

## Supplementary Materials for

### **Heterojunction structures for reduced noise in large-area and sensitive perovskite x-ray detectors**

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## Supplementary Text

**Solar Cell Capacitance Simulator (SCAPS) simulation:** the simulated  $J$ - $V$  curves of perovskite heterojunction devices were obtained by using the Solar Cell Capacitance Simulator (SCAPS)(42). A basic planar structure of metal/perovskite/ $C_{60}$ /metal was constructed for the simulations. The basic parameters of each layer for the simulations of the  $J$ - $V$  curves with the SCAPS package are shown in Table S1 and S2.

**Halide ion diffusion simulation:** Considering the ion diffuse in one direction in our heterojunction device, one dimensional partial diffusion equation in the form of  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  was employed for Br diffusion simulation. In the specific simulation, the diffusion coefficient was set as measured Br/I interdiffusion coefficient of  $2.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  at room temperature(37), and the time was simulated to the 15th year. The total thickness in x direction is 500  $\mu\text{m}$ . The initial condition is  $u|_{0 \leq x \leq 100} = 0.85$ , and  $u|_{100 \leq x \leq 500} = 0$ . The boundary conditions are set as  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x=0} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x=500} = 0$ , meaning there is no  $\text{Br}^-$  ions flux in or out at the top and bottom interfaces. MATLAB was used to simulation the diffusion process.

**Table S1** Basic parameters of each layer for the simulations of perovskite heterojunction devices with the SCAPS package.

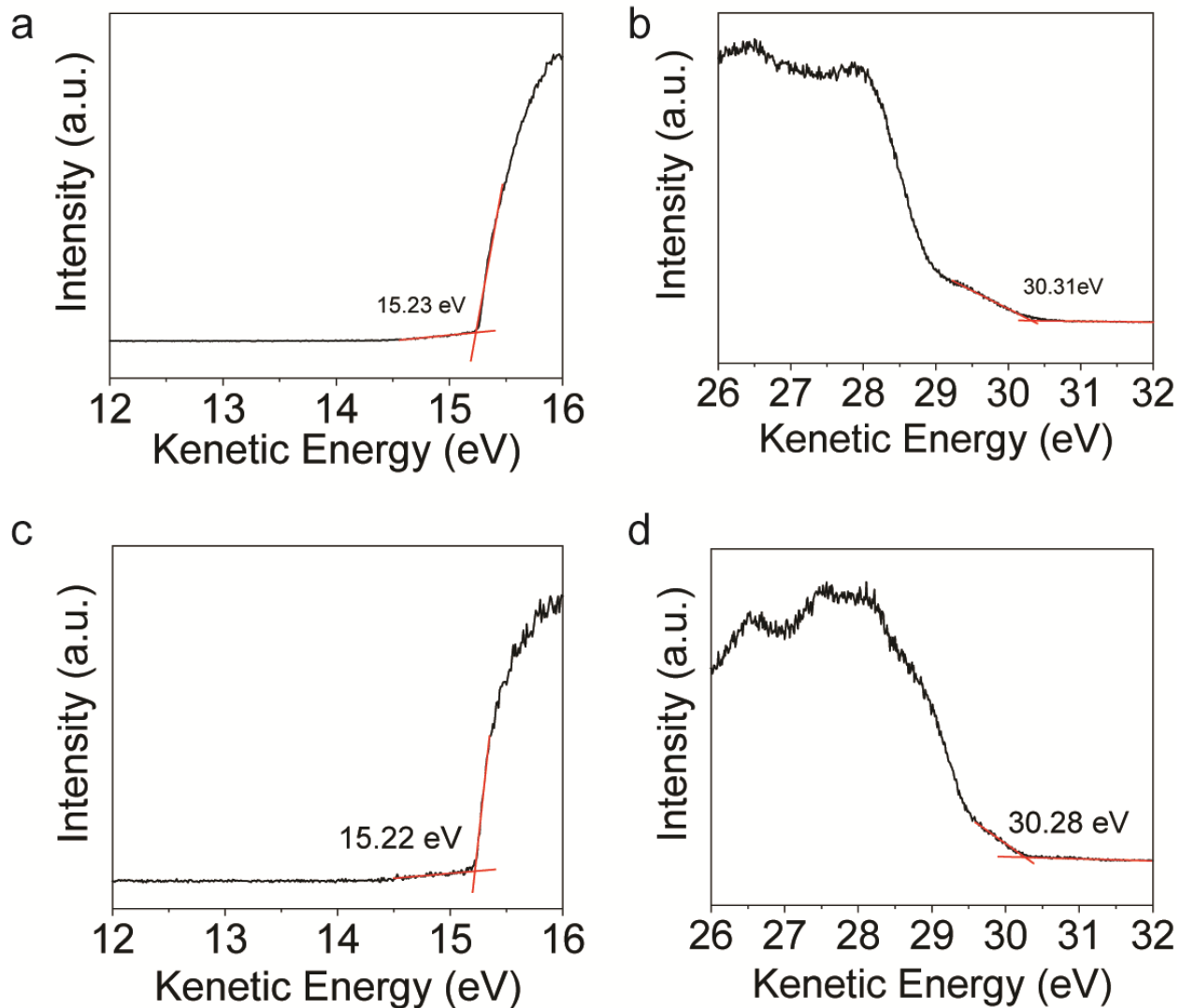
	<b>Composition 1</b>	<b>Composition 2</b>	<b>C<sub>60</sub></b>
Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	400	100	0.1
Bandgap (eV)	1.52	2.04	1.90
Electron affinity (eV)	4.00	3.48	4.10
Dielectric permittivity (relative)	31.00	31.00	5.00
CB effective DOS ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	2.00E18	2.00E18	2.00E18
VB effective DOS ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	2.00E18	2.00E18	2.00E18
Electron thermal velocity (cm/s)	1.00E7	1.00E7	1.00E7
Hole thermal velocity (cm/s)	1.00E7	1.00E7	1.00E7
Electron mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )	0.1	10.00	0.01
Hole mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )	0.1	10.00	0.01
Shallow donor density $N_D$ ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	1.00E10	1.00E10	1.00E12
Shallow acceptor density $N_A$ ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	1.00E9	1.00E10	0.00

**Table S2** Basic parameters of the graded perovskite layer for the simulations of perovskite heterojunction devices with the SCAPS package.

	<b>Graded perovskite</b>	
Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	500	
Grading functional	Beta function, $a = 4.0$ , $b = 3.0$	
	<b>C<sub>60</sub> side</b>	<b>Metal side</b>
Bandgap (eV)	1.53	1.74
Electron affinity (eV)	3.99	3.78
Dielectric permittivity (relative)	31.00	31.00
CB effective DOS ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	2.00E18	2.00E18
VB effective DOS ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	2.00E18	2.00E18
Electron thermal velocity (cm/s)	1.00E7	1.00E7
Hole thermal velocity (cm/s)	1.00E7	1.00E7
Electron mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )	0.1	10
Hole mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )	0.1	10
Shallow donor density $N_D$ ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	1.00E10	1.00E10
Shallow acceptor density $N_A$ ( $1/\text{cm}^3$ )	1.00E9	1.00E10

**Table S3** Work function and VBM position of  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{PbI}_3$  and  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.15}\text{Br}_{0.85})_3$ .

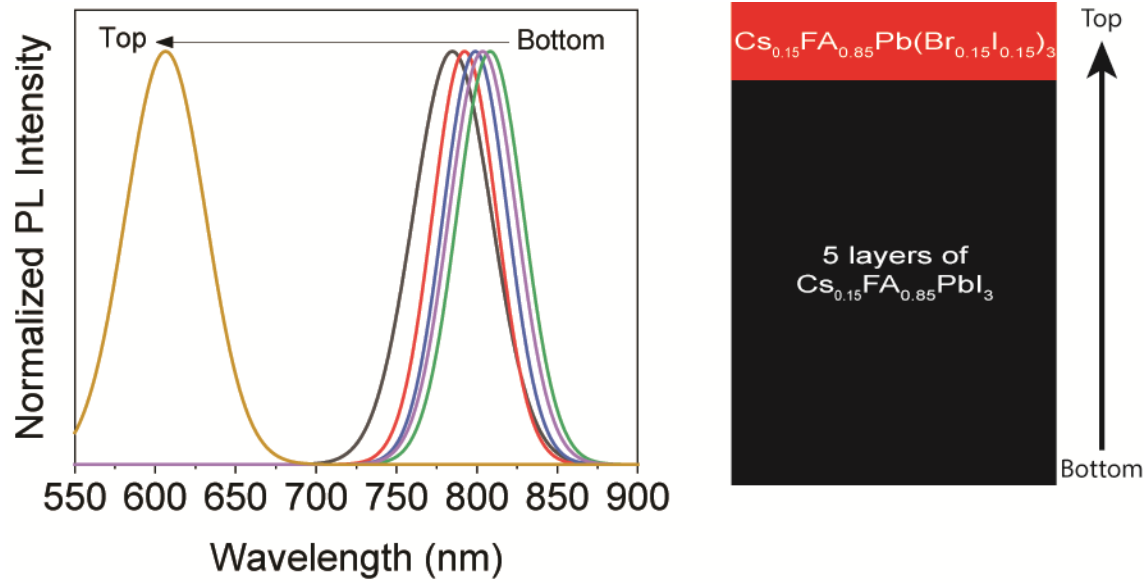
	Work function (eV)	VBM (eV)
$\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{PbI}_3$	5.23	-6.12
$\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.15}\text{Br}_{0.85})_3$	5.22	-6.14



**Fig. S1. Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy of  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{PbI}_3$  and  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.15}\text{Br}_{0.85})_3$ .** Work function and VBM edge of  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{PbI}_3$  (A, B) and  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.15}\text{Br}_{0.85})_3$  (C, D). The energy of the UV source (He I) is 21.2 eV, and the samples were biased at 10 V during measurement.

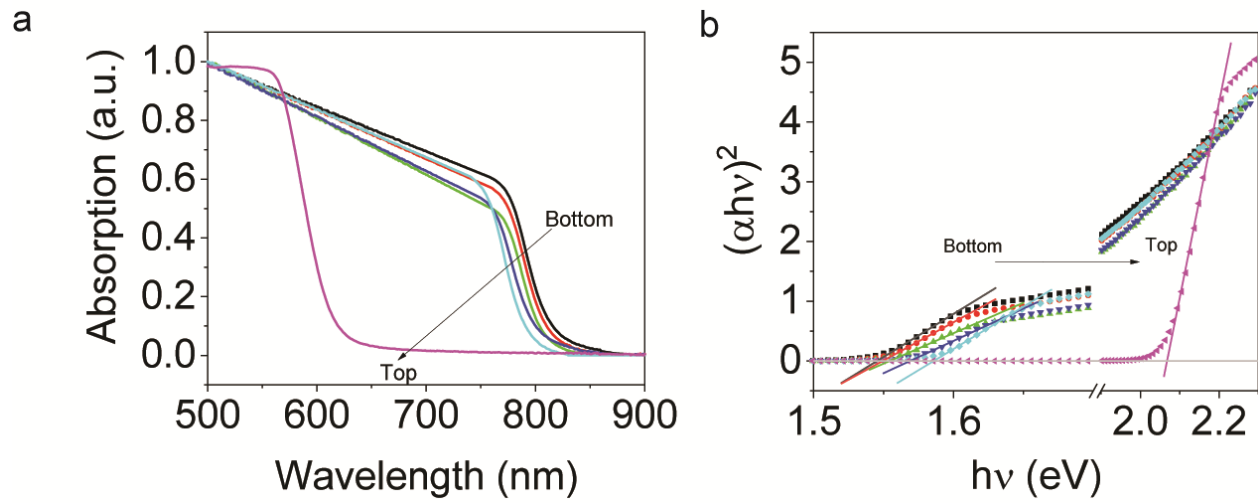


**Fig. S2.** Photograph of partly peeled-off laminated heterojunction perovskite film. Photo Credit: Ying Zhou, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

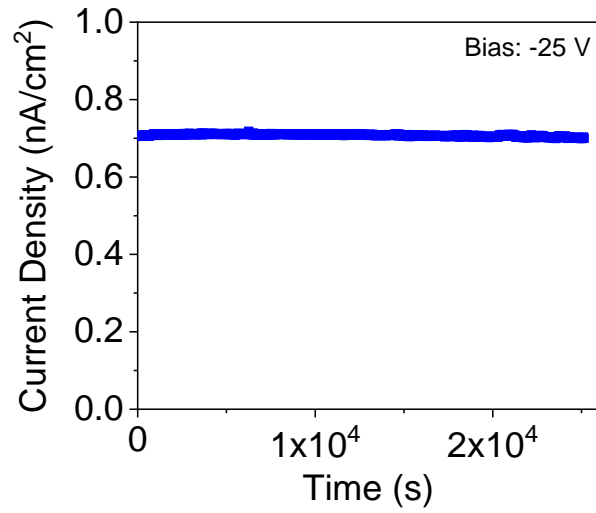


**Fig. S3. Location dependent photoluminescence.** The laminated heterojunction perovskite film was peeled off layer by layer, and characterized by PL with an excitation wavelength of 485 nm.

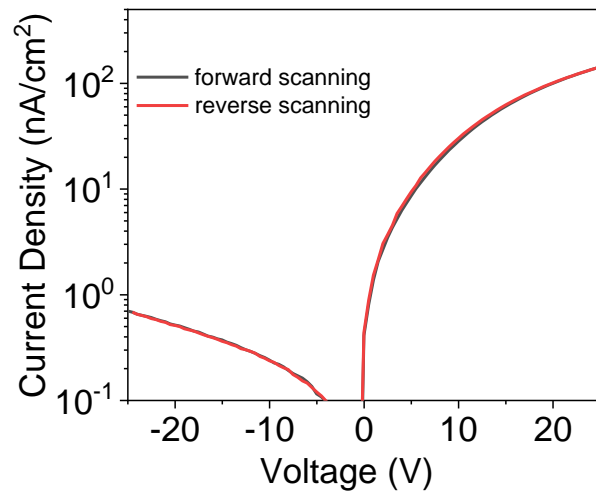




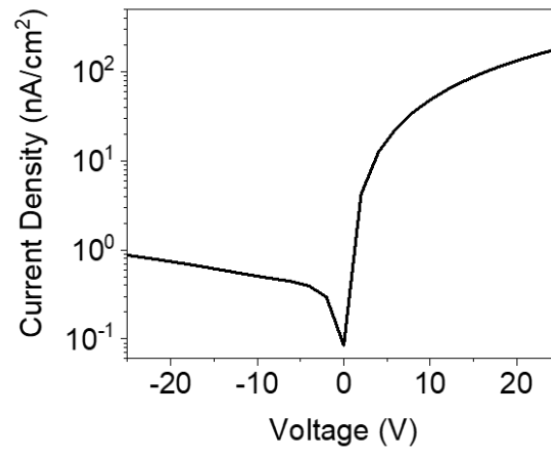
**Fig. S4. Bandgap characterized by UV-Vis.** UV-Vis spectra of the films peeled off layer by layer from the bottom  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{PbI}_3$  layer to the top  $\text{Cs}_{0.15}\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.15}\text{Br}_{0.85})_3$  layer.



**Fig. S5.** Dark current monitor under a bias of -25 V for 7 hours.



**Fig. S6. Hysteresis characterization of heterojunction device.** Forward and reverse scanning  $J$ - $V$  curves of the heterojunction device were carried out using a scanning speed of 0.5 V every 3 seconds per step.



**Fig. S7. Large area heterojunction device dark current.** A heterojunction detector with an area of  $7.92 \text{ cm}^2$  ( $2.2 \text{ cm} \times 3.6 \text{ cm}$ ) was fabricated, and its  $J$ - $V$  curve in the dark. The dark current density was  $0.863 \text{ nA cm}^{-2}$  at a bias of  $-25\text{V}$ . Photo Credit: Ying Zhou, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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