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Hybrid Bilayer WSe₂-CH₃NH₃PbI₃ Organolead Halide Perovskite as a High-Performance Photodetector

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Abstract: A high-performance 2D photodetector based on a bilayer structure comprising a WSe2 monolayer and CH₃NH₃PbI₃ organolead halide perovskite is reported. High performance is realized by modification of the WSe₂ monolayer with laser healing and perovskite functionalization. After modification, the output of the device was three orders of magnitude better than the pristine device; the performance is superior to that of most of the 2D photodetectors based on transition-metal-dichalcogenides (TMDs). This result indicates that combinatory TMDs-halide perovskite hybrids can be promising building blocks in optoelectronics.

Among TMDs, WSe₂ is promising because it possesses excellent optical properties in its monolayer form. [1-4] To date, the WSe2 monolayer has been utilized in novel devices, such as electrically tunable excitonic LEDs,[4] gate controlled p-n junction diodes,^[2] atomic monolayer solar cells,^[3] and ambipolar field-effect transistors (FETs).^[5,6] However, implementation of monolayer WSe2 in wider applications is restricted by intrinsic constraints, such as chalcogen vacancies. These vacancies cause the device to exhibit comparatively low conductivity and photoconductivity.

Recently, we developed a laser-healing method that can significantly reduce unwanted carrier traps by passivating these vacancies with oxygen substitution. The photoconduction of the WSe₂ monolayer was significantly enhanced.^[7] However, the critical parameters of a high-performance optoelectronic device are still restricted by the intrinsic nature of the TMDs monolayers. Interface engineering has been explored to overcome such intrinsic restrictions in the form of heterojunctions. Functionalization of 2D TMDs is achieved by the formation of interfaces with other attractive materials. For example, interfacing with metal nanoparticles or organic dye molecules has been demonstrated as an effective strategy to control their optoelectrical properties.^[8-10] Organolead halide perovskites have emerged as a new class of materials with high carrier mobility and lifetime, and large absorption coefficient, among other attributes. Additionally, a layer of the organolead halide perovskite can be easily added onto TMDs by low-cost processes, such as thermal evaporation. Herein, we introduce effective methods for enhancing the performance of a WSe₂ monolayer photodetector using a combination of laser healing and perovskite functionalization. By depositing a thin layer of organolead halide perovskite (CH₃NH₃PbI₃) onto the laser healed WSe₂ monolayer by thermal evaporation, a highperformance TMD/perovskite 2D hybrid photodetector is attained. The combination of focused laser beam technique, which engineers and heals the defects in TMDs, and application of CH₃NH₃PbI₃, which has a large absorption coefficient, facilitates formation of a superior photodetector with ultrahigh photoresponsivity and quantum efficiency. The optimized hybrid device is sensitive to a wide spectral range and exhibits more than three orders of magnitude higher output characteristics than a device based on pristine monolayer.

The fabrication of photodetectors involves WSe2 monolayer flakes grown on transparent sapphire substrates by chemical vapor deposition.^[7,11] An optical image in Figure S2a (Supporting Information) shows that most of the asgrown flakes are monolayers with triangular or star-like shapes. Atomic force microscopy (AFM) results confirm the monolayer thickness (ca. 0.7 nm; Supporting Information, Figure S2b). The device architecture of the hybrid photodetector is illustrated in Figure 1a. For photoresponsive studies, light illumination was applied to the device from either the top or bottom side. An optical image of a typical device is shown in Figure S2c (Supporting Information).

Figure 1b depicts the atomic structure of the hybrid perovskite/WSe, interface. Density functional theory (DFT) was used to provide further insight into the structure of the interface. Details of the commensurate interface model used, and the resulting misfit strain are given in the Supporting Information. It was found that the CH₃NH₃-terminated perovskite monolayer is stable, as suggested by Umari et al., [12] while the PbI2-terminated monolayer departs considerably from the bulk structure. The dipoles on both sides are aligned approximately parallel with respect to the surface. The resulting contact potential difference between perovskite and WSe2 was only 0.3 eV.

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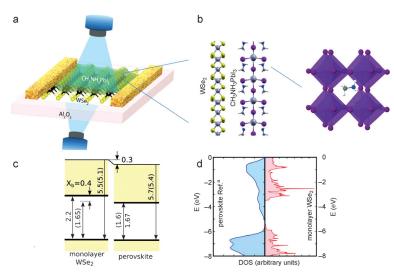


Figure 1. a) Device configuration schematic. b) Atomic structure of a model CH₃NH₃Pbl₃/WSe₂ monolayer interface and the perovskite structure. c) Heterojunction band structures using the data from Refs. [14,17–20]. Theoretical values (brackets) are taken from Refs. [12,14–16,21–24] (Supporting Information, Table S1). All energies are in eV. d) Alignment of the densities of states of the perovskite/WSe₂ (arelativistic GW data from Ref. [12]) and relativistic DFT, corrected to the GW gap. [22].

This information was used to construct the energy band diagram for the device. In the real system, WSe₂ is a monolayer but the perovskite is much thicker than the exciton radius, therefore it is approximated as bulk. The thickness does not affect the interface dipole directly, which is primarily determined by the orientation of CH₃NH₃ at the interface, and to a lesser extent by the redistribution of the charge densities of the two moieties upon contact. Moreover, the perovskite band gap is almost independent of thickness.

According to the literature, the WSe₂ monolayer and the bulk perovskite have almost the same optical band gap (1.65 and 1.6 eV, respectively)^[13,14] and similar work functions (ca. 5.1 and 5.4 eV, respectively).^[6,15,16] The actual band structure gap is larger by an amount corresponding to the exciton binding energy (*X*_b; Figure 1 c). However, in the combined system the screening by the perovskite likely reduces the exciton binding energy to a negligible value (justifying the lack of excitonic effects in the optical response of the device, as will be discussed later on).

The junction of the hybrid system is therefore expected to be type-II, that is a staggered gap. The band offsets, both at the valence band and conduction band, are very small. Excitons in either moieties can be spontaneously separated into a free hole in the WSe₂ monolayer and a free electron in the perovskite.

Band gaps of both perovskite and the WSe₂ monolayer were previously calculated by GW (Green's function (G) and the dynamically screened interaction (W)). Plotting the relativistic density of states of the WSe₂ monolayer (corrected to the GW band gap using the procedure in ref. [22]) against the relativistic GW density of states of bulk CH₃NH₃PbI₃ (Figure 1d), we find a qualitatively similar band offset to that found using the experimental data in Figure 1c. Additionally, we find alignment of the peaks of the high density of states close to the valence and conduction band edges of the WSe₂ monolayer and CH₃NH₃PbI₃, which contributes to the efficient exciton dissociation.

To investigate the factors that enhance the performance of the photodetectors, we fabricated four different types of devices: pristine WSe_2 monolayer (D_1) , pristine WSe_2 monolayer with $CH_3NH_3PbI_3$ (D_2) , laser annealed WSe_2 monolayer (D_3) , and laser annealed WSe_2 monolayer with $CH_3NH_3PbI_3$ (D_4) . The output characteristics of these photodetectors were compared against each other. Figure 2 shows the performance of photodetector D_1 and D_2 . Typical I–V curves of D_1

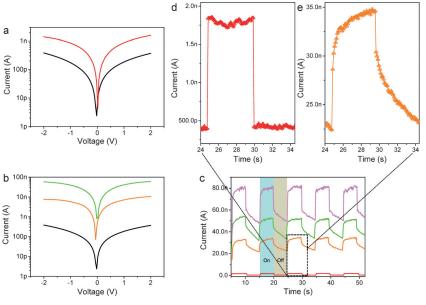


Figure 2. Output characteristics of a) D_1 (dark (black), light (red)) and b) D_2 (pristine dark (black), with perovskite in the dark (orange), with perovskite in the light (green)). c) Periodic photoresponse behavior of D_1 and D_2 (pristine $V=2\ V$ (red), perovskite $V=0.5\ V$ (orange), perovskite $V=1\ V$ (green), perovskite $V=2\ V$ (pink)). d) and e) Magnified view of the highlighted region of (c).

(Figure 2 a) were measured in dark and illuminated conditions. The measurements were carried out under the irradiation of a diode laser ($\lambda = 532$ nm, power = 2.8 mW) with light intensity that is insufficient to cause laser annealing of the WSe₂.^[7] The output current exhibits a clear increase when the laser beam illuminates the device. However, the amplitudes of





the outputs for both devices are low. On the same grown substrate, we made another pristine device $(D_{1'})$ similar to D_1 ; $D_{1'}$ and D_1 perform similarly (Supporting Information, Figure S4). Under light illumination, the WSe $_2$ monolayer absorbs photons and electron–hole pairs are created. Upon combined action of an applied voltage and the Schottky barrier, the generated electron–hole pairs are separated to form photocurrent. However, the inevitable chalcogen vacancies in the pristine WSe $_2$ film trap the photocarriers, resulting in low photocurrent output.

To examine the effect of interface functionalization of perovskite, a thin layer of CH₃NH₃PbI₃ (a few nanometers) was deposited onto D_1 by thermal evaporation^[25] to form the hybrid device, D₂. Figure 2b shows the I-V curves of D₂ in the dark and under illumination conditions. The output current increases to approximately 10 nA at 2 V and this is about 30 times higher than D₁. The corresponding time response of the output of D₁ and D₂ (Figure 2c) was measured with periodic light illumination at a power density of 70 mW cm⁻². The current-time curve of D₁ at 2 V (red curve) exhibits a rapid on and off behavior. Photoresponsivity $(R_{res} = I_{ph}/P_{eff})$, where I_{ph} is the output photocurrent and $P_{\rm eff}$ is the effective optical power illuminated onto the working area, is one of the critical parameters of a photodetector. R_{res} of D_1 is calculated to be about 30 mAW⁻¹. Accordingly, the external quantum efficiency, $EQE = (hcR_{res})/(e\lambda)$, is obtained as approximately 7.0%. These values place D_1 in the medium range among the photodetectors.^[2,26–28] Photodetectivity, $(R_{\rm res}S^{1/2})/(2eI_{\rm d})^{1/2}$, where S is the working area of the device and I_d is the dark current, is calculated to be about $1.68 \times$ 10⁹ Jones. With periodic illumination, D₂ also displays on and off behavior at different applied biases (0.5, 1, and 2 V; Figure 2c). The magnitude of the photocurrent at the same bias is much higher than that of D_1 . The corresponding R_{res} and EQE were calculated to be 1780 mAW⁻¹ and 415%, respectively; these values are about 60 times higher than those of D₁. Additionally, the photodetectivity for D₂ was calculated to be approximately 1.5×10^{10} Jones. The temporal photoresponse changes from a simple fast transient process in D₁ (Figure 2d) to a two-step process in D₂ (Figure 2e), consisting of a fast-slow combination. The fast process of D₁ and D_2 is <50 ms, which is the detection limit of our equipment. The response time of the slower process of D₂ can be extracted by fitting the rising curve using a biexponential function. The detailed analysis is shown in Figure S3 (Supporting Information). The slow process may be caused by carrier trapping and scattering at the interface. [29] Despite the improvement, D₂ is only placed in the middle-upper range among TMDs photodetectors. [2,26-28] This is attributable to the chalcogen vacancies in pristine WSe2. Recently, we developed an engineering strategy to passivate the vacancies. We made use of a focused laser beam to oxidize the pristine WSe₂ film locally, after which the WSe2 film was found to exhibit improved conductivity.^[7] By employing this method to treat $D_{1'}$, which is another pristine device next to D_{1} , we fabricated the laser modified device D_3 . The properties of D_3 are shown in Figure 3 a,c (green curves) and 3 d. The comparison of D₁. and D₃ is depicted in Figure S4 (Supporting Information). The output parameters R_{res} , EQE, and D^* for D_3 are calculated to be 4285 mAW⁻¹, 999 %, and 1.7×10^{10} Jones, respectively. All these values are higher than those of D₁ and D₂. The enhancement is attributed to the oxygen passivation of the chalcogen vacancies in WSe2.[7] To further modify the performance of the photodetectors, D₃ was coated with a layer of perovskite to form a hybrid device, D₄. Typical I–V curves of the devices are shown in Figure 3b. The output current of D₄ increased to sub-microamperes at 2 V. This is three orders higher than D₁ and one order higher than D₃. Similarly, the photoresponse of D₄ was measured by periodic illumination at different applied biases (Figure 3c) and it exhibits superior performance. The corresponding R_{res} and EQE for D_4 are calculated to be approximately $1.1 \times$ $10^5\,mAW^{-1}$ and $25\,000\,\%,$ respectively. These values are more than 3000-fold higher than D₁, and much higher (10⁵ to 106 times) than earlier reports on TMDs monolayer/ graphene phototransistors. [17,27] Accordingly, D^* of D_4 is $2.2 \times$ 10¹¹ Jones which is more than two orders of magnitude higher than D₁. Additionally, the proportion of the slow process increases in the photoresponse process (Figure 3e). Detailed analysis of the slow process is shown in Figure S5 (Supporting Information). As summarized from the calculated parameters (Table 1), both the responsivity and sensitivity of the photodetector are enhanced by two to three orders of magnitude by the combined effect of laser healing and perovskite interfacing of the WSe₂ monolayer.

Table 1: Summary of the performance of all devices and a comparison with previous reports.

	R _{res} (mA W ⁻¹)	EQE(%)	D*(Jones)
$D_1/D_{1'}$	30/25	7.0/5.8	1.68E9/1.5E9
D ₂	1780	415	1.5E10
D₃	4285	999	1.7E10
D ₄	1.1E5	2.5E4	2.2E11
Graphene[Ref35]	0.5	6-16	NA
MoS₂[Ref32]	0.42	NA	NA
WSe₂[Ref8-10]	16	0.2-5	NA
MoS₂/dye[Ref21]	1.38	NA	3.5E5

To gain further insight into the interface, DFT was utilized. The calculated DOS and band structure of the asgrown WSe_2 monolayer containing Se vacancies (V_{se}) show deep gap levels arising from dangling bonds (Figure 4a). These deep gap levels (acceptors) are efficient traps for photogenerated electrons. Once negatively charged, they attract holes, acting as recombination centers. However, if the material is laser healed^[7] oxygen atoms replace the missing Se atoms, with which they are isoelectronic, thereby removing the gap levels (Figure 4b). Since the laser healing gives rise to a WSe₂ monolayer without defect states in the band gap, the spectral response of the devices would be different. The photoresponsivity of D₂ and D₄ versus wavelength is depicted in Figure 4c. Evidently, D₂ exhibits a wider spectral response. This arises from the defect levels in the band gap of pristine WSe₂. The trap states provided by these levels also contribute to the photoresponse of the device.^[19,20] The trap states have







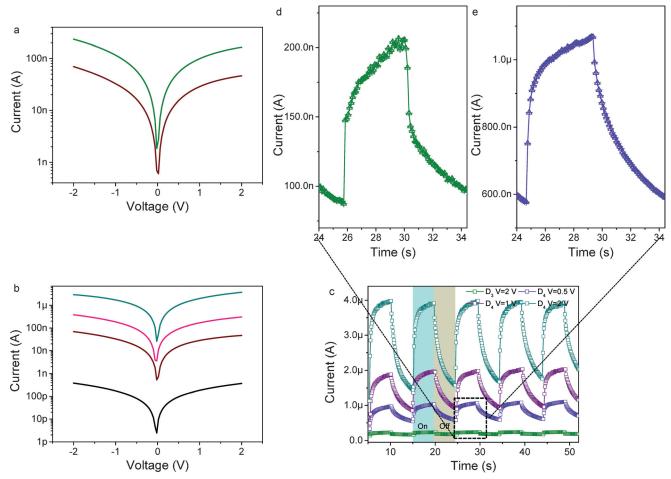


Figure 3. Output characteristics of a) D_3 (dark (brown), light (green)) and b) D_4 (D_1 dark (black), D_3 dark (brown), D_4 dark (pink), D_4 illuminated (cyan)). c) Periodic photoresponse behavior of D_3 and D_4 . d) and e) Magnified view of the highlighted region of (c).

their (-/0) transition level at E_c -0.6 eV. This facilitates the wider spectral response of D₂ compared to D₄, where the response is restricted by the near perfect wide band gap of the laser-healed WSe2 monolayer. Figure 4d shows the micro UV/Vis absorption spectra collected from different material systems. The excitonic absorption peaks of the WSe₂ monolayer are observed at about 760 nm (A exciton) and about 590 nm (B exciton). The large absorption in the higher energy region (< 500 nm) is ascribed to the band nesting. [18] The spectrum of CH₃NH₃PbI₃ shows its light harvesting capability, especially in the UV region. The small feature at approximately 748 nm results from the exciton transitions near the band edge.^[30,31] After the construction of the heterostructure, the light harvesting capacity was significantly enhanced. Both excitonic absorption peaks of WSe₂ disappeared but the band nesting absorption remained significant. After extracting the absorption signal contributed by WSe2, the spectrum only exhibits band nesting features without the excitonic peaks. This suggests quenching of excitons. Photons absorbed in the band-nesting region would excite the electron-hole pairs that are more readily separated to form free carriers rather than excitons. This is because of the parallel nature of the conduction and valence bands in the band-nesting region (Supporting Information, Figure S6). Therefore, the separation of the photo-excited electron-hole pairs significantly raises the free carrier density, thereby increasing the output photocurrent. Moreover, the distinct shift of the Raman features of the WSe₂ monolayer, after coating with perovskite (Supporting Information, Figure S7) indicate the carrier doping of WSe₂ from the formation of the heterojunction. [33]

In summary, we present a high-performance 2D photodetector based on a hybrid bilayer of WSe₂–CH₃NH₃PbI₃. Optimized performance was achieved using laser healing and perovskite coating. Focused laser healing was employed to passivate the vacancies in as-grown WSe₂ monolayers. After further judicious interface design by coating the laserannealed WSe₂ monolayer with organolead halide perovskite, a superior photodetector with high photoresponsivity, quantum efficiency, and photosensitivity was obtained.

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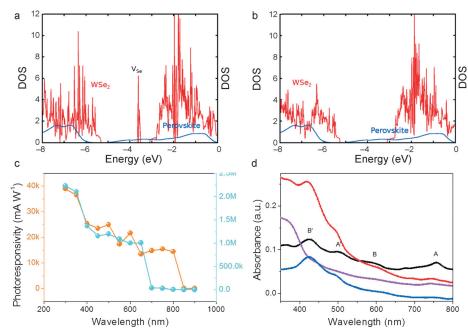


Figure 4. a) DOS of a monolayer of WSe2 containing Se vacancies, aligned to the DOS of perovskite, taken from Ref. [12]. b) DOS of a monolayer of WSe2, where Se has been substituted by oxygen. For direct comparison, the DOS of the WSe2 systems, obtained from relativistic DFT calculations, has been corrected to the GW gap following the mid-gap rule described in Ref. [22]. c) Photoresponsivity of D₂ and D₄ as a function of wavelength of incident light (pristine WSe₂ with perovskite (•), modified WSe₂ with perovskite (a)). d) UV/Vis spectra of WSe₂ monolayer (black), CH₃NH₃PbI₃ (purple), WSe₂ monolayer/CH₃NH₃PbI₃ heterostructure (red), and extracted spectrum of WSe₂ from the heterostructure (blue).

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