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First-principles study of magnetic properties of Fe-Ni based alloys¹ M. ONOUE, G. TRIMARCHI, A.J. FREEMAN, Northwestern U., Evanston (IL) — Investigations of the magnetic properties of Fe-Ni based alloys are important from the fundamental as well as technological points of view. Furthermore, the magnetization at saturation and Curie temperature ($T_{\rm C}$) of FeNi can be tuned for specific applications by alloying with other metallic species. We have performed electronic structure calculations on Fe-Ni-M alloys, where M are 3d transition metals, to determine how the magnetization depends on the species M and alloy composition. Electronic band structure and total energies are calculated by the Korringa-Kohn-Rostoker method within the coherent-potential-approximation (KKR-CPA). For the KKR-CPA calculations, we use the generalized gradient approximation of the exchange and correlation functional. In the case of Fe_{0.50}Ni_{0.45} $M_{0.05}$ (M=Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, and Co), the early 3d atoms have antiparallel magnetic moments to the Fe or Ni, whereas the late ones, Mn and Co, have a parallel magnetic moment.

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