

Supporting Information

Interfacial Engineering with One-dimensional Lepidocrocite TiO₂-based Nanofilaments for High Performance Perovskite Solar Cells

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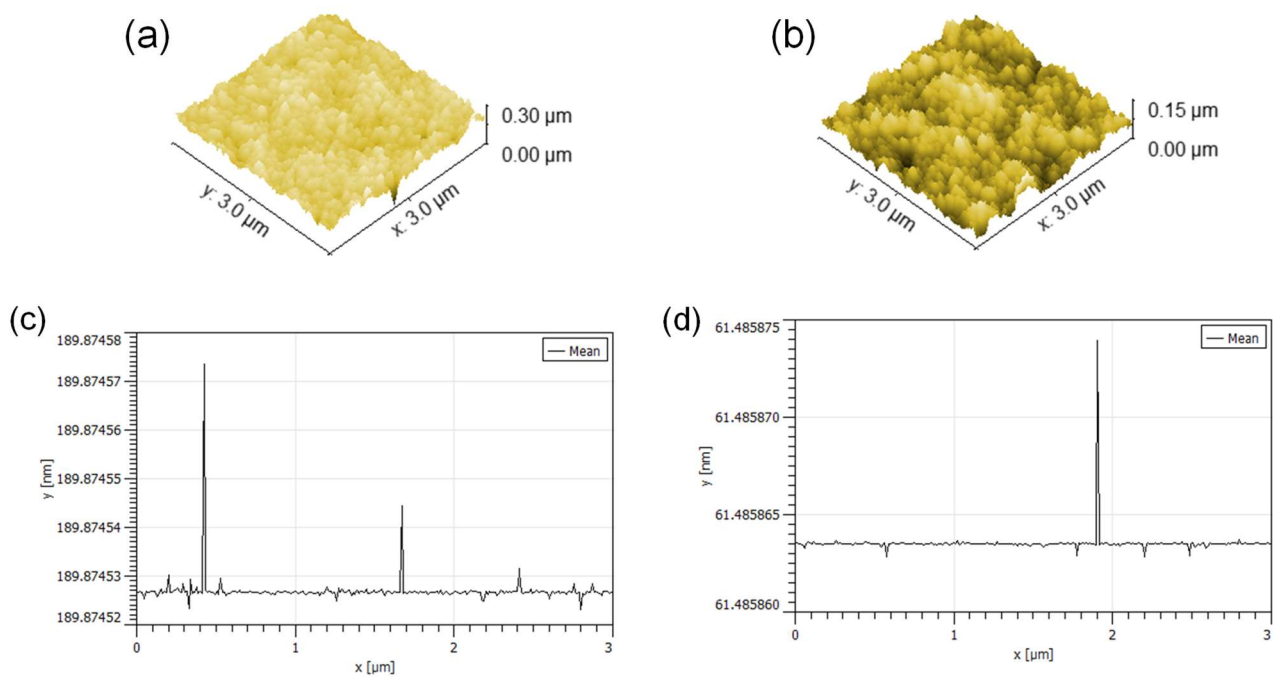


Figure S1: (a) and (b) 3D AFM topography images of mp TiO₂ and mp/1DL TiO₂ on ITO. (c) and (d) Corresponding roughness plot for two ETLs.

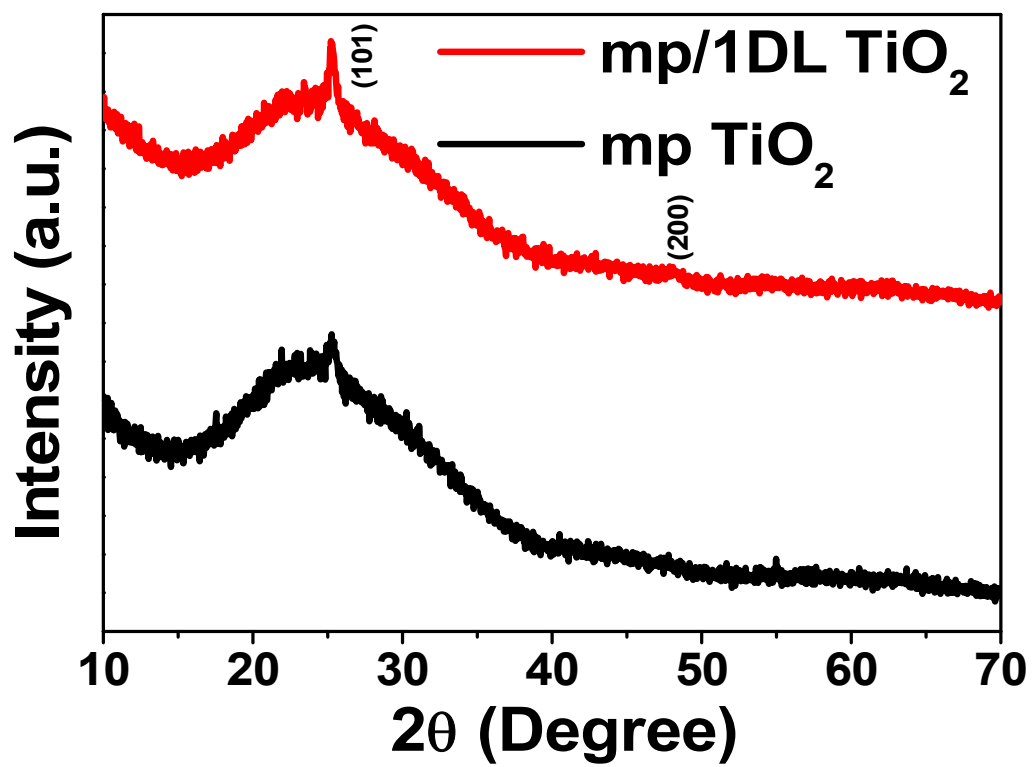


Figure S2: XRD spectra for mp TiO_2 and mp/1DL TiO_2 ETLs.

Table S1: Electrical properties of mp TiO₂ and mp/1DL TiO₂ ETLs obtained from Hall measurements.

Sample	Carrier Concentration (cm ⁻³)	Conductivity (S/cm)	Hall Mobility (Cm ³ V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	Resistivity (Ω·cm)
mp TiO ₂	6.83x10 ¹⁹	4.17×10 ⁴	40.50	2.40×10 ⁻⁵
mp/1DL TiO ₂	3.18x10 ²⁰	2.83×10 ⁵	55.70	3.53×10 ⁻⁶

The higher carrier concentration, conductivity, and Hall mobility observed in the mp/1DL TiO₂ ETL compared to mp TiO₂ indicate superior electrical properties crucial for electronic and optoelectronic applications.

The enhanced carrier concentration suggests a greater density of charge carriers available for conduction within the material. This attribute is directly linked to the improved conductivity of mp/1DL TiO₂, enabling more efficient transport of electrons through the layer.

Moreover, the higher Hall mobility signifies that charge carriers in mp/1DL TiO₂ can move more freely under an applied electric field, which is beneficial for achieving faster response times and improved device performance.

These superior electrical characteristics of mp/1DL TiO₂ ETL not only enhance the overall conductivity of devices but also contribute to their efficiency and operational stability in various technological applications.

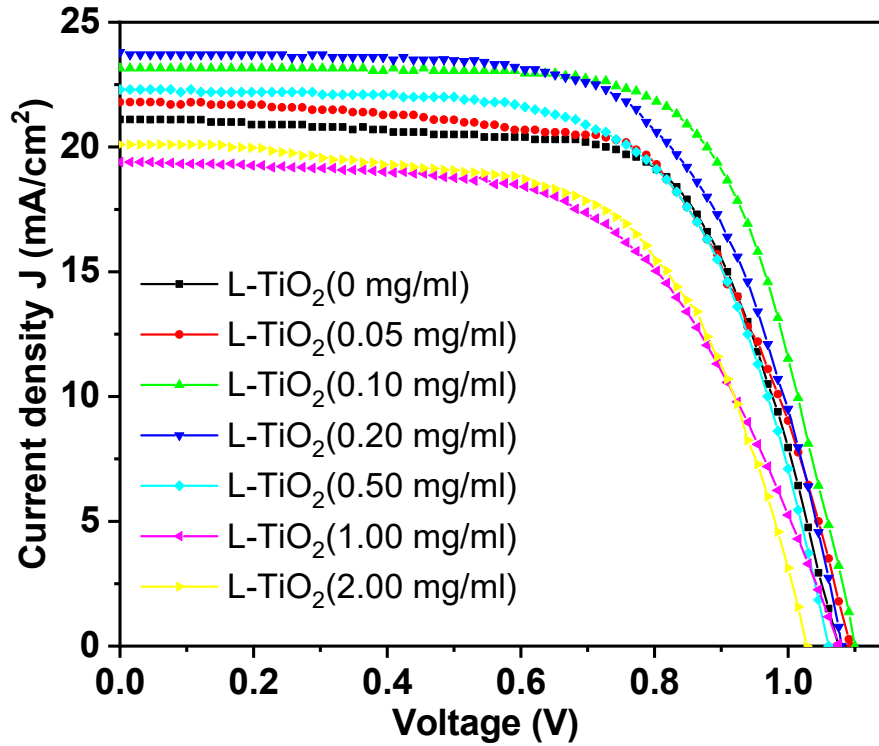


Figure S3: (a) J - V characteristics of the solar cells for different concentration of 1DL TiO₂.

We have produced others concentration of 1DL TiO₂ solution and developed different 1DL TiO₂ based solar cells. We also observed their electrical characteristics to show the best concentration of 1DL TiO₂ based solar cell. When the amount of 1DL TiO₂ is increased upto 0.10 mg/ml, V_{OC} increases due to perfect band alignment with perovskite, then again decreases when the amount is more increased.

Table S2: *J-V* parameters of the solar cells for different concentration of 1DL TiO₂.

ETL	J _{SC} (mA/cm ²)	V _{OC} (V)	FF	PCE (%)
mp TiO ₂ (1DL TiO ₂ = 0 mg/ml)	21.10	1.08	0.68	15.49
mp/1D L TiO ₂ for 1DL TiO ₂ 0.05 mg/ml	21.80	1.09	0.66	15.68
mp/1DL TiO₂ for 1DL TiO₂ 0.10 mg/ml	23.15	1.10	0.70	17.82
mp/1DL TiO ₂ for 1DL TiO ₂ 0.20 mg/ml	23.80	1.08	0.65	16.70
mp/1DL TiO ₂ for 1DL TiO ₂ 0.50 mg/ml	22.30	1.06	0.65	15.36
mp/1DL TiO ₂ for 1DL TiO ₂ 1.00 mg/ml	19.39	1.07	0.59	12.24
mp/1DL TiO ₂ for 1DL TiO ₂ 2.00 mg/ml	20.10	1.03	0.62	12.83

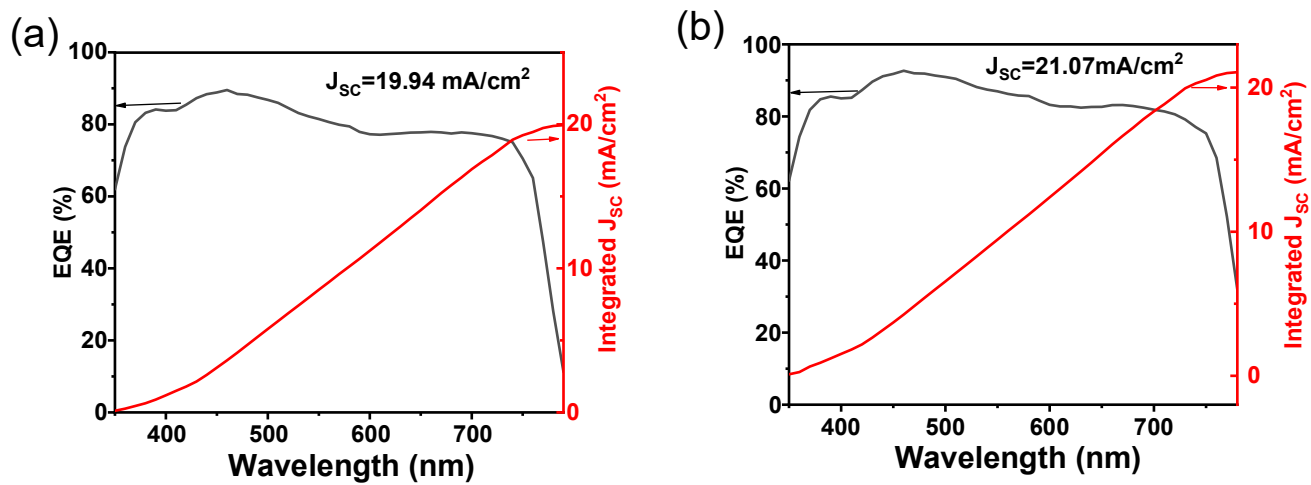


Figure S4. EQE spectra and spectrally integrated current density of the best-performing PSCs with (a) mp TiO₂ and (b) mp/L TiO₂ ETLs, respectively.

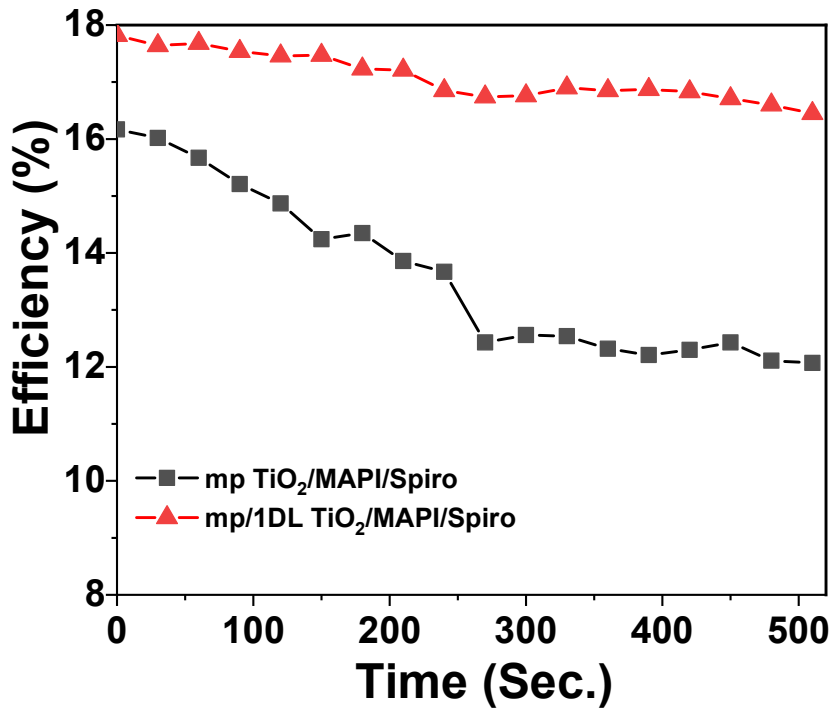


Figure S5: Operational stability for both PSCs under continuous 1-sun illumination for 500 S.

The power conversion efficiency (PCE) of the PSCs containing 1DL TiO₂-based nanofilaments exhibited a decrease of only 7.68 % after nearly 500 seconds of continuous illumination (red curve in Figure S5). In contrast, the PSCs based on mp TiO₂ showed a significantly larger drop in PCE, with a reduction of 25.35 % under the same conditions (black curve in Figure S5). These results clearly demonstrate that the 1DL TiO₂-based nanofilaments contribute to significantly enhanced operational stability of the PSCs under continuous illumination. The marked improvement can be attributed to the improved interface engineering. The 1DL nanofilaments provide better passivation of the perovskite layer, reducing trap states and minimizing nonradiative recombination.

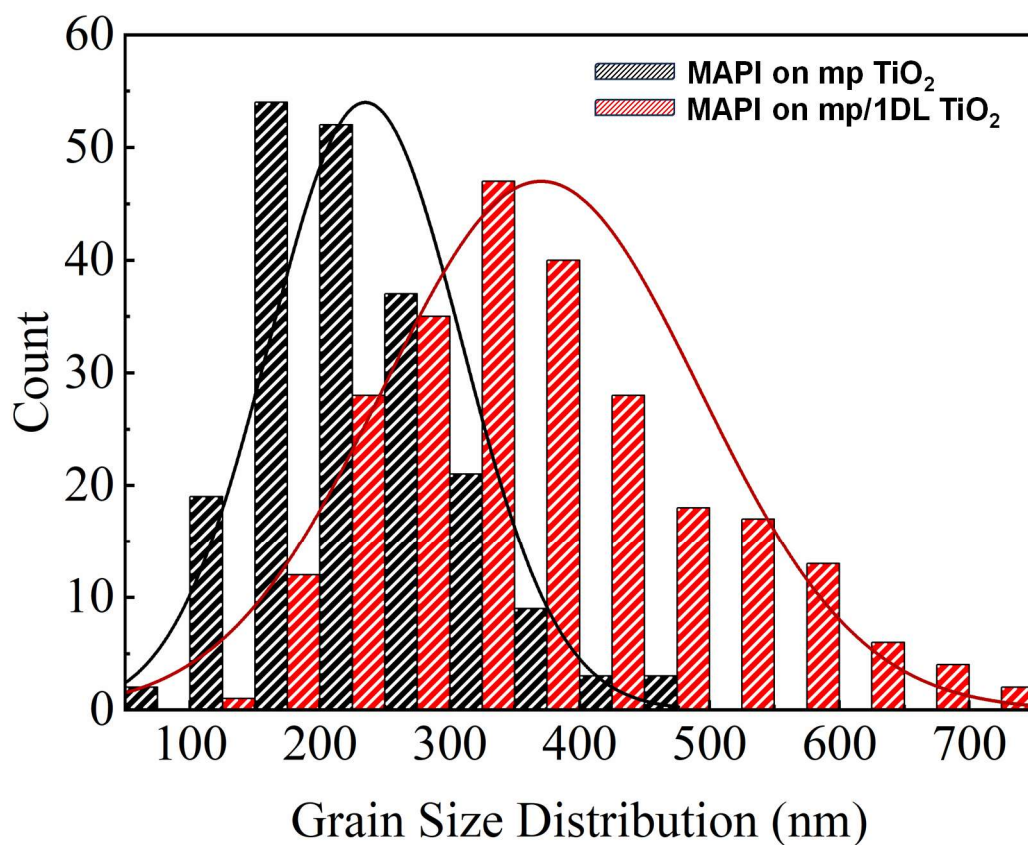


Figure S6: Grain size distribution for two different MAPbI₃ (denoted as MAPI inside figure) layers deposited on mp TiO₂ and mp/1DL TiO₂ based ETLs (black and red columns, respectively). Grain size measurements were carried out using ImageJ from corresponding SEM micrographs presented in Figs. 4 (a) and (b) (main manuscript), respectively.

Table S3: Work function (ϕ), E (HOMO), and E (VB) values - in eV - for both mp TiO₂ and mp/1DL TiO₂-based ETLs. All values were calculated from the UPS spectra shown in Figure 5a and b.

ETLs	Work Function (ϕ) (eV)	E _{HOMO} (eV)	E _{VB} (eV)
mp TiO ₂	4.13	3.07	7.20
mp/1DL TiO ₂	3.98	3.19	7.17

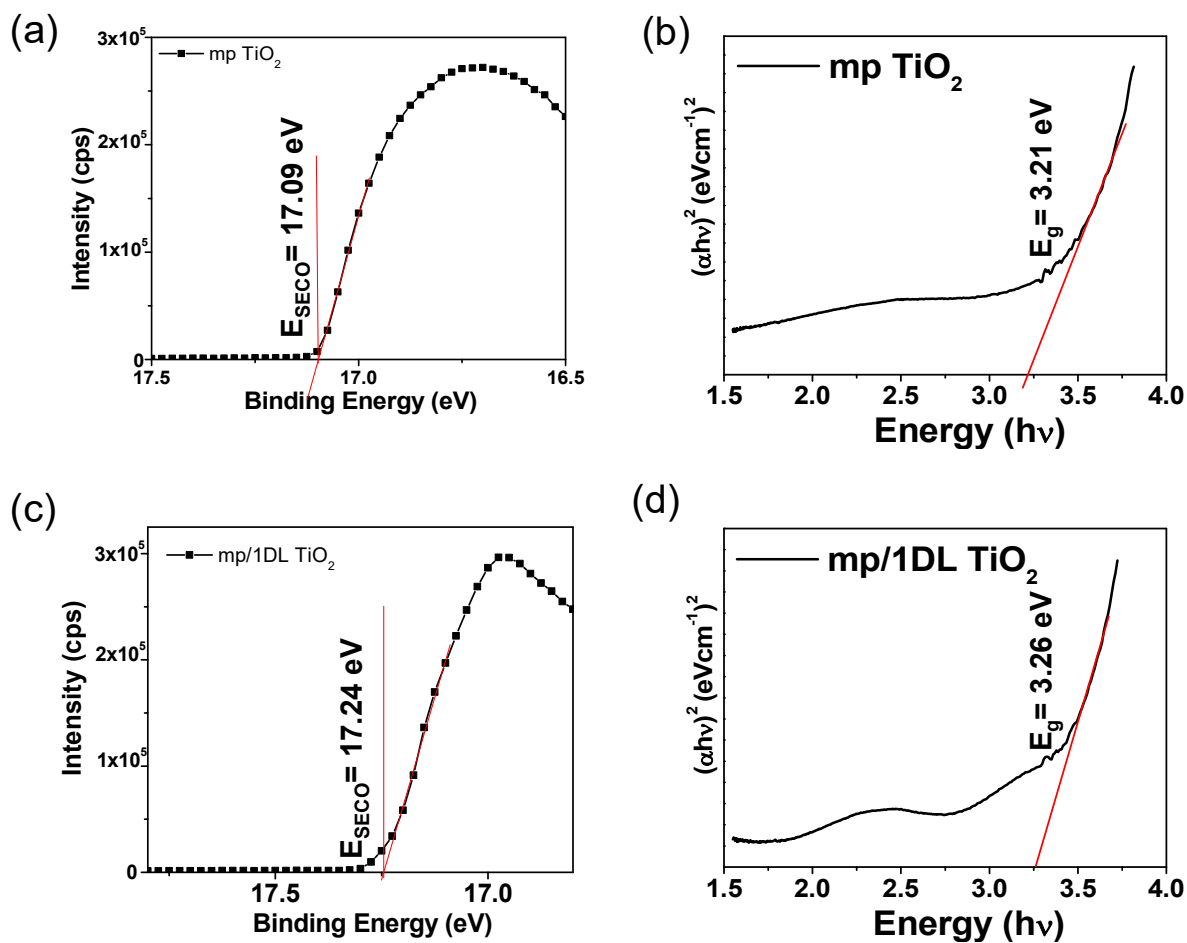


Figure S7: (a), (c) UPS spectra showing the cut-off region (E_{SECO} value) and (b), (d) bandgap derived from the UV-vis measurements for mp TiO₂ and mp/1DL TiO₂ ETLs, respectively.

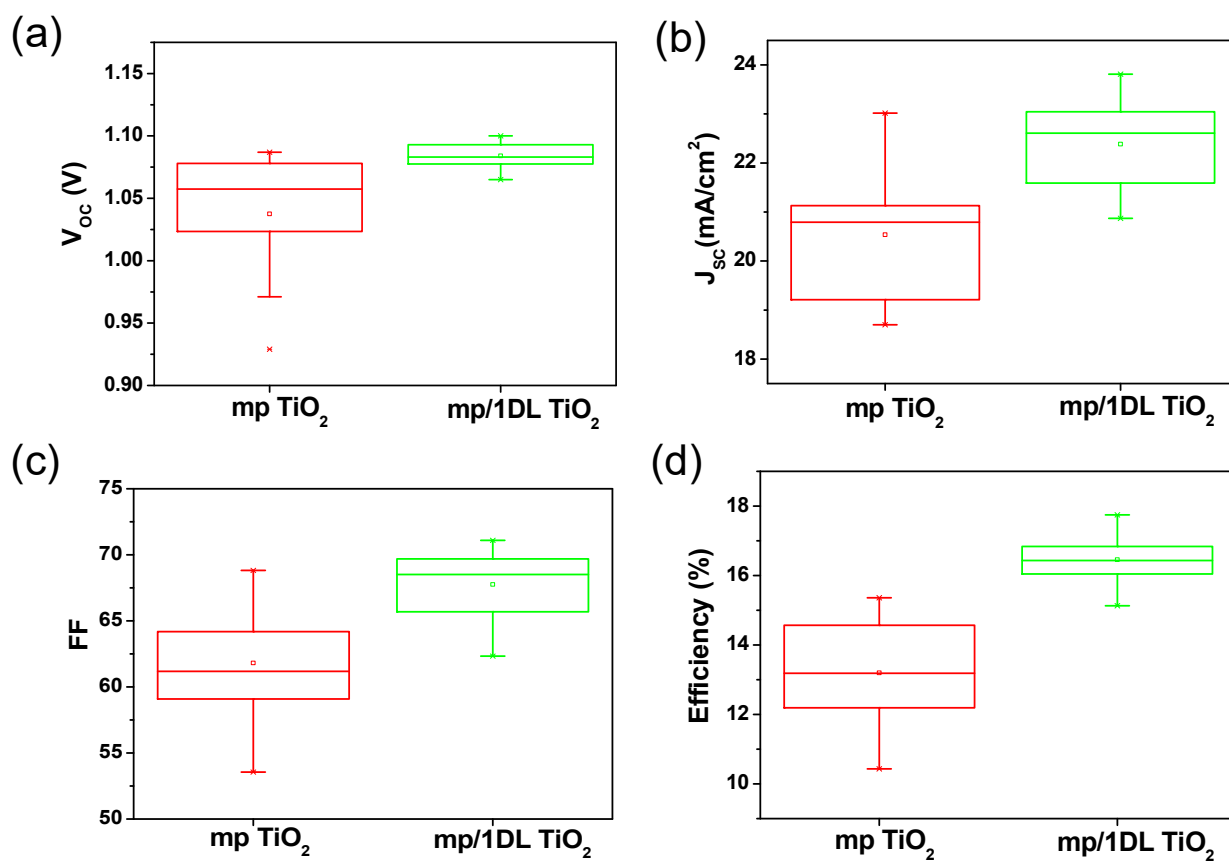


Figure S8: Box diagrams of the measured J - V parameters (a) V_{oc} , (b) J_{sc} , (c) FF, and (d) Efficiency of the solar cell batches with mp TiO_2 and mp/1DL TiO_2 ETLs, respectively.

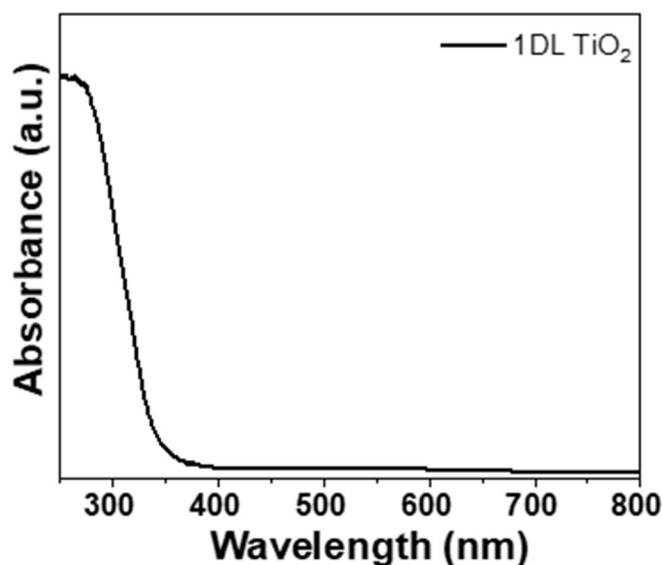


Figure S9: UV-Visible absorption spectrum of 1DL TiO₂.

We performed UV-vis absorption spectroscopy on the isolated 1DL TiO₂ NFs to assess their optical absorption characteristics. Based on known properties of TiO₂ nanostructures, we expect the absorption edge to be in the UV region due to TiO₂'s wide band gap, similar to the values discussed in the manuscript (~3.21–3.26 eV). However, the presence of 1DL might slightly shift the absorption edge, reflecting changes in band structure and confirming its role in electron transport enhancement.

The absorption spectrum of 1DL TiO₂ will thus help demonstrate how the nanofilaments interact with light and contribute to the overall improved performance of the devices. We will include this data either in the main manuscript or supplementary materials.