

# Special Issue

## Atomic Structure Calculations of Complex Atoms

### Message from the Guest Editor

It is known that actinide atoms and similar (lanthanides, super heavy elements) multivalence atoms and low-Z ions present a significant challenge to atomic structure theories. First of all, multiple-valence electrons lead to complex high-density spectra and strong mixing of configurations, especially in higher excited states. Second, valence electrons interact with the core electrons, and this further complicates matters since it is not sufficient to consider valence electrons in isolation. Third, there are also significant effects of relativity [1], so LS coupling, which helps in classification and calculations of transitions, is not very accurate in many cases. The classification of terms is one important task, and Cowan-code based approaches [2] have been fairly successful. Multiple adjustable parameters have been used to achieve the difference between theory and experiment on the order of tens of inverse cm. However, pure semi-empirical approaches can be deficient, and if the model is not correct, various properties of atoms can be predicted with large deviations [...]

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