Gate-tunable Diode-like Current Rectification and Ambipolar Transport in Multilayer van der Waals ReSe₂/WS₂ p-n Heterojunctions

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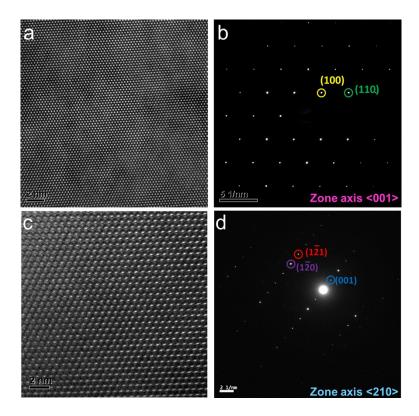


Figure S1 (a) TEM image of individual WS₂; (b) SAED pattern of the WS₂; (c) TEM image of individual ReSe₂; (d) SAED pattern of the ReSe₂.

The multi-layer WS₂ and the ReSe₂ 2D materials are obtained by micromechanical exfoliation and were transferred onto TEM grids with lacey support by poly (methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) transfer method in order to investigate their structure and crystal quality. The high resolution TEM (HRTEM) images (Figure S1a, c) show the hexagonal ring lattice in the WS₂ and the ReSe₂, indicating good single crystalline phase. The corresponding selected area electron diffraction (SAED) patterns of the single crystalline WS₂ and ReSe₂ nanosheet (Figure S1b,d) reveal orientation of WS₂ is along (001) zone axis belongs to a hexagonal crystal system and orientation of ReSe₂ is along (210) zone axis.

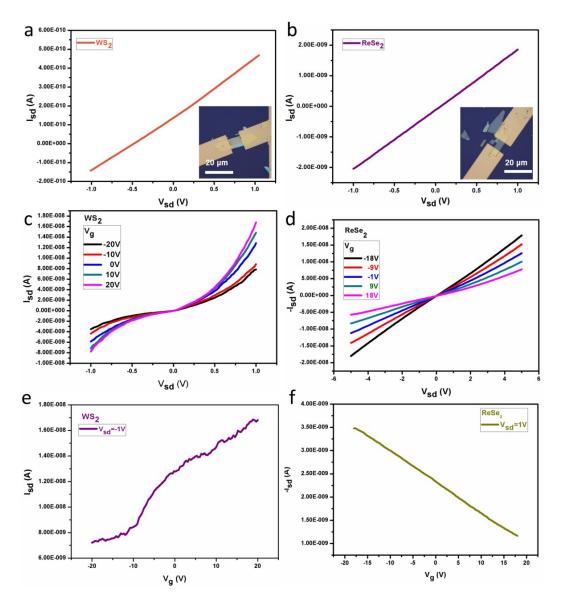


Figure S2 I_{sd} - V_{sd} characteristics of the individual (a) WS₂ multilayer and (b) ReSe₂ multilayer. Output characteristics of the individual (c)WS₂ multilayer and (d) ReSe₂ multilayer. Transfer characteristic of individual (e) WS₂ multilayer and (f) ReSe₂ multilayer.

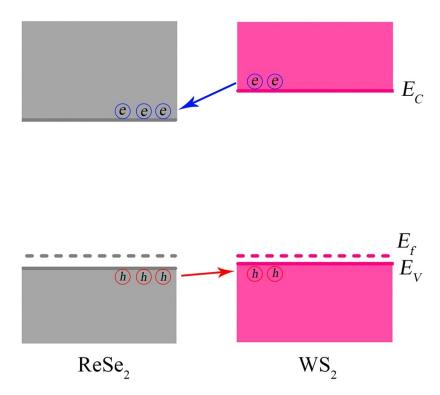


Figure S3. The band offset of type-II ReSe2-WS2 heterostructure in the Fermi level alignment.

Section A. Details of the ReSe₂/WS₂ heterojunctions Device Fabrication.

The ReSe₂/WS₂ heterojunctions were fabricated with transfer method. Both multilayer 2D ReSe₂ and WS₂ materials were first exfoliated mechanically and transferred onto two Si substrates coating 300nm-thick SiO₂ layer, respectively, from the WS₂ and ReSe₂ crystals. And then, a few drops of the self-regulating polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) solution was spin coated onto ReSe₂ multilayer on Si substrates coating 300nm-thick SiO₂ layer by using rotating speed of 3000 r s-1 and baked at 180 °C for 2 min as a transfer medium, and the ReSe₂ multilayer were transferred onto another substrate with WS₂ multilayer to partly overlap with the WS₂ multilayer to form ReSe₂/WS₂ heterojunction sample, and finally the PMMA on ReSe₂ was removed by acetone.

Electrode patterns of the sample were fabricated by electron-beam

lithography (SEM) using an SEM/focused ion beam system (Nava 200 NanoLab) at a voltage of 30 kV and a current of 1.5 nA. And then 8-nm-thick Cr layer followed 80-nm-thick Au layer was deposited by using electron beam evaporation in turn. Finally, well-defined source and drain electrodes were achieved by using the lift-off process with acetone/IPA.

The Raman measurements were conducted by a confocal laser Raman spectrometer (Renishaw Model inVia-Reflex) with He–Ne laser (532 nm) excitation. Samples were further characterized by AFM (Benyuan NanoInstruments Ltd. Model CSPM 5500A) to confirm the thickness of layers.