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**Two-dimensional Janus antimony chalcogenides for efficient energy  
conversion applications**

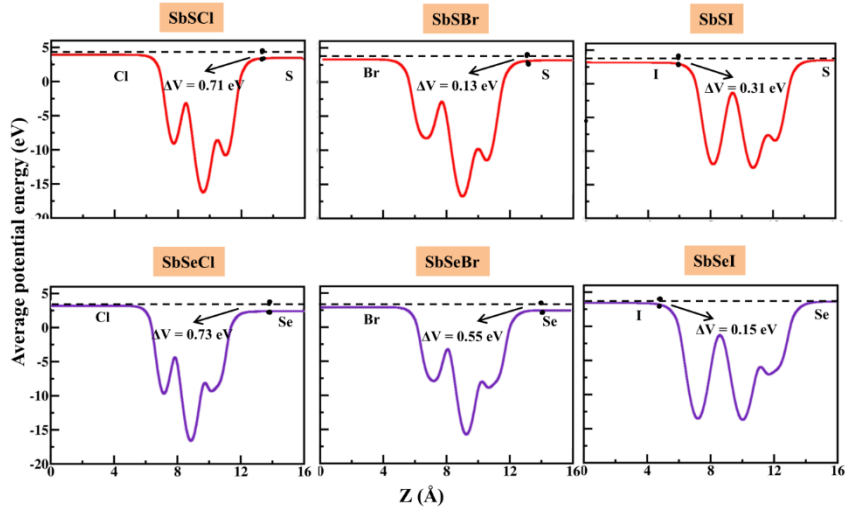
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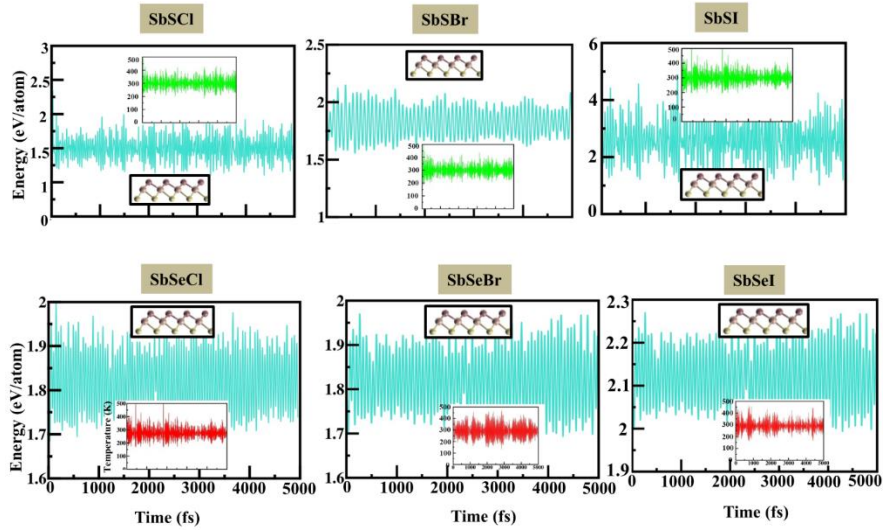
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## Geometric structure and energetics

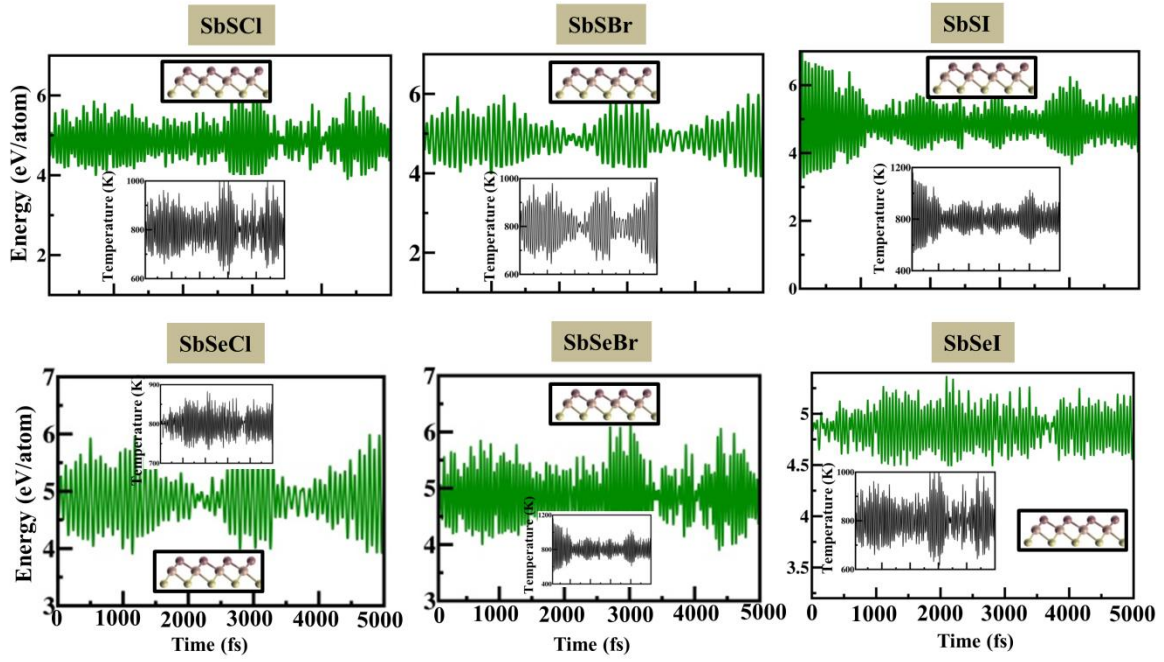


**Fig. S1:** Electrostatic potential curves of of SbYZ monolayers. The  $\Delta V$  represents the potential difference between two sides of monolayers.

## Thermal stability

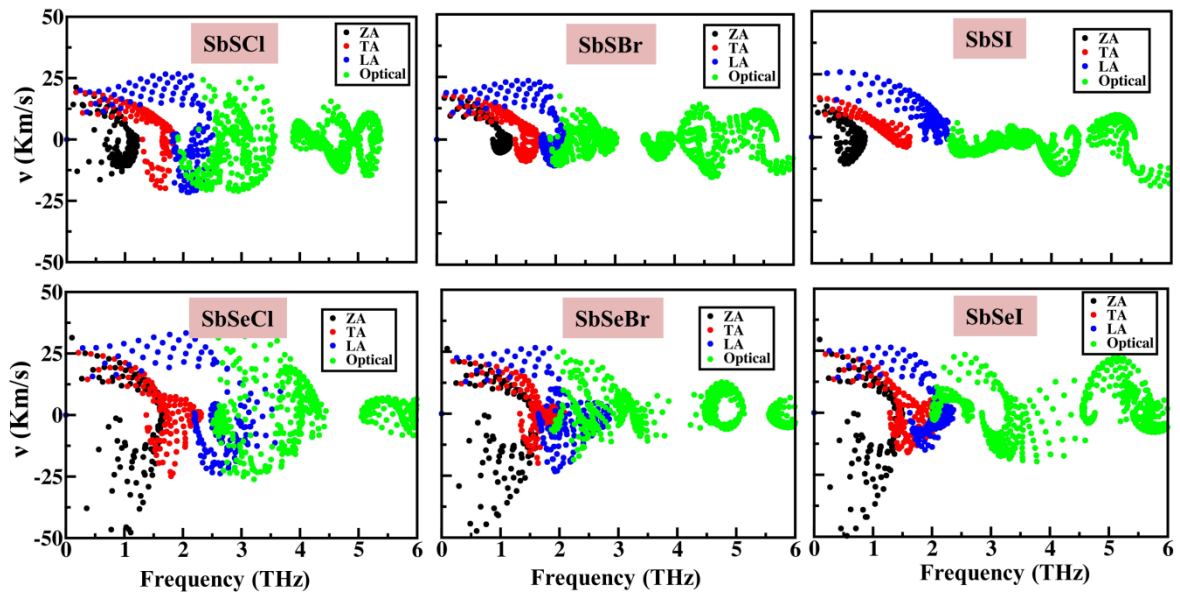


**Fig. S2:** The energy fluctuation as a function of time for Janus SbYZ monolayers at 300 K. The inset shows temperature fluctuation with time. The snapshots of the atomic configuration of SbYZ monolayers after 5ps are also shown.

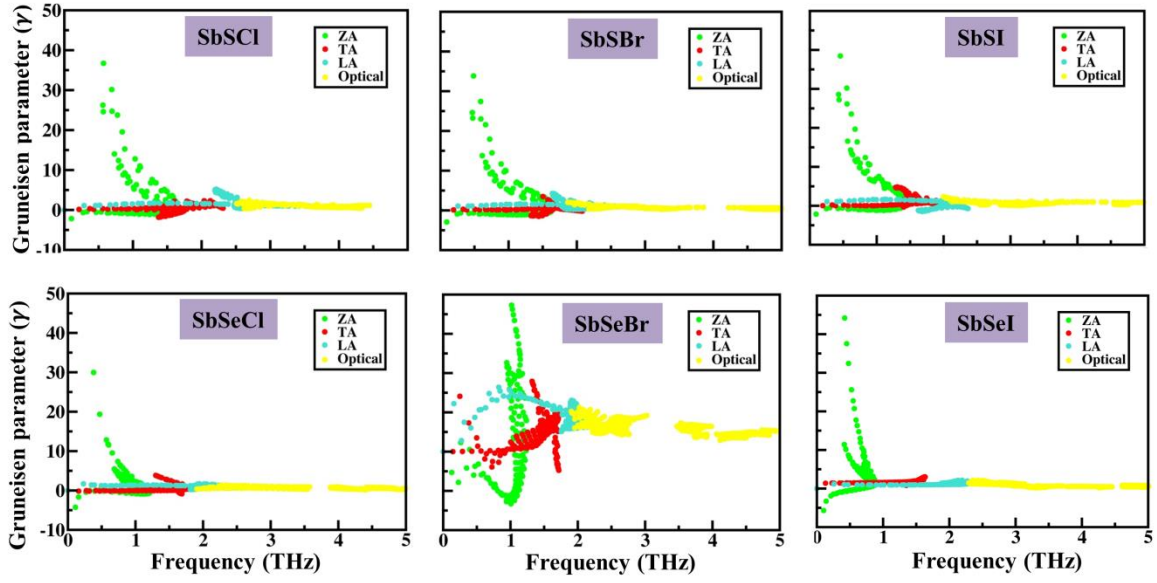


**Fig. S3:** The energy fluctuation as a function of time for Janus SbYZ monolayers at 800 K. The inset shows temperature fluctuation with time. The snapshots of the atomic configuration of SbYZ monolayers after 5ps are also shown.

### Lattice thermal conductivity

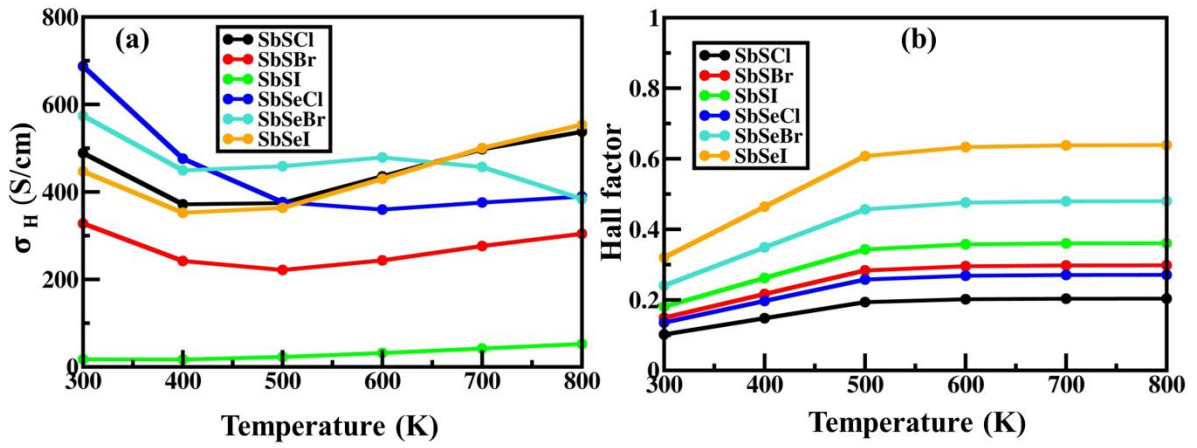


**FIG. S4** Phonon group velocity ( $v_g$ ) of 2D Janus SbYZ monolayers.



**Fig. S5** Gruneisen parameter ( $\gamma$ ) of 2D Janus SbYZ monolayers.

### Magneto-transport properties



**Fig. S6** (a) Hall conductivity and (b) Hall factor of 2D Janus SbYZ (Y= S, Se and Z= Cl, Br & I) monolayers.

## Electronic structure

**Table S1:** The bandgap of 2D Janus SbYZ monolayers in eV using different level of theories.

QP The quasi-particle (QP) direct bandgap and excitonic binding energy are also given.

2D monolayers	GGA	HSE06	G <sub>0</sub> W <sub>0</sub>	QP	E <sub>b</sub> (eV)
SbSCl	1.42	2.04	2.53	3.17	0.87
SbSBr	1.39	1.97	2.46	3.14	0.80
SbSI	1.33	1.86	2.38	2.95	0.71
SbSeCl	1.37	1.92	2.41	3.12	0.82
SbSeBr	1.29	1.78	2.35	3.08	0.70
SbSeI	1.23	1.75	2.29	2.94	0.67

## Scattering rate

The momentum-dependent relaxation time is calculated, including eight different kinds of scattering i.e., ionized impurity scattering ( $\tau_{II}(k)$ ), polar optical phonon scattering ( $\tau_{POP}(k)$ ), dislocation scattering ( $\tau_{Dis}(k)$ ), alloy scattering ( $\tau_{Alloy}(k)$ ), intra-valley scattering ( $\tau_{IV}(k)$ ), piezoelectric scattering ( $\tau_{Pz}(k)$ ), acoustic deformation scattering ( $\tau_{Ac}(k)$ ) and neutral impurity scattering ( $\tau_{Ni}(k)$ ), in the calculations.

Various scattering mechanisms for the calculation of relaxation time is expressed as <sup>1-4</sup>:

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{II}(k)} = \frac{e^4 N}{8\pi\epsilon_0^2 \left(\frac{\hbar}{2\pi}\right)^2 k^2 v(k)} \left[ D(k) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{4k^2}{\beta^2} \right) - B(k) \right] \quad (S1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{Ac}(k)} = \frac{e^2 k_B T \epsilon_D^2 k^2}{3\pi \left(\frac{\hbar}{2\pi}\right)^2 C_{el} v(k)} [3 - 8c^2(k) + 6c^4(k)] \quad (S2)$$

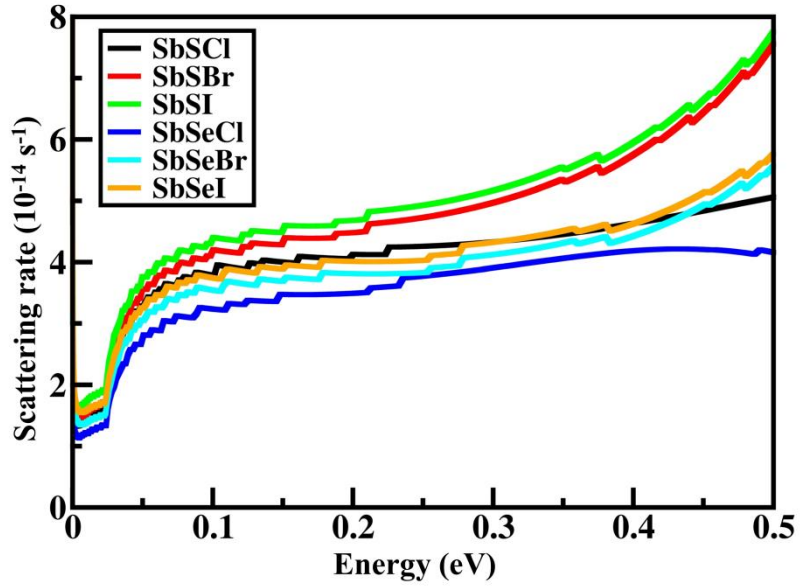
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{Pz}(k)} = \frac{e^2 k_B T P^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{\hbar}{2\pi}\right)^2 v(k)} [3 - 6c^2(k) + 4c^4(k)] \quad (S3)$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Dis}}(k)} = \frac{N_{\text{dis}} e^4 k}{\frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi} \epsilon_0^2 C_1^2 v(k)} \frac{1}{\left(1 + 4 \frac{k^2}{\beta^2}\right)^{3/2} \beta^4} \quad (\text{S4})$$

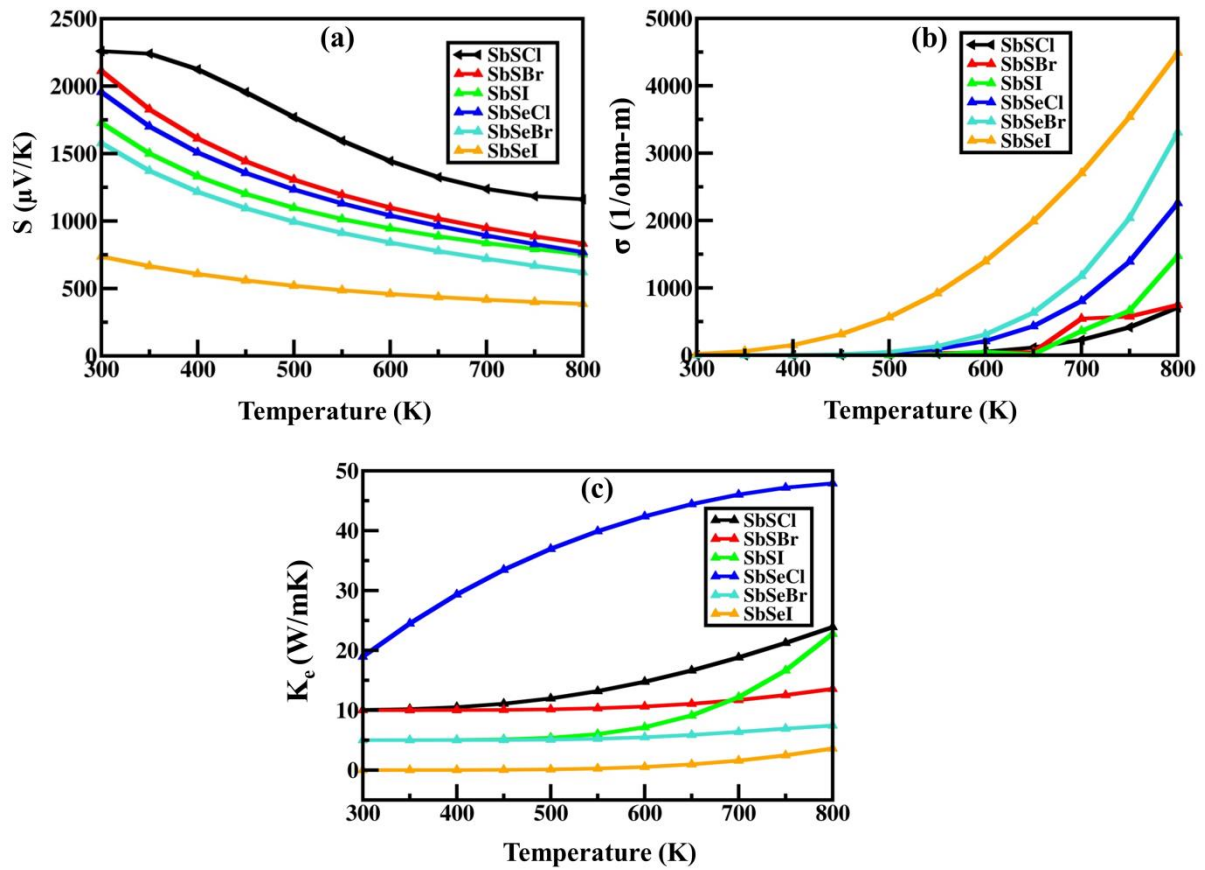
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Alloy}}(k)} = \frac{3\pi k^2}{16 v(k) \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi}\right)} V_0 U_{\text{alloy}}^2 \chi(1 - \chi) \quad (\text{S5})$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Iv}}(k)} = (N_e + 1 - f^-) \lambda_e^- + (N_e + f^+) \lambda_e^+ \quad (\text{S6})$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Ni}}(k)} = \frac{80\pi\epsilon \left(\frac{\hbar}{2\pi}\right) v(k)^2 N_n}{e^2 k^2} \quad (\text{S7})$$



**Fig. S7** Momentum dependent scattering rate of 2D Janus SbYZ monolayers including various scattering mechanism.



**Fig. S8** (a) Seebeck coefficient ( $S$ ) and (b) electrical conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) and (c) electronic thermal conductivity ( $k_e$ ) of 2D Janus SbYZ monolayers as a function of temperature.

### Photovoltaic solar cell properties

**Table S2** Lattice mismatch (%), conduction band-offset ( $\Delta E_c$ ) corresponding to chalcogen sides and power conversion efficiencies (PCEs) of 2D Janus SbYZ monolayers constituting heterojunction solar cells. The  $\Delta E_c$  values in brackets corresponds to the halogen side of Janus SbYZ monolayers.

<b>Heterojunctions</b>	<b>Lattice Mismatch (%)</b>	<b><math>\Delta E_c</math> (eV)</b>	<b>PCE (%)</b>
SbSbCl/AsTeCl	0.25	0.06	8.25
SbSbCl/AsTeBr	1.01	0.3	10.63
SbSbCl/ $\beta$ -Te <sub>2</sub> S	3.48	1.0	10.76
SbSbCl/BiSF	0.24	0.04	10.89
SbSBr/BiSBr	2.95	0.01	17.84
SbSBr/BiTeF	3.92	0.57	6.61
SbSBr/AsTeCl	1.52	0.46	9.12
SbSBr/AsTeBr	0.25	0.51	11.44
SbSBr/BiSF	1.0	0.56 (0.17)	12.73
SbSBr/AsTeI	2.25	0.25	16.50
SbSBr/BiSeBr	4.87		7.21
SbSI/BiSBr	0.98	0.56	11.56
SbSI/BiSbCl	0.25	0.33	12.52
SbSI/BiSeCl	1.95	0.15	17.54
SbSI/BiSF	3.24	0.32	11.59
SbSeCl/SbSbCl	2.26	0.32	12.54
SbSeCl/BiSeCl	2.92	0.21	16.71
SbSeCl/BiSBr	1.96	0.15	16.20
SbSeCl/BiSbCl	0.73	0.33	12.53
SbSeCl/SbSeBr	1.48	0.13	17.65
SbSeCl/AsTeBr	1.25	0.28	14.97
SbSeCl/ $\beta$ -Te <sub>2</sub> S	1.22	0.14	13.31
SbSeCl/AsTeI	1.48	0.19 (0.48)	17.19
SbSeBr/SbSBr	2.48	0.27 (0.31)	13.71
SbSeBr/SbSeCl	1.48	0.13 (0.23)	15.83
SbSeBr/SbSbCl	3.73	0.45 (0.12)	14.39
SbSeBr/BiSbCl	0.74	0.46	11.37
SbSeBr/AsTeCl	3.99	0.19 (0.06)	11.50
SbSeBr/AsTeBr	2.73	0.15 (0.18)	15.23
SbSeBr/AsTeI	0.24	0.35	19.10
SbSeBr/ $\beta$ -Te <sub>2</sub> S	0.23	0.14	14.34



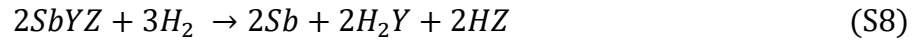
**Table S3** PCEs of SbYZ heterojunction solar cell and other previously reported 2D heterojunction solar cell.

Heterostructures	PCEs	References
SbSeBr/AsTeI	19	This study
CBN/PCBN	10 to 20	5
g-SiC <sub>2</sub> /GaN bilayer	12 to 20	6
P-PdSe <sub>2</sub> /MoTe <sub>2</sub>	17	7
MoS <sub>2</sub> /bilayer phosphorene	16-18	8
MoSe <sub>2</sub> /ψ-phosphorene	20.26	9
GeSe/SnSe	21.47	10
β-Te <sub>2</sub> Se(Se-Side)/H-MoSe <sub>2</sub>	16.18	11
SbTeBr/SbSI	8.3%	12

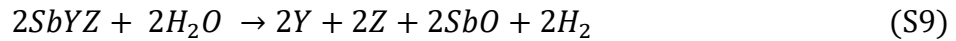
### Photocatalytic water splitting

The SbSI and SbSeCl monolayers can be oxidized and reduced by photogenerated charge carriers i.e. electrons and holes. The reduction and oxidation mechanism of SbYZ (Y = S and Se; Z = I and Br) monolayers are given as:

Reduction:



Oxidation:



The thermodynamic reduction ( $\phi^{re}$ ) and oxidation potential of AsTeX ( $\phi^{ox}$ ) monolayers can be calculated as:

$$\phi^{re} = -[2\Delta_f G^0(Sb) + 2\Delta_f G^0(H_2Y) + 2\Delta_f G^0(HZ) - 2\Delta_f G^0(SbYZ) - 3\Delta_f G^0(H_2)] / 4eF + \phi(H^+ + H_2) \quad (S10)$$

$$\phi^{ox} = [2\Delta_f G^0(Y) + 2\Delta_f G^0(Z) + 2\Delta_f G^0(SbO) + 2\Delta_f G^0(H_2) - 2\Delta_f G^0(SbYZ) - 2\Delta_f G^0(H_2O)]/4eF + \phi(H^+ + H_2) \quad (S11)$$

The calculated values of  $\phi^{re}$  and  $\phi^{ox}$  is -1.41 eV (-1.27 eV) and 3.62 eV (3.61 eV) corresponding to SbSI (SbSeBr) monolayers.

### Gibbs free energy profiles

We implemented the hydrogen electrode model for the evaluation of the Gibbs free energy change in water radox reactions i.e. given as:

$$\Delta G = \Delta E + \Delta E_{ZPE} - T\Delta S + \Delta G_U + \Delta G_{pH} \quad (S12)$$

$$\Delta G_U = -eU \text{ and } \Delta G_{pH} (= K_B T \times \ln 10 \times pH)$$

Where T stands for temperature (298 K),  $\Delta E$  for adsorption energy,  $\Delta E_{ZPE}$  and  $\Delta S$  are the difference in the zero-point energy and entropy. The free molecules ( $H_2$ ,  $H_2O$ ) entropies are taken from NIST database (<https://cccbdb.nist.gov/>). The calculated values of above parameters mentioned in Table S4.

The two-steps HER mechanism is given as:

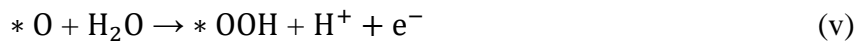


The free energy change for each intermediate steps of HER is determined by:

$$\Delta G_a = G(* H) - G(*) - G(H^+ + e^-) + \Delta G_U + \Delta G_{pH} \quad (S13)$$

$$\Delta G_b = G(*) - G(H_2) - G(* H) + \Delta G_U + \Delta G_{pH} \quad (S14)$$

Similarly the four steps OER process is illustrated as:





The free energy change for each intermediate steps of OER is determined by:

$$\Delta G_c = G(* \text{OH}) + G(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-) - G(*) - G(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \Delta G_U - \Delta G_{\text{pH}} \quad (\text{S15})$$

$$\Delta G_d = G(* \text{O}) + G(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-) - G(* \text{OH}) + \Delta G_U - \Delta G_{\text{pH}} \quad (\text{S16})$$

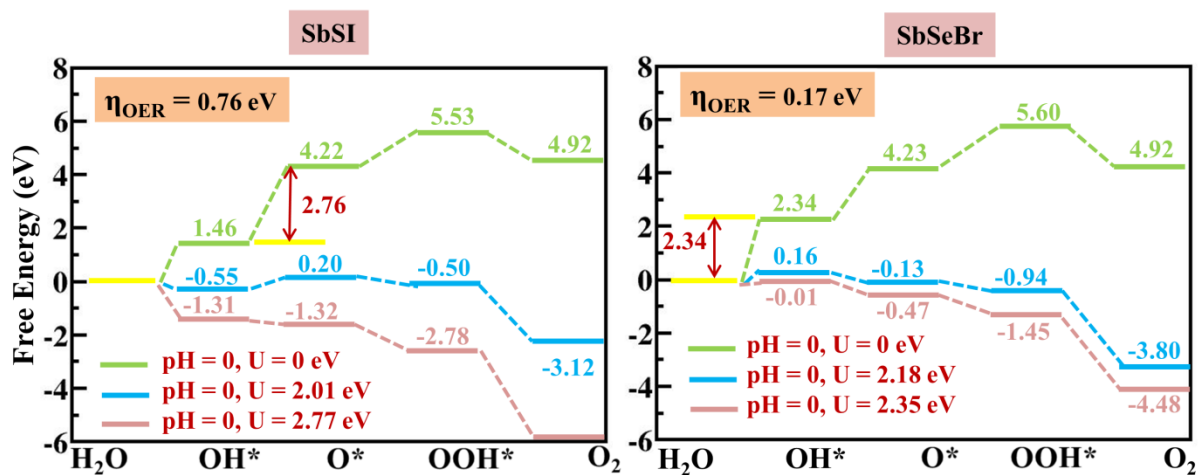
$$\Delta G_e = G(* \text{OOH}) + G(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-) - G(* \text{O}) - G(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \Delta G_U - \Delta G_{\text{pH}} \quad (\text{S17})$$

$$\Delta G_f = G(*) + G(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-) + G(\text{O}_2) - G(* \text{OOH}) + \Delta G_U - \Delta G_{\text{pH}} \quad (\text{S18})$$

The terms  $G(\text{O}_2)$  and  $G(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)$  mentioned in above equations are calculated as;  $2G(\text{H}_2\text{O}) - 2G(\text{H}_2) + 4.92$  and  $1/2G(\text{H}_2)$ , respectively.

**Table S4** Zero point energy correction ( $E_{\text{ZPE}}$ ) and entropy of molecules and adsorbants on SbSI (SbSeBr) monolayer.

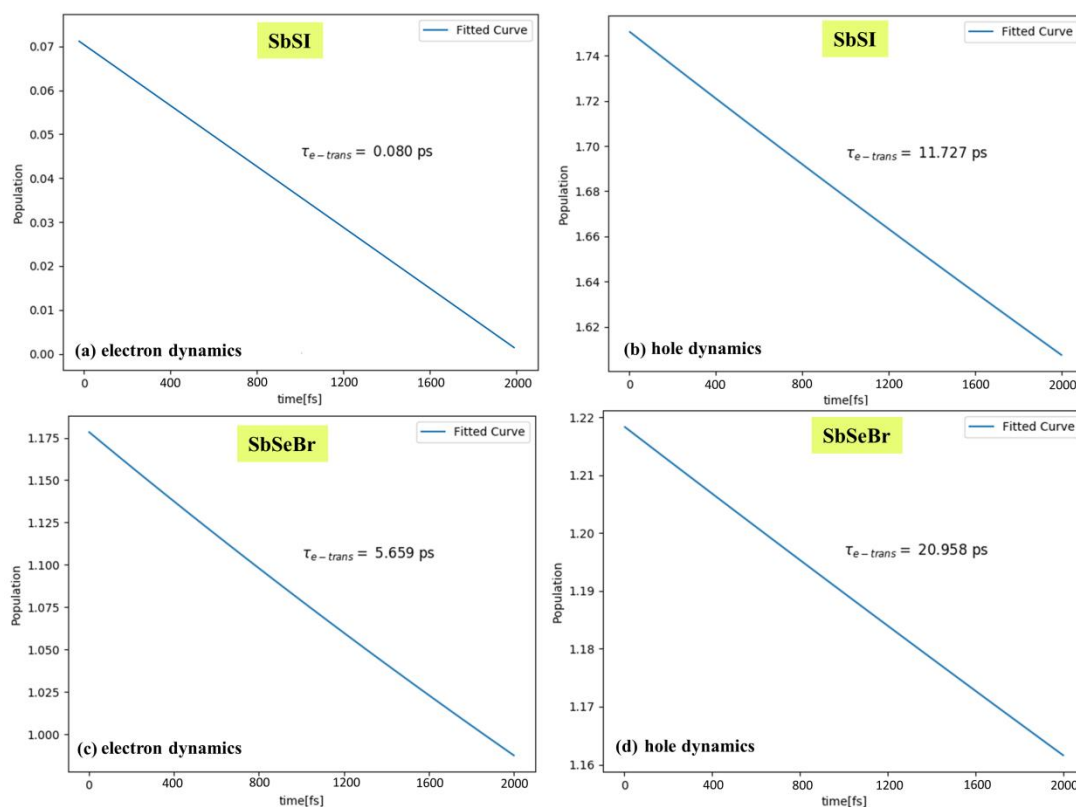
Species	$E_{\text{ZPE}}$ (eV)	$-TS$ (eV)
<b>H<sub>2</sub></b>	0.31 (0.28)	-0.41
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	0.67 (0.57)	-0.67
*	-	-
<b>*O</b>	0.006 (0.004)	0.00
<b>*OH</b>	0.24 (0.23)	0.00
<b>*OOH</b>	0.40 (0.40)	0.00
<b>*H</b>	0.002 (0.003)	0.00



**Fig. S9** The free energy change pathways for oxygen evolution reaction (OER) for SbSI and SbSeBr monolayers, respectively. The presence and absence of light irradiation is represented by green and sky blue lines, while a purple line represents extra potential required to make OER feasible.

**Table S5** Corrected STH efficiency of Janus SbSI and SbSeBr monolayers and their comparison with other Janus monolayers in literature.

2D monolayers	STH (%)	References
SbSI, SbSeBr	12, 18	Our study
AsTeCl, AsTeBr	16, 10	13
MoSSe	15.46	14
WSSe	11.68	15
$\beta$ -Te <sub>2</sub> S, $\beta$ -Te <sub>2</sub> Se	13.46, 12.09	11



**Fig. S10** The electron and holes dynamics of 2D Janus SbSI and SbSeBr monolayers.

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