

# Atoms Lecture 5: The Periodic Table



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# Mendeleev's Periodic Law (1869)

When elements are arranged in the order of increasing atomic mass, certain properties occur periodically.

| Reihen | Gruppe I.<br>—<br>R <sup>2</sup> O | Gruppe II.<br>—<br>RO | Gruppe III.<br>—<br>R <sup>2</sup> O <sup>3</sup> | Gruppe IV.<br>RH <sup>4</sup><br>RO <sup>2</sup> | Gruppe V.<br>RH <sup>3</sup><br>R <sup>2</sup> O <sup>5</sup> | Gruppe VI.<br>RH <sup>2</sup><br>RO <sup>3</sup> | Gruppe VII.<br>RH<br>R <sup>2</sup> O <sup>7</sup> | Gruppe VIII.<br>—<br>RO <sup>4</sup>      |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1      | H = 1                              |                       |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| 2      | Li = 7                             | Be = 9,4              | B = 11  | C = 12   | N = 14  | O = 16   | F = 19   |   |
| 3      | Na = 23                            | Mg = 24               | Al = 27,3   | Si = 28  | P = 31  | S = 32   | Cl = 35,5  |   |
| 4      | K = 39                             | Ca = 40               | — = 44  | Ti = 48  | V = 51  | Cr = 52  | Mn = 55  | Fe = 56, Co = 59,<br>Ni = 59, Cu = 63.    |
| 5      | (Cu = 63)                          | Zn = 65               | — = 68  | — = 72   | As = 75   | Se = 78  | Br = 80  |   |
| 6      | Rb = 85                            | Sr = 87               | ?Yt = 88  | Zr = 90  | Nb = 94   | Mo = 96  | — = 100  | Ru = 104, Rh = 104,<br>Pd = 106, Ag = 108 |
| 7      | (Ag = 108)                         | Cd = 112              | In = 113  | Sn = 118   | Sb = 122  | Te = 125   | J = 127  |   |
| 8      | Cs = 133                           | Ba = 137              | ?Di = 138   | ?Ce = 140  | —   | —  | —  | — — — —                                   |
| 9      | (—)                                | —                     | —   | —  | —   | —  | —  |   |
| 10     | —                                  | —                     | ?Er = 178   | ?La = 180  | Ta = 182  | W = 184  | —  | Os = 195, Ir = 197,<br>Pt = 198, Au = 199 |
| 11     | (Au = 199)                         | Hg = 200              | Tl = 204  | Pb = 207   | Bi = 208  |  |  |   |
| 12     | —                                  | —                     | —   | Th = 231   | —   | U = 240  |  |   |

In Mendeleev's table (1871), similar elements fall in vertical groups, and the properties of the elements (e.g., molar volume) change gradually from top to bottom in the group. He left blank spaces for undiscovered elements.

# Modern Periodic Table

Similar properties recur periodically when elements are arranged according to increasing atomic number.

|   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | 1<br>1A            | 2<br>2A            |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | 13<br>3A           | 14<br>4A           | 15<br>5A           | 16<br>6A           | 17<br>7A           | 18<br>8A           |
| 1 | 1<br>H<br>1.008    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | 2<br>He<br>4.0026  |
| 2 | 3<br>Li<br>6.94    | 4<br>Be<br>9.0122  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | 5<br>B<br>10.81    | 6<br>C<br>12.011   | 7<br>N<br>14.007   | 8<br>O<br>15.999   | 9<br>F<br>18.998   | 10<br>Ne<br>20.180 |
| 3 | 11<br>Na<br>22.990 | 12<br>Mg<br>24.305 | 3<br>B             | 4<br>B             | 5<br>B             | 6<br>B             | 7<br>B             | 8<br>B             |                    | 10<br>B            | 11<br>B            | 12<br>B            | 13<br>Al<br>26.982 | 14<br>Si<br>28.085 | 15<br>P<br>30.974  | 16<br>S<br>32.06   | 17<br>Cl<br>35.45  | 18<br>Ar<br>39.948 |
| 4 | 19<br>K<br>39.098  | 20<br>Ca<br>40.078 | 21<br>Sc<br>44.956 | 22<br>Ti<br>47.867 | 23<br>V<br>50.942  | 24<br>Cr<br>51.996 | 25<br>Mn<br>54.938 | 26<br>Fe<br>55.845 | 27<br>Co<br>58.933 | 28<br>Ni<br>58.693 | 29<br>Cu<br>63.546 | 30<br>Zn<br>65.38  | 31<br>Ga<br>69.723 | 32<br>Ge<br>72.630 | 33<br>As<br>74.922 | 34<br>Se<br>78.96  | 35<br>Br<br>79.904 | 36<br>Kr<br>83.798 |
| 5 | 37<br>Rb<br>85.468 | 38<br>Sr<br>87.62  | 39<br>Y<br>88.906  | 40<br>Zr<br>91.224 | 41<br>Nb<br>92.906 | 42<br>Mo<br>95.96  | 43<br>Tc<br>(98)   | 44<br>Ru<br>101.07 | 45<br>Rh<br>102.91 | 46<br>Pd<br>106.42 | 47<br>Ag<br>107.87 | 48<br>Cd<br>112.41 | 49<br>In<br>114.82 | 50<br>Sn<br>118.71 | 51<br>Sb<br>121.76 | 52<br>Te<br>127.60 | 53<br>I<br>126.90  | 54<br>Xe<br>131.29 |
| 6 | 55<br>Cs<br>132.91 | 56<br>Ba<br>137.33 | 57–71<br>La–Lu     | 72<br>Hf<br>178.49 | 73<br>Ta<br>180.95 | 74<br>W<br>183.84  | 75<br>Re<br>186.21 | 76<br>Os<br>190.23 | 77<br>Ir<br>192.22 | 78<br>Pt<br>195.08 | 79<br>Au<br>196.97 | 80<br>Hg<br>200.59 | 81<br>Tl<br>204.38 | 82<br>Pb<br>207.2  | 83<br>Bi<br>208.98 | 84<br>Po<br>(209)  | 85<br>At<br>(210)  | 86<br>Rn<br>(222)  |
| 7 | 87<br>Fr<br>(223)  | 88<br>Ra<br>(226)  | 89–103<br>Ac–Lr    | 104<br>Rf<br>(261) | 105<br>Db<br>(262) | 106<br>Sg<br>(266) | 107<br>Bh<br>(264) | 108<br>Hs<br>(277) | 109<br>Mt<br>(268) | 110<br>Ds<br>(271) | 111<br>Rg<br>(272) | 112<br>Cn          |                    | 114<br>Fl          |                    | 116<br>Lv          |                    |                    |

|                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
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| *Lanthanide series | 57<br>La<br>138.91 | 58<br>Ce<br>140.12 | 59<br>Pr<br>140.91 | 60<br>Nd<br>144.24 | 61<br>Pm<br>(145) | 62<br>Sm<br>150.36 | 63<br>Eu<br>151.96 | 64<br>Gd<br>157.25 | 65<br>Tb<br>158.93 | 66<br>Dy<br>162.50 | 67<br>Ho<br>164.93 | 68<br>Er<br>167.26 | 69<br>Tm<br>168.93 | 70<br>Yb<br>173.05 | 71<br>Lu<br>174.97 |
| †Actinide series   | 89<br>Ac<br>(227)  | 90<br>Th<br>232.04 | 91<br>Pa<br>231.04 | 92<br>U<br>238.03  | 93<br>Np<br>(237) | 94<br>Pu<br>(244)  | 95<br>Am<br>(243)  | 96<br>Cm<br>(247)  | 97<br>Bk<br>(247)  | 98<br>Cf<br>(251)  | 99<br>Es<br>(252)  | 100<br>Fm<br>(257) | 101<br>Md<br>(258) | 102<br>No<br>(259) | 103<br>Lr<br>(262) |

The basis of the periodic table is the electron configurations of elements (provided by quantum mechanics).



# Modern Periodic Table

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| 1                  | 2                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     | 3                   | 4                   | 5                   | 6                   | 7                   | 8                   | 9                   | 10                  | 11                  | 12                  | 13                  | 14                  | 15                  | 16                  | 17                 | 18                |  |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 1<br>H<br>1.008    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    | 2<br>He<br>4.0026 |  |  |
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| 37<br>Rb<br>85.468 | 38<br>Sr<br>87.62  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |                   |  |  |
| 55<br>Cs<br>132.91 | 56<br>Ba<br>137.33 | 57<br>La<br>138.91 | 58<br>Ce<br>140.12 | 59<br>Pr<br>140.91 | 60<br>Nd<br>144.24 | 61<br>Pm<br>144.91 | 62<br>Sm<br>150.36 | 63<br>Eu<br>151.96 | 64<br>Gd<br>157.25 | 65<br>Tb<br>158.93 | 66<br>Dy<br>162.50 | 67<br>Ho<br>164.93 | 68<br>Er<br>167.26  | 69<br>Tm<br>168.93  | 70<br>Yb<br>173.05  | 21<br>Sc<br>44.956  | 22<br>Ti<br>47.867  | 23<br>V<br>50.942   | 24<br>Cr<br>51.996  | 25<br>Mn<br>54.938  | 26<br>Fe<br>55.845  | 27<br>Co<br>58.933  | 28<br>Ni<br>58.693  | 29<br>Cu<br>63.546  | 30<br>Zn<br>65.38   | 31<br>Ga<br>69.723  | 32<br>Ge<br>72.630  | 33<br>As<br>74.922  | 34<br>Se<br>78.971  | 35<br>Br<br>79.904  | 36<br>Kr<br>83.798  |                    |                   |  |  |
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|                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     | 103<br>Lr<br>262.11 | 104<br>Rf<br>267.12 | 105<br>Db<br>270.13 | 106<br>Sg<br>269.13 | 107<br>Bh<br>270.13 | 108<br>Hs<br>269.13 | 109<br>Mt<br>278.16 | 110<br>Ds<br>281.17 | 111<br>Rg<br>281.17 | 112<br>Cn<br>285.18 | 113<br>Nh<br>286.18 | 114<br>Fl<br>289.19 | 115<br>Mc<br>289.20 | 116<br>Lv<br>293.20 | 117<br>Ts<br>293.21 | 118<br>Og<br>294.21 |                    |                   |  |  |



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**Long format (32-column) of the periodic table.** This is the standard form of the periodic split between the Groups 2 and 3 to allow the f-block elements to be inserted into the resulting space.

# Metals, Nonmetals, and Their Ions

Atoms of elements in the same group have similar electron configurations.

Noble Gases

|                | 1  | 2  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| H <sup>+</sup> | H  |    |    |    |    |    |    | He |
| He             | Li | Be | B  | C  | N  | O  | F  | Ne |
| Ne             | Na | Mg | Al | Si | P  | S  | Cl | Ar |
| Ar             | K  | Ca | Ga | Ge | As | Se | Br | Kr |
| Kr             | Rb | Sr | In | Sn | Sb | Te | I  | Xe |

Main-Group Metal Ions

Main-Group Nonmetal Ions

| 1  | 2  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| H  |    |    |    |    |    |    | He |
| Li | Be | B  | C  | N  | O  | F  | Ne |
| Na | Mg | Al | Si | P  | S  | Cl | Ar |
| K  | Ca | Ga | Ge | As | Se | Br | Kr |
| Rb | Sr | In | Sn | Sb | Te | I  | Xe |

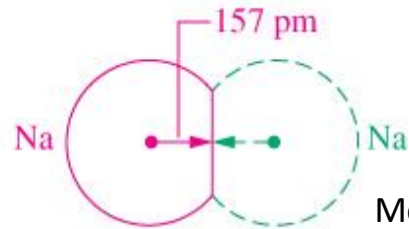
- Metals tend to lose electrons to attain noble gas electron configurations as cations.

- Nonmetals tend to gain electrons to attain noble-gas electron configurations as anions.

# Size of Atoms

Unfortunately, atomic radius is hard to define because an atom has no precise outer boundary.

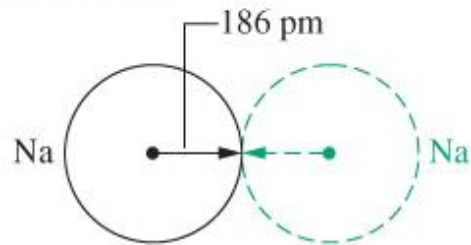
Covalent radius:



Measured for an isolated  $\text{Na}_2$  cluster

- **Covalent radius** is one half of the distance between the nuclei of two identical atoms joined by a single covalent bond.

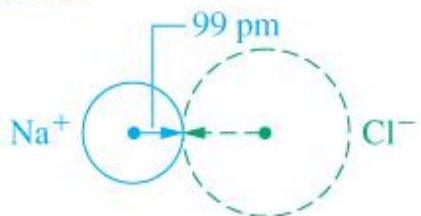
Metallic radius:



Measured for a piece of solid Na metal

- **Metallic radius** is one-half the distance between the nuclei of two atoms in contact in the crystalline solid metal.
- **van der Waals radius** is similar to metallic radius except is for solid samples of noble gases.

Ionic radius:

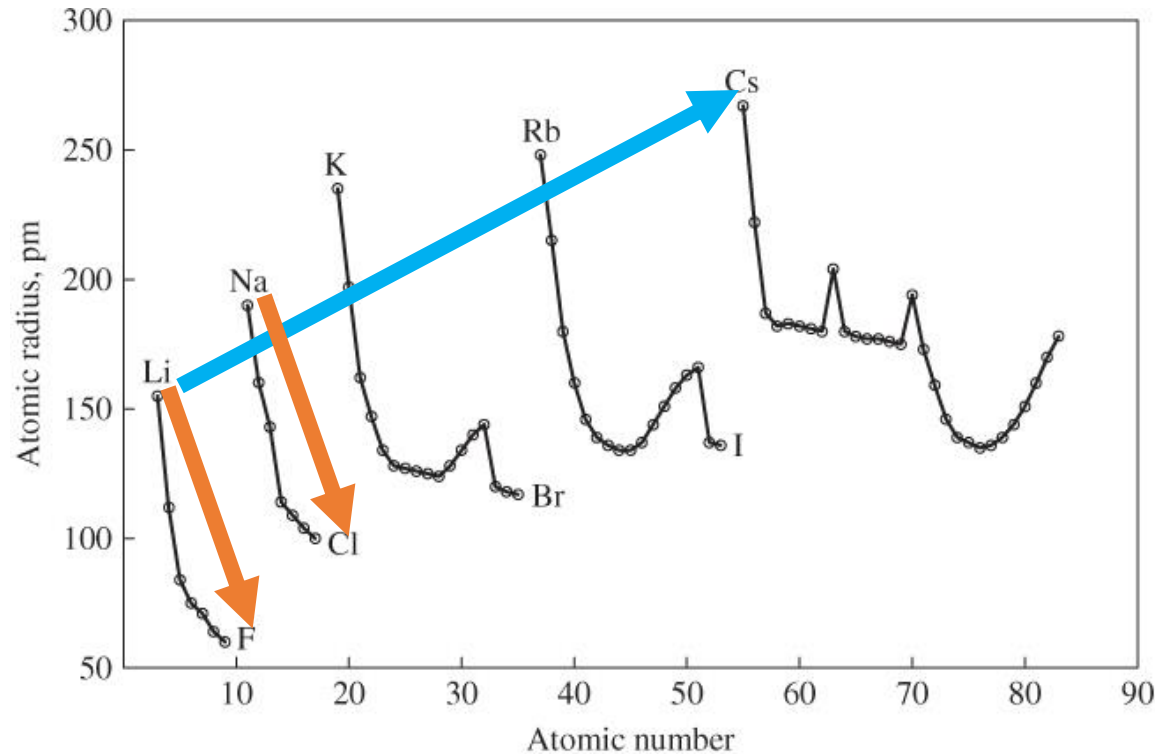


- **Ionic radius** is based on the distance between the nuclei of ions joined by an ionic bond.  
(properly apportioned by assigning  $r(\text{O}_2^{2-}) = 140 \text{ pm}$ )

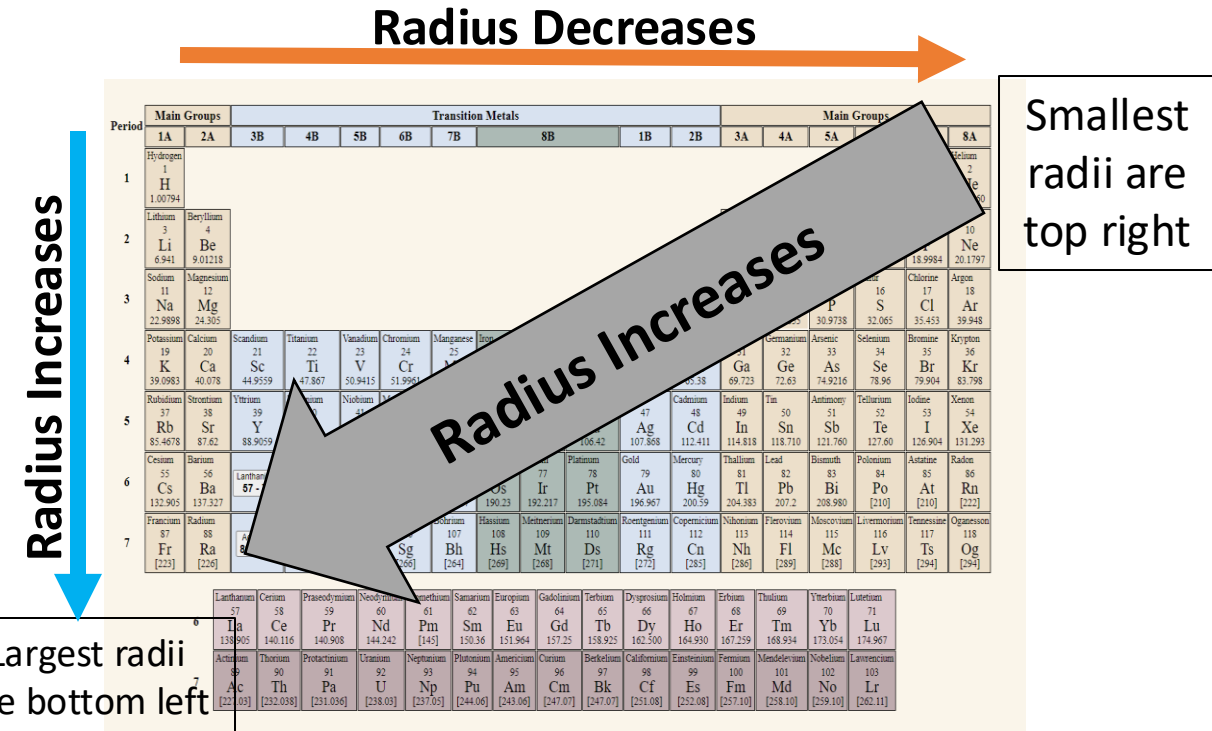
**Figure 1:** Covalent, metallic, and ionic radius.

# Size of Atoms

Atomic radius decreases from left to right through a row and increases from top to bottom through a column.

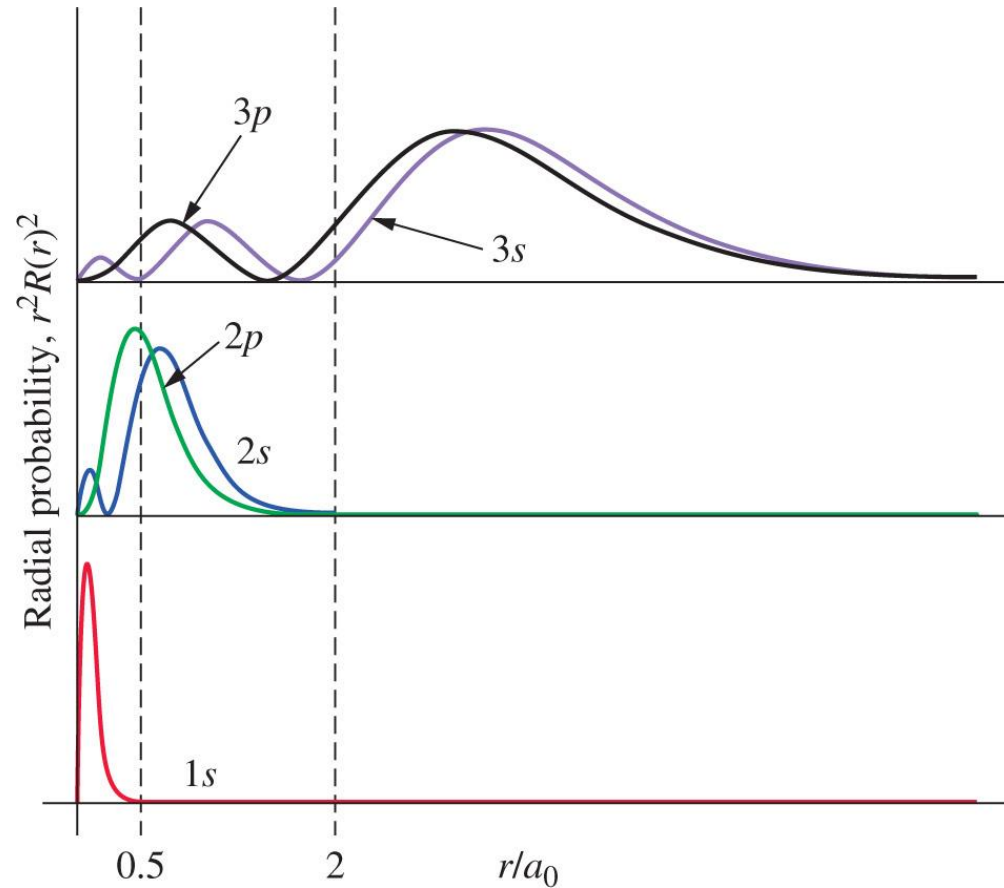


**Figure 2:** Metallic radii for metals and covalent radii for nonmetals.



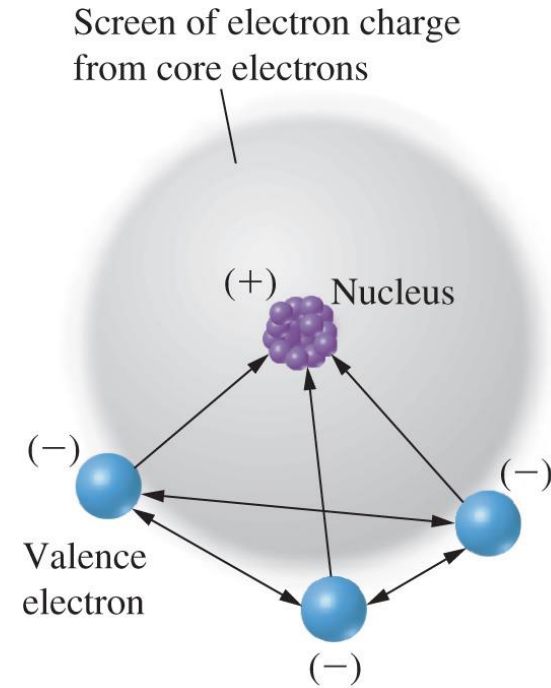
# Effective Nuclear Charge

The core electrons of an atom shield or screen the valence electrons from experiencing the full nuclear charge.



Note:  $a_0$  : Bohr radius = 52.9 pm

**Figure 3:** Radial distribution functions for aluminum.



**Figure 4:** The shielding effect and effective nuclear charge,  $Z_{\text{eff}}$

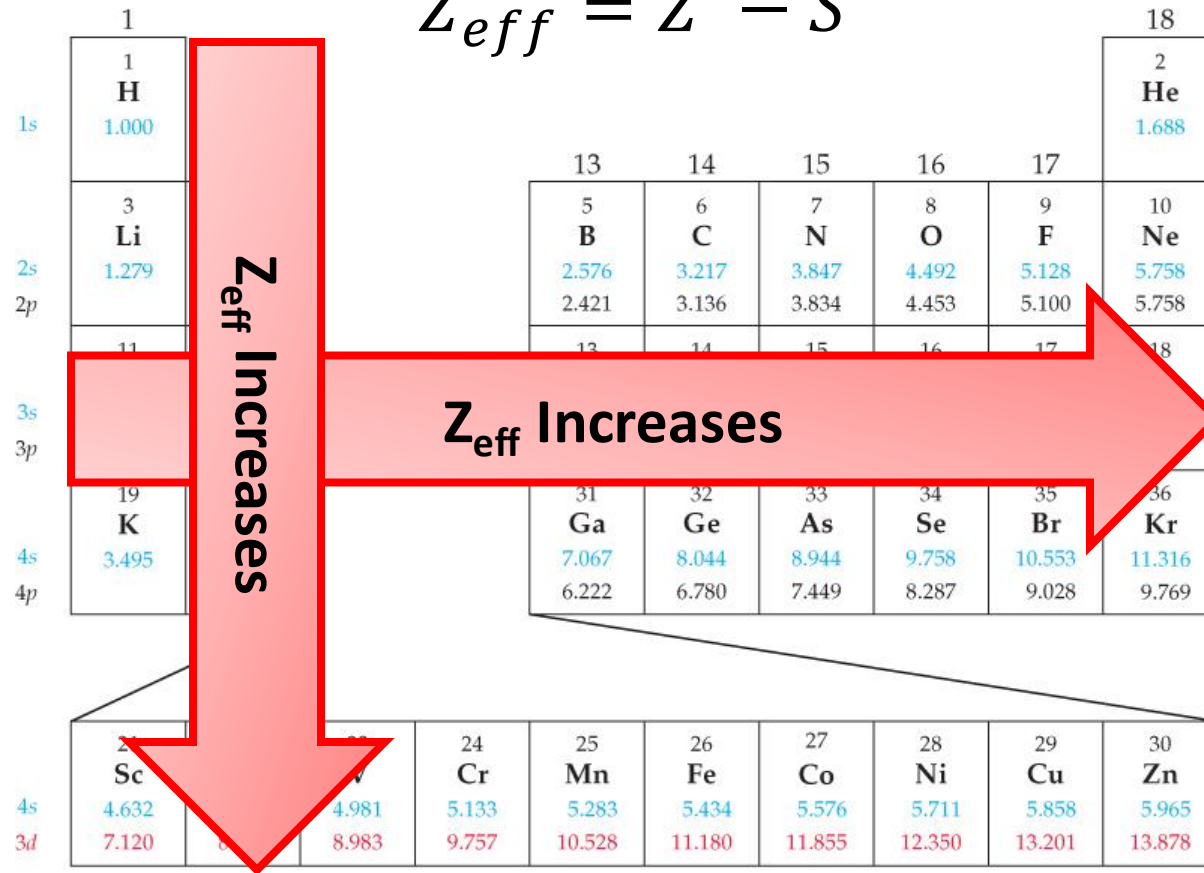
$$F = -\frac{Z_{\text{eff}}e^2}{r^2}$$



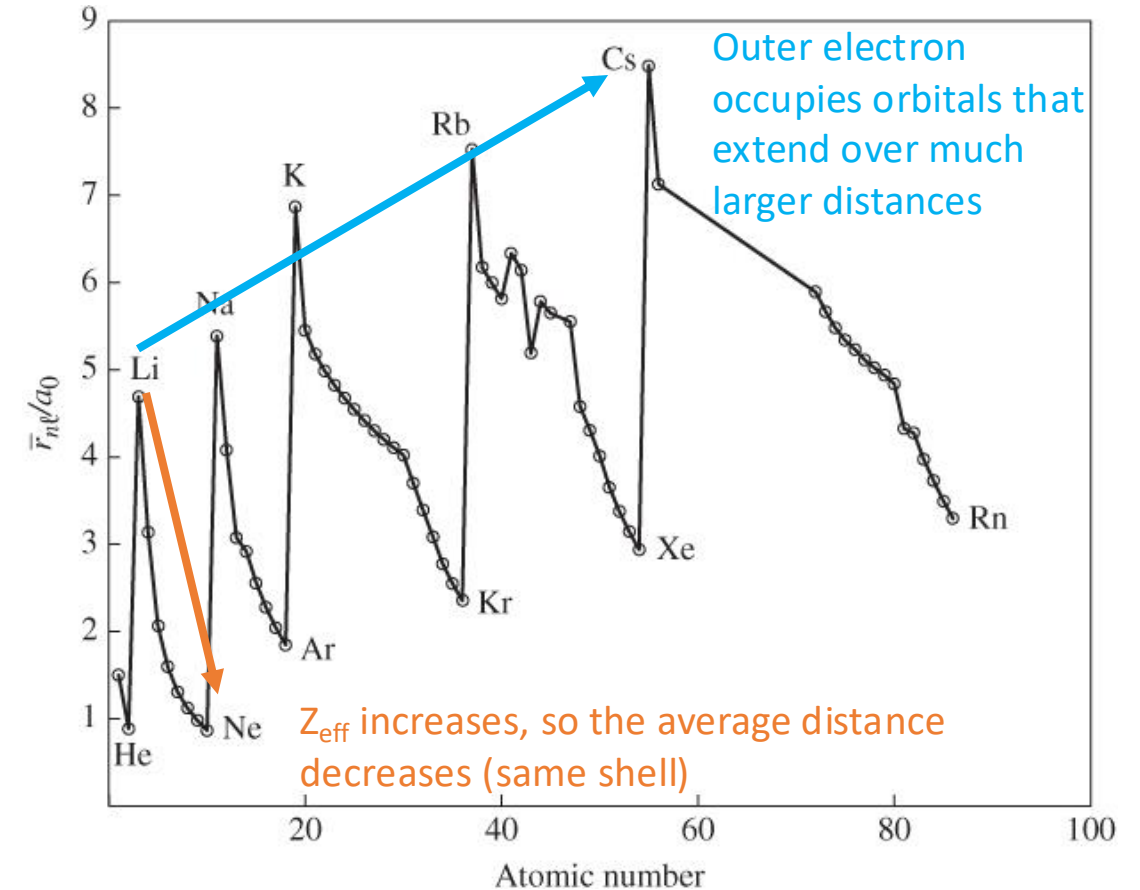
# Effective Nuclear Charge

The core electrons of an atom shield or screen the valence electrons from experiencing the full nuclear charge.

$$Z_{eff} = Z - S$$



**Figure 5:** Effective nuclear charges.  $Z_{eff}$  of valence electrons.

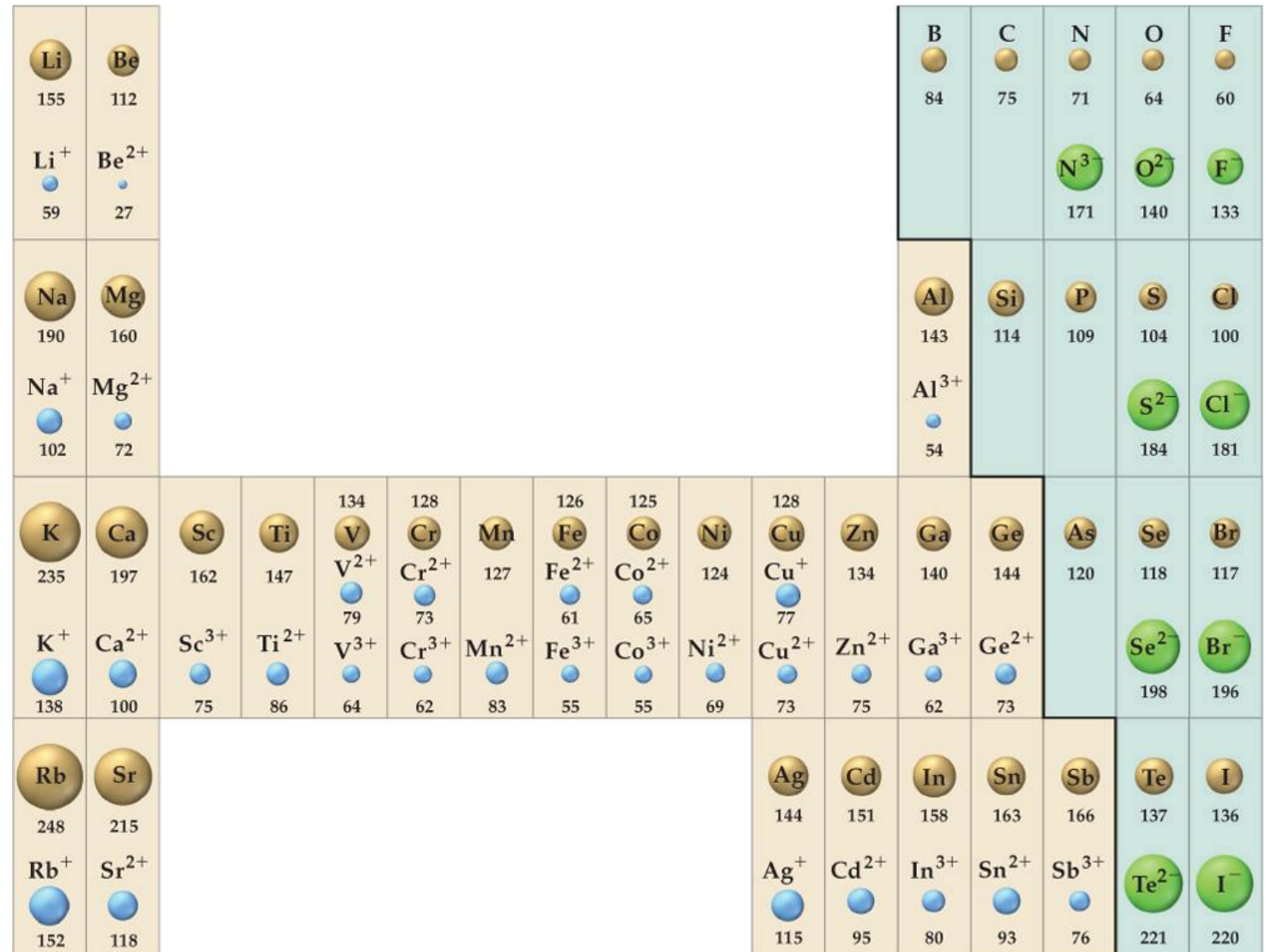


**Figure 6:** The average distance from the nucleus for the least strongly bound electron

# Size of Ions

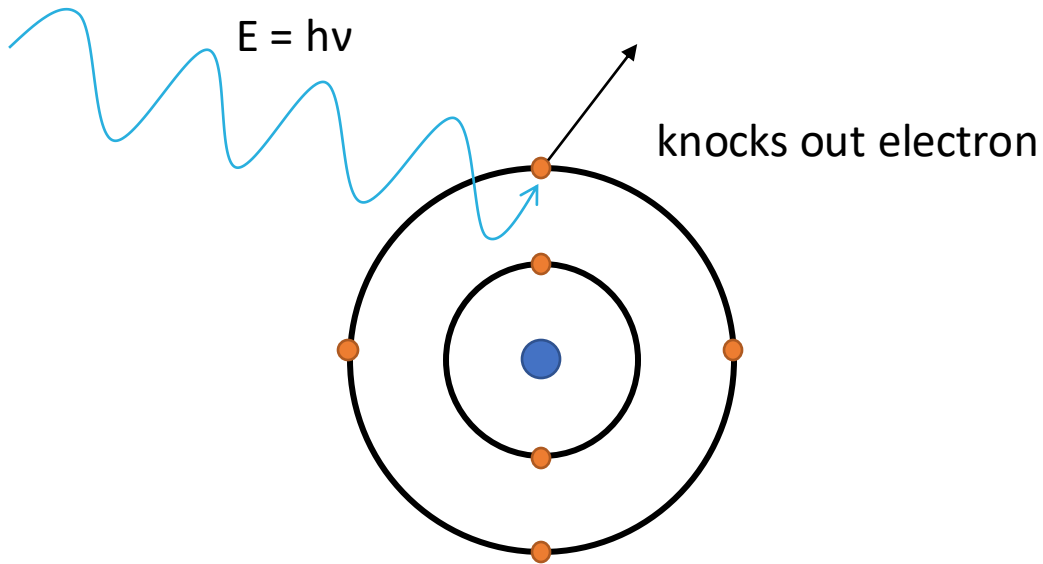
- **Cations** are smaller than the atoms from which they are formed.
- For **isoelectronic cations**, the more positive the ionic charge, the smaller the ionic radius.
- **Anions** are larger than the atoms from which they are formed.
- For **isoelectronic anions**, the more negative the charge, the larger the ionic radius.

**Figure 7:** A comparison of some atomic and ionic radii in picometers (pm)

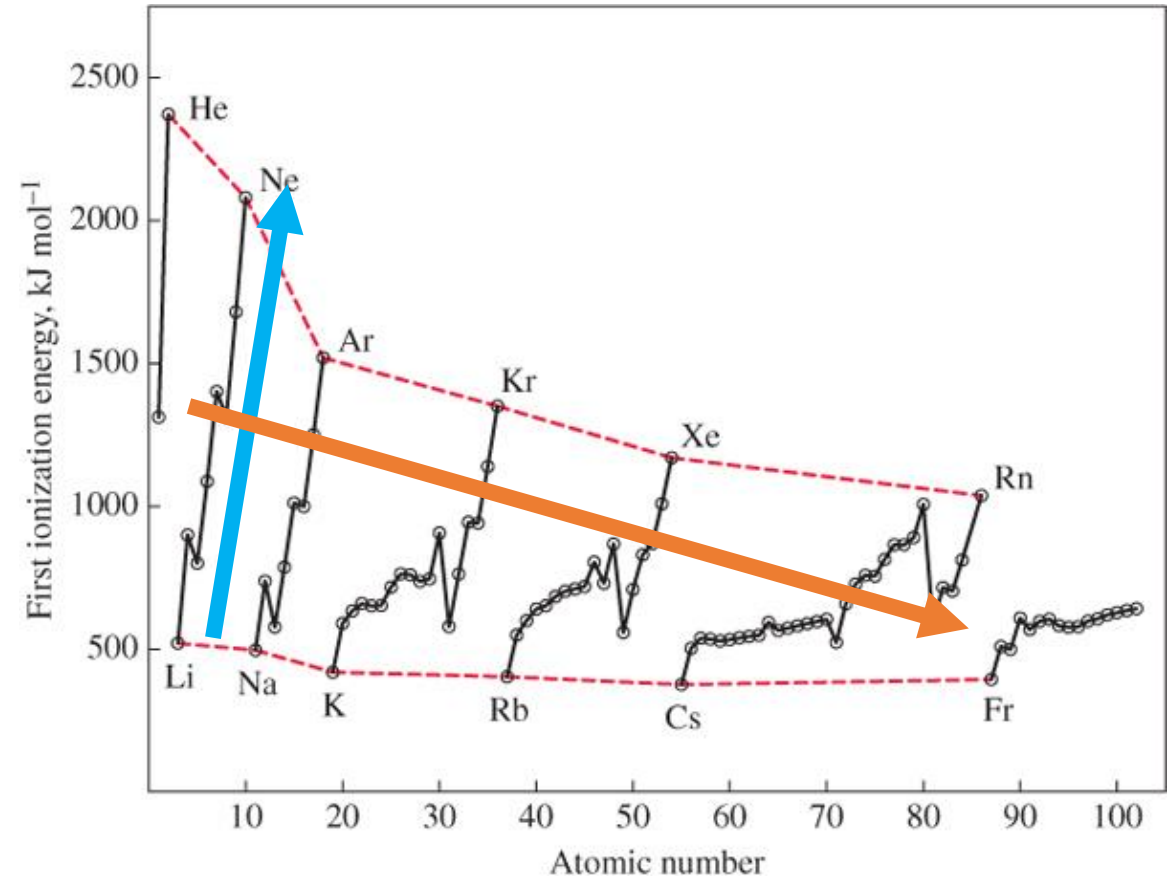
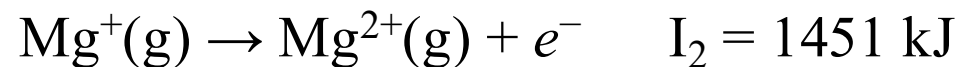
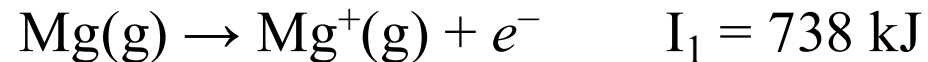


# Ionization Energy

The quantity of energy a gaseous atom must absorb to be able to expel an electron.



Example: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ionization of Magnesium



**Figure 7:** Ionization energy for each element.

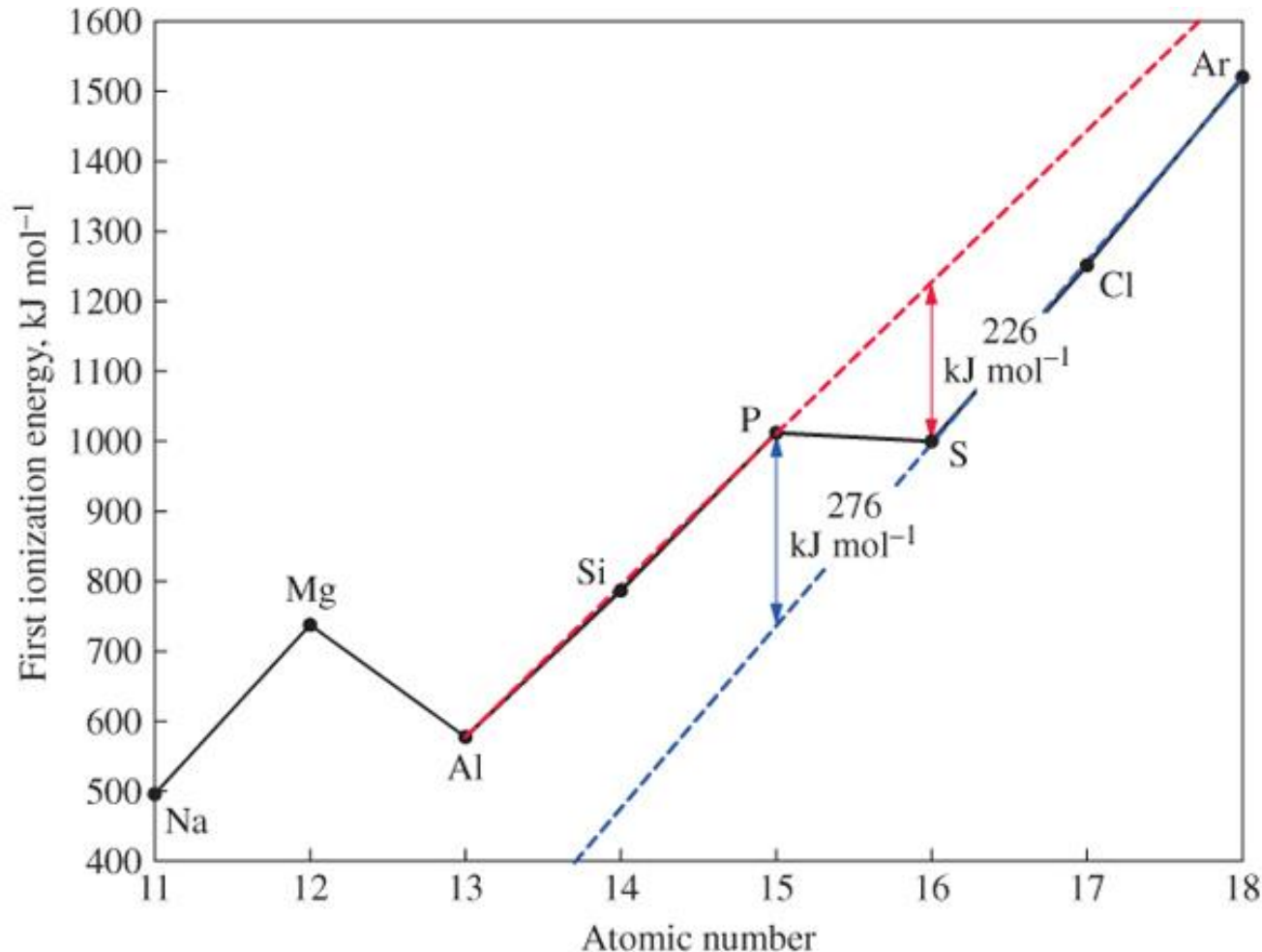
With relatively few exceptions, ionization energies increase from left to right across a period and decrease from top to bottom within a group.

# Ionization Energy

Ionization energies generally increase across each period (row)

- breaks in the pattern can be understood by examining electron configurations

**Figure 8:** First ionization energies of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-row elements.



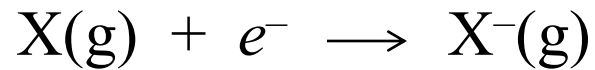
**Figure 9:** Valence electron configurations.

| Z  | 3s | 3p     | Element | Configuration        |
|----|----|--------|---------|----------------------|
| 11 | ↑  |        | Na      | Removing 3s          |
| 12 | ↓↑ |        | Mg      |                      |
| 13 | ↓↑ | ↑      | Al      |                      |
| 14 | ↓↑ | ↑↑     | Si      | Removing unpaired 3p |
| 15 | ↓↑ | ↑↑↑    | P       |                      |
| 16 | ↓↑ | ↓↑↑    | S       |                      |
| 17 | ↓↑ | ↓↑↓↑   | Cl      | Removing paired 3p   |
| 18 | ↓↑ | ↓↑↓↑↓↑ | Ar      |                      |



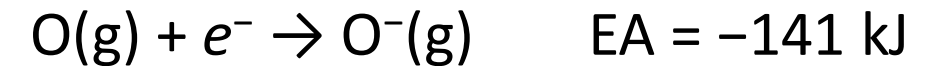
# Electron Affinity

The energy change that occurs when an atom in the gas phase gains an electron.

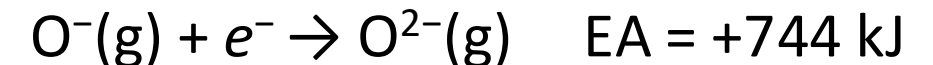


|                    |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1                  |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     | 18                  |
| <b>H</b><br>-72.8  |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     | <b>He</b><br>>0     |
|                    | 2                   | 13                 | 14                  | 15                  | 16                  | 17                  |
| <b>Li</b><br>-59.6 | <b>Be</b><br>>0     | <b>B</b><br>-26.7  | <b>C</b><br>-121.8  | <b>N</b><br>+7      | <b>O</b><br>-141.0  | <b>F</b><br>-328.0  |
| <b>Na</b><br>-52.9 | <b>Mg</b><br>>0     | <b>Al</b><br>-42.5 | <b>Si</b><br>-133.6 | <b>P</b><br>-72     | <b>S</b><br>-200.4  | <b>Cl</b><br>-349.0 |
| <b>K</b><br>-48.4  | <b>Ca</b><br>-2.37  | <b>Ga</b><br>-28.9 | <b>Ge</b><br>-119.0 | <b>As</b><br>-78    | <b>Se</b><br>-195.0 | <b>Br</b><br>-324.6 |
| <b>Rb</b><br>-46.9 | <b>Sr</b><br>-5.03  | <b>In</b><br>-28.9 | <b>Sn</b><br>-107.3 | <b>Sb</b><br>-103.2 | <b>Te</b><br>-190.2 | <b>I</b><br>-295.2  |
| <b>Cs</b><br>-45.5 | <b>Ba</b><br>-13.95 | <b>Tl</b><br>-19.2 | <b>Pb</b><br>-35.1  | <b>Bi</b><br>-91.2  | <b>Po</b><br>-186   | <b>At</b><br>-270   |
|                    |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     | <b>Rn</b><br>>0     |

The First Electron Affinity of O is negative (more stable) due to the strong electron affinity of the neutral O atom.



The Second Electron Affinity is positive due to the strong repulsive force between the second electron and the negative O ion.

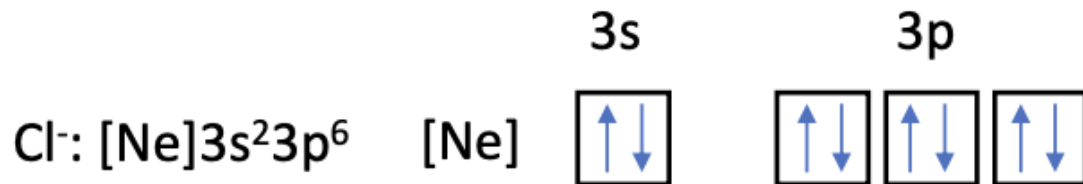


**Figure 10:** Electron affinities (kJ/mol) of main-group elements.

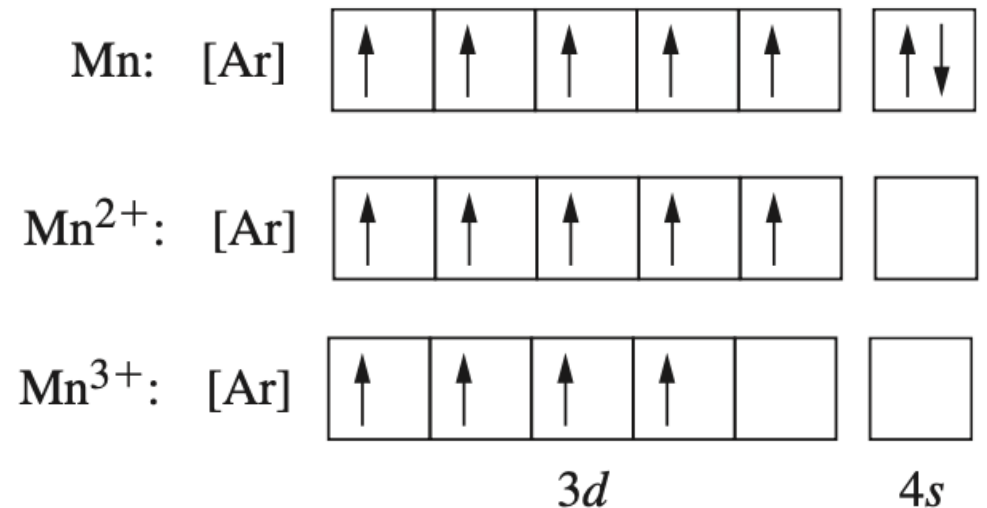
# Magnetic Properties

A key property related to electron configurations of atoms and ions is their behaviour in a magnetic field.

- **Diamagnetic** atoms or ions:
  - All  $e^-$  are paired.
  - Weakly repelled by a magnetic field.

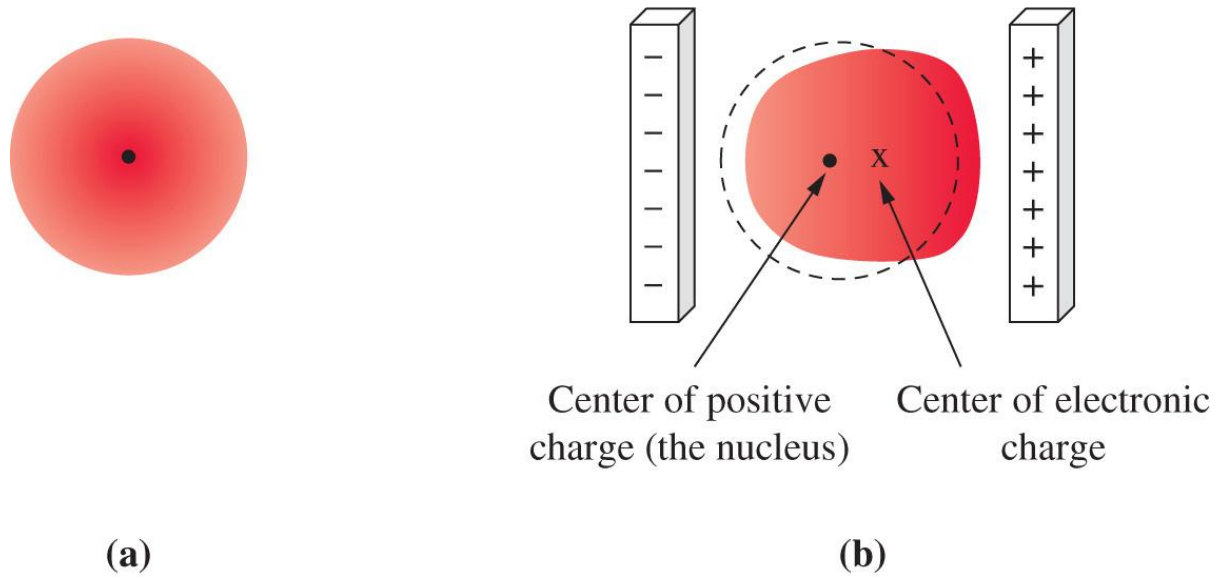


- **Paramagnetic** atoms or ions:
  - *Unpaired  $e^-$* .
  - Attracted to an external magnetic field.  
The more unpaired electrons present, the stronger is this attraction.



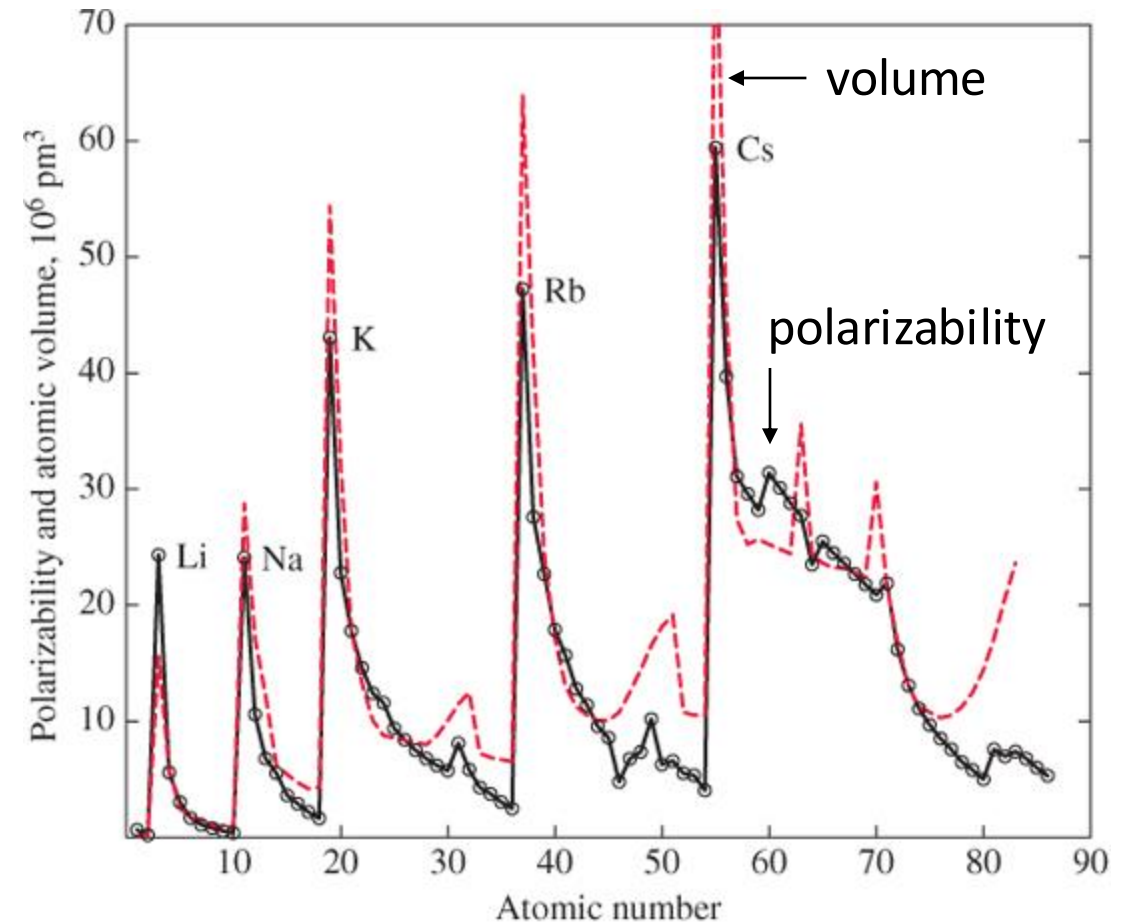
# Polarizability

For an atom in the vicinity of another atom, molecule, or ion, the electron cloud is distorted.



**Figure 11:**

- (a) For an isolated atom, the distribution of electronic charge about the nucleus is spherical.
- (b) In an electric field, the distribution of electronic charge is non-spherical, and the centers of positive and negative charge no longer coincide. The atom is said to be polarized.



**Figure 12:** Polarizability of an atom is similar in magnitude to the atomic volume calculated from atomic radii.

# Atomic Properties & the Periodic Table

## Summary

