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Spectroscopic terms and their notations:-

The quantized energy state of an atomic electron can be described in terms of quantum numbers n, l, s, ℓ

n = principle quantum number = 1, 2, 3 - - - -

orbital quantum number $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ are named as s, p, d, f, g electrons i.e.

| | |
|-------|---|
| $l=0$ | s |
| $l=1$ | p |
| $l=2$ | d |
| $l=3$ | f |

for given n there are 0 to $n-1$, l values.

for $n=1, l=0$, electronic state = 1s

$n=2, l=0$ electronic " = 2s

$n=3, l=1$ electronic " = 3p

Terms:- The energy levels of electrons of an atom are called terms of the atom. The corresponding energy in wavenumbers are called term values.

for one e⁻ atom the energy level corresponding to $l=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ are called S, P, D, F, G terms respectively.

Due to spin orbit interaction energy level 'l' is splitted into two sublevels

$$\ell = l+s = l+\frac{1}{2} \quad \ell$$

$$\ell = l-s = l-\frac{1}{2}$$

[Multiplicity of the term = $2s+1$]

Example:- Calculate the term symbol for $n=2, l=1, s=\frac{1}{2}, \ell=3/2$

Term symbol = A_J where $A = S, P, D, F, G$ for $l=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$2s+1 = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 2, A = P, J = 3/2 \text{ then term symbol} = {}^2P_{3/2}$$

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L-S coupling: →

This coupling is also known as 'Russell-Saunders' coupling. The atoms obeying this coupling various perturbations are introduced in order.

- (a) spin-spin correlation (b) residual electrostatic interaction &
- (c) spin-orbit interaction.

(a) Due to spin-spin interaction, the individual spin angular momentum vectors of the optical electrons are strongly coupled with one-another to form a resultant spin angular momentum vector \vec{S} of magnitude $\sqrt{s(s+1)} \hbar/2\pi$.

s = quantum number = $|s_1 + s_2 + s_3 - \dots|_{min}, |s_1 + s_2 + s_3 - \dots|_{max} + 1, \dots$

The highest s value will have lowest energy. The different levels are designated by their multiplicity ($2s+1$)

example for one electron $s = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{then } 2s+1 = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 2 \text{ (doublet)}$$

For 2 e's $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}, s_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$s = s_1 \pm s_2 = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

→ singlet 1, 0

$$s = 2s+1 = 1 + 3 \text{ (triplet)}$$

for 3 e's $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}, s_2 = \frac{1}{2}, s_3 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$s' = s_1 \pm s_2 = 0, 1$$

$$s = s' \pm s_3 = 0 \pm \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$0 \pm \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 2s+1 = 2 \text{ (doublet)}, 2 \text{ (doublet)}, 4 \text{ (quartets)}$$

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(b) Due to result of residual electrostatic interaction the individual orbital angular momentum vectors of the optical electrons are strongly coupled with each other to form resultant orbital angular momentum vector \vec{L} of magnitude $\sqrt{L(L+1)} \hbar/2\pi$ which is constant of motion. L can take the following values

$$L = |l_1 + l_2 + l_3 - 1|_{\min}, |l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + 1|_{\max} \dots (l_1 + l_2 + l_3 - 1)$$

The state of largest L have lowest energy

The different levels are designated as S, P, D, F, G, ... according to $L=0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ values

example for 3P, 3d electron

$$l_1 = 1, l_2 = 2$$

$$L = |l_1 \pm l_2| = 1 \pm 2 = \begin{matrix} 1, 2, 3 \\ P, D, F \end{matrix} \text{ states.}$$

$$\text{for } 2P, 3P, 4d, \quad l_1 = 1, \quad l_2 = 1, \quad l_3 = 2$$

$$L' = |l_1 + l_2| = 0, 1, 2$$

$$L = |L' \pm l_3| = 2 \text{ (D state)}$$

$$= 1, 2, 3 \text{ (P, D, F states)}$$

$$= 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ (S, P, D, F, G states)}$$

(c) Due to result of smaller spin-orbit magnetic interaction the resultant orbital angular momentum vector \vec{L} & the resultant spin angular momentum vector \vec{s} are ~~less strongly~~ weakly coupled with each other to form total angular momentum \vec{j} of the atom. $\vec{j} = \vec{L} + \vec{s}$

$$\text{magnitude of } j = \sqrt{j(j+1)} \hbar/2\pi$$

$$j = |L-S|, |L-S+1| \dots (L+S)$$

$$\text{If } L > S \text{ the number of } j \text{ values} = 2S+1$$

$$S > L \text{ the } \dots = 2L+1$$

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Due to spin-orbit interaction level characterized by L and S is further broken up into comparative closer ($2S+1$) or ($2L+1$) level each having different J values. The group of these J values forms a fine structure multiplet their spacing are governed by Lande interval rule.

Lande interval rule: \rightarrow

$$\mathcal{E}_{J+1} - \mathcal{E}_J = 2A(J+1)$$

i.e. the energy spacing between consecutive levels J & $J+1$ of a fine structure multiplet is proportional to $(J+1)$; i.e. larger of the two J values involved.

example 1:- fine structure levels $3P_0$, $3P_1$, $3P_2$ have separation in the ratio 1:2

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_1 - \mathcal{E}_0 &= 2A(1) \\ \mathcal{E}_2 - \mathcal{E}_1 &= 2A(2)\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E}_1 - \mathcal{E}_0}{\mathcal{E}_2 - \mathcal{E}_1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Q(1):- Fine structure levels are 3D_1 , 3D_2 , 3D_3 find out their separation ratio.

Q(2):- Fine structure levels are $^4D_{5/2}$, $^4D_{3/2}$, $^4D_{5/2}$, $^4D_{7/2}$ find the separation ratio.

Normal multiplet: \rightarrow For a given multiplet the level with smallest J values lies lowest. Then this multiplet is called normal multiplet.

Inverted multiplet: \rightarrow The multiplet in which largest J value lies lowest is called inverted multiplet.

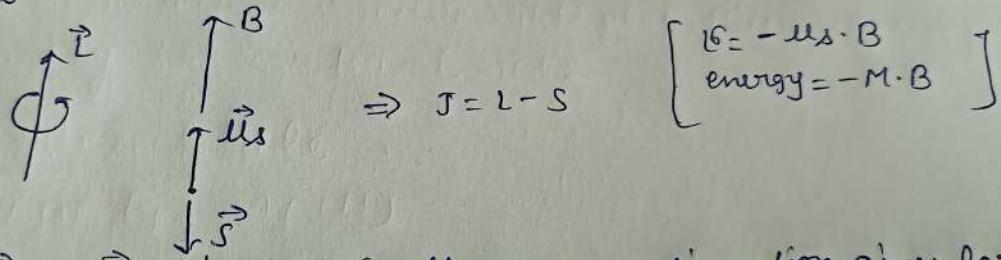
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Orbital motion of e^- produces magnetic field \vec{B} whose direction is similar to \vec{l} direction. In this field the most stable state (state with lowest energy) will have $\vec{\mu}_s$ directed along \vec{B} . We know $\vec{\mu}_s$ directed opposite to \vec{s} as shown in the figure below.



while $\vec{l} + \vec{s}$ directed in the same direction gives largest J value i.e. $\vec{\mu}_s$ will be opposite to \vec{B} the state will be least stable state.

