

Supporting Information (SI)

Dissecting the role of hole-transport layer in Cu₂AgBiI₆ solar cells: an integrated experimental and theoretical study

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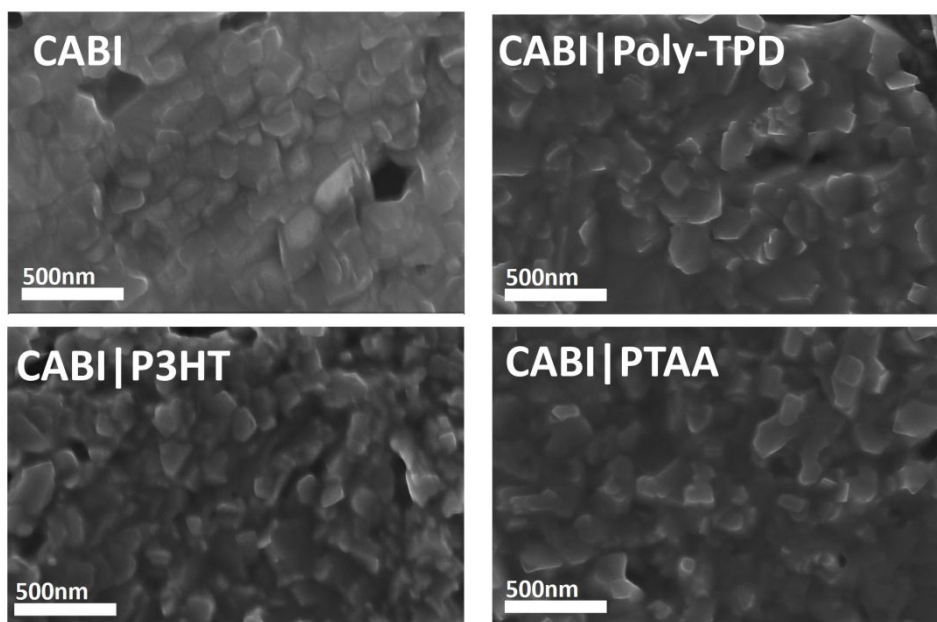


Figure S1. Top-view SEM images of CABI and and polymer HTLs on top of the CABI layer.

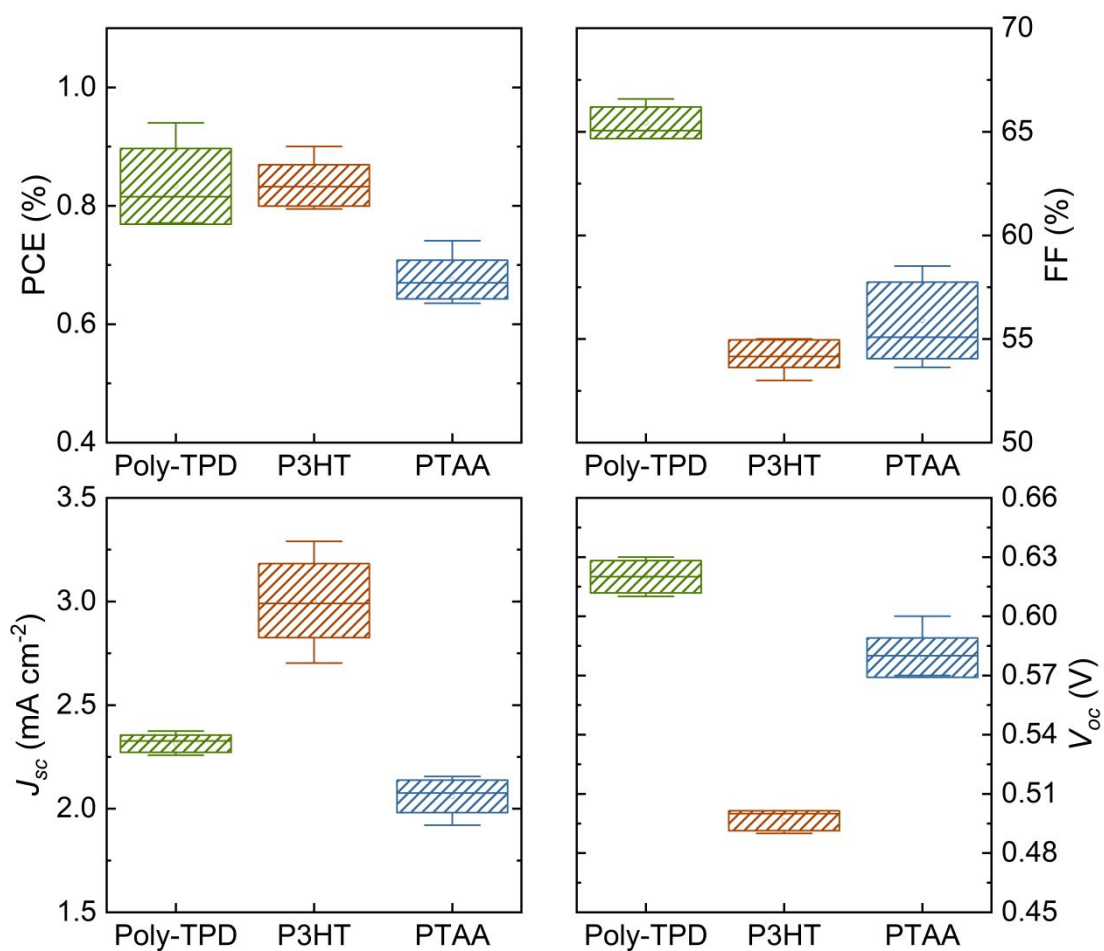


Figure S2. Statistical distributions of the photovoltaic parameters of the polymeric HTLs-based devices.

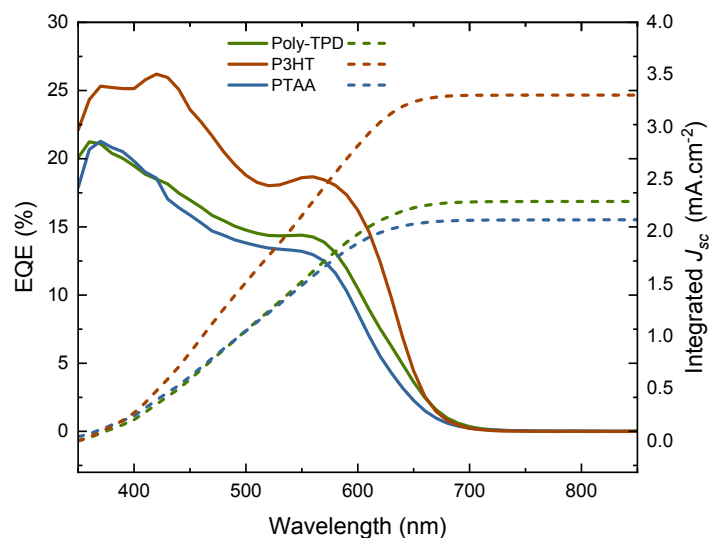


Figure S3. External quantum efficiency (EQE) spectra and the corresponding integrated JSC values of the best-performing polymeric HTLs-based devices.

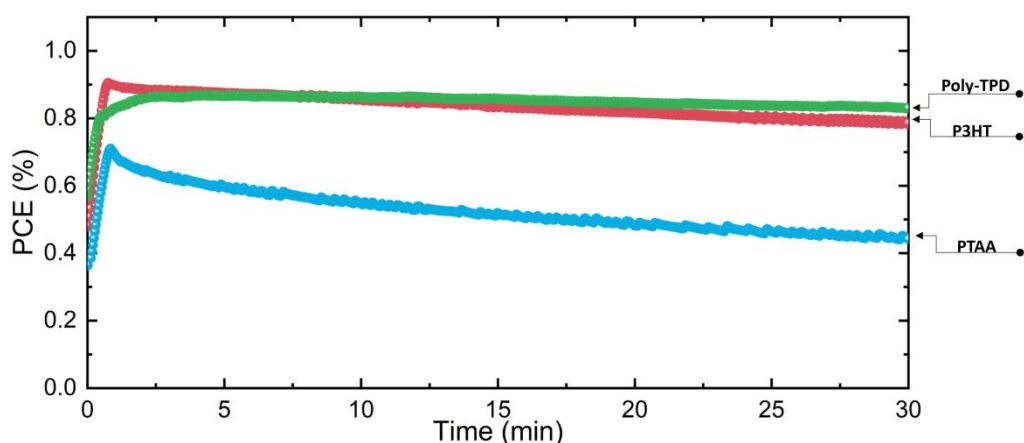


Figure S4. Absolute PCE values of polymeric HTLs-based devices under MPPT condition.

Structural models

The starting point for the computational model is the CABI structure ($R\bar{3}m$ No. 166) provided by Sansom et al.¹ Random distribution and partial occupation of Cu, Bi, Ag atoms and vacant sites was realized through a special quasi-random structure toolkit. The optimized bulk structure was cleaved along the stable (110) surface to realize the slab model.² A 2x1x1 supercell was considered to accommodate each HTM and a 20 Å vacuum was considered so to avoid interaction between periodic images. For the three HTMs, namely Poly-TPD, PTAA

and P3HT, a monomeric unit model has been considered. Computational models for HTMs are shown in **Figure S4**.

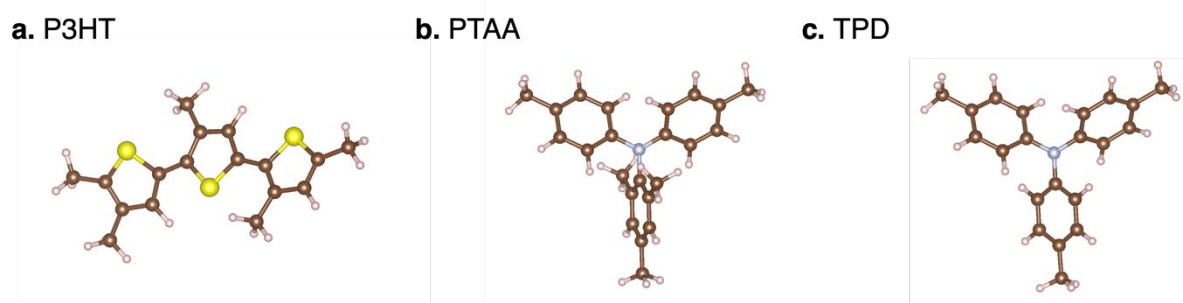


Figure S5. Monomeric models for P3HT, PTAA and TPD, HTMs. Color Legend for atomic spheres: C-brown; H-light pink; S-yellow; N-light blue.

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