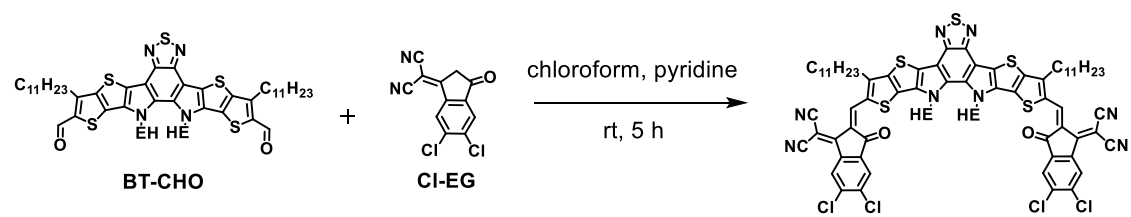


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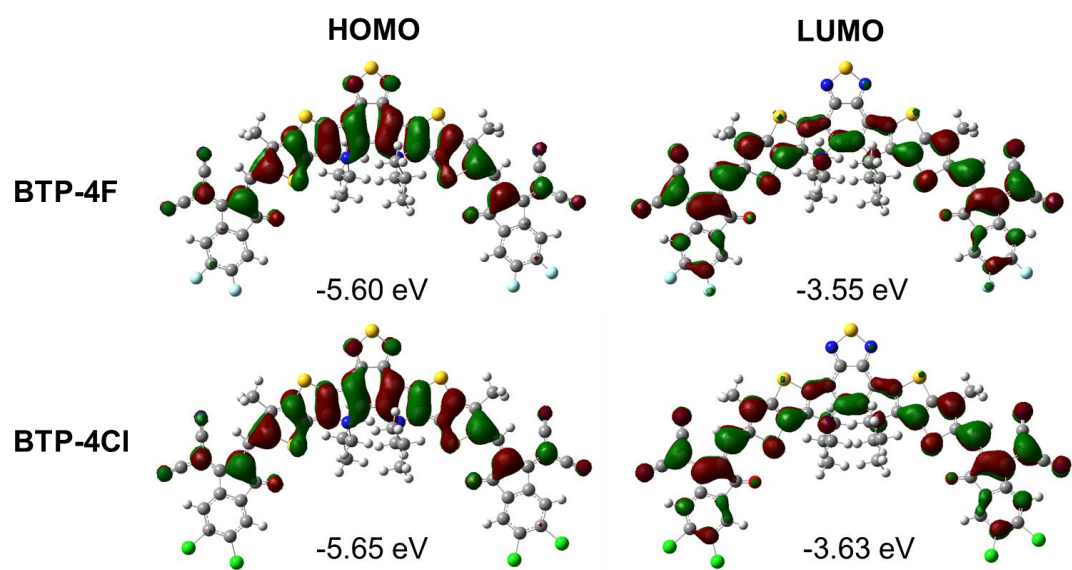
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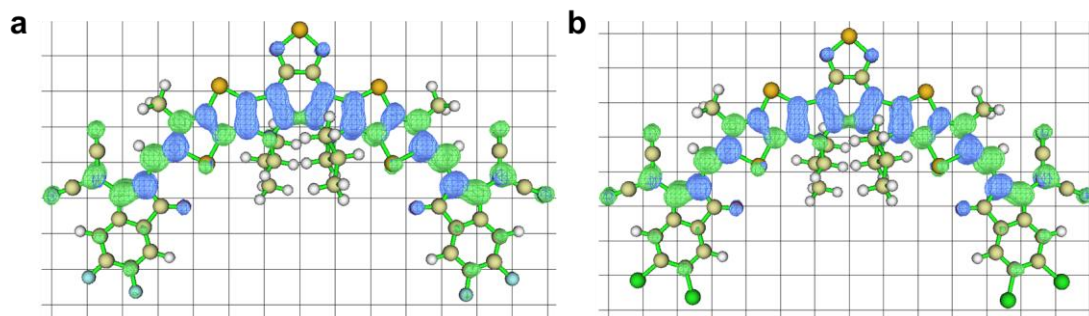
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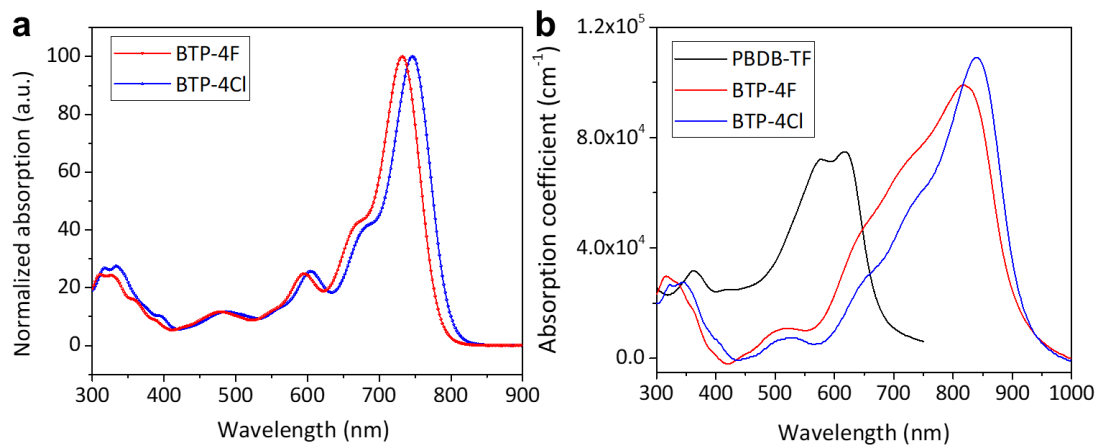
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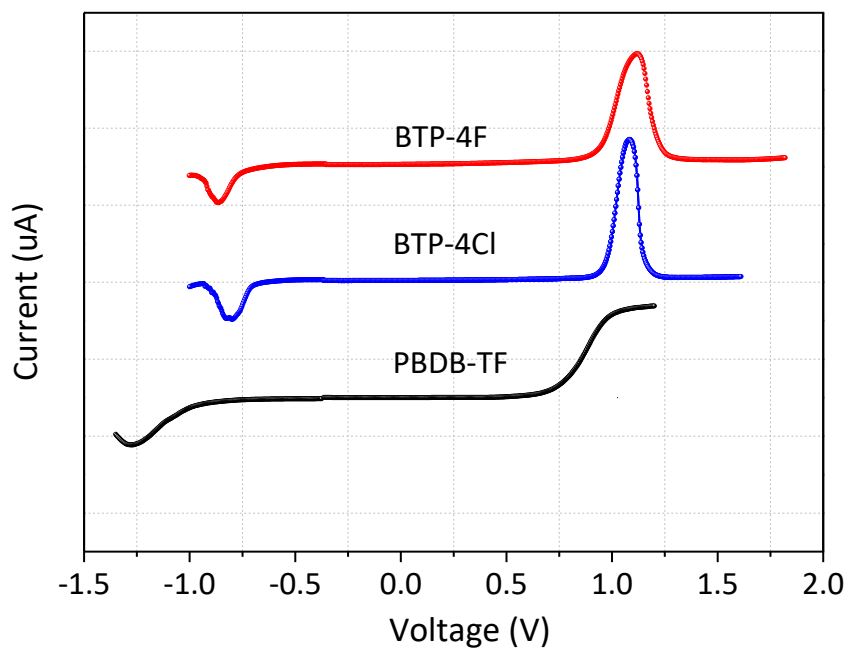
**Supplementary Figure 2.** Theoretical calculations of geometries, wavefunction distributions and molecular energy levels for the BTP-4X models.



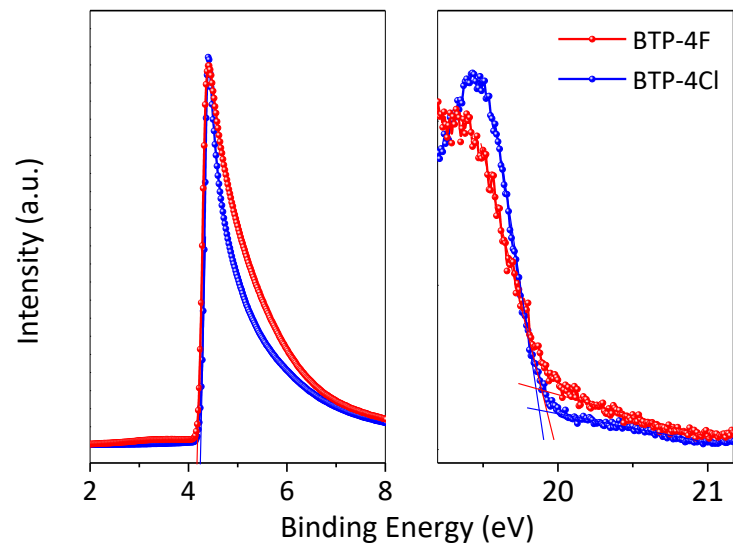
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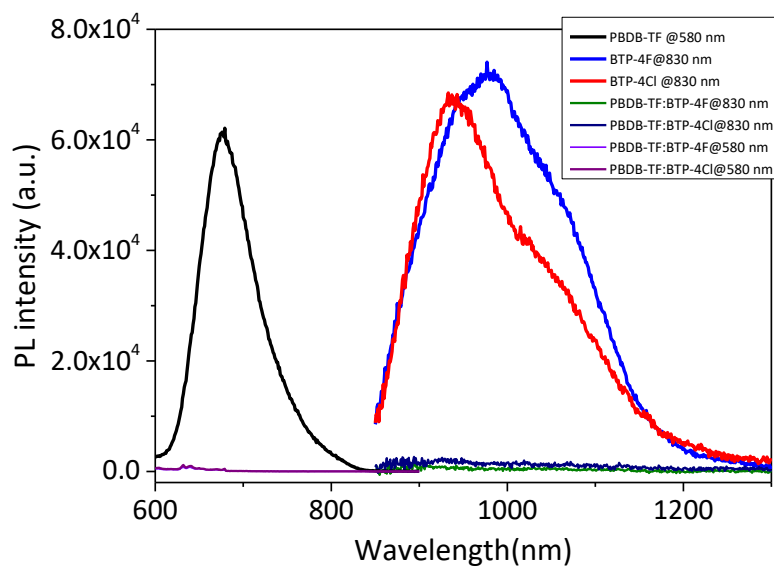
**Supplementary Figure 4. a** Normalized absorption spectra of the BTP-4X in diluted solutions. **b** Absorption coefficients of the BTP-4X films.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** Molecular energy levels determined by the SWV plots.



**Supplementary Figure 6.** UPS spectra of the acceptors: **a** the onset and **b** cutoff of the binding energy.



**Supplementary Figure 7.** PL spectra of the neat and blend films.



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

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有效面积 (mm <sup>2</sup> )	短路电流 $I_{sc}$ (mA)	开路电压 $V_{oc}$ (V)	最大功率 $P_{max}$ (mW)
9.047	2.271	0.837	1.432

最大功率电流 $I_{max}$ (mA)	最大功率电压 $V_{max}$ (V)	填充因子 FF (%)	转换效率(PCE) $\eta$ (%)
2.076	0.690	75.36	15.83

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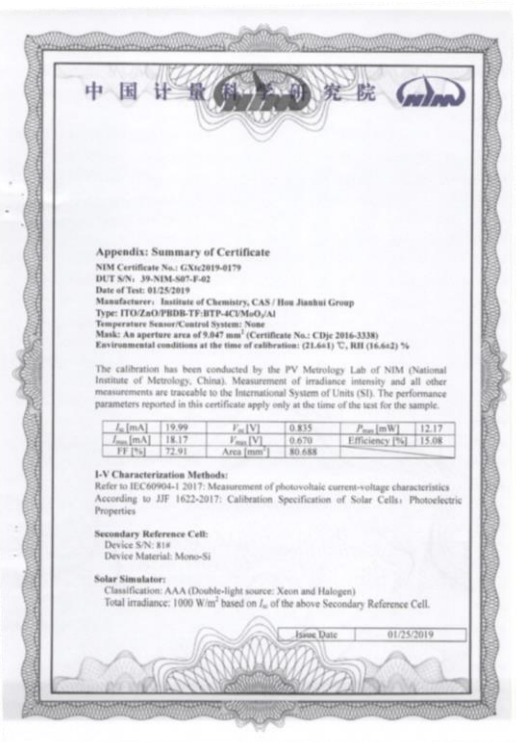
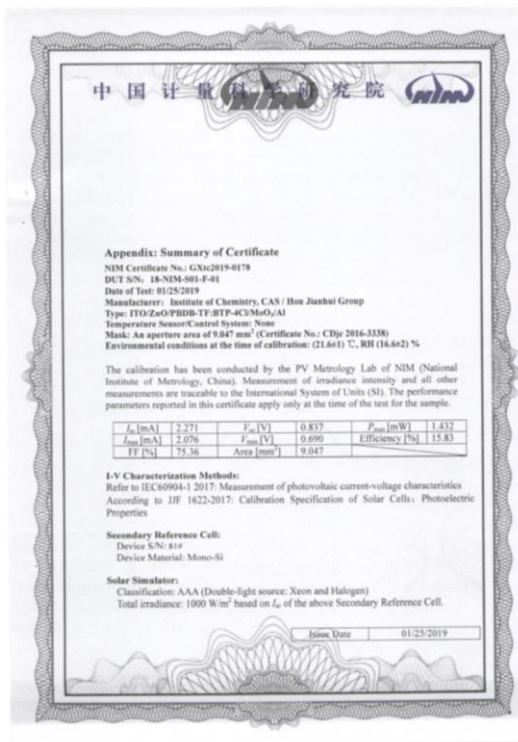
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80.688	19.99	0.835	12.17

最大功率电流 $I_{max}$ (mA)	最大功率电压 $V_{max}$ (V)	填充因子 FF (%)	转换效率(PCE) $\eta$ (%)
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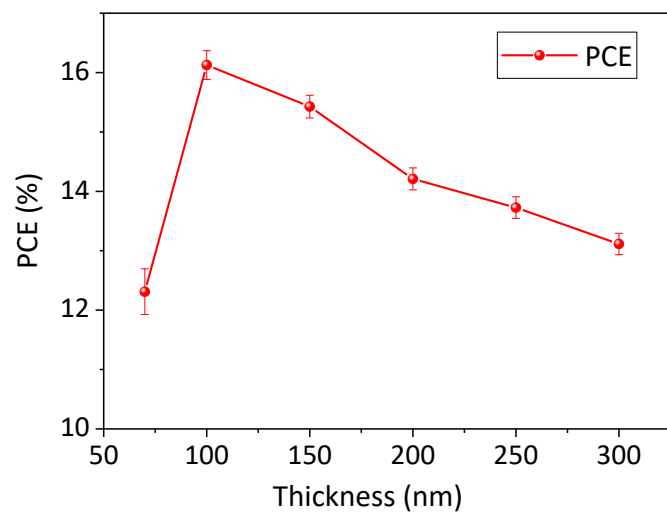
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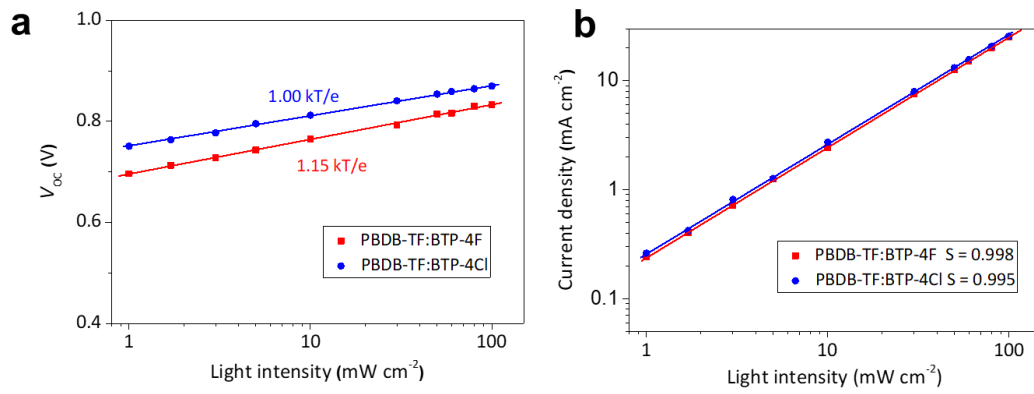
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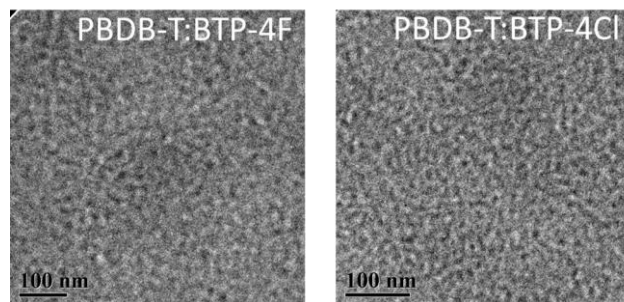
Supplementary Figure 8. Certification of the photovoltaic efficiency of the devices.



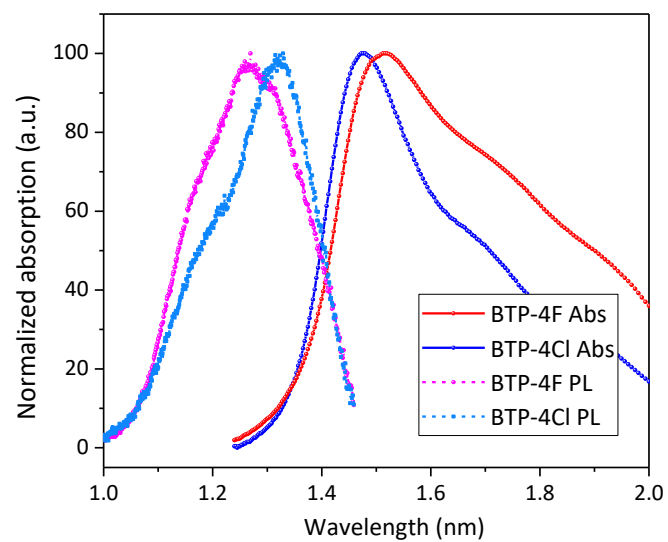
**Supplementary Figure 9.** PCEs of PBDB-TF:BTP-4Cl-based devices at varied active layer thicknesses.



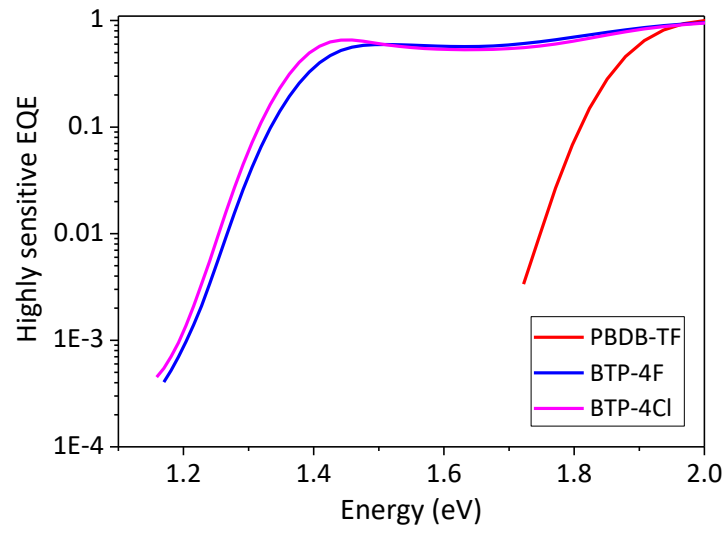
**Supplementary Figure 10.**  $V_{oc}$  and  $J_{sc}$  dependences on the light intensity.



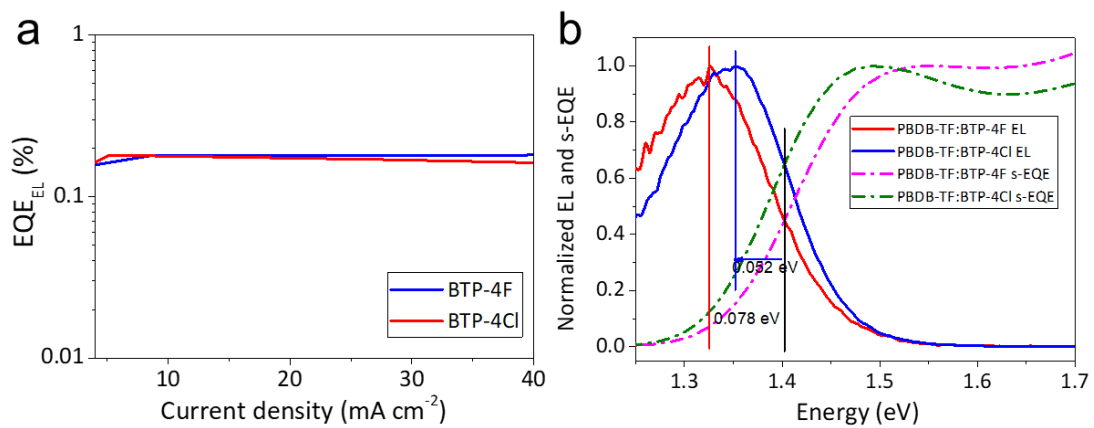
**Supplementary Figure 11.** TEM images of the blend films for PBDB-TF:BTP-4X.



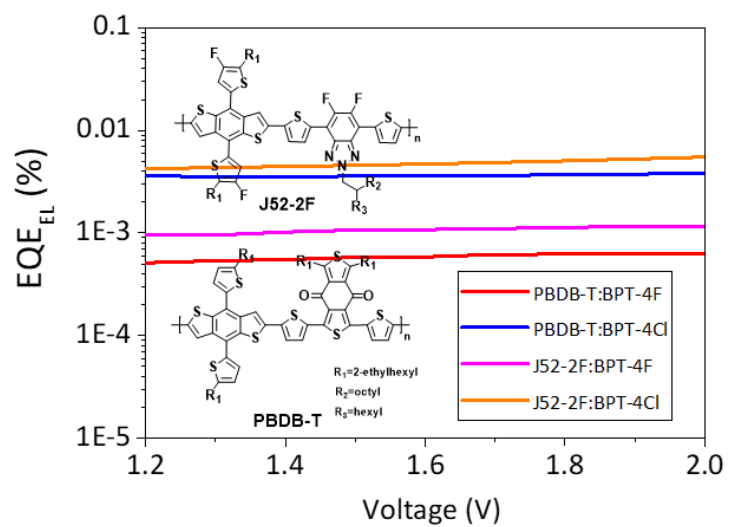
**Supplementary Figure 12.** Absorption and PL spectra of low bandgap BTP-4X acceptors.



**Supplementary Figure 13.** Highly sensitive EQE curves of neat materials.

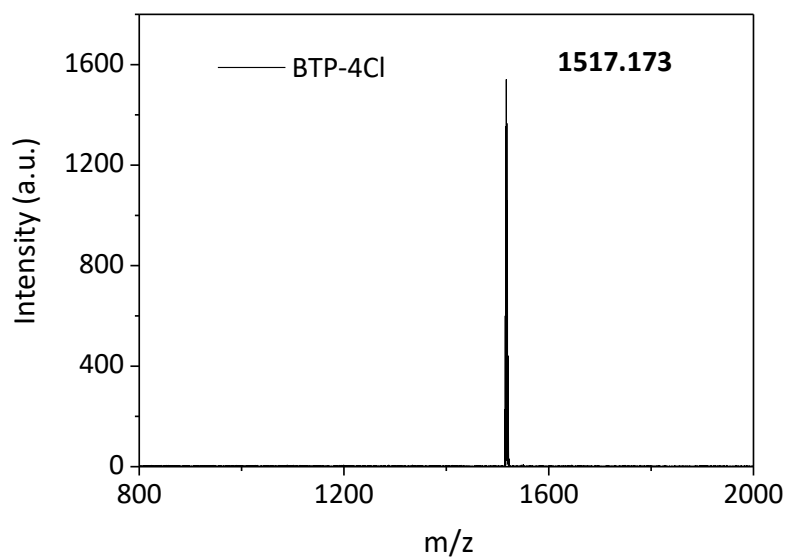
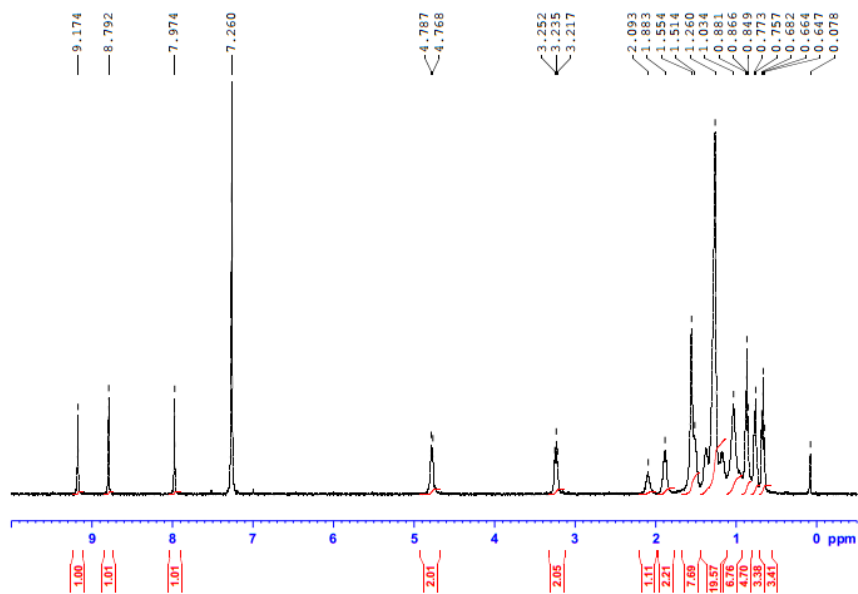


**Supplementary Figure 14. a.** EQE<sub>EL</sub> of the neat acceptor films. **b.** Normalized EL and s-EQE of the blend films.



**Supplementary Figure 15.** The  $EQE_{EL}$  of the different blend combinations based on polymer donors of PBDB-T or J52-2F.





Supplementary Figure 16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and MS-MALDI spectra of the BTP-4Cl.

## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

**Supplementary Table 1.** Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PBDB-TF:BTP-4Cl-based devices processed by varied conditions.

1) To get the best D/A ratio, 0.5 v/v of CN is used as the solvent additive, the films are thermally annealed at 100 °C for 10 min.

D/A	$V_{OC}$ (V)	$J_{SC}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
1.2:1	0.869	24.6	73.8	15.8 (15.5 ± 0.2)
<b>1:1</b>	0.864	25.3	73.1	16.0 (15.7 ± 0.2)
1:1.2	0.858	25.1	72.2	15.5 (15.1 ± 0.3)

2) To get the best CN content, the D/A ratio is kept at 1:1, and the films are thermally annealed at 100 °C for 10 min.

CN v/v	$V_{OC}$ (V)	$J_{SC}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
without	0.869	24.2	0.641	13.5 (13.2 ± 0.2)
0.5	0.864	25.3	0.731	16.0 (15.7 ± 0.2)
1	0.865	25.3	0.742	16.2 (15.8 ± 0.2)
<b>2</b>	0.867	25.4	0.750	16.5 (16.1 ± 0.2)
3	0.864	24.1	0.752	15.7 (15.1 ± 0.4)

3) The following is the optimization of the thermal annealing temperature, where D/A ratio is 1:1, CN v/v is 2%.

Temperature	$V_{OC}$ (V)	$J_{SC}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
80°C	0.870	25.2	0.741	16.2 (15.9 ± 0.2)
<b>100°C</b>	0.867	25.4	0.750	16.5 (16.1 ± 0.2)
120°C	0.859	25.5	0.739	16.2 (15.8 ± 0.2)
140°C	0.853	24.7	0.728	15.3 (15.0 ± 0.2)

**Supplementary Table 2.** Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PBDB-TF:BTP-4Cl-based devices at varied active layer thicknesses.

Thickness (nm)	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ ( $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$ )	FF	PCE (%)
$70 \pm 5$	0.865	20.7	0.721	12.9 ( $12.3 \pm 0.4$ )
$100 \pm 4$	0.867	25.4	0.750	16.5 ( $16.1 \pm 0.2$ )
$150 \pm 6$	0.866	25.6	0.714	15.8 ( $15.4 \pm 0.2$ )
$200 \pm 6$	0.861	26.1	0.644	14.5 ( $14.2 \pm 0.2$ )
$250 \pm 10$	0.857	26.7	0.613	14.0 ( $13.7 \pm 0.2$ )
$300 \pm 8$	0.854	27.2	0.578	13.4 ( $13.1 \pm 0.2$ )

**Supplementary Table 3.** The charge mobilities of the blend measured by SCLC method.

Blend	hole mobility	electron mobility	$\mu_h/\mu_e$
	$\mu_h$ ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\mu_e$ ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	
PBDB-TF:BTP-4F	$1.25 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.33 \times 10^{-5}$	1.7
PBDB-TF:BTP-4Cl	$2.12 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-4}$	1.3

**Supplementary Table 4.** The coherence length (CL) of (010) peaks for the films.

Materials	(010) Peak position ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	(010) FWHM	(010) CL (nm)
BTP-4F	1.75	0.28	2.02
BTP-4Cl	1.75	0.27	2.09
PBDB-TF: BTP-4F	1.75	0.28	2.02
PBDB-TF: BTP-4Cl	1.75	0.28	2.02

**Supplementary Table 5.** Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the devices based on different polymer donors (PBDB-T and J52-2F) and BTP-4X acceptors.

Devices	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ ( $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$ )	FF	PCE (%)	$\Delta E_3$ (eV)
J52-2F:BTP-4F	0.770	25.4	0.679	13.3 ( $13.0 \pm 0.2$ )	0.294
J52-2F:BTP-4Cl	0.797	25.8	0.700	14.4 ( $14.1 \pm 0.2$ )	0.254
PBDB-T:BTP-4F	0.711	25.1	0.626	11.2 ( $10.8 \pm 0.2$ )	0.318
PBDB-T:BTP-4Cl	0.774	25.5	0.609	12.0 ( $11.6 \pm 0.3$ )	0.265

### **Supplementary Method.**

**Material.** The core unit of BT-CHO was synthesized by referencing the reported literature.<sup>1,2</sup> The electron-accepting unit was synthesized in our previous work.<sup>3,4</sup> Other reagents and solvents used were purchased from commercial sources and used as received.

### **Synthesis of the BTP-4Cl.**

The core compound BT-CHO (205 mg, 0.2 mmol) and the electron-accepting unit (263 mg, 1 mmol) were added to the chloroform (15 mL) under the protection of argon. Then, 0.5 mL of pyridine was added slowly. The reaction was stirred for 5 hours at room temperature. The mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using chloroform as the eluent. 225 mg of black solid was obtained as the product (yield 74%). MS (MALDI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>82</sub>H<sub>86</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: 1517.424; Found 1517.173. Analytical calculation for C<sub>82</sub>H<sub>86</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: C, 64.89; H, 5.71; N, 7.38. Experimental result: C, 64.55; H, 5.99; N, 6.97. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and MS spectra are provided as **Supplementary Figure 16**. As BTP-4Cl has a limited solubility in chloroform, it's hard to get clear <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum, therefore we don't provide it here.

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