

Supporting Information

Morphology and Optoelectronic Variations Underlying the Nature of the Electron Transport Layer in Perovskite Solar Cells

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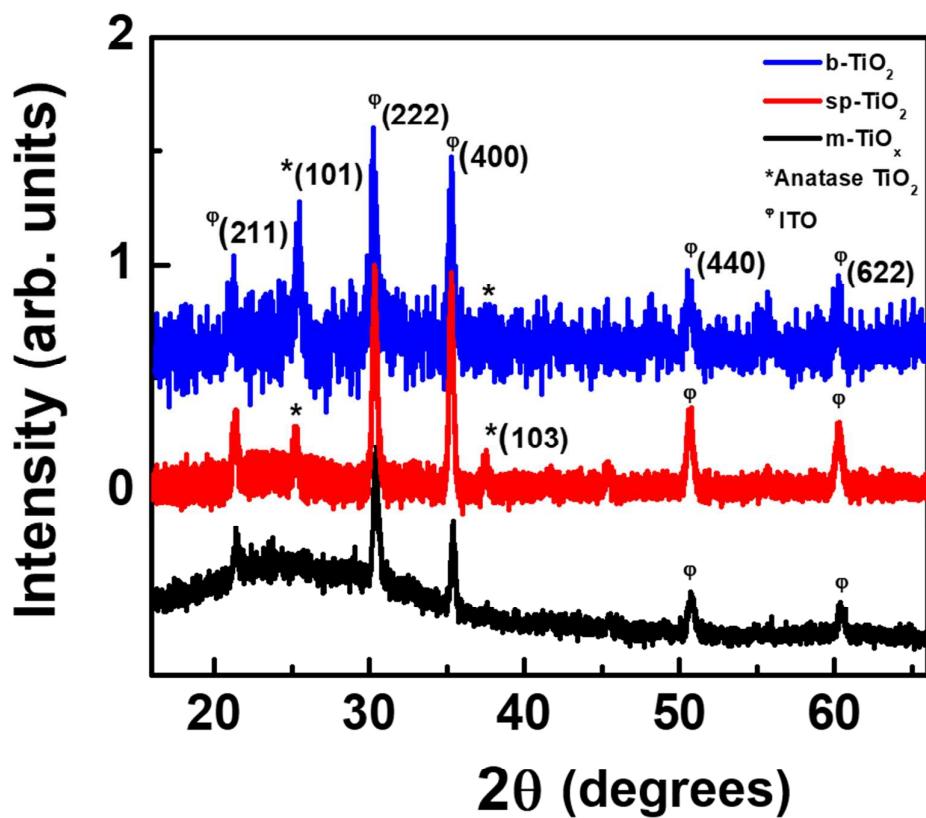


Figure S1. XRD spectra for $b\text{-TiO}_2$, $m\text{-TiO}_x$, and $sp\text{-TiO}_2$ ETLs.

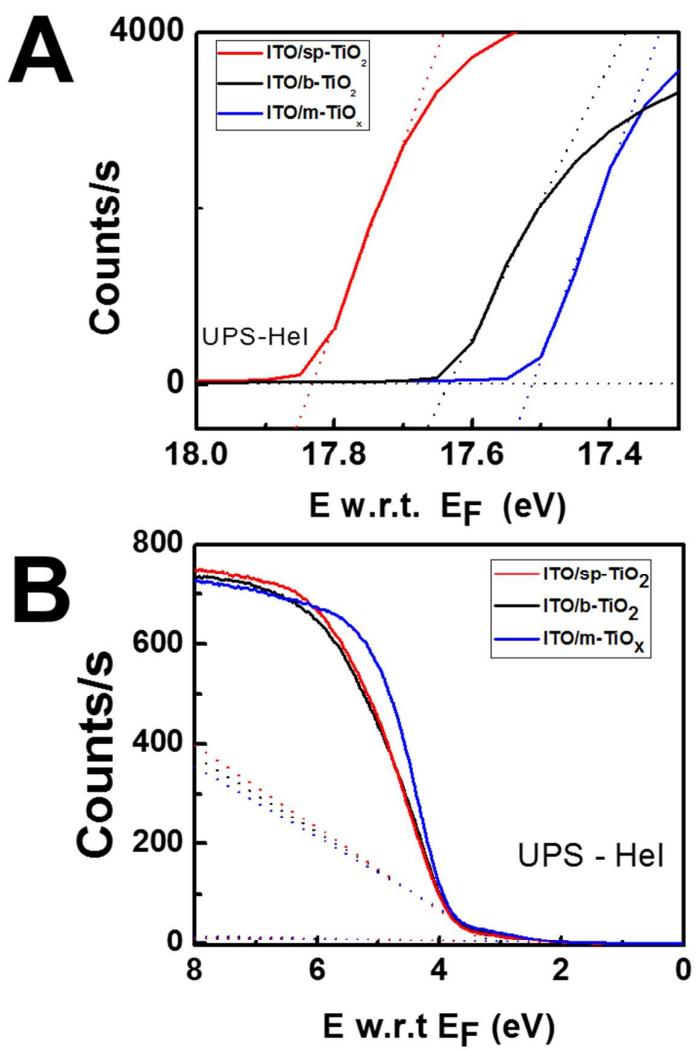


Figure S2. UPS spectra for dense b-TiO₂, m-TiO_x, and sp-TiO₂ ETLs on ITO. **A)** Secondary electron cutoff for work function determination. **B)** Magnification of the UPS spectra close to the Fermi level for the determination of the VBM onset.

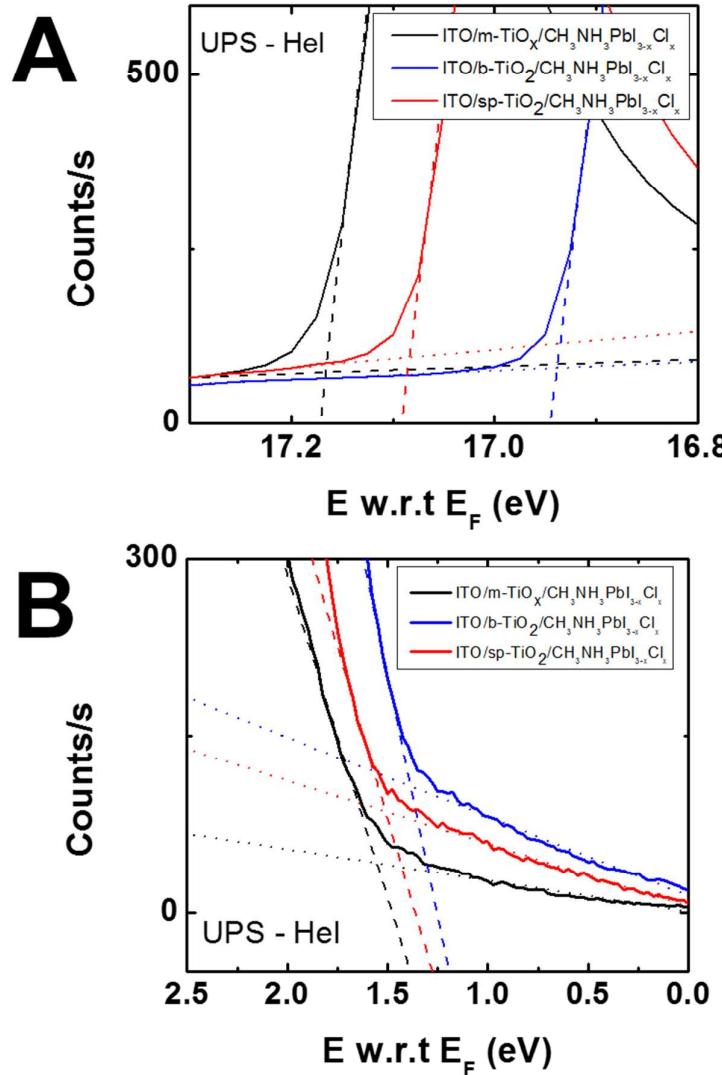


Figure S3. UPS spectra for a 500nm-thick CH₃NH₃PbI₃ layer atop the b-TiO₂, m-TiO_x, and sp-TiO₂ ETLs, respectively. **A)** Secondary electron cutoff for work function determination. **B)** Magnification of the UPS spectra close to the Fermi level for the determination of the VBM onset.

Table S1. Device performance of $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ solar cells atop b-TiO₂, m-TiO_x, and sp-TiO₂.

ETLs (30nm) ^a	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
b-TiO ₂	18.9 ± 1.5	0.77 ± 0.03	41 ± 2	6.0 ± 0.3
m-TiO _x	19.7 ± 1.3	0.76 ± 0.02	49 ± 3	7.3 ± 0.4
sp-TiO ₂	23.1 ± 0.8	0.88 ± 0.01	64 ± 1	13.2 ± 0.3

^adevice performance based on 12 devices tested in each batch; $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ layer was spin-coated at 3000 rpm for 37 s; devices were thermally annealed at 100 °C for 120 mins.

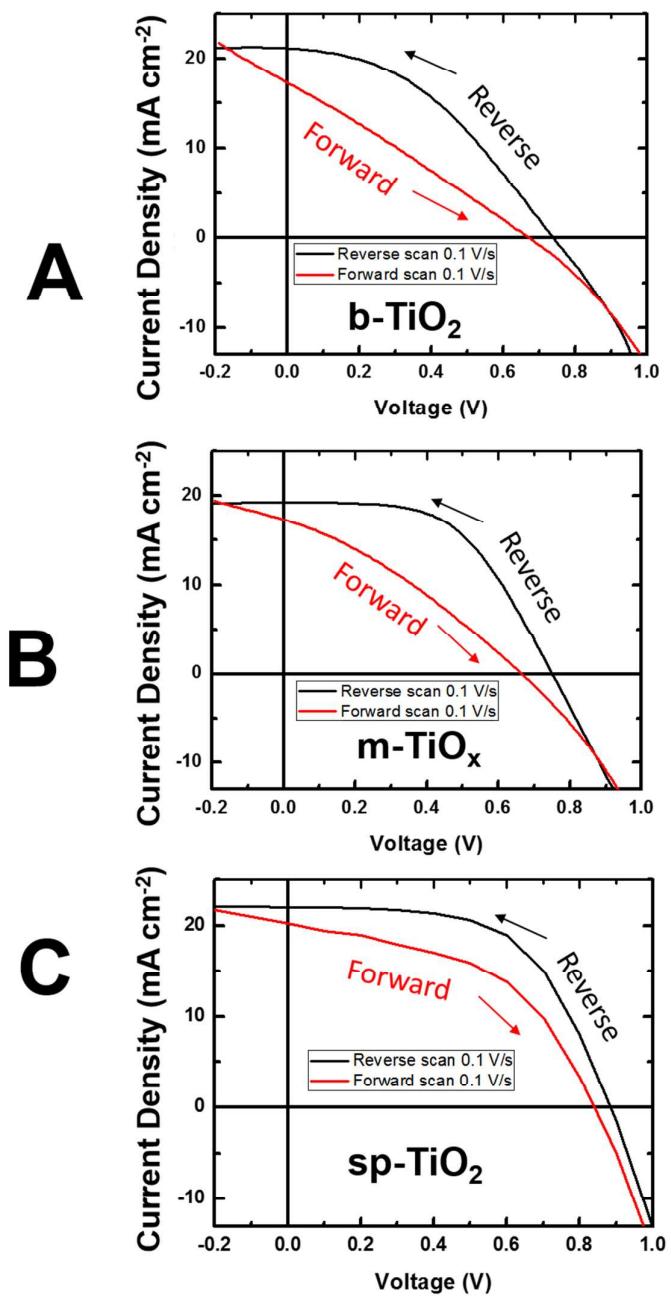


Figure S4. Forward and reverse J-V curves for $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ deposited atop A) b-TiO₂, B) m-TiO_x, and C) sp-TiO₂ ETLs.

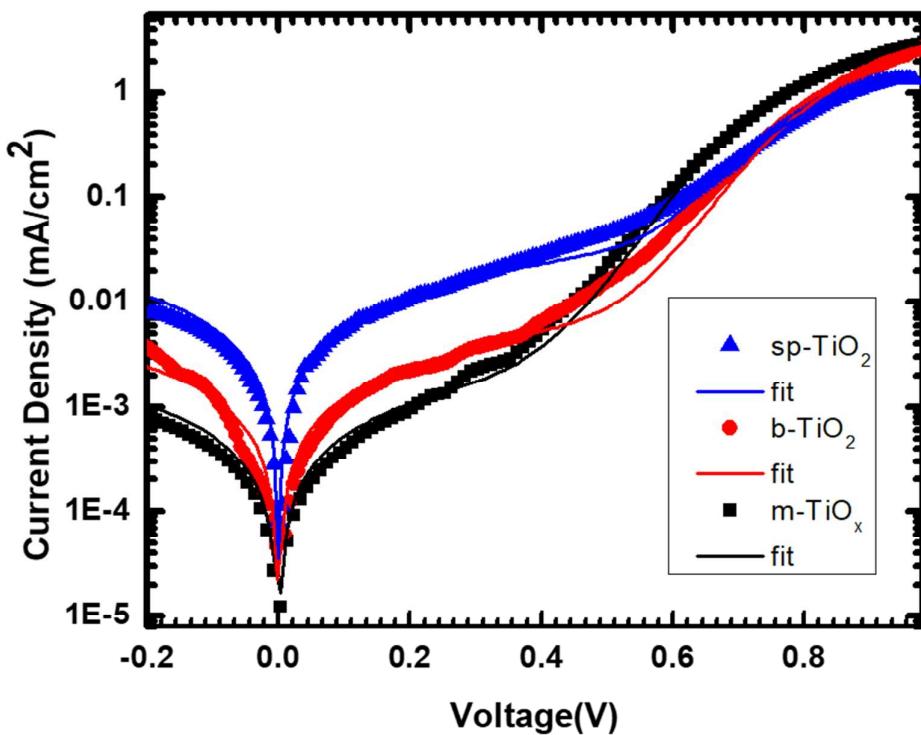


Figure S5. Dark and fit curves for $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ solar cells deposited atop b-TiO₂, m-TiO_x, and sp-TiO₂ ETLs.

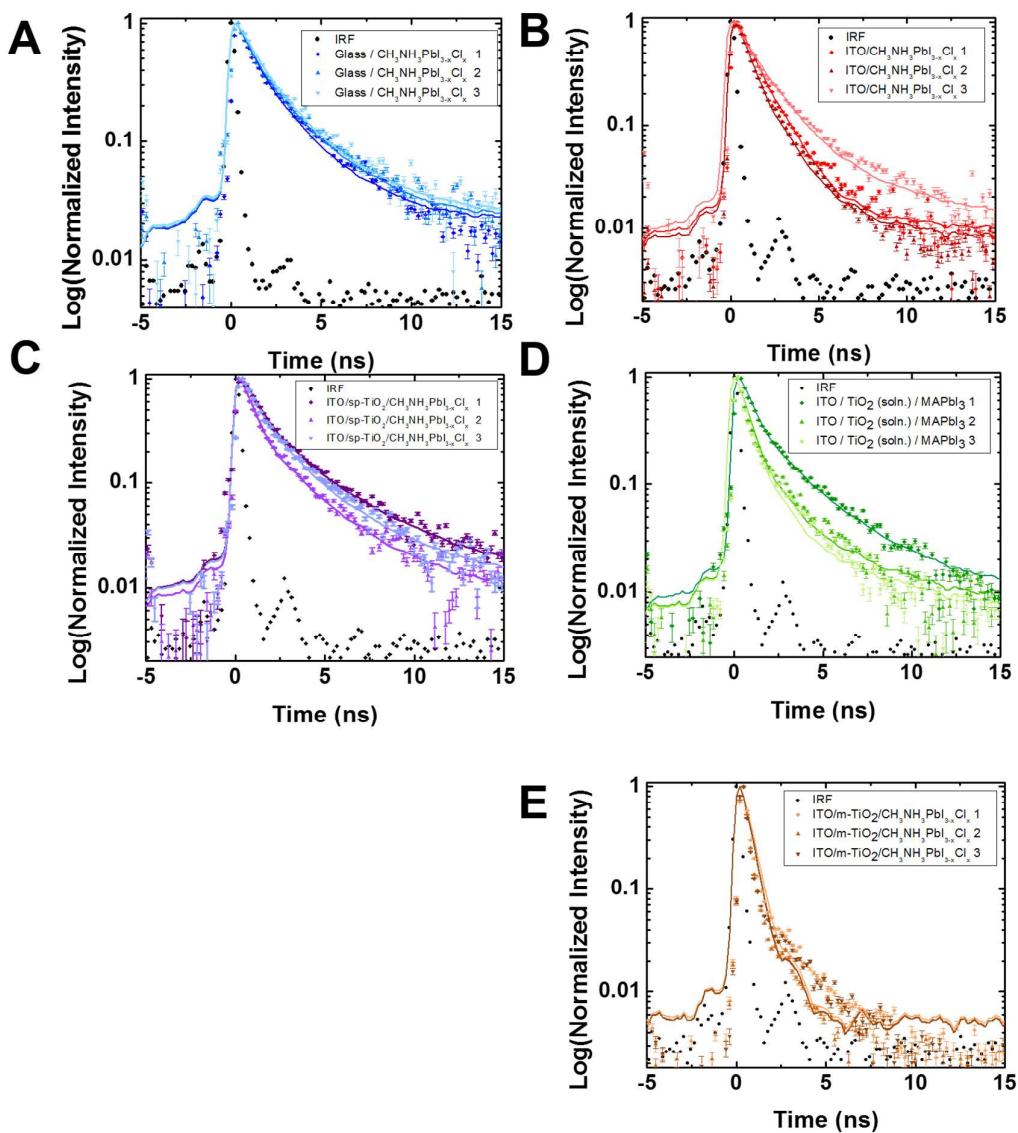


Figure S6. Normalized TRPL profiles and fitting curves for thin films comprising **A)** glass/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$, **B)** ITO/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$, **C)** ITO/sp- TiO_2 / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$, **D)** ITO/b- TiO_2 / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$, and **E)** ITO/m- TiO_x / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ films.

Table S2. Average decays and relative amplitude for all $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ samples deposited on b-TiO₂, m-TiO_x, and sp-TiO₂, respectively. TRPL decays and amplitudes are also presented for all $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ samples deposited on bare glass and bare ITO.

Sample	τ_1 (ns)	Relative Amplitude	τ_2 (ns)
Glass/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (1)	0.99 ± 0.02	0.26 ± 0.02	2.88 ± 0.06
Glass/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (2)	0.94 ± 0.02	0.31 ± 0.02	2.94 ± 0.07
Glass/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (3)	1.17 ± 0.03	0.25 ± 0.03	3.34 ± 0.01
ITO/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (1)	1.115 ± 0.008	0.023 ± 0.006	3.7 ± 0.5
ITO/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (2)	0.82 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.01	2.3 ± 0.1
ITO/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (3)	1.29 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.01	4.0 ± 0.2
ITO/sp-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (1)	1.01 ± 0.01	0.26 ± 0.01	3.74 ± 0.05
ITO/sp-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (2)	0.68 ± 0.01	0.212 ± 0.007	2.88 ± 0.04
ITO/sp-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (3)	1.01 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.01	3.35 ± 0.06
ITO/b-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (1)	0.76 ± 0.01	0.24 ± 0.01	3.06 ± 0.06
ITO/b-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (2)	0.70 ± 0.01	0.071 ± 0.004	3.5 ± 0.1
ITO/b-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (3)	0.689 ± 0.004	0.050 ± 0.003	3.4 ± 0.1
ITO/m-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (1)	0.518 ± 0.001		
ITO/m-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (2)	0.468 ± 0.001		
ITO/m-TiO ₂ / $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (3)	0.460 ± 0.001		