

## Supplementary Information for

# **Synergistic Passivation of Perovskite Surfaces Using a Multi-Functional Four-End Zwitterionic Amino Acid**

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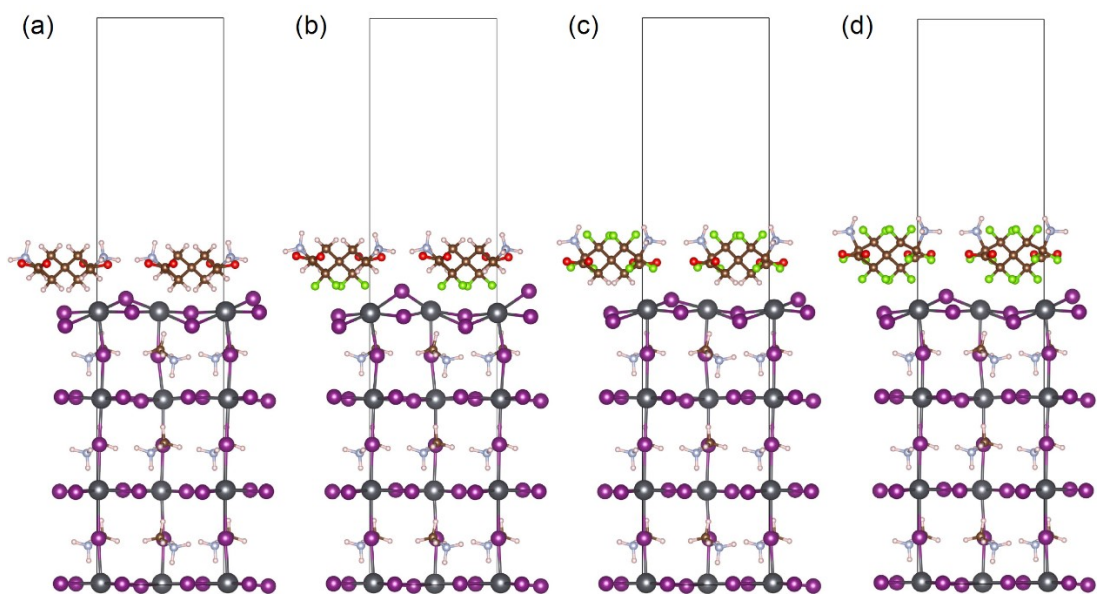


Figure S1 The structures (a) ZAA<sub>allH</sub>-PS-mode2, (b) ZAA<sub>CF</sub>-PS-mode2, (c) ZAA<sub>NF</sub>-PS-mode2, and (d) ZAA<sub>allF</sub>-PS-mode2.

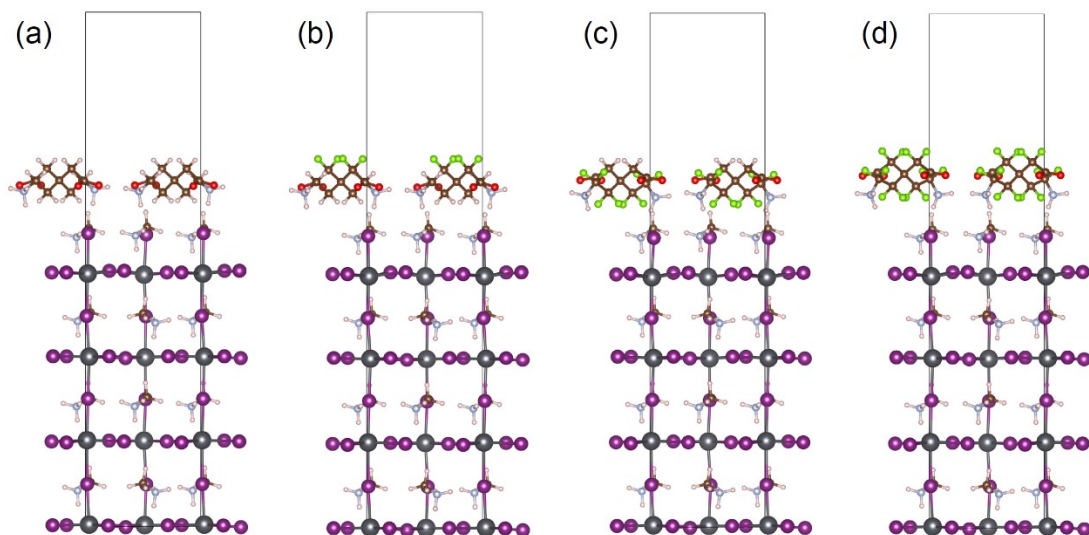


Figure S2 The optimized structures of (a) ZAA<sub>allH</sub>, (b) ZAA<sub>CF</sub>, (c) ZAA<sub>NF</sub>, and (d) ZAA<sub>allF</sub> on the perovskite with MAI-terminated surface.

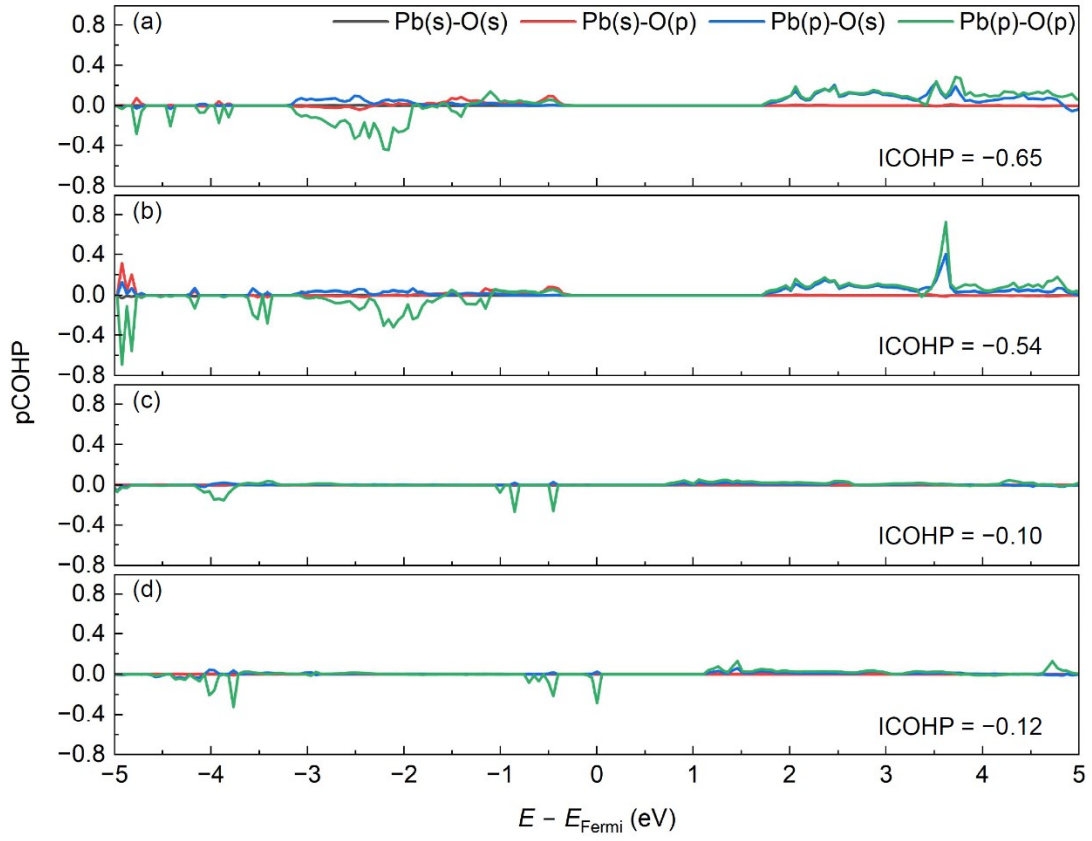


Figure S3 The average pCOHP between O and Pb in (a)  $ZAA_{\text{allH}}\text{-PS}$ , (b)  $ZAA_{\text{CF}}\text{-PS}$ , (c)  $ZAA_{\text{NF}}\text{-PS}$ , and (d)  $ZAA_{\text{allF}}\text{-PS}$ . The ICOHP is labeled at the bottom right corner.

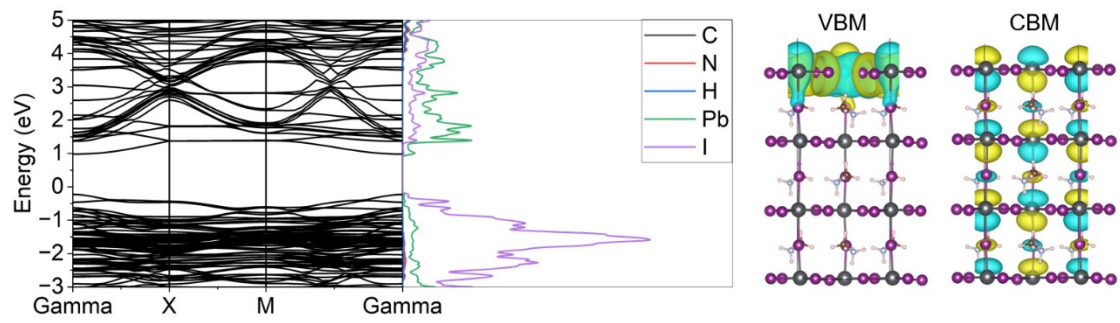


Figure S4 The band structure and projected density of states (PDOS), and the real-space distribution of the wave function of VBM and CBM with an isosurface value of  $2 \times 10^{-8}$  e/bohr<sup>3</sup> of the PS.

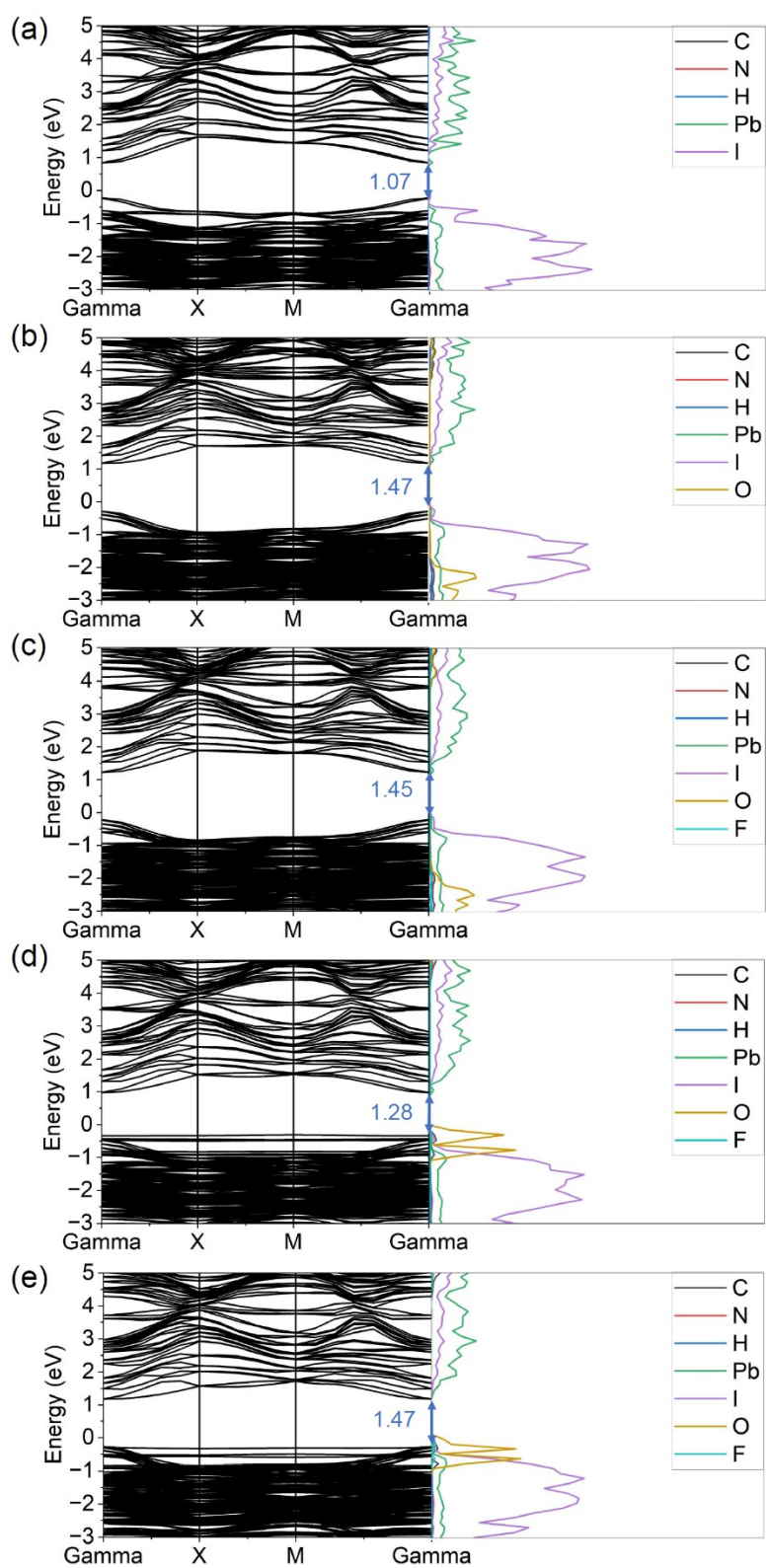


Figure S5 The band structure and projected density of states (PDOS) calculated by HSE+SOC of (a) PS, (b) ZAA<sub>allH</sub>-PS, (c) ZAA<sub>CF</sub>-PS, (d) ZAA<sub>NF</sub>-PS, and (e) ZAA<sub>allF</sub>-PS, respectively.

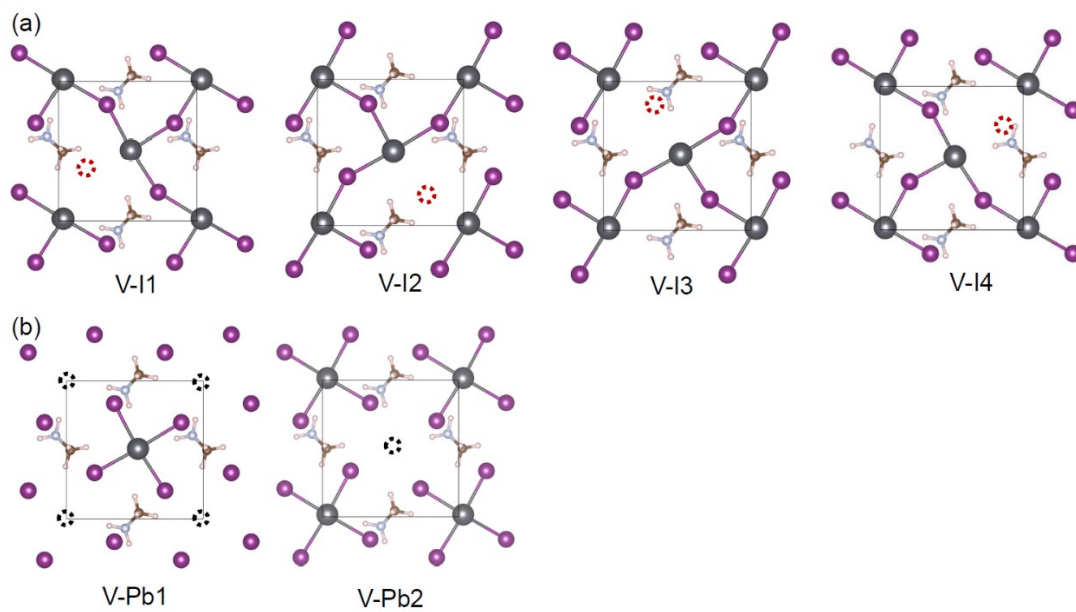


Figure S6 The locations of the various defect sites of (a) the I vacancy indicated by a red dashed line, and (b) the Pb vacancy indicated by a black dashed line.

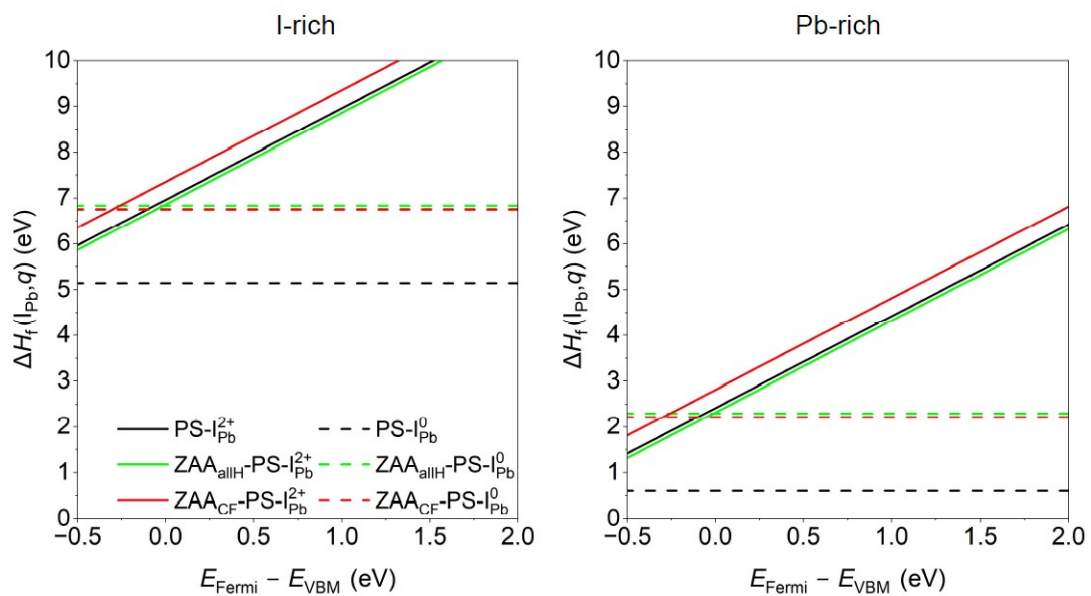


Figure S7 The formation energies of Pb interstitial defects ( $\Delta H_f(I_{Pb}, q)$ ) in PS,  $ZAA_{allH}$ -PS, and  $ZAA_{CF}$ -PS at I-rich (left) and Pb-rich (right) chemical potentials.

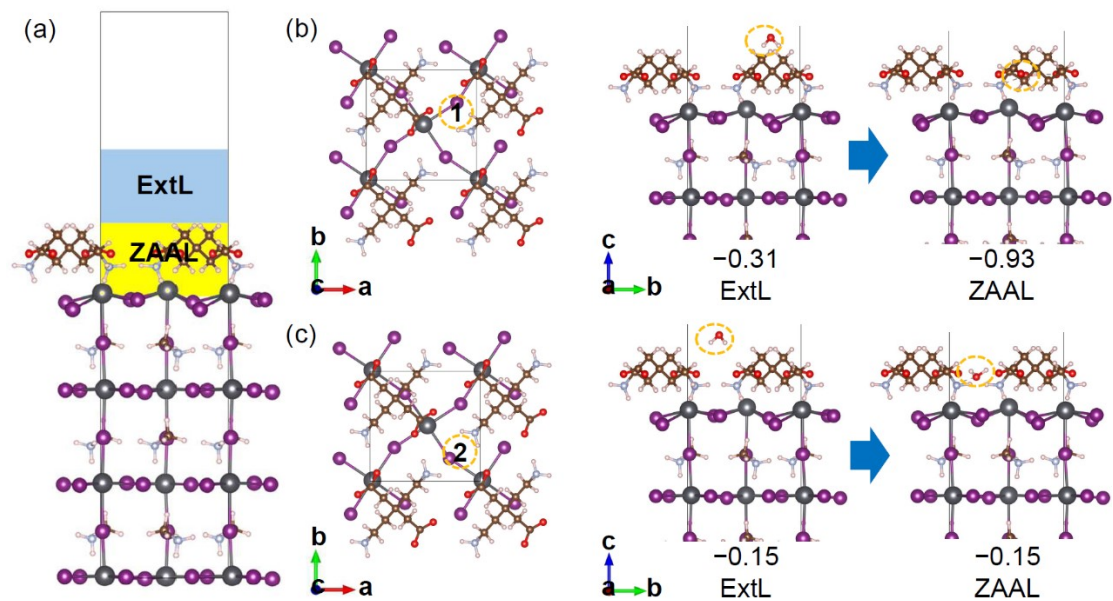


Figure S8 (a) Two zones in the shallow surface of ZAA<sub>allH</sub>-PS for H<sub>2</sub>O invasion, labelled as ExtL and ZAAL from outside to inside the surface. The invasion process of H<sub>2</sub>O from (b) site 1 and (c) site 2, with the relative energy ( $E_{r-H_2O}$ ) in eV. The H<sub>2</sub>O is indicated by an orange dashed line.

Table S1 The Pb...O distances between oxygen atoms in ZAA and Pb atoms on the surface of the perovskite ( $d_1'$ - $d_4'$ , Å), average Pb...O distance ( $\bar{d}'$ , Å). Binding energy between ZAA and perovskite of mode2 ( $E_b'$ , eV). Binding energy difference between  $E_b'$  and  $E_b$  (eV).

	$d_1'$	$d_2'$	$d_3'$	$d_4'$	$\bar{d}'$	$E_b'$	$E_b' - E_b$
ZAA <sub>allH</sub> -PS-mode2	3.33	3.46	3.46	3.51	3.44	2.99	-2.05
ZAA <sub>CF</sub> -PS-mode2	3.86	3.92	3.97	3.98	3.93	2.15	-2.4
ZAA <sub>NF</sub> -PS-mode2	3.29	3.37	3.47	3.52	3.41	2.87	-1.19
ZAA <sub>allF</sub> -PS-mode2	3.95	3.96	4.00	4.06	3.99	1.40	-1.87

Table S2 Binding energy between ZAA and perovskite with PbI-terminated surface ( $E_b$ , eV), and binding energy between ZAA and perovskite with MAI-terminated surface ( $E_b$ -other, eV)

	$E_b$	$E_b$ -other
ZAA <sub>allH</sub> -PS	5.04	3.69
ZAA <sub>CF</sub> -PS	4.55	2.86
ZAA <sub>NF</sub> -PS	4.06	2.87
ZAA <sub>allF</sub> -PS	3.27	1.94

Table S3 The band gaps (eV) of PS, ZAA<sub>allH</sub>-PS, ZAA<sub>CF</sub>-PS, ZAA<sub>NF</sub>-PS, and ZAA<sub>allF</sub>-PS calculated by different methods.

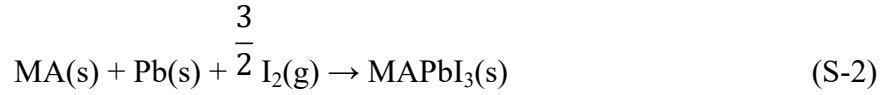
	PBE	PBE+SOC	HSE+SOC
PS	1.21	0.40	1.07
ZAA <sub>allH</sub> -PS	1.71	0.90	1.47
ZAA <sub>CF</sub> -PS	1.70	0.91	1.45
ZAA <sub>NF</sub> -PS	0.78	0.28	1.28
ZAA <sub>allF</sub> -PS	1.10	0.56	1.47

## Defect formation energy calculations

The defect formation energy  $\Delta H_f(\alpha, q)$  is a function of both the electron Fermi energy  $E_F$  and the chemical potentials of the species involved in the defects. It could be calculated as:

$$\Delta H_f(\alpha, q) = E(\alpha, q) - E(\text{perfect}) + \Delta n_{\text{Pb}}(E_{\text{Pb}} + \mu_{\text{Pb}}) + \Delta n_{\text{I}}\left(\frac{1}{2}E_{\text{I}} + \mu_{\text{I}}\right) + q(E_F + E_{\text{VBM}}) \quad (\text{S-1})$$

where  $E(\alpha, q)$  indicates the total energy calculated from the supercell with defect  $\alpha$  in the charge state  $q$  and  $E(\text{perfect})$  is the total energy of the supercell without any defects.  $\Delta n$  is the number of atoms added ( $\Delta n < 0$ ) or removed ( $\Delta n > 0$ ) from the supercell.  $\mu_{\text{I}}$ ,  $\mu_{\text{Pb}}$ , and  $\mu_{\text{MA}}$  are the chemical potential of I, Pb, and MA, respectively. The chemical potential values can be determined from the phase diagram of the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite. To obtain the phase diagram for MAPbI<sub>3</sub>, the following chemical equations are considered.



The  $\Delta H_1$ ,  $\Delta H_2$ , and  $\Delta H_3$  are defined as the change in enthalpy corresponding to the reactions. The total energy of each chemical species, as summarized in Table S4. Hence,  $\Delta H_1 = -8.69$  eV,  $\Delta H_2 = -5.77$  eV, and  $\Delta H_3 = -4.54$  eV. Assuming equilibrium among MAI, PbI<sub>2</sub>, and MAPbI<sub>3</sub>,  $\mu_{\text{I}}$ ,  $\mu_{\text{Pb}}$ , and  $\mu_{\text{MA}}$  must satisfy

$$\mu_{\text{MA}} + \mu_{\text{Pb}} + 3\mu_{\text{I}} = \Delta H_1 \quad (\text{S-5})$$

$$\mu_{\text{MA}} + \mu_{\text{I}} < \Delta H_2 \quad (\text{S-6})$$

$$\mu_{\text{Pb}} + 2\mu_{\text{I}} < \Delta H_3 \quad (\text{S-7})$$

$$\mu_{\text{MA}}, \mu_{\text{Pb}}, \mu_{\text{I}} < 0 \quad (\text{S-8})$$

As the I-rich condition,  $\mu_{\text{I}} = 0$  eV,  $\mu_{\text{Pb}} = -4.54$  eV, and  $\mu_{\text{MA}} = -4.42$  eV. As the Pb-rich condition,  $\mu_{\text{I}} = -2.27$  eV,  $\mu_{\text{Pb}} = 0$  eV, and  $\mu_{\text{MA}} = -1.88$  eV.

Table S4 Total energy (eV) of the chemical species.

Species	Total energy (eV)
I <sub>2</sub> (g)	-2.71
Pb(s)	-3.57
MA(s)	-35.84
MAI(s)	-42.96
PbI <sub>2</sub> (s)	-9.46
MAPBI <sub>3</sub> (s)	-52.34

## Simulation of Power conversion efficiency (PCE)

To get the parameters of the ZAA<sub>CF</sub>-PS, we took them as 2D materials and did the following calculations. The effective conduction band density ( $N_c$ ) and effective valence band density ( $N_v$ ) are defined as

$$N_c = \frac{2(2\pi m_n^* k_0 T)^{3/2}}{h^3} \quad (\text{S-9})$$

$$N_v = \frac{2(2\pi m_p^* k_0 T)^{3/2}}{h^3} \quad (\text{S-10})$$

where  $h$  is Planck's constant,  $T$  is the temperature,  $m_n^*$  and  $m_p^*$  are the effective masses of electrons and holes

$$m_{n/p}^* = \frac{h}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 E_{VBM/CBM}}{\partial k^2} \right] \quad (\text{S-11})$$

where  $E$  is the total energy of the system.

According to the deformation potential theory,<sup>1</sup> the carrier mobility ( $\mu$ ) of 2D materials can be calculated according to the equation<sup>2</sup>

$$\mu = \frac{2eh^3 C}{3(2\pi)^3 k_B T (m^*)^2 (E_1)^2} \quad (\text{S-12})$$

where  $e$  is the electron charge,  $C$  is the elastic constant, and  $E_1$  is deformation potential constant. The  $C$  and  $E_1$  can be obtained by

$$C = \left[ \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \left(\frac{\Delta a}{a_0}\right)^2} \right] / S_0 \quad (\text{S-13})$$

$$E_1 = \frac{\partial E_{edge}}{\partial \left(\frac{\Delta a}{a_0}\right)} \quad (\text{S-14})$$

where  $E_{edge}$  is the energy of the band edge,  $\Delta a$  is the change of lattice parameter relative to the equilibrium lattice parameter, and  $S_0$  is the area of the unit cell at equilibrium.

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