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## Abstract

Transition metal trichalcogenides (TMTs), a family of van der Waals materials, have gained increasing interests from the discovery of magnetism in few-layer forms. Although TMTs with 3d transition metal elements have been studied extensively, much less is explored for the 4d and 5d cases, where the interesting interplay between electron correlations and the relativistic spin-orbit coupling is expected. Using *ab initio* calculations, we here investigate the electronic property of TMTs with 4d and 5d transition metal elements. We show that the band structures exhibit multiple node-like features near the Fermi level. These are the remnant of multiple Dirac cones that were recently discovered in the monolayer cases. Our results indicate that the peculiar two-dimensional multiple Dirac cones are concealed even in the layered bulk systems.

*Keywords:* van der Waals material, transition metal trichalcogenide, electronic band structure, spin-orbit coupling, Dirac electrons

## 1. Introduction

Magnetism in van der Waals (vdW) materials has drawn considerable attention owing to the possibility of two-dimensional magnetism in the quasi-twodimensional structures. Amongst others transition metal trichalcogenides (TMTs), which have a layered structure of the honeycomb network of TM cations, have intensively studied as a promising candidate. Indeed, a variety of magnetic states were discovered in the bulk form of 3*d* TMTs, such as ferromagnetic, Néel, and zigzag antiferromagnetic states [1, 2, 3], and very recently, even in the atomicallythin form [4, 5, 6]. From the theoretical point of view, previous *ab initio* studies suggested the importance of strong electron correlations of 3*d* electrons in the

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