

## Supplementary Information

# Superior Electronic Structure of Two-Dimensional 3d Transition-Metal Dicarbides: Toward Spintronics

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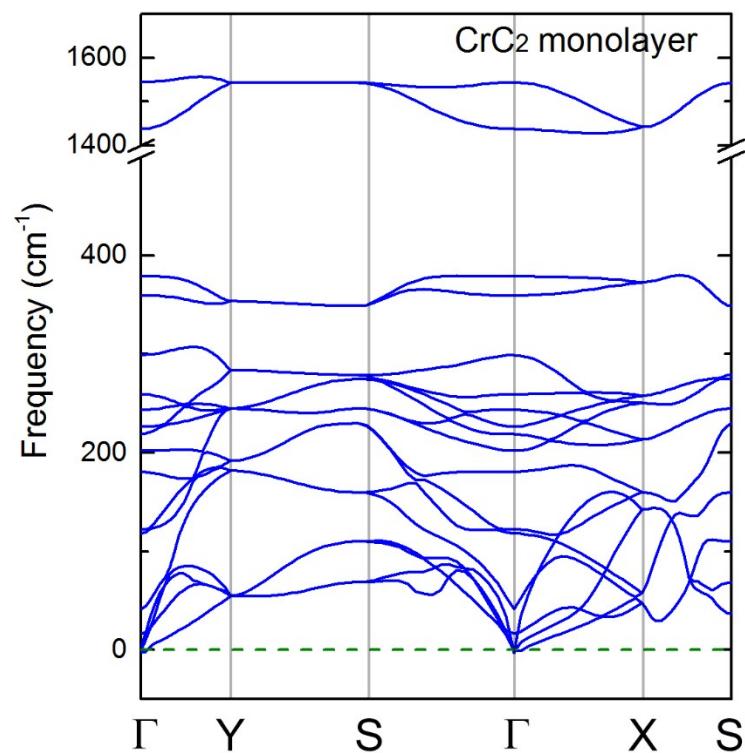
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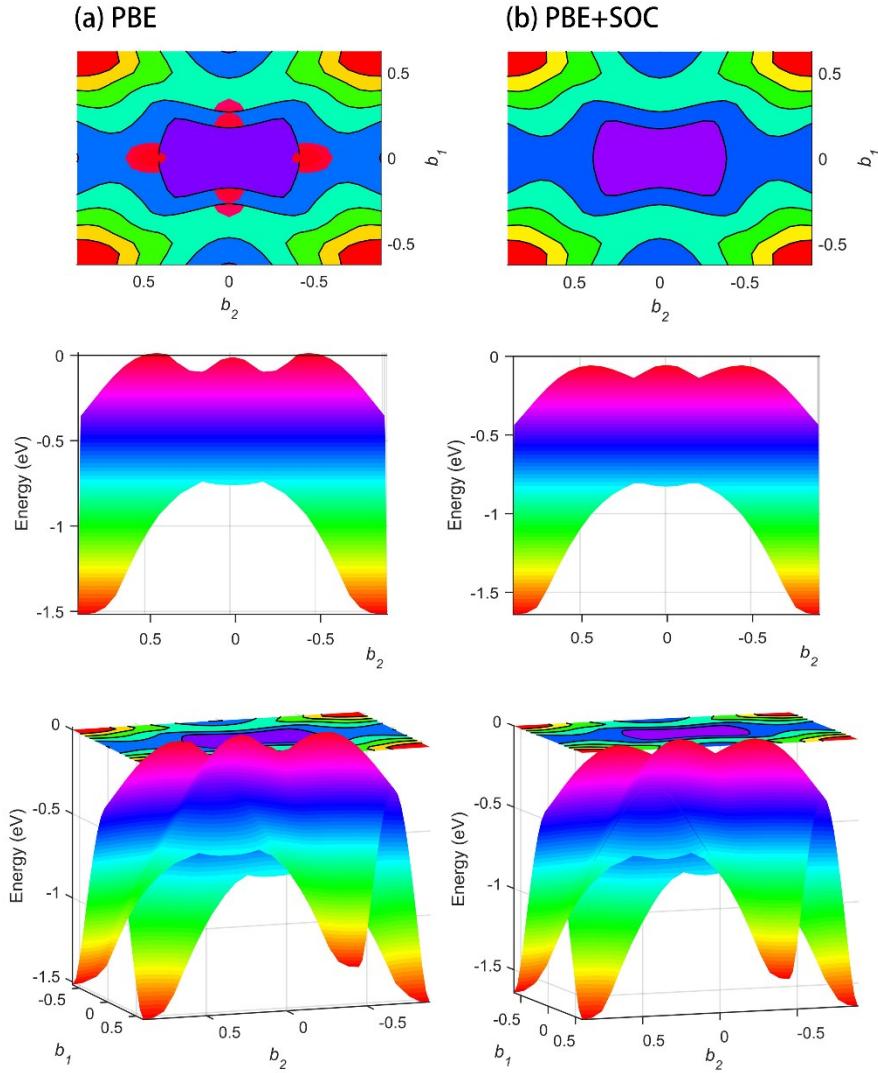
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**Table S1.** The calculated lattice constant ( $\text{\AA}$ ), bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ ), thickness  $h$  ( $\text{\AA}$ ), binding energy  $E_b$  (eV), charge transfer (e) between TM and C, and magnetic moments ( $\mu_B$ ) of  $\text{MC}_2$  monolayer.

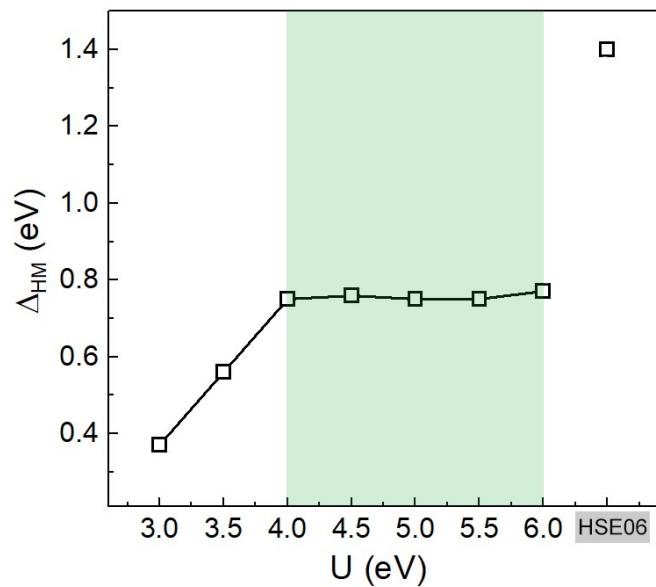
		$\text{ScC}_2$	$\text{TiC}_2$	$\text{VC}_2$	$\text{CrC}_2$	$\text{MnC}_2$	$\text{FeC}_2$	$\text{CoC}_2$	$\text{NiC}_2$	$\text{CuC}_2$	$\text{ZnC}_2$
Lattice constant	$a$	5.46	5.05	4.75	5.03	5.04	5.01	4.96	4.67	4.98	5.18
	$b$	3.69	3.48	3.22	3.52	3.53	3.45	3.68	3.18	3.42	3.60
bond I	C-C	1.29	1.32	1.34	1.26	1.26	1.27	1.26	1.31	1.28	1.25
bond II	TM-C( $x$ )	2.26	2.10	1.96	2.12	2.13	2.09	2.11	1.82	1.86	1.96
bond III	TM-C( $y$ )	2.41	2.25	2.16	2.47	2.43	2.40	2.38	2.13	2.29	2.39
$h$		2.29	2.24	2.24	2.27	2.28	2.25	2.15	1.96	1.61	2.06
$E_b$		6.31	6.83	6.71	6.55	6.39	6.22	5.81	6.12	6.29	6.45
Charge transfer	TM	-1.70	-1.64	-1.42	-1.22	-1.26	-1.18	-1.06	-0.72	-0.64	-0.50
	C	+0.85	+0.82	+0.71	+0.61	+0.63	+0.59	+0.53	+0.36	+0.32	+0.25
Magnetic moments	TM			1.24	3.83	3.25	3.73	2.69	1.16		
	C			0.04	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.09		



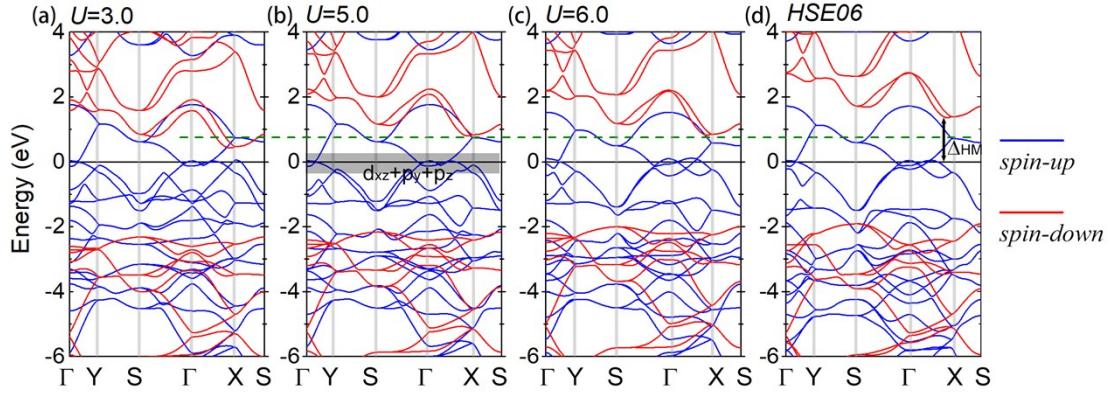
**Fig. S1.** Phonon bands of monolayer CrC<sub>2</sub> in Brillouin zone.



**Fig. S2.** 3D band structure of monolayer CrC<sub>2</sub> near Fermi level by (a) PBE and (b) PBE+U.

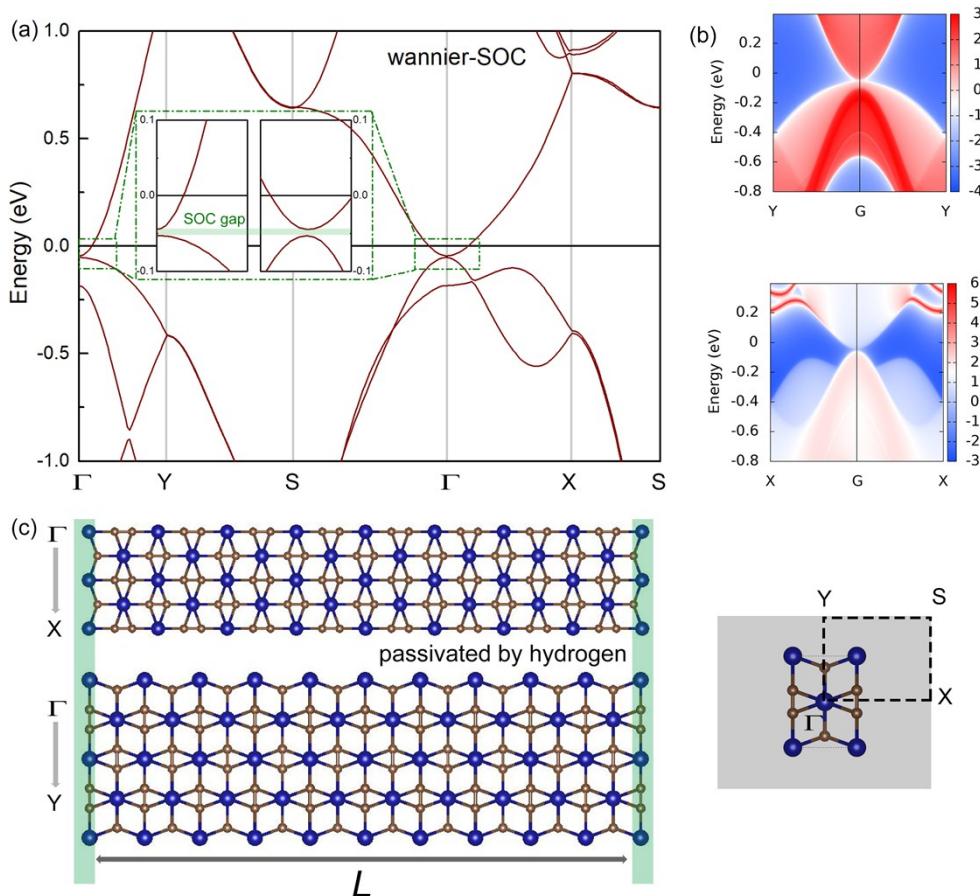


**Fig. S3.** The energy of CBM in spin-down channel ( $\Delta_{\text{HM}}$ ) as a function of  $U$  value for half-metallic  $\text{CrC}_2$ .

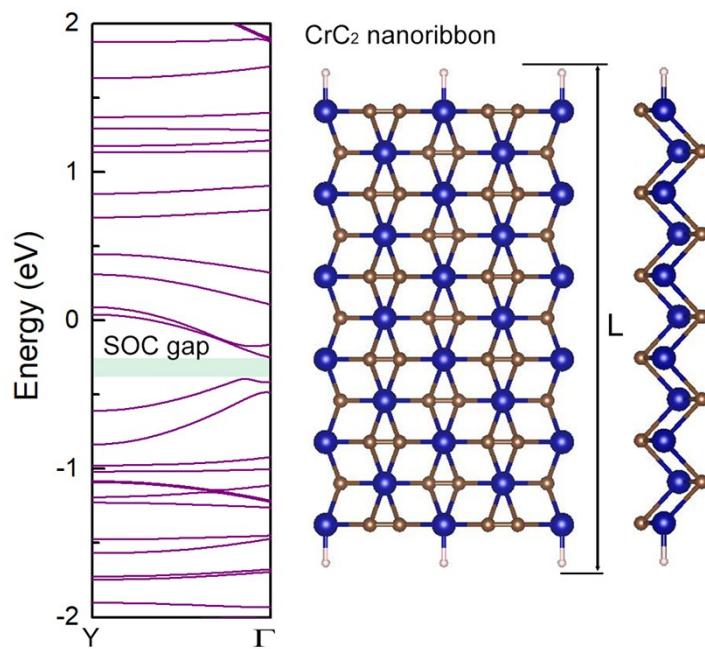


**Fig. S4.** Band structure of  $\text{CrC}_2$  monolayer for different  $U$  values and HSE06 method.

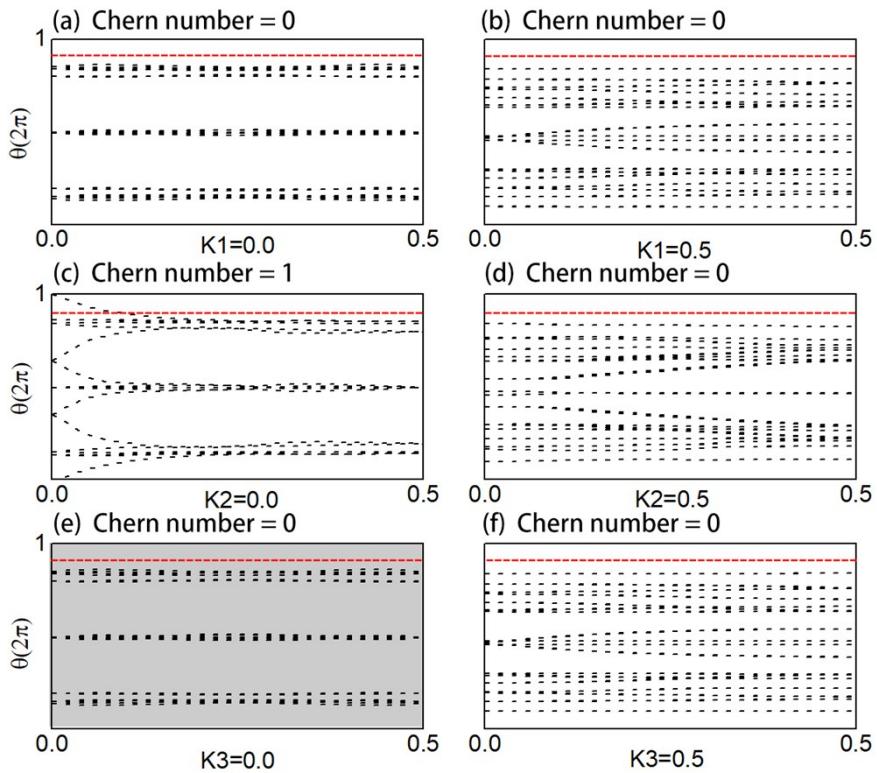
(a)  $U = 3.0$  eV, (b)  $U = 5.0$  eV, (c)  $U = 6.0$  eV, (d) HSE06. The horizontal dashed green line is drawn to guide the eyes. Here, all the structures are relaxed with the different Hubbard  $U$  values.



**Fig. S5.** Band structure of  $\text{CrC}_2$  calculated using the MLWFs method with SOC. (b) The chiral edge states of the  $\text{CrC}_2$  lattice. (c) Schematic models of the related edge states along  $\Gamma\text{-}X$  and  $\Gamma\text{-}Y$  directions in Brillouin zone.



**Fig. S6.** Calculated electronic band structures of  $\text{CrC}_2$  nanoribbon along  $\Gamma$ -Y direction in Brillouin zone with SOC. The Fermi energy is set to 0 eV.



**Fig. S7.** The evolution lines of Wannier centers of CrC<sub>2</sub> for (a) K1=0.0, (b) K1=0.5, (c) K2=0.0, (d) K2=0.5, (e) K3=0.0, and (f) K3=0.5 planes.