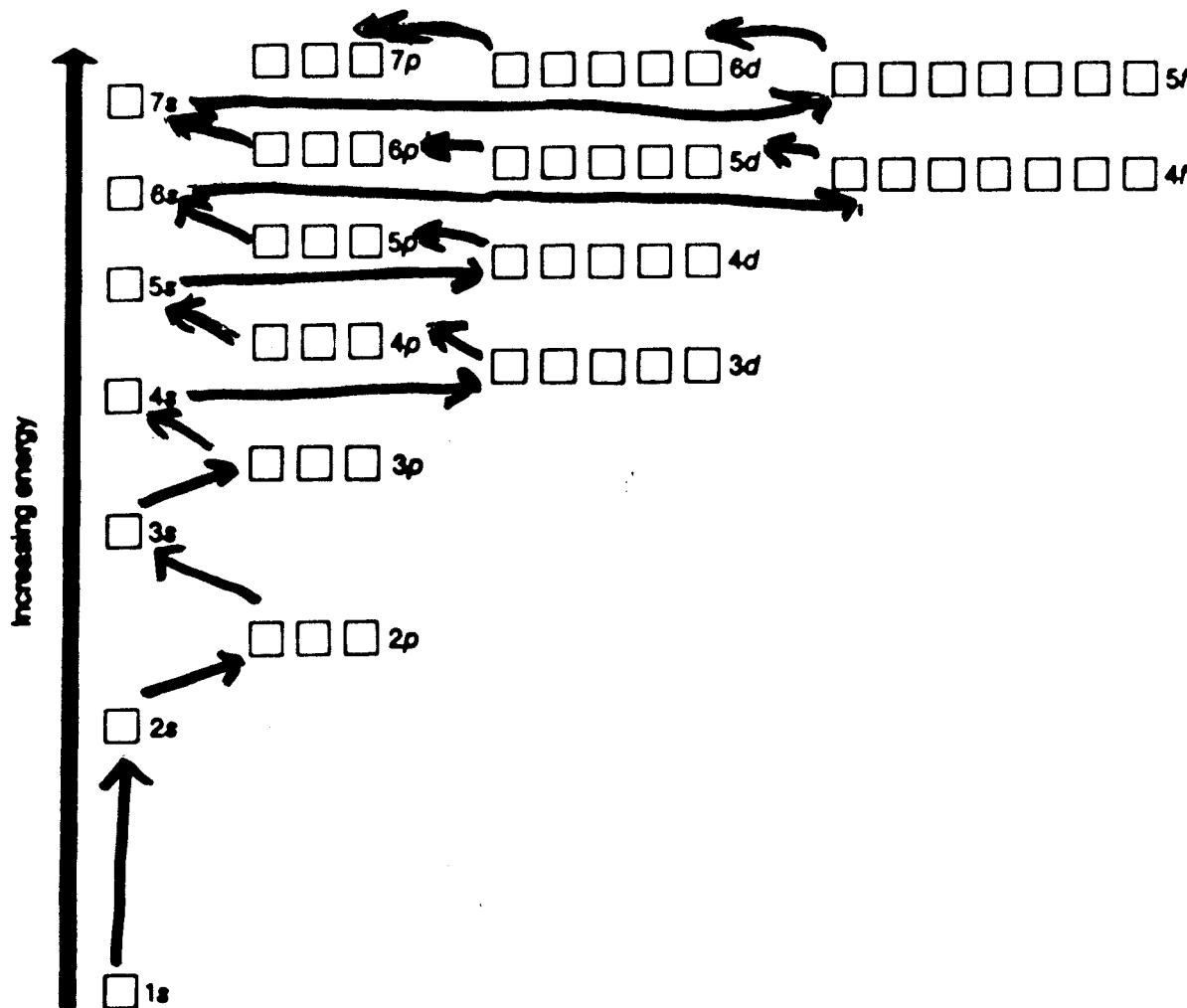


# Aufbau Diagram



These three principles govern the filling of orbitals by electrons.

**Aufbau principle:** Electrons enter orbitals of lowest energy first.

**Pauli exclusion principle:** An atomic orbital contains a maximum of two electrons.

**Hund's rule:** When electrons occupy orbitals of equal energy, one electron enters each orbital until all the orbitals contain one electron with spins parallel.

ORDER :

1s / 2s / 2p / 3s / 3p / 4s / 3d / 4p / 5s / 4d / 5p / 6s / 4f / 5d / 6p /  
7s / 5f / 6d / 7p