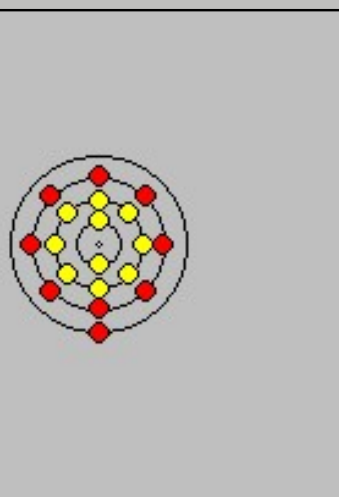




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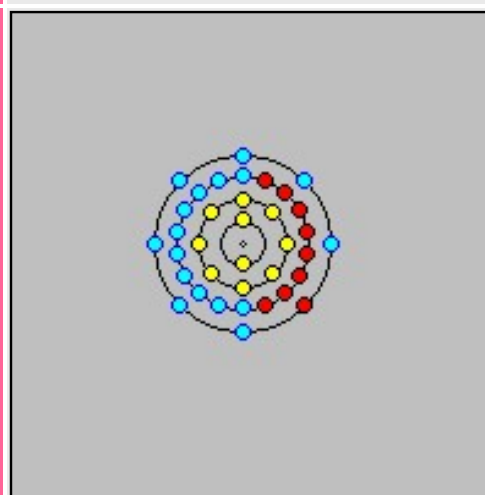
Potassium

Symbol	K
Atomic Number	19
Relative Atomic Mass $^{12}\text{C} = 12.0000$	39.0983 (1) [Since 1979]
Atomic Radius pm	227
First Ionisation Energy kJ mol^{-1}	418.8
Ionisation Energy (eV)	4.3407
Electronegativity	0.82
Density kg m^{-3}	862 [293 K] 828 [l., m.p.]
Molar Volume cm^3	45.36
Thermal Conductivity $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	102.4 [300 K]
Melting Point K	336.80
Boiling Point K	1047
Number of Isotopes	18
Isotope Atomic mass/u Mole fraction	39K 38.963 7069(3) 0.932 581(44) 40K 39.963 998 67(29) 0.000 117(1) 41K 40.961 825 97(28) 0.067 302(44)
Inner + outer Shells	2 + 2 = 4
Inner + outer Orbitals	10 + 9 = 19
Filling Orbital	4s ¹
Ground State Electron Configuration	[Ar] 4s ¹



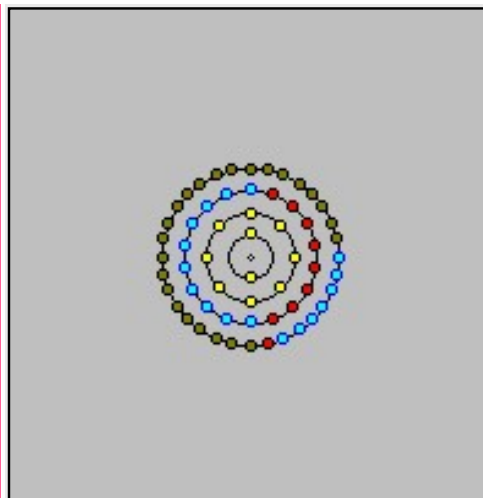
2, 8, 8, 1

Ground State Electron Configuration with free Orbitals (n= 17)	
	0, 0, 10, 7



Ground State Electron Configuration with compressed Orbitals (n= 24)

0, 0, 0, 24



Singularity

$$60 = 10 + 9 + 17 + 24$$

	s	p	d	f	g	h	i	j
1	2							
2	2	6						
3	2	6	10					
4	1	1	6	10	14			
5								
6								
7								

Term Symbol

$^2S_{1/2}$

Discovery

It was first isolated by the British chemist **Humphry Davy** (London, England) in 1807 from electrolysis of potash (KOH).

Name Derived From

The name derives from the English "potash" or "pot ashes" because it is found in caustic potash (KOH).

The chemical symbol [K] derives from the Latin kalium via the Arabic qali for alkali.