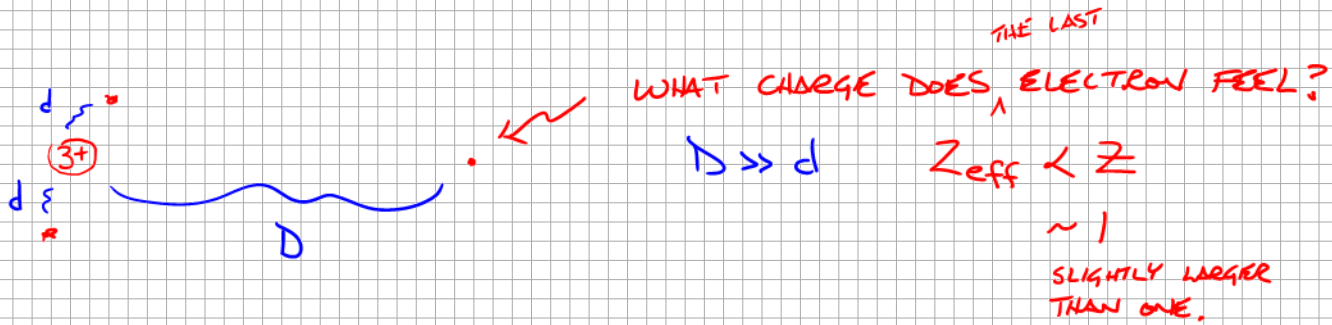


"TYPICAL" SNAPSHOT OF $1s^2 2s^1$, Li



"TYPICAL" SNAPSHOT OF $1s^2 2s^2$, Be



POTENTIAL ENERGY = $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r}$;

q_1 : "LAST" ELECTRON
 q_2 : Z_{eff}

$Z_{eff} = Z - S$;

Z : ACTUAL NUCLEAR CHARGE
 S : ELECTRON SCREENING

GOING ACROSS PERIODIC TABLE

Z GOES UP BY ONE

S GOES UP BY < 1

$\therefore Z_{eff}$ INCREASES ACROSS A ROW

$Z_{eff} \approx Z - S \approx \# \text{ VALENCE ELECTRONS}$

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 $\# \text{ CORE ELECTRONS}$



CORES HAVE FILLED P-BLOCKS

