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Supplementary Information

Fabrication of low-cost and flexible Perovskite Solar Cells by slot-die coating for indoor applications

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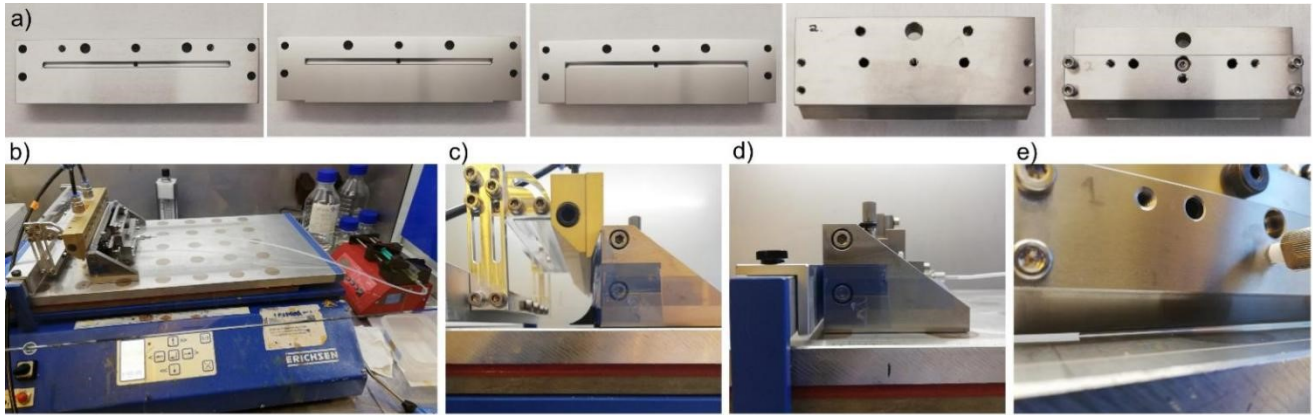


Figure S1. a,e) Shims assembly for the 3D perovskite layer; b) film applicator with air-knife and slot-die coater assembled; slot-die head and attachment part c) for the 3D perovskite and d) for the SnO₂ deposition.

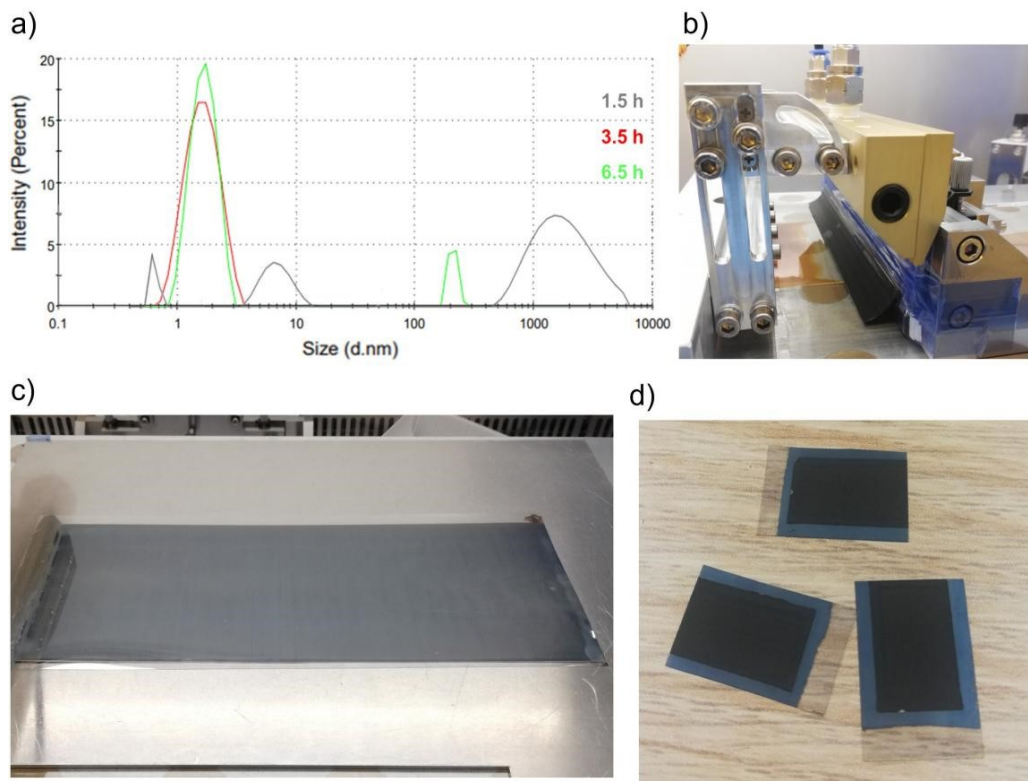


Figure S2. a) Particle size distribution of 3D perovskite solution for different stirring times; b) perovskite's intermediate phase after parallel N₂ flow exposure during slot-die coating; c) slot-die coated 3D perovskite film after annealing: 10 cm x 20 cm; d) complete perovskite solar cells of 1.8 cm x 1.2 cm.

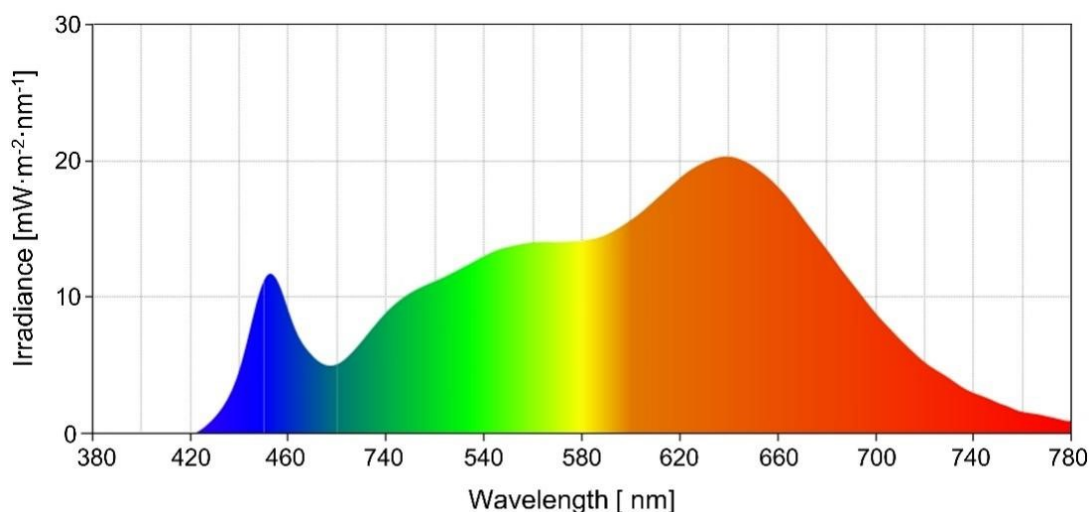


Figure S3. Spectrum of the warm white ~ 3270 K LED used at 1000 lux ($372 \mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$).

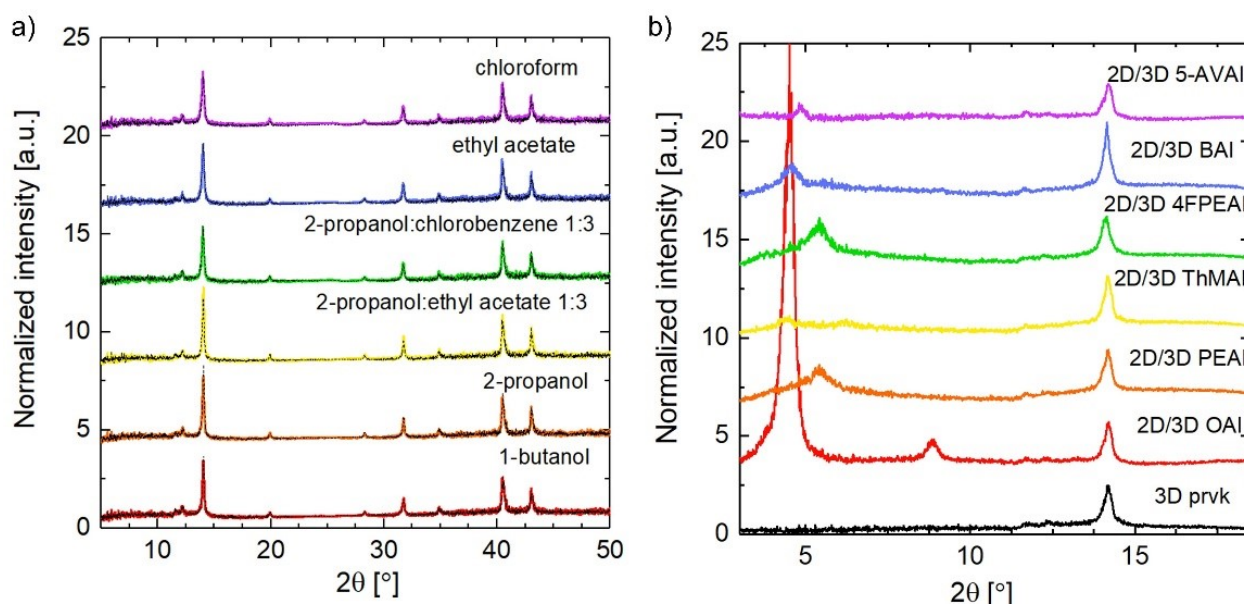


Figure S4. XRD data of a) 3D perovskite before and after blade coating different solvents, and b) after blade coating 10 mM of 6 different spacer cations on 3D perovskite, followed by annealing at 85°C for 5 min.

Table S1. Most relevant properties of the solvents used in the slot-die coating depositions.¹

Solvents	Abr.	Boiling point at 1 atm [°C]	Viscosity at 20-25°C [cP]	Dielectric Constant	Toxicity
acetonitrile	ACN	81	0.38	38.8	Problematic
2-methoxyethanol	2-ME	124	1.72	16.9	Hazardous
dimethyl sulfoxide	DMSO	189	1.99	47.2	Problematic
water	H ₂ O	100	1.00	80.1	Recommended
chloroform	CF	61	0.57	4.81	Highly hazardous
ethyl Acetate	EA	77	0.43	6.4	Recommended
chlorobenzene	CBZ	132	0.80	5.6	Hazardous
1-butanol	BuOH	118	2.98	7.8	Recommended
2-propanol	IPA	83	2.40	19.9	Recommended

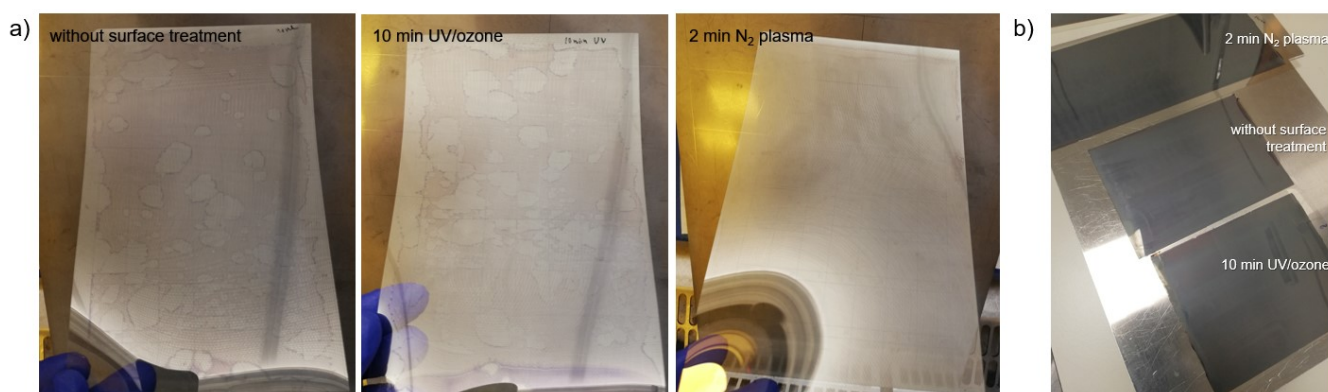


Figure S5. Pictures of the a) SnO₂ and b) perovskite films coated on PET/ ITO and SnO₂ (respectively), after different surface treatments.

Table S2. Contact angle at different times of water, diiodomethane, SnO₂ solvents and perovskite solvents on PET/ITO and SnO₂ films with different surface treatments.

Contact angle [°]					
solvent	surface	pre-treatment	after 0.5s	after 2s	after 4s
water	PET	none	62	missing data	
		UV/ozone	50.9	50.6	49.8
		plasma	31.1	29.8	28.7
diiodomethane	PET	none	51.4	50.9	50.1
		UV/ozone	50.6	50.3	50.1
		plasma	32.2	31.7	31.2
SnO ₂ solvents	PET	none	33.7	32.9	32.5
		UV/ozone	30.8	29.6	28.4
		plasma	17.4	15.1	14
water	SnO ₂	none	37.3	36.7	36.1
		UV/ozone	15.5	13	10
		plasma	7.8	3.7	-
diiodomethane	SnO ₂	none	37.4	36.7	36.5
		UV/ozone	38.1	37.6	37.7
		plasma	31.5	31.2	31.4
perovskite solvents	SnO ₂	none	10.8	5	-
		UV/ozone	12.9	11.0	10.3
		plasma	6.7	3.7	-
OAI solution	3D prvk	none	6.9	<3	-

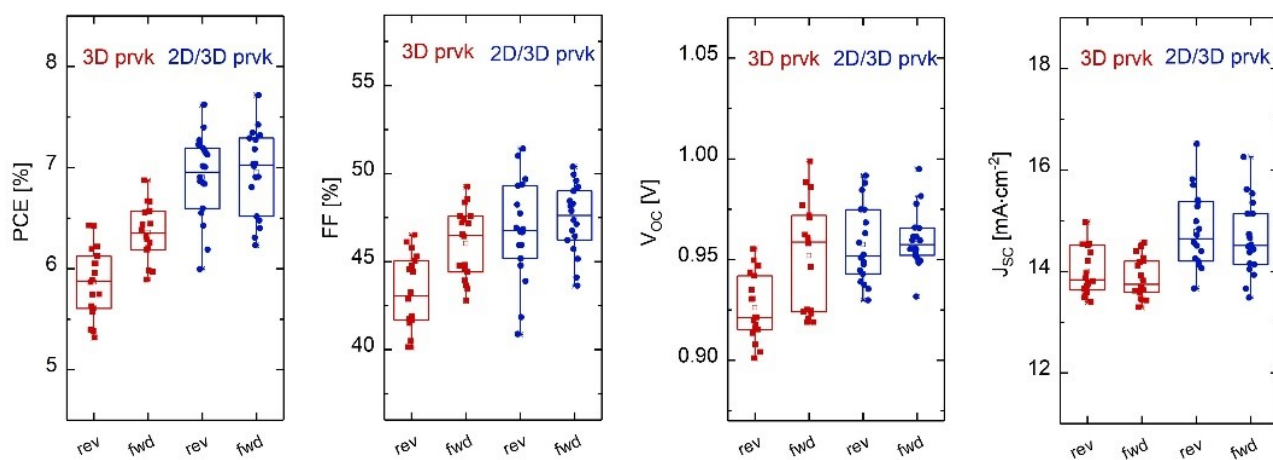


Figure S6. Box charts of the photovoltaic parameters of samples with and without 2D perovskite layer (18 samples each) under 1 sun.

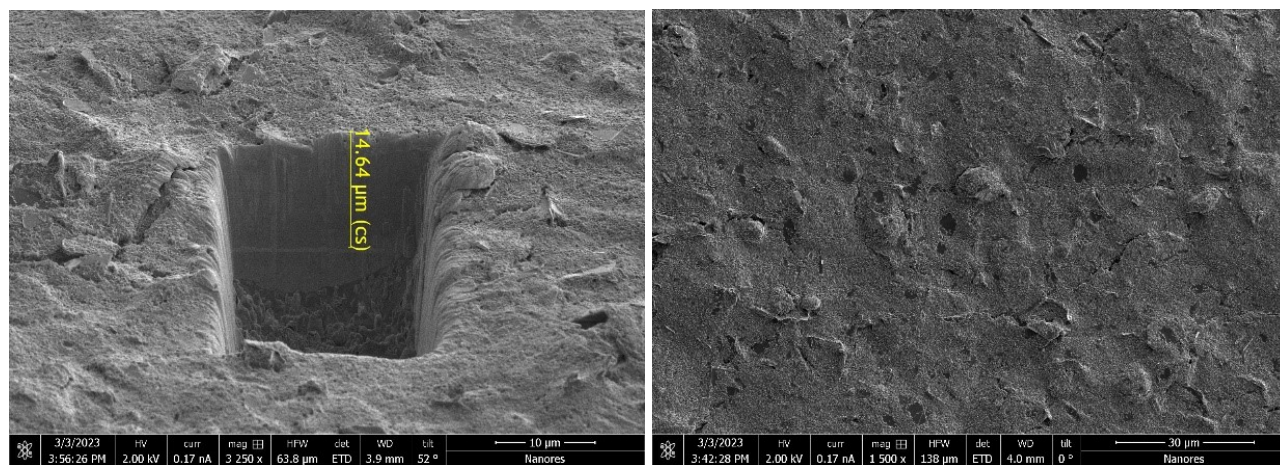


Figure S7. SEM cross section and top view images of a PSC with carbon electrode.

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