

Supplementary Information

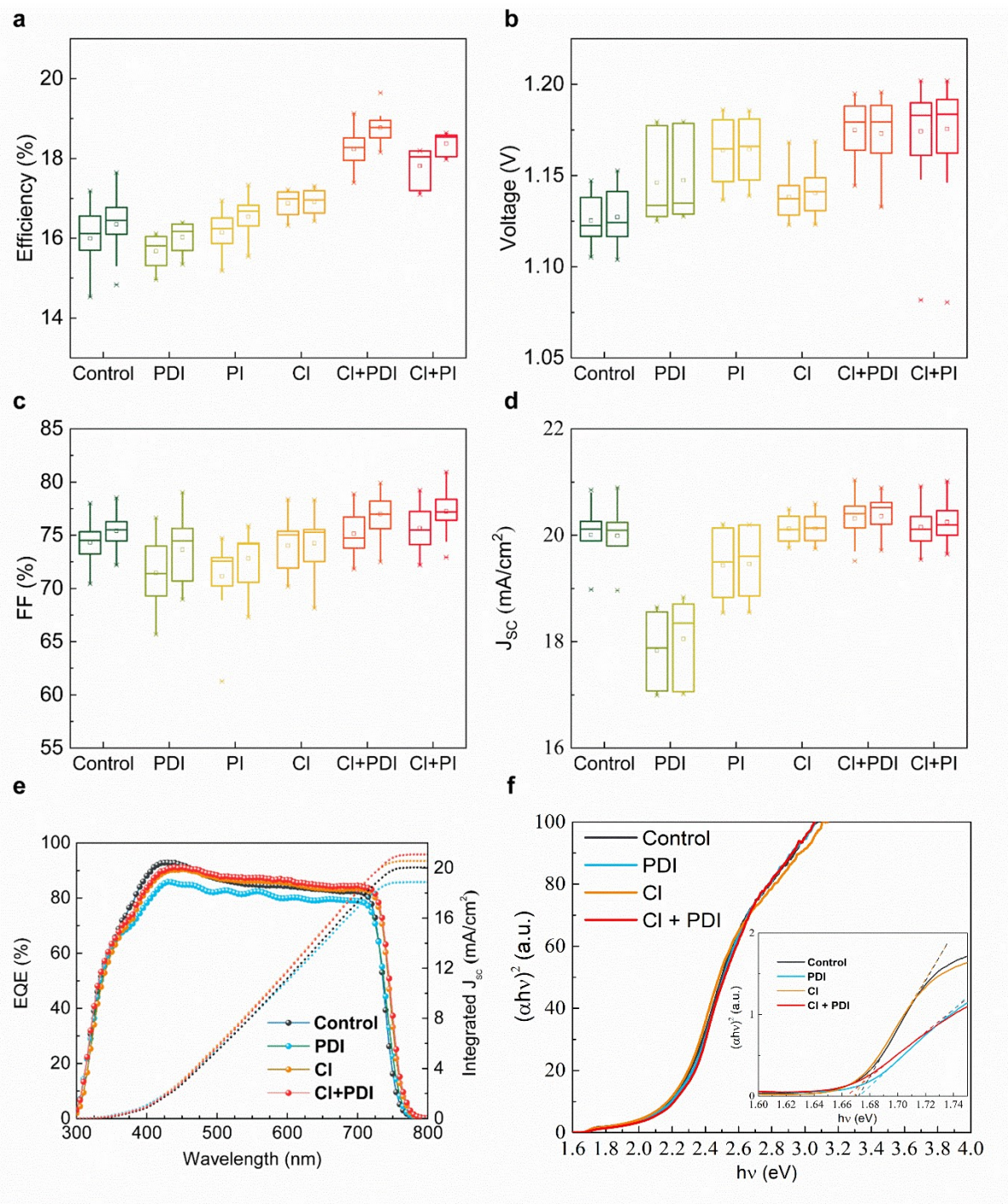
Over 28% Efficiency Perovskite/Cu(InGa)Se₂ Tandem Solar Cells: Highly Efficient Sub-cells and Their Bandgap Matching

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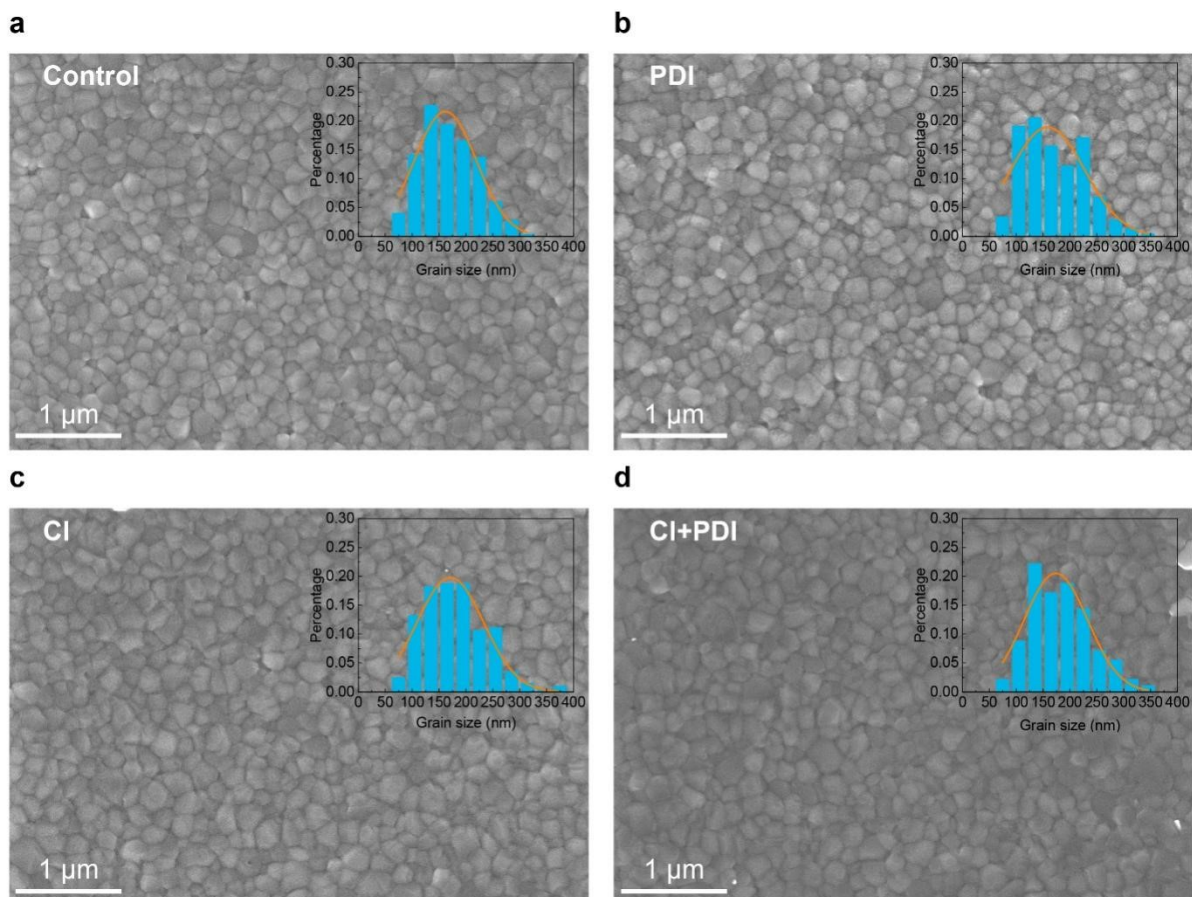
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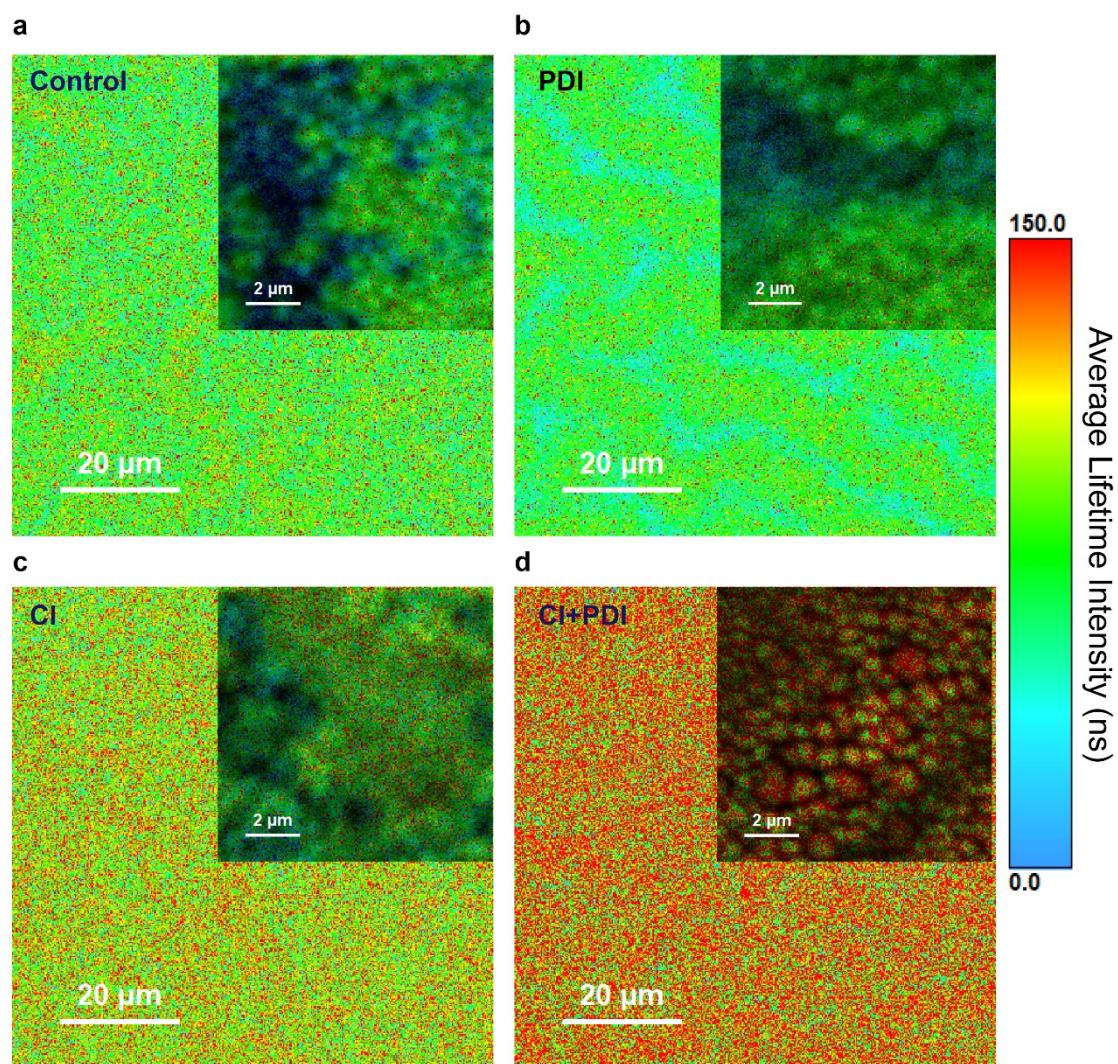


Supplementary Figure 1. Comparison of PI and PDI surface treatments. a-d, Statistical boxplot of PCE (a), V_{oc} (b), FF (c) and J_{sc} (d) for six groups of PSC samples: **Control**, **PDI**, **PI**, **CI**, **CI+PDI**, and **CI+PI**. The mean value, maximum and minimum values, and 25%-75% region of data was represented by the open circle, top and bottom bars, and rectangle, respectively. Unlike the work by Li *et al.*,¹ who discovered that PI is better than PDI to passivate the surface of normal bandgap perovskite films, in this work, we found PDI is better than PI to boost the performance of wide bandgap perovskite solar cells. e, The EQE spectra

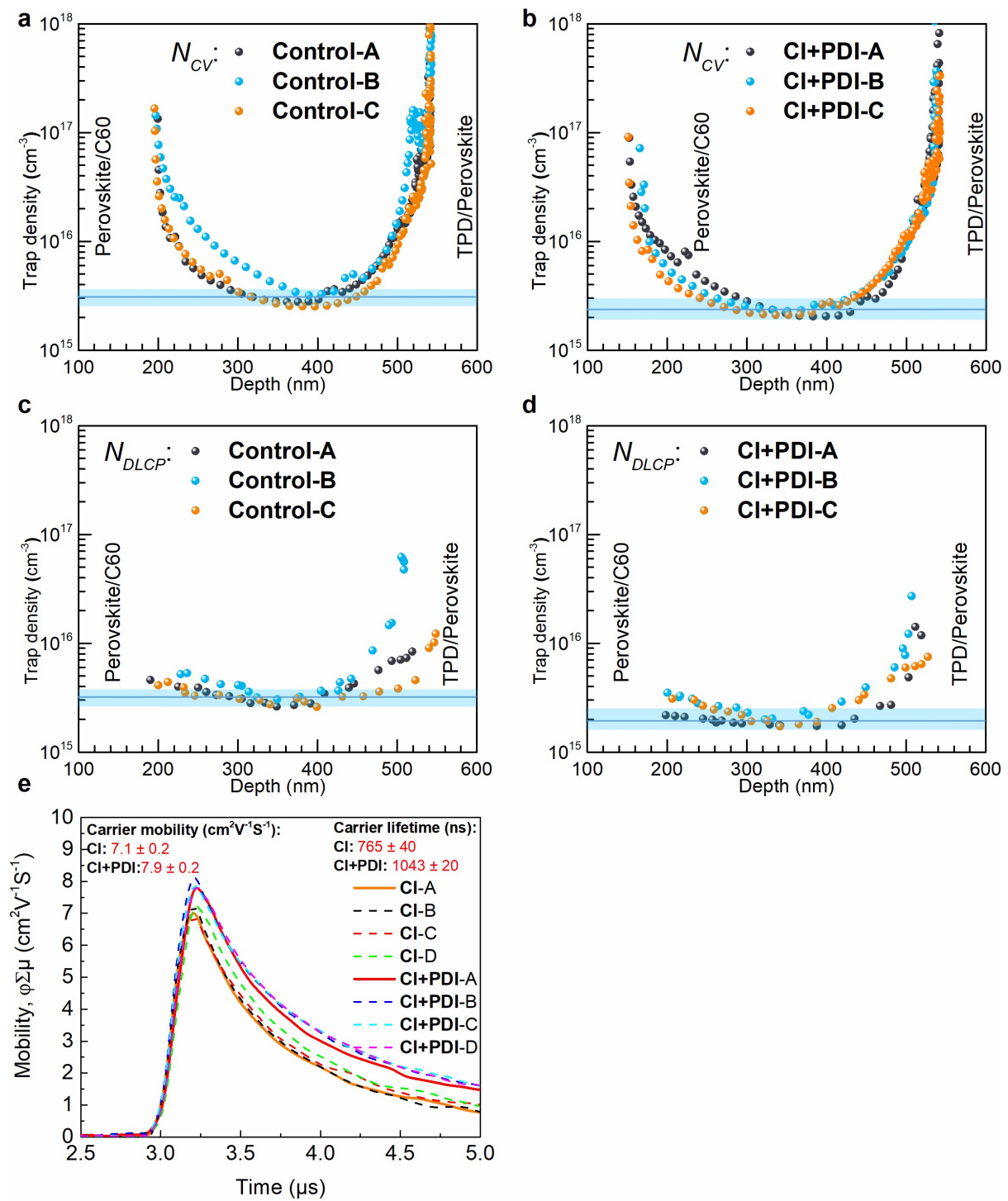
and the corresponding integrated J_{sc} of the representative devices from **Control**, **PDI**, **Cl**, and **Cl+PDI** groups. **f**, Absorption spectra of the representative perovskite films from **Control**, **PDI**, **Cl**, and **Cl+PDI** groups.



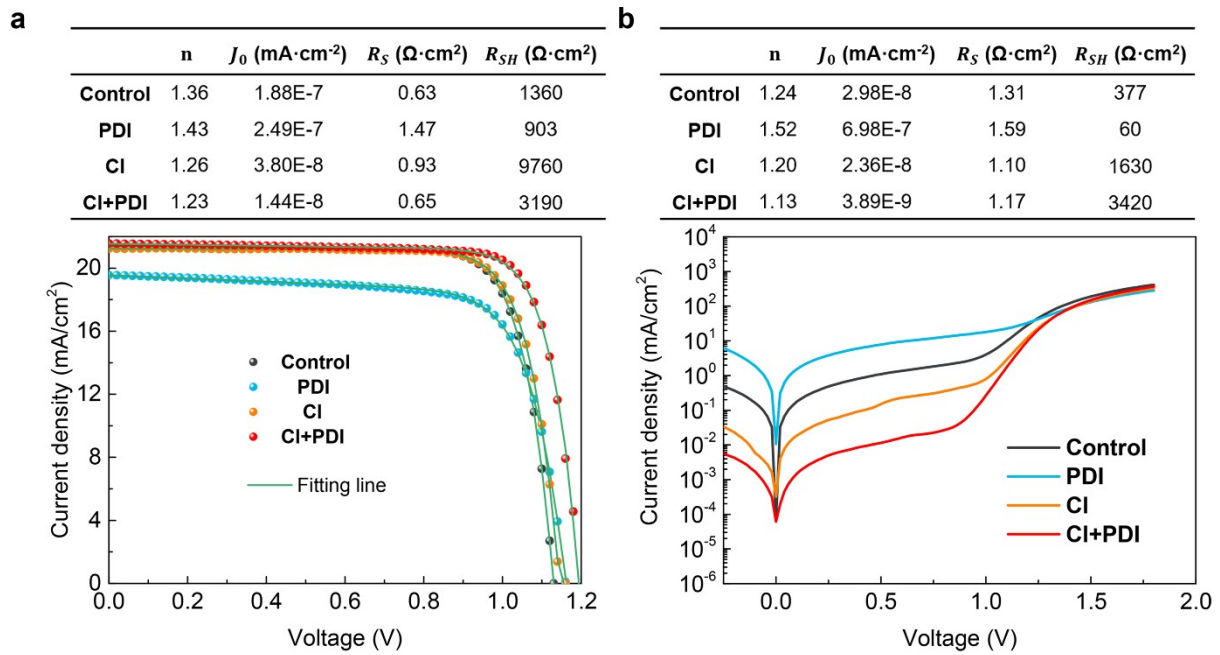
Supplementary Figure 2. Film morphology and grain statistics. Top view SEM images of representative perovskite films from the four groups: **a, Control**, **b, PDI**, **c, CI**, **d, CI+PDI**. The insets in the respective images show the statistics of the grain size distribution.



Supplementary Figure 3. Uniformity of fluorescence lifetime images. a-d, Fluorescence lifetime image microscopy of representative perovskite films from the four groups. Insets are the corresponding zoom-in images.

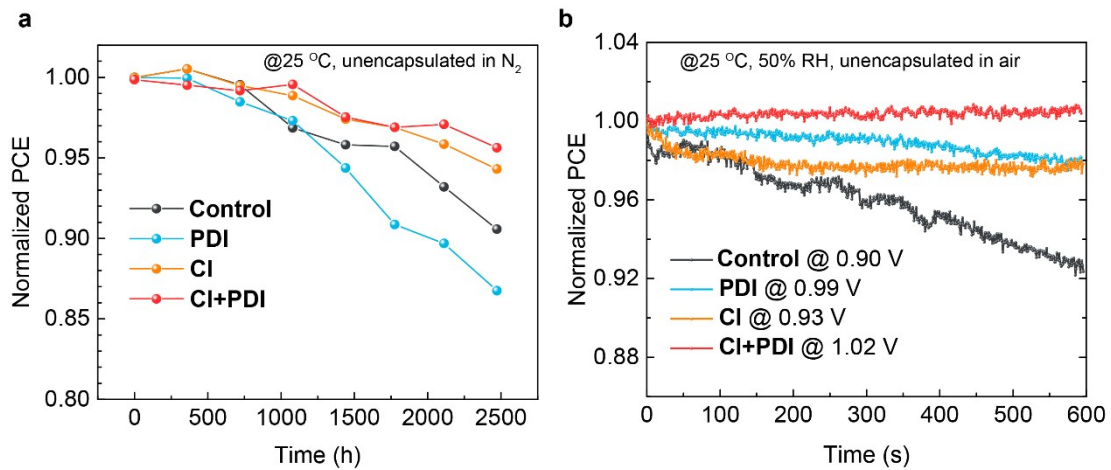


Supplementary Figure 4. Reproducibility measurement for defect passivation effect. a-b, CV profiling for **Control** and **CI+PDI**. **c-d,** DLCP profiling for **Control** and **CI+PDI**. **e,** Photoconductivity transients measured by TRMC for **CI** and **CI+PDI**.

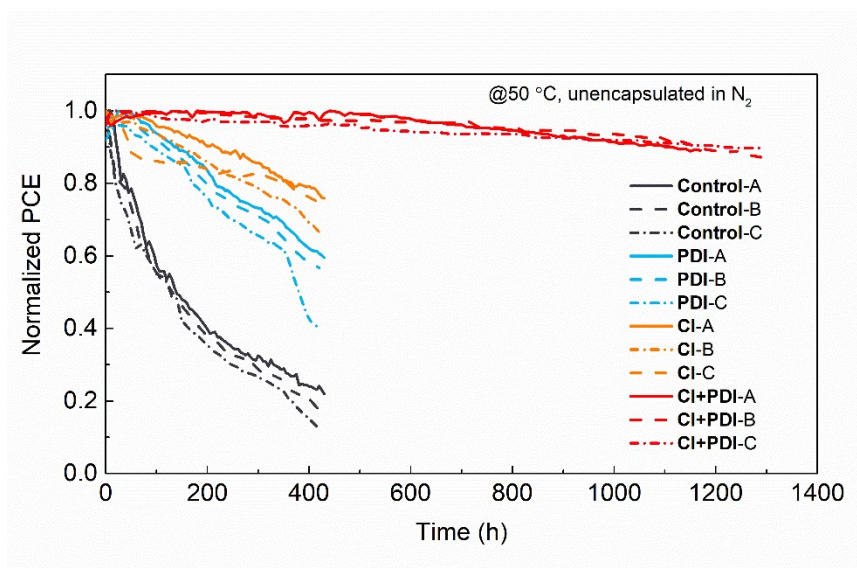


Supplementary Figure 5. Deduction of diode reverse saturation current density J_0 . The J - V curves measured under (a) AM 1.5G light illumination and (b) in dark respectively. The J_0

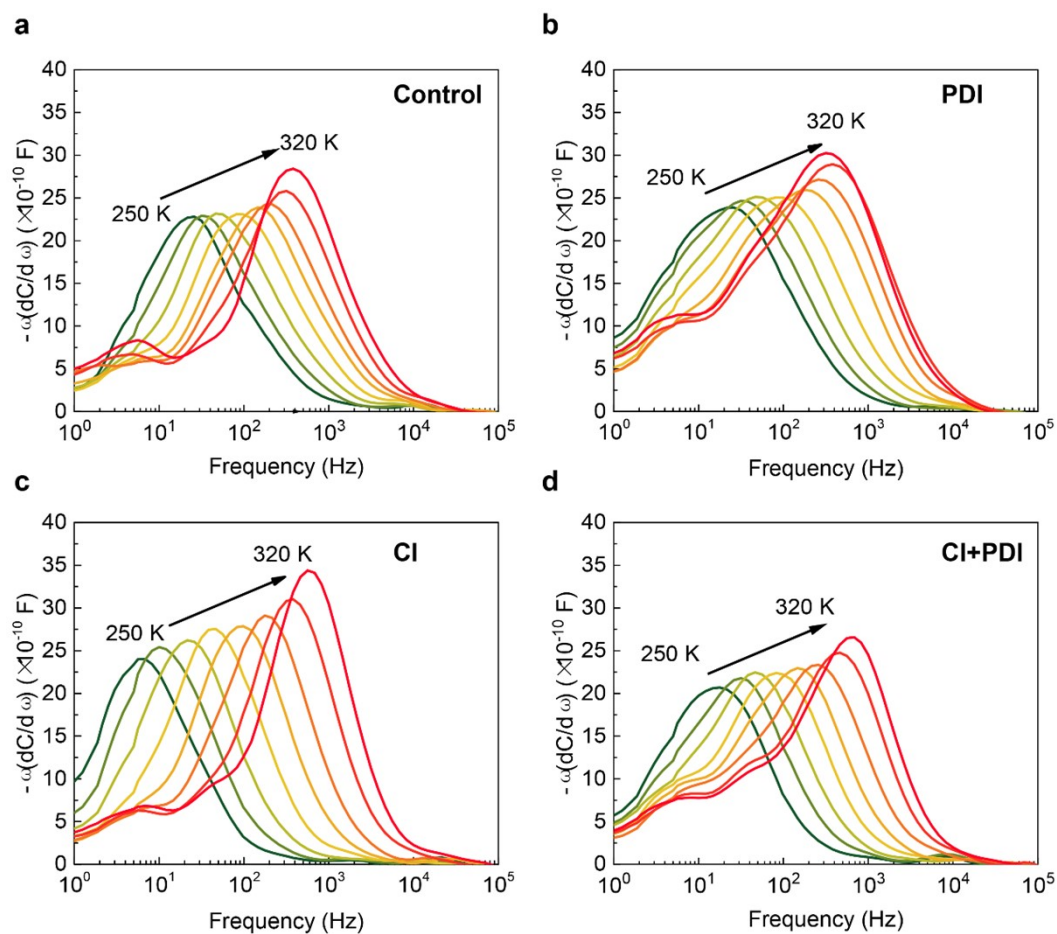
values were obtained by fitting the J - V curves with

$$J = J_L - J_0 \left[\exp\left(\frac{V + JR_S}{nkT}\right) - 1 \right] - \frac{V + JR_S}{R_{sh}}$$


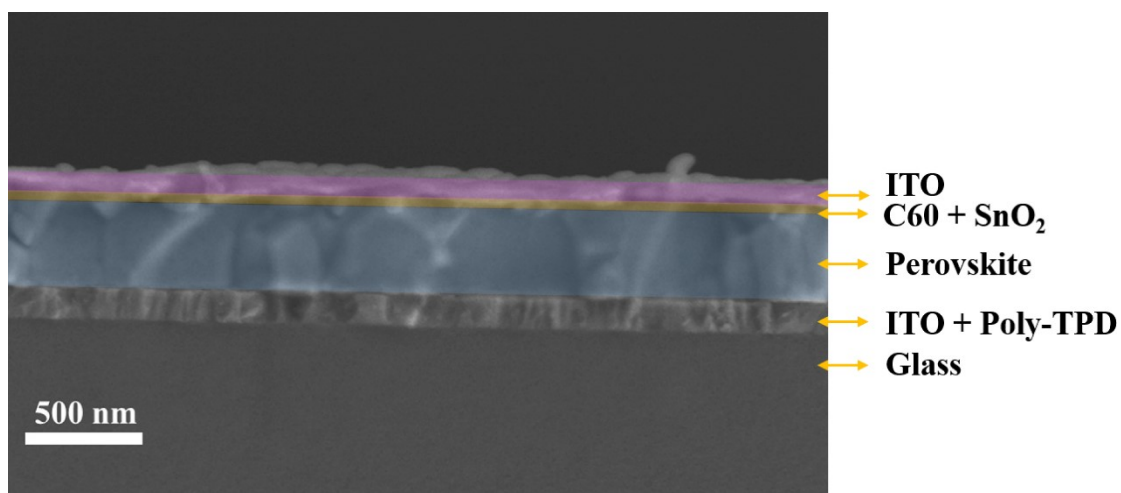
Supplementary Figure 6. Device stability test. a, The long-term storage stability in N_2 atmosphere. b, The steady power output (SPO) under 1-sun illumination measured at 25°C, 50% RH in air for 10 minutes.



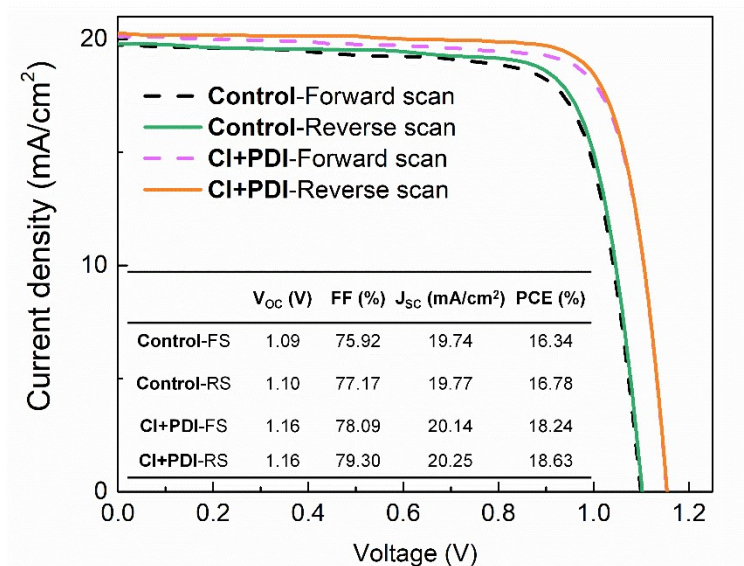
Supplementary Figure 7. Reproducibility measurement for device stability. Operational stability of devices from the four groups under MPP tracking with continuous illumination at 50 °C in N₂ atmosphere.



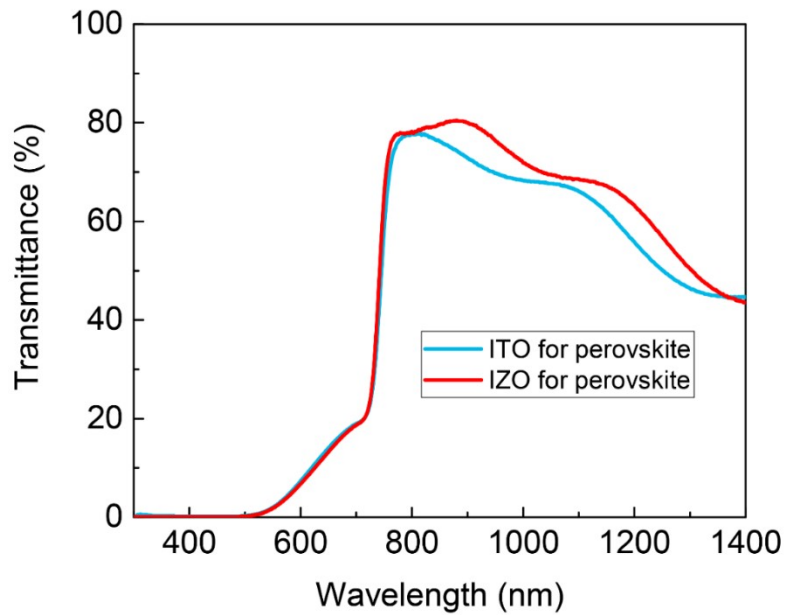
Supplementary Figure 8. Thermal admittance spectroscopy. Plot of $-\alpha dC/d\omega$ vs frequency at various temperatures: **a**, Control device, **b**, PDI device, **c**, CI device, and **d**, CI+PDI device.



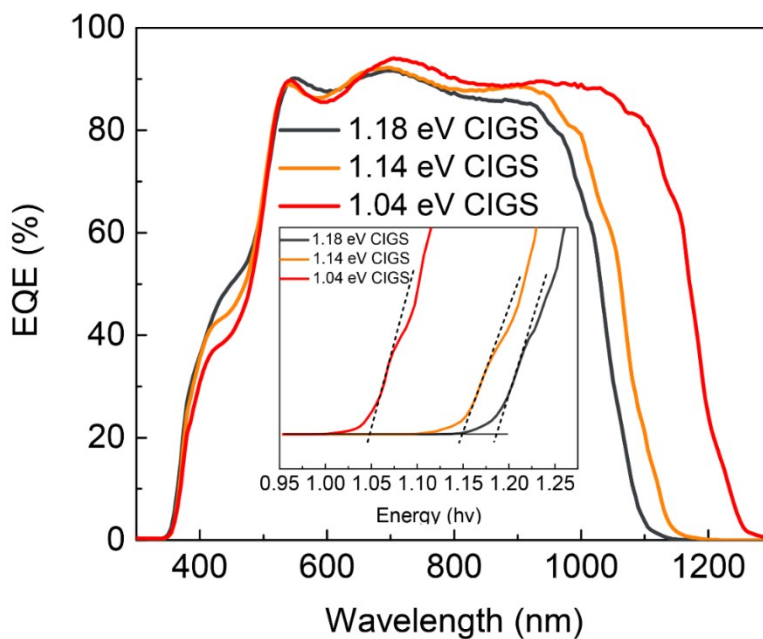
Supplementary Figure 9. Structure of a semi-transparent perovskite solar cell. Different color code in the cross-sectional SEM image labeled different layers of materials in the device.



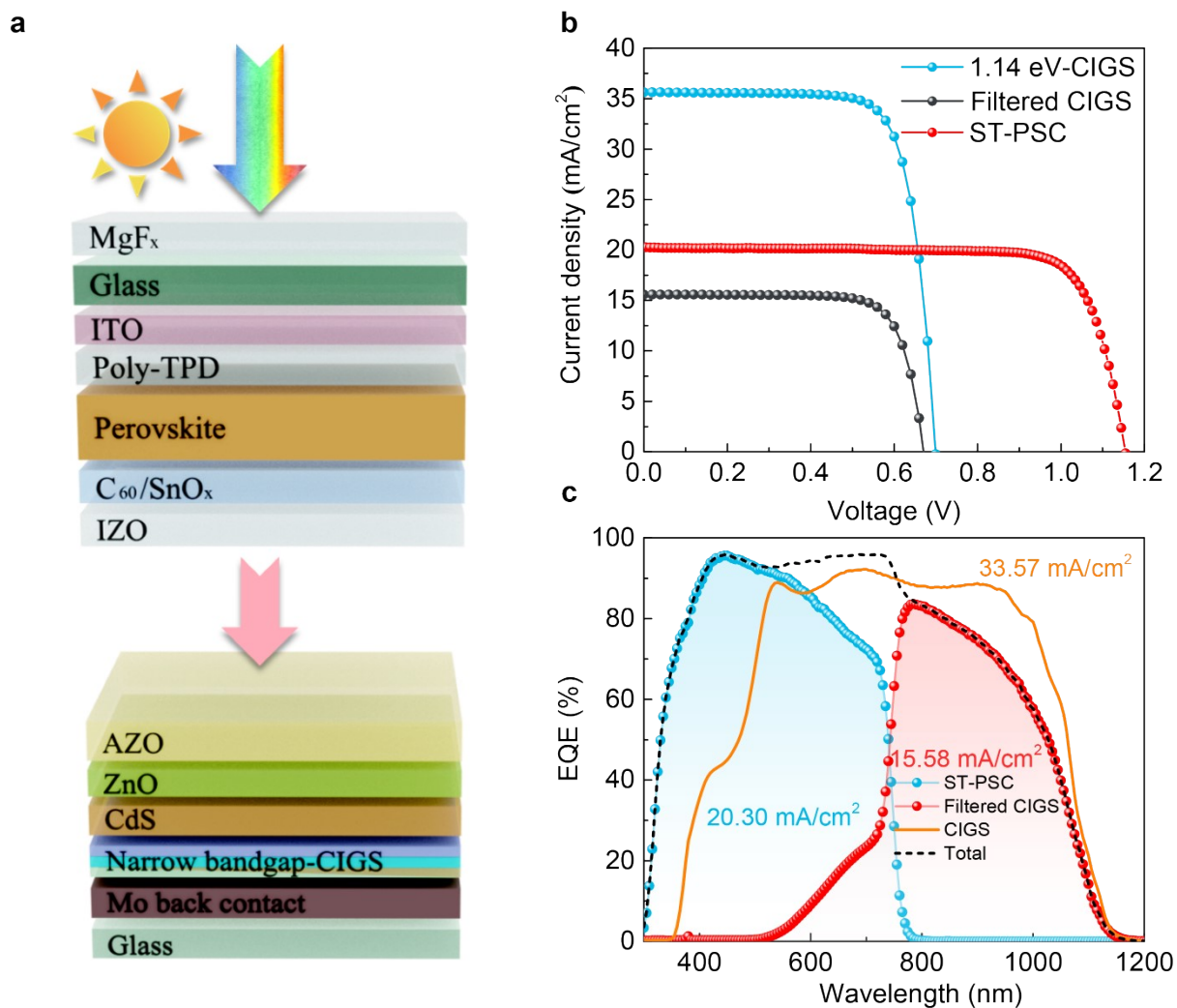
Supplementary Figure. 10. The effect of Cl incorporation and PDI treatment on ST-PSC devices. Comparison of ST-PSC devices before and after perovskite optimization.



Supplementary Figure 11. Transmittance spectra in air. Two spectra of the highly efficient semitransparent perovskite solar cells with either ITO or IZO as the contact electrodes. The PSC-IZO clearly showed a better transmittance in the infrared region.



Supplementary Figure 12. Comparison of EQE spectra. The EQE spectra of CIGS solar cells with different bandgaps. The inset showed the edges of the long wavelength response, from which the bandgap of CIGS could be evaluated.



Supplementary Figure 13. **a**, Schematic of the 4-T PSC/CIGS tandem solar cell. Index matching fluid was applied between the two sub-cells to reduce reflection therein. **b**, Current density-voltage curves based on 1.14 eV-CIGS, **c**, EQE spectra of the tandem cell based on 1.14 eV-CIGS.

Supplementary Table 1. Carrier lifetime measured by TRPL decay curves. The fitting parameters with a bi-exponential decay equation are listed below.

	A_1	τ_1 (ns)	A_2	τ_2 (ns)	τ_{vag} (ns)
Control	48%	35	52%	122	80
PDI	32%	41	68%	83	69
Cl	52%	49	48%	172	108
Cl + PDI	21%	73	79%	255	216

Supplementary Table 2. Summary of semi-transparent PSCs. Photovoltaic parameters of semi-transparent PSCs reported in recent years. * marked the certified results.

Year ^{ref}	Bandgap (eV)	Configuration	Current density (mA/cm ²)	Voltage (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
2017 ²	1.73	TiO ₂ /Perovskite/ PTAA/MoO _x /ITO	19.4	1.12	73.0	15.9
2018 ³	1.55	CuSCN/Perovskite/ PCBM/ ZnO:Al-NP/AgNW	21.0	1.01	74.1	17.1
2018 ⁴	1.72	SnO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-OMeTAD/ MoO _x /ITO	15.4	1.22	73.4	13.8
2019 ⁵	1.68	ITO/PTAA/ Perovskite/C ₆₀ / SnO _x /Zn:SnO _x (ZTO)/IZO	19.6	1.14	76.8	17.1
2019 ⁶	1.67	ITO/PolyTPD/ Perovskite/LiF/C ₆₀ / SnO/ZTO/ITO	19.1	1.21	80.2	18.6
2019 ⁷	1.72	ITO/TiO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-MeOTAD/ MoO _x /IZO	18.0	1.21	78.9	17.1
2019 ⁸	1.55	ITO/NiO _x /Perovskite/ PCBM/ZnO-NP/ BCP/IZRO	19.8	1.01	78.0	15.6
2020 ⁹	1.63	IZrO/SnO ₂ /Perovskite/ /Spiro-OMeTAD/ MoO ₃ /IZO/MgF ₂	22.3	1.12	77.7	19.4
2020 ¹⁰	1.55	TiO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-OMeTAD/ Au/MoO _x	19.8	1.16	79.9	18.3
2021 ¹¹	1.50	ITO/SnO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-OMeTAD/ Cr/Au/MgF ₂	21.9	1.13	79.7	19.8
2022 ¹²	1.75	FTO/SnO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-OMeTAD/ Au/MoO _x /ITO	17.53	1.21	80.1	17.0
2022 ¹³	1.77	ITO/SnO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-OMeTAD/ MoO _x /IZO/MgF ₂	18.8	1.24	79.6	18.6
2022 ¹⁴	1.60	ITO/PTAA/Perovskite /PCBM/ZnO/ITO	22.2	1.11	71.4	17.6

2022 ¹⁵	1.65	SnO ₂ /Perovskite/ Spiro-OMeTAD/ MoO _x / ITO	19.6	1.23	78.7	18.9
This work*	1.67	ITO/Poly-TPD/ Perovskite/C ₆₀ /SnO _x / IZO	19.0	1.20	82.9	18.7

Supplementary Note 1. Certified performance of a CI + PDI opaque device after stored at N₂ atmosphere for 92 days. This opaque PSC device with PCE of 19.7% ($V_{oc} = 1.192$ V, $J_{sc} = 20.73$ mA/cm², $FF = 79.59\%$) measured in house was sent to Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology, Chinese Academy of Science for third party certification. The certified PCE of 20.0% ($V_{oc} = 1.205$ V, $J_{sc} = 20.92$ mA/cm², $FF = 79.51\%$) was obtained.



Measurement Report

Client Name Wuhan University
Client Address Wuhan University, 299 Bayi Road, Wuchang District, Wuhan, Hubei Province
Sample Perovskite solar cell
Manufacturer Wuhan University
Application SIMITL72022012501
Measurement Date 25th January, 2022

Performed by: Qiang Shi
Reviewed by: Yating Zhang
Approved by: Zhengxin Liu
Date: 25/01/2022
Date: 25/01/2022
Date: Jan. 26, 2022

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Sample Information	
Sample Type	Perovskite solar cell
Quantity	1
Serial No.	1#
Measurement Item	I-V characteristic
Measurement Environment	22.8 ± 2.0°C, 34.2 ± 5.0%RH

Measurement of I-V characteristic

Reference cell PVM1124
Reference cell Type mono-Si, WPV5, calibrated by NREL (ISO 2045)
Calibration Value/Date of Calibration for Reference cell 144.9mA/ Aug. 2021
Measurement Conditions STC, linear sweep based on IEC 60904-1:2006
Measurement Equipment/ Date of Calibration Steady State Solar Simulator (YSS-T155-2M) / May.2021
 IV test system (ADCMT 6246) / April. 2021
 SR Measurement system (CEP-25ML-CAS) / April.2021
Mismatch Factor SMM=0.9825

Serial Number	Scan Mode	Area ^{da} (cm ²)	Isc (mA)	Voc (V)	Pmax (mW)	FF (%)	Eff (%)
1#	Isc to Voc	0.076	1.58	1.202	1.512	79.46	19.90
	Voc to Isc	0.076	1.59	1.205	1.520	79.51	20.00

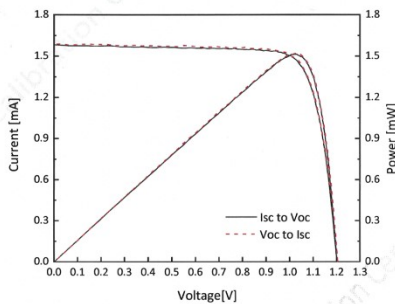
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I-V Curve



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Area ^{da}	0.076 cm ²	Area ^{da}	0.076 cm ²
Isc	1.58 mA	Isc	1.59 mA
Voc	1.202 V	Voc	1.205 V
Pmax	1.512 mW	Pmax	1.520 mW
Ipm	1.48 mA	Ipm	1.49 mA
Vpm	1.022 V	Vpm	1.022 V
FF	79.46 %	FF	79.51 %
Eff	19.90 %	Eff	20.00 %
Dirr.	100 mW/cm ²	Dirr.	100 mW/cm ²
Mirr.	100 mW/cm ²	Mirr.	100 mW/cm ²
Scan Mode	Isc to Voc	Scan Mode	Voc to Isc
Scan Speed	~0.17V/s, 136points	Scan Speed	~0.17V/s, 136points

Ref. Device No. PVM1124
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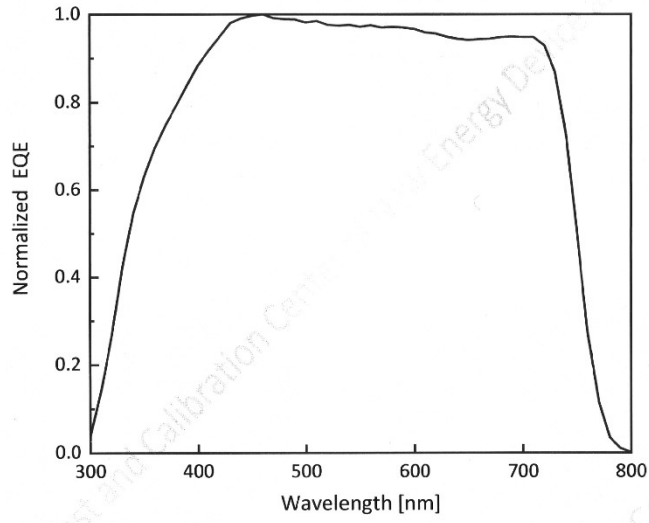


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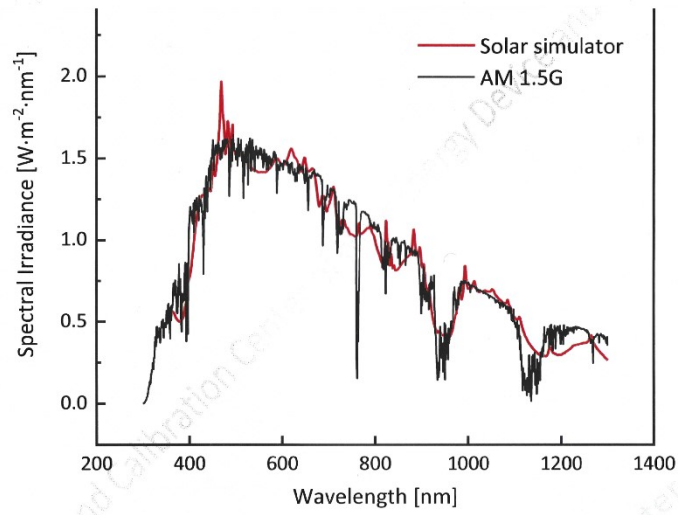


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Supplementary Note 2. The certification report for a semi-transparent PSC (ST-PSC).

Notably, this semi-transparent PSC-IZO was sent to Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology, Chinese Academy of Science for third party professional organization certification. The ST-PSC measured with PCE of 19.07% ($V_{oc} = 1.20$ V, $J_{sc} = 19.48$ mA/cm², $FF = 81.56\%$) in house was certified to have a PCE of 18.74% ($V_{oc} = 1.199$ V, $J_{sc} = 18.89$ mA/cm², $FF = 82.89\%$). As far as we know, this is the highest reported efficiency for wide-bandgap (> 1.65 eV) semi-transparent PSC.



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Measurement Report

Client Name Junbo Gong and Xudong Xiao' Group, Wuhan University
Client Address Wuhan University, 299 Bayi Road, Wuchang District, Wuhan, Hubei Province
Sample Semitransparent perovskite solar cell
Manufacturer Junbo Gong and Xudong Xiao' Group, Wuhan University
Application SIMITL72022071301
Measurement Date 13th July, 2022

Performed by: Qiang Shi, Qiang@shi Date: 2022.7.13
Reviewed by: Wenjie Zhao, Wenjie@zhao Date: 2022.7.13
Approved by: Zhengxin Liu, Zhengxin@liu Date: 2022.7.13

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Sample Information	
Sample Type	Semitransparent perovskite solar cell
Serial No.	1#
Lab Internal No.	22071301-1#
Measurement Item	I-V characteristic
Measurement Environment	25.2±2.0°C, 43.6±5.0%RH

Measurement of I-V characteristic

Reference cell PVM1124
Reference cell Type mono-Si, WPVS, calibrated by NREL (ISO 2045)
Calibration Value/Date of Calibration for Reference cell 144.9mA/ Aug. 2021
Measurement Conditions STC, linear sweep based on IEC 60904-1:2006
Measurement Equipment/ Date of Calibration Steady State Solar Simulator (YSS-T155-2M) / July.2022
IV test system (ADCMT 6246) / June. 2022
SR Measurement system (CEP-25ML-CAS) / April.2022
Mismatch Factor SMM=0.9896

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1#	Isc to Voc	0.0704	1.33	1.196	1.308	82.40	18.57
	Voc to Isc	0.0704	1.33	1.199	1.319	82.89	18.74

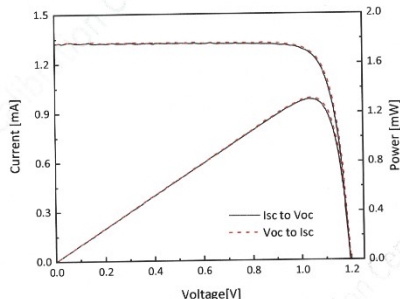
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I-V Curve



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Area ^{da}	0.0704 cm ²	Area ^{da}	0.0704 cm ²
Isc	1.33 mA	Isc	1.33 mA
Voc	1.196 V	Voc	1.199 V
Pmax	1.308 mW	Pmax	1.319 mW
Ipm	1.27 mA	Ipm	1.28 mA
Vpm	1.030 V	Vpm	1.034 V
FF	82.40 %	FF	82.89 %
Eff	18.57 %	Eff	18.74 %
Dirr.	100 mW/cm ²	Dirr.	100 mW/cm ²
Mirr.	100 mW/cm ²	Mirr.	100 mW/cm ²
Scan Mode	Isc to Voc	Scan Mode	Voc to Isc

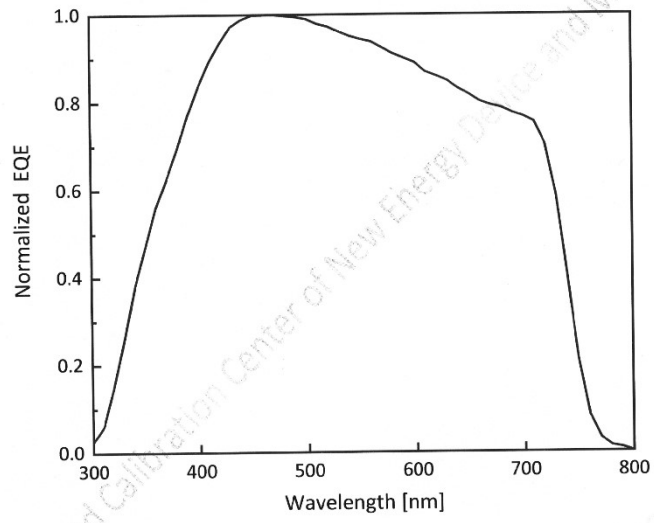
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Supplementary Note 3: Certified performance of CIGS device. A CIGS solar cell with house measured PCE of 18.25% ($V_{oc} = 0.607$ V, $J_{sc} = 39.75$ mA/cm², $FF = 75.60\%$) was certified with a PCE of 18.38% ($V_{oc} = 0.606$ V, $J_{sc} = 39.48$ mA/cm², $FF = 76.87\%$) by Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology, Chinese Academy of Science.



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Sample CIGS solar cell
Manufacturer Junbo Gong and Xudong Xiao's Group, Wuhan University
Application SIMITL72022091001
Measurement Date 13th September, 2022

Performed by: *Qiang Shi* *Qiang Shi* **Date:** 13/09/2022
Reviewed by: *WeiJie Zhao* *WeiJie Zhao* **Date:** 13/09/2022
Approved by: *Zhengxin Liu* *Zhengxin Liu* **Date:** 13/09/2022

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Serial No.	1#
Lab Internal No.	22091301-1#
Measurement Item	I-V characteristic
Measurement Environment	24.6±2.0°C, 33.6±5.0%RH

Measurement of I-V characteristic	
Reference cell	AK-200
Reference cell Type	mono-Si, WPVS, calibrated by National Institute of Metrology, China (Certificate No. GXGf2022-01035)
Calibration Value/Date of Calibration for Reference cell	128.1mA/ Apr. 2022
Measurement Conditions	STC, linear sweep based on IEC 60904-1:2006
Measurement Equipment/ Date of Calibration	Steady State Solar Simulator (YSS-T155-2M) / July,2022 IV test system (ADCMT 6246) / June, 2022 SR Measurement system (CEP-25ML-CAS) / April, 2022
Mismatch Factor	SMM=1.0071

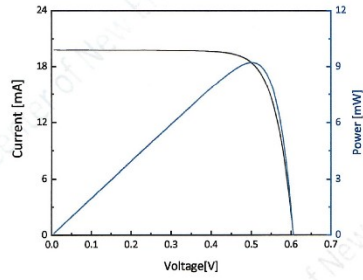
Serial Number	Area ¹⁰ (cm ²)	Isc (mA)	Voc (mV)	Pmax (mW)	FF (%)	Eff (%)
1#	0.5013	19.79	605.68	9.213	76.87	18.38

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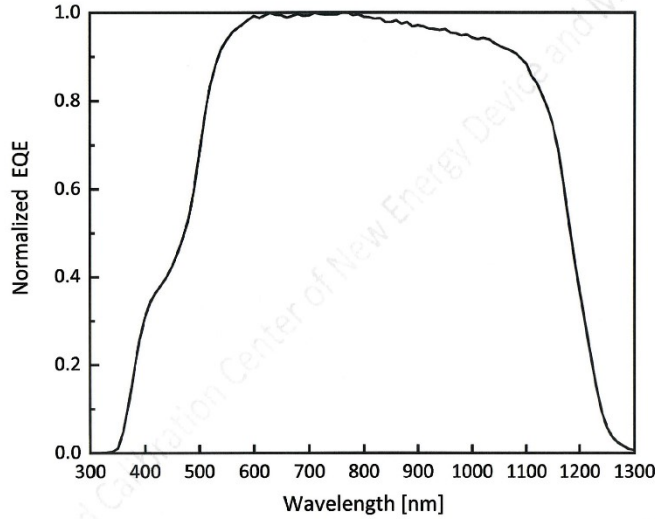
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 Ipm: 18.38 mA
 Vpm: 501.27 mV
 FF: 76.87 %
 Eff: 18.38 %
 Dirr.: 100 mW/cm²
 Mirr.: 100 mW/cm²

Ref. Device No: AK-200
 Cal. Val. of Ref.: 128.1mA at 100mW/cm²



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Supplementary Note 4: Certified performance of filtered CIGS device. A filtered CIGS subcell with house measured PCE of 9.30% ($V_{oc} = 0.604$ V, $J_{sc} = 20.33$ mA/cm², $FF = 75.60\%$) was certified with a PCE of 9.35% ($V_{oc} = 0.610$ V, $J_{sc} = 20.33$ mA/cm², $FF = 75.38\%$) by Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology, Chinese Academy of Science.

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样品信息/ Sample Information	
样品类型/Sample Type	Short-circuited Perovskite Filtered CIGS Photovoltaic Cell
样品编号/Serial No.	9-1-F2#
内部编号/Lab Internal No.	23060101-4#
检测项目/Measurement Item	电流-电压特性测试/I-V characteristic
测试环境/Environment Condition	24.7±2.0°C, 41.4±5.0%RH

电流-电压特性测试/ Measurement of I-V characteristic	
标准电池 Reference cell	PVM1121 单晶硅, WPVS 型, 由 NREL 校准 (证书编号 ISO 2075) mono-Si, WPVS, calibrated by NREL (Certificate No. ISO 2075)
校准值/校准日期 Calibration Value/Date of Calibration	144.53mA/2023-02
测试条件 Measurement Conditions	标准测试条件/Standard Test Condition (STC): 光谱分布/Spectral Distribution: AM1.5, 辐照度/Irradiance: 1000±50W/m ² , 温度/Temperature: 25±2°C AAA 稳态太阳模拟器/AAA Steady State Solar Simulator (YSS-T155-2M) /2022-07
测量设备/校准日期 Equipment/ Date of Calibration	IV 测试系统/IV test system (ADCMT 6246) /2022-06 光响应测试仪/SR Measurement system (CEP-25ML) /2023-04 测量显微镜/Measuring Microscope (MF-B2017C) 2022-07
测试方法 Measurement Method	根据 IEC 60904-1: 2020, 进行对数扫描, 扫描方向: 反扫; Logarithmic sweep in reverse direction based on IEC 60904-1:2020; 根据 IEC 60904-7 进行光谱失配修正, 根据 IEC 60891 进行 I-V 曲线修正。 Spectral Mismatch factor was calculated according to IEC 60904-7 and I-V correction according to IEC 60891.
测量不确定度 Measurement Uncertainty	Area: 1.1%(k=2); Isc: 1.8%(k=2); Voc: 0.8%(k=2); Pmax: 2.0%(k=2); Eff: 2.2%(k=2)



====测试结果/Results====

Area [mm ²]	Isc [mA]	Voc [V]	Pmax [mW]	FF [%]	Eff [%]
47.50	9.655	0.610	4.441	75.38	9.35

- 光谱失配因子/Spectral Mismatch Factor: SMM=1.0010.
- 电池面积为 CIGS 电池总面积, 通过测量显微镜测得。
Total area of CIGS cell was measured by a measuring microscope.
- 本测试结果仅对被测样品有效。
Test results listed in this measurement report refer exclusively to the mentioned measured sample.
- 本测试结果仅反应被测样品测试时状态, 不代表其未来性能变化。
The results apply only at the time of the test, and do not imply future performance.

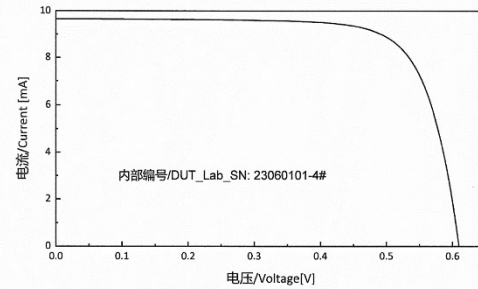


图 1 被测样品 I-V 曲线
Fig.1 I-V curve of the measured sample

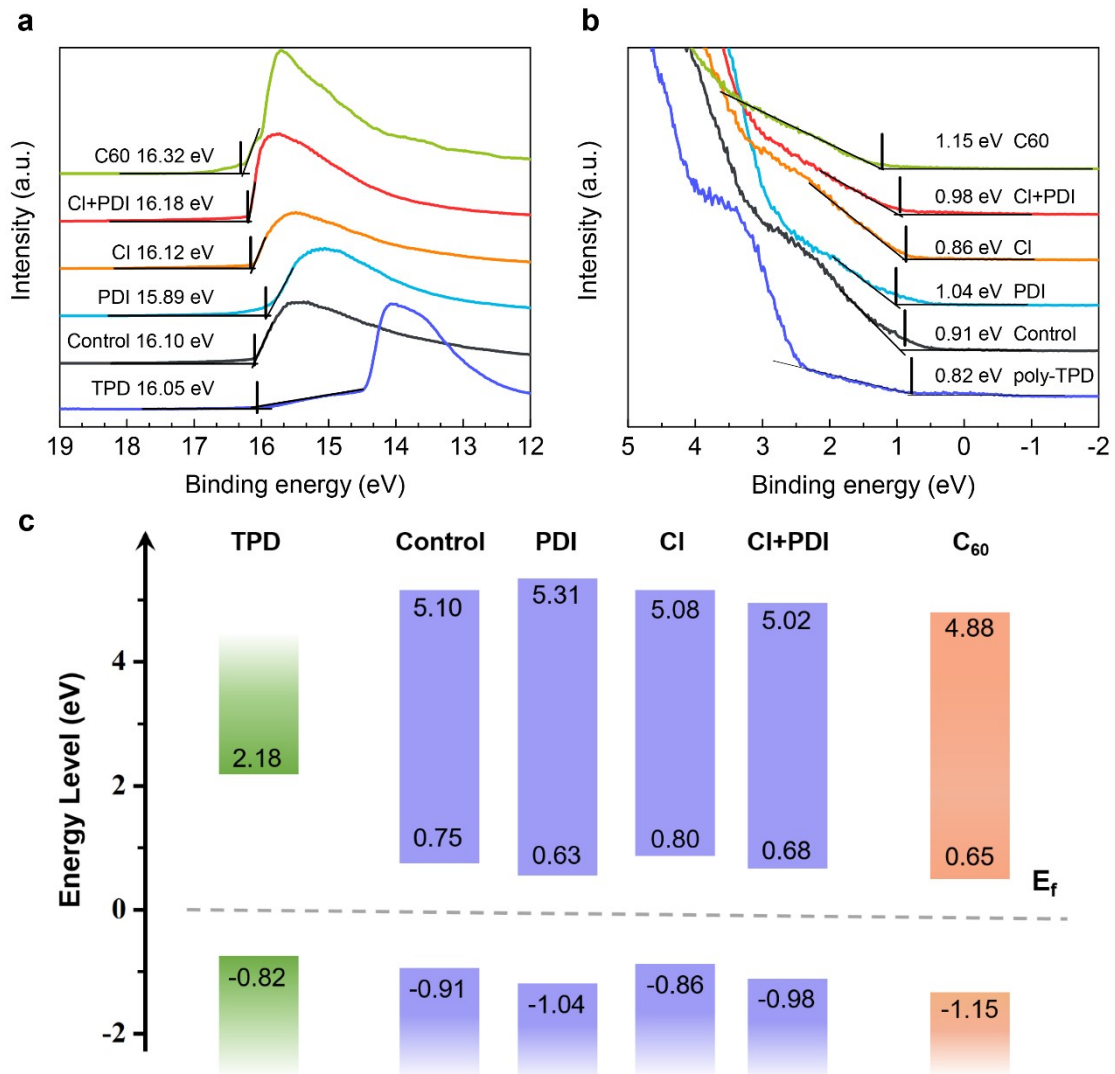
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Supplementary Note 5:

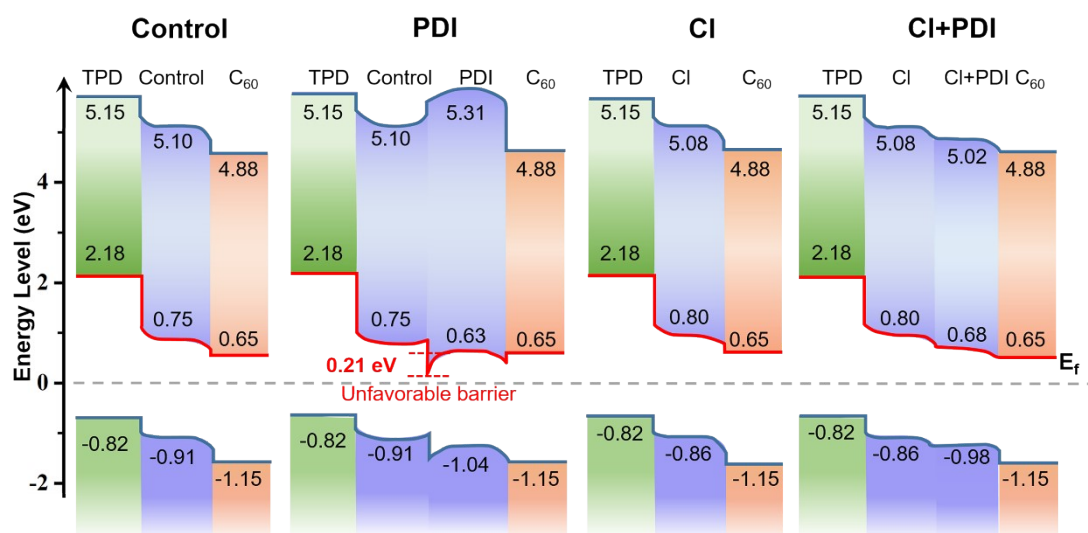
Suppression of J_{sc} by PDI surface treatment and its recovery in CI+PDI samples

A side story is about the current decrease in **PDI** devices, this requires information on the band alignments and work functions. To explore the effect on band alignment by the **CI** incorporation and the **PDI** treatment, the energy levels of the four groups of perovskite films were measured by ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS). The obtained spectra and the corresponding schematics of the energy band edge positions were shown in Supplementary Fig. 14. As observed, with respect to the Fermi level, the **CI** incorporation caused a slight upward shift of ~ 50 meV for both the conduction and valence band while the **PDI** treatment led to a downward shift of ~ 120 meV for both bands. For the **CI + PDI** group samples, their conduction and valence band edges were located between those of **PDI** and **CI** groups but were slightly lower than those of the **Control** group samples. According to the Anderson rule by

keeping the Fermi level constant along the entire solar cell structure, the band bending in the devices could be constructed as shown in Supplementary Fig. 15. It was important to note that the PDI treatment primarily affected the surface of the perovskite films. Adding such a thin PDI treated layer would effectively make the transport of both electrons and holes between the bulk absorber and the ETL layer smoother if only the conduction and valence band edge positions were considered. However, once the alignment of vacuum levels was examined, interesting features occurred. For the **PDI** sample, considering that the thin PDI treated layer had a relative higher work function than that of the bulk absorber (same as that of **Control** sample, Supplementary Fig. 15) by ~ 210 meV, there would result in an interfacial electric dipole field with a direction running from the bulk absorber to the PDI treated layer.¹⁶ This electric field formed an energy barrier of ~ 210 meV in magnitude with the conduction band bending upwards for electron transport from bulk absorber to the PDI treated surface. This energy barrier was presumably responsible for the observed J_{sc} decrease of the corresponding device as also discussed in literature.¹⁷ In contrast, the work functions of the **CI** and **CI + PDI** samples were similar to that of **Control** sample and no barrier was expected to form for the electron transport, thus the resultant J_{sc} was comparable among the corresponding devices. In particular, the work function of the **CI + PDI** surface layer was even reduced from that of **CI** sample by ~ 80 meV, leading to a descending order of vacuum level from the CI incorporated absorber layer to the **CI +PDI** surface layer and to the ETL layer. The consequently formed electric fields at both CI/CI+PDI and CI+PDI/ETL interfaces resulted in downward band bending and were along the right direction to promote electron and hole transport (Supplementary Fig. 15). In this way, the observed significant decrease of J_{sc} in **PDI** samples was well explained by the large work function of PDI treated layer.



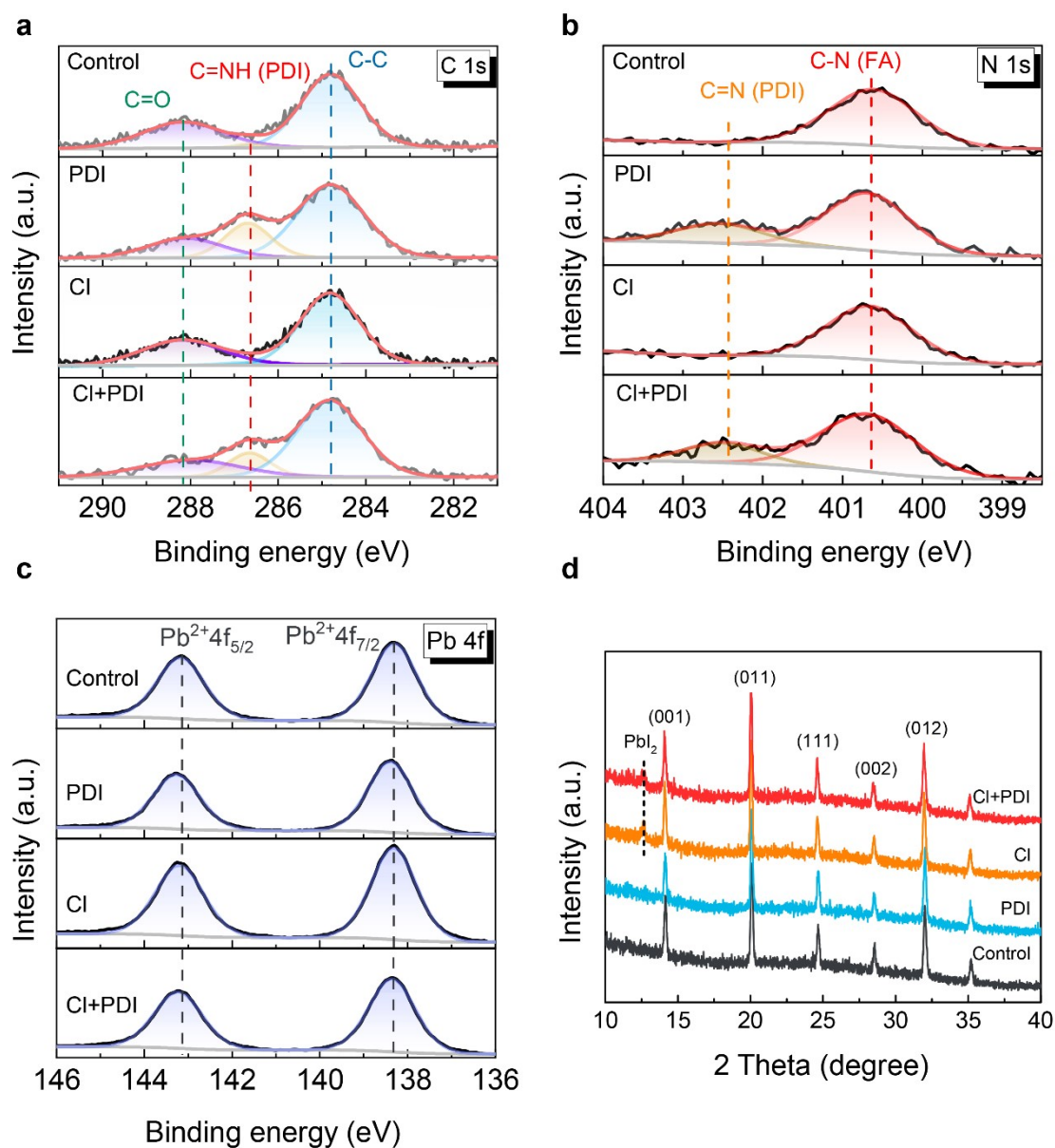
Supplementary Figure 14. UPS results and energy levels. **a-b**, UPS spectra of representative perovskite films from the four groups. The light source is He-I with photon energy of 21.2 eV. **c**, The work function and the conduction and valence band edge positions with respect to the Fermi level for **Control**, **PDI**, **CI**, **CI + PDI** samples determined by UPS spectra. The conduction band minima are calculated from the valence band maxima with the bandgap values for perovskite films obtained in Suppl. Fig 1f and for C₆₀ and TPD taken from Refs.^{18, 19}.



Supplementary Figure 15. Band alignment and band bending. Energy level diagram for **Control**, **PDI**, **CI**, **CI + PDI** devices constructed in accordance to the Anderson rule. The width of each layer is not in scale with the real material. Due to the work function difference, there forms an energy barrier of ~ 210 meV for electron transport from bulk perovskite to PDI treated surface in the case of **PDI** device.

Fortunately, the PDI treatment on the CI incorporated absorber surface did not generate such an energy barrier and the beneficial effect of surface defect passivation by PDI was realized for V_{oc} without sacrificing J_{sc} . To further investigate why the **PDI** sample possessed a relatively high work function, high-resolution X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was performed. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 16, the C 1s binding energies at 284.8, 286.8, 288.2 eV were assigned respectively to the C-C bond (from FA and PDI), the characteristic peak of PDI, and the C=O. Oxidized carbon species might originate from the oxidation of the perovskite films when exposed to ambient environment before measurement. Interestingly, the peak area of C=O showed a visible decrease after either PDI treatment or CI incorporation, implying a suppressed oxidation and improved film stability by the according treatments. The

peaks appearing at around 286.8 eV in the C 1s spectra (Supplementary Fig. 16a) and 402.3 eV in the N 1s spectra (Supplementary Fig. 16b) were attributed to the C-N bonds in the six-membered ring of PDI, which clearly verified the existence of PDI. The featured bond of C-N(FA) slightly shifted to higher binding energies after either PDI treatment or Cl incorporation. This shift may originate from the interaction between FA^+ and R_2NH_2^+ from PDI. In the Pb 4f spectra shown in Supplementary Fig. 16c, the binding energies at 143.1 and 138.3 eV were assigned to $4f_{5/2}$ and $4f_{7/2}$ of divalent Pb^{2+} , respectively. These peaks slightly moved to higher binding energy only after Cl incorporation in terms of bond formation of Pb-Cl. From Supplementary Fig. 16 and in Supplementary Table 3, after PDI treatment, we observed an increased signal of C-C (FA+PDI) by ~26-31% due to the increased C density in PDI against perovskite, a decreased signal of Pb 4f by ~12-20% due to the absence of Pb in the PDI layer. The above increase of C 1s signal and decrease of Pb 4f signal are consistent with a ~ 2 nm PDI layer covered on the perovskite film even taking into account of electron energy dependent attenuation length, but the strongly decreased N 1s (FA) signal by ~35-38% indicated a net drop of N-C (FA) signal beyond the attenuation effect (~21%). Thus, PDI molecules would occupy some vacancies of the FA^+ ions at the surface of perovskite films. Compared to the original surface, the replacement of FA^+ by neutral PDI molecules and the filling of V_I^+ vacancies by neutral PDI molecules might effectively make the surface more charge negative, leading to the formation of an effective electric dipole layer pointing towards the bulk of perovskite layer. This effective electric dipole layer was suggested to induce the observed work function increase in the **PDI** samples.



Supplementary Figure 16. High-resolution XPS and XRD spectra of perovskite films. a,

b, N 1s XPS spectra, c, Pb 4f XPS spectra, d, XRD patterns.

Supplementary Table 3. Peak area of corresponding XPS spectra.

	C-C (FA+PDI)	N-C (FA)	Pb ²⁺ 4f _{5/2}
Control	10213	9031	51769
PDI	12880	5620	45728
Cl	9382	7291	60944
Cl + PDI	12332	4708	48604

While the above picture could well explain the work function increase for **PDI** samples, it encountered difficulty with the **CI+PDI** samples. To identify the role of Cl incorporation, the fabricated perovskite films was further studied by XRD. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 16d, the XRD peak at 12.6° revealed the existence of PbI_2 phase in the **CI** and **CI + PDI** samples in contrast to its absence in the **Control** and **PDI** samples. Although no excessive PbI_2 was used in the precursors, the formation of PbI_2 trace phase on the surface of perovskite containing Cl, as also observed by other groups,^{6, 21} seemed to imply that species such as $\text{FAPb}(\text{I}_2\text{Cl})$ might decompose into PbI_2 and FACl , and the latter might be vaporized away to leave only PbI_2 on the surface.

Our previous work²² as well as others' work^{6, 21, 23} have shown that a small amount of PbI_2 on the surface was beneficial to passivate defects at grain boundaries and surfaces and thus helped the improvement of device performance. We speculated that PbI_2 might in addition play a role on regulating the work function of perovskite surface layer. Considering that iodine deficiencies are highly likely to exist in the remnant PbI_2 layer on perovskite,²⁴ these iodine deficiencies with positive effective positive charge, V_I^+ , should result in the formation of an effective electric dipole layer pointing towards the surface of perovskite layer, which was opposite to the dipole direction formed on the surface of **PDI** samples and could be responsible for the observed work function decrease in the **CI** and **CI+PDI** samples. On the whole, it was possible that the effective charges induced by PbI_2 , to reduce the work function, and by **PDI**, to increase the work function, would neutralize to certain extent and the work functions **CI + PDI** samples could become lower than that of **PDI** samples.

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