

The Structure of Atoms and Periodic Trends

Chapter Six Part 2

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Periodic Table of the Elements

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Arrangement of Electrons in Atoms

Electrons in atoms are arranged as

SHELLS (n)
↓
SUBSHELLS (l)
↓
ORBITALS (m)



Arrangement of Electrons in Atoms

Each orbital can be assigned no more than 2 electrons!

This is tied to the existence of a 4th quantum number, the electron spin quantum number, m_s .

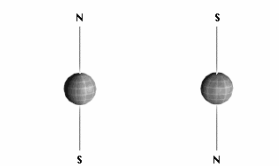
m_s arises naturally when relativity (Einstein) combined with quantum mechanics (Paul Dirac)



Paul Dirac

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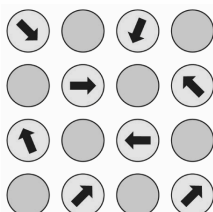


Electron Spin Quantum Number, m_s

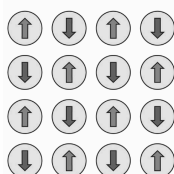
Electron spin can be proven experimentally. Two spin directions are given by m_s where $m_s = +1/2$ and $-1/2$. Leads to magnetism in atoms and ions

Magnetism

In diamagnetic systems, all electron spins are paired - no net magnetic moment.



In paramagnetic systems, unpaired spins present. Magnetic fields randomly arranged unless placed in an external magnetic field.



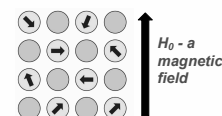
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Magnetism

In ferromagnetic substances the orientations of magnetic fields from unpaired electrons are affected by spins from electrons around them.

When an external field is applied and then removed, the substance maintains the magnetic moment and becomes a permanent magnet.



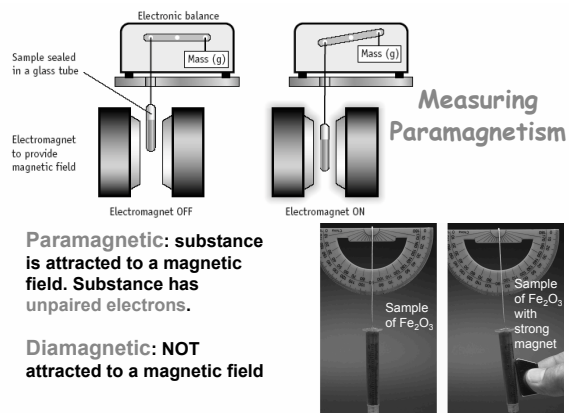
Electron Spin Quantum Number



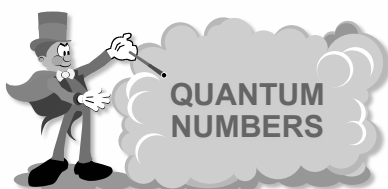
Diamagnetic: NOT attracted to a magnetic field; spin paired.

Paramagnetic: substance is attracted to a magnetic field. Substance has unpaired electrons.

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n ---> shell	1, 2, 3, 4, ...
l ---> subshell	0, 1, 2, ... (n - 1)
m_l ---> orbital	-l ... 0 ... +l
m_s ---> electron spin	$+\frac{1}{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{2}$

See: [Quantum Numbers Handout](#)

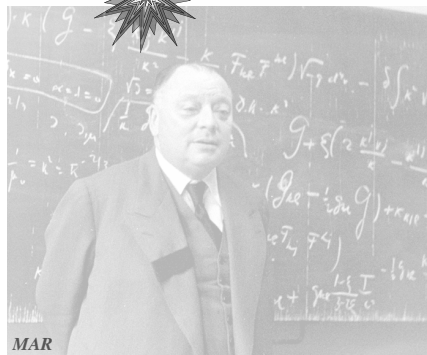
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Pauli Exclusion Principle

No two electrons in the same atom can have the same set of 4 quantum numbers.

That is, each electron has a unique address which will consist of its own values of n , l , m_l and m_s .



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Wolfgang Pauli

Electrons in Atoms - the Pauli Exclusion Principle

When $n = 1$, then $l = 0$ and $m_l = 0$

this shell has a single orbital (1s) to which

2e- can be assigned

$n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$ - this is electron #1

$n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$ - this is electron #2

When $n = 2$, then $l = 0$ (s), 1 (p)

2s orbital 2e-

three 2p orbitals 6e-

TOTAL = 8e-

"No two electrons in the same atom can have the same set of 4 quantum numbers."

	n	l	m_l	m_s	
1	2	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2s
2	2	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	2s
3	2	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2p
4	2	1	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	2p
5	2	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2p
6	2	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	2p
7	2	1	+1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2p
8	2	1	+1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	2p

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Electrons in Atoms

When $n = 3$, then $l = 0$ (s), 1 (p), 2 (d)

3s orbital 2e-

three 3p orbitals 6e-

five 3d orbitals 10e-

TOTAL = 18e-

Each electron has its own set of four quantum numbers!



Wolfgang Pauli

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	n	l	m_l	m_s	
1	3	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	3s
2	3	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3s
3	3	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3p
4	3	1	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3p
5	3	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	3p
6	3	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3p
7	3	1	+1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3p
8	3	1	+1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3p
9	3	2	-2	$\frac{1}{2}$	3d
10	3	2	-2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3d
11	3	2	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3d
12	3	2	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3d
13	3	2	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	3d
14	3	2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3d
15	3	2	+1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3d
16	3	2	+1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3d
17	3	2	+2	$\frac{1}{2}$	3d
18	3	2	+2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3d

Electrons in Atoms

electron number	n	l	m _l	m _s	
1	4	0	0	1/2	4s
2	4	0	0	-1/2	4s
3	4	1	-1	1/2	4p
4	4	1	-1	-1/2	4p
5	4	1	0	1/2	4p
6	4	1	0	-1/2	4p
7	4	1	+1	1/2	4p
8	4	1	+1	-1/2	4p
9	4	2	-2	1/2	4d
10	4	2	-2	-1/2	4d
11	4	2	-1	1/2	4d
12	4	2	-1	-1/2	4d
13	4	2	0	1/2	4d
14	4	2	0	-1/2	4d
15	4	2	+1	1/2	4d
16	4	2	+1	-1/2	4d
17	4	2	+2	1/2	4d
18	4	2	+2	-1/2	4d

When $n = 4$, $l = 0(s), 1(p), 2(d), 3(f)$

4s orbital

three 4p orbitals

five 4d orbitals

seven 4f orbitals

TOTAL =

2e-

6e-

10e-

14e-

32e-

and so on
and so on...



electron number	n	l	m _l	m _s	
19	4	3	-3	1/2	4f
20	4	3	-3	-1/2	4f
21	4	3	-2	1/2	4f
22	4	3	-2	-1/2	4f
23	4	3	-1	1/2	4f
24	4	3	-1	-1/2	4f
25	4	3	0	1/2	4f
26	4	3	0	-1/2	4f
27	4	3	+1	1/2	4f
28	4	3	+1	-1/2	4f
29	4	3	+2	1/2	4f
30	4	3	+2	-1/2	4f
31	4	3	+3	1/2	4f
32	4	3	+3	-1/2	4f

Electron Shell (n)	Subshells Available	Orbitals Available (2l + 1)	Number of Electrons Possible in Subshell [2(2l + 1)]	Maximum Electrons Possible for nth Shell (2n ²)
1	s	1	2	2
2	s	1	2	8
	p	3	6	
3	s	1	2	18
	p	3	6	
	d	5	10	
4	s	1	2	32
	p	3	6	
	d	5	10	
	f	7	14	
5	s	1	2	50
	p	3	6	
	d	5	10	
	f	7	14	
	g*	9	18	
6	s	1	2	72
	p	3	6	
	d	5	10	
	f*	7	14	
	g*	9	18	
	h*	11	22	

*These orbitals are not used in the ground state of any known element.

Distribution of Electrons in Shells

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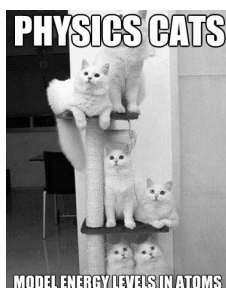
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Assigning Electrons to Atoms

Electrons generally assigned to orbitals of successively higher energy.

For H atoms, $E = -Rhc(1/n^2)$. E depends only on n.

For many-electron atoms, energy depends on both n and l... introducing the "n + l" rule



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Assigning Electrons to Subshells

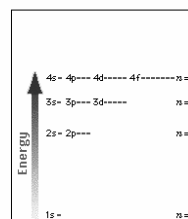
In H atom all subshells of same n have same energy.

In many-electron atom:

a) subshells increase in energy as value of $n + l$ increases. (The important $n + l$ rule)

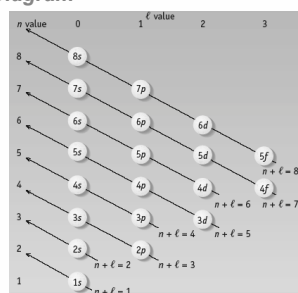
b) for subshells of same $n + l$, subshell with lower n is lower in energy.

See [Electron Configurations Handout](#)



Using the $n + l$ rule assumes zero point energy - the lowest energy state possible, or ground state

An Aufbau Diagram



Electron Filling Order

Aufbau comes from a German word meaning "building up", formulated by Bohr and Pauli in 1920s

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Writing Atomic Electron Configurations

Two ways of writing configs. One is called the spectroscopic or "spdf" notation.

SPECTROSCOPIC NOTATION for H, atomic number = 1

1 s ← no. of electrons
↑ value of n ↑ value of l

Writing Atomic Electron Configurations

Two ways of writing configs. Other is called the orbital box notation.

ORBITAL BOX NOTATION for He, atomic number = 2

$1s^2$



Arrows depict electron spin

One electron has $n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = +1/2$
Other electron has $n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = -1/2$

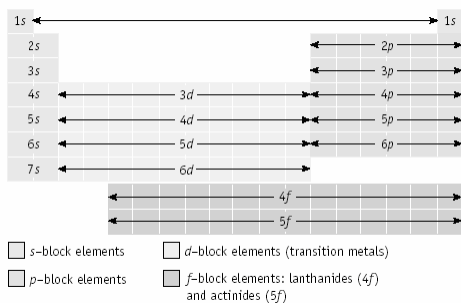
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Atomic Electron Configurations

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Atomic Electron Configurations Diagram

Electron Configurations and the Periodic Table



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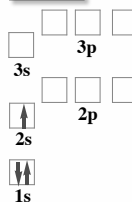
Lithium

Group 1A

Atomic number = 3

$1s^2 2s^1 \rightarrow$ 3 total electrons

paramagnetic



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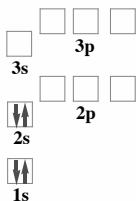
Beryllium

Group 2A

Atomic number = 4

$1s^2 2s^2 \rightarrow$ 4 total electrons

diamagnetic



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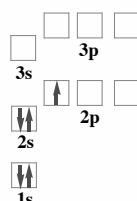
Boron

Group 3A

Atomic number = 5

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^1 \rightarrow$

5 total electrons
paramagnetic



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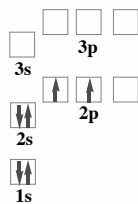
Carbon

Group 4A

Atomic number = 6

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 \rightarrow$

6 total electrons
paramagnetic



Here we see for the first time **HUND'S RULE**. When placing electrons in a set of orbitals having the same energy, we place them singly as long as possible.



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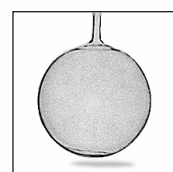
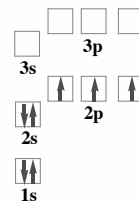
Nitrogen

Group 5A

Atomic number = 7

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 \rightarrow$

7 total electrons
paramagnetic



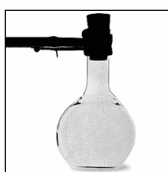
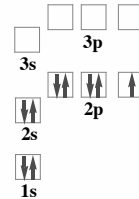
Fluorine

Group 7A

Atomic number = 9

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 \rightarrow$

9 total electrons
paramagnetic



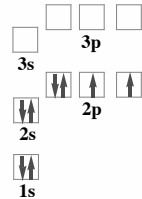
Oxygen

Group 6A

Atomic number = 8

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^4 \rightarrow$

8 total electrons
paramagnetic



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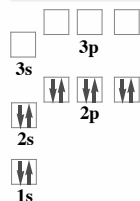
Neon

Group 8A

Atomic number = 10

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 \rightarrow$

10 total electrons
diamagnetic

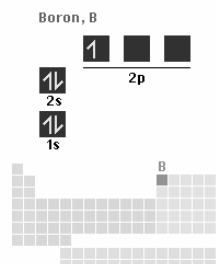


Note that we have reached the end of the 2nd period, and the 2nd shell is full!

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Electron Configurations of p-Block Elements



Sodium

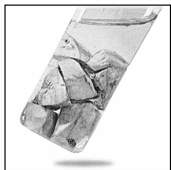
Group 1A

Atomic number = 11

 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ or"neon core" + $3s^1$ $[\text{Ne}] 3s^1$ (uses noble gas notation)

And: we have begun a new period!

All Group 1A elements have

 $[\text{core}]ns^1$ configurations.

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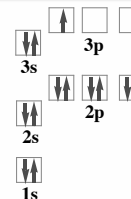
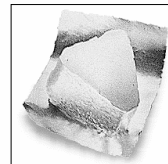
Aluminum

Group 3A

Atomic number = 13

 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$ or $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^1$

All Group 3A elements have

 $[\text{core}] ns^2 np^1$ configurations where n is the period number.* some have $(n-1)d^{10}$ as well

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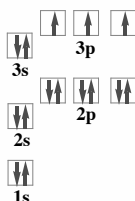
Phosphorus

Group 5A

Atomic number = 15

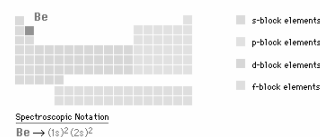
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$ or $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^3$

All Group 5A elements have

 $[\text{core}] ns^2 np^3$ configurations where n is the period number.* some have $(n-1)d^{10}$ also

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Relationship of Electron Configuration and Region of the Periodic Table



Gray = s block

Orange = p block

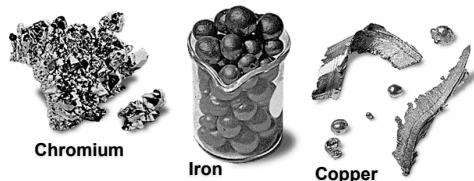
Green = d block

Violet = f block

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Transition Metals

All transition metals have the configuration $[\text{core}]ns^x(n-1)d^y$ and so are "d-block" elements.



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Fourth Period Electron Configurations

K	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1$
Ca	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2$
Sc	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^1$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2 3d^1$
Ti	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^2$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2 3d^2$
V	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^3$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2 3d^3$
Cr	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1 3d^5$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1 3d^5$
Mn	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^5$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2 3d^5$
Cu	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1 3d^{10}$	or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1 3d^{10}$

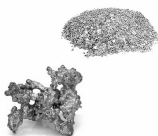
Note:
exceptions!

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Electron Configuration Anomalies

Cr $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1 3d^5$ or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1 3d^5$

Cu $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1 3d^{10}$ or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1 3d^{10}$



Chromium, copper and other elements do not follow the $n + l$ filling orders

Anomalies arise from stability associated with half-filled and completely filled d-subshells.

Know how $n + l$ rule works, and know that anomalies exist on the periodic table

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Lanthanides and Actinides

All these elements have the configuration $[\text{core}] ns^2 (n-1)d^1 (n-2)f^z$ and so are "f-block" elements

Exceptions exist:

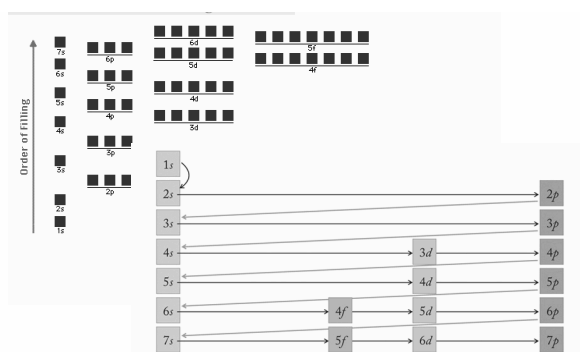


Cerium
 $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 5d^1 4f^1$
 $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 4f^2$ expected



Uranium
 $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2 6d^1 5f^3$
 $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2 5f^4$ expected

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Electron Configurations Filling Order

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Transition Metals

Iron:

Zinc:

Technetium:

Niobium:

Osmium:

Meitnerium:

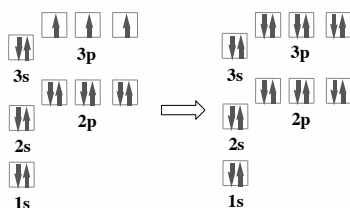
notice f orbitals in 6th period & beyond

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Anion Configurations

To form **anions** from elements add 1 or more e- using normal $n + l$ rules

P $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^3 + 3e^- \rightarrow \text{P}^{3-} [\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^6$

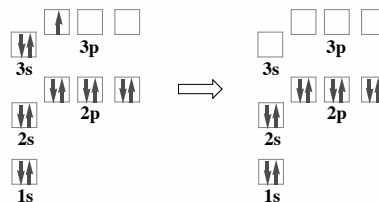


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Cation Configurations

To form **cations** from elements remove 1 or more e- from subshell of highest n [or highest $(n + l)$].

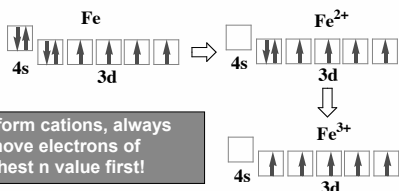
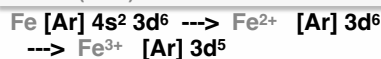
Al $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^1 - 3e^- \rightarrow \text{Al}^{3+} [\text{Ne}]$



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Ion Configurations

For transition metals, remove **ns** electrons and then **(n - 1)** electrons.



To form cations, always remove electrons of highest n value first!

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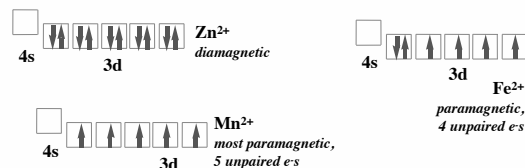
Magnetic Properties

Magnetic properties of ions assist us with charges

DIAMAGNETIC ions have no unpaired electrons.

Ions with unpaired electrons are **PARAMAGNETIC**.

As number of unpaired electrons increases, the degree of paramagnetism also increases

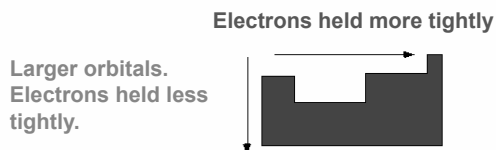


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Periodic Trends

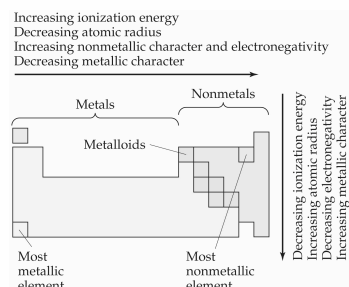
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- Atomic and ionic size: increase left and down
- Ionization energy and Electron affinity: increase right and up
- See *Periodic Trends Handout*



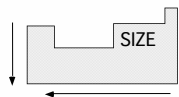
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Atomic Size

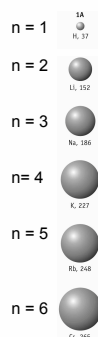


Size increases as you go down a group.

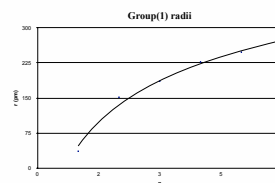
Because electrons are added further from the nucleus, there is less attraction.

Size increases as you go left across a period.

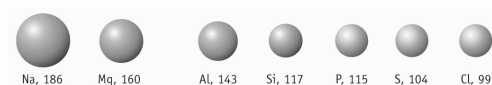
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Moving down group 1A, the atomic radii **increase** with the principle quantum number

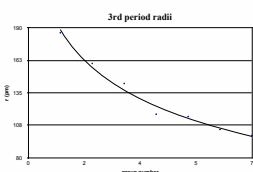


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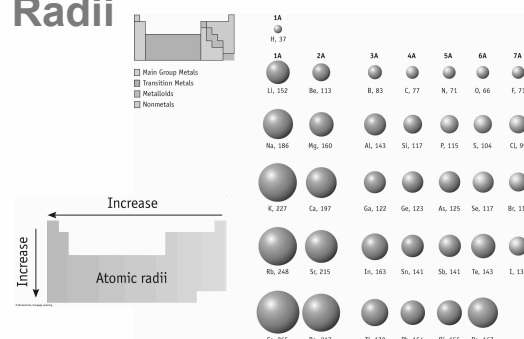
Moving **across** the 3rd period we see the atomic radii of the elements **decrease**.

Atomic radii **generally increase** going **right to left** on the periodic table.



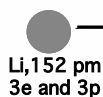
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Atomic Radii



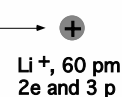
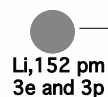
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Ion Sizes



Does the size go up or down when losing an electron to form a cation?

Ion Sizes



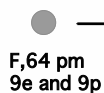
Forming a cation.

- **CATIONS** are **SMALLER** than the atoms from which they come.
- The electron/proton attraction has increased, and so size **DECREASES**.

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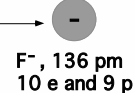
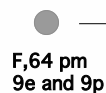
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Ion Sizes



Does the size go up or down when gaining an electron to form an anion?

Ion Sizes



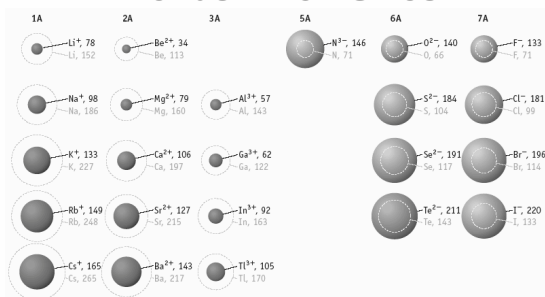
Forming an anion.

- **ANIONS** are **LARGER** than the atoms from which they come.
- The electron/proton attraction has decreased, and so size **INCREASES**.
- Trends in ion sizes are the same as atom sizes (but only compare cations to cations or anions to anions!)

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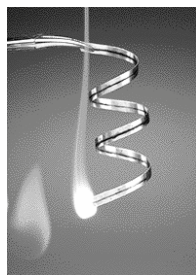
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Trends in Ion Sizes



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Redox Reactions



Why do metals lose electrons in their reactions?

Why does Mg form Mg^{2+} ions and not Mg^{3+} ?

Why do nonmetals take on electrons?

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Ionization Energy

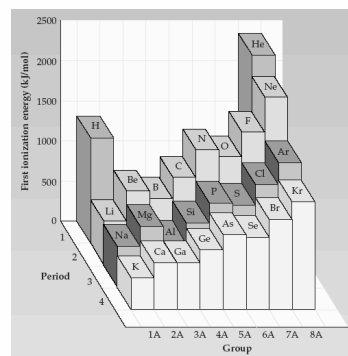


Mg^+ has 12 protons and only 11 electrons.
Therefore, IE for $Mg^+ > Mg$.

IE = energy required to remove an electron from an atom in the gas phase.

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Trends in Ionization Energy



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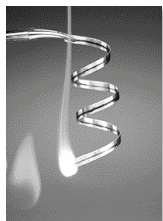
Trends in Ionization Energy

Ionization Energy increases moving right across a period and up a group on the periodic table

Metals lose electrons more easily than nonmetals.

Metals are good reducing agents.

Nonmetals lose electrons with difficulty.



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Periodic Trend in the Reactivity of Alkali Metals with Water



Lithium



Sodium



Potassium

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Electron Affinity

Nonmetals tend to **GAIN** electrons to form anions.

Electron affinity is the energy involved when an atom gains an electron.



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Trends in Electron Affinity

Electron Affinity **increases** as you **move right across a period** (EA becomes more negative).

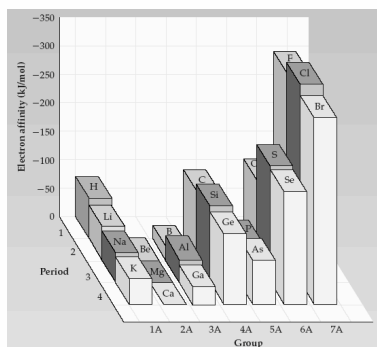
Electron Affinity **increases** as you **move up a group** (EA becomes more negative).

1A (1)	2A (2)	3A (13)	4A (14)	5A (15)	6A (16)	7A (17)	8A (18)
H -72.6	He (0.0)*						
Li -59.6	Be >0	B -26.7	C -122	N +7	O -141	F -328	Ne (+29)*
Na -52.9	Mg >0	Al -42.5	Si -134	P -72.0	S -200	Cl -349	Ar (+35)*
K -48.4	Ca -2.4	Ga -28.9	Ge -119	As -78.2	Se -195	Br -325	Kr (+39)*
Rb -46.9	Sr -5.0	In -28.9	Sn -107	Sb -103	Te -190	I -295	Xe (+41)*
Cs -45.5	Ba -14	Tl -19.2	Pb -35.2	Bi -91.3	Po -183.3	At -270*	Rn (+41)*

*Calculated values.

Electron Affinity values (kJ/mol)

Trends in Electron Affinity



Notice:
 $EA_{(F)} < EA_{(Cl)}$
unknown
mechanism,
electron
repulsion?
atom size?

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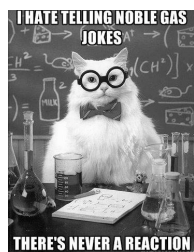
Implications of Periodic Trends

Useful in predicting reactivities,
chemical formulas, etc.



Metals: low ionization energy, give up electrons easily
Nonmetals: high electron affinity, love electrons from metals

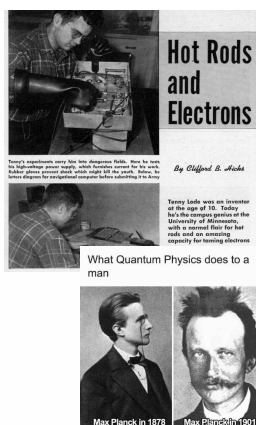
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End of Chapter 6 Part 2

See also:

- [Chapter Six Part 2 Study Guide](#)
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- [Important Equations \(following this slide\)](#)
- [End of Chapter Problems \(following this slide\)](#)



Important Equations, Constants, and Handouts
from this Chapter:

- **quantum numbers:** know the origin and meaning of n , l , m_l , m_s
- **understand paramagnetism and diamagnetism** for atoms and ions
- **know "nl" notation** (4s, 3d, etc.) and the " $n + l$ " rule for energy
- **know how the Pauli Exclusion Theory and Hund's Rule apply towards electrons in orbitals; know the Aufbau Principle**
- **know how to create electron configurations for neutral atoms and also cations and anions using both orbital box and spectroscopic notation**
- **know the periodic trends for size, ion size, ionization energy and electron affinity**

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End of Chapter Problems: *Test Yourself*

1. Depict the electron configuration for arsenic (As) using *spdf* notation.
2. Using orbital box diagrams and/or noble gas notation, depict the electron configurations of the following: (a) V, (b) V^{2+} , and (c) V^{5+} . Are any of the ions paramagnetic? How many unpaired electrons are in each species?
3. Arrange the following elements in order of increasing size: Al, B, C, K, and Na.
4. Name the element corresponding to each characteristic below.
 - a. the element with the electron configuration $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$
 - b. the alkaline earth element with the smallest atomic radius
 - c. the element with the largest ionization energy in Group 5A
 - d. the element whose $2+$ ion has the configuration $[Kr]4d^5$
 - e. the element with the most negative electron affinity in Group 6A
 - f. the element whose electron configuration is $[Ar]3d^{10}4s^2$

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End of Chapter Problems: *Answers*

1. $[Ar]3d^{10}4s^24p^3$ **or** $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^3$
2. V: $[Ar]4s^2 3d^3$ (paramagnetic, 3 unpaired electrons); V^{2+} : $[Ar]3d^3$ (paramagnetic, 3 unpaired electrons); V^{5+} : $[Ar]$ (diamagnetic, 0 unpaired electrons);
3. $C < B < Al < Na < K$
4. a. P b. Be c. N d. Tc e. O f. Zn

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