

Module 2: What is a "Chemical Species"? The Periodic Table

Fundamentals of Chemistry Open Course

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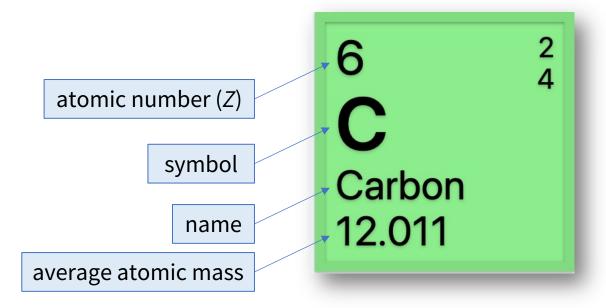


- 1. State and apply the laws of chemical combination.
- 2. State and apply the tenets of the modern atomic theory.
- Visualize the subatomic particles that constitute the atom using a simple planetary model;
 count subatomic particles using atomic number (Z) and mass number (M).
- 4. Represent an atom or ion using an atomic symbol.
- 5. Represent the number ratios of atoms in a compound using a chemical formula.
- 6. Visualize and distinguish between submicroscopic models of molecular and ionic compounds.
- 7. Use the periodic table to efficiently find information about a chemical element.
- 8. Recognize key collections of elements on the periodic table.
- 9. Determine the name of a binary ionic compound from the chemical formula and vice versa.
- 10. Determine the name of a simple molecular compound from the chemical formula and vice versa.

Organization of the Chemical Elements



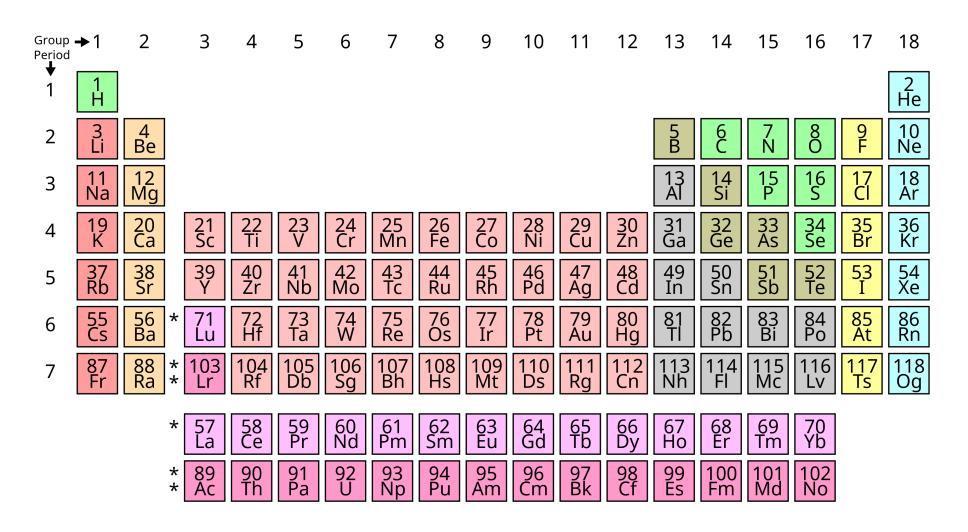
- Trends in the properties and chemistry of the elements observed throughout the 19th century led Mendeleev to organize them into a table, which has evolved to become the modern **periodic table**.
- Each entry in the table includes information about a single chemical element:
 - Name
 - Symbol
 - Atomic number
 - Average atomic mass: a weighted average of the masses of naturally occurring isotopes
 - ...and sometimes more!



Organization of the Chemical Elements



- Each column (**group**) includes elements with analogous properties and reactivity.
- Across each row (period), consistent trends in properties such as the size of the atom are generally observed.



Metals, Nonmetals, and Metalloids





- Most of the elements are metals:
 - Silver-colored or dark-colored solids
 - Electrically and thermally conductive
 - Malleable
 - Oxidizable (cation forming)
 - Found mostly in ionic compounds



- A much smaller number are nonmetals:
 - Solids, liquids, or (most commonly) gases with various colors
 - Electrical insulators
 - Reducible (anion forming)
 - Found in molecular or covalent compounds

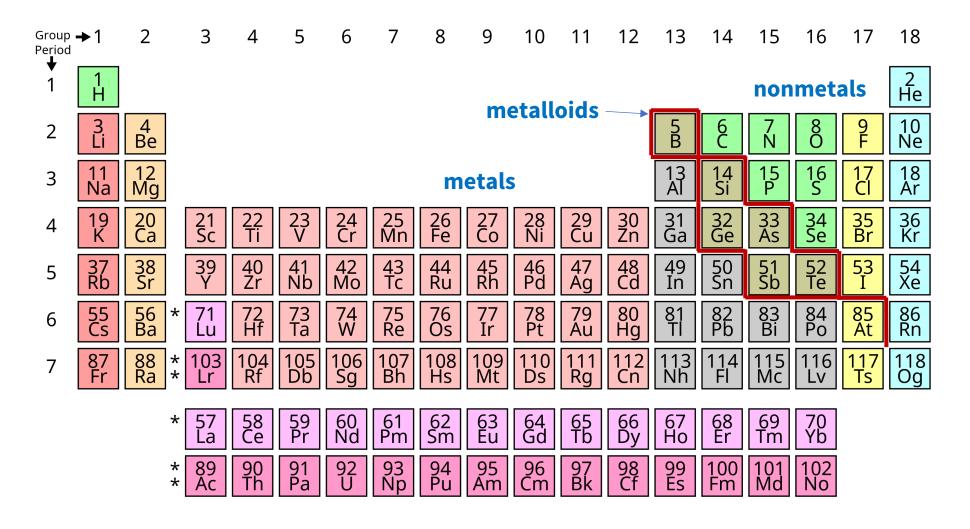


- A few elements are metalloids, with properties of both metals and nonmetals:
 - Electrically semiconductive
 - Found in both ionic and molecular or covalent compounds

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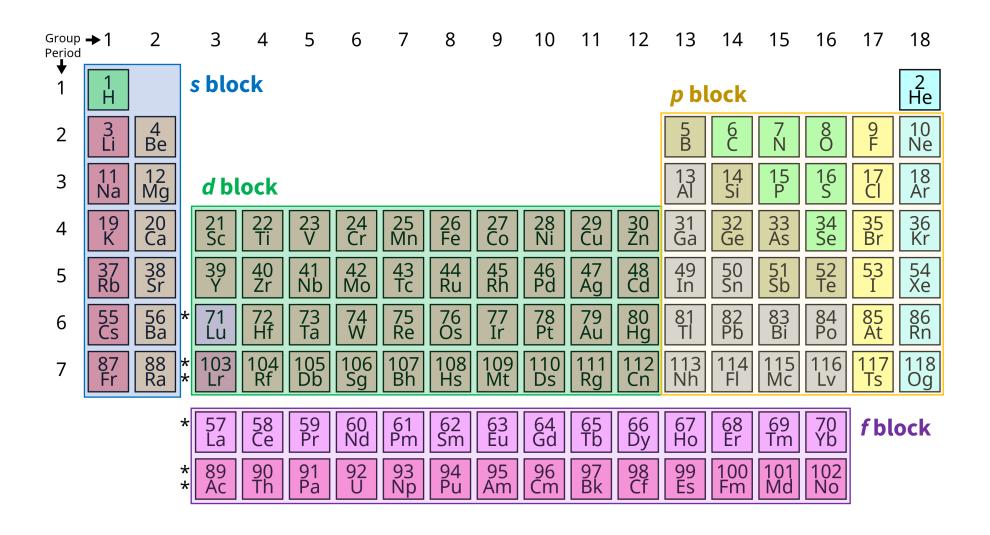
- Most of the elements are metals; metals are generally found to the left and at the bottom of the table.
- Nonmetals are found in the top right of the table. Hydrogen is a nonmetal.
- The elements boxed in red along the "diagonal" are metalloids.



Blocks of Elements



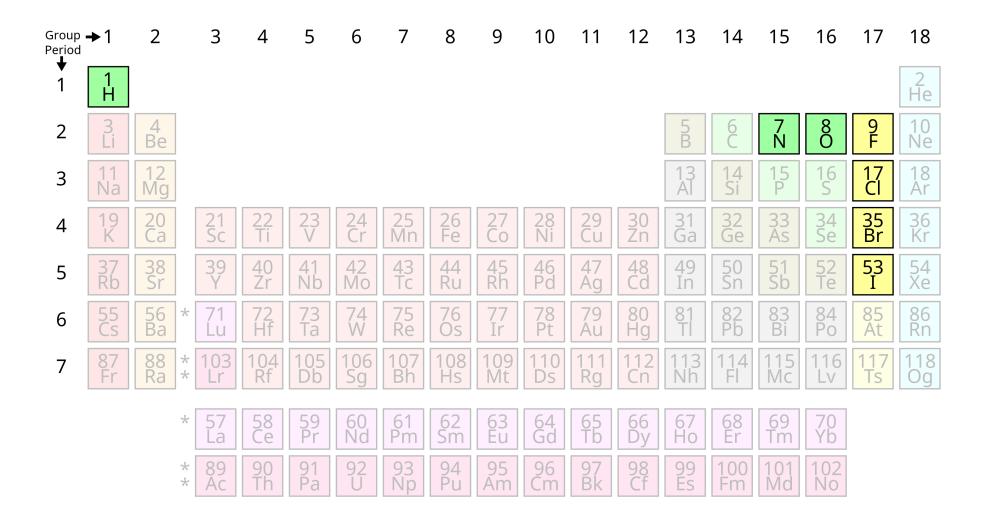
• The table is divided into four rectangular **blocks**: the s block, p block, d block, and f block.



Diatomic Elements



- Seven nonmetals are diatomic in their elemental forms; these are worth committing to memory.
- Br₂, I₂, N₂, Cl₂, H₂, O₂, F₂: "Brinklehoff"



Lingering Questions



• Why is the periodic table arranged the way it is? For example, why are there two columns in the s block, six in the p block, ten in the d block, and fourteen in the f block?

One reason the periodic table is useful is that the elements display periodic trends in their properties.
 What are these properties and how do they vary across the periodic table?