Quantum mechanics treats the electrons as waves and models THAT behavior!

- To describe the electrons, we use WAVEFUNCTIONs - which are mathematical descriptions of the behavior or electrons.
- The wavefunction describes the probability of finding an electron in a given space
- For larger objects, the wave behavior isn't very important .... and quantum mechanics becomes traditional Newtonian physics.

When we talk about describing electrons ... we will talk about the PARAMETERS that go into this WAVEFUNCTION ... without doing the actual math.

- There are FOUR of these parameters. (the Bohr model had only one!)
- The parameters are called "quantum numbers"

1. Principal quantum number
2. Angular momentum quantum number
3. Magnetic quantum number
4. Spin quantum number

- Giving the four parameters will uniquely identify an electron around an atom. No two electrons in the same atom can share all four. These parameters are called QUANTUM NUMBERS.

(1) PRINCIPAL QUANTUM NUMBER (n):

- "energy level", "shell"

- Represents two things:

  * The distance of the electron from the nucleus.

  * Energy. "n" is one factor that contributes to the energy of the electron.

$n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \ldots$ (integers)

(2) ANGULAR MOMENTUM QUANTUM NUMBER: ℓ

- "subshell"

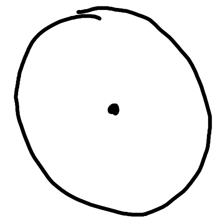
- Represents the SHAPE of the region of space where the electron is found.

  - (Bohr assumed CIRCULAR orbits for electrons ... but there are more possibilities.)

-"l" also contributes ENERGY. Higher values for "l" mean the electron has higher energy.

l = 0 to $n-1$, integers

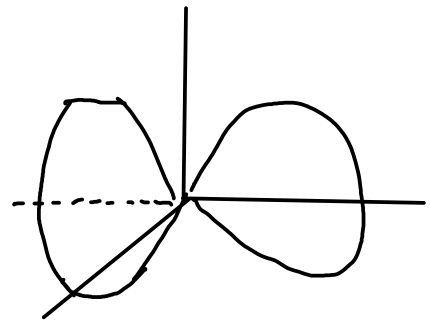
$n=1$; $l=0$



"l" = 0 ; spherical subshell

Also called an "s" subshell.

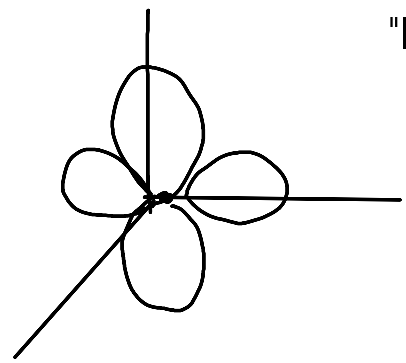
$n=2$; $l=0,1$



"l"=1 ; dumbbell shaped

Also called a "p" subshell

$n=3$, $l=0,1,2$



"l"=2; flower-shaped

Also called a "d" subshell

(p 285, 3-D pictures of subshells)

Higher values for "l" translate to higher energies for the electron!

For convenience, and partially for historical reasons, we use letters to designate the different subshells.

$l=0$ "s"
$l=1$ "p"
$l=2$ "d"
$l=3$ "f"
$l=4$ "g"

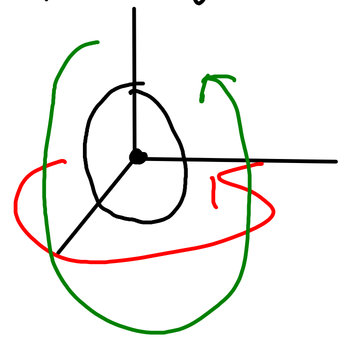
↓ The rest follow the alphabet

③ MAGNETIC QUANTUM NUMBER m_ℓ

- Represents the ORIENTATION of a subshell in 3D space.

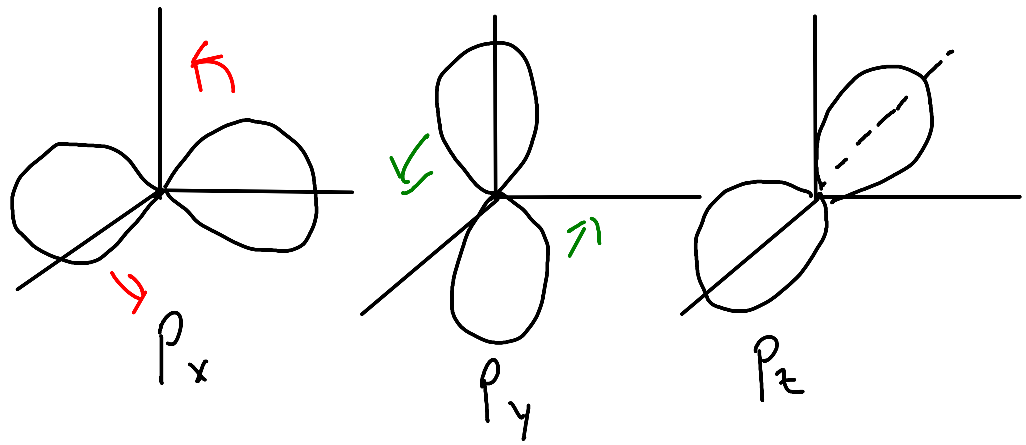
$m_\ell = -\ell$ to $+\ell$, integers

$\ell = 0$, $m_\ell = 0$
"s"



There is only one possible orientation for an "s" subshell!

$\ell = 1$; $m_\ell = -1, 0, 1$
"p"



There are THREE possible orientations for a "p" subshell!

$\ell = 2$, $m_\ell = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ (five orentations) [picture p285]
"d"

$\ell = 3$, $m_\ell = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ (seven orentations)
"f"

... all the arrangements of a single subshell have the same energy. The magnetic quantum number DOESN'T contribute to the energy of an electron.

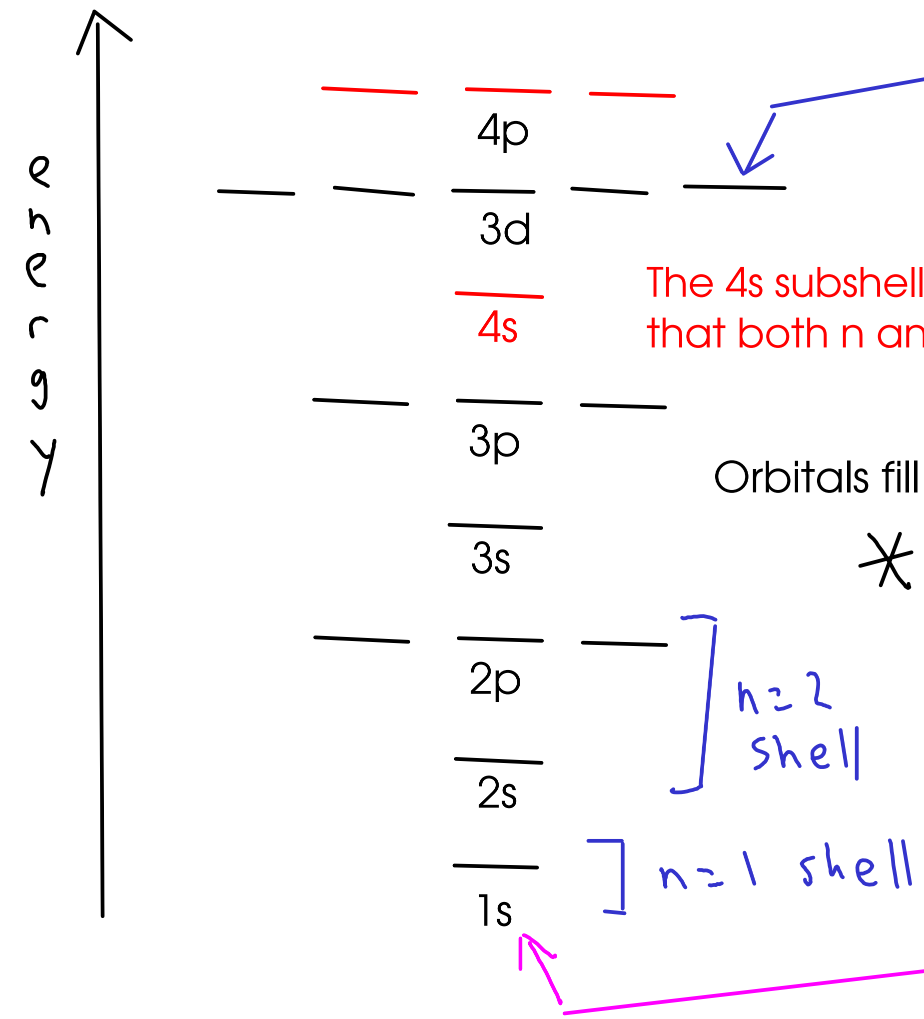
(4) (MAGNETIC) SPIN QUANTUM NUMBER: m_s

$m_s = -1/2$ or $+1/2$ "spin down" or "spin up"

- An ORBITAL (region with fixed "n", "l" and "ml" values) can hold TWO electrons.

ORBITAL DIAGRAM

- A graphical representation of the quantum number "map" of electrons around an atom.



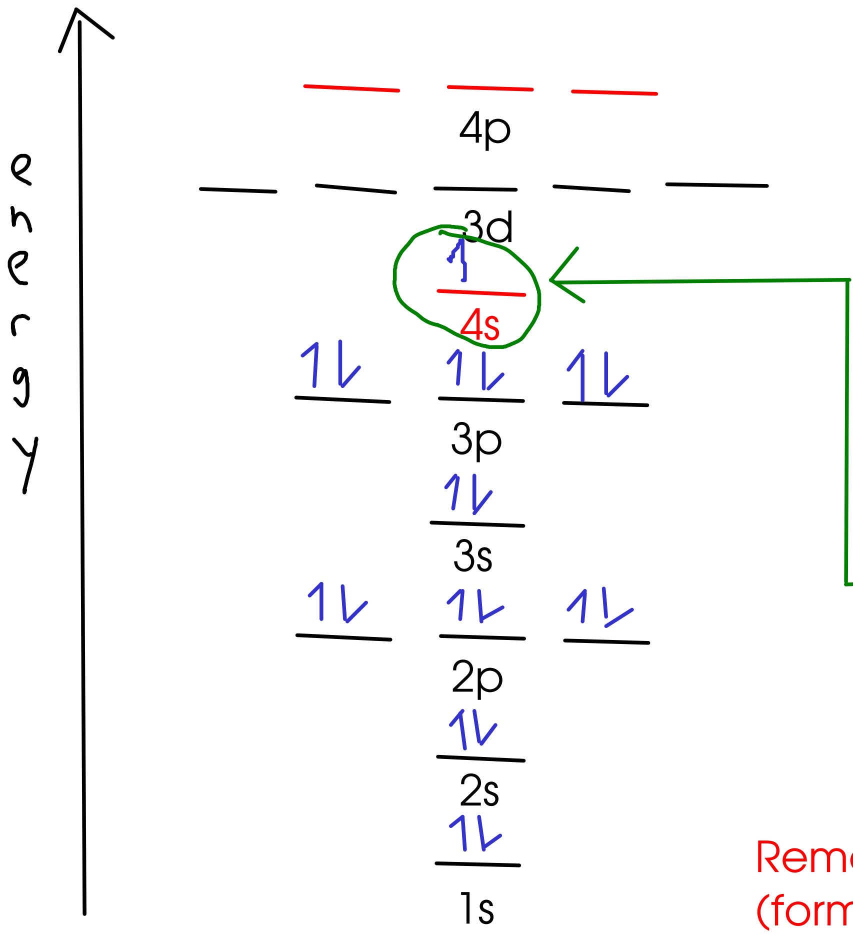
Each blank represents an ORBITAL, and can hold two electrons.

The 4s subshell is lower energy than the 3d subshells .... remember that both n and "l" contribute to energy!

Orbitals fill in order: The lower energy orbitals fill first.

* Where there's more than one orbital with the same energy, electrons don't pair up until each one has one electron in it!

1s: This means the first shell (n=1) and the "s" subshell ("l"=0)



How would an orbital diagram for the element POTASSIUM look?

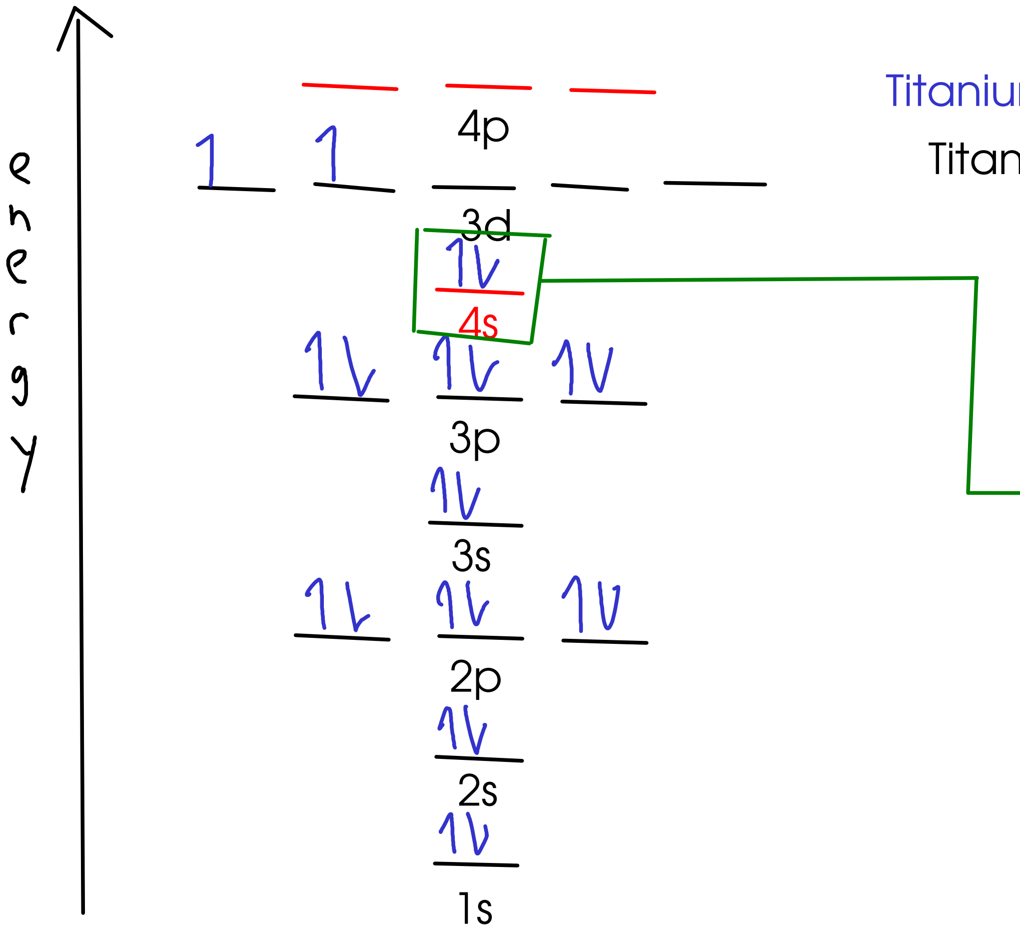
K , Z = 19

Z — atomic number

Electrons in the outermost shell of an atom are called VALENCE electrons. THESE electrons are normally involved in chemical bonding.

Remember: Potassium tends to lose a single electron (forming a cation) in chemical reactions. K^+

A little bit about transition metals...



Titanium (Ti, Z = 22)

Titanium usually forms one of two ions: +2 and +4

- if Ti loses only the valence electrons, forms +2. If it also loses the 3d electrons, forms +4.

- Most transition metals have TWO valence electrons (in an "s" subshell), and the other ions they form come from electron loss in "d" subshells.

BONDING AND ELECTRON CONFIGURATION

- Filled and half-filled subshells seem to be preferred by atoms.

ELECTRON CONFIGURATION (SHORT FORM)

- We can represent the electron configuration without drawing a diagram or writing down pages of quantum numbers every time. We write the "electron configuration".

# of electrons in the subshell

$$Ti: 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^2 4s^2$$

ℓ

n

valence electrons

Valence electrons have the largest value for "n"!

$$Ti: [Ar] 3d^2 4s^2$$

valence electrons

"noble gas core". We're saying that titanium has the same electron configuration as argon does, with the addition of the electrons that follow. This is a useful shorthand, since the "core" electrons generally don't get involved in bonding.