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Abstract

We investigate the electronic and magnetic properties of Fe-doped (Fe_{Sb}) and defect complex ($\text{Fe}_{\text{Sb}} + \text{V}_{\text{Sb}}$) tuned antimonene systems. Our calculations showed that the method of generalized gradient approximation with on-site Coulomb repulsion (GGA+ U) obtained a larger magnetic moment in the two defect systems than that of generalized gradient approximation (GGA). When the spin-orbit couplings (SOC) effects were turned on, the Fe-doped system transforms from a narrow band-gap semiconductor to a semi-metallic material by the scheme of GGA+ U . Moreover, the concurrence of strong orbital hybridization (p - d) and spin-orbit interaction lead to a significant spin splitting around the Fermi level. Especially, stable room temperature ferromagnetism (RTFM) is obtained in Fe-doped systems. However, the system presents anti-ferromagnetism (AFM) order when two intrinsic vacancies (V_{Sb}) are introduced into the Fe-doped systems, which is not conducive to Fe-doped antimonene materials applied in spintronics devices. Comparing with pure antimonene, the relatively flat impurity band indicates lower carrier mobility in $\text{Fe}_{\text{Sb}} + \text{V}_{\text{Sb}}$ system. Hence, in Fe-doped antimonene materials, the intrinsic vacancies should

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