Building scheme for ATN and BCT



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1. Periodic Building Unit:

ATN and **BCT** can be built using the zigzag chain (bold in Figure 1(left)) running parallel to c. The repeat distance along the zigzag chain is about 5.2 Å. The repeat unit consists of 2 T atoms. The one-dimensional Periodic Building Unit (PerBU) is obtained when four zigzag chains are connected into a cylindrical pore with an 8-ring window. The repeat unit of the PerBU is an 8-ring (bold in Fig.1(right)). The cylinder wall consists of fused 6-rings.



2. Connection mode:

Neighboring PerBUs can be connected along *a* and *b* in two different ways:

(1): PerBUs, related by a shift of $\frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)$, are connected through double zigzag chains which form (fused) *atn* cavities.

(2): PerBUs, related by pure translations along *a* and *b*, are connected through 4-rings. [Compare these connection modes with the connection modes in ATO and CAN]



Figure 2. Connection mode (1) in ATN (left), and mode (2) in BCT (right) viewed along *c*. [Both structure types can as well be built using 4-rings as can be seen from the Figure]

3. Projections of the unit cell content:



4. Channels and/or cages:

There are two types of channels parallel to *c*. The first type equals the PerBU and is present in **ATN** as well as in **BCT**. The channel wall consists of fused 6-rings. The second type, only present in **ATN**, is obtained when *atn* cavities are connected through common 8-rings as depicted in Figures 4 and 5.





Figure 5. Fused *atn* cavities seen along *b* (left) forming the second type of 8-ring channels along *c* in **ATN** (right).

5. Supplementary information:

Other framework types containing zigzag chains

In several framework types at least one of the unit cell dimensions is about n*5.2 Å (where n = 1, 2, 3, etc.). In many cases this indicates the presence of zigzag chains.

In the **INTRO** pages links are given to detailed descriptions of these framework types (choose: **Zigzag chains**). There is also a link to a summary of the Periodic Building Units used in the building

schemes of these framework types (choose: Appendix; Figure 1).