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## *Micro Carbon Technology*

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## *Significance of Micro Carbon Technology<sup>®</sup>*

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- Unique properties.
- *The* essential ingredient of all fluid products of Bio Huma Netics, Inc.<sup>®</sup> (BHN).
- Adds value to BHN products:
  - fertilizers
  - soil improvement products
  - wastewater treatment products
  - organic pesticides
- Provides competitive advantage in global markets.

# *History of Micro Carbon Technology®*

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- 1973 - Dr. Jordan Smith, Mr. Don Organ & Mr. Delworth Stout of Sunburst Mining Co. first applied leonardite to agricultural fields.
- 1981 - Sunburst Mining Co. developed proprietary process to extract organic matter from leonardite.
- 1995 - Bio Huma Netics® (BHN) company name registered with U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.
- 2010 - Micro Carbon Technology™ (MCT) concept first used by BHN.
- 2012 - Micro Carbon Technology™ first used in interstate commerce by BHN.
- 2013 - Micro Carbon Technology® registered with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

# *Leonardite - the Source of Micro Carbon Technology®*

- *Contains humic substances.*
- *Humic substances are major components of the natural organic matter (NOM) in soil and water as well as in geological organic deposits such as lake sediments, peats, brown coals and shales.\**

*\*International Humic Substances Society (IHSS)*

# BHN Leonardite vs Anthracite Coal

## BHN Leonardite



Source: M. Boyd

## Anthracite Coal



Source: Wikipedia

Humic substances (pigmented polymers)				
Fulvic acid		Humic acid		Humins
Light yellow	Yellow brown	Dark brown	Grey-black	Black
————— increase in intensity of colour —————>				
————— increase in degree of polymerization —————>				
2 000	————— increase in molecular weight —————>		300 000 ?	
45%	————— increase in carbon content —————>		62%	
48%	————— decrease in oxygen content —————>		30%	
1 400	————— decrease in exchange acidity —————>		500	
————— decrease in degree of solubility —————>				
Chemical properties of humic substances. (Stevenson 1982)				

# From Leonardite to Micro Carbon Technology® (MCT) and Products that Contain MCT



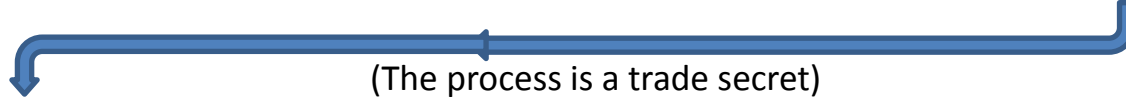
Leonardite Mine



Leonardite Delivered to BHN



Biological Digestion



(The process is a trade secret)



Chemical Extraction



Complexing with  
Nutrients



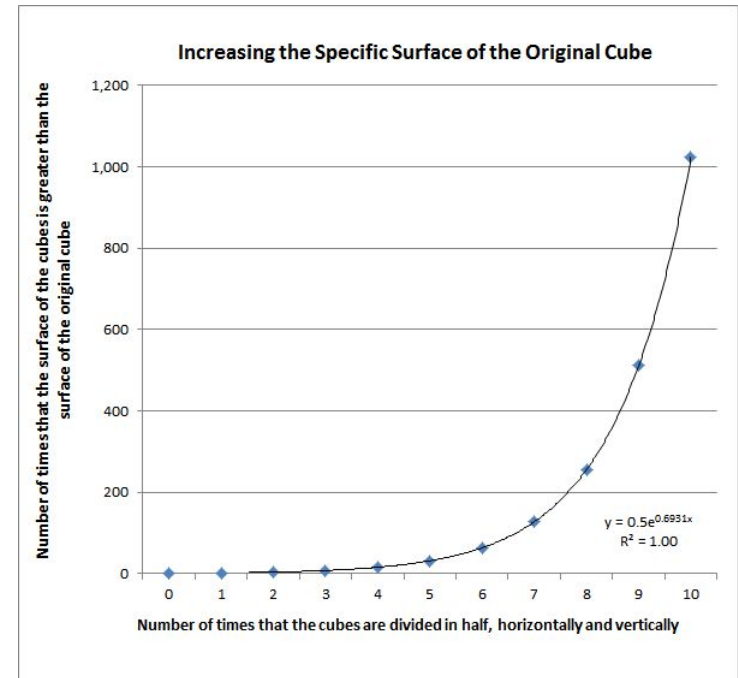
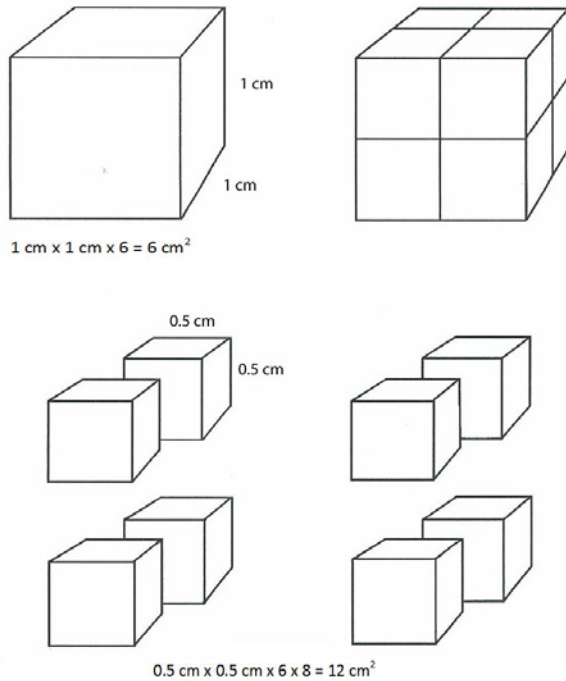
products



# ***PROPERTIES OF MICRO CARBON TECHNOLOGY®***



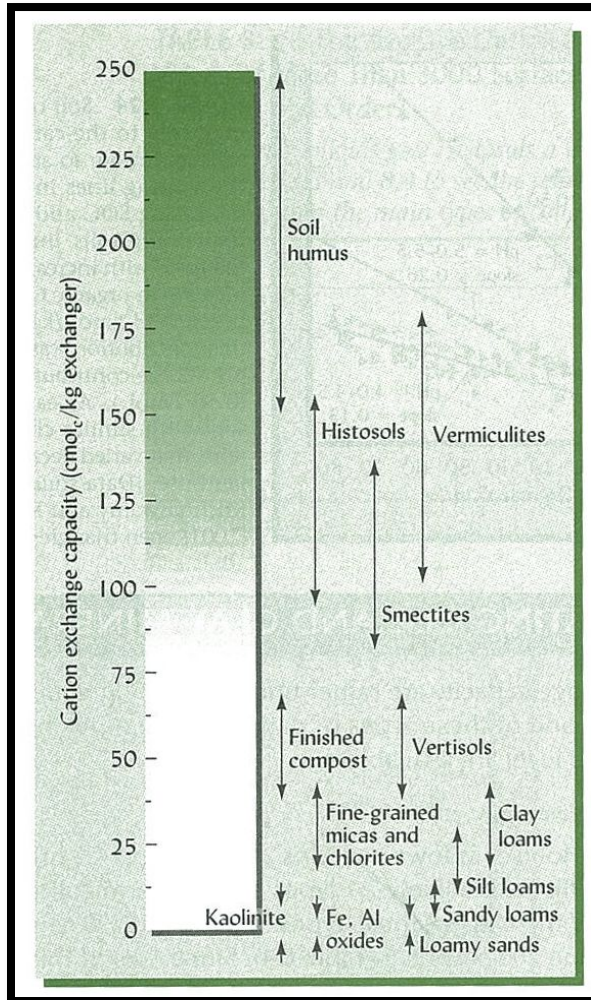
# Micro Carbon Technology® Produces Organic Matter with Greater Specific Surface



Source: F.S. Perls, 1969



# High Cation Exchange Capacity



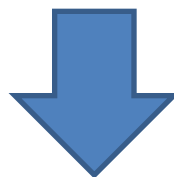
Source: Brady and Weil, 2008)

- Humic acid: 500 - 870 cmol<sub>c</sub>/kg
- Fulvic acid: 900 - 1,400 cmol<sub>c</sub>/kg
- Micro Carbon Technology®: A Complex Mixture of Natural Organic Molecules More Chemically Active than Untreated Humic and Fulvic Acids of Leonardite.

## Functional Groups of Humic and Fulvic Acids that Contain Oxygen

	Total Acidity or Cation Exchange Capacity	-COOH	Acid -OH	Weakly Acid and Alcoholic -OH	-C=O
	Normal Range, cmol(+) per kg				
<b>Humic Acids</b>	500-870	150-300	250-570	270-350	90-300
<b>Fulvic Acids</b>	900-1,400	610-910	270-670	330-490	110-310

Source: Stevenson y Butler, 1969



Micro Carbon Technology® is a Complex Mixture of Natural Organic Molecules More Chemically Active than Untreated Humic and Fulvic Acids of Leonardite.

## *Micro Carbon Technology<sup>®</sup> includes interaction of organic matter with:*

- Inorganic, cationic nutrients of plants and microorganisms
- Inorganic, anionic nutrients of plants and microorganisms
- Organic (carbon-containing) nutrients of plants and microorganisms

# The 17 Essential Metallic and Non-Metallic Nutrients of Plants and Microorganisms

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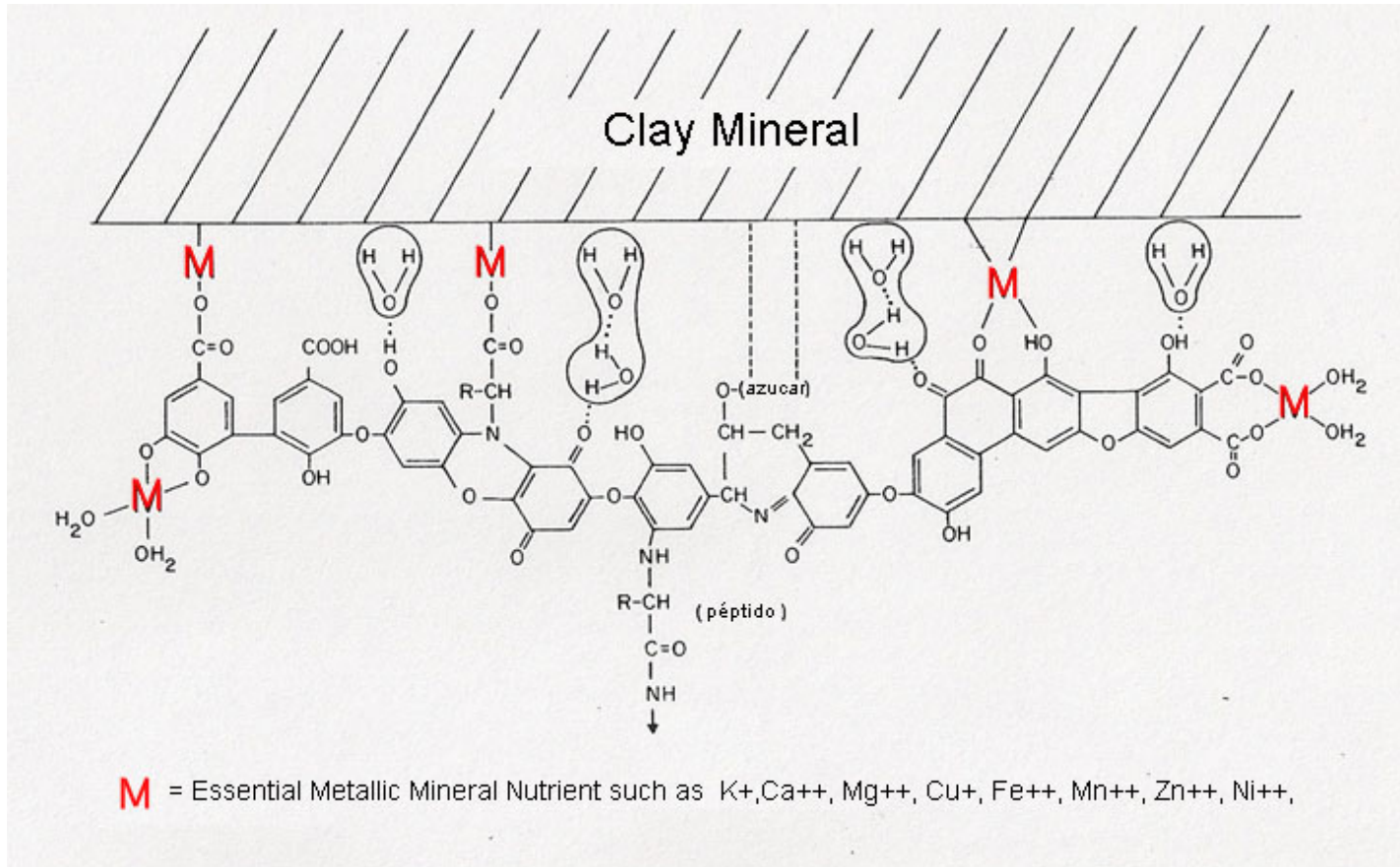
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		<b>KEY TO CHART</b> Atomic Number → 50 → Oxidation States Symbol → Sn → Atomic Weight → 118.69 → -18-18-4 → Electron Configuration															
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Numbers in parentheses are mass numbers of most stable isotope of that element.

Sources: Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 54<sup>th</sup> ed. and Epstein and Bloom, 2005

# Clay-Metal-Organic Matter Complexes in Soil

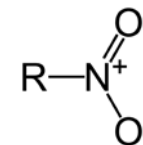
Structures and functional groups such as those of Micro Carbon Technology®



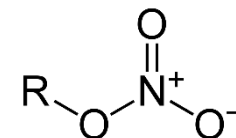
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## Positively Charged Functional Groups Can React with Non-Metallic Nutrients of Plants and Microorganisms

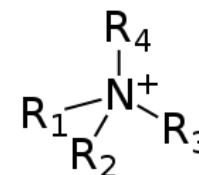
Nitro compound     $-RNO_2$     nitro-



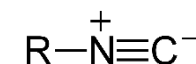
Nitrate compound     $-RONO_2$     nitrooxy-, nitroxy-



Quaternary ammonium cation     $-R_4N^+$     ammonio-

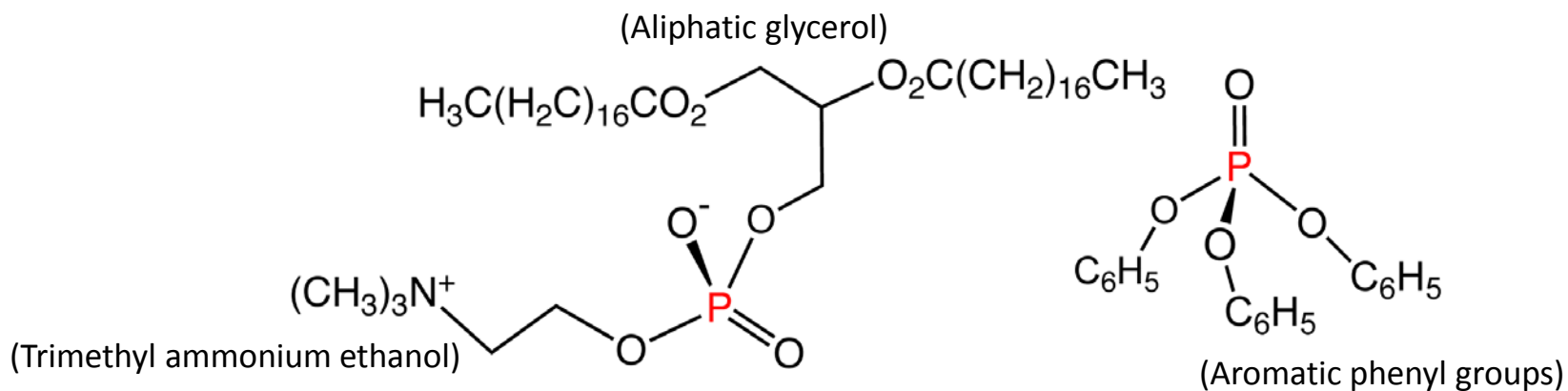


Isonitrile     $-RNC$     isocyano-

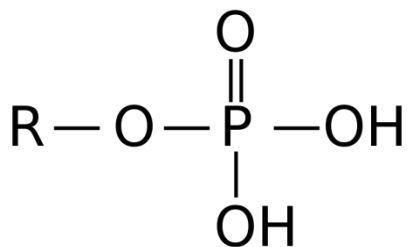


Source: Wikipedia

# Examples of the Interaction of Phosphate with Organic (Carbon-containing) Substances



Phosphate esters\*



\*An ester is formed by condensation of an acid and an alcohol.







# *Some Parting Thoughts*

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- Micro Carbon Technology<sup>®</sup> is based on interactions of molecules of organic (carbon-containing) matter of relatively small molecular weight interacting with inorganic elements and compounds.
- The benefits of Micro Carbon Technology<sup>®</sup> result from the interactions of MCT with the other ingredients of BHN products and the target organisms (plants or microorganisms) to which the products are applied.
- The success of Micro Carbon Technology<sup>®</sup> is affected by interactions of MCT with 1) other substances being applied and 2) the target organisms and 3) many other factors in the environment.



Source: [www.lematin.ma](http://www.lematin.ma)

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