

I Minerals

- A Chemistry (Review Box 5.1, A 1-3 will not be covered in lecture)
 - 1 Atom are composed of
 - a Nucleus
 - b Protons – positive (+) charged species
 - c Neutrons – neutral charge
 - d Shell of electrons – negative (-) charge
 - 2 Elements are defined by its atomic number (number of protons in nucleus)
 - a Mass number – the total number of protons + neutrons
 - b Isotopes – an element in which different mass numbers are possible
 - c i.e. Helium 3 and Helium 4
 - 3 Ions
 - a Cations – positively charged ions
 - b Anions – negatively charged ions
 - c Compounds
 - 4 Types of Bonds
 - a Ionic
 - b Covalent
 - c Metallic
 - d Van der Waals
- B Mineral Definition
 - 1 Naturally occurring
 - 2 Inorganic
 - 3 Solid
 - 4 Orderly Internal Structure
 - 5 Definite chemical composition
- C Physical Properties (used to differentiate minerals, does not define what a mineral is, will not be covered in lecture)
 - 1 Crystal Form – expression of internal arrangement of atoms
 - 2 Luster – appearance or quality of light reflected from the surface of a mineral
 - 3 Color – not a reliable property
 - 4 Streak – color of the mineral's powder
 - 5 Hardness – resistance to abrasion or scratching
 - 6 Cleavage – predictable breakage along planes of weak bonding
 - 7 Fracture – random/unpredictable breakage
 - 8 Specific Gravity – ratio of the weight of the mineral to that of an equal volume of water
 - 9 Taste
 - 10 Feel – i.e. greasy, soapy, etc.
 - 11 Magnetism
 - 12 Reaction to acid
- D Groups of Minerals
 - 1 Over 4000 minerals
 - 2 Only a few dozen are common – rock forming minerals
 - a Oxides
 - b Carbonates

- i Examples: calcite or dolomite
- ii Will react with acid
- iii Form sedimentary rocks
- c Sulfates
- d Sulfides
- e Phosphates
- f Halides
- g Native Elements
- h Silicates
 - i Most common rock forming group of minerals – comprise 95% of Earth's Crust
 - ii Silicon-oxygen tetrahedron (SiO₄)⁻⁴
 - (i) Fundamental building block of silicates
 - (ii) An anion (negatively charged ion) with a -4 charge
 - (iii) Forms compounds by combining tetrahedrons with other tetrahedrons and/or cations (positively charged ions)
 - iii Structures
 - (i) Combination of tetrahedrons produces different structures
 - (ii) Combination occurs as a result of sharing oxygen atoms between tetrahedrons
 - (iii) Isolated tetrahedron
 - 1. 1 silicon to 4 oxygen
 - 2. low silicon content
 - 3. simplest structure – tetrahedrons are connected by ionic bonds with cations, primarily iron and magnesium
 - 4. example: olivine
 - (iv) Chain Structure
 - 1. silicon to 3 oxygen
 - 2. simple structure, some tetrahedrons are connected through sharing (covalent bonds between) oxygen atoms, chains are connected by ionic bonds with cations, primarily iron, magnesium, and calcium
 - 3. example: augite
 - (v) Double Chain Structure
 - 1. 4 silicon to 11 oxygen (1 Si to 2.75 O)
 - 2. Stacking of chains through sharing (covalent bonds between) oxygen atoms, double chains are connected by ionic bonds with cations, primarily iron, magnesium, and calcium
 - 3. Example: hornblende
 - (vi) Sheets Structure
 - 1. 2 silicon to 5 oxygen (1 Si to 2.5 O)
 - 2. Stacking of multiple chains through sharing (covalent bonds between) oxygen atoms, sheets are connected by ionic bonds with cations, (iron, magnesium, sodium, potassium, or calcium)
 - 3. Example: biotite
 - (vii) 3-dimensional complex

1. silicon to 2 oxygen
 2. high silicon content
 3. most complex structure
 4. example: quartz
- iv Ferromagnesium (Mafic) Silicates
- (i) Composed of iron and magnesium
 - (ii) Dark in color
- v Nonferromagnesium (Felsic) Silicates
- (i) Do not have iron and magnesium, rather potassium, sodium, calcium, etc.
 - (ii) Light in color
 - (iii) Lower specific gravity (lighter weight) than ferromagnesium minerals