

# Introduction to Atomic Structure

What do I  
need to know  
about atomic  
structure?



# Atomic Structure – Knowledge and Skills

## Atomic structure

- (a) State the relative charges and approximate relative masses of a proton, a neutron and an electron.
- (b) Describe, with the aid of diagrams, the structure of an atom as containing protons and neutrons (nucleons) in the nucleus and electrons arranged in shells (energy levels). A copy of the Periodic Table will be given in all examinations.
- (c) Define proton (atomic) number and nucleon (mass) number.
- (d) Interpret and use symbols such as  $^{12}_6\text{C}$ .
- (e) Define the term isotope.
- (f) Deduce the numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons in atoms and ions given proton and nucleon numbers.



Periodic Table of the Chemical Elements (2017)

Group																	
1	2											13	14	15	16	17	18
<div> <div>Key</div> <div> <div>atomic number</div> <div>atomic symbol</div> <div>name</div> <div>relative atomic mass</div> </div> </div>							1 H hydrogen 1.0										2 He helium 4.0
3 Li lithium 6.9	4 Be beryllium 9.0											5 B boron 10.8	6 C carbon 12.0	7 N nitrogen 14.0	8 O oxygen 16.0	9 F fluorine 19.0	10 Ne neon 20.2
11 Na sodium 23.0	12 Mg magnesium 24.3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Al aluminium 27.0	14 Si silicon 28.1	15 P phosphorus 31.0	16 S sulfur 32.1	17 Cl chlorine 35.5	18 Ar argon 39.9
19 K potassium 39.1	20 Ca calcium 40.1	21 Sc scandium 45.0	22 Ti titanium 47.9	23 V vanadium 50.9	24 Cr chromium 52.0	25 Mn manganese 54.9	26 Fe iron 55.8	27 Co cobalt 58.9	28 Ni nickel 58.7	29 Cu copper 63.5	30 Zn zinc 65.4	31 Ga gallium 69.7	32 Ge germanium 72.6	33 As arsenic 74.9	34 Se selenium 79.0	35 Br bromine 79.9	36 Kr krypton 83.8
37 Rb rubidium 85.5	38 Sr strontium 87.6	39 Y yttrium 88.9	40 Zr zirconium 91.2	41 Nb niobium 92.9	42 Mo molybdenum 95.9	43 Tc technetium —	44 Ru ruthenium 101.1	45 Rh rhodium 102.9	46 Pd palladium 106.4	47 Ag silver 107.9	48 Cd cadmium 112.4	49 In indium 114.8	50 Sn tin 118.7	51 Sb antimony 121.8	52 Te tellurium 127.6	53 I iodine 126.9	54 Xe xenon 131.3
55 Cs caesium 132.9	56 Ba barium 137.3	57–71 lanthanoids	72 Hf hafnium 178.5	73 Ta tantalum 180.9	74 W tungsten 183.8	75 Re rhenium 186.2	76 Os osmium 190.2	77 Ir iridium 192.2	78 Pt platinum 195.1	79 Au gold 197.0	80 Hg mercury 200.6	81 Tl thallium 204.4	82 Pb lead 207.2	83 Bi bismuth 209.0	84 Po polonium —	85 At astatine —	86 Rn radon —
87 Fr francium —	88 Ra radium —	89–103 actinoids	104 Rf rutherfordium —	105 Db dubnium —	106 Sg seaborgium —	107 Bh bohrium —	108 Hs hassium —	109 Mt meitnerium —	110 Ds darmstadtium —	111 Rg roentgenium —	112 Cn copernicium —		114 Fl flerovium —		116 Lv livermorium —		

lanthanoids

57 La lanthanum 138.9	58 Ce cerium 140.1	59 Pr praseodymium 140.9	60 Nd neodymium 144.2	61 Pm promethium —	62 Sm samarium 150.4	63 Eu europium 152.0	64 Gd gadolinium 157.3	65 Tb terbium 158.9	66 Dy dysprosium 162.5	67 Ho holmium 164.9	68 Er erbium 167.3	69 Tm thulium 168.9	70 Yb ytterbium 173.1	71 Lu lutetium 175.0
89 Ac actinium —	90 Th thorium 232.0	91 Pa protactinium 231.0	92 U uranium 238.0	93 Np neptunium —	94 Pu plutonium —	95 Am americium —	96 Cm curium —	97 Bk berkelium —	98 Cf californium —	99 Es einsteinium —	100 Fm fermium —	101 Md mendelevium —	102 No nobelium —	103 Lr lawrencium —

actinoids

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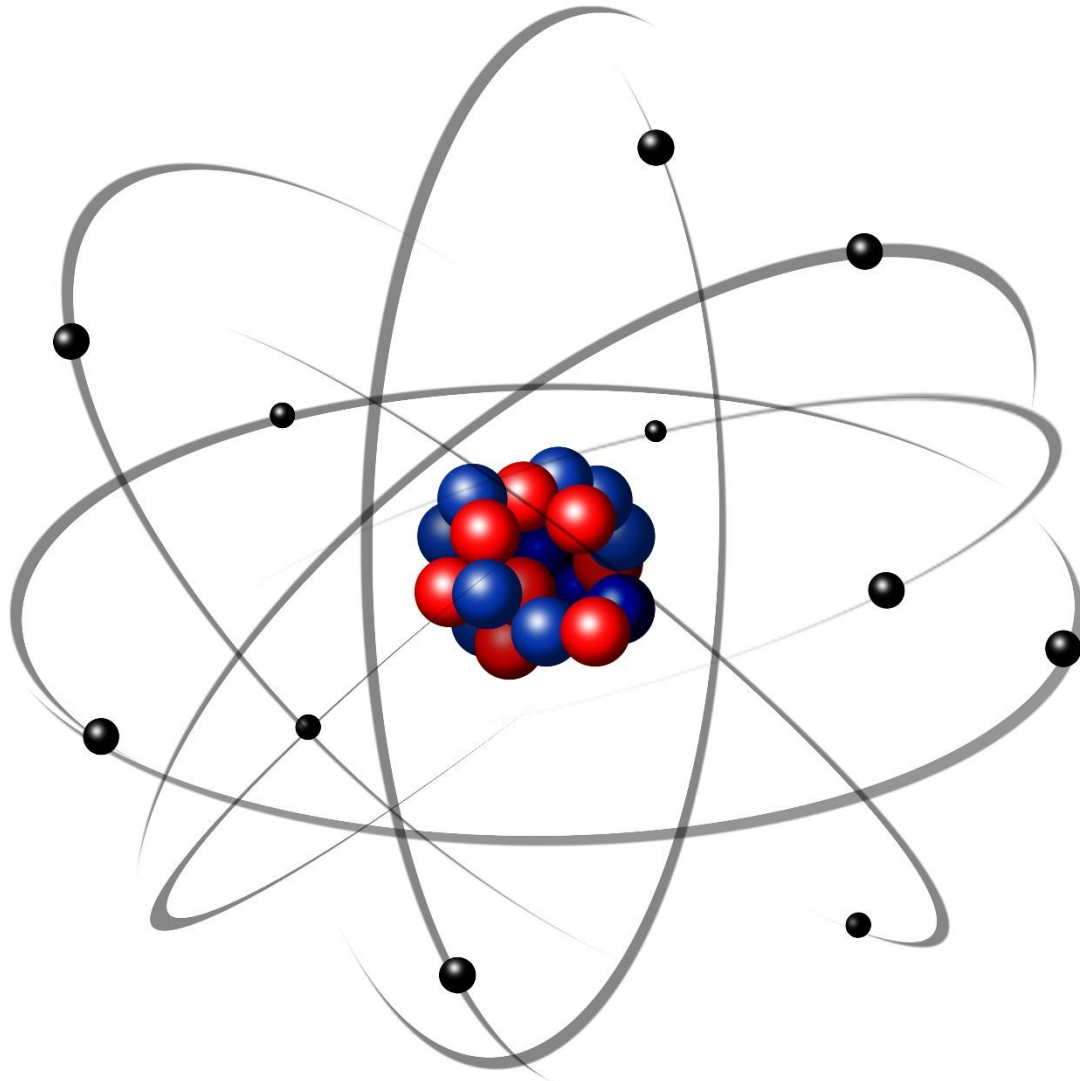
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- The *atomic number* is written *above* the symbol of the chemical element, while the *relative atomic mass* is written *below* the symbol of the chemical element.

What is the  
modern theory  
of atomic  
structure?



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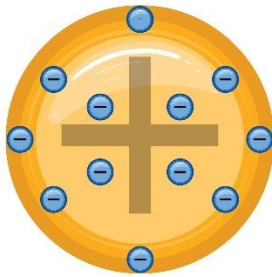


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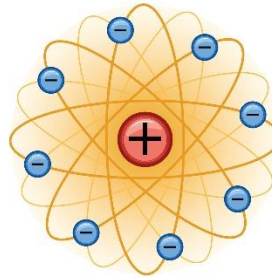
## Atomic Models



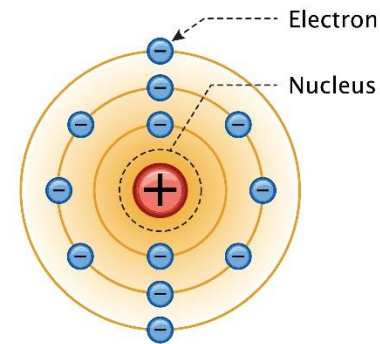
Solid sphere model  
(Dalton, 1803)



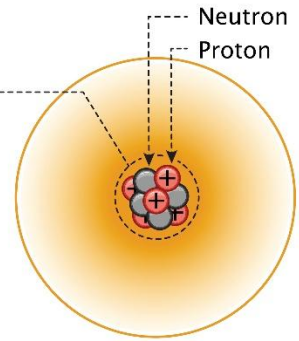
Plum pudding model  
(Thomson, 1897)



Nuclear model  
(Rutherford, 1911)



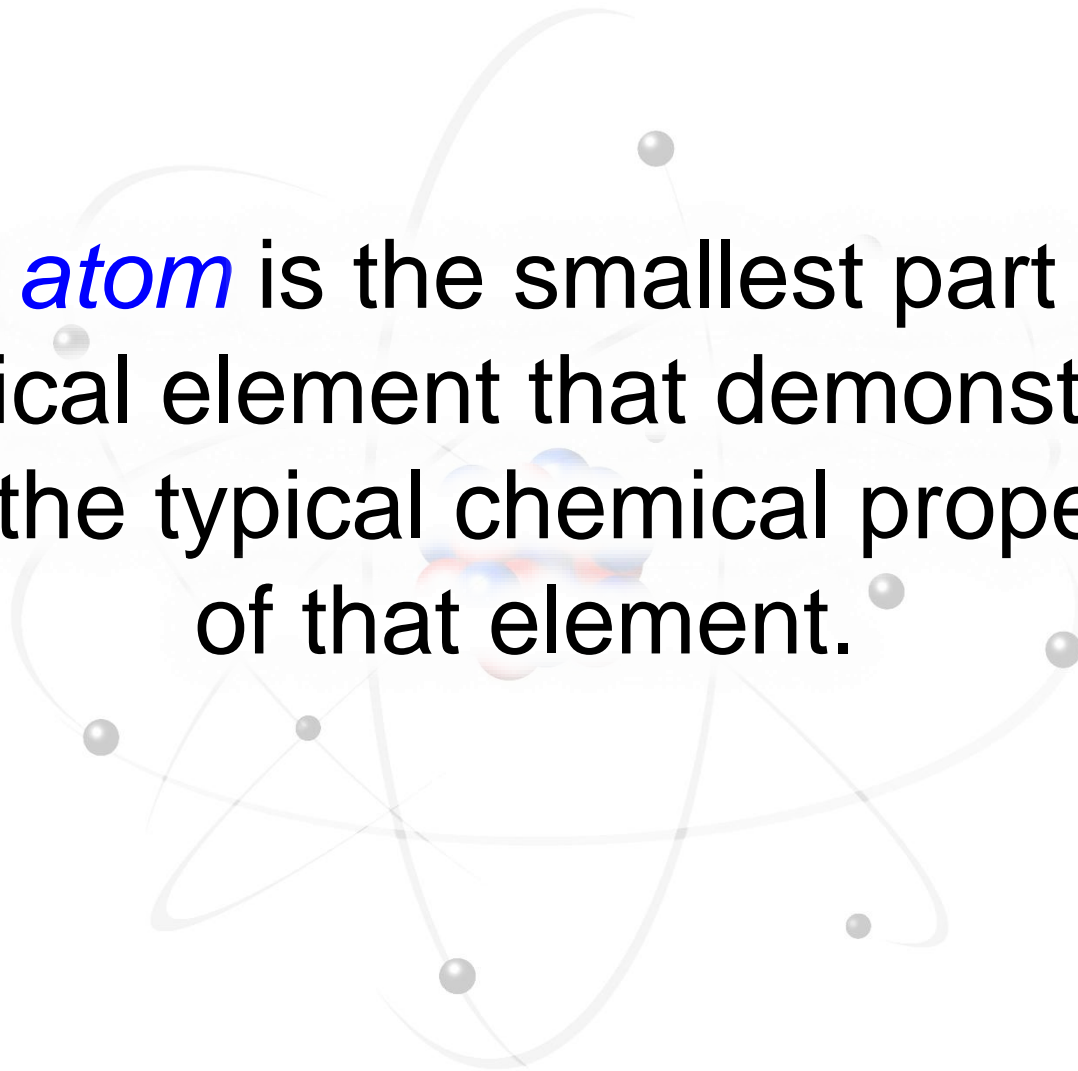
Planetary model  
(Bohr 1913)



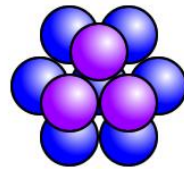
Quantum model  
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- An *atom* is the smallest part of a chemical element that demonstrates all of the typical chemical properties of that element.



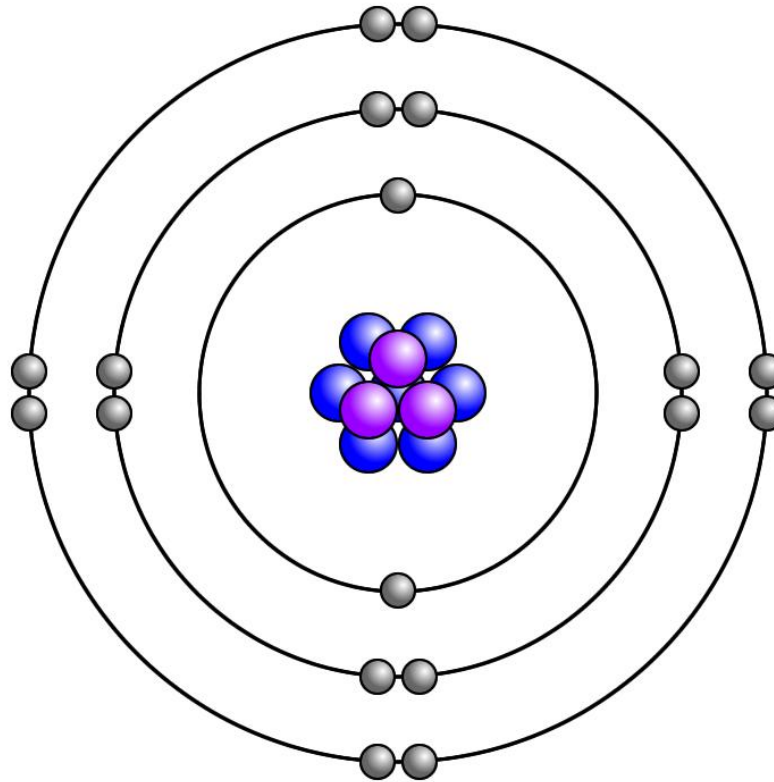
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The atom is composed of a small, dense *nucleus* that contains *protons* and *neutrons*.

- Relative mass of a *proton* = 1
- Relative mass of a *neutron* = 1
- Relative charge on a *proton* = +1
- Relative charge on a *neutron* = 0

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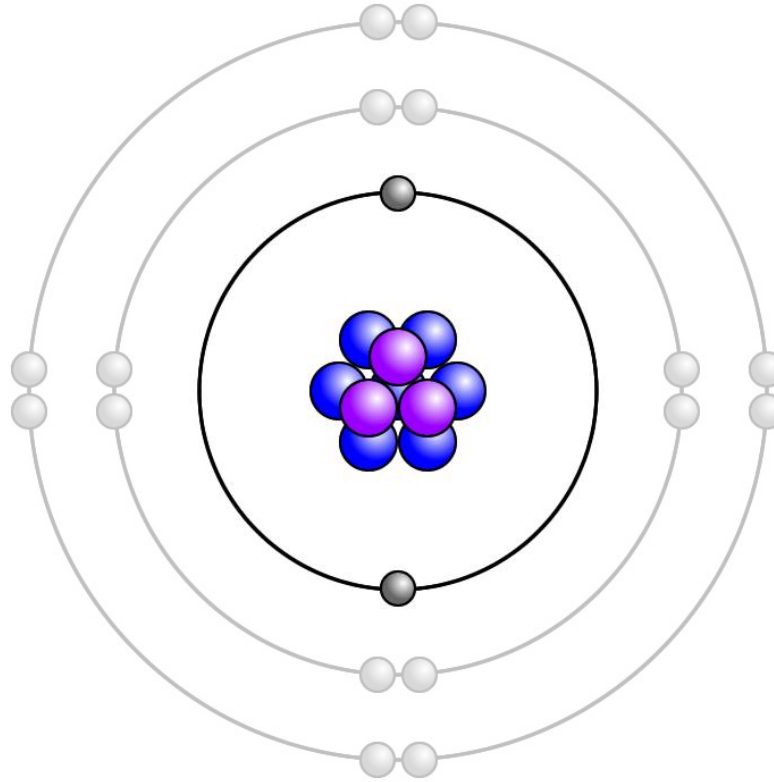


*Electrons* orbit the nucleus in specific energy levels called *electron shells*. The outermost electron shell is called the *valence shell*.

- Relative mass of an **electron** =  $\frac{1}{1836}$
- Relative charge on an **electron** =  $-1$

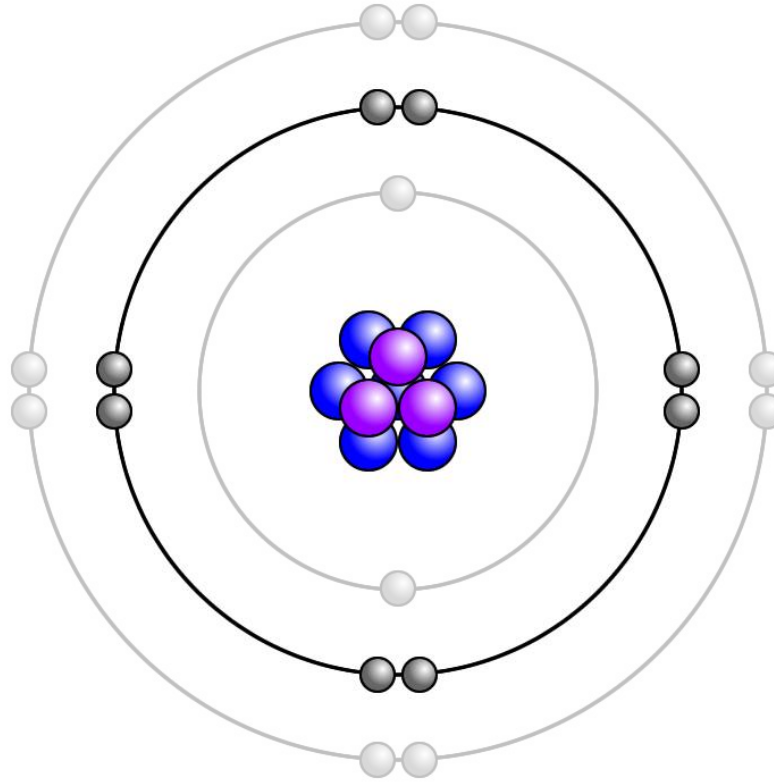


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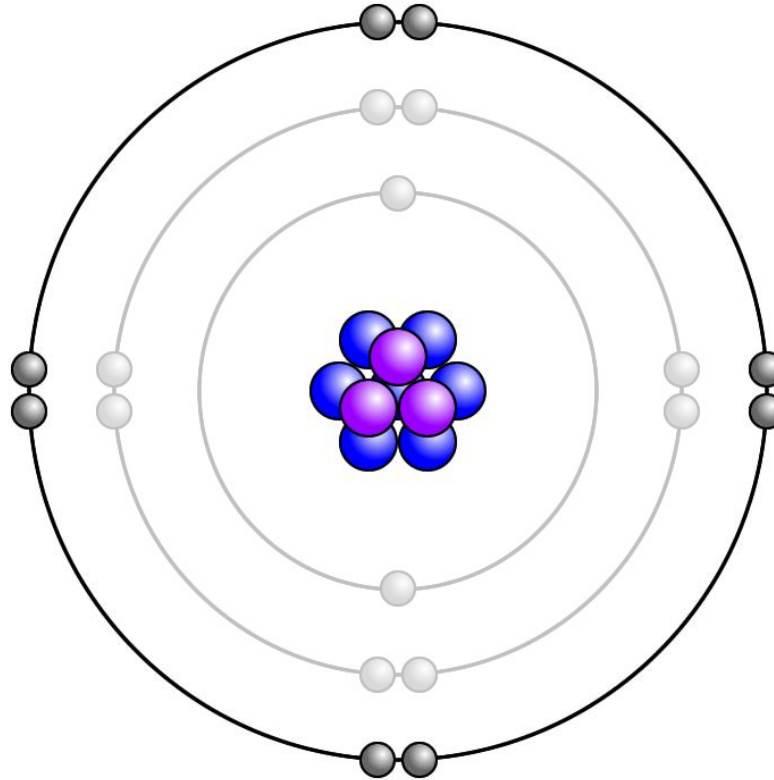
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- The *second electron shell* can hold a maximum number of **8** electrons.
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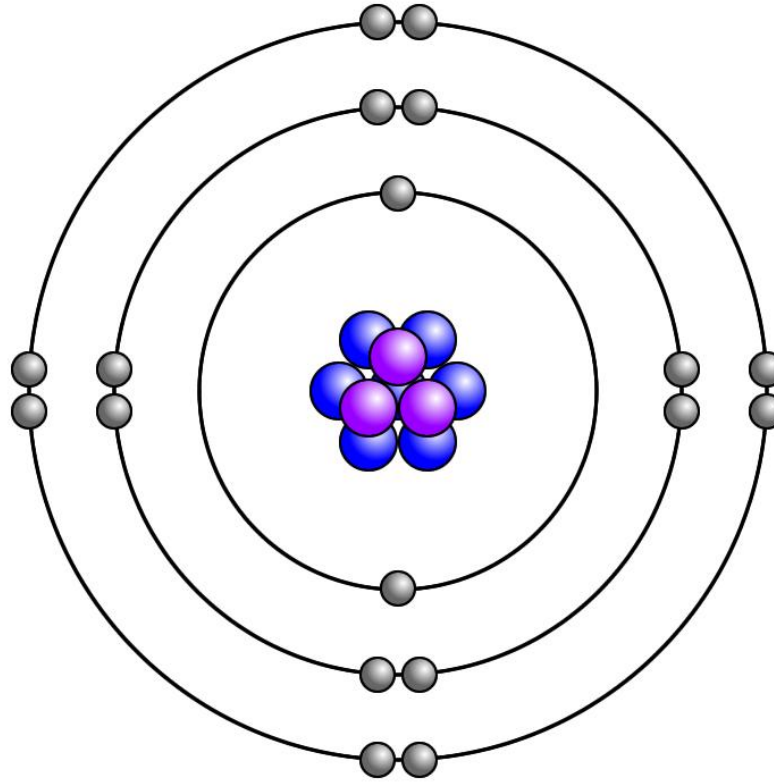
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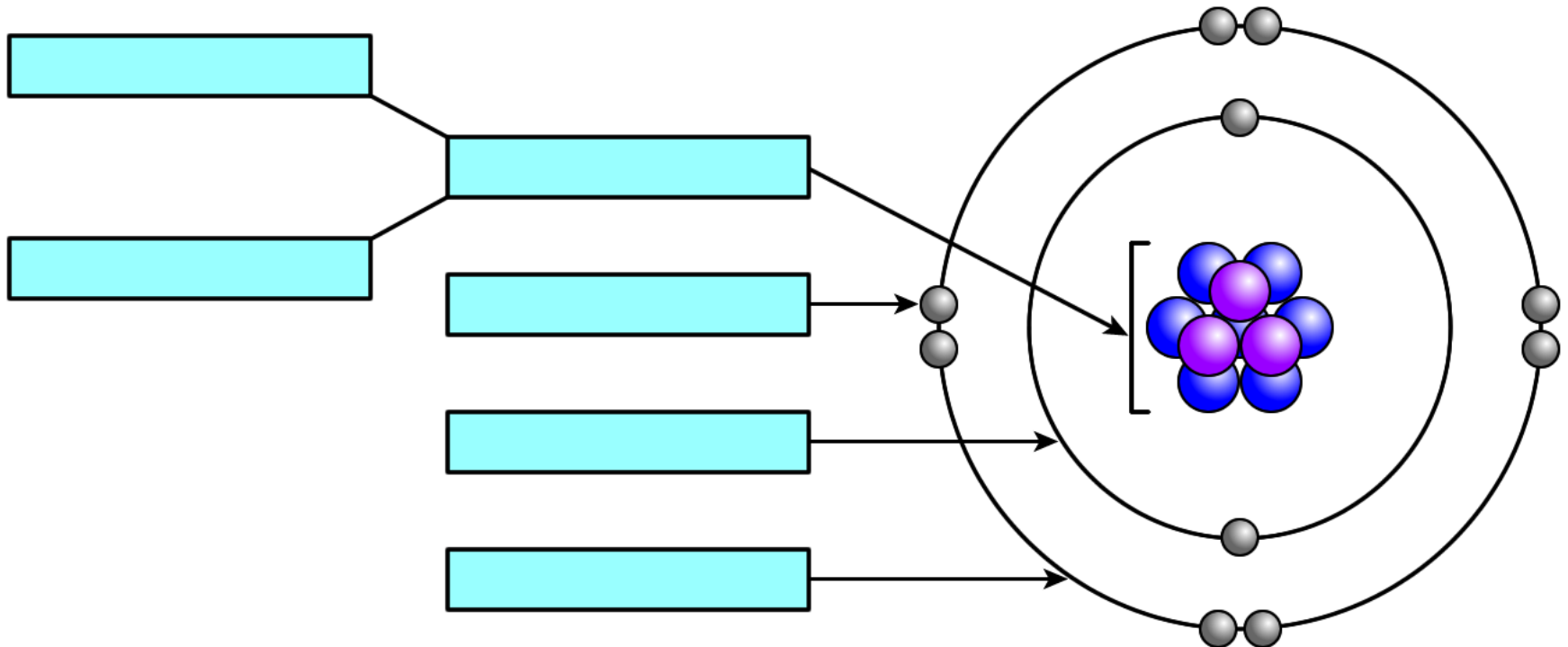
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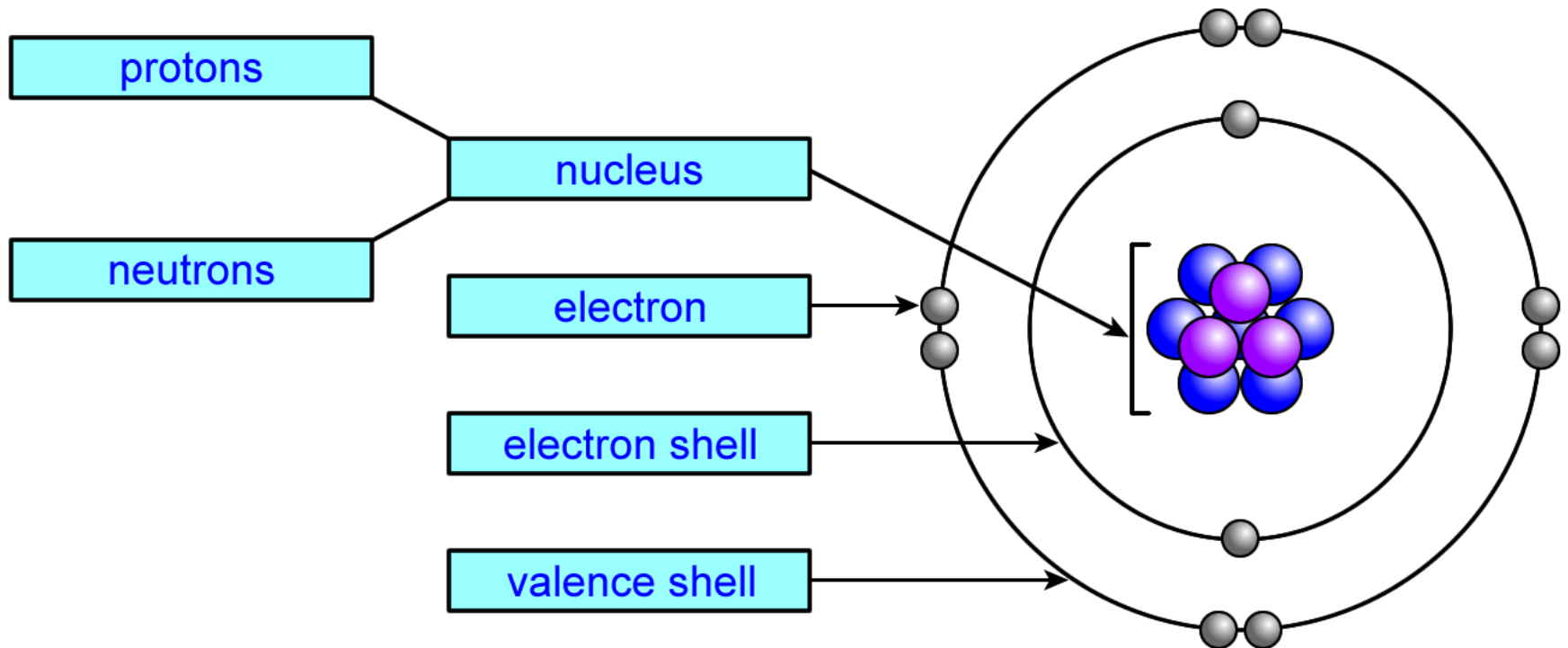


- Atoms are *electrically neutral* because the number of electrons (which carry a charge of  $-1$ ) orbiting the nucleus equals the number of protons (which carry a charge of  $+1$ ) located in the nucleus.

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Particle	Particle's Location in the Atom	Particle's Relative Charge	Particle's Relative Mass*
Proton			
Neutron			
Electron			



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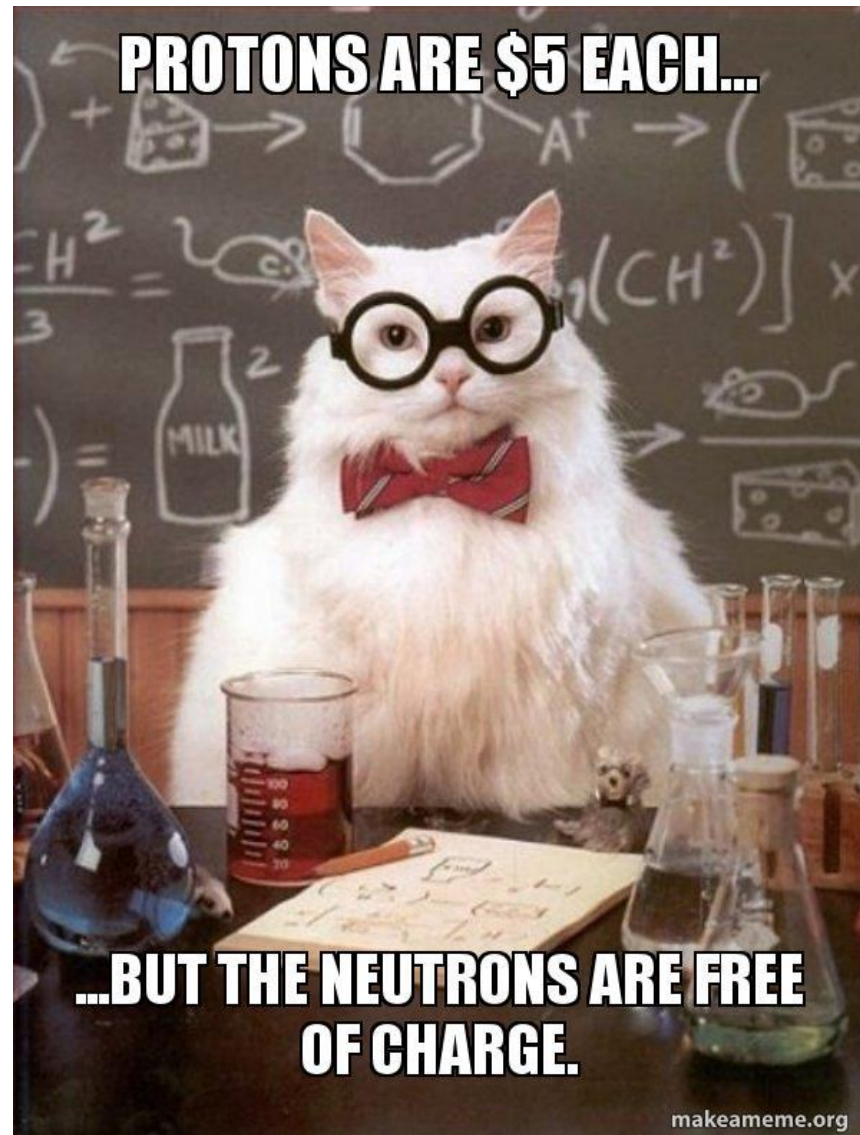
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Proton	Nucleus	+1	1
Neutron	Nucleus	0	1
Electron	Orbits the Nucleus	-1	$\frac{1}{1836}$

\*The mass of the proton, neutron and electron are sometimes given the units *a.m.u.*  
*a.m.u.* is an abbreviation for *atomic mass unit*.

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- Build an Atom PHET Simulation

[https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/build-an-atom/latest/build-an-atom\\_en.html](https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/build-an-atom/latest/build-an-atom_en.html)

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- Mass (Nucleon) Number

number of protons + neutrons

↓  
7

Li

- Symbol of the element  
Li = *lithium*

Nuclide  
Notation

3  
↑

- Atomic (Proton) Number

number of protons

- number of *neutrons* = mass number – atomic number  
number of neutrons =  $7 - 3 = 4$
- number of *electrons* = number of protons = atomic number  
number of electrons = **3**

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- Mass (Nucleon) Number

number of protons + neutrons



19

F

- Symbol of the element  
F = *fluorine*



Nuclide  
Notation

9



- Atomic (Proton) Number

number of protons

- number of *neutrons* = mass number – atomic number  
number of neutrons =  $19 - 9 = 10$
- number of *electrons* = number of protons = atomic number  
number of electrons =  $9$

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- Mass (Nucleon) Number

number of protons + neutrons



23

Na

- Symbol of the element  
Na = *sodium*



Nuclide  
Notation

11



- Atomic (Proton) Number

number of protons

- number of *neutrons* = mass number – atomic number  
number of neutrons =  $23 - 11 = 12$

- number of *electrons* = number of protons = atomic number  
number of electrons = **11**



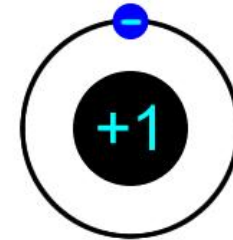
How is atomic  
structure  
related to an  
element's  
position in the  
Periodic Table?



# Hydrogen $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \text{H}$ Atomic Number 1

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period	1 1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 1
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 1
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 1
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (1) = 1
  - The electron configuration of hydrogen = 1
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (1) + number of neutrons (0) = 1

# Helium ${}^4_2\text{He}$ Atomic Number 2

Group

12131415161718

1

Hydrogen

H

2

Helium

He

3

Lithium

Li

4

Beryllium

Be

5

Boron

B

6

Carbon

C

7

Nitrogen

N

8

Oxygen

O

9

Fluorine

F

10

Neon

Ne

11

Sodium

Na

12

Magnesium

Mg

13

Aluminium

Al

14

Silicon

Si

15

Phosphorus

P

16

Sulphur

S

17

Chlorine

Cl

18

Argon

Ar

19

Potassium

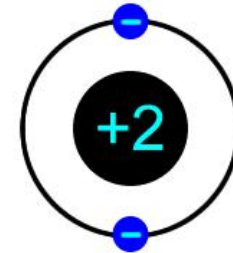
K

20

Calcium

Ca

Period



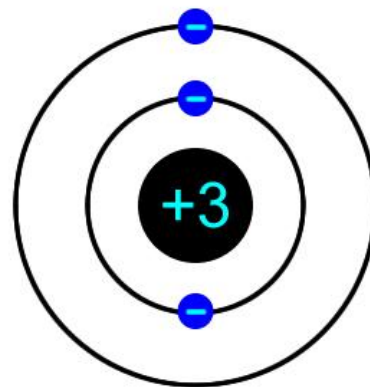
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 2
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 2
  - The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 1
  - The number of electrons in the valence shell of helium = 2 (complete)
    - The electron configuration of helium = 2
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (2) + number of neutrons (2) = 4

Lithium  ${}^7_3\text{Li}$

Atomic Number 3

Group

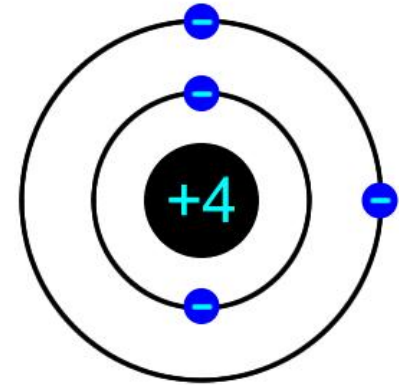
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- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 3
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 3
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (1) = 1
  - The electron configuration of lithium = 2,1
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (3) + number of neutrons (4) = 7

# Beryllium ${}^9_4\text{Be}$ Atomic Number 4

		Group							
		1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period	1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
	2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
	3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
	4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 4
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 4
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (2) = 2
  - The electron configuration of beryllium = 2,2
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (4) + number of neutrons (5) = 9

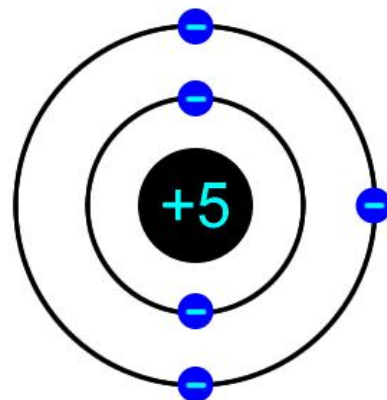
# Boron

 ${}_{5}^{11}\text{B}$ 

# Atomic Number 5

## Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
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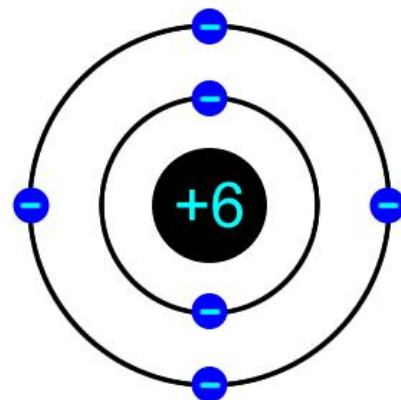


- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 5
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 5
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (13) = 3
  - The electron configuration of boron = 2,3
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (5) + number of neutrons (6) = 11

Carbon  $^{12}_6\text{C}$

Atomic Number 6

		Group										
		1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18			
Period	1	1 Hydrogen H								2 Helium He		
	2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne			
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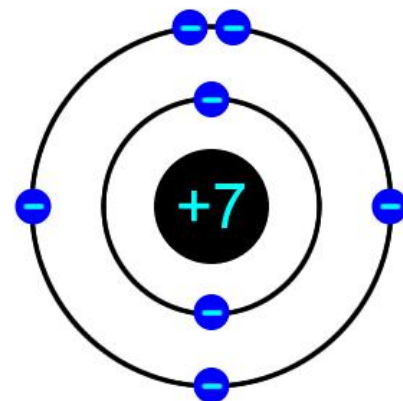
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 6
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 6
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (14) = 4
  - The electron configuration of carbon = 2,4
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (6) + number of neutrons (6) = 12

# Nitrogen ${}^{14}_7\text{N}$

# Atomic Number 7

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
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- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 7
  - For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 7
    - The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (15) = 5
  - The electron configuration of nitrogen = 2,5
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (7) + number of neutrons (7) = 14

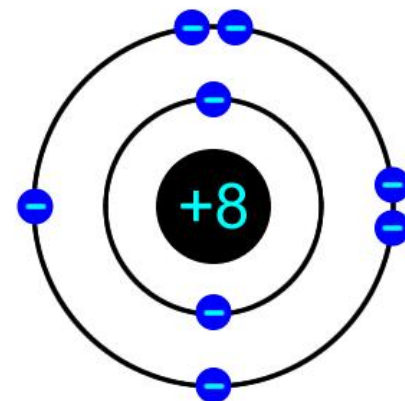


# Oxygen $^{16}_8\text{O}$

# Atomic Number 8

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period 1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
Period 2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
Period 3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
Period 4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 8
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 8
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (16) = 6
  - The electron configuration of oxygen = 2,6
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (8) + number of neutrons (8) = 16

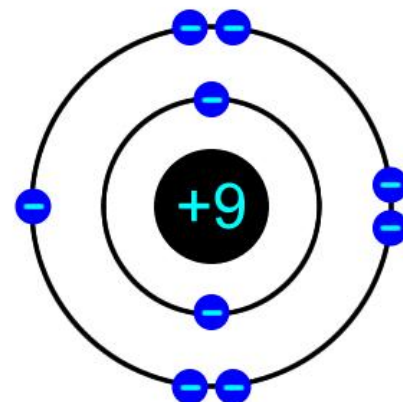
# Fluorine



# Atomic Number 9

## Group

		1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period	1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
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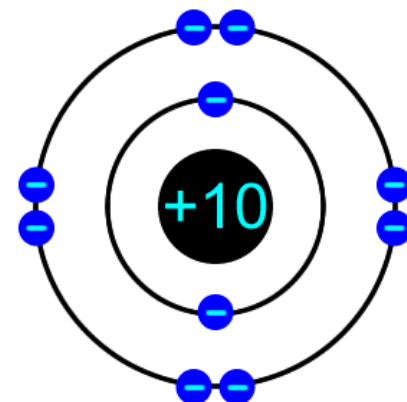
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 9
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 9
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (17) = 7
  - The electron configuration of fluorine = 2,7
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (9) + number of neutrons (10) = 19

# Neon $^{20}_{10}\text{Ne}$ Atomic Number 10

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	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
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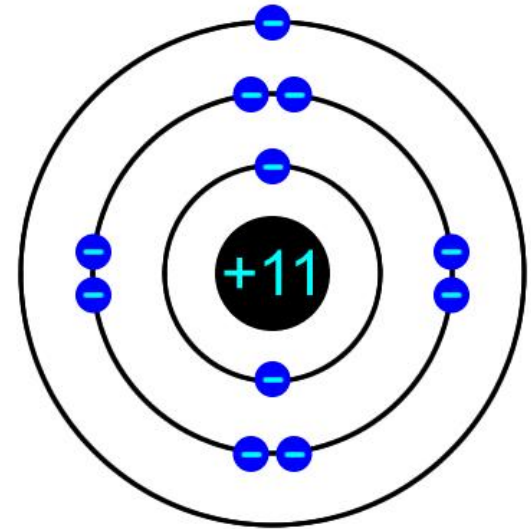
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 10
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 10
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 2
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (18) = 8 (complete)
  - The electron configuration of neon = 2,8
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (10) + number of neutrons (10) = 20

# Sodium $^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$ Atomic Number 11

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						

Period

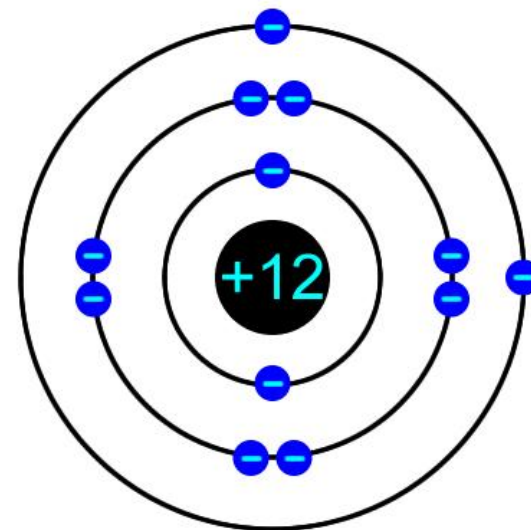


- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 11
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 11
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (1) = 1
  - The electron configuration of sodium = 2,8,1
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (11) + number of neutrons (12) = 23

# Magnesium $^{24}_{12}\text{Mg}$ Atomic Number 12

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



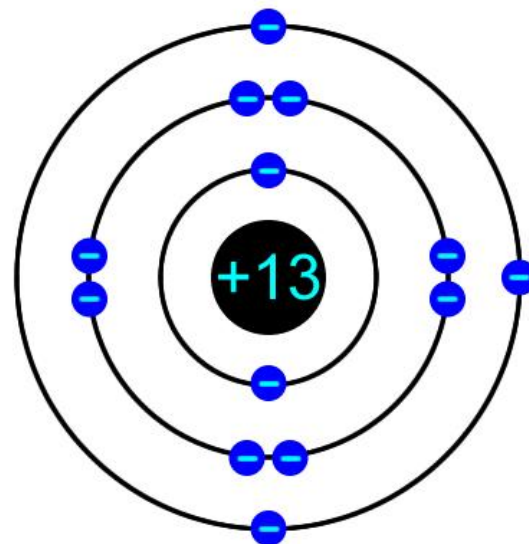
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 12
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 12
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (2) = 2
  - The electron configuration of magnesium = 2,8,2
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (12) + number of neutrons (12) = 24

# Aluminium ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}$

# Atomic Number 13

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 13
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 13
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (13) = 3
  - The electron configuration of aluminium = 2,8,3
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (13) + number of neutrons (14) = 27

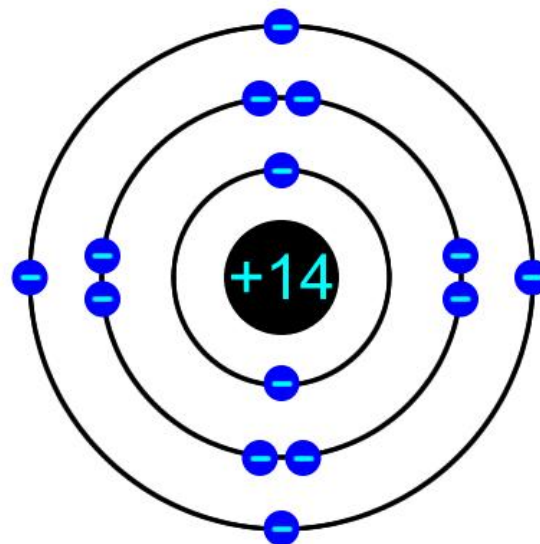
# Silicon

 $^{28}_{14}\text{Si}$ 

# Atomic Number 14

## Group

		1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period	1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
	2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
	3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
	4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



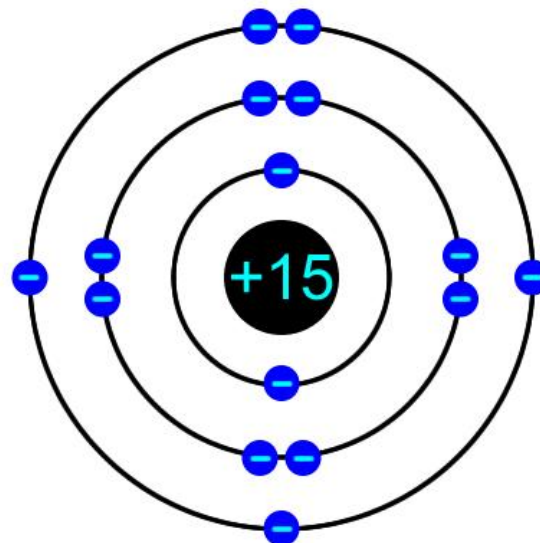
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 14
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 14
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (14) = 4
  - The electron configuration of silicon = 2,8,4
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (14) + number of neutrons (14) = 28

# Phosphorus $^{31}_{15}\text{P}$

Atomic Number 15

Group

		1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period	1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
	2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
	3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
	4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 15
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 15
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (15) = 5
  - The electron configuration of phosphorus = 2,8,5
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (15) + number of neutrons (16) = 31



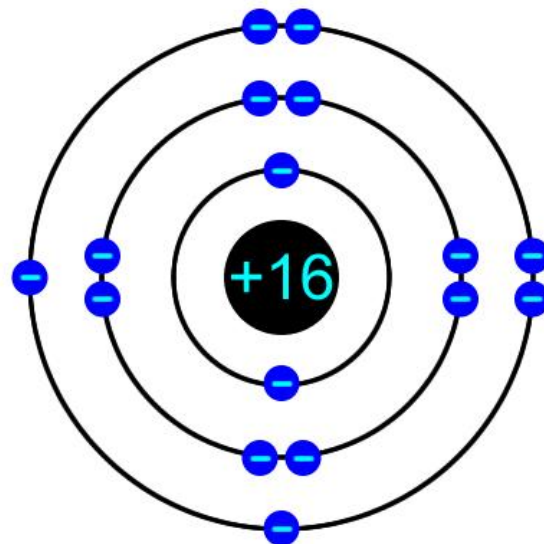
# Sulfur

 $^{32}_{16}\text{S}$ 

# Atomic Number 16

## Group

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1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
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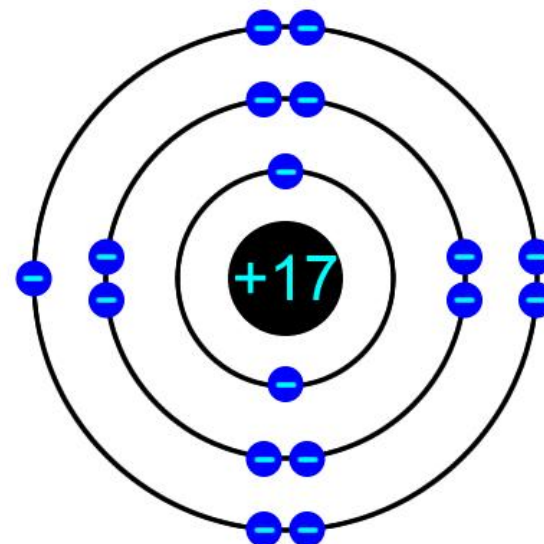
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 16
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 16
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (16) = 6
  - The electron configuration of sulfur = 2,8,6
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (16) + number of neutrons (16) = 32

# Chlorine $^{35}_{17}\text{Cl}$ Atomic Number 17

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He	
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne	
3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar	
4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca							

Period



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 17
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 17
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (17) = 7
  - The electron configuration of chlorine = 2,8,7
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (17) + number of neutrons (18) = 35

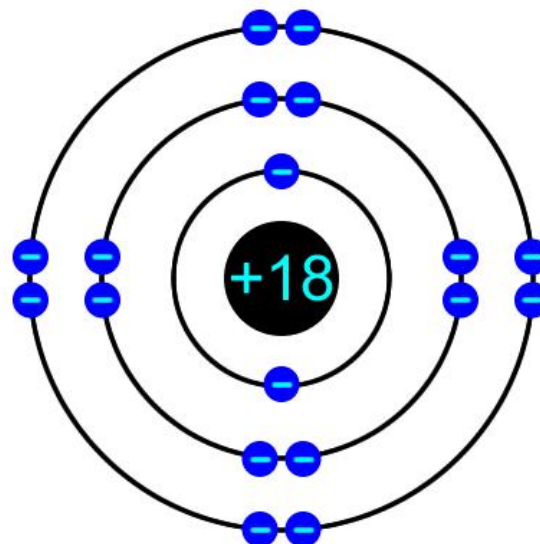
# Argon

<sup>40</sup><sub>18</sub>Ar

# Atomic Number 18

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
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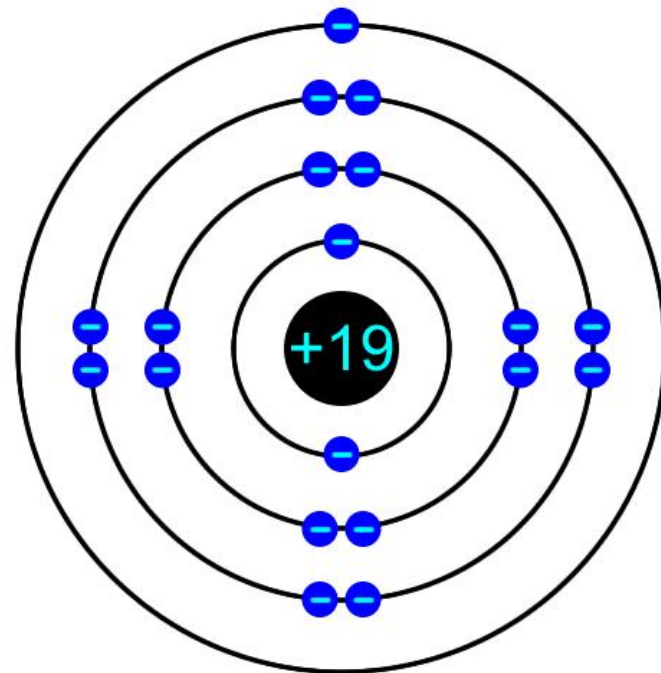
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 18
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 18
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 3
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (18) = 8 (complete)
  - The electron configuration of argon = 2,8,8
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (18) + number of neutrons (22) = 40

# Potassium ${}_{19}^{39}\text{K}$

# Atomic Number 19

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
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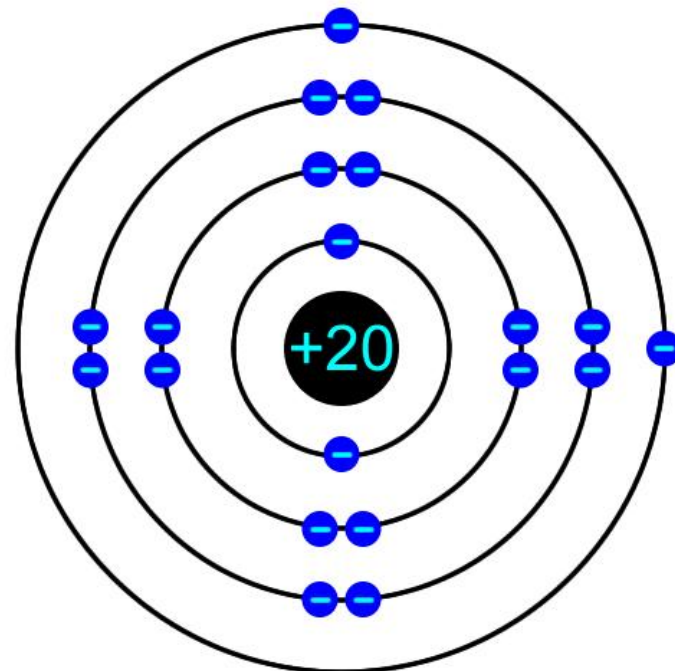
- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 19
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 19
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 4
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (1) = 1
  - The electron configuration of potassium = 2,8,8,1
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (19) + number of neutrons (20) = 39

# Calcium $^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}$ Atomic Number 20

Group

	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 Hydrogen H							2 Helium He
2	3 Lithium Li	4 Beryllium Be	5 Boron B	6 Carbon C	7 Nitrogen N	8 Oxygen O	9 Fluorine F	10 Neon Ne
3	11 Sodium Na	12 Magnesium Mg	13 Aluminium Al	14 Silicon Si	15 Phosphorus P	16 Sulphur S	17 Chlorine Cl	18 Argon Ar
4	19 Potassium K	20 Calcium Ca						

Period



- The Atomic Number equals the number of protons = 20
- For a neutral atom, the number electrons equals the number of protons = 20
- The number of electron shell equals the Period number = 4
- The number of valence electrons can be derived from the Group number (2) = 2
  - The electron configuration of calcium = 2,8,8,2
- The Mass Number equals number of protons (20) + number of neutrons (20) = 40

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the nucleus of  
the atom  
**defines** which  
chemical  
element the  
atom belongs to!



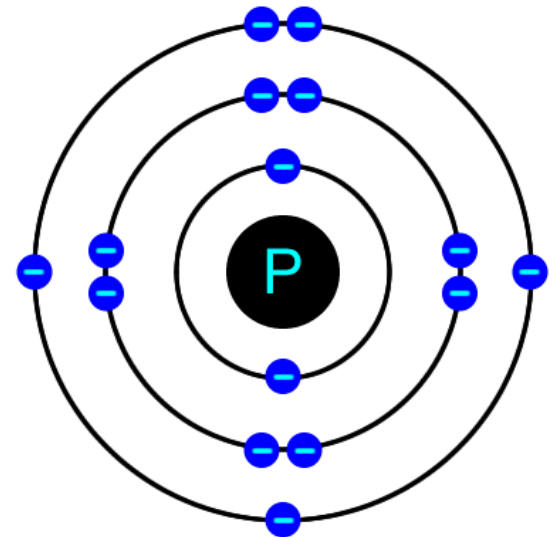
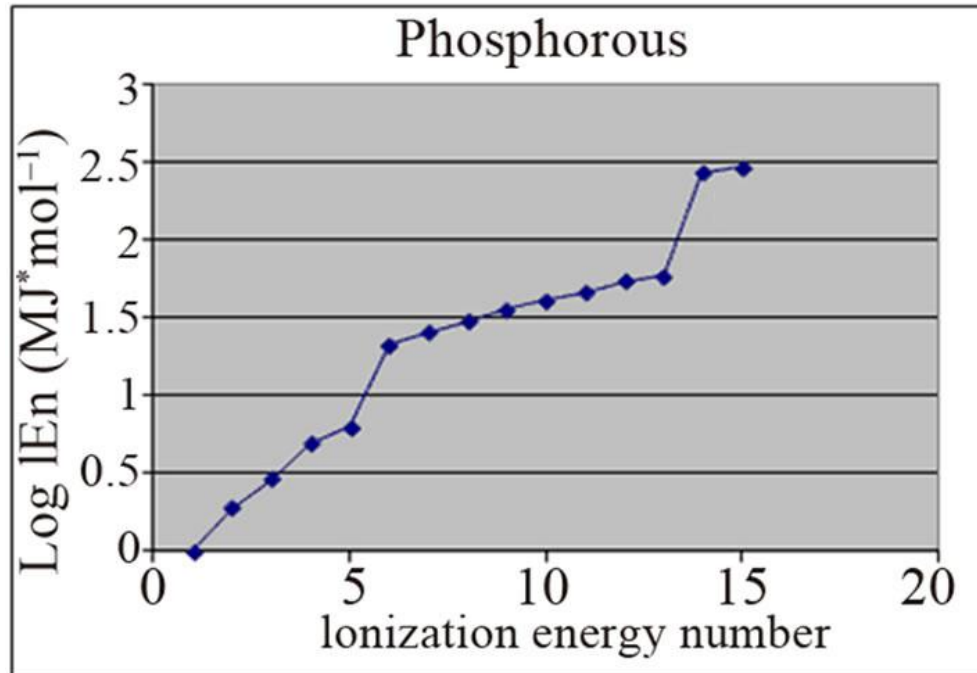
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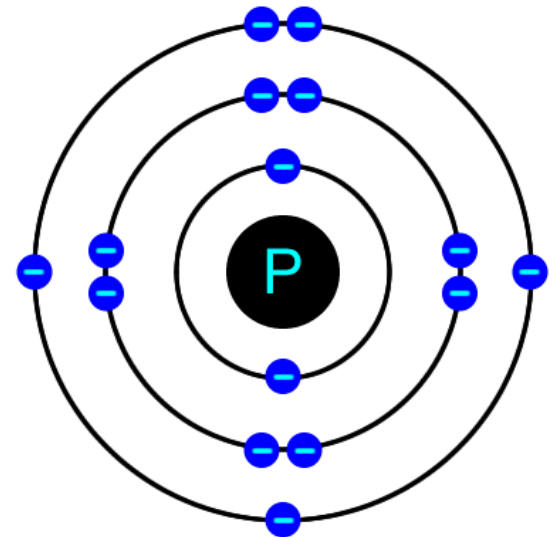
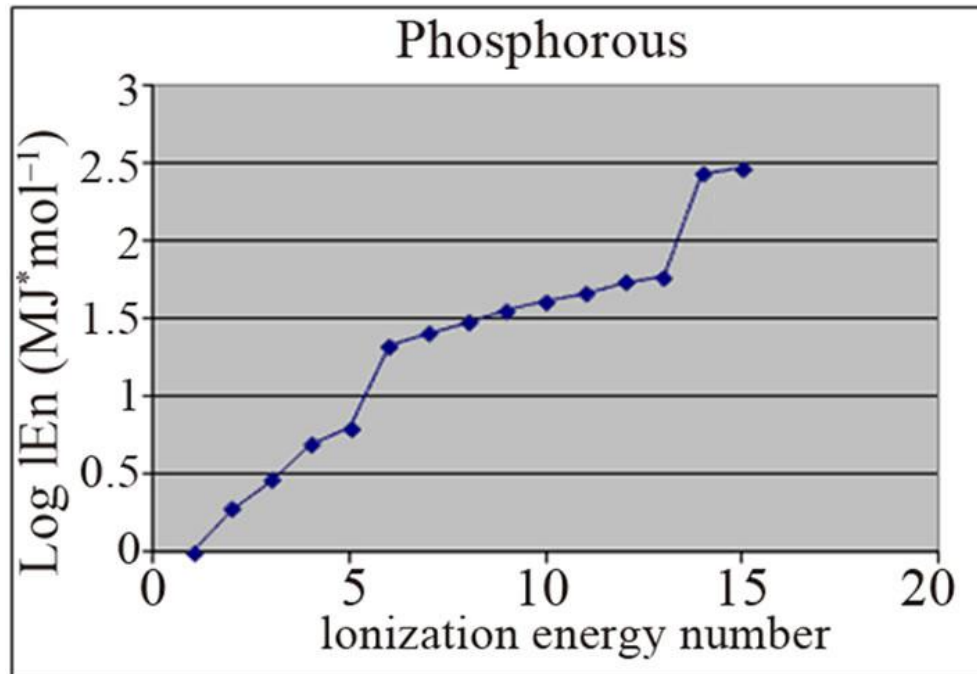


- Energy is *required* to *remove* an electron from an atom. The energy is used to overcome the *electrostatic force of attraction* between the negatively charged electron and positively charged nucleus.



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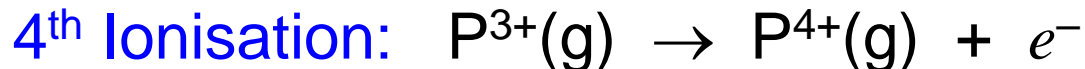
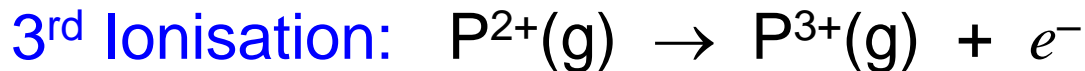
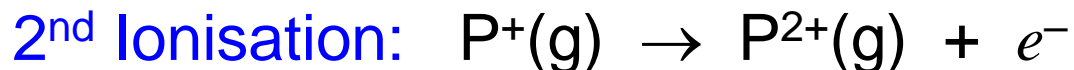
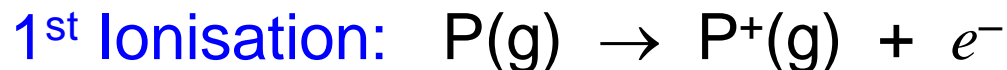
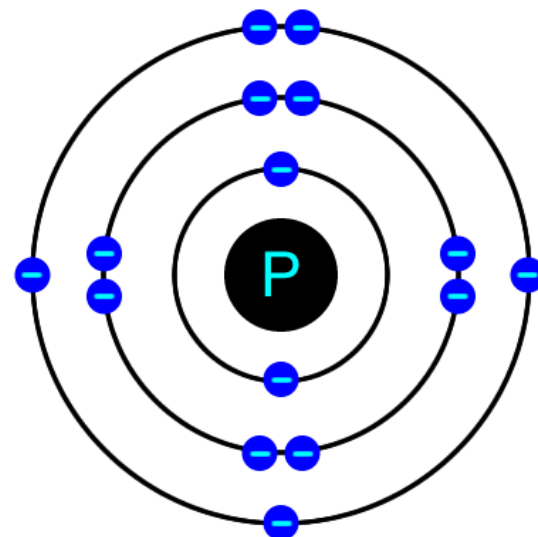
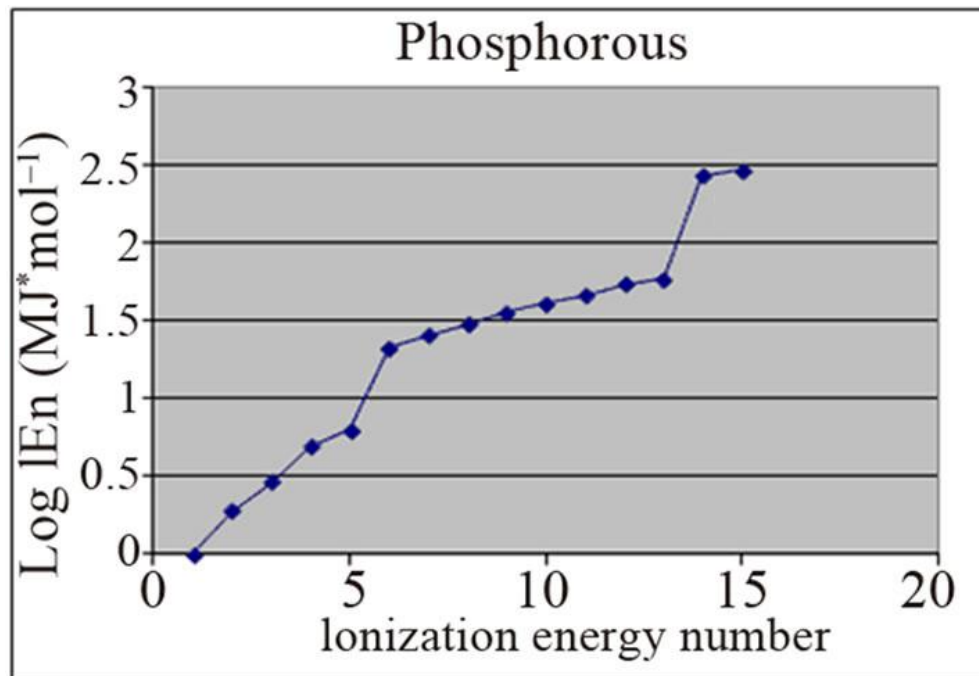
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- If *all* of the electrons are removed from a single atom of *phosphorus*, one after the other, and the energy required to remove each electron is plotted on a graph, we obtain the result shown above.

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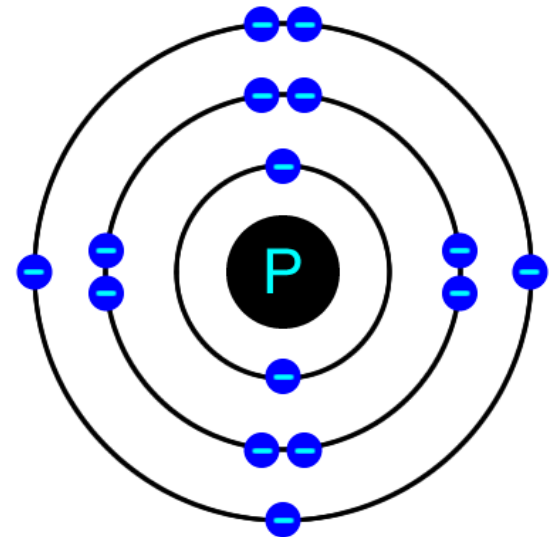
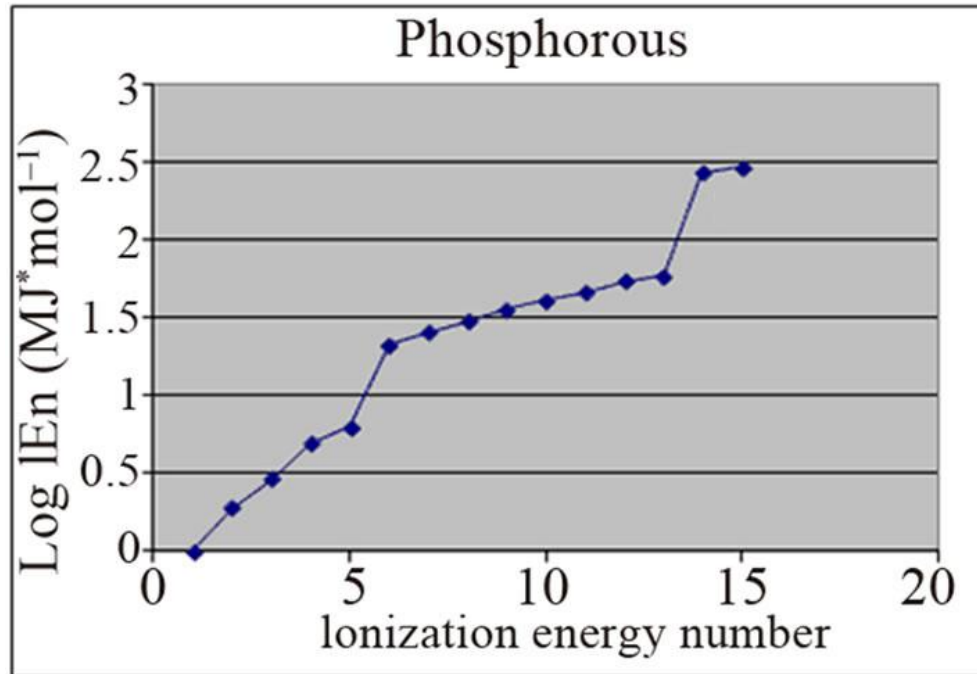
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...and so on...

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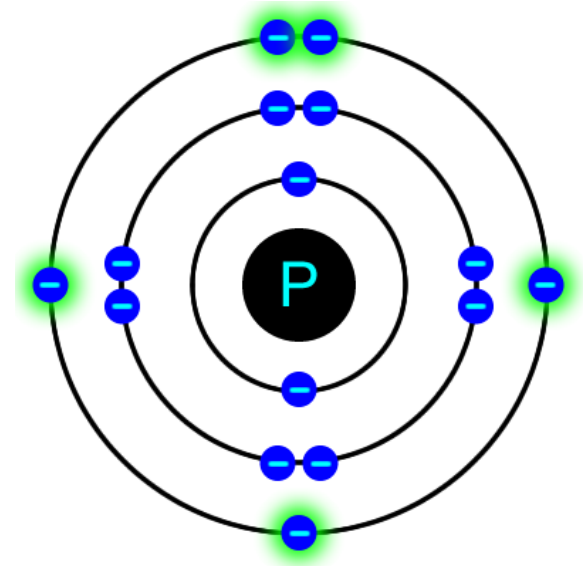
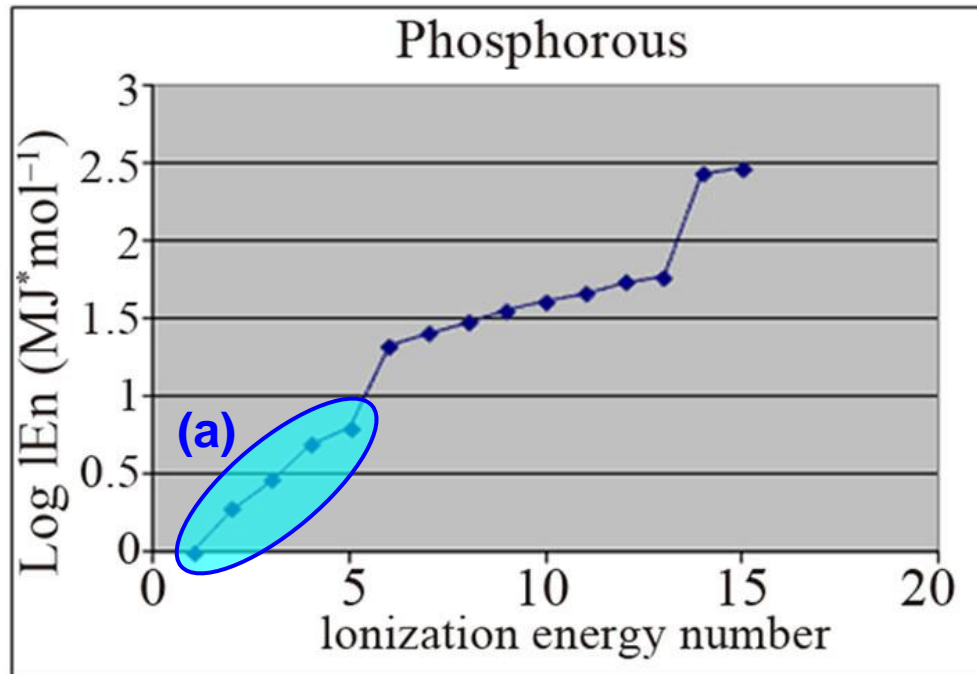
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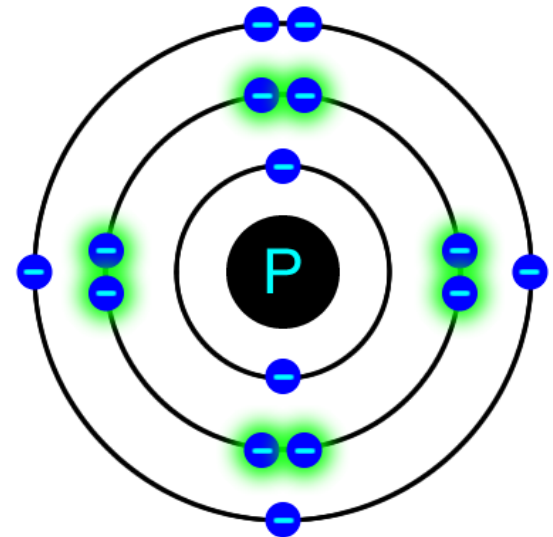
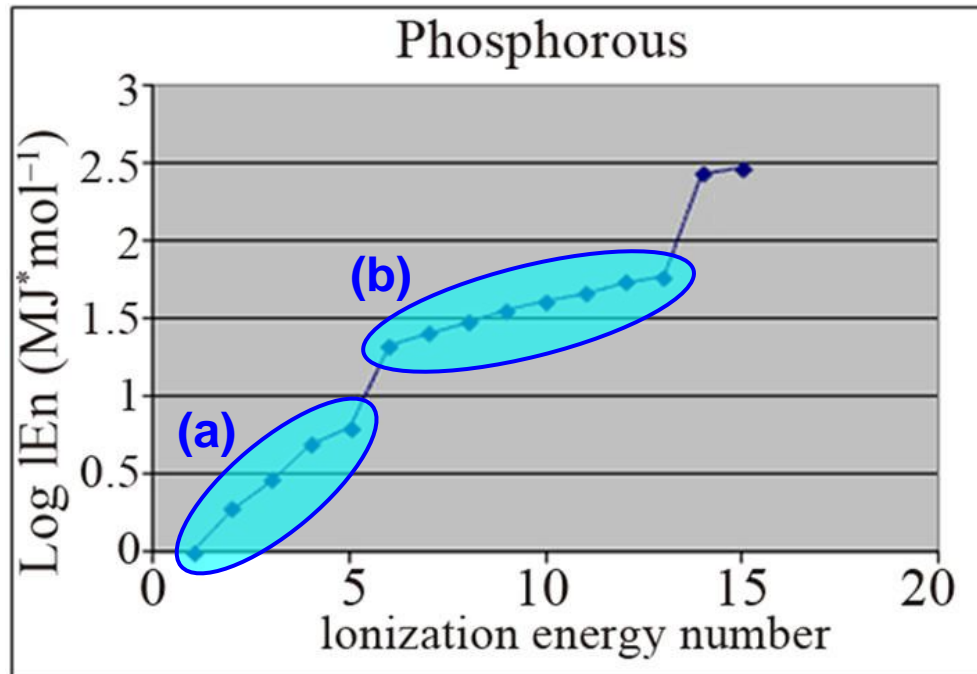
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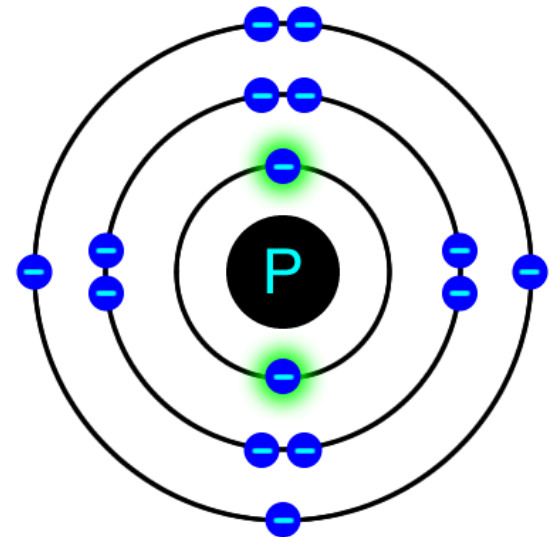
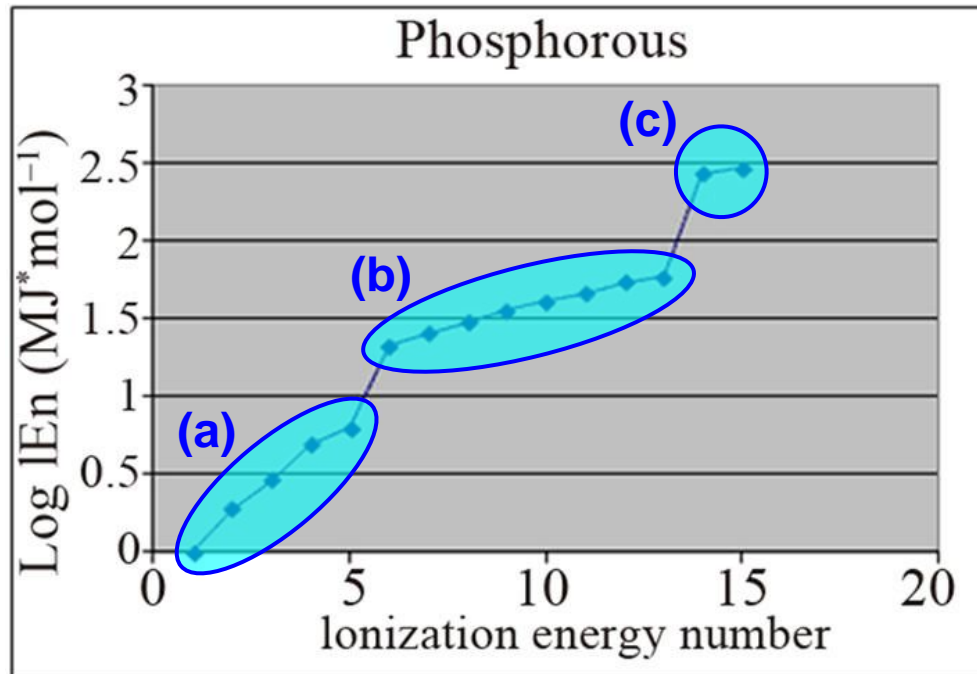
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- The graph is not linear, but can be divided into *three* distinct regions, which reflect the *three* electron shells:
  - (a) Removal of the *five electrons* in the *valence shell*.
  - (b) Removal of the *eight electrons* in the *second shell*.

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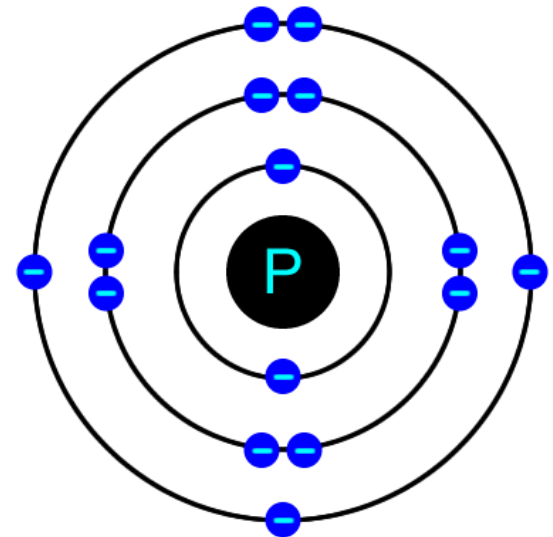
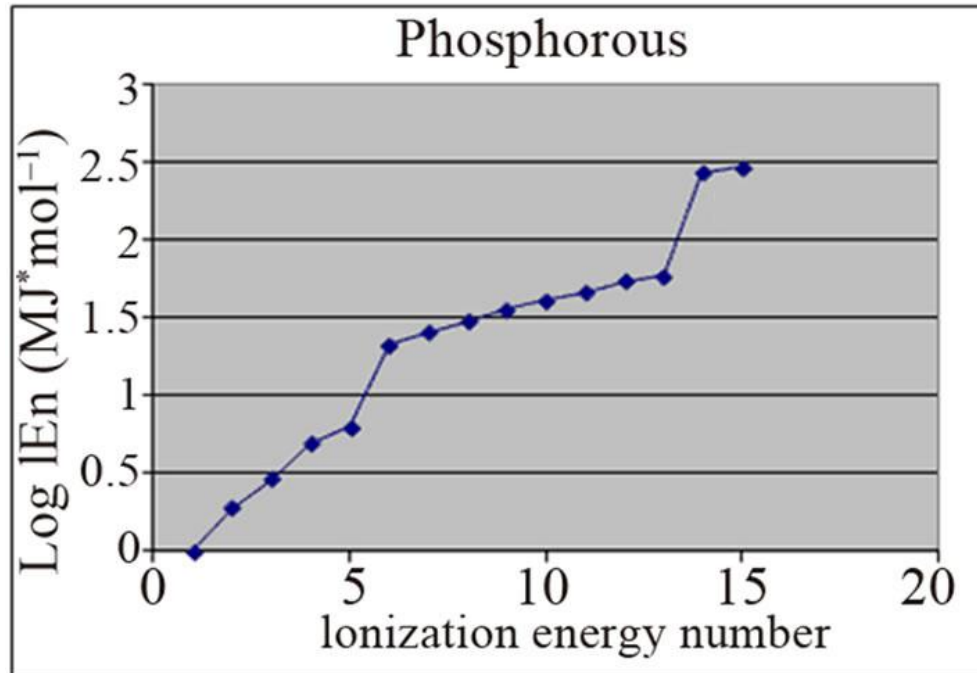
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  - (a) Removal of the *five electrons* in the *valence shell*.
  - (b) Removal of the *eight electrons* in the *second shell*.
  - (c) Removal of the *two electrons* in the *inner shell*.

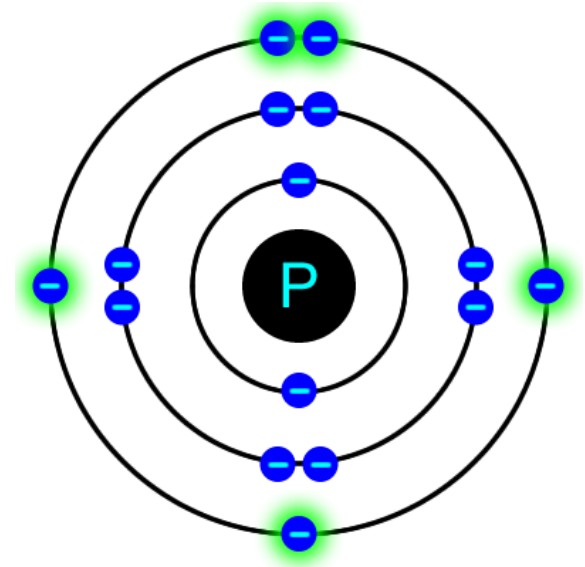
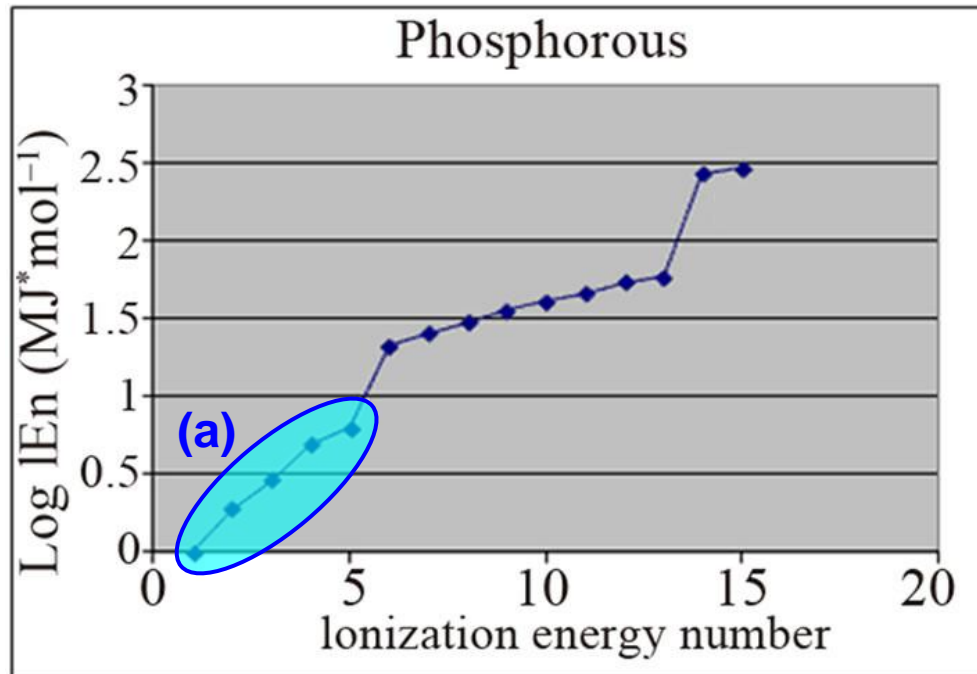
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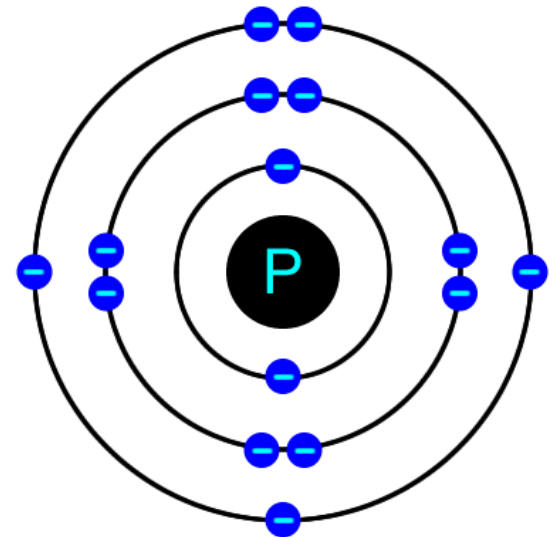
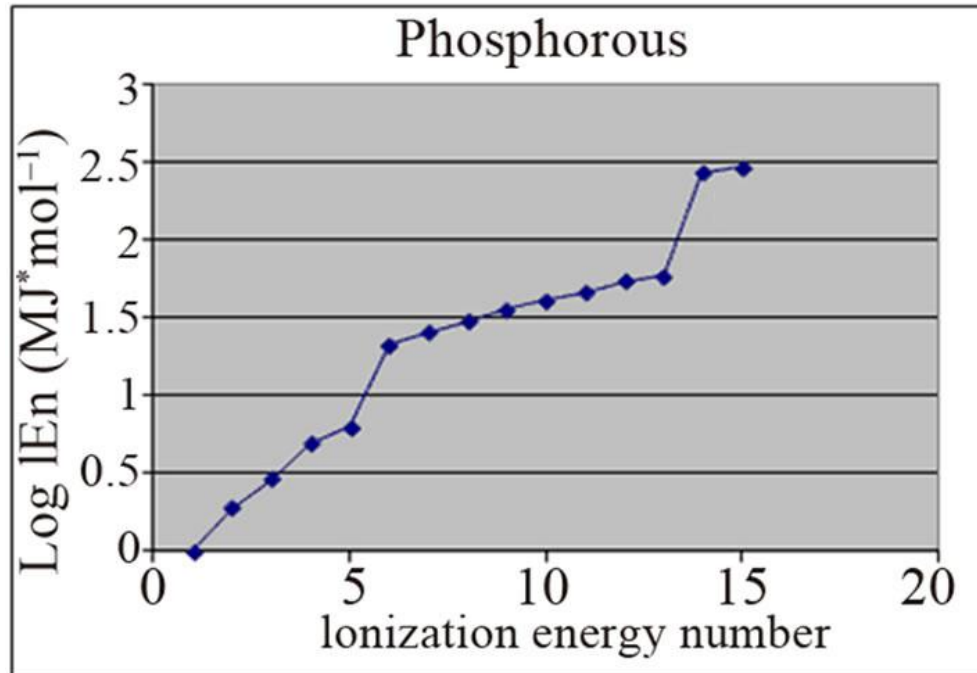


(a) The *five electrons* in the *valence shell* are *furthest* from the nucleus, and so the electrostatic force of attraction between the nucleus and negatively charged electrons is *weakest*. A relatively *small amount of energy* is required to remove the five valence electrons.



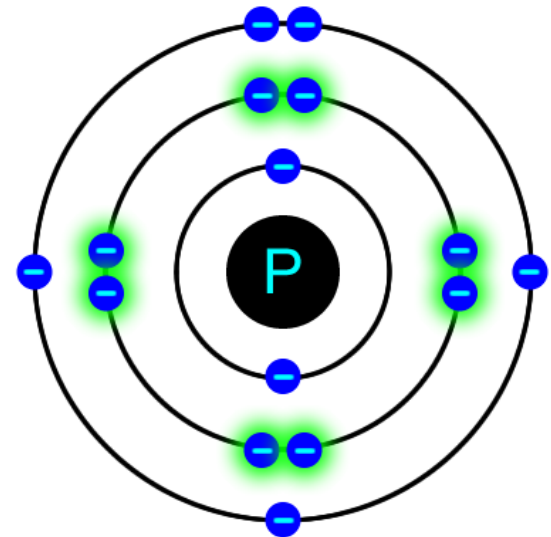
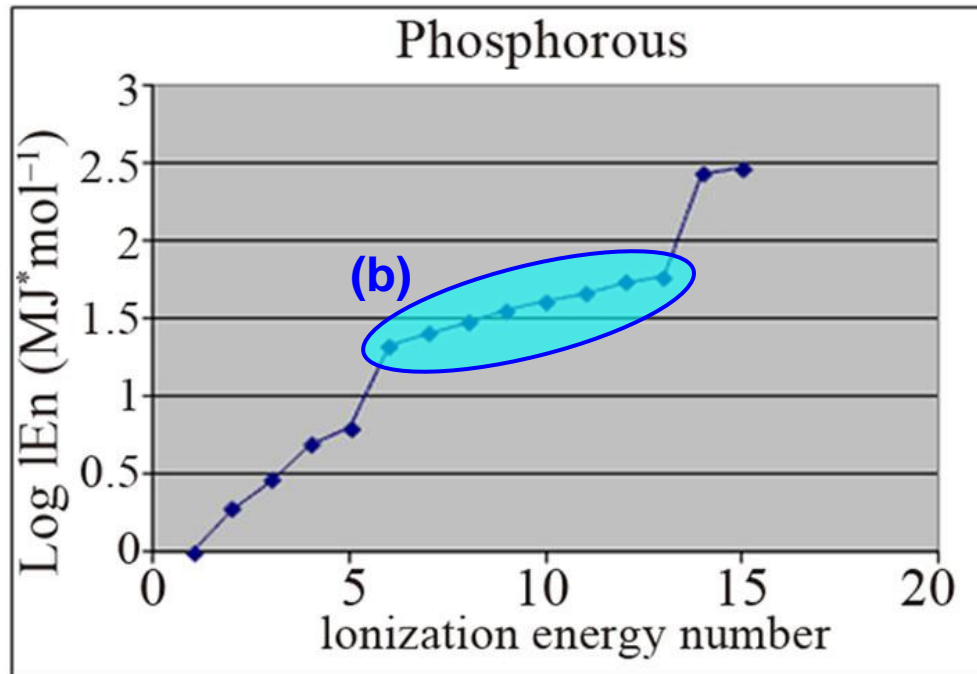
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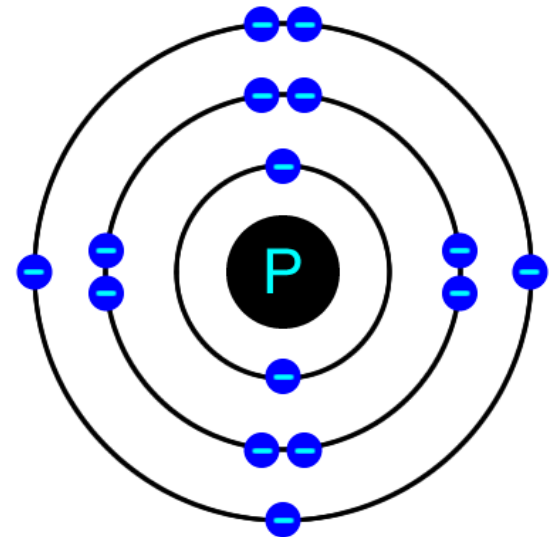
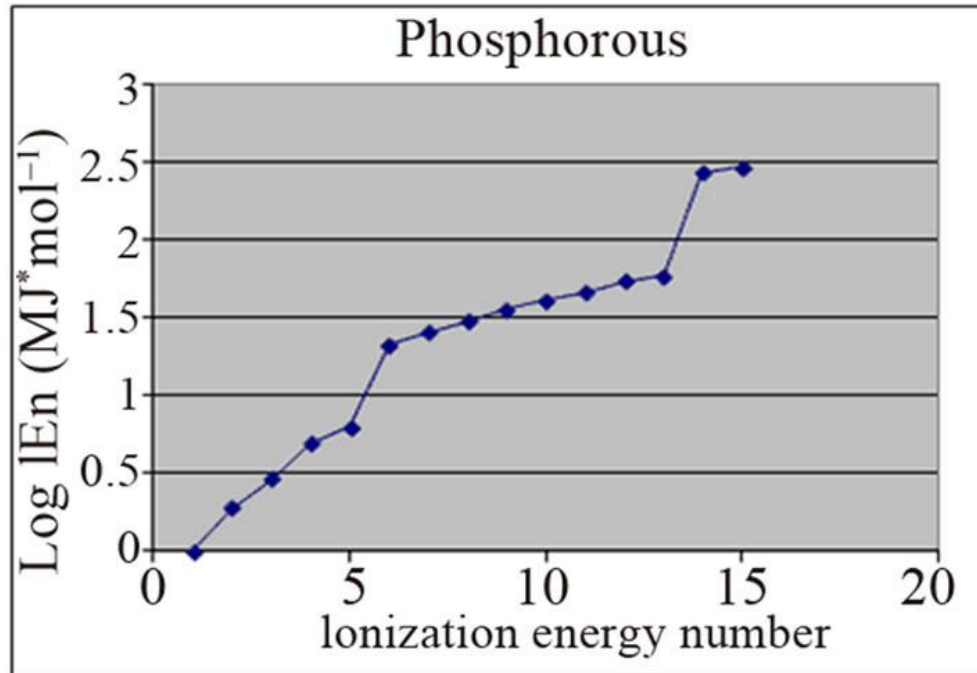
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(b) There is a significant *increase in energy* between (a) and (b) as electrons are now being removed from the *second* electron shell which is *closer to the nucleus*, hence electrostatic forces of attraction are *stronger*, and need *more energy* to overcome.

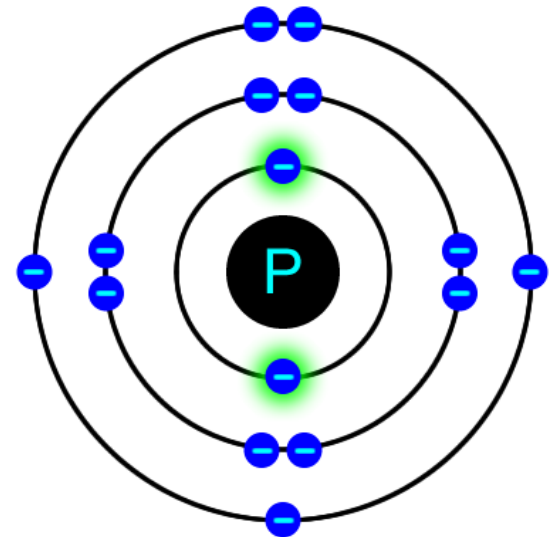
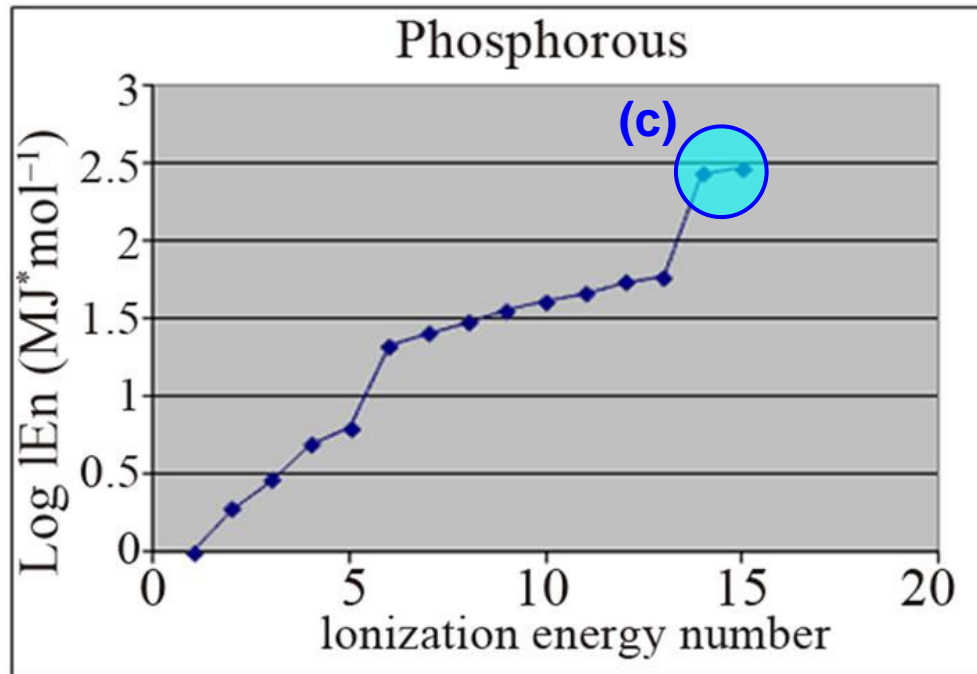
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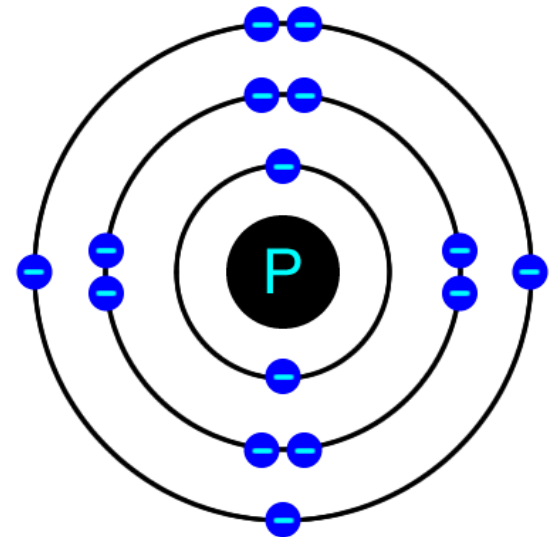
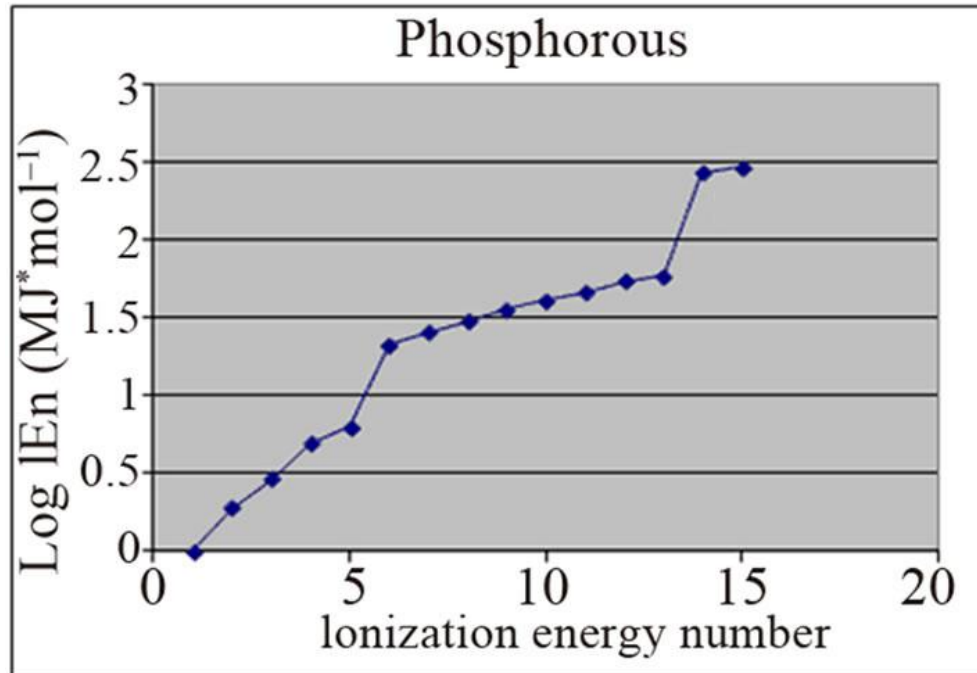
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**(c)** There is a substantial *increase in energy* between **(b)** and **(c)** as electrons are now being removed from the *innermost* electron shell which is *closest to the nucleus*, hence electrostatic forces of attraction are *very strong*, and need *the most energy* to overcome.

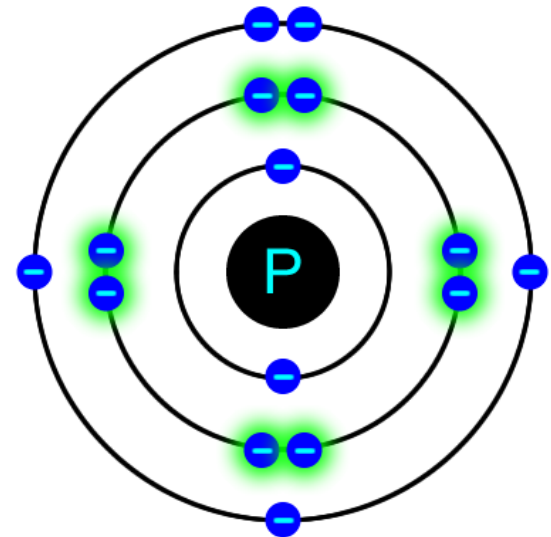
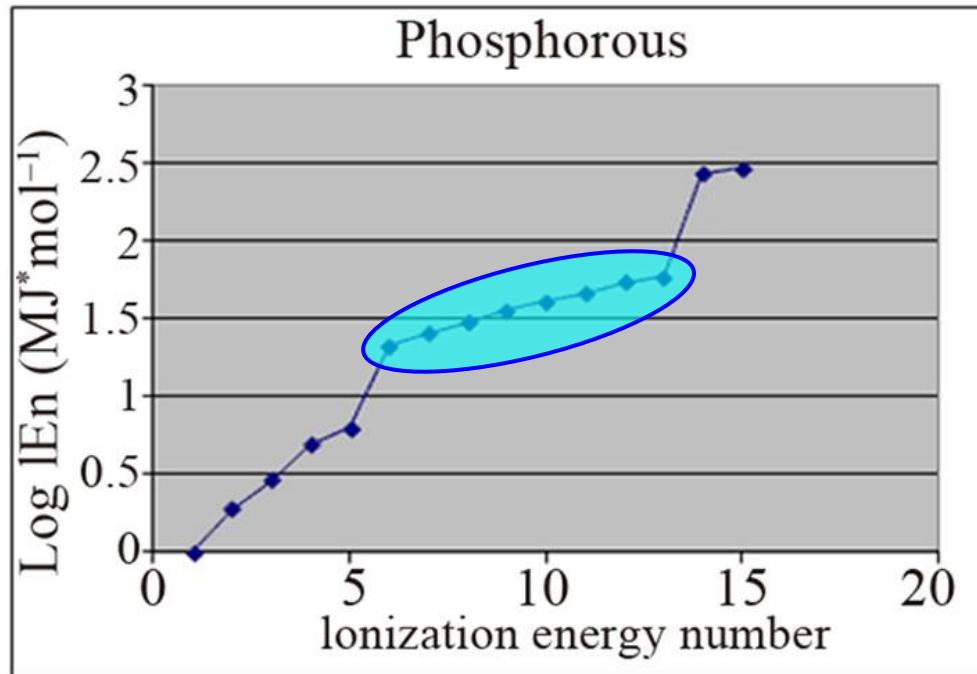
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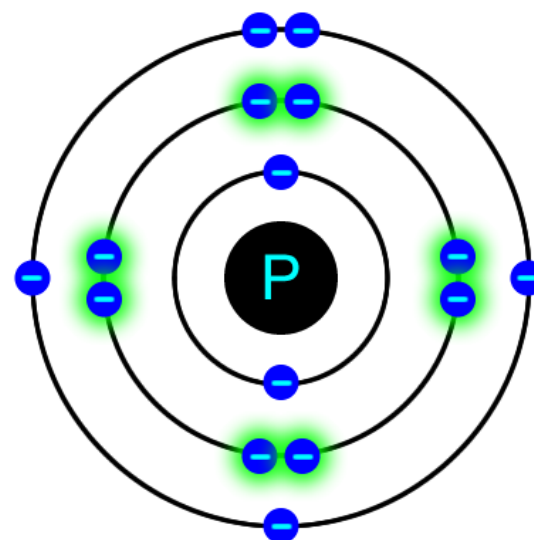
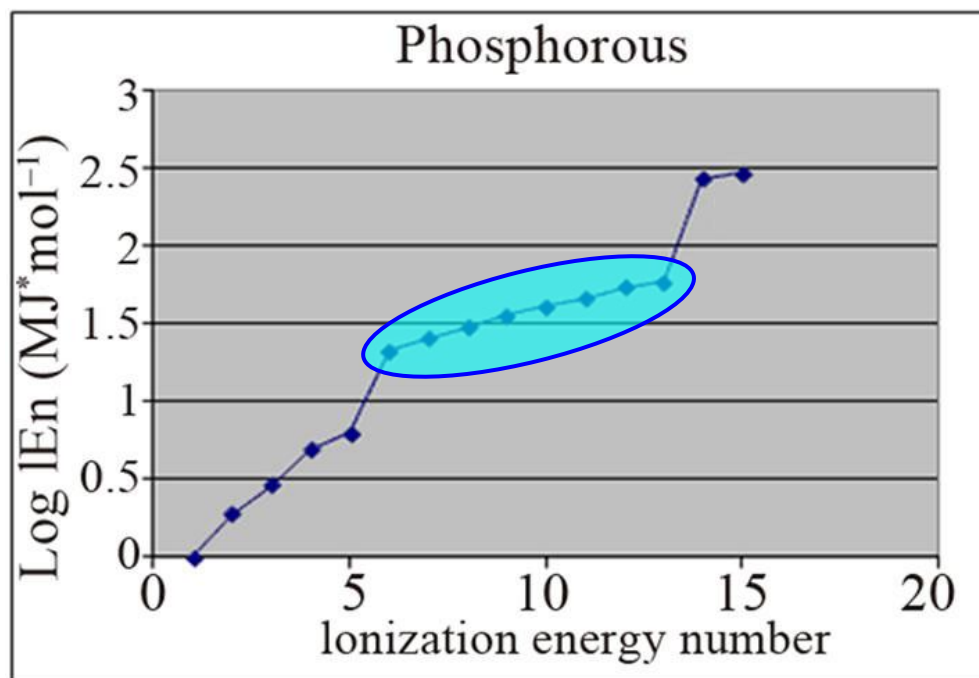
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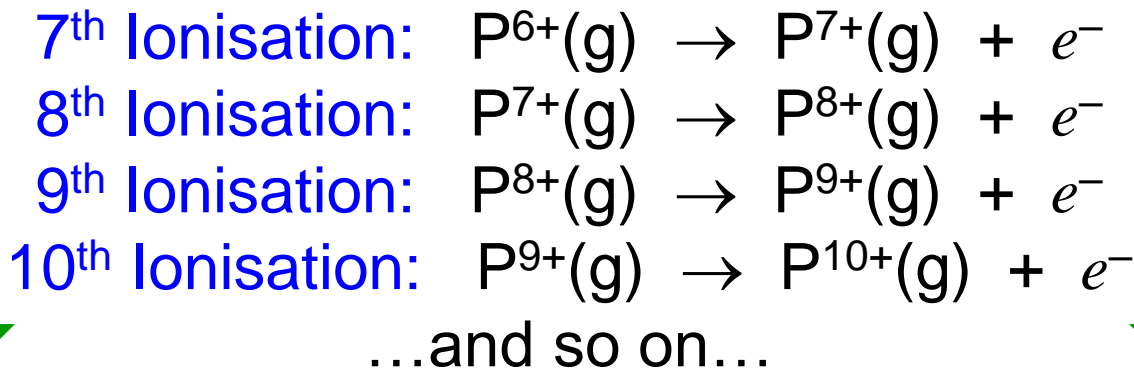
**Note:** The energy required to remove electrons from the *same* electron shell *gradually increases*. This is because the phosphorus ion is steadily becoming *more positively charged*, hence *more energy is required* to overcome the *stronger electrostatic force of attraction* between the negatively charged electron and *increasingly positive phosphorus ion*.

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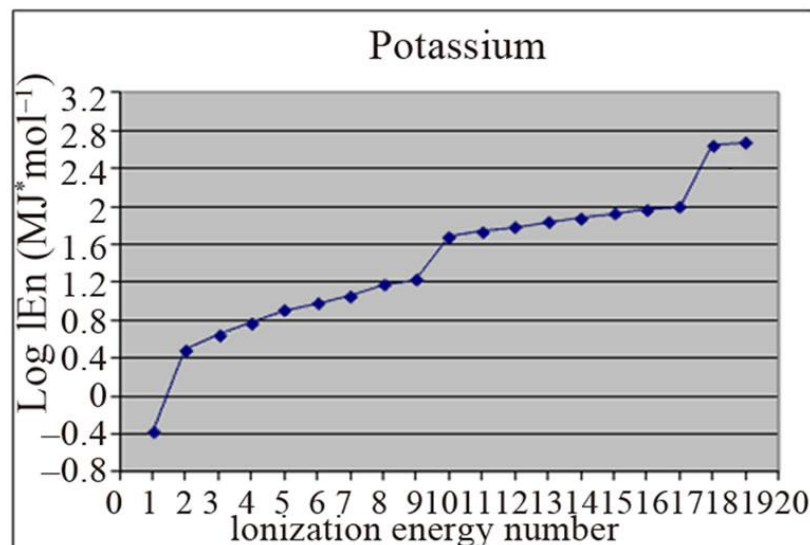
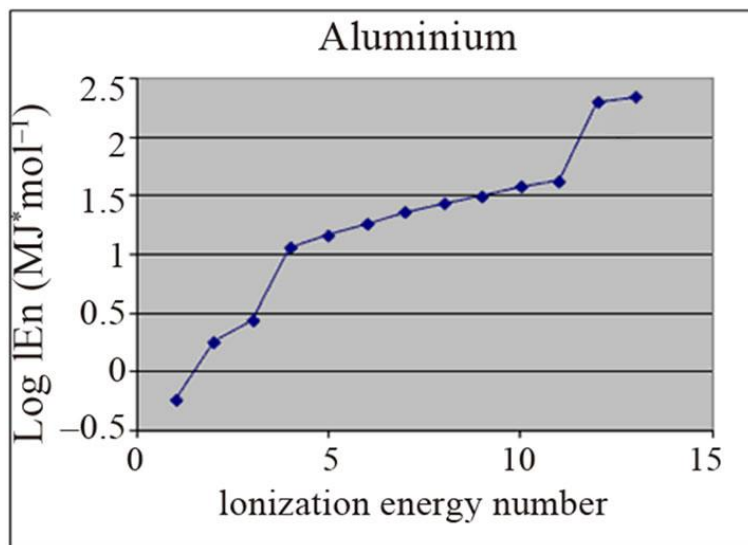
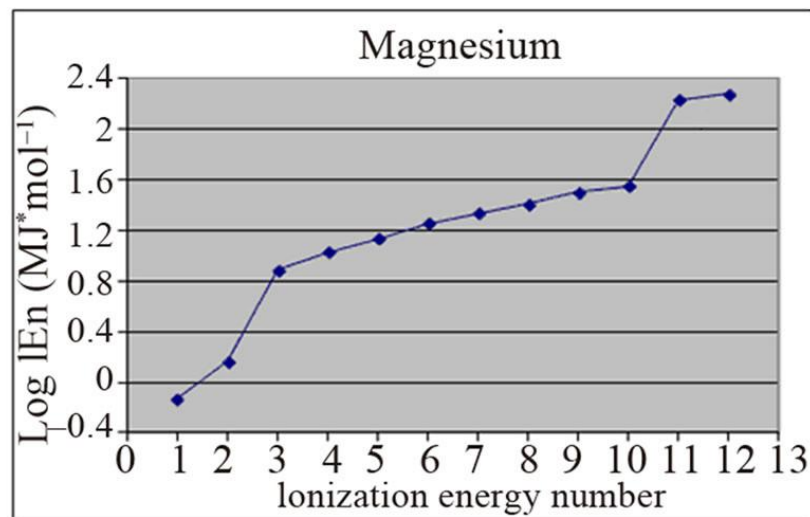
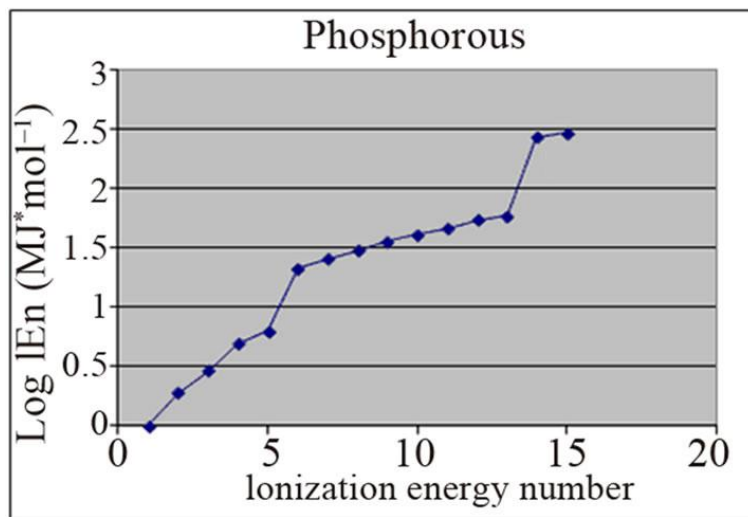
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positive  
charge on  
phosphorus  
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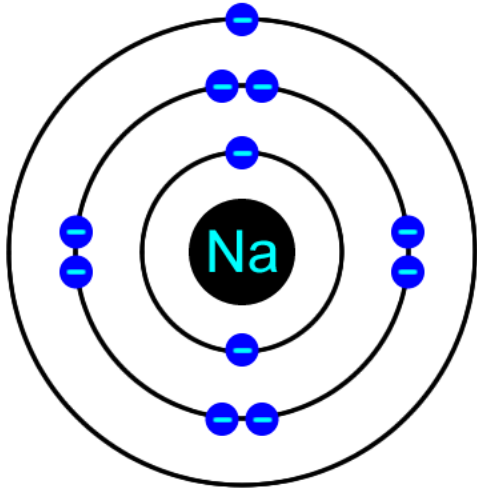
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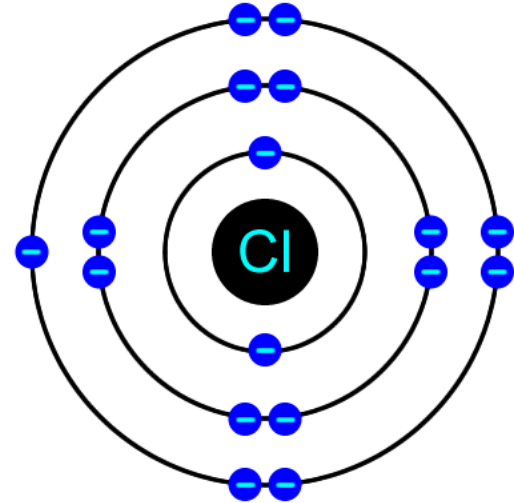
# Introduction to Atomic Structure

- Atoms of *metallic elements* tend to have only *one*, *two* or *three* electrons in their valence shell.
- Atoms of *non-metallic elements* tend to have *four*, *five*, *six*, *seven* or *eight* electrons in their valence shell.
- **Note:** This is only a *general rule* and there are some exceptions.

# Introduction to Atomic Structure



- An atom of *sodium* only has *one* electron in its valence shell, making it a *metal*.



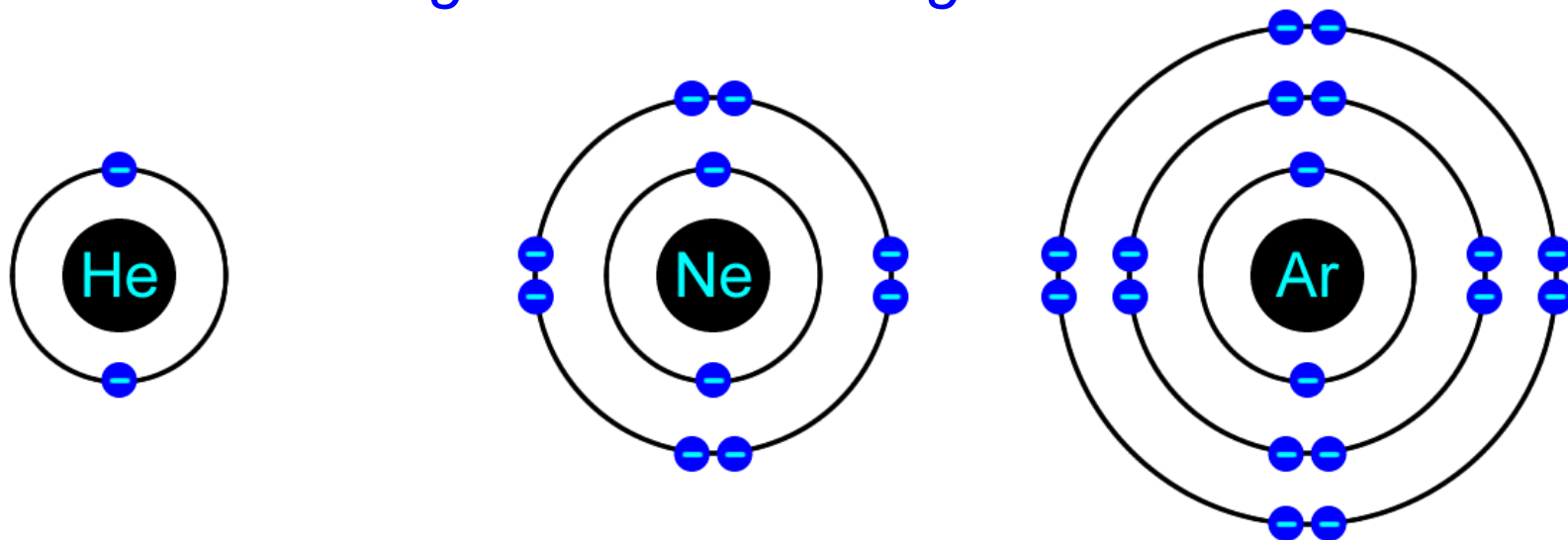
- An atom of *chlorine* has *seven* electrons in its valence shell, making it a *non-metal*.

Is there  
anything special  
about atoms  
that have a  
complete  
valence shell?



# Introduction to Atomic Structure

- *Helium* (He), *neon* (Ne) and *argon* (Ar) are noble gases in Group 18 of the Periodic Table. Their atoms all have a complete or full valence shell which is referred to as the *noble gas electron configuration*.



- Chemical elements whose atoms have noble gas electron configurations are *very stable* and *very unreactive*, and are often described as being *chemically inert*.

# Introduction to Atomic Structure



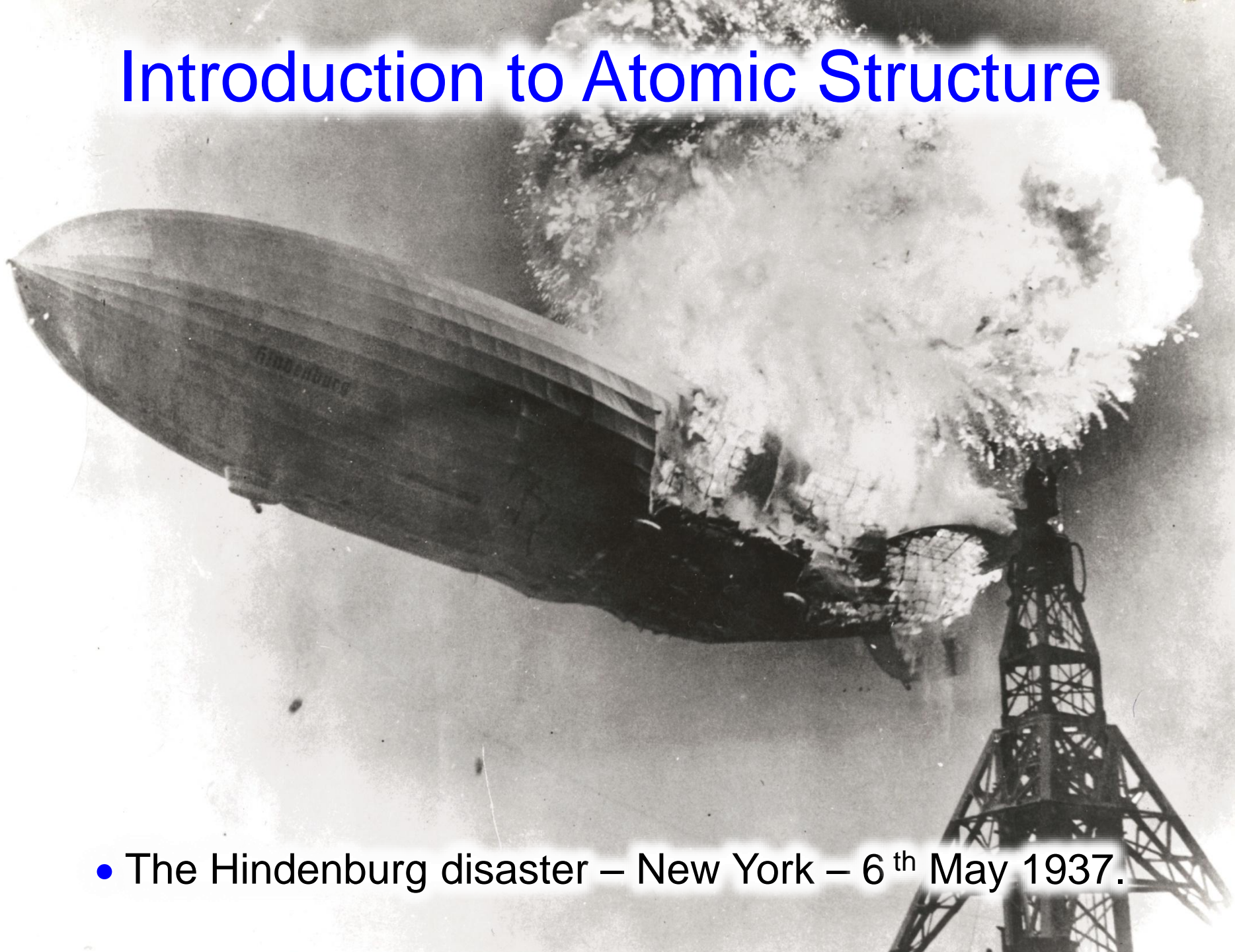
- USS Macon flying over New York harbour ca. 1933.



# Introduction to Atomic Structure

- Historically, airships were filled with *hydrogen* gas. Although hydrogen is less dense than air, it is also *highly flammable*.

# Introduction to Atomic Structure



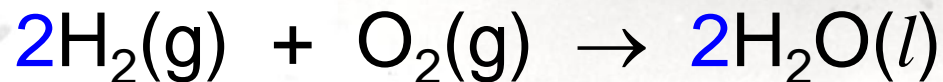
- The Hindenburg disaster – New York – 6<sup>th</sup> May 1937.



# Introduction to Atomic Structure

- There were many disasters when airships filled with hydrogen gas caught fire. The highly flammable hydrogen burned very quickly and the entire airship was engulfed in flames in a matter of seconds.

hydrogen + oxygen  $\rightarrow$  water

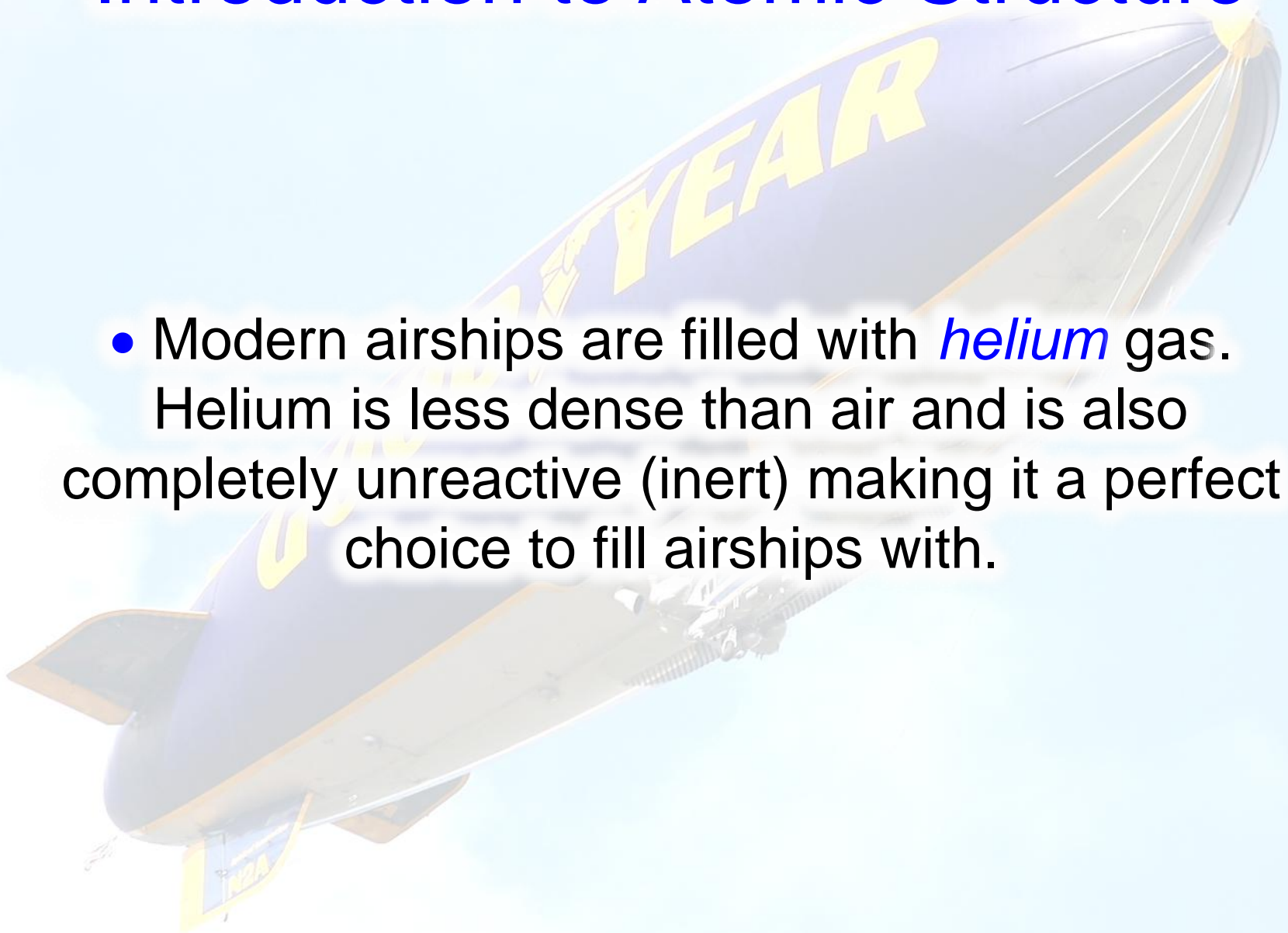


# Introduction to Atomic Structure



# Introduction to Atomic Structure

- Modern airships are filled with *helium* gas. Helium is less dense than air and is also completely unreactive (inert) making it a perfect choice to fill airships with.



Can atoms of  
the same  
chemical  
element have a  
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neutrons?

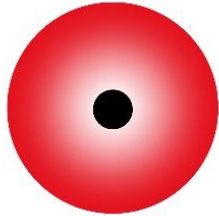


# Isotopes

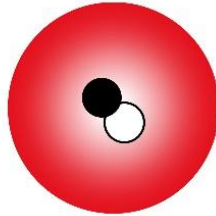
- *Isotopes* are atoms of the same chemical element with the *same Atomic Number* (the same number of protons) but a *different Mass Number* (a different number of neutrons).
- Because they have identical electron configurations, isotopes will have the *same chemical properties*, *i.e.* they will react in the same way.
- Because they have different mass numbers, isotopes will have *different physical properties*, *e.g.* different densities, different melting points and different rates of diffusion.



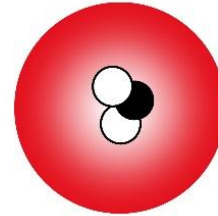
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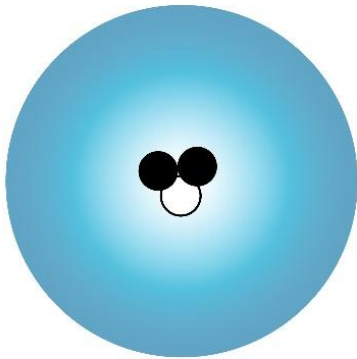
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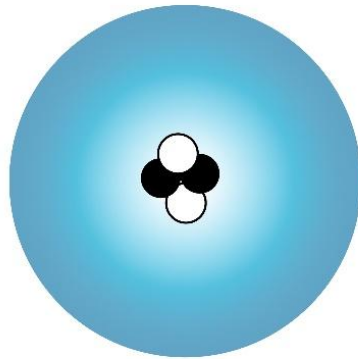
${}^2_1\text{H}$  = Deuterium



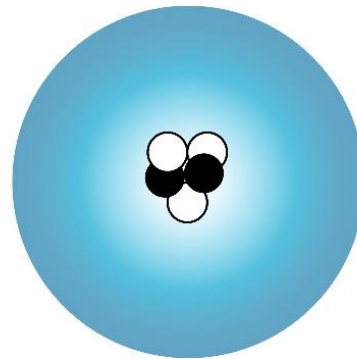
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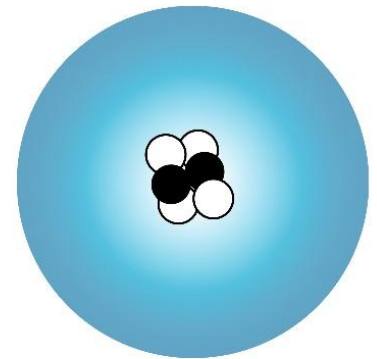
${}^3_2\text{He}$



${}^4_2\text{He}$



${}^5_2\text{He}$



${}^6_2\text{He}$

# Isotopes

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Why does chlorine have a Mass Number of 35.5? Is there such a thing as 0.5 of a proton or neutron?



# Isotopes

- Naturally occurring chlorine has two common isotopes,  $^{35}_{17}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{37}_{17}\text{Cl}$ .
- $^{35}_{17}\text{Cl}$  contains 17 protons and  $35 - 17 = 18$  neutrons while  $^{37}_{17}\text{Cl}$  contains 17 protons and  $37 - 17 = 20$  neutrons.
- The two isotopes of chlorine do not occur in equal quantities. 75% is  $^{35}_{17}\text{Cl}$  and 25% is  $^{37}_{17}\text{Cl}$ .
- This means that if 100 atoms of chlorine were sampled at random, 75 would be  $^{35}_{17}\text{Cl}$  and 25 would be  $^{37}_{17}\text{Cl}$ .
- The mass of 100 chlorine atoms would therefore be:  
 $(75 \times 35) + (25 \times 37) = 3550$ .
- The average mass of a single chlorine atom would therefore be  $3550 \div 100 = 35.5$  (3 s.f.).

So chlorine's  
Mass Number of  
35.5 is simply  
the average  
mass of its two  
main isotopes!

- The average mass of the isotopes of a chemical element is correctly known as the *relative atomic mass*.



# Isotopes

## Definition of Relative Atomic Mass

- *Relative atomic mass* is the average mass of the isotopes of a chemical element compared to  $1/12^{\text{th}}$  the mass of a single atom of  $^{12}_6\text{C}$ .
- Because it is a *ratio*, relative atomic mass is dimensionless *i.e.* it does not have any units.
- The  $^{12}_6\text{C}$  isotope has a mass of exactly 12.000. Therefore,  $1/12^{\text{th}}$  the mass of a single atom of  $^{12}_6\text{C}$  is exactly 1.000. This is known as the *atomic mass unit*.
- **Note:** The  $^1_1\text{H}$  isotope is *not* used as the reference used to define relative atomic mass because it actually has a mass of 1.008 and not 1.000!

# Isotopes

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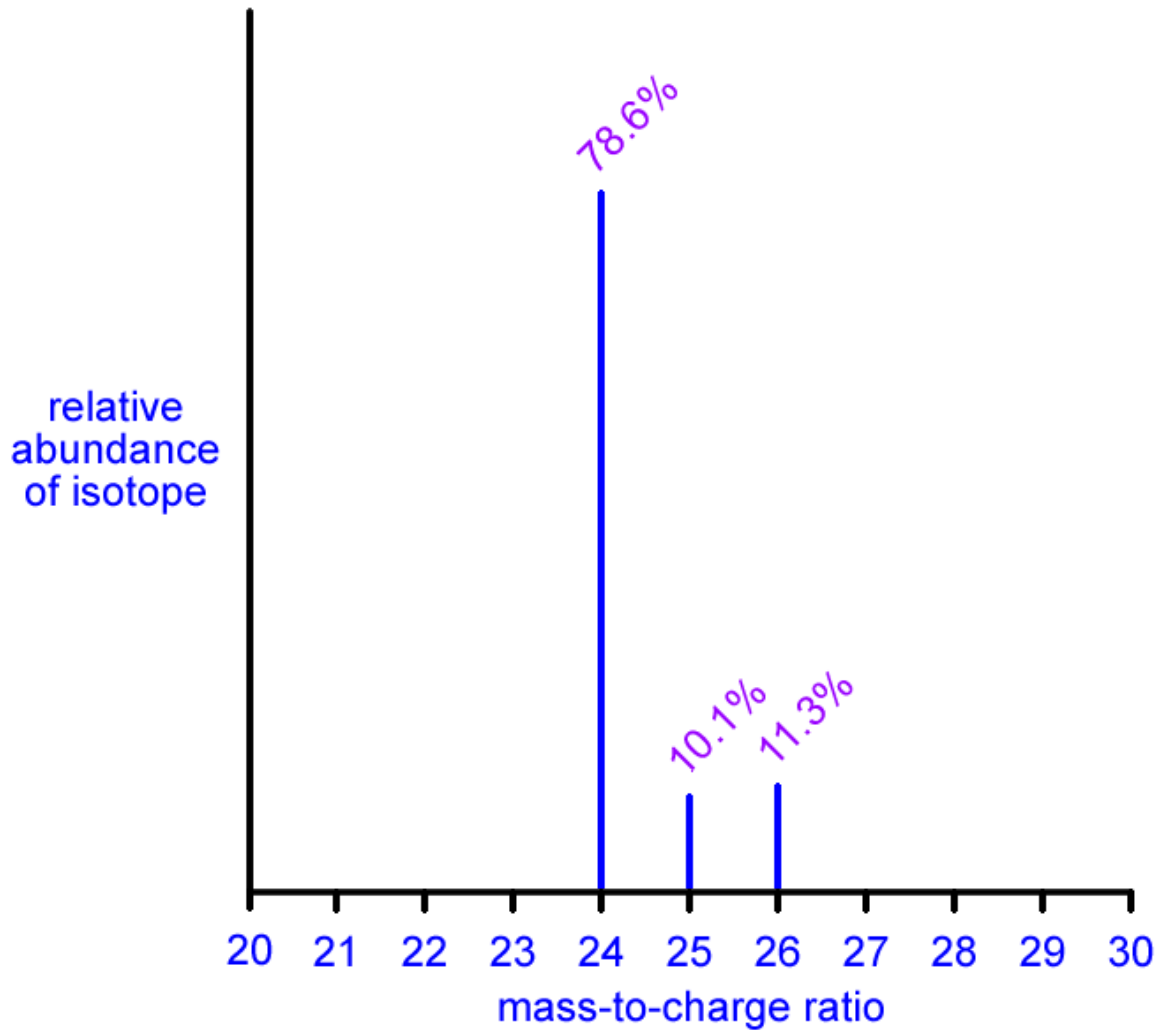
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- Mass of 100 copper atoms =  $(69.2 \times 63) + (30.8 \times 65)$ .
  - Mass of 100 copper atoms = 6361.6.
- Average mass of 1 copper atom =  $6361.6 \div 100$ .
  - Average mass of 1 copper atom = 63.6 (3 s.f.).



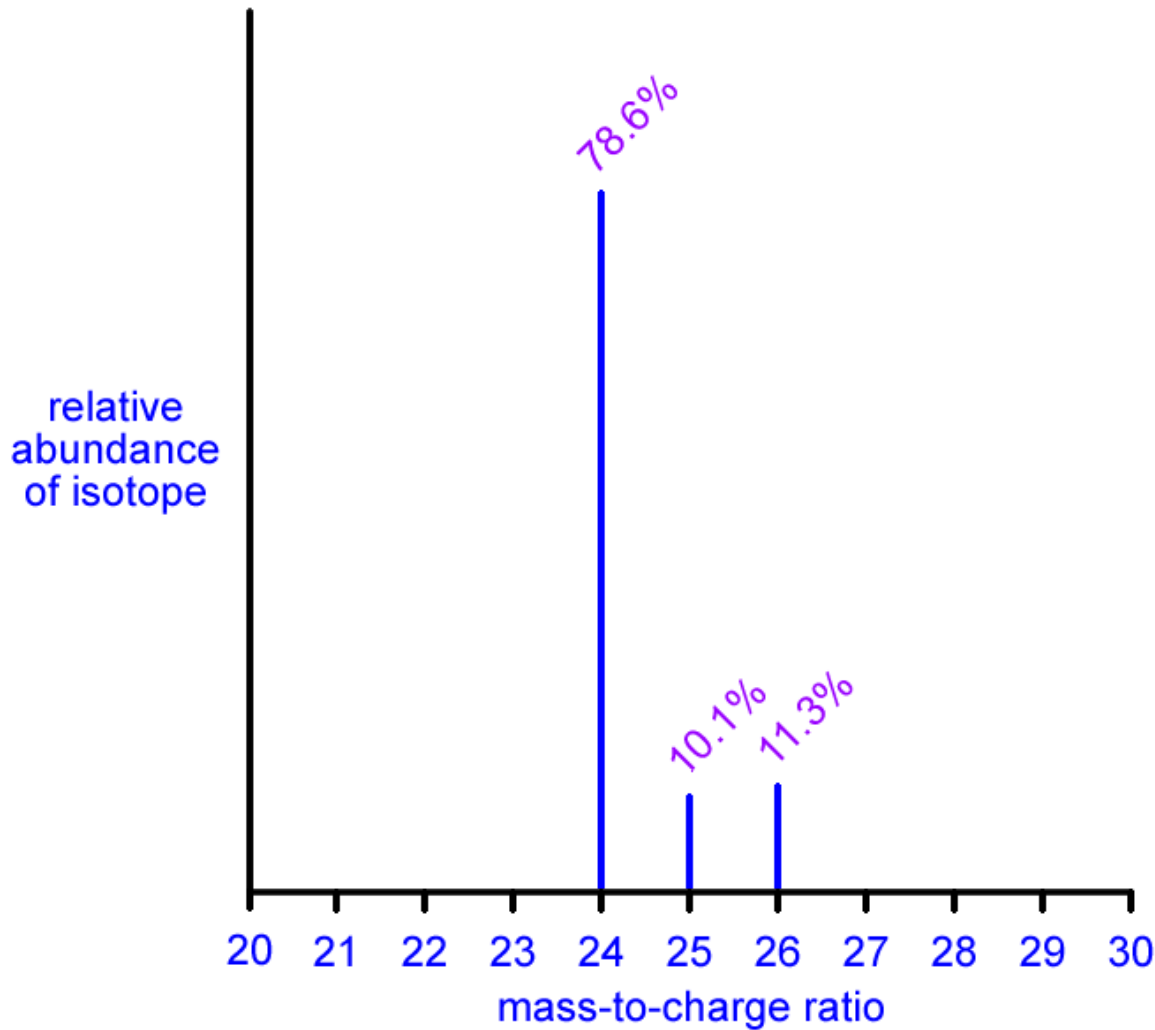
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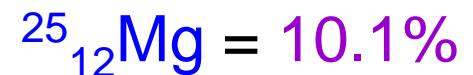
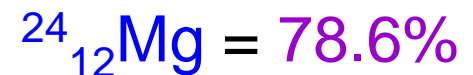
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- Mass of 100 Mg atoms =  $(78.6 \times 24) + (10.1 \times 25) + (11.3 \times 26)$ .
  - Mass of 100 Mg atoms = 2432.7.
- Average mass of 1 Mg atom =  $2432.7 \div 100$ .
  - Average mass of 1 Mg atom = 24.3 (3 s.f.).

Why do atoms  
react?

How do atoms  
react?

- Atoms of the different chemical elements react in order to obtain the *stable electron configuration* of a *noble gas* (Group 18).



# Essential Understanding for Chemistry

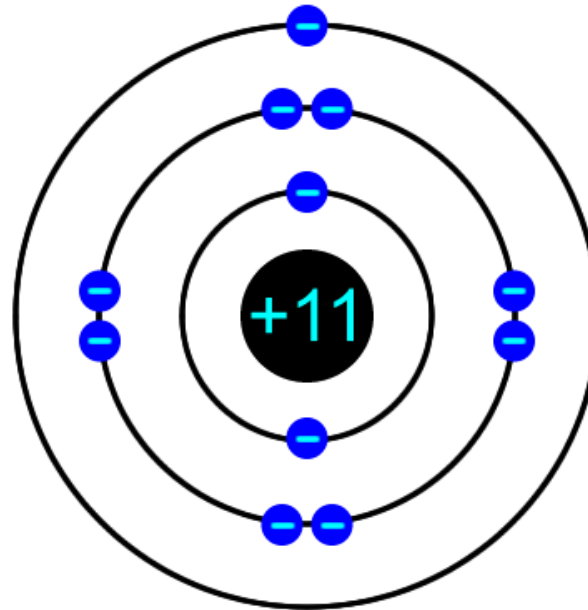
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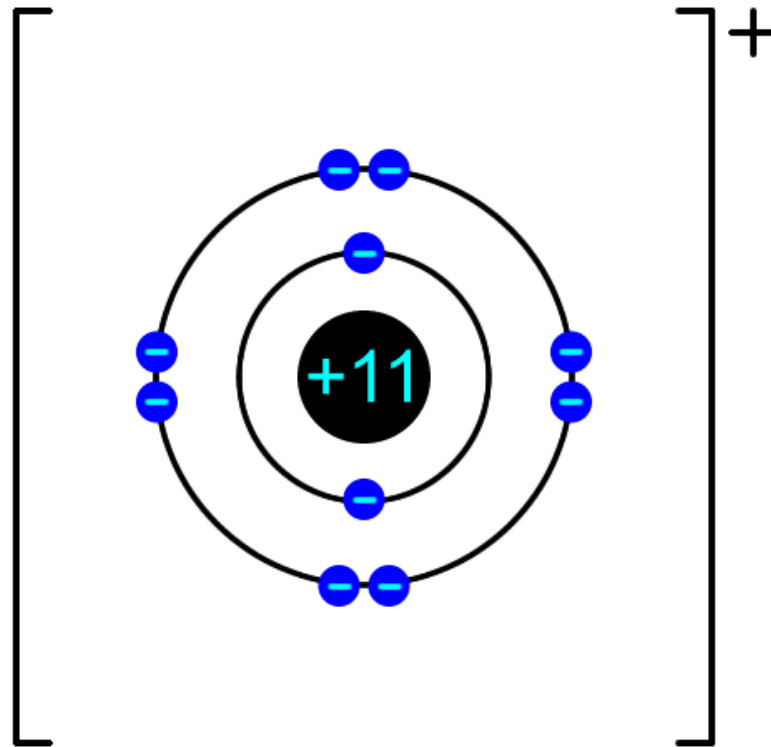
# Ions – Anions and Cations



Sodium  
Atom

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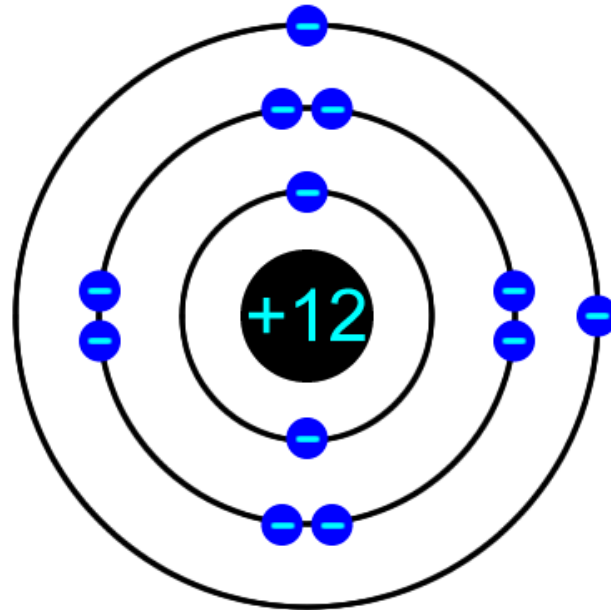


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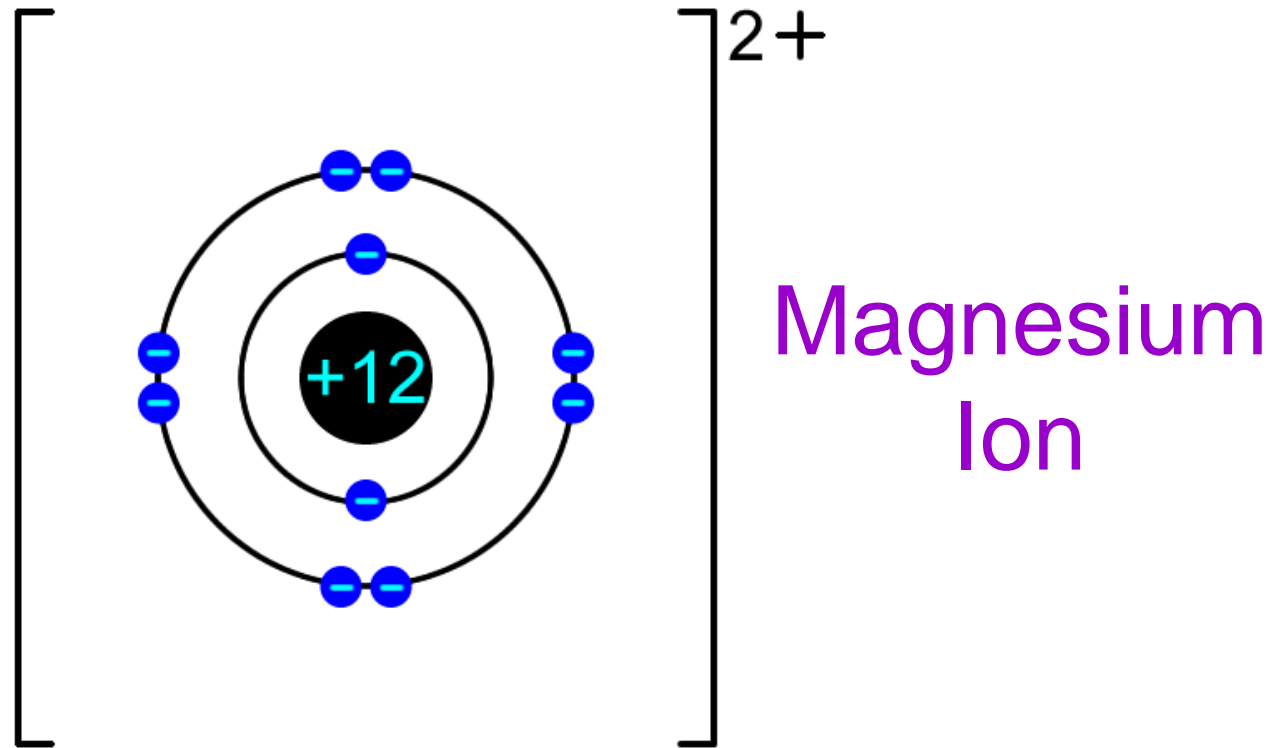
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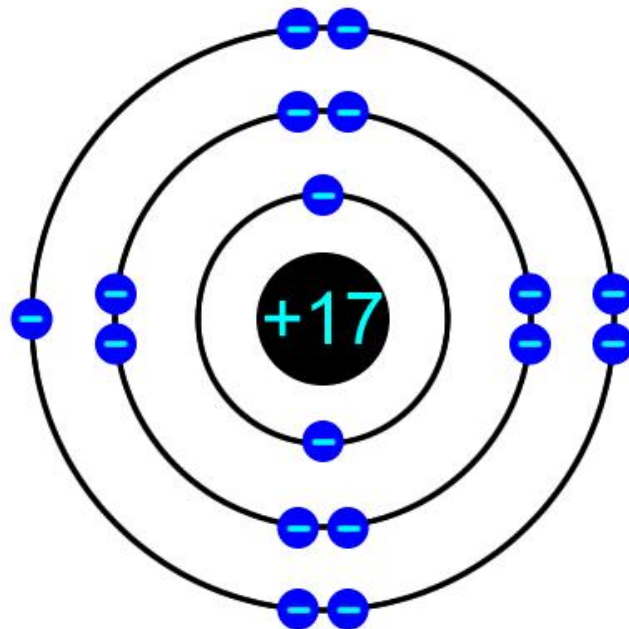
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# Ions – Anions and Cations



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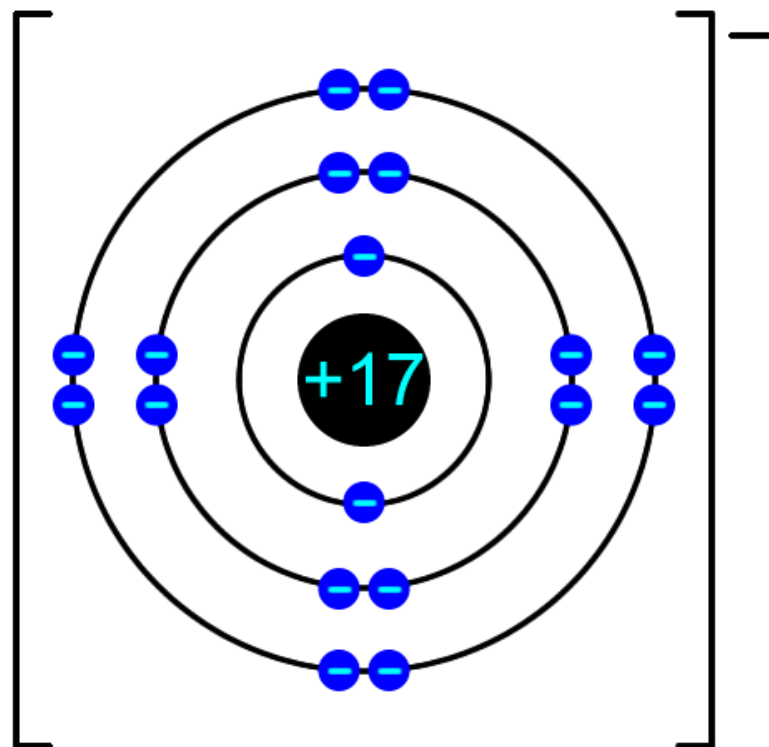
# Ions – Anions and Cations



Chlorine  
Atom

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  - If a neutral chlorine atom with *17 protons* and *17 electrons* were to gain a *single* electron...

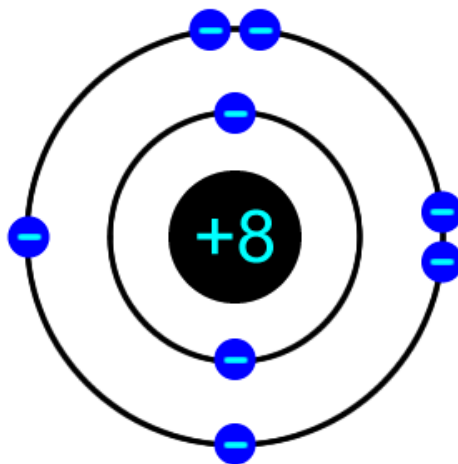
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Chloride  
Ion

...the resulting particle will have *17 protons* and *18 electrons*. Adding up the charges on all of the protons and all of the electrons  $[(+17) + (-18)]$  results in an overall charge on the particle of *-1*. The particle is described as an *anion* or *negative ion*.

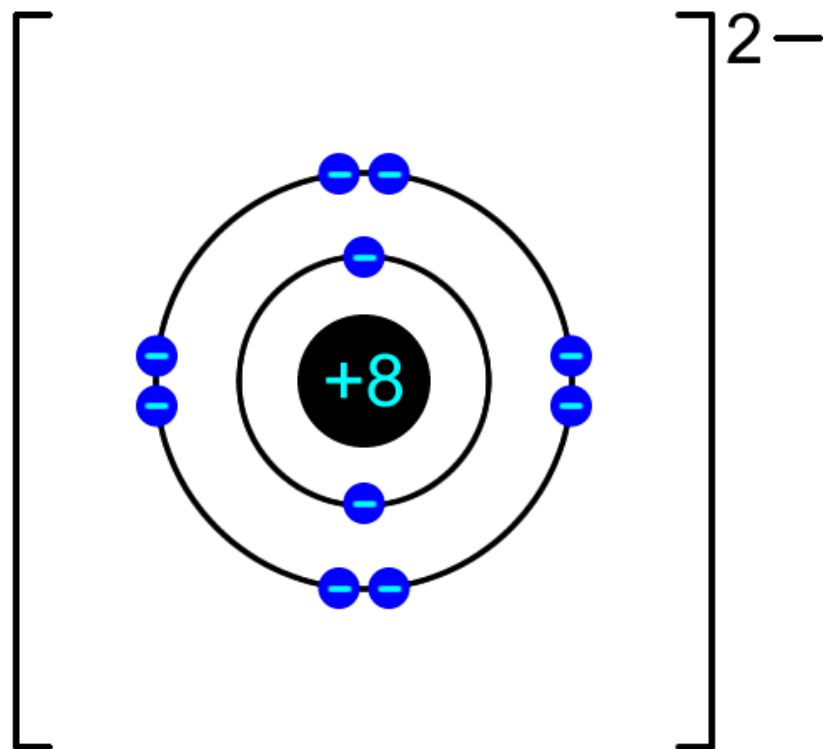
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Oxygen  
Atom

- Atoms of non-metallic elements *gain* electrons in order to obtain the stable electron configuration of a noble gas.
  - If a neutral oxygen atom with *8 protons* and *8 electrons* were to gain *two* electrons...

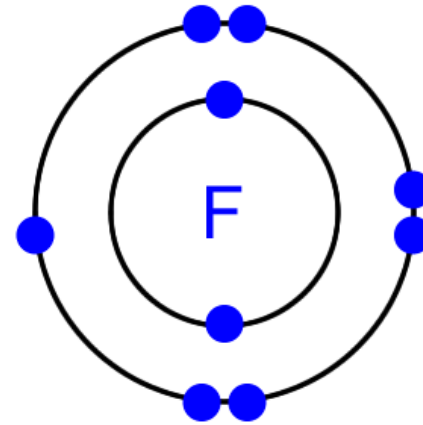
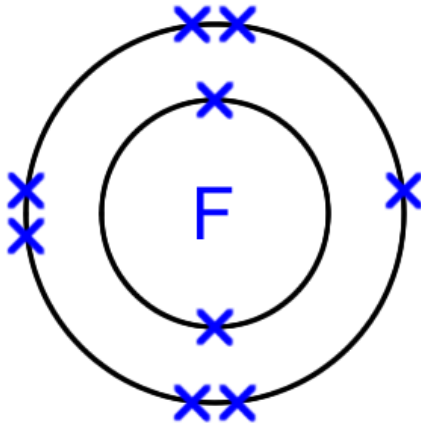
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Oxide  
Ion

...the resulting particle will have *8 protons* and *10 electrons*. Adding up the charges on all of the protons and all of the electrons  $[(+8) + (-10)]$  results in an overall charge on the particle of *-2*. The particle is described as an *anion* or *negative ion*.

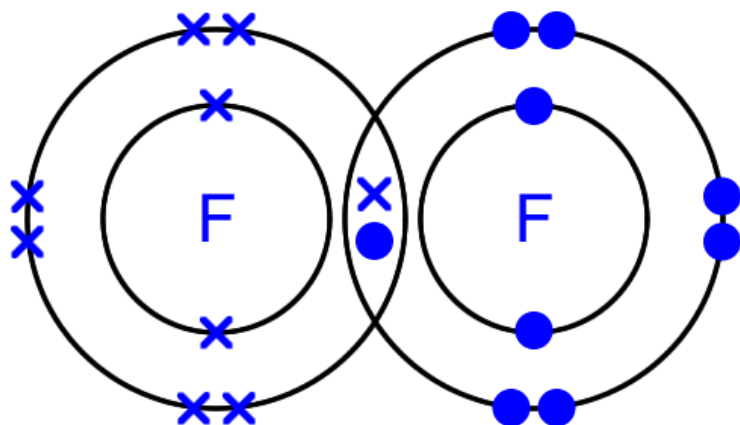
# Simple Covalent Molecules



Two fluorine atoms –  $2 \times \text{F}$

- Atoms of two or more *non-metallic* elements can also obtain the stable electron configuration of a noble gas by *sharing* electrons.

# Simple Covalent Molecules



A single molecule of fluorine –  $F_2$

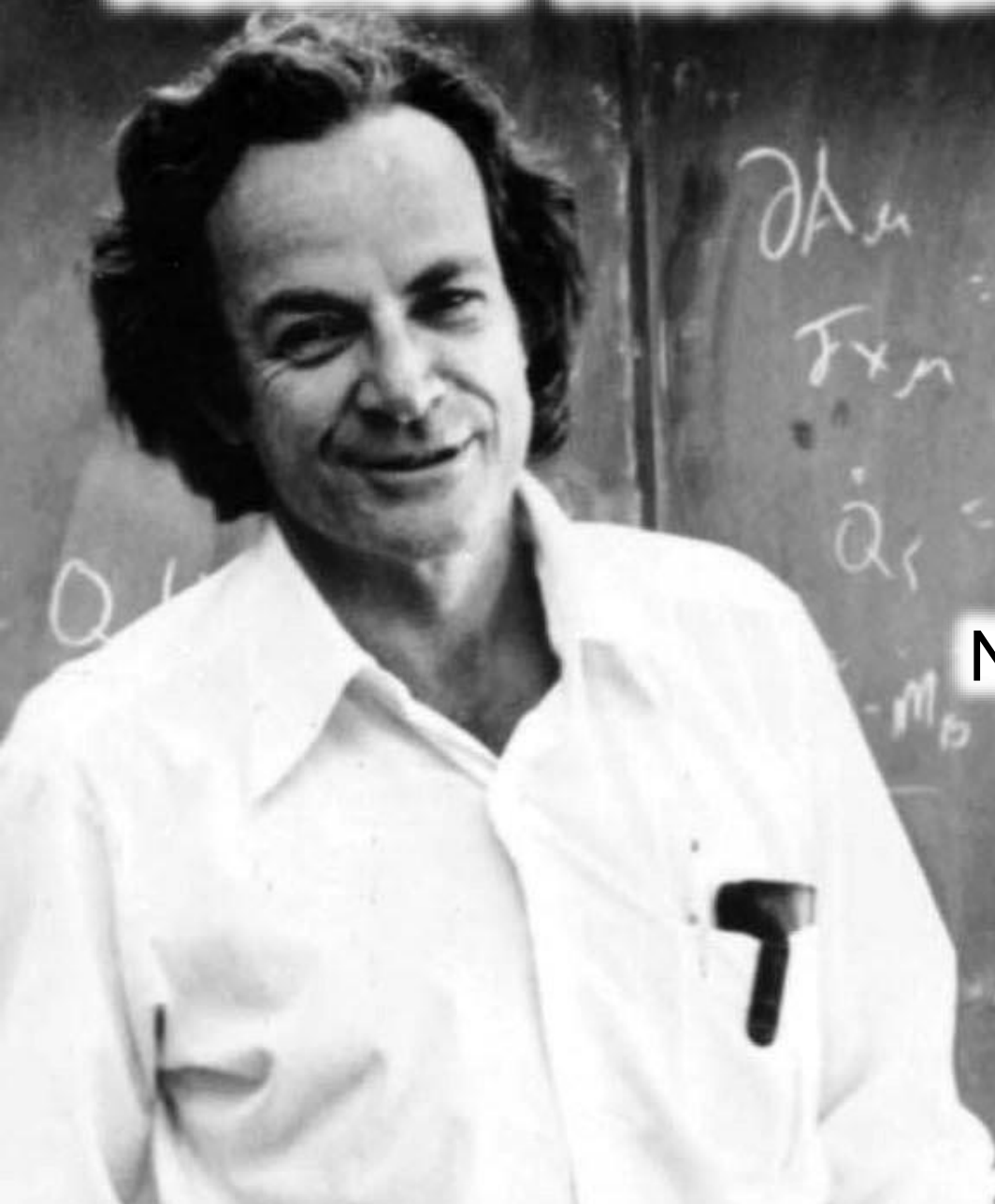
- A pair of electrons shared between two atoms is referred to as a *covalent bond*.
- A small number of atoms of non-metallic elements that are held together by covalent bonds is referred to as a *simple covalent molecule*.



What are the  
more advanced  
theories of  
atomic  
structure?



# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure



- Richard Feynman, 1918 – 1988.  
Winner of the 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics.

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

- The modern scientific understanding of atomic structure – in which electrons are assumed to behave like *waves*, and orbit the nucleus of the atom in *atomic orbitals* – is based on *quantum mechanics*.
- Quantum mechanics is the branch of physics that deals with mathematical descriptions of how subatomic particles behave and interact.
  - Richard Feynman introduced volume III of *The Feynman Lectures on Physics* with the words: “*I think I can safely say that nobody understands quantum mechanics*”.

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

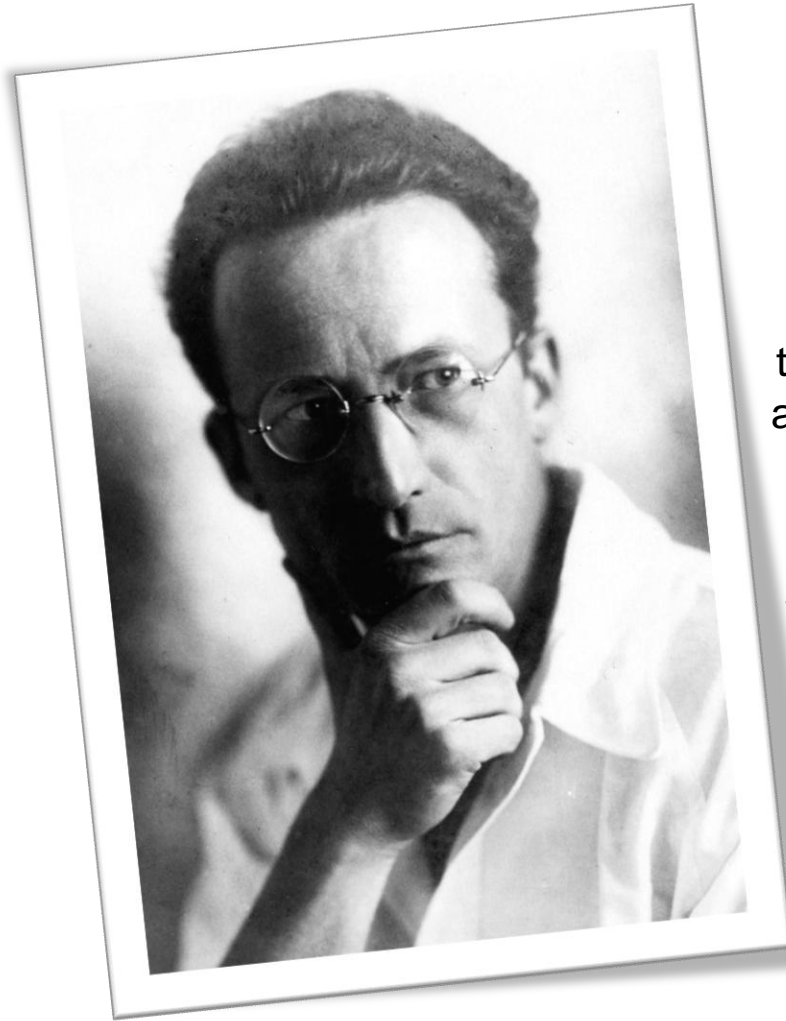
- Fortunately, following the rules of quantum mechanics is far simpler than trying to visualise what they actually mean. The ability to follow through the consequences of a particular set of assumptions carefully, without getting too hung up on the philosophical implications, is one of the most important skills a scientist can learn.
- When deriving theories related to quantum mechanics, scientists set out their initial assumptions and compute their consequences. If they arrive at a set of predictions that agree with their observations of the natural world around them, then they accept the theory as good.

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

- Many problems in quantum mechanics are far too difficult to solve in a single mental leap, and deep understanding rarely emerges in *eureka* moments.
- The trick is for scientists to make sure that they understand each little step and, after a sufficient number of steps, the bigger picture starts to emerge. If this is not the case, then the scientists need to go back to the drawing board and start to derive a new theory.
- This is true for a scientific understanding of the atomic orbital structure of the atom. It should be attempted one step at-a-time until the big picture of how electrons orbit the nucleus of the atom starts to emerge.



# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

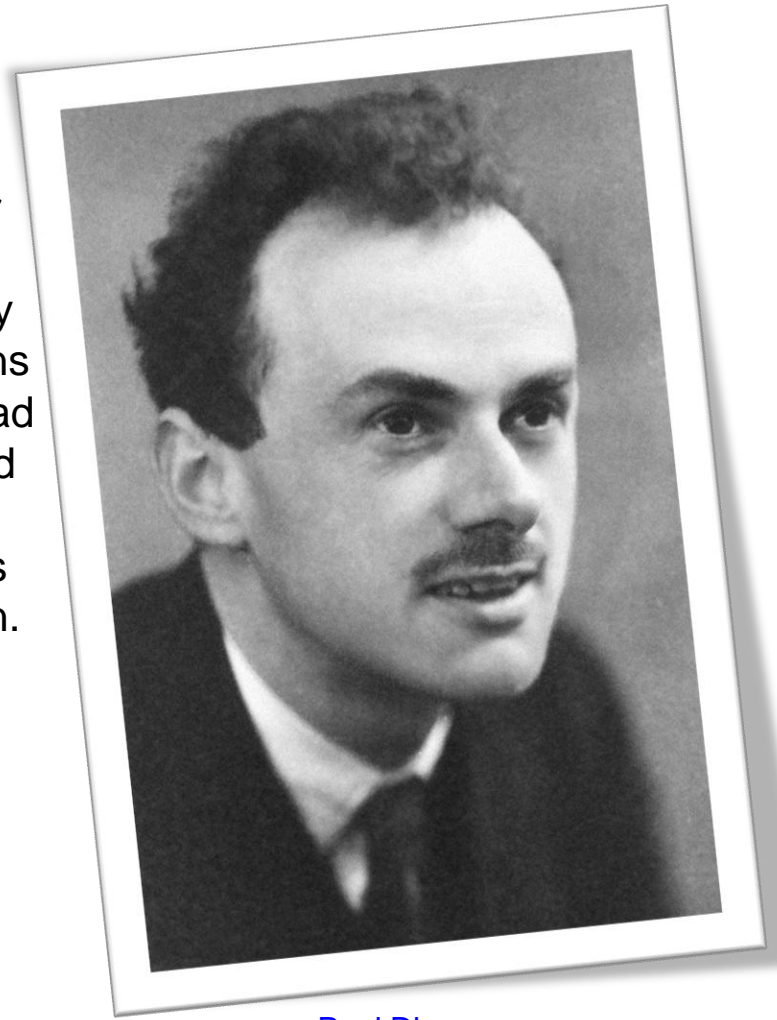


Erwin Schrödinger

1887 – 1961

Awarded the Nobel Prize for  
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Paul Dirac

1902 – 1984

Awarded the Nobel Prize for  
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# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Schrödinger's Wave Equation

- In 1924, Louis de Broglie made the bold suggestion that *electrons* may have the properties of *waves* as well as the properties of *particles*.
- Schrödinger and Dirac mathematically treated *electrons* as *waves* instead of *particles* and formulated Schrödinger's Wave Equation.

$$\frac{\delta^2 \Psi}{\delta x^2} + \frac{\delta^2 \Psi}{\delta y^2} + \frac{\delta^2 \Psi}{\delta z^2} + \frac{8m\pi^2}{h^2} (E - V)\Psi = 0$$

- Graphical solutions for this complex equation give rise to *atomic orbitals*.

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Atomic Orbitals

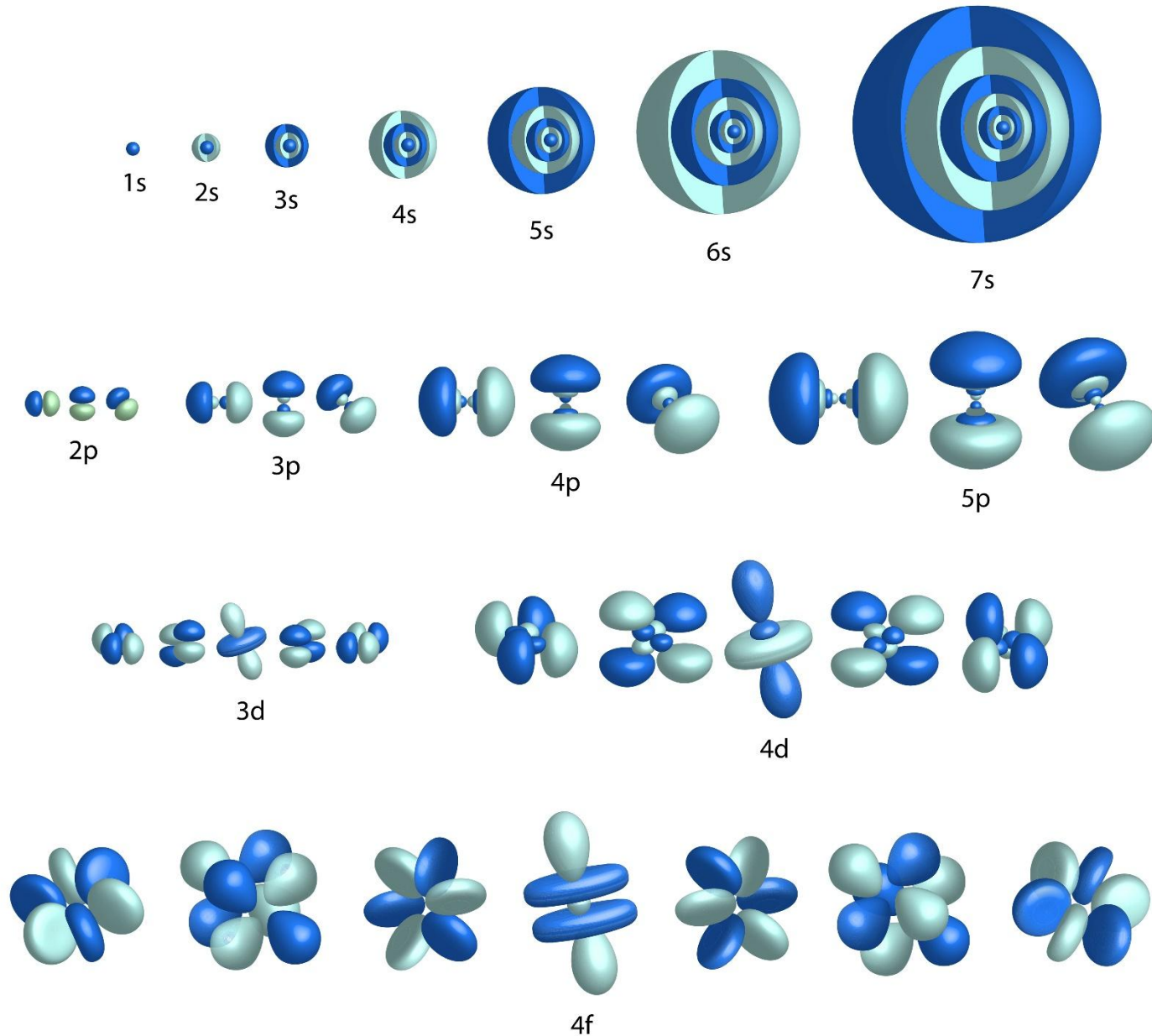
- An atomic orbital is the volume of space around the nucleus of an atom in which there is a high probability (*95%*) of finding an electron.
- An atomic orbital can hold a maximum number of *two* electrons.
  - The location of an electron in an atom (*i.e.* which atomic orbital it belongs to) is given by *four electron quantum numbers*.
- *Pauli's Exclusion Principle* states that no two electrons in the same atom can have the same set of electron quantum numbers.



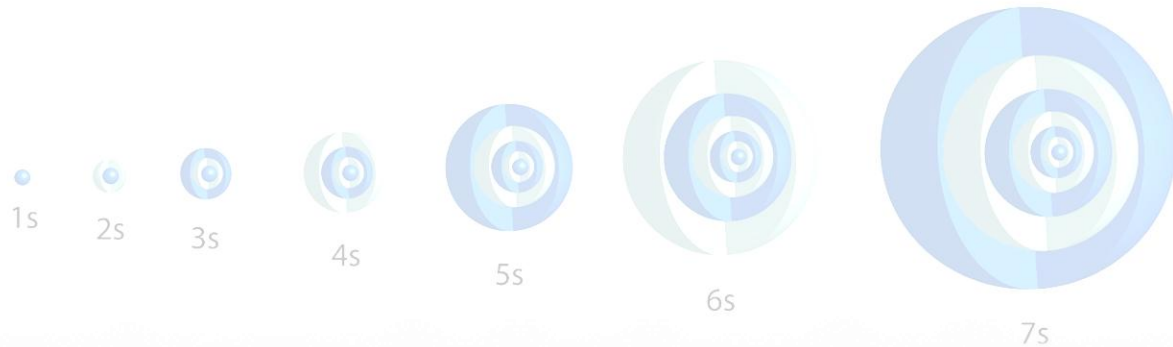
# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

- In simple terms, the four electron quantum numbers are:
  - **First ( $n$ )**: Principle quantum number – the principle quantum shell that the electron occupies.
  - **Second ( $l$ )**: The sub-shell within the quantum shell that the electron occupies, e.g. *s-orbitals*, *p-orbitals* or *d-orbitals*.
  - **Third ( $m$ )**: The orbital within the sub-shell that the electron occupies, e.g. *p-orbitals* are always arranged in groups of three, so if an electron occupies a *p-orbital*, this electron quantum number states exactly which one, the  *$p_x$ -orbital*, the  *$p_y$ -orbital* or the  *$p_z$ -orbital*.
  - **Fourth ( $s$ )**: For two electrons to occupy exactly the same orbital, they must have *opposite spin*. This electron quantum number states whether the electron has a spin of  $+\frac{1}{2}$  or  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

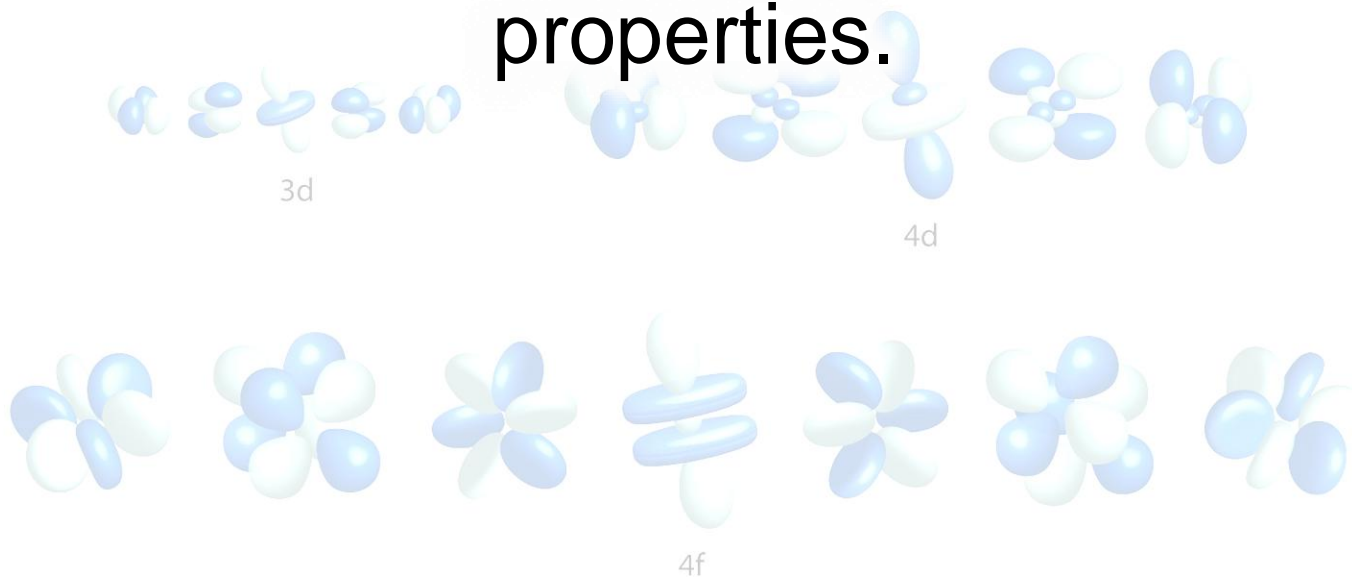
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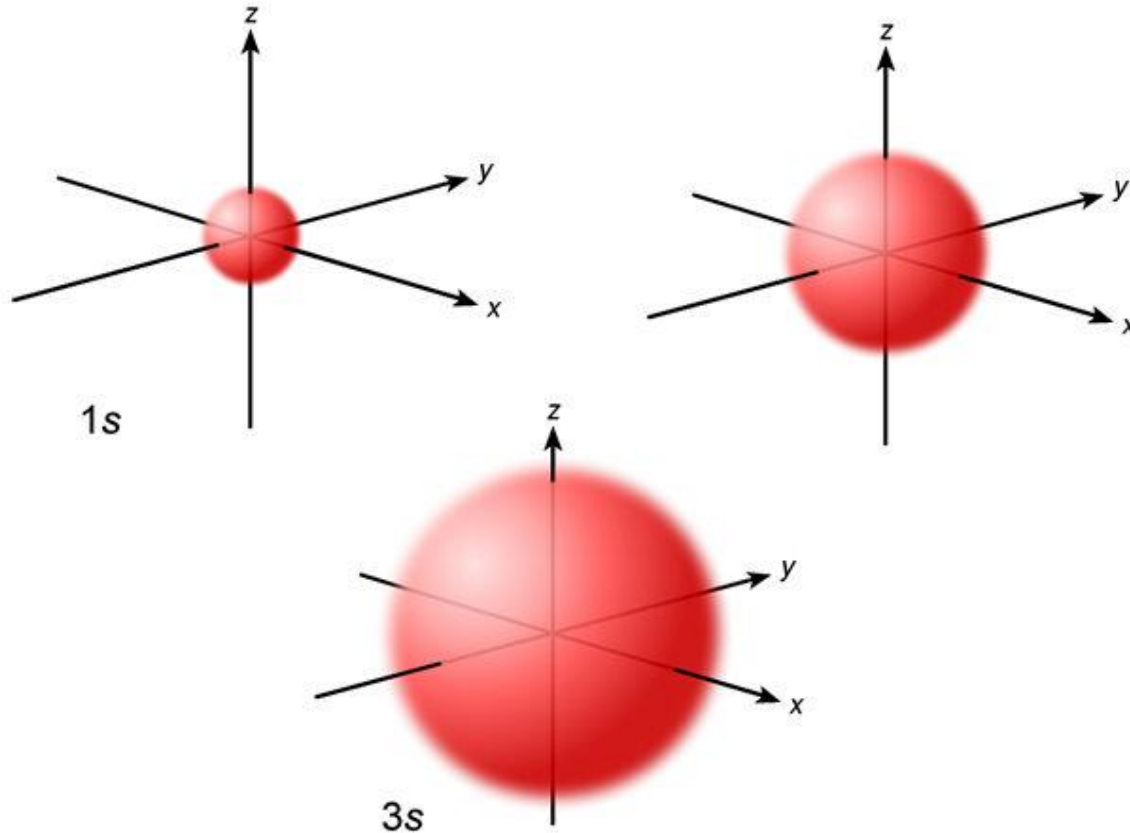
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- Different numerical values for the various electron quantum numbers give rise to orbitals with different shapes and different properties.

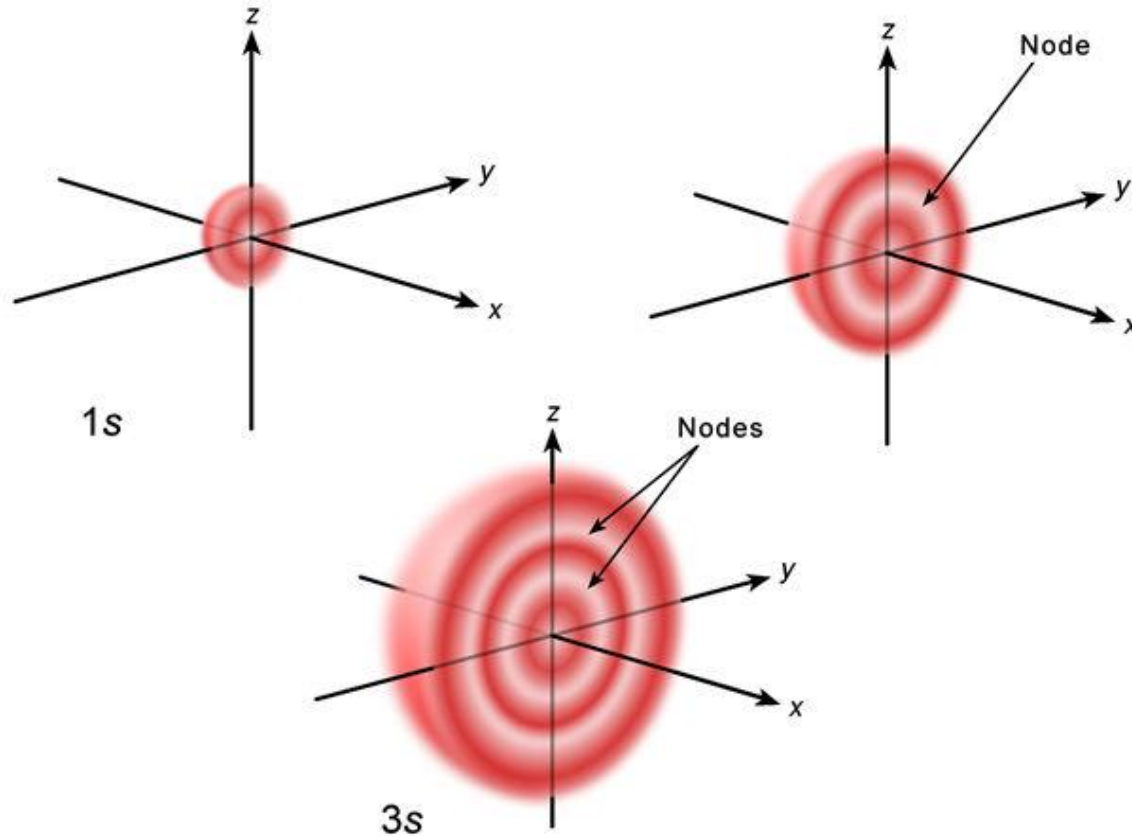


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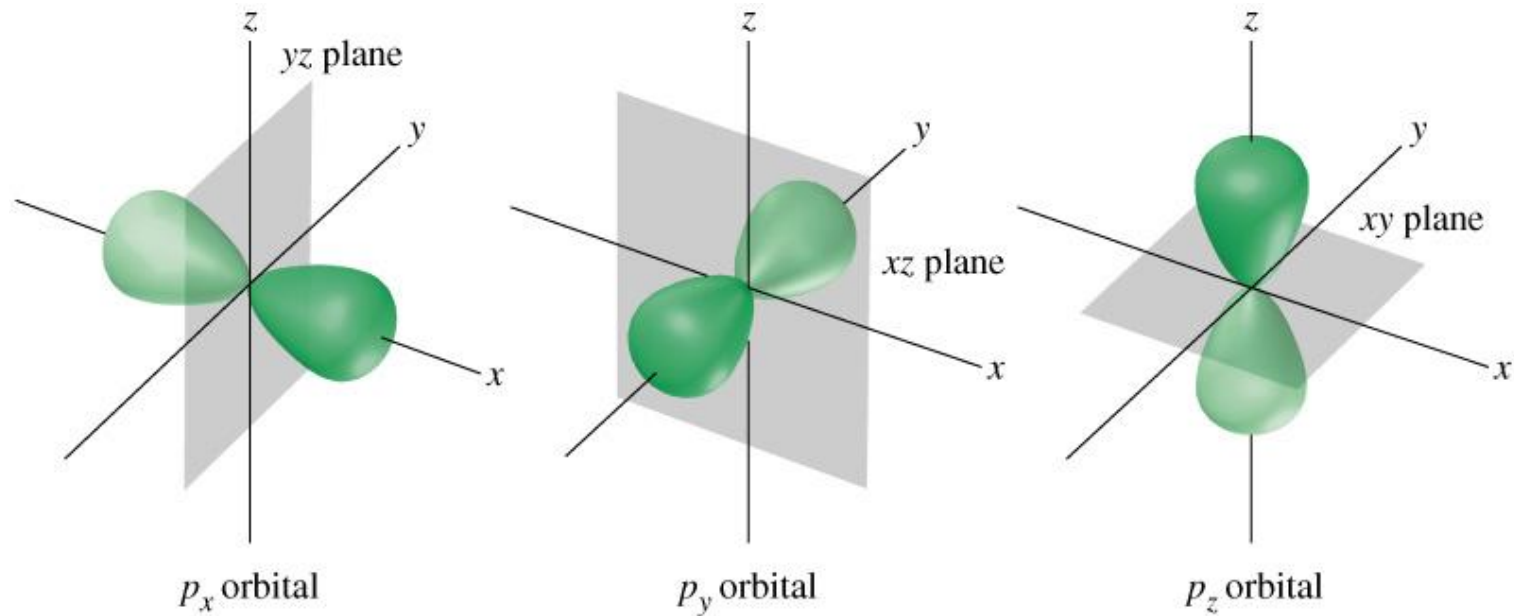
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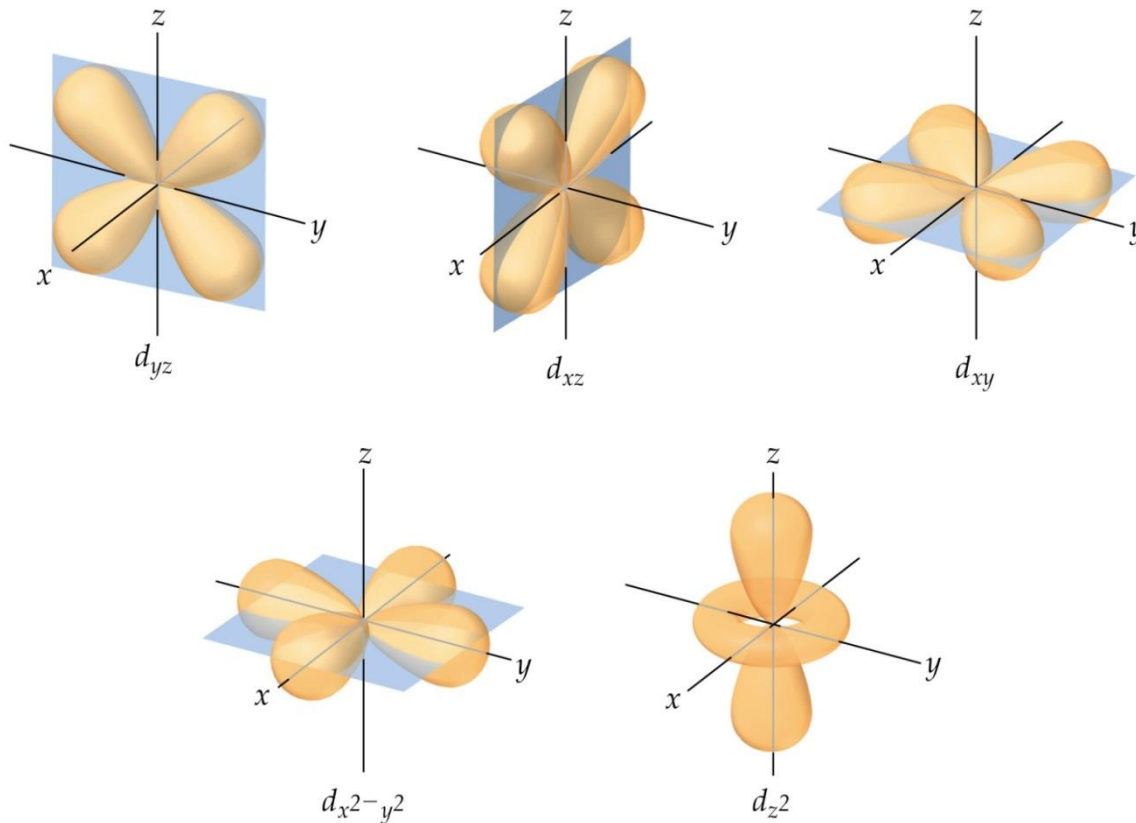
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# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure



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# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

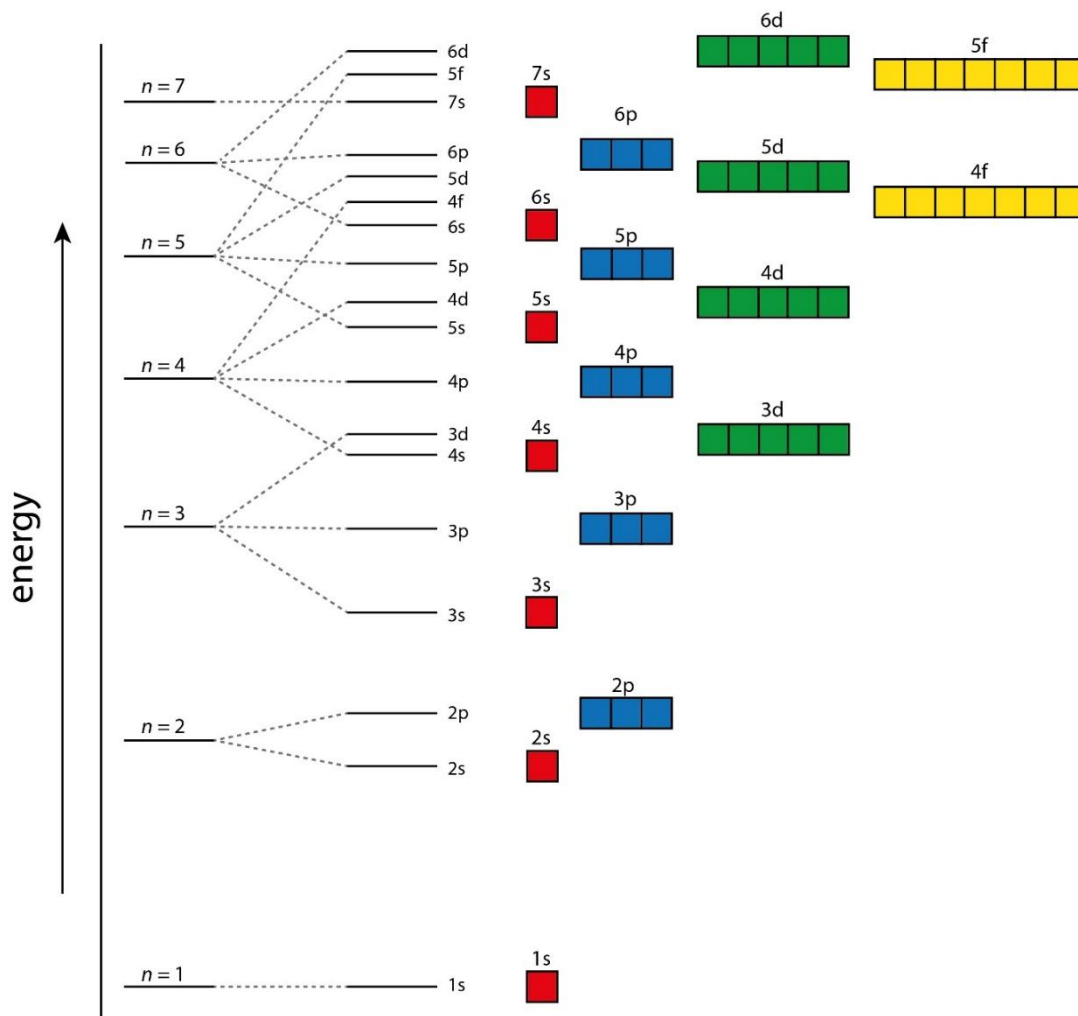
## Shapes and Occurrence of Atomic Orbitals

$l$	0	1			2					3						
$m_l$	0	-1	0	1	-2	-1	0	1	2	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$n$	s	$p_x$	$p_y$	$p_z$	$d_{xy}$	$d_{xz}$	$d_{z^2}$	$d_{yz}$	$d_{x^2-y^2}$	$f_{x(x^2-3y^2)}$	$f_{xz^2}$	$f_{yz^2}$	$f_{z^3}$	$f_{yz^2}$	$f_{z^3}$	$f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}$
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- Diagram showing the various orbitals that arise from different values of the electron quantum numbers  $n$ ,  $l$  and  $m$ .

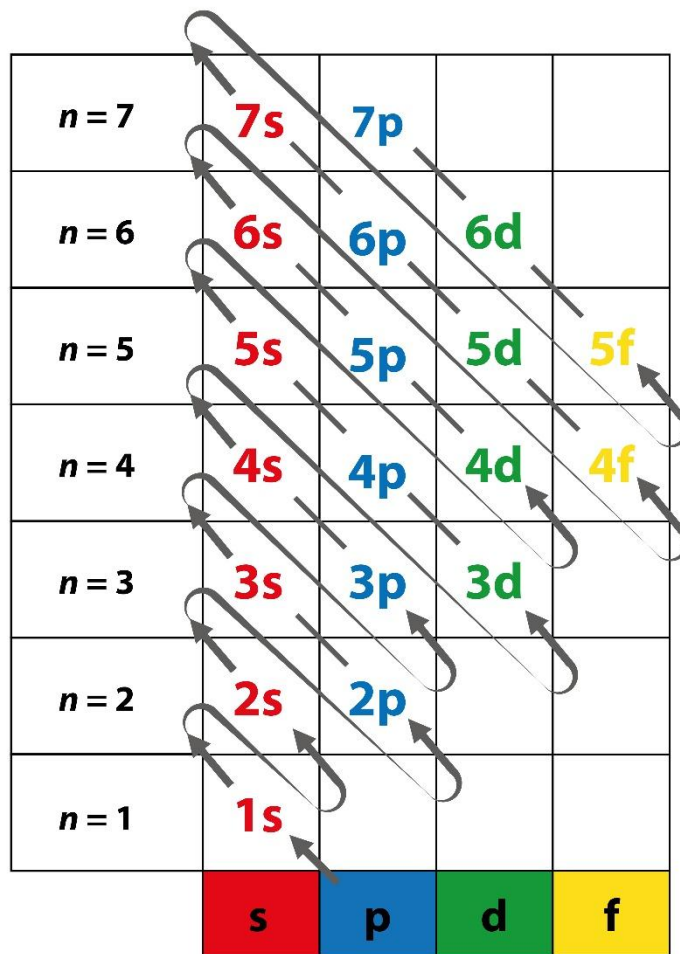


# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure



- Diagram showing the energy levels of the various orbitals.
- Note:** Orbitals fill from the lowest energy to the highest energy.

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- Diagram showing the order in which atomic orbitals fill-up with electrons.

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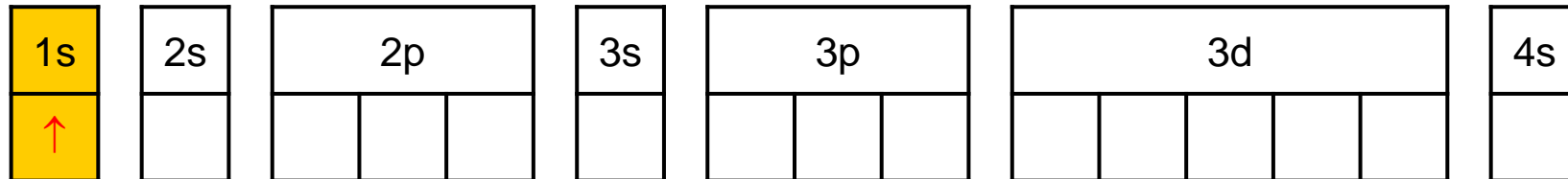
## Rules for Filling Atomic Orbitals

- Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle – It is not possible to determine both the position and the momentum of an electron at the same time. This gives rise to the idea that an electron's position in an atom is *uncertain*, and therefore scientists can only identify where there is the *highest probability* of finding an electron – which is how the atomic orbital is defined.

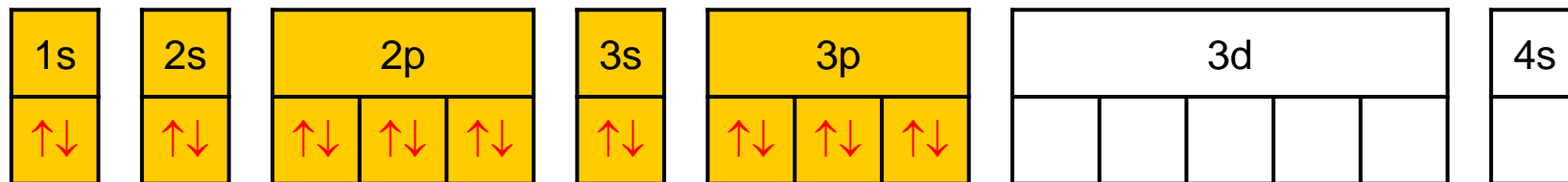
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## Rules for Filling Atomic Orbitals

- The Aufbau Principle – Electrons fill-up atomic orbitals from the lowest energy to the highest energy. Left undisturbed, objects will tend to their lowest possible energy.



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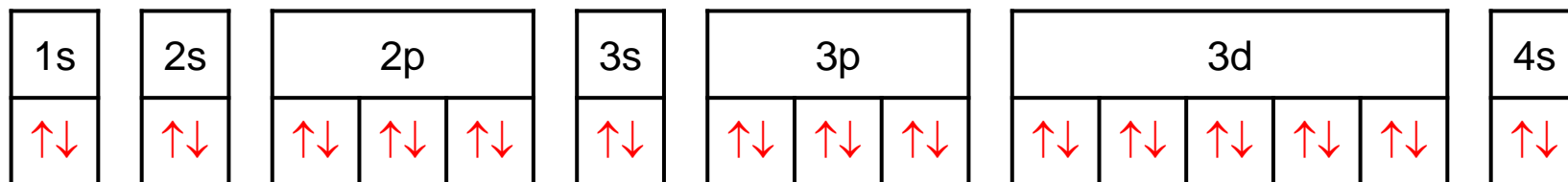
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## Rules for Filling Atomic Orbitals

- **Pauli's Exclusion Principle** – No two electrons within the same atom can have the same four quantum numbers. Every electron in the same atom must have a unique combination of quantum numbers. Electrons in the same orbital must spin in opposite directions. In atomic orbital diagrams, the spin quantum number is represented by an arrow ( $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$ ). Two arrows pointing in opposite directions represent two electrons with opposite spin ( $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$ ).

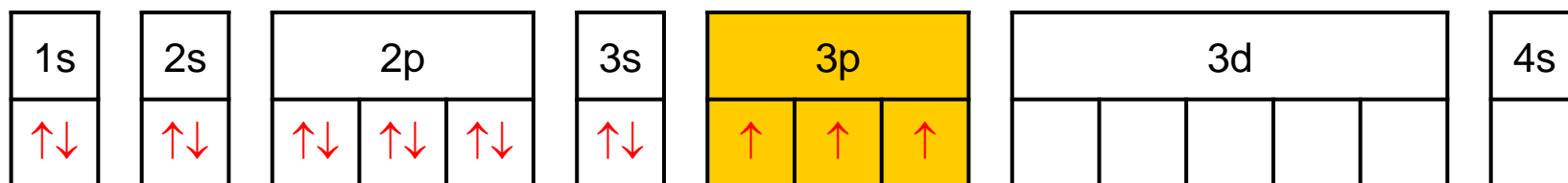


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- Hund's Rule of Maximum Multiplicity – When placed in atomic orbitals of equal energy, electrons will remain unpaired. Electrons carry a charge of  $-1$ . There will be an electrostatic force of repulsion between electrons in the same orbital. Placing electrons in different atomic orbitals of the same energy will reduce the electrostatic force of repulsion between the electrons and make the system more stable.



→ Low Energy →

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## Shapes and Occurrence of Atomic Orbitals

- Each principle quantum shell is divided into one or more sub-shells.

Principle Quantum Shell ( $n$ )	Sub-shell ( $l$ )	Maximum Number of Electrons
1	1s	2
2	2s, 2p	8
3	3s, 3p, 3d	18
4	4s, 4p, 4d, 4f	32

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## Shapes and Occurrence of Atomic Orbitals

- There are four sub-shells, arranged in increasing energy  $s \rightarrow p \rightarrow d \rightarrow f$ . Each sub-shell holds a different number of electrons

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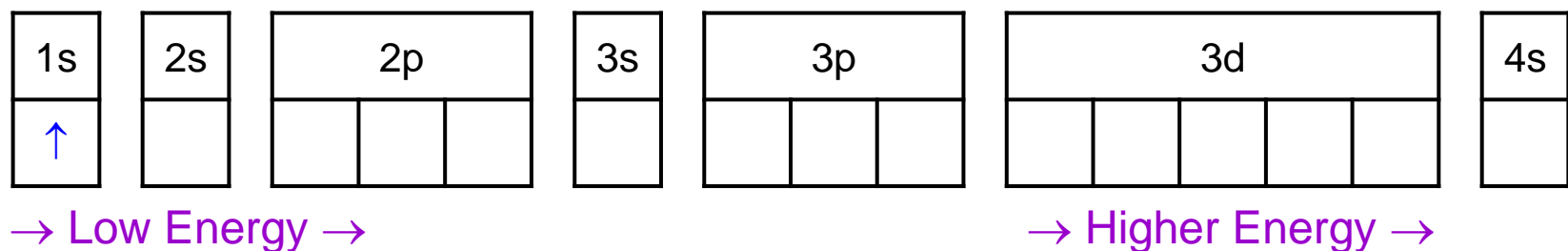
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## Shapes and Occurrence of Atomic Orbitals

Orbital	Shape	Occurrence
<b>s</b> ( <i>sharp</i> )	spherical	<b>1</b> in every principle level
<b>p</b> ( <i>principle</i> )	dumb-bell or hour glass	<b>3</b> in every level from <b>2</b> onwards
<b>d</b> ( <i>diffuse</i> )	complex and various	<b>5</b> in every level from <b>3</b> onwards
<b>f</b> ( <i>fundamental</i> )	complex and various	<b>7</b> in every level from <b>4</b> onwards

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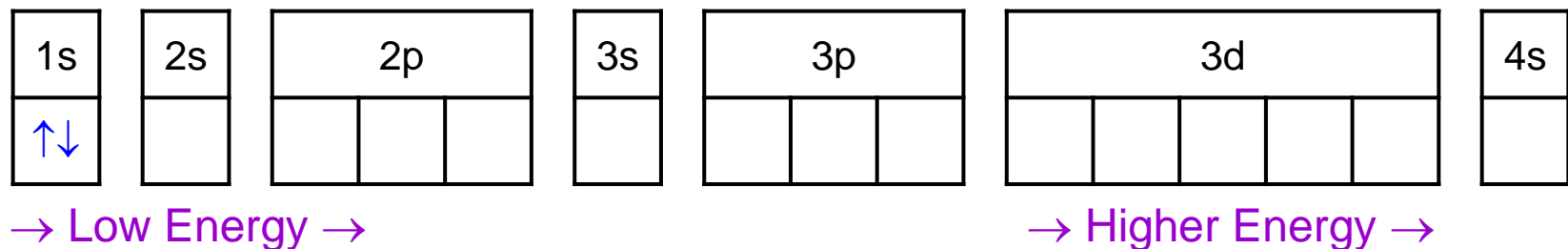
- Atomic Number: 1
- Name: Hydrogen
- Symbol: H
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^1$



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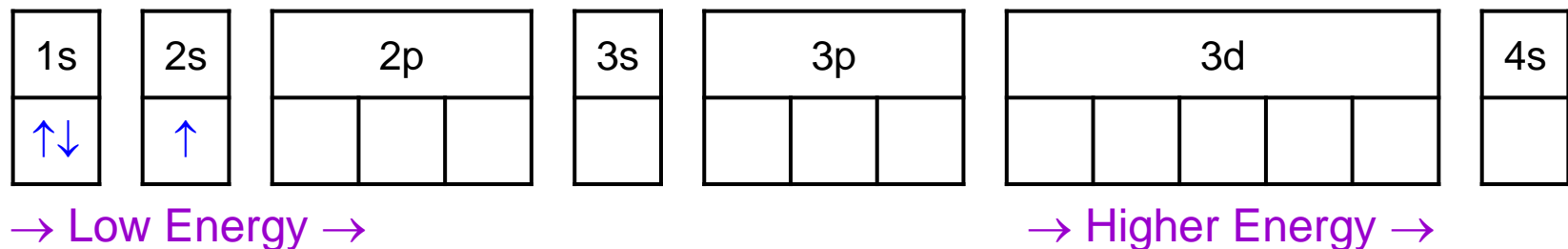
- Atomic Number: 2
- Name: Helium
- Symbol: He
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2$



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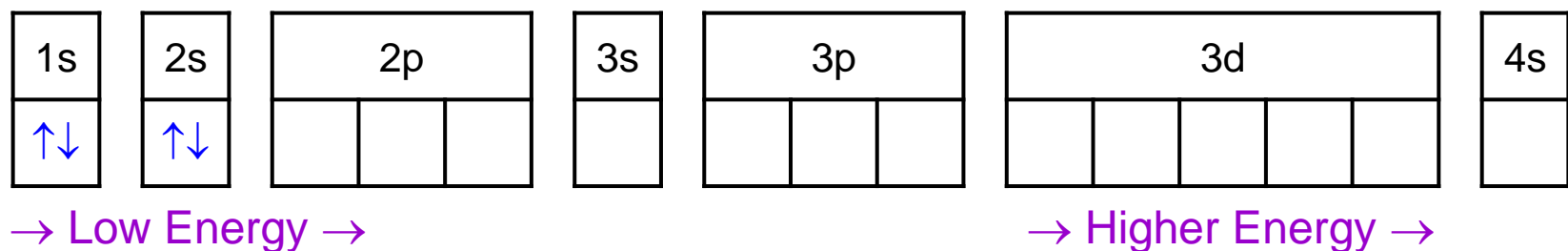
- Atomic Number: 3
- Name: Lithium
- Symbol: Li
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^1$



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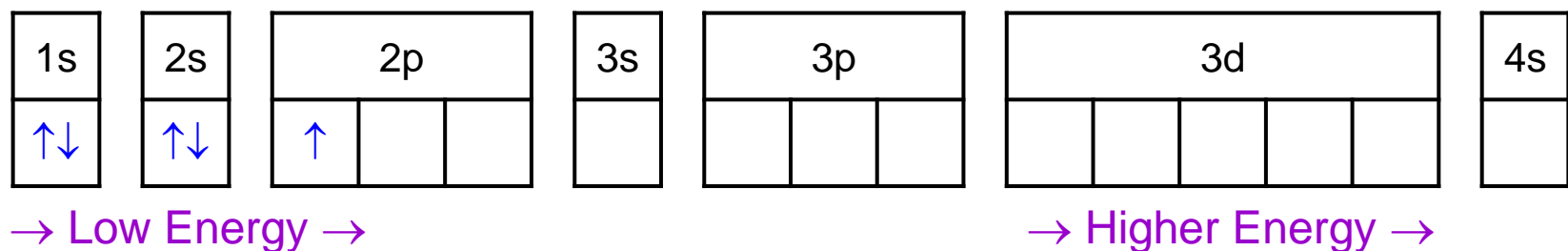
- Atomic Number: 4
- Name: Beryllium
- Symbol: Be
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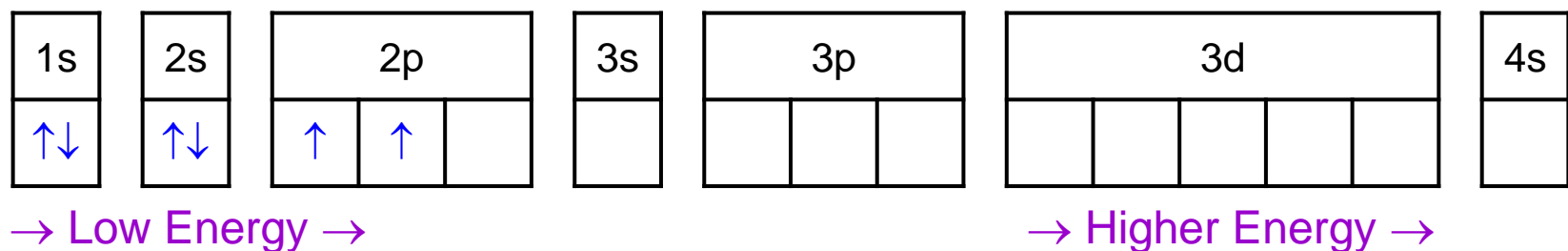
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- Name: Boron
- Symbol: B
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^1$



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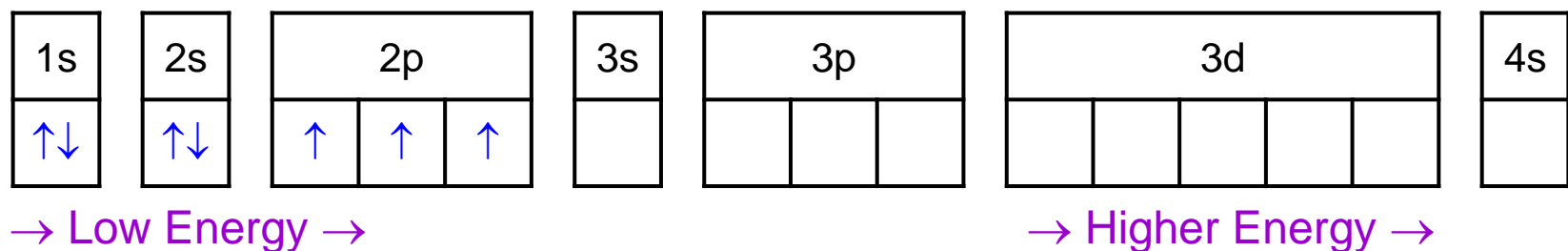
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- Symbol: C
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$



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- Name: Nitrogen
- Symbol: N
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$

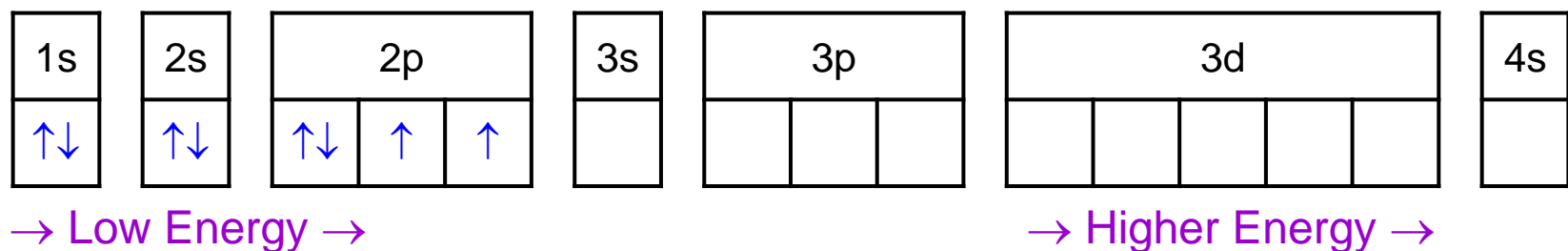


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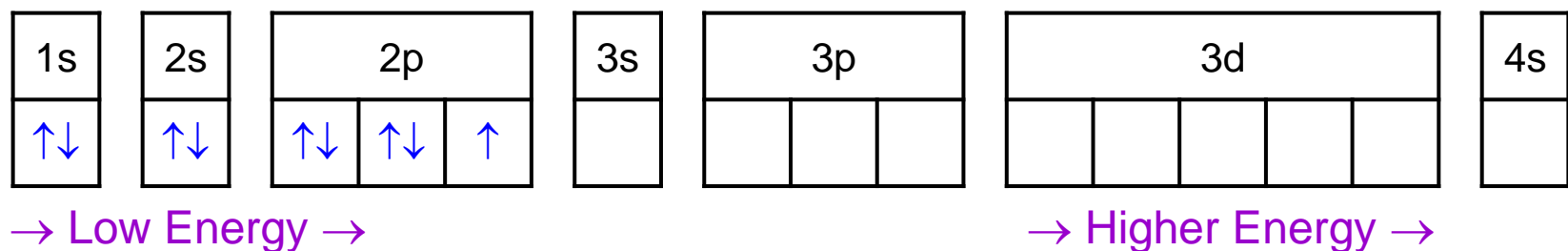
- Atomic Number: 8
- Name: Oxygen
- Symbol: O
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$



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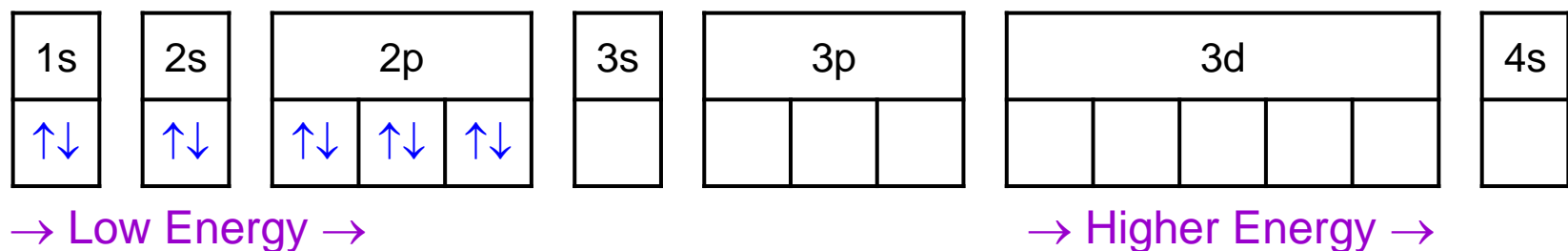
- Atomic Number: 9
- Name: Fluorine
- Symbol: F
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$



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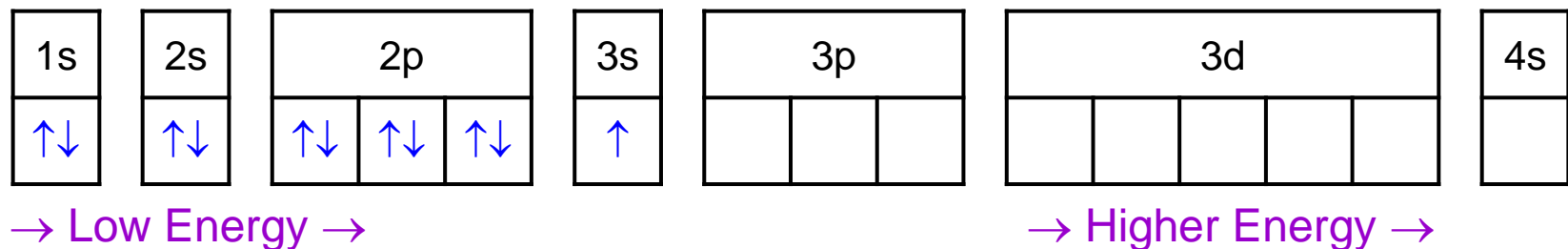
- Atomic Number: 10
- Name: Neon
- Symbol: Ne
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$



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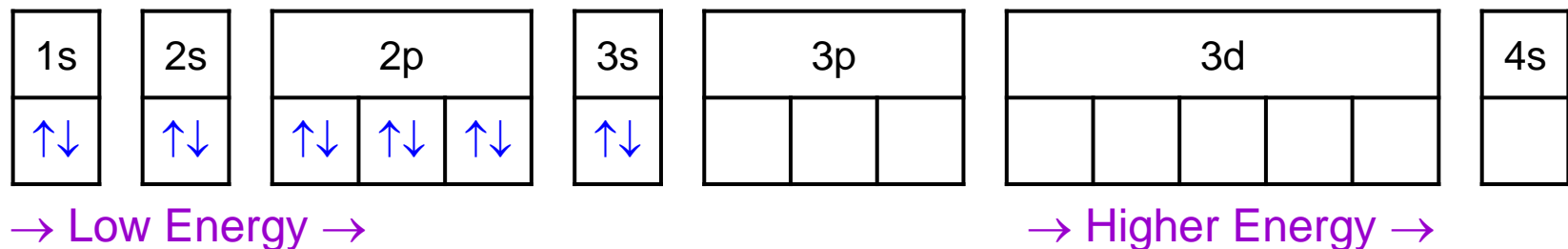
- Atomic Number: 11
- Name: Sodium
- Symbol: Na
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$



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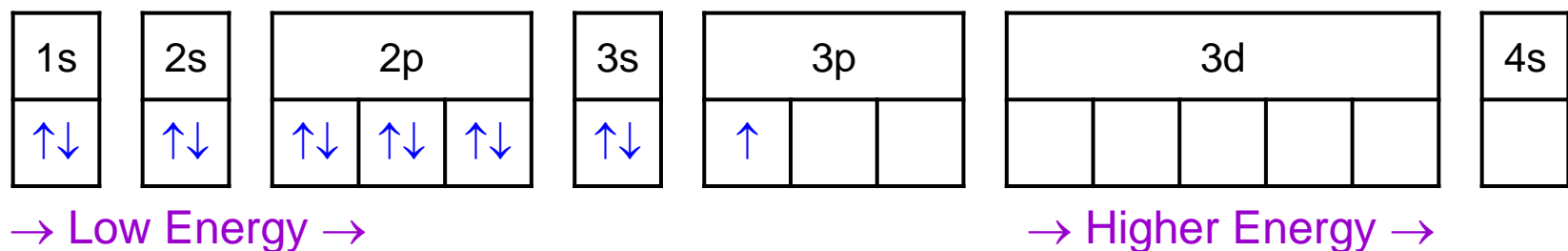
- Atomic Number: 12
- Name: Magnesium
- Symbol: Mg
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$



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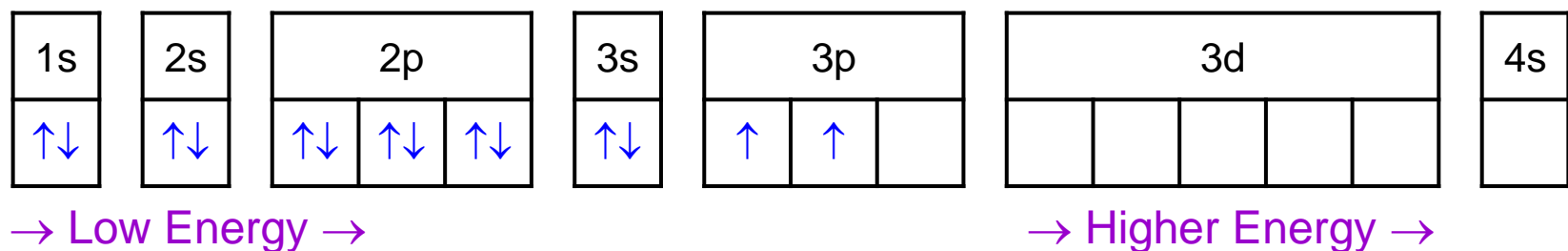
- Atomic Number: 13
- Name: Aluminium
- Symbol: Al
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$



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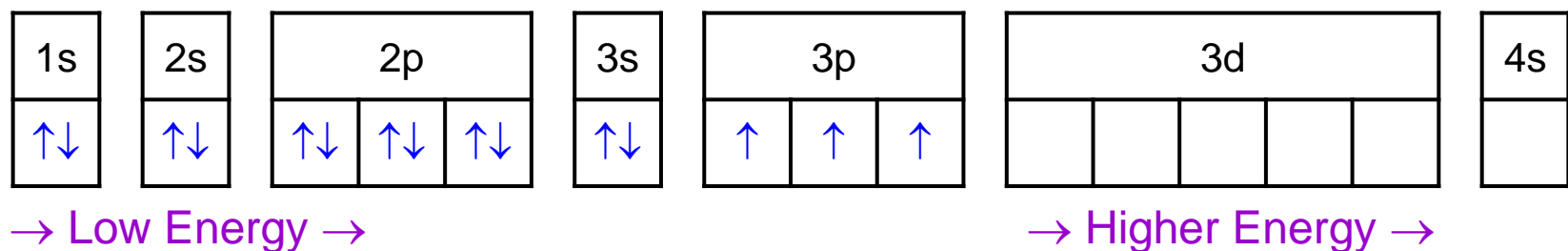
- Atomic Number: 14
- Name: Silicon
- Symbol: Si
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^2$



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- Atomic Number: 15
- Name: Phosphorus
- Symbol: P
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$

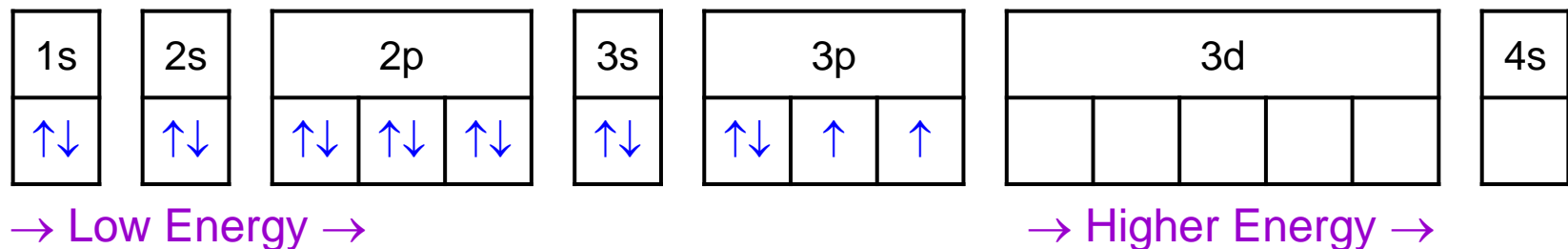


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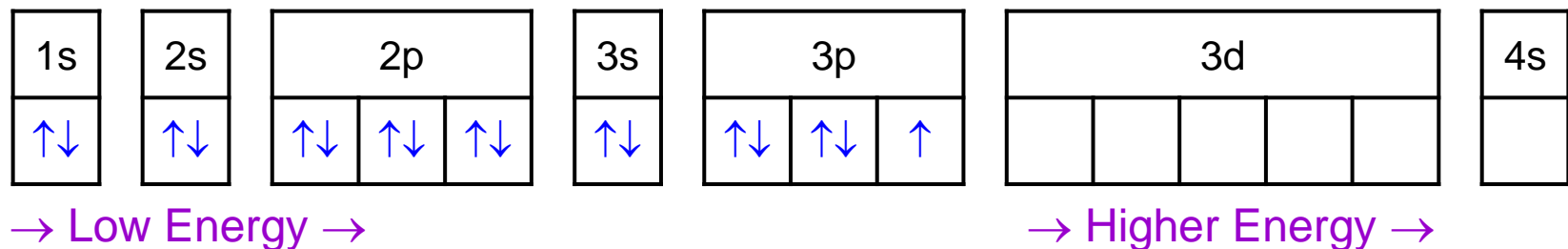
- Atomic Number: 16
- Name: Sulfur
- Symbol: S
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$



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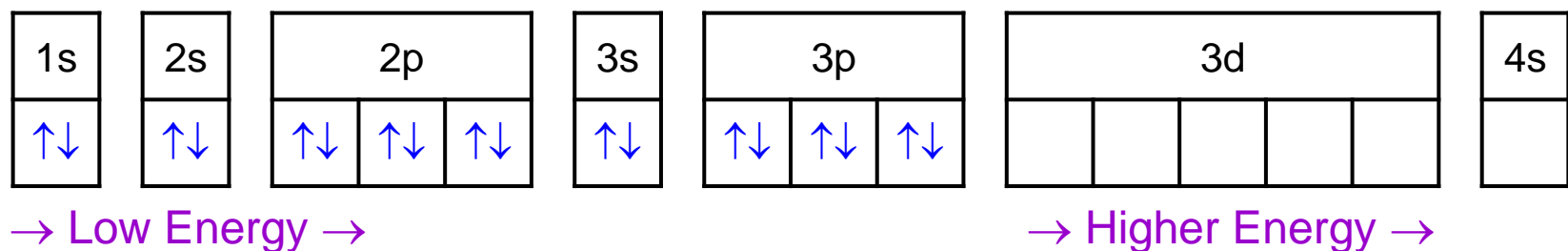
- Atomic Number: 17
- Name: Chlorine
- Symbol: Cl
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^5$



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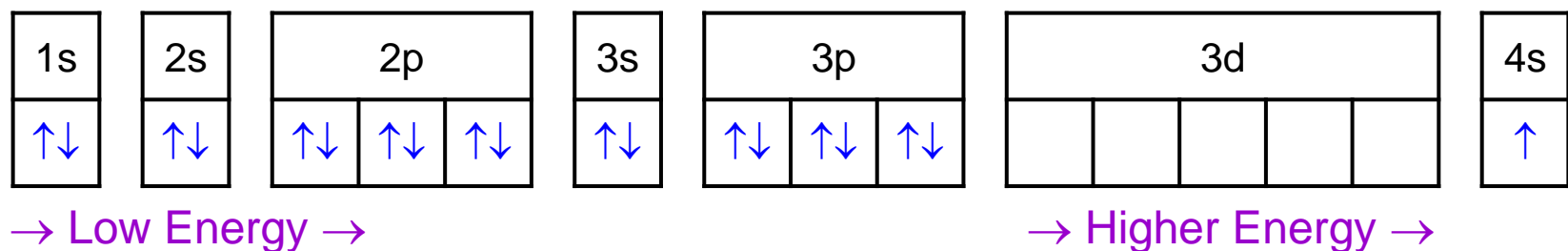
- Atomic Number: 18
- Name: Argon
- Symbol: Ar
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$



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- Atomic Number: 19
- Name: Potassium
- Symbol: K
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1$



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- Why is the electron configuration of *potassium*...

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓						↑

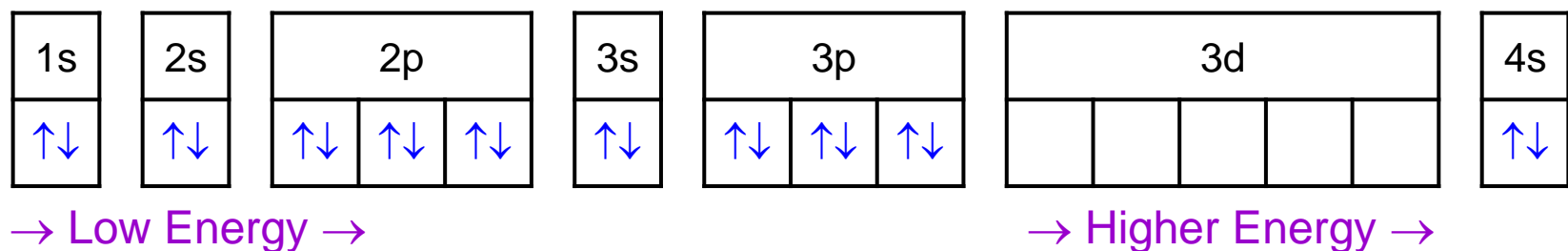
...instead of...

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑					

- Although the 4s sub-shell is further from the nucleus than the 3d sub-shell, the 4s sub-shell is *lower in energy* than the 3d sub-shell.
- According to the Aufbau Principle (electrons fill-up atomic orbitals from lower energy to higher energy) the *lower energy* 4s sub-shell will fill with electrons before the *higher energy* 3d sub-shell.

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- Atomic Number: 20
- Name: Calcium
- Symbol: Ca
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2$

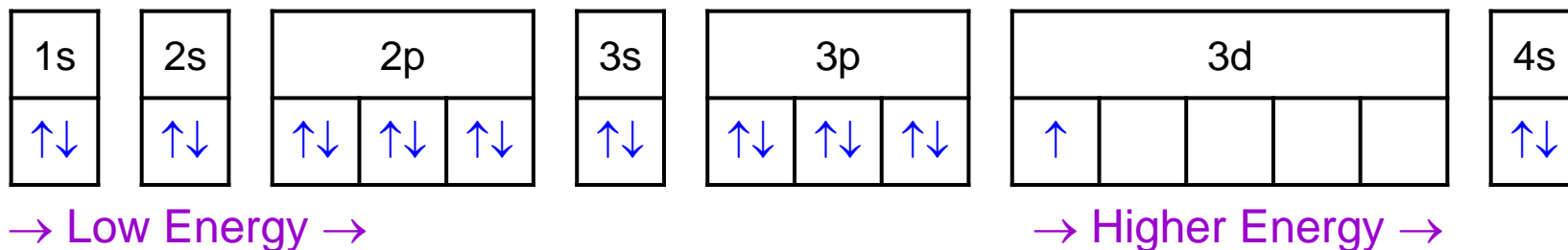


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- Atomic Number: 21
- Name: Scandium
- Symbol: Sc
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^1 4s^2$

• Lower energy than 3d

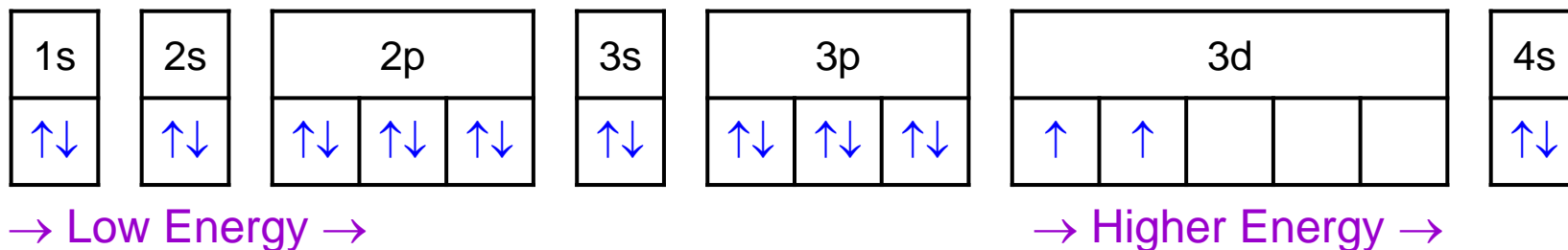


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- Atomic Number: 22
- Name: Titanium
- Symbol: Ti
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^2 4s^2$

• Lower energy than 3d



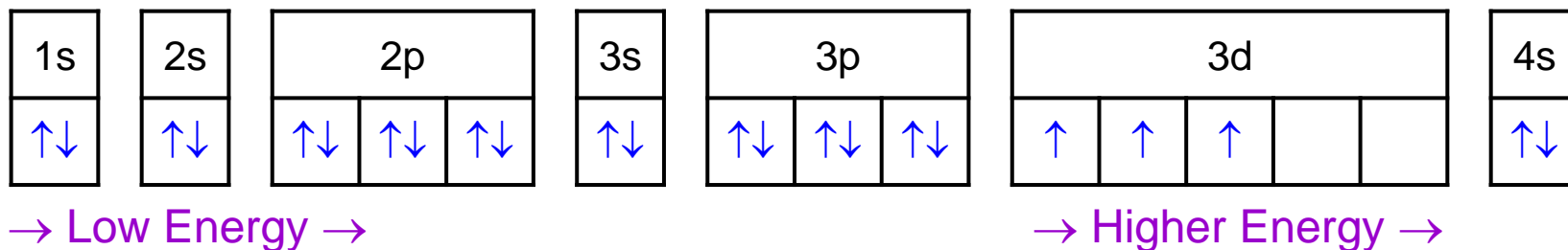
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- Atomic Number: 23
- Name: Vanadium
- Symbol: V
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• Lower energy than 3d

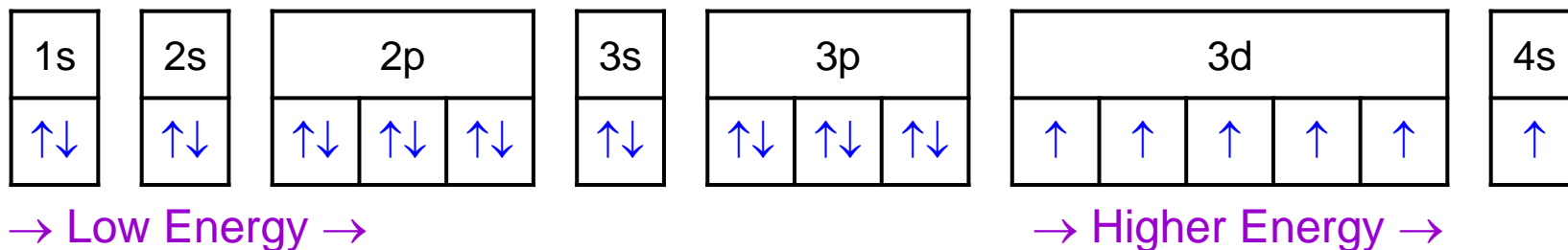


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- Atomic Number: 24
- Name: Chromium
- Symbol: Cr
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^5 4s^1$

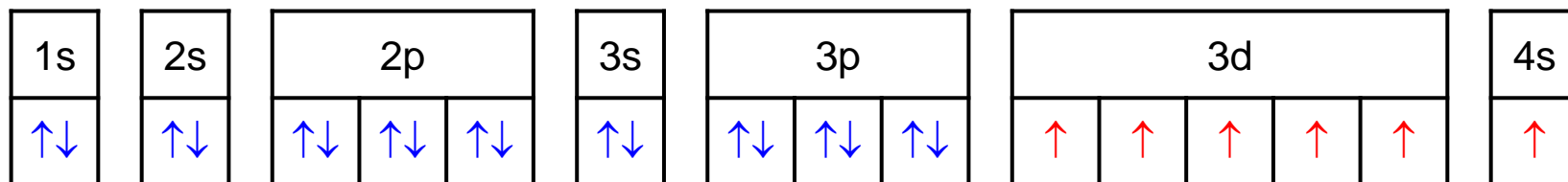
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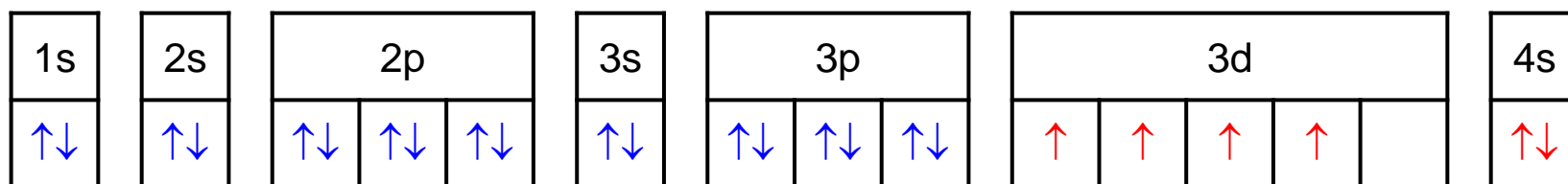
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- Why is the electron configuration of *chromium*...



...instead of...

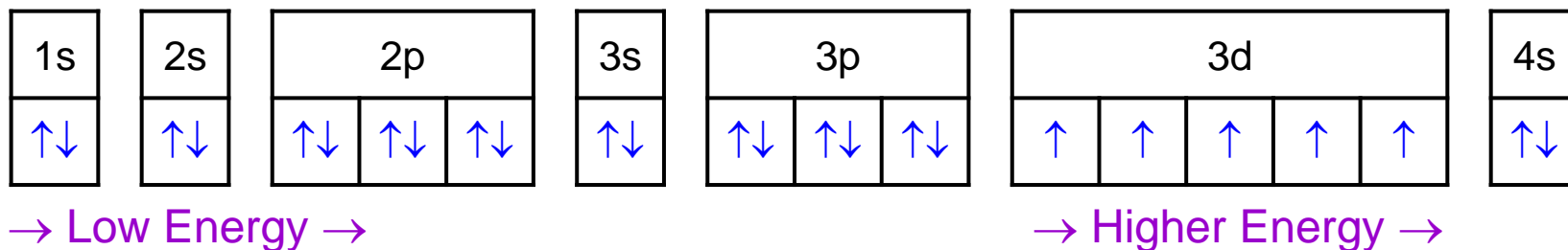


- Completely filled sub-shells are *more stable* than partially filled sub-shells.
- A sub-shell that is exactly half-filled is *more stable* than a sub-shell that is not exactly half-filled.
- An electron in the 4s orbital is transferred to an empty 3d orbital so as to obtain two stable half-filled sub-shells ( $3d^5$  and  $4s^1$ ) instead of one incomplete sub-shell ( $3d^4$ ) and one complete sub-shell ( $4s^2$ ).

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- Atomic Number: 25
- Name: Manganese
- Symbol: Mn
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^5 4s^2$

• Lower energy than 3d

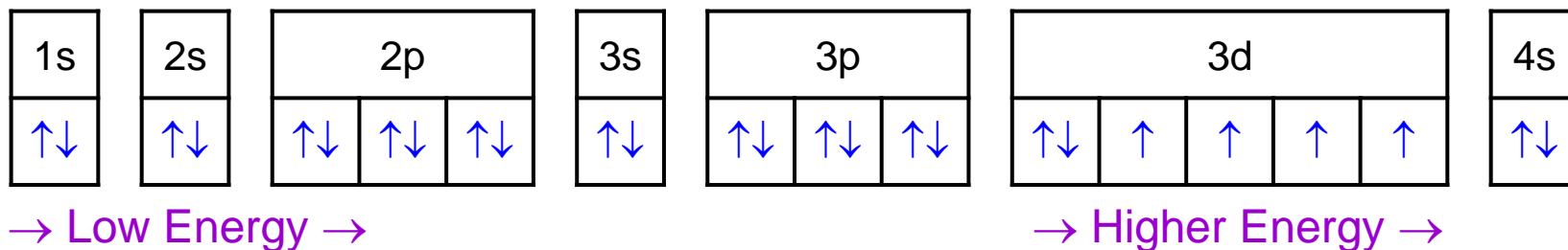


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- Atomic Number: 26
- Name: Iron
- Symbol: Fe
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^6 4s^2$

• Lower energy than 3d

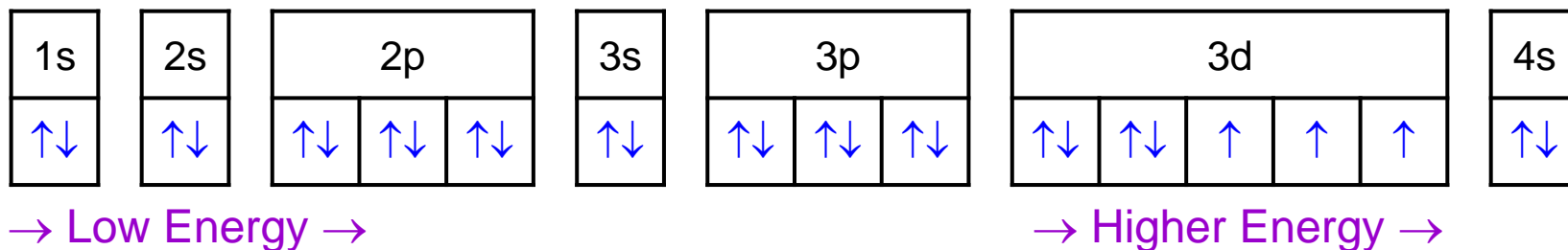


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- Atomic Number: 27
- Name: Cobalt
- Symbol: Co
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^7 4s^2$

• Lower energy than 3d

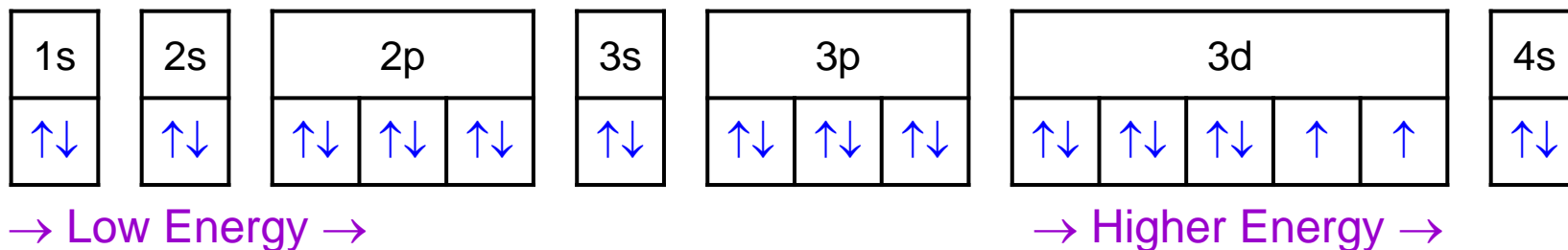


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- Name: Nickel
- Symbol: Ni
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^8 4s^2$

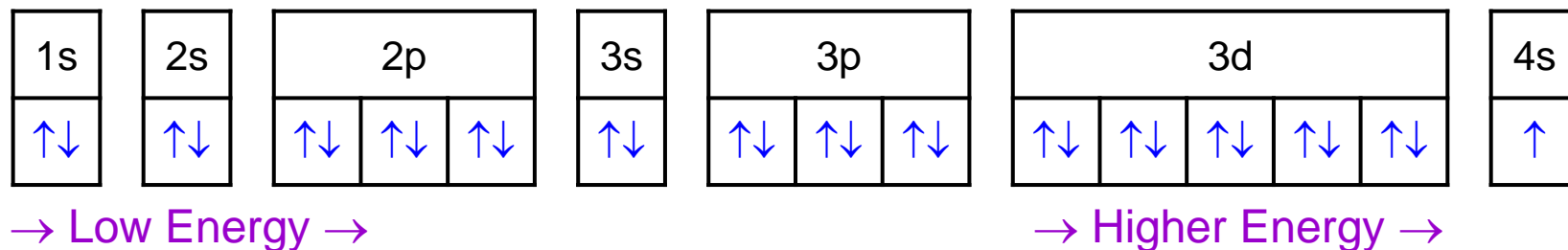
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- Name: Copper
- Symbol: Cu
- Electron Configuration:  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^1$  • Lower energy than 3d

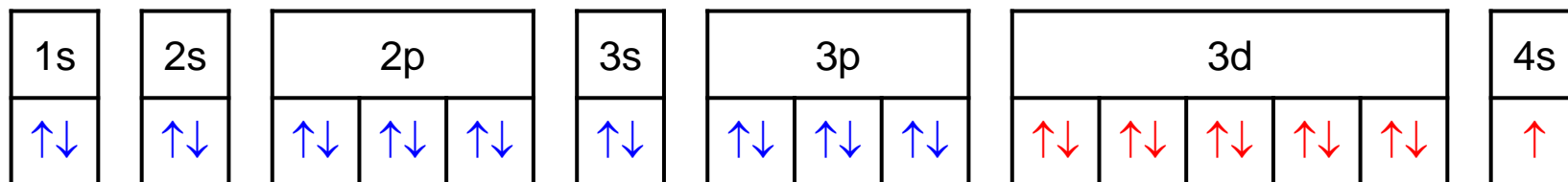


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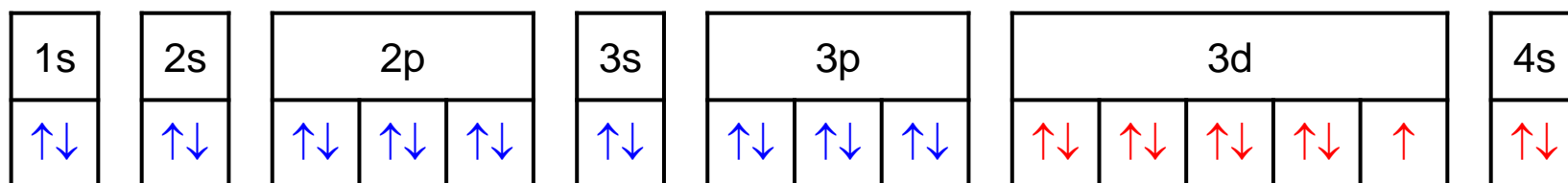


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- Why is the electron configuration of *copper*...



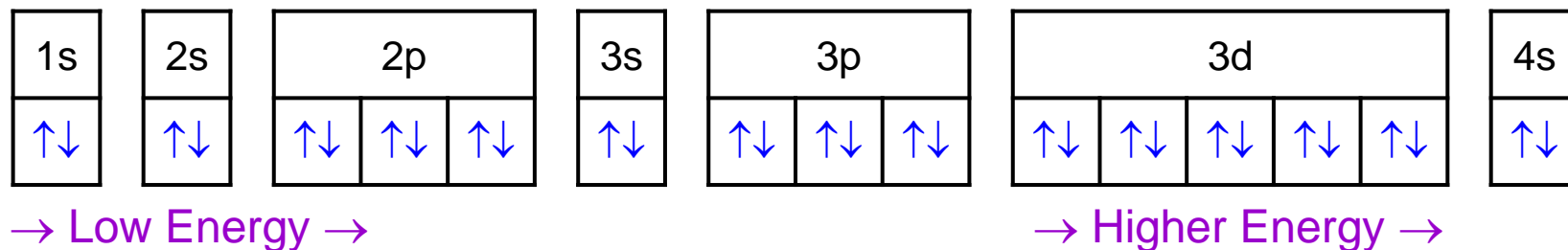
...instead of...



- Completely filled sub-shells are *more stable* than partially filled sub-shells.
- A sub-shell that is exactly half-filled is *more stable* than a sub-shell that is not exactly half-filled.
- An electron in the 4s orbital is transferred to a 3d orbital so as to obtain one stable complete sub-shell ( $3d^{10}$ ) and one stable half-filled sub-shell ( $4s^1$ ) instead of one incomplete sub-shell ( $3d^9$ ) and one complete sub-shell ( $4s^2$ ).

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How are the  
electron  
configurations  
of ions drawn  
using orbital  
notation?





# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Nitrogen Atom

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The diagram shows orbitals for 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d, and 4s. The 1s orbital is filled with two electrons (up and down arrows). The 2s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 2p subshell has three orbitals, each filled with one electron. The 3s orbital is empty. The 3p subshell has three empty orbitals. The 3d subshell has five empty orbitals. The 4s orbital is empty.

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of an Oxygen Atom

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The diagram shows orbitals for 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d, and 4s. The 1s orbital is filled with two electrons (up and down arrows). The 2s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 2p orbitals are filled with three electrons (one pair, two unpaired). The 3s orbital is empty. The 3p orbitals are empty. The 3d orbitals are empty. The 4s orbital is empty.

## Electron Configuration of a Oxide Ion – $O^{2-}$

Diagram illustrating the atomic orbitals (AOs) for the first four principal energy levels (n=1 to n=4). The orbitals are arranged in columns, showing their relative energy levels and the number of orbitals in each sublevel.

Principal Energy Level (n)	Sublevel	Number of Orbitals
1	1s	1
2	2s	1
2	2p	3
3	3s	1
3	3p	3
3	3d	5
4	4s	1

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

# Electron Configurations of Ions

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Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The diagram shows orbitals from 1s to 4s. The 1s orbital is filled with two electrons (up and down arrows). The 2s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 2p subshell has three orbitals, each filled with one electron. The 3s orbital is empty. The 3p subshell has three empty orbitals. The 3d subshell has five empty orbitals. The 4s orbital is empty.

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# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Chlorine Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑						

# Electron Configuration of a Chloride Ion – $\text{Cl}^-$

Diagram illustrating the arrangement of atomic orbitals (s, p, d) for the first four principal energy levels (n=1 to n=4). The orbitals are arranged in two rows, with the top row showing the orbitals for each level and the bottom row showing the corresponding number of boxes for each sublevel.

1s	2s	2p	3s	3p	3d	4s



# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Electron Configurations of Ions

### Electron Configuration of a Chlorine Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑						

### Electron Configuration of a Chloride Ion – $\text{Cl}^-$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓						

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Magnesium Atom

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V):

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓				↑					

# Electron Configuration of a Magnesium Ion – $\text{Mg}^{2+}$

Diagram illustrating the arrangement of atomic orbitals (s, p, d) for the first four principal energy levels (n=1 to n=4). Each level is represented by a vertical rectangle divided into two horizontal sections. The top section is labeled with the orbital type and the principal quantum number (n). The bottom section is divided into smaller boxes representing individual orbitals.

- n=1:** 1s orbital (1 box).
- n=2:** 2s orbital (1 box) and 2p orbitals (3 boxes).
- n=3:** 3s orbital (1 box), 3p orbitals (3 boxes), and 3d orbitals (5 boxes).
- n=4:** 4s orbital (1 box).

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Magnesium Atom

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The diagram shows orbitals for 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d, and 4s. The 1s orbital is filled with two blue electrons. The 2s orbital is filled with two blue electrons. The 2p subshell has three orbitals, each filled with two blue electrons. The 3s orbital is filled with two red electrons. The 3p subshell has three empty orbitals. The 3d subshell has five empty orbitals. The 4s orbital is empty.

# Electron Configuration of a Magnesium Ion – $\text{Mg}^{2+}$

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V). The diagram shows the following orbitals and their occupancy:

- 1s: Filled with 2 electrons (up and down arrows).
- 2s: Filled with 2 electrons (up and down arrows).
- 2p: Filled with 6 electrons (three boxes, each with up and down arrows).
- 3s: Empty.
- 3p: Empty.
- 3d: Contains 3 electrons (three boxes, each with a single up arrow).
- 4s: Empty.

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## Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of an Aluminium Atom

Diagram illustrating the electron configuration for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) in its ground state. The orbitals are arranged in boxes, and the electrons are represented by up and down arrows.

The configuration shown is:

- 1s:  $\uparrow\downarrow$
- 2s:  $\uparrow\downarrow$
- 2p:  $\uparrow\downarrow$ ,  $\uparrow\downarrow$ ,  $\uparrow\downarrow$
- 3s:  $\uparrow\downarrow$
- 3p:  $\uparrow$ ,  $\square$ ,  $\square$
- 3d:  $\square$ ,  $\square$ ,  $\square$ ,  $\square$ ,  $\square$
- 4s:  $\square$

# Electron Configuration of a Aluminium Ion – $Al^{3+}$

Diagram illustrating the atomic orbitals for the third shell (n=3). The orbitals are arranged in a row, each represented by a box divided into two horizontal sections. The top section contains the orbital label, and the bottom section is empty.

- 1s
- 2s
- 2p (3 boxes)
- 3s
- 3p (3 boxes)
- 3d (5 boxes)
- 4s

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of an Aluminium Atom

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The orbitals are arranged in boxes: 1s, 2s, 2p (three boxes), 3s, 3p (three boxes), 3d (five boxes), and 4s. Electrons are represented by blue up and down arrows. The 1s, 2s, and 3s orbitals are each filled with a pair of blue arrows. The 2p orbitals are each filled with a pair of blue arrows. The 3p orbitals are empty. The 3d orbitals are empty. The 4s orbital is empty.

# Electron Configuration of a Aluminium Ion – $Al^{3+}$

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The diagram shows orbitals for 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d, and 4s. The 1s, 2s, and 3s orbitals are each filled with a pair of electrons (up and down arrows). The 2p orbital is filled with three pairs of electrons. The 3p orbital is empty. The 3d orbital is empty. The 4s orbital is empty.

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Titanium Atom

Diagram illustrating the electron configuration for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) in its ground state. The orbitals are arranged in boxes, showing the filling order and the resulting configuration:

- 1s:** Filled with 2 electrons (up and down arrows).
- 2s:** Filled with 2 electrons (up and down arrows).
- 2p:** Filled with 6 electrons (three pairs of up and down arrows).
- 3s:** Filled with 2 electrons (up and down arrows).
- 3p:** Filled with 6 electrons (three pairs of up and down arrows).
- 3d:** Contains 2 unpaired electrons (up arrows) and 3 empty spaces.
- 4s:** Filled with 2 electrons (up and down arrows).

The resulting electron configuration is  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^2 4s^2$ .

# Electron Configuration of a Titanium(III) Ion – $\text{Ti}^{3+}$

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# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Electron Configurations of Ions

### Electron Configuration of a Titanium Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑				↑↓

### Electron Configuration of a Titanium(III) Ion – $\text{Ti}^{3+}$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑					

**Note:** When atoms of the transition metals react to form ions, electrons from the 4s orbital are the first to be removed.

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Chromium Atom

Orbital diagram for a neutral Vanadium atom (V) showing the filling of orbitals according to the Aufbau principle. The diagram shows orbitals from 1s to 4s. The 1s orbital is filled with two electrons (up and down arrows). The 2s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 2p subshell consists of three orbitals, each filled with two electrons. The 3s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 3p subshell consists of three orbitals, each filled with two electrons. The 3d subshell consists of five orbitals, each containing one electron (up arrow). The 4s orbital is empty.

# Electron Configuration of a Chromium(III) Ion – $\text{Cr}^{3+}$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s



# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Electron Configurations of Ions

### Electron Configuration of a Chromium Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑

### Electron Configuration of a Chromium(III) Ion – $\text{Cr}^{3+}$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑			

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# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of an Iron Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑↓

# Electron Configuration of a Iron(III) Ion – $\text{Fe}^{3+}$

Diagram illustrating the arrangement of atomic orbitals (s, p, d) and the number of orbitals in each subshell for the first four principal energy levels (n=1 to n=4). Each orbital is represented by a box containing a single upward-pointing arrow, indicating the spin of an electron.

Principal Energy Level (n)	Subshell	Number of Orbitals	Electron Configuration (Arrows)
1	1s	1	↑
2	2s	1	↑
2	2p	3	↑, ↑, ↑
3	3s	1	↑
3	3p	3	↑, ↑, ↑
3	3d	5	↑, ↑, ↑, ↑, ↑
4	4s	1	↑

# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Electron Configurations of Ions

### Electron Configuration of an Iron Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑↓

### Electron Configuration of a Iron(III) Ion – $\text{Fe}^{3+}$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	

**Note:** When atoms of the transition metals react to form ions, electrons from the 4s orbital are the first to be removed.



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## Electron Configurations of Ions

### Electron Configuration of a Copper Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑

### Electron Configuration of a Copper(II) Ion – $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	

**Note:** When atoms of the transition metals react to form ions, electrons from the 4s orbital are the first to be removed.

# Electron Configurations of Ions

# Electron Configuration of a Zinc Atom

Diagram illustrating the filling of atomic orbitals for a neutral atom in its ground state, following the Aufbau principle. The orbitals are arranged in a periodic table-like structure. The 1s orbital is filled with two electrons (up and down arrows). The 2s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 2p orbitals (three boxes) are each filled with two electrons. The 3s orbital is filled with two electrons. The 3p orbitals (three boxes) are each filled with two electrons. The 3d orbitals (five boxes) are empty. The 4s orbital is filled with two electrons.

# Electron Configuration of a Zinc Ion – $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

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# Advanced Theories of Atomic Structure

## Electron Configurations of Ions

### Electron Configuration of a Zinc Atom

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
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### Electron Configuration of a Zinc Ion – $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

1s	2s	2p			3s	3p			3d					4s
↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	

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How is bonding  
between atoms  
represented  
using orbital  
notation?



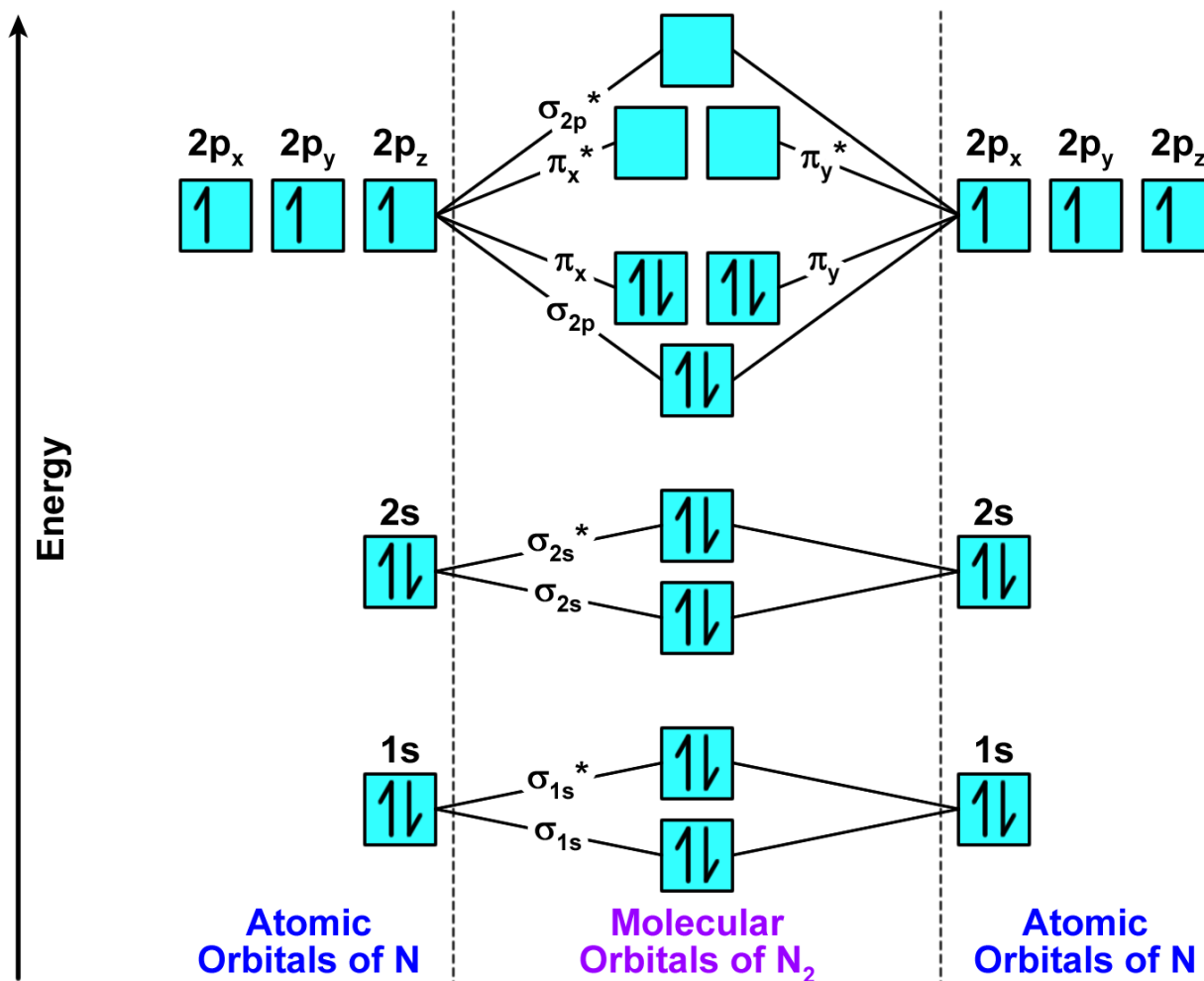


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- The *atomic orbitals* of two or more atoms can combine together to form *molecular orbitals*.
  - The following diagrams show how the atomic orbitals of two atoms combine to form covalent bonds known as  $\sigma$ -bonds (sigma-bonds) and  $\pi$ -bonds (pi-bonds).
- **Note:** To pair-up in a molecular orbital, electrons must have *opposite spin*.

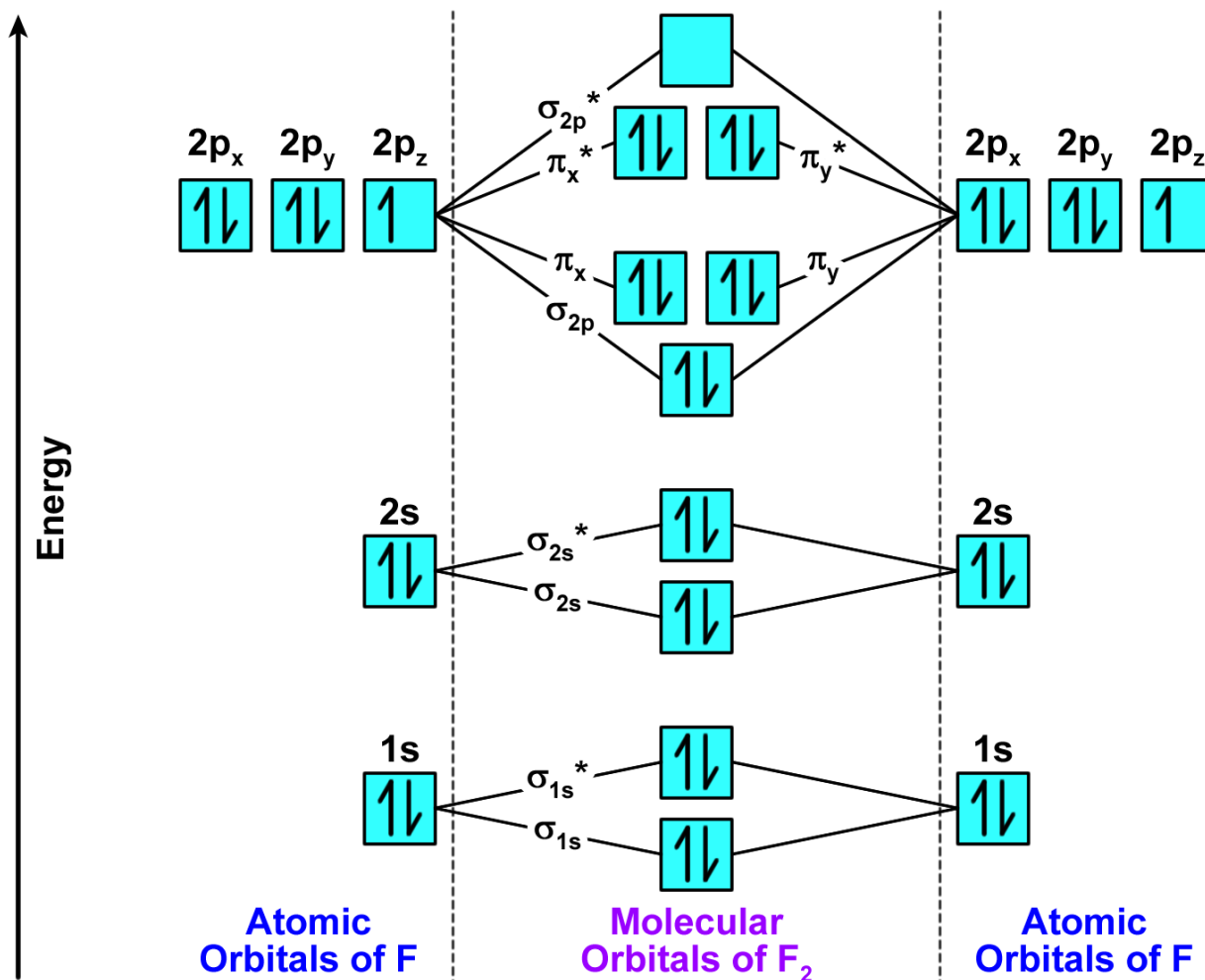
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## The Molecular Orbitals in Diatomic Nitrogen – $N_2$



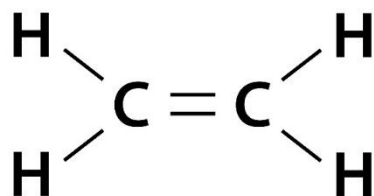
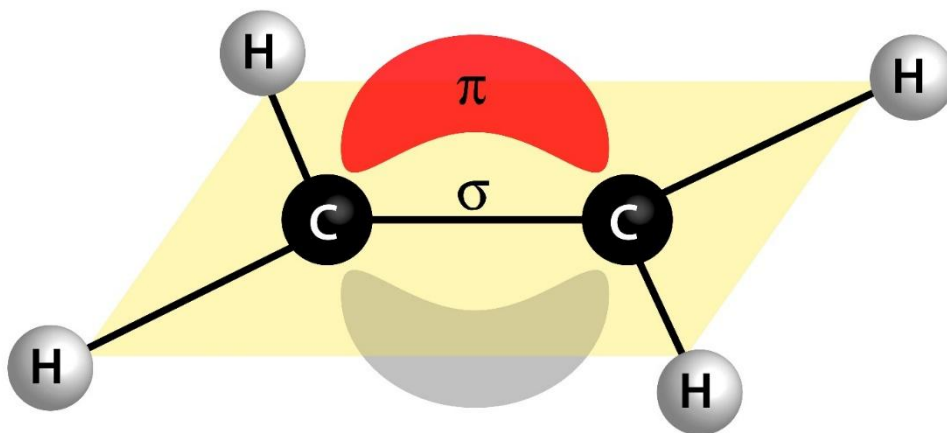
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## The Molecular Orbitals in Diatomic Fluorine – $F_2$



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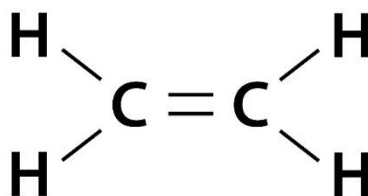
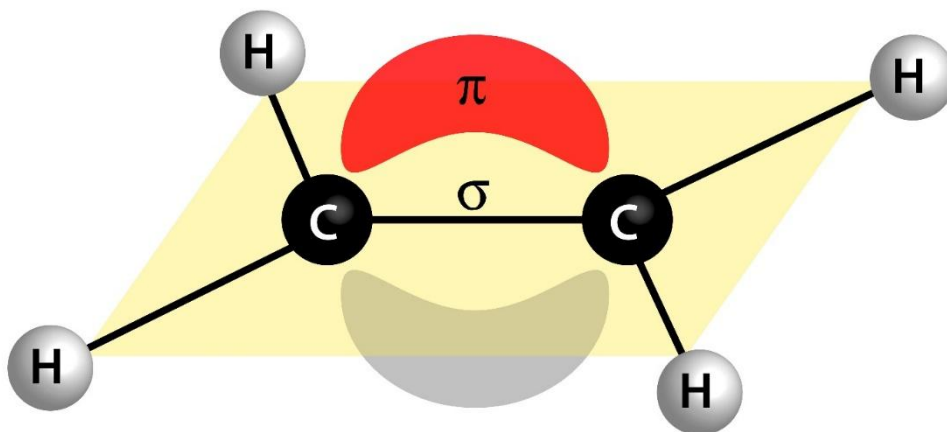
## Pi-Bonds and Sigma-Bonds



- Examples of  $\sigma$ -bonds and  $\pi$ -bonds in a molecule of ethene, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

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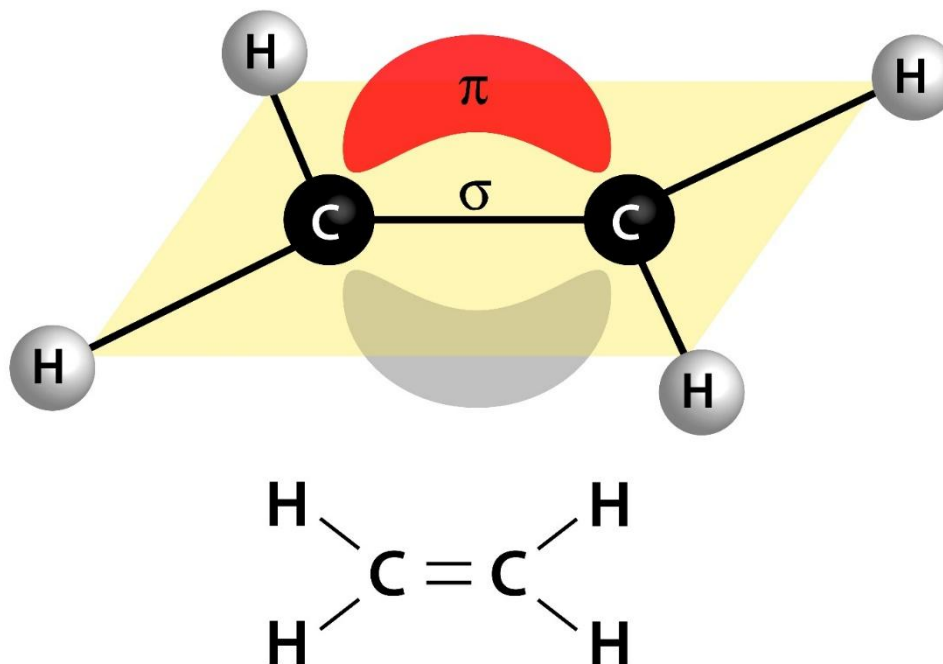
## Pi-Bonds and Sigma-Bonds



- A  $\sigma$ -bond is formed when two atomic orbitals overlap, and the region of overlap lies on an imaginary straight line that connects the nuclei of the two bonding atoms.

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## Pi-Bonds and Sigma-Bonds



- A  *$\pi$ -bond* is formed when two atomic orbitals (usually *p*-orbitals) overlap, and the region of overlap lies above and below an imaginary straight line that connects the nuclei of the two bonding atoms.

What are some  
periodic trends  
that can be  
explained using  
orbital theory?



# Periodic Trends

- The force of attraction between oppositely charged particles is given by Coulomb's Law:

$$F = \frac{1}{4 \times \pi \times \epsilon_0} \times \frac{q_1 \times q_2}{r^2}$$

$F$  = force of attraction between oppositely charged particles, N

$\epsilon_0$  = permittivity of free space,  $C^2 m^{-2} N^{-1}$

$q_1$  = charge on particle one, C

$q_2$  = charge on particle two, C

$r$  = distance between particle one and particle two, m



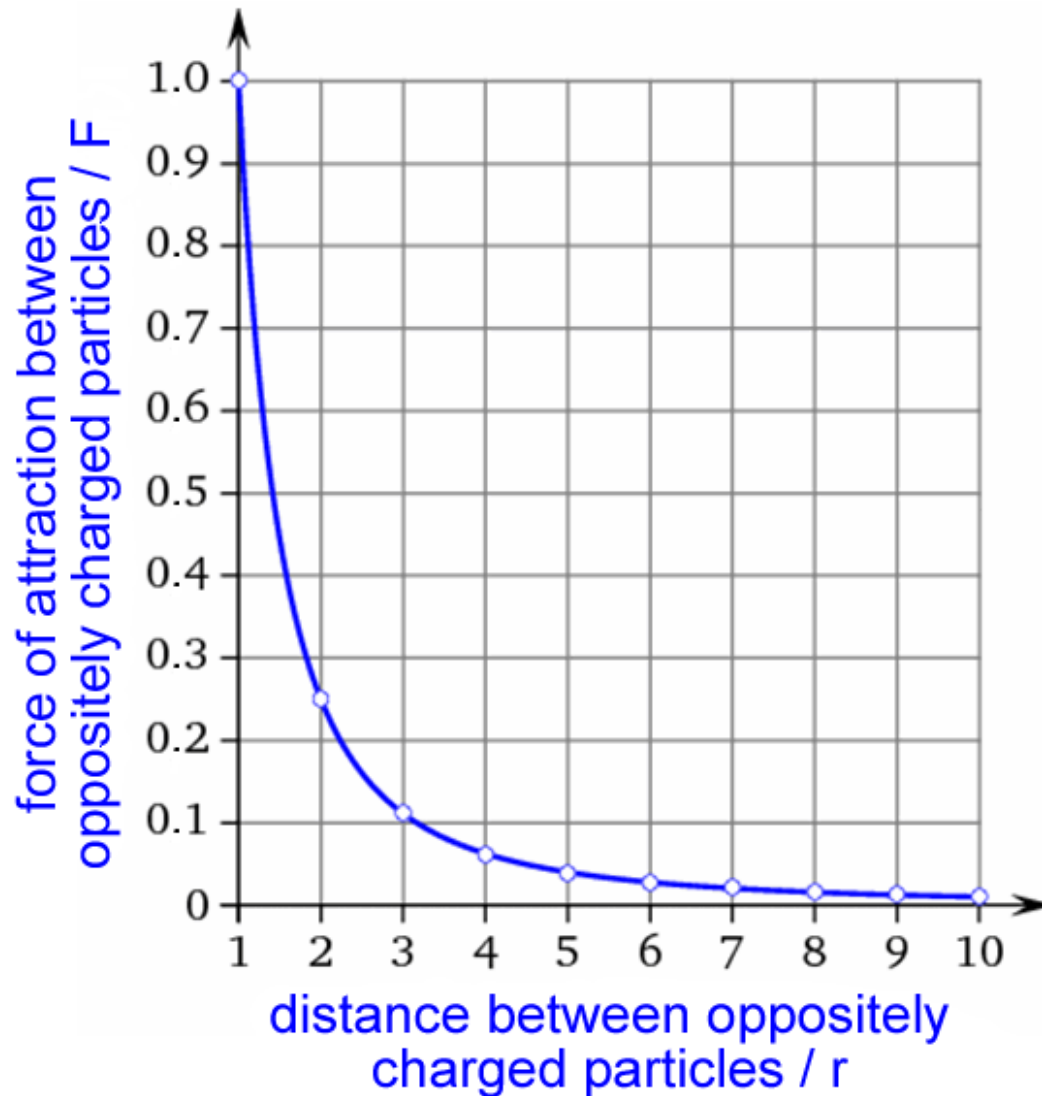
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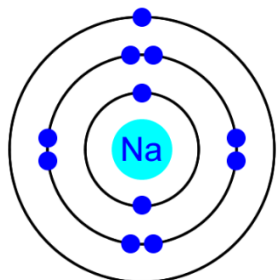
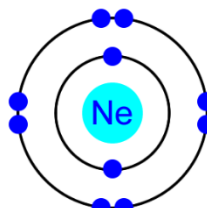
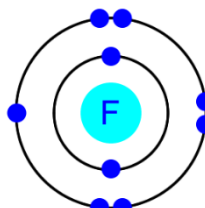
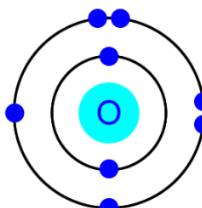
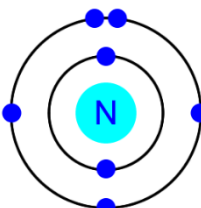
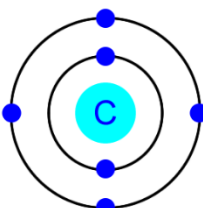
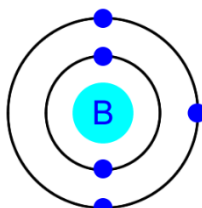
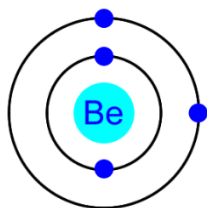
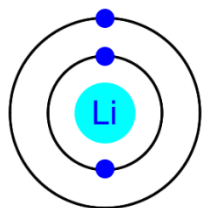
$$F = \frac{1}{4 \times \pi \times \epsilon_0} \times \frac{q_1 \times q_2}{r^2}$$

- The *force of attraction* (F) between a proton and an electron in an atom is related to their *charge* ( $q_1$  and  $q_2$ ), and it *decreases rapidly* as the *distance* between the particles (r) *increases* (inverse square law).

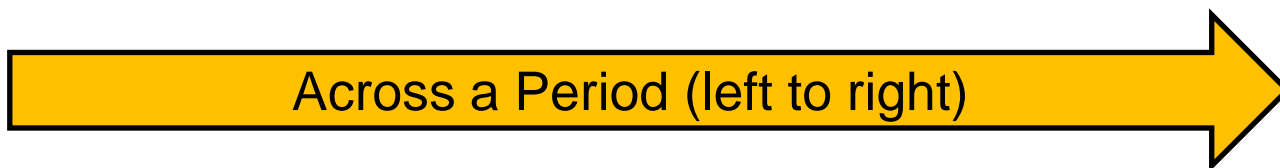
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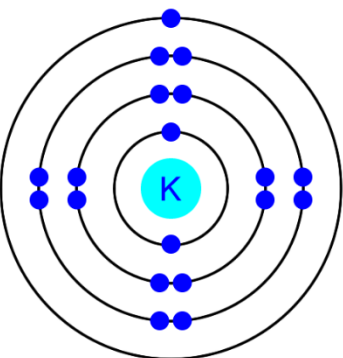
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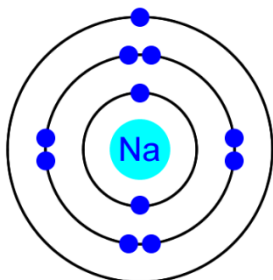
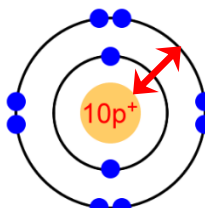
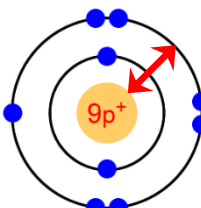
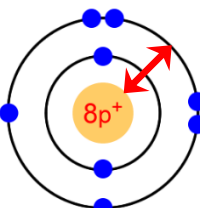
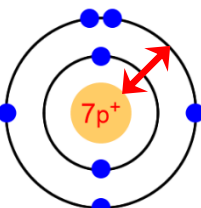
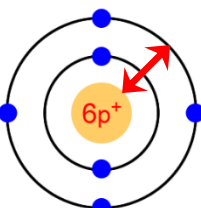
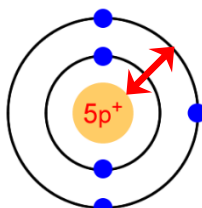
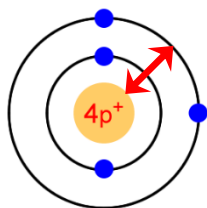
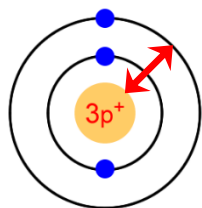
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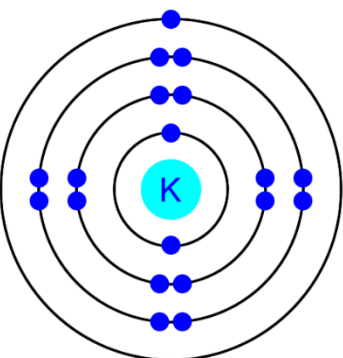
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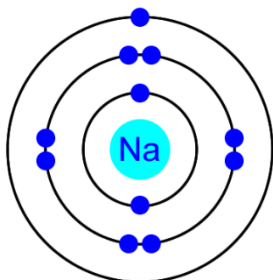
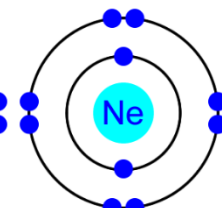
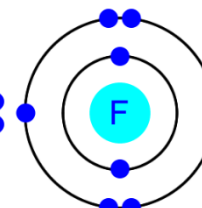
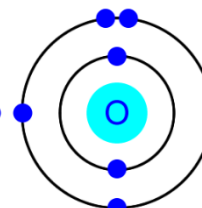
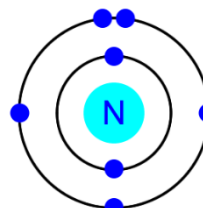
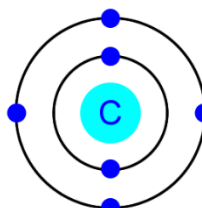
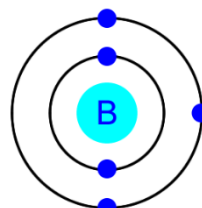
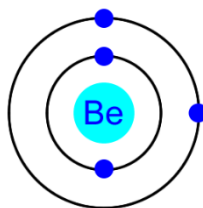
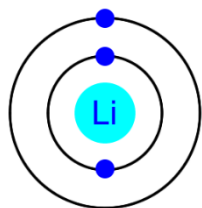
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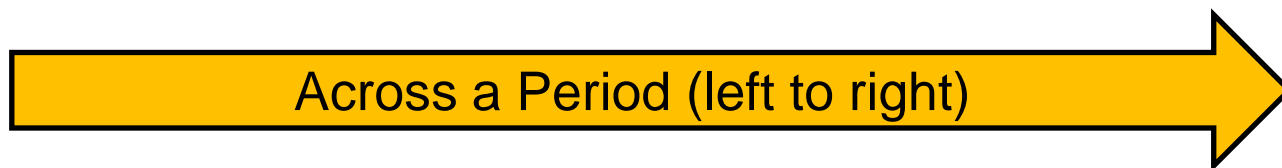
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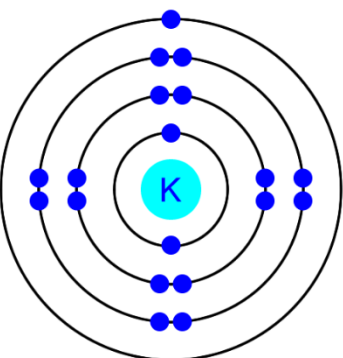


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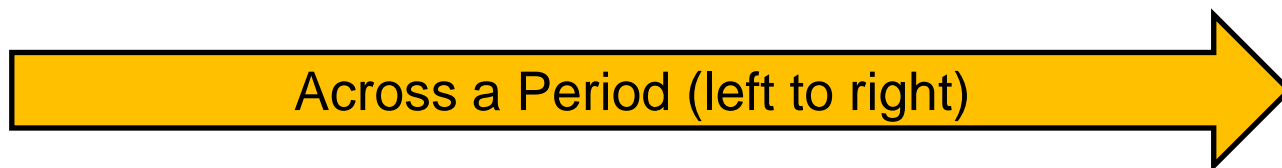
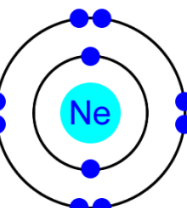
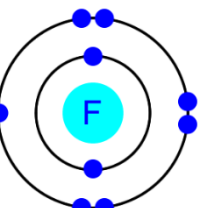
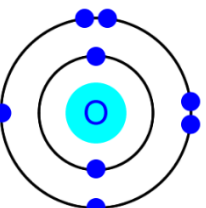
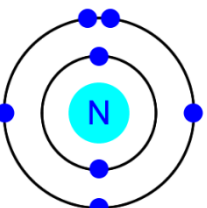
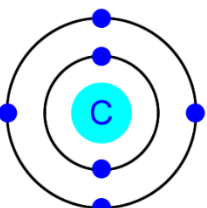
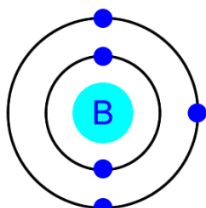
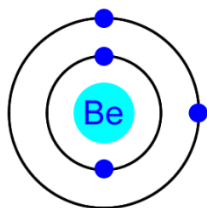
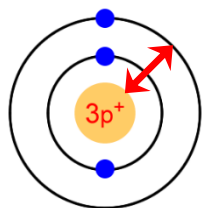


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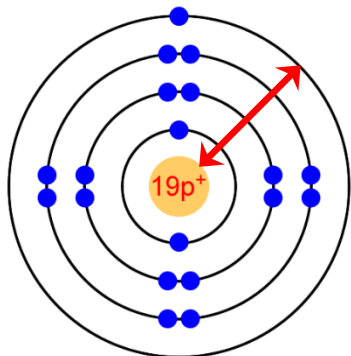
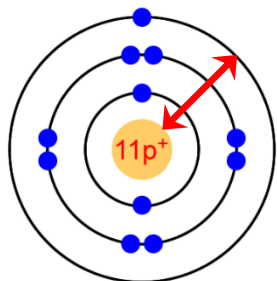
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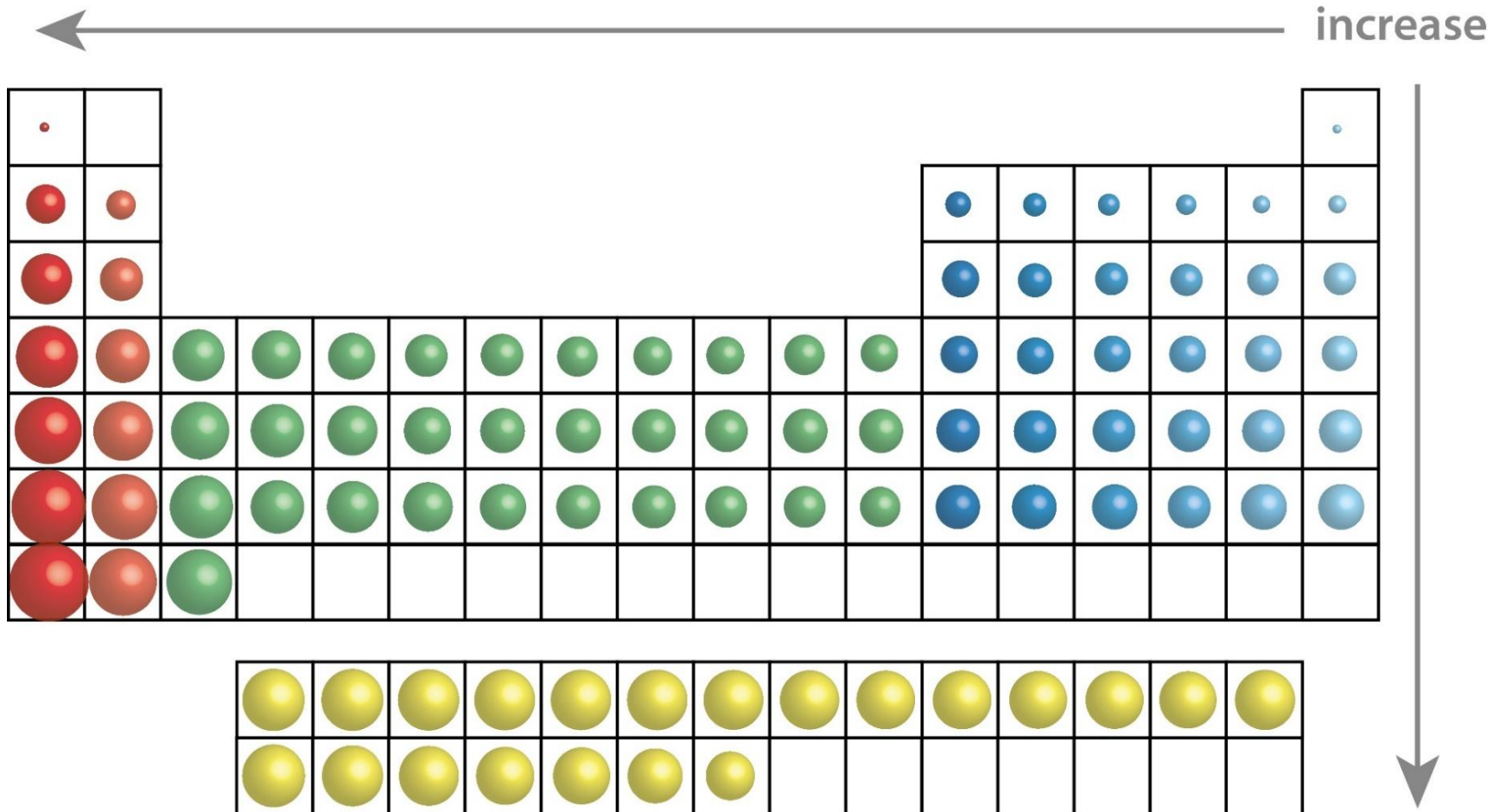
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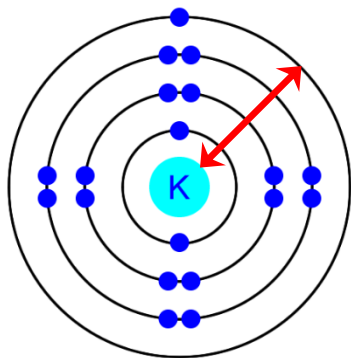
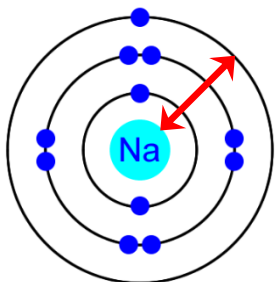
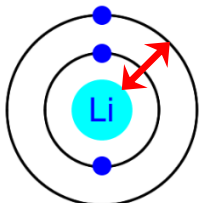
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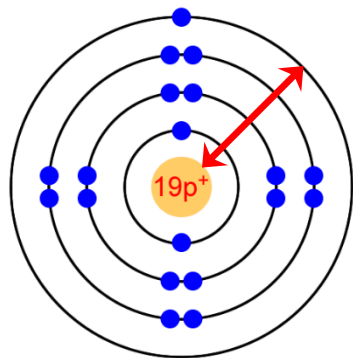
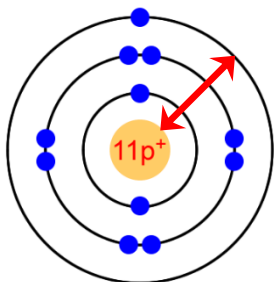
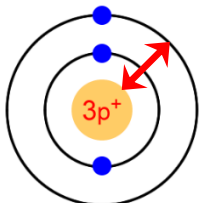
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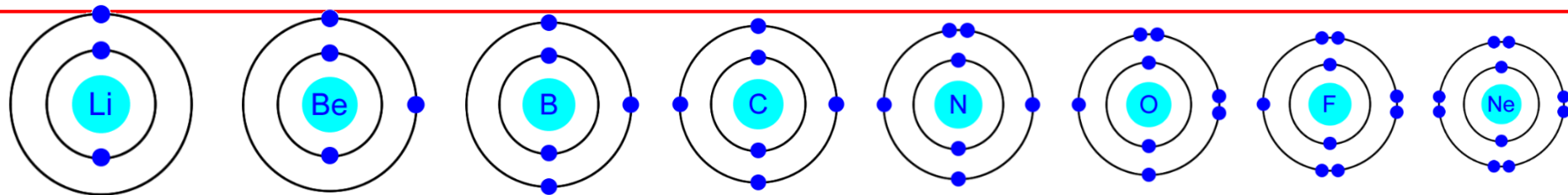


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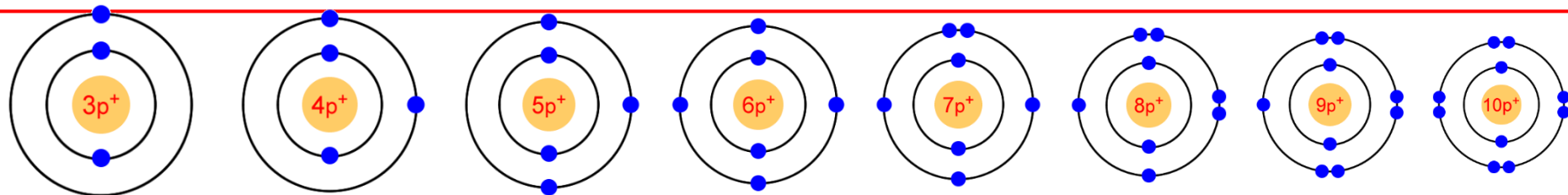
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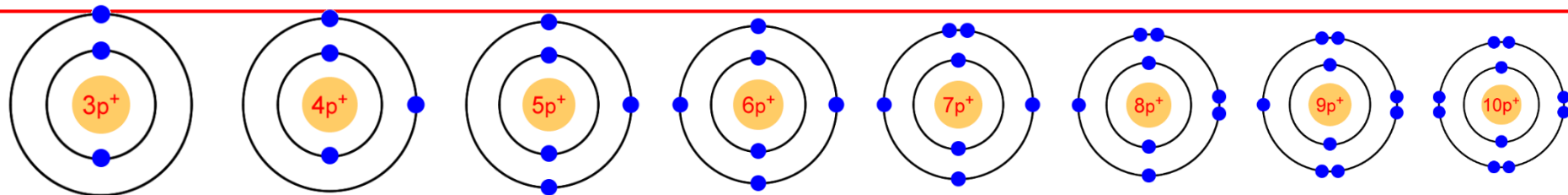
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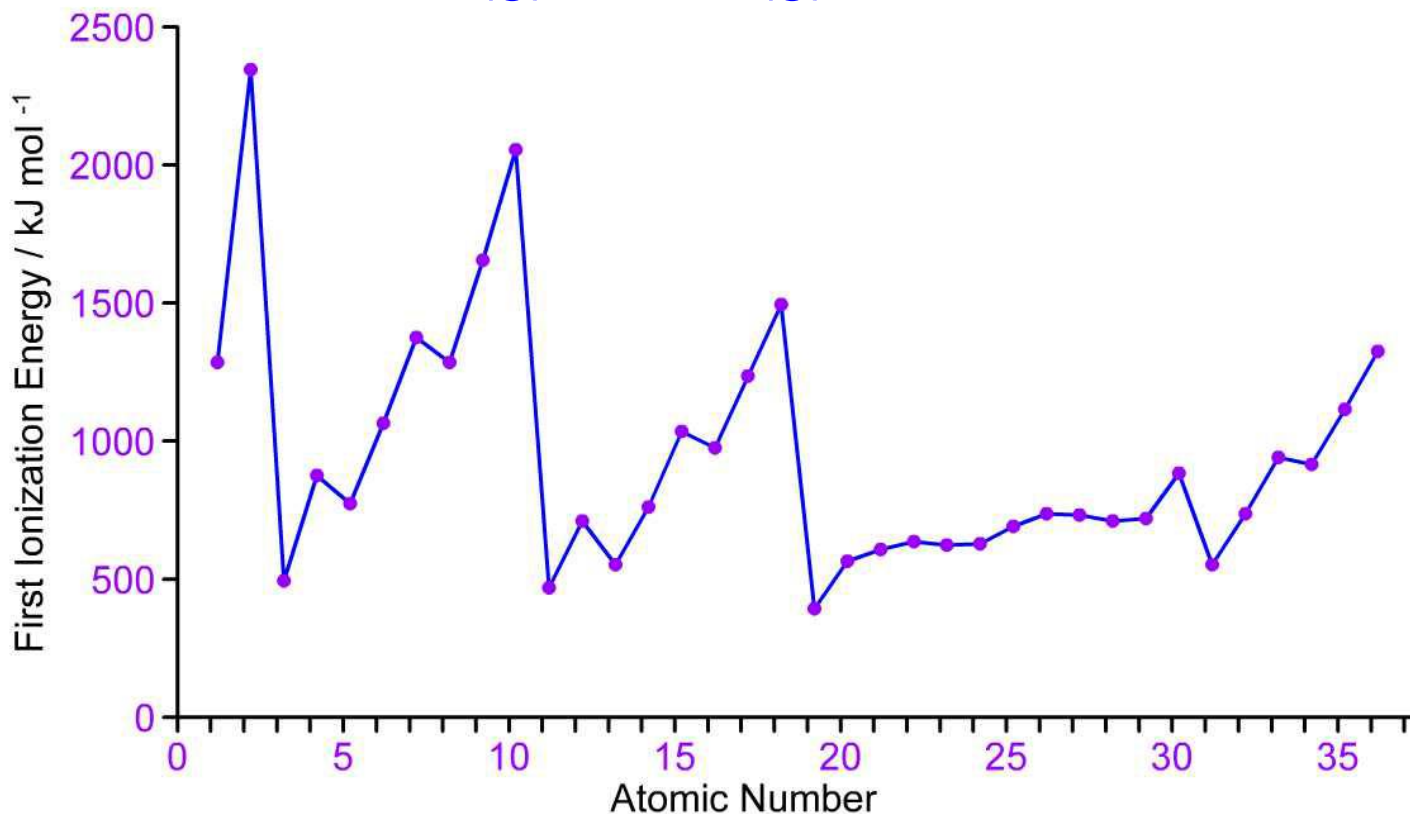
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- An increase in nuclear charge means that there is an *increase in the electrostatic force of attraction* between the protons in the nucleus and electrons orbiting the nucleus.
- This increasing nuclear charge exerts a stronger electrostatic force of attraction on the orbiting electrons and causes a steady *decrease in atomic radius across a Period*.

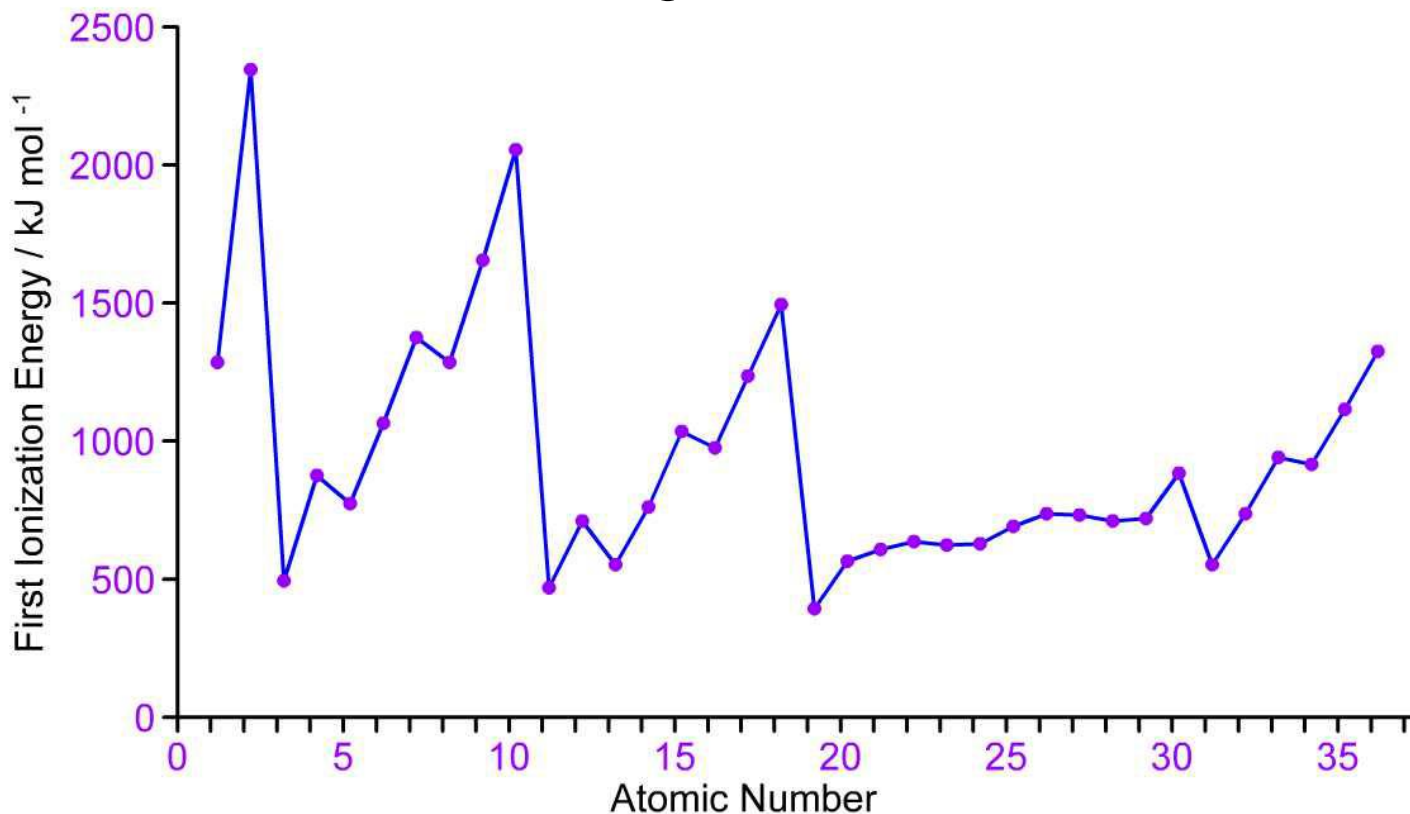
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- First ionization energy is the energy required to convert 1 mole ( $6 \times 10^{23}$ ) of gaseous atoms into one mole ( $6 \times 10^{23}$ ) of unipositive (1+) gaseous ions.



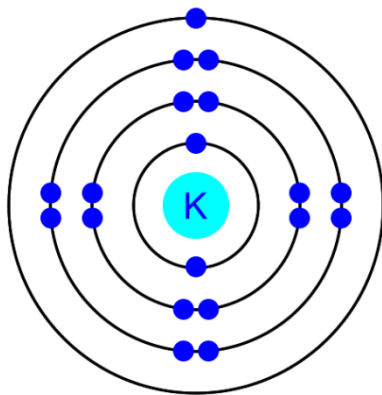
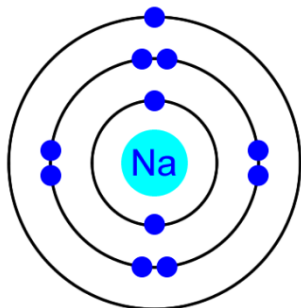
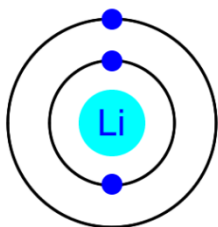
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- Essentially, first ionization energy gives an indication of the amount of energy that is required to remove a single electron from the valence shell of a single atom.



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- First ionization energy *decreases down a Group*.

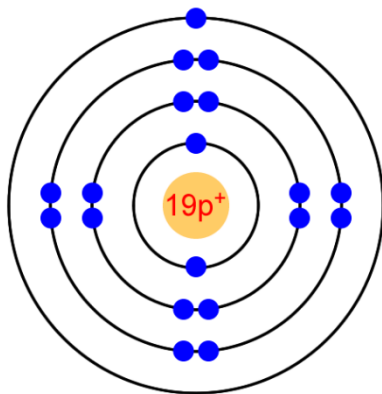
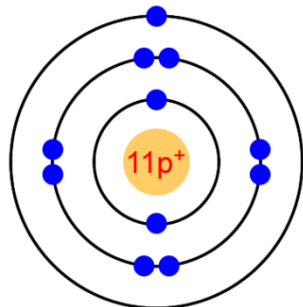
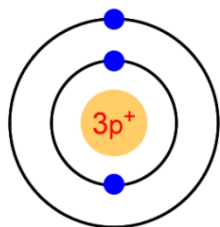


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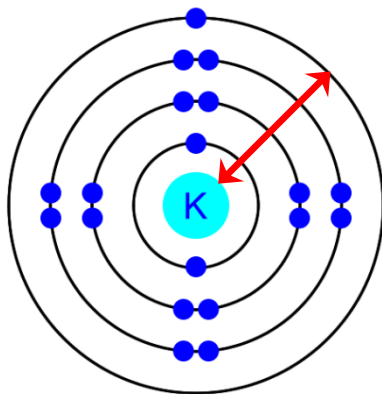
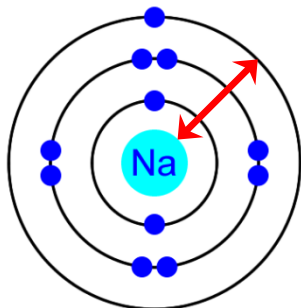
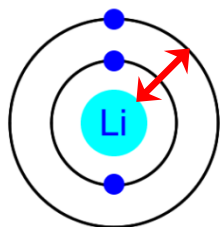
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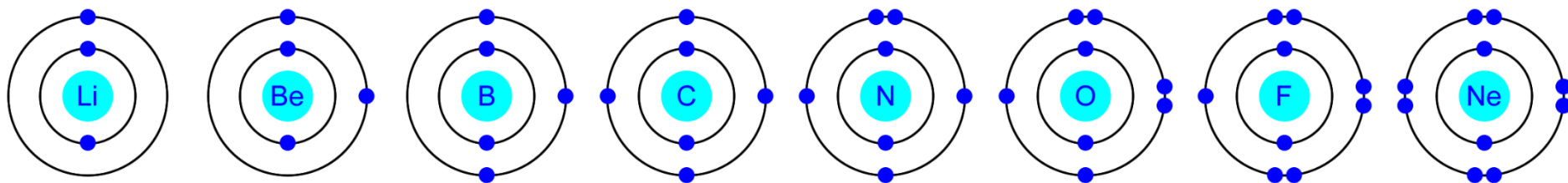
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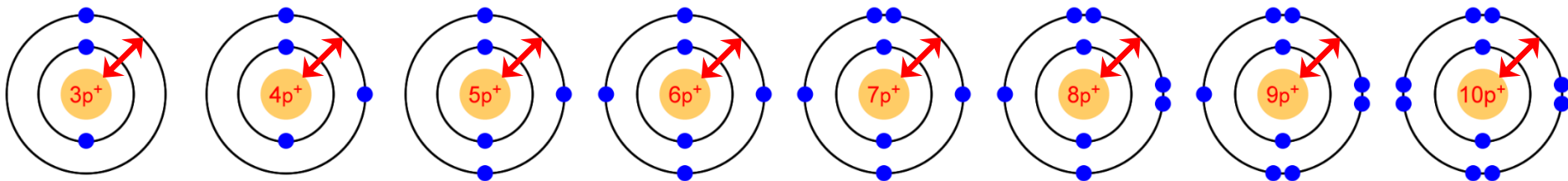
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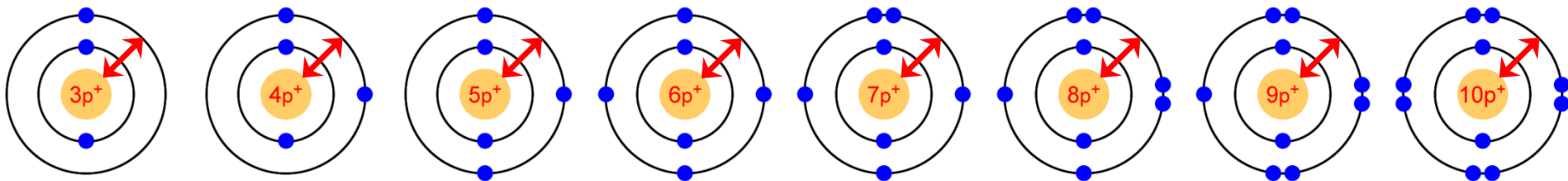
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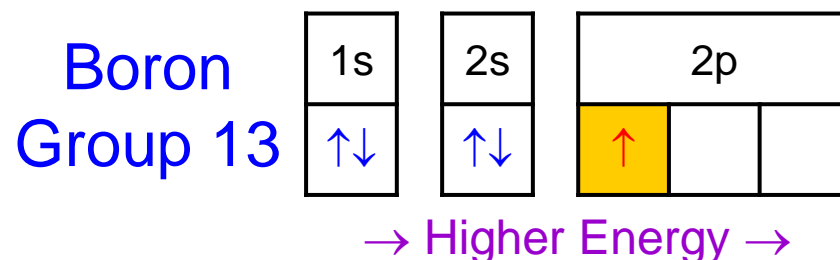
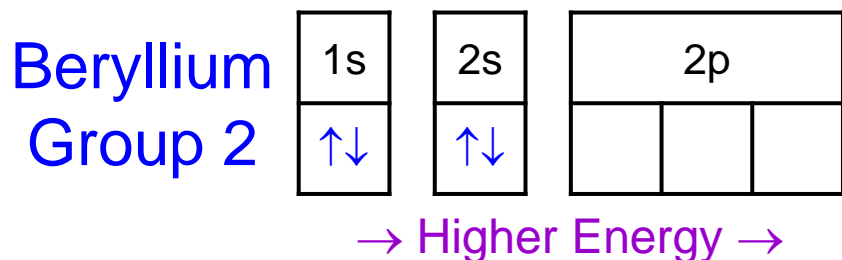
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- This increasing nuclear charge exerts a *stronger electrostatic force of attraction* on electrons in the valence shell of the atom (the electrons that are lost during ionization). Therefore, *more energy* is required to remove an electron from the valence shell of the atom, resulting in an *increase in first ionization energy across a Period*.

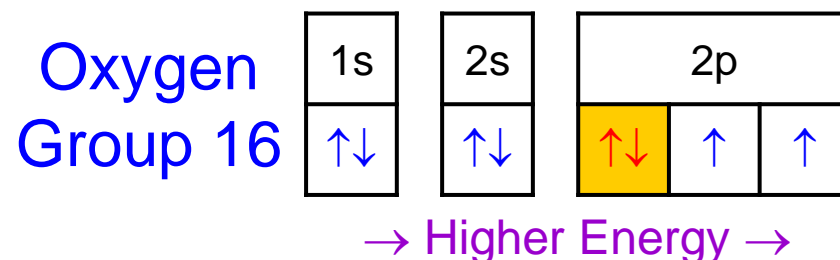
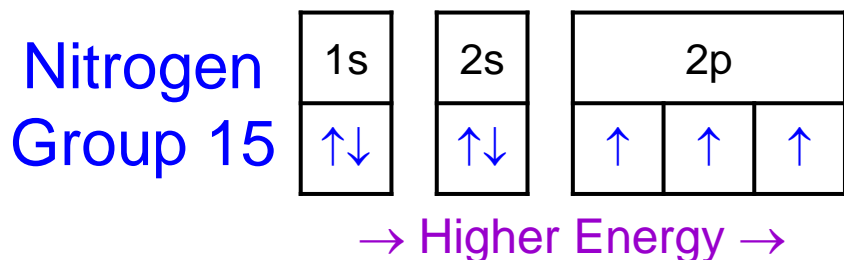
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- First ionization energy *decreases* slightly between *Group 2* and *Group 13* elements.
  - Moving from Group 2 to Group 13, the additional electron enters a *p*-orbital of the same principle quantum shell.
  - An electron in a *p*-orbital is *higher in energy* than an electron in the *s*-orbital of the same principle quantum shell.
- Consequently, *less energy* is required to remove the *p*-orbital electron (ionization) compared to an electron in the corresponding *s*-orbital, and first ionization energy *decreases* slightly between Group 2 and Group 13.

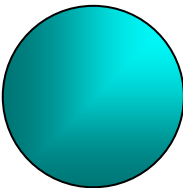
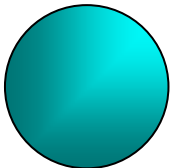
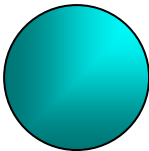
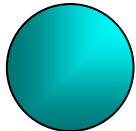
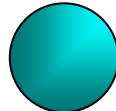




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- First ionization energy *decreases* slightly between *Group 15* and *Group 16* elements.
- Moving from Group 15 to Group 16, the additional electron must spin pair with an existing electron in one of the atom's *p*-orbitals.
- An *electrostatic force of repulsion* between the two spin paired electrons that share the same *p*-orbital means that *less energy* is required to remove (ionization) an electron from the *p*-orbital, and first ionization energy *decreases* slightly between Group 15 and Group 16.

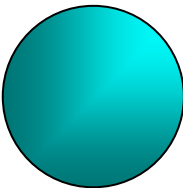
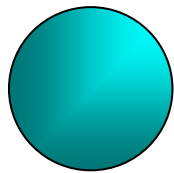
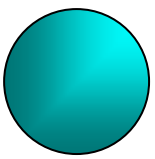
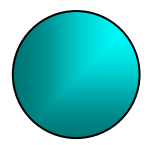
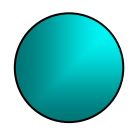




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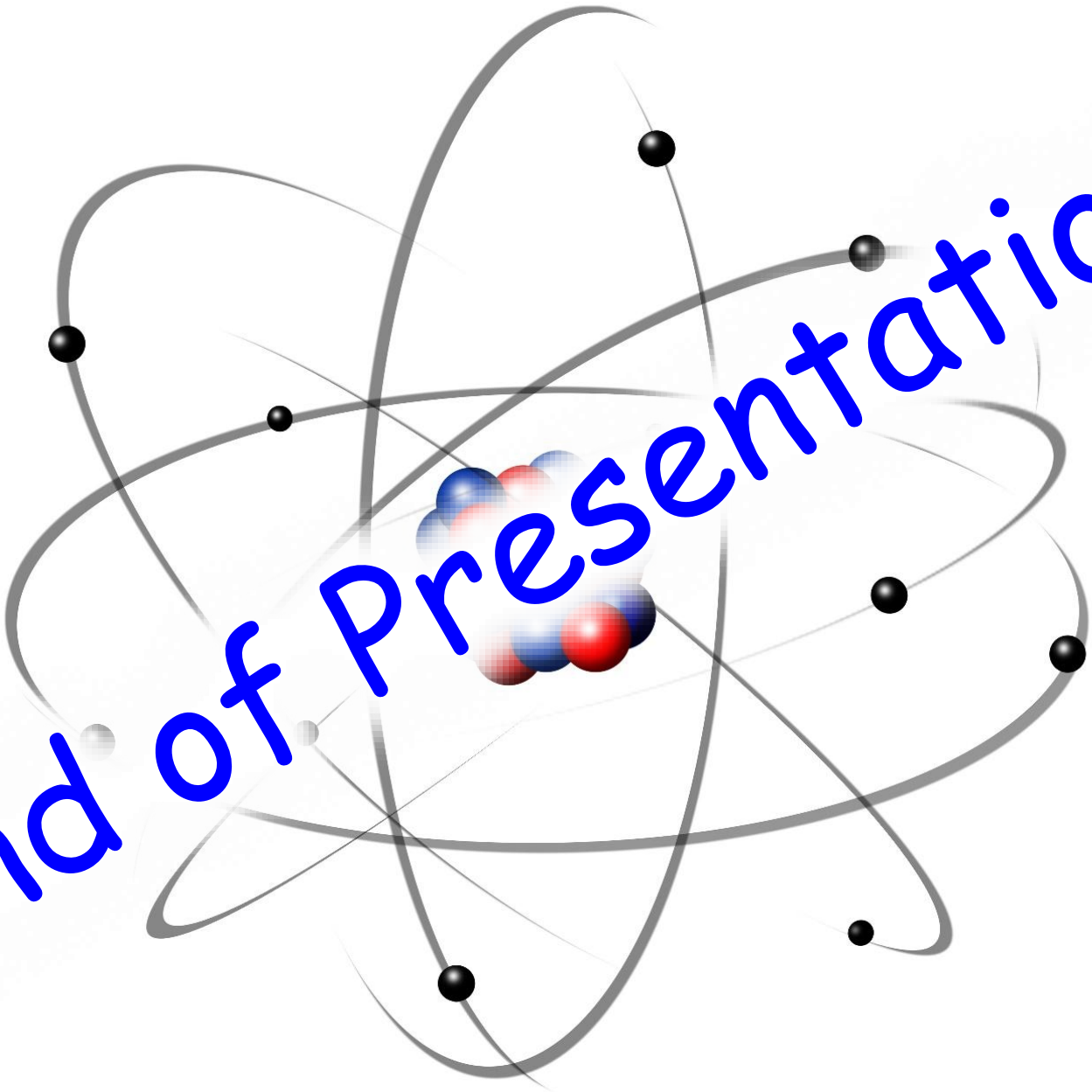
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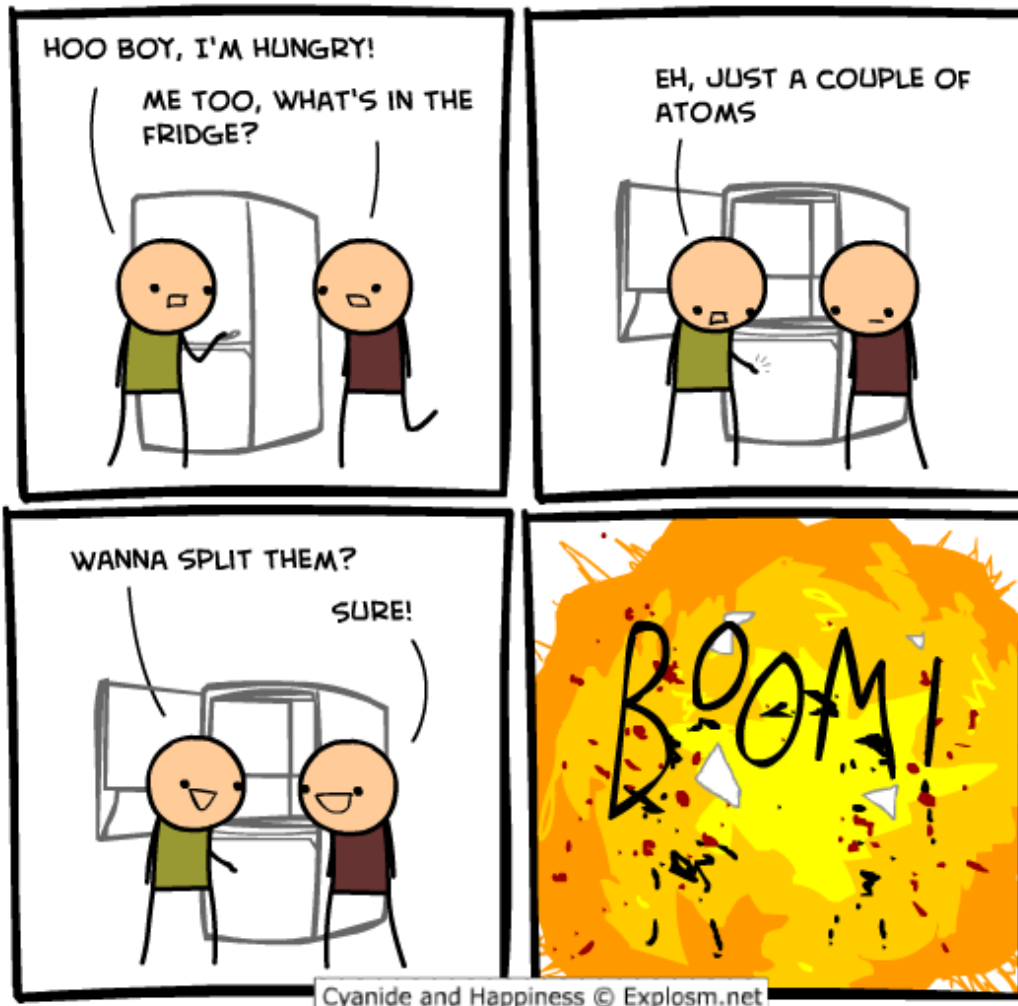
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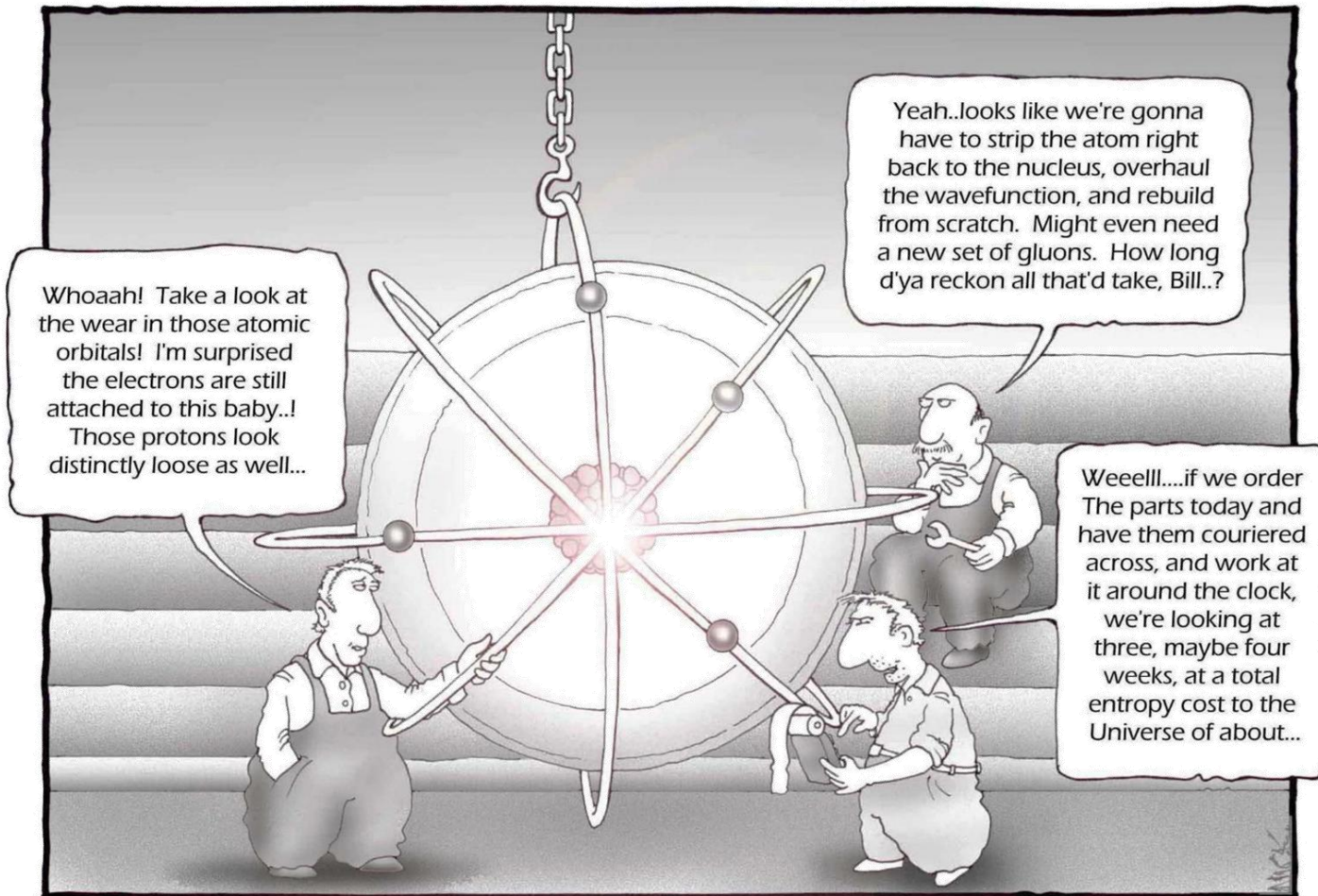
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