

A Type-I van der Waals Heterostructure formed by Monolayer WS₂ and Trilayer PdSe₂

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1. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS)

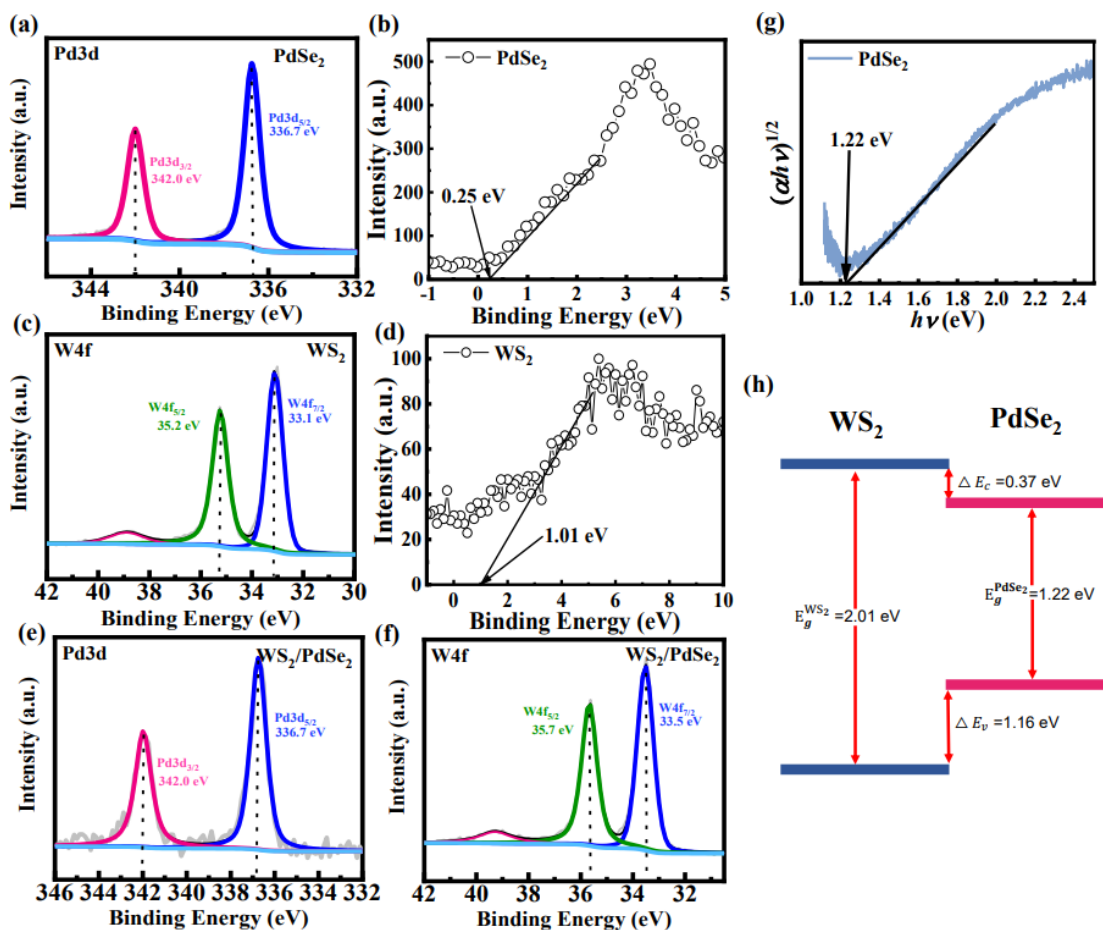


Figure S1. (a) The core-level Pd3d from trilayer PdSe₂. (b) The valence band spectrum obtained from trilayer PdSe₂. (c) The core-level W4f obtained from

monolayer WS₂. (d) The valence band spectrum obtained from monolayer WS₂. (e) The core-level Pd3d from WS₂/PdSe₂ heterostructure. (f) The core-level W4f obtained from WS₂/PdSe₂ heterostructure. (g) Indirect bandgap calculation of trilayer PdSe₂. (h) The schematic illustration of the band alignment of the WS₂/PdSe₂ heterostructure.

2. Computation Method:

All computations were carried out within the density functional theory (DFT) methods implemented in the Vienna ab initio simulation package. In the theoretical calculation process, the generalized gradient approximation PBE (GGA-PBE) of the exchange and correlation functionals were used. The cutoff energy of the selected plane wave function is 400 eV. In the calculation of geometric relaxation and single point energy, the convergence criterion for energy is 10^{-6} eV, and the convergence criterion for force is 0.015 eV/Å. Meanwhile, in order to avoid the influence of periodic effects on the two-dimensional structure, we established a 20 Å vacuum layer in the z-direction. For computing the band structure of the PdSe₂, the Brillouin zone of Γ -X-S-Y- Γ was selected. For monolayer WS₂, the Brillouin zone of Γ -M-K- Γ was chosen. The band structure of PdSe₂ crystal exhibits an indirect bandgap. It can be observed that the CBM and VBM of monolayer WS₂ are located at point K, and the CBM and VBM of monolayer, bilayer, and trilayer PdSe₂ are all located between the CBM and VBM of monolayer WS₂. Through theoretical calculations of band alignment, it can be reasonably concluded that WS₂/1L-PdSe₂, WS₂/2L-PdSe₂, WS₂/3L-PdSe₂ are both type I heterostructures.

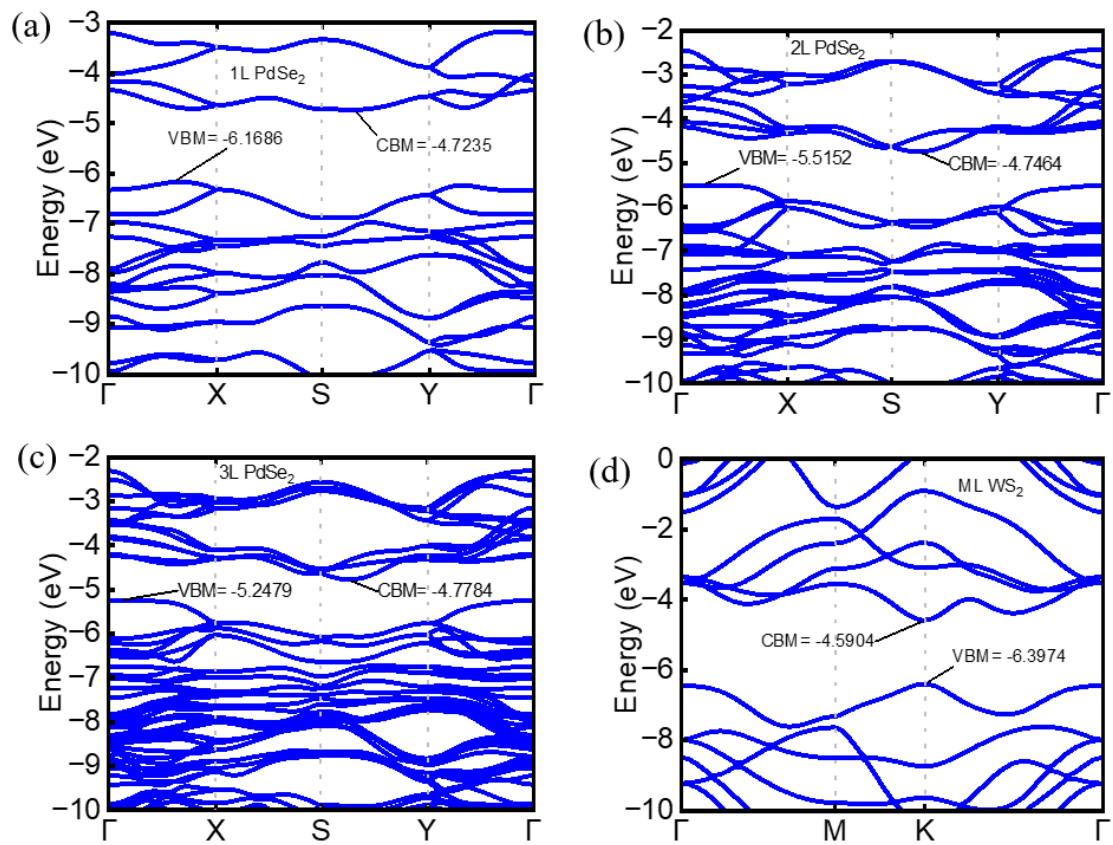


Figure S2. (a)-(c) Calculated bandstructure for the PdSe₂ (1-3 layers). (d) Calculated bandstructure for the monolayer WS₂.