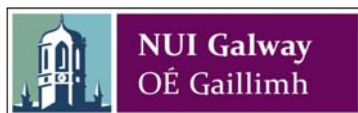


4th year undergraduate course

Lecture 1



Solid State Chemistry

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READING LIST

Principal textbook....

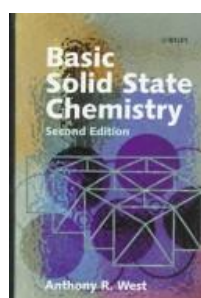
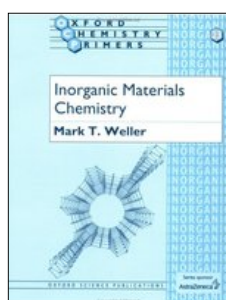
- **Basic Solid State Chemistry, A. R. West. (NUIG library)**

May also want to look in:

- **Inorganic Chemistry. Shriver, Atkins and Langford**
- **Inorganic Chemistry, Housecroft & Sharpe.**
- **A. K. Cheetham and P. Day, Solid state chemistry techniques. Oxford Science publications, 1987.**

Another helpful book (but does not contain all information needed)

"Inorganic Materials Chemistry", Mark T. Weller.
Oxford Chemistry Primer, Oxford Publications.



Lecture 1: Outcomes

- *Introduction to solid state chemistry*

Inorganic solids and their applications (various)

- *Introduction to structure of solids*

Amorphous crystalline

- *Introduction to new functional materials from everyday life*

Transition metal oxides (inc. Perovskites)

Silicates / Aluminosilicates

- *Recap of 2/3rd year work on structural characterisation*

X-ray crystallography

The unit cell

Atom counting inside unit cell

SOLID STATE CHEMISTRY

Definition:

The study of the preparation, characterisation and physical properties of solids

Why study solids?

- Solids are of immense technological importance
- The study of solids leads to the preparation of new solids with improved/new technological properties

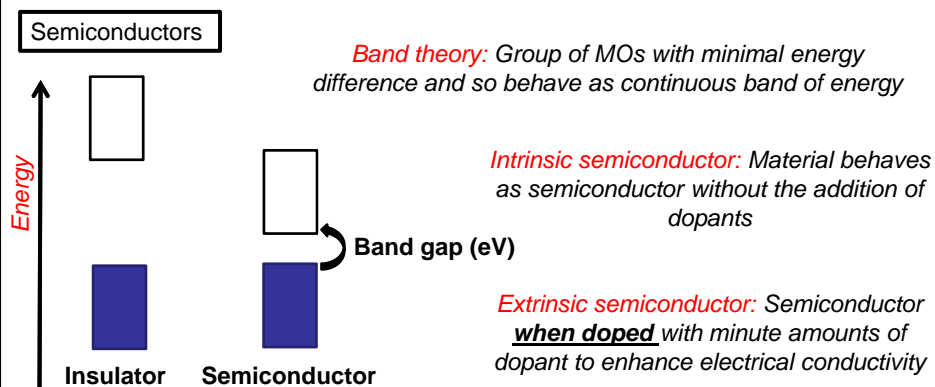
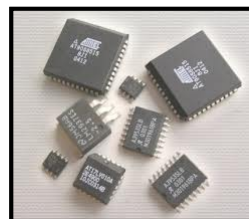
Strong overlap with:

- Molecular Structure (X-ray Crystallography, powder diffraction)
- Solid-state Physics (Conductivity, Electronic properties, ionic conductors)
- Ceramics (durable materials, heat resistant materials)
- Metallurgy (synthesis of new metal based solids towards conductors etc)

PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

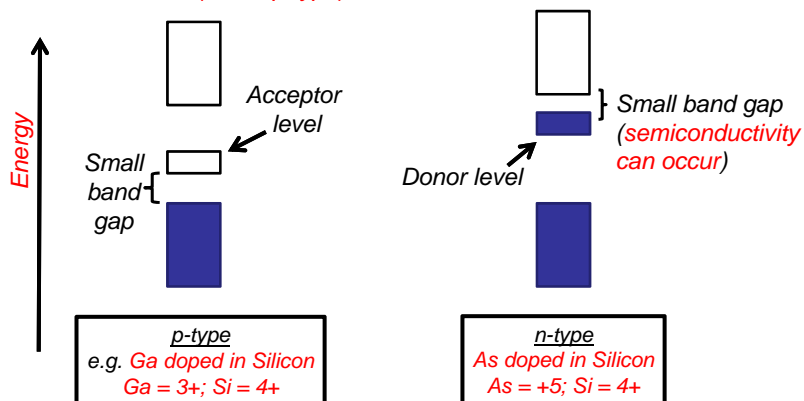
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES

- Conductors (Cu, Ag) (**worse** at high T)
- Semiconductors (Si, GaAs) (**better** at high T)
- Superconductors ($\text{Y}_2\text{BaCu}_3\text{O}_7$)



PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS (2)

Extrinsic semiconductors (*n* and *p*-type):



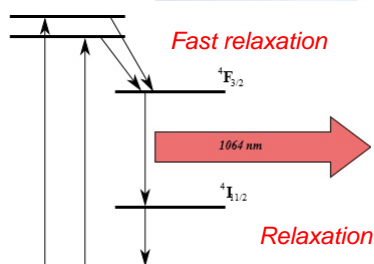
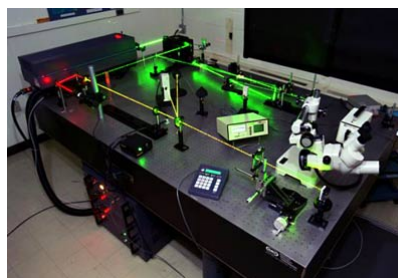
MAGNETIC PROPERTIES: CrO_2 , MgFe_2O_4 for information recording (see 4th yr. [magnetism](#) notes)

OPTICAL PROPERTIES: TiO_2 for pigments, Cr^{3+} doped into Al_2O_3 is ruby (gives colour)....ruby solid state lasers (now a little dated!)

PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS (3)

Nd-YAG High Powered Lasers

- Neodimium (Nd^{3+}) doped into a rod of Yttrium Aluminium Garnet (YAG; $\text{Al}_5\text{Y}_3\text{O}_{12}$)



Applications

- Hair removal and vascular defect removal
- Etching, cutting and welding metals
 - Eye surgery
- Oncology: Removal of skin cancers
- Military Defence: Range Finders

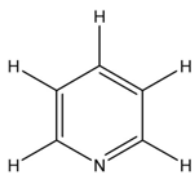
Inorganic Solids vs. Molecules

Differ greatly from one another:

MOLECULES

- Single units
- Fixed formulae
- Defects not allowed
- Properties are fixed

For example:

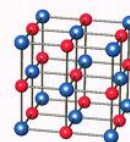


Pyridine

INORGANIC SOLIDS

- Infinite lattices*
- Variable stoichiometry*
- Defects unavoidable*
- Properties vary with composition*

For example:



Sodium Chloride

Two forms of solid

Definitions:

A **crystalline solid**

is a solid in which the atoms, ions or molecules lie in an orderly array
(NaCl)

An **amorphous solid**

is a solid in which the atoms, ions or molecules lie in random positions
(glass, rubber).

STRUCTURE OF SOLIDS

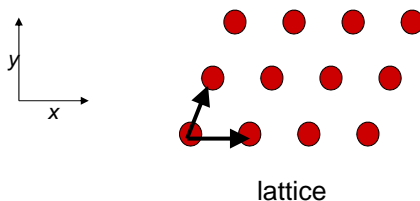
The structure of crystals influences their physical properties strongly

Structure of a crystalline solid: how atoms, ions, molecules are arranged with respect to one another.

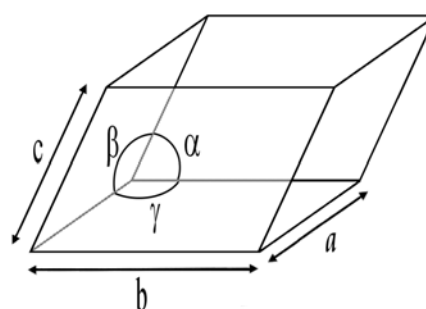
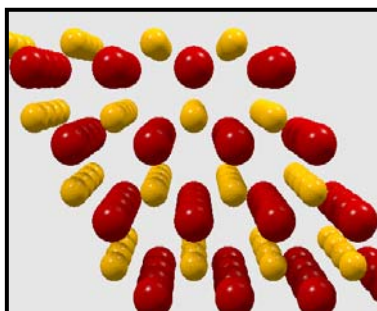
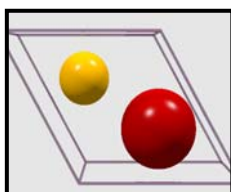
- We use spheres to conveniently represent atoms or ions in solids

A **crystalline solids** is viewed as built from atoms or ions, which repeat with precise regularity.

Lattice : an infinite array of points in space (lattice points), in which each point has identical surroundings to all of the other lattice points



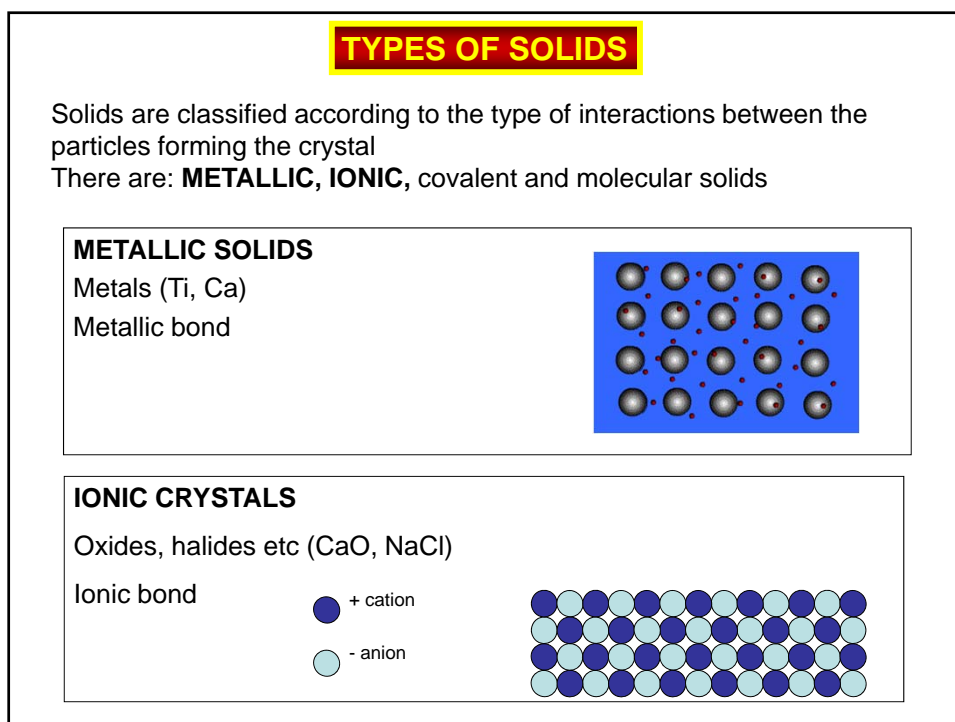
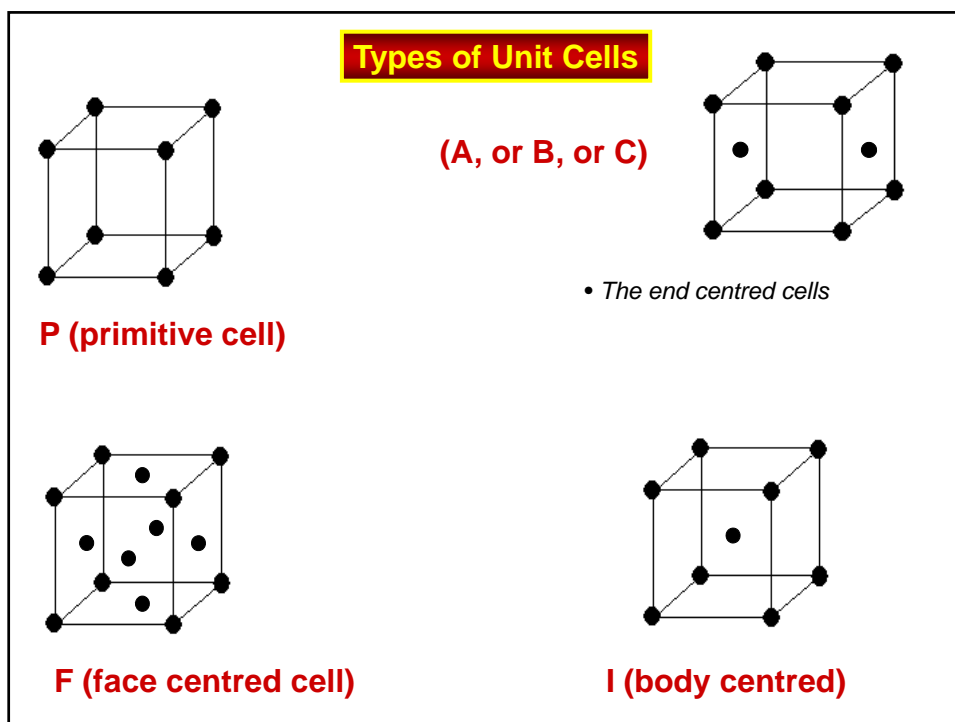
Unit cell: The smallest unit of a crystal that reproduces the crystal by translation along x, y, z



The parameters that define a unit cell are:

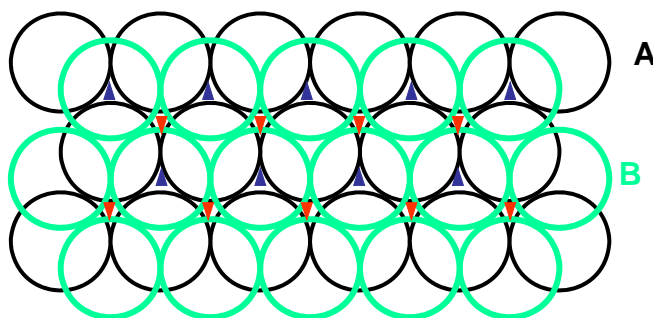
a , b , c = unit cell dimensions along x, y, z respectively

α , β , γ = angles between b, c (α); a, c (β); a, b (γ).



IONIC COMPOUNDS: MX_n TYPE LATTICES

- Anions and cations are represented by spheres of different size.
 - The **anion** is larger than the **cation**.
- The **anion** forms a close-packed or non-close packed lattice and the cation fits into the holes.



Only 2 types of holes
In a **close-packed**
arrangement



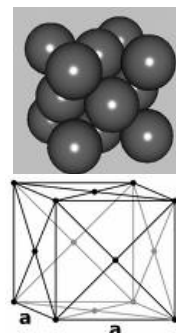
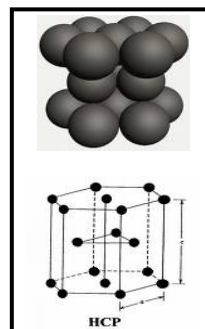
NOTE: non-close packed arrangements show more types of holes

REMEMBER: Hexagonal Close Packing (HCP)

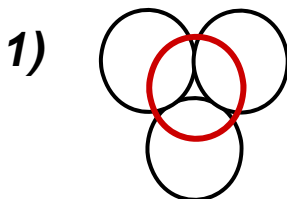
- Packing = ABABAB (every other layer are the same)
- Gives a Hexagonal unit cell = HCP system

Cubic Close Packed (CCP) (or Face-centred cubic (FCC))

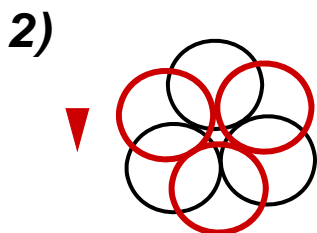
- Spheres of third layer placed above the gaps in the first layer = ABCABC
- Gives a Face-centred cubic unit cell = FCC system



In either HCP or CCP arrangements there are two types of holes



Tetrahedral holes: CN (cation)=4 as the cation is surrounded by 4 anions



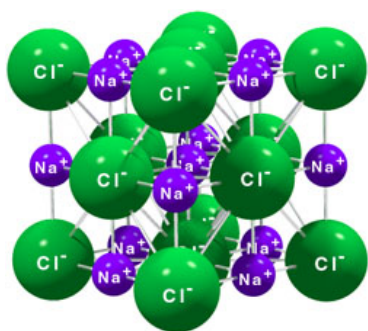
Octahedral holes: CN (cation)=6 as the cation is surrounded by 6 anions



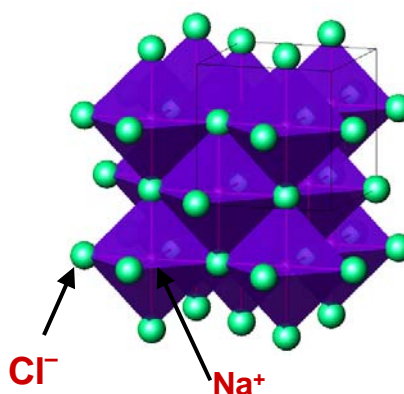
NOTE:

In a 3D close-packed array of n spheres, there are $2n$ tetrahedral holes and n octahedral holes

COMPOUND WITH CCP LATTICES



'Balls and sticks' representation



Polyhedral representation

NaCl (Rock-Salt)

Oxidation states

Need to know these to understand structure and physical properties of functional inorganic solids

Group Oxidation State

1	+1 (Li)
2	+2 (Be)
3	+3 (Sc)
4	+4 (Ti)
13	+3 (B)
14	+4 (Si)

2,3,4,5 V	2,3,6 Cr	2,3,4,5,6,7 Mn	2,3 Fe	2,3 Co	2,3 Ni	1,2 Cu	2 Zn
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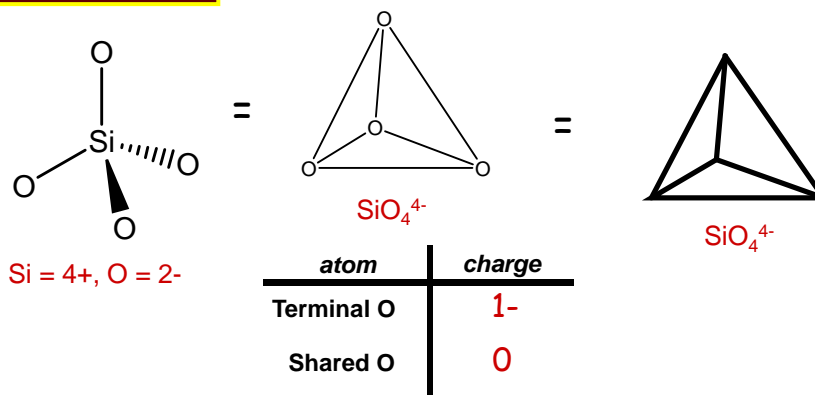
All Ln ions = +3

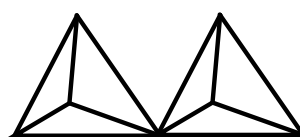
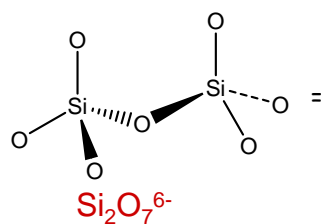
Silicates – minerals comprising Si & O

Minerals = ~90% earth's crust

3D materials containing SiO_4^{4-} tetrahedra & M^+ ions, e.g. K^+ , Na^+ , Mg^{2+}

Basic building blocks:





- If all O-atoms shared = 3D lattice = silica, SiO_2 ; mineral **Quartz**

- Transparent, hard, stable material

Similar to structure of diamond

APPLICATIONS

- Gemstones
- Glass & lenses, optical fibres, telecommunications...
- Building materials – Quartz is a common constituent of *granite, sandstone, limestone*

Aluminosilicates

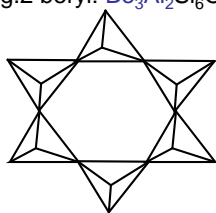
Partial substitution of Si^{4+} by Al^{3+} :

e.g.1 orthoclase: KAlSi_3O_8

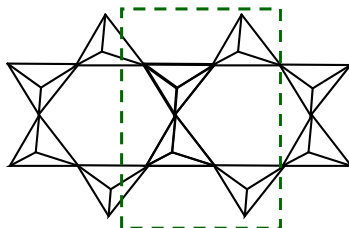
- This mineral forms igneous rock. Main component of "moonstone"

e.g.2 beryl: $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$

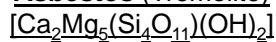
colourless/white – main source of Be metal



Emerald = beryl silicate 2% Al^{3+} replaced with Cr^{3+}



Asbestos (Tremolite)



Fibrous - ionic bonds between sheets of silicate anions and

$\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ions in between sheets = weak.



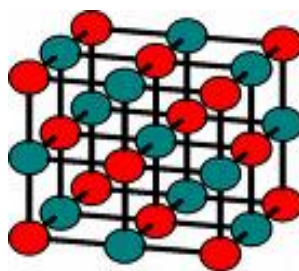
Also known as cyclosilicates

Metal oxides

MO

Transition metal oxides

- NiO and TiO possess the Rocksalt (*NaCl*) structure
- Mainly formed from 1st row TMs (very few formed from 2/3rd row TMs)
- Many of these materials are non-stoichiometric and show a range of compositions
(i.e. TiO_x ($0.65 < x < 1.25$))-described in Lecture 4
- The electronic properties of such materials vary from insulators to metallic conductors



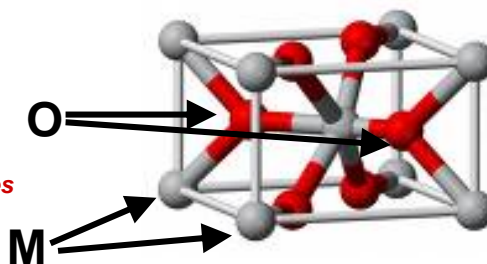
NaCl

Transition metal oxides (2)

MO₂

- MO₂ (M = Ti, Cr, V, Mn, Zr-Pd and Hf-Pt) all crystallise in the Rutile (TiO₂) structure

*The rutile structure (unit cell)
O²⁻ ions pack in HCP
Ti⁴⁺ ions lie in octahedral holes*



Atom counting

2 x O atoms fully inside cell = 2

4 x O atoms sharing with another cell face = $4 \times 0.5 = 2$

TOTAL O = 4

1 x M atom fully inside cell = 1

8 x M at corners (sharing with other 8 cells) $8 \times 1/8 = 1$

TOTAL M = 2

→ **M/O ratio 1:2** →

MO₂

Ternary metal oxides (2)

(possessing 2 diff metal centres and therefore 3 different elements)

- Most common type of ternary solid is the perovskite
- General Formula **ABO_3**
- Structure frequently seen for ternary **ABO_3** oxides formed from one large cation (**A**) and one smaller cation (**B**)
- First one **$CaTiO_3$** ; discovered by L. V. Perovski

Perovskites: General structure

- Ideally have cubic symmetry
- The B cations are 6CN O_h
- Each A cation sits in the centre of unit cell
- The A cations are 12 coordinate
(i.e they are larger)
- Distortions in perovskites can occur thus forming lower symmetry versions with lower CN numbers on both A and B
- The cations may be +2, +3, or +4 as long as $A+B = +6$. For example:

Charge on A	Charge on B	Example
+3	+3	$LaCrO_3$
+2	+4	$SrTiO_3$
+1	+5	$NaWO_3$

