



Supplementary Material

Fabrication and Characterization of a Self-Powered n-Bi₂Se₃/p-Si Nanowire Bulk Heterojunction Broadband Photodetector

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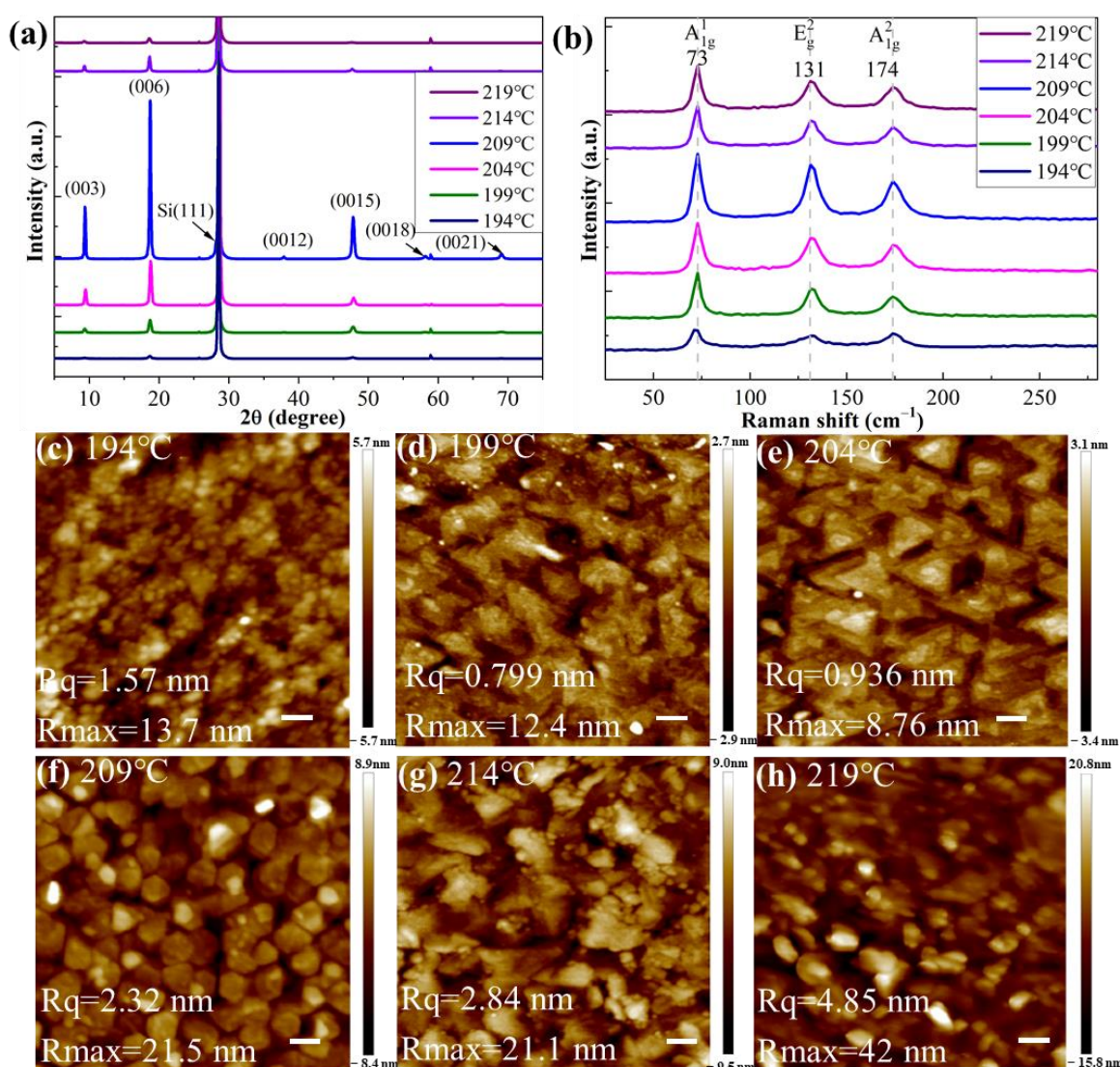


Figure S1. Characterization of Bi₂Se₃ films grown at the different Se cell temperatures (194°C~219°C) and at the same Bi cell temperature of 750°C and the growth temperature of 320°C: (a) XRD; (b) Raman; (c)–(h) AFM of sample surface. Scale bars in (c)–(h) are all 100 nm.

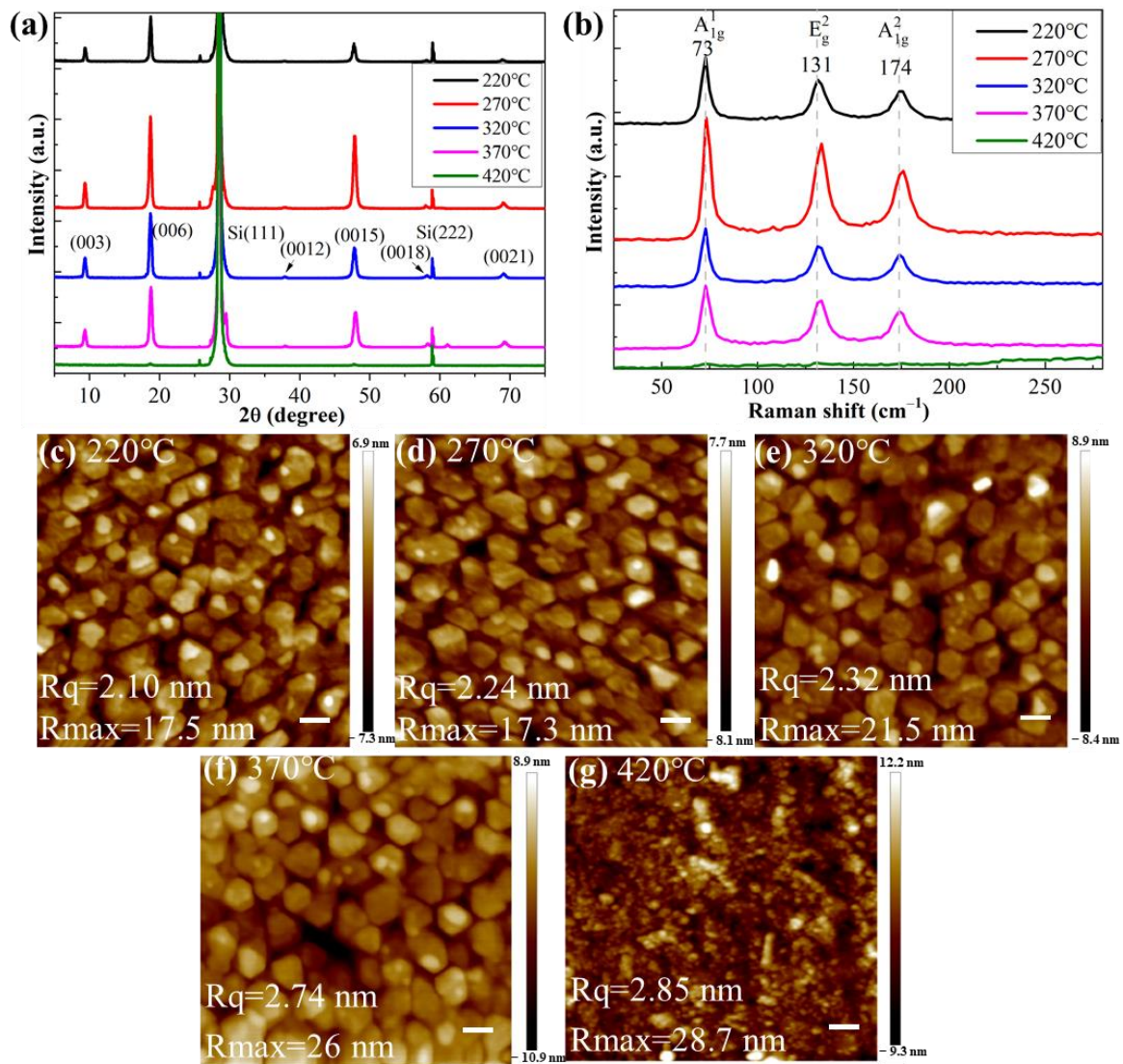


Figure S2. Characterization of Bi₂Se₃ films grown at the different growth temperatures (220°C~420 °C) and at the same Bi cell temperature of 750°C and Se cell temperature of 209°C: (a) XRD; (b) Raman; (c)-(g) AFM of sample surface. Scale bars in (c)-(g) are all 100 nm.

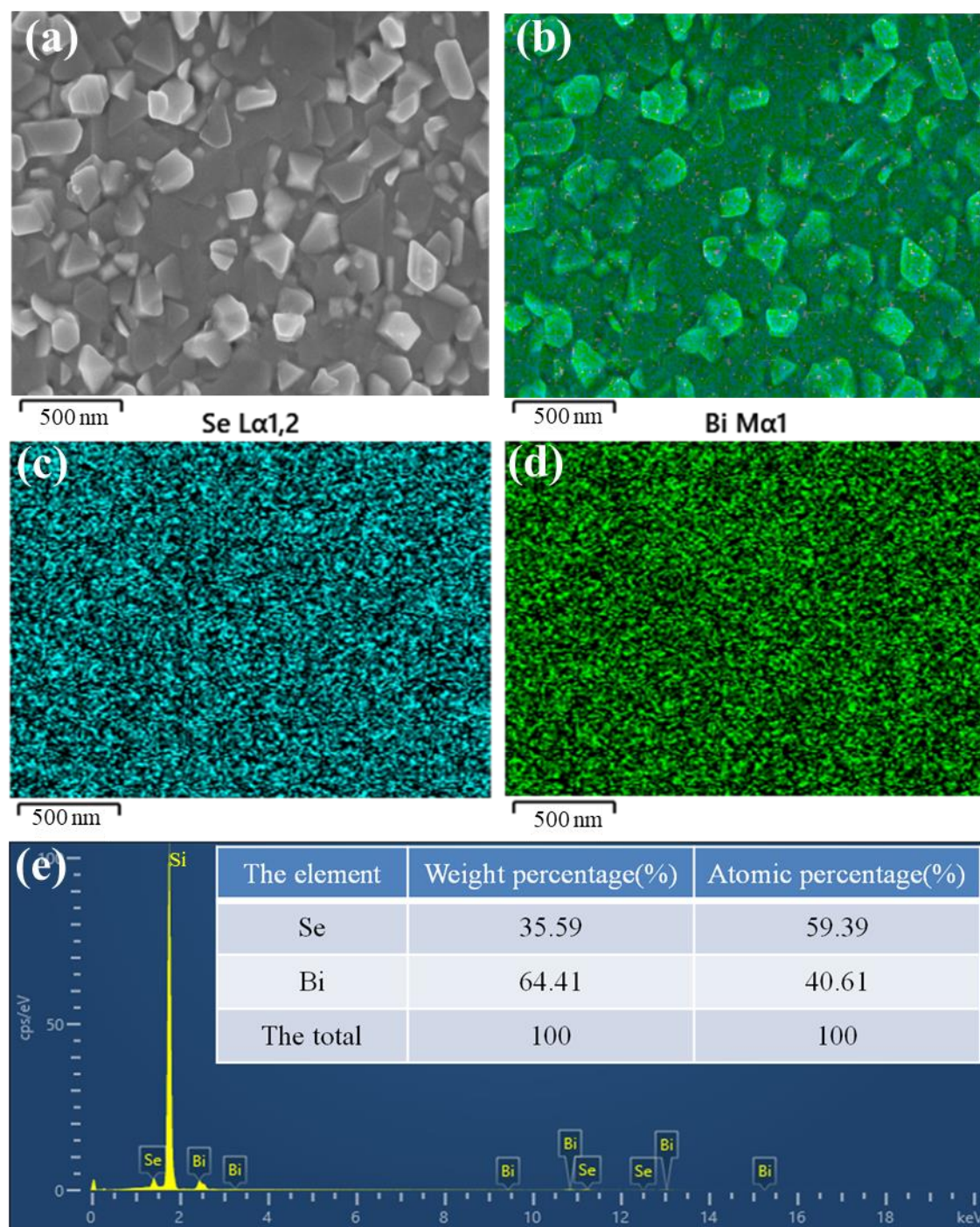


Figure S3. (a) Surface SEM image of Bi₂Se₃ thin films; (b) EDS stratification diagram of Bi₂Se₃ thin film; (c) Se atomic distribution map; (d) Bi atomic distribution map; (e) EDS spectrum of Bi₂Se₃ thin film.

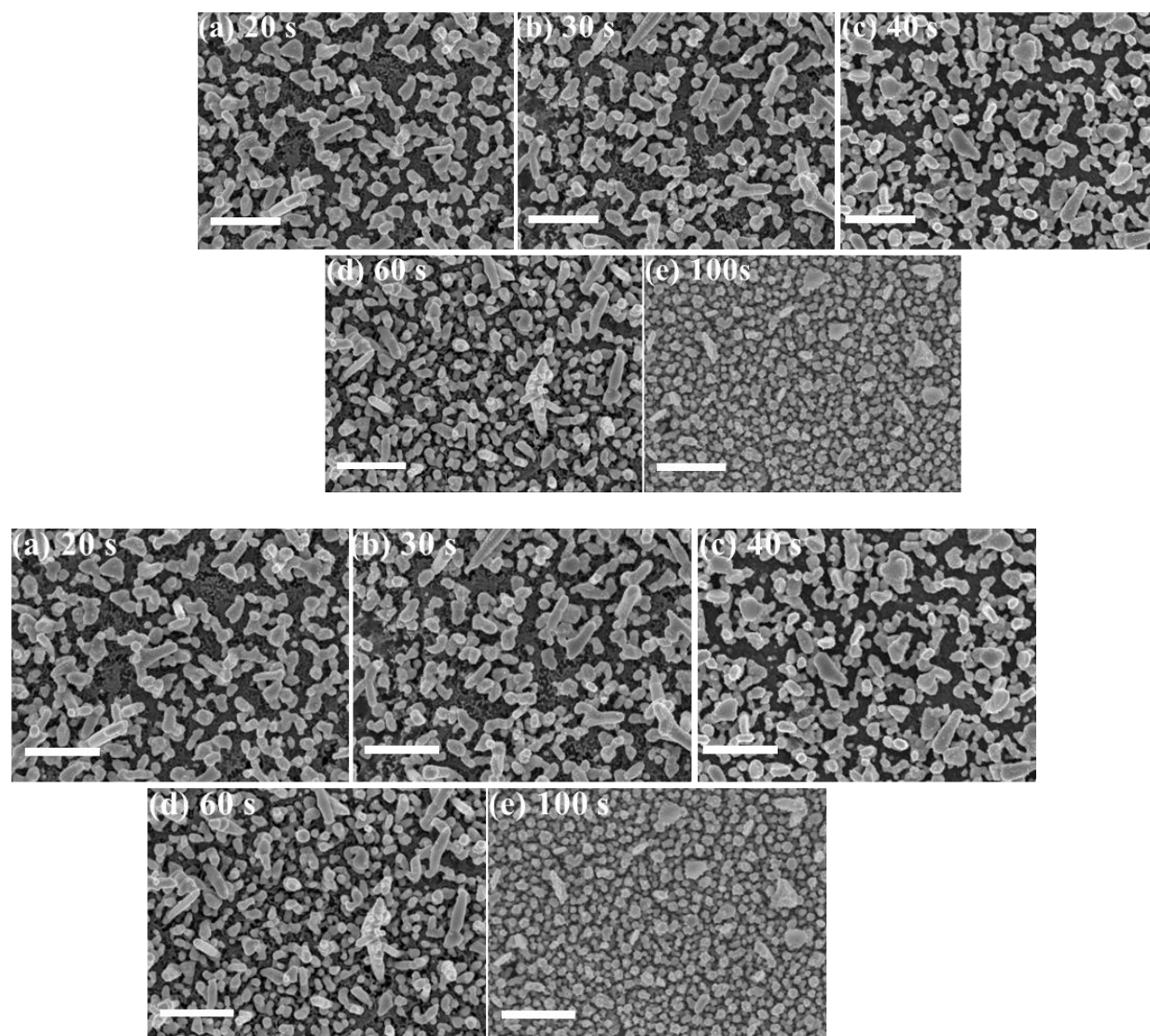


Figure S4. Surface SEM images of Ag NPs with different deposition times: (a) 20 s; (b) 30 s; (c) 40 s; (d) 60 s; (e) 100 s. Scale bars in (a)-(e) are all 1 μm .

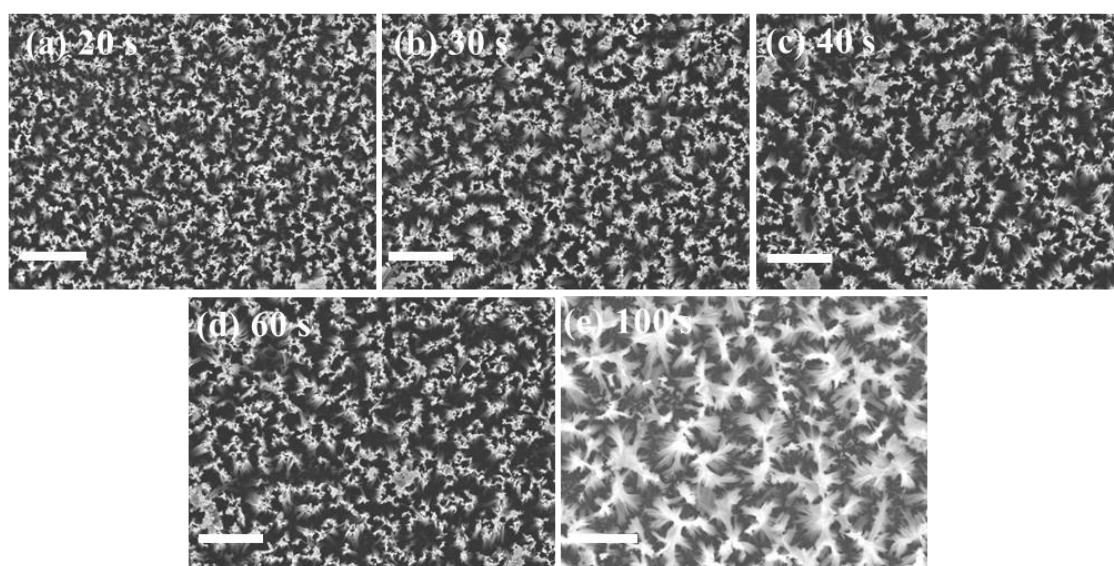


Figure S5. Surface SEM images of the Si NWs with the same etching time of 10 min and the different deposition times of Ag NPs: (a) 20 s; (b) 30 s; (c) 40 s; (d) 60 s; (e) 100 s. Scale bars in (a)–(e) are all 2 μm .

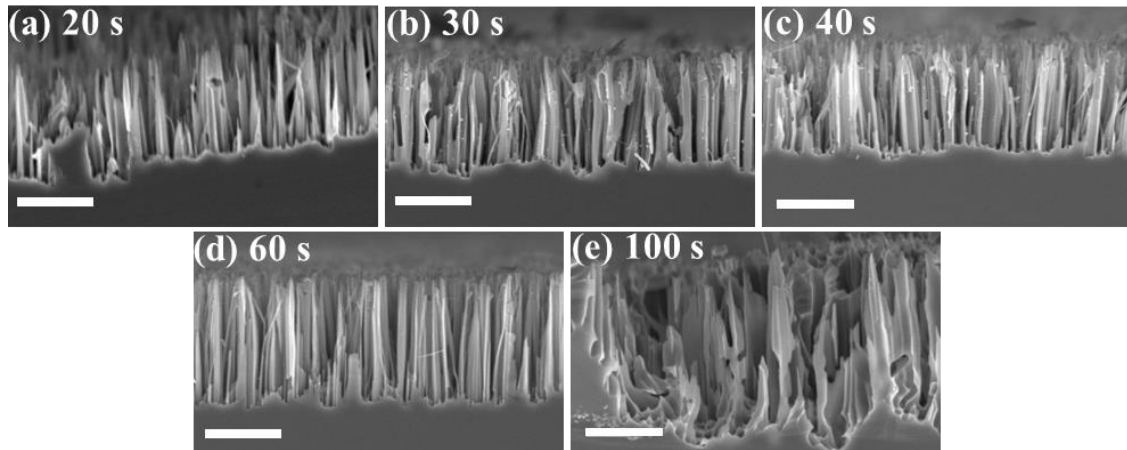


Figure S6. Cross-sections SEM images of Si NPs with the same etching time of 10 min and the different deposition times of Ag NPs: (a) 20 s; (b) 30 s; (c) 40 s; (d) 60 s; (e) 100 s. Scale bars in (a)–(e) are all 2 μm .

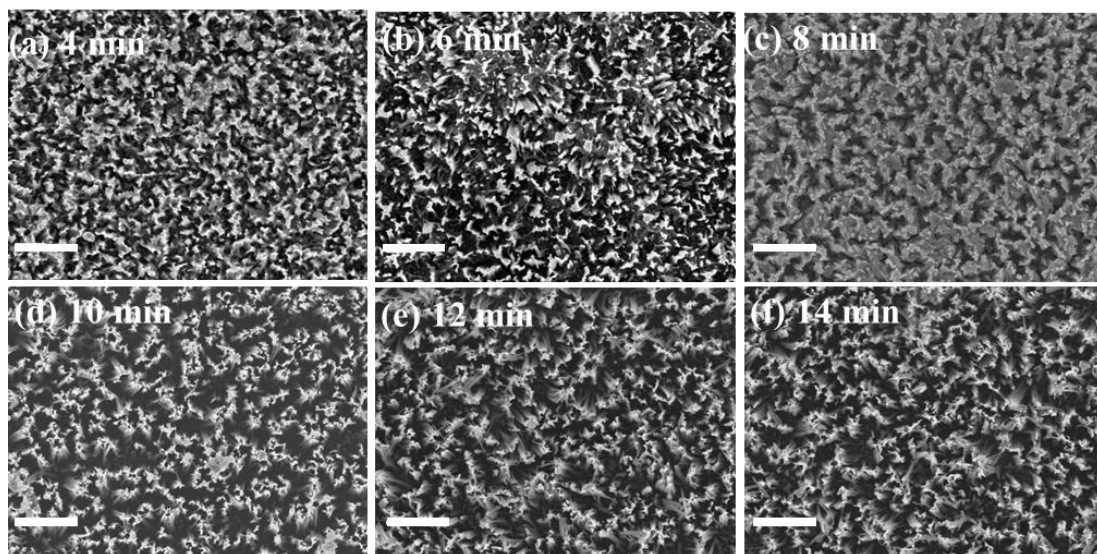


Figure S7. Surface SEM images of Si NWs with the same Ag NPs deposition time of 60 s and the different etching time: (a) 4 min; (b) 6 min; (c) 8 min; (d) 10 min; (e) 12 min; (f) 14 min. Scale bars in (a)–(f) are all 2 μm .

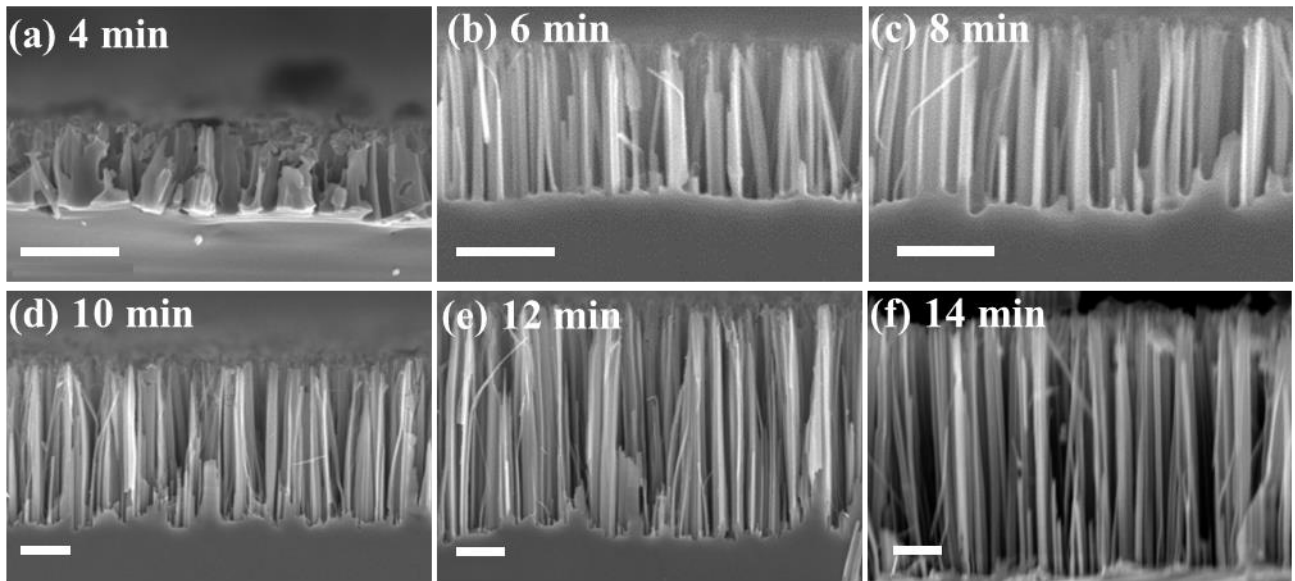


Figure S8. Cross-section SEM images of Si NWs with the same Ag NPs deposition time of 60 s and the different etching time: (a) 4 min; (b) 6 min; (c) 8 min; (d) 10 min; (e) 12 min; (f) 14 min. Scale bars in (a)–(f) are all 1 μm .

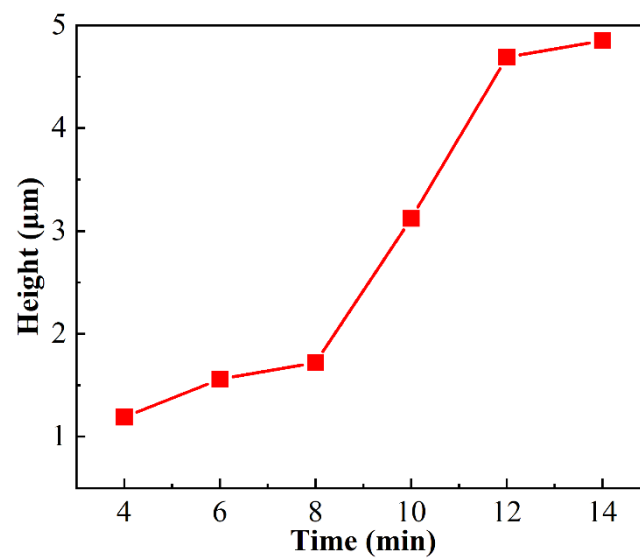


Figure S9. The height of Si NWs as a function of the etching time.

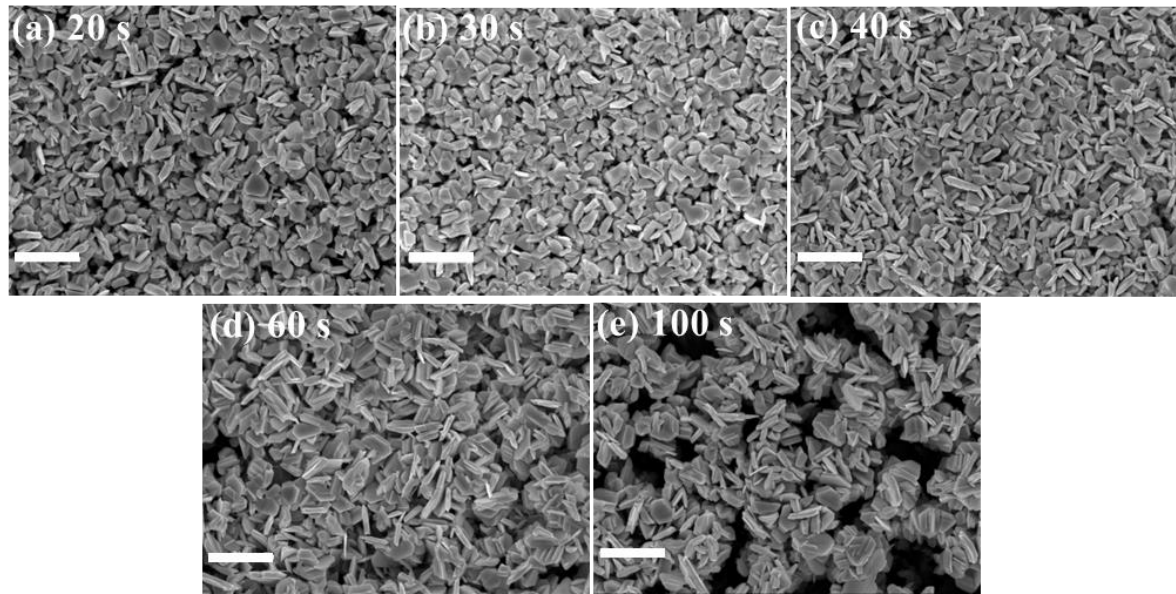


Figure S10. Surface SEM images of $\text{Bi}_2\text{Se}_3/\text{Si}$ NWs samples with the same etch time of 10 min and the different deposition time of Ag NPs: (a) 20 s; (b) 30 s; (c) 40 s; (d) 60 s; (e) 100 s. Scale bars in (a)–(e) are all 1 μm .

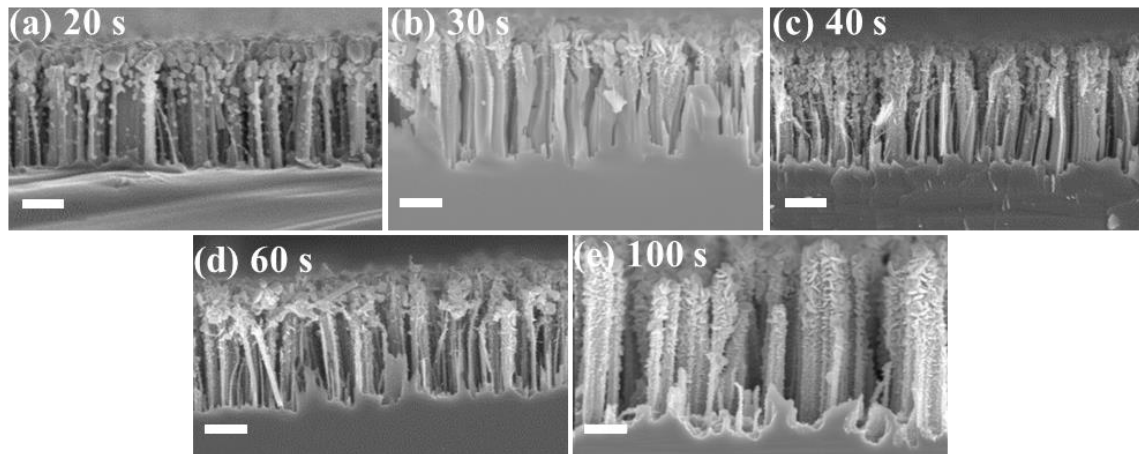


Figure S11. Cross-section SEM images of $\text{Bi}_2\text{Se}_3/\text{Si}$ NWs samples with the same etch time of 10 min and the different deposition times of Ag NPs: (a) 20 s; (b) 30 s; (c) 40 s; (d) 60 s; (e) 100 s. Scale bars in (a)–(e) are all 1 μm .

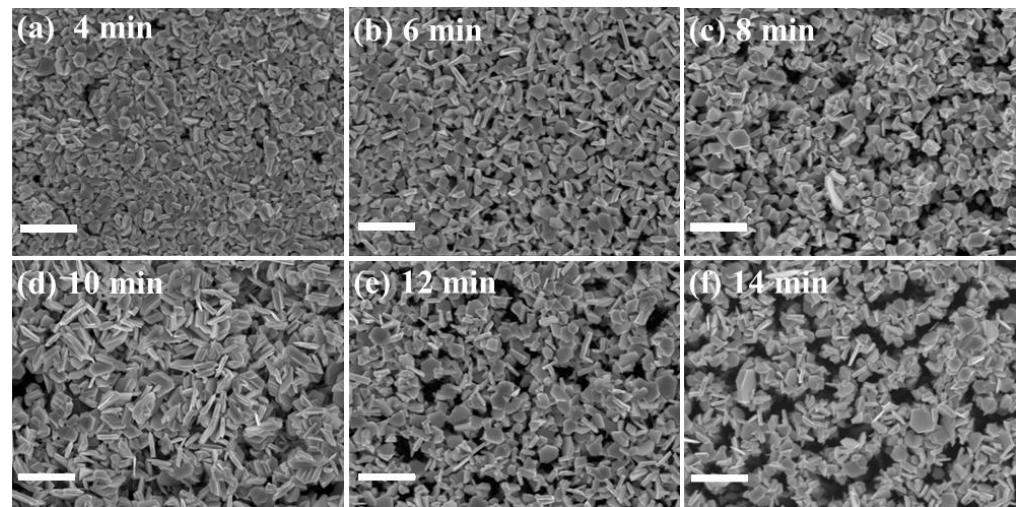


Figure S12. Surface SEM images of Bi₂Se₃/Si NWs samples with the same deposition times (60 s) of Ag NPs and the different etching times: (a) 4 min; (b) 6 min; (c) 8 min; (d) 10 min; (e) 12 min; (f) 14 min. Scale bars in (a)–(f) are all 1 μm.

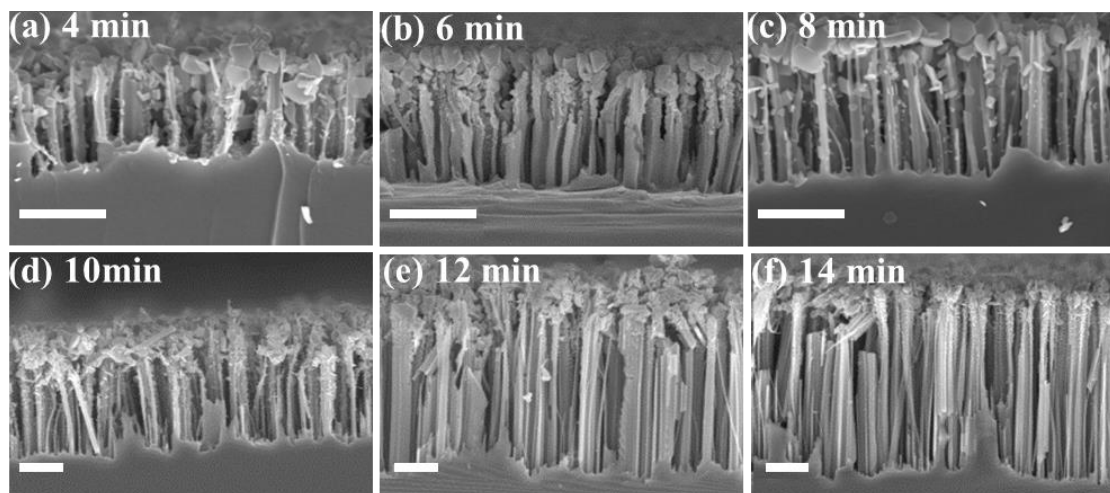


Figure S13. Cross-section SEM images of Bi₂Se₃/Si NWs samples with the same deposition times (60s) of Ag NPs and the different etching times: (a) 4 min; (b) 6 min; (c) 8 min; (d) 10 min; (e) 12 min; (f) 14 min. Scale bars in (a)–(f) are all 1 μm.

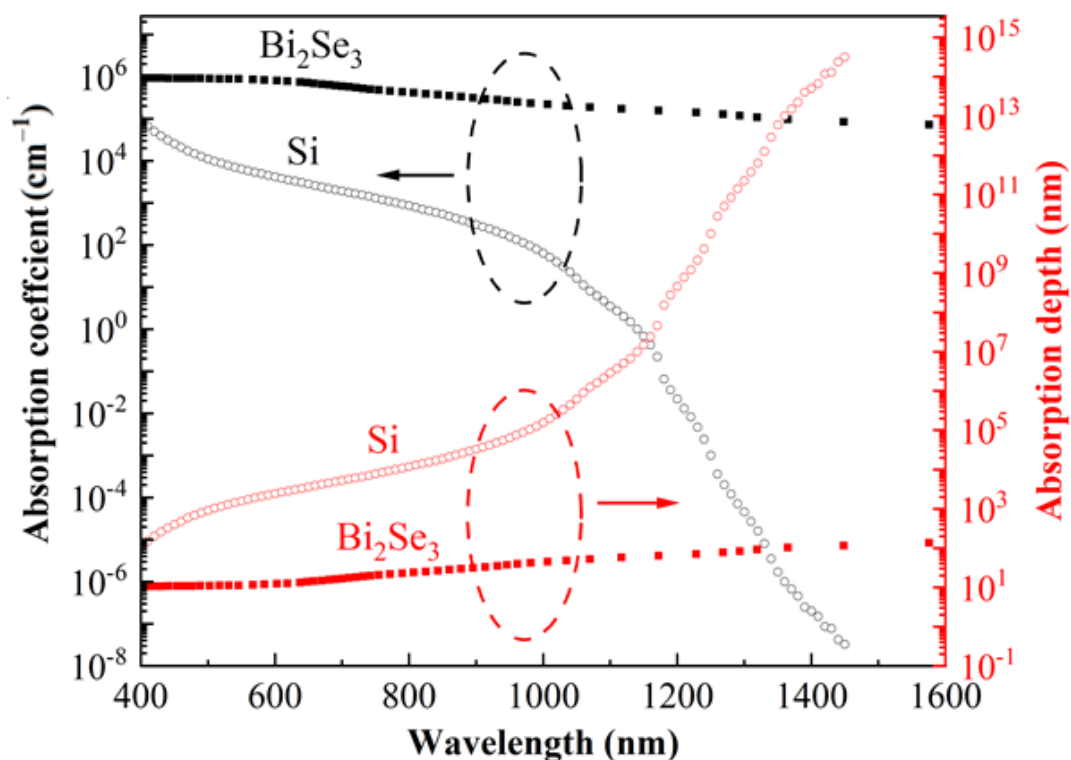


Figure S14. Absorption coefficient and absorption depth of silicon and Bi₂Se₃[24, 25].

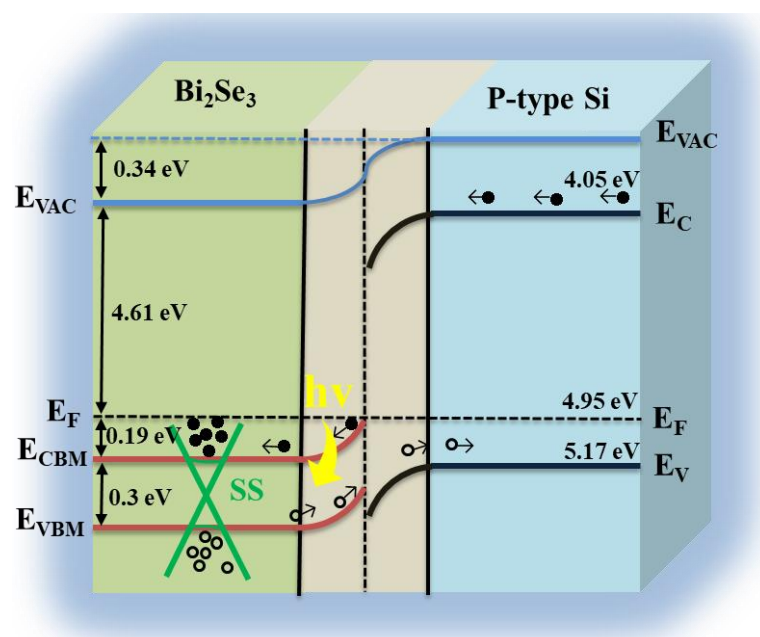


Figure S15. Energy-band diagrams for a n-Bi₂Se₃/p-Si NWs heterostructure photodetector. Evac is the vacuum energy level. E_{CBM} and E_{VBM} are the conduction-band bottom and valence-band top of the Bi₂Se₃ film, respectively. E_c and E_v denote the conduction-band bottom and valence-band top of Si, respectively, and E_F is the Fermi level. The solid and hollow spots represent photogenerated electrons and holes, respectively.

Table S1. Performance comparison of our Bi₂Se₃/Si NWs photodetector with previous Bi₂Se₃/Si photodetectors.

Sample	Wavelength (nm)	Responsivity	D* (Jones)	I _p /I _d	τ _r /τ _f (ms)	References
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Bi ₂ Se ₃ /p-Si NWs	390-1700	14.17 mA/W (960 nm) 84.3 mA/W (390 nm) 7 mA/W (1.7 µm)	1.79×10 ⁹ (960 nm) 2.38×10 ¹⁰ (390 nm) 8.28×10 ⁸ (1.7 µm)	61.7 (980 nm)	3/1 (980 nm)	This work
Bi ₂ Se ₃ Nanoflakes/p-Si NWs	300-1000	938.4 A/W (900 nm)	2.30×10 ¹³ (900 nm)	2.5 (900 nm)	41/79 (900 nm)	[21]
Vertical Cu-dope Bi ₂ Se ₃ nanoplate/p-Si	400-1200	168.9 mA/W (900 nm)	1.85×10 ¹¹ (900 nm)	113 (900 nm)	4/4 (900 nm)	[19]
Bi ₂ Se ₃ /pyramidal n-Si	635-2700	3.06×10 ⁻⁵ mA/W (1.5 µm) 1.8×10 ⁻⁵ mA/W (2.7 µm)	1.37×10 ⁵ (1.5 µm) 1.53×10 ⁶ (2.7 µm)	1.01×10 ⁴ (1.5 µm) 1.42 (2.7µm)	0.52/0.44 (1.55 µm) 0.585/0.535 (2.7µm)	[17]
Bi ₂ Se ₃ NWs/n-Si	380-1310	924.2 A/W (808 nm)	2.38×10 ¹² (808 nm)	10 (808 nm)	45/47 (808 nm)	[18]
Bi ₂ Se ₃ /n-Si	350-1100	24.28 A/W (808 nm)	4.39×10 ¹² (808 nm)	1.55×10 ⁵ (808 nm)	2.5/5.5 ×10 ⁻³ (808 nm)	[16]
MoS ₂ /Si	450-1050	300 mA/W	10 ²³ (808 nm)	--	3/40 ×10 ⁻³ (808 nm)	[51]
Reduced Graphene Oxide (RGO)/Si NWs	532-10,600	9 mA/W (10.6 µm)	--	--	70 (10.6 µm)	[52]