

Atomic Structure Notes

Basics

A $A = \text{Mass Number}$
 Z $X \rightarrow X = \text{element symbol}$
 Z $Z = \text{Proton Number}$

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Mass No: Total number of neutrons and protons

Proton No: Total number of protons in an atom

Isotope: An atom with a different number of neutrons than an atom of the same element, but same proton + electron number. Diff physical but same chemical properties

Isotopes

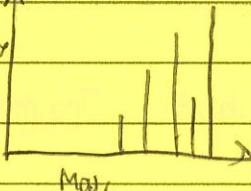
- Different physical properties (e.g. mass/density / rate of diffusion) because isotopes vary in mass
- Same chemical properties because electrons define chemical properties
- ⇒ Calculating Relative Atomic Mass

e.g. 1) Rb has 72.1% of Rb-85 and 27.9% of Rb-87. Find the RAM of Rb

$$72.1\% (85) + 27.9\% (87) = \underline{\underline{85.5}}$$

e.g. 2) 100

% intensity



1) add up all % intensities

2) Divide sum of masses by total intensity

3) Divide each mass by its intensity

Uses of Radioisotopes

- 1) Carbon Dating → C-14 is in organic matter, number of C-14 atoms present is related to half life of C-14 will provide the age of the matter
- 2) Treating Cancer → Co-60 produces gamma rays. Can cause mutations and deaths of healthy cells
- 3) Tracing → I-125 is used to test thyroid activity. I-131 kills thyroid tissue

Mass Spectrometry

- a tool that allows chemists to compare the masses of 2 different particles and measure the abundance of the particles

Electron shells

- As you go up shells, energy increases, as the shells converge
- Electrons in a shell = $2n^2$
- Applying heat/electricity/light to an electron causes it to jump up to a higher shell of higher energy. After energy is lost, the electron moves down to its ground state (original shell), releasing energy as an electromagnetic wave (photon)

gap between shells non-existent
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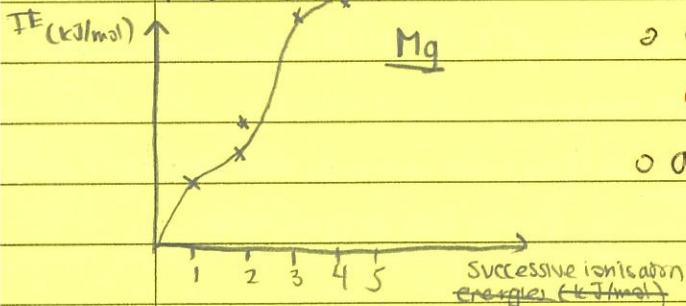
- If enough energy is applied, the electron goes to N_{∞} (out of atom), ionising the atom in the process

First Ionisation Energy: Energy needed to remove 1 mole of electrons from a mole of an atom in gaseous state.

Factors affecting FIE

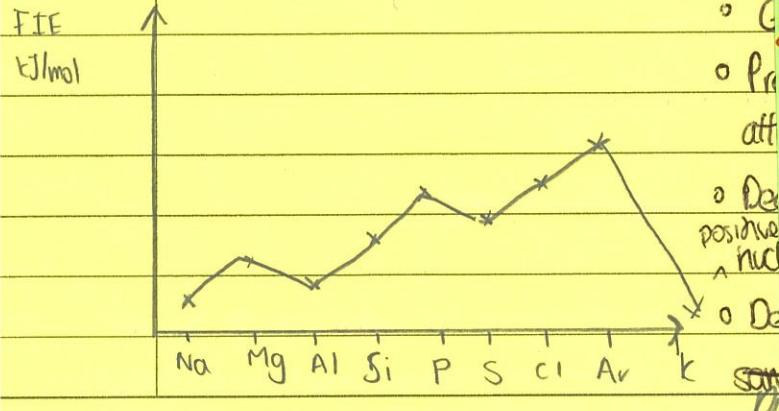
- Number of protons \rightarrow ↑ proton no., ↑ FIE because stronger forces of attraction hold the electron to be lost in place, hence more energy must be used to break the force of attraction holding the electron in place
- Distance from Nucleus, ↓ ionic radius, ↑ FIE, less dist from area of positive charge density (nucleus), hence forces of attraction increase, \therefore ↑ FIE
- Shell that valence electron is in. ↑ n, ↓ FIE, more dist from area of positive charge density hence forces of attraction decrease, ↓ FIE
- Shielding: Repulsive effect from electrons of same spin repelling each other. The more full shells you have, ↑ shielding, ↑ repulsion, \therefore ↓ FIE

FIE in an element



- at FIE (2) \rightarrow increase because now electron removed from cation, ↑ attractive forces. Also ↓ ionic radius, \therefore ↑
- at FIE (3) \rightarrow big jump because at $n=2$ now, lower energy level where electron closer to nucleus

FIE across Period 3



Decrease at S because the p subshell has 3 electrons of the same spin that generate a repulsive effect on the electron to be lost, culminating in a reduced FIE.
Drop at Ar because last e^- left from p, further from nucleus, ↓ forces of attraction

$FIE \text{ } n=4$
in nucleus, ↓

other from
weaker
actions of

Calculating FIE

$$E = h\nu \leftarrow \text{frequency (1/s)}$$

↑ energy Planck's constant (6.63×10^{-34})

$$c = \nu\lambda \leftarrow \text{wavelength}$$

↑
 3×10^8 frequency

only for FIE

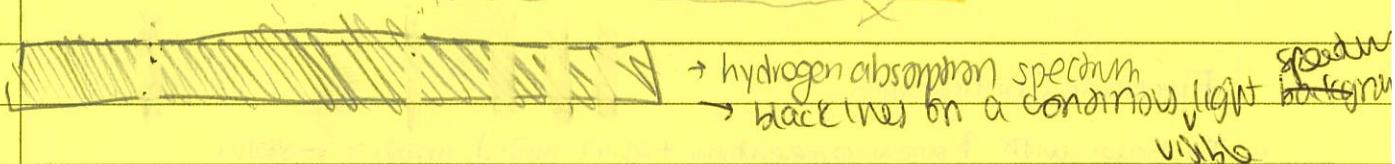
$$E = \frac{hcI}{\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Planck} \times \text{speed of the flash} \times \text{Avogadro}}{\text{wavelength}}$$

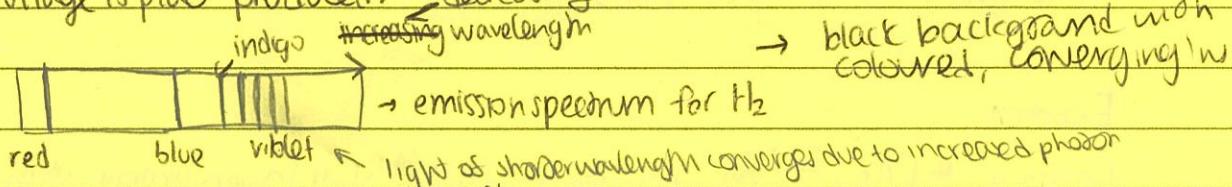
wavelength

Emission Spectrum / Absorption Spectrum

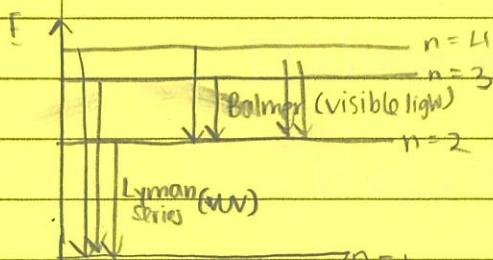
- When electromagnetic radiation is passed through a collection of atoms, the electrons move to higher shells and when they return to ground state, varying electromagnetic waves are released and a spectrometer analyses it back relative to incident radiation (Absorption spectrum produced)



- When white light is passed through hydrogen gas, an emission spectrum is produced when high voltage is ~~not~~ produced.



Made of **discrete** lines, because the atoms are made of **discrete** energy levels and lines converge to the end, representative of the converging electron shells also because atoms are quantized

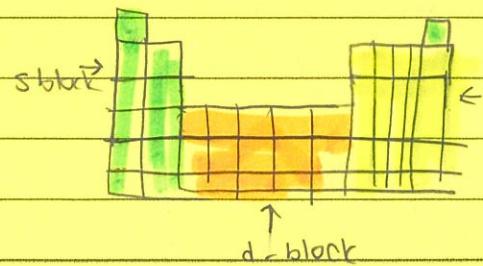


Lyman → anything to $n=1$

Balmer → anything to $n=2$

lines converge because energy levels converge

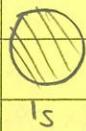
- Sublevels
- S - 1 orbital
- P - 3 orbitals
- d - 5 orbitals
- f - 7 orbitals



→ elements where S is being filled

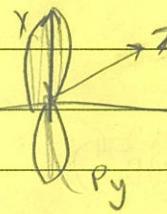
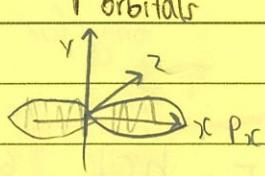
→ elements in M p orbitals being filled

S orbital



Principles

P orbitals



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position

- 1) Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle \rightarrow we cannot know both the speed or position of a body without changing one of those properties
- 2) Pauli Exclusion Principle - No 2 electrons can have the same quantum numbers, hence 2 electrons can be in the same orbital but have opposite spins
- 3) Hund's Law: For degenerate orbitals (equal energy), lowest energies are obtained, when the number of electrons having the same spin is maximized
- 4) Aufbau Principle: Electrons fill orbitals from lowest to highest energy levels.

Electronic Configuration

- In boxes with \uparrow arrow representing +spin and \downarrow arrow = -spin
- For Magnesium $\rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$ or

1s	2s	2p	3s
$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$

 or Ne $[3s^2]$
- For Oxygen $\rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$ \rightarrow

1s	2s	2p
$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\boxed{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow}$

Exceptions

Copper is $[Ar] 4s^1 3d^{10}$ because a full d shell lowers energy, stabilising the atom. Chromium is $[Ar] 4s^1 3d^5$ because all d orbitals have at least 1 electron, \uparrow stability

Line

Continuous vs Discrete Spectra

- Continuous: contains all colours (wavelengths, frequencies, energies) of V.I
- Discrete: quantified data

Note: transition metals lose e⁻ from 4s first [higher E], then 3d