## **Supporting Information**

## Defect-engineered 2D Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>-based broadband optoelectronic synapses with ultralow energy consumption for neuromorphic computing

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Fig. S1: Schematic diagram of the growth process of the ultrathin 2D Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> film via CVD.



**Fig. S2:** (a) Fitted peak corresponding to (006) plane of BS1, BS2 and BS3. (b) Measured FWHM from the fitting of all the three samples.



**Fig. S3:** (a) and (b) HRTEM images of the BS1 and BS3 samples. Square boxes show the position where IFFT was performed.



**Fig. S4:** (a) Fitted Raman spectra of bulk  $Bi_2Se_3$ , BS1, BS2, and BS3 and (b) Measured FWHM of the  $A_{1g}^1$  modes from the fitting of all three samples.



Fig. S5: XPS survey spectra of BS1, BS2, and BS3 showing all the elements present in the samples.



Fig. S6: EDS spectra of the as-grown  $Bi_2Se_3$  thin films showing the atomic percentages of Bi and Se.



**Fig. S7:** (a), (b) and (c) show the AFM images taken at the film edges of BS1, BS2 and BS3. (d), (e) and (f) are the height profiles of the BS1, BS2 and BS3 films.



Fig. S8: Optical microscope image of the Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>-based OES device.



Fig. S9: (a), (b) and (c). Back-scanning I-V characteristics of the BS1, BS2 and BS3 based OES devices.



**Fig. S10:** (a), (b) and (c). The EPSC is triggered by a pair of optical pulses (532 nm, 30.2 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1 s) with an interval time of 200 ms for three repetitions with the time interval ( $\Delta$ t) between two consecutive pulses of 200 ms for maximum PPF index measurement.



**Fig. S11:** Photocurrent response of the OES device after illumination of one single pulse to measure the lowest power consumption. V is the applied voltage.



Fig. S12: (a), (d) and (g). Decay of the normalized memory retention change after stimulation by different light intensities, pulse durations and frequencies, respectively. The solid red line is the fitted curve by Kohlrausch function. The inset of each shows the change in the retention time with the corresponding variable. (b), (e) and (h). Decay of the EPSC after stimulation by different intensities, pulse durations and frequencies, respectively. The solid red line is the fitted curve by the Wickelgren power-law. (c), (f) and (i). The change of learning degree ( $\lambda$ ) and forgetting parameter ( $\psi$ ) with light intensity, pulse duration and frequency respectively.

| Conditions  |       | Retention time | Learning degree $(\lambda)$ | Forgetting rate $(\psi)$ |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|             |       | (τ), s         |                             |                          |
| Intensity   | 10.09 | 109.8          | 8.41×10 <sup>-9</sup>       | 0.1717                   |
| $(mW/cm^2)$ | 20.85 | 131.8          | 1.14×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1532                   |
|             | 30.20 | 174.7          | 1.50×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1467                   |
|             | 39.54 | 319.3          | 1.81×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1123                   |
|             | 48.45 | 487.9          | 2.29×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1059                   |
| Pulse       | 1     | 142.3          | 1.20×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.2216                   |
| duration    | 5     | 278.1          | 2.14×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1910                   |
| (s)         | 10    | 291.3          | 2.93×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1653                   |
|             | 15    | 317.0          | 3.34×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1411                   |
|             | 20    | 372.5          | 4.04×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1297                   |
| Pulse       | 5     | 112.04         | 1.54×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.2850                   |
| number      | 10    | 137.64         | 2.41×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.2575                   |
|             | 20    | 214.93         | 3.09×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.2262                   |
|             | 30    | 523.07         | 3.52×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1685                   |
| Pulse       | 0.1   | 120.71         | 8.67×10 <sup>-9</sup>       | 0.3679                   |
| frequency   | 0.2   | 133.28         | 1.46×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.2906                   |
| (Hz)        | 0.5   | 276.85         | 2.16×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.2105                   |
|             | 1     | 523.07         | 3.52×10 <sup>-8</sup>       | 0.1685                   |

Table S1. Summary of the values of parameters  $\tau,\lambda$  and,  $\psi$  for all the cases.



**Fig. S13:** (a) The transition of STM to LTM of the BS2 device at 2 V bias by increasing (a) pulse duration (532 nm,  $30.2 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ ), (b) the light intensity (532 nm, 2 s), and (c) number of pulses (532 nm,  $30.2 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ , 1Hz). (d) the EPSC is triggered by a pair of optical pulses (532 nm,  $30.2 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ , 1 s) with an interval time of 200 ms for maximum PPF index measurement of the BS2 device.



Fig. S14: Atomic structure of the 4-layer. (a) Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> and (b) Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> with Se vacancies.



**Fig. S15:** UPS spectra and Fermi level analysis of intrinsic Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> film; the inset shows the estimation of the maximum of the valence band.



Fig. S16: Schematic of the band diagram of  $Bi_2Se_3$  in conjunction with the Au electrodes before contact.



**Fig. S17:** (a) LTP curve shows the change of conductance with pulse number. (b) Fitted nonlinearity curve from the experimental data.