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[oxides vs peroxides]

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Outline

- Introduction. Small or negative charge-transfer gap systems and ligand holes
- Special properties of systems with negative charge-transfer gaps: strong covalency; magnetism; charge disproportionation
 - Calaverite AuTe2 special properties
 - Magnetic gold?
- Pyrite FeO2: the system in between oxide and peroxide
- Negative charge transfer gaps: oxides vs peroxides
- Peroxides in batteries





$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_{i} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

n = N_{el}/N = 1 ; U/t >> 1 - Mott insulators, localized electrons

$$H_{eff} = \frac{2t^2}{U} \sum_{(ij)} \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j.$$

 $\frac{1}{\Delta E} = 0 \qquad \qquad \Delta E = -\frac{2t}{U}$

Most often oxygen ions (cations, ligands) between transition metal ions



One has to include corresponding oxygen p-orbitals in an apparent way ---> threeband, or d-p model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \varepsilon_d \sum d_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} d_{i\sigma} + \varepsilon_p \sum p_{j\sigma}^{\dagger} p_{j\sigma} \\ &+ \sum t_{pd,ij} \left(d_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} p_{j\sigma} + \text{h.c.} \right) + U_{dd} \sum n_{di\uparrow} n_{di\downarrow} \\ &\left(+ U_{pp} \sum n_{pj\uparrow} n_{pj\downarrow} + U_{pd} \sum n_{di\sigma} n_{pj\sigma'} \right). \end{aligned}$$



Small or negative charge transfer gaps, oxygen holes, self-doping

A Mostly in systems with high valence, or high (formal) oxidation state

A Can lead to the "reaction" $d^n p^6 \implies d^{n+1} p^5 = d^{n+1} \underline{L}$

A As a result oxygen holes appear, even in undoped systems ("self-doping")

A The type of resulting state? Metal? Insulator? Magnetic properties?

d-p covalency is always present. *Qualitative effects* due to negative CT gap?





T. Mizokawa (see e.g. in **D. Khomskii, Transition Metal Compounds**, Cambridge University Press, 2014

Novel properties in charge transfer systems

Different orbital ordering {M.Mostovoy and

D.Khomskii, ``Orbital ordering in charge transfer insulators", PRL **92**, 167201 (2004)}

(Ferro)magnetism

Charge disproportionation

Contribution to (High-Tc) superconductivity?

(Ferro)magnetism of systems with oxygen holes

- Oxygen holes can lead to the frustration of magnetic exchange
- Possible result: ferromagnetism (a la double exchange)
- Example: CrO2, self-doping (a lot of oxygen holes) {Korotin et al ``CrO2: self-doped double-exchange ferromagnetic oxides", Phys. Rev. Lett. 80, 4305 (1997)}



Charge ordering

Usually – noninteger valence (Fe₃O₄, La_{1/2}Ca_{1/2}MnO₃, etc)

But sometimes – spontaneous charge ordering, or charge disproportionation

Examples: BaBiO₃

 $2Bi^{4+}(6s^1) \rightarrow Bi^{3+}(6s^2) + Bi^{5+}(6s^0)$

Real charge redistribution may be small, but the quantum numbers are those of Bi³⁺ and Bi⁵⁺

Charge disproportionation in transition metal compounds

Many compounds with (nominally) Fe4+

 $2Fe^{4+}(t_{2g}^{3}e_{g}^{-1}) \rightarrow Fe^{3+}(t_{2g}^{3}e_{g}^{-2}) + Fe^{5+}(t_{2g}^{3}e_{g}^{-0})$ $(CaFeO_{3}; Sr_{3}Fe_{2}O_{7}; Sr_{2/3}La_{1/3}FeO_{3})$

<u>Nickelates RNiO₃ (Low Spin); AgNiO₂ (R.Coldea)</u>

 $2Ni^{3+}(t_{2g}^{6}e_{g}^{1}) \rightarrow Ni^{2+}(t_{2g}^{6}e_{g}^{2}) + Ni^{4+}(t_{2g}^{6}e_{g}^{0})$

=> mostly happens for systems with negative CT gap and a lot of oxygen holes!

<u>Bi perovskites</u>: all different and interesting!

BiMnO₃: ferromagnetic insulator; Jahn-Teller distorted perovskite; ferroelectric?

BiFeO₃: rombohedral; good ferroelectric; spiral magnetic structure; classical type-I multiferroics

BiCoO₃: very strong tetragonal distortion! a la **PbVO₃** (pyroelectric). High spin – low spin transition under pressure

BiNiO₃: Ni²⁺, Bi⁴⁺ → charge segregates into Bi³⁺ + Bi⁵⁺

Under pressure: **BiNiO**₃ goes back to **Ni**³⁺, **Bi**³⁺ **charge** segregates into **Ni**²⁺ **+ Ni**⁴⁺ **!**

Something interesting with Pb3+?

Conditions for charge disproportionation

>>> Need small energy loss for transferring (part of the) electron (reducing Coulomb energy cost)

Regime intermediate between localized and itinerant (close to Mott transition)

Oxygen holes !

Two oxygen holes "couple" to the same transition metal ion; charge ordering without moving the charges! (G.Sawatzky)

Strongly reduce Coulomb cost; gain in d-p covalency (plus lattice relaxation)

Need negative, or at least small U_{eff}

 $\begin{array}{c} \underline{\mathsf{Fe}^{3+}}:2\mathsf{Fe}^{3+}(\mathsf{d}^{5}) \xrightarrow{} \mathsf{Fe}^{2+}(\mathsf{d}^{6}) + \mathsf{Fe}^{4+}(\mathsf{d}^{4}) \\ & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} \\ & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} \\ & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} & \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} \\ & 2(-10J_{\mathsf{H}}) \quad \mathsf{vs} (-10J_{\mathsf{H}}) + (-6J_{\mathsf{H}}) \\ & (-20J_{\mathsf{H}}) \quad \mathsf{vs} (-16J_{\mathsf{H}}) \end{array}$

 U_{eff} is large, lose large Hund's energy (4 J_H) by making charge segregation



U_{eff} is small; gain Hund's energy (-J_H) by making charge segregation
Ni³⁺ - the same as Fe⁴⁺



Fe-d5; pds=-2.0; pdp=-0.46 pds; 10Dq=0.0





Fe-d4; pds=-2.0; pdp=-0.46 pds; 10Dq=0.0



M.Haverkort, unpublished



Ni-d7; pds=-2.0; pdp=-0.46 pds; 10Dq=0.0



Why gold?

- 1. Very inert, noble metal; very few compounds/minerals
- 2. Valence Au1+ (d10) and Au3+ (d8) are known; practically no Au2+ "skipped valence" (C. Varma)
- 3. Definitely negative charge-transfer gap systems
- 4. Interesting superconducting compounds! (but no magnetic!)

Why not Au2+ ? \rightarrow charge disproportionation!

 $2Au^{2+}(d^9) \rightarrow Au^{1+}(d^{10}) + Au^{3+}(d^8)$

For example $CsAuCl_3 = Cs_2Au_2Cl_6 \rightarrow Cs_2Au^{1+}Au^{3+}Cl_6$

But in fact – action on ligands! Ligand holes

$Cs_2Au_2Cl_6$

Check this idea on the example of CD: $Cs_2Au_2Cl_6$

the «reaction» $2\operatorname{Au}^{2+}(d^9) \rightarrow \operatorname{Au}^{1+}(d^{10}) + \operatorname{Au}^{3+}(d^8)$ is in fact $2(\operatorname{Au}^{1+}\underline{L}) \rightarrow \operatorname{Au}^{1+} + (\operatorname{Au}^{1+}\underline{L}^2)$



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The Influence of High Hydrostatic Pressure on the Crystal Structure of Cesium Gold Chloride (Cs₂Au^tAu^{tti}Cl₆) in the Pressure Range up to 52 x 10⁸ Pa

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Abstract

Using a gasketed diamond-anvil high-pressure cell, which has been adapted to the automatic four-circle diffractometer, we have studied the structural changes of single crystals of the mixed-valence compound Cs2AulAuIIICls under high hydrostatic pressure. Measurements with a modified measuring procedure at different pressures show a continuous decrease in the lattice constants. The changes in the relative volume are about 19% in the pressure range up to 52 × 108 Pa while the a/c ratio remains constant. The Cl atoms, which coordinate with the different gold atoms in the form of strongly distorted octahedra, move towards the symmetrical position between the Au¹ and Au¹¹¹ atoms as the pressure increases. At about 52 x 10⁸ Pa the gold atoms become indistinguishable, this means only formal Au2+ atoms are present.

Introduction

The crystal structure of the mixed-valence compound Cs2AuIAuIIICle was first determined in 1938 by Elliott and Pauling from powder photographic data (Elliott & Pauling, 1938). The structure was redetermined using single-crystal data by Tindemans v. Eiindhoven & Verschoor (1974) and independently in 1975 by the authors. Cs. Au¹Au¹¹¹CL crystallizes in the space group 14/mmm with lattice constants a = 7.495 (1) and c =10-880 (2) Å. The two different gold atoms, valency +1 (Au^f) and +3 (Au^{III}), in this compound show typical coordination. The Au¹ are linearly, the Au¹¹¹ quadratic planar coordinated with the Cl atoms. In this way chains of strongly distorted AuCl, octahedra are produced, which are parallel to the c axis (Fig. 1). Within such a chain, there are alternately elongated octahedra with Au^{III} and compressed octahedra with Aut in the centres. The different Au-Cl distances are given in Table 1. Neighbouring chains along [110] are translated by c/2 and connected by the Cl atoms of the planar Au^{III} coordination.

Table 1. Au-Cl distances in the coordination octahedra at different pressures

P (Pa × 10-*)	Au ¹ -Ci (1) (Å)	Au ¹ -Cl (2) (Å)	Au ^{m_Cl} (1) (Å)	Au ^m Cl (2) (Å)	
10-3	2-28 (003)	3-01 (003)	3-15 (003)	2-29 (003)	
1.5	2-23 (09)	2-97 (03)	3-11 (09)	2-31 (03)	
11-5	2-42 (09)	2-85 (03)	2-91 (09)	2-33 (03)	
33-1	2-40 (10)	2-77 (03)	2-80 (10)	2-28 (03)	
43-1	2-39 (17)	3-01 (12)	2-62 (17)	2-07 (12)	
\$1.7	2-56 (13)	2-49 (11)	2.56 (13)	2-49 (11)	
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Fig. 1. Chain of distorted AuCl, octahedra.



The crystal structure of Cs₂Au₂Cl₆.



About 22% of holes on d-level of Au, and 78% on p-shells of ligands (Cl)

Cs₂Au₂Cl₆

A.Ushakov, S Steltsov and D.Khomskii, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 23, 445601 (2011)

"Inverted" crystal field splitting for d-electrons:



A.Ushakov, S Steltsov and D.Khomskii, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **23**, 445601 (2011) VOLUME 61, NUMBER 1

Photoinduced phase transition in a mixed-valence gold complex

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We have found a photoinduced phase transition (PIPT) in the mixed-valence (MV) gold complex $Cs_2Au_2Br_6$ from the MV state (ambient pressure phase) to the single-valence (SV) phase (high-pressure phase) in the pressure region from 6.4 to 6.8 GPa. We have observed an accumulation of the photoirradiation effect of each pulse shot, and have ascribed it to stabilization of the photogenerated SV clusters due to the cooperative Jahn-Teller instability of Au^{2+} ions. The PIPT shows a distinct threshold behavior against the photon density as well as the shots number, which has been interpreted in terms of the critical nucleation of the photoinjected SV clusters. We further found that the phototransformed SV phase is not stable below 5.5 GPa, and changes into the former MV phase after a long dead time of $\sim 10^4$ s.





FIG. 4. (a) photon density and (b) shots number dependence of relative Raman intensity I/I_0 of the Au-Br stretching mode, where I_0 is the intensity before photoexcitation. The Raman mode is deactivated in the photogenerated SV phase.



(the only mineral from which one can extract gold!)





Gold telluride <u>AuTe2</u> (mineral *calaverite*). Layered material with triangular Au layers, with distorted Cdl2 structure. Similar mineral *silvanite* <u>AuAgTe4</u> – stripes of Au3+ and Ag1+

Rare case of *incommensurate crystal structure in natural minerals*.

Theoretically incommensurate structure and possibly superconductivity are due to charge disproportionation : in $Au^{2+}(Te_2)^{2-}$ nominally Au^{2+} ions are unstable,

2Au^{2+--->Au¹⁺(d¹⁰) + Au³⁺(d⁸ LS, S=0)),}

but with practically all the holes on Te (negative charge transfer gap situation), i.e. the actual "reaction" is rather

(L – ligand hole (hole on Te)

Why incommensurate? - charge disproportionation in the frustrated (triangular) lattice

Metal; becomes **superconducting** when doped by **Pt** and **Pd**, and under pressure.

Both elements heavy; strong spin-orbit coupling. Topological?

*) Material with similar structure **IrTe2** – actively studied (several superstructures, etc). Also superconducting when doped by **Pt**



Calaverite AuTe₂: the system with spectacular properties due to negative charge transfer gap and self-doping

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New material predicted: **AuTe** (Roizen, Oganov)



Figure 1. Convex hull diagrams of Au-Te system

There exist a very rare mineral *muthmanite* $AuAgTe2 = Au_{1/2}Ag_{1/2}Te$

Pressure-Induced Superconductivity in Mineral Calaverite AuTe₂

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Possible mechanism of superconductivity: effective negative-U (on-site electron attraction, formation of electron pairs ("bipolarons")

"S-channel" theory of superconduvitivity (Zvezdin-Khomskii; Freedberg-Lee) (not to mix with s-wave!)



Diagrams illustrating (a) conventional BCS "t-"channel pairing and (b) "s-"channel pairing proposed for AuTe₂.

For **Ba(PbBi)O3** and **(BaK)BiO3** – first proposed by **Rice @ Sneddon** (1981)
Nonmagnetic iron

FeO₂ and FeOOH under deep lower-mantle conditions and Earth's oxygen-hydrogen cycles

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Pyrite structure, like FeS2



Extended Data Figure 1 | Bonding lengths and angles in pyritetype FeO₂ at 76 GPa. The structure is viewed along the x axis of the experimental FeO₂ unit cell.

Peroxide/hyperoxides, contain O₂ molecular ions:

 $(O_2)^-$ e.g. in NaO₂ $(O_2)^{2-}$ e.g. in MgO₂

"Real" pyrite FeS_2 (the "fool's gold"): $Fe^{2+}(O_2)^{2-}$, Fe^{2+} - nonmagnetic, low spin (S=0)







Cr⁴⁺(d²)O^{2−}(p⁶) --> Cr³⁺(d³)O[−](p⁵) = Cr³⁺(d³) <u>L</u>

Other examples: e.g. CaFeO3

 $\Delta_{\rm CT} < 0$

 $Fe^{4+}(t_{2g}^{3}e_{g}^{-1})O^{2-}(p^{6}) \rightarrow Fe^{3+}(t_{2g}^{-3}e_{g}^{-2})O^{-}(p^{5}) = Fe^{3+}(d^{3})$ <u>L</u>

And then *charge disproportionation*

Spontaneous creation of ligand holes (self-doping)

M.A.Korotin, V.I.Anisimov, D.I.Khomskii and G.A.Sawatzky, ``CrO2: self-doped double-exchange ferromagnetic oxides'', Phys. Rev. Lett. 80, 4305 (1997)

SiO2: which is the high-pressure phases?



Geoscience: How much do we know about the Earth's interior?



FeO₂: Additional source of oxygen?

 $2FeOOH = 2FeO_2 + H_2$ $Fe_2O_3 + H_2O = 2FeO_2 + H_2$ $2Fe_2O_3 + O_2 = 4FeO_2$



"... this process could have acted as an additional or <u>alternative</u> <u>oxygen source</u> for the Great Oxidation Events — the periods in Earth's history when the atmosphere became oxygenated. Until now, it was thought that the oxygen was supplied by biological activity alone."

Q. Hu et al. Nature 534, 241 (2016) T. Yagi, Nature 534, 183 (2016)

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ELASTICITY AND CONSTITUTION OF THE EARTH'S INTERIOR*

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Peroxides/pyrites: negative charge transfer gap!

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But not Fe2+, but Fe3+ - in between oxide and peroxide!

 $Fe^{4+}(t_{2q}^{3}e_{q}^{1})O^{2-}(p^{6}) \rightarrow Fe^{3+}(t_{2q}^{3}e_{q}^{2})O^{-}(p^{5}) = Fe^{3+}(d^{3}) L, \text{ not } Fe^{2+}(O2)^{2-}!$

FeO₂: possible novel magnetic constituent of Earth's lower mantle

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	Fe valence	Electric properties	Magnetic properties
FeS ₂	2+	insulator	diamagnetic
FeO ₂	3+	metal	paramagnetic



Why no pyrite CoO2, NiO2?



Phases MO₂, MS₂, MSe₂, MTe₂

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Rutile (**TiO2**, **VO2**, **CrO2**) Layered (**TiS2**, **MoS2**, **IrTe2**, **AuTe2**) Pyrite (**FeS2**, **OsSe2**, **PdSe2**) Occurrence and characterization of anionic bondings in transition metal dichalcogenides

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Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
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Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd		Cd
Oh Oh Oh	Tp Tp Oh	Tp Tp Tp-Oh	Oh-Py? Oh Oh	Py Py Py	Py? Ir-Py Py-Oh	Pd Pd Oh		Ру Ру
Hf	Та	W	Re	Os	lr	Pt		
Oh Oh Oh	Tp-Oh Tp-Oh Oh	Tp Tp Oh	Oh Oh ?	Py Py Py	Ir-Py Ir Oh	Oh Oh Oh		

MS2 MSe2 MTe2



2 D structures 3 D struct

3 D structures

Peroxides -- allows to have <u>ligand holes on nonbonding</u> orbitals



The problem is that with d-electrons usually p-orbitals *with the same symmetry* are hybridised – e.g. **in Zhang-Rice singlets**. I.e. it looks as a quantitative effect, not qualitative.

Can one have situations with holes on other p-orbitals?

Bonding p-orbitals (gives Zhang-Rice singets)





Peroxides



Peroxide ions allow to occupy **nonbonding** (for d-states) p-orbitals (bondingantibonding for peroxide ions)



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Peroxides and charge transfer gaps

 $Ti^{4+}O_2 V^{4+}O_2 Cr^{4+}O_2 = Cr^{3+}L(O^{2-}O^{-}) Fe^{3+}L(O^{2-}O^{-}) Mn^{4+}O_2 Co/NiO_2?$

When can one have peroxides? ---- Negative charge transfer gaps!

Tendencies in periodic table:



Why no pyrite CoO2, NiO2?

Ni

Cu

Mn

Fe

Со

Cr

Ti

V

Going down in Periodic Table:





Negative charge transfer gaps and peroxides in batteries

Usual cathode materials: e.g. LixCoO2. Charging: Li \searrow , Co3+ \longrightarrow Co4+ But in fact ligand holes, Co³⁺L = Co³⁺O⁻



For large voltage V better to deal with metals with smaller charge transfer gaps! (e.g. not with V, but with Co)

And one can change the valence not only of metal, but also of oxygen extra capacity!

Li2IrO3 (and β -Li2IrO3) Li₂Ir⁴⁺O₃ \longrightarrow Li₁Ir⁵⁺O₃ \longrightarrow Li_{0.5}Ir⁵⁺(O₃)^{5.5-} NATURE CHEMISTRY | VOL 8 | JULY 2016 692 | The structural and chemical origin of the <u>oxygen redox</u> activity in layered and cation-disordered Li-excess cathode materials Dong-Hwa Seo1,2⁺, Jinhyuk Lee1,2⁺, Alexander Urban2, Rahul Malik1, ShinYoung Kang1 and Gerbrand Ceder1,2,3^{*}

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Charge-compensation in 3*d*-transition-metaloxide intercalation cathodes through the generation of localized electron holes on oxygen

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The intriguing question of anionic redox in high-energy density cathodes for Li-ion batteries*

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> in Fig. 3, Li₂Ru⁴⁺O₃ first undergoes a classical cationic oxidation to form the (structurally close) LiRu⁵⁺O₃ phase. Then the LiRu⁵⁺O₃ phase undergoes an anionic oxidation that creates unstable O-holes in the oxygen network, therefore triggering its reorganisation. The $2O^{2-}/(O_2)^{n-}$ transformation is catalyzed by the transition metal which allows for Ru(4d)–O₂(σ) covalent interactions, therefore stabilizing the O-holes through their delocalization over Ru–O and O–O σ -type bonds. This mechanism is called a reductive coupling mechanism as the formation of O–O dimers induces a O \rightarrow M charge transfer illustrated by atomic charge Bader analysis (see Table S1, ESI†). Therefore, as



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Visualization of <u>O-O peroxo-like</u> dimers in high-capacity layered oxides for Li-ion batteries

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Li2lrO3 (and β-Li2lrO3)

$$\text{Li}_{2}\text{Ir}^{4+}\text{O}_{3} \longrightarrow \text{Li}_{1}\text{Ir}^{5+}\text{O}_{3} \longrightarrow \text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ir}^{5+}(\text{O}_{3})^{5.5}$$

I.e. further charging (removal of Li) leads to creation of oxygen holes, and eventually – peroxide ions $(O_2)^{2-}$



It occurs in a situation with small/negative CT gaps. Ligand holes – an extra charging, OK!

But peroxide ions $(O_2)^{2-}$ might be unstable: $2(O_2)^{2-} = 2O^{2-} + O_2$, and oxygen can escape cathode – bad!

Competition between formation of peroxide ions and Zhang-Rice singlets!



Cu:
$$Cu^{1+}(d^{10})$$
, S=0 -- OK
 $Cu^{2+}(d^9)$, S=1/2 -- OK (magnetic)
 $Cu^{3+}(d^8) = Cu^{2+}(d^9) \underline{L}$, S=0 (Zhang-Rice singlets)

Ag:
$$Ag^{1+}(d^{10}), S=0 - OK$$

 $Ag^{2+}(d^9), S=1/2 - possible but very difficult to stabilize; rare (not in oxides)$
 $Ag^{3+}(d^8)$ (= $Ag^{2+}(d^9)$ L), S=0 - OK

Au:
$$Au^{1+}(d^{10}), S=0 - OK$$

 $Au^{2+}(d^9), S=1/2 - \underline{never}(?)$
 $Au^{3+}(d^8) (= Au^{2+}(d^9) \underline{L}, \text{ or rather } Au^{1+}(d^{10}) \underline{L}^2), S=0 - OK$





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 $\underline{Au_3F_8}$

Synthesis of Au(II) Fluoro Complexes and Their Structural and Magnetic Properties

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Figure 3. Reciprocal of molar susceptibility (at 5 kG) versus temperature for Au(AuF₄)₂; $\mu_{eff} = 2.05 \ \mu_{B}$.



Figure 1. Reciprocal of molar susceptibility (at 5 kG) versus temperature for Au(SbF₆)₂; μ_{eff} (for 50–280 K) = 2.37 μ_{B} .

Why Fluorine ?



In effect one can suppress in fluorides the charge disproportionation *(much less ligand holes!)* and stabilize unusual valence states such as Au²⁺

One can (hope) to stabilize the **high-spin states** of ions such as **Pd²⁺**, **Pt²⁺** and may be "**Cu³⁺**" (d⁸)



One can get magnetic gold ! (and superconducting)

And one can also have nonmagnetic iron (e.g. in pyrite FeS2; but "more magnetic" in pyrite FeO2 stabilized at high pressures and temperatures; important for Earth's lower mantle!)

For negative CT gap one can get peroxide ions, instead of Zhang-Rice singlets.

Oxygen holes and peroxides can be important for the performance of batteries

Intermezzo:

Everything you always knew about spin-orbit coupling, but forgot (to ask)

Why SOC is especially strong in 4d and 5d systems?

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SOC ~ Z? Usual answer SOC ~ Z<sup>4</sup>.
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First, one often forgets about difference between SOC for the multiplet λ LS, and SOC for individual electrons $\zeta I_i s_i$

I.e. for example for Ir4+(d⁵, S=1/2) $\lambda = \zeta = 0.4 \text{ eV}$. But for Ir5+(d⁴, S=1) $\lambda = \zeta/2 = 0.2 \text{ eV}$!

And it is *not* λ , *but* ζ which depends in a regular way on **Z**.

But how?

TRANSITION METAL COMPOUNDS

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Describing all aspects of the physics of transition metal compounds, this book provides a comprehensive overview of this unique and diverse class of solids. Beginning with the basic concepts of the physics of strongly correlated electron systems, the structure of transition metal ions, and the behaviours of transition metal ions in crystals, it goes on to cover more advanced topics such as metal-insulator transitions, orbital ordering, and novel phenomena such as multiferroics, systems with oxygen holes, and high-Tc superconductivity. Each chapter concludes with a summary of key facts and concepts, presenting all the most important information in a consistent and concise manner. Set within a modern conceptual framework, and providing a complete treatment of the fundamental factors and mechanisms that determine the properties of transition metal compounds, this is an invaluable resource for graduate students, researchers and industrial practitioners in solid state physics and chemistry, materials science, and inorganic chemistry.

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SOC ~ $Z^{?}$

The Atom §72

calculate the energy, average it with respect to the unperturbed state. The main contribution to the energy is given by distances close to the nucleus, of the order of the Bohr radius ($\sim \hbar^2/Zme^2$) for a nucleus with charge Ze. In this region the field of the nucleus is almost unscreened and the potential energy is

$$|U(r)| \sim Ze^2 / r \sim Z^2 m e^4 / \hbar^2$$
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so that

$$\alpha \sim \hbar^2 U/m^2 c^2 r^2$$
$$\sim Z^4 (e^2/\hbar c)^2 m e^4/\hbar^2.$$

The mean value of α is obtained by multiplying by the probability w of finding the electron near the nucleus. According to (71.3), $w \sim Z^{-2}$, so that we have finally that the energy of the spin-orbit interaction of the electron is given by

$$\overline{\alpha} \sim \left(\frac{Ze^2}{\hbar c}\right)^2 \frac{me^4}{\hbar^2}$$

i.e. differs from the fundamental energy of the outer electrons in the atom $(\sim me^4/\hbar^2)$ only by the factor $(Ze^2/\hbar c)^2$. This factor increases rapidly with the atomic number, and reaches values of the order of unity in heavy atoms.

A quick estimate:

Ir: atomic number Z=77; $\lambda = 400 \text{ meV}$

V: atomic number Z=23; $\lambda = 30 \text{ meV}$

 $\lambda(lr)/\lambda(\vee) = 13.3$

 $[Z(lr)/Z(V)]^2 = 11.2$

 $[Z(lr)/Z(V)]^4 = 125 -- way off!$

Landau seems to be right!

LS (Russel-Saunders) vs jj-coupling

LS coupling scheme (light elements, relatively week SOC): first form state of maximum spin S and maximum orbital moment L possible, and then use spin-orbit coupling to form multiplets with **J**=L+S

jj-coupling scheme: heavy elements, e.g. rare earths: every electron forms j=s+l, then form total $J=\Sigma j_i$

Actually one-electron schemes (e.g. all band-structure calculations) in fact use **jj**-scheme! (without mentioning, or even realising it)

Often it is OK. E.g. $Ir4+(t_{2g}^5)$: S=1/2, $I_{eff}=1$, J=1/2 ; 3/2 by LS –scheme. Ground state J=1/2 doublet, excited state J=3/2 quartet.

In jj scheme it would be



But for example the result is very different for $d^3 (t_{2g}^3)$ configuration, **like Cr3+**, **Os5+** etc: here in LS scheme **S=3/2**, **but L=0 ! no SOC at all !** But in **jj**-scheme it would be also a 4-fold degenerate state, as for S=3/2, but with strong orbital admixture!



3d systems are definitely in LS regime, 4d – also. But what about 5d? (Rare earths are already **jj**)
Spin-obit coupling vs Jahn-Teller distortions d5 (e.g. lr4+)





JT, c/a >1

Strong SOC





Strong SOC for J=1/2 <u>suppresses</u> JT !

Spin-obit coupling vs Jahn-Teller distortions



Spin-obit coupling vs Jahn-Teller distortions



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TABLE I. A list of ordered double perovskites. Note the discrepancy in Curie-Weiss temperature and μ_{eff} may originate from the experimental fitting of data at different temperature range.

Compound	B' config.	Crystal structure	Θ _{CW} (K)	$\mu_{ ext{eff}} \ (\mu_{B})$	Magnetic transition	Frustration para. f	Ref
Ba ₂ YMoO ₆	$Mo^{5+}(4d^1)$	Cubic	-91	1.34	PM down to 2 K	$f \gtrsim 45$	11
Ba ₂ YMoO ₆	$Mo^{5+}(4d^1)$	Cubic	-160	1.40	PM down to 2 K	$f \gtrsim 80$	12
Ba ₂ YMoO ₆	$Mo^{5+}(4d^1)$	Cubic	-219	1.72	PM down to 2 K	$f \gtrsim 100$	13
La2LiMoO6	$Mo^{5+}(4d^1)$	Monoclinic	-45	1.42	Short-range AFM $T_N \sim 20$ K	$f \gtrsim 2$	13
Sr ₂ MgReO ₆	$Re^{6+}(5d^1)$	Tetragonal	-426	1.72	Spin glass, $T_G \sim 50$ K	$f \gtrsim 8$	14
Sr ₂ Ca <i>Re</i> O ₆	$Re^{6+}(5d^1)$	Monoclinic	-443	1.659	Spin glass, $T_G \sim 14$ K	$f \gtrsim 30$	15
Ba ₂ Ca <i>Re</i> O ₆	$Re^{6+}(5d^1)$	Cubic to tetragonal (at $T \sim 120$ K)	-38.8	0.744	AFM T _N =15.4 K	$f \sim 2$	16
Ba ₂ LiOsO ₆	$Os^{7+}(5d^1)$	Cubic	-40.48	0.733	AFM $T_N \sim 8$ K	$f \gtrsim 5$	17
Ba ₂ NaOsO ₆	$Os^{7+}(5d^1)$	Cubic	-32.45	0.677	FM $T_N \sim 8$ K	$f \gtrsim 4$	17
Ba ₂ NaOsO ₆	$Os^{7+}(5d^1)$	Cubic	~-10	~0.6	FM <i>T_N</i> =6.8 K	$f \gtrsim 4$	18