

7.8 Electron Spin

- The electron can be viewed as a ball of spinning charge – has a magnetic moment
 - The magnetic moment is quantized – only two orientations of the spin are allowed in a magnetic field
- ⇒ **Spin magnetic quantum number (m_s)** – two possible values of m_s (+1/2 and -1/2)

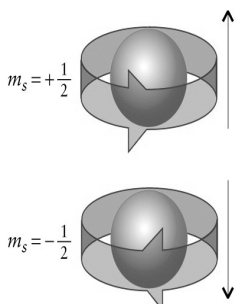


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7.9 The Electronic Structure of Hydrogen

- Electronic energy depends only on the principal quantum number (n) – all orbitals in a given shell have the same energy
- Ground state** of the H atom – the lowest energy state (the electron occupies the 1s orbital: $n=1$, $l=0$, $m_l=0$, $m_s=+1/2$ or $-1/2$)
- Excited states** – higher energy states ($n>1$)
- Ionization energy (I)** – energy required to remove the electron from the atom in its ground state

$$I = E_{\infty} - E_1 = 0 - (-hR_H) = hR_H$$

The Electronic Structures of Multielectron Atoms

- Only approximate solutions of Schrödinger's equation are available
- Electron-electron interactions are important
- The same four quantum numbers (n , l , m_l and m_s) are used as for hydrogen

7.10 Orbital Energies

- Orbital energies depend on both n and l
 $n \uparrow \rightarrow E \uparrow \quad l \uparrow \rightarrow E \uparrow$
- Orbitals in different subshells of a given principal shell have different energies

- Electrons are attracted by the nucleus and repelled by each other
- Electron shielding** – the inner electrons shield the outer electrons from the nuclear charge
- Effective nuclear charge (Z_{eff})** – smaller than the actual nuclear charge (Z)

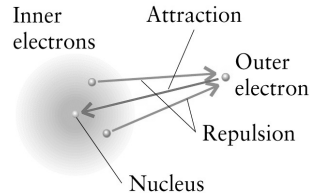


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- Electrons on orbitals in different subshells of a given shell are shielded to a different extent depending on their penetration to the nucleus
 - s-orbitals** – high density at the nucleus, greatest penetration to the nucleus (least shielded, highest Z_{eff} , lowest energy)
 - p-orbitals** – node at the nucleus, less penetration than the s-orbitals (more effectively shielded, larger Z_{eff} , higher energy)
 - penetration decreases with increasing l (more effective shielding, larger Z_{eff} , higher energy)
 - energy order of the subshells in a given shell:

$$s < p < d < f < g \dots$$

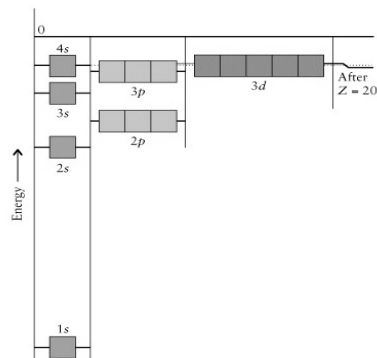


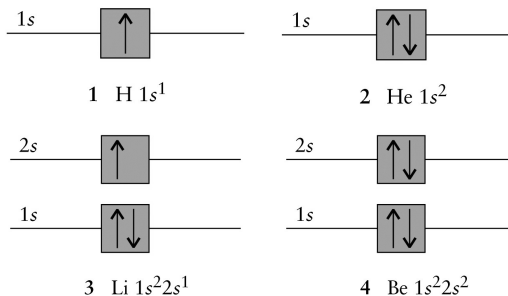
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7.11 The Building-Up Principle

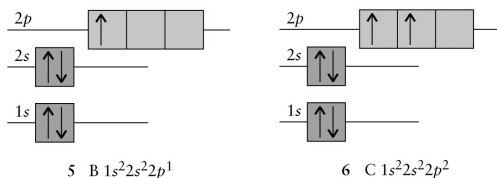
- The **Pauli exclusion principle** – no two electrons in an atom can have the same set of four quantum numbers
 $\Rightarrow$ each orbital can hold no more than two electrons and they must have opposite spins (paired spins, $\uparrow\downarrow$)
- Building-up principle** – as new electrons are added to the atom, they are placed in the lowest energy available orbital (minimization of the total energy of the atom)

• **Electron configuration** – a list of the occupied orbitals and the number of electrons on them

• **Orbital diagrams**

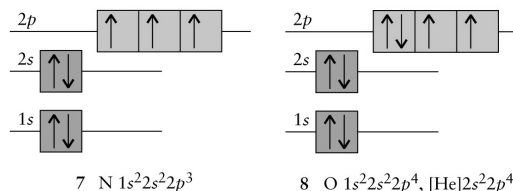


- Closed shell** configuration – completely filled principal shell (He $\rightarrow 1s^2$)



- Degenerate orbitals** – have equal energies (all orbitals in a subshell)
- Hund's rule** – in filling degenerate orbitals, electrons enter the empty orbitals having identical spins before pairing in one of them (minimization of the repulsion between the electrons)

- Valence shell** – the outermost occupied shell
- Valence electrons** – important in chemical reactions
- Core electrons** – inner shells (abbreviated in the electron configurations, $1s^2 \rightarrow$ abbreviated as [He])



Example: Predict the electron configurations of F and Ne.

orbital order: $1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, \dots$

F ($Z=9, 9 e^-$) $\rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 \rightarrow$ [He] $2s^2 2p^5$

Ne ($Z=10, 10 e^-$) $\rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 \rightarrow$ [He] $2s^2 2p^6$

[He] $2s^2 2p^6 \rightarrow$ closed shell $\rightarrow$ [Ne]

