

The Structure of Atoms and Periodic Trends
Chapter Six Part 2

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

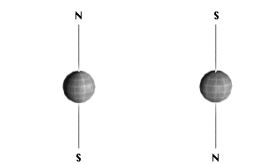
Each orbital can be assigned no more than 2 electrons!

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



Electron Spin Quantum Number, m_s

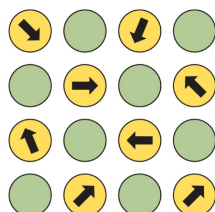
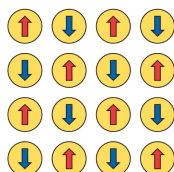
Electron spin can be proven experimentally. Two spin directions are given by m_s where $m_s = +1/2$ and $-1/2$. Leads to **magnetism** in atoms and ions

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Magnetism

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



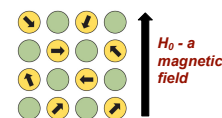
In **paramagnetic** systems, unpaired spins present. Magnetic fields randomly arranged unless placed in an external magnetic field.

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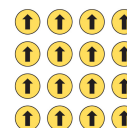
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Magnetism

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**.



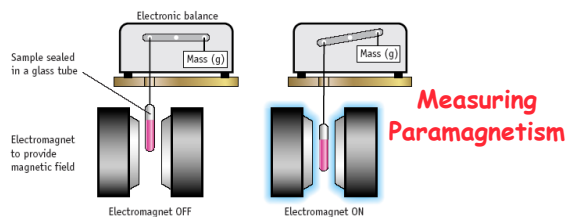
Electron Spin Quantum Number



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

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

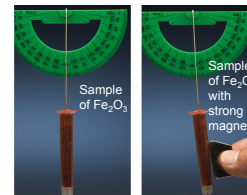
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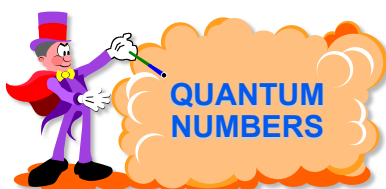
Measuring Paramagnetism

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

Diamagnetic: NOT attracted to a magnetic field



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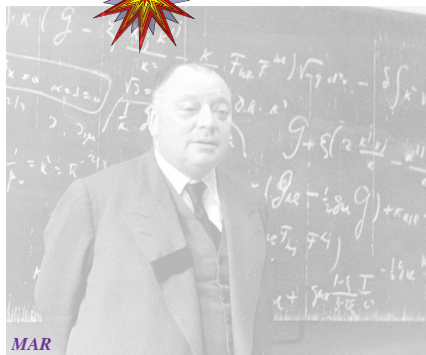
n	---> shell	1, 2, 3, 4, ...
l	---> subshell	0, 1, 2, ... (n - 1)
m_l	---> orbital	-l ... 0 ... +l
m_s	---> electron spin	$+1/2$ and $-1/2$

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 .

Wolfgang Pauli

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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

$n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = +1/2$ - this is electron #1

$n = 1, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = -1/2$ - 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."

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

Electrons in Atoms

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



electron number	n	l	m	m_s	
19	4	3	-3	1/2	4f
20	4	3	-2	1/2	4f
21	4	3	-1	1/2	4f
22	4	3	0	1/2	4f
23	4	3	1	1/2	4f
24	4	3	2	1/2	4f
25	4	3	3	1/2	4f
26	4	3	-3	1/2	4f
27	4	3	-2	1/2	4f
28	4	3	-1	1/2	4f
29	4	3	0	1/2	4f
30	4	3	1	1/2	4f
31	4	3	2	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, 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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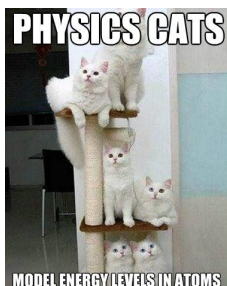
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Assigning Electrons to Atoms

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

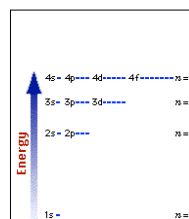
In H atom all subshells of same n have same energy.

In many-electron atom:

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

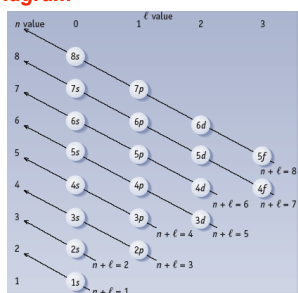
b) for subshells of same n + l, subshell with lower n is lower in energy.

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

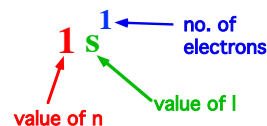
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Writing Atomic Electron Configurations

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

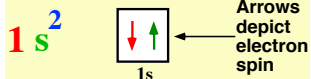
SPECTROSCOPIC NOTATION for H, atomic number = 1



Writing Atomic Electron Configurations

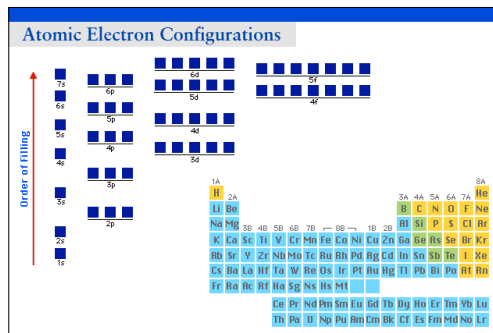
Two ways of writing configs. Other is called the **orbital box notation**.

ORBITAL BOX NOTATION
for He, atomic number = 2



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

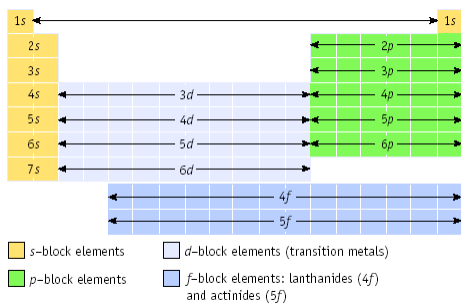
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Atomic Electron Configurations Diagram

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Electron Configurations and the Periodic Table

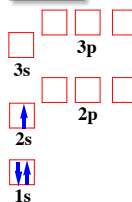


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Lithium

Group 1A
Atomic number = 3
1s²2s¹ ---> 3 total electrons
paramagnetic

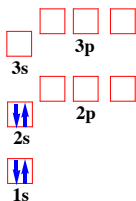


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Beryllium

Group 2A
Atomic number = 4
1s²2s² ---> 4 total electrons
diamagnetic

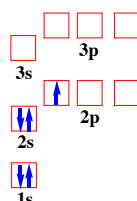


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Boron

Group 3A
Atomic number = 5
1s²2s²2p¹ --->
5 total electrons
paramagnetic

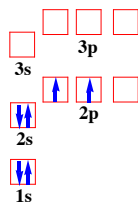


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Carbon

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.



Friedrich Hund

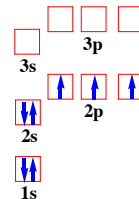
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Nitrogen

Group 5A
 Atomic number = 7
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 \rightarrow$
 7 total electrons
paramagnetic



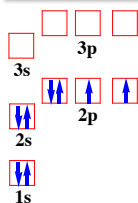
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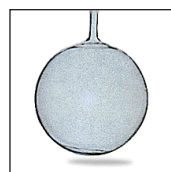
Oxygen

Group 6A
 Atomic number = 8
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4 \rightarrow$
 8 total electrons
paramagnetic



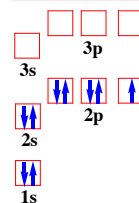
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Fluorine

Group 7A
 Atomic number = 9
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 \rightarrow$
 9 total electrons
paramagnetic



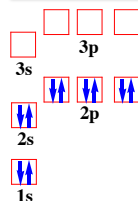
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Neon

Group 8A
 Atomic number = 10
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 \rightarrow$
 10 total electrons
diamagnetic

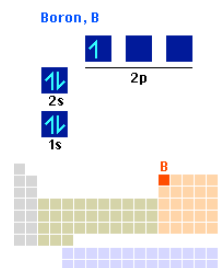


Note that we have reached the end of the 2nd period, and the 2nd shell is full!

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Electron Configurations of p-Block Elements



Sodium

Group 1A
Atomic number = 11
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ or
"neon core" + $3s^1$



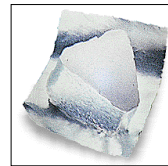
$[\text{Ne}] 3s^1$ (uses noble gas notation)
And: we have begun a new period!

All Group 1A elements have
 $[\text{core}]ns^1$ configurations.

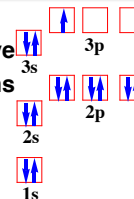
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Aluminum

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

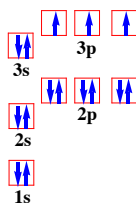
Group 5A
Atomic number = 15
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$ or
 $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^3$



All Group 5A elements
have

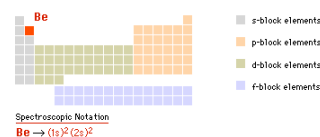
$[\text{core}] ns^2 np^3$
configurations where n
is the period number.

* 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.



Chromium

Iron

Copper

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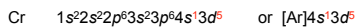
Fourth Period Electron Configurations

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



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.

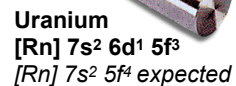
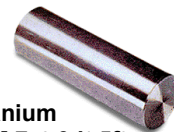
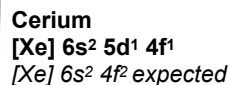
Know how $n + l$ rule works, and know that anomalies exist on the periodic table

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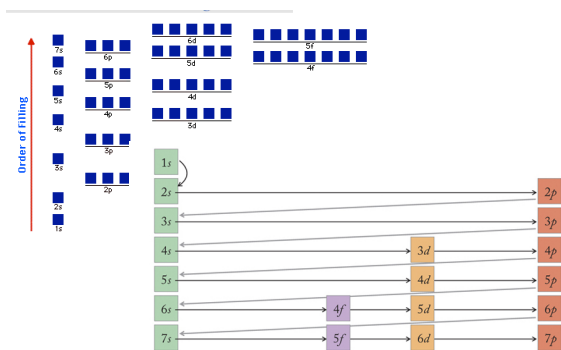
Lanthanides and Actinides

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

Exceptions exist:



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Electron Configurations Filling Order

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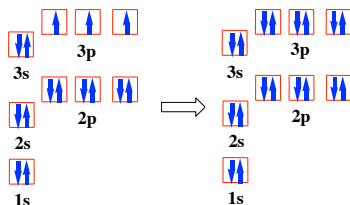
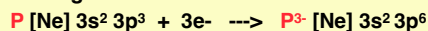
Transition Metals

- Iron:
 - Zinc:
 - Technetium:
 - Niobium:
 - Osmium:
 - Meitnerium:
- notice f orbitals in 6th period & beyond*

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Anion Configurations

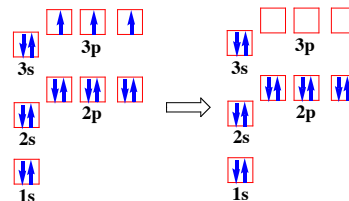
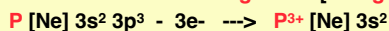
To form **anions** from elements add 1 or more e- using normal $n + l$ rules



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Cation Configurations

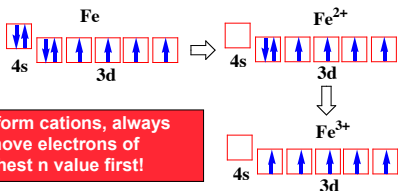
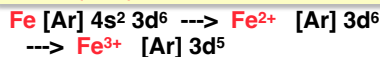
To form **cations** from elements remove 1 or more e- from subshell of highest n [or highest $(n + l)$].



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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!

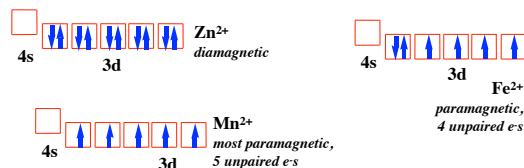
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Magnetic Properties

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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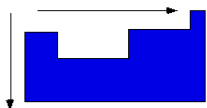
Periodic Trends

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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*

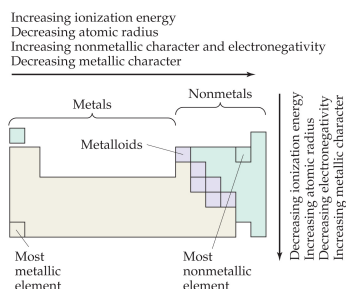
Electrons held more tightly

Larger orbitals. Electrons held less tightly.



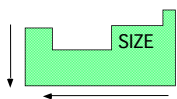
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CH 221 Periodic Trends "Cheat Sheet"



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Atomic Size

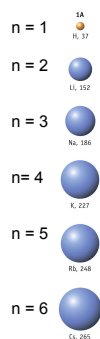


Size **increases** as you go **down** a group.

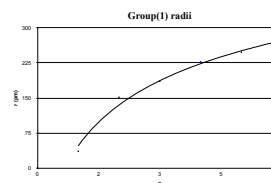
Because electrons are added further from the nucleus, there is less attraction.

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

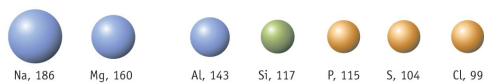
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Moving **down** group 1A, the atomic radii **increase** with the principle quantum number

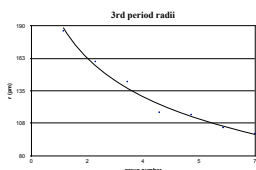


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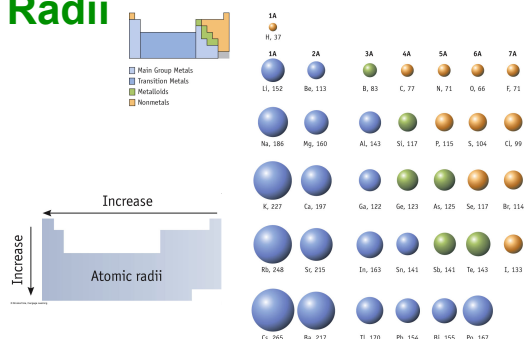
Moving **across** the 3rd period we see the atomic radii of the elements **decrease**.

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



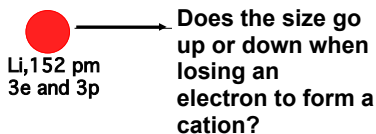
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Atomic Radii

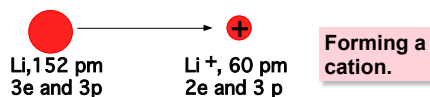


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Ion Sizes



Ion Sizes

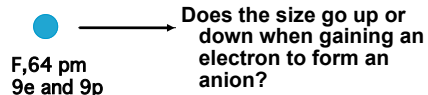


- **CATIONS** are **SMALLER** than the atoms from which they come.
- The electron/proton attraction has increased, and so size **DECREASES**.

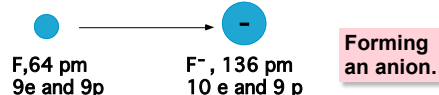
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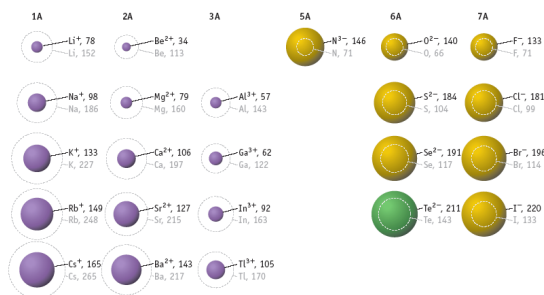


- **ANIONS** are **LARGER** than the atoms from which they come.
- The electron/proton attraction has decreased, and so size **INCREASES**.
- **Trends in ion sizes are the same as atom sizes** (but only compare cations to cations or anions to anions!)

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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 Mg²⁺ ions and not Mg³⁺?

Why do nonmetals take on electrons?

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Ionization Energy

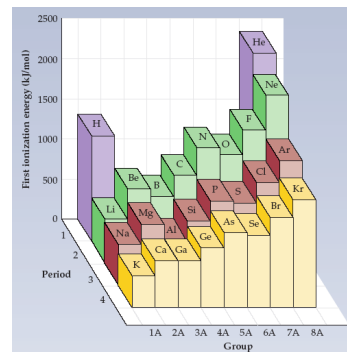


Mg⁺ has 12 protons and only 11 electrons. Therefore, IE for Mg⁺ > Mg.

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



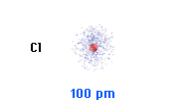
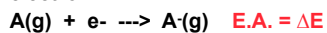
Potassium

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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).

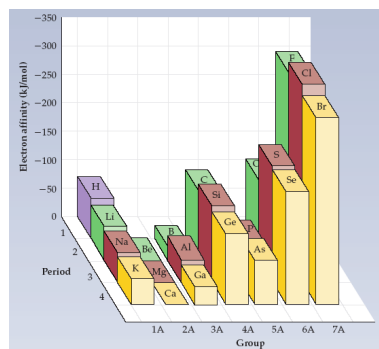
1A (1)												8A (18)
H -72.6	2A (2)	3A (13)	4A (14)	5A (15)	6A (16)	7A (17)	He (0.0)*					
Li -59.6	Be >0	B -26.7	C -122	N +7	O -141	F -328	Ne (+29)*					
Na -52.9	Mg >0	Al -42.5	Si -134	P -72.0	S -200	Cl -349	Ar (+35)*					
K -48.4	Ca -2.4	Ga -28.9	Ge -119	As -78.2	Se -195	Br -325	Kr (+39)*					
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)

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Trends in Electron Affinity



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

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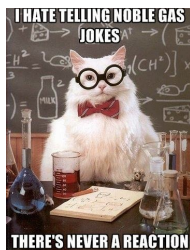
Implications of Periodic Trends

Useful in predicting reactivities, chemical formulas, etc.



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

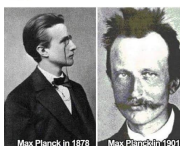
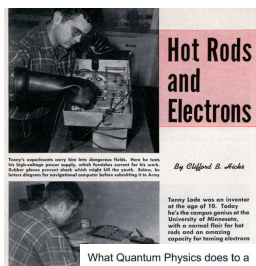
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End of Chapter 6 Part 2

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 + 1**" 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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