

# Physical bases of dental material science

## States of materials

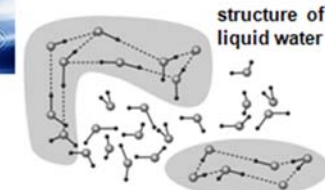
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Three broad states of matter: gas (I/3.2.)

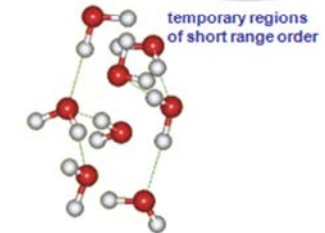
liquid (I/3.4., I/4.1)

solid (I/3.3.1., I/3.3.5.)

### Fluids



- Temporary regions of short range order within a few molecules  
~10 nm domain size
- High concentration of structural defects
- No firm volume or shape - liquid
- High motional freedom of particles
- Isotropy

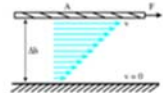


### Important properties of fluids

#### 1. Viscosity ( $\eta$ )

– an intrinsic mechanical property

Resistance to shearing motion: frictional force between adjacent layers as they slide past one another



$$F = \eta \cdot A \cdot \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta h}$$

$$[\eta] = P \alpha \cdot s$$

$$\left( \frac{F}{A} \right) \text{ Shear stress}$$

Newton's law – viscosity is a constant

$\eta$  depends on - the temperature  
- the magnitude of  $F/A$

( $\eta$  is a constant only up to a certain magnitude of the shear stress)

fluidity  $\sim 1/\eta$

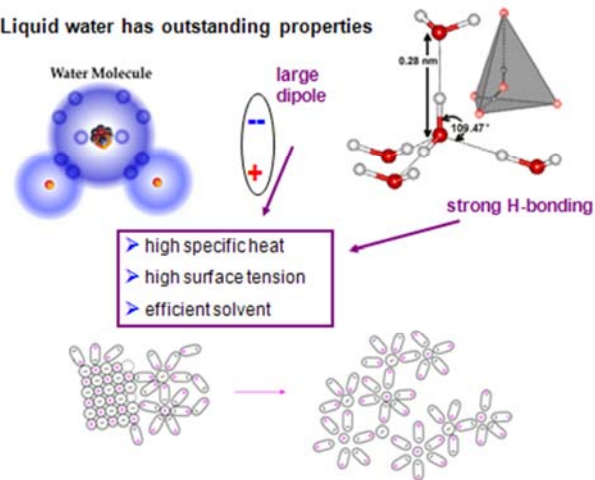
( $\Rightarrow$  2. semester)



### Viscosity of fluids/materials of dental applications

material	$\eta$ (mPas)
liquid water	1 (20° C)
glycerol	60 (20° C)
methylmethacrylate monomer	0,5 (25° C)
ethylene glycol dimethacrylate monomer	3,4 (25° C)
Zn-phosphate	95 000 (25° C)
Zinc oxide eugenol dental cement	100 000 (37° C)
silicon	60 000-1 200 000 (37° C)

## Liquid water has outstanding properties

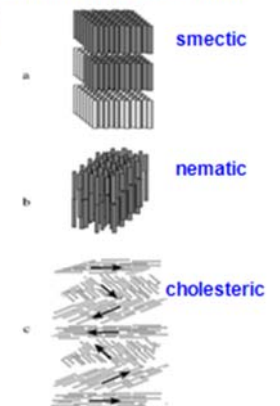


## Liquid crystals – a mesomorphic state of matter

### General properties

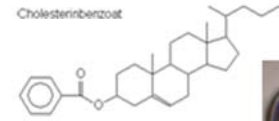
- Elongated shape of constituting molecules
- Long range order stabilized by secondary bonds
- Deformability, fluidity
- Anisotropy in fluid state
- Secondary bonds are easily perturbed

### 1. Thermotropic liquid crystals



1883 Reinitzer

Cholesterinbenzoat



Thermotropic liquid crystal

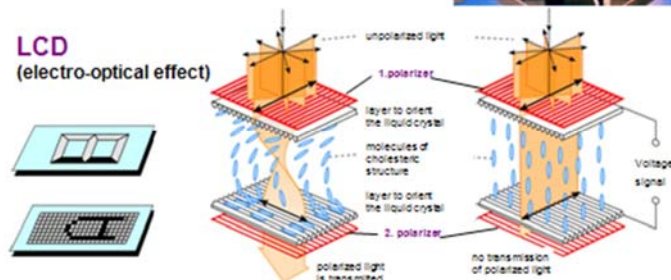


## Use of thermotropic liquid crystals

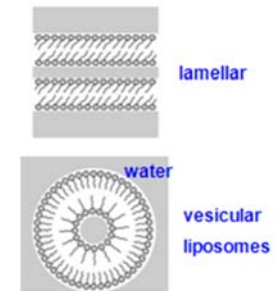
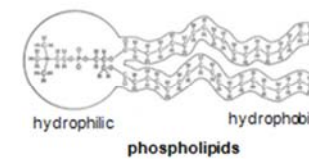
### Contact thermography



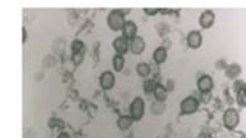
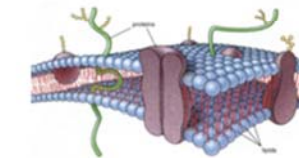
### LCD (electro-optical effect)



### 2. Liotropic liquid crystals

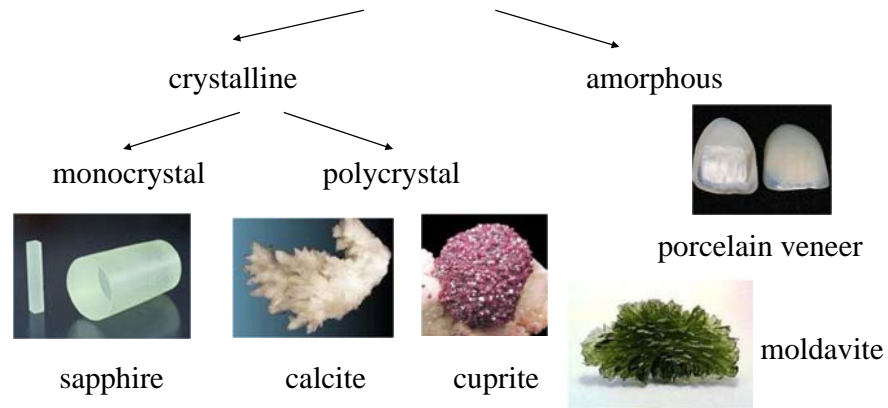


### Cellular bi-layer membranes



## Solid materials

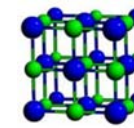
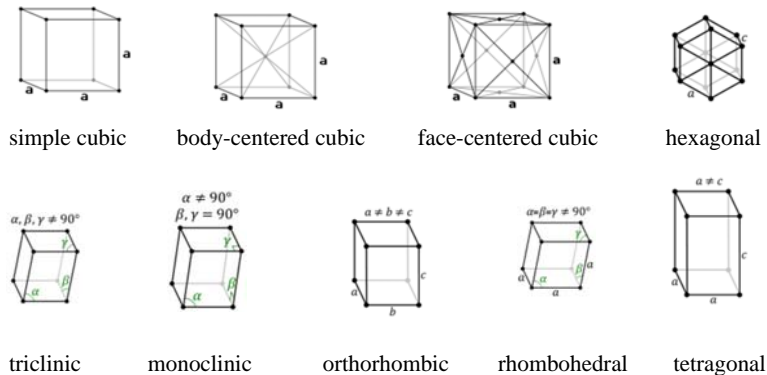
### Classification of solid materials



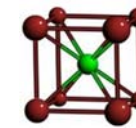
### Most important characteristics of solid materials

- definite shape and volume
- macroscopic range order (crystals)
- periodic crystal structure, symmetry
- relatively small number of defects in the structure
- low degree of translational motion of the individual building elements
- frequent anisotropy (the physical properties depend on the direction of the measurement)

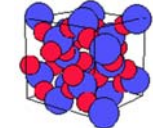
crystal structure: a unique arrangement of atoms or molecules  
 long – range order and symmetry  
 unit cell (lattice) repeated periodically in 3D



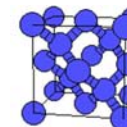
sodium chloride



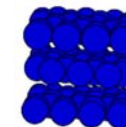
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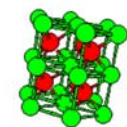
quartz



diamond



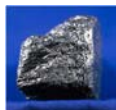
graphite



tungsten carbide

## Properties of crystalline materials

type of bond	building units	binding energy (kJ/mol)	melting point	rigidity	conductivity
covalent	atoms	100 – 1000	high	+	-
ionic	ions	200 – 1500	high	+	-
metallic	free electrons and ions	70 – 1000	high	ductile	+
H-bond	molecules	15 – 20	low	+	-
van der Waals	molecules	0.5 – 3	low	soft	-



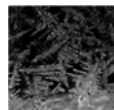
graphite



fluorapatite



gold



ice



sulfur

## Polymorphism - allotropy

the ability of solid material to exist in more than one form or crystal structure

polymorph forms of SiO<sub>2</sub>



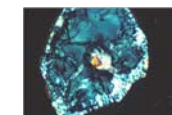
α quartz



tridymite

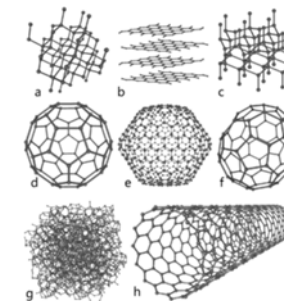


cristobalite



coesite

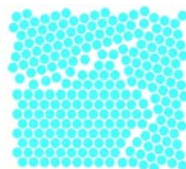
allotrop forms of carbon



a./ diamond  
b./ graphite  
c./ lonsdaleit  
d.-f./ fullerenes  
g. amorphous carbone  
h./ carbon nanotube

## Polycrystalline materials

- no macroscopic range order
- large number of crystallites (microscopic size crystals)
- grain boundaries (interfaces where crystals of different orientations meet)
- crystal defects
- mainly isotrope property



## Crystal defects

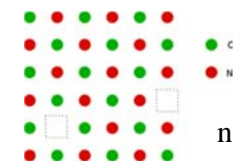
ideal crystal



Point defects

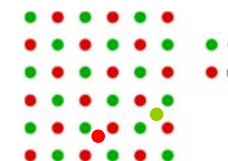
a/ thermal

Schottky – defect (vacancy or hole)



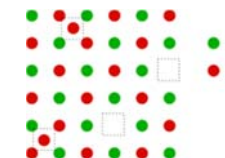
$$n_s = N e^{-\epsilon_s/kT}$$

interstitium



$$n_i = n_0 e^{-(\epsilon_i - \epsilon_0)/kT}$$

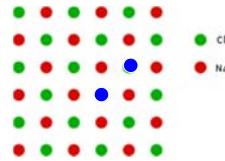
Frenkel – defect (vacancy and interstitia)



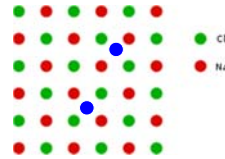
$$n_f = (NN')^{1/2} e^{-\epsilon_f/2kT}$$

b/ doping

substitutional

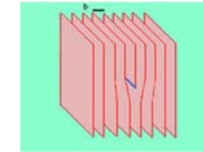


interstitial



Line defects

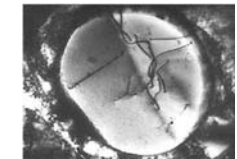
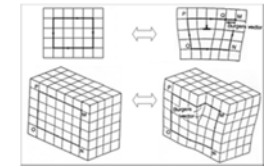
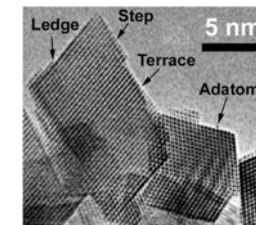
edge dislocation



screw dislocation



Surface defects

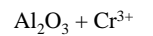


Transmission electron micrograph of dislocation

The defects strongly influence the material properties!

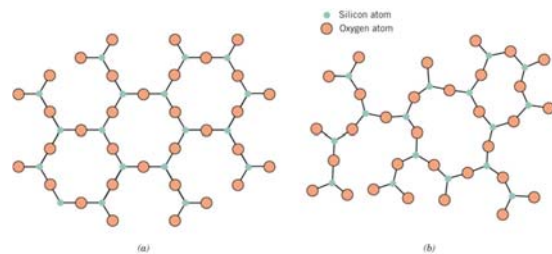


and



Properties of amorphous solids:

no long-range order of the position of atoms



the crystalline and amorphous structure of silica in two dimension

large number of structure defects

no definite shape (large viscosity liquid, supercooled liquid)

mechanical hardness

glass transition temperature  $T_g$  (the amorphous material becomes brittle on cooling or soft on heating)

isotrope property