

## Supporting Information for

# Structural stability and magnetic exchange coupling in Mn-doped monolayer/bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub>

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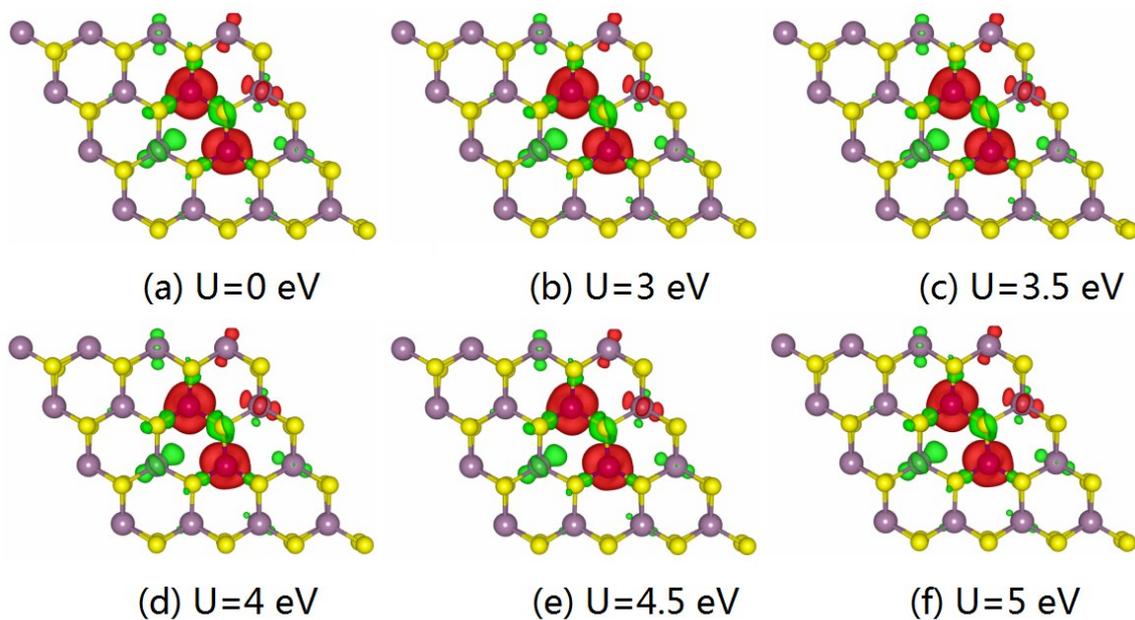
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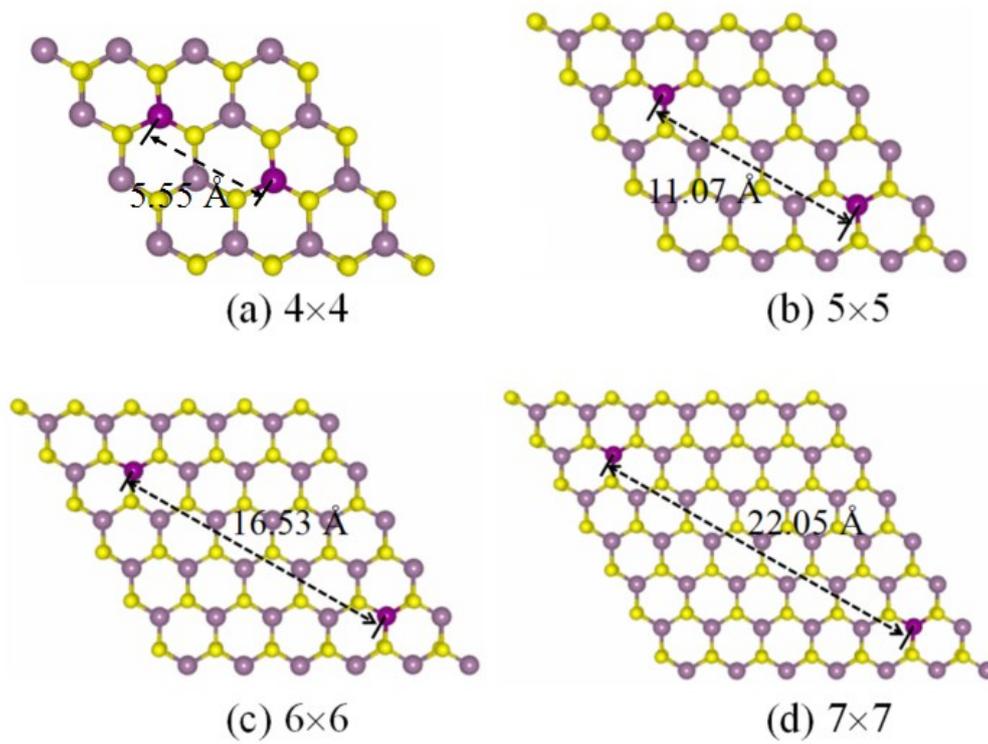
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**Table S1** A summary of the results of the optimized structures of Mn-doped monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> in five doping configurations. The bond length of Mn-S ( $L_{\text{Mn-S}}$ ) and Mn-Mo ( $L_{\text{Mn-Mo}}$ ), the total magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{tot}}$ ) and local magnetic moment of the Mn dopant ( $\mu_{\text{Mn}}$ ) in the optimized structure.

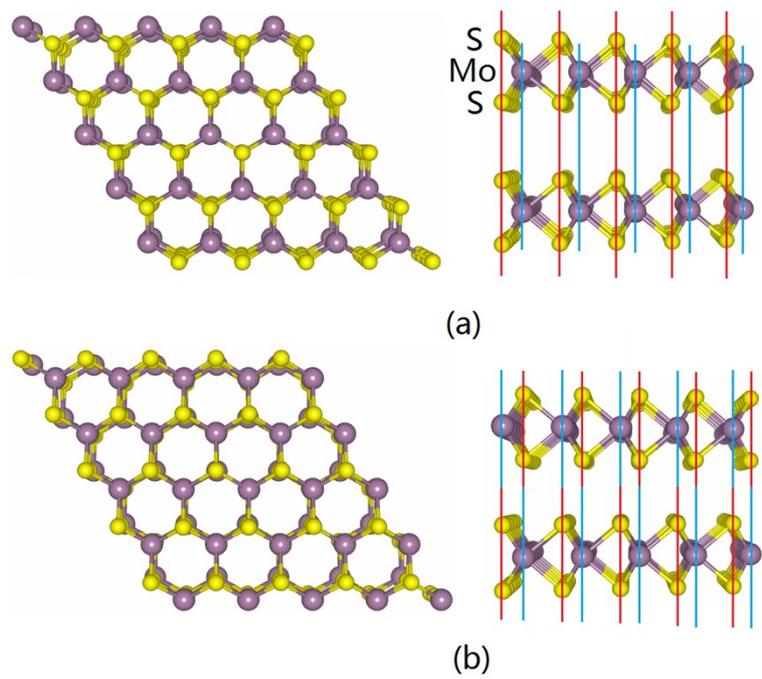
Configuration	$L_{\text{Mn-S}}$ (Å)	$L_{\text{Mn-Mo}}$ (Å)	$\mu_{\text{tot}}$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}}$ )	$\mu_{\text{Mn}}$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}}$ )
A <sub>Mo</sub>	2.391	3.119	5.00	4.0
A <sub>S</sub>	2.316	4.395	5.08	4.31
A <sub>H</sub>	2.157	3.088	3.00	3.04
Mn <sub>Mo</sub>	2.311	3.109	1.00	1.04
Mn <sub>S</sub>	3.109	2.624	3.00	3.62



**Fig. S1.** Spin-density isosurface distributions of Mn-doped monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> with the 2Mn<sub>M0</sub> configuration at (a)  $U=0$  eV, (b)  $U=3$  eV, (c) 3.5 eV, (d) 4 eV, (e) 4.5 eV, and (f) 5 eV. The red and green isosurfaces represent the positive and negative spin densities, respectively. The isosurface value is  $0.003 e/\text{\AA}^3$ .



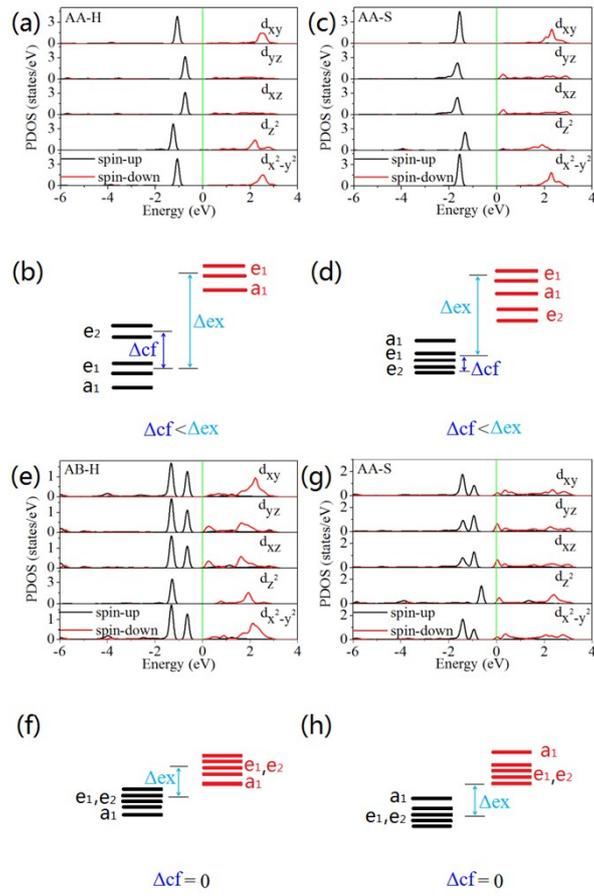
**Fig. S2.** Atomic models of Mn-doped monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> with the 2Mn<sub>Mo</sub> configuration in (a)  $4 \times 4$ , (b)  $5 \times 5$ , (c)  $6 \times 6$ , and (d)  $7 \times 7$  supercell.



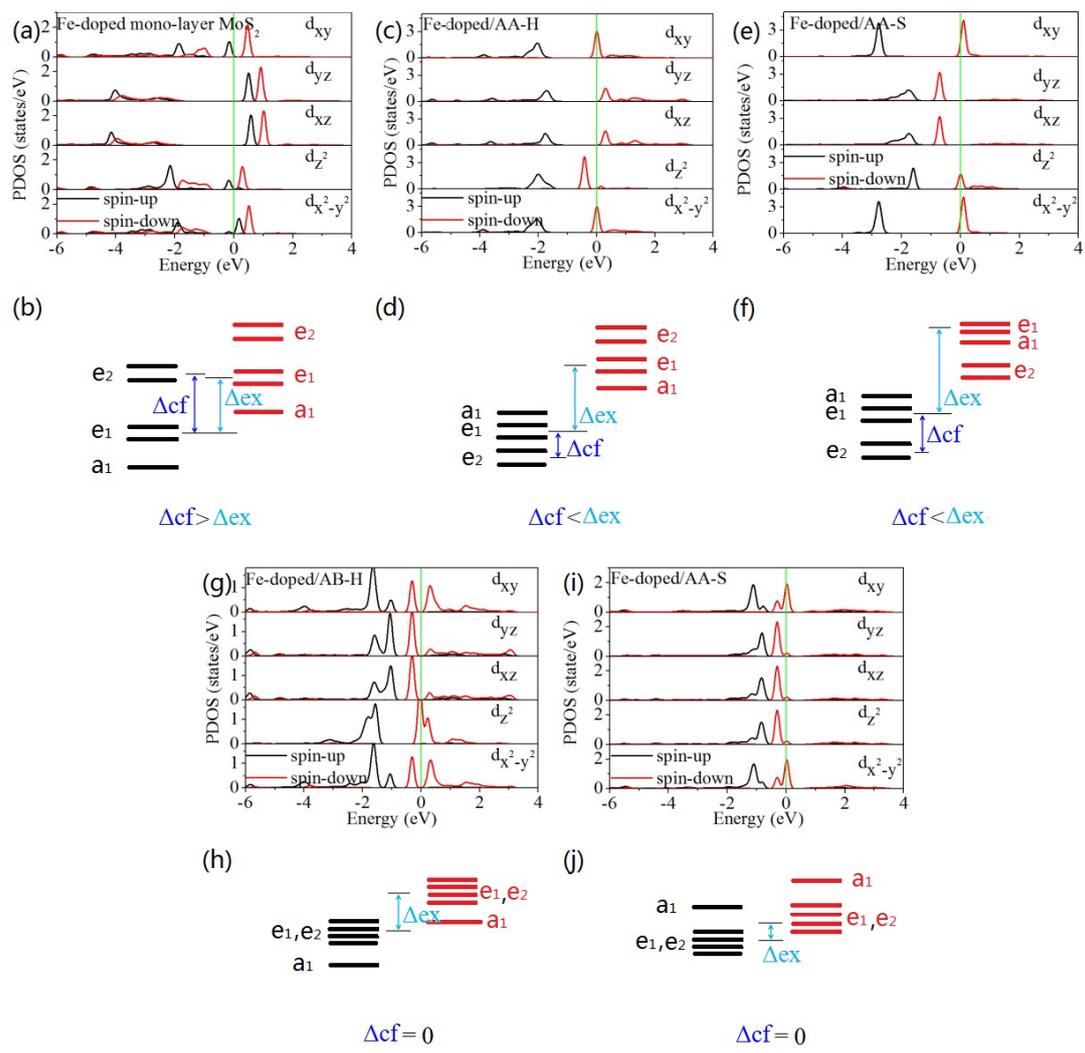
**Fig. S3.** Top and side views of the (a) AA and (b) AB configurations of the bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub>.

**Table S2** Summary of the results of the optimized structures of the single transition metal (Cr, Mn, Fe, and Co) doping in bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub> with the AA and AB configurations. The interlayer distance (d), bond length of Mn-S ( $L_{\text{Mn-S}}$ ), the total magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{tot}}$ ) and local magnetic moment of the transition metal dopant ( $\mu_{\text{TM}}$ ) in the optimized structure.

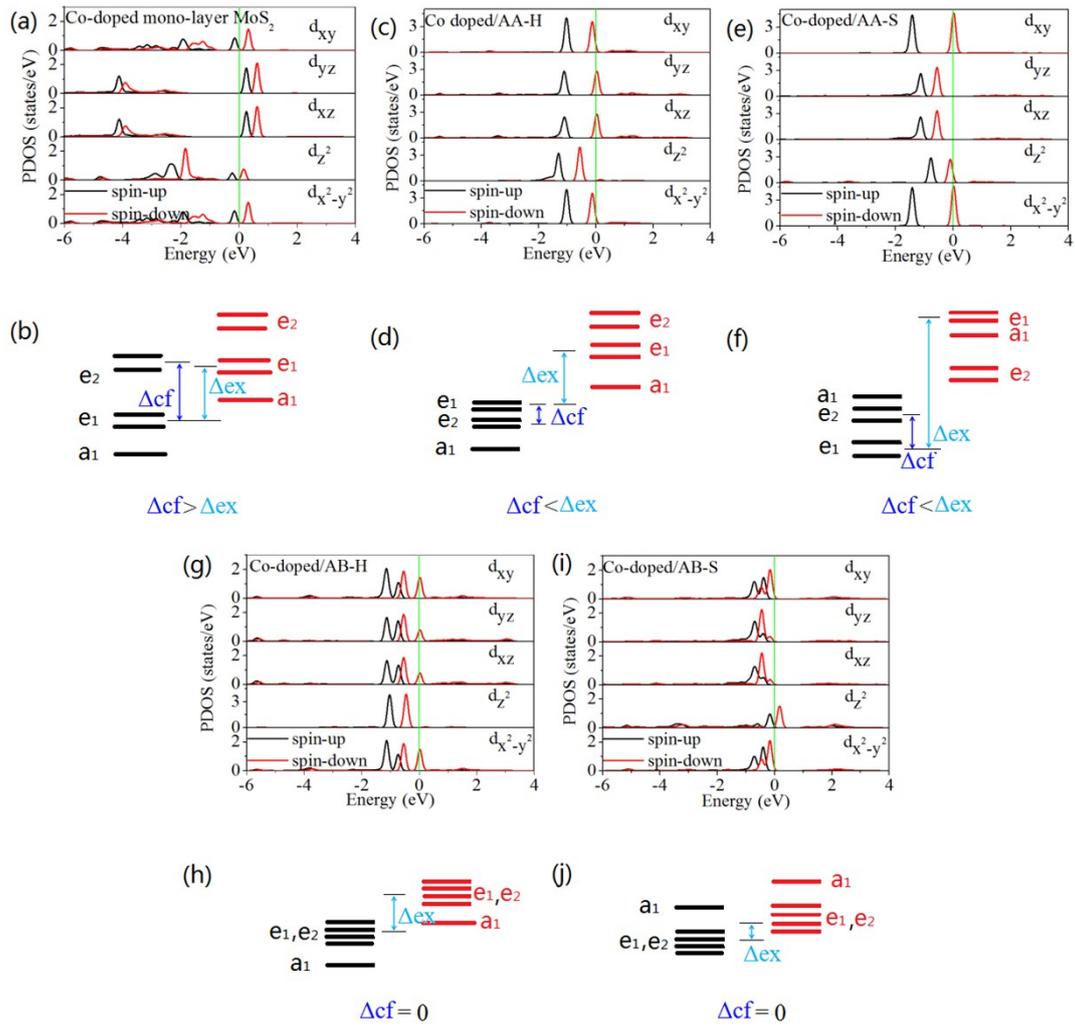
		d (Å)	$L_{\text{TM-S}}$ (Å)	$\mu_{\text{tot}}$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}}$ )	$\mu_{\text{TM}}$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}}$ )		
Bilayer MoS <sub>2</sub>	AA	Cr	3.663	2.574	5.82	4.05	
		H	Mn	3.665	2.563	5.07	4.05
			Fe	3.631	2.521	3.55	2.89
			Co	3.588	2.482	1.16	1.40
	S	Cr	3.866	2.233	5.06	4.16	
		Mn	3.872	2.113	3.03	3.20	
		Fe	3.826	2.085	2.10	2.45	
		Co	3.785	2.037	1.00	1.22	
	AB	H	Cr	3.124	2.439	5.44	3.77
			Mn	3.112	2.421	3.87	3.59
			Fe	3.100	2.383	2.34	2.34
			Co	3.074	2.355	1.02	1.04
		S	Cr	3.252	2.204, 2.257	4.02	3.21
			Mn	3.121	2.155, 2.220	3.00	2.83
			Fe	3.099	2.114, 2.162	2.00	1.64
			Co	3.087	2.097, 2.127	0.99	0.56



**Fig. S4.** Orbital decomposed density of states and the splitting of Cr 3d orbitals for single Cr dopant at the different sites in the bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S5.** Orbital decomposed density of states and the splitting of Fe 3d orbitals for single Fe dopant at the different sites in the monolayer and bilayer  $\text{MoS}_2$ .



**Fig. S6.** Orbital decomposed density of states and the splitting of Co 3d orbitals for single Co dopant at the different sites in the monolayer and bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub>.