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LS-Term Dependence of Hyperfine-Interaction Parameters in d^2s Configurations*

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Hartree-Fock calculations have been made for the configurations $3d^24s$ of Sc I and $5d^26s$, $5d6s^2$, and $5d^3$ of La I. Attention is drawn to the variation of atomic quantities which influence hyperfine structures owing to the LS-term dependence of the radial wave functions. Theoretical calculations of the level structure of $(5d+6s)^3$ of La I are also presented.

I. INTRODUCTION

The traditional Hamiltonian for the magnetic-dipole hyperfine interaction in a configuration of the type $l^N s$ is of the form¹

$$H_{\text{dip}} = \left[a_I \sum_{i=1}^N (l_i - \sqrt{10} (sC^{(2)})_i^{(1)}) + a_s s \right] I,$$

where

$$a_I = 2\mu_B \mu_N \mu_I \langle r^{-3} \rangle_I / I$$

and

$$a_s = 16\pi \mu_B \mu_N \mu_I |\psi(0)|^2 / 3I,$$

μ_B is the Bohr magneton, μ_N the nuclear magneton, and μ_I the nuclear magnetic-dipole moment in nuclear magnetons.

Matrix elements of this Hamiltonian are usually expressed in terms of products of reduced matrix elements and certain angular coefficients. The reduced matrix elements depend on the radial parts of

the wave function and are often treated as adjustable parameters to be determined by fitting experimental hyperfine structure (hfs) data to the theoretical expressions. It is to be noted that a_I and a_s here are usually supposed constants for all the states of a given electron configuration.² This implies that the multiplet structure be ignored completely insofar as the radial functions are considered as being defined in terms of the occupation numbers of the various orbitals together with a single energy criterion.

Contributions to the hfs from the nuclear electric-quadrupole interaction serve to complicate further the interpretation of hfs splittings. Parametric treatments of this follow lines similar to those used for magnetic-dipole interaction in the use of a single parameter $b_i = e^2 Q \langle r^{-3} \rangle_i$ in the traditional approach. Again, it is to be noted that b_i is usually supposed a constant for all states of a given electron configuration.²

In recent years a variation of this approach has been used with some success in attempts to accom-

TABLE I. HF results for $3d^24s$ of Sc I. Values of spin density $|\psi(0)|^2$ are in units of a_0^{-3} , expectation values $\langle r^{-3} \rangle$ and $\langle r \rangle$ in units of a_0^{-3} , and a_0 , respectively, Slater integrals $F^2(dd)$, $F^4(dd)$, $G^2(ds)$, and ζ in cm^{-1} , and total binding energies E_{total} in a. u. (2Ry).

	4F	2F	2D	4P	2G	2P	2S
$4\pi \psi(0) ^2_{4s}$	17.7120	11.9062	16.5115	18.6272	16.9868	12.6512	19.2905
$\langle r^{-3} \rangle_{3d}$	1.063	1.158	1.043	0.997	1.012	1.096	0.892
$\langle r \rangle_{3d}$	2.0691	1.9244	2.1235	2.1998	2.1888	2.0317	2.5320
$\langle r \rangle_{4s}$	4.2014	4.7411	4.3024	4.1295	4.2637	4.6709	4.0894
$F^2(3d3d)$	43 533	47 301	42 350	40 650	40 965	44 553	35 068
$F^4(3d3d)$	26 560	29 015	25 789	24 694	24 894	27 220	21 115
$G^2(3d4s)$	12 239	8502	12 053	13 500	12 649	9655	14 820
ζ_{3d}	56.1	61.5	55.1	52.5	53.4	58.0	46.9
E_{total}	-759.6995	-759.6719	-759.6556	-759.6597	-759.6374	-759.6280	-759.5720

moderate such effects as core-excitation perturbations. This procedure, originated by Harvey,³ uses the notion of effective operators in that different $\langle r^{-3} \rangle$ parameters are introduced for different parts of the hfs operator in order to absorb the effects of configuration interactions and relativity.^{4,5} The effective operators that arise in the case of the quadrupole interaction may either be determined separately by fitting them to experimental data or related to a single parameter by assumptions concerning the effective charge used in the simplified theory of spin-orbit coupling.

For a detailed example of the use of these parametric procedures, see Ref. 6.

This purely parametric approach has revealed some surprisingly large variations in $\langle r^{-3} \rangle$ values for the different parts of the hyperfine interaction operator and thus added to the procedural difficulties that arise in interpreting the hfs for the purposes of evaluating nuclear moments.

Explicit *ab initio* calculations of core-polarization effects for elements of the first short period⁷ and the alkalis⁸ have yielded reasonable values for spin densities and lend support to Harvey's work concerning the inadequacy of the use of a single value of $\langle r^{-3} \rangle$.

In recent years many accurate hfs data extending through numerous states belonging to low-lying con-

figurations have been obtained by means of atomic-beam magnetic-resonance methods.⁹ However, even after treating the $\langle r^{-3} \rangle$ terms as adjustable parameters and taking into account configuration mixing and breakdown of LS coupling, the best obtainable fit is still often poor.¹⁰

Thus, it is of interest to reexamine the adequacy of the assumptions usually made in such fitting procedures and in particular those concerning the constancy of the terms a_1 , a_s , and b_1 for the different LS states of a single configuration.

It is well known that single-configuration Hartree-Fock (HF) radial wave functions determined for open-shell configurations of atomic electrons differ somewhat according to the LS term of the configuration. For convenience we shall refer to these differences and their effects on atomic properties as those due to LS-term dependence. Such differences may be expected to be large in those regions of the Periodic Table where the onset of *d*- and *f*-shell collapse effects assume importance. Recent work¹¹ has revealed that these effects can be large enough in some instances to render inadequate the existing theoretical framework for performing atomic structure calculations owing to serious departures from the conditions under which the usual simplifying assumptions obtain.

In Sec. II we present the HF results for the LS

TABLE II. HF results for $5d^26s$ of La I. Values of spin density $|\psi(0)|^2$ are in units of a_0^{-3} , expectation values $\langle r^{-3} \rangle$ and $\langle r \rangle$ in units of a_0^{-3} , and a_0 , respectively, Slater integrals $F^2(dd)$, $F^4(dd)$, $G^2(ds)$, and ζ in cm^{-1} , and total binding energies E_{total} in a. u. (2 Ry).

	4F	2F	2D	4P	2G	2P	2S
$4\pi \psi(0) ^2_{6s}$	39.5758	26.4928	36.3351	40.5726	36.8806	27.3791	39.8401
$\langle r^{-3} \rangle_{5d}$	1.944	2.137	1.956	1.878	1.924	2.076	1.775
$\langle r \rangle_{5d}$	2.9913	2.8445	3.0159	3.0755	3.0575	2.9127	3.3000
$\langle r \rangle_{6s}$	5.1337	5.8633	5.3059	5.0904	5.2814	5.8196	5.1534
$F^2(5d5d)$	33 825	36 007	33 428	32 641	32 850	34 922	29 842
$F^4(5d5d)$	21 984	23 573	21 686	21 122	21 266	22 773	19 103
$G^2(5d6s)$	11 943	7983	11 269	12 611	11 598	8604	13 088
ζ_{5d}	499	549	502	482	494	534	456
E_{total}	-8221.112	-8221.073	-8221.067	-8221.080	-8221.057	-8221.051	-8221.007

TABLE III. Calculated values of energy levels (in cm^{-1}), g values, and Slater integrals (in cm^{-1}) for $(5d+6s)^3$ of La I.

J	Values calculated from set A				Values calculated from set B			
	E_{obs}	E_{calc}	$(E_{\text{calc}} - E_{\text{obs}})$	g_{calc}	E_{calc}	$-(E_{\text{calc}} - E_{\text{obs}})$	g_{calc}	
$\frac{1}{2}$	1	7231	7238.4	-7.4	2.657006	7230.1	0.9	2.656340
	2	9044	9048.7	-4.7	0.681196	9056.4	-12.4	0.681876
	3	...	17029.4	...	2.650838	16537.2	...	2.651360
	4	...	18327.0	...	1.993357	18207.5	...	1.985126
	5	...	21510.0	...	0.692767	20715.7	...	0.700463
$\frac{3}{2}$	1	0	-10.9	10.9	0.797577	-31.9	31.9	0.797487
	2	2668	2661.6	6.4	0.404722	2645.4	22.6	0.404989
	3	7490	7478.5	11.5	1.712153	7478.5	11.5	1.711758
	4	8446	8549.3	-103.3	0.944611	8569.8	-123.8	0.946954
	5	9719	9771.4	-52.4	1.207631	9784.9	-65.9	1.205774
	6	12430	12429.2	0.8	0.403927	12470.8	-40.8	0.404217
	7	...	17157.6	...	1.718999	16657.8	...	1.718611
	8	...	19533.0	...	0.845565	18748.1	...	0.841464
	9	...	22121.4	...	1.298627	21272.3	...	1.302535
	10	...	28872.3	...	0.799814	27020.9	...	0.799840
$\frac{5}{2}$	1	1053	1045.7	7.3	1.199314	1061.3	-8.3	1.199190
	2	3010	3011.7	-1.7	1.029719	3004.8	5.2	1.029821
	3	7011	7020.3	-9.3	0.894517	7001.6	9.4	0.893848
	4	7679	7675.3	3.7	1.521618	7678.2	0.8	1.521156
	5	9183	9241.3	-58.3	1.242450	9271.6	-88.6	1.243617
	6	12787	12782.2	4.8	1.029502	12801.4	-14.4	1.029547
	7	...	17515.7	...	1.597244	16987.4	...	1.597002
	8	...	20211.4	...	1.202225	19353.4	...	1.202252
	9	...	23477.7	...	0.861578	22170.5	...	0.861828
	10	...	28718.6	...	1.197346	26908.2	...	1.197248
$\frac{7}{2}$	1	3494	3503.2	-9.2	1.237823	3508.8	-14.8	1.237783
	2	8052	7985.6	66.4	1.135334	7985.0	67.	1.134732
	3	9960	9873.5	86.5	0.897500	9853.1	106.9	0.898114
	4	13238	13233.1	4.9	1.236891	13220.9	17.1	1.236692
	5	...	17735.6	...	0.890991	17126.6	...	0.891284
	6	...	23372.1	...	1.142385	22079.9	...	1.142318
$\frac{9}{2}$	1	4121	4129.8	-8.8	1.333000	4151.5	-30.5	1.332927
	2	9919	9866.8	52.2	1.112733	9844.1	74.9	1.112773
	3	13747	13747.6	-0.6	1.329953	13695.7	51.3	1.329396
	4	...	17820.9	...	1.037605	17165.8	...	1.028490
	5	...	19023.1	...	0.986531	18258.2	...	0.996237
$\frac{11}{2}$	1	...	18976.5	...	1.091120	18173.1	...	1.091120
rms	error		± 54		± 66			
d^2s	$E(d^2s)$	7634.4 \pm 19.1		7622.2 \pm 23.2				
	$F^2(dd)$	20605.5 \pm 165.2		20486.0 \pm 199.4				
	$F^4(dd)$	12865.3 \pm 278.9		12663.7 \pm 338.6				
	ζ_d	415.2 \pm 14.6		425.9 \pm 13.7				
	$G^2(ds)$	7671.6 \pm 97.6		7640.9 \pm 118.9				
ds^2	$E(ds^2)$	1271.0 \pm 73.5		1586.8 \pm 81.0				
	ζ_d	480.2 \pm 35.6		502.0 \pm 16.1				
d^3	$E(d^3)$	18474.8 \pm 56.7		17745.2 \pm 61.0				
	$F^2(dd)$	20605.5 \pm 165.2		17846.7 \pm 173.2				
	$F^4(dd)$	12865.3 \pm 278.9		10871.5 \pm 290.0				
	ζ_d	374.5 \pm 20.5		348.0 \pm 11.2				
	$R^2(d^3 \times d^2s)$	-10345.9 \pm 166.1		-9860.7 \pm 192.2				
	$R^2(ds^2 \times d^3)$	7671.6 \pm 97.6		10106.1 \pm 156.9				
	$R^2(d^2s \times ds^2)$	-10345.9 \pm 166.1		-10176.2 \pm 198.7				

terms of the configurations $3d^24s$ of Sc I and $5d^26s$ of La I and discuss the relevance of these results

in interpreting the hfs data.

In order to assist further the analysis of recent

TABLE IV. $(5d+6s)^3$ of La I. Eigenvector components of the eigenvalues given in Table III.

$J=\frac{1}{2}$		${}^2S(d^2s)$	${}^2P(d^2s)$	${}^4P(d^2s)$	${}^2P(d^3)$	${}^4P(d^3)$					
1	A	0.0782	-0.0622	0.9946	-0.0289	0.0014					
	B	0.0811	-0.0631	0.9943	-0.0300	0.0014					
2	A	0.0490	-0.8709	-0.0724	-0.4828	0.0281					
	B	0.0502	-0.8628	-0.0739	-0.4967	0.0287					
3	A	-0.0305	0.0686	0.0033	-0.0693	0.9948					
	B	-0.0246	0.0699	0.0030	-0.0669	0.9950					
4	A	0.9914	0.0074	-0.0747	0.1006	0.0372					
	B	0.9882	-0.0083	-0.0773	0.1279	0.0338					
5	A	-0.0876	-0.4826	0.0018	0.8667	0.0910					
	B	-0.1176	-0.4966	0.0038	0.8553	0.0895					
$J=\frac{3}{2}$		${}^2P(d^2s)$	${}^2D(d^2s)$	${}^4P(d^2s)$	${}^4F(d^2s)$	${}^2D(ds^2)$	${}^2P(d^3)$	${}^2_1D(d^3)$	${}^2_3D(d^3)$	${}^4P(d^3)$	${}^4F(d^3)$
1	A	0.0181	-0.3165	0.0100	-0.0749	-0.9335	0.0099	0.1349	-0.0631	-0.0023	-0.0088
	B	0.0186	-0.3167	0.0102	-0.0767	-0.9252	0.0109	0.1799	-0.0697	-0.0028	-0.0103
2	A	0.0046	-0.0679	0.0033	-0.9924	0.1021	0.0016	-0.0085	-0.0070	0.0001	0.0000
	B	0.0047	-0.0693	0.0034	-0.9920	0.1038	0.0015	-0.0145	-0.0061	0.0002	0.0004
3	A	-0.0268	-0.1396	0.9875	0.0188	0.0583	-0.0106	0.0053	-0.0257	0.0007	-0.0036
	B	-0.0273	-0.1408	0.9873	0.0194	0.0589	-0.0113	0.0012	-0.0254	0.0008	-0.0029
4	A	0.4416	-0.7791	-0.1192	0.0857	0.2873	0.2388	0.0536	-0.1798	-0.0217	-0.0343
	B	0.4423	-0.7770	-0.1195	0.0872	0.2894	0.2463	0.0324	-0.1790	-0.0216	-0.0289
5	A	0.7496	0.4634	0.1020	-0.0422	-0.1420	0.4267	-0.0199	0.0801	-0.0415	0.0213
	B	0.7386	0.4676	0.1037	-0.0435	-0.1431	0.4404	-0.0088	0.0805	-0.0432	0.0177
6	A	0.0059	-0.0636	-0.0030	0.0042	-0.0015	-0.0068	-0.0566	0.0758	0.0038	0.9934
	B	0.0071	-0.0588	-0.0028	0.0040	-0.0088	-0.0068	-0.0592	0.0815	0.0041	0.9931
7	A	-0.1145	0.0145	-0.0015	-0.0006	0.0078	0.1054	0.0521	-0.0592	-0.9844	0.0136
	B	-0.1169	0.0135	-0.0017	-0.0006	0.0121	0.1013	0.0531	-0.0619	-0.9843	0.0148
8	A	0.1456	-0.2112	-0.0024	0.0081	-0.0472	-0.2203	-0.4511	0.8095	-0.1180	-0.1030
	B	0.1429	-0.2094	-0.0027	0.0086	-0.0746	-0.2054	-0.4426	0.8162	-0.1187	-0.1084
9	A	-0.4557	-0.0696	-0.0060	0.0023	-0.0121	0.8372	-0.1386	0.2284	0.1202	-0.0219
	B	-0.4728	-0.0687	-0.0067	0.0024	-0.0182	0.8322	-0.1298	0.2171	0.1197	-0.0212
10	A	0.0025	0.0178	0.0002	-0.0004	-0.0979	-0.0060	-0.8659	-0.4898	-0.0180	-0.0110
	B	0.0030	0.0236	0.0003	-0.0006	-0.1396	-0.0061	-0.8644	-0.4818	-0.0189	-0.0118
$J=\frac{5}{2}$		${}^2D(d^2s)$	${}^2F(d^2s)$	${}^4P(d^2s)$	${}^4F(d^2s)$	${}^2D(ds^2)$	${}^2_1D(d^3)$	${}^2_3D(d^3)$	${}^2F(d^3)$	${}^4P(d^3)$	${}^4F(d^3)$
1	A	0.3585	-0.0333	-0.0316	0.0818	0.9162	-0.1367	0.0670	0.0074	0.0048	0.0063
	B	0.3604	-0.0350	-0.0326	0.0855	0.9065	-0.1824	0.0731	0.0087	0.0062	0.0073
2	A	0.0364	-0.0773	-0.0045	0.9907	-0.1043	0.0110	0.0027	0.0105	-0.0004	-0.0005
	B	0.0364	-0.0793	-0.0046	0.9901	-0.1077	0.0176	0.0017	0.0108	-0.0007	-0.0007
3	A	-0.2072	0.9403	0.1478	0.0957	0.1166	0.0059	-0.0354	-0.1646	-0.0003	0.0028
	B	-0.2053	0.9397	0.1453	0.0983	0.1178	-0.0023	-0.0341	-0.1702	0.0001	0.0033
4	A	0.2872	0.2211	-0.9189	-0.0118	-0.1394	-0.0049	0.0534	-0.0407	0.0003	0.0060
	B	0.2908	0.2188	-0.9179	-0.0126	-0.1419	0.0052	0.0534	-0.0423	-0.0003	0.0050
5	A	0.8338	0.1722	0.3641	-0.0492	-0.3220	-0.0384	0.1818	-0.0354	0.0027	0.0259
	B	0.8324	0.1705	0.3676	-0.0501	-0.3237	-0.0140	0.1829	-0.0380	0.0010	0.0221
6	A	-0.0398	-0.0115	-0.0049	0.0014	-0.0007	-0.0345	0.0498	-0.0147	0.0042	0.9972
	B	-0.0572	-0.0114	-0.0047	0.0013	-0.0054	-0.0357	0.0534	-0.0156	0.0045	0.9970
7	A	0.0229	-0.0008	0.0014	-0.0007	0.0122	0.0781	-0.0576	-0.0068	-0.9949	0.0106
	B	0.0218	-0.0010	0.0015	-0.0007	0.0189	0.0792	-0.0596	-0.0073	-0.9946	0.0114
8	A	0.2169	-0.0022	0.0106	-0.0055	0.0404	0.4083	-0.8775	-0.0463	0.0894	0.0656
	B	0.2164	-0.0020	0.0116	-0.0059	-0.0645	0.3935	-0.8824	-0.0480	0.0913	0.0686
9	A	0.0149	0.1730	0.0006	0.0023	-0.0131	-0.0777	-0.0845	0.9778	-0.0076	0.0186
	B	0.0173	0.1792	0.0007	0.0026	-0.0188	-0.0794	-0.0854	0.9763	-0.0083	0.0197
10	A	-0.0082	0.0139	-0.0002	0.0003	0.1053	0.8942	0.4188	0.1064	0.0465	0.0113
	B	-0.0135	0.0147	-0.0004	0.0004	0.1514	0.8930	0.4060	0.1088	0.0487	0.0122
$J=\frac{7}{2}$		${}^2F(d^2s)$	${}^2G(d^2s)$	${}^4F(d^2s)$	${}^2F(d^3)$	${}^2G(d^3)$	${}^4F(d^3)$				
1	A	0.0751	0.0274	-0.9967	-0.0110	-0.0045	0.0004				
	B	0.0769	0.0281	-0.9966	-0.0115	-0.0046	0.0004				
2	A	0.9641	-0.1777	0.0696	-0.1816	0.0332	0.0060				
	B	0.9613	-0.1840	0.0710	-0.1890	0.0353	0.0058				
3	A	0.1717	0.9436	0.0407	-0.0454	-0.2750	0.0272				
	B	0.1773	0.9397	0.0421	-0.0493	-0.2838	0.0261				

TABLE IV (continued).

$J = \frac{5}{2}$	${}^2D(d^2s)$	${}^2F(d^2s)$	${}^4P(d^2s)$	${}^4F(d^2s)$	${}^2D(ds^2)$	${}^2_1D(d^3)$	${}^2_3D(d^3)$	${}^2F(d^3)$	${}^4P(d^3)$	${}^4F(d^3)$
4	A	-0.0161	-0.0427	-0.0015	-0.0212	-0.0548	0.9972			
	B	-0.0165	-0.0435	-0.0016	-0.0226	-0.0589	0.9969			
5	A	-0.0264	-0.2746	-0.0047	-0.0508	-0.9576	-0.0659			
	B	-0.0287	-0.2834	-0.0052	-0.0523	-0.9545	-0.0705			
6	A	-0.1856	0.0041	-0.0033	-0.9807	0.0574	-0.0205			
	B	-0.1934	0.0040	-0.0038	-0.9790	0.0598	-0.0217			
$J = \frac{7}{2}$	${}^2G(d^2s)$	${}^4F(d^2s)$	${}^2G(d^3)$	${}^2H(d^3)$	${}^4F(d^3)$					
1	A	-0.0696	0.9975	0.0108	-0.0005	-0.0007				
	B	-0.0718	0.9974	0.0112	-0.0005	-0.0006				
2	A	0.9613	0.0699	-0.2629	0.0184	0.0394				
	B	0.9588	0.0721	-0.2713	0.0193	0.0381				
3	A	-0.0719	-0.0031	-0.1143	0.0144	0.9907				
	B	-0.0741	-0.0033	-0.1229	0.0170	0.9895				
4	A	-0.2123	-0.0065	-0.7514	0.6147	-0.1111				
	B	-0.2115	-0.0069	-0.7193	0.6513	-0.1164				
5	A	-0.1444	-0.0040	-0.5942	-0.7884	-0.0676				
	B	-0.1588	-0.0048	-0.6275	-0.7584	-0.0768				
$J = \frac{11}{2}$	${}^2H(d^3)$									
1	A	1.0000								
	B	1.0000								

hfs studies⁶ in La I, a theoretical calculation of the level structure of $(5d+6s)^3$ has been made, the results of which are presented in the Appendix.

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Closed expressions for the open-shell average of configuration HF equations are given by Slater¹² and form the basis for the procedure used here. HF solutions for specific LS terms of such open-shell configurations are obtained by minimizing the energy formed by adding to the average total binding energy of the configuration energy expressions, which, for the d^2s configuration, take the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H({}^4F) \\ H({}^2F) \end{aligned} \right\} = -\frac{58}{441} F^2(dd) + \frac{5}{441} F^4(dd) \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{5} G^2(ds), \\ +\frac{2}{5} G^2(ds) \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H({}^4P) \\ H({}^2P) \end{aligned} \right\} = +\frac{77}{441} F^2(dd) - \frac{70}{441} F^4(dd) \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{5} G^2(ds), \\ +\frac{2}{5} G^2(ds) \end{cases}$$

$$H({}^2G) = + (50/441) F^2(dd) + (15/441) F^4(dd),$$

$$H({}^2D) = - (13/441) F^2(dd) + (50/441) F^4(dd),$$

$$H({}^2S) = + (140/441) F^2(dd) + (140/441) F^4(dd).$$

Adopting the HF procedure developed by Froese,¹³ single-configuration HF calculations were made for all of the LS terms of the configurations $3d^24s$ of Sc I and $5d^26s$ of La I. The values of various atomic quantities calculated from these HF solutions are given in Tables I and II.

Let us draw attention to the unexpectedly large variations in those atomic quantities that may be

expected to reveal themselves by means of studies of hyperfine interactions and, to a lesser extent, isotope shifts.

The values of spin density $|\psi(0)|_s^2$ due to the outermost s electron indicate that the contact terms a_s are expected to vary considerably from one term to another, being smallest for the 2F and largest for the 4P . The over-all change is $\sim 56\%$ for Sc and $\sim 53\%$ for La. The values for the neighboring terms 4F and 2F in both Sc and La differ by $\sim 49\%$. It should be noted that these are variations in the spin density due to the outermost s electron alone and the effects of core polarization are not included.

In parametrizing this spin-density factor, approximate groupings of the contact terms could perhaps be made to test the validity of the indicated behavior, viz.,

$$a_s({}^2F) \approx a_s({}^2P) < a_s({}^2D) \approx a_s({}^2G) < a_s({}^4F) \approx a_s({}^4P) \approx a_s({}^2S).$$

The values of $\langle r^{-3} \rangle_d$ also exhibit variations consistent in behavior with those of the contact terms.

It is clear that such effects may well help in accounting for certain anomalies observed in the parametric approach and failure to take them into account, when present, might result in substantial error.

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APPENDIX: MIXED-CONFIGURATION EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS FOR $(5d+6s)^3$ OF La I

Progress towards a detailed understanding of the low even configurations of La I was made after Stein¹⁴ found the 4F term of $5d^3$. This enabled the major effects of $5d^3$ to be taken into account in a theoretical study of $(5d+6s)^3$.

Several fittings of the LS matrices of electrostatic and spin-orbit interaction to the observed energy levels have been made in order to obtain calculated values for levels, g values, and eigenvector components. Since the number of known electrostatic terms is smaller than the total number of electrostatic parameters,¹⁵ constraints on the latter must be introduced. The results of adopting two different sets of constraints are given in Tables III and IV.

In set A we have adopted constraints similar to those used by Stein, i. e., $F^2(dd)$ and $F^4(dd)$ take identical values in d^2s and d^3 and $G^2(ds)$ of d^2s takes the same value as $R^2(ds^2 \times d^3)$. However, we did not impose that the ζ_d values obey a linear progression.

In order to obtain physically reasonable eigenvectors, several points must be borne in mind. In calculations of physical quantities which involve the use of mixed-configuration eigenvectors, care must be taken that the signs of off-diagonal matrix elements are calculated in a consistent fashion. We have taken care to ensure that the phases of the off-diagonal R^k integrals used here were those obtained from the HF results, i. e., $R^2(d^2s \times d^3)$ and $R^2(ds^2 \times d^2s)$ are both negative while $R^2(ds^2 \times d^3)$ is positive.

In addition, it was thought worthwhile to investigate the effects of an attempt to make the constraints on the parameters more physically plausible than those of set A . Thus, in set B , we have forced the parameters (i) $F^2(dd)$ and $F^4(dd)$ in d^2s and d^3 , (ii) $G^2(ds)$ and $R^2(ds^2 \times d^3)$, (iii) $R^2(d^3 \times d^2)$ and $R^2(d^2s \times ds^2)$, and (iv) the ζ_d 's of d^3 , d^2s , and s^2d to retain their HF ratios.

The deviations between the calculated and observed values for energies and g values⁶ show similar qualitative features for the two sets although the differences between the two for the remaining levels, as yet unobserved, becomes increasingly large with increase in energy.

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