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Treating strong correlation effects in materials science: a DMFT perspective

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In the last decade the combination of dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT) and density functional theory (DFT) has emerged as a very powerful approach to investigate the electronic structure of strongly correlated materials. This technique, labeled as the DFT+DMFT scheme, will be the main topic of the present talk. I will first introduce the basic concepts of strong correlations in solids and provide a brief description of DFT, DMFT and DFT+DMFT. After this introduction, I will illustrate how strong electronic correlations affect the electronic structure of certain classes of materials, including the late transition metals and their oxides. I will then focus on the whole series of the elemental Lanthanides, which are very difficult to describe in standard DFT. I will show that the DFT+DMFT scheme is capable of describing electronic and magnetic properties with a great accuracy and can be very helpful for engineering new materials containing Lanthanides, as e.g. novel permanent magnets. I will finally present my latest work, on modeling X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) within DFT+DMFT.

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