

# Elements – (Metals)

Only responsible for portion of notes discussed in class  
not responsible for extra topics listed in second part of these notes below

## Properties of Metals

### **Properties:**

- 1) Electrical and thermal conduction
- 2) Luster
- 3) Deform under stress without cleaving
- 4) Form positive ions

### **Why:**

- 1) Electrical and thermal conduction

Electrical and thermal conduction because of movement of free electrons while metals cations remain fixed

- 2) Luster

Electrons are excited to higher energy state by light all wavelengths.

Electrons fall back to lower levels and re-emit light so metals have shiny surface.

- 3) Deform under stress without cleaving

Held together by mobile electrons

Ductile – drawn into wire

Malleable – pounded into plate

- 4) Form positive ions

Metals readily lose one or more electrons since electron configuration is such that many inner electrons shield full charge of nucleus and so outer electrons are not as strongly held. For example K forms  $K^+$  but Cl is apt to gain electron to become  $Cl^-$ . Notice that both  $K^+$  and  $Cl^-$  are isoelectronic (same electronic configuration as) with noble gas Ar.

High Density because of close packed arrangement and many metals have 12 nearest neighbors

Group 1 and group 2 metals are exceptions to above in that they are soft metals

They have largest radii and smallest masses

Most metals have high M.P. and B.P. which shows the strength of the metallic bond

## Occurrence

Some pure metals – native metals

example - gold (not reactive)

Most metals obtain from oxides

example iron oxide

or from carbonates or sulfides converted to oxides

### Group 1 (IA) metals- alkali metals

List		Outermost e
Li	Lithium	$2s^1$
Na	Sodium	$3s^1$
K	Potassium	$4s^1$
Rb	Rubidium	$5s^1$
Cs	Cesium	$6s^1$
Fr	Francium (rare)	$7s^1$

### Properties

Compared to other metals

Low density

Low melting point, low boiling point (Cs M.P. = 29 °C)

Soft (can cut with steel knife)

Have one electron beyond noble gas so form +1 ions

easy to get off first electron, difficult to get off 2<sup>nd</sup> electron

Good reducing agents because they will undergo oxidation

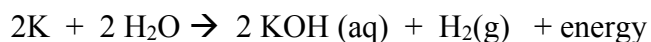
$Li \rightarrow Li^+ + e^-$  occurs readily

### Reaction examples

With chlorine gas

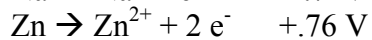
$2K(s) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2 KCl (s)$  where made of  $K^+$  cations and  $Cl^-$  anions

Can have explosive reaction with water - more reactive as go down group

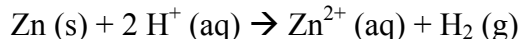


Metals have strong tendency to oxidize +  $E^0_{ox}$

The larger the + $E^0_{ox}$  the more the energetic the reaction



Less reactive metals will react with acid in water



## Group 2 (IIA) Metals – alkaline earth metals

### List

Be	Beryllium	$2s^2$
Mg	Magnesium	$3s^2$
Ca	Calcium	$4s^2$
Sr	Strontium	$5s^2$
Ba	Barium	$6s^2$

### Properties and Reactions

Second most reactive metals

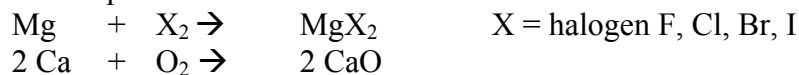
Not found free in nature

Produced by electrolysis of molten chlorides

M.P. much greater than Group 1 metals (Sr M.P. =  $800^\circ\text{C}$ , Cs M.P. =  $29^\circ\text{C}$ )

Tend to form +2 ions

Reaction examples



## Group 13 (IIIA) Metals

### List

Al	Aluminum
Ga	Gallium
In	Indium
Tl	Thallium

### Properties

Al is most abundant metal of earth's crust (8%)

other Group 13 metals found in trace amounts

Al important in containers and light weight parts

Al tends to form 3+ ions

## Group 14 (IVA) metals

### List

Ge	Germanium
Sn	Tin
Pb	Lead

### Properties

Form +4, +2 oxidation states

But not +4 ions, +4 ox. nu. is associated with covalent compounds

Generally form covalent compounds rather than ions - example  $\text{PbCl}_4$  is actually covalent and not ionic because metal is more like nonmetal and less like metal in some ways.

## Group 3 – 12 (IIIB – IIB)- Transition Metals

### Properties

High M.P. and B.P. (Group 3 exception Zn, Cd, Hg)  
Extreme example Hg liquid at room temp.

Good conductors of electricity and heat  
(Group 11 are outstanding conductors Cu, Ag, Au)

Electronic configuration:

Filling of d orbitals

Variety of oxidation states possible for transition metals

Be aware of range of possibilities

+1 important only for  $\text{Cu}^+$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Au}^+$ ,  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$

+2 important for 4<sup>th</sup> period (s orbital  $e^-$  come off first)

Maximum ox. nu. in middle of d period

Unpaired electrons cause many transition metal compounds to be:  
colored solids (most pure organic compounds are white solids)  
and paramagnetic (attracted to a magnetic field –  
unpaired electrons are like tiny magnets in atoms)

### Relative Reactivity

Observe that gold does not react in hydrochloric or nitric acid (a classic test for gold) while zinc reacts with both and copper with only nitric.

	HCl(aq)	HNO <sub>3</sub> (aq)
Zn	Yes	Yes
Cu	No	Yes
Au	No	No

So therefore the relative reactivity is: Zn > Cu > Au

Air oxidation of metals causes corrosion that destroys metal and changes properties  
Rust costs billions of dollars a year. Gold is prized for jewelry because it does not react.

### **Lanthanides (inner transition elements)**

#### List

Elements number 51 through 71 (see Periodic Table)

Filling of 4f orbitals

#### Properties and Reactions

Lanthanide contraction- atomic ionic radii decrease with increasing atomic number because 4f orbitals are not outermost

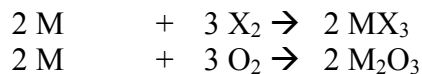
Also because 4f are not outermost, addition of electrons does not cause much variation in properties

Chemistry of lanthanides are all very similar

All form +3 oxidation state through loss of 2 s e<sup>-</sup> and 1 f e<sup>-</sup>

Elements are very difficult to separate and are frequently found as mixtures of lanthanide elements in nature

Very Reactive:



## Extra Topics in Chemistry 1120 Metals given below (will not cover)

### Metallic Bond and Conduction

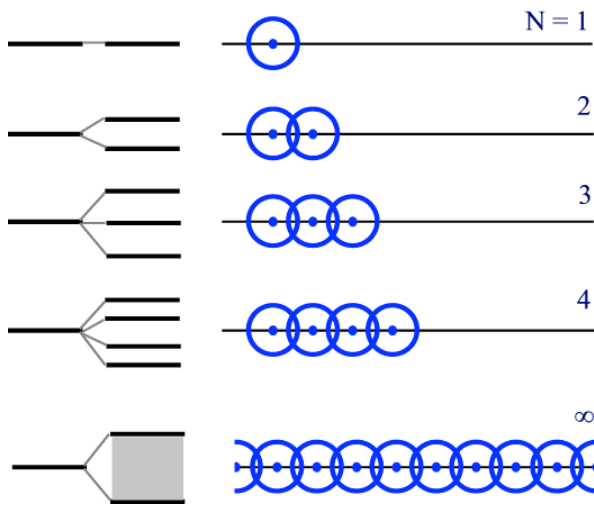
Array of positive ions surrounded by outer electrons

Because low electronegativities, ionization energies of outer e<sup>-</sup> are loosely held and free to move

Energy band within crystal

Each atom brings to the crystal certain orbitals and the orbitals may be partially or completely filled

Bands                      energy level (in diagram below energy increases going down usually higher energy level as you go up in diagram)



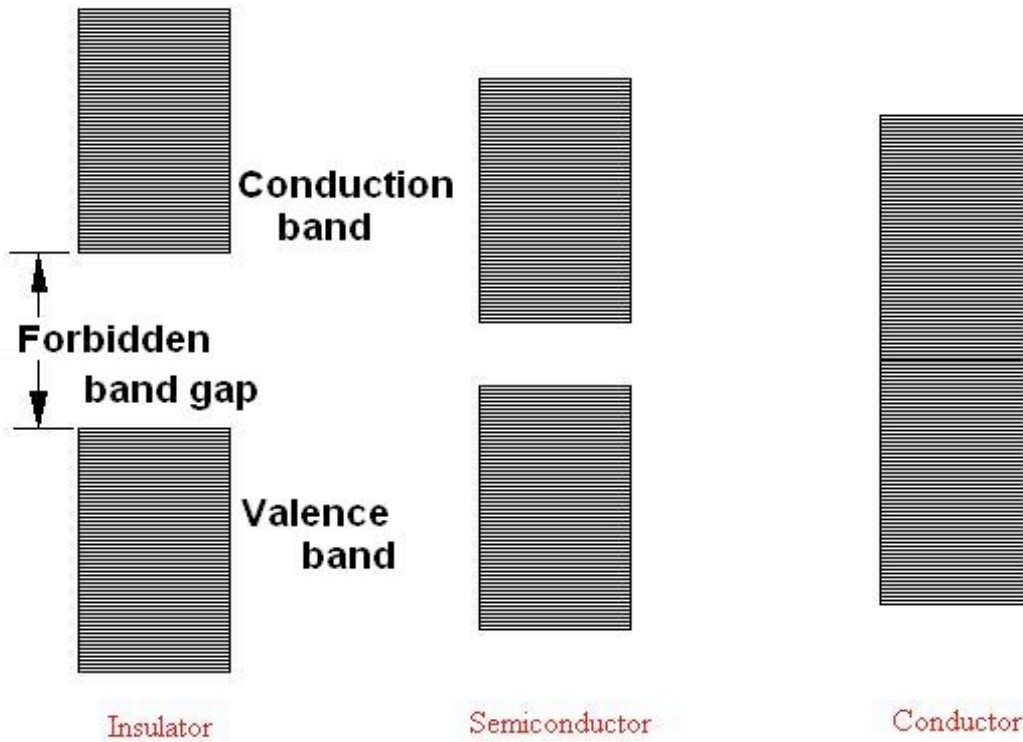
<http://www.chem.queensu.ca/people/faculty/mombourquette/FirstYrChem/Molecular/bands/index.asp>

N orbitals form band with N levels can contain 2N electrons since can have 2 e<sup>-</sup> in orbital

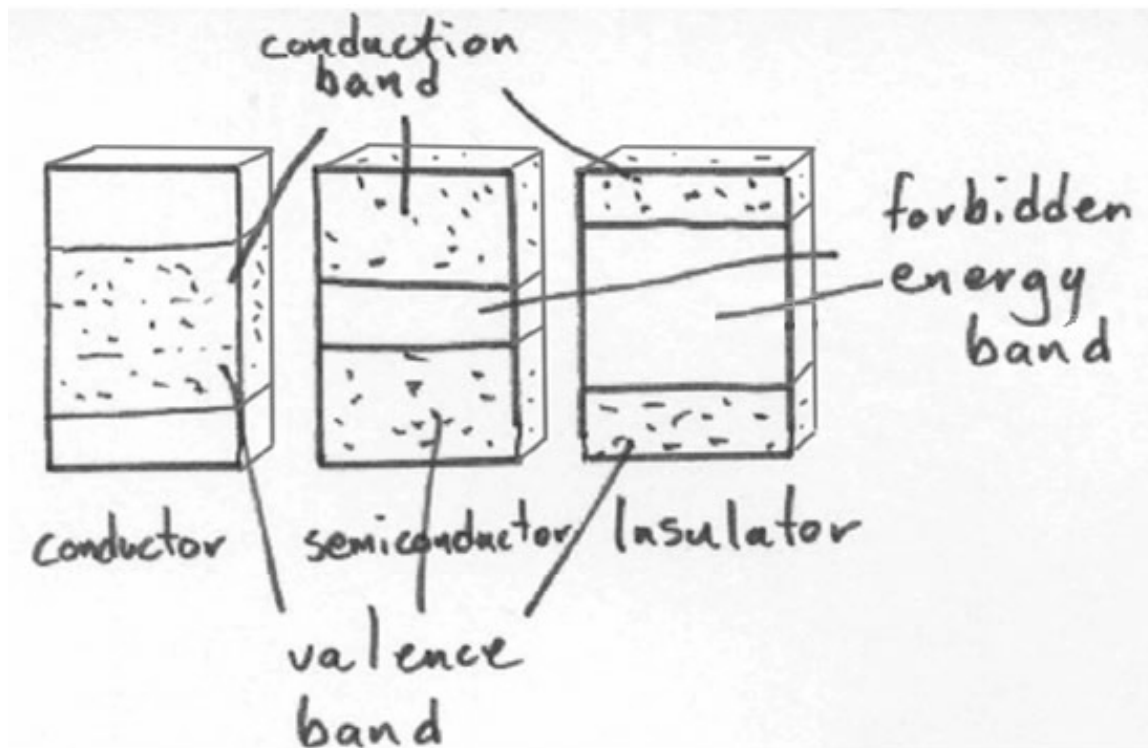
Valence band- band formed from outer electrons

Conduction band- empty sites available for electrons to move in

Forbidden energy zone (band gap)- gap between energy bands



<http://neon.chem.uidaho.edu/~honors/bands.html>



[http://hsc.csu.edu.au/physics/core/implementation/9\\_4\\_3/943net.html](http://hsc.csu.edu.au/physics/core/implementation/9_4_3/943net.html)

Electronic Conductivity of semiconductor increases with increase in temperature so the electrons move up to the conduction band.

Electronic conductivity of metals decreases with increase in temperature so the vibration of atoms limits flow of electrons.

Extrinsic Semiconductor- semiconductor in which impurities have been added

Si, Ge diamond lattice 4 valence e-

Low conductivity

Add B (low concentration) with 1B/ million Si atoms will change conductivity by factor of 100000

P- type semiconductor

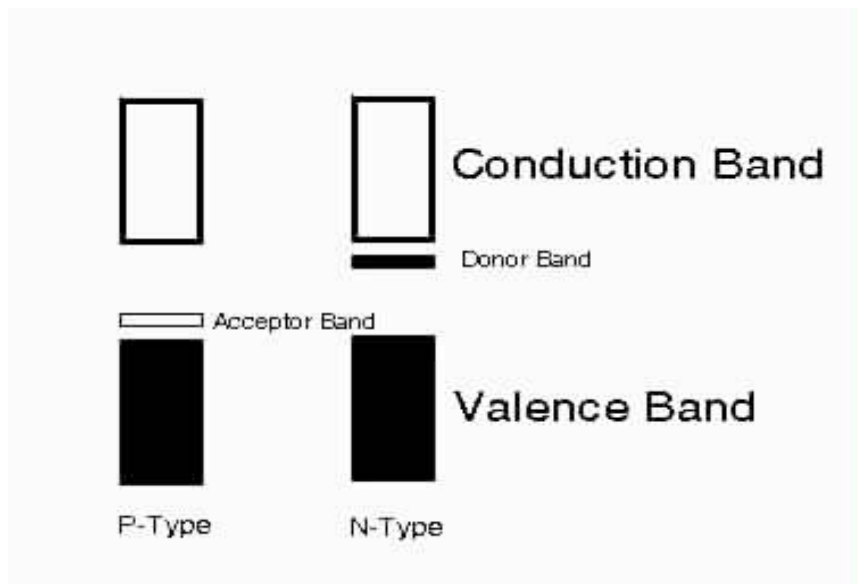
Add IIIA (group 3) element

B three valence e- to bulk Si create a hole vacancy neutral charge but e- can move

N-type semiconductor

Add VA (group 5) element

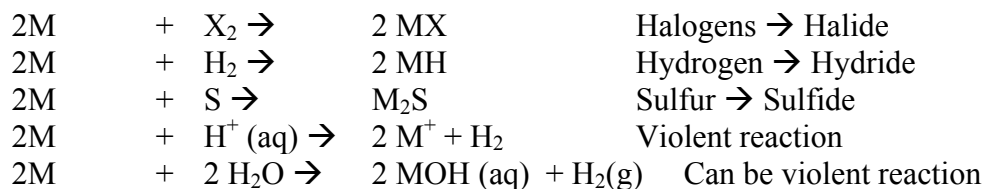
P five valence e- to bulk Si creates an extra electron



<http://www.chembio.uoguelph.ca/educmat/chm729/band/psemi.htm>

## Group 1 (IA) metals- alkali metals (more)

### Reactions



### Production – Laboratory

Very Reactive metals – react with water

Group 1 Li, Na, K, Rb explosive reaction

Group 2 Ca, Sr, Ba vigorous



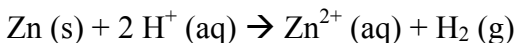
Oxidation:  $2 \text{Na} \rightarrow 2 \text{Na} + 2 \text{e}^-$

Reduction:  $2 \text{e}^- + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2 \text{OH}^- + \text{H}_2$

Metals have strong tendency to oxidize  $+E^\circ_{\text{ox}}$

The larger the  $+E^\circ_{\text{ox}}$  the more the energetic the reaction

Less reactive metals will react with acid in water



$\text{Na} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^-$  +2.71V more reactive than Zn

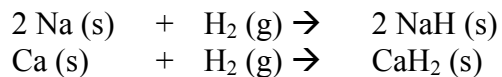
$\text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2 \text{e}^-$  +.76 V

### Reactions - metals

Because of the high bond energy, most reactions with H<sub>2</sub> require high temperature to form metal hydrides

Salt-like Hydrides (M<sup>+</sup> H<sup>-</sup> like ionic solids)

Group 1 and heavy Group 2 (Ca, Sr, Ba)



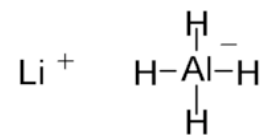
## Interstitial Hydrides

Pt, Pd, Ni

Hydrogen absorbed H-H bond broken, atomic hydrogen is found between layers of metal

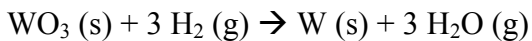
## Complex Hydrides

Lithium Aluminum hydride



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LiAlH4>

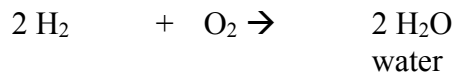
with metal oxides to produce water and metal



Commercial production of tungsten is an expensive process

Reactions – Non metals

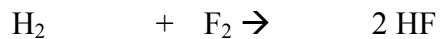
Oxygen



water

High T to start, oxyhydrogen torch 2800°C, space shuttle engines

Halogens

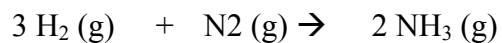


Hydrogen fluoride

F<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub> room temp

Br<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>2</sub> 300°C

Nitrogen

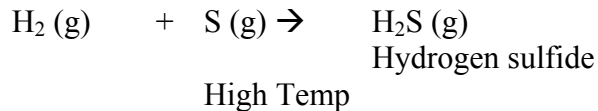


Fe catalyst

500 atm, 500°C

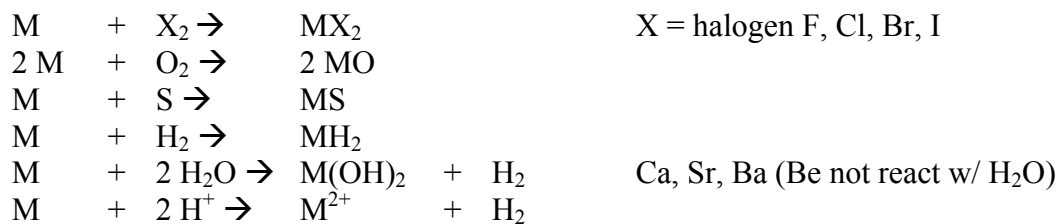
Haber process used to make ammonia

## Sulfur



## Group 2 (IIA) Metals – alkaline earth metals (more)

### Reactions



Compare solubility of Group 1 and Group 2 salts

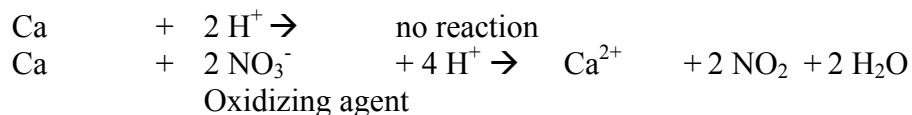
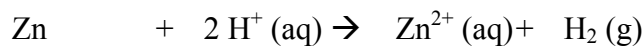
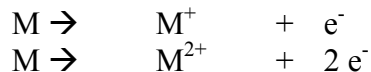
Most group 1 metal salts are very soluble

A number of group 2 metal salts are low solubility

OH <sup>-</sup>	Hydroxide
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Sulfate
CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Carbonate
C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Oxalates
F <sup>-</sup>	Fluorides
CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Chromates

### Metals Reducing Agents

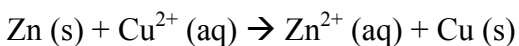
Metals have low ionization energy, small electron affinity, and easily lose electrons to become positive



Ease of oxidation is same as reactivity with H<sup>+</sup>

Group 1 is most reactive (lowest ionization energy) and Group 2 is less reactive

Compare ability of one metal to react by oxidizing another

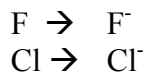


So Zn is more reactive than Cu because it is more easily oxidized or causes Cu to be reduced

Can quantify relative reactivity in electrochemistry chapter

### Nonmetals as Oxidizing Agents

Strongest oxidizing agents are found going up and across to the right of the periodic table



F will go to an ion more than Cl

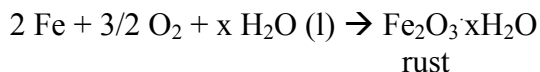


Cl is reduced (gain e)

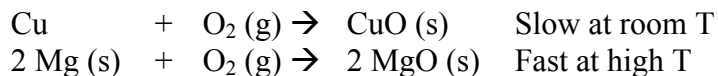
Br is oxidized (lose e)

Reactions with Oxygen:

Metals-

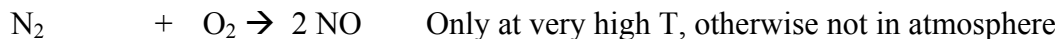
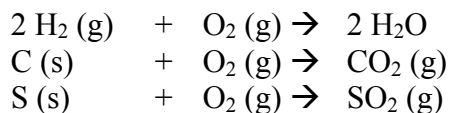


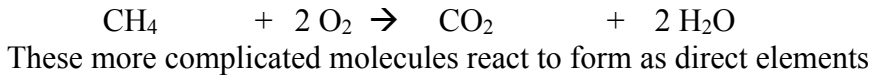
Iron oxide crystal includes water molecules



Can predict product if unique ox nu of metal

Nonmetals-

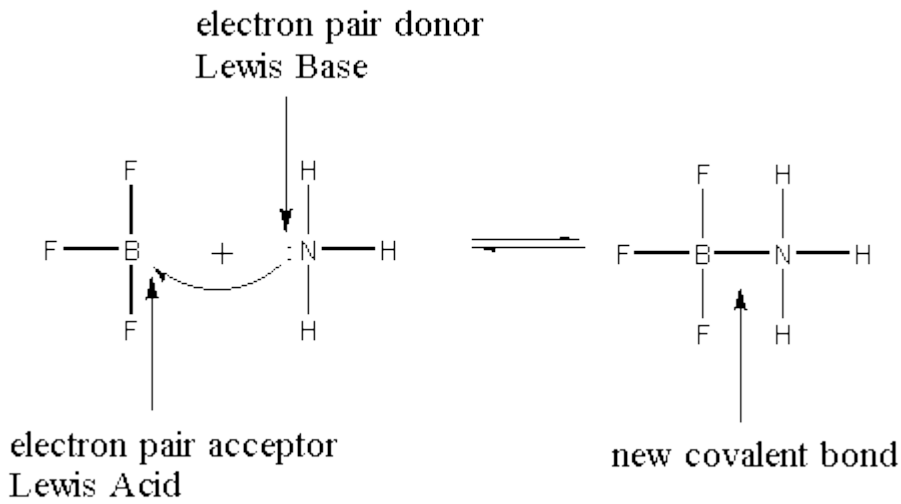




### Lewis Acids and Bases

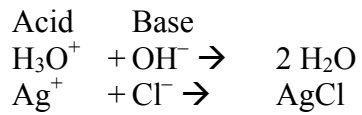
Lewis acid- electron pair acceptor

Lewis base – electron pair donor



<http://bilbo.chm.uri.edu/CHM112/lectures/Image1110.gif>

Bronsted Lowry acid and base also fits Lewis definition but there is also a more general definition



### Ore

Naturally occurring material from which pure metal may be extracted

Ores when mined include other unwanted materials such as silica, clay, granite, and gangue (worthless rocks in which minerals are found)

## Metallurgy

extraction of metals from ores and converting into usable form

Three stages

1. preliminary treatment – desired part of ore concentrated impurities removed or mineral converted to another form
2. reduction – metal compound reduced to free metal
3. refining – metal purified and if needed other substances added to give desired product

### Preliminary Treatment

Concentration of ore removal of gangue

Physical separation

Mineral particles may be separated by floatation

Oil – mineral particles go into oil

Water – used to remove gangue

Chemical separation

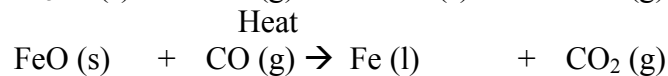
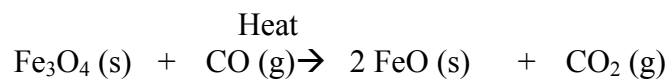
Example make steel from  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

Iron containing ore crushed

Magnetic  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  separated from gangue by attracting it with electromagnets

### Reduction

Reduction in blast furnace



Hot air reacts with carbon to form CO

Gives off heat

CO reacts with iron oxide

### Refining

Pig iron contains up to 40% C, 2% Si, P, S

These impurities are removed by direct stream of high pressure oxygen into pig iron

Oxides formed as gases and removed by stream of oxygen

Steel- other metals added as needed to improve properties