

*Supporting information for:*

Dismantling the “Red Wall” of Colloidal Perovskites:  
Highly Luminescent Formamidinium and  
Formamidinium-Cesium Lead Iodide Nanocrystals

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**Table S1.** The calculated tolerance and octahedral factors for the ABX<sub>3</sub> (A=Cs, MA, FA, B=Sn, Pb, X=I, Br, Cl) and the indication about their preferred structure at RT. The tolerance and octahedral factors were calculated using the radii from Table S2.

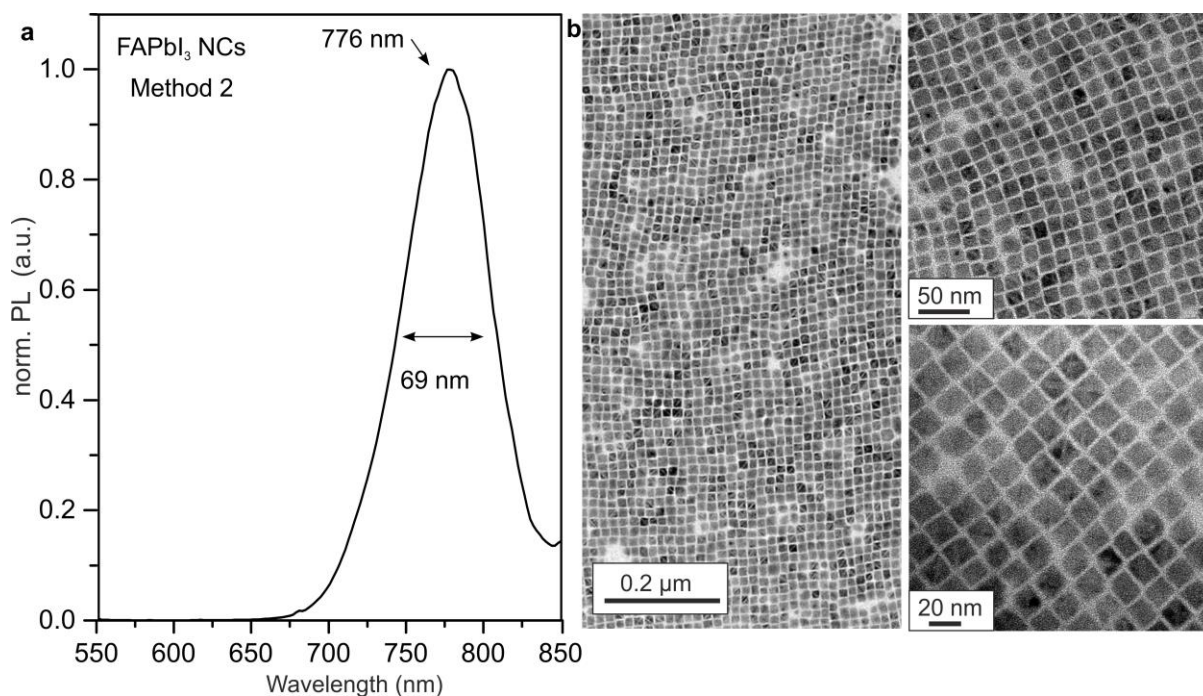
Compound (ABX <sub>3</sub> )	Tolerance factor (t)	Octahedral factor ( $\mu$ )	Known <b>stable</b> phases @ RT	Known <b>metastable</b> phases @ RT	Ref.
<b>B=Pb</b>					
CsPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.89	0.47	1D	3D	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>	0.92	0.50	1D	3D	9, 10
CsPbCl <sub>3</sub>	0.93	0.54	3D		9, 11, 12
MAPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.96	0.47	3D		1, 13, 14
MAPbBr <sub>3</sub>	0.99	0.50	3D		1, 13
MAPbCl <sub>3</sub>	1.00	0.54	3D		13, 15
FAPbI <sub>3</sub>	1.04	0.47	1D	3D	1, 2
FAPbBr <sub>3</sub>	1.08	0.50	3D		9, 7, 16, 17, 18
FAPbCl <sub>3</sub>	1.09	0.54	3D		19, 20
<b>B=Sn</b>					
CsSnI <sub>3</sub>	0.91	0.44	1D, 3D	3D	21, 22, 23
CsSnBr <sub>3</sub>	0.94	0.48	3D		23, 24
CsSnCl <sub>3</sub>	0.95	0.52	1D	3D	23, 25, 26
MASnI <sub>3</sub>	0.97	0.44	3D		5, 27, 28
MASnBr <sub>3</sub>	1.01	0.48	3D		29, 30
MASnCl <sub>3</sub>	1.01	0.42	1D	3D	30, 31
FASnI <sub>3</sub>	1.06	0.44	3D		32, 33
FASnBr <sub>3</sub>	1.10	0.48	NA	NA	NA
FASnCl <sub>3</sub>	1.10	0.42	NA	NA	NA

**Table S2.** The ionic radii used for the halide compounds (Shannon radii<sup>34</sup> for Cs<sup>+</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, and the revised radii from Travis *et al.*<sup>35</sup> for Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Sn<sup>2+</sup>, MA<sup>+</sup>, FA<sup>+</sup>).

Ion	Ionic radius (Å)		
	in iodides	in bromides	in chlorides
6-coordinate B <sup>2+</sup>			
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	1.03	0.98	0.99
Sn <sup>2+</sup>	0.97	0.94	0.96
<i>A cations</i>			
Cs <sup>+</sup>		1.88	
MA <sup>+</sup>		2.16	
FA <sup>+</sup>		2.53	
<i>X anions</i>			
I <sup>-</sup>		2.2	
Br <sup>-</sup>		1.96	
Cl <sup>-</sup>		1.85	

**Table S3.** An overview of known APbI<sub>3</sub> (A= MA<sup>+</sup>, Cs<sup>+</sup>, FA<sup>+</sup>) NCs with cubic or near cubic shapes.

Compound	MAPbI <sub>3</sub> NCs (Ref. <sup>36, 37</sup> )	CsPbI <sub>3</sub> NCs (Ref. <sup>38</sup> )	FA <sub>0.1</sub> Cs <sub>0.9</sub> PbI <sub>3</sub> NCs (this work)	FAPbI <sub>3</sub> NCs (this work)
Crystal structure	Tetragonal (I4cm)	3D-orthorhombic (pbnm)	3D-orthorhombic (pbnm)	$\alpha$ -cubic (pm3m)
Emission range	650 nm-750 nm	600-690 nm	680-690 nm	770-780 nm
PLQY	20-30 %	50-80%	>70 %	>70 %
Stability	less than 1 day after isolation and purification; several weeks when stored as a crude solution.	less than 1 day if purified and up to one week when stored as a crude solution.	several months in colloidal solution and up to few weeks in films.	Stable for months in colloidal solutions and films.



**Figure S1.** (a) PL spectra and (b) typical TEM images of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NCs obtained using method 2.

### The Debye Scattering Equation Method

In order to perform the structural and microstructural characterization of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> and Cs<sub>0.9</sub>FA<sub>0.1</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> NCs, we adopted a Total Scattering approach based on a fast implementation of the Debye Scattering Equation (DSE), as available in the Debussy Suite.<sup>39, 40, 41</sup> The Debye Equation describes the differential cross section of a randomly oriented powder and allows the simultaneous modelling of the Bragg and diffuse scattering as a function of the interatomic distances within the nanoparticle:

$$I(Q) = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j(Q)^2 o_j^2 + 2 \sum_{j>i}^N f_j(Q) f_i(Q) T_j(Q) T_i(Q) o_j o_i \frac{\sin(Q d_{ij})}{(Q d_{ij})}$$

where  $Q = \frac{4\pi \sin\theta}{\lambda}$  is the magnitude of the scattering vector,  $\lambda$  is the radiation wavelength,  $f_{ij}$  is the X-ray atomic form factor,  $d_{ij}$  is the interatomic distance between atoms  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $N$  is the total number of atoms and  $T$  and  $o$  are the thermal atomic displacement parameter and site occupancy factor associated to each atomic species, respectively. The first summation in the above equation includes the contributions of the zero distance between one atom and itself and the second term (the interference term) the nonzero interatomic distances  $d_{ij} = |r_i - r_j|$ .

The approach used in this work is the one implemented in the *DebUsSy* Suite of programs,<sup>41</sup> which makes use of the sampled interatomic distances instead of the original ones in order to speed up calculations.

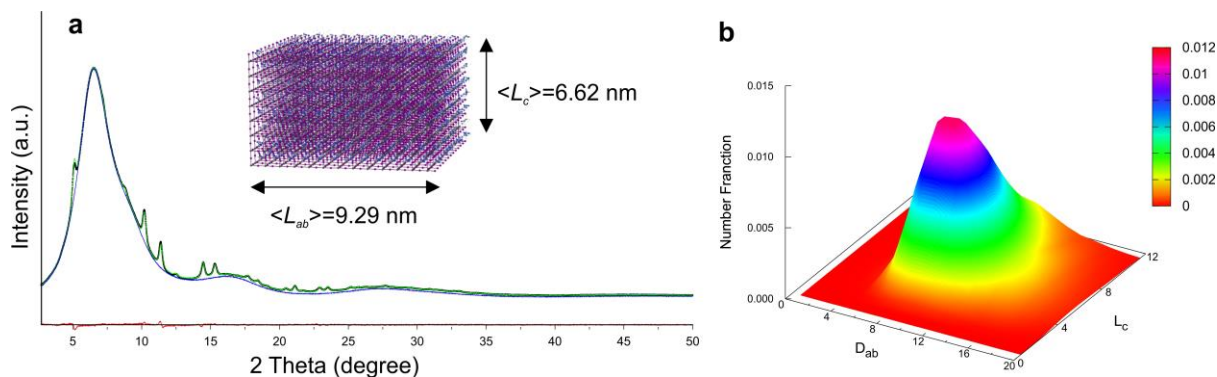
The DSE modelling strategy used in this work can be summarized, as follows:

*i)* A bottom up approach was used to generate the bivariate population of atomistic models of NCs, by stacking the cubic unit cell of the  $\alpha$ -FAPbI<sub>3</sub> phase (SG. *Pm-3m*) according to two independent growth directions, one along the  $c$ -axis and the other one parallel to the  $ab$ -plane. The cubic unit cell corresponded to the perovskite framework made by PbI<sub>6</sub> units, with the I anions disordered in four equivalent positions (with Pb-I-Pb bond angles deviating from their ideal 180° by *ca.* 13°) and FA<sup>+</sup> cations disordered between 6 sites inside the cuboctahedral cavities. This unit cell was used as the building block for generating the atomistic models of the entire population of NCs.<sup>42</sup> For FA<sub>0.1</sub>Cs<sub>0.9</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> an orthorhombic  $\gamma$ -phase (SG. *Pbnm*), refined from the experimental data and isostructural to the one reported for CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>,<sup>10</sup> was adopted. The outer organic oleate shell, nearly invisible to X-ray, has been neglected in our atomistic models.

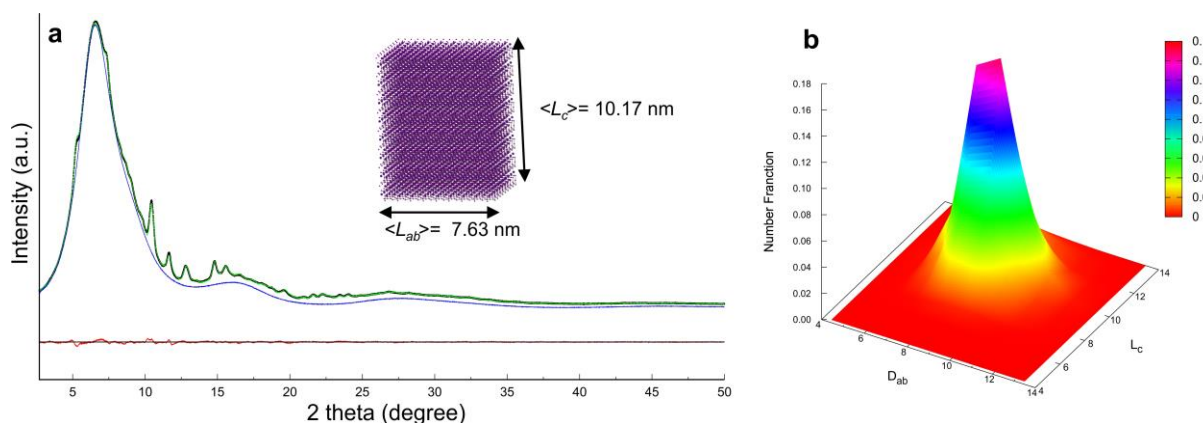
*ii)* The sampled interatomic distances of the NCs were computed and stored in suitable databases, in order to calculate the DSE model pattern, used in the next step.

*iii)* The refinement of the model pattern against the experimental data, involving a number of adjustable parameters, was performed. To account for the size and shape distribution of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> and FA<sub>0.1</sub>Cs<sub>0.9</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> NCs, we used a bivariate log-normal function with four adjustable parameters (the average and standard deviation parameters for the distribution along the two growth directions). The thermal displacement parameters were refined for all the atoms.

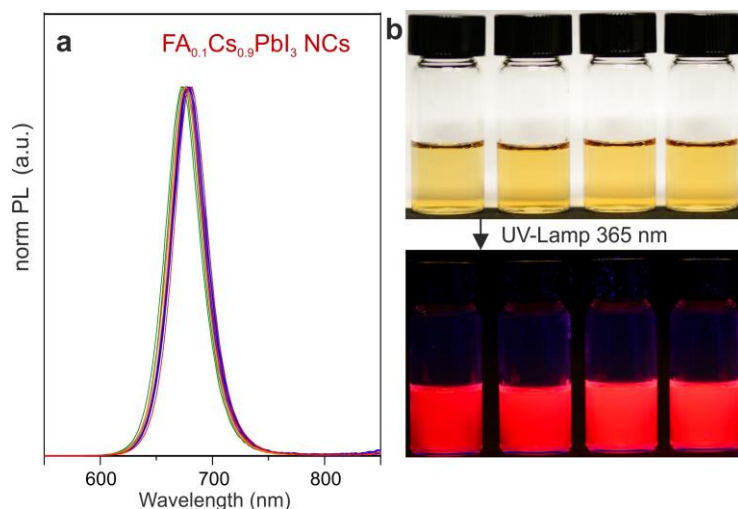
The graphical outcomes of the DSE analysis on FAPbI<sub>3</sub> are summarized in Figure 2 and Figure S2, for FA<sub>0.1</sub>Cs<sub>0.9</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> in Figure 4 and Figure S3.



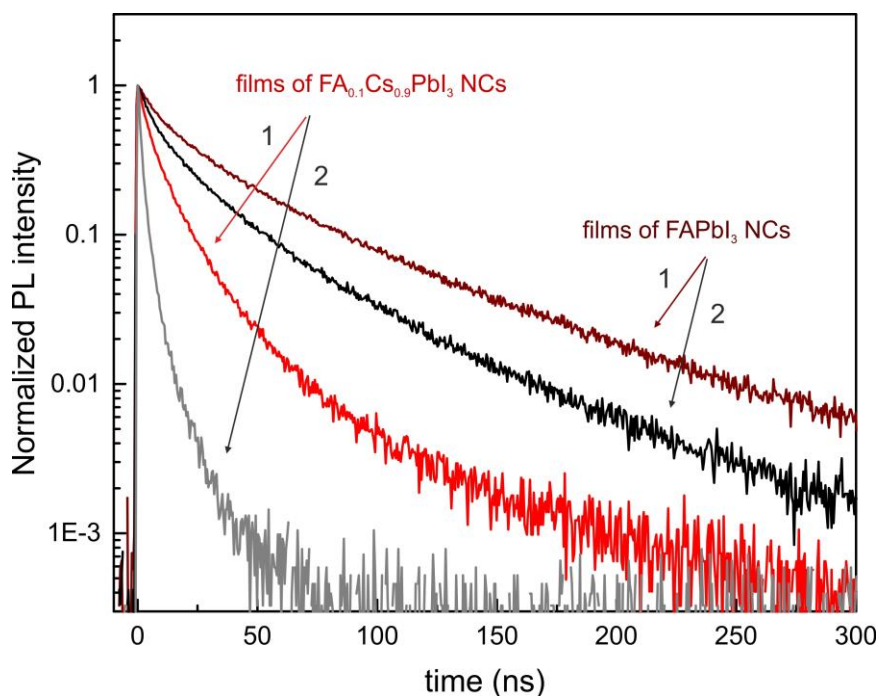
**Figure S2.** (a) Synchrotron XRD data of FAPbI<sub>3</sub> NCs and DSE best fit ( $2\theta$  range 3-50°;  $\lambda=0.565483$  Å): model pattern (green line) with its solvent component (toluene, blue line) and residual between experimental and model patterns (red line); Goodness of fit = 1.81. Inset: atomistic model of a single nanocrystal representing the average size of the sample ( $\langle L_{ab} \rangle$  is the length along a axis, equal to that along the b axis in our model,  $\langle L_c \rangle$  is the length along the c axis). (b) 3D (smoothed) map of the number-based bivariate lognormal size distribution in the  $\langle L_c \rangle$  and  $\langle D_{ab} \rangle$  coordinates ( $\langle L_c \rangle$  is the average size along the c axis,  $\langle D_{ab} \rangle$  is the diameter of the circle of equivalent area in the ab-plane). DSE estimated number-based average sizes and corresponding standard deviations  $\sigma$ : i) Diameter of the sphere of equivalent volume  $\langle D_{eq} \rangle = 10.06$  nm;  $\sigma/\langle D_{eq} \rangle = 0.22$  nm. ii) Average sizes along the two growth directions:  $\langle D_{ab} \rangle = 10.48$  nm;  $\sigma/\langle D_{ab} \rangle = 0.28$ ;  $\langle L_c \rangle = 6$ . Average 62 nm;  $\sigma/\langle L_c \rangle = 0.35$ .



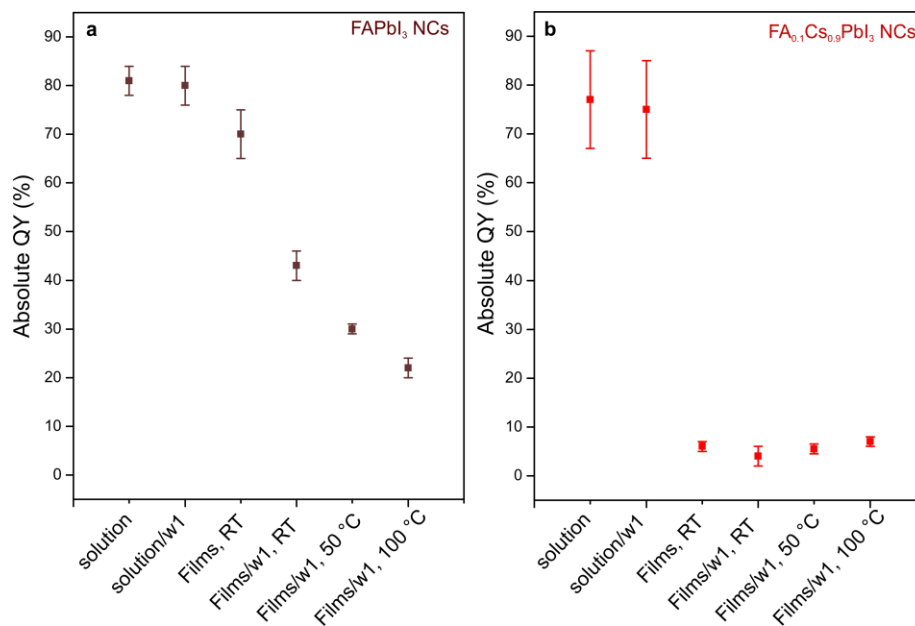
**Figure S3.** (a) Synchrotron XRD data of FA<sub>0.1</sub>Cs<sub>0.9</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> NCs and DSE best fits ( $2\theta$  range 3-50°;  $\lambda=0.565483$  Å). Total model pattern (green line) with its solvent component (toluene, blue line) and residual between experimental and model patterns (red line); Goodness of fit = 1.46. Inset: atomistic model of a single NC representing the average size of the sample as in S2. (b) 3D (smoothed) map of the lognormal size distribution as in S2. DSE estimated number-based average sizes and corresponding standard deviations  $\sigma$ : i) Diameter of the sphere of equivalent volume:  $\langle D_{eq} \rangle = 10.39$  nm;  $\sigma/\langle D_{eq} \rangle = 0.086$  nm. ii) Average sizes along the two growth directions:  $\langle D_{ab} \rangle = 8.61$  nm;  $\sigma/\langle D_{ab} \rangle = 0.12$ ;  $\langle L_c \rangle = 10.17$  nm;  $\sigma/\langle L_c \rangle = 0.11$ .



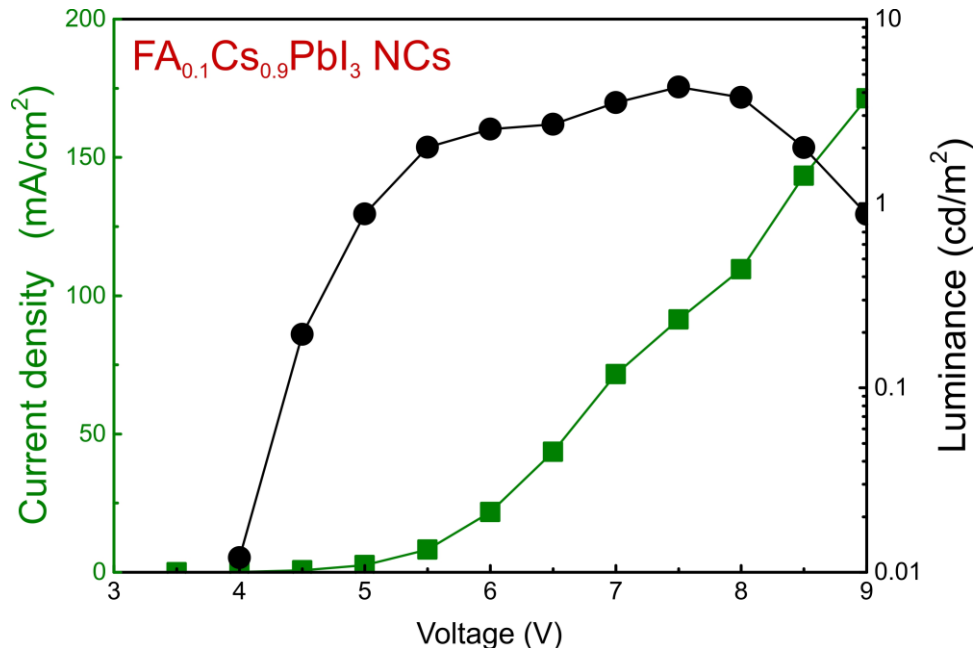
**Figure S4.** (a) Photoluminescence spectra for  $\text{FA}_x\text{Cs}_{1-x}\text{PbI}_3$  NCs obtained using various FA:Cs molar ratios of 1:1, 2:1, 1:2, 6:1 during the synthesis. (b) Photograph of the corresponding  $\text{FA}_x\text{Cs}_{1-x}\text{PbI}_3$  NCs dispersed in toluene under visible light and under UV light (365 nm).



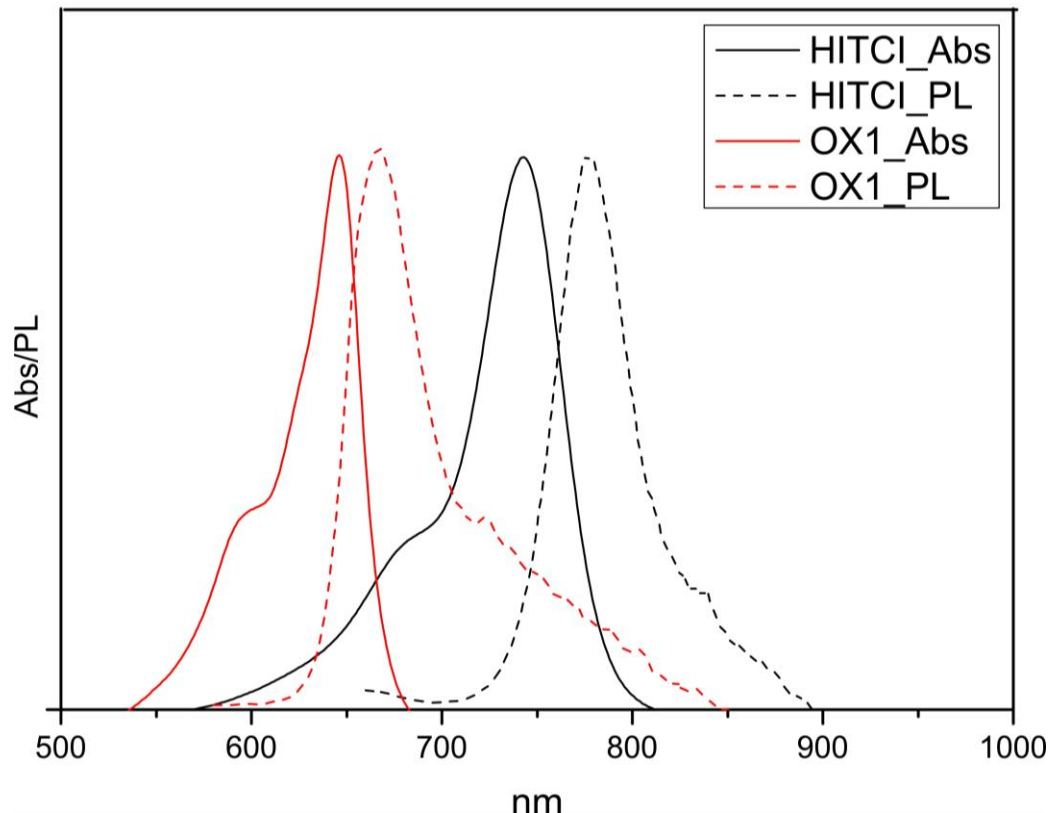
**Figure S5.** Time-resolved PL traces for the films of  $\text{FA}_{0.1}\text{Cs}_{0.9}\text{PbI}_3$  NCs and  $\text{FAPbI}_3$  NCs: (1) NCs washed with toluene only:  $t_{1/e}=50$  ns  $\text{FAPbI}_3$  and  $t_{1/e} = 13$  ns for  $\text{FA}_{0.1}\text{Cs}_{0.9}\text{PbI}_3$ ; (2) NCs washed once with acetonitrile (w1):  $t_{1/e}=32$  ns for  $\text{FAPbI}_3$  and  $t_{1/e}=5$  ns for  $\text{FA}_{0.1}\text{Cs}_{0.9}\text{PbI}_3$  NCs.



**Figure S6.** Absolute QY shown for (a) FAPb<sub>3</sub> NCs and (b) FA<sub>0.1</sub>Cs<sub>0.9</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> NCs measured under different conditions: colloidal solutions washed with toluene/hexane, colloidal solutions washed once with acetonitrile (w1), drop-cast films prepared from the solutions washed with toluene/hexane without heat treatment, drop-cast films prepared from solution washed once with acetonitrile (w1) without heat treatment, and after annealing at 50 °C and 100 °C for 1 h.



**Figure S7.** Current density and luminance over voltage for the LED prepared from FA<sub>0.1</sub>Cs<sub>0.9</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> NCs.



**Figure S8.** The photoluminescence and absorption spectra for the dyes used as references to measure the QY of  $\text{FA}_{0.1}\text{Cs}_{0.9}\text{PbI}_3$  NCs (Oxine 1, OX1) and  $\text{FAPbI}_3$  NCs (HITCI).<sup>43,44</sup>

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