#### **Electronic Spectroscopy**

Electronic Transitions between Quantized Electronic Energy levels

| Zeeman states     | spin orientations (m <sub>s</sub> ) | EPR Spectroscopy          | 10 <sup>9</sup> -10 <sup>11</sup> Hz (microwaves) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Valence electron  | orbital and spin                    | UVIS Spectroscopy         | 10 <sup>14</sup> -10 <sup>16</sup> Hz (UVIS)      |
| States (AO or MO) | angular momentum (L, S, J)          | (absorption/luminescence) |   |
| Inner-shell       | principal quantum number,           | XPS, Auger-Spectroscopy   | 10 <sup>17</sup> -10 <sup>19</sup> Hz (X-rays)    |
| Electronic states | orbital quantum number (n, L)       | EXAFS                     |   |





# **Electronic Structure of Matter:** The H atom.

- Exact solutions to the Schrödinger-equation: quantized energy levels, characterized by numbers n, l, m<sub>l</sub> and m<sub>s</sub>, and wave functions  $R_{nl}Y_{lm}$  where n is a natural number and  $0 \le l \le n-1$ .
- The Y<sub>Im</sub> are the angular momentum eigenfunctions (spherical harmonics).
- The radial parts R<sub>nl</sub> are obtained by the variable separation method.
- Spin is introduced via postulate of Goudsmit and Uhlenbeck: S = 1/2;  $m_s = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

I = 0: s electrons, I = 1: p-electrons, I = 2: d electrons, I = 3: f electrons

$$\mathsf{E} = \frac{Z^2 \, m \, e^4}{8 \, {\varepsilon_0}^2 h^2} \times \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Quantized energies depend only on n

Pauli principle: no two electrons within an atom can have the same set of quantum numbers.



Erwin Schrödinger 1887-1961 U. Zürich, Graz, Wien Nobelprize 1933



Wolfgang Pauli 1900-1958 ETH Zürich Nobelprize 1945

# **Radial parts of the electronic wave function**

Henry Norris Russell

1877-1957 Princeton U.



Frederik Saunders 1877-1963 Syracuse U.



Friedrich Hund 1896-1997 U. Rostock, Leipzig Jena, Frankfurt, Göttingen

# **Electronic Structure of Matter:** Many-electron atoms

inter-electronic interactions make exact solutions impossible. Only approximate solutions. The vectorial coupling of spin and angular momenta creates multiple electronic states with different strengths of inter-electronic repulsion -> different energies for different states of L.

**Russel-Saunders** coupling:  $\mathcal{I} = \sum \boldsymbol{\ell}_i$ Vector addition (1925)  $\mathfrak{I} = \sum \boldsymbol{s}_i$  where  $L = \{ l_1 + l_2, l_1 + l_2 - 1, l_1 + l_2 - 2, ..., l_1 - l_2 \}$ where  $S = \{ s_1 + s_2, s_1 + s_2 - 1, s_1 + s_2 - 2, ..., s_1 - s_2 \}$  $J = \{ L + S, L + S - 1, L + S - 2, ...., |L - S| \}$  2J+1 orientational states

Coupling of the angular momenta belonging to filled (sub-)shells always results in S, L = 0. Terminology: use of term symbols 2S+1*L*. Hund's rules regarding grou

For the symbol  $\mathcal{L}$  we choose S, P, D, F, G, H, I characterizing L-values of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

2S+1 is the orientational spin multiplicity

# Hund's rules regarding ground states (mimimal interelectronic repulsion):

1) Maximal S,

- 2) maximal L if various states with maximal S exist
- 3) minimal J (shell less than half-full); maximal J (shell more than half full)

# **Examples of ground state term symbols**

| • H atom:  | <b>1</b> s <sup>1</sup>                         | <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>                                 | C atom:  | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>2</sup> | <sup>3</sup> P <sub>0</sub>        |
|------------|---|---|----------|---|------------------------------------|
| • He atom: | 1s <sup>2</sup>                                 | <sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>                                   | N atom:  | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>3</sup> | <sup>4</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>      |
| • Li atom: | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>1</sup> ,               | <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>                                 | O atom:  | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>4</sup> | <sup>3</sup> P <sub>2</sub>        |
| • Be atom: | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup>                 | <sup>1</sup> <b>S</b> <sub>0</sub>                            | F atom:  | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>5</sup> | <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>      |
| • B atom:  | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>1</sup> | <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> , <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> | Ne atom: | 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup> | <sup>1</sup> <b>S</b> <sub>0</sub> |

#### **Example: Electronic states of the C-atom**

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{1s}^{2}\mathbf{2s}^{2}\mathbf{2p}^{6} & \mathbf{1S}_{0} \\ \hline \\ 1s & 2s & 2p_{x} & 2p_{y} & 2p_{z} \\ \hline \\ 1s & 1s & 1s & 1s \\ \hline \\ 1s & 1s \\ 1s & 1s \\ \hline \\ 1s & 1s \\ 1s & 1s \\ \hline \\ 1s & 1s \\ 1s &$ 

Addition of orbital angular momenta of two electrons:  $L = I_1 + I_2$ ,  $I_1 + I_2 - 1$ ,  $...I_1 - I_2 - > L = 2$ , 1, 0 Addition of spin angular momenta of two electrons:  $S = s_1 + s_2$ ,  $s_1 + s_2 - 1$ ,  $...s_1 - s_2 - > S = 1$ ,0  $M_L = m_{l1} + m_{l2}$ ;  $M_S = m_{S1} + m_{S2}$ . Respecting the Pauli Principle we arrive at the following mother states:

| M <sub>L</sub> M <sub>s</sub> | 1                       | 0                          | -1   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 2                             |                         | <u>1+1</u> -               |  |
| 1                             | <b>1+0+</b>             | <u>1+0</u> -, 0+1-         | <b>1</b> <sup>-</sup> <b>0</b> <sup>-</sup>  |
| 0                             | 1+-1+                   | -1+1-, <u>1+-1</u> -, 0+0- | <b>11</b> -                                  |
| -1                            | - <b>1</b> + <b>0</b> + | <u>0⁺-1</u> ⁻,-1⁺0⁻        | <b>-1</b> <sup>-</sup> <b>0</b> <sup>-</sup> |
| -2                            |                         | <u>-1</u> +-1⁻             |  |

#### Mother states L, total degeneracy (2S+1)(2L+1)

L = 2;  $\frac{1}{D}$ , 5-fold degenerate, J=2 L= 1;  ${}^{3}P$ , 3×3-fold degenerate, J = 2,1,0 L= 0;  ${}^{1}S$ , non-degenerate, J = 0

Result:  ${}^{1}D_{2}$ ,  ${}^{3}P_{2}$ ,  ${}^{3}P_{1}$ ,  ${}^{3}P_{0}$   ${}^{1}S_{0}$ Hund's rules: ground state is  ${}^{3}P_{0}$ 

# **Spin-orbit coupling**

• Vectorial coupling:

 $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{J}$  vector operators

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{J}^{2} &= (\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{J})^{2} = \mathcal{I}^{2} + \mathcal{J}^{2} + 2\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} \\ \mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} | L, S, J, m_{J} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{J}^{2} - \mathcal{I}^{2} - \mathcal{J}^{2} \right) | L, S, J, m_{J} \rangle \\ \mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} | L, S, J, m_{J} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \tilde{h}^{2} (J(J+1) - L(L+1) - S(S+1)) | L, S, J, m_{J} \rangle \end{split}$$

Spin orbit coupling Hamiltonian: λ: spin-orbit coupling constant

$$\mathcal{H}_{LS} = \lambda \mathcal{I} \mathcal{J}$$

 $\lambda>0$  if shell is less than half filled  $\lambda<0$  if shell is more than half filled

Eigenvalues:

 $E_{LS} = \lambda \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 (J(J+1) - L(L+1) - S(S+1))$ 

Example d<sup>1</sup> (Ti<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>4+</sup>): Termsymbols  ${}^{2}D_{3/2}$ ,  ${}^{2}D_{5/2}$   $E^{2}D_{5/2} = {}^{2}D_{5/2} = {}^{1}/_{2} \lambda (\frac{35}{4} - 6 - \frac{3}{4}) = \lambda$  $= {}^{2}D_{3/2} = {}^{2}D_{3/2} = {}^{1}/_{2} \lambda (\frac{15}{4} - 6 - \frac{3}{4}) = - \frac{3}{2} \lambda$  Hund's rules regarding ground states (mimimal interelectronic repulsion):

- 1) Maximal S,
- 2) maximal L if various states with maximal S exist
- 3) minimal J (shell less than half-full);
  - maximal J (shell more than half full)

#### The d<sup>2</sup> ions: Ti<sup>2+</sup>, V<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>4+</sup>, Mn<sup>5+</sup>: 2 electrons in 5 orbitals



| ML             | M <sub>s</sub> 1   | 0  | -1   |   |
|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 4<br>3<br>2    | 2 <sup>+</sup> 1 <sup>+</sup><br>2 <sup>+</sup> 0 <sup>+</sup>   | 2+2-<br>2+1-,1+2-<br>2+00+21+1-  | 2 <sup>-</sup> 1 <sup>-</sup><br>2 <sup>-</sup> 0 <sup>-</sup> | etc: 45 permutations<br>Consistent with Pauli |
| 1<br>0         | 2 <sup>+</sup> -1 <sup>+</sup> ,1 <sup>+</sup> 0 <sup>+</sup><br>2 <sup>+</sup> -2 <sup>+</sup> 1 <sup>+</sup> -1 <sup>+</sup> | 2 <sup>+</sup> -1 <sup>-</sup> , 2 <sup>-</sup> -1 <sup>+</sup> , 1 <sup>+</sup> 0 <sup>-</sup> , 0 <sup>+</sup> 1 <sup>-</sup><br>2 <sup>+</sup> -2 <sup>-</sup> , -2 <sup>+</sup> 2 <sup>-</sup> , -1 <sup>+</sup> 1 <sup>-</sup> , 1 <sup>+</sup> -1 <sup>-</sup> , 0 <sup>+</sup> 0 <sup>-</sup> | 2-1-,1-0-<br>-2-2-,11-   |   |
| -1<br>-2<br>-3 | -2+1+ -1+0+<br>-2+0+<br>-2+-1+   | -2+1-, -2-1+, 0+-1-,-1+0-<br>-2-0+,-2+01+-1-<br>-2+-1-,-2-1+   | -2+1+-1-0-<br>-2-0-<br>-2-1-                                   |   |
| -4             |  | -2 <sup>+-</sup> 2 <sup>-</sup>  |  |   |

#### Mother States: <sup>1</sup>G, <sup>3</sup>F, <sup>1</sup>D, <sup>3</sup>P, and <sup>1</sup>S

In total there are 45 distinct states, having degeneracies 9, 3x7 = 21, 5, 3x3 = 9, and 1

#### Partial removal of degeneracy due to spin-orbit coupling: the case of d<sup>2</sup> ions



#### **Electronic Structure of Transition Metal Complexes:**

Principal Effect: in transition metal ions the degeneracy of the open-shell d-electrons is removed by electrostatic repulsion effects by the electrons of surrounding ligands. The effect depends on how the ligands are oriented relative to the d-orbitals. The symmetry aspects of this problem make it an important application field of group theory



#### **1.** The situation for the free metal ions

Aside from the electronic ground state there are the various possible excited electronic states, whose term symbols can be worked out obeying the Clebsch-Gordan rules, (not discussed here):

Examples: (electronic ground states in red)





Alfred Clebsch, 1833–1872 <sup>□</sup> U. Gießen, Göttingen



Paul Gordan, 1837–1912 U. Erlangen

#### 2. The situation in the metal complexes (Crystal field theory)

Besides the Coulombic attraction between the central metal atom and the negatively charged (or polarized) ligands, there Is an electrostatic repulsion between the d-electrons situated on the central metal ions and the ligands in their coordination environment. The strength of the repulsion depends on the mutual orientation of the ligands relative to the d-orbitals. This produces energy level differences which correspond to the electromagnetic wavelengths in the UVIS region. Responsible for the colored appearance of many transition metal salts and complexes.



d-orbitals not pointing directly at axis are least affected (stabilized) by electrostatic interaction The symmetry – related aspects of this Problem can be addressed by the group theory formalism: Qualitative assessment of optical absorption spectra in terms of:

 the number of differentiable energy levels (extent of degeneracy removal)
 Coordination preferences of the ions
 Transition probabilities and selection rules
 Transition linewidths and intensities

#### Limitations:

- 1) Qualitative no exact calculations
- 2) No exact information about energy ordering
- 3) Spin-orbit coupling effects are neglected (require an extension of the theory, (Double group, and experimental study by EPR).

The simplest case: electron configuration d<sup>1</sup>: Ti<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>4+</sup>, Mn<sup>6+</sup> In an octahedral coordination environment

Free ion term symbol <sup>2</sup>D

General form of the wave function:  $\psi = R(r)\Theta(\Theta) \Phi(\phi) \phi(s)$ Parts R(r) and  $\phi(s)$  have no orientation dependence Orientation dependence of part  $\Theta(\Theta)$  can be disregarded by choice of coordinate system

Only orientation dependence of  $\Phi(\phi)$  must be considered. The five wavefunctions differ with respect to the orientational quantum number m<sub>1</sub>: 2, 1, 0, -1,-2 (because I = 2 for d-electrons).

Thus, the basis relevant to this problem is 5-dimensional, consisting of the five orthogonal d-wavefunctions.  $\Phi(\phi) = \exp im_{I}\phi$ 

For each group considered, we have 5×5 matrices to describe the symmetry operations. Again, all that matters are the characters of these symmetry operations

Again, the symmetry operation is described by a matrix multiplying a 5-dimensional vector



Thus, our representation of the group is the set of 5-dimensional transformation matrices for all the symmetry operations that occur in the group. This representation is generally reducible, and the characters characterizing the symmetry operations are again denoted  $\chi_{T}$ .

$$\chi_{T} = \exp(2i\alpha) + \exp(i\alpha) + \exp(0\alpha) + \exp(-i\alpha) + \exp(-2i\alpha)$$

This is the relevant formula for L = 2 (a single d-electron). For other electronic states with different L values our Representation is 2L+1 – dimensional, and the trace will have 2L+1 summation terms, with m<sub>L</sub> values ranging from L, L-1,.....to –L. The above formula then turns into

$$\chi_T = \exp(\text{Li}\alpha) + \exp((L-1)i\alpha) + \dots + \exp(-\text{Li}\alpha)$$
 (there are 2L+1 terms)

This summation can be written as: 
$$\chi_{T} = \exp(-\text{Li}\alpha) \sum_{k=0}^{2L} (\exp(i\alpha))^{k}$$
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For the summation we may write:  $\sum_{k=0}^{2L} (\exp(i\alpha))^{k} = \frac{\exp(i\alpha(2L+1))-1}{\exp(i\alpha)-1}$   
Proof: Substituting  $\mathbf{x} = \exp(i\alpha)$  the summation reads:  
 $\sum_{k=0}^{2L} (x)^{k} = x^{2L} + x^{2L-1} + \dots + 1$  We multiply both sides by  $\mathbf{x}$ -1  
 $(\mathbf{x}-1) \sum_{k=0}^{2L} (x)^{k} = x^{2L+1} + x^{2L} + \dots + \mathbf{x} - x^{2L} - x^{2L-1} - \dots - 1$   
 $(\mathbf{x}-1) \sum_{k=0}^{2L} (x)^{k} = x^{2L+1} - 1$   
 $\sum_{k=0}^{2L} (x)^{k} = \frac{x^{2L+1}-1}{(\mathbf{x}-1)}$   
Re-substituting  $\mathbf{x} = \exp(i\alpha)$ , we see that  $\sum_{k=0}^{2L} (\exp(i\alpha))^{k} = \frac{\exp(i\alpha(2L+1))-1}{\exp(i\alpha)-1}$   
Using this result in  $\mathbf{A}$  we get  $\chi_{T} = \exp(-\text{Li}\alpha) \sum_{k=0}^{2L} (\exp(i\alpha))^{k} = \exp(-\text{Li}\alpha) \frac{\exp(i\alpha(2L+1))-1}{\exp(i\alpha)-1}$   
 $\chi_{T} = \frac{\exp(i\alpha(L+1))-\exp-iL\alpha}{\exp(i\alpha)-1} = \frac{\exp(i\alpha(L+1/2))\exp\frac{i\alpha}{2} - \exp-iL\alpha}{\exp(i\alpha)-1} = = \frac{\exp(i\alpha(L+\frac{1}{2}) - \exp-i\alpha(L+\frac{1}{2})}{\exp(\frac{i\alpha}{2}) - \exp(-\frac{i\alpha}{2})}$ 

#### Our result corresponds to:



#### Irreducible representations of the electronic states in octahedral complexes

Relevant group:  $O_h$ , but can be simplified to O, because both groups differ only in the existence of a center of inversion, Which is absent in the group O. In the group  $O_h$  there exist irreducible representations of both types g and u. However, d-orbitals always belong to a g-representation. Their wave function is always of the form  $\psi(x,y,z) = \psi(-x,-y,-z)$ 



| o <sub>h</sub>    | E  | 8C3 | 6C2 | 6C.4 | 3C <sub>2</sub> =<br>(C <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> | i  | 654 | 8S6 | $3\sigma_{\rm h}$ | $6\sigma_{\rm d}$ | linear<br>functions,<br>rotations                   | quadratic<br>functions  | cubic<br>functions   |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|------|---|----|-----|-----|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|--|
| A <sub>1g</sub>   | +1 | +1  | +1  | +1   | +1  | +1 | +1  | +1  | +1                | +1                | -   | x <sup>2+y<sup>2</sup>+z<sup>2</sup></sup>  | -  |
| A <sub>2g</sub>   | +1 | +1  | -1  | -1   | +1  | +1 | -1  | +1  | +1                | -1                |   | -   | •  |
| Eg                | +2 | -1  | 0   | 0    | +2  | *2 | 0   | -1  | *2                | 0                 |   | (2z <sup>2</sup> -x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> , x <sup>2</sup> -<br>y <sup>2</sup> ) | a.   |
| T <sub>1g</sub>   | +3 | 0   | -1  | +1   | -1  | +3 | +1  | 0   | -1                | -1                | (R <sub>x</sub> , R <sub>y</sub> , R <sub>z</sub> ) | -   | -  |
| T <sub>2g</sub>   | +3 | 0   | +1  | -1   | -1  | +3 | -1  | 0   | -1                | +1                | -   | (xz, yz, xy)  | -  |
| $A_{1\mathrm{u}}$ | +1 | *1  | +1  | +1   | +1  | -1 | -1  | -1  | -1                | -1                | -   |   | -  |
| A <sub>2u</sub>   | +1 | *1  | -1  | -1   | +1  | -1 | +1  | -1  | -1                | +1                |   |   | xyz  |
| Eu                | +2 | -1  | 0   | 0    | +2  | -2 | 0   | +1  | -2                | 0                 |   |   | -  |
| Tiu               | +3 | 0   | -1  | +1   | -1  | -3 | -1  | 0   | +1                | +1                | (x, y, z)   | -   | $(x^3, y^3, z^3) [x(z^{2+}y^2), y(z^{2+}x^2), z(x^{2+}y^2)]$   |
| T <sub>2u</sub>   | +3 | 0   | +1  | -1   | -1  | -3 | +1  | 0   | *1                | -1                | •   |   | [x(z <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> ), y(z <sup>2</sup> -x <sup>2</sup> ), z(x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> )] |

#### Character table for point group Oh

#### Irreducible Representations of the d<sup>1</sup> electronic states (L=2) for the group O

Characters of the reducible representation for the five classes E,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_2$ <sup>4</sup>

 $a_{I} = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{R} \chi_{T}(R) \chi^{(I')}(R) = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{C} \chi_{T}(C) g(C) \chi^{(I')}(C) =$ 

**Developing the irreducible representation** 

using the decomposition formula

where the g(c) are the number of operations belonging to the same class

$$a_{A1} = \frac{1}{24} (5 \times 1 \times 1 + (-1) \times 6 \times 1 + (-1) \times 8 \times 1 + 1 \times 6 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 \times 1) = 0$$
  

$$a_{A2} = \frac{1}{24} (5 \times 1 \times 1 + (-1) \times 6 \times (-1) + (-1) \times 8 \times 1 + 1 \times 6 \times (-1) + 1 \times 3 \times 1) = 0$$
  

$$a_{E} = \frac{1}{24} (5 \times 1 \times 2 + (-1) \times 6 \times 0 + (-1) \times 8 \times (-1) + 1 \times 6 \times 0 + 1 \times 3 \times 2) = 1$$
  

$$a_{T1} = \frac{1}{24} (5 \times 1 \times 3 + (-1) \times 6 \times 1 + (-1) \times 8 \times 0 + 1 \times 6 \times (-1) + 1 \times 3 \times (-1) = 0$$
  

$$a_{T2} = \frac{1}{24} (5 \times 1 \times 3 + (-1) \times 6 \times (-1) + (-1) \times 8 \times 0 + 1 \times 6 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 \times (-1) = 1$$

$$\Gamma(d_{Oh}^{1}) = E_{g} + T_{2g}$$

$$\chi_{T} = \frac{\frac{\sin(L + \frac{1}{2})\alpha}{\sin \alpha/2}}{\chi_{T}(E)} = \frac{5}{\chi_{T}(C_{4})} = \frac{\frac{\sin 5\pi/4}{\sin \pi/4}}{\frac{\sin \pi/4}{\sin \pi/4}} = -1$$
$$\chi_{T}(C_{3}) = \frac{\frac{\sin 5\pi/3}{\sin \pi/3}}{\frac{\sin 5\pi/2}{\sin \pi/2}} = -1$$
$$\chi_{T}(C_{2}) = \frac{\frac{\sin 5\pi/2}{\sin \pi/2}}{\frac{\sin 5\pi/2}{\sin \pi/2}} = 1$$

#### This corresponds to the known result we can already arrive at by inspection.



#### Octahedral versus Tetrahedral Coordination and d<sup>1</sup> vs. d<sup>9</sup>

single electron vs single hole



#### **Jahn-Teller Effect**

Degenerate ground states suffer geometric distortions that remove the degeneracy lowering the overall energy of the complex. Here  $O_h \rightarrow D_{4h}$  distortion



### Systems d<sup>2</sup> (V<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>4+</sup>, Mn<sup>5+</sup>) and d<sup>8</sup> (Ni<sup>2+</sup>) in octahedral crystal field

Inspection no longer possible, group theory needed. There are two principal effects

- 1) Intra-atomic interelectronic repulsion
- 2) Interelectronic repulsion d-electrons/ ligand electrons.

#### **Different cases to be distinguished:**

Weak ligand field case: Mother states still dominate, ligand field makes a perturbation Extremely strong field case: intra-atomic repulsion is neglected Strong-field case: Intra-atomic repulsion is a perturbation to the extremely strong field case

#### Weak field case: Spin multiplicity of the mother state is preserved.



### The extremely strong-field and the strong field cases for d<sup>2</sup>

0

 $A_1$ 

 $A_2$ 

E

**T**<sub>1</sub>

**T**<sub>2</sub>

ExE

 $T_2 \times E$ 

 $T_2 \times T_2$ 

h=24

E

2

3

3

4

6

9



| No inter-electronic |  |
|---------------------|--|
| repulsion           |  |

Ε

weak interelectronic repulsion Irreducible representations

 $8C_3$   $3C_2$   $6C_4$   $6C_2'$ 

1

1

2

-1

-1

4

-2

1

Interelectronic repulsion via direct product formation

-1

0

1

0

0

1

Decomposition formula

-1

-1

-1

0

0

0

1

1

-1

0

0

1

0

0

# Assigning spin multiplicities by the method of descending symmetry

Inter-eletronic repulsion produces the states

But we do not know their spin multiplicities

 $E + A_1 + A_2$ 

Consider the case of  $d^2$  in octahedral ligand field. Forthe  $e_g^2$  state the distribution possibilities are:

Solution: lower the symmetry :  $O_h \rightarrow D_{4h}$ The correlation table tells us  $A_{1g} \rightarrow A_{1g}$ A<sub>2g</sub> -> B<sub>1g</sub>  $E_{g} \rightarrow A_{1g} + B_{1g}$ singlet triplet singlet In the reduced symmetry, the two e<sub>g</sub> orbitals have different energies. Now the distribution possibilities are: 1 2 3 4 Only distribution **1** produces a triplet back-correlation to O<sub>h</sub> triplet ->  $a_{1g} \times b_{1g} = B_{1g}$  $^{3}A_{2g}$  $a_{1g}$ <sup>1</sup>E<sub>g</sub> <sup>1</sup>E<sub>g</sub>  $a_{1g} \times b_{1g} = B_{1g}$  singlet ->  $b_{1g} x b_{1g} = A_{1g}$  singlet -> 3 b<sub>1g</sub>  ${}^{1}A_{1g}$  $a_{1g} x a_{1g} = A_{1g}$ singlet -> This procedure has told us that the  $E_g$  state is a singlet and the  $A_{2g}$  state is a triplet. The cases  $e_g t_{2g}^2$  and  $t_{2g}^2$ can be treated in the same way:  $e_g t_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g} + {}^3T_{2g} + {}^1T_{1g} + {}^1T_{2g}$  $t_{2g}^{2} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{1g} + {}^{1}E_{g} + {}^{3}T_{1g} + {}^{1}T_{2g}$ 

#### Orgel diagrams: Plot of Energy versus ligand field strength $\Delta$



#### Assembling the Orgel diagram

1:1 Correspondence of weak-field and strong-field states.

Connect state by lines

Non-crossing rule for state belonging to the same irreducible representation. They characterize the same relative symmetry of ligands relative to d-orbitals and thus respond to a change in  $\Delta$  in the same direction.



Leslie Orgel 1927-2007 U. Cambridge, Salk Inst. San Diego

#### **Tanabe-Sugano diagrams:**

Plot of E/B versus  $\Delta/B$ , where B = energy of interelectronic repulsion (Racah parameter) weak field -> strong field Abscissa is identical with the energy of the electronic ground state





Giulio Racah 1909-1965 Hebrew. U Jerusalem



Satoru Sugane, 1928-U. Tokyo, Himei Inst.











# **Spectroscopic Aspects:**

#### **Basis for discussion: The Tanabe-Sugano Diagrams.**

- 1. Only the electronic ground state is populated
- 2. Spin multiplicity is always conserved upon the transition
- 3. Selection rules:

zero due to orthog.

These direct products must be analyzed



Otto Laporte 1902-1971 U. Michigan



For octahedral complexes x,y,z belong to the representation  $T_{1u}$ While  $\psi_g$  and  $\psi_e$  always belong to a representation of type g. Transitions are forbidden (Laporte rule). True for all ligand fields with a center of symmetry

#### Transition Moment Integral : M = $\langle \psi_g | \mu | \psi_e \rangle = \langle \psi_g | \mu_n + \mu_e | \psi_e \rangle$

Wave function for the electronic ground state:  $\psi_g = \psi(el)_g \psi(vib)_g = \psi_{sg} \psi(orb)_g \psi(vib)_g$ Wave function for the electronic excited state:  $\psi_e = \psi(el)_e \psi(vib)_e = \psi_{se} \psi(orb)_e \psi(vib)_e$ 

# Wave function contains vibrational orbital and spin parts.

 $\mu_n$  acts on vibrational part  $\mu_e$  acts on orbital part

# $M = \langle \psi_{sg} \psi(orb)_{g} | \psi_{se} \psi(orb)_{e} \rangle \langle \psi(vib)_{g} | \mu_{n} | \psi(vib)_{e} \rangle + \langle \psi(vib)_{g} | \psi(vib)_{e} \rangle \langle \psi_{sg} \psi(orb)_{g} | \mu_{e} | \psi_{se} \psi(orb)_{e} \rangle$ $M = \langle \psi(vib)_{g} | \psi(vib)_{e} \rangle \langle \psi_{sg} \psi(orb)_{g} | \mu_{e} | \psi_{se} \psi(orb)_{e} \rangle = \langle \psi(vib)_{g} | \psi(vib)_{e} \rangle \langle \psi_{sg} | \psi_{se} \rangle \langle \psi(orb)_{g} | \mu_{e} | \psi(orb)_{e} \rangle$

<  $\psi_{sg} | \psi_{se} > = 0$  if the spin wave functions of ground and excited state are different. -> spin multiplicity is conserved <  $\psi(orb)_g | \mu_e | \psi(orb)_e$  subject to orbital selection rule (group theory) <  $\psi(vib)_g | \psi(vib)_e >$  non-zero because they refer to different electronic states.

**Franck-Condon factor** 

# **Vibronic Coupling**

Relaxation of the Laporte rule due to vibrational modes that break the inversion center. (vibronic coupling). We can see this when we consider the vibrational part of the complete wavefunction



Wave function for the electronic ground state:  $\psi_g = \psi(el)_g \psi(vib)_g$ 

Wave function for the electronic **excited state**:  $\psi_e = \psi(el)_e \psi(vib)_e$ 

The transition moment Integral is given by:  $M = \langle \psi_g | \mu | \psi_e \rangle = \langle \psi(el)_g \psi(vib)_g | \mu | \psi(el)_e \psi(vib)_e \rangle$ 

Thus we must consider the 5-factor direct products of the type:  $\Gamma_{\psi(vib)g} \otimes \Gamma_{\psi el,g} \otimes \Gamma_{x,y,x} \otimes \Gamma_{\psi(vib)e} \otimes \Gamma_{\psi el,e}$ 

Where  $\Gamma_{\psi(vib)g} = A_1$  (vibrational ground state of the ground state electronic wave function) If the electronic transition results in the population of the first excited vibrational level of the excited electronic State,  $\Gamma_{\psi(vib)e}$  is the same as the irreducible representation of the mode itself.

The Laporte rule is relaxed because the electronic transition (which normally occurs from the vibrational ground level) is accompanied by vibrational transitions.

The reason for having the vibrational wave function of the electronic excited state represented by the one representing the vibrational mode itself lies in the fact that owing to the Franck Condon principle, a substantial fraction of the molecules end up in a vibrationally excited state with n =1 (or 3, etc)



 Optical transition is much faster than vibrational motion
 Internuclear distance in the optical excited state is larger than in the ground state

1.Upon electronic excitation the molecule ends up In various excited vibrational states.

2.Due to this fact, vibronic coupling is possible, relaxing the Laporte



James Franck

1882-1964



Edward Condon 1902-1974 US Government, Washington U., U. Colorado, Boulder

#### To relax the Laporte rule, the vibrations have to be of type u



Electronic transitions are much faster than the vibrational motion. From the viewpoint of electronic spectroscopy the sample is a collection of molecules in different stages of vibrational motion. If the vibrational analysis produces normal modes of type u (it always does), the Laporte rule is relaxed, because the sample always contains molecules whose center of symmetry is broken by the vibrational motion.

# Spectroscopic observables:

Frequency -> ∆ (nature of the ligand/spectrochemical series)
 Linewidth -> transition
 Assignments/unresolved splittings
 Peak splittings -> J.T. effects

Range of transition energies = width of the spectrum





Spectrum for d<sup>2</sup> ions in an octahedral ligand field

> Distribution of ligand fields due to molecules in different stages of vibration

Linewidths of the transitions ~ inclination in the TS-diagram

<sup>3</sup>T<sub>1g</sub>-> <sup>3</sup>A<sub>2g</sub> very broad, often not observed

# A walk through the first transition metal series

 $^{2}T_{2g} \rightarrow ^{2}E_{g}$  octahedral  $^{2}E \rightarrow ^{2}T_{2}$  tetrahedral

Jahn-Teller distortions will always occur, Strongly distorted V4+: "vanadyl" VO<sup>2+</sup>  $\Delta$  increases with increasing charge of the central ion:



**d**<sup>2</sup> **Octahedral LF:** <sup>3</sup>T<sub>1g</sub> -> <sup>3</sup>T<sub>2g</sub>  ${}^{3}T_{1g}^{-3} \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}^{-3}$  ${}^{3}T_{1g}^{-3} \rightarrow {}^{3}A_{2g}^{-3}$ **J-T distortions** 

**Range of transition** energies = width of the spectrum



Fig. 1. Polarized absorption spectra of Cs<sub>3</sub>VCl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub> at 80 K [9].



**Distribution of ligand fields due** to molecules in different stages of vibration

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#### Cr<sup>3+</sup> absorption in phosphate glasses **d**<sup>3</sup> V<sup>2+</sup> Cr<sup>3+</sup> Mn<sup>4+</sup> (b) $^{2}E$ ${}^{4}T_{1}(F)$ **Octahedral LF:** ${}^{4}T_{1}(P)$ Absorbance (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1g $^{2}D$ strongly preferred 60 LiMgLaAP **No J-T distortion** LiZnLaAP ${}^{4}A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{2g}$ ${}^{4}A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{1g}$ ${}^{4}A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{1g}$ 50 BaLaAP NaKLaA 10000 20000 40 30000 40000 T<sub>2g</sub> Wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>) E B 30 • Spectrochemical Series: An order of ligand $^{2}T_{1g}$ field strength based on experiment: Weak Field I<sup>-</sup> < Br < S<sup>2-</sup> < SCN < Cl < $^{2}E_{g}$ $NO_3 < F < C_2O_4^2 < H_2O < NCS <$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN< NH<sub>3</sub>< en < bipy< phen< NO<sub>2</sub> ·< PPh<sub>3</sub> < CN ·< CO Strong Field 10 <sup>4</sup>A<sub>2g</sub> H<sub>a</sub>N NH <sup>4</sup>F 20 1030 40 50 Ethylenediamine (en) $\frac{\Delta}{\mathbf{B}}$ 2,2'-bipyridine (bipy) 1.10 - penanthroline (phen)



Absorption spectrum of Mn-containing phosphate glass





High-spin ground state <sup>6</sup>A<sub>1g</sub>: No spin-allowed transitions Weak forbidden transitions Mn<sup>2+</sup> complexes are colorless



**Fig. 11.41** Absorption spectrum for octahedral MnF<sub>2</sub>. Note the narrow lines. [From Lever, A. B. P. *Inorganic Electronic Spectroscopy*; 2nd ed.; Elsevier: New York, 1986; p 451. Used with permission.]





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Co<sup>2+</sup> in glasses: metal in tetrahedral and octahedral Coordination. Tetrahedral coordination gives rise to Intense blue color of Co in glasses.

Table 1

Optical transitions of Co2 + in tetrahedral ( $T_d$ ) and octahedral ( $O_h$ ) coordination.

|       | Transition |                   |               |                        | Range (nm)   |
|-------|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Td    | $v_1$      | ${}^{4}A_{2}(F)$  | $\rightarrow$ | ${}^{4}T_{2}(F)$       | 1700-4000    |
|       | V2         | ${}^{4}A_{2}(F)$  | $\rightarrow$ | ${}^{4}T_{1}({}^{4}F)$ | 1200-1800    |
|       | $v_3$      | ${}^{4}A_{2}(F)$  | $\rightarrow$ | ${}^{4}T_{1}({}^{4}P)$ | 540-640      |
| $O_n$ | V1         | ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F)$ | $\rightarrow$ | ${}^{4}T_{2g}(F)$      | 1333         |
|       | V2         | ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F)$ | $\rightarrow$ | ${}^{4}A_{2g}(F)$      | 606          |
|       | $v_3$      | ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F)$ | $\rightarrow$ | ${}^{4}T_{1g}(P)$      | 555, 476-500 |



**d**<sup>8</sup> Ni<sup>2+</sup>



#### **No J-T distortions**

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UV visible infrared  $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  ${}^{3}A_{2q} \rightarrow {}^{1}E_{q}$  ${}^{3}A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{2g}$ gree 300 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 400 500  $\lambda$ , wavelength (nm) Table 2. A values for NI(II) Complexes: [NIL,] Donor Set  $\Delta_o$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) n 12 650 3  $N_6$  $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < NO_3^- < F^- < diethyldithio-$ 3  $N_6$ 11 700 carbamate<sup>-</sup> (S) <  $OH^-$  <  $C_2O_4^{2-}$  <  $H_2O$  <  $SCN^ N_6$ 10 150 6  $< NH_3 \approx$  pyridine (N) < ethylenediamine (N) 6  $N_6$ 10 150  $< NO_2^- \approx 2,2'$ -bipyridine (N)  $<< CN^-$ 6  $N_6$ 10 750 8 500 6 06  $O_6$ 8 4 3 0 6 J.Chem. Ed. 75 (1998), 98 06 8 400 6



## $^{2}T_{2g} \rightarrow ^{2}E_{g}$ tetrahedral $^{2}E \rightarrow ^{2}T_{2}$ octahedral

Very strong Jahn-Teller effects from Octahedral coordination:

CuF<sub>2</sub>: 4 ligands at 193 pm (in plane) 2 ligands at 227 pm (along  $C_4$ ) CuBr<sub>2</sub>: 4 ligands at 240 pm (in plane) 2 ligands at 320 pm (along  $C_4$ )

#### Band position very sensitive to ligands.



Figure 1. Spectra (absorbance vs. wavelength) for the species  $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  (----),  $[Cu(EDTA)]^{2-}$  (----), and  $[Cu(en)_2(H_2O)_2]^{2+}$  (----).

#### **Optical Spectra of the transition metal aquo complexes in solution**







