## Electron Arrangements

## Outcomes:



Write electron configurations for elements of the periodic table. Include: selected elements up to atomic number 36 (Krypton)

Relate the electron configuration of an element to its valence electron(s) and its position on the periodic table.

## Electron Arrangements

In grade 9 you learned how to draw Bohr diagrams that showed the arrangement of electrons in orbits around a central nucleus.

We have just seen that:

- The orbits are really ENERGY LEVELS (QUANTUM numbers) that ELECTRONS occupy.
- Within each energy level there are ORBITALS which show the PROBABLE LOCATION of an electron with a certain QUANTUM of ENERGY.

Now we can show a more correct electron arrangement for a much wider range of elements...

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First we must see how these orbitals are arranged:

- Each PRINCIPLE ENERGY LEVEL ( $\mathbf{n}$ ), has $\mathbf{n}^{2}$ ORBITALS or sublevels.
- le. Energy level: 1 has $1^{2}=1$ orbital

2 has $2^{2}=4$ orbitals
3 has $3^{2}=9$ orbitals

- Each orbital is given the letter designation of $\mathbf{s , p , d} \mathbf{~ O R} \mathbf{f}$. and each of these orbitals has a different SHAPE.
- There are also a different NUMBER of each type of orbital possible in each ENERGY LEVEL (n)
- $s=1$ orbital
- $p=3$ orbitals
- $d=5$ orbitals $\quad$ Notice the pattern!
- $f=7$ orbitals



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The table below summarizes the types and number of orbitals available in each energy level.

| Principle Energy Level or Principle Quantum Number (n) | Number of orbitals ( $\mathrm{n}^{2}$ ) | Orbital Types |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 1 s-orbital |
| 2 | 4 | 1 s-orbital + 3 p-orbitals |
| 3 | 9 | 1 s-orbital + 3 p-orbitals + 5 d-orbitals |
| 4 | 16 | 1 s -orbital +3 p -orbitals +5 d -orbitals +7 f -orbitals |
| 5 | 25 | is-orbital $+3 p^{1 s}+5 d^{1 s}+7 f^{1 s}+9 g$ |

***Notice that in any energy level there can only be:
$\rightarrow 1$ s-orbital
$\rightarrow 3$ p-orbitals (in energy levels 2 and up)
$\rightarrow 5$ d-orbitals (in energylevels 3 and up)
$\rightarrow 7$ f-orbitals (in energy levels 4 and up)

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The energy levels and orbitals are arranged as follows:


- Each box represents an electron orbital, and can hold 2 electrons.
- You will probably notice that the 3d orbital has MORE ENERGY than the 4s orbital.
$\rightarrow$ This is because one energy level can OVERLAP the next energy level.


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## Rules for Filling the Orbitals

1. The Aufbau Principle

- Every electron will occupy the LOWEST energy orbital POSSIBLE.
- The term aufbau is from the German term aufbauen which means to BUILD UP.

2. The Pauli Exclusion Principle

- Said that two IDENTICAL electrons CANNOT occupy the same QUANTUM STATE (orbit) $\rightarrow$ electrons REPEL each other
- He proposed that electrons are constantly SPINNING, and when they spin they create a MAGNETIC FIELD (like the earth)

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## Rules for Filling the Orbitals

2. The Pauli Exclusion Principle (Con't)

- If two electrons have OPPOSITE SPINS, they CAN occupy the same ORBITAL.
- Therefore, a maximum of TWO electrons can occupy a single ORBITAL.
- We denote electron spins with an ARROW UP (positive spin) or an ARROW DOWN (negative spin)

Example:


OK


NOT OK

## Rules for Filling the Orbitals

## 3. Hund's Rule

- When electrons fill orbitals, they obey the aufbau principle and fill such that the NUMBER OF UNPAIRED ELECTRONS IS MAXIMIZED.
- That is, before filling the first $p$-orbital with two electrons, an electron is placed into the $p_{x}$-orbital, then an electron into the $p_{y}$-orbital then the $p_{z}$-orbital before filling the px -orbital.

Example: The 2 p orbitals would be filled as follows:


## Examples

Fill in the electron configuration charts for the following elements:

## Hydrogen

$1 e^{-}$


## Examples

## Lithium

$3 e^{-}$


## Examples

## Nitrogen

$7 e^{-}$


## Examples

## Phosphorus

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## Try these ones...

## Magnesium

$12 e^{\prime}$


## Try these ones...

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z_{n}^{2+}
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Zinc
$30 e^{\prime}$


## Try these ones...

## Calcium



