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Dry-pressed anodized titania nanotube/CH₃NH₃PbI₃ single crystal heterojunctions: the beneficial role of N doping

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Table S1. Reported methods for nitrogen doping of anodized TiO₂ nanotube arrays.

<i>Methods</i>	<i>Nitrogen content, at. %</i>	<i>Improvement</i>	<i>Reference</i>
Hydrothermal process Source: triethylamine	0.25	Photoelectrochemical activity and photocatalytic degradation of RhB	Sun et al.[1]
Hydrothermal process Source: diethylenetriamine	0.5 - 2.2	Photoelectrochemical water splitting	Hejazi et al. [2]
Immersion in 1M NH₃ for 10 h, followed by annealing in air	-	Photocatalytic degradation of MO	Yuan et al. [3]
N⁺-ion implantation into Ti foil and then Ti foil was anodized in order to obtain N-TiO₂ nanotubes	-	Improved photocurrent	Hou et al. [4]
N⁺-ion implantation of TiO₂ nanotube arrays	-	Improved photocurrent	Ghicov et al. [5]
Anodization in the organic electrolyte with urea as a nitrogen source	0.22 - 0.50	Photocatalytic degradation of phenol	Mazierski et al. [6]
Annealing in N₂ atmosphere at 450 °C, 3 h, different gas flow	0 - 9.47	Photocatalytic degradation of MB	Le et al. [7]
Annealing in NH₃ atmosphere at 300-600 °C	-	Increased photocurrent	Vitiello et al. [8]
Annealing in NH₃ atmosphere at 550 °C, 5h	9	Improved field emission current density	Liu et al. [9]
First annealing in air at 450 °C and then in NH₃ at 500 °C	1.9	Photocatalytic degradation of MB	Wang et al. [10]
Annealing in NH₃ atmosphere at 450 °C, 30 min	1	-	Bjelajac et al. [11]

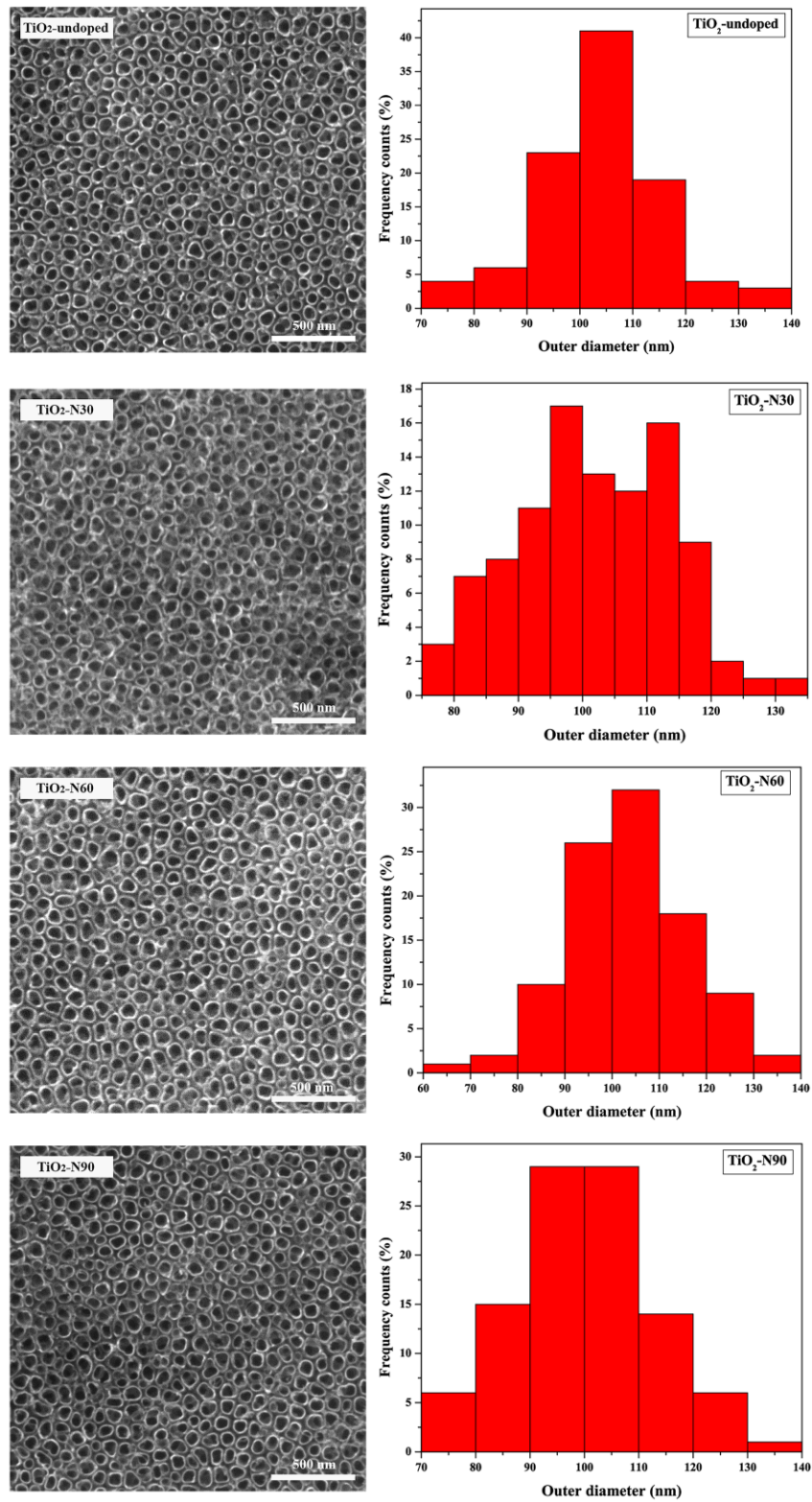


Figure S1. SEM images and statistical distributions of outer diameters obtained by analyzing SEM micrographs of 100 nanotubes.

Table S2. Average morphology parameters for TiO₂-undoped, TiO₂-N30, TiO₂-N60 and TiO₂-N90 samples.

<i>Samples</i>	<i>Outer diameter with standard deviation, nm</i>	<i>Inner diameter with standard deviation, nm</i>	<i>Wall thickness with standard deviation, nm</i>
TiO ₂ -undoped	103 (11)	75 (10)	13 (2)
TiO ₂ -N30	101 (11)	73 (11)	13 (2)
TiO ₂ -N60	103 (12)	76 (10)	13 (2)
TiO ₂ -N90	100 (12)	75 (16)	12 (2)

Table S3. Average crystals size for TiO₂-undoped, TiO₂-N30, TiO₂-N60 and TiO₂-N90 samples.

Samples	Crystal size for anatase (101), nm
TiO ₂ -undoped	18
TiO ₂ -N30	19
TiO ₂ -N60	20
TiO ₂ -N90	23

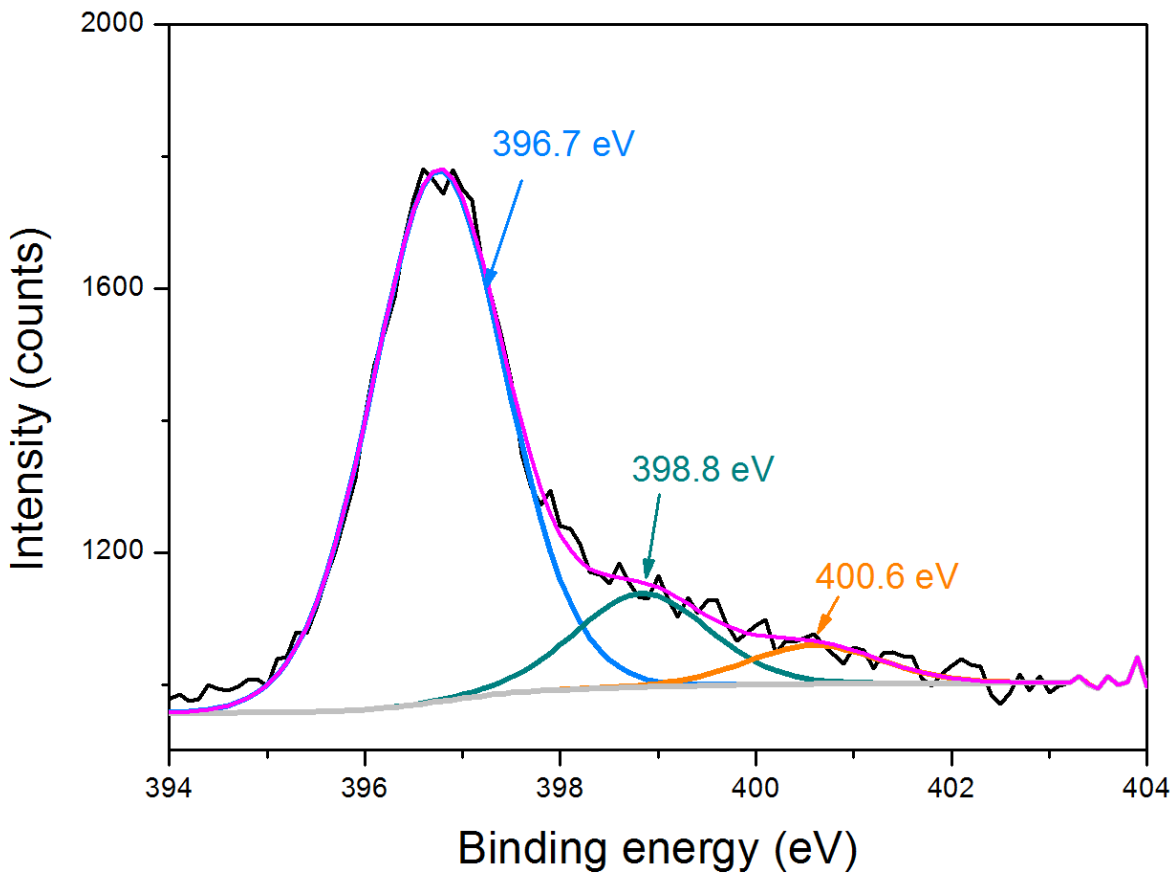


Figure S2. Deconvoluted XPS spectra of N 1s core level of Ti foil (black line-experimental, grey line-background, magenta line-envelope).

Table S4. Peak positions and atomic percentages of N1s core levels for TiO₂-undoped, TiO₂-N30, TiO₂-N60 and TiO₂-N90 samples.

<i>Samples</i>	<i>Substitutional nitrogen</i>		<i>Interstitial nitrogen</i>		<i>Chemisorbed nitrogen</i>	
	B.E. (eV)	at.%	B.E. (eV)	at.%	B.E. (eV)	at.%
TiO ₂ -undoped	/	/	399.8	0.75	401.9	0.15
TiO ₂ -N30	396.0	0.18	399.8	1.42	401.9	0.43
TiO ₂ -N60	396.3	0.45	399.7	1.10	401.5	0.39
TiO ₂ -N90	396.2	0.35	399.8	0.79	/	/

Table S5. Positions and atomic percentages of Ti 2p_{3/2} and O1s core peaks for TiO₂-undoped, TiO₂-N30, TiO₂-N60 and TiO₂-N90 samples.

<i>Samples</i>	<i>Ti 2p_{3/2}</i>	<i>O 1s</i>					
	B.E.(eV)	Peak 1	at.%	Peak 2	at.%	Peak 3	at.%
		B.E. (eV)		B.E. (eV)		B.E. (eV)	
TiO ₂ -undoped	458.8	530.0	83.42	531.3	10.78	532.3	5.79
TiO ₂ -N30	458.9	530.1	75.86	531.6	15.61	532.5	8.53
TiO ₂ -N60	458.8	530.1	83.50	531.5	11.99	532.5	4.51
TiO ₂ -N90	458.7	530.0	85.49	531.4	10.86	532.3	3.64

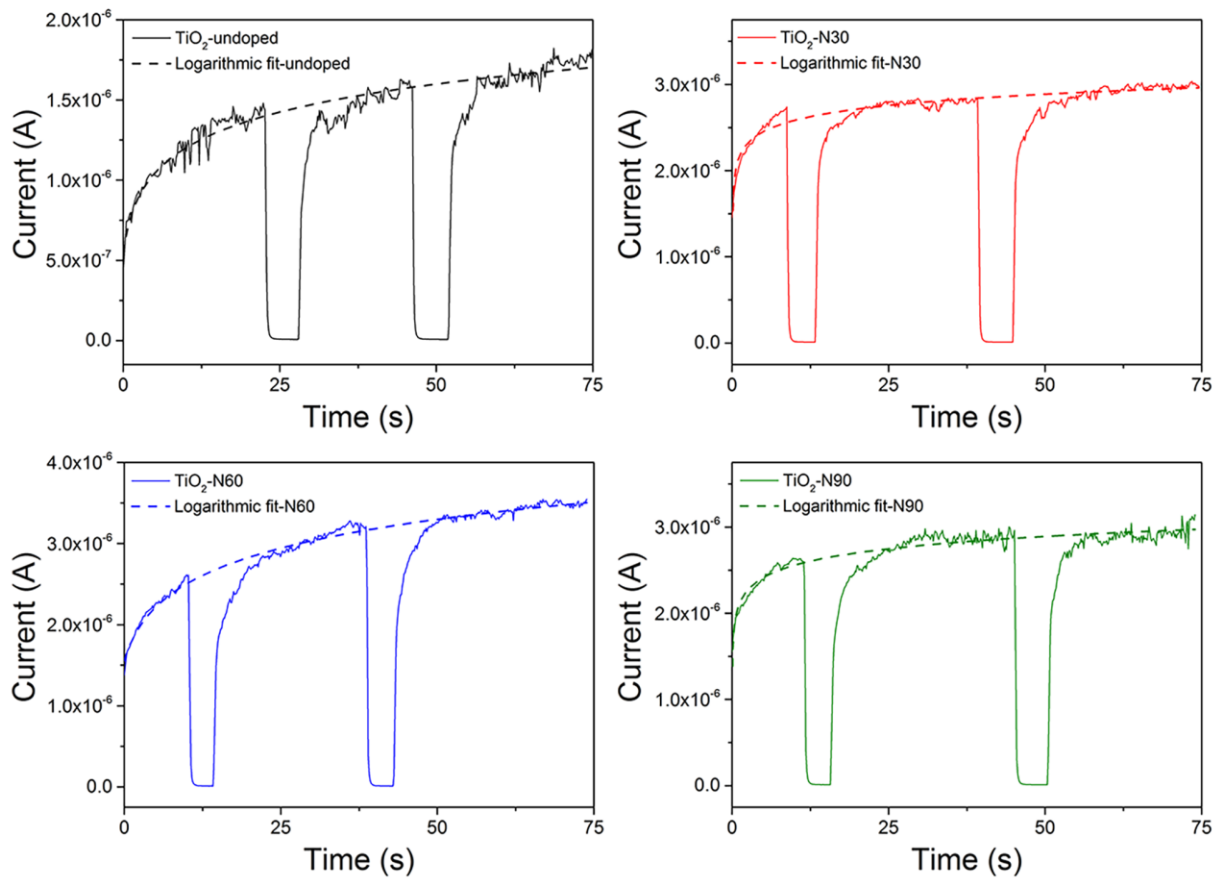


Figure S3. The time evolution of the current during the preconditioning of the TiO₂/perovskite sample at a bias voltage of 100 V for 75 sec. Dashed line is the logarithmic fit of the base line of the current time evolution.

Before each I-V measurement the sample was preconditioned applying a 100 V bias voltage for 75 seconds. As a result the conductivity of the perovskite crystal increases and stabilizes giving us a constant and comparable signal for all samples. As it is known, perovskite crystals experience ion migration when exposed to a large electric field [12]. While performing I-V measurements, scanning the voltage to 10 V, ion migration takes place resulting in large hysteresis and increasing values of current for each repeated measurement, using the same crystal. By applying a voltage high enough for a sufficient time interval we assure that the

perovskite crystal is in the same state before every measurement. The same technique was previously used by Yi et al. [13] to perform Hall Effect measurements on perovskite single crystals. The preconditioning is performed in ambient conditions under a white fluorescence light source of 1.83 mW/mm^2 , with short dark intervals to check the photoresponse characteristics of the perovskite crystal. A logarithm function is fitted to follow the current rise under light (Figure S3).

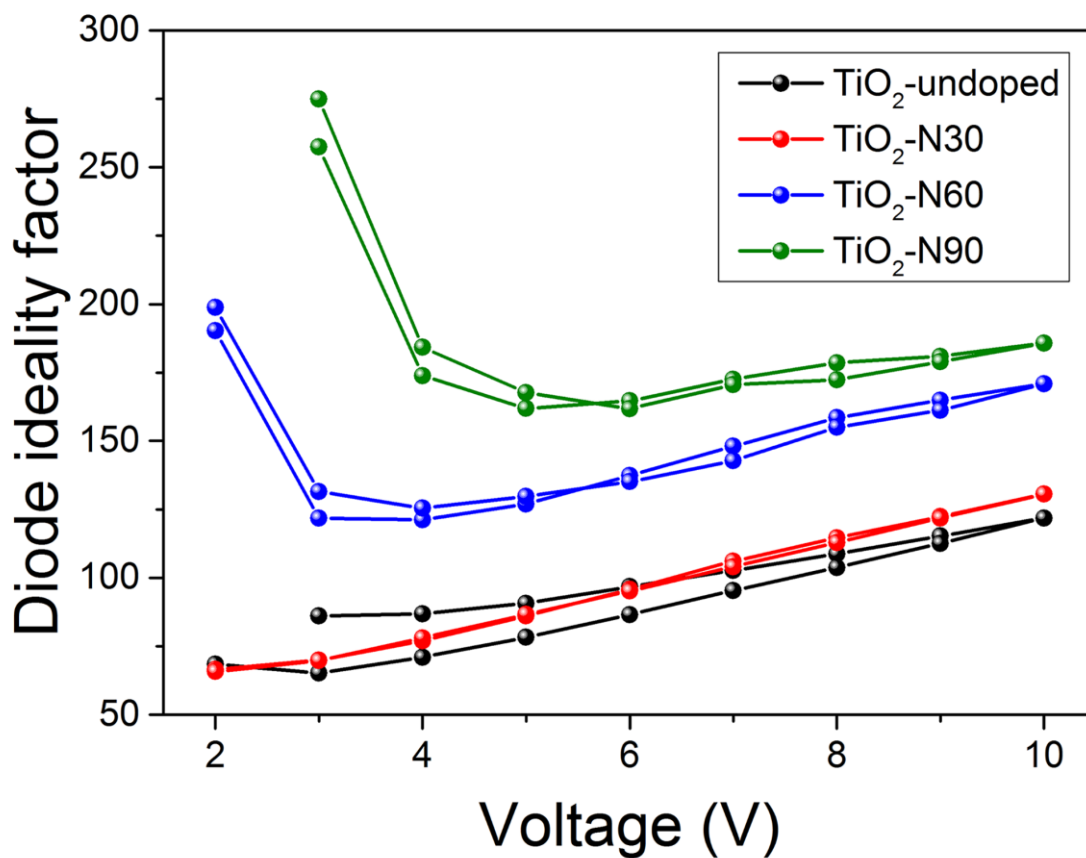


Figure S4. Ideality factor for TiO₂-undoped, TiO₂-N30, TiO₂-N60 and TiO₂-N90 samples.

The ideality factor of a diode is a measure of how closely the diode follows the ideal diode equation. The derivation of the simple diode equation uses certain assumption about the cell. In

practice, there are second order effects so that the diode does not follow the simple diode equation and the ideality factor provides a way of describing them. The following equation is called the Shockley ideal diode equation:

$$I = I_S \left(e^{\frac{V_D}{nV_T}} - 1 \right)$$

where I is the diode current, I_S is the reverse bias saturation current, V_D is the voltage across the diode, V_T is the thermal voltage and n the ideality factor, also known as the quality factor. The ideality factor n typically varies from 1 to 2 (though can be higher in some cases), depending on the fabrication process and semiconductor material and is set to be equal to 1 for the case of an "ideal" diode. The ideality factor was added to account for imperfect junctions as observed in real transistors. The factor mainly accounts for carrier recombination, as the charge carriers cross the depletion region. The thermal voltage V_T is approximately 25.85 mV at 300 K, while a temperature close to "room temperature" is commonly used in device simulation software. For even rather small *forward bias* voltages the exponential is very large, since the thermal voltage is very small in comparison. The subtracted '1' in the diode equation is then negligible and the forward diode current can be approximated by

$$I = I_S e^{\frac{V_D}{nV_T}} \tag{1}$$

From our I-V measurements the ideality factor was calculated using equation (1) and the results are shown in Figure S4.

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