

The group numbers 1-18 were adopted in 1984 by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). The older scheme was originated by Mendeleev. Roman numerals were conventionally used in the older schemes, but I also see Arabic numerals, which are used here for simplicity. The old IUPAC system, still seen in Europe, suffixed A for the left side of the table, B for the right. The U.S. system suffixed A for the main groups, B for the transition groups. Groups are also referred to by the names shown at bottom (names in parentheses are not IUPAC standards), or by the names of the first element of the group. Atkin's (1993) anticipates that the use of the older schemes will continue, though with decreasing frequency, as a secondary practice, in cases where that scheme is particularly appropriate.

Table with 4 columns: shell, subshell, subshell max electrons, shell max electrons. Rows include K/1, L/2, M/3, N/4, O/5.

In the transition metals, a valence electron can also be in an inner shell. The electrons that determine how an atom reacts chemically are those that travel farthest from the nucleus, that is, those with the highest energy, and not necessarily in the valence shell. (W)

isotopes

†(before shells) Electronic configuration tentative, after that of the element above it. Other repeated text in info boxes to notes section. Optically center weights w/ superscript after

7a has been estimated that in the whole of Earth as any one time there are only about 17 atoms of Francium. (Wikipedia)

The extent of the Lanthanoid and Actinoid series is open to various interpretations. Some include lanthanum and actinium. Atkin's gives the superset of all proposed ranges: elements 57-79 and 89-103. Information on this issue is scattered throughout Atkin's, esp. p. 89(5). The placement of these series as an "island" is purely a graphic convenience. In fact, they constitute a further "trench" interrupting the d-block. Though part of periods 6 and 7, respectively, there is little practical point in assigning them to groups. They are chemically very similar, and generally of little interest. According to Winter, "Lanthanoids" and "Actinoids" are more correct than "lanthanides". (The latter, however, is very common.) I presume this is because -ide is "a suffix used to denote chemical compounds" (IUPAC) while -oid here signifies the close resemblance of the chemical properties of all the elements in the respective series to those of lanthanum and actinium.

Main periodic table grid showing elements 1-118 with atomic numbers, symbols, and names. Includes s-block, d-block, and p-block labels.

Alkali Metals, Alkaline Earth Metals, Transition Metals (groups 3-12), (coinage metals), (pnictogens), Chalcogens, Halogens ("salt-formers"), Noble Gases, (other metals)

Table for f-block elements (Lanthanoids and Actinoids) showing elements 58-71 and 90-103 with atomic numbers and symbols.

Fe solid, Hg liquid, He gas, Tc synthetic

non-metals: Nearly full valence shells; tend to accept electrons to form stable compounds

metalloids: 5 Bo, 14 Si, 32 Ge, 33 As, 51 Sb, 52 Te, 84 Po, 85 At. There is a general trend of decreasing metallic character from top-left to bottom-right. The elements in parentheses are often included in the other series, but are generally group 16 elements, and more rarely 1 and 11.

metals: Fewer electrons in valence shells; tend to lose electrons.

Radioactive elements: 43, 84+ Other elements have radioactive isotopes.

a) The atomic masses of many elements are not invariant but depend on the origin and treatment of the material; the values given here apply to elements as they exist naturally on the earth and to certain artificial elements. See Chemical notes for revisions begun in 2011. b) For these radioactive elements the mass given is that for the longest-lived isotope. c) Atomic masses for these radioactive elements cannot be quoted precisely without knowledge of the origin of the elements; the value given is the atomic mass number of the isotope of that element of longest known half-life, or, in some cases (underlined), in Web Elements, for elements 104+ that of the most common isotope. d) The value given is the atomic mass number of the most stable or most common isotope.

Sources: Gillespie, et al., Chemistry, P.W. Atkins, The Periodic Kingdom. Electronic configurations for each element's ground state neutral gaseous atom, and miscellaneous information, from Mark Winter, WebElements, except elements 110-