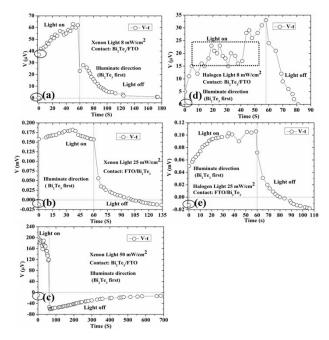
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**Fig. S1** Voltage change as a function of time (V-t plots)for  $CdTe/Bi_2Te_3$  single cell illuminated using xenon light source at (a) 8 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; (b) 25 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; (c) 50 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; and using halogen light source at (d) 8 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; (e) 25 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. The light was turned on at 0 s and turned off at approximately 60 s. The first point is the background voltage generated by ambient light.. The device was illuminated from the  $Bi_2Te_3$  side.

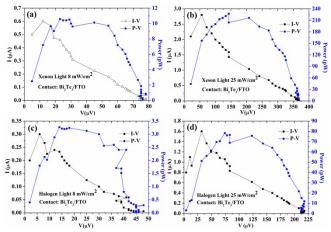


Fig. S2 (a) I-V and P-V curve of CdTe/Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> single cell illuminated using xenon light source at (a) 8 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; (b) 25 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; and using halogen light source at (d) 8 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; (e) 25 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. The device was illuminated from the conductive substrate side.

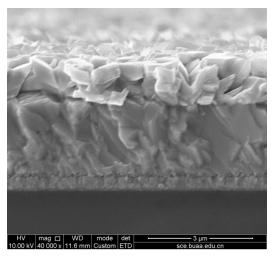


Fig. S3 SEM cross-sectional image of the FTO/CdS/CdTe/Bi $_2$ Te $_3$  cell

Tab. S1 The original data of  $\Delta T$  collected from the cool and hot side

T <sub>cool</sub> (°C)	T <sub>hot</sub> (°C)	ΔT (K)
23.8	76	52.2
24	79.5	55.5
24.1	80.5	56.4
24.2	81.7	57.5
24.2	83.4	59.2
24.3	84.5	60.2
24.6	87.4	62.8