Relativistic effects and non-collinear DFT

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Relativistic effects

- Difference between Schrödinger 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:
  - Anisotropy energy of magnets
  - Orbital magnetic moment
  - Topological insulators
Dirac equation

\[
\begin{align*}
(\varepsilon - eV - mc^2) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} &= c\sigma \cdot (p + eA) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix} & \text{Large components} \\
(\varepsilon - eV + mc^2) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix} &= c\sigma \cdot (p + eA) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} & \text{Small components}
\end{align*}
\]

Pauli matrices

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \sigma_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \sigma_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{align*}
\]

- Under the Lorentz transformation, the equation is invariant.

  e.g., in case two coordinate systems move with a relative velocity \(v\) along \(x\)-direction

  \[
  x = \frac{x' + vt'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad y = y' \quad z = z' \quad t = \frac{t' + \frac{v}{c^2}x'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}
  \]

- It contains the first order derivatives with respect to space and time.

- It includes spin automatically without ad-hoc treatments.
Equations for atom

**Schroedinger equation**

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

**Dirac equation**

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

\[ j = l - \frac{1}{2} \quad \kappa = l \]

Degeneracy: 2l

\[ j = l + \frac{1}{2} \quad \kappa = -(l + 1) \]

Degeneracy: 2(l+1)

**Scalar relativistic equation**

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

By considering the degeneracy, a mean \( \kappa \) can be calculated as

\[ \kappa_{av} = \frac{l \times 2l - (l + 1) \times 2(l + 1)}{2l + 2(l + 1)} = -1 \]

By inserting the mean \( \kappa \) into the Dirac eq., one can derive the scalar relativistic equation.

\[ a \equiv 1/c \ (1/137.036 \ \text{in a.u.}) \]

\[ M(r) = 1 + \frac{a^2(\varepsilon_{nlj} - V)}{2} \]
The radial functions of 1s-state shrinks due to the mass and potential gradient terms.

The radial function of 6s state has a large amplitude in vicinity to the nucleus because of orthogonalization to core states.

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

Red: Schrödinger
Green: Scalar relativistic

The radial functions of 2p-state shrinks due to the relativistic effect originating from the mass and potential gradient terms.

The 5p state has a large amplitude in vicinity to the nucleus because of orthogonalization to core states.

Relativistic effect for p-states:
All the p-states shrink due to the mass and potential gradient terms.
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

Red: Schrodinger  
Green: Scalar relativistic

The 4f-state delocalizes due to increase of screening by core electrons.

Relativistic effect for f-states:

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

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.

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Spin-orbit coupling

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

**Dirac equation**

\[
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**Pt atom**

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**SO-splitting**

- 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 ⇒ The anti-parallel is favored
More than half in the shell structure ⇒ The parallel is favored
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{align*}
    l_{iv} &= \int dE \sum_{k} \sum_{\nu} f(E) \langle \phi_{k\nu} | \hat{l}_v | \phi_{k\nu} \rangle \delta (E - \varepsilon_{k\nu}), \\
    &= \int dE \sum_{k} \sum_{\nu} f(E) \left[ \langle \varphi_{k\nu}^{\alpha} | \hat{l}_v | \varphi_{k\nu}^{\alpha} \rangle + \langle \varphi_{k\nu}^{\beta} | \hat{l}_v | \varphi_{k\nu}^{\beta} \rangle \right] \delta (E - \varepsilon_{k\nu}), \\
    &= \sum_{k} \sum_{\nu} f(\varepsilon_{k\nu}) \left[ \sum_{\kappa,\kappa'} \rho_{i\kappa,i\kappa'}^{\alpha} \langle \hat{l}_v | \phi_{i\kappa}^{\alpha} \rangle + \rho_{i\kappa,i\kappa'}^{\beta} \langle \hat{l}_v | \phi_{i\kappa}^{\beta} \rangle \right].
\end{align*}
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Spin-orbit splitting

e.g., GaAs

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Simplification of Dirac eq. (1)

\[
(\varepsilon - eV - mc^2) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} = c\sigma \cdot (\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A}) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
(\varepsilon - eV + mc^2) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix} = c\sigma \cdot (\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A}) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
\varepsilon = mc^2 + \varepsilon'
\]

Assuming that

\[
|\varepsilon'| \ll mc^2
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{\nu}{c} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix}
\]

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

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

It looks Schrödinger eq., but the wave function is a two-component spinor.
By expanding explicitly the simplified eq., we obtain

\[
\left\{ \frac{1}{2m}(p + eA)^2 + \frac{e\hbar}{2m}\sigma \cdot B + V \right\} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon' \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
\left\{ \frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2 + \frac{e}{2m}B \cdot l + \frac{e}{m}B \cdot \frac{1}{2}\hbar\sigma + \text{Diamagnetic term} + V \right\} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon' \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix}
\]

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:

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

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

Radial Dirac eq. for the majority component

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

\[
M(r) = 1 + \frac{a^2(\varepsilon_{nlj} - V)}{2}
\]

\[\kappa = l \text{ and } \kappa = -(l + 1) \text{ for } j = l - \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } j = l + \frac{1}{2}\]

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

\[
V_{ps} = \sum_{l,m} \left[ |\Phi_J^M\rangle V_{ps}^{l + \frac{1}{2}} \langle \Phi_J^M | + |\Phi_J^M'\rangle V_{ps}^{l - \frac{1}{2}} \langle \Phi_J^{M'} | \right]
\]

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

\[ |\psi_\nu\rangle = |\varphi_\nu^\alpha\rangle + |\varphi_\nu^\beta\rangle, \]

The charge density operator is defined by

\[ \hat{n} = \sum \int f_\nu |\psi_\nu\rangle \langle \psi_\nu|, \]

\[ \begin{pmatrix} n'_\uparrow \\ n'_\downarrow \end{pmatrix} = U n U^\dagger, \]

\[ = U \begin{pmatrix} n_\alpha \alpha \\ n_\beta \alpha \\ n_\alpha \beta \\ n_\beta \beta \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger. \]

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

\[ E_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{\sigma=\alpha,\beta} \sum_{\nu} \int w_{\sigma\sigma'} n_{\sigma'\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{n'_\nu(r)n'_\nu(r')}{|r-r'|} dv dv' + E_{xc} \{n_{\sigma\sigma'}\}, \]

The variation of wave functions leads to

\[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi_{\mu \alpha, \ast}} = 0 \]

\[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi_{\mu \beta, \ast}} = 0 \]

\[ \Rightarrow \left( \hat{T} + w_{\alpha\alpha} + V_H + V_{xc}^{\alpha\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^\alpha_{\mu} \\ \varphi^\beta_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^\alpha_{\mu} \\ \varphi^\beta_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon_{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^\alpha_{\mu} \\ \varphi^\beta_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} \]
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 \( \theta \) on the y-axis \( \rightarrow \exp \left( -i \frac{\sigma_2 \theta}{2} \right) \)
- Second, rotate \( \phi \) on the z-axis \( \rightarrow \exp \left( -i \frac{\sigma_3 \phi}{2} \right) \)

\[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \exp \left( -i \frac{\sigma_3 \phi}{2} \right) \exp \left( -i \frac{\sigma_2 \theta}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \]

\[ U \]

**Condition**

\[ U n U^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} n_\uparrow' & 0 \\ 0 & n_\downarrow' \end{pmatrix}. \]

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

\[
\phi = -\arctan \frac{\text{Im} \ n_{\alpha\beta}}{\text{Re} \ n_{\alpha\beta}}
\]

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

\[
n_\uparrow' = \frac{1}{2} \left( n_{\alpha\alpha} + n_{\beta\beta} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( n_{\alpha\alpha} - n_{\beta\beta} \right) \cos(\theta) + \left( \text{Re} \ n_{\alpha\beta} \cos(\phi) - \text{Im} \ n_{\alpha\beta} \sin(\phi) \right) \sin(\theta)
\]

\[
n_\downarrow' = \frac{1}{2} \left( n_{\alpha\alpha} + n_{\beta\beta} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( n_{\alpha\alpha} - n_{\beta\beta} \right) \cos(\theta) - \left( \text{Re} \ n_{\alpha\beta} \cos(\phi) - \text{Im} \ n_{\alpha\beta} \sin(\phi) \right) \sin(\theta)
\]
LDA+U within NC-DFT

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

\[ E_{\text{LDA}+\text{U}} = E_{\text{LDA}} + E_{\text{U}} \]

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

\[ E_{\text{U}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_s U_s \left[ \text{Tr}(A_s N_s A_s^\dagger) - \text{Tr}(A_s N_s A_s^\dagger A_s N_s A_s^\dagger) \right], \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_s U_s \left[ \text{Tr}(n_s) - \text{Tr}(n_s n_s) \right], \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_s U_s \left[ \sum_{\sigma m} n_{s, smm}^{\sigma \sigma} - \sum_{\sigma m, \sigma' m'} n_{s, smm}^{\sigma \sigma'} n_{s, smm}^{\sigma' \sigma} \right], \]

The occupation number operator is given by

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

Then, the effective potential operator becomes

\[ \hat{v}_{\text{U}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma \sigma'} \sum_{s, smm'} \left[ |s m \sigma \rangle \langle s m' \sigma'| v_{U, s, smm'}^{s \sigma \sigma'} + |s m \sigma \rangle \langle s m' \sigma'| v_{U, s, smm'}^{s \sigma' \sigma} \right]. \]
Constrained NC-DFT: a harmonic constraint

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

From two-component spinor

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

Constraint matrix

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

\[ E_{cs} = v \sum_i \text{Tr} \left( (N_i - N_i^{(0)})^2 \right) \]

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 take the same form

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

\[ v_{\text{eff}, s m m'}^{\sigma \sigma'} = v_{U, s m m'}^{\sigma \sigma'} + v_{\text{constraint}, s m m'}^{\sigma \sigma'} \]

Thus, we only have to add each contribution, leading to that the implementation makes easier.
The spin direction is controlled by the harmonic constraint, and the spin moment is also determined self-consistently.
bcc-Fe with various spin states

To take account of spin structures with arbitrary direction and magnitude, the total energy is calculated by a constraint scheme within non-collinear DFT (GGA).

\[ E_{DFT} = E^{(0)}_{DFT} + E_{CS} \]

\[ E_{CS} = \nu \sum_i \text{Tr}[(N_i - N_i^{(CS)})^2] \]
Anisotropy and magnetization in magnets

FePt having a large $K_1$

$\kappa = \left(\frac{K_1}{\mu_0 M_s^2}\right)^{1/2}$

- $K_1$: magnetic anisotropy constant
- $\mu_0 M_s$: Saturation magnetization
- Hono@NIMS
Crystal structure of FePt

PtFe alloy is known to have three ordered phases.

- $L1_2$-FePt$_3$ \( \Rightarrow \) Anti-ferromagnetic
- $L1_0$-FePt \( \Rightarrow \) Ferromagnetic with high anisotropy
- $L1_2$-Fe$_3$Pt \( \Rightarrow \) Ferromagnetic
Anisotropy energy of \( \text{L}_1^0 - \text{FePt} \)

**MAE (meV/f.u.)**

- **OpenMX**: 2.7
- **VASP**: 2.6*
- **Expt.**: 1.1

* R.V. Chupulski et al, APL 100, 142405 (2012)
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 3\textsuperscript{rd} rule
- Orbital magnetic moment
- Magnetic anisotropy in magnets
- Topological insulators
- Rashba effect
- etc.