

Supporting Information for

Heterogeneous FASnI₃ Absorber with Enhanced Electric Field for High-Performance Lead-Free Perovskite Solar Cells

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S1 Chemicals

All chemicals and reagents were used as received from commercial sources without further purification, including PEDOT:PSS (Clevious P VP Al 4083), SnI₂ (99.99%, Sigma-Aldrich), Formamidinium iodide (FAI) (98%, Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Japan), SnF₂ (99%, Sigma-Aldrich), C₆₀ (99.5%, Sigma-Aldrich), Bathocuproine (99%, FUJIFILM Wako), Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA, Sigma). All solutions were filtered through a 0.2- μ m filter before use.

S2 Supplementary Figures and Tables

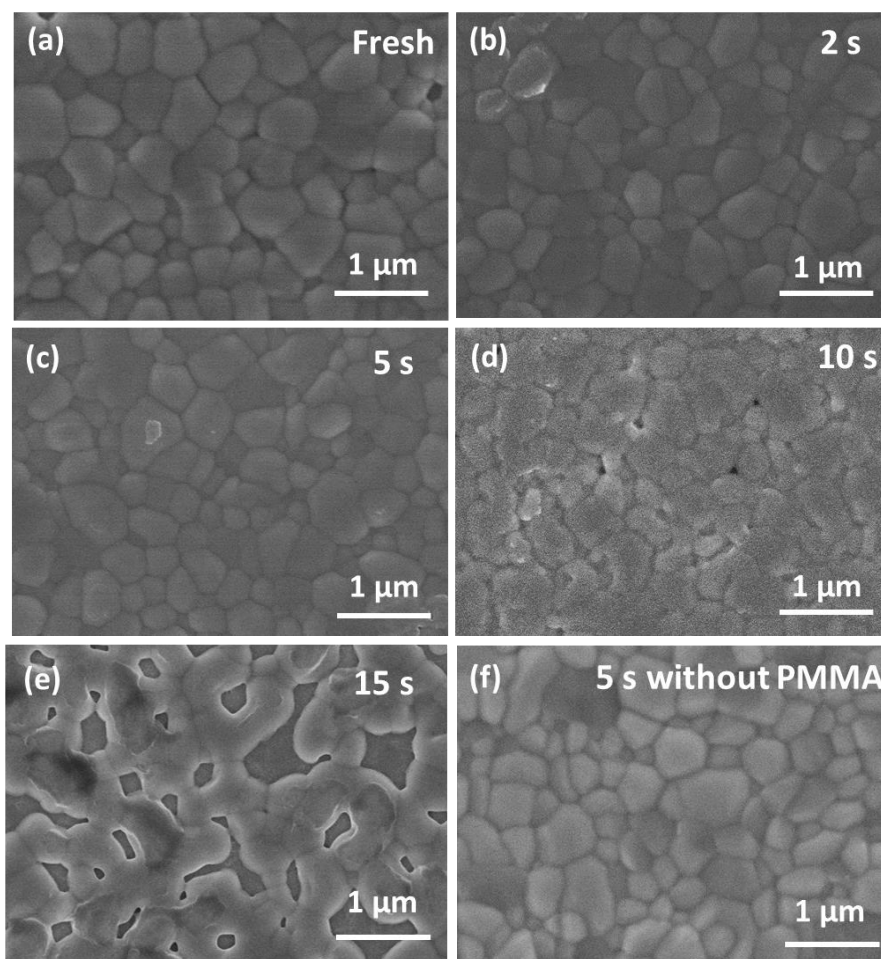


Fig. S1 Top-view scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of the polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA)-coated FASnI_3 perovskite films **a** before and after exposed to the dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) vapor for **b** 2 s, **c** 5 s, **d** 10 s, and **e** 15 s, following by thermal annealing at 100 °C for recrystallization process. **f** Top-view SEM image of the FASnI_3 film without PMMA coating after exposed to the DMSO vapor for 5 s, following by annealing at 100 °C for recrystallization

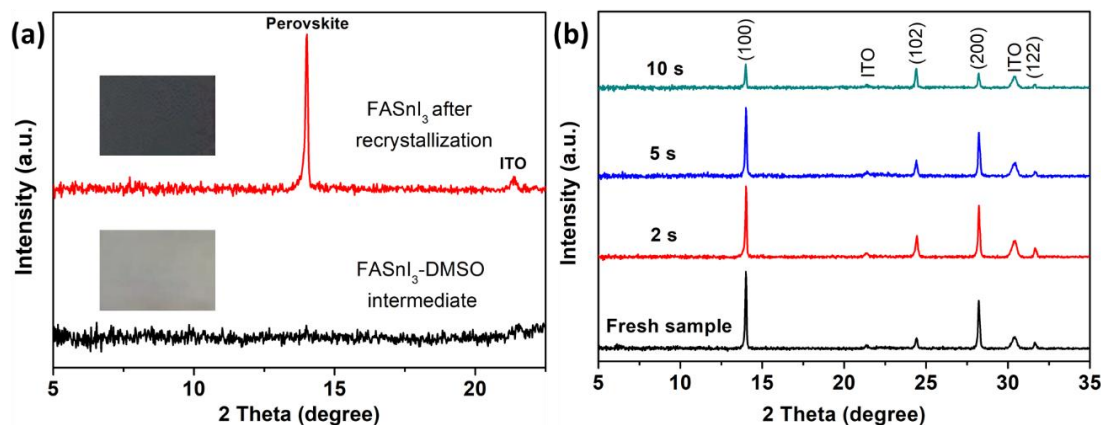


Fig. S2 a X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of the FASnI_3 -DMSO intermediate film with PMMA coating after 5 s DMSO treatment and the recrystallized FASnI_3 film with PMMA coating. The insets show the photographs of the films. **b** The XRD patterns of the PMMA-coated FASnI_3 fresh film and the films exposed to the DMSO vapor for 2 s, 5 s, and 10 s following by thermal annealing at 100 °C to remove the DMSO solvent

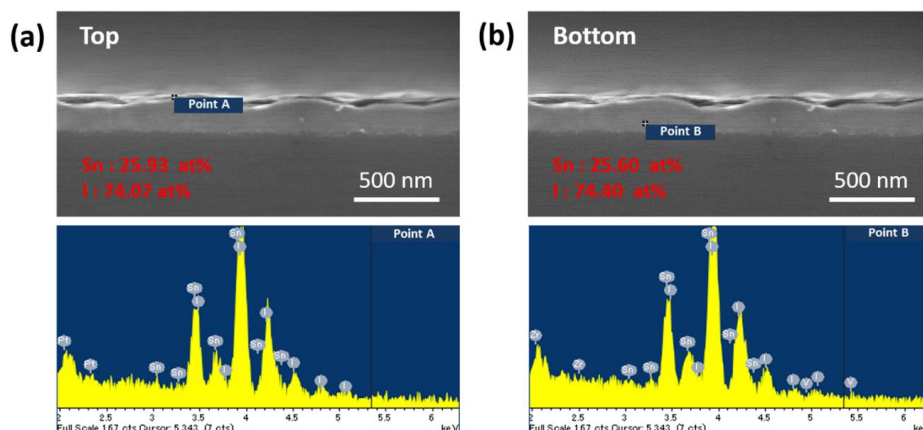


Fig. S3 The cross-section SEM images and the corresponding EDS point-scanning profiles of the **a** top and **b** bottom of FASnI₃ control film

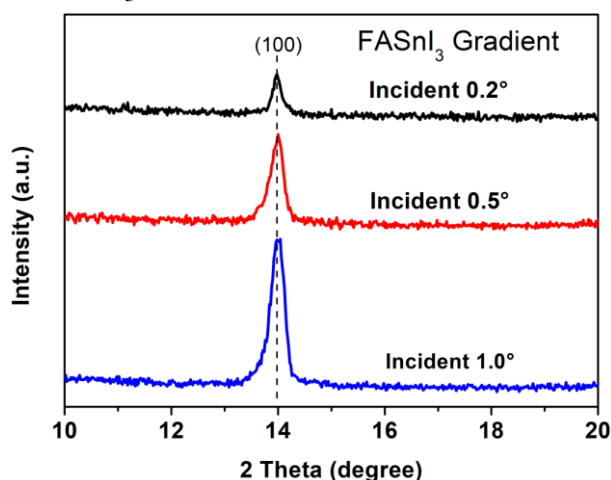


Fig. S4 The grazing incident X-ray diffraction (GIXRD) patterns of the FASnI₃ gradient film measured with the incident angles changing from 0.2° to 1.0°

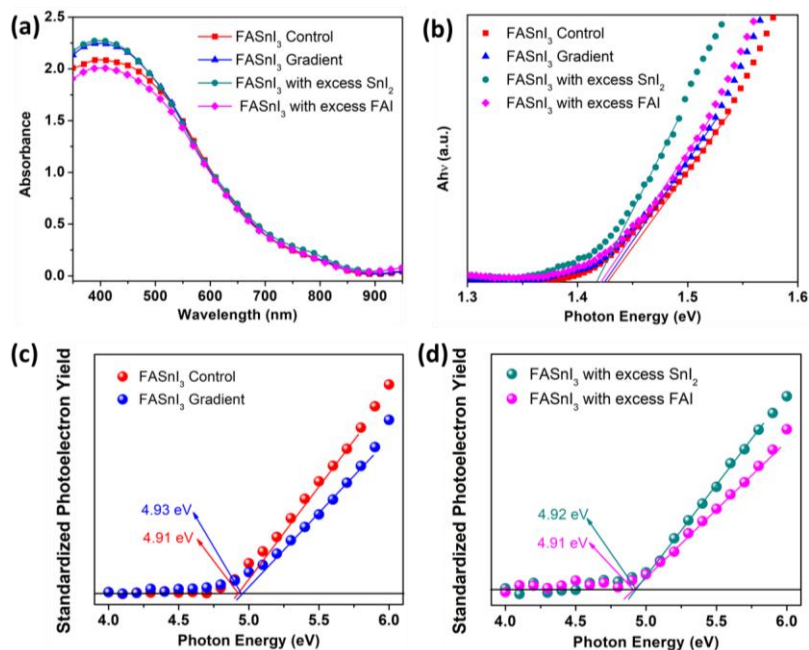


Fig. S5 **a** UV-vis absorption spectrums and **b** Tauc plots of the FASnI₃ control film, FASnI₃ gradient film, and the FASnI₃ films with excess SnI₂ or FAI. **c** The PESA plots of the FASnI₃ control and gradient perovskite films. **d** The PESA plots of the FASnI₃ films with excess SnI₂ (7.7 mol%) or FAI (6.3 mol%)

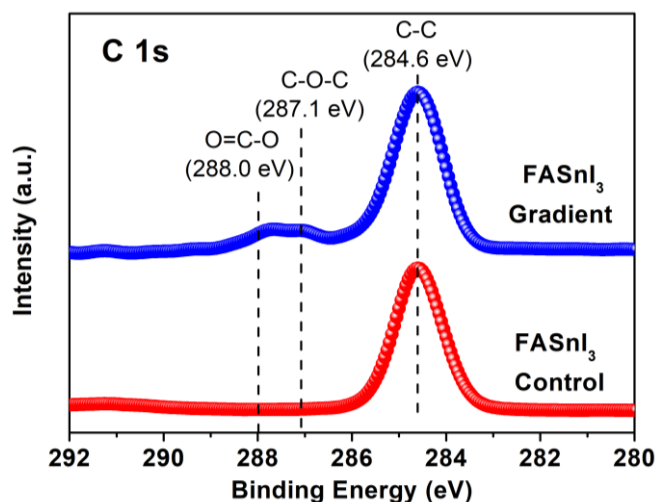


Fig. S6 XPS high-resolution C 1s spectrums of the FASnI₃ control and gradient perovskite films. The peaks at 284.6 eV, 287.1 eV, and 288.0 eV are associated with the C-C, C-O-C, and O=C-O groups, respectively [S1]. The C-O-C and O=C-O signals indicate the presence of PMMA in FASnI₃ gradient film

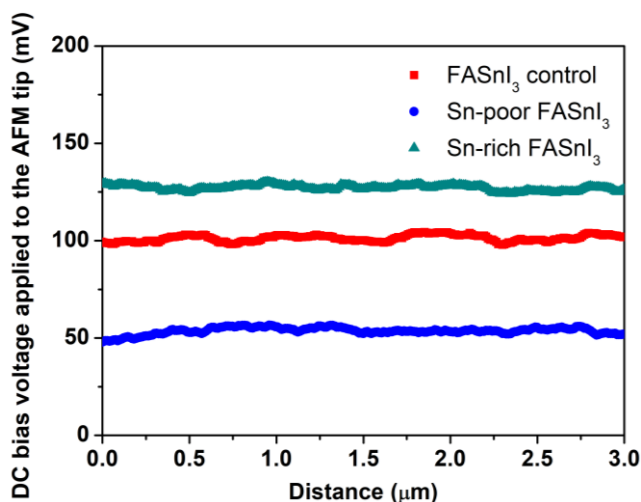


Fig. S7 Surface potential line profiles of the three types of corresponding tin perovskite samples. Note that the recorded value is the DC bias voltage applied to the AFM tip to nullify the contact potential difference between the AFM tip and the sample surface

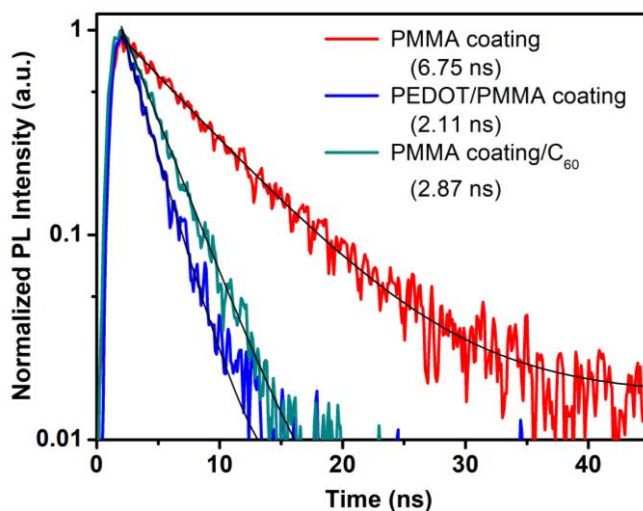


Fig. S8 TRPL spectra of the FASnI₃ film with PMMA coating deposited on quartz substrate before and after contacted with the C₆₀ or PEDOT: PSS layers

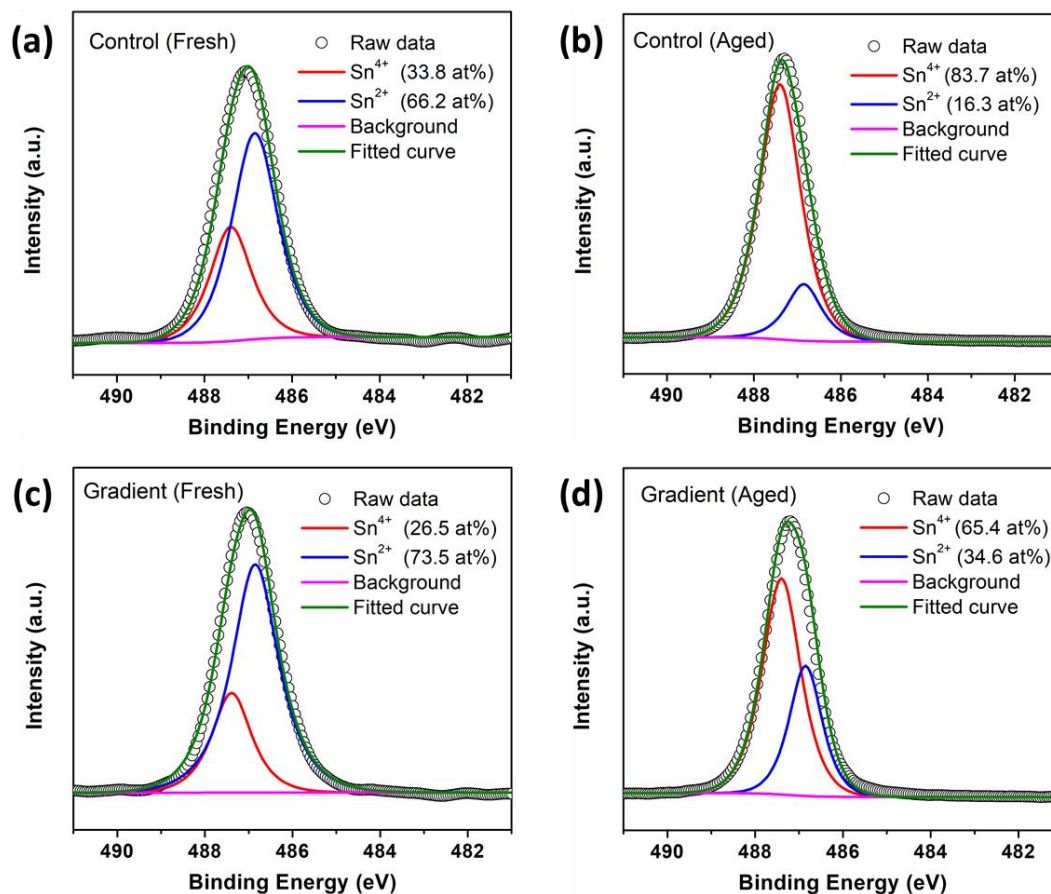


Fig. S9 The XPS high-resolution Sn 3d spectrums of the FASnI₃ control film **a** before and **b** after being exposed to air for 3 h, and the FASnI₃ gradient film **c** before and **d** after the aging process. The fitting peaks at 486.85 and 487.50 eV are associated with the Sn²⁺ and Sn⁴⁺ components, respectively [S2]

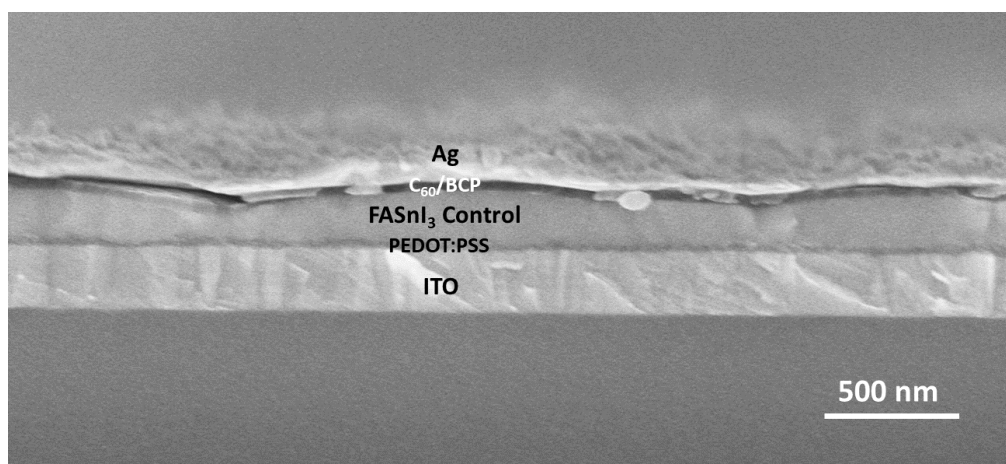


Fig. S10 The cross-section SEM image of the control device with a structure of ITO/PEDOT:PSS/FASnI₃ control (226 nm)/C₆₀/ bathocuproine (BCP)/Ag electrode

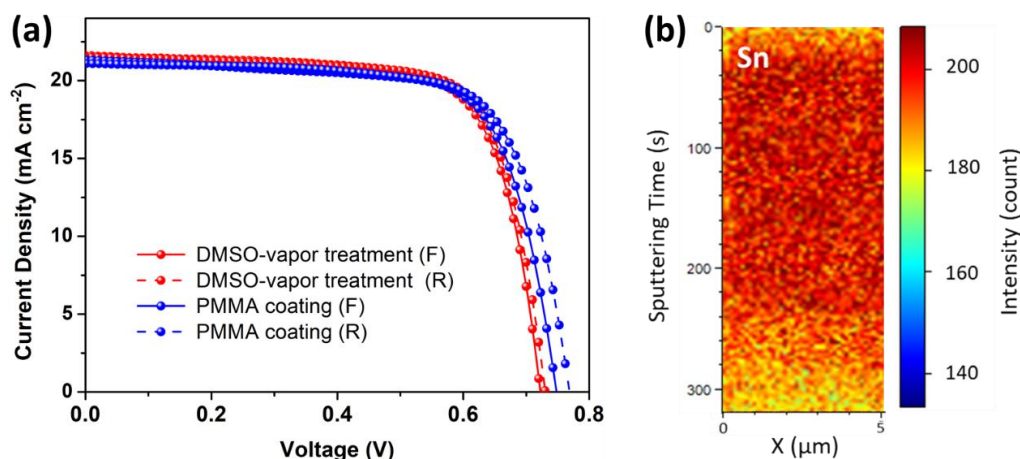


Fig. S11 **a** J - V curves of the best-performing FASnI_3 PSCs with DMSO-vapor treatment and with PMMA coating. **b** ToF-SIMS 2D mapping profiles of Sn along the x - z plane for the FASnI_3 film with DMSO-vapor treatment

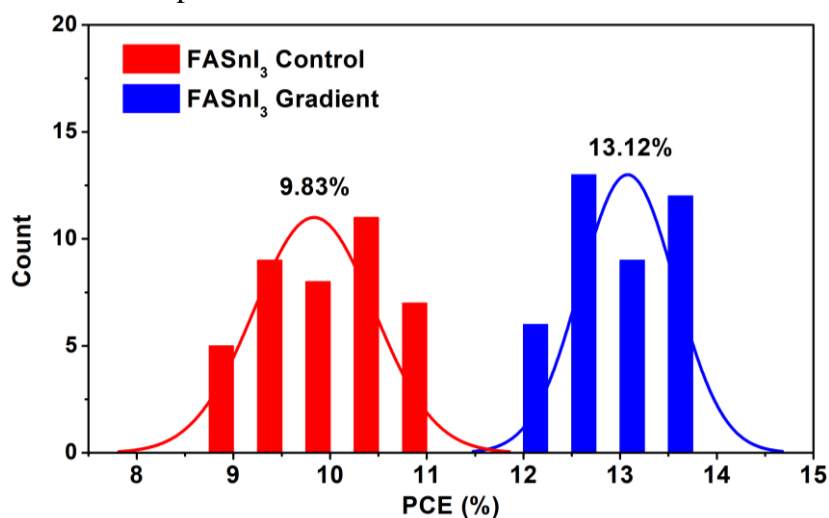


Fig. S12 Histogram of the PCE distribution based on 40 individual cells for the FASnI_3 control and FASnI_3 gradient PSCs

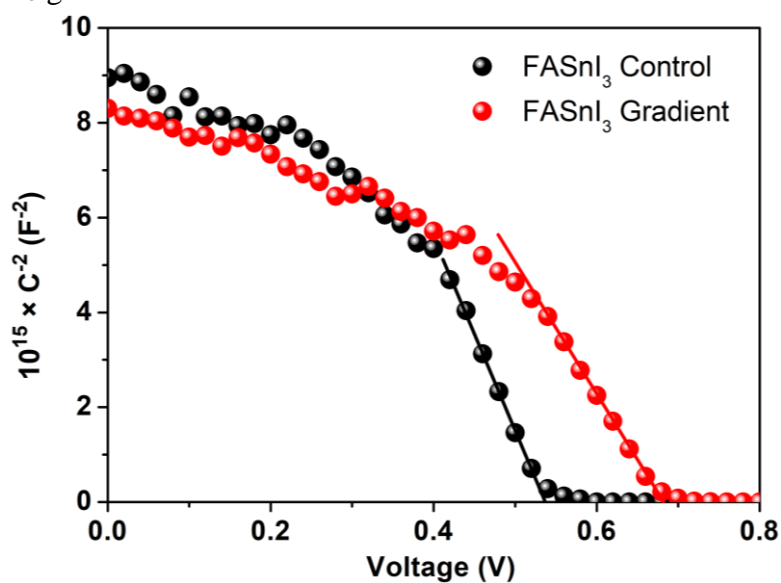


Fig. S13 Mott-Schottky plots of the FASnI_3 control and FASnI_3 gradient PSCs

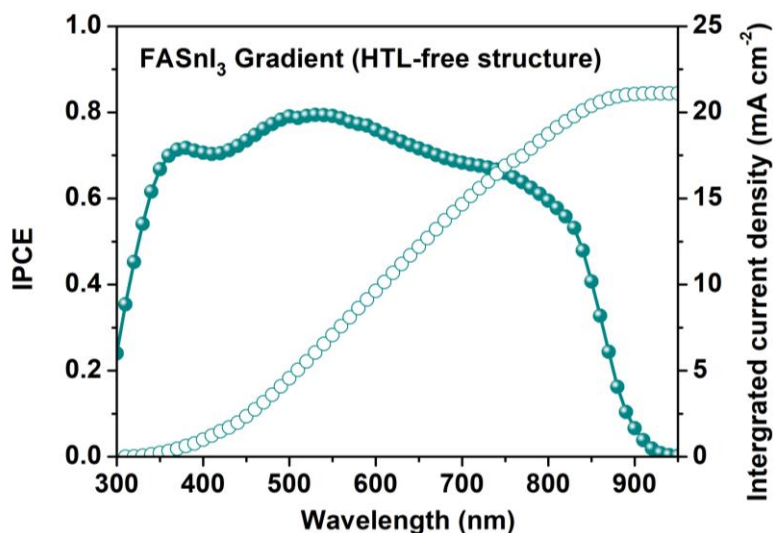


Fig. S14 Incident photon-to-current efficiency (IPCE) spectrum of the FASnI₃ gradient PSC with a HTL-free structure

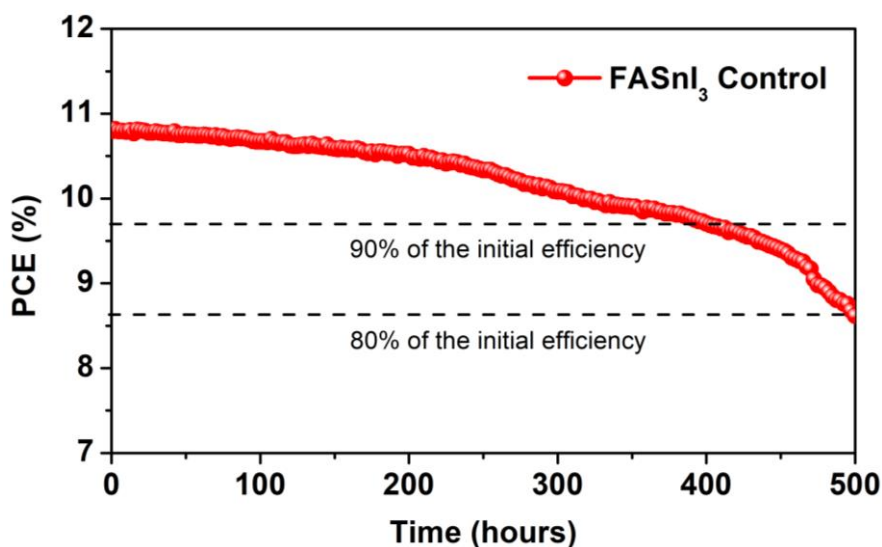


Fig. S15 Long-term operational stability test of the FASnI₃ control PSCs with encapsulation under continuous light soaking (AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻²) in air (about 20% humidity)

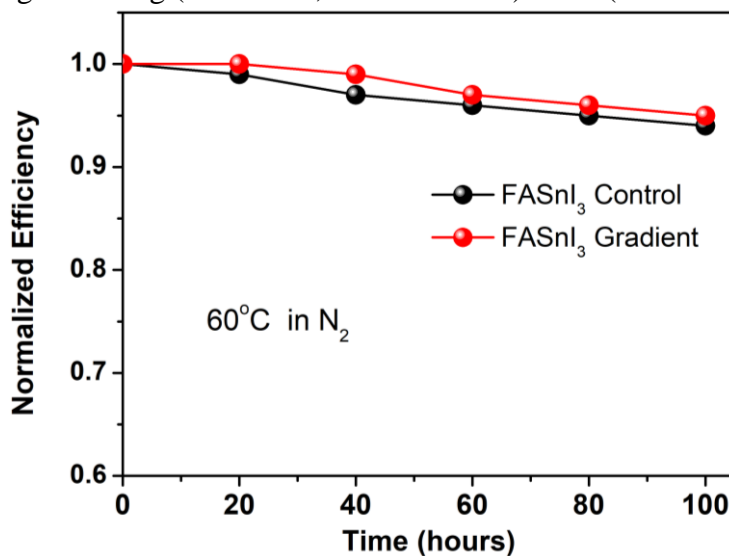


Fig. S16 Thermal stability test of the FASnI₃ control and gradient PSCs without encapsulation under 60 °C heating in a N₂ glove box

Table S1 The decay lifetime of time-resolved photoluminescence (PL) curves for the corresponding tin perovskite samples derived from the double-exponential decay equation: $y=A_1\exp(-t/\tau_1) + A_2\exp(-t/\tau_2)$. Where y is the PL intensity, t is the decay time, A_1 and A_2 are the two independent constants. The decay lifetime τ_1 and τ_2 could be determined by the decay time relative to PL intensity dropping to $1/e$ of its initial value. The proportion of these two decay lifetimes is calculated by $A_1/(A_1 + A_2)$ for τ_1 and $A_2/(A_1 + A_2)$ for τ_2

Sample	τ_1			τ_2			τ_{ave} (ns)
	Value (ns)	Error (ns)	Ratio (%)	Value (ns)	Error (ns)	Ratio (%)	
FASnI ₃ control	0.59	0.05	0.8	4.85	0.13	99.2	4.82
PEDOT/FASnI ₃ control	0.36	0.02	46.5	3.15	0.10	53.5	1.85
FASnI ₃ control/C ₆₀	0.47	0.02	33.8	3.48	0.11	66.2	2.46
FASnI ₃ gradient	0.43	0.06	0.9	7.04	0.15	99.1	6.98
PEDOT/FASnI ₃ gradient	0.22	0.02	37.3	1.65	0.07	62.7	1.05
FASnI ₃ gradient/C ₆₀	0.32	0.03	47.9	2.07	0.12	52.1	1.23
PMMA coating	0.55	0.06	0.8	6.80	0.18	99.2	6.75
PEDOT/PMMA coating	0.72	0.09	52.2	3.63	0.13	47.8	2.11
PMMA coating/C ₆₀	0.89	0.08	42.5	4.33	0.15	57.5	2.87

Table S2 The PV parameters of the FASnI₃ control, FASnI₃ gradient, and the HTL-free FASnI₃ gradient tin PSCs

Samples	Scan Direction	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
Recrystallization only	forward	21.35	0.71	71.7	10.87
	reverse	21.24	0.72	72.4	11.07
PMMA only	forward	21.31	0.75	71.1	11.36
	reverse	21.14	0.77	71.6	11.65

Table S3 Summary of the reported photovoltaic parameters of the state-of-the-art tin PSCs with over 13% efficiency

Perovskite Component	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)	Refs.
FASnI _{2.85} Br _{0.1} Cl _{0.05}	23.02	0.81	72.0	13.40	[S3]
FA _{0.9} EA _{0.1} SnI ₃ ^a	20.32	0.84	78.0	13.24	[S4]
FA _{0.8} GA _{0.2} SnI ₃ ^b	21.90	0.81	76.0	13.50	[S5]
PEA _{0.15} FA _{0.85} SnI _{2.55} Br _{0.45} ^c	20.60	0.91	77.1	14.63	[S6]
FA _{0.75} MA _{0.25} SnI ₃	24.90	0.77	76.7	14.70	[S7]
FPEA _{0.1} FA _{0.9} SnI _{2.9} Br _{0.1} ^d	24.91	0.84	71.7	14.81	[S8]
FASnI ₃	22.74	0.85	71.5	13.82	This work

^aEA indicates the ethylammonium cation; ^bGA indicates the guanidinium cation; ^cPEA indicates the phenethylammonium cation; ^dFPEA indicates the 4-fluoro-phenethylammonium cation

Table S4 Summary of the reported photovoltaic parameters of the HTL-free tin PSCs

Perovskite Component	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)	Refs.
CsSnI ₃	9.89	0.50	68.0	3.35	[S9]
TEA _x FA _{1-x} SnI ₃ ^a	17.05	0.50	61.2	5.17	[S10]
FASnI ₃	22.03	0.67	68.5	10.11	[S11]
FASnI ₃	21.39	0.75	72.3	11.91	This work

^aTEA indicates the thienylethylammonium cation

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