

**Supplementary Material: Electronic and magnetic properties of the monolayer
 α -RuCl₃: A first-principles and Monte Carlo study**

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Table I. Calculated relative energy values according to E_{FM} for single layer RuCl₃ with and without SOC in meV/atom.

	FM	NM	Neel	Stripy	Zigzag
E _{rel}	0	25.6	20.0	8.1	6.9
E _{rel} ^{SOC}	0	20.6	18.1	6.3	5.0

Table II. Calculated exchange interaction parameters J₁, J₂, J₃ for single layer RuCl₃ with and without SOC.

	J ₁ (meV)	J ₂ (meV)	J ₃ (meV)
w/o SOC	10.69	-1.26	2.54
w/ SOC	9.71	-1.59	2.19

Table III. Magneto-crystalline anisotropy energies for FM configuration of single RuCl₃ using GGA+SOC

out of plane
E[100] - E[001] = -18.88 meV
in-plane
E[100] - E[010] = 61 μ eV

Table IV. Orbital magnetic moment per Ru atom (μ_B /atom) in single layer RuCl₃ for different magnetization directions

	[001]	[010]	[100]	[110]	[011]	[101]	[111]
μ_l	0.833	0.825	0.825	0.825	0.829	0.828	0.827

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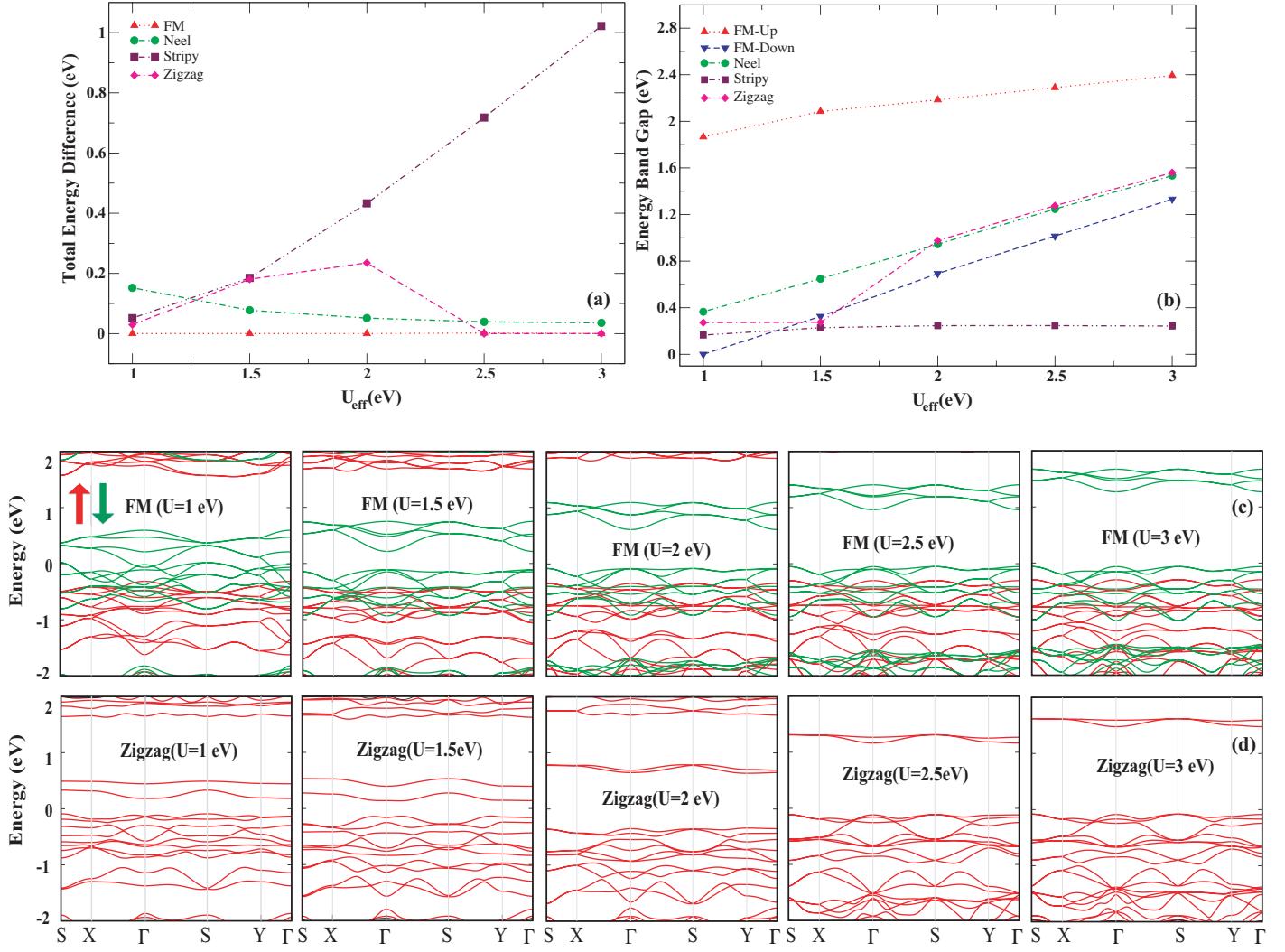


Figure 1. (Color online)(a) Relative energy difference for each configuration with respect to U_{eff} . (b) Calculated energy band gap values of all magnetic configurations as a function of U_{eff} . (c)-(d) The effect of on-site Coulomb interaction on the electronic structure of single layer RuCl_3 in FM and Zigzag magnetic order, respectively.