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## Highlights

- The band gap of pristine armchair silicene nanoribbons (ASiNR) is tuned by introducing defect.
- Defective ASiNR is suitable as an ideal sensor for NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and NO gas molecules.
- NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and NO behave as electron-donating gases, donating electronic charge to ASiNR.
- Electronic and transport properties of ASiNR-molecule complexes are studied.

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