
RACAH & PASCHEN NOTATION

The following two tables can be used to translate Paschen notation into Racah notation and vice versa.

Orbital	Block			
s	4s	5s	6s	7s
	<i>1s</i>	<i>2s</i>	<i>3s</i>	<i>4s</i>
p	4p	5p	6p	7p
	<i>2p</i>	<i>3p</i>	<i>4p</i>	<i>5p</i>
d	3d	4d	5d	6d
	<i>3d</i>	<i>4d</i>	<i>5d</i>	<i>6d</i>

Table 1.1. The blocks in Racah notation (top row) and the corresponding blocks in Paschen notation (bottom row). Note that the four primed d levels in Racah notation are denoted as s in Paschen notation.

Orbital	Levels					
s	[3/2] ₂	[3/2] ₁	'[1/2] ₀	'[1/2] ₁		
	<i>s₅</i>	<i>s₄</i>	<i>s₃</i>	<i>s₂</i>		
p	[1/2] ₁	[5/2] ₃	[5/2] ₂	[3/2] ₁	[3/2] ₂	
	<i>p₁₀</i>	<i>p₉</i>	<i>p₈</i>	<i>p₇</i>	<i>p₆</i>	
	[1/2] ₀	'[3/2] ₁	'[3/2] ₂	'[1/2] ₁	'[1/2] ₀	
	<i>p₅</i>	<i>p₄</i>	<i>p₃</i>	<i>p₂</i>	<i>p₁</i>	
d	[1/2] ₀	[1/2] ₁	[7/2] ₄	[7/2] ₃	[3/2] ₂	[3/2] ₁
	<i>d₆</i>	<i>d₅</i>	<i>d'₄</i>	<i>d₄</i>	<i>d₃</i>	<i>d₂</i>
	[5/2] ₂	[5/2] ₃	'[5/2] ₂	'[5/2] ₃	'[3/2] ₂	'[3/2] ₁
	<i>d''₁</i>	<i>d'₁</i>	<i>s''''₁</i>	<i>s'''₁</i>	<i>s''₁</i>	<i>s'₁</i>
f	[7/2] _{3,4}	[9/2] _{4,5}	'[7/2] _{3,4}	[3/2] _{1,2}	[5/2] _{2,3}	'[5/2] _{2,3}
	<i>U</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Z</i>

Table 1.2. The orbitals (Racah notation) and the levels they contain. The top line shows the Racah notation and the bottom line the corresponding Paschen notation (in italics). The prime in the Racah notation denotes the configuration of the core: P_{3/2} for unprimed, P_{1/2} for primed.