

## Supporting information for

### Designing molecular rectifiers and spin valves using metallocene-functionalized undecanethiolates: one transition metal atom matters

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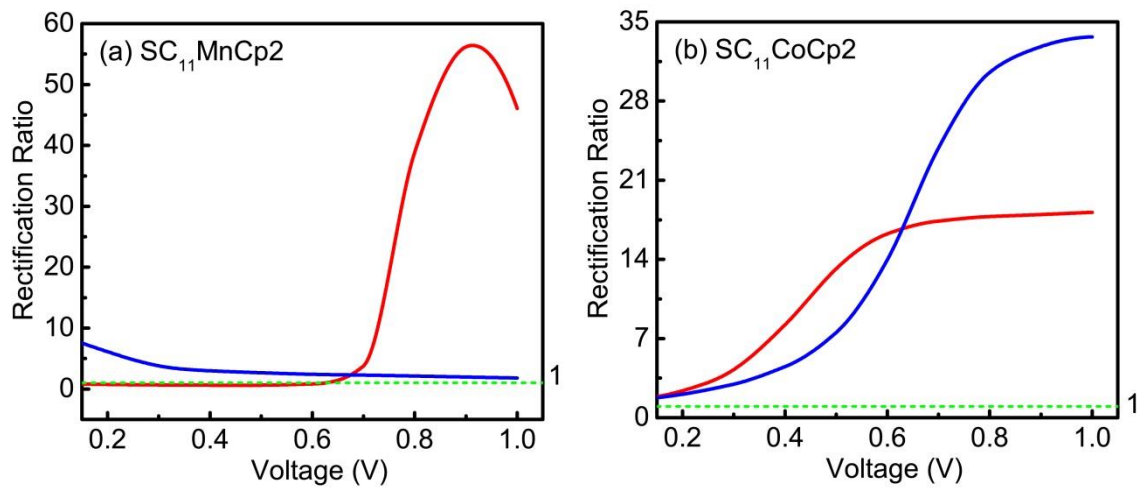
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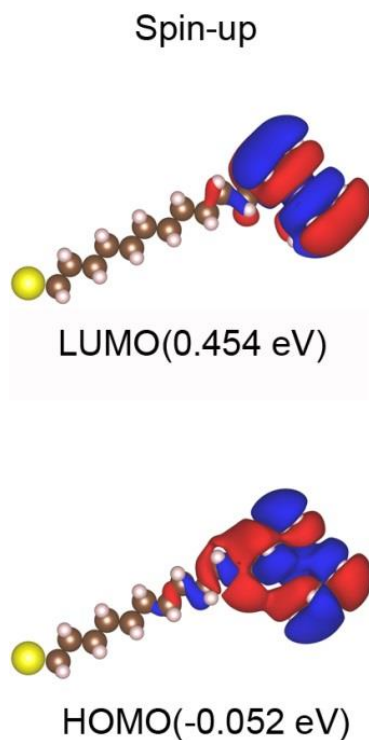
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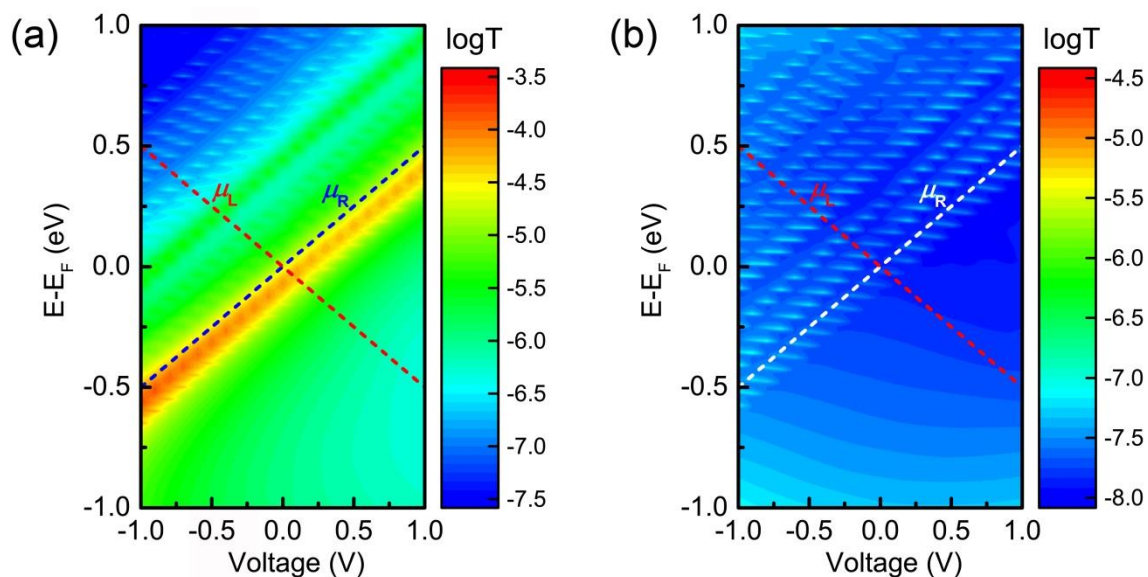
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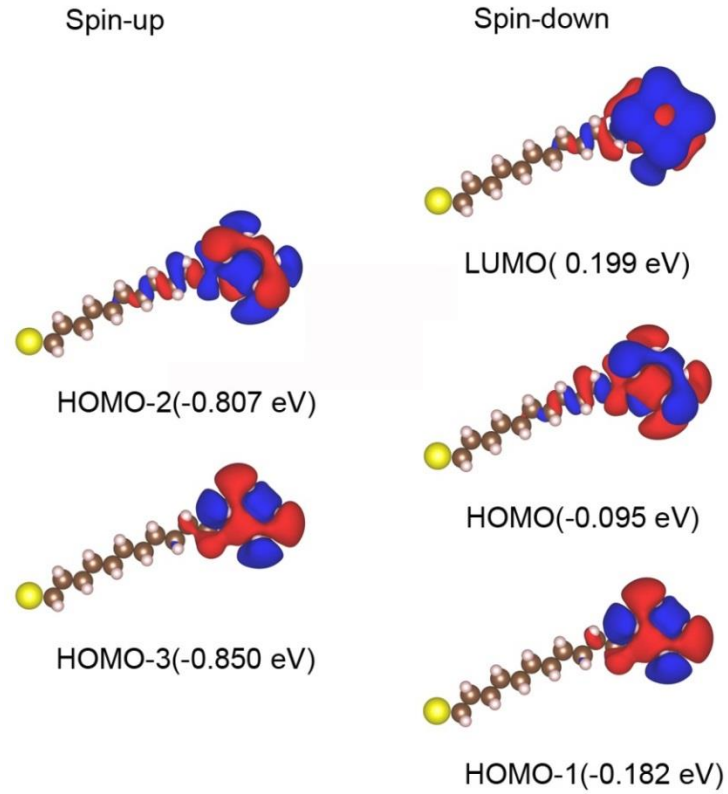
**Figure S1.** Spin-resolved rectification ratios of the spin-up current-voltage curve (red line) and spin-down current-voltage curve (blue line) for (a)  $SC_{11}MnCp2$  junction and (b)  $SC_{11}CoCp2$  junction.



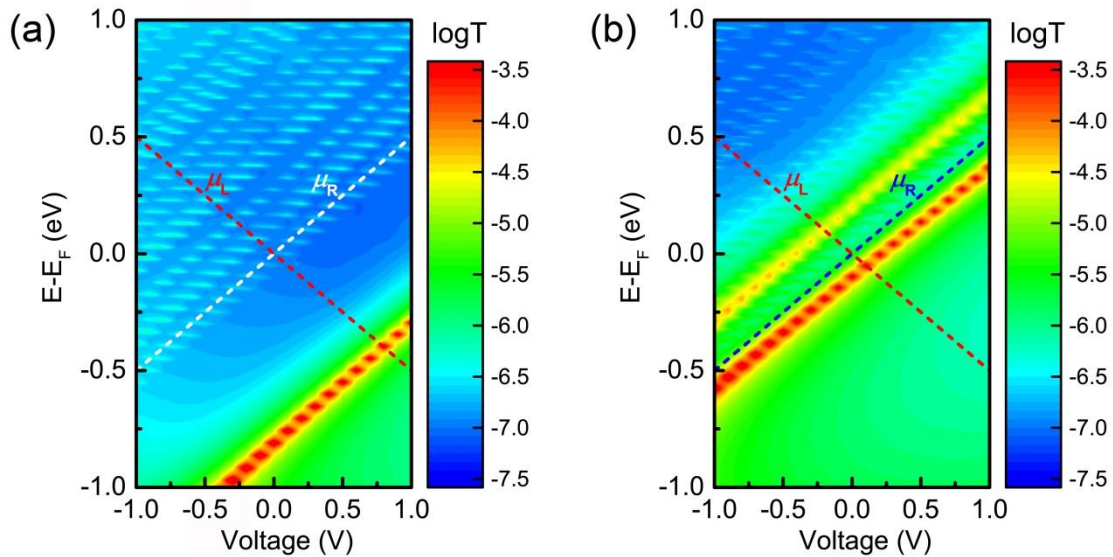
**Figure S2.** Spatial distributions of frontier MPSH molecular orbitals at zero bias voltage for  $\text{SC}_{11}\text{CrCp2}$  junction (the isovalue is 0.002).



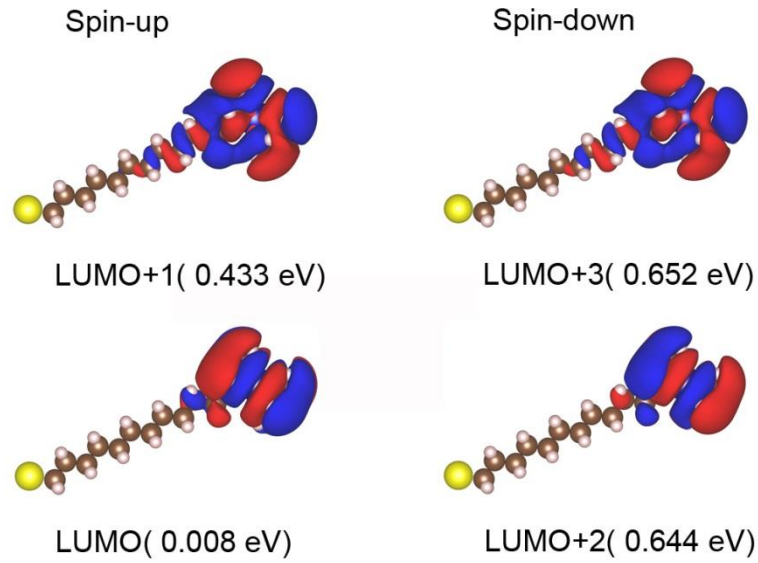
**Figure S3.** (a) Spin-up and (b) spin-down electronic transmission spectra in logarithmic scale at different bias voltages for  $\text{SC}_{11}\text{CrCp2}$  junction. The dashed lines indicate the chemical potentials of the electrodes, and the energy range between them is the bias window.



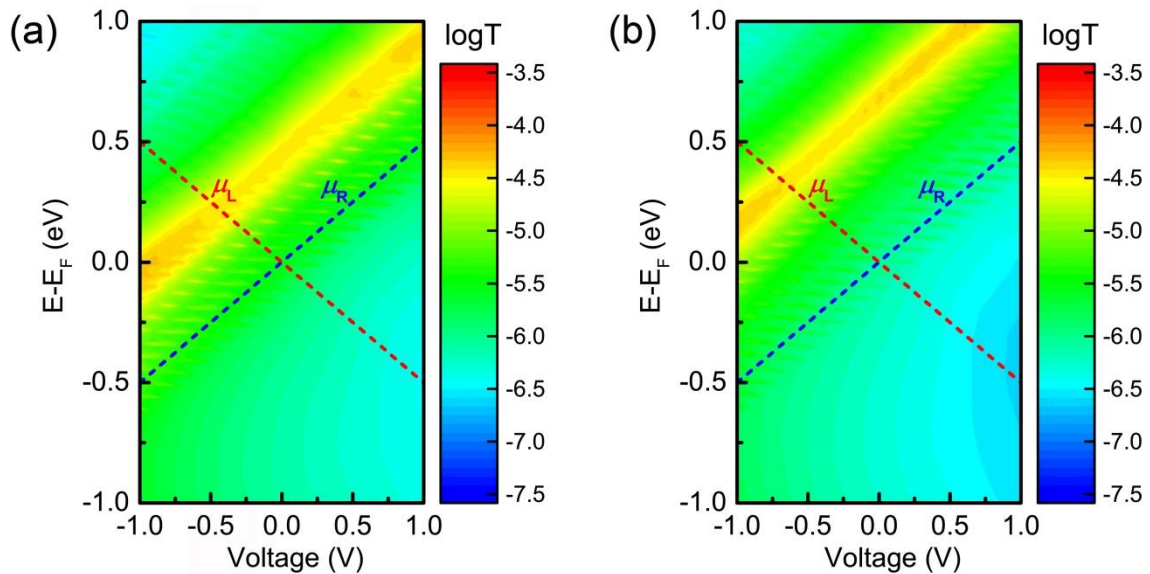
**Figure S4.** Spatial distributions of frontier MPSH molecular orbitals at zero bias voltage for  $SC_{11}MnCp_2$  junction (the isovalue is 0.002).



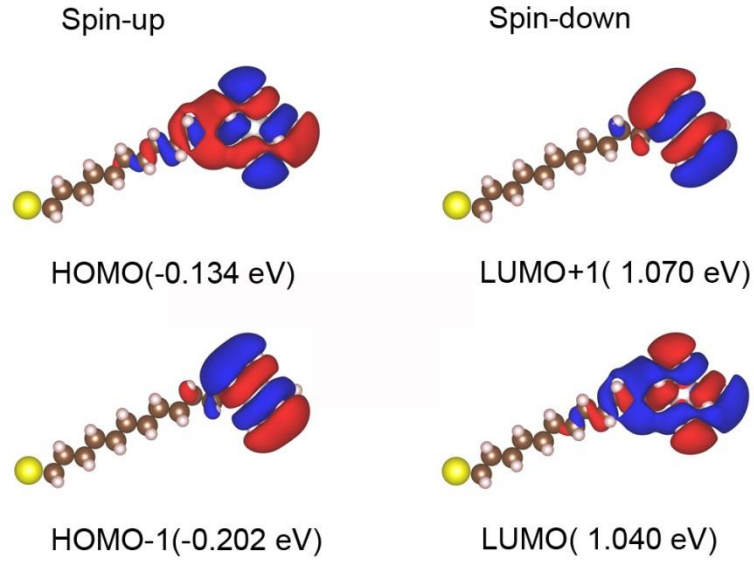
**Figure S5.** (a) Spin-up and (b) spin-down electronic transmission spectra in logarithmic scale at different bias voltages for  $SC_{11}MnCp_2$  junction. The dashed lines indicate the chemical potentials of the electrodes, and the energy range between them is the bias window.



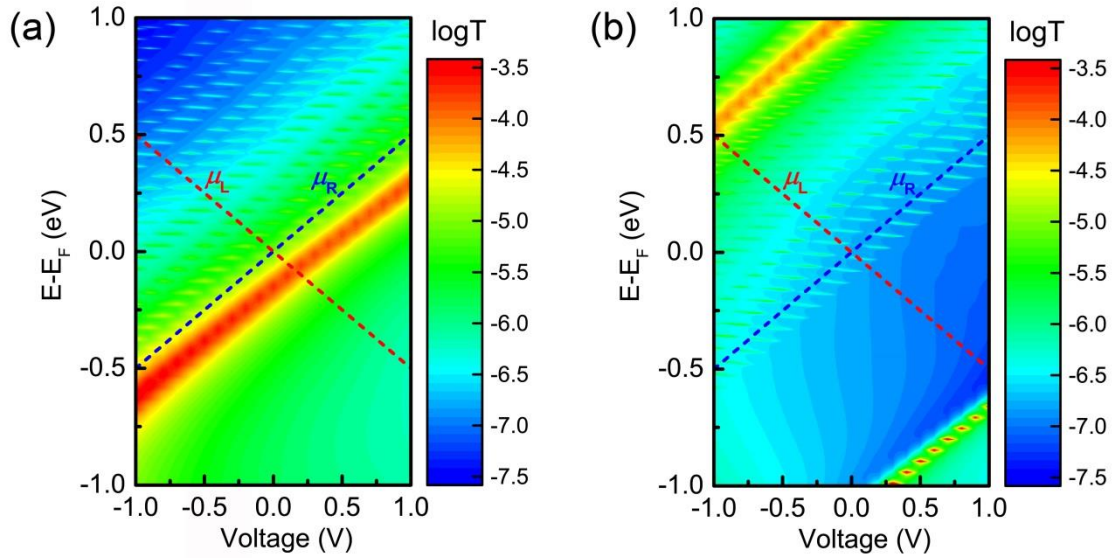
**Figure S6.** Spatial distributions of frontier MPSH molecular orbitals at zero bias voltage for  $SC_{11}CoCp_2$  junction (the isovalue is 0.002).



**Figure S7.** (a) Spin-up and (b) spin-down electronic transmission spectra in logarithmic scale at different bias voltages for  $SC_{11}CoCp_2$  junction. The dashed lines indicate the chemical potentials of the electrodes, and the energy range between them is the bias window.



**Figure S8.** Spatial distributions of frontier MPSH molecular orbitals at zero bias voltage for  $SC_{11}NiCp_2$  junction (the isovalue is 0.002).



**Figure S9.** (a) Spin-up and (b) spin-down electronic transmission spectra in logarithmic scale at different bias voltages for  $SC_{11}NiCp_2$  junction. The dashed lines indicate the chemical potentials of the electrodes, and the energy range between them is the bias window.