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By means of density functional theory (DFT), we present *ab-initio* calculation of T(T: Cr, Mo, W, Mn and Fe) vacancy-interstitial complexes ($T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{nGe}}I_{\text{T}}$), for $n = 1, 2$ and 3) in Ge. The projector augmented wave (PAW) pseudopotentials within the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) was used for all the calculations. The structural properties and formation energies of $T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{nGe}}I_{\text{T}}$ for the neutral charge state were obtained.

Our results show that

under favourable energetic condition, vacancy-interstitial complex $T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{nGe}}I_{\text{T}}$ will form with low formation energy. The formation energy show that the $T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{nGe}}I_{\text{T}}$ is more energetically favourable for $n = 1$ and 2 than $n = 3$. The stability of the vacancy-interstitial complexes were

obtained from their binding energies. For all T, the binding energies of the $T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{Ge}}I_{\text{T}}$ are positive and stable. Except for the W and Mo, for the $T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{2Ge}}I_{\text{T}}$ and $T_{\text{Ge}}-V_{\text{3Ge}}I_{\text{T}}$ the binding energies for T are negative and the defect complexes are likely to dissociate into smaller fragments.

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