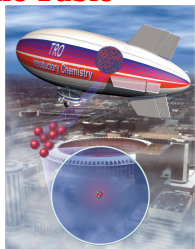


Chapter 9

Electrons in Atoms and the Periodic Table

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Blimps

- Blimps float because they are filled with a gas that is less dense than the surrounding air.
- Early blimps used the gas **hydrogen**, however, hydrogen's flammability lead to the Hindenburg disaster.
- Blimps now use helium gas, which is not flammable. In fact, it doesn't undergo any chemical reactions.
- This chapter investigates models of the atom we use to explain the differences in the properties of the elements.

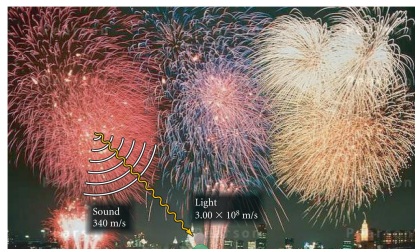
Classical View of the Universe

- Since the time of the ancient Greeks, the stuff of the physical universe has been classified as either matter or energy.
- We define matter as the stuff of the universe that has mass and volume.
 - Therefore, energy is the stuff of the universe that doesn't have mass and volume.
- We know from our examination of matter that it is ultimately composed of particles, and its the properties of those particles that determine the properties we observe.
- Energy, therefore, should not be composed of particles. In fact, the thing that all energy has in common is that it travels in **waves**.

The Nature of Light—Its Wave Nature

- Light is one of the forms of energy.
- Light is a form of **electromagnetic radiation**.
- Electromagnetic radiation is made of waves.
- Electromagnetic radiation moves through space like waves move across the surface of a pond

Speed of Energy Transmission



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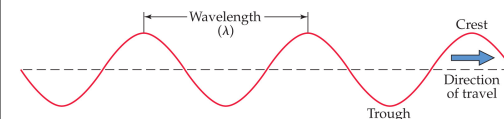
Electromagnetic Waves

- Every wave has four characteristics that determine its properties:
 - ✓ wave speed,
 - ✓ height (amplitude),
 - ✓ length,
 - ✓ number of wave peaks that pass in a given time.
- All electromagnetic waves move through space at the same, constant speed.
 - ✓ 3.00×10^8 meters per second in a vacuum = **The speed of light, c.**

Characterizing Waves

- The **amplitude** is the height of the wave.
 - ✓ The distance from node to crest.
 - Or node to trough.
- The amplitude is a measure of how intense the light is—the larger the amplitude, the brighter the light.
- The **wavelength (λ)** is a measure of the distance covered by the wave.
 - ✓ The distance from one crest to the next.
 - Or the distance from one trough to the next, or the distance between alternate nodes.
- Usually measured in nanometers.
 - $1 \text{ nm} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

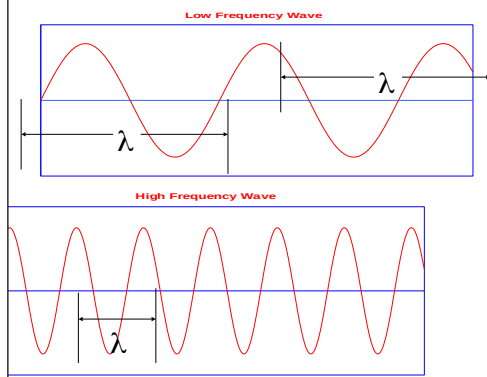
Electromagnetic Waves



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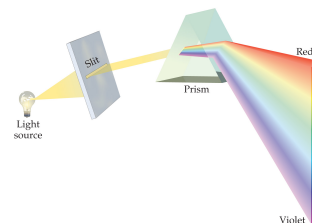
Characterizing Waves

- The **frequency (ν)** is the number of waves that pass a point in a given period of time.
 - ✓ The number of waves = number of cycles.
 - ✓ Units are hertz (Hz), or cycles/s = s^{-1} .
 - $1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- The total energy is proportional to the amplitude and frequency of the waves.
 - ✓ The larger the wave amplitude, the more force it has.
 - ✓ The more frequently the waves strike, the more total force there is.



The Electromagnetic Spectrum

- Light passed through a prism is separated into all its colors. This is called a **continuous spectrum**.
- The color of the light is determined by its wavelength.



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Color

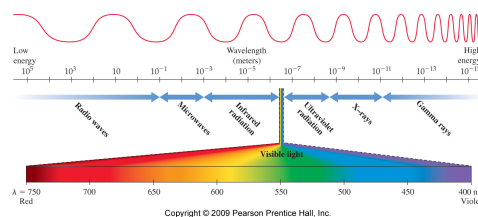
- The color of light is determined by its wavelength.
 - ✓ Or frequency.
- White light is a mixture of all the colors of visible light.
 - ✓ A spectrum.
 - ✓ RedOrangeYellowGreenBlueIndigoViolet.
- When an object absorbs some of the wavelengths of white light while reflecting others, it appears colored.
 - ✓ The observed color is predominantly the colors reflected.

Types of Electromagnetic Radiation

- Classified by the Wavelength
 - ✓ Radiowaves = $\lambda > 0.01 \text{ m}$.
 - Low frequency and energy.
 - ✓ Microwaves = $10^{-4} \text{ m} < \lambda < 10^{-2} \text{ m}$.
 - ✓ Infrared (IR) = $8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} < \lambda < 10^{-5} \text{ m}$.
 - ✓ Visible = $4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} < \lambda < 8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$.
 - ROYGBIV.
 - ✓ Ultraviolet (UV) = $10^{-8} \text{ m} < \lambda < 4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$.
 - ✓ X-rays = $10^{-10} \text{ m} < \lambda < 10^{-8} \text{ m}$.
 - ✓ Gamma rays = $\lambda < 10^{-10} \text{ m}$.
 - High frequency and energy.



Electromagnetic Spectrum



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Particles of Light

- Scientists in the early 20th century showed that electromagnetic radiation was composed of particles we call **photons**.
 - ✓ Max Planck and Albert Einstein.
 - ✓ Photons are particles of light energy.
- Each wavelength of light has photons that have a different amount of energy.

The Electromagnetic Spectrum and Photon Energy

- Short wavelength light has photons with high energy.
- High frequency light has photons with high energy.
 - ✓ Radiowave photons have the lowest energy.
 - ✓ Gamma ray photons have the highest energy.
- High-energy electromagnetic radiation can potentially damage biological molecules.
 - ✓ Ionizing radiation.

Order the Following Types of Electromagnetic Radiation:
Microwaves, Gamma Rays, Green Light, Red Light, Ultraviolet Light

- By wavelength (short to long).
- By frequency (low to high).
- By energy (least to most).

Order the Following Types of Electromagnetic Radiation:
Microwaves, Gamma Rays, Green Light, Red Light, Ultraviolet Light, Continued

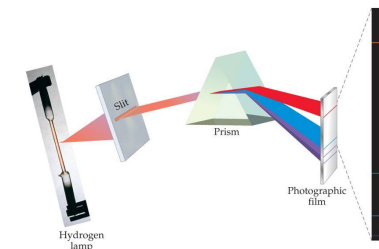
- By wavelength (short to long).
Gamma < UV < green < red < microwaves.
- By frequency (low to high).
Microwaves < red < green < UV < gamma.
- By energy (least to most).
Microwaves < red < green < UV < gamma.

Light's Relationship to Matter

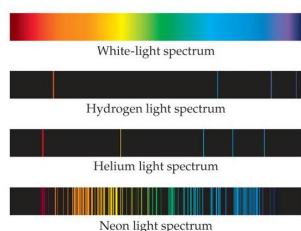
- Atoms can acquire extra energy, but they must eventually release it.
- When atoms emit energy, it usually is released in the form of light.
- However, atoms don't emit all colors, only very specific wavelengths.
✓ In fact, the spectrum of wavelengths can be used to identify the element.



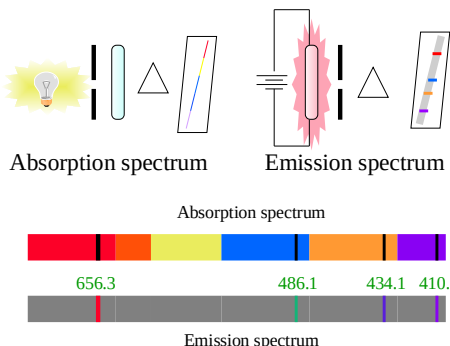
Emission Spectrum



Spectra



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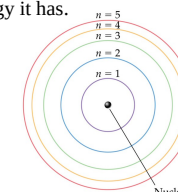


The Bohr Model of the Atom

- The nuclear model of the atom does not explain how the atom can gain or lose energy.
- Neils Bohr developed a model of the atom to explain how the structure of the atom changes when it undergoes energy transitions.
- Bohr's major idea was that the energy of the atom was **quantized**, and that the amount of energy in the atom was related to the electron's position in the atom.
✓ Quantized means that the atom could only have very specific amounts of energy.

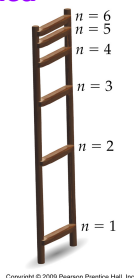
The Bohr Model of the Atom: Electron Orbits

- In the Bohr model, electrons travel in orbits around the nucleus.
✓ More like shells than planet orbits.
- The farther the electron is from the nucleus the more energy it has.



The Bohr Model of the Atom: Orbits and Energy, Continued

- Each orbit has a specific amount of energy.
- The energy of each orbit is characterized by an integer—the larger the integer, the more energy an electron in that orbit has and the farther it is from the nucleus.
✓ The integer, **n**, is called a **quantum number**.

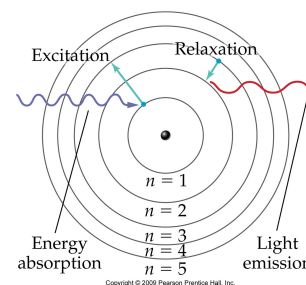


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The Bohr Model of the Atom: Energy Transitions

- When the atom gains energy, the electron leaps from a lower energy orbit to one that is further from the nucleus.
✓ However, during that "quantum leap" it doesn't travel through the space between the orbits, it just disappears from the lower orbit and appears in the higher orbit.
- When the electron leaps from a higher energy orbit to one that is closer to the nucleus, energy is emitted from the atom as a photon of light—a **quantum** of energy.

The Bohr Model of the Atom



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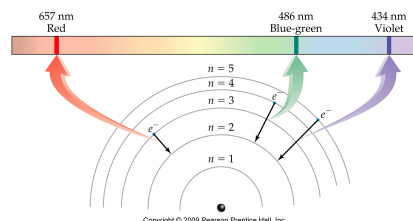
The Bohr Model of the Atom: Ground and Excited States

- In the Bohr model of hydrogen, the lowest amount of energy hydrogen's one electron can have corresponds to being in the **n = 1** orbit. We call this its **ground state**.
- When the atom gains energy, the electron leaps to a higher energy orbit. We call this an **excited state**.
- The atom is less stable in an excited state and so it will release the extra energy to return to the ground state.
✓ Either all at once or in several steps.

The Bohr Model of the Atom: Hydrogen Spectrum

- Every hydrogen atom has identical orbits, so every hydrogen atom can undergo the same energy transitions.
- However, since the distances between the orbits in an atom are not all the same, no two leaps in an atom will have the same energy.
✓ The closer the orbits are in energy, the lower the energy of the photon emitted.
✓ Lower energy photon = longer wavelength.
- Therefore, we get an emission spectrum that has a lot of lines that are unique to hydrogen.

The Bohr Model of the Atom: Hydrogen Spectrum, Continued



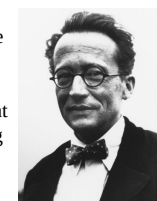
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The Bohr Model of the Atom: Success and Failure

- The mathematics of the Bohr model very accurately predicts the spectrum of hydrogen.
- However, its mathematics fails when applied to multi-electron atoms.
✓ It cannot account for electron-electron interactions.
- A better theory was needed.

The Quantum-Mechanical Model of the Atom

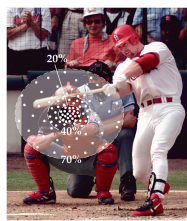
- Erwin Schrödinger applied the mathematics of probability and the ideas of quantizing energy to the physics equations that describe waves, resulting in an equation that predicts the **probability** of finding an electron with a particular amount of energy at a particular location in the atom.



The Quantum-Mechanical Model: Orbitals

- The result is a map of regions in the atom that have a particular probability for finding the electron.
- An **orbital** is a region where we have a very high probability of finding the electron when it has a particular amount of energy.
 - Generally set at 90 or 95%.

Orbits vs. Orbitals Pathways vs. Probability

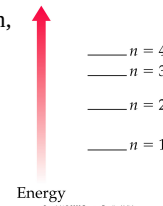


Wave-Particle Duality

- We've seen that light has the characteristics of waves and particles (photons) at the same time—how we view it depends on the application.
- In the same way, electrons have the characteristics of both particles and waves at the same time.
- This makes it impossible to predict the path of an electron in an atom.

The Quantum-Mechanical Model: Quantum Numbers

- In Schrödinger's wave equation, there are 3 integers, called **quantum numbers**, that quantize the energy.
- The **principal quantum number, n** , specifies the main energy level for the orbital.



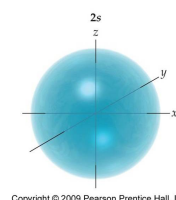
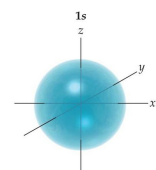
The Quantum-Mechanical Model: Quantum Numbers, Continued

- Each principal energy shell has one or more subshells.
 - The number of subshells = the principal quantum number.
- The quantum number that designates the subshell is often given a letter.
 - s, p, d, f .
- Each kind of sublevel has orbitals with a particular shape.
 - The shape represents the probability map.
 - 90% probability of finding electron in that region.

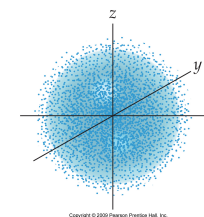
Shells and Subshells

Shell	# of subshells	Letters specifying subshells
$n = 4$	4	s p d f
$n = 3$	3	s p d
$n = 2$	2	s p
$n = 1$	1	s

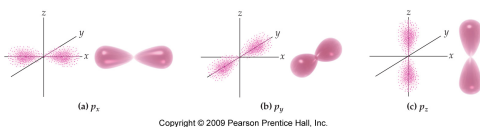
How Does the 1s Subshell Differ from the 2s Subshell?



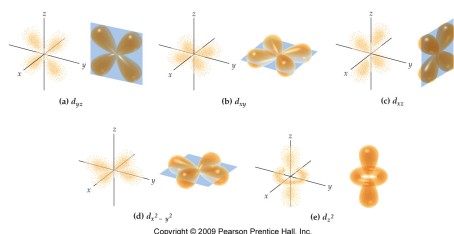
Probability Maps and Orbital Shape: s Orbitals



Probability Maps and Orbital Shape: p Orbitals



Probability Maps and Orbital Shape: d Orbitals



Subshells and Orbitals

- The subshells of a principal shell have slightly different energies.
 - The subshells in a shell of H all have the same energy, but for multielectron atoms the subshells have different energies.
 - $s < p < d < f$.
- Each subshell contains one or more orbitals.
 - s subshells have 1 orbital.
 - p subshells have 3 orbitals.
 - d subshells have 5 orbitals.
 - f subshells have 7 orbitals.

The Quantum-Mechanical Model: Energy Transitions

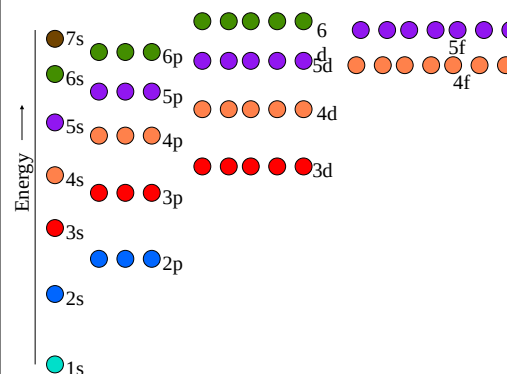
- As in the Bohr model, atoms gain or lose energy as the electron leaps between orbitals in different energy shells and subshells.
- The **ground state** of the electron is the lowest energy orbital it can occupy.
- Higher energy orbitals are **excited states**.

The Bohr Model vs. the Quantum-Mechanical Model

- Both the Bohr and quantum-mechanical models predict the spectrum of hydrogen very accurately.
- Only the quantum-mechanical model predicts the spectra of multi-electron atoms.

Electron Configurations

- The distribution of electrons into the various energy shells and subshells in an atom in its ground state is called its **electron configuration**.
- Each energy shell and subshell has a maximum number of electrons it can hold.
 - $s = 2, p = 6, d = 10, f = 14$.
 - Based on the number of orbitals in the subshell.
- We place electrons in the energy shells and subshells in order of energy, from low energy up.
 - Aufbau principle.



Filling an Orbital with Electrons

- Each orbital may have a maximum of 2 electrons.
 - Pauli Exclusion principle.
- Electrons spin on an axis.
 - Generating their own magnetic field.
- When two electrons are in the same orbital, they must have opposite spins.
 - So their magnetic fields will cancel.

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.



Unoccupied orbital



Orbital with 1 electron

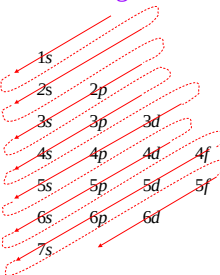


Orbital with 2 electrons

Order of Subshell Filling in Ground State Electron Configurations

Start by drawing a diagram putting each energy shell on a row and listing the subshells (*s*, *p*, *d*, *f*) for that shell in order of energy (left to right).

Next, draw arrows through the diagonals, looping back to the next diagonal each time.



Filling the Orbitals in a Subshell with Electrons

- Energy shells fill from lowest energy to highest.
- Subshells fill from lowest energy to highest.
 - $s \rightarrow p \rightarrow d \rightarrow f$
- Orbitals that are in the same subshell have the same energy.
- When filling orbitals that have the same energy, place one electron in each before completing pairs.
 - Hund's rule.

Electron Configuration of Atoms in their Ground State

- The electron configuration is a listing of the subshells in order of filling with the number of electrons in that subshell written as a superscript.
 - Kr = 36 electrons = $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6$
- A short-hand way of writing an electron configuration is to use the symbol of the previous noble gas in [] to represent all the inner electrons, then just write the last set.
 - Rb = 37 electrons = $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^1 = [\text{Kr}]5s^1$

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	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$	

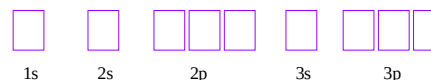
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Example—Write the Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Magnesium.

- Determine the atomic number of the element from the periodic table.
 - This gives the number of protons and electrons in the atom.
- Mg $Z = 12$, so Mg has 12 protons and 12 electrons.

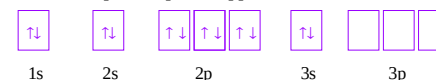
Example—Write the Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Magnesium, Continued.

- Draw 9 boxes to represent the first 3 energy levels *s* and *p* orbitals.



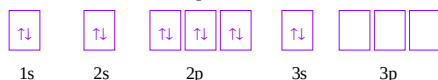
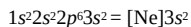
Example—Write the Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Magnesium, Continued.

- Add one electron to each box in a set, then pair the electrons before going to the next set until you use all the electrons.
 - When paired, put in opposite arrows.



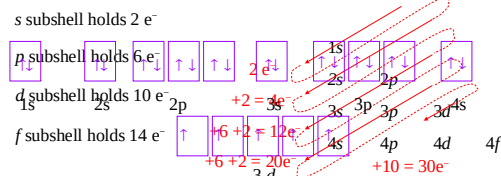
Example—Write the Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Magnesium, Continued.

- Use the diagram to write the electron configuration.
 - Write the number of electrons in each set as a superscript next to the name of the orbital set.



Example—Write the Full Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Manganese

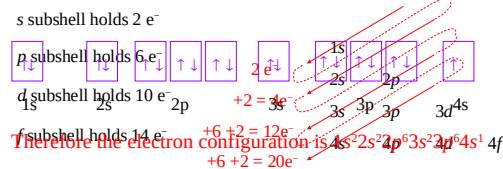
Mn $Z = 25$, therefore 25 e^-



Therefore the electron configuration is $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^5$
Based on the order of subshell filling, we will need the first 7 subshells

Practice—Write the Full Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Potassium

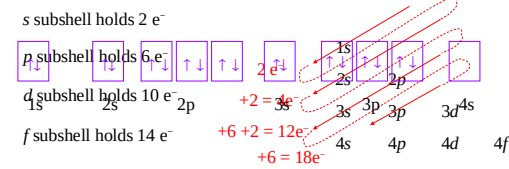
K $Z = 19$, therefore 19 e^-



Based on the order of subshell filling, we will need the first 6 subshells

Example—Write the Full Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Sc^{3+}

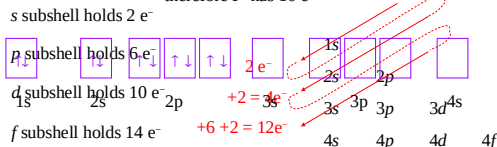
Sc $Z = 21$, therefore 21 e^-
therefore Sc^{3+} has 18 e^-



Therefore the electron configuration is $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^1$
Based on the order of subshell filling, we will need the first 5 subshells

Practice—Write the Full Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of F^-

F $Z = 9$, therefore 9 e^-
therefore F^- has 10 e^-



Therefore the electron configuration is $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$

Based on the order of subshell filling, we will need the first 3 subshells.

Valence Electrons

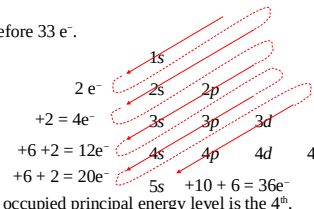
- The electrons in all the subshells with the highest principal energy shells are called the **valence electrons**.
- Electrons in lower energy shells are called **core electrons**.
- Chemists have observed that one of the most important factors in the way an atom behaves, both chemically and physically, is the number of valence electrons.

Valence Electrons, Continued

- Rb = 37 electrons = $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^1$
- The highest principal energy shell of Rb that contains electrons is the 5th, therefore, Rb has 1 valence electron and 36 core electrons.
- Kr = 36 electrons = $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6$
- The highest principal energy shell of Kr that contains electrons is the 4th, therefore, Kr has 8 valence electrons and 28 core electrons.

Practice—Determine the Number and Types of Valence Electrons in an As Atom

As $Z = 33$, therefore 33 e^- .



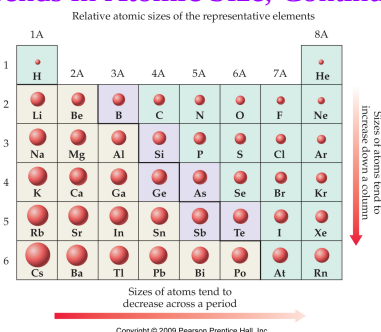
The valence electrons are 4s and 4p and there are 5 total.
Therefore, the electron configuration is $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^3$.

Periodic Trends in the Properties of the Elements

Trends in Atomic Size

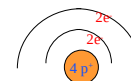
- Either volume or radius.
 - ✓ Treat atom as a hard marble.
- As you traverse down a column on the periodic table, the size of the atom **increases**.
 - ✓ Valence shell farther from nucleus.
 - ✓ Effective nuclear charge fairly close.
- As you traverse left to right across a period, the size of the atom **decreases**.
 - ✓ Adding electrons to same valence shell.
 - ✓ Effective nuclear charge increases.
 - ✓ Valence shell held closer.

Trends in Atomic Size, Continued

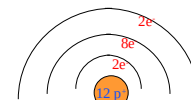


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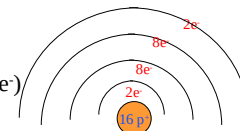
Be (4p⁺ and 4e⁻)



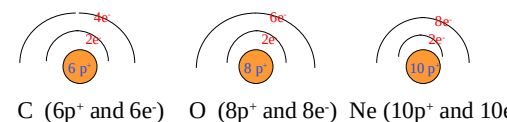
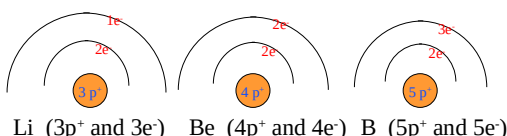
Mg (12p⁺ and 12e⁻)



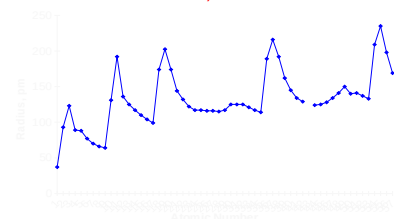
Ca (20p⁺ and 20e⁻)



Period 2



Covalent Radius, elements 1 - 58



Example 9.6 – Choose the Larger Atom in Each Pair

- C or O
- Li or K
- C or Al
- Se or I?

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Practice—Choose the Larger Atom in Each Pair.

1. N or F
2. C or Ge
3. N or Al
4. Al or Ge

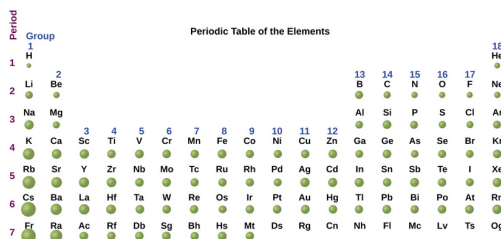
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Practice—Choose the Larger Atom in Each Pair, Continued.

1. N or F, N is further left
2. C or Ge, Ge is further down
3. N or Al, Al is further down & left
4. Al or Ge? opposing trends

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Periodic Table of Atomic Radiuses

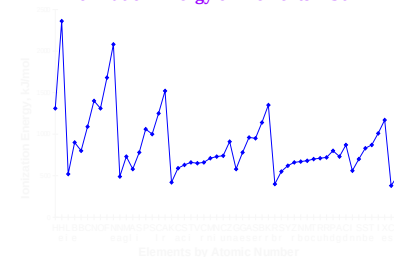


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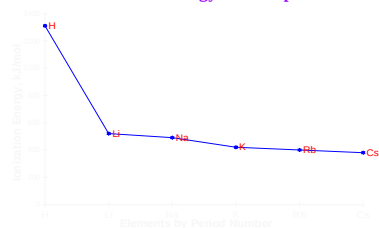
Ionization Energy

- Minimum energy needed to remove an electron from an atom.
 - ✓ Gas state.
 - ✓ Endothermic process.
 - ✓ Valence electron easiest to remove.
 - ✓ $M(g) + 1st\ IE \rightarrow M^{+}(g) + 1\ e^{-}$
 - ✓ $M^{+}(g) + 2nd\ IE \rightarrow M^{2+}(g) + 1\ e^{-}$
- First ionization energy = energy to remove electron from neutral atom; 2nd IE = energy to remove from +1 ion; etc.

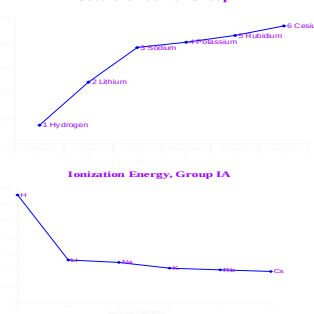
Ionization Energy of Elements 1-56



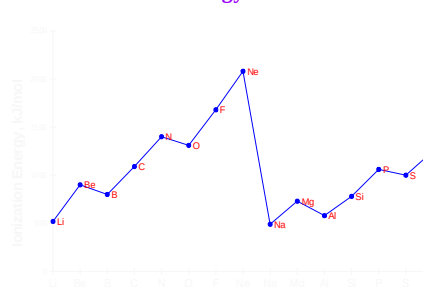
Ionization Energy of Group IA



Covalent Radii of Group IA



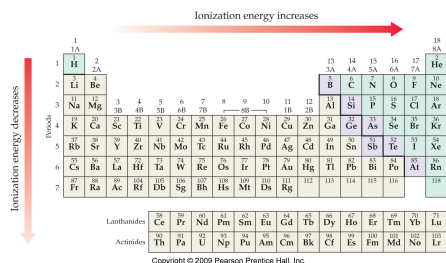
Ionization Energy of Periods 2 & 3



Trends in Ionization Energy

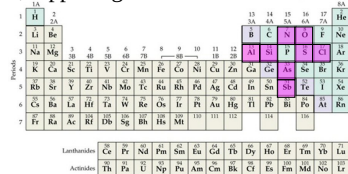
- As atomic radius increases, the ionization energy (IE) generally decreases.
 - ✓ Because the electron is closer to the nucleus.
- 1st IE < 2nd IE < 3rd IE ...
- As you traverse down a column, the IE gets **smaller**.
 - ✓ Valence electron farther from nucleus.
- As you traverse left to right across a period, the IE gets **larger**.
 - ✓ Effective nuclear charge increases.

Trends in Ionization Energy, Continued



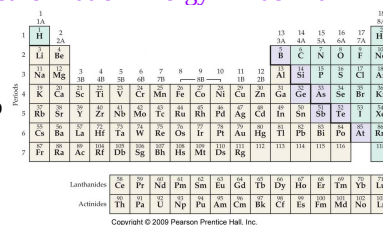
Example—Choose the Atom in Each Pair with the Higher First Ionization Energy

1. **Al or S**, Al is further left
2. **As or Sb**, Sb is further down
3. **N or Si**, Si is further down and left
4. O or Cl, opposing trends



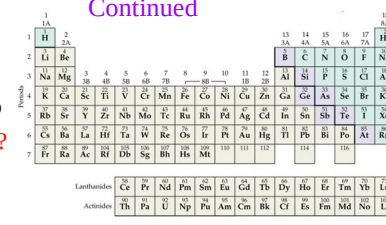
Practice—Choose the Atom with the Highest Ionization Energy in Each Pair

1. Mg or P
2. Cl or Br
3. Se or Sb
4. P or Se

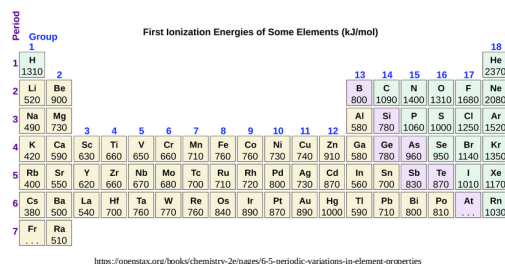


Practice—Choose the Atom with the Highest Ionization Energy in Each Pair, Continued

1. Mg or P
2. Cl or Br
3. Se or Sb
4. P or Se



Periodic Table of Ionization Energy



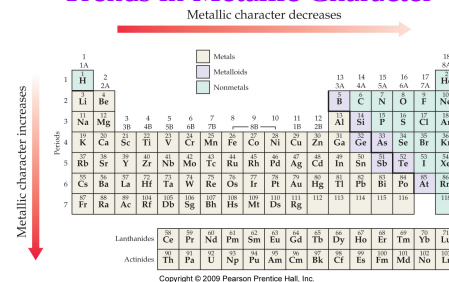
Metallic Character

- How well an element's properties match the general properties of a metal.
- Metals:
 - Malleable and ductile as solids.
 - Solids are shiny, lustrous, and reflect light.
 - Solids conduct heat and electricity.
 - Most oxides basic and ionic.
 - Form cations in solution.
 - Lose electrons in reactions—**oxidized**.
- Nonmetals:
 - Brittle in solid state.
 - Solid surface is dull, nonreflective.
 - Solids are electrical and thermal insulators.
 - Most oxides are acidic and molecular.
 - Form anions and polyatomic anions.
 - Gain electrons in reactions—**reduced**.

Metallic Character, Continued

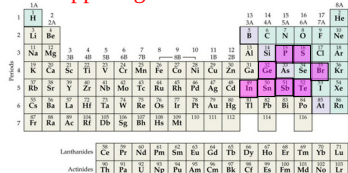
- In general, metals are found on the left of the periodic table and nonmetals on the right.
- As you traverse left to right across the period, the elements become less metallic.
- As you traverse down a column, the elements become more metallic.

Trends in Metallic Character



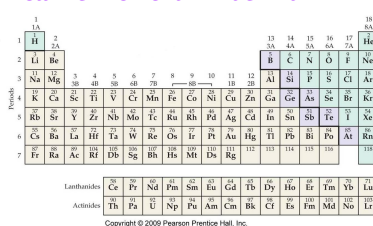
Example—Choose the More Metallic Element in Each Pair

1. **Sn or Te**, Sn is further left
2. **P or Sb**, Sb is further down
3. **Ge or In**, In is further down & left
4. S or Br? opposing trends



Practice—Choose the More Metallic Element in Each Pair

1. Sn or Te
2. Si or Sn
3. Br or Te
4. Se or I



Practice—Choose the More Metallic Element in Each Pair, Continued

1. **Sn or Te**
2. Si or **Sn**
3. Br or **Te**
4. Se or **I**

