

3.1: SII ion

The electronic configuration is $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$.

So we have three electrons in the shell, we have to guess how many configurations we could possibly rearrange them. We know that $m_\ell = -1, 0, 1$ and we know $m_s = -1/2, 1/2$. We have to distribute 3 electrons into 3×2 slots:

$$C_3^6 = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{3!} = 20. \quad (1)$$

I crudely all the possibilities here, based on Pauli exclusion principle:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	ml		L		S
2	-1	0	1		
3	↑	↑	↑	0	1.5
4	↑	↓	↑	0	0.5
5	↑	↑	↓	0	0.5
6	↓	↑	↑	0	0.5
7	↑	↓	↓	0	-0.5
8	↓	↑	↓	0	-0.5
9	↓	↓	↑	0	-0.5
10	↓	↓	↓	0	-1.5
11	↑↓	↓		-2	-0.5
12	↑↓	↑		-2	0.5
13	↑	↑↓		-1	0.5
14	↓	↑↓		-1	-0.5
15		↓	↑↓	2	-0.5
16		↑	↑↓	2	0.5
17	↑↓		↓	-1	-0.5
18	↑↓		↑	-1	0.5
19		↑↓	↑	1	0.5
20		↑↓	↓	1	-0.5
21	↑		↑↓	1	0.5
22	↓		↑↓	1	-0.5

Figure 1: electron configuration

Of course we need to write into spectroscopic terms like:

$$^{2S+1}\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{J}}^p,$$

where $\mathcal{L} \in \{S, P, D, \dots\}$ and $p \in \{\text{odd, blank}\}$, and $\mathcal{J} = S + L$.

Now we examine the total spin and total angular momentum in our list, and we get the last 2 columns in Fig 1.

We follow the procedure taught in the class, and write these possibilities into a cubic:

F	G	H	I	J
$m_l \setminus m_s$	-1.5	-0.5	0.5	1.5
-2		1	1	
-1		2	2	
0	1	3	3	1
1		2	2	
2		1	1	

After examining all possibilities with symmetric along m_ℓ and m_s , we can write down these three:

- The 5×2 matrix: $S = 1/2, L = 2, \mathcal{J} = 2 \pm 1/2$, thus ${}^2D_{3/2,5/2}^o$
- The 3×2 matrix: $S = 1/2, L = 1, \mathcal{J} = 1 \pm 1/2$, thus ${}^2P_{1/2,3/2}^o$
- The 1×4 matrix: $S = 3/2, L = 0, \mathcal{J} = 0 + 3/2$, thus ${}^4S_{3/2}^o$

Now we have to construct energy levels. Basically, there are 5 different level (including fine structure splitting) and any pair would be a valid transition. So, we would have $C_2^5 = 5!/3!2! = 10$ transitions. The question is how we line up these states.

According Hund's rule, the term with maximum multiplicity ($2S+1$) has the lowest energy. So apparently we have ${}^4S_{3/2}^o$ to be the lowest. Also, the term with largest L has lowest energy. So we should line up the order as $P \rightarrow D \rightarrow S$. Third rule says the lowest \mathcal{J} has the lowest energy. Thus, the order in our mind right now should look like:

$${}^2P_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2P_{1/2}^o \Rightarrow {}^2D_{5/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2D_{3/2}^o \Rightarrow {}^4S_{3/2}^o,$$

where bigger arrows indicate larger energy gaps downwardly.

We should be able to draw these 10 transitions in our mind, but strictly speaking:

1. ${}^2P_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2P_{1/2}^o$
2. ${}^2P_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2D_{5/2}^o$
3. ${}^2P_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2D_{3/2}^o$
4. ${}^2P_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^4S_{3/2}^o$

5. ${}^2P_{1/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2D_{5/2}^o$
6. ${}^2P_{1/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2D_{3/2}^o$
7. ${}^2P_{1/2}^o \rightarrow {}^4S_{3/2}^o$
8. ${}^2D_{5/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2D_{3/2}^o$
9. ${}^2D_{5/2}^o \rightarrow {}^4S_{3/2}^o$
10. $D_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^4S_{3/2}^o$.

3.2: Draine 4.1:

Those rules we should follow are listed in 6.7.1 in Draine. These are transitioning selection rules:

1. Parity must change.
2. $\Delta L = 0, \pm 1$
3. $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$, but $J = 0 \rightarrow 0$ is forbidden.
4. Only one single-electron wave function $n\ell$ changes, with $\Delta\ell = \pm 1$.
5. $\Delta S = 0$: Spin does **not** change.

Notably, violating 5th rule is called semiforbidden or intercombination. And violating any of 1st to 4th rule says to be forbidden.

1. CIII: ${}^3P_1^o \rightarrow {}^1S_0$: it fulfills (1, 2, 3, 4) and violates 5, so semi-forbidden.
2. OIII: ${}^1D_2 \rightarrow {}^3P_2$: it violates 1, so forbidden.
3. OIII: ${}^1S_0 \rightarrow {}^1D_2$: it violates 1, so forbidden.
4. OIII: ${}^5S_2^o \rightarrow {}^3P_1$: it fulfills (1, 2, 3, 4) but violates 5, so semi-forbidden.
5. CIV: ${}^2P_{3/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2S_{1/2}$: it fulfills (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), so allowed.
6. Ne II: ${}^2P_{1/2}^o \rightarrow {}^2P_{3/2}^o$: it violates 1, so forbidden.
7. O I: ${}^3S_1^o \rightarrow {}^3P_2$: it fulfills (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), so allowed.