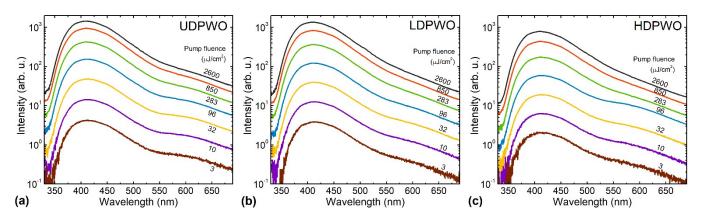
## **Supplementary Information**

## Transient optical absorption as a powerful tool for engineering of lead tungstate scintillators towards faster response

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**Fig. S1** Room-temperature photoluminescence spectra at different excitation fluences (indicated) for samples UDPWO (a), LDPWO (b), and HDPWO (c).

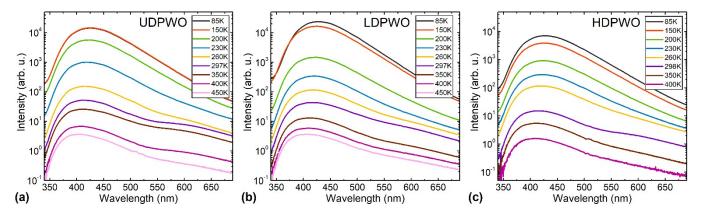
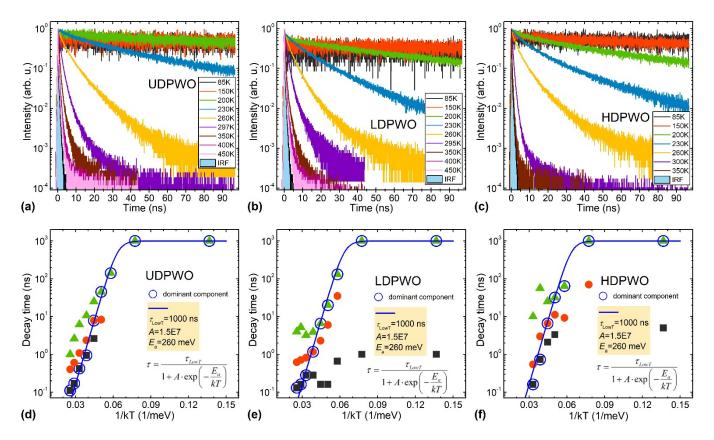


Fig. S2 Photoluminescence spectra of samples UDPWO (a), LDPWO (b), and HDPWO (c) at different temperatures (indicated).



**Fig. S3** Normalized photoluminescence kinetics of samples UDPWO (a), LDPWO (b), and HDPWO (c) at different temperatures (indicated) and photoluminesce decay time constants (fast, medium, and slow) obtained from the multi-exponential fit of photoluminescence kinetics for the same samples UDPWO (d), LDPWO (e), and HDPWO (f). The decay time of the highest-intensity component at each temperature is indicated by a blue circle. The blue line represents a fit by Arrhenius equation using the parameters indicated in the plot legend.