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Regulating thermal conductivity of monolayer MnPS₃ by magnetic

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phase transition

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20 Calculation methods

21 Density functional theory (DFT) ¹ calculations are carried out by means of the
22 Vienna ab initio simulation (VASP) package ² with projector-augmented wave (PAW)
23 potentials ³. The exchange-correlation functional is treated by using generalized
24 gradient approximation (GGA) with the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerof (PBE) formulation ⁴.

25 We compute the second-order (harmonic) interatomic force constants (IFCs) using
26 the Phonopy package ⁵ and the third-order (anharmonic) IFCs using the thirddorder.py
27 code ⁶. 3×3×1 supercell was adopted for the calculations of second-order harmonic and
28 third-order anharmonic IFCs, respectively. For the anharmonic IFCs calculations, a
29 cutoff radius (r_{cutoff}) of more than 7.0 Å is used. Based on the harmonic and anharmonic
30 IFCs, the lattice thermal conductivity (κ_L) is calculated by solving the phonon
31 Boltzmann transport equation as implemented in the ShengBTE code ⁷. For the
32 convergence of thermal conductivity, the phonon sampling k-mesh in the BZ was tested
33 and we adopted a dense phonon q-grid of 40×40×1.

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2 **Lattice constants**

3 To obtain the experimental lattice constant of MnPS₃, we did a comprehensive
4 literature review, and the lattice constants are summarized in Table S1. In Re.[8], the
5 lattice constants of bulk MnPS₃ at PM state were measured by neutron diffraction at 90
6 K ($a=6.051$, $b=10.523$), slightly smaller than that at AFM state ($a=6.077$ Å, $b=10.524$
7 Å)^{9,10}. The calculated lattice parameters of bulk MnPS₃ are $a=6.06\sim 6.183$ Å,
8 $b=10.406\sim 10.783$ Å at AFM phases through density functional theory, which agrees
9 well with the experimental results and suggests the validity of DFT calculation on
10 MnPS₃.

11 Although substantial studies about 2D MnPS₃ have been implemented¹¹⁻²⁴, the
12 experimental lattice constants of MnPS₃ monolayer are rare. In 2017, Ref.[25]
13 measured the lattice parameters of multi-layer MnPS₃ flakes by high-angle annular
14 dark-field (HAADF) HRSTEM image, which are $a=6.08\pm 0.05$ Å, $b=10.52\pm 0.05$ Å.
15 These values are close to the experimental lattice constants of bulk MnPS₃. In literature,
16 the lattice constants ($a\neq b$) are for the conventional cell of MnPS₃, but the lattice
17 constant of honeycomb primitive cell ($a=b$) is always used to describe the geometrical
18 structure of MnPS₃ monolayer. For bulk MnPS₃, the experimental lattice constant is
19 $a=b=6.076$ Å for the honeycomb primitive cell as reported in Ref.[26]. In our
20 manuscript, the lattice constants for the primitive cell of MnPS₃ monolayer are
21 presented as 6.15, 6.14 and 5.70 Å at AFM, FM, and PM states, respectively. The lattice
22 constant at AFM state is slightly larger than the experimental result of bulk MnPS₃ but
23 consistent with the experimental result of 2D MnPS₃ flake in Ref.[25] well, while that
24 at FM and PM states agree well with the theoretical results of MnPS₃ monolayer in
25 Ref.[27].

26 **Table S1.** Lattice constants for bulk and two-dimensional (2D) MnPS₃ at
27 antiferromagnetic (AFM), ferromagnetic (FM), and paramagnetic (PM) states.

System	Lattice constants (Å)	Magnetic state	Reference
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Bulk crystal (Exp)	$a=6.07, b=10.52$	AFM	J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 52 (11): 3919-3926, 1983
Bulk crystal (Exp)	$a=6.051, b=10.523$	PM	Phys. Rev. B, 82, 100408(R), 2010
Bulk crystal (Exp)	$a=b=5.81$	AFM	Adv. Mater. 34, 2200301, 2022
Primitive cell of bulk crystal (Exp)	$a=b=6.076$	AFM	Comp. Mater. Sci. 177, 109592, 2020
Bulk crystal (DFT/LDA-TS)	$a=b=6.235$	AFM	
Bulk crystal (DFT/LDA- OBS)	$a=b=6.038$	AFM	
Bulk crystal (DFT/LDA- Grimme)	$a=b=5.995$	AFM	
Bulk crystal (DFT)	$a=5.93, b=10.36$	PM	ACS nano, 10(2): 1738- 1743, 2016 (Experimental study)
Bulk crystal (DFT)	$a=5.59, 6.06$ $b=9.98, 10.51$	PM, AFM	APL Mater. 7, 081102, 2019 (Experimental study)
Bulk crystal (DFT)	$a=6.183, b=10.783$	AFM	Appl. Surf. Sci. 543, 148846, 2021
Bulk crystal (DFT)	$a=6.008, b=10.406$	AFM	Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 23, 9679-9685, 2021

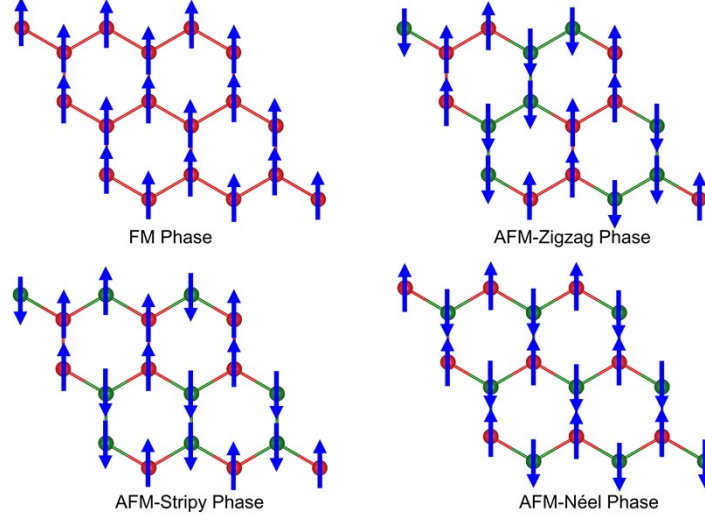
Flake (1~6 L) (Exp)	$a=6.08\pm 0.05$, $b=10.524\pm 0.05$	AFM	ACS nano, 11(11): 11330-11336, 2017
Monolayer (DFT)	$a=5.78, 6.023, 6.00$	PM, FM, AFM	Phys. Rev. B, 94, 184428, 2016
Bulk (DFT)	$a=5.79, 6.018, 5.99$		
Monolayer (DFT)	$a=6.06, b=10.498$	AFM	J. Mater. Chem. C, 7, 324, 2019 (Experimental study)
Bilayer (DFT)	$a=6.06, b=10.495$	AFM	
Bulk (DFT)	$a=6.067, b=10.509$	AFM	
Monolayer (DFT)	$a=b=5.88$	AFM	Phys. Rev. B, 91, 235425, 2015
Monolayer (DFT)	$a=5.69, b=11$	PM	Int. J. Hydrogen Energy, 43(11): 5903-5912, 2018.
Monolayer (DFT)	$a=6.077, b=10.524$	AFM	Nanoscale, 12(45): 23266-23273, 2020 (Experimental study)
Monolayer (DFT)	$a=b=6.047$	AFM	J. Mater. Chem. C, 8(24): 8098-8106, 2020

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2 **Magnetic ground state**

3 For MnPS₃ monolayer with 3×3 supercell, we present four possible magnetic
4 configurations including ferromagnetic (FM), antiferromagnetic-Zigzag (AFM-
5 Zigzag), AFM-Stripy and AFM-Néel in Figure S1, where the non-magnetic P and S
6 atoms are not shown for simplification. To determine the magnetic ground state of
7 MnPS₃ monolayer, its total energies at these four magnetic states are calculated, and
8 we found that the energy of FM, AFM- Zigzag and AFM-Stripy states are 197.76,
9 90.29, and 72.78 meV per unit cell higher than AFM-Néel state, respectively, indicating
10 the magnetic ground state of MnPS₃ monolayer is AFM-Néel state. This AFM-Néel

1 ground state, where the adjacent magnetic moments on Mn atoms interacted with each
 2 other antiparallely, is consistent with previous theoretical studies²⁷⁻³⁰. Moreover, the
 3 AFM ground state in 2D MnPS₃ has also been proved experimentally by Raman
 4 spectroscopy^{13,31}, second-harmonic generation¹⁹, and tunneling magnetoresistance¹⁷.



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 6 **Figure S1.** Possible magnetic configurations of MnPS₃ monolayer, including
 7 ferromagnetic (FM), antiferromagnetic-Zigzag (AFM- Zigzag), AFM-Stripy and AFM-
 8 Néel. The red and green balls represent the spin-up and spin-down Mn atoms.

9 **Phononic properties**

10 The expression for the κ_L , specific heat (C), group velocities (v) and relaxation time

11 of phonon (τ_{λ}^{iso}) in ShengBTE:

$$12 \quad \kappa_L = \frac{1}{V} \sum_i C_i v_i^2 \tau_i^{total}$$

$$13 \quad C_i = \frac{1}{V} \hbar w_i \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial T}$$

14 where C_i is the specific heat for phonon mode (i), and F_0 is Bose–Einstein statistics.

$$15 \quad v_i = \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial k_i}$$

$$16 \quad \frac{1}{\tau_{\lambda}^{tol}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\lambda}^{ph}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\lambda}^{iso}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\lambda}^b}$$

1 where $\frac{1}{\tau_i^{ph}}$ is intrinsic anharmonic three-phonon scattering process, $\frac{1}{\tau_\lambda^{iso}}$ is the isotope
 2 scattering and $\frac{1}{\tau_\lambda^b}$ is the boundary scattering rate. In our work, the boundary scattering
 3 rate is neglected due to its little effect on the thermal conductivity.

$$4 \quad \frac{1}{\tau_i^{ph}} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{ii}^+ \Gamma_{ii}^+ + \sum_{ii}^- \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{ii}^- + \sum_i \Gamma_{ii}^i \right)$$

5 $\frac{1}{\tau_i^{ph}}$ is the relaxation time of mode i as obtained from perturbation theory. Γ_{ii}^+ and Γ_{ii}^-
 6 are three-phonon scattering rates of absorption and emission processes, respectively.
 7 They can be expressed as

$$8 \quad \Gamma_{ii}^\pm = \frac{\hbar \pi f_0' - f_0''}{4 w_i w_i' w_i''} |V_{ii}^\pm|^2 \delta(w_i \pm w_i' - w_i'')$$

9 in which the scattering matrix elements V_{ii}^\pm are given by

$$10 \quad V_{ii}^\pm = \sum_{a \in u,c} \sum_{b,k} \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \Phi_{abc}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \frac{e_i^\alpha(a) e_{p,\pm q}^\beta(b) e_{p,\pm q}^\gamma(c)}{\sqrt{M_a M_b M_c}}$$

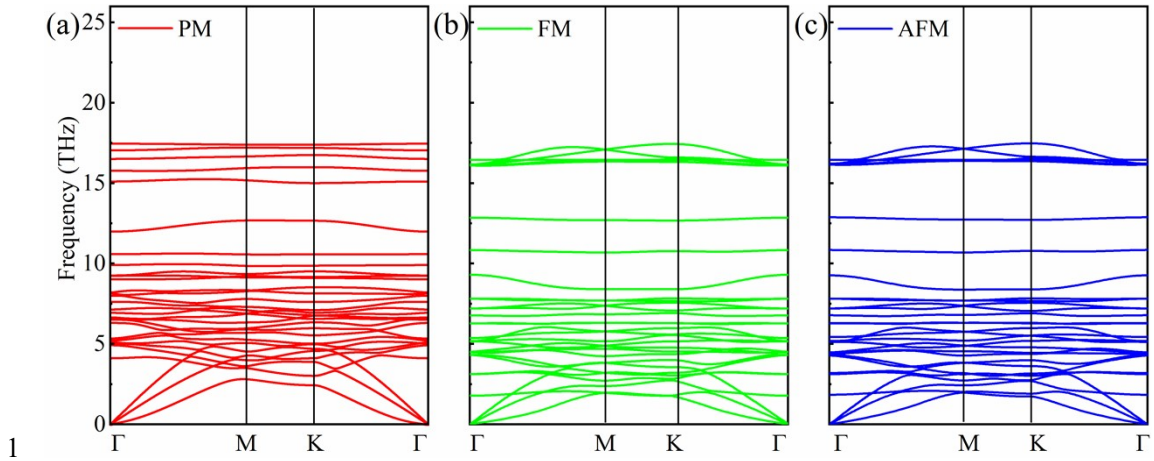
11 where for the normalized eigenfunctions $e_{p,q}$ of three phonons involved and on the

$$12 \quad \Phi_{abc}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{\partial^3 E}{\partial r_a^\alpha \partial r_b^\beta \partial r_c^\gamma}$$

12 anharmonic force constants

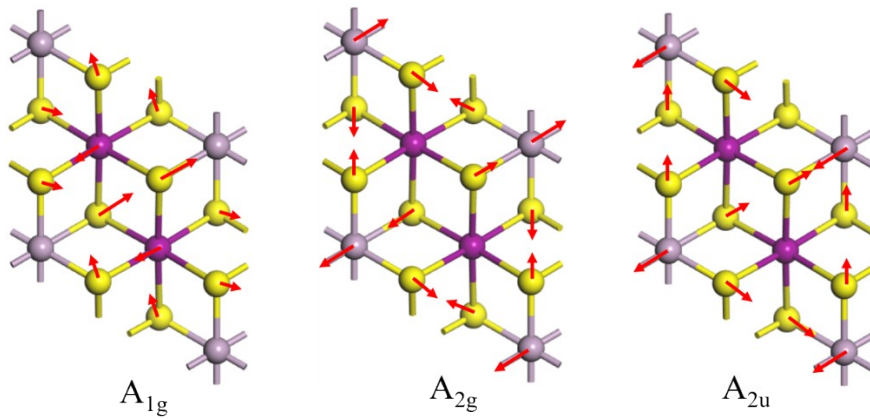
13 Γ_{ii}^i is the contribution to scattering probabilities from isotopic disorder,

$$14 \quad \Gamma_{ii}^i = \frac{\pi w^2}{2} \sum_{a \in u,c} g(a) |e_i^*(a) \cdot e_i(a)|^2 \delta(w_i - w_i')$$



1 **Fig. S2.** Phonon dispersions of monolayer MnPS₃ with (a) PM, (b) FM and (c) AFM
 2 phases.
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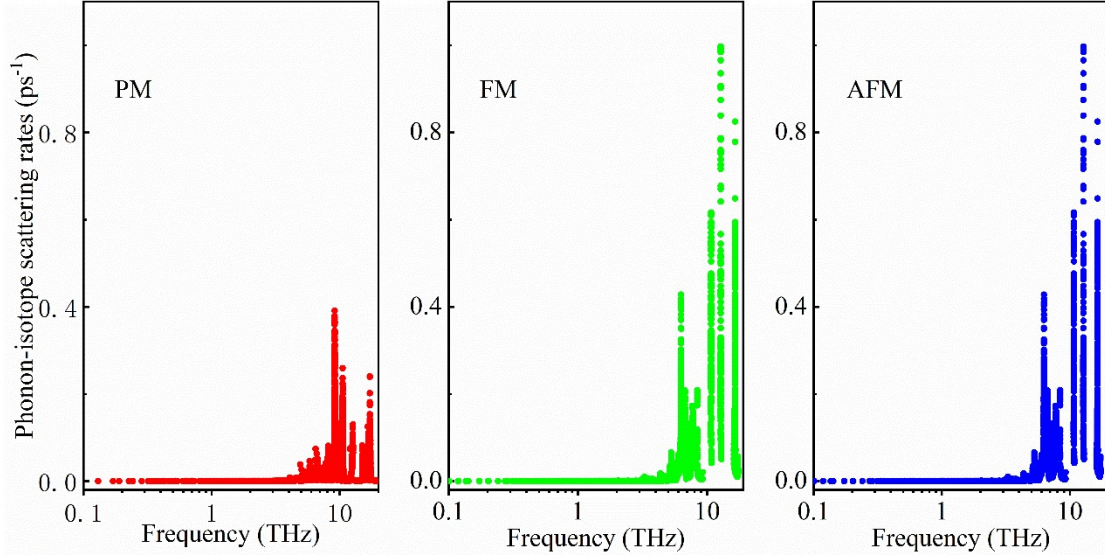
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6 **Fig. S3.** Lattice vibration modes for A_{1g}, A_{2g} and A_{2u}. The red arrow points out the
 7 atomic vibration, and the purple, grey and yellow spheres represent Mn, P and S atoms,
 8 respectively. A_{1g} and A_{2g} are Raman active modes, while A_{2u} is infrared active.
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Fig. S4. The magnetic ordering-dependent phonon-isotope scattering rates.

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Table S2. For BAs and MoS₂, the calculated thermal conductivity values only
 4 considering second- and third-order force constants (FCs), and those including the
 5 higher-order force constants, at 200 K.
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Thermal conductivity	high-order FCs	only second- and third-order FCs
BAs [Ref. 8]	~ 2500 W/(mK)	~ 2700 W/(mK)
MoS ₂ [Ref. 9]	~ 200 W/(mK)	~ 200 W/(mK)

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Table S3. Maximum group velocities of acoustic phonon modes for monolayer
 8 MnPS₃ with PM, FM and AFM phases.
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maximum group velocity (km/s)	TA	LA
PM	4.62	6.78
FM	4.08	5.84
AFM	3.92	5.62

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1 **CIF of paramagnetic MnPS₃**

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16 'x, y, z'

17 loop_

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19 _atom_site_occupancy

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21 _atom_site_fract_y

22 _atom_site_fract_z

23 _atom_site_adp_type

24 _atom_site_B_iso_or_equiv

25 _atom_site_type_symbol

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28	P1	1.0	0.99727	0.99763	0.45813	Biso	1.000	P
29	P2	1.0	0.00273	0.00237	0.54187	Biso	1.000	P
30	S1	1.0	0.00445	0.65126	0.44201	Biso	1.000	S
31	S2	1.0	0.99555	0.34874	0.55799	Biso	1.000	S
32	S3	1.0	0.34378	0.34430	0.43892	Biso	1.000	S
33	S4	1.0	0.65622	0.65570	0.56108	Biso	1.000	S
34	S5	1.0	0.65077	0.00495	0.44201	Biso	1.000	S
35	S6	1.0	0.34923	0.99505	0.55799	Biso	1.000	S

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28 P1 1.0 0.000995 0.001415 0.451170 Biso 1.000000 P
29 P2 1.0 0.999005 0.998585 0.548830 Biso 1.000000 P
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1 CIF of antiferromagnetic MnPS₃

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