Bonding in Solids

* Chemists often divide solids into two types:

* Crystalline solids

* Amorphous solids

Amorphous Solids

Have indistinct shapes because their structural units lack order.

* Example: Glass and rubber



Have organized structural units and distinct shapes





* Chemists classify crystalline solids into five categories



* Atomic Solids - Covalent Non-polar

- Individual atoms held together by London Dispersion Forces
- * Very low melting and boiling points
- * Very rare (Noble gases in solid state)



* Molecular Solids- Covalent Polar

* Stronger dipole-dipole forces giving them higher melting and boiling points then atomic



* Network Solids

* Covalently bonded to form 3D structures.

Often form crystalline structures in carbon-based solids





* Array of ions, arrange in a crystal lattice structure.





Free electrons pool around metal cations.

Strong bonding leads to high boiling and melting points.