Organization of the table

GROUPS

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

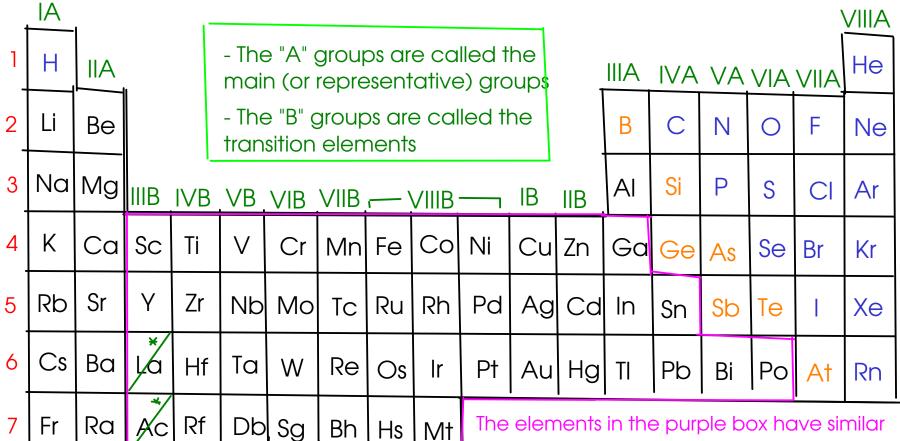
Group numbering:

- 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

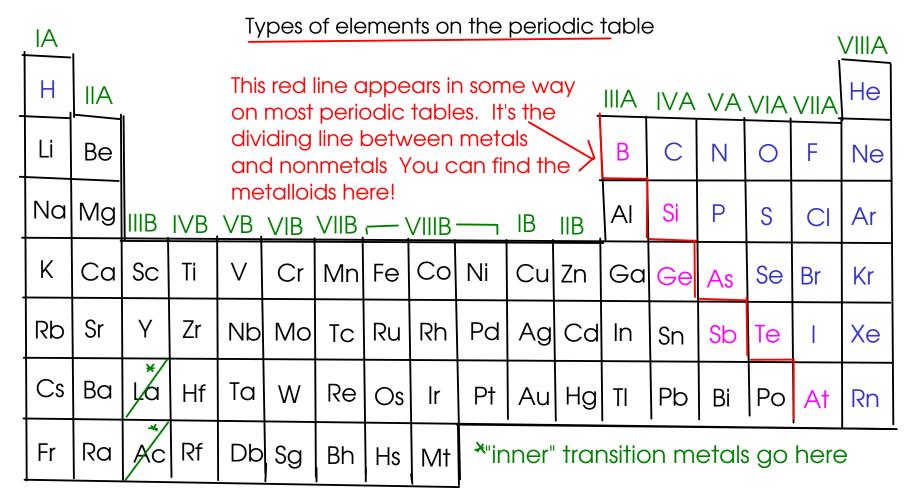
- good conductors of heat and electricity
- almost all solids at room temperature (exception: Mercury Hg is liquid)
- appearance: shiny, mirrored surface mostly grey
- ductile (can be drawn into wires), malleable (can be hammered)
- located on the left hand side of the periodic table

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

Blocks on the periodic table

11 Sodium_ 22.99

Atomic number: This is always a whole number. The periodic table is arranged by atomic number!

Element symbol: A one or two letter abbreviation for the name of the element. Sometimes, the abbreviation is based on a language OTHER THAN ENGLISH! (Example: Na is short for "natrium", the Latin name of sodium.)

Element name: Sometimes, this is left off of periodic tables, expecially small ones!

Atomic weight: This is a decimal number, but for radioactive elements it is replaced with a number in parenthesis.

88 Radium (226)

For RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS - elements where the atomic nucleus breaks down, causing the atom to break apart - the MASS NUMBER of the most stable ISOTOPE is given in (parenthesis) instead of the atomic weight!

CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS

- Dalton's theory does not mention this, but there is more than one way for atoms to come together to make chemical compounds!
- There are TWO common kinds of chemical compound, classified based on how the atoms in the compound are held together:





- form when atoms SHARE outer electrons with each other. This results in a set of connected atoms called a MOLECULE



- usually form between nonmetals and other nonmetals or between nonmetals

and metalloids

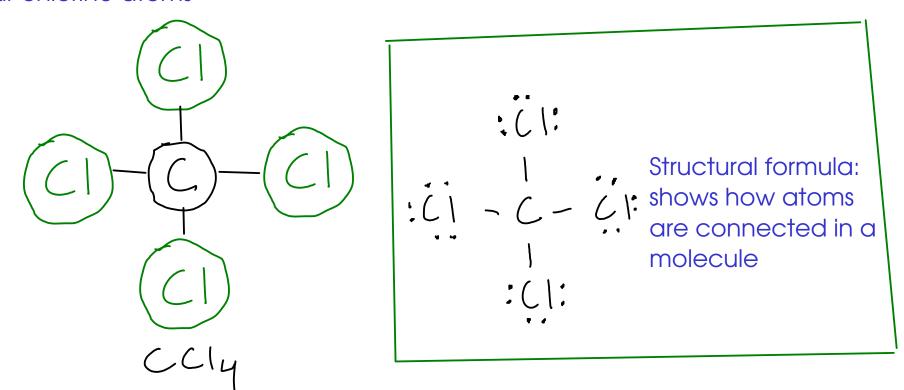
Examples: H_2O	CO2	CCly	CANDLE WAX is made up of molecular compounds
CO	N205	PCIS	

- some solid at room temperature. These solids tend to have low melting points.

MOLECULAR FORMULAS

- formula of a molecular compound represents the EXACT NUMBER OF ATOMS OF EACH ELEMENT in a single molecule of the compound

Example: Each molecule of CCI_{H} contains exactly one carbon atom and four chlorine atoms



"ball and stick" model

IONIC COMPOUNDS

- formed when atoms TRANSFER ELECTRONS between each other forming charged atoms, called IONS.

Two kinds of ions:



CATIONS: formed when an atom LOSES one or more electrons.

- overall, a cation has a POSITIVE charge, because it has more protons in the nucleus than electrons in the electron cloud
- usually formed by METALS, but occasionally hydrogen will also form a cation



- overall, an anion has a NEGATIVE charge, because it has more electrons in the electron cloud than protons in the nucleus
- usually formed by NONMETALS

IONIC COMPOUNDS

- USUALLY form from metals combining with nonmetals, or from metals combining with metalloids

Examples: NaCl MgCl2 NaOH

(a(OH)2 Nazco3

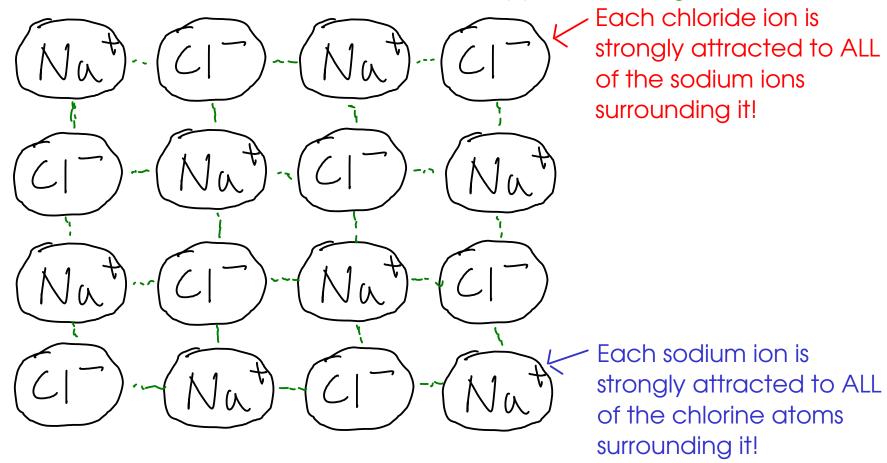
FezO3 FeO

- almost always solid at room temperature, and usually have relatively high melting points

All of the above are solids at room temperature. NaCl has a melting point of 801°C.

- as solids, do not conduct electricity. If dissolved in water (some do not dissolve significantly in water), will form a solution that conducts electricity.

- ionic compounds are held together by ELECTROSTATIC INTERACTIONS (in other words, the attraction between oppositely charged ions!)



There are no "molecules" in ionic compounds - in the sense that you can't point to a discrete unit of atoms that are connected to only each other

IONIC FORMULAS

- since there are no "molecules", an ionic formula cannot describe how many and what kinds of atoms are in a molecule!
- all ionic compounds are observed to be (overall) electrically neutral, so the IONS they contain must be present in such a way that the charges BALANCE EACH OTHER
 - an ionic formula gives the SMALLEST WHOLE NUMBER RATIO OF CATION TO ANION in the ionic compound