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5: The Electronic Structure of Atoms

The electronic structures of atoms developed during the first half of the twentieth century. The periodic repetition of chemical properties discovered by Mendeleev led G. N. Lewis to the conclusion that atoms must have a shell structure. This was confirmed by [wave mechanics](#). Only certain specific wave patterns are possible for an electron in an atom, and these electron clouds are arranged in concentric shells.

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