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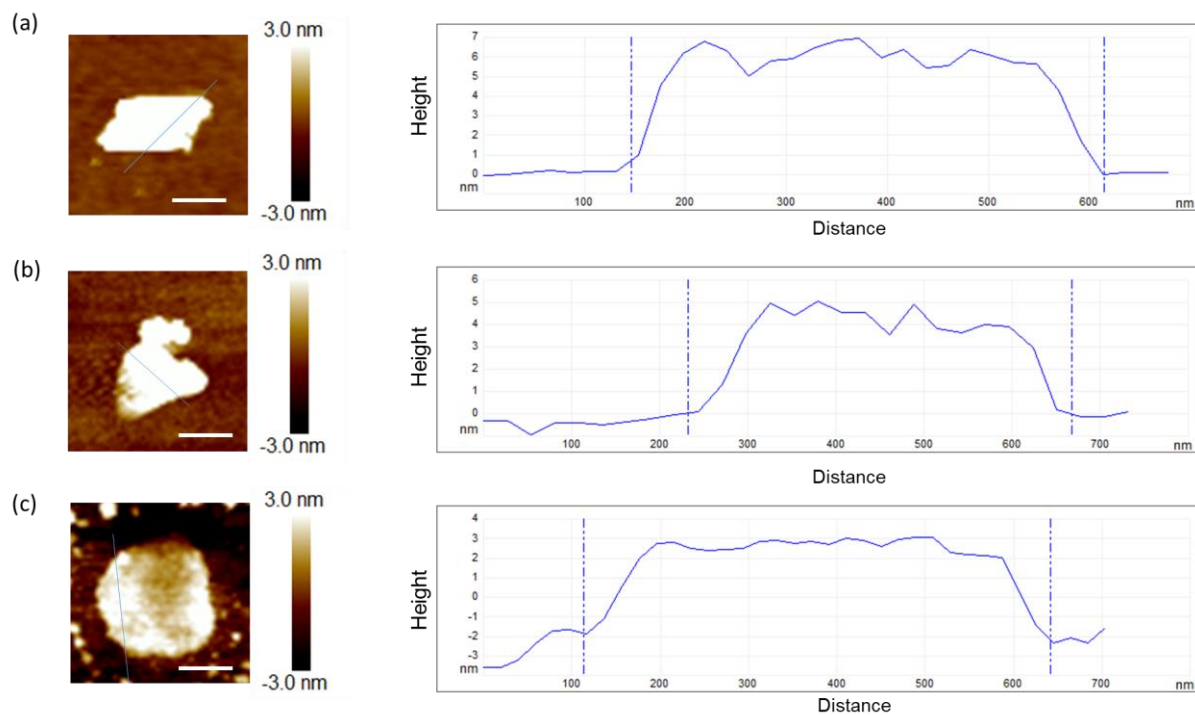


Figure S1 Representative AFM images of a) MoS₂, b) WS₂ and c) WSe₂ flakes deposited on Si substrates. Scale bar: 300 nm. The height profiles on the right were extracted from the indicated blue lines in the AFM images.

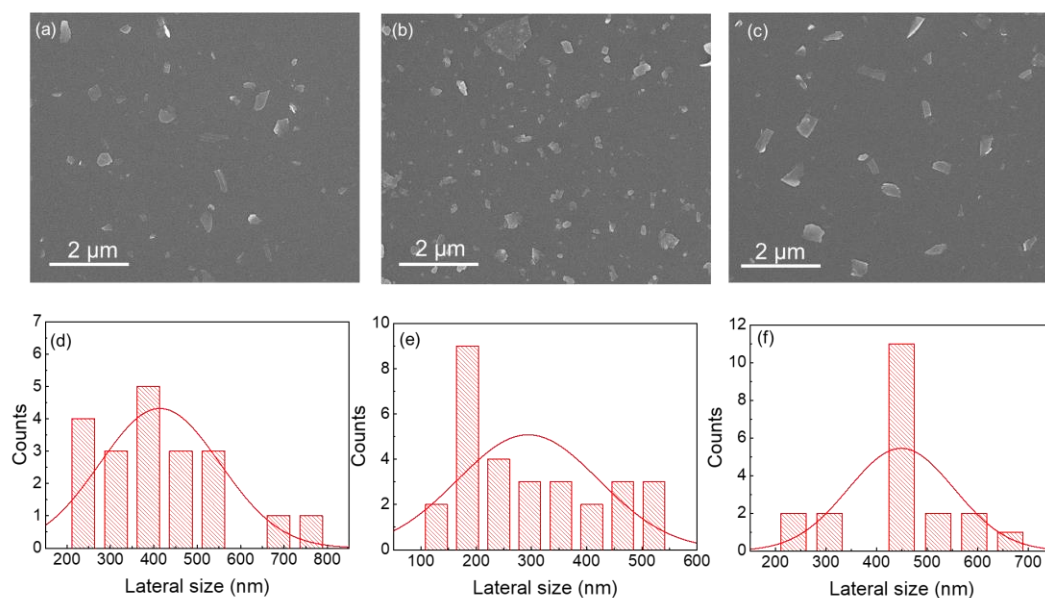


Figure S2 SEM images of as-exfoliated a) MoS₂, b) WS₂ and c) WSe₂ flakes spin-coated on Si-substrates. Lateral size distributions of d) MoS₂, e) WS₂ and f) WSe₂ flakes extracted from a-c).

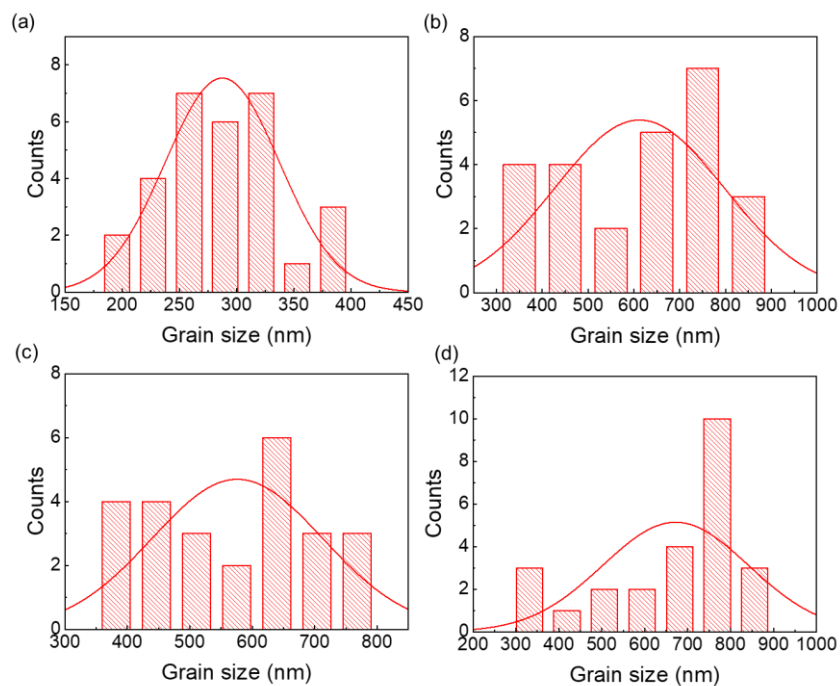


Figure S3 Statistical grain size distribution of FASnI_3 films deposited on a) NiO_x/ITO , as well as b) MoS_2 , c) WS_2 , and d) WSe_2 modified NiO_x/ITO .

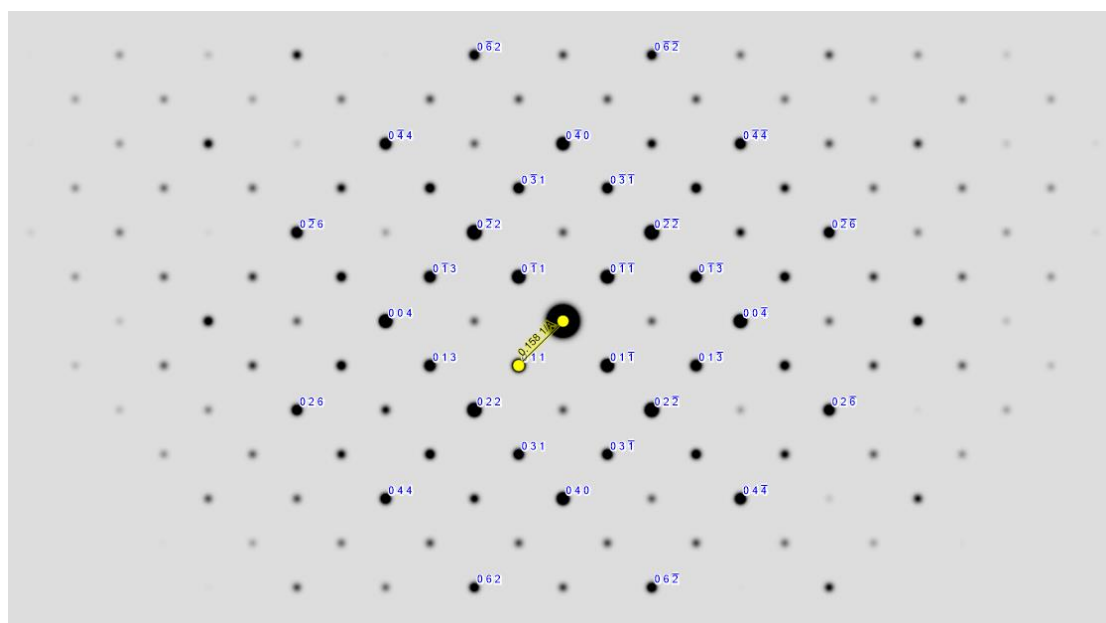


Figure S4 Simulated transmission electron diffraction of FASnI_3 single crystal from view direction of indices $[100]$. The simulation was performed by CrystalMaker and SingleCrystal Softwares according to the CIF of FASnI_3 (orthorhombic $\text{Amm}2$ space group).

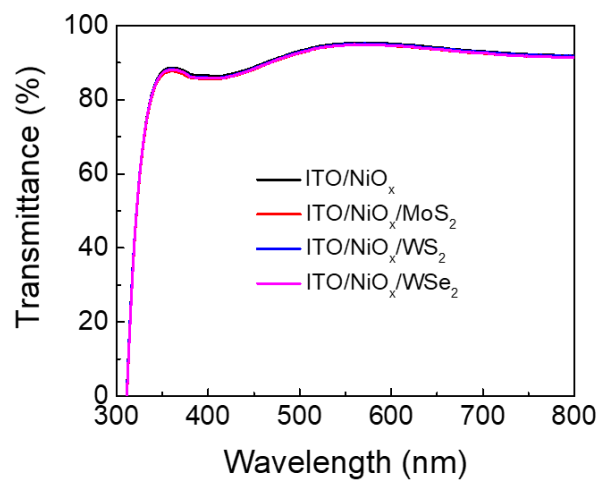


Figure S5 Transmittance spectra of NiO_x/ITO/glass substrates processed w/o and with MX₂ interlayer.

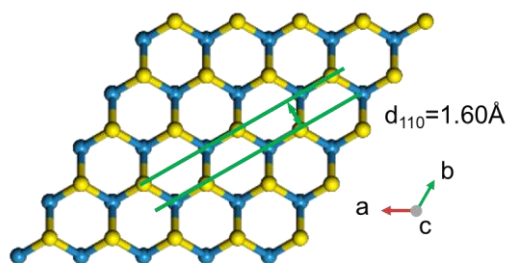


Figure S6 Atomic crystal structure of the (110) plane of WSe₂ from the top view.

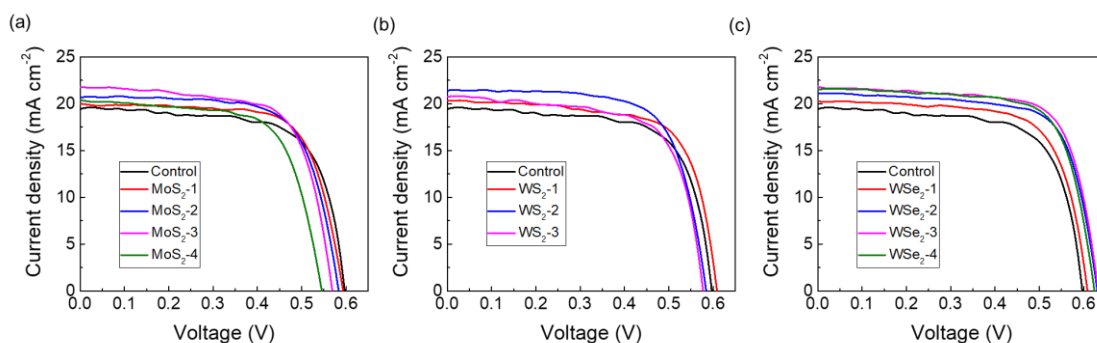


Figure S7 Typical J-V curves of the control PSC and MX_2 -incorporated PSCs prepared by spin-coating MX_2 dispersions for different times.

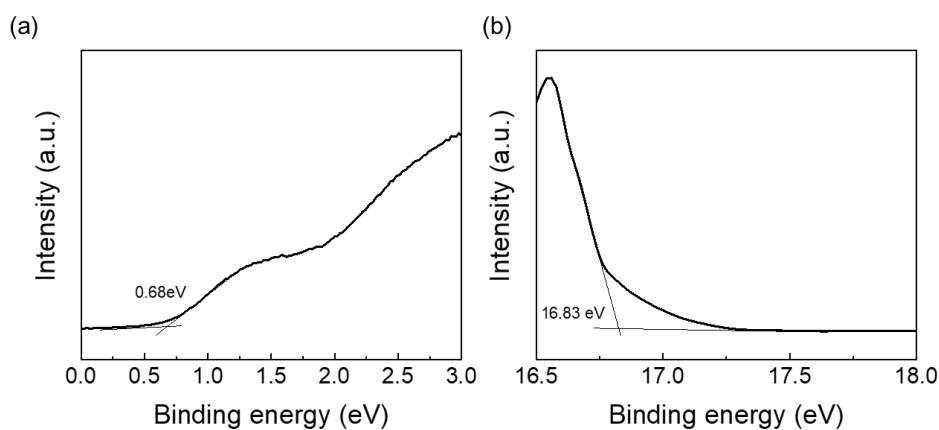


Figure S8 a) Near E_f region and b) the secondary electron cutoff region of UPS spectra of the FASnI_3 perovskite film.

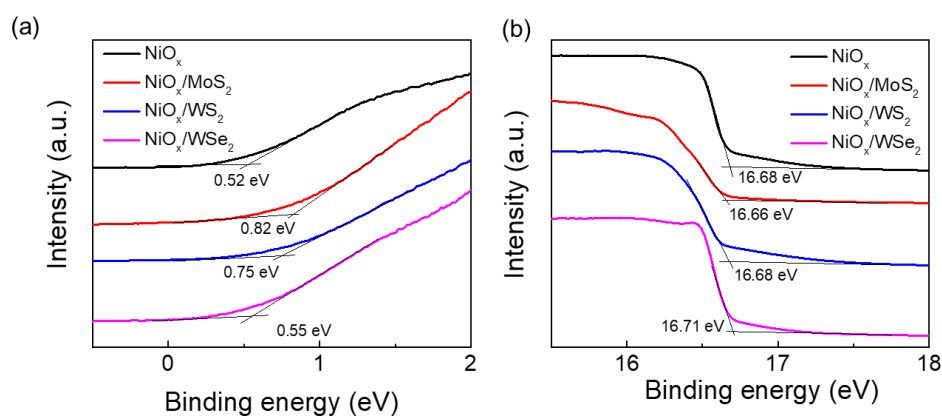


Figure S9 a) Near E_f region and b) the secondary electron cutoff region of UPS spectra of the NiO_x layer and MX_2 modified NiO_x layers.

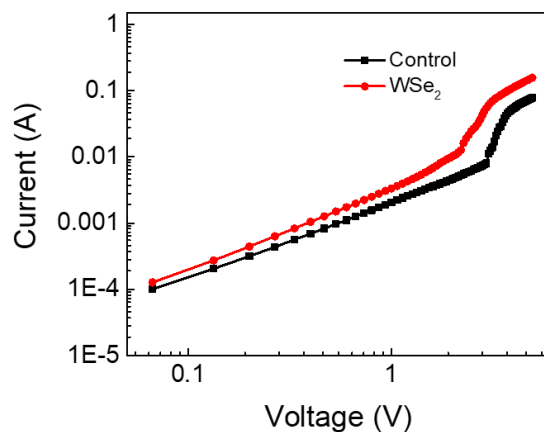


Figure S10 Dark I-V curves of the hole-only devices w/o and with WSe₂ incorporation.

Note: Hole-only devices with a structure of ITO/NiO_x/w/o or with WSe₂/FASnI₃/P3HT/Au were used to measure the dark I-V curves. The trap density (N_t) in the perovskite film can be calculated by the equation:

$$N_t = \frac{2\varepsilon\varepsilon_0V_{TFL}}{qL^2}$$

where V_{TFL} is the trap filled limit voltage, ε is the relative dielectric constant of FASnI₃ (~5.7), ε_0 is the vacuum permittivity, q is the electron charge, and L is the perovskite film thickness.

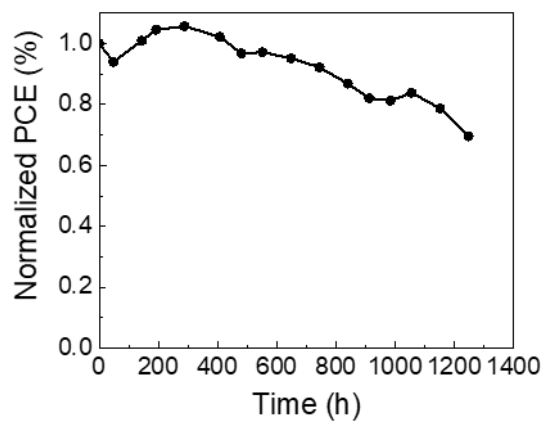


Figure S11 Long-term stability of the WSe₂ incorporated PSC (unencapsulated) when stored in the air with a relative humidity (RH) about 20% and measured in the ambient condition (RH≈45%).

Tables:

Table S1 Photovoltaic parameters of MX₂ processed PSCs (MX₂ dispersions were spin-coated for different times) extracted from Figure S7.

	V _{oc} (v)	J _{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
Control	0.59	19.44	70.0	8.03
MoS₂-1	0.59	20.02	71.0	8.39
MoS₂-2	0.58	20.67	70.4	8.44
MoS₂-3	0.57	21.75	68.7	8.52
MoS₂-4	0.54	20.40	67.8	7.47
WS₂-1	0.61	20.32	69.8	8.65
WS₂-2	0.58	21.44	70.4	8.75
WS₂-3	0.58	20.71	69.9	8.39
WSe₂-1	0.61	20.27	70.0	8.66
WSe₂-2	0.63	21.14	71.9	9.56
WSe₂-3	0.63	21.82	72.0	9.90
WSe₂-4	0.62	21.54	72.4	9.67

Table S2 Efficiencies of FASnI₃-based PSCs in literature.

Composition	Device structure	PCE (%)	Ref
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂)	FTO/c-TiO ₂ /mp-TiO ₂ /perovskite/spiro-OMeTAD/Au	2.1	[1]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , N ₂ H ₅ Cl)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/perovskite/PCBM/BCP/Ag	5.4	[2]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	6.22	[3]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , TMA)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/perovskite/C ₆₀ / bis-C ₆₀ /Ag	7.09	[4]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , pyrazine)	FTO/c-TiO ₂ /mp-TiO ₂ /perovskite/spiro-OMeTAD/Au	4.8	[5]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , EDAL ₂)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	8.9	[6]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , PTN-Br)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	7.94	[7]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , FOEI)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	10.16	[8]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , EDAP ₂)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	6.8	[9]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , PHCl)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	11.4	[10]
FASnI ₃ (SnF ₂ , PAI)	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ perovskite/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	11.22	[11]
FASnI ₃ (SnCl ₂ , GA)	ITO/NiO _x /WSe ₂ /perovskite/PCBM/BCP/Ag	10.47	This work

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