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### Solvent-assisted preparation of low-temperature SnO<sub>2</sub>

# electron transport layers for efficient and stable perovskite

## solar cells made in ambient conditions

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Fig. S1. Raman spectra of SnO<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals which prepared using different solutions.



Fig. S2. UV-visible spectra of FTO/SnO<sub>2</sub> prepared using different solutions.



**Fig. S3.** (a), (b)UPS spectra describing the cut-off energy and onset energy boundaries for W-SnO<sub>2</sub> and E-SnO<sub>2</sub>. (c) The band gaps of W-SnO<sub>2</sub> and E-SnO<sub>2</sub>.

The average decay time ( $\tau_{ave}$ ) is calculated by Eq. (S.1) [1]

$$\tau_{ave} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i \tau_i \tag{S.1}$$

Here,  $\tau_{ave}$  is average decay time,  $A_i$  is the decay amplitude, and  $\tau_i$  is the decay time.

The hysteresis index (HI) is calculated by Eq. (S.2)

$$HI = \frac{PCE_{reverse} - PCE_{forward}}{PCE_{reverse}}$$
(S.2)

The trap-state density  $(n_{trap})$  is calculated by the the Eq. (S.3) [2]

$$n_{trap} = \frac{2\varepsilon\varepsilon_0 V_{TFL}}{eL^2}$$
(S.3)

Where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the vacuum permittivity ( $\varepsilon_0=8.85\times10^{-12}$  F/m),  $\varepsilon$  is the relative dielectric constant of the perovskite ( $\varepsilon_{\text{perovskite}}\approx35$ ), *e* is the elemental charge ( $e=1.6\times10^{-19}$  C), and *L* is the thickness of the measured perovskite film.

Device	$R_S$	R <sub>rec</sub>	С
E-SnO <sub>2</sub> -PSC	49.38	1816.04	7.831E <sup>-9</sup>
W-SnO <sub>2</sub> -PSC	68.41	952.32	5.081E <sup>-9</sup>

**Table S1.** ZView2 fitting parameters obtained from the EIS data of the champion E-SnO<sub>2</sub>-PSC and W-SnO<sub>2</sub>-PSC.



Fig. S4. OCVD curves for E-SnO<sub>2</sub>-PSC and W-SnO<sub>2</sub>-PSC.

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