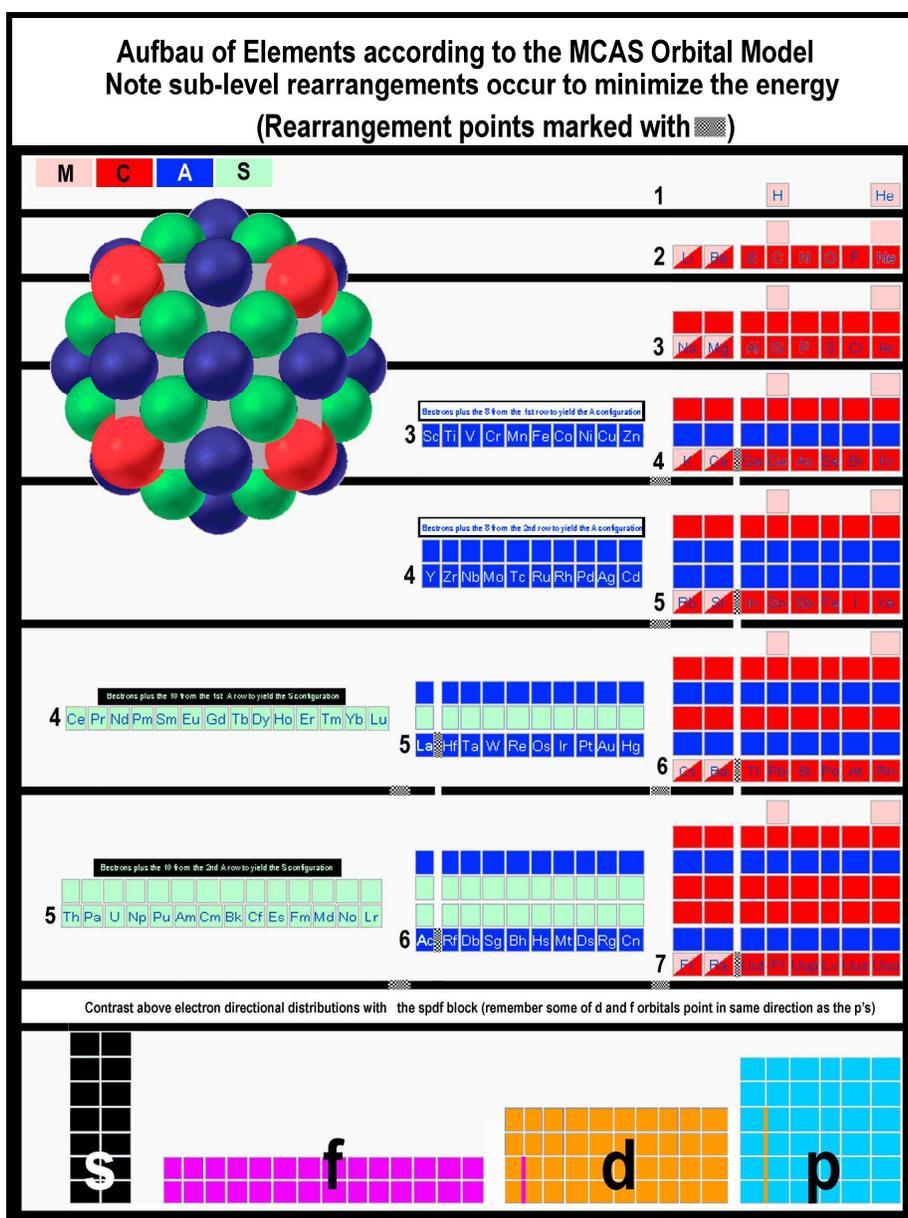


Aufbau of the Periodic Table Elements According to the MCAS Orbital Model

To better understand the aufbau of the periodic chart and why the transition element series and lanthanide and actinide series occur where they do, the following figure is presented. Before the 4-lobed M-orbitals can add more electrons and become C-orbitals at the 4th-7th levels, some underlying electron redistribution must take place. Thus, 8-electrons from a C-orbital series are moved to an A-orbital series which is then completely filled. After this, electron filling can convert the M-orbitals to C-orbitals. Likewise, when a third level of A-orbitals is started at La or Ac, an underlying A-orbital series must be redistributed to an S-series with 8 electrons returning to an M-series. Remember that the electron in the “La” or “Ac” orbital is there for the S-series elements that follow and accounts for the +3 behavior of those elements; esp the lanthanides. The symmetry maintained and the more even distribution of electrons is readily apparent when viewed in this manner. In the spdf model, electron density is just piled on top of electron density, especially in the p’s, without sub-level redistribution. How s-orbitals can be orthogonal to themselves (the last includes all those below in its space) and with other orbitals with whom they share space is a great contradiction to the spdf model. It is not clear what drives the d and f series elements to occur where they do in the spdf model. That such is modeled is a different matter.



Aufbau of the Periodic Table Elements from a different perspective

While the previous figure showed the electron distribution in-line with the conventional periodic table arrangement with the lowest-mass elements at the top, the following figure gives a different view. Here, the emphasis is on the electron loading as the number of electrons surrounding the nucleus increases. This reversal may help some see the sub-level reordering easier.

Aufbau of Elements according to the MCAS Orbital Model Note sub-level rearrangements occur to minimize the energy

(Rearrangement points marked with )
(arranged from lowest electron loading upward)

