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Lecture Presentation

Chapter 8

Periodic Properties of the Elements

Nerve Signal Transmission

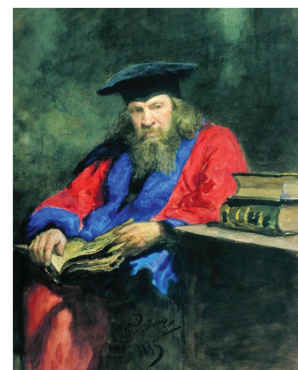
- Movement of ions across cell membranes is the basis for the transmission of nerve signals.
- Na^+ and K^+ ions are pumped across membranes in opposite directions through ion channels.
 - Na^+ out and K^+ in
- The ion channels can differentiate Na^+ from K^+ by their difference in size.
- Ion size and other properties of atoms are **periodic properties**—properties whose values can be predicted based on the element's position on the periodic table.

3
Li
6.94
11
Na
22.99
19
K
39.10
37
Rb
85.47
55
Cs
132.91
87
Fr
(223.02)

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Mendeleev (1834–1907)

- Ordered elements by atomic mass
- Saw a repeating pattern of properties
- **Periodic law:** When the elements are arranged in order of increasing atomic mass, certain sets of properties recur periodically.
- Put elements with similar properties in the same column
- Used pattern to predict properties of undiscovered elements
- Where atomic mass order did not fit other properties, he reordered by other properties.
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Mendeleev's Predictions

Gallium (eka-aluminum)			Germanium (eka-silicon)		
	Mendeleev's predicted properties	Actual properties		Mendeleev's predicted properties	Actual properties
Atomic mass	About 68 amu	69.72 amu	Atomic mass	About 72 amu	72.64 amu
Melting point	Low	29.8 °C	Density	5.5 g/cm ³	5.35 g/cm ³
Density	5.9 g/cm ³	5.90 g/cm ³	Formula of oxide	XO ₂	GeO ₂
Formula of oxide	X ₂ O ₃	Ga ₂ O ₃	Formula of chloride	XCl ₄	GeCl ₄
Formula of chloride	XCl ₃	GaCl ₃			

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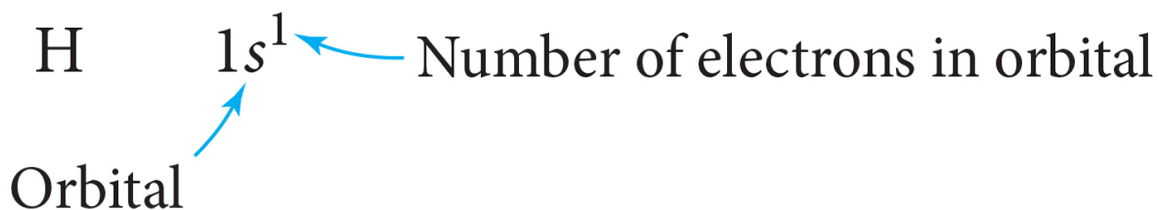
What versus Why

- Mendeleev's periodic law allows us to predict *what* the properties of an element will be based on its position on the table.
- It doesn't explain why the pattern exists.
- Quantum mechanics is a theory that explains *why* the periodic trends in the properties exist.
 - Knowing *why* allows us to predict *what*.

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Electron Configurations

- Quantum-mechanical theory describes the behavior of electrons in atoms.
- The electrons in atoms exist in orbitals.
- A description of the orbitals occupied by electrons is called an **electron configuration**.



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How Electrons Occupy Orbitals

- Calculations with Schrödinger's equation show that hydrogen's one electron occupies the lowest energy orbital in the atom.
- Schrödinger's equation calculations for multielectron atoms cannot be exactly solved.
 - Due to additional terms added for electron–electron interactions
- Approximate solutions show the orbitals to be hydrogen-like.
- Two additional concepts affect multielectron atoms: electron spin and energy splitting of sublevels.

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Electron Spin

- Experiments by Stern and Gerlach showed that a beam of silver atoms is split in two by a magnetic field.
- The experiment reveals that the electrons spin on their axis.
- As they spin, they generate a magnetic field.
 - Spinning charged particles generates a magnetic field.
- If there is an even number of electrons, about half the atoms will have a net magnetic field pointing “north” and the other half will have a net magnetic field pointing “south.”

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The Property of Electron Spin

- Spin is a fundamental property of all electrons.
- All electrons have the same amount of spin.
- The orientation of the electron spin is quantized; it can be in only one direction or its opposite.
 - Spin up or spin down
- The electron's spin adds a fourth quantum number to the description of electrons in an atom, called the **spin quantum number, m_s** .
 - Not in the Schrödinger equation

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Spin Quantum Number, m_s , and Orbital Diagrams

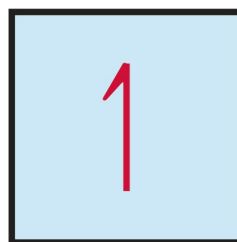
- m_s can have values of $+\frac{1}{2}$ or $-\frac{1}{2}$.
- Orbital diagrams use a square to represent each orbital and a half-arrow to represent each electron in the orbital.
- By convention, a half-arrow pointing up is used to represent an electron in an orbital with spin up.
- Spins must cancel in an orbital.
 - **Paired**

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Orbital Diagrams

- We often represent an orbital as a square and the electrons in that orbital as arrows.
 - The direction of the arrow represents the spin of the electron.

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Pauli Exclusion Principle

- No two electrons in an atom may have the same set of four quantum numbers.
- Therefore, no orbital may have more than two electrons, and they must have opposite spins.

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Pauli Exclusion Principle

- Knowing the number of orbitals in a sublevel allows us to determine the maximum number of electrons in the sublevel:
 - *s* sublevel has 1 orbital; therefore, it can hold 2 electrons.
 - *p* sublevel has 3 orbitals; therefore, it can hold 6 electrons.
 - *d* sublevel has 5 orbitals; therefore, it can hold 10 electrons.
 - *f* sublevel has 7 orbitals; therefore, it can hold 14 electrons.

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Quantum Numbers of Helium's Electrons

- Helium has two electrons.
- Both electrons are in the first energy level.
- Both electrons are in the *s* orbital of the first energy level.
- Because they are in the same orbital, they must have opposite spins.

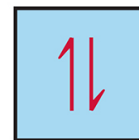
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Allowed Quantum Numbers

Electron configuration

Orbital diagram

He $1s^2$



$1s$

n	l	m_l	m_s
1	0	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$
1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$

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Sublevel Splitting in Multielectron Atoms

- The sublevels in each principal energy shell of hydrogen all have the same energy or other single electron systems.
- We call orbitals with the same energy **degenerate**.
- For multielectron atoms, the energies of the sublevels are split.
 - Caused by charge interaction, shielding, and penetration
- The lower the value of the l quantum number, the less energy the sublevel has.
 - $s (l = 0) < p (l = 1) < d (l = 2) < f (l = 3)$

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Coulomb's Law

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r}$$

- Coulomb's law describes the attractions and repulsions between charged particles.
- For like charges, the potential energy (E) is positive and decreases as the particles get farther apart as r increases.
- For opposite charges, the potential energy is negative and becomes more negative as the particles get closer together.
- The strength of the interaction increases as the size of the charges increases.
 - Electrons are more strongly attracted to a nucleus with a 2+ charge than a nucleus with a 1+ charge.

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Shielding and Effective Nuclear Charge

- Each electron in a multielectron atom experiences both the attraction to the nucleus and the repulsion by other electrons in the atom.
- These repulsions cause the electron to have a net reduced attraction to the nucleus; it is **shielded** from the nucleus.
- The total amount of attraction that an electron feels for the nucleus is called the **effective nuclear charge** of the electron.

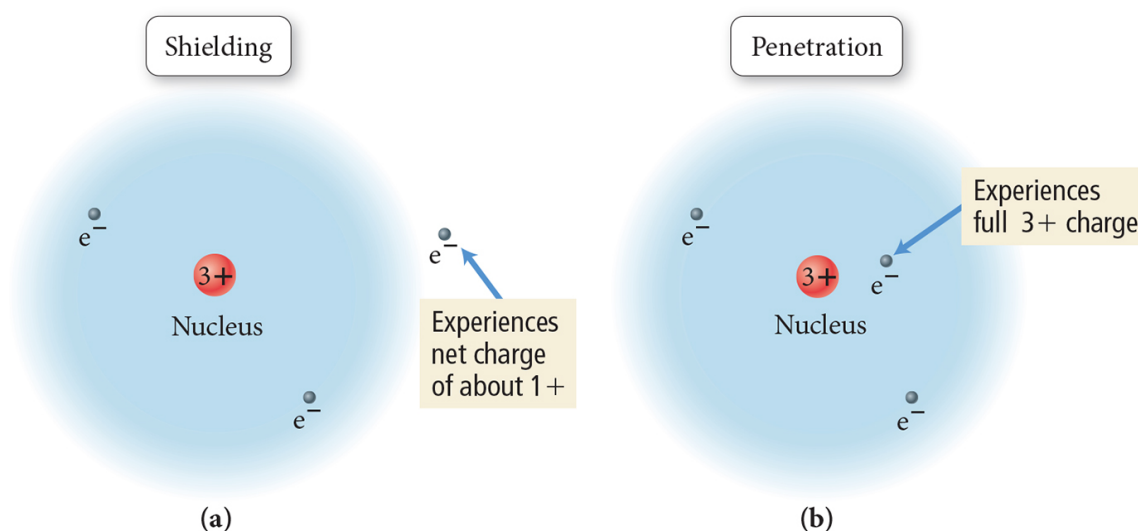
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Penetration

- The closer an electron is to the nucleus, the more attraction it experiences.
- The better an outer electron is at **penetrating** through the electron cloud of inner electrons, the more attraction it will have for the nucleus.
- The degree of penetration is related to the orbital's radial distribution function.
 - In particular, the distance the maxima of the function are from the nucleus

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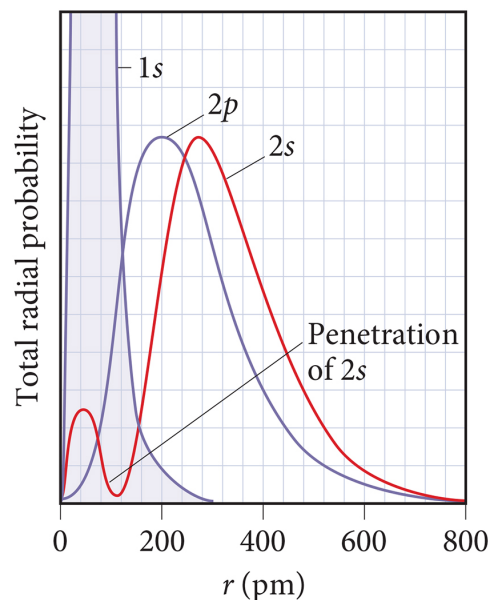
Shielding and Penetration



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Penetration and Shielding

- The radial distribution function shows that the 2s orbital penetrates more deeply into the 1s orbital than does the 2p.
- The weaker penetration of the 2p sublevel means that electrons in the 2p sublevel experience more repulsive force; they are more shielded from the attractive force of the nucleus.
- The deeper penetration of the 2s electrons means electrons in the 2s sublevel experience a greater attractive force to the nucleus and are not shielded as effectively.



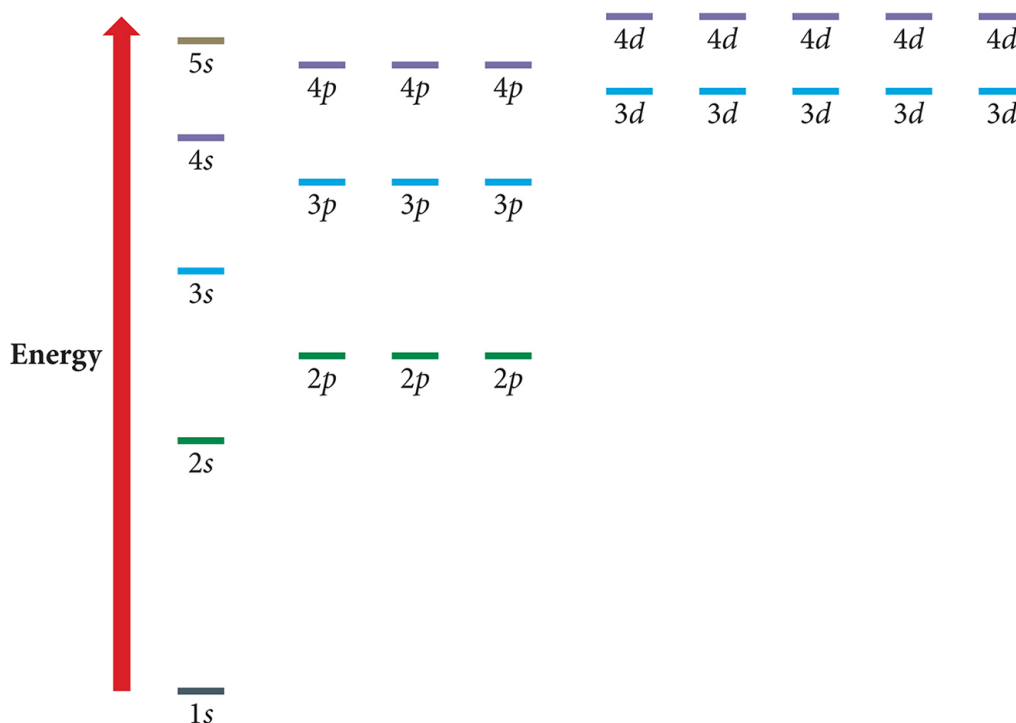
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Effect of Penetration and Shielding

- Penetration causes the energies of sublevels in the same principal level to not be degenerate.
- In the fourth and fifth principal levels, the effects of penetration become so important that the s orbital lies lower in energy than the d orbitals of the previous principal level.
- The energy separations between one set of orbitals and the next become smaller beyond the 4s.
 - The ordering can therefore vary among elements, causing variations in the electron configurations of the transition metals and their ions.

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General Energy Ordering of Orbitals for Multielectron Atoms



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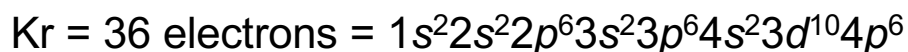
Filling the Orbitals with Electrons

- Energy levels and sublevels fill from lowest energy to highest:
 - $s \rightarrow p \rightarrow d \rightarrow f$
 - Aufbau principle
- Orbitals that are in the same sublevel have the same energy.
- No more than two electrons per orbital
 - Pauli exclusion principle
- When filling orbitals that have the same energy, place one electron in each before completing pairs.
 - Hund's rule

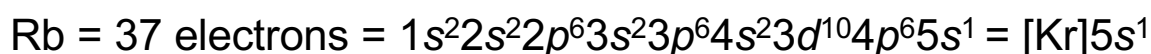
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Electron Configuration of Atoms in Their Ground State

- The electron configuration is a listing of the sublevels in order of filling with the number of electrons in that sublevel written as a superscript.

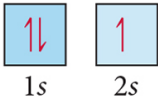
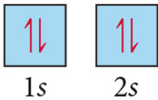
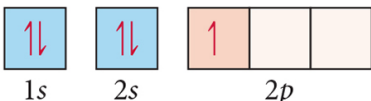
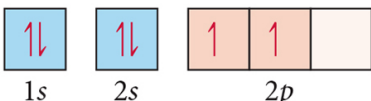


- A short-hand way of writing an electron configuration is to use the symbol of the previous noble gas in brackets [] to represent all the inner electrons and then just write the last set.



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Electron Configurations

Symbol	Number of electrons	Electron configuration	Orbital diagram		
Li	3	$1s^2 2s^1$			
Be	4	$1s^2 2s^2$			
B	5	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^1$			
C	6	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$			

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Valence Electrons

- The electrons in all the sublevels with the highest principal energy shell are called the **valence electrons**.
- Electrons in lower energy shells are called **core electrons**.
- One of the most important factors in the way an atom behaves, both chemically and physically, is the number of valence electrons.

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Outer Electron Configurations of Elements 1–18

1A							8A
1 H $1s^1$							2 He $1s^2$
	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	
3 Li $2s^1$	4 Be $2s^2$	5 B $2s^2 2p^1$	6 C $2s^2 2p^2$	7 N $2s^2 2p^3$	8 O $2s^2 2p^4$	9 F $2s^2 2p^5$	10 Ne $2s^2 2p^6$
11 Na $3s^1$	12 Mg $3s^2$	13 Al $3s^2 3p^1$	14 Si $3s^2 3p^2$	15 P $3s^2 3p^3$	16 S $3s^2 3p^4$	17 Cl $3s^2 3p^5$	18 Ar $3s^2 3p^6$

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- The group number corresponds to the number of valence electrons.
- The length of each “block” is the maximum number of electrons the sublevel can hold.
- The period number corresponds to the principal energy level of the valence electrons.

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Irregular Electron Configurations

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| • Expected | • Found experimentally |
| • Cr = [Ar]4s ² 3d ⁴ | • Cr = [Ar]4s ¹ 3d ⁵ |
| • Cu = [Ar]4s ² 3d ⁹ | • Cu = [Ar]4s ¹ 3d ¹⁰ |
| • Mo = [Kr]5s ² 4d ⁴ | • Mo = [Kr]5s ¹ 4d ⁵ |
| • Ru = [Kr]5s ² 4d ⁶ | • Ru = [Kr]5s ¹ 4d ⁷ |
| • Pd = [Kr]5s ² 4d ⁸ | • Pd = [Kr]5s ⁰ 4d ¹⁰ |

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Properties and Electron Configuration

- The properties of the elements follow a periodic pattern.
 - Elements in the same column have similar properties.
 - The elements in a period show a pattern that repeats.
- The quantum-mechanical model explains this because the number of valence electrons and the types of orbitals they occupy are also periodic.

8A	1A
2 He 1s ²	3 Li 2s ¹
10 Ne 2s ² 2p ⁶	11 Na 3s ¹
18 Ar 3s ² 3p ⁶	19 K 4s ¹
36 Kr 4s ² 4p ⁶	37 Rb 5s ¹
54 Xe 5s ² 5p ⁶	55 Cs 6s ¹
86 Rn 6s ² 6p ⁶	87 Fr 7s ¹
Noble gases	Alkali metals
2A	7A
4 Be 2s ²	9 F 2s ² 2p ⁵
12 Mg 3s ²	17 Cl 3s ² 3p ⁵
20 Ca 4s ²	35 Br 4s ² 4p ⁵
38 Sr 5s ²	53 I 5s ² 5p ⁵
56 Ba 6s ²	85 At 6s ² 6p ⁵
88 Ra 7s ²	
Alkaline earth metals	Halogens

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The Noble Gas Electron Configuration

- The noble gases have eight valence electrons.
 - Except for He, which has only two electrons
- They are especially nonreactive.
 - He and Ne are practically inert.
- The reason the noble gases are so nonreactive is that the electron configuration of the noble gases is especially stable.

8A
2 He $1s^2$
10 Ne $2s^2 2p^6$
18 Ar $3s^2 3p^6$
36 Kr $4s^2 4p^6$
54 Xe $5s^2 5p^6$
86 Rn $6s^2 6p^6$

Noble
gases

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The Alkali Metals

- The **alkali** metals have one more electron than the previous noble gas.
- In their reactions, the alkali metals tend to lose one electron, resulting in the same electron configuration as a noble gas.
 - Forming a cation with a 1+ charge

1A
3 Li $2s^1$
11 Na $3s^1$
19 K $4s^1$
37 Rb $5s^1$
55 Cs $6s^1$
87 Fr $7s^1$

Alkali
metals

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The Halogens

- Have one fewer electron than the next noble gas
- In their reactions with metals, the halogens tend to gain an electron and attain the electron configuration of the next noble gas, forming an anion with charge 1[−].
- In their reactions with nonmetals, they tend to share electrons with the other nonmetal so that each attains the electron configuration of a noble gas.

7A
9 F $2s^2 2p^5$
17 Cl $3s^2 3p^5$
35 Br $4s^2 4p^5$
53 I $5s^2 5p^5$
85 At $6s^2 6p^5$
Halogens

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Electron Configuration and Ion Charge

- We have seen that many metals and nonmetals form one ion and that the charge on that ion is predictable based on its position on the periodic table.
 - Group 1A = 1+, group 2A = 2+, group 7A = 1[−], group 6A = 2[−], etc.
- These atoms form ions that will result in an electron configuration that is the same as the nearest noble gas.

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Elements That Form Ions with Predictable Charges

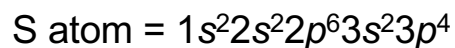
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1	Li ⁺														N ³⁻	O ²⁻	F ⁻	
2	Na ⁺	Mg ²⁺	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B		1B	2B		Al ³⁺			S ²⁻	Cl ⁻	
3	K ⁺	Ca ²⁺														Se ²⁻	Br ⁻	
4	Rb ⁺	Sr ²⁺														Te ²⁻	I ⁻	
5	Cs ⁺	Ba ²⁺																

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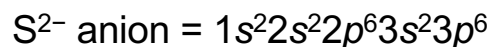
Electron Configuration of Anions in Their Ground State

- Anions are formed when nonmetal atoms gain enough electrons to have eight valence electrons.
 - Filling the *s* and *p* sublevels of the valence shell

- The sulfur atom has six valence electrons.



- To have eight valence electrons, sulfur must gain two more.



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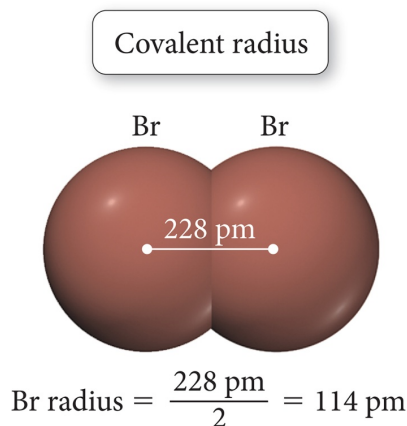
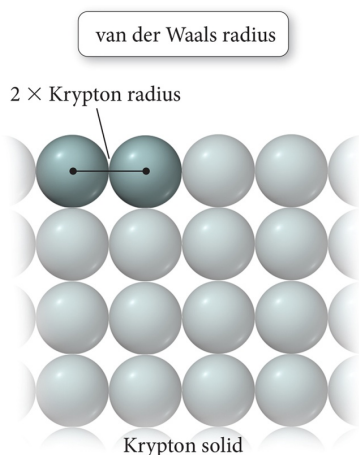
Electron Configuration of Cations in Their Ground State

- Cations are formed when a metal atom loses all its valence electrons, resulting in a new lower energy level valence shell.
 - However, the process is always endothermic.
- The magnesium atom has two valence electrons.
 $\text{Mg atom} = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$
- When magnesium forms a cation, it loses its valence electrons.
 $\text{Mg}^{2+} \text{ cation} = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$

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Trend in Atomic Radius: Main Group

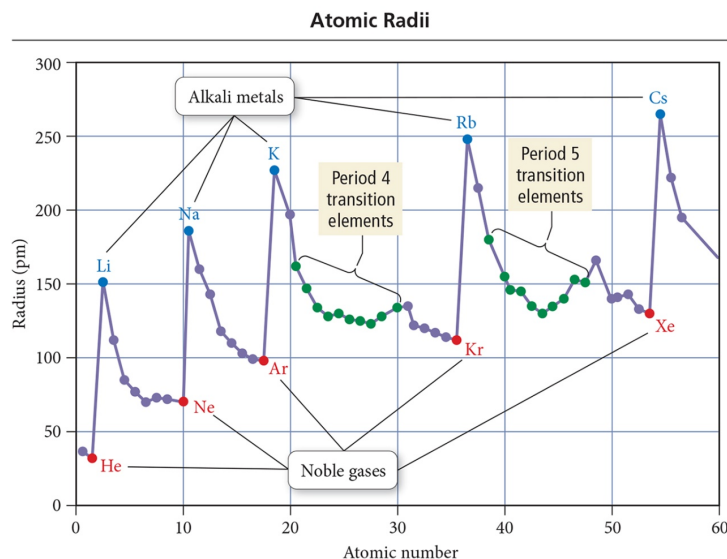
- There are several methods for measuring the radius of an atom, and they give slightly different numbers.
 - Van der Waals radius = nonbonding
 - Covalent radius = bonding radius
 - Atomic radius is an average radius of an atom based on measuring large numbers of elements and compounds.



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Trend in Atomic Radius: Main Group

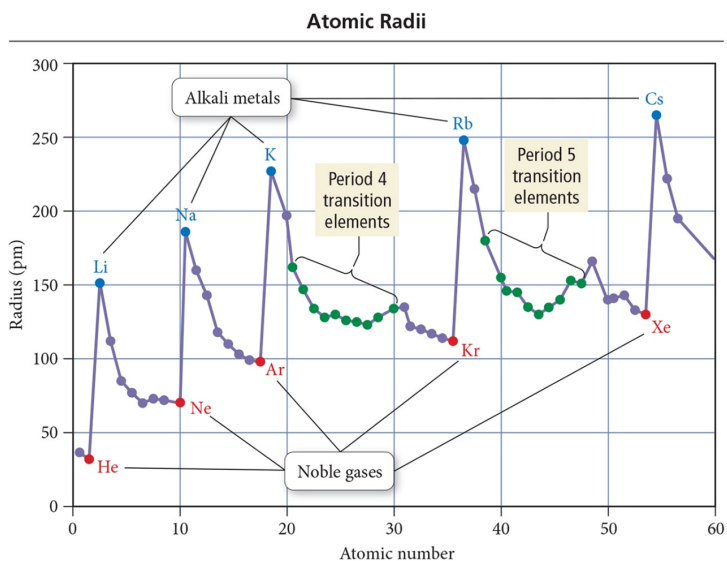
- Atomic radius decreases across period (left to right).
 - Adding electrons to same valence shell
 - Effective nuclear charge increases
 - Valence shell held closer



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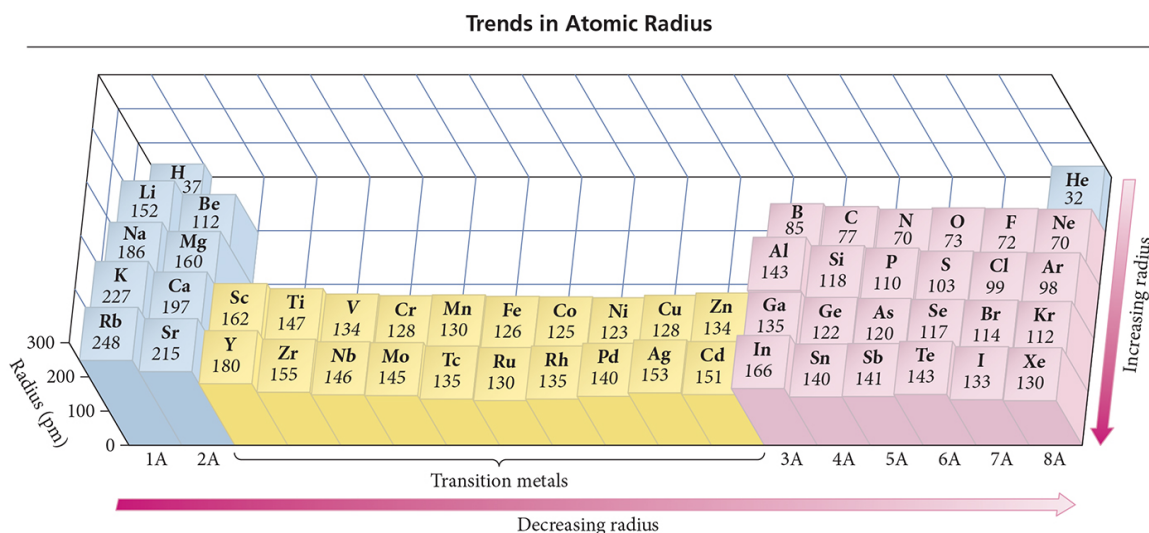
Trend in Atomic Radius: Main Group

- Atomic radius increases down group.
 - Valence shell farther from nucleus
 - Effective nuclear charge fairly close



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Periodic Trends in Atomic Radius



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Shielding

- In a multielectron system, electrons are simultaneously attracted to the nucleus and repelled by each other.
- Outer electrons are *shielded* from the nucleus by the core electrons.
 - Screening or shielding effect
 - Outer electrons do not effectively screen for each other.
- The shielding causes the outer electrons to *not* experience the full strength of the nuclear charge.

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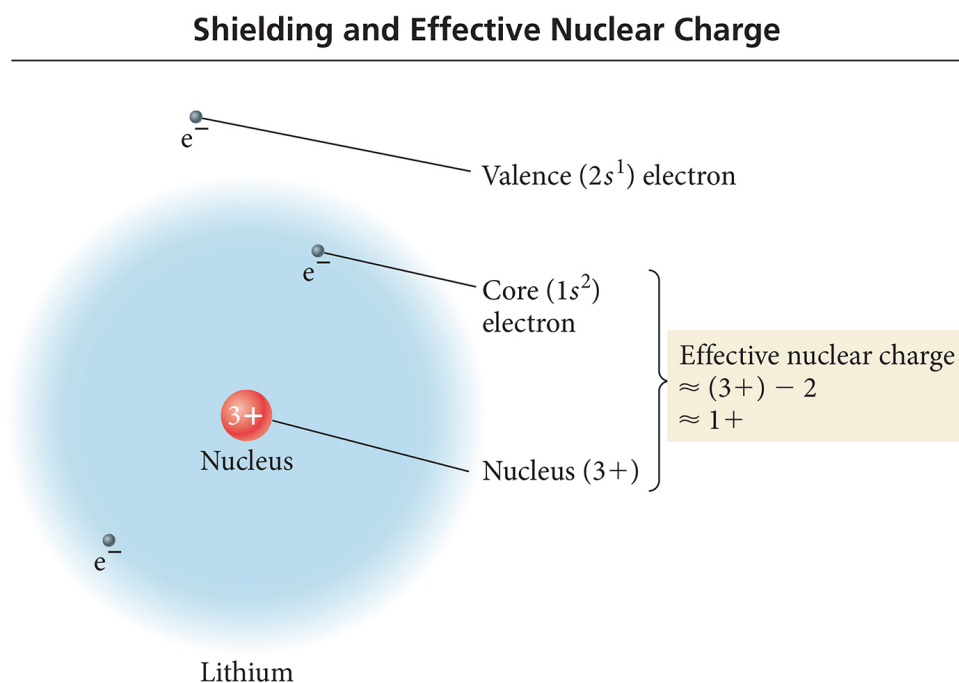
Effective Nuclear Charge

- The **effective nuclear charge** is a net positive charge that is attracting a particular electron.
- **Z** is the nuclear charge, and **S** is the number of electrons in lower energy levels.
 - Electrons in the same energy level contribute to screening, but since their contribution is so small they are not part of the calculation.
 - Trend is $s > p > d > f$.

$$Z_{\text{effective}} = Z - S$$

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Screening and Effective Nuclear Charge



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Quantum-Mechanical Explanation for the Group Trend in Atomic Radius

- The size of an atom is related to the distance the valence electrons are from the nucleus.
- The larger the orbital an electron is in, the farther its most probable distance will be from the nucleus and the less attraction it will have for the nucleus.

Quantum-Mechanical Explanation for the Group Trend in Atomic Radius

- Traversing down a group adds a principal energy level.
- The larger the principal energy level an orbital is in, the larger its volume.
- Quantum-mechanics predicts the atoms should get larger down a column.

Quantum-Mechanical Explanation for the Period Trend in Atomic Radius

- The larger the effective nuclear charge an electron experiences, the stronger the attraction it will have for the nucleus.
- The stronger the attraction the valence electrons have for the nucleus, the closer their average distance will be to the nucleus.
- Traversing across a period increases the effective nuclear charge on the valence electrons.
- Quantum-mechanics predicts the atoms should get smaller across a period.

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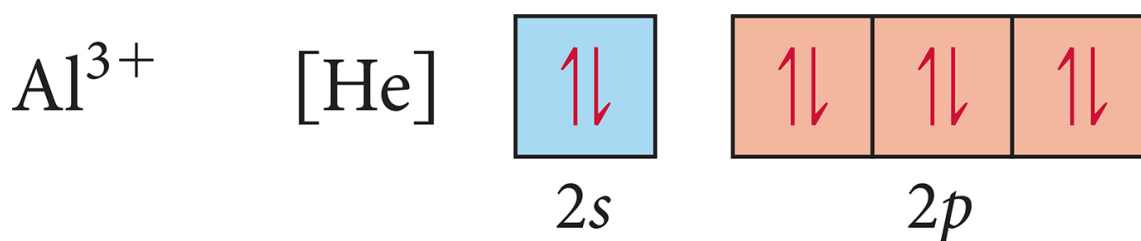
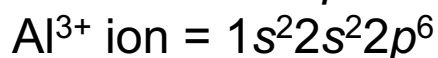
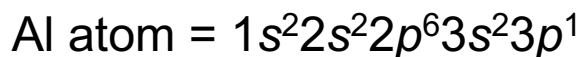
Trends in Atomic Radius: Transition Metals

- Atoms in the same group increase in size down the column.
- Atomic radii of transition metals are roughly the same size across the d block.
 - Much less difference than across main-group elements
 - Valence shell ns^2 , not the $(n-1)d$ electrons
 - Effective nuclear charge on the ns^2 electrons approximately the same

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Electron Configurations of Main Group Cations in Their Ground State

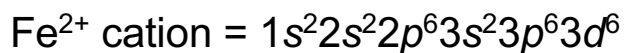
- Cations form when the atom loses electrons from the valence shell.



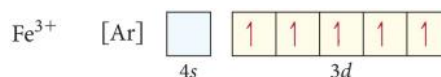
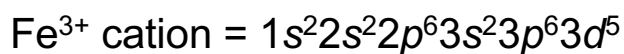
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Electron Configurations of Transition Metal Cations in Their Ground State

- When transition metals form cations, the first electrons removed are the valence electrons, even though other electrons were added after.
- Electrons may also be removed from the sublevel closest to the valence shell after the valence electrons.
- The iron atom has two valence electrons:
 $\text{Fe atom} = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^6$
- When iron forms a cation, it first loses its valence electrons:



- It can then lose 3d electrons:



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Magnetic Properties of Transition Metal Atoms and Ions

- Electron configurations that result in unpaired electrons mean that the atom or ion will have a net magnetic field; this is called **paramagnetism**.
 - Will be attracted to a magnetic field
- Electron configurations that result in all paired electrons mean that the atom or ion will have no magnetic field; this is called **diamagnetism**.
 - Slightly repelled by a magnetic field




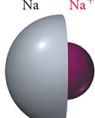



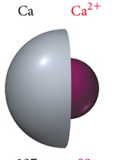

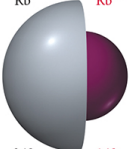
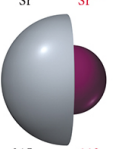
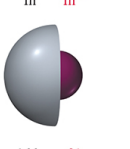
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Trends in Ionic Radius

- Ions in the same group have the same charge.
- Ion size increases down the column.
 - Higher valence shell, larger ion
- Cations are smaller than neutral atoms; anions are larger than neutral atoms.
- Cations are smaller than anions.
 - Except Rb^+ and Cs^+ , bigger or same size as F^- and O^{2-}
- Larger positive charge = smaller cation
 - For isoelectronic species
 - Isoelectronic = same electron configuration
- Larger negative charge = larger anion
 - For isoelectronic species

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Periodic Trends in Ionic Radius

Radii of Atoms and Their Cations (pm)		
Group 1A	Group 2A	Group 3A
Li  152 60	Be  112 31	B  85 23
Na  186 95	Mg  160 65	Al  143 50
K  227 133	Ca  197 99	Ga  135 62
Rb  248 148	Sr  215 113	In  166 81

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Explanation for the Trends in Cation Radius

- When atoms form cations, the valence electrons are removed.
- The farthest electrons from the nucleus are the p or d electrons in the $(n - 1)$ energy level.
- This results in the cation being smaller than the atom.

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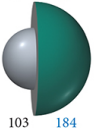
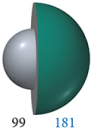
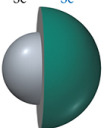
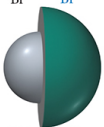
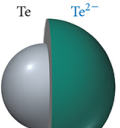
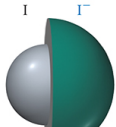
Explanation for the Trends in Cation Radius

- These “new valence electrons” also experience a larger effective nuclear charge than the “old valence electrons,” shrinking the ion even more.
- Traversing down a group increases the $(n - 1)$ level, causing the cations to get larger.
- Traversing to the right across a period increases the effective nuclear charge for isoelectronic cations, causing the cations to get smaller.

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Periodic Trends in Anionic Radius

Radii of Atoms and Their Anions (pm)

Group 6A	Group 7A
<div>O O^{2-}  73 140</div>	<div>F F^-  72 136</div>
<div>S S^{2-}  103 184</div>	<div>Cl Cl^-  99 181</div>
<div>Se Se^{2-}  117 198</div>	<div>Br Br^-  114 195</div>
<div>Te Te^{2-}  143 221</div>	<div>I I^-  133 216</div>

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Explanation for the Trends in Anion Radius

- When atoms form anions, electrons are added to the valence shell.
- These “new valence electrons” experience a smaller effective nuclear charge than the “old valence electrons,” increasing the size.
- The result is that the anion is larger than the atom.

Explanation for the Trends in Anion Radius

- Traversing down a group increases the n level, causing the anions to get larger.
- Traversing to the right across a period decreases the effective nuclear charge for isoelectronic anions, causing the anions to get larger.

Ionization Energy (IE)

- Minimum energy needed to remove an electron from an atom or ion
 - Gas state
 - Endothermic process
 - Valence electron easiest to remove, lowest IE
 - $M(g) + IE_1 \rightarrow M^{1+}(g) + 1 e^-$
 - $M^{+1}(g) + IE_2 \rightarrow M^{2+}(g) + 1 e^-$
 - First ionization energy = energy to remove electron from neutral atom
 - Second IE = energy to remove electron from 1+ ion, etc.

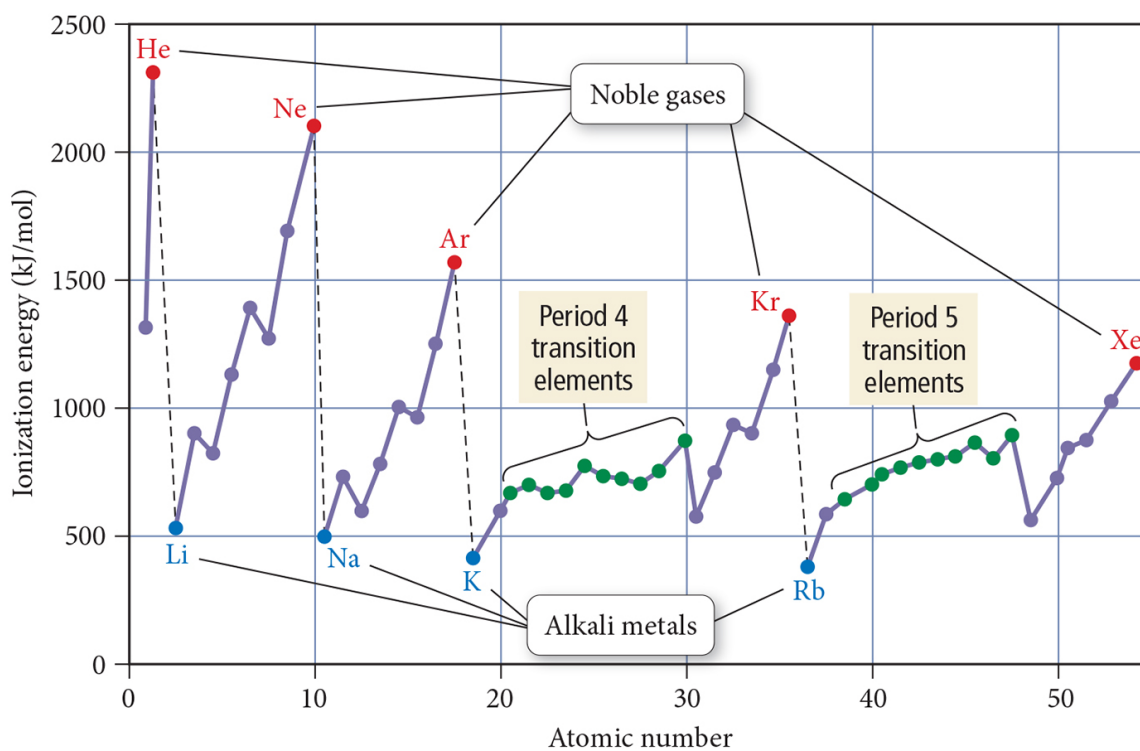
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General Trends in First Ionization Energy

- The larger the effective nuclear charge on the electron, the more energy it takes to remove it.
- The farther the most probable distance the electron is from the nucleus, the less energy it takes to remove it.
- First IE *decreases* down the group.
 - Valence electron farther from nucleus
- First IE generally *increases* across the period.
 - Effective nuclear charge increases

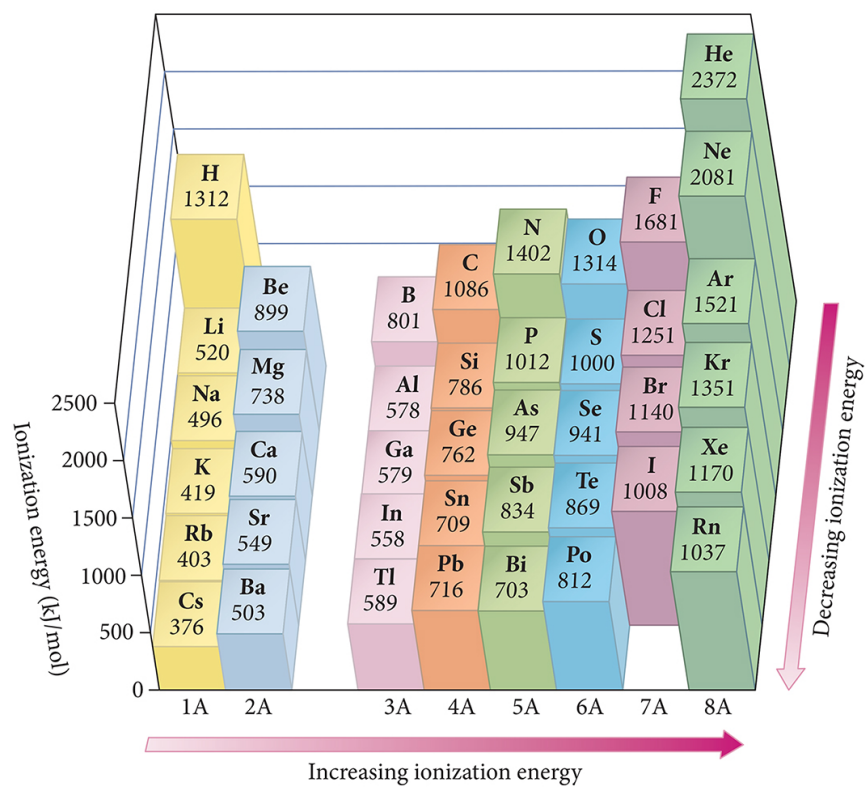
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First Ionization Energies



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Trends in First Ionization Energy



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Explanation for the Trends in First Ionization Energy

- The strength of attraction is related to the most probable distance the valence electrons are from the nucleus and the effective nuclear charge the valence electrons experience.
- The larger the orbital an electron is in, the farther its most probable distance will be from the nucleus and the less attraction it will have for the nucleus.
- Quantum-mechanics predicts the atom's first ionization energy should get lower down a column.

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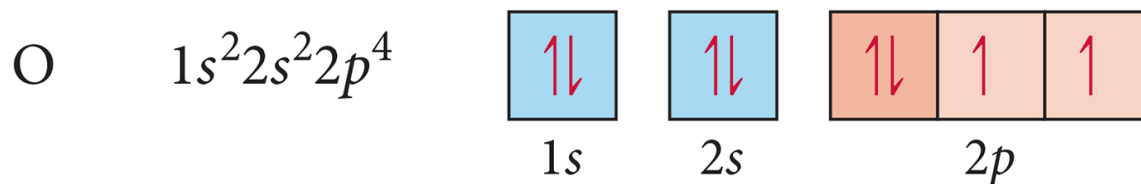
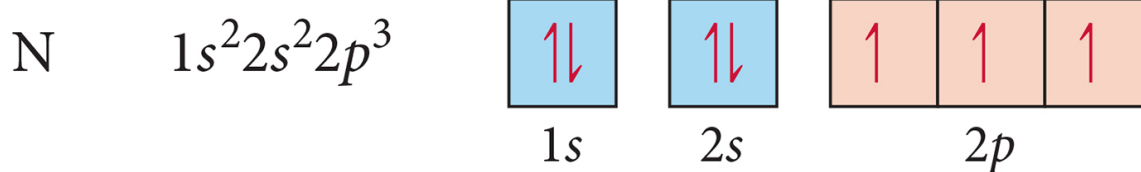
Explanation for the Trends in First Ionization Energy

- Traversing across a period increases the effective nuclear charge on the valence electrons.
- Quantum-mechanics predicts the atom's first ionization energy should get larger across a period.

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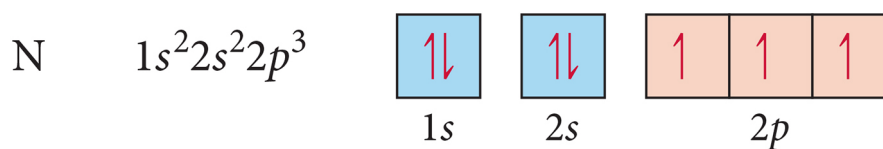
Exceptions in the First IE Trends

- First ionization energy generally increases from left to right across a period.
- Except from 2A to 3A and 5A to 6A

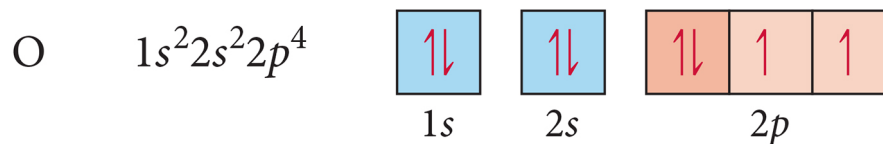


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Exceptions in the First Ionization Energy Trends, N and O



To ionize N, you must break up a half-full sublevel, which costs extra energy.

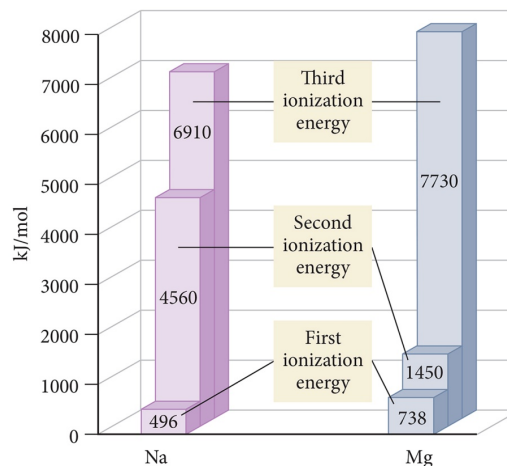


When you ionize O, you get a half-full sublevel, which costs less energy.

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Trends in Successive Ionization Energies

- Removal of each successive electron costs more energy.
 - Shrinkage in size due to having more protons than electrons
 - Outer electrons closer to the nucleus; therefore harder to remove
- There's a regular increase in energy for each successive valence electron.
- There's a large increase in energy when core electrons are removed.



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Trends in Second and Successive Ionization Energies

Element	IE ₁	IE ₂	IE ₃	IE ₄	IE ₅	IE ₆	IE ₇	
Na	496	4560	Core electrons					
Mg	738	1450						7730
Al	578	1820						2750
Si	786	1580	3230	4360	16,100	27,100		
P	1012	1900	2910	4960	6270			22,200
S	1000	2250	3360	4560	7010			8500
Cl	1251	2300	3820	5160	6540	9460	11,000	
Ar	1521	2670	3930	5770	7240	8780	12,000	

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Electron Affinity

- Energy is released when a neutral atom gains an electron.
 - Gas state
 - $M(g) + 1e^{-} \rightarrow M^{1-}(g) + EA$
- Electron affinity is defined as exothermic (–) but may actually be endothermic (+).
 - Some alkali earth metals and all noble gases are endothermic. Why?
- The more energy that is released, the larger the electron affinity.
 - The more negative the number, the larger the EA.

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Trends in Electron Affinity

- Alkali metals decrease electron affinity down the column.
 - But not all groups do
 - Generally irregular increase in EA from second period to third period
- “Generally” increases across period
 - Becomes more negative from left to right
 - Not absolute
 - Group 5A generally lower EA than expected because extra electron must pair
 - Groups 2A and 8A generally very low EA because added electron goes into higher energy level or sublevel
- Highest EA in any period = halogen

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Electron Affinities (kJ/mol)

1A							8A
H -73							He >0
	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	
Li -60	Be >0	B -27	C -122	N >0	O -141	F -328	Ne >0
Na -53	Mg >0	Al -43	Si -134	P -72	S -200	Cl -349	Ar >0
K -48	Ca -2	Ga -30	Ge -119	As -78	Se -195	Br -325	Kr >0
Rb -47	Sr -5	In -30	Sn -107	Sb -103	Te -190	I -295	Xe >0

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Properties of Metals and Nonmetals

- Metals
 - Malleable and ductile
 - Shiny, lustrous, reflect light
 - Conduct heat and electricity
 - Most oxides basic and ionic
 - Form cations in solution
 - Lose electrons in reactions—**oxidized**
- Nonmetals
 - Brittle in solid state
 - Dull, nonreflective solid surface
 - Electrical and thermal insulators
 - Most oxides are acidic and molecular
 - Form anions and polyatomic anions
 - Gain electrons in reactions—**reduced**

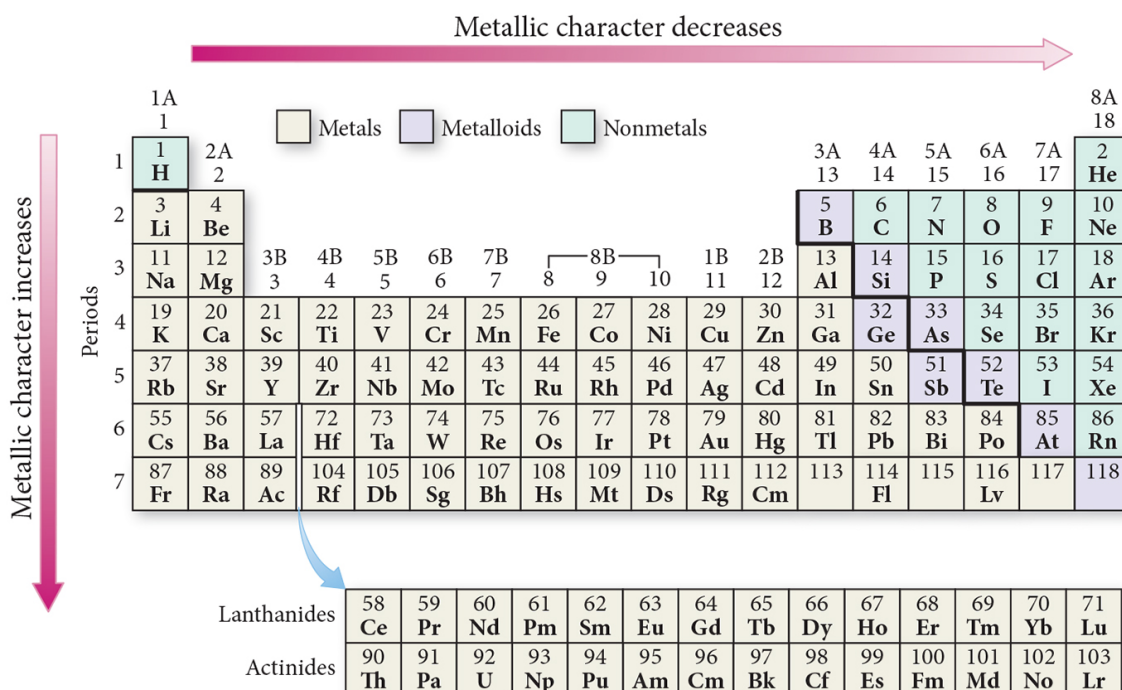
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Metallic Character

- **Metallic character** is how closely an element's properties match the ideal properties of a metal.
 - More malleable and ductile, better conductors, and easier to ionize
- Metallic character *decreases left to right* across a period.
 - Metals found at the left of the period, and nonmetals to the right
- Metallic character *increases down* the column.
 - Nonmetals found at the top of the middle main-group elements, and metals found at the bottom

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Trends in Metallic Character



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Explanation for the Trends in Metallic Character

- Metals generally have smaller first ionization energies, and nonmetals generally have larger electron affinities.
 - Except for the noble gases
- \therefore quantum mechanics predicts the atom's metallic character should increase down a column because the valence electrons are not held as strongly.
- \therefore quantum mechanics predicts the atom's metallic character should decrease across a period because the valence electrons are held more strongly and the electron affinity increases.

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Trends in the Alkali Metals

- Atomic radius increases down the column.
- Ionization energy decreases down the column.
- Very low ionization energies
 - Good reducing agents; easy to oxidize
 - Very reactive; not found uncombined in nature
 - React with nonmetals to form salts
 - Compounds generally soluble in water \therefore found in seawater
- Electron affinity decreases down the column.
- Melting point decreases down the column.
 - All very low MP for metals
- Density increases down the column.
 - Except K
 - In general, the increase in mass is greater than the increase in volume.

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Alkali Metals

TABLE 8.2 Properties of the Alkali Metals*

Element	Electron Configuration	Atomic Radius (pm)	IE ₁ (kJ/mol)	Density at 25 °C (g/cm ³)	Melting Point (°C)
Li	[He] 2s ¹	152	520	0.535	181
Na	[Ne] 3s ¹	186	496	0.968	102
K	[Ar] 4s ¹	227	419	0.856	98
Rb	[Kr] 5s ¹	248	403	1.532	39
Cs	[Xe] 6s ¹	265	376	1.879	29

*Francium is omitted because it has no stable isotopes.

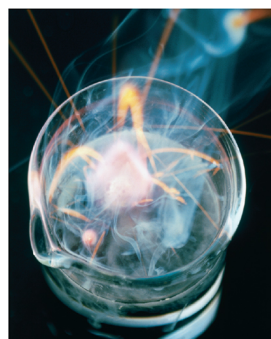
Reactions of the Alkali Metals with Water



Lithium



Sodium



Potassium

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Trends in the Halogens

- Atomic radius increases down the column.
- Ionization energy decreases down the column.
- Very high electron affinities
 - Good oxidizing agents; easy to reduce
 - Very reactive; not found uncombined in nature
 - React with metals to form salts
 - Compounds generally soluble in water ∴ found in seawater

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Trends in the Halogens

- Reactivity increases down the column.
- They react with hydrogen to form HX, acids.
- Melting point and boiling point increase down the column.
- Density increases down the column.
 - In general, the increase in mass is greater than the increase in volume.

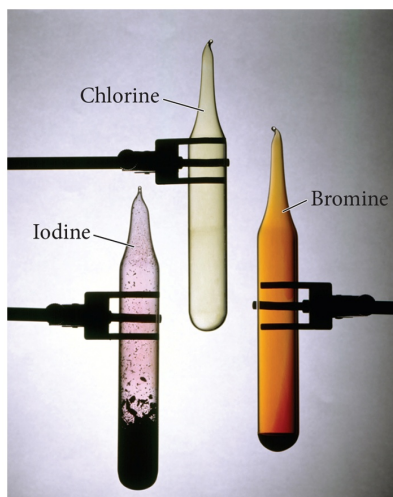
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Halogens

TABLE 8.3 Properties of the Halogens*

Element	Electron Configuration	Atomic Radius (pm)	EA (kJ/mol)	Melting Point (°C)	Boiling Point (°C)	Density of Liquid (g/cm ³)
F	[He] 2s ² 2p ⁵	72	-328	-219	-188	1.51
Cl	[Ne] 3s ² 3p ⁵	99	-349	-101	-34	2.03
Br	[Ar] 4s ² 4p ⁵	114	-325	-7	59	3.19
I	[Kr] 5s ² 5p ⁵	133	-295	114	184	3.96

*At is omitted because it is rare and radioactive.



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Reactions of Alkali Metals with Halogens

- Alkali metals are oxidized to the 1+ ion.
- Halogens are reduced to the 1- ion.
- The ions then attach together by ionic bonds.
- The reaction is exothermic.



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Reactions of Alkali Metals with Water

- Alkali metals are oxidized to the 1+ ion.
- H_2O is split into $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ and OH^- ion.
- The Li, Na, and K are less dense than the water, so they float on top.
- The ions then attach together by ionic bonds.
- The reaction is exothermic, and often the heat released ignites the $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$.

Reactions of the Alkali Metals with Water



Lithium



Sodium



Potassium

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Trends in the Noble Gases

- Atomic radius increases down the column.
- Ionization energy decreases down the column.
 - Very high IE
- Very unreactive
 - Only found uncombined in nature
 - Used as “inert” atmosphere when reactions with other gases would be undesirable

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Trends in the Noble Gases

- Melting point and boiling point increase down the column.
 - All gases at room temperature
 - Very low boiling points
- Density increases down the column.
 - In general, the increase in mass is greater than the increase in volume.

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Noble Gases

TABLE 8.4 Properties of the Noble Gases*

Element	Electron Configuration	Atomic Radius (pm) **	IE ₁ (kJ/mol)	Boiling Point (K)	Density of Gas (g/L at STP)
He	1s ²	32	2372	4.2	0.18
Ne	[He] 2s ² 2p ⁶	70	2081	27.1	0.90
Ar	[Ne] 3s ² 3p ⁶	98	1521	87.3	1.78
Kr	[Ar] 4s ² 4p ⁶	112	1351	119.9	3.74
Xe	[Kr] 5s ² 5p ⁶	130	1170	165.1	5.86

*Radon is omitted because it is radioactive.

**Since only the heavier noble gases form compounds, covalent radii for the smaller noble gases are estimated.