AB INITIO SIMULATIONS ON PERFECT AND DEFECTIVE INORGANIC NANOTUBES AND NANOWIRES

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Inorganic nanotubes (NTs) and nanowires (NWs) are technologically important 1D nanomaterials. We consider results of theoretical simulations on BN, TiO₂ and SrTiO₃ nanostructures [1-6]. For *ab initio* calculations on single-wall (SW) and double-wall (DW) boron nitride [1,2] and titania [1-3] nanotubes as well as on SW strontium titanate NTs [4], we have applied the formalism of line symmetry groups describing one-periodic (1D) nanostructures with rotohelical symmetry. The NW symmetry is defined by both the structure of the prototype bulk crystal and the direction of the one-dimensional crystallographic translation periodicity within the formalism of 1D nanostructures can certainly promote the appearance of point defects: native vacancies or antisites as well as substitutional impurities. These and other types of irregularities may occur in inorganic nanostructures as a result of the growth process or intentionally induced to modify their properties (example of simulation on defective BN NTs was considered in Ref. [6]). Using hybrid exchange-correlation functional PBE0 within the density functional theory [7] we have performed large-scale calculations on prefect and defective 1D nanostructures enumerated above.

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