Supporting information

## Mixed Cation 2D Perovskite: A Novel Approach for Enhanced Perovskite Solar Cell Stability

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Figure S1. Full XRD spectra for OAI, PAI, OAI+PAI samples, and without surface treatment on the 3D perovskite.



Table S1. Fitted crystal data for 2D OAI+PAI, OAI, PAI

| OAI+PAI                |                                    |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------|------|------------|----------|----------------|--|--|--|
| hkl                    | Ph                                 | ase  | - 1  | Lebail met | hod      |                |  |  |  |
| R-Bragg 99.961         |                                    |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |
| Spa                    | aceg                               | grou | ıp   |            | Pbca     | Pbca           |  |  |  |
| Scale 1.60767e-007     |                                    |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |
| Cel                    | 11 M                               | [ass |      |            | 1.00     | 0              |  |  |  |
| Cel                    | 11 V                               | oluı | ne   | (Å^3)      | 3520     | ).95291        |  |  |  |
| Wt% - Rietveld 100.000 |                                    |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |
| Do                     | ubl                                | e-V  | oigt | Approach   |          |                |  |  |  |
| Cry                    | / siz                              | ze L | ore  | ntzian     | 194.     | .9             |  |  |  |
| k:                     | 0.8                                | 9 L  | Vo   | l-IB (nm)  | 110      | .417           |  |  |  |
| k:                     | 0.8                                | 9 L  | Vo   | l-FWHM (1  | nm) 73.4 | 143            |  |  |  |
| Lat                    | tice                               | pa   | ram  | eters      |          |                |  |  |  |
|                        | a (.                               | Å)   |      |            | 43.638   | 6405           |  |  |  |
|                        | b (                                | Å)   |      |            | 9.0124   | 875            |  |  |  |
|                        | c (.                               | Å)   |      |            | 8.9525   | 000            |  |  |  |
| h                      | ŀ                                  | 1    | m    | đ          | Th2      | T              |  |  |  |
| 2                      | л<br>0                             | 1    | 2    | 21 81932   | 4 04632  | 1<br>1 17e+005 |  |  |  |
| 2<br>4                 | 0                                  | 0    | 2    | 10 90966   | 8 09770  | 5.32e+0.04     |  |  |  |
| 1                      | 1                                  | 0    | 4    | 8 82622    | 10 01358 | 3 88e-042      |  |  |  |
| 3                      | 1                                  | 0    | 4    | 7.66119    | 11.54116 | 6.23e+0.03     |  |  |  |
| 6                      | 0                                  | 0    | 2    | 7.27311    | 12.15925 | 1.03e+005      |  |  |  |
| 1                      | 1                                  | 1    | 4    | 6.28525    | 14.07933 | 8.65e-041      |  |  |  |
| 1                      | -1                                 | -1   | 4    | 6.28525    | 14.07933 | 5.09e-042      |  |  |  |
| 5                      | 1                                  | 0    | 4    | 6.26969    | 14.11445 | 1.89e-041      |  |  |  |
| 3                      | 1                                  | 1    | 4    | 5.82079    | 15.20917 | 2.03e-041      |  |  |  |
| 3                      | -1 -1 4 5.82079 15.20917 7.85e-043 |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |
| 8                      | 0                                  | 0    | 2    | 5.45483    | 16.23619 | 1.3e-041       |  |  |  |
| 5                      | -1                                 | -1   | 4    | 5.13554    | 17.25312 | 1.49e-041      |  |  |  |
| 5                      | 1                                  | 1    | 4    | 5.13554    | 17.25312 | 7.32e-041      |  |  |  |
| 7                      | 1                                  | 0    | 4    | 5.12704    | 17.28194 | 1.88e-041      |  |  |  |
| 0                      | 2                                  | 0    | 2    | 4.50624    | 19.68497 | 4.25e-042      |  |  |  |
| 0                      | 0                                  | 2    | 2    | 4.47625    | 19.81820 | 6.83e-042      |  |  |  |
| 7                      | -1                                 | -1   | 4    | 4.44909    | 19.94042 | 2.29e-042      |  |  |  |
| 7                      | 1                                  | 1    | 4    | 4.44909    | 19.94042 | 1.31e-042      |  |  |  |
| 2                      | 2                                  | 0    | 4    | 4.41311    | 20.10467 | 3.71e-042      |  |  |  |
| 2                      | 0                                  | -2   | 2    | 4.38493    | 20.23524 | 1.06e-042      |  |  |  |
| 2                      | 0                                  | 2    | 2    | 4.38493    | 20.23524 | 1.66e-042      |  |  |  |
| 10                     | 0                                  | 0    | 2    | 4.36386    | 20.33395 | 9.81e-044      |  |  |  |
| 9                      | 1                                  | 0    | 4    | 4.26999    | 20.78588 | 2.82e-043      |  |  |  |
| <u> </u>               | т                                  |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |
| UAI                    |                                    |      |      |            |          |                |  |  |  |

| hkl Phase - 1 Lebail method |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| R-Bragg                     | 61.680       |
| Spacegroup                  | Pbca         |
| Scale                       | 3.35345e-006 |
| Cell Mass                   | 1.000        |
| Cell Volume (Å^3)           | 3492.44104   |
| Wt% - Rietveld              | 100.000      |
| Double-Voigt Approach       |              |
|                             |              |

| Cry                         | / siz | ze L | ore    | 24.3      |          |            |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|--|--|--|
| k:                          | 1 I   | ZVo  | 1-IE   | 15.445    |          |            |  |  |  |
| k:                          | 0.8   | 9 L  | 21.592 |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| Lattice parameters          |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| a (Å) 44.9283527            |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| b (4                        | Å)    |      |        | 9.3781457 |          |            |  |  |  |
| c (/                        | Å)    |      |        | 8.2887991 |          |            |  |  |  |
|                             |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| h                           | k     | 1    | m      | d         | Th2      | Ι          |  |  |  |
| 2                           | 0     | 0    | 2      | 22.46418  | 3.93012  | 572        |  |  |  |
| 4                           | 0     | 0    | 2      | 11.23209  | 7.86488  | 1.5e-010   |  |  |  |
| 1                           | 1     | 0    | 4      | 9.18028   | 9.62645  | 3.88e-042  |  |  |  |
| 3                           | 1     | 0    | 4      | 7.94834   | 11.12288 | 27         |  |  |  |
| 6                           | 0     | 0    | 2      | 7.48806   | 11.80895 | 6.21e-022  |  |  |  |
| 5                           | 1     | 0    | 4      | 6.48814   | 13.63693 | 1.89e-041  |  |  |  |
| 1                           | -1    | -1   | 4      | 6.15216   | 14.38550 | 6.79e-018  |  |  |  |
| 1                           | 1     | 1    | 4      | 6.15216   | 14.38550 | 1.18e-043  |  |  |  |
| 3                           | -1    | -1   | 4      | 5.73691   | 15.43288 | 1.04e-029  |  |  |  |
| 3                           | 1     | 1    | 4      | 5.73691   | 15.43288 | 4.53e-033  |  |  |  |
| 8                           | 0     | 0    | 2      | 5.61604   | 15.76711 | 4.24e-030  |  |  |  |
| 7                           | 1     | 0    | 4      | 5.29665   | 16.72450 | 1.49e-041  |  |  |  |
| 5                           | -1    | -1   | 4      | 5.10907   | 17.34319 | 7.32e-041  |  |  |  |
| 5                           | 1     | 1    | 4      | 5.10907   | 17.34319 | 1.88e-041  |  |  |  |
| 0                           | 2     | 0    | 2      | 4.68907   | 18.91026 | 4.25e-042  |  |  |  |
| 2                           | 2     | 0    | 4      | 4.59014   | 19.32169 | 6.83e-042  |  |  |  |
| 10                          | 0     | 0    | 2      | 4.49284   | 19.74431 | 2.29e-042  |  |  |  |
| 7                           | 1     | 1    | 4      | 4.46322   | 19.87667 | 2.29e-042  |  |  |  |
| 7                           | -1    | -1   | 4      | 4.46322   | 19.87667 | 3.71e-042  |  |  |  |
| 9                           | 1     | 0    | 4      | 4.40662   | 20.13459 | 1.06e-042  |  |  |  |
| 4                           | 2     | 0    | 4      | 4.32714   | 20.50839 | 1.66e-042  |  |  |  |
| 0                           | 0     | 2    | 2      | 4.14440   | 21.42311 | 9.81e-044  |  |  |  |
|                             |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
|                             |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| PA                          | Ι     |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| hkl Phase - 1 Lebail method |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| R-Bragg 99.968              |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| Spacegroup Pbca             |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| Scale 1.37335e-0            |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| Cell Mass 1.000             |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |
| Cel                         | 11 V  | olu  | me     | (Å^3)     |          | 3179.97927 |  |  |  |
| Wt                          | % -   | Rie  | etve   | ld        |          | 100.000    |  |  |  |
| Double-Voigt Approach       |       |      |        |           |          |            |  |  |  |

| Cr                 | y siz | ze L | ore        | 67.3     |          |           |  |  |  |
|--------------------|-------|------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|--|--|--|
| k:                 | 1 I   | LVo  | l-IF       | 42.845   |          |           |  |  |  |
| k:                 | 0.8   | 9 L  | Vo         | 59.898   |          |           |  |  |  |
| Lattice parameters |       |      |            |          |          |           |  |  |  |
| a (                | Å)    |      | 37.7212996 |          |          |           |  |  |  |
| b (                | (Å)   |      | 9.1905125  |          |          |           |  |  |  |
| c (Å) 9.1727152    |       |      |            |          |          |           |  |  |  |
|                    |       |      |            |          |          |           |  |  |  |
| h                  | k     | 1    | m          | d        | Th2      | Ι         |  |  |  |
| 2                  | 0     | 0    | 2          | 18.86065 | 4.68140  | 1.42e+007 |  |  |  |
| 4                  | 0     | 0    | 2          | 9.43032  | 9.37063  | 3.16e+007 |  |  |  |
| 1                  | 1     | 0    | 4          | 8.92930  | 9.89769  | 8.48e-042 |  |  |  |
| 3                  | 1     | 0    | 4          | 7.41978  | 11.91801 | 1.48e-041 |  |  |  |
| 1                  | 1     | 1    | 4          | 6.39829  | 13.82935 | 5.16e-035 |  |  |  |
| 1                  | -1    | -1   | 4          | 6.39829  | 13.82935 | 5.99e-035 |  |  |  |
| 6                  | 0     | 0    | 2          | 6.28688  | 14.07566 | 7.03e+007 |  |  |  |

| 5 | 1  | 0  | 4 | 5.83123 | 15.18177 | 5.81e-042 |
|---|----|----|---|---------|----------|-----------|
| 3 | -1 | -1 | 4 | 5.76875 | 15.34718 | 1.89e-041 |
| 3 | 1  | 1  | 4 | 5.76875 | 15.34718 | 7.77e-042 |
| 5 | -1 | -1 | 4 | 4.92103 | 18.01130 | 1.14e-041 |
| 5 | 1  | 1  | 4 | 4.92103 | 18.01130 | 1.56e-040 |
| 8 | 0  | 0  | 2 | 4.71516 | 18.80467 | 4.53e-043 |
| 7 | 1  | 0  | 4 | 4.64860 | 19.07642 | 1.66e-042 |
| 0 | 2  | 0  | 2 | 4.59526 | 19.29998 | 2.29e-042 |
| 0 | 0  | 2  | 2 | 4.58636 | 19.33779 | 1.07e-042 |
| 2 | 2  | 0  | 4 | 4.46465 | 19.87020 | 6.69e-041 |
| 2 | 0  | -2 | 2 | 4.45649 | 19.90697 | 1.31e-042 |
| 2 | 0  | 2  | 2 | 4.45649 | 19.90697 | 1.34e-042 |



Figure S3. XPS spectra of (a) N 1s, (b) Pb 4f, (c) I 3d, (d) C 1s, and (e) Cs 3d for the 2D/3D samples. The 3D perovskite sample without 2D layer was used as a reference.



Figure S4. PL emission spectra for OAI, PAI, and OAI+PAI samples. The incident emission laser is from the glass side.



Figure S5: Cross-sectional scanning electron microscopy of the (a) OAI, (b) PAI, (c) OAI+PAI, and (d) without surface treatment on the 3D perovskite.

|                           | A <sub>1</sub> | t <sub>1</sub> | A <sub>2</sub> | t <sub>2</sub> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | [-]            | [ns]           | [-]            | [ns]           |
| OAI                       | 0.273          | 167.9          | 0.630          | 939.6          |
| PAI                       | 0.461          | 128.1          | 0.497          | 574.8          |
| OAI+PAI                   | 0.240          | 160.6          | 0.632          | 979.5          |
| Without surface treatment | 0.161          | 338.6          | 0.654          | 1463.5         |

Table S2: TRLP parameters for the 2D/3D samples **and without treatment**.

<sup>†</sup> The equation for the fitting is  $y = y0+A1 \times exp(-(x-x0)/\tau a)+A2 \times exp(-(x-x0)/\tau b)$ .



Figure S6. Measurement of the energy band diagram parameters. UPS spectrum edge of work function for (a) OAI, (b) PAI, and (c) OAI+PAI samples. (b) Valence band edge of perovskite layer for  $\notin$  PAI, (f) OAI, and (g) OAI+PAI samples.



Figure S7. Tauc plot as obtained from UV-VIS to determine the bandgap of (a) OAI, (b) PAI, and (c) OAI+PAI samples.



Figure S8. Energy band diagram for OAI, PAI and OAI+PAI samples.



Figure S9. Statics of the device performance of each condition. The total number of the device was over 50.



<u>Figure S10.</u> Stability result for each condition. The stability test was performed by maximum-power point tracking (MPPT) with the condition under AM1.5G with  $N_2$  ambient with 0%RH at 25°C. The total number of devices was two for each condition.



Figure S11. Hysteresis behavior for (a) OAI, (b) PAI and (c) OAI+PAI samples.



Figure S12. Incident photon to current efficiency (IPCE) for OAI, PAI and OAI+PAI samples.



Figure S13. (a) JV characteristic and (b) MPPT stability measurement for PSC devices without 2D perovskite layers at the 3D PVK/HTL interface.