

*Supporting information for*

Interplay of Hot Carrier Relaxation and Trapping  
in Red Emissive of Formamidinium Lead Iodide  
Perovskite Nanorods

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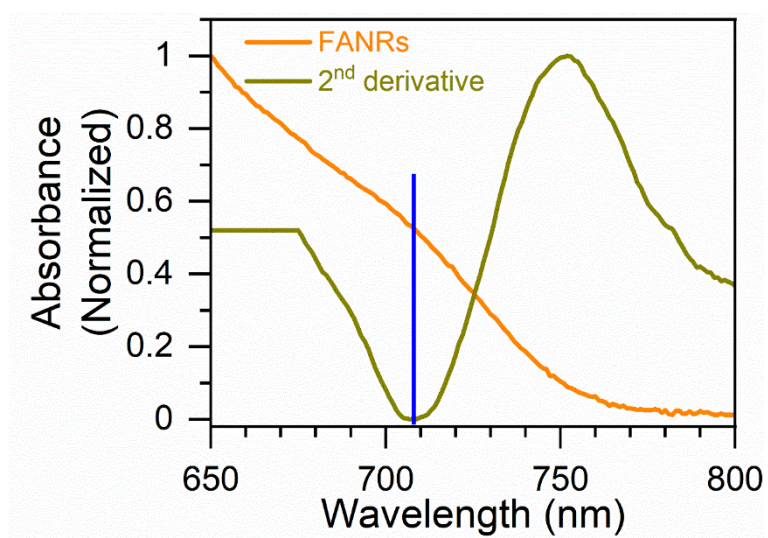
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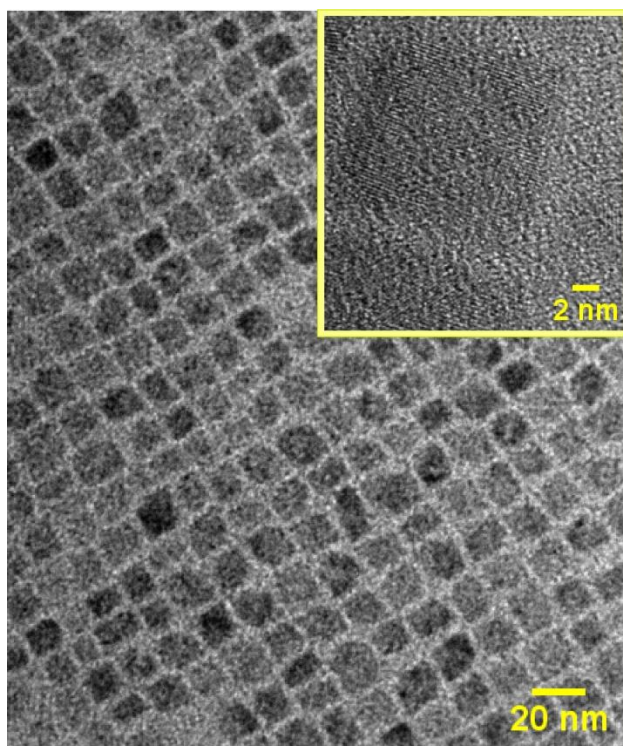
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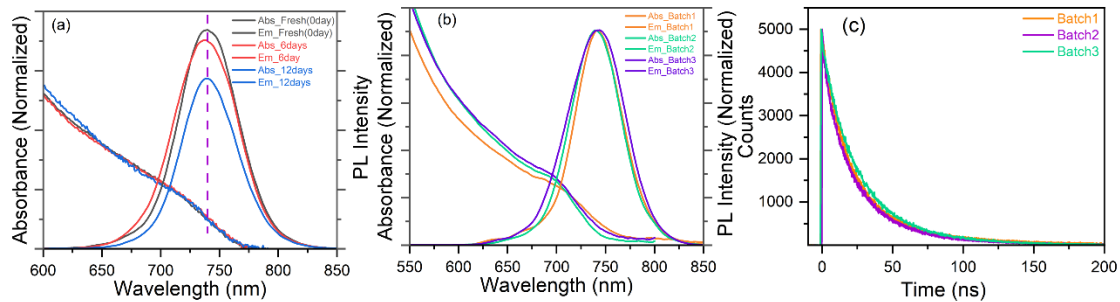
**Figure S1** 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative plot of absorbance spectra used to determine the band edge of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs



**Figure S2** TEM, HRTEM (inset) observed at 120 °C

## Stability and Reproducibility test of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs

The nanorods are stable for up to 12 days (Figure 1(a)). It has been observed that with the increasing the number of days absorbance spectra remains identical while PL intensity remains almost similar for 6 days and after that it decreases to 22% compared to the fresh (0 day) data. These nanorods are stored under ambient conditions after the synthesis.

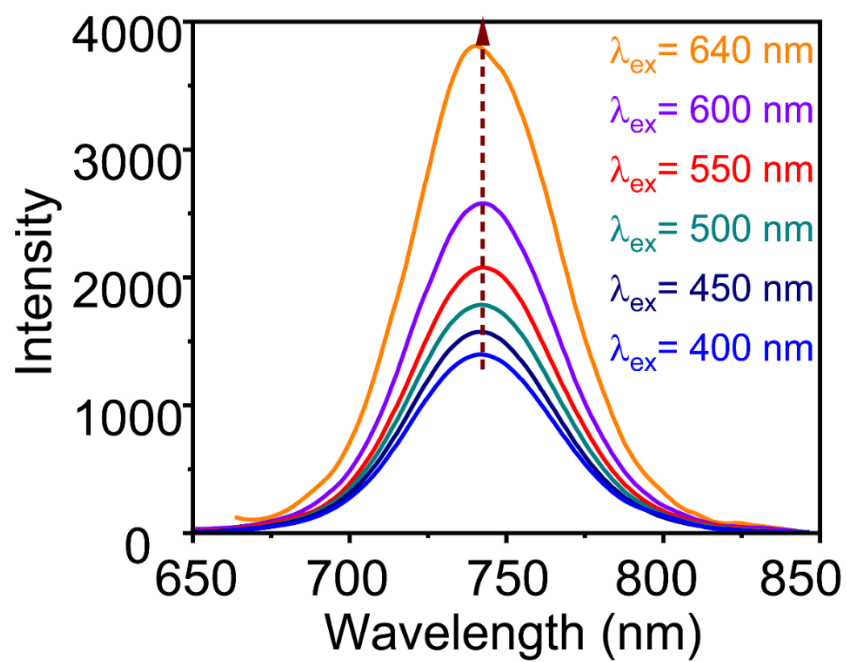


**Figure S3** (a) Absorption and emission spectrum recorded for the same sample under ambient conditions, storage up to 12 days with black (fresh (0day), red (6days) and blue (12days), (b) Absorbance and emission recorded for three different batches  $\lambda_{ex}=400$  nm,  $\lambda_{em}=740$  nm (c) PL recorded for the same set of three different batches as in (b) at  $\lambda_{ex}=400$  nm collected at  $\lambda_{em}=740$  nm.

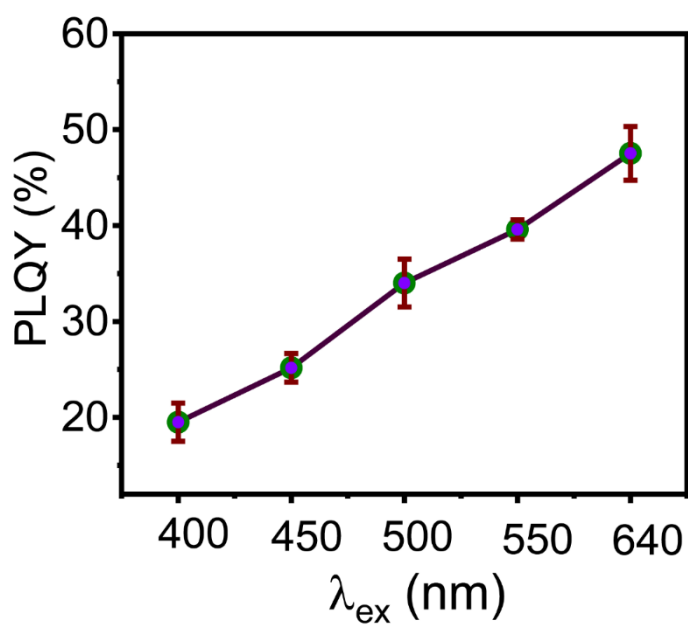
The synthesis of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs has been reproduced several times. The absorption and emission spectra and PL decays have been obtained for three different batches to validate the reproducibility of the FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs. The band edge remains the identical ( $\sim 707$  nm (Figure 1(a)) and  $\lambda_{ex}=400$  nm,  $\lambda_{em}^{max}=740$  nm (Figure 1(b)) and PL data collected on  $\lambda_{ex}=400$  nm,  $\lambda_{em}^{max}=740$  nm (Figure 1(c)). The PL data remains almost identical for all three different batches.

**Table S1.** TCSPC for FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs at  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ = 440 nm and varying  $\lambda_{\text{em}}$ = 670 nm to 810 nm

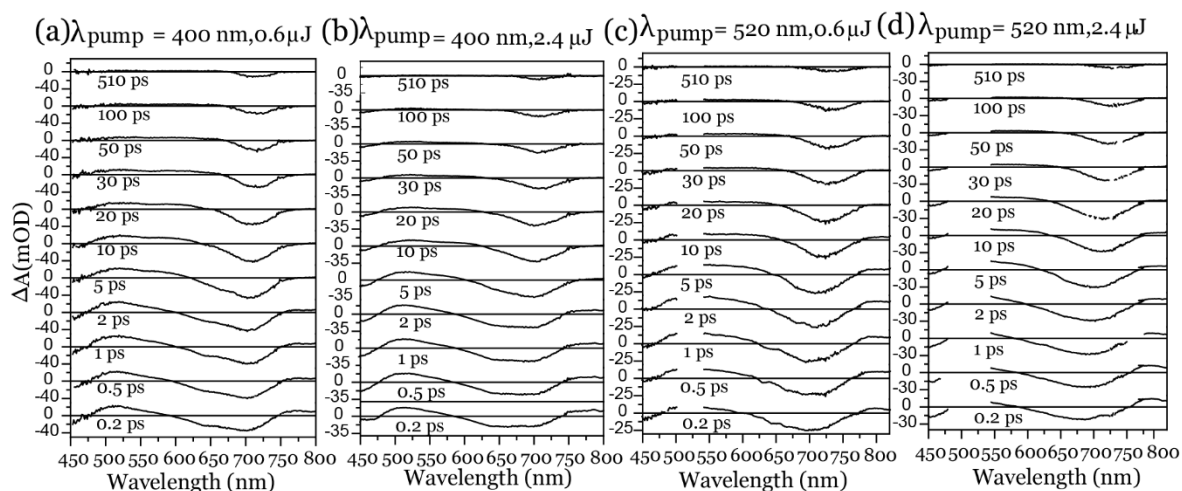
$\lambda_{\text{em}}$	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$a_1$	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$a_2$
670	9	0.73	30	0.26
680	9	0.76	30	0.23
690	9	0.78	30	0.21
700	9	0.80	30	0.19
710	9	0.80	30	0.19
720	9	0.81	30	0.18
730	9	0.78	30	0.21
740	9	0.67	30	0.32
750	9	0.55	30	0.44
760	9	0.48	30	0.51
770	9	0.45	30	0.54
780	9	0.48	30	0.51
790	9	0.54	30	0.45
800	9	0.64	30	0.35
810	9	0.75	30	0.24



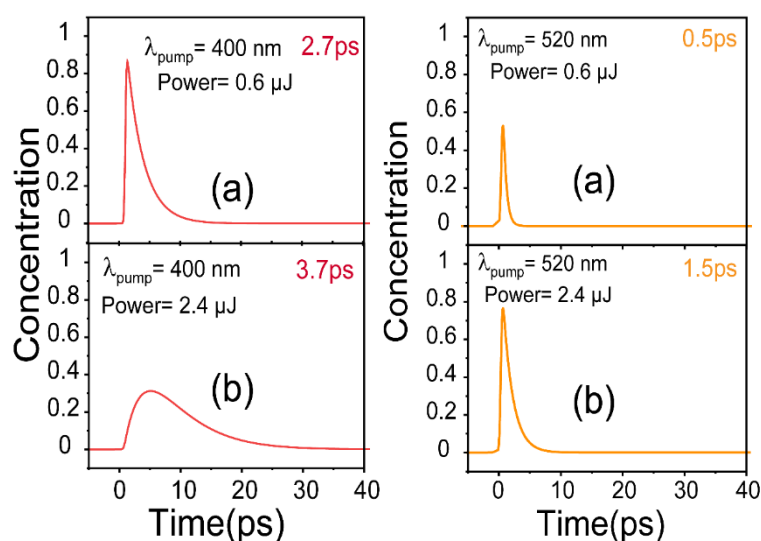
**Figure S4** Emission spectra of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs from  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 400 nm to  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 640 nm.



**Figure S5** PLQY of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs from  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 400 nm to  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 640 nm.



**Figure S6** Transient absorption spectra at  $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 400 \text{ nm}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 520 \text{ nm}$  ((a), (c))  $0.6 \mu\text{J}$ , ((b), (d))  $2.6 \mu\text{J}$



**Figure S7** Concentration profile of fast component obtained from SVD at ( $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 400 \text{ nm}$  (a), (b), red) and ( $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 520 \text{ nm}$  (a), (b) orange) respectively

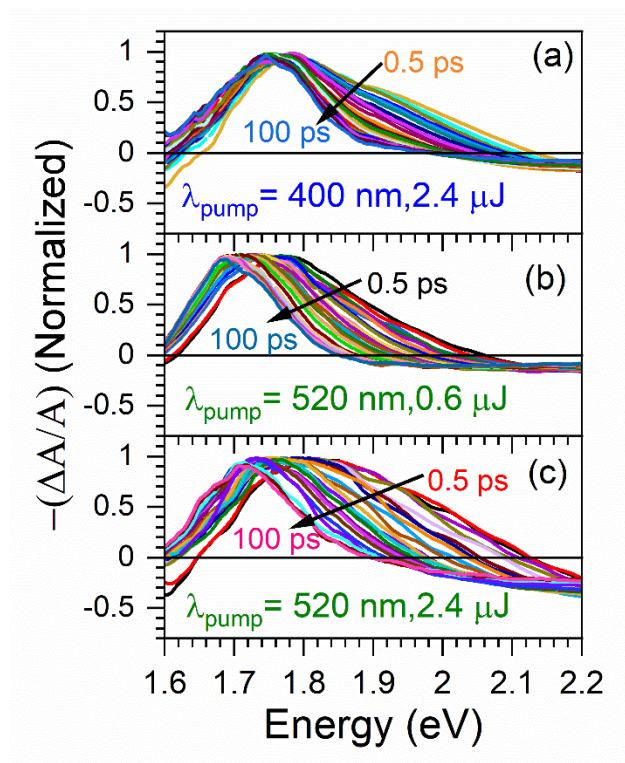
**Table S2** Hot carrier cooling times for MHPs

System (NCs)	Excitation energy(eV)/ wavelength (nm)	Hot carrier cooling time ( $\tau_{\text{HC}}$ ) in ps	Experiment	References
CsPbCl <sub>3</sub>	350 nm	0.29 ± 0.04	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. C</i> , <b>2019</b> ,123, 2651—2657
CsPbCl <sub>1.35</sub> Br <sub>1.65</sub>	400 nm	0.33 ± 0.02	TA	<i>ACS Photonics</i> , <b>2018</b> ,5, 3575—3583



CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>	400 nm	0.38-0.42	TA	<i>Nano Lett.</i> , <b>2016</b> ,16, 2349 — 2362
CsPbBr <sub>1.5</sub> I <sub>1.5</sub>	400 nm	0.36-0.38	TA	<i>Nano Lett.</i> , <b>2016</b> ,16, 2349 — 2362
CsPbI <sub>3</sub>	400 nm	0.57-0.58	TA	<i>Nano Lett.</i> , <b>2016</b> ,16, 2349 — 2362
MAPbI <sub>3</sub> QDs	2.64 eV	0.3	TA	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> <b>2023</b> , 35 (38), 2301834.
FAPbI <sub>3</sub> QDs	2.64eV	0.4	TA	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> <b>2023</b> , 35 (38), 2301834
CsPbI <sub>3</sub> QDs	2.64eV	0.25	TA	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> <b>2023</b> , 35 (38), 2301834
FA <sub>0.5</sub> MA <sub>0.5</sub> PbI <sub>3</sub> alloyed QDs	2.64eV	0.45	TA	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> <b>2023</b> , 35 (38), 2301834
MA <sub>0.5</sub> MA <sub>0.5</sub> PbI <sub>3</sub> alloyed QDs	2.64eV	0.35	TA	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> <b>2023</b> , 35 (38), 2301834
FAPbI <sub>3</sub> NP	1.96eV	40	TA	<i>Nanomaterials</i> <b>2020</b> , 10 (10), 1897.
(2D) CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NS (thickness~3 nm)	4.13eV	0.6	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> <b>2020</b> , 11 (15), 6344-6352.
(3D) CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NS (size~5.5 nm)	4.13eV	>2	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> <b>2020</b> , 11 (15), 6344-6352.
CsPbI <sub>3</sub> NCs	2.48eV	1-20	TA	<i>Chem. Sci.</i> <b>2022</b> , 13 (6), 1734-1745.
CsPbI <sub>3</sub> NCs	2.18eV	0.45-30	TA	<i>Chem. Sci.</i> <b>2022</b> , 13 (6), 1734-1745.
CsPbI <sub>3</sub> NCs	3.1eV	2-30	TA	<i>Chem. Sci.</i> <b>2022</b> , 13 (6), 1734-1745.
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NC (size~12 nm)	3.1eV	0.5-1.5	TA	<i>Adv. Opt. Mater.</i> <b>2022</b> , 10 (9), 2200030.
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NC (size~12 nm)	3.64eV	0.7	TA	<i>Adv. Opt. Mater.</i> <b>2022</b> , 10 (9), 2200030.
Cube CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NC	3.1eV	0.9	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. C</i> <b>2023</b> , 127 (18), 8670-8679.
Hexapod CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>	3.1eV	2	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. C</i> <b>2023</b> , 127 (18), 8670-8679.
MAPbI <sub>3</sub> NC	3.1eV	2.5	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> <b>2020</b> , 11 (7), 2743-2750.
MAPbBr <sub>3</sub> NC	3.1eV	1	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> <b>2020</b> , 11 (7), 2743-2750.
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NC	3.1eV	0.7	TA	<i>ChemNanoMat</i> <b>2022</b> , 8 (8), e202200172.
CsPb(Cl <sub>0.20</sub> Br <sub>0.8</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> NC	3.1eV	3	TA	<i>Phys. Rev. B</i> <b>2018</b> , 98 (11), 115418.
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NCs (size~14 nm)	4.1eV	<0.5	TA	<i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> <b>2019</b> , 10 (18), 5302-5311.

FAPbI <sub>3</sub> NC (7.5 nm)	1.25E <sub>g</sub>	0.3	TA	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> <b>2018</b> , 9 (1), 4197.
FAPbI <sub>3</sub> NC (12.9 nm)	1.25E <sub>g</sub>	0.25	TA	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> <b>2018</b> , 9 (1), 4197.
FAPbI <sub>3</sub> NRs (length=57.4 ±1.3 nm, diameter= 32.1 ± 0.3 nm).	400 nm	$\tau_1 = 2.7-3.7$ , $\tau_2 = 8.1-5.1$	TA	<i>This work</i>
	520 nm	$\tau_1 = 0.5-1.5$ , $\tau_2 = 8.2-13.07$	TA	



**Figure S8** Transient absorption spectra (inverted plotted in energy domain and normalized at the spectral maximum) at  $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 400$  nm (a) and  $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 520$  nm (b),(c). The arrows indicate the high-energy tail region used for Maxwell-Boltzmann (MB) fitting.

### Note SN1 Decay – Associated Emission spectra <sup>1</sup>

Suppose a sample displays a multi-exponential decay, and that the decay is different at different emission wavelengths. The intensity decay is then described by

$$I(\lambda, t) = I(t) = \sum_i a_i(\lambda) \exp(-t/\tau_i)$$

Where  $a_i(\lambda)$  are the wavelength-dependent pre-exponential factors and the  $\tau_i$  decay times. This expression assumes the decay times are independent of wavelengths. The emission spectrum due to each component can be calculated using

$$I_i(\lambda) = \frac{a_i(\lambda)\tau_i I(\lambda)}{\sum_j a_j(\lambda)\tau_j}$$

In this expression  $I(\lambda)$  is the steady-state emission spectrum. The product  $a_i(\lambda)\tau_i$  appears in the numerator because the steady-state intensity is proportional to this product. The sum in the denominator is proportional to the total intensity at this wavelength. The spectra  $I_i(\lambda)$  are called decay-associated spectra (DAS) because they represent the emission spectrum of the component emitting with a lifetime  $\tau_i$ . The multi-exponential decays collected for each emission wavelength are used to construct the emission spectra associated with each decay.

### Note SN 2 Singular value decomposition (SVD) for global fitting

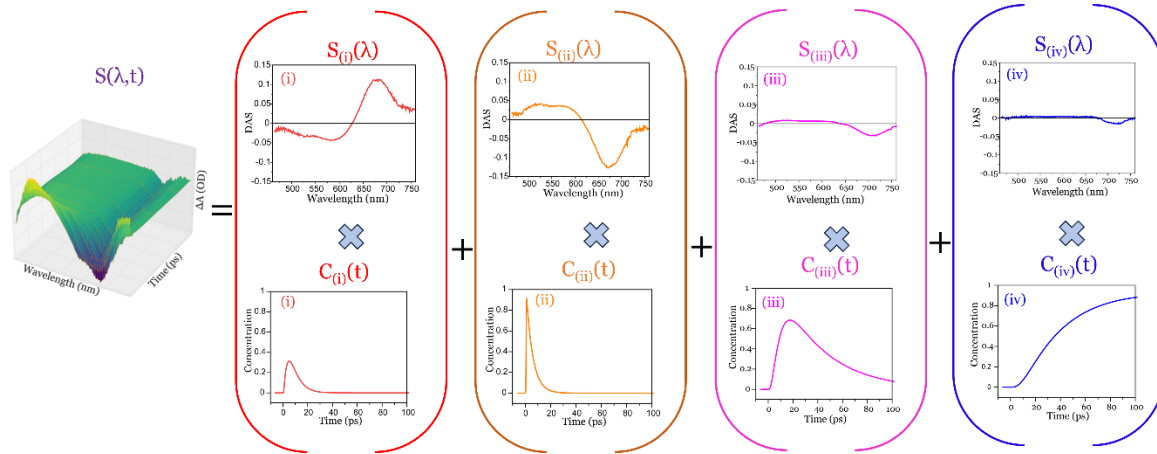
SVD combined with global fitting is an effective analytical method for complex spectra with overlapping features.<sup>2</sup> Using this analysis, the main components from the original data are extracted, remove the unnecessary components, and then reasonably analyze the extracted principal components to obtain the spectrum and kinetic curves of the transient components and filter out the experimental noise.<sup>3</sup> The measured TA data are a two-dimensional matrix A consisting of  $m_\lambda$  wavelengths and  $n_t$  times. Any one of the elements in matrix A can be expressed as follows

$$A_{ij} = A(\lambda_i, t_j)$$

For matrix A of real elements, SVD is defined by the product of three matrices, called the SVD of A

$$A = UST^V$$

Where the column vectors of U and V are referred to as the left and right singular vectors of A, respectively, S is the singular value of the SVD transient components, and U contains the basis spectra of the data matrix A



**Figure S9** Global analysis representation of transient absorption spectroscopy data (TAS) (left-hand side) gives decay-associated spectra (right-hand side) with their respective coefficients generated using Singular value decomposition (SVD).  $S(\lambda, t)$  is experimental TAS data, which is decomposed into four components from  $(S_{i=1 \text{ to } 4}(\lambda))$  and their concentration profile  $(C_{i=1 \text{ to } 4}(t))$ .

### Note SN 3 Calculation of power density of fs Transient absorption spectroscopy<sup>4,5</sup>

All the data has been measured at the high (1.2 mW) and low pump (0.3 mW) fluence respectively, with the repetition rate 500 Hz after the chopper.

The energy per pulse in low pump fluence at the sample,  $E_{Pulse} = \frac{0.3 \text{ mW}}{500 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 0.6 \mu\text{J}$

The energy per pulse in high pump fluence at the sample,  $E_{Pulse} = \frac{1.2 \text{ mW}}{500 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 2.4 \mu\text{J}$

The laser beam diameter  $(2r) = 500 \mu\text{m}$

The area of the pump pulse at the sample  $(A) = \pi r^2 = \pi(0.025)^2 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.002 \text{ cm}^2$

The low pump fluence  $= \frac{E_{Pulse}}{A} = \frac{0.6}{0.002} \mu\text{J}/\text{cm}^2 = 0.3 \text{ mJ}/\text{cm}^2$

The high pump fluence  $= \frac{E_{Pulse}}{A} = \frac{2.4}{0.002} \mu\text{J}/\text{cm}^2 = 1.2 \text{ mJ}/\text{cm}^2$

### Note SN 4 Average exciton occupancy ( $\langle N \rangle$ ) calculation<sup>6</sup>

Average exciton occupancy is directly calculated from magnitude of GSB signal by the equation:

$$\left| \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right|_{1s} = 1 - e^{-\langle N \rangle} \left( 1 + \frac{\langle N \rangle}{2} \right)$$

Average exciton occupancy follows Poisson distribution:

$$P(N) = \langle N \rangle^N \frac{e^{-\langle N \rangle}}{N!}$$

Where  $\langle N \rangle$  is the average number of exciton and  $P(N)$  is the probability of having  $N$  exciton. At high fluence intensity of bleach signal is affected due to the The concomitant GSB buildup and PIA decay is assigned to the arrival of the carriers at the band edge during the initial thermalization and relaxation.<sup>7-9</sup> To consider all those factors into account the average exciton occupancy have calculated from above equation for the lower excitation intensity. At low fluence  $\langle N_0 \rangle$  i.e., the number of excitons at time zero is defined as

$$\langle N_0 \rangle = \sigma J_p$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the absorption cross-section and  $J_p$  is the photon flux per pump pulse.  $\langle N \rangle$  at high power is calculated from the equation:

$$\frac{\langle N \rangle_1}{E_1} = \frac{\langle N \rangle_2}{E_2}$$

**Table.S3** Average exciton occupancy  $\langle N \rangle$  in FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NRs at different pump power.

Energy (μJ)	$\langle N \rangle_{\text{pump}=400 \text{ nm}}$	$\langle N \rangle_{\text{pump}=520 \text{ nm}}$
<b>0.6</b>	0.02	0.01
<b>2.4</b>	0.08	0.05

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