Derivation of Low-Energy Hamiltonians for Systems with Strong Spin-Orbit Interaction and Its Application to Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$

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We present an ab initio derivation method for effective low-energy Hamiltonians of material with strong spin-orbit interactions. The effective Hamiltonian is described in terms of the Wannier function in the spinor form, and effective interactions are derived with the constrained random phase approximation (cRPA) method. Based on this formalism and the developed code, we derive an effective Hamiltonian of a strong spin-orbit interaction material Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$. This system consists of three edge-shared IrO$_6$ octahedral chains arranged along the c axis, and the three Ir atoms in the ab plane compose a triangular lattice. For such a complicated structure, we need to set up the Wannier spinor function under the local coordinate system. We found that a density-functional band structure near the Fermi level is formed by local d$_xy$ and d$_yz$ orbitals. Then, we constructed the ab initio d$_{xy}$/d$_{yz}$ model. The estimated nearest neighbor transfer t is close to 0.2 eV, and the cRPA onsite U and neighboring V electronic interactions are found to be 2.4-2.5 eV and 1 eV, respectively. The resulting characteristic correlation strength defined by (U − V)/t is above 7, and thus this material is classified as a strongly correlated electron system. The onsite transfer integral involved in the spin-orbit interaction is 0.2 eV, which is comparable to the onsite exchange integrals ~ 0.2 eV, indicating that the spin-orbit-interaction physics would compete with the Hund physics. Based on these calculated results, we discuss possible rich ground-state low-energy electronic structures of spin, charge and orbitals with competing Hund, spin-orbit and strong correlation physics.

I. INTRODUCTION

Ab initio studies of strongly correlated electron materials that allow quantitative comparisons with experimental results, and provide us with further predictive powers and materials design, are one of the grand challenges in materials science, where the conventional density functional theory (DFT) widely used for weakly correlated materials does not offer satisfactory accuracy. Instead, recent developments of the ab initio scheme with the reduction to effective low-energy Hamiltonians offer a promising framework [1, 2]. For example, some of the high-$T_c$ superconductors were studied in this multi-scale ab initio scheme for correlated electrons (MACE), and successfully reproduced the experimental phase diagram quantitatively, one for a cuprate superconductor [3, 4] and the other for an iron-based superconductor [5–7].

However, this scheme has not been examined extensively for the cases of coexisting electron correlations and spin-orbit interaction except for few cases as Refs. 8 and 9, while treating such interplay is coming increasingly important in various fields such as studies on topological materials. We focus on the efficient implementation of the spin-orbit interaction (SOI) to the above MACE scheme. Recently, an open source software called RESPACK [10, 11] was developed for the purpose of deriving effective low-energy Hamiltonians of strongly correlated material ranging from iron-based superconductors [5, 12], cuprates [13, 14], nickelates [15, 16], 3d and 4d transition-metal oxides [17], magnetic insulators [18], graphites [19], fullerides and aromatic compounds [20, 21], organic compounds [22, 23], zeolite systems [24, 25], surface and interface systems [26–29], lanthanides [30, 31], and actinide dioxides [32–34]. In addition, handling for band-entangled systems [35, 36] and development of an extension scheme to purely-low-dimensional systems [37, 38] have also been made. Here, we also discuss an implementation of SOI into RESPACK to make it easier for the public use.

As an application of the scheme, we derive effective low-energy Hamiltonians of Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$, whose enigmatic experimental properties wait for theoretical support. Electrons on Ir 5d orbitals in Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$ are expected to have strong SOI, and we elucidate its effects on the level of the effective Hamiltonians.

Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$ has a hexagonal structure (P6$ar{3}$m) [39] with

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quasi-one-dimensional Ir-atom chain forming the triangular lattice structure in the direction perpendicular to the chain. It shows insulating (or semiconducting) transport properties presumably in variable range hopping regime [39, 40], while the Ir 5d orbitals are partially filled in the DFT electronic structure even in the presence of SOI [41] as we clarify later, which suggests a substantial role of the electron correlation. In fact, the fact shows the Curie-Weiss susceptibility [40] at high temperatures and undergoes two phase transitions, one at around 105 K and the other at 7.8 K. The latter was identified as the magnetic transition from the susceptibility, specific heat [39, 40] and $\mu$SR [42] measurements, while the structure of the magnetic order is not identified yet. The magnetism below 7.8 K is possibly characterized by canted antiferromagnetism or spin glass because of the different response of the magnetic susceptibility to the field and zero-field cool measurements applied parallel to the c-axis. On the other hand, the mechanism of the 108 K transition is also actively studied in terms of the phonon property analysis by using the Raman [43] and inelastic X-ray scattering [44] measurements, but the structural deformation is so small that it has not been identified.

The DFT electronic structure suggests the quasi-1D-like electronic dispersion [41], which also implies that disorder plays a key role in transport properties. Iridium valence is further fluctuating nominally between 1/3 of Ir$^{4+}$ ($d^9$, namely effective spin 1/2 hole) and 2/3 of Ir$^{5+}$ ($d^8$, namely spin-1 hole) counted from the closed shell of $t_{2g}$ orbitals ($d^8$) in the octahedron environment formed by the oxygen, suggesting the role of charge fluctuations and/or disproportionation. Since the unit cell contains three Ir atoms with triangular lattice composed of three quasi-one-dimensional chains, a naive expectation would be the disproportionation into periodic alignment of two Ir$^{5+}$ and one Ir$^{4+}$ atoms, which is expected to dissolve the magnetic frustration arising from the triangular structure of Ir atoms. However, so far, as mentioned above, the crystal symmetry was claimed to stay the same through the two transitions from the Raman [43] and X-ray [44] spectra, and the unit cell stays the same where the three Ir atoms are all apparently equivalent [39] at least above 15 K. It also shows the nonlinear conductivity under strong electric fields [41]. All of these involved but attractive features require theoretical support to clarify the origin of the bad metal behavior.

In this paper, we derive an effective low-energy Hamiltonian of Ca$_5$I$_3$O$_{12}$ using RESPACK considering the SOI. From the analysis of the DFT band structure, we found that $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ orbitals are essential in describing the low-energy electronic structure near the Fermi level, and we then derived the $d_{xy} / d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian. An electron transfer structure with strong one-dimensional anisotropy was confirmed, but on the other hand, it was found that the details of the interchain electron transfer can affect the low-energy electronic structure. In addition, the correlation strength, $(U - V) / t$ of this material is very large, about 7, and it was found that the electronic correlation is relevant to the low-energy physics. Furthermore, since the magnitude of the SOI is nearly the same as the size of the exchange integral, the SOI physics and the Hund physics compete with each other. We discuss possible spin-charge orders that can be expected from the analysis of the derived parameters for the $d_{xy} / d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian.

The present paper is organized as follows: In Section II, we give definition of an effective Hamiltonian to be derived and describe calculation details of the Wannier function in the spinor form and how to obtain the reducible $k$-point wave function data from the irreducible $k$-point data. Implementation details within RESPACK and calculation conditions are also given in this section. In Section III, we show the DFT band structure, the calculated Wannier functions, and the derived effective-model parameters for the spin-orbit material Ca$_5$I$_3$O$_{12}$. Discussion and summary for possible ground-state electronic structures of this material are given in Section IV. In appendix A, we give the details of the effective Hamiltonian to be derived and, in Appendix B, we show the characteristic aspect of the exchange integrals in the spinor formalism. Also, we discuss in Appendix C mathematical aspects of single chain Hamiltonian based on our derived parameters.

II. METHOD

A. Effective Hamiltonian to be derived

In the present study, we consider a derivation of an effective low-energy Hamiltonian consisting of $2N_w$ Wannier orbitals, where $N_w$ is the total number of Kramers pairs in the unit cell. We suppose that the first $N_w$ Wannier orbitals have mainly an up-spin component, and the last $N_w$ Wannier orbitals have mainly a down-spin component. Then, we introduce indices $i$ and $\sigma$ to specify the Wannier spinor state, where $i$ is the index for the Wannier orbital and $\sigma$ specifies one of the two components in the Kramers pair. The effective Hamiltonian to be considered is written within the two-center integrals as

$$
\mathcal{H} = \sum_{RR'} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma \rho} t_{\sigma \rho}^{ij} R_{ij} R' a_{i\sigma} R a_{j\rho} R'
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{RR'} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma \rho} U_{\sigma \rho}^{ij} R_{ij} R' a_{i\sigma} R a_{j\rho} R' a_{i\rho} R a_{j\sigma} R
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{RR'} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma \rho} J_{\sigma \rho}^{ij} R_{ij} R' a_{i\sigma} R a_{j\rho} R' a_{i\rho} R a_{j\sigma} R
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{RR'} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma \rho} K_{\sigma \rho}^{ij} R_{ij} R' a_{i\sigma} R a_{j\rho} R' a_{i\rho} R a_{j\sigma} R'.
$$

(1)

This Hamiltonian is based on the “colinear approximation” on the $\sigma$ and $\rho$ degrees of freedom, and a detailed derivation is presented in Appendix A. In Eq. (1), $a_{i\sigma}^R$
and \( a^\sigma_\mathbf{R} \) are creation and annihilation operators, respectively, of an electron in the \((\sigma)\)-th Wannier state at a lattice \( \mathbf{R} \). The creation operator is defined by \( \Phi_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}} = a^\sigma_\mathbf{R} \vert 0 \rangle \) and \( \Phi_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \) is the Wannier function in the spinor form as

\[
\Phi_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \phi^a_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \phi^d_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right) \quad (2)
\]

and

\[
\Phi^\dagger_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \phi^a_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \phi^d_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right). \quad (3)
\]

In the spinor representation, it is necessary to pay attention to the quantization axis for describing the components. In this formulation, the Wannier spinor function is represented along the Cartesian-\( z \)-axis. \( \phi(\mathbf{r}) \) is the spatial component along this axis, and the superscript “\( u \)” and “\( d \)” describe the up and down components, respectively. It should be noted here that the subscript \( \sigma \) specifies the spin components along the local quantization axis (or front or back degree of freedom of the Kramers pair).

\( t^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l} \) in Eq. (1) is a transfer integral as

\[
t^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l} = \int_V d\mathbf{r} \Phi^\dagger_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{H}_{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{j \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (4)
\]

and it is evaluated as the Wannier matrix element of the Kohn-Sham (KS) Hamiltonian. The integral of the right-hand side in Eq. (4) is taken over the crystal volume \( V \).

Also, \( U^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l}, J^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l}, \) and \( K^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l} \) in Eq. (1) are static interaction integrals defined as

\[
U^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l} = \lim_{\omega \to 0} \int_V d\mathbf{r} \int_V d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) \Phi^\dagger_{j \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{j \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}'),
\]

\[
J^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l} = \lim_{\omega \to 0} \int_V d\mathbf{r} \int_V d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{j \sigma \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) \Phi^\dagger_{j \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{i \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}'),
\]

and

\[
K^\sigma_{i \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{R}_l} = \lim_{\omega \to 0} \int_V d\mathbf{r} \int_V d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{i \sigma \mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{j \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) \Phi^\dagger_{i \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{j \rho \mathbf{R}_l}(\mathbf{r}').
\]

\( \Psi_{n \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \) is also represented in the spinor format as

\[
\Psi_{n \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \psi^u_{n \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \psi^d_{n \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right), \quad (10)
\]

where \( \psi(\mathbf{r}) \) is the spatial component along the Cartesian-\( z \)-axis. To specify the matrix \( \{ a^k_{n,\sigma} \} \), we utilize the maximally-localized Wannier-function algorithm [47, 48].

In the spinor formalism, we construct \( 2N_w \) Wannier functions. A proper setting of the initial guess for the Wannier function is important for obtaining stable results. In particular, in the present complex oxide \( \text{Ca}_5\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_{12} \), it is required to prepare an initial guess in a form in which the coordinate system describing the Wannier function is set to a local coordinate symmetry based on a local octahedron \( \text{IrO}_6 \) (see Sec. III A). Also, the proper SU(2) rotation of the spinor quantization axis is important for keeping the symmetry of the matrix elements of the transfer and interaction \( U, J, \) and \( K \) matrices.

In the construction of the practical Wannier function, we calculate a projection of the initial guess onto the Bloch function; we first prepare the following initial guesses for the Wannier functions at the home cell \( \mathbf{R} = 0 \):

for the spinors with \( \sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow \).
So there is a spatial rotation between the usual orbital rotation is aligned to the local coordinate system \([10]\); even if \(g^L_r(\mathbf{r})\) is the Gaussian function including \(s\)-, \(p\)-, or \(d\)-type. It should be noted here that the Gaussian \(g^L_r(\mathbf{r})\) orientation is aligned to the local coordinate system \([10]\); even if \(g^L_r(\mathbf{r})\) is expressed in the Cartesian coordinate system \(\mathbf{r}\). So there is a spatial rotation between the usual orbital definition and \(g^L_r(\mathbf{r})\). In the present material, \(\text{Ca}_2\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_{12}\), \(g^L_r(\mathbf{r})\) in Eqs. (11) and (12) is a \(d\)-type Gaussian function aligned to the local coordinates centered to the \(\text{IrO}_6\) octahedron, and is taken to be common for the Kramers pair of \(\Phi^\text{ini,0}(\mathbf{r})\) and \(\Phi^\text{ini,u}(\mathbf{r})\).

On top of that, the spinor in the right hand side in Eqs. (11) and (12) is expressed in the quantization axis along the \(z\) direction of the local coordinate system; at this stage, the minor component is set to zero and the major component is set to \(g^L_r(\mathbf{r})\). The Bloch function obtained from the band structure calculation is conventionally expressed in the quantization axis along the Cartesian-\(z\) direction. Then, to evaluate the inner product of the Bloch function and the initial guess, we need a rotation of the quantization axis of the initial guess to the Cartesian-\(z\) direction. The spinor components along the Cartesian-\(z\) quantization axis are obtained by applying the \(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) to the spinor along the local-\(z\) quantization axis, as it is done in Eqs. (11) and (12). Here \(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) is the \(\text{SU}(2)\) matrix characterized by the Euler angles \(\mathbf{\alpha} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)\), which rotates the quantization axis from the local frame to the Cartesian frame. We should note that this \(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) is related to the \(\text{SO}(3)\) matrix \(\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) describing the spatial rotation from the Cartesian coordinate system to the local one. The \(\text{SO}(3)\) matrix \(\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) is

\[
\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{\alpha}) = \begin{pmatrix}
L_{xx} & L_{xy} & L_{xz} \\
L_{yx} & L_{yy} & L_{yz} \\
L_{zx} & L_{zy} & L_{zz}
\end{pmatrix},
\]

where \(L_{xx}, L_{yy},\) and \(L_{zz}\) are unit vectors along the local \(x, y,\) and \(z\) directions, respectively. Note that for the matrix \(\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) to be \(\text{SO}(3)\), hence a pure rotation, we must define the unit vector \(L_x, L_y,\) and \(L_z\) to be orthogonal. The orientation of \(L_z\) is the most important. Also, \(X, Y,\) and \(Z\) are the Cartesian coordinates. The matrix elements in Eq. (13) can be calculated from atomic positions forming the local octahedron \(\text{IrO}_6\). We note that \(\text{Ca}_2\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_{12}\) includes three \(\text{IrO}_6\) octahedron units and each \(\text{IrO}_6\) octahedron has its own different local direction (see Sec. III A). The \(\text{SU}(2)\) \(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) is

\[
\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\alpha}) = \begin{pmatrix}
\exp(-i\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{2}) \cos\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) & -\exp(-i\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{2}) \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \\
\exp(i\frac{\alpha-\gamma}{2}) \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) & \exp(i\frac{\alpha-\gamma}{2}) \cos\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

The Euler angles \(\mathbf{\alpha} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)\) in Eq. (14) are obtained as follows: The local coordinates \(\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{\alpha})\) in Eq. (13) are expressed by using the Euler angles as:

\[
\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{\alpha}) = \begin{pmatrix}
\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma - \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & -\cos \alpha \cos \beta \sin \gamma - \sin \alpha \cos \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\
\sin \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma + \cos \alpha \sin \gamma & -\sin \alpha \cos \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\
-\sin \beta \cos \gamma & \sin \beta \sin \gamma & \cos \beta
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

Through the comparison of the above equation with Eq. (13), we obtain the Euler angles as follows:

\[
\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{L_{yz}}{L_{xz}}\right) \text{ or } \arctan\left(\frac{L_{yz}}{L_{xz}}\right) + \pi, \quad (16)
\]
\[
\beta = \arccos(L_{zz}) \text{ or } \arccos(L_{zz}) + \pi, \quad (17)
\]
\[
\gamma = \arctan\left(-\frac{L_{zy}}{L_{zx}}\right) \text{ or } \arctan\left(-\frac{L_{zy}}{L_{zx}}\right) + \pi. \quad (18)
\]

In the numerical calculation by FORTRAN, since the \(\arctan\) and \(\arccos\) functions return the values of \([\pi/2, \pi/2]\) and \([0, \pi]\), respectively, as mod functions, there is an ambiguity of a multiple of \(\pi\) from the divisor. Thus, we look for a suitable Euler angle, taking into account this ambiguity. On top of that, when \(\sin \beta\) in Eq. (15) is zero, the notorious Gimbal lock problem appears. In this case, we determine the Euler angles as follows:

\[
\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{L_{yz}}{L_{xz}}\right) \text{ or } \arctan\left(\frac{L_{yz}}{L_{xz}}\right) + \pi, \quad (19)
\]
\[
\beta = 0 \text{ or } \pi, \quad (20)
\]
\[
\gamma = 0. \quad (21)
\]

By inserting Eqs. (16), (17), and (18) or (19), (20), and (21) into Eq. (14), we obtain the \(\text{SU}(2)\) matrix \(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\alpha})\).

After employing the initial guesses in Eqs. (11) and (12), we calculate the initial matrix \(A_{n,i,\sigma}^{\text{ini}}\) for a given
Bloch function $\Psi_{nk}$ as the following inner product
\[
A_{n,\sigma}^{\text{ini}} = \langle \Psi_{nk} | \Phi_{\text{ini}}^{\text{ini}} \rangle = \int_V \psi_{nk}^*(r) \psi_{\text{ini}}(r) \, dr
= \int_V \psi_{nk}^* \phi_{\text{ini},0} \, dr + \int_V \psi_{nk} \phi_{\text{ini},0}^* \, dr.
\] (22)

The rest of the calculation procedure is basically the same as the conventional procedure; we perform the spillage and spread minimization based on the maximally-localized Wannier-function algorithm [47, 48].

C. Relation between the irreducible and reducible Bloch functions

In the practical calculation, there is another important technical point. It is a procedure to generate reducible $k$-point wavefunctions from irreducible $k$-point wavefunctions. In usual band calculation, only the irreducible $k$-point wavefunctions are calculated and stored. Therefore, in the Wannier function and RPA/cRPA calculations that follow the band calculation, the wavefunctions of the reducible $k$ points must be generated from the wavefunctions of the irreducible $k$ points. This technique is important for reducing computation cost and memory size.

Let us consider the relationship between irreducible and reducible wavefunctions. The reducible wavefunction is expanded by plane waves as
\[
\psi_{nk}(r) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \psi_{n,k}^1(r) \\ \psi_{n,k}^2(r) \end{array} \right) = \sum_G \left( \begin{array}{c} C_{G,n}^u(k) \\ C_{G,n}^d(k) \end{array} \right) \exp \left[ \frac{i(k+G) \cdot r}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \right], \quad (23)
\]
where $k$ is reducible $k$ point, $G$ is reciprocal lattice vector for expansion of the wave function at the irreducible $k$ point, and $\Omega$ is the unit-cell volume. $C_{G,n}^u(k)$ and $C_{G,n}^d(k)$ are the expansion coefficients, which are expressed along the Cartesian-$z$ axis. These are written with coefficients at irreducible $k$ point, $k^\ast$, as follows:
\[
\left( \begin{array}{c} C_{G,n}^u(k) \\ C_{G,n}^d(k) \end{array} \right) = S(\alpha') \left( \begin{array}{c} C_{G,n}^u(k^\ast) e^{-i(G+\Delta_{rw}) \cdot T} \\ C_{G,n}^d(k^\ast) e^{-i(G+\Delta_{rw}) \cdot T} \end{array} \right) \quad (24)
\]
with
\[
G^\ast = R^{-1}(G + \Delta_{rw}). \quad (25)
\]

Here, $G^\ast$ is the reciprocal lattice vector for expansion of the wave function at the irreducible $k$ point. $R$ is a rotation matrix representing the rotational operation for the system, and $T$ is partial translation vector. It should be noted here that the $R$ matrix operates in a reciprocal space, and converts a vector $k^\ast + G^\ast$ into a vector $k + G$ as
\[
k + G = R(k^\ast + G^\ast). \quad (26)
\]

\[\Delta_{rw}\] in Eqs. (24) and (25) is a rewind vector which is introduced to pull back the $k$ point after the rotational operation, $Rk^\ast$, to the inside of the Brillouin zone. In the practical calculation, we first look for $G^\ast$ that satisfies Eq. (25), and then specify $C_{G,n}^u(k^\ast)$ and $C_{G,n}^d(k^\ast)$ in the right-hand side of Eq. (24). $S(\alpha')$ in Eq. (24) is an SU(2) matrix rotating the spinor, which can be evaluated as described in Sec. II B; the $R$ is conventionally represented in the basic reciprocal lattice coordinates. Therefore, we convert $R$ into $R^{XYZ}$ which is a rotation matrix in the Cartesian coordinates as
\[
R^{XYZ} = BRB^{-1} \quad (27)
\]
with
\[
B = (b_1 b_2 b_3) = (b_{X1} b_{X2} b_{X3} b_{Y1} b_{Y2} b_{Y3} b_{Z1} b_{Z2} b_{Z3}). \quad (28)
\]

Thus, with $R^{XYZ}$, we determine the Euler angles $(\alpha', \beta', \gamma')$ along the same procedure as in Eq. (16), (17), and (18) or (19), (20), and (21), for $S(\alpha')$ of Eq. (24). Since the spinor is a polar vector, we have to extract the pure rotational part in the symmetry operation. So, we first evaluate the determinant $\det ||R^{XYZ}||$, and, if $\det ||R^{XYZ}|| < 0$, we define $R^{XYZ} = -R^{XYZ}$ and determine the Euler angles from this $R^{XYZ}$ matrix. Finally, by using the resulting Euler angles, we evaluate the SU(2) rotation matrix $S(\alpha')$ of Eq. (24) to obtain $C_{G,n}^u(k)$ and $C_{G,n}^d(k)$.

D. Implementation in RESPACK and calculation conditions

The method mentioned above was implemented in RESPACK [10] which is a first-principles calculation software for evaluating the interaction parameters of materials and is able to calculate maximally localized Wannier functions, response functions based on the RPA and related optical properties, and frequency-dependent electronic interaction parameters. RESPACK supports band-calculation codes using norm-conserving pseudopotentials with plane-wave basis sets, and automatic generation scripts for converting the band-calculation results to the RESPACK inputs are prepared for xTAPP [49] and QUANTUM ESPRESSO [50, 51] packages.

Density-functional band structure calculations for Ca$_3$Ir$_2$O$_{12}$ are performed by using xTAPP and QUANTUM ESPRESSO with the experimental crystal structure with lattice parameters [39]: $a = 9.3491$ Å and $c = 3.1713$ Å. We use the Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof type [52]
for the exchange-correlation functional. In QUANTUM ESPRESSO, the norm-conserving pseudopotentials are generated by the code ONCVPSP (Optimized Norm-Conserving Vanderbilt Pseudopotential) [53], and are obtained from the PseudoDojo [54]. In xTAPP, the norm-conserving pseudopotentials [55, 56] are generated as follows: The Ir pseudopotential is constructed for both of the valence and semicore electronic configurations. For the former pseudopotential, we consider a slightly ionic configuration of (5d)7(6s)1(6p)6, where the core-electron configuration is (Xe)(4f)14; the 4f electrons are frozen and excluded from the pseudopotential. The cutoff radius for the local potential r_{loc} is 1.7 bohr, and those for the non-local s, p, and d projectors are 2.1, 2.4, and 2.1 bohr, respectively. We apply the partial-core correction with a cutoff radius r_{pec} of 1.3 bohr. Also, the semicore-type pseudopotential of Ir was constructed for an ionic semicore configuration of (5s)^2(5p)^6(5d)^7(6s)^1(6p)^0 with r_{loc} = 1.0 bohr. The cutoff radii for the non-local s, p, and d projectors are 1.0, 1.0, and 1.2 bohr, respectively, where the 5s and 6s channels and the 6s and 6p channels share the same cutoff radius. The Ca pseudopotential is constructed for a slightly ionic (5s)^2(3p)^6(4s)^1(4p)^6(3d)^0 configuration with r_{loc} = 1.0 bohr. The cutoff radius of the non-local s, p, and d projectors is 1.0 bohr. The O pseudopotential is generated with r_{loc} = 1.0 bohr for a valence configuration of (2s)^2(2p)^4. The cutoff radii of the non-local s, p, and d projectors are 1.0, 1.0, and 1.0 bohr, respectively.

We use 8×8×8 k-points for sampling in the first Brillouin zone. The energy cutoff is set to be 144 Ry for the wave functions and 576 Ry for the charge density. The Fermi energy in the band calculations was estimated with the broadening techniques with the smearing of 0.0272 eV [57] (for the calculations with QUANTUM ESPRESSO, the Gaussian smearing of the same value was used). The interaction parameters are calculated using the cRPA method [1, 12, 36], in which we employ the band disentanglement scheme [36]. The energy cutoff for the dielectric function is set to be 20 Ry. The total number of bands used in the polarization calculation is 340 for the calculations with the valence-type Ir pseudopotential and 404 for the semicore-type one, which includes the unoccupied states up to ~ 29 eV with respect to the Fermi level. The integral over the Brillouin zone is calculated with the generalized tetrahedron technique [58, 59] with a smearing of 0.1 eV.

To study the SOI effect on the electronic structure, we perform the usual GGA calculation and compare the results with the SOI. We call the former calculation as GGA and the latter calculation as SO-GGA. In SO-GGA, the Wannier functions were constructed in a band-select mode that constructs the Wannier function by directly specifying the Bloch bands related to the Wannier function without setting the energy window. On the other hand, the GGA Wannier function were constructed by specifying the inner and outer energy window. The inner window was set to [−0.32 eV, 0.75 eV] for both xTAPP and QUANTUM ESPRESSO, where the energy zero is the Fermi level. The outer window was taken to be [−0.61 eV, 0.75 eV] for both xTAPP and QUANTUM ESPRESSO. The unoccupied states up to ~ 26 eV with respect to the Fermi level are included in the polarization calculation.

III. RESULTS

A. Crystal structure

Figure 1 shows the crystal structure of Ca$_3$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$. The dark-blue, light-yellow, and small-red spheres indicate Ca, Ir, and O atoms, respectively, and bonds are drawn between the Ir and O atoms. This material consists of three budding rods of edge-shared IrO$_6$ octahedra in the unit cell. These IrO$_6$ rods are aligned along the c-axis, and these are related by a 120° rotation symmetry around the c axis. We refer to each rod as chain-n with n being an index for the chains and running from 1 to 3. Following the octahedral convention, a local coordinate system associated with the octahedron is defined as shown in Fig. 1. The local y axes are taken in the ab plane and in the direction of the vertex oxygen of the IrO$_6$ octahedron. The local coordinates of each chain also match by a 120° rotation about the c axis (see the top right inset of Fig. 1). We also note that the IrO$_6$ octahedron is distorted and has no inversion symmetry (see the bottom right inset of Fig. 1).

B. Band calculation

We show in Fig. 2(a) calculated GGA and SO-GGA band structures of Ca$_3$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$ by thin-red and thick-blue curves, respectively. From the comparison, we see that the SOI affects the electronic structure near the Fermi level, especially leading to the band split and gap opening in the GGA bands along the L-M and H-K lines. To see the character of the global band structure, we show in Fig. 2(b) results of the fat-band analysis for the SO-GGA band, where the band structure is decomposed into the 5d orbitals of the Ir atoms. The bands near 2 eV to 4 eV are composed by d$_{z^2}$ and d$_{3z^2-r^2}$ orbitals, while the bands around ~2 eV to 0.5 eV consist of d$_{xy}$, d$_{yz}$, and d$_{xz}$ orbitals. This band structure results from the crystal field splitting of 5d orbitals into e$_g$ and t$_{2g}$ groups under the crystal field of oxygen atoms at the corner of an octahedron. Since the IrO$_6$ octahedron is distorted, the degeneracy within each group is lifted. From these results, we found that the low-energy bands around the Fermi level consist of mainly d$_{xy}$ and d$_{yz}$ orbitals. It should be noted here that the d orbitals follow the local coordinate. The reason why the xy and yz bands have the higher energy than the xz band is that the distance from the Ir atom to the apex oxygen in
FIG. 1. Crystal structure of Ca₅Ir₃O₁₂, where Ca, O, and Ir atoms are depicted by blue, small-red, and yellow spheres, respectively (drawn by VESTA [60]). The unit cell contains three edge-shared IrO₆ chains along the c axis, and these chains are denoted as chain-1, chain-2, and chain-3. The local coordinate system based on the IrO₆ octahedron in each chain are also depicted. We note that the local y axes are in the ab plane, and the local coordinates have a rotational symmetry of 120 degree rotation around the c axis. To show this symmetry clearly, we give in the top right inset the cross-section from the c-axis direction. We also show in the bottom right inset the IrO₆ octahedron including the Ir-O bond length data, from which we see that the structure is considerably distorted and has no inversion symmetry.

the local y direction (1.95 Å) is shorter than that to the in-plane oxygen (1.99 and 2.01 Å). Thus, in the present study, we consider a derivation of an effective Hamiltonian for the dₓᵧ and dᵧz orbitals, and call this the dₓᵧ/dᵧz Hamiltonian. Since there are three Ir atoms in the unit cell, this model is composed of the 12 Wannier spinor states.

C. Onsite energy diagram

Based on Fig. 2, the on-site energy diagram of Ir is summarized in Fig. 3. The crystal field splitting of the 5d level of iridium is 3.764 eV, and further, due to the distortion of the octahedron, both e₉ and t₂g levels undergo a small band splitting near 0.6 eV. We note that this distortion cannot cause an appreciable level splitting between dₓᵧ and dᵧz orbitals; the splitting of the two orbits is as small as 0.071 eV. Finally, when the SOI acts on these levels, the dₓᵧ and dᵧz levels further split (see below).

D. dₓᵧ/dᵧz Hamiltonian

From here, we derive the dₓᵧ/dᵧz Hamiltonian, because these two bands are well isolated from other bands near the Fermi level as one sees in Fig. 2. Figure 4 is a comparison of the Wannier-interpolation band (green-dashed curves) and the original SO-GGA band (red-solid curves). We see a good agreement between the two bands. We note that the initial guess setting is important for the present Ca₅Ir₃O₁₂; we set the dₓᵧ and dᵧz Gaussian orbitals as initial guesses, where the d orbitals are represented in the local coordinates within each IrO₆ octahedron (see Fig. 1). Also, the initial guesses are represented as a pure spin up or down state along the local quantization axis [Eqs. (11) and (12)]. With this treatment, all twelve Wannier functions have the same spread. This setting is very important to keep the right threefold symmetry of matrix elements in the Hamiltonian [transfer {t₉R₉R'}, interaction {UᵢR₉R'}, {JᵢR₉R'}, and {KᵢR₉R'} matrices in Eq. (1)] by the calculated Wannier functions.

E. Maximally localized Wannier function

We next describe details of the maximally localized Wannier functions of the dₓᵧ/dᵧz Hamiltonian. The calculated real-space Wannier functions are displayed in Fig. 5. The panels (a) and (b) illustrate the dₓᵧ and dᵧz Wannier functions, respectively. In this plot, three independent Wannier functions are shown in one panel
FIG. 2. (a) Ab initio density functional band structure of Ca$_3$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$. Thick-blue and thin-red curves are the results with and without the spin-orbit interaction, respectively. The energy zero is the Fermi level. Dispersions are plotted along and without the spin-orbit interaction, respectively. (b) Fat atom right octahedron with SOI.

FIG. 3. Level diagram for onsite energy of Ir. By considering the crystal field splitting as large as 3.8 eV, the 5$d$ level of Ir splits the $e_g$ and $t_{2g}$ levels. Further, due to the distortion of the IrO$_6$ octahedron mentioned in the bottom right inset of Fig. 1, the $e_g$ and $t_{2g}$ levels undergo a small band splitting near 0.6 eV. We note that this distortion hardly causes a level splitting for $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ orbitals; the level deviation between the $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ orbitals is about 0.071 eV. When the spin-orbit interaction acts on these levels, the $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ levels near the Fermi level split.

FIG. 4. Comparison of the Wannier-interpolation band (green-dashed curves) based on the $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ orbitals and the original SO-GGA band (red-solid curves). The view of the figure is the same as that of Fig. 2 (a).

F. Transfer parameters

Next, we discuss the one-body part of the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian. TABLE I summarizes the main transfers of this model. The nearest neighbor ($NN$) transfers $t^{NN}_{xy}$,$t^{NN}_{yz}$ and $t^{NN}_{x'y'}$ are 0.178 eV and 0.215 eV, respectively. A schematic figure of the two neighboring orbitals (to understand these transfers defined by the bond between these two orbitals) is given in Fig. 6, where the panel (a) displays a distorted octahedron, and panels (b) and (c) are two edge-shared octahedrons along the $c$-axis. The
form displays the configuration of $t_{xy,yz}$, and the latter is that of $t_{xy,xy}$. The difference in the two transfers ($t_{xy,yz} = 0.178$ eV and $t_{xy,xy} = 0.215$ eV) can be understood in terms of the path-length difference in the transfer configurations due to the octahedral distortion. The NN transfers between the same orbitals $t_{xy,yz}$ and $t_{xy,xy}$ are as small as 0.03 eV. The onsite transfer $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy}$ is also as small as 0.027 eV. The largest interchain (IC) electron transfer $t_{IC}$ is 0.032 eV, whose schematic figure is depicted in Fig. 6 (d). It should be noted here that this transfer occurs between the pair located each in the neighboring $ab$ planes, where the pair partner is not located at the Ir atom along the $c$ axis (interplane nearest pair), but located at the the nearest neighbor Ir atom of the interplane nearest Ir atom; it is larger than the IC transfer in the same $ab$ plane (nearly 0.028 eV). Lastly, the spin-orbit coupling $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ is remarkably large as 0.213 eV.

The most interesting and important point is that the transfer parameters of SO-GGA and GGA are almost the same, and the only difference is due to the SOI matrix element $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$. Looking at the comparison between the SO-GGA and GGA bands in Fig. 2 (a), we notice that the two-band structures are different near the Fermi level, and the origin of this difference is obviously the SOI. TABLE I also shows the difference between xTAPP and QUANTUM ESPRESSO results. Although a small difference is found in the values of the NN transfers, we confirmed that the band dispersion of xTAPP is in perfect agreement with that of QUANTUM ESPRESSO at low energies.

We next remark the IC electron transfer further in

**TABLE I.** Main transfer parameters of the $d_{xy}$ Hamiltonian of Ca$_3$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$, which are estimated as the matrix elements of the Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian in Eq. (4) with respect to the maximally localized Wannier functions. In this table, we compare the SO-GGA and GGA results, and the second and third columns are results based on the xTAPP band calculation, and the fourth and fifth columns contain results with the QUANTUM ESPRESSO band calculation. We show 4 nearest-neighbor (NN) transfers along the chain (c-axis), onsite transfers, and absolute value of the largest interchain (IC) electron transfer. Definition for $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ and $t_{IC}$ is given in Figs. 6 (b) and (c), respectively. Also, the configuration for the largest IC electron transfer $t_{IC}$ is drawn in Fig. 6 (d). $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ is nonzero because of the local coordinate defined along the distorted octahedron. The bottom $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ is the matrix element due to the onsite spin-orbit interaction. The unit of transfer integral is eV.

| xTAPP | QUANTUM ESPRESSO |
|-------|------------------|
|       | SO-GGA | GGA |     |
| $t_{xy,xy}$ | 0.178 | 0.173 | 0.182 | 0.174 |
| $t_{xy,yz}$ | 0.215 | 0.209 | 0.219 | 0.210 |
| $t_{xy,xy}$ | 0.027 | 0.024 | 0.025 | 0.024 |
| $t_{xy,yz}$ | 0.027 | 0.024 | 0.025 | 0.024 |
| $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ | -0.027 | -0.036 | -0.033 | 0.045 |
| $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ | 0.032 | 0.041 | 0.032 | 0.041 |
| $t_{onsite}^{xy,xy} \pm \gamma$ | 0.213 | - | 0.215 | - |
FIG. 6. Schematic figure to understand configurations for main transfers in TABLE I: (a) Distorted IrO$_6$ octahedron including the Ir-O bond length data and the local coordinates are drawn in the left side. Panels (b) and (c) respectively describe nearest-neighbor (NN) pairs of the $d_{xy}$-$d_{yz}$ and $d_{yz}$-$d_{xy}$ transfers on the edge-sheared octahedrons along the c-axis. Due to the octahedral distortion, the transfer-path length via the bridging O site is appreciably longer in (b) than (c), leading to the difference in the transfer parameters ($t_{\text{NN}_{xy}^{yz}} \sim 0.18$ eV and $t_{\text{NN}_{yz}^{xy}} \sim 0.22$ eV). The panel (d) shows configurations for the largest interchain electron transfers (green arrows). The numbers in the panel denote Ir sites and types of orbitals are specified in the parentheses. We note that the largest interchain electron transfer occurs between Ir sites located at the nearest neighbor $ab$ plane each other and not along the $c$-axis; it is larger than interchain electron transfers in the same $ab$ plane.

detail. This transfer is as small as 0.032 eV at maximum, which confirms the quasi-one-dimensional character of electrons. However, it is important to describe the details of the effect of the IC transfer on the band structure of the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian. Figure 7 shows the effect of the IC electron transfer on the band structure. The panels (a) and (b) are the calculated band dispersion and density of states, respectively. The thick-red and thin-blue curves are the results with and without the interchain electron transfers, respectively. The DOS calculation is based on $37 \times 37 \times 37$-k point sampling, and the broadening of $\delta = 0.01$ eV is applied. Also, in these calculations, we recalculated the Fermi energy to preserve the electron filling.

G. Interaction parameters

Interaction parameters in the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian are evaluated with cRPA. In cRPA, the constrained polarization function is first evaluated by switching off the transitions between specific occupied and unoccupied bands; since we want to derive the effective interaction param-
eters of the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian, we exclude the band pairs involving Ir $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ orbitals in the polarization calculation [12]. The effective interaction $W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega)$ is then evaluated using the resulting cRPA polarization function. Finally, we calculate the matrix elements of the static $W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', 0)$ with the $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ maximally localized Wannier functions, which gives $U_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'} [\text{Eq. (6)}]$, $r_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\mathbf{r}''\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'} [\text{Eq. (7)}]$, and $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'} [\text{Eq. (8)}].$

TABLE II shows our derived interaction parameters of Ca$_2$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$. The low energy interactions are given by the cRPA values; RPA and bare interactions are provided only for comparison and discussion. In xTAPP band calculation with the valence-type pseudopotential, onsite cRPA intra-orbital interaction $U$ is estimated as 2.41 eV, where $U$ is evaluated as $U_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'}$. We note that $U_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'} = U_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'} = U_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'}$ is satisfied. Onsite cRPA inter-orbital interaction $U'$ is 1.93 eV, which is evaluated as $U_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'}$. Note that there are many symmetrically equivalent interactions that give the same value. There are three onsite exchange integrals, which are characterized by $J_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'}$, $J_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'}$, and $K_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega}^{\sigma\sigma'}$. As abbreviation, we simply write them $J^{\uparrow\downarrow}$, $J^{\downarrow\uparrow}$, and $K^{\downarrow\uparrow}$. We note that the derived interaction parameters of the Hund-type, exchange-type, and pair-hopping-type exchange integrals, respectively (Appendix B). These cRPA values are nearly 0.21 eV. Now, the obtained $J$ reasonably satisfies the relation $U = U' + 2J$ for the spherical atom. We note that the obtained cRPA values of $U$ are 2.4 eV and $U'$ ~ 2 eV look reasonable in terms of the previous $ab$ initio estimates of $U$ and $U'$ for the $t_{2g}$ electrons in other Ir compounds (Sr$_2$IrO$_4$ [8] and Na$_2$IrO$_3$ [9]).

The orbital-averaged $NN$ interaction $V_{NN}$ is estimated as 0.96 eV. Since the averaged $NN$ transfer $t = (t_{NN}^{\uparrow\downarrow} + t_{NN}^{\downarrow\uparrow})/2$ is about 0.197 eV, the correlation degree of freedom $(U - V_{NN})/t$ is estimated as 7.36. Then, in this compound, the electronic correlation is expected to play a substantial role in the low-energy physics. We note that the SOI estimated as 0.213 eV is comparable to the exchange interaction $J$ (0.21 eV) and the largest $NN$ transfer (0.215 eV). Therefore, the Hund physics and spin-orbit physics compete with each other and participate in the low-energy physics. We note in passing that the orbital-averaged nearest $IC$ interaction $V_{IC}$ is 0.51 eV.

The screening trend seen from the resulting bare, cRPA, and RPA interactions is normal [10]; the screening effect significantly affects the direct Coulomb integrals $(U, U', V_{NN}, V_{IC})$ and is not so significant in the exchange integrals $(J^{\uparrow\downarrow}, J^{\downarrow\uparrow}$, and $K^{\downarrow\uparrow})$.

TABLE II also compares the differences in the calculation results between the semicore-type and valence-type pseudopotential for Ir. Basically, there is no substantial difference (interaction terms for both calculations differ by no more than a few percent). As far as the comparison in the results based on xTAPP is concerned, the resulting onsite cRPA Coulomb interaction $U$ with the semicore-type pseudopotential is 2.48 eV which is slightly larger than the value of 2.41 eV with the valence-type pseudopotential. This small increase is also observed for all other cRPA interaction terms, but also, interestingly, for all bare interaction terms: for instance, the on-site bare interaction increases from 9.83 eV (for the valence-type pseudopotential) to 10.00 eV (for the semicore-type pseudopotential). We interpret the origin of this increase as the lower values of the cutoff radii for the semicore-type pseudopotential, with respect to the valence-type pseudopotential (as shown in Sec. II D), which slightly increases the localization of Wannier functions. Finally, the estimated correlation strength $(U - V_{NN})/t$ with the semicore-type pseudopotential is 7.36 with $t = 0.201$ eV, where the nearest-neighbor $(NN)$ transfers with the semicore-type pseudopotential $t_{NN}^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ and $t_{NN}^{\downarrow\uparrow}$ are 0.182 and 0.219 eV, respectively.

On the other hand, when compared with the results based on the QUANTUM ESPRESSO calculations, which are also based on the semicore-type pseudopotential for Ir, the interaction values are almost the same as the results of xTAPP; in cRPA, $U = 2.47$ eV for QUANTUM ESPRESSO and $U = 2.48$ eV for xTAPP-semicore-pseudopotential. Thus, in QUANTUM ESPRESSO, since the averaged $NN$ transfer $t$ and interaction $V$ is about 0.201 eV and 1.01 eV, respectively, the correlation strength $(U - V)/t$ is estimated as 7.28 (which is close to the value 7.36 for xTAPP). Then, we evaluate that the correlation strength of Ca$_2$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$ is about 7.3.

TABLE III compares the interaction parameters of the $t_{2g}$ and $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian, where the $t_{2g}$ Hamiltonian consider not only $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ orbitals but also the $d_{xz}$ orbital. As a result, the derived interaction parameters of the $t_{2g}$ Hamiltonian become larger than those of the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian, because the polarizations taking place within all the $t_{2g}$ electrons are excluded in cRPA and the screening gets smaller than in the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ case. As seen from this result, the direct Coulomb integrals $U$ and $U'$ of the $t_{2g}$ Hamiltonian is about 0.3 eV larger than those of the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian. Also, the difference in the exchange integrals between the $t_{2g}$ and $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian is as small as 0.01 eV. We note that our estimated $t_{2g}U$ of Ca$_2$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$ (~2.79 eV as an average of $U_{xy}, U_{yz},$ and $U_{xz}$) is close to the $U$ value of Na$_2$IrO$_3$ (2.72 eV) [9]. On the other hand, the orbital averaged $t_{2g}U$ value of Sr$_2$IrO$_4$ [8] has been reported as about 2.26 eV. The systematic study of material dependence of the degree of strong electronic correlation for the Ir oxides will be a very interesting issue, which is left for future problems.
TABLE II. Calculated static interaction parameters of the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian of Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$. The interaction parameters with the bare (unscreened), constrained RPA (cRPA), and usual RPA are compared. $U$ and $U'$ are onsite intra-orbital and inter-orbital direct Coulomb integrals, respectively. Also, $J^{\uparrow\uparrow}$, $J^{\uparrow\downarrow}$, and $K^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ are onsite exchange integrals, which are corresponding to the Hund-type, exchange-type, and pair-hopping-type exchange integrals, respectively (Appendix B). $V_{NN} = (1/N_w)^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_w} V_{i0jR}$ is the orbital-averaged value of the nearest-neighbor ($NN$) interactions with $R = (0,0,1)$ and $N_w = 2$, where $i$ and $j$ specify the $xy$ and $yz$ orbitals. Also, $V_{IC}$ is the orbital-averaged value of the nearest interchain ($IC$) interactions. The table also compares the results based on the two band-calculation software ($xTAPP$ and Quantum Espresso). The “(s)” and “(v)” after SO-GGA and GGA indicate the pseudopotential types of Ir, i.e., the semicore-type or valence-type. The unit of the interaction parameter is eV.

| SO-GGA (s) | SO-GGA (v) | GGA (v) | SO-GGA (s) | GGA (s) |
|------------|------------|----------|------------|---------|
| $U$        | 10.00      | 2.48     | 0.42       | 10.01   | 2.29     | 0.40     | 10.15     | 2.44     | 0.40     |
| $U'$       | 9.32       | 1.98     | 0.13       | 9.83    | 1.68     | 0.13     | 9.83      | 1.68     | 0.13     |
| $J^{\uparrow\uparrow}$ | 0.28     | 0.23     | 0.14       | 0.27    | 0.21     | 0.14     | 0.29      | 0.23     | 0.14     |
| $J^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ | 0.26     | 0.21     | 0.13       | 0.25    | 0.20     | 0.12     | 0.29      | 0.23     | 0.14     |
| $K^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ | 0.28     | 0.23     | 0.14       | 0.27    | 0.21     | 0.14     | 0.29      | 0.23     | 0.14     |
| $V_{NN}$   | 4.44       | 1.00     | 0.04       | 4.42    | 0.96     | 0.04     | 4.39      | 0.81     | 0.05     |
| $V_{IC}$   | 2.86       | 0.54     | 0.00       | 2.85    | 0.51     | 0.00     | 2.86      | 0.46     | 0.00     |

IV. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

In summary, we presented an ab initio framework to study the effective Hamiltonian for strongly correlated electron systems with strong SOI: the spinor formalism and algorithm for deriving the effective Hamiltonian represented in the maximally localized Wannier function framework to RESPACK. In particular, we described how to use crystal symmetries of the material in the presence of SOI: (i) a proper initial guess setting for the Wannier spinors involving proper choices of the quantization axis, and (ii) the computational procedure for generating all the $k$-point wave function data from the irreducible $k$-point data, which are useful for the speedup of calculations and memory savings.

As an example of application, we derived an ab initio effective low-energy Hamiltonian of Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$. Ir $t_{2g}$ electrons are described with the Wannier spinors represented in the local coordinate system fixed to the IrO$_6$ octahedron. After analyzing the band structure, we found that the effective Hamiltonian described in terms of the degenerate $d_{xy}$ and $d_{yz}$ orbitals offers the following interesting insights into characters and properties of this compound:

1. The electronic correlation strength characterized by $(U - V)/t$ is estimated as $\sim 7$, where $t$ is the averaged transfer of the nearest pair, and $U$ and $V$ are onsite and nearest interactions, respectively.

TABLE III. Comparison of calculated static constrained RPA (cRPA) interaction parameters between the two-orbital $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ and three-orbital $t_{2g}$ Hamiltonians. The bare (unscreened) interaction values are also listed for reference. The definition of the parameters is the same as TABLE II. The $d_{xy} / d_{yz}$ column lists calculated interaction parameters with the initial-guess Wannier functions (i.e., results obtained without the spread functional minimization). The unit of the interaction integral is eV.

|               | bare  | cRPA |
|---------------|-------|------|
| $U_{xy}$      | 10.044| 2.737|
| $U_{xz}$      | 10.588| 2.881|
| $U'_{xy,yz}$  | 9.286 | 2.218|
| $U'_{xy,zz}$  | 9.229 | 2.103|
| $J_{xy,yz}^{\uparrow\uparrow}$ | 0.285 | 0.227|
| $J_{xy,yz}^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ | 0.283 | 0.225|
| $K_{xy,yz}^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ | 0.285 | 0.227|
| $V_{NN}$      | 4.523 | 1.119|
| $V_{IC}$      | 2.866 | 0.597|
FIG. 8. Possible spin-charge orders to dissolve the frustration, based on the derived parameters for the $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ Hamiltonian:

(a) The charge pattern including ferrimagnetic $120^\circ$ spin structure, where Ir$^{4+}$ and Ir$^{5+}$ sites are assumed to be spin-1/2 and spin-1, respectively, and described by green and blue dots. In this figure, the Ir spin is along the local $y$ axis of the IrO$_6$ octahedron [panel (b)], because the magnetic easy axis is the local $y$ axis (Appendix C). The panel (c) shows a possible charge order and accompanied partial magnetic order at the hexagonal Ir$^{5+}$ (spin-1) sublattice, which can generate strong quantum fluctuation on the triangular Ir$^{4+}$ (spin-1/2) sublattice. The spin patterns of the panel (a) and (c) are based on the Ir electronic configurations with the Hund interaction $> \text{spin-orbit interaction (SOI)}$ [panel (d)]. Another possible spin-charge pattern drawn in the panel (e) exists, where the Hund interaction is less than SOI. In this case, Ir$^{5+}$ sites denoted by orange dots are assumed to be spin-0 [panel (f)]. In the panels (c) and (e), the unpaired spins on the Ir$^{4+}$ sites are expected to dynamically fluctuate and hardly order because of the vanishing mean field from the surrounded Ir$^{5+}$ electrons.

(see TABLEs I and II). A large electron correlation is expected to play a key role in the low-energy
2. The estimated value of the largest transfer taking account of SOI is 0.21 eV, which is as large as the exchange interaction 0.20-0.23 eV. This amplitude is, however, relatively smaller than the crystal field splitting between the \( d_{yz}/d_{zx} \) orbitals and \( d_{zx} \) orbital (~1 eV). This makes the dominant role of the crystal field splitting in the \( t_{2g} \) electron levels over the spin-orbit splitting in contrast to Sr$_2$IrO$_4$ [8], where the bands are rather characterized by the total angular momentum \( J_{\text{eff}} \) that is a good quantum number in the strong SOI limit.

3. Although one-dimensional anisotropy exists, it is important to include the IC electron transfer equal to or larger than 0.003 eV to reproduce the overall quantitative band structure, where the dispersion in the IC direction is not negligible (see Fig. 7).

4. In the present case, the SOI effect plays a crucial role by forming a gap below the Fermi level within the \( d_{xy}/d_{yz} \) manifold. However, the partially 1/6 filled upper bands constituted by \( d_{xy}/d_{yz} \) orbitals, separated by the spin-orbit gap from the lower \( d_{xy}/d_{yz} \) bands, is expected to generate the Fermi surface and metallic conduction, where the IC electron transfer is not negligible and the one-dimensional localization effect should be limited (see the item 3 above). The bad metallic behavior may thus be ascribed to the electronic correlation presumably combined with the valence fluctuation.

5. Since the effective onsite Coulomb repulsion (> 2 eV) is larger than the spin-orbit gap and furthermore larger than the total \( d_{yz}/d_{xy} \) band width (~1.5 eV), the final electronic structure could be totally reconstructed by the electronic correlation, which makes it necessary to accurately solve the effective Hamiltonian derived here beyond the DFT-GGA level. Even the explicit inclusion of the \( d_{zx} \) orbital into the effective Hamiltonian might be necessary to consider because of the large onsite Coulomb repulsion \( U_{\text{eff}} \) (see TABLE III).

6. The geometrical frustration arising from the triangular Ir configuration may be dissolving by a regular alignment of two Ir$^{5+}$ and one Ir$^{4+}$ on each triangle, namely charge ordering as is illustrated in Fig. 8. We give in the panel (a) a possible charge and spin arrangement in the \( ab \) plane, where this configuration will minimize the loss of intersite Coulomb energy. For clear understanding of the spin pattern accompanied with the charge arrangement, we depict in the panel (b) the orientation of IrO$_6$ octahedron and the local \( y \) axis defined for each octahedron. We note that the local \( y \)-axis is the easy axis of an Ir spin (see the item 7 below). Then, a naive expectation is 120° spin structure consisting of one spin-1/2 Ir$^{4+}$ and two spin-1 Ir$^{5+}$, where the Ir spin drawn in Fig. 8 (a) is along the local-\( y \) axis.

7. In the energy or temperature scale lower than the SOI, the magnetic anisotropy induced by the SOI will play an important role to stabilize discrete broken symmetry phases: As explained below, the SOI induces an easy-axis anisotropy along the local \( y \) axis. The geometry and crystal field splitting of the local distorted octahedral cluster IrO$_6$ essentially determine the magnetic anisotropy. As shown in the onsite energy diagram (Fig. 3), when the SOI is neglected, the \( d_{xy} \) and \( d_{yz} \) orbitals are nearly degenerated, thus, may induce an angular momentum along the local \( y \) axis. Then, the atomic SOI is dominated by couplings between the \( y \) components of the spin and angular momentum, \( AS^yL^y \), where \( \lambda \) is the effective spin-orbit coupling constant and \( S^y \) (\( L^y \)) is the \( y \) component of the spin (angular momentum) of the Ir ions in the local coordinate. The spin-orbit coupling \( \lambda S^yL^y \) may stabilize the total angular momentum along the local \( y \) axis in the broken symmetry phases at low temperatures [Fig. 8 (a)]. In Appendix C, the relevance of \( AS^yL^y \) is demonstrated by using the transfer integrals of the \( d_{xy}/d_{yz} \) Hamiltonian (given in TABLE I and Fig. 6).

8. An alternative expectation is the hexagonal lattice of Ir$^{5+}$ atoms with the center of hexagon occupied by spin-1/2 Ir$^{4+}$, which is shown in Fig. 8 (c). The antiferromagnetic intra- and inter-chain exchange interactions suggested by the high-temperature magnetic susceptibility measurement is expected to be larger between two Ir$^{5+}$ atoms than the exchange involving spin-1/2 Ir$^{4+}$ atom, because of the spin-1 Ir$^{5+}$ state due to the Hund’s rule coupling. This picture is based on the electronic configuration of the Ir atoms, described in Fig. 8 (d). In this spin structure, partial antiferromagnetic order of the hexagonal Ir$^{5+}$ atoms would be formed and leave the spin-1/2 Ir$^{4+}$ sites disordered because of the cancellation of the antiferromagnetic coupling from the neighboring Ir$^{5+}$ spins. In the chain direction, there may exist a competition between the two possible cases: To reduce the intrachain and intersite Coulomb repulsion, the Ir$^{4+}$ sites are aligned in every three sites within a chain and alternatingly between chains as well to minimize the intersite interaction. On the other hand, the kinetic energy is lowered by forming a chain with uniform Ir$^{4+}$ valence and two uniform Ir$^{5+}$ chains. The antiferromagnetic order becomes stronger in the chain direction in the latter case and lowers the energy as well. In the lower energy (temperature) scale, the 120 degree coplanar order of the moment on the triangular Ir$^{4+}$ sublattice or the spin alignment perpendicular to the Ir$^{5+}$ moment represented by \( e^{i\theta/2}|\uparrow\rangle \pm e^{-i\theta/2}|\downarrow\rangle \) in the
basis of the Ir$^{5+}$ moment axis, where $\theta$ is a real constant, may also subsequently occur, which may further cause the ferrimagnetism perpendicular to the Ir$^{5+}$ moment in the latter case.

9. Another possibility is that the SOI is dominant beyond the Hund’s coupling. In this case, Ir$^{5+}$ sites become spin-0 atoms, which is shown in Figs. 8 (e) and (f). In the present estimation, the SOI $\sim 0.21$ eV compete with the exchange integral $\sim 0.22$ eV. So, various spin and charge orders including Figs 8 (a), (c), and (e) will compete at low energies. In general, in a situation where the spin-orbit interaction is large, the multipole degree of freedom may become apparent. These issues will also need to be considered carefully.

10. Although such a spin-charge-order correlation might exist as a short-range fluctuation, the preserved original symmetry at low temperatures so far experimentally reported suggests that the Ir$^{4+}$ and Ir$^{5+}$ configurations are not regular and static but dynamic or random at least above 15 K. It is desired to see the crystal symmetry, charge and spin order/fluctuation in the low-temperature phase below 7.8 K, whether the spin-charge order or glassy freezing may take place together with semiconducting behaviors. It is also desired to specify the time scale of the valence fluctuation in experimental measurements and dependence of spin-charge correlation on the annealing rate to reach the low-temperature phase. The nonlinear conduction [41] may also be originated from such fluctuations and weak pinning by the disorder, which could induce low-frequency noise in the AC transport response as well.

Because of the above interplay among the SOI, electronic correlation, valence fluctuation and geometrical frustration in the magnetic coupling Ca$_5$Ir$_3$O$_{12}$ provides us with an intriguing playground of competition and fluctuation to be elucidated in the future by solving the effective Hamiltonian derived here and by comparing with refined experiments.

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Appendix A: Derivation of the formula for the effective Hamiltonian

In this appendix, we consider a derivation of the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (1). We start from the general form of Hamiltonian described in terms of the spinor field operator as

\[ \hat{H} = \int_V d\mathbf{r} \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \int_V \int_V d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega = 0) \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}') \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}), \]  

(A1)

where \( \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}) \) and \( \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \) are the spinor field operators. \( \hat{H}_0 \) is a one-body Hamiltonian which is a \( 2 \times 2 \) matrix. \( \mathcal{W} \) is the static limit of the frequency-dependent effective interaction, which is assumed to be a scalar form without spin dependence [61, 62]. The integrals in Eq. (A1) are over the crystal volume \( V \). For \( \hat{H}_0 \), we use the Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian, and, for \( \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \), we use the cRPA effective interaction;

\[ \hat{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) \sim \hat{H}_{KS}(\mathbf{r}), \]  

(A2)

\[ \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \sim \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'). \]  

(A3)

The spinor field operators are expressed with the Wannier spinor function \( \hat{\Phi}_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \) and \( \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \) defined in Eqs. (2) and (3) and their creation/annihilation operators \( a_{i\sigma}^\dagger \) and \( a_{i\sigma} \) as

\[ \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i\sigma} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \hat{\Phi}_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) a_{i\sigma}. \]  

(A4)

and

\[ \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i\sigma} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) a_{i\sigma}^\dagger. \]  

(A5)

By inserting Eqs. (A2), (A3), (A4), and (A5) into Eq. (A1), we obtain

\[ \hat{H} = \sum_{i\sigma, j\rho} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{R}_j} \int_V d\mathbf{r} \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{H}_{KS}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}_{j\rho}(\mathbf{r}) a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\rho} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i\sigma, j\rho, k\lambda, l\nu} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{R}_k, \mathbf{R}_l} \int_V \int_V d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}_{j\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{k\lambda}(\mathbf{r}') \hat{\Phi}_{l\nu}(\mathbf{r}') a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\rho}^\dagger a_{k\lambda} a_{l\nu}, \]  

(A6)

where \( i, j, k, \) and \( l \) specify the Wannier orbital, and \( \sigma, \rho, \lambda, \) and \( \nu \) are indices that specify the front and back components of the Kramers pair. \( \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{R}_k, \) and \( \mathbf{R}_l \) are indices for the lattice vector.

For the inner product \( \Phi_i^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \) for the two-particle (namely, interaction) part proportional to \( \mathcal{W} \), we introduce “colinear approximation”; we suppose that the product of the front components or that of the back components may have a significant value. Then, we obtain

\[ \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}_{j\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \sim \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}_{j\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \delta_{\sigma\rho}. \]  

(A7)

By inserting Eqs. (A7) and (A8) into Eq. (A6), we have

\[ \hat{H} = \sum_{i, j} \sum_{\sigma, \rho} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{R}_j} t_{\sigma\rho}^i \delta_{\mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{R}_i} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\rho} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i, j, k, l} \sum_{\sigma, \rho} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{R}_k, \mathbf{R}_l} t_{\sigma\rho}^i \delta_{\mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{R}_i} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\rho}^\dagger a_{k\lambda} a_{l\nu}, \]  

(A9)

with the matrix elements of the one-particle part

\[ t_{\sigma\rho}^i \delta_{\mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{R}_i} = \int_V d\mathbf{r} \hat{\Phi}^\dagger_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Phi}_{j\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \]  

(A10)
and the matrix elements of the two-particle part

\[ I_{ij}^\sigma \rho = \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{\rho}(\mathbf{r}'). \]  

(A11)

Furthermore, the above four-center integral is approximated to the two-center integral; with \((i, \mathbf{R}_i) = (l, \mathbf{R}_l)\) and \((j, \mathbf{R}_j) = (k, \mathbf{R}_k)\), we obtain the direct Coulomb integral as

\[ U_{ij}^\sigma \rho = I_{ij}^\sigma \rho = I_{ij}^\sigma \rho. \]  

(A12)

where we rewrite \( \mathbf{R}_i \) and \( \mathbf{R}_j \) as \( \mathbf{R} \) and \( \mathbf{R}' \), respectively. Also, with the approximation of \((i, \mathbf{R}_i) = (k, \mathbf{R}_k)\) and \((l, \mathbf{R}_l) = (j, \mathbf{R}_j)\), the \((ij|ji)\)-type exchange integral is obtained as

\[ J_{ij}^\sigma \rho = I_{ij}^\sigma \rho \]  

(A13)

Finally, with \((i, \mathbf{R}_i) = (j, \mathbf{R}_j)\) and \((l, \mathbf{R}_l) = (k, \mathbf{R}_k)\), we obtain \((ij|ij)\)-type exchange integral as

\[ K_{ij}^\sigma \rho = I_{ij}^\sigma \rho. \]  

(A14)

With this two-center approximation, we obtain the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (1) characterized by \( J_{ij}^H \), \( J_{ij}^{EX} \), and \( J_{ij}^{PH} \), which are defined as

\[ J_{ij}^H = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}'), \]  

(B1)

\[ J_{ij}^{EX} = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}'), \]  

(B2)

and

\[ J_{ij}^{PH} = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}'), \]  

(B3)

respectively, where we drop the lattice-vector index \( \mathbf{R} \) for simplicity. These integrals are related with the \( J \) and \( K \) matrices defined in Eqs. (7) and (8) as follows:

\[ J_{ij}^H = J_{ij}^{\dagger H}, \]  

(B4)

\[ J_{ij}^{EX} = J_{ij}^{\dagger EX}, \]  

(B5)

\[ J_{ij}^{PH} = K_{ij}^{\dagger PH}. \]  

(B6)

If the Wannier function is in a scalar form, it is a real function, and then the three-type exchange integrals are the same; \( J_{ij}^{H} = J_{ij}^{EX} = J_{ij}^{PH} \), or equivalently, \( J_{ij} = K_{ij} \), where the spin indices on the \( J \) and \( K \) matrix elements can be dropped, because, in the scalar case, the exchange integral is characterized with only the spatial function. On the other hand, in the spinor case, the Wannier function is in general complex, and the three-type exchange integrals are not the same. In this appendix, we discuss the relationship among these exchange integrals.

First, we show that the Hund-type exchange integral \( J_{ij}^{H} \) in Eq. (B1) is equal to the pair-hopping-type exchange integral \( J_{ij}^{PH} \) in Eq. (B3) when there is time-reversal symmetry. By inserting the spinor component representation of Eqs. (2) and (3) in Eq. (B1), the Hund-type exchange integral is written as spinor-wannier

\[ J_{ij}^{H} = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}'). \]  

(B7)

Here, we utilize the time-reversal symmetry for the spinor as

\[ (\phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r})) = (\phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r})). \]  

(B8)

and its transpose conjugate

\[ (\phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}))^\dagger = (\phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r})). \]  

(B9)

By inserting Eqs. (B8) and (B9) in Eq. (B7), the Hund-type exchange integral is transformed as follows:

\[ J_{ij}^{H} = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' (\phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r})) \left( \begin{array}{c} \phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right) \]  

\[ \times W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') (\phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}') - \phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}')) \]  

\[ = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' (\phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r})) \left( \begin{array}{c} \phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right) \]  

\[ \times W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') (\phi_{ij}^{d}(\mathbf{r}') - \phi_{ij}^{u}(\mathbf{r}')) \]  

\[ = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}'). \]  

(B10)
The right hand side of the above equation is the pair-
hopping-type exchange integral $\mathcal{J}^{\text{PH}}_{ij}$ in Eq. (B3), and
from the view of the $J$ and $K$ matrices, we have a relationship of $J_{ij}^{\uparrow \uparrow} = K_{ij}^{\downarrow \downarrow}$.

Next, we consider the exchange-type exchange integral $\mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}}_{ij}$. Similar to the discussion of the Hund-type exchange integral, this integral is written as

$$\mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}}_{ij} = \int_V \int_V d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \Phi^\dagger_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \Phi^\dagger_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$= \int_V \int_V d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \left( \phi^a_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^b_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \left( \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^a_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$\times W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \left( \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \right) \left( \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \left( \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right).$$

Using again the time-reversal symmetry of Eqs. (B8) and (B9), $\mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}}_{ij}$ in Eq. (B11) is transformed as follows:

$$\mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}}_{ij} = \int_V \int_V d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \left( \phi^a_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^b_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \left( \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^a_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$\times W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \left( \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \right) \left( \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \left( \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$= \int_V \int_V d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \left( \phi^a_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^a_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \left( \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$\times W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \left( \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') \right) \left( \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^d_{i^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \left( \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \phi^b_{j^\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \right).$$

Thus, the exchange-type exchange integral $\mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}}_{ij}$ is found to be expressed as $K^{\uparrow \downarrow}$ in the $K$ matrix in Eq. (8), which results in $J_{ij}^{\downarrow \downarrow} = K_{ij}^{\uparrow \uparrow}$.

We summarize the structure of the $J$ and $K$ matrices as follows:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix}
J^{\uparrow \uparrow} &=& \mathcal{J}^{\text{H}} = \mathcal{J}^{\text{PH}} \\
J^{\downarrow \downarrow} &=& \mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}} \\
J^{\uparrow \downarrow} &=& \mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}} = \mathcal{J}^{\text{PH}} \\
J^{\downarrow \uparrow} &=& \mathcal{J}^{\text{EX}} = \mathcal{J}^{\text{PH}}
\end{pmatrix}.$$
The gap among conduction and valence bands is simply estimated as follows. Because the ratio $d/(t_r + t_t)$ ($\sim 0.07$ for SO-GGA) is small and negligible, $|E_c^\pm - E_c^\mp|$ and $|E_c^\pm - E_v^\mp|$ show minima at $k \cdot R_c \sim \pm \pi/2$, where $-d + (t_r + t_t) \cos (k \cdot R_c) \approx 0$. Then the gap is estimated by $2|\pm \lambda + (t_r - t_t)|$ and, thus, is determined by the combination of the spin-orbit coupling $\lambda$ and broken inversion symmetry quantified by $|t_r - t_t|$.

The single-particle states around the conduction band minima at $k \cdot R_c \sim \pm \pi/2$ show easy-axis anisotropy characterized by the $y$ component of the spin-orbit coupling, as follows. Around the conduction band minima, the single-particle Hamiltonian is dominated by,

$$\mp (t_r - t_t) \sigma^y \otimes \tau^y - \lambda \sigma^y \otimes \tau^y.$$

The above term is diagonalized by the eigenstates of $\sigma^y \otimes \tau^y$.

The $y$ component of the Pauli matrices for the orbital degrees of freedom is proportional to a projection of the $y$ component of the effective angular momentum, $\ell_y$, in the $t_{2g}$ manifold onto the two-dimensional $d_{xy}/d_{yz}$ manifold: $\lambda \sigma^y \otimes \tau^y$ is equivalent to $\lambda \sigma^y \otimes \tau^y$. In the $t_{2g}$ manifold expanded by the maximally localized Wannier orbitals, the spin-orbit coupling is given by $-\lambda \lambda_{t_{2g}} \ell \cdot \sigma + \delta \lambda \lambda_{t_{2g}} \ell_y \sigma_y + \lambda'_{t_{2g}} (\ell_z \sigma_x + \ell_x \sigma_z)$, where $\lambda_{t_{2g}} > 0$ is the spin-orbit coupling in the $t_{2g}$ manifold, and $\delta \lambda_{t_{2g}}$ and $\lambda'_{t_{2g}}$ are anisotropic couplings due to the crystal fields. When the $zx$ orbital is fully occupied, only the $y$ component of the above spin-orbit coupling remains relevant. We note that, by reversing the sign of the effective angular momentum $\ell_y$, we obtain the $y$ component of the angular momentum $L_y = -\ell_y$ in the spherical environment. Thus, $-\lambda \sigma^y \otimes \tau^y$ is nothing but the $y$ component of the LS coupling.

The eigenstates of $\sigma^y \otimes \tau^y$ are labeled by the $y$ component of the effective total angular momentum, $J_{\text{eff}}^y = \pm 1/2, \pm 3/2$. In the broken time-reversal symmetry phases, the conduction electrons may induce the total angular momentum along the local $y$ axis due to the $y$ component of the LS coupling.

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