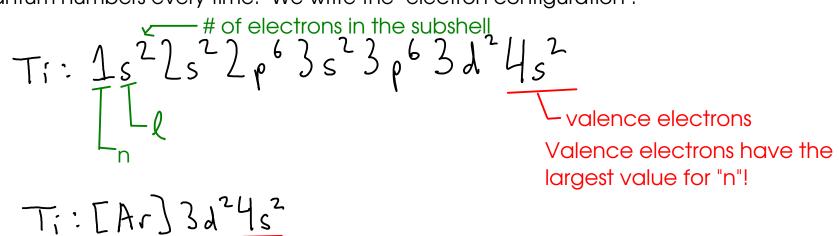
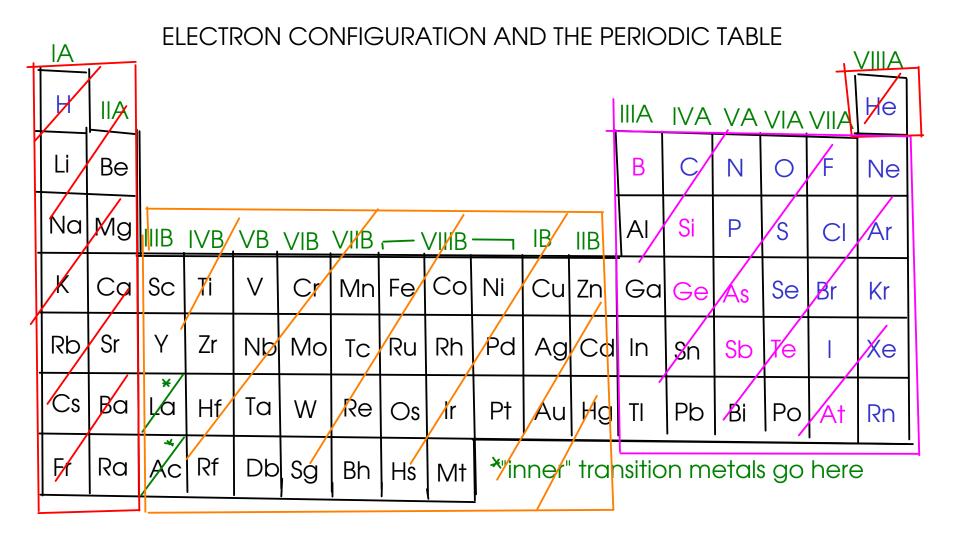
ELECTRON CONFIGURATION (SHORT FORM)

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



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.

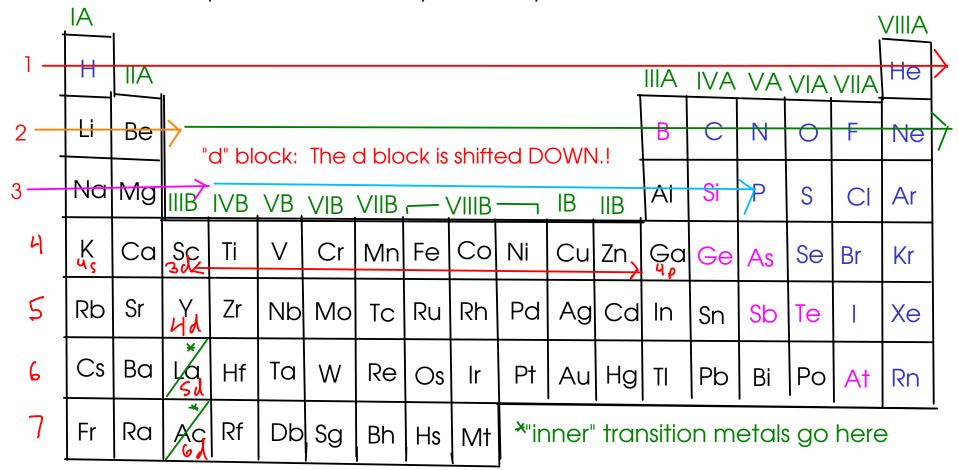


"s" block: last electron in these atoms is in an "s" orbital!

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

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

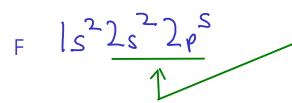
- To write an electron configuration using the periodic table, start at hydrogen, and count up the electrons until you reach your element!



Example: Phosphorus (P): $15^2 25^2 2\rho^6 35^2 3\rho^3$

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

EXAMPLES:



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

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!

You can order the subshells in numeric order OR

or [Ar] 322452 or [Ar]452312

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

or [Ar] 3 d 10 4 s 2 4 p 4

Sample f-block element