

# First-principles description of correlated electron materials: LDA+U and beyond

## Purpose:

- ✓ *Understanding the limitation of standard local approximations to describe correlated electron systems*
- ✓ *Understanding the basic idea of LDA+U and other related methods*
- ✓ *Understanding recent progress on LDA+U functionals*

# PART 1

## Contents:

- ✓ *Failure of LDA and similar approximations to describe correlated electron physics*
- ✓ *Basics of LDA+U : Idea, technical and physical issues...*
- ✓ *DMFT (dynamical mean field theory) and others*

## Suggested Reading:

*R. G. Parr and W. Yang, "Density functional theory of atoms and molecules (OUP 1989)"*

*R. M. Martin, "Electronic structure: Basic theory and practical methods (CUP 2004)"*

*V. I. Anisimov et al., "Strong Coulomb correlations in electronic structure calculations: Beyond the local density approximation (Gordon & Breach 2000)"*

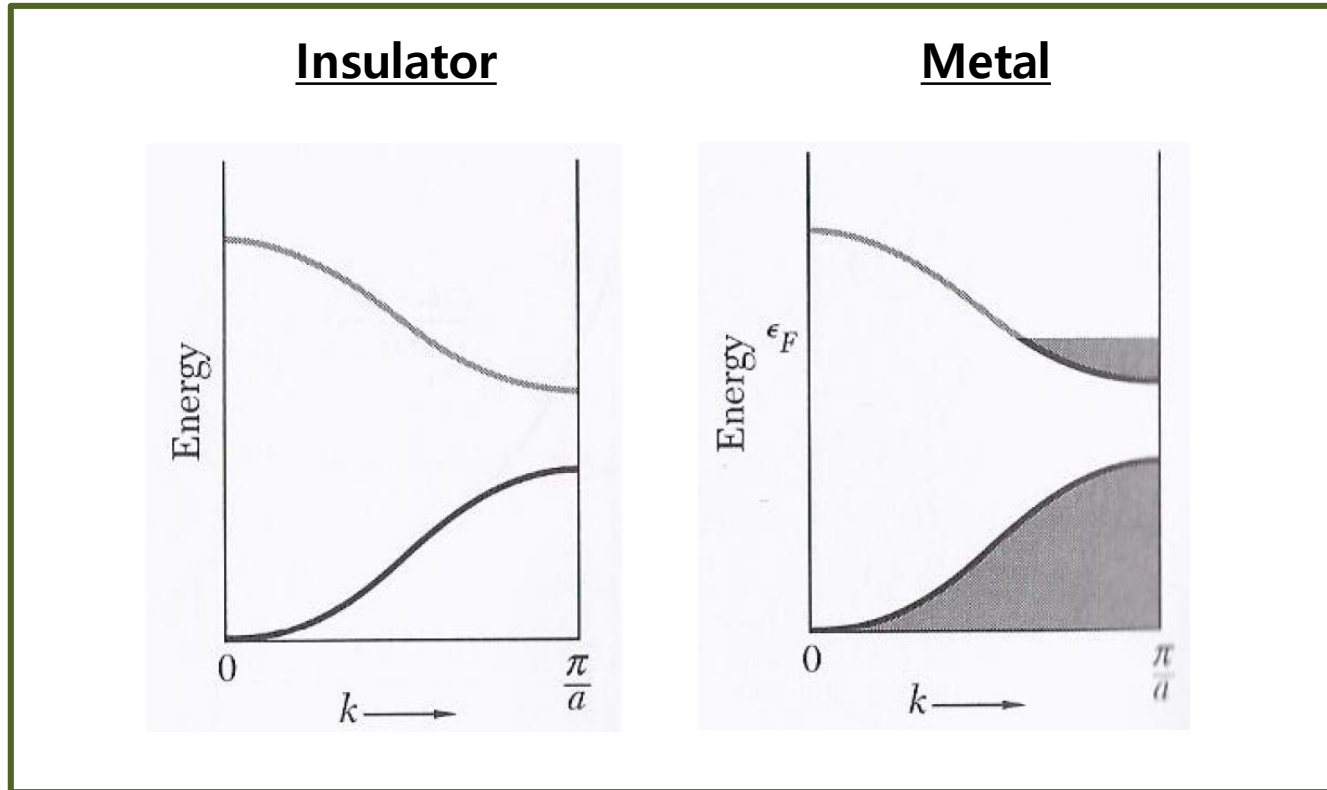
*Georges et al., "dynamical mean-field theory of strongly correlated fermion systems and the limit of infinite dimensions" Rev. Mod. Phys. (1996)*

*Kotliar et al., "Electronic structure calculations with dynamical mean-field theory" Rev. Mod. Phys. (2006)*

# Local Density Approximation

- ✓ 'Local' approximation based on the solution of 'homogeneous' electron gas
- ✓ Get in trouble whenever these approximations become invalidated:  
For examples,
  - (Weak) van der Waals interaction originating from the fluctuating dipole moments
  - (Strong) **On-site** Coulomb repulsion which is originated from the **atomic nature** of localized d- or f- electrons in solids

# Very Basic of Band Theory

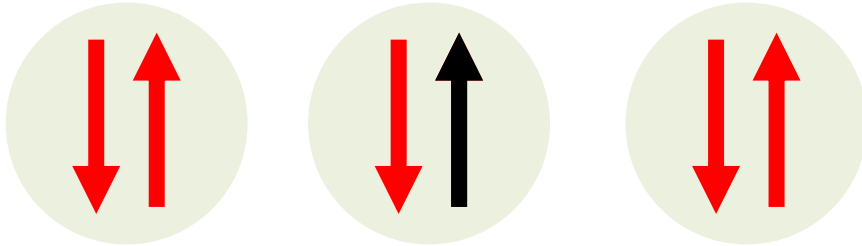


Kittel, Introduction to Solid State Physics

**A material with partially-filled band(s) should be metallic**

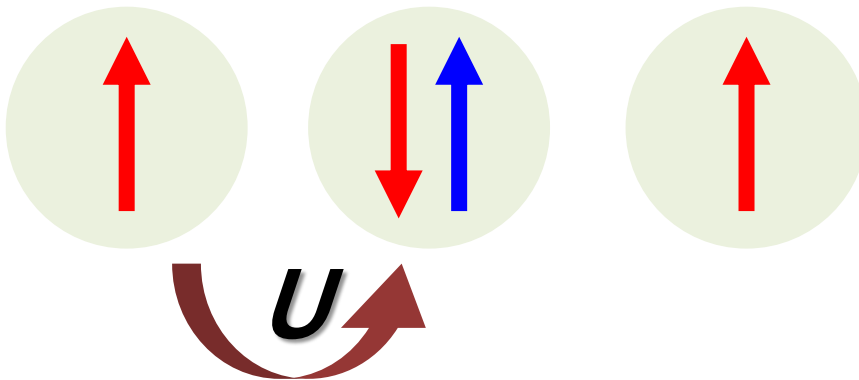
# Insulator: Pauli and Mott

## Pauli exclusion: band insulator



W. E. Pauli

## Coulomb repulsion: Mott (-Hubbard) insulator



N. F. Mott

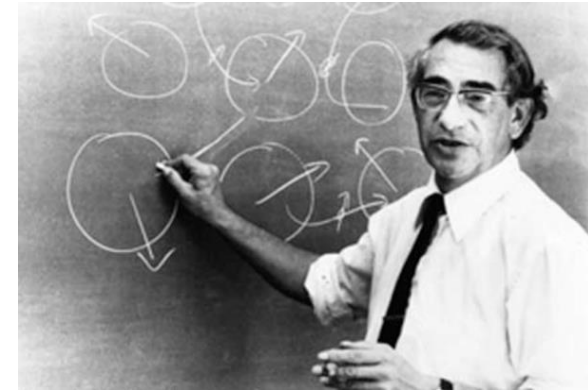
# Localized Orbital and Hubbard Model

## Hubbard Model (1964)

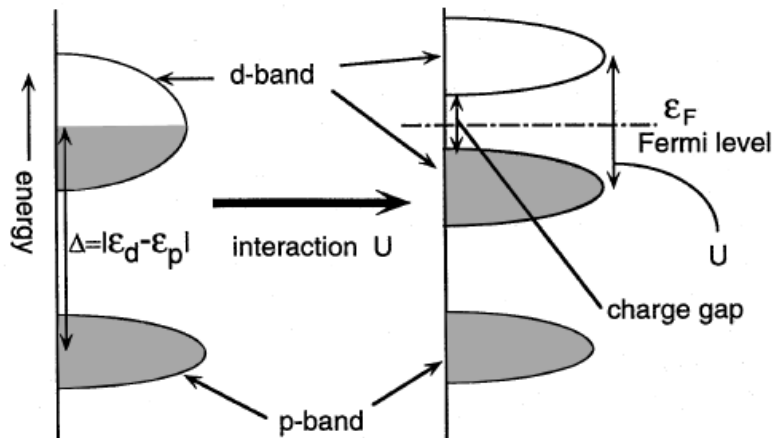
$$H = - \sum_{i,j,\sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \text{H.c.}) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

'Hopping' term  
between the sites

On-site Coulomb repulsion  
in the correlated orbitals



<http://theor.jinr.ru/~kuzemsky/jhbio.html>



Additional electron occupation requires  
the energy cost :

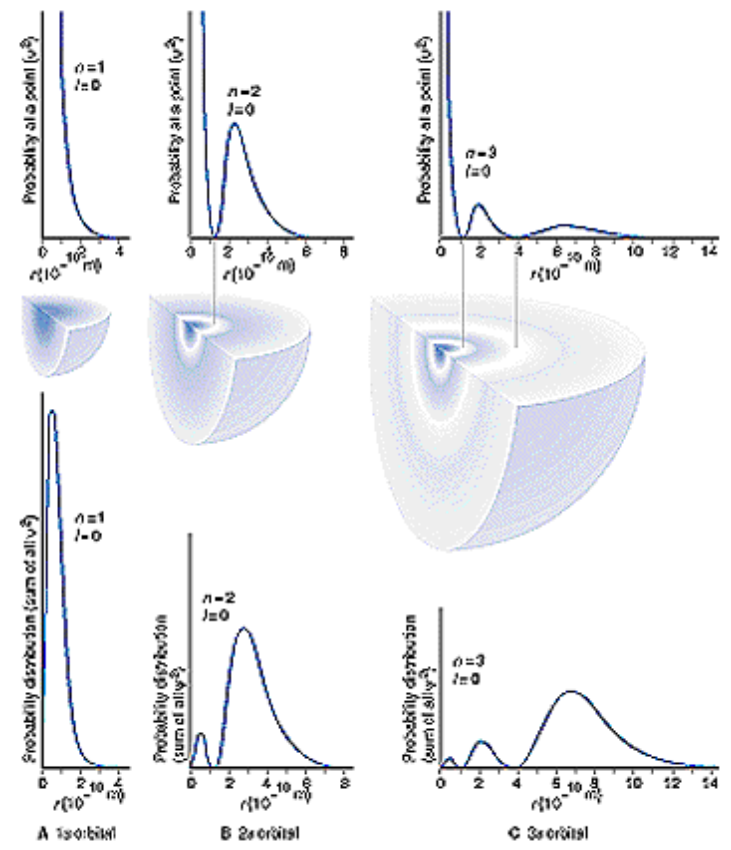
$$U = E(d^{n+1}) + E(d^{n-1}) - 2E(d^n)$$

Imada, Fujimori, Tokura, Rev. Mod. Phys. (1998)

# Actually Happening Quite Often

hydrogen 1 H 1.0079																	helium 2 He 4.0026	
lithium 3 Li 6.941	beryllium 4 Be 9.0122																	neon 10 Ne 20.180
sodium 11 Na 22.990	magnesium 12 Mg 24.305																	argon 18 Ar 39.948
potassium 19 K 39.098	calcium 20 Ca 40.078																	krypton 36 Kr 83.80
rubidium 37 Rb 85.468	strontium 38 Sr 87.62																	barium 56 Ba 137.33
caesium 55 Cs 132.91	barium 56 Ba 137.33																	radium 88 Ra 226
francium 87 Fr [223]	radium 88 Ra [226]																	actinium 89 Ac [227]
		scandium 21 Sc 44.956	titanium 22 Ti 47.867	vanadium 23 V 50.942	chromium 24 Cr 51.996	manganese 25 Mn 54.938	iron 26 Fe 55.845	cobalt 27 Co 58.933	nickel 28 Ni 58.693	copper 29 Cu 63.546	zinc 30 Zn 65.39	gallium 31 Ga 69.723	germanium 32 Ge 72.61	arsenic 33 As 74.922	selenium 34 Se 78.96	bromine 35 Br 79.904	krypton 36 Kr 83.80	
		yttrium 39 Y 88.906	zirconium 40 Zr 91.224	niobium 41 Nb 92.906	molybdenum 42 Mo 95.94	technetium [43]	ruthenium 44 Ru 101.07	rhodium 45 Rh 102.91	palladium 46 Pd 106.42	silver 47 Ag 107.87	cadmium 48 Cd 112.41	indium 49 In 114.82	tin 50 Sn 118.71	antimony 51 Sb 121.76	tellurium 52 Te 127.60	iodine 53 I 126.905	xenon 54 Xe 131.29	
		lanthanum 57 La 138.91	cerium 58 Ce 140.12	praseodymium 59 Pr 140.91	neodymium 60 Nd 144.24	promethium 61 Pm [145]	samarium 62 Sm 150.36	europium 63 Eu 151.96	gadolinium 64 Gd 157.25	terbium 65 Tb 158.93	dysprosium 66 Dy 162.50	holmium 67 Ho 164.93	erbium 68 Er 167.26	thulium 69 Tm 168.93	ytterbium 70 Yb 173.04			
		actinium 89 Ac [227]	thorium 90 Th 232.04	protactinium 91 Pa 231.04	uranium 92 U 238.03	neptunium 93 Np [237]	plutonium 94 Pu [244]	americium 95 Am [243]	curium 96 Cm [247]	berkelium 97 Bk [247]	californium 98 Cf [251]	einsteinium 99 Es [252]	fermium 100 Fm [257]	mendelevium 101 Md [258]	nobelium 102 No [259]			

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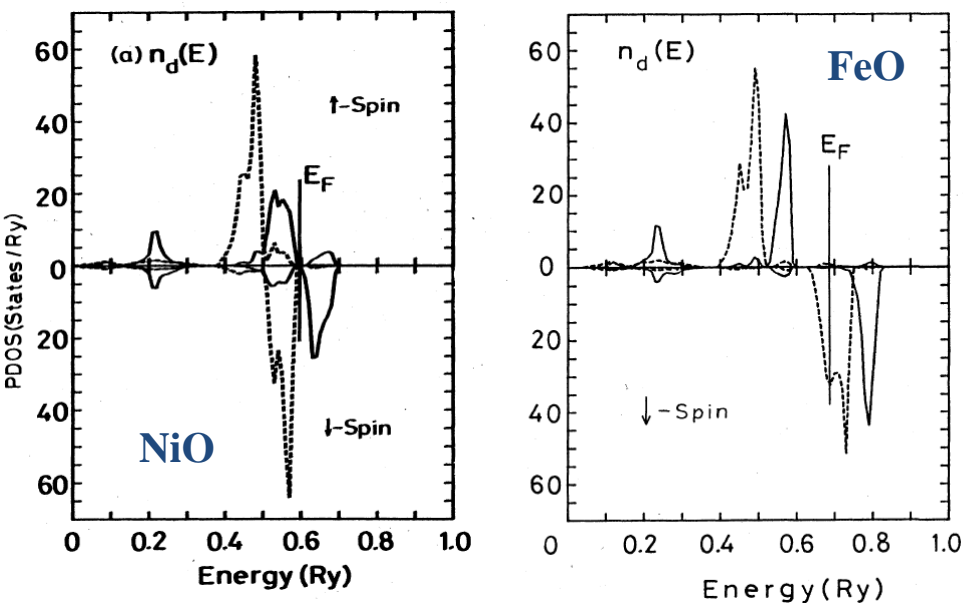
Localized valence wavefunctions

Partially filled 3d, 4f, 5f orbitals

→ magnetism and others

# Applying LDA to 'Mott' Insulators

Oguchi et al., PRB (1983)  
Terakura et al., PRB (1984)



- ✓ Too small or zero band gap
- ✓ Magnetic moment underestimated
- ✓ Too large exchange coupling ( $T_c$ )

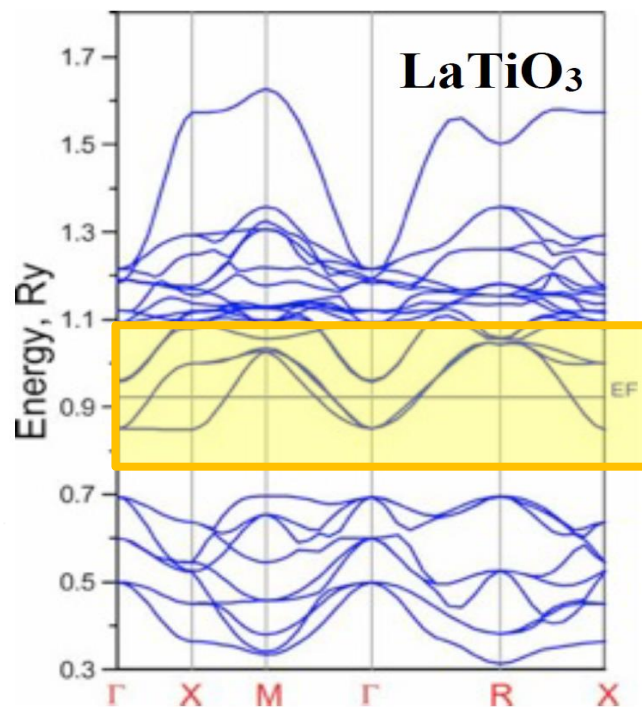


TABLE III. Experimental and theoretical exchange parameters (in K) of the first and the second neighbors.

MnO		MnS		NiO		Reference
$J_1$	$J_2$	$J_1$	$J_2$	$J_1$	$J_2$	
-14.4	-7.0	-8.0	-9.0	-50	-85	22
-9.0	-10.4					25
				16	-222	26
-10.0	-11.0					23
-28	-28					24
-30.3	-29.8	-10	-27	61	-1230	present paper



# Combining LDA with Hubbard Model

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## Band theory and Mott insulators: Hubbard $U$ instead of Stoner $I$

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We propose a form for the exchange-correlation potential in local-density band theory, appropriate for Mott insulators. The idea is to use the “constrained-local-density-approximation” Hubbard parameter  $U$  as the quantity relating the single-particle potentials to the magnetic- (and orbital-) order parameters. Our energy functional is that of the local-density approximation plus the mean-field approximation to the remaining part of the  $U$  term. We argue that such a method should make sense, if one accepts the Hubbard model and the success of constrained-local-density-approximation parameter calculations. Using this *ab initio* scheme, we find that all late-3*d*-transition-metal monoxides, as well as the parent compounds of the high- $T_c$  compounds, are large-gap magnetic insulators of the charge-transfer type. Further, the method predicts that LiNiO<sub>2</sub> is a low-spin ferromagnet and NiS a local-moment *p*-type metal. The present version of the scheme fails for the early-3*d*-transition-metal monoxides and for the late 3*d* transition metals.

**Basic idea:** Introduce Hubbard-like term into the energy functional (and subtract the equivalent LDA term to avoid the double counting)

$$E_{LDA+U} = E_{LDA} + E_U - E_{dc} \quad \text{where } E_U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ilm\sigma} U n_{ilm}^{\sigma} n_{ilm'}^{\sigma'}$$

# LDA+U Functional

The (original) form of energy functional (Anisimov et al. 1991)

$$E = E^{\text{LDA}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m, m', \sigma} U (n_{im\sigma} - n^0) (n_{im'-\sigma} - n^0) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{m, m', \sigma \\ (m \neq m')}} (U - J) (n_{im\sigma} - n^0) (n_{im'\sigma} - n^0) .$$

$i$  : site index (orbitals)

$n^0$  : average d-orbital occupation (no double counting correction)

$J$ : Hund coupling constant

## Orbital-dependent potential

$$V_{m\sigma} = U \sum_{m'} (n_{m'-\sigma} - n^0) \\ + (U - J) \sum_{m'(\neq m)} (n_{m'\sigma} - n^0) + V^{\text{LDA}}$$

# LDA+U Result

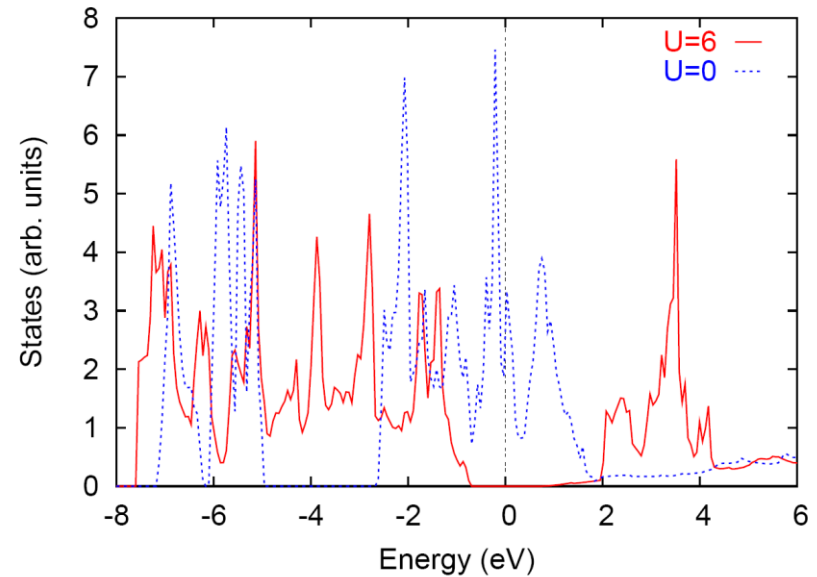
## ▪ Band gap (in eV) :

$\bar{U}$ (eV)	MnO	FeO	CoO	NiO
0	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.36
2	1.68	0.76	1.20	1.56
4	2.12	1.96	2.20	2.53
6	4.21	2.77	3.01	3.89
Calc. (LSDA)	0.8 <sup>a</sup>	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.2 <sup>a</sup>
Calc. (LDA+U)	3.5 <sup>b</sup>	3.2 <sup>c</sup>	3.2 <sup>d</sup>	3.1 <sup>e</sup>
Expt.	3.6-3.8 <sup>f</sup>	2.4 <sup>g</sup>	2.4 <sup>h</sup>	4.0 <sup>i</sup> , 4.3 <sup>j</sup>

## ▪ Magnetic moment of NiO (in $\mu_B$ ) :

$\bar{U}$ (eV)	Mulliken			Voronoi			Other group results
	Full	Dual	On-site	Full	Dual	On-site	
0	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.0 ( $\bar{U}=0.0$ ) <sup>a</sup>
2	1.48	1.54	1.59	1.46	1.51	1.55	
4	1.59	1.66	1.71	1.55	1.61	1.66	
6	1.66	1.74	1.79	1.62	1.69	1.72	1.59 ( $\bar{U}=6.9$ ) <sup>b</sup>
Expt.							1.77 <sup>c</sup> , 1.64 <sup>d</sup> , 1.90 <sup>e</sup>

Wurtzite-structured CoO :  
*MJH et al., JKPS (2006); JACS (2006)*



*MJH, Ozaki and Yu*  
 PRB (2006)

# Further Issues

## ✓ Rotational invariance and several different functional forms

$$E^U[\{n\}] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{m\}, \sigma} \{ \langle m, m'' | V_{ee} | m', m''' \rangle n_{mm'}^\sigma n_{m''m'''}^{-\sigma} \\ + (\langle m, m'' | V_{ee} | m', m''' \rangle \\ - \langle m, m'' | V_{ee} | m''', m' \rangle) n_{mm'}^\sigma n_{m''m'''}^\sigma \},$$

(So-called) fully localized limit:  
Liechtenstein et al. PRB (1995)

$$E_{\text{dc}}[\{n^\sigma\}] = \frac{1}{2} U n(n-1) - \frac{1}{2} J [n^\uparrow (n^\uparrow - 1) + n^\downarrow (n^\downarrow - 1)].$$

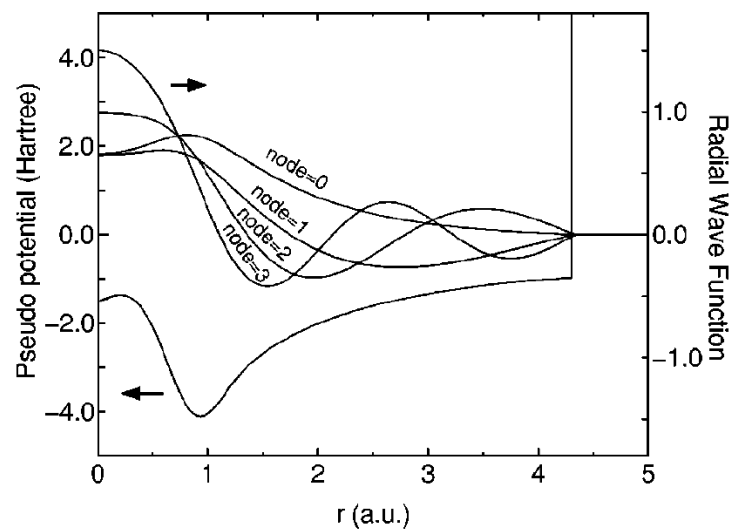
(So-called) around the mean field limit:  
Czyzyk et al. PRB (1994)

$$E^{\text{LSDA}+\text{AMF}} = E^{\text{LSDA}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m, m', \sigma} U_{mm'} (n_{m\sigma} - n_\sigma^0) \\ \times (n_{m'-\sigma} - n_{-\sigma}^0) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m, m', m \neq m', \sigma} (U_{mm'} - J_{mm'}) (n_{m\sigma} - n_\sigma^0) \\ \times (n_{m'\sigma} - n_\sigma^0). \quad (3)$$

# LDA+U based on LCPAO (1)

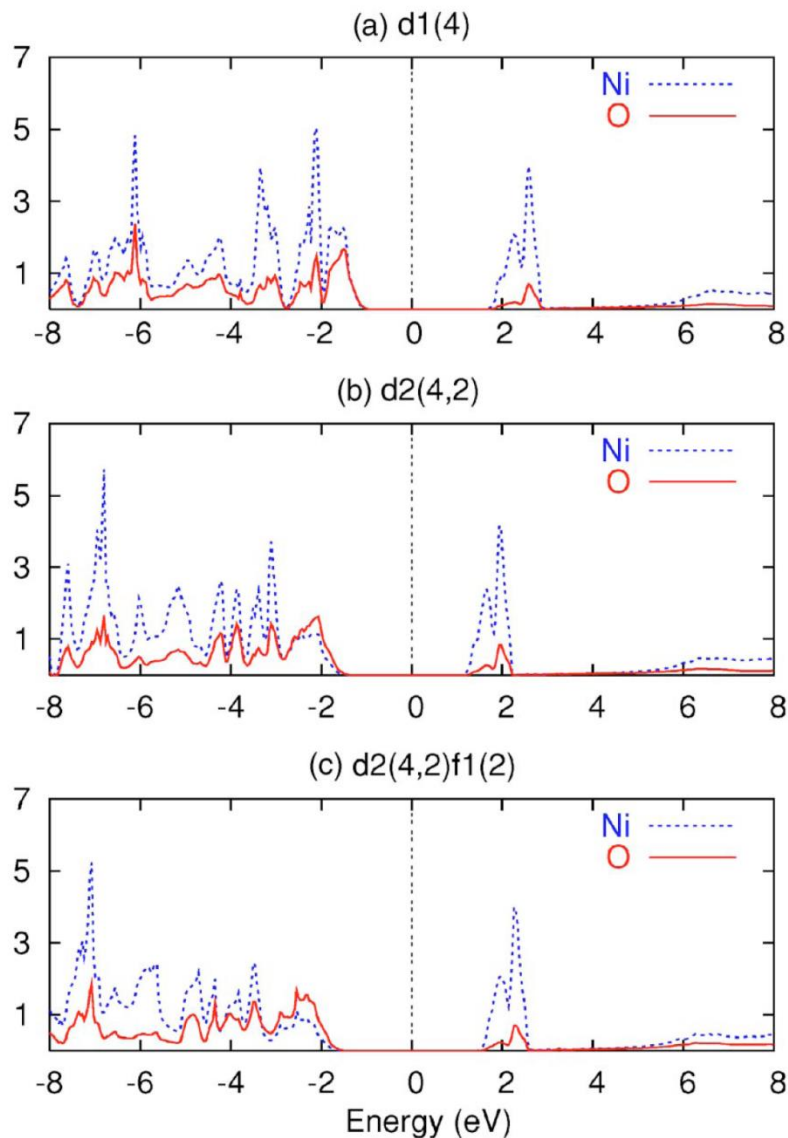
✓ Numerically generated (pseudo-) atomic orbital basis set:

Non-orthogonal multiple d-/f-orbitals with arbitrarily-chosen cutoff radii



T. Ozaki, Phys. Rev. B (2003)

MJH, Ozaki, Yu, Phys. Rev. B (2006)

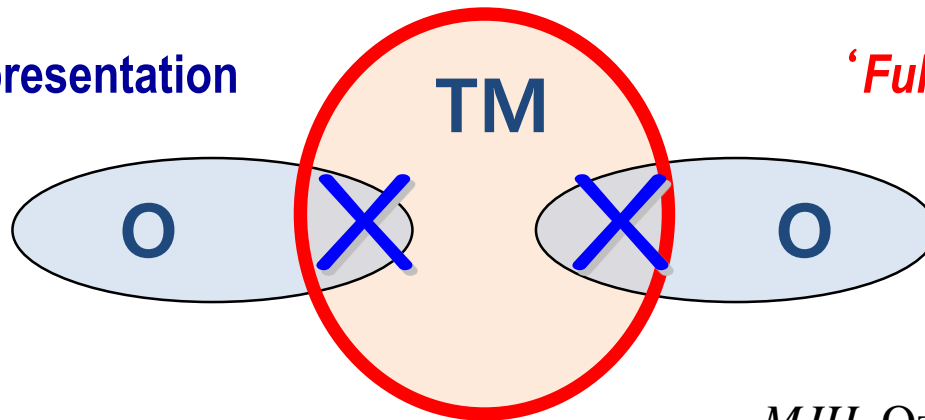


# LDA+U based on LCPAO (2)

✓ **Non-orthogonality and no guarantee for the sum rule**

See, for example, Pickett et al. PRB (1998)

'On-site' representation



'Full' representation

MJH, Ozaki, Yu, Phys. Rev. B (2006)

Proposed 'dual' representation:

$$\hat{\rho}_{smm'}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} (|s\tilde{m}\sigma\rangle\langle sm'\sigma| + |sm\sigma\rangle\langle s\tilde{m}'\sigma|)$$

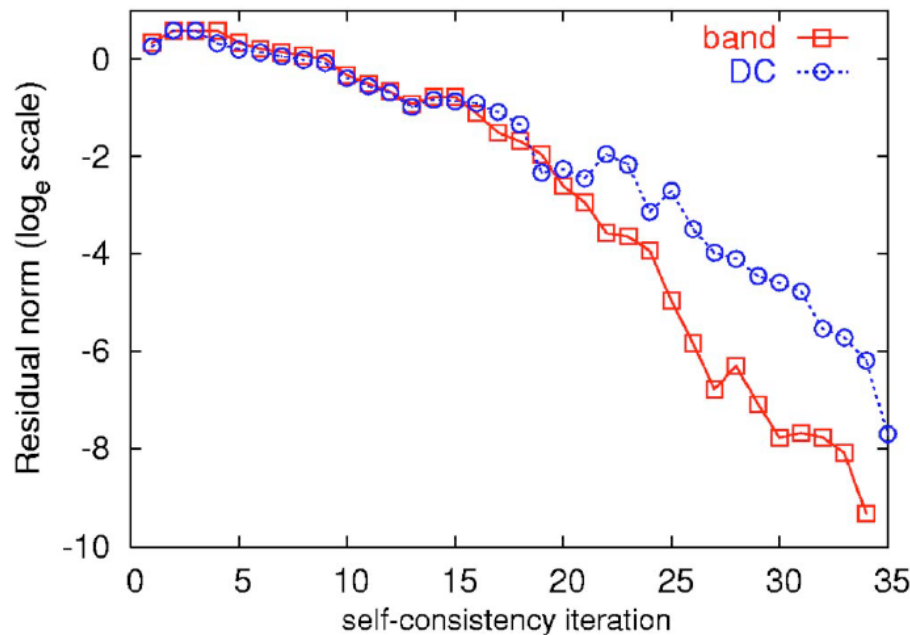
**Sum rule satisfied:**

$$\sum_{\sigma} Tr(n^{\sigma}) = \sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{2} [Tr(S\rho^{\sigma}) + Tr(\rho^{\sigma}S)] = N_{ele}$$

where  $n^{\sigma}$  is the density matrix.

# LDA+U based on LCPAO (3)

- ✓ LMTO: Anisimov et al. Phys. Rev. B (1991)
- ✓ FLAPW: Shick et al. Phys. Rev. B (1999)
- ✓ PAW: Bengone et al. Phys. Rev. B (2000)
- ✓ PP-PW: Sawada et al., (1997); Cococcioni et al., (2005)
- ✓ LCPAO and O(N) LDA+U: Large-scale correlated electron systems



*MJH, Ozaki, Yu,*  
Phys. Rev. B (2006)

# Limitations

- ✓ **How to determine the U and J values?**

No fully satisfactory way to determine the key parameters

c-LDA (e.g., Hybersen, Andersen, Anisimov et al 1980s, Cococcioni et al. 2005),  
c-RPA (Aryasetiawan, et al. 2004, 2006, 2008, Sasioglu 2011), m-RPA  
(Sakakibara, *MJH* et al. 2016)

- ✓ **How to define the double-counting energy functional?**

Fully-localized limit, Around-the-mean-field form, Simplified rotationally invariant form, etc

See, Anisimov et al. (1991); Czyzyk and Sawatzky (1994); Dudarev et al. (1998)

- ✓ **It is a static Hartree-Fock method**

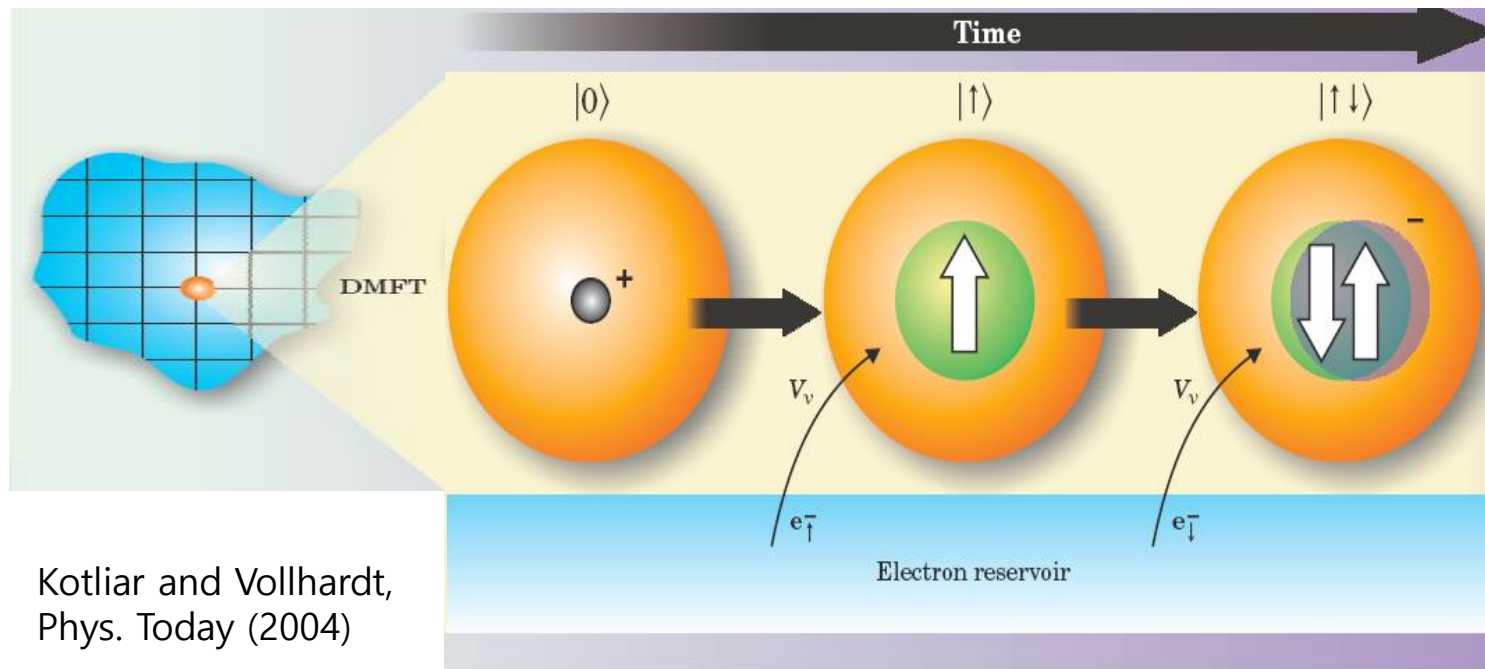
The correlation effect beyond this static limit cannot be captured

→ **Dynamical mean-field theory**



# Dynamical Correlation and DMFT

## ✓ Dynamical mean-field theory



Mapping 'Hubbard Hamiltonian' into 'Anderson Impurity Hamiltonian' plus 'self-consistent equation'

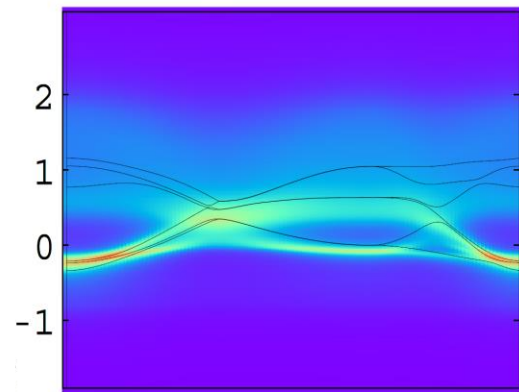
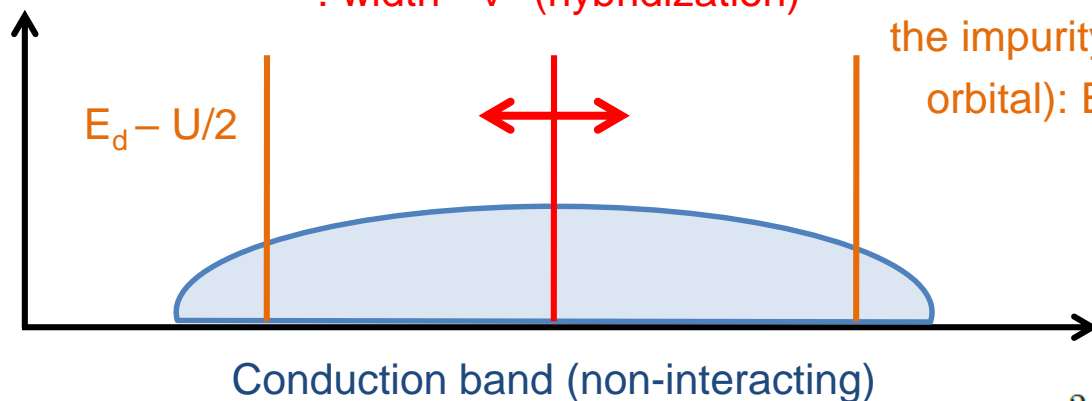
Georges and Kotliar Phys. Rev. B (1992)

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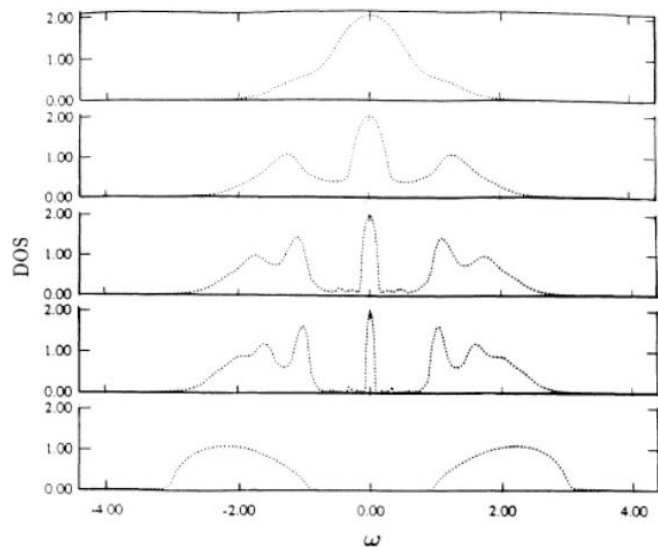
# DMFT Result

Impurity level (atomic-like)  
: width  $\sim V^2$  (hybridization)

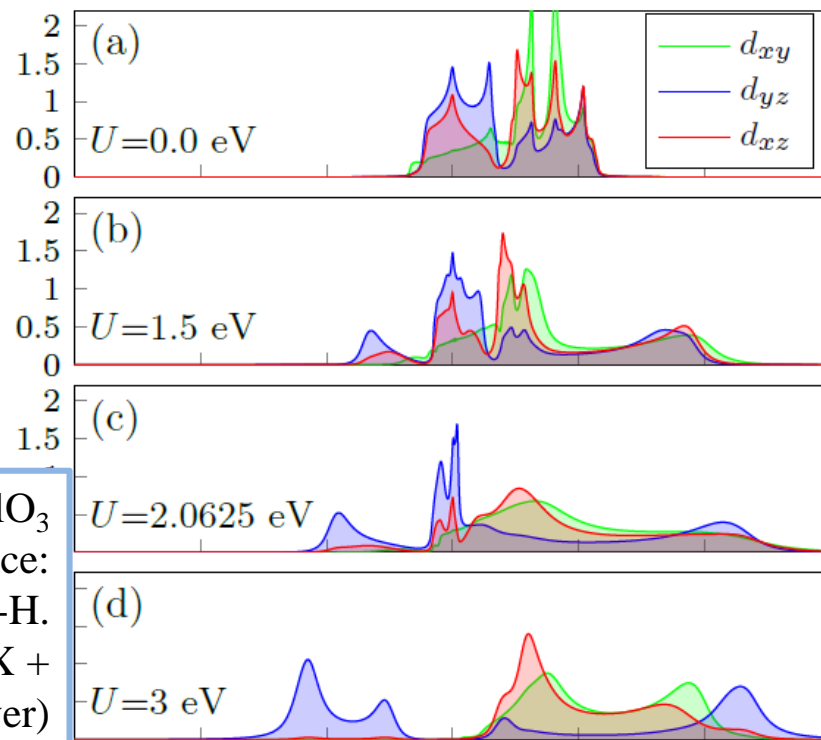
On-site correlation at  
the impurity site (or  
orbital):  $E_d + U/2$



Zhang et al., PRL (1993)



LaTiO<sub>3</sub>/LaAlO<sub>3</sub>  
superlattice:  
calculated by J.-H.  
Sim (OpenMX +  
ALPS-DMFT solver)



# Comparison

## LDA

No on-site correlation  
(homogeneous electron gas)

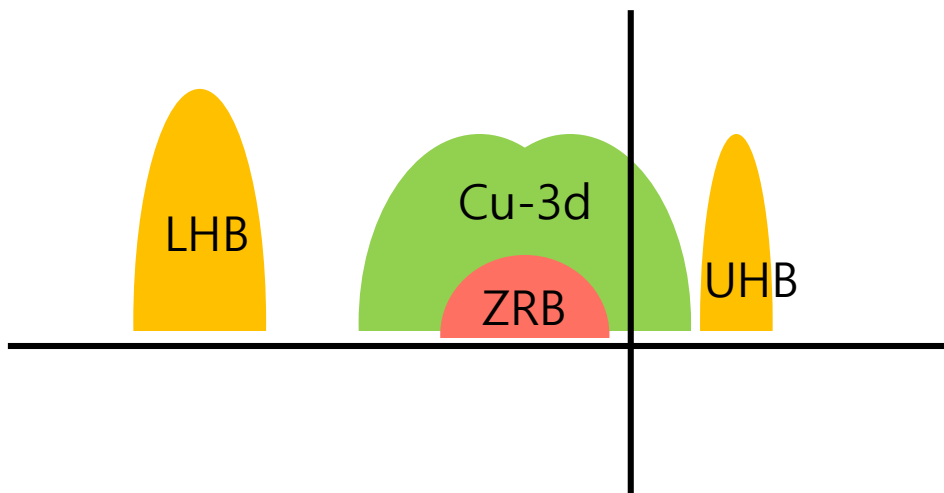
## LDA+U

Hubbard-U correlation  
Static approximation

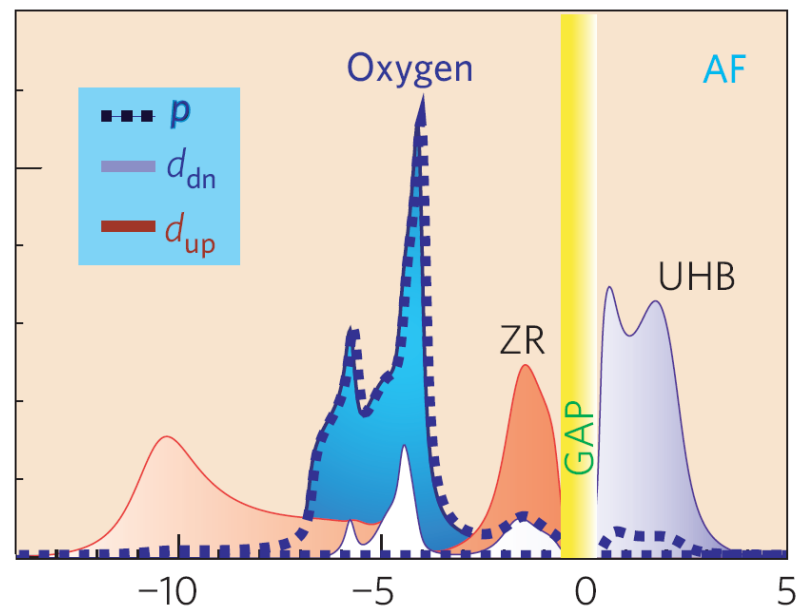
## LDA+DMFT

Hubbard-U correlation  
Dynamic correlation

## Application to high- $T_c$ cuprate



Weber et al., Nature Phys. (2010)

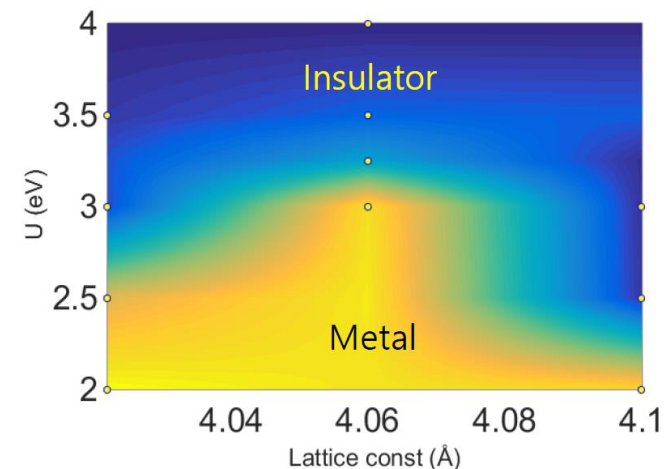
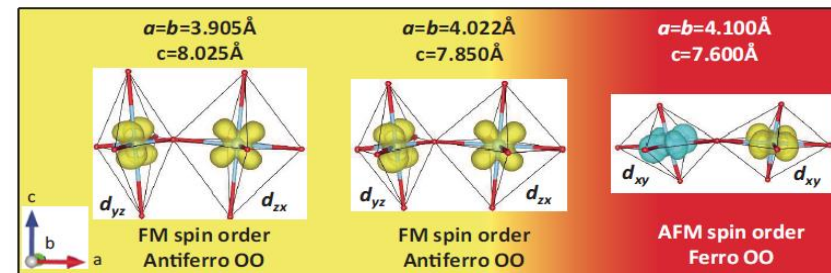
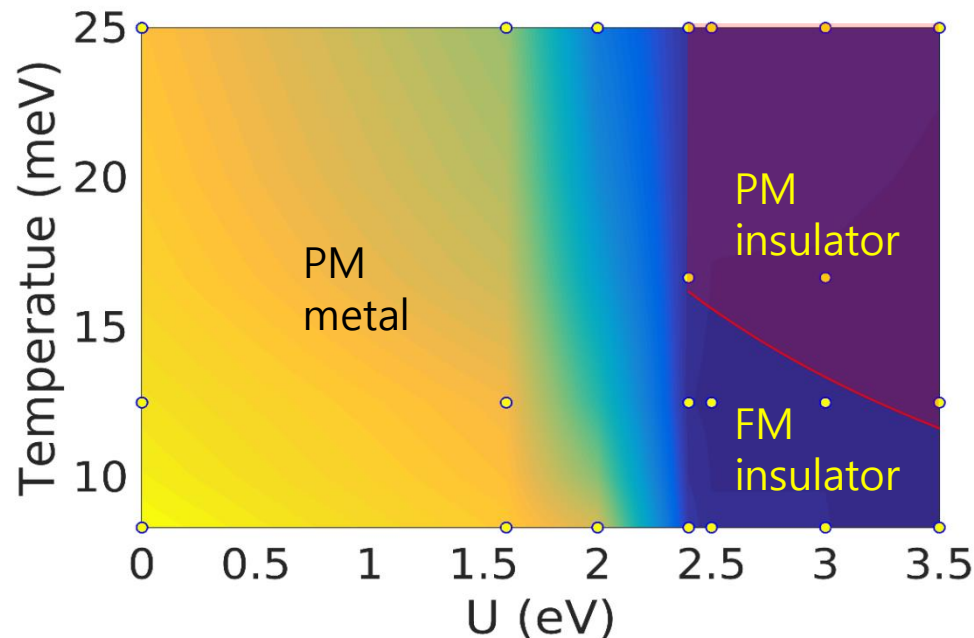


# LDA+U and DMFT

✓ LDA+U is the static (Hartree) approximation of DMFT :

- Temperature dependency
- Electronic property near the phase boundary
- Paramagnetic insulating and correlated metallic phase

LaTiO<sub>3</sub>/LaAlO<sub>3</sub> superlattice: calculated by J.-H. Sim (OpenMX + ALPS-DMFT solver)



# Other Methods

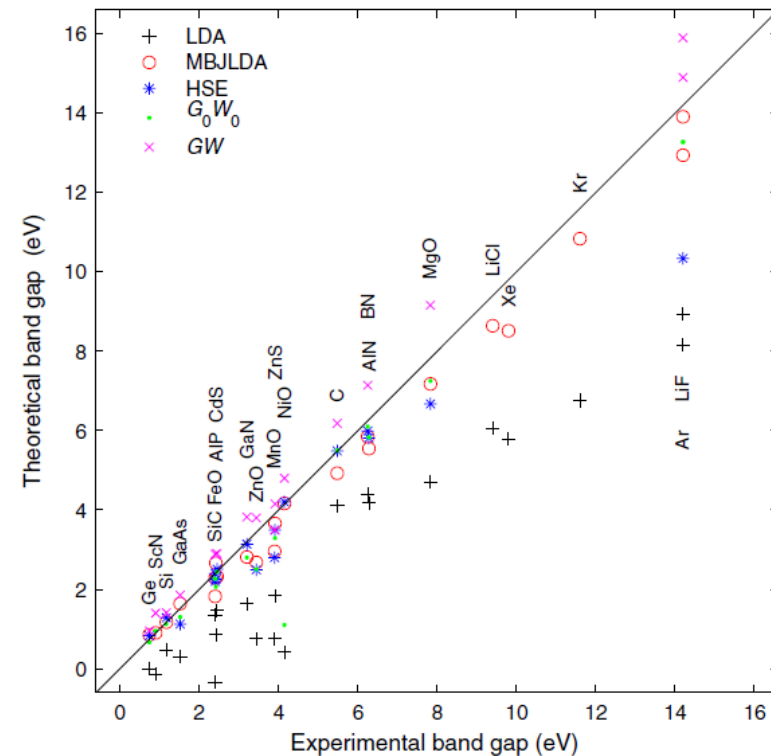
## ✓ Hybrid functionals, self-interaction correction, etc

- Inclusion of atomic nature can always be helpful
- ‘Controllability’ versus ‘parameter-free’-ness
- Hidden parameters (or factors)
- Computation cost (→ relaxation etc)

## ✓ (Self-consistent) GW

- Parameter-free way to include the well-defined self energy
- No way to calculate total energy, force,...etc
- Fermi liquid limit

Tran and Blaha,  
PRL (2009)



# PART 2

## Purpose:

- ✓ *Introducing recent progress on understanding LDA+U functionals*

## Contents:

- ✓ *LDA+U functionals reformulated*
- ✓ *Comparison of LDA+U with LSDA+U*
- ✓ *Case studies and Perspective*

## Suggested Reading:

*S. Ryee and MJH, Sci. Rep. (2018)*

*S. Ryee and MJH, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter. (2018)*

*S. W. Jang et al., arXiv:1803.00213*

*J. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. B (2015)*

*H. Park et al., Phys. Rev. B (2015)*

*H. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. B (2016)*

# DFT+U (or +DMFT) Formalism: Basic Idea

$$E^{\text{DFT}+U}[\rho^\sigma, \mathbf{n}^\sigma] = E^{\text{DFT}}[\rho^\sigma] + E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - E^{\text{dc}}$$

where  $E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma]$  : Hubbard-type on-site interaction term

$E^{\text{dc}}$  : (conceptually) the same interaction energy in LDA/GGA

# DFT+U (or +DMFT) Formalism: The Issue (1)

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- $E^{\text{int}}$  : Expression, basis-set dependence, rotational invariance,... etc
- $E^{\text{dc}}$  : No well-established prescription

→ FLL (fully localized limit) vs AMF (around the mean field)

Anisimov, Solovyev *et al.*, PRB (1993)

Czyzyk & Sawatzky, PRB (1994)

Liechtenstein *et al.*, PRB (1995)

Petukhov, Mazin *et al.*, PRB (2003)

Pourovskii, Amadon *et al.*, PRB (2007)

Amadon, Lechermann *et al.*, PRB (2008)

Karolak *et al.*, J. Electron Spectrosc. Relat. Phenom. (2010)

X. Wang, *MJH et al.*, PRB (2012)

H. Park, Millis, Marianetti, PRB (2014)

Haule, PRL (2015)

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# DFT+U (or +DMFT) Formalism: The Issue (2)

$$E^{\text{DFT+U}}[\rho^\sigma, \mathbf{n}^\sigma] = \boxed{E^{\text{DFT}}[\rho^\sigma]} + E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - E^{\text{dc}}$$

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- $E^{\text{DFT}}$  : *charge-only-density* XC (LDA) or *spin-density* XC (LSDA) ??

## CDFT+U

Anisimov et al., PRB (1991)  
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Solovyev et al., PRB (1994)

## SDFT+U

Czyzyk et al., PRB (1994)  
Liechtenstein et al., PRB (1995)  
Dudarev et al., PRB (1998)

# Recent Case Studies

## No systematic formal analysis on this fundamental issue (Some case studies and internal agreement in DMFT community)

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### Density functional plus dynamical mean-field theory of the spin-crossover molecule $\text{Fe}(\text{phen})_2(\text{NCS})_2$

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### Spin-density functional theories and their $+U$ and $+J$ extensions: A comparative study of transition metals and transition metal oxides

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Previous work on the physical content of exchange-correlation functionals that depend on both charge and spin densities is extended to elemental transition metals and a wider range of perovskite transition metal oxides. A comparison of spectra and magnetic moments calculated using charge-only and spin-dependent exchange-correlation functionals as well as their  $+U$  and  $+J$  extensions confirms previous conclusions that the spin-dependent part of the exchange-correlation functional provides an effective Hund’s interaction acting on the transition metal  $d$  orbitals. For the local spin density approximation and spin-dependent generalized gradient approximation in the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof parametrization, the effective Hund’s exchange implied by the spin dependence of the exchange correlation functional is found to be larger than 1 eV. The results indicate that at least as far as applications to transition metals and their oxides are concerned,  $+U$ ,  $+J$ , and  $+dynamical-$

# The Issue Formulated

- **Total energy; CDFT+U and SDFT+U**

$$E^{\text{CDFT}+U} = T_s[\rho^\sigma] + \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})\rho + E_{\text{HXC}}[\rho] + E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - E^{\text{dc}}[N]$$

$$E^{\text{SDFT}+U} = T_s[\rho^\sigma] + \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})\rho + E_{\text{HXC}}[\rho^\sigma] + E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - E^{\text{dc}}[N^\sigma]$$

where  $E^{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{m_i\}, \sigma, \sigma'} n_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma \{ \underbrace{\langle m_1, m_3 | V_{ee} | m_2, m_4 \rangle}_{\text{Coulomb interaction tensor using two input parameters; } U \text{ and } J} - \underbrace{\langle m_1, m_3 | V_{ee} | m_4, m_2 \rangle}_{\text{Coulomb interaction tensor using two input parameters; } U \text{ and } J} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \} n_{m_3 m_4}^{\sigma'}$

**The choice of XC functional:  
charge-only (LDA/GGA) or spin (LSDA/SGGA)**

CDFT(LDA) +U

SDFT(LSDA) +U



**The expression of interactions  
(including double counting)**

FLL (fully localized limit)

AMF (around mean-field)

Lichtenstein et al., PRB (1995)

Dudarev et al., PRB (1998)

Anisimov et al., PRB (1991)

# 'FLL (fully localized limit)' Formalism

S. Ryee and MJH,  
Sci. Rep. (2018)

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- **Potential**

$$V_{m_1 m_2}^{U,\sigma} = \delta E^U / \delta n_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma = \delta(E^{\text{int}} - E^{\text{dc}}) / \delta n_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma = V_{m_1 m_2}^{\text{int},\sigma} - V_{m_1 m_2}^{\text{dc},\sigma}$$

- **FLL formulations: cFLL (CDFT+U version) and sFLL (SDFT+U version)**

$$E^{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{m_i\}, \sigma, \sigma'} n_{m_1}^\sigma \left\{ \underbrace{\langle m_1, m_2 | V_{ee} | m_1, m_2 \rangle}_{\text{direct interaction}} - \underbrace{\langle m_1, m_2 | V_{ee} | m_2, m_1 \rangle}_{\text{exchange interaction}} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \right\} n_{m_2}^{\sigma'}$$

## cFLL

$$E_{\text{cFLL}}^{\text{dc}} = \frac{1}{2} U N(N-1) - J \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{N}{2} - 1 \right)$$

$$V_{\text{cFLL}, m_1 m_2}^{\text{dc}, \sigma} = \left\{ U \left( N - \frac{1}{2} \right) - J \left( \frac{N}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \delta_{m_1 m_2}$$

## sFLL

$$E_{\text{sFLL}}^{\text{dc}} = \frac{1}{2} U N(N-1) - J \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{N}{2} - 1 \right) - \frac{1}{4} J M^2$$

$$V_{\text{sFLL}, m_1 m_2}^{\text{dc}, \sigma} = \left\{ U \left( N - \frac{1}{2} \right) - J \left( N^\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \delta_{m_1 m_2}$$

- ✓ sFLL double counting with  $-\frac{1}{4} J M^2$  : in competition with spin-density XC energy
- ✓ Double counting potential: cFLL (spin-independent) vs sFLL (spin-dependent)

# 'AMF (around mean-field)' Formalism

S. Ryee and MJH,  
Sci. Rep. (2018)

- **Total energy; CDFT+U and SDFT+U**

$$E^{\text{CDFT+U}} = T_s[\rho^\sigma] + \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})\rho + E_{\text{HXC}}[\rho] + E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - E^{\text{dc}}[N]$$

$$E^{\text{SDFT+U}} = T_s[\rho^\sigma] + \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})\rho + E_{\text{HXC}}[\rho^\sigma] + E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - E^{\text{dc}}[N^\sigma]$$

- **Potential**

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- **AMF formulations: cAMF (CDFT+U version) and sAMF (SDFT+U version)**

$$E_{\text{AMF}}^U = E_{\text{AMF}}^{\text{int}} - E_{\text{AMF}}^{\text{dc}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{m_i\}, \sigma, \sigma'} \tilde{n}_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma \left\{ \underbrace{\langle m_1, m_3 | V_{ee} | m_2, m_4 \rangle}_{\text{direct interaction}} - \underbrace{\langle m_1, m_3 | V_{ee} | m_4, m_2 \rangle}_{\text{exchange interaction}} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \right\} \tilde{n}_{m_3 m_4}^{\sigma'}$$

**cAMF**

$$\tilde{n}_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma = n_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma - \frac{1}{2(2l+1)} (N \delta_{m_1 m_2})$$

**sAMF**

$$\tilde{n}_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma = n_{m_1 m_2}^\sigma - \frac{1}{2(2l+1)} (N + \text{sgn}(\sigma)M) \delta_{m_1 m_2}$$

- ✓ In cAMF/sAMF, the interaction is described by the fluctuation w.r.t. the average *charge/spin* occupation (double counting implicit).

# Analysis (1): Energetics

✓ cFLL:  $E^{U+XC} \equiv E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{2}UN(N-1) - J\frac{N}{2}\left(\frac{N}{2}-1\right) \right]}{\text{cFLL dc}}$

$N$ : # of electrons in correlated subspace

$M$ : mag. mom.

✓ sFLL:  $E^{U+XC} \equiv E^{\text{int}}[\mathbf{n}^\sigma] - \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{2}UN(N-1) - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\sigma} N^{\sigma}(N^{\sigma}-1) \right] - IM^2/4}{\text{sFLL dc}}$

- Spin-polarization energy of LDA/GGA is also present in SDFT+U (but not in CDFT+U)

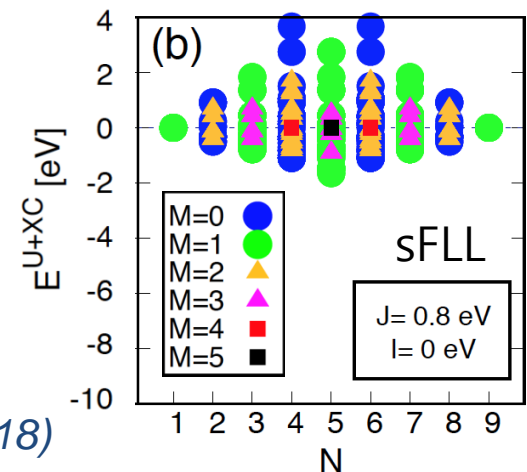
✓ Represented by **Stoner  $I$**  (in general material dependent)

(cf) In general, for real materials,  $I_{\text{SGGA}} > I_{\text{LSDA}}$ . See, for example, S. Ryee and MJH, Sci. Rep. (2017)

- “Model”  $d$ -shell electronic configurations

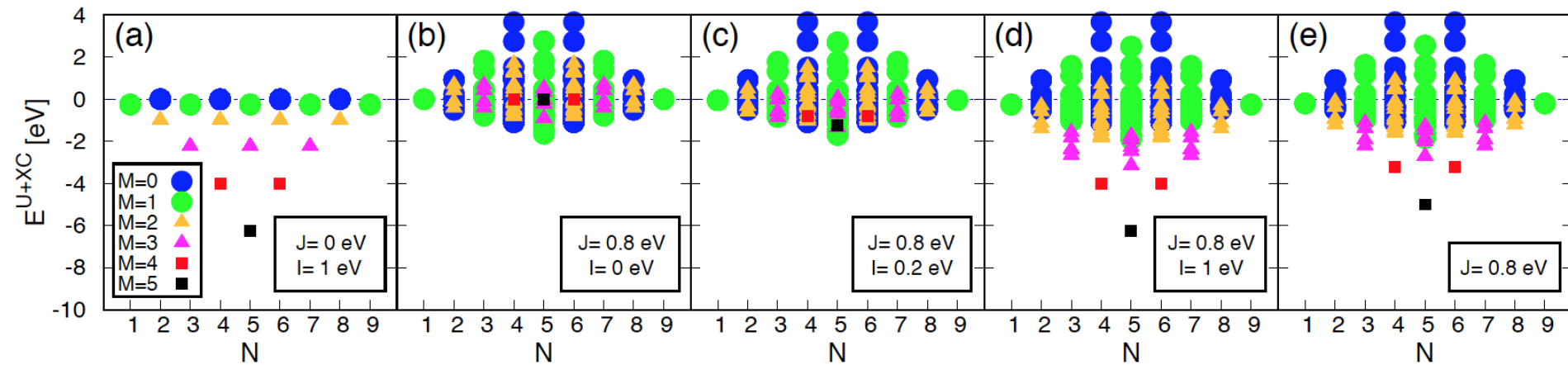
✓ All possible integer-occupancy configurations  
e.g.)  ${}_{10}C_5 = 252$  configurations for 5 electrons

✓ Hund  $J$  and Stoner  $I$  used as the control parameters



S. Ryee and MJH, Sci. Rep. (2018)

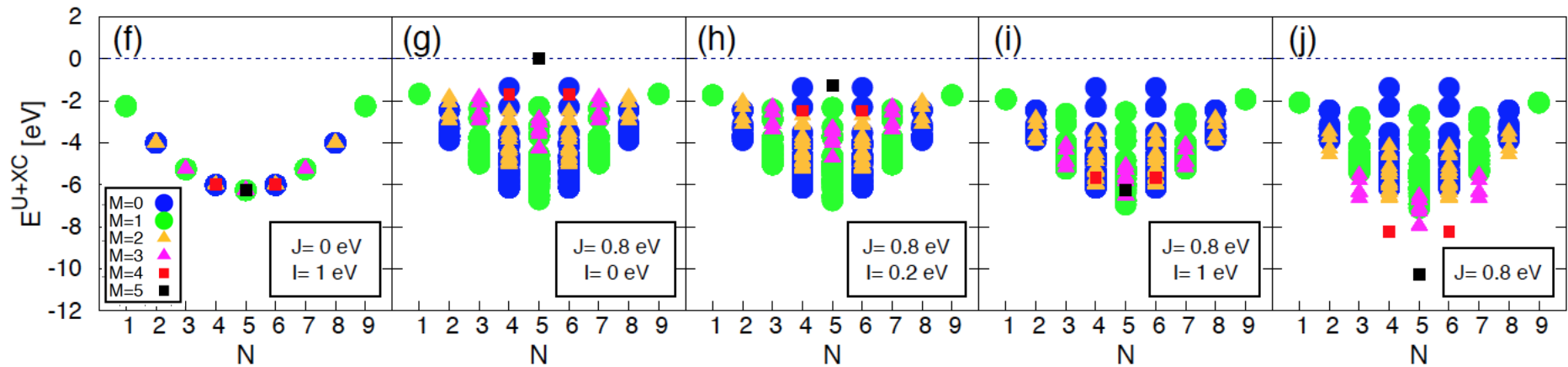
# Analysis (1): Energetics (FLL)



\*  $U = 5$  eV    \* (a) – (d): sFLL    (e): cFLL

- ✓ **cFLL (charge-only density functional formulation)**
  - **The moment formation is favored as  $J$  increases.**
- ✓ **sFLL (spin-density functional formulation)**
  - **$J$  in competition with  $I_{\text{Stoner}}$  : even for sufficiently large  $J$ , high-spin state can be unfavored.**

# Analysis (1): Energetics (AMF)



\*  $U = 5$  eV   \* (f) – (i): sAMF   (j): cAMF

**cAMF** → The moment formation is favored as  $J$  increases.

**sFLL** →  $J$  in competition with  $I_{\text{Stoner}}$  : high-spin state is hardly favored.

**sDFT+U (based on spin-density XC) can easily give *unphysical* electronic and magnetic solutions...!  
(consistent with the previous case studies)**



## Analysis (2): Potentials

- **J-only contribution of DFT+U potential:**

$$\tilde{V}_{J,m_1}^{\text{int},\sigma} = \sum_{m_2,\sigma'} \{ \langle m_1, m_2 | V_{J,ee} | m_1, m_2 \rangle - \langle m_1, m_2 | V_{J,ee} | m_2, m_1 \rangle \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \} n_{m_2}^{\sigma'}$$

J-only (excluding U-related terms) contribution to the Coulomb interaction tensor:

$$\langle m_1, m_2 | V_{J,ee} | m_1, m_2 \rangle = \sum_{\{m'_i\}} \left[ S_{m_1 m'_1} S_{m_2 m'_3} \left\{ \sum_{k \neq 0} \alpha_k(m'_1, m'_3, m'_2, m'_4) F^k \right\} S_{m'_2 m_1}^{-1} S_{m'_4 m_2}^{-1} \right]$$

$\alpha_k$ : Racah-Wigner numbers  
 $F^k$ : Slater integrals

### CDFT+U

$$\tilde{V}_{\text{cFLL},m}^{U,\sigma} = \tilde{V}_{J,m}^{\text{int},\sigma} + J \left( \frac{N}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{V}_{\text{cAMF},m}^{U,\sigma} = \tilde{V}_{J,m}^{\text{int},\sigma} + J \left( \frac{2l}{2l+1} \frac{N}{2} \right)$$



**spin-independent ‘d-c’ potentials**

### SDFT+U

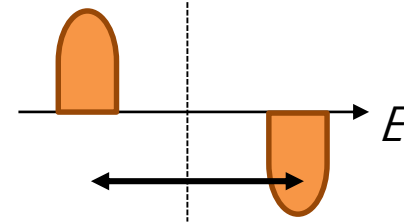
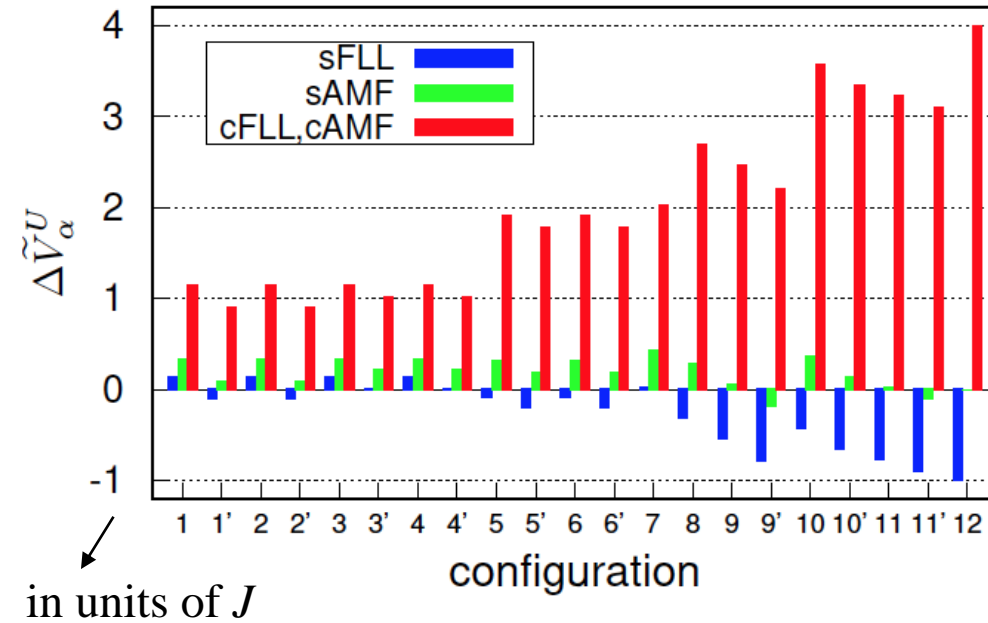
$$\tilde{V}_{\text{sFLL},m}^{U,\sigma} = \tilde{V}_{J,m}^{\text{int},\sigma} + J \left( N^\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{V}_{\text{sAMF},m}^{U,\sigma} = \tilde{V}_{J,m}^{\text{int},\sigma} + J \left( \frac{2l}{2l+1} N^\sigma \right)$$

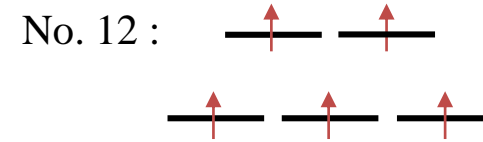
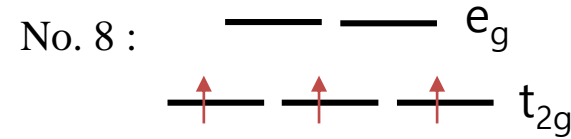


**spin-dependent ‘d-c’ potentials**

# Analysis (2): Potentials



$$\Delta \tilde{V}_\alpha^U \equiv \tilde{V}_\alpha^{U,\downarrow} - \tilde{V}_\alpha^{U,\uparrow} : \text{J-induced spin-splitting}$$



$$V_{\text{cFLL},m_1m_2}^{\text{dc},\sigma} = \left\{ U \left( N - \frac{1}{2} \right) - J \left( \frac{N}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \delta_{m_1m_2}$$

$$V_{\text{sFLL},m_1m_2}^{\text{dc},\sigma} = \left\{ U \left( N - \frac{1}{2} \right) - J \left( N^\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \delta_{m_1m_2} : \text{competes with XC spin splitting } \sim IM$$

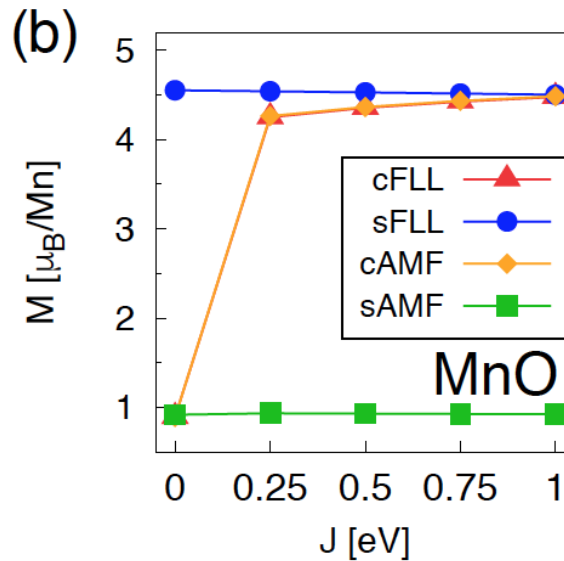
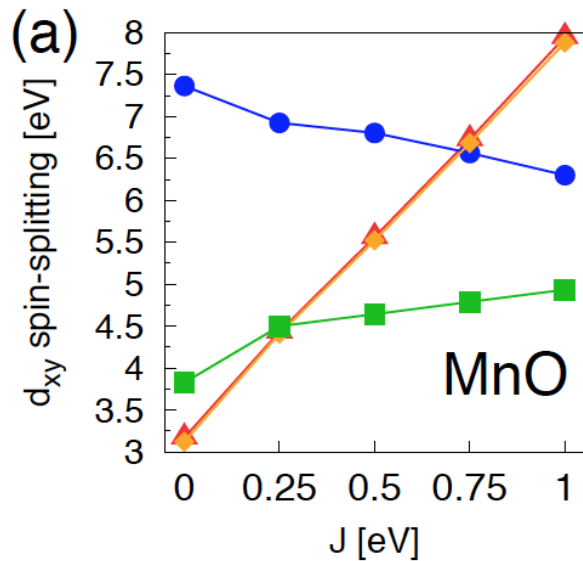


In **CDFT+U**, the spin splitting is nothing to do with double counting.

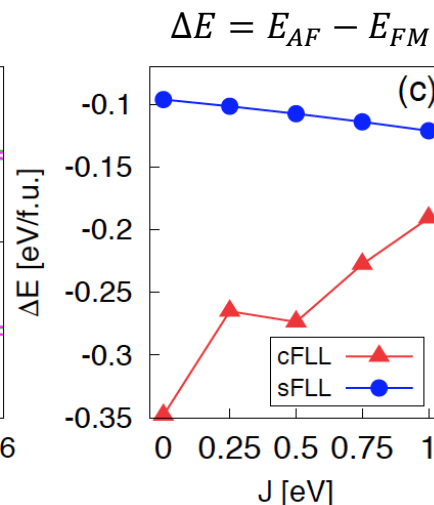
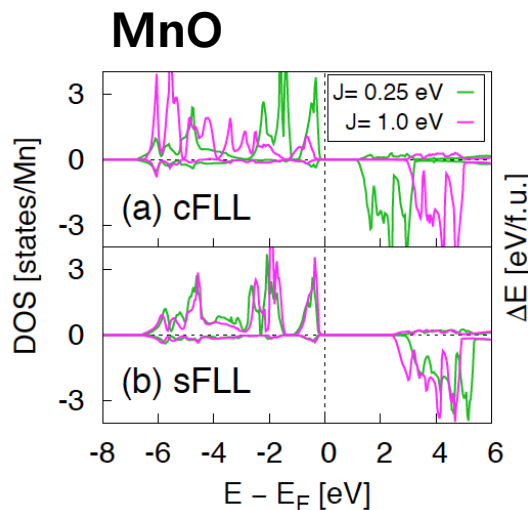


In **SDFT+U**, the double-counting potential is not cancelled out by SDFT contribution ( $\sim IM$ ): Ambiguity in describing spectral property.

# Application to real materials: MnO and NiO



- **cFLL** and **cAMF** : Low-spin to high-spin transition is well described as a function of  $J$ , which is not the case for sFLL and sAMF.



(cf) For half-filled  $d$ -shell,

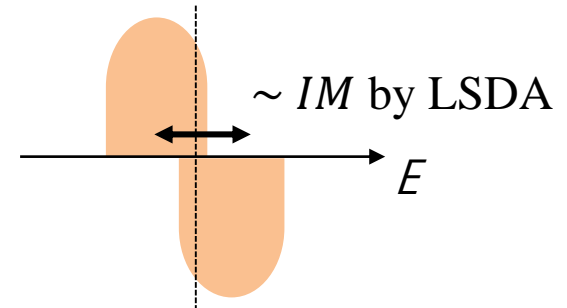
$$J_{ex} \sim -\frac{t^2}{U + 4J}$$

# Application to real materials: BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub> (AF metal)

- LSDA overestimates the moments of Fe-pnictides (Exp.  $\sim 1 \mu_B$ )

System	Moment	$J_{1a}$	$J_2$	$J_{1b}$	$J_{1a}/2J_2$	$J_{1a} + 2J_2$
LaFeAsO	1.69	47.4	22.4	-6.9	1.06	92.2
CeFeAsO	1.79	31.6	15.4	2.0	1.03	62.4
PrFeAsO	1.76	57.2	18.2	3.4	1.57	93.6
NdFeAsO	1.49	42.1	15.2	-1.7	1.38	72.5
CaFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	1.51	36.6	19.4	-2.8	0.95	75.4
SrFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	1.69	42.0	16.0	2.6	1.31	74.0
BaFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	1.68	43.0	14.3	-3.1	1.51	71.5
KFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	1.58	42.5	15.0	-2.9	1.42	72.5
LiFeAs	1.69	43.4	22.9	-2.5	0.95	89.2

M. J. Han et al., PRL (2009)



large  $I$  in LSDA  $\rightarrow$  large moment

- 1) Empirical way of accounting for spin-fluctuations;  $I_R \sim sI$

L. Ortenzi et al., PRL (2015)

J. Lischner et al., PRB (2015)

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S. Rye and MJH, arXiv:1709.03214

- 2) Using *negative* U in sFLL

M. Yi et al., PRB (2009)

H. Nakamura et al., Physica C (2009)

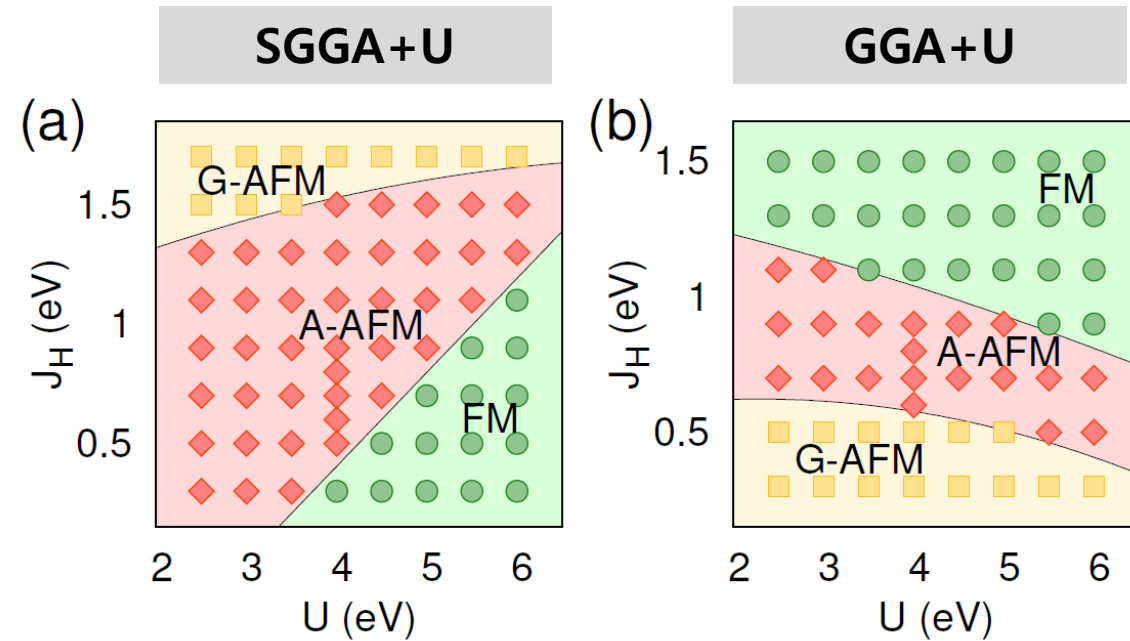
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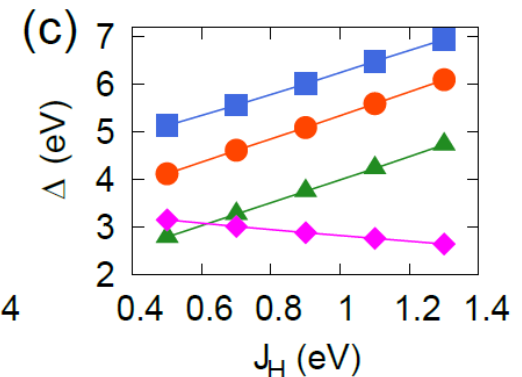
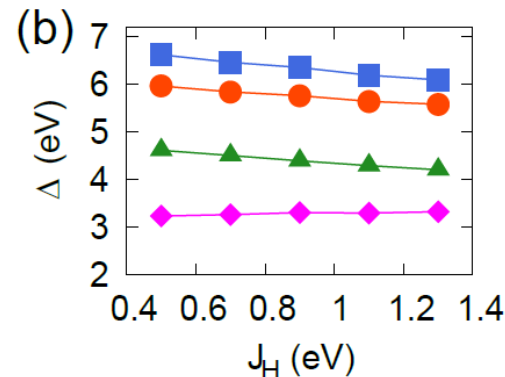
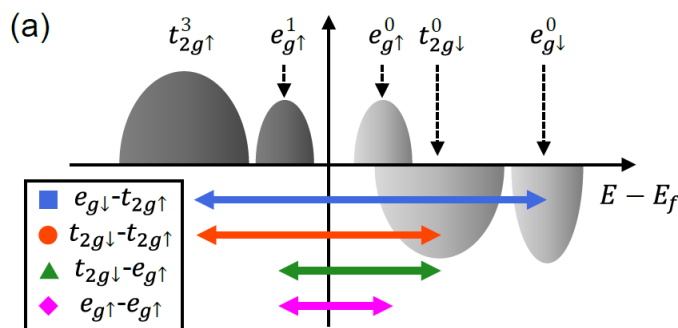
$U$ [eV]	$J$ [eV]	DM	$M^{\text{cFLL}}$ [ $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ ]	$M^{\text{sFLL}}$ [ $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ ]
2.3	0.3	dual	0.94	2.82
		full	0.29	2.63
	0.5	dual	1.78	2.77
		full	0.75	2.59
	0.7	dual	2.34	2.73
		full	1.33	2.56

# Application to real materials: $\text{LaMnO}_3$

S. W. Jang et al, arXiv:1803.00213

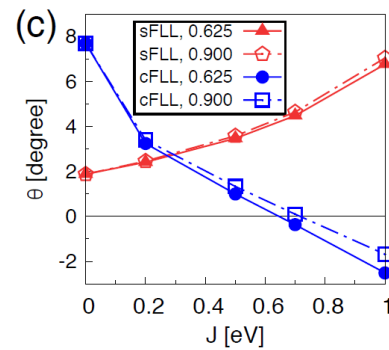
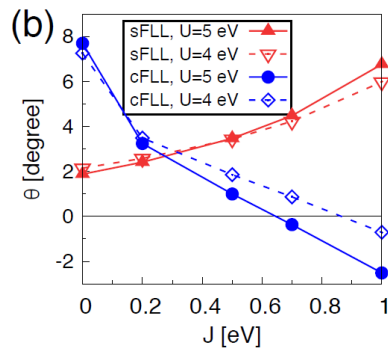
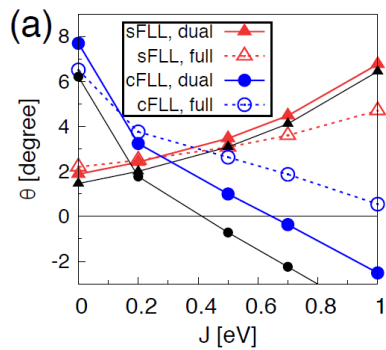
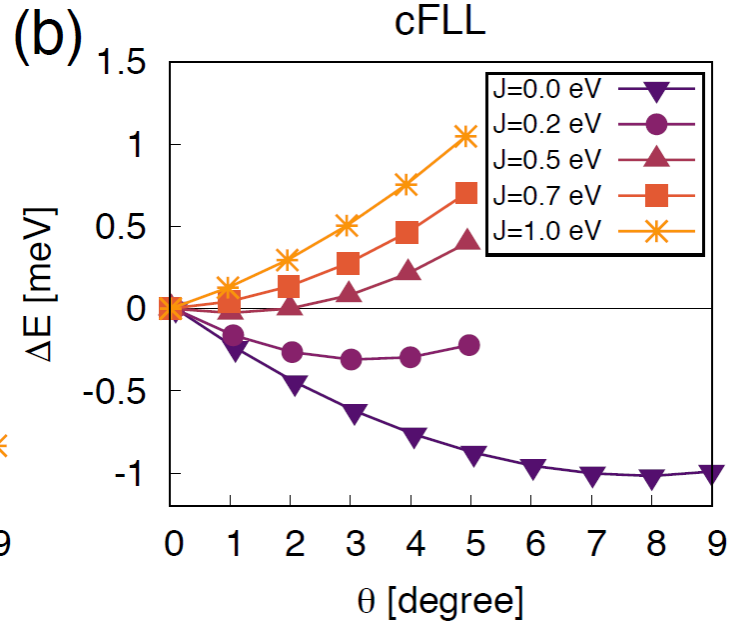
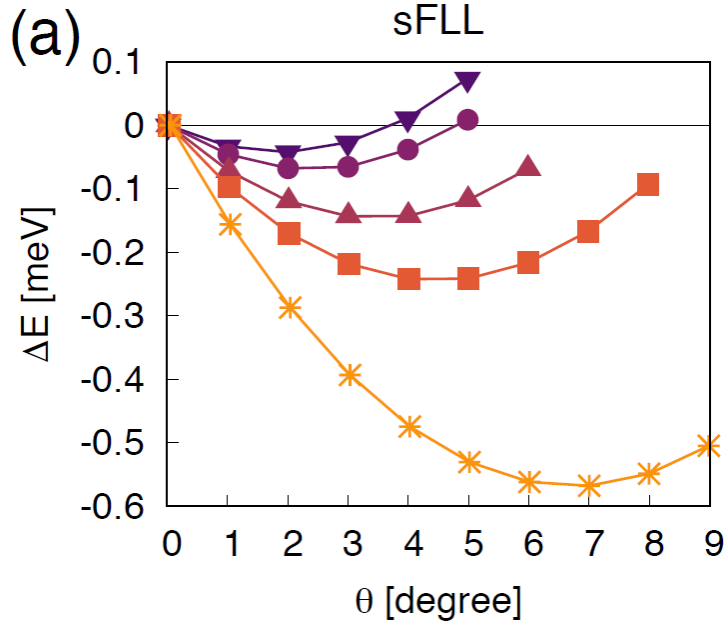


The first CDFT+U calculation for this classical material. The detailed electronic structure and orbital-dependent magnetic interaction analyzed.



# The Case for Non-collinear Orders

S. Ryee and MJH, *J. Phys. CM* (2018)



# Summary and Perspective (Part 2)

✓ Formal analysis clearly shows that the use of spin-density XC functionals in combination with +U or +DMFT can easily lead to unphysical and uncontrollable errors.

✓ As a rule of thumb, cDFT+U with FLL double counting can be recommended.

✓ For non-collinear magnetism, further analysis and development are certainly requested. Probably also for other issues like RKKY-type magnetism.