

### Atoms' electron configurations and the periodic law of elements

Periodic Table of Elements

Chemical properties of elements change periodically according to the charge of their nuclei

Element	Charge of the nuclei	Outer shell
Н	1	1s <sup>1</sup>
Li	3	2s <sup>1</sup>
Na	11	3s <sup>1</sup>
К	19	4s <sup>1</sup>
Rb	37	5s <sup>1</sup>
Cs	55	6s <sup>1</sup>
Fr	87	7s <sup>1</sup>

### These elements have similar chemical properties:

Valence 1

Electron donors  $\rightarrow$  reducers

Na  $(1s^{1}2s^{2}2p^{6}3s^{1})$ -1 electron = Na<sup>+</sup>  $(1s^{1}2s^{2}2p^{6})$  Ne electron configuration)



Oxidation state - I

Valence shell	s <sup>1</sup>	s <sup>2</sup>	s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>1</sup>	s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>2</sup>	s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>3</sup>	s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>4</sup>	s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>5</sup>	s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>6</sup>					
Groups	Ι	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII					
Electrons Element Atomic number	1s <sup>1</sup>	1s <sup>2</sup>	There	Не									
	н	He		should be here?									
	1	2											
Electrons	2s <sup>1</sup>	2s <sup>2</sup>	$2s^2p^1$	$2s^2p^2$	$2s^2p^3$	$2s^2p^4$	2s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>5</sup>	2s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>6</sup>					
Element Atomic number	Li	Be	В	С	Ν	о	F	Ne					
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Electrons Element Atomic	3s <sup>1</sup>	3s <sup>2</sup>	$3s^2p^1$	$3s^2p^2$	$3s^2p^3$	$3s^2p^4$	3s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>5</sup>	3s <sup>2</sup> p <sup>6</sup>					
	Na	Mg	Al	Si	Р	S	Cl	Ar					
number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18					
Electrons	4s <sup>1</sup>	4s <sup>2</sup>	And so on										
Element Atomic	К	Ca	But we need to put electrons on the inner 3d orbital first										
number	19	20											

#### The outer shells of elements have repeated configurations and the elements have repeated properties



In any column (group), all the atoms have the same outer electron configuration. In any line the properties of elements are changing as electrons fill the outer shell.

# Each period starts with the active (alkali) metal and ends with an inert gas.

The group number corresponds to the number of valent electrons that can participate in the formation of chemical bonds.



After those ten, we can resume putting electrons in the fourth shell, until all the 4s and 4p orbitals are full at element <u>36, krypton, Kr</u>

1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 4s, 3d, 4p, 5s, 4d, 5p, 6s, 4f, 5d, 6p, 7s, 5f, 6d, ...



The fifth row fills up in exactly the same way as the fourth: first the outers, then inner d, then the outer p.



The elements that are "flat on the slide" are called <u>main-group elements</u>. Those in the loops are called <u>transition metals</u>. The sixth row has a loop within a loop, as 4f orbitals will before 5d. As there are 7 4f orbitals, this look has 14 elements. It is called <u>lanthanide series</u>, after its first element, lanthanum.

1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 4s, 3d, 4p, 5s, 4d, 5p, 6s, 4f, 5d, 6p, 7s, 5f, 6d, ...





## **The Outermost Electrons**

MOVING LEFT TO RIGHT ALONG A ROW OF MAIN-GROUP ELEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF OUTER ELEC-TRONS GOES UP STEADILY. GROUP 1 ELEMENTS ALL HAVE ONE OUTER ELECTRON, GROUP 2 ELEMENTS HAVE TWO, ETC., UNTIL THE LAST GROUP, WHICH ALL HAVE EIGHT. TRANSITION METALS HAVE EITHER ONE OR TWO OUTER ELECTRONS.\*

NUMBER OF OUTER-SHELL ELECTRONS



Group ↓Perio		2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 H																		2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be												5 B	6 C	7 N	8 0	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg												13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc		22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y		40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	*	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	*	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
				*	58 Ca	59 Dr	60	61 Dra	62	63	64	65	66 Du	67	68 57	69 Tre	70 Vb	71	
				*	Ce 90 Th	Pr 91 Pa	Nd 92 U	Pm 93 Np	Sm 94 Pu	Eu 95 Am	Gd 96 Cm	Tb 97 Bk	Dy 98 Cf	Ho 99 Es	Er 100 Fm	Tm 101 Md	Yb 102 No	Lu 103 Lr	

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Going along a row from left to right, atoms get smaller, and moving down a column, they get bigger.

Moving to the right, the bigger charge of the nucleus pulls electrons closer in.

Going down a column, the outer electrons are in higher shells, hence farther away from the nucleus.

