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Electronic Mechanism for the Coexistence of Ferroelectricity and Ferromagnetism¹ JAMES GUBERNATIS, CRISTIAN BATISTA, Los Alamos National Laboratory, WEI-GUO YIN, Brookhaven National Laboratory — We study the strong coupling limit of a two-band Hubbard Hamiltonian that also includes an inter-orbital on-site repulsive interaction U_{ab} . When the two bands have opposite parity and are quarter filled, we prove that the ground state is simultaneously ferromagnetic and ferroelectric for infinite intra-orbital Coulomb interactions U_{aa} and U_{bb} . We also show that this coexistence leads to a singular magnetoelectric effect.

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