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## **Supplementary information:**

## Strain-selected magnetic ordering in $1T'\alpha$ -CrXY (X, Y = S, Se, Te) monolayers

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**Table. S1** The calculated lattice parameters (a and b), nearest Cr-Cr distances ( $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$ ), and Wyckoff sites of 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer.

Lattice parameters (Å)	Nearest distances (Å)	Wyckoff sites
a = 6.642	$d_1 = 3.979$	Cr 2e(0.728, 1/4, 0.498)
b = 3.352	$d_2 = 3.352$	Te 2e(0.064, 1/4, 0.440)
	$d_3 = 3.470$	Se 2e(0.430, 1/4, 0.552)

**Table. S2** The calculated energies of four magnetic configurations (FM, sAFM, dAFM, zAFM) of 1T'α-CrTeSe monolayer, in which all values are referenced to the FM configuration.

sAFM (meV)	dAFM (meV)	zAFM (meV)
515.1	188.6	65.6

**Table. S3** The calculated MAEs of the stain-free 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer along the x(x'), y(y'), and z(z') axes, in which all values are referenced to x(x') axis.

$E_y$ ( $\mu eV$ )	$E_z$ ( $\mu eV$ )	$E_{y}$ , ( $\mu eV$ )	$E_{z'}$ ( $\mu eV$ )
1348	161	1708	504

**Table. S4** The calculated MAEs of the 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer under strains along the x, y, and z axes, in which all values are referenced to x axis.

ε (%)	$E_y$ ( $\mu eV$ )	$E_z$ ( $\mu eV$ )
-6	-735	-1008
-2	585	-159
-1	1352	-433
1	1285	77
0.2	1213	-188
0.4	1327	-57
0.6	1167	-212
0.8	1202	32
2	979	-120
6	1029	917

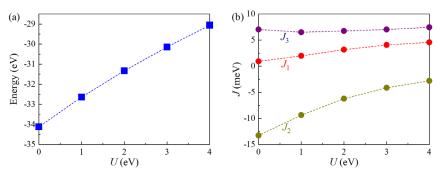


Fig. S1 The calculated (a) total energy and (b) exchange parameters (J) of  $1T'\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer as functions of U values.

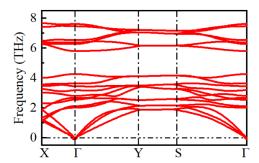


FIG. S2 Phonon spectrum of 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer along the high-symmetric k points in Brillouin zone.

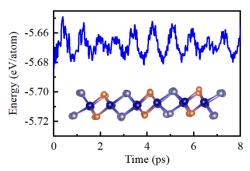
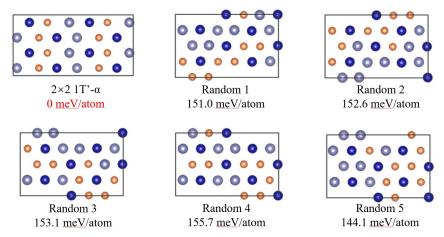


FIG. S3 AIMD simulation of  $1T'\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer at 300 K up to 8 ps. The final snapshots of these monolayers are inset.



**FIG. S4** The optimized structures of 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer and several random patterns. The energies relative to 1T' $\alpha$  phase are inset.

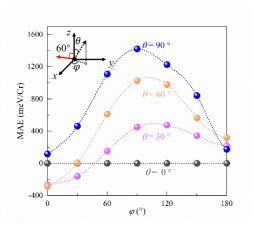


FIG. S5 MAEs of 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer with the spin moments parallelly oriented along different directions. The spin rotation angle  $(\theta/\varphi)$  of 0 is along the z/x axis.

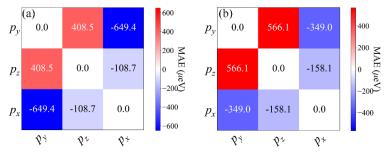


FIG. S6 Orbital-resolved MAEs of 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer.

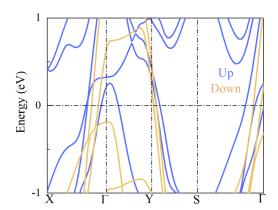


Fig. S7 Spin-polarization band structures of  $1T'\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer, in which the blue and yellow lines represent the spin-up and spin-down states, respectively.

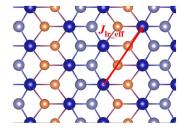
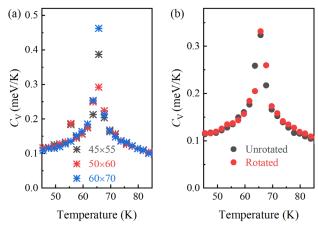
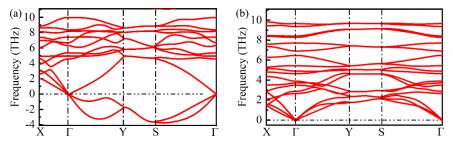


Fig. S8 Sketch of the effective long-range exchange parameter  $(J_{lr\_eff})$  in 1T' $\alpha$ -CrTeSe monolayer.



**FIG. S9** MC simulations of the specific heats of 1T'α-CrTeSe monolayer by using (a) different supercells and (b) MAEs as functions of temperatures.



**FIG. S10** Phonon spectra of (a) 1T' $\alpha$ -CrSO and (b) 1T' $\alpha$ -CrSeS monolayers along the high-symmetric k points in Brillouin zone.

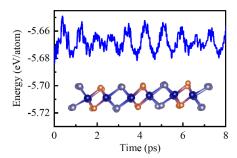


FIG. S11 AIMD simulation of 1T' $\alpha$ -CrSeS monolayer at 300 K up to 8 ps. The final snapshots of these monolayers are inset.

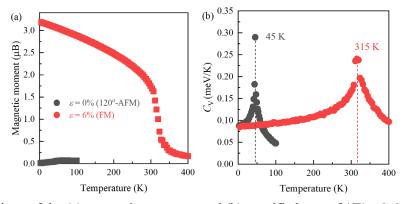


FIG. S12 MC simulations of the (a) magnetic moments and (b) specific heats of  $1T'\alpha$ -CrSeS monolayer with and without in-plane tensile biaxial strain. The lines and symbols with different colors represent different strain environments.