Non-metal to Metal Transitions

the saga continues ...

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Percolation [Closely following the text by Zallen]



This figure, from page 137 of Zallen, describes the problem in a 2D square mesh.

At some precise critical number of random snips, current flow stops.

This is an example of bond percolation as opposed to site percolation.

R. Zallen, The Physics of Amorphous Solids, Wiley-VCH, 2004.

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This figure is from page 143 of Zallen.

This shows site percolation on a square lattice, with different site filling fractions p. For p = 0.75 in (c), the cluster formed by connecting neighboring atoms spans the whole lattice, and a percolation path is created.

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Computer simulations on a large square lattice; $s_{av}(p)$ is the average cluster size, and P(p) is the percolation probability.

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Where is percolation applicable?

Phenomenon or System	Transition		
Flow of liquid in a porous medium	Local/extended wetting		
Spread of disease in a population	Containment/epidemic		
Communication or resistor networks	Disconnected/connected		
Conductor-insulator composite materials	Insulator/metal		
Composite superconductor-metal materials	Normal/superconducting		
Discontinuous metal films	Insulator/metal		
Stochastic star formation in spiral galaxies	Nonpropagation/propagation		
Quarks in nuclear matter	Confinement/nonconfinement		
Thin helium films on surfaces	Normal/superfluid		
Metal-atom dispersions in insulators	Insulator/metal		
Dilute magnets	Para/ferromagnetic		
Polymer gelation, vulcanization	Liquid/gel		
The glass transition	Liquid/glass		
Mobility edge in amorphous semiconductors	Localized/extended states		
Variable-range hopping in amorphous semiconductors	Resistor-network analog		

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Different lattices:



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Dimension- ality d	Lattice or Structure	Pc ^{bond}	pc ^{site}	Coordination z	Filling Factor v	zp_c^{bond}	$v p_c^{site} \equiv \phi_c$
1	Chain	1	1	2	1	2	1
9	Triangular	0 3473	0 5000	6	0 9069	2.08	0.45
2	Square	0.5475	0.5000	4	0.7854	2.00	0.47
2	Kagomá	0.45	0.555	4	0.6802	1.80	0.44
2	Honeycomb	0.6527	0.698	3	0.6046	1.96	0.42
						2.0 ± 0.2	0.45 ± 0.03
3	fcc	0.119	0.198	12	0.7405	1.43	0.147
3	bcc	0.179	0.245	8	0.6802	1.43	0.167
3	SC	0.247	0.311	6	0.5236	1.48	0.163
3	Diamond	0.388	0.428	4	0.3401	1.55	0.146
3	rcp		$[0.27]^{b}$		0.637 [0.6] ^b		[0.16] ^b
	-					1.5 ± 0.1	0.16 ± 0.02
4	SC	0.160	0.197	8	0.3084	1.3	0.061
4	fcc		0.098	24	0.6169		0.060
5	80	0.118	0.141	10	0.1645	1.2	0.023
5	fcc		0.054	40	0.4653		0.025
6	sc	0.094	0.107	12	0.0807	1.1	0.009

Page 170 of Zallen.

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This figure is from page 187 of Zallen.

There is a simple scaling in 3D, between both the site and bond percolation thresholds, with the packing fraction and coordination number, and the percolation thresholds.

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This figure is from page 243 of Zallen.

The non-metal to metal transition on Si:P.

 $4\pi\chi$ is the dielectric sucseptibility.

Note the similarity with percolation (the third slide in this set of slides).

Measurements by Rosenbaum and others at 10 mK.

This of the percolation, not of atoms but of Bohr radii.

R. Zallen, The Physics of Amorphous Solids, Wiley-VCH, 2004.

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Percolation [Closely following the text by Zallen]



This figure is from page 244 of Zallen.

Showing the percolation of hydrogenic wavefunctions around the phosphorus donor atoms (much larger than the interatomic spacing).

Since P substitution is random, this is a problem of percolation in a random close packing.

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Wu, Leighton, Phys. Rev. B 67 (2003) 174408.

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La_{1-x}Sr_xCoO₃



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This figure is from pages 229 and 232 of Zallen.

The Mott and Anderson transitions represented graphically in 1D.

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Anderson localization and the mobility edge [Closely following the text by Zallen]



This figure is from page 235 of Zallen.

The notion of the mobility edge.

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Correlation and the Hubbard model: LaMnO₃



Jahn-Teller distorted orthorhombic perovskite (space group *Pnma*)



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Correlation and the Hubbard model: LaMnO₃



Structure and magnetism do not explain the insulating behavior.

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Correlation and the Hubbard model: LaMnO₃



Electrical resistivity behavior in La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO₃

Anane, Dupast, Dang, Renard, Veillet, de Leon Guevare, Millot, Pinsard, Revcolevschi, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **7** (1995) 7015-7021.

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paramagnetic 12 all states Ni d 8 Ор 4 DOS (states eV^{-1}) С antiferromagnetic 12 8 0 -4 -8 -12∟ -10 -2 -8 -6 0 2 -4 energy (eV)



NiO displays the color of isolated Ni²⁺ in solution, with similar spectra.

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From the Cox The Electronic Structure and Chemistry of Solids (Oxford Science Publications) 1st Edition, page 151

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Consider a chain of orbitals, each with one electron. To hop an electron, an orbital has to be ionized at cost I, which is compensated a little by the electron affinity A.

U = I - A

For H atoms, I = 13.6 eV and A = 0.8 eV, meaning U = 12.8 eV. However, this does not account for some screening (due to the dielectric not being vacuum).

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As the bandwidth is increased, (or as the atoms approach closer) the gap can close.

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Doping of holes (removal of electrons) as in (b) makes hopping much easier, with the on-site repulsion having been removed.

From the Cox text, page 149

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Correlation and the Hubbard model: Magnetism



On the insulating side of the M–I transition, magnetism of some sort (usually antiferromagnetism) manifests.

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In the limit that U >> t, the Hubbard model:

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle,\sigma} (c_{i,\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j,\sigma} + c_{j,\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i,\sigma}) + U \sum_{i=1}^{N} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

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Can be reduced to the Heisenberg Hamiltonian:

$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S_1} \vec{S_2} \quad \text{where} \ \ J = \frac{4t^2}{U}$$







Torrance, Lacorre, Nazzal, Ansaldo, Niedermayer, Phys. Rev. B. 45 (1992) 8209–8212.

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The Zaanen-Sawatzky-Allen phase diagram

The position of transition metal d-states vs. anion p states:



Zaanen, Sawatzky, Allen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 55 (1985) 418-421.

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The Zaanen-Sawatzky-Allen phase diagram

The actual diagram. Note that T is what we have been calling W, and W is proportional to t in the Hubbard Model.



Zaanen, Sawatzky, Allen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 55 (1985) 418–421.

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A simplified view: In the language of ZSA:



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- Examples of Mott-Hubbard: V_2O_3 , Ti_2O_3 , and most halides. Early transition metals, and lower oxidation states. Interestingly, these display T-dependent M–I transitions.
- Examples of Charge-transfer: CuO, NiCl₂, NiS, etc. Later transition metals and higher oxidation states. CuO and NiCl₂ are always insulating.

Zaanen, Sawatzky, Allen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 55 (1985) 418-421.





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Optical studies of band gaps: Distinguishing d–d and p–d character:



Zaanen, Sawatzky, Allen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 55 (1985) 418-421.

The Zaanen-Sawatzky-Allen phase diagram and perovskites



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The transition metal d and anion p levels manifest in Li-battery electrochemistry.



Element position in periodic table

Hayner, Zhao, Kung, Annu. Rev. Chem. Biomolec. Eng. 3 (2012) 445–471.

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The Zaanen-Sawatzky-Allen phase diagram and redox competition







Py = pyrite Ma = marcasite

L = layered



ferromagnetic



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Ideas of Goodenough, Rouxel etc.