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Incapsulation of "armchair "-type nanotubes by the Fe atoms chains

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Structural, electronic and magnetic properties of " armchair " nanotubes (NT), encapsulated by the chain of Fe atoms have been investigated. Electronic and magnetic properties have been calculated within the density functional theory and pseudopotential method (package VASP [1]).

We have considered the three options for encapsulating the NT of Fe atoms: 1) one Fe atom per NT unit cell; 2) 1.5 Fe atoms per NT unit cell; 3) 2 Fe atoms per NT unit cell. The results of self-consistent calculations are shown in the table.

Table. Structural parameters, electronic and magnetic properties of "armchair" NT, encapsulated by the chain of Fe atoms.

(n,n)	V	N _C	N _{Fe}	R	m ₁	m ₂	m ₃	U ₁	U ₂	U ₃	E _b
(4,4)	1	32	2	2,78	2,75	2,75		0,61	0,61		+0,248
	2	32	3	2,28	-2,24	-1,46	0,81	0,968	1,016	0,982	+0,289
	3	16	2	2,78	-0,15	2,17		1,101	0,892		+0,333
(5,5)	1	40	2	3,44	3,16	3,16		0,25	0,25		+0,081
	2	40	3	3,44	2,81	2,63	3,10	0,989	1,267	0,03	-0,194
	3	20	2	3,44	2,63	2,63		1,07	1,07		-0,057
(6,6)	1	48	2	4,12	3,09	3,10		0,016	0,018		-0,027
	2	48	3	4,12	3,01	2,62	2,85	0,262	1,820	0,358	-0,156
	3	24	2	4,12	2,87	2,87		0,945	0,945		+0,029
(7,7)	1	56	2	4,79	3,08	3,09		0,005	0,005		-0,037
	2	56	3	4,79	2,99	3,01	2,98	0,775	1,133	0,800	-0,017
	3	28	2	4,79	2,87	2,87		0,947	0,947		-0,021
(8,8)	1	64	2	5,47	3,08	3,08		0,0	0,0		-0,027
	2	64	3	5,47	2,977	2,98	2,87	0,818	1,077	0,820	-0,024
	3	32	2	5,47	2,87	2,87		0,951	0,951		-0,021

Note: N_C, N_{Fe} - the number of carbon and iron atoms in the cell; R - average optimized radius of NT, encapsulated by the iron chain, Å; m_i – magnetic moment per atom of Fe (i), μ_B; U_i - deviation of Fe (i) atom from NT axis, Å; E_b - the binding energy per atom of the metal, eV.

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