

Supporting Information

Microwave-Assisted Synthesis of Group 5 Transition Metal Dichalcogenide Thin Films

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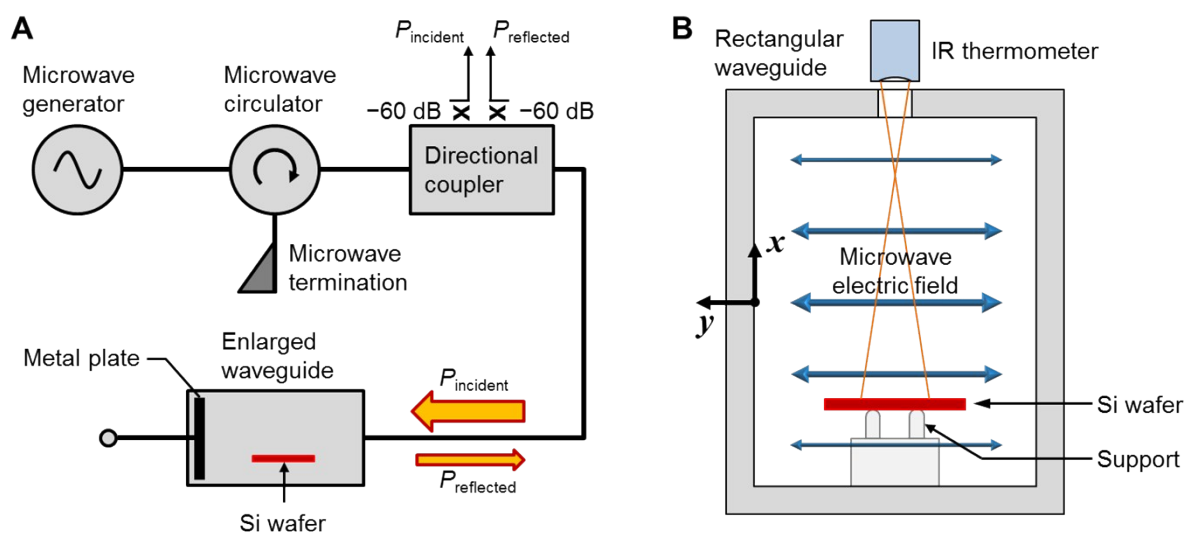


Figure S1. Schematic of microwave irradiation setup. (A) Microwaves were irradiated on the Si wafer in an enlarged waveguide. Incident and reflected microwave powers were monitored with a 60-dB directional coupler and two power sensors. (B) The wafer was supported by four small alumina pieces and was placed in parallel to the microwave electric field to increase the microwave-wafer interaction.

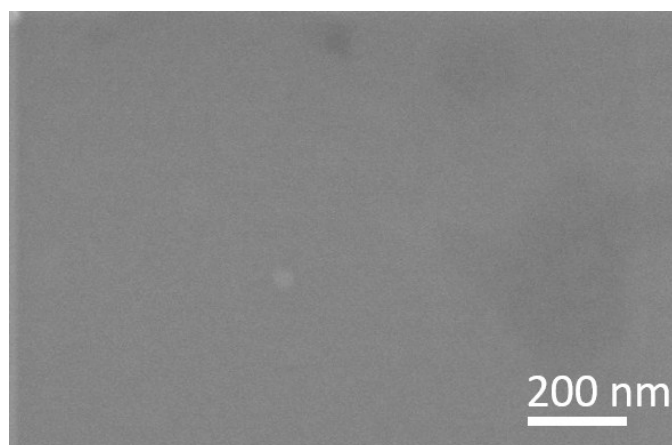


Figure S2. SEM image of the Si wafer surface at 40 s microwave irradiation which is before the incubation time (43 s). The surface has no reaction product.

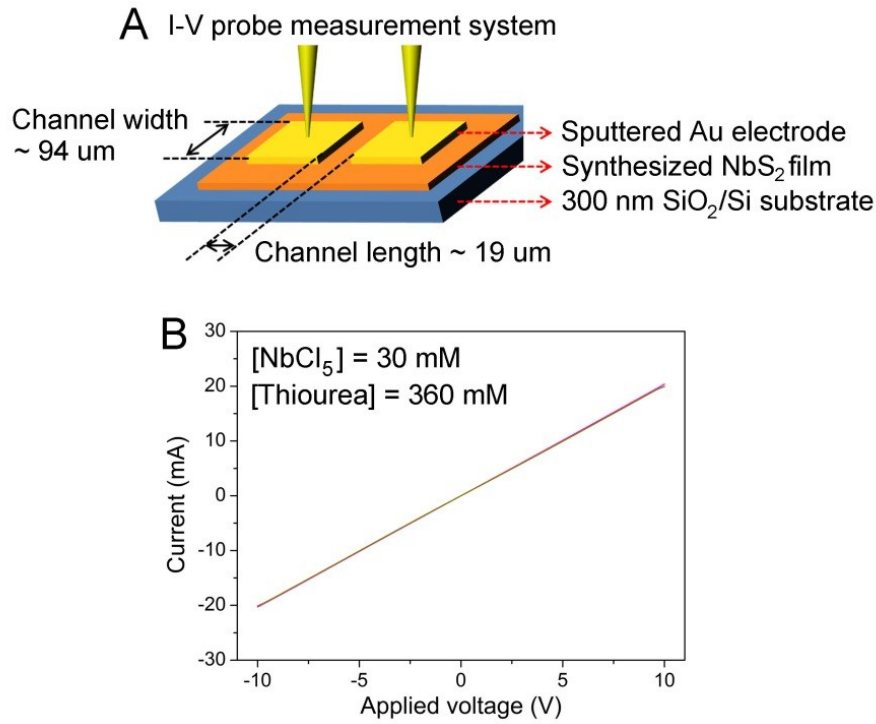


Figure S3. Electrical property of the NbS_2 film. (A) Schematic illustration of sample preparation and measurement. (B) I-V profile obtained from the NbS_2 film synthesized with precursor concentration of [NbCl_5]: [thiourea] = 30: 360 mM.

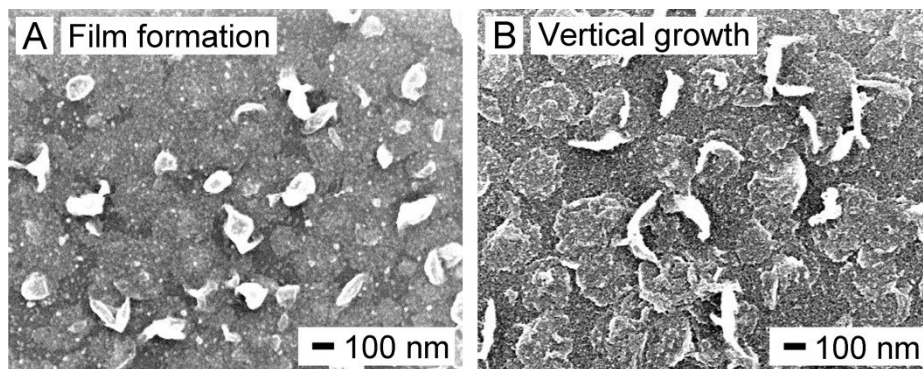


Figure S4. Top-view SEM images of NbSe_2 film in the film formation stage (A) and in the vertical growth stage (B).

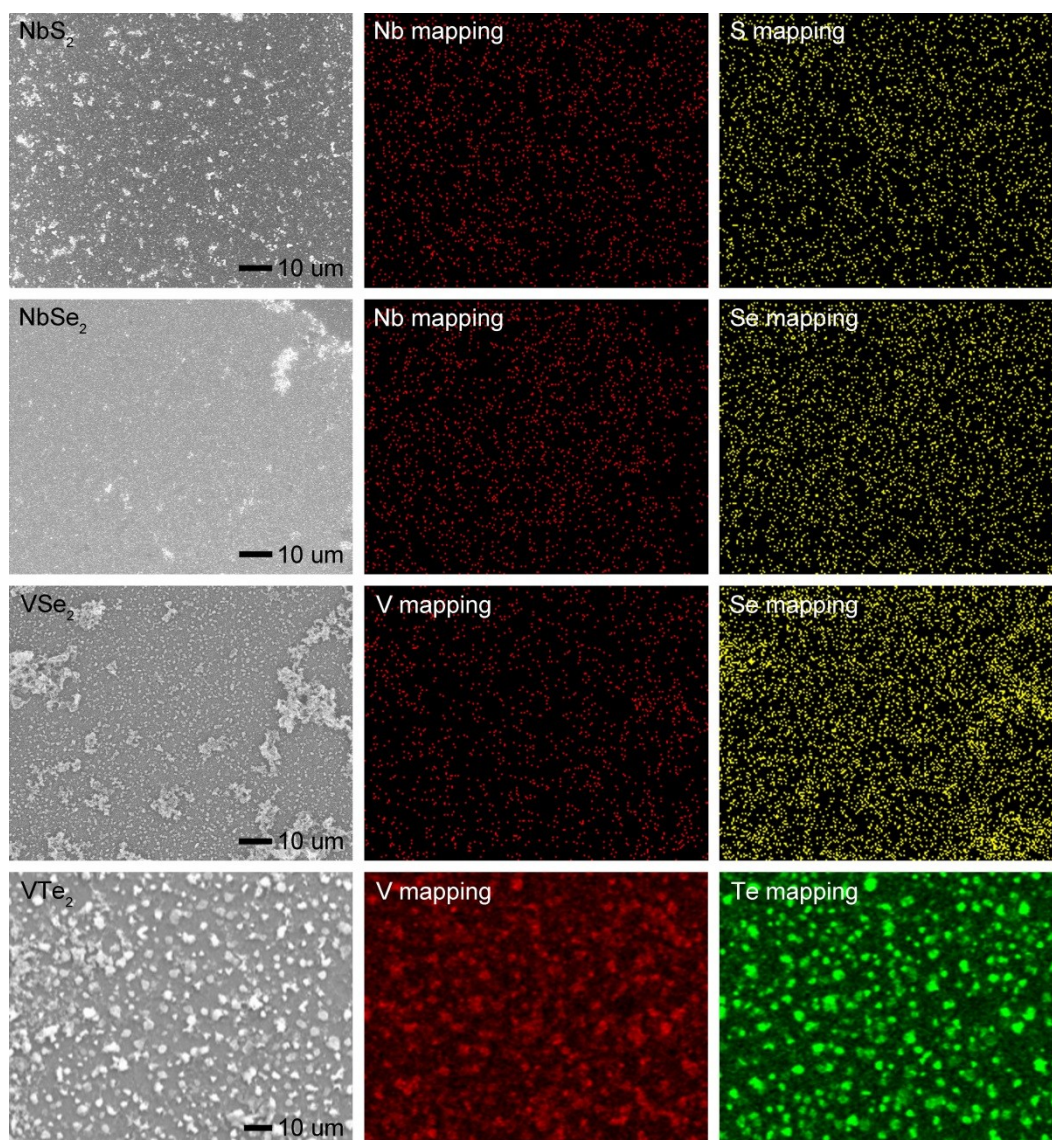


Figure S5. SEM images and corresponding EDS-mapping images of the as-synthesized films of NbS₂, NbSe₂, VSe₂, and VTe₂.

Table S1. Elemental composition obtained from EDS mapping of the as-synthesized films of NbS₂, NbSe₂, VSe₂, and VTe₂.

Materials	Elemental compositions
NbS ₂	Nb : S = 1 : 1.68
NbSe ₂	Nb : Se = 1 : 0.31
VSe ₂	V : Se = 1 : 2.41
VTe ₂	V : Te = 1 : 0.71