## Ch08

## Electron Configurations

We now understand the orbital structure of atoms.
Next we explore how electrons filling that structure change it.



## Putting Electrons into Orbitals



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## Electron Spin

- The Bohr Model predicts the line spectra of hydrogen perfectly.
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- If we look closely at the line spectra of multi-electron atoms, we find lines split into two.
- Electrons are found to have a property called spin.
- Spin can be thought of as rotation relative to a magnetic pole.
- Spin can be demonstrated by applying a magnetic fields, which increases electron splitting.
- There are only two kinds of spin, spin up ( $\uparrow$ ) and spin down ( $\downarrow$ ).
- Electrons with opposite spin have a small repulsion, they avoid each other but the repulsion is small enough that two electrons can occupy a single orbital.
- Electrons with the same spin have a huge repulsion, two electrons with the same spin do not occupy the same orbital.
- We say electrons are paired if they occupy the same orbital with opposite spin.
- We say an electrons is unpaired if it occupies an orbital by itself.


Electron aligned with magnetic field: $m_{s}=+\frac{1}{2}$


Electron aligned against magnetic field: $m_{s}=-\frac{1}{2}$


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## Orbital and Electron Energy

- Orbitals have energy that is reported as a negative number.
- The energy represents the attraction between the nucleus and an electron in that orbital.
$n=4$ $\qquad$
This is energy of position; potential energy.
- It's represented as zero, when the electron is infinitely far away from the nucleus.
- It becomes a larger number as the electron get's closer to the nucleus.
- The energy of attraction is represented by Coulomb's law.
- $q$ is the electric charge
- Negative for the electron
- Positive for the nucleus
- $r$ is the distance between them
$\hat{H} \psi=E \psi$

$$
E=\frac{1}{4 \pi \varepsilon_{0}} \times \frac{q_{1} q_{2}}{r}
$$

$$
\mathrm{E}_{3}
$$



Larger negative number indicates how strong the nuclear attraction is at that position.

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\[
n=3
\]
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$\qquad$
$n=2 \longrightarrow E_{2}$
$\qquad$
Energy

- Positive for the nucleus

$$
E_{\text {orbitals }}=R_{H}\left[\frac{1}{n^{2}}\right]
$$

Eq
$\mathrm{E}_{\infty} \quad R_{H}=-2.18 \times 10^{-18} J$

PE of the orbital
only for hydrogen

Possible electron


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- Electrons have energy that is reported as a positive number.
- The energy represents the motion of the electron.
- Vibrations, rotations, etc
- This is energy of motion; kinetic energy.
- When an atom is radiated with e-m energy, the electron gains energy.
- It gains energy as shown by Planck's Equation.
$E_{\text {photon }}=h \nu=\left|\Delta E_{\text {orbital }}\right|$

$$
\Delta E=E_{f}-E_{i}
$$

$$
E_{\text {orbitals }}=R_{H}\left[\frac{1}{n^{2}}\right]
$$

KE of the electron

$$
n=4 \longrightarrow E
$$

$$
n=3
$$

$$
n=2
$$

$\qquad$
Energy $n=1$ $\qquad$

Possible


## Orbital and Electron Energy

- The electron can only exist in the positions defined by the Schrödinger equation. ( $n=1, n=2, n=3$, etc).
- If the electron gains enough energy it can offset the pull of the nucleus.
- When the kinetic energy of the particle is equal but opposite to the potential energy of the orbital. The electron will settle into that orbital.
- More energy, drives it to a higher orbital.
- Less energy, causes it to fall into a lower orbital.


$$
E_{\text {electron }}=-E_{\text {orbital }}
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Larger positive number indicates how much energy was put into the electron.

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## Electron Shielding \& Penetration

Shielding

Nucleus

- In a multi-electron atom, each electron sees a different nuclear charge.
- Electrons farther away from the nucleus, see a reduced nuclear charge.
- Electrons between the outer electron and the nucleus cancel out part of the nuclear charge.
- An electron on the outer shell is held with a smaller charge.
- The charge it sees is called the effective nuclear charge.
- The electron has more energy than it would have if it were held more tightly by the atom.
- This effect is called electron shielding.

$$
E=\frac{1}{4 \pi \varepsilon_{n}} \times \frac{q_{1} q_{2}}{r}
$$



## Electron Shielding \& Penetration

Penetration

Experiences full $3+$ charge
$3+\mathrm{e}^{-}$
Nucleus


- In a multi-electron atom, each electron sees a different nuclear charge.
- If the electron moves closer to the nucleus, electron shielding is reduced.
- The electron is said to have penetrated the electron shell that is causing the shielding.
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## Orbital Splitting

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- One of the consequence of the wave mechanic analysis of the atom, is the existence of sub-levels (s, p, d, f, etc).
- When we put more than one electron into an atom, electron interactions cause the sub-levels to split.
- This corresponds to complexity we see in the line spectra of many electron atoms.
- With a primary level, the sub-levels have increasing energy according to the sequence s, p, d, f.
- All orbitals of the same sub-level are degenerate. Degenerate means having the same energy.
- This splitting begins to overlap primary energy level gaps



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## Orbital Diagrams

- Orbital diagrams order the position of orbitals according to increasing energy.
- Electrons can and do populate these orbitals in endless combinations.
- Changing the configuration of electrons in an atom, changes it's chemical properties. Like a computer program.
- Many important chemical reactions are initiated by exciting electrons from one configuration to another.
- We call the lowest energy electron configuration of an atom it's ground state. It's the rest state of the atom.
- There are rules that will help you locate the ground state of any neutral atom or ion.



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## The Ground State



- Any combination of electrons in orbitals is theoretically possible.
- In chemistry, we will sometimes put extra energy into an atom to trigger a chemical reaction.
- Atoms with extra energy form higher energy configurations of electrons called excited states.
- Most configurations are unstable and not useful.
- The most useful configuration to know is the ground state.
- The ground state configuration of electrons is the lowest energy arrangement of electrons around a nucleus.
- Atoms will relax to the ground state in the absence




## Orbital Diagrams




| $4 f$ |
| :---: |
| $5 f$ |

$\square s$ block
$\square p$ block
$\square d$ block $\square$ $f$ block

- The periodic table is a useful tool for drawing orbital diagrams.
- It helps you find the number of electrons for any given atom.
- Each period will tell you the n value of the box.
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Ne
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- The valence shell is the outermost layer of the atom.
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\begin{aligned}
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- The position of any electron position can be described by four numbers.
- n is the principle quantum number, it corresponds to the shell.
- l is the angular quantum number, it corresponds to the sub-shell.
- $\mathrm{l}<\mathrm{n}$ eg, if $\mathrm{n}=3 \mathrm{l}=0$, 1 , or 2
- $0=\mathrm{s} ; 1$ = $\mathrm{p} ; 2$ = $\mathrm{d} ; 3$ = f
- $m_{l}$ is the magnetic quantum number, it's used to differentiate degenerate sub-shells.
- $m_{l}$ has values that run from $-l \ldots+l$; eg if $l=3 m_{l}=-2,-1,0,1,2$
- $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{s}}$ is the spin quantum number, it's either $+1 / 2$ (spin up) or $-1 / 2$ (spin down)



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## Questions?

