

## 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 ( $m_l$ )



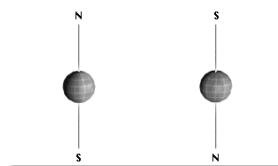
## Arrangement of Electrons in Atoms

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



**Electron Spin Quantum Number,  $m_s$**

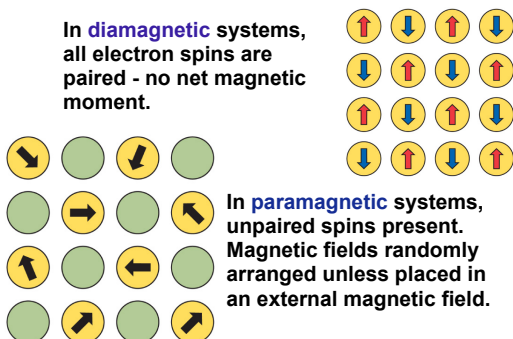
**Electron spin** can be proven experimentally. Two spin directions are given by  $m_s$  where  $m_s = +1/2$  and  $-1/2$ . Leads to **magnetism** in atoms and ions

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## 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.

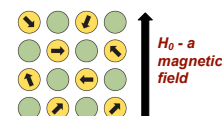
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## Magnetism

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**.



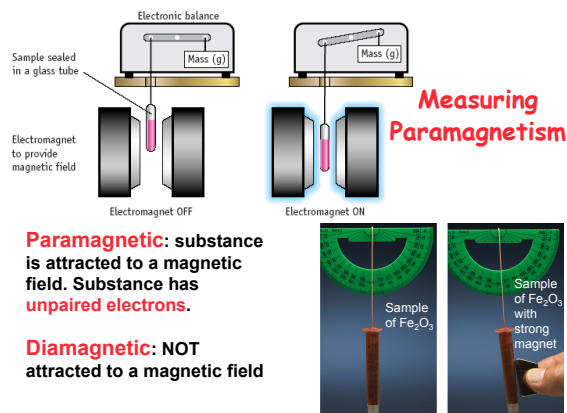
## Electron Spin Quantum Number



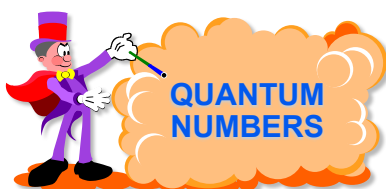
**Diamagnetic:** NOT attracted to a magnetic field; spin paired.

**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](#)

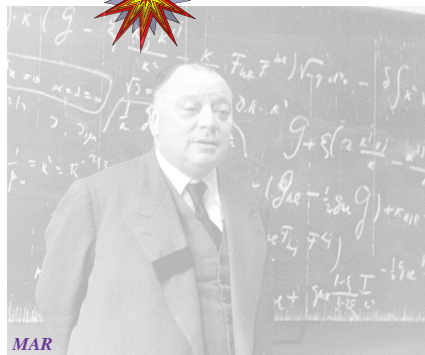
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## Pauli Exclusion Principle

**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<sup>-</sup>** 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<sup>-</sup>**

**three 2p orbitals** **6e<sup>-</sup>**

**TOTAL = 8e<sup>-</sup>**

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

electron number	$n$	$l$	$m_l$	$m_s$	
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<sup>-</sup>**

**three 3p orbitals** **6e<sup>-</sup>**

**five 3d orbitals** **10e<sup>-</sup>**

**TOTAL = 18e<sup>-</sup>**

**Each electron has its own set of four quantum numbers!**



Wolfgang Pauli

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electron number	$n$	$l$	$m_l$	$m_s$	
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 <sub>l</sub>	m <sub>s</sub>	
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 <sub>l</sub>	m <sub>s</sub>	
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 <sup>2</sup> )
1	s	1	2	2
2	s, p	1, 3	2, 6	8
3	s, p, d	1, 3, 5	2, 6, 10	18
4	s, p, d, f	1, 3, 5, 7	2, 6, 10, 14	32
5	s, p, d, f, g	1, 3, 5, 7, 9	2, 6, 10, 14, 18	50
6	s, p, d, f, g, h	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11	2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22	72

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

Distribution of Electrons in Shells

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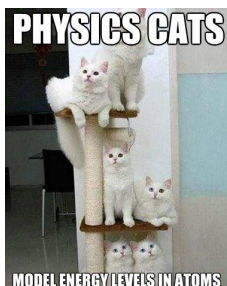
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## Assigning Electrons to Atoms

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

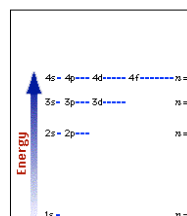
In H atom all subshells of same n have same energy.

In many-electron atom:

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

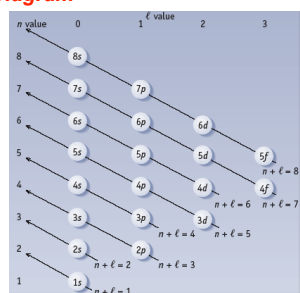
b) for subshells of same  $n + l$ , subshell with lower n is lower in energy.

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

1s  
value of n (1)    value of l (s)    no. of electrons (1)

## 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<sup>2</sup>



Arrows depict electron spin

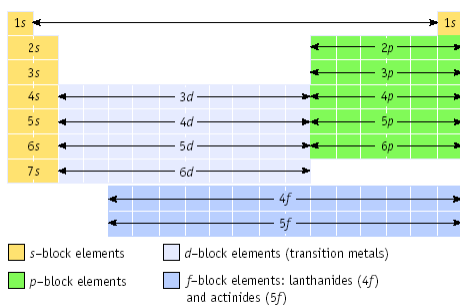
One electron has  $n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = +1/2$   
Other electron has  $n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = -1/2$

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Atomic Electron Configurations

Atomic Electron Configurations Diagram

## Electron Configurations and the Periodic Table



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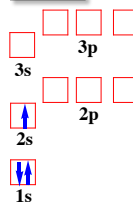
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Group 1A

Atomic number = 3

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

**paramagnetic**



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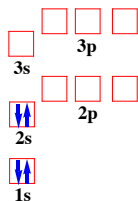
## Beryllium

Group 2A

Atomic number = 4

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

**diamagnetic**



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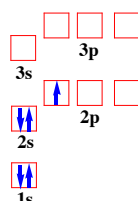
## Boron

Group 3A

Atomic number = 5

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

5 total electrons  
**paramagnetic**



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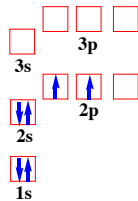


## Carbon

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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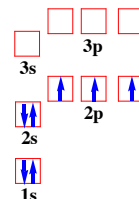


## Nitrogen

Group 5A  
Atomic number = 7

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

7 total electrons  
*paramagnetic*



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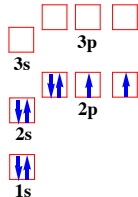


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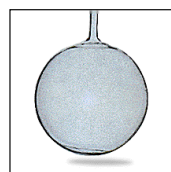
Group 6A  
Atomic number = 8

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

8 total electrons  
*paramagnetic*



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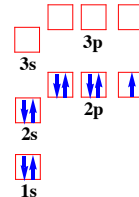


## Fluorine

Group 7A  
Atomic number = 9

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

9 total electrons  
*paramagnetic*



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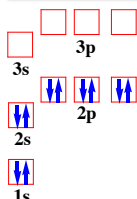


## Neon

Group 8A  
Atomic number = 10

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

10 total electrons  
*diamagnetic*

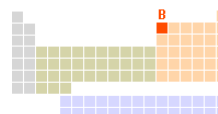
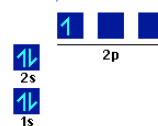


Note that we have reached the end of the 2nd period, and the 2nd shell is full!

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## Electron Configurations of p-Block Elements

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## Sodium

Group 1A

Atomic number = 11

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

And: we have begun a new period!

All Group 1A elements have

**[core] $ns^1$**  configurations.

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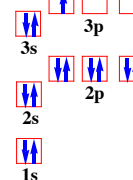
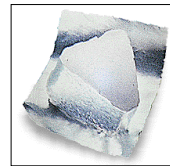
## Aluminum

Group 3A

Atomic number = 13

 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$  or**[Ne]  $3s^2 3p^1$** 

All Group 3A elements have

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

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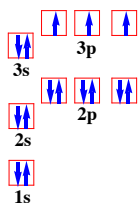
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Group 5A

Atomic number = 15

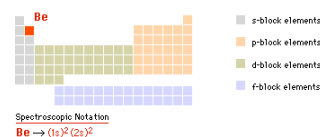
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$  or**[Ne]  $3s^2 3p^3$** 

All Group 5A elements have

**[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 **[core] $ns^x(n-1)d^y$**  and so are "d-block" elements.

Chromium



Iron



Copper

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## Fourth Period Electron Configurations

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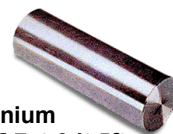
## Lanthanides and Actinides

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

Exceptions exist:

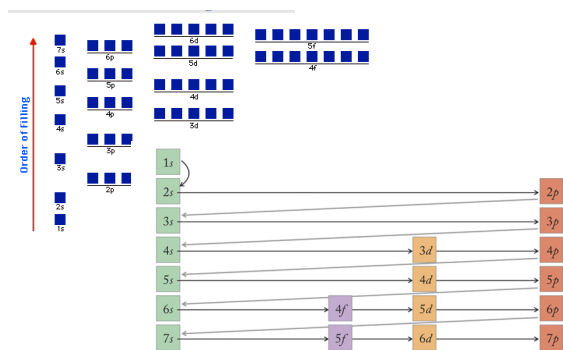


**Cerium**  
 $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 5d^1 4f^1$   
 $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 4f^2$  expected



**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:

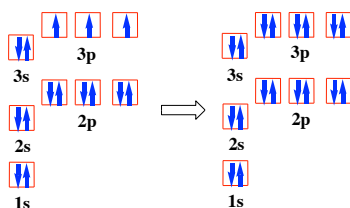
*notice f orbitals in 6th period & beyond*

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## Anion Configurations

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

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

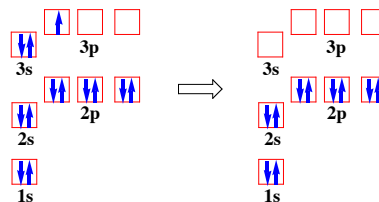


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## Cation Configurations

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

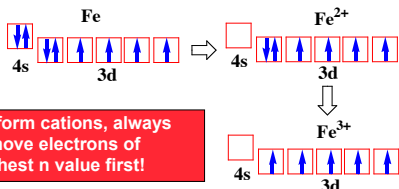
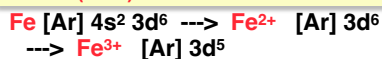
**Al**  $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^1 - 3e^- \rightarrow \text{Al}^{3+} [\text{Ne}]$



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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!

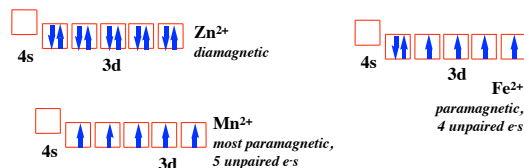
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## Magnetic Properties

**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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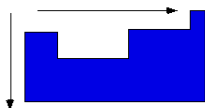
## Periodic Trends

CH 221 Q&D Guide to Periodic Trends:

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

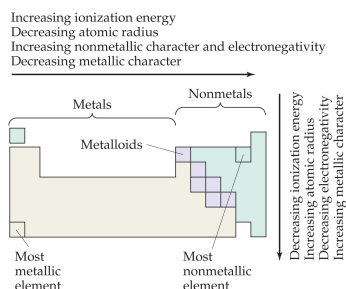
Electrons held more tightly

Larger orbitals.  
 Electrons held less tightly.



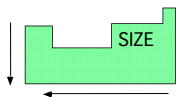
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## CH 221 Periodic Trends "Cheat Sheet"



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## Atomic Size

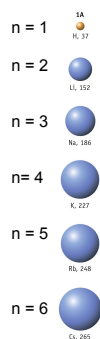


Size **increases** as you go **down** a group.

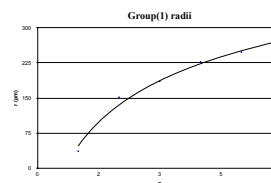
Because electrons are added further from the nucleus, there is less attraction.

Size **increases** as you go **left** across a period.

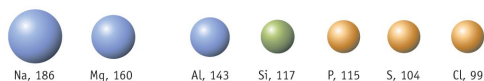
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Moving **down** group 1A, the atomic radii **increase** with the principle quantum number

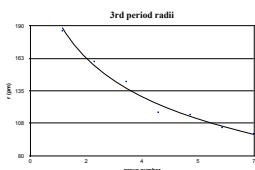


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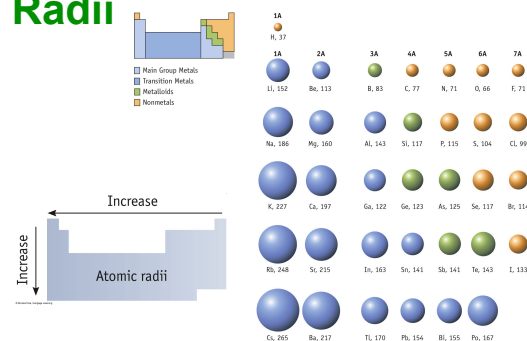
Moving **across** the 3<sup>rd</sup> period we see the atomic radii of the elements **decrease**.

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



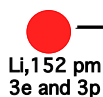
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## Atomic Radii



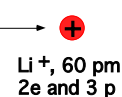
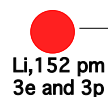
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### Ion Sizes



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

### Ion Sizes



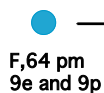
Forming a cation.

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

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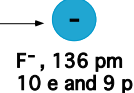
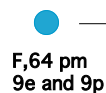
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### Ion Sizes



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

### Ion Sizes



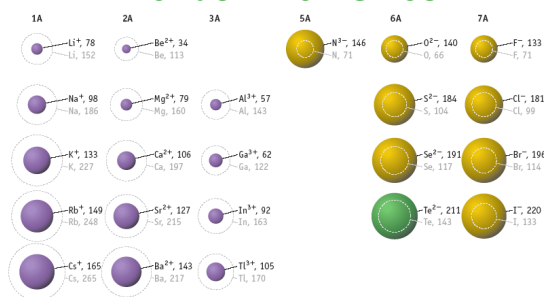
Forming an anion.

- **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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## 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

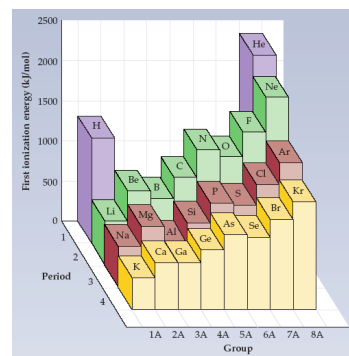


$Mg^+$  has 12 protons and only 11 electrons.  
Therefore, IE for  $Mg^+ > Mg$ .

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



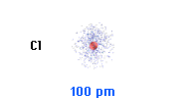
Potassium

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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).

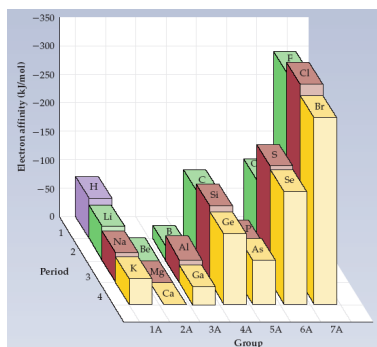
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Li -59.6	Be >0	B -26.7	C -122	N +7	O -141	F -328	Ne (+29)*
Na -52.9	Mg >0	Al -42.5	Si -134	P -72.0	S -200	Cl -349	Ar (+35)*
K -48.4	Ca -2.4	Ga -28.9	Ge -119	As -78.2	Se -195	Br -325	Kr (+39)*
Rb -46.9	Sr -5.0	In -28.9	Sn -107	Sb -103	Te -190	I -295	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)

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## Trends in Electron Affinity



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

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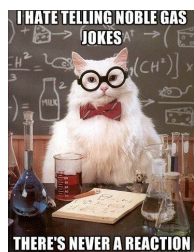
## Implications of Periodic Trends

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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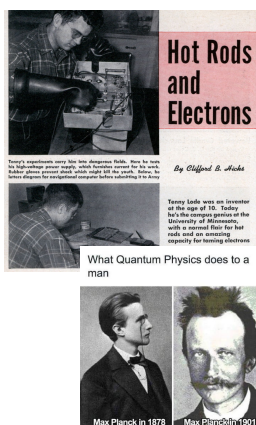


## End of Chapter 6 Part 2

See also:

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

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**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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