

Atomic Structure and Chemical Bonds

1 -1 Why do atoms combine ?

Atomic Structure

Atom Size and Structure

- Imagine Heinz Field...
 - If the nucleus was the size of a paper clip, the nearest electron would be in the furthest seat.
- Most of the atom is empty space

Electron Cloud

- The nucleus contains the protons and the neutrons.
- The electrons are found outside the nucleus in the electron cloud.











Electron Energy

- The electrons in the first energy level have the lowest amount of energy.
- The electrons in the furthest energy level (valence electrons) have the most energy.
 - The valence electrons are the easiest to remove.



Noble Gases

They either have a full outer energy level or have 8 valence electrons making them Stable.

- They have 8 electrons making them stable.
- Helium is the exception only having 2 electrons.

Electron Dot Diagrams

- 1. The symbol of the element.
- 2. Surrounded by the number of valence electrons.
 - The dots are written in pairs around the four sides of the element symbol.



Chemical Bonds

- <u>Chemical Bonds</u> the force that holds two atoms together.
- Atoms bond so that they can become stable
 - Their outer energy levels become full.