

Crystalline Solids

Long range order
Sharp melting point
Anisotropic
Definite enthalpy of fusion
E.g. Sodium chloride and quartz

Amorphous Solids

Short range order
Soften over a range of temperature
Pseudo solids or super cooled liquids
Isotropic
E.g. Quartz glass, rubber, plastics

Non-polar Molecular Solids

Soft and non-conductors of electricity
The atoms or molecules are held by weak dispersion forces or London forces
Low melting points and are usually in liquid or gaseous state at room temperature
E.g. H_2 , Cl_2 , CCl_4 , and I_2

Polar Molecular Solids

Soft and non-conductors of electricity

The atoms or molecules are held by dipole-dipole interactions

Low melting points and are usually in the liquid or gaseous state at room temperature

E.g. Solid SO_2 , HCl , NH_3

Hydrogen Bonded Molecular Solids

Non-conductors of electricity

Molecules are held by hydrogen bonds

Generally they are volatile liquids or soft solids under room temperature

E.g. H_2O (ice)

Ionic Solids

Electrical insulators in the solid state but conduct electricity in the molten state

Cations and anions bound by strong electrostatic forces

High melting and boiling points

Hard and brittle

E.g. NaCl , MgO , ZnS , CaF_2

Metallic Solids

Positive ions surrounded by a sea of free electrons

Show high electrical and thermal conductivity

Lustrous, malleable and ductile

E.g. Fe, Cu, Ag, Mg

Covalent Solids

Network Solids or giant molecules

Hard and brittle

Insulators and non-conductors of electricity (graphite-exception)

Extremely high melting points and may even decompose before melting

E.g. Quartz, diamond, graphite

Cubic Crystal System

Primitive, Body-centred, Face-centred

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a = b = c$

Axial angles - $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$

Examples - NaCl, Zinc blende, Cu

Tetragonal Crystal System

Primitive, Body-centred

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a = b \neq c$

Axial angles - $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$

Examples - White tin, SnO_2 , TiO_2 , CaSO_4

Orthorhombic Crystal System

Primitive, Body-centred, Face-centred, End-centred

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a \neq b \neq c$

Axial angles - $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$

Examples - Rhombic sulphur, KNO_3 , BaSO_4

Hexagonal Crystal System

Primitive

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a = b \neq c$

Axial angles - $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$

Examples - Graphite, ZnO , CdS

Rhombohedral or Trigonal Crystal System

Primitive

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a = b = c$

Axial angles - $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90^\circ$

Examples - Calcite (CaCO_3), HgS (cinnabar)

Monoclinic Crystal System

Primitive, End-centred

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a \neq b \neq c$

Axial angles - $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ, \beta \neq 90^\circ$

Examples - Monoclinic sulphur, $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Triclinic Crystal System

Primitive

Axial distances or edge lengths - $a \neq b \neq c$

Axial angles - $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ$

Examples - $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$, $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, H_3BO_3

Primitive Cubic Unit Cell

Atoms are present only at its corner

Total number of atoms in one unit cell is = 1 atom

Body-centred Cubic (bcc) Unit Cell

An atom at all the corners and also one atom at its body centre

Total number of atoms in one unit cell is = 2 atoms

Face-centred Cubic (fcc) Unit Cell

Atoms at all the corners and at the centre of all the faces of the cube

Total number of atoms in one unit cell is = 4 atoms

Frenkel Defect

Also called dislocation defect

Ionic substances having a large difference in the size of ions

The smaller ion (usually cation) is dislocated

E.g. ZnS, AgCl, AgBr and AgI due to small size of Zn^{2+} and Ag^+ ions

Schottky Defect

Ionic substances having a similar size of ions

The number of missing cations and anions are equal

E.g. NaCl, KCl, CsCl and AgBr

Semiconductors

Solids with conductivities in the intermediate range from 10^{-6} to $10^4 \text{ ohm}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$

Electrical conductivity increases with a rise in temperature

Intrinsic semiconductors - Si and Ge

n-Type Semiconductor

Intrinsic semiconductor (Si and Ge) doped with an electron-rich impurity, i.e. group 15 elements P, As or Sb

p-Type Semiconductor

Intrinsic semiconductor (Si and Ge) doped with an electron-deficit impurity, i.e. group 13 elements like B, Al or Ga

Paramagnetism

Due to the presence of one or more unpaired electrons

Weakly attracted by a magnetic field

Lose their magnetism in the absence of magnetic field

E.g. O_2 , Cu^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Cr^{3+}

Diamagnetism

All the electrons are paired

Weakly repelled by a magnetic field

E.g. H_2O , NaCl and C_6H_6

Ferromagnetism

Attracted very strongly by a magnetic field

Can be permanently magnetised

E.g. iron, cobalt, nickel, gadolinium and CrO_2

Antiferromagnetism

Domains are oppositely oriented and cancel out each other's magnetic moment

E.g. MnO

Ferrimagnetism

Weakly attracted by magnetic field

Lose ferrimagnetism on heating and become paramagnetic

E.g. Fe_3O_4 (magnetite) and ferrite like MgFe_2O_4 and ZnFe_2O_4

