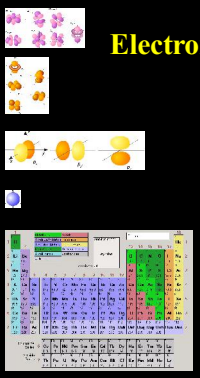
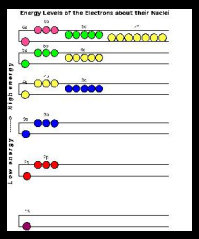
Electron Configuration Problems





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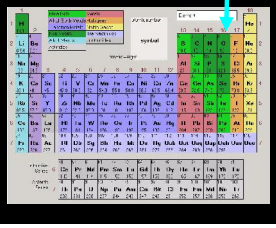
Walking Through The Periodic Table

Electron Configuration = a walk through the table

What element has the electron configuration $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$? O
What period is it in? 2
What group is in it? 6
How many valence electrons? 6

Without "Table"
Coefficient = period
"A" Group = s + p



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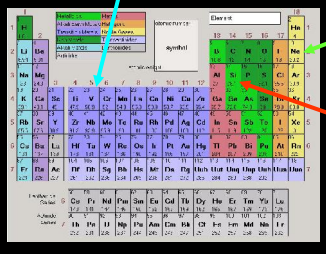
Identify the elements with electron configurations

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^3$

V



$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$

Ne

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^2$

Si

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Write the ground state electron configuration of:

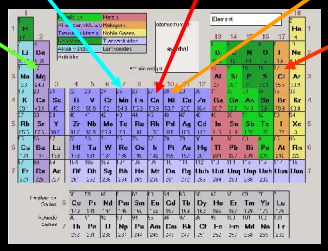
Magnesium $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2$

Manganese $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2\ 3d^5$

Cobalt $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2\ 3d^7$

Nickel $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2\ 3d^8$

Chlorine $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^5$



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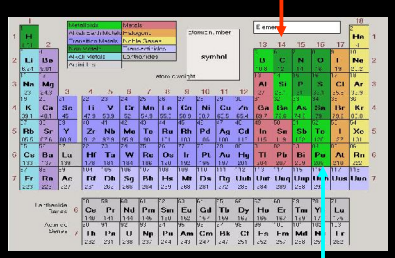
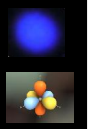
What is the # of valence electrons in atoms of carbon & silicon?

Carbon and Silicon members of family 4A ➔ 4 electrons





Which group of the Periodic Table does ns^2np^4 represent?

Valence shell is s + p: 2 + 4 = 6 ➔ VI A (16)

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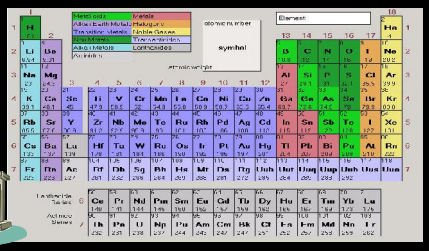
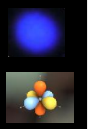
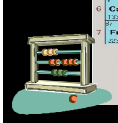
Comparing Entities: Looking for IsoElectronic Atoms







Loses Electrons (Becomes More Positive): Move to Left

Gains Electrons (Becomes More Negative): Move to Right

Number on Charge Determines How Many Spaces to Move

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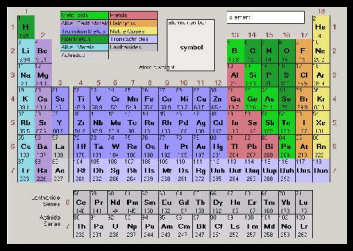
Which Atoms Are Isoelectronic?

N^{3-} [Ne] & F^- [Ne] Yes, both have same configuration (Ne)

K^+ [Ar] & Br^- [Kr] No, different outer shells

C^{4-} [Ne] & O^{2-} [Ne] Yes, both have same configuration (Ne)

Mg^{2+} [Ne] & Ca^{2+} [Ar] No, different outer shells



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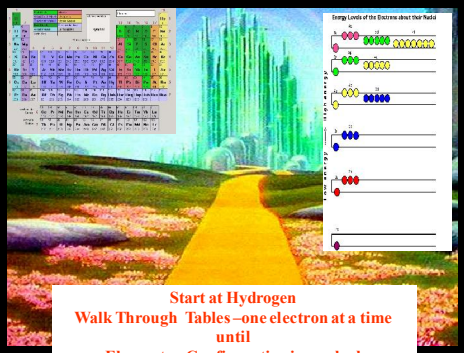
Path To Success



Start at Hydrogen
Walk Through Tables –one electron at a time until
Element or Configuration is reached

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