

Opto-Electronic Modulation of the Monolithically Integrated Ferroelectric-Semiconductor Heterojunction for Multibit Memory devices

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In recent years, ferroelectric-semiconductor (FS) heterojunctions are drawn massive interest in the field of multifunctional nanoelectronics, such as phototransistor, memory, data processing, neuromorphic computing etc.^[1] Furthermore, the stable remnant polarization with unique in-plane (IP) and out-of-plane (OOP) dipole coupling down to the monolayer limit (~ 1.2 nm) in In_2Se_3 becomes the central attention of ferroelectric research interest.^[2] The strong light-sensitivity towards visible-to-near-infrared illumination also making it attractive for photoactive applications. Herein, we demonstrated a scalable and site-specific direct writing approach on few-layers of indium selenide (In_2Se_3) to create the In_2Se_3 - In_2O_3 coplanar heterojunction using scanning visible-laser probe. The locally converted region was thoroughly characterized by in-depth microscopic (HRTEM, AFM and KPFM) and spectroscopic (Raman, PL and ToF-SIMS) means to understand the conversion dynamics.^[3] Furthermore, the fabricated planar heterojunction has been utilized as self-powered broadband photodetector by using the built-in interfacial potential along with the ferroelectric field in In_2Se_3 . The heterojunction exhibits superior photoresponsivity (857 A/W) without any external bias.^[3] In addition, the ferroelectric polarization states in α - In_2Se_3 are utilized to control the device characteristics and thereby used to realize non-volatile memory (NVM).^[4] The state-of-art multibit logic device was demonstrated by utilizing the polarization directions dependent (opto-)electronic output currents. The presented process enables a promising technological prospect to make all 2D lateral heterojunctions construction and could provide a platform for realizing wafer-scale integration of nanoscale devices with multiple advanced functionalities.

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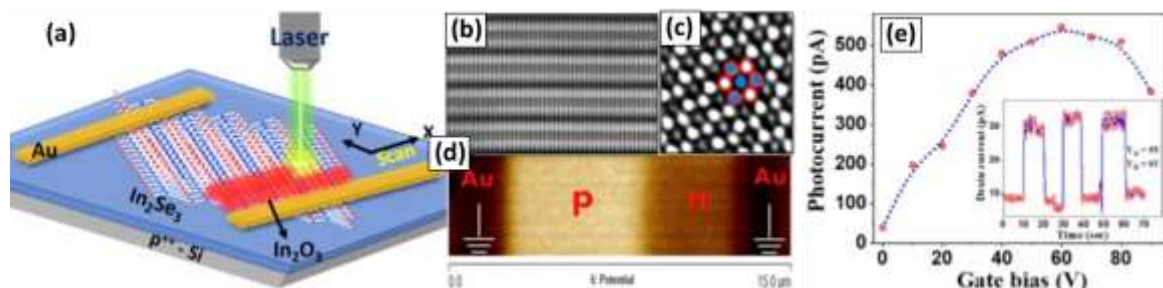


Figure 1: (a) Schematic illustration of the heterojunction fabrication using scanning laser microscopy. High-resolution (HR) TEM micrographs of In_2Se_3 in (b) cross-section-view and (c) top-view mode. (d) Surface potential mapping of the heterojunction FET channel, for equilibrium condition, which depicted the respective fermi-level alignment in the device. (e) Photocurrent variation as a function of gate bias. Inset shows the temporal time response in zero-bias condition.