Computational Design of Quantum Defects in Low-Dimensional Semiconductors

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2D materials are known to host intriguing electronic properties and thus offer a fascinating platform for quantum photonics. In particular, 2D materials have been shown to host single-photon emitters (SPE). It is therefore vital to investigate the influence of defects within different host materials which are much easier to create and control in monolayers compared to bulk systems. Based on the computational 2D materials database (C2DB) [1] we first perform a computational screening for intrinsic point defects of stable theoretically predicted and experimentally known low-dimensional semiconductors. We will present a tool within the atomic simulation environment (ASE) [2] to automatically identify intrinsic point defects for given structures and calculate properties like formation energies, charge transition levels, and more to pave the way towards creating a database of intrinsic defects in 2D semiconductors.

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Figures



Figure 1: Mo substitutional defect in 2H-MoS₂ monolayer