

40.1 Atomic field shifts and spectral differences

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Total: 11 marks**KEY WORDS** Landé factor • Stark splitting

Objective

Calculate orbital and spin magnetic shifts in the appropriate coupling regime; Find photon-energy shifts from allowed upper-minus-lower level changes; Contrast parity cancellation with degenerate electric-field splitting. Original public practice; not an ETS paper.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

For B along z , electron $H_Z = \mu_B B(L_z + 2S_z)/\hbar$. In the uncoupled regime, $\Delta E = \mu_B B(m_l + 2m_s)$. Compare magnetic energy with spin-orbit and orbital gaps.

Weak LS-coupled fields use $\Delta E = \mu_B B g_J m_J$ and the Landé factor. For $L=1, S=1/2$: $g_J(3/2)=4/3$, $g_J(1/2)=2/3$. $J=0$ needs separate treatment.

Photon shift is upper minus lower shift, subject to transition selection rules. A spin-neglected $L=1 \rightarrow 0$ model has three photon shifts $-\mu_B B, 0, +\mu_B B$.

A nondegenerate parity state has zero first-order electric dipole expectation. A degenerate opposite-parity pair with supplied dipole matrix $[[0,d],[d,0]]$ has shifts $\pm dF$. Higher-order and near-degenerate corrections remain possible.

■ Worked method

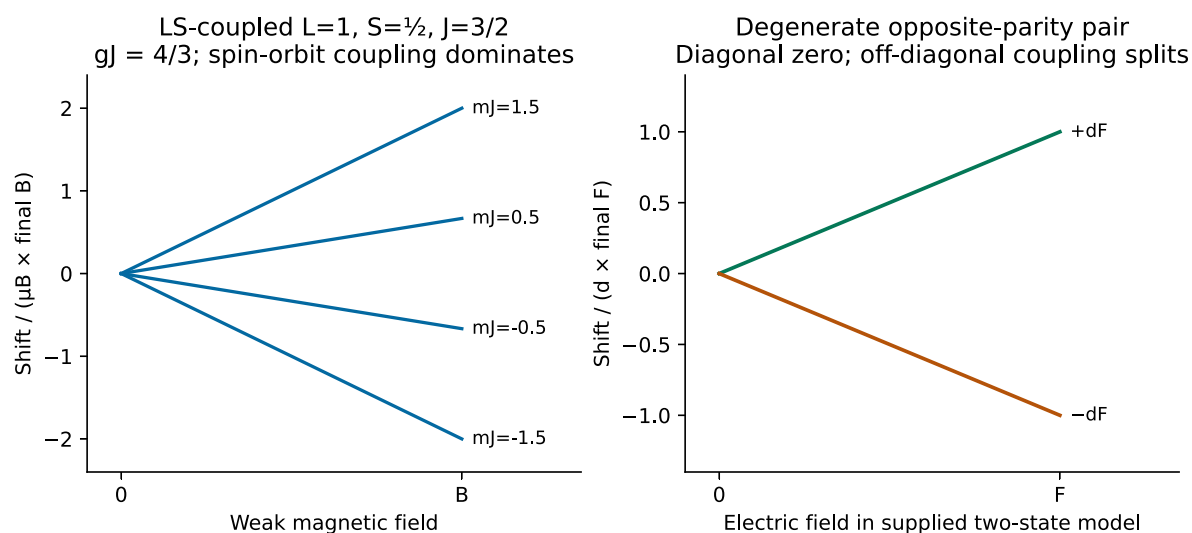
In weak LS-coupled magnetic fields, the Zeeman effect uses J , not uncoupled m_l and m_s .

$$\Delta E = \mu_B B g_J m_J, \quad g_J = 1 + \frac{J(J+1) + S(S+1) - L(L+1)}{2J(J+1)}.$$

For $L = 1$, $S = 1/2$ and $J = 3/2$, $g_J = 4/3$.

$$\Delta E = \mu_B B g_J m_J = (5.788 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T})(2 \text{ T})(4/3)(1/2) = 7.72 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}.$$

Select the field regime before inserting quantum numbers. Photon shifts subtract the lower-level shift.



2 Practice

2.1 Choose one answer. In the uncoupled electron approximation, $m_l=1, m_s=-1/2$ and B along $+z$ give a linear magnetic shift: [1]

- A $-2\mu_B B$
- B $-\mu_B B$
- C 0
- D $+\mu_B B$
- E $+2\mu_B B$

2.2 Choose one answer. An upper level shifts by $+2u$ and a lower level by $-u$. An allowed emitted photon shifts by: [1]

- A $-3u$
- B $-u$
- C 0
- D $+u$
- E $+3u$

2.3 For $L=1, S=1/2, J=1/2$, the Landé factor in the $g_s=2$ approximation is _____ (use a fraction). Show your relation and units. [2]

