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2 **crystal as high-*k* van der Waals dielectric: electronic**  
3 **decoupling and significant surface ionic behaviors”**

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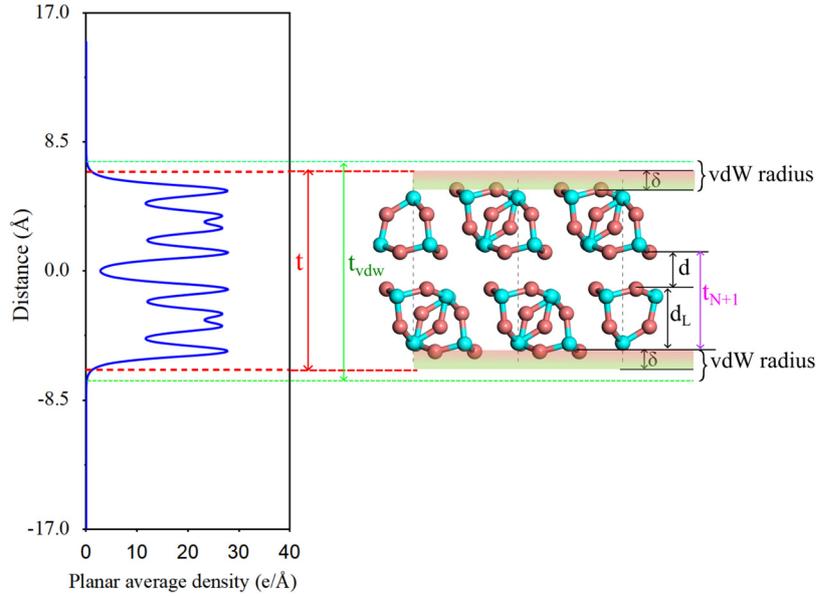
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6 **1. Definition of several 2D thicknesses and the effect of the thickness on the**

7 **dielectric constant**

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10 Fig. S1: Various definitions of the slab thickness for few-layer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The total slab thickness

11 ( $t$ ) is the vertical distance between the outermost atoms of the slab, plus the region of charge

12 spillover ( $\delta$ ) extending beyond the outermost atomic layers where the charge density falls to

13 approximately 5% of the nearest peak values.  $\delta$  represents the region of charge spillover

14 extending beyond the outermost atomic layers, and it does not vary significantly with different

15 numbers of layers. Considering the vdW radius of the outermost O atoms, we define the

16 thickness of the slab as  $t_{vdW}$ . The total thickness of  $N$  layer is defined by the thickness of  $N+1$

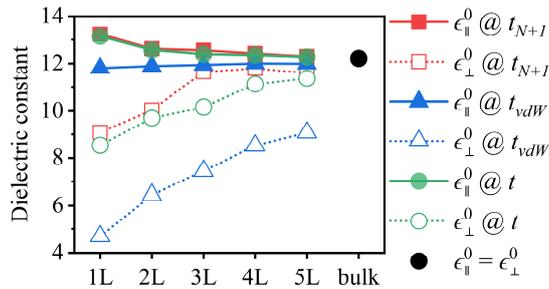
17 layers (i.e.,  $N \times$  one-layer thickness +  $N \times$  interlayer spacing), denoted as  $t_{N+1}$ , where the

18 one-layer thickness ( $d_L$ ) represents the vertical distance between the outermost atoms in each layer,

19 and the interlayer spacing ( $d$ ) represents the vdW gap between adjacent layers. The descending

20 order of the three slab thicknesses is  $t_{vdW} > t > t_{N+1}$ .

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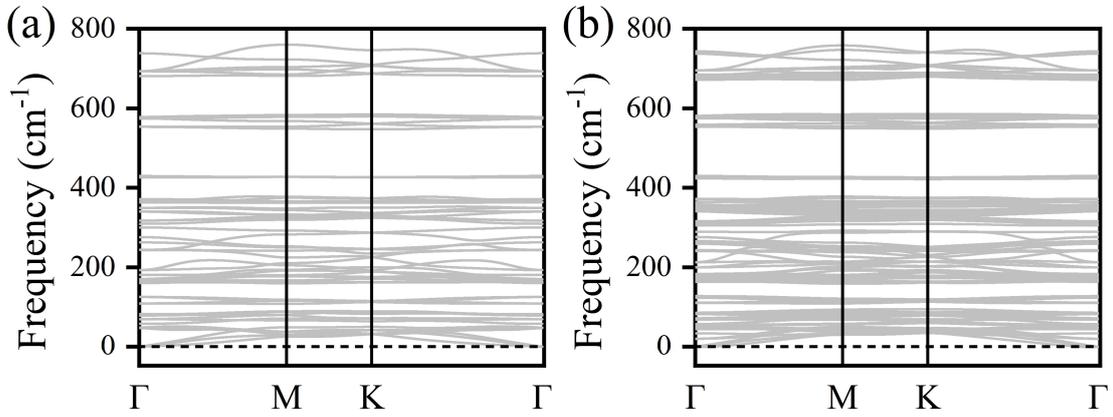
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1 Fig. S2: Influence of the slab thickness definitions on the dielectric constant. Three different  
 2 slab thickness definitions for the few-layer  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  exhibit different effects on the in-plane and  
 3 out-of-plane static dielectric constant. Here, the influence of vacuum on the dielectric constant  
 4 has been removed. When employing the thickness defined as  $t_{N+1}$ , it is observed that the out-  
 5 of-plane dielectric constant decreases after exceeding  $4L$ ; when using the thickness defined as  
 6  $t_{vdw}$ , the in-plane dielectric constant shows a slight increase, but it remains smaller than the bulk  
 7 value. This behavior is notably distinct from that observed with  $t_{N+1}$  and  $t$ . The observations  
 8 above suggest that a well-defined slab thickness is essential for elucidating the underlying  
 9 physical principles. We define the slab thickness based on the charge density decay, considering  
 10 interlayer interactions and surface effects within the current system. This definition falls  
 11 between the values of  $t_{vdw}$  and  $t_{N+1}$ . The figure demonstrates that our definition mitigates  
 12 oscillating decay resulting from numerical noise and the risk of deviating from bulk properties.

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## 14 2. Lattice dynamic stability

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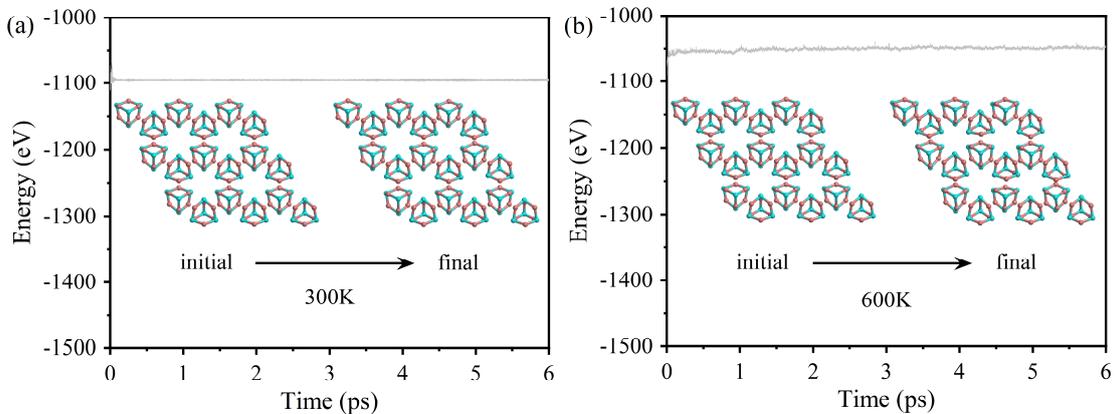
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18 Fig. S3: Phonon spectra of monolayer and bilayer  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ . Their phonon spectra display no  
 19 imaginary frequencies, affirming the dynamical stability of the material.

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## 22 3. Thermodynamic stability



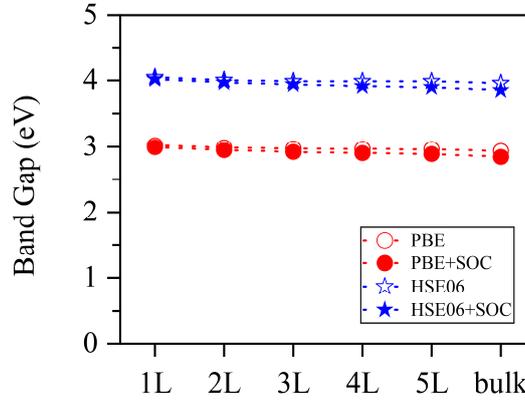
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1 Fig. S4: First-principles molecular dynamics of monolayer  $\alpha$ -Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Total energy evolution of  
 2 monolayer  $\alpha$ -Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> over time (a) at 300 K (b) 600 K. The illustration in figures is structure  
 3 evolution from initial to final states. The total simulation time is 6 ps, with a time step of 1 fs.

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5 **4. The effect of spin-orbit coupling (SOC) on the band gap**

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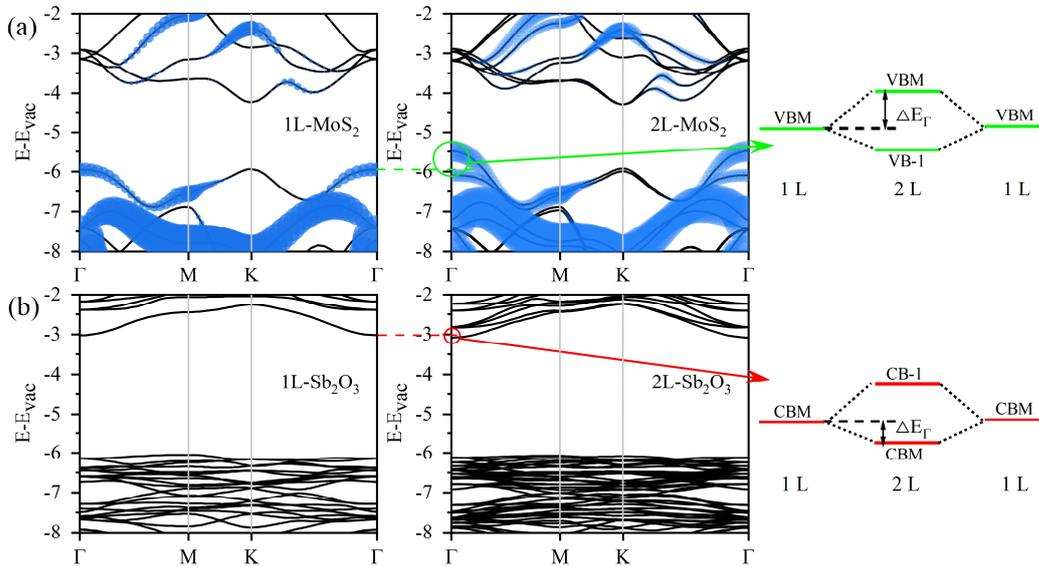
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8 Fig. S5: Band gap as a function of layer number at various computational levels. Computational  
 9 methods employed here include PBE, PBE+SOC, HSE06, and HSE06+SOC. It is observed that  
 10 the band gap exhibits a gradual decrease as the layer number increases, and this behavior is  
 11 consistent across all computational methods. The influence of the SOC effect on the band gap  
 12 is minimal, leading us to exclude SOC effects from our calculations.

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14 **5. Schematic diagram of band splitting**

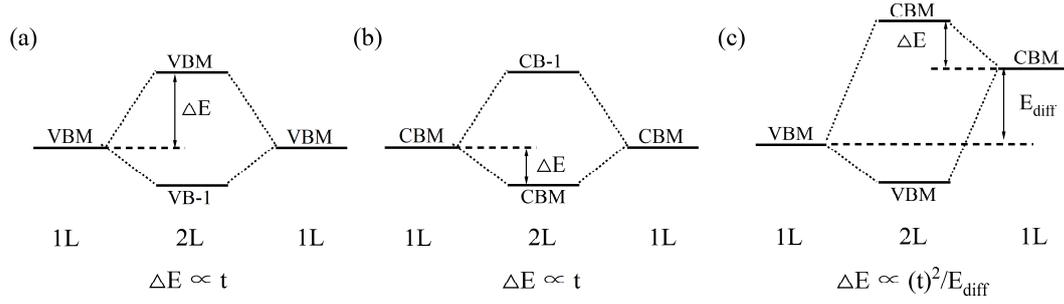
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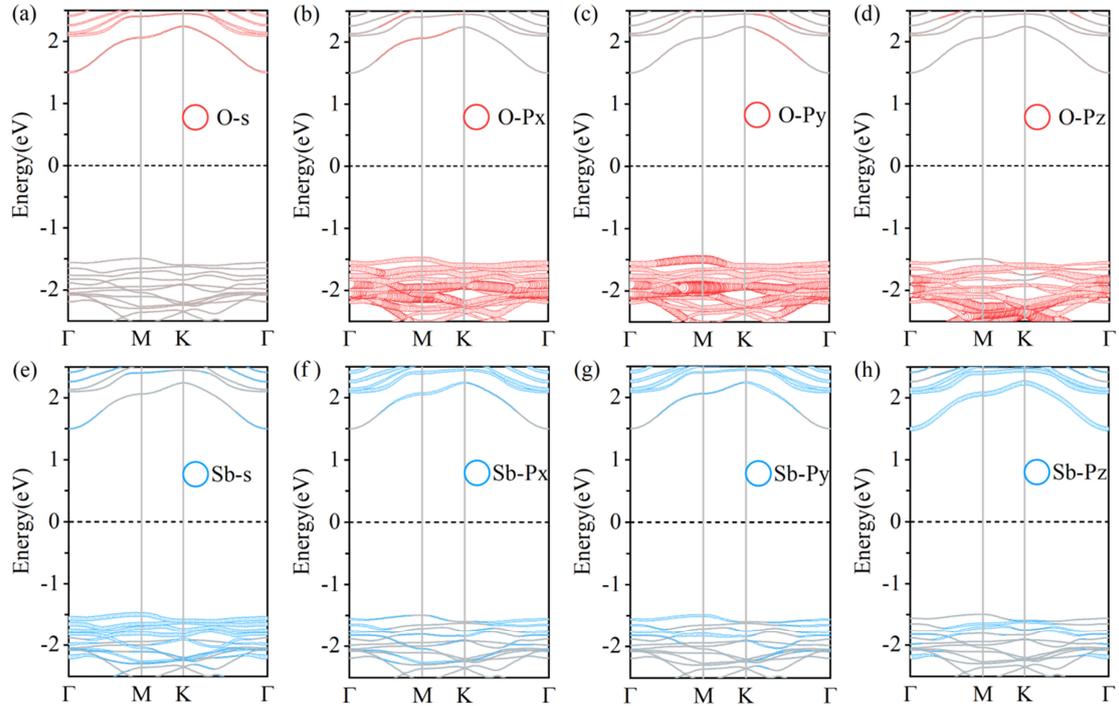
17 Fig. S6: a) The band structure of monolayer and bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub> projected by  $S$ - $p_z$  orbitals and  
 18 the schematic representation of band splitting of the VBM induced by interlayer QB interaction.  
 19 b) The band structure of monolayer and bilayer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and the schematic representation of band  
 20 splitting of the CBM induced by interlayer QB interaction.

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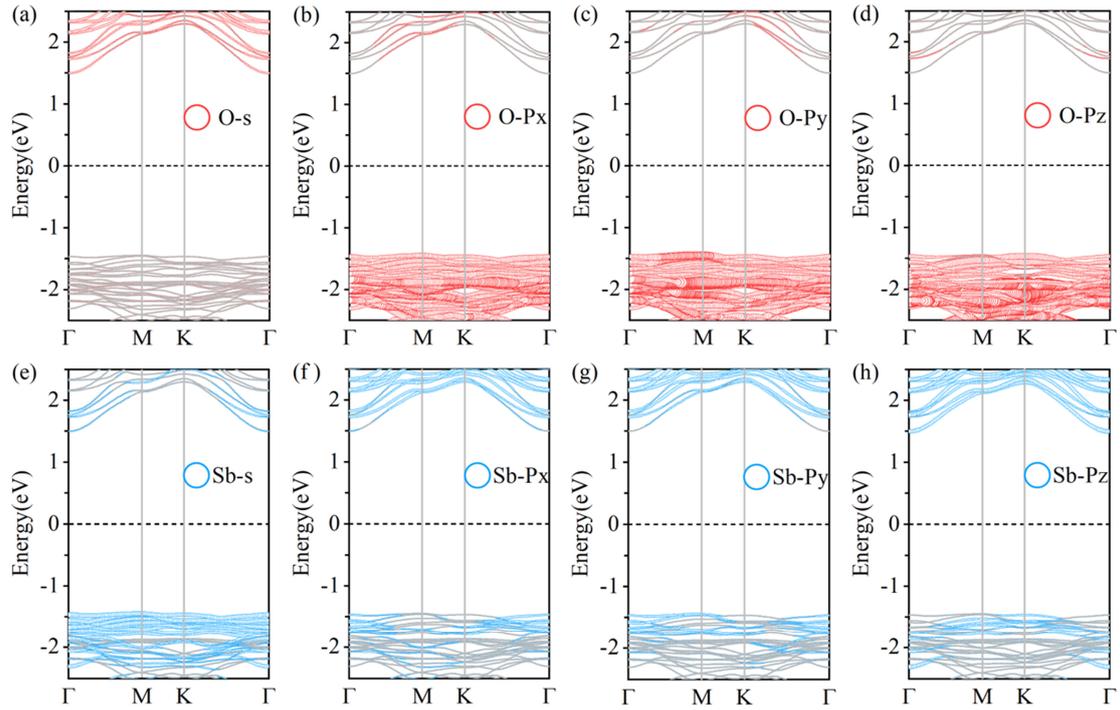


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2 Fig. S7: The energy level distribution diagrams of three orbital interactions caused by the  
3 interlayer QB interactions. a) Occupied-occupied interaction for band splitting schematic. b)  
4 Unoccupied-unoccupied interaction for band splitting schematic. c) Occupied-unoccupied  
5 interaction for band splitting schematic.

## 6. Projected band structure monolayer and bilayer $\alpha$ - $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$



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10 Fig. S8: Projected energy band structures of the monolayer  $\alpha$ - $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  using the PBE method. a)  
11 Projected band of  $s$ ,  $p_x$ , and  $p_y$  and  $p_z$  orbitals of O atoms; b) Projected band of  $s$ ,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ , and  $p_z$   
12 orbit of Sb atoms. It is evident that the CBM is primarily contributed by  $\text{Sb-}5p_z$ , and the VBM  
13 is mainly contributed by the  $\text{O-}2p_x$ ,  $\text{O-}2p_y$ , and  $\text{Sb-}5s$  orbitals. This observation holds for the  
14 bilayer as well.



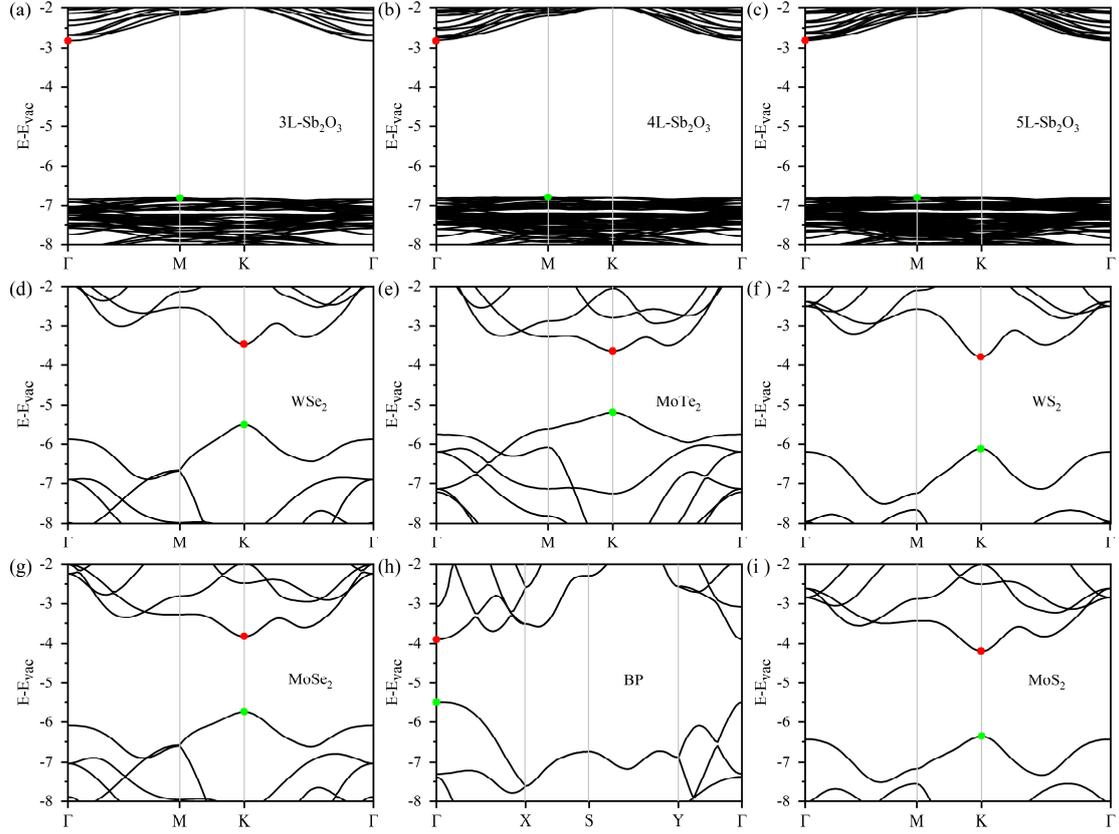
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2 Fig. S9: Projected energy band structures of the bilayer  $\alpha$ - $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  using the PBE method. a)  
 3 Projected band of  $s$ ,  $p_x$ , and  $p_y$  and  $p_z$  orbitals of O atoms; b) Projected band of  $s$ ,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ , and  $p_z$   
 4 orbit of Sb atoms.

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6 **7. The HSE band structures of  $\alpha$ - $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  with the layer number range from 3 to 5,**  
 7 **monolayer TMDs, and monolayer BP**

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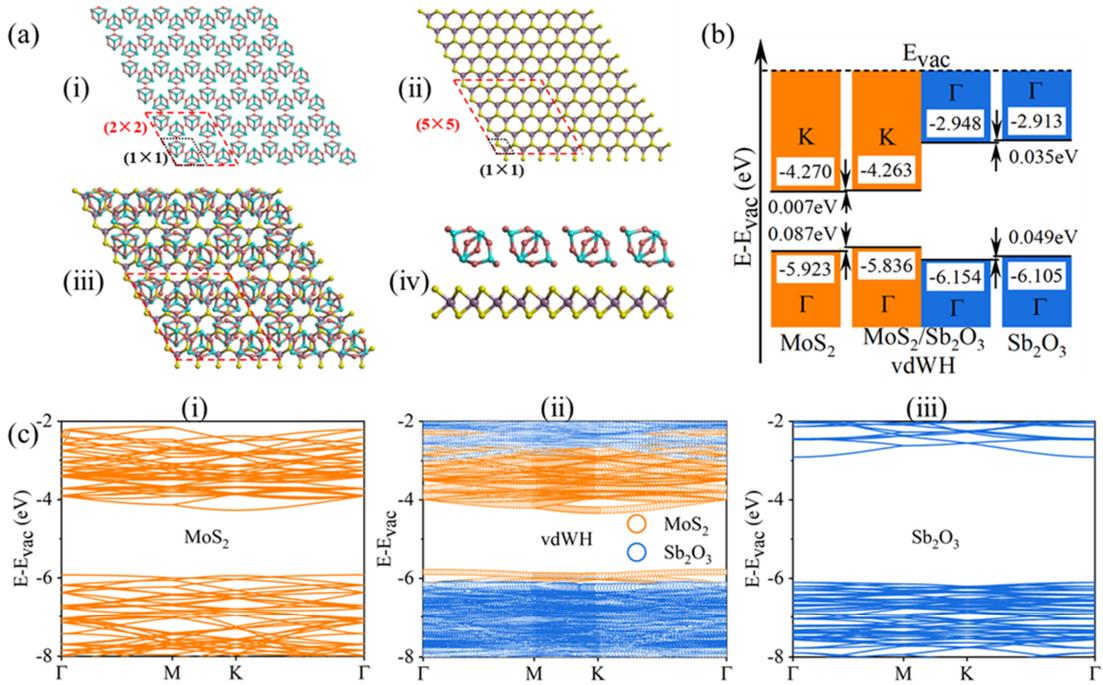
2 Fig S10: The band structures of  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  with the layer number range from 3 to 5, monolayer  
 3 TMDs, and monolayer BP using the HSE06 method. The CBM (VBM) positions are marked  
 4 with red (green) spheres in the band diagrams. The energy levels of these band diagrams are  
 5 referenced to the vacuum level.

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## 7 **8. Band edge alignment in the heterojunction while considering the interface** 8 **interaction**

9 The VBO and CBO values for isolated  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MoS}_2$  are 0.41 and 1.45 eV,  
 10 respectively. Our calculations reveal that the interface interaction results in an increase  
 11 of approximately 0.136 eV in the VBO of the heterojunction. This increase is attributed  
 12 to contributions from the interfacial dipole moment (+0.10 eV) and interlayer QB effect  
 13 (+0.036 eV). The influence of interface interaction on the CBO is slightly smaller,  
 14 resulting in a reduction of 0.042 eV. This reduction is attributed to the competitive  
 15 behavior between the interfacial dipole moment (-0.10 eV) and interlayer QB effect  
 16 (+0.058 eV). It is worth noting that the interfacial dipole effect can be determined by  
 17 calculating the step height within the vacuum region from the planar-averaged  
 18 electrostatic potential energy curve. We establish the vacuum energy level of the 2D  
 19 semiconductor in the heterojunction as the reference energy level for the heterojunction.

1 This reference level solely influences the proportion of QB and interaction dipole  
 2 contributions to the modification of the band offset without affecting the overall  
 3 changes in CBO and VBO. The above results demonstrate that a small band offset has  
 4 the potential to be corrected to some extent through interlayer interactions, and this  
 5 correction can influence the leakage current values. In this case, the increase of VBO  
 6 in  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MoS}_2$  vdWH reduced the leakage current by two orders of magnitude. We  
 7 further verified the influence of interface effects on the isolated large band offset. We  
 8 observed that when the isolated band offset is larger than 0.67 eV (as in the case of  
 9  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{WS}_2$ ), the impact of interface interactions on band offset changes will not cause  
 10 the already low leakage current to exceed the IRDS standard.  
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 13 Fig. S11: (a) Geometric structure of  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MoS}_2$  vdW heterostructure: top views of (i)  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  with the  $(1\times 1)$  and  $(2\times 2)$  cells labeled out; (ii)  $\text{MoS}_2$  with  $(1\times 1)$  and  $(5\times 5)$  cells; (iii) and  
 14 (iv) the top- and side views of the  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MoS}_2$  vdW heterostructure (vdWH). (b) DFT-  
 15 calculated band alignment of isolated  $\text{MoS}_2$ ,  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MoS}_2$  heterostructure, isolated  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  as  
 16 shown with bars; (c) projected band structures for isolated  $\text{MoS}_2$ ,  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MoS}_2$  heterostructure,  
 17 isolated  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ , respectively. The energy reference is the vacuum levels ( $E_{\text{vac}}$ ) of  $\text{MoS}_2$ ,  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MoS}_2$   
 18 heterostructure, isolated  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ , respectively. In the vdW heterostructure, there  
 19 are two vacuum levels on the  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MoS}_2$  sides, and the vacuum level on the  $\text{MoS}_2$  side  
 20 is set to zero.  
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## 9. Effect of various vdW corrections on geometry structures of bulk $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ .

Among the various vdW corrections, we observed that the relaxed bulk lattice constants obtained through the D2-vdW method are in closest agreement with experimental results. Consequently, we selected the D2-vdW correction to optimize the structures of bulk  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  and its corresponding few layers.

Table S1: Impact of the different vdW corrections on the lattice constants of the bulk  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ . Experimental data is included for reference.

vdW corrections	a=b=c (Å)	$\alpha=\beta=\gamma$ (°)
D2 <sup>[1]</sup>	11.07	90
D3 <sup>[2]</sup>	11.24	90
optB88-vdW <sup>[3]</sup>	11.06	90
SCAN+rvv10 <sup>[4]</sup>	10.97	90
Expt. <sup>[5]</sup>	11.10	90

## 10. Interlayer binding energy

The vertical interlayer distance of  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  is  $\sim 2.4$  Å, which is far smaller than that of conventional 2D materials such as graphene, h-BN, and  $\text{MoS}_2$ , etc. However, the vertical interlayer distance may not necessarily reflect the magnitude of interlayer binding energy. In 2012, R. M. Nieminen *et. al.* in their work pointed out that it was hard to find correlations of interlayer binding energy  $E_B$  to any other quantity in layered compounds. The quantities scanned for such correlations were the interlayer distances, intralayer thicknesses, band-gap/metallicity, and properties of the constituent atoms, such as the atomic weights and polarizabilities. The interlayer binding energy for many layered compounds is independent of the material's electronic structure, and they are around  $20 \text{ meV}/\text{Å}^2$ .

On the other hand, the interlayer binding energy strongly depends on the van der Waals (vdW) correction method used; therefore, we compared the binding energy calculated using different methods, where the binding energy calculation formula is  $E_B=(nE_1-E_n)/(nA)$  ( $E_1$  and  $E_n$  are the energies of monolayer and n-layer systems, and  $A$  is the surface area of the 2D unit cell). As shown in Table S2, for  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MoS}_2$ , their binding energies generally vary within the range of  $16\text{-}28 \text{ meV}/\text{Å}^2$ . Among these, the SCAN+rvv10 scheme is generally considered more reliable and computationally efficient, with results close to the RPA method. It can be observed that for  $\text{MoS}_2$ , the

1 binding energies calculated by SCAN+rvv10 and RPA are in excellent agreement.  
 2 Therefore, we consider the binding energy of  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  calculated based on SCAN+rvv10  
 3 ( $21.57 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2$ ) to be reliable data, close to the binding energy of  $\text{MoS}_2$ , reflecting the  
 4 common trend of binding energies of the majority of two-dimensional materials being  
 5 around  $20 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2$ . Thus, both belong to layered materials with weak interlayer  
 6 interactions, although the interlayer perpendicular distance of the former is smaller than  
 7 that of the latter.

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9 Table S2: The interlayer binding energies of bulk  $\alpha\text{-Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  and bulk  $\text{MoS}_2$  calculated using  
 10 different van der Waals (vdW) methods.

vdW	interlayer binding energy ( $\text{meV}/\text{\AA}^2$ )	
	$\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{MoS}_2$
D2 <sup>[1]</sup>	27.06	16.12
D3 <sup>[2]</sup>	18.74	28.61
DFT-DF <sup>[6]</sup>	15.77	18.34
DFT-DF2 <sup>[7]</sup>	18.19	19.14
optB86-vdW <sup>[8]</sup>	24.56	26.04
optB88-vdW <sup>[3]</sup>	24.11	25.45
SCAN+rvv10 <sup>[4]</sup>	21.57	19.67
RPA <sup>[9]</sup>	-	20.50 <sup>[10]</sup>

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## 12 11. Decomposition of the interlayer QB interaction to band splitting

13 For the occupied-occupied orbital interactions (Fig. S7a) and unoccupied-  
 14 unoccupied orbital interactions (Fig. S7b), the shifts of band edges induced by QB  
 15 (relative to monolayer)  $\Delta E$  are approximately proportional to the hopping integral  $t$ . For  
 16 the occupied-unoccupied interactions,  $\Delta E$  is approximately proportional to  $t^2/E_{Diff}$   
 17 (Fig. S7c), where  $E_{Diff}$  is the energy difference before orbital hybridization.  
 18 Therefore, by computing the interlayer orbital interactions of VBM and CBM in the  
 19 bilayer (2L) through k-dependent Crystal Orbital Hamilton Population (k-COHP) [11]  
 20 implemented in the LOBSTER package [12], we can reflect the numerical values of  $t$   
 21 and thus predict  $\Delta E$ .

22 Our calculations reveal that the interlayer  $t$  values for the interlayer nearest  
 23 neighbor Sb-O atoms and interlayer nearest neighbor O-O atoms in the VBM of 2L-  
 24  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  are exceedingly small, resulting in almost zero band edge variation  $\Delta E$  (Table

1 S3); this situation similarly holds for the entire highest valence band. This is attributed  
2 to the dominance of in-plane O- $p_{x/y}$  orbitals and the large distance between interlayer  
3 O- $p_{x/y}$  orbitals, leading to the negligible interlayer  $t$  and, thus, the minimal variation of  
4 the highest valence band as the change of layer number.

5 For the CBM of 2L-Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, the k-COHP of interlayer nearest neighbor Sb-Sb  
6 atoms and interlayer nearest neighbor Sb-O atoms are -0.0193 and +0.036 (Table S3),  
7 respectively. The former indicates the bonding character of Sb-Sb atoms, consistent  
8 with the normal two-level interaction picture (Fig. S7b). The latter reflects the  
9 antibonding character of Sb-O atoms, which does not conform to the normal two-level  
10 interaction picture, indicating the involvement of occupied-unoccupied interactions is  
11 necessary to explain this anomalous phenomenon. For occupied-unoccupied  
12 interactions,  $\Delta E$  depends on the energy difference  $E_{Diff}$  between the initial energy  
13 levels of the VBM and CBM of the monolayer, as well as  $t^2$  values. For Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,  
14  $E_{Diff}$  is calculated to be 3.00 eV by PBE functional. Although the  $t$  value for occupied-  
15 unoccupied interactions is larger than that for occupied-occupied interactions, the  
16 significant magnitude of  $E_{Diff}$  results in  $\Delta E$  being not particularly significant. Taking  
17 into account the periodicity of the crystal lattice, the equivalent number of the interlayer  
18 atom pairs mentioned above is 6. Therefore, the  $\Delta E$  induced by the orbital interactions  
19 of Sb-O atoms and O-O atoms are -0.1158 and +0.0154 eV, respectively (the  $\pm$  sign  
20 indicates the CBM relative to the 1L level rising and falling). This indicates that the  
21 bonding states formed by the nearest neighbor Sb-Sb interlayer mainly induce a CBM  
22 decrease of +0.1158 eV, which is close to the  $\Delta E$  ( $\sim$ 0.06 eV) directly computed using  
23 DFT. The slight differences between the two methods may arise from lattice/atom  
24 distortion or inherent shortcomings in the k-COHP itself. Furthermore, for large band  
25 gaps, the occupied-unoccupied interaction can often be safely neglected. The QB in  
26 CBM at 2L Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is slightly stronger than that of VBM, mainly due to the domination  
27 of a small number of out-of-plane Sb- $p_z$  orbitals in the CBM.

28 To demonstrate the universality of k-COHP in predicting  $\Delta E$ , we computed the  
29 interlayer QB strong MoS<sub>2</sub> system. We found  $t$  value in MoS<sub>2</sub> to be an order of  
30 magnitude larger than that of Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, hence resulting in a significant  $\Delta E$ . In detail, in the

1 VBM of 2L-MoS<sub>2</sub>, the k-COHP of the nearest neighbor S-S atoms is -0.2144  
 2 (antibonding feature), as shown in Table S3, consistent with the picture of two-level  
 3 interactions (Fig. S7a). Taking into account the periodicity of the crystal lattice, the  
 4 equivalent number of atom pairs mentioned above is 3. Thus, they induce  $\Delta E$  of  
 5 approximately +0.64 eV, implying that QB causes a VBM rise of 0.60 eV, very close to  
 6 the  $\Delta E$  data directly computed using DFT ( $\sim 0.50$  eV).

7 Hence, the interlayer QB interaction in Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is weaker than that in MoS<sub>2</sub>,  
 8 attributed to the significant two-level interactions of the nearest neighbor  $Sp_z$ - $Sp_z$   
 9 orbitals at the band edge in the latter (Fig. S6a); the former's band edge contains almost  
 10 no out-of-plane orbitals (Fig. S8, S9), thus resulting in relatively weak interlayer two-  
 11 level interactions. Therefore, to assess the interlayer band edge QB degree of a system,  
 12 a rough judgment can be made by observing the orbital components and weights of the  
 13 band edge-projected bands; generally, systems with stronger QB require larger weights  
 14 of out-of-plane orbitals. For an accurate assessment of the QB degree, it is essential to  
 15 first accurately identify the QB type at the band edge and then examine the contribution  
 16 of k-COHP for the interlayer nearest or next-nearest atom pairs to  $\Delta E$ .

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 18 Table S3: The band splitting of bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub> and bilayer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> caused by interlayer QB  
 19 interactions and its contribution decomposition. The  $t$  is k-COHP, unlike the general expression;  
 20 positive values here represent antibonding and negative values represent bonding. Positive  
 21 values of  $\Delta E$  indicate an upward shift in energy levels, while negative values indicate a  
 22 downward shift in energy levels. The  $N$  is the equivalent number of the interlayer atom pairs.

k-COHP	2L-MoS <sub>2</sub> VBM	2L-Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> CBM			2L-Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> VBM
$t$ (total)	S-S +0.2144	Sb-Sb -0.0193	Sb-O +0.0358	O-O +0.0017	Sb-O -0.0012
$t$ (major contribution)	$p_z - p_z$ 0.1855	$p_z - p_z$ -0.0082	$p_z - p_z$ +0.0175	$p_x - p_x$ +0.0006	$p_y - p_y$ -0.0008
	$p_z - s$ 0.0159	$p_z - p_y$ -0.0051	$p_z - s$ +0.0149	$p_z - p_x$ +0.0004	$p_x - p_x$ -0.0002
$\Delta E$ type	Fig. S7a	Fig. S7b	Fig. S7c	Fig. S7a	Fig. S7c
$N$	3	6	6	6	6
$\Delta E$ formula	3t	6t	$(6t)^2/E_{\text{diff}}$	6t	$(6t)^2/E_{\text{diff}}$

$\Delta E$ (k-COHP)	+0.6432	-0.1158	+0.0154	+0.0102	$\approx 0$
$\Delta E$ (DFT)	+0.50		-0.06		-0.026

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3 Table S4: k-COHP with orbital decomposition of the interlayer S-S atomic pair in the VBM of  
4 bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub>.

	<i>s</i>	<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>
<i>s</i>	-0.0029	0.0000	0.0159	0.0000
<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	0.0159	0.0000	0.1855	0.0000
<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

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7 Table S5: k-COHP with orbital decomposition of the interlayer O-O atomic pair in the VBM of  
8 bilayer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

	<i>s</i>	<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>
<i>s</i>	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000
<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000
<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0004
<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>	0.0000	-0.0004	0.0000	-0.0006

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10 Table S6: k-COHP with orbital decomposition of the interlayer Sb-Sb atomic pair in the CBM  
11 of bilayer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

	<i>s</i>	<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>
<i>s</i>	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0016	0.0000
<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	0.0003	0.0005	0.0021	0.0000
<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	-0.0017	-0.0051	-0.0082	-0.0002
<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>	-0.0003	0.0016	-0.0066	0.0000

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13 Table S7: k-COHP with orbital decomposition of the interlayer Sb-O atomic pair in the VBM  
14 of bilayer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

	<i>s</i>	<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>
<i>s</i>	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	0.0000	-0.0008	0.0000	-0.0001
<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0002

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16 Table S8: k-COHP with orbital decomposition of the interlayer Sb-O atomic pair in the CBM  
17 of bilayer Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

	<i>s</i>	<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>z</sub></i>	<i>p<sub>x</sub></i>
<i>s</i>	0.0004	0.0000	0.0011	-0.0001
<i>p<sub>y</sub></i>	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0002

$p_z$	0.0149	-0.0008	0.0175	-0.0028
$p_x$	0.0015	-0.0001	0.0014	0.0014

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**12. Analyses of surface ionic effect on the ionic dielectric constant**

Table S9: Atomic Born effective charge and interatom force constant matrix elements for 1L and bulk  $\alpha$ -Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and h-BN. O1/O2 and Sb1/Sb2 atoms are labeled in Figure 4 of the main text.

		$Z_{zz}^{*O1}$	$Z_{zz}^{*O2}$	$Z_{zz}^{*Sb1}$	$Z_{zz}^{*Sb2}$	$\Phi_{zz}^{Sb1O1}$ (eV/Å <sup>2</sup> )	$\Phi_{zz}^{O1Sb2}$ (eV/Å <sup>2</sup> )	$\Phi_{zz}^{Sb2O2}$ (eV/Å <sup>2</sup> )
$\alpha$ -Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1L	-0.76	-0.36	+0.72	+0.88	-6.16	-11.69	-2.22
	bulk	-2.49	-1.50	+2.01	+3.32	-5.47	-5.47	-2.59
h-BN		$Z_{zz}^{*N}$		$Z_{zz}^{*B}$		$\Phi_{zz}^{BN}$		
	1L	-0.25		+0.25		-5.06		
	bulk	-0.66		+0.66		-4.85		

**13. Interface leakage current between few-layer  $\alpha$ -Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> dielectric and typical 2D semiconductor channel**

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**Table S10:** Leakage current in the *n*-MOS at 300 K

2D semiconductor	Dielectric	N <sub>L</sub>	Leakage Current Density (A/cm <sup>2</sup> )		
			Thermionic	Direct	Total
MoS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	1.89980×10 <sup>-21</sup>	9.29140×10 <sup>5</sup>	9.29140×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	1.89978×10 <sup>-21</sup>	1.30424×10 <sup>2</sup>	1.30424×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	1.89977×10 <sup>-21</sup>	3.21700×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.21700×10 <sup>-2</sup>
		4	1.89977×10 <sup>-21</sup>	1.35514×10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.35514×10 <sup>-5</sup>
		5	1.89976×10 <sup>-21</sup>	5.50229×10 <sup>-9</sup>	5.50229×10 <sup>-9</sup>
MoSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	7.71020×10 <sup>-16</sup>	2.03815×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.03815×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	7.71011×10 <sup>-16</sup>	8.54974×10 <sup>2</sup>	8.54974×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	7.71008×10 <sup>-16</sup>	6.30753×10 <sup>-1</sup>	6.30753×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		4	7.71005×10 <sup>-16</sup>	7.62495×10 <sup>-4</sup>	7.62495×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		5	7.71004×10 <sup>-16</sup>	9.08207×10 <sup>-7</sup>	9.08207×10 <sup>-7</sup>
MoTe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	5.23511×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.12190×10 <sup>6</sup>	3.12190×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	5.23505×10 <sup>-13</sup>	2.46454×10 <sup>3</sup>	2.46454×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	5.23502×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.42322×10 <sup>0</sup>	3.42322×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	5.23500×10 <sup>-13</sup>	7.60808×10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.60808×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		5	5.23500×10 <sup>-13</sup>	1.68723×10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.68723×10 <sup>-5</sup>
WS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	7.73781×10 <sup>-15</sup>	2.36408×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.36408×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	7.73772×10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.23094×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.23094×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	7.73768×10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.12736×10 <sup>0</sup>	1.12736×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	7.73766×10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.68000×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.68000×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		5	7.73765×10 <sup>-15</sup>	2.47200×10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.47200×10 <sup>-6</sup>
WSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	3.06927×10 <sup>-10</sup>	4.83639×10 <sup>6</sup>	4.83639×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	3.06923×10 <sup>-10</sup>	7.65381×10 <sup>3</sup>	7.65381×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	3.06922×10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.13219×10	2.13219×10
		4	3.06921×10 <sup>-10</sup>	9.25883×10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.25883×10 <sup>-2</sup>
		5	3.06920×10 <sup>-10</sup>	4.06799×10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.06799×10 <sup>-4</sup>
BP	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	3.54801×10 <sup>-17</sup>	1.67871×10 <sup>6</sup>	1.67871×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	3.54797×10 <sup>-17</sup>	5.33560×10 <sup>2</sup>	5.33560×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	3.54796×10 <sup>-17</sup>	2.98193×10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.98193×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		4	3.54794×10 <sup>-17</sup>	2.75940×10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.75940×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		5	3.54794×10 <sup>-17</sup>	2.50205×10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.50205×10 <sup>-7</sup>

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**Table S11:** Leakage current in the *p*-MOS at 300 K

2D semiconductor	dielectric	N <sub>L</sub>	Leakage Current Density (A/cm <sup>2</sup> )		
			Thermionic	Direct	Total
MoS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	1.16494×10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.72403×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.72403×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	1.16493×10 <sup>-6</sup>	3.89254×10 <sup>3</sup>	3.89254×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	1.16492×10 <sup>-6</sup>	9.79071×10 <sup>0</sup>	9.79071×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	1.16492×10 <sup>-6</sup>	3.85300×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.85400×10 <sup>-2</sup>
		5	1.16491×10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.53139×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.54304×10 <sup>-4</sup>
MoSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	6.36673×10 <sup>-15</sup>	4.01443×10 <sup>5</sup>	4.01443×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	6.36666×10 <sup>-15</sup>	3.53079×10 <sup>1</sup>	3.53079×10
		3	6.36663×10 <sup>-15</sup>	5.45552×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.45552×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		4	6.36661×10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.46484×10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.46484×10 <sup>-6</sup>
		5	6.36660×10 <sup>-15</sup>	3.75627×10 <sup>-10</sup>	3.75633×10 <sup>-10</sup>
MoTe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	2.85822×10 <sup>-24</sup>	6.78114×10 <sup>4</sup>	6.78114×10 <sup>4</sup>
		2	2.85819×10 <sup>-24</sup>	6.20386×10 <sup>-1</sup>	6.20386×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		3	2.85817×10 <sup>-24</sup>	9.95528×10 <sup>-6</sup>	9.95528×10 <sup>-6</sup>
		4	2.85816×10 <sup>-24</sup>	3.02273×10 <sup>-10</sup>	3.02273×10 <sup>-10</sup>
		5	2.85816×10 <sup>-24</sup>	8.37763×10 <sup>-15</sup>	8.37763×10 <sup>-15</sup>
WS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	5.28309×10 <sup>-11</sup>	9.46943×10 <sup>5</sup>	9.46943×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	5.28303×10 <sup>-11</sup>	2.69195×10 <sup>2</sup>	2.69195×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	5.28300×10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.34550×10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.34550×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		4	5.28299×10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.11821×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.11821×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		5	5.28298×10 <sup>-11</sup>	9.08570×10 <sup>-8</sup>	9.09098×10 <sup>-8</sup>
WSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	5.67661×10 <sup>-19</sup>	1.78649×10 <sup>5</sup>	1.78649×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	5.67654×10 <sup>-19</sup>	5.49202×10 <sup>0</sup>	5.49202×10 <sup>0</sup>
		3	5.67651×10 <sup>-19</sup>	2.96389×10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.96389×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		4	5.67650×10 <sup>-19</sup>	2.89167×10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.89167×10 <sup>-8</sup>
		5	5.67649×10 <sup>-19</sup>	2.63833×10 <sup>-12</sup>	2.63833×10 <sup>-12</sup>
BP	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	6.22805×10 <sup>-19</sup>	1.80035×10 <sup>5</sup>	1.80035×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	6.22798×10 <sup>-19</sup>	5.58934×10 <sup>0</sup>	5.58934×10 <sup>0</sup>
		3	6.22795×10 <sup>-19</sup>	3.04626×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.04626×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		4	6.22793×10 <sup>-19</sup>	3.00034×10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.00034×10 <sup>-8</sup>
		5	6.22792×10 <sup>-19</sup>	2.76409×10 <sup>-12</sup>	2.76409×10 <sup>-12</sup>

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**Table S12:** Leakage current in the  $n$ -MOS at 400 K

2D semiconductor	Dielectric	N <sub>L</sub>	Leakage Current Density (A/cm <sup>2</sup> )		
			Thermionic	Tunneling	Total
MoS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	2.95944×10 <sup>-15</sup>	9.29140×10 <sup>5</sup>	9.29140×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	2.95942×10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.30424×10 <sup>2</sup>	1.30424×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	2.95941×10 <sup>-15</sup>	3.21733×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.21733×10 <sup>-2</sup>
		4	2.95940×10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.35514×10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.35514×10 <sup>-5</sup>
		5	2.95939×10 <sup>-15</sup>	5.50229×10 <sup>-9</sup>	5.50229×10 <sup>-9</sup>
MoSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	1.11779×10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.80363×10 <sup>6</sup>	1.80363×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	1.11778×10 <sup>-11</sup>	6.34834×10 <sup>2</sup>	6.34834×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	1.11778×10 <sup>-11</sup>	3.92926×10 <sup>-1</sup>	3.92926×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		4	1.11778×10 <sup>-11</sup>	4.01142×10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.01142×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		5	1.11778×10 <sup>-11</sup>	4.02100×10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.02111×10 <sup>-7</sup>
MoTe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	1.11284×10 <sup>-9</sup>	2.67620×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.67620×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	1.11283×10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.67438×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.67438×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	1.11283×10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.84290×10 <sup>0</sup>	1.84290×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	1.11283×10 <sup>-9</sup>	3.27409×10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.27409×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		5	1.11282×10 <sup>-9</sup>	5.77723×10 <sup>-6</sup>	5.77834×10 <sup>-6</sup>
WS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	2.68313×10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.36408×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.36408×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	2.68311×10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.23094×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.23094×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	2.68310×10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.12736×10 <sup>0</sup>	1.12736×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	2.68309×10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.67816×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.67816×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		5	2.68309×10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.47200×10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.47227×10 <sup>-6</sup>
WSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	9.92412×10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.00691×10 <sup>6</sup>	4.00691×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	9.92404×10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.66792×10 <sup>3</sup>	4.66792×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	9.92400×10 <sup>-8</sup>	9.57053×10 <sup>0</sup>	9.57053×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	9.92398×10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.09411×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.09412×10 <sup>-2</sup>
		5	9.92396×10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.00594×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.00693×10 <sup>-4</sup>
BP	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	4.72789×10 <sup>-12</sup>	1.67871×10 <sup>6</sup>	1.67871×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	4.72785×10 <sup>-12</sup>	5.33560×10 <sup>2</sup>	5.33560×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	4.72783×10 <sup>-12</sup>	2.98193×10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.98193×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		4	4.72782×10 <sup>-12</sup>	2.75940×10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.75940×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		5	4.72781×10 <sup>-12</sup>	2.50205×10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.50210×10 <sup>-7</sup>

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**Table S13:** Leakage current in the *p*-MOS at 400 K

2D semiconductor	dielectric	N <sub>L</sub>	Leakage Current Density (A/cm <sup>2</sup> )		
			Thermionic	Tunneling	Total
MoS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	4.11667×10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.72403×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.72403×10 <sup>6</sup>
		2	4.11664×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.89254×10 <sup>3</sup>	3.89254×10 <sup>3</sup>
		3	4.11662×10 <sup>-4</sup>	9.79071×10 <sup>0</sup>	9.79112×10 <sup>0</sup>
		4	4.11661×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.85342×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.89459×10 <sup>-2</sup>
		5	4.11661×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.53139×10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.64800×10 <sup>-4</sup>
MoSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	2.61671×10 <sup>-10</sup>	4.01443×10 <sup>5</sup>	4.01443×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	2.61669×10 <sup>-10</sup>	3.53079×10 <sup>1</sup>	3.53079×10 <sup>1</sup>
		3	2.61668×10 <sup>-10</sup>	5.45552×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.45552×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		4	2.61668×10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.46484×10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.46510×10 <sup>-6</sup>
		5	2.61667×10 <sup>-10</sup>	3.75627×10 <sup>-10</sup>	6.37294×10 <sup>-10</sup>
MoTe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	8.25597×10 <sup>-16</sup>	9.69648×10 <sup>4</sup>	9.69648×10 <sup>4</sup>
		2	8.25590×10 <sup>-16</sup>	1.38117×10 <sup>0</sup>	1.38117×10 <sup>0</sup>
		3	8.25587×10 <sup>-16</sup>	3.45181×10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.45181×10 <sup>-5</sup>
		4	8.25585×10 <sup>-16</sup>	1.60535×10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.60535×10 <sup>-9</sup>
		5	8.25584×10 <sup>-16</sup>	6.87558×10 <sup>-14</sup>	6.95814×10 <sup>-14</sup>
WS <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	2.27502×10 <sup>-7</sup>	9.46943×10 <sup>5</sup>	9.46943×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	2.27500×10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.69195×10 <sup>2</sup>	2.69195×10 <sup>2</sup>
		3	2.27499×10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.34549×10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.34549×10 <sup>-1</sup>
		4	2.27499×10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.11821×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.12048×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		5	2.27498×10 <sup>-7</sup>	9.08570×10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.18355×10 <sup>-7</sup>
WSe <sub>2</sub>	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	3.20781×10 <sup>-13</sup>	1.84500×10 <sup>5</sup>	1.84500×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	3.20778×10 <sup>-13</sup>	5.90969×10 <sup>0</sup>	5.90969×10 <sup>0</sup>
		3	3.20777×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.32311×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.32311×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		4	3.20776×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.37297×10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.37300×10 <sup>-8</sup>
		5	3.20776×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.20427×10 <sup>-12</sup>	3.52505×10 <sup>-12</sup>
BP	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	2.57385×10 <sup>-13</sup>	1.80035×10 <sup>5</sup>	1.80035×10 <sup>5</sup>
		2	2.57383×10 <sup>-13</sup>	5.58934×10 <sup>0</sup>	5.58934×10 <sup>0</sup>
		3	2.57382×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.04626×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.04626×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		4	2.57381×10 <sup>-13</sup>	3.00034×10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.00037×10 <sup>-8</sup>
		5	2.57381×10 <sup>-13</sup>	2.76409×10 <sup>-12</sup>	3.02147×10 <sup>-12</sup>

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## 14. Details on the definition of equivalent oxide thickness (EOT)

The performance of various dielectrics can be easily compared by calculating the equivalent oxide thickness (EOT). EOT is defined as the ratio of static dielectric constants between silicon dioxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and the dielectric, considering a specified thickness ( $t$ ), as expressed by the following formula:

$$\text{EOT} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{SiO}_2}}{\epsilon_{\text{diel}}} t \quad (\text{S1})$$

## 15. Tunneling effective mass in the leakage current

To estimate leakage current, we determine electron/hole tunneling effective mass by utilizing the out-of-plane effective masses derived from the energy dispersion diagram ( $E$ - $K$ ) across the conduction band minimum (for the electron effective mass) or the valence band maximum (for the hole effective mass) of the bulk. We extract the effective mass near the CBM and VBM by computing k-point paths along the out-of-plane direction in the bulk band structure, employing the PBE functional. The effective mass is determined by analyzing the band curvature along the out-of-plane direction, typically using the following mathematical expression:

$$\frac{1}{m^*} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{d^2 E(k)}{dk^2} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $E(k)$  is the band energy of the carrier at wave-vector  $k$  in the out-of-plane direction, and  $\hbar$  is the reduced Plank constant. For few-layer  $\alpha$ - $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ , we use a tunneling mass of  $1.037 m_0$  for electrons and  $1.684 m_0$  for holes.

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