

Support Information

High output characteristic Ag₂Se/Nylon self-supporting composite films for wearable photo-thermoelectrical generators

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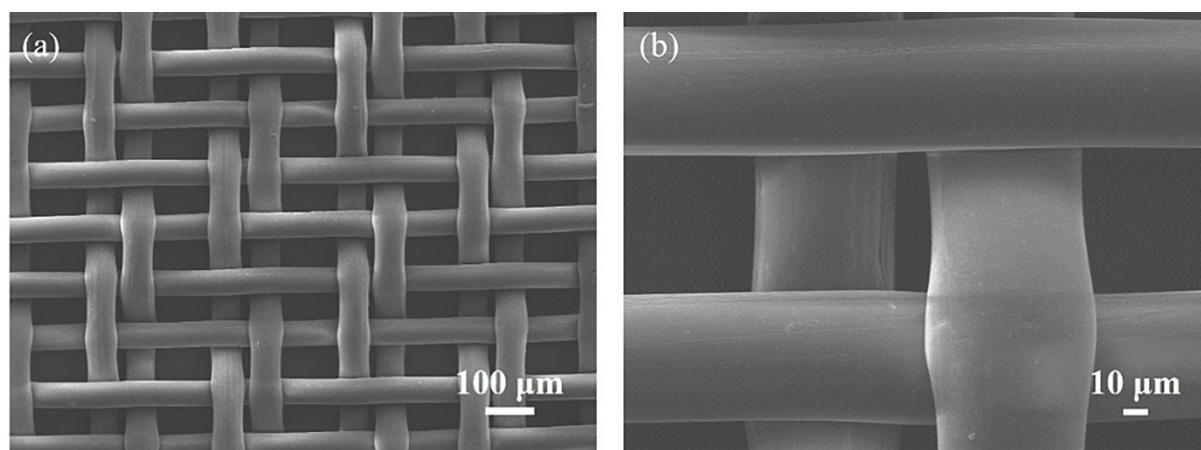
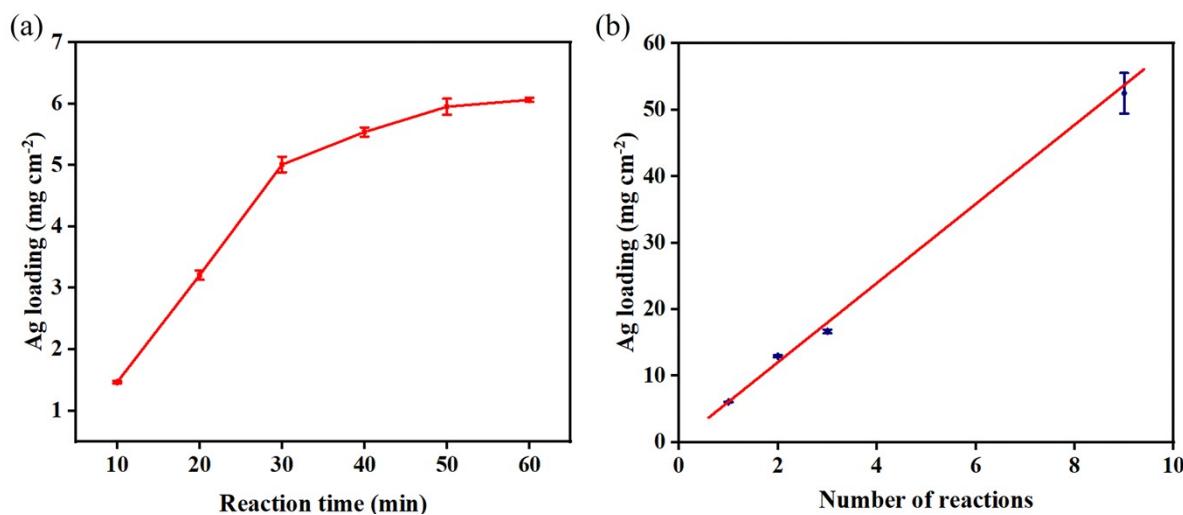


Figure S1. (a) Low and (b) high magnification surface FESEM images of commercial nylon mesh.



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Figure S2. Variation of silver loading in the silver mirror reaction with (a) reaction time and (b) numbers.

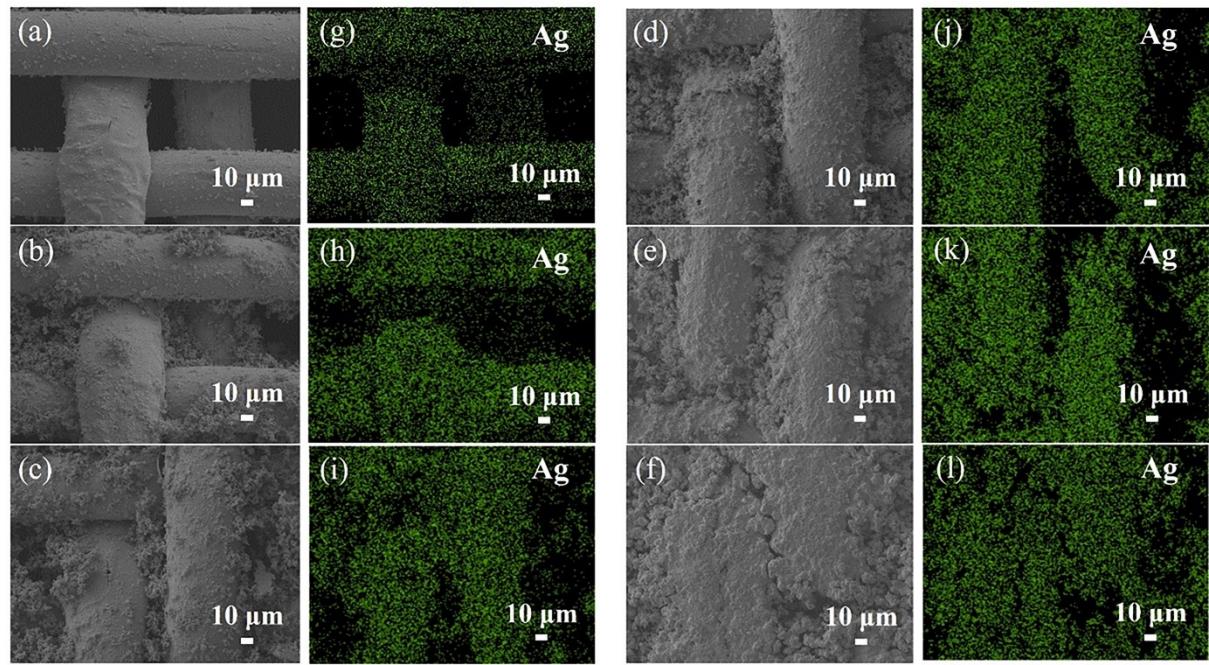


Figure S3. The morphologies of (a) 15Ag/85Nylon, (b) 35Ag/65Nylon, (c) 50Ag/50Nylon, (d) 60Ag/40Nylon, (e) 75Ag/25Nylon and (f) 90Ag/10Nylon. The EDS patterns of (g) 15Ag/85Nylon, (h) 35Ag/65Nylon, (i) 50Ag/50Nylon, (j) 60Ag/40Nylon, (k) 75Ag/25Nylon and (l) 90Ag/10Nylon.

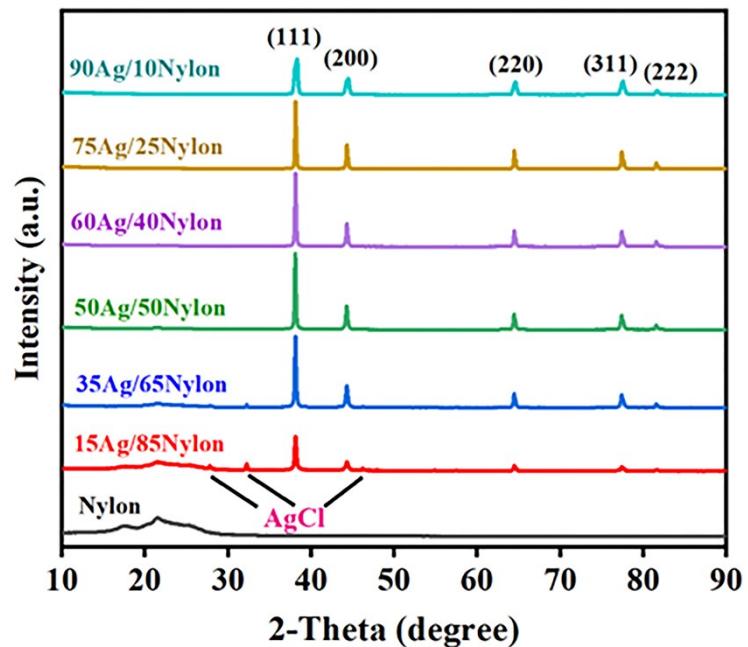


Figure S4. The XRD patterns of the nylon mesh and the prepared Ag/Nylon composite films with different contents of silver.

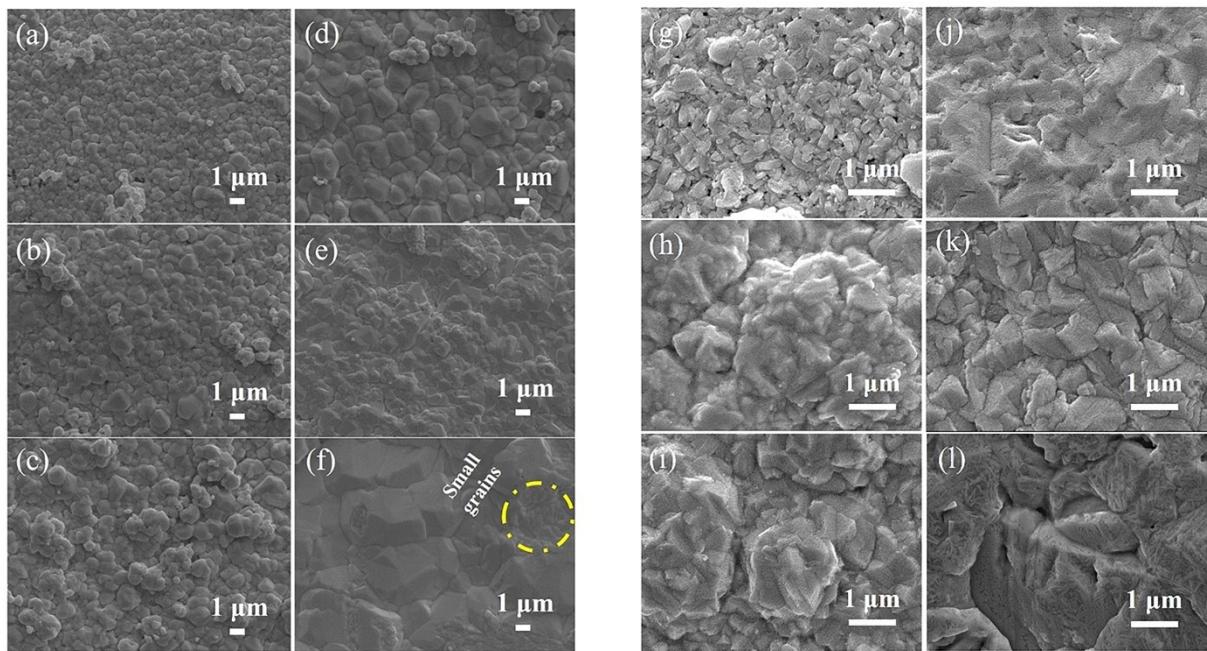


Figure S5. High magnification surface FESEM images of (a) 15Ag/85Nylon, (b) 35Ag/65Nylon, (c) 50Ag/50Nylon, (d) 60Ag/40Nylon, (e) 75Ag/25Nylon, (f) 90Ag/10Nylon, (g) 20Ag₂Se/80Nylon, (h) 40Ag₂Se/60Nylon, (i) 60Ag₂Se/40Nylon, (j) 70Ag₂Se/30Nylon, (k) 80Ag₂Se/20Nylon and (l) 90Ag₂Se/10Nylon.

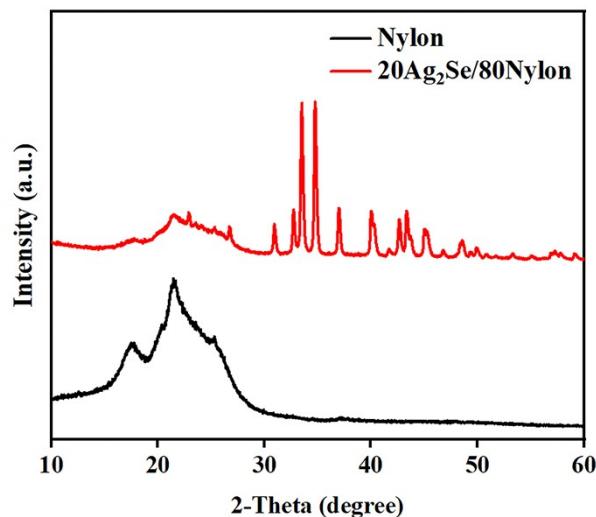


Figure S6. The XRD patterns of the nylon mesh and the prepared 20Ag₂Se/80Nylon composite film.

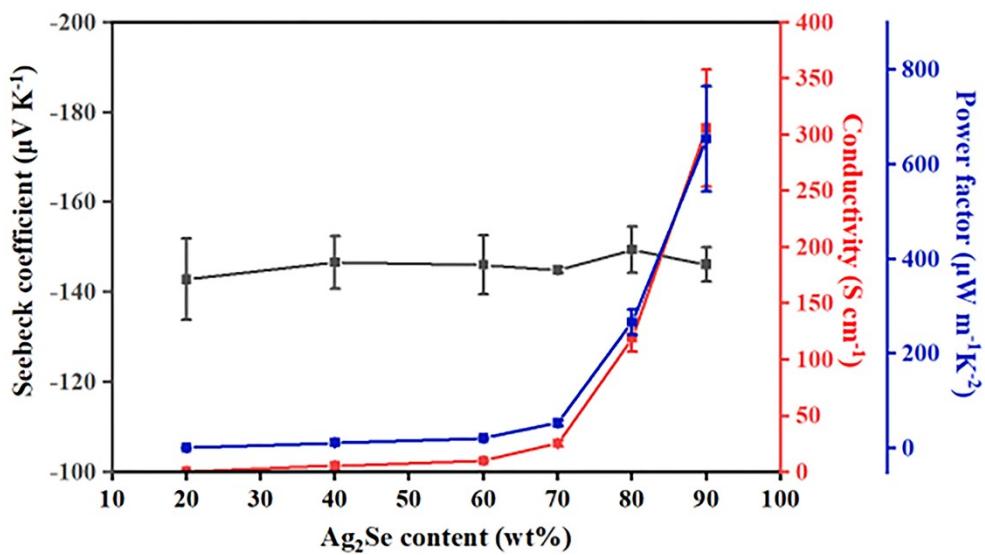


Figure S7. The electrical conductivity, Seebeck coefficient and power factor of Ag₂Se/Nylon composite films with different loadings.

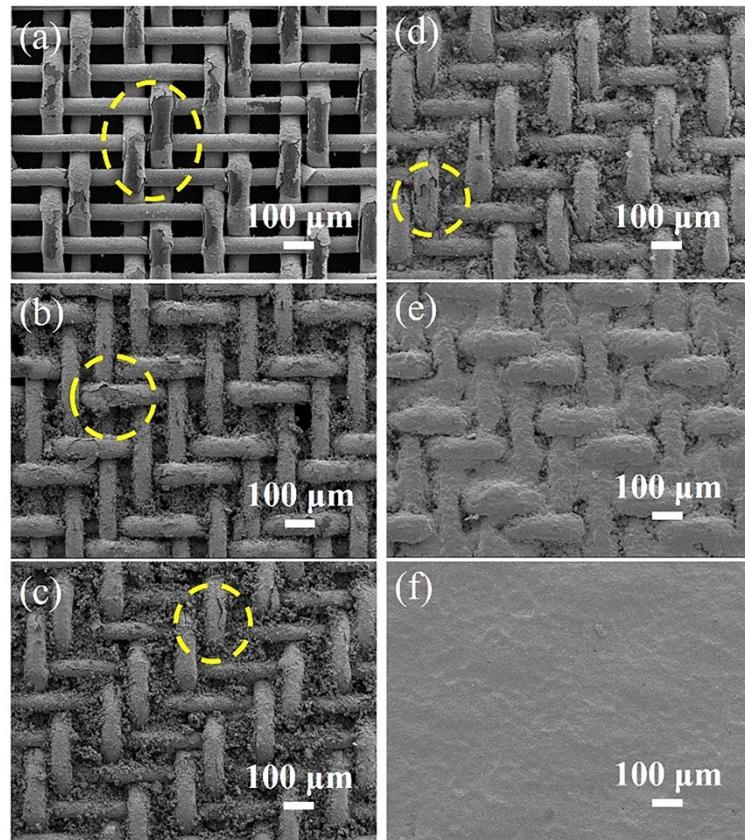


Figure S8. Low magnification surface FESEM images of (a) 20Ag₂Se/80Nylon, (b) 40Ag₂Se/60Nylon, (c) 60Ag₂Se/40Nylon, (d) 70Ag₂Se/30Nylon, (e) 80Ag₂Se/20Nylon and (f) 90Ag₂Se/10Nylon. Where the place marked by the yellow dotted line occurs obvious shedding phenomenon, the thicker Ag₂Se layers present in the higher content samples make the shedding of a small amount of Ag₂Se not lead to bare leakage, so the obvious

shedding phenomenon is not easily observed.

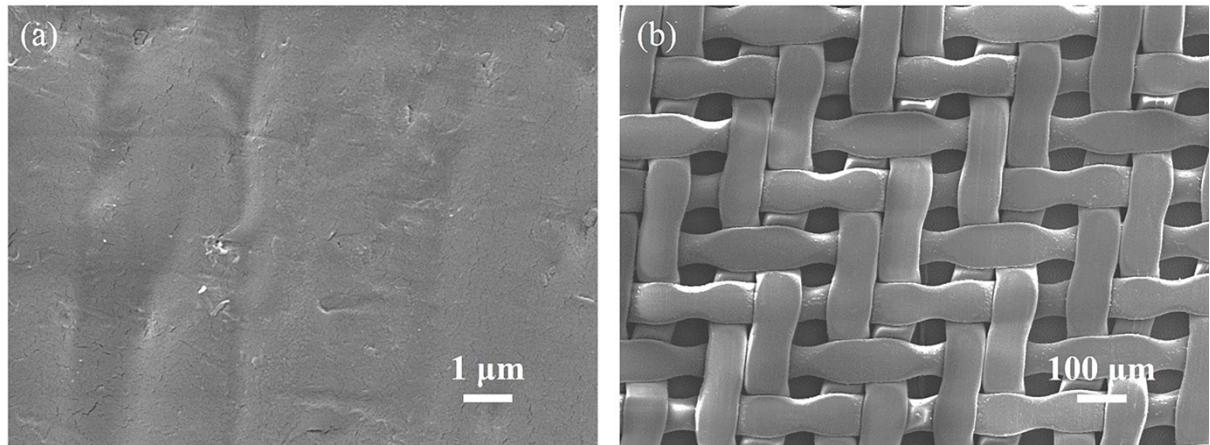


Figure S9. (a) High and (b) low magnification surface morphologies of nylon mesh after hot-pressing.

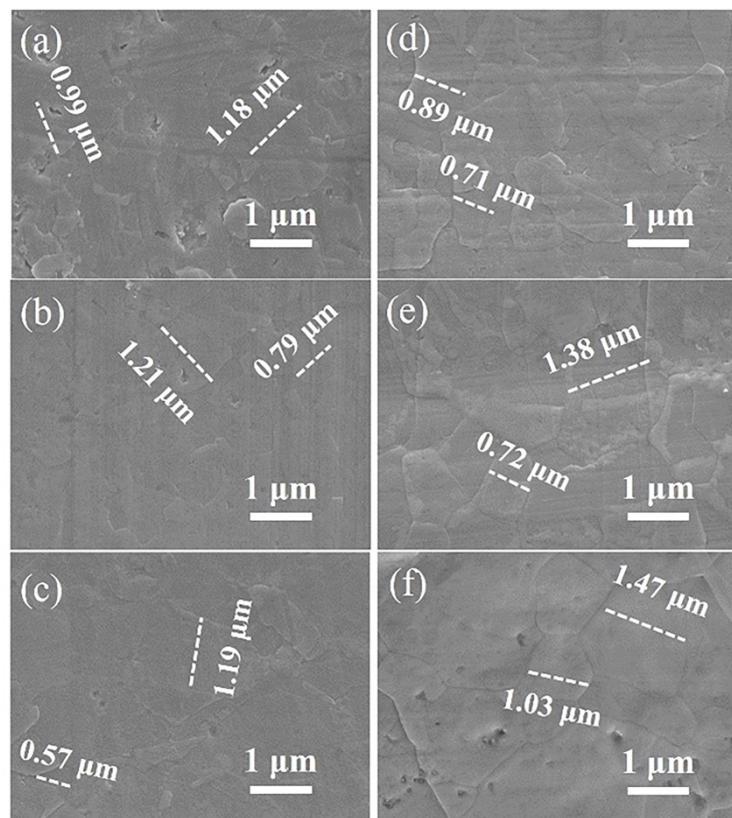


Figure S10. The morphologies of Ag₂Se grains in Ag₂Se/Nylon composite films after hot pressing. Figures a-f show 20Ag₂Se/80Nylon-h, 40Ag₂Se/60Nylon-h, 60Ag₂Se/40Nylon-h, 70Ag₂Se/30Nylon-h, 80Ag₂Se/20Nylon-h and 90Ag₂Se/10Nylon-h in order.

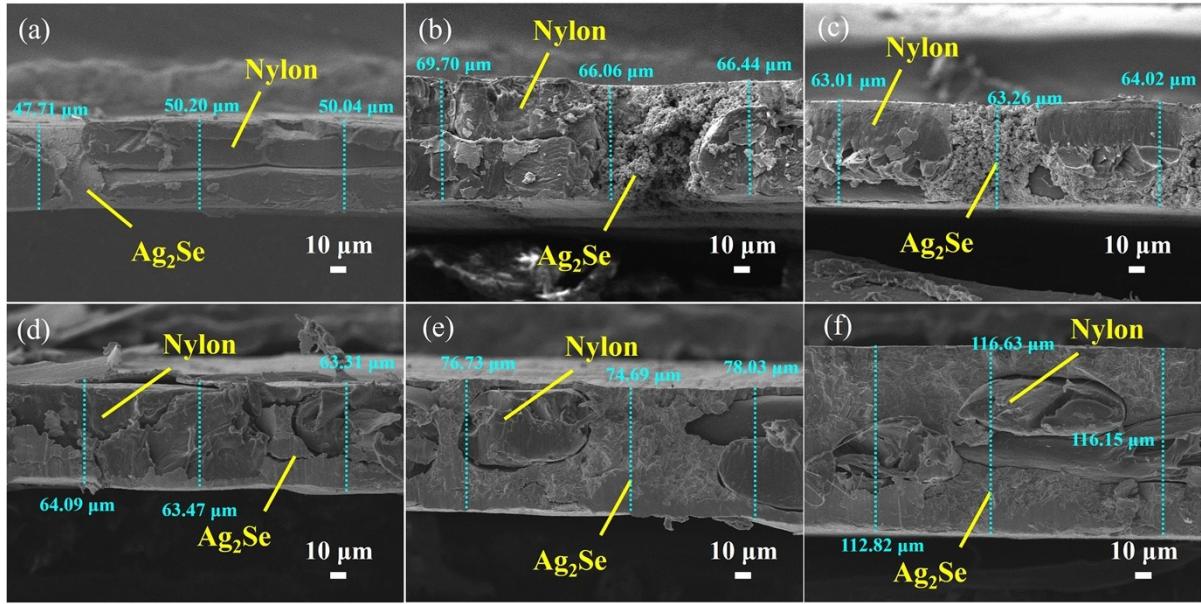


Figure S11. The cross-sectional FESEM images of $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/\text{Nylon}$ composite films after hot pressing. Figures a-f also show composite films with Ag_2Se contents of (a) 20wt%, (b) 40wt%, (c) 60wt%, (d) 70wt%, (e) 80wt% and (f) 90wt%.

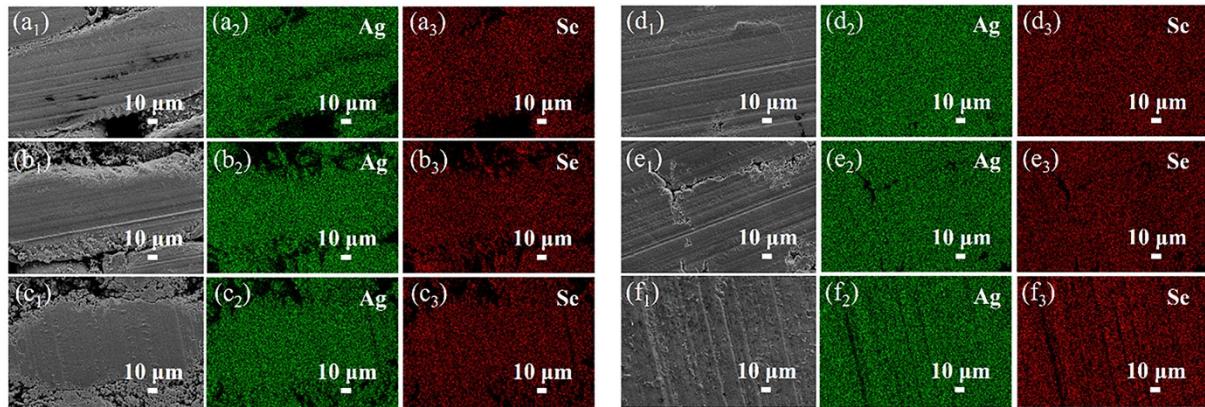


Figure S12. The EDS patterns of (a) 20 $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/80\text{Nylon-h}$, (b) 40 $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/60\text{Nylon-h}$, (c) 60 $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/40\text{Nylon-h}$, (d) 70 $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/30\text{Nylon-h}$, (e) 80 $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/20\text{Nylon-h}$ and (f) 90 $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/10\text{Nylon-h}$.

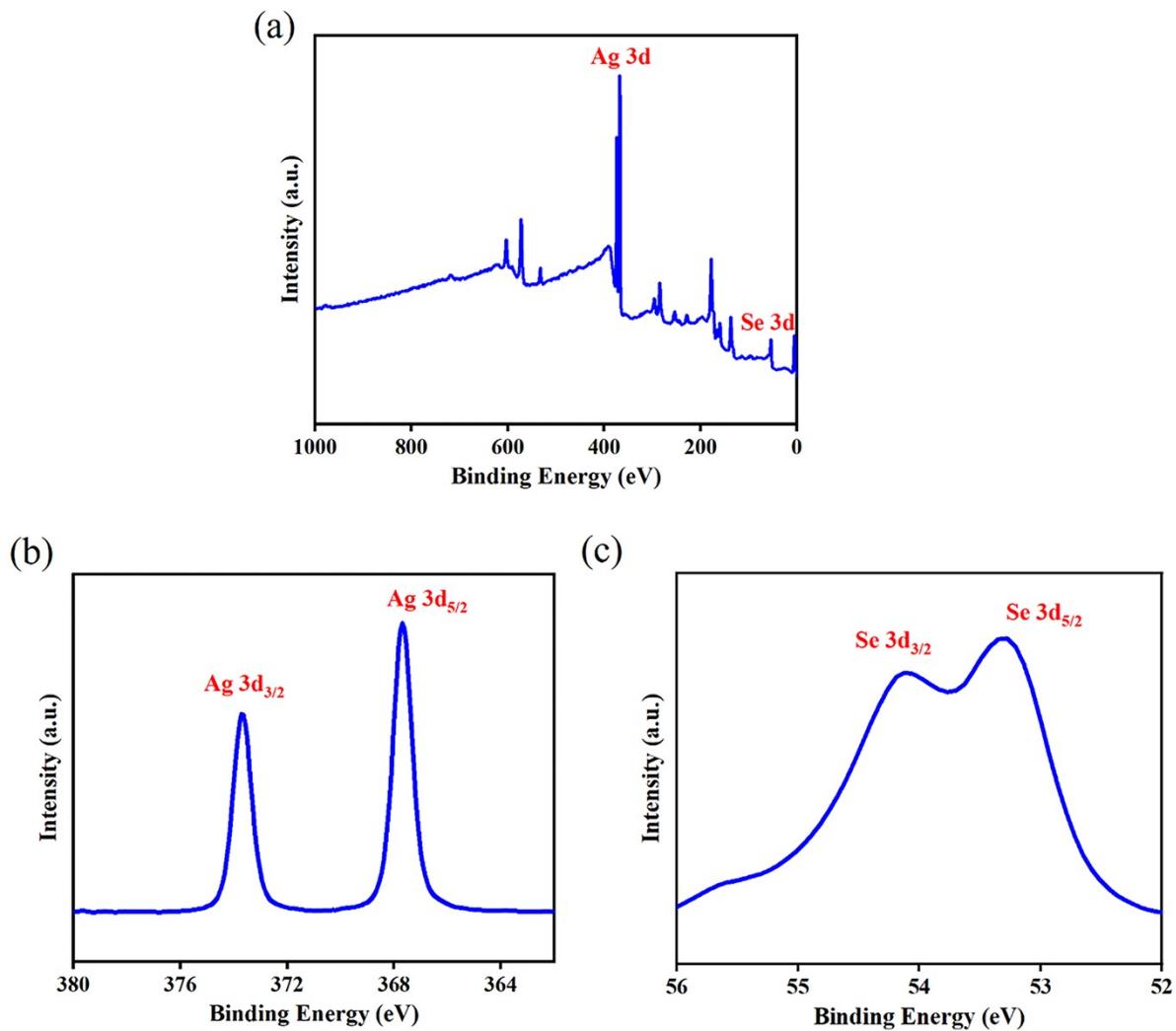


Figure S13. (a) XPS survey spectrum, and high-resolution Ag 3d (b) and Se 3d (c) core level spectra of the 80Ag₂Se/20Nylon-h.

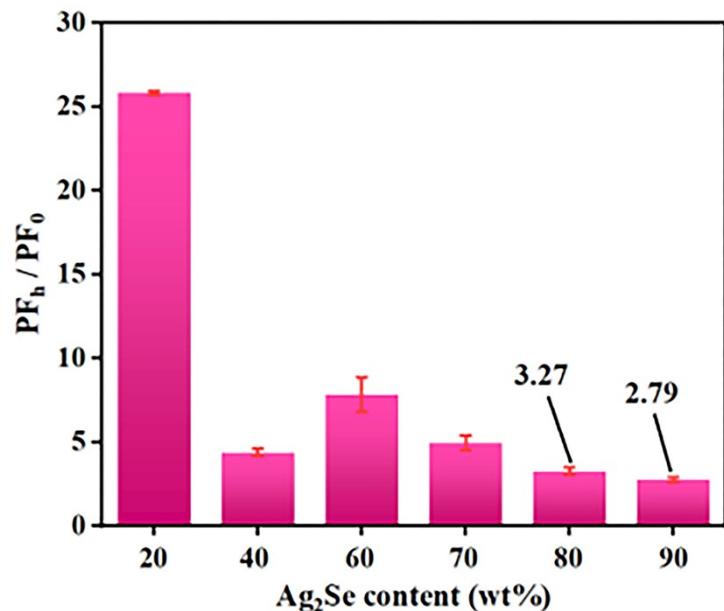


Figure S14. The ratio of the power factor of the composite films after hot-pressing to the composites before hot-pressing. PF_0 and PF_h are the power factors of the $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/\text{Nylon}$ composite film before and after hot-pressing respectively.

Tables S1. The density, specific heat capacity, out-of-plane and in-plane thermal diffusivity of the $x\text{Ag}_2\text{Se}/y\text{Nylon-h}$ composite films obtained from the measurements.

Sample	Density (g cm^{-3})	Specific heat capacity ($\text{J g}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$)	Out-of-plane thermal diffusivity (mm^2s^{-1})	In-plane thermal diffusivity (mm^2s^{-1})
20Ag ₂ Se/80Nylon-h	1.36	1.048	0.130 ± 0.008	0.538 ± 0.007
40Ag ₂ Se/60Nylon-h	1.61	0.930	0.129 ± 0.030	0.545 ± 0.014
60Ag ₂ Se/40Nylon-h	1.83	0.834	0.131 ± 0.005	0.538 ± 0.010
70Ag ₂ Se/30Nylon-h	2.50	0.627	0.133 ± 0.017	0.545 ± 0.026
80Ag ₂ Se/20Nylon-h	3.41	0.458	0.135 ± 0.001	0.534 ± 0.007
90Ag ₂ Se/10Nylon-h	4.93	0.317	0.168 ± 0.001	0.519 ± 0.003

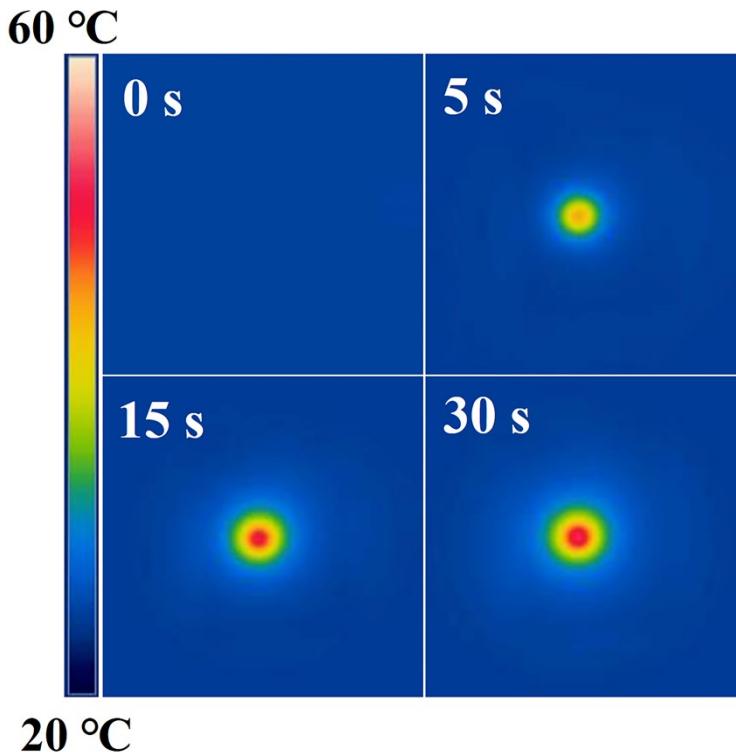


Figure S15. IR heat maps of the 80Ag₂Se/20Nylon-h when irradiated by 180 mW cm⁻² NIR light. The recording time of heat maps is 0 s, 5 s, 15 s and 30 s respectively.

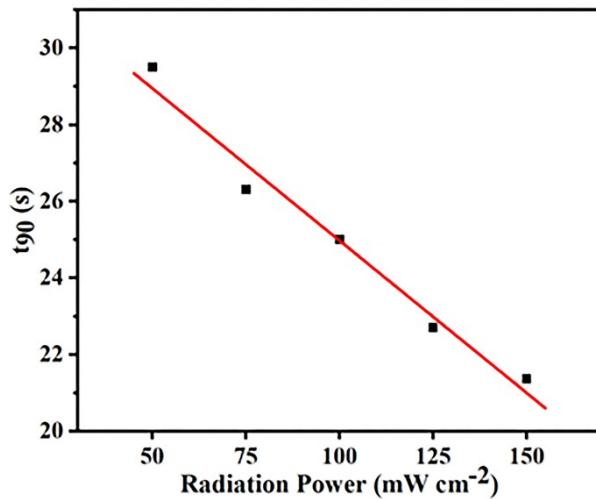


Figure S16. The time required for the PTEG to reach 90% of the maximum open-circuit output voltage with different power light radiation.

Tables S2. Comparison of our work with the reported power densities of PTEGs with different types.

Index	Composite	Light source mode	The number of legs	Power densities (nW cm⁻²)	Ref
1	Bi ₂ Te _{2.7} Se _{0.3} /Sb ₂ Te ₃	20 mW cm⁻² (NIR, 808 nm)	10	502.78	1
2	PPy/Ag ₂ Se	100 mW cm⁻² (NIR, 808 nm)	1	600.00	2
3	PEDOT:PSS/HCNTs	166.01 mW cm⁻² (NIR, 808 nm)	3	2.83	3
4	PPy/HCNTs	400 mW cm⁻² (NIR, 808 nm)	1	0.0446	4
5	Mo ₂ S/PU-PEDOT:PSS/Te NWs	2625 mW cm⁻² (NIR, 808 nm)	1	0.0432	5
6	Ag ₂ Se/Nylon	100 mW cm⁻² (NIR, 808 nm)	4	3265.63	Our work

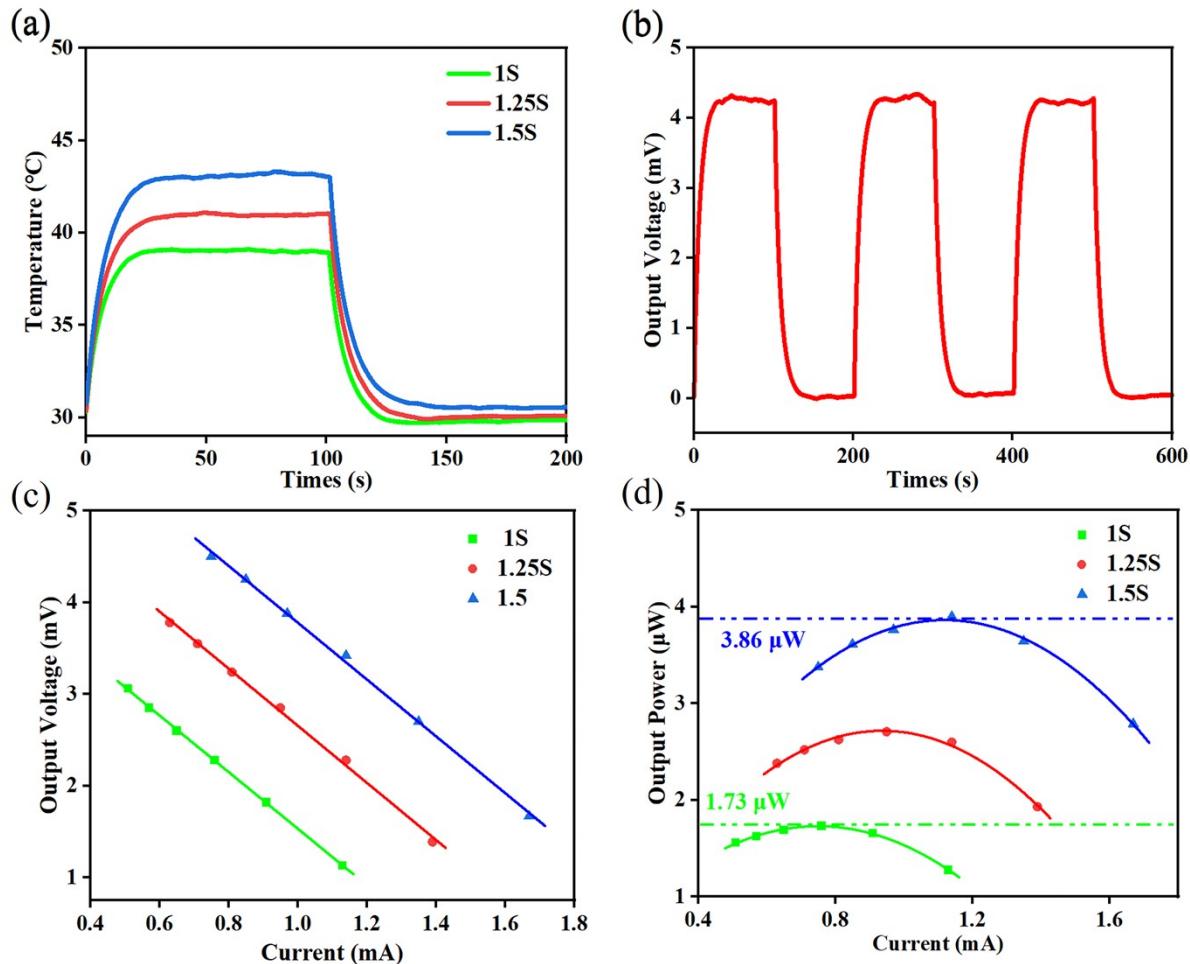


Figure S17. (a) Temperature changes of the 80Ag₂Se/20Nylon under different intensities of visible light irradiation. (b) The cyclic open-circuit voltage response of the PTEG under 1S visible light irradiation. (c) The output voltage and (d) power of the PTEG as a function of current at different radiation power of visible light.

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