

Supporting Information

Photodetector Based on the Non-Centrosymmetric 2D Pseudo-Binary Chalcogenide MnIn₂Se₄

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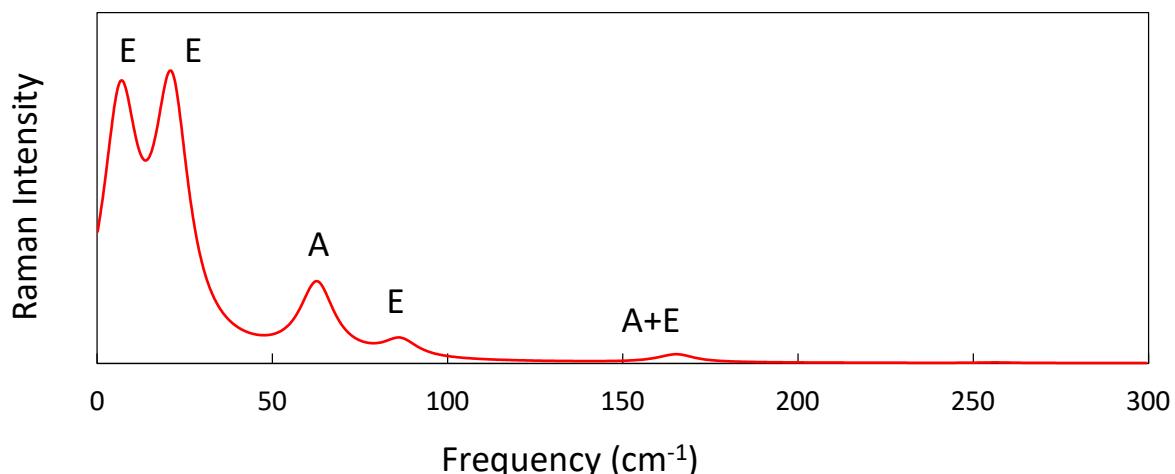
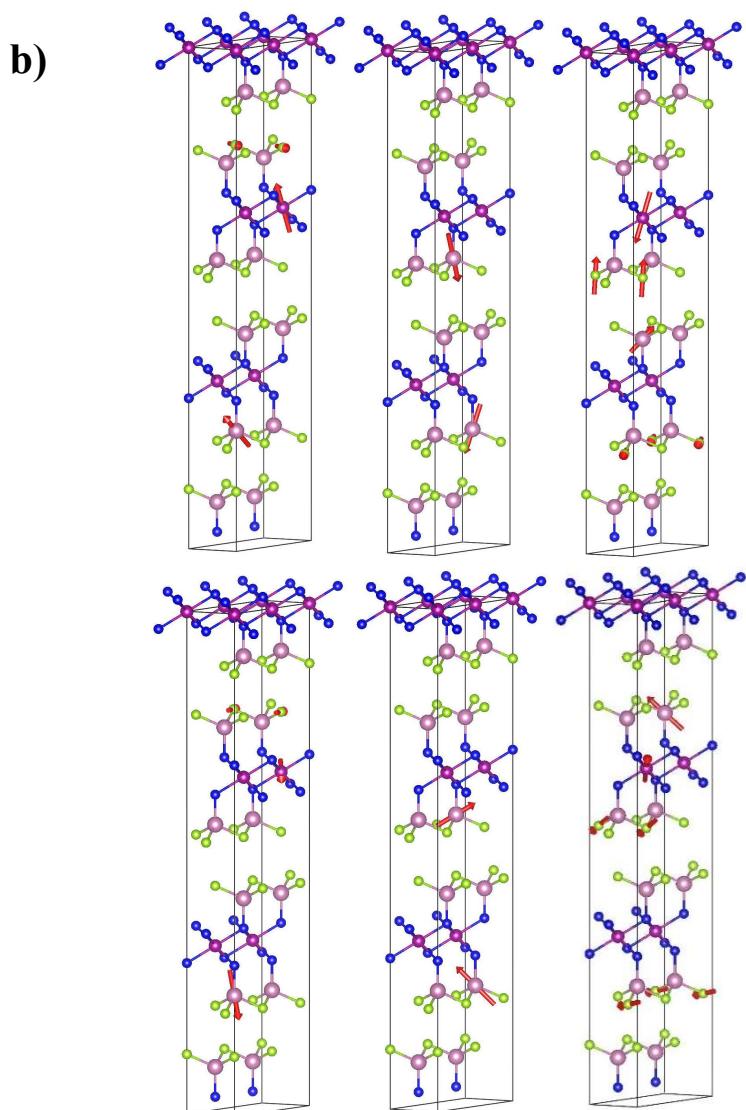
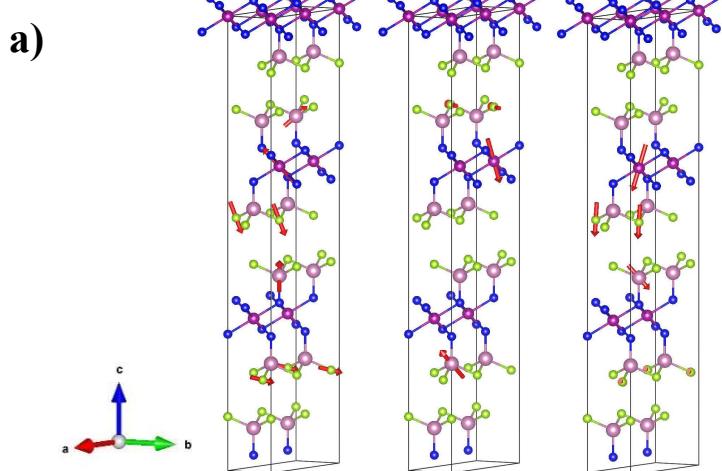
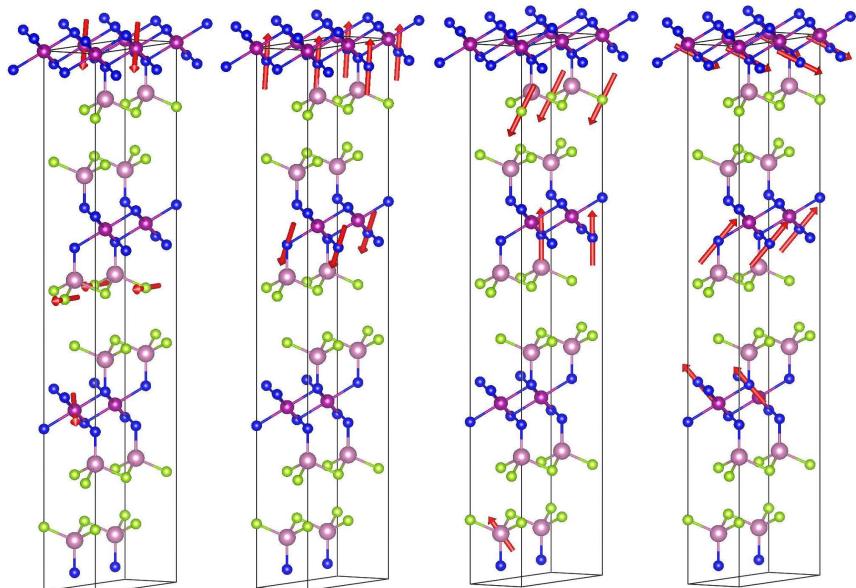
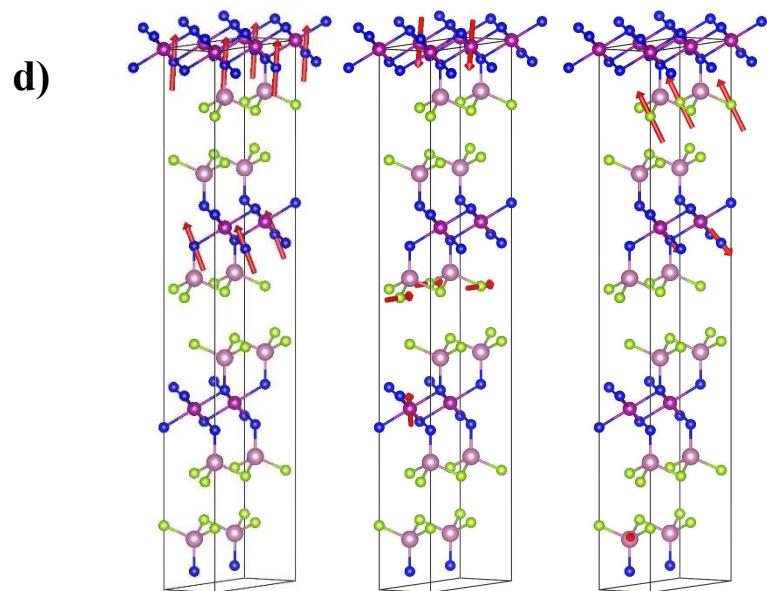
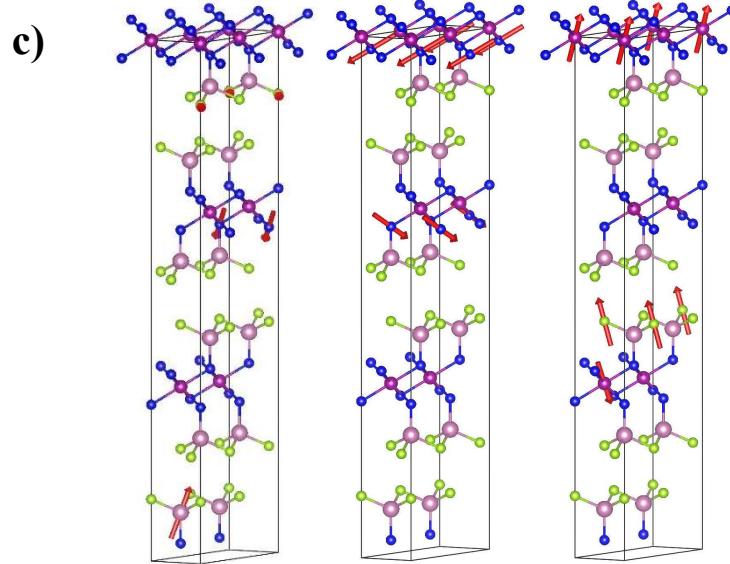


Figure S1. DFT calculated Raman spectra of bulk MnIn₂Se₄. The A peaks indicate the vibrational modes perpendicular to the 2D plane, while the E peaks indicate the vibrational modes parallel to the 2D plane. A+E indicates the normal mode including both parallel and perpendicular atomic motions.





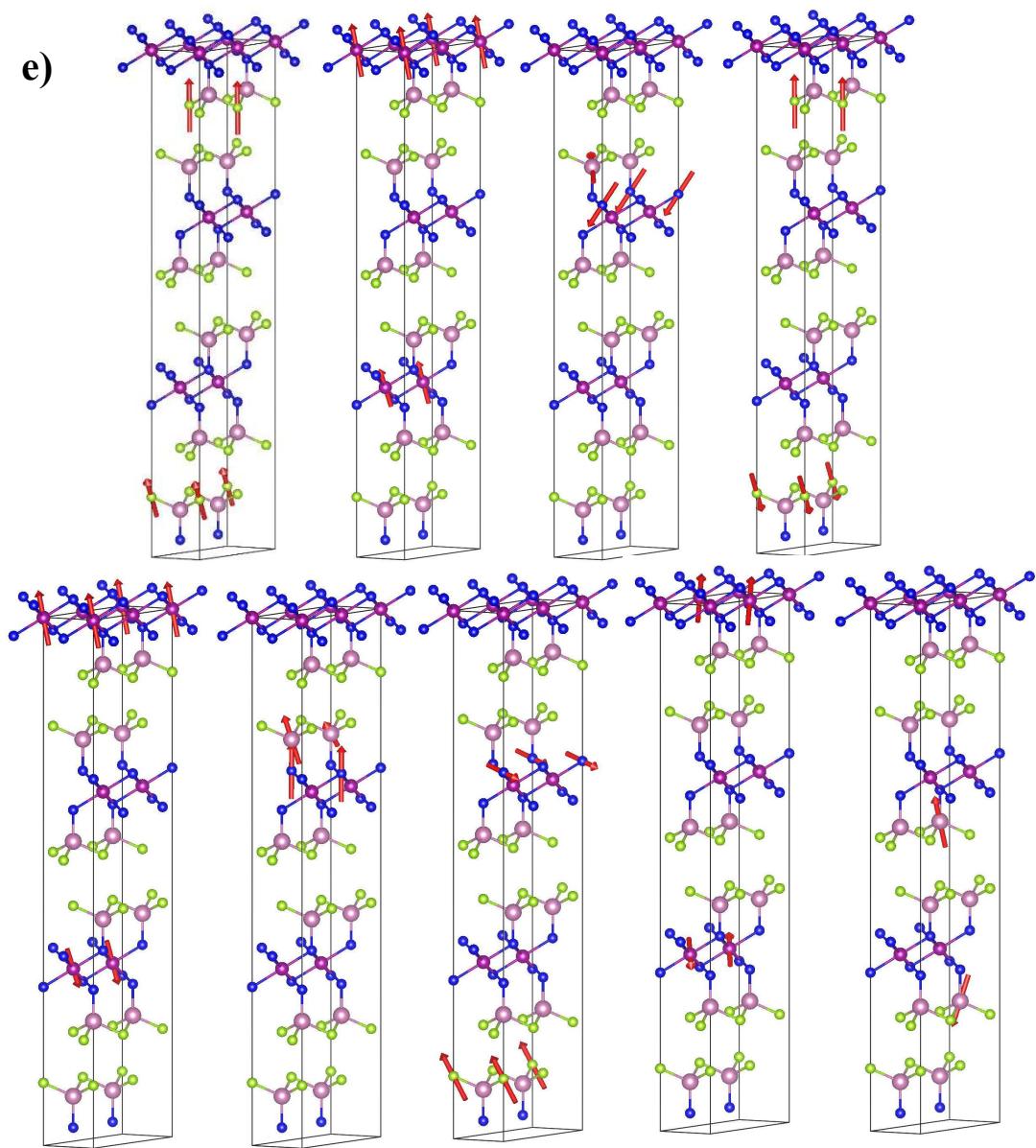


Figure S2. Phonon modes of MnIn_2Se_4 calculated by DFT. The modes are grouped into five frequency ranges: **a)** 6.5 cm^{-1} , **b)** 21 cm^{-1} , **c)** 62 cm^{-1} , **d)** 86 cm^{-1} , and **e)** 165 cm^{-1} .

Table S1. EDS elemental quantification obtained extracted from the flake shown in **Fig. 4**.

Element	Atomic Fraction (%)
Mn	13.1 ± 2.1
Se	59.0 ± 11.4
In	27.9 ± 5.1

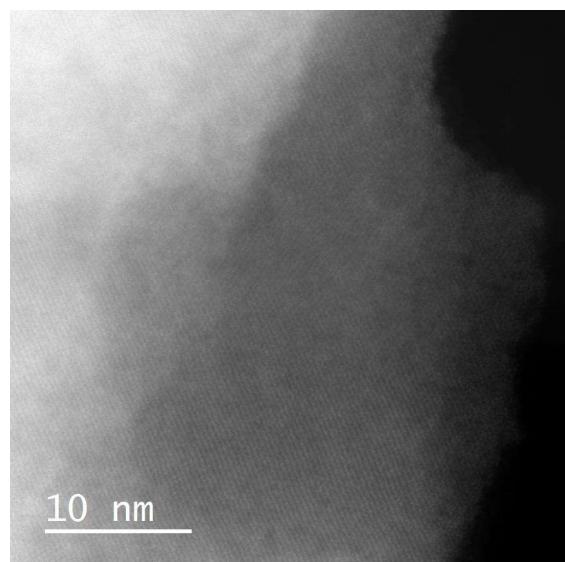


Figure S3. STEM-HAADF image of MnIn₂Se₄ flake shown in **Fig. 4**.

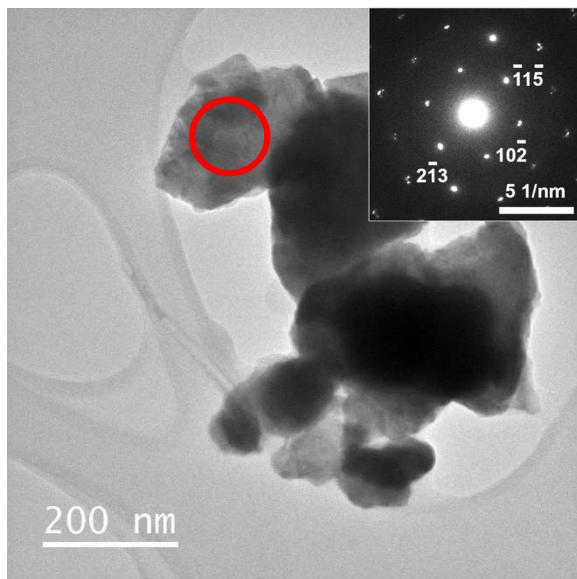


Figure S4. Low-magnification TEM image of MnIn_2Se_4 flakes. The red circle highlights the area used to perform the SAED analysis. The inset displays the SAED pattern which has been successfully indexed as belonging to the MnIn_2Se_4 $R\bar{3}m$ crystal structure seen along the [2 7 1] ($=[-1 4 -3 1]$) zone axis.

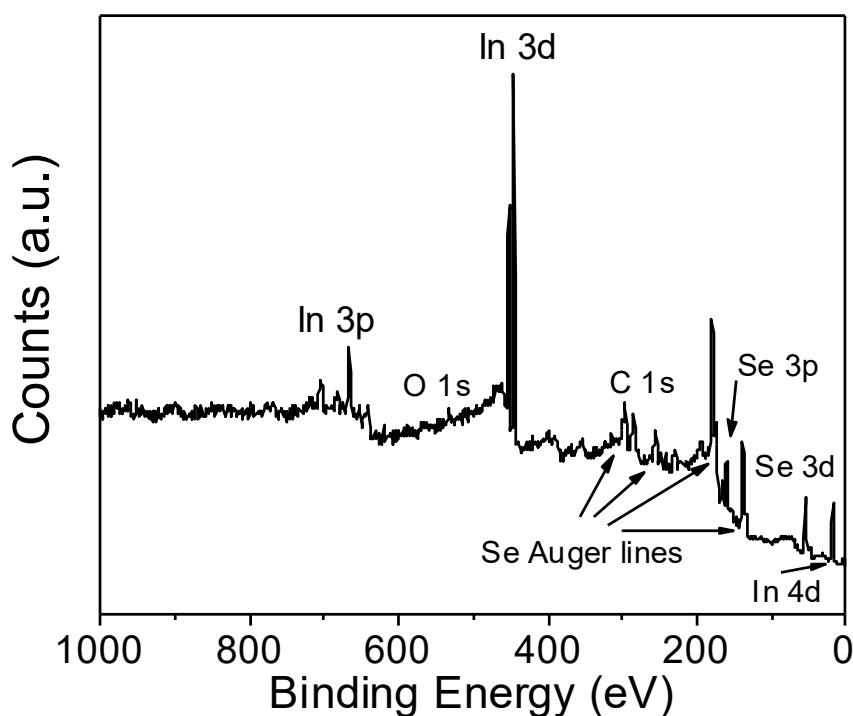


Figure S5. Wide-survey XPS spectrum of MnIn_2Se_4 . Peaks marked with an arrow have arisen due to the Se LMM Auger transition.

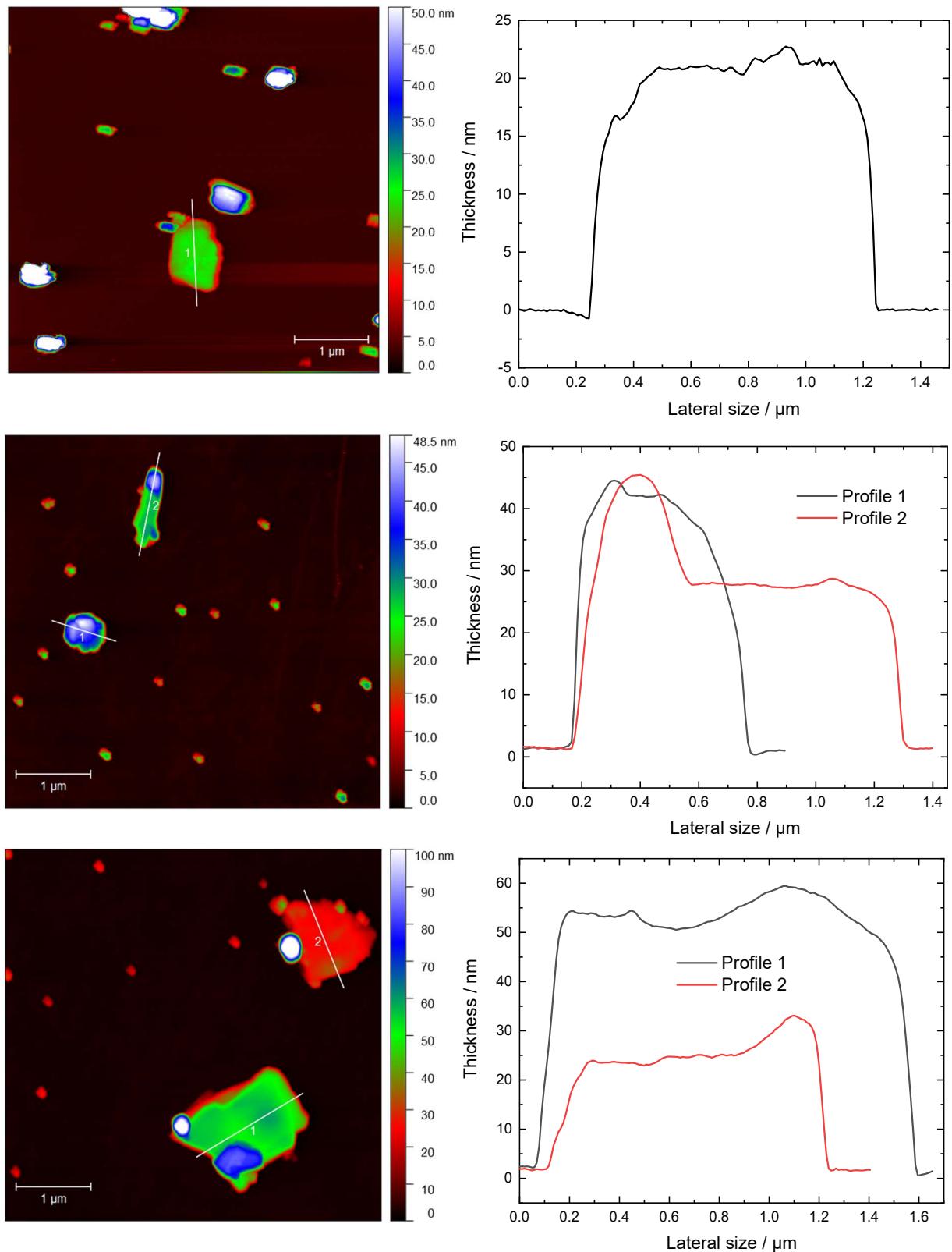


Figure S6. AFM images and the corresponding height profiles of various exfoliated MnIn₂Se₄ flakes.

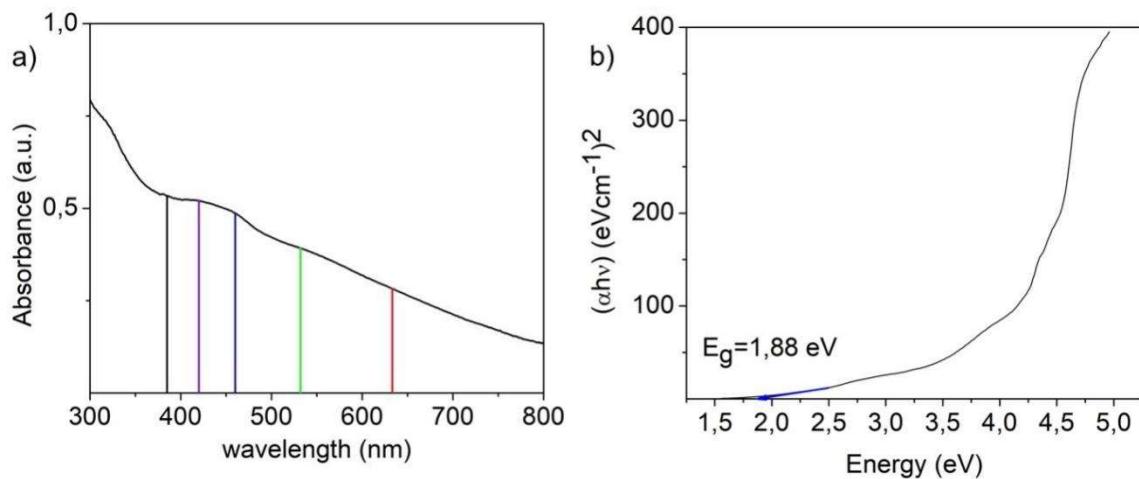


Figure S7. a) UV-Vis absorbance spectrum of the exfoliated MnIn_2Se_4 DMF suspension. The wavelengths of the LED light sources employed for the PEC study are marked in the graph. b) Tauc plot used to extract the optical band gap of MnIn_2Se_4 nanosheets.

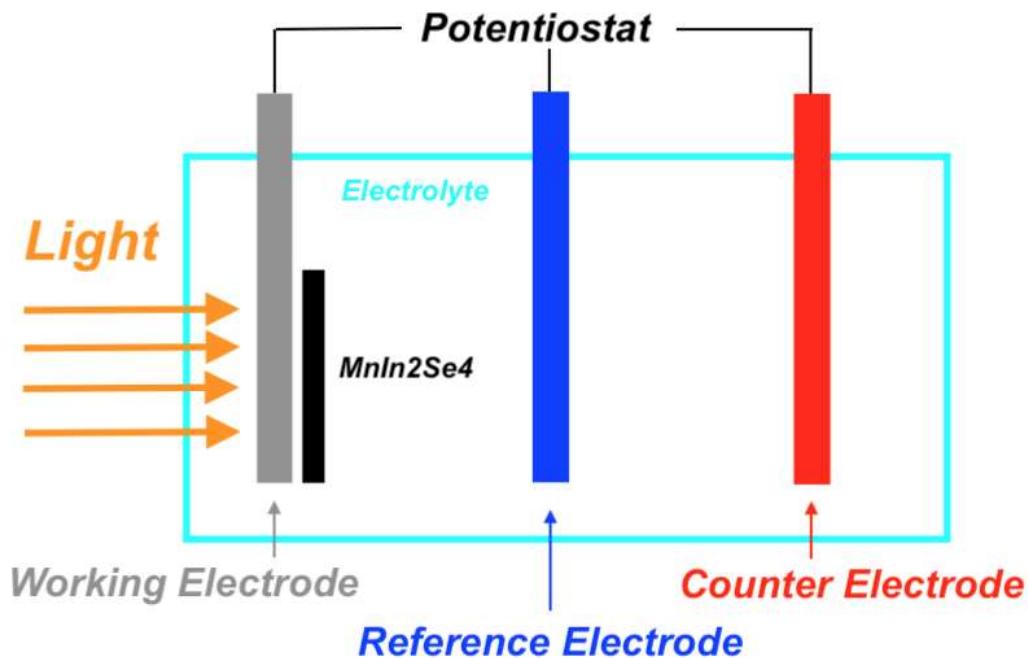


Figure S8. Schematic of the experimental setup for the PEC detector.

Table S2. Noise equivalent power (NEP) values for the MnIn₂Se₄ photodetector at different wavelengths and power levels, illustrating its noise characteristics.

Power Density (mW)	NEP (W Hz ^{-1/2})				
	UV Light 385 nm	Purple Light 420 nm	Blue Light 460 nm	Green Light 532 nm	Red Light 633 nm
1000	2.59 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.17 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.24 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	3.21 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.34 x 10 ⁻⁹
800	2.90 x 10 ⁻⁸	9.69 x 10 ⁻¹¹	1.97 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.95 x 10 ⁻⁹	4.88 x 10 ⁻⁹
500	2.97 x 10 ⁻⁸	7.60 x 10 ⁻¹¹	1.63 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.46 x 10 ⁻⁹	3.73 x 10 ⁻⁹
300	2.82 x 10 ⁻⁸	5.96 x 10 ⁻¹¹	1.36 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.04 x 10 ⁻⁹	3.13 x 10 ⁻⁹
200	2.70 x 10 ⁻⁸	4.99 x 10 ⁻¹¹	1.18 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.73 x 10 ⁻⁹	2.74 x 10 ⁻⁹
100	2.63 x 10 ⁻⁸	3.96 x 10 ⁻¹¹	9.74 x 10 ⁻¹¹	1.37 x 10 ⁻⁹	2.17 x 10 ⁻⁹
50	2.57 x 10 ⁻⁸	3.07 x 10 ⁻¹¹	7.87 x 10 ⁻¹¹	9.90 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.59 x 10 ⁻⁹

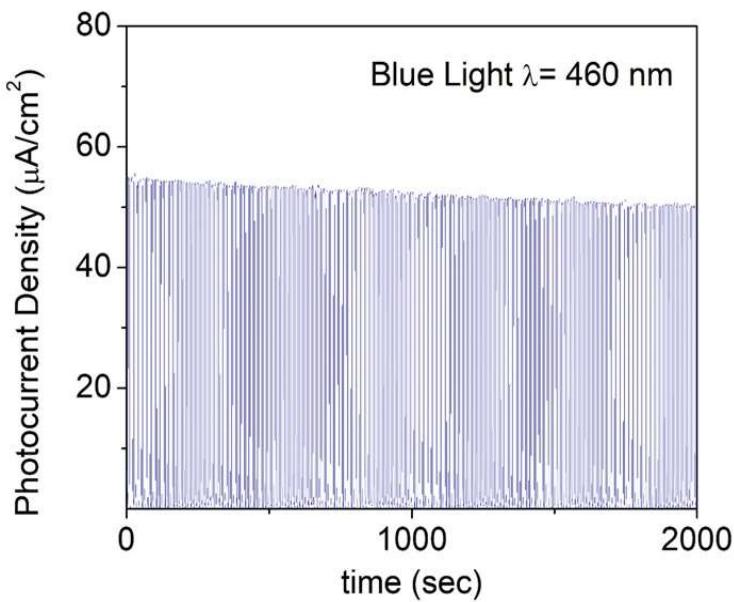


Figure S9. Long-term cycle stability test of MnIn₂Se₄-based photodetector in 1 M KOH ethanol (25% v/v) water solution at 0.5 V vs SCE under blue light, with irradiance power of 800 mW.

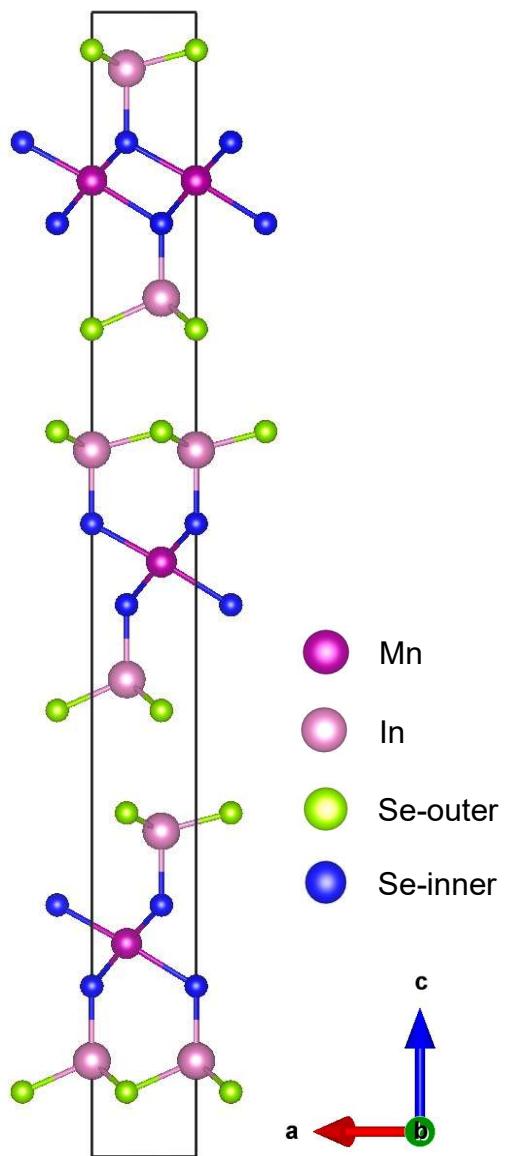


Figure S10. The MnIn_2Se_4 structure used in our DFT calculations. The manganese and indium atoms are indicated in purple and pink balls, respectively. Selenium atoms are separated into outer and inner atoms; the former indicate the atoms having only chemical bond with indium atoms, the latter are instead the atoms having chemical bond with both manganese and indium atoms. The outer and inner selenium atoms are indicated by green and blue balls, respectively.