

Magnetic properties of 3d, 4d, and 5d transition-metal atomic monolayers in Fe/TM/Fe sandwiches: Systematic first-principles study

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Previous studies have accurately determined the effect of transition metal point defects on the properties of bcc iron [1-2] and the magnetic properties of transition metal monolayers on the iron surface have been studied equally intensively. In this work, we investigated the magnetic properties of the 3d, 4d, and 5d transition-metal (TM) atomic monolayers in Fe/TM/Fe sandwiches using the FPLO (full-potential local-orbital) scheme of density functional theory [3]. We prepared models of Fe/TM/Fe structures using the supercell method [4]. We selected the thickness of the layer such that the atomic Fe layers furthest from the TM layer exhibit the properties of bulk iron-bcc. Perpendicular to the plane of the layer, we observe charge and spin density waves in iron-bcc. We determined the values and orientation of the magnetic moments in the TM atomic layers. Furthermore, we investigate the dependence of those layers on a magnetocrystalline anisotropy energy.

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