Supplementary Information

Enabling room temperature ferromagnetism in monolayer MoS₂ via *in situ* iron-doping

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Supplementary Figure 1 (a) HAADF-STEM image of Fe:MoS₂ monolayer. Scale bar = 1 nm. (b) and (c) STEM intensity spectra of the selected area on the left in (a), (d) STEM intensity spectra of the selected area on the right in (a). Fe atom exhibits approximately 40% lower intensity.



Supplementary Figure 2 X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) of MoS_2 and Fe:MoS₂ monolayers. (a) Fe 2p3 peak in Fe:MoS₂ monolayers. (b) Mo 3d peak. The reduced intensity of the Mo-O bond in Fe:MoS₂ (237 eV) as compared to MoS₂ is indicative of an underlying reduction of the sulfur vacancy concentration upon doping. (c) Corresponding S 2p peak signal.



Supplementary Figure 3. (a) Atomic force microscope (AFM) topographical image of Fe:MoS₂. Bilayers or bilayer nuclei are indicated by white circles. **(b)** Corresponding AFM line scanning across the line (white line) drawn in (a). This shows a 0.8 nm thickness of Fe:MoS₂ monolayer, confirming the formation of monolayers.



Supplementary Figure 4. STEM image (left) and EDS mapping (center and right) of Fe:MoS₂ monolayers. Scale bar = 1 μ m. (a) Low-magnification STEM image of Fe:MoS₂ monolayers. Scale bar = 700 nm. (b) STEM image of EDS mapped region (800 nm x 800 nm). EDS spectra of the mapped area with (c) 0 to 20 keV and (d) 0 to 0.6 keV. (e, f) EDS mapping of S and C within the green square area in (b). Scale bar = 200 nm. C signal matches the "bright spot" shown in the green square area in (b), showing that such bright spots are polymer residues left after layer transfer to the TEM grid.



Supplementary Figure 5 (a) Raman spectra and (b) PL spectra comparing MoS₂ and Fe:MoS₂ monolayers. All data were taken at room temperature.



Supplementary Figure 6. PL mapping of Fe:MoS₂. (a) PL spectrum of Fe:MoS₂ monolayers recorded at 4K. (b) Hyperspectral PL scan of defect emission filtered over 650 nm to 800 nm (red shading). (c) Background signal from off-sample location. (d) Hyperspectral PL scan of Fe-related emission filtered over 540 nm to 560 nm (blue shading). Data have been collected with high numerical aperture objective (NA=0.83) resulting in a near resolution limited spot size of about 0.5 μ m and scanned over an area of 40 μ m x 40 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 7. PL spectra of control samples at 300K. Fe-related emission (2.28 eV) is only observed from Fe:MoS₂ monolayers but not from undoped MoS₂ where either Fe or Fe₃O₄ clusters where placed atop, indicating that only substitutional incorporation of Fe creates this transition.



Supplementary Figure 8 (a) Temperature dependent PL spectra of Fe related emission around 2.28 eV. **(b)** Arrhenius plot of integrated PL for the bandgap emission in MoS₂ (green triangle), Fe:MoS₂ (red circle) and for the Fe related emission at 2.28 eV (blue square). The solid red and green lines are standard Arrhenius fits using a thermal activation energy E_A for the exciton emission (sum of free and bound exciton peaks) resulting in 28±2 meV for MoS₂ and 32±2 meV for Fe:MoS₂ monolayers. All PL spectra are taken under 100 µW pump power.