

Example

Properties of elements

We can understand the different properties of elements from the periodic table

$s^2 p^6$

He
Ne
Ar
Kr
Xe
Rn

Noble gases

- Filled outer p-shell (s for He)
- Hard to ionize
- Non-reactive

s^1

Li
Na
K
Rb
Cs
Fr

Alkali metals

- Unpaired outer s-shell e^-
- Easy to ionize
- Very reactive

$d^1 - d^{10}$

Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
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Transition metals

- Filling d-shell ($\ell = 2$)
- Tend to be magnetic