

# Composition-Tunable Bandgap Engineering of Horizontally Guided CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> Nanowalls for High-Performance Photodetectors

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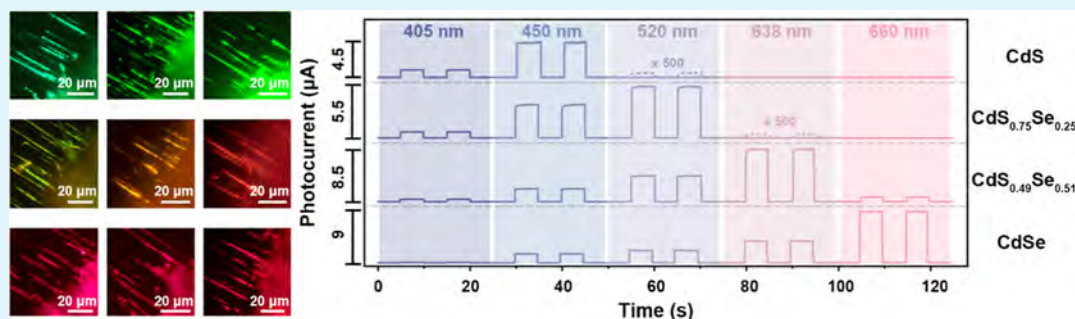
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**ABSTRACT:** Composition-adjustable semiconductor nanomaterials have garnered significant attention due to their controllable bandgaps and electronic structures, providing alternative opportunities to regulate photoelectric properties and develop the corresponding multifunction optoelectronic devices. Nevertheless, the large-scale integration of semiconductor nanomaterials into practical devices remains challenging. Here, we report a synthesis strategy for the well-aligned horizontal CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> ( $x = 0-1$ ) nanowall arrays, which are guided grown on an annealed M-plane sapphire using chemical vapor deposition (CVD) approaches. Microstructural characterizations demonstrate these structures as horizontally guided nanowalls with high-quality crystallinity. Microphotoluminescence ( $\mu$ -PL) reveals the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls exhibiting continuously tunable spontaneous emissions from 509 nm (pure CdS) to 713 nm (pure CdSe), further confirming that CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> alloys have a continuously tunable bandgap. Notably, a photodetector based on CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls displays excellent photoelectric performance, such as high responsivity ( $3 \times 10^2 \sim 1 \times 10^3$  A/W), high external quantum efficiency ( $1.01 \times 10^3 \sim 2.93 \times 10^3$ ), and fast response speed in the millisecond magnitude. Furthermore, the CdS nanowall-based photodetectors exhibit a remarkable image-sensing capability, indicating potential applications in high-performance image sensing in the future. Bandgap continuously tunable nanowall arrays with high-quality crystallinity inject great vitality into the manufacturing of high-performance integrated optoelectronic devices.

**KEYWORDS:** nanowalls, bandgap modulation, graphoepitaxy, guided growth, high-performance photodetector, optoelectronics

## INTRODUCTION

One-dimensional semiconductor nanomaterials provide an excellent material platform for the new generation of optoelectronic devices due to their excellent physical and photoelectric properties.<sup>1-5</sup> In particular, II-VI group semiconductor materials have gained great research interest in the past few years owing to their fascinating properties and unique advantages, such as tunable bandgap, high sensitivity, and excellent photoelectric properties.<sup>6-11</sup> For example, CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> can achieve tunable optical and electronic properties through composition control, and this flexibility has advantages for photodetectors. In addition, bandgaps of semiconductors are crucial for electronic and optoelectronic applications, and a wide range of continuously tunable bandgaps makes it possible for optoelectronic devices with multispectral response,<sup>12-16</sup> providing great flexibility in the design of high integrated optoelectronic devices<sup>9,17-19</sup> and wavelength-tunable optoelectronic circuits.<sup>20-22</sup>

Bandgap engineering of alloyed semiconductors profoundly impacts the design and development of multifunctional optoelectronic devices.<sup>5,8,20,23-26</sup> For example, the multi-component-alloyed CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowires or nanoribbons could be used to construct photodetectors and wavelength-tunable lasers.<sup>22,27,28</sup> GaAsSb and InAs<sub>x</sub>P<sub>1-x</sub> nanowires were applied to multispectral photodetectors.<sup>29,30</sup> In<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>N nanowires exhibit tunable emissions of 325–850 nm, which can be used in solid-state lighting and solar energy conversion.<sup>31</sup> All-inorganic halide CsPbX<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanowires or nanoplatelets were used in tunable nanolasers over a broad visible

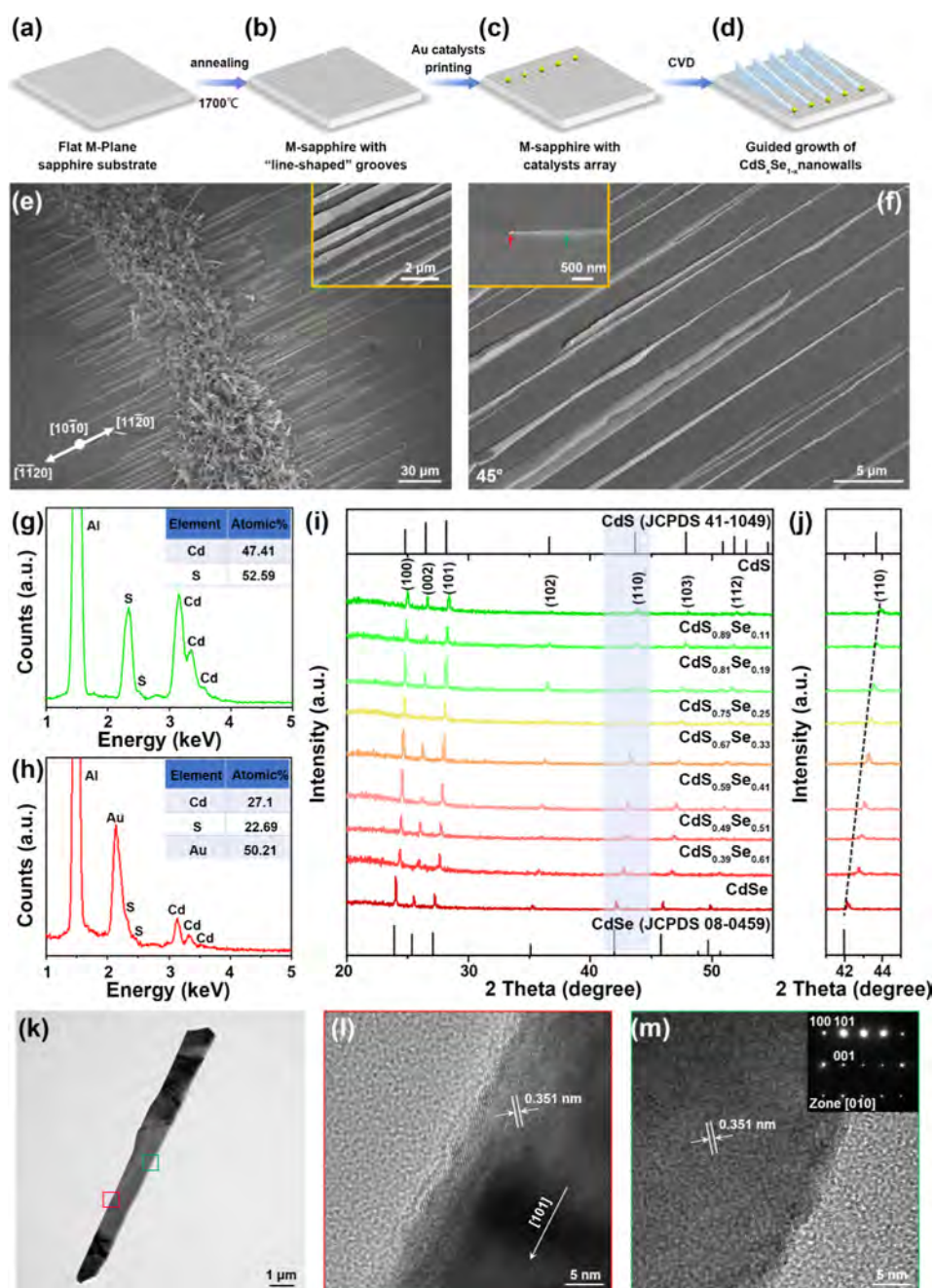
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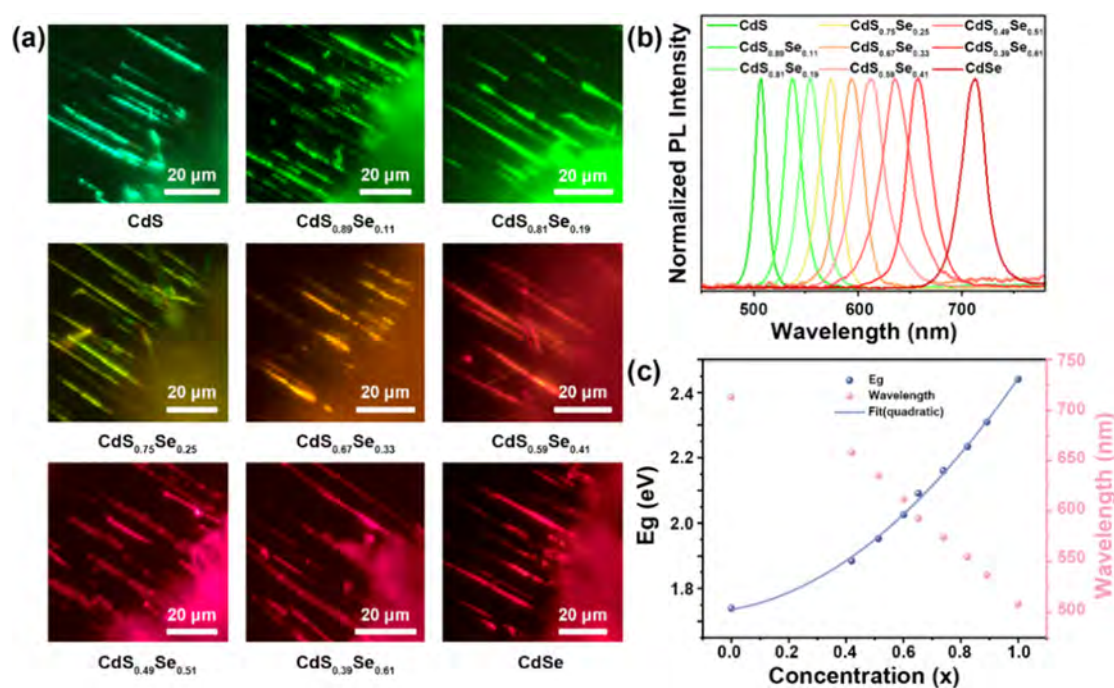


**Figure 1.** Structural characterization of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowalls. (a–d) Schematic drawing of the experimental process. (e) Low-resolution top-view SEM image and high-resolution SEM image (inset) of the CdS nanowalls grown on annealed M-sapphire. (f) Side-view (the shooting angle is  $45^\circ$ ) SEM image of the CdS nanowalls. Inset: SEM image of a typical CdS nanowall. (g,h) EDX spectra of a typical CdS nanowall at the body (green line) and tip (red line) positions, respectively. (i) XRD patterns of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowalls with different compositions. (j) Corresponding enlarged XRD patterns ranging from  $41$  to  $45^\circ$ . (k) Low-resolution TEM image of a typical CdS nanowall. (l,m) HR-TEM images of two typical positions on the nanowall as indicated in (k). Inset: the corresponding SAED pattern from the nanowall.

range.<sup>19,32,33</sup> Although bandgap-modulated semiconductor nanostructures and devices have made significant progress, constructing optoelectronic devices based on large-scale integrated semiconductor nanostructure arrays remains challenging and underexplored.<sup>34,35</sup> Planar nanowire arrays provide a new platform for large-scale integration of multifunctional optoelectronic devices.<sup>36,37</sup> For example, the horizontal GaN nanowires were used to realize field-effect transistors (FETs) and thin-film transistors,<sup>37</sup>  $\text{CsPbBr}_3$  planar nanowire arrays were reported for large-area nanowire laser arrays and photodetectors with fast response time,<sup>38–40</sup> the

aligned CdS nanowalls were used for high-performance photodetectors and trigate FETs,<sup>41</sup> surface-guided  $\text{ZnSe}@$   $\text{ZnTe}$  core-shell nanowires were utilized to explore its photoelectric properties and exhibit photovoltaic behavior,<sup>42</sup> and the guided growth of  $\text{CsPbCl}_3/\text{CsPbI}_3$  nanowire superlattices was applied to construct photodetectors with higher detection performance and with good image sensing capabilities.<sup>43</sup> All of these unique structures exhibit potential applications for integrated photonics and optoelectronic devices. However, synthesizing horizontally guided nanowalls and arrays remains a significant challenge. To the best of our





**Figure 2.** Optical characterization of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls. (a) Real-color images of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> alloy nanowalls with various compositions and (b) corresponding PL spectra. (c) Emission wavelength and bandgap of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls as a function of alloy composition. Blue spheres represent the bandgaps of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls, and pink spheres represent the wavelength of the emission peaks. The blue line is the fitting curve of composition and bandgap.

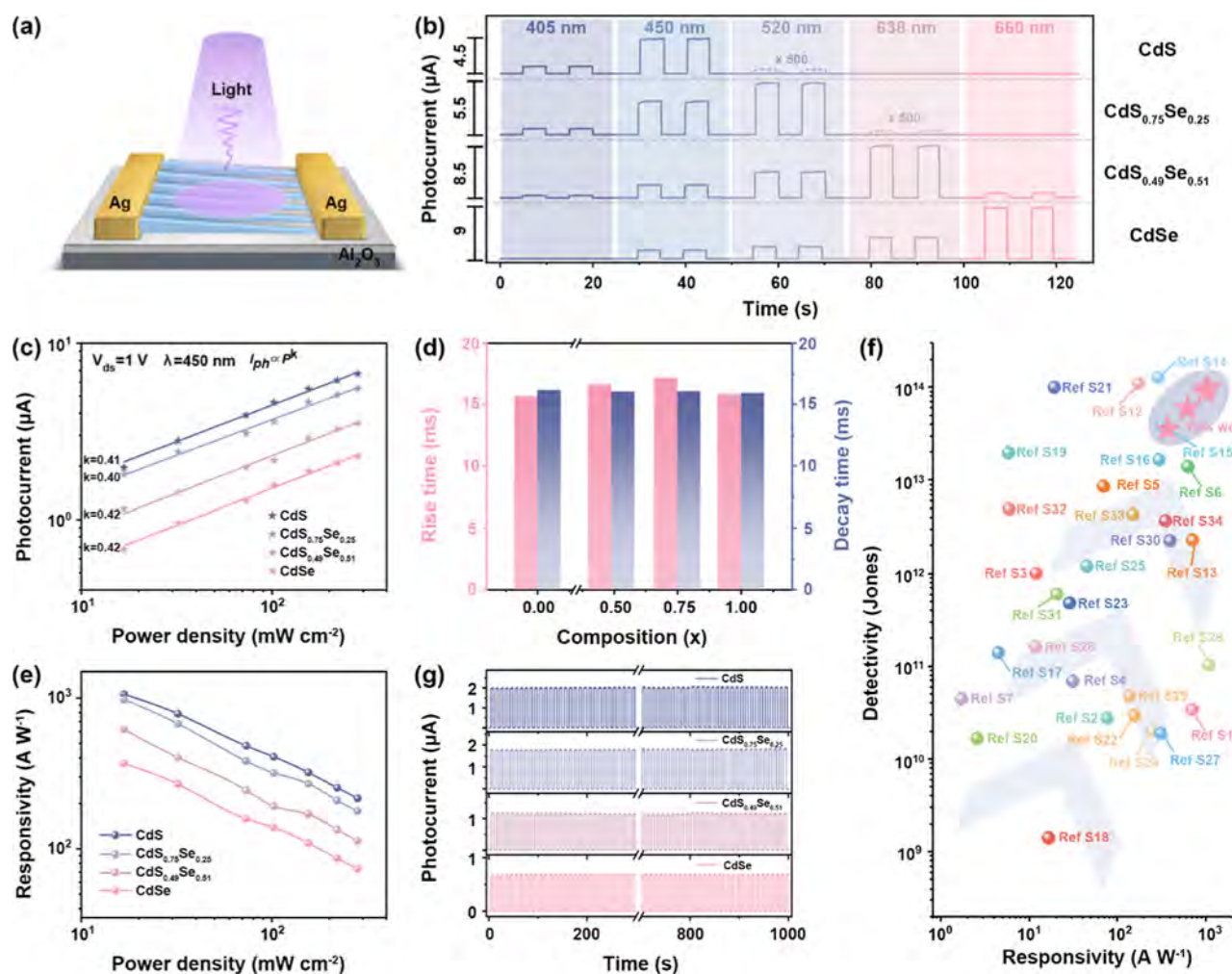
knowledge, the guided growth of horizontal and aligned CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall arrays and corresponding photodetectors have not been reported.

In this work, we report the successful synthesis of surface-guided growth of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls by the CVD method. The composition of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls is adjustable from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ . Structural characterizations, including scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images, energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX), X-ray diffraction (XRD), and transmission electron microscopy (TEM), reveal that these nanowalls have high-quality crystalline with wurtzite structures. The microphotoluminescence ( $\mu$ -PL) spectra indicate that the PL emission peaks of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> structures can be continuously modulated from 509 to 713 nm. Moreover, the photoelectric properties of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall-based photodetectors were systematically investigated, which exhibited a gradually expanded response range, high responsivity, and fast response time. In addition, these nanowalls show the potential in high-resolution imaging applications. These results endow CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls with widespread prospects for developing highly integrated detectors and image sensors.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

These guided CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall arrays are synthesized via a CVD method, as shown in Figure S1 (see the Supporting Information) and the Experimental Section. First, the M-plane sapphire forms periodic “line-shaped” grooves on the surface owing to thermodynamic instability by annealing at 1700 °C for 10 h, which is used for the guided growth of nanowalls (Figure 1a,b).<sup>37,44</sup> Second, gold nanoparticles are deposited onto the annealed M-plane sapphire as catalysts for growing CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall arrays (Figure 1c). Third, the CdS and CdSe powders serve as the source materials, and CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall arrays are grown through a CVD method (Figure

1d). Figure 1e shows the low-resolution SEM image of CdS nanowall arrays grown on an annealed M-plane sapphire surface. CdS nanowalls are arranged on the annealed M (10 $\bar{1}0$ ) sapphire with periodic “line-shaped” grooves along the direction of  $\pm 11\bar{2}0$  (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) (Figure S2, see the Supporting Information).<sup>41,45</sup> The length of the nanowalls is about 50–100 μm. After a few seconds of weak ultrasound wash in isopropyl alcohol, the vertically grown nanoribbons can be removed, while the horizontally grown nanowalls remain unchanged (Figure S3; see the Supporting Information). In addition, the morphology of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls is similar to that of pure CdS nanowalls in Figure S4 (see the Supporting Information), which provides strong evidence for achieving the composition continuously tunable CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls. The side-view SEM image (Figure 1f) shows that the nanowalls are jagged and have a large aspect ratio (height divided by width). The width of the nanowalls is ~200 nm, and the height is about 1 μm (Figure S5; see the Supporting Information). A typical CdS nanowall shows a gradual decrease in height, and gold nanoparticles can be observed at the tip of the nanowall (inset in Figure 1f), which indicates the vapor–liquid–solid (V–L–S) and vapor–solid (V–S) grown mechanism along the length of the nanowalls.<sup>46</sup> Figure 1g,h exhibits the EDX spectra at the body and tip of a typical CdS nanowall. As can be seen, the body of the nanowall is composed of Cd and S, with an atomic ratio of about 1:1, and the nanosphere catalyst at the tip is constituted of gold, which further indicates the existence of the V–L–S growth mechanism in the growth of nanowalls. As shown in Figure S6 (see the Supporting Information), EDX elemental mapping of Cd and S elements demonstrates a uniform elemental distribution in the CdS nanowall vertical direction. Figure 1i reveals the XRD patterns of these CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> ( $x = 0–1$ ) nanowalls. The sharp diffraction peaks of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls indicate the high crystallinity



**Figure 3.** Photoelectric performance based on the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall photodetectors. (a) Schematic diagram of the nanowall photodetector. (b) Photoresponse of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors under different wavelengths of light illumination at 405, 450, 520, 638, and 660 nm. (c) Relationship between the photocurrent ( $I_{\text{ph}}$ ) and the light power density of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors under a 450 nm laser illumination. (d) Histogram of the rise time (red) and decay time (blue) of the photodetectors under a 450 nm laser illumination as a function of Se composition. (e) Responsivity of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors as a function of the light power density (1 V bias, 450 nm). (f) Comparison of  $R$  and  $D^*$  of four typical  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  ( $x = 0, 0.49, 0.75,$  and  $1$ ) photodetectors. Detailed performance parameters are shown in Table 1. (g)  $I$ - $T$  curve of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors at 1 V bias under a 450 nm laser illumination for 1000 s.

with a hexagonal wurtzite structure, which shows good agreement with hexagonal wurtzite CdS (JCPDS 41-1049) and CdSe (JCPDS 08-0459) standard card, respectively. Figure 1j suggests the amplified XRD pattern from 41 to 45° in Figure 1i, which exhibits the diffraction peak slightly shifting toward a lower angle at the (110) plane, indicating that the lattice expansion is due to the larger atom radius of Se.

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was used to investigate the microstructure of these nanowalls by a tungsten-tipped probe and a homemade fiber probe to transfer a representative nanowall on the copper grid, as shown in Figure S7 (see the Supporting Information). Figure 1k is a typical low-resolution TEM image of the selected nanowall. The high-resolution TEM (HR-TEM) images at two typical positions from the nanowall (red and green squares as indicated in Figure 1k) are shown in Figure 1l,m, respectively, where a high-quality single-crystalline nanostructure without significant defects is clearly observed with the lattice spacing of  $\sim 0.351$  nm, corresponding to the (002) lattice spacing of wurtzite CdS.<sup>8</sup> The inset of Figure 1m shows the

corresponding selection region electron diffraction (SAED) pattern, indexing for the [010] crystal zone axis, indicating a high-quality single-crystalline wurtzite structure growing along the [101] direction without obvious defects and dislocations.

The optical properties of the samples were investigated by a confocal optical system, as schematically shown in Figure S8 (Supporting Information). Figure 2a illustrates the real-color images of nine typical  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  alloy nanowalls with different compositions with  $x = 0-1$  under a 405 nm laser illumination. The emission colors were continuously tuned from green, yellow, and orange to red from nine samples. Figure 2b shows the room-temperature PL spectra of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  samples, which present a continuously tuned PL peaks ranging from 509 to 713 nm with full width at half-maximum (fwhm) of about 20–30 nm. These PL emission spectra with single-shape peaks suggest that the alloy  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowalls have good crystallinity, which may have potential applications for tunable optoelectronic devices. It can be seen that  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowalls are composed of Cd, S, and Se with different ratios of S and Se according to the EDX spectra in Figure S9 (see the

Table 1. Comparison of Photoconductivity Performance Based on Semiconductor Nanostructures

materials	R (A/W)	D* (Jones)	EQE (%)	rise time	decay time	refs
CdS <sub>x</sub> Se <sub>1-x</sub>	1062	9.85 × 10 <sup>13</sup>	2.93 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	15.84 ms	15.94 ms	this work
	979	8.87 × 10 <sup>13</sup>	2.70 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	17.19 ms	16.09 ms	
	621	5.87 × 10 <sup>13</sup>	1.71 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	16.66 ms	16.05 ms	
	368	3.55 × 10 <sup>13</sup>	1.01 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	15.66 ms	16.17 ms	
CdS/CdS <sub>x</sub> Se <sub>1-x</sub>	118		3.1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	~68 μs	~137 μs	S1
CdS	50–171		154–525	<300 ns	<400 ns	S2
CdSSe NWs	670	—	2 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	19.6 ms	76.4 ms	S3
CdS <sub>x</sub> Se <sub>1-x</sub>	703	3.41 × 10 <sup>10</sup>	1.94 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	39 ms	39 ms	S4
CdSe NTs	76	2.75 × 10 <sup>10</sup>		1.85 s	0.20 s	S5
CdSe film	12	1 × 10 <sup>12</sup>		0.4 ns	~0.25 μm	S6
CdSe nanocrystalline	9.1–31	6.9 × 10 <sup>10</sup>		<2 μs	<2 μs	S7
CdSe NB	69.11	8.6 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	1.1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.81 ms	0.77 ms	S8
CdS NFAs	629	1.4 × 10 <sup>13</sup>		150 ms	290 ms	S9
CdSe NW	1.7	4.46 × 10 <sup>10</sup>		7.5 μs	11 μs	S10
CdSe NW	40			2.4 μs	2.0 μs	S11
Cs <sub>3</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>9</sub> NF/CdSe NB	174	1.1 × 10 <sup>14</sup>	4.8 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	16.5 ms	15.7 ms	S12
Au NIS@CdSSe NBs	711.4	2.29 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	1.61 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	22.6 ms	23.0 ms	S13
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NCs/2D CdS <sub>x</sub> Se <sub>1-x</sub>	289	1.28 × 10 <sup>14</sup>		0.53 s	0.62 s	S14
CdS@CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>	319.79	3.84 × 10 <sup>13</sup>		10.1 ms	14.5 ms	S15
ZnS/InP nanowires	295	1.65 × 10 <sup>13</sup>	1.10 × 10 <sup>13</sup>	0.75 s	0.5 s	S16
ZnSe	4.44	1.4 × 10 <sup>11</sup>		0.16 ms	0.13 ms	S17
ZnS NTs	16.5	1.41 × 10 <sup>9</sup>		0.12 s	0.4 s	S18
ZnS QDs	5.8	1.97 × 10 <sup>13</sup>		—	—	S19
ZnS NTs	2.56	1.67 × 10 <sup>10</sup>		0.09 s	0.07 s	S20
GaS NSs	19.2	10 <sup>14</sup>	9.371 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	<2 ms	<30 ms	S21
SnS NFAs	156	2.94 × 10 <sup>10</sup>	4.77 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	5.1 ms	8.8 ms	S22
InAsSb	28.57	4.81 × 10 <sup>11</sup>		1.8 s	2.4 s	S23
InP/InAs <sub>0.4</sub> P <sub>0.6</sub>	250	2 × 10 <sup>10</sup>		33 μs	207 μs	S24
GaAs <sub>0.94</sub> Sb <sub>0.06</sub>	44.9	1.2 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	7.1 × 10 <sup>3</sup>			S25
1D GaAsSb/2D MoS <sub>2</sub>	11.7	1.64 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	2.74 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	50 μs	54 μs	S26
GaAsSb/AlGaAs	311	1.9 × 10 <sup>10</sup>	6.1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>			S27
In <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	1081.5	1.03 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	1.92 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	8 ms	10 ms	S28
In <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	137	4.74 × 10 <sup>10</sup>	3.78 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	6 ms	8 ms	S29
α-In <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	395	2.26 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	1.63 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	18 ms	73 ms	S30
PLD-In <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	20.5	6.02 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	4.784 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	24.6 ms	57.4 ms	S31
β-In <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub> /Si	5.9	4.9 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	1.376 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	<8.3 ms	<8.3 ms	S32
GaSe/WS <sub>2</sub>	149	4.3 × 10 <sup>12</sup>		37 μs	43 μs	S33
GaSe/InSe	350	3.7 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	9.3	1.85 μs	2.05 μs	S34

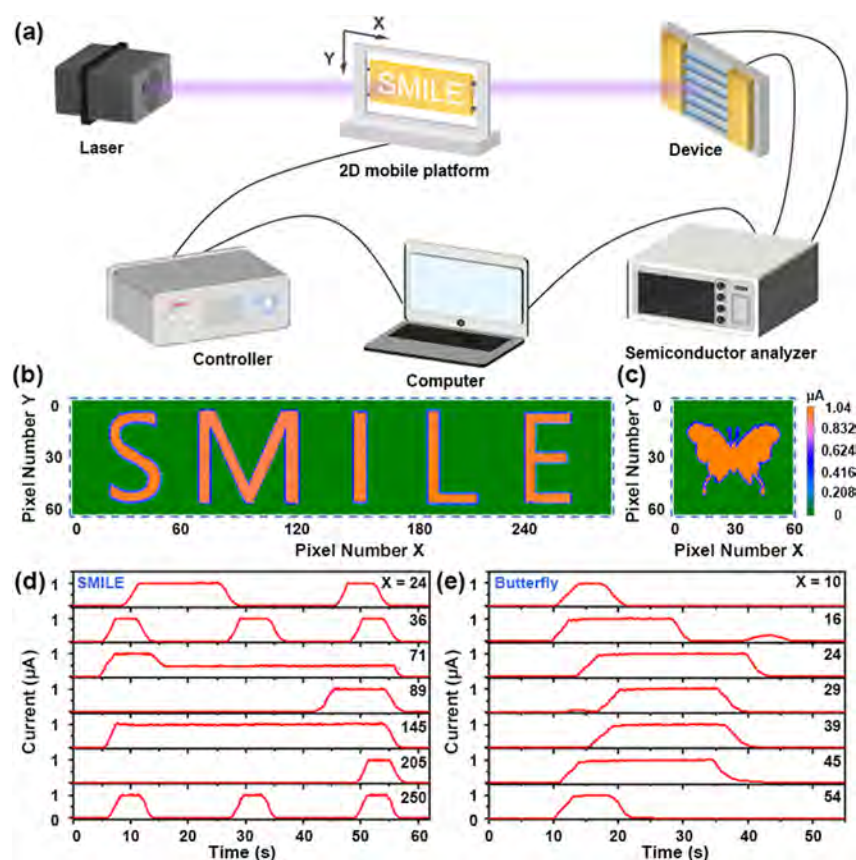
Supporting Information). Then, the X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) analysis was utilized to reveal the composition and elemental existing states of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls, with results presented in Figures S10 (see the Supporting Information). In addition, the bandgaps of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls can be obtained by this equation ( $E_g = \frac{h\nu}{\lambda}$ ). Next, the absorption spectra of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls were recorded using an ultraviolet–visible absorption spectrum. The bandgap is calculated using the Tauc equation, and the calculated results are consistent with those obtained from PL spectra (Figure S11, see the Supporting Information). As shown in Figure 2c, the bandgaps of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls exhibit a nonlinear relationship with the composition  $x$ , and the fitting quadratic function is as follows<sup>47,48</sup>

$$E_g(\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}) = xE_g(\text{CdS}) + (1-x)E_g(\text{CdSe}) - x(1-x)b \quad (1)$$

The calculated bending coefficient  $b$  is 0.55 eV, which agrees with the previous report,<sup>49</sup> confirming the continuously tunable composition of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowalls.

As shown in Figure 3, the photoelectric performance of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall-based photodetectors is systematically investigated. Figure 3a shows the schematic diagram of the photodetectors based on nanowall arrays. Figure 3b shows the photoresponse properties of four typical CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> nanowall photodetectors, which are measured by periodically turning on and off lasers at  $V_{ds} = 1$  V. These results show that all the devices exhibit an excellent spectral response to visible light (405–520 nm). In addition, the spectral response range of CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> photodetectors is gradually extended with the evolution of the Se composition from 0 to 1. The performance of the CdS<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>1-x</sub> photodetectors with different Se compositions under a 450 nm laser illumination is meticulously analyzed in Figures S12–S15 (see the Supporting Information), while the areas of all devices are approximately the same. As can be seen, the photocurrent increases gradually with increasing light intensity, indicating that more photogenerated charge carriers are generated with the increase in power density. The relationship between the photocurrent ( $I_{ph}$ ) and the light power density can be expressed by the power law function





**Figure 4.** Application of imaging sensor of the CdS nanowall-based photodetectors. (a) Schematic diagram of the imaging system of the CdS nanowall-based photodetectors. (b,c) Imaging results of the “SMILE” and “Butterfly” patterns under a 405 nm laser illumination, respectively. (d,e) Time-resolved current curves of pixel sequences in different X directions when the 405 nm light spot scans the “SMILE” and “Butterfly” masks along the Y direction. The number in the upper right corner indicates the sequence of pixels in the X direction.

$$I_{\text{ph}} \propto P^k \quad (2)$$

where  $I_{\text{ph}}$  ( $I_{\text{ph}} = I_{\text{light}} - I_{\text{dark}}$ ) is the photocurrent,  $P$  is the light power density, and  $k$  is the power exponent. Figure 3c reveals that the extracted  $k$  values of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors with different Se compositions under 450 nm light illumination are calculated as 0.41 (CdS), 0.40 ( $\text{CdS}_{0.75}\text{Se}_{0.25}$ ), 0.42 ( $\text{CdS}_{0.49}\text{Se}_{0.51}$ ), and 0.42 (CdSe), respectively. It is worth noting that the sublinear relationship between photocurrent and light power intensity may be caused by defect mechanisms, including recombination centers and traps.<sup>50,51</sup> Subsequently, the photoresponse speed of the photodetector is studied. The response speed can be divided into rise time ( $\tau_r$ ) and decay time ( $\tau_d$ ), defined as the time required for the photocurrent to rise from 10% to 90% of the stable value and to fall from 90% to 10% of the stable value, respectively. Figure 3d shows the comparison of the  $\tau_r$  and  $\tau_d$  of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors with different Se compositions. It can be seen that the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors exhibit a fast response speed of millisecond magnitude. The response speed of devices elevates with the increasing laser intensity, which has been described by the Rose model.<sup>52,53</sup> The devices have a high  $I_{\text{ON}}/I_{\text{OFF}}$  ratio of  $10^5$ , as shown in Figures S12b–S15b (see the Supporting Information).

Furthermore, in order to further study the photoelectric performance of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors, some critical parameters of the photodetector are also investigated, such

as responsivity ( $R$ ), specific detectivity ( $D^*$ ), and external quantum efficiency (EQE), which can be expressed as follows

$$R = \frac{I_{\text{ph}}}{PS} \quad (3)$$

$$D^* = R \frac{\sqrt{S}}{\sqrt{2eI_{\text{dark}}}} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{EQE} = R \frac{hc}{e\lambda} \quad (5)$$

where  $S$  is the effective area under illumination ( $S = wdn$ ,  $w$  is the nanowall width,  $d$  is the electrode spacing, and  $n$  is the number of nanowalls),  $h$  is Planck's constant,  $c$  is the speed of light in vacuum,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the incident light, and  $e$  is the electron charge.

The  $I_{\text{ds}}-V_{\text{ds}}$  curves of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors under dark conditions, as shown in Figure S16 (see the Supporting Information). The responsivity of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors with different Se compositions under 450 nm laser illumination versus incident power densities is shown in Figure 3e. With the decrease of Se composition, the  $R$  gradually adjusted from 368 A/W ( $x = 0$ ) to 1062 A/W ( $x = 1$ ) under 450 nm laser illumination. Notably, the responsivity decreases with the increased incident power density due to the shorter carrier lifetime and increased carrier recombination under a high incident light.<sup>54,55</sup> Additionally, the variation tendency of EQE and  $D^*$  are consistent with that of  $R$ , which are calculated

to be an EQE of  $1.01 \times 10^3 \sim 2.93 \times 10^3$  and a  $D^*$  of  $3.55 \times 10^{13} \sim 9.85 \times 10^{13}$  Jones, as shown in Figure S17 (see the Supporting Information). To evaluate the performance of these devices, the photoelectric performance of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall-based photodetectors was compared with those reported in the literature (Figure 3f and Table 1). It is worth noting that the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall-based photodetectors show better comprehensive performance. It can be explained from the following aspects: (I) the fabricated  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall through a CVD method has a high crystalline quality, with no obvious defect emission and few structural defects. (II) Due to its large specific surface area, the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall can enhance the light absorption area, and the material can absorb more photons compared with other nanostructures. (III) Compared with traditional integrated nanostructures,<sup>56,57</sup> horizontally arranged nanostructures can effectively avoid damage to nanostructures due to additional manufacturing steps. These results indicate the significant tunability of the photoelectric properties through alloy engineering of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowalls. Furthermore, stability is another key parameter for the practical application of photodetectors. To investigate the stability of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors, the optical response of the devices is measured under a 450 nm laser illumination and 1 V bias for 1000 s. As shown in Figure 3g, the photodetector shows a good cyclic response, and the photocurrent does not change significantly, indicating that the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  photodetectors have a repeatable and stable response.

Considering the high photosensitivity of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall-based photodetectors, the device may have good potential for image-sensing applications. The schematic diagram of the imaging principle is shown in Figure 4a. A 405 nm laser serves as the light source. The image masks with hollow “SMILE” and “Butterfly” patterns are placed between the light source and the detector, assisted by a 2D mobile platform, which can be moved continuously along the horizontal and vertical directions (i.e., the *X* and *Y* directions), respectively. During the image-sensing process, the electrical signals of the nanowalls are recorded in real time by a semiconductor analyzer and then converted to the corresponding “SMILE” and “Butterfly” images (Figure 4b,c). The images “SMILE” and “Butterfly” are scanned by a 405 nm laser with pixel sequences in the *X* direction along the *Y* direction; the time-resolved current curves of the nanowall-based photodetectors are exhibited in Figure 4d,e, respectively. The patterns are accurately presented with distinct edges and consistent shading, demonstrating the potential of nanowall-based photodetectors for future micro/nano-optoelectronic image sensing applications.

## CONCLUSIONS

In summary, using a graphoepitaxy effect, horizontally aligned  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall arrays were synthesized on an annealed M-plane sapphire. Structural and optical characterizations reveal that these nanowalls have wurtzite crystal structures, tunable chemical composition ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ), and tunable optical bandgaps. On this basis, the photodetectors are constructed based on these unique structures, which exhibit a broadband photodetection with the tunable spectral response, high responsivity ( $3 \times 10^2 \sim 1 \times 10^3$  A/W), and fast response speed (rise time  $\sim 15.66$  ms and decay time  $\sim 15.94$  ms). In addition, we demonstrate these devices' impressive imaging sensing capabilities in a self-built imaging system. These results

indicate that the large-scale production of high-quality  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall arrays brings broad prospects for integrated photodetectors and high-resolution imaging sensors.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**Nanowall Synthesis.**  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowalls were grown using the CVD strategy in a single-zone tube furnace, as schematically shown in Figure S1 (see the Supporting Information). A tube furnace (OTF-1200X) was used to fabricate the nanowall structures with a 2 in. quartz tube (inner diameter 45 mm and length 180 cm). For example, before the growth of CdS nanowalls, the M-plane sapphire was annealed at 1700 °C for 10 h in a high-temperature furnace (KRX-17B). After annealing, 2 nm Au nanoparticles were prepared by an ion sputtering instrument using mask technology. The alumina boat (74 mm in length) filled with CdS powder (Alfa Aesar, 99.999%, 0.07 g) was placed in the center of the heating zone. Several M-plane sapphires coated with 2 nm-thick Au nanoparticles were placed in the deposition area. Before heating, a  $\text{N}_2$  flow was introduced into the system at a rate of 60 sccm for 30 min to purge the air and moisture inside the tube. After that, the  $\text{N}_2$  flow was increased to 100 sccm, while the pressure in the tube was maintained at 45 Torr. Then, the furnace was heated to 820 °C at a rate of 26 °C/min, and the growth time was 30 min. After growth, the furnace was naturally cooled to room temperature. The alloyed  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall arrays were prepared by a similar growth process, in which different proportions of CdS and CdSe (Alfa Aesar, 99.995%) powders were uniformly mixed and placed in the alumina boat at the heating center. Other growth parameters (such as temperature and pressure) were slightly different, as shown in Figure S1 (Supporting Information).

**Materials Characterization.** The morphology of  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  alloy nanowalls was observed by scanning electron microscopy (SEM, Hitachi SU-8010) with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX). The crystallinity of these alloy nanowalls was studied by X-ray diffraction (XRD, Bruker D8). The crystal structures were determined by transmission electron microscopy (TEM, JEM-F200). The optical images and PL spectra of the nanowalls were tested by using a self-made confocal optical system. A 375 nm laser beam was focused to a spot size of about 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  employing a microscope lens (Nikon,  $\times 100$ ) and locally excited at the nanowalls. The PL spectra were recorded with an optical spectrometer (Maya Pro2000), and real-color images were recorded with a CCD camera.

**Device Fabrication and Characterization.** The copper mesh is used as a mask plate to determine the electrode patterns and their gap. The device arrays were fabricated via the direct thermal evaporation of 500 nm Ag particles with the vapor passing through a shadow mask placed on the samples. All device measurements were performed on the probe station with a semiconductor parameter analyzer system (Keithley 2450) in an ambient environment at room temperature. The 405, 450, 520, 638, and 660 nm lasers illuminated the device. The movement of the image pattern mask is controlled by a stepper motor (Zolix-SC300).

## ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### Supporting Information

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CVD setup, SEM image, EDX spectra, optical photographs, and optical microscope images of the micro-manipulation process by the tungsten tipped probe and a homemade fiber probe, schematic diagram of confocal microscopy system, and optoelectronic characterization of the  $\text{CdS}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$  nanowall (PDF)

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