

## **aufbau principle**

A rule for building up the electronic configuration of atoms and molecules. It states that a maximum of two electrons are put into orbitals in the order of increasing orbital energy: the lowest-energy orbitals are filled before electrons are placed in higher-energy orbitals.

***Source:***

PAC, 1999, 71, 1919 (*Glossary of terms used in theoretical organic chemistry*) on page 1925