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9.5 The Quantum-Mechanical Model of the Atom

- Erwin Schrödinger
- Wave, particle, probability, quantized energy = Quantum mechanics model



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The Quantum-Mechanical Model Orbitals

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Not orbits!

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Filling the Orbitals in a Subshell with Electrons

- · energy shells fill from lowest energy to high
- subshells fill from lowest energy to high $\checkmark s \rightarrow p \rightarrow d \rightarrow f$
- orbitals that are in the same subshell have the same energy

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Electron Configuration of Atoms in their Ground State

• the electron configuration is a listing of the subshells in order of filling with the number of electrons in that subshell written as a superscript

 $Kr = 36 \text{ electrons} = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6$

• a shorthand way of writing an electron configuration is to use the symbol of the previous noble gas in [] to represent all the inner electrons, then just write the last set

 $Rb = 37 \text{ electrons} = 1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^64s^23d^{10}4p^65s^1 = [Kr]5s^1$

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Example – Write the Ground State Orbital Diagram and Electron Configuration of Magnesium.

- 1. Determine the atomic number of the element from the Periodic Table
 - \checkmark This gives the number of protons and electrons in the atom

Mg Z = 12, so Mg has 12 protons and 12 electrons

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Electron Configurations from the Periodic Table

- elements in the same period (row) have valence electrons in the same principal energy shell
- the number of valence electrons increases by one as you progress across the period
- elements in the same group (column) have the same number of valence electrons and they are in the same kind of subshell

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Electron Configuration & the Periodic Table

- elements in the same column have similar chemical and physical properties because their valence shell electron configuration is the same
- the number of valence electrons for the main group elements is the same as the group number

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Electron Configuration from the Periodic Table

- the inner electron configuration is the same as the noble gas of the preceding period
- to get the outer electron configuration, from the preceding noble gas, loop through the next period, marking the subshells as you go, until you reach the element
 - \checkmark the valence energy shell = the period number
 - ✓ the *d* block is always one energy shell below the period number and the *f* is two energy shells below

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The Explanatory Power of the Quantum-Mechanical Model

- the properties of the elements are largely determined by the number of valence electrons they contain
- · since elements in the same column have the same number of valence electrons, they show similar properties





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Everyone Wants to Be Like a Noble Gas! Halogens 17 The Halogens 7A • the electron configurations of the 9 halogens all have one fewer electron than F $2s^22p^5$

17 Cl 3s²3p⁵

35 $\frac{\text{Br}}{4s^24p^5}$

53 I 5s²5p⁵

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At 6s²6p⁵

- the next noble gas in their reactions with metals, the halogens tend to gain an electron and attain the electron configuration of the
 - next noble gas ✓ forming an anion with charge 1-
- in their reactions with nonmetals they tend to share electrons with the other nonmetal so that each attains the electron configuration of a noble gas

Everyone Wants to Be Like a Noble Gas!

· as a group, the alkali metals are the most reactive metals

✓ they react with many things and do so rapidly

- · the halogens are the most reactive group of nonmetals
- one reason for their high reactivity is the fact that they are only one electron away from having a very stable electron configuration

 \checkmark the same as a noble gas

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Stable Electron Configuration And Ion Charge

· Metals form cations by losing enough electrons to get the same electron configuration as the previous noble gas

Nonmetals form anions by gaining enough electrons to get the same electron configuration as the next noble gas



Periodic Trends in the Properties of the Elements

Trends in Atomic Size

- either volume or radius ✓ treat atom as a hard marble
- Increases down a group
 ✓valence shell farther from nucleus
 ✓ effective nuclear charge fairly close
- Decreases across a period (left to right) ✓ adding electrons to same valence shell ✓ effective nuclear charge increases ✓ valence shell held closer

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