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Abstract
The effective nuclear charges ($Z_{\text{eff}}$), which are empirical parameters in an approximate spin–orbit Hamiltonian, are determined for the first- through third-row transition metal elements by using experimental results for the fine structure splittings in atomic terms. All calculations use multiconfiguration self-consistent-field (MCSCF) wave functions, whose active space includes $n d$ and $(n + 1)sp$ orbitals ($n$ is the principal quantum number), with the effective core potential (ECP) basis sets proposed by Stevens et al., augmented by one set of polarization f functions. First-order or second-order configuration interaction (FOCI or SOCI) calculations were also performed in order to understand disagreements between the MCSCF results and the experimental ones.

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