

# The Explicit Role of Anion States in High-Valence Metal Oxides

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# **If we cannot solve a problem exactly**

## **The starting point really matters**

**Start the thinking with the most likely oxidation state or valence of the cations before switching on the cation - anion hybridization in models**

**Standard rules for formal cation valence :**

- 1. Anions are closed shell O(2-), Cl(1-) etc**
- 2. Fixed valence cations La(3+), Ca(2+)etc**
- 3. valence of omivalent cation – composition**
- 4. This puts low energy charge degrees of freedom on the cations**

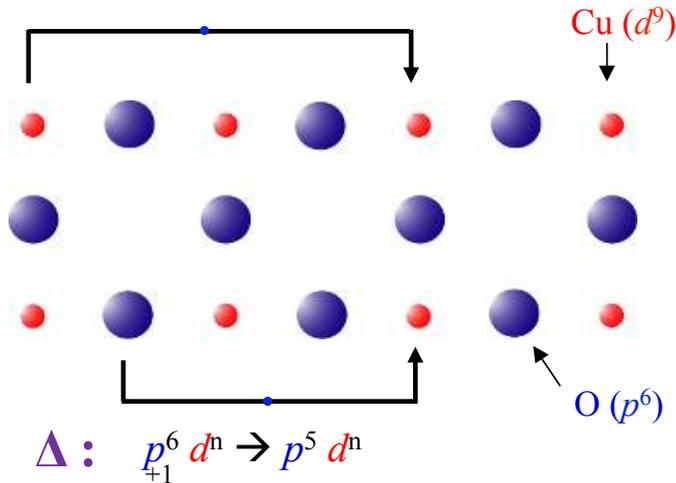
There are many examples where this formal definition is not what happens in reality

Compound(	Formal Valence	Actual valence	Resolution
CrO <sub>2</sub>	Cr <sup>4+</sup>	Mixed close to 3+	Holes in O 2p band Half met. ferromag
FeS <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sup>4+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup> S=0	S <sub>2</sub> pairs forming S <sub>2</sub> (2-)
BaO <sub>2</sub>	Ba <sup>4+</sup>	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	(O <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>2-</sup> Pairs
KO <sub>2</sub>	K <sup>4+</sup>	K <sup>1+</sup>	(O <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>1-</sup> pairs S=1/2 Ferron=magnet
La(1-x)Sr <sub>x</sub> CuO <sub>4</sub>	Cu mixed valent 2/3+	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Holes in O <sub>2</sub> p metal/ high T <sub>c</sub>
(Li/Na)NiO <sub>2</sub>	Ni <sup>3+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Holes in O <sub>2</sub> p
ReNiO <sub>3</sub>	Ni <sup>3+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Holes in O <sub>2</sub> p

In the doped cuprates should Cu or O be at the center of attention for low energy scale charge degrees of freedom? ( not withstanding the importance of Cu)

# Correlated Electrons in a Solid

$$U : d^n d^n \rightarrow d^{n-1} d^{n+1}$$

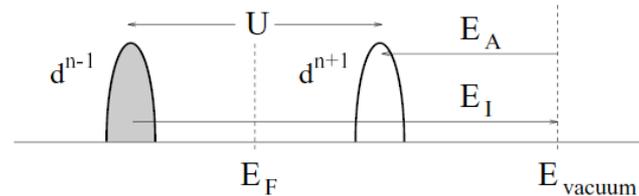


$$U = E_I^{\text{TM}} - E_A^{\text{TM}} - E_{\text{pol}}$$

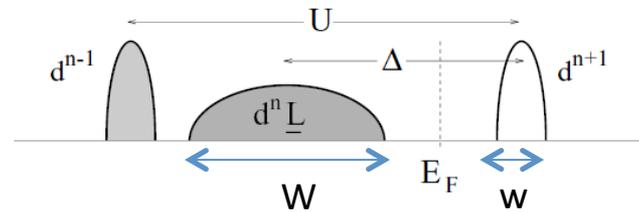
$$\Delta = E_I^{\text{O}} - E_A^{\text{TM}} - E_{\text{pol}} + \delta E_M$$

- $E_I$  ionization energy
- $E_A$  electron affinity energy
- $E_M$  Madelung energy

(a) Mott-Hubbard insulator



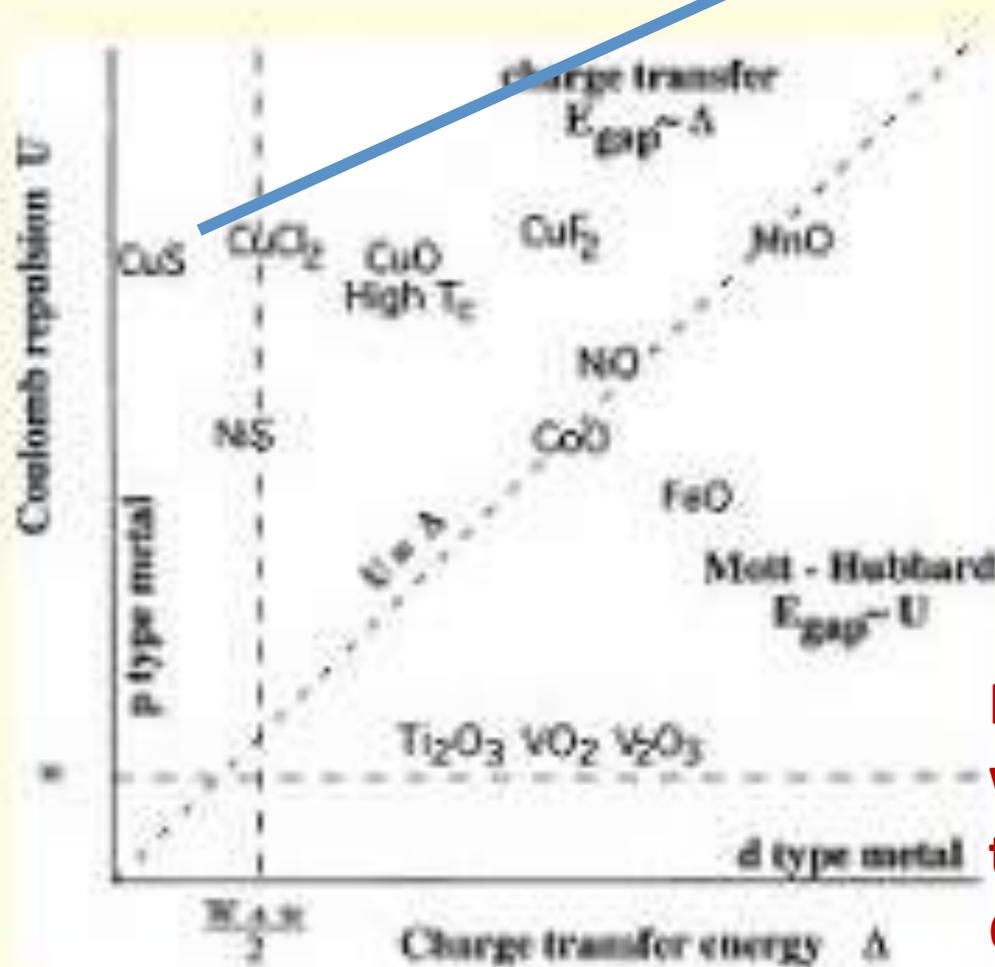
(b) Charge transfer insulator



**If  $\Delta < (W+w)/2 \rightarrow$  Self doped metal (mixed valent!!)**

- J.Hubbard, Proc. Roy. Soc. London A 276, 238 (1963)
- ZSA, PRL 55, 418 (1985)

Note that in CuS the Cu is 1+ with holes in O 2p  
Also in CuCr<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and Se<sub>4</sub>

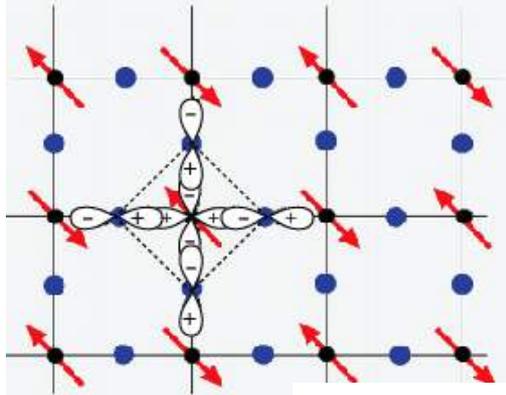


For divalent cations



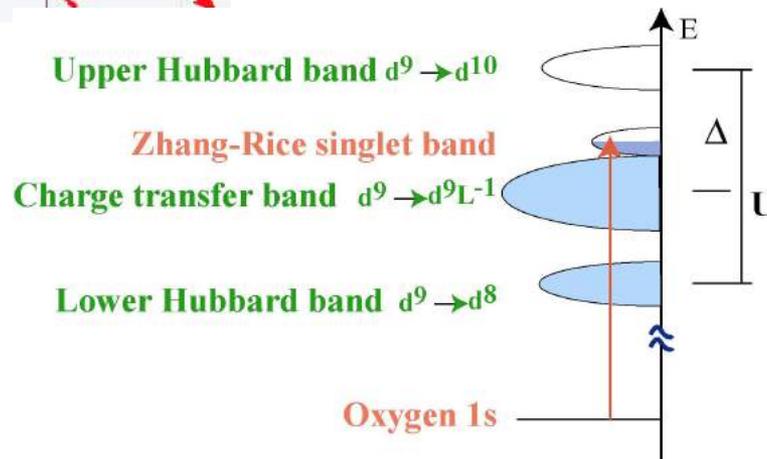
Note that CT energy decreases as we Move down in the periodic table for The Anion i.e. F-Cl-Br-I Or O-S-Se-Te

# Doped holes in cuprate

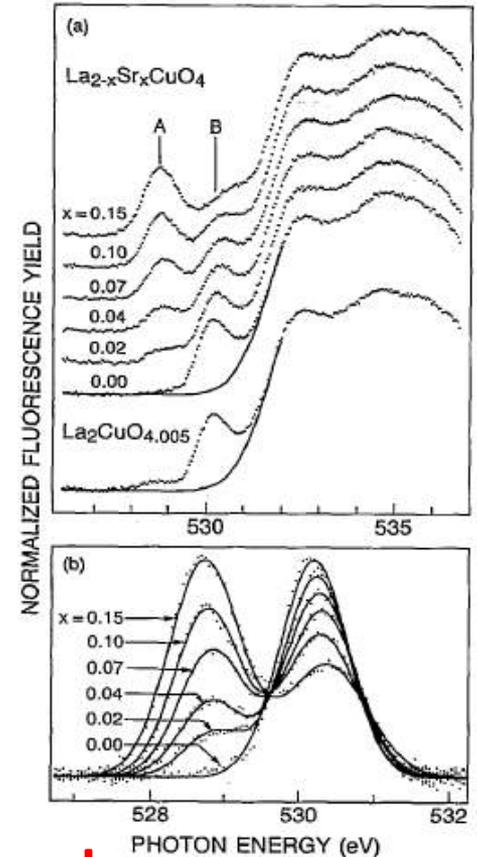


C.T.Chen XAS

PRL **68**, 2543 (1992),



**On hole doping the O1s to 2p first peak rises strongly indicating the doped holes are mainly on O 2p.**



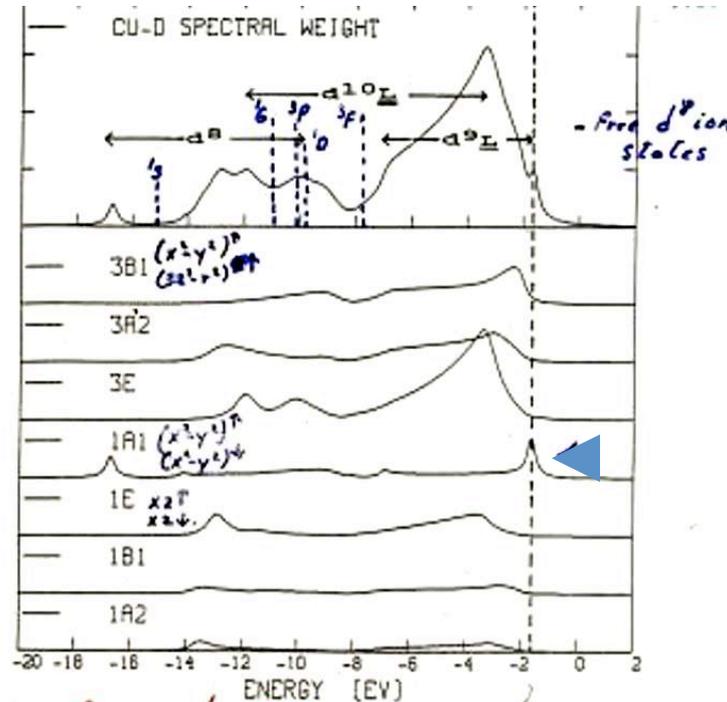
C. T. Chen et al. PRL 66, 104 (1991)

Three early papers all in 1988 with O  
playing a central role

# Anderson Impurity calculation for ARPES starting from Cu(d10) full O 2p band, full d-d multiplet interaction using respectively the one (d9 ground state and optical spectrum) and two particle Greens function for ARPES

H. Eskes et al PRL 61, 1415 (1988). Thesis Groningen 2000

Note the large Energy scale Covered by each Irreducible representations Of two d holes in the D4h point group



Dashed lines are the Multiplets Of FREE Cu d8

Local spin compensated State LIKE Zhang Rice singlet

Ground state  
 $(\sqrt{0.7}d^9 + \sqrt{0.3}d^{10}E_g)(L) \rightarrow$   
 $\begin{cases} 68\% d^9 L (Cu^{2+}) \\ 24\% d^{10} E_g^2 (Cu^{1+}) \\ 8\% d^8 (Cu^0) \end{cases}$

Example  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  as in  $\text{LaCuO}_4$  ( $d^9 s=1/2$ )

For the N-1 electron states we need  $d^8, d^9L, d^{10}L^2$  where L denotes a hole in O 2p band. The  $d^8$  states exhibit multiplets

$$3d(x^2 - y^2, 3z^2 - r^2, xy, xz, yz)$$

$$b_{1g}, a_{1g}, b_{2g}, e_g$$

${}^1A_2$ $d_1 d_2$	${}^3B_1$ $e_1 b_1$	${}^3B_2$ $e_1 b_2$
$d_1 d_2$ $A+4B+2C$	$e_1 b_1$ $A-6B$	$e_1 b_2$ $A-6B$
${}^3A_2$ $d_1 d_2$ $e^2$	${}^1B_1$ $e_1 b_1$ $e^2$	${}^1B_2$ $e_1 b_2$ $e^2$
$d_1 d_2$ $A+6B$ $6B$	$e_1 b_1$ $A+2C$ $-2B\sqrt{3}$	$e_1 b_2$ $A+2C$ $-2B\sqrt{3}$
$e^2$ $6B$ $A-5B$	$e^2$ $-2B\sqrt{3}$ $A+B+2C$	$e^2$ $-2B\sqrt{3}$ $A+B+2C$

${}^1E$	$e_1 b_1$	$e_1 b_2$	$e^2$	${}^1E$	$e_1 b_1$	$e_1 b_2$	$e^2$
$e_1 b_1$	$A-5B$	$-3B\sqrt{3}$	$3B$	$e_1 b_1$	$A+B+2C$	$-B\sqrt{3}$	$-3B$
$e_1 b_2$	$-3B\sqrt{3}$	$A+B$	$-3B\sqrt{3}$	$e_1 b_2$	$-B\sqrt{3}$	$A+B+2C$	$-B\sqrt{3}$
$e^2$	$3B$	$-3B\sqrt{3}$	$A-5B$	$e^2$	$-3B$	$-B\sqrt{3}$	$A+B+2C$

*2 R singlets.*

${}^1A_1$	$a_1^2$	$b_1^2$	$b_2^2$	$e^2$
$a_1^2$	$A+4B+3C$	$4B+C$	$4B+C$	$(B+C)\sqrt{2}$
$b_1^2$	$-4B+C$	$-A-6B+3C$	$C$	$(3B+C)\sqrt{2}$
$b_2^2$	$4B+C$	$C$	$A+4B+3C$	$(3B+C)\sqrt{2}$
$e^2$	$(B+C)\sqrt{2}$	$(3B+C)\sqrt{2}$	$(3B+C)\sqrt{2}$	$A+7B+4C$

Given here are the various representations spanned by 2 d holes in  $D_{4h}$  symmetry and the Coulomb matrix elements in terms of the A,B,C Racah parameters

D8 with 2 holes in  $x^2-y^2$  ←  
 As in most Hubbard theories  
 Is part of a 4X4 Matrix in  $D_{4h}$

**Emery Reiter** Phys. Rev. B 38, 4547 (1988)

Doped Holes mainly on O but O has TWO Cu nn so equally shared between them leading to a 3 SPIN POLARON

**Zhang Rice** Phys.Rev. B 37, 3759 (1988)

Doped holes mainly on O but form a molecular orbital about a selected Cu with  $x^2-y^2$  symmetry

# Is single band Hubbard justified for Cuprates?

Zhang Rice PRB 1988  
37,3759

The localized states of (5) are, however, not orthogonal because the neighboring squares share a common O site. Thus,

$$\langle P_{i\sigma}^{(S)} | P_{j\sigma'}^{(S)\dagger} \rangle = \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} (\delta_{i,j} - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{\langle ij \rangle, 0}) , \quad (6)$$

where  $\delta_{\langle ij \rangle, 0} = 1$  if  $i, j$  are nearest neighbors. In analogy to the treatment of Anderson for the isolated spin quasiparticle,<sup>6</sup> we construct a set of Wannier functions ( $N_S = \text{num-}$

**Strong argument for tJ  
or single band Hubbard**

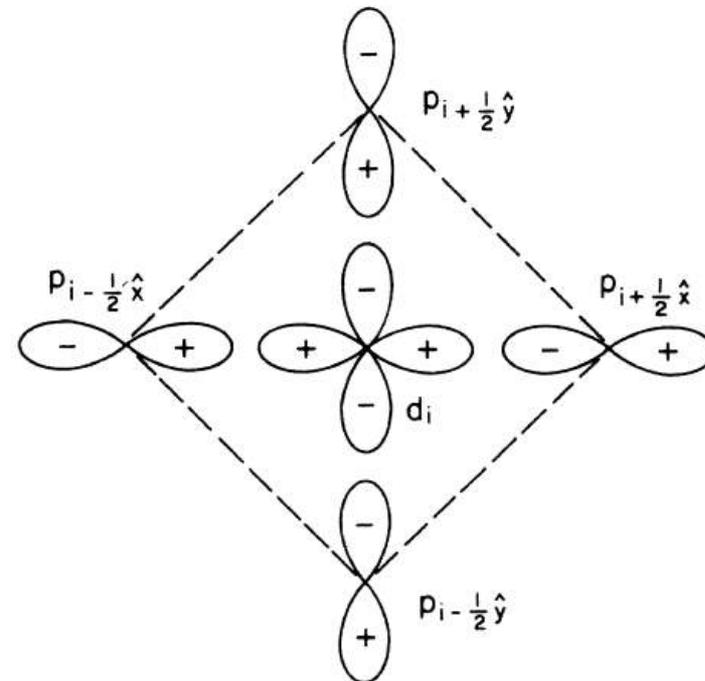


FIG. 1. Schematic diagram of the hybridization of the O hole ( $2p^5$ ) and Cu hole ( $3d^9$ ). The signs + and - represent the phase of the wave functions.

# More recent Large scale exact diagonalization of 3 band like model Bayo Lau Thesis UBC 2011

Bayo Lau et al :PRB 81, 172401 (2010)

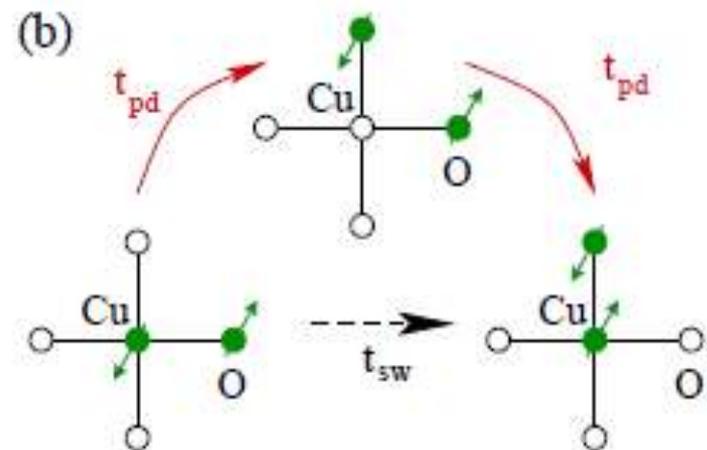
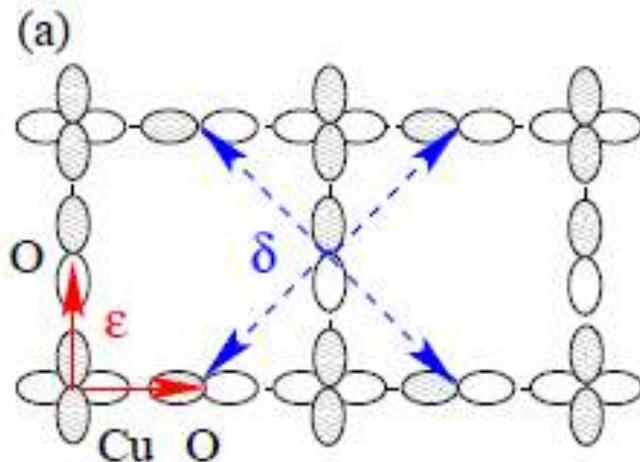
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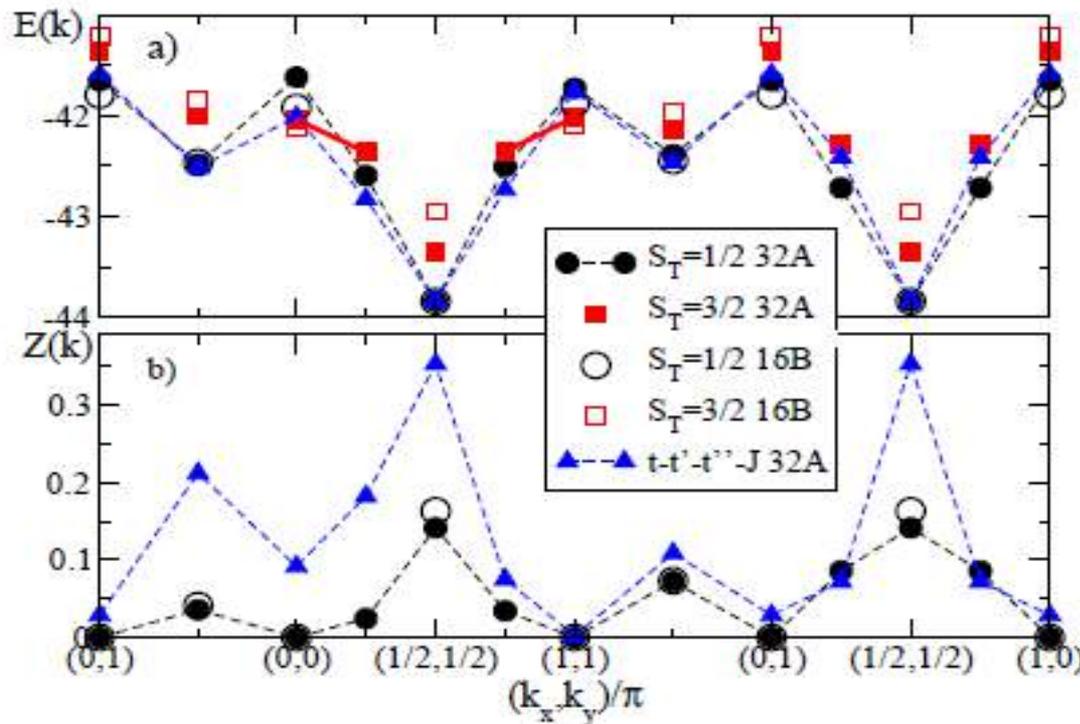
$$H_{3B} = T_{pd} + T_{pp} + \Delta_{pd} \sum n_{l+\epsilon, \sigma} + U_{pp} \sum n_{l+\epsilon, \uparrow} n_{l+\epsilon, \downarrow} + U_{dd} \sum n_{l, \uparrow} n_{l, \downarrow} \quad (1)$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = T_{pp} + T_{\text{swap}} + H_{J_{pd}} + H_{J_{dd}} \quad (2)$$

$$T_{\text{swap}} = -t_{\text{sw}} \sum s_{\eta} p_{l+\epsilon+\eta, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{l+\epsilon, \sigma'} | \sigma'_{l, \eta} \rangle \langle \sigma_{l, \epsilon} |$$



# The dispersion and the quasi particle spectral weight periodic cluster $32\text{Cu } 64 \text{O}$



Bayo Lau et al PRB 81, 172401  
 PhysRevLett.106.036401, (2011)  
 PhysRevB.84.165102 (2011)  
 Bayo Lau Thesis UBC 2012

FIG. 2. a) Energy and b) quasiparticle weight (bottom) for the lowest eigenstates with  $S_T = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$  vs. momentum. Different sets are shifted so as to have the same GS energy.

# Exact diagonalization studies of 32Cu 64O

Note a quantum spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  antiferromagnet has a nn spin correlation of  $-.33$ , singlet  $-.75$ , A Neel antiferromagnet  $=-.25$ , and a ferromagnet  $=+.25$

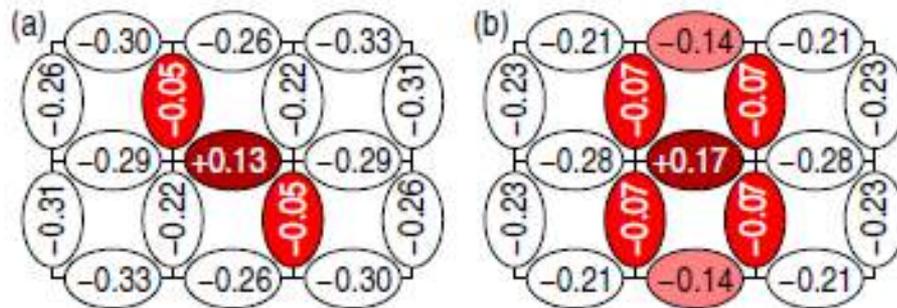
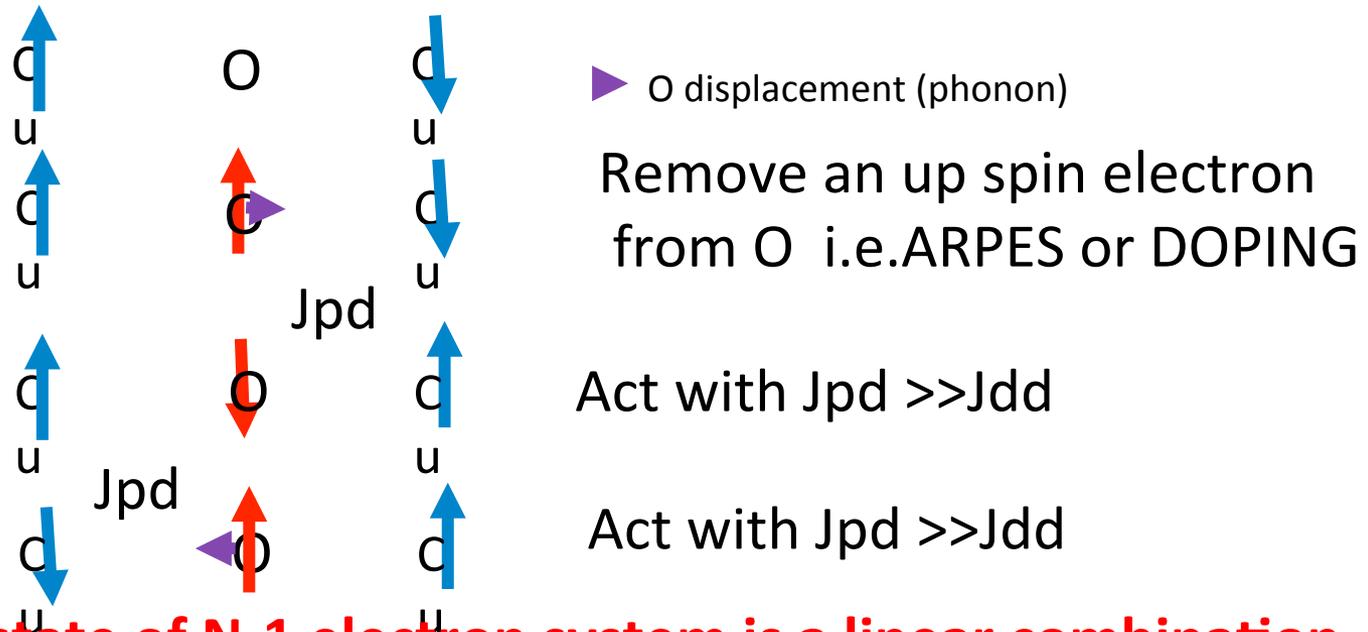


FIG. 3.  $\langle C_x(\delta, a) \rangle$  for the lowest energy state at (a)  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  with  $S_T = \frac{1}{2}$ , and (b) at  $(\pi, \pi)$  with  $S_T = \frac{3}{2}$ . The darkly-shaded bullet denotes the oxygen position at  $l + e_x$ . Each

**Shows strong ferro correlations close to the doped hole.**  
**This does not look like a ZR singlet but actually**  
**The spatial O hole has x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup> symmetry at  $\pi/2\pi/2$**

# Antiferro CuO2 lattice

hole notation



**Eigenstate of N-1 electron system is a linear combination of these three states and has a strong phonon component  
 HOLE ON O2P STRONGLY DRESSED BY A PHONON PLUS TWO MAGNONS**

# What would this isolated 3 spin SPIN $\frac{1}{2}$ polaron look like

Sz=1 triplet state

Wavefunction	Total Spin	$\frac{\langle H_{J_{pd}} \rangle}{J_{pd}}$
$ \uparrow\uparrow\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} p_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \frac{ \uparrow\downarrow\rangle +  \downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} - p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}  \uparrow\uparrow\rangle$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1
$ \downarrow\downarrow\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \frac{ \uparrow\downarrow\rangle +  \downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} - p_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}  \downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1
$ 0+\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} p_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \frac{ \uparrow\downarrow\rangle -  \downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$ 0-\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \frac{ \uparrow\downarrow\rangle -  \downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle = p_{\uparrow}^{\dagger}  \uparrow\uparrow\rangle$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} p_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \frac{ \uparrow\downarrow\rangle + p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}  \downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}  \uparrow\uparrow\rangle$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \frac{ \uparrow\downarrow\rangle +  \downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} p_{\uparrow}^{\dagger}  \downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle = p_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}  \downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

THE main hole dressing is  
“A PHONON PLUS TWO MAGNONS”

This is an important contributor to the  
MIR optical spectrum

Jose Lorenzana, Thilo Kopp, Markus  
Grueninger, Dirk van der Marel,  
(1995-2002)

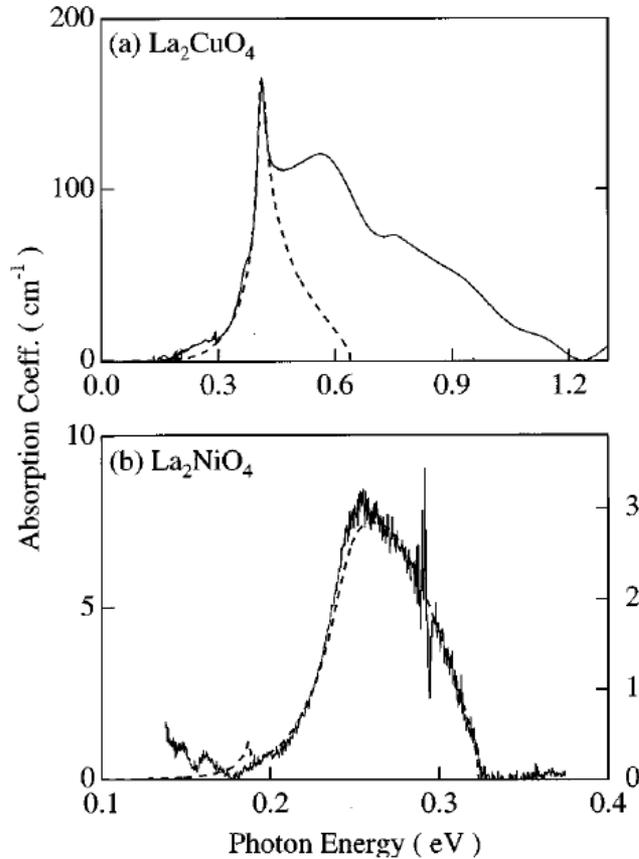
J.D.Perkins et al. , Phys. Rev. Lett. '71, 1621 (1993)

Experiment Optical absorption

J. Lorenzana and GAS PRL, 74, 1867 (1995)

Ibid PRB 52 9576 (1995) THEORY

# Phonon plus two magnon virtual bound State in Cuprates / Nickelates



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Taken from Grueninger  
Thesis Groningen 1999

Note that the valence of Cu in say  $\text{LaSrCuO}_4$   
(formally  $3+$ ) would likely be  $2+$  with one  
hole per 2 O in the  $\text{CuO}_2$  plane  
i.e. Negative charge transfer

Kuiper et al PRL 62 221 (1989)  $\text{Li}_x\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{O}$

Note the high “pre-Edge feature and the Spectral weight Transfer from high To low energy scales

Just as in the cuprates doped holes mainly on O NOT  $\text{Ni}^{3+}$

## $\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{Li}_x\text{O}$

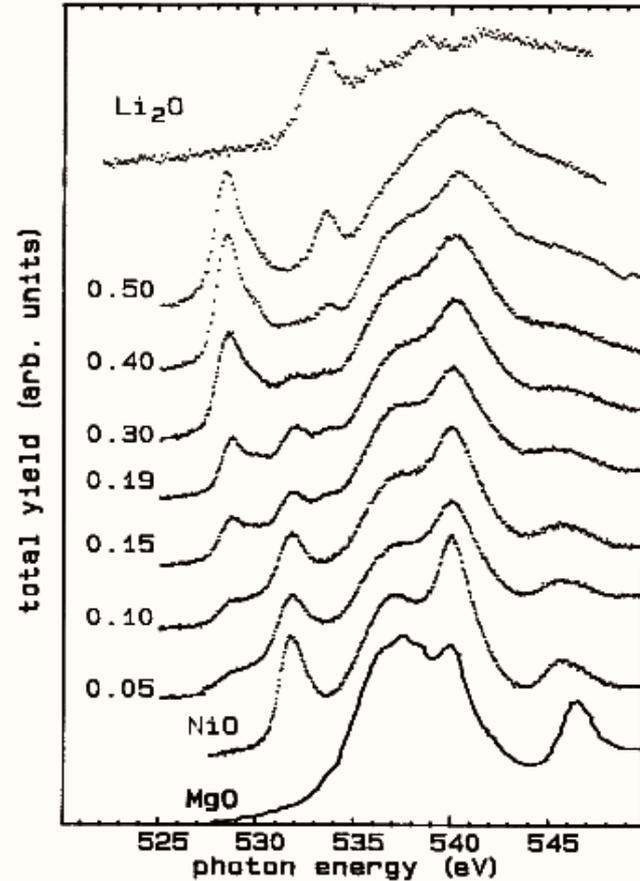
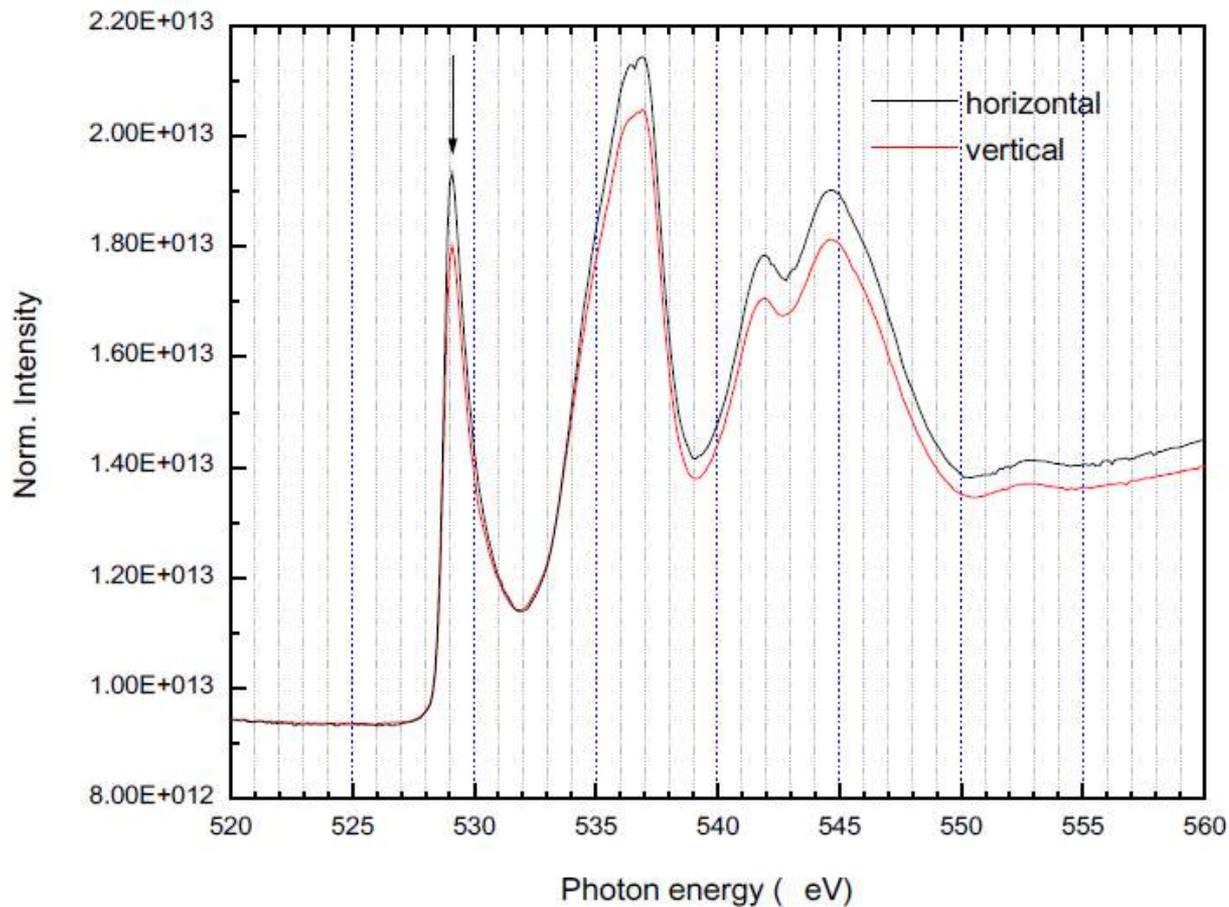


FIG. 1. Oxygen *K*-edge absorption spectra of MgO (Ref. 26), NiO,  $\text{Li}_x\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{O}$  for indicated values of  $x$ , and  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ .

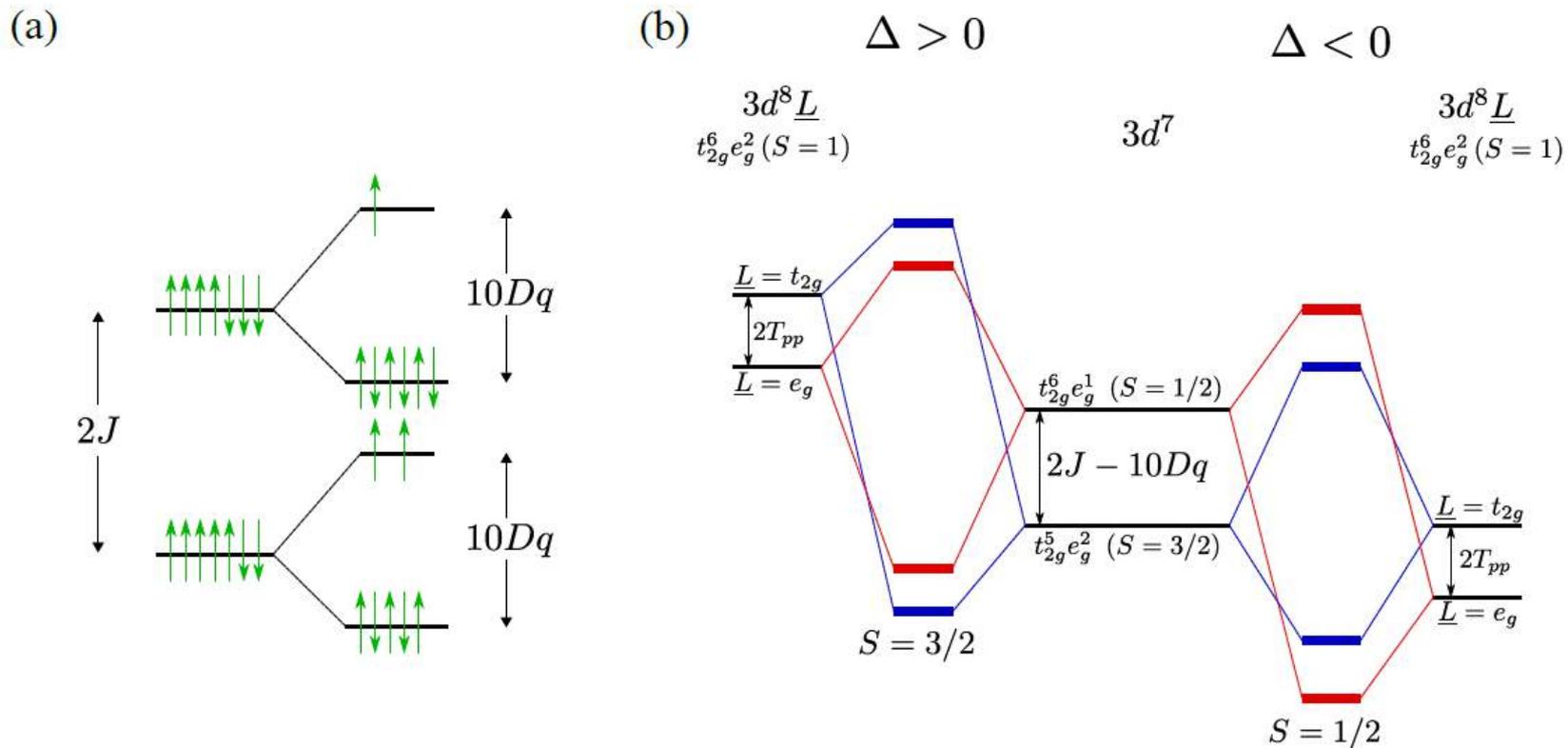
LaNiO<sub>3</sub> thin film on LSAT Sutarto, Wadati, Stemmer UCSB  
O K XAS



Note the huge O 1s -2p prepeak just as in the cuprates HOLES ON O

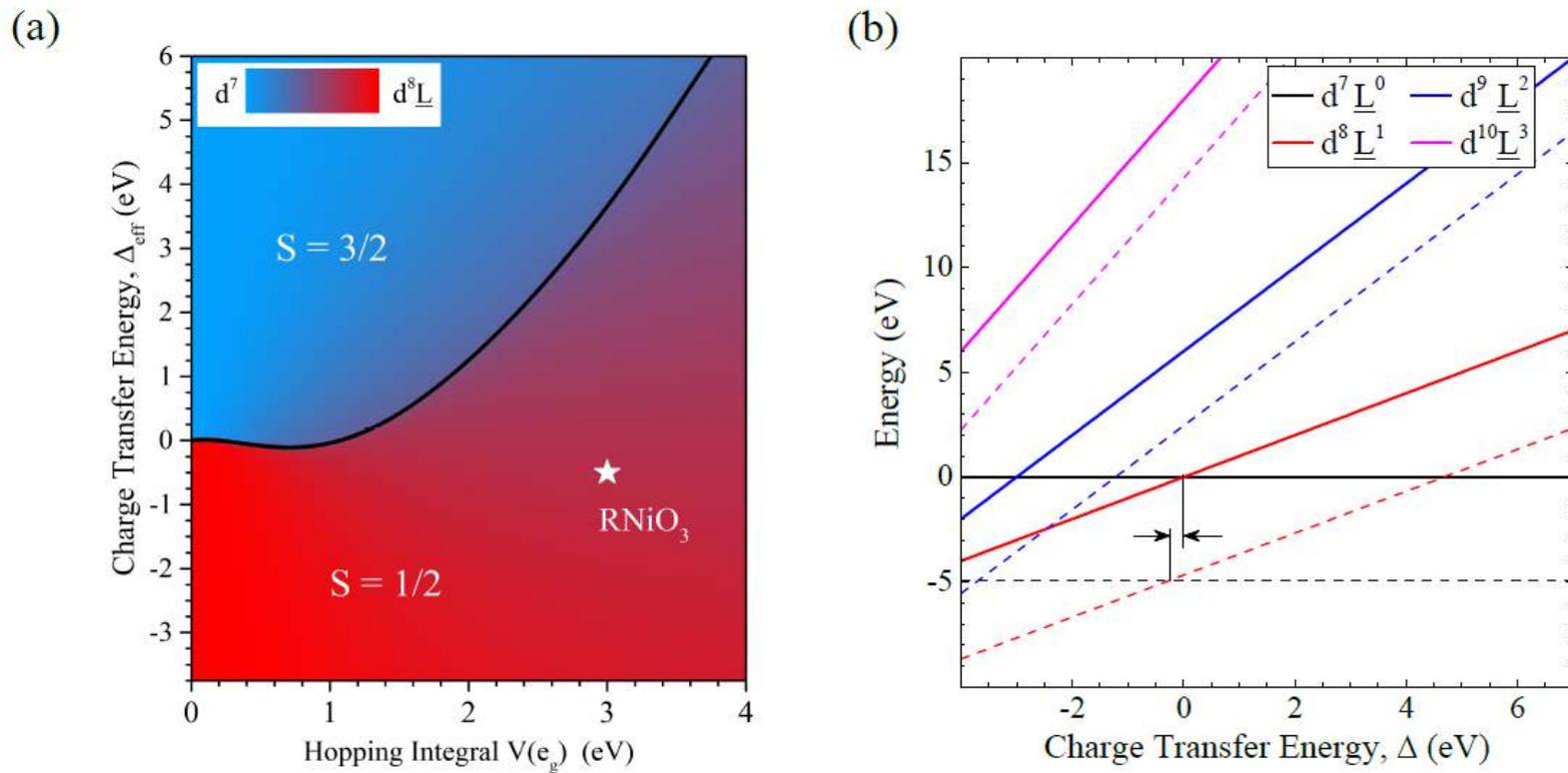
field splitting and Hund's rule coupling determine the ground state ionic configuration

$Ni^{2+} (d^7)$  in  $O_h$  symmetry



**Fig. 1:** (a) The Hund's rule and crystal field energetics are introduced for a  $Ni^{3+} (d^7)$  system.

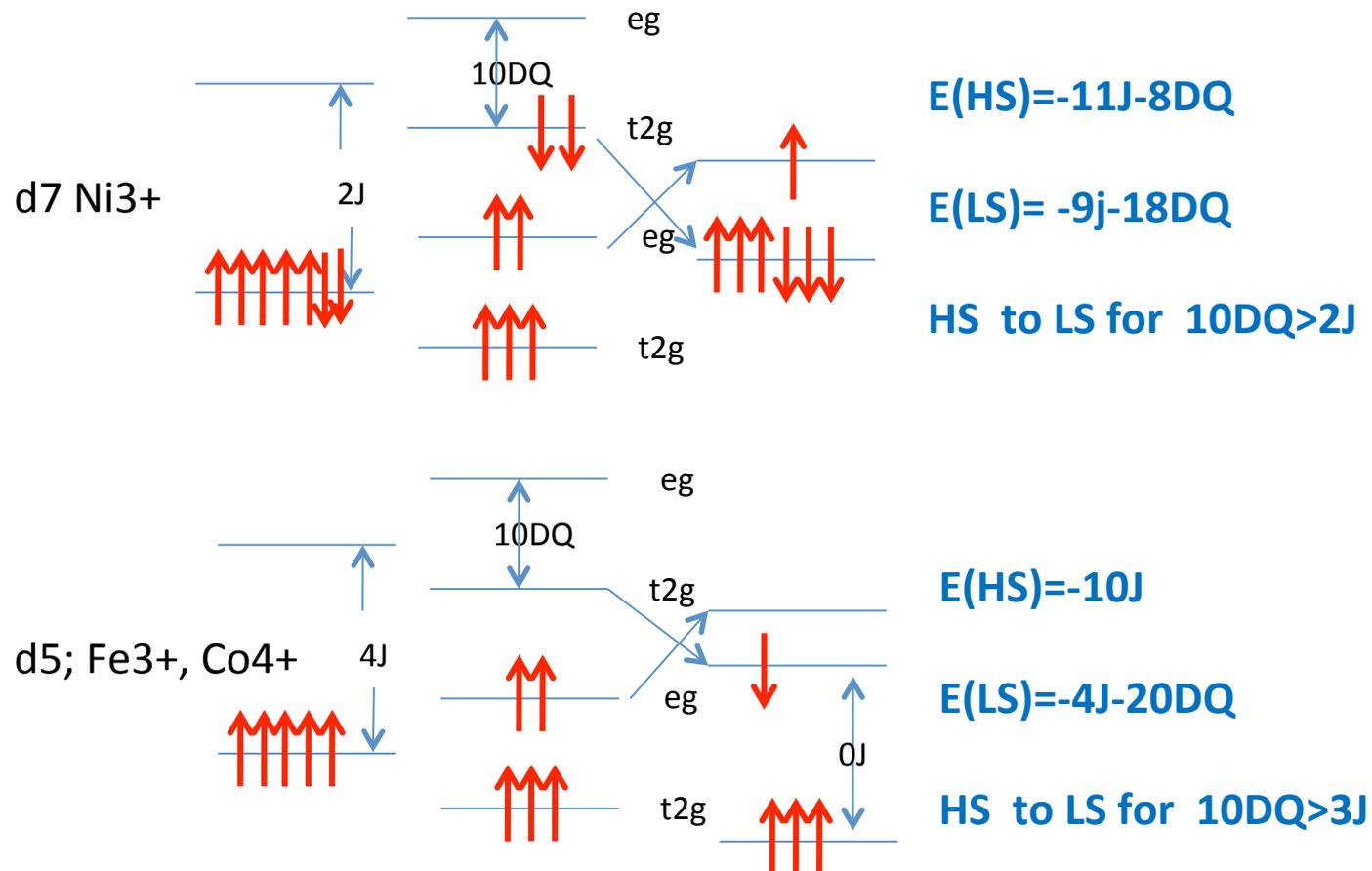
# Results of a Configuration interaction calculation



**Fig. 2:** Results of a full configuration interaction calculation. (a) The low spin phase space is

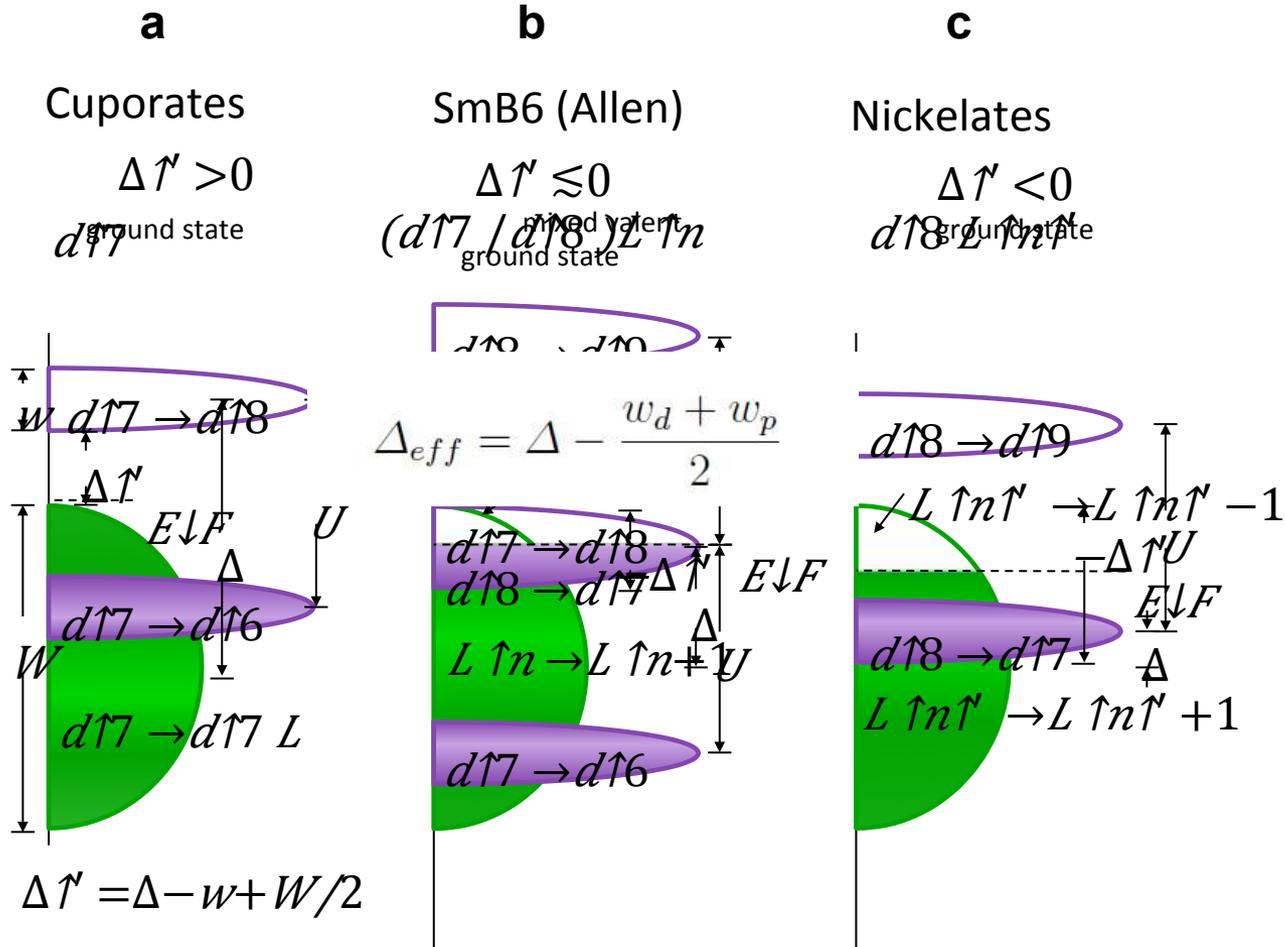
# You can understand that for large hybridization low spin can also occur for positive charge transfer energy

Physical picture for high spin to low spin transition



# Three cases: Charge transfer, Mixed valent, and Negative charge transfer

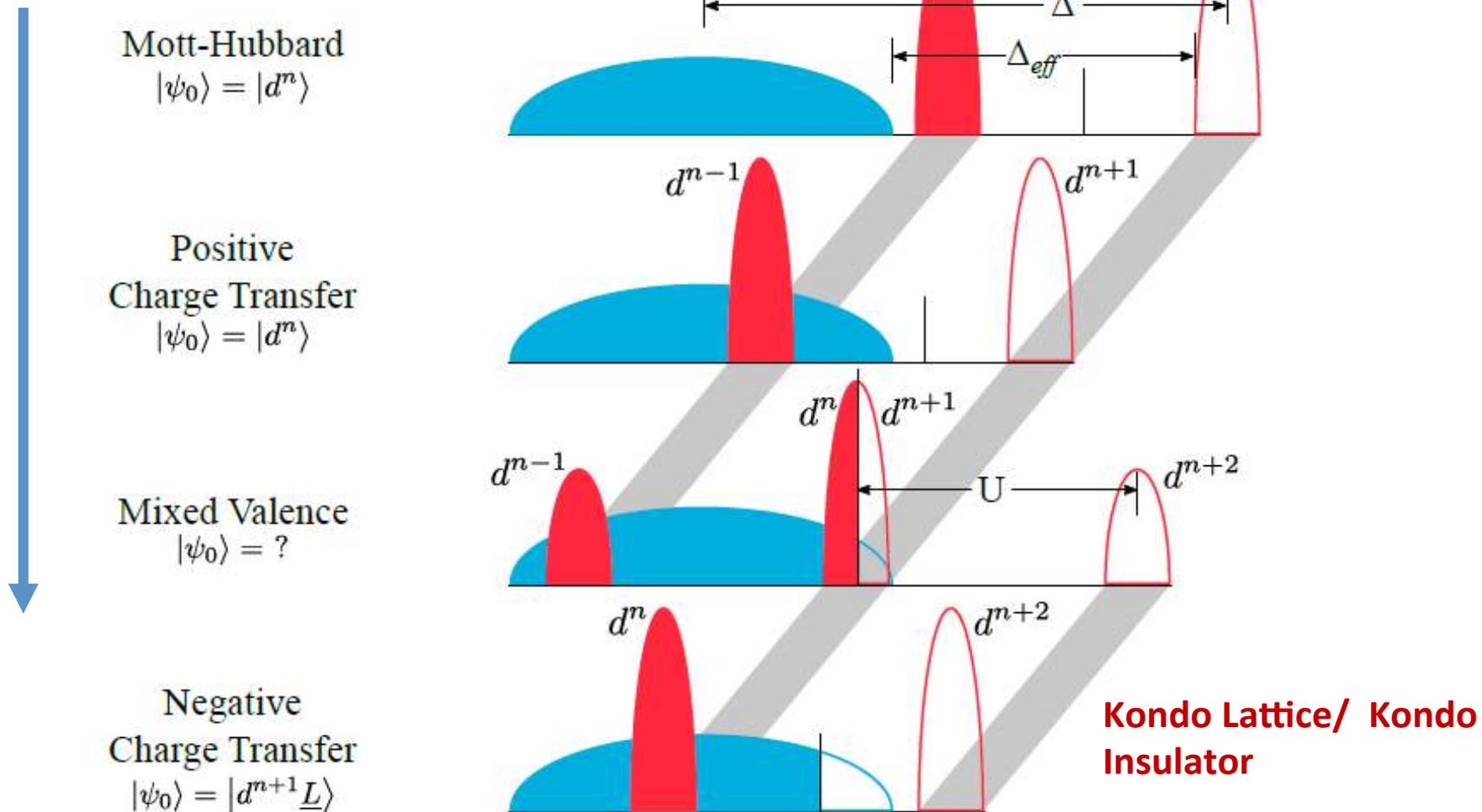
$$\Delta_{eff} = \Delta - \frac{w_d + w_p}{2}$$



**Recall the O band (18 electrons / unit cell) in 3d perovskite (RENiO3)**  
**For negative CT there would be 1 hole per 3 oxygens and Ni (2+) 3d8**

# Moving from MH to CT to Mixed valent to Negative CT (holes on anions)

Increasing formal  
Cation valence



The mixed valent state wave function or ground state has been a mystery for as long as I can remember

- Could be charge ordered Verwey transition in  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$
- Could be a charge density wave.
- We will describe later that it could also form a coherent state where the mixed valence is in momentum  $\text{SmB}_6$
- Excitonic insulator?
- Could be a simple metal if  $U$  and the multiplet splittings are much less than the d-d intercite hopping
- Perhaps you have other ideas

**Nickelates  $RNiO_3$ : formally Ni would be 3+ d7 (low spin)  
 However  $Ni^{3+}$  is a strong Jahn Teller Ion but there is no  
 Evidence for distortions resulting from this**

Torrance et al PRB 42, 8209

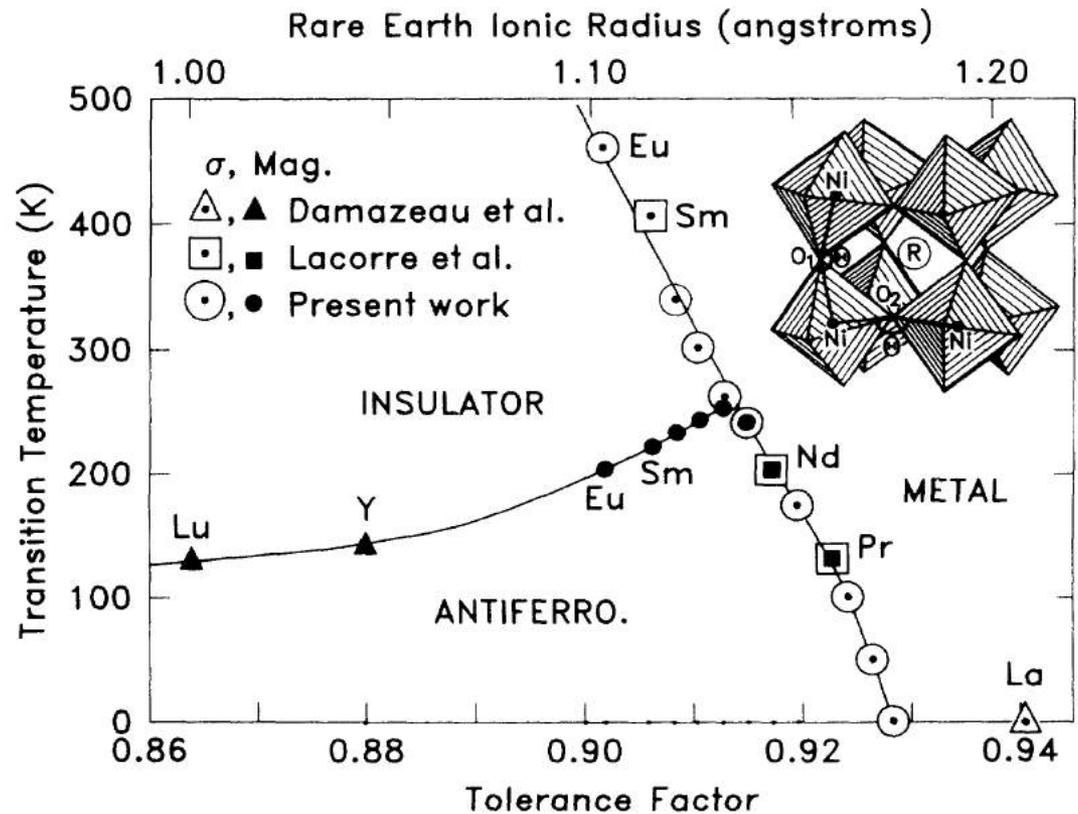


FIG. 2. Insulator-metal-antiferromagnetic phase diagram for  $RNiO_3$  as a function of the tolerance factor and (equivalently) the ionic radius of the rare earth ( $R$ ).

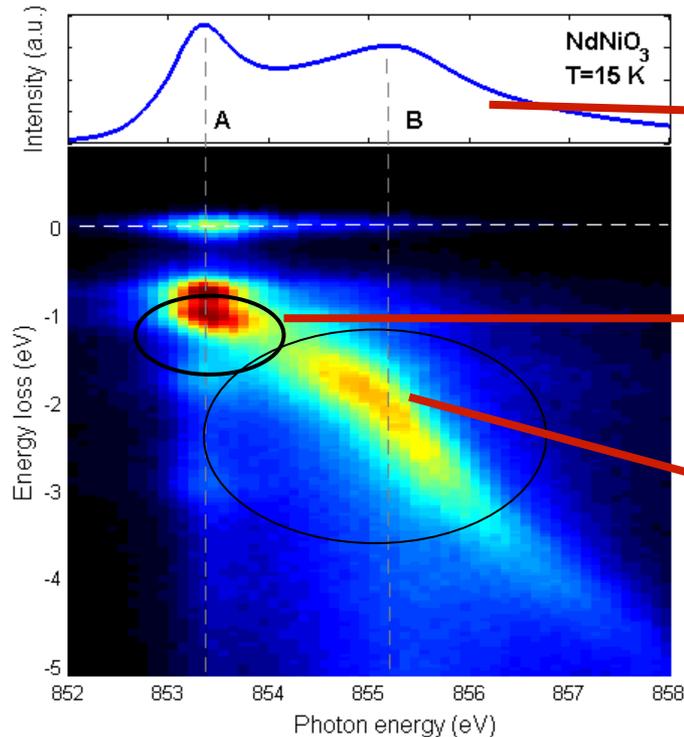
Aside from the XAS of O Recent RIXS point  
to negative charge transfer gap system  
(results obtained by )

Valentina Bisogni and  
Thorsten Schmitt from PSI

Sara Catalano, Marta  
Gibert , Raoul Scherwitzl  
Jean-Marc Triscone, and  
Pavlo Zubko From Geneva

Valentina Bisogni et al Nature communications in press

## RIXS map of $\text{NdNiO}_3$ – 15 K insulating phase



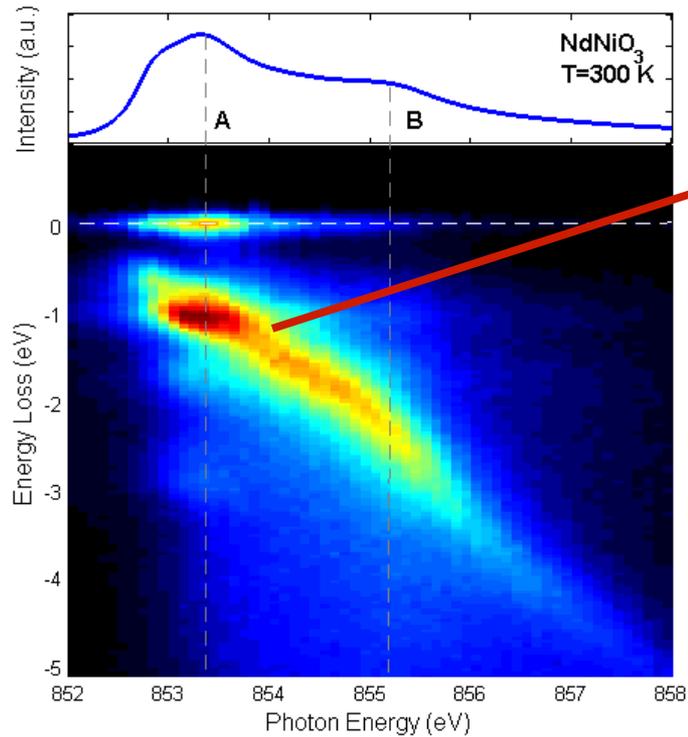
Ni 2p XAS energy region : Up to now the peaks A and B were considered to be ,multiplet structure in the final  $2p^5 3d^8$  local states

RIXS demonstrates that a local d-d like description is OK for peak A with photon energy independent peak positions in RIXS

Near linear dependence of the “Loss” energy With photon energy show that this is not RIXS but more like x ray fluorescence.

So peak A in XAS involves the excited d Electron and Ni 2p core hole intimately bound while peak B must involve an excitation into a delocalized continuum band state. The continuum starts at most 1 eV above the bound state. This has implications for the ground state and low energy excitations and the properties.

## RIXS map of NdNiO<sub>3</sub> – 300 K Metallic Phase



Strong T dependence of the XAS

Here the continuum states merge  
 With the “bound states or resonances”  
 Extending to zero loss energy i.e.  
 A METALLIC STATE

# High oxidation states

- In general we expect the charge transfer energy to strongly decrease for higher oxidation states
- This would mean a different starting point i.e.
- $\text{Cu}^{3+} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Cu}^{2+} \underline{\text{L}}$     $\text{Ni}^{3+} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Ni}^{2+} \underline{\text{L}}$
- $\text{Co}^{4+} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Co}^{3+} \underline{\text{L}}$     $\text{Fe}^{4+} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Fe}^{3+} \text{L}$     $\text{Mn}^{4+} \text{???$   
The charge degrees of freedom are mainly on Oxygen

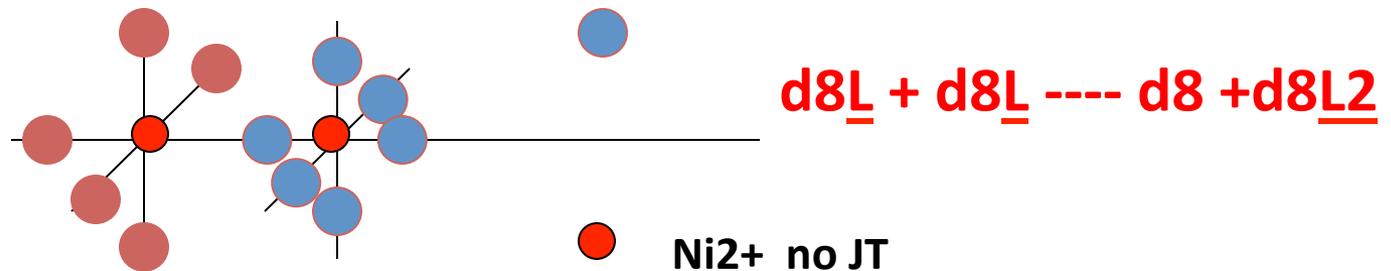
# BASIC STARTING POINT FOR NEGATIVE CHARGE TRANSFER GAP

- high density of large  $U$   $Ni^{2+}(d^8)$  states with strong hybridization and exchange with the holes on O.
- THIS IS An ANDERSON LATTICE PROBLEM BUT WITH  $V_{kd}$  TOO LARGE FOR A Schrieffer Wolff transformation to KONDO.
- Also for KONDO we have a Nozieres exhaustion principle at work i.e. only enough holes to screen the spins of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Ni's
- Would likely remain metallic as in  $LaNiO_3$  (BAD METAL) UNLESS
- We include strong electron phonon interaction in Tpd

# Negative charge transfer yields Charge disproportionation without moving charge

FIRST suggested by T. Mizokawa, D. I. Khomskii, and GAS Phys.Rev. B 61, 11263 (2000).

Consider  $\text{ReNiO}_3$  as  $\text{Ni}^{2+L}$  (1 O 2p hole per 3 O)  
Then each Ni is surrounded by on average 2 L holes in  
an octahedron of O.



Each second  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  has a STRONGLY COMPRESSED octahedron of O with two holes  
of  $E_g$  symmetry in bonding orbital's I.e.  $d8 L2$  ( $S=0$ )

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No Jahn Teller problem anymore  
BOND DISPROPORTIONATION

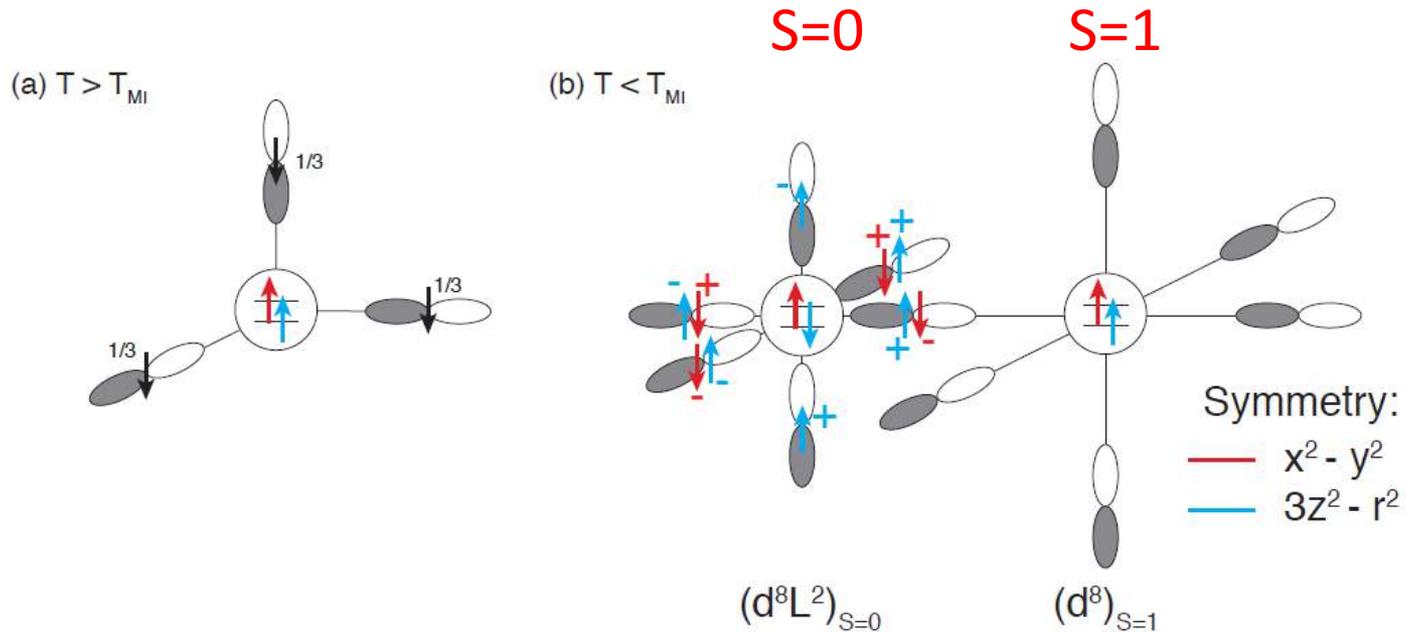
## Charge disproportionation without charge transfer

[Steve Johnston](#), Mona Berciu, GAS [arXiv:1310.2674](#), Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 106404 (2014)

Hartree Fock and exact diagonalization

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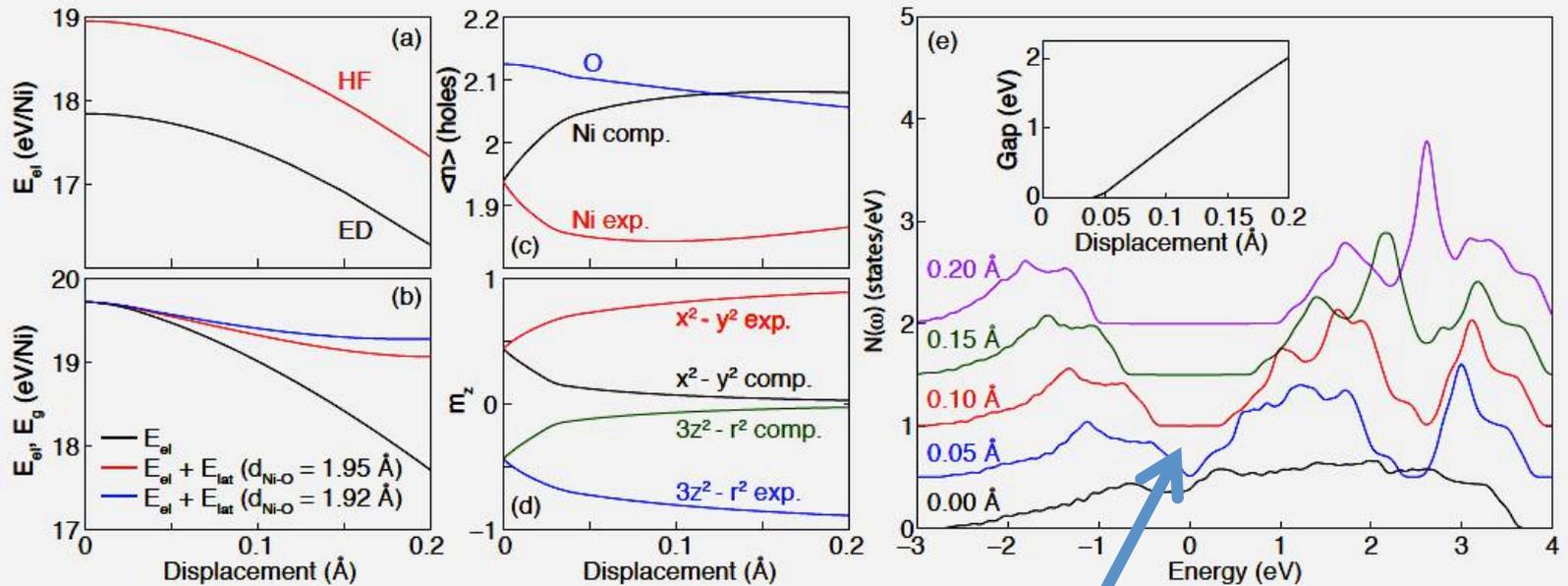


**Crystallized Bipolarons (electron phonon) in  $1/2, 1/2, 1/2$ , superstructure**

**In the insulating phase NOTE THAT THE SYMMETRY OF THE SHORT BOND LENGTH STATE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS  $Ni^{4+}$  LOW SPIN.**

**There is no phase transition between the bond disproportionated and Charge disproportionated states but rather a crossover.**

Total energy, charge density, magnetic moment, and density of states vs. checker board O octahedron compression/ expansion



Note the gap forming for displacements of > .09A

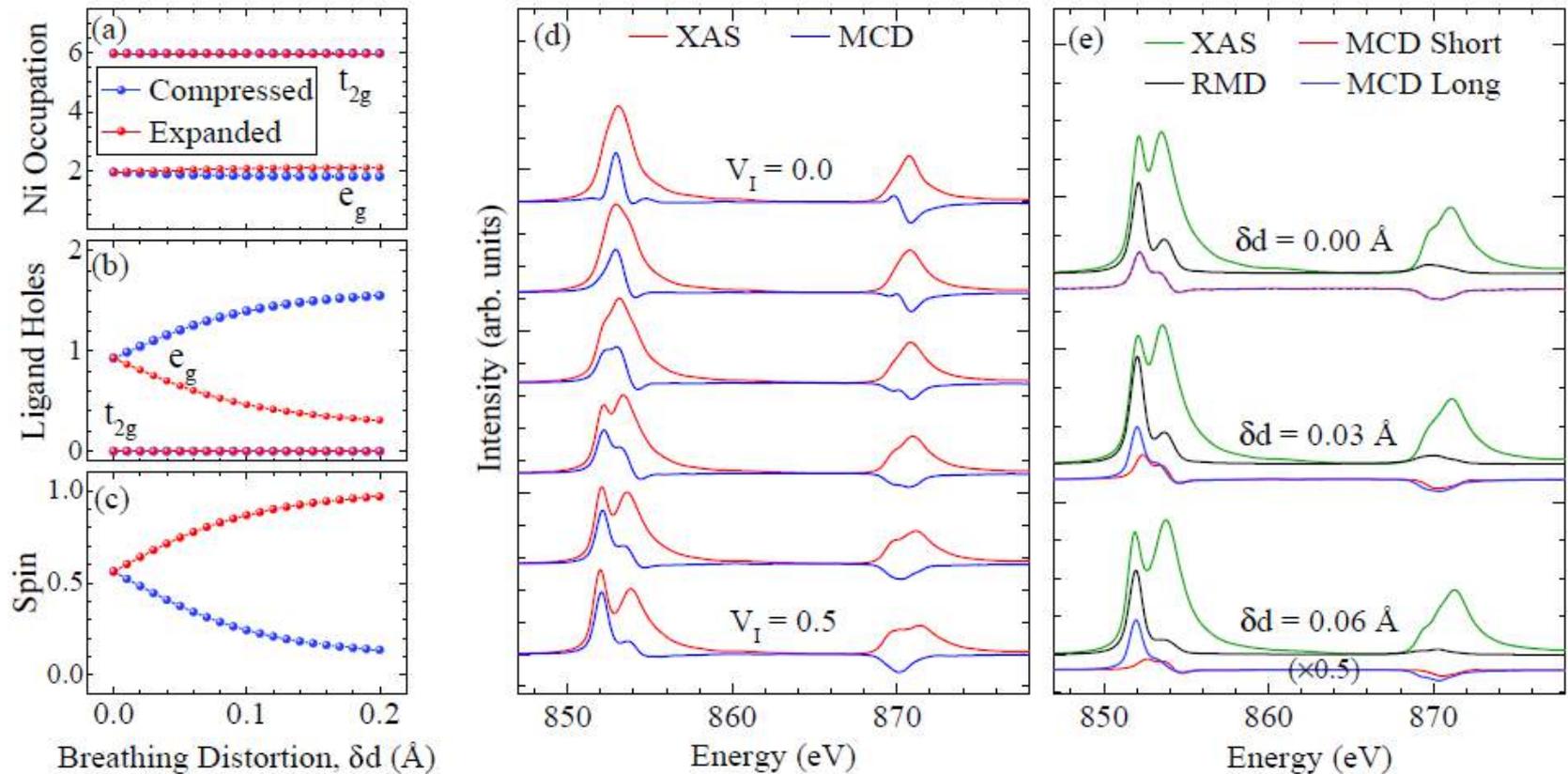
Nickelates in the magnetic phase have a  $1/4, 1/4, 1/4$  magnetic superstructure due to anti ferromagnetic ordering which has been assumed to be up up:down down in all three directions

The Johnson calculation predicts Up zero;  
down zero

Lets look at resonant magnetic x ray diffraction

# Bond disproportionation and dynamical charge fluctuations in the perovskite rare earth nickelates

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Note the short bond length has virtually no Magnetic diffraction intensity i.e.  $S \sim 0$  Long bond  $S \sim 1$

Recent experiments by Mathias Hepting MPI  
Stuttgart and coworkers on NdNiO<sub>3</sub> thin  
epitaxial films show magnetic diffraction  
energy dependence in almost too perfect  
agreement with the theory  
To Be Published

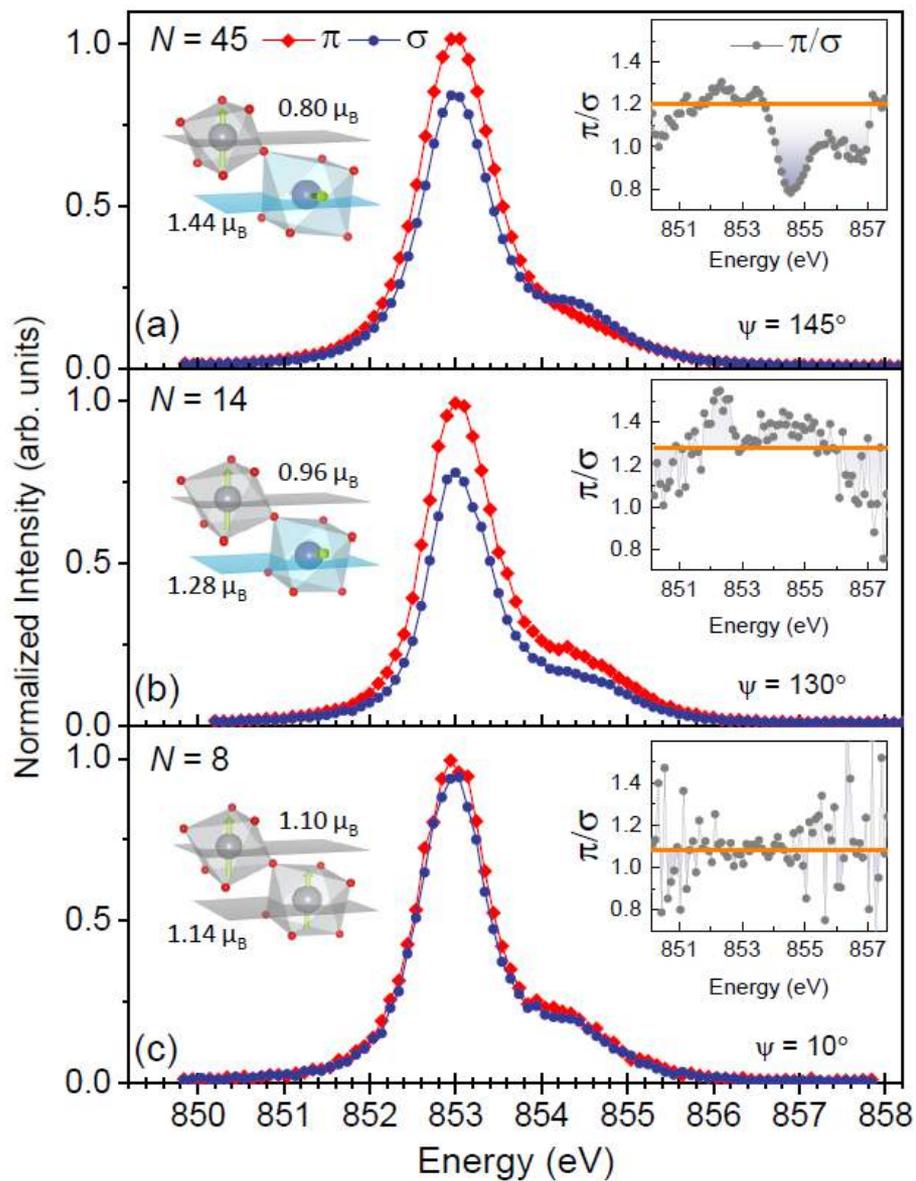


Fig. 5: Energy dependence of magnetic scattering and tuning of magnetic moments by structural rippling. (a) (c) Constant energy scans

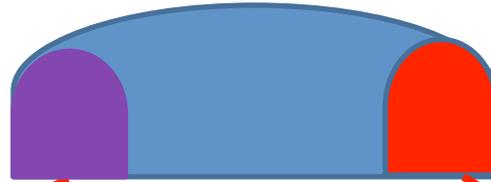
# How are systems like Ba or SrBiO<sub>3</sub> different?

- Weak correlation if any
- Band theory should work
- Is there charge disproportionation?  $2\text{Bi}^{4+} \rightarrow \text{Bi}^{3+} + \text{Bi}^{5+}$  or  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$  and one hole per Bi in the O 2p band
- How about electron phonon coupling?
- Is this in the end similar to Nickelates? Also  $(1/2, 1/2, 1/2)$  superstructure

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# Projection of O 2p molecular orbitals onto the O 2p band structure in a perovskite structure



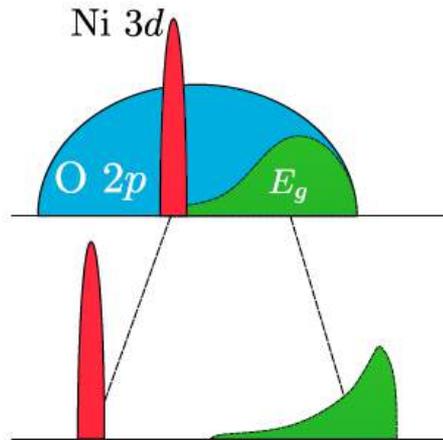
**A1g symmetry combination of  
O2p states in an octahedron  
Mix with s states i.e Bi 6s states**

**Eg symmetry combination  
of O2p states In an octahedron  
Mix with eg d states i.e. Ni3d eg**

GAS and Robert Green Julich Lectures sept 2016

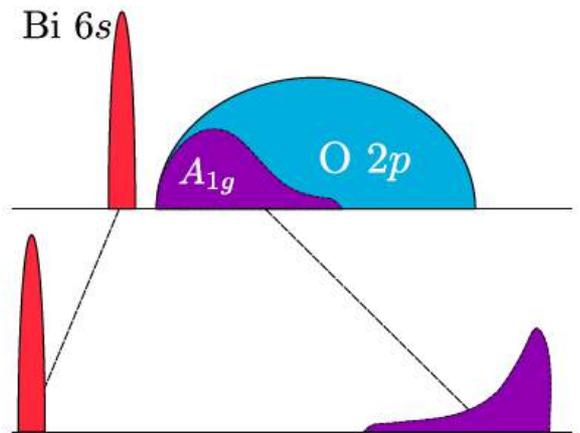
Nickelates

Before hybridization  
Ni d7 Bi 6s1 below O



After hybridization  
Note the "bound" state  
Of  $E_g$  or  $A_{1g}$  symmetry

Bismuthates

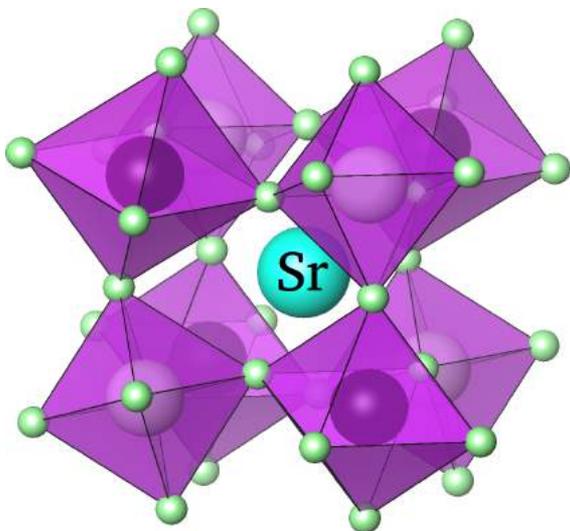


The Bi 6s-O 2p hybridization  
is extremely large from DFT

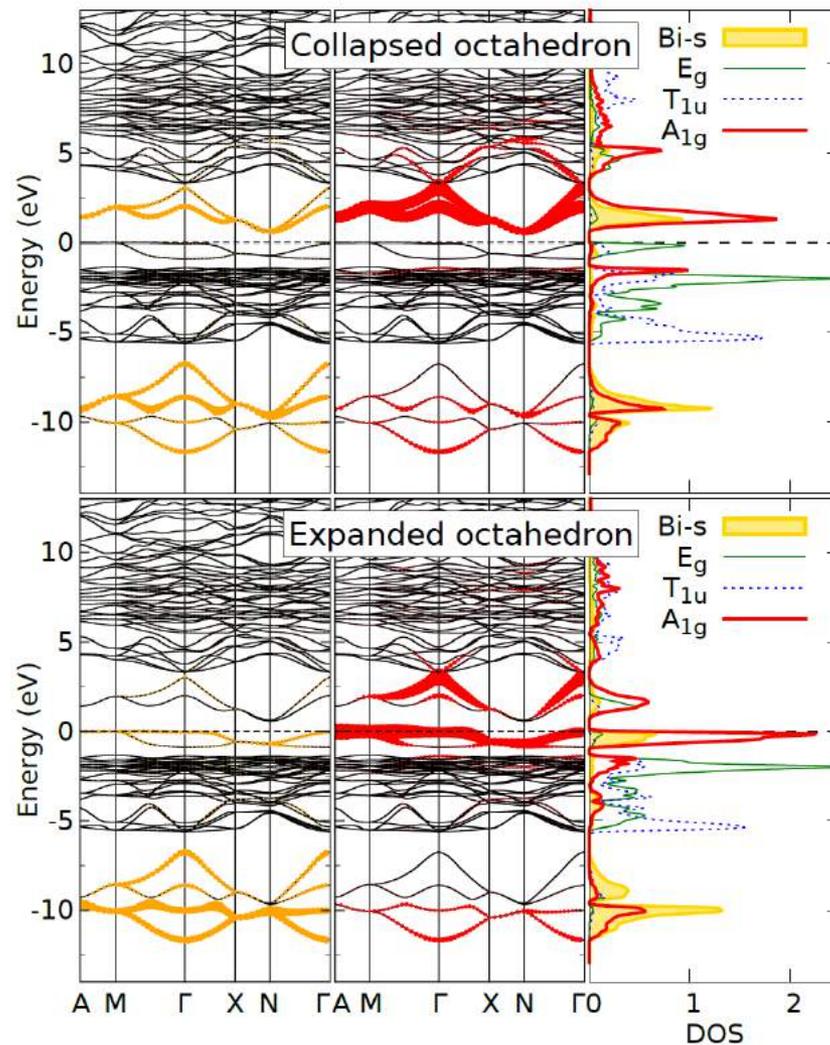
# Hybridization –bond disproportionation effects in bismuth perovskites

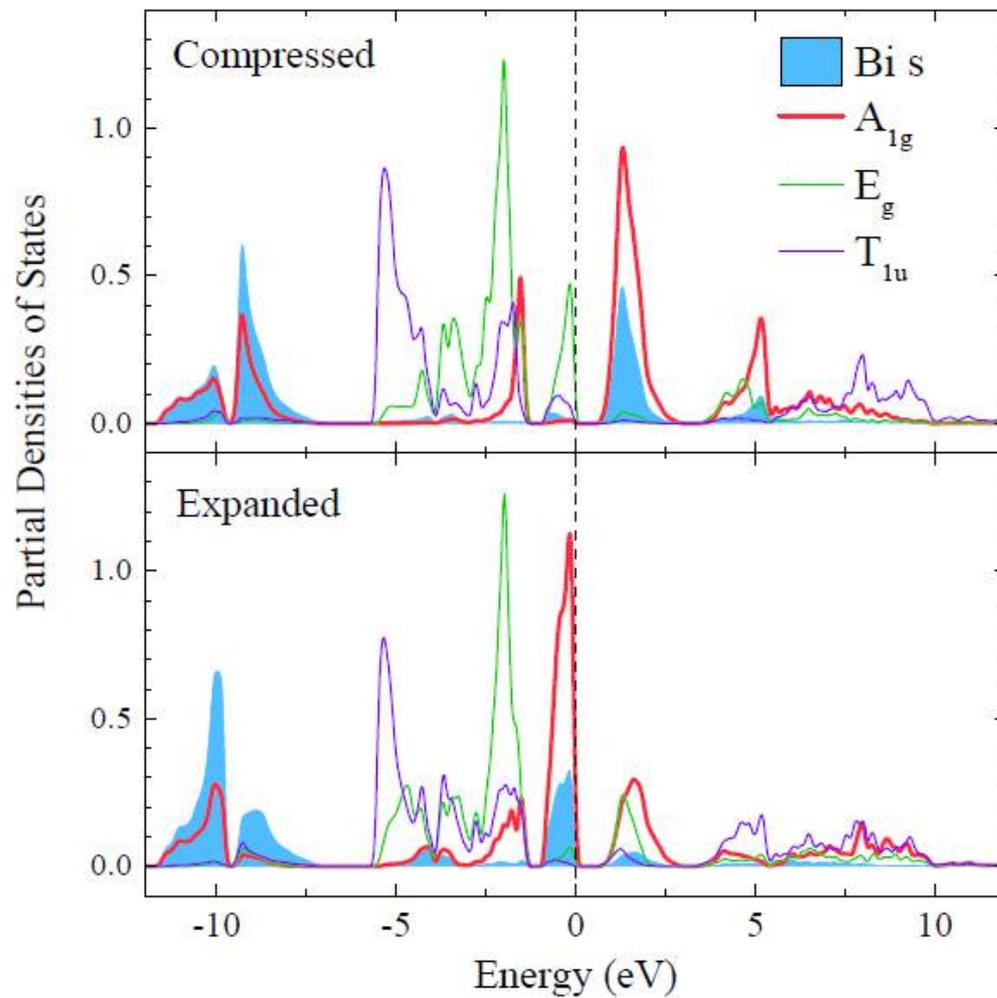
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**In bond-disproportionated state,  
holes condense onto  $A_{1g}$  O 2p  
+Bi6s molecular orbital states of  
the collapsed octahedra**



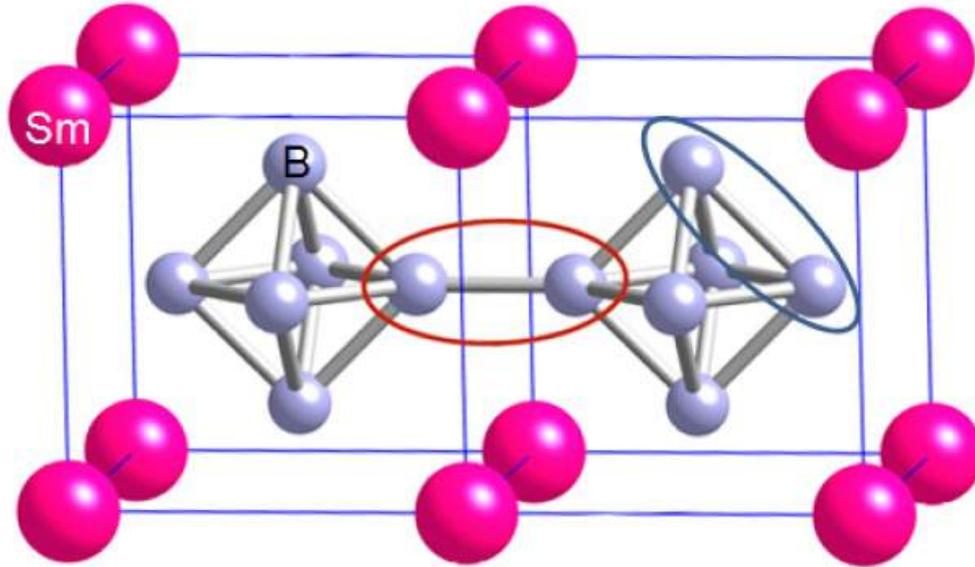


**Fig. 8:** Projected densities of states for the compressed (upper) and expanded (lower) octahedra in the low temperature, breathing distorted phase of  $\text{SrBiO}_3$ .

# Bulk SmB6 a mixed valent, “in momentum space,” ground state

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Ilya Elfimov and George Sawatzky

Physics department and Max Plank/UBC  
center for quantum materials



Sm has 24 B NN

From extensive studies in 60's and 90's

Very low work function

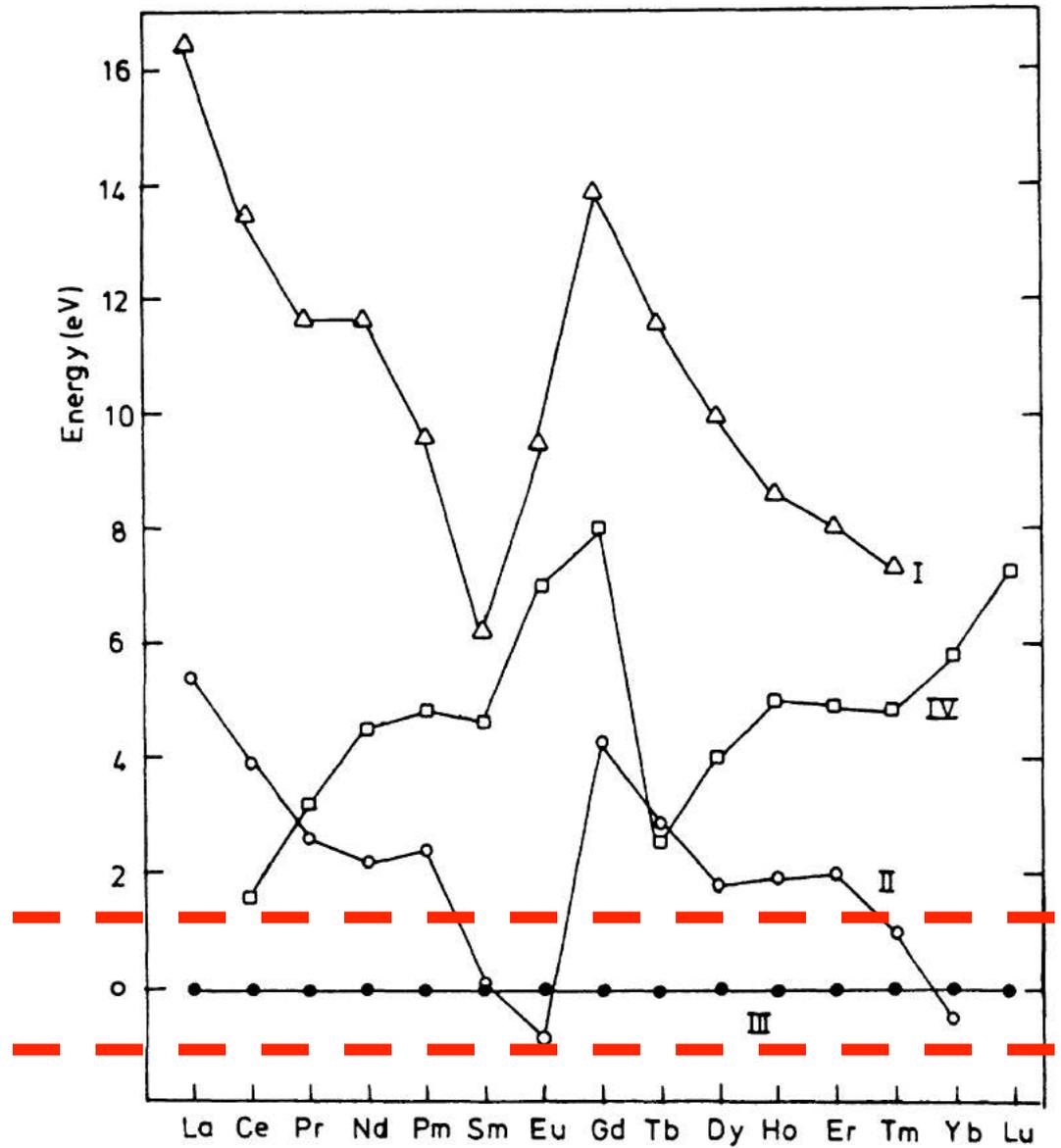
Very unstable and complicated surfaces

Great thermionic emitters

VERY recent (Piers) potential topological  
Insulators.

SmB6 is strongly mixed valent from numerous studies; spectroscopy XPS, XAS, EELS, ME and optics and magnetic susceptibility

close to 50/50 ;  $2+(f_6)/3+(f_5)$   
charge is compensated with 5d/Bp  
band occupation changes



VanderMarel et al PRB 37 , 10674 (1988)

# Hunds' Rule

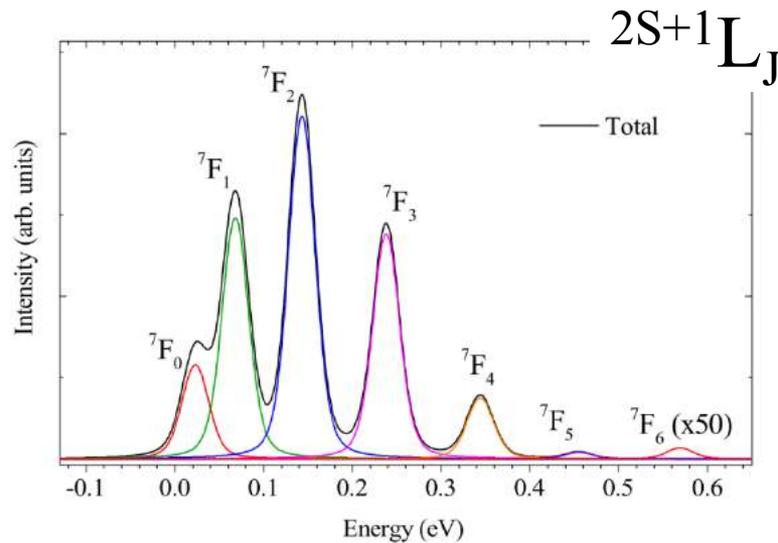
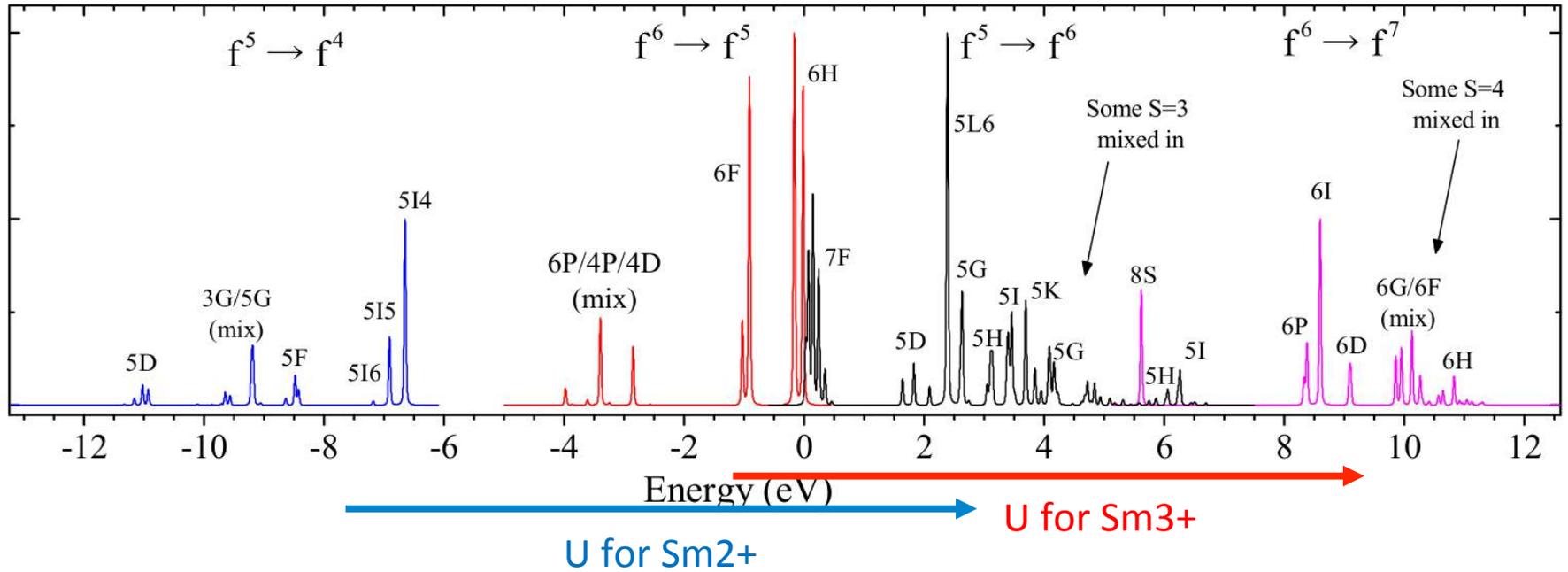
RE element	No f electrons	S	L	J
Ce 3+	1	1/2	3	5/2
Pr 3+	2	1	5	4
Nd 3+	3	3/2	6	9/2
Pm 3+	4	2	6	4
Sm 3+	<b>5</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5/2</b>
Eu 3+ or Sm 2+	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Gd 3+	7	7/2	0	7/2
Tb 3+	8	3	3	6
Dy 3+	9	5/2	5	15/2
Ho 3+	10	2	6	8
Er 3+	11	3/2	6	15/2
Tm 3+	12	1	5	6
Yb 3+	13	1/2	3	7/2
Yb 2+	14	0	0	0

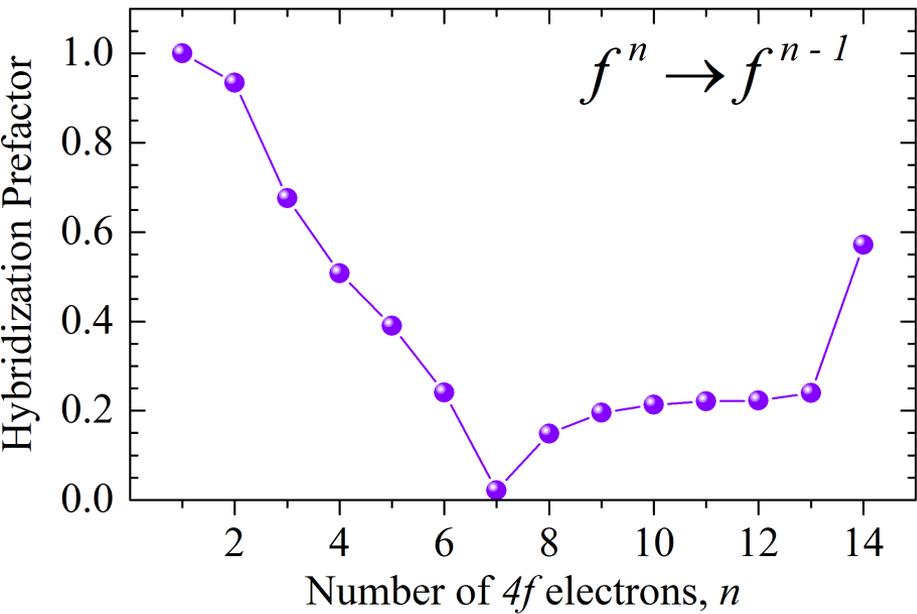
$$J=L-S$$

$$J=L+S$$

J=5/2 is very different from one electron missing in a full DFT SO split Sm<sup>2+</sup> band

# SmB<sub>6</sub> – Multiplets and Spin-orbit splitting Robert Green electron removal and addition spectra for the free ions oin a mixed valent wcenario





**Coefficients of fractional parentage**

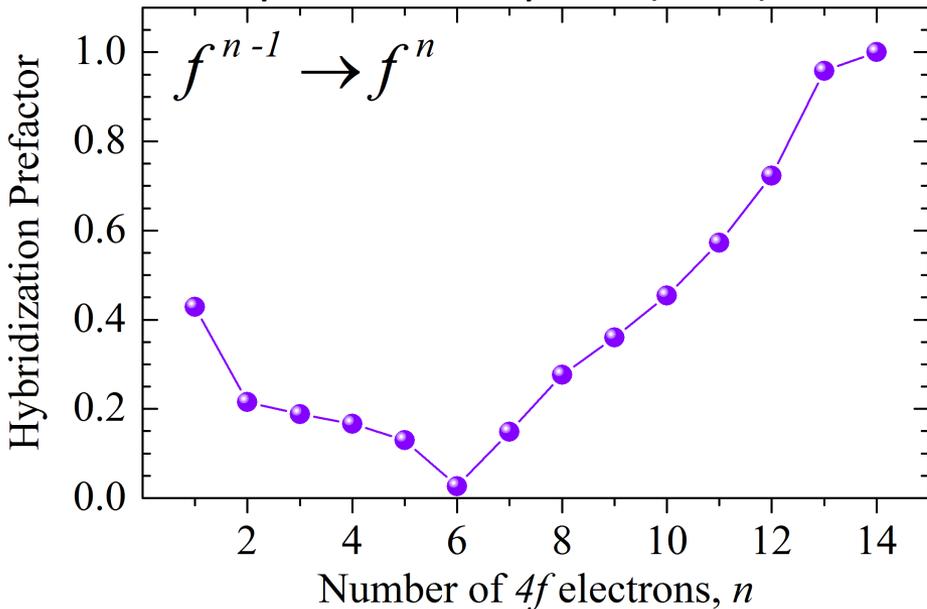
**Sm 2+7F0 to Sm3+ 6H5/2 ~ 0.03**

**Sm3+ 6H5/2 to Sm2+7Fo ~ 0.03**

From Hirst PRB 15,1 (1977)

**Gerken J. Phys. F: Met. Phys. 13 (1983) 703-713.** These are the factors reducing the

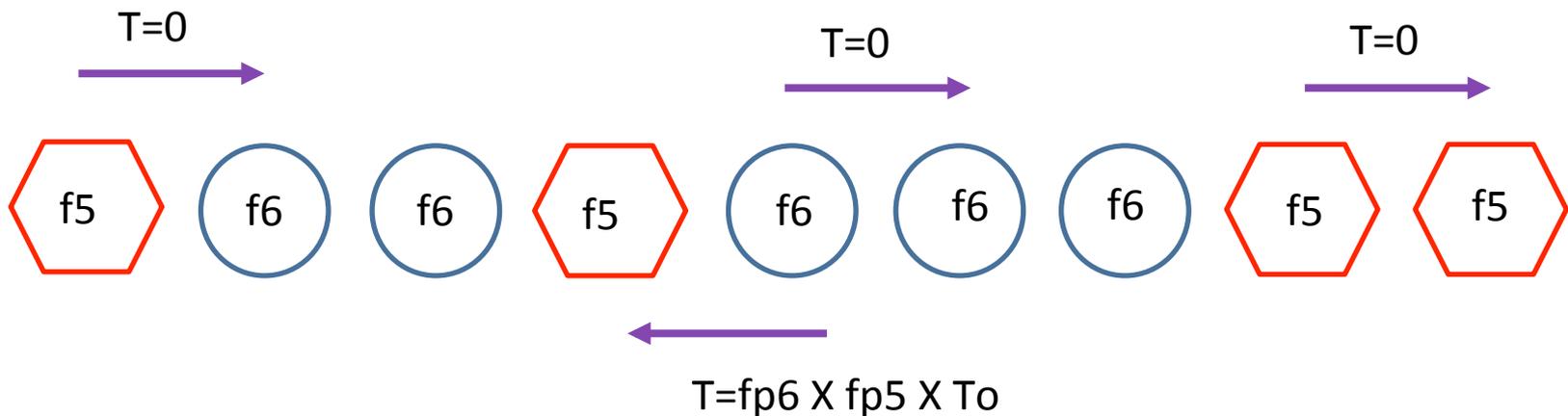
hoping Integrals and increasing the effective mass Because of local atomic correlations



Effective hopping integral pre-factors multiplying the DFT obtained hopping integrals

**fp6**=coefficient of fractional parentage to remove an electron from the  $J=0, S=3, L=3$  f6 state leaving a  $f5(J=5/2, S=5/2, L=5)$  state

**fp5**= same for the addition of an electron from the  $J=5/2, S=5/2, L=5$  f5 state to  $J=0, S=3, L=3$  f6 state



This can be described by a spinless Fermion model

# Switch on f-Smd; f-Bp Hybridization

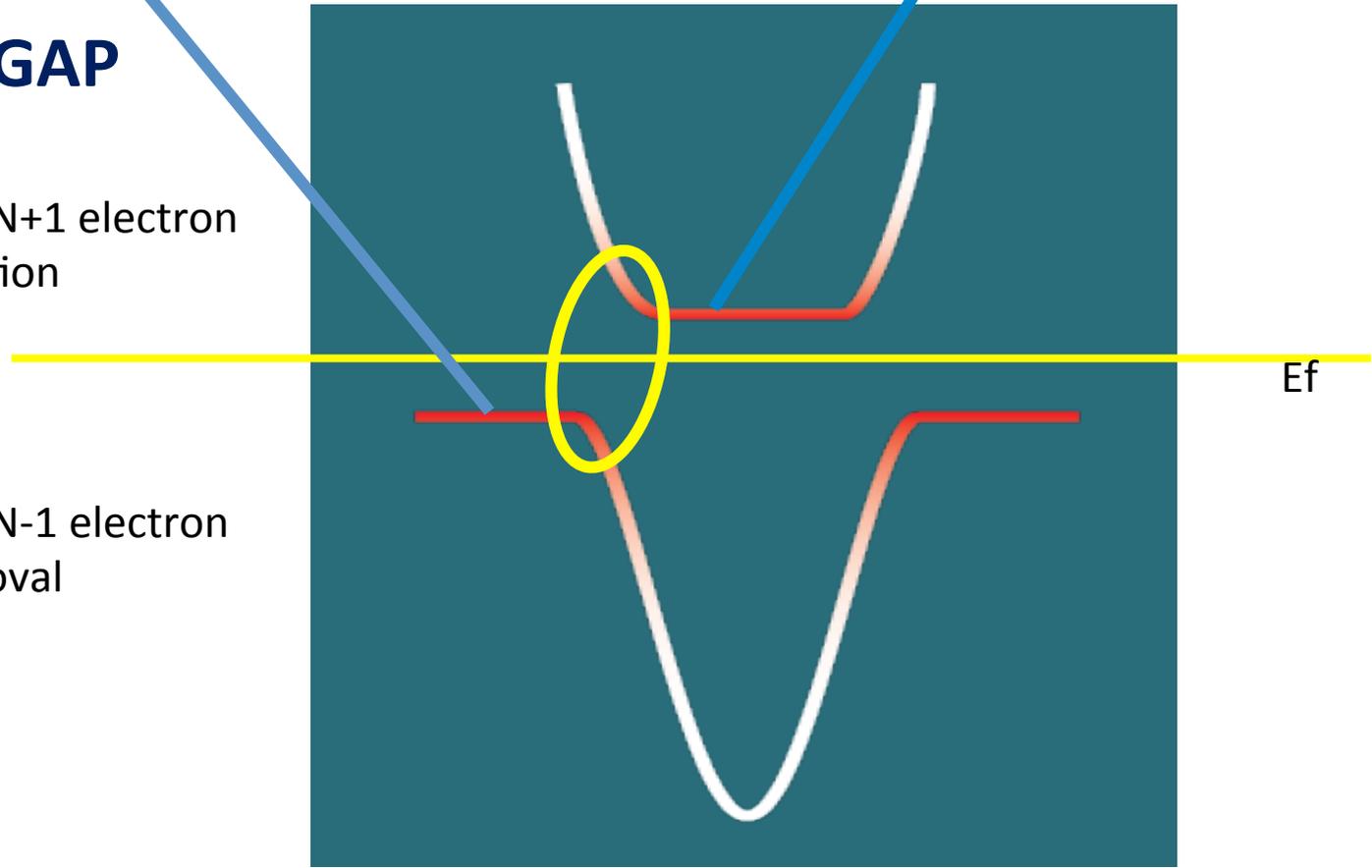
Must be  $Sm^{2+} J=0$  to  $Sm^{3+} J=5/2$  Exist around  $K=0$

Must be  $Sm^{3+} J=5/2$  to  $Sm^{2+} J=0$  Exist around  $X$

**INDIRECT GAP**

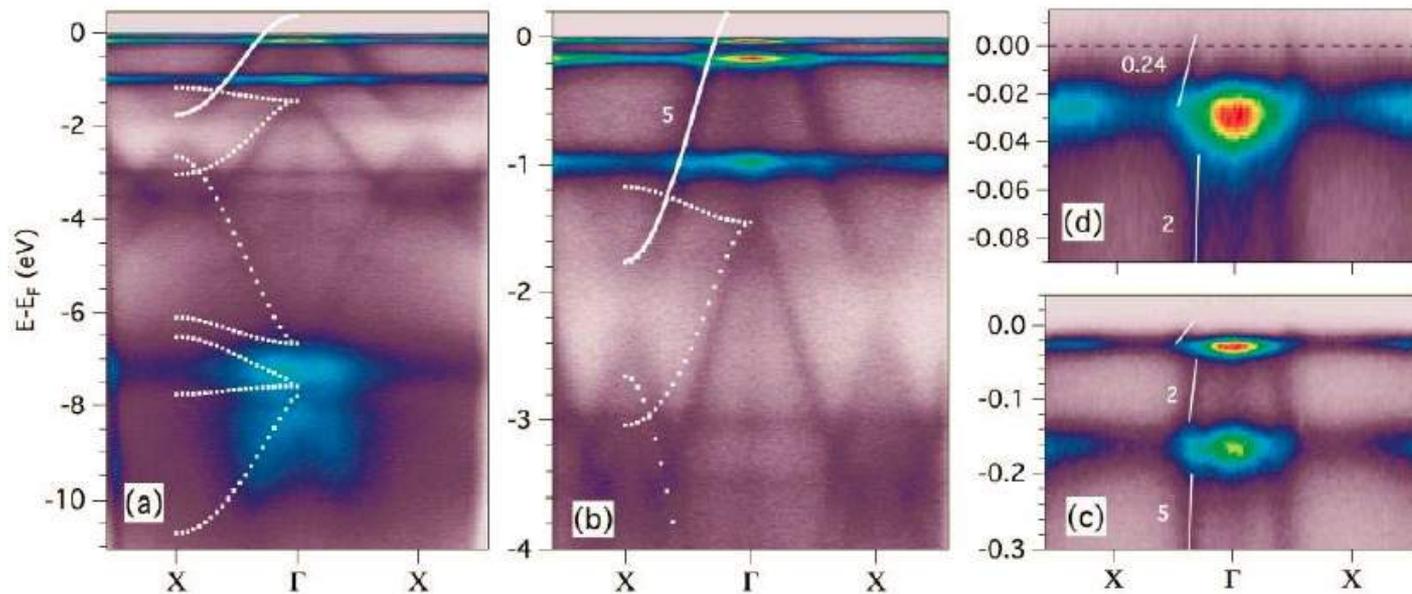
N to N+1 electron  
Addition

N to N-1 electron  
Removal



# SmB<sub>6</sub> Photoemission: Past and Present

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**Fig. 4.** (Color online) (a-d) Progressive zoom of the X- $\Gamma$ -X valence band spectra measured at  $\hbar\nu=70$  eV using a sum of LH and LV photon polarizations and with comparison to theoretical B  $2p$  (dotted) and 5d (solid) bands from LaB<sub>6</sub>. X-point  $d$ -band velocity values in units of eV- $\text{\AA}$  are also labeled.

# Summary

- Oxides with formally high oxidation states - negative CT
- The mobile charge degrees of freedom mainly O 2p bands
- Nickelates - lowest energy O2p hole states- eg symmetry
- Bismuthates- they are of a<sub>1g</sub> symmetry , in cuprates eg
- Short bond length states- O2p hole (bi) polarons condensing into a bond disproportionated ground state
- SmB6 fascinating “mixed valent state in momentum space”
- Strongly further reduced f-f hopping due to low coefficients of fractional parentage ---- strong atomic increase of effective mass
- The “pseudo” Fermi surface gives a Luttinger count which agrees with the concentration of Sm<sup>3+</sup>