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# Origin of exotic ferromagnetic behavior in exfoliated layered transition metal dichalcogenides MoS<sub>2</sub> and WS<sub>2</sub>

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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**Figure SI-1.** SEM images of bulk TMDs before chemical exfoliation (left), after the chemical exfoliation with butyllithium (center) and after the chemical exfoliation with sodium naphtalenide (right). Scale bars correspond to  $5 \mu m$ .

**Table SI-1.** The results of deconvolution of high resolution XPS spectra of Mo 3d and W 4f peak in bulk MoS<sub>2</sub> and WS<sub>2</sub> used for exfoliation procedure.

Sample	1T (at. %)	2H (at. %)	M <sup>6+</sup> (at. %)
$MoS_2$ Bulk	1.8	89.8	8.4
WS <sub>2</sub> Bulk	-	89.7	10.3



Figure SI-2. XRD patterns of  $MoS_2$  and  $WS_2$  exfoliated with BuLi and NAPH..



Figure SI-3. Raman spectra in the low frequency region. Pink regions  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$  and  $J_3$  show vibrational modes present in 1T phase TMDs modifications.



Figure SI-4. High resolution XPS spectra of S 2p in  $MoS_2$  and  $WS_2$  exfoliated with butyllithium and sodium naphtalenide.

**Table SI-2.** The composition obtained from survey spectra analysis of exfoliated TMDs. The Au 4d peak originates from the sample holder and C 1s and O 1s peak from the surface contamination.

Sample	0 1s	C 1s	Mo 3d	W 4f	S 2p	Au 4d	Chalcogen to metal ratio
	(at. %)						
WS <sub>2</sub> BuLi	3.4	33.4	-	13.6	37.8	11.9	2.78
WS <sub>2</sub> NAPH	20.3	29.7	-	13	32	5.1	2.46
MoS <sub>2</sub> BuLi	9.2	33.2	17.3	12	39.1	1.1	2.27
MoS <sub>2</sub> NAPH	16.4	42.2	9.7	-	18.5	13.2	1.9



Figure SI-6. The wrinkled structure observed on the edges of  $MoS_2$  sheets exfoliated with butyllithium and sodium naphtalenide and  $WS_2$  sheets exfoliated with sodium naphtalenide.



Figure SI-5. The survey spectra of  $MoS_2$  and  $WS_2$  exfoliated with butyllithium and sodium naphtalenide.



**Figure SI-7.** The TEM image of  $MoS_2$  and  $WS_2$  exfoliated with butyllithium and sodium naphtalenide, respectively. The insert is SAED corresponding to the red marked area. The scale bar of SAED image corresponds to 5 nm<sup>-1</sup>.

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Figure SI-8. Room temperature magnetization measurement for bulk  $\mbox{MoS}_2$  and  $\mbox{WS}_2$  used for exfoliation.



Figure SI-7. The magnetization of bulk  $MoS_2$  and  $WS_2$  measured at 2 K.