

# Atoms, Elements, and the Building Blocks of Matter

6 C 12.0	1: atomic number (number of protons, electrons in neutral element) 2: symbol for element 3: molar mass (number of protons + neutrons)
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isotopes: atoms of an element with different numbers of neutrons

Periodic Table Groups:  
 group 1 alkali metals  
 group 2 alkaline earth metals  
 group 3-12 transition metals  
 group 17 halogens  
 group 18 noble gases

## Moles & Molecules

$$1 \text{ mol} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules}$$

$$\text{molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{liters of solution}}$$

## Some Types of Problems

percent composition multiply number of atoms in compound by their atomic mass, divide by total atomic mass  
 empirical & molecular formulas assume 100g sample, use atomic mass to convert to moles, compare mole ratio  
 ↳ empirical = "reduced" form

## Coulomb's Law

$$E = \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

E = energy  
 k = Coulomb's constant  
 q<sub>1</sub> = magnitude of nucleus charge  
 q<sub>2</sub> = magnitude of electron charge  
 r = distance between charges

## Energy & Electromagnetic Radiation

when atoms absorb electromagnetic radiation, they jump to higher energy levels.



$$E = h\nu \quad E = \text{energy change (J)}$$

$$h = \text{Planck's constant } (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})$$

$$\nu = \text{frequency (s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

## Frequency & Wavelength

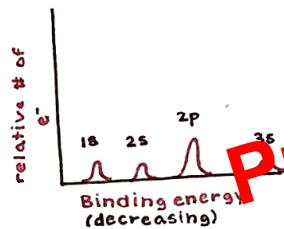
$$c = \lambda\nu$$

c = speed of light  
 λ = wavelength (m)  
 ν = frequency (s<sup>-1</sup>)

speed of light:  $2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

## Photoelectron Spectroscopy

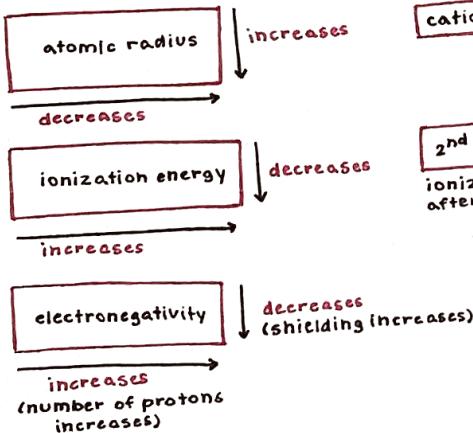
incoming radiation energy = binding energy + kinetic energy (of ejected electron)



### Configuration Rules:

Aufbau principle: electrons are added to orbitals/shells in order of increasing energy  
 Pauli exclusion principle: paired electrons in the same orbital cannot have the same spin  
 Hund's rule: when electrons are added to a subshell, they occupy an empty orbital if possible  
 - magnetic - at least 1 unpaired electron - attracted to magnets  
 - non-magnetic - no unpaired electrons

## Periodic Trends



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2<sup>nd</sup> IE > 1<sup>st</sup> IE  
 ionization energy makes a big jump after a shell is empty

## Explanations for Periodic Trends

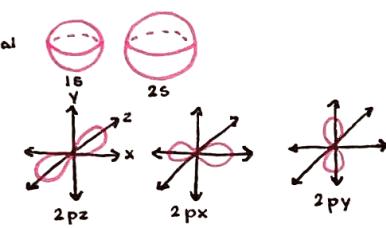
Coulomb's law: electrons are attracted to the protons in the nucleus  
 the closer an electron is to the nucleus, the more strongly it is attracted  
 the more protons in the nucleus, the more strongly electrons are attracted  
 electrons are repelled by other electrons  
 "shielding" - valence electrons repelled by inner e<sup>-</sup>  
 atoms will add or subtract valence electrons to complete shells, if possible

## Orbital Shapes

s-orbital: spherical



p-orbital: dumbbell



d-orbital: 4 daisy-shape  
 1 axial-shape

