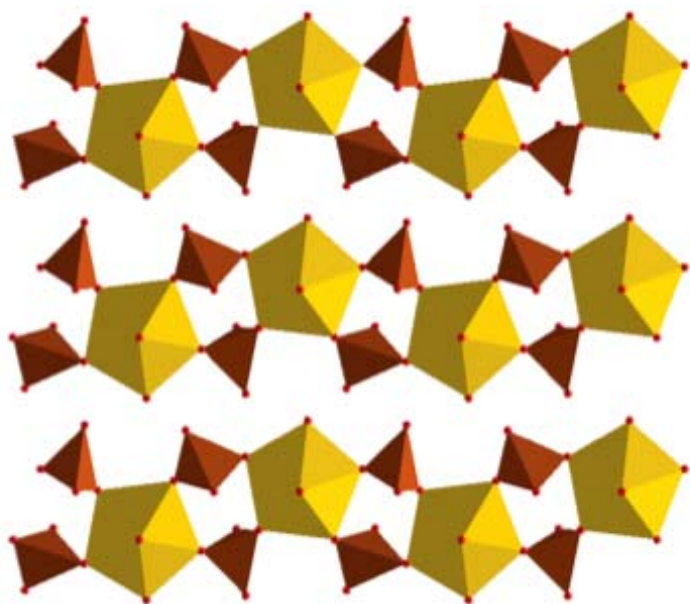
Nanotubules $[(\text{UO}_2)_3(\text{SeO}_4)_5]^{2-}$



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Phase formation in the system
(UO₂)(NO₃)₂ - H₂SeO₄ - H₂O - CH₃NH₂ (methylamine)

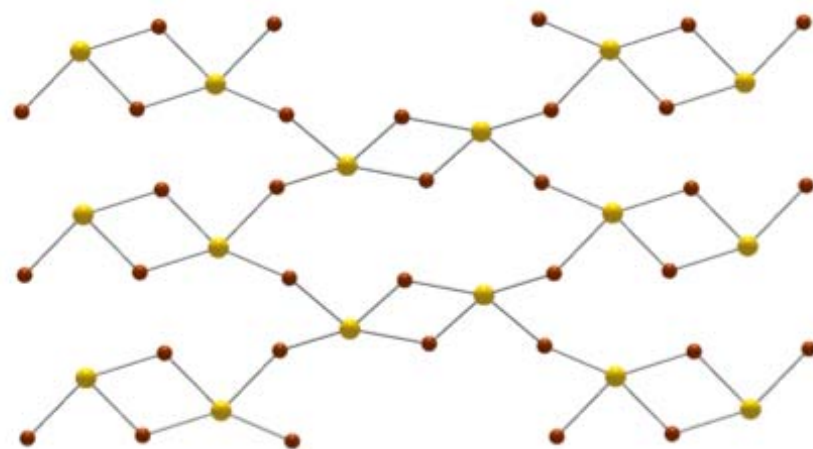
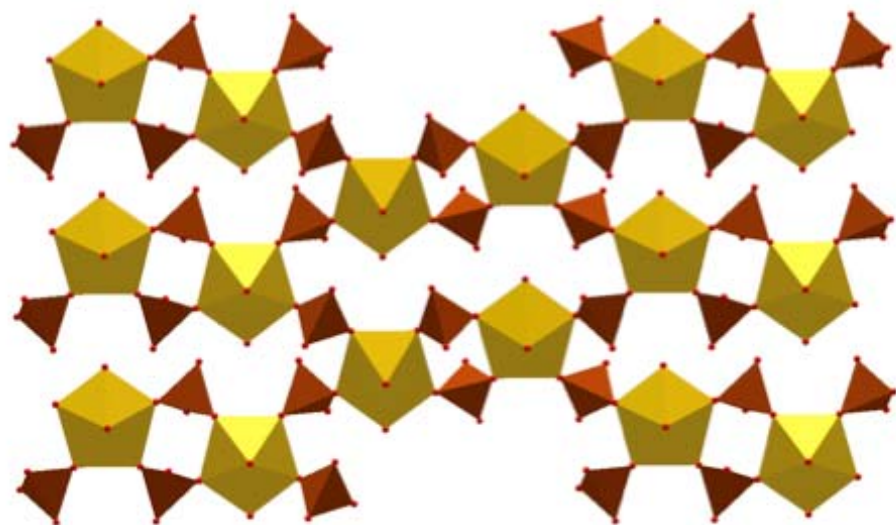
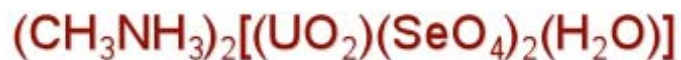
U:Se = 1:2



$Pna2_1$, $a = 7.550$, $b = 15.836$, $c = 12.014$ Å, $V = 1436.34$ Å³,
 $2\Theta_{\text{max}} = 53.66^\circ$, $R_1 = 0.046$, $wR_2 = 0.106$, #refl = 1429

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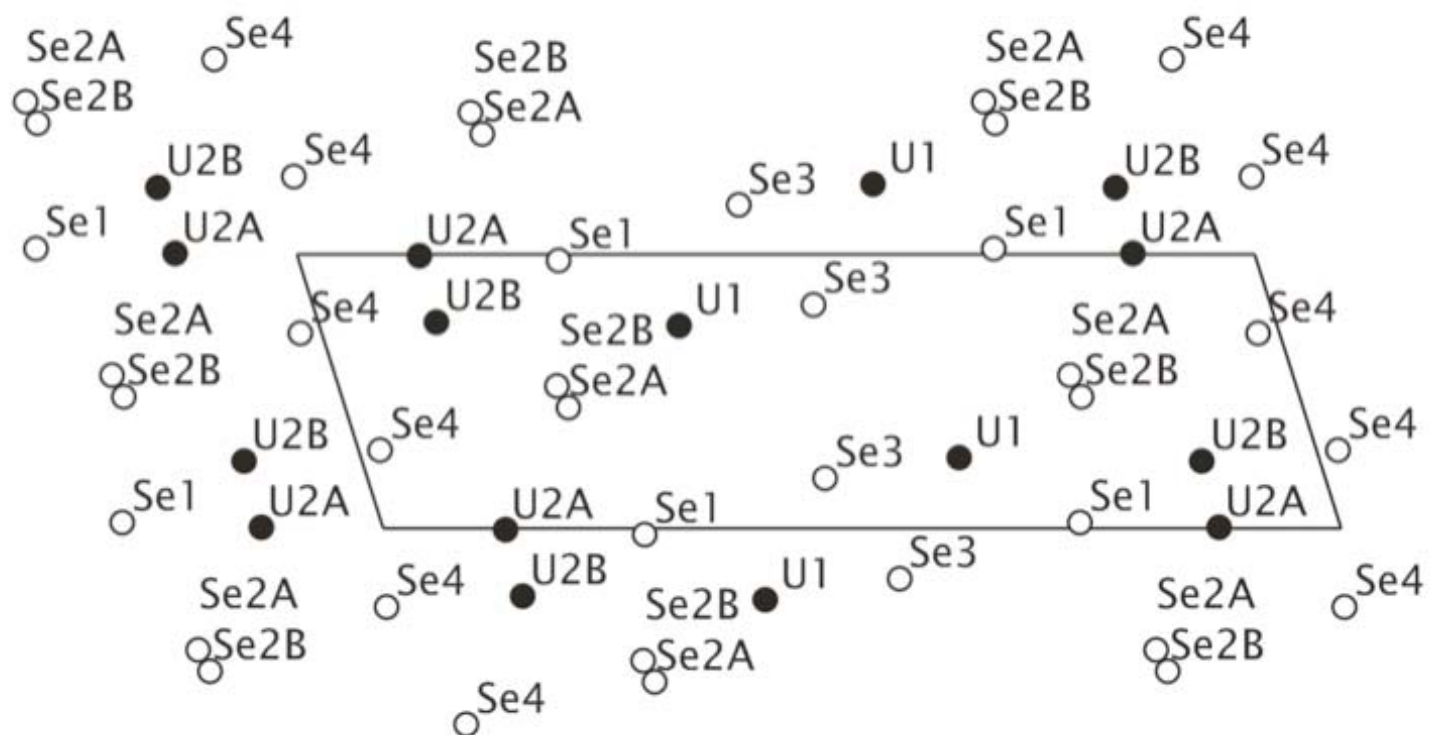
U:Se = 1:2



$P2_1/c$, $a = 8.237$, $b = 7.589$, $c = 22.260$ Å, $\beta = 104.57^\circ$, $V = 1346.7$ Å³
 $R1 = 0.047$, #refl = 2661

Phase formation in the system
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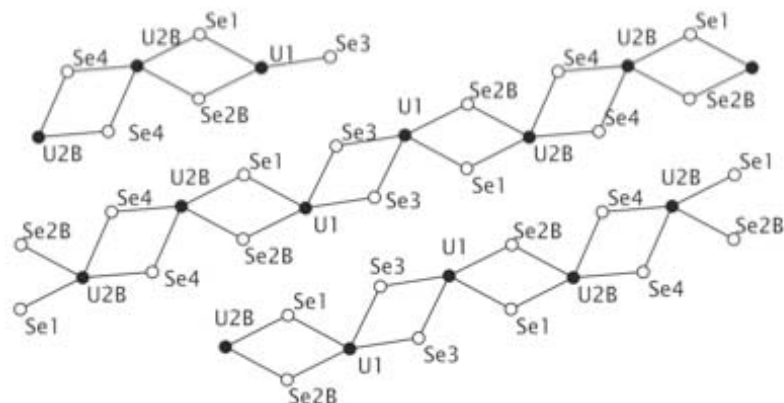
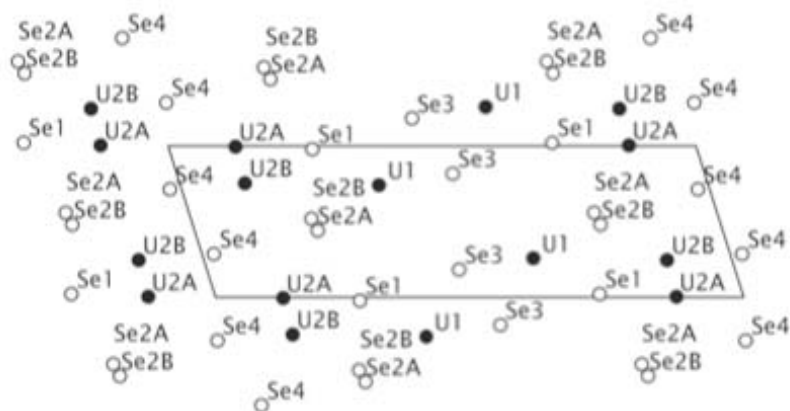
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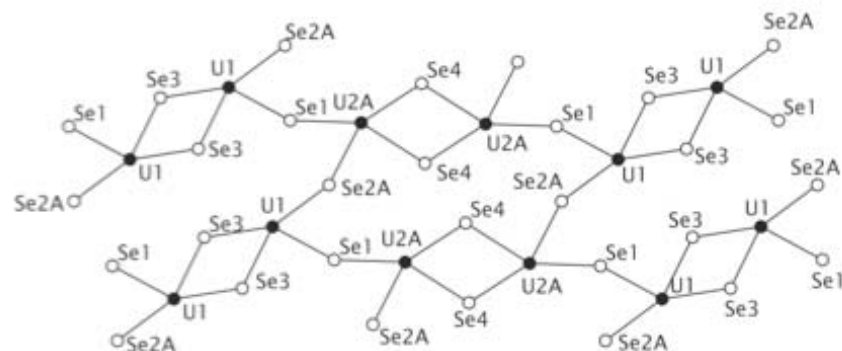
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 $R_1 = 0.072$, $wR_2 = 0.184$, $\#refl = 3820$

Phase formation in the system (UO₂)(NO₃)₂ - H₂SeO₄ - H₂O - CH₃NH₂ (methylamine)

U:Se = 1:2



The overall structure is a superposition of chain (1D) and layered (2D) structures



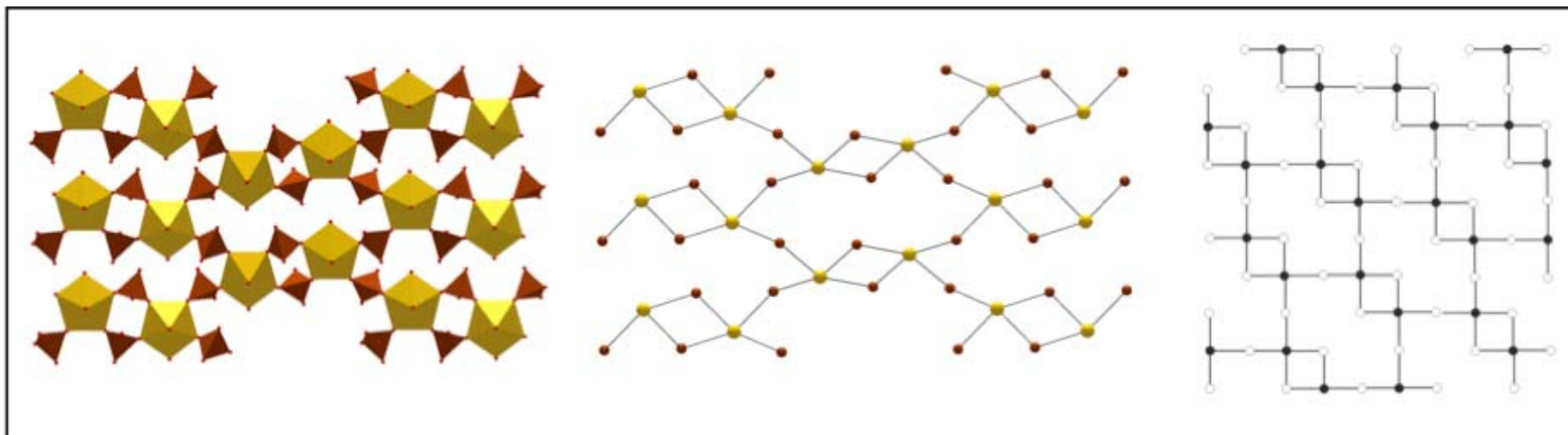
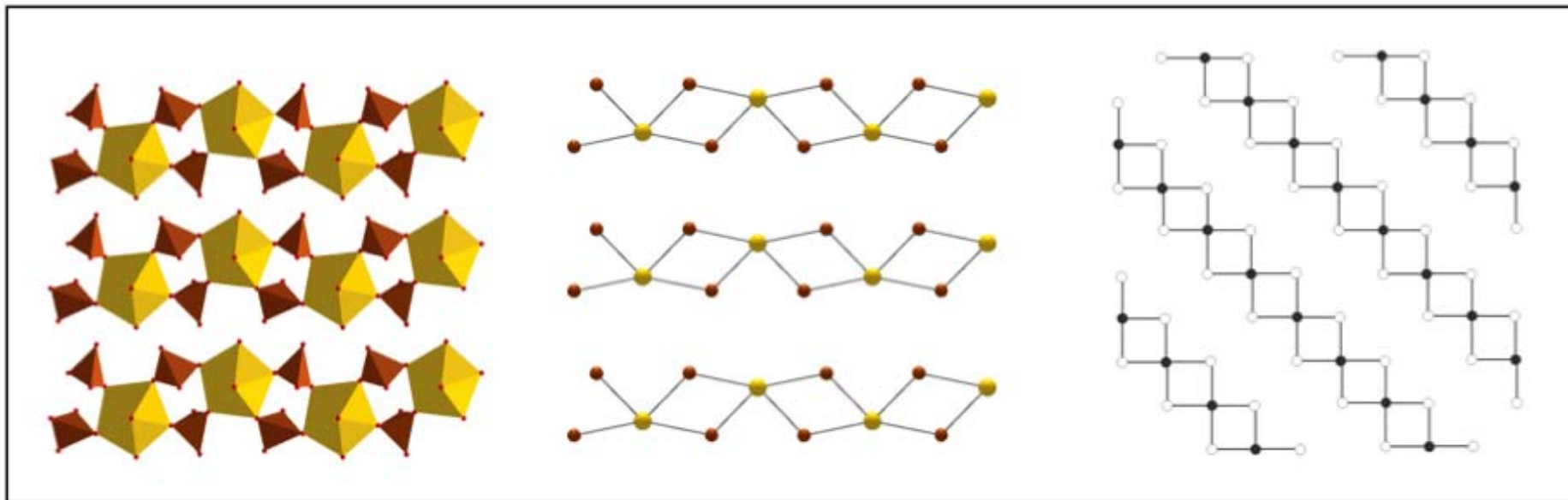
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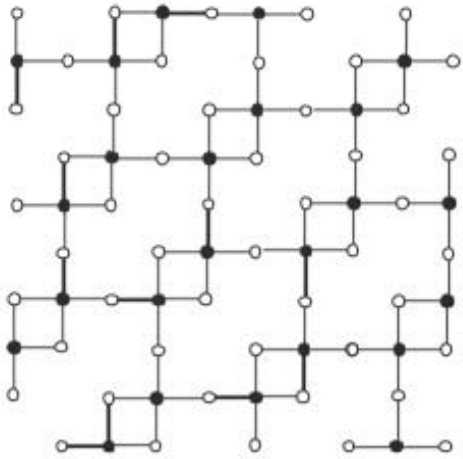
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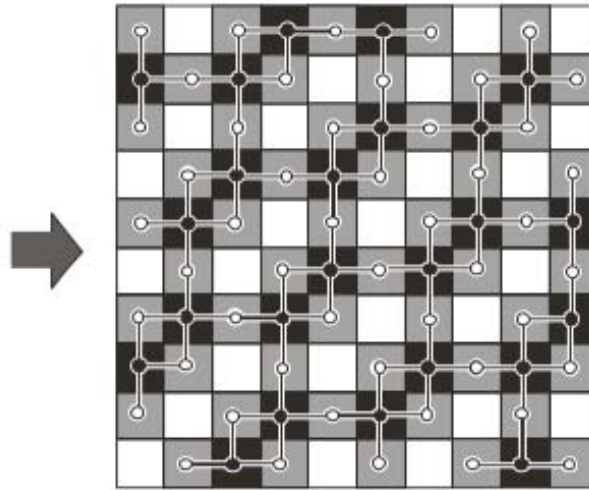
Idealized Graph



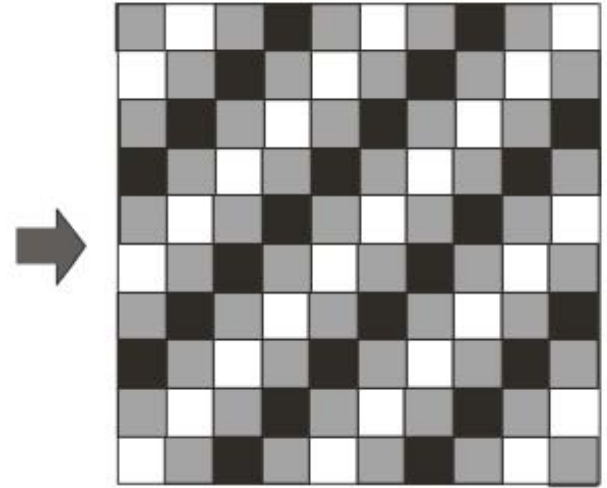
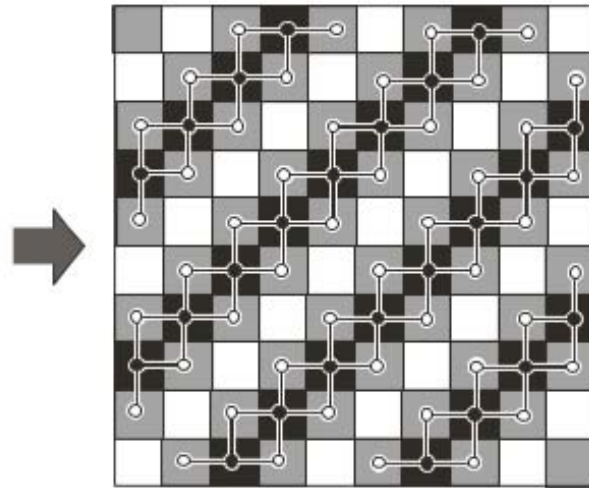
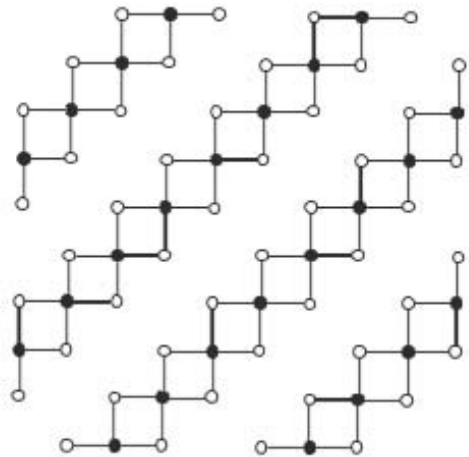
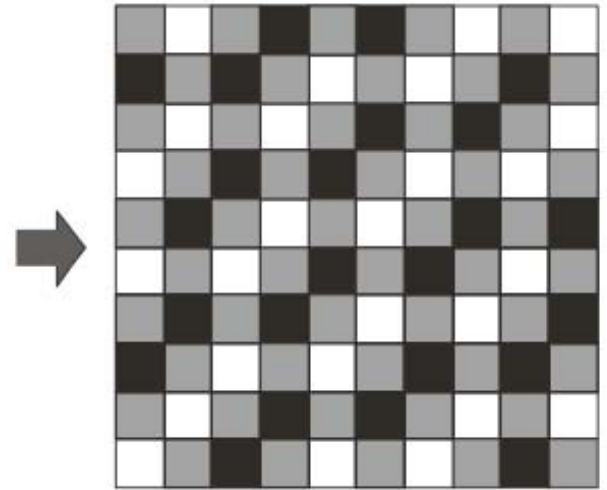
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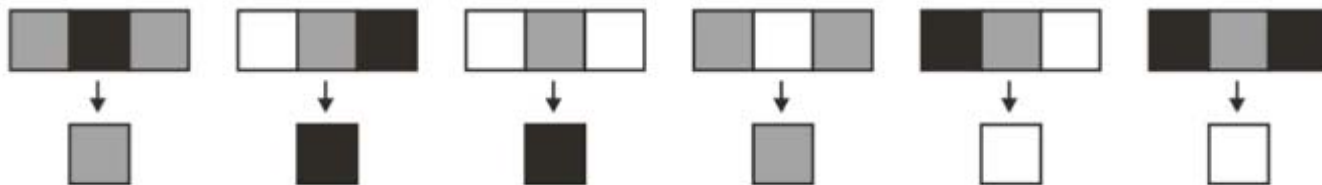
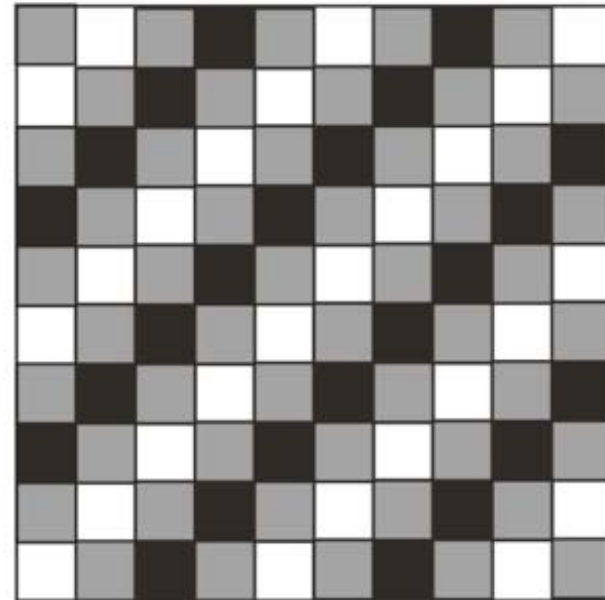
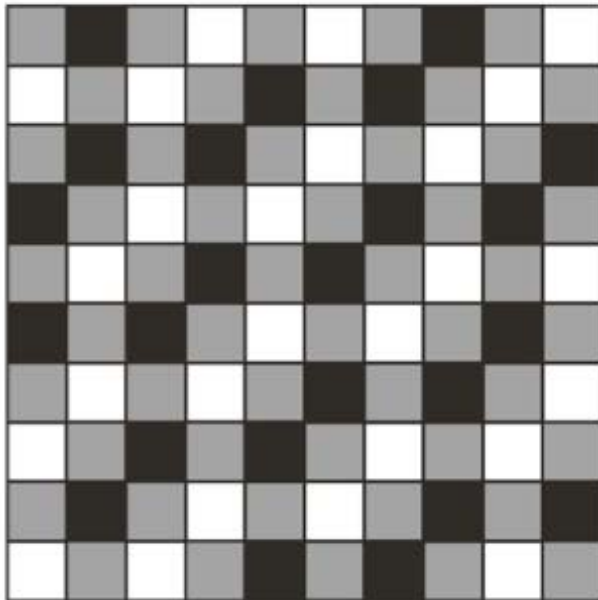
Replacement



Cellular Structure



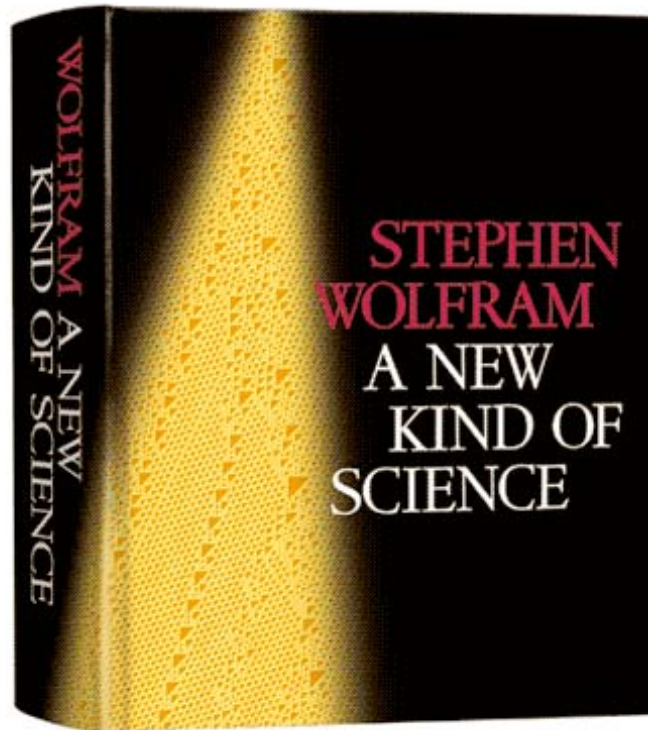
From Cellular Structure to Cellular Automaton





John von Neumann
1903 - 1957

Theory of Self-
Reproducing
Automata

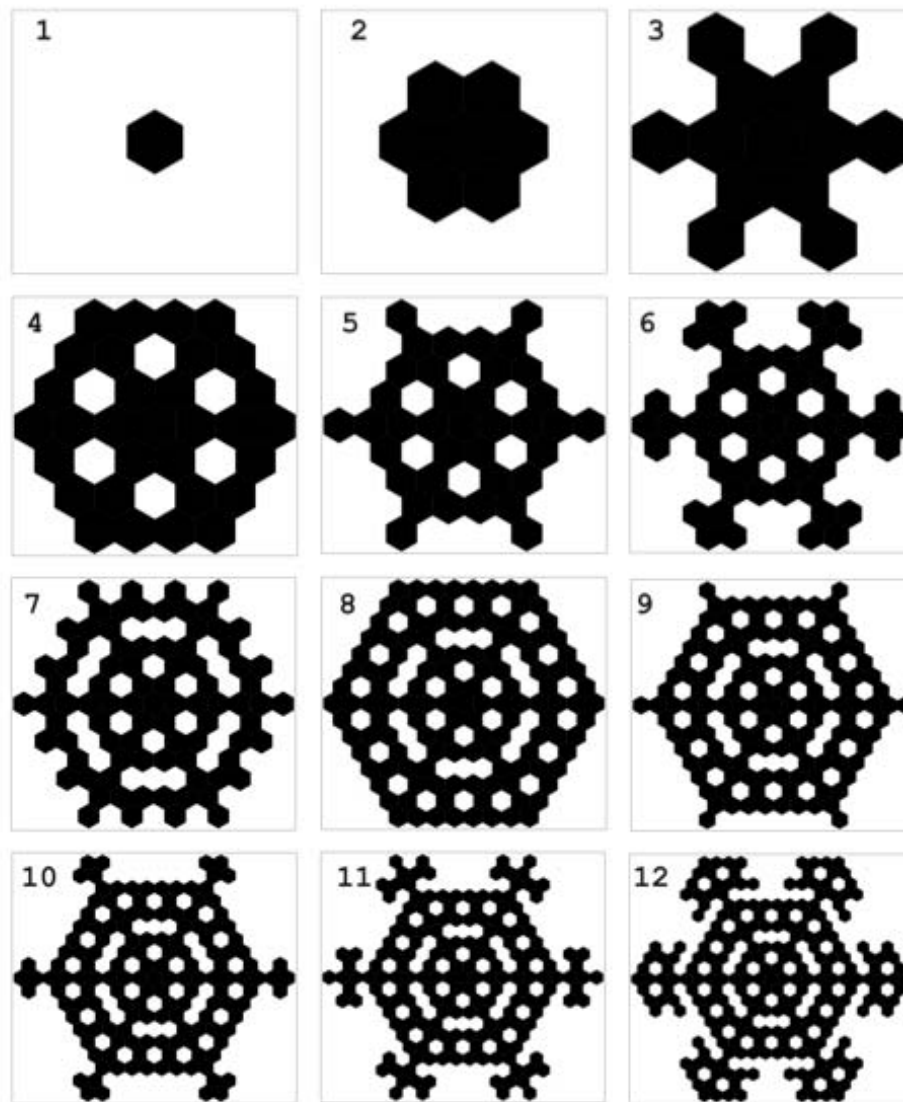
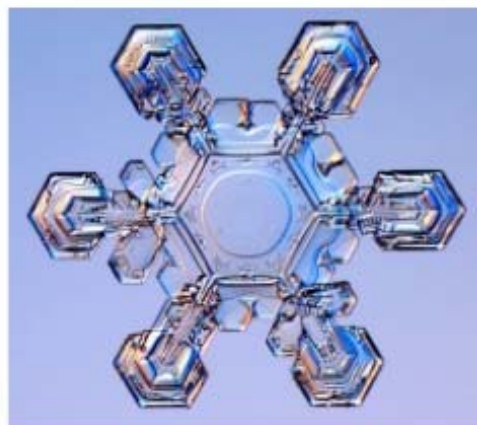


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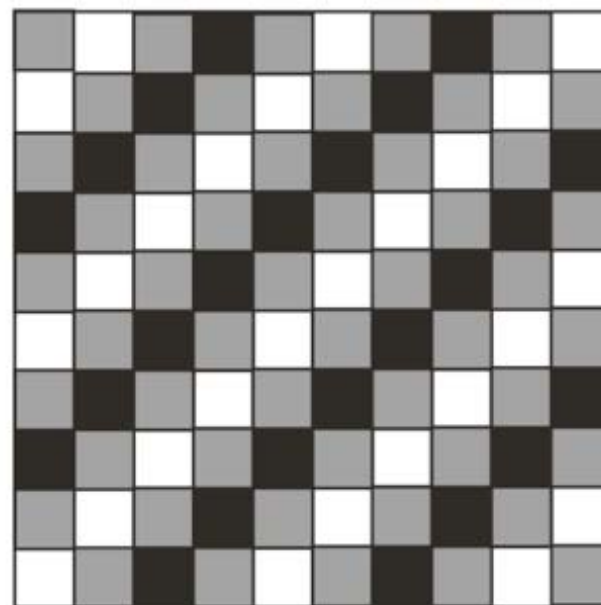
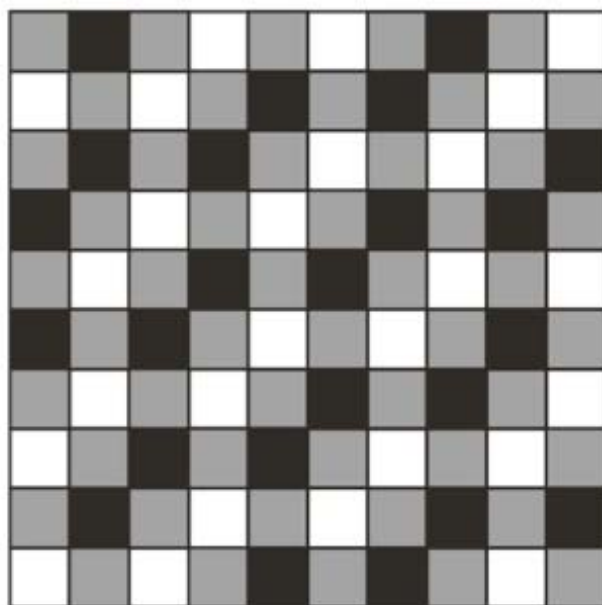
'New Kind of Science'
cellular automata as universal
models of physical and chemical
dynamic systems



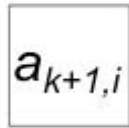
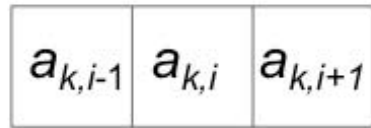
Cellular Automata as Models of Crystals



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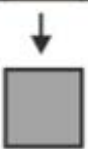


Cellular Automaton : structure



Transition Rules

$$\{a_{k,i-1}, a_{k,i}, a_{k,i+1}\} \longrightarrow a_{k+1,i}$$



$$\{1,2,1\} \rightarrow 1$$



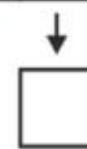
$$\{0,1,2\} \rightarrow 2$$



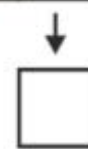
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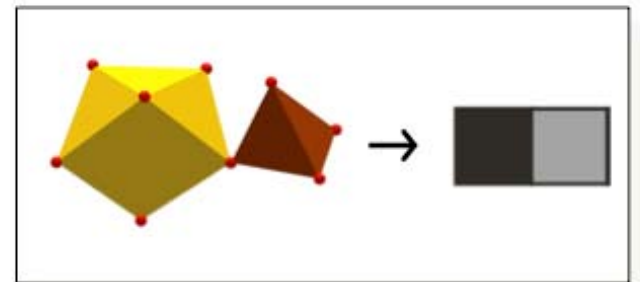
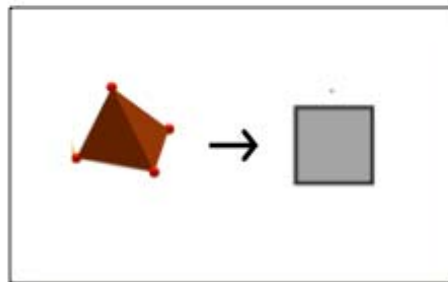
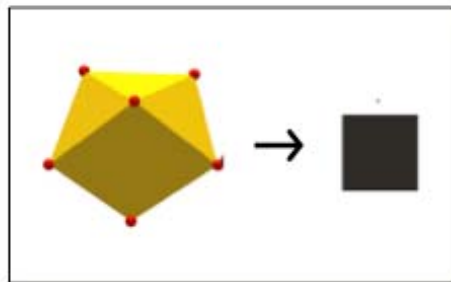
$$\{1,0,1\} \rightarrow 1$$



$$\{2,1,0\} \rightarrow 0$$



$$\{2,1,2\} \rightarrow 0$$



Evolution of Cellular Structure

Modeling growing topologies



Transition Functions

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Tuples[{0, 1, 2}, 3]
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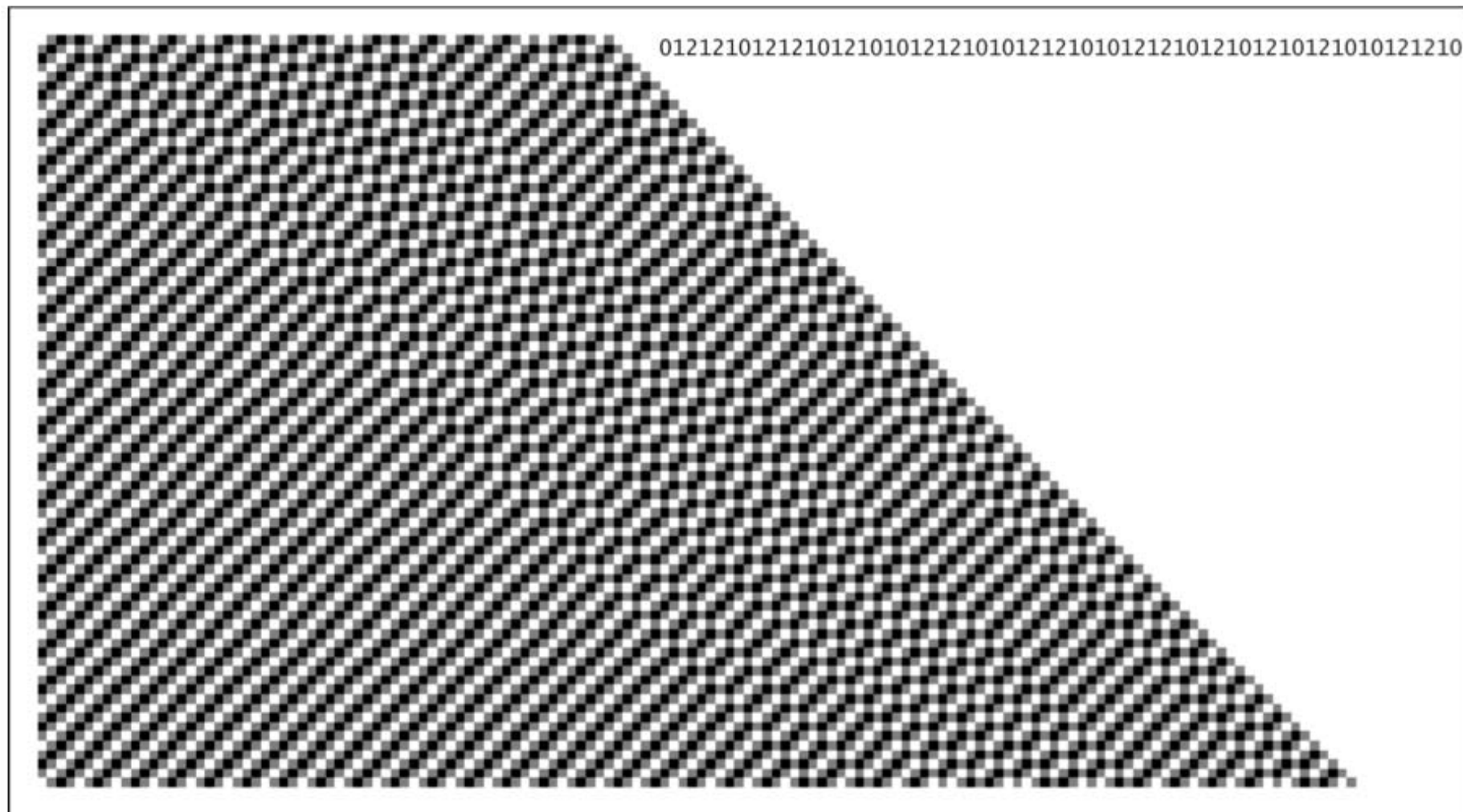
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ArrayPlot[
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Initial Conditions

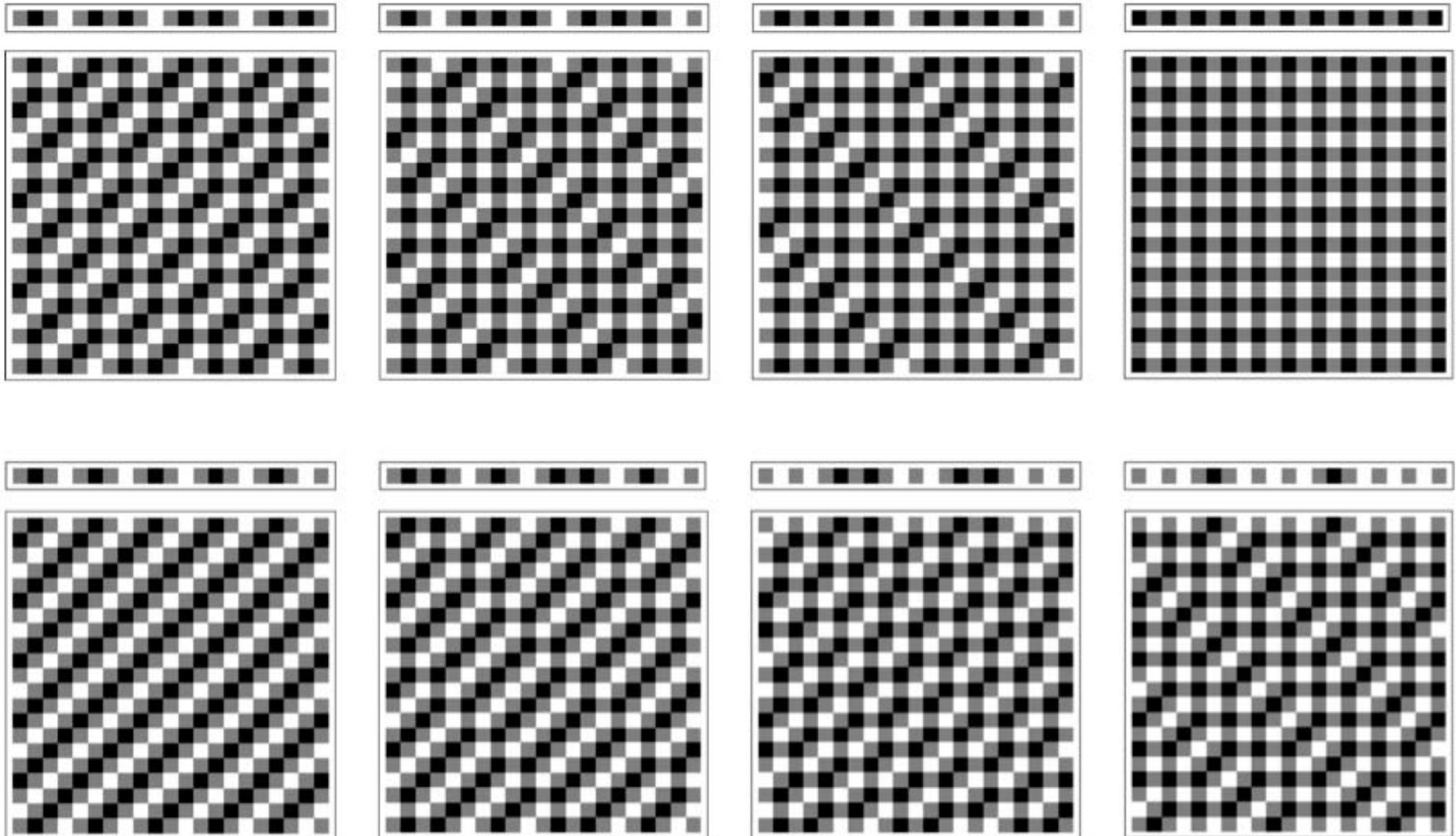
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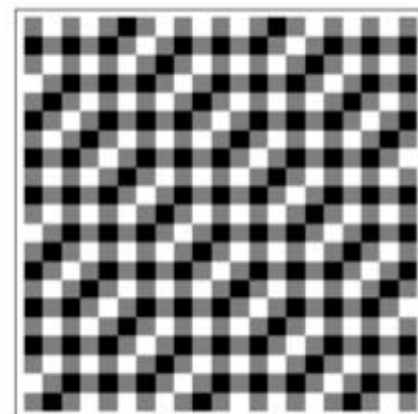
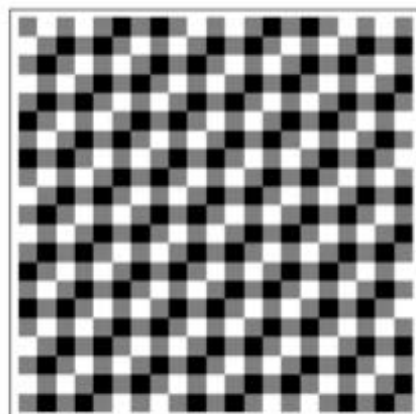
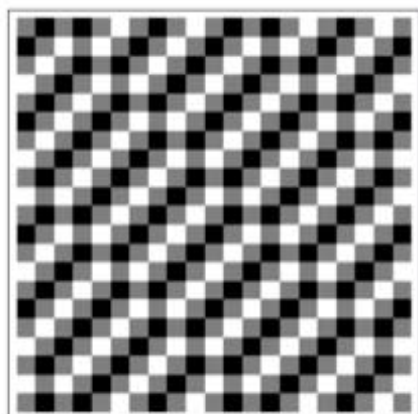
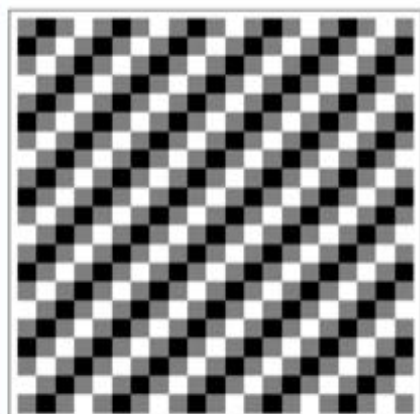
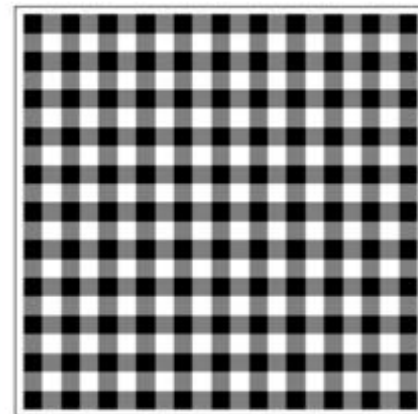
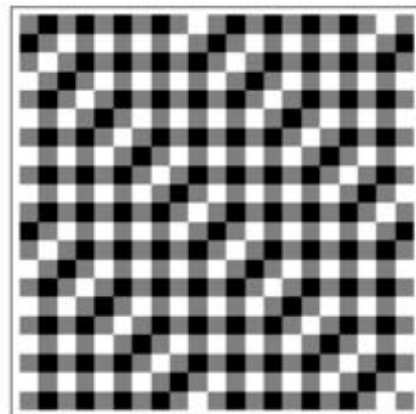
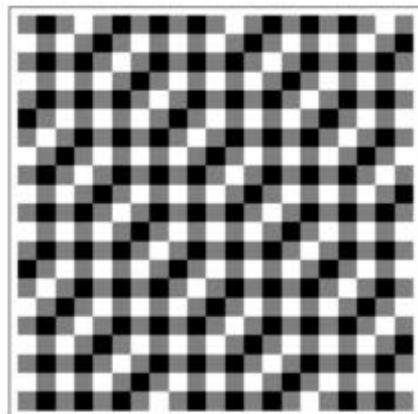
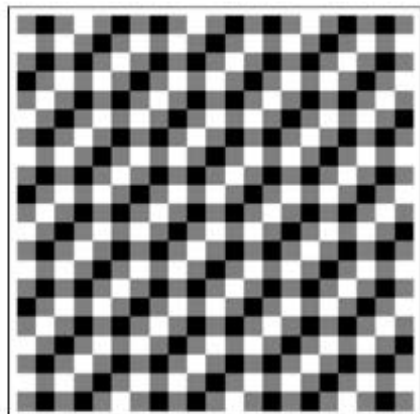
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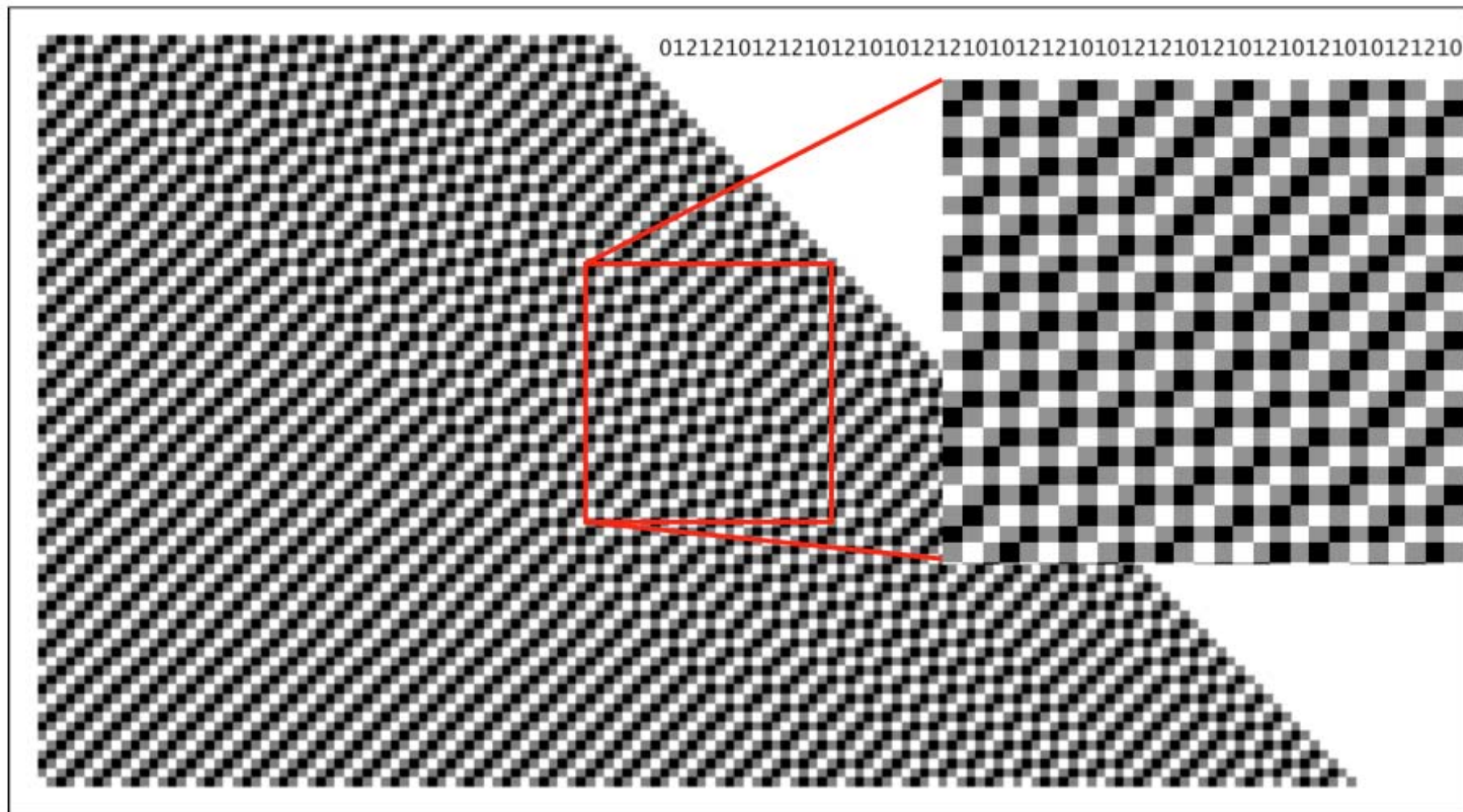
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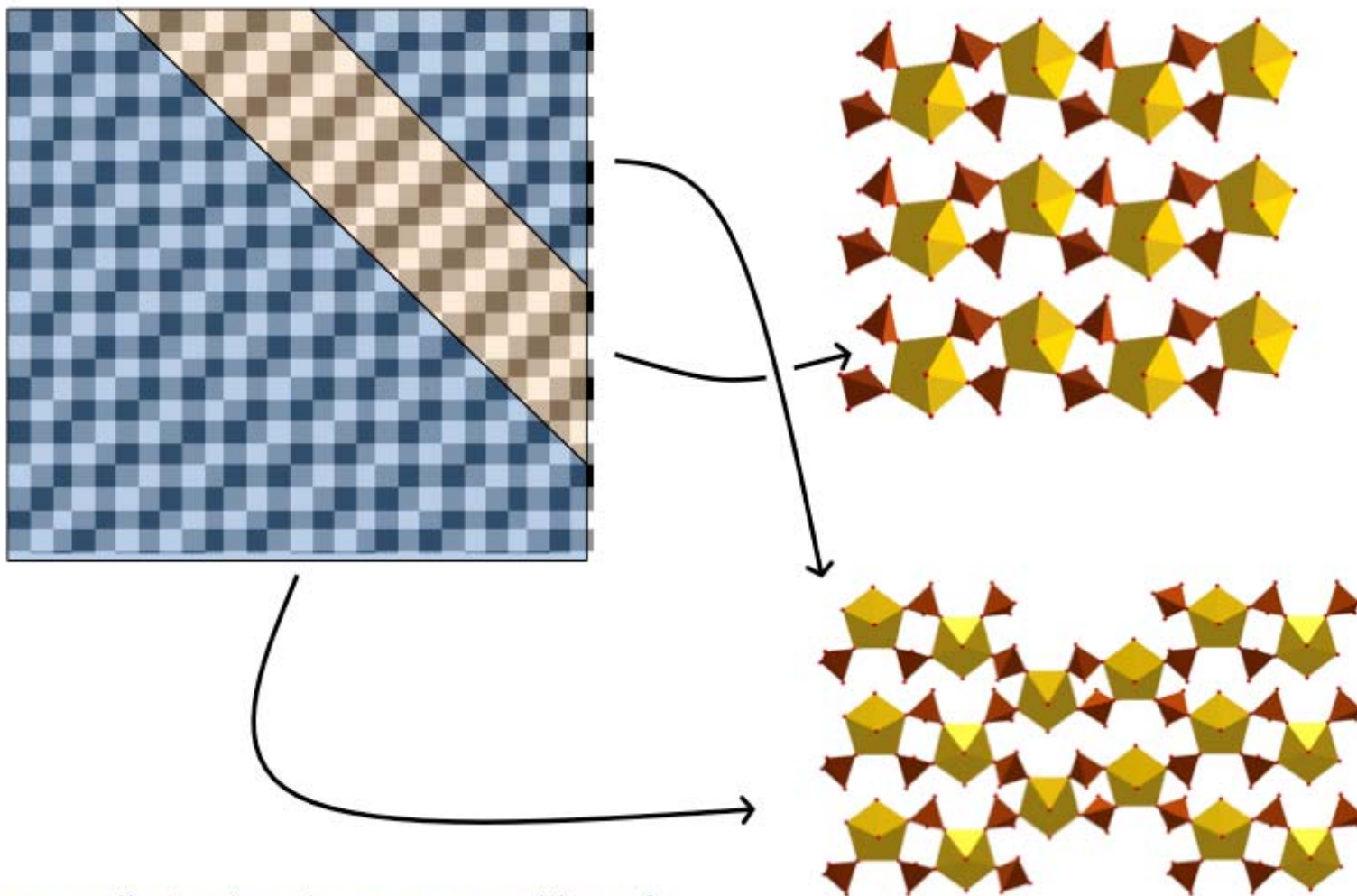
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CRYSTALLOGRAPHY	COMPUTER SCIENCE
CRYSTAL	AUTOMATON
BUILDING BLOCK (CLUSTER, PARTICLE)	CELL
SPACE	LATTICE
CRYSTAL GROWTH	COMPUTATION
CHEMICALLY PROHIBITED CONFIGURATION (CPC)	ORPHAN- CONFIGURATION OF CELLS
STRUCTURE WITH CPC	GARDEN-OF-EDEN

When Complexity Matters: Metastable Crystallization

When Complexity Matters: Structural Information and the Ostwald Rule



... I would like to summarize all the experience on the subject up to now in the general statement that, if a system leaves its state to head for a more stable one, it does not go to the most stable one, but to the energetically nearest one.

W. Ostwald. Studien ueber die Bildung und Umwandlung fester Koerper.
Z. Phys. Chem. 22 (1897) 289.

When Complexity Matters: Structural Information and the Ostwald Rule



Crystallization is viewed as a kinetic process, the relative "ease" of which is influenced by details of the structures involved. The word "simplicity" is used as a measure of structural complexity. In general, high "simplicity" is synonymous with disorder, or structural simplicity, or high entropy. Nucleation and growth of phases with high simplicity are favored - in many cases over more stable compounds of lower simplicity.

Goldsmith, J.R. (1953) A "simplicity principle" and its relation to "ease" of crystallization. *Journal of Geology*, **61**, 439-451.

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Crystallization of cubic ice I_c from supercooled water

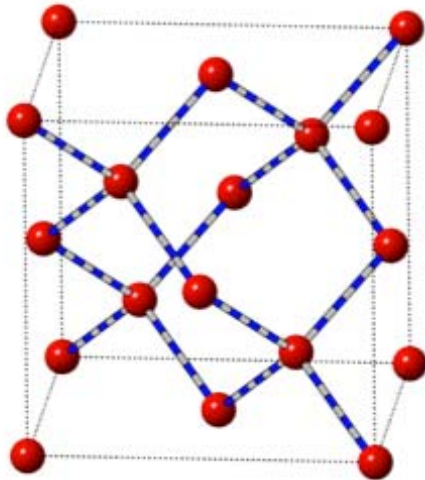


- The metastable cubic phase I_c is thought to persist in the coldest regions of Earth's atmosphere where temperatures fall below 200 K
- In the atmosphere, the transient presence of the metastable phase is thought to modify the shape of snowflakes and may lead to substantial changes in ice-particle concentrations in cold cirrus clouds.

Malkin et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 109:1041–1045 (2012)

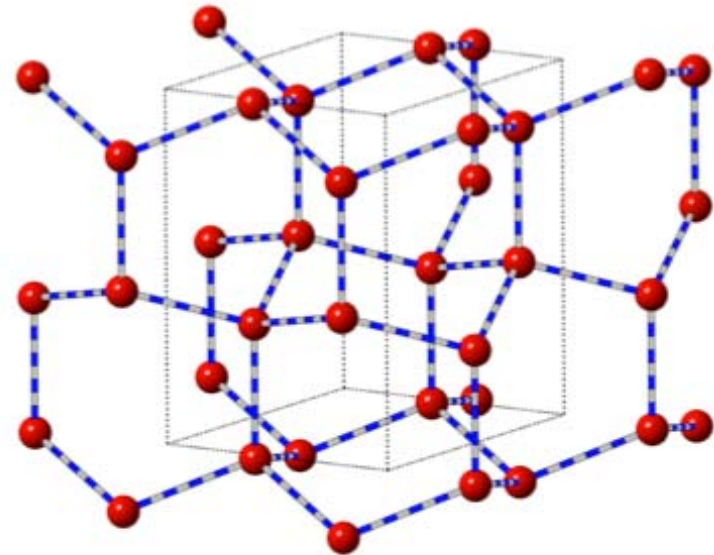
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cubic ice I_c
(metastable)

5.510 bits/u.c.



hexagonal ice I_h
(stable)

17.510 bits/u.c.

Metastable phase has the lower information content compared to the stable phase in the system

When Complexity Matters: Structural Information and the Ostwald Rule

Hydrothermal flow-through experiments of **silica** precipitation responsible for quartz vein formation showed the following sequence of metastable transformations:

opal-A (amorphous) (**0 bits/u.c.**) →

low-ordered opal-C (**5.510 bits/u.c.**) →

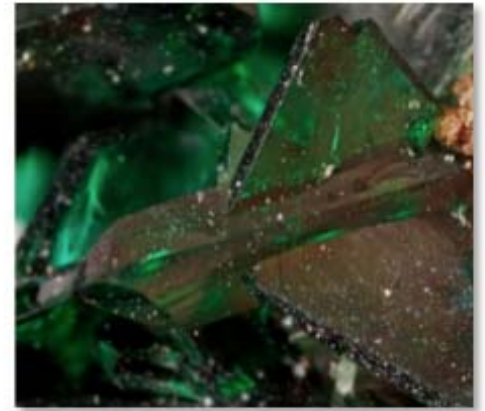
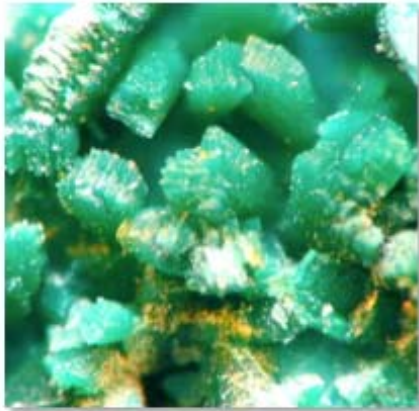
high-ordered opal-C (**5.510 bits/u.c.**) →

quartz (**8.265 bits/u.c.**)

Okamoto, A., Saishu, H., Hirano, N. and Tsuchiya, N. (2010) Mineralogical and textural variation of silica minerals in hydrothermal flow-through experiments: implications for quartz vein formation. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 74, 3692-3706

When Complexity Matters: The Ostwald Rule and Structural Complexity

Ostwald cascade of phases in the $\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$ system



botallackite \longrightarrow atacamite \longrightarrow clinoatacamite $-\ - - \longrightarrow$ anatacamite

Alteration zones of Cu sulfide mineral deposits;
Patina on the surface of copper and bronze monuments;
Ancient pigments;
Magnetic materials with kagomé nets

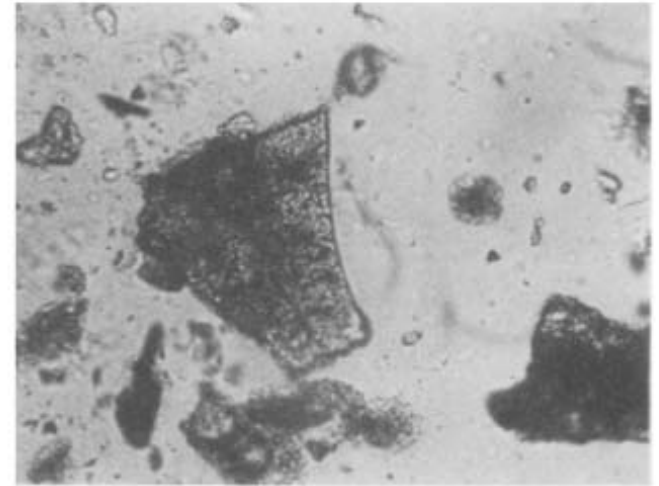
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Formation of brochantite and atacamite on the Statue of Liberty as the result of attack by acid rains.

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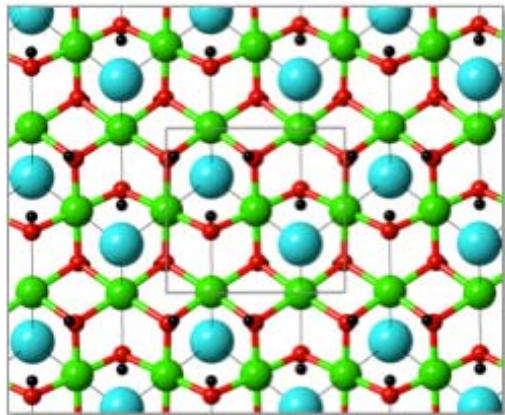
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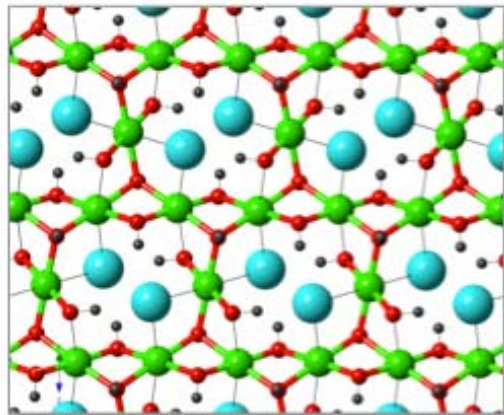
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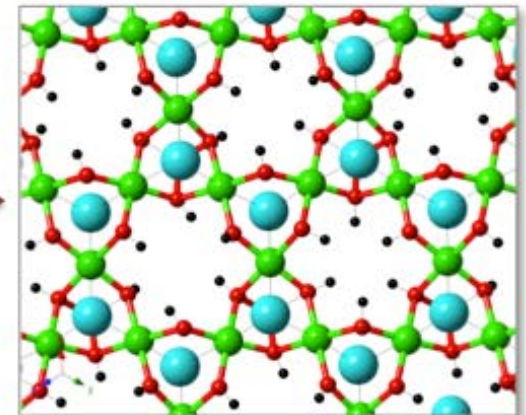
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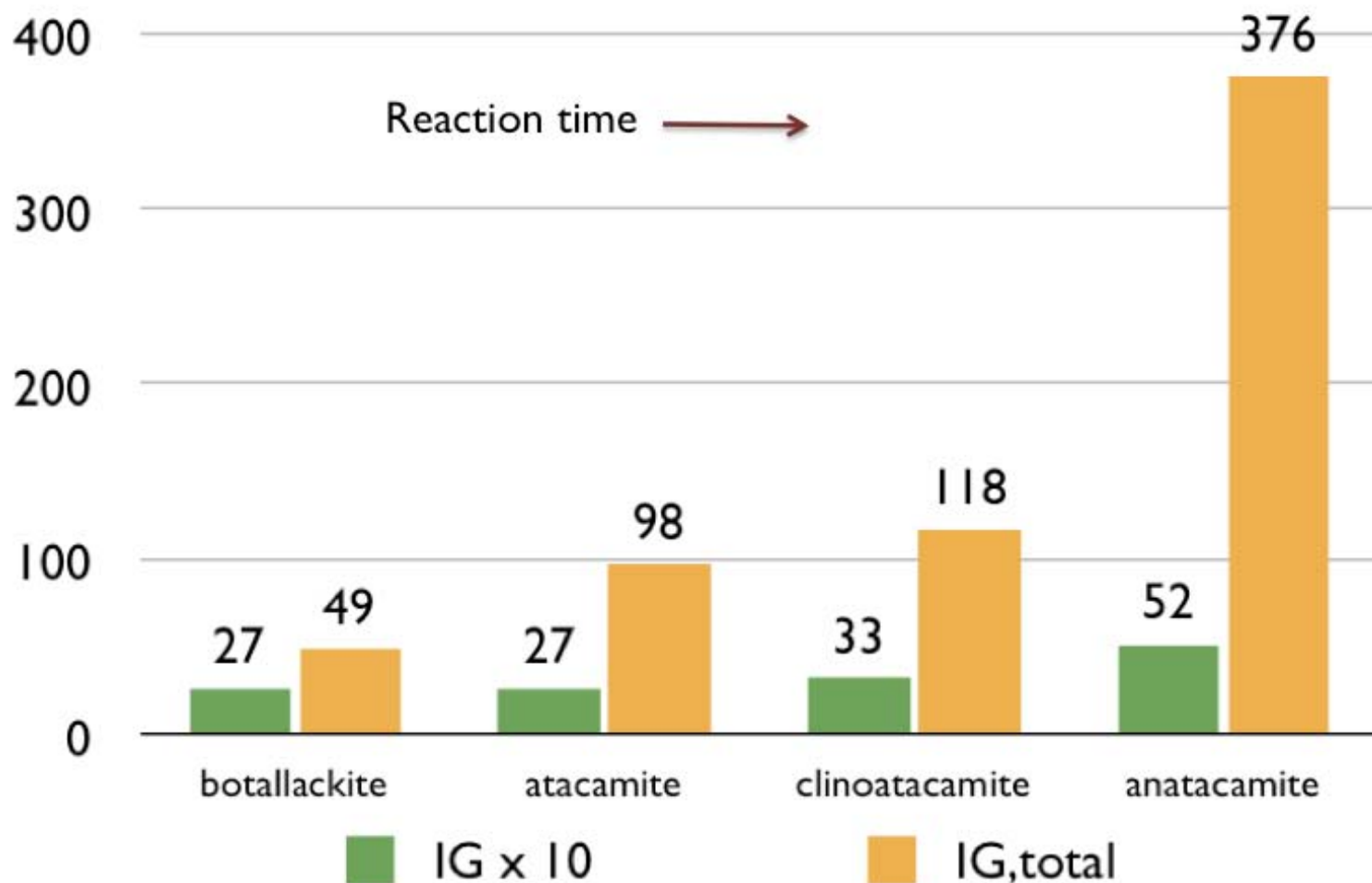
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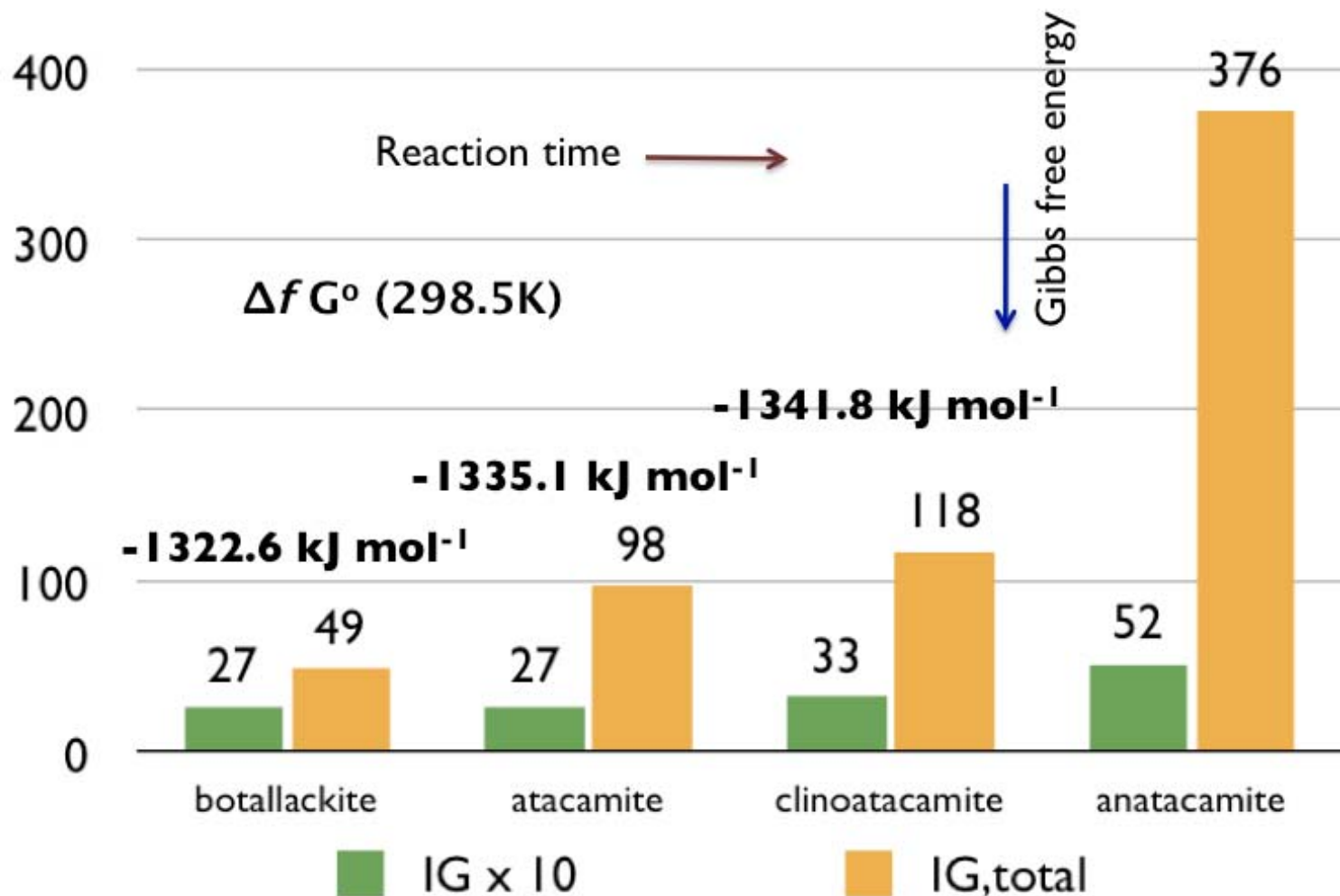
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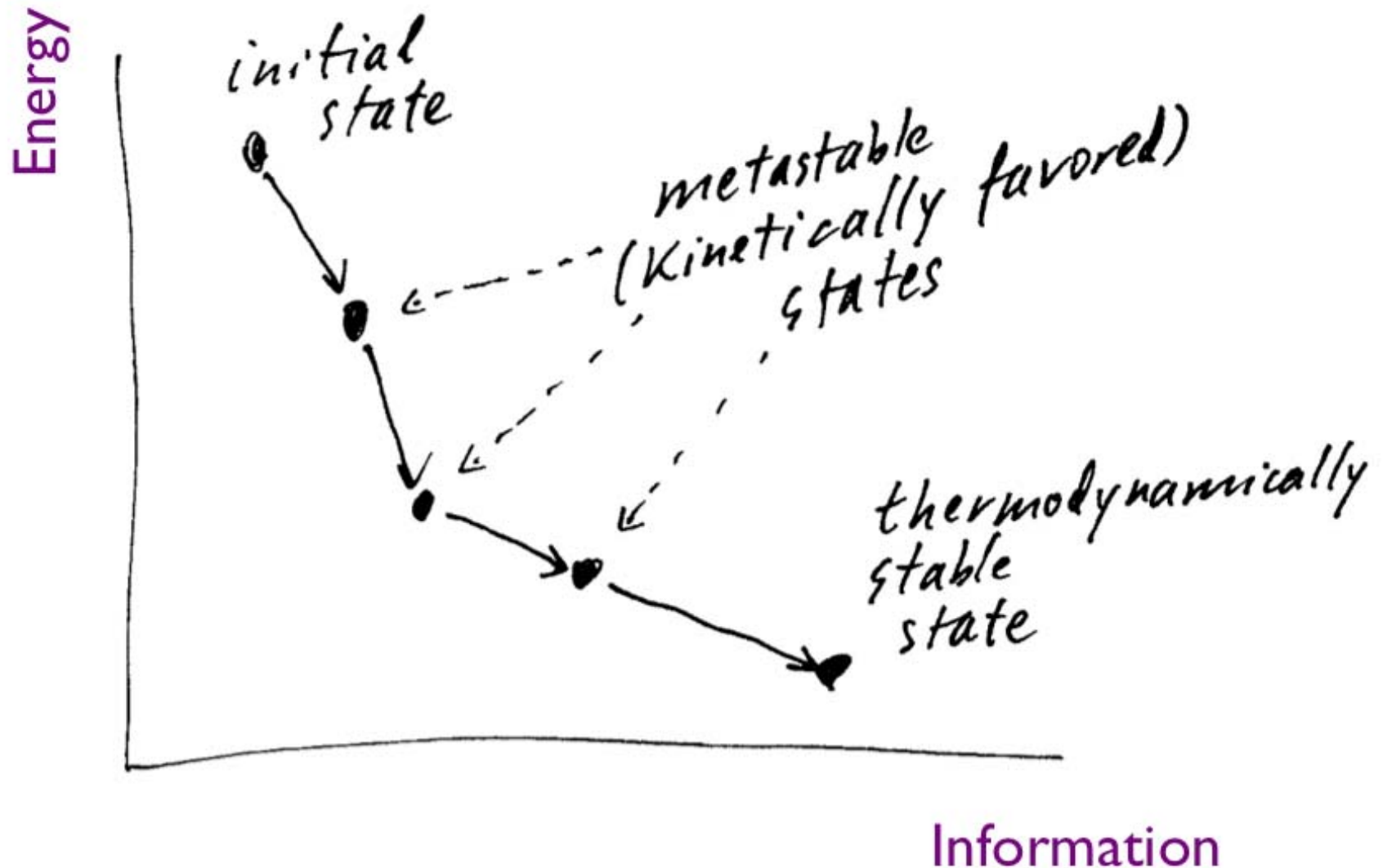
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Conclusions

1. Complexity (Structural Information) is an important parameter that influences crystallization processes and stability of crystalline solids.
2. Construction of dynamic complexity models in terms of finite automata provides a new tool for interpretation of crystal growth and modeling new topologies in old systems.
3. Both static and dynamic complexity arguments are important for the design of novel complex materials and prediction and interpretation of experimental results.
4. Relations between information and energy as applied to crystalline materials remain unclear.

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