ELECTRON CONFIGURATION (SHORT FORM)

- We can represent the electron configuration without drawing a diagram or writing down pages of quantum numbers every time. We write the "electron configuration".

# of electrons in the subshell

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

n

ℓ

valence electrons

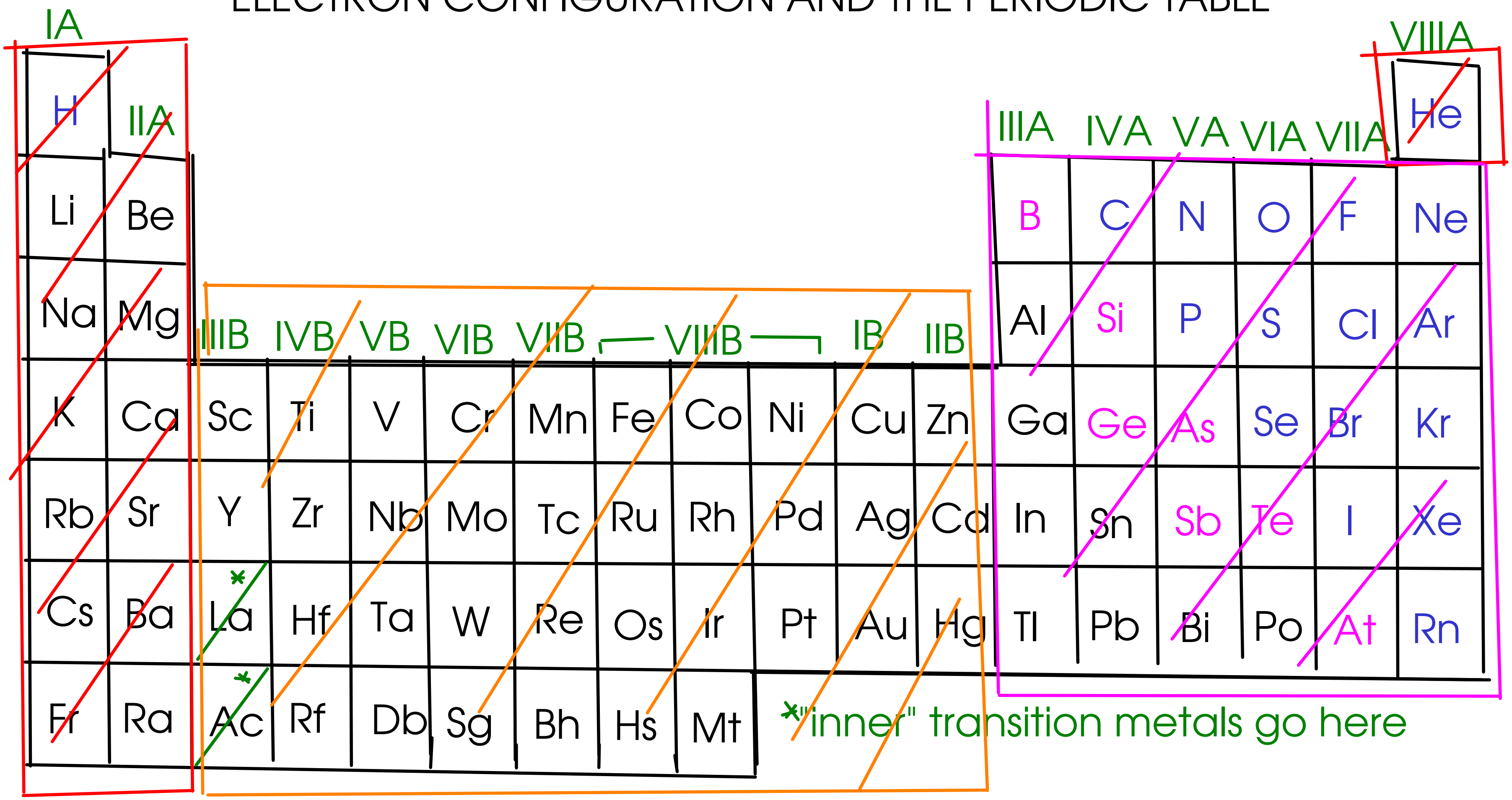
Valence electrons have the largest value for "n"!

$$Ti: [Ar]\, 3d^2 4s^2$$

valence electrons

"noble gas core". We're saying that titanium has the same electron configuration as argon does, with the addition of the electrons that follow. This is a useful shorthand, since the "core" electrons generally don't get involved in bonding.

ELECTRON CONFIGURATION AND THE PERIODIC TABLE

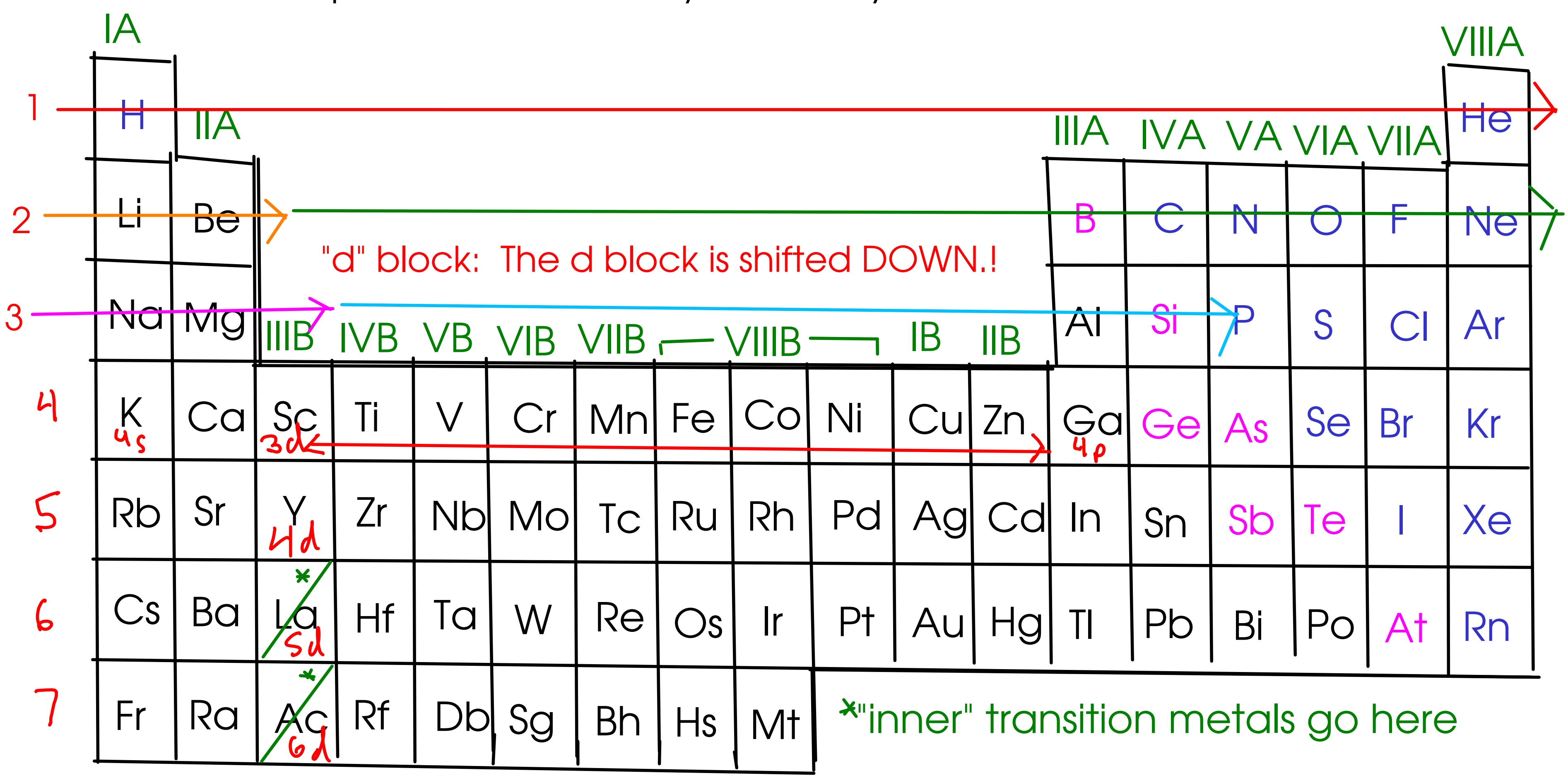


"s" block: last electron in these atoms is in an "s" orbital!

"p" block: last electron in these atoms is in a "p" orbital!

"d" block: last electron in these atoms is in a "d" orbital

- To write an electron configuration using the periodic table, start at hydrogen, and count up the electrons until you reach your element!



Example: Phosphorus (P): $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$

Noble gas core notation for P: $[Ne] 3s^2 3p^3$

EXAMPLES:

F $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$

Remember - valence electrons are ALL of the electrons in the outermost SHELL (n)! More that one subshell (l) may be included in the valence electrons

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

TITANIUM is a transition metal that commonly forms either +2 or +4 cations. The 4s electrons are lost when the +2 ion forms, while the 4s AND 3d electrons are lost to form the +4!

Cl $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^5$

$[Ne]3s^2 3p^5$

You can order the subshells in numeric order OR in filling order

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

or $[Ar]3d^2 4s^2$

Se $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^4$

or $[Ar]3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^4$

Noble gas core notation. Use the previous noble gas on the table, then add the electrons that it doesn't have to the end.

Kr $[Ar]3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6$

~~[Kr]~~

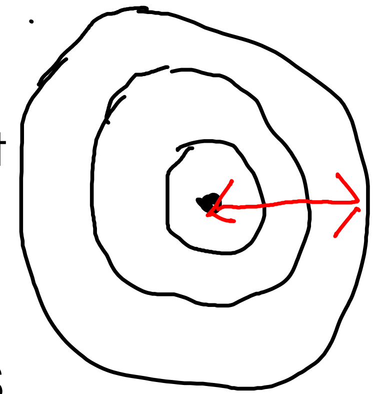
Sample f-block element

Ce: $[Xe]6s^2 5d^1 4f^1$

PERIODIC TRENDS

- Some properties of elements can be related to their positions on the periodic table.

ATOMIC RADIUS

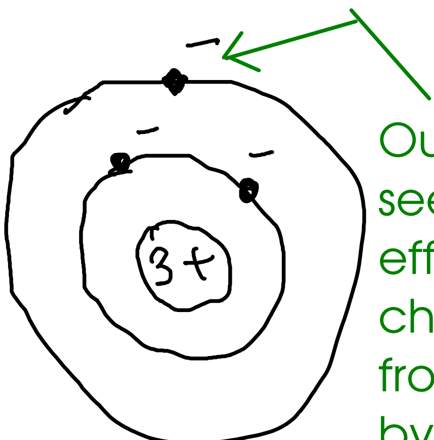


- The distance between the nucleus of the atoms and the outermost shell of the electron cloud.
- Relates to the size of the atom.
- As you go DOWN A GROUP (↓), the atomic radius INCREASES.

  - Why? As you go down a period, you are ADDING SHELLS!

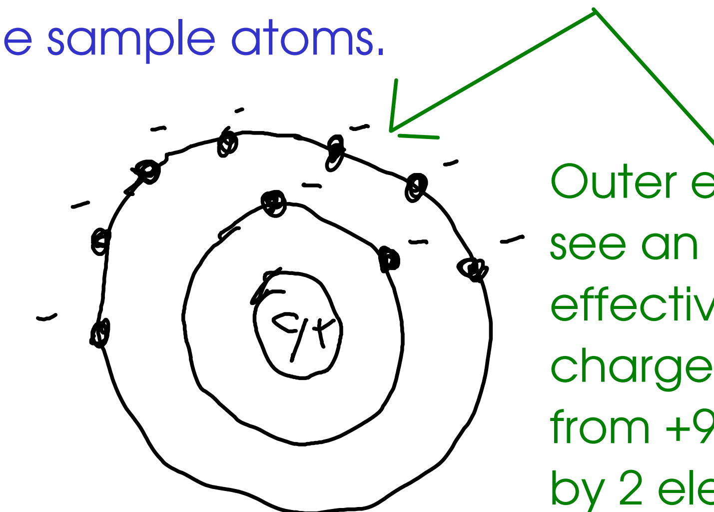
- As you go ACROSS A PERIOD (⟶), the atomic radius DECREASES

Why? Let's look at some sample atoms.



Outer electron sees an effective +1 charge (shielded from +3 nucleus by 2 electrons)

lithium $1s^2 2s^1$



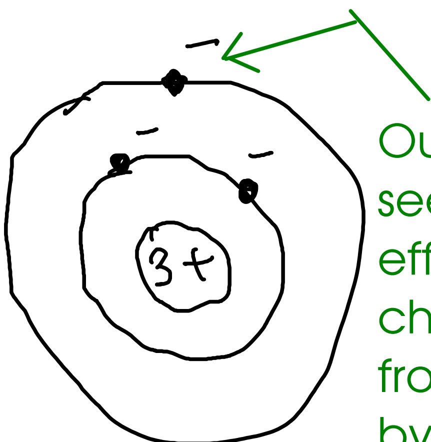
Outer electrons see an effective +7 charge (shielded from +9 nucleus by 2 electrons)

fluorine $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$

... so fluorine's outer shell is pulled closer to the nucleus than lithium's!

(FIRST) IONIZATION ENERGY

- The amount of energy required to remove a single electron from the outer shell of an atom.
- Relates to reactivity for metals. The easier it is to remove an electron, the more reactive the metal.
- As you go DOWN A GROUP (↓), the ionization energy DECREASES.
    - Why? As you go down a period, you are ADDING SHELLS. Since the outer electrons are farther from the nucleus and charge attraction lessens with distance, this makes electrons easier to remove as the atoms get bigger!
- As you go ACROSS A PERIOD (⟶), the ionization energy INCREASES.
    - Why? Let's look at some sample atoms.



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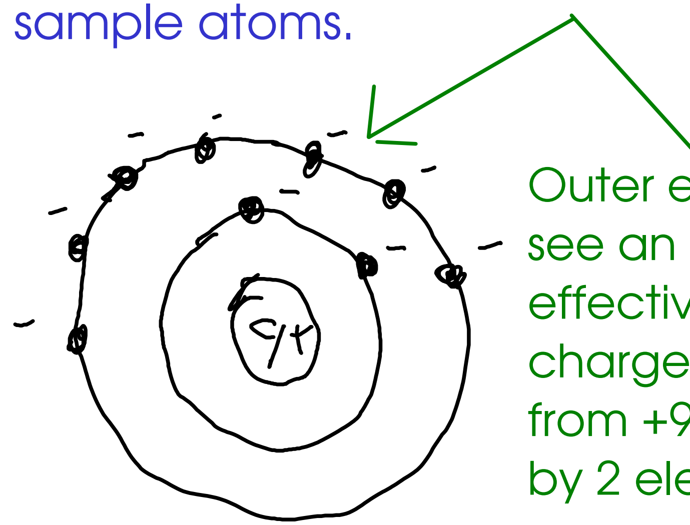

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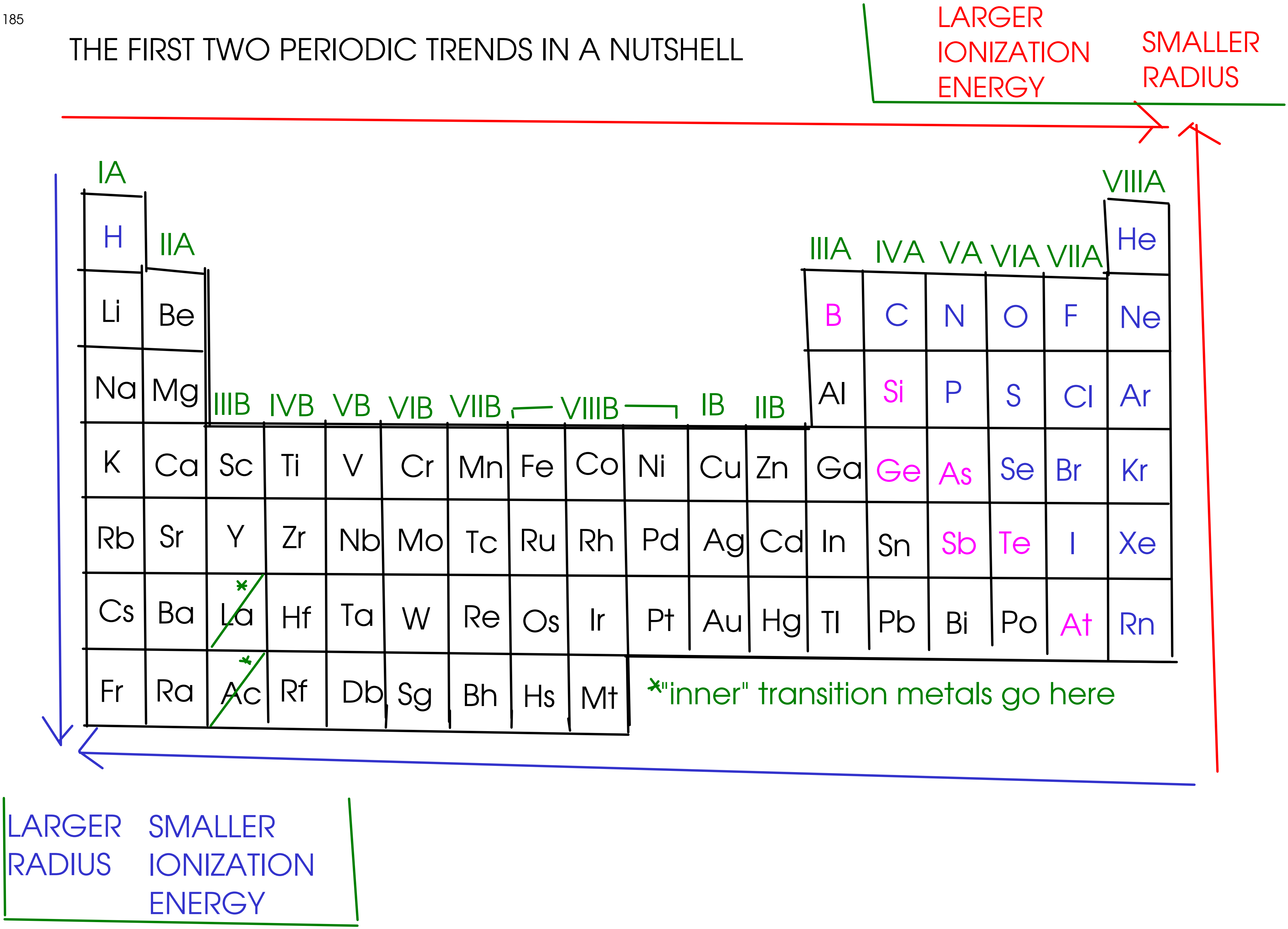
fluorine

... since fluorine's outer electrons are held on by a larger effective charge, they are more difficult to remove than lithium's.

THE FIRST TWO PERIODIC TRENDS IN A NUTSHELL



ELECTRON AFFINITY

- the electron affinity is the ENERGY CHANGE on adding a single electron to an atom.
  - Atoms with a positive electron affinity cannot form anions.
  - The more negative the electron affinity, the more stable the anion formed!

- General trend: As you move to the right on the periodic table, the electron affinity becomes more negative.

EXCEPTIONS

- Group IIA does not form anions (positive electron affinity)!

ns^2 ← valence electrons for Group IIA!

n ← period number

- To add an electron, the atom must put it into a higher-energy (p) subshell.

- Group VA: can form anions, but has a more POSITIVE electron affinity than IVA

ns^2np^3 ← valence electrons for Group VA!

np^3 ← Half-full "p" subshell! To add an electron, must start pairing!

- Group VIIIA (noble gases) does not form anions

ns^2np^6 ← full "s" and "p" subshells!