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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Impact of Microstructure on the Electron-hole Interaction in Metal Halide

## Perovskites

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**Figure S1 Magneto-optical transmission spectrum and fan chart measured at 2 K. A)** Sequence of typical optical transmission spectra of the **SPC** sample measured at the indicated magnetic fields which show the 1s excitonic transition with increased transmission. **B)** Sequences of the ratios of the transmission spectra in magnetic field T(B) to that measured at zero field T(0). The resonant absorption features of the free carrier Landau levels correspond to minima. **C)** Typical results of the low temperature monochromatic transmission as a function of magnetic field obtained by the short pulse technique. **D)** Fan chart of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> for the small grain polycrystalline sample. The circular data points are from long pulse field measurements and star symbol points are collected by short pulse mega-gauss measurements. The solid lines and the dashed lines are the fits to the set of Landau levels and the excitonic transitions, respectively.



**Figure S2 Magneto-optical transmission spectrum and fan chart measured at 2 K. A)** Sequence of typical optical transmission spectra of the **SC** sample measured at the indicated magnetic fields which show the 1s excitonic transition with increased transmission. **B)** Sequences of the ratios of the transmission spectra in magnetic field T(B) to that measured at zero field T(0). The resonant absorption features of the free carrier Landau levels correspond to minima. **C)** Typical results of the low temperature monochromatic transmission as a function of magnetic field obtained by the short pulse technique. **D)** Fan chart of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> for the small grain (SC) sample. The circular data points are from long pulse field measurements and star symbol points are collected by short pulse mega-gauss measurements. The solid lines and the dashed lines are the fits to the set of Landau levels and the excitonic transitions, respectively.



**Figure S3 Magneto-optical transmission spectrum and fan chart measured at 2 K. A)** Sequence of typical optical transmission spectra of the **MP** sample measured at the indicated magnetic fields which show the 1s excitonic transition with increased transmission. **B)** Sequences of the ratios of the transmission spectra in magnetic field T(B) to that measured at zero field T(0). The resonant absorption features of the free carrier Landau levels correspond to minima. **C)** Typical results of the low temperature monochromatic transmission as a function of magnetic field obtained by the short pulse technique. **D)** Fan chart of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> for the mesoporous small grain (MP) sample. The circular data points are from long pulse field measurements and star symbol points are collected by short pulse mega-gauss measurements. The solid lines and the dashed lines are the fits to the set of Landau levels and the excitonic transitions, respectively.



Figure S4 X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) patterns of different MAPbI<sub>3</sub> microstructures.

The XRD patterns show that the LPC, SPC and SC MAPbI<sub>3</sub> thin films exhibit the tetragonal perovskite structure. There exists small amount of crystalline PbI<sub>2</sub> impurities in the SPC and SC samples (see the features at an angle of 12.5°), indicating that the presence of small amounts of PbI<sub>2</sub> seemingly does not affect the excitonic properties of perovskites.



Figure S5 Morphology of  $Cs_{0.05}(MA_{0.17}FA_{0.83})_{0.95}Pb(I_{0.83}Br_{0.17})_3$  samples. Top-view SEM images of the triple-cation lead mixed-halide layer with two different morphologies fabricated on glass substrates. A) Polycrystalline planar thin film. B)  $Cs_{0.05}(MA_{0.17}FA_{0.83})_{0.95}Pb(I_{0.83}Br_{0.17})_3$  infiltrated into a thick mesoporous-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (MP-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) scaffold. Scale bars are 200 nm.



Figure S6 Magneto-optical transmission spectra and fan chart of  $Cs_{0.05}(MA_{0.17}FA_{0.83})_{0.95}Pb(I_{0.83}Br_{0.17})_3$ measured at 2 K. A and B) Left panels: sequence of typical optical transmission spectra of the planar polycrystalline (A) and perovskite-infiltrated mesoporous-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (B) samples measured at the indicated magnetic fields which show the 1s excitonic transitions with increased transmission. A and B) Right panels: sequences of the ratios of the transmission spectra in magnetic field T(B) to that measured at zero field T(0) for both triplecation lead mixed-halide samples. C) Overlaid fan chart of the Planar and MP samples. The solid lines and the dashed lines are the fits to the set of Landau levels and the excitonic transitions, respectively.

**Table S1** Summary of the parameters of the fits to the fan chart for the two different morphologies of  $Cs_{0.05}(MA_{0.17}FA_{0.83})_{0.95}Pb(I_{0.83}Br_{0.17})_3$  in the low temperature (2 K), orthorhombic phases. The figures in the brackets are the error estimates of the parameters.

	E <sub>g</sub> (meV)	μ (m <sub>0</sub> )	<i>Ry</i> <sup>*</sup> (meV)
Planar	1593(2)	0.096(0.002)	13(2)
Mesoporous	1594(2)	0.096(0.008)	13(2)



Figure S7 Transmission spectra of four different MAPbI<sub>3</sub> morphologies. The transmission spectra of MP (solid line), SC (dash-dotted line), SPC (dotted line) and LPC (dashed line) samples are normalized to a point on the plateau at the higher energy end of their spectrum.

These transmission results show different excitonic transition strength (corresponding to a dip in transmission spectra) at the absorption edge while the excitonic binding energy and effective mass remained relatively unchanged in these various microstructures (see panel C of Figure 3 and Table 1 in the main text).