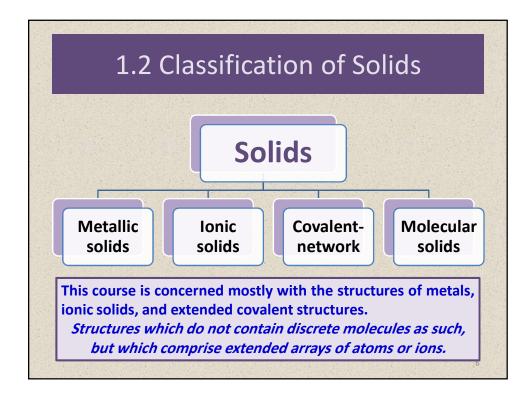
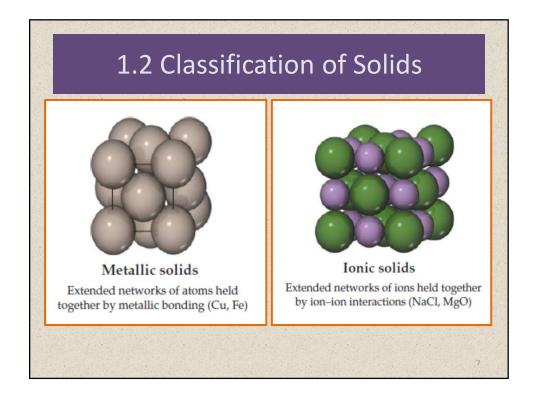
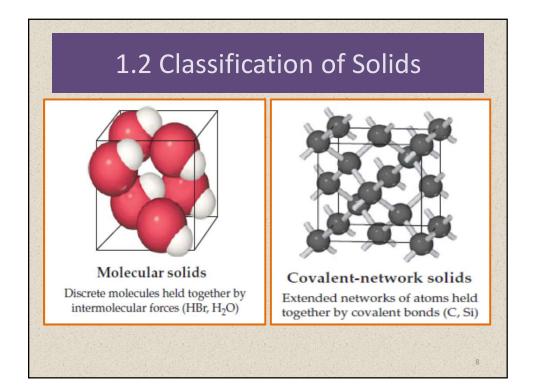


Wh	y to study solids?	
Examples of Sol	ids Applications	
1 Technological	Applications	
Metals/Alloys	e.g. Titanium for aircraft	
Ceramics	e.g., BN, SiC	
Lubricants	e.g. Graphite	
2 Electrical App	lications	
Metallic Conductors	<i>e.g.</i> Cu, Ag	
Semiconductors	<i>e.g.</i> Si, GaAs	
Superconductors	e.g. Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn, YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	
Electrolytes,	e.g. Lil in pacemaker batteries	

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Other Examp	les of Solids Applications
<b>Optical Appl</b>	ications
Appearance	e.g. Precious stone
Pigments	e.g. TiO <sub>2</sub> in paints
Phosphors	e.g. Eu <sup>3+</sup> in Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> is red on TV
Physical/Che	emical Applications
Catalysts	Zeolite ZSM-5 (an alumino silicate) for Oil refining
Sensors	Oxygen sensor, e.g. ZrO <sub>2</sub> /CaO solid solution
Magnetic	CrO <sub>2</sub> , Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> for recording technology







## **1.3 CLOSE-PACKING**

• The structures of many inorganic crystal structures can be discussed in terms of the simple packing of spheres.

• So we will consider the problem of simple packing of spheres, before moving on to the more formal classification of crystals.

