



Reason for exothermicity in general: a high energy free e^- is stabilized by the nuclear charge of the atom despite making Jan anion. Making Li^{\ominus} is most exothermic because the added e^- enters a very stable $2s$ orbital (as opposed to a higher energy $6s$ orbital in Cs^{\ominus}). Being closer to the nucleus increases the stability of the ion.

Be^{\ominus} and Mg^{\ominus} are both unstable since the added e^- enters a higher energy p orbital. Any stabilization is offset by the higher energy of the p -orbital.

3) best shielding $s > p > d > f$ worst shielding

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spherical shape of e^- cloud can shield at all directions around the nucleus

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finger-like and thin lobes of e^- cloud have many voids which do not act as a shield around the nucleus.

4)

N

2p ↑ ↑ ↑

2s ↑↑

1s ↑↑

Moving e^- have an associated magnetic field. This field can be quantized into 2 states of spin (spin up, spin down)

For the example of N's diagram one can see that there are parallel spin[↑] unpaired electrons in the 2p orbitals. These parallel spins can align with an external magnet as these e^- s are magnets themselves.

5)

$Ne \xrightarrow{-1e^-}$	$Ne^+ \xrightarrow{-1e^-}$	$Ne^{2+} \xrightarrow{-1e^-}$	Ne^{3+}
$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$
$Z_{eff} = +10 - 2 = +8$	$Z_{eff} = +8$	$Z_{eff} = +8$	$Z_{eff} = +8$

$Be \xrightarrow{-1e^-}$	$Be^+ \xrightarrow{-1e^-}$	$Be^{2+} \xrightarrow{-1e^-}$	Be^{3+}
$1s^2 2s^2$	$1s^2 2s^1$	$1s^2$	$1s^1$
$Z_{eff} = +4 - 2 = +2$	$Z_{eff} = +2$	$Z_{eff} = +4$	$Z_{eff} = +4$

Ionization of Ne occurs from one type of orbital (2p). Ionization of Be occurs from two types (2s + 1s). The 1s orbital is much more stable and ionization will