Supplementary materials for: Direct observation of topological magnon edge states

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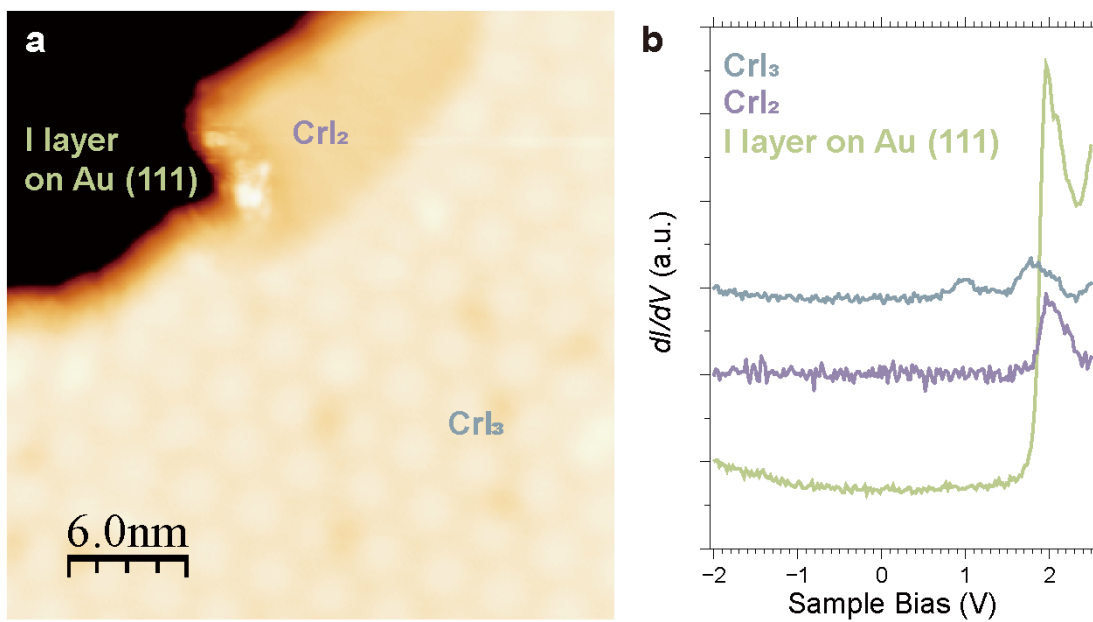
Supplementary Figure 1. STM(S) of CrI₃/CrI₂ monolayers and iodine passivation layer on Au(111). a, STM image (setpoint: 2.0 V, 10 pA). **b**, STS curves from CrI_3, CrI_2 and the iodine passivation layer showing an insulating feature (setpoint: -2.0 V, 100 pA).

a, *dI/dV* (a.u.) — Sample Bias (V)

b, *dI/dV* (a.u.) — Sample Bias (mV)

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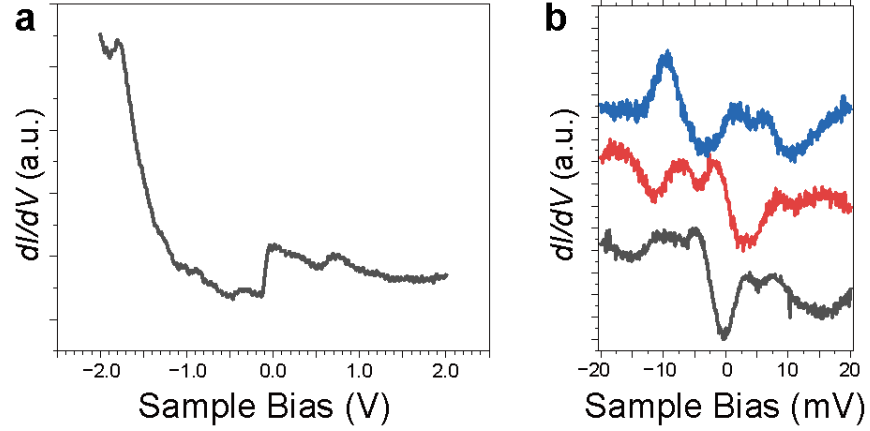
19   **Supplementary Figure 2. Verification of tip conditions. a,** Typical STS curve from Ag(111)

20   showing the step of Shockley surface states at −0.05 V. **b,** STS results in the range from −20 to 20

21   mV on Ag(111), showing position-dependent non-symmetric peaks from the interference of the

22   Ag(111) surface states.

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Supplementary Text

IETS results on different position in the CrI₃ island

As shown in Supplementary Fig. 3a below, the CrI$_3$ has a moiré pattern on Au(111) surface, which may introduce extra moiré potential into the system and lead to extra peaks to the magnon bands.[1] As shown in Supplementary Fig. 3b, IETS are taken at different positions. The raw data are shown in Supplementary Fig. 3c. All IETS results show a symmetric behavior, without significant difference. In all results, the plateau like signal can be clearly seen, although different lines may have slight differences in the signal strength. A symmetric normalization was performed to help focus on the symmetric signals.

$$\frac{dI}{dV}(V)_{symm} = \frac{dI}{dV}(V)_{raw} + \frac{dI}{dV}(-V)_{raw}$$

The normalized results (circles, Supplementary Fig. 3d) were further smoothed by means of the lowess method (color lines). To further explore the details of the excitation density of states, a numerical differentiation were carried out. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 3e, the numerical d^2I/dV^2 results exhibit similar shapes. Other IETS results in this work were analyzed with the same method.
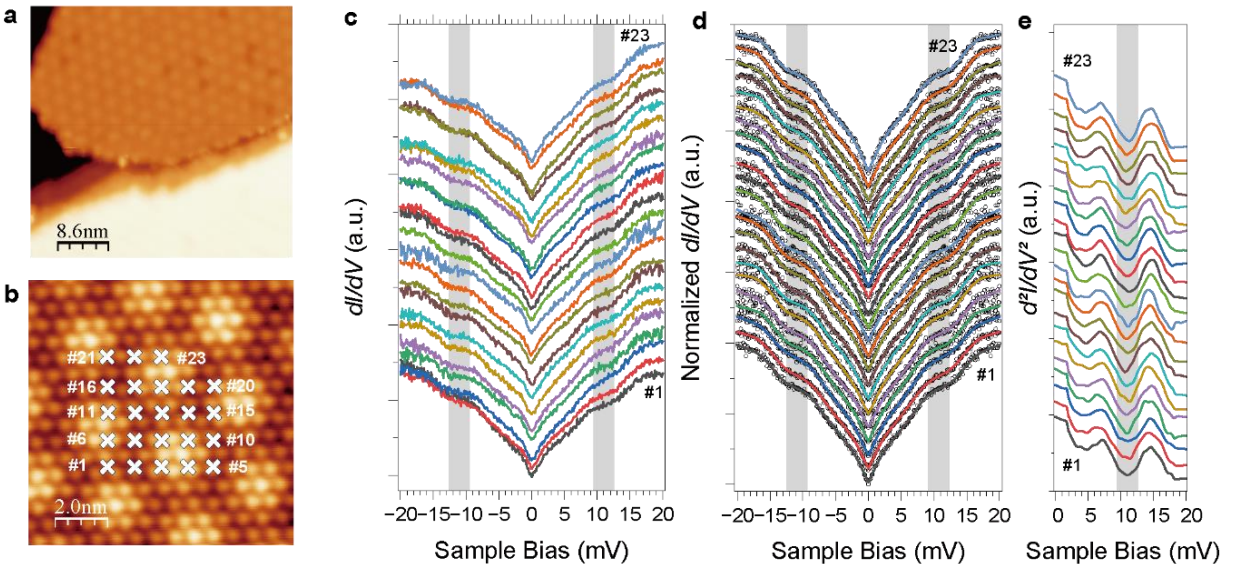
40 **Supplementary Figure 3. IETS at different positions in CrI₃ island center. a**, STM image of a

41 CrI₃ island (setpoint: 2.0 V, 10 pA). **b**, Zoom-in STM image (setpoint: 2.0 V, 100 pA). Positions

42 for the STS measurements in c are marked by crosses. **c**, STS results inside the CrI₃ island.

43 (Setpoint: 20 mV, 200 pA, modulation: 926 Hz, 0.5 mV) **d**, Symmetrized normalization (circles)

44 and smoothed (lines) results of the raw STS in c. **e**, d^2I/dV^2 results from numerical differentiation

45 on the smoothed dI/dV results in d.

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47 **Additional IETS results with magnetic-field dependence**

48 We have conducted field-dependent measurements of magnon spectra on different sample

49 islands. All results (shown in Supplementary Fig. 4) exhibit the Zeeman-like energy shift in an

50 out-of-plane magnetic field.

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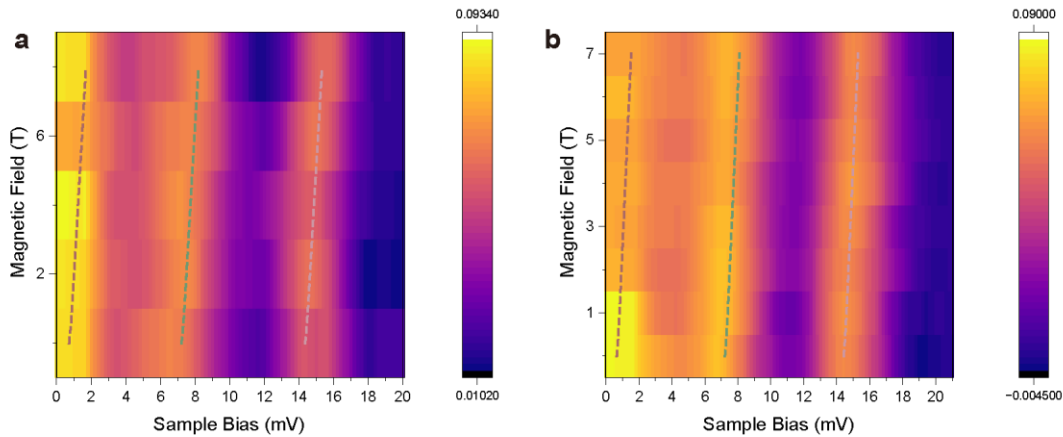
52 **Supplementary Figure 4. Additional magnetic-field dependent IETS.** The results show two

53 field dependent results on different sample islands. The dotted lines are the theoretical results

54 shown in Fig. 2b.

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56 **More about IETS across topological edges**

57 To rule out other possible topological trivial origin of the boundary states like dangling bonds or

58 merging effect from both sides of the boundary, we took IETS measurements across various

59 topological edges. The position of the line spectra and the raw data of Fig. 3 in the main text are

60 shown in Supplementary Fig. 5 below.
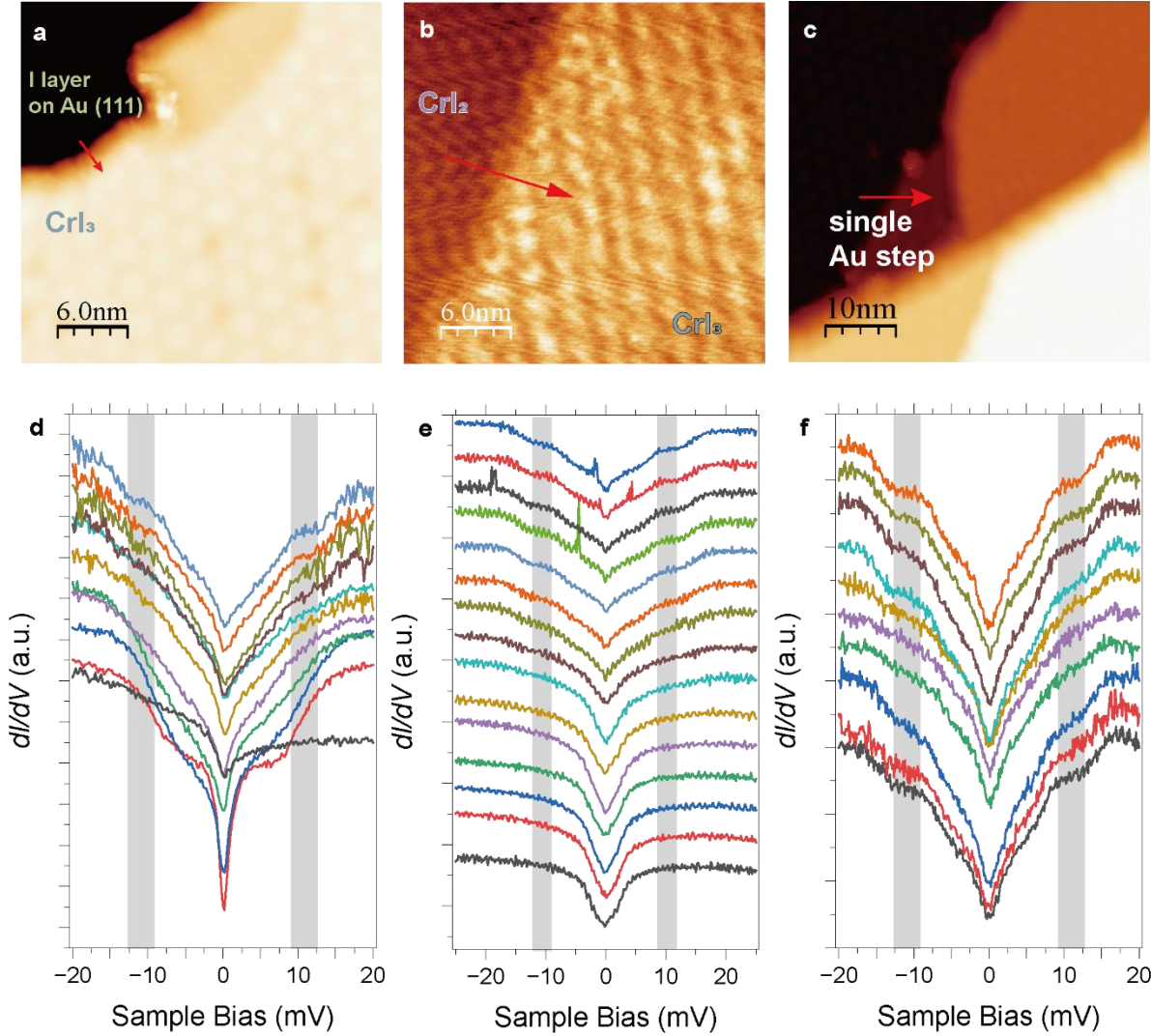
62 **Supplementary Figure 5. STM images and raw STS data of the measurements shown in main**

63 **text Fig. 3. a,** STM image showing the position of the line spectra in Fig. 3b across a CrI$_3$ island

64 (setpoint: 2.0 V, 10 pA). **b,** STM image showing the position of the line spectra in Fig. 3c across

65   a CrI₃-CrI₂ boundary (setpoint: 2.5 V, 10 pA). **c**, STM image showing the position of the line

66   spectra in Fig. 3d across CrI₃ covered Au(111) step edge (setpoint: 2.0 V, 10 pA).**d**, Raw IETS

67   data of Fig. 3b. **e**, Raw IETS data of Fig.3c. **f**, Raw IETS data of Fig. 3d.

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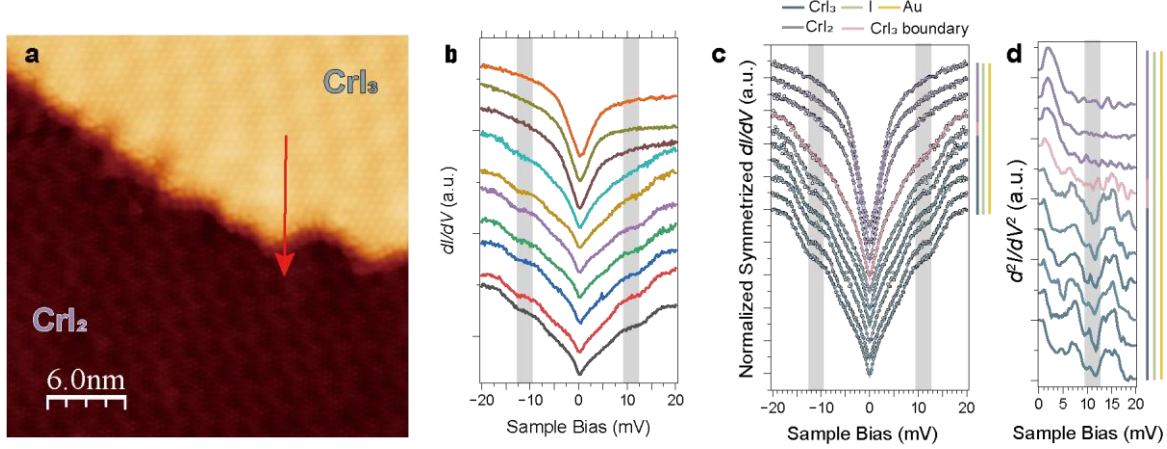
Supplementary Figure 6. Additional IETS across the CrI₃-CrI₂ boundary. a, STM image of

the region for the IETS measurements (setpoint: 1.0 V, 50 pA). The position of the line spectra is

shown by the red arrow. **b**, Raw data of the line spectra. **c**, The symmetrized normalization of the

dI/dV results shown in b. the smoothed results are shown in color lines. **d**, Numerical

differentiation results of the lines shown in c.

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75 **Theoretical Model**

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77 1. Band Topology

78   We map the original spin Hamiltonian to a bosonic tight binding model via the higher order

79 Holstein-Primakoff (HP) representation to study the magnetic excitations.

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$$S^+ = \sqrt{2S}\left(a - \frac{a^\dagger aa}{4S}\right), S^- = \sqrt{2S}\left(a^\dagger - \frac{a^\dagger a^\dagger a}{4S}\right), S^z \approx S - a^\dagger a.$$

81   After the Fourier transformation, the Hamiltonian in reciprocal space is given by

82
$$H^0(\boldsymbol{k}) = S(3J_1 + 6J_2 + 3J_3 + h_B + 2K - J_2\gamma_2)\boldsymbol{\sigma_0} + S\boldsymbol{d_k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

83   where $\boldsymbol{\sigma_0}$ is identity matrix, $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$ are Pauli matrices, and $\boldsymbol{d_k} = (d_x, d_y, d_z)$ with

84 $d_x = -J_1\gamma_1 - J_3\gamma_3$, $d_y = -J_1\gamma_1' - J_3\gamma_3'$ and $d_z = -D_z\gamma_{D_z}$. Here, the related coefficients are given

85 by

86
$$\gamma_1 = cos(k_y) + 2cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right)cos\left(\frac{k_y}{2}\right),$$

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$$\gamma_1' = -sin(k_y) + 2cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right)sin\left(\frac{k_y}{2}\right),$$

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$$\gamma_2 = 2cos(\sqrt{3}k_x) + 4cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right)cos\left(\frac{3k_y}{2}\right),$$

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$$\gamma_3 = cos(2k_y) + 2cos(\sqrt{3}k_x)cos(k_y),$$

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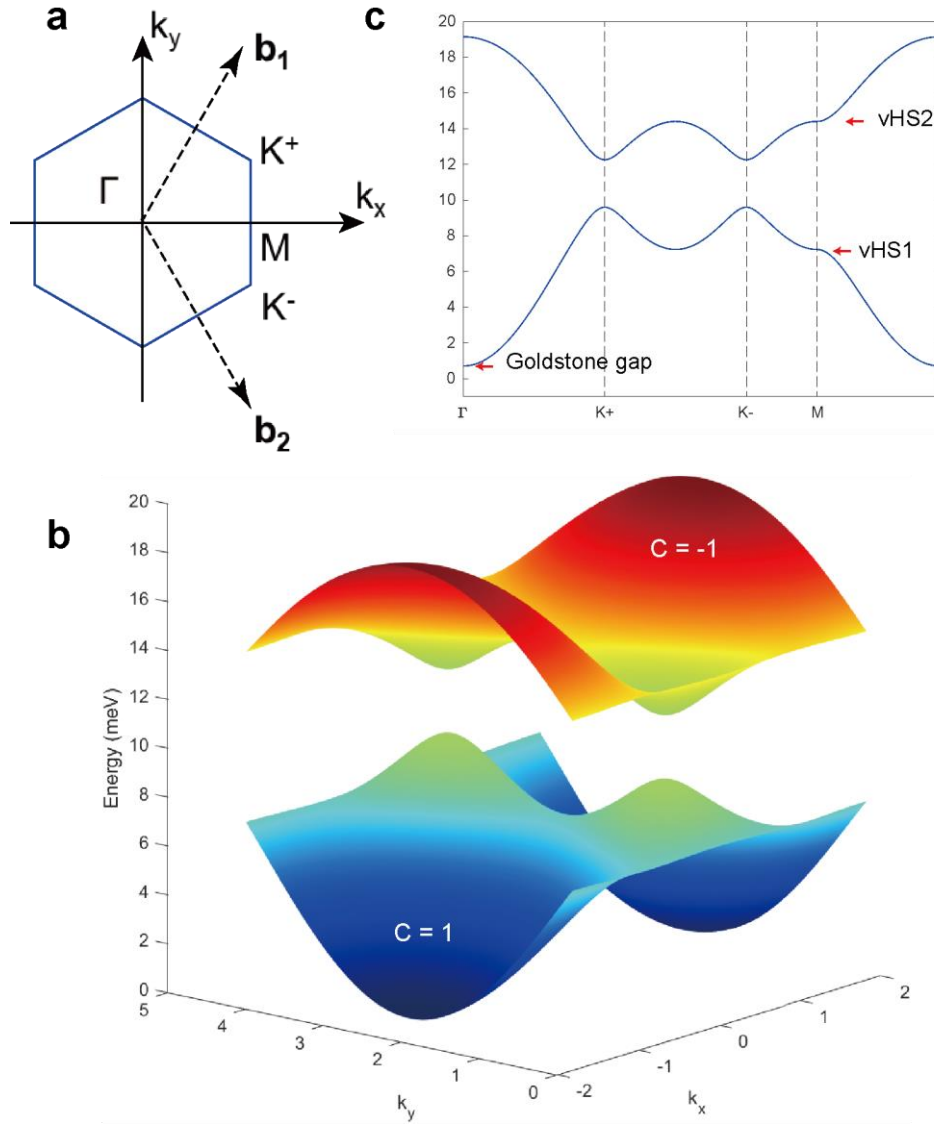$$\gamma_3' = sin(2k_y) - 2cos(\sqrt{3}k_x)sin(k_y),$$

91
$$\gamma_{D_z} = 2sin(\sqrt{3}k_x) - 4sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right)cos\left(\frac{3k_y}{2}\right).$$

92   The magnon bands of the model can be obtained analytically as

93
$$\omega_k^{\pm} = S(3J_1 + 6J_2 + 3J_3 + h_B + 2K - J_2\gamma_2) \pm S\sqrt{d_x^2 + d_y^2 + d_z^2}.$$

94   The calculated band structures are shown below in Supplementary Fig. 7.

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Supplementary Figure 7. Magnon Chern insulator from the theoretical model of two-dimensional honeycomb lattice. a, The first Brillouin zone with high symmetry points, where b_1 and b_2 are basis vectors of reciprocal space. **b**, Magnon dispersion with $J_1 = 2.12\ meV$. Parameters choices are $J_2 = 0.15\ J_1, J_3 = -0.04\ J_1, D_z = 0.08\ J_1\ K = 0.12\ J_1$ and $h_B = 0$. **c**, The magnon bands of honeycomb lattice along $\Gamma - K^+ - K^- - M - \Gamma$, where the Goldstone gap and two von Hove singularities are marked by red arrows.

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103   The fourfold degeneracy at the $K^{\pm} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{3}, \pm\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$ points is a manifestation of the Dirac linear

104   dispersion relation, which is protected by the lattice symmetry and time-reversal symmetry. We

105   project the magnon bands onto the subspace around the crossings introducing an effective

106   Hamiltonian

107   $$H^{eff}(\boldsymbol{k}) = S(3J_1 + 6J_2 + 3J_3 + h_B + 2K)\boldsymbol{\sigma_0} \pm 3\sqrt{3}D_z S\sigma_z + \left(\frac{3}{2}J_1 - 3J_3\right)S\left(k_x\sigma_y \pm k_y\sigma_x\right).$$

108   We define $\boldsymbol{d_k^{eff}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}J_1 S - 3J_3 S, \frac{3}{2}J_1 S - 3J_3 S, 3\sqrt{3}D_z S\right)$, which is a linear combination of

109   Pauli matrices in the restricted subspace. Due to the typically weak DMI, the distribution of Berry

110   curvature $\Omega_k^{\pm}$ is maintly concentrated around the Dirac point displayed in Supplementary Fig. 8.

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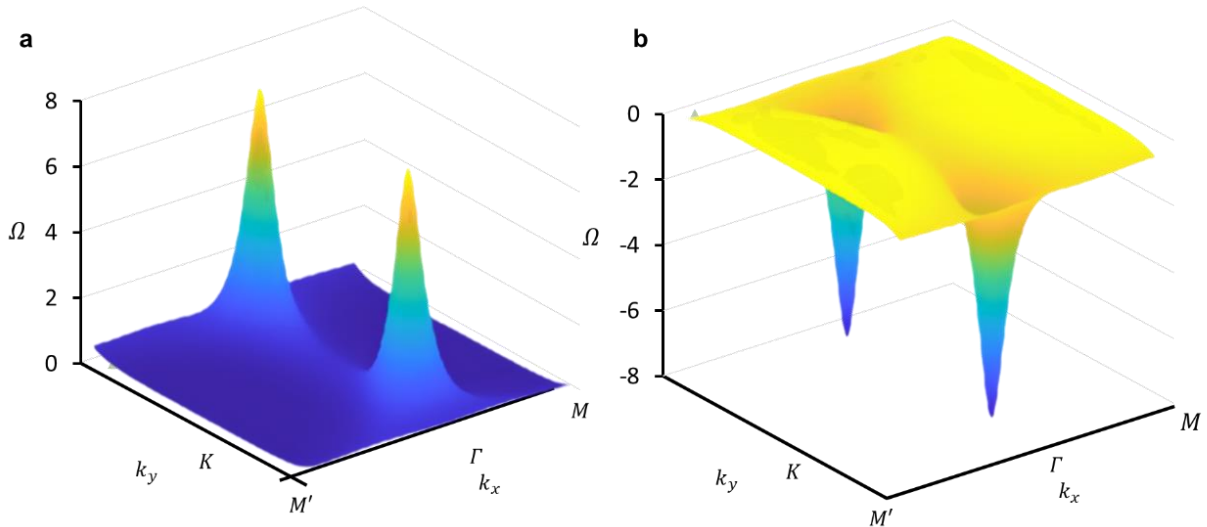
113   **Supplementary Figure 8. Schematics of the band topology. a**, Berry curvature of the bottom

114   band. **b**, Berry curvature of the top band. The corresponding Chern numbers are ± 1.

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116   For the single Dirac crossing, the symbolic function $\mp \text{sgn}(D_z)$ can effectively capture the

117   intrinsic topology corresponding to valley degrees of freedom. We obtain the analytical solution

118   of the Chern number $C^{\pm}$

119
$$C^{\pm} = \mp \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{BZ} dk_x dk_y \frac{\boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{eff} \cdot \left(\partial_{k_x} \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{eff} \times \partial_{k_y} \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{eff} \right)}{2 \left| \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{eff} \right|^3}$$

120   2. Magnon-Magnon interactions

121   To include the magnon-magnon interactions, we rewrite the next-nearest neighbors and the

122   anisotropic terms in the following:

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$$H_J^1 = -\frac{J_2}{4} \sum_{\langle\langle mn \rangle\rangle} 4 a_m^\dagger a_m b_n^\dagger b_n - a_m b_n^\dagger b_n^\dagger b_n - a_m^\dagger a_m a_m b_n^\dagger - a_m^\dagger b_n^\dagger b_n b_n - a_m^\dagger a_m^\dagger a_m b_n,$$

124
$$H_K^1 = K \sum_m a_m^\dagger a_m b_n^\dagger b_n,$$

125   where $a_m^\dagger(a_m)$ and $b_n^\dagger(b_n)$ are magnon creation (annihilation) operators corresponding to

126   two sublattices $m(n)$. By doing the Fourier transformation, the interacting terms can be written as

127
$$H_J^1 = -\frac{J_2}{4N} \sum_k 4 \bar{\gamma}_{k1-k4} a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4} - \bar{\gamma}_{k1} a_{k1} b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4} - \bar{\gamma}_{k4}^\dagger a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} a_{k3} b_{k4}^\dagger$$

128
$$- \bar{\gamma}_{k1}^\dagger a_{k1}^\dagger b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k3} b_{k4} - \bar{\gamma}_{k4} a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2}^\dagger a_{k3} b_{k4},$$

129
$$H_K^1 = \frac{K}{N} \sum_k \bar{\gamma}_{k1-k4} a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4}.$$

130   As the four-field operators cannot generically be solved exactly, we perform the interacting

131   Green function determined by the effective mean field approximation pictorially represented in

132   Supplementary Fig. 9a.

133
$$G = G_0 + G_0 \otimes \Sigma \otimes G.$$

134 where G_0 is the bared Green function, $\sum$ denotes the self-energy which is evaluated order by

135 order from a perturbative expansion in the magnon-magnon interactions. The $\otimes$ denotes

136 integration over time and space, as well as summation of internal indices. We calculate the Hartree

137 self-energy at first order as shown in Supplementary Fig. 9b, where the Hartree potential is

138 introduced by the effective mean field.

139 $$a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4} \approx \langle a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2}\rangle b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4} + \langle a_{k1}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle a_{k2} b_{k3}^\dagger + a_{k1}^\dagger \langle a_{k2} b_{k3}^\dagger\rangle b_{k4} + a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} \langle b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle,$$

140 $$a_{k1} b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4} \approx \langle a_{k1} b_{k2}^\dagger\rangle b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4} + a_{k1} \langle b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle b_{k3}^\dagger + \langle a_{k1} b_{k3}^\dagger\rangle b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k4} + a_{k1} b_{k2}^\dagger \langle b_{k3}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle,$$

141 $$a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} a_{k3} b_{k4}^\dagger \approx \langle a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2}\rangle a_{k3} b_{k4}^\dagger + \langle a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k3}\rangle a_{k2} b_{k4}^\dagger + a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k3} \langle a_{k2} b_{k4}^\dagger\rangle + a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2} \langle a_{k3} b_{k4}^\dagger\rangle,$$

142 $$a_{k1}^\dagger b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k3} b_{k4} \approx \langle a_{k1}^\dagger b_{k3}\rangle b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k4} + \langle a_{k1}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k3} + a_{k1}^\dagger \langle b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k3}\rangle b_{k4} + a_{k1}^\dagger \langle b_{k2}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle b_{k3},$$

143 $$a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k2}^\dagger a_{k3} b_{k4} \approx \langle a_{k1}^\dagger a_{k3}\rangle a_{k2}^\dagger b_{k4} + \langle a_{k1}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle a_{k2}^\dagger a_{k3} + a_{k1}^\dagger \langle a_{k2}^\dagger a_{k3}\rangle b_{k4} + a_{k1}^\dagger \langle a_{k2}^\dagger b_{k4}\rangle a_{k3}.$$

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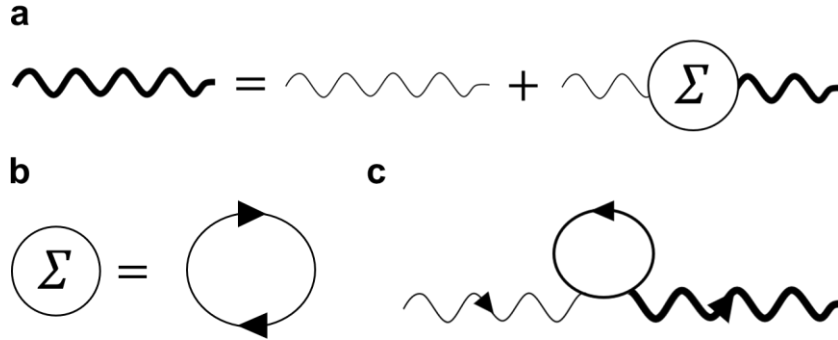
146 **Supplementary Figure 9. One-particle Feynman diagrams of interacting magnons. a**,

147 Diagrammatic representation of the Dyson equation for the boson Green function. **b**, Boson self-

148 energy. **c**, First-order Hartree contribution.

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150 The mean-field values are calculated based on the magnon occupancy $\langle n_q\rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\varepsilon_q/k_B T}-1}$. Here

151 $\varepsilon_q \approx 2KS + h_B S + MSq^2$ with $M = \frac{3}{4}J_1 + \frac{9}{2}J_2 + 3J_3$. A single circle of one-particle Feynman

152   diagram is shown in Supplementary Fig. 9c, where q is the relative momentum from the Γ point.

153   The mean field values can be written as

154     $\langle a_q^\dagger a_q \rangle = \langle b_q^\dagger b_q \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle n_q \rangle, \langle a_q^\dagger b_q \rangle = \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi_q}\langle n_q \rangle, \langle b_q^\dagger a_q \rangle = \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi_q}\langle n_q \rangle, where\ \phi_q = arg(\gamma_q).$

155   Based on the above analysis, we can rewrite the interacting terms as

156
$$H_J^1 = -\frac{J_2}{2N}\begin{bmatrix} \sum_q (|\bar{\gamma}_0| - |\bar{\gamma}_q|)\langle n_q \rangle & \sum_q (\bar{\gamma}_{k-q}e^{i\phi_q} - \bar{\gamma}_k)\langle n_q \rangle \\ \sum_q (\bar{\gamma}_{k-q}^\dagger e^{-i\phi_q} - \bar{\gamma}_k^\dagger)\langle n_q \rangle & \sum_q (|\bar{\gamma}_0| - |\bar{\gamma}_q|)\langle n_q \rangle \end{bmatrix},$$

157
$$H_K^1 = \frac{K}{2N}\begin{bmatrix} \sum_q |\bar{\gamma}_0|\langle n_q \rangle & \sum_q \bar{\gamma}_{k-q}e^{i\phi_q}\langle n_q \rangle \\ \sum_q \bar{\gamma}_{k-q}^\dagger e^{-i\phi_q}\langle n_q \rangle & \sum_q |\bar{\gamma}_0|\langle n_q \rangle \end{bmatrix}.$$

158   At finite temperatures, thermal fluctuations renormalize magnon dispersion relations, causing

159   a depletion of the static magnetization. The self-energy corrections are calculated from the

160   integration of the first Brillouin zone (BZ), where the Zeeman field produce the Hartree potential

161   energy.

162
$$N_K = \frac{1}{2}\iint \frac{dq_x dq_y}{BZ}\frac{1}{e^{\varepsilon_q/k_B T} - 1} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}\pi T^2}{128M^2}e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}},$$

163
$$N_J = -\frac{1}{2}\iint \frac{dq_x dq_y}{BZ}\frac{1}{e^{\varepsilon_q/k_B T} - 1} = -\frac{3\sqrt{3}\pi T^2}{128M^2}e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}},$$

164   We calculate the self-energy corrections Σ via coefficient N_K when the corresponding

165   Goldstone gap Δ_G is widened by the magnetic field. The field-dependence van Hove singularities

166   (vHS) is modified by N_J as follows

167
$$\Delta_G = h_B S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}}\right)KS$$

168
$$\Delta_{v1} = 2J_1S + 6J_3S + h_BS + 8\left(1 - N_J e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)J_2S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)KS$$

169
$$\Delta_{v2} = 4J_1S + h_BS + 8\left(1 - N_J e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)J_2S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)KS$$

170 3. Dispersion Relations

171   The magnon dispersion consists of the acoustic and optical branches. The acoustic branch

172 features a gap at the Γ point and a van Hove singularity (vHs) at the M point, reflecting the

173 underlying long-range magnetic order and the RKKY interaction on the Au substrate. We calculate

174 the self-energy corrections Σ via coefficient N_K when the corresponding Goldstone gap Δ_G is

175 widened by the magnetic field.

176
$$\Delta_G = h_BS + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)KS,$$

177   where $J_1 = 2.12\ meV$, $K = 0.12\ J_1$ and $N_K = 0.07$ accurately determined by the field-

178 dependent evolution of the gap from 0.6 to 1.6 meV. Conversely, the inelastic neutron scattering

179 exhibits $J_1 = 2.01\ meV$ reducing the Goldstone gap as shown in Supplementary Fig. 10a.[2]

180   We perform the intersection of the acoustic and optical branches at the K point with linear

181 crossing around the Dirac cone, indicating that the magnon velocity remains constant across this

182 region. The fourfold degeneracy at the $K^{\pm} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{3}, \pm\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$ point is a manifestation of the Dirac linear

183 dispersion relation, which is protected by the lattice symmetry and time-reversal symmetry.

184
$$\Delta_{DM1} = 3J_1S + 3J_3S + h_BS + 9\left(1 - N_J e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)J_2S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)KS - 3\sqrt{3}D_zS, \qquad (1)$$

185
$$\Delta_{DM2} = 3J_1S + 3J_3S + h_BS + 9\left(1 - N_J e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)J_2S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_BT}}\right)KS + 3\sqrt{3}D_zS, \qquad (2)$$

186   where the value of DMI $D_z = 0.08\ J_1$ fixes the topological gap size of 2.7 meV with $\Delta_{DM2} - $

187 $\Delta_{DM1} = 6\sqrt{3}D_zS$, transforming the system into a MCI. Theoretically, the RKKY interaction,

188 superexchange, and spin-orbit coupling collaborate to induce uniaxial anisotropy and open gaps at

189 Dirac points fitting the rather large DM interaction D_z and anisotropic term K. Moreover, the

190 optical branch typically shows the second vHs at the M point and a maximum at the Γ point with

191 the long-range interaction coefficient increased. We analytically derive the $J_3 = -0.04 J_1$ for the

192 maximum value of 19.5 meV as follows

193
$$\Delta_{\max} = 6J_1 S + h_B S + 6J_3 S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}}\right) KS.$$

194   In contrast to the best-fit values, we plot in Supplementary Fig. 10b the theoretical results

195 without the J_3. Two field-dependence vHSs are modified by N_J, contributing to the energy shift of

196 the magnon spectra.

197
$$\Delta_{v1} = 2J_1 S + 6J_3 S + h_B S + 8\left(1 - N_J e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}}\right) J_2 S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}}\right) KS,$$

198
$$\Delta_{v2} = 4J_1 S + h_B S + 8\left(1 - N_J e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}}\right) J_2 S + 2\left(1 - N_K e^{-\frac{h_B}{k_B T}}\right) KS$$

199   where $J_2 = 0.15 J_1$ and $N_J = 0.13$. We plot in Supplementary Fig. 10c the theoretical results

200 without the J_2.

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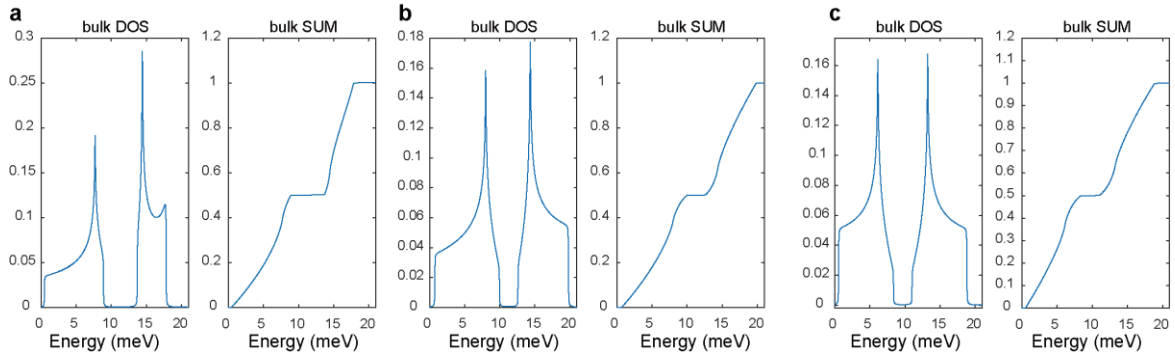
203 **Supplementary Figure 10. Theoretical magnon DOS $\left|d^2 I/dV^2\right|$ and the integration $|dI/dV|$.**

204 **a,** Comparison with bulk results obtained from INS results.[2] Parameters choices are $J_1 = 2.01 meV$,

205 $J_2 = 0.16meV$, $J_3 = -0.08meV$, $D_z = 0.31meV$ and $K = 0.22meV$. **b**, Comparison with our

206 best-fit values in the absence of the J_3. **c**, Comparison with our best-fit values in the absence of the

207 J_2.

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209 4. Magnon Density of States

210 In monolayer CrI_3, thermally excited magnons contribute to a redshift of the spectrum related

211 to the magnon density of states (DOS).

212 $$D(E) = \int \delta(E - \omega_k) d_k^2.$$

213 where ω_k contain thermal renormalization of the effective exchange couplings. We develop

214 the effective mean-field theory to describe the low-energy dynamics of associated Goldstone gap.

215 Particular in ferromagnets with long-range order, Goldstone modes emerge as gapless excitations

216 around the ground state when continuous symmetries are spontaneously broken. These

217 thermodynamic behaviors are intimately tied to the topological properties which are determined

218 by Eq (1) and (2).

219 The gap size of $|d^2 I/dV^2|$ is determined by the value of DMI, which transforms the systems

220 into a MCI.

221 For honeycomb ribbons, two gapless boundary states with opposite dispersions emerge within

222 the topological gap. Considering the bulk-edge correspondence, the persistence of edge states are

223 rooted in the unaltered Chern numbers of the bulk. We calculate the edge states in the following

224 for both the zigzag (down) and armchair (up) edges shown in Supplementary Fig. 11.

225 $$H_{edge} = \sum_{k_x} \psi_{k_x}^\dagger H_{k_x} \psi_{k_x}, \quad H_{k_x} = \begin{pmatrix} h & \Delta & \cdots & 0 \\ \Delta^\dagger & h & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \Delta \\ 0 & \cdots & \Delta^\dagger & h \end{pmatrix},$$

226 where $\psi_{k_x}^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{k_x,1}^{\dagger} & b_{k_x,1}^{\dagger} & a_{k_x,2}^{\dagger} & b_{k_x,2}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$.

227 For the zigzag edge, we have

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229
$$\Delta_{zigzag} = S \begin{pmatrix} 2J_2 cos(k_x) - 2D_z sin(k_x) & 0 \\ -J_1 - J_3 & 2J_2 cos(k_x) + 2D_z sin(k_x) \end{pmatrix},$$

230
$$h_{zigzag} = S \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 - 2J_2 cos(2k_x) - 2D_z sin(2k_x) & -2J_1 cos(k_x) - 2J_3 cos(2k_x) \\ -2J_1 cos(k_x) - 2J_3 cos(2k_x) & \varepsilon_0 - 2J_2 cos(2k_x) - 2D_z sin(2k_x) \end{pmatrix}.$$

231 For the armchair edge, we have

232 $\Delta_{armchair}$

233
$$= S \begin{pmatrix} -4J_2 cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right) + 4D_z sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right) & 0 \\ -J_1 - J_3 & -4J_2 cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right) - 4D_z sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right) \end{pmatrix},$$

234

235 $h_{armchair}$

236
$$= S \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 - 2J_2 cos(\sqrt{3}k_x) - 2D_z sin(\sqrt{3}k_x) & -2J_1 cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right) - 2J_3 cos(\sqrt{3}k_x) \\ -2J_1 cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_x\right) - 2J_3 cos(\sqrt{3}k_x) & \varepsilon_0 - 2J_2 cos(\sqrt{3}k_x) + 2D_z sin(\sqrt{3}k_x) \end{pmatrix}.$$

237 Here $\varepsilon_0 = 3J_1 + 6J_2 + 3J_3$. This topological character is manifested through the existence of

238 robust edge states. The experimental results are approximately fitted via mixing two renormalized

239 edge DOSs with a weight of 0.2 as shown in Supplementary Fig. 11. The width of ribbons is $W =$

240 20 for both edges.

241 Although thermally excited magnons contribute to the depletion of magnetization, our

242 calculations highlight the topological characteristics against perturbations and reductions of the

243　spin stiffness. The localized edge states withstand various defects and impurities, which are

244　immune to disorder and provide a platform for dissipationless transport.
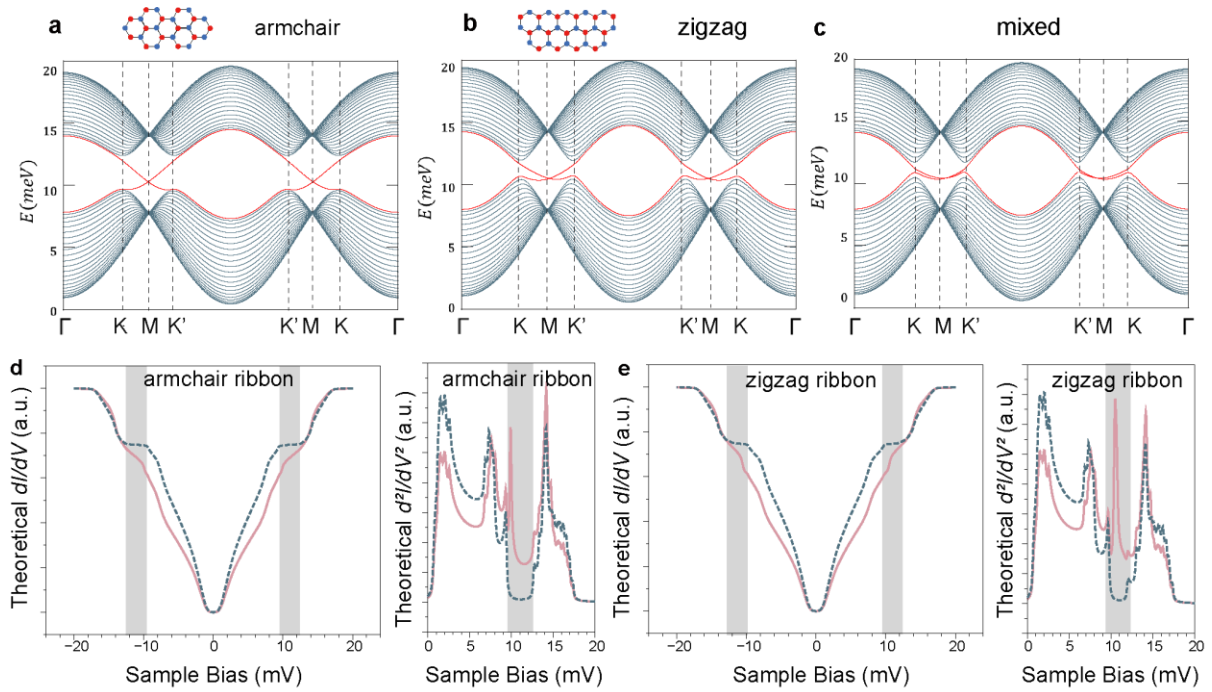
Supplementary Figure 11. Schematics of the open boundary condition. a, The magnon band structure of armchair edge states for a honeycomb ribbon. **b**, The magnon band structure of zigzag edge states for a honeycomb ribbon. **c**, The magnon band structure of mixed edge states for a honeycomb ribbon. The dispersions of the edge states in gaps in Supplementary Fig. 11a to 11c are shown by red curves. **d**, The theoretical *dI/dV* and *d²I/dV²* results for the armchair ribbon. **e**, The theoretical *dI/dV* and *d²I/dV²* results for the zigzag ribbon.

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