

Electron Configuration and Orbital Notation



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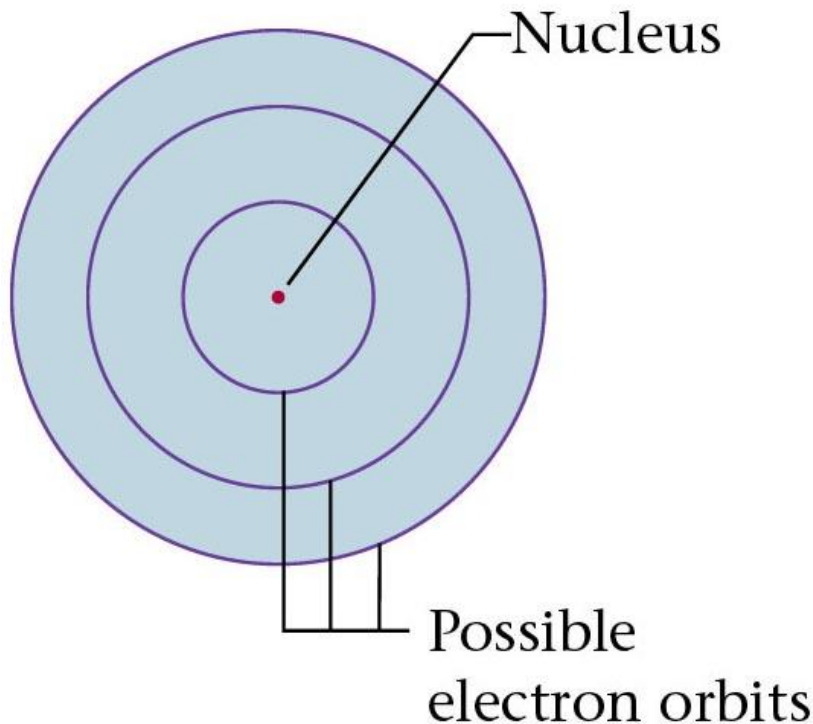


Periods and Group

- Period – horizontal row on P.T.
- Each period represents an energy level (think back to models of the atom)
 - Atoms in period 1 have 1 energy level, atoms in period 5 have 5 energy levels
- Group – vertical column P.T.
- Also known as families

Where are the electrons?

-The Bohr Atom



- Bohr Model
 - Based on Line Emission Spectrum of Hydrogen
 - Atoms consists of nucleus and energy Levels
 - Stated electrons followed specific circular paths called orbits

Quantum Mechanical Model

Consists of Energy levels, sublevels, and orbitals

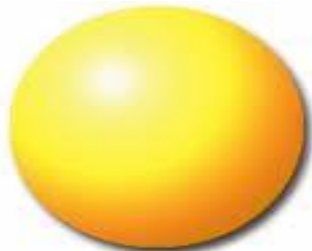
Key Points:

1. Electrons **do not** follow orbits, nor can location be known exactly
2. Electrons are located within orbitals (probable location of electron)

Sublevel (also called subshell)

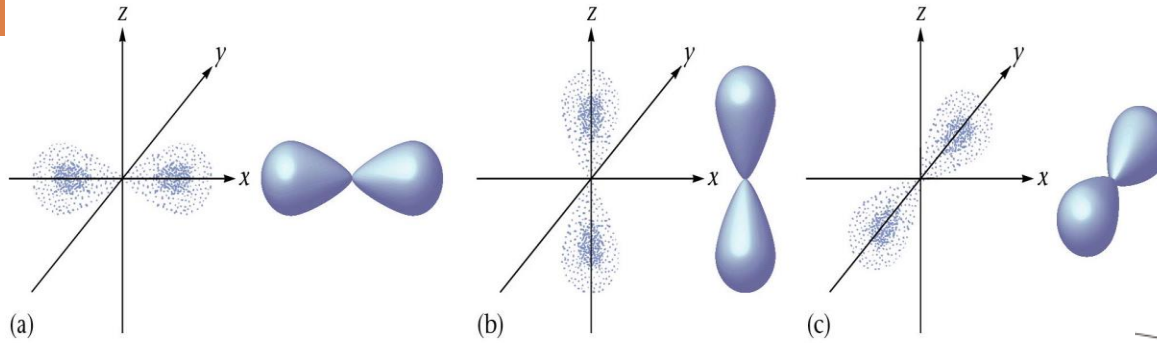
- Found within energy levels
- Designated by s, p, d, or f
- Letter corresponds to orbital shapes found in sublevel

“s” sublevel (1 orbital)

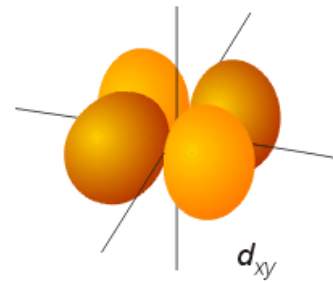
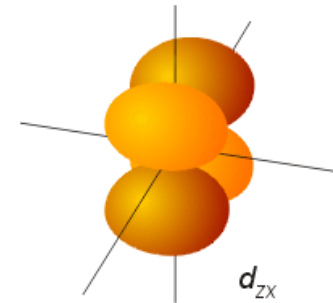
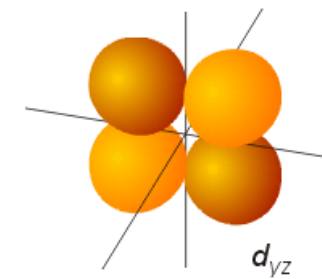
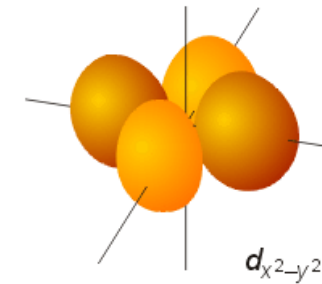
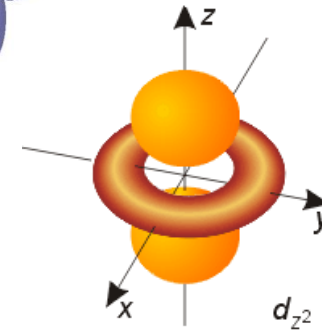


The shape of s orbitals is a sphere.
Electrons can move anywhere within
the sphere.

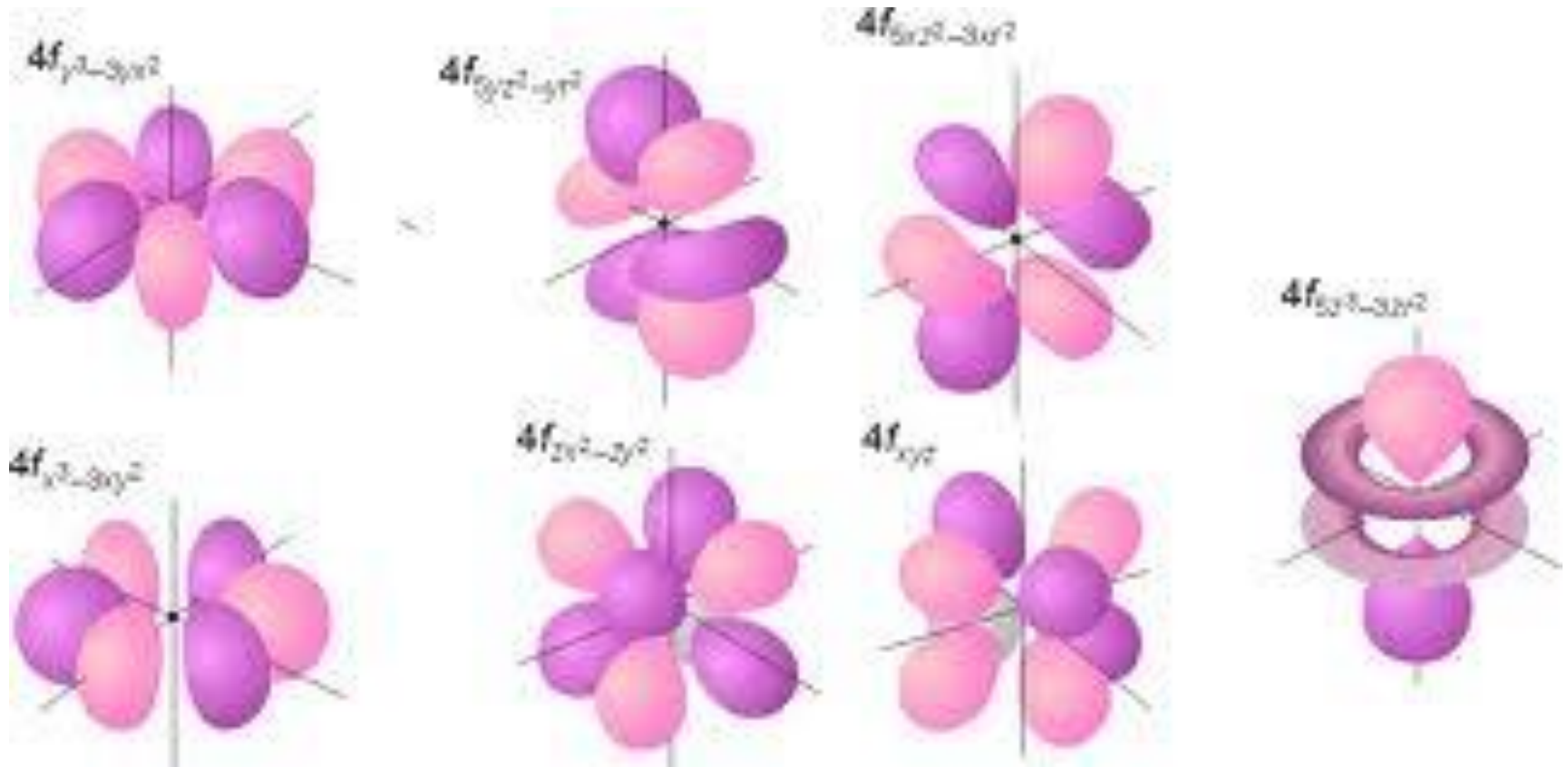
The p sublevels (three orbitals)



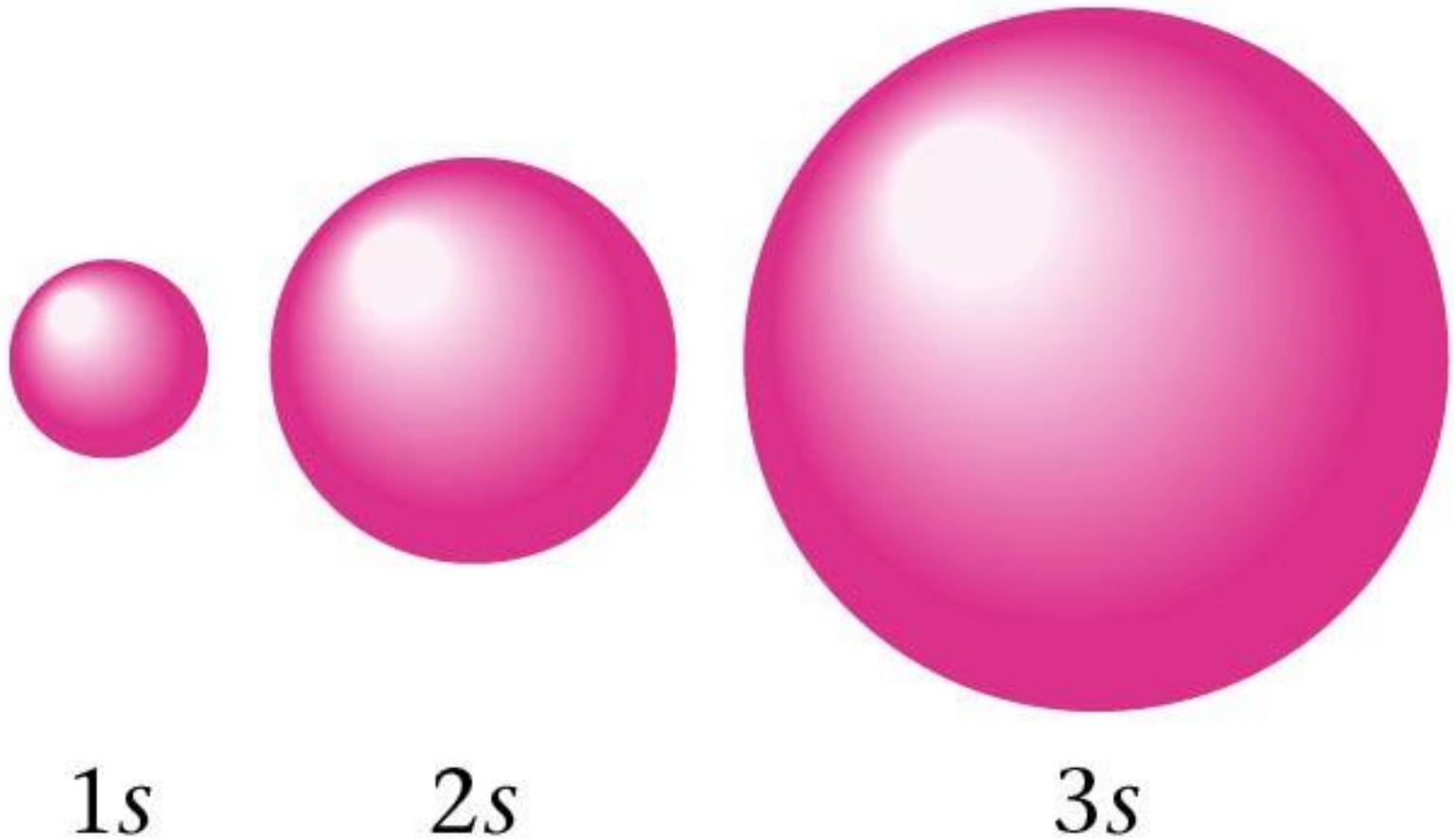
The d sublevel (five orbitals)



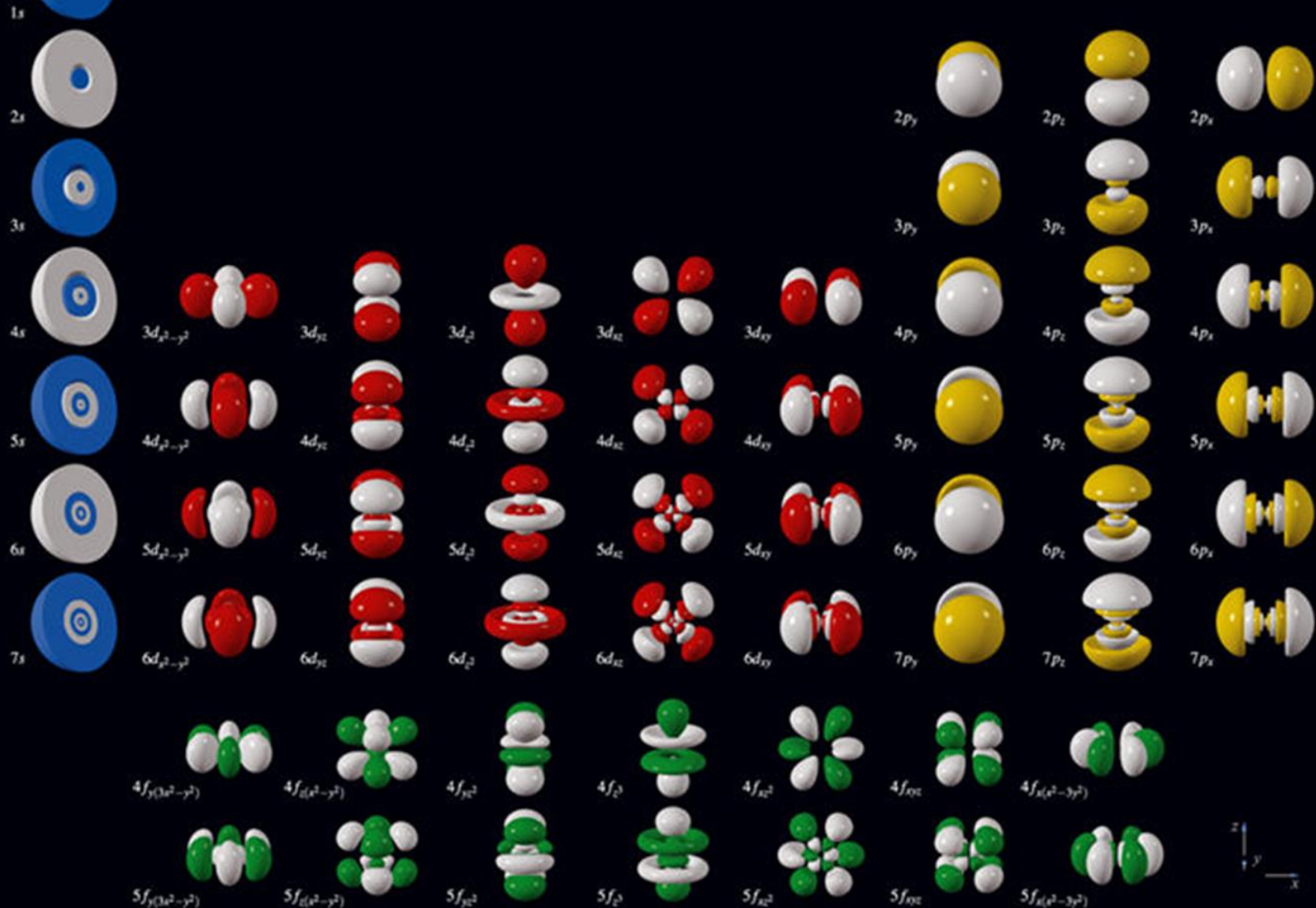
The f sublevel (7 orbitals)



Relative size of the 1s, 2s, 3s orbitals



The Orbitron gallery of atomic orbitals



Orbitals

- Generalized location of electron
 - You know I'm probably in this room all day, you just don't know if I'm at my desk or in the storeroom or walking around
- Does not have sharp edges
- 1 orbital can contain a maximum of 2 electrons

Electron Configuration

- Electron configuration: description of what sublevels and orbitals are filled by electrons in any given atom (like a roadmap of the electrons in an atom)
- Determined by the number of electrons the atom has
- Governed by 3 rules!

e- configuration rules

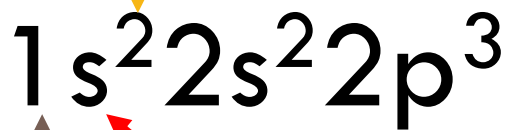
- Aufbau Principle: an electron occupies the lowest energy level & orbital available
- Pauli Exclusion Principle: only two electrons can occupy any orbital, and they must have opposite spins
- Hund's Rule: Each orbital in a given sublevel (s, p, d, or f orbital) must have 1 electron before any can have two

Electron Configurations

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how many electrons
in that orbital

□ Nitrogen:

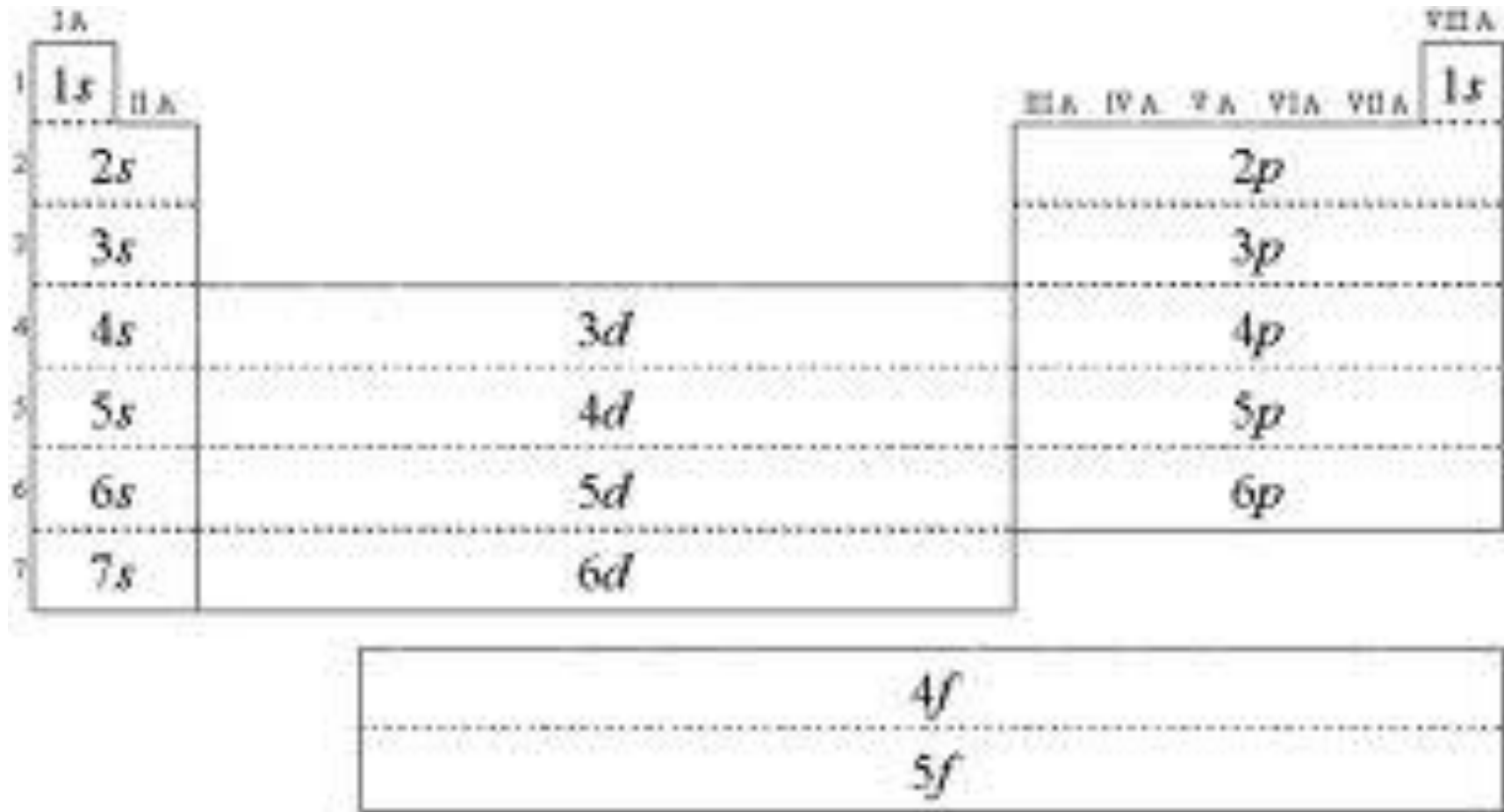


energy level

orbital

(atomic number = 7)

Outline the sections on your blank periodic table to match this diagram. Use different colors for each sublevel.



Orbital Notation - Pictures

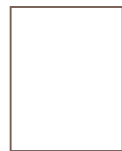
- Using the periodic table from the previous slide, we can also create picture representations of the electron configuration (called orbital notation)
- We use arrows ($\uparrow \downarrow$) to represent the electrons
- Remember those three rules:
 - ▣ Fill lowest energy levels first
 - ▣ Any subshell with multiple orbitals must get one arrow in each orbital first (in the same direction) before doubling up
 - ▣ Two arrows in each orbital (one up, one down)

Orbital Notation ctd

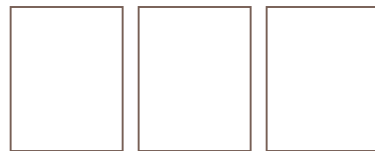
- Each s subshell only has 1 orbital (holding 2 arrows)
- Each p subshell has 3 orbitals (holding 2 arrows each = 6)
- Each d subshell has 5 orbitals (holding 2 arrows each = 10)
- The orbitals are represented by boxes or just lines



1s



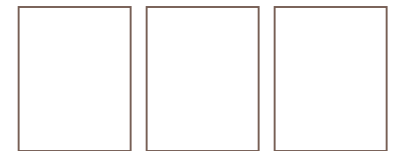
2s



2p



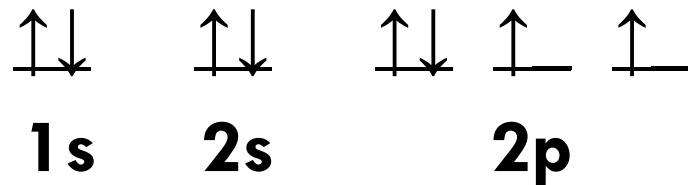
3s



3p

Orbital Notation Example

- Write the orbital notation for Oxygen
- How many electrons (arrows) does neutral oxygen have? 8



Shorthand – Noble Gas Notation

- Group 18 on the periodic table are called the Noble Gases --- To create a shorthand for electron configuration, we use the noble gases as a reference

- For example, the electron configuration of silicon is:



- to write the shorthand, we find which Noble gas comes before silicon --- Neon (Ne)

- Neon's electron configuration is:



- The noble gas notation for silicon then would be:



Noble Gas Notation Practice

- Write the noble gas notation for manganese
- First, find which noble gas comes before manganese--- Ar

- Full electron configuration:



Argon



- Noble Gas Notation:

