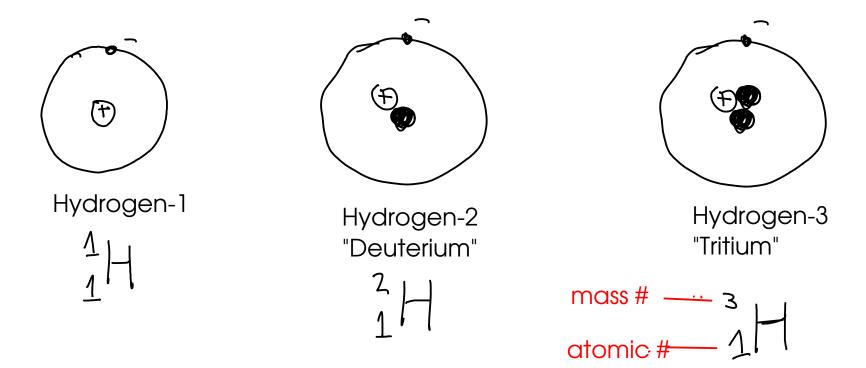
# A few isotopes



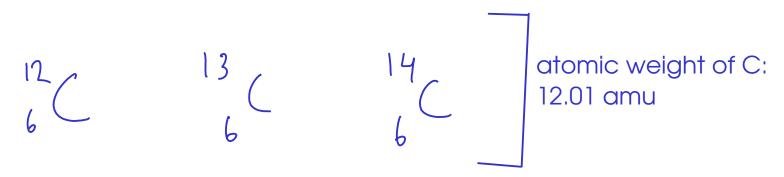
# <u>Isotope</u>s

- Have identical CHEMICAL properties
- Differ in MASS
- May differ in stability. Elements may have some isotopes that are RADIOACTIVE

## Atomic weight

- The AVERAGE MASS of all naturally occurring isotopes of an element.

Example: Hydrogen has an atomic weight of 1.008 "atomic mass units" (Naturally-occurring hydrogen is almost all Hydrogen-1!)



(Natural carbon is mostly carbon-12)

(Natural chlorine is mostly chlorine-35)

- Mendeleev (1869):
- --- When atoms are arranged in order of their atomic weight, some of their chemical and physical properties repeat at regular intervals (periods)
- --- Some of the physical and chemical properties of atoms could be calculated based on atomic weight
- Mendeleev was able to predict the properties of <u>previously unknown</u> <u>elements</u> using his "periodic law"

### Modern periodic table

- organized based on <u>ATOMIC NUMBER</u> rather than ATOMIC WEIGHT. This eliminated some problems (elements out or order) with Mendeleev's original arrangement

# Organization of the table

#### **GROUPS**

- columns
- atoms in a group often have similar chemical (and sometimes physical) properties

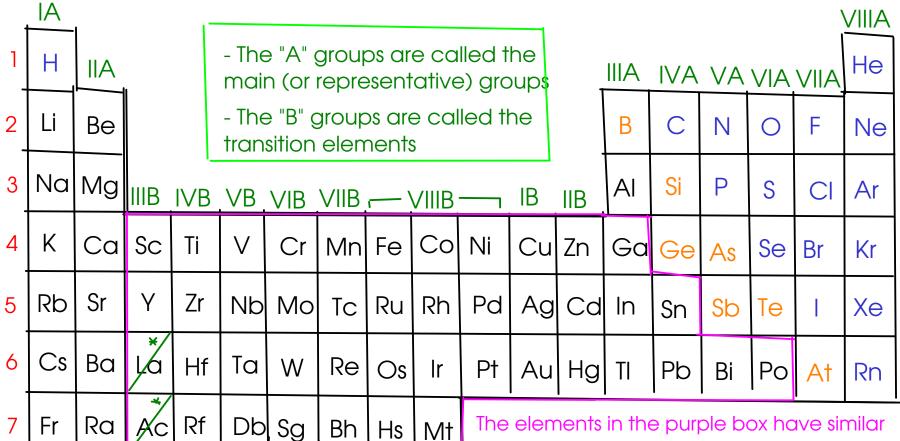
### Group numbering:

- 1) Roman numerals: Similar to Mendeleev's groupings
  - "A" groups: Main group or "representative" elements
  - "B" groups: Transistion elements (also called transition metals)
- 2) Arabic numerals: IUPAC (international) accepted numbering system

#### **PERIODS**

- rows
- Atoms in later periods are generally larger than in earlier periods
- More on the significance of periods at the end of the course!

## Groups and periods



GROUP numbers shown in GREEN PERIOD numbers shown in RED

The elements in the purple box have similar chemistry to the transition elements, even though they are listed in the "A" groups. A/B group notation isn't perfect!

## Categories of elements

### **METALS**

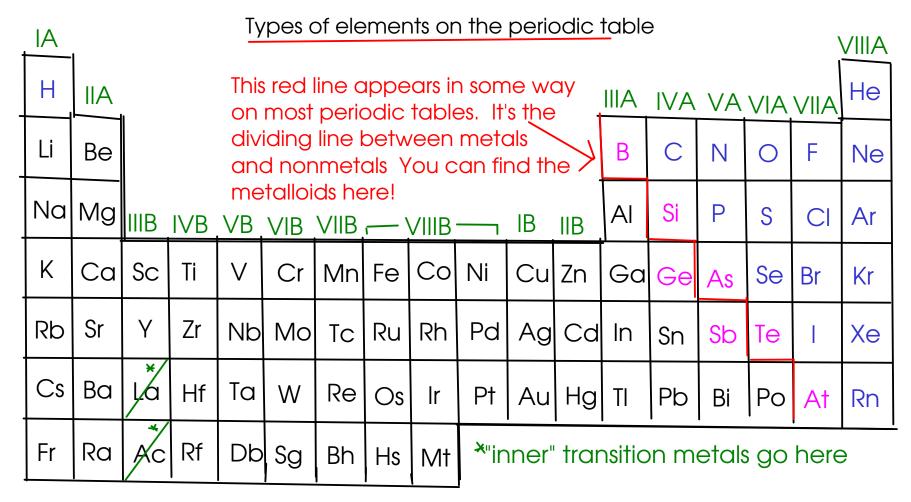
- good conductors of heat and electricity
- almost all solids at room temperature (exception: Mercury Hg is liquid)
- appearance: shiny, mirrored surface mostly grey
- ductile (can be drawn into wires), malleable (can be hammered)
- located on the left hand side of the periodic table

### **NONMETALS**

- poor conductors of heat and electricity. Most nonmetals do not conduct well at all (insulators)
- many of the nonmetals are gases at room temperature. A few solids, and one liquid (bromine)
- color: Nonmetals may be white, black, purple, green, blue, orange, or colorless etc.
  - usually have low melting points in the solid form
  - solids tend to be brittle (not malleable) break when hit
  - located on the right hand side of the periodic table

### METALLOIDS / SEMICONDUCTORS

- in between metals and nonmetals on the table
- most periodic tables have a zig-zagging line where the metalloids are
- properties tend to be "between" metals and nonmetals, too!
- some have chemical reactivity like a nonmetal, but conduct electricity better than nonmetals
- some have unusual electrical properties (silicon / germanium diodes), and are useful in electronics



METALS shown in BLACK

NONMETALS shown in BLUE

METALLOIDS shown in PURPLE