

## **Supporting Information**

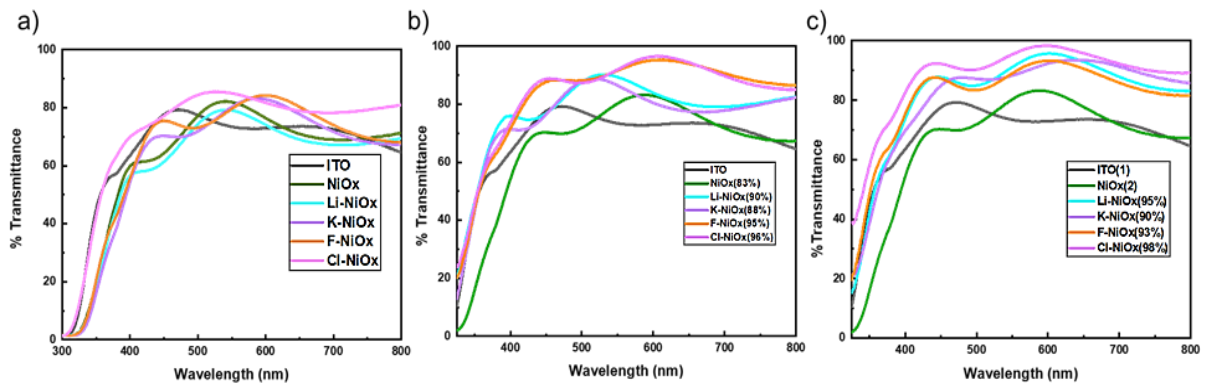
# **Halogen Doping of p-type Inorganic Hole Transport Layer: Electronic Nature Based Dopant Engineering for Modulating Hole Selectivity in Inverted Planar Perovskite Solar Cells**

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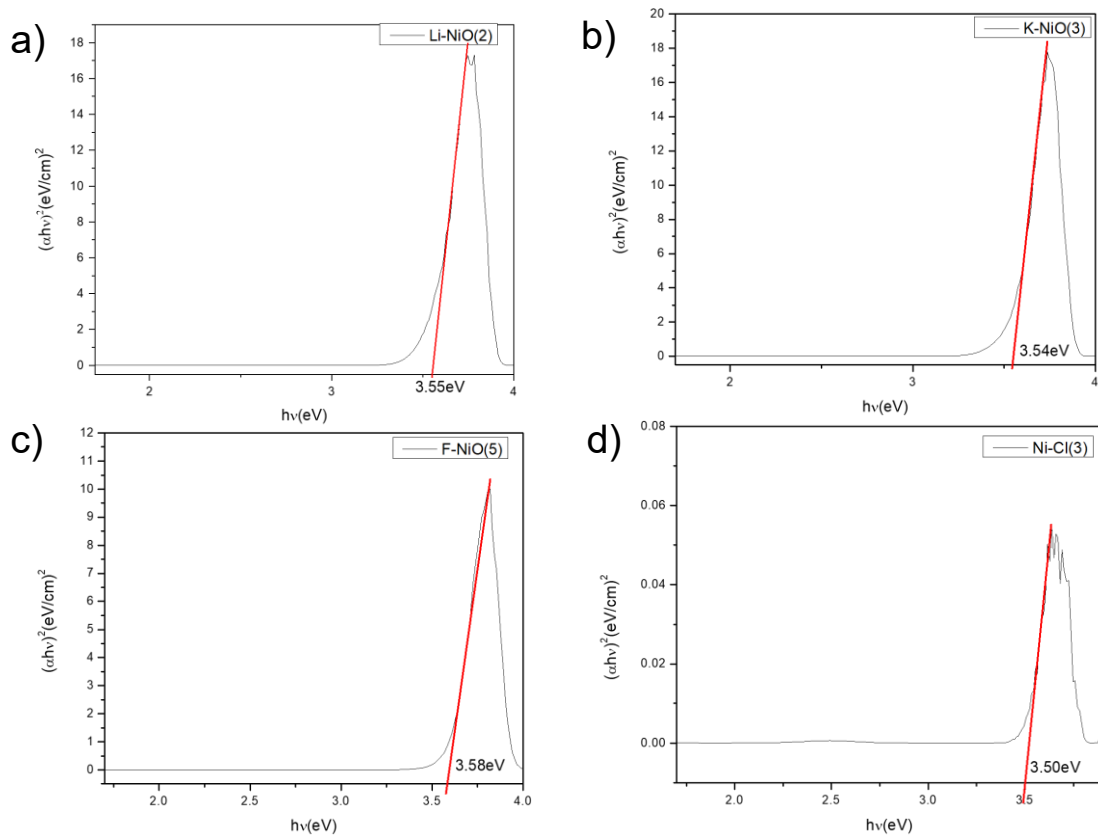
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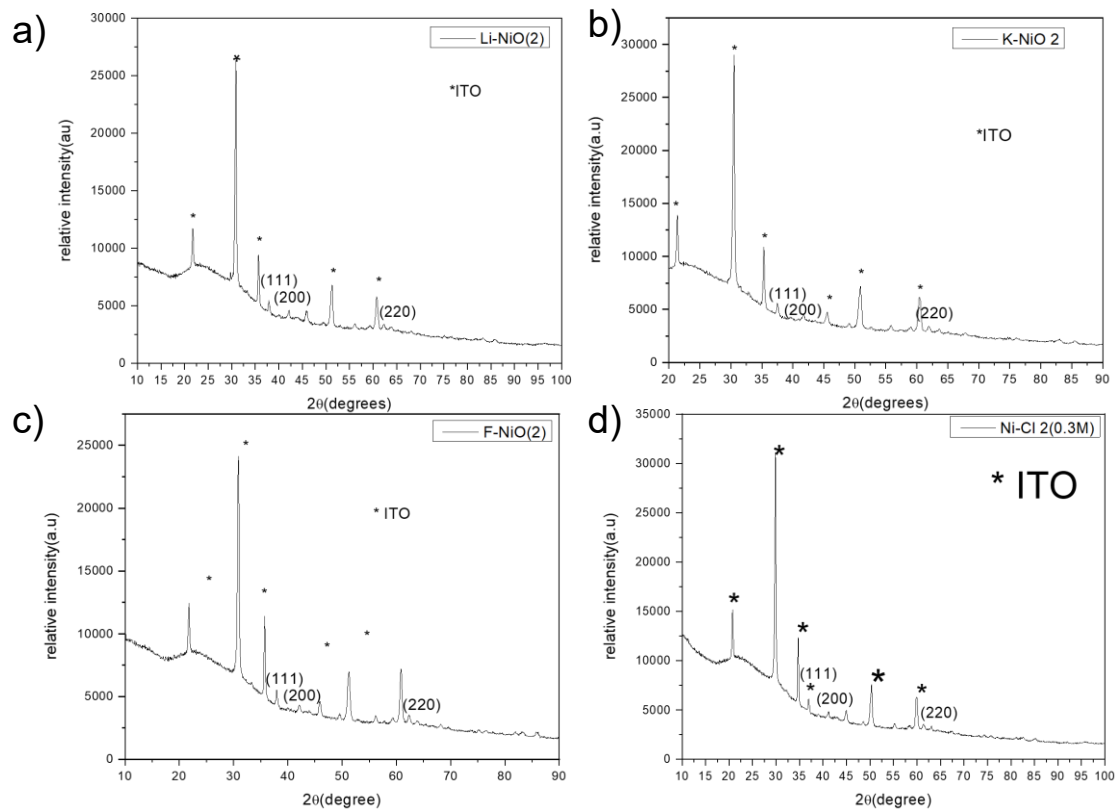
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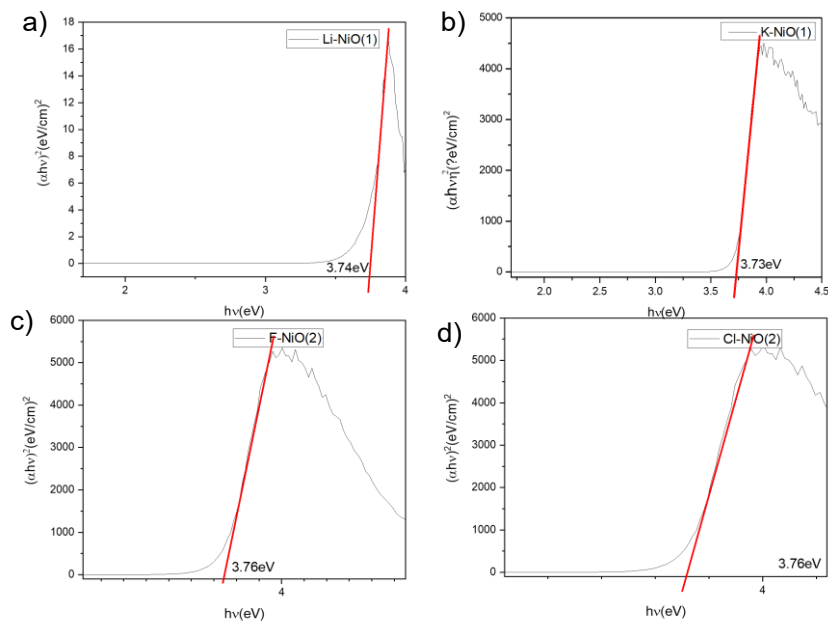
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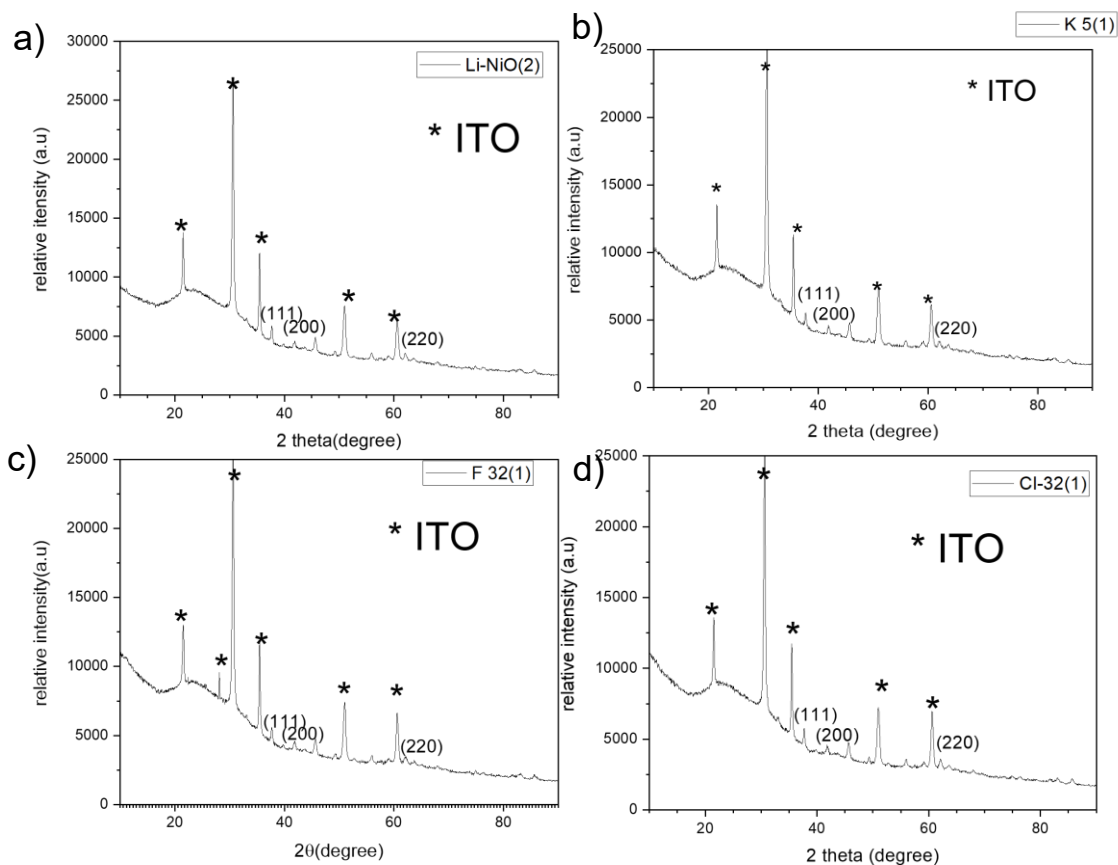
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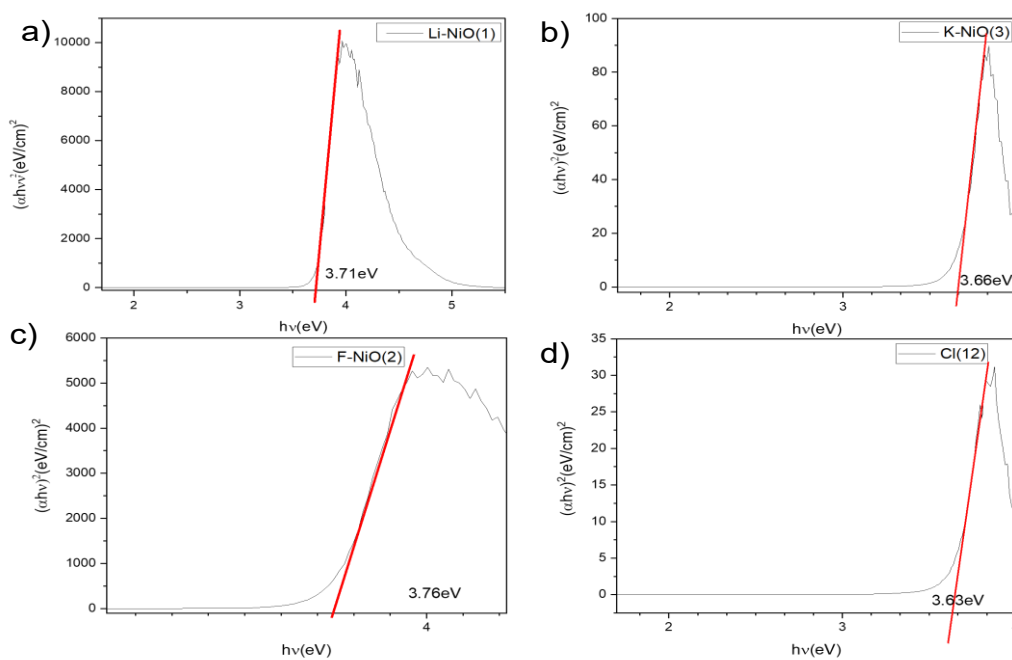
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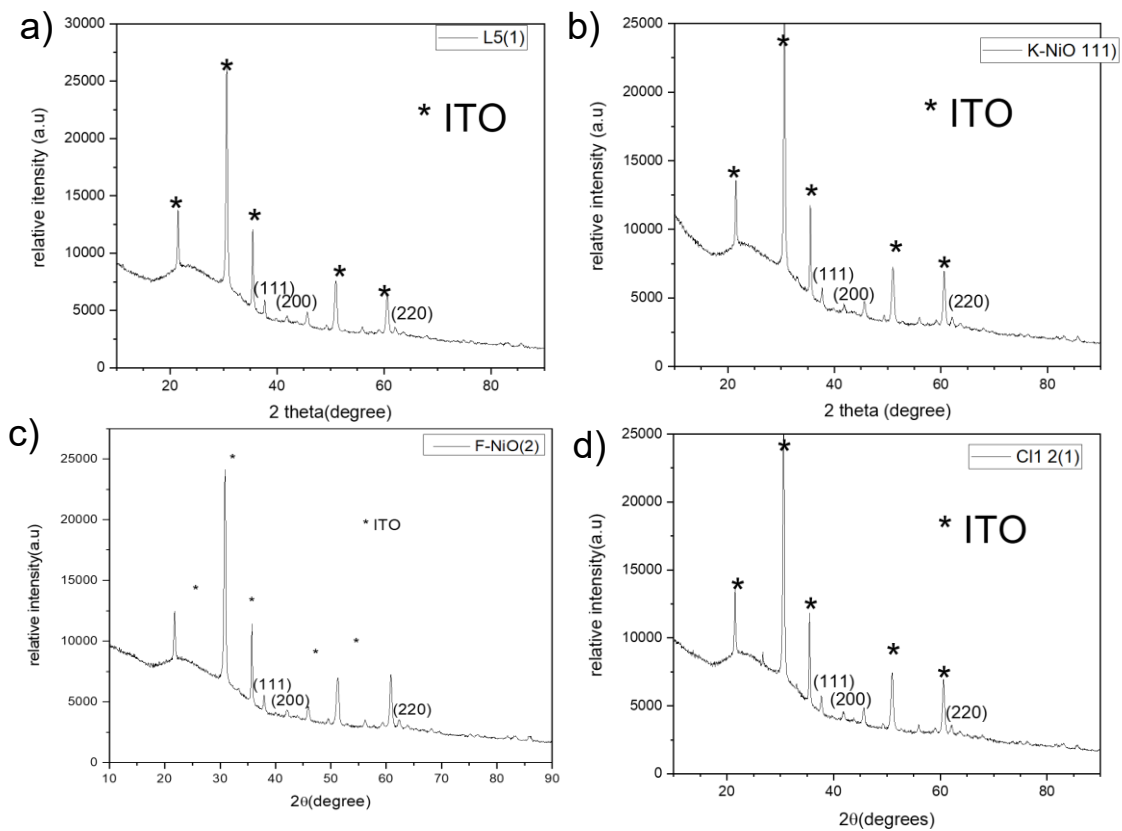
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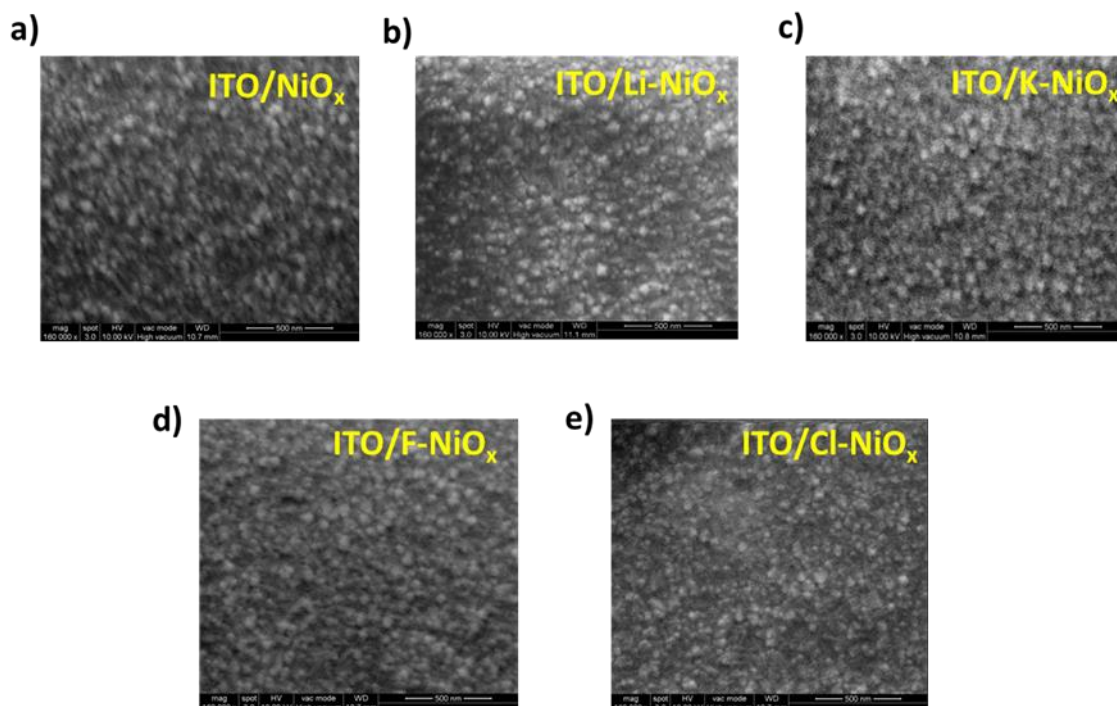
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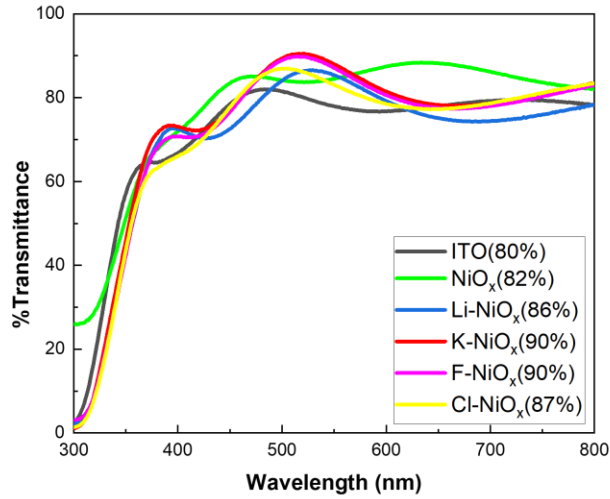
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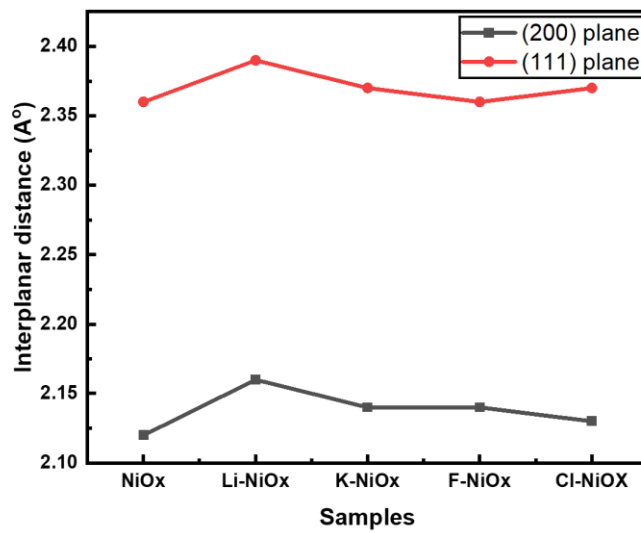
**Figure S7.** XRD plot of 1 wt. % doped a) Li: $\text{NiO}_x$  b) K: $\text{NiO}_x$  c) F: $\text{NiO}_x$  and d) Cl: $\text{NiO}_x$ .



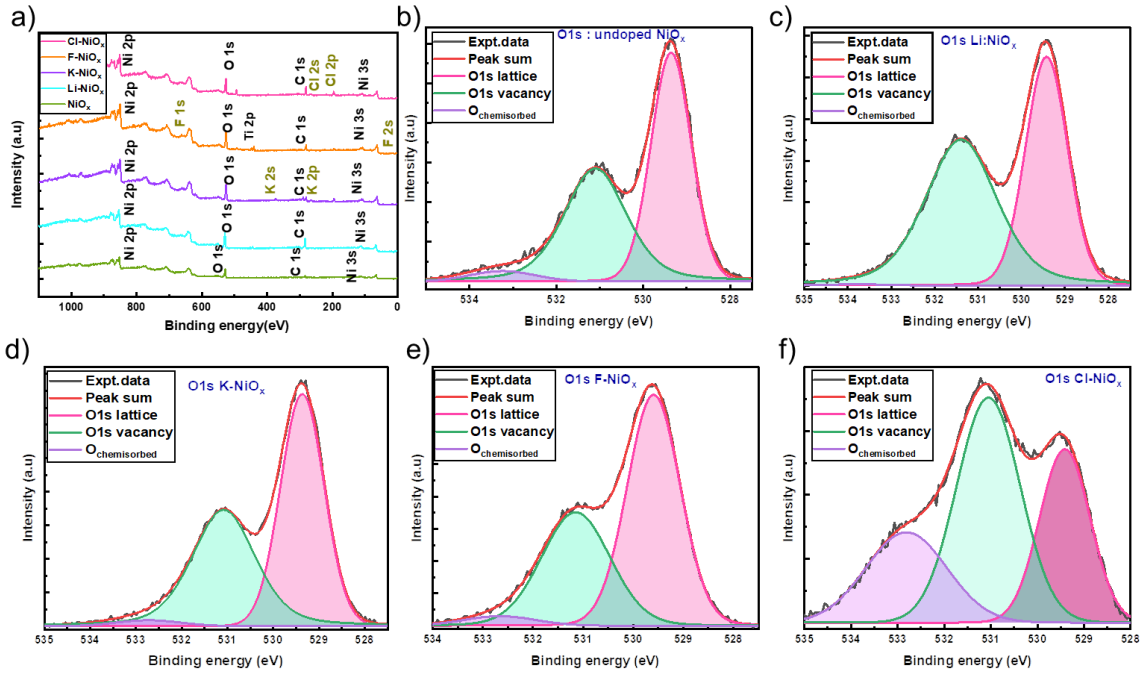
**Fig.S8.** SEM images of a) undoped  $\text{NiO}_x$  b) Li: $\text{NiO}_x$  c) K: $\text{NiO}_x$  d) F: $\text{NiO}_x$  and e) Cl: $\text{NiO}_x$



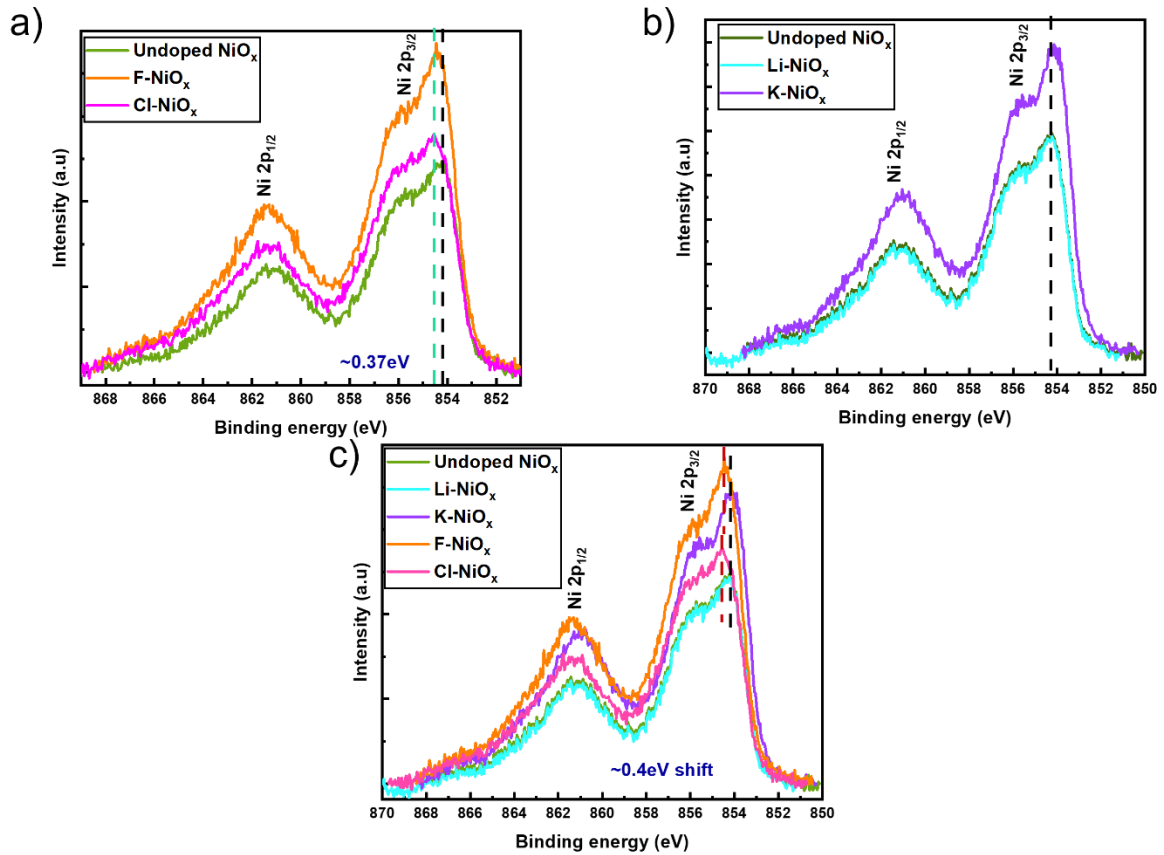
**Figure S9.** % Transmittance plots of undoped and 5 wt. % doped NiO<sub>x</sub> thin films.



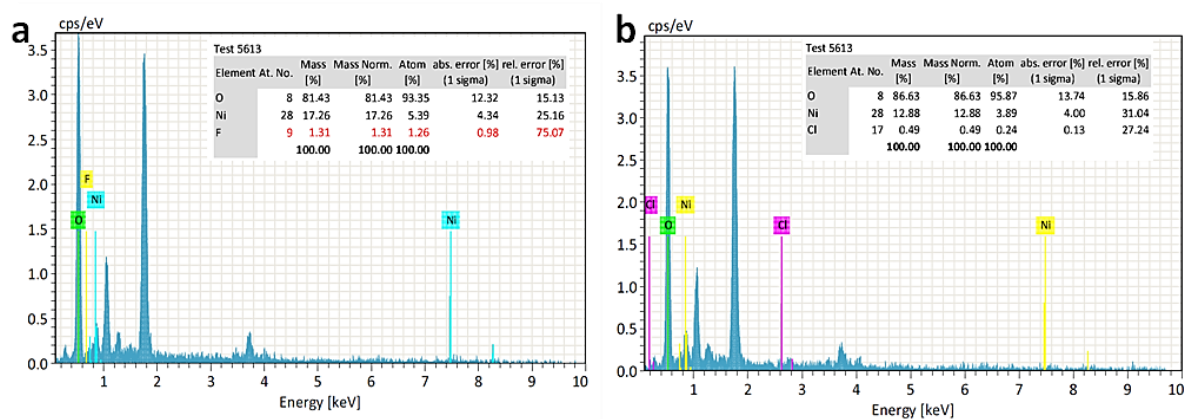
**Fig. S10.** Plot of interplanar spacing in undoped and 5 wt. % doped NiO<sub>x</sub>



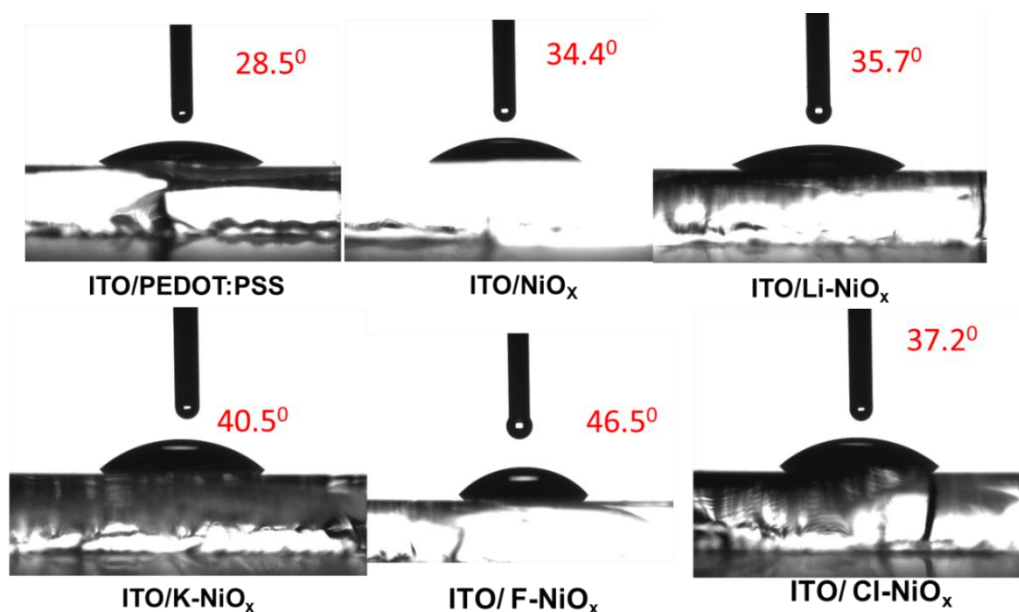
**Fig. S11.** a) XPS survey scan for undoped and doped NiO<sub>x</sub> samples. O1s deconvoluted spectra for b) NiO<sub>x</sub> c) Li:NiO<sub>x</sub> d) K:NiO<sub>x</sub> e) F:NiO<sub>x</sub> and f) Cl:NiO<sub>x</sub>.



**Fig. S12.** Peak shift analysis of a) undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> and F and Cl-doped NiO<sub>x</sub> thin films b) undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> and Li and K-doped NiO<sub>x</sub> thin films and c) Correlative analysis of peak shift in undoped and doped NiO<sub>x</sub> thin films.

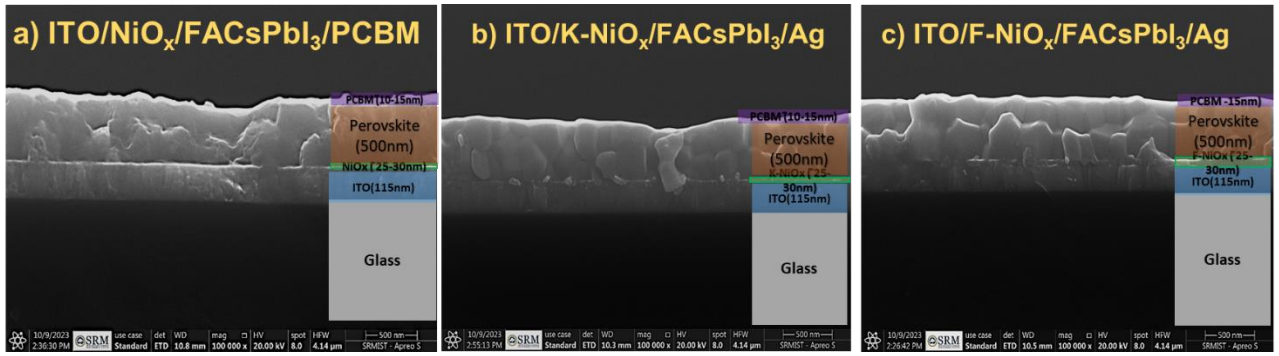


**Fig. S13.** EDS spectra of a) F:NiO<sub>x</sub> and b) Cl:NiO<sub>x</sub>

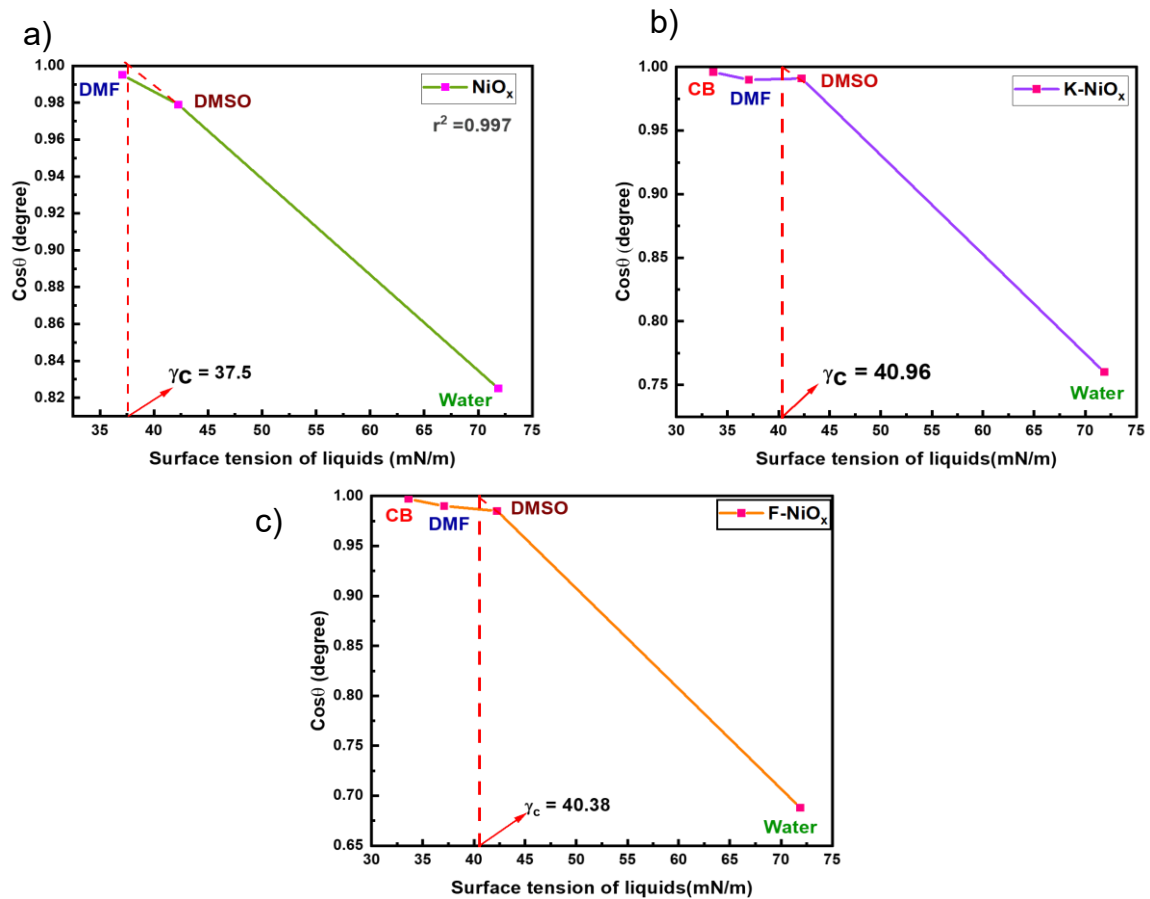


**Fig. S14.** Water contact angle on PEDOT:PSS, doped and undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> thin films.

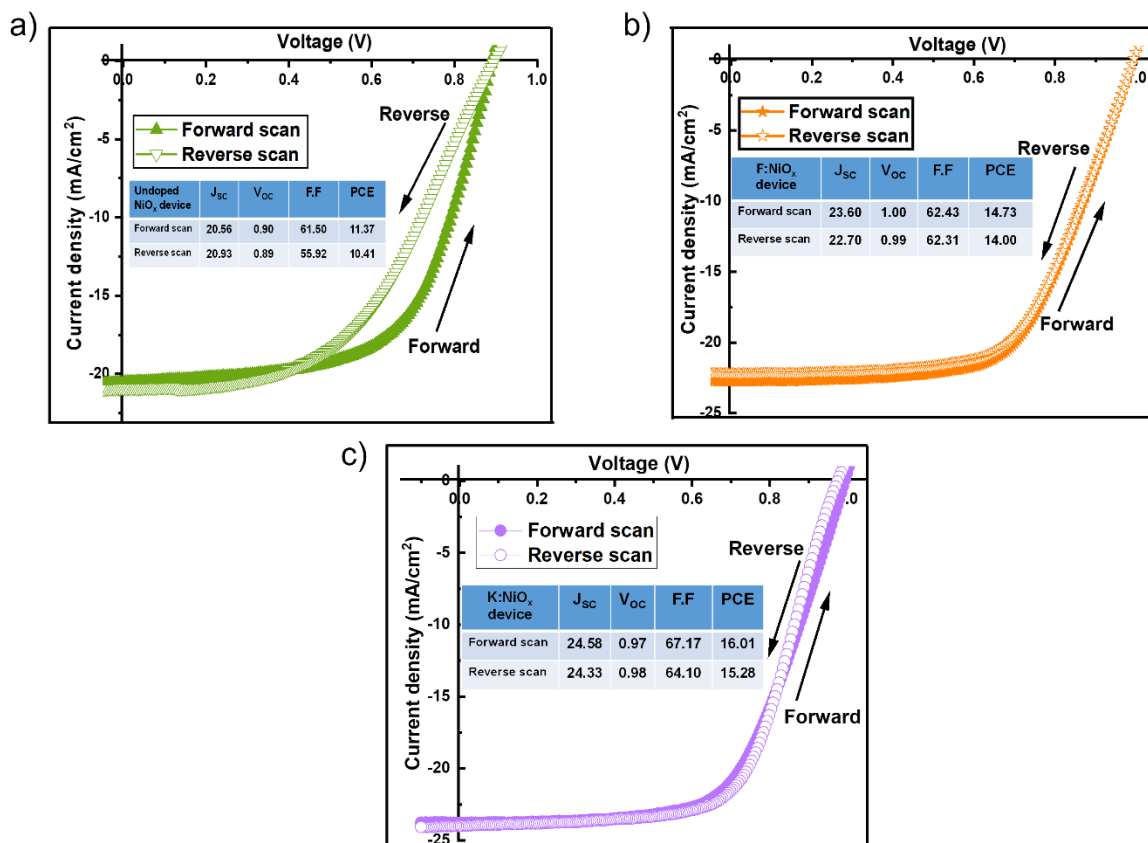




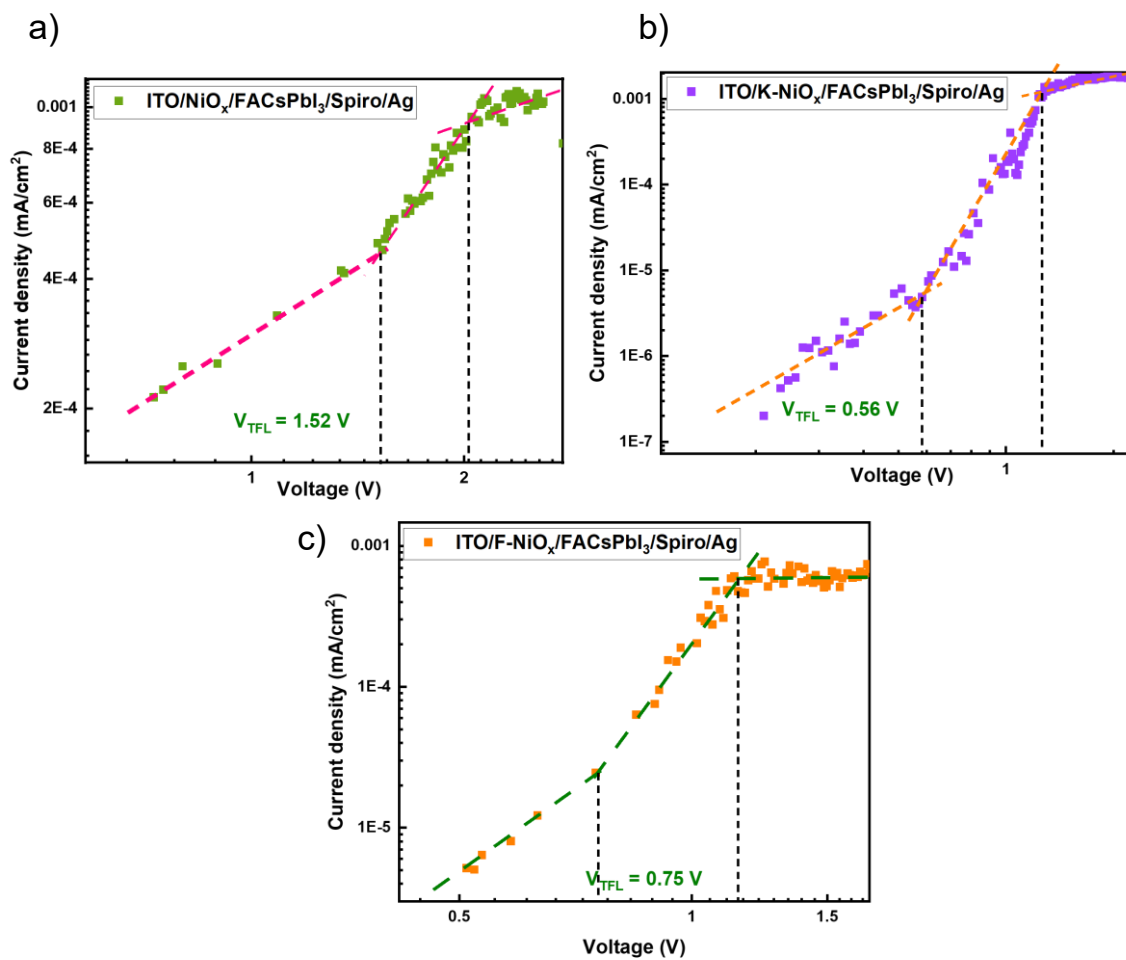
**Fig. S15.** Cross-section images of FACsPbI<sub>3</sub> absorber on a) NiO<sub>x</sub> b) K:NiO<sub>x</sub> and c) F:NiO<sub>x</sub>.



**Fig. S16.** Zisman plot of a) NiO<sub>x</sub> b) K:NiO<sub>x</sub> and c) F:NiO<sub>x</sub>.



**Fig. S17.** Forward and reverse scan of J-V data for a) undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> b) F:NiO<sub>x</sub> and c) K:NiO<sub>x</sub> devices. A Keithley 2400 source meter was used for the current-voltage scan by applying an external voltage bias and measuring the response current with a scan rate of 120 mV s<sup>-1</sup> under reverse and forward scan conditions. The devices were not subjected to any preconditioning techniques before to the measurement, such as applying a forward voltage bias or performing extended light soaking.



**Fig. S18.** SCLC plot for a) undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> b) K-doped NiO<sub>x</sub> and c) F-doped NiO<sub>x</sub> based hole only devices

**Table S1.** % WAT values of doped and undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> thin films

<b>Sample</b>	<b>% WAT</b>
ITO	83.85 %
NiO <sub>x</sub>	74.30 %
Li:NiO <sub>x</sub>	77.31 %
K:NiO <sub>x</sub>	75.34 %
F:NiO <sub>x</sub>	80.07 %
Cl:NiO <sub>x</sub>	75.13 %

**Table S2.** Peak fitting parameters for**a) Undoped NiO<sub>x</sub>**

<b>Peak</b>	<b>Peak position</b>	<b>FWHM</b>	<b>Peak area</b>	<b>χ<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Ni<sup>3+</sup>/Ni<sup>2+</sup> ratio</b>
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	854.13	1.36	10016.20	1.54	0.90
Ni <sup>3+</sup> shoulder peak	855.86	3.0	9045.54		
Ni <sup>2+</sup> satellite peak	861.02	3.23	10839.41		
Ni <sup>3+</sup> satellite peak	863.37	4.28	3502.31		

**b) Li:NiO<sub>x</sub>**

Peak	Peak position	FWHM	Peak area	$\chi^2$	Ni <sup>3+</sup> /Ni <sup>2+</sup> ratio
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	853.95	1.33	6226.81	1.29	3.10
Ni <sup>3+</sup> shoulder peak	855.64	3.05	19352.34		
Ni <sup>2+</sup> satellite peak	860.91	3.90	14767.49		
Ni <sup>3+</sup> satellite peak	864.26	4.59	3069.81		

**c) K:NiO<sub>x</sub>**

Peak	Peak position	FWHM	Peak area	$\chi^2$	Ni <sup>3+</sup> /Ni <sup>2+</sup> ratio	Wt. % of dopant found in sample
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	853.93	1.28	2414.32	1.38	3.27	1.56
Ni <sup>3+</sup> shoulder peak	855.64	3.18	7826.21			
Ni <sup>2+</sup> satellite peak	860.91	3.80	4967.95			
Ni <sup>3+</sup> satellite peak	864.26	6.21	3132.94			

**d) F:NiO<sub>x</sub>**

Peak	Peak position	FWHM	Peak area	$\chi^2$	Ni <sup>3+</sup> /Ni <sup>2+</sup> ratio	Wt. % of dopant found in sample
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	854.22	1.31	5686.78	1.13	3.83	0.41
Ni <sup>3+</sup> shoulder peak	855.78	3.24	19849.70			
Ni <sup>2+</sup> satellite peak	861.19	4.08	20038.58			
Ni <sup>3+</sup> satellite peak	864.32	4.86	3121.85			

e) Cl:NiO<sub>x</sub>

Peak	Peak position	FWHM	Peak area	$\chi^2$	Ni <sup>3+</sup> /Ni <sup>2+</sup> ratio	Wt. % of dopant found in sample
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	854.23	1.42	4249.77	1.24	3.49	2.07
Ni <sup>3+</sup> shoulder peak	855.86	3.32	16315.03			
Ni <sup>2+</sup> satellite peak	861.14	3.88	10670.18			
Ni <sup>3+</sup> satellite peak	863.34	6.36	5542.51			

**Table S3.** Crystallite size of FA<sub>0.9</sub>Cs<sub>0.1</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> absorber on doped and undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> HTL.

Thin film sample	Interplanar spacing (Å)	Crystallite size (nm)
1) Undoped NiO <sub>x</sub> /FACsPbI <sub>3</sub>	6.15	62.2
2) K-NiO <sub>x</sub> /FACsPbI <sub>3</sub>	6.17	87.7
3) F-NiO <sub>x</sub> /FACsPbI <sub>3</sub>	6.20	109.1

**Table S4.** Surface energy values of doped and undoped NiO<sub>x</sub> HTL.

Thin film sample	Surface energy (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )
1) Undoped NiO <sub>x</sub>	37.50
2) Li:NiO <sub>x</sub>	38.74
3) K:NiO <sub>x</sub>	40.96
4) F:NiO <sub>x</sub>	40.38
5) Cl:NiO <sub>x</sub>	40.90