## Supplementary information

## Tailoring spin waves in 2D transition metal phosphorus trichalcogenides via atomic-layer substitution

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Table 1. Relative strength of  $\mathsf{NiPS}_3$  isotropic exchange and DMI

	U = 4	U = 5
D <sub>1</sub> /J <sub>1</sub>	0.0028	0.0014
D <sub>1</sub> '/J <sub>1</sub> '	0.0013	0.0006
$ D_2/J_2 $	0.1276	0.0763
D2'/J2'	0.0593	0.0682
D <sub>3</sub> /J <sub>3</sub>	0.0002	0.0001
D <b>3'/J3'</b>	0.0002	0.0002

Table 2. Relative strength of NiPSe<sub>3</sub> isotropic exchange and DMI

	U = 4	U = 5
D <sub>1</sub> /J <sub>1</sub>	0.2156	0.1421
D <sub>1</sub> '/J <sub>1</sub> '	0.8277	0.6292
$ D_2/J_2 $	0.6311	7.6345
D <sub>2</sub> '/J <sub>2</sub> '	0.3431	0.7972
D <sub>3</sub> /J <sub>3</sub>	0.0522	0.0528
D <sub>3</sub> '/J <sub>3</sub> '	0.0231	0.0265

Table 3. Relative strength of  $\mathsf{MnPS}_3$  isotropic exchange and DMI

	U = 2	U = 4
D <sub>1</sub> /J <sub>1</sub>	0.0005	0.0008
D <sub>1</sub> '/J <sub>1</sub> '	0.0008	0.0036
D <sub>2</sub> /J <sub>2</sub>	0.0486	0.1444
D <sub>2</sub> '/J <sub>2</sub> '	0.0474	0.136
D <sub>3</sub> /J <sub>3</sub>	0.0006	0.0023
D <sub>3</sub> '/J <sub>3</sub> '	0.001	0.0009

Table 4. Relative strength of  $MnPSe_3$  isotropic exchange and DMI

	U = 2	U = 4
D <sub>1</sub> /J <sub>1</sub>	0.0258	0.0267
D <sub>1</sub> '/J <sub>1</sub> '	0.0244	0.0268
$ D_2/J_2 $	0.13	0.2199
D <sub>2</sub> '/J <sub>2</sub> '	0.1273	0.2196
D <sub>3</sub> /J <sub>3</sub>	0.0341	0.0291
D <sub>3</sub> '/J <sub>3</sub> '	0.0365	0.036



**Figure S1** Projected density of states (orbital resolved) for  $MnPS_3$ . From top to down: Mn, P and S. Spin up (blue); Spin down (red); Grey color corresponds to the total density of states. The valence band edge has been placed at  $E_F = 0$  eV.



**Figure S2** Projected density of states (orbital resolved) for  $MnPS_{1.5}Se_{1.5}$ . From top to down: Mn, P, S and Se. Spin up (blue); Spin down (red); Grey color corresponds to the total density of states. The valence band edge has been placed at  $E_F = 0$  eV.



**Figure S3** Projected density of states (orbital resolved) for NiPS<sub>3</sub>. From top to down: Ni, P and S. Spin up (blue); Spin down (red); Grey color corresponds to the total density of states. The valence band edge has been placed at  $E_F = 0$  eV.



**Figure S4** Projected density of states (orbital resolved) for NiPS<sub>1.5</sub>Se<sub>1.5</sub>. From top to down: Ni, P, S and Se. Spin up (blue); Spin down (red); Grey color corresponds to the total density of states. The valence band edge has been placed at  $E_F = 0$  eV.





(c)

(d)



**Figure S5** Valence electronic density differential plot with an isosurface value of 0.007 for the (a) top and (b) bottom view of  $MnPS_3$ ; (c) top and (d) bottom view of  $NiPS_3$ . Color code: Mn (pink), Ni (clear blue), P (gray) and S (yellow). Blue (red) depicts electron accumulation (depletion) regions.