



Quantum Numbers

How many unique electron states exist with n=2?

$$\ell = 0: 2s^2 \\ m_\ell = 0: m_s = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$
 2 states
$$\ell = 1: 2p^6 \\ m_\ell = +1: m_s = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$
 2 states
$$m_\ell = 0: m_s = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$
 2 states
$$m_\ell = -1: m_s = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$
 2 states

There are a total of 8 states with n=2