

CONFIGURATION OF EQUIVALENT f ELECTRONS.
SOME CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE TERMS.

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The term 2F given to the ions Ce^{3+} and Yb^{3+} is due to an electron or to one hole, respectively, in the $4f$ configuration of the lanthanide elements. When the number of equivalent electrons (or holes) becomes larger than one there is an increase in the number of terms. In some cases it is possible to observe different terms, but with the same values of L and S . The Nd^{3+} configuration ($4f^3$) presents the following terms: ${}^4(IGFDS)$, ${}^2(LKIP)$ and $2x^2(HGFD)$. Table 1 contains the terms that occur twice and the levels with the same representations with different energies.

The examples given in Table 1 mean that a different set of quantum numbers are necessary to distinguish such levels.

Racah (1,2) showed that it is possible to classify systematically the states of a given f^n configuration using the group theory. The method consists in classifying the states of the f^n configuration through its properties, under some transformation within the group. The properties of such groups are used to simplify the calculus of the matrix elements of the tensor operators, which corresponds to

the interactions under study. The irreducible representations of the group may be used as labels to classify the transformations of a particular state under the group operations. These irreducible representations are used as additional quantum numbers.

Table 1 - Some terms and levels of the $4f^3$ configuration

Term $2S+1_L$	Level $2S+1_{L_J}$	Term $2S+1_L$	Level $2S+1_{L_J}$
a) 2_H	$a_1) ^2H_{11/2}$	c) 2_F	$c_1) ^2F_{7/2}$
	$a_2) ^2H_{11/2}$		$c_2) ^2F_{7/2}$
	$a_3) ^2H_{9/2}$		$c_3) ^2F_{5/2}$
	$a_4) ^2H_{9/2}$		$c_4) ^2F_{5/2}$
b) 2_G	$b_1) ^2G_{9/2}$	d) 2_D	$d_1) ^2D_{5/2}$
	$b_2) ^2G_{9/2}$		$d_2) ^2D_{5/2}$
	$b_3) ^2G_{7/2}$		$d_3) ^2D_{3/2}$
	$b_4) ^2G_{7/2}$		$d_4) ^2D_{3/2}$

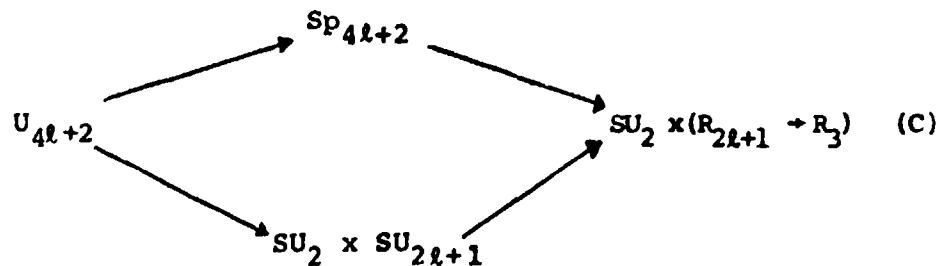
The levels $a_1 = a_2$, $a_3 = a_4$, $b_1 = b_2$, $b_3 = b_4$, $c_1 = c_2$, $c_3 = c_4$, $d_1 = d_2$ and $d_3 = d_4$ are equal, but represent different energies.

The classification of the states for equivalent electron configurations can be done using the Schur (3) functions, in terms of a simpletic group of characters.

As we know, $\{l^n\}$ is equal to $\sum_{\alpha=0} \langle l^{n-2\alpha} \rangle$ (A) with α integral and $n \geq 2\alpha$.

The representations that corresponds to each α value are given by the seniority number $v = n - 2\alpha$ (B) (4). The number v may assume positive integral odd or even values, corresponding to configurations with an even or odd number of electrons. Each l^v term is repeated at least once in l^{v+2} and l^{v+4} ..., and the totality of terms $n \leq (2l+1)$ presents $v_m = n$. The terms of a p^n configuration are determined only by S and L , that of a d^n by S , L and v and in the case of a f^n by S , L , v and the quantum numbers W and U that will be explained latter.

The LS terms of a l^n configuration may be classified by the chain of groups:



In the particular case of $l = 3$, it is necessary to use an additional sub-group G_2 :

$$\text{R}_{2l+1} + G_2 + \text{R}_3 \quad (\text{D})$$

In each step of the equation C it is necessary to decompose the characters $\{l^n\}$ of U_{4l+2} in the characters of the sub-group:

$$\text{U}_{4l+2} \rightarrow \text{SU}_2 \times \text{R}_{2l+1}, \quad \text{U}_{4l+2} \rightarrow \text{Sp}_{4l+2}, \quad \text{U}_{4l+2} \rightarrow \text{SU}_{2l} \times \text{R}_3, \text{ etc.}$$

The number of totally antisymmetric functions obtained from n electrons and $4l+2$ functions $\Psi(s m_s m_l)$ is given by (5):

$$C_{4l+2}^n = \frac{(4l+2)!}{n!(4l+2-n)!} \quad (E)$$

The antisymmetric representations $\{1^n\}$ and the dimensions of the irreducible representations of U_{14} for $l=3$ are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 - $\{1^n\}$ representations and dimensions of the irreducible representations in U_{14}

f^n	$\{1^n\}$	$C_{14}^n = 14! / n!(14-n)!$
f^0, f^{14}	$\{0\}$	1
f^1, f^{13}	$\{1\}$	14
f^2, f^{12}	$\{1^2\}$	91
f^3, f^{11}	$\{1^3\}$	364
f^4, f^{10}	$\{1^4\}$	1001
f^5, f^9	$\{1^5\}$	2002
f^6, f^8	$\{1^6\}$	3003
f^7	$\{1^7\}$	3432

The representation of Sp_{4+2} are defined by $2l+1$ integral numbers $(\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{2l+1})$ with $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{2l+1} \geq 0$.

The dimension $D_{(v)}$ of the irreducible representation $(11\dots 10\dots 0)$ of Sp_{4l+2} corresponds to a determined seniority number v given by (5):

$$D_{(v)} = 2(2l+2 - v) \frac{(4l+3)!}{v!(4l+4-v)!} \quad (F)$$

Using equation (F) and equation 80 given by Wybourne (4), it is possible to obtain the reduction $U_{14} - Sp_{14}$ for $l=3$ (Table 3).

Table 3 - Reduction $U_{14} \rightarrow Sp_{14}$ and dimensions of Sp_{14}

f^n	Reduction $U_{14} \rightarrow Sp_{14}$	$\sum_{v=0}^7 D_{(v)} = \sum_{v=0}^7 \frac{2(8-v)15!}{v!(16-v)!} = C_{14}^n$
f^7	$\{1^7\} + \langle 1^7 \rangle + \langle 1^5 \rangle + \langle 1^3 \rangle + \langle 1 \rangle$	$1430 + 1638 + 350 + 14 = 3432$
f^6	$\{1^6\} + \langle 1^6 \rangle + \langle 1^4 \rangle + \langle 1^2 \rangle + \langle 0 \rangle$	$2002 + 910 + 90 + 1 = 3003$
f^5	$\{1^5\} + \langle 1^5 \rangle + \langle 1^3 \rangle + \langle 1 \rangle$	$1638 + 350 + 14 = 2002$
f^4	$\{1^4\} + \langle 1^4 \rangle + \langle 1^2 \rangle + \langle 0 \rangle$	$910 + 90 + 1 = 1001$
f^3	$\{1^3\} + \langle 1^3 \rangle + \langle 1 \rangle$	$350 + 14 = 364$
f^2	$\{1^2\} + \langle 1^2 \rangle + \langle 0 \rangle$	$90 + 1 = 91$
f^1	$\{1\} + \langle 1 \rangle$	$14 = 14$
f^0	$\{0\} + \langle 0 \rangle$	$1 = 1$

$\{1^n\} = [\langle 1^v \rangle$ and v may assume the values:

- a) 1, 3, 5, 7 for a configuration with an odd number of electrons;
- b) 0, 2, 4, 6 for a configuration with an even number of electrons.

The irreducible representations for the unitary group $U_{2\ell+1}$ are labeled by the division of n in $2\ell+1$ integral numbers, where $|\lambda| = |\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_{2\ell+1}|$, with $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$ and $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots = n$. The dimension $D_{|\lambda|}$ is calculated according to Weyl (6) (page 201):

$$D_{\lambda} = \prod_{J=1}^{2\ell+1} \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{J-1} + J}{J-1} \quad (G)$$

or, according to Judd (5), by:

$$\frac{(2S+1)(\ell+2)!(2\ell+1)!}{(2\ell+2-b)!(2\ell+1-a)!(a+1)!b!} \quad (G-1)$$

with $a = \frac{1}{2}n + S$ and $b = \frac{1}{2} - S$.

The irreducible representations of $U_{2\ell+1}$ may be decomposed in the irreducible representation of $R_{2\ell+1}$ (continuous group of rotations in $2\ell+1$ dimensions) using the tables presented by Young (7). The irreducible representations W of $R_{2\ell+1}$ are labeled by ℓ integral numbers $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{\ell})$ with $2 \geq w_1 \geq w_2 \geq \dots \geq w_{\ell} \geq 0$. The irreducible representations of $U_{2\ell+1}$ are designated to the corresponding Young partitions and that of $R_{2\ell+1}$ for $W(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{\ell})$. For the R_3 group, the spectroscopic symbol (S, P, D, \dots) in which the $2L+1$ multiplicity gives the dimension of this irreducible representation.

In the case of $\ell = 3$, the irreducible representations of R_7 are characterized by the division of n in three integral numbers: $W \equiv (w_1, w_2, w_3)$ in which $2 \geq w_1 \geq w_2 \geq w_3 \geq 0$. $W|w_1, w_2, w_3|$ constitutes an additional quantum number for the $4f^n$ configuration. Table 4 shows the decomposition for the reduction $U_7 \rightarrow R_7$ together with its representations. This makes easy the reduction $U_{14} \rightarrow SU_2 \times U_7$ (see equation C).

Table 4 - Reduction $U_7 \rightarrow R_7$

$U_7 \rightarrow R_7$					
f^n	${}^{2S+1}W\{w_1w_2w_3\}$	v	Dimension	${}^{2S+1}W\{w_1w_2w_3\}$	Dimension
f^0	${}^1\{000\}$	0	1	${}^1 000 $	1
f^1	${}^2\{100\}$	1	7	${}^2 100 $	7
f^2	${}^3\{110\}$	2	21	${}^3 110 $	21
	${}^1\{200\}$	2	28	$\begin{bmatrix} {}^1 200 \\ 000 \end{bmatrix}$	27 1
f^3	${}^4\{111\}$	3	35	${}^4 111 $	35
	${}^2\{210\}$	3	112	$\begin{bmatrix} {}^2 210 \\ {}^2 100 \end{bmatrix}$	105 7
	${}^5\{111\}$	4	35	${}^5 111 $	35
f^4	${}^3\{211\}$	4	210	$\begin{bmatrix} {}^3 211 \\ {}^3 110 \end{bmatrix}$	189 21
	${}^1\{220\}$	4	196	$\begin{bmatrix} {}^1 220 \\ {}^1 200 \\ {}^1 000 \end{bmatrix}$	168 27 1
	${}^6\{110\}$	5	21	${}^6 110 $	21
	${}^4\{221\}$	5	224	$\begin{bmatrix} {}^4 211 \\ {}^4 111 \end{bmatrix}$	189 35
f^5	${}^2\{221\}$	5	490	$\begin{bmatrix} {}^2 221 \\ {}^2 210 \\ {}^2 100 \end{bmatrix}$	378 105 7
		3			
		1			

(continue)

$U_7 \rightarrow R_7$								
f^n	$2S+1$ $w\{w_1 w_2 w_3\}$	v	Dimension	$2S+1$ $w\{w_1 w_2 w_3\}$	Dimension			
f^6	$^7\{100\}$	6	7	$^7 110 $	7			
	$^5\{210\}$	6	140	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^5 210 \\ ^5 111 \end{array} \right.$	105 35			
	$^3\{221\}$	4	588		$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^3 221 \\ ^3 221 \\ ^3 110 \end{array} \right.$	378 189 21		
		6			$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^2 222 \\ ^2 220 \\ ^1 200 \end{array} \right.$	294 168 27		
		4				490	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^1 200 \\ ^1 000 \end{array} \right.$	27 1
		2						
	f^7	$^8\{000\}$	7	1	$ 000 $	1		
		$^6\{200\}$	1	48	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^6 200 \\ ^6 110 \\ ^4 220 \end{array} \right.$	27 21 168		
			7			392	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^4 211 \\ ^4 111 \end{array} \right.$	189 35
			5					$\left[\begin{array}{l} 222 \\ ^2 221 \\ ^2 210 \\ ^2 100 \end{array} \right.$
$^2\{222\}$		7	784					
		5						
		3						
			1					

The use of equations numbers 128 and 132 given by Wybourne (4) gives immediately the reduction $Sp_{14} \rightarrow SU_2 \times U_7$. For example, in the reduction $U_{14} \rightarrow SU_2 \times U_7$ the representation $\{1^4\} \rightarrow {}^5\{111\} + {}^3\{211\} + {}^2\{220\}$ and under $U_7 \rightarrow R_7$ (see table 4) we have:

$${}^5\{111\} \rightarrow {}^5|111|$$

$${}^3\{111\} \rightarrow {}^3|211| + {}^3|110|$$

$${}^1\{220\} \rightarrow {}^1|220| + {}^1|200| + {}^1|000|$$

The irreducible representation $\langle 1^4 \rangle$, $\langle 1^2 \rangle$ and $\langle 0 \rangle$ of Sp_{14} may be decomposed in that of $SU_2 \times R_7$, given:

$$\langle 1^4 \rangle \rightarrow {}^5|111| + {}^3|211| + {}^1|220|$$

$$\langle 1^2 \rangle \rightarrow {}^3|110| + {}^1|200|$$

$$\langle 0 \rangle \rightarrow {}^1|000|$$

When R_7 is restrict to the subgroup G_2 , the irreducible representations may be characterized by the division of n into two integrals $U(u_1 u_2)$ with $2 > u_1 > u_2 > 0$ (exception for $U(u_1 u_2) = U(30)$, $U(31)$ and $U(40)$). The decomposition $R_7 \rightarrow G_2$ is indicated in Table 5 (1). The dimension of the G_2 representations were calculated by:

$$D(u_1 u_2) = (u_1 + u_2 + 3)(u_1 + 2)(2u_1 + u_2 + 5) \times (u_1 + 2u_2 + 4)(u_1 - u_2 + 1)(u_2 + 1) / 120 \quad (5)$$

those of the R_7 by the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} D(w_1 w_2 w_3) &= (w_1 + w_2 + 4)(w_1 + w_3 + 3)(w_2 + w_3 + 2) \\ &\times (w_1 - w_2 + 1)(w_1 - w_3 + 2)(w_2 - w_3 + 1) \\ &\times (2w_1 + 5)(2w_2 + 3)(2w_3 + 1) / 720. \end{aligned}$$

Table 5 - Decomposition $R_7 \rightarrow G_2$

$l = 3$	$R_7 \rightarrow G_2$		
f^l	$2S+1(w_1 w_2 w_3)$	$G(u_1 u_2)$	Dimension of G_2
f^0	$1 000 $	$1(00)$	1
f^1	$2 100 $	$1(10)$	7
f^2	$3 110 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 3(10) \\ 3(11) \end{bmatrix}$	7 14
	$1 200 $	$1(20)$	27
	$1 000 $	$1(00)$	1
f^3	$4 111 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 4(00) \\ 4(10) \\ 4(20) \end{bmatrix}$	1 7 27
	$2 210 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 2(11) \\ 2(20) \\ 2(21) \end{bmatrix}$	14 27 64
	$2 100 $	$2(10)$	7
f^4	$5 111 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 5(00) \\ 5(10) \\ 5(20) \end{bmatrix}$	1 7 27
	$3 211 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 3(10) \\ 3(11) \\ 3(20) \\ 3(21) \\ 3(30) \end{bmatrix}$	7 14 27 54 77
	$3 110 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 3(10) \\ 3(11) \end{bmatrix}$	7 14
	$1 220 $	$\begin{bmatrix} 1(20) \\ 1(21) \\ 1(22) \end{bmatrix}$	27 64 77
	$1 200 $	$1(20)$	27
	$1 000 $	$1(00)$	1

(continue)

$l = 3$	$R_7 \rightarrow G_2$		
f^n	$2S+1 w_1 w_2 w_3 $	$G(u_1 u_2)$	Dimension of G_2
f^5	6 110	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & (10) \\ 6 & (11) \end{bmatrix}$	 7 14
	4 211	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & (10) \\ 4 & (11) \\ 4 & (20) \\ 4 & (21) \\ 4 & (30) \end{bmatrix}$	 7 14 27 64 77
	4 111	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & (00) \\ 2 & (10) \\ 2 & (20) \end{bmatrix}$	 1 7 27
	2 221	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & (10) \\ 2 & (11) \\ 2 & (20) \\ 2 & (21) \\ 2 & (30) \\ 2 & (31) \end{bmatrix}$	 7 14 27 64 77 189
	2 210	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & (11) \\ 2 & (20) \\ 2 & (21) \end{bmatrix}$	 14 27 64
	2 100	2 (10)	7

(continue)

$l = 3$		$R_7 \rightarrow G_2$	
f^n	$2S+1 w_1 w_2 w_3 $	$G(u_1 u_2)$	Dimension of G_2
f^6	$^7 100 $	$^7 (10)$	7
	$^5 210 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^5 (11) \\ ^5 (20) \\ ^5 (21) \end{array} \right.$	14
			27
			64
	$^5 111 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^5 (00) \\ ^5 (10) \\ ^5 (20) \end{array} \right.$	1
			7
			27
	$^3 221 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^3 (10) \\ ^3 (11) \\ ^3 (20) \\ ^3 (21) \\ ^3 (30) \\ ^3 (31) \end{array} \right.$	7
			14
			27
			64
			77
			189
	$^3 211 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^3 (10) \\ ^3 (11) \\ ^3 (20) \\ ^3 (21) \\ ^3 (30) \end{array} \right.$	7
			14
27			
64			
77			
$^3 110 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^3 (10) \\ ^3 (11) \end{array} \right.$	7	
		14	
$^1 222 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^1 (00) \\ ^1 (10) \\ ^1 (20) \\ ^1 (30) \\ ^1 (40) \end{array} \right.$	1	
		7	
		27	
		77	
		182	
$^1 220 $	$\left[\begin{array}{l} ^1 (20) \\ ^1 (21) \\ ^1 (22) \end{array} \right.$	27	
		64	
		77	
$^1 200 $	$^1 (20)$	27	
$^1 000 $	$^1 (00)$	1	

(continue)

$l = 3$		$R_7 \rightarrow G_2$	
f^n	$2S+1 [w_1 w_2 w_3]$	$G(u_1 u_2)$	Dimension of G_2
f^7	8 000	8 (00)	1
	6 200	6 (20)	27
	6 110	6 (10)	7
		6 (11)	14
	4 220	4 (20)	27
		4 (21)	64
		4 (22)	77
	4 211	4 (10)	7
		4 (11)	14
		4 (20)	27
		4 (21)	64
	4 111	4 (30)	77
		4 (00)	1
	2 222	4 (10)	7
		4 (20)	27
2 (00)		1	
2 (10)		7	
2 (20)		27	
2 221	2 (30)	77	
	2 (40)	182	
	2 (10)	7	
	2 (11)	14	
	2 (20)	27	
	2 (21)	64	
2 210	2 (30)	77	
	2 (31)	189	
	2 (11)	14	
2 100	2 (20)	27	
	2 (21)	64	
	2 100	2 (10)	7

The decomposition of G_2 in R_3 is made using equations 131 and 132 of reference (4) (Table 6). The representation $U(u_1 u_2)$ of G_2 gives the additional third quantum number of the f^n configuration.

In the $Nd^{3+}(4f^3)$ where the terms 2D , 2F , 2G , 2H occur twice, $v = 0$ and 3. The decomposition $U_{14} \rightarrow Sp_{14}$ gives:

$$\{1^3\} \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle + \langle 1^3 \rangle \quad (\text{see equation C and Table 3})$$

In the reduction $Sp_{14} \rightarrow SU_2 \times R_7$ (Table 4) we have

$$\langle 1^3 \rangle \rightarrow 4|111| + 2|210|$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow 2|100|.$$

Using Table 5 it is possible to obtain the reduction $R_7 \rightarrow G_2$:

$$|111| \rightarrow (00) + (10) + (20)$$

$$|210| \rightarrow (11) + (20) + (21)$$

$$|100| \rightarrow (10)$$

The decomposition $G_2 \rightarrow R_3$ is made by using Table 6. In our example we have:

$$(00) \rightarrow S$$

$$(10) \rightarrow F$$

$$(11) \rightarrow PH$$

$$(20) \rightarrow DGI$$

$$(21) \rightarrow DFGHKL$$

Table 6 - Reduction $G_2 \rightarrow R_3$

G_2	DIMENSION	$\rightarrow R_3$	DIMENSION	L	G_2	DIMENSION	$\rightarrow R_3$	DIMENSION	L
(00)	1	S	1	0	(40)	182	[S D F G G H I I K L L M N Q	1	0
(10)	7	F	7	3				5	2
(11)	14	P H	[3 11	1 5				9	4
(20)	27	D G I	[5 9 13	2 4 6				11	5
(21)	64	D F G H K L	[5 7 9 11 15 17	2 3 4 5 7 8				13	6
(30)	77	P F G H I K M	[3 7 9 11 13 15 19	1 3 4 5 6 7 9				15	7
(22)	77	S D G H I L N	[1 5 9 11 13 17 21	0 2 4 5 6 8 10				17	8
								19	9
								21	10
								23	11

It is possible to note that the v quantum number separates the 2F states into two, with $v=1$ and $v=3$. The states 2D , 2G and 2H , with the same seniority (v), are distinguished by the quantum numbers W and U :

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^2F &= |100|(10) {}^2F, |210|(21) {}^2F; v_1 = 1 \text{ and } v = 3 \\
 {}^2D &= |210|(20) {}^2D, |210|(21) {}^2D \\
 {}^2G &= |210|(20) {}^2G, |210|(21) {}^2G \\
 {}^2H &= |210|(11) {}^2H, |210|(21) {}^2H
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} {}^2D \\ {}^2G \\ {}^2H \end{aligned}} \right\} v = 3$$

Equation C may be alternatively used as $U_{14} \rightarrow SU_2 \times U_7$. In this case,

$$\{1^3\} \rightarrow 4\{111\} + 2\{210\}$$

and, under $U_7 \rightarrow R_7$, we have:

$$\{111\} \rightarrow |111|$$

$$\{210\} \rightarrow |210| + |100|.$$

Table 7 illustrates alternative procedures. The quantum number v is used as label for the Sp_{14} representations.

Table 7 - Classification of the $4f^3$ Configuration

U_{14}	Sp_{14}	$SU_2 \times U_7$	v	$SU_2 \times R_7$	$SU_2 \times G_2$	$SU_2 \quad R_3$
$\{1^3\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle 1^3 \rangle \\ \langle 1 \rangle \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4\{111\} \\ 2\{210\} \end{array} \right.$	3	$4 111 $	$\begin{array}{l} 4(00) \\ 4(10) \\ 4(20) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} 4S \\ 4F \\ 4DGI \end{array}$
			3	$2 210 $	$\begin{array}{l} 2(11) \\ 2(20) \\ 2(21) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} 2PH \\ 2DGI \\ 2DFGHKL \end{array}$
		1	$2 100 $	$2(10)$	$2F$	

For the terms that occurs twice, with the same symbols of the $4f^n$ configuration for example (30 and (40) it is necessary to introduce an additional label τ . If the irreducible representation of R_7 the symbols used are W and U for G_2 , the terms for f^n are $f^n_{\tau}WUSL$. According to Pauli, the classifications for f^{14-n} will be identical to that of f^n , so, is only necessary to use $n \leq 7$. Table 8 shows the relation of the R_7 and G_2 representation.

Considering the fact that configurations with an odd number of electrons have an even multiplicity or vice-versa, we draw the Figure 1 to correlate the W, U and v quantum numbers. It is easy to observe in this figure that for the reduction $Sp_{14} \rightarrow SU_2 \times R_7$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 0 \rangle & |000| \\
 \langle 1 \rangle & {}^2|100| \\
 \langle 1^2 \rangle & {}^3|110| + {}^1|200| \\
 \langle 1^3 \rangle & {}^4|111| + {}^2|210| \\
 \langle 1^4 \rangle & {}^5|111| + {}^3|211| + {}^1|220| \\
 \langle 1^5 \rangle & {}^6|110| + {}^4|211| + {}^2|221| \\
 \langle 1^6 \rangle & {}^7|100| + {}^5|210| + {}^3|221| + {}^1|222| \\
 \langle 1^7 \rangle & {}^8|000| + {}^6|200| + {}^4|220| + {}^2|222|.
 \end{aligned}$$

In the case of $Nd^{3+}(4f^3)$, ${}^4|111|$ gives 5 quartets: ${}^4S, {}^4F, {}^4DGI$; ${}^2|210|$ gives 11 terms: ${}^2(PH), {}^2(DGI), {}^2(DFGHKL)$ and ${}^2|100|$ gives only one term 2F . The results of Table 7 are clearly observed in Figure 1. For the coupling designated by $(v_1 S_1)$ and $(v_2 S_2)$ we obtain (1):

$$v_1 + 2S_2 = v_2 + 2S_1 = 2l + 1 \quad (H).$$

For the representation $|110|$, $|211|$ and $|111|$ the (v,s) couplings are $(5, 5/2)$, $(5, 3/2)$, $(3, 3/2)$ for the configuration f^5 and $(2,1)$, $(4,1)$, $(4, 2)$ for f^4 .

Table 8 - Relation between Groups R_7 and G_2

L	v	W	U
S	0;7	000	00
F	1;6	100	10
F PH	2;5	110	11
DGI	2;7	200	20
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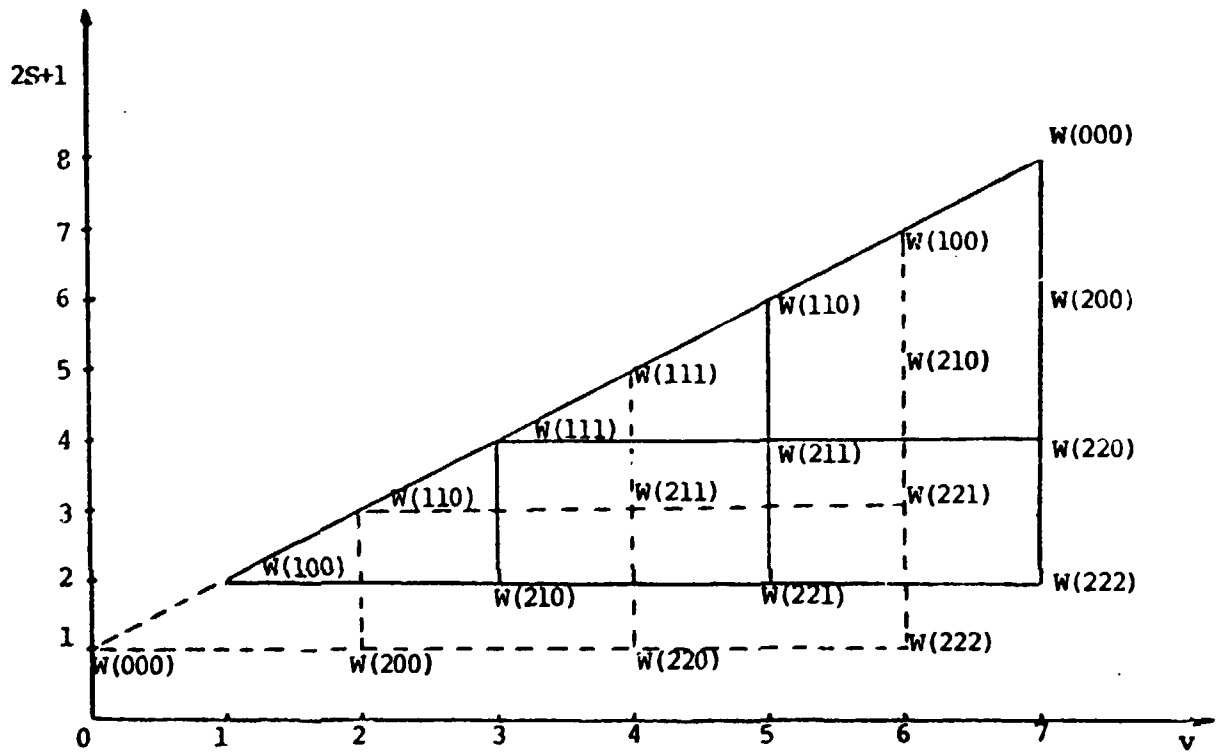


Figure 1 - Illustrative correlation between the configuration $4f^n$, W , U , v and the multiplicity of the terms.

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