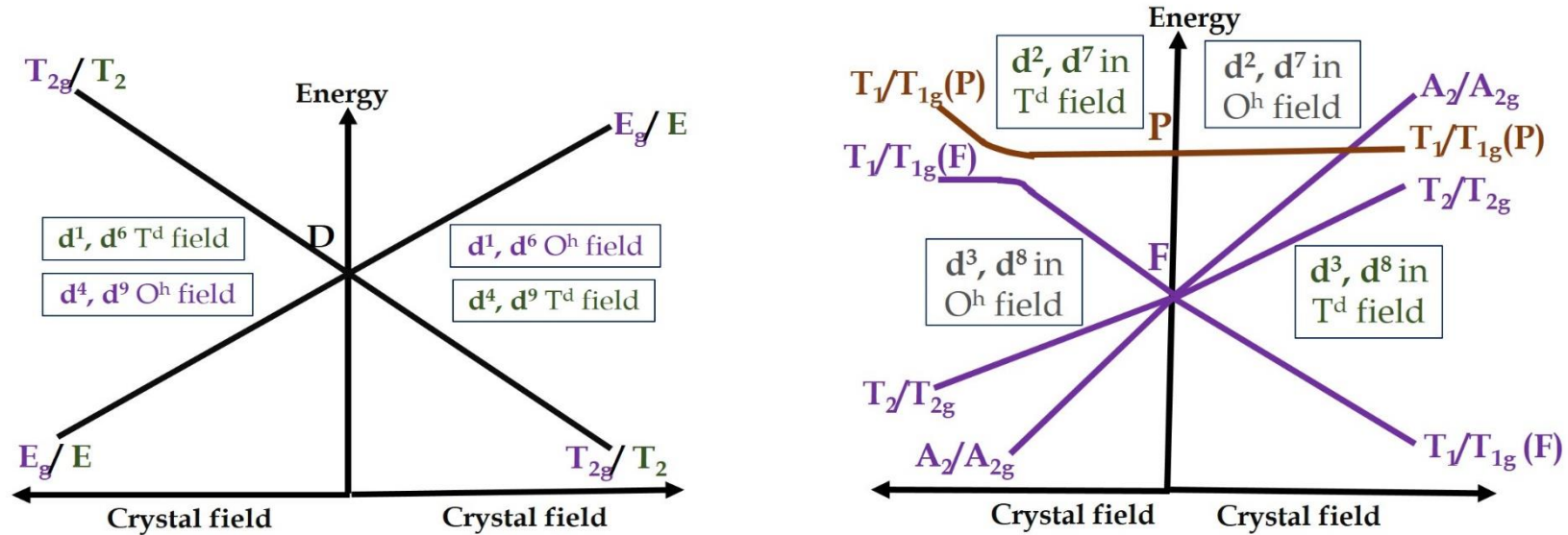


ORGEL DIAGRAM



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FREE ION TERMS: RUSSELL-SAUNDERS STATES

Three main steps in finding free ion Terms:

- 1. Resultant spin quantum number (S):** Individual spin angular momenta of the electrons (m_s) combine to give resultant spin angular momentum (M_s).
- 2. Resultant orbital quantum number (L):** Individual orbital angular momenta of the electrons (m_l) combine to give resultant orbital angular momentum (M_L).
- 3. Resultant spin-orbital quantum number (J):** Resultant spin angular momentum (M_s) and resultant orbital angular momentum (M_L) combine to give a resultant spin-orbital angular momentum (M_J).

$$\text{Free ion Term} = (2S+1)L$$

$$\text{Free ion Term-Symbol} = (2S+1)L_J$$

FREE ION TERMS: RUSSELL-SAUNDERS STATES

Free ion Terms of various d^n configurations: Microstates of d^2 configuration

Configuration	No. of microstates	Terms
d^1, d^9	10	2D
d^2, d^8	45	$^3F, ^3P, ^1G, ^1D, ^1S$
d^3, d^7	120	$^4F, ^4P, ^2H, ^2G, ^2F, ^2D(2), ^2P$
d^4, d^6	210	$^5D, ^3H, ^3G, ^3F(2), ^3D, ^3P(2), ^1I, ^1G(2), ^1F, ^1D(2), ^1S(2)$
d^5	252	$^6S, ^4G, ^4F, ^4D, ^4P, ^2I, ^2H, ^2G(2), ^2F(2), ^2D(3), ^2P, ^2S$

Degeneracy of $^3F = 21$

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Degeneracy of $^1D = 5$

Degeneracy of $^1S = 1$

Total degeneracy = 45

Number of microstates = ${}^n C_r$

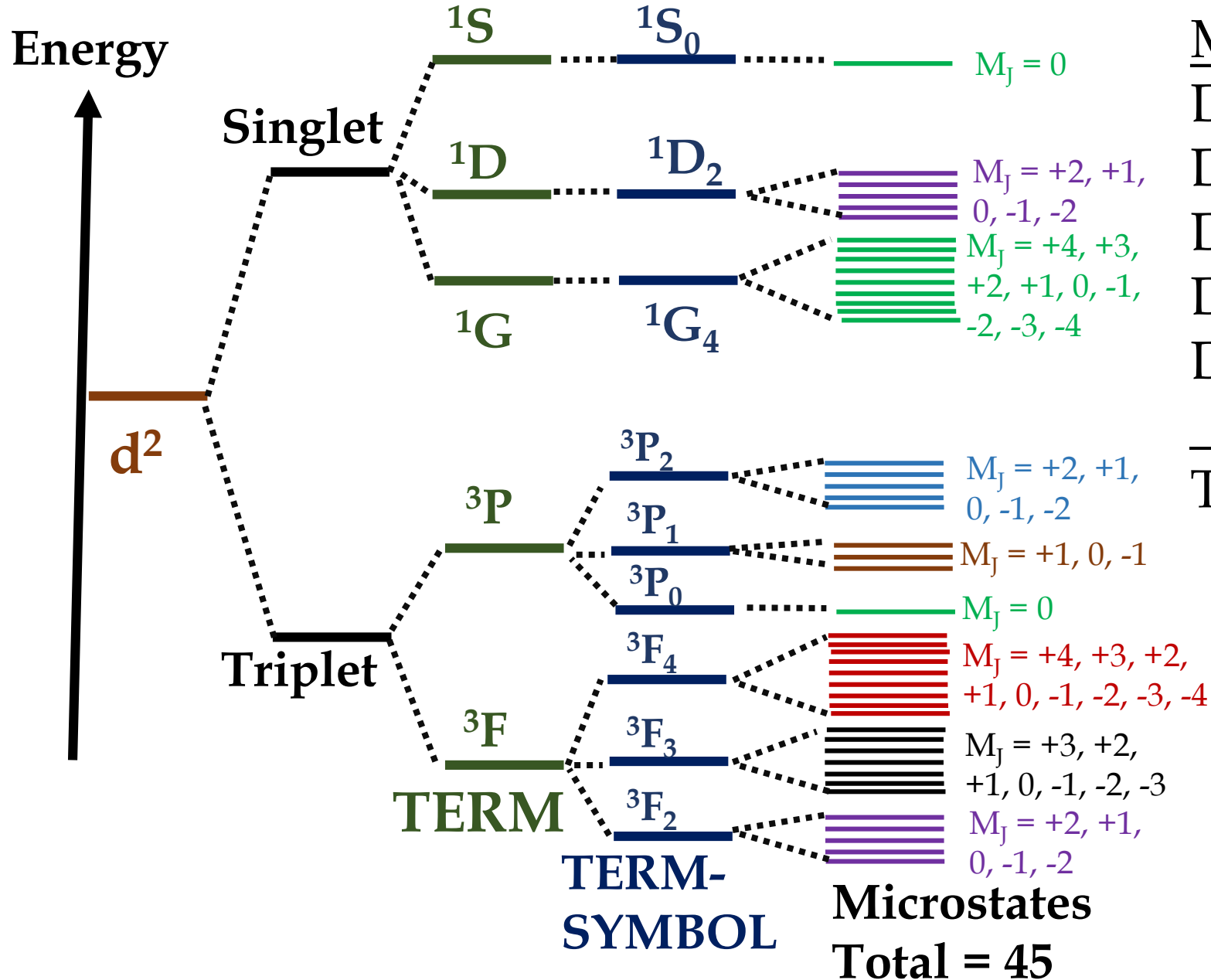
Degeneracy of Term = $(2S+1)(2L+1)$

$(2S+1)$ = Spin multiplicity

$(2L+1)$ = Orbital multiplicity

Degeneracy of 2D Term = $2 \times 5 = 10$

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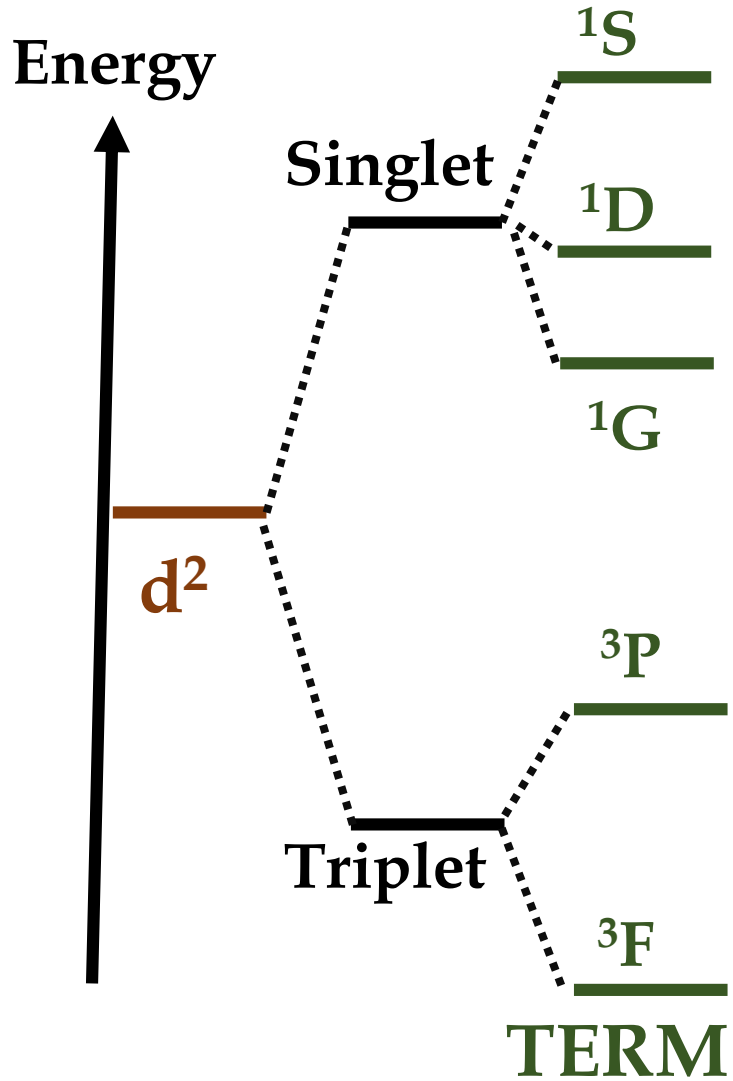
Ground state Term-Symbol

- Maximum spin multiplicity.
- Maximum L.

Multiplicity of J level = $(2J+1)$

$M_J = +J, +(J-1) \dots 0 \dots -(J-1), -J$

FREE ION TERMS: RUSSELL-SAUNDERS STATES



Racah Parameters

- ❖ The energy separation between various 'terms' are determined by inter-electron repulsions. The inter-electron repulsions are conveniently described in terms of parameters called **Racah parameters**.
- ❖ The energy of each 'term' originating from a given electron configuration may be expressed as linear combination of three **Racah parameters A, B and C**.

Energy of different terms

$${}^1S = A + 14B + 7C$$

$${}^1D = A - 3B + 2C$$

$${}^1G = A + 4B + 2C$$

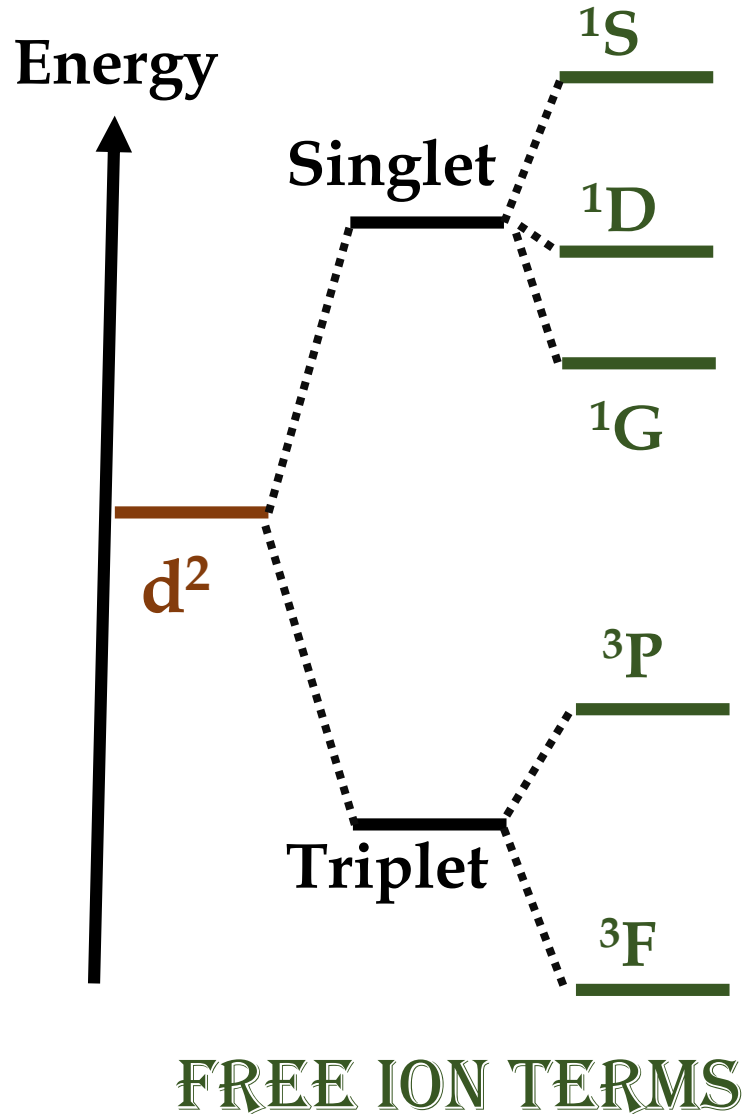
$${}^3P = A + 7B$$

$${}^3F = A - 8B$$

The differences
are given by B and
C only.

Ions of first transition series have a C/B ratio of about 4, with B lying around 1000 cm^{-1} . The values of B and C in complexes are much lower than the free ion values.

TERMS ARISING IN LIGAND FIELD



How free ion terms are affected when the ion is placed in the field of ligand?

1. Weak field case:

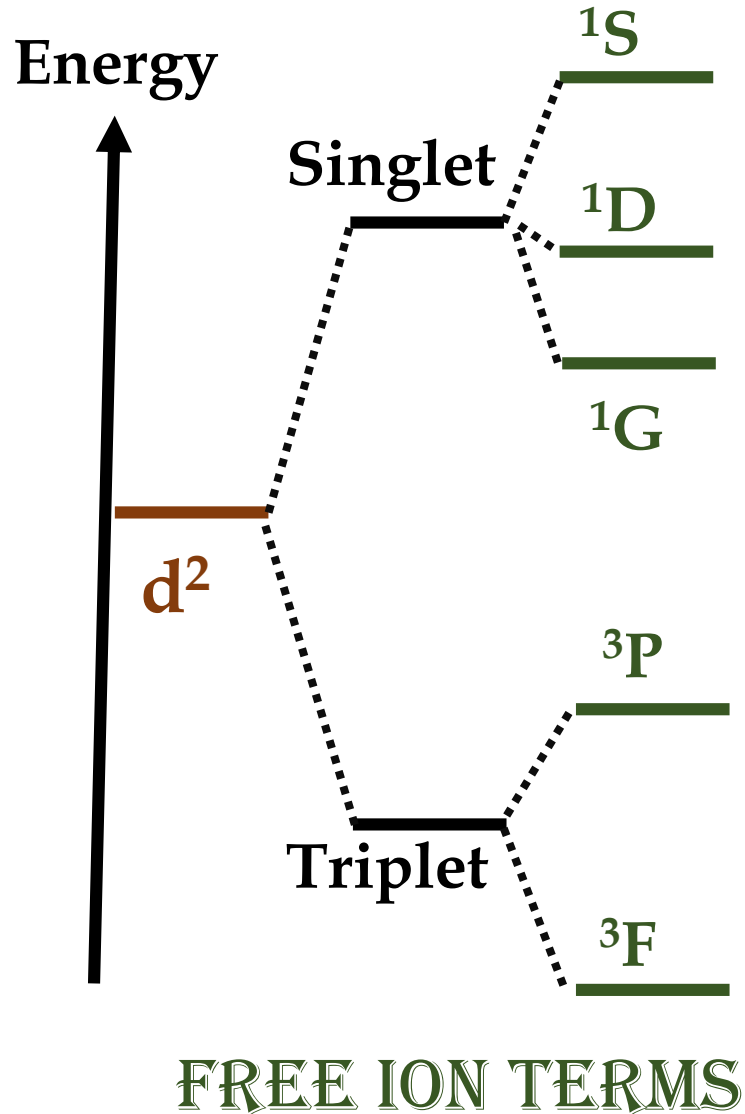
Crystal field is smaller in comparison to inter-electron repulsion. We can first derive the terms for the free ion and then introduce the **effect of crystal field** on them. In effect, **free ion terms split into components**.

2. Strong field case:

It would be more appropriate to consider the crystal field splitting first and then to make necessary adjustments for inter-electronic repulsion.

Free ion terms split into labels by the field of ligand.

TERMS ARISING IN LIGAND FIELD



Spectroscopic labels for split components



Parent state	Degeneracy (2L+1)	Labels arising in crystal field (Irreducible representation)
S	1	A_1
P	3	T_1
D	5	$E + T_2$
F	7	$A_2 + T_1 + T_2$
G	9	$A_1 + E + T_1 + T_2$

- The labels for split components derived from group theory.
- Mulliken symbols **T**, **E** and **A**(or **B**) signify triple fold degenerate, double fold degenerate and non-degenerate states, respectively.
- The subscripts **1** and **2** denote that the wave function is symmetric or antisymmetric respectively either with respect to a 2 fold rotational axis perpendicular to the principal axis or to a plane of symmetry including principal axis.

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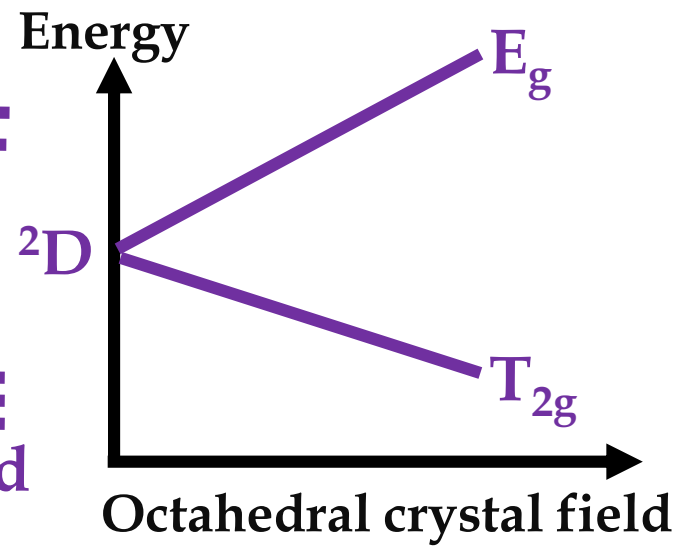
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d^1 Octahedral weak field

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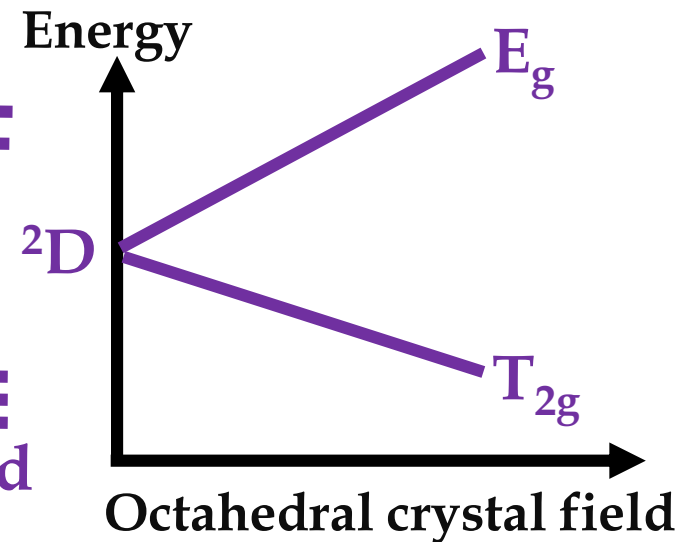
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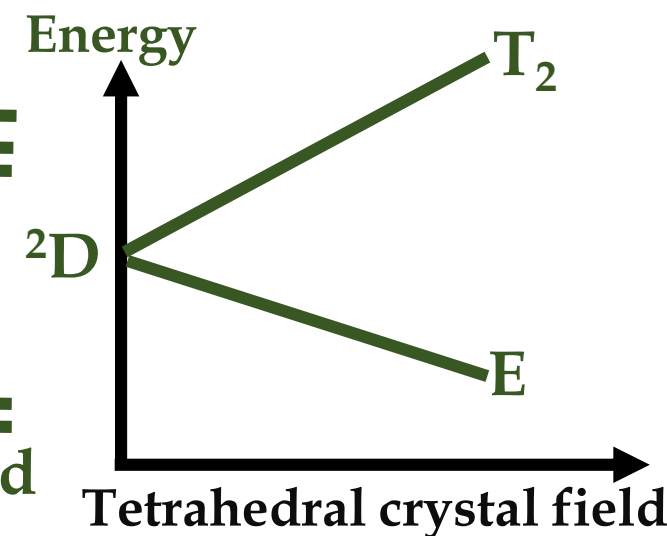
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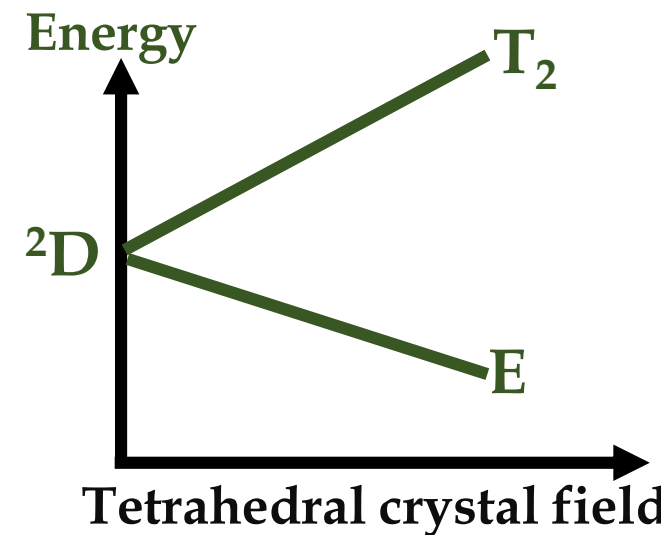
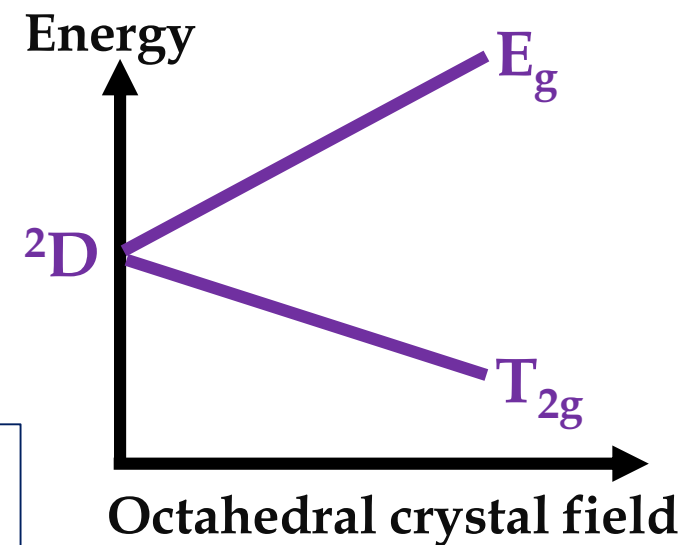
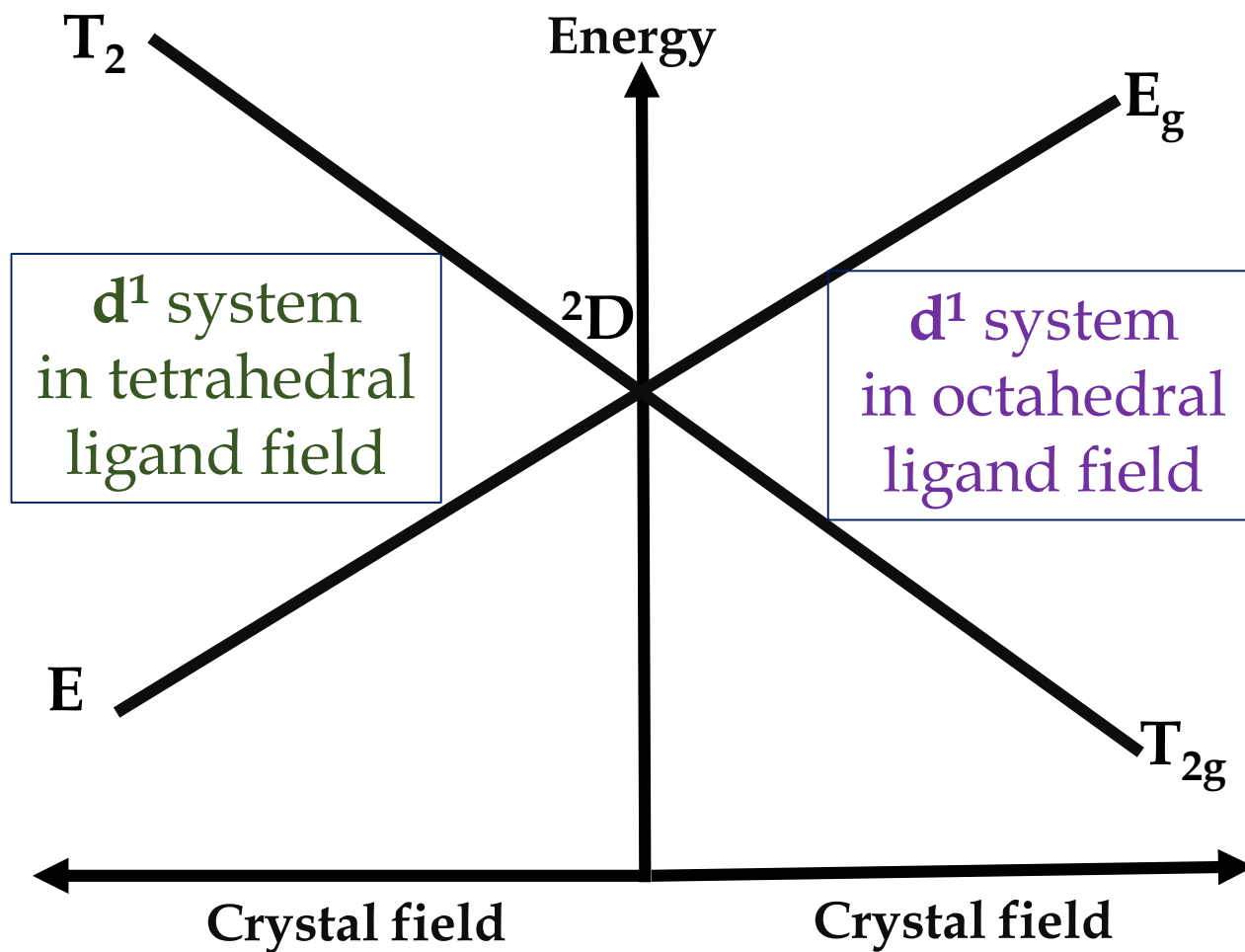


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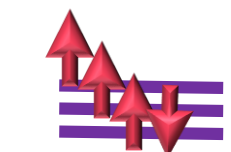
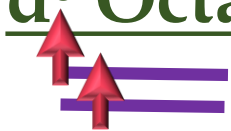
d^1 system in ligand field



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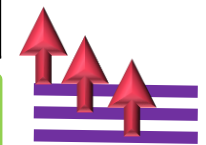
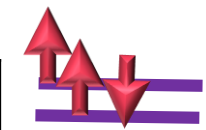
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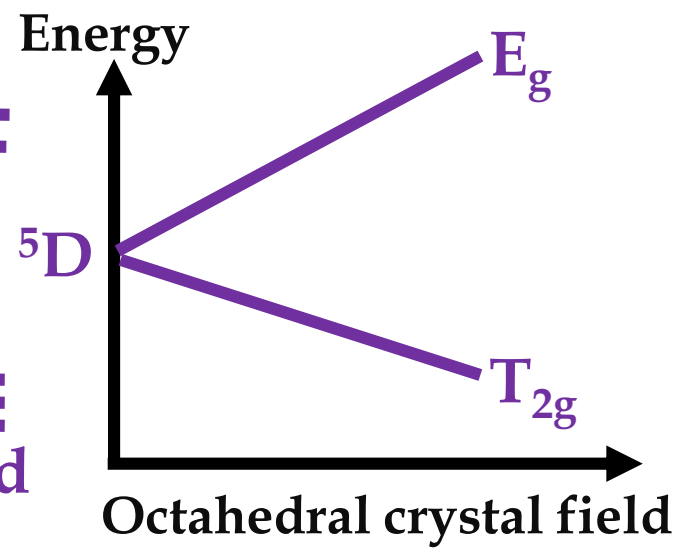
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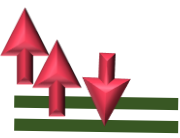


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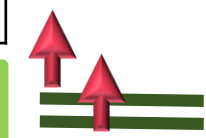
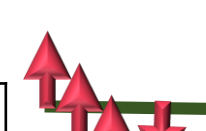
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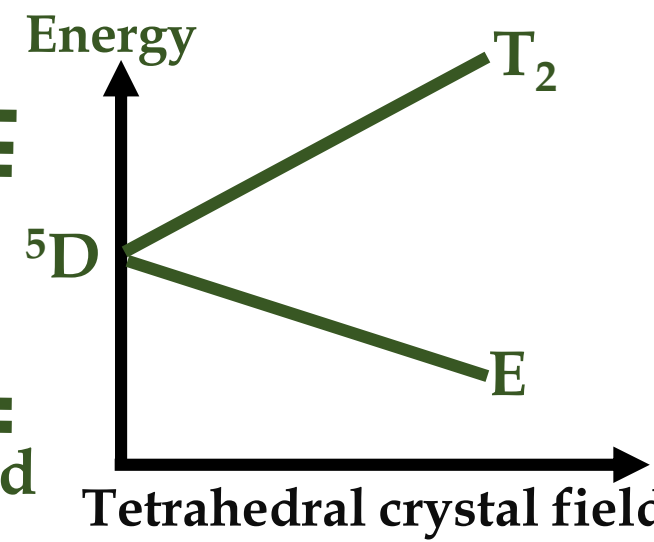
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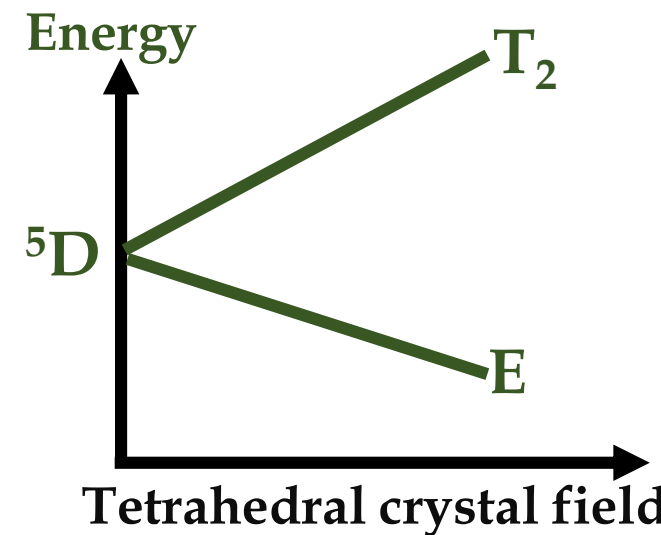
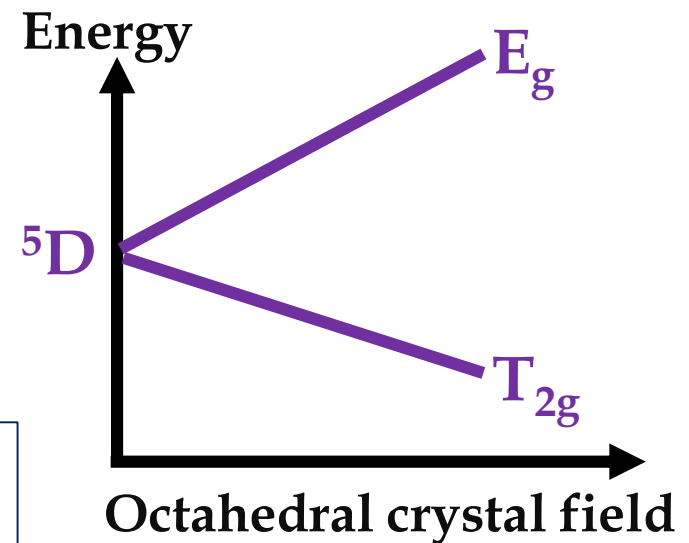
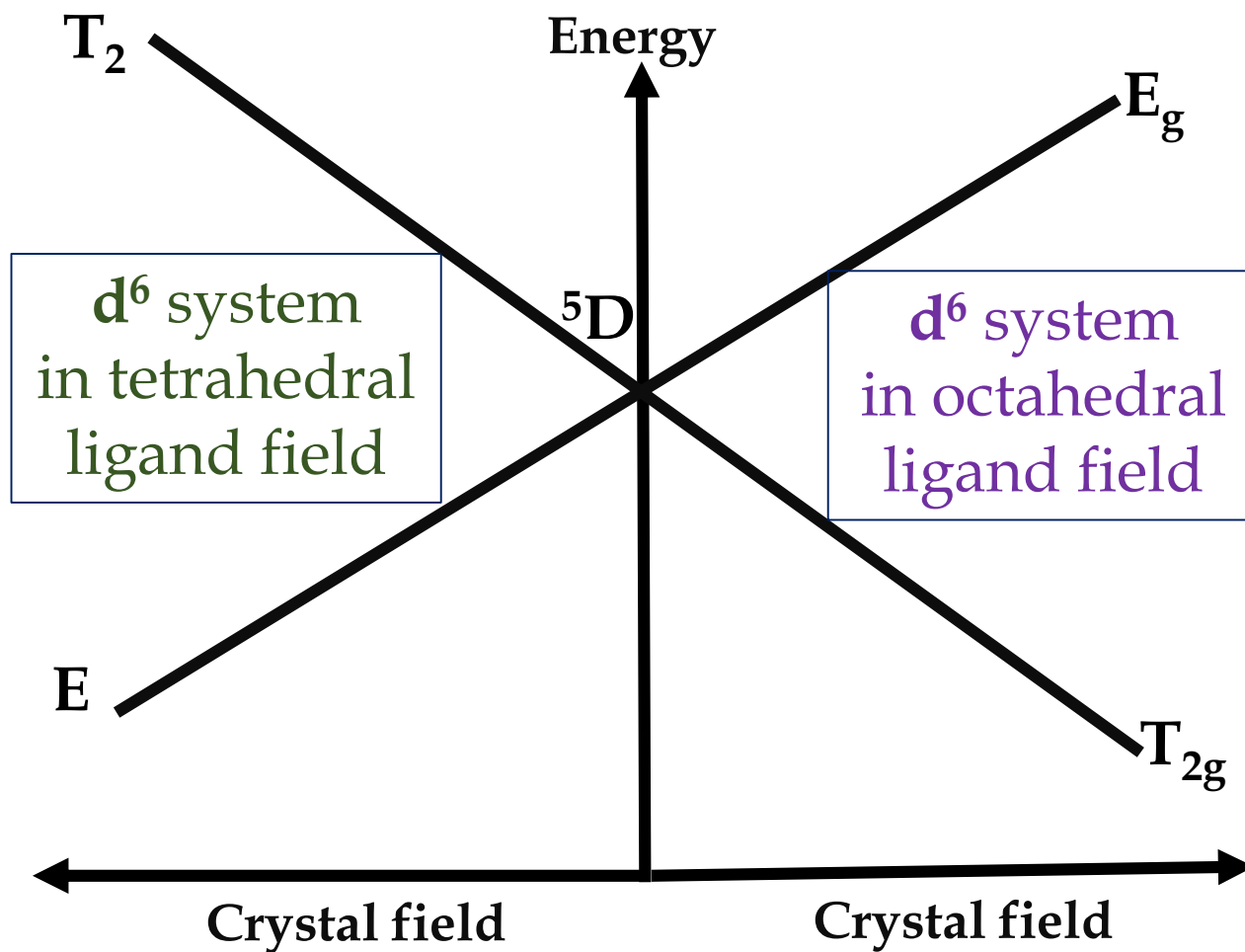


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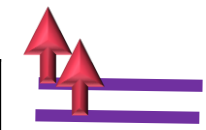
d^4 Octahedral weak field



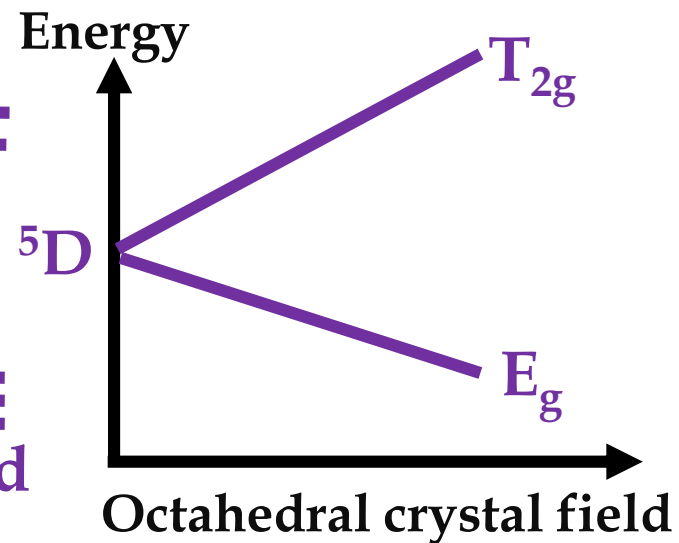
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Excited state



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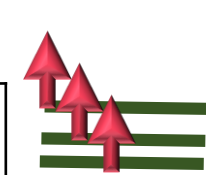
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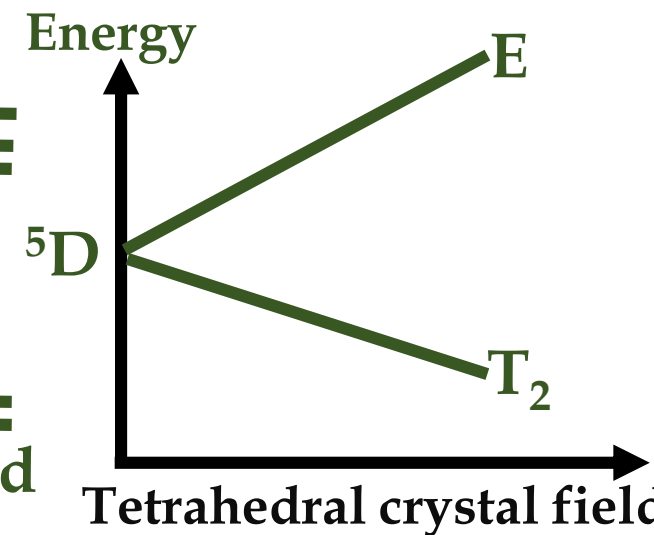
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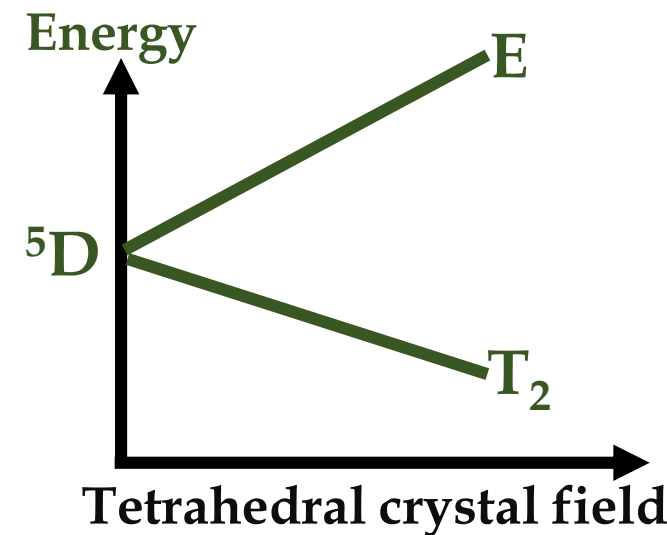
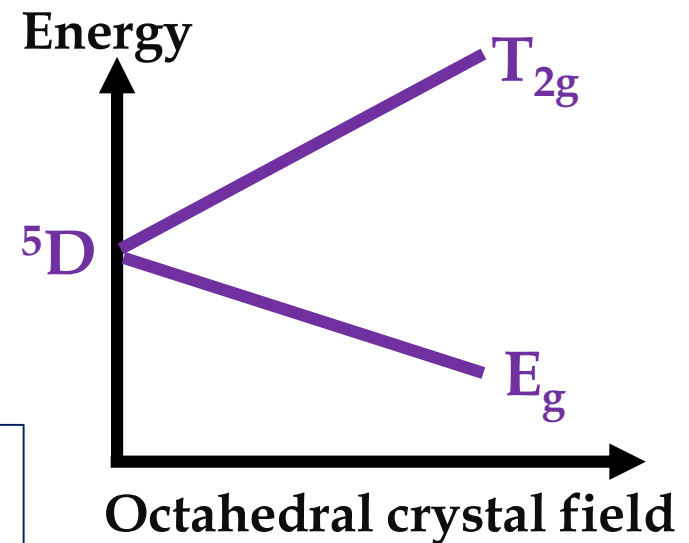
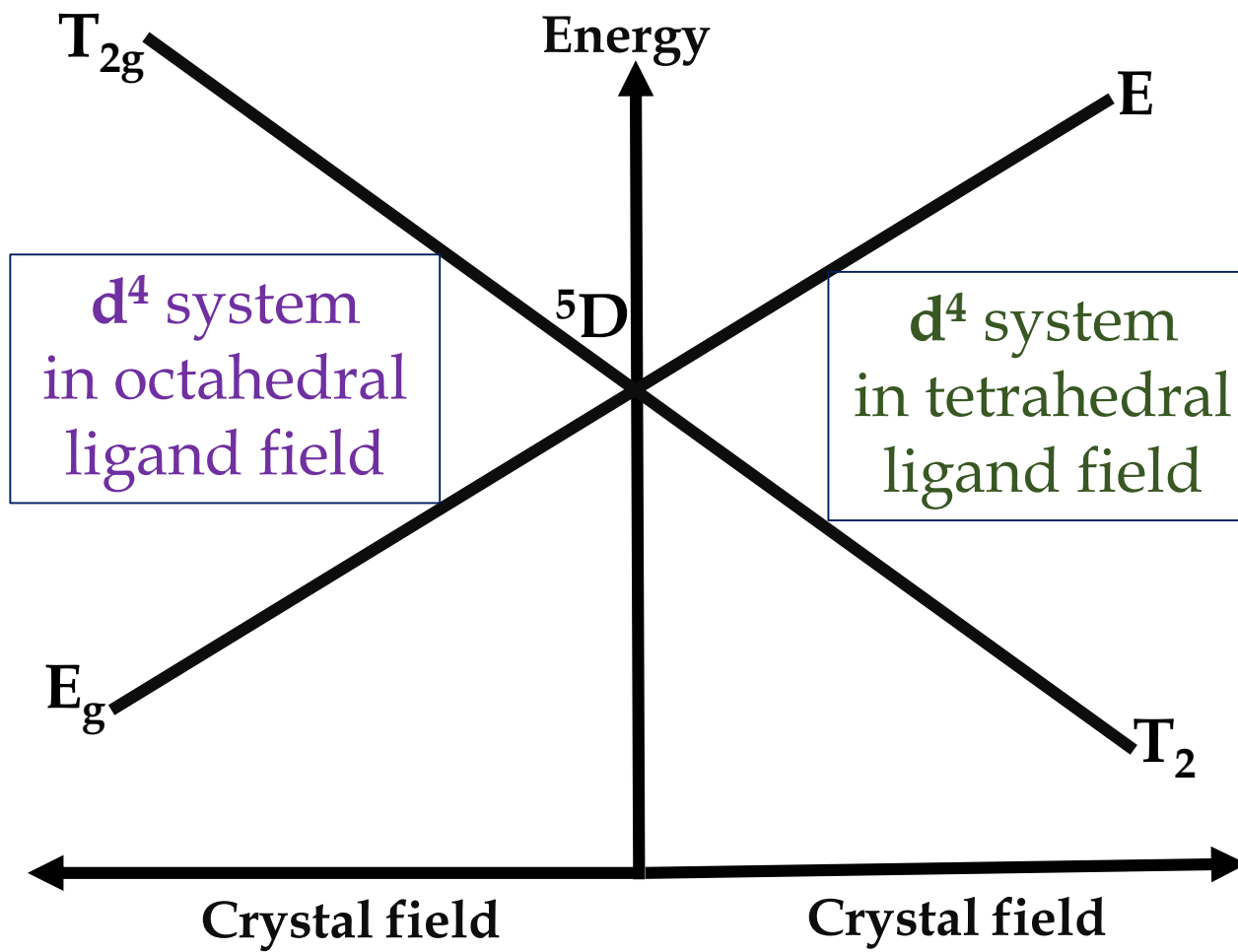


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d^4 system in ligand field



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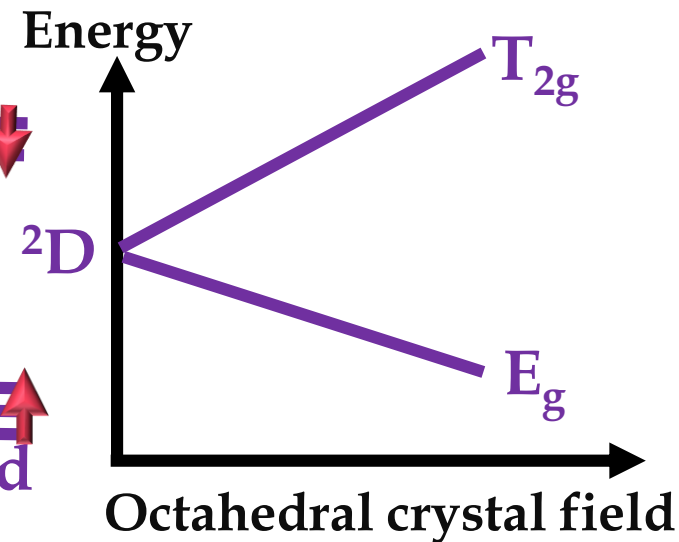
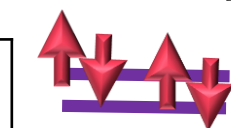
d^9 Octahedral weak field



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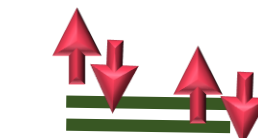


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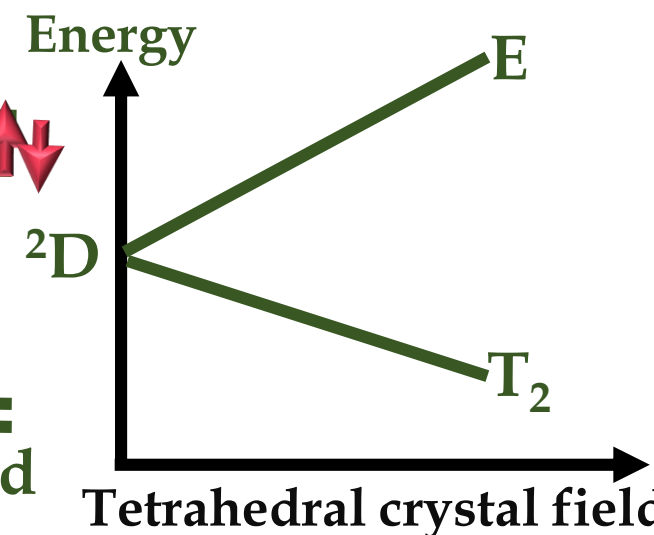
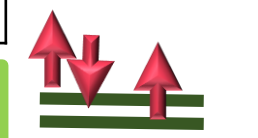
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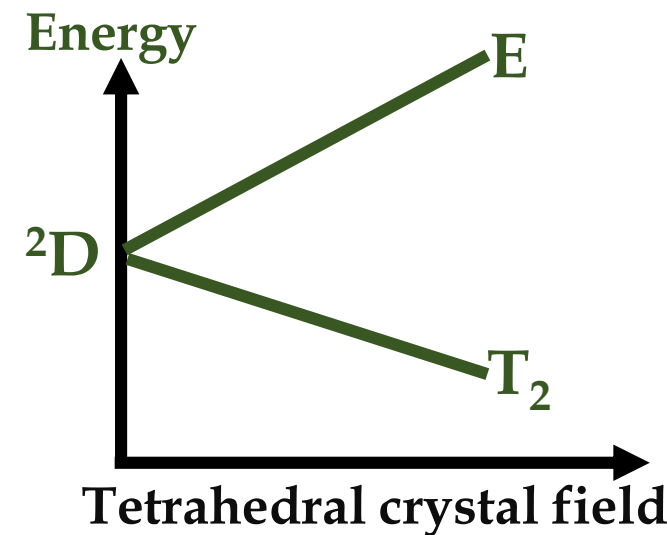
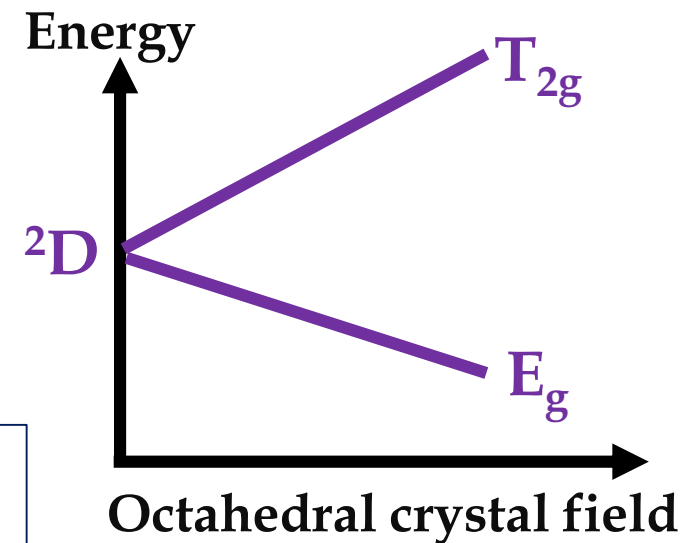
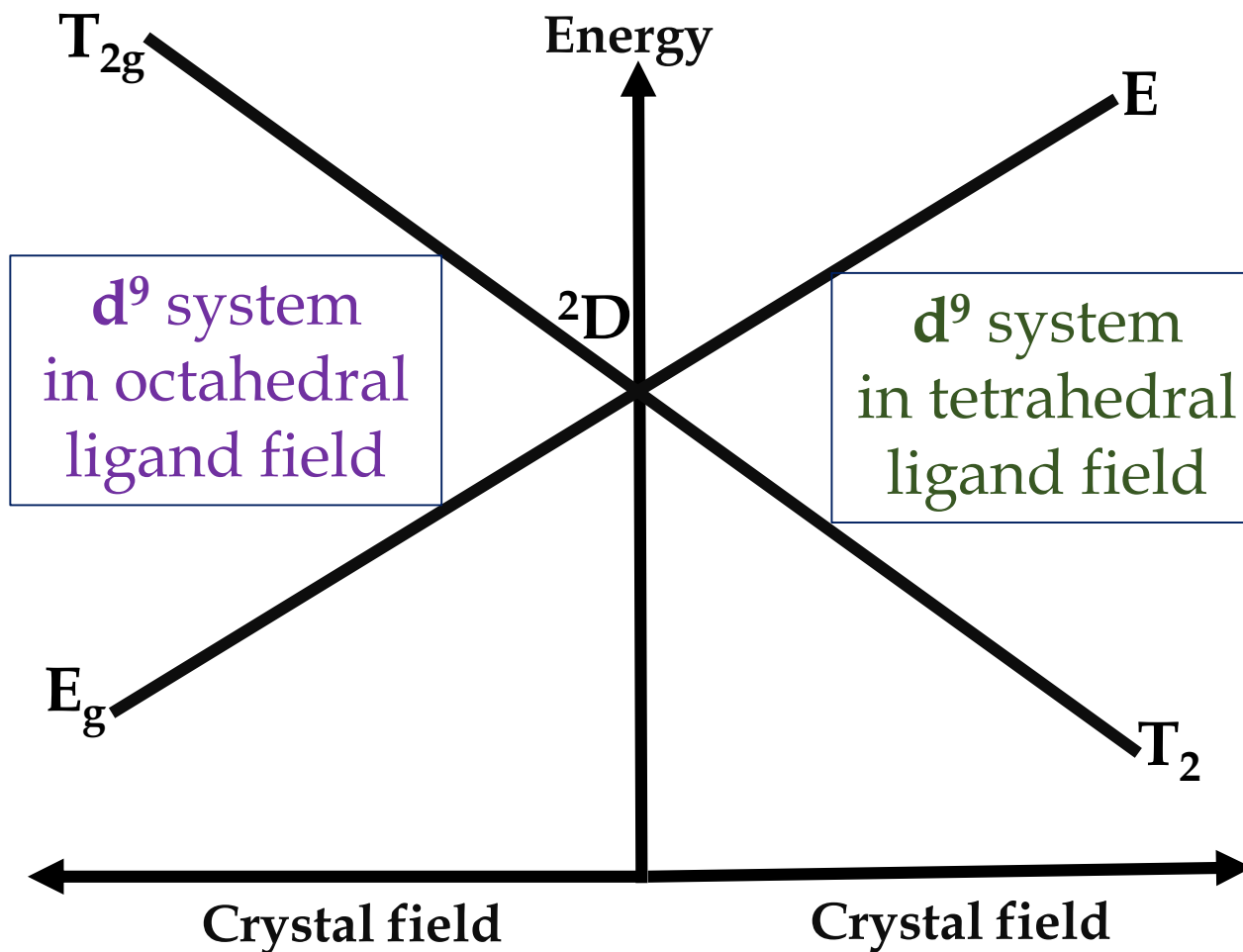


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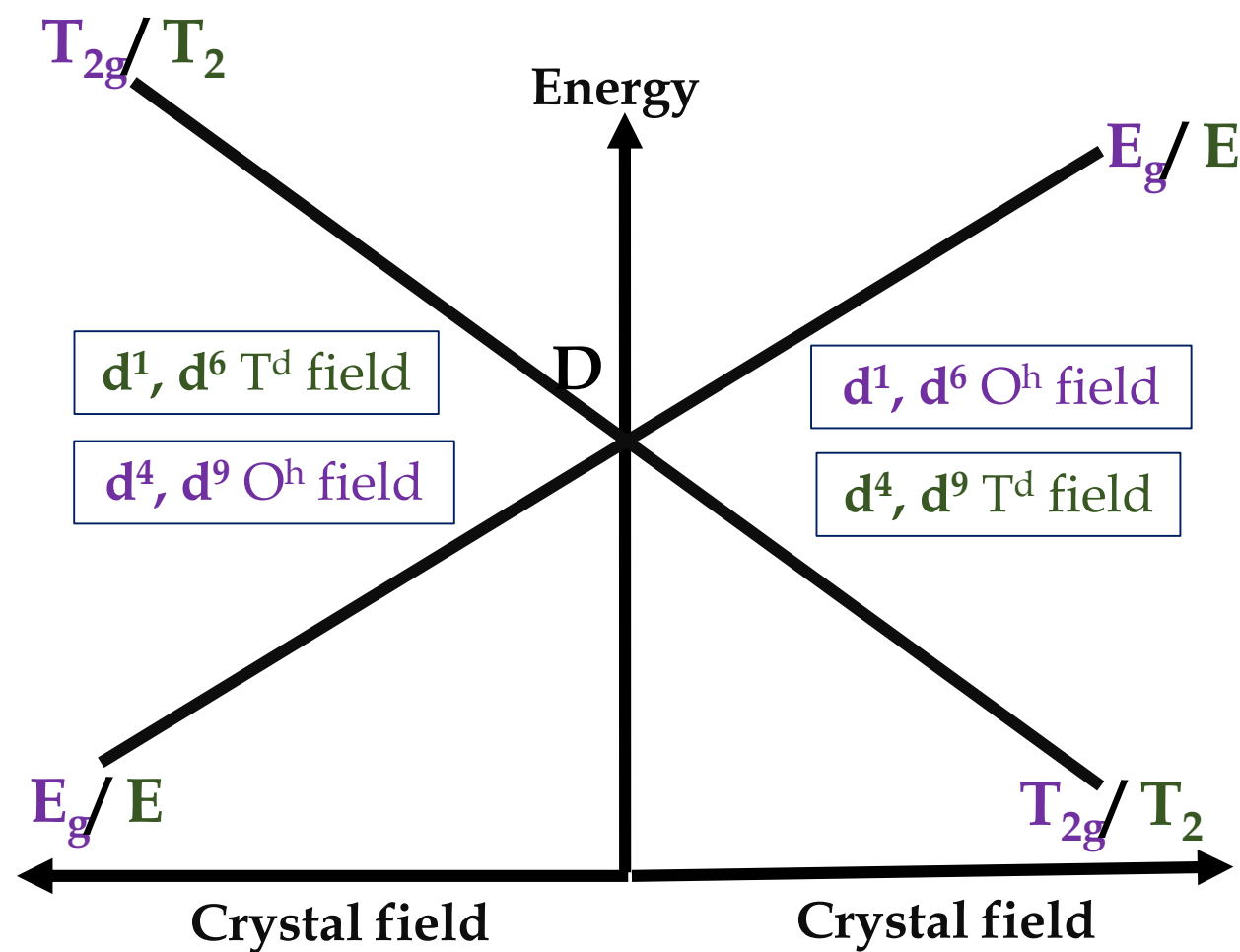
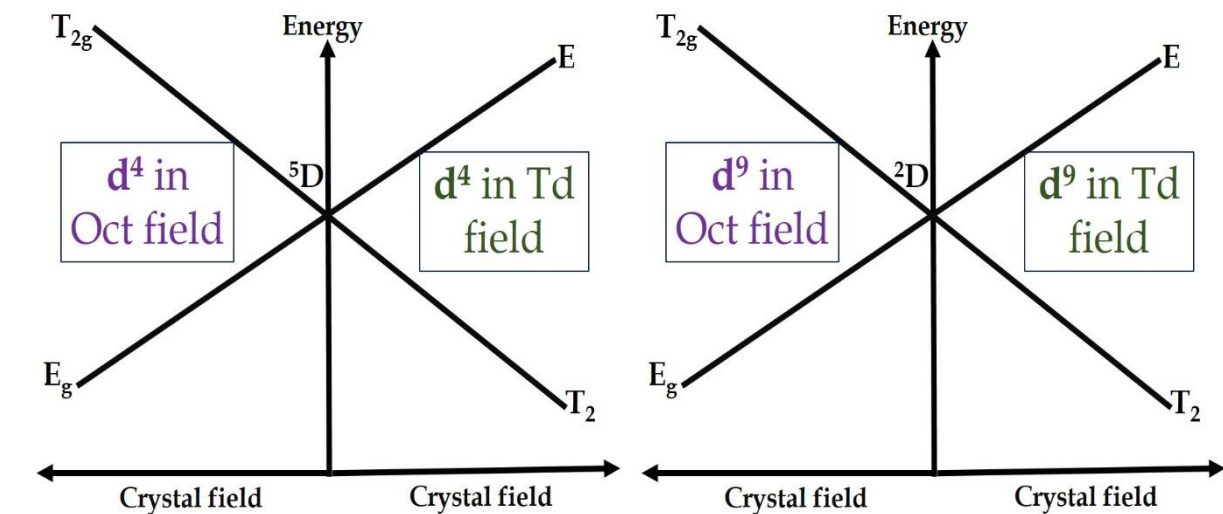
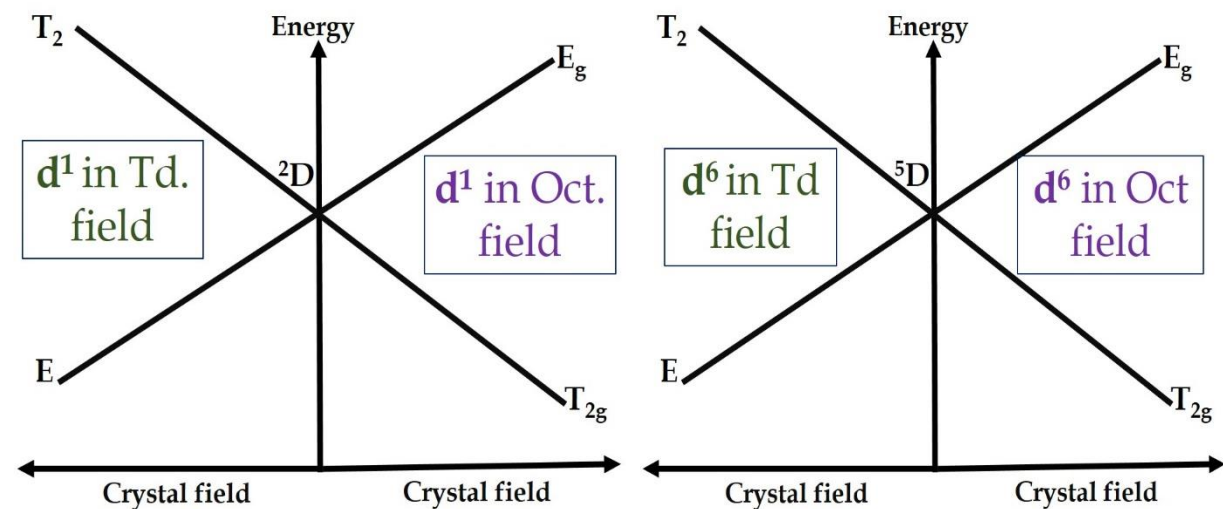
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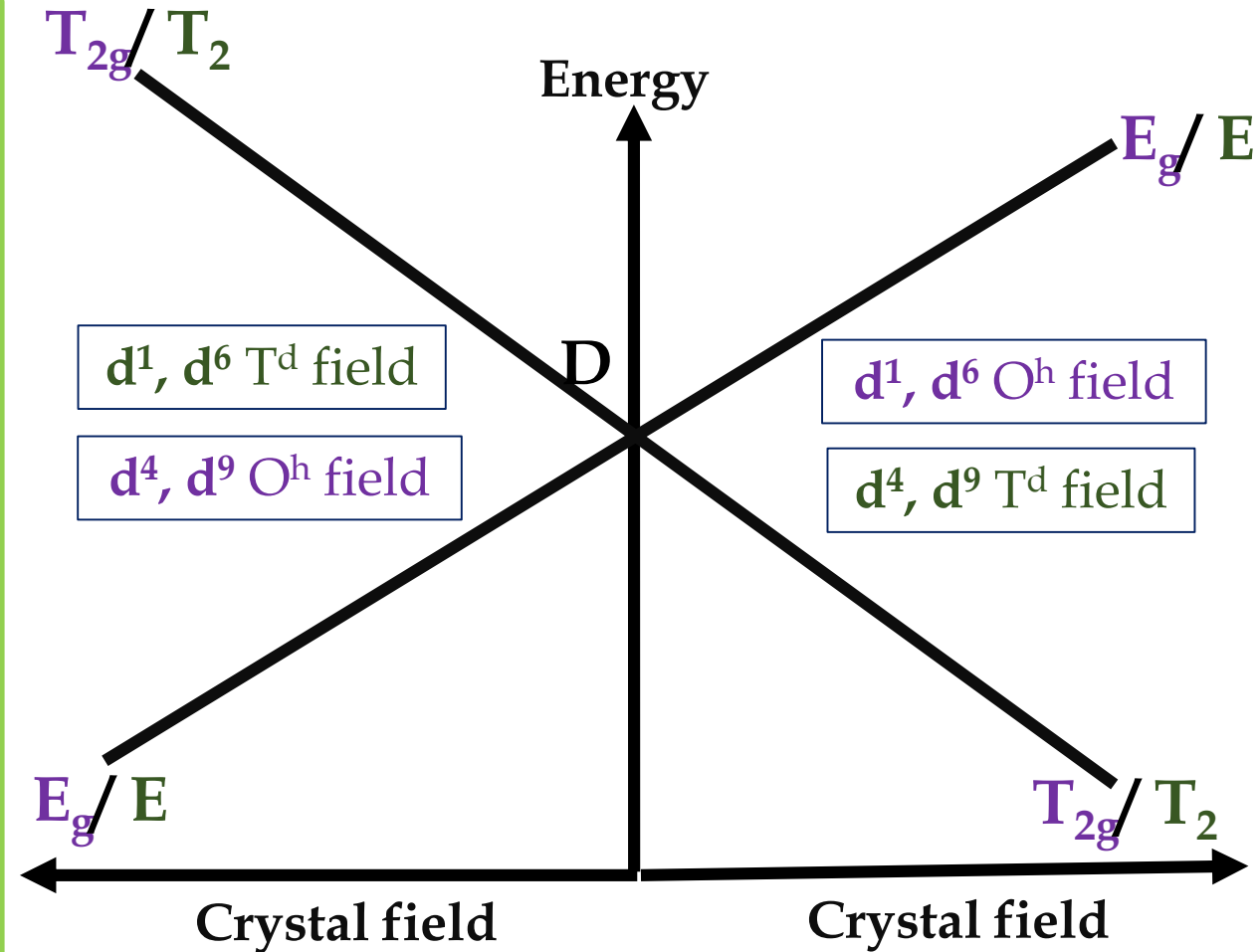
Combine energy level diagram for free ion ground term D

Orgel diagram

ORGEL DIAGRAM

Orgel diagram:

The energy separation between the ground state terms for various d^n configuration in ligand field with the increasing ligand field is termed as Orgel diagram after its originator.



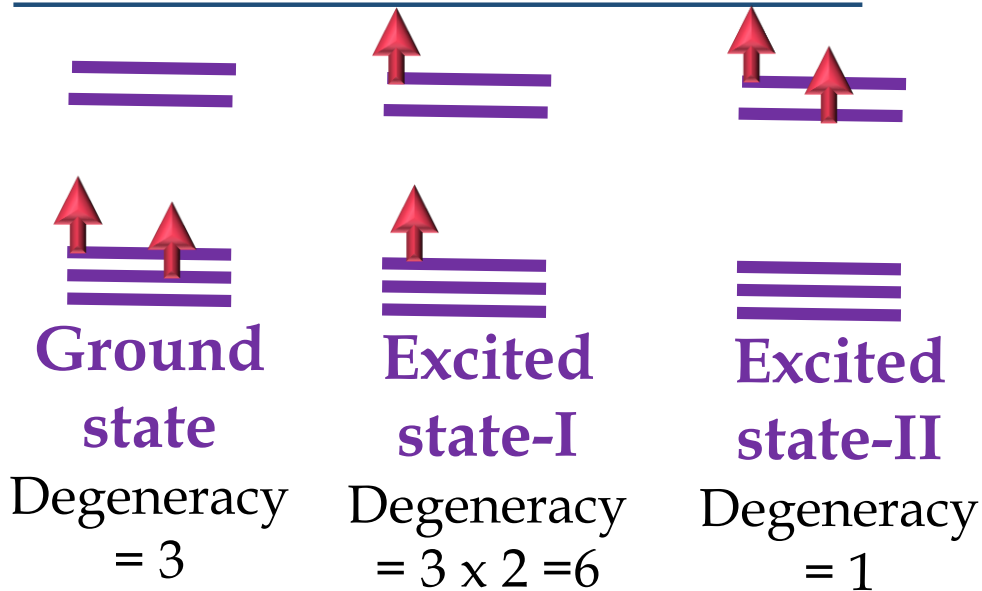
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d^2 Octahedral weak field



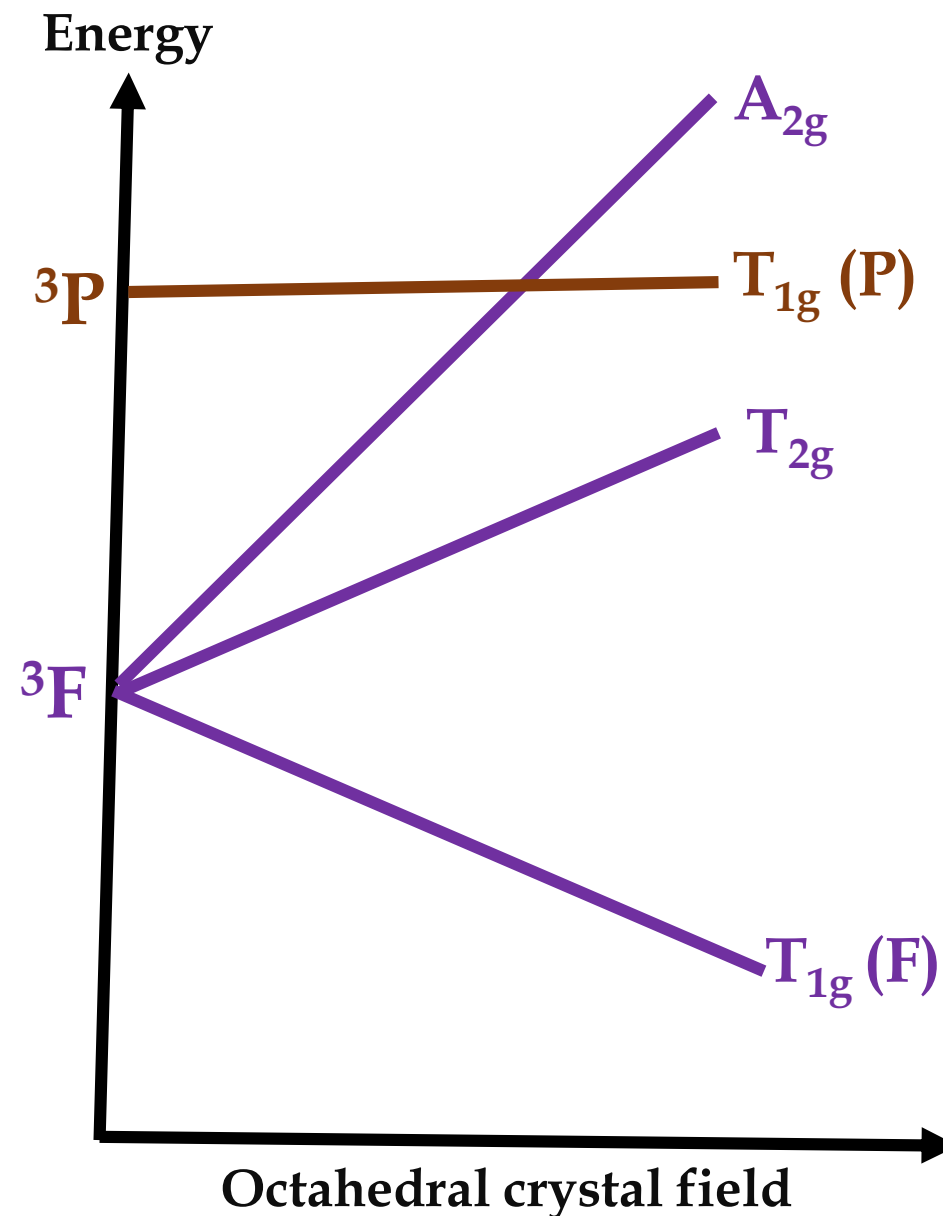
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Free ion ground state term = $^3F, ^3P$

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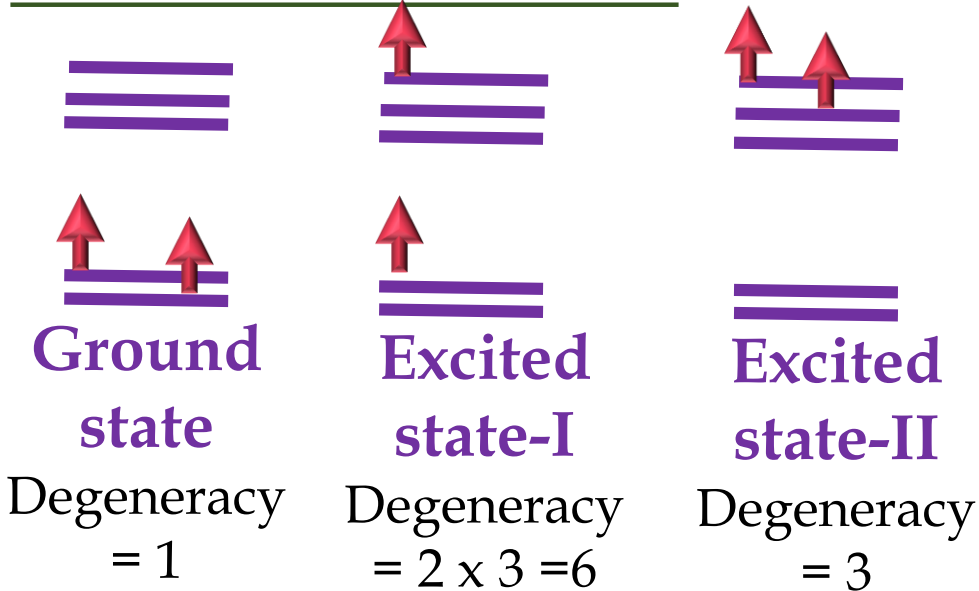


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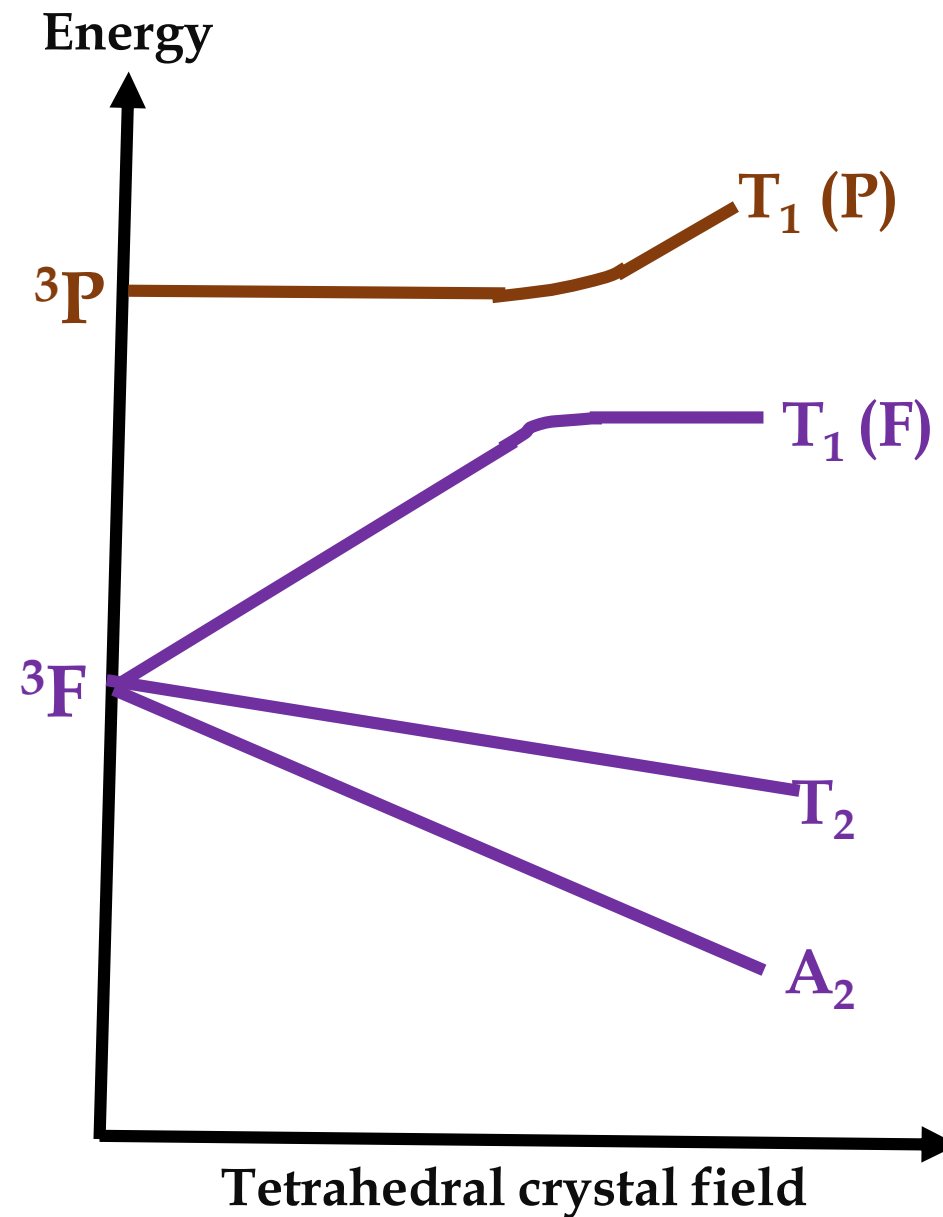
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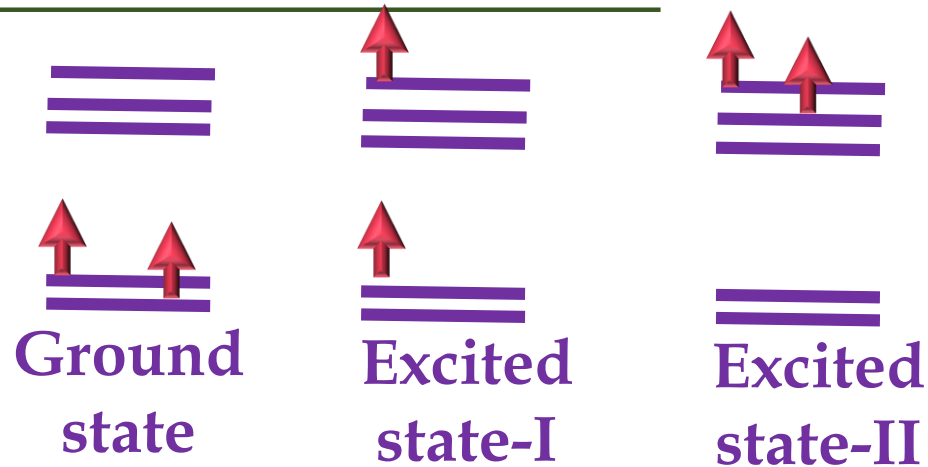


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TERMS ARISING IN LIGAND FIELD

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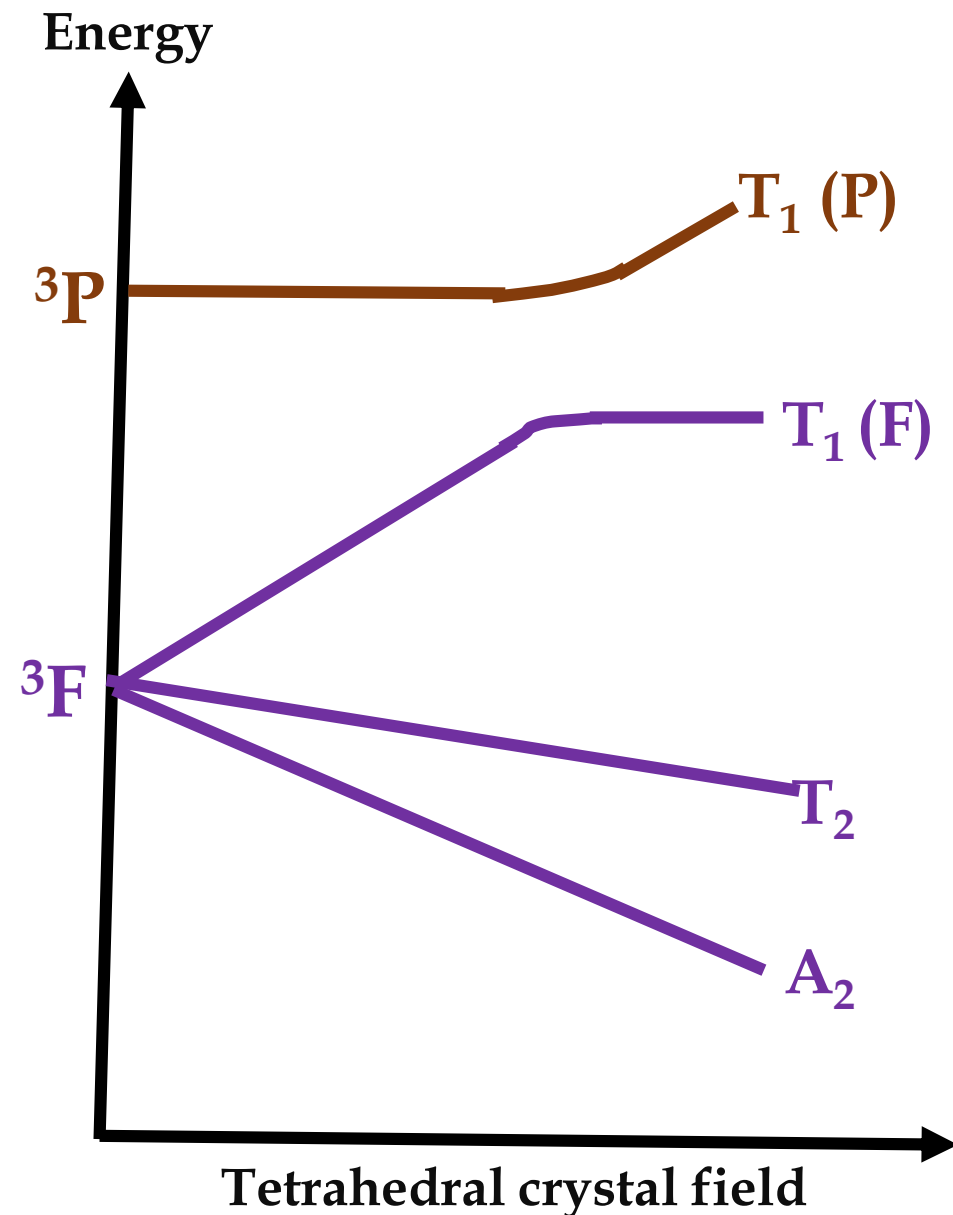
d^2 Tetrahedral field



Non-crossing rule

It states that if two states of the same symmetry approach each other as a parameter is changed (here the increasing ligand field), they do not cross each other but band from one another.

Because of this with increasing crystal field, $T_1(F)$ and $T_1(P)$ diverge from each other.



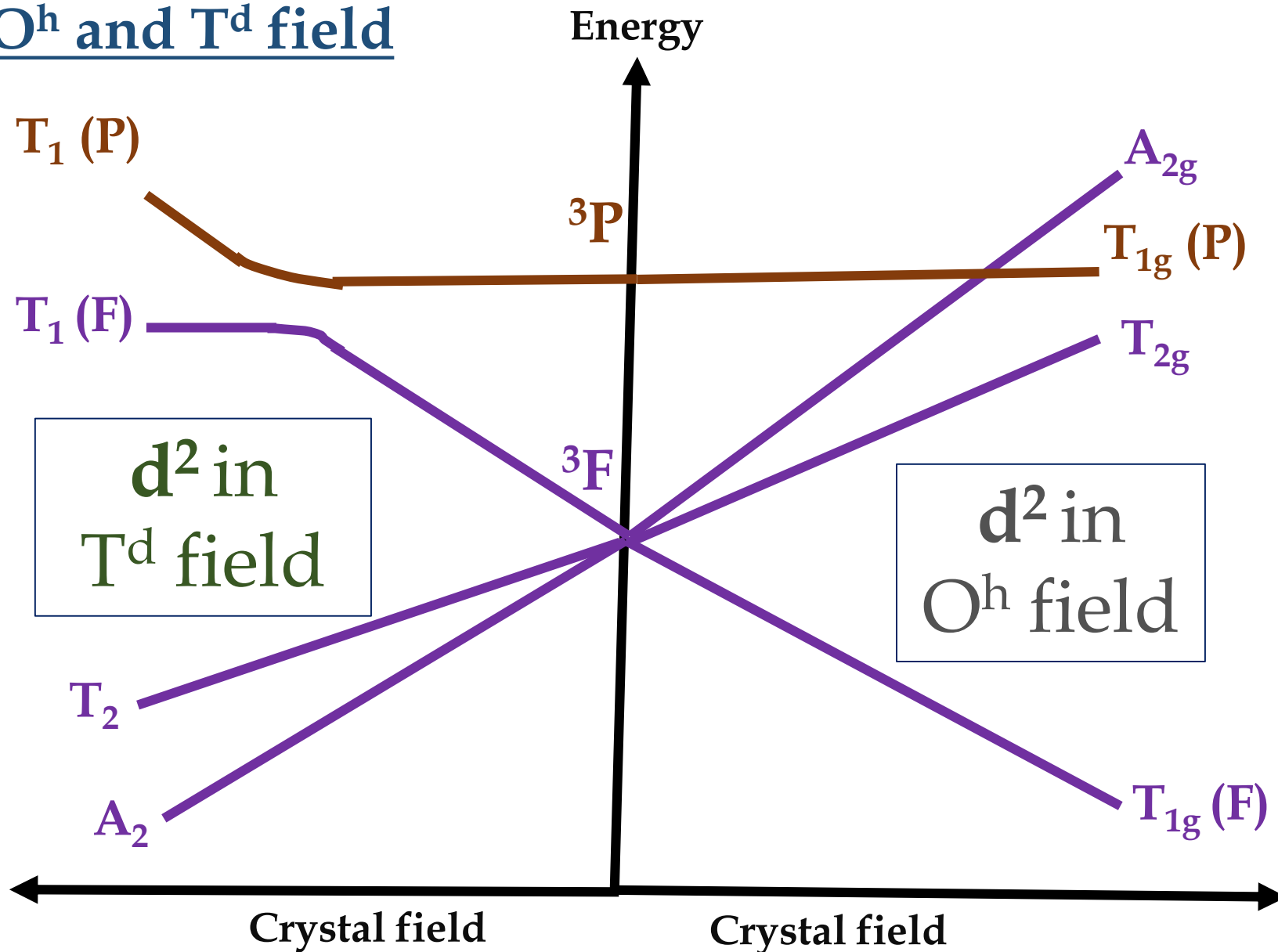
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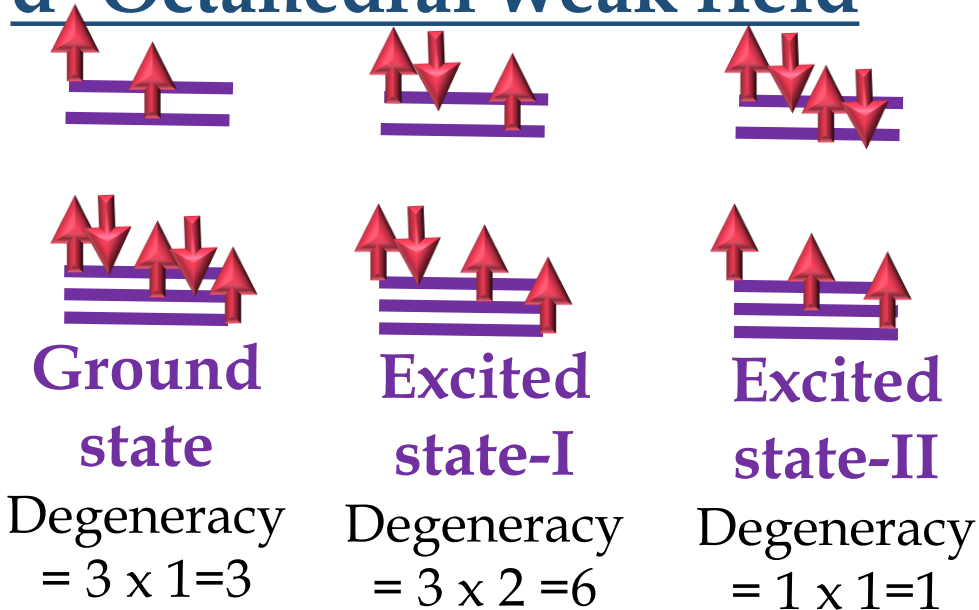
d^2 in O^h and T^d field



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d^7 Octahedral weak field



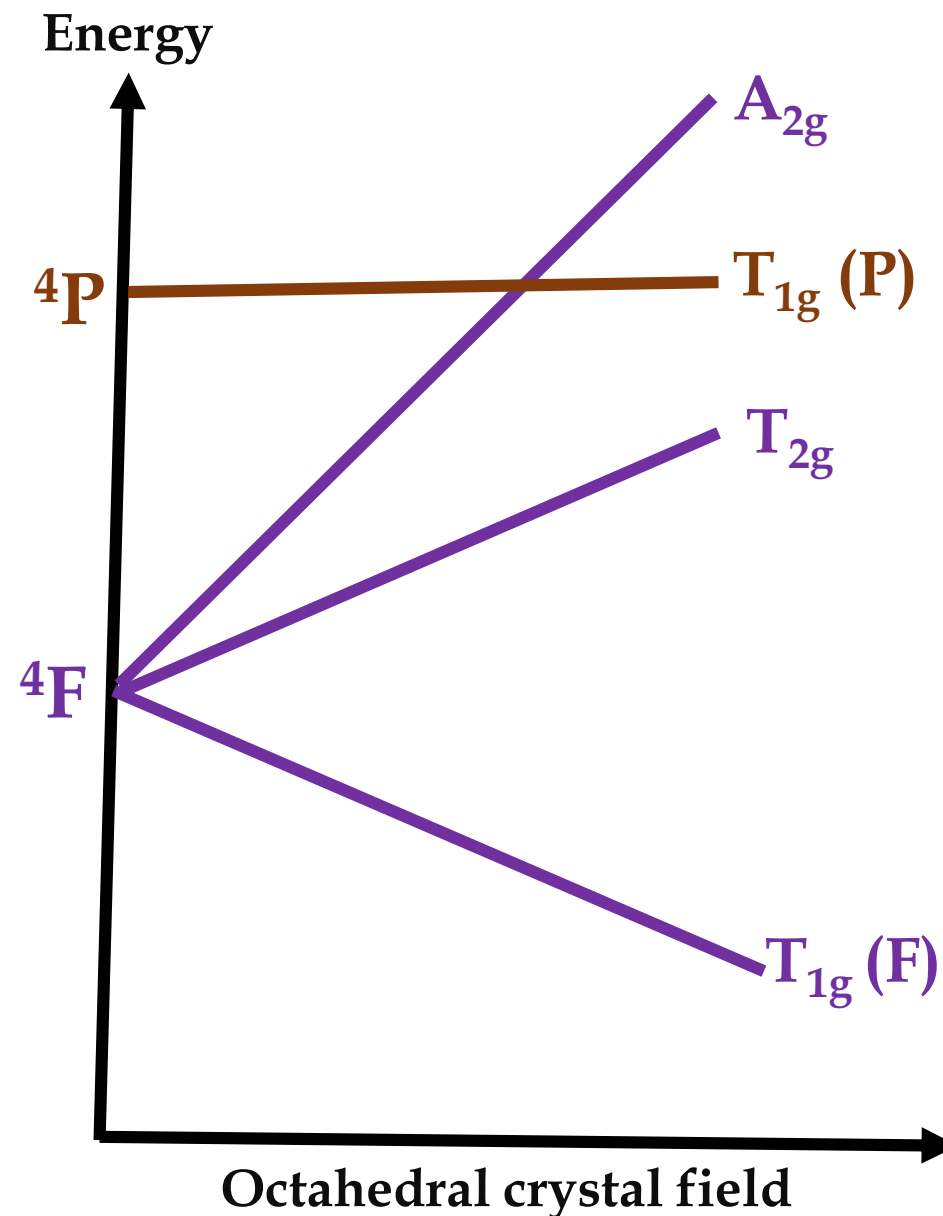
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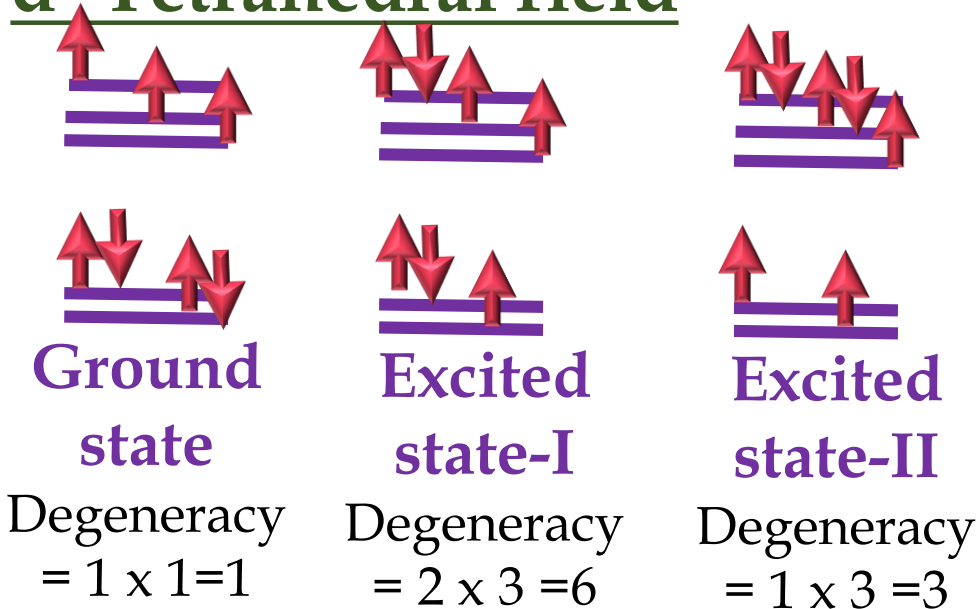


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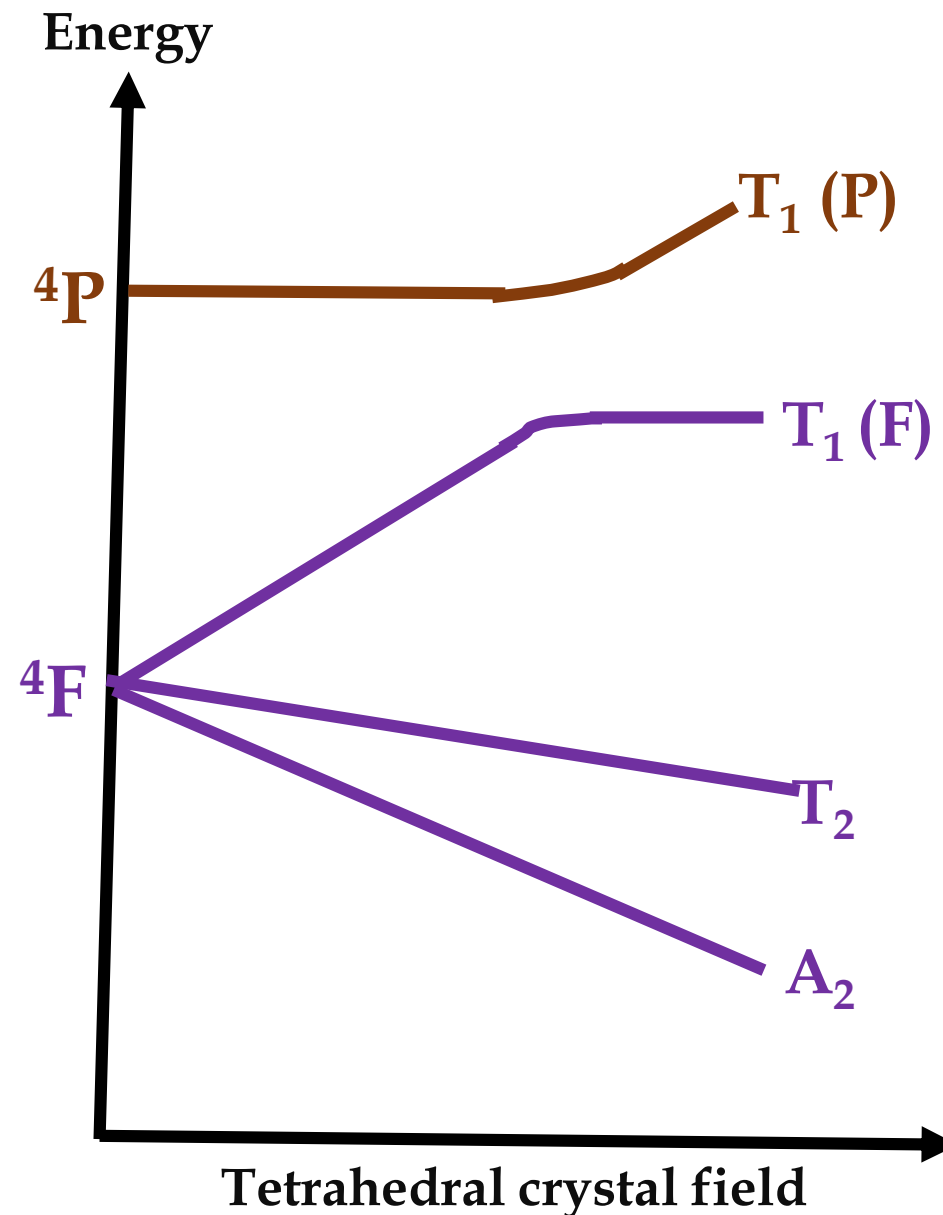
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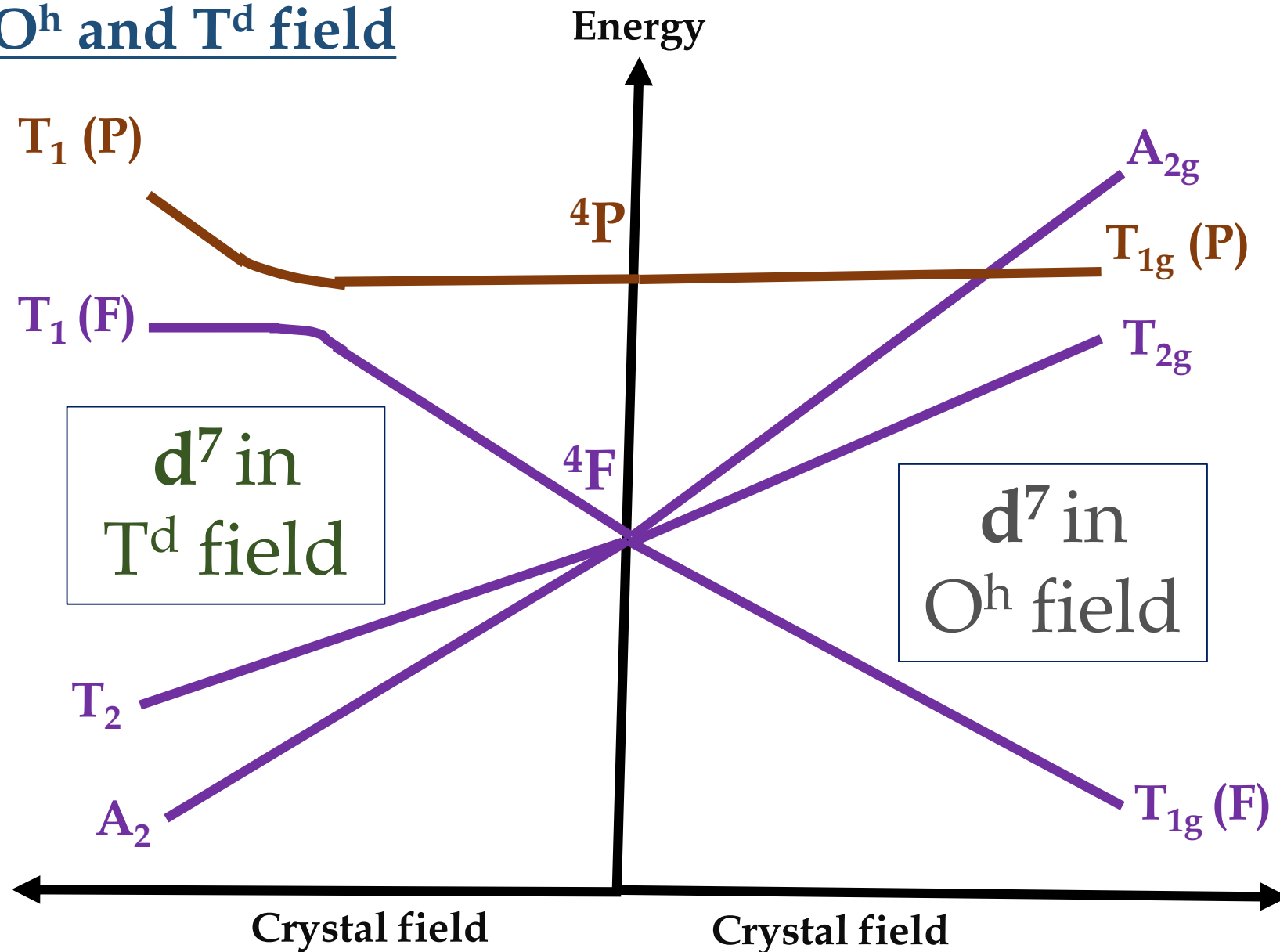
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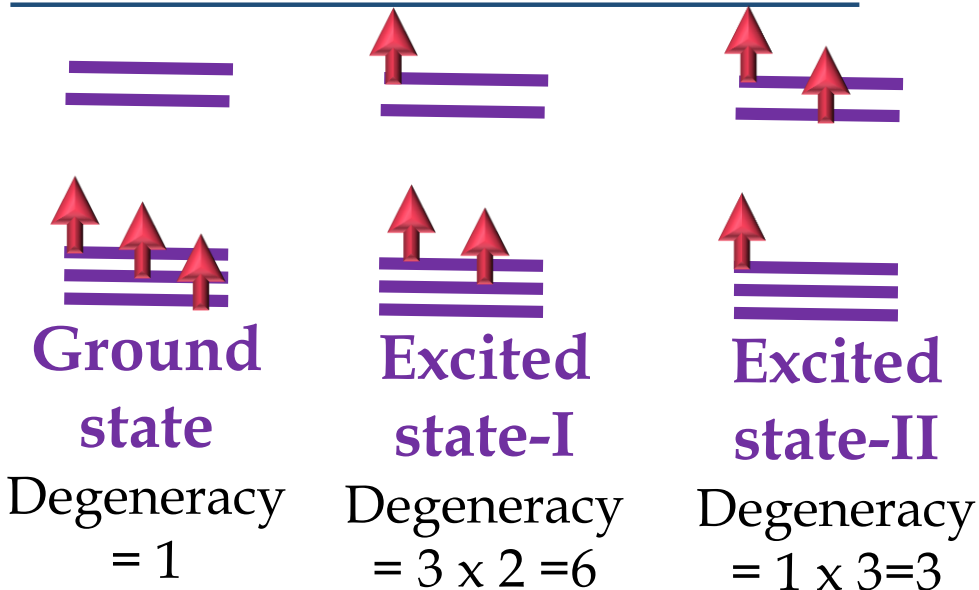
d^7 in O^h and T^d field



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d^3 Octahedral weak field



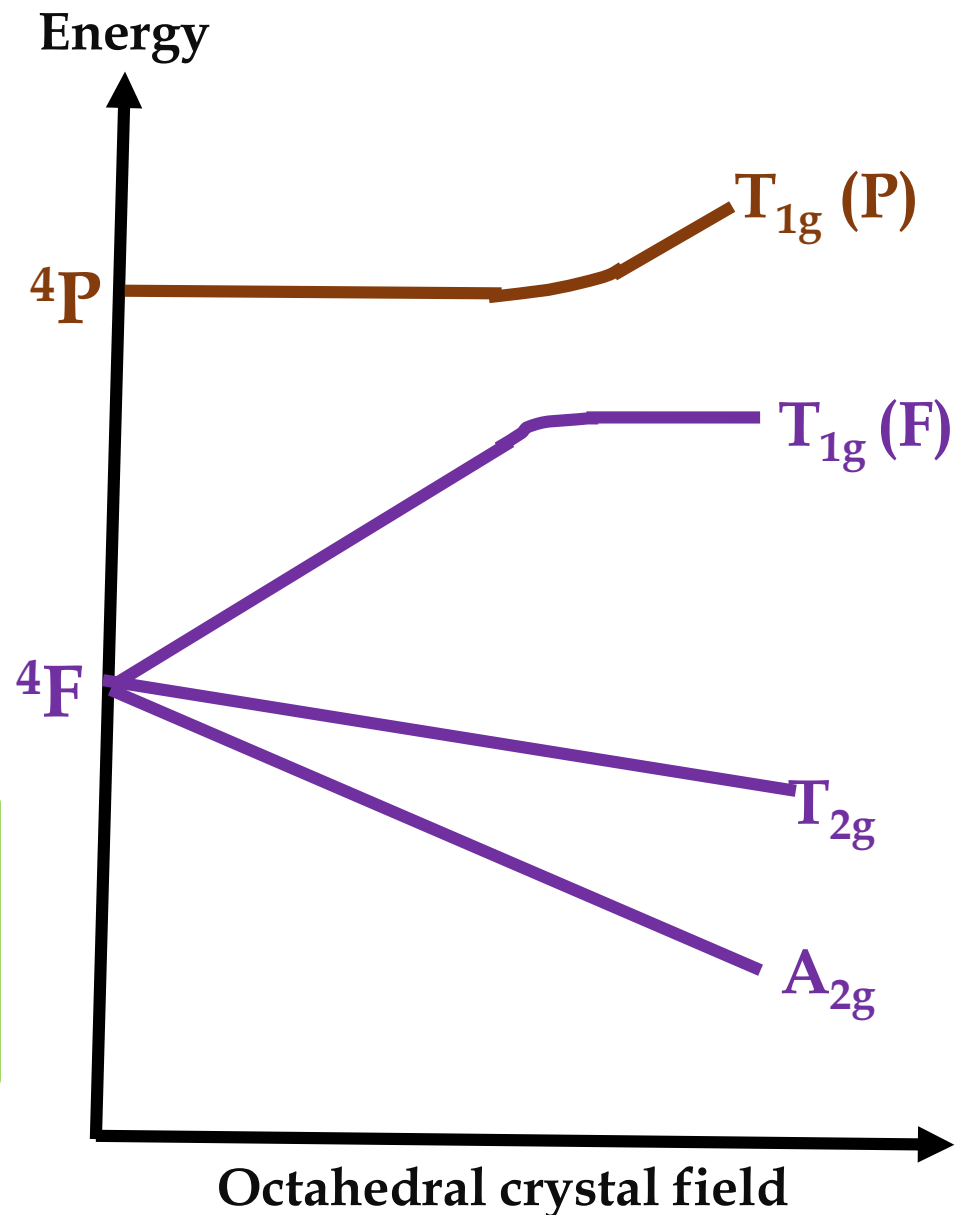
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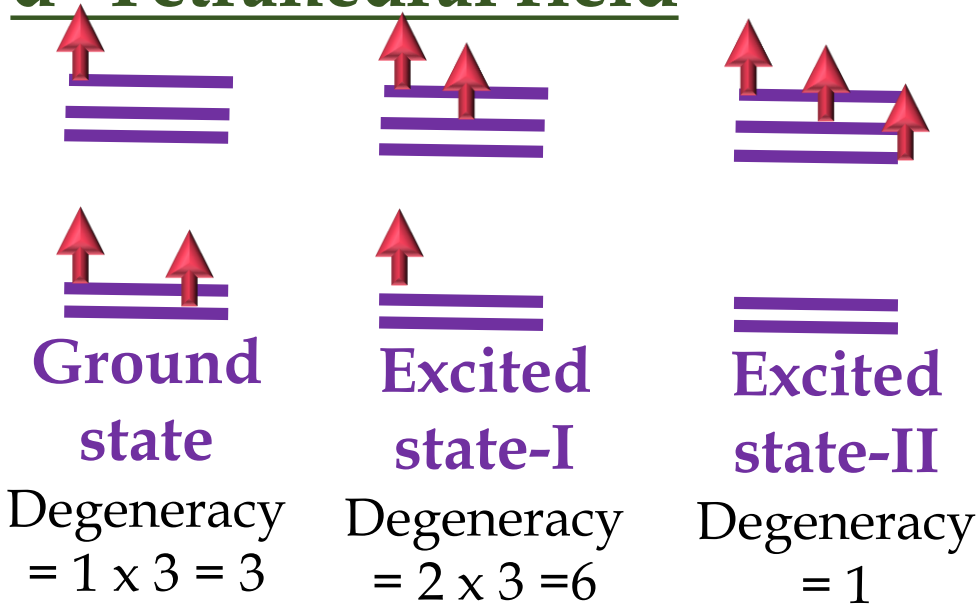


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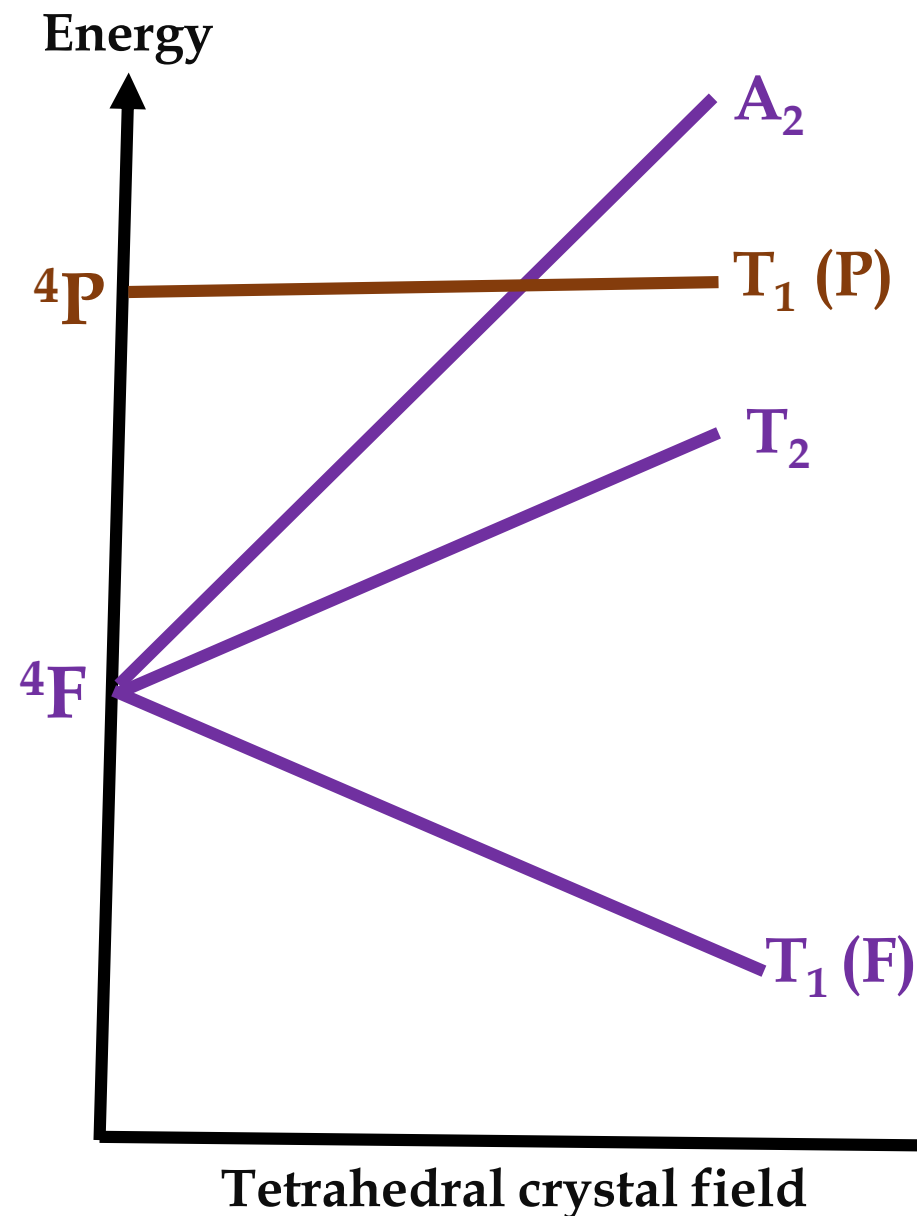
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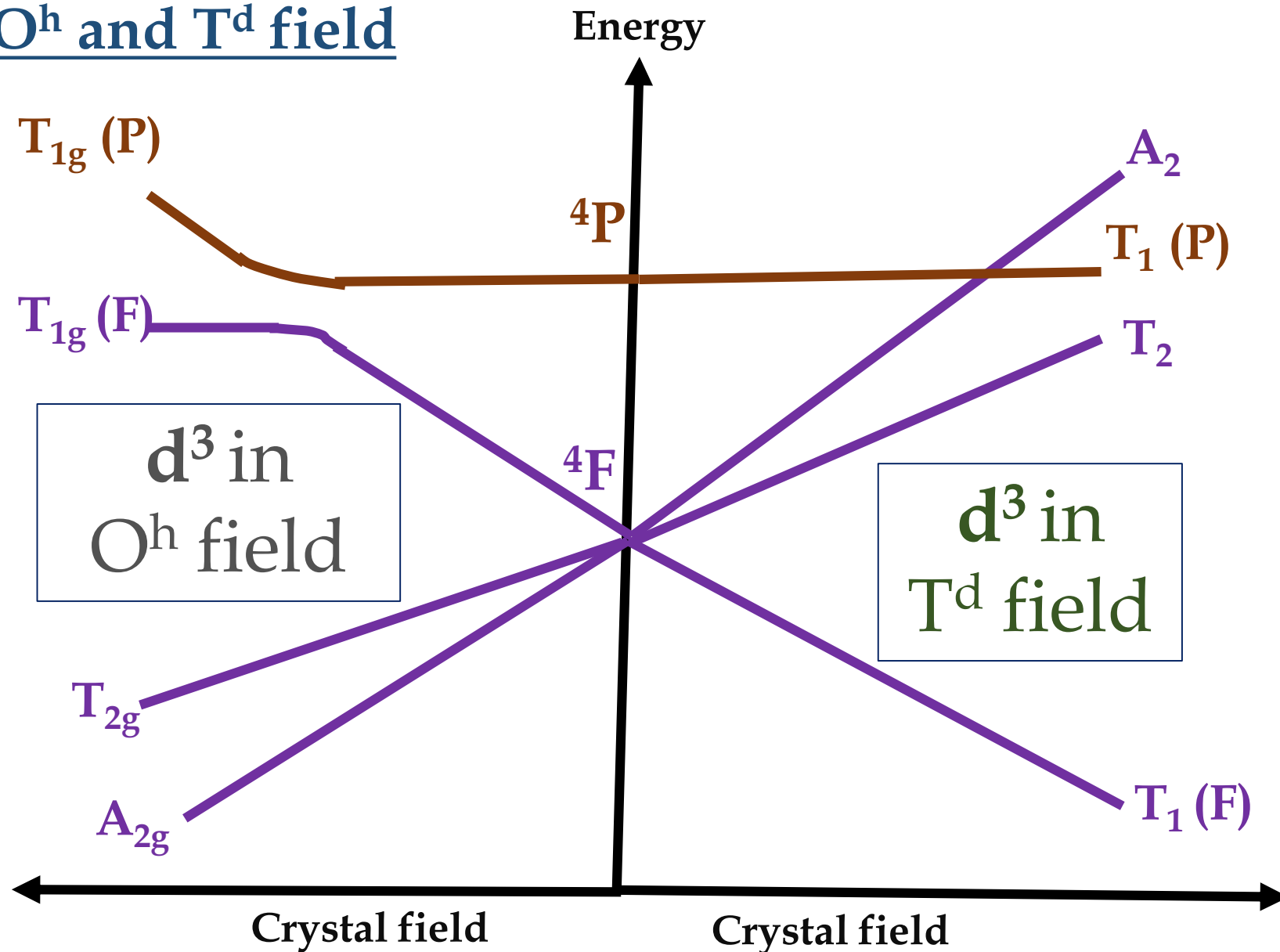
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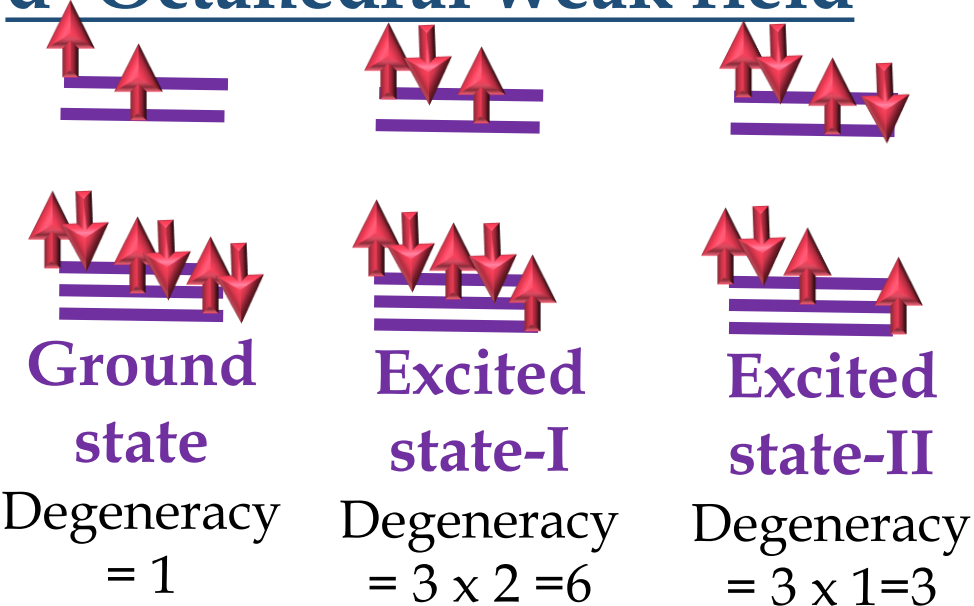
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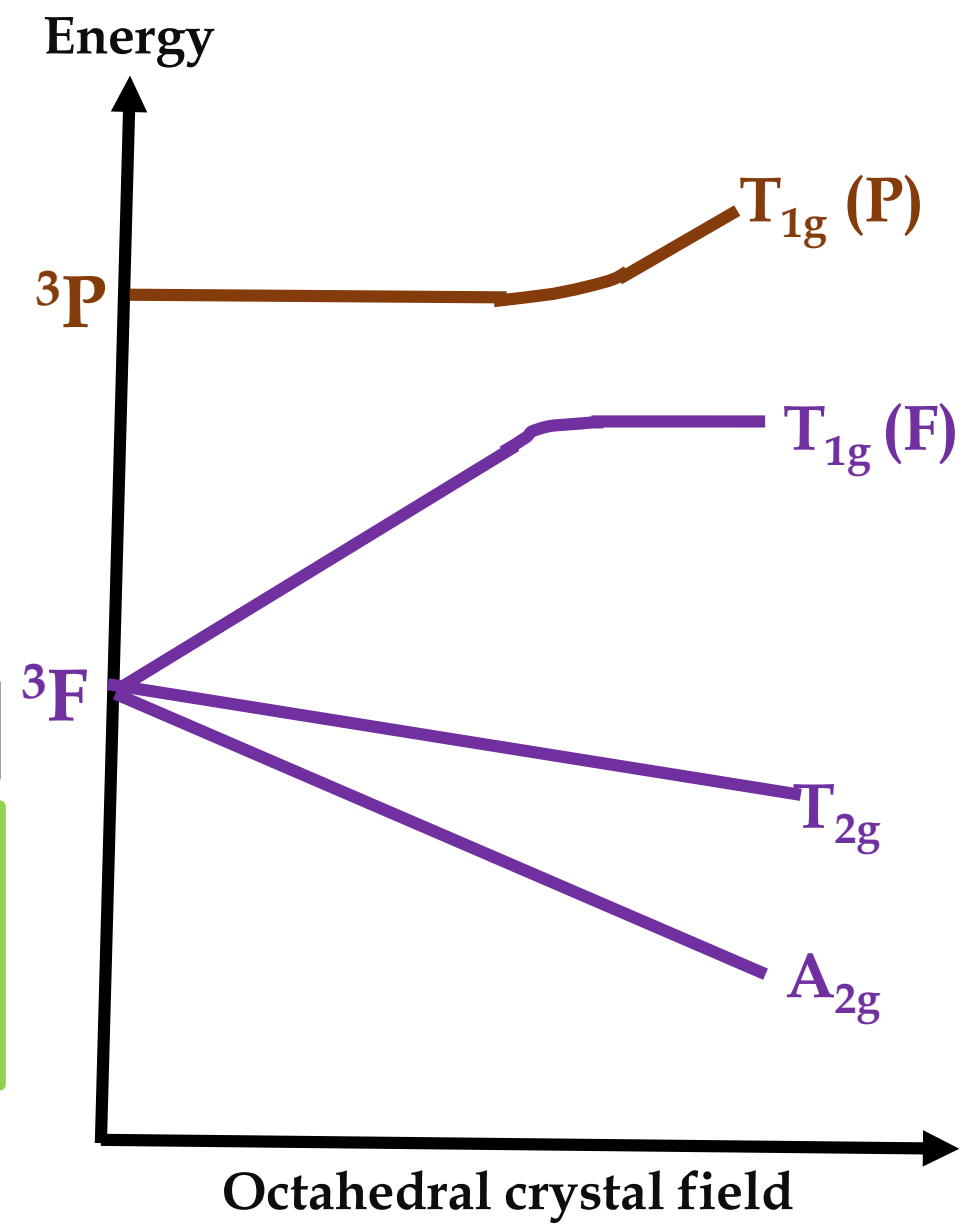
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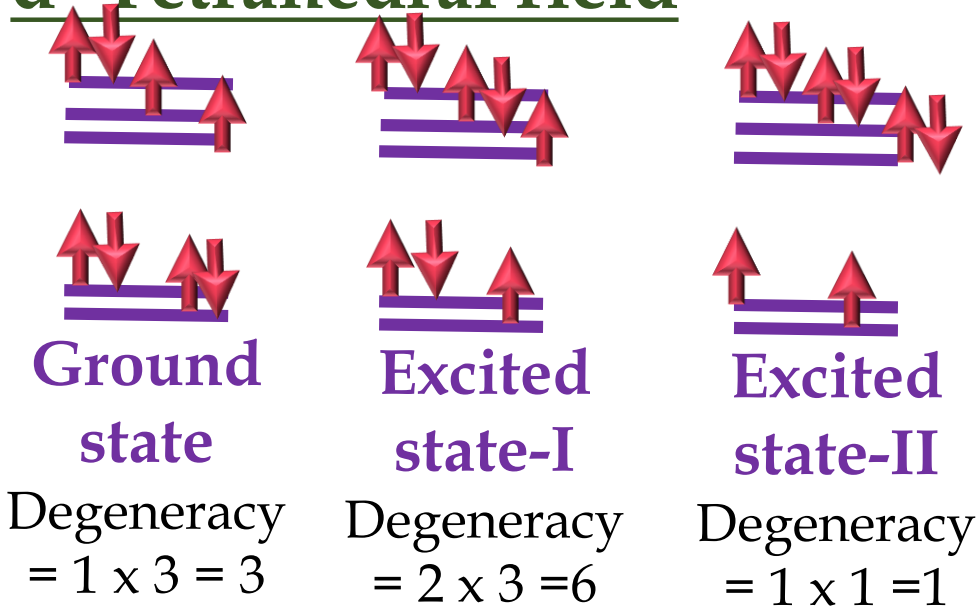
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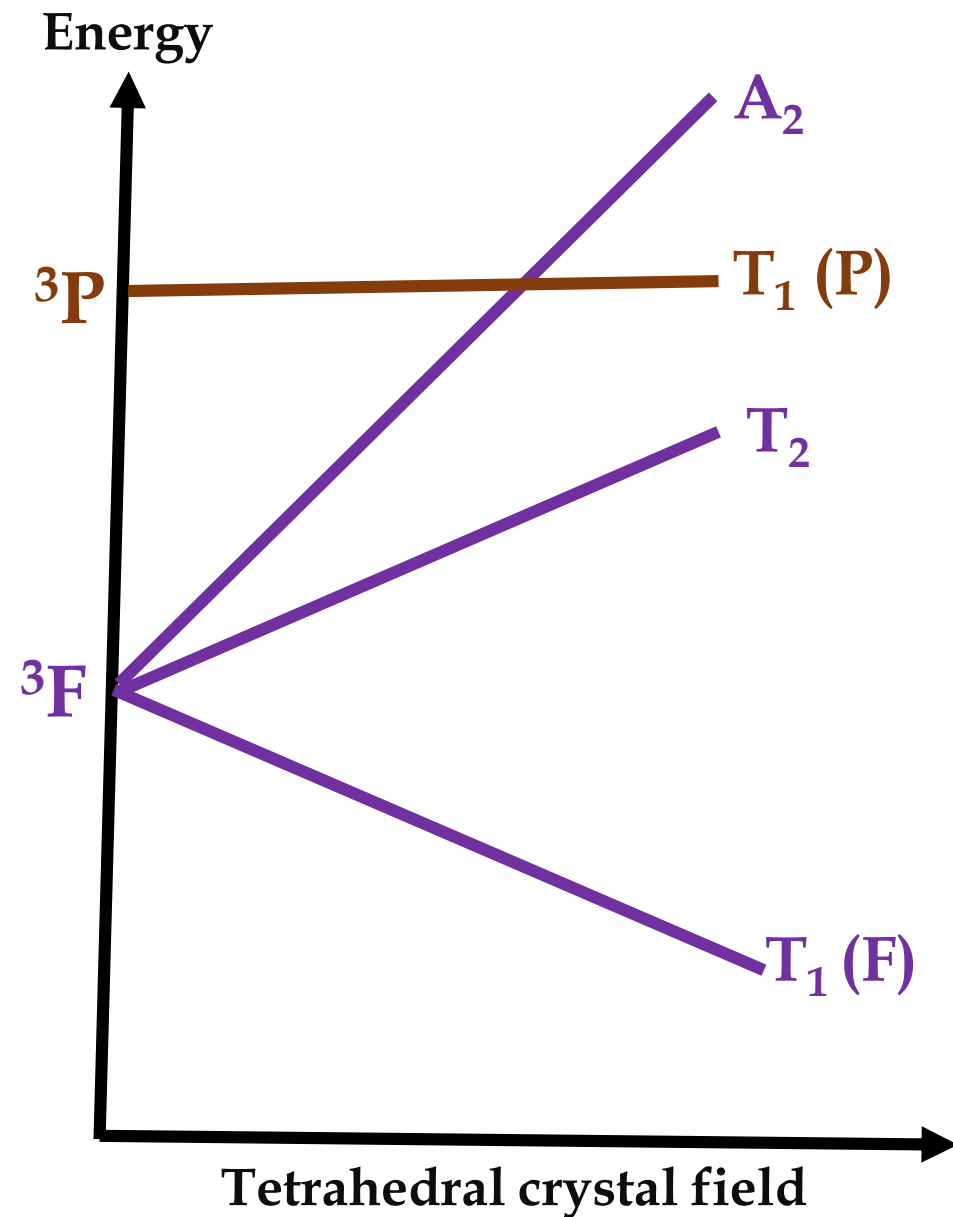
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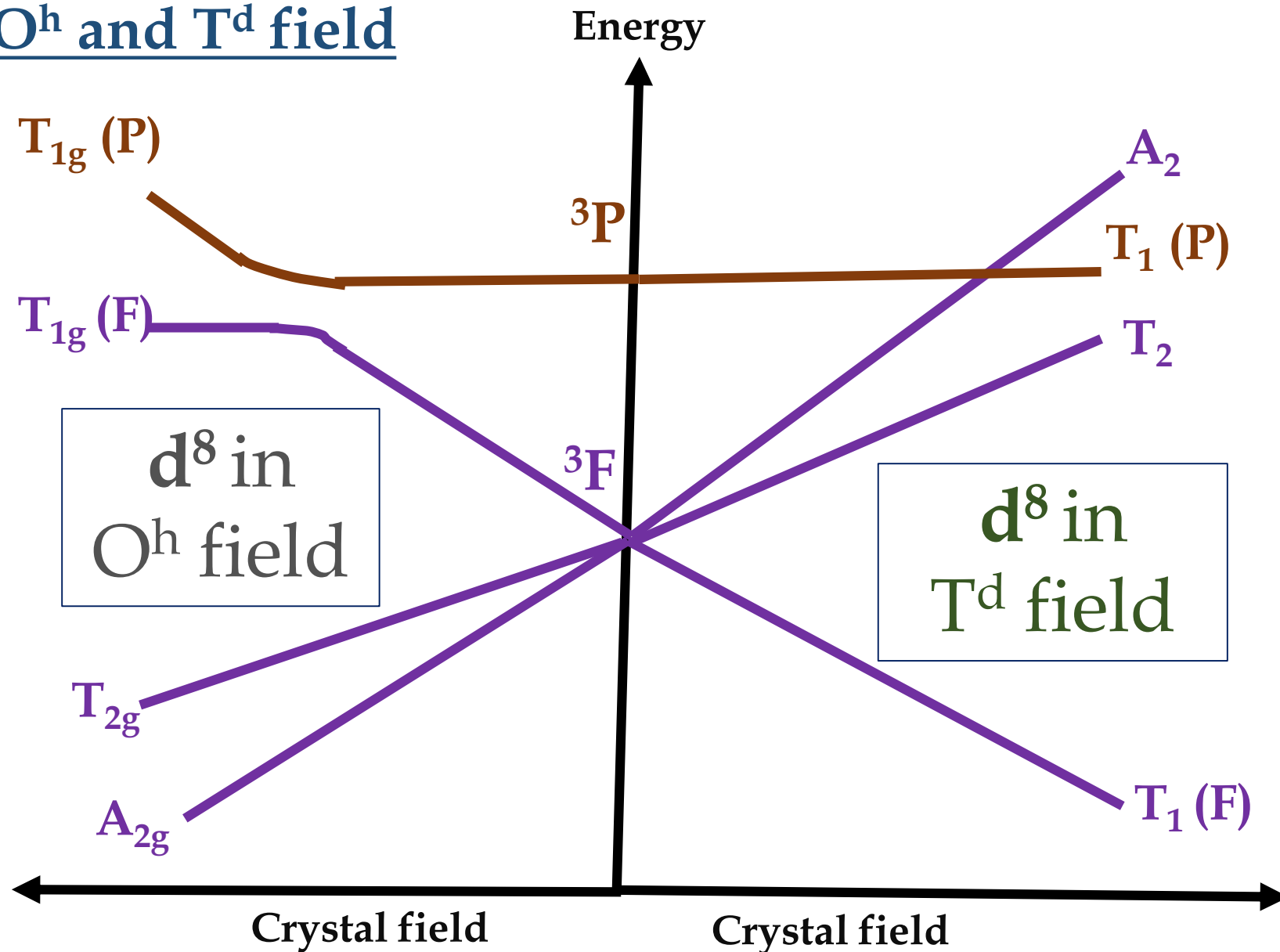
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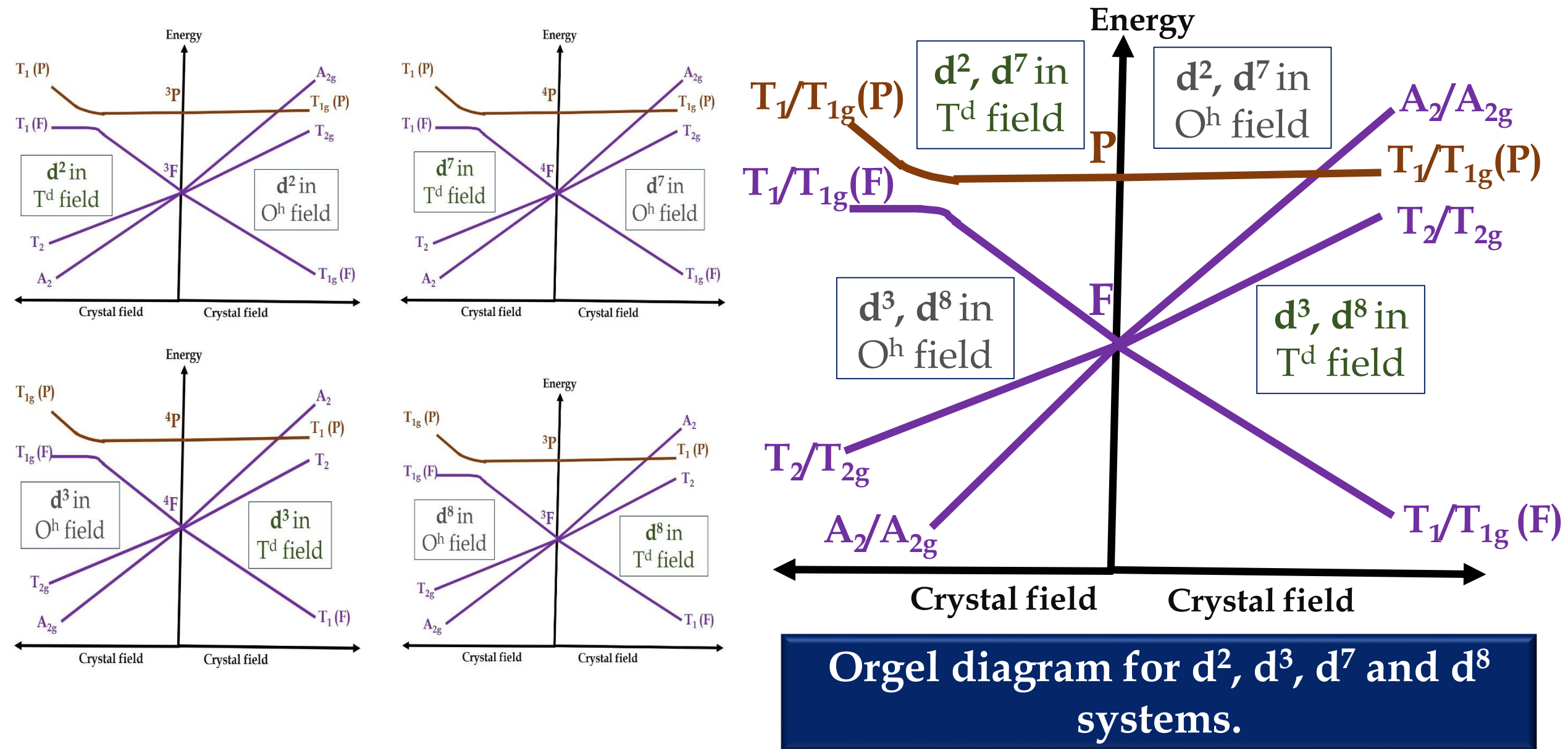
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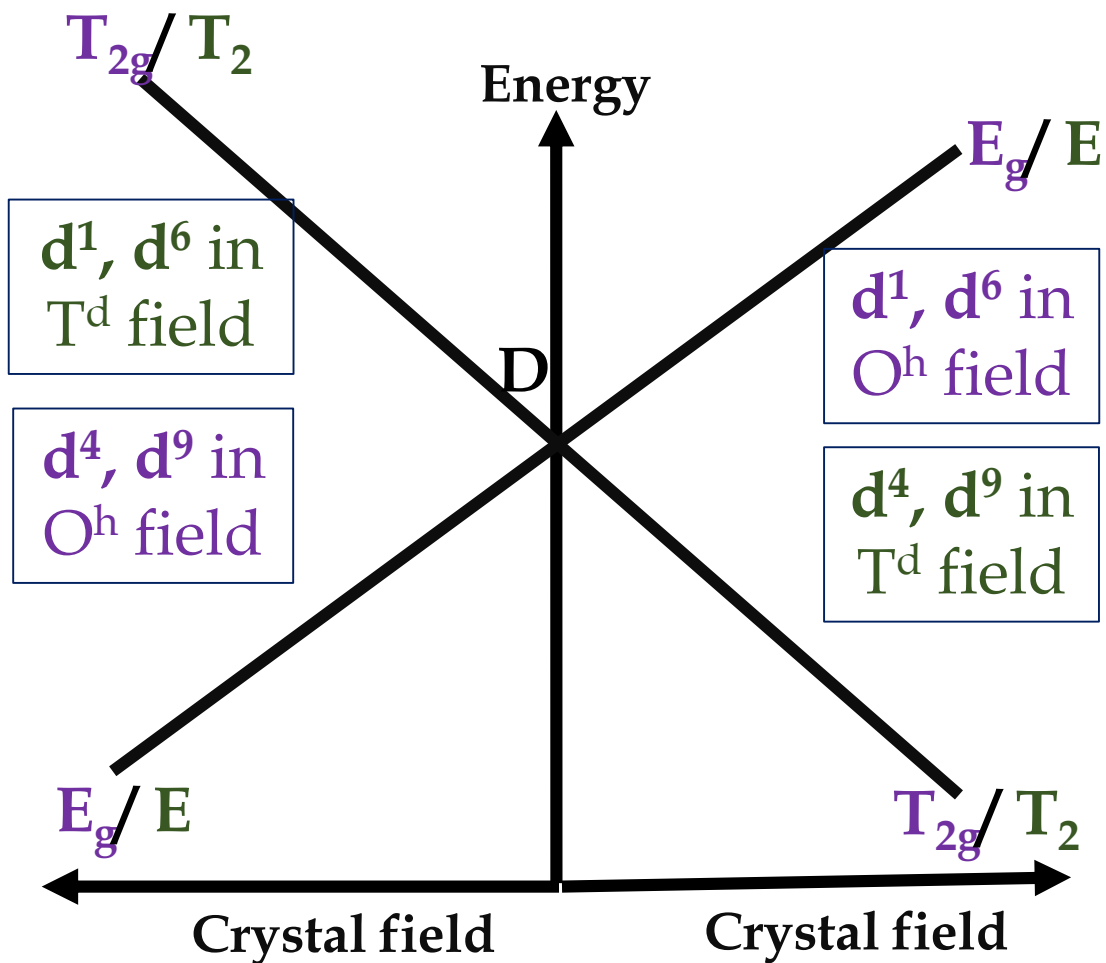
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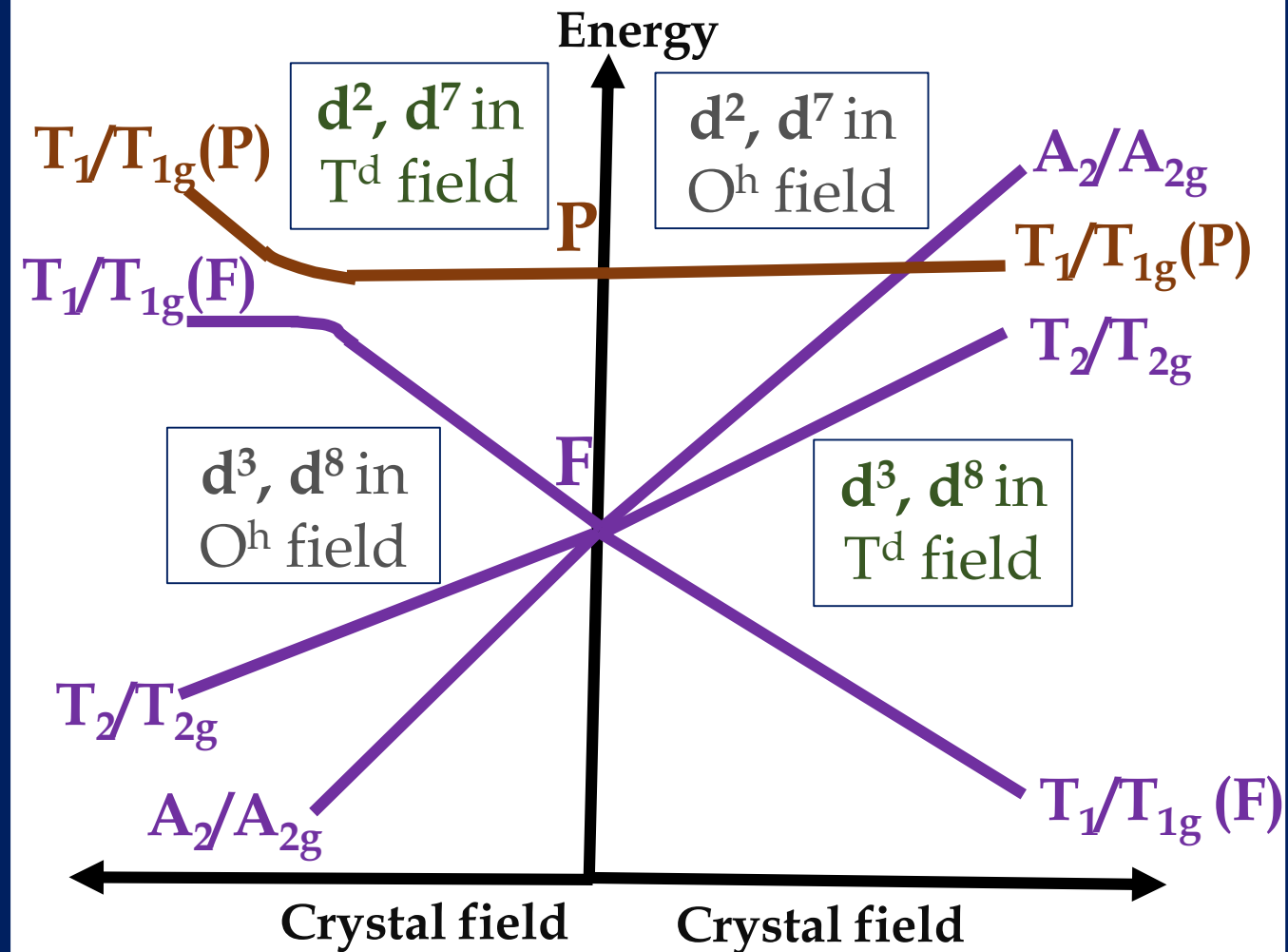
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Orgel diagram for d^1, d^4, d^6 and d^9 systems.

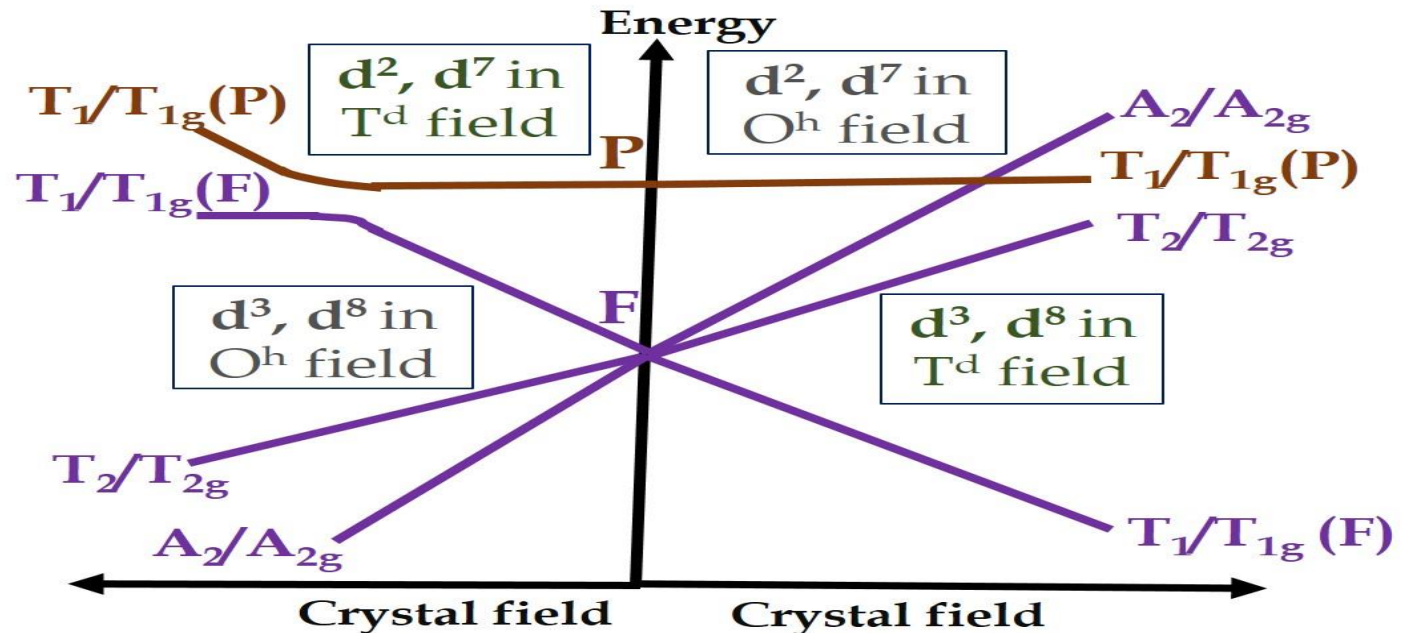
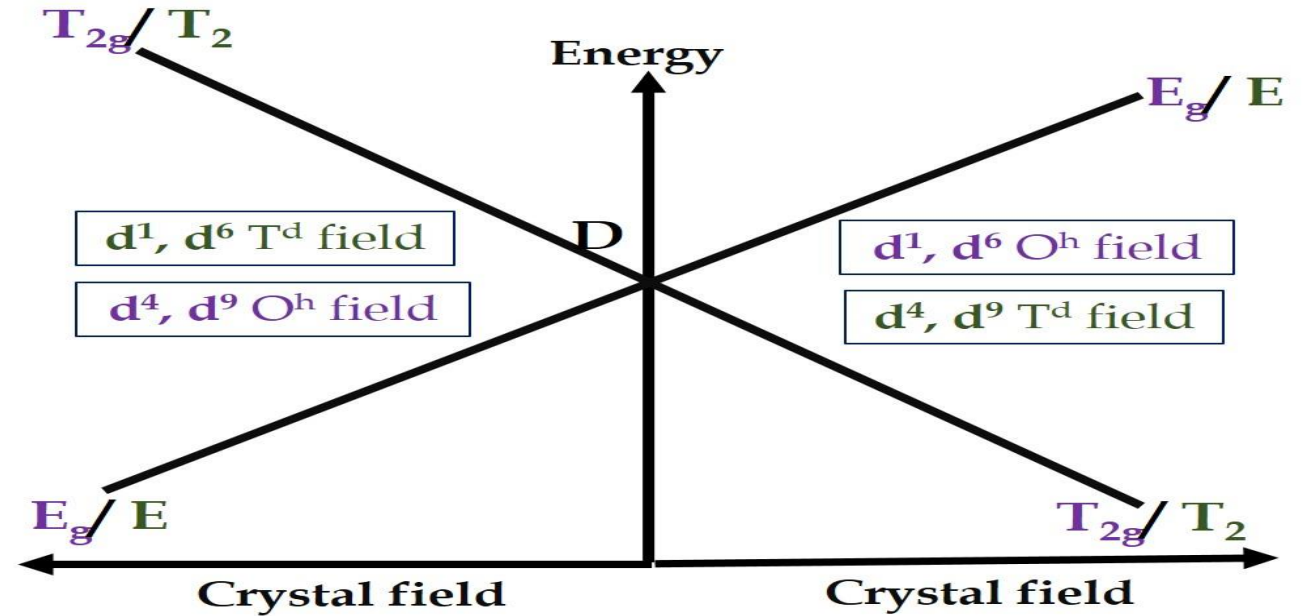


Orgel diagram for d^2, d^3, d^7 and d^8 systems.

ORGEL DIAGRAM

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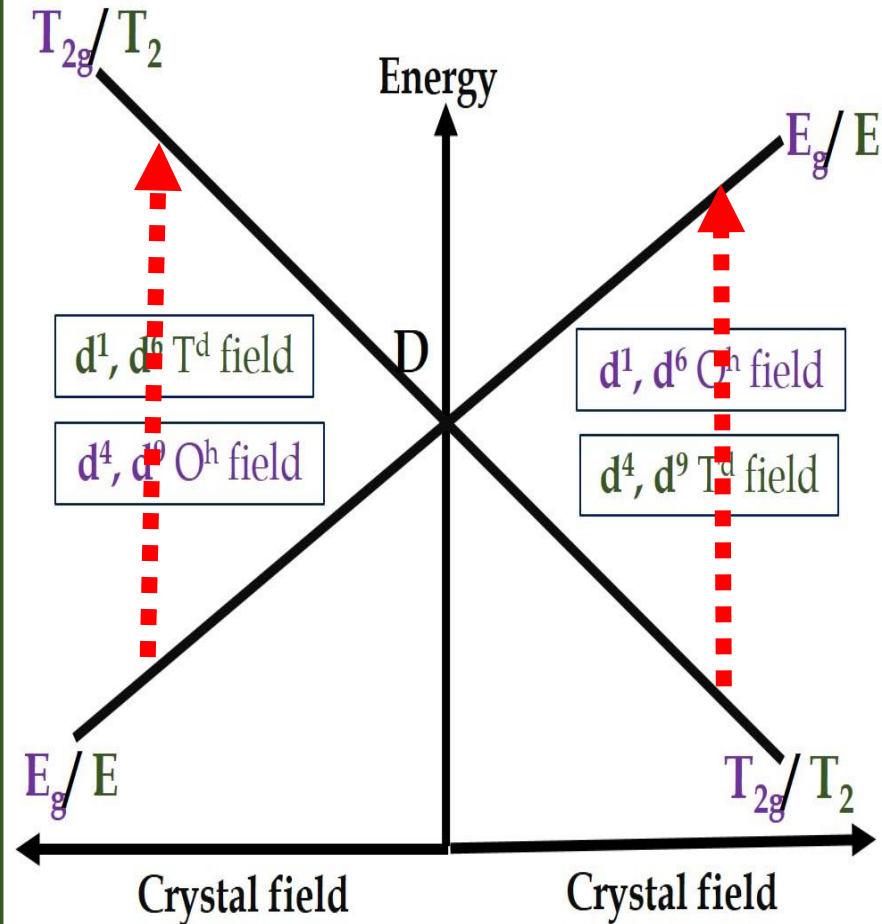
- Octahedral d^n and tetrahedral d^{10-n} give rise to similar type of splitting.
- Octahedral d^n has inverse splitting of octahedral d^{10-n} .



ORGEL DIAGRAM

Some features:

- In case of d^1 , d^4 , d^6 and d^9 , there exists only one state above the ground state. So we expect only one transition.
- $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$ shows a broad band with a peak around 20100 cm^{-1} ($T_{2g} \rightarrow E_g$ transition). Broad band is due to pronounced JT effect in the excited state.
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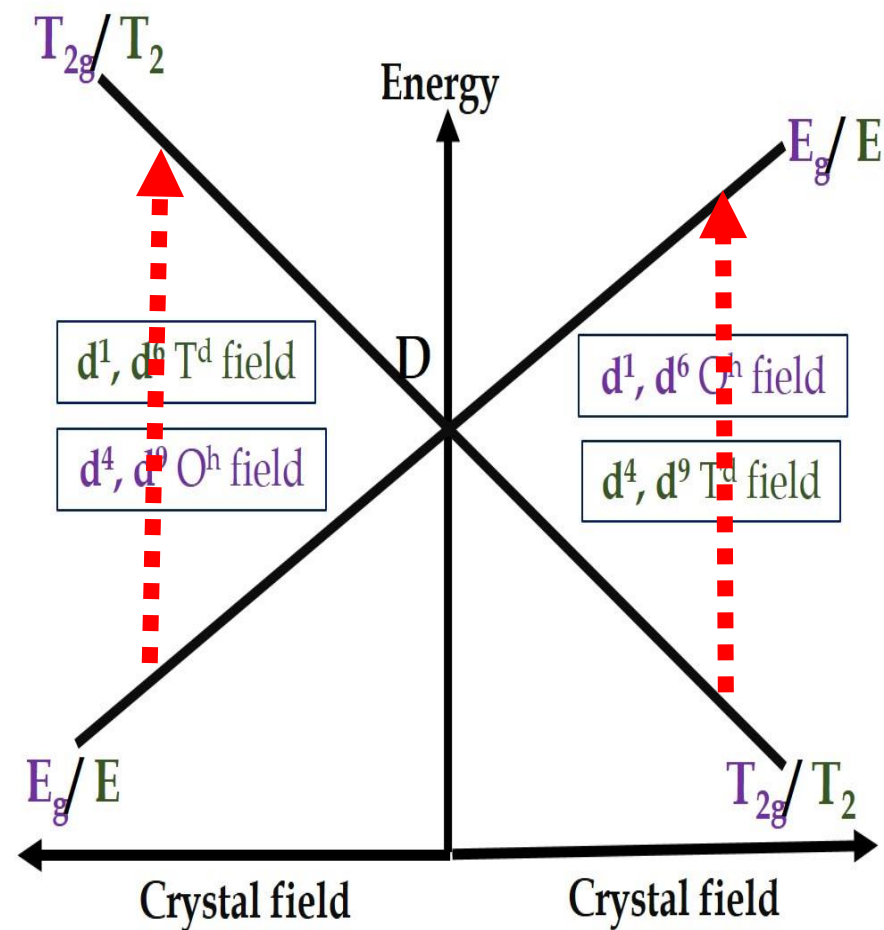
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Jorgensen's rule of average environment:

The position of the peak in a complex $[\text{TiX}_3\text{L}_3]$ will be midway between that for $[\text{TiL}_6]^{3+}$ and $[\text{TiX}_6]^{3-}$ provided all three complexes have the same symmetry.

Problem. Calculate the Δ_o for $[\text{Ti}(\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ from the following absorption peaks. $[\text{TiCl}_3(\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3)_3]$ at 15400 cm^{-1} and $[\text{TiCl}_6]^{3-}$ at 12750 cm^{-1} .
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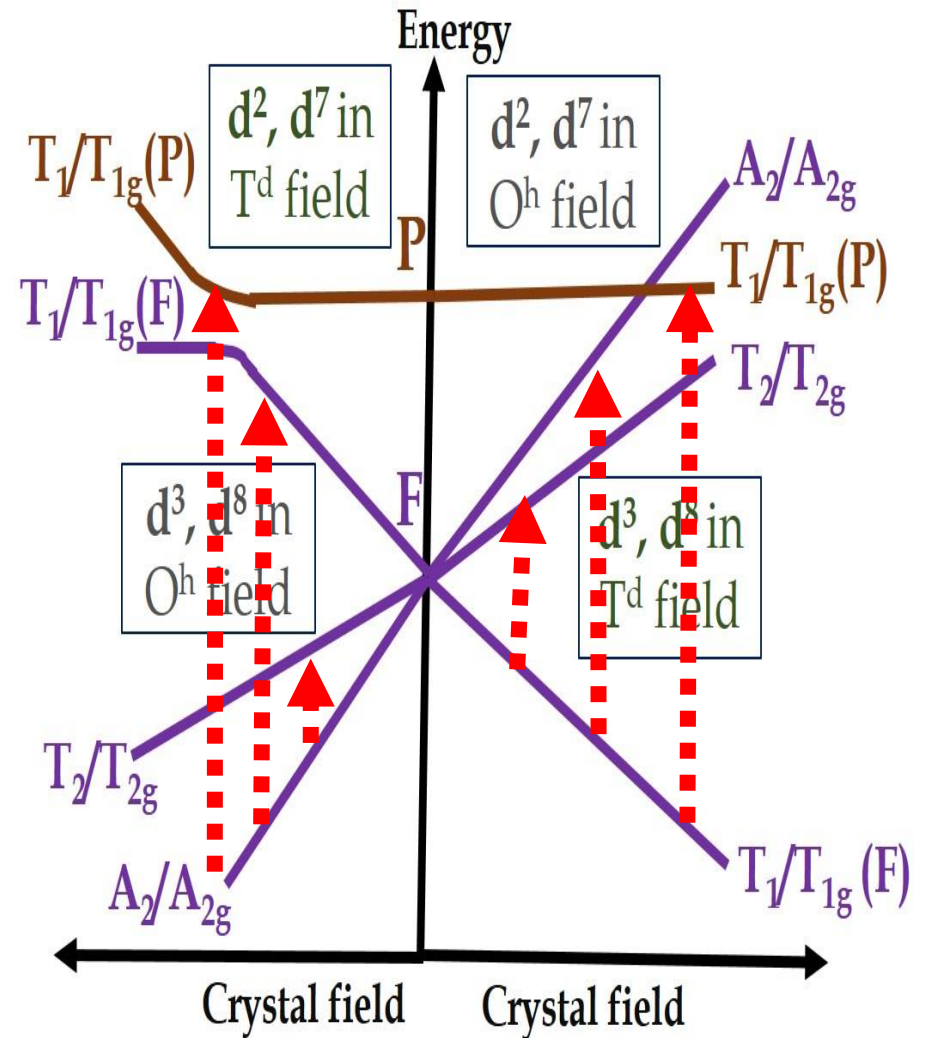


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Some features:

- In case of d^2 , d^3 , d^7 and d^8 , there exists three states above the ground state. So we expect three transitions.



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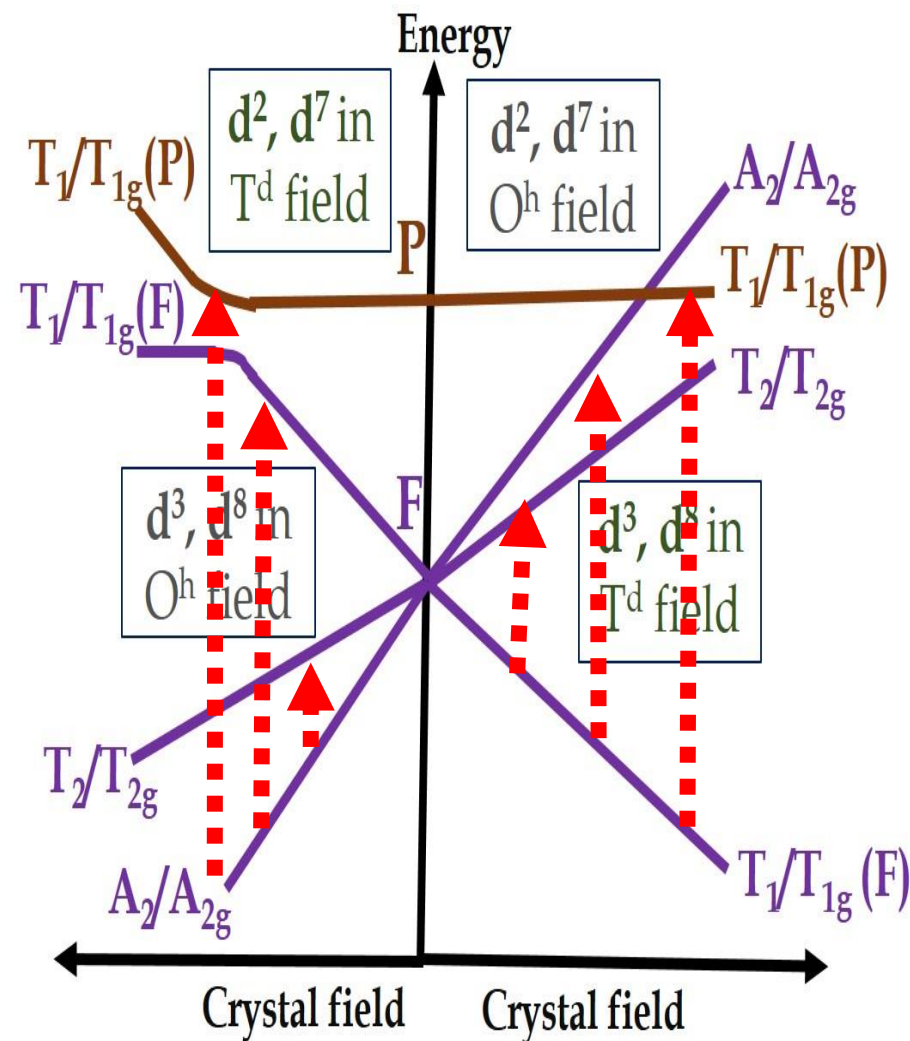
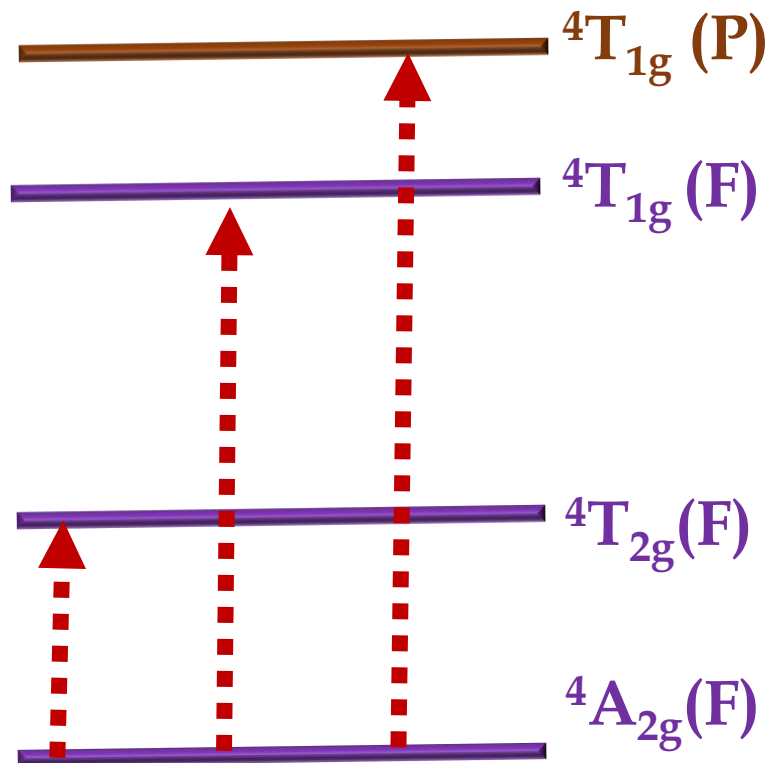
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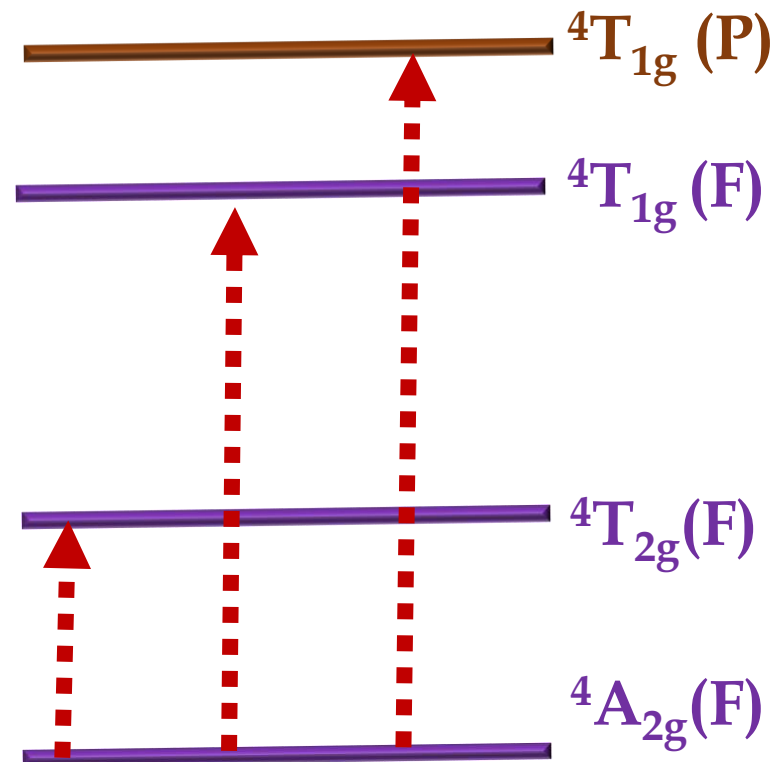
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Ruby Laser

- Ruby contains Cr^{3+} ions embedded in $\alpha-Al_2O_3$ where oxide ions provide a nearly distorted octahedral field. It produces pulses of coherent visible light (deep red color) at 694.3 nm.
- When a large single crystal of ruby is exposed to light of appropriate frequency to excite Cr^{3+} to the ${}^4T_{2g}(F)$ state, it does not return to the ground state. Instead, energy is lost to the crystal lattice by vibrational modes.