

## Enhanced performance of Mg<sub>2</sub>Si/Si heterojunction photodetector grown with the assistance of nanostructures

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### *Supporting Information*

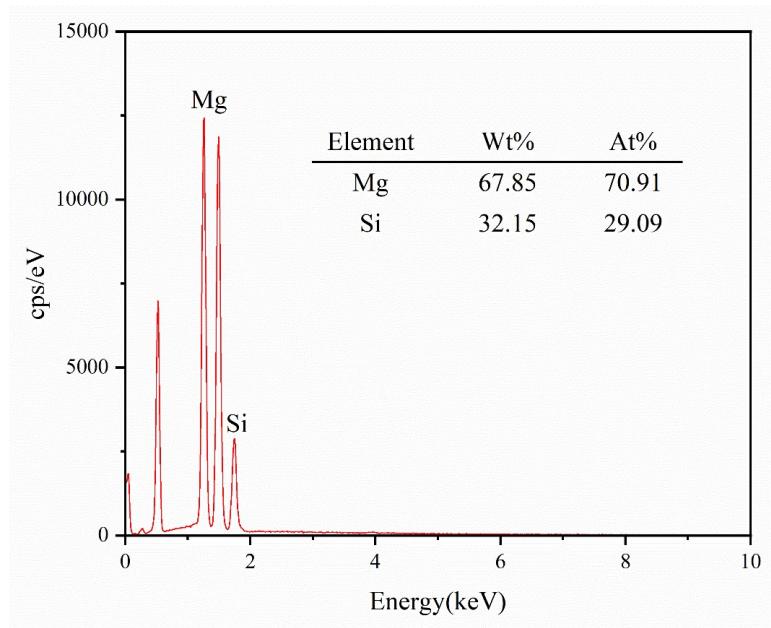
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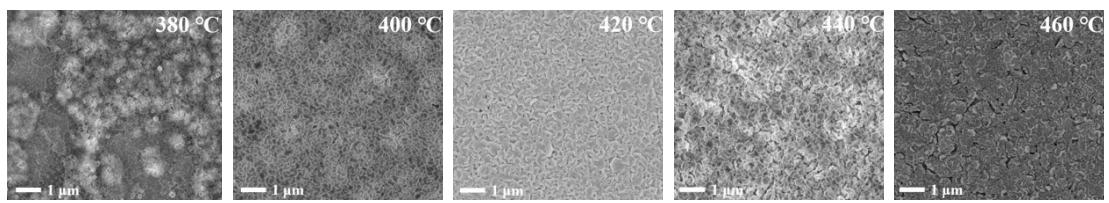
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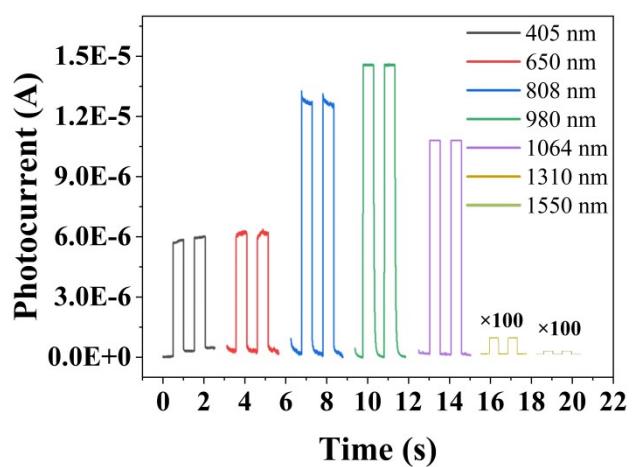
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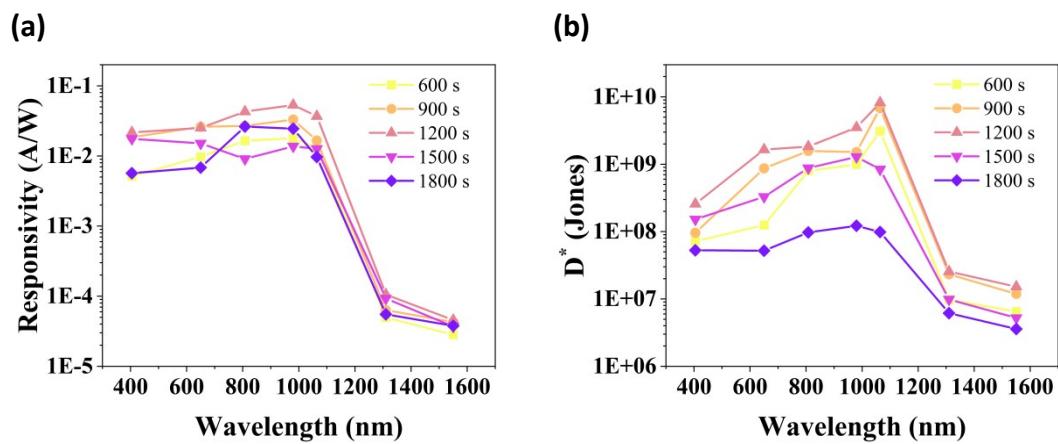
**Figure S1.** EDS elemental analysis of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}$  film.



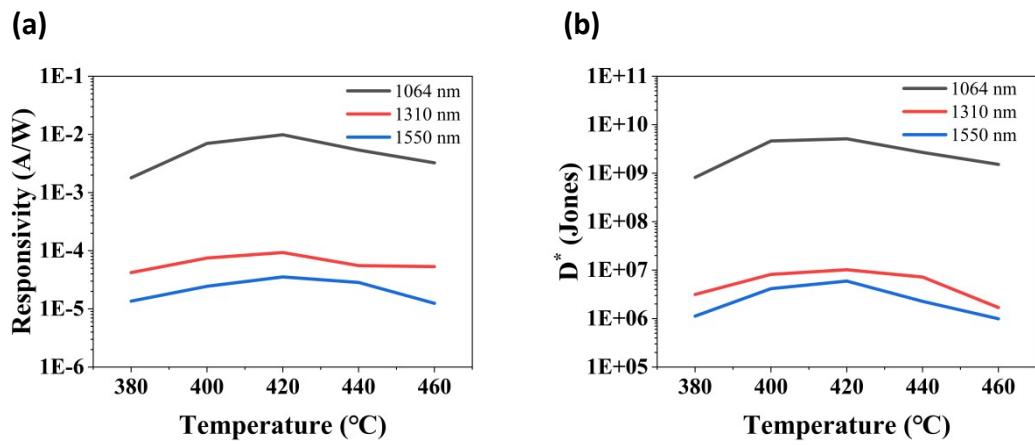
**Figure S2.** SEM images of Si-based Mg<sub>2</sub>Si thin films with different annealing temperatures.



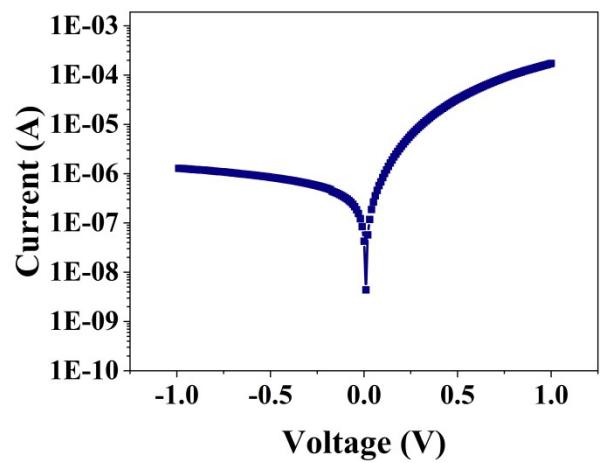
**Figure S3.** Optical response of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}/\text{Si}$  heterojunction photodetector at different wavelengths with an annealing temperature of 420 °C and an annealing time of 8 h.



**Figure S4.** Performance of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}/\text{Si}$  heterojunction devices with different sputtering time of Mg films at -1 V bias. (a) Responsivity comparison; (b) Specific detectivity ( $D^*$ ) comparison.



**Figure S5.** Performance of photoconductors based on  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}$  films with different annealing temperatures at 1064 nm, 1310 nm and 1550 nm wavelengths. (a) Responsivity; (b) Specific detectivity ( $D^*$ ).



**Figure S6** I-V curve in dark of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}/\text{Si}$  heterojunction photodetector grown with the assistance of nanostructures.

**Table S1** Hall test results of Mg<sub>2</sub>Si film.

Sample	Temperature (K)	Type	Mobility cm <sup>2</sup> /(V*s)	Carrier concentration 1/cm <sup>3</sup>
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si	300	P	4.15	5.2E15

**Table S2** Performance comparison of our Mg<sub>2</sub>Si/Si heterojunction photodetector with other Mg<sub>2</sub>Si-based infrared photodetectors.

Materials	R (mA/W)	Switching Ratio	$\tau_r/\tau_f$	D* (Jones)	Wavelength (nm)	Ref
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/Si	1040	6250	2.74/1.34ms	8.98×10 <sup>11</sup>	532-1550	[1]
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/Si	470	/	113/116μs	/	800-1350	[2]
p-Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/ n-Mg <sub>2</sub> Si	1.4	/	/	/	950-1800	[3]
MLG/Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/Si	23.7	4086	/	1.2×10 <sup>10</sup>	980-1180	
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/Si	14.76	2341	/	7.4×10 <sup>9</sup>	1000-1150	[4]
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/Si	60	15740	1.72/1.61ms	8.51×10 <sup>9</sup>	405-1550	
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si/Si-nano	183	9780	1.68/0.87ms	9.43×10 <sup>9</sup>	405-1550	This work

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