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Itinerant ferromagnetism in the oxygen-deficient EuTiO_3 : A first-principles investigation¹ HAI-XIA CAO, HAI-SHUANG LU, TIAN-YI CAI, SHENG JU, Department of Physics, Soochow University — Effects of oxygen vacancy on the electronic structure and magnetism in the quantum paraelectric EuTiO_3 were investigated from first-principles. In contrast to antiferromagnetism in the pristine EuTiO_3 , itinerant ferromagnetism was revealed in the oxygen-deficient EuTiO_3 . The origin lies in the spin-polarized Ti $3d$ states, which mediate a ferromagnetic exchange interaction between almost localized Eu $4f$ spins. In addition, this ferromagnetic exchange coupling was strengthened via the partial occupation of Eu $5d$ states. These findings not only explain the observation of ferromagnetism in the unstrained EuTiO_3 thin films, but also demonstrate the potential application of EuTiO_3 in magnetoelectronics.

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