Quantum Spintronics: Study of electron

correlation in linear doped Nickel oxide chains -

An exact diagonalization and DMRG study

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Abstract

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Introduction

The Nickel-Oxide compound is a linear compound and has the following electronic structure shown in Figure 1. The two valence orbitals i.e. d_{z^2} and $d_{x^2-y^2}$ are singly occupied and quasi degenerate¹.

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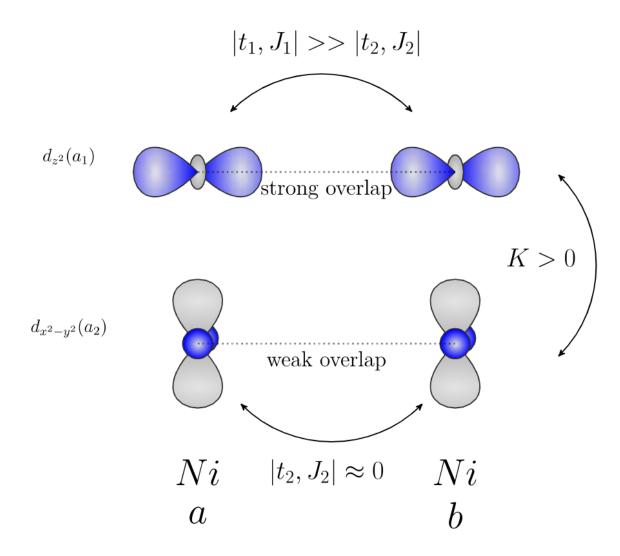


Figure 1: Valence electronic structure of $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ ion in the $[\mathrm{Ni}_2(\mathrm{napy})_4\mathrm{Br}_2]$ compound.

These orbitals imply the existance of two types of electrons. The first, occupying the d_{z^2} orbitals, are delocalized along the linear axis (i.e. the z axis). Second, those occupying the $d_{x^2-y^2}$ orbitals, are localized on the nickel atoms. These two types of electrons therefore, render this compund a suitable candidate for spintronics applications.

The model frequently used to describe such molecules is known as the Double Exchange model $(DE)^2$ as shown in Equation 1.

$$\hat{H}_{DE} = -\sum_{i} 2K \left(\hat{S}_{ai} \cdot \hat{S}_{bi} - \frac{\mathbb{1}}{4} \right) \delta_{ni,2} - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} 2J \left(\hat{S}_{ai} \cdot \hat{S}_{aj} - \frac{\mathbb{1}}{4} \right) \delta_{ni,nj} + \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} t \left(\hat{a}^{\dagger}_{ai} \cdot \hat{a}_{aj} \delta_{ni(ni+1)} + h.c. \right) \tag{1}$$

Sophisticated models also include the long-range repulsion between the electrons as done also for example in the Pariser-Parr-Pople (PPP) hamiltonians called V_{ij} . This is a diagonal operator and is written as shown in Equation 2.

$$\hat{H}_{PPP} = \hat{H}_{DE} + \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} V_{ij} \hat{n}_i \cdot \hat{n}_j \tag{2}$$

Along with these two models, one can simulate collective properties of the linear chain nickeloxide compounds.

These interactions are shown schematically in Figure 2, where each site represents one nickel atom. Since the compound can be doped with positive charges, each nickel atom can have either two or one electron as shown in Figure 2. The 30 states of this model can be subdivided into two family of states:

- 1. Family 1, where the hole (i.e. the empty orbital) resides in an orbital of type 1 (i.e. the a_1 or d_{z^2} orbital).
- 2. Family 2, where the hole resides in an orbital of type 2.

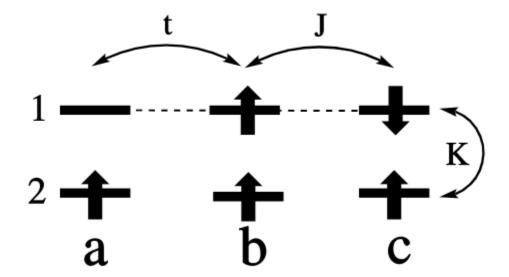


Figure 2: A schematic of the different interactions in the double-exchange model hamiltonian.

The two family of states do not interact with each other due to symmetry. In the DE model, we shall study the states belonging to Family 1 only because the ground state and few low lying excited states belong to this family as shown in Figure 3.

In the present work, we shall investigate the collective properties of linear chanins of variable lengths and doping ratios.

As an example, for the case of three sites (Figure 2), one can write down the double-exchange matrix Equation 1 for the three sextet states as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: The matrix for the sextet spin-block.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \hat{H}_{sext} & |S_1\rangle & |S_2\rangle & |S_3\rangle \\ \hline \langle S_1| & 0 & -t & 0 \\ \hline \langle S_2| & -t & 0 & -t \\ \langle S_3| & 0 & -t & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Similarly, for the quartet states, the matrix is given in Table 2.

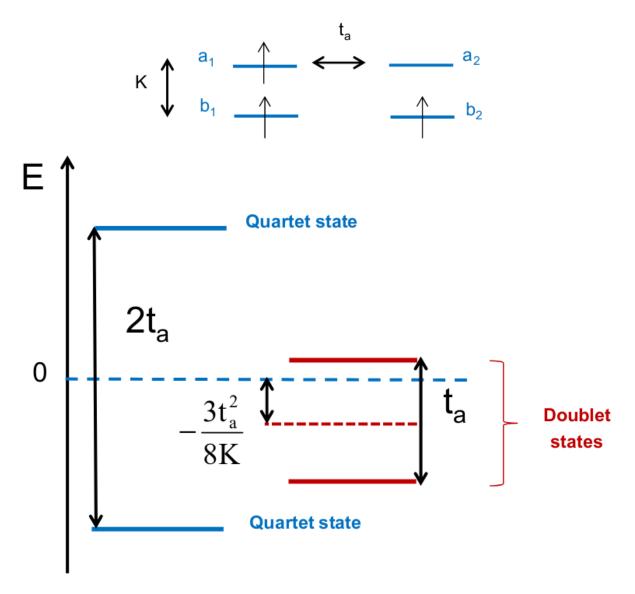


Figure 3: Comparison of the relative energies of the states belonging to Family 1 and Family 2.

Table 2: The matrix for the ms 0 spin-block.

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(0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-t	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	j	0	-j

Physical meaning of model parameters

The coulomb parameter J represents the inter-site anti-ferromagnetic coupling between the electrons occupying the d_{z^2} orbital on each site (a_1, a_2) . This interaction shown schematically in table Table 3 for two sites.

Table 3: The J block of the matrix for two electrons in two sites.

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \hat{H}_J & |a_1\bar{a}_2\rangle & |\bar{a}_1a_2\rangle \\ \hline \langle a_1\bar{a}_2| & J & -J \\ \hline \langle \bar{a}_1a_2| & -J & J \\ \end{array}$$

Therefore, a negative value of J stabilizes the singlet state by 2J compared to the triplet state.

Table 4: The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix for J.

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} E & |a_1\bar{a}_2\rangle & |\bar{a}_1a_2\rangle \\ \hline (S=1)0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ (S=0)2J & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array}$$

Similarly, the exchange term K exists between the two orbitals on the *same* site (a, b) as shown in Table 5. This results in the separation of the *local* singlet and triplet configurations on each site. The K interaction stabilises the triplet configuration by 2K compared to the local singlet configuration (Table 6).

Table 5: The K block of the matrix for two electrons on the same site.

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \hat{H}_K & |a\bar{b}\rangle & |\bar{a}b\rangle \\ \hline \langle ab| & K & -K \\ \hline \langle \bar{a}b| & -K & K \\ \end{array}$$

Table 6: The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix for K.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} E & |a\bar{b}\rangle & |\bar{a}b\rangle \\ \hline (S=0)2K & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ (S=1)0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array}$$

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