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سرفصل درس مصوب وزارت عتف

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آشنایی با کانسارهای مواد معدنی غیرفلزی و کاربرد تکنیک‌های مختلف در اکتشاف آن‌ها

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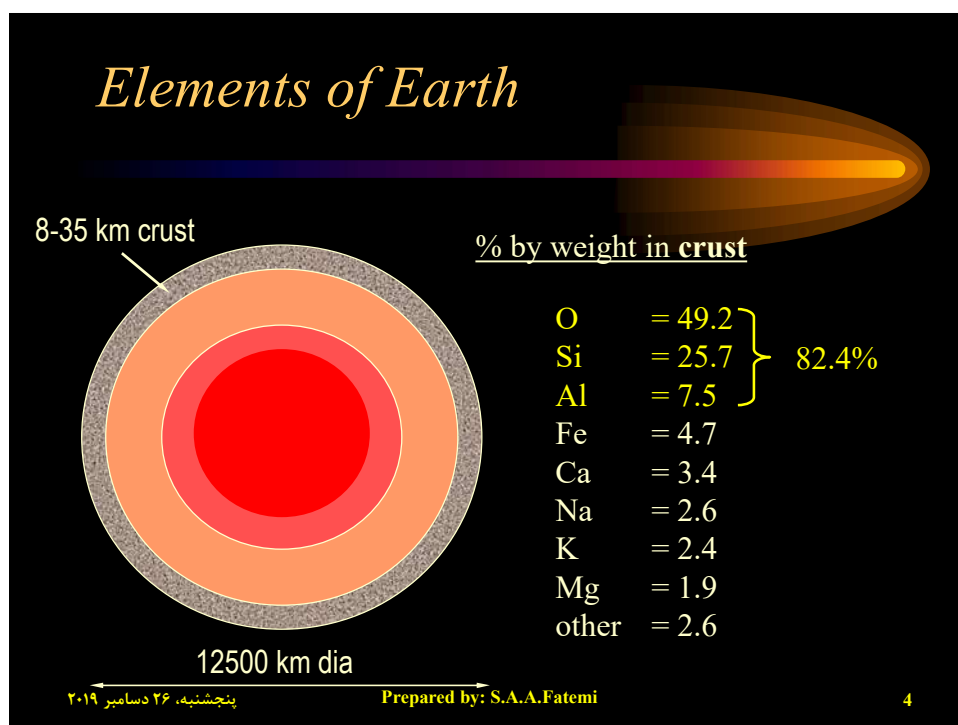
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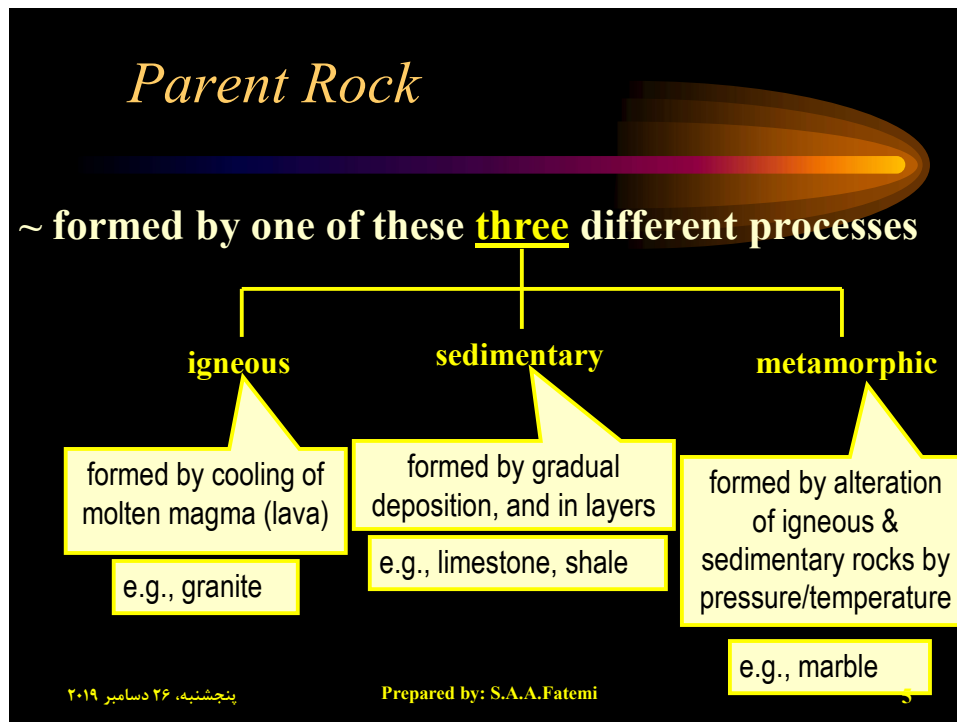
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Introduction & Soil Mineralogy

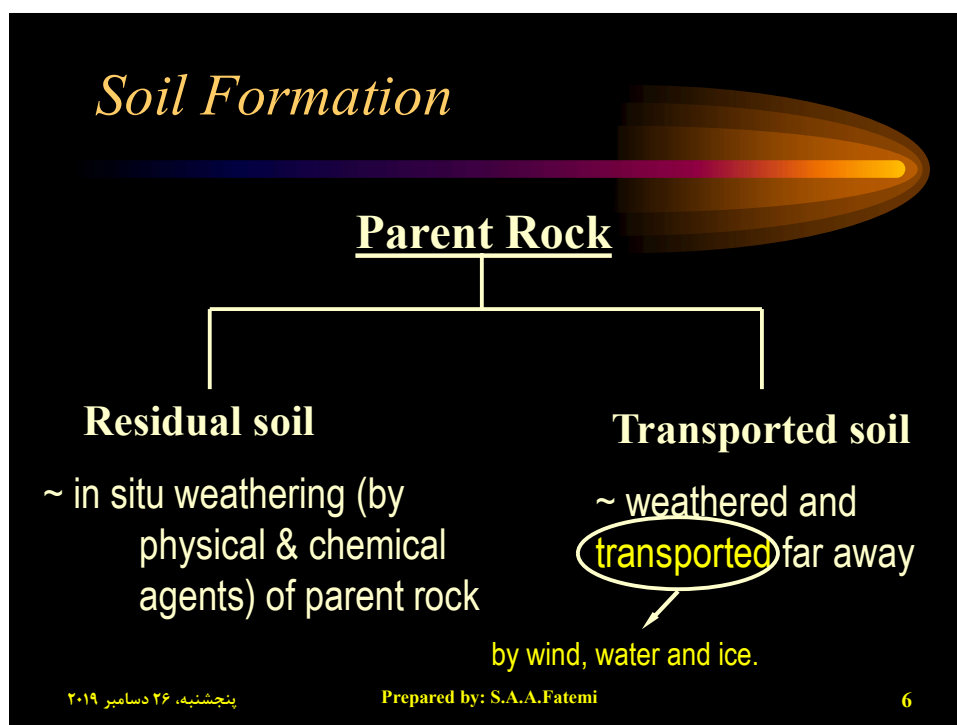
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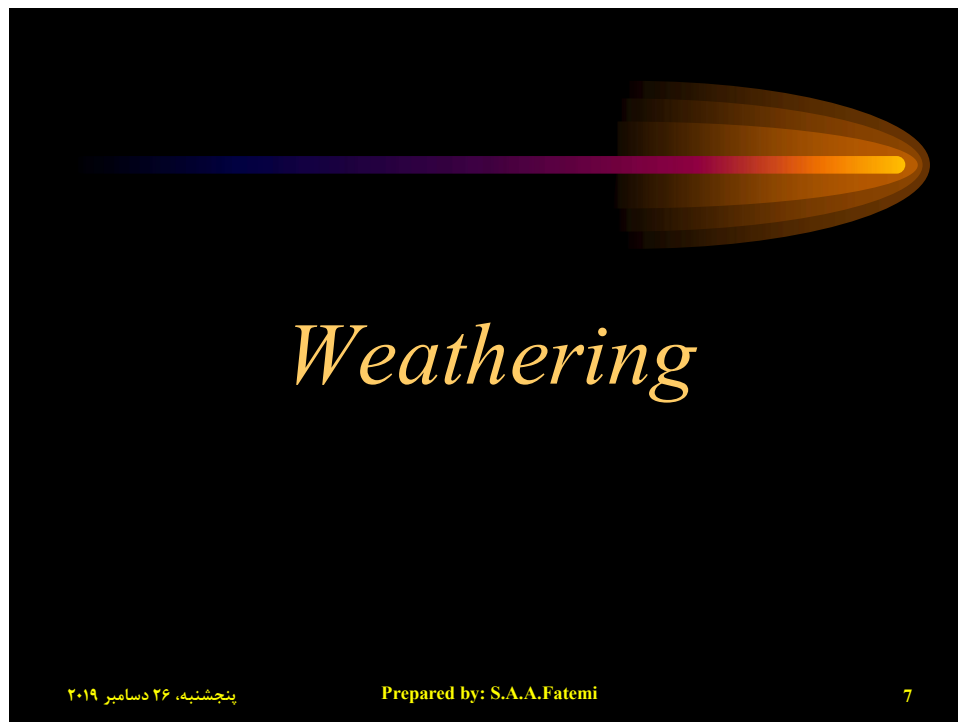
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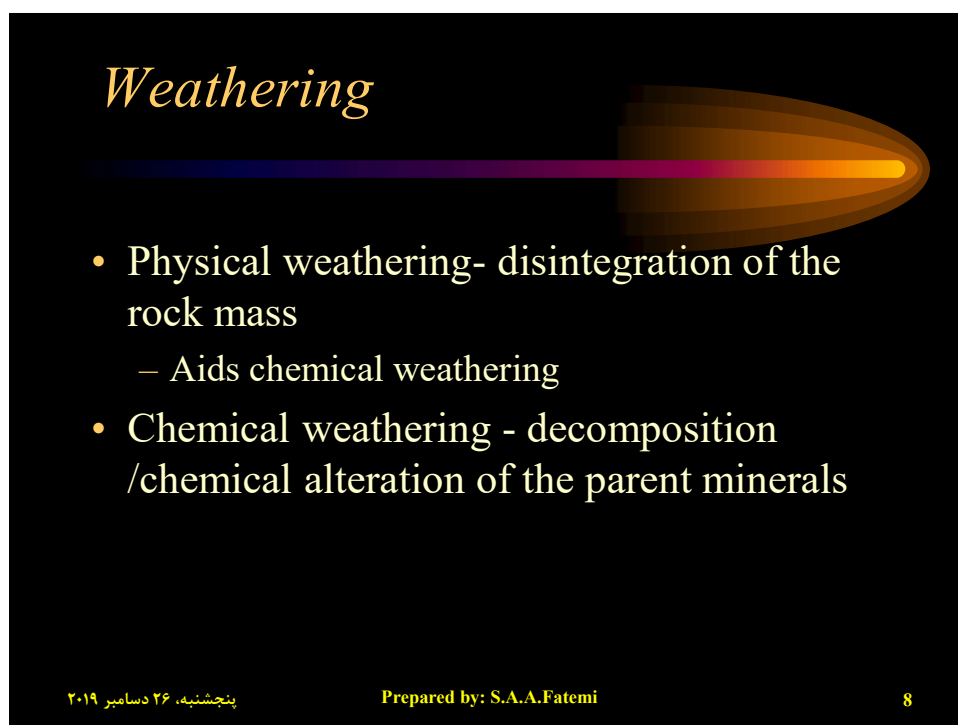
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Physical Weathering

1- Unloading and Exfoliation

- Release of overburden pressure due to uplift/erosion
- Rocks tends to expand
- Stresses develop
- Stress release occurs through development of joints
- Slabs detach “exfoliation”

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Physical Weathering

2- Crystal Growth/Frost Action

- Arid regions Formation of salt crystals
- In cold regions ... frost action

3- Colloid Plucking

- Colloids shrink/contract upon drying
- Exert tension on rocks with which they are in contact
- Sufficient tension to cause removal of flakes

4- Organic Activity

- Growing plants
- Burrowing animals and earthworms

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Chemical Weathering

1- Hydration and Hydrolysis

- Hydration.. Surface adsorption of water through electromagnetic bond between crystalline particles and water molecules
- Hydrolysis Process whereby H^+ ions from water enters crystal lattice and replaces existing cations

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Chemical Weathering

2- Chelation

- Organic compounds from humus complex metal ions (M^+) and remove them

3- Oxidation

- Causes red color in many soils (Ferric Ions)
- Oxygen dissolved in water converts lower valence Fe, Mn compounds to iron and manganese hydroxides
e.g. Pyrite (FeS_2) to limonite (Fe_2O_3)

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Chemical Weathering

4- Carbonation

- CO₂ from atmosphere unite with water to form carbonic acid
- Carbonic acid reacts with various earth materials to form carbonates (Iron Carbonates, Ca Carbonates)

5- Cation Exchange

- When solutions are in contact with solids, ions from solution may take place of atoms in the crystal lattice and vice versa
- E.g. use of zeolites for water softening, Zeolites adsorb Ca and liberates Na

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Effects of Climate, Topography, Parent Material, Time & Biotic Factors

- Wet climate and good drainage; both accelerate weathering
- For a given amount of rainfall, rate of chemical weathering is higher in warmer climates
- Depth of water table influences weathering by determining the depth to which air is available
- Type of rainfall: short, intense rainfall promotes erosion; light, prolonged rainfall aids in leaching

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Effects of Climate, Topography, Parent Material, Time & Biotic Factors

- Topography: important factor in determining rates of erosion, rates of soil accumulation
- Steep topography: encourages mechanical weathering
- Vegetation affects rate of erosion
- Organic compound aid weathering

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Residual Soil

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Residual Soil

- Soil formed by in-situ weathering
- Depth of profile varies depending on climate, parent material, drainage conditions, water table
- Soil Profile (Pedology)
- 3 Horizons
 - Horizon A (Eluvial), Horizon B (Illuvial) and Horizon C (Parent Material)

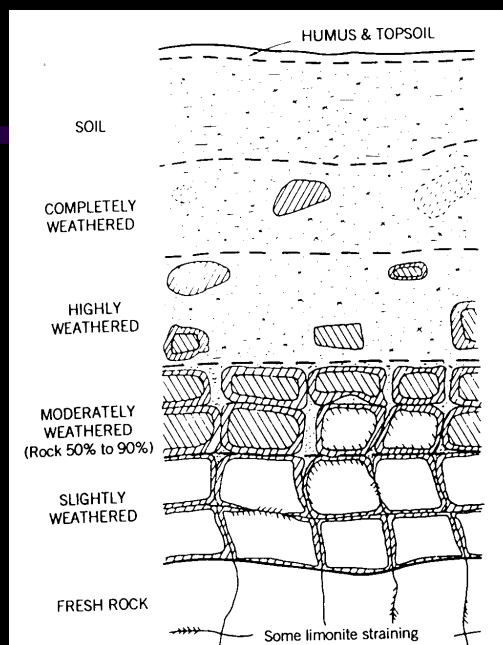
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Residual Soils

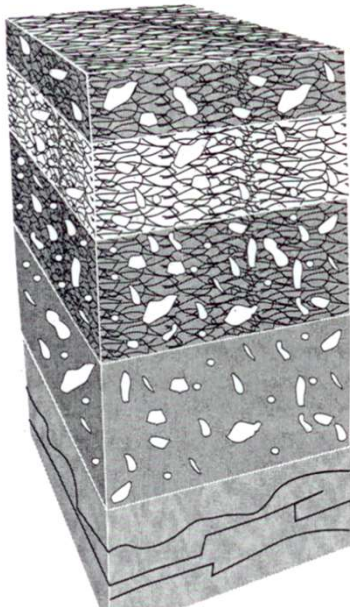


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Horizon			
O	01	decomposing vegetative debris	
	02	decomposed plant and animal debris	
A	A1	accumulation of humified o.m.	↑ solum (true soil) ↓
	A2	loss of clays, iron, and aluminum	
	A3	transitional to B (A horizon is "zone of illuviation")	
B	B1	transitional between B and A1	
	B&A	qualifies as B by > 50% of volume	
	B2 B3	transitional to A, C, or R transitional to B, C, or R (B horizon is "zone of illuviation")	
C		parent material, may be like or unlike material from which solum was formed little affected by pedogenic processes	
R		consolidated bedrock (R horizon contains layered bedrock)	

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Transported Soils

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Transported Soils

Transported by:

- wind
- sea (salt water)
- lake (fresh water)
- river
- ice

Special name:

- “Aeolian”
- “Marine”
- “Lacustrine”
- “Alluvial”
- “Glacial”

Aeolian Deposits

- Wind transported soil deposits
- Wind Erosion – common in desert environment
- No clays – no cohesion, but higher wind speeds
- Sand Dunes, sand drifts, sand shadows

Aeolian Deposits

- Loess or loessal soil: uniform (0.01-0.05mm) wind-blown sediment, loosely deposited, some cohesion due to calcareous or clay binder, vertical cleavage (planes of weakness) due to vertical tree roots, unstable when saturated

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Great Sand Dunes; Colorado



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Great Sand Dunes; Colorado



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Alluvial Deposits

- Transported and deposited by rivers/streams
- Water picks up soil particles when the flow velocity is higher, deposits sediment load when the velocity decreases (when river enters flatter terrain and widens)
- *Alluvial fans* – coarse particles dropped out to form triangular shaped deposits
- *Deltaic deposits* – more or less triangular shaped areas of alluvial deposits in the vicinity of river mouths known as deltas
- *Point bars*- deposits formed on the inside of a bend
- *Natural levees* - long ridges parallel to river banks formed during flooding

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Alluvial Fan; Death Valley, CA



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Alluvial Fan



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Glacial Deposits

- Transported and deposited by glaciers
- Mountain glaciers
- Continental glaciers – “Great Ice Age” Sheets of ice expand and advance over land when climatic conditions permitted
- Glacial till = heterogeneous mixture of particles of all sizes, unstratified deposit
- Land form resulting from the process .. *Ground moraine or till plain*
- Lateral moraine, middle moraines, end moraines

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Glacial Deposits



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Glacial Deposits



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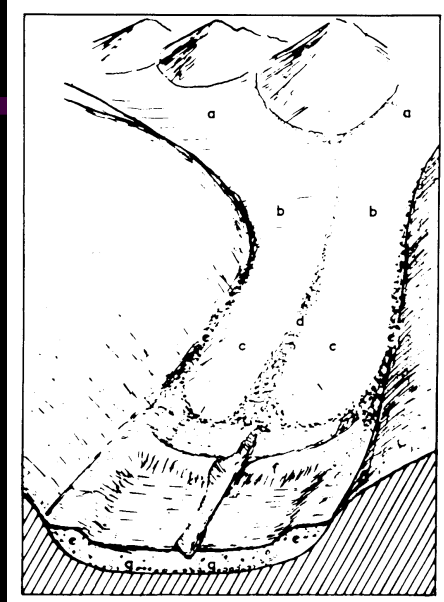
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Glacial Deposits

- a. Accumulation
- b. Debris on glacier
- c. Melting area
- d. Middle moraine
- e. Lateral moraine
- f. End moraine
- g. Bottom moraine



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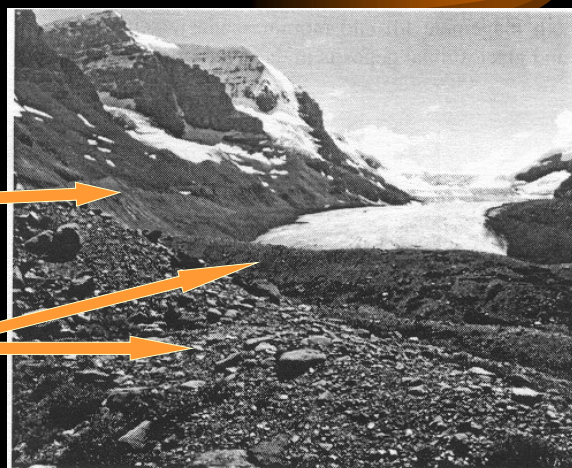
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Glacial Deposits

Lateral moraines

Terminal moraine



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Pile of Glacial Till, Sierra Nevada



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Lateral Moraine



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Other Types of Soil Deposits

- *Lacustrine* – lake bed deposited
- Marine deposits
- *Caliche* – Layers of soil cemented together by carbonates deposited as a result of evaporation; found in semi arid climates
- *Varved clay* - alternating layers of medium gray inorganic silt and darker silty clay. Thickness of individual layers rarely exceed 10mm. Formed in freshwater environment by melt water from glaciers

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Post Depositional Changes

- Desiccation
 - Drying of fine-grained soil usually accompanied by shrinkage and cracking
 - Cause of apparent overconsolidation
- Weathering
 - New soil forming processes after exposure to atmosphere
 - Uplifted marine clays Cation exchange Na^+ replaced by K^+

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Post Depositional Changes

- Consolidation
 - Densification of soil due to overburden, lowering of water table etc.
 - Strength increases; compressibility & permeability decreases
- Jointing and Fissuring
 - Usually associated with unloading and/or drying

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Atomic Structure



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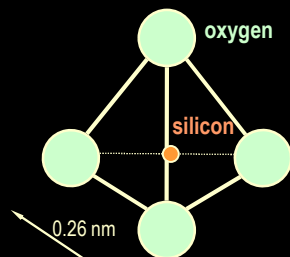
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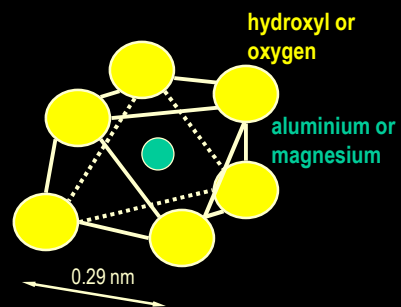
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Basic Structural Units

Clay minerals are made of two distinct structural units.



Silicon tetrahedron



Aluminium Octahedron

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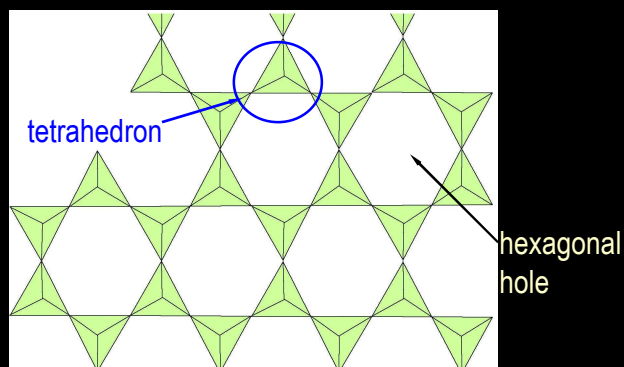
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Tetrahedral Sheet

Several tetrahedrons joined together form a tetrahedral sheet.



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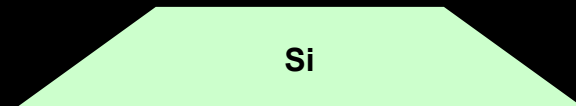
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Tetrahedral & Octahedral Sheets

For simplicity, let's represent silica **tetrahedral sheet** by:



and alumina **octahedral sheet** by:

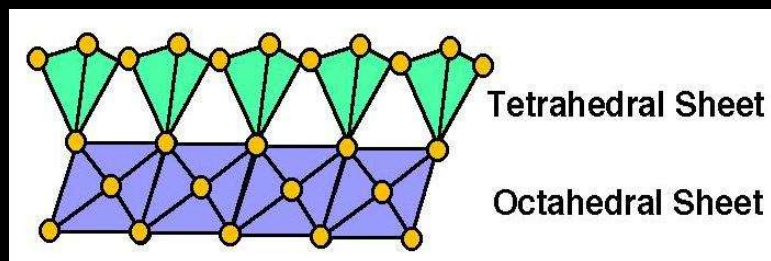


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Different Clay Minerals

Different combinations of tetrahedral and octahedral sheets form different clay minerals:

1:1 Clay Mineral (e.g., kaolinite, halloysite):

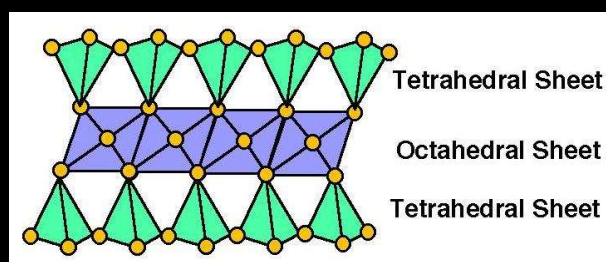


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Different Clay Minerals

Different combinations of tetrahedral and octahedral sheets form different clay minerals:

2:1 Clay Mineral (e.g., montmorillonite, illite)



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Clay Mineral Groups

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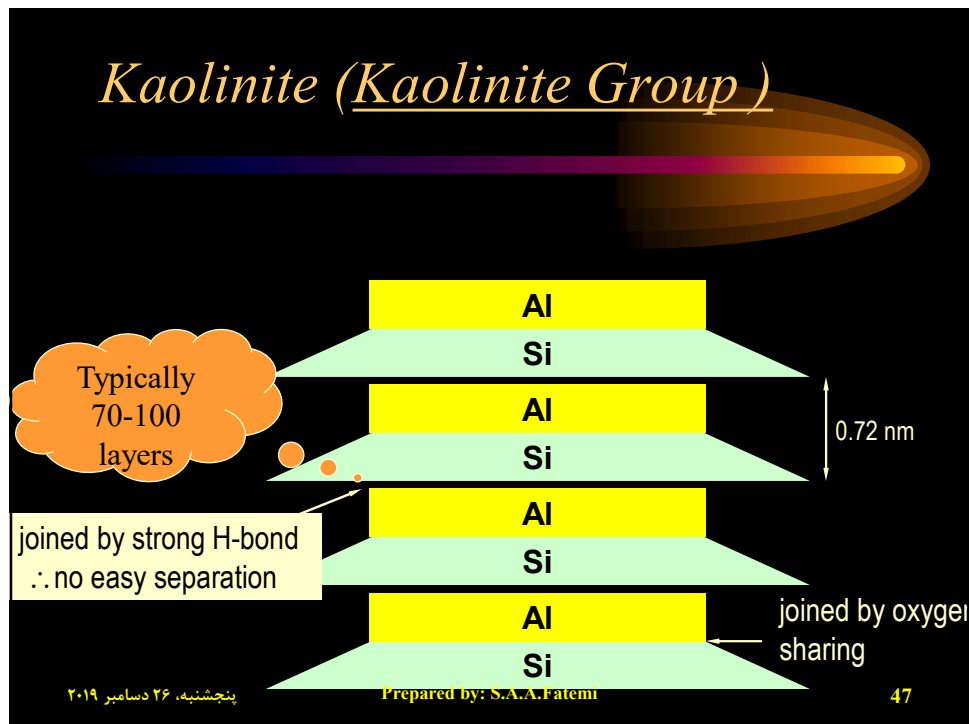
- Kaolinite Group
 - Kaolinite, Serpentine, Halloysite
- Smectite Group
 - Montmorillonite, Saponite
- Illite Group
 - Muscovite, Illite, Vermiculite
- Chlorite Group

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Kaolinite (Kaolinite Group)

➤ $(\text{OH})_8\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}$

Halloysite

➤ kaolinite family; hydrated and tubular structure

➤ $(\text{OH})_8\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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Kaolinites

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- Conditions that favor its formation:
 - When silica is less abundant (cf. to alumina) hence 1:1 structure
 - Low pH, leaching
 - Found in areas where precipitation is high and drainage is good
- Primary constituent in china clay; used by ceramics industry; also by paper, paint and pharmaceutical industries
- Interlayer bonding through H-bonds

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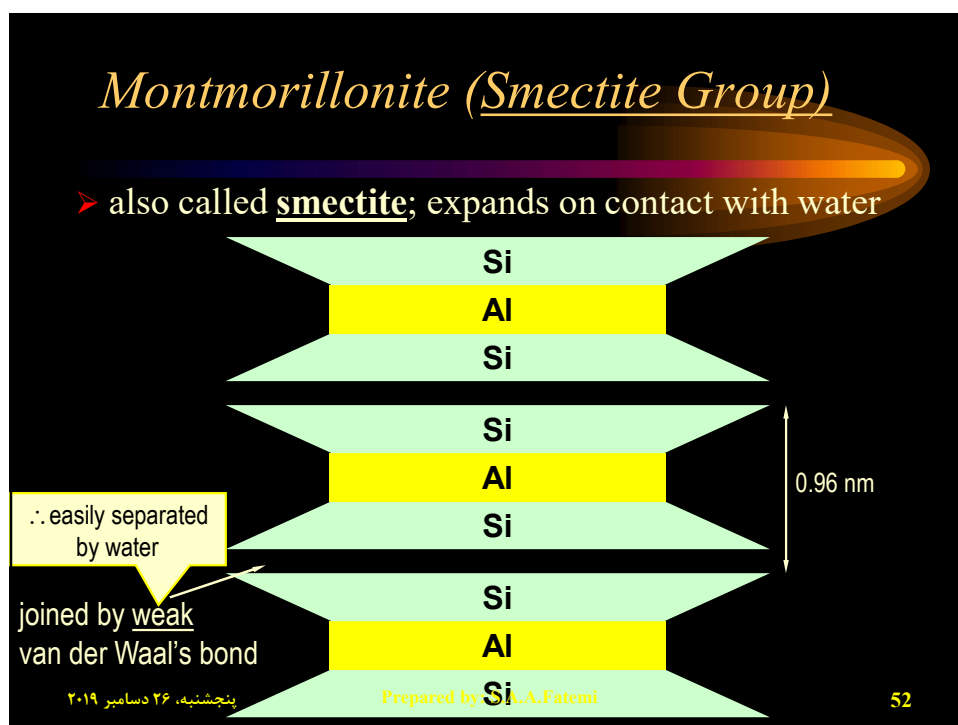
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Montmorillonite (Smectite Group)

➤ A highly reactive (expansive) clay

➤ $(OH)_4Al_4Si_8O_{20} \cdot nH_2O$

swells on contact with water

Bentonite

high affinity to water

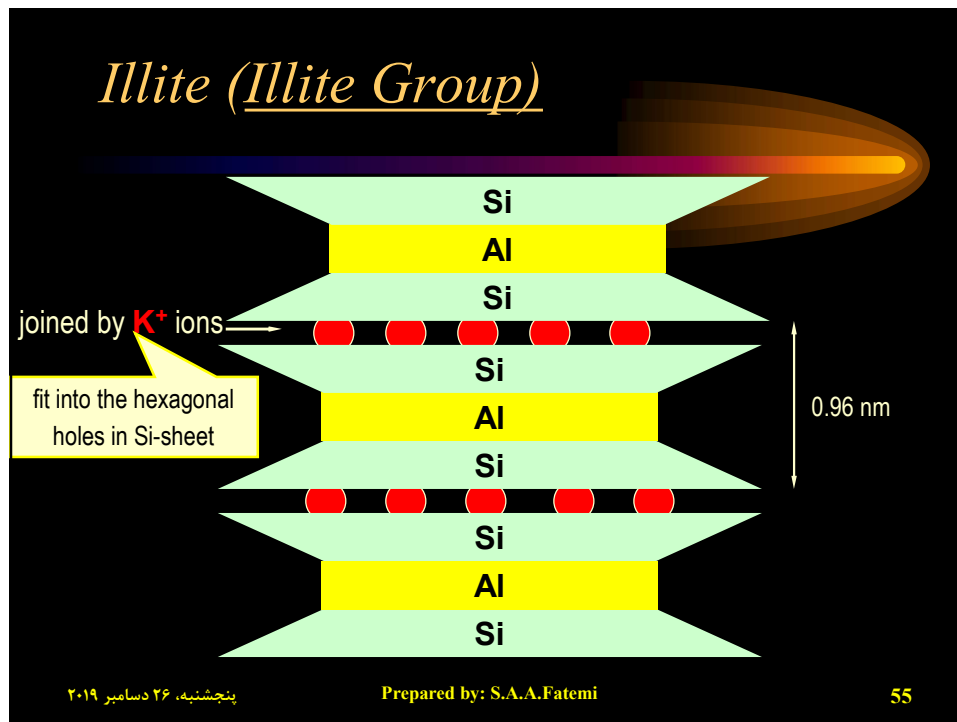
➤ montmorillonite family

➤ used as drilling mud, in slurry trench walls, stopping leaks

Smectites

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- Conditions that favor its formation:
 - When silica is abundant (compared to alumina) hence 2:1 structure
 - High pH, High electrolyte content, More Mg^{2+} and Ca^{2+} than K^+ and Na^+ ; poor leaching
 - Found in areas where evaporation exceeds precipitation (arid and semi-arid climates)
- Bentonite; clay deposit primarily composed of Montmorillonite; Formed by weathering of volcanic ash; Used in drilling mud, slurry trench wall construction, sealing boreholes etc.



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Others...

Chlorite

➤ A 2:1:1 (???) mineral.

Si Al Al or Mg

Vermiculite

➤ montmorillonite family; 2 interlayers of water

Attapulgite

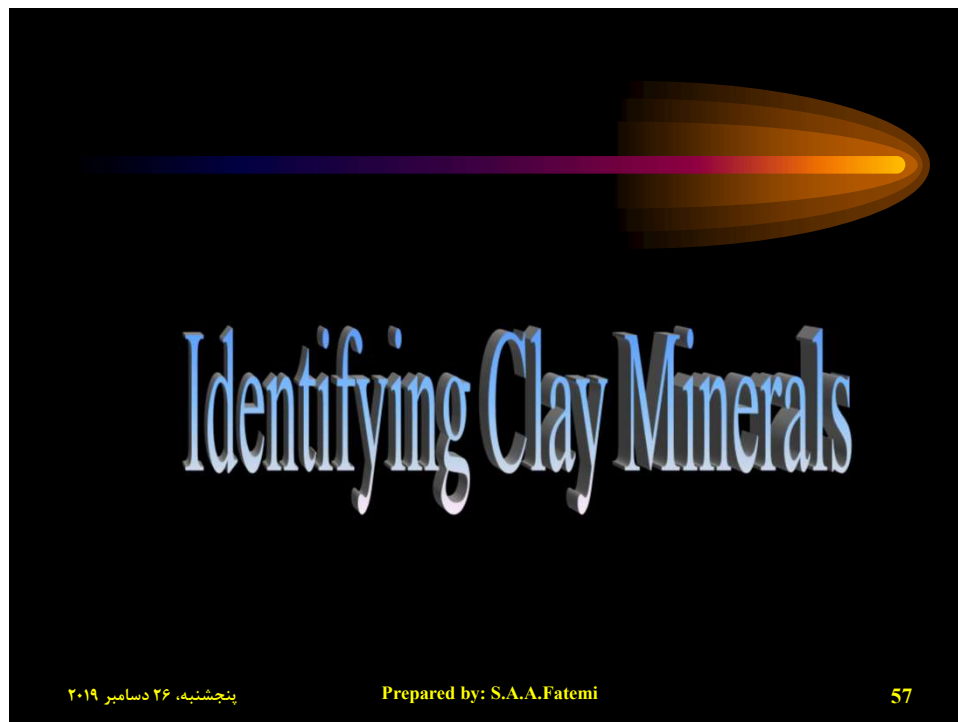
➤ chain structure (no sheets); needle-like appearance

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Clay Formation

- Clay particles $< 2 \mu\text{m}$
- Compared to Sands and Silts, clay size particles have undergone a lot more “chemical weathering”!

The diagram illustrates the size ranges for different sediment types. A vertical line on the left is labeled "Sand", "Silt", and "Clay" from top to bottom. To the right of this line, particle sizes are indicated with horizontal lines and circles. The sizes shown are 210 μm , 160 μm , 74 μm , 60 μm , 10 μm , 2 μm , and 2 μm .

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Clay vs. Sand/Silt

- Clay particles are generally more platy in shape (sand more equi-dimensional)
- Clay particles carry surface charge
- Amount of surface charge depends on type of clay minerals
- Surface charges that exist on clay particles have major influence on their behavior (for e.g. plasticity)

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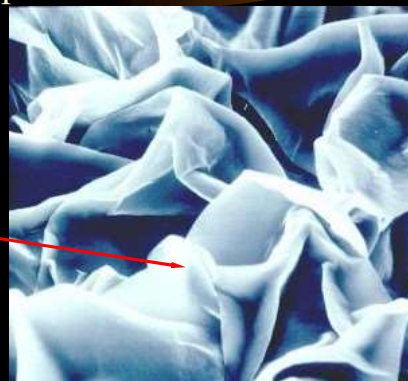
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Scanning Electron Microscope

- common technique to see clay particles
- qualitative

plate-like
structure



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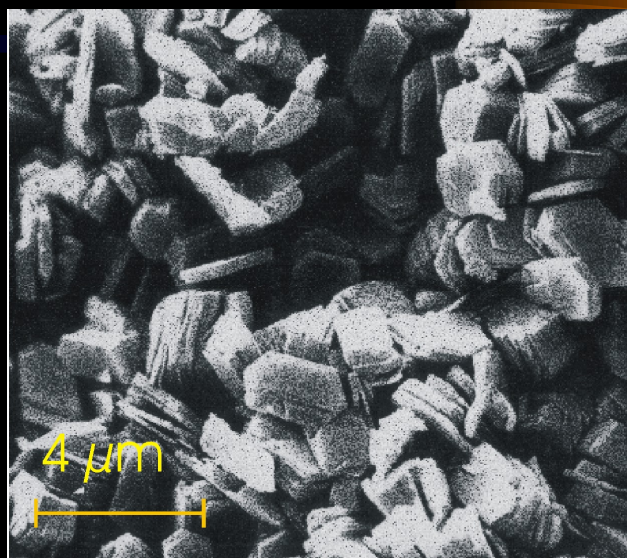
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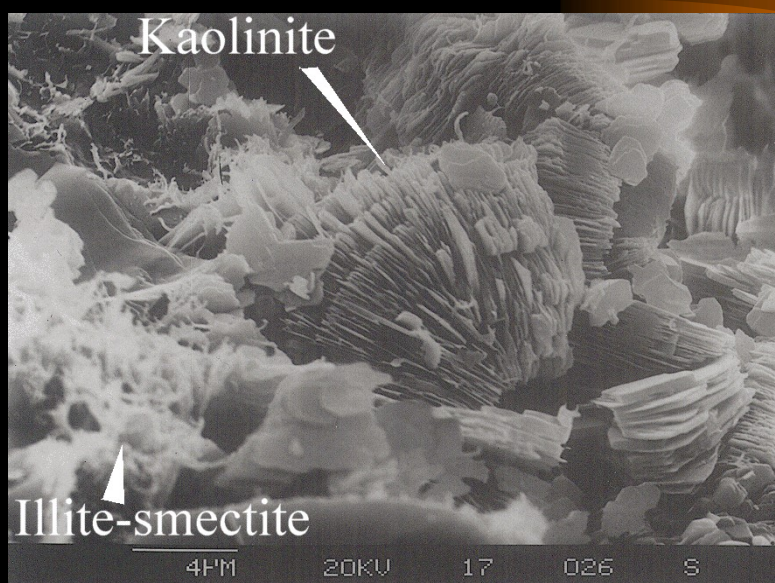
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1.Silicate Clays

kaolinite



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Others...

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)

- to identify the molecular structure and minerals present

Differential Thermal Analysis (DTA)

- to identify the minerals present

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A Clay Particle

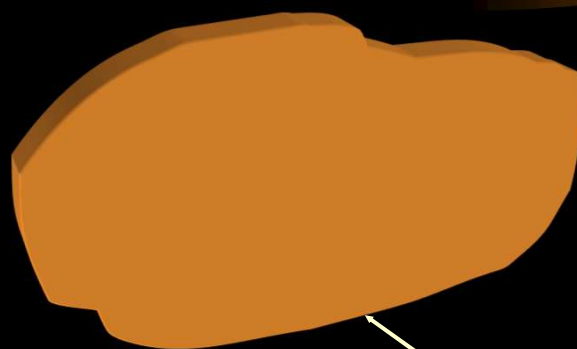


Plate-like or Flaky Shape

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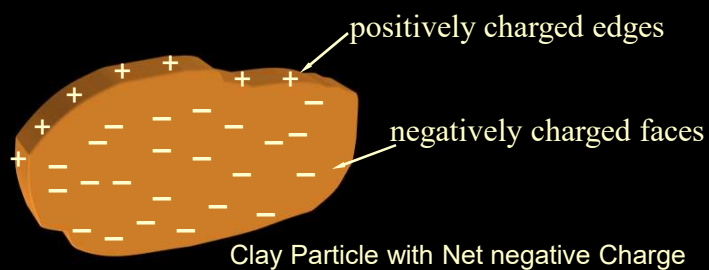
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Isomorphous Substitution

- substitution of Si^{4+} and Al^{3+} by other lower valence (e.g., Mg^{2+}) cations
- results in charge imbalance (net negative)



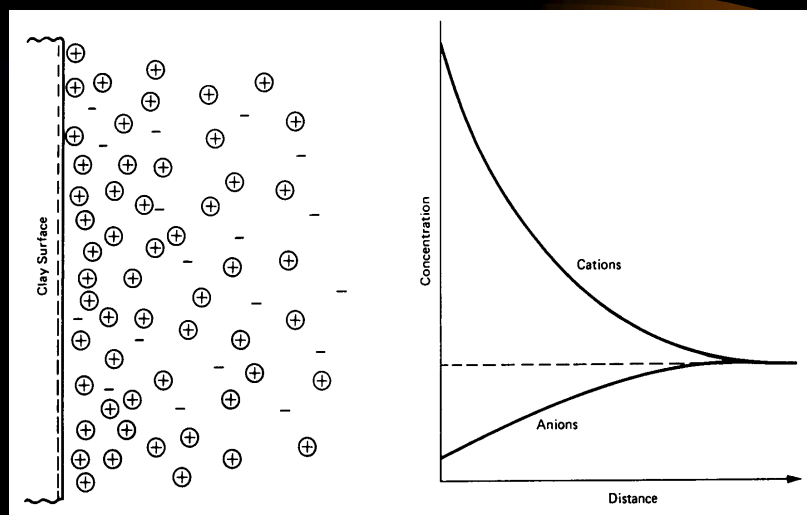
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Ion Distributions in Clay-Water Systems



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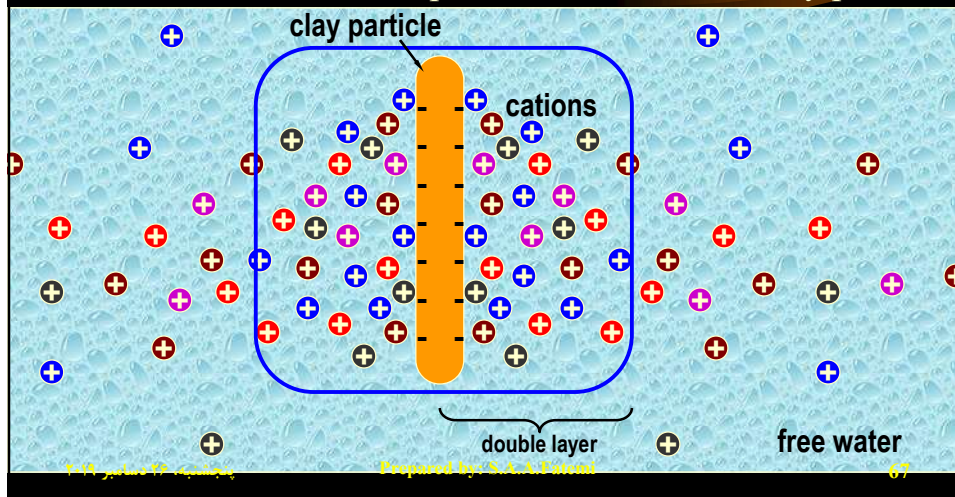
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Cation Concentration in Water

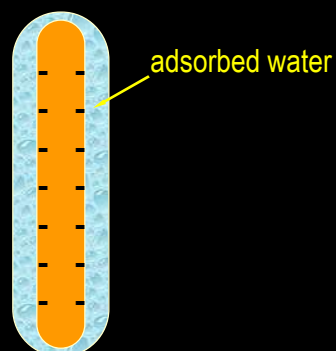
- cation concentration drops with distance from clay particle



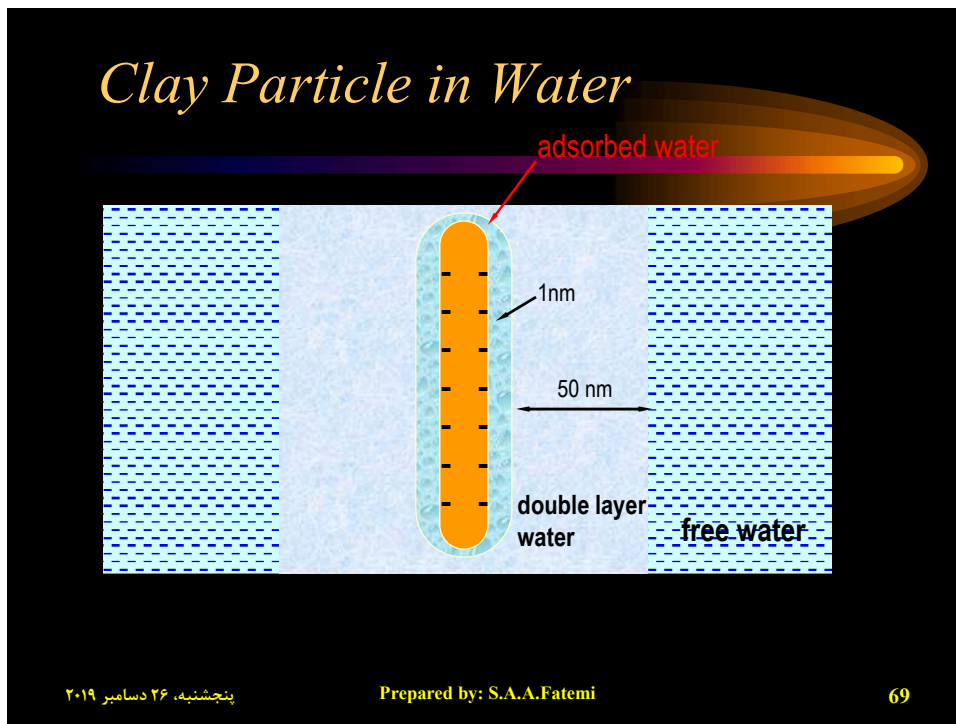
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Adsorbed Water

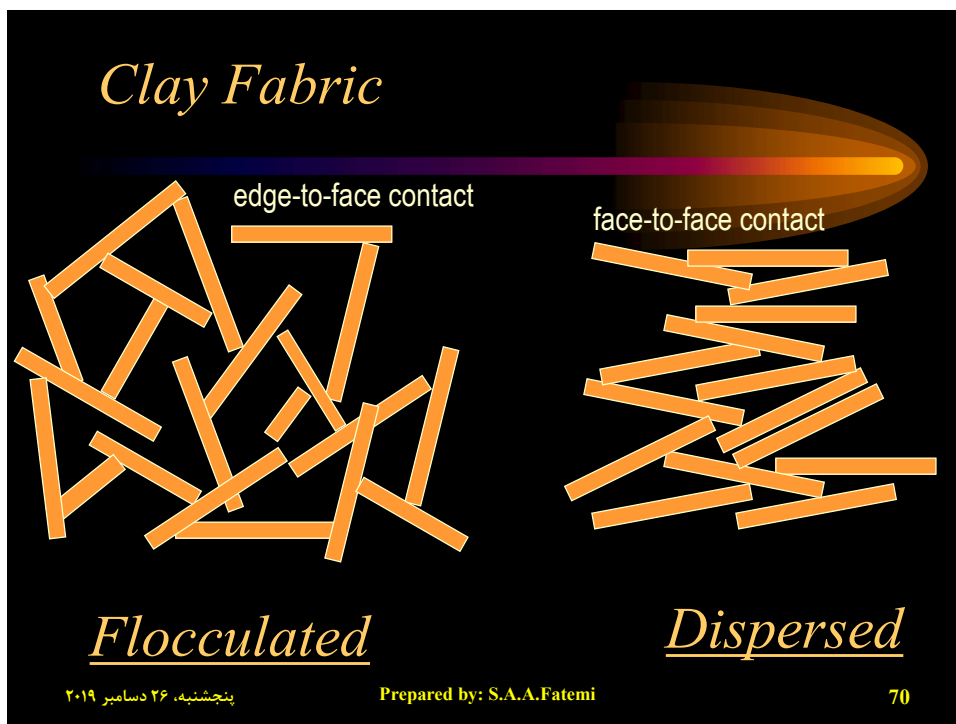
- A thin layer of water tightly held to particle; like a skin
- 1-4 molecules of water (1 nm) thick
- more viscous than free water



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Summary - Clays

- Clay particles are like plates or needles. They are negatively charged.
- Clays are plastic; Silts, sands and gravels are non-plastic.
- Clays exhibit high dry strength and slow dilatancy.

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Summary - Montmorillonite

- Montmorillonites have very high specific surface, cation exchange capacity, and affinity to water. They form reactive clays.
- Montmorillonites have very high liquid limit (100+), plasticity index and activity (1-7).
- Bentonite (a form of Montmorillonite) is frequently used as drilling mud.

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