

Supporting Information

Heat Dissipation Regulation for Improved Thermal Stability and Efficiency of Planar Perovskite Solar Cells

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1. Experiment section

1.1 Materials.

All the chemicals were purchased from commercial vendors without further purification. SnO₂ colloid precursor (tin (iv) oxide, 15% in H₂O colloidal dispersion) was purchased from Alfa Aesar. Dimethylformamide (DMF), Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), Acetonitrile (AN), Isopropanol (IPA), and Chlorobenzene (CB) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich; Lead iodine (PbI₂), Formamidinium iodide (FAI), Methylammonium iodide (MAI), Methylammonium chloride (MAcI), 2,2',7,7'-Tetrakis [N, N-di(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-9,9'-spirobifluorene (Spiro-OMe TAD) were all purchased from Xi'an Yuri Solar Co., Ltd.

1.2 Synthesis of 2D g-C₃N₄:

The carbon nitride material g-C₃N₄ was prepared using the heat shrinkage polymerization method, which uses melamine as the raw material. Weight 10g melamine in a porcelain ark and put into a tube furnace, nitrogen gas is introduced to heat up to 550 °C at 2.5 °C/min, and holding at 550 °C for 4 hours, the reaction product bulk g-C₃N₄ is obtained after natural cooling down to room temperature and grinding in a mortar. Then, the bulk g-C₃N₄ powder was put into the muffle furnace, heated to 500 °C at 5 °C/min, kept at 500 °C for 2 hours, and then naturally cooled to room temperature for grinding to obtain the finally g-C₃N₄ nanosheets.

1.3 Precursor Preparation and Device Fabrication

Firstly, g-C₃N₄ (0.1-0.5 mg/ml) was added to deionized water and DMF, respectively, and sonicated for 10 h, after which it was filtered through a filter head with a filtration diameter of 0.45 μm to obtain the precursor solution, which was used to replace the original solvent. Next, SnO₂ nanoparticles were diluted with deionized water to achieve a nanoparticle dispersion with a concentration of 2.67%. For comparative purposes, the markers use pure solvents without adding g-C₃N₄. ITO glass was cleaned sequentially with detergent, deionized water, acetone, and isopropanol (IPA). Before use, the ITO

was cleaned with ultraviolet ozone for 10 minutes. Then, the substrate was spin-coated with a thin layer of SnO₂ nanoparticle film at 4,000 rpm. for 30 s and annealed in ambient air at 150 °C for 30min. It is better to clean the substrate with ultraviolet ozone for 10 minutes to improve the surface wetting. After that, 1.5M of PbI₂ in DMF: DMSO (9:1) solvent was spin-coated onto SnO₂ at 1,500 rpm. for 30 s, then annealed at 70 °C for 1min, and then cooled to room temperature. For FAMAPbI₃ perovskite film deposition, a solution of FAI: MAI: MACl (90mg:6.39mg:9mg in 1ml IPA) was spin-coated onto the PbI₂ at a spin rate of 2,000 rpm. for 30s, followed by thermal annealing at 150 °C for 15min in ambient air conditions (30–40% humidity). Then the hole transporting layer was deposited on top of the perovskite layer at a spin rate of 3,000 rpm. for 30s using 2,2',7,7'-Tetrakis[N, N-di(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-9,9'-spirobifluorene (Spiro-OMeTAD) solution, which consisted of 72.3mg Spiro-OMeTAD, 17.5μl bis(trifluoromethane) sulfonimide lithium salt (Li-TFSI) stock solution (520mg Li-TFSI in 1ml acetonitrile), 28.8μl 4-tertbutylpyridine and 1ml chlorobenzene. Finally, 100nm of Ag film was thermally evaporated as a counter electrode using a shadow mask. When measuring the device, a 0.08 cm² non-reflective mask was used to define the accurate active cell area.

1.4 Characteristics

X-ray diffraction (XRD) measurements are carried out on TCPUI K780 over the range of $2\theta = 5\text{--}55.0^\circ$ with a step size of 0.01° and 0.4s per step. UV-Vis-NIR absorption spectra are recorded on Cary 5000 UV-Visible-NIR spectrophotometer. The sample films are deposited on an ITO substrate. Steady-state photoluminescence (PL) and time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL) are measured using a Spectrofluorometer FS5 (Edinburgh et al.) with excitation at 475 nm. The morphology of perovskite thin films and cross-sectional SEM images were measured using a cold field-emission scanning electron microscope (Hitachi S4800). The thermal images were taken using a FLIR infrared camera (FLIR T540, USA). The thermal diffusivity was measured by LFA 467 HT Hyperflash (Netzsch Germany). The electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) measurements were determined on an electrochemical workstation RHA-

CHI800D. The current density–voltage (J – V) characteristics of the devices were measured using a Keithley 2400 Source Meter under standard AM1.5 G illumination (SolarIV-300A; Zolix, China), and the light intensity was calibrated using a standard silicon reference cell. The J – V curves were measured by forward scan (-0.1 to 1.20 V) and reverse scan (1.20 to -0.1 V) at a scanning rate of 100 mV/s (voltage step: 10 mV, delay time: 1 ms).

1.5 Trap density measurement.

The trap-state density N_t of perovskite films with different ETLs was measured by space-charge-limited current (SCLC) method using a diode configuration of ITO/SnO₂/Perovskite/PC₆₁BM/Ag for electron by taking the dark current density in the range of 0–4 V and fitting the results to a space-charge-limited form, where the N_t was calculated according to the equation:

$$N_t = \frac{2V_{TFL}\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}{eL^2}$$

Where V_{TFL} is the trap-filled limit voltage, ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity ($\epsilon_0 = 8.8 \times 10^{-12}$ F m⁻¹), and e is the electron charge ($e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C), L is the thickness of the perovskite film ($L = 800$ nm), and the adopted ϵ_r is 62.23.

1.6 Electron mobility.

We have measured electron mobility using different ETLs in the same device structure to gain insights into the charge transport. Specifically, the electron-only device was designed and fabricated using an ITO/ETL/Ag structure. In this analysis, we assumed that the current is only related to electrons. When the effects of diffusion and the electric field are neglected, the SCLC can determine the current density. The devices' dark J – V curves were performed on a Keithley 2400 source at ambient conditions. The electron mobility (μ_e) is extracted by fitting the J – V curves using the Mott–Gurney law:

$$\mu_e = \frac{8JL^3}{9\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r(V_{app} - V_r - V_{bi})^2}$$

Where J is the current density, L is the thickness of different ETLs, ε_0 the vacuum permittivity, ε_r the dielectric permittivity of various ETL, V_{app} is the applied voltage, V_r is the voltage loss due to radiative recombination, and V_{bi} the built-in voltage owing to the different work function between the anode and cathode.

1.7 Thermal diffusivity relates

Thermal diffusivity relates to the homogeneous temperature performance of the thermal conductivity process of the material; this parameter is crucial for the analysis of the unsteady thermal conductivity process; the thermal diffusivity definition equation:

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho C}$$

where k is the thermal conductivity, ρ is the density, and C is the specific heat capacity.

2. Supplementary figures

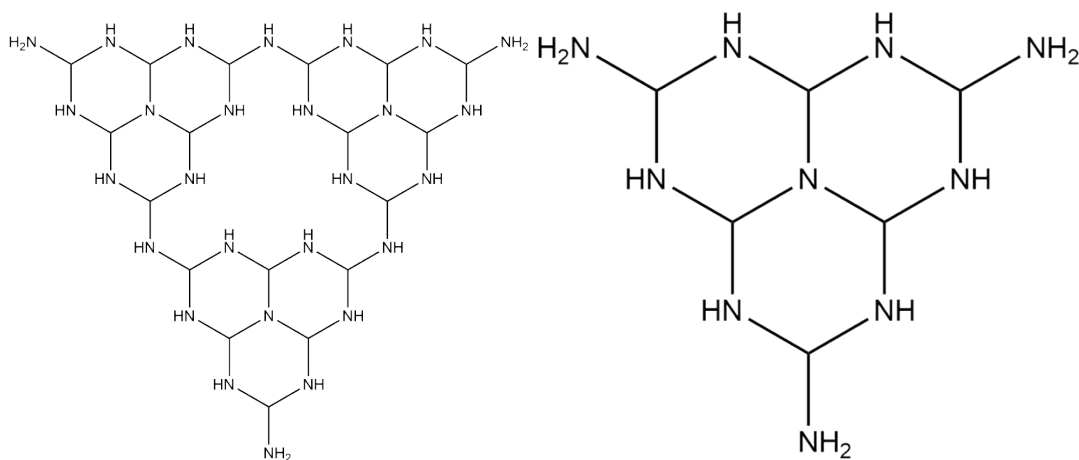


Figure S1. Schematic diagram of $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ structure, with heptazine ring structure (left) and triazine ring structure (right).

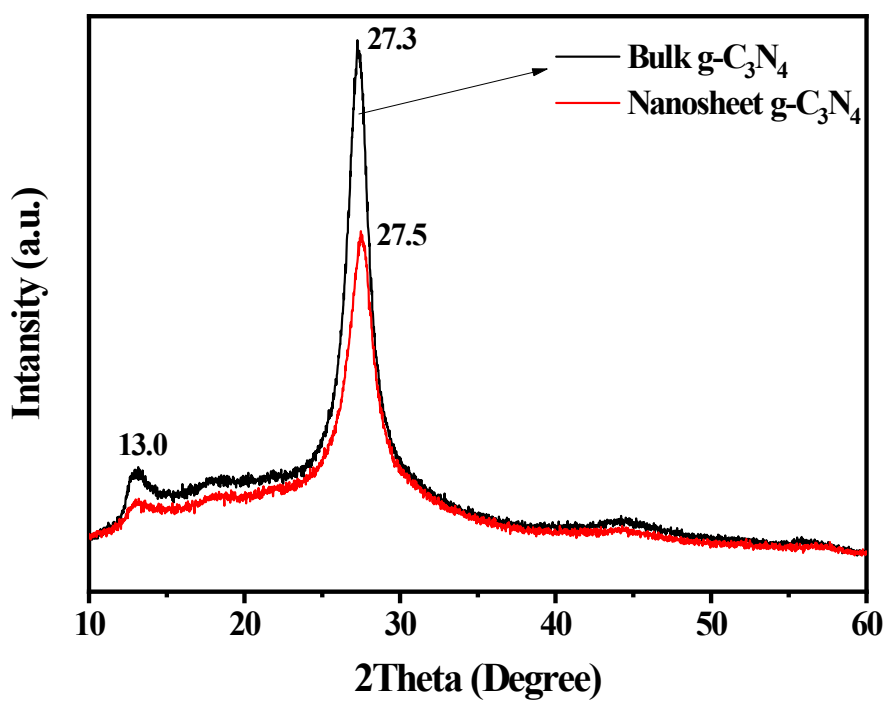


Figure S2. The XRD profile of $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$.

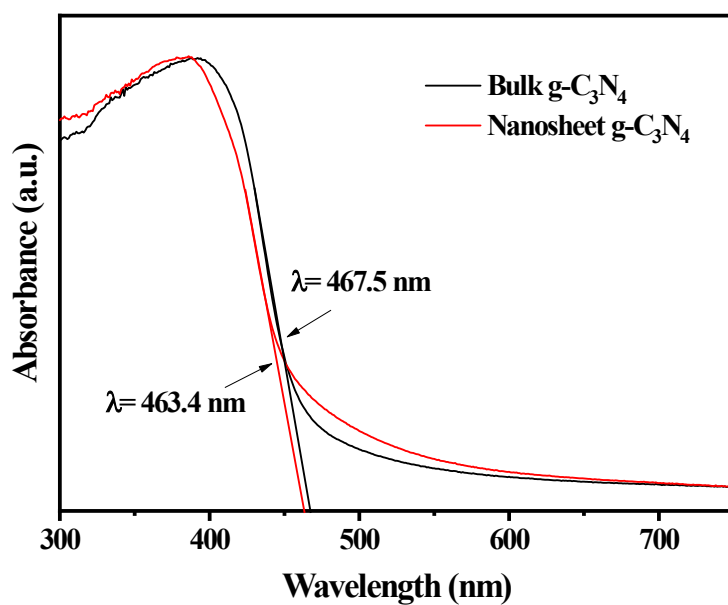


Figure S3. The UV-visible absorption profile of g-C₃N₄.

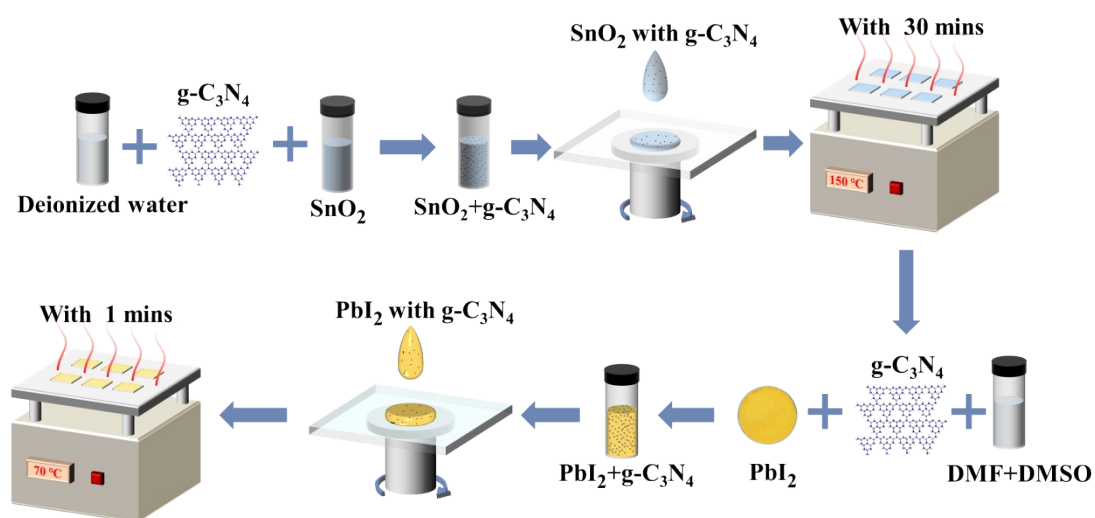


Figure S4. Schematic diagram of the deposition for SnO₂ with g-C₃N₄ layer and perovskite with g-C₃N₄ layer.

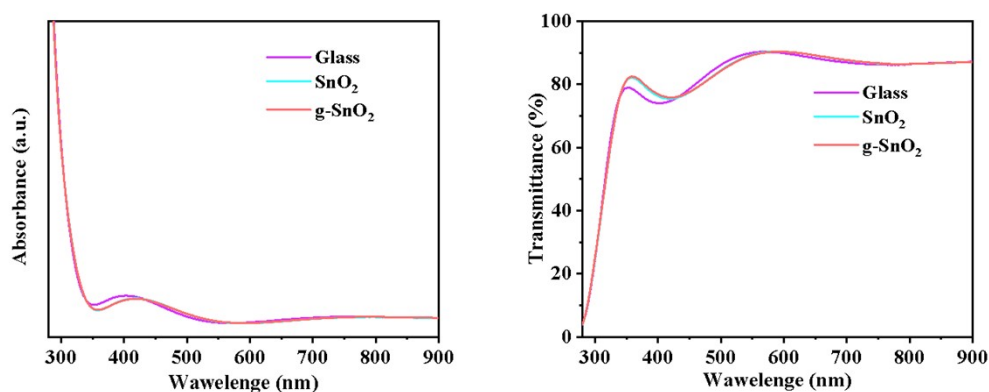


Figure S5. UV-vis absorption spectra SnO_2 and g-SnO_2 films spin-coated on the ITO substrates.

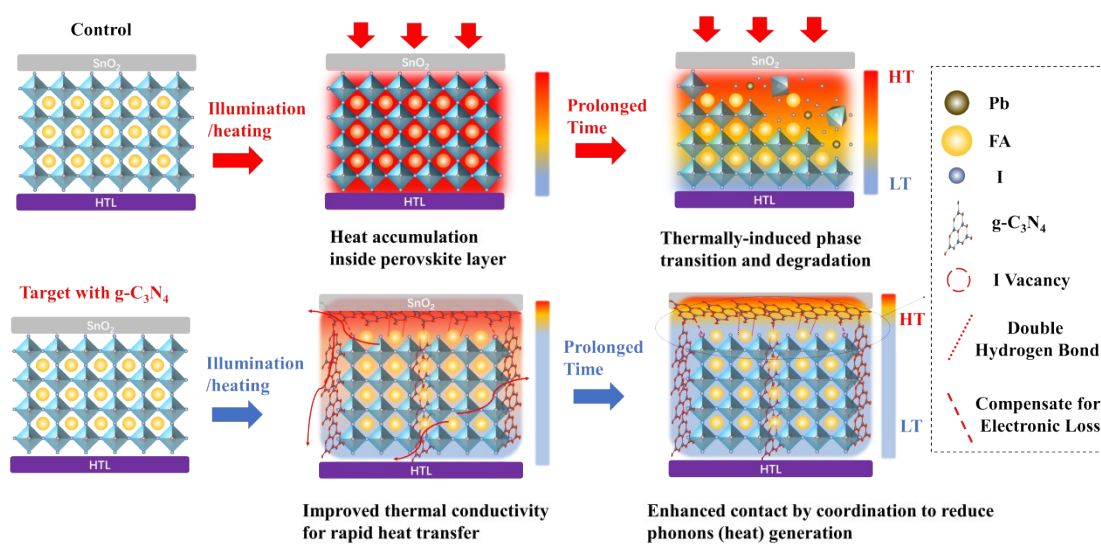


Figure S6. Diagram of the heat dissipation mechanism of $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ as a heat transport channel

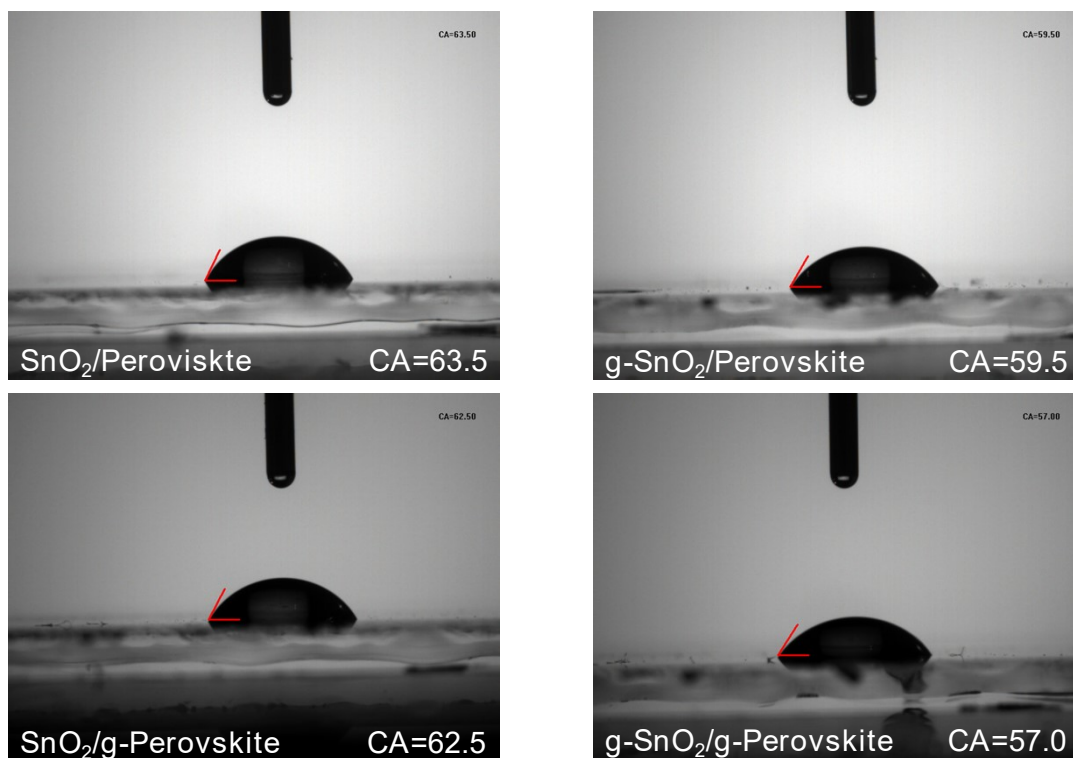


Figure S7. Water droplet contact angles on surfaces, including SnO₂/perovskite, g-SnO₂/perovskite, SnO₂/g-perovskite, and g-SnO₂/g-perovskite.

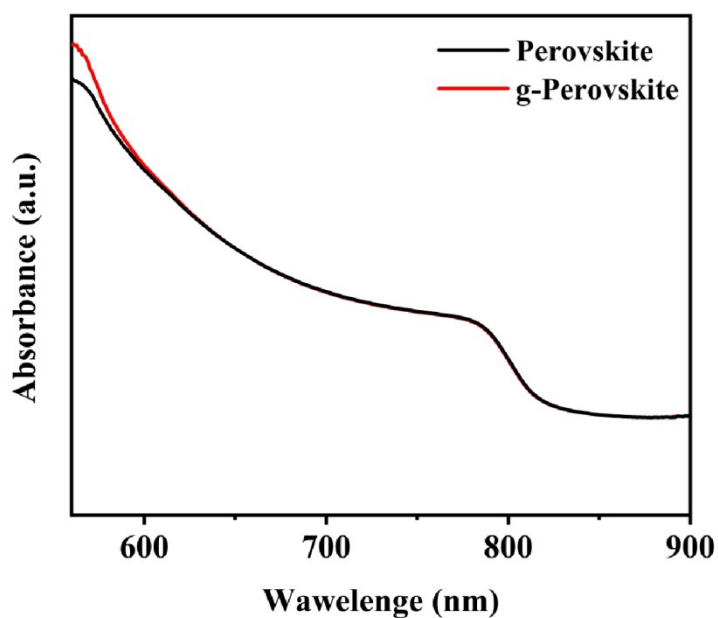


Figure S8. UV-vis absorption spectra Perovskite and g-Perovskite films spin-coated on the ITO substrates.

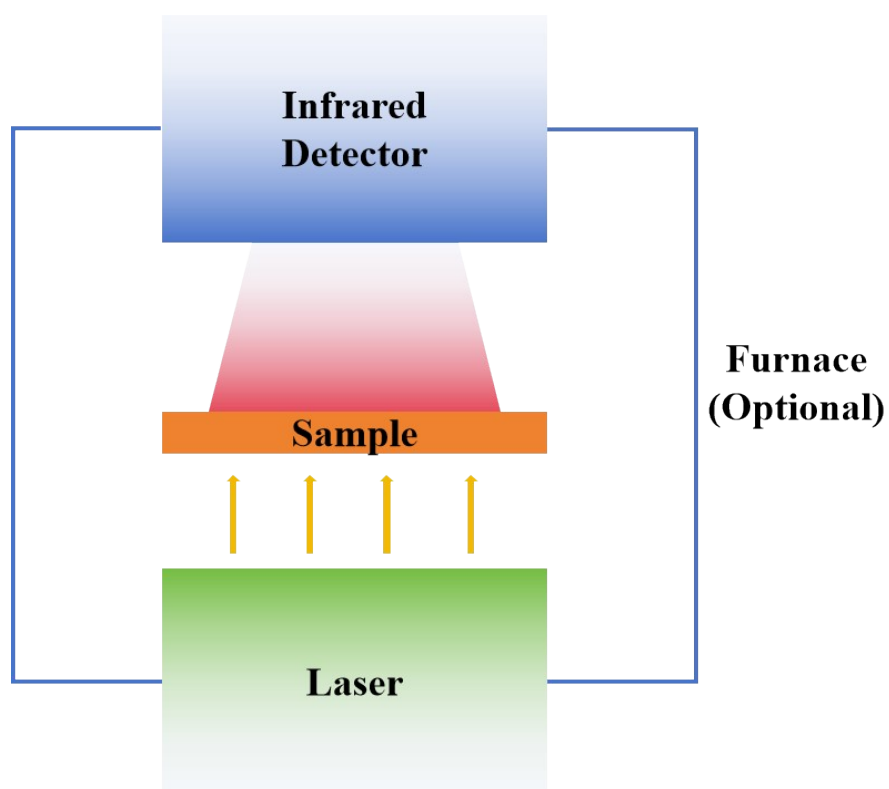


Figure S9. Schematic diagram of the laser thermal conductivity meter.

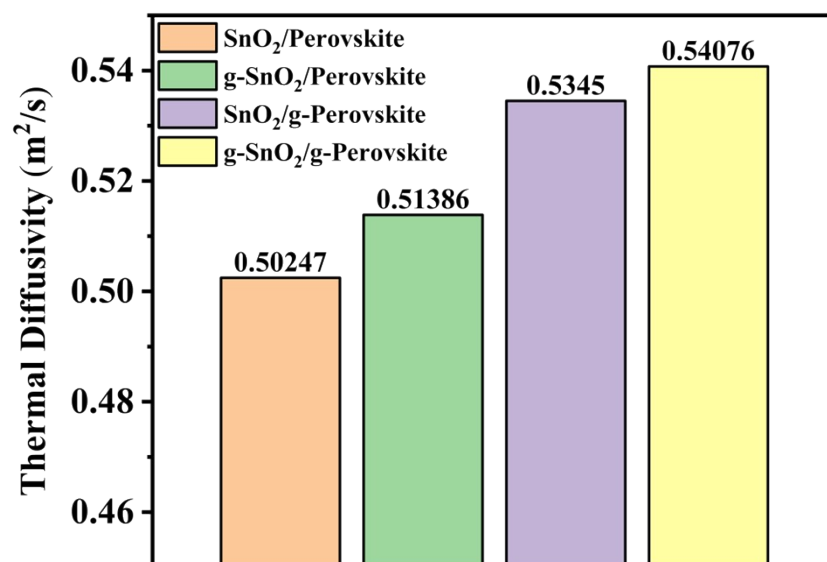


Figure S10. Thermal diffusion coefficients under 50 °C of various films.

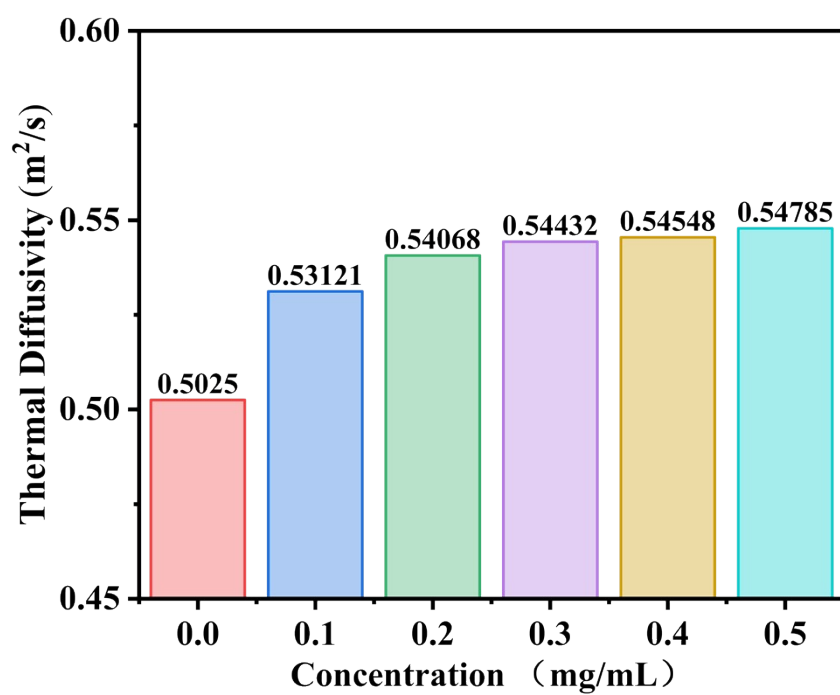


Figure S11. Thermal diffusion coefficients under 50°C of various concentration.

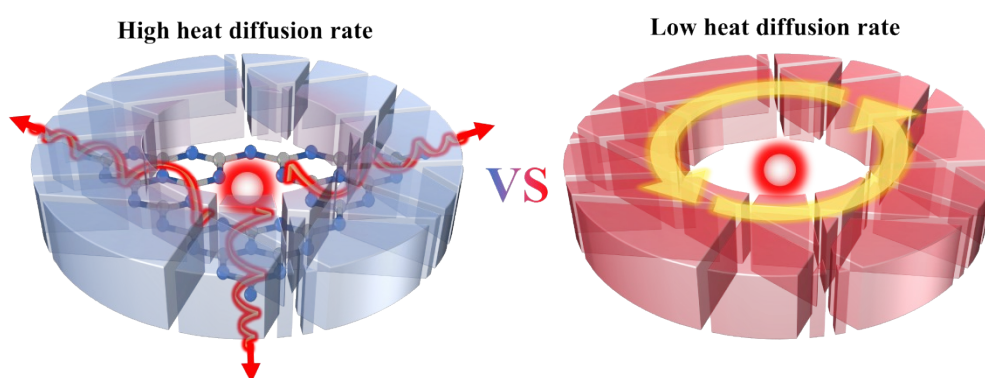


Figure S12. Different heat diffusion rates on PSCs with and without $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ assistance.



Figure S13. A Schematic representation of the IR thermal images test.

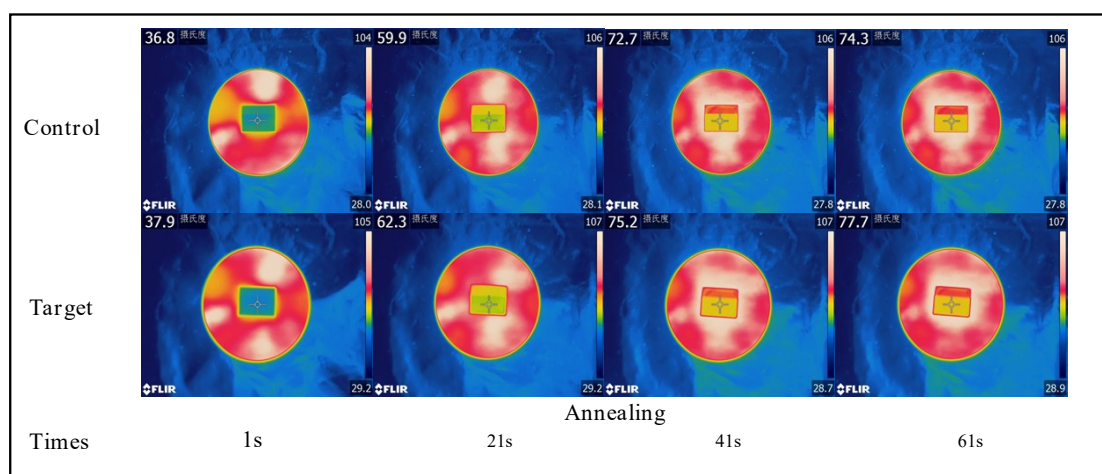


Figure S14. IR thermal images of different films under 100°C over time. All samples were prepared on the glass substrate.

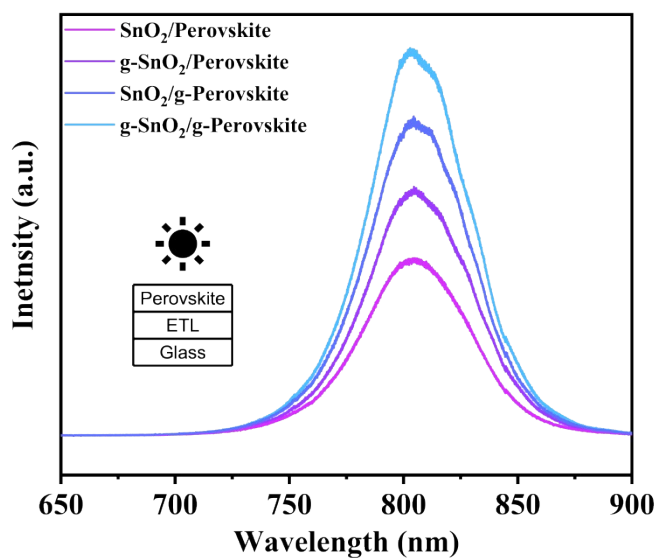


Figure S15. PL spectra of perovskite films, including $\text{SnO}_2/\text{Perovskite}$, $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{Perovskite}$, $\text{SnO}_2/\text{g-Perovskite}$, and $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{g-Perovskite}$.

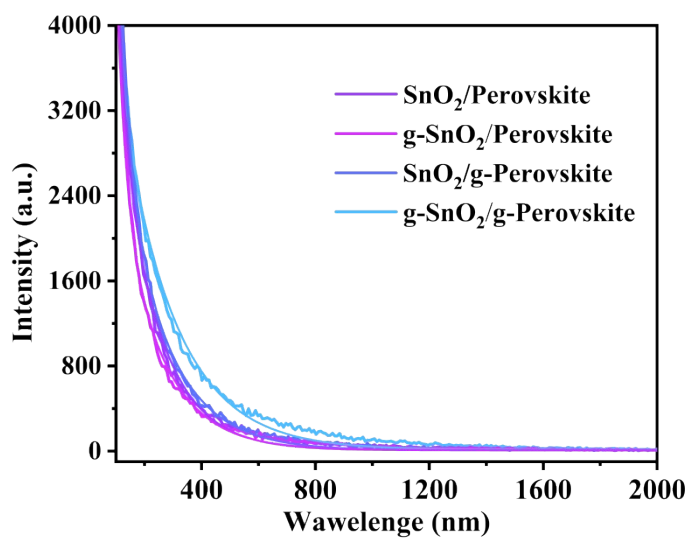


Figure S16. TRPL spectra of perovskite films, including $\text{SnO}_2/\text{Perovskite}$, $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{Perovskite}$, $\text{SnO}_2/\text{g-Perovskite}$, and $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{g-Perovskite}$.

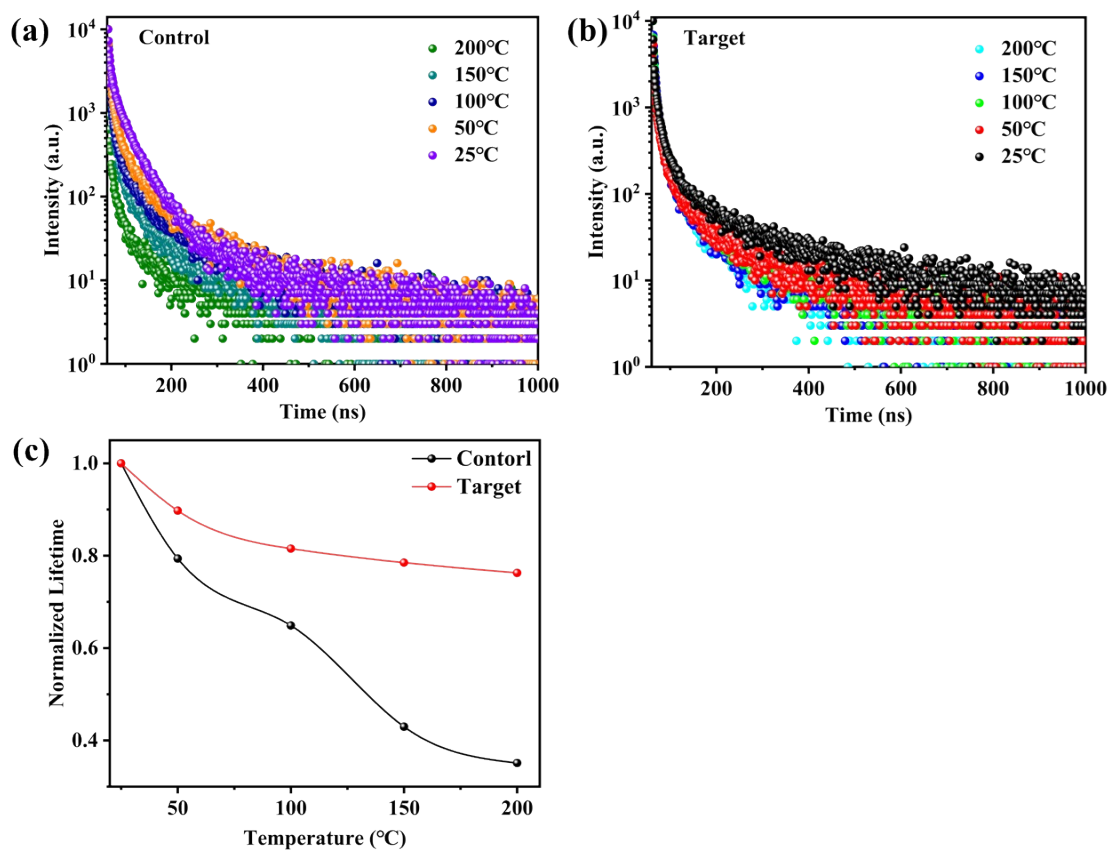


Figure S17. (a,b)TRPL spectra of perovskite films at different temperatures. (c) Trend diagram of the normalized TRPL lifetime.

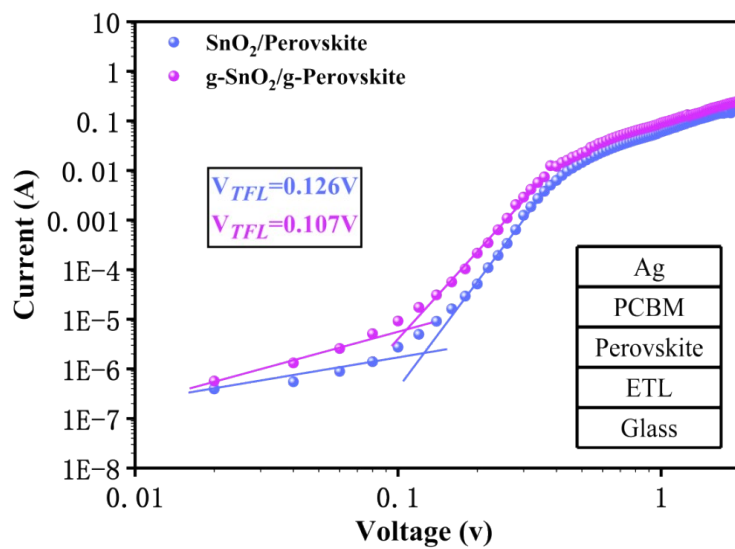


Figure S18. Different $I-V$ curves of electron-only devices in dark, including $\text{SnO}_2/\text{perovskite}$ and $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{g-perovskite}$.

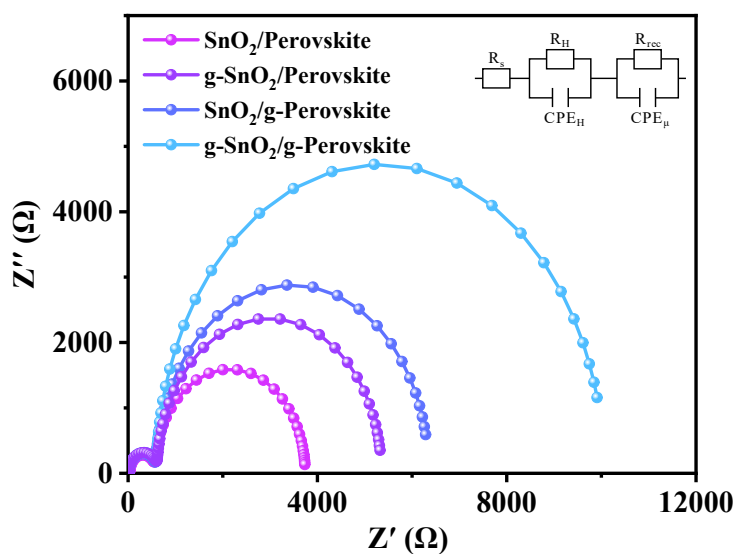


Figure S19. Nyquist plots of the PSCs were measured at 0.3 V in the dark, ranging from 10^6 to 10 Hz, including SnO₂/Perovskite, g-SnO₂/Perovskite, SnO₂/g-Perovskite, and g-SnO₂/g-Perovskite.

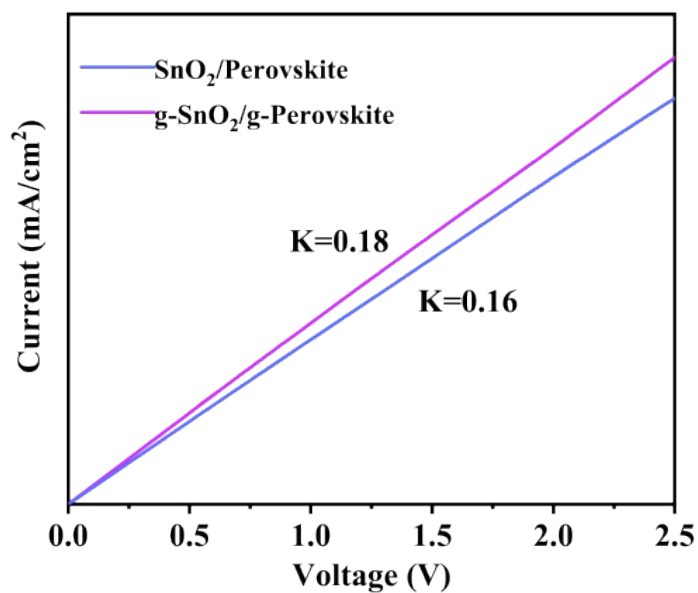


Figure S20. The conductivity measurement of SnO₂/perovskite and g-SnO₂/g-perovskite by using the space-charge-limited current (SCLC) model with a device structure of ITO/ETL/perovskite/Ag.

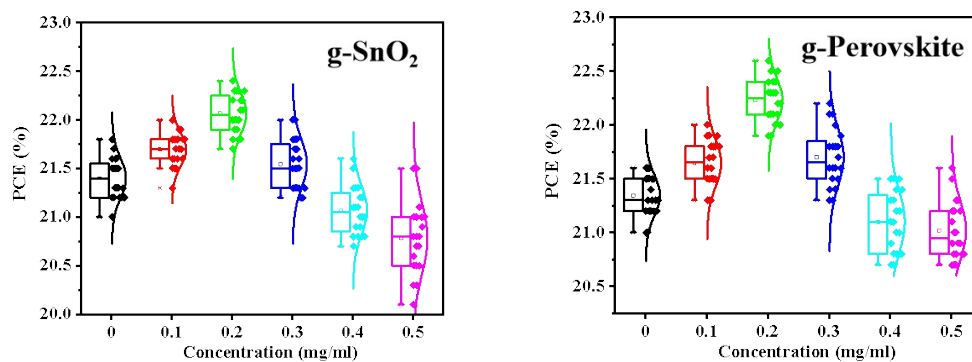


Figure S21. Histogram of devices with various g-C₃N₄ concentrations (0.1-0.5 mg/ml), respectively and histogram of devices with various g-C₃N₄ concentrations (0.1-0.5 mg/ml), respectively.

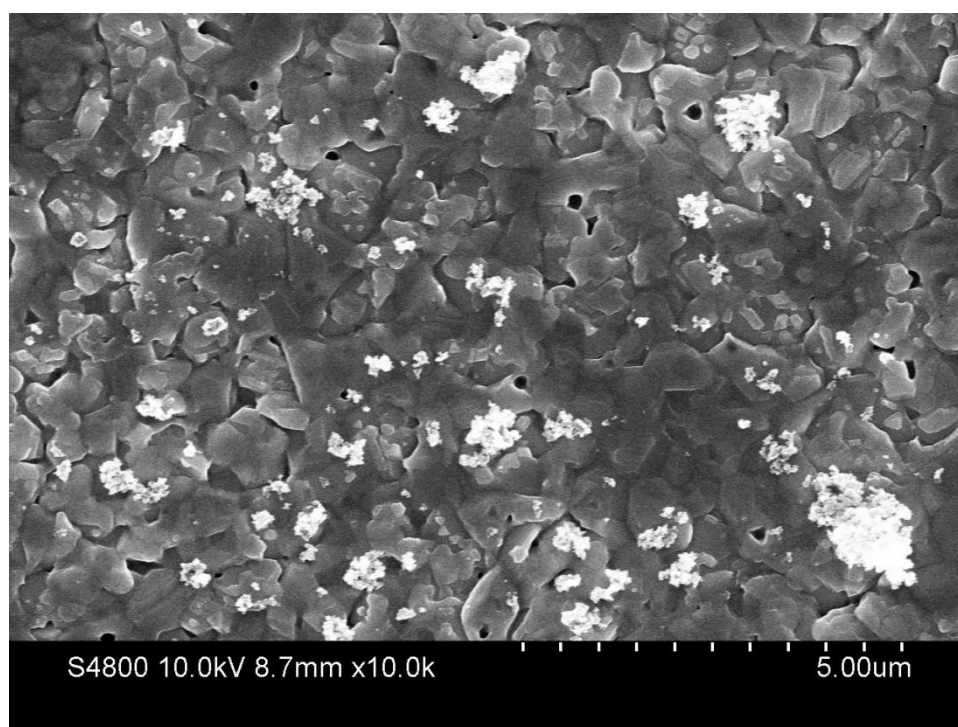


Figure S22. SEM images of the perovskite film with 5 mg/ml g-C₃N₄.

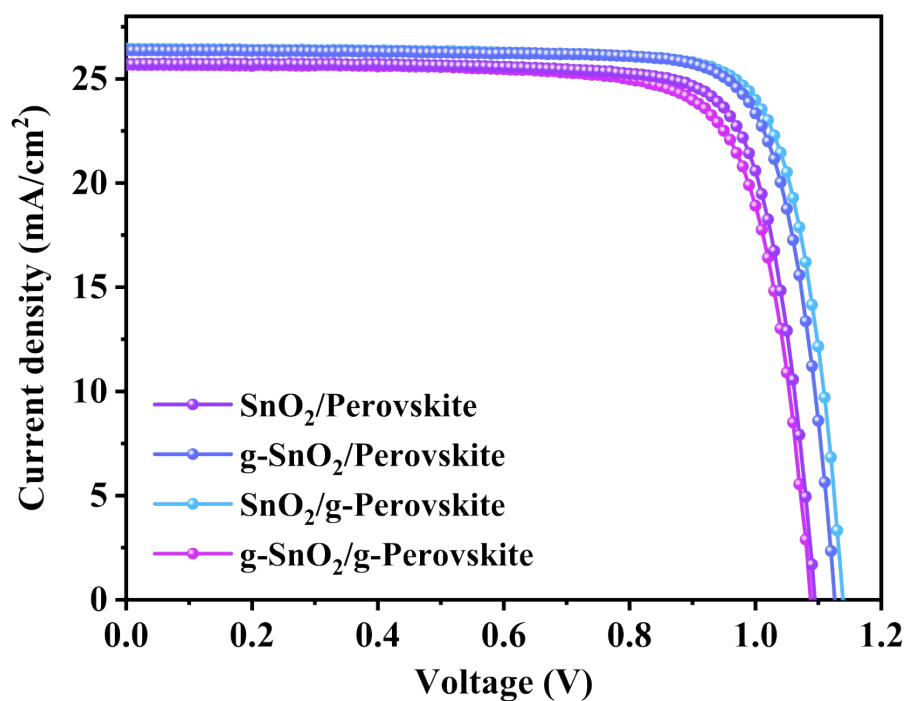
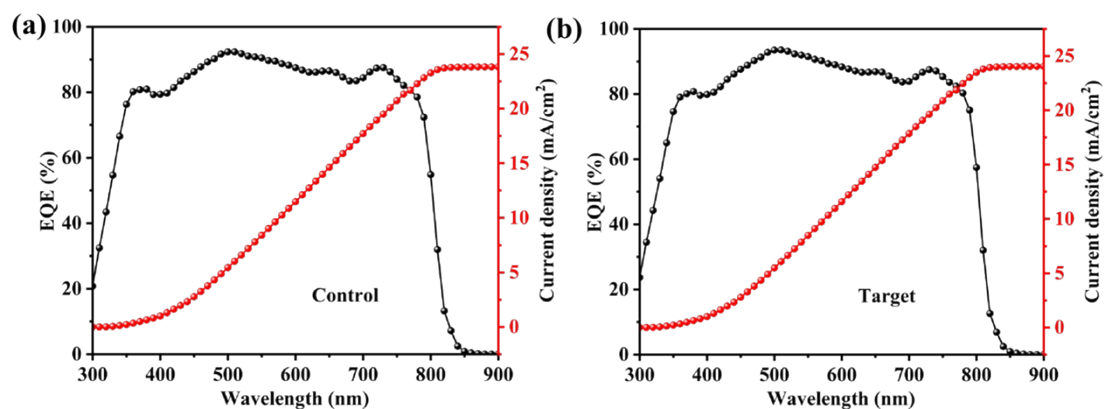


Figure S23. Optimized $J-V$ curves of the PSCs, including including $\text{SnO}_2/\text{Perovskite}$, $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{Perovskite}$, $\text{SnO}_2/\text{g-Perovskite}$, and $\text{g-SnO}_2/\text{g-Perovskite}$.

Figure S24. EQE spectra with the integrated J_{sc} of the control and target devices.



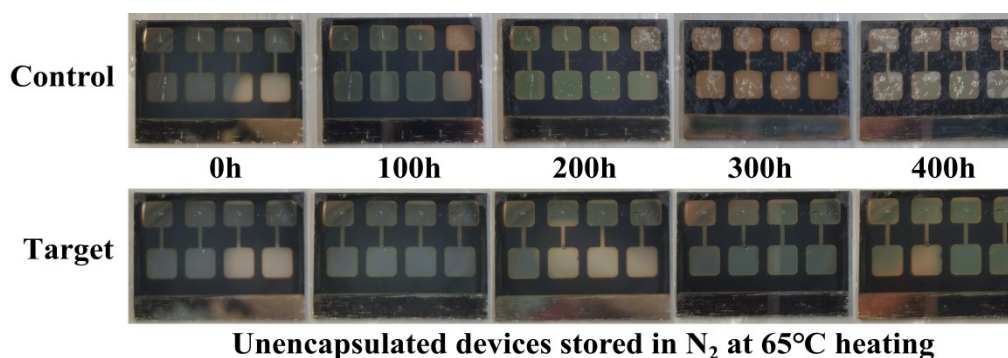


Figure S25. Temperature-dependent thermal stability of time for unencapsulated devices stored in N₂ at 65°C heating.

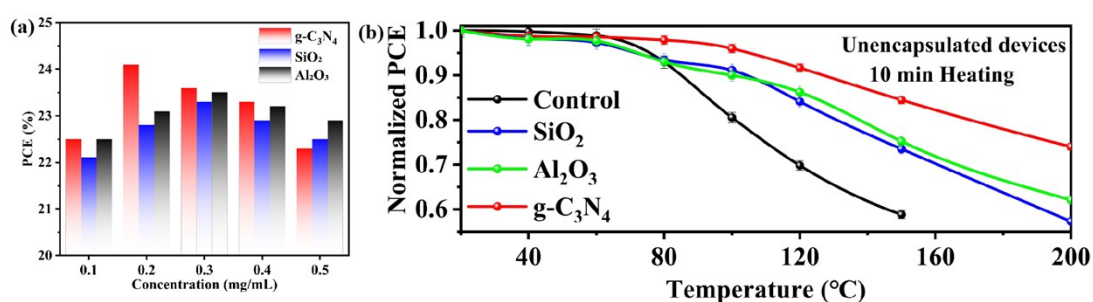


Figure S26. (a) Trend diagram of the PCE of PSCs based on different concentrations of additives, including g-C₃N₄, Al₂O₃ and SiO₂. (b) Normalized PCE for unencapsulated devices heated at different temperatures for 10 min including control, g-C₃N₄, Al₂O₃ and SiO₂.

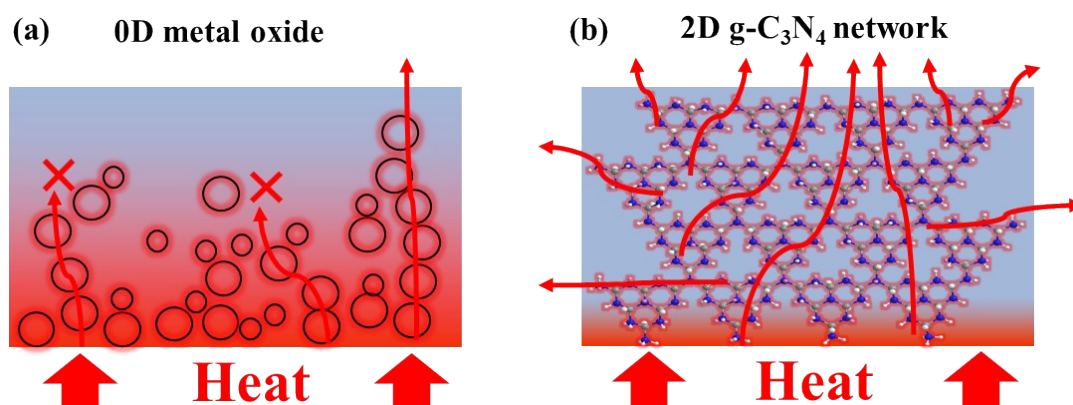


Figure S27. (a) Thermal transferring path diagram formed by a one-dimensional material Al₂O₃ and SiO₂, and (b) the 3D thermal conduction path formed by g-C₃N₄.

Table S1. Fitted results of TRPL curves of the Control and Target films.

Samples	τ_1 (ns)	τ_2 (ns)	τ_{avg} (ns)
Control	28.03	137.93	103.41
Target	22.93	197.83	122.34

Table S2. EIS Parameters for the PSCs Based on the Control and Target.

Samples	R_s (Ω)	R_{rec} (Ω)
Control	31.85	3177
Target	13.81	9448

Table S3. Recent development of g-C₃N₄ based PSCs photovoltaic performance.

Structure	PCE (%)	Voc (V)	Jsc(mA \cdot cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	Ref.
ITO/PTAA/NO ₃ -g-C ₃ N ₄ :CsFAMAPbI _{3-x} Br _x /PCBM/BCP/Ag	20.08	1.11	22.84	79.20	[1]
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ :MAPbI ₃ /spiro-OMeTAD /MoO ₃ /Ag	19.49	1.07	24.31	74.0	[2]
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ :MAPbI ₃ /spiro-OMeTAD /Au	21.10	1.16	23.00	79.0	[3]
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /m-TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ :CsPbBr ₃ /carbon	8.00	1.277	7.80	80.32	[4]
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /m-TiO ₂ /Al ₂ O ₃ /g-C ₃ N ₄ :MAPbI ₃ /carbon	14.34	1.00	23.80	60.1	[5]
PDMS/hc-PEDOT:PSS/PEDOT:PSS/g-C ₃ N ₄ :FASnI ₃ /C60/BCP/Ag	8.56	0.621	20.68	66.68	[6]
FTO/TiO ₂ /G-CNI:CsFAMAPbI _{3-x} Br _x /spiro-OMeTAD/Au	18.28	1.07	22.97	74.0	[7]
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /U-g-C ₃ N ₄ :MAPbI ₃ /spiro-OMeTAD/Au	15.80	1.10	23.20	62.0	[8]
ITO/CNQDs:SnO ₂ /CsFAMAPbI _{3-x} Br _x /Spiro-OMeTAD/Au	22.13	1.18	24.03	78.3	[9]
FTO/SnO ₂ /CNQDs/(FA/MA/Cs)PbI _{3-(x+y)} Br _x Cl _y /spiro-OMeTAD/Au	21.23	1.14	23.39	79.6	[10]
FTO/SnO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ /MAPbI ₃ /g-C ₃ N ₄ /Spiro-OMeTAD/Au	19.67	1.14	21.45	80.7	[11]

FTO/c-TiO ₂ /m-TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ nanosheets/MAPbI ₃ / Carbon	11.37	1.02	16.91	66	[12]
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ /MAPbI ₃ /spiro-OMeTAD/Ag	19.55	1.11	23.69	74.0	[13]
ITO/g-C ₃ N ₄ :SnO ₂ /FA _{0.85} MA _{0.11} Cs _{0.04} PbI _{2.67} Br _{0.33-x} PbI ₂ /spiro-OMeTAD/Au	21.54	1.19	23.21	78	[14]
ITO/PTAA/MAPbI ₃ /PC ₆₀ BM/CMB-vTA/AZO/Ag	17.15	1.09	20.17	78.03	[15]
FTO/TiO ₂ /thiazole-C ₃ N ₄ /(FAPbI ₃) _{0.875} (CsPbBr ₃) _{0.125} /spiro-OMeTAD/Ag	19.23	1.11	22.50	77	[16]
FTO/TiO ₂ /w-CN/CsPbIBr ₂ /w-CN/Carbon	10.1	1.36	11.19	66.39	[17]
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/g-C ₃ N ₄ QDs:CsFAMAPbI _{3-x} Br _x /PCBM/Ag	20.02	0.99	25.93	78	[18]
FTO/ZnO/TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ /MAPbI ₃ / Spiro-OMeTAD	20.57	1.11	24.03	77	[19]
ITO/g-C ₃ N ₄ :SnO ₂ /FA _{0.93} MA _{0.07} PbI ₃ :g-C ₃ N ₄ /spiro-OMeTAD/Ag	24.19	1.14	26.45	80.27	This study

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