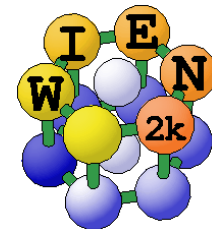


# Relativistic effects & Magnetic couplings

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# I. Introduction



## ***Talk constructed using the following documents:***

### **Slides of:**

- Robert Laskowski, Stefaan Cottenier, Peter Blaha and Georg Madsen

### **Notes of:**

- Pavel Novak (Calculation of spin-orbit coupling) [http://www.wien2k.at/reg\\_user/textbooks/](http://www.wien2k.at/reg_user/textbooks/)

### **Books:**

- WIEN2k userguide, ISBN 3-9501031-1-2
- Electronic Structure: Basic Theory and Practical Methods, Richard M. Martin ISBN 0 521 78285 6
- Relativistic Electronic Structure Theory. Part 1. Fundamentals, Peter Schewerdtfeger, ISBN 0 444 51249 7

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- wienlist digest - [http://www.wien2k.at/reg\\_user/index.html](http://www.wien2k.at/reg_user/index.html)
- wikipedia ...

# I. Introduction

# Few words about Special Theory of Relativity



## Light

*Composed of photons (NO MASS)*

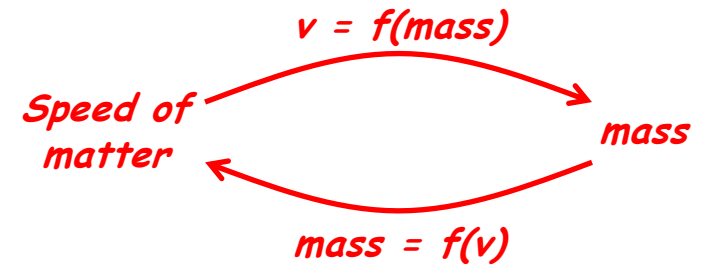
*Speed of light = constant*

Atomic units:  
 $\hbar = m_e = e = 1$

$c \approx 137 \text{ au}$

## Matter

*Composed of atoms (MASS)*



Lorentz Factor (measure of the relativistic effects)

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \geq 1$$

Relativistic mass:  $M = \gamma m$  ( $m$ : rest mass)

Momentum:  $p = \gamma m v = M v$

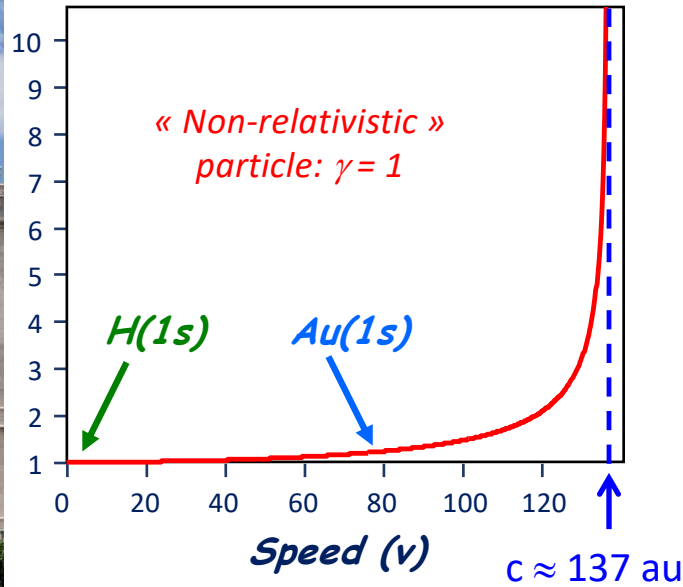
Total energy:  $E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4$

$E = \gamma m c^2 = M c^2$

# I. Introduction

# Few words about Special Theory of Relativity

**Lorentz factor ( $\gamma$ )**



Speed of the 1s electron (Bohr model):



$$v_e \propto \frac{Z}{n} \begin{cases} \text{H: } v_e(1s) = 1 \text{ au} & \rightarrow \gamma = 1.00003 \\ \text{Au: } v_e(1s) = 79 \text{ au} & \rightarrow \gamma = 1.22 \end{cases}$$

Details for Au atom:

$$v_e(1s) = \frac{79}{137} c = 0.58c$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v_e}{c}\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (0.58)^2}} = 1.22$$

**➔ 1s electron of Au atom = relativistic particle**

$$M_e(1s\text{-Au}) = 1.22m_e$$





## 1) *The mass-velocity correction*

Relativistic increase in the mass of an electron with its velocity (when  $v_e \rightarrow c$ )

## 2) *The Darwin term*

It has no classical relativistic analogue

Due to small and irregular motions of an electron about its mean position (*Zitterbewegung*)

## 3) *The spin-orbit coupling*

It is the interaction of the spin magnetic moment ( $s$ ) of an electron with the magnetic field induced by its own orbital motion ( $l$ )

## 4) *Indirect relativistic effect*

The change of the electrostatic potential induced by relativity is an indirect effect of the core electrons on the valence electrons

## II. Equations

## One electron radial Schrödinger equation

### HARTREE ATOMIC UNITS

$$H_S \Psi = \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + V \right] \Psi = \varepsilon \Psi$$

$$V = -\frac{Z}{r}$$

*In a spherically symmetric potential*

### INTERNATIONAL UNITS

$$H_S \Psi = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla^2 + V \right] \Psi = \varepsilon \Psi$$

$$V = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\Psi_{n,l,m} = R_{n,l}(r) Y_{l,m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \sin(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dR_{n,l}}{dr} \right) + \left[ V + \frac{l(l+1)}{2r^2} \right] R_{n,l} = \varepsilon R_{n,l}$$

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## II. Equations

## Dirac Hamiltonian: a brief description

*Dirac relativistic Hamiltonian provides a quantum mechanical description of electrons, consistent with the theory of special relativity.*

$$E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4$$

$$H_D \Psi = \mathcal{E} \Psi \quad \text{with} \quad H_D = c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m_e c^2 + V \rightarrow \text{Electrostatic potential}$$

*Momentum operator* (points to  $\vec{p}$ )  
*Rest mass* (points to  $m_e$ )

$$\alpha_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_k \\ \sigma_k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (2 \times 2) \text{ unit and zero matrices}$$

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

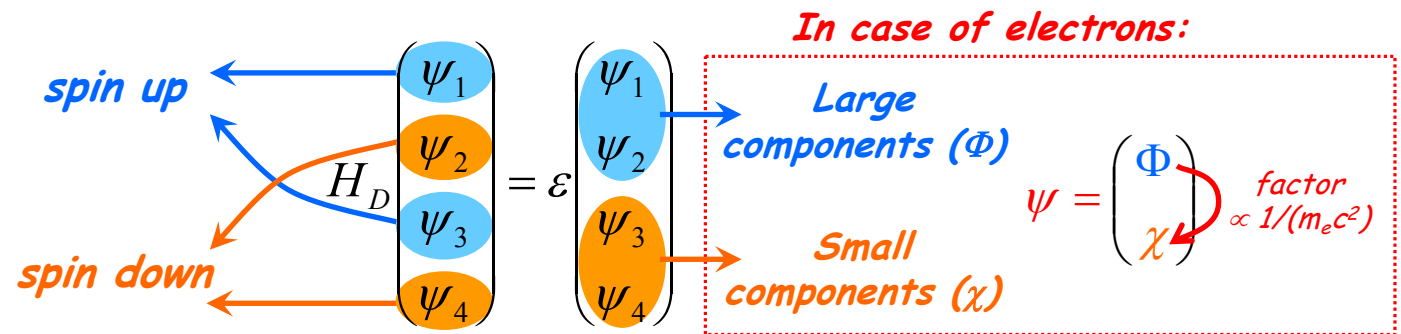
*(2x2) Pauli spin matrices*



## II. Equations

## Dirac equation: $H_D$ and $\Psi$ are 4-dimensional

$\Psi$  is a four-component single-particle wave function that describes spin-1/2 particles.



$\Phi$  and  $\chi$  are time-independent two-component spinors describing the spatial and spin-1/2 degrees of freedom

➔ Leads to a set of coupled equations for  $\Phi$  and  $\chi$ :

$$c(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) \chi = (\epsilon - V - m_e c^2) \phi$$

$$c(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) \phi = (\epsilon - V + m_e c^2) \chi$$



## II. Equations

## Dirac equation: $H_D$ and $\Psi$ are 4-dimensional

For a free particle (i.e.  $V = 0$ )

Solution in the slow particle limit ( $p=0$ )

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon - m_e c^2 & 0 & -\hat{p}_z & -(\hat{p}_x - i\hat{p}_y) \\ 0 & \varepsilon - m_e c^2 & -(\hat{p}_z + i\hat{p}_y) & \hat{p}_z \\ -\hat{p}_z & -(\hat{p}_z - i\hat{p}_y) & \varepsilon + m_e c^2 & 0 \\ -(\hat{p}_z + i\hat{p}_y) & \hat{p}_z & 0 & \varepsilon + m_e c^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 \\ \Psi_3 \\ \Psi_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Particles: up & down

Antiparticles: up & down

Non-relativistic limit decouples  $\Psi_1$  from  $\Psi_2$  and  $\Psi_3$  from  $\Psi_4$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m_e c^2, \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^\uparrow \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ m_e c^2, \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi^\downarrow \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ -m_e c^2, \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \chi^\uparrow \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ -m_e c^2, \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \chi^\downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

For a spherical potential (i.e.  $V(r)$ )

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{n\kappa}(r) Y_{\kappa\sigma} \\ -i f_{n\kappa}(r) Y_{\kappa\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

$g_{n\kappa}$  and  $f_{n\kappa}$  are Radial functions

$Y_{\kappa\sigma}$  are angular-spin functions

$$j = l + s/2$$

$$\kappa = -s(j + 1/2)$$

$$s = +1, -1$$



## II. Equations

## Dirac equation in a spherical potential

For a spherical potential (i.e.  $V(r)$ )

The resulting equations for the radial functions ( $g_{n\kappa}$  and  $f_{n\kappa}$ ) are simplified if we define:

$$\text{Energy: } \varepsilon' = \varepsilon - m_e c^2 \quad \text{Radially varying mass: } M_e(r) = m_e + \frac{\varepsilon' - V(r)}{2c^2}$$

Then the coupled equations can be written in the form of the radial eq.:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_e} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dg_{n\kappa}}{dr} \right) + \left[ V + \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_e} \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] g_{n\kappa} - \underbrace{\frac{\hbar^2}{4M_e^2 c^2} \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{dg_{n\kappa}}{dr}}_{\text{Darwin term}} - \underbrace{\frac{\hbar^2}{4M_e^2 c^2} \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{(1+\kappa)}{r} g_{n\kappa}}_{\text{Spin-orbit coupling}} = \varepsilon' g_{n\kappa}$$

*Mass-velocity effect*
*Darwin term*
*Spin-orbit coupling*

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dR_{n,l}}{dr} \right) + \left[ V + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] R_{n,l} = \varepsilon R_{n,l}$$

← One electron radial Schrödinger equation in a spherical potential

**Note that:**  $\kappa(\kappa+1) = l(l+1)$



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and

$$\frac{df_{n\kappa}}{dr} = \frac{1}{\hbar c} (V - \varepsilon') g_{n\kappa} + \frac{(\kappa - 1)}{r} f_{n\kappa}$$

➔ Due to **spin-orbit coupling**,  $\Psi$  is not an eigenfunction of spin ( $s$ ) and angular orbital moment ( $l$ ).

Instead the good quantum numbers are  $j$  and  $\kappa$

**Note that:**  $\kappa(\kappa + 1) = l(l + 1)$

No approximation has been made so far



## II. Equations

## Dirac equation in a spherical potential

### Scalar relativistic approximation

Approximation that the spin-orbit term is small

⇒ neglect SOC in radial functions (and treat it by perturbation theory)

**No SOC ⇒ Approximate radial functions:**  $g_{n\kappa} \rightarrow \tilde{g}_{nl}$      $f_{n\kappa} \rightarrow \tilde{f}_{nl}$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_e} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\tilde{g}_{nl}}{dr} \right) + \left[ V + \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_e} \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] \tilde{g}_{nl} - \frac{\hbar^2}{4M_e^2 c^2} \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{d\tilde{g}_{nl}}{dr} = \varepsilon' \tilde{g}_{nl}$$

and  $\tilde{f}_{nl} = \frac{\hbar}{2M_e c} \frac{d\tilde{g}_{nl}}{dr}$  with the normalization condition:  $\int (\tilde{g}_{nl}^2 + \tilde{f}_{nl}^2) r^2 dr = 1$

→ The four-component wave function is now written as:

$$\tilde{\Psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\Phi} \\ \tilde{\chi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{g}_{nl}(r) Y_{lm} \\ -i \tilde{f}_{nl}(r) Y_{lm} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Inclusion of the spin-orbit coupling in "second variation" (on the large component only)**

$$H\tilde{\psi} = \varepsilon\tilde{\psi} + H_{so}\tilde{\psi}$$

$\tilde{\Phi}$  is a pure spin state

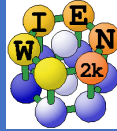
$\tilde{\chi}$  is a mixture of up and down spin states

with

$$H_{so} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4M_e^2 c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{l} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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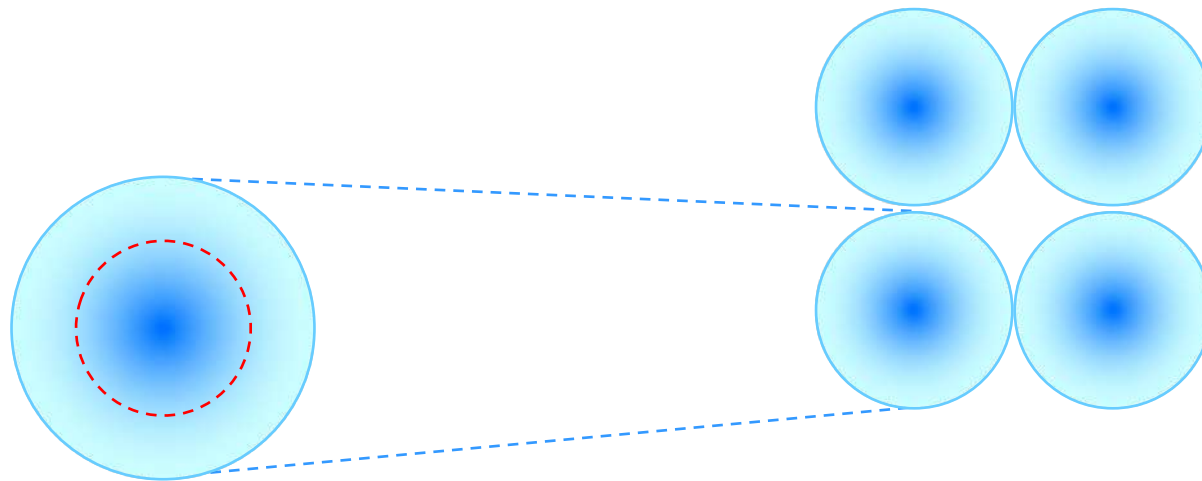
### Relativistic effects in a solid

→ For a molecule or a solid:

*Relativistic effects originate deep inside the core.*

*It is then sufficient to solve the relativistic equations in a spherical atomic geometry (inside the atomic spheres of WIEN2k).*

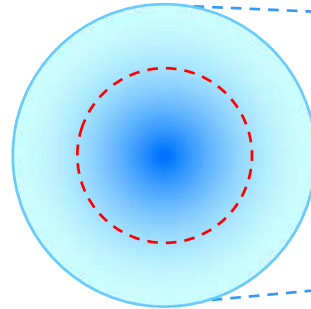
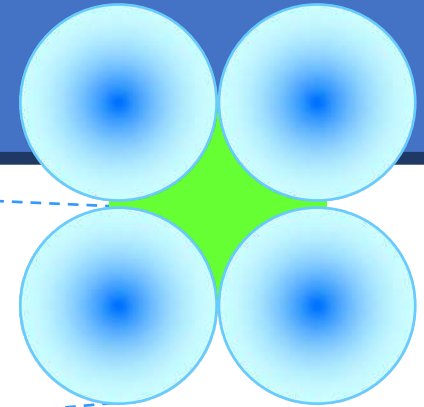
⇒ *Justify an implementation of the relativistic effects only inside the muffin-tin atomic spheres*



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### Relativistic effects in a solid



*Atomic sphere (RMT) Region*

*Core electrons*

*« Fully » relativistic*

*Spin-compensated Dirac equation*

*Valence electrons*

*Scalar relativistic (no SOC)*

*Possibility to add SOC (2<sup>nd</sup> variational)*

*Interstitial Region*

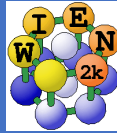
*Valence electrons*

*Not relativistic*

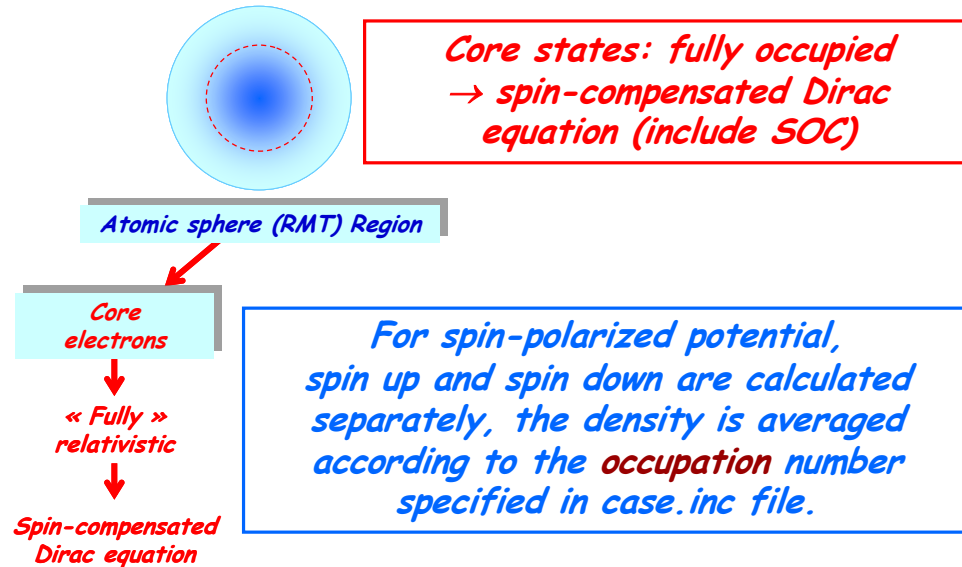
*SOC: Spin orbit coupling*



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# Treatment of the core electrons



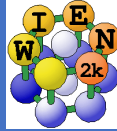
|   | l | j=l+s/2 |      | κ=-s(j+1/2) |      | occupation |      |
|---|---|---------|------|-------------|------|------------|------|
|   |   | s=-1    | s=+1 | s=-1        | s=+1 | s=-1       | s=+1 |
| s | 0 |         | 1/2  |             | -1   |            | 2    |
| p | 1 | 1/2     | 3/2  | 1           | -2   | 2          | 4    |
| d | 2 | 3/2     | 5/2  | 2           | -3   | 4          | 6    |
| f | 3 | 5/2     | 7/2  | 3           | -4   | 6          | 8    |

*case.inc for Au atom*

```

17 0.00 0
1s1/2 → 1,-1,2 (n,κ,occup)
2s1/2 → 2,-1,2 (n,κ,occup)
2p1/2 → 2, 1,2 (n,κ,occup)
2p3/2 → 2,-2,4 (n,κ,occup)
3s1/2 → 3,-1,2 (n,κ,occup)
3p1/2 → 3, 1,2 (n,κ,occup)
3p3/2 → 3,-2,4 (n,κ,occup)
3d3/2 → 3, 2,4 (n,κ,occup)
3d5/2 → 3,-3,6 (n,κ,occup)
4s1/2 → 4,-1,2 (n,κ,occup)
4p1/2 → 4, 1,2 (n,κ,occup)
4p3/2 → 4,-2,4 (n,κ,occup)
4d3/2 → 4, 2,4 (n,κ,occup)
4d5/2 → 4,-3,6 (n,κ,occup)
5s1/2 → 5,-1,2 (n,κ,occup)
4f5/2 → 4, 3,6 (n,κ,occup)
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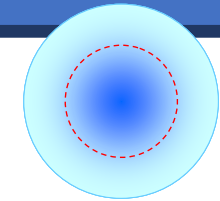
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### Treatment of the valence electrons

Valence electrons *INSIDE* atomic spheres are treated within *scalar relativistic* approximation [1] if *RELA* is specified in *case.struct* file (by default).

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MODE OF CALC=RELA unit=bohr
7.670000 7.670000 7.670000 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000
ATOM 1: X=0.00000000 Y=0.00000000 Z=0.00000000
MULT= 1 ISPLIT= 2
Au1 NPT= 781 R0=0.00000500 RMT= 2.6000 Z: 79.0
LOCAL ROT MATRIX: 1.0000000 0.0000000 0.0000000
0.0000000 1.0000000 0.0000000
0.0000000 0.0000000 1.0000000
48 NUMBER OF SYMMETRY OPERATIONS
```



Atomic sphere (RMT) Region

Valence electrons

Scalar relativistic (no SOC)

- ◆ no  $\kappa$  dependency of the wave function,  $(n,l,s)$  are still good quantum numbers
- ◆ all relativistic effects are included except SOC
- ◆ small component enters normalization and calculation of charge inside spheres
- ◆ augmentation with large component only
- ◆ SOC can be included in « second variation »

Valence electrons in interstitial region are treated classically

[1] Koelling and Harmon, *J. Phys. C* (1977)





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### Treatment of the valence electrons

→ *SOC is added in a second variation (lapwso):*

- *First diagonalization (lapw1):*  $H_1 \Psi_1 = \varepsilon_1 \Psi_1$
- *Second diagonalization (lapwso):*  $(H_1 + H_{SO}) \Psi = \varepsilon \Psi$

*The second equation is expanded in the basis of first eigenvectors ( $\Psi_1$ )*

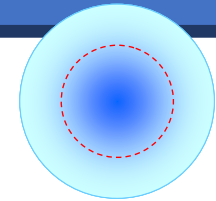
$$\sum_i^N \left( \delta_{ij} \varepsilon_1^j + \langle \Psi_1^j | H_{SO} | \Psi_1^i \rangle \right) \langle \Psi_1^i | \Psi \rangle = \varepsilon \langle \Psi_1^j | \Psi \rangle$$

sum include both up/down spin states

→ *N is much smaller than the basis size in lapw1*

- ◆ *SOC is active only inside atomic spheres, only spherical potential ( $V_{MT}$ ) is taken into account, in the polarized case spin up and down parts are averaged.*
- ◆ *Eigenstates are not pure spin states, SOC mixes up and down spin states*
- ◆ *Off-diagonal term of the spin-density matrix is ignored. It means that in each SCF cycle the magnetization is projected on the chosen direction (from case.inso)*

*$V_{MT}$ : Muffin-tin potential (spherically symmetric)*



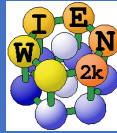
Atomic sphere (RMT) Region

Valence electrons

Scalar relativistic (no SOC)



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### Controlling spin-orbit coupling in WIEN2k



- ◆ Do a regular scalar-relativistic "scf" calculation
- ◆ save\_lapw
- ◆ initso\_lapw

• case.inso:

```
WFFIL
4 1 0 llmax, ipr, kpot
-10.0000 1.50000 emin,emax (output energy window)
0. 0. 1. direction of magnetization (lattice vectors)
NX number of atoms for which RLO is added
NX1 -4.97 0.0005 atom number,e-lo,de (case.in1), repeat NX times
0 0 0 0 0 number of atoms for which SO is switch off; atoms
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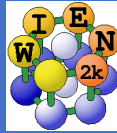
• case.in1(c):

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(...)
2 0.30 0.005 CONT 1
0 0.30 0.000 CONT 1
K-VECTORS FROM UNIT:4 -9.0 4.5 65 emin/emax/nband
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• symmetso (for spin-polarized calculations only)

- ◆ run(sp)\_lapw -so ← -so switch specifies that scf cycles will include SOC

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# Controlling spin-orbit coupling in WIEN2k

→ *The w2web interface is helping you*

The screenshot shows the w2web interface for a session named 'Au-fcc' at the path '/u/xrocoque/DATA/PREPA-PENNSTATE/Au-fcc'. The main heading is 'Initialization of spin-orbit calculations'. Below this, it states 'Au-fcc.in2c has been created'. There are two input fields: 'edit Au-fcc.inso' with the description 'Select magnetization direction, RLOs, SO on/off' and 'edit Au-fcc.in1' with the description 'set larger EMAX in energy window'. A green box highlights the text 'System not spinpolarized'. Below the interface, the text '*Non-spin polarized case*' is written in red. On the right side of the interface, there is a logo for 'w2web'.

Session: [Au-fcc](#)  
/u/xrocoque/DATA/PREPA-PENNSTATE/Au-fcc

### Initialization of spin-orbit calculations

Au-fcc.in2c has been created

Select magnetization direction, RLOs, SO on/off

set larger EMAX in energy window

System not spinpolarized

*Non-spin polarized case*

w2web

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# Controlling spin-orbit coupling in WIEN2k

→ *The w2web interface is helping you*

Session: [Co-hcp]  
/u/xrooqef/DATA/PREPA-PENNSSTATE/Co-hcp

### Initialization of spin-orbit calculations

Co-hcp.in2c has been created

Select magnetization direction, RLOs, SO on/off

set larger EMAX in energy window

This is a spin-polarized system. SO may reduce symmetry. ← *Spin polarized case*

Determines symmetry in spinpolarized case

view Co-hcp.outsymso

A new setup for SO calculations has been created (\_so). If you commit the next step will create new Co-hcp.struct, in1, in2c, inc, cimsum/up/dn files. PLEASE "save .lapw" any previous calculation.

The number of symmetry operations may have changed, then you must run KGEN.

Generate k-mesh with proper SO-symmetry

view Co-hcp.klist

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**Session Mgmt.**

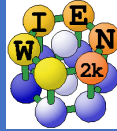
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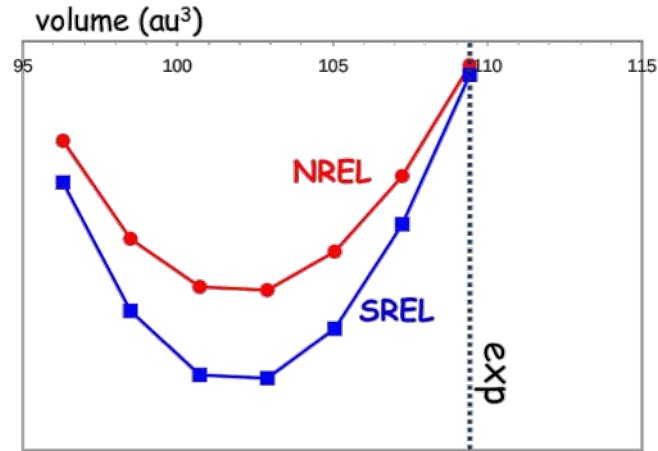
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# Relativistic effects: Illustration



hcp-Be  
Z = 4



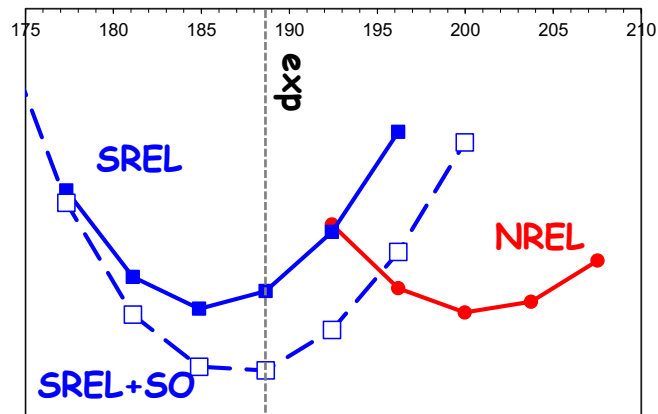
LDA overbinding (7%)

No difference NREL/SREL

Bulk modulus:

- NREL: 131.4 GPa
- SREL: 131.5 GPa
- Exp.: 130 GPa

hcp-Os  
Z = 76



◆ Scalar-relativistic (SREL):

- LDA overbinding (2%)
- Bulk modulus: 447 GPa

+ spin-orbit coupling (SREL+SO):

- LDA overbinding (1%)
- Bulk modulus: 436 GPa

⇒ Exp. Bulk modulus: 462 GPa

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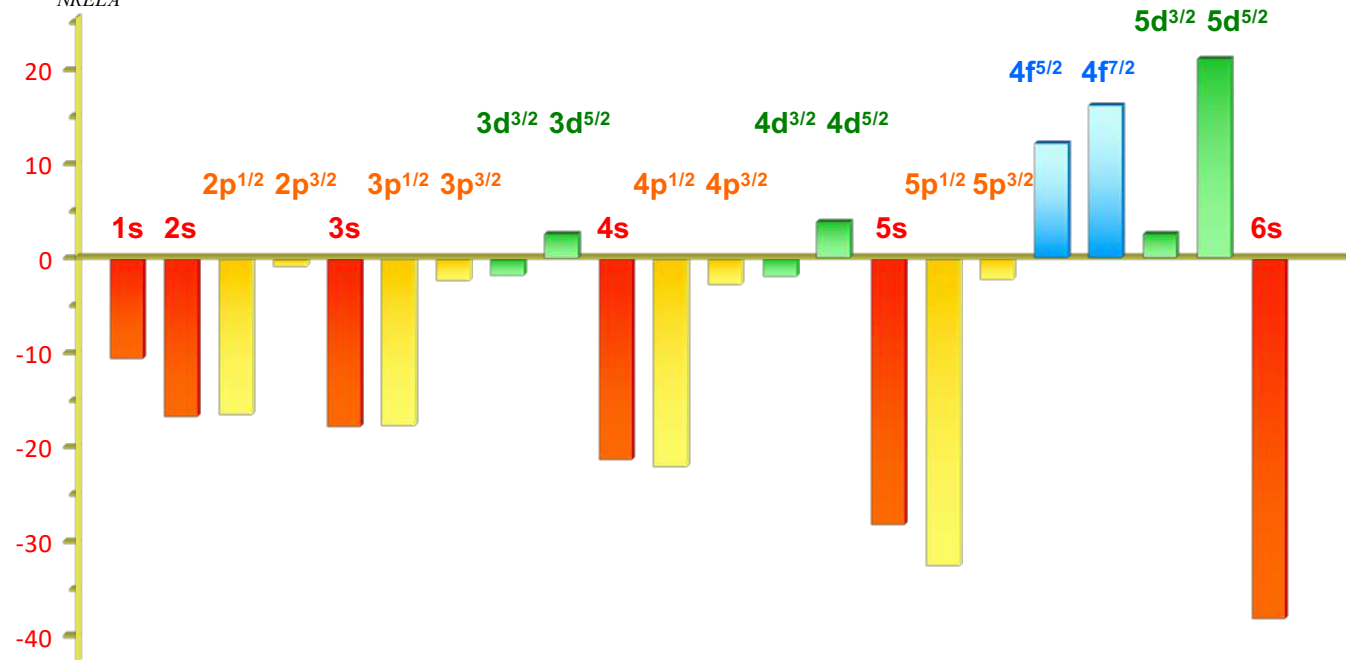


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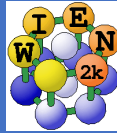


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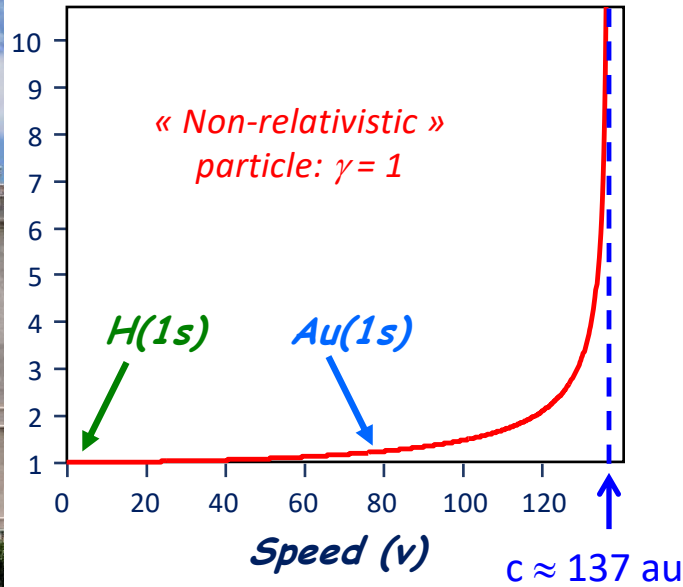


# III. Implementation



## (1) Relativistic orbital contraction

Lorentz factor ( $\gamma$ )



Speed of the 1s electron (Bohr model):

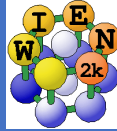


$$v_e \propto \frac{Z}{n} \begin{cases} \text{H: } v_e(1s) = 1 \text{ au} \rightarrow \gamma = 1.00003 \\ \text{Au: } v_e(1s) = 79 \text{ au} \rightarrow \gamma = 1.22 \end{cases}$$

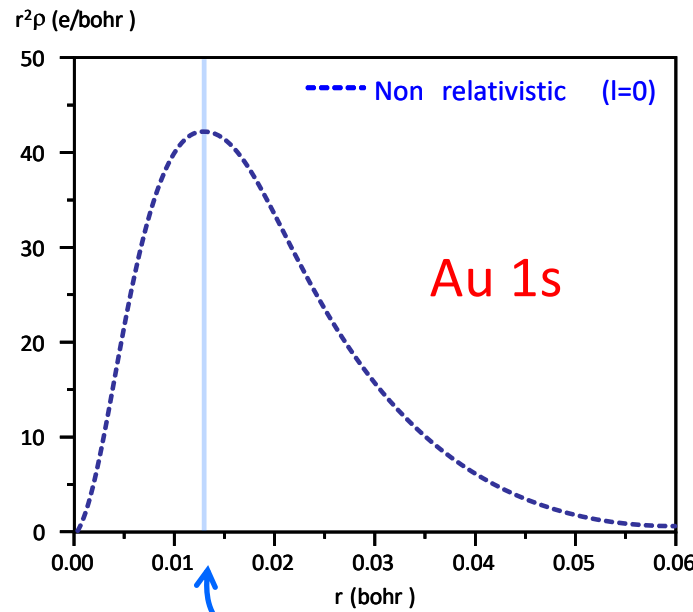
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \geq 1$$



### III. Implementation



### (1) Relativistic orbital contraction



Radius of the 1s electron (Bohr model):



$$r(1s) = \frac{n^2 a_0}{Z} \quad \text{AND} \quad a_0 = \frac{\hbar}{m_e c \alpha} = 1 \text{ bohr}$$

$$r(1s) = \frac{1}{79} = 0.013 \text{ bohr}$$

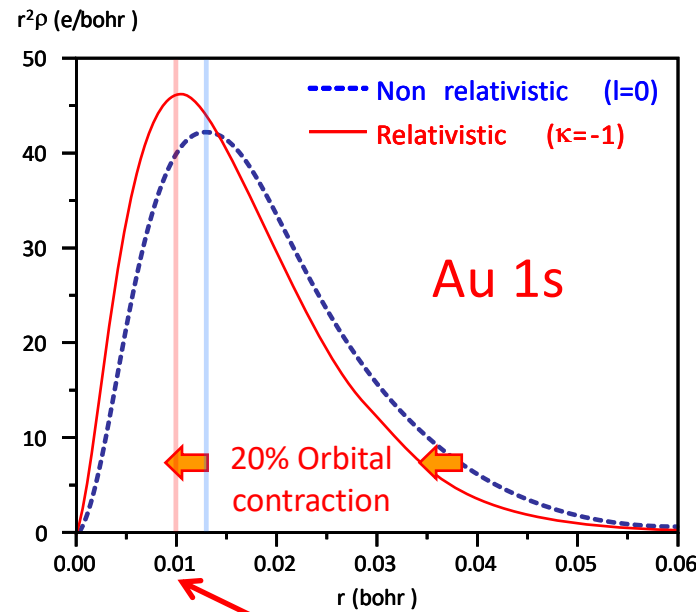
*Atomic units:*  
 $\hbar = m_e = e = 1$   
 $c = 1/\alpha \approx 137 \text{ au}$



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In Au atom, the relativistic mass ( $M$ ) of the 1s electron is 22% larger than the rest mass ( $m$ )

$$r(1s) = \frac{n^2 a_0}{Z \gamma} = \frac{1}{79} \frac{1}{1.22} = 0.010 \text{ bohr}$$

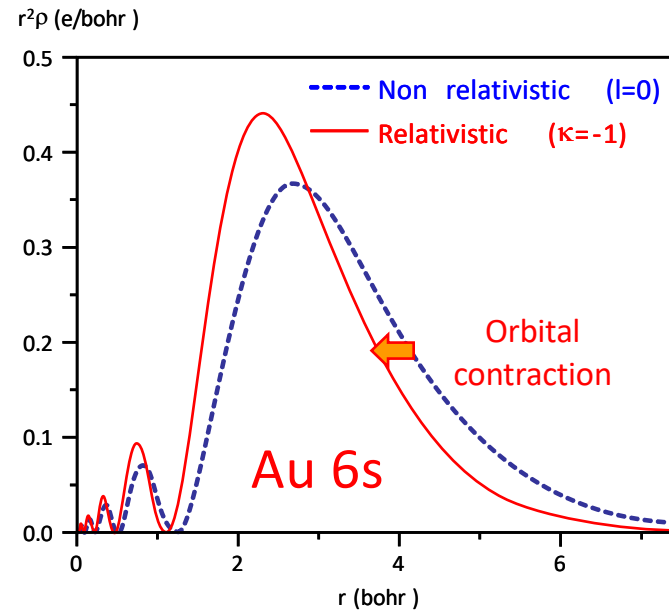
$$M = \gamma \cdot m_e = 1.22 m_e$$

$$a_0[RELA] = \frac{\hbar}{M_e c \alpha} = \frac{a_0}{\gamma}$$

### III. Implementation



### (1) Relativistic orbital contraction



Speed of the 6s electron (Bohr model):

$$v_e(6s) = \frac{Z}{n} = \frac{79}{6} = 13.17 = 0.096c$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v_e}{c}\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (0.096)^2}} = 1.0046$$

*Direct relativistic effect (mass enhancement) → contraction of 0.46% only*

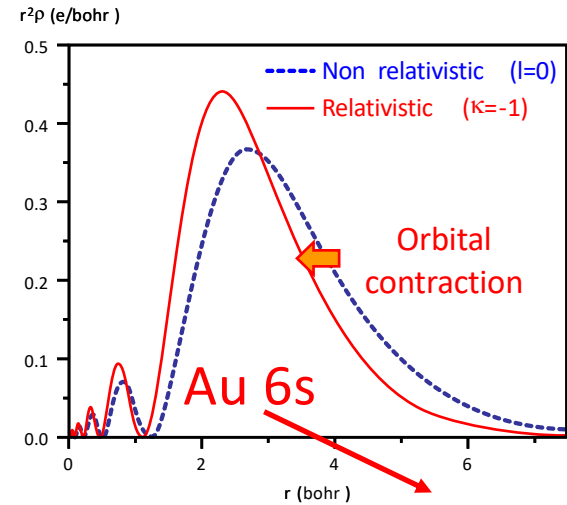
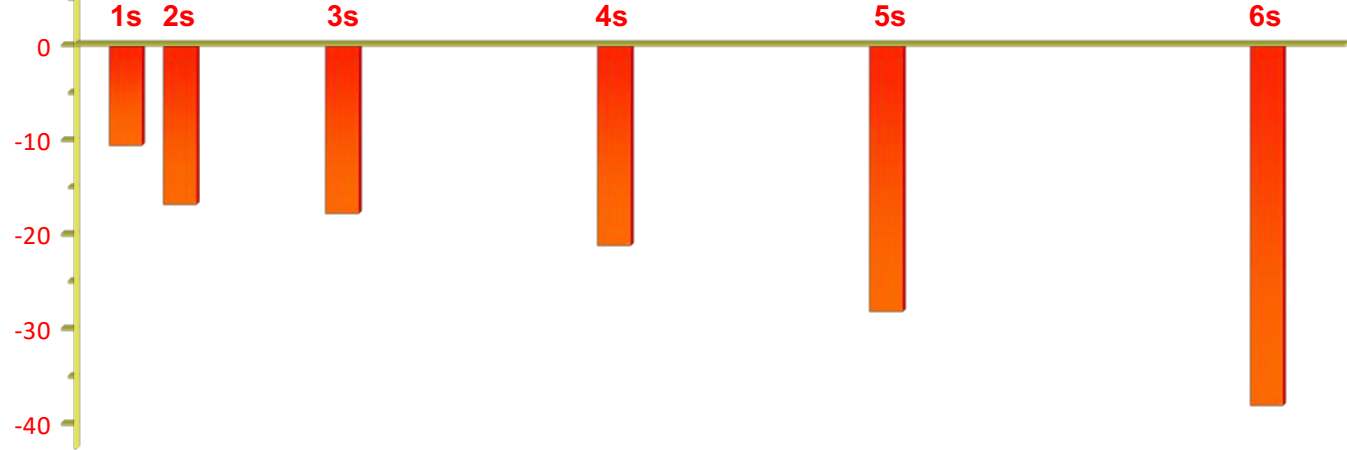
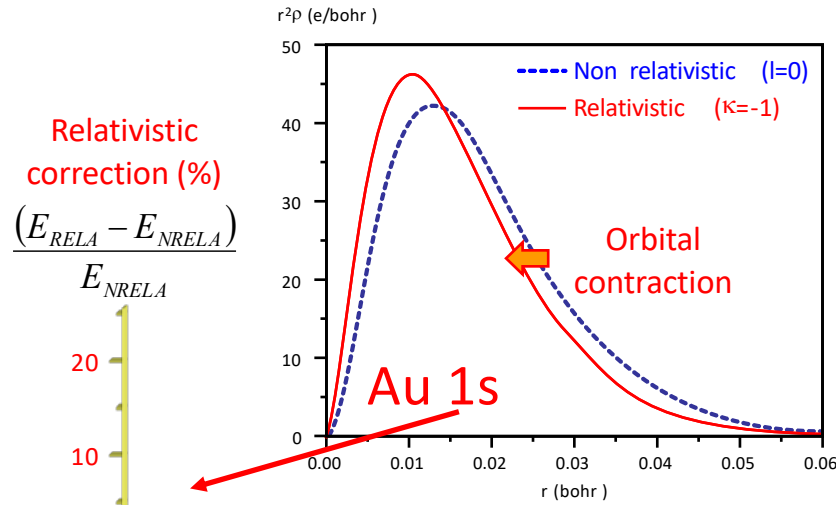
*However, the relativistic contraction of the 6s orbital is large (>20%)*

*ns orbitals (with  $n > 1$ ) contract due to orthogonality to 1s*

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# (1) Relativistic orbital contraction



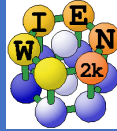
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Let's travel to Tarragona to understand!



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n = 6 *Indirect Impact*

n = 5

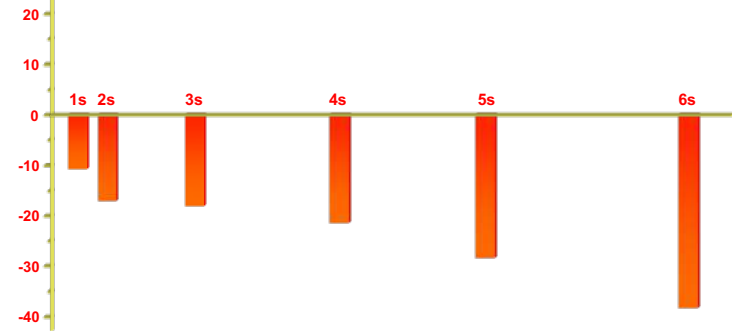
n = 4

n = 3

n = 2

n = 1 *Direct Impact*

Relativistic correction (%)  
 $\frac{(E_{RELA} - E_{NRELA})}{E_{NRELA}}$



« Relativistic » perturbation !

Human pyramid at Tarragona (Spain)  
Santa Tecla festival

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$n = 6$  *Indirect Impact*

$n = 5$

$n = 4$

$n = 3$

$n = 2$

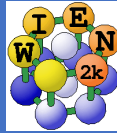
$n = 1$  *Direct Impact*



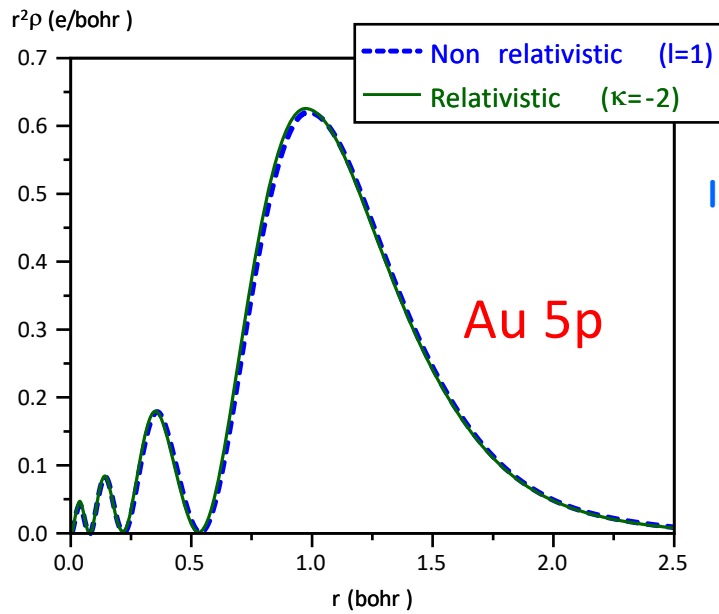
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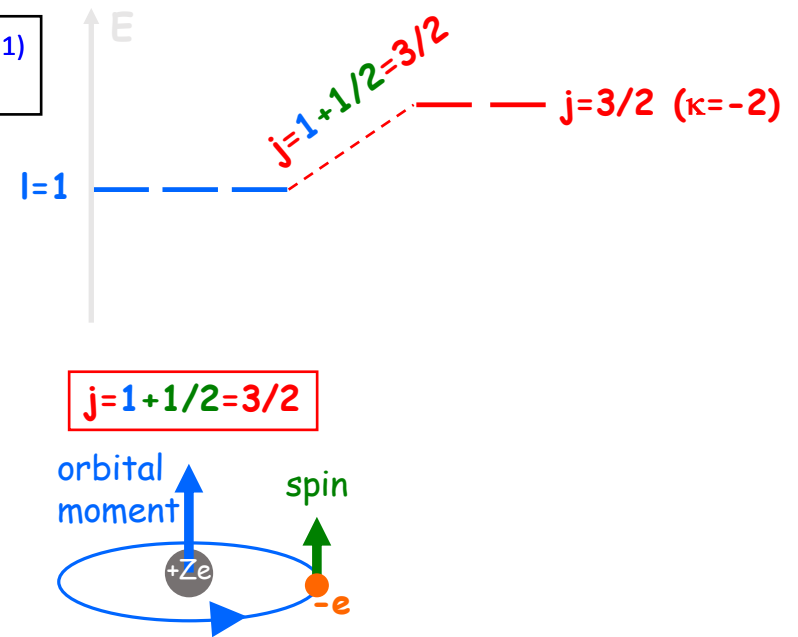
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## (2) Spin-orbit splitting of p states

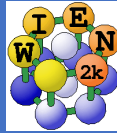


◆ Spin-orbit splitting of  $l$ -quantum number

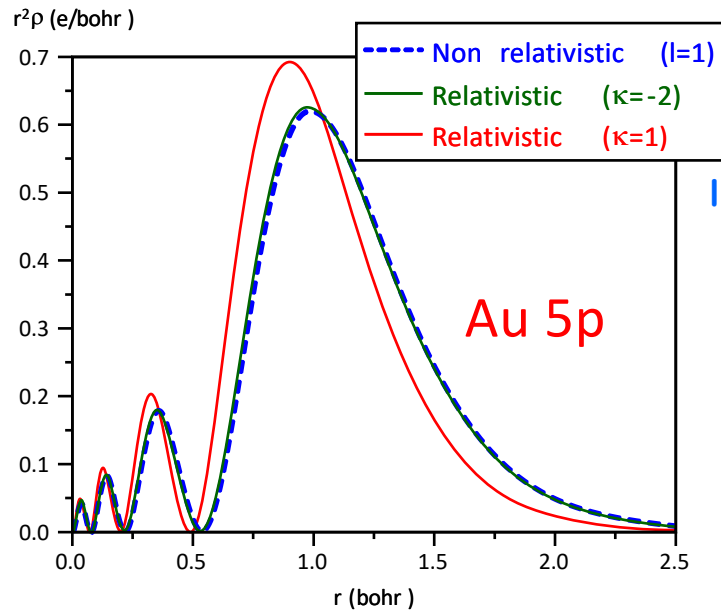


◆  $p_{3/2}$  ( $\kappa=-2$ ): nearly same behavior than non-relativistic p-state

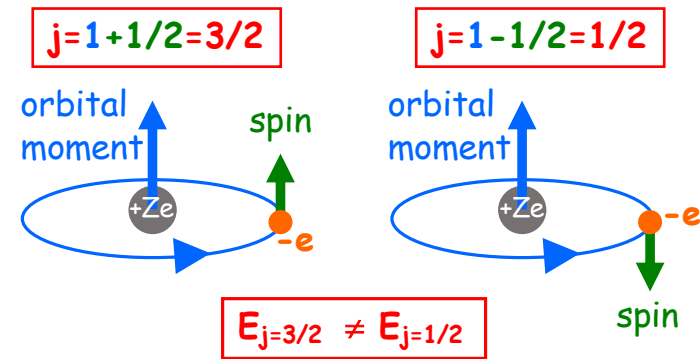
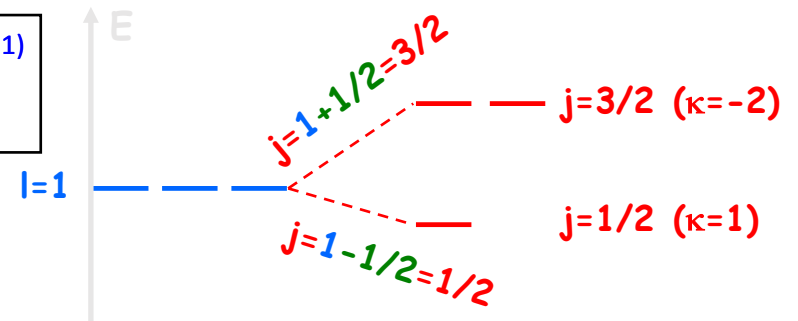
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## (2) Spin-orbit splitting of p states



### Spin-orbit splitting of l-quantum number



- ◆  $p_{1/2}$  ( $\kappa=1$ ): markedly different behavior than non-relativistic p-state  
 $g_{\kappa=1}$  is non-zero at nucleus



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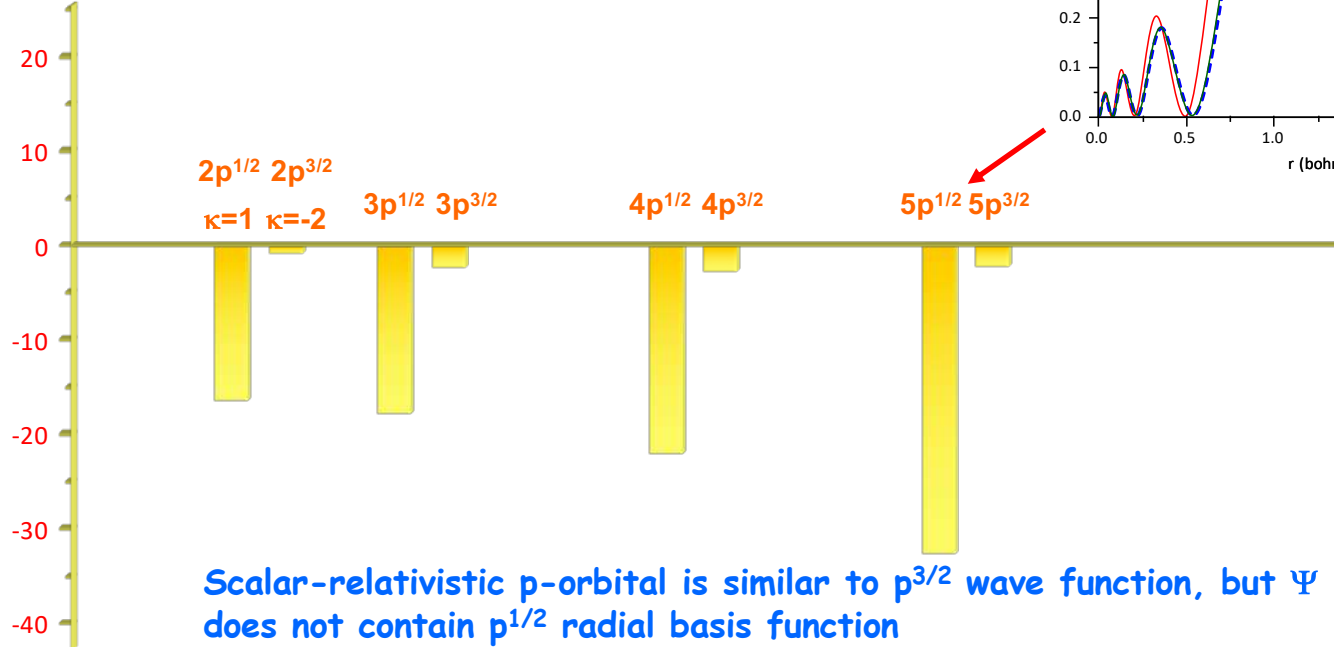


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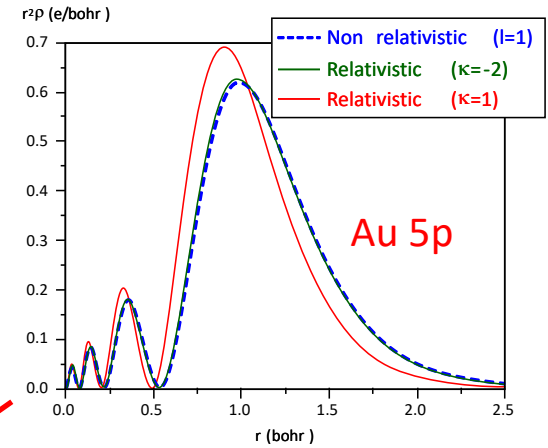


Relativistic correction (%)

$$\frac{(E_{RELA} - E_{NRELA})}{E_{NRELA}}$$



Scalar-relativistic p-orbital is similar to p<sup>3/2</sup> wave function, but Ψ does not contain p<sup>1/2</sup> radial basis function



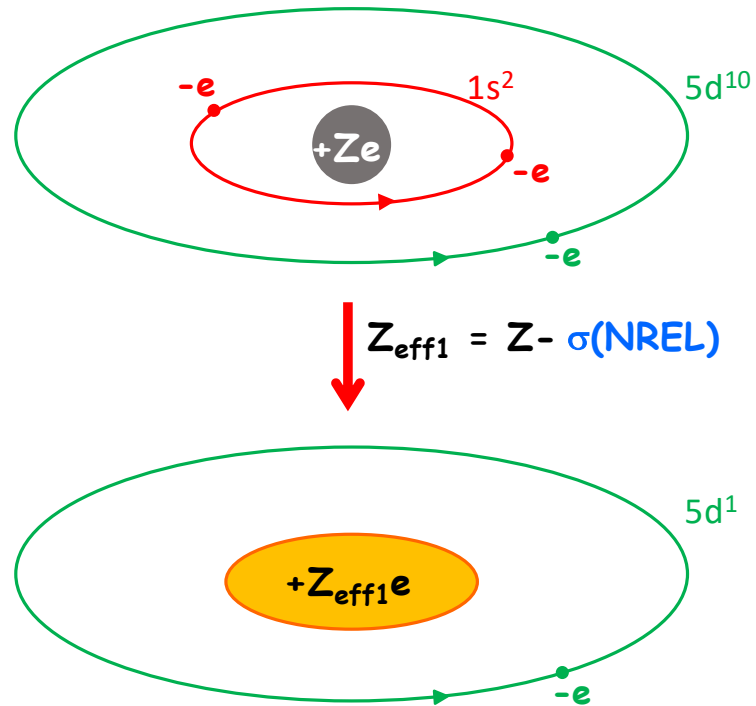
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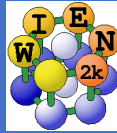
### (3) Orbital expansion: Au(d) states

Higher l-quantum number states expand due to **better shielding** of nucleus charge from contracted s-states

Non-relativistic (NREL)



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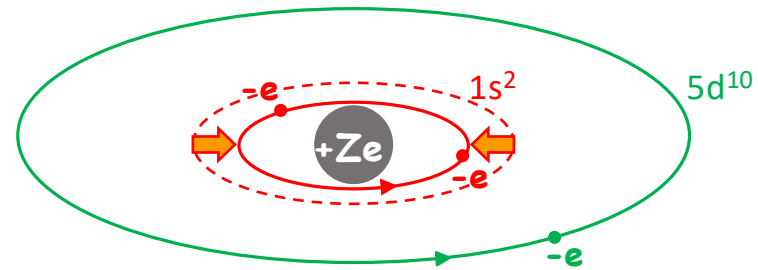
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Relativistic (REL)

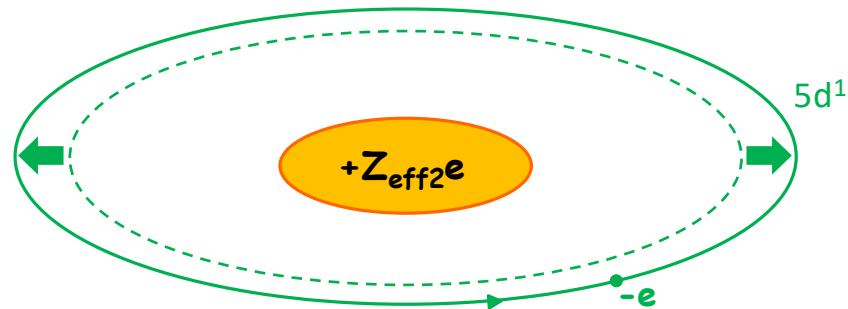
*1s electrons closer to the nucleus*

*Better shielding*  
 $Z_{eff2} > Z_{eff1}$

*Valence electron less attracted*  
(= Indirect relativistic effect)  
⇒ Orbital expansion



$$Z_{eff2} = Z - \sigma(\text{REL})$$



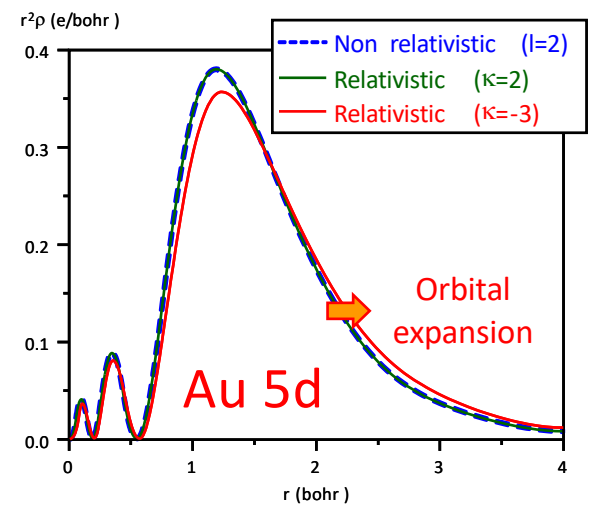
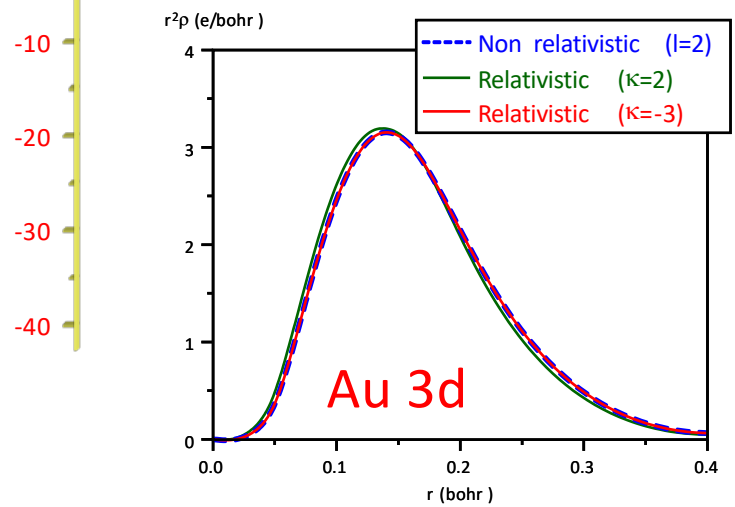
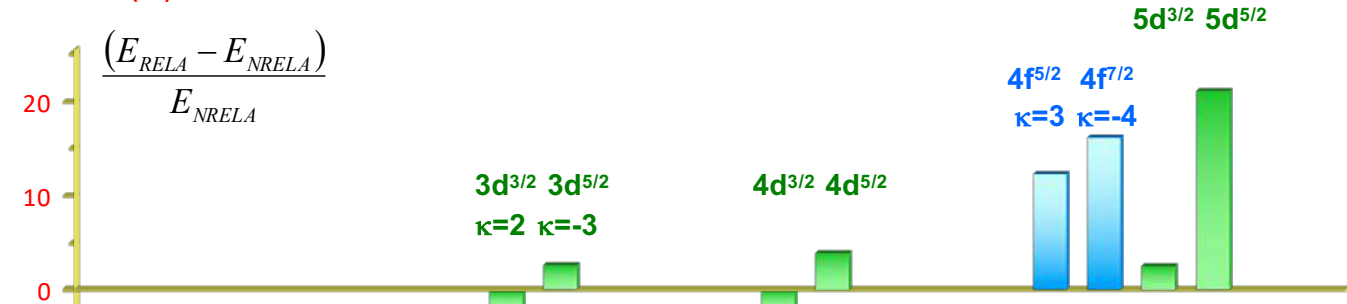
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Relativistic correction (%)



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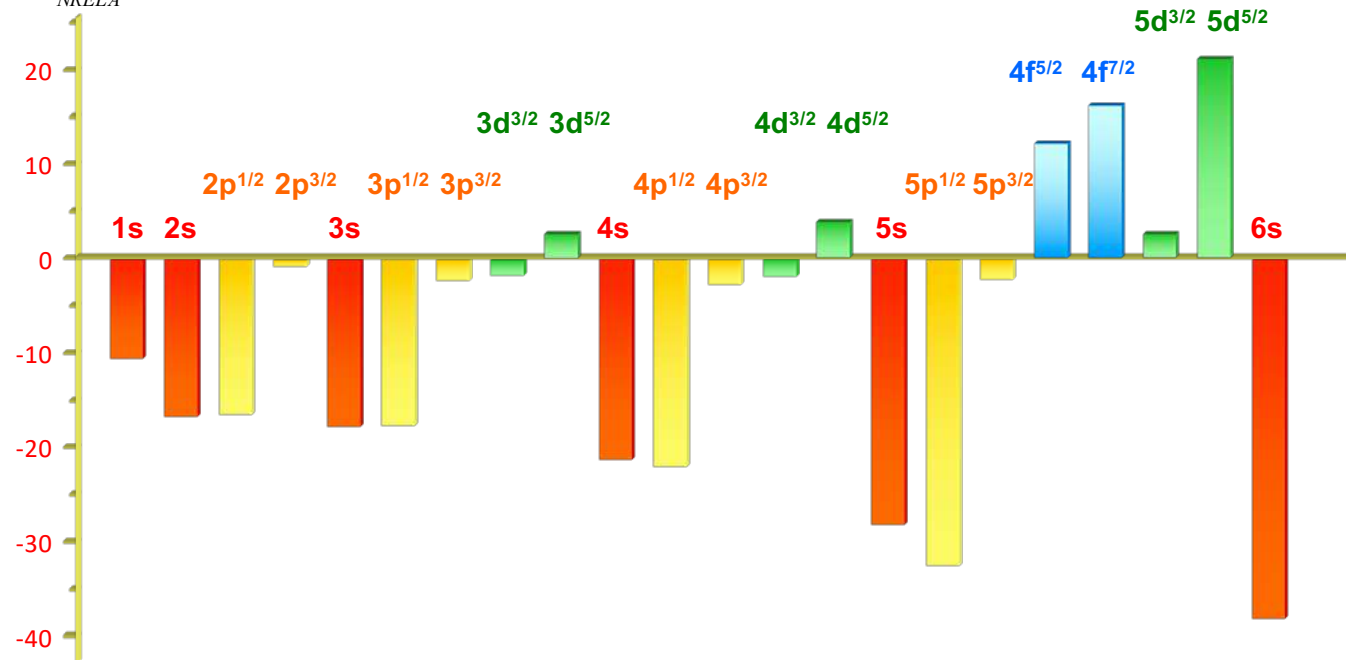


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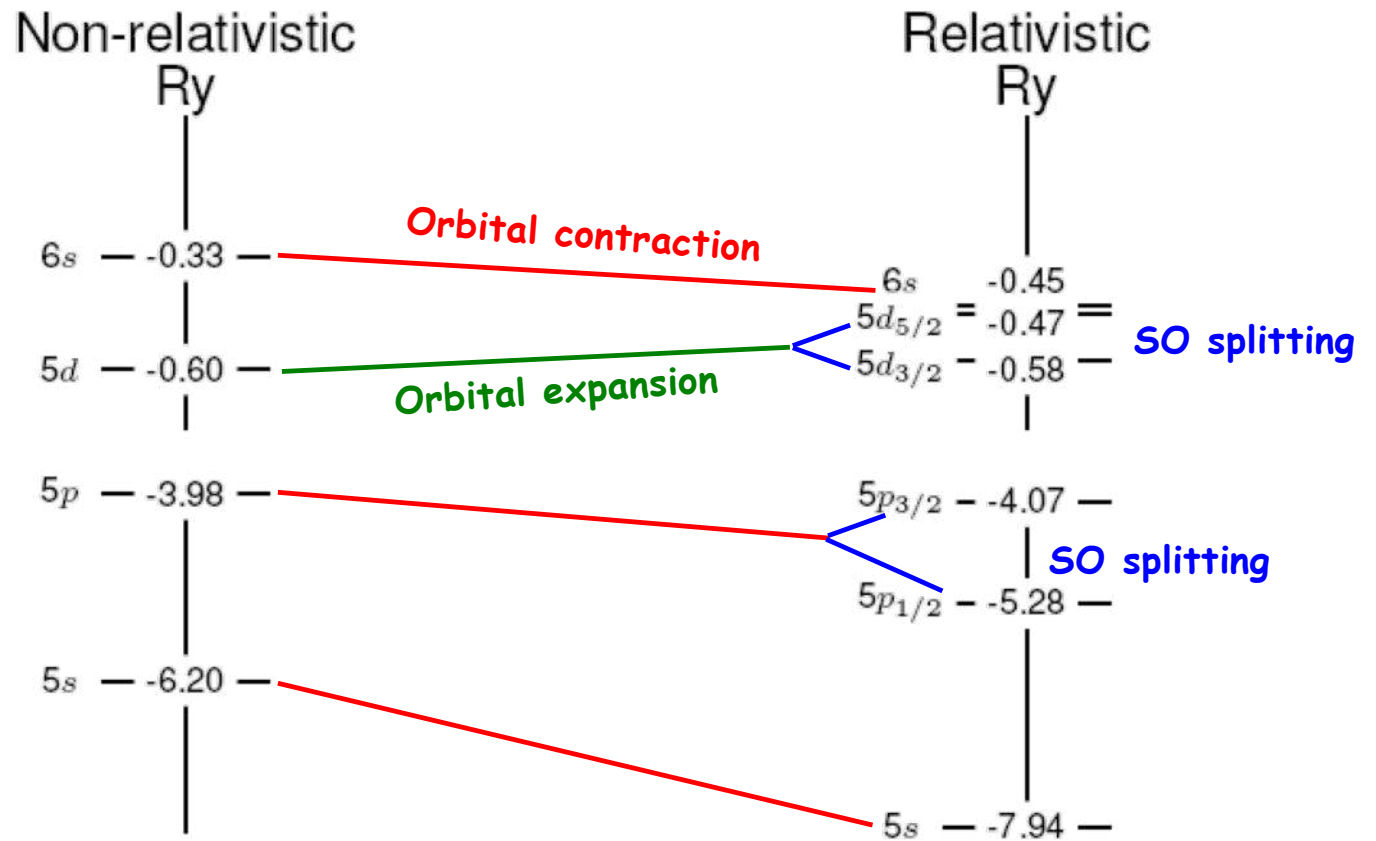
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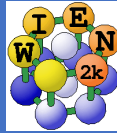




## Atomic spectra of gold



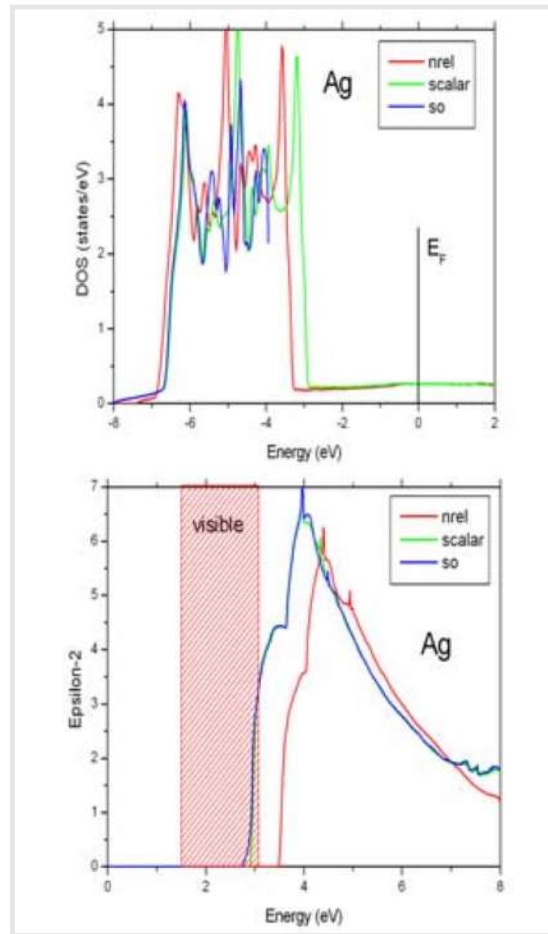
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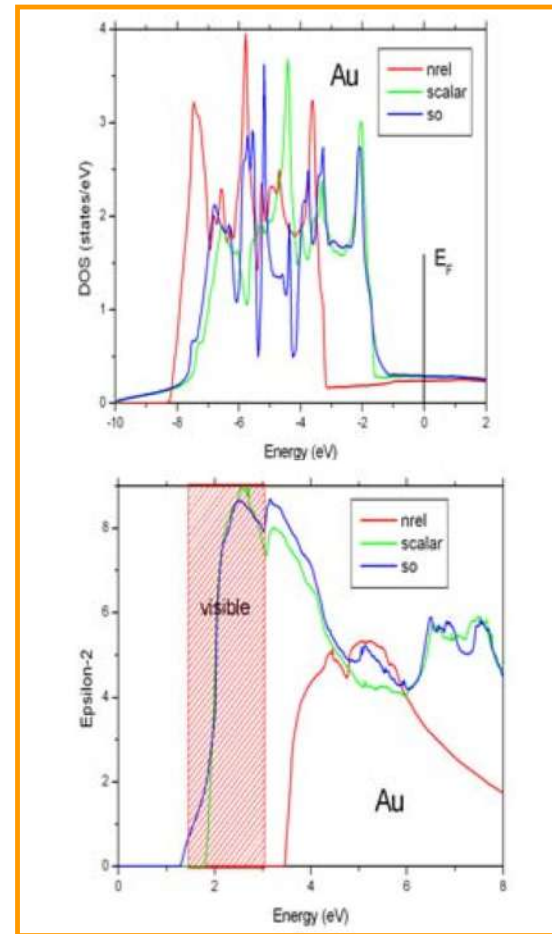
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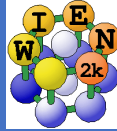
Ag



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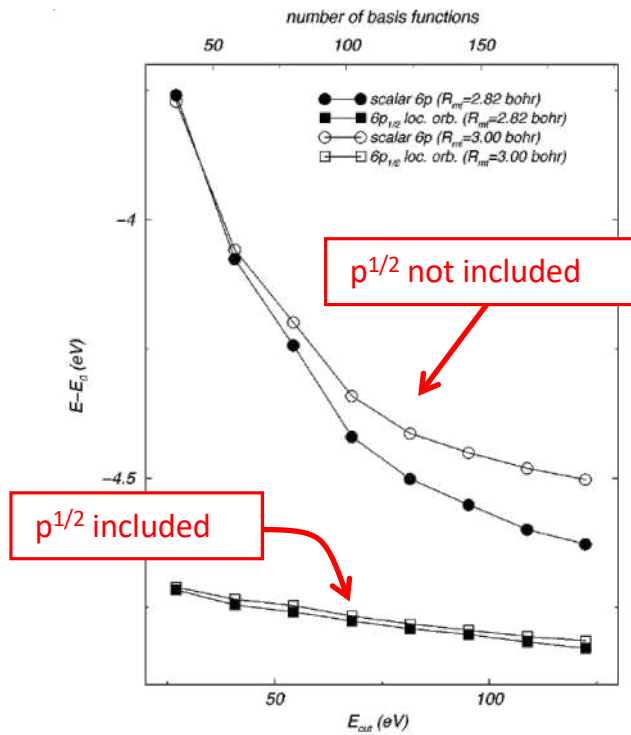
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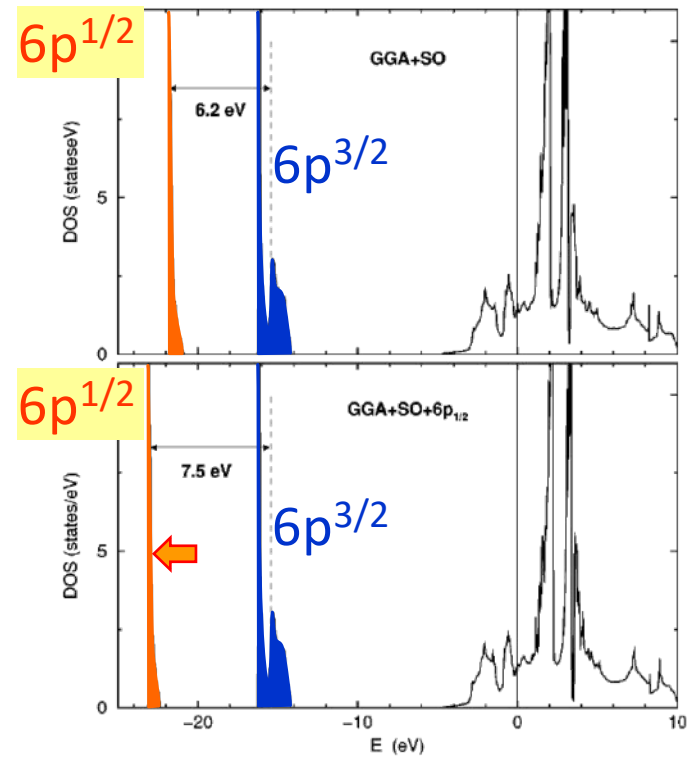
# Relativistic semicore states: $p^{1/2}$ orbitals

Electronic structure of fcc Th, SOC with  $6p^{1/2}$  local orbital

Energy vs. basis size



DOS with and without  $p^{1/2}$



J.Kuneš, P.Novak, R.Schmid, P.Blaha, K.Schwarz, Phys.Rev.B. 64, 153102 (2001)





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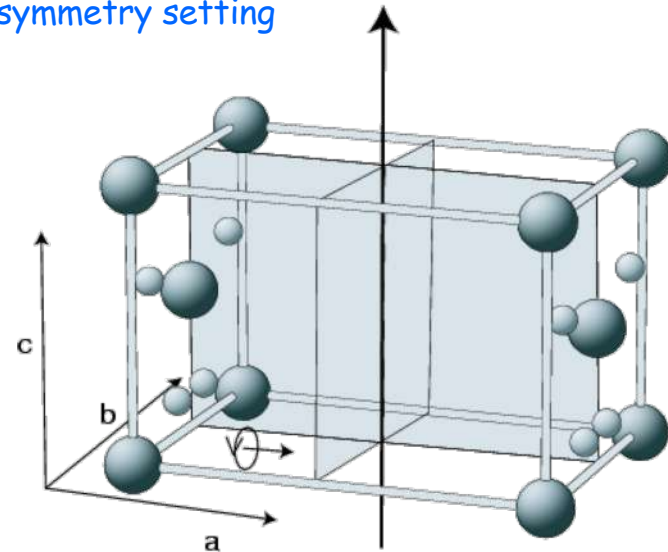


# SOC in magnetic systems



- ➔ *SOC couples magnetic moment to the lattice*
  - ◆ direction of the exchange field matters (input in case.inso)
- ➔ *Symmetry operations acts in real and spin space*
  - ◆ number of symmetry operations may be reduced (reflections act differently on spins than on positions)
  - ◆ time inversion is not symmetry operation (do not add an inversion for klist)
  - ◆ initso\_lapw (must be executed) detects new symmetry setting

|                      | Direction of magnetization |       |       |       |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | [100]                      | [010] | [001] | [110] |
| <b>1</b>             | A                          | A     | A     | A     |
| <b>m<sub>x</sub></b> | A                          | B     | B     | -     |
| <b>m<sub>y</sub></b> | B                          | A     | B     | -     |
| <b>2<sub>z</sub></b> | B                          | B     | A     | B     |





➔ **WIEN2k offers several levels of treating relativity:**

◆ **non-relativistic:** select NREL in case.struct (not recommended)

◆ **standard:** fully-relativistic core, scalar-relativistic valence

mass-velocity and Darwin s-shift, no spin-orbit interaction

◆ **“fully”-relativistic:**

adding SO in “second variation” (using previous eigenstates as basis)

adding  $p^{1/2}$  LOs to increase accuracy (caution!!!)

- x lapw1 (increase E-max for more eigenvalues, to have
- x lapwso basis for lapwso)
- x lapw2 -so -c **SO ALWAYS needs complex lapw2 version**

◆ **Non-magnetic systems:**

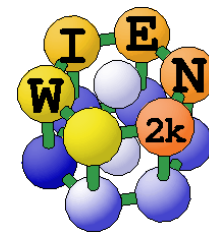
SO does NOT reduce symmetry. initso\_lapw just generates case.inso and case.in2c.

◆ **Magnetic systems:**

symmetso detects proper symmetry and rewrites case.struct/in\*/clm\*

# Relativistic effects & Magnetic couplings

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## Magnetic properties and energy-mapping analysis

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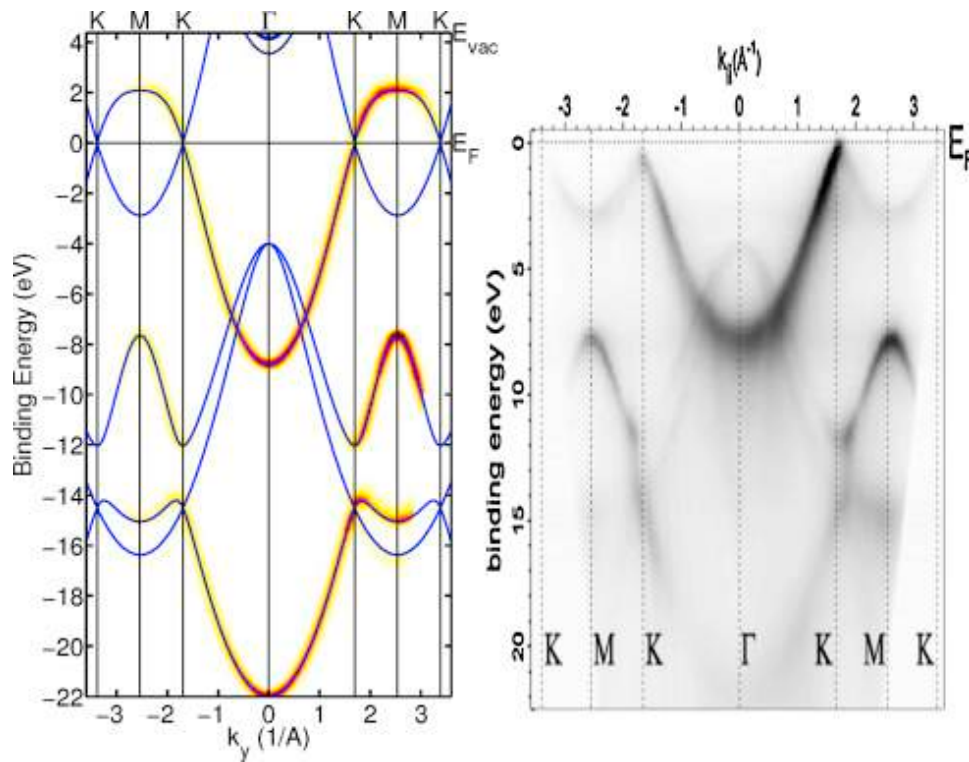
M.-H. Whangbo

The magnetic energy levels of a given magnetic solid are closely packed in energy because the interactions between magnetic ions are weak. Thus, in describing its magnetic properties, one needs to generate its magnetic energy spectrum by employing an appropriate spin Hamiltonian. In this review article we discuss how to determine and specify a necessary spin Hamiltonian in terms of first principles electronic structure calculations on the basis of energy-mapping analysis and briefly survey important concepts and phenomena that one encounters in reading the current literature on magnetic solids. Our discussion is given on a qualitative level from the perspective of magnetic energy levels and electronic structures. The spin Hamiltonian appropriate for a magnetic system should be based on its spin lattice, *i.e.*, the repeat pattern of its strong magnetic bonds (strong spin exchange paths), which requires one to evaluate its Heisenberg spin exchanges on the basis of energy-mapping analysis. Other weaker energy terms such as Dzyaloshinskii–Moriya (DM) spin exchange and magnetocrystalline anisotropy energies, which a spin Hamiltonian must include in certain cases, can also be evaluated by performing energy-mapping analysis. We show that the spin orientation of a transition-metal magnetic ion can be easily explained by considering its split d-block levels as unperturbed states with the spin–orbit coupling (SOC)

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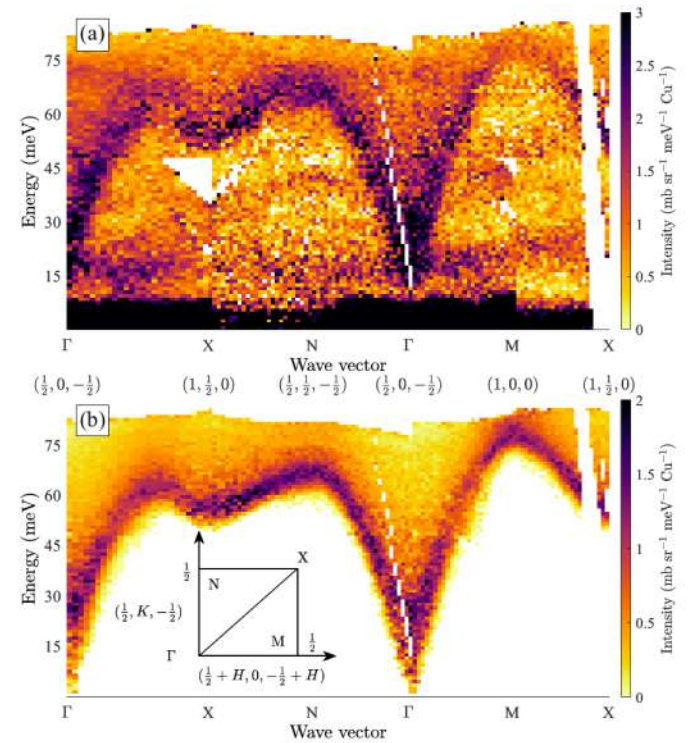
# Let's talk about order of magnitude

### Band structure & ARPES of graphene



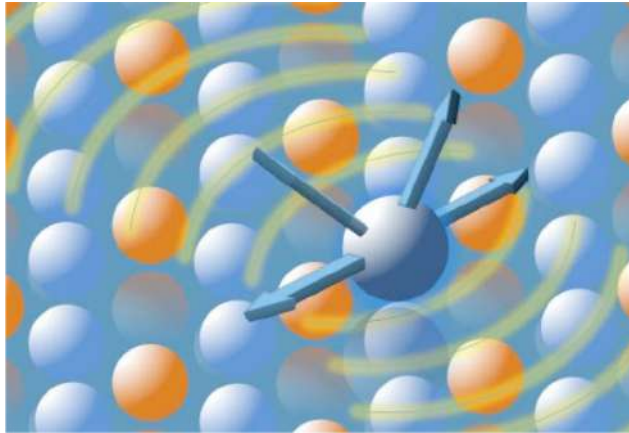
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### Magnetic dispersion of CuO at 6K (neutron scattering)



<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.97.144401>

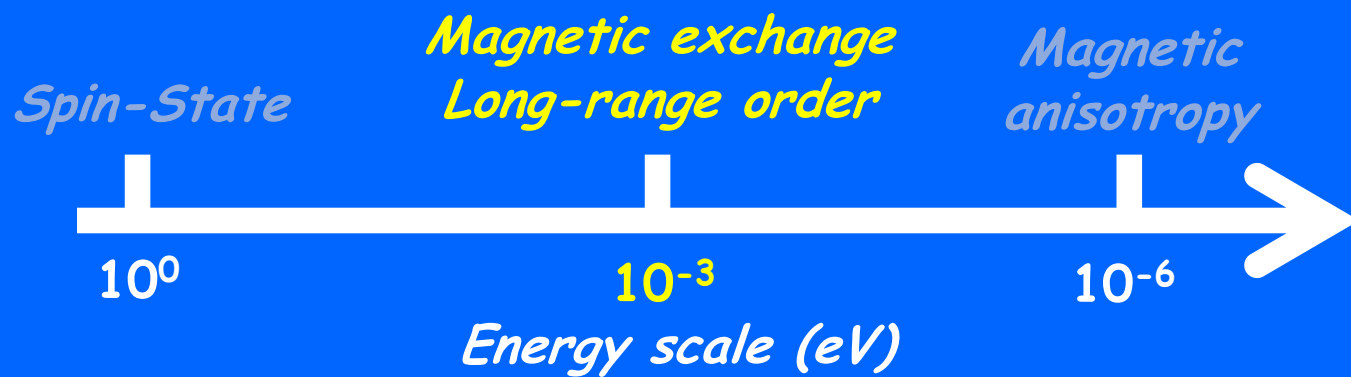
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## *Magnetic properties:*

- ✓ *Spin-state (high/low)*
- ✓ *Long-range/short-range orders*
- ✓ *Collinear / non-collinear*
- ✓ *Magnetic anisotropy*
- ✓ *Magnetic frustration*
- ✓ *Magnetic exchange*

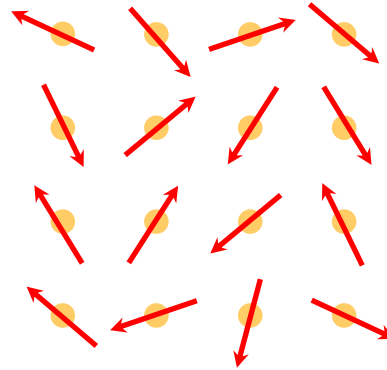
$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ meV} &= \\ &= 11.6 \text{ K} \\ &= 8.06 \text{ cm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



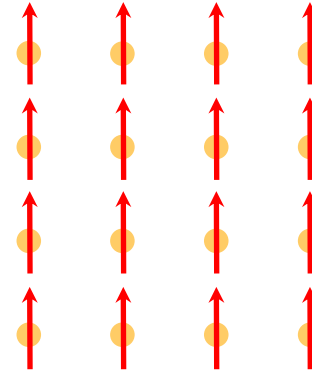
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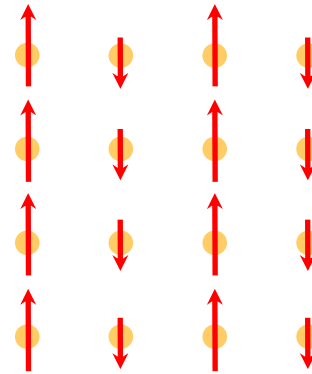
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(PM)



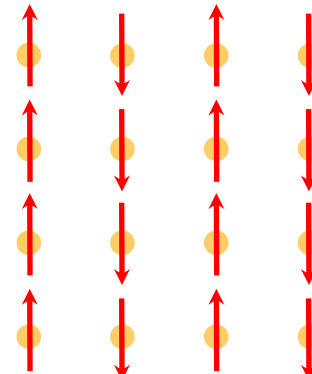
Ferromagnetic  
(FM) order



Ferrimagnetic  
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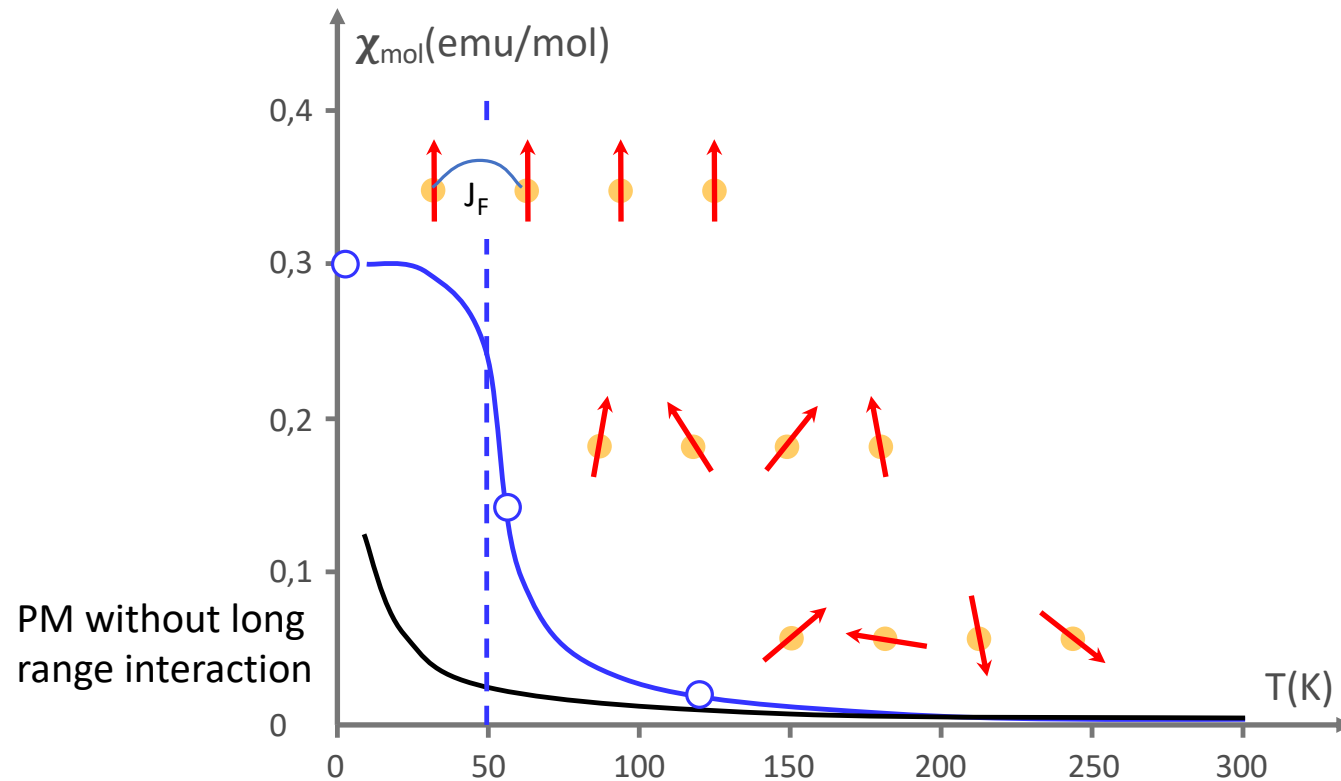


Antiferromagnetic  
(AFM) order





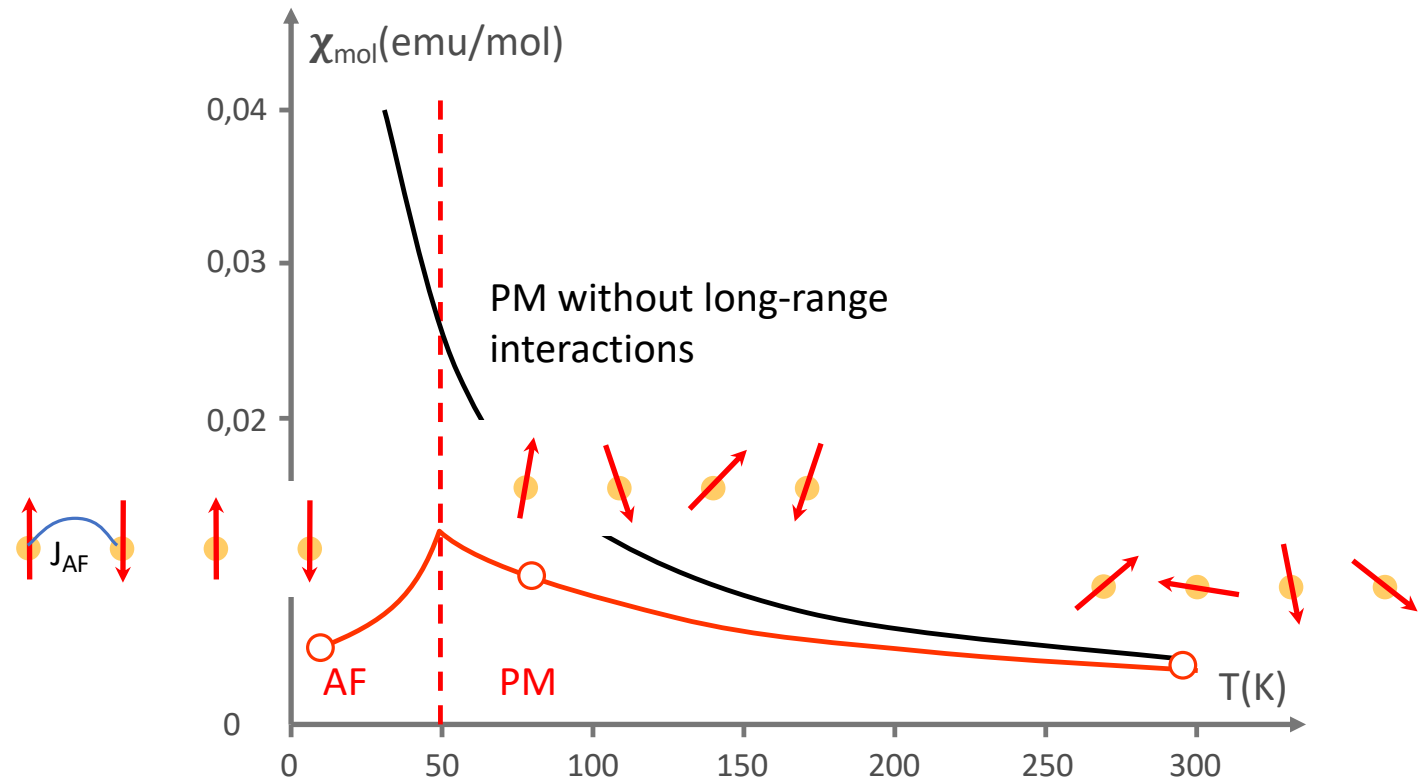
## *Magnetic susceptibility of a ferromagnetic (FM) compound*







## *Magnetic susceptibility of an antiferromagnetic (AFM) compound*

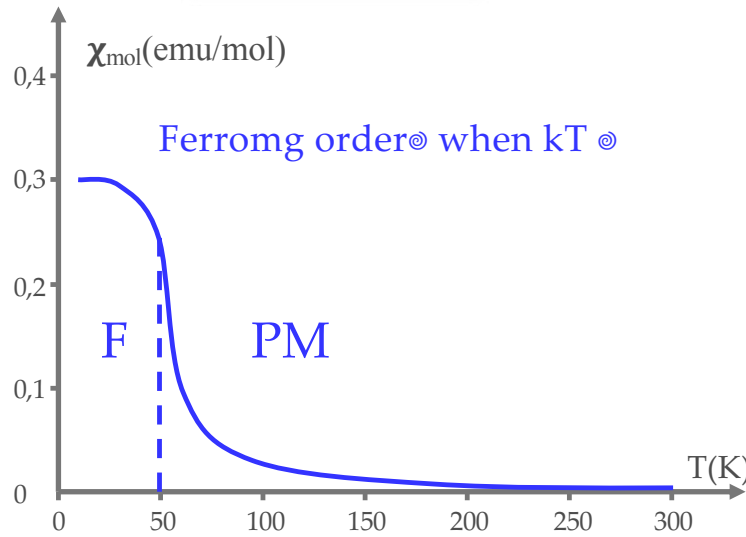


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# Collinear Magnetism



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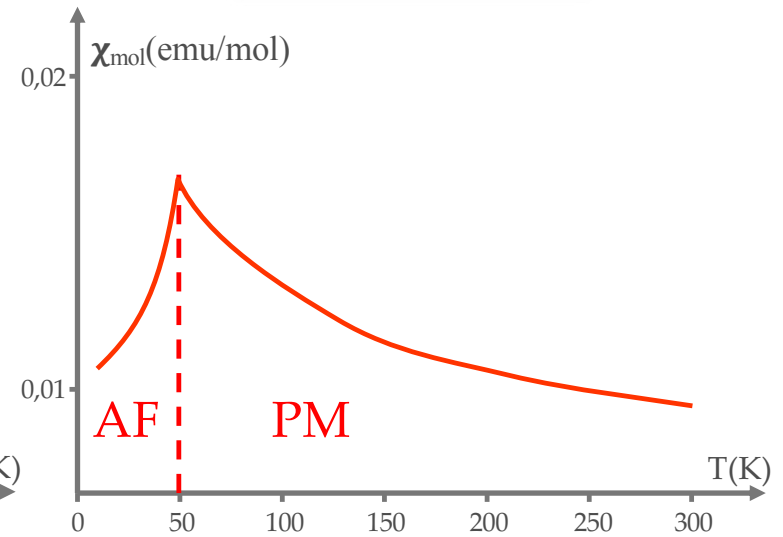


$T_C$  Curie temperature



Ferromagnetic exchange:  $J_F < 0$

Antiferromagnetic



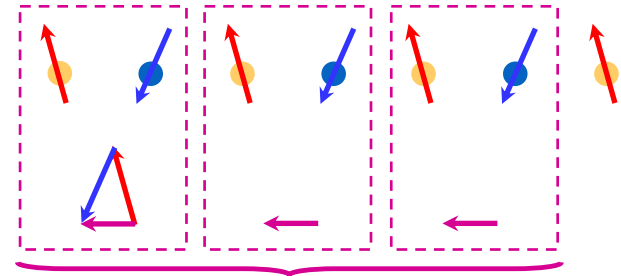
$T_N$  Néel temperature



Antiferromagnetic exchange:  $J_{AF} > 0$



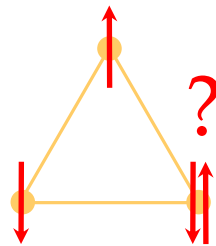
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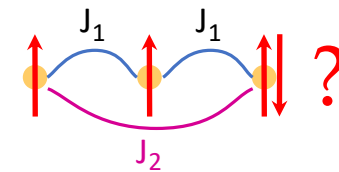
© weak ferromagnetism

Frustrated AFM

Topologic frustration



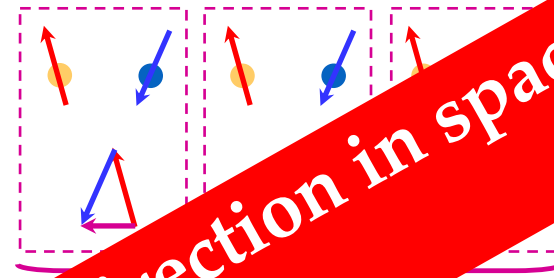
FM-AFM competition



$J_1$  : FM     $J_2$  : AFM



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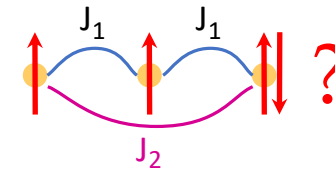


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**Magnetic moment has a direction in space**  
→ spin-orbit coupling



$J_1$  : FM     $J_2$  : AFM

## II. Magnetic coupling J

*Estimation of J can be done by mapping energy differences onto the general Heisenberg Spin Hamiltonian:*

$J_{ij}$ : spin exchange parameter between the spin sites  $i$  and  $j$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

$J_{ij} > 0 \Rightarrow$  AFM

$J_{ij} < 0 \Rightarrow$  FM

Long-range order

$$E_\alpha = \langle \alpha | H | \alpha \rangle = E_0 + S^2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

$S$ : Spin hold by the magnetic center  
 $\sigma_i = \pm 1$  (up or down spin)

**Example of a spin-half dimer ( $S = \frac{1}{2}$ )**

*To estimate the  $J_{12}$  value, 2 total energy calculations are needed:*

$\sigma_1 = +1 \quad \sigma_2 = +1$



$$E_{\text{FM}} = E_0 + \frac{1}{4} J_{12}$$

$\sigma_1 = +1 \quad \sigma_2 = -1$



$$E_{\text{AFM}} = E_0 + -\frac{1}{4} J_{12}$$



$$J_{12} = 2(E_{\text{FM}} - E_{\text{AFM}})$$



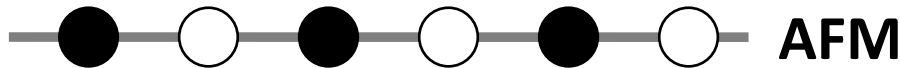
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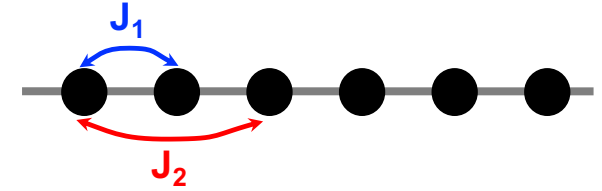
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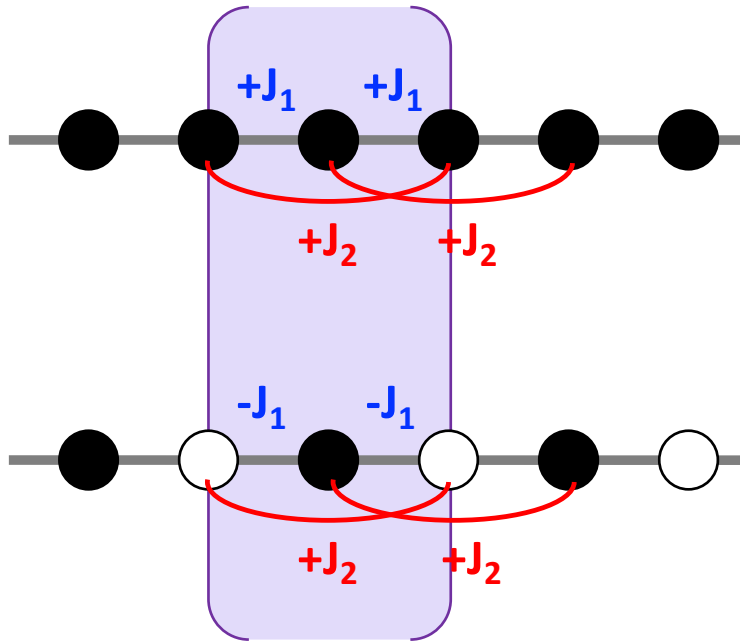
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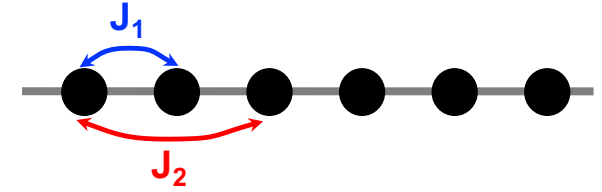
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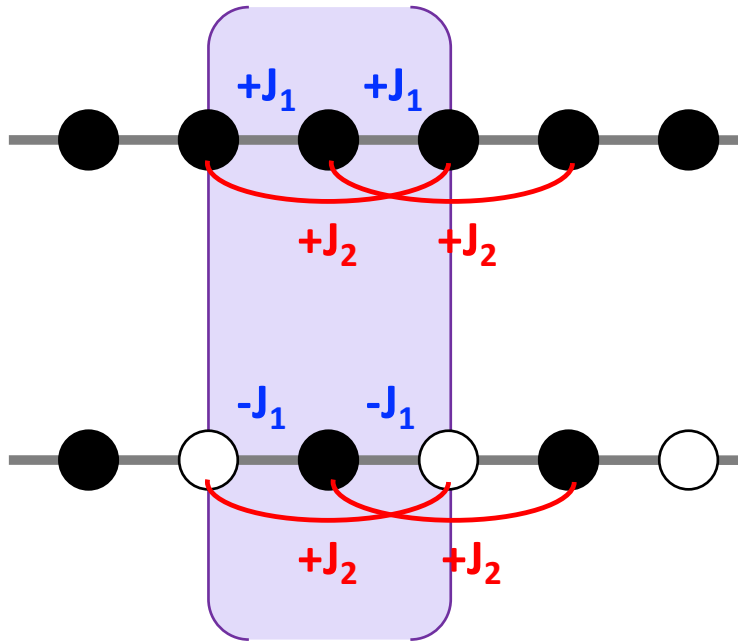
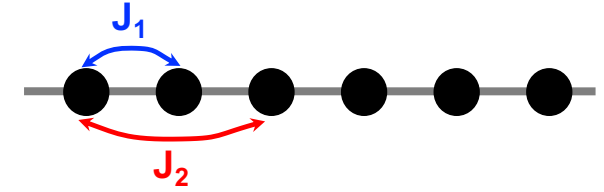
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$$E_{FM}^{Mapping} - E_{AFM}^{Mapping} = 4J_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad J_1 = \frac{E_{FM}^{DFT} - E_{AFM}^{DFT}}{4} \quad \text{BUT } J_2?$$





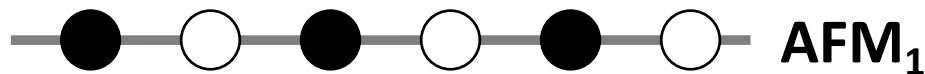
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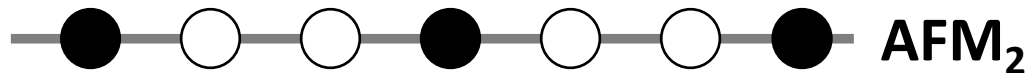
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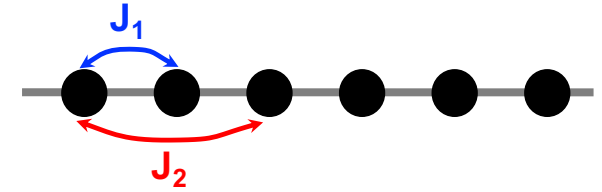
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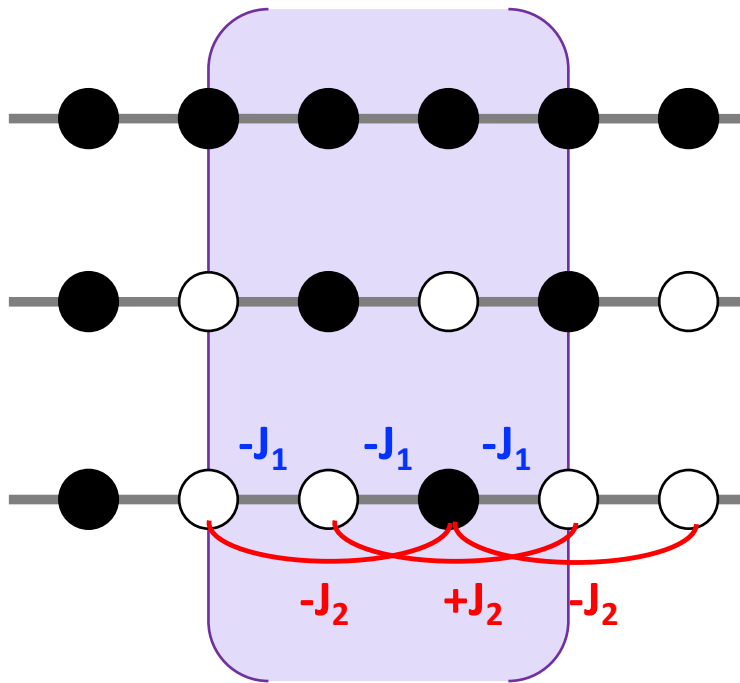
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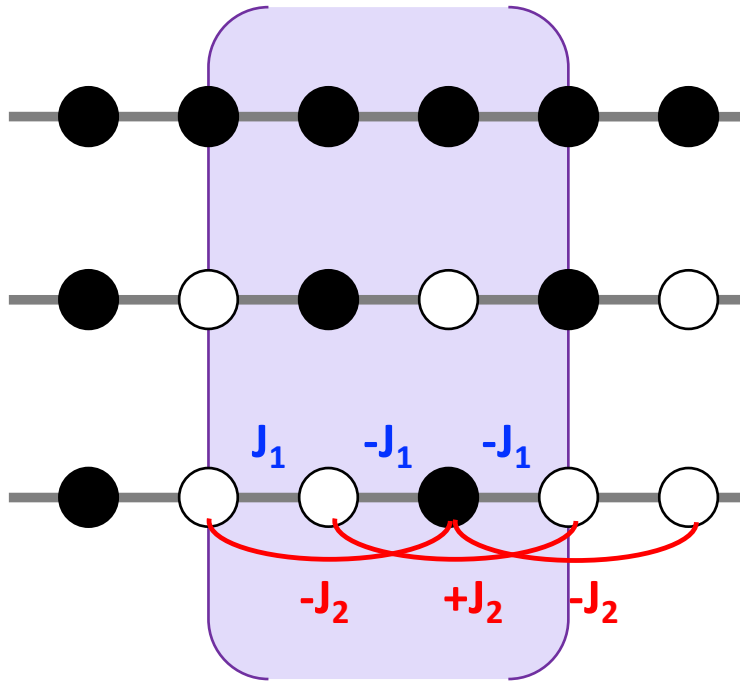
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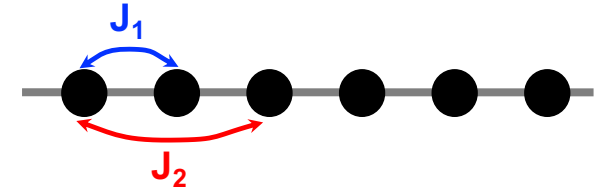


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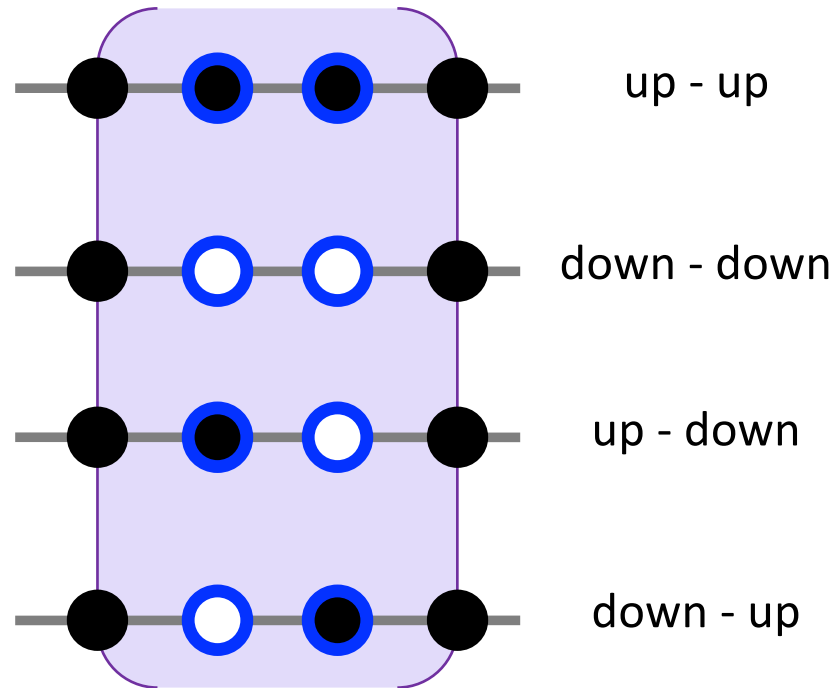


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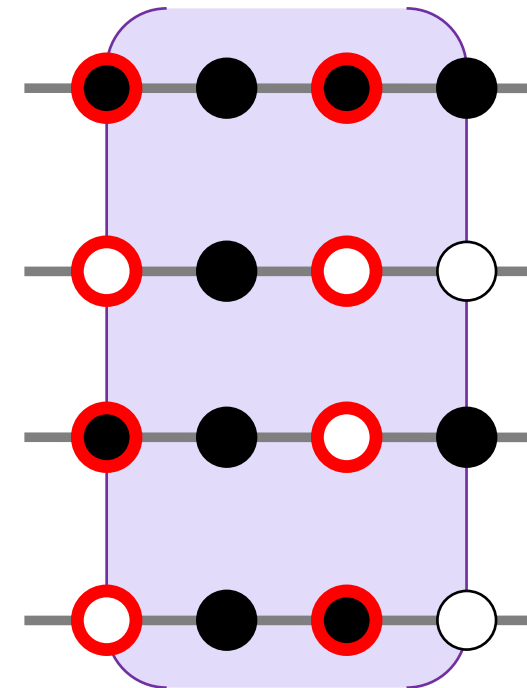


Estimation of  $J_1$



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Estimation of  $J_2$



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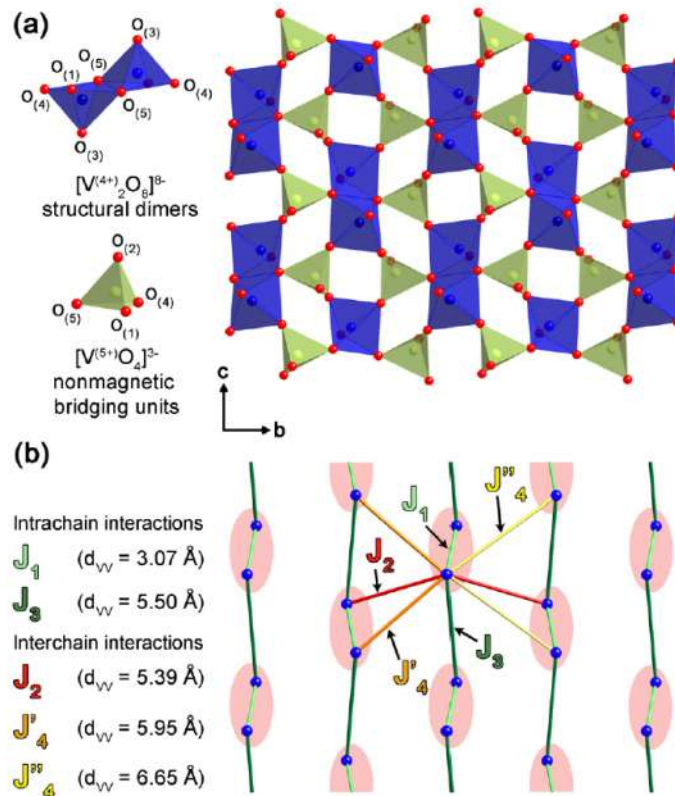
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64-atoms supercell



8 magnetic ions



$2^8 = 256$  possible magnetic configurations



Spin reversal

Cristalline symmetry

28 inequivalent magnetic configurations

**Least-squares fit procedure**  
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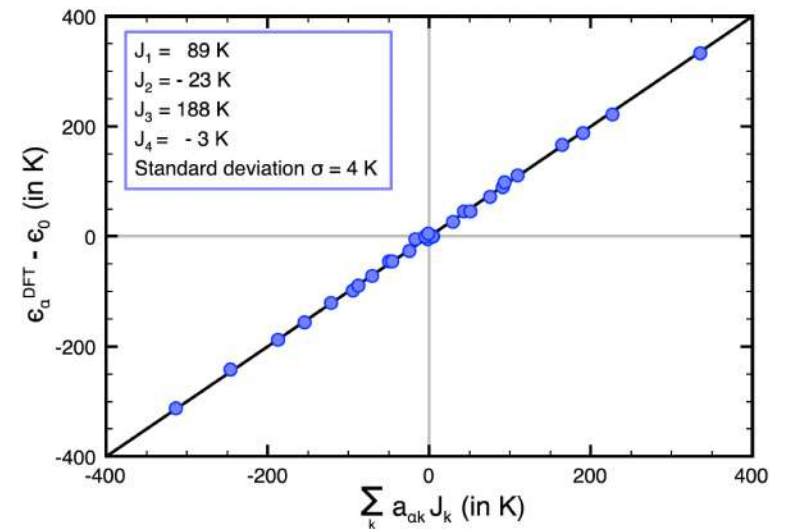
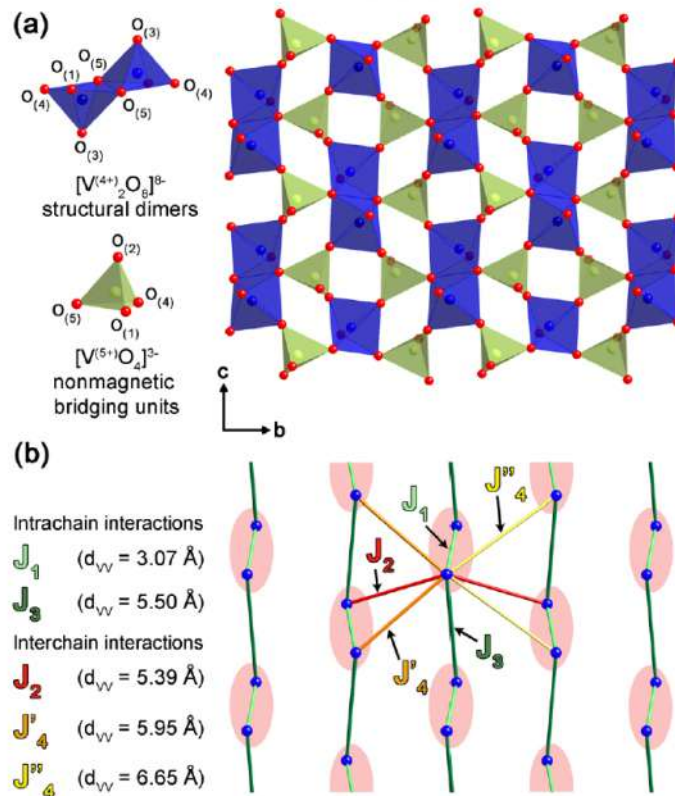


FIG. 2 (color online). Graphical representation of the results obtained by using the least-squares fit procedure: For each configuration, the DFT relative energy  $\epsilon_{\alpha}^{\text{DFT}} - \epsilon_0$  is represented as a function of the optimized Ising energy. The best fit values are shown in the inset. According to the convention used in Eq. (1), positive couplings correspond to AFM interactions.

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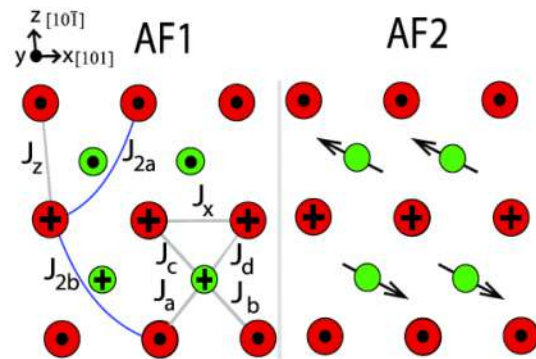


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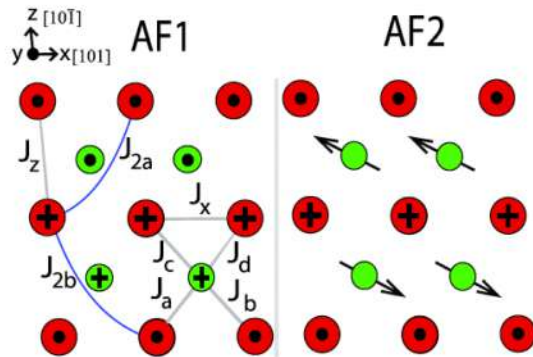
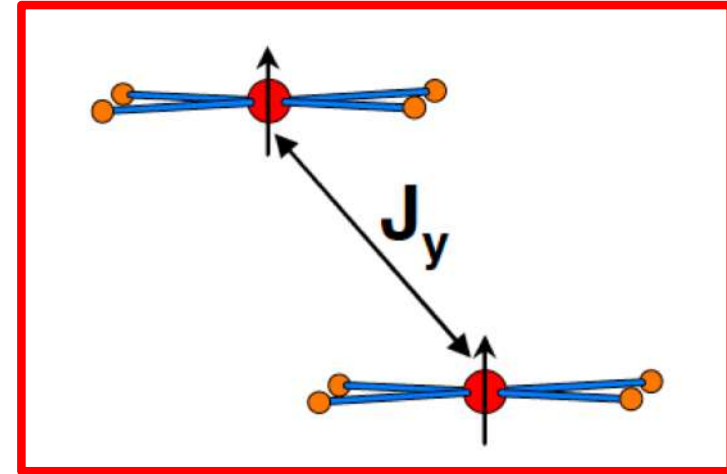
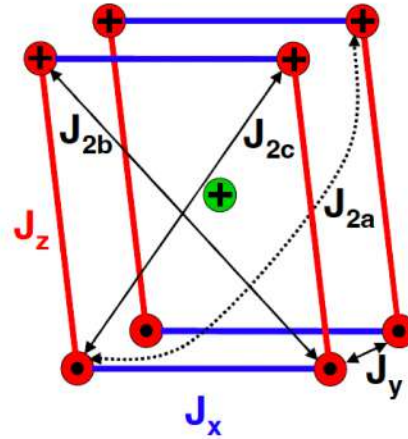


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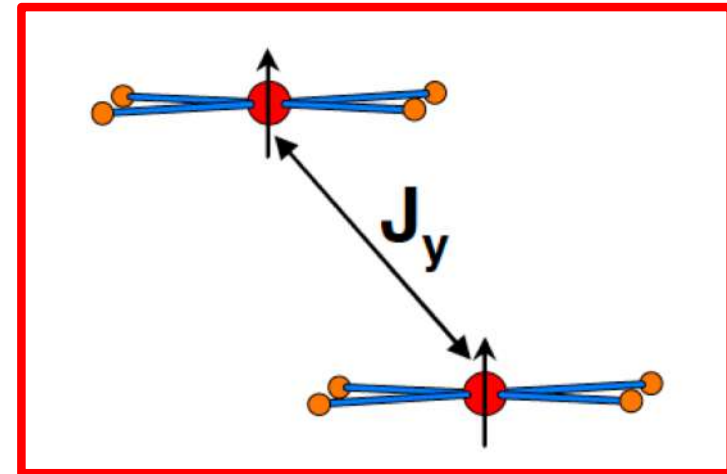
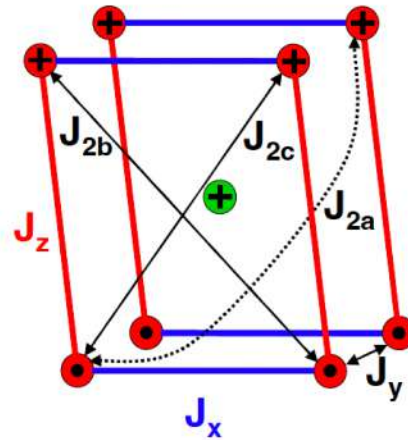
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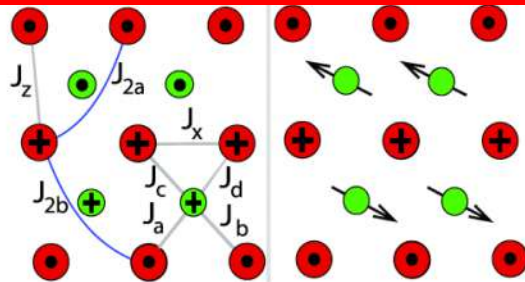
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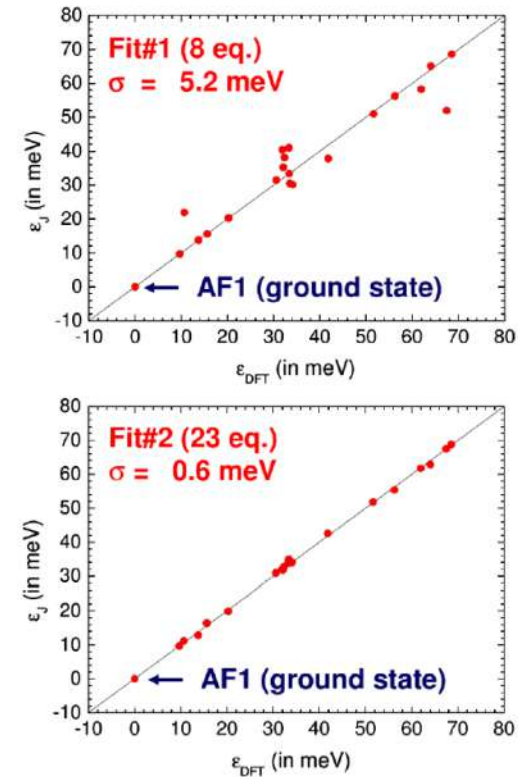


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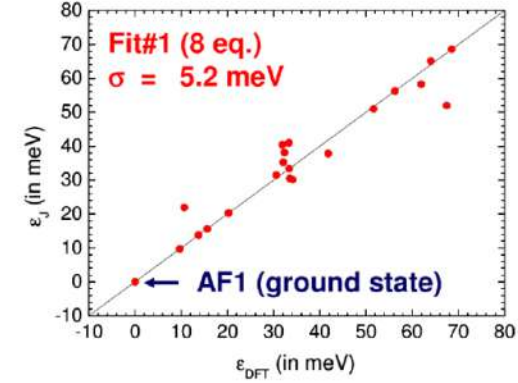


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## II. Magnetic coupling J

Illustration: NiO (Ex. 13 & 14)

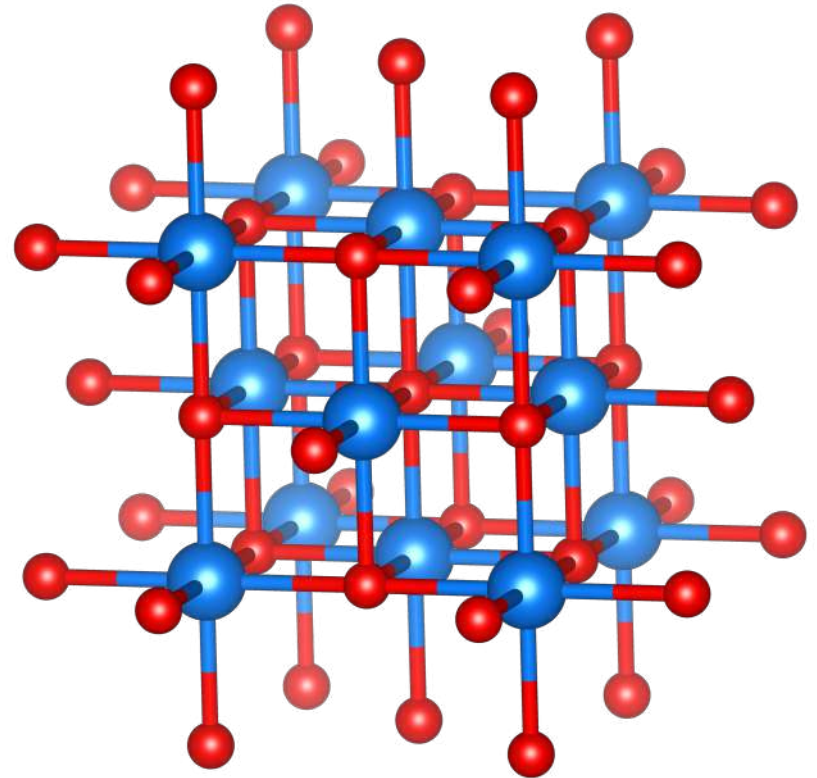
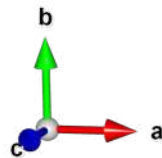
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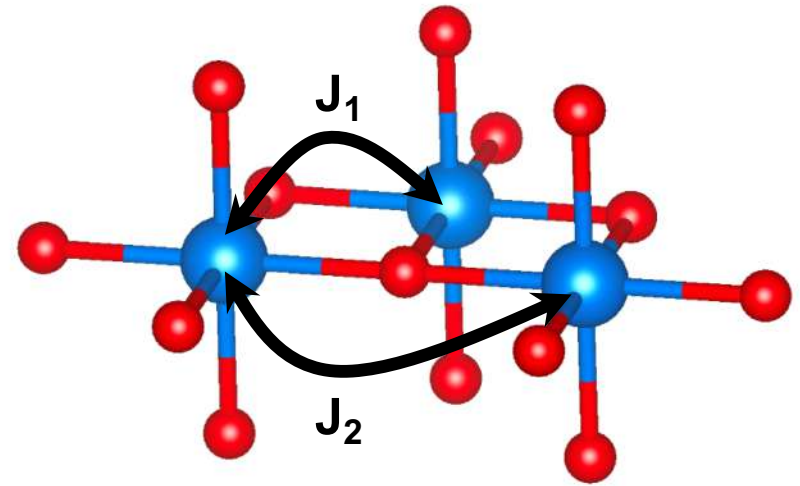
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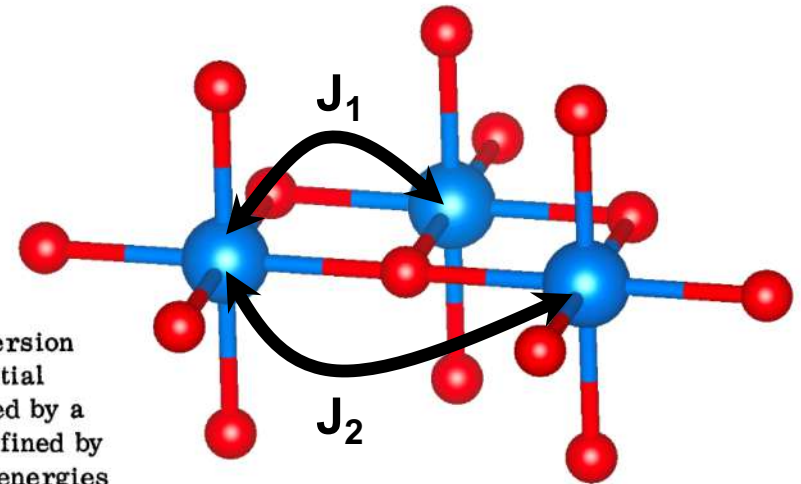
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Inelastic neutron scattering techniques have been used to measure the spin-wave dispersion relations at 78 °K in the fcc antiferromagnet NiO. The energy dispersion has a steep initial slope ( $\sim 250$  meV Å) and a high maximum energy ( $\sim 117$  meV) and is further characterized by a relatively low zone boundary energy in certain directions. The exchange parameters defined by  $\mathcal{H}^{1,2} = J_j \vec{S}^{(1)} \cdot \vec{S}^{(2)}$  were determined by fitting the theoretical expression for the spin-wave energies to the experimental data corrected for instrumental resolution effects. The predominant interaction is a large antiferromagnetic exchange  $J_2 = 221$  °K (19.01 meV) between next-nearest neighbors, which are linked by a 180° superexchange path. The interaction between nearest neighbors, linked by a 90° Ni<sup>2+</sup>-O<sup>2-</sup>-Ni<sup>2+</sup> configuration, is much smaller and ferromagnetic in sign,  $J_1 = -15.9$  °K (-1.37 meV). A consequence of the relatively small value of  $J_1$  is that the spin waves from the four domains present in the sample can only be resolved in a limited region of reciprocal space. These values of exchange interactions are in accord with simple ideas of covalency and overlap, and the results emphasize the behavior of NiO as a weakly covalent insulator. The density of magnon states, estimates of the transition temperature, and several thermomagnetic properties of NiO have been calculated from the measured exchange parameters using molecular field and random-phase-approximation Green's-function formulas.



$$\text{nn } J_1 = -1.37 \text{ meV (FM)}$$

$$\text{Ni-Ni} = 2.966 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\text{nnn } J_2 = 19.01 \text{ meV (AFM)}$$

$$\text{Ni-Ni} = 4.195 \text{ \AA}$$

## II. Magnetic coupling J

## Illustration: NiO (Ex. 13 & 14)

- Learn how to estimate the magnetic coupling J
  - Learn 2 different approaches to extract J:
    - (A) Energy-mapping analysis based on two ordered spin states (FM and AFM)
    - (B) Energy-mapping analysis based on four ordered spin states (uu, dd, ud and du)
- Ref. Dalton Trans., 2013, 42, 823

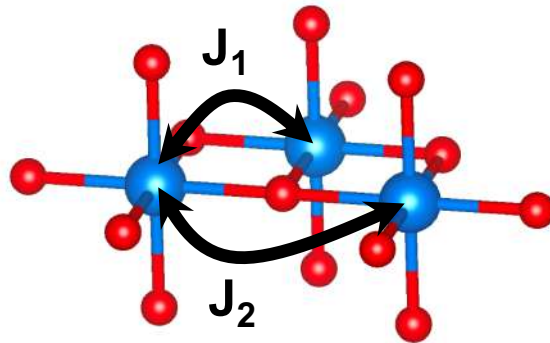
$$\text{Spin hamiltonian: } \hat{H}_{spin} = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j$$

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with N: number of  $J_{ij}$

$$(B) \quad J_{ij} = \frac{E_{uu} + E_{dd} - E_{ud} - E_{du}}{4S^2}$$

with S: Total spin of Ni in NiO



$J_1$ : nearest-neighbors exchange coupling

$J_2$ : next nearest-neighbors exchange coupling

**Exp. Values from neutron scattering:**

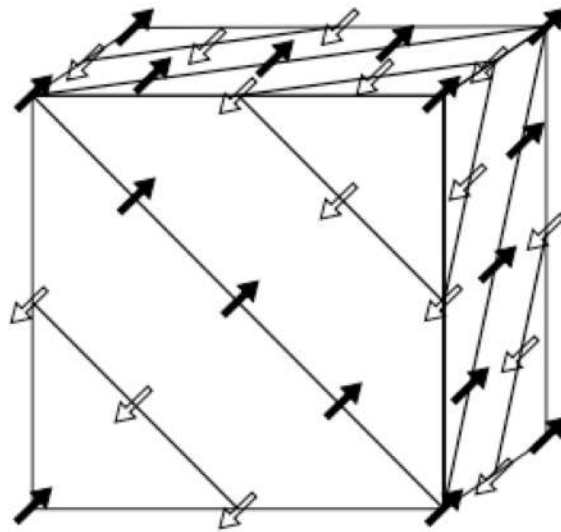
$J_1 = -1.37$  meV and  $J_2 = +19.01$  meV

**FM:  $J < 0$**

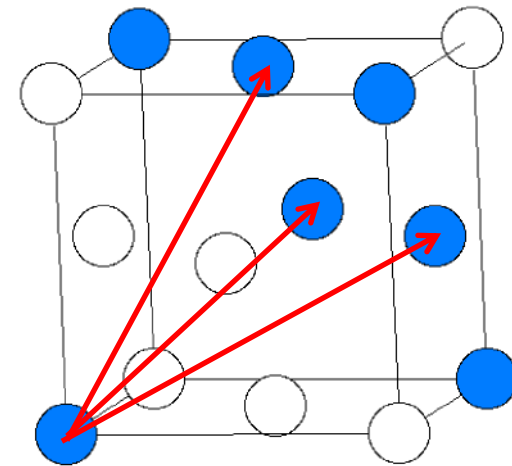
**AFM:  $J > 0$**

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**Figure 4.4** Basic spin ordering in the TM monoxides MnO, FeO, CoO and NiO. The spins are ferromagnetically ordered within {111} planes, and AF in neighboring {111} planes in all four compounds. The orientation of the spins with respect to the crystallographic axes, however, is different. In NiO



and MnO, the spins are oriented in  $(11\bar{2})$  directions (as is actually shown in the above figure), in FeO in the  $[111]$  direction, and in CoO slightly tilted away from the cubic axes. All materials have structures that are slightly distorted to lower than cubic symmetries, which are consistent with these orientations.

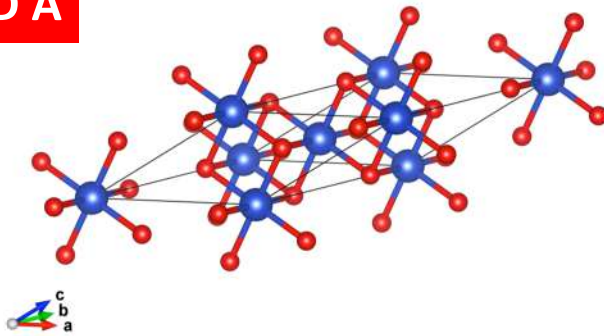


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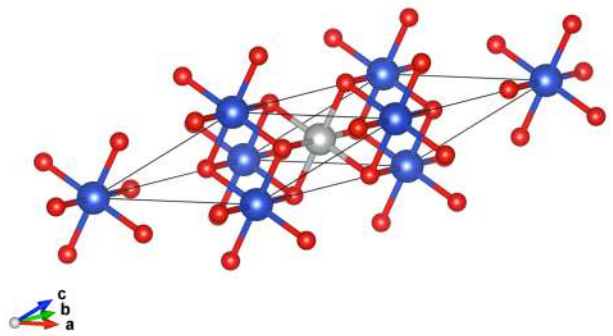
Illustration: NiO (Ex. 13 & 14)

J2 FROM  
METHOD A

*Illustration with NiO: NaCl structure, A-type AFM along [111]*



$$E_{FM}^{Mapping} = ? J_1 + ? J_2 = E_{FM}^{DFT}$$



$$E_{AFM}^{Mapping} = ? J_1 + ? J_2 = E_{AFM}^{DFT}$$

$$E_{FM}^{Mapping} - E_{AFM}^{Mapping} = ? J_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad J_2 = \frac{E_{FM}^{DFT} - E_{AFM}^{DFT}}{?}$$

## II. Magnetic coupling J

## Illustration: NiO (Ex. 13 & 14)

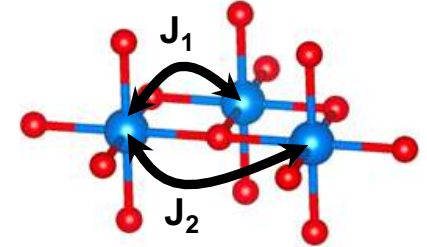
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vi NiO.outputnn

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Ni-Ni ( $J_1$ ) = 2.966 Å  
 Ni-Ni ( $J_2$ ) = 4.195 Å



12  $J_1$  / Ni

6 Ni1-Ni2

6 Ni1-Ni1



## II. Magnetic coupling J

## Illustration: NiO (Ex. 13 & 14)

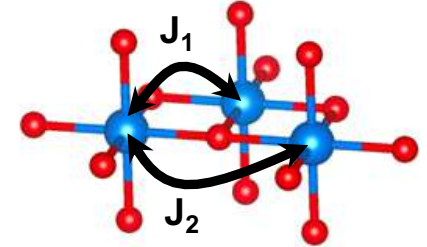
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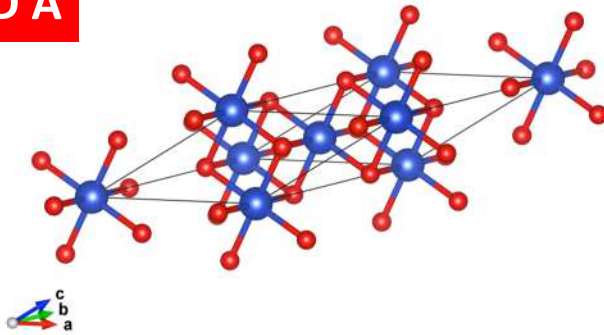
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## II. Magnetic coupling J

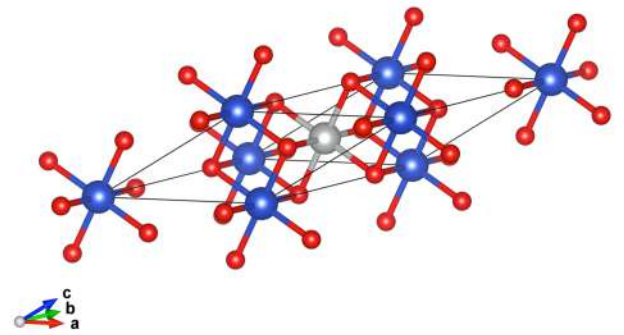
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$$E_{FM}^{Mapping} - E_{AFM}^{Mapping} = 12J_1 + 6J_2 \approx 6J_2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad J_2 \approx \frac{E_{FM}^{DFT} - E_{AFM}^{DFT}}{6}$$

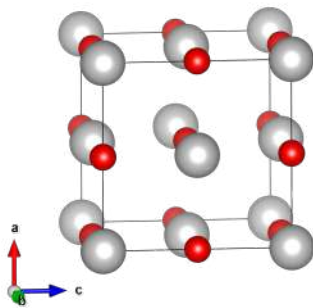


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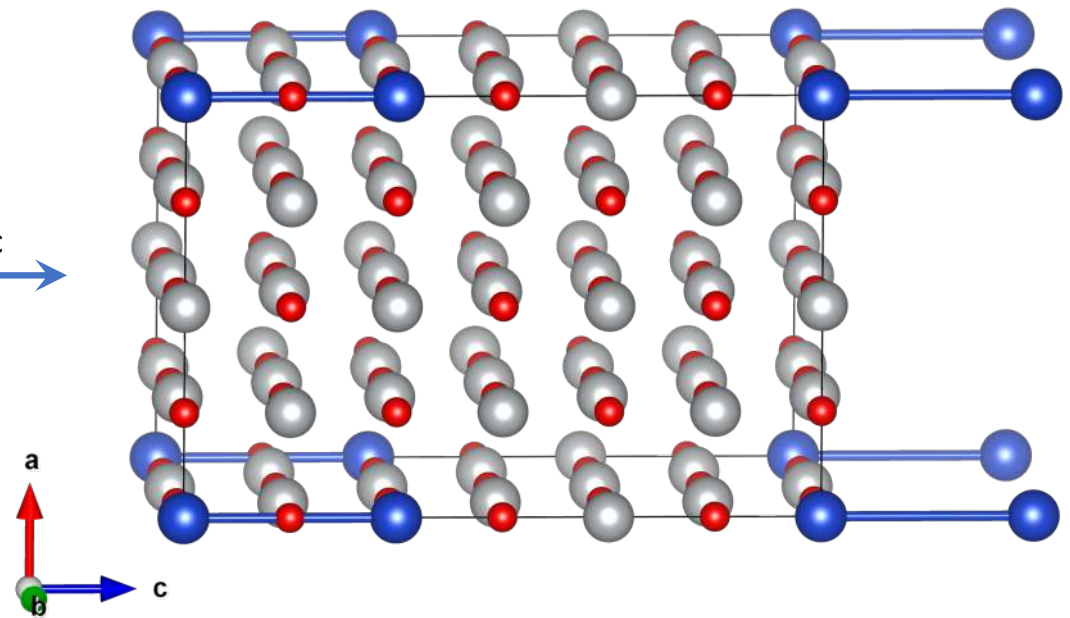
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**J2 FROM  
METHOD B**

NiO  
F lattice

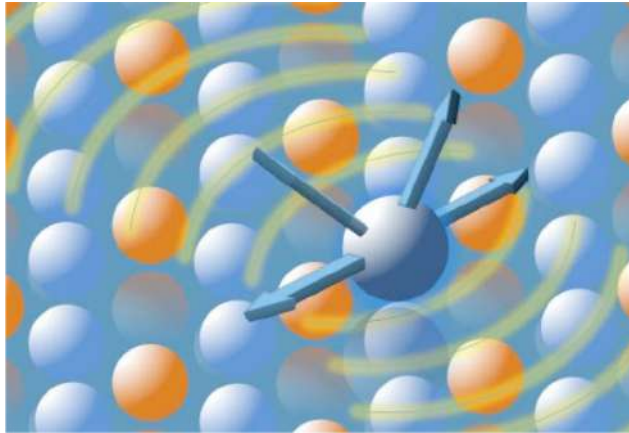


Supercell  
2a x 2b x 3c



$$J_2 = \frac{E_{uu} + E_{dd} - E_{ud} - E_{du}}{4S^2}$$

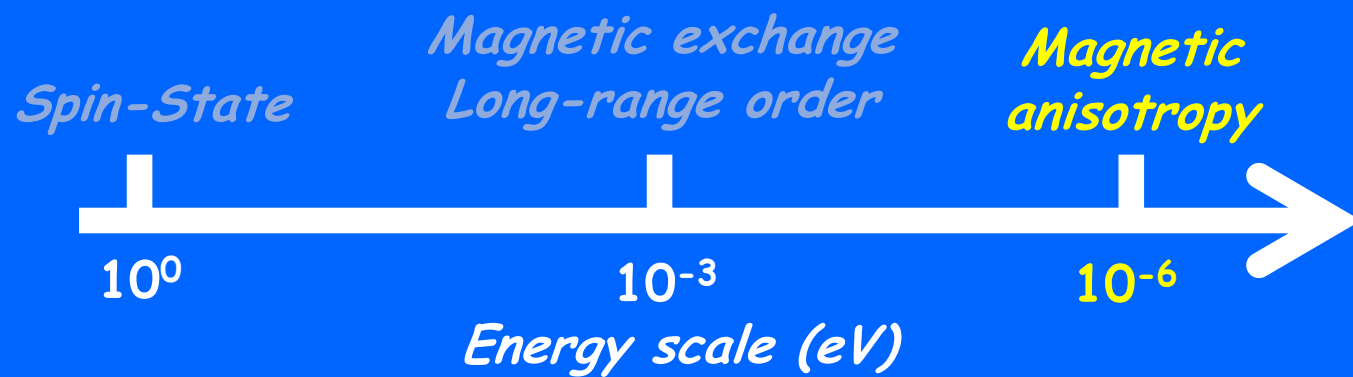
### III. Magnetic anisotropy



#### *Magnetic properties:*

- ✓ *Spin-state (high/low)*
- ✓ *Long-range/short-range orders*
- ✓ *Collinear / non-collinear*
- ✓ ***Magnetic anisotropy***
- ✓ *Magnetic frustration*
- ✓ *Magnetic exchange*

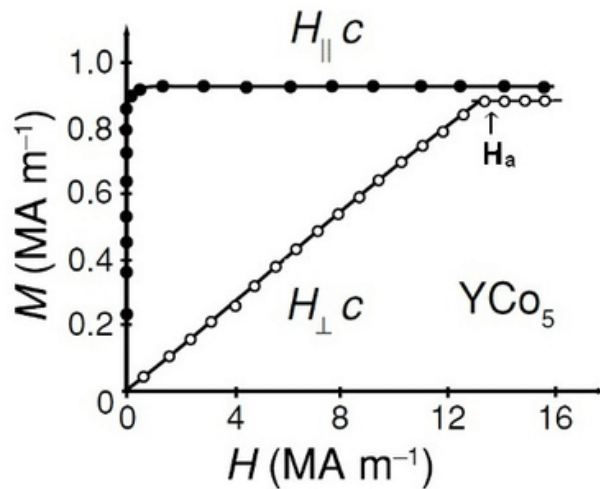
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### III. Magnetic anisotropy

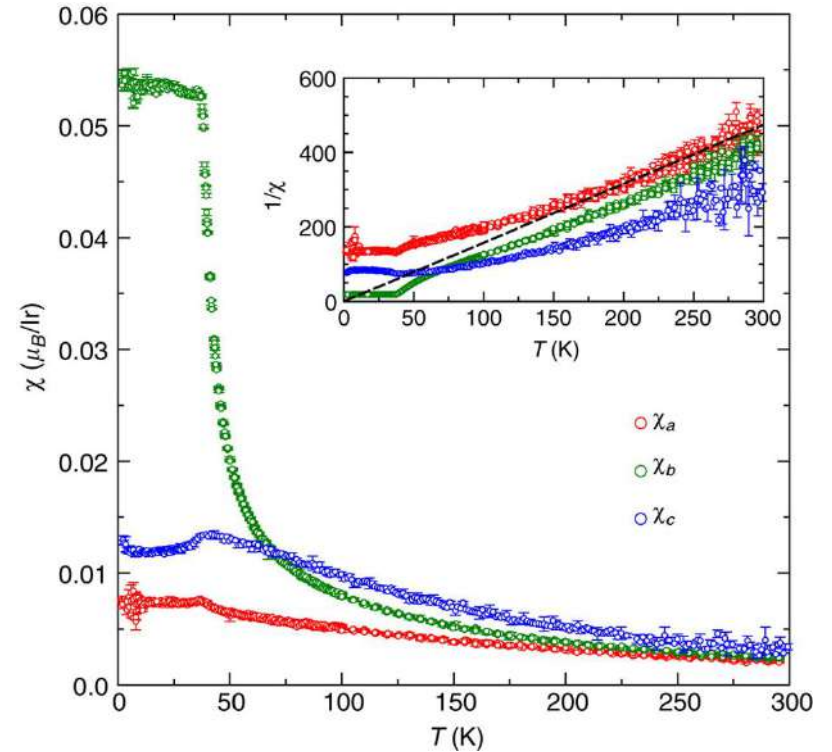
Different response as function of the direction of the applied magnetic field (consequence of the spin-orbit coupling)

Magnetization of a single crystal of  $\text{YCo}_5$



<http://www.tara.tcd.ie/handle/2262/83258>

Magnetic susceptibility of a single crystal of  $\text{Li}_2\text{IrO}_3$



<https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms5203>

### III. Magnetic anisotropy



### Estimation in WIEN2k

- ◆ Do a regular scalar-relativistic "scf" calculation
- ◆ save\_lapw
- ◆ initso\_lapw

- case.inso:

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  0. 0. 1. direction of magnetization (lattice vectors)
NX number of atoms for which RLO is added
NX1 -4.97 0.0005 atom number,e-lo,de (case.in1), repeat NX times
0 0 0 0 0 number of atoms for which SO is switch off; atoms
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- case.in1(c):

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- symmetso (for spin-polarized calculations only)

- ◆ run(sp)\_lapw -so ← -so switch specifies that scf cycles will include SOC







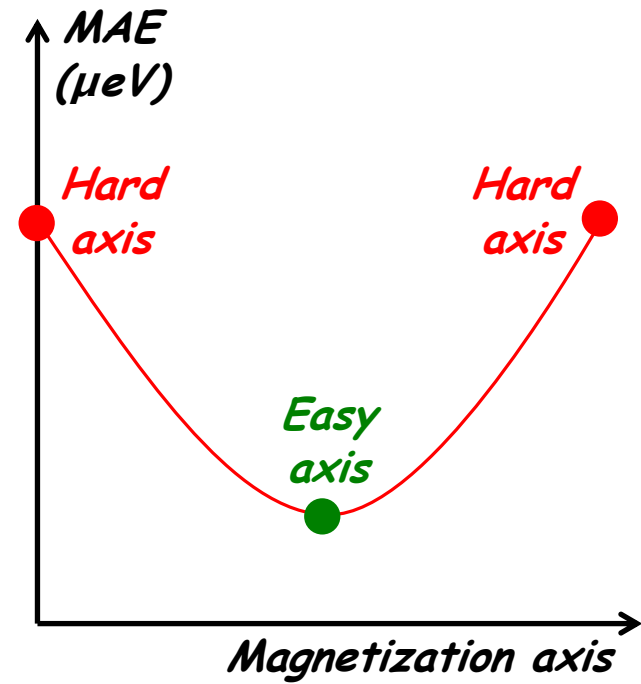
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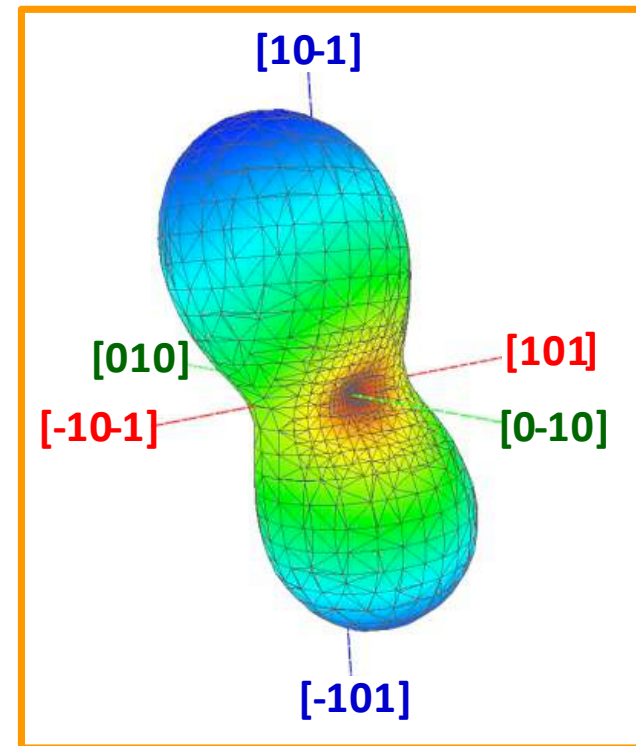
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PHYSICAL REVIEW B **82**, 220402(R) (2010)***J* dependence in the LSDA+*U* treatment of noncollinear magnets**Eric Bousquet<sup>1,2</sup> and Nicola Spaldin<sup>3</sup><sup>1</sup>*Materials Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93106, USA*<sup>2</sup>*Physique Théorique des Matériaux, Université de Liège, B-4000 Sart Tilman, Belgium*<sup>3</sup>*Department of Materials, ETH Zurich, Wolfgang-Pauli-Strasse 10, CH-8093 Zurich, Switzerland*

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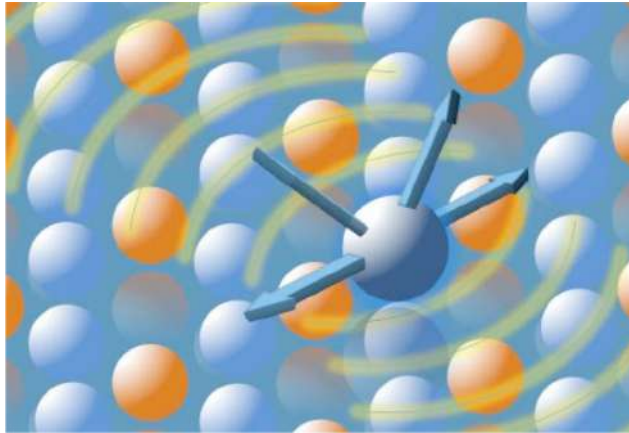
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PACS number(s): 75.30.-m, 71.10.-w

**Be careful! No ideal functional to deals with non-collinear magnetism**

## IV. Last but not the least



### *Magnetic properties:*

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*Which model Hamiltonian?*

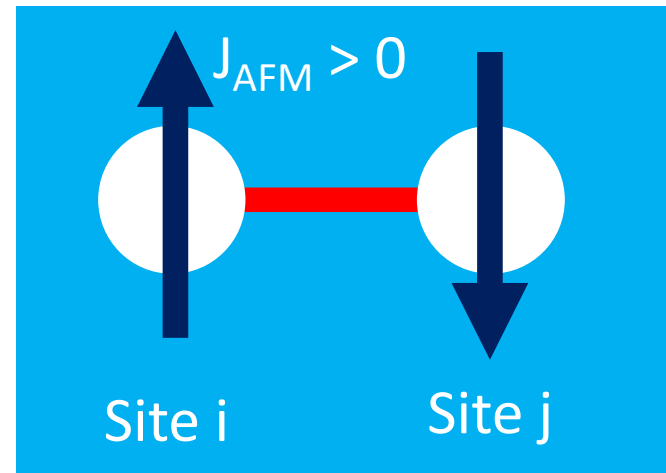
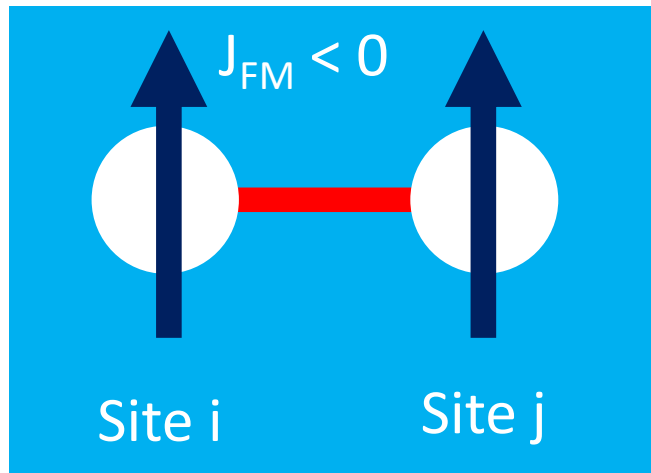
*Open question for the data treatment of both experimental and theoretical investigations!*

## IV. Last but not the least

General spin Hamiltonian describing the magnetic properties of a material with localized electrons

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$J_{ij}$  : Symmetric exchange interaction  
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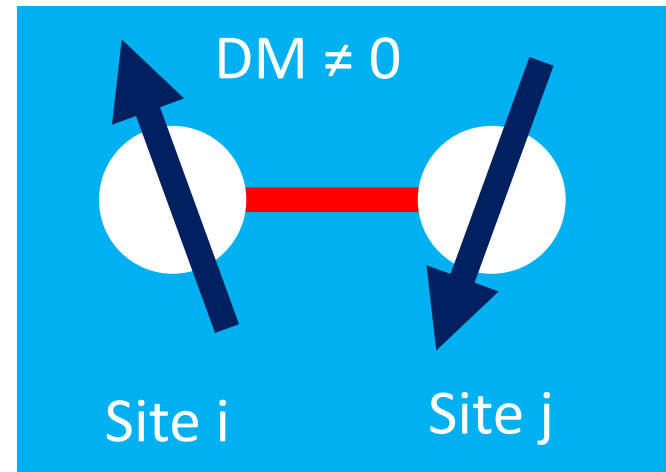
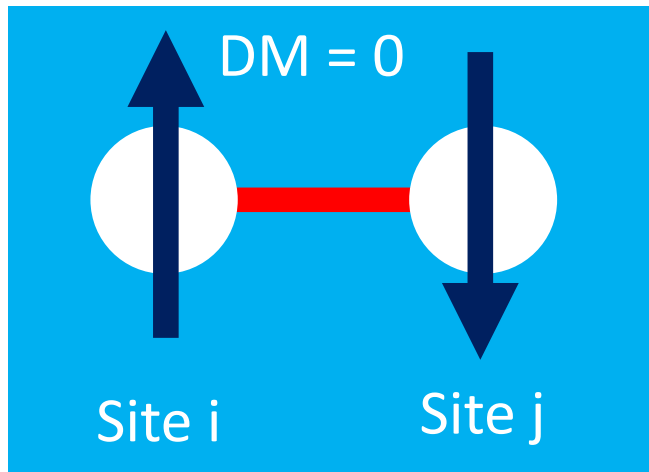


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$$\hat{H}_{spin} = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} (\hat{S}_i \cdot \hat{S}_j) + \sum_{i < j} \vec{D}_{ij} (\hat{S}_i \times \hat{S}_j)$$

$\vec{D}_{ij}$  : Antisymmetric exchange interaction  
(Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction)



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$\mathbf{J}_{ij}$  : Symmetric exchange interaction  
(Heisenberg exchange interaction)

$\vec{\mathbf{D}}_{ij}$  : Antisymmetric exchange interaction  
(Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction)

$\mathbf{A}_i$  : « Single-ion » anisotropy  
(Easy/hard axes of magnetization)

$\mathbf{K}_{ij}$  : Biquadratic interaction  
(fourth-order perturbation to the Hubbard model)

} Spin – orbit coupling



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