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Supporting Information

Boosting the Photoelectrochemical Activities of All-inorganic Perovskite SrTiO₃ Nanofibers by Engineering Homo/hetero Junctions

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Table S1 The main experimental parameters of electrospinning process

Stainless steel	DC	he distance between collector Injection speed H		Humidity
nozzle type	voltage	screen and nozzle tip		
21G	10 KV	15 cm	0.08 mm/min	<40 %

Table S2 The technological conditions of ALD ZnO

Operating pressure 0.15 torr				
Heater	150 °C	Hottrap	400 °C	
Purge1/Purge2	120 °C/80 °C	Pumpline	100 °C	
Dose Diethyl Zinc		0.02 s		
Purge		30 s		
Dose H ₂ O		0.015 s		
Purge		30	S	



Fig. S1. (a) A typical TEM image of a single STO nanofiber. (b-d) The element mappings of O, Ti and Sr, respectively.



Fig. S2. (a-b) Typical SEM image and corresponding EDX spectrum of STO nanofibers after ALD of ZnO, respectively. (c-d) Typical SEM image and corresponding EDX spectrum of STO nanofilm after ALD of ZnO, respectively.

Element	Weight %	Atom %
Sr	8.49	4.04
Ti	3.83	3.33
Zn	10.38	6.61
0	26.36	68.62
Sn	47.49	16.66
Au	3.45	0.73

Table S3 Chemical compositions of STO nanofibers after 300 cycle ALD of ZnO

Table S4 Chemical compositons of STO film after 300 cycle ALD of ZnO

Element	Weight %	Atom %
Sr	7.29	3.85
Ti	3.32	3.21
Zn	6.10	4.31
0	22.59	65.29
Sn	58.71	22.87
Au	2.00	0.47



Fig. S3. SEM cross sectional photograph of STO@ZnO^{300C}



Fig. S4. (a-b) Photocurrent density *vs.* applied potential plots of samples STO_{fiber} and STO@ZnO^{300C}, respectively.



Fig. S5. The chopped transient photocurrent density *vs.* time recorded from the photoanodes of FTO, STO, ZnO^{300C}, STO_{film}@ ZnO^{300C} and STO@ZnO^{300C} under 0 V*vs.* Ag/AgCl, respectively.

Synthesis approach	Electrolyte	Photocurrent densities $(\mu A/cm^2)$	References
Pure STO nanocube by nonaqueous ionic liquid route	0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	0.5	1
STO film by sol-gel method	0.1 M KOH	1.7	2
STO film and STO nanofibers	0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄	2.73	Current work
Ho-doped STO film	0.1 M KOH	3	2
NiO nanoparticle-decorated STO nanocube	0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	3.5	1
First Ho-doped STO film and the deposite Pt nanoparticles	0.1 M KOH	4	2
STO-TiO ₂ eutectic composite	Na_2SO_4	7.75	3
STO with ALD ZnO film	0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄	61.3	Current work

 Table S5 Typical photocurrent densities of STO-based photoanodes at 0 V vs. Ag/AgCl in the previously reported works



Fig. S6 The PEC stabilities of pure STO and ZnO^{300C} photoanodes measured at 0.1 V vs. Ag/AgCl.



Fig. S7. Schematic illustration for the enlarged contact area to allow the high electron-hole mobility across the interface with a solid contact between the as-spun STO fibers and FTO substrate.



Fig. S8. Typical digital photographs of as-prepared photoanodes, disclosing that the introduced STO film brings a solid contact of as-spun STO fibers to the FTO substrate. (a) spin coated STO film on FTO substrate (sample STO_{film}). (b) electrospun STO nanofibers on FTO substrate (sample STO_{fiber}). (c) electrospun STO nanofibers on FTO substrate with the spin coated STO film (sample STO). (d) electrospun STO nanofibers on FTO substrate with the spin coated STO film (sample STO@ZnO³⁰⁰).

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