

Chem 1311Ch8Ep3 Transcript

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Hello, and welcome to the third episode of periodic Trends.

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Previously in periodic trends.

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We learned the underlying reasons for both the Ionic and atomic size trends in the periodic table.

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We practiced using these trends to predict relative size of ions and atoms.

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In today's episode we will learn the trends for ionization energy and electron affinity and how they are related to atomic size.

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Sensation energy is the minimum energy required to remove an electron from a gaseous atom in its ground state.

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That basically means how hard you have to work to remove an electron.

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From a gaseous atom.

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This is the process.

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And the energy required to remove the first electron is called the first ionization energy.

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The energy required to remove the second electron.

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Is the 2nd ionization energy.

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The energy required to remove the third electron.

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Is the third ionization energy, and so on.

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You get the idea.

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Regardless of the element.

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The second ionization energy is always higher than the first ionization energy.

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And the third ionization energy is always larger than the second one, and so on.

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So for any atom.

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The more electrons you take

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The higher the ionization energy.

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We can use this table of ionization energies to show that trend.

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And a few other interesting features of the ionization energies.

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Nitrogen, for example, has a first ionization energy of 1400 kilo joules per mole.

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But each successive ionization energy increases.

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This is also true of metals such as aluminum.

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In which each successive ionization energy is always greater than the previous one.

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If you look throughout the entire table, you will find absolutely no exceptions.

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To this rule.

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There is also a periodic trend for elements in the same group.

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The first ionization energy decreases as you move down the group.

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For example, in Group 1.

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Lithium has the largest ionization energy.

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In Group 2.

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Beryllium has the greatest ionization energy.

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And in Group 18, helium has the greatest ionization energy.

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So ionization energy.

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Increases from bottom to top.

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The reason for this observed trend has to do with the size of the atom.

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One might have expected the opposite trend because the charge of the nucleus increases as you go down the group.

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But the distance between the electron and the nucleus?

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If a bigger factor.

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The greater the distance, the smaller the force.

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There is also a horizontal trend for the first ionization energy as you go across the period.

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Notice that as the atom gets smaller from left to right, the first ionization energy increases just as we expected.

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Both the horizontal and vertical trends for the first ionization energies of the representative elements.

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Can be summarized by this diagram.

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From left to right, the ionization energy increases.

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from bottom to top, the ionization energy increases.

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The smaller the atom.

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The greater the ionization energy.

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This graph shows the periodic trends also.

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If you focus only on the noble gases.

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You can see that the first ionization energy is the greatest for helium and steadily decreases as you move down the group.

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You can choose any of the other groups and see the exact same trend.

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Take your pick.

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You can also see the horizontal trend if you focus on only one of the upward peaks.

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This graph also shows 2 trend reversals for every period.

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They always occur in the same place.

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Where the piece of shell gets its first electron.

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And where it gets its fourth electron.

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There is one more thing to notice in this chart.

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Using carbon as an example, notice that there is a huge jump in the 5th ionization energy and beyond.

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The reason for this big jump is that much more energy is required to remove core electrons than it is to remove valence electrons.

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Carbon has four valence electrons, so the 5th electron is the first core electron.

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Aluminum shows the same jump after its third valence electron has been already removed because the 4th one will be.

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A core electron.

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And nitrogen shows the same jump after its 5th valence electron has been removed.

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You may remember.

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Nitrogen has five valence electrons, so the 6th.

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It's a core electron.

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Here we have a couple of questions concerning ionization energies.

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Write down your answers and then come right back.

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Welcome back.

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The first question is about the vertical trend.

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The first ionization energy decreases down the group, so oxygen has the higher one and sulfur the smaller one.

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So, the answer is sulfur.

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The second ionization energy question for a lithium and beryllium is not a trick question.

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It's just tricky.

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Lithium has only one valence electron, and beryllium has two valence electrons.

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The second electron that you remove from lithium.

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Would be a core electron and, therefore.

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Much higher than the second electron for beryllium.

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So, lithium will be your answer.

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Electron affinity is defined as the negative of an energy change so that the values are more intuitive.

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An element with a high electron affinity.

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Will be very eager to accept electrons.

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This is the process.

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Basically, the opposite of the ionization energy.

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And like I just said.

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Here's an example of electron affinity.

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Fluorine has a high electron affinity because it is very willing to accept an electron.

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Oxygen has a high electron affinity, just not as high.

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As fluorine's

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The larger the value of the electron affinity, the more willing the element is to accept an electron.

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The trends for electron affinity and 1st ionization energy are the same.

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Because smaller atoms are better able to accept an electron.

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For the same reason that they are reluctant to part with one of their own.

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Here are both the vertical and the horizontal trends for electron affinity.

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And this table shows the values for those electron affinities.

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You can see that the horizontal trend for electron affinity.

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You will notice that the trend is not as clean.

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As the ionization trend, because accepting an extra electron is also affected by the orbital availability.

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After all, you have to put that electron somewhere.

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The vertical trend is a little bit cleaner.

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You probably have noticed a consistent drop in electron affinity after group 14 when looking at the horizontal trend.

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Why do you think the members of Group 15?

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Are less willing to accept an electron than those of groups 14 and 16.

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What's going on there?

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Do you want a hint?

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OK, it matches the first ionization energy.

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And it actually.

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Matches both of them.

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OK, our real hint this time.

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Look at the electron configurations of the elements where the exception occurs.

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And that's all there is.

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There isn't any more.