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# Facile Synthesis of Methylammonium Lead Iodide Perovskite with Controllable Morphologies with Enhanced Luminescence Performance

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**Abstract:** Organic–inorganic hybrid perovskites with well-defined morphology have attracted much attention due to their unique photophysical properties. However, controlling the morphology of nanocrystalline perovskite to improve its photoelectric application remains a challenge. In this article, using a modified solution deposition method, we successfully synthesized uniform methylammonium lead iodide (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>) nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods and investigated the effect of morphology on the photoelectric properties of these materials. We found that the morphology can be controlled by regulating the amounts of reactant methylammonium iodide (MAI) and the rate at which MAPbI<sub>3</sub> precursor is added into toluene solution, and that the corresponding size distributions can be optimized by tuning the final vacuum-drying temperature. The morphology has an obvious effect on the bandgap optimization and fluorescence enhancement of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>, and the nanoplates exhibit stronger photoluminescence intensity and have a longer carrier lifetime than nanocubes and nanorods. The results show that the morphologies of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanocrystals can be controlled by tuning the synthesizing conditions, and the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanocrystals with special morphology can be used in special nanosize optoelectronic devices.

**Keywords:** organic–inorganic hybrid perovskites; synthesis; morphology control; MAPbI<sub>3</sub>; photoluminescence

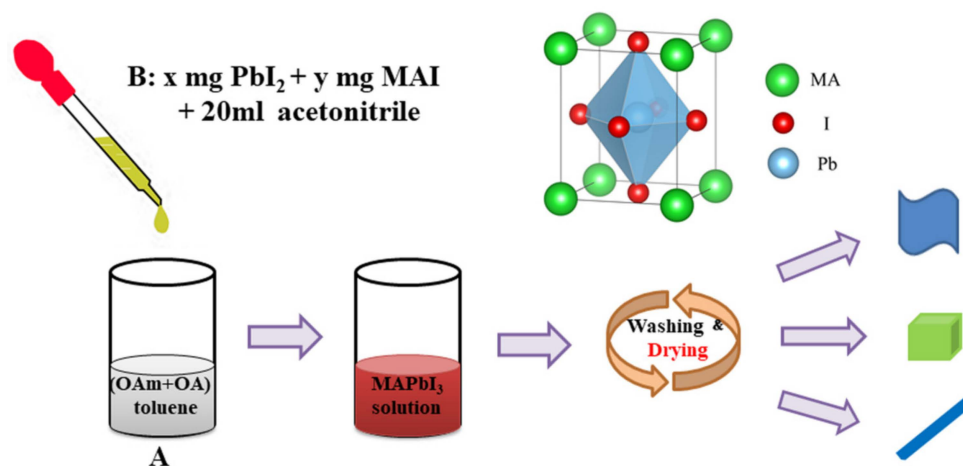
## 1. Introduction

Hybrid organic–inorganic methylammonium lead halide perovskite, MAPbI<sub>3</sub>, has attracted extensive attention because of its excellent power conversion efficiency [1,2], high quantum yield [3], low-cost fabrication [4], and remarkable absorption property [5], and has been widely used in light-emitting diodes (LEDs) [6], lasers [7], and photodetectors [8]. In particular, recent work reports that the power conversion efficiency (PCE) of hybrid organic–inorganic perovskite solar cell has increased to nearly 23.3% [9], which is close to the PCE value (26.7%) of crystalline silicon solar cells [10]. MAPbI<sub>3</sub> is expected to be the commercial material for the next generation of solar cells and optoelectronic devices due to these excellent properties [11]. However, most of the previous work has concentrated on MAPbI<sub>3</sub> films, so there is a limited number of reports focusing on MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals, which present outstanding properties due to their larger spectral tunability and higher quantum efficiency [12]. Recent work shows that MAPbI<sub>3</sub> quantum dots exhibit excellent tunable emission properties with

high photoluminescence quantum yields of 46% [13] (higher than that of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> films [14]), and good stability. MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> nanoplates exhibit strong blueshift in the photoluminescence (PL) peak position, which is attributed to the quantum confinement in the strongly confined nanostructures [15]. Two-dimensional (2D) lead halide perovskite nanorods—(OA)<sub>2</sub>(MA)<sub>2</sub>Pb<sub>3</sub>(I<sub>x</sub>Br<sub>1-x</sub>)<sub>10</sub>—shift to higher energies in both absorbance and PL compared to the bulk material [16]. Moreover, the luminescent intensity and lifetime also changes in these different morphologies' nanosamples [17], which has been attributed to the structural defects included in this perovskite [18]. These studies show that morphology plays an important role in tuning the absorption and PL of perovskite nanocrystals [19].

In recent years, researchers have attempted to prepare MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals with different morphologies, including zero-dimension (0D) nanodots, one-dimensional (1D) nanowires, nanorods, and nanobelts, 2D nanoplates, and three-dimensional (3D) nanocubes, by different preparation methods, including the dissolution–recrystallization method [20], conventional deposition method [21], and solution phase method [22]. However, the morphology of the prepared MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals are not uniform, with the coexistence of nanowires, nanorods, nanoplates, and nanobelts in the sample, which may reduce PL intensity and weaken light absorption, which will be detrimental to their application in nanodevices [23]. Recently, researchers further modified experimental approaches and obtained uniform MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanosamples. For example, Hintermayr et al. used ligand-assisted liquid-phase synthesized uniform MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates with different thicknesses [24]. Wong et al., using the solution-phase anion exchange reaction method, prepared high-quality MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanorods arrays at room temperature [25]. Lan et al., applying the physical vapor deposition method, obtained freestanding layer-structured MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates [26]. However, the synthesis process is complicated and slow, and it may be difficult to convert all of the initial reactants into the target products. Most recently, Fu et al. successfully synthesized single-crystal MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanorods and nanoplates via the dissolution–recrystallization method by tuning the precursor concentration of MAI, and found that the increase of MAI concentration causes the growth of perovskite nanorods and nanoplates with well-defined facets [16]. Zhu et al. has prepared the nanowires via the solution phase method, and regulated the aspect ratio of nanowires by adjusting the rate at which the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> precursor solution is added to the toluene solvent [22]. Murugadoss et al. showed that the final annealing temperature also plays an important role in affecting the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> morphologies in the anti-solvent assisted powder-engineering synthesized process [27]. Therefore, it can be inferred that the preparation conditions of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals, such as the concentration of the precursor MAI in the preparation process, the rate of the precursor solution added to the disintegrating solvent, and the final annealing temperature, have important effects on the morphology. Simultaneously, we expect that the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals with uniform morphology can be obtained by controlling these synthesizing parameters.

Herein, we used a modified solution deposition method to successfully synthesize nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods with uniform morphology MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals (shown in Figure 1) by regulating the concentration of MAI dissolving in acetonitrile, the rate at which MAPbI<sub>3</sub> precursor is added into toluene solution, and the final vacuum drying temperature, and explored the effect of morphology on the photoelectric properties of materials. We find that concentration of MAI is an important factor in controlling the morphology of materials, and the drying temperature is a key cause of the size distribution of materials. By studying the photophysical properties of these three well-defined perovskite nanostructures, we find that the morphology has a great influence on the intensity of PL, carrier lifetime, and bandgap optimization of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>. These MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals with well-defined morphology show quite different fluorescent and optoelectric properties, which may expand their practical optoelectronic devices applications for further use.



**Figure 1.** Schematic illustration for the formation of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Materials

Chemicals used include *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, anhydrous, 99.8%, Aladdin Biotechnology Inc., Shanghai, China), oleic acid (OA, AR, Aladdin Biotechnology Inc., Shanghai, China), oleylamine (OAm, 80–90%, Aladdin Biotechnology Inc., Shanghai, China), lead iodide (PbI<sub>2</sub>, 99.99%, Xi'an Polymer Light Technology Corp, Xi'an, China), methylammonium iodide (MAI, 99.5%, Xi'an Polymer Light Technology Corp, Xi'an, China), acetonitrile (GC, 99.5%, Aladdin Biotechnology Inc., Shanghai, China), and toluene (AR, 99.5%, Jiangsu, China) All chemicals were used as received without further purification.

### 2.2. Synthesis

MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods were prepared via a simple modified solution deposition method. In the experiment procedure, 5.6  $\mu$ L OAm and 10.4  $\mu$ L OA were dissolved in 10 mL toluene as solution A, and  $x$  ( $x = 18.4, 36.8$ ) mg lead iodide (PbI<sub>2</sub>) and  $y$  ( $y = 12.8, 18.4, 25.6$ ) mg methylammonium iodide were dissolved in 20 mL acetonitrile as solution B. Then, 2.6 mL solution B was injected into solution A with different dropping rates under vigorous stirring. The solution turned red at the injection of solution A, indicating the formation of small-sized perovskite crystals. After stirring for 1 min, 15 mL toluene was added to the mixed solution dropwise, and kept stirring in the dark for 4 h. After the reaction finished, the obtained dark brownish suspension was recovered by centrifugation at 10,000 rpm for 10 min and washed three times with toluene, then dried in a vacuum-drying oven for 12 h.

### 2.3. Characterization

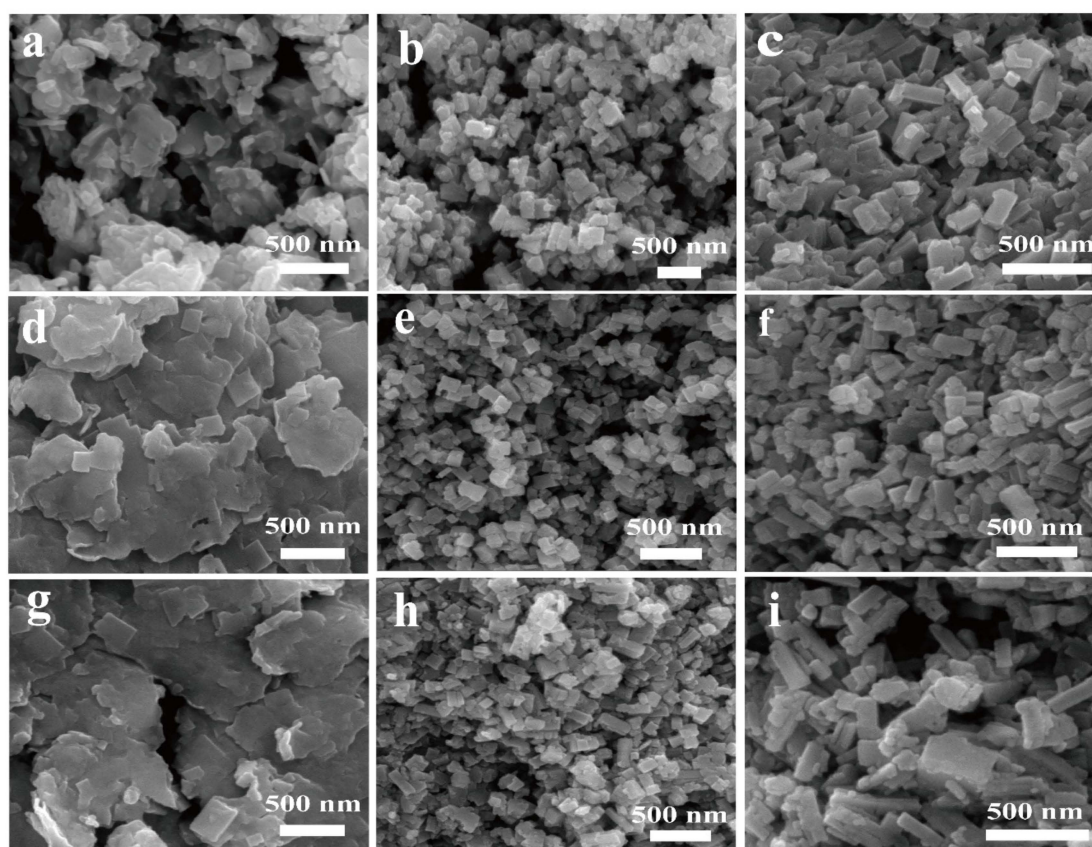
The powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were measured using a DX-2700 diffractometer (5.6 KW, 30 mA, Bruker Inc., Karlsruhe, Badensko-Wuertembersko, Germany) with a Cu K $\alpha$  source ( $\lambda = 0.1542$  nm) at 6.0 degrees/min and  $2\theta$  ranging from 10° to 50°. Ultraviolet and visible absorption (UV-Vis) spectra of the powder were acquired on a Varian Cary-5000 plus spectrophotometer (Agilent Inc., Sacramento, CA, USA). The steady-state photoluminescence spectra and the time-resolved photoluminescence measurements were carried out with a FLS980E spectrometer (Edinburgh Instruments Ltd., Scotland, UK), and a 515 nm diode laser with 1 W power was used to pump the samples. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was conducted using a field-emission scanning electron microscope (SEM, JEM-7001F, JEOL, Carl Zeiss Inc., Oberkochen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany) operated at 1.5 kV. High-resolution TEM (HTEM) images were measured using a transition electron

microscopy instrument (TEM, JEM-2100, JEOL Ltd. Inc., Akishima, Tokyo, Japan) at an accelerating voltage of 200 kV.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Influence of Reactant Concentration on Morphology of Resulted Samples

By controlling the concentration of the MAI precursor in solution B, and the dropping rate of solution B into the solution A, MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods perovskite were successfully synthesized. The SEM images of the as-synthesized perovskite nanocrystals are shown in Figure 2.

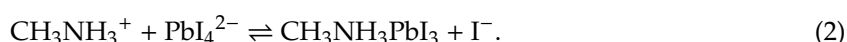


**Figure 2.** SEM images of the samples. Nanoplates, solution B: 18.4 mg PbI<sub>2</sub>, 12.8 mg MAI, 20 mL acetonitrile, dropping rate: 1 mL/min, dried at (a) 50 °C (Np-50), (d) 70 °C (Np-70), and (g) 95 °C (Np-95). Nanocubes, solution B: 18.4 mg PbI<sub>2</sub>, 18.4 mg MAI, 20 mL acetonitrile, dropping rate: 26 mL/min, dried at (b) 50 °C (Nc-50), (e) 70 °C (Nc-70), and (h) 95 °C (Nc-95). Nanorods, solution B: 36.8 mg PbI<sub>2</sub>, 25.6 mg MAI, 20 mL acetonitrile, dropping rate: 26 mL/min, dried at (c) 50 °C (Nr-50), (f) 70 °C (Nr-70), and (i) 95 °C (Nr-95).

Figure 2a–c show the SEM images of the obtained sample synthesized with different amounts of MAI precursor. When solution B contained 18.4 mg PbI<sub>2</sub> and 12.8 mg MAI, and the dropping rate of solution B into A was 1 mL/min, nanoplates were synthesized (Figure 2a). When the amount of MAI increased to 18.4 mg and the dropping rate of solution B into A was 26 mL/min, nanocubes were synthesized (Figure 2b). When the amount of MAI was further increased to 25.6 mg, and the dropping rate of solution B into A kept to 26 mL/min, nanorods were obtained (Figure 2c). These results suggest that the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods can be obtained by changing the amount of MAI in the synthesis process.



Yang and Fu et al. have reported that the crystallization of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> is an in situ transformation process at low MAI concentration, where CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> and I<sup>−</sup> are directly embedded in the lead frameworks to form MAPbI<sub>3</sub>, and the resulted MAPbI<sub>3</sub> samples could present the same original shape as PbI<sub>2</sub> [28]. Meanwhile, it follows a dissolution–crystallization process at high MAI concentration. Iodide ions, acting as both lead ligands and reaction products at high MAI concentrations, can increase the solubility of PbI<sub>2</sub> [28]. The presence of a large amount of PbI<sub>4</sub><sup>2−</sup> complex ions in the solution promotes the bonding between each complex and better coordinates the growth of the crystal. The following chemical equation is from [29]:



In our case, we used PbI<sub>2</sub> nanoplates (Inset of Figure S1a) for the synthesis of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> samples, and thus obtained MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates at a relatively low MAI concentration (12.8 mg). When the amount of MAI was increased to 18.4 mg, the growth of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> followed a dissolution–crystallization process, and thereby promoted the formation of nanocubes. When the amount of MAI was increased to 25.6 mg, it is most likely that the crystallization of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> continued along the growth direction of the nanocubes, and grew into nanorods.

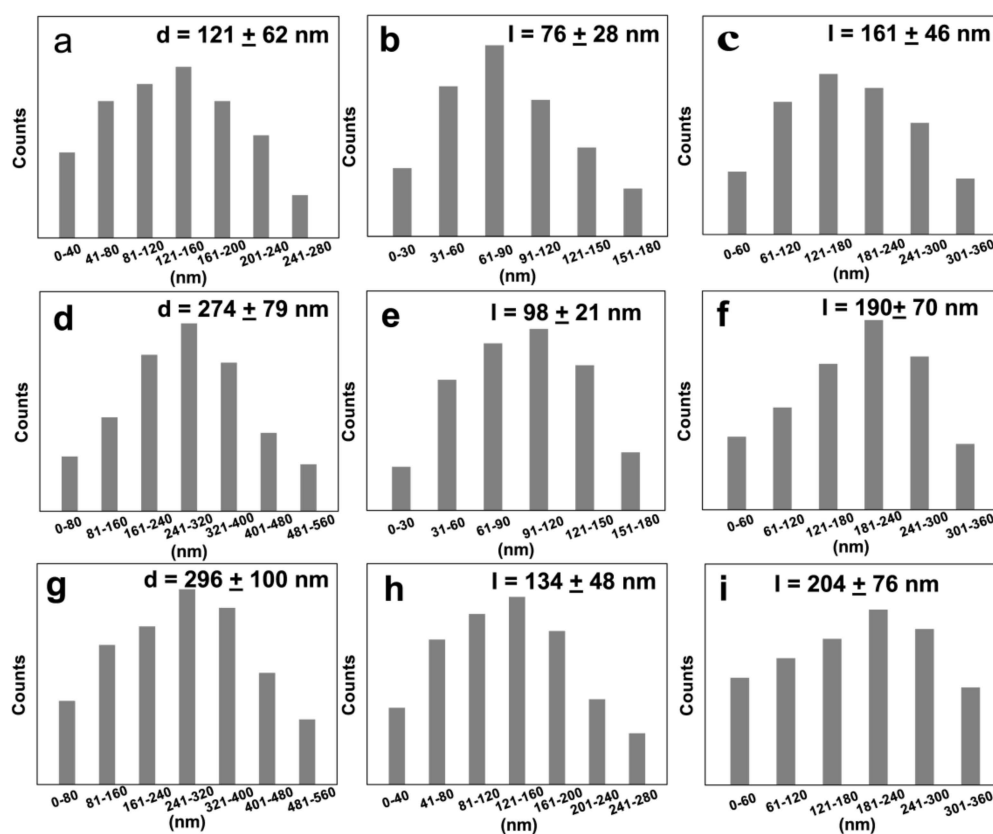
### 3.2. Influences of the Dropping Rate on the Morphology of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> Nanosamples

Figure S1 shows the SEM images for nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods synthesized with slow and fast dropping rates (1 mL/min and 26 mL/min). We noticed that the nanoplates were more uniform under slow dropping rates, whereas the nanocubes and nanorods were more uniform under fast dropping rates. As illustrated above, the crystallization of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates is an in situ transformation process, which is a rapid reaction process [28]. In the case of fast addition, the reactants could have already nucleated and grown before being diffused evenly in the solution. Therefore, parts of the nanoplates could grow into large pieces, whereas others could not, which results in non-uniform nanoplates with poor dispersion (Figure S1a). In the slow-addition samples, the concentration of the precursor was more uniform, leading to a more uniform nucleation, so well-dispersed nanoplates were obtained (Figure S1b). For the nanocubes and nanorods, the crystallization of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> is a dissolution–crystallization process; therefore, the nucleation process is relatively sluggish [28]. Therefore, in the case of rapid addition, it is most likely that the reactants have diffused evenly in the solution before nucleating, and resulted in uniform nanocubes and nanorods (Figure S1c,e). In the slow-addition samples, the dropped reactants may continue to grow on the surface of the already-nucleated nanocrystals or form a new nucleation, so small particles will appear and result in non-uniform MAPbI<sub>3</sub> samples. (Figure S1d,f).

### 3.3. Influence of Drying Temperature on the Size of Resulted Samples

In order to obtain more uniform materials, we studied the effect of drying temperature on the morphology of the final products. As shown in Figure 2a,d,g, the obtained nanoplates were dried at 50 °C, 70 °C, and 95 °C, respectively. After being dried at 70 °C, the surface of the nanoplates became smoother, and when the drying temperature rose to 95 °C, small nanoplates appeared on the surface of the sample. For the nanocubes (Figure 2b,e,h), we noticed that small nanoparticles appeared after drying at 50 °C. After drying at 70 °C, these small particles disappeared and the morphology of the material was more uniform. However, when the drying temperature rose to 95 °C, some of the nanocubes were transformed into nanorods, and small particles appeared in the sample again. For nanorods (Figure 2c,f,i), samples were uniform after drying at 50 °C. When the drying temperature increased to 70 °C and 95 °C, a large number of small particles appeared in the sample, and the uniformity of the sample was significantly worse.

To clarify the change of sample size with temperature, we made the size-distribution diagram shown in Figure 3. For the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates (Figure 3a,d,g), the average sizes were  $121 \pm 62$  nm,  $274 \pm 79$  nm, and  $296 \pm 100$  nm after being dried at 50 °C, 70 °C, and 95 °C, respectively. For the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocubes (Figure 3b,e,h), the average sizes were  $76 \pm 28$  nm,  $98 \pm 21$  nm, and  $134 \pm 48$  nm after being dried at 50 °C, 70 °C, and 95 °C, respectively. For the nanorods (Figure 3c,f,i), the average sizes were  $161 \pm 46$  nm,  $190 \pm 70$  nm, and  $204 \pm 76$  nm after being dried at 50 °C, 70 °C, and 95 °C, respectively. We have resynthesized these samples more than three times, with the SEM images and the corresponding size distribution presenting high reproducibility (Figure S2). These results indicate that the size of the obtained samples increased as the drying temperature was increased, and MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes and nanorods with a more uniform morphology were obtained after being dried at 70 °C, 70 °C, and 50 °C, respectively. According to early reports, the changes of size caused by changing the drying temperature may result from the excess surface energy gained from the lattice [30]. Therefore, we provide a facile and effective way to selectively synthesize uniform MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods by controlling the drying temperature.

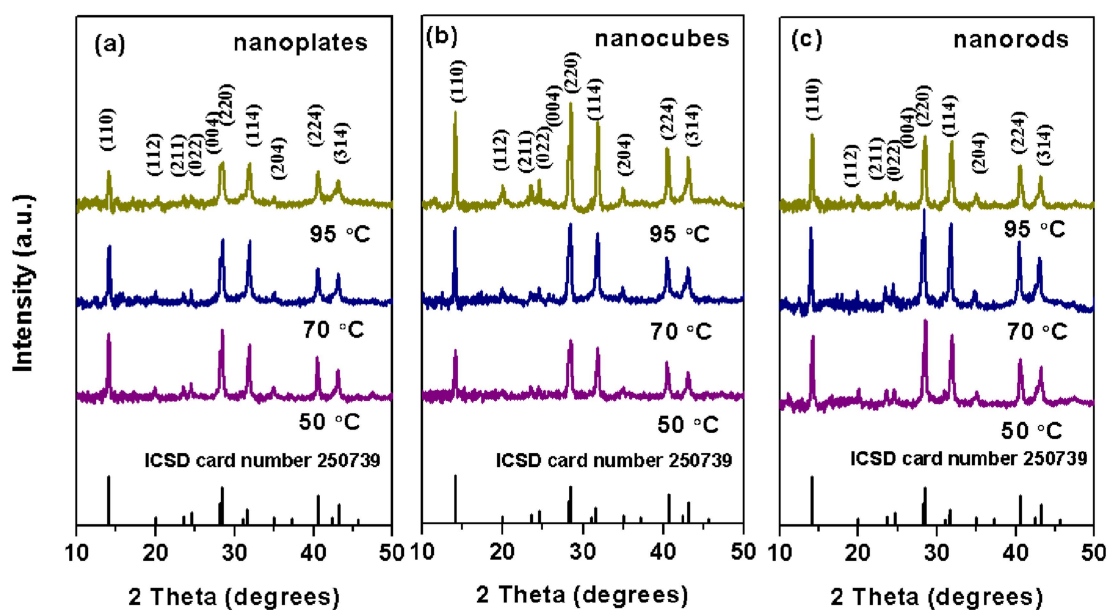


**Figure 3.** The corresponding size distribution of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods dried at 50 °C (a–c), 70 °C (d–f), and 95 °C (g–i).

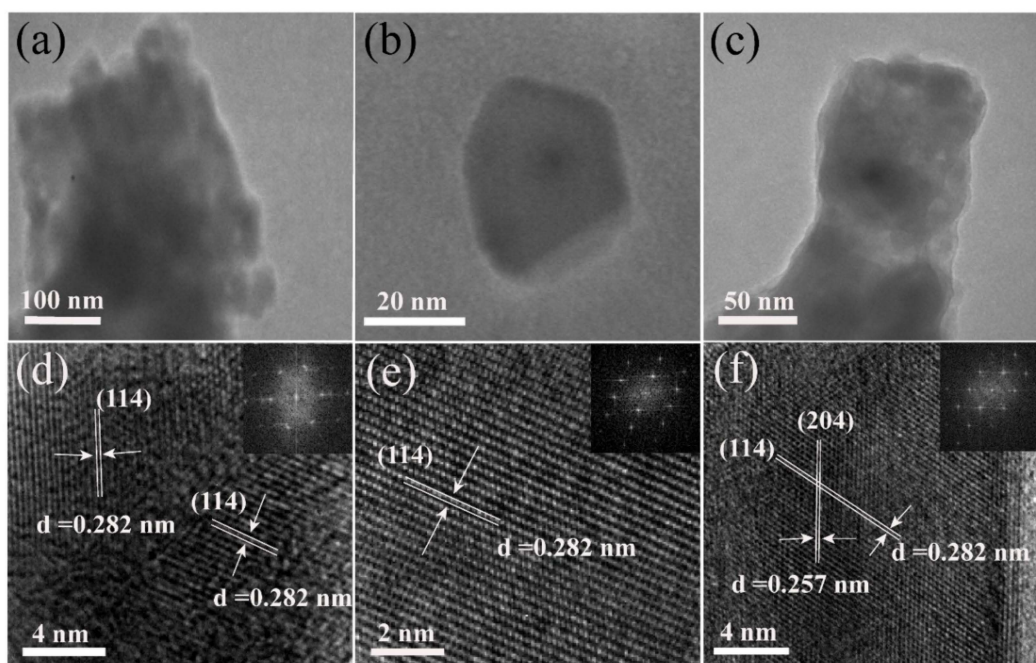
### 3.4. Analysis of the Crystal Structure

The XRD patterns of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods dried at different temperatures are shown in Figure 4. All the diffraction patterns match well with the standard pattern of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite in the tetragonal phase with a space group of *I4/mcm* (ICSD card No.250739), suggesting that the drying temperature did not affect the lattice structure of the material. In addition, we noted that the nanoplates and nanocubes dried at 70 °C, and the nanorods dried at 50 °C, have stronger diffraction peaks, indicating that these materials have higher crystallinity. Figure 5 shows the TEM, the high resolution TEM (HRTEM), and the fast Fourier transformation (FFT) images of the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals. In the HRTEM image of a MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplate (Figure 5d) and the FFT image (inset of

Figure 5d), the interplanar distances of 0.282 nm, which corresponded to the (114) crystal faces of the tetragonal MAPbI<sub>3</sub> structure, were clearly observed. These results may indicate that the (114) crystal plane growth direction was forbidden during the growth process of the nanoplates. In nanocubes (Figure 5e), the (114) crystal plane with an interplanar distance of 0.282 nm was also observed. However, in nanorods (Figure 5f), two interplanar distances of 0.257 nm and 0.282 nm were identified, which corresponded well with the (204) and the (114) crystal faces of the tetragonal MAPbI<sub>3</sub> structure. As the (204) crystal face is parallel to the nanorods growth direction, and the [010] direction was perpendicular to the (204) crystal faces, it can thus be deduced that the nanorods may grow along the [010] direction.



**Figure 4.** X-ray diffraction patterns of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> (a) nanoplates, (b) nanocubes, and (c) nanorods dried at 50 °C, 70 °C, and 95 °C.

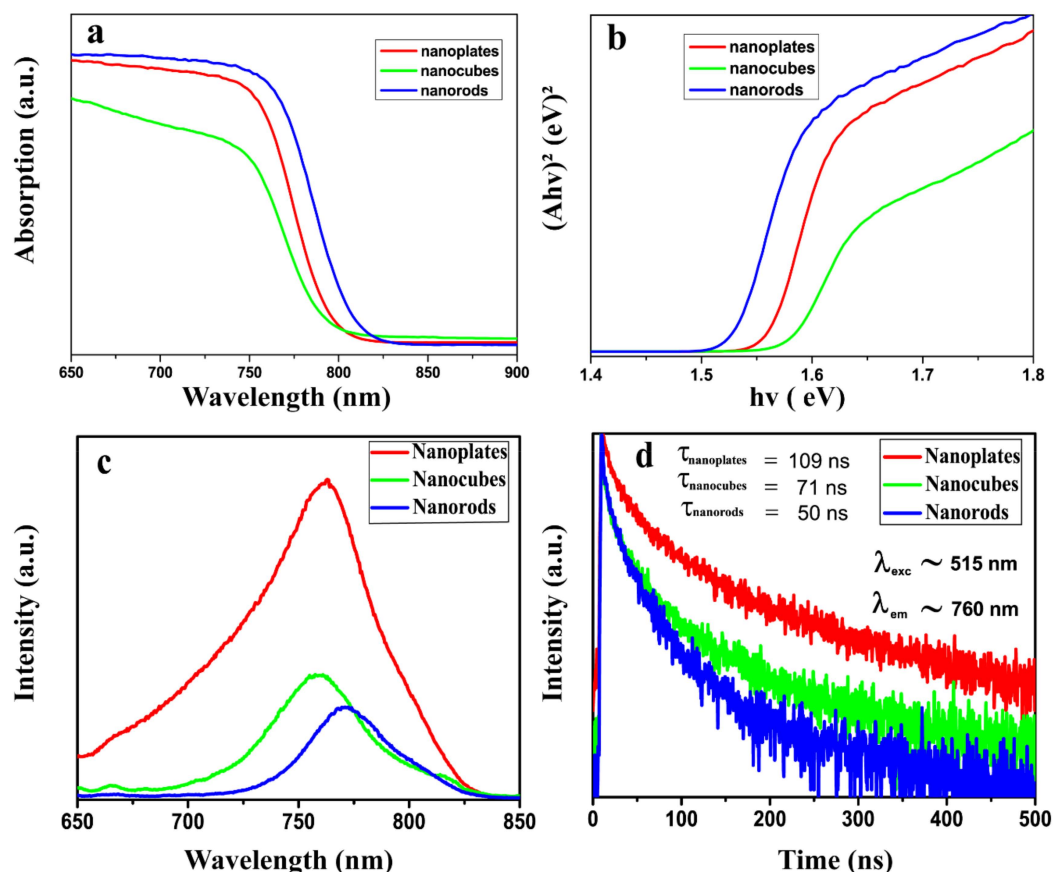


**Figure 5.** TEM image of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> (a) nanoplates, (b) nanocubes, and (c) nanorods, respectively, and their high-resolution TEM (HRTEM) images (d–f). The inset is the corresponding fast Fourier transformation (FFT) pattern.

### 3.5. Influence Morphology on the Optical Properties of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> Nanosamples

In order to explore the effect of morphology on the bandgap and luminescence of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>, we further measured the absorption (Figure 6a), PL (Figure 6c), and PL lifetime (Figure 6d) spectra of the uniform MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods, respectively. In Figure 6a, a slight shift of the absorption edges for the three different morphologies of perovskite was observed. Compared with MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocubes, the absorption edge of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates underwent a slight red shift (about 8 nm), and the absorption edge of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanorods presented a more significant red shift (about 22 nm). According to previous reports, the luminescence of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite comes from the direct bandgap [31]. Therefore, we used a direct bandgap formula  $(Ah\nu)^2$  versus  $h\nu$  (where  $A$  = absorption coefficient,  $h\nu$  = energy of light), with the direct bandgap  $tauc$  plots obtained from absorption data (shown in Figure 6b). The calculated bandgaps for nanorods, nanocubes, and nanoplates were 1.53 eV, 1.58 eV, and 1.56 eV, respectively. MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanorods had smaller bandgaps than nanocubes and nanoplates, and had a larger absorption range under the illumination of sunlight, which was more conducive to the capture of sunlight. Figure 6c shows the PL spectra measured using a 515 nm laser source. The PL spectrum of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocubes, nanoplates, and nanorods shows a PL emission peak at about 759 nm, 763 nm, and 771 nm, respectively. The luminescence peaks were also red-shifted, which was consistent with the results of the absorption bandgap measured in Figure 6a. Therefore, we further performed PL lifetime measurements on MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanostructures (Figure 6d). The decay of the luminescence intensity was fitted with an biexponential equation [32,33],  $I(t) = I_0 + A_1 \exp(-t/\tau_1) + A_2 \exp(-t/\tau_2)$ , where  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are the short and long lifetimes, respectively, and  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are decay amplitudes of the component. The obtained average lifetimes for nanocubes, nanoplates, and nanorods are 71 ns, 109 ns, and 50 ns, respectively, which were calculated based on the following equation  $\tau = (A_1 \times \tau_1^2 + A_2 \times \tau_2^2) / (A_1 \times \tau_1 + A_2 \times \tau_2)$ . We noticed that the PL intensity increased in turn in nanorods, nanocubes, and nanoplates, and the corresponding PL lifetime increased in turn for nanorods (50 ns), nanocubes (71 ns), and nanoplates (109 ns). These results indicate that nanoplates have stronger PL intensity and longer carrier lifetimes. The longer average lifetimes of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates indicate that the nonradiative loss of the excitons was reduced, which enhances the radiative recombination. As a result, the PL intensity is increased [34,35]. According to early reports, the optical properties of perovskites mainly depend on structural defects, such as Pb, I, and CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub> vacancies [19]. The more structural defects in the material, the more excited electrons will transfer energy to the defects and return to the ground state by nonradiative transition, thus reducing the luminous intensity [36]. The preparation process has been suggested to be the key factor in determining the defect density in perovskites [16]. In our case, the crystallization process of nanoplates is a simple in situ transition process, and fewer defects could be preserved in the resulted nanoplates. Thus, the nanoplates present intense luminescence and long lifetimes. For nanocubes, more reactants were used in the synthesis process, and as the formation of nanocubes is a dissolution–crystallization process, it is most likely that parts of the unreacted reactants form vacancies in the resulting nanocubes, which decreased the luminescence and lifetimes. For nanorods, the amount of reactant was further increased in the synthesis process, resulting in more defects in the samples, and further decreasing the luminescence and lifetime of nanorods. The enhanced luminescence and lifetimes of nanoplates could result in higher carrier transport and longer electron-hole recombination lifetimes [24,32,34], thus exhibiting superior photophysical properties and semiconducting quality.





**Figure 6.** (a) Visible absorption spectrum, (b) direct bandgap tauc plots, (c) steady-state photoluminescence, and (d) time-resolved photoluminescence of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods.

#### 4. Conclusions

In conclusion, using a modified solution deposition method, we successfully synthesized uniform tetragonal MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanoplates, nanocubes, and nanorods by controlling the concentration of MAI precursor in solution B, the rate of B solution addition into A solution, and drying temperature. The calculated bandgaps for nanorods, nanocubes, and nanoplates were 1.53 eV, 1.58 eV, and 1.56 eV, respectively. Nanoplates exhibited stronger PL intensity and longer carrier lifetimes than nanocubes and nanorods. Further analysis indicates that the morphology-dependent physical properties could mainly relate to the defect content in these different-morphology MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanomaterials. These results suggest that the morphology plays an important role in tuning the bandgap, lifetime, and fluorescence intensity of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>. These results provide a facile method for controlling the morphologies of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>. These results provide a facile method for controlling the morphologies of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanomaterials, and a new way to tune the photoelectric properties of the material. This study thus opens new experimental quests on the basic electron transport and optical properties of different morphologies of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals for expanding their practical applications in nanoscale optoelectronic devices.

**Supplementary Materials:** The following are available online at <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-4991/9/12/1660/s1>, Figure S1: SEM images of the obtained samples. (a) Np-70, fast addition (26 mL/min) (b) Np-70, slow addition (1ml/min) (c) Nc-70, fast addition (26 mL/min) (d) Nc-70, slow addition (1 mL/min) (e) Nr-50, fast addition (26 mL/min) (f) Nr-50, slow addition (1 mL/min). Inset of (a): SEM images of PbI<sub>2</sub>. Figure S2: SEM images of the obtained samples and the corresponding size distribution. (a) Np-70, dropping rate: 1 mL/min (b) Nc-70, dropping rate: 26 mL/min, (c) Nr-50, dropping rate: 26 mL/min.

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