

1.3 Classification of Crystalline Solids

Table 1.2: Different Types of Solids

Type of Solid	Constituent Particles	Bonding/ Attractive Forces	Examples	Physical Nature	Electrical Conductivity	Melting Point
(1) Molecular solids (i) Non polar	Molecules	Dispersion or London forces	Ar, CCl ₄ , H ₂ , I ₂ , CO ₂	Soft	Insulator	Very low
(ii) Polar		Dipole-dipole interactions	HCl, SO ₂	Soft	Insulator	Low
(iii) Hydrogen bonded		Hydrogen bonding	H ₂ O (ice)	Hard	Insulator	Low
(2) Ionic solids	Ions	Coulombic or electrostatic	NaCl, MgO, ZnS, CaF ₂	Hard but brittle	Insulators in solid state but conductors in molten state and in aqueous solutions	High
(3) Metallic solids	Positive ions in a sea of delocalised electrons	Metallic bonding	Fe, Cu, Ag, Mg	Hard but malleable and ductile	Conductors in solid state as well as in molten state	Fairly high
(4) Covalent or network solids	Atoms	Covalent bonding	SiO ₂ (quartz), SiC, C (diamond), C (graphite)	Hard	Insulators	Very high

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Metallic bond

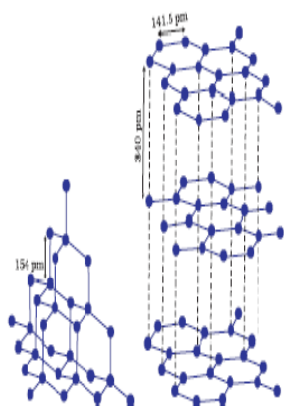
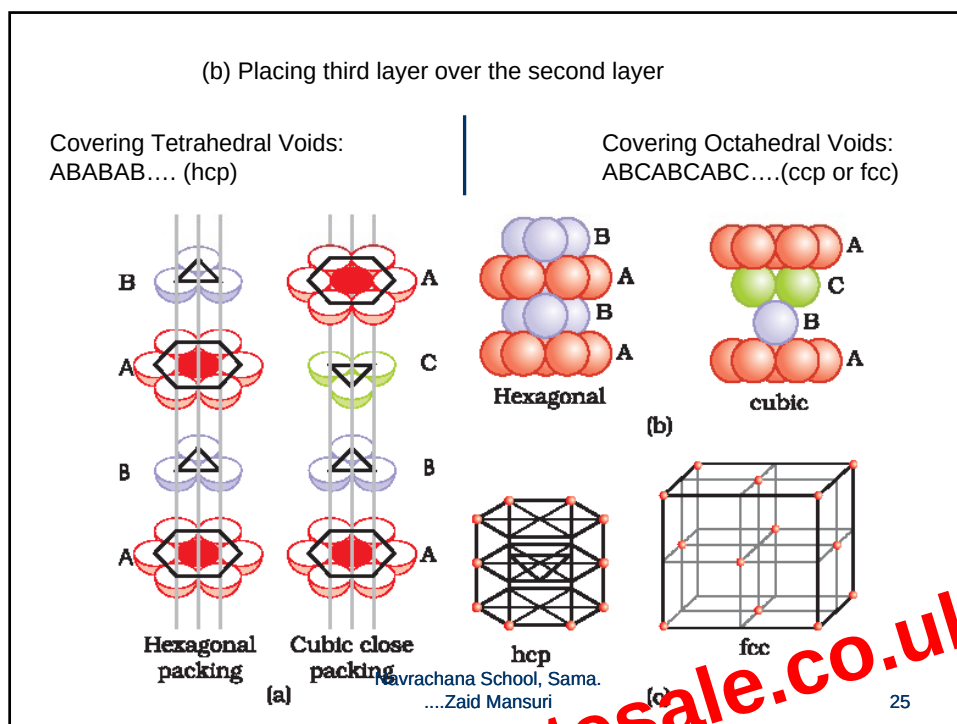


Fig. 1.3: Network structure of diamond

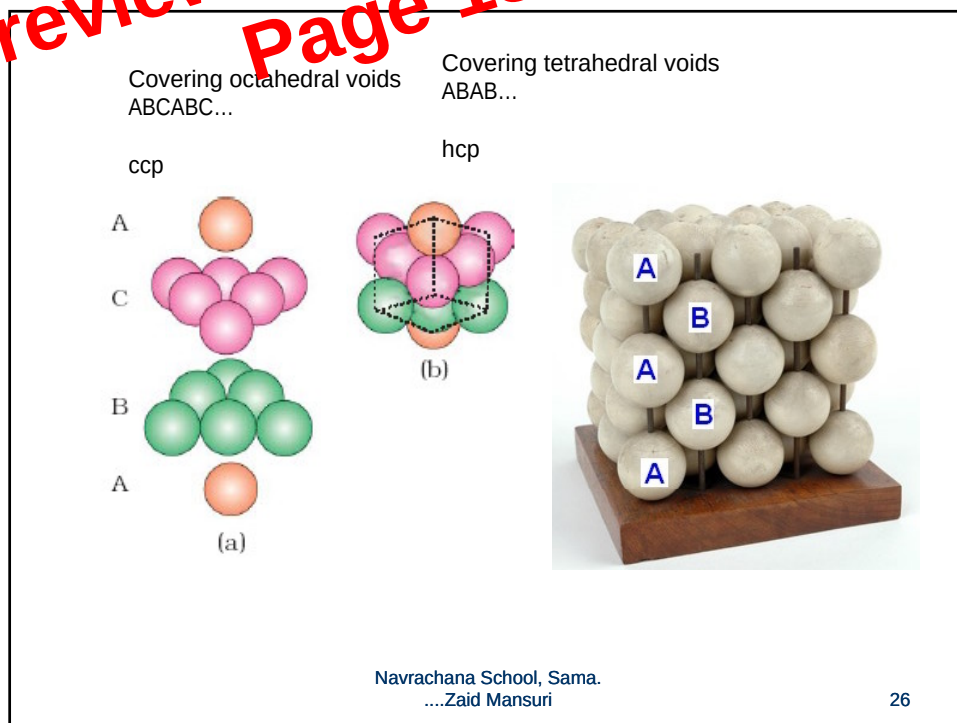
Fig. 1.4: Structure of graphite

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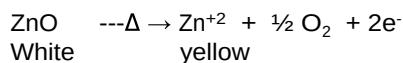
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Due to extra cations
in the interstitial



- O is lost as O_2 reversibly.
- excess of Zn^{+2} occupies the interstitial nearby.
- thus, $Zn_{1+x}O$

Many solids – difficult to prepare in stoichiometric composition

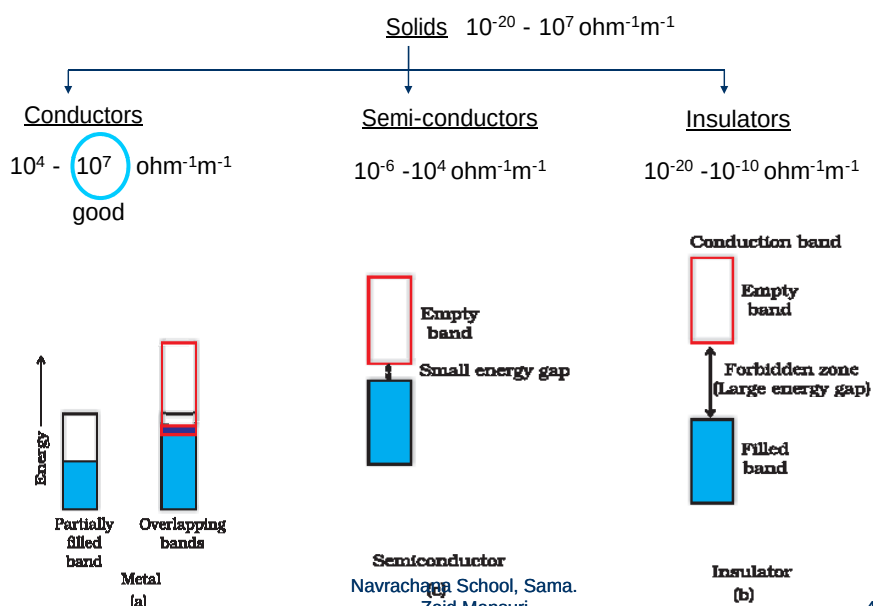
- More anions than metals
- $\text{Fe}_{0.93}\text{O}$ to $\text{Fe}_{0.96}\text{O}$
- some $\text{Fe}^{+2} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{+3} + \text{e}^-$ to maintain the electrical neutrality of the crystal



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1.10 Electrical properties



Ferrimagnetism:

- the magnetic moments of the domains in the substance are aligned in parallel and anti-parallel directions in unequal numbers.
- weakly attracted by magnetic field as compared to ferromagnetic substances.
- Examples: Fe_3O_4 (magnetite) and ferrites like MgFe_2O_4 and ZnFe_2O_4 are examples of such substances.
- These substances also lose ferrimagnetism on heating and become paramagnetic.



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