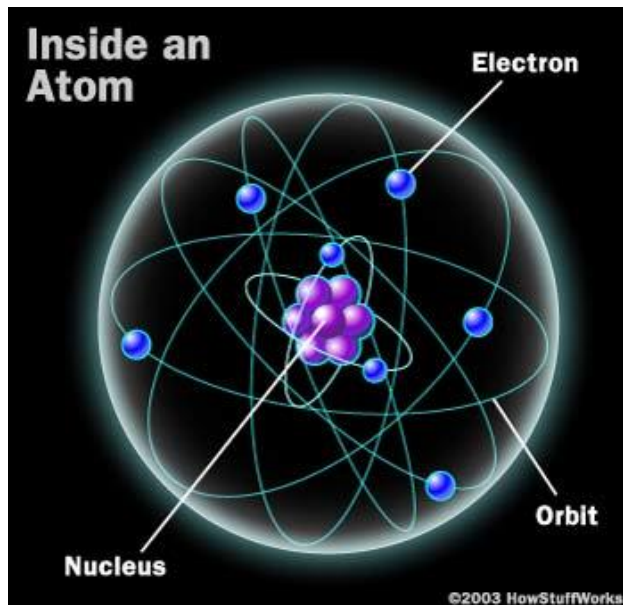


Periodic Table of the Elements 2005

The image shows a standard periodic table of elements, color-coded by groups. The title is 'Periodic Table of the Elements 2005'. The table includes elements from Hydrogen (H) to Oganesson (Og). The lanthanide and actinide series are shown at the bottom in a separate yellow box.

Properties of Atoms and the Periodic Table



Chapter 16 and 17

Atomic Components

- Matter – anything that has mass and takes up space
- An element is matter that is composed of one type of **atom**, which is the smallest piece of matter that still retains the property of the element.



Scientific Shorthand

- **Elements** are abbreviated in scientific shorthand
- **Chemical symbols** consist of one capital letter or a capital letter plus one or two smaller letters.
- Comes from elements name, sometimes in **Latin** or **Greek**. Ex: Silver (Ag = Argentium (German))
- 1st letter is **capital**; 2nd letter is **lower cased**

Symbols of Some Elements			
Element	Symbol	Element	Symbol
Aluminum	Al	Iron	Fe
Calcium	Ca	Mercury	Hg
Carbon	C	Nitrogen	N
Chlorine	Cl	Oxygen	O
Gold	Au	Potassium	K
Hydrogen	H	Sodium	Na

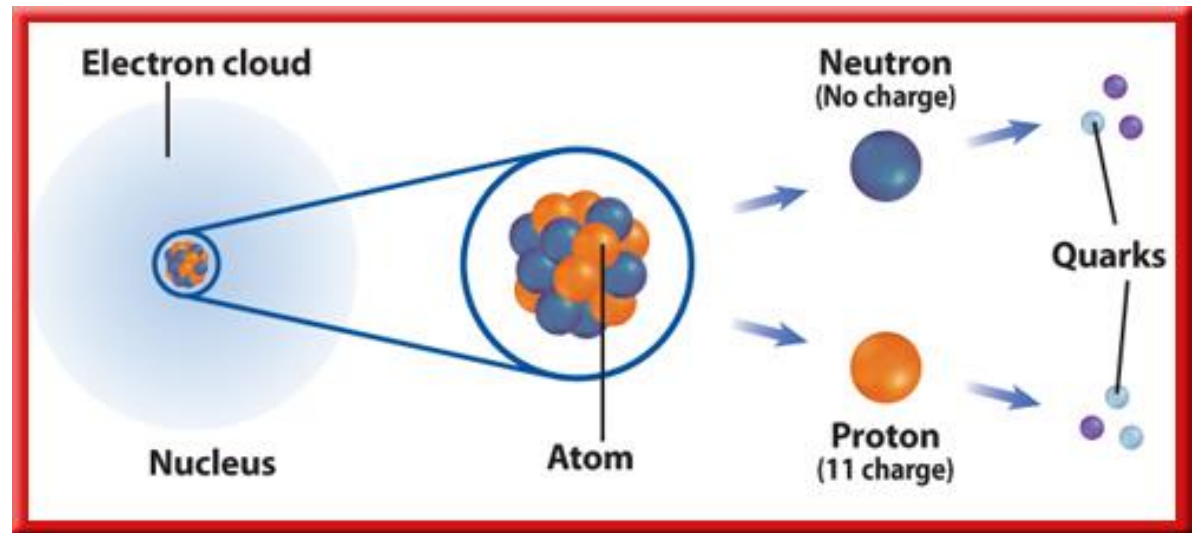
ATOMS

- Atoms are composed of particles called **protons, neutrons, and electrons**.
- Proton (+) and Neutrons (0) are in the **nucleus**
- Electrons (-) are in the **electron cloud**

Structure of the Atom

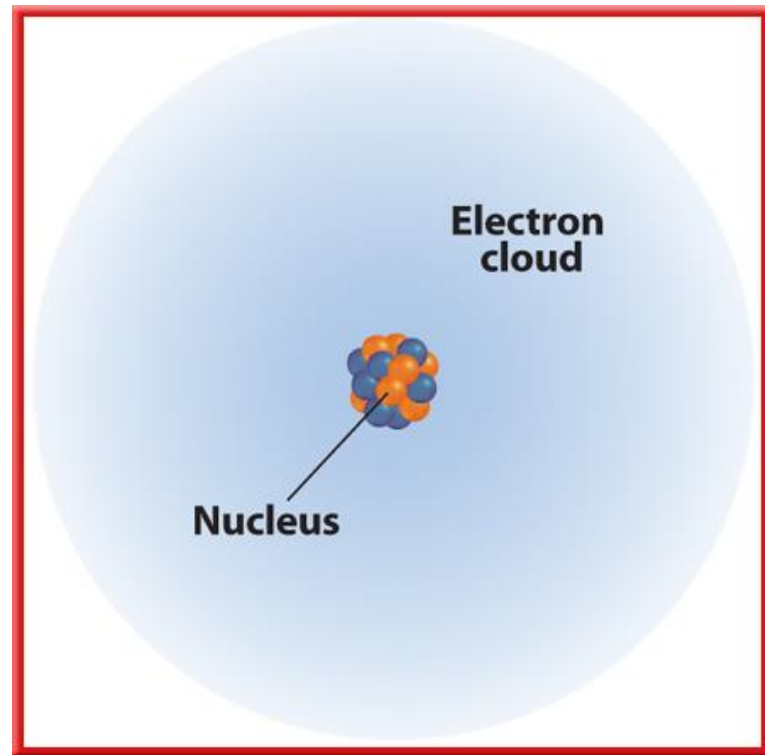
Atomic Components

- Protons and neutrons are found in a small **positively** charged center of the atom called the **nucleus** that is surrounded by a cloud containing electrons.



The Electron Cloud Model

- An **electron cloud** is the area around the nucleus of an atom where its electrons are most likely found.



Atomic Mass

- The nucleus contains most of the **mass** of the atom because protons and neutrons are far more massive than electrons.
- The mass of a proton is about the same as that of a neutron—approximately

Subatomic Particle Masses	
Particle	Mass (g)
Proton	1.6726×10^{-24}
Neutron	1.6749×10^{-24}
Electron	9.1093×10^{-28}

Protons Identify the Element

- **Atomic Number** = #of protons in an atom
- The sum of the number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of an atom is the mass number

Mass Number

- The **average atomic mass number** of an atom is the sum of the number of protons and the number of neutrons in the nucleus of an atom.

Mass Numbers of Some Atoms						
Element	Symbol	Atomic Number	Protons	Neutrons	Mass Number	Average Atomic Mass*
Boron	B	5	5	6	11	10.81 amu
Carbon	C	6	6	6	12	12.01 amu
Oxygen	O	8	8	8	16	16.00 amu
Sodium	Na	11	11	12	23	22.99 amu
Copper	Cu	29	29	34	63	63.55 amu

*The atomic mass units are rounded to two decimal places.

Masses of Atoms

Average Atomic Mass Number

- If you know the mass number and the atomic number of an atom, you can calculate the number of neutrons.

number of neutrons = atomic mass number – atomic number

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Isotopes

- Not all the atoms of an element have the same number of neutrons.
- Atoms of the same element that have different numbers of neutrons are called **isotopes**.
- 1) Different isotopes have different **properties**
- 2) name of element followed by the mass # identifies the isotope
- EX: **Boron -10** or Boron -11

Identifying Isotopes

- The **average atomic mass** of an element is the weighted-average mass of the mixture of its isotopes.
- For example, four out of five atoms of boron are boron-11, and one out of five is boron-10.
- The average atomic mass is closest to its most **abundant** isotope

Organizing the Elements

- *Periodic* means "repeated in a pattern."
- In the late 1800s, Dmitri **Mendeleev**, a Russian chemist, searched for a way to organize the elements.
- When he arranged all the elements known at that time in order of increasing atomic masses, he discovered a **pattern**. There were blank spaces for missing elements that had not yet been discovered

Improving the Periodic Table

- In 1913, the work of **Henry G.J. Moseley**, a young English scientist, led to the arrangement of elements based on their increasing **atomic numbers** instead of an arrangement based on **atomic masses**.
- The current periodic table uses Moseley's arrangement of the elements.

Organizing the Elements

- The **periodic table** of elements is arranged by increasing atomic number and by changes in physical and chemical properties.

Organizing the Elements

- Groups/Families: The vertical columns in the periodic table: numbered **1** through **18**.
- Elements in each group have similar properties.
- Have the same # of electrons in their **outer** energy level – this determines the chemical properties of the elements.
- Periods/Rows – the horizontal rows that contain increasing # of **protons** and **electrons** as you move left to right.

Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H Hydrogen 1.008																	2 He Helium 4.003
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012											5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.180
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37 Rb Rubidium 84.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.95	43 Tc Technetium 98.907	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.906	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.868	48 Cd Cadmium 112.414	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.711	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.904	54 Xe Xenon 131.294
55 Cs Cesium 132.905	56 Ba Barium 137.328	57-71 Lanthanides	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.948	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.085	79 Au Gold 196.967	80 Hg Mercury 200.592	81 Tl Thallium 204.383	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.980	84 Po Polonium [208.982]	85 At Astatine 209.987	86 Rn Radon 222.018
87 Fr Francium 223.020	88 Ra Radium 226.025	89-103 Actinides	104 Rf Rutherfordium [261]	105 Db Dubnium [262]	106 Sg Seaborgium [266]	107 Bh Bohrium [264]	108 Hs Hassium [269]	109 Mt Meitnerium [268]	110 Ds Darmstadtium [269]	111 Rg Roentgenium [272]	112 Cn Copernicium [277]	113 Uut Ununtrium unknown	114 Fl Flerovium [289]	115 Uup Ununpentium unknown	116 Lv Livermorium [298]	117 Uus Ununseptium unknown	118 Uuo Ununoctium unknown

57 La Lanthanum 138.905	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.908	60 Nd Neodymium 144.243	61 Pm Promethium 144.913	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.925	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.500	67 Ho Holmium 164.930	68 Er Erbium 167.259	69 Tm Thulium 168.934	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.055	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967
89 Ac Actinium 227.028	90 Th Thorium 232.038	91 Pa Protactinium 231.036	92 U Uranium 238.029	93 Np Neptunium 237.048	94 Pu Plutonium 244.064	95 Am Americium 243.061	96 Cm Curium 247.070	97 Bk Berkelium 247.070	98 Cf Californium 251.080	99 Es Einsteinium [254]	100 Fm Fermium 257.095	101 Md Mendelevium 258.1	102 No Nobelium 259.101	103 Lr Lawrencium [262]

Alkali Metal	Alkaline Earth	Transition Metal	Basic Metal	Semimetal	Nonmetal	Halogen	Noble Gas	Lanthanide	Actinide
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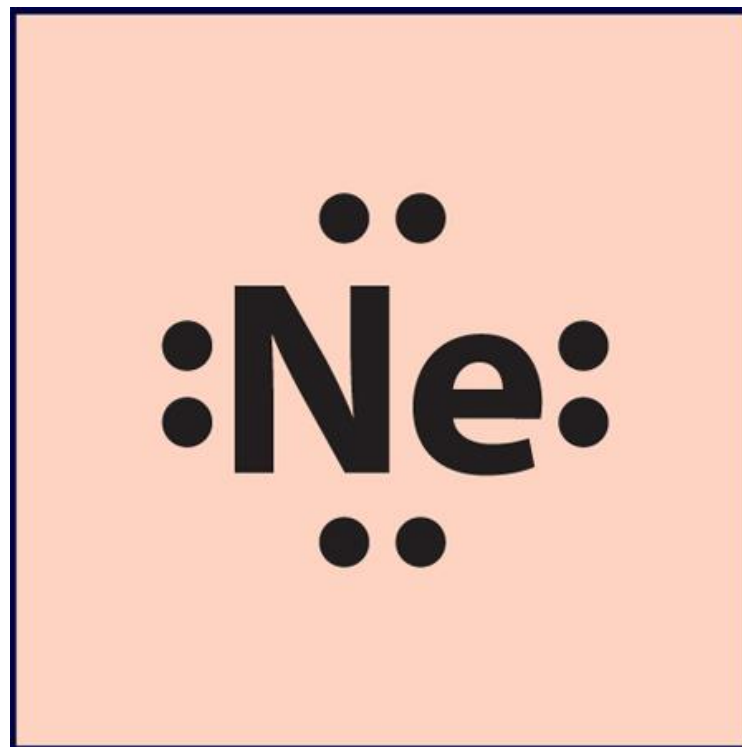
Same Group—Similar Properties

- All halogens have seven electrons in their outer energy levels.
- A common property of the halogens is the ability to form compounds readily with elements in Group 1.
- The Group 1 element, sodium, reacts easily with the Group 17 element, chlorine.
- The result is the compound sodium chloride, or NaCl—ordinary table salt.



Same Group—Similar Properties

- Not all elements will combine readily with other elements.
- The elements in Group 18 have complete outer energy levels.
- This special configuration makes Group **18** elements relatively unreactive.



Rows on the periodic table

- Remember that the atomic number found on the periodic table is equal to the number of electrons in an atom.
- The first row has hydrogen with one electron and helium with two electrons both in energy level one.
- Energy level one can hold only two electrons. Therefore, helium has a full or complete outer energy level.

1	Hydrogen 1 H					Helium 2 He		
2	Lithium 3 Li	Beryllium 4 Be	Boron 5 B	Carbon 6 C	Nitrogen 7 N	Oxygen 8 O	Fluorine 9 F	Neon 10 Ne
3	Sodium 11 Na	Magnesium 12 Mg	Aluminum 13 Al	Silicon 14 Si	Phosphorus 15 P	Sulfur 16 S	Chlorine 17 Cl	Argon 18 Ar

Rows on the periodic table

- The second row begins with lithium, which has three electrons—two in energy level one and one in energy level two.
- Lithium is followed by beryllium with two outer electrons, boron with three, and so on until you reach neon with eight outer electrons.

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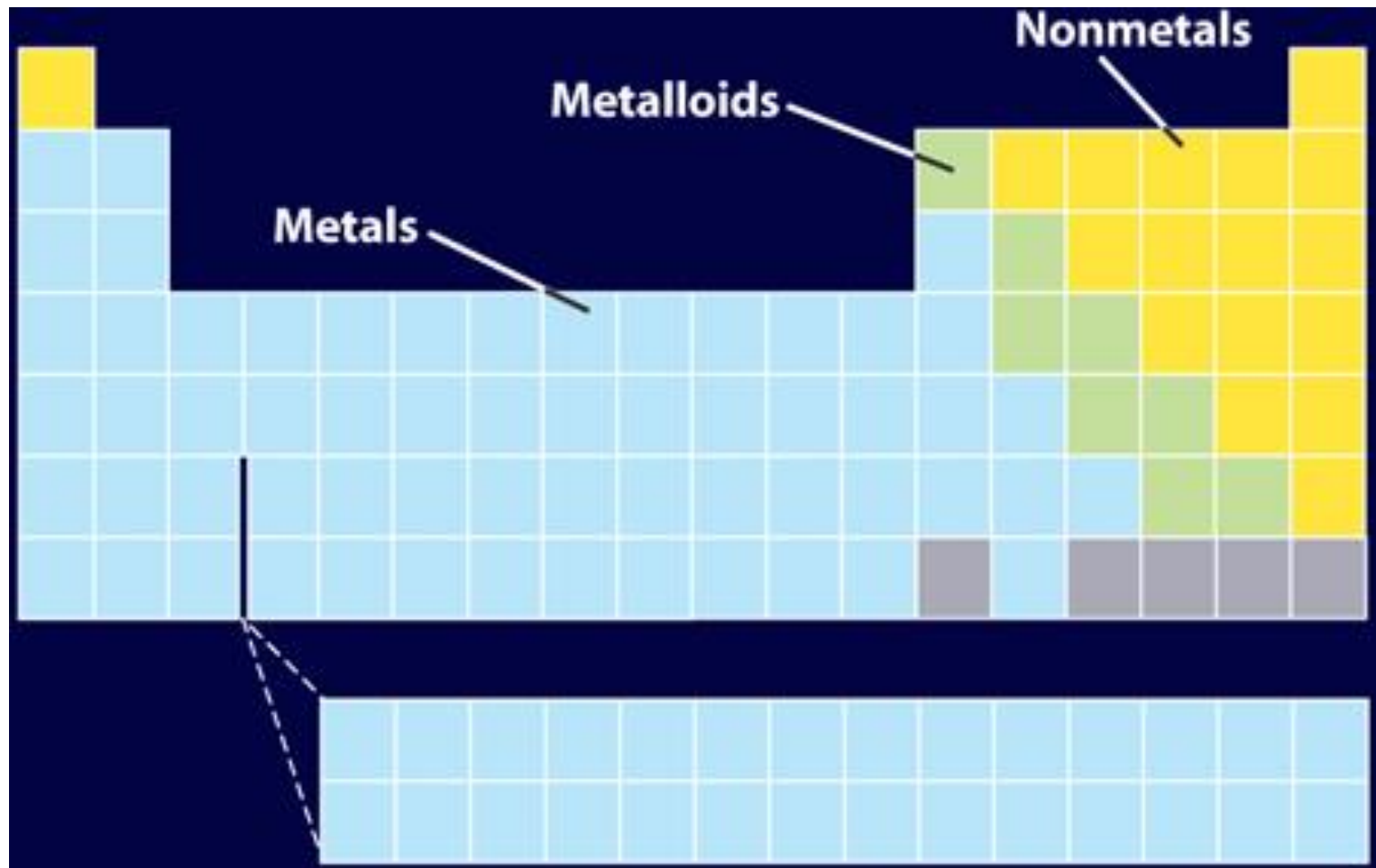
- Do you notice how the row in the periodic table ends when an outer level is filled?
- In the third row of elements, the electrons begin filling energy level three.
- The row ends with argon, which has a full outer energy level of eight electrons.

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The Periodic Table

Regions on the Periodic Table

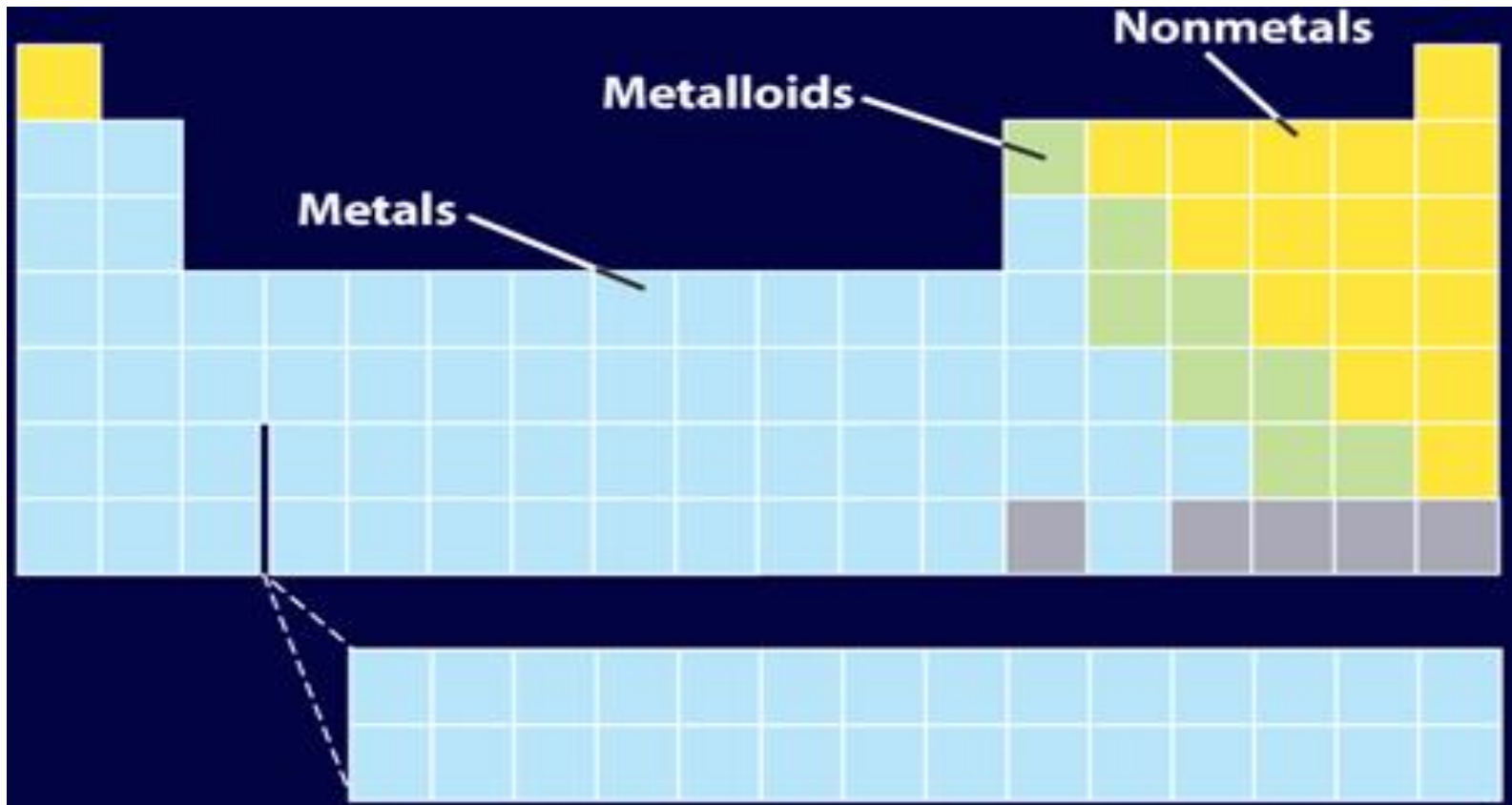
- All of the elements in the blue squares are metals.



The Periodic Table

Regions on the Periodic Table

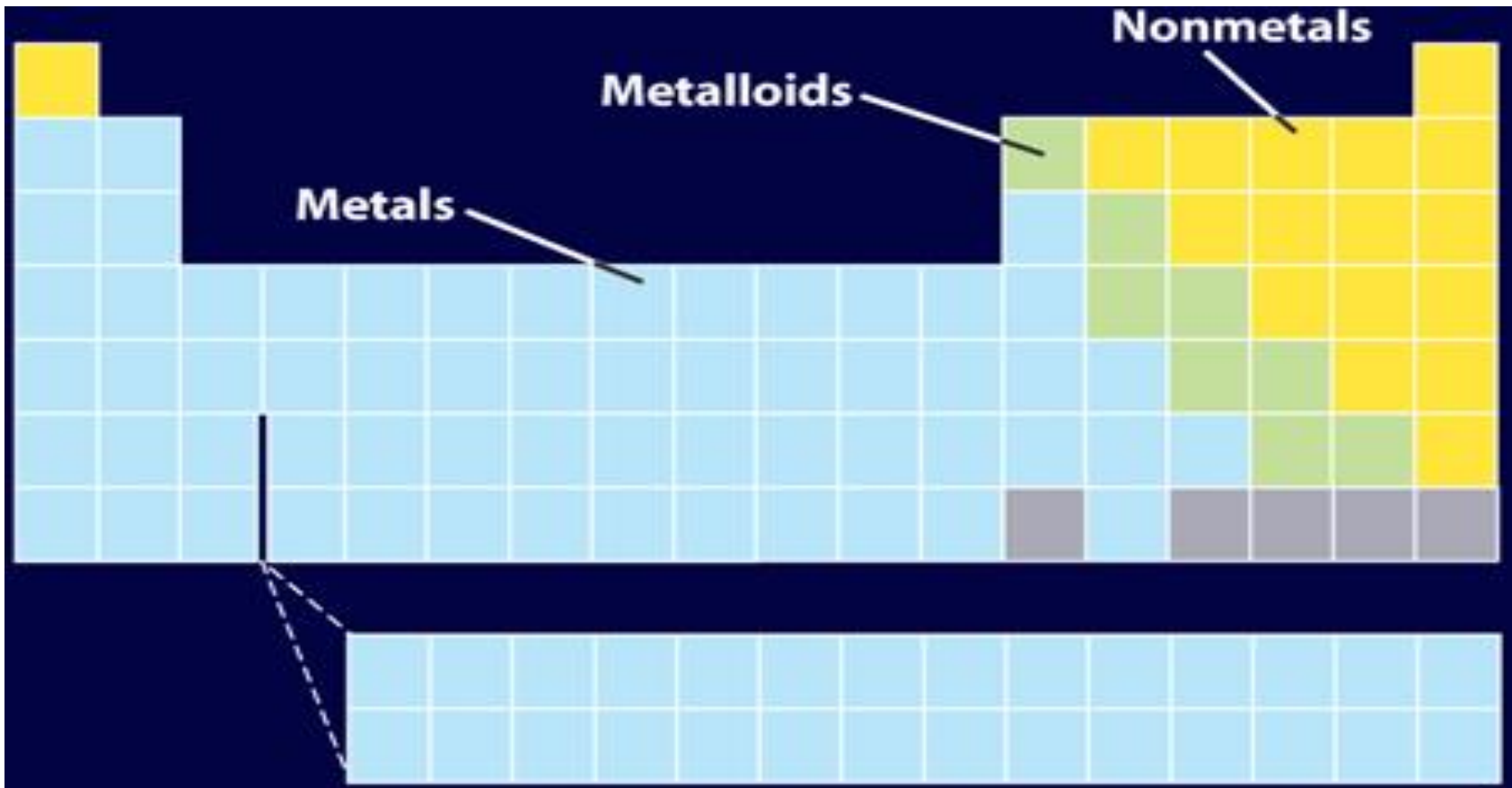
- Those elements on the right side of the periodic table, in yellow, are classified as nonmetals.



The Periodic Table

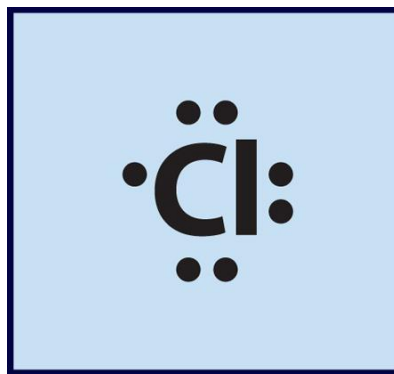
Regions on the Periodic Table

- The elements in green are metalloids or semimetals.



Electron Dot Diagrams

- An **electron dot diagram** uses the symbol of the element and dots to represent the electrons in the outer energy level.
- Electron dot diagrams are used also to show how the electrons in the outer energy level are bonded when elements combine to form compounds.



H•
Li•
Na•
K•
Rb•
Cs•
Fr•

Properties of Metals

- Metals are good conductors of heat and **electricity**, and all but one are **solid** at room temperature.

PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

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Rubidium 37 Rb 85.468	Strontium 38 Sr 87.62	Yttrium 39 Y 88.906	Zirconium 40 Zr 91.224	Niobium 41 Nb 92.906	Molybdenum 42 Mo 95.94	Technetium 43 Tc 98	Ruthenium 44 Ru 101.07	Rhodium 45 Rh 102.905	Palladium 46 Pd 106.42	Silver 47 Ag 107.868	Cadmium 48 Cd 112.411	Indium 49 In 114.818	Tin 50 Sn 118.710	Antimony 51 Sb 121.760	Tellurium 52 Te 127.60	Iodine 53 I 126.905	Xenon 54 Xe 131.29
Cesium 55 Cs 132.905	Barium 56 Ba 137.327	Lanthanum 57 La 138.905	Praseodymium 59 Pr 140.908	Tetradymium 60 Tm 140.908	Tungsten 62 W 183.84	Rhenium 63 Re 186.207	Osmium 64 Os 190.23	Iridium 65 Ir 192.225	Platinum 66 Pt 195.078	Gold 67 Au 196.967	Mercury 68 Hg 200.59	Thallium 69 Tl 204.387	Lead 70 Pb 207.2	Bismuth 71 Bi 208.980	Polonium 72 Po 209	Astatine 73 At 210	Radon 74 Rn 222
Francium 77 Fr [223]	Radium 78 Ra [226]	Actinium 79 Ac [227]	Protactinium 81 Pa [231]	Uranium 82 U [238]	Neptunium 83 Np [237]	Plutonium 84 Pu [244]	Americium 85 Am [243]	Curium 86 Cm [247]	Berkelium 87 Bk [247]	Californium 88 Cf [251]	Einsteinium 89 Es [252]	Fermium 90 Fm [257]	Mendelevium 91 Md [258]	Nobelium 92 No [259]	Lutetium 69 Lu [175]	Ytterbium 70 Yb [173]	Lanthanum 57 La [139]
		Lanthanide series															
		Actinide series															

- Found on the left side of the stair step

Other Properties of Metals

- Metals also **reflect** light (called **luster**)
- Metals are **malleable**, which means they can be hammered or rolled into sheets.
- Metals are also **ductile**, which means they can be drawn into wires.
- Have high **melting** points and **boiling** points
- Have **1-3** electrons in outer energy level
- **Lose** electrons to become positive ions

Group 1

the **Alkali** Metals

(Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Fr)

- 1) **1** valence electron.
 - 2) **Soft** metals, can be cut with a knife.
 - 3) **VERY** reactive.
 - 4) **Low** melting points.
 - 5) React **quickly** with the oxygen in the air.
 - 6) **Never** found pure in nature.
 - 7) React **violently** in water.
- > Exception is **Hydrogen**: Not a member of the Alkali Metals, it is a gas (nonmetal), Lightest substance known, 93% of all atoms in the universe is hydrogen

Group 1

Alkali Metals

- loses electron **easily** and are found as **positive** ions
- combine with negative ions to form **salts**
- low **densities**
- Good **conductors** of heat and electricity
- Some are **rare** and **radioactive** (nucleus breaks down)
- **Shiny, malleable, ductile**

Group 2

the **Alkaline Earth** Metals

(Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ra)


- 1) **2** valence electrons
- 2) **Highly** reactive
- 3) **Beryllium** has such high boiling point it is used in the heat shields on the space shuttle.
- 4) **Magnesium** (white light of fireworks) and **calcium** are the most common. Ca found in cement and used in water softeners.
- 5) **lose** electrons to become positive charged

Group 2

Alkaline Earth Metals

- Calcium - found in bones and teeth, shells of sea animals
- Magnesium is used in planes, cars, spacecraft and ladders
- **Radium** is radioactive – was once used to treat cancer

Transition Elements

- **Transition elements** are those elements in Groups **3 through 12** in the periodic table. 
- They are called transition elements because they are considered to be elements in transition between Groups 1 and 2 and Groups 13 through 18.

Groups 3-12

the Transition Metals or Elements

- 1) **All** are similar.
- 2) The number of valence electrons **varies**.
- 3) Many elements have multiple # of **valence** electrons.
- 4) **Occur in nature as uncombined elements and form colored compounds**

Transition Metals

- **shiny**
- neighboring elements may have same properties
- **iron, cobalt and nickel** are magnetic (form Iron **Triad** – used to make steel)
- Ores - form transition metals are usually found, minerals containing large amounts of metal
- **Copper, silver, and Gold** are so stable that they are found as free elements – referred to as coinage metals

Inner Transition Metals

Lanthanide and Actinide Series

“Rare Earth elements”

- Fits in between Groups 3 and 4 in periods 6 & 7

Rare Earth Metals

- **Separate** rows on table
- **Lanthanide** series - period 6 - elements 58-71
- **Actinide** series-period 7-elements 90-103
- Lanthanides occur in only small amounts in the earth's crust
- Actinides are synthetic
- Lanthanides have steel-like properties, used in lasers and provide red color on TV screen

Actinide Series

- 1) All **radioactive** and **unstable**
- 2) **Uranium** is the largest, heaviest nature element.
- 3) Most are man-made or **synthetic** elements.

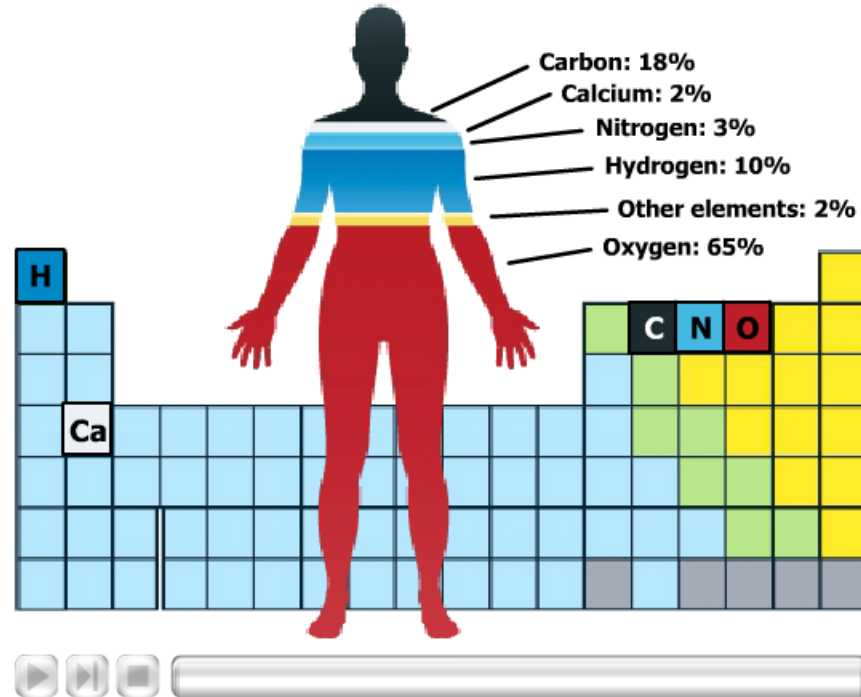
Properties of Nonmetals

- Most of your body's mass is made of oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen.



- Calcium, a metal, and other elements make up the remaining four percent of your body's mass.

Elements in the Human Body



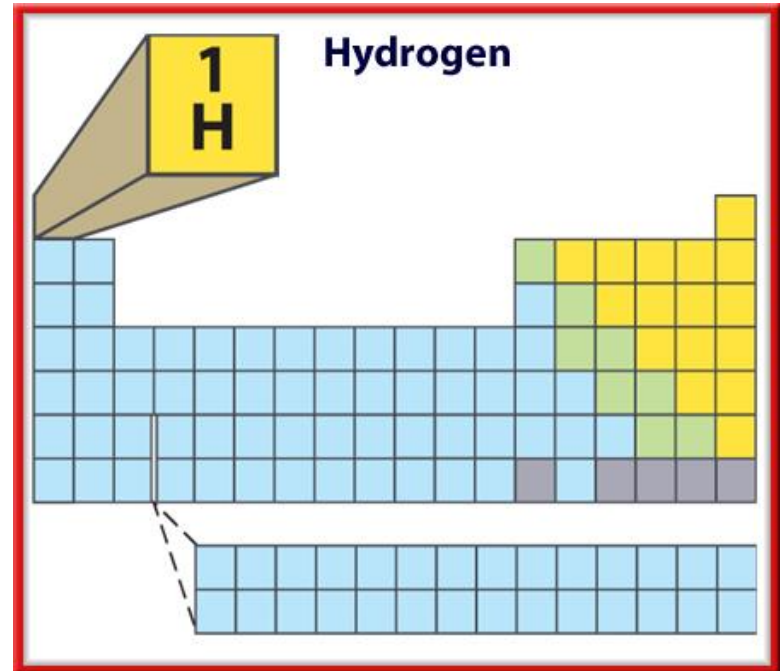
Nonmetals –

elements that usually are **gases** or **brittle** solids
at room temperature

- 1) All are Found on the **right** side of the periodic table except Hydrogen.
- 2) **Dull** luster. (Dull and brittle)
- 3) **Insulators** -> poor conductors.
- 4) **Brittle, shatter**, break under pressure.
- 5) **Gain** electrons when bonding to form **negative** ions.
- 6) Can form **covalent** bonds -> electrons are shared to form the bonds.
- 7) The **building** blocks of living things are nonmetals - C, N, O, S, P
- 8) Many are gases at room temperature
- 9) Many electrons in outer energy levels that are held tightly

Hydrogen

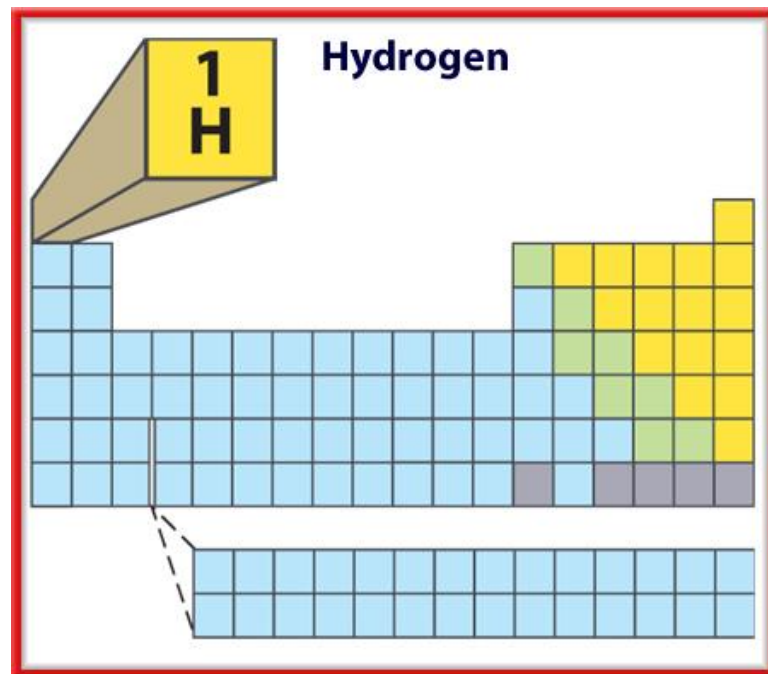
- If you could count all the atoms in the universe, you would find that about **90** percent of them are hydrogen.
- When water is broken down into its elements, hydrogen becomes a gas made up of diatomic molecules.



Hydrogen

- A **diatomic molecule** consists of two atoms of the same element in a covalent bond.

- EX: **Hydrogen Gas**



Hydrogen

- Hydrogen is highly **reactive**.
- A hydrogen atom has a single electron, which the atom shares when it combines with other nonmetals.
- Hydrogen can gain an electron when it combines with alkali and alkaline earth metals.
- The compounds formed are hydrides.

Group 17

the Halogens

"salt-makers" (F, Cl, Br, I, At)

- 1) **7** valence electrons.
- 2) VERY **reactive**, **fluorine** is the most reactive of all elements.
- 3) Never found **pure** in nature.
- 4) Reactive with metals to form **salts**, for example table salt- NaCl.
 - salt former EX: Sodium chloride
 - Fluorine is the most reactive of all elements, used in fluoride toothpaste and the non-stick coating of pans
 - Chlorine - green gas
 - **Bromine** - only nonmetal that is a liquid at room temperature
 - Iodine – when heated changes directly to a purple vapor (sublimation)

Group 18

the Inert or Nobel Gases

(He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, Rn)

- 1) **8** valence electrons.
- 2) NON **REACTIVE** - ALWAYS found **pure** in nature.
- 3) **Helium** is rare on Earth, 2nd most abundant element in the universe.
- 4) **Neon** and **argon** is used in signs.

Noble Gases

Colorless gases

- Do not readily combine with other elements - chemically inactive
- All exist in the earth's atmosphere
- Helium - lighter than air, used in balloons

Metalloids

- 1) Found over and under the **zigzag** line.
- 2) Have properties of both **metals** and **nonmetals**.
- 3) Silicon and germanium → dull, brittle shatter and conductor.
 - Exception is Aluminum: considered a metal.
- 4) Shiny solids but not as much luster
- 5) **Semiconductors** – conducts electricity and heat better than nonmetals
- 6) Can form **ionic** or **covalent** bonds

Group 13

the **Boron** Family

(**B, Al, Ga, In, Tl**)

- 1) **3** valence electrons.
- 2) **Boron** is a metalloid used to make Borax (laundry product to soften water), all others are **metals**.
- 3) **Aluminum** is the third most abundant element on Earth, most abundant metal.
- 4) Gallium melts in your hand.
 - Boron is the only nonmetal
 - Aluminum - light, soft, good conductor, most abundant metal in the earth's crust

Group 14
the Carbon Family
(C, Si, Ge, Sn, Pb)

- 1) **4** valence electrons.
- 2) **Carbon** forms over 5 million compounds.
- 3) **Silicon** is the 2nd most abundant element in the Earth's crust.
- 4) Silicon and Germanium are used in electronics.
- 5) Lead used in water pipes before it was discovered to be poisonous.

Carbon Group

- **Carbon** is the only nonmetal
- Carbon is found in diamonds and pencil lead (graphite)
- Silicon and germanium - metalloids, silicon makes up 60 of earths crust, found in rocks
- Tin and lead - metals, steel food cans are lined with tin, lead is poisonous

The Carbon Group

- The crystal structure of silicon dioxide is similar to the structure of diamond.
- **Silicon** occurs as two allotropes. **Allotropes**, which are **different** forms of the same element, have different **molecular** structures.

Group 15

the **Nitrogen** Family

(**N, P, As, Sb, Bi**)

- 1) **5** valence electrons.
- 2) **Nitrogen** is the most abundant element in air, 78.
4th most abundant element in your body
- 3) **Phosphorus** used in weapons. (has 3 allotropes)
- 4) **Bismuth** has a low melting point used for "triggers" in automatic sprinkler systems.

Nitrogen Group

- Nitrogen and Phosphorus - **nonmetals** .
- Nitrogen is a gas, essential in the formation of proteins
- Phosphorus - in bones, teeth, and DNA, very reactive, used for matches
- Arsenic and antimony - **metalloids**
- Arsenic - pesticides
- Antimony - used to strengthen lead

Group 16

the **Oxygen** Family

(**O, S, Se, Te, Po**)

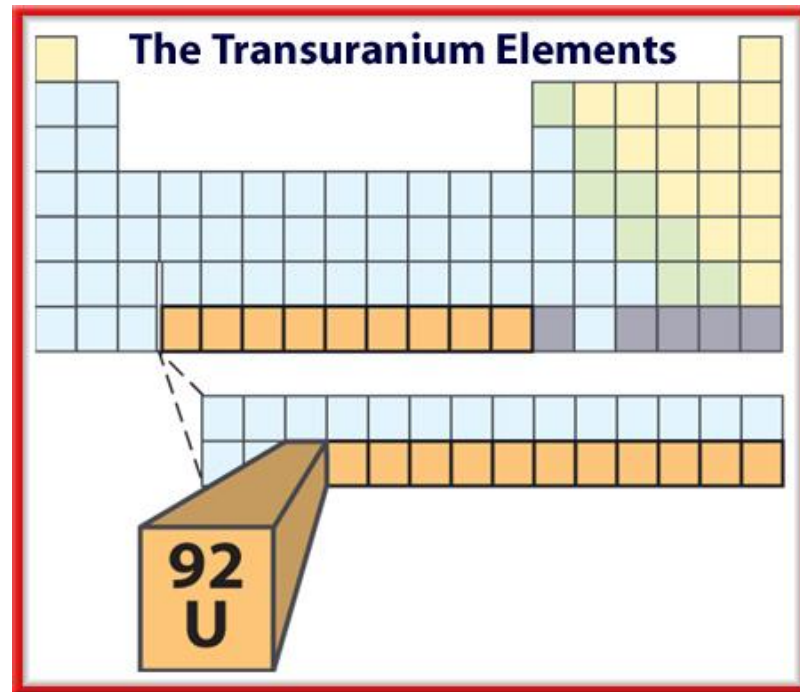
- 1) **6** valence electrons.
- 2) Highly **reactive**.
- 3) **Oxygen** is the most common element on Earth, 50% Earth's crust, 20% of air and 33% of water.

Oxygen Group

- * Oxygen - most abundant element, combined with silicon in rocks, produced by plants during photosynthesis, exists in air as a diatomic molecule
 - » **Sulfur** - used in rubber and sulfuric acid
 - » **Selenium** - used in light meters, solar cells, and photocopiers

Transuranium Elements

- Elements having more than 92 protons, the atomic number of uranium, are called **transuranium elements**.
- These elements do not belong exclusively to the metal, nonmetal, or metalloid group.



Transuranium Elements

- All of the transuranium elements are **synthetic** and **unstable**, and many of them disintegrate quickly.

