

Supplementary Materials

High-Performance Long-wave Infrared Photodetector Based on WSe₂/PdSe₂ Broken-Gap Heterodiode

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1. PdSe₂ single crystal growth and characterization

The self-flux method was used to synthesize PdSe₂ single crystals. Pd (99.99%), and Se (99.99%) powders were weighed by an atomic ratio of Pd: Se = 1: 6. And the excessive selenium is to prevent selenium defects resulting in synthetic impure samples. The fully mixed powder was sealed in a vacuum quartz ampoule. The sample was placed in a box furnace. The temperature was rising to 800 °C for 2 hours, and then hold at 800 °C for 5 hours. To make Pd react fully, the furnace was further increased to 1050 °C and held at 1050 °C for 2 hours. Whereafter, the temperature was cooled down to 850 °C within two hours. Finally, to ensure the smooth growth of samples, the furnace temperature was slowly reduced to 450 °C at a speed of 5.5 °C/h. And then the furnace power supply was turned off, and naturally cooled to room temperature. A single crystal with a metallic luster and several millimeters in size was obtained. Raman spectra of PdSe₂ and WSe₂ were carried out using a 532 nm laser as excitation light. For PdSe₂, four distinct peaks are located in ~143.5 cm⁻¹, ~205 cm⁻¹, ~221 cm⁻¹, and ~257.4 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the A_g^1 - B_{1g}^1 , A_g^2 , B_{1g}^2 , and A_g^3 modes, respectively.¹⁻³ There are some second-order and combinational modes in the Raman spectrum of WSe₂ bulk crystal. Two strong peaks around 250 cm⁻¹ are assigned to E_{2g}^1 and A_{1g} modes, respectively.⁴

2. Device fabrication and measurements

The thin flakes of WSe_2 and PdSe_2 were obtained from bulk single crystals by mechanically exfoliating. The thicknesses of the samples were identified by an optical microscope. Then the samples were transferred to pre-patterned electrodes on silicon substrates using the dry transfer technique. The silicon substrates were covered by a 280 nm layer of thermal oxide. The electrodes were fabricated through the standard electron beam lithography (EBL) and followed by electron beam evaporation 5 nm Ti/25 nm Au. A dual-channel digital source meter (Keithley 2636B) was used as a voltage source. Single wavelength lasers of 405 nm, 520 nm, and 637 nm were used to evaluate the performance of the $\text{WSe}_2/\text{PdSe}_2$ in the visible range. The lasers were focused on the device using a 20 \times objective lens. A wavelength-tuneable homemade mid-wave infrared (MWIR) laser (ranging from 2.5 μm to 4.2 μm) and a long wavelength infrared (LWIR) laser of 10.6 μm were used to study the uncooled MWIR and LWIR photoresponse of the $\text{WSe}_2/\text{PdSe}_2$ heterodiode. The noise current density spectrum at different biases was acquired in a metal-shielded box by using a noise measurement system (PDA NC300L, 100 kHz bandwidth).

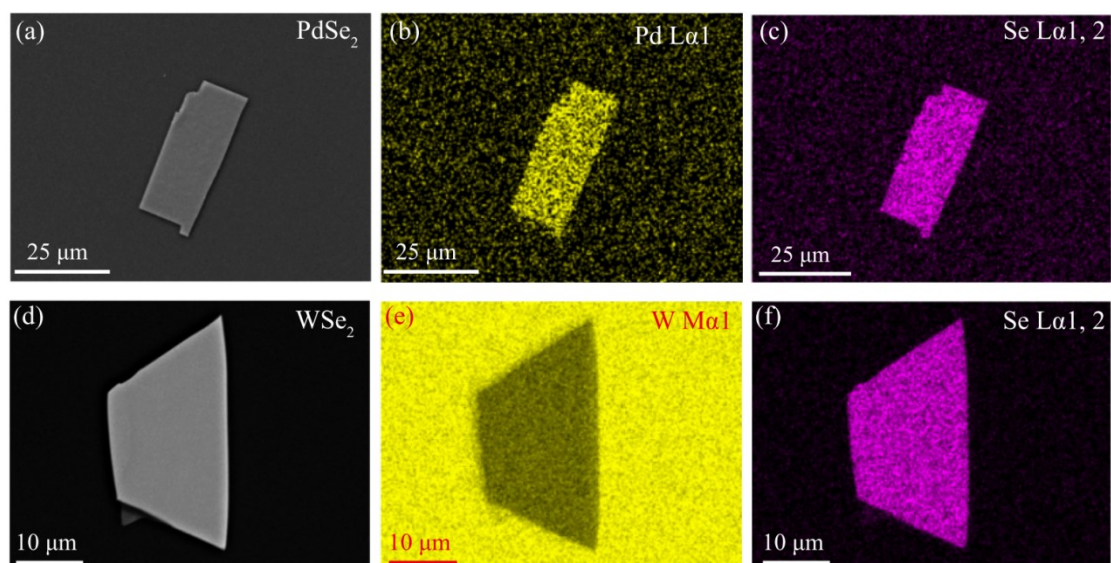


Figure S1. SEM image and EDS elements mappings. (a) and (d) SEM images of PdSe₂ and WSe₂ flakes. (b) and (c) Uniform distribution of Pd and Se elements in the EDS mappings. (e) and (f) EDS element mappings with uniform distribution of W and Se.

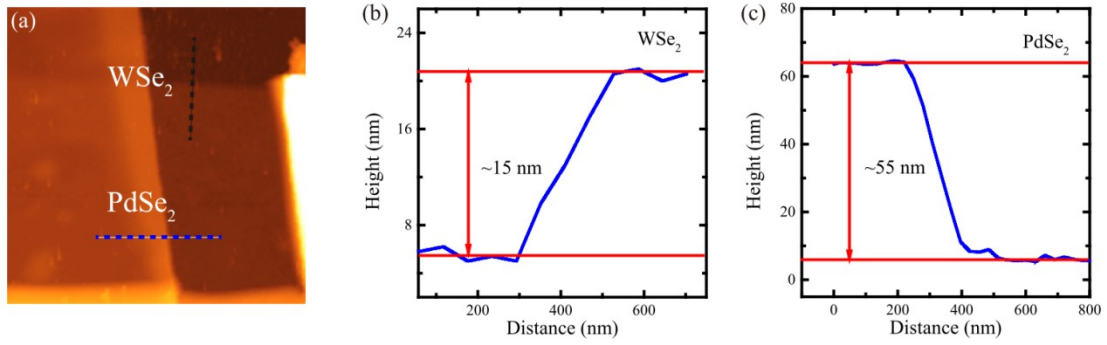


Figure S2. AFM image and the thickness of the WSe_2 and PdSe_2 flakes. (a) AFM image of a measured $\text{WSe}_2/\text{PdSe}_2$ heterodiode device. (b) and (c) The thicknesses of the WSe_2 and PdSe_2 flakes of a $\text{WSe}_2/\text{PdSe}_2$ heterodiode device.

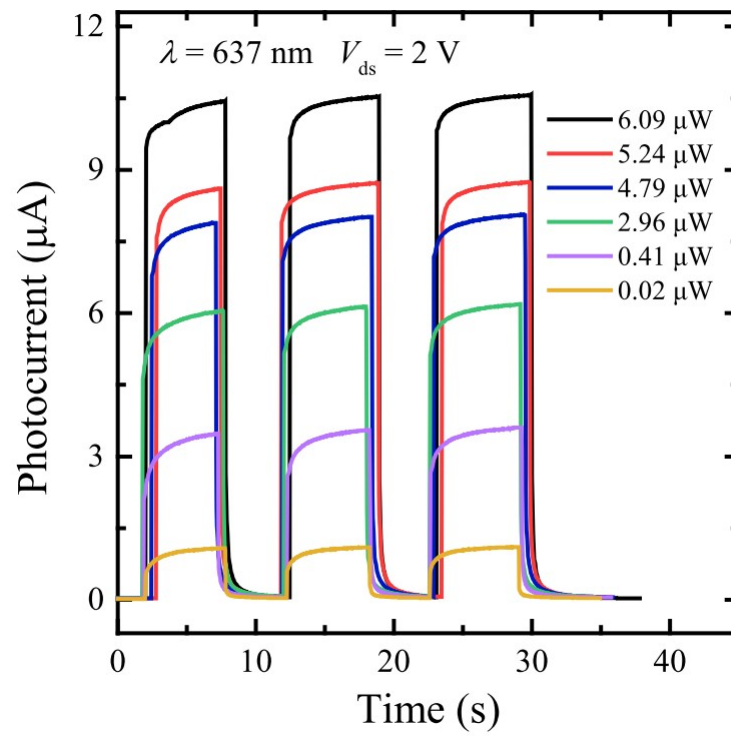


Figure S3. Temporal photoresponse of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device under 637 nm laser at a bias of 2 V.

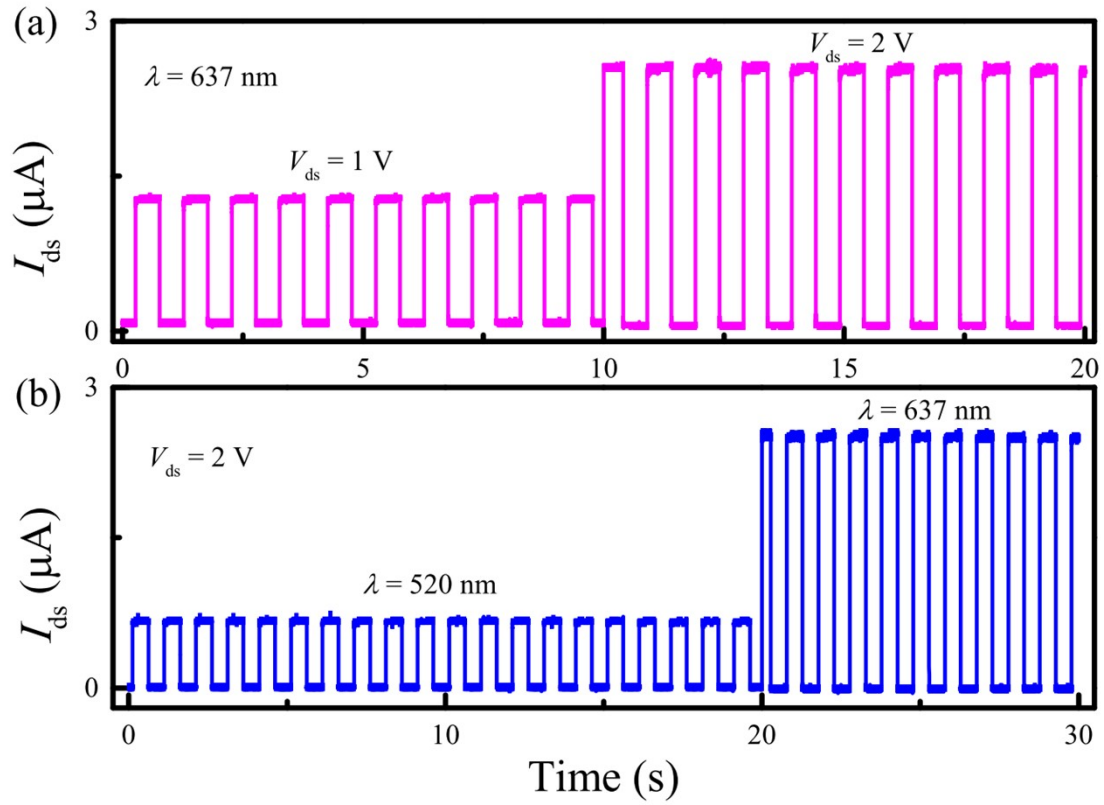


Figure S4. The temporal photoresponse of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device. (a) Bias voltage dependence of photoresponse at 637 nm laser. (b) Temporal photoresponse of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device under 520 nm and 637 nm lasers at a bias of 2 V.

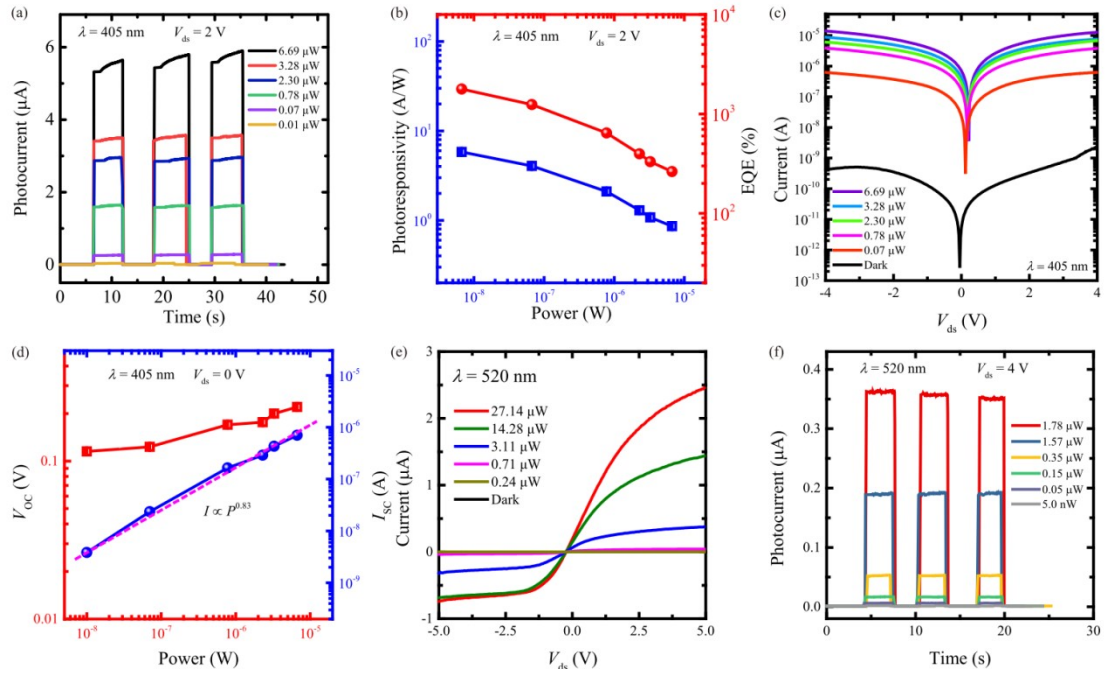


Figure S5. Photoresponse of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device in the visible spectral range. (a) Temporal photoresponse of the device with various powers of 405 nm laser at a bias of 2 V. (b) The extracted R and EQE of the device as a function of illumination power of 405 nm laser at 2V bias. (c) Output characteristic curves of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device under a 405 nm laser with varying light power. (d) Extracted V_{OC} and I_{SC} as a function of incident illumination power of 405 nm laser. (e) The I - V curves of the typical device with various light power of 520 nm laser. (f) The temporal photoresponse under various incidence light powers of the 520 nm laser at a bias of 4 V.

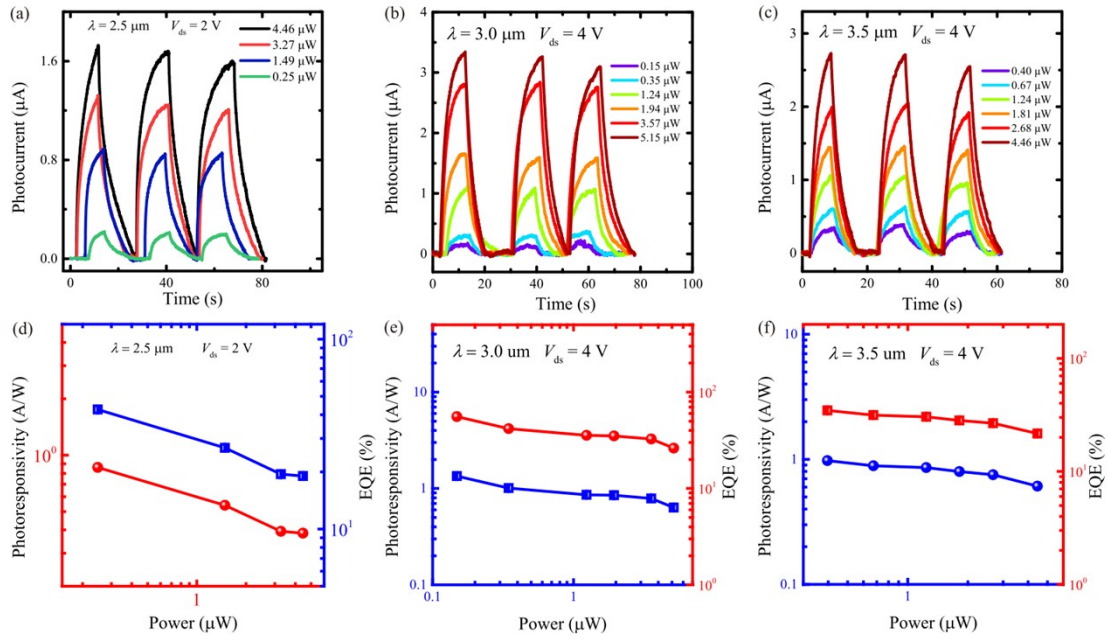


Figure S6. Photoresponse of the $\text{WSe}_2/\text{PdSe}_2$ heterodiode device at MWIR spectral range. (a)-(c) Temporal photoresponse of the device with different illumination powers of 2.5 μm , 3.0 μm , and 3.5- μm laser. (d)-(f) Extracted R (left axis) and EQE (right axis) versus incident light power of 2.5 μm , 3.0 μm , and 3.5 μm laser, respectively.

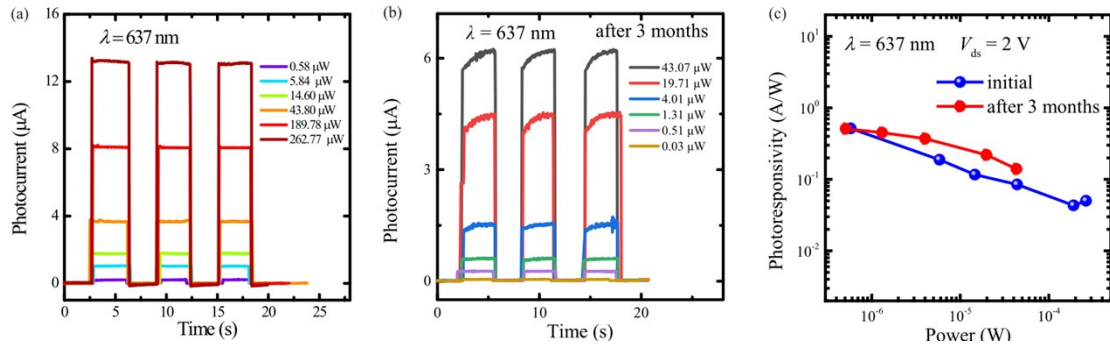


Figure S7. The stability of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device. (a) and (b) Temporal photoresponse of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device under various incident light power of the 637-nm laser at 2 V bias of a newly fabricated device and exposed in the air for more than 3 months, respectively. (c) R versus incident light power of the twice measured results.

Table. S1. Summarized the performance of 2D materials photodetectors

Materials	λ [μm]	R [A/W]	Bias (V)	Time τ_r/τ_d (μs)	D^* [Jones]	On/off ratio	rectification ratio	Ref.
PdSe ₂	0.532	0.0036	1	11/6 ms	--	10 ²	--	5
PdSe ₂	0.45-10.6	249.1-42.6	1	51.3/53.7	7×10^8 1.1×10^9	10 ³	--	6
WSe ₂	0.65	0.36	1	310/930 (ms)	1×10^9	<10	--	7
WSe ₂ /MoS ₂	0.532	0.011	-1	--	--	75	50	8
PdSe ₂ /MoS ₂	0.637 (0.45-10.6)	11.15	1	--	<10 ¹⁰	<10	10 ²	6
Bp/MoS ₂	0.532 (1.55)	22.3-0.153	-2	15	3.1×10^{11} 2.13×10^9	10 ²	10 ³	9
MoS ₂ /CdTe	0.78 (0.2-1.7)	0.036	--	43.7/82.1	6.1×10^{10}	3×10^4	<10 ²	10
PdSe ₂ /Bp	0.637 (0.4-10.6)	60.3	1	2.9/4.0	2.05×10^9	<10	<10	11
WSe ₂ /WSe ₂	0.532	0.0112	0	--	--	--	--	12
PdSe ₂ /MoSe ₂	0.532	0.651	--	41.7/62.5	5.29×10^{11}	--	5.6×10^3	13
PtS ₂ /WSe ₂	0.532-0.92	1.7	1	8	3.8×10^{10}	10 ⁵	10 ⁸	14
BP/MoS ₂	633	0.418	-2	--	--	--	--	15
WSe ₂ /G	520	6.62×10^{-2}	--	--	--	--	--	16
MoTe ₂ /MoS ₂	473	0.064	2	--	--	--	--	17
BP/WSe ₂	1.55 (0.637-1.55)	0.5	0.5	800	10 ¹⁰	10 ³	>10 ³	18
b-As-MoS ₂	0.4-8.05	0.22	--	540/520	--	--	--	19
Te/ReS ₂	0.632	180	--	5 ms	10 ⁹	--	--	20

Te/ReS ₂	0.66	2.45	-1	11.9/4 2.5	4.74×10 ⁹	8.32×10 ¹	10 ³	21
Te/WS ₂	0.635	3.69	-2	9.5/9.1	1.34×10 ¹²	1.48×10 ³	--	22
Te/InSe	0.4	0.45	-2	0.6/0.8	1.1×10 ¹³	10 ⁴	--	23
PtSe ₂ /Ge	1.550	0.602	0	7.42/1 6.71	6.31×10 ¹¹	3.8×10 ³	~25	24
Graphene/Ge	1.55	0.051 8	0	23/108	1.38×10 ¹⁰	1×10 ⁴	~24	25
WSe₂/PdSe₂	0.4- 10.6	55.3- 0.29	2	70/60	3.5×10¹⁰ 5.9 ×10⁸	~10⁶	10³	Thi s wor k

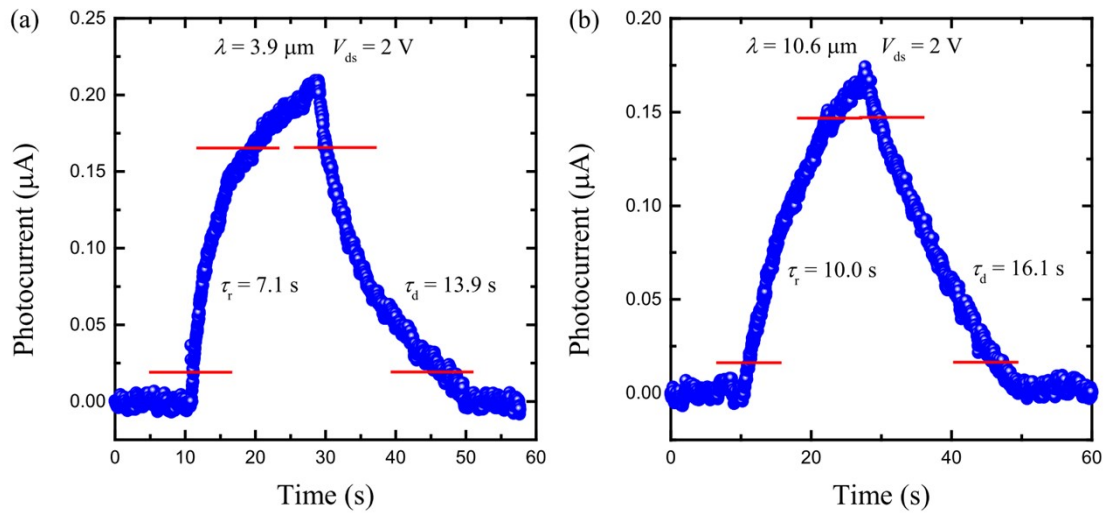


Figure S8 Photoresponse time of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device. (a) and (b) the speed of the WSe₂/PdSe₂ heterodiode device under MWIR 3.9 μm and LWIR 10.6 μm at 2 V bias, respectively.

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