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**Correlations in Ferropnictides** KLAUS KOEPERNIK, IFW Dresden, Germany, HELMUT ESCHRIG, IFW Dresden, Germany — The strength of correlations in the ferropnictide superconductors is still under debate. While arguments for an electron-electron interaction  $U$  of 5eV have been made, some experimental results support a  $U$  of merely 1eV. Density functional theory in the local spin density approximation (LSDA) seems to describe several aspects of the electronic structure quite reasonably, which would also support a smaller  $U$ . However, the unusually large error of the calculated lattice structure remains a puzzle. We discuss the influence of correlations on the electronic structure and the properties of the ferropnictides in the framework of LSDA+ $U$  calculations.

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