

## Coulomb's Law

- Measure of electromagnetic forces (attractive/repulsive forces between electrically-charged or magnetic objects
- Force of attraction depends on magnitude of nuclear charge (+) and electron
- Increases as:
  - Nuclear charge increases
  - Electron moves closer to nucleus



## Effective Nuclear Charge

- Electrons are both attracted to nucleus and repelled by other electrons
- $\cdot \mathbf{Z}_{eff}:$  net charge on a single electron, considering the electric field from other electrons and positive nuclear charge

## Effective Nuclear Charge

 $Z_{eff} = Z - S$ 

- $\cdot\, {\rm Z}$  is the number of protons in the nucleus
- S is the screening constant, usually close to the number of core electrons

What does this mean?

• Greater attraction when the nucleus is <u>larger</u>, but the number of core electrons stays the same

# Atomic Radius

- Distance from the center of the nucleus to the outermost occupied energy level
- No sharp boundary!
- Decreases across a period
  Higher Z<sub>eff</sub>, larger nucleus with same energy levels, so electrons are more attracted more strongly and cloud "shrinks"
- Increases down a group
  - Principal level determines size of atom, so distance decreases attraction

# Rules for Periodic Trends

- 1.  $Z_{eff}$  more positive nucleus means more attractive force drawing electrons in and holding them in place
- 2. Distance attractive forces decrease as electrons are further away from the nucleus
- 3. Shielding core electrons shield outer electrons from nucleus' attractive force (down, not across)
- 4. Minimize electron/electron repulsions



## Example: Atomic Radius

Arrange the following in order of increasing atomic radius: F, P, S, As.

#### Example 1: Ionic Radius

Write the electron configurations for a potassium ion, argon atom and magnesium ion. Which species are isoelectronic?

#### Ionic Radius

- **Isoelectronic** ions with the same ground state configuration
- Cations smaller than atom, since nucleus is attracting fewer electrons
- Anions larger than atom, since nucleus is attracting more electrons
- Must consider change in electron repulsion when considering size

#### Example 2: Ionic Radius

Arrange in order of increasing size:  $P^{3\text{-}},\,K^{\text{+}},\,Cl^{\text{-}}$ 

## Ionization Energy

- Energy required to remove an electron from the atom in the gas phase (forming a cation)
- Harder to remove subsequent electrons, (especially if they are from another sublevel (s, p, d, f) or energy level (n)
- · Decreases down a group
  - Increased distance from nucleus, increased shielding by core electrons
- · Increases across a period
  - $\cdot$  Increased  $\rm Z_{eff}-stronger$  attraction to nucleus



Anomalies:

- Drops from s<sup>2</sup> to p<sup>1</sup>, because p orbital is slightly further from the nucleus than s (2A to 3A)
- 2. Drops between 5A and 6A, because 6A has the first paired electron in p, increasing electron repulsion and making that electron slightly easier to remove



## Electron Affinity

- Energy associated with adding an electron to a gaseous atom (forming an anion)
- Negative EA means anion is stable (following thermo conventions)
- More negative across period, except for noble gases
- · Minimal change within a group