### The Periodic Table and Atomic Properties

- The periodic table originally came from the observation that when the elements are arranged by atomic mass, properties recur periodically. (Mendeleev)
- Now we understand the periodic table in terms of atomic number and electronic structure.
- We will look at the properties of elements from this viewpoint.

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### Metals and Nonmetals

- Metals have the properties:
  - Good conductors of heat and electricity
  - Malleable and ductile
  - High melting points
- Non-metals have the properties:
  - Poor conductors of heat and electricity
  - Brittle
  - Low melting points (some are even gases at room temperature)

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- These have 1 or 2 electrons more than a Noble gas
  - They can lose these electrons (through reaction for example) to produce very stable ions
  - Aluminum (Group 13) will actually lose 3 electrons to achieve the stable ion

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### Sizes of Atoms and Ions

• Definitions

- Covalent radius

- Half the distance between identical atoms in a covalent compound
- Ionic radius
  - Determined from separation between ions joined by ionic bonds
- Metallic Radius
  - Half the distance between metal atoms in crystalline solid

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# Sizes of Atoms and Ions Across a period The nuclear charge and the number of electrons increase while the *n* stays the same. Across a period the electrons go into the outer orbitals. The amount of screening is about the same, so successive electrons see higher effective nuclear charges so the radius decreases across a period.

### Sizes of Atoms and Ions

- Across a period (ctd)
  - The nuclear charge and the number of electrons increase while the *n* stays the same.
    - For transition metals the electrons are going into an INNER shell so the screening is more pronounced. The number of outer shell electrons stays the same. The increase in the nuclear charge is balanced by the increased screening. The outer electrons see the same effective nuclear charge. Since the size is determined by the outer electrons the radius remains similar across a transition metal series

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## Ionization Energy

- The ionization energy (IE) is the energy required to remove an electron to make an ion (+).
  - The further an electron is from the nucleus the lower the energy needed to completely remove it. Ionization energies decrease as ionic radii increase

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# Ionization Energy

- The ionization energy (IE) is the energy required to remove an electron to make an ion (+).
  - There are  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  ionization energies to remove successive electrons. Since the ion is smaller than the atom and there is a net charge, the successive IEs are higher

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\begin{array}{ll} Mg(g) \to Mg^+(g) + e^- & I_1 = 738 \ kJ \ mol^{-1} \\ Mg^+(g) \to Mg^{2+}(g) + e^- & I_2 = 1451 \ kJ \ mol^{-1} \end{array}
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# Electron Affinity The electron affinity (EA) is the energy change when an atom gains an electron to make an ion (-).

 $F(g) + e^- \rightarrow F^-(g)$  EA = -328 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

- The atom releases energy when it gains the electronAtoms that have high EA are those where adding an electron stabilize a shell
  - Group 17 elements gain an electron to fill the shell
  - Group 1 elements gain an electron to fill the "s" orbital

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# Magnetic Properties

- An atom will only respond significantly to a magnetic field if it has a magnetic field itself.
   This means it must have an unpaired electron (or more)
- In a diamagnetic atom all electrons are paired and it is weakly repelled by a magnetic field e.g. Mg
- A paramagnetic atom has unpaired electron(s) and it is attracted by a magnetic field e.g. Na

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