

High-Temperature Photoluminescence Enhancement up to 350 K of Monophase α -FAPbI₃ Quantum Dots Synthesized via Tailored Hot Injection

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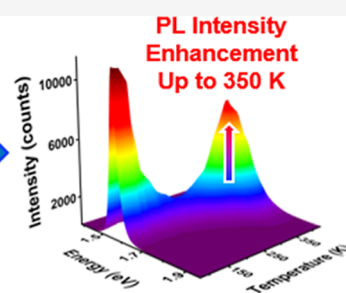
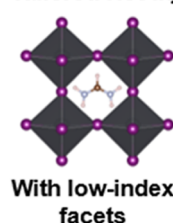
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ABSTRACT: In this work, we developed a tailored hot-injection method to establish optimal synthesis conditions for purified monophase α -FAPbI₃ quantum dots (QDs). By precisely tuning the ligand ratio, washing solvent ratio, and growth temperature, we successfully synthesized highly uniform QDs (10.4 ± 1.1 nm) with dominant (001), (002), and (003) facets, high crystallinity, and improved photoluminescence (PL) lifetimes (~ 150 ns). By employing temperature-dependent PL on the phase-pure α -FAPbI₃ QDs, we investigated the phase-transition behavior. The α -FAPbI₃ QDs exhibit sequential phase transitions from γ -tetragonal-1 to β -tetragonal-2 to α -cubic at 140 and 250 K, respectively. Notably, the α -cubic phase exhibits a remarkable enhancement in PL intensity up to 350 K, indicating an improved charge-carrier mobility at elevated temperatures. These findings provide new insights into the structure–property relationships of monophase α -FAPbI₃ and support their potential for high-performance solar cell applications operating under thermal stress.

Monophase α -FAPbI₃ QDs By Tailored Hot-Injection



INTRODUCTION

A formamidinium-based organic–inorganic lead iodide perovskite (CH(NH₂)₂PbI₃, FAPbI₃) has emerged as a leading candidate in the perovskite solar cell category because of its higher ambient stability and longer charge-carrier lifetime compared to methylammonium-based perovskite (MAPbI₃) analogues.^{1–6} This enhanced performance is partly attributed to the relatively larger grain size of FAPbI₃, on the order of micrometers, which contributes to higher stability and improved photoelectric properties compared to MAPbI₃ thin films.^{7–13}

However, FAPbI₃ exhibits two distinct morphs at room temperature: photo-active α -phase and photo-inactive δ -phase.^{4–6} The former is known as a black phase, which possesses desirable optoelectronic properties, while the latter is a yellow phase showing poor photoelectric performance to be avoided in applications.^{14–16} Although postannealing can partially recover α -FAPbI₃ from δ -domains, a significant fraction becomes irreversibly stabilized, limiting practical applications.^{4,17} In particular, the formation of the δ -phase can be easily observed in bulky thin films due to the intrinsic polycrystalline feature and grain boundaries containing serious structural vulnerability induced by exposure to ambient oxygen, humidity, and intense light, even during optical measurements.^{18–22}

These issues hinder the direct investigation of the intrinsic optical behavior of pure α -FAPbI₃, as δ -phase contributions are

difficult to eliminate and introduce charge-trapping heterogeneity. To address this issue, strategies such as mixing of halogens and organic cation additives have been employed to increase grain sizes (>2 μ m) and suppress δ -phase formation.^{23,24} However, these modifications do not fully prevent δ -phase formation, and remaining domains still serve as charge trap centers, significantly compromising optoelectronic performance.^{24–26}

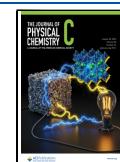
To gain physical–chemical insights into the intrinsic properties of pristine α -phase FAPbI₃, recent efforts have focused on nanoscale quantum dots (QDs) as an alternative to bulk thin films to overcome the phase instability issues inherent in bulk materials.^{27–30} These QDs offer a nearly defect-free single-crystalline domain, effectively minimizing structural inhomogeneity. Moreover, their colloidal nature allows efficient passivation by surface ligands in nonpolar solvents, which provides protection from ambient degradation. With their tunable surface chemistry, QDs offer improved

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control over defect formation, thereby enhancing the stability of the α -phase.^{29,30}

However, the synthesis of phase-pure α -FAPbI₃ QDs remains highly sensitive to reaction conditions.³⁰ Incomplete surface ligand passivation during synthesis can lead to surface instability, which correlates with reduced charge-carrier mobility due to faster exciton recombination at complex surface facets.^{31–35} Both precise temperature control and careful purification procedures are also essential to achieve and maintain the phase stability of α -FAPbI₃ QDs.^{30,31}

In this study, we address this gap by synthesizing highly uniform, monophase α -FAPbI₃ QDs via a tailored hot-injection method. By optimizing the oleylamine-to-oleic acid (OAm:OA) ligand ratio, acetonitrile-to-toluene washing solvent ratio, and growth temperature, we successfully suppress the δ -phase formation and obtain QDs with high crystallinity and dominant (001), (002), and (003) crystal facets. Temperature-dependent PL spectroscopy revealed a clear enhancement in PL intensity up to 350 K, uniquely in phase-pure α -FAPbI₃ by using temperature-dependent PL and Raman spectroscopies. These results provide crucial insights into the temperature-dependent structure–property relationships of FAPbI₃ QDs and highlight their potential for thermally robust, high-efficiency optoelectronic devices.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We synthesized FAPbI₃ QDs with varying OAm:OA ratios of (1:2, 1:3, and 1:4 (v/v)), as the ratio is crucial in controlling the crystallinity and stability of the QDs.^{36–38} Figure 1a shows the XRD patterns of the QDs, predominantly exhibiting (001), (002), and (003) crystal facets. Among the three ratio conditions, the QDs synthesized with a 1:3 OAm:OA ratio exhibit the highest crystallinity, as indicated by the narrowest full width at half-maximum (fwhm) values of the (001) and (002) peaks at approximately 0.37 and 0.44, respectively.

In contrast, the QDs synthesized with a 1:2 OAm:OA ratio showed a more amorphous structure, with broader fwhm values of 0.56 and 0.60 for the (001) and (002) planes, respectively. This is attributed to a relatively higher concentration of OAm, which facilitates the formation of protonated OAm⁺ cations that can be substituted for FA⁺ cations, disrupting the perovskite lattices.³⁹ In addition, a lower OA concentration reduces the formation of FA–oleate complexes that act as mobile and soluble A-site precursors.⁴⁰ This limitation decreases the FA⁺ mobility during synthesis, resulting in uneven nucleation and reduced crystallinity. However, an excessive amount of OA, as in the 1:4 ratio, also negatively impacts crystallinity. The dense OA ligand shell sterically hinders crystal growth and prevents proper fusion of precursor species into an ordered lattice. Additionally, excess OA complicates purification, as the resulting OA-rich ligand shell promotes QD dissolution in the antisolvent (Figure S1). Therefore, the 1:3 OAm:OA ratio offers an optimal balance for achieving high crystallinity in the FAPbI₃ QDs.

Figure 1b shows that increasing OA concentration induces a redshift in the PL peak, indicating larger QDs due to quantum confinement effect. This size increase of QDs by higher OA concentration is attributed to the two-step dissolution–recrystallization mechanism reported in previous studies.^{41,42} Time-resolved PL (TRPL) in Figure 1c further confirms that the optimal ratio of the OAm:OA is 1:3, as this sample exhibits the longest PL lifetime (~150 ns), significantly longer than those synthesized with the 1:2 (~95 ns) and 1:4 (~70 ns)

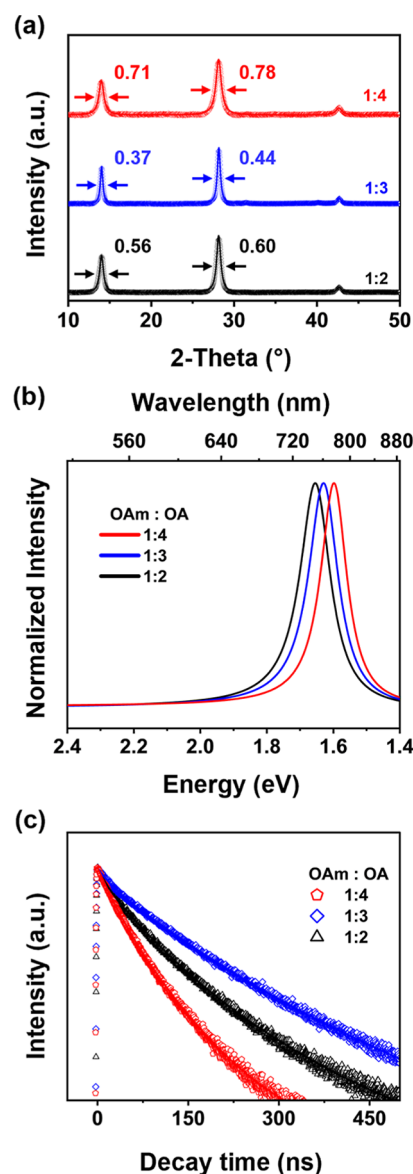


Figure 1. (a) XRD patterns, (b) steady-state PL spectra, and (c) time-resolved PL of FAPbI₃ QDs synthesized at a growth temperature of 100 °C with varying oleylamine-to-oleic acid (OAm:OA) volume ratios (1:2, 1:3, and 1:4) and purified using an acetonitrile:toluene volume ratio of 1:20. The 1:3 condition exhibits the narrowest diffraction, the highest PL intensity, and the longest carrier lifetime, indicating optimal crystallinity and surface passivation.

ratios. The longest PL lifetime of the 1:3 sample shows reduced nonradiative recombination and improved surface passivation, which correlates with its higher crystallinity observed in the XRD results (Figure 1a). In contrast, the shorter lifetimes of the 1:2 and 1:4 samples result from increased nonradiative recombination correlated to poorer crystallinity (in the case of 1:2) or surface ligand oversaturation (in the case of 1:4), both of which hinder efficient radiative recombination. These results confirm that a balanced OAm:OA ratio of 1:3 is optimal for achieving highly crystalline and optoelectronically superior FAPbI₃ QDs.

We investigated the influence of ligand removal during washing on nonradiative recombination sites using XRD and TRPL. In the washing step, we used toluene as a nonpolar solvent to effectively remove excess ligands and acetonitrile as

a polar solvent to promote QD precipitation.^{30,32} Recent studies have reported different acetonitrile:toluene ratios (1:1 and 1:4) during the washing process.^{30,32} To explore the limits of ligand removal without degrading crystallinity and reducing the PL lifetime, we extended the acetonitrile:toluene ratio range to 1:1, 1:10, and 1:20.

Figure 2a shows the XRD patterns of FAPbI₃ QDs washed using different acetonitrile:toluene ratios (1:1, 1:10, and 1:20)

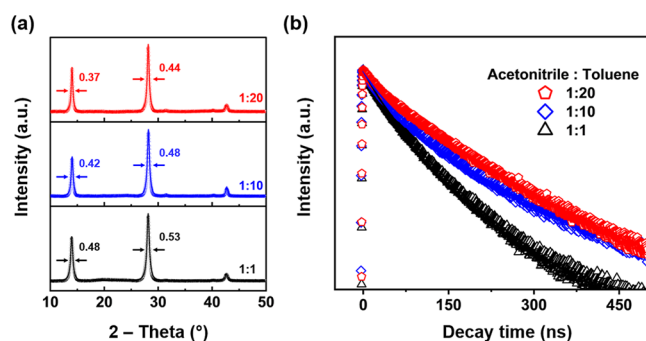


Figure 2. (a) XRD patterns and (b) time-resolved PL of FAPbI₃ QDs synthesized at a growth temperature of 100 °C with an OAm:OA volume ratio of 1:3 and purified using different acetonitrile:toluene volume ratios (1:1, 1:10, and 1:20). The 1:20 condition exhibits the narrowest diffraction peaks and the longest carrier lifetime, indicating optimal crystallinity and surface passivation.

v/v). The QDs washed with the 1:20 ratio exhibit the narrowest fwhm values: 0.37 for the (001) and 0.44 for the (002) planes. In comparison, the 1:10 ratio results in broader peaks with fwhm values of 0.42 (001) and 0.48 (002), while the 1:1 ratio gives the broadest peaks, with fwhm values of 0.48 (001) and 0.53 (002). These results demonstrate that increasing the toluene content enhances the crystallinity, as evidenced by sharper and narrower diffraction peaks. Higher toluene concentration leads to more effective removal of surface ligands, thereby promoting improved crystal growth.³⁰ In contrast, excessive acetonitrile causes particle aggregation during precipitation, resulting in structural disorder.³⁰ Thus, the 20× toluene content is optimal for obtaining highly crystalline FAPbI₃ QDs during the washing step.

Figure 2b shows PL lifetime decay curves further supporting the selection of the acetonitrile:toluene of 1:20 washing ratio. The QDs purified with 1:1 exhibit a short average PL lifetime of 80 ns, arising from surface defects and poor crystallinity. Increasing the toluene content to the 1:10 ratio significantly extends the PL lifetime to 135 ns, while the 1:20 ratio yields the longest lifetime of 150 ns. Thus, a higher toluene content improves the crystal quality and causes fewer surface trap states, reducing nonradiative recombination. However, adding toluene in a more than 1:20 ratio could lead to the partial dissolution of QDs, reducing the overall yield and potentially compromising size and shape uniformity. In this study, the acetonitrile:toluene ratio of 1:20 is suggested as the optimal purification condition for producing FAPbI₃ QDs with improved crystallinity and prolonged PL lifetimes. This emphasizes the critical role of solvent composition during purification in determining both the structural and the optoelectronic quality of FAPbI₃ QDs.

We then investigated the effect of growth temperature (25, 50, and 100 °C) on the structural uniformity and phase stability of FAPbI₃ QDs using the optimal synthesis conditions

(OAm:OA of 1:3 and acetonitrile:toluene of 1:20 washing solution). As shown in Figure 3a, QDs synthesized at 25 °C exhibit mixed phases, including the α -phase FAPbI₃ perovskite along with peaks corresponding to the nonperovskite δ -FAPbI₃ and PbI₂, indicating incomplete conversion to the α -FAPbI₃. At lower temperatures, the higher concentration of the OAm⁺ ligand tends to replace the FA⁺ cation, destabilizing the α -FAPbI₃ phase.⁴¹ Raising the growth temperature of 50 °C results in the emergence of distinct α -FAPbI₃ peaks corresponding to (001), (002), (012), (022), and (003) facets. Further increasing the growth temperature to 100 °C leads to an XRD pattern that clearly shows the (001), (002), and (003) planes. This suggests preferred growth orientation along these low-index facets, which are thermodynamically more stable and less susceptible to defect formation. While typical hot-injection synthesis is performed around 80 °C, XRD patterns in other studies still show notable (012) and (022) peaks,^{31,32} implying that 100 °C offers improved facet control and enhanced crystal quality.

Our overall synthesis optimization significantly affects the optical properties, as shown by PL decays in Figure 3b. The QDs synthesized at 25 °C exhibited the shortest average PL lifetime (~60 ns), due to the presences of PbI₂ and δ -FAPbI₃ phases, which contribute to nonradiative recombination. The QDs synthesized at 50 °C exhibit an average PL lifetime of approximately 70 ns, which is consistent with recent reports that highlight the exposure of (012) and (022) facets.^{30,31} In contrast, the QDs synthesized at 100 °C show a significantly longer PL lifetime of ~150 ns, more than twice that of the 50 °C sample and exceeding the typical range of 20–100 ns reported for FAPbI₃ QDs.^{30–32} This substantial enhancement is attributed to the dominant exposure of the (001), (002), and (003) facets at higher synthesis temperatures, which are known to have fewer surface defects and improved passivation characteristics.^{33–35} These well-defined facets effectively suppress trap-assisted recombination, resulting in extended carrier lifetimes and enhanced photoluminescence performance.^{33–35}

Figure 3c shows a redshift of the PL peaks with increasing temperature, attributed to the larger QD sizes observed in Figure 3d–i. The average dimensions of the QDs synthesized at 25, 50, and 100 °C are approximately 7.6 ± 2.4 , 9.5 ± 1.6 , and 10.4 ± 1.1 nm, respectively. Specifically, the QDs synthesized at 25 °C exhibit the broadest PL peak, consistent with the largest size distribution (fwhm = 5.7 nm) observed in the TEM image (Figure 3g). In contrast, higher synthesis temperatures improved size uniformity, showing fwhm's of 3.7 and 2.7 nm for QDs synthesized at 50 and 100 °C, respectively. Furthermore, the inset of Figure 3f confirms the enhanced crystallinity at 100 °C, as evidenced by the (002) lattice distance of 6.38 Å. High-temperature synthesis at around 100 °C facilitates uniform QD formation with improved crystallinity in the hot-injection process, due to reduced nucleation density and increased atomic mobility.^{43,44}

We employed temperature-dependent PL spectroscopy to investigate phase transitions in a pristine α -FAPbI₃ QD, because changes in crystal symmetry during a phase transition result in alteration in the bandgap energy, spectral broadening, and PL intensity.^{21,45,46} Specifically, the temperature-dependent slope of the bandgap shift identifies phase transition associated with electron–phonon interactions and lattice dynamics.⁴⁶ Similarly, changes in the fwhm slope reflect the degree of conformational lattice disorder and carrier scattering

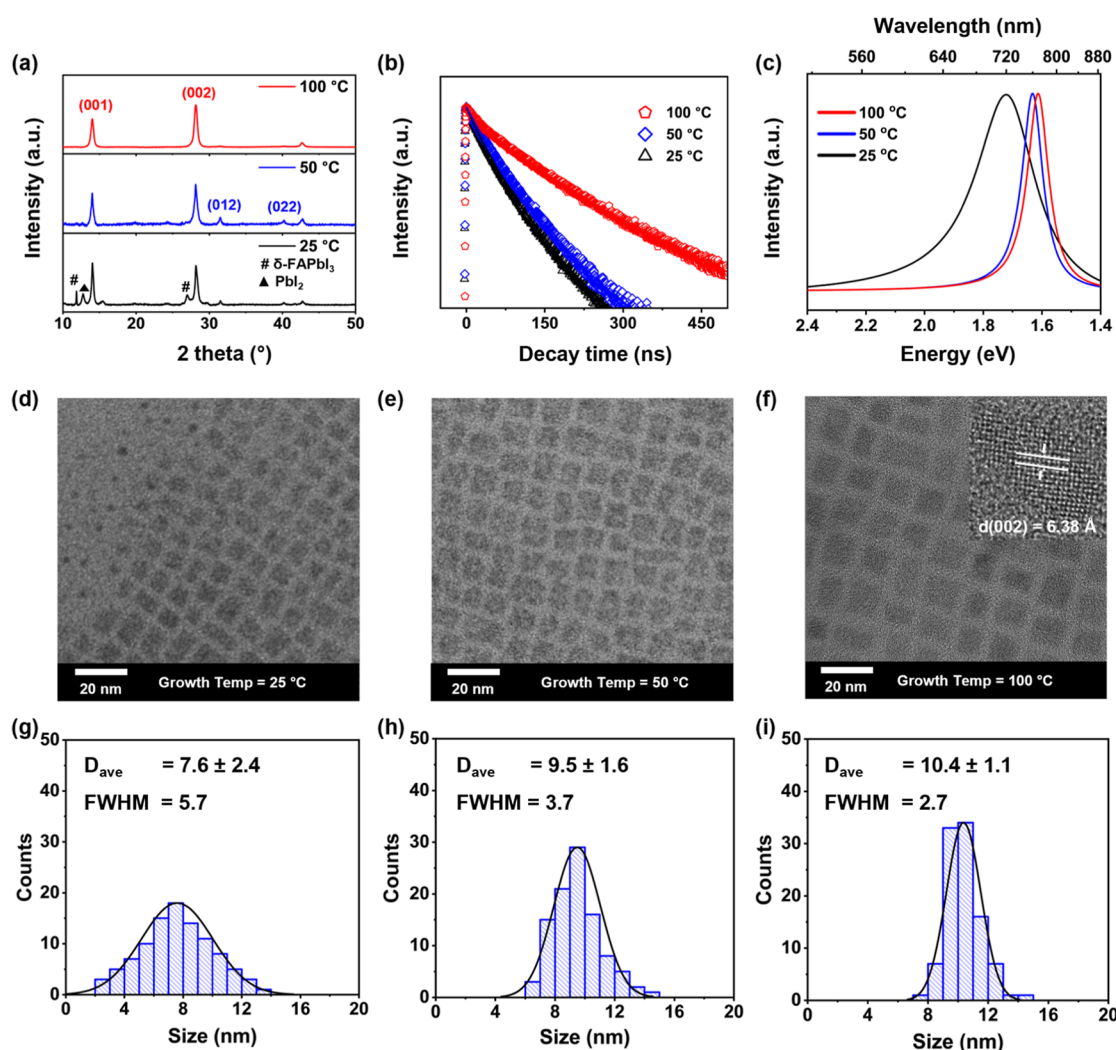


Figure 3. (a) XRD patterns, (b) time-resolved PL, (c) steady-state PL spectra, (d–f) TEM images, and (g–i) size distributions of FAPbI₃ QDs synthesized at different growth temperatures (25, 50, and 100 °C). The symbols ▲ and # indicate the peaks corresponding to PbI₂ and δ -FAPbI₃, respectively. All QDs were with an OAm:OA volume ratio of 1:3 and purified using an acetonitrile:toluene volume ratio of 1:20. The QDs synthesized at 100 °C exhibited optimal crystallinity and uniformity. The inset in panel (f) shows a lattice spacing of 6.38 Å, corresponding to the (002) plane of FAPbI₃.

in each phase.⁴⁷ In addition, changes in PL intensity are also linked to symmetry-dependent exciton recombination.^{32,48} These temperature-dependent PL parameters are complementary to the phase transitions.

We studied the phase evolution of FAPbI₃ QDs using temperature-dependent PL from 80 to 430 K. Figure 4a,b shows the phase transitions from tetragonal-1 (γ) to tetragonal-2 (β) at 140 K and tetragonal-2 (β) to cubic (α) at 250 K. The γ – β transition is indicated by a redshift of the PL peak below 140 K, followed by a blueshift above this temperature. This transition is also supported by a sharp decrease in PL intensity and a gradual broadening of fwhm. The β – α phase transition is characterized by an increase in PL intensity above 250 K, accompanied by a continuous blueshift and gradual fwhm broadening.

We fitted the PL spectra with Lorentzian functions and extracted the temperature-dependent bandgap energy, PL intensity, and fwhm. Figure 5a shows a redshift in the PL peak of γ -FAPbI₃, with a slope of -7.9×10^{-5} eV/K, observed between 80 and 140 K. This redshift is attributed to an enhanced electron–phonon coupling, which effectively reduces

the bandgap and promotes lower energy emission.^{45,49} As the temperature exceeds 140 K, the PL peak exhibits a blueshift with a slope of 4.32×10^{-4} eV/K, indicating the transition to the β phase. This blueshift is primarily driven by thermal expansion of the crystal lattice, resulting in a bandgap energy increase.^{48,50} This transition is further supported by changes in the fwhm shown in Figure 5b. The fwhm slope decreases from 4.01×10^{-4} eV/K in the γ phase to 2.29×10^{-4} eV/K in the β phase.

Figure 5c shows two distinguished decreasing patterns in PL intensity. In the γ phase, the PL decrease is attributed to more activated nonradiative recombination that arises from strong electron–phonon interactions by heat, resulting in fewer electrons transitioning to the radiative state.^{51,52} Upon transition to the β phase, the PL intensity continues to decline, albeit at a reduced rate. It is also due to the effects of the thermal expansion and the associated bandgap widening, reducing the efficiency of radiative recombination.^{48,50} Additionally, thermally activated dynamic displacements of inorganic framework in the β phase may lead to additional nonradiative losses, resulting in the decrease in PL intensity.¹⁵

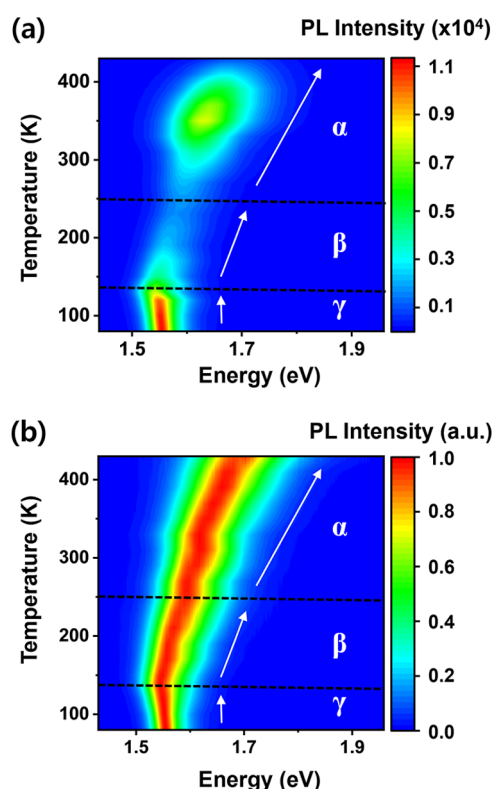


Figure 4. Temperature-dependent PL contour plots of FAPbI₃ QDs measured from 80 to 430 K. (a) Absolute and (b) normalized integrated PL spectra.

This transition is further confirmed by the temperature-dependent Raman data shown in Figure S2. Temperature-dependent Raman shows that the peak at 120 cm⁻¹, assigned as the I–Pb–I stretching, blue-shifted as the temperature increases from 80 to 140 K and red-shifted at temperatures above 140 K, indicating the transition from γ to β . The transition temperature γ -to- β at 140 K is consistent with previous studies of FAPbI₃, as summarized in Table S1.^{53–57}

The phase transition temperature of FAPbI₃ QDs from β to α occurs at 250 K, as indicated by the change in the PL shift slope, fwhm slope, and PL intensity enhancement. The PL shift slope decreases slightly from 4.32×10^{-4} eV/K to 3.97×10^{-4} eV/K. In parallel, the fwhm slope reduces from 2.29×10^{-4} eV/K to 1.69×10^{-4} eV/K, implying a narrower spectral width due to improved crystalline order in the cubic α -phase. Notably, the phase transition temperature of $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$ in FAPbI₃ QDs is lower than that of bulk FAPbI₃, which undergoes this transition at around 285 K (Table S1).^{53–57} It is suggested that the higher structural uniformity and lower defect density in QDs reduce the energy barrier for the phase transition. In contrast, bulk pristine FAPbI₃ without additives often contains an inhomogeneous mixture of phases, including structural defects and even δ -phase impurities.^{24,58,59}

The $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$ transition is further supported by the PL intensity enhancement in α -phases shown in Figure 5c, which aligns with previous studies reporting an increase in PL intensity and lifetime during this transition.^{60–63} This increase in PL intensity is attributed to lower defect density and more efficient carrier recombination in the α -cubic phase than in the β -tetragonal phase.⁶⁴ Interestingly, the PL intensity continuously increases up to 350 K, while recent studies for FAPbI₃ nanocrystals show the PL intensity enhancement only up to

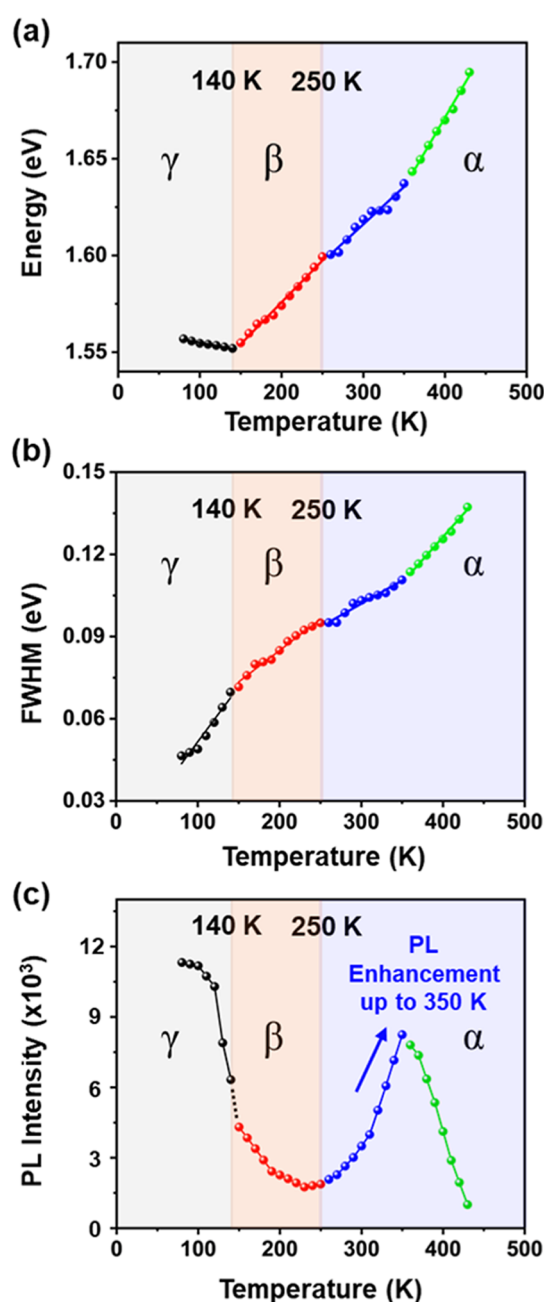


Figure 5. (a) Temperature-dependent PL peak shift, (b) full-width at half-maximum (fwhm), and (c) integrated PL intensity of α -FAPbI₃ QDs measured from 80 to 430 K. Distinct phase transitions from γ to β to α phases are observed at 140 and 250 K. Within the α -phase, the PL intensity increases steadily up to 350 K.

250 K.^{31,60} This discrepancy is primarily attributed to differences in the facet orientation. In our study, the QDs predominantly expose the low-index (001) and (002) facets, while prior reports showed dominant (012) and (022) facets, with PL intensity reaching a maximum at 250 K, followed by a gradual decline up to 310 K and a sharp drop thereafter.³¹ In addition, we have also measured that the PL intensity is highly stable at 350 K (Figure S3). These results demonstrate that phase-pure α -FAPbI₃ quantum dots with well-defined low-index facets exhibit a thermally enhanced PL response sustained up to 100 K higher than previously reported.³¹

FAPbI₃ perovskites exhibit facet-dependent surface stability and defect characteristics. The (001) facet, as a low-index plane, provides balanced ionic termination and fewer unsaturated bonds, resulting in lower defect densities.^{33,35} In contrast, high-index facets like (110) and (111) often contain unsaturated Pb–I bonds and structural irregularities that generate surface traps.^{65,66} Thus, the predominant exposure of the (001), (002), and (003) facets in our QDs is expected to reduce surface defects and suppress nonradiative recombination, enhancing the PL efficiency and carrier lifetime.

This continued PL enhancement may also be partially attributed to thermal lattice expansion, which can reduce surface trap density by relieving defect-induced lattice strain, thereby suppressing nonradiative pathways.⁶⁷ Furthermore, elevated temperatures may facilitate exciton delocalization and thermal activation of bright emissive states, synergistically boosting the PL intensity in the α -cubic phase.⁶⁸ Such a behavior is particularly favorable in QDs with low-index facets that further minimize trap-assisted recombination. Thus, our synthesis optimization leads to improved optoelectronic properties by promoting the formation of optically favorable facets. It is particularly beneficial for PL increase within the temperature range of 250 to 350 K, practical operational conditions for device applications.^{69–74}

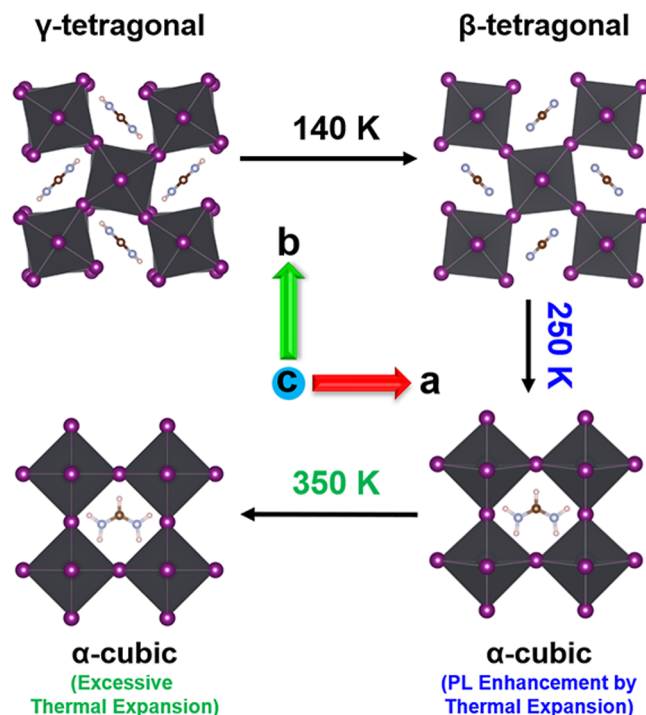
Figure 5c shows a notable decrease in PL intensity at temperatures above 350 K due to excessive thermal expansion.^{15,31} This is evidenced by the steeper slope of the bandgap energies (PL blueshift), which increases from 3.97×10^{-4} eV/K to 7.26×10^{-4} eV/K (Figure 5a), indicating a stronger thermal expansion effect of the Pb–I framework. Such expansion can promote hot–phonon interaction with excitons, increasing the nonradiative recombination rate.³¹ In addition, the fwhm slope increases from 1.69×10^{-4} eV/K to 3.35×10^{-4} eV/K, indicating enhanced exciton–phonon coupling and larger energetic disorder (Figure 5b).³¹

Scheme 1 shows a summary of the complete phase transitions of FAPbI₃ QDs as determined in our study referring to the crystal parameters reported recently.¹⁵ At temperatures below 140 K, FAPbI₃ exists in the tetragonal γ -phase (*P4/mbm*, $a = b = 8.88$ Å and $c = 6.28$ Å).¹⁵ The transition from the γ -phase to tetragonal β -phase (*P4/mbm*, $a = b = 8.92$ and $c = 6.33$ Å) occurs at 140 K.¹⁵ In addition, the β -phase transforms into the α -cubic phase (*Pm3m*, $a = b = c = 6.36$ Å) at 250 K. The regime between 250 and 350 K can be described as the thermally activated PL enhancement regime of α -phase FAPbI₃, characterized by the continuous PL intensity growth. Then, excessive thermal effects accelerate the charge-carrier recombination at temperatures higher than 350 K, reducing the PL intensity.

CONCLUSION

In summary, we synthesized phase-pure, monodisperse α -FAPbI₃ QDs (~10.4 nm) via a tailored hot-injection method with precise ligand and growth condition control. These QDs exhibit excellent crystallinity, long PL lifetimes (~150 ns), and dominant low-index facets. Temperature-dependent PL and Raman spectroscopy revealed sequential phase transitions ($\gamma \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha$) at 140 and 250 K, respectively. Notably, an enhancement in the PL intensity was observed up to 350 K in the α -cubic phase. This is the first report of thermally enhanced PL intensity at elevated temperature in phase-pure α -FAPbI₃ QDs, offering valuable insights into their structural

Scheme 1. Schematic Representation of the Temperature-Dependent Phase Evolution of FAPbI₃ QDs. Upon Sequential Transitions from the γ -Tetragonal Phase to the β -Tetragonal Phase (>140 K) and Subsequently to the α -Cubic Phase (>250 K), PL Intensity Increases up to 350 K. Beyond 350 K, However, Excessive Thermal Expansion Promotes Nonradiative Recombination, Resulting in a PL Intensity Decrease



stability and potential for high-performance optoelectronic applications.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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Experimental method, temperature-dependent Raman, summary of phase transition of FAPbI₃ in a recent study, and thermal PL stability of FAPbI₃ QDs at 350 K (PDF)

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ABBREVIATIONS

FWHM full-width at half-maximum
PL photoluminescence
QDs quantum dots
TRPL time-resolved photoluminescence

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