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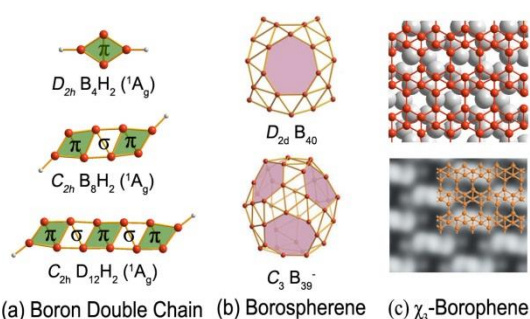
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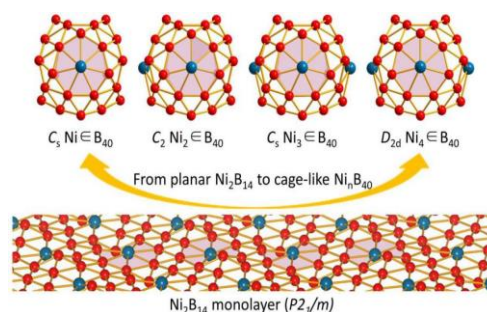
### **Boron/Carbon Analogy: Planar Borophenes, Cage-Like Borospherenes, Boron Nanotubes, and Their Metal-Doped Heteronanostructures**

#### Abstract

Boron-based nanomaterials have attracted considerable attention in recent years. We present herein the latest combined experimental and theoretical investigations on cage-like borospherenes  $B_n^q$  ( $q=n-40$ ,  $n=36-42$ ), metal-doped heteroborospherenes  $Ni_n \in B_{40}$  ( $n=1-6$ ), planar borophenes, metal-doped  $Ni_2 \in B_{14}$  heteroborophenes, tubular molecular rotors  $B_2\text{-Ta}@B_{18}^-$ ,  $B_3\text{-Ta}@B_{18}$ , and  $B_4\text{-Ta}@B_{18}^+$ , and the tubular to cage-like structural transition in metal-centered boron clusters at  $Ta@B_{22}^-$  which is the smallest axially chiral endohedral metalloborospherene with the record coordination number of  $CN=22$ . These nanostructures which are dominated with the double-chain chemistry of boron exhibit unique structural fluctuations due to the bonding fluctuations originated from the electron deficiency of the systems. Boron double chains (**BDCs**) appear to be equivalent to carbon single chains (**CSCs**) in these boron nanostructures. Boron-based nanostructures possess properties complementary to carbon nanostructures and may find wide applications in catalysis, energy-storage, and electronics materials.



**Fig.1** Borospherenes and borophenes composed



**Fig.2** Heteroborospherenes and heteroborophenes of interwoven boron double chains

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