

# Carrier-Resolved Photo-Hall Effect

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**Majority and minority carrier properties such as type, density and mobility represent fundamental yet difficult to access parameters governing semiconductor device performance. Obtaining this information simultaneously under light illumination would unlock many critical parameters vital for optoelectronic devices and solar cells, but this goal has remained elusive. Here, we demonstrate a carrier-resolved photo-Hall technique that rests on a new equation relating hole-electron Hall mobility difference ( $\Delta\mu_H$ ), Hall coefficient ( $H$ ) and conductivity ( $\sigma$ ):  $\Delta\mu_H = d(\sigma^2 H)/d\sigma$ . This discovery, together with advances in ac-field Hall measurement using a rotating parallel dipole line system, allows us to unlock a host of critical parameters for both majority and minority carriers such as recombination lifetime, diffusion length and recombination coefficient. We successfully apply this technique to a variety of solar absorbers, including high-performance lead-iodide-based perovskites. By mapping the Hall data against varying light intensities, unprecedented simultaneous access to these parameters is demonstrated. This information, buried in the photo-Hall measurement<sup>1,2</sup>, has so far been elusive for 140 years since the original discovery of Hall effect<sup>3</sup>. Beyond historical significance, the applications of simultaneous majority/minority carrier measurement are broad, including photovoltaics and other optoelectronic devices.**

The Hall effect is one of the most important characterization techniques for electronic materials and has become the basis of fundamental advances in condensed matter physics, such as the integer and fractional quantum Hall effect<sup>4,5</sup>. The technique reveals fundamental information about the majority charge carrier, i.e. its type ( $P$  or  $N$ ), density and mobility. In a solar cell, the majority carrier parameters determine the overall device architecture, width of the depletion region and bulk series resistance. The minority carrier properties, however, determine other key parameters that

directly impact overall device performance, such as recombination lifetime ( $\tau$ ), (minority carrier) diffusion length ( $L_D$ ) and recombination coefficients ( $k_n$ ). Unfortunately, the standard Hall measurement only yields majority carrier information. Studies to collect both majority and minority carrier properties for high-performance light absorbing materials have been attempted, but require a wide range of experimental techniques, which typically use different sample configurations and illumination levels, thereby presenting additional complications in the analysis<sup>6-14</sup> (cf. Supplementary Information (SI) section F and G).

Extraction of reliable carrier information is particularly sought after in the study of organic-inorganic hybrid perovskites, a family of materials garnering intense attention due to fast progress in achieving high performance solar cells—with the current record power conversion efficiency (PCE) of 23.3%<sup>15</sup>—as well as promising applications for other optoelectronics devices including light emitting diodes<sup>16</sup> and photodetectors<sup>17</sup>. Full understanding of charge transport properties of perovskites will help unveil the operating principles of the high-performance optoelectronic devices, thereby guiding further improvement.

In this work we present a carrier-resolved photo-Hall (CRPH) measurement technique capable of simultaneously extracting both majority and minority carrier mobilities, densities and subsequent derivative parameters ( $\tau$ ,  $L_D$ ) as a function of light intensity. This technique rests on two key elements: a new equation that yields the majority/minority Hall mobility difference, and a high sensitivity Hall measurement using a parallel dipole line (PDL) ac Hall system (Fig. 1a,b)<sup>18</sup>. In the classic Hall measurement without illumination, one can obtain three parameters for majority carriers: the (i) type ( $P$  or  $N$ ), from the sign of Hall coefficient  $H$ ; (ii) density ( $n_C = r/He$ ), and (iii) Hall mobility ( $\mu_H = \sigma H$ ), where  $e$  is the electron charge,  $n_C$  is the carrier density and  $r$  is the Hall scattering factor. The key challenge in the photo-Hall transport problem, i.e. to extract the majority and minority carrier information, is to solve for three unknowns at a given illumination level: hole and electron (drift) mobility ( $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$ ) and their photocarrier densities ( $\Delta n$ ,  $\Delta p$ ), which are equal under steady state conditions. Unfortunately, we only have two measured quantities:  $\sigma$  and  $H$ , as a function of illumination. The key insight in solving this problem is illustrated in Fig. 1c. Consider two  $P$ -type systems with the same majority carrier density ( $p_0$ ) and mobility ( $\mu_p$ ) but different minority carrier mobility ( $\mu_n$ ). When these systems are excited with the same photocarrier density,  $\Delta n_{\max}$ , they will produce different  $\sigma$ - $H$  curves—due to the increasing role of the minority carrier to the total conductivity—even though they start from the same point in the dark. Therefore, the characteristics of the  $\sigma$ - $H$  curves, specifically the slope ( $dH/d\sigma$ ), contains information about the detailed mobilities of the two systems. We show that the (drift) mobility difference,  $\Delta\mu = \mu_p - \mu_n = \Delta\mu_H/r$ , with  $\Delta\mu_H$  (the Hall mobility difference) is given as (SI B):

$$\Delta\mu_H = \frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{d\sigma} = \left(2 + \frac{d \ln H}{d \ln \sigma}\right) \sigma H \quad (1)$$

Note that  $\sigma$  and  $H$  are experimentally obtained as a function of varying light intensity or photocarrier density  $\Delta n$ , but fortuitously the  $\Delta n$  term cancels out of Eq. 1. There are two equivalent expressions for Eq. 1 where the former and the latter are used for low and high injection level

analysis respectively. The term  $d \ln H/d \ln \sigma$  has special experimental meaning, as shown for the perovskite example discussed later. This equation applies to both carrier types and assumes that the dark carrier density ( $p_0$  or  $n_0$ ) are fixed,  $\Delta n = \Delta p$  under steady state condition and the mobilities are constant as a function of light intensity (see SI B.2 for a generalized model where mobilities vary with illumination). The Hall scattering factor  $r$  generally lies between 1 and 2. It approaches 1 at high magnetic field and generally is assumed to be 1,<sup>19</sup> including in this report. Using the known two-carrier expressions in the low-magnetic-field regime ( $B \ll 1/\mu$ )<sup>20</sup>—i.e.,  $\sigma = e(p\mu_p + n\mu_n)$  and  $H = r(p - \beta^2 n)/(p + \beta n)^2 e$ , where  $p$  and  $n$  are hole and electron densities and  $\beta = \mu_n/\mu_p$  is the mobility ratio—we can completely solve the photo-Hall transport problem, e.g. for a  $P$ -type material:

$$\beta = \frac{2\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H) - re\Delta\mu^2 p_0 \pm \Delta\mu \sqrt{re p_0} \sqrt{re\Delta\mu^2 p_0 + 4\sigma(\sigma H - r\Delta\mu)}}{2\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H)} \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta n = \frac{\sigma(1 - \beta) - e\Delta\mu p_0}{e\Delta\mu(1 + \beta)} \quad (3)$$

Finally, we obtain:  $\mu_p = \Delta\mu/(1 - \beta)$  and  $\mu_n = \beta \mu_p$ . Note that we need to know the background hole density,  $p_0$ , from the dark measurement. Eqs. 1-3 are referred to as the " $\Delta\mu$ " calculation model.

The second ingredient enabling the CRPH measurement involves obtaining a clean Hall signal. Unfortunately, in many photovoltaic films, high sample resistance ( $R > 10 \text{ G}\Omega$ ), as in the case for perovskites, or low mobility ( $\mu < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ) can produce noisy Hall signals. Therefore, ac field Hall techniques coupled with Fourier analysis and lock-in detection are crucial. We recently developed a high sensitivity ac-field Hall system based on a rotating PDL magnet system<sup>18,21,22</sup>. The PDL system is a recently-discovered natural magnetic trap that harbors a new type of field confinement effect that generates a magnetic camelback potential along its longitudinal axis<sup>23</sup>. This effect is used to optimize the field uniformity (see SI A). The PDL Hall system consists of a pair of diametric cylindrical magnets separated by a gap. One magnet (the "master") is driven by a motor and another (the "slave") follows in the opposite direction. This system produces a *unidirectional* and *single harmonic field* at the center where the sample resides (see Fig. 1b and Video S1), which forms the basis for a successful photo-Hall experiment. Besides the photo-Hall measurement, optical measurements (e.g., transmission and reflectivity) to calculate the absorbed photon density ( $G_\gamma$ ) can also be done in the same setup (Fig. 1a and SI C).

To demonstrate the CPRH technique, two examples are discussed in detail: a lead-halide-based perovskite film and a silicon sample, which serve as high ( $\Delta n > p_0$ ) and low ( $\Delta n < p_0$ ) injection cases, respectively. The first example employs a (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> (FA=formamidinium, MA=methylammonium) perovskite film, fabricated using the same method that produced a recent record PCE<sup>24</sup>, but with further process optimization. A companion device in the same batch yielded PCE of 20.8% (see Methods). The measurement device is a Hall bar with sample thickness  $d = 0.55 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  (Fig. 2b inset). First, we measured the sample in the dark and obtained the majority carrier

properties:  $P$ -type,  $p_0=8.3\times 10^{11}/\text{cm}^3$  and  $\mu_p=9.8 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ . Then, we performed the measurements under several laser intensities (wavelength  $\lambda=638 \text{ nm}$ , up to  $\sim 40 \text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$ ). An example of longitudinal ( $R_{XX}$ ) and transverse ( $R_{XY}$ ) magnetoresistance under light are shown in Fig. 2a. The  $R_{XY}$  trace shows the expected Hall signal with a Fourier component at the same frequency ( $f_{\text{REF}}$ ) as the magnetic field  $B$  [Fig. 2a(vii)]. The desired Hall signal  $R_H$  is obtained using numerical lock-in detection based on a reference sinusoidal signal with the same phase as  $B$  [Fig. 2a(iv)]<sup>18</sup>. The  $\sigma$  and  $H$  values are then calculated from  $R_{XX}$  and  $R_H$ . We also observe a second harmonic component at  $2f_{\text{REF}}$  in the  $R_{XY}$  Fourier spectrum [Fig. 2a(vii)], which is also evident in the original  $R_{XY}$  trace as a double frequency oscillation [Fig. 2a(iii)]. This component is not the desired Hall signal and thus is rejected. It arises from another magnetoresistance effect<sup>25</sup>, which is stronger in  $R_{XX}$  [Fig. 2a(ii)]. It also appears in  $R_{XY}$  because of  $R_{XX}$ - $R_{XY}$  mixing due to the finite size of the Hall bar contact arms. This *highlights the importance* of inspecting the Hall signal's Fourier spectrum and using lock-in detection, as opposed to simple amplitude measurement.

The measurement returns a series of  $\sigma$  and  $H$  points that change significantly with illumination (Fig. 2b):  $\sigma$  increases by  $\sim 340\times$  and  $H$  drops by  $\sim 1400\times$ . The new photo-Hall equation (Eq. 1) *provides an astonishingly simple and quick insight into the data* by looking at the slope of the  $\sigma$ - $H$  data using the log scale. If the slope ( $d\ln H/d\ln \sigma$ ) is equal to -2, then  $\mu_p=\mu_n$ , if it is larger (less) than -2 while  $H$  is positive, then  $\mu_p>\mu_n$  ( $\mu_p<\mu_n$ ). From Fig. 2b we obtain the overall  $d\ln H/d\ln \sigma=-1.36$ , which implies that  $\mu_p>\mu_n$ . Furthermore, we could evaluate  $\Delta\mu_H$  at any  $\sigma$ - $H$  point, e.g. at the maximum light intensity:  $\Delta\mu_H=1.9 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ . We proceed to solve for  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$  and  $\Delta n$  using the previously discussed " $\Delta\mu$ " model and plot them with respect to  $G_\gamma$  (Fig. 2c). Due to significant change in mobility with light intensity in the perovskite sample, we used the generalized  $\Delta\mu$  model as discussed in SI B.2. This model introduces a correction due to varying mobilities as much as  $0.5\times$  to the final mobility values at the highest light intensity. We obtain the final solution:  $\mu_p=(14-28) \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  and  $\mu_n=(7-26) \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , which both increase with  $G_\gamma$ . This increase could arise from a light-modulated intragranular barrier effect<sup>1</sup>. We further obtained  $\Delta n$ , which increases with  $G_\gamma$  as expected. For comparison, we also plot the "single carrier" Hall mobility ( $\mu_H=\sigma H$ ) and Hall density ( $n_H=1/eH$ ), which are often used to estimate  $\mu$  and  $\Delta n$  in past photo-Hall studies<sup>13</sup>. As seen in Fig. 2c, these estimates can be very different from the actual  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$  and  $\Delta n$  values obtained from the CRPH measurement.

In addition to the basic majority and minority carrier properties, we can now investigate the recombination mechanism with unprecedented detail by studying the  $\Delta n$  vs.  $G_\gamma$  data in Fig. 2c. The data show two power law regimes following  $\Delta n \sim G_\gamma^m$  with  $m \sim 1$  and  $m \sim 0.5$ . The  $m=1$  ( $m=0.5$ ) behavior is expected for monomolecular recombination (bimolecular recombination) regime<sup>13</sup>, however in this case the  $m \sim 0.5$  regime is more likely explained by trapping. Consider for example a single-level trap model. The lifetime, e.g. for hole, is given as:  $\tau=1/C_p n_r$ , with  $C_p$  representing the capture cross section for hole and  $n_r$  is the trapped electrons density. At very low light intensities, the lifetime is constant as  $n_r$  is dominated by the equilibrium (dark) level of charged electron traps:  $n_r=n_{r0}$ . As the light intensity increases, the number of charged traps increase due to the increase in injected electrons. This in turn reduces  $\tau$  and explains the low exponent ( $m \sim 0.5$ ) in Fig. 2c<sup>26</sup>. The alternative explanation of bimolecular recombination can be discarded since the maximum photocarrier density in our experiment ( $\Delta n \sim 10^{14} / \text{cm}^3$ ) is  $\sim 1000\times$

below the typical density needed ( $\Delta n \sim 10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$ ) for the bimolecular recombination to dominate in perovskite<sup>27,28</sup> (SI D).

The measurement also provides access to the recombination lifetime,  $\tau = \Delta n / G$  and the carrier diffusion length,  $L_D = \sqrt{k_B T \mu \tau / e}$ , where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant and  $T$  is temperature.  $G$  is the photocarrier generation rate given as:  $G = \eta G_\gamma$  where  $\eta$  is the photocarrier generation efficiency which is often assumed to be unity. At high injection level when  $\Delta n, \Delta p \gg p_0$ , it is more appropriate to use an ambipolar diffusion length<sup>29</sup>, which fortunately can also be calculated from our CRPH data:  $L_{D,am} = \sqrt{k_B T \tau (n + p) / e (n / \mu_p + p / \mu_n)}$ . Furthermore, we can map these results as a function of  $\Delta n$  (Fig. 2d). The hole, electron and ambipolar diffusion lengths fall very close to each other given similar hole/electron mobilities. From this analysis, we obtain  $\tau$  up to 40  $\mu\text{s}$  and  $L_D \sim 30 \mu\text{m}$  at the lowest light intensity; however, they vary drastically, and drop to 44 ns and 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  at the highest light intensity. The relatively high  $\tau$  and  $L_D$  obtained in this study attest to the high quality of this perovskite film<sup>24</sup>. We also compare our results with recent transport studies for perovskites in Table S3 and obtain general agreement. We highlight that, given the large variation in  $\tau$  and  $L_D$  with  $G_\gamma$ , noting  $G_\gamma$  or  $\Delta n$  when reporting these measurements is crucial.

In the second example, we present a study employing single crystal silicon. The sample is a Hall bar made of B-doped, Czochralski-grown silicon with active area of 3 mm $\times$ 3mm and thickness  $d=725 \mu\text{m}$ . This study provides a useful CRPH demonstration for a well-known material, in the low injection regime and with a large thickness ( $d \gg 1/\alpha$  and  $L_D$ ). We used a laser with  $\lambda=638 \text{ nm}$  and intensity up to 50 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. First, we obtain the  $\sigma$ - $H$  curve that begins with positive  $H$  value in the dark, indicating a  $P$ -type material with  $p_0=6.6 \times 10^{12} / \text{cm}^3$  (Fig. 3b). At higher light intensity,  $H$  inverts to negative values, indicating increasing electron (minority) carrier conductivity. For convenient  $\Delta \mu_H$  extraction we plot  $\sigma^2 H$  vs.  $\sigma$  in Fig. 3b inset, which is more appropriate for low injection analysis. The data shows a monotonic behavior with nearly constant slope at high intensity regime, which yields  $\Delta \mu_H = -1070 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ .

We then proceed to calculate  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$  and  $\Delta n$  using Eqs. 2 and 3, with results shown in Fig. 3c-d. We obtain average majority mobility,  $\mu_p=486 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , and minority mobility,  $\mu_n=1560 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , in good agreement with the known hole ( $\sim 500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ) and electron ( $\sim 1500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ) mobility in silicon<sup>20</sup>. These values are sufficiently constant so that we do not need to attempt the mobility variation correction using the generalized model as discussed in the perovskite analysis. We also obtained a  $\Delta n$  vs.  $G_\gamma$  curve that follows  $\Delta n \sim G_\gamma^m$ , with  $m=1.2$ , suggesting monomolecular recombination regime, as expected for silicon (ref. 20, Fig. 7.3). At the highest light intensity, we obtain  $\tau \sim 2 \mu\text{s}$  and  $L_{D,N} \sim 90 \mu\text{m}$ . For comparison, we have also measured the lifetime using quasi-steady-state photoconductance technique<sup>30</sup> which yields lifetime of 1-5  $\mu\text{s}$  for  $\Delta n = 2 \times 10^{12} - 10^{13} / \text{cm}^3$  in close agreement with the CRPH result (Fig. 3d, cf. Methods). For additional example of CRPH study in the low injection regime, we have also studied another highly interesting solar material, kesterite  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSn}(\text{S,Se})_4$  in SI E and G.

In summary, in contrast to the classic Hall effect, which only yields three parameters, the CRPH technique yields 7N parameters:  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$ ,  $\Delta n$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $L_{D,N}$ ,  $L_{D,P}$  and  $L_{D,am}$  repeated at  $N$  light intensities. Additionally, one can also calculate the relevant recombination coefficient, e.g.  $k_1=1/\tau$  in the

monomolecular recombination regime. Of the dozens of electrical transport measurements performed on perovskites as summarized in Tables S3, this is the first time that all minority and majority carrier characteristics have been determined *simultaneously from a single experimental setup, on a single sample and mapped against varying light intensities under steady state conditions*. This clearly demonstrates the power of this CRPH technique and represents a significant expansion of the Hall measurement after its original discovery in 1879<sup>3</sup>. The approach should also provide a valuable probe of optoelectronic parameters for a broad range of conventional and emerging semiconductors beyond perovskite.

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## Supplementary Information:

Supplementary Information:

(Section A-H, Figures S1 to S8, Tables S1 to S4, Equations 4 to 38, References 31 to 83)  
 Animation Video S1

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The PDL Hall system was developed at IBM Research and documented in the following patent families: (1) O. Gunawan, T. Gokmen, US 9,041,389<sup>21</sup> (2) O. Gunawan, M. Pereira, US 9,772,385,<sup>22</sup> US 9,678,040, US 15/581183 and related foreign patent applications (WO 2016162772A1, UK 1717263.6, Japan 2017-552496, Germany 112016000875.9). (3) O. Gunawan, US 15/281,968. (4) O. Gunawan, W. Zhou, US 16/382,937. Patent (1) and (2) cover the basic ac field/PDL Hall system and (3) and (4) cover the related photo Hall setup and method.

### **Data availability:**

The datasets generated and analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.



## Methods:

### Photo Hall Measurement

The experimental setup is shown in Fig. 1a. All measurements were performed at room temperature. Photo-excitation was achieved using a solid-state red laser ( $\lambda = 638$  nm, max. power 190 mW) for the perovskite and silicon, or a blue laser ( $\lambda = 450$  nm, max. power 500 mW) for kesterite (SI E, G). The sample is centered between the PDL magnets and the laser beam is directed through a motorized neutral density filter. A cylindrical lens is used to expand the beam, while a wedge lens deflects the beam onto the sample area. A beam splitter is used to split the beam towards a "Monitor" silicon photodetector (PD) to measure the monitor photocurrent ( $I_{PD-MON}$ ) at every light intensity. The  $I_{PD-MON}$  is used to determine the incident photon flux ( $\Phi$ ) and the absorbed photon density ( $G_\gamma$ ) on the sample, which is given as:  $G_\gamma = (1-R)\Phi[1-\exp(-\alpha d)]/d$ , where  $R$  is the reflectivity,  $\alpha$  is the absorption coefficient and  $d$  is the thickness (SI C). The optical properties of the films studied in this work are presented in Table S2.

The details of the PDL Hall system are described in SI A. The electronic instrumentation consists of a custom-built PDL motor control box, Keithley 2450 source meter unit (SMU) to apply the voltage or current source to the sample, Keithley 2001 digital multi meter (DMM) for voltage measurement, Keithley 7065 Hall switch matrix card with high impedance buffer amplifiers for routing the signals between the samples, SMU and DMM. For samples with relatively high mobility (perovskite and silicon) we use the dc current excitation mode, and for low mobility sample (e.g. kesterite) we use ac current excitation mode with SRS830 lock-in amplifier to achieve better noise rejection. The PD current is measured using a Keithley 617 electrometer.

At every light intensity, the sheet resistance ( $R_S$ ) is obtained by measuring 2 states and 8 states of longitudinal magnetoresistance ( $R_{XX}$ ) for six-terminal Hall bar and four-terminal Van der Pauw sample respectively. For the Hall bar sample, the sheet resistance is given as  $R_S = R_{XX}W/L$ , where  $W$  is the width and  $L$  is the length of the Hall bar active area. The conductivity of the sample is given as:  $\sigma = 1/R_S d$ . Next, the transverse magnetoresistance ( $R_{XY}$ ) is measured. The PDL master magnet is rotated by a stepper motor system, typically with a speed of 1 to 2 rpm, to generate ac field. A typical magnetic field amplitude on the sample is  $\sim 0.70$  T for a PDL magnet gap of  $\sim 10$  mm. A Hall sensor is placed under the master magnet to monitor the oscillating field. The field and  $R_{XY}$  are recorded as a function of time for 15 to 30 min each sweep. This measurement is repeated at several light intensities ranging from dark to the brightest level, while recording the "Monitor" PD current to determine  $G_\gamma$ . After all of the measurements are completed, the sample was replaced with a "Reference" photodetector (PD). We then determined the photo current ratio,  $k_{PD} = I_{PD-MON}/I_{PD-REF}$ , between the Reference PD and the Monitor PD at every given light intensity (see SI C for further detail).

Hall signal analysis is performed using a custom program developed in MATLAB<sup>22</sup>. Fourier spectral analysis is used to inspect the existence of the magnetoresistance signal ( $R_{XY}$ ) at the same frequency as the magnetic field. We then proceed with phase sensitive lock-in detection, implemented by software, to extract the in-phase component of the Hall signal ( $R_H$ ) while rejecting the out-of-phase component that arises from various sources, such as Faraday emf induction. We use a typical lock-in time constant of 120-300 s. The Hall coefficient is calculated using  $H = R_H d/B_0$ , where  $B_0$  is the magnetic field amplitude. Therefore, at every light intensity, we obtain

a set of  $\sigma$  and  $H$  values and proceed with the photo-Hall analysis. We also provide additional CRPH studies for MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite and a kesterite sample in SI E and G. For the alternative lifetime measurement in silicon using quasi-steady-state photoconductance technique we used Sinton Instruments WCT-120<sup>30</sup>. The measurement was done on the 6" silicon wafer from which the Hall sample originated.

We also make a general remark about the CRPH analysis. First, in the very low light intensity (or low injection) regime, e.g.  $G_{\gamma} < 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ /cm}^3\text{s}$  for the silicon sample in Fig. 3c, the CRPH analysis results become inaccurate, the  $\Delta n$  values are scattered higher than expected from the monomolecular recombination trend. From our experience, in analyzing many samples so far (e.g., perovskite, Si, kesterite), we expect that this could be due to the accuracy limitation of the  $\sigma$  and  $H$  measurements. For very low light intensity, typically we cannot resolve  $\Delta n$  values smaller than 1% of  $p_0$ , as shown in Fig. 3c. The best analysis results come from the higher intensity regime, where there is large  $\Delta n$  ( $\Delta n \gg p_0/100$ ) such that significant changes in  $\sigma$  and  $H$  are noted, as in the perovskite example. Second, if the mobility values of the systems are very low like in the case of kesterite samples ( $\mu_p \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  and  $\mu_n \sim 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ), the Hall coefficient measurement become noisier and this also impacts the accuracy of the analysis.

### Perovskite Solar Cell

The perovskite films for photo-Hall study are based on the (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>1-x</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>x</sub> mixed-perovskite system, and employ a halide perovskite composition analogous to that used in a previous record PCE of 17.9% at  $x=0.15$  as reported by Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology<sup>24</sup>. Afterwards the PCE has been improved by modifying the film deposition method and adjusting  $x$  value. We demonstrated high average PCE of 20.8% at  $x=0.12$  for a (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> device (FTO/bl-TiO<sub>2</sub>/mp-TiO<sub>2</sub>/perovskite/PTAA/Au) under 1 sun condition (AM1.5G, 100mW/cm<sup>2</sup>). Extended Data Fig. 1a shows photocurrent density-voltage ( $J$ - $V$ ) curves for the (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> device measured by reverse and forward scans with 10 mV voltage steps and 40 ms delay times under AM 1.5G illumination. The device exhibits a short circuit current density ( $J_{sc}$ ) of 23.3 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) of 1.13 V, and fill factor (FF) of 80.0% by reverse scan. Slightly decreased FF to 77.8% by forward scan results in average PCE of 20.8%. An external quantum efficiency (EQE) spectrum for the device is represented in Extended Data Fig. 1b, showing a very broad plateau of over 80% between 400 and 750 nm. The histogram of PCE values for 80 cells is shown in Extended Data Fig. 1c.

The  $J$ - $V$  curves were measured using a solar simulator (Newport, Oriel Class A, 91195A) with simulated AM1.5G illumination at 100 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> and a calibrated Si-reference cell certificated by NREL. The system uses a Keithley 2420 source meter for  $I$ - $V$  measurement. The measurement was done at 25°C under ambient condition. The devices were pre-illuminated for 30 s under 1 sun condition and the measurement was done in reverse (from 1.5V to -0.2V) and forward (from -0.2 to 1.5V) scan directions. The current density-voltage ( $J$ - $V$ ) curves for the perovskite devices were measured by masking the active area (0.16 cm<sup>2</sup> measured using an optical microscope) with a metal mask 0.094 cm<sup>2</sup> in area. The EQE was measured by a power source (Newport 300W Xenon lamp, 66920) with a monochromator (Newport Cornerstone 260) and a multimeter (Keithley 2001).

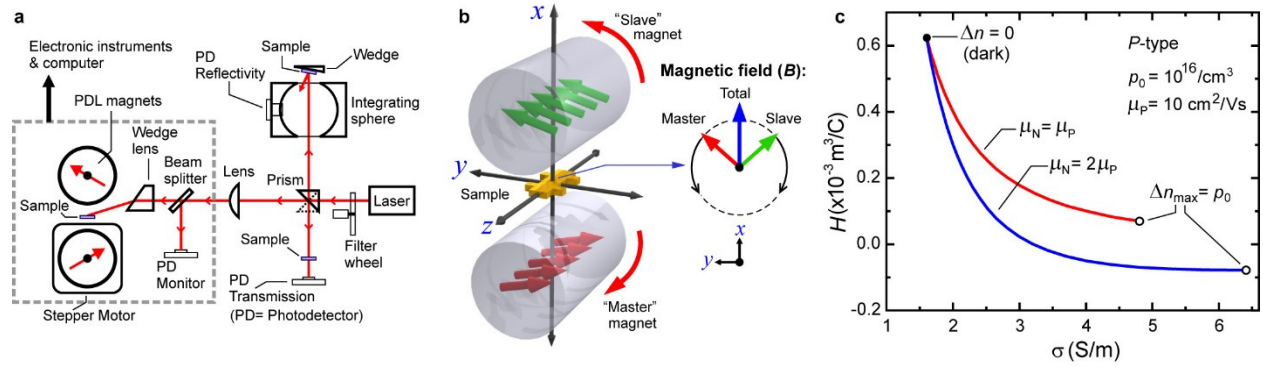
### Perovskite Solar Cell Fabrication

A 70 nm-thick blocking layer of TiO<sub>2</sub> (bl-TiO<sub>2</sub>) was deposited onto an F-doped SnO<sub>2</sub> (FTO, Pilkington, TEC8) substrate by spray pyrolysis using a 10 vol% titanium diisopropoxidebis (acetylacetonate) solution in ethanol at 450 °C. A TiO<sub>2</sub> slurry was prepared by diluting TiO<sub>2</sub> pastes (Share Chem Co., SC-HT040) in mixed solvent (2-methoxyethanol:terpineol = 3.5:1 w/w). The 100 nm-thick mesoporous-TiO<sub>2</sub> (mp-TiO<sub>2</sub>) was fabricated by spin coating the TiO<sub>2</sub> slurry onto the bl-TiO<sub>2</sub> layer and subsequently calcining at 500 °C for 1 hr in air to remove the organic components. Bis(trifluoromethane) sulfonimide lithium salt was treated onto the mp-TiO<sub>2</sub> layer. Then, the (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> film was formed using the above-mentioned method. A polytriarylamine (PTAA) (EM index,  $M_n = 17500 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$ )/toluene (10 mg/1 mL) solution with an additive of 7.5  $\mu\text{L}$  Li-bis (trifluoro-methanesulfonyl) imide (Li-TFSI)/ acetonitrile (170 mg/1 mL) and 4  $\mu\text{L}$  4-*tert*-butylpyridine (TBP) was spin-coated on the perovskite layer/mp-TiO<sub>2</sub> /bl-TiO<sub>2</sub> /FTO substrate at 3000 rpm for 30 s.

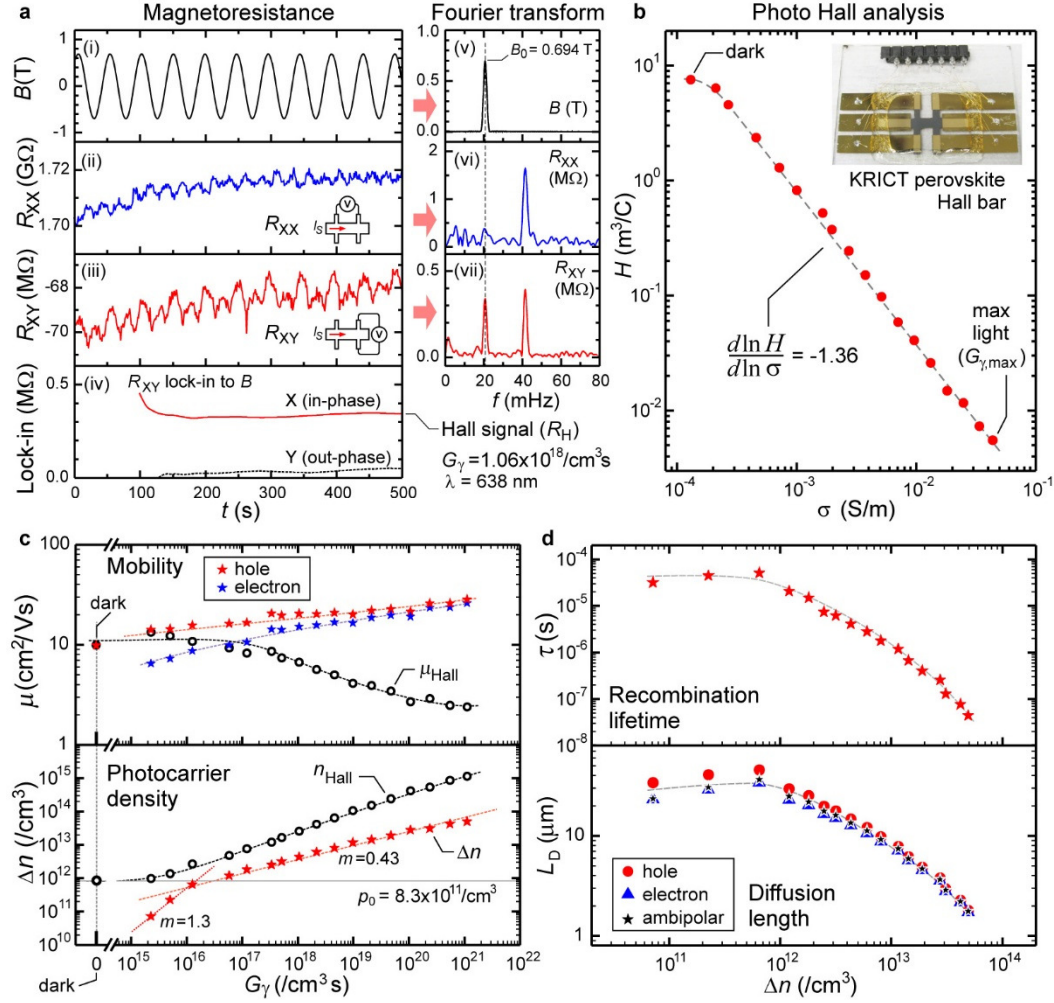
### Perovskite Hall Sample Fabrication

All precursor materials were prepared following previous report<sup>24</sup>. To form the perovskite thin film based on the (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> absorber the 1.05 M solution dissolving NH<sub>2</sub>CH=NH<sub>2</sub>I(FAI) and CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>Br(MABr) with PbI<sub>2</sub> and PbBr<sub>2</sub> in *N,N*-dimethyl formamide (DMF) and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) (6:1 v/v) was prepared by stirring at 60°C for 1 hour. Then the solution was coated onto a fused silica substrate heated to 60°C by two consecutive spin-coating steps, at 1000 and 5000 rpm for 5 and 10 s, respectively. During the second spin-coating step, 1 mL ethyl ether was poured onto the substrate after 5 s. Then, the substrate was heat-treated at 150°C for 10 min. The compact (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> film with a thickness of 550 nm was obtained. Then, we selectively scraped the film off the substrate to pattern with the desired Hall bar configuration for photo-Hall measurement. The Hall bar is a six-terminal device (Fig. 2b, inset) with active area of  $W \times L = 2 \text{ mm} \times 4 \text{ mm}$ . We deposited an Au metal contact pattern (100 nm thick) and installed a header pin to mount the sample to the PDL Hall tool.

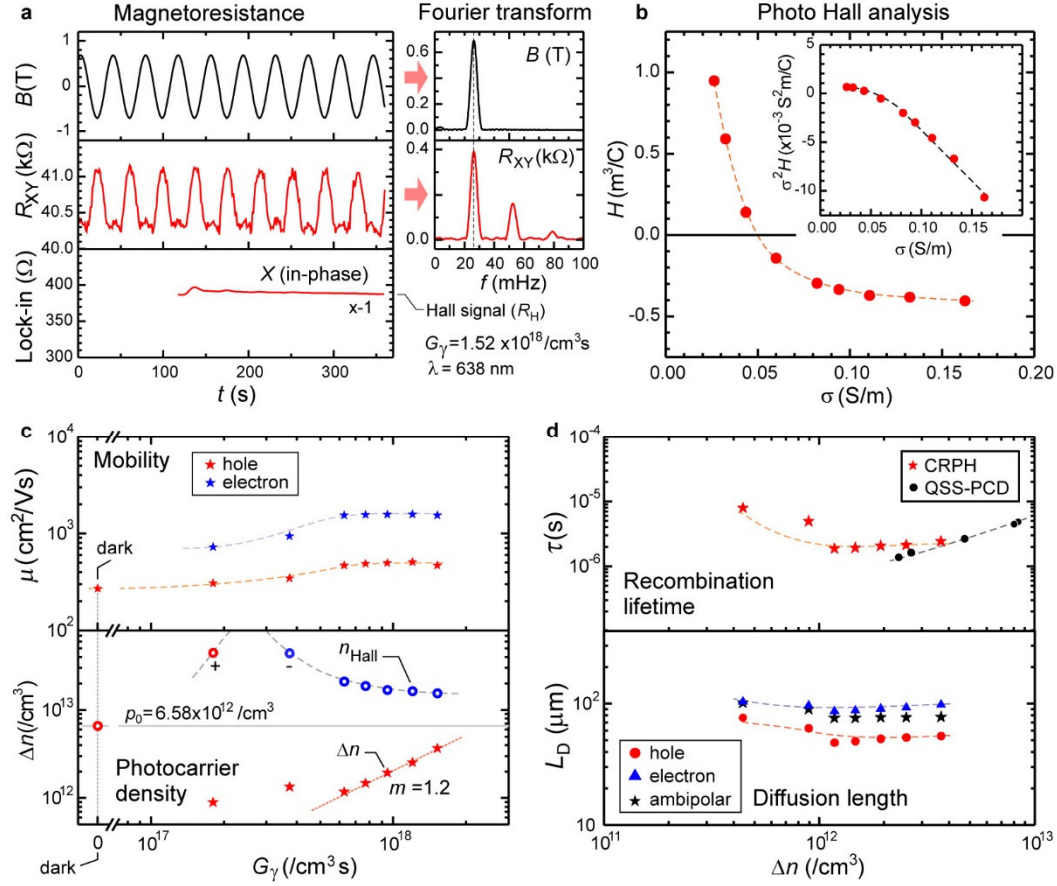
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**Figure 1. The carrier-resolved photo Hall measurement:** (a) The parallel dipole line (PDL) photo Hall setup for a complete photo-Hall experiment. (b) The rotating PDL magnet system that generates a unidirectional and single harmonic ac magnetic field at the center (see animation in Video S1). (c) Theoretical calculation of two systems with the same majority mobility ( $\mu_p$ ) but different minority mobility ( $\mu_N$ ) under increasing illumination, which yield different conductivity-Hall coefficient ( $\sigma$ - $H$ ) curves. The slope of  $\sigma$ - $H$  curve contains the information of  $\Delta\mu_H$ .

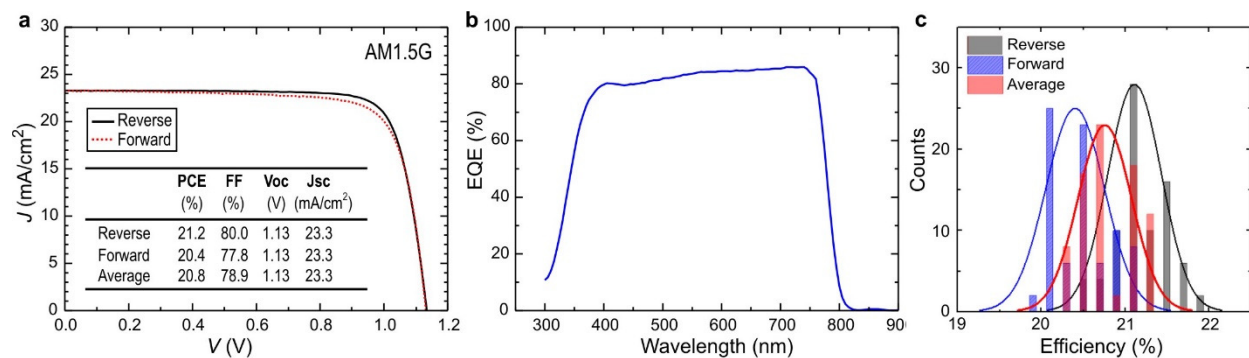


**Figure 2. Carrier-resolved photo-Hall analysis in a high-performance perovskite film:** (a) Magneto-resistance sweep ( $R_{XX}$ : longitudinal and  $R_{XY}$ : transverse), Fourier transform and lock in detection of the Hall signal ( $R_{XY}$ ). (b)  $\sigma$ - $H$  plot for photo-Hall analysis. Inset: the perovskite Hall bar device. (c) Results: Majority ( $\mu_p$ ) and minority ( $\mu_n$ ) carrier mobility and photocarrier density  $\Delta n$  vs. absorbed photon density  $G_Y$ , with  $n_{Hall}$  and  $\mu_{Hall}$  denoting the "single-carrier" Hall density and mobility. The background carrier density  $p_0$  is indicated using a grey line. (d) Recombination lifetime and diffusion length mapped against  $\Delta n$ . (All dashed curves are guides for the eye only).



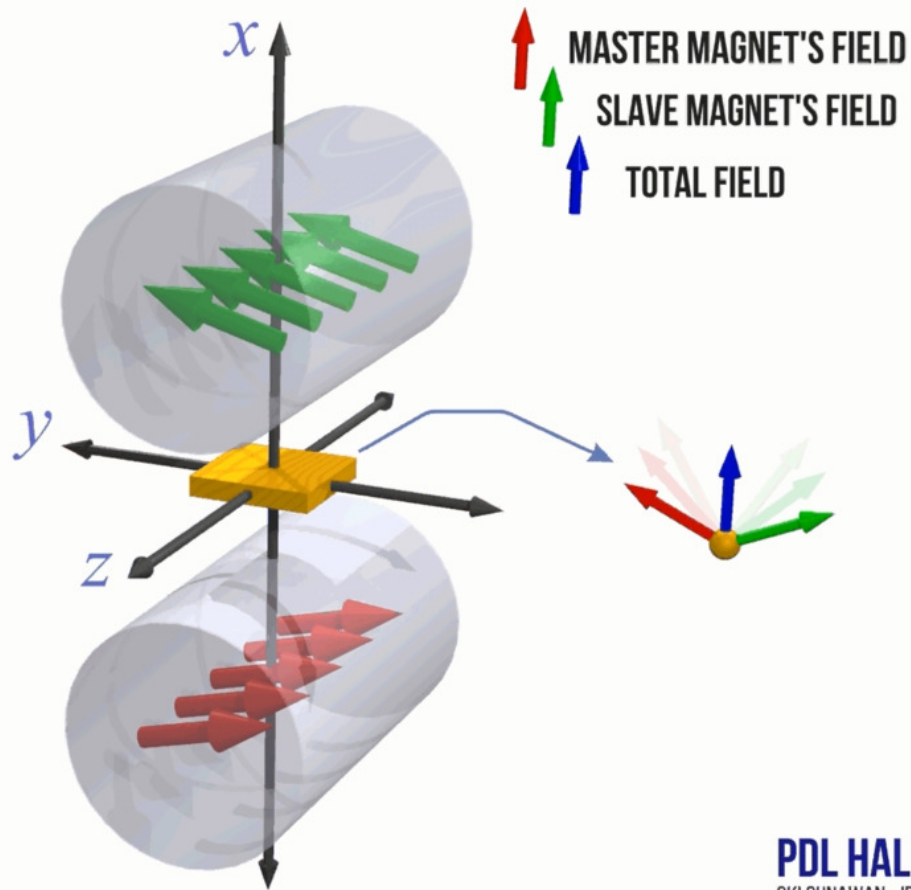
**Figure 3. Carrier-resolved photo-Hall analysis in a single crystal P-silicon sample:** (a) Transverse magnetoresistance sweep ( $R_{XY}$ ), Fourier transform and lock-in detection of the Hall signal. (b)  $\sigma$ - $H$  plot for photo-Hall analysis. Inset: Equivalent plot in form of  $\sigma^2 H$  vs.  $\sigma$ . (c) Results: Majority ( $\mu_P$ ) and minority ( $\mu_N$ ) mobility and photocarrier density  $\Delta n$  vs. absorbed photon density  $G_\gamma$ ,  $n_{Hall}$  is the "single-carrier" Hall density. (d) Recombination lifetime and minority carrier diffusion length mapped against  $\Delta n$ . Independent lifetime measurement using quasi-steady-state photoconductance decay (QSS-PCD) technique is shown as black circles. (All dashed curves are guides for the eye only).

## Extended Data Figure Legend:



### Extended Data Figure 1. Device performance of the (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>(MAPbBr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> solar cell:

(a) Current density-voltage ( $J$ - $V$ ) curves measured by reverse and forward scans. The photovoltaic performance values are summarized in the inset. (b) The external quantum efficiency spectrum. (c) Histogram of the power conversion efficiencies obtained from  $J$ - $V$  curves measured by reverse scan, forward scan, and average for 80 cells.



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**Video S1. Animation of the rotating parallel dipole line (PDL) Hall system and its field evolution.** The master magnet generates a counterclockwise field rotation (red) while the slave magnet follows synchronously but in the opposite direction, generating a clockwise field rotation (green). This results in a total field (blue) that is *unidirectional* (always pointing normal to the sample) and *single harmonic* at the center where the sample resides.



Supplementary Information for:

**Carrier-Resolved Photo-Hall Effect**

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## **A. The Parallel Dipole Line Hall System**

Employing an ac magnetic field system is critical for Hall measurement of materials with low mobilities ( $\mu < 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ) or high resistivity. Implementation of an ac field with traditional electromagnets is challenging due to highly inductive load impedance that attenuates the output field, which in turn requires a power factor correction technique using a variable capacitor bank system or a special power supply, both of which are costly and inefficient. Commercial ac Hall electromagnet systems are available, but very expensive (>US\$100k); thus, ac field generation systems using permanent magnets have been pursued by many groups<sup>18,21,22,31,32</sup>.

The parallel dipole line (PDL) Hall system was originally developed to support kesterite  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSn}(\text{S},\text{Se})_4$  (CZTSSe) solar cell development at IBM Research<sup>18</sup> and possesses characteristics suitable for high sensitivity ac-Hall and photo-Hall experiments. The system offers few advantages such as: (1) strong magnetic field up to  $\sim 2 \text{ T}$  peak-to-peak for PDL gap of 4 mm, (2) pure harmonic and unidirectional ac field generation, (3) compact and low cost setup, and more importantly: (4) ample space that allows directing large area illumination ( $\sim 10 \text{ mm} \times 10 \text{ mm}$ ) to the sample from the side of the PDL magnets (see Fig. 1a). The PDL system is based on a recently-discovered natural magnetic trap that harbors a new type of field confinement effect that forms a camelback field profile along its central longitudinal axis<sup>18,23</sup>. The PDL Hall system consists of a pair of dipole line or diametric magnets, i.e. cylindrical magnets with uniform transverse magnetization. The diametric magnet produces an exterior magnetic field equal to that of a linear distribution of transverse dipoles<sup>18</sup>. This effect is analogous to the fact that a uniformly magnetized sphere produces a perfect point dipole field at its exterior.

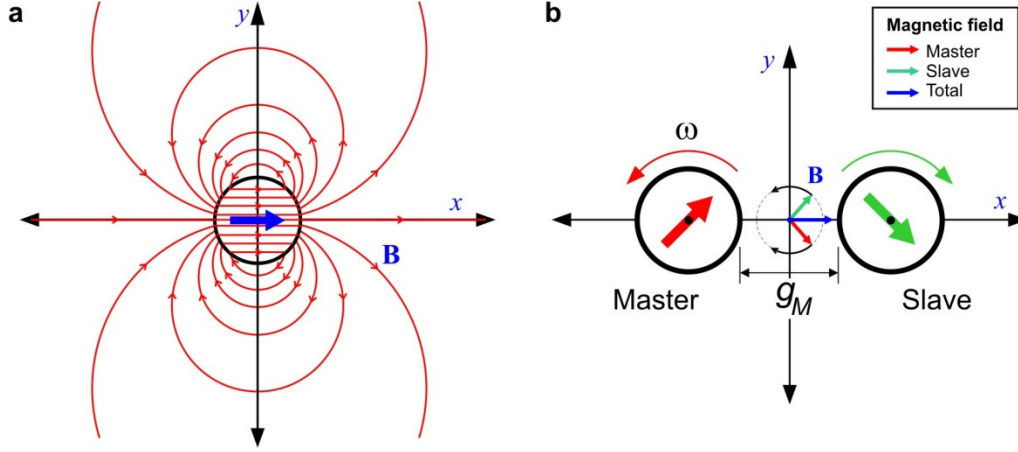
To describe the field characteristics of a PDL system, we use the following elegant description suggested by K.T. McDonald<sup>33</sup> (see also ref. 23, Supplementary Material B). Considering a long dipole line (or a long diametric magnet) system, the field distribution can be described by a simple complex potential function of the form  $f(u) \sim 1/u$ , specifically:

$$f(u) = \frac{M R^2}{2u}, \quad (4)$$

where  $u = x + i y$  is a complex number within the  $x, y$  coordinate system,  $M$  is the volume magnetization of the magnet and  $R$  is the magnet radius. The magnetic field outside the magnet is given as:

$$\mathbf{B}(x, y) = -\mu_0 \nabla \text{Re}[f(u)], \quad (5)$$

which yields:  $\mathbf{B}(x, y) = \mu_0 M R^2 / 2(x^2 + y^2)^2 \times [(x^2 - y^2) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + 2 x y \hat{\mathbf{y}}]$ , where  $\mu_0$  is the magnetic permeability in vacuum. This field distribution is plotted in Fig. S1a. Note that the field lines form parts of *perfect circle*<sup>23</sup>.



**Figure S1.** (a) A long dipole line (diametric) magnet and its field distribution. (b) The rotating PDL Hall system and its field evolution (see also Video S1).

In the rotating PDL Hall configuration, we have a pair of diametric magnets whose centers are placed at  $(\pm a, 0)$ , separated by a gap  $g_M$  as shown in Fig. S1b, where  $a = R + g_M/2$ . The sample is placed at the center, with the sample normal pointing along the  $x$ -axis. Only one of the magnets (the "Master") needs to be driven by a motor and gearbox system, with angular speed  $\omega$ , and the other magnet (the "Slave") synchronously follows in the opposite direction. The complex potential function of such a rotating PDL system is given as:

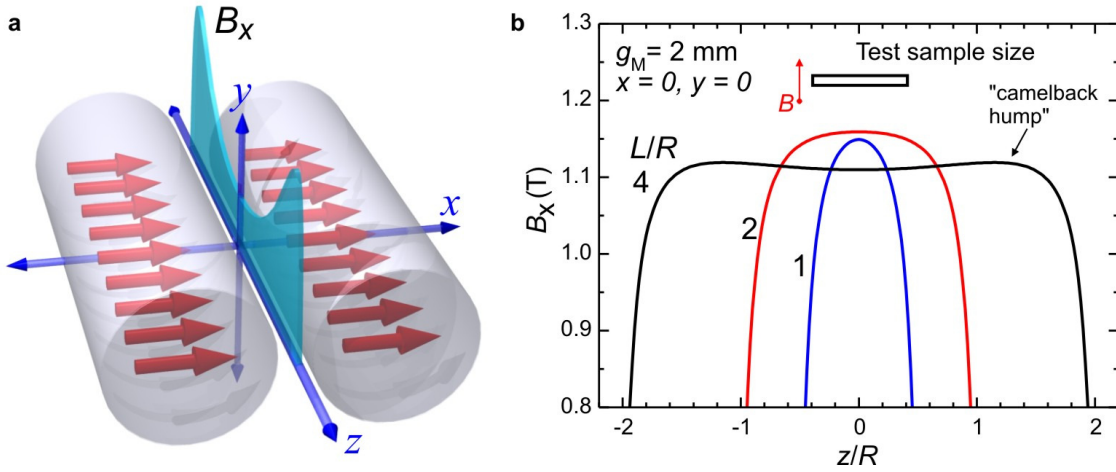
$$f_T(u) = \frac{MR^2}{2} \left( \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{u-a} + \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{u+a} \right). \quad (6)$$

The total magnetic field at the center  $(0, 0)$  where the sample resides reduces to a very simple form:

$$\mathbf{B}_T(0,0) = -\mu_0 \nabla \text{Re}[f_T(u)] = B_0 \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \quad \text{with: } B_0 = \frac{\mu_0 M R^2}{(R + g_M/2)^2}. \quad (7)$$

Note that the  $y$ -component field vanishes, leaving only the  $x$ -component, and a pure single harmonic field term,  $\cos \omega t$ . The geometric description of the system also provides a simple explanation of this rotating PDL field characteristic, as shown in Fig. S1b. Each magnet produces a counter-rotating field that cancels off the  $y$ -component, leaving behind only a total oscillating field in the  $x$ -direction. An animation of the PDL field evolution is shown in Video S1, which provides clear visualization of this effect. *We emphasize that this natural field characteristic of the rotating PDL system produces the desired qualities for our photo-Hall experiment: a unidirectional field that mainly excites the desired Hall effect, without any out-of-plane field that may produce an extra parasitic magnetoresistance signal, and a pure harmonic ac field that simplifies the Fourier analysis and lock-in detection.* We also calibrate the magnetic field at the sample position (i.e., placed at the center of the PDL system) for various magnet gaps using a gaussmeter (Lakeshore 410 Gaussmeter). This then represents the amplitude ( $B_0$ ) of the oscillating field.

Another important design consideration is the size or aspect ratio (length / radius) of the diametric magnet. If the length of the magnet is too short, the field on the sample will be non-uniform, while if it is too long the torque required to drive the system will be unnecessarily large (requiring a more powerful motor or gearbox and causing a more jerky motion due to the large oscillating torque). For this problem we have to recognize the *camelback effect*, which is the central feature of the PDL system that enables it to become a natural diamagnetic trap<sup>18</sup>, as shown in Figure S2a. This effect occurs when the length of the dipole line system exceeds a certain critical length  $L_C$ , that results in a slightly enhanced field at the edges, thus producing a camelback field profile. Figure S2b also shows the field distribution at the center of the PDL system with different magnet aspect ratios of  $L/R = 1, 2$  and  $4$ . The magnetic field along the  $z$ -axis is most uniform when the field profile at the center is flat ( $d^2B/dz^2 = 0$ ). Therefore, we design our PDL magnet length at the critical length for the camelback effect, which occurs at  $L_C \sim 2.5a$ , where  $2a$  is the separation of the two dipole line system<sup>23</sup>. In the actual setup, when we take into account a typical gap of  $g_M \sim 5$  mm, we choose  $L \sim 2 R$ .



**Figure S2.** (a) The "camelback effect"<sup>23</sup> in a parallel dipole line system where the magnetic field ( $B_x$ ) is enhanced at the edges. This effect is used to optimize the field uniformity in the PDL Hall system. (b) The field distribution along the longitudinal axis at various magnet aspect ratios:  $L/R = 1, 2$  and  $4$ .

## **B. The Photo-Hall Equation and Related Formulas**

### ***B.1 Basic $\Delta\mu$ Model (Constant Mobility)***

Here we derive the new photo-Hall equation starting from the well-known two-carrier Hall equations in the low field regime ( $B \ll 1/\mu$ )<sup>20,34</sup>:

$$\sigma = e(p\mu_p + n\mu_n) \quad (8)$$

$$H = \frac{r(p - \beta^2 n)}{(p + \beta n)^2 e}, \quad (9)$$

where  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$  are the hole and electron (drift) mobilities,  $\beta = \mu_n / \mu_p$  is the mobility ratio for the electron and hole, and  $r$  is the Hall scattering factor that lies between 1 and 2 and becomes closer to 1 at high magnetic field. As the value of  $r$  is often unknown, it is frequently assumed to be unity<sup>19,20</sup>. The Hall scattering factor  $r$  relates the drift and Hall mobility as:  $\mu_H = r\mu$  (ref. 19, eq. 71). The low field condition is well satisfied in this study, e.g. the maximum mobility for perovskite is of order 10 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs and maximum magnetic field used is ~0.7 T; thus,  $B \ll 1/\mu$ . We use a *P*-type material as an example, but we emphasize that the photo-Hall identity equation also applies to *N*-type materials.

In a photo-Hall experiment for a *P*-type material we have:  $p = p_0 + \Delta p$  and  $n = \Delta n$ . The electron and hole photo-carrier densities,  $\Delta n$  and  $\Delta p$ , respectively, are equal under steady state equilibrium i.e.,  $\Delta p = \Delta n$ . As mentioned in the main text, the key insight in solving the photo-Hall transport problem is to extract the information about the system mobility values from the  $\sigma$ - $H$  curve. The quantities  $\sigma$  and  $H$  are actually parametric, as they are obtained experimentally as a function light intensity or absorbed photon density ( $G_\gamma$ ). We then have:

$$\sigma = e\mu_p[p_0 + \Delta n(1 + \beta)] \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta n} = e\mu_p(1 + \beta) \quad (11)$$

We assume that the dark or background carrier density  $p_0$  and mobilities are constant in the vicinity of the ( $\sigma$ ,  $H$ ) measurement point where the derivative is evaluated. We can then deduce (from eq. 9) the two-carrier Hall coefficient:

$$H = \frac{r(p_0 + \Delta n(1 - \beta^2))}{[p_0 + \Delta n(1 + \beta)]^2 e} = \frac{re\mu_p^2[p_0 + \Delta n(1 - \beta^2)]}{\sigma^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{d\Delta n} = re\mu_p^2(1 - \beta^2) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta n} \frac{r\mu_p(1 - \beta^2)}{1 + \beta} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta n} r\mu_p(1 - \beta) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta n} r\Delta\mu, \quad (13)$$

where  $\Delta\mu = \mu_p - \mu_n$  is the (drift) mobility difference. The key insight here is that the dependence on  $\Delta n$  is eliminated; thus, we can relate the mobility difference only to  $\sigma$  and  $H$ . For simplicity, we define the "Hall" mobility difference:  $\Delta\mu_H = r\Delta\mu$ , which can be written as:

$$\Delta\mu_H = \frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{d\sigma}. \quad (14)$$

This expression suggests that we could extract  $\Delta\mu_H$  from the slope of  $\sigma^2 H$  vs.  $\sigma$  plot which is an appropriate analysis for photo-Hall measurement in the low-injection regime ( $\Delta n < p_0$ ). We use this approach, for example in analyzing silicon and kesterite samples in this report (see Fig. 3 and Fig. S7). In cases where the mobilities are constant, the  $\sigma^2 H$  vs.  $\sigma$  plot is linear and  $\Delta\mu_H$  is constant.

Another equivalent form of eq. 14 is given as:

$$\Delta\mu_H = \left( 2 + \frac{d \ln H}{d \ln \sigma} \right) \sigma H, \quad (15)$$

This form is more suitable for photo-Hall analysis in high injection regime where  $\Delta n \gg p_0$ , such as in perovskite, since the  $\sigma$ - $H$  data is more appropriately presented in the log-log plot. This expression also provides a quick and simple interpretation of the  $H$  vs.  $\sigma$  data by looking at the slope in the log-log scale as discussed in the main text, e.g. when the slope  $d \ln H / d \ln \sigma = -2$ , then both mobility are equal:  $\mu_P = \mu_N$ . We note that repeating the derivation in eq. 10-13 for an  $N$ -type material will lead to the same expressions in eqs. 14 and 15.

Once we know  $\Delta\mu$ , then we can solve for the photo-Hall transport parameters ( $\beta$ ,  $\mu_P$ ,  $\mu_N$  and  $\Delta n$ ) by solving eq. (8) and (9). These solutions are given in Table S1, eq. (16) and (17) (also shown as eq. 2 and 3 in the main text) for  $P$ -type and  $N$ -type material, respectively. We refer to this solution set as the " $\Delta\mu$ " model. Note that one needs to know the dark or background carrier density, i.e.  $p_0$  for  $P$ -type material or  $n_0$  for  $N$ -type material, which is obtained from the classic Hall measurement in the dark. In the photo-Hall analysis, it is useful to monitor the "single carrier" Hall mobility: i.e.  $\mu_H = \sigma H$  and "single-carrier" Hall density: i.e.  $n_H = 1/eH$ . In the dark, the single carrier mobility  $\mu_H$  is certainly equal to the majority carrier mobility and at very high light intensity or very high injection level ( $\Delta n \gg p_0$ ), it can be shown that  $\mu_H \rightarrow \Delta\mu_H$  (see e.g. Fig. 2c). Similarly in the dark, the "single carrier" Hall density  $n_H$  is equal to the majority carrier density and at very high light intensity or very high injection level ( $\Delta n \gg p_0$ ) we have:  $n_H \rightarrow \Delta n(1 + \beta)/(1 - \beta)$ .

For completeness and verification purposes, we also present additional trivial photo-Hall solution models i.e., solutions if additional information, such as  $\beta$ , one or two mobilities are known. For example, if we assume a known  $\beta$ , majority mobility ( $\mu_M$ ) or both (" $\mu_{PN}$ " for  $\mu_P$  and  $\mu_N$ ), we can solve the transport problem accordingly. We refer to these as " $\beta$ ", " $\mu_M$ " and " $\mu_{PN}$ " models, respectively, as summarized in Table S1 row 2 to 4. These additional models are sometimes useful for checking the overall solutions or when the data are very noisy. In all models, one needs to know the dark carrier density or conductivity ( $p_0$ ,  $n_0$  or  $\sigma_0$ ).

**Table S1.** The carrier-resolved photo-Hall solution models and formulas for *P* and *N*-type materials

NO	MODEL	TYPE	FORMULA	
1.	$\Delta\mu$	<b>P</b>	$\Delta\mu_H = \frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{d\sigma}$	$\beta = \frac{2\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H) - re\Delta\mu^2 p_0 \pm \Delta\mu\sqrt{re p_0}\sqrt{re\Delta\mu^2 p_0 + 4\sigma(\sigma H - r\Delta\mu)}}{2\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H)}$ $\Delta n = \frac{\sigma(1 - \beta) - e\Delta\mu p_0}{e\Delta\mu(1 + \beta)} \quad (16)$
		<b>N</b>	$\mu_p = \frac{\Delta\mu}{1 - \beta}$ $\mu_N = \beta \mu_p$	$\beta = \frac{2\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H) + re\Delta\mu^2 n_0 \pm \Delta\mu\sqrt{ren_0}\sqrt{r\Delta\mu^2 n_0 + 4\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H)}}{2\sigma(r\Delta\mu - \sigma H)}$ $\Delta p = \frac{\sigma(1 - \beta) - e\Delta\mu n_0 \beta}{e\Delta\mu(1 + \beta)} \quad (17)$
2.	$\beta$	<b>P</b>	$\Delta n = \frac{r - 2e p_0 H - r\beta \pm \sqrt{r^2 + r\beta(r\beta + 4e p_0 H - 2r)}}{2eH(1 + \beta)}$ $\mu_p = \frac{\sigma}{e[p_0 + \Delta n(1 + \beta)]} \quad (18)$	
		<b>N</b>	$\Delta p = \frac{r - 2e n_0 H \beta(1 + \beta) - r\beta^2 \pm \sqrt{r(1 + \beta)^2(r + \beta[r\beta - 4e n_0 H - 2r])}}{2eH(1 + \beta)^2}$ $\mu_N = \frac{\sigma}{e[n_0 + \Delta p(1 + \beta)/\beta]} \quad (19)$	
3.	$\mu_M$	<b>P</b>	$\beta = \frac{\sigma}{r\mu_p} \frac{(r\mu_p - \sigma H)}{(\sigma - e p_0 \mu_p)}$	$\Delta n = \frac{\sigma - e\mu_p p_0}{e(1 + \beta)\mu_p} \quad (20)$
		<b>N</b>	$\beta = \frac{\mu_N}{\sigma} \frac{r(\sigma - e n_0 \mu_N)}{(r\mu_N + \sigma H)}$	$\Delta p = \frac{(\sigma - e n_0 \mu_N) \beta}{e\mu_N(1 + \beta)} \quad (21)$
4.	$\mu_{P-N}$	<b>P/N</b>	$\Delta n = \frac{\sigma - \sigma_0}{e(\mu_p + \mu_N)} \quad (22)$	

## B.2 Generalized $\Delta\mu$ Model (Varying Mobility)

We describe a generalized photo-Hall identity equation that accounts for varying mobilities. It modifies the basic  $\Delta\mu$  model in the previous section that assumes constant mobilities. This model introduces corrections for the perovskite CRPH analysis, especially at high light intensity, where there is an apparent increase in mobility. Mobility could change with increasing light intensity, for

example, due to the filling of the electronic traps or defects and increased screening at higher carrier density.

When the mobilities vary, the photo-Hall identity equation  $\Delta\mu_H$  will have additional corrections, which we refer to as the "generalized  $\Delta\mu$  model" given as:

$$\Delta\mu_H' = [\Delta\mu_H + c_1]c_2, \quad (23)$$

where the terms  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  (derived in next section) are given as (for  $P$ -type materials):

$$c_1 = 2e\mu_p \left( \mu_p \Delta n \beta \frac{d\beta}{d\sigma} - \frac{d\mu_p}{d\sigma} [p_0 + \Delta n(1 - \beta^2)] \right) \quad (24)$$

$$c_2 = \left( 1 - e\mu_p \Delta n \frac{d\beta}{d\sigma} - e \frac{d\mu_p}{d\sigma} [p_0 + \Delta n(1 + \beta)] \right)^{-1}. \quad (25)$$

For  $N$ -type materials, we have:

$$c_1 = 2e\mu_p \left( \mu_p \Delta n \beta \frac{d\beta}{d\sigma} + \mu_p n_0 \beta \frac{d\beta}{d\sigma} - \frac{d\mu_p}{d\sigma} [\Delta n(1 - \beta^2) - n_0 \beta^2] \right) \quad (26)$$

$$c_2 = \left( 1 - e\mu_p \left( \Delta n \frac{d\beta}{d\sigma} + n_0 \frac{d\beta}{d\sigma} \right) - e \frac{d\mu_p}{d\sigma} [\Delta n(1 + \beta) + n_0 \beta] \right)^{-1}. \quad (27)$$

The new term  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  reflect the offset and scaling factor modifications of  $\Delta\mu_H$ . Note that when the mobilities ( $\mu_p$  and  $\mu_n$ ) are constant we have  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 1$  and eq. 23 reduces to eq. 1. In this generalized model, we still use eqs. 2 and 3 to calculate the mobility ratio  $\beta$  and  $\Delta n$ .

In practice, the evaluation of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  requires the knowledge of  $\mu_p$  and  $\mu_n$  (or  $\beta$ ) vs.  $\sigma$ , which are initially unknown. Thus, an iterative process is needed for a self-consistent solution. First, we attempt the baseline solution assuming a constant mobility using eqs. 1-3. If the results produce reasonably constant mobilities, we accept this as the final solution; however, if the results show varying mobilities, we then calculate the constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  and the new  $\Delta\mu$  using eq. 23. We then proceed to calculate  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$ , and  $\Delta n$  again using eqs. 2 and 3 until we arrive at converged solutions, for which the  $\Delta\mu$  remains practically constant after several iterations (and thus  $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$ , and  $\Delta n$ ).

### **B.3 Derivation of the Generalized $\Delta\mu$ Model:**

We obtain the generalized  $\Delta\mu$  equation (eq. 23) by repeating the derivation of the basic  $\Delta\mu$  equation in Section B.1, but by considering varying mobilities:  $d\mu_p/d\sigma \neq 0$  and  $d\beta/d\sigma \neq 0$ . We use a  $P$ -type material as an example. For the conductivity we have:



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta n} = e\mu_p(1+\beta) + e\mu_p\Delta n \frac{d\beta}{d\Delta n} + e\frac{d\mu_p}{d\Delta n}[p_0 + \Delta n(1+\beta)] \quad (28)$$

$$e\mu_p(1+\beta) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta n} - e\mu_p\Delta n \frac{d\beta}{d\Delta n} - e\frac{d\mu_p}{d\Delta n}[p_0 + \Delta n(1+\beta)] \quad (29)$$

We combine both  $\sigma$  and  $H$  and find their derivatives:

$$\frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{rd\Delta n} = e\mu_p^2(1-\beta^2) - 2e\mu_p^2\Delta n\beta \frac{d\beta}{d\Delta n} + 2e\mu_p \frac{d\mu_p}{d\Delta n}[p_0 + \Delta n(1-\beta^2)] \quad (30)$$

$$e\mu_p^2(1-\beta^2) = \frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{rd\Delta n} + 2e\mu_p^2\Delta n\beta \frac{d\beta}{d\Delta n} - 2e\mu_p \frac{d\mu_p}{d\Delta n}[p_0 + \Delta n(1-\beta^2)] \quad (31)$$

By dividing eq. (31) and (29), we obtain the generalized equation for  $\Delta\mu$  that accounts for varying mobilities:

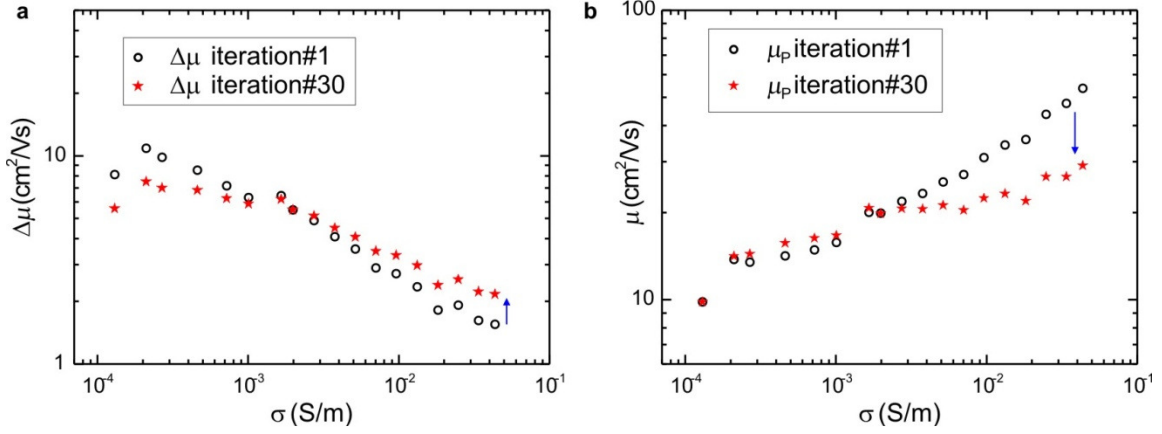
$$\Delta\mu_H' = \frac{e\mu_p^2(1-\beta^2)}{e\mu_p(1+\beta)} = \left[ \frac{d(\sigma^2 H)}{d\sigma} + c_1 \right] c_2 = [\Delta\mu_H + c_1] c_2 \quad (32)$$

Derivation for  $N$ -type materials is similar to the steps above, with  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  given in eq. (24) to (27).

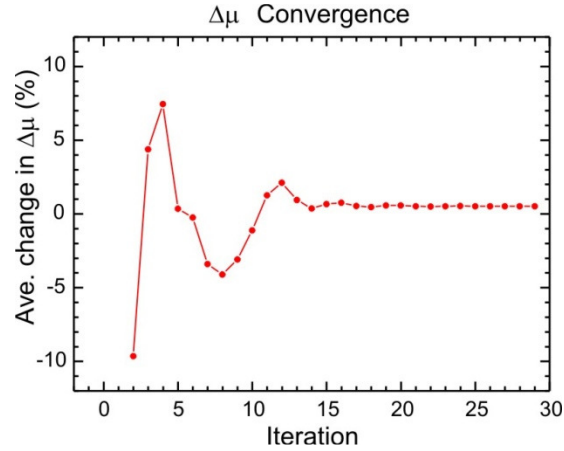
#### **B.4 Application of the Generalized $\Delta\mu$ Model:**

We apply the generalized  $\Delta\mu$  model when we have significant slope in the mobility ( $d\mu_p/d\sigma$ ) or its ratio ( $d\beta/d\sigma$ ), especially in the high light intensity regime (since, for low intensity, the data are generally more noisy). As an example, we can consider the perovskite case. First, we calculate the baseline mobility difference ( $\Delta\mu$ ) using eq. 1, which assumes constant mobility. Then, we proceed to calculate the solutions ( $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$  and  $\Delta n$ ) using eq. 2 and 3. An example of the first iteration of  $\Delta\mu$  and  $\mu_p$  calculation is shown in Figure S3. We notice that there is a significant slope in  $\mu_p$  as a function of conductivity  $\sigma$ , thus prompting us to proceed to calculate  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  (eqs. 24-27). The numerical derivative operation is generally noisy; thus, we fit the  $\mu_p$  and  $\beta$  vs.  $\sigma$  data with smoothed curves, from which we can calculate the slopes  $d\mu_p/d\sigma$  and  $d\beta/d\sigma$  to obtain  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . We subsequently proceed with the next iteration to obtain the new  $\Delta\mu$  value, using the generalized model (eq. 23), and calculate a new set of solutions ( $\mu_p$ ,  $\mu_n$  and  $\Delta n$ ). This iteration is continued until there is practically no more changes in the  $\Delta\mu$  vs.  $\sigma$  plot with successive iteration, which indicates that the solution has converged. We track the average changes of  $\Delta\mu$  at every iteration (see Figure S4) and observe that there are initially large changes in  $\Delta\mu$  (~10%). However, after about 20 iterations, the solutions converge, which indicates that the final solution has been

obtained. This generalized model correction reduces the initial solution for  $\mu_p$  by  $\sim 2\times$  at the highest light intensity.



**Figure S3.** Iterative process for calculating the photo-Hall solutions of the (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> perovskite sample in Fig. 2: (a) Mobility difference  $\Delta\mu$ . (b) Hole mobility ( $\mu_p$ ).



**Figure S4.** Iteration of the generalized  $\Delta\mu$  model calculation showing the average error in  $\Delta\mu$  of the  $i$ -th iteration. The solution converges after approximately 20 iterations.

## **C. Optical Property Determination**

In this section we describe the determination of the absorbed photon density and the related optical properties of the films. Consider a slab of semiconductor material under illumination. The absorbed photo density rate ( $G_\gamma$ ) of a monochromatic illumination at wavelength  $\lambda$  varies exponentially with respect to absorption coefficient (ref. 20, eq. A7.4):

$$G_{\gamma,x}(x, \lambda) = [1 - R(\lambda)] \Phi(\lambda) \alpha(\lambda) \exp(-\alpha(\lambda) x), \quad (33)$$

where  $R$  is the reflectivity,  $\alpha$  is the absorption coefficient,  $\Phi$  is the impinging photon flux and  $x$  is the depth from the illuminated surface. Using this equation and a steady state diffusion equation, one can calculate the excess carrier density profile in the sample  $\Delta n(x)$  (cf. ref. 20, appendix 7.1).

We can then calculate the average  $G_\gamma$  in the sample of thickness  $d$ :

$$G_\gamma = \int_0^d G_{\gamma,x}(x) dx / d = (1 - R) \Phi [1 - \exp(-\alpha d)] / d. \quad (34)$$

Note that, for an optically thin sample ( $d \ll 1/\alpha$ ), we have  $G_\gamma = (1 - R) \Phi \alpha$ . The photocarrier generation rate is given as  $G = \eta G_\gamma$  where  $\eta$  is the photocarrier generation efficiency, which is often assumed to be unity.

Note that, even though in most cases the absorption depth is smaller compared to the thickness, the actual photocarrier density distribution becomes more uniformly distributed due to the diffusion process, which is more correct for samples with long diffusion lengths. More quantitatively, the distribution of the carrier density in such a sample is given as<sup>35</sup>:

$$\Delta n(x) = \frac{(1 - R) \Phi \alpha \tau}{(\alpha^2 L_D^2 - 1)} \left[ \frac{A_1 + B_1 e^{-\alpha d}}{D_1} - \exp(-\alpha d) \right], \quad (35)$$

where  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $D_1$  are coefficients that depend on  $\alpha$ ,  $L_D$  and surface recombination coefficients, as described in ref. 20, appendix 7.1.

In the current experiment, we determine the absorbed photon density  $G_\gamma$  in the sample as follows. The impinging photon flux density,  $\Phi$ , is related to the photocurrent reading from the monitor photodetector (PD)  $I_{PD-MON}$  using:

$$\Phi = \frac{I_{PD-MON} k_{PD}}{e QE_{REF}(\lambda) A_{REF}}, \quad (36)$$

where  $QE_{REF}$  is the quantum efficiency of the Reference PD at wavelength  $\lambda$ ,  $A_{REF}$  is the effective area of the Reference PD ( $A_{REF} = 7.5 \text{ mm}^2$ ) and  $k_{PD}$  is the PD calibration factor measured after the photo-Hall measurement session is completed.

We define an experimental constant  $k_G$  that depends on the operating wavelength  $\lambda$ :

$$k_G(\lambda) = \frac{k_{PD} [1 - R(\lambda)]}{e QE_{REF}(\lambda) A_{REF}} \frac{[1 - \exp(-\alpha(\lambda) d)]}{d}. \quad (37)$$

Thus, employing eqs. 34, 36 and 37, we can calculate  $G_\gamma$  directly from the Monitor PD current ( $I_{PD-MON}$ ):

$$G_\gamma = k_G(\lambda) I_{PD-MON} . \quad (38)$$

For the  $G_\gamma$  calculation, we need the reflectivity and absorption coefficient data. These values can be measured using the same photo-Hall setup as shown in Fig. 1a, by deflecting the laser beam with a prism. For absorption (or transmission) measurement, the sample-under-test is mounted before the "Transmission photodetector (PD)". For reflectivity measurement, we use a silicon photodetector ("Reflectivity PD") embedded inside an integrating sphere (diameter ~80 mm). The sample is placed under an integrating sphere on a wedge to partially deflect the beam into the integrating sphere, where the light is collected by the photodetector. A certified reflectance disc (LabSphere SRS-80-010) is used as reference or calibration standard. The absorption coefficient at the given wavelength  $\lambda$  can be calculated using these reflectivity and transmission coefficients using the method detailed in ref. 36. Alternatively, one could use the absorption coefficient from standard absorption spectroscopy measurement. Table S2 below summarizes the optical parameters for the samples used in this study:

**Table S2.** The optical parameters for the perovskite, silicon and kesterite samples in this study

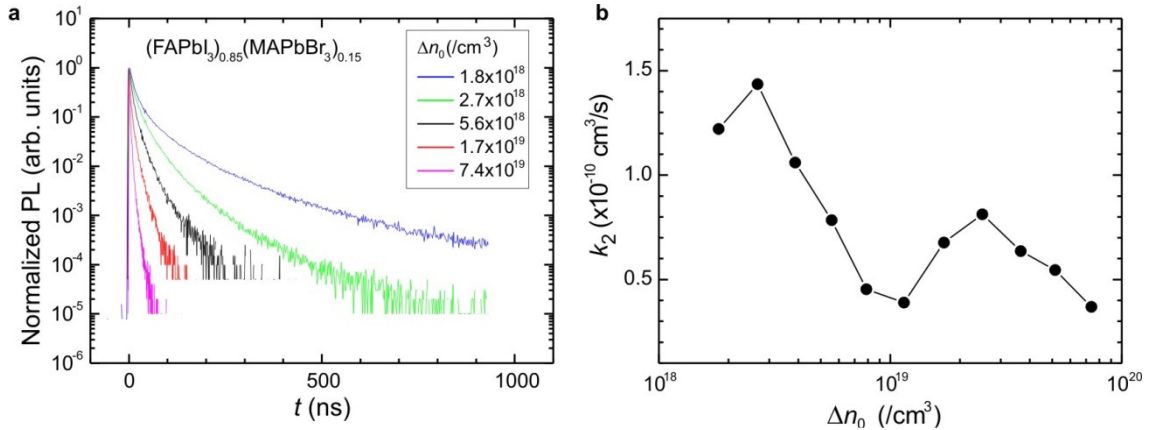
No	Sample	$d$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$\lambda$ (nm)	$k_{PD}$	$QE_{REF}$	$R$	$\alpha$ (/cm)	$k_G$ (/Acm <sup>3</sup> s)
1.	Perovskite (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br) <sub>3</sub>	0.55	638	0.777	0.790	0.481	4.58x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.1x10 <sup>23</sup>
2.	Perovskite MAPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.608	638	0.874	0.790	0.442	4.90x10 <sup>4</sup>	8.0x10 <sup>23</sup>
3.	Silicon	725	638	0.813	0.790	0.347	3.09x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.71x10 <sup>20</sup>
4.	Kesterite	2	450	1.17	0.474	0.286	4.88x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.35x10 <sup>23</sup>

## **D. Time-Resolved Photoluminescence Measurement of Perovskite**

In Fig. 2c, the  $\Delta n$  vs.  $G_\gamma$  data show a regime with  $m \sim 0.5$  for  $\Delta n \sim G_\gamma^m$ , which could be ascribed to operating within the bimolecular recombination regime. To investigate the possibility of (band-to-band) bimolecular recombination, we attempted to measure the bimolecular recombination coefficient  $k_2$ , where  $G = k_2 \Delta n^2$ , using time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL). The TRPL measurements are performed on a (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> perovskite film of the same composition as

used for the CRPH experiment. The measurement was performed using a Hamamatsu TR-PL system with laser wavelength  $\lambda=532$  nm and pulse rate 15 kHz at room temperature. At maximum intensity of  $\sim 4$  W/cm<sup>2</sup> we estimate the initial carrier injection level of  $\Delta n_0 \sim 7 \times 10^{19}$ /cm<sup>3</sup>. Several TRPL curves at different initial injection (or laser fluence) levels are shown in Fig. S5a. At the lowest fluence where the PL signal still can be observed, we estimate that the initial carrier density generated is  $\Delta n_0 \sim 10^{18}$ /cm<sup>3</sup>. The curves are fitted following a procedure similar to that described in ref. 37 using the rate decay equation up to 3rd order:  $PL(t) \propto \Delta n(t)$  and  $d\Delta n(t)/dt = -k_1\Delta n(t) - k_2\Delta n(t)^2 - k_3\Delta n(t)^3$ , where  $PL(t)$  is the photoluminescence signal,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are the monomolecular, bimolecular and Auger recombination coefficients, respectively. Then, we extract the coefficients  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ .

The above analysis yields a very small ( $k_3 \ll 10^{-30}$  cm<sup>6</sup>/s) Auger term  $k_3$  and thus it can be neglected. Our  $k_2$  values of  $(0.4-1.5) \times 10^{-10}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/s from TRPL, as shown in Fig. S5b, are consistent with various other measurements using TR-PL, TAS or THz that report  $k_2 = 10^{-11} - 10^{-9}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/s (see Table S3). For this  $k_2$  range and given the expected photo density of  $\Delta n \sim 10^{17} - 10^{18}$ /cm<sup>3</sup> in the bimolecular regime<sup>26,28</sup>, we need  $G_\gamma = 10^{24}$  /cm<sup>3</sup>s, which is 1000 $\times$  beyond the maximum light intensity in our CRPH experiment ( $G_\gamma = 10^{21}$  /cm<sup>3</sup>s). Therefore, the  $m \sim 0.5$  behavior in our perovskite  $\Delta n$  vs.  $G_\gamma$  data is not due to band-to-band bimolecular recombination, but rather to a trapping effect as explained in the main text.

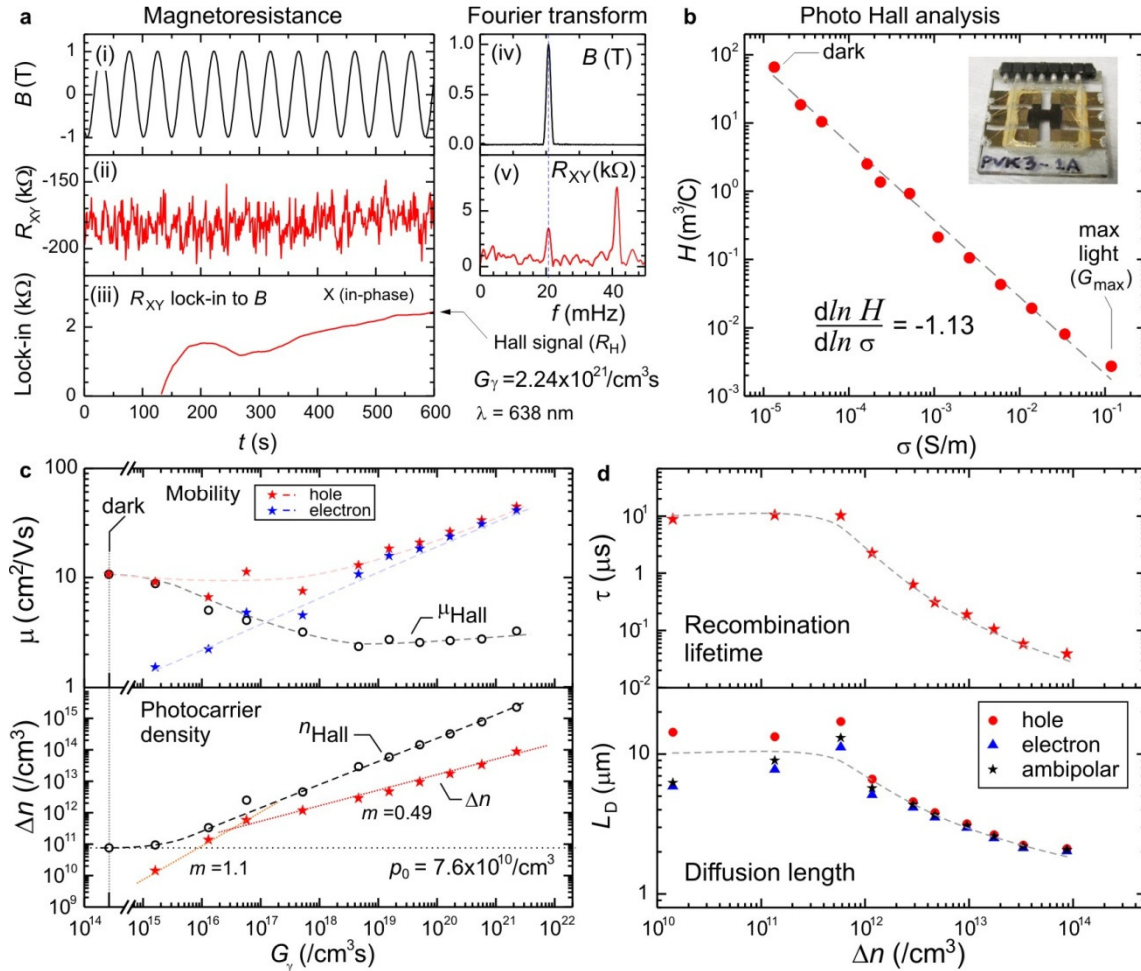


**Figure S5.** (a) The TR-PL of the (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub>perovskite sample at various intensity or carrier injection level  $\Delta n_0$ . (b) The bimolecular recombination coefficient  $k_2$  vs. initial injection level ( $\Delta n_0$ ).

## E. Additional Carrier-Resolved Photo-Hall Studies

We present additional Carrier-Resolved Photo-Hall studies in a MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite and a kesterite sample. The related optical properties of the samples are also shown in Table S2.

### E.1 Perovskite MAPbI<sub>3</sub>

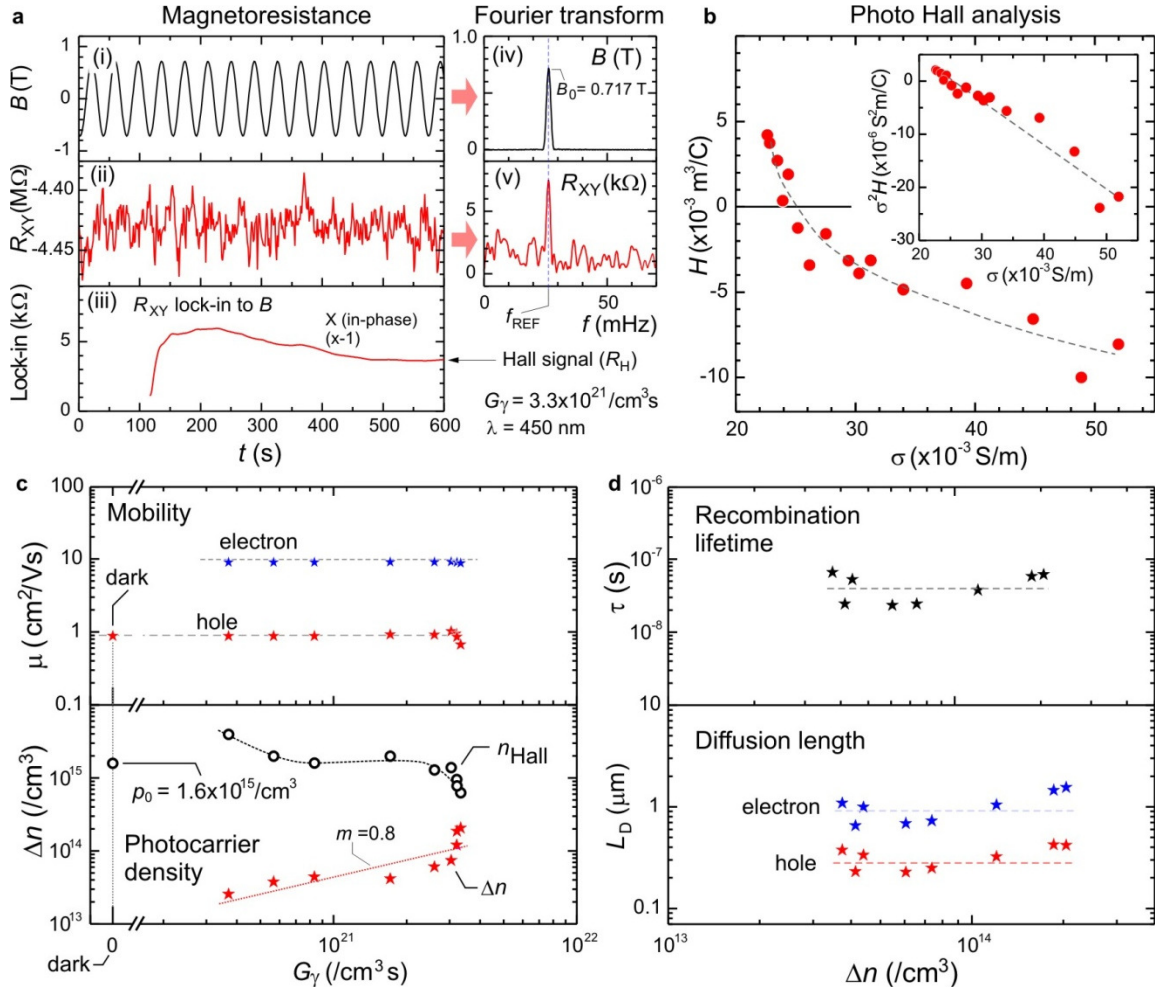


**Figure S6. Carrier-resolved photo-Hall analysis in a MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite:** (a) Transverse magnetoresistance sweep ( $R_{XY}$ ), Fourier transform and lock-in detection of the Hall signal. (b)  $\sigma$ - $H$  plot for photo-Hall analysis. Inset: the perovskite Hall bar device. (c) Results: Majority ( $\mu_p$ ) and minority ( $\mu_n$ ) mobility and photo-carrier density  $\Delta n$  vs. absorbed photon density  $G_\gamma$ ;  $n_{\text{Hall}}$  and  $\mu_{\text{Hall}}$  are the "single-carrier" Hall density and mobility. (d) Recombination lifetime and diffusion length mapped against  $\Delta n$  (all dashed curves are guides for the eye only).

We have also prepared a MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite Hall bar sample as shown in the inset Fig. S6b (thickness  $d = 0.608 \text{ μm}$ , active area  $W \times L = 2 \text{ mm} \times 4 \text{ mm}$ ). The results of the CRPH study are shown in Fig. S6. Similar to the (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> perovskite study in the main text (Fig. 2), we

also found increasing mobilities with respect to light intensity. Therefore we also employed the generalized  $\Delta\mu$  model and its iterative solution approach to obtain the final solutions, as described in SI section B.2. We obtain the following results:  $\mu_P = 10\text{-}40\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ,  $\mu_N = 2\text{-}40\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ,  $\tau = 40\text{ ns-}10\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ , ambipolar  $L_D = 2\text{-}10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . These parameters are comparable to the results from the perovskite (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> in Fig. 2; however, the MAPbI<sub>3</sub> sample seems to have larger recombination coefficient:  $k_1 = (1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^5 / \text{s}$ . These results are also summarized in Table S3 (last row).

## E.2 Kesterite $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSn}(\text{S},\text{Se})_4$



**Figure S7. Carrier-resolved photo-Hall analysis in a high performance kesterite film:** (a) Magneto-resistance sweep, Fourier transform and lock-in detection of the Hall signal. (b)  $\sigma$ - $H$  plot for photo-Hall analysis showing inversion of  $H$ . Inset:  $\sigma$ - $H$  vs.  $\sigma$  plot. (c) Results: Majority ( $\mu_P$ ) and minority ( $\mu_N$ ) mobility and photo-carrier density  $\Delta n$  vs. absorbed photon density  $G_\gamma$ . (d) Recombination lifetime and diffusion length of both hole and electron mapped against  $\Delta n$ . (All dashed curves are guides for the eye only).

A thin-film semiconductor absorber, kesterite  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSn}(\text{S},\text{Se})_4$  (CZTSSe), has also garnered significant interest due to its earth abundant and non-toxic elemental composition, as well as improved thermodynamic stability in comparison to perovskites<sup>38</sup>. Therefore, we present a study on a high performance CZTSSe film. The sample fabrication and solar cell performance information is provided in Section H. The kesterite sample provides an interesting example of low injection regime ( $\Delta n < p_0$ ), due to the much larger  $p_0$  ( $\sim 2000\times$ ) compared to perovskite. Additionally, due to a significantly higher minority carrier (electron) mobility that dominates the conductivity at high light intensity, the sign of  $H$  becomes inverted. We perform the experiment on a CZTSSe van-der Pauw sample ( $d = 2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) using a blue laser ( $\lambda = 450\text{ nm}$ , with intensity up to  $\sim 300\text{ mW/cm}^2$ ). In the dark, the sample shows  $P$ -type conductivity with  $p_0 = 1.6 \times 10^{15}\text{ /cm}^3$  and  $\mu_P = 0.9\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ . At the brightest light intensity, the  $R_{XY}$  signal shows a clear and robust Fourier peak at  $f_{\text{REF}}$  [Fig. S7a(v)], which produces a steady lock-in output  $R_H$ . We then plot the  $\sigma$ - $H$  curve in Fig. S7b and observe a monotonic behavior. The  $H$  data are rather noisy due to the low majority carrier mobility. To calculate  $\Delta\mu$  we use eq. 1, i.e.,  $\Delta\mu_H = d(\sigma^2 H) / d\sigma$ , and plot  $\sigma^2 H$  vs.  $\sigma$  (Fig. S7b inset) and obtain its slope. We then solve for  $\Delta n$ ,  $\mu_P$  and  $\mu_N$  using the " $\Delta\mu$ " model as shown in Fig. S7c. We limit our analysis to the high light intensity regime (approximately  $\Delta n > p_0/100$ ), as we cannot resolve  $\Delta n$  when it is too small. We obtain fairly constant mobilities and a significantly higher minority carrier mobility,  $\mu_N = (9.0 \pm 0.1)\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , compared to the majority carrier value,  $\mu_P = (0.9 \pm 0.1)\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  ( $\beta \sim 10\times$ ), which explains the strong  $H$  inversion at high light intensity. From  $\Delta n$  vs.  $G_Y$  data, we obtain  $m = (0.8 \pm 0.2)$ , suggesting a monomolecular regime with  $k_1 = (3.0 \pm 1.3) \times 10^7\text{ /s}$ . This value is reasonable for the low injection case where  $\Delta n < p_0$ , and it is also observed in perovskite data at low light intensity (Fig. 2c).

As before, we calculate  $\tau$  and  $L_D$  as a function of  $\Delta n$  (Fig. S7d), obtaining  $\tau = (23\text{-}66)\text{ ns}$ , minority carrier diffusion length  $L_{D,N} = (0.7\text{-}1.5)\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and majority carrier diffusion length  $L_{D,P} = (0.23\text{-}0.42)\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . For comparison, our  $L_{D,N}$  values overlap and are consistent with independent studies on similar quality samples using: (1) a biased-quantum efficiency technique that yields  $L_{D,N} \sim 1.0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ <sup>14</sup>, and (2) an electron-beam-induced-current mapping technique that yields  $L_{D,N} \sim (0.75 \pm 0.15)\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ <sup>38</sup> (see Table S4). We highlight that the CRPH study was done on a bare absorber layer, which should more accurately reflect the intrinsic properties of the studied semiconductor, because of lack of junction-mediated charge carrier separation, as well as provide a more favorable configuration for higher throughput characterization. This technique also provides simultaneous extraction of all carrier parameters under the same light conditions, which avoids the complication of different light illumination in our previous study<sup>14</sup>. The results are compared with various recent transport studies in CZTSSe in Table S4.

We also note that the CRPH analysis data for kesterite is more noisy compared to that for the perovskite and silicon samples for a few reasons: (i) The mobility values in CZTS are small ( $\mu_P \sim 1\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  and  $\mu_N \sim 10\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ), while in perovskite we have  $\mu \sim 10\text{-}30\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  and for silicon  $\mu \sim 500\text{-}1500\text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ . (ii) Background carrier density in the CZTS sample is very high ( $p_0 \sim 10^{15}\text{ /cm}^3$ ) compared to the perovskite ( $p_0 \sim 8 \times 10^{11}\text{ /cm}^3$ ) and silicon: ( $p_0 \sim 7 \times 10^{12}\text{ /cm}^3$ ) samples. Since the maximum laser intensity is limited, we could only achieve a maximum photocarrier density of  $\Delta n \sim 10^{14}\text{ /cm}^3$ , which is  $\sim 10\%$  of  $p_0$ ; therefore the CZTS sample is in the very low injection level regime ( $\Delta n < p_0$ ). It is more challenging to extract  $\Delta n$ , as it entails measuring the change in conductivity and Hall coefficient very accurately.



## F. Summary of Recent Perovskite Transport Studies

**Table S3.** Summary of recent electrical transport studies for lead(II) halide perovskites. The results from the current carrier-resolved photo-Hall effect study are highlighted in yellow.

No	Refs	Material	Type	Techniques	Lifetime (ns)	Diffusion Length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )		Mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )		Carrier conc. ( $/\text{cm}^3$ )		$k_f$ (/s)
						Electron	Hole	Electron	Hole	Electron	Hole	
1	[8]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	PL, transient absorption.	4.5 $\pm$ 0.3	0.13	0.11					
2	[9]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc	Transient absorption, PL-quenching.	273 $\pm$ 7	1.07 $\pm$ 0.20	1.21 $\pm$ 0.24					
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc		9.6	0.13 $\pm$ 0.04	0.11 $\pm$ 0.03					
3	[39]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Intensity-modulated photocurrent/photovoltage.		1.2 - 1.5						
4	[6]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	PL, transient absorption, time-resolved terahertz and microwave conductivity				12.5	7.5			
5	[10]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc	Ultrafast THz spectroscopy		2.7*		33*				1.2 $\times 10^7$
6	[7]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc	Conductivity measurement. Total mobility used (e + h), assuming similar mass				20	20			
7	[40]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Laser-flash time-resolved microwave conductivity				3	17			
8	[41]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Hall effect				13.7-36.0		(2.4-5.9) $\times 10^{14}$		
9	[31]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Hall effect				3.9		2.8 $\times 10^{17}$		
10	[42]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Transient PL	9							10 <sup>6-9</sup>
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc		80							
11	[43]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	TR-PL, transient absorption	140							1.8 $\times 10^7$
12	[27]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Transient THz spectroscopy		~1*		8.1*				1.4 $\times 10^7$
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc			~1*		11.6*				4.9 $\times 10^6$
13	[11]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	sc	PL, transient absorption, Hall effect, time-of-flight measurement, space-charge-limited current technique	22-1032	8*		2.5*		2 $\times 10^{10}$		
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$	sc		41-357	17*		20-115		5 $\times 10^{9-10}$		
14	[12]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	sc	Transient photovoltaic and impedance spectroscopy, Hall effect	82-95		175 $\pm$ 25	24 $\pm$ 4.1	164 $\pm$ 25	(9 $\pm$ 2) $\times 10^9$		
15	[37]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc	Confocal fluorescence microscopy, PL	1005							1 $\times 10^6$
16	[44]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3(\text{Cl})$	pc	Electron-beam-induced current	50-100	0.36 $\pm$ 0.02						
17	[45]	$\text{FAPbBr}_3$	pc	THz transient photoconductivity		1.3*		14 $\pm$ 2*				2.1 $\times 10^7$
		$\text{FAPbI}_3$	pc			3.1*		27 $\pm$ 2*				6.7 $\times 10^6$
18	[46]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Time resolved microwave conductivity				29 $\pm$ 6*				
19	[47]	$\text{FAPbI}_3$	sc	Space-charge-limited current		6.6*			35	3.9 $\times 10^9$		
		$\text{FAPbBr}_3$	sc			19*			62	1.5 $\times 10^9$		
20	[13]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Photo-Hall, photoconductivity.	3 $\times 10^4$	23*		8*		9.0 $\times 10^{14}$		
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$	sc		3 $\times 10^6$	650*		60 $\pm$ 5*		4.6 $\times 10^{12}$		
21	[48]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	sc	TR-PL, time-resolved microwave conductance	15,000	8	50					
22	[49]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Transient photovoltage, charge carrier extraction under 1 sun.	390					9.4 $\times 10^{18}$		
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbX}_3$	pc	(Carrier density under illumination)	560 -1100					(2.4-5.9) $\times 10^{19}$		
23	[50]	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	pc	Hall and magnetoresistance. (Mobility values under illumination)	29,000	230*		68*		9.3 $\times 10^{11}$		
		$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$	pc		36,000	24*		6.3*		4.3 $\times 10^{12}$		
24	[51]	$\text{FAPbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$	pc	Flash-photolysis time-resolved microwave conductivity. **Sum of mobility	2,800			71**				
25		$(\text{FAPbI}_3)_{1-x}$ $(\text{MAPbBr}_3)_x$	pc	<b>Carrier-resolved photo-Hall effect</b> Values are mapped against $G_\gamma$ or $\Delta n$ (Fig. 2) (IBM/KAIST/KRICT)	44-40,000 $\tau(G_\gamma)$	1.7-23 $L_{D,N}(G_\gamma)$	1.8-34 $L_{D,P}(G_\gamma)$	7-26 $\mu_n(G_\gamma)$	10-28 $\mu_p(G_\gamma)$	8.3 $\times 10^{11}$ $\Delta n(G_\gamma)$	2.5 $\times 10^4$ $p_0 + \Delta n(G_\gamma)$	
26		$\text{MAPbI}_3$	pc	<b>Carrier-resolved photo-Hall effect</b> Values are mapped against $G_\gamma$ or $\Delta n$ (Fig. 2) (IBM/KAIST/KRICT)	40-10,000 $\tau(G_\gamma)$	2-8 $L_{D,N}(G_\gamma)$	1.8-12 $L_{D,P}(G_\gamma)$	2-40 $\mu_n(G_\gamma)$	10-44 $\mu_p(G_\gamma)$	7.6 $\times 10^{10}$ $\Delta n(G_\gamma)$	1.0 $\times 10^5$ $p_0 + \Delta n(G_\gamma)$	

Notes: (1) \*Carrier type is not specified (not-resolved). (2) pc = poly crystalline, sc = single crystal

From Table S3 above, we observe that there is a wide range of variation of the transport parameters, with some overlap with our CRPH results. The variation in parameter values most likely arises due to sample variation in terms of quality and passivation, stoichiometry, crystallinity type (poly or single crystal) and varying device performance levels. A second reason is likely the different measurement techniques employed. We note that our CRPH technique operates under (1) steady-state and (2) large illumination coverage (3) with light intensity up to  $\sim 1$  sun ( $100 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ ), which is very close to the actual condition where the solar cell is intended to operate. In contrast, most of the other transient techniques, such as time-resolved photoluminescence (TR-PL), do not operate under these conditions, which may lead to variation in the extracted parameters compared to the CRPH results. Below are some comments on the variation of the specific parameters in Table S3, focusing only on the data for polycrystalline films, as they are the most relevant for high performance perovskite devices comparing to our high performance (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> perovskite:

(1) Mobilities (hole and electron): range from  $2\text{-}70 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  and our CRPH study yields  $7\text{-}28 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , which overlaps with most reports.

(2) Equilibrium carrier densities: range from  $10^9 / \text{cm}^3$  to  $6 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^3$ ; the wide variation could be due to different compositions for the samples. For the high performance (FA,MA)Pb(I,Br)<sub>3</sub> samples considered in this study, for example, we have low carrier density of  $\sim 10^{12} / \text{cm}^3$ , within the range of other measurements.

(3) Lifetime ( $\tau$ ): ranges from  $10 - 36,000 \text{ ns}$ , which overlaps favorably with our CRPH results ( $44 - 40,000 \text{ ns}$ ). In light of the new understanding generated from our CRPH analysis, such wide variation is to be expected given variation in light or carrier injection level for the measurements. The higher the light intensity (or carrier density) the lower the lifetime is, as the system operates in different recombination regimes. Therefore, as we noted in the main text, it is very important when reporting lifetime values to indicate the absorbed photon density level,  $G_\gamma$  (or, if possible, the excess carrier density,  $\Delta n$ ).

(4) Carrier diffusion length ( $L_D$ ): ranges from  $0.1\text{-}230 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , which overlaps favorably with our CRPH results ( $1.7\text{-}34 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ). The situation is similar to lifetime in that the values vary significantly with light intensity and, from our CRPH analysis, such wide variation is to be expected due to variation in light or carrier injection level. Therefore, again, it is important to indicate  $G_\gamma$ , or if possible  $\Delta n$ , in reporting  $L_D$ .

(5) The monomolecular recombination coefficient  $k_1$ : ranges from  $10^6$  to  $10^9 / \text{s}$ , while our CRPH analysis yields a lower value of  $k_1 = 2.5 \times 10^4 / \text{s}$ . The lower value implies a very long lifetime  $\tau$  in the monomolecular regime, which could be due to very low trap density and indicative of the high material quality.

## G. Summary of Recent Kesterite Transport Studies

**Table S4.** Summary of recent electrical transport studies for kesterites. The result from the current carrier-resolved photo-Hall effect study is highlighted in yellow. A study on the 12.6% PCE champion CZTSSe is reported in Row#14 (in bold).

No	Refs	Material	Type	Techniques	Lifetime (ns)	Diffusion Length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )		Mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )		Carrier conc. ( $/\text{cm}^3$ )	
						Electron	Hole	Electron	Hole	Electron	Hole
1	[52]	CZTSe	pc	TR-PL	7-9						
2	[53]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL, Drive-level capacitance profiling (DLCP)	3.1						$8 \times 10^{15}$
3	[54]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL	10						
		CZTSe	pc	TR-PL	12						
4	[55]	CZTSSe	pc	DLCP							$(0.2-1.5) \times 10^{16}$
5	[56]	CZTSe	sc	Hall effect					40-55		$1 \times 10^{17}$
6	[57]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL	$6.7 \pm 1.4$						
7	[14]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL, EQE, reflectance measurement, capacitance-voltage (C-V) measurement	1.5-15	0.3-1.2		11-257			
8	[58]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL	5						
9	[59]	CZTS	pc	TR-PL, DLCP	7.8	$\sim 0.35$					$1 \times 10^{16}$
10	[60]	CZTS	pc	TR-PL	18.4						
		CZTSe	pc		9.3						
11	[61]	CZTSe	pc	Hall effect					1.23		$2 \times 10^{17}$
12	[62]	CZTSSe	pc	C-V							$(1-4) \times 10^{16}$
13	[63]	CZTS	pc	Hall effect							$(4.9-6.9) \times 10^{15}$
14	[38]	<b>CZTSSe</b>	<b>pc</b>	<b>C-V, DLCP, QE, EBIC (PCE 12.6% champion)</b>		<b><math>0.75 \pm 0.15</math></b>					<b><math>8 \times 10^{15}</math></b>
15	[64]	CZTSe	pc	DLCP, QE, reflectance measurement, TR-PL	2-2.5	$2.1 \pm 0.5$		690			$2 \times 10^{15}$
16	[18]	CZTSSe	pc	Hall effect (ac/PDL)					0.3-0.4		$(1.6-2.2) \times 10^{16}$
17	[65]	CZTSe	pc	TR-PL, DLCP	4.2						$\sim 10^{16}$
18	[66]	CZTSe	pc	Hall effect					0.2-0.5		$(2-20) \times 10^{16}$
19	[67]	CZTSe	sc	Hall effect					50-150		$10^{17}-10^{19}$
20	[68]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL	8.1						
21	[69]	CZTSSe	pc	TR-PL	2.6						
		CZTGeSSe	pc		10						
22	[70]	CZTSe	pc	TR-PL	2.4						
		AgCZTSe	pc		3.6-10						
23	[71]	CZTSSe	pc	Hall					0.5-1.3		$(1.4-19) \times 10^{15}$
24	[72]	CZTSe	pc	Hall effect (ac/PDL), DLCP					0.2		$1 \times 10^{16}$
		AgCZTSe	pc						0.2-1.1		$10^{13}-10^{16}$
25	[73]	CZTSe	pc	TR-PL	1.3-2.2						
26	[74]	CZTS	pc	TR-PL, C-V	5.8-12.4						$(3-5) \times 10^{16}$
27	[75]	CZTSSe	pc	C-V							$(1-2) \times 10^{16}$
28	[76]	CZTS	pc	TR-PL, DLCP	4.1						$4.4 \times 10^{16}$
		CZCTS	pc		10.8						$1.4 \times 10^{16}$
29	[77]	CZTS	pc	TR-PL, C-V	10	$\sim 0.35$					$3 \times 10^{16}$
30	[78]	CZTSe	pc	TR-PL, C-V	1.6						$1.5 \times 10^{16}$
31	[79]	CZTSSe	pc	Hall effect (ac/PDL)					0.3		$1 \times 10^{15}$
32	[80]	CZTSe	pc	TR-PL, C-V	1-8						$10^{15}-10^{18}$
33		<b>CZTSSe</b>	<b>pc</b>	<b>Carrier-resolved photo-Hall effect</b> Values are mapped against $G_\gamma$ or $\Delta n$ (Fig. 3) (IBM/KAIST/KRICT)	<b>23-66</b> $\tau(G_\gamma)$	<b>0.7-1.5</b> $L_{D,N}(G_\gamma)$	<b>0.23-0.42</b> $L_{D,P}(G_\gamma)$	<b><math>9.0 \pm 0.1</math></b> $\mu_n(G_\gamma)$	<b><math>0.9 \pm 0.1</math></b> $\mu_p(G_\gamma)$	<b><math>\Delta n(G_\gamma)</math></b>	<b><math>1.6 \times 10^{15}</math></b> $p_0 + \Delta n(G_\gamma)$

Notes: (1) pc = poly crystalline, sc = single crystal

In Table S4, the CZTSSe samples studied offer a wide degree of variation in terms of compositions, e.g.  $S/(S+Se)$  ratio or metal ratio  $Cu/(Zn+Sn)$ , fabrication methods and device performance levels (PCE $\sim$ 7%-12.6%). Some studies also use different alloys, such as AgCZTSe<sup>72</sup>.

Here we discuss some of the parameter variation, focusing only on the data for the polycrystalline films, since these yield the highest performance CZTSSe devices.

(1) Mobilities (hole): Range from 0.3 to 1.3 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs. The CZTSSe sample that we used in the current study is more recent and was exfoliated from the high performance device batch (see SI H) and prepared as a Hall sample, yielding mobility  $\mu \sim 0.9$  cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs. From CRPH we obtain electron (minority) mobility,  $\mu_N \sim 9$  cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs, significantly higher than that for holes and consistent with a theoretical study that suggests the hole effective mass in Cu<sub>2</sub>ZnSn(S,Se)<sub>4</sub> should be larger than that for the electron (by as much as 4 $\times$ )<sup>81</sup>.

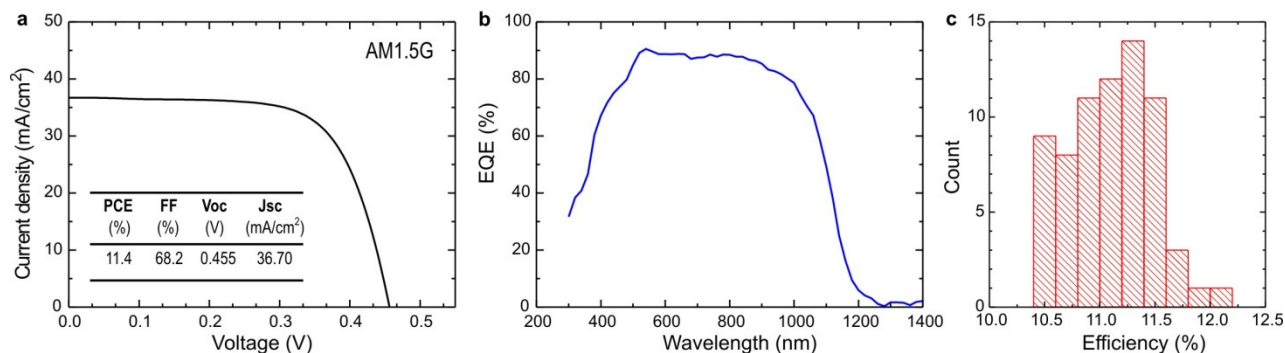
(2) Equilibrium carrier densities: Range from 10<sup>15</sup> /cm<sup>3</sup> to 10<sup>18</sup> /cm<sup>3</sup>. Most variation of the density is due to varying S/(S+Se) and Cu/(Zn+Sn) ratios. Lower S content or higher Cu content leads to higher majority carrier (hole) density<sup>71,82</sup>. C-V approaches tend to yield higher densities than those achieved with Hall effect, as they are sensitive to interface trap states at the edge of the space charge region<sup>38</sup>. For the CZTSSe sample that we examined in the current study (S/(S+Se) $\approx$ 0.2, Cu/(Zn+Sn) $\approx$ 0.8 and Zn/Sn $\approx$ 1.1), we have a hole density of 1.6 $\times$ 10<sup>15</sup> /cm<sup>3</sup>, as measured by ac/PDL Hall technique.

(3) Lifetime ( $\tau$ ): Ranges from 1-18 ns, and has mostly been determined using time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL), while our CRPH approach yields 23-66 ns. This discrepancy may at least in part be due to the light intensity or injection level used for these studies. The CRPH study operates in the low injection regime, with excess carrier density  $\Delta n < 2 \times 10^{14}$  /cm<sup>3</sup>, while the TRPL study uses a very high injection level, as much as  $\Delta n \sim 10^{19}$  /cm<sup>3</sup>,<sup>83</sup> in order to attain sufficient PL signal due to the low radiative efficiency for CZTSSe.

(4) Minority carrier diffusion length ( $L_{D,N}$ ): ranges from 0.3-2.1  $\mu$ m, as measured by a combination of biased quantum efficiency and C-V measurement<sup>14</sup>, and 0.75  $\mu$ m, as measured using the electron beam-induced-current mapping technique<sup>38</sup>. These values overlap and are in agreement with our CRPH results:  $L_{D,N} \sim (0.7-1.5)$   $\mu$ m.

## **H. Device fabrication and characteristics of Kesterite**

The CZTSSe solar cell was prepared using a hydrazine-based pure solution approach that resulted in the 12.6% record efficiency as reported in ref. 38. The CdS emitter was deposited by chemical bath deposition (CBD) on the absorber layer. Transparent conductive oxide (ZnO/ITO) was sputter-deposited on the CdS. The electrical contact grid for the cell was made by evaporation (deposition area defined by a mask) of a thin layer of Ni followed by 2  $\mu$ m of Al. A MgF<sub>2</sub> anti-reflective coating was deposited by evaporation. The finished device was then scribed to isolate the cell and the cell area was measured using a digital optical microscope ( $A=0.453$  cm<sup>2</sup>).



**Figure S8.** Device performance of the CZTSSe solar cell: (a)  $J$ - $V$  curves under AM1.5G simulated light. The photovoltaic parameters are shown in the inset. (b) The EQE spectrum. (c) Histogram of the power conversion efficiencies obtained from 70 CZTSSe cells.

The device was measured using a solar simulator (Newport, Oriel Class A, 91192-1000) with simulated AM1.5G illumination of  $100 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ . We use a Si reference cell from Oriel (P/N 91150V) to calibrate the light intensity (calibrated by Newport, calibration#0847) and Keithley 2440 source meter for  $I$ - $V$  measurement. The measurement was done in open air at ambient room temperature. The devices were soaked for about 30 sec at 1 sun prior to  $I$ - $V$  measurement, and the measurement was performed with scan speed of approximately 2 V/s, all with a reverse scan direction (there is no noticeable hysteresis in the  $I$ - $V$  traces). The characteristics of a high performing device from the same film as used for the photo-Hall study are shown in Fig. S8a. The device yields  $\text{PCE} = 11.4\%$ ,  $\text{FF} = 68.2\%$ ,  $V_{\text{OC}} = 0.455 \text{ V}$  and  $J_{\text{SC}} = 36.70 \text{ mA/cm}^2$ . The external quantum efficiency (EQE) spectrum for the device is presented in Fig. S8b. Integrated current density of  $40.0 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  from the EQE spectrum shows 9% higher than that ( $36.7 \text{ mA/cm}^2$ ) measured under solar simulator. The bandgap determined from the inflection of EQE curve near the bandedge is  $E_g = 1.11 \text{ eV}$ . A histogram of the efficiency of 70 CZTSSe samples from the same processing batch is shown in Fig. S8c, with overall average efficiency of  $(11.1 \pm 0.4)\%$ .

For photo-Hall study, the CZTSSe absorber layer was isolated from the blank area of a finished device after removing the top stack ( $\text{CdS/ZnO/ITO/Ni/Al/MgF}_2$ ) by sonication in 10% aqueous HCl for 2 minutes and rinsing with water. Afterwards the absorber layer was exfoliated onto a secondary  $5 \text{ mm} \times 5 \text{ mm}$  glass substrate, from the underlying Mo/glass layer, using the method described in ref. 71. Then we deposited four terminal Ti/Au (10 nm/100 nm) square contacts on the four corners to define a Van der Pauw sample with area of  $3 \text{ mm} \times 3 \text{ mm}$ .

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