Relativistic effects and non-colliear DFT

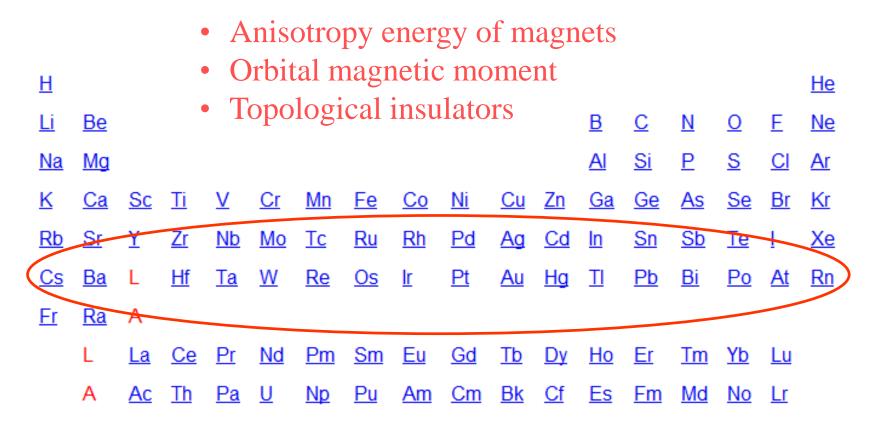
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Relativistic effects

- Difference between Schrodinger and Dirac equations
- Large for heavy elements
- Correct prediction of d-band which is important for catalysts
- Spin-orbit coupling leading to many interesting physics:



Dirac equation

Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Under the Lorentz transformation, the equation is invariant.
 - e.g., in case two coordinate systems move with a relative velocity v along x-direction

$$x = \frac{x' + vt'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \qquad y = y' \qquad z = z' \qquad t = \frac{t' + \frac{v}{c^2}x'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

- It contains the first order derivatives with respect to space and time.
- It includes spin automatically without ad-hoc treatments.

Equations for atom

Schrodinger equation

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{2r^2} + V\right]P_{nl} = \varepsilon_{nl}P_{nl}$$

Dirac equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2M(r)} \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)} \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{d}{dr} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)} \frac{\kappa}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} - \frac{\kappa(\kappa+1)}{r^2} \right) + V \end{bmatrix} G_{nlj} = \varepsilon_{nlj} G_{nlj}$$

$$j = l - \frac{1}{2} \quad \kappa = l \qquad \text{Degeneracy: } 2l \qquad a \equiv 1/c \text{ (1/137.036 in a.u.)}.$$

$$j = l + \frac{1}{2} \quad \kappa = -(l+1) \qquad \text{Degeneracy: } 2(l+1) \qquad M(r) = 1 + \frac{a^2(\varepsilon_{nlj} - V)}{2}.$$

Scalar relativistic equation

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2M(r)}\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)}\frac{dV}{dr}\frac{d}{dr} - \frac{a^2}{2M(r)}\frac{1}{r}\frac{dV}{dr}\right) + V\right]G_{nlj} = \varepsilon_{nlj}G_{nlj}$$

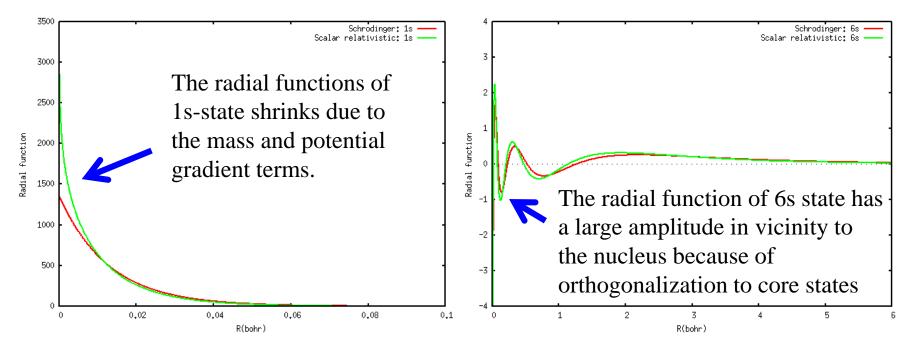
By considering the degeneracy, a mean κ can be calculated as

$$\kappa_{\rm av} = \frac{l \times 2l - (l+1) \times 2(l+1)}{2l + 2(l+1)} = -1$$

By inserting the mean κ into the Dirac eq., one can derive the scalar relativistic equation.

1s and 6s radial functions of Pt atom

Red:SchrodingerGreen:Scalar relativistic

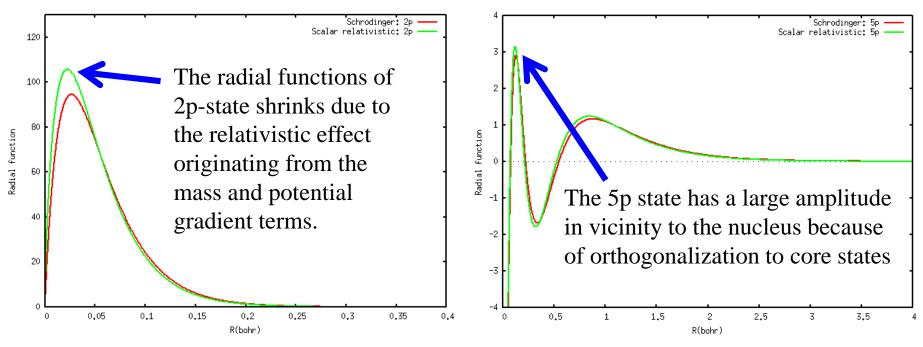


Relativistic effect for s-states:

All the s-states shrink due to the mass and potential gradient terms.

2p and 5p radial functions of Pt atom

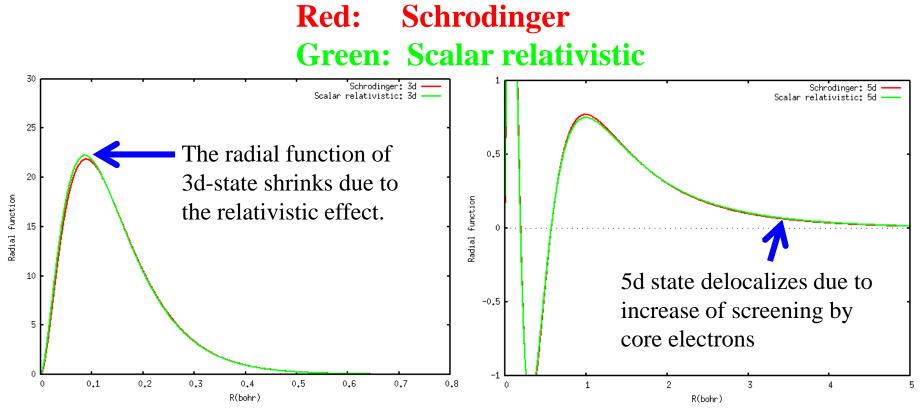
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Relativistic effect for p-states:

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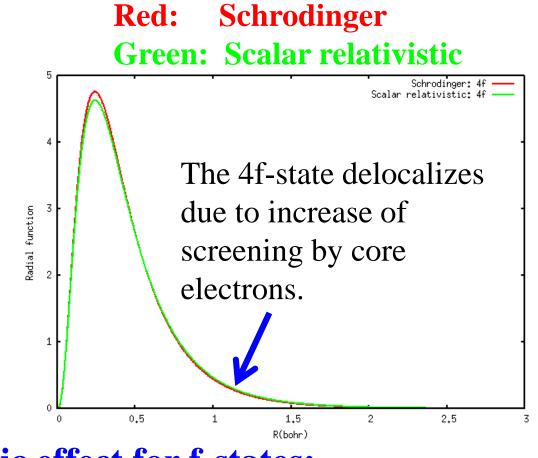
3d and 5d radial functions of Pt atom



Relativistic effect for d-states:

There is a competition between the relativistic effect and screening effect by core electrons. In case of the 5d-state, the screening effect is larger than the former.

4f radial function of Pt atom



Relativistic effect for f-states:

The screening effect is dominant, resulting in delocalization of f-states.

Eigenvalues of Pt atom

Eigenvalues (Hartree) of atomic platinum calculated by the Schrödinger equation, a scalar relativistic treatment, and a fully relativistic treatment of Dirac equation within GGA to DFT.

state	sch	sdirac	dirac	
			j=l+1/2	j=l-1/2
1s	-2612.2560	-2876.3416	-2868.8969	
2s	-434.7956	-505.1706	-503.1143	
2p	-418.0254	-438.1804	-419.1547	-482.3721
3s	-101.2589	-118.6671	-118.0772	
Зр	-93.3171	-99.1367	-94.8406	-108.7310
3d	-78.3951	-77.8404	-76.1768	-79.1659
4s	-21.1326	-25.4989	-25.3346	
4p	-17.7166	-19.0862	-18.0570	-21.3626
4d	-11.4203	-11.2646	-10.9124	-11.5257
4f	-3.0221	-2.5775	-2.4568	-2.5821
5s	-2.9387	-3.7323	-3.6983	
5p	-1.8756	-2.0571	-1.8911	-2.43384
5d	-0.2656	-0.2259	-0.2020	-0.24966
6s	-0.1507	-0.2074	-0.2079	

It turns out from the comparison between 'sch' and 'sdirac' that

- The eigenvalues of the s- and p-states are always deepened by the relativistic effect.
- The eigenvalue of the 3d, 4d, 5d, and 4f states become shallower.

Scalar relativistic effects

- The mass and potential gradient terms affect largely core electrons, leading to localization of those electrons.
- Even the valence s- and p-states localize due to the orthogonalization to the core states.
- The d-states are affected by both the localization effect and screening effect with the core electrons.
- The 4f-state is mainly affected by the screening effect of the core electrons.

Spin-orbit coupling

The Dirac equation has a dependency on κ or j, the dependency produces a coupling between 1 and spin quantum number. This is so called 'spin-orbit coupling'.

Dirac equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2M(r)} \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)} \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{d}{dr} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)} \frac{\kappa}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} - \frac{\kappa(\kappa+1)}{r^2} \right) + V \end{bmatrix} G_{nlj} = \varepsilon_{nlj} G_{nlj}$$

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$$Degeneracy: 2(l+1)$$

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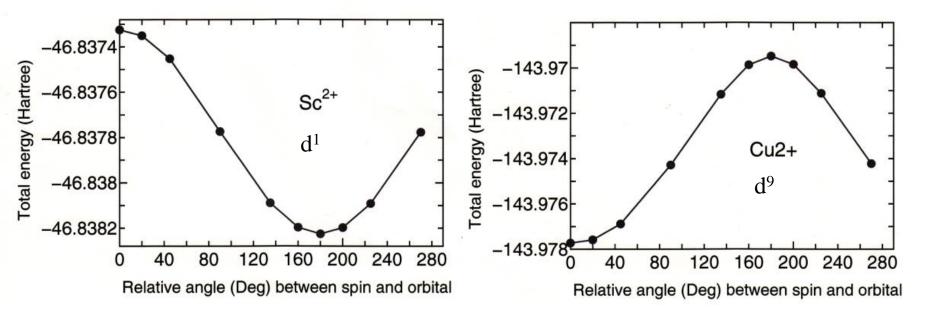
SO-splitting

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- 0 63.2174 0 13.8904 2.9891 0 3.3056 0.6133 0.1253 0 0.5427 0.0477 0
- The core states have a large SO-splitting.
- The s-stage has no SO-splitting.
- The SO-splitting decreases in order of p-, d-, f-..., when they are compared in a nearly same energy regime.

First-principle calculations of Hund's 3rd rule

By changing relative angle between spin and orbital moments, one can calculate how the total energy varies depending on the angle, leading to **a direct evaluation of Hund's third rule**.



Less than half in the shell structure More than half in the shell structure $\begin{array}{l}\Rightarrow \quad \text{The anti-parallel is favored} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \text{The parallel is favored} \end{array}$

Orbital magnetic moment

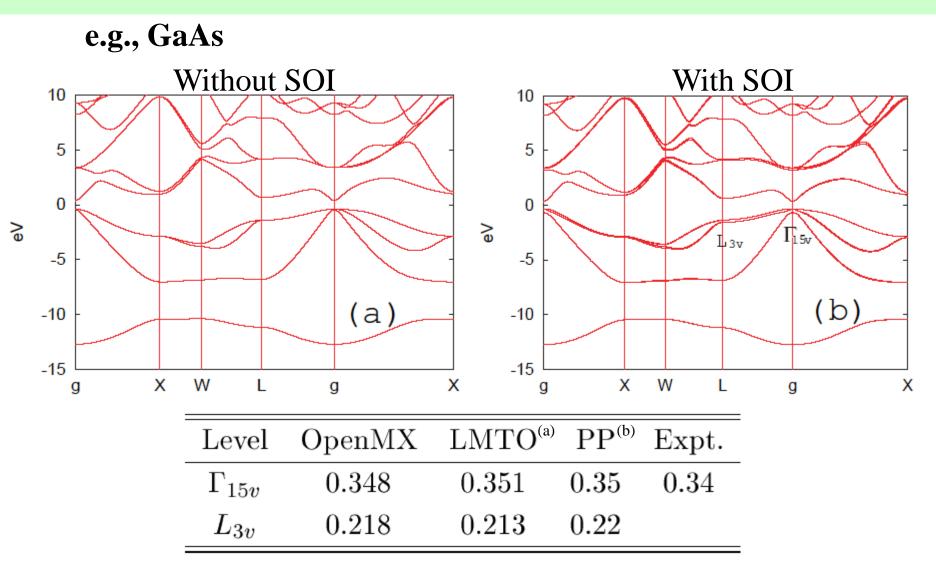
The orbital moment for localized electrons can be calculated by projecting wave functions onto the local angular momentum operator on each site as follows:

$$\begin{split} l_{iv} &= \int dE \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\nu} f(E) \langle \psi_{\mathbf{k}\nu} | \hat{l}_{v} | \psi_{\mathbf{k}\nu} \rangle \delta(E - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\nu}), \\ &= \int dE \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\nu} f(E) \left[\langle \varphi_{\mathbf{k}\nu}^{\alpha} | \hat{l}_{v} | \varphi_{\mathbf{k}\nu}^{\alpha} \rangle + \langle \varphi_{\mathbf{k}\nu}^{\beta} | \hat{l}_{v} | \varphi_{\mathbf{k}\nu}^{\beta} \rangle \right] \delta(E - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\nu}), \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\nu} f(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\nu}) \left[\sum_{\kappa,\kappa'} c_{\mathbf{k}\nu,i\kappa}^{\alpha,*} c_{\mathbf{k}\nu,i\kappa'}^{\alpha} \langle \phi_{i\kappa}^{\alpha} | \hat{l}_{v} | \phi_{i\kappa'}^{\alpha} \rangle + c_{\mathbf{k}\nu,i\kappa}^{\beta,*} c_{\mathbf{k}\nu,i\kappa'}^{\beta} \langle \phi_{i\kappa}^{\beta} | \hat{l}_{v} | \phi_{i\kappa'}^{\beta} \rangle \right], \\ &= \sum_{\nu} \rho_{i\kappa,i\kappa'}^{\alpha\alpha} \langle \phi_{i\kappa}^{\alpha} | \hat{l}_{v} | \phi_{i\kappa'}^{\alpha} \rangle + \rho_{i\kappa,i\kappa'}^{\beta\beta} \langle \phi_{i\kappa}^{\beta} | \hat{l}_{v} | \phi_{i\kappa'}^{\beta} \rangle, \end{split}$$

	Ms		M _o		
Compound	OpenMX	Other calc.	OpenMX	Other calc.	Expt. in total
MnO	4.560	$4.49^{[1]}$	0.001	$0.00^{[1]}$	4.79, 4.58
${\rm FeO}$	3.586	$3.54^{[1]}$	1.010	$1.01^{[1]}$	3.32
CoO	2.685	$2.53^{[1]}$	1.137	$1.19^{[1]}$	3.35, 3.8
NiO	1.603	$1.53^{[1]}$	0.171	$0.27^{[1]}$	1.77, 1.64, 1.90
Fe_2O_3	4.014		0.034		· · ·
$GaFeO_3$ (GGFF)	3.950 - 3.956		0.020-0.021		
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Spin-orbit splitting



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Simplification of Dirac eq. (1)

$$\left(\varepsilon - eV - mc^2 \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{array} \right) = c\sigma \cdot \left(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{array} \right)$$
$$\left(\varepsilon - eV + mc^2 \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{array} \right) = c\sigma \cdot \left(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{array} \right)$$
$$\varepsilon = mc^2 + \varepsilon'$$
Assuming that

$$|\varepsilon'| \ll mc^2 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{v}{c} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

With the assumption, the Dirac eq. can be simplified as

$$\left\{\frac{1}{2m}(\mathbf{p}+e\mathbf{A})^2 + \frac{e\hbar}{2m}\boldsymbol{\sigma}\cdot\mathbf{B} + V\right\} \left(\begin{array}{c}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{array}\right) = \varepsilon'\left(\begin{array}{c}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{array}\right)$$

It looks Schrodinger eq., but the wave function is a two-component spinor.

Simplification of Dirac eq. (2)

By expanding explicitly the simplified eq., we obtain

$$\left\{\frac{1}{2m}(\mathbf{p}+e\mathbf{A})^2 + \frac{e\hbar}{2m}\boldsymbol{\sigma}\cdot\mathbf{B} + V\right\} \begin{pmatrix}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon'\begin{pmatrix}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{pmatrix}$$
$$\left\{-\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2 + \frac{e}{2m}\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{I} + \frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}\cdot\frac{1}{2}\hbar\boldsymbol{\sigma} + \text{Diamagnetic term} + V\right\} \begin{pmatrix}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon'\begin{pmatrix}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{pmatrix}$$

This has the Zeeman and diamagnetic terms, but unfortunately does not take account of the spin-orbit interaction.

By ignoring the diamagnetic term, and giving j-dependence of V, we get the following eq:

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2 + \frac{e}{2m}\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{l} + \frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}\cdot\frac{1}{2}\hbar\sigma + V_j\right\} \begin{pmatrix}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon'\begin{pmatrix}\varphi_1\\\varphi_2\end{pmatrix}$$

This is the equation employed in a widely used non-collinear DFT method.

Relativistic pseudopotential

Radial Dirac eq. for the majority component

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2M(r)} \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)} \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{d}{dr} + \frac{a^2}{2M(r)} \frac{\kappa}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} - \frac{\kappa(\kappa+1)}{r^2} \right) + \varepsilon_{nlj} - V \end{bmatrix} G_{nlj} = 0$$

$$M(r) = 1 + \frac{a^2(\varepsilon_{nlj} - V)}{2} \qquad \kappa = l \text{ and } \kappa = -(l+1) \text{ for } j = l - \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } j = l + \frac{1}{2}$$

For each quantum number j, the dirac eq. is solved numerically, and its norm-conserving pseudopotential is constructed by the MBK scheme.

The unified pseudopotential is given by

$$V_{\rm ps} = \sum_{lm} \left[|\Phi_J^M \rangle V_{\rm ps}^{l+\frac{1}{2}} \langle \Phi_J^M | + |\Phi_{J'}^{M'} \rangle V_{\rm ps}^{l-\frac{1}{2}} \langle \Phi_{J'}^{M'} | \right]$$

with the analytic solution for spherical coordinate:

where for
$$J = l + \frac{1}{2}$$
 and $M = m + \frac{1}{2}$
 $|\Phi_J^M\rangle = \left(\frac{l+m+1}{2l+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}|Y_l^m\rangle|\alpha\rangle + \left(\frac{l-m}{2l+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}|Y_l^{m+1}\rangle|\beta\rangle,$
and for $J' = l - \frac{1}{2}$ and $M' = m - \frac{1}{2}$
 $|\Phi_{J'}^{M'}\rangle = \left(\frac{l-m+1}{2l+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}|Y_l^{m-1}\rangle|\alpha\rangle - \left(\frac{l+m}{2l+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}|Y_l^m\rangle|\beta\rangle.$

Non-collinear DFT (1)

Two-component spinor

$$|\psi_{\nu}\rangle = |\varphi_{\nu}^{\alpha}\alpha\rangle + |\varphi_{\nu}^{\beta}\beta\rangle,$$

The charge density operator is defined by

$$\hat{n} = \sum f_{\nu} |\psi_{\nu}\rangle \langle \psi_{\nu}|, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} n_{\uparrow}' & 0\\ 0 & n_{\downarrow}' \end{pmatrix} = Un U^{\dagger},$$
$$= U \begin{pmatrix} n_{\alpha\alpha} & n_{\alpha\beta}\\ n_{\beta\alpha} & n_{\beta\beta} \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger}.$$

The total energy is a simple extension of the collinear case.

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{\sigma=\alpha,\beta} \sum_{\nu} f_{\nu} \langle \varphi_{\nu}^{\sigma} | \hat{T} | \varphi_{\nu}^{\sigma} \rangle + \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \int w_{\sigma\sigma'} n_{\sigma'\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{n'(\mathbf{r})n'(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dv dv' + E_{\text{xc}} \{ n_{\sigma\sigma'} \},$$

The variation of wave functions leads to

$$\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi_{\mu}^{\alpha,*}} = 0 \\ \frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi_{\mu}^{\beta,*}} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{T} + w_{\alpha\alpha} + V_{\rm H} + V_{\rm xc}^{\alpha\alpha} & w_{\alpha\beta} + V_{\rm xc}^{\alpha\beta} \\ w_{\beta\alpha} + V_{\rm xc}^{\beta\alpha} & \hat{T} + w_{\beta\beta} + V_{\rm H} + V_{\rm xc}^{\beta\beta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{\mu}^{\alpha} \\ \varphi_{\mu}^{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon_{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{\mu}^{\alpha} \\ \varphi_{\mu}^{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

Non-collinear DFT (2)

The spin-1/2 matrix gives us the relation between the spin direction in real space and spinor. $D \equiv \exp\left(\frac{-i\hat{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{h}\phi}{2}\right)$

- First, rotate θ on the y-axis $\rightarrow \exp\left(-i\frac{\sigma_2\theta}{2}\right)$
- Second, rotate ϕ on the z-axis $\rightarrow \exp\left(-i\frac{\sigma_3\phi}{2}\right)$

Condition
$$UnU^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} n'_{\uparrow} & 0 \\ 0 & n'_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We would like to find U which diagonalizes the matrix n, after algebra, it is given by

$$\phi = -\arctan \frac{\operatorname{Im} n_{\alpha\beta}}{\operatorname{Re} n_{\alpha\beta}}$$

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{2(\operatorname{Re} n_{\alpha\beta}\cos(\phi) - \operatorname{Im} n_{\alpha\beta}\sin(\phi))}{n_{\alpha\alpha} - n_{\beta\beta}}\right)$$

$$n'_{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{2}(n_{\alpha\alpha} + n_{\beta\beta}) + \frac{1}{2}(n_{\alpha\alpha} - n_{\beta\beta})\cos(\theta) + (\operatorname{Re} n_{\alpha\beta}\cos(\phi) - \operatorname{Im} n_{\alpha\beta}\sin(\phi))\sin(\theta)$$

$$n'_{\downarrow} = \frac{1}{2}(n_{\alpha\alpha} + n_{\beta\beta}) - \frac{1}{2}(n_{\alpha\alpha} - n_{\beta\beta})\cos(\theta) - (\operatorname{Re} n_{\alpha\beta}\cos(\phi) - \operatorname{Im} n_{\alpha\beta}\sin(\phi))\sin(\theta)$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \exp\left(-i\frac{\sigma_{3}\phi}{2}\right)\exp\left(-i\frac{\sigma_{2}\theta}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

U

LDA+U within NC-DFT

In conjunction with unrestricted Hartree-Fock theory, we introduce a Hubbard term.

$$E_{\rm LDA+U} = E_{\rm LDA} + E_{\rm U}$$

Starting from the diagonal occupation matrix, a rotational invariant formula can be obtained even for the NC case.

$$E_{\rm U} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s} U_{s} \left[\operatorname{Tr}(A_{s} N_{s} A_{s}^{\dagger}) - \operatorname{Tr}(A_{s} N_{s} A_{s}^{\dagger} A_{s} N_{s} A_{s}^{\dagger}) \right],$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s} U_{s} \left[\operatorname{Tr}(n_{s}) - \operatorname{Tr}(n_{s} n_{s}) \right],$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s} U_{s} \left[\sum_{\sigma m} n_{s,mm}^{\sigma\sigma} - \sum_{\sigma m,\sigma'm'} n_{s,mm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} n_{s,m'm}^{\sigma'\sigma} \right],$$

The occupation number operator is given by

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

Then, the effective potential operator becomes

$$\hat{v}_{\mathrm{U}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma \sigma'} \sum_{smm'} \left[|s\tilde{m}\sigma\rangle v_{\mathrm{U},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} \langle sm'\sigma'| + |sm\sigma\rangle v_{\mathrm{U},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} \langle s\tilde{m'\sigma'}| \right].$$

Constrained NC-DFT: a harmonic constraint

Each atomic site, (2 x 2) occupation matrices are constructed:

From two-component spinor

Constraint matrix

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} N_{\alpha\alpha} & N_{\alpha\beta} \\ N_{\beta\alpha} & N_{\beta\beta} \end{pmatrix} \qquad N^{(0)} = U_0^{\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} N_{\uparrow} & 0 \\ 0 & N_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} U_0$$

Then, a constraint energy can be calculated by the following energy functional:

$$E_{cs} = v \sum_{i} \operatorname{Tr}\left((N_i - N_i^{(0)})^2 \right)$$

By specifying the spin direction and the magnitude at each site, one can control spin (orbital) magnetic moment self-consistently.

The effective Hamiltonian due to the constraints and LDA+U

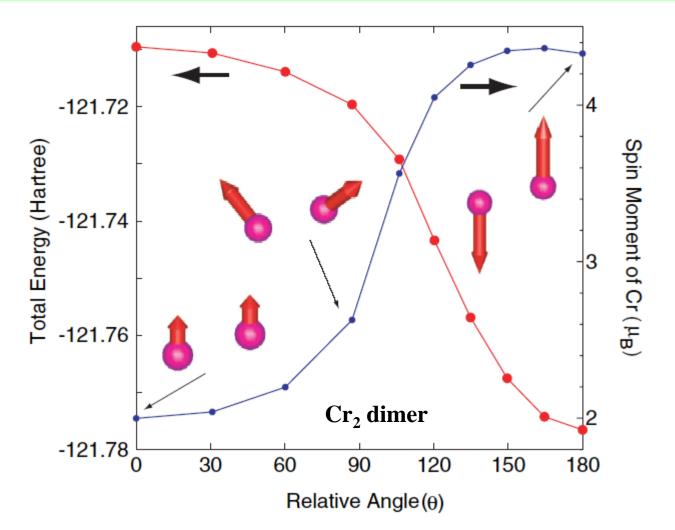
The effective Hamiltonian due to the constraints and LDA+U take the same form

$$\hat{v}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \sum_{smm'} \left[|s\tilde{m}\sigma\rangle v_{\text{eff},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} \langle sm'\sigma'| + |sm\sigma\rangle v_{\text{eff},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} \langle s\tilde{m'}\sigma'| \right]$$

$$v_{\text{eff},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} = v_{\text{U},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'} + v_{\text{constraint},smm'}^{\sigma\sigma'}$$

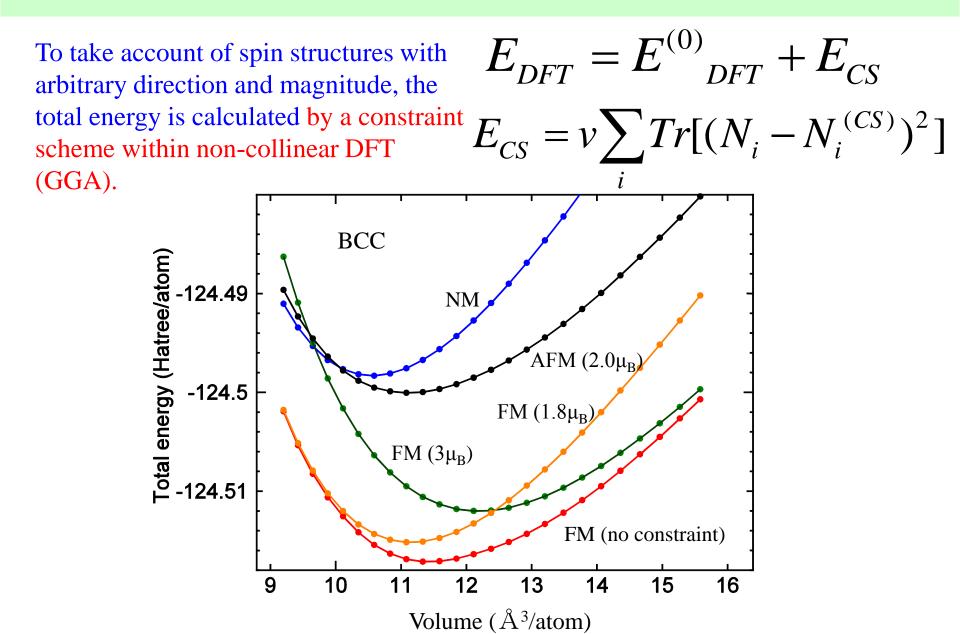
Thus, we only have to add each contribution, leading to that the implementation makes easier.

Example: a harmonic constraint

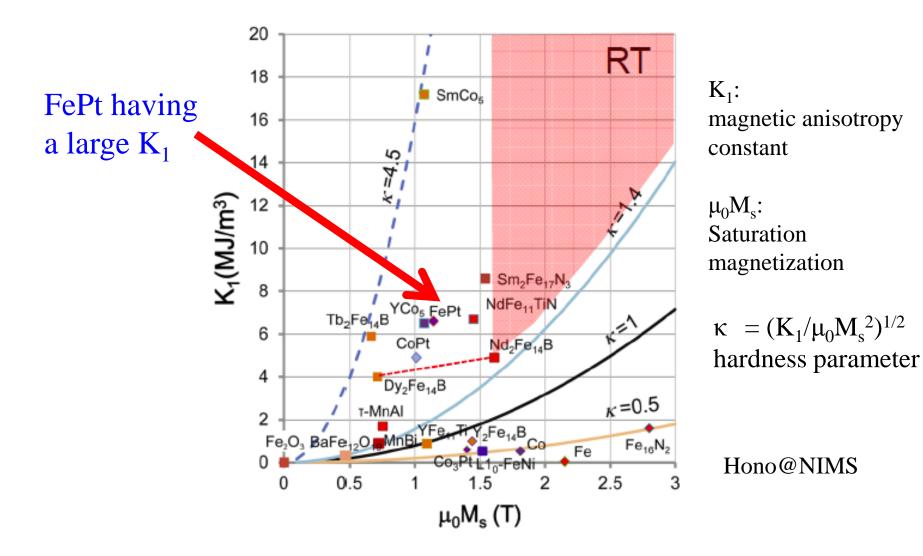


The spin direction is controlled by the harmonic constraint, and the spin moment is also determined self-consistenly.

bcc-Fe with various spin states



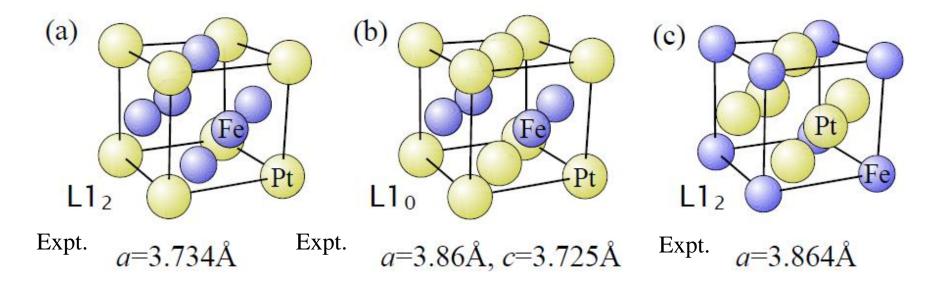
Anisotropy and magnetization in magnets



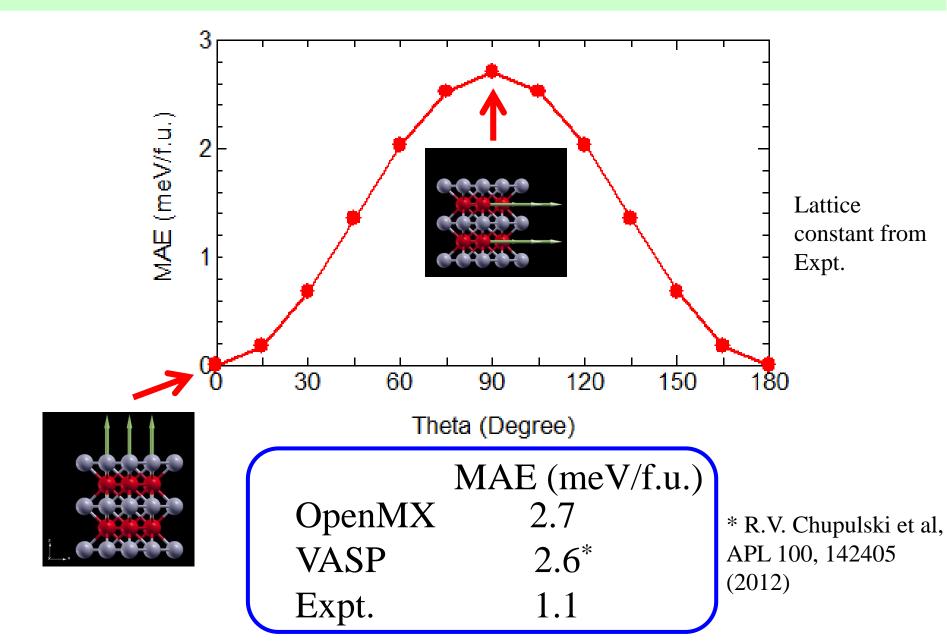
Crystal structure of FePt

PtFe alloy is known to have three ordered phases.

 $L1_2$ -FePt₃ \Rightarrow Anti-ferromagnetic $L1_0$ -FePt \Rightarrow Ferromagnetic with high anisotropy $L1_2$ -Fe₃Pt \Rightarrow Ferromagnetic



Anisotropy energy of L1₀-FePt



Outlook

The scalar relativistic effects

- Shrinking of core states by the mass and potential gradient terms
- Delocalization of valence electron due to screening by localization of core electrons

The spin-orbit coupling bridges real and spin spaces and produces many interesting physics such as

- Hund's 3rd rule
- Orbital magnetic moment
- Magnetic anisotropy in magnets
- Topological insulators
- Rashba effect
- etc.