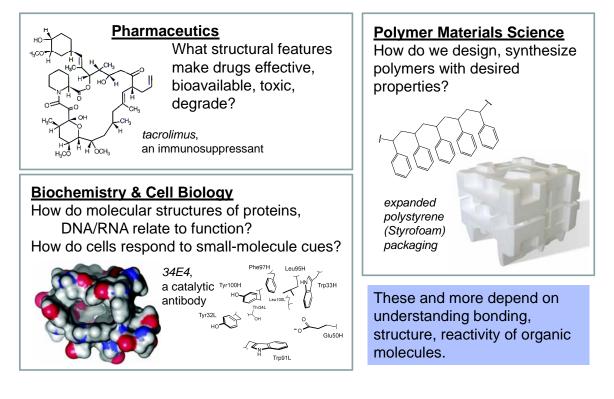
Why Study Organic Chemistry?

Because I'm required to, okay, but also:



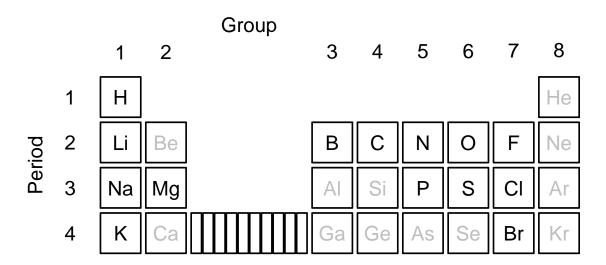
Organic Chemistry is About Valence Electrons

Valence electrons: Electrons in outermost atomic shell.

Valence electrons are available for bonding and reactions; They dictate the shapes of molecules, character of bonds between atoms, reactivity of groups of atoms.

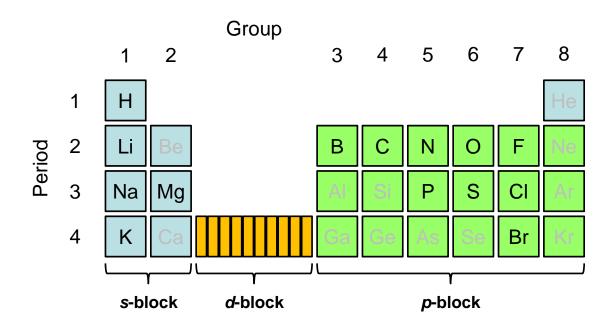
- *Question:* How many valence electrons are associated with an atom?
- Answer: Use the Periodic Table.

Using the Periodic Table to Determine Atom Valency



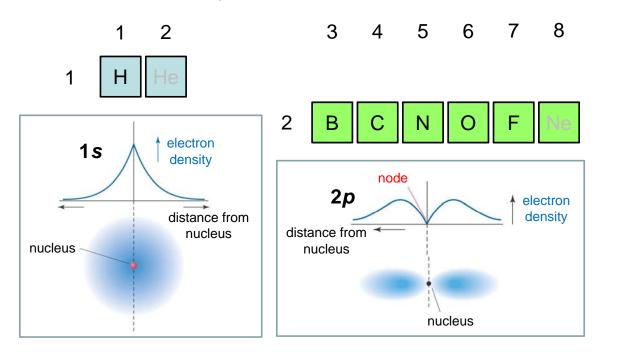
Each element has one more electron than the element on its left. Can understand electron distribution using "Aufbau" principle.

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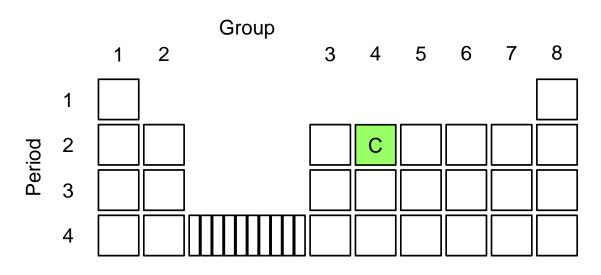


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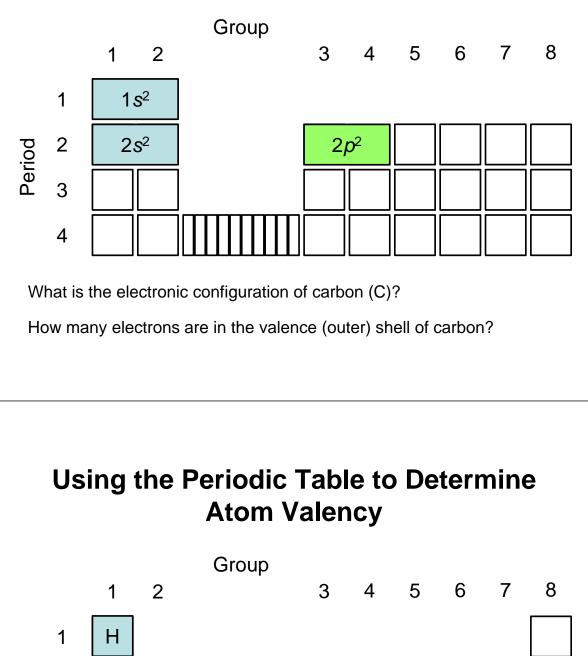


Using the Periodic Table to Determine Atom Valency



What is the electronic configuration of carbon (C)?

Using the Periodic Table to Determine Atom Valency



 2
 C
 C

 3
 C
 C

 4
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How many electrons are in the valence (outer) shell of these elements?