

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING MATERIALS

Atomic Structure

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Chapter Description

- Learning Objectives
 - Describe the nature and structure of an atom
 - Define atomic mass and atomic number of elements
 - Describe orbital and electron valence theory
 - Describe the trends of elements' physical and chemical properties in periodic table



Why we need to study atomic structure

- Atom is the fundamental building block of matter
- Help us to visualize the anatomy of atom, its interaction and behaviour (can predict the properties of matter/materials)



Atomic Structure: The Bohr Model

Atomic number:

The number of electrons or protons

Orbital electrons:

$n = \text{principal quantum number}$

Example: Iron

26 electron=26 protons

Nucleus:

$Z + N = \# \text{ protons} + \# \text{ neutrons}$

Atomic mass: $A \approx Z + N$

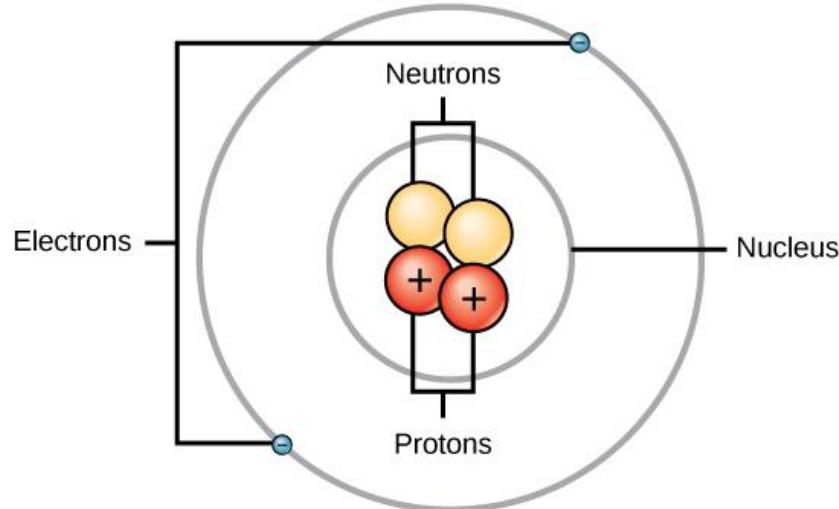
Atomic weight:

Dimensionless physical quantity. Corresponds to the ratio of the average mass of atoms of an element to 1/12 of the mass of an atom of carbon from a given source.

Example: Iron 55.85 g/mol

Electron?

Avogadro's Number = $6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol}$



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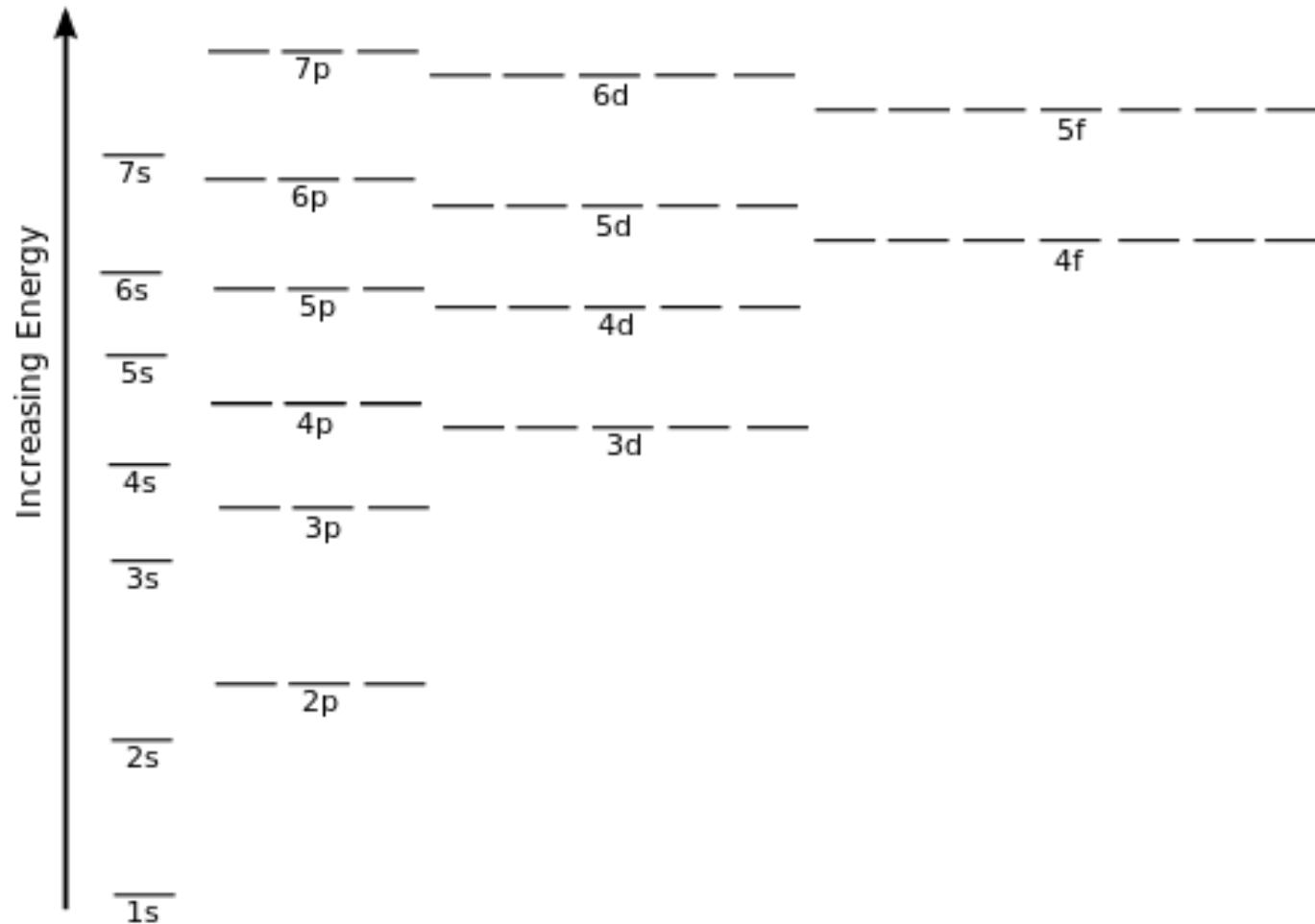


Atomic Structure: Valence Electrons

- Atoms with filled shells is more stable
- Valence electrons: Unfilled shells
- Valence electrons are readily available for atomic bonding –tend to control the chemical properties of elements.
 - example: Carbon (atomic number = 6) has 4 electron valence.
 - Electron configuration of Carbon:
 - $1s^2$ $2s^2$ $2p^2$



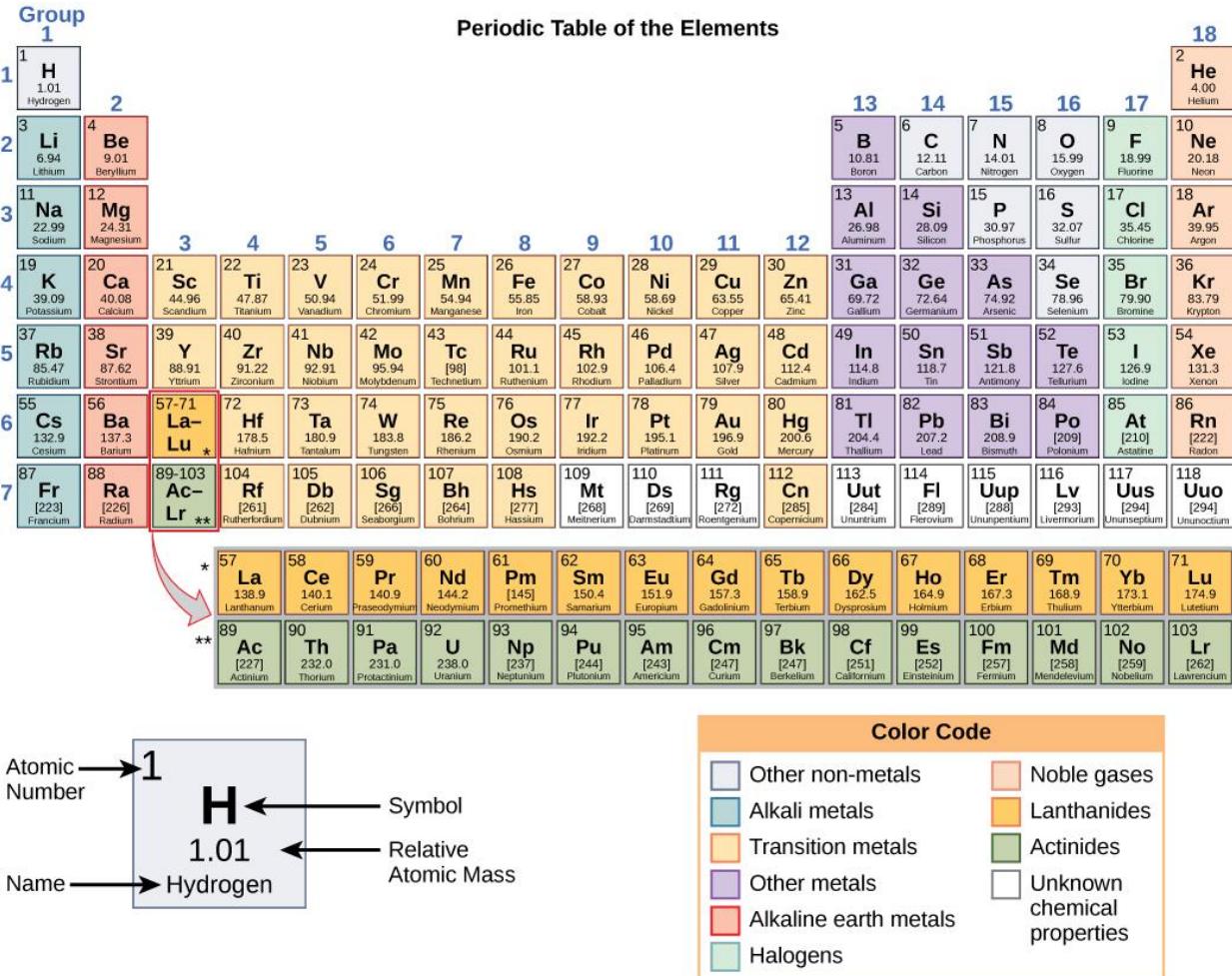
Atomic Structure: Orbital Energy Level



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Atomic Structure: Periodic Table

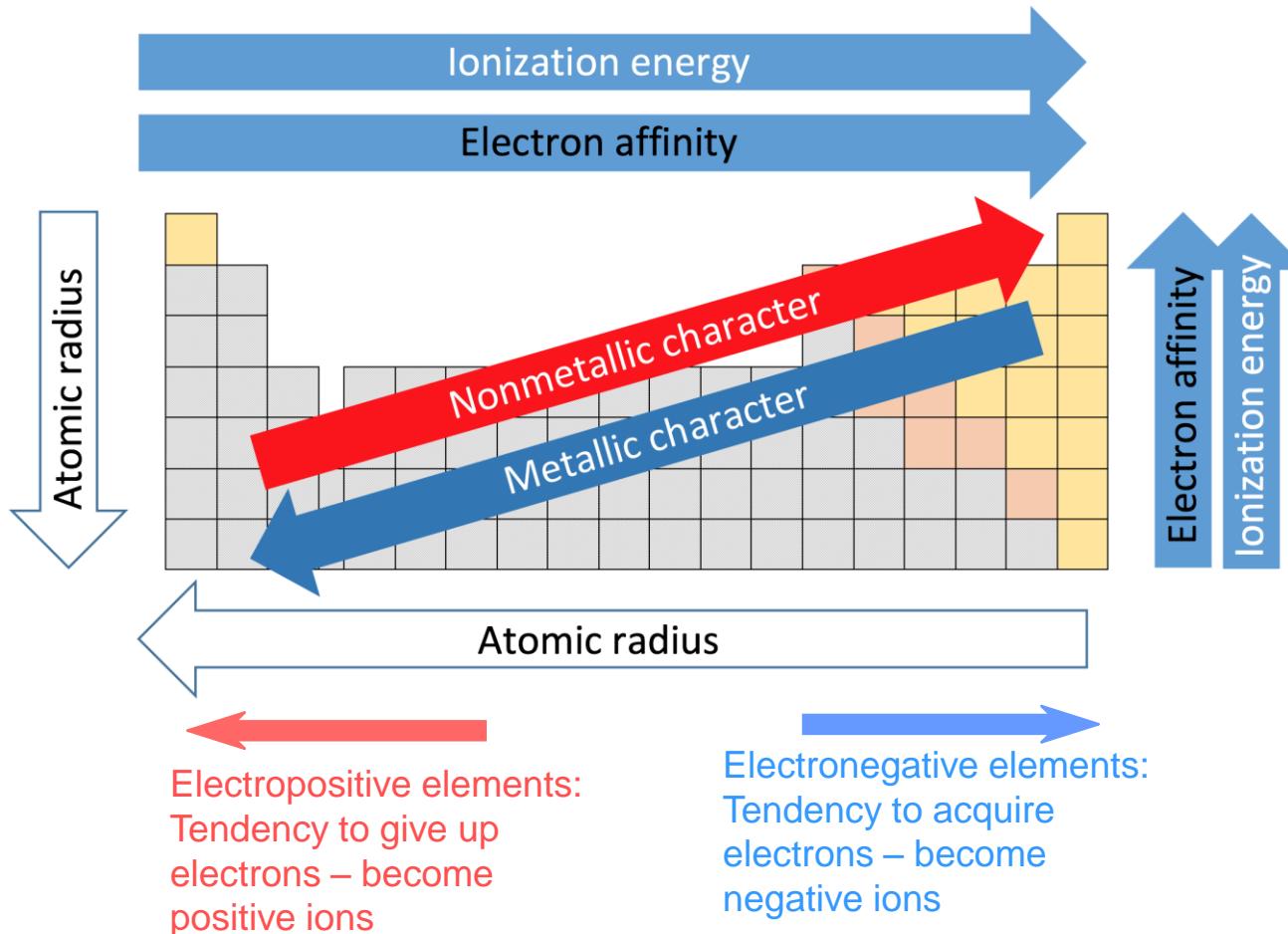


- All Elements are positioned according to its electron configuration
- Basic important information that can be obtained from periodic table:
 - Atomic Number
 - Atomic Mass

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Atomic Structure: Periodic Table



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Conclusion of The Chapter

- Atoms are comprised of three particle
 - Proton
 - Neutron
 - Electron
- Nucleus of atom contains proton and neutron
- Negatively charged electron orbit the nucleus of atom
- The atomic number: the number of proton
- The mass number: sum of protons and neutrons



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