

Supporting Information for

Optimizing the Performance of CsPbI₃-based Perovskite Solar Cells via Doping a ZnO Electron Transport Layer Coupled with Interface Engineering

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Supplementary Figures and Table

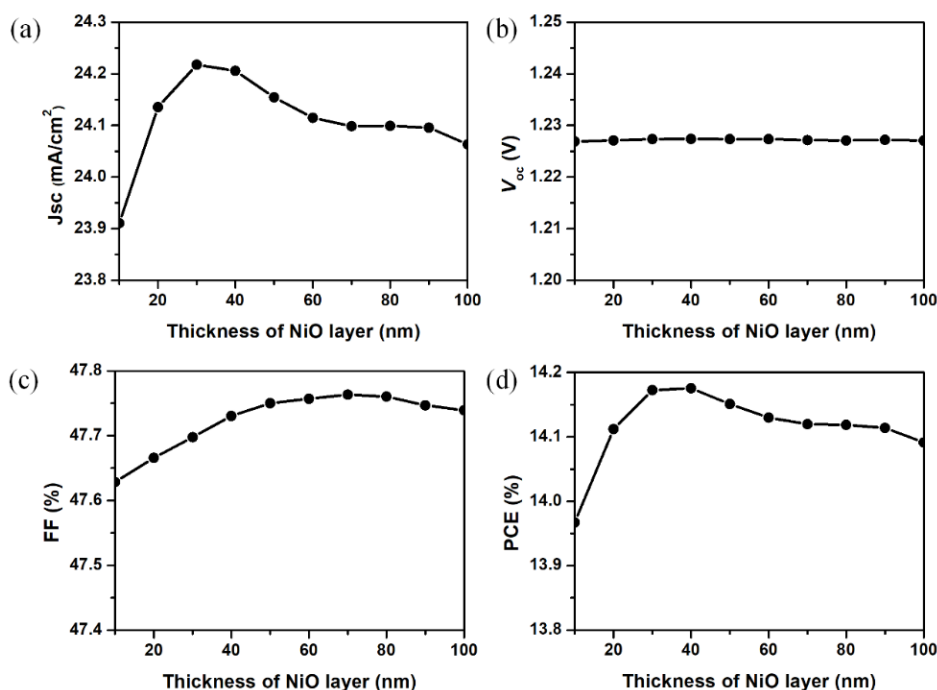


Fig. S1 Device parameters as a function of the thickness of NiO layer

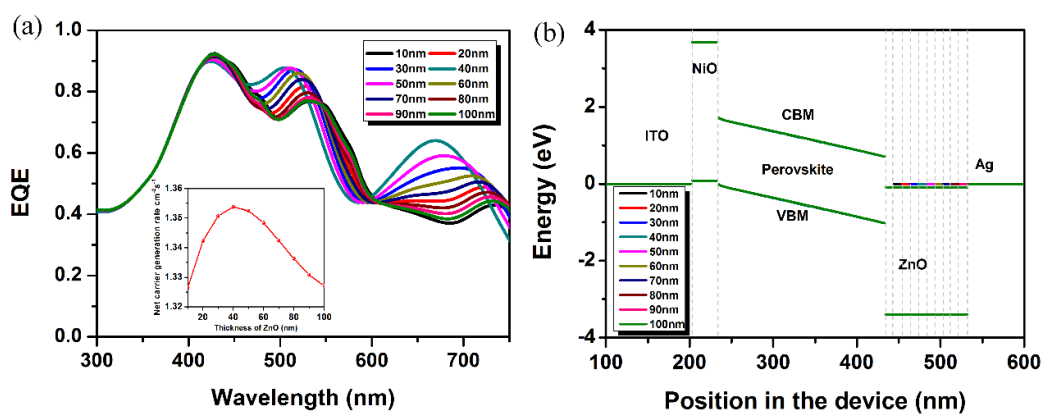


Fig. S2 **a** EQE spectra coupling with the net carrier generation rate, and **b** energy band diagrams of CsPbI₃ based PSCs with single-layer ZnO ETL as a function of the thickness of ZnO layer

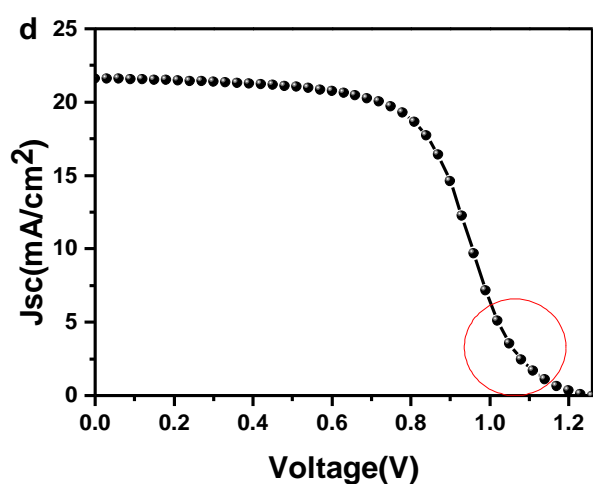


Fig. S3 *J* – *V* curve of CsPbI₃ based PSC with single-layer ZnO ETL

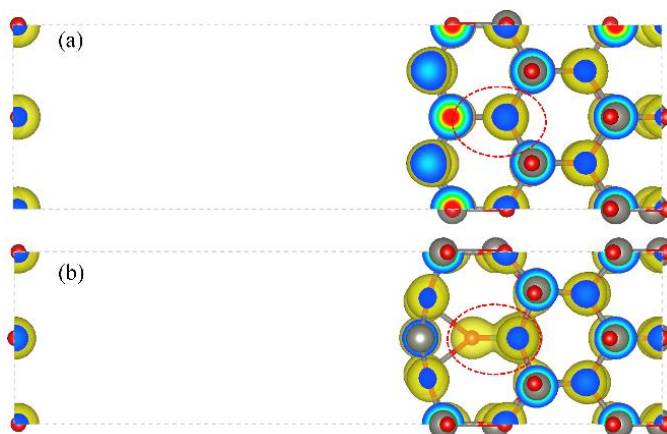


Fig. S4 Charge density of ZnO surfaces **a** without any dopant and **b** with $6.37 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ Nb-dopant

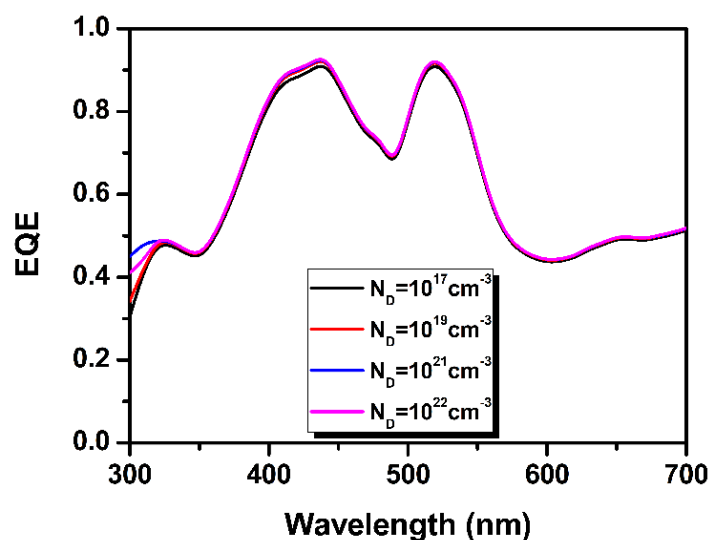


Fig. S5 EQE spectra of CsPbI₃ based PSCs with single-layer ZnO ETL depends on the doping concentration of ZnO layer

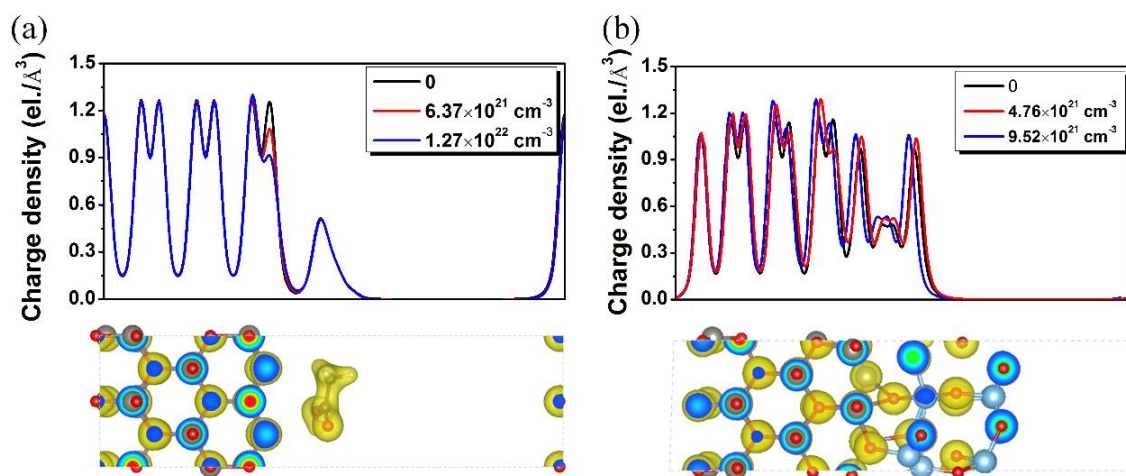


Fig. S6 Charge densities of **a** CH₃COOH/ZnO and **b** TiO₂/ZnO interfaces with different Nb-doping concentrations in the ZnO layers. The up panels are the plane average charge densities along z direction. The down panels are the side view of charge densities of interfaces.

In order to reveal the effect of doping concentration of ZnO layer on the PCBM/ZnO bilayer ETL, the PCBM/ZnO interface should be constructed. However, it should be noted that a proper PCBM/ZnO interface model contains at least 200 atoms due to the large PCBM crystal. Such structure was difficult to be calculated by density functional theory. Hence, the acetic acid (CH₃COOH) was employed to equal with the PCBM according to the structural feature of PCBM. Hence, the CH₃COOH/ZnO interface was constructed. In addition, to investigate the influence the doping concentration on the PCBM/ZnO interface, Nb dopant with different concentration was introduced into the ZnO layer of these interfaces. It could

be found that the charge densities between PCBM and ZnO layers was low, which suggesting weak interlayer interactions at CH₃COOH/ZnO interface which was close to the van der waals interactions. Moreover, the increased Nb-doping concentration in ZnO layer has tiny effects on the low charge densities, which directly determined the conductivity, between the ZnO and CH₃COOH layers. Hence, the increased doping concentration in ZnO layer unaffected the conductivity of CH₃COOH/ZnO interface. In other words, the increased doping concentration in ZnO layer could not improve the conductivity of PCBM/ZnO interface.

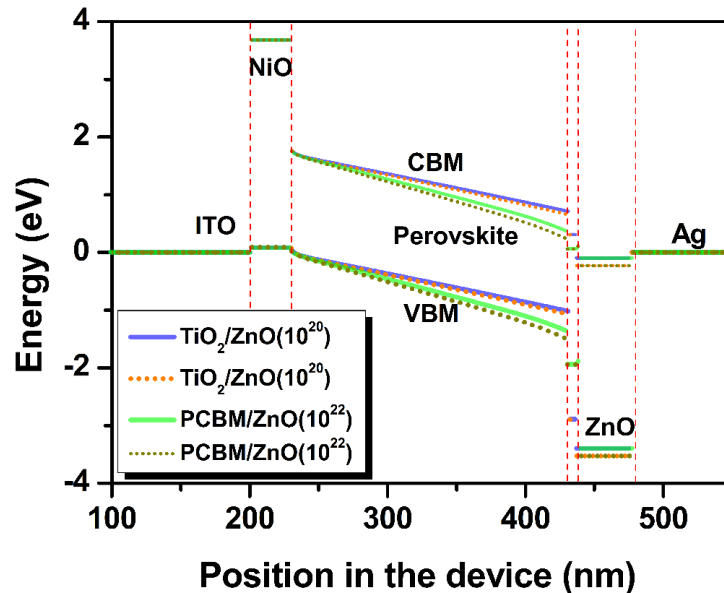


Fig. S7 Energy band diagrams of CsPbI₃ based PSCs with bilayer ETLs as a function of the doping concentration in ZnO layer

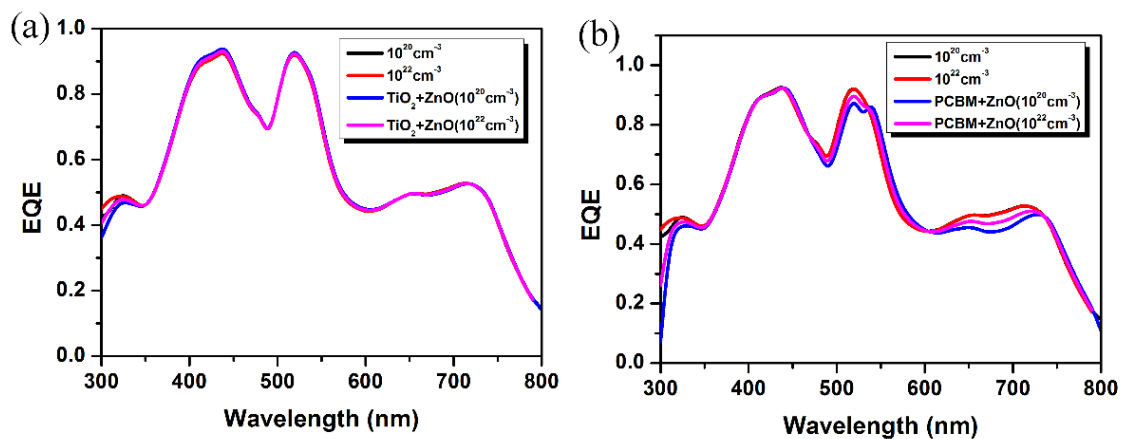


Fig. S8 EQE spectra of CsPbI₃ based PSCs with single-layer ZnO ETL, bilayer PCBM/ZnO ETL, and bilayer TiO₂/ZnO ETL

Table S1 The detailed simulation parameters of CsPbI₃ based PSCs with optimized ZnO single-layer ETL, PCBM/ZnO bilayer ETL, and TiO₂/ZnO bilayer ETL

Parameters	NiO	CsPbI ₃	PCBM	ZnO	TiO ₂
Thickness (nm)	30	200	8	40	1
ϵ_r	12	6	4	9	100
E_g (eV)	3.6	1.73	2	3.3	3.2
λ (eV)	1.7	3.6	3.9	4.4	4
N_C (cm ⁻³)	2.5×10^{20}	1.49×10^{18}	1×10^{21}	2.2×10^{18}	1×10^{21}
N_V (cm ⁻³)	2.5×10^{20}	2.2×10^{18}	2×10^{20}	1.8×10^{19}	2×10^{20}
N_A (cm ⁻³)	1×10^{16}	-	-	-	-
N_D (cm ⁻³)	-	-	1×10^{20}	1×10^{20}	1×10^{20}
μ_n (cm ² /Vs)	0.01	25	0.01	100	0.006
μ_p (cm ² /Vs)	0.01	25	0.01	25	0.006