Advances in bonding and properties of inorganic systems from relativistic calculations in Latin America

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The inclusion of relativistic effects to understand chemical structures and related properties brings to
the scientific community challenging study cases, showing the rich diversity of chemical behavior of
the different elements along the periodic table. The results highlighted here represent applications o
relativistic methodologies to study the nature of bonding and a prediction of optical and magnetic
properties of meaningful chemical entities containing heavy atoms, all made in Latin America. The
good agreement between calculated and experimental observables in many molecular and
cluster-like systems ratifies that relativistic methods are appropriate to describe these entities
realistically. We expect to enhance our knowledge in these methodologies, currently included in
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