

4th year undergraduate course

Lecture 1



Solid State Chemistry

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READING LIST

Principal textbook....

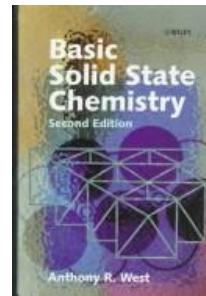
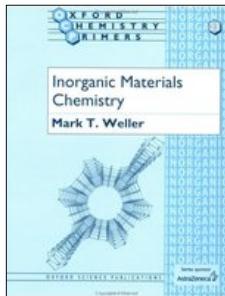
- **Basic Solid State Chemistry, A. R. West. (NUIG library)**

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

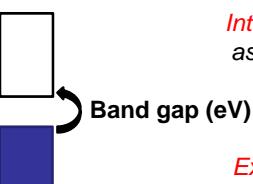
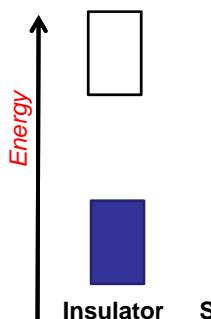
• ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES

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



Semiconductors

Band theory: Group of MOs with minimal energy difference and so behave as continuous band of energy

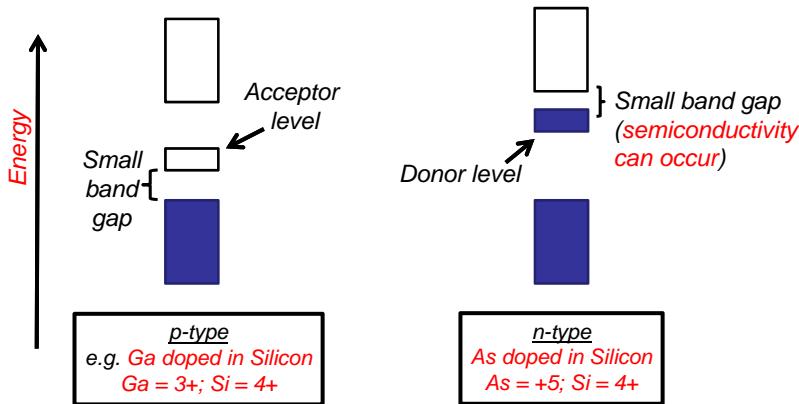


Intrinsic semiconductor: Material behaves as semiconductor without the addition of dopants

Extrinsic semiconductor: Semiconductor when doped with minute amounts of dopant to enhance electrical conductivity

PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS (2)

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



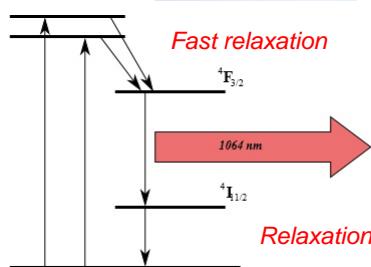
MAGNETIC PROPERTIES: CrO₂, MgFe₂O₄ for information recording (see 4th yr. magnetism notes)

OPTICAL PROPERTIES: TiO₂ for pigments, Cr³⁺ doped into Al₂O₃ is ruby (gives colour)...ruby solid state lasers (now a little dated!)

PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS (3)

Nd-YAG High Powered Lasers

- Neodium (Nd³⁺) doped into a rod of Yttrium Aluminium Garnet (YAG; Al₅Y₃O₁₂)



Applications

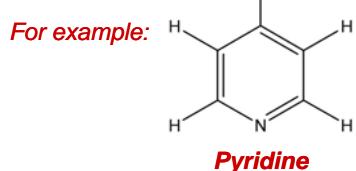
- Hair removal and vascular defect removal*
 - Etching, cutting and welding metals
 - Eye surgery
- Oncology: Removal of skin cancers*
- Military Defence: Range Finders*

Inorganic Solids vs. Molecules

Differ greatly from one another:

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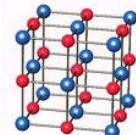
- Single units
- Fixed formulae
- Defects not allowed
- Properties are fixed



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

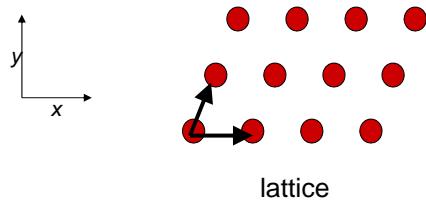
The structure of crystals influences their physical properties strongly

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

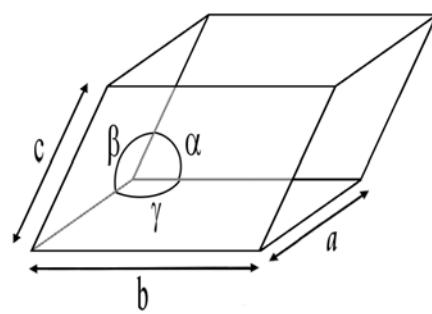
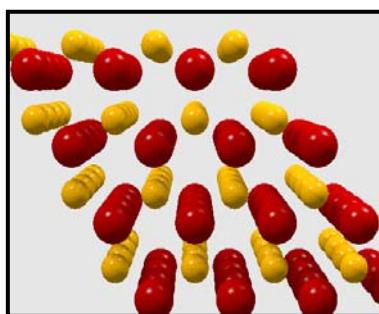
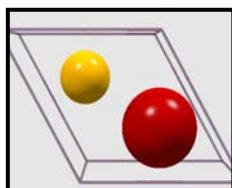
- We use spheres to conveniently represent atoms or ions in solids

A **crystalline solid** 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



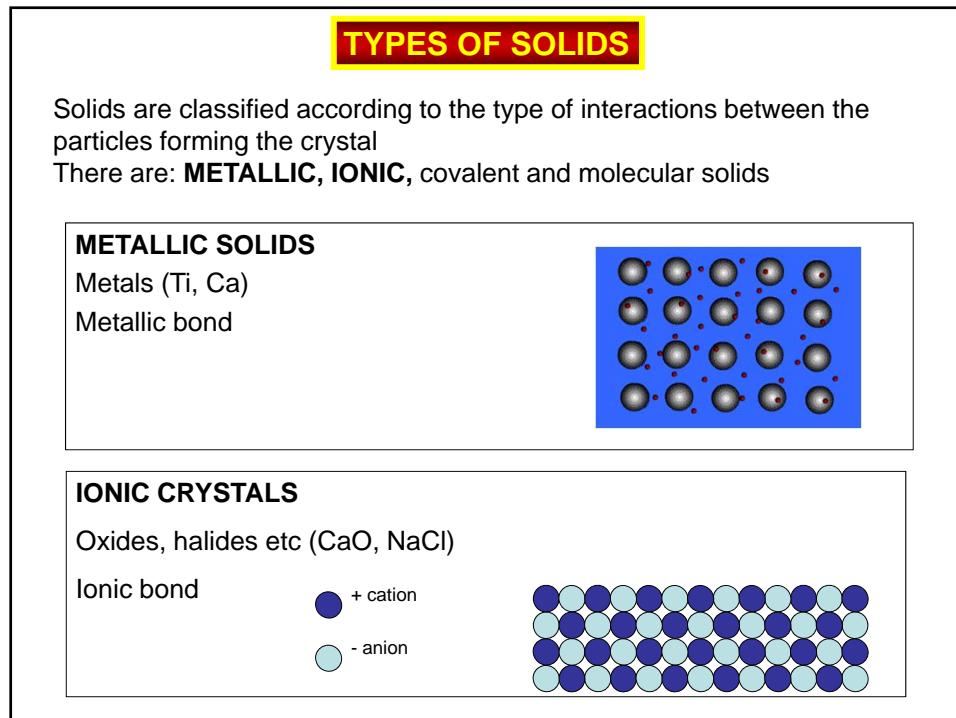
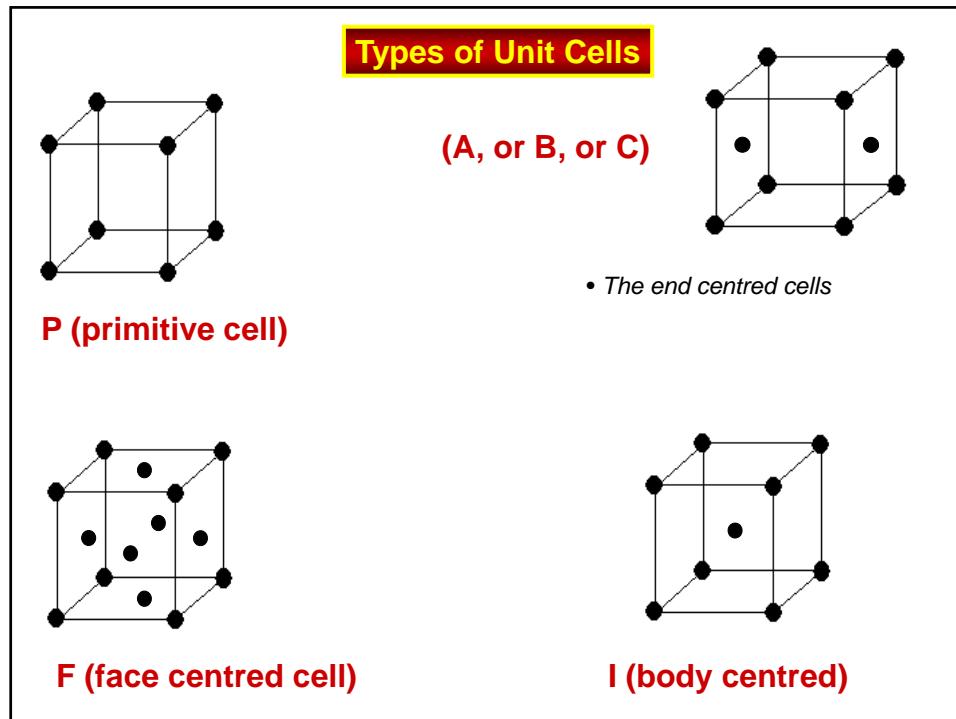
Unit cell: The smallest unit of a crystal that reproduces the crystal by translation along x, y, z



The parameters that define a unit cell are:

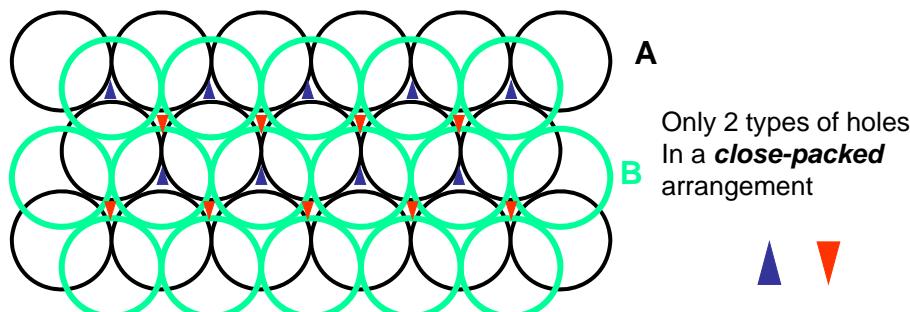
a, b, c = unit cell dimensions along x, y, z respectively

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



IONIC COMPOUNDS: MX_n TYPE LATTICES

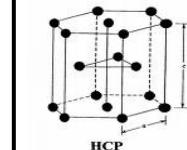
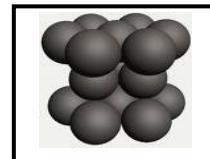
- Anions and cations are represented by spheres of different size.
- The **anion** is larger than the **cation**.
- The **anion** forms a close-packed or non-close packed lattice and the cation fits into the holes.



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

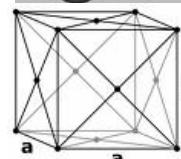
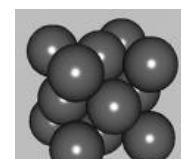
REMEMBER: Hexagonal Close Packing (HCP)

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



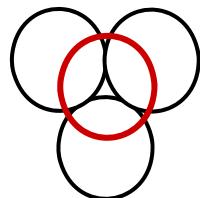
Cubic Close Packed (CCP) (or Face-centred cubic (FCC))

- *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

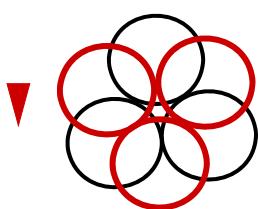
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Tetrahedral holes: CN (cation)=4 as the cation is surrounded by 4 anions



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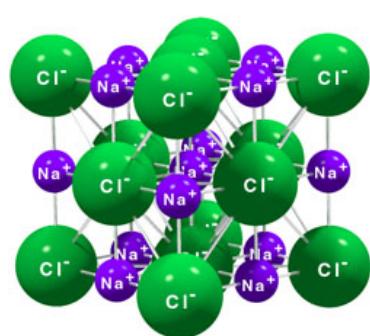
Octahedral holes: CN (cation)=6 as the cation is surrounded by 6 anions



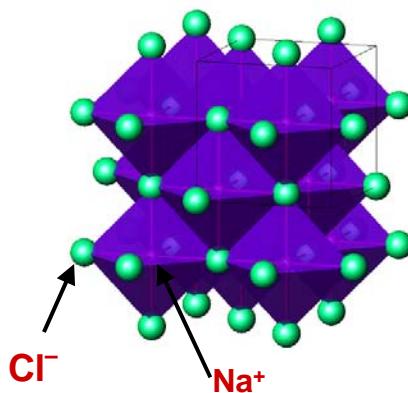
NOTE:

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

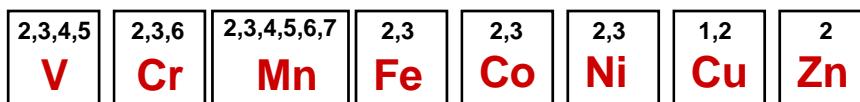
NaCl (Rock-Salt)

Oxidation states

Group Oxidation State

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

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



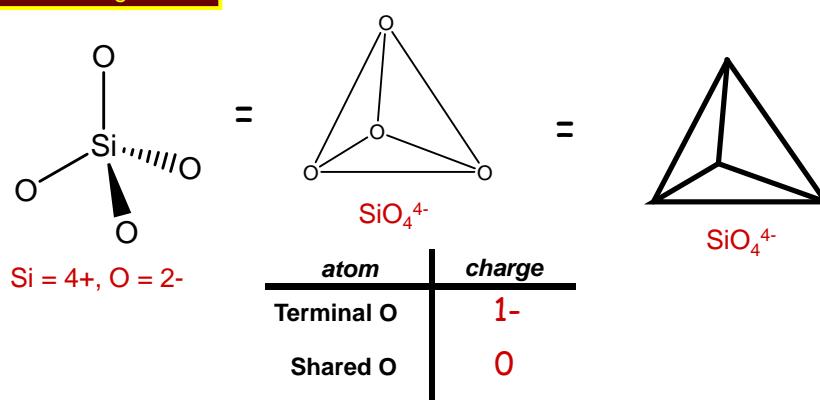
All Ln ions = +3

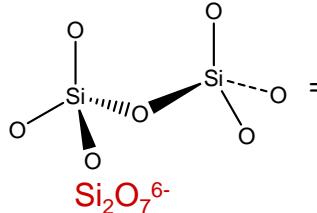
Silicates – minerals comprising Si & O

Minerals = ~90% earth's crust

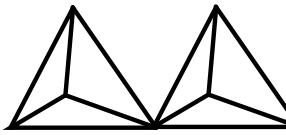
3D materials containing SiO_4^{4-} tetrahedra & M⁺ ions, e.g. K⁺, Na⁺, Mg²⁺

Basic building blocks:





$\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7^{6-}$



$\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7^{6-}$



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

Similar to structure of diamond

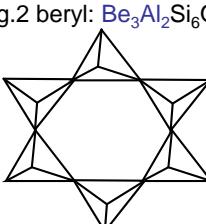
APPLICATIONS

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

Aluminosilicates

e.g.1 orthoclase: KAlSi_3O_8

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



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

- This mineral forms igneous rock. Main component of “moonstone”
- colourless/white – main source of Be metal

$\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}^{12-}$

Emerald = beryl silicate 2% Al^{3+} replaced with **Cr³⁺**

Asbestos (Tremolite)
 $[\text{Ca}_2\text{Mg}_5(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{11})(\text{OH})_2]$

Fibrous - ionic bonds between sheets of silicate anions and $\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ions in between sheets = weak.

$\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{11}^{6-}$

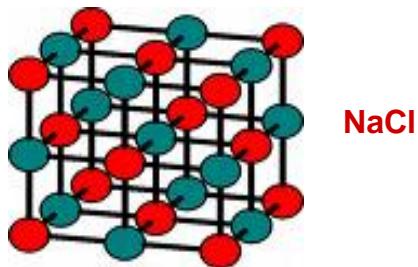
Also known as cyclosilicates

Metal oxides

MO

Transition metal oxides

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

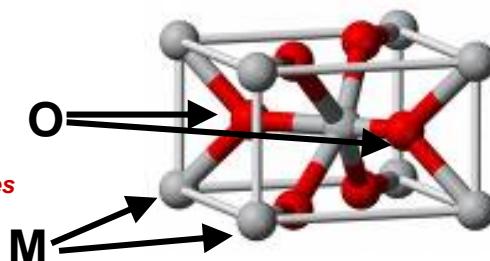


Transition metal oxides (2)

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

$$2 \times O \text{ atoms fully inside cell} = 2$$

$$4 \times O \text{ atoms sharing with another cell face} = 4 \times 0.5 = 2$$

$$\underline{\text{TOTAL O}} = 4$$

$$1 \times M \text{ atom fully inside cell} = 1$$

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

$$\underline{\text{TOTAL M}} = 2$$

→ 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

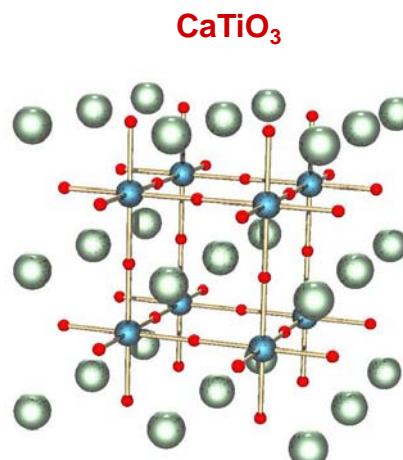
- General Formula ABO_3

- 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

 Cation A (i.e. Ca in CaTiO_3)
 Cation B (Ti in CaTiO_3)
 O anions