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## Classification of Elements

With the discovery of a large number of elements, it became difficult to study the elements individually, so classification of elements was done to make the study easier.

## Earlier Attempts to Classify Elements

Many attempts were made to classify the known elements from time to time. The earlier attempts are as follows:

### Prout's Hypothesis (1815)

According to this theory, hydrogen atom was considered as the fundamental unit from which all other atoms were made. It is also known as unitary theory.

### Dobereiner's Triads (1829)

Dobereiner classified the elements into groups of three elements with similar properties in such a manner so that the atomic weight of the middle element was the arithmetic mean of the other two, e.g.,

Element	Li	NA	K
Atomic weight	7	23	39

$$\text{Mean of atomic masses} = (7 + 39) / 2 = 23$$

Similarly Cl, Br, I; Ca, Sr, Ba are two more examples of such triads.

**Limitations** Dobereiner could not arrange all the elements known at that time into triads. He could identify only three such triads that have been mentioned.

### Newland's Octaves (1864) (Law of Octaves)

Newland states that when elements are arranged in order of increasing atomic masses, every eighth element has properties similar to the first just like in the musical note [Every eighth musical note is the same as the first mentioned note]. This can be illustrated as given below

sa	re	ga	ma	pa	dha	ni
Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl

### Limitations

1. This classification was successful up to the element calcium.
2. When noble gas elements were discovered at a later stage, their inclusion in these octaves disturbed the entire arrangement.

### Lothar Meyer's Atomic Volume Curve (1869)

Meyer presented the classification of elements in the form of a curve between atomic volume and atomic masses and state that the properties of the elements are the periodic functions of their atomic volumes.

[Here, atomic volume = molecular mass / density]

He concluded that the elements with similar properties occupy similar position in the curve.

### **Mendeleef's Periodic Table**

Mendeleef's Periodic Table is based upon Mendeleef's periodic law which states 'The physical and chemical properties of the elements are a periodic function of their atomic masses.'

At the time of Mendeleef, only 63 elements were known.

This Periodic Table is divided into seven horizontal rows (periods) and eight vertical columns (groups). Zero group was added later on in the modified Mendeleef's Periodic Table.

### **Importance of Mendeleef's Periodic Table**

Few important achievements of Periodic Table are

- 1 Systematic study of the elements.
2. Prediction of new elements and their properties. he left space for the elements yet to be discovered. e.g., he left spaces for Ga and Ge and named these elements as **ERa-aluminium (Ga) and EKa-silicon (Ge)** respectively
3. Atomic mass correction of doubtful elements on the basis of their expected positions and properties.

### **Modified Form of Mendeleef's Periodic Table**

Group →	I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		Zero					
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B			Zero					
1	H 1.008																He 4.003					
2	Li 6.94		Be 9.01		B 10.82		C 12.01		N 14.008		O 16		F 19				Ne 20.183					
3	Na 22.99		Mg 24.32		Al 26.98		Si 28.09		P 30.975		S 32.06		Cl 35.46				Ar 39.944					
4	K 39.10		Ca 40.08		Sc 44.96		Ti 47.90		V 50.95		Cr 52.01		Mn 54.94		Fe 55.85		Co 58.94		Ni 58.69		Kr 83.80	
	Cu 63.54		Zn 65.38		Ga 69.72		Ge 72.60		As 74.91		Se 78.96		Br 79.91									
5	Rb 85.48		Sr 87.63		Y 88.92		Zr 91.22		Nb 92.91		Mo 95.95		Tc 99		Ru 101.1		Rh 102.91		Pd 106.7		Xe 131.3	
	Ag 107.88		Cd 112.41		In 114.76		Sn 118.70		Sb 121.76		Te 127.61		I 126.9									
6	Cs 132.91		Ba 137.36		La 138.92		Hf 178.6		Ta 180.92		W 183.92		Re 186.31		Os 190.2		Ir 192.2		Pt 195.23		Rn 222	
	Au 197.0		Hg 200.61		Tl 204.39		Pb 207.21		Bi 209		Po 210		At (210)									
7	Fr 223		Ra 226.05		Ac 227																	

### Defects in the Mendeleef's Periodic Table

- Position of hydrogen** Hydrogen has been placed in group IA (alkali metals). but it also resembles with halogens of group VIIA. Thus, its position in the Mendeleef's Periodic Table is controversial.
- Position of isotopes** As Mendeleef's classification is based on atomic weight, Isotopes would have to be placed in different positions due to their different atomic weights, e.g.,  $^1\text{H}$   $^2\text{H}$   $^3\text{H}$  would occupy different positions.
- Anomalous positions of some elements** Without any proper justification, in some cases the element with higher atomic mass precedes the element with lower atomic mass. For example, Al (atomic weight = 39.9) precedes K (atomic weight = 39.1) and similarly Co (atomic weight = 58.9) has been placed ahead of Ni (atomic weight = 58.7).
- Position of Lanthanoids and actinoids** Lanthanoids and actinoids were not placed in the main Periodic Table.

### Modern Periodic Table (1913)

Moseley modified Mendeleef's periodic law. He stated "Physical and chemical properties of elements are the periodic function of their atomic numbers." It is known as modern periodic law and considered as the basis of Modern Periodic Table.

When the elements were arranged in increasing order of atomic numbers, it was observed that the properties of elements were repeated after certain regular intervals 01, 2, 8, 8, 18, 18 and 32. These numbers are called magic numbers and cause of periodicity in properties due to repetition of similar electronic configuration.

### Structural Features of Long Form of Periodic Table

1. Long form of Periodic Table is called Bohr's Periodic Table. There are 18 groups and seven periods in this Periodic Table

2. The horizontal rows are called **periods**.

- **First period** ( ${}_1\text{H} - {}_2\text{He}$ ) contains 2 elements. It is the shortest period
- **Second period** ( ${}_3\text{Li} - {}_{10}\text{Ne}$ ) and **third period** ( ${}_{11}\text{Na} - {}_{18}\text{Ar}$ ) contain 8 elements each. These are short periods.
- **Fourth period** ( ${}_{19}\text{K} - {}_{36}\text{Kr}$ ) and **fifth period** ( ${}_{37}\text{Rb} - {}_{54}\text{Xe}$ ) contain 18 elements each. These are long periods.
- **Sixth period** ( ${}_{55}\text{Cs} - {}_{86}\text{Rn}$ ) consists of 32 elements and is the longest period.
- **Seventh period** starting with  ${}_{87}\text{Fr}$  is incomplete and consists of 19 elements.

3. The 18 vertical columns are known as groups.

- Elements of group 1 are called alkali metals.
- Elements of group 2 are called alkaline earth metals.
- Elements of group 16 are called chalcogens [ore forming elements].
- Elements of group 17 are called halogens. [salt forming]
- Elements of group 18 are called noble gases.

**Anomalous behaviour of the first element of a group.** The first element of a group differs considerably from its congeners (i.e., the rest of the elements of its group).

This is due to (i) small size (ii) high electronegativity and (iii) non availability of d-orbitals for bonding.

Anomalous behaviour is observed among the second row elements (i.e., Li to F).

4. The Periodic Table is divided into four main blocks (s, p, d and f depending upon the subshell to which the valence electron enters into).

(a) **s-block elements** 1st and 2nd group elements belong to this block and the last electron enters in s-subshell.

General electronic configuration is  $ns^{1-2}$

(b) **p-block elements** Group 13th to 18th belong to this block in which last electron enters in p-orbital.

General electronic configuration is  $ns^2 np^{1-6}$

This is the only block which contains metal, non-metal and metalloids. Examples of metalloids are B, Si, Ge, As, Sb, Te and At.

The elements of s- and p-block elements are collectively called representative elements.

(c) **d-block elements** Group 3rd to 10th belong to this block, in which last electron enters in d-orbit.

They have inner incomplete shell. so known as transition elements.

General electronic configuration is  $ns^{1-2} (n-1)d^{1-10}$

d-block elements are generally coloured, paramagnetic and exhibit variable valency.

(d) **f-block elements** They constitute two series 4f (lanthanoids) and 5f (actinides) in which last electron is in 4f and 5f subshell respectively.

General electronic configuration

$(n-2)f^{1-14}(n-1)d^{0-1}ns^2$

The f-block elements are also called as **inner-transition elements**.

(Elements with atomic number greater than 92 ( $\text{U}^{92}$ ) are called the transuranium elements. All these elements are man-made through artificial nuclear reactions.

Very recently, on August 16, 2003, IUPAC approved the name for the element of atomic number 110, as Darmstadtium, with symbol Ds].

### Limitations of Long Form of Periodic Table

In the long form of the Periodic Table :

1. The position of hydrogen still remains uncertain.
2. The inner-transition elements do not find a place in the main body of the table. They are placed separately.

### **Predicting the Position of an Element in the Periodic Table**

First of all write the complete electronic configuration. The principle quantum number of the valence shell represents the period of the element.

The subshell in which the last electron is filled corresponds to the block of the element.

Group of the element is predicted from the electrons present in the outermost (n) or penultimate (n - 1) shell as follows:

For s-block elements;

group number = number of ns-electrons

For p-block elements;

group number = 10 + number of ns and np electrons

For d-block elements;

group number = the sum of the number of (n - 1) d

and ns electrons.

For f-block elements; group number is 3.



## Modern Periodic Table

← s-Block Elements → ← d-Block Elements →

Group 1 ← (New notation for long form) → 17 18  
 IA ← As version for modern periodic table. → VIIA 0(zero)

**Key to chart**

STATE: Gas (G), Liquid (L), Solid (S), Not found in nature (X)

Atomic number (Z), Symbol, Name, Atomic mass

Example: Oxygen (8, O, Oxygen, 15.9994)

Period	1	2	d-Block Elements										13	14	15	16	17	18				
1	H Hydrogen 1.008	He Helium 4.003																				
2	Li Lithium 6.941	Be Beryllium 9.0121											B Boron 10.811	C Carbon 12.011	N Nitrogen 14.007	O Oxygen 15.999	F Fluorine 18.998	Ne Neon 20.180				
3	Na Sodium 22.990	Mg Magnesium 24.305											Al Aluminum 26.982	Si Silicon 28.086	P Phosphorus 30.974	S Sulfur 32.065	Cl Chlorine 35.453	Ar Argon 39.948				
4	K Potassium 39.098	Ca Calcium 40.078	Sc Scandium 44.956	Ti Titanium 47.867	V Vanadium 50.942	Cr Chromium 51.996	Mn Manganese 54.938	Fe Iron 55.845	Co Cobalt 58.933	Ni Nickel 58.693	Cu Copper 63.546	Zn Zinc 65.38	Ga Gallium 69.723	Ge Germanium 72.61	As Arsenic 74.922	Se Selenium 78.96	Br Bromine 79.904	Kr Krypton 83.80				
5	Rb Rubidium 85.468	Sr Strontium 87.62	Y Yttrium 88.906	Zr Zirconium 91.224	Nb Niobium 92.906	Mo Molybdenum 95.94	Tc Technetium (98)	Ru Ruthenium 101.07	Rh Rhodium 102.906	Pd Palladium 106.42	Ag Silver 107.868	Cd Cadmium 112.411	In Indium 114.818	Sn Tin 118.710	Sb Antimony 121.757	Te Tellurium 127.60	I Iodine 126.905	Xe Xenon 131.29				
6	Cs Cesium 132.905	Ba Barium 137.327	La Lanthanum 138.905	Hf Hafnium 178.49	Ta Tantalum 180.948	W Tungsten 183.84	Re Rhenium 186.207	Os Osmium 190.23	Ir Iridium 192.225	Pt Platinum 195.078	Au Gold 196.967	Hg Mercury 200.59	Tl Thallium 204.383	Pb Lead 207.2	Bi Bismuth 208.980	Po Polonium (209)	At Astatine (210)	Rn Radon (222)				
7	Fr Francium (223)	Ra Radium (226)	Ac Actinium (227)	Rf Rutherfordium (261)	Db Dubnium (262)	Sg Seaborgium (263)	Bh Bohrium (264)	Hs Hassium (265)	Mt Meitnerium (266)	Ds Darmstadtium (268)	Rg Roentgenium (272)	Uub Ununbium (273)	Uuq Ununquadium (274)	Uuh Ununhexium (276)	Uuo Ununoctium (278)	Uu117 Ununseptium (289)	Uu118 Ununoctium (294)	?				
			f-Block Elements																			
			Ce Cerium 140.116	Pr Praseodymium 140.908	Nd Neodymium 144.24	Pm Promethium (145)	Sm Samarium 150.36	Eu Europium 151.964	Gd Gadolinium 157.25	Tb Terbium 158.925	Dy Dysprosium 162.50	Ho Holmium 164.930	Er Erbium 167.26	Tm Thulium 168.934	Yb Ytterbium 173.04	Lu Lutetium 174.967						
			Th Thorium 232.038	Pa Protactinium 231.036	U Uranium 238.029	Np Neptunium (237)	Pu Plutonium (244)	Am Americium (243)	Cm Curium (247)	Bk Berkelium (247)	Cf Californium (251)	Es Einsteinium (252)	Fm Fermium (257)	Md Mendelevium (258)	No Nobelium (259)	Lr Lawrencium (262)						

Metals  
 Metalloids  
 Non-metals

### IUPAC Nomenclature of Elements With Z > 100

The names are derived directly from the atomic numbers using numerical roots for 0 and numbers from 1-9 and adding the suffix ium.

Digit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Root	nil	un	bi	tri	quad	pent	hex	sept	oct	enn
Abbreviation	n	u	b	t	q	p	h	s	o	e

The IUPAC names and symbols of elements with Z > 100 are

Z	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
IUPAC name	Unnilunium	Unnilbium	Unniltrium	Unnilquadium	Unnilpentium	Unnilhexium	Unnilseptium	Unniloctium	Unnilennium	Ununnilium
Symbol	Unu	Unb	Unt	Unq	Unp	Unh	Uns	Uno	Une	Uun

### Periodic Properties

The properties which are directly or indirectly related to their electronic configuration and show gradual change when we move from left to right in a period or from top to bottom in a group are called periodic properties.

### Atomic Radius

It is the distance from the centre of the nucleus to the outermost shell of electrons. Covalent radius for an atom A in a molecule A<sub>2</sub>

$$r_A = r_A + r_A / 2 = d_{A-A} / 2$$

For heteroatomic molecule AB,

$$d_{A-B} = r_A + r_B + 0.009 (X_A - X_B)$$

where, X<sub>A</sub> and X<sub>B</sub> are electronegativities of A and B.

In general, the atomic size decreases on moving from left to right in a period due to increase in effective nuclear charge and increases on moving from top to bottom in a group due to addition of new shells.

### van der Waals' Radius

It is defined as one-half of the distance between the nuclei of two non-bonded isolated atoms or two adjacent atoms belonging to two neighbouring molecules of an element in the solid state.

### Metallic Radius

It is defined as one-half of the distance between the centres of nuclei of the two adjacent atoms in the metallic crystal.

### Ionic Radius

An atom can be changed to a cation by loss of electrons and to an anion by gain of electrons. A cation is always smaller than the parent atom because during its formation effective nuclear charge increases and sometimes a shell may also decrease. On the other hand, the size of an anion is always larger than the parent atom because during its formation effective nuclear charge decreases.

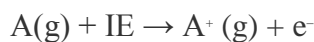
In case of isoelectronic ions, the higher the nuclear charge, smaller is the size. e.g., Al<sup>3+</sup> < Mg<sup>2+</sup> < Na<sup>+</sup> < F<sup>-</sup> < O<sup>2-</sup> < N<sup>3-</sup>

The order of radii is

covalent radius < metallic radius < van der Waals' radius

### Ionisation Enthalpy (IE)

It is the amount of energy required to remove the loosely bound electron from the isolated gaseous atom.



Various factors with which IE varies are :

(i) Atomic size. varies inversely

(ii) Screening effect: varies inversely

(iii) Nuclear charge: varies directly

Generally left to right in periods ionisation enthalpy increases; down the group, it decreases.

IE values of inert gases are exceptionally higher due to stable configuration.

Successive ionisation enthalpies

$$IE_3 > IE_2 > IE_1$$

IE<sub>1</sub> of N is greater than that of oxygen due to stable half – filled 2p-orbitals.

Among transition elements of 3d-series, <sub>24</sub>Cr and <sub>29</sub>Cu have higher IE<sub>2</sub> due to half-filled and fully-filled stable d-orbitals

**Electron Gain Enthalpy** (EGE or  $\Delta H_{eg}$ )

It is the amount of energy released when an electron is added in an isolated gaseous atom. First electron gain enthalpy is negative while the other successive electron gain enthalpy will be positive due to repulsion between the electrons already present in the anion and the electron being added.



Various factors with which electron gain enthalpy varies are :

(i) Atomic size: varies directly

(ii) Nuclear charge: varies directly

Along a period, electron gain enthalpy becomes more and more negative while on moving down the group, it becomes less negative.

Noble gases have positive electron gain enthalpies.

Halogen have maximum value of  $\Delta H_{eg}$  with in a period due to smallest atomic size.

F and O atom have small size and high charge density, therefore have lower electron gain enthalpy, than Cl and S respectively

$$Cl > F; S > O$$

Elements having half-filled and fully-filled orbitals exhibit more stability. therefore, electron gain enthalpy will be low for such elements.

Electron gain enthalpy can be measured by Born-Haber cycle and elements with high  $\Delta H_{eg}$  are good oxidising agent.

**Electronegativity** (EN)

It is defined as the tendency of an atom to attract the shared electron pair towards itself in a covalent bond.

Various factors with which electronegativity varies are :

(i) Atomic size: varies inversely



- (ii) Charge on the ion: varies directly, e.g.,  $\text{Li} < \text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+} < \text{Fe}^{3+}$   
 (iii) Hybridisation : (Electronegativity  $\propto$  s-character in the hybrid orbital)

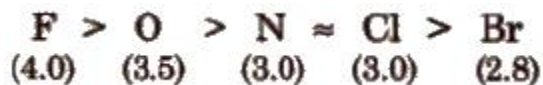
Electronegativity of carbon atom =  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 < \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 < \text{C}_2\text{H}_2$

In periods as we move from left to right electronegativity increases, while in the groups electronegativity decreases down the group.

For noble gases, its value is taken as zero.

Electronegativity helps to predict the polarity of bonds and dipole moment of molecules.

Electronegativity order of some elements (on Pauling scale) is



(i) **Mulliken scale**

Electronegativity ( $x$ ) =  $\text{IE} + \Delta H_{\text{e}} / 2$

(ii) **Pauling scale** The difference in electronegativity of two atoms A and B is given by the relationship

$$x_B - x_A = 0.18 \sqrt{\Delta}$$

where,  $\Delta = E_{\text{A-B}} - \sqrt{E_{\text{A-A}} * E_{\text{B-B}}}$

( $\Delta$  is known as resonance energy.)

$E_{\text{A-B}}$ ,  $E_{\text{A-A}}$  and  $E_{\text{B-B}}$  represent bond dissociation energies of the bonds A – B, A – A and B – B respectively.

(iii) **Allred and Rochow method**

$$\text{Electronegativity} = 0.744 + 0.359 Z_{\text{eff}} / r^2$$

where,  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  is the effective nuclear charge =  $Z - \sigma$

where,  $\sigma$  is screening constant. It's value can be determined by Slater's rule.

### Valency

- It is defined as the combining capacity of the element. The valency of an element is related to the electronic configuration of its atom and usually determined by electrons present in the valence shell,
- On moving along a period from left to right, valency increases from 1 to 4 and then decreases to zero (for noble gases) while on moving down a group the valency remains the same.
- Transition metals exhibit variable valency because they can use electron (from outer as well as penultimate shell).

### Chemical Reactivity

- Reactivity of metal increases with decrease in IE, electronegativity and increase in atomic size as well as electropositive character.
- Reactivity of non-metals increases with increase in electronegativity as well as electron gain enthalpy and decrease in atomic radii.

### Melting and Boiling Points

- On moving down the group, the melting point and boiling point for metallic elements go on decreasing due to the decreasing forces of attraction. However, for non-metals, melting point and boiling point generally increase down the group.

[Along a period from left to right, melting point and boiling point increases and reaches a maximum value in the middle of the period and then start decreasing]

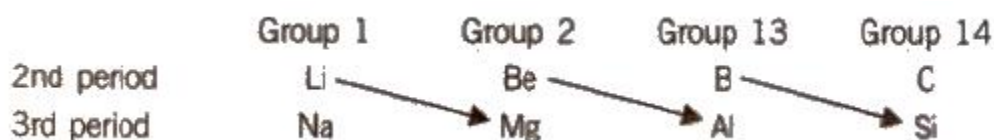
- Tungsten (W) has highest m.p. (3683K) among metals, carbon (diamond) has the highest m.p, (4000 K) among non-metals.
- Li metal has minimum density while iridium (Ir) metal has maximum density.

### Electropositivity or Metallic Character

- The tendency of an atom of the element to lose valence electrons and form positive ion is called electropositivity.
- Greater the electropositive character, greater is the metallic character.
- Electropositive character decreases on moving across the period and increases on moving down the group.
- Alkali metals are the most electropositive and halogens are the least electropositive element in their respective period.
- Basic nature of oxides of metallic character, i.e., it also decreases along a period and increases down the group.

### Diagonal Relationship

Certain elements of 2nd period show similarity in properties with their diagonal elements in the 3rd period as shown below :



Thus, Li resembles Mg, Be resembles Al and B resembles Si. This is called diagonal relationship and is due to the reason that these pairs of elements have almost identical ionic radii and polarizing power (i.e., charge/size ratio). Elements of third period, i.e., Mg, Al and Si are known as bridge elements.

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