

- (i) Group 18 Noble gases (octets) s^2, p^6
- (j) Lanthanide rare earth elements $s^2 (4f^1-4f^{14})$
- (k) Actinide series $s^2 (5f^1-5f^{14})$

B. Periodic Trends

1. Atomic Radii

- a. Groups - as atomic number increases the atomic radii increases. Due to additional energy level and shielding effect - inner electrons shield outer electrons from the pull of the nucleus.
- b. Periods - as atomic number increases the atomic radii decreases. Due to increasing positive negative attraction and electrons are filling in same energy level.

2. Ionization Energy - the energy needed to remove an electron from an atom

- a. ion - an atom or group of atoms that have a positive or negative charge.
- b. $A + \text{energy} \rightarrow A^+ + e^-$ endothermic always
 $\text{Na} + 496 \text{ kJ/mol} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + e^-$
- c. Groups - as atomic number increases the ionization decreases. Due to electron being held less tightly because of increased distance and shielding effect.
- d. Periods - as atomic number increases the ionization energy increases. Due to increased positive - negative attraction and getting closer to an octet
- e. Removal of successive electrons always requires more energy. Wherever the largest increase in successive ionization energies is the most stable configuration. (Table 5-3 pg. 145)
- f. Noble gases have highest I.E. Thus the octet is most stable; next is full s orbital; then half filled orbital. Stability also determines the most common ion. If largest inc. is between 1st and 2nd then +1 is most common. If largest increase is between 3rd and 4th then +3 is most common.

3. Electron Affinity - the energy change when an atom gains an electron.

- a. $A + \text{energy} + e^- \rightarrow A^-$ endothermic (positive)
- b. $A + e^- \rightarrow A^- + \text{energy}$ exothermic (negative)
- c. Processes in nature tend toward lower energy and higher entropy (state of disorder). Thus the more negative the more stable.
- d. E. A. tells us how much an atom wants an electron. Halogens have "highest" E. A. More evidence for octet being most stable.
- e. Groups - as atomic number increases the E. A. generally decreases
- f. Periods - as atomic number increases the E. A. generally increases

4. Ionic radii

- a. Positive ions - cations - are always smaller than the corresponding atom since losing electron(s) and electrons give the atom volume and the positive - negative attraction is greater. Less stable in E considerations; more stable in configuration considerations.
- b. Negative ions - anions - are always larger since gaining an electron and electrons give atom volume and the positive - negative attraction is smaller. If E.A. is negative then more stable in E considerations and configuration considerations.

- c. Group and Period trends are the same as atomic radii trends for the same reasons.
- 5. Electronegativity - the tendency for atoms to attract electrons to itself when chemically combined with another atom.
 - a. arbitrary scale developed by Linus Pauling called Pauling electronegativity scale (won his 1st Nobel Prize for this)
 - b. based numerous factors including electron affinity and ionization energies.
 - c. values help us determine the type of bonds involved in chemical compounds and molecules and also the molecular polarity
 - d. Group trends - very generally decrease as atomic number increases; reasons- shielding effect and addition of energy levels electrons held more loosely
 - e. Period trends - very generally increase as atomic number increases; reasons- increased positive negative attraction and getting closer to the octet