

# Bioapatites

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# Mineralized („hard”) tissues:

- Bones
- Teeth
  - Enamel
  - Cementum
  - Dentin
- Hydroxy(l)-apatite

# Composition of hard tissues:

	Enamel	Dentine	Cementum	Bone
Total inorganic	97	70	61	65
Total organic	1.5	20	27	25
Water	1.5	10	12	10
Ash:				
Calcium*	36.5	35.1	35.2	34.8
Phosphorus*	17.7	16.9	16.1	15.2
Ca/P ratio	1.63	1.61	1.71	1.71
Sodium*	0.5	0.6		0.9
Magnesium*	0.44	1.23	0.73	0.72
Potassium*	0.08	0.05		0.03
Fluoride*	0.01	0.06	<0.05	0.03
Chloride*	0.3	0.01		0.13
Unashed (dry tissue):				
Carbonate	3.5	5.6	5.5	7.4
Pyrophosphate	0.022	0.1		0.07

Data correspond to 100 g dry weight.

# Composition of enamel, dentin and cementum:

- Enamel:

- 96-99% anorganic substances

- 1-2% organic substances

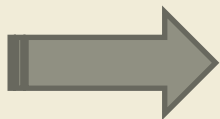
- NO collagen!

- Mature enamel: enamelin and TRAP (tyrosin rich protein)

- Immature enamel: enamelin and amelogenin

- 3% water

- density: 3 mg/ml



See: Mineralized tissues practice!!!

# Composition of enamel, dentin and cementum:

- Dentin:
  - 70% anorganic substances
  - 20% organic substances
    - Collagen is the major protein
    - Polyanions
      - Sulfated acidic glycoproteins
      - Phosphoproteins
  - 10% water
  - density: 2.1 mg/ml



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# Composition of enamel, dentin and cementum:

- Cementum:
  - 61% anorganic substances
  - 27% organic substances
    - Collagen is the major protein
    - Polyanions
      - Sulfated acidic glycoproteins
      - Phosphoproteins
  - 12% water
  - density: approx. 2.1 mg/ml



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# Composition of enamel, dentin and cementum:

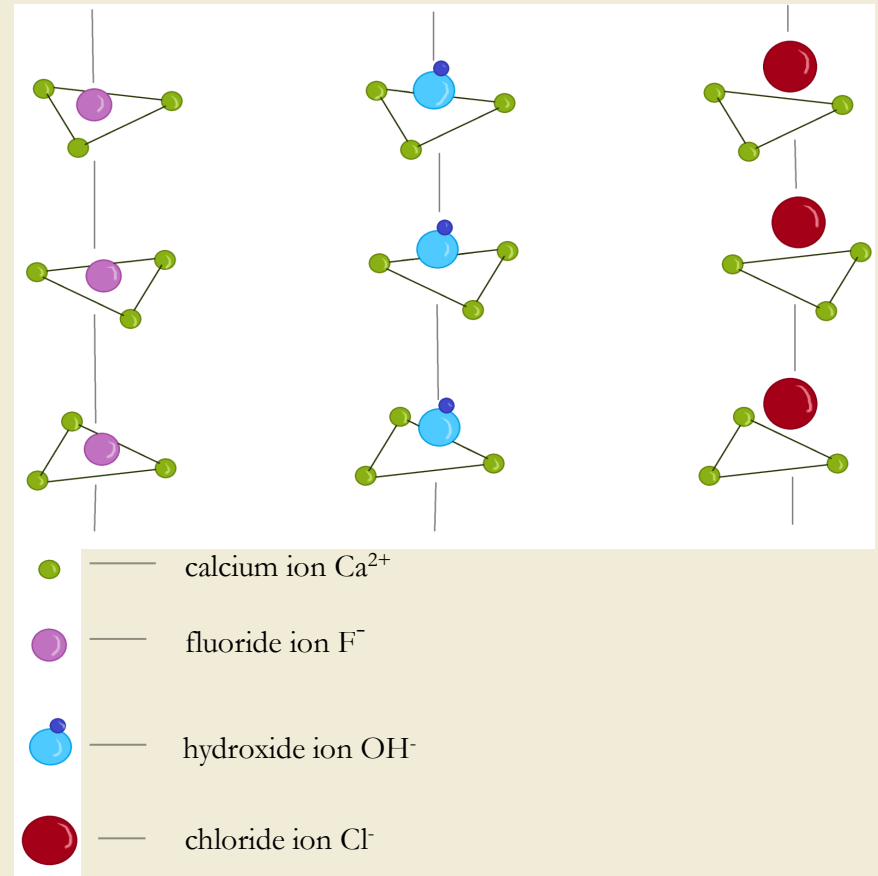
- Water
  - Free water
  - Bound water to organic molecule
  - Water built in crystal structure
- Organic substances
  - Organic components with nucleator function:
    - Polyanions – chelate binding with Ca ions
  - Matrix proteins
    - Collagen, enamelin, amelogenin
  - Regulatory proteins



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# Ionic radius of incorporated ions into apatite crystals

Substituents	Ionic radius (Å)
Cations:	
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	0.99
Sr <sup>2+</sup>	1.12
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	1.2
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.33
Anions:	
OH <sup>-</sup>	1.53
F <sup>-</sup>	1.36
Cl <sup>-</sup>	1.81





# Types of calcium phosphates:

- Ortho- ( $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ )
- Pyro- ( $\text{P}_2\text{O}_7^{4-}$ )
- Poly- ( $(\text{PO}_3)_n^{n-}$ )  
phosphates
- Apatite-substituents
  - Fluorapatite, chlorapatite
- Dahllites
  - Poorly crystallized forms of hydroxyapatites

# Types of calcium phosphates:

Name	Formula	Abbreviation	Ca/P ratio	Occurrence
brushite - dicalcium phosphate dihydrate	$\text{CaHPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	DCP D	1.0	pathological calcifications: calculus, crystalluria, chondrocalcinosis, urinary stones
monetite – dicalcium phosphate anhydrate	$\text{CaHPO}_4$	DCP A	1.0	calcium-phosphate cement, nutritional supplements, tableting aids, toothpaste components
octacalcium phosphate	$\text{Ca}_8(\text{HPO}_4)_2(\text{PO}_4)_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	OCP	1.33	Dental and urinary calculi
whitlockite	$\text{Ca}_9(\text{Mg,Fe})(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{HPO}_4)$	WH	1.41	dental calculus, dentine caries, urinary stones
$\beta$ -tricalcium phosphate	$\beta\text{-Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$	$\beta$ -TCP	1.5	
amorphous calcium phosphate	$\text{Ca}_x(\text{PO}_4)_y \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$	ACP	1.2-2.2	calcification sites, mitochondria
hydroxyapatite	$\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$	HA	1.67	bone, enamel, dentine, calculus

# **FEATURES OF CRYSTALLIZATION**

# General regularities:

- The Gibbs-Kelvin principle:
  - Standard free energy  $\uparrow$
  - Entropy  $\downarrow$
- Optimum: the particles are as close as possible to one another  $\rightarrow$  maximal volume filling
  - Ionic radius
  - Charge of the components
- Dynamic balance! – enamel surface – hydroxy(l)-apatite (*de- and remineralization*)

# General regularities:

- Supersaturated solution → crystal formation
- At several points, they are merging → cluster formation →
  - Relative surface area ↓
  - Dissolution ↓
  - Impurity ions
  - Fault location→ Crystal growth
- Crystal stability deteriorates
  - Missing lattice point
  - Increased distance between two lattice points

# Homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation:

- Homogeneous nucleation:
  - Only inorganic components of the crystal
  - High energy is required
- Heterogeneous nucleation:
  - Nuclei forming organic substances – polyanions
    - » (see: above)
  - Less energy is required → more favorable for living organisms → typical crystallization method of hard tissues
  - Matrix proteins – binding Ca-chelates
    - Collagen, amelogenin

# Homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation:

- Homogeneous nucleation:
  - Seeding: preformed crystals are put in a saturated solution
    - To start the crystallization process
  - Seeding (nuclei formation):  
can occur *in vivo* – primary enamel formation
    - » (see: Dentinogenesis and Amelogenesis lectures)
  - Epitaxy: two crystals grow on each other – two types crystal structures!
  - Mononuclear – layer by layer growing
  - Polynuclear – highly supersaturated solution or
    - multiple nuclei

# Factors influencing crystallization:

- Quality of calcium phosphates
  - Well/poorly crystallized Ca-P-s
  - Size
  - Stability
  - Speed
- Rate of supersaturation
- Temperature
  - Dissolution - solidification
- pH
- Nucleation

Differences

» (see: above)

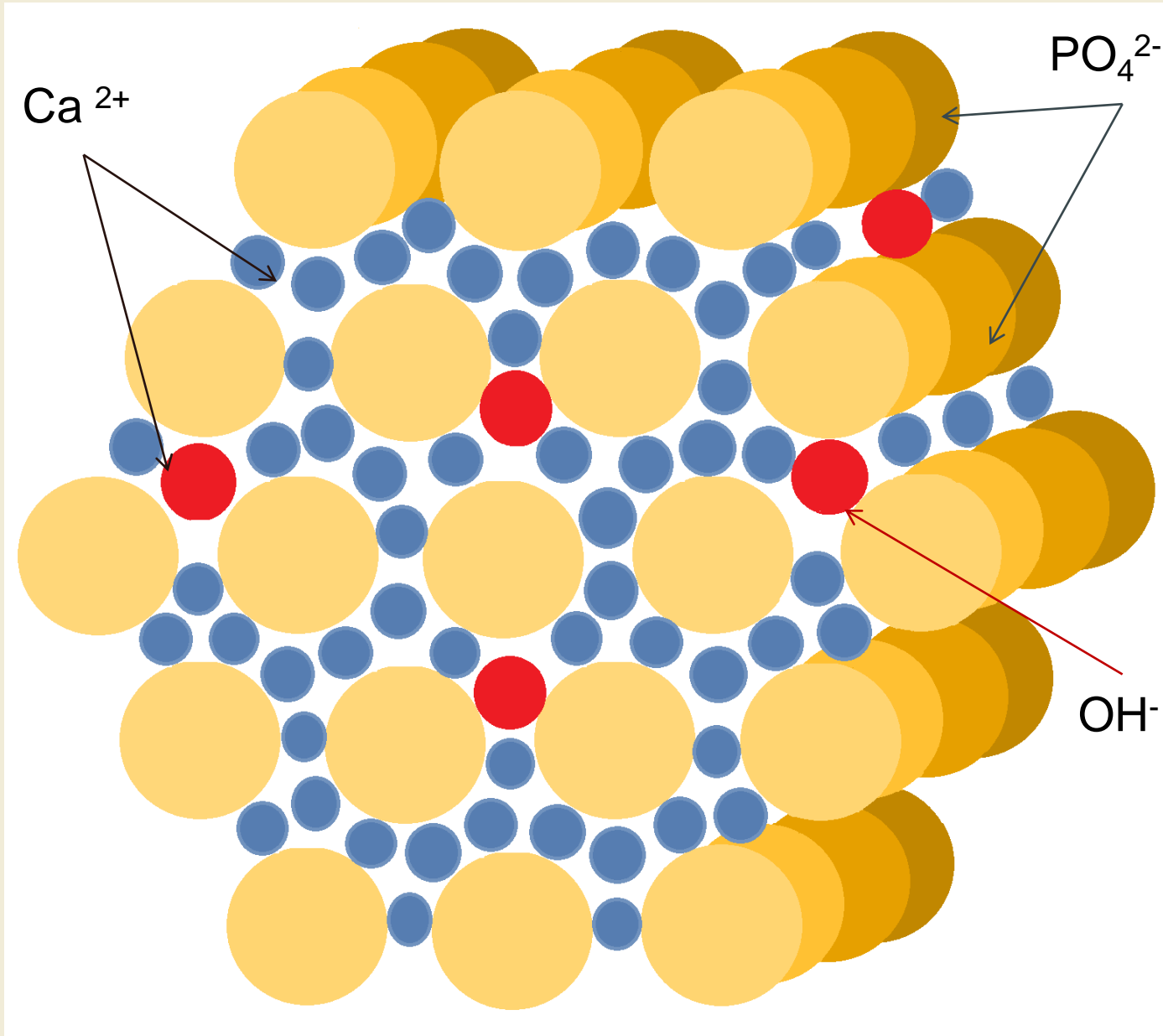


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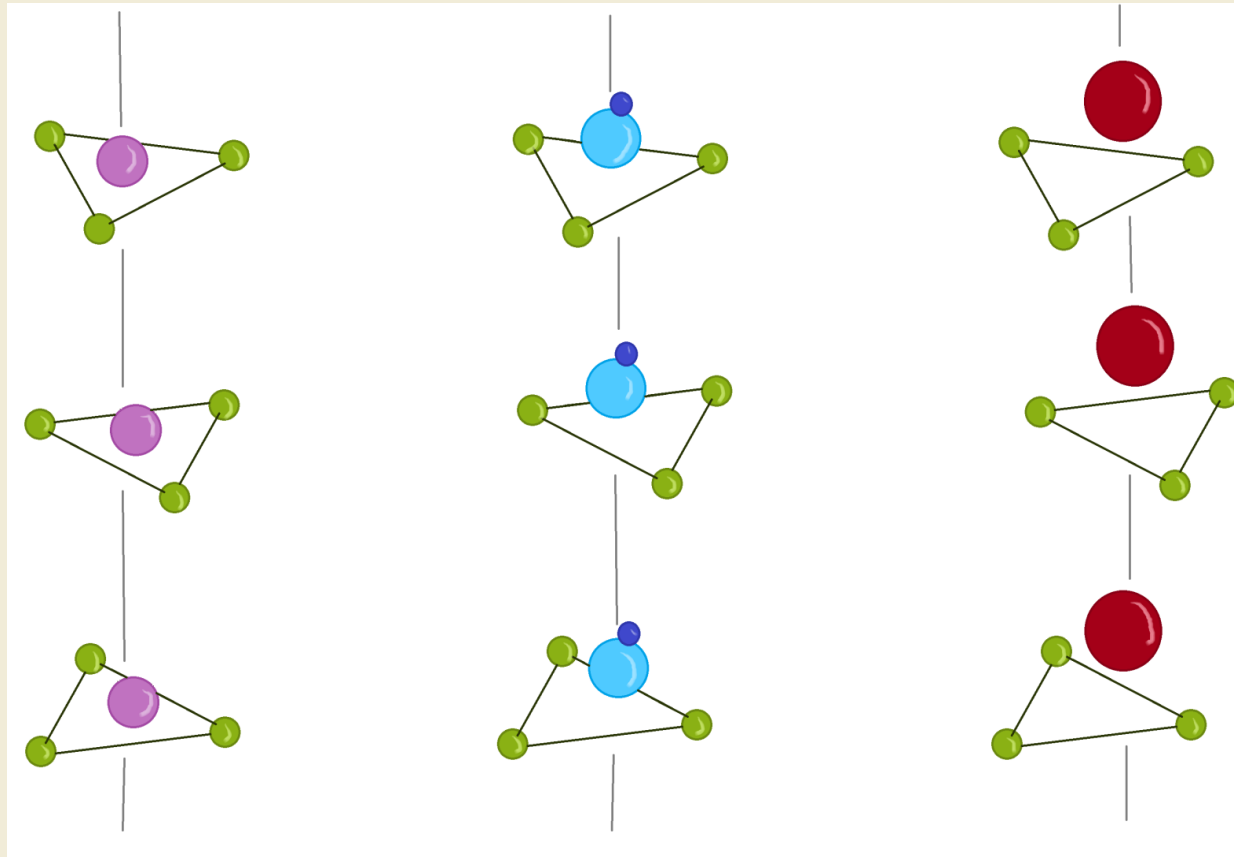
- Matrix proteins
  - » (see: above)
- Trace elements
  - » (see: later)
- Inhibitors
  - Mg, ADP inhibit the crystallization in mitochondria
- Substances reacting with Ca or P-s

# **SPATIAL STRUCTURE OF APATITE CRYSTALS**

# Structure of hydroxi(1) apatite

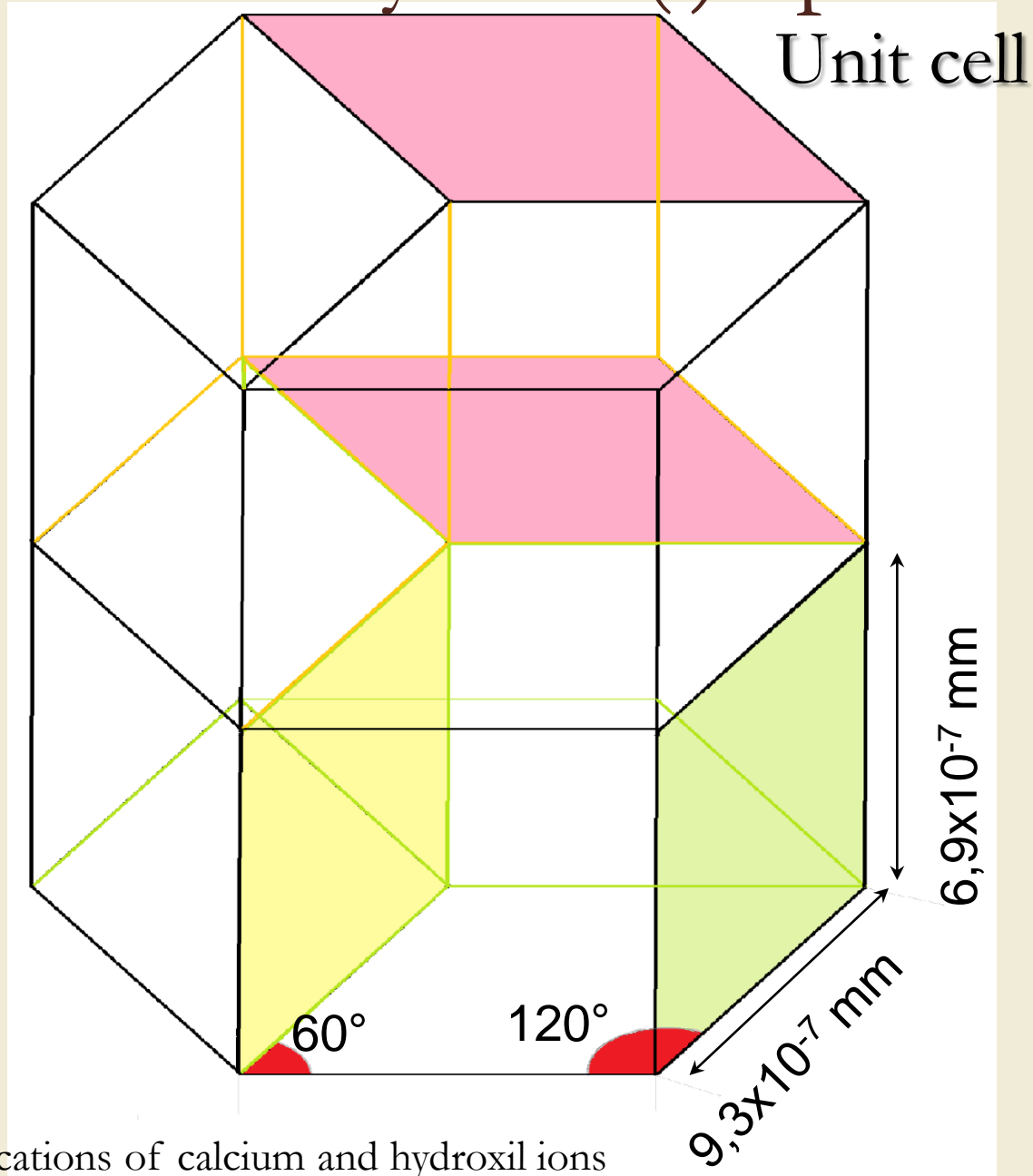


# Structure of hydroxi(1) apatite



- calcium ion  
Ca<sup>2+</sup>
- fluoride ion  
F<sup>-</sup>
- hydroxide ion  
OH<sup>-</sup>
- chloride ion  
Cl<sup>-</sup>

# Structure of hydroxi(1) apatite



Spatial locations of calcium and hydroxyl ions

# Structure of hydroxi(1) apatite

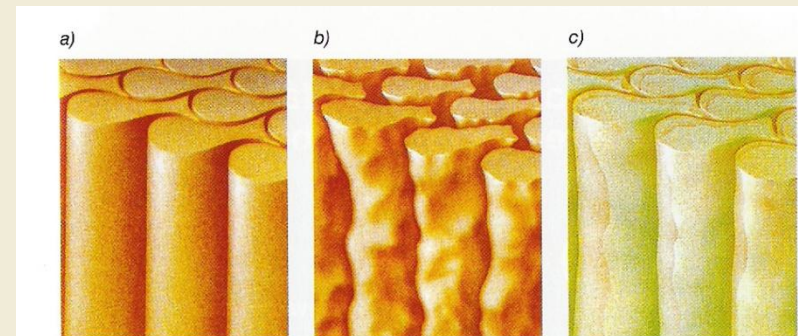
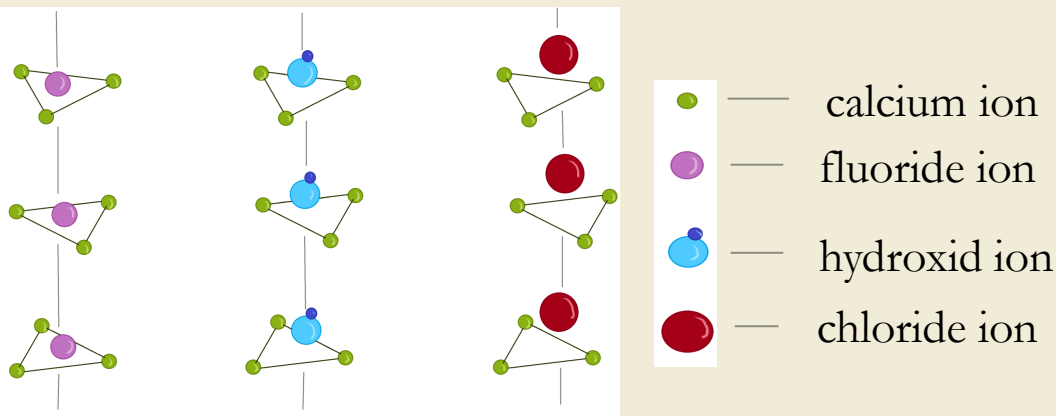
- Enamel, dentin – hexagonal prisms
- Size of enamel prisms > dentin prisms
  - Amount of heterogenous nucleator is less in enamel crystal
  - Enamel becomes more dense
    - Loses – organic material
    - - and water content
- Amorphus-CaP – not crystallized
- Brushite – plate-like crystals

# Trace elements effects on apatite crystals:

- Cariogenic trace elements:
  - Al – exerts its effects through binding to the crystal surface
  - Hg, Cd, Pb
  - Cu, Se
- Carioprotective trace elements:
  - F, Sn, Sr – incorporated into the crystal
  - Mo, V

# Advantages of fluorapatites:

- ***Effect on enamel hydroxyl apatite:***
  - Reducing the acid solubility
  - Strengthening the crystal structure
  - Remineralisation of demineralised areas
- ***Effect on enamel surface:***
  - Inhibitions of proteins and/or bacteria adsorption
  - Reducing the surface energy



8.3. ábra. A zománc szerkezetének állandóan változik: (a) ép zománcprizmák, (b) demineralizálódott zománcprizmák, (c) remineralizálódott zománcprizmák