

Supplementary Information
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Simultaneous Enhanced Efficiency and Thermal Stability in Organic
Solar Cells From A Polymer Acceptor Additive

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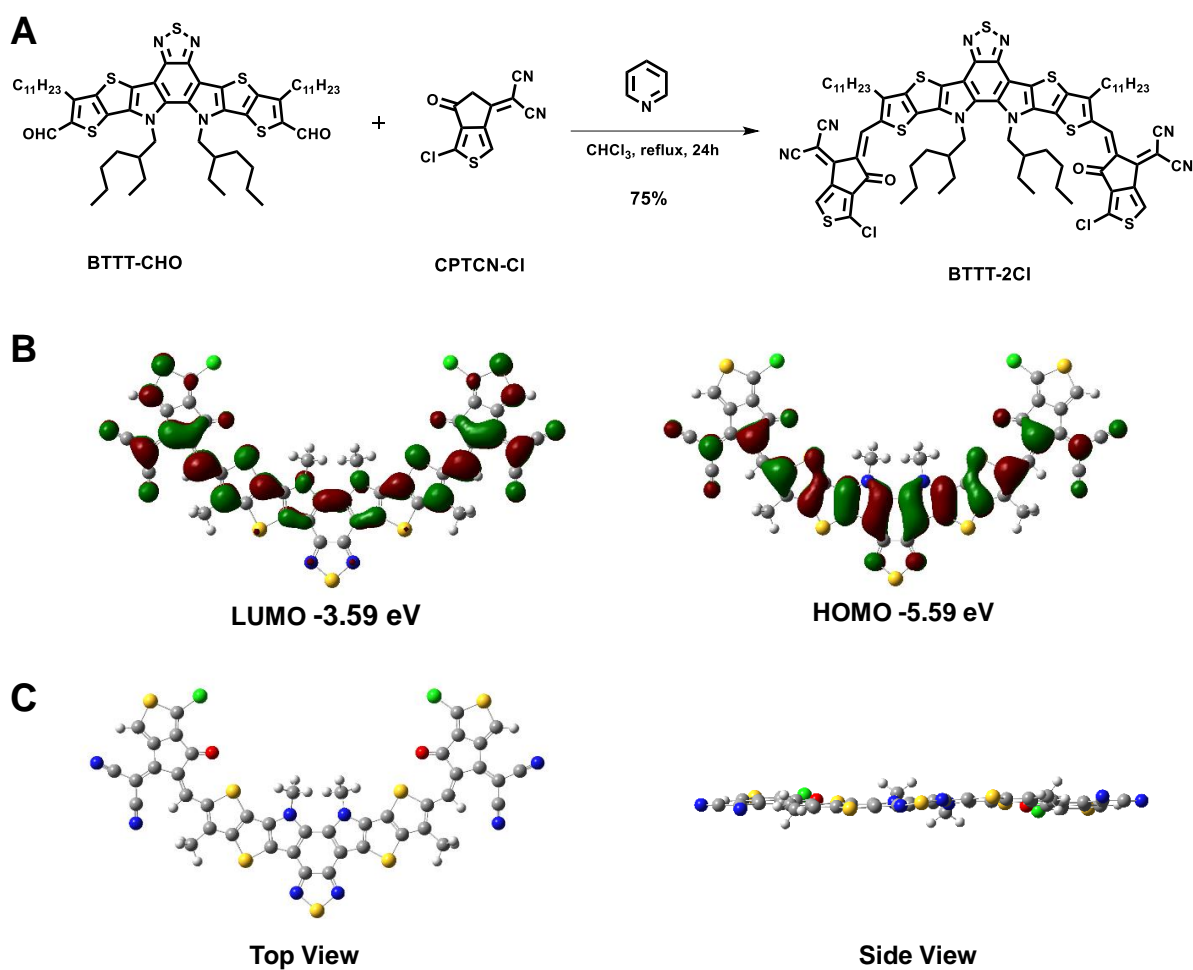
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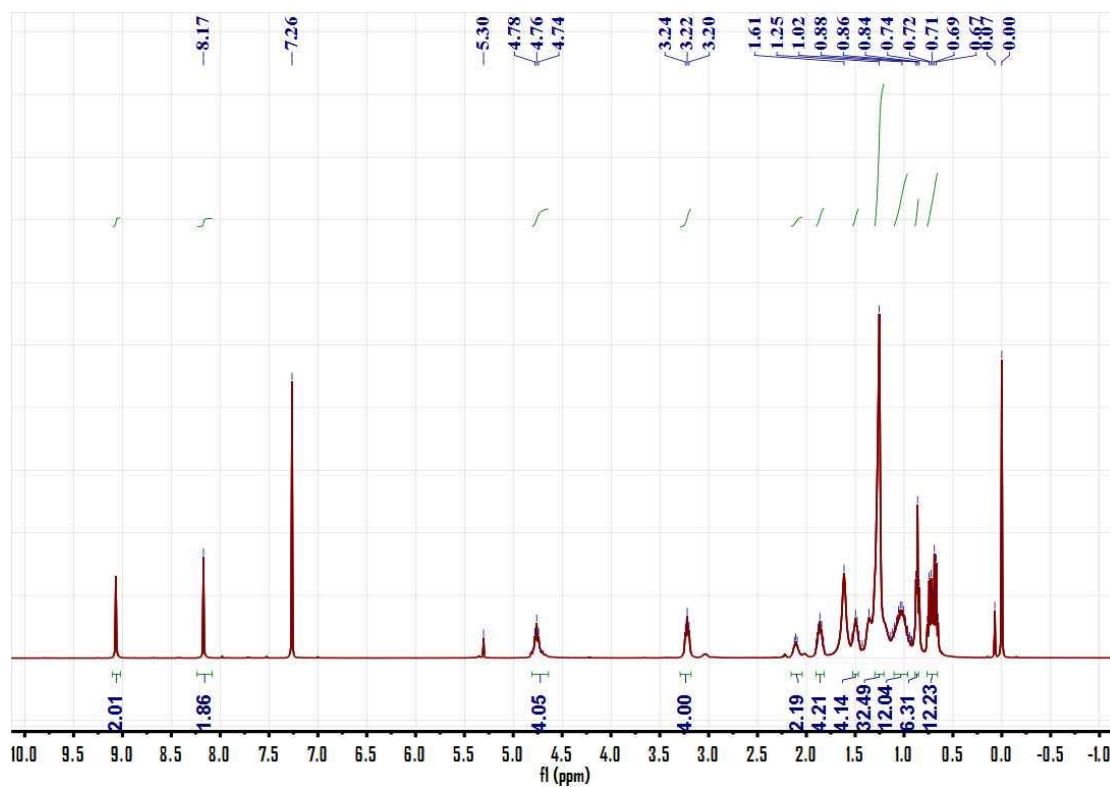
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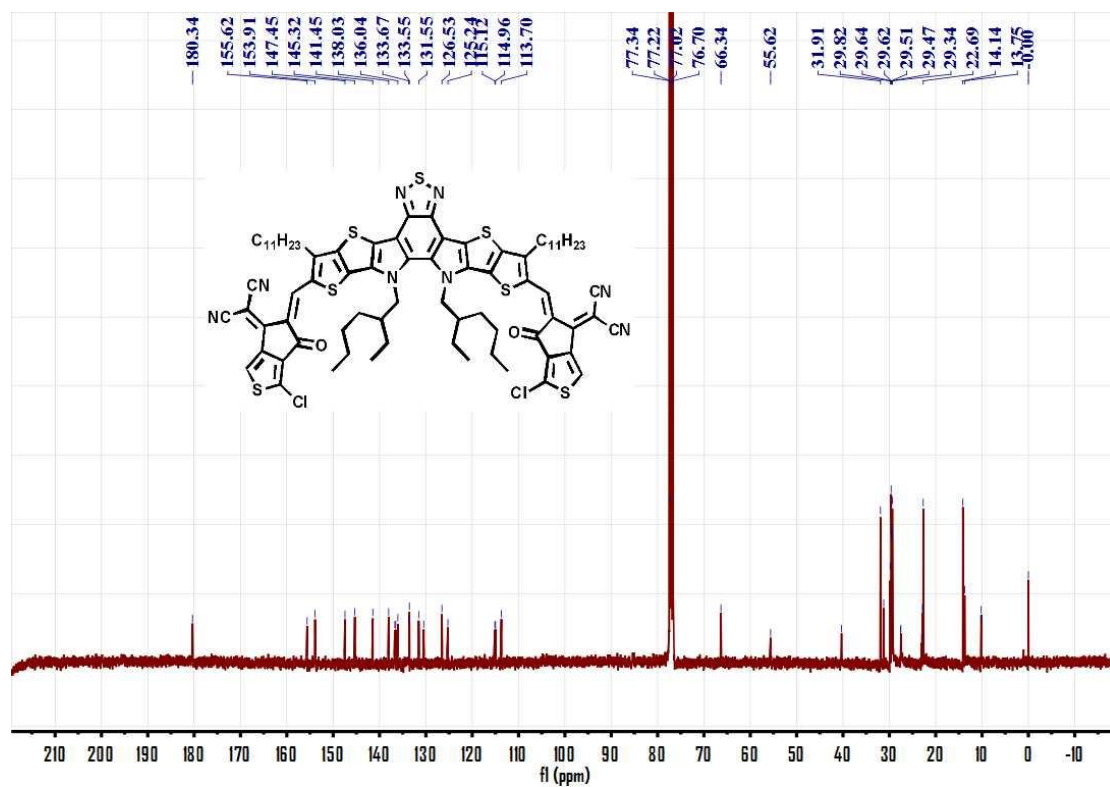
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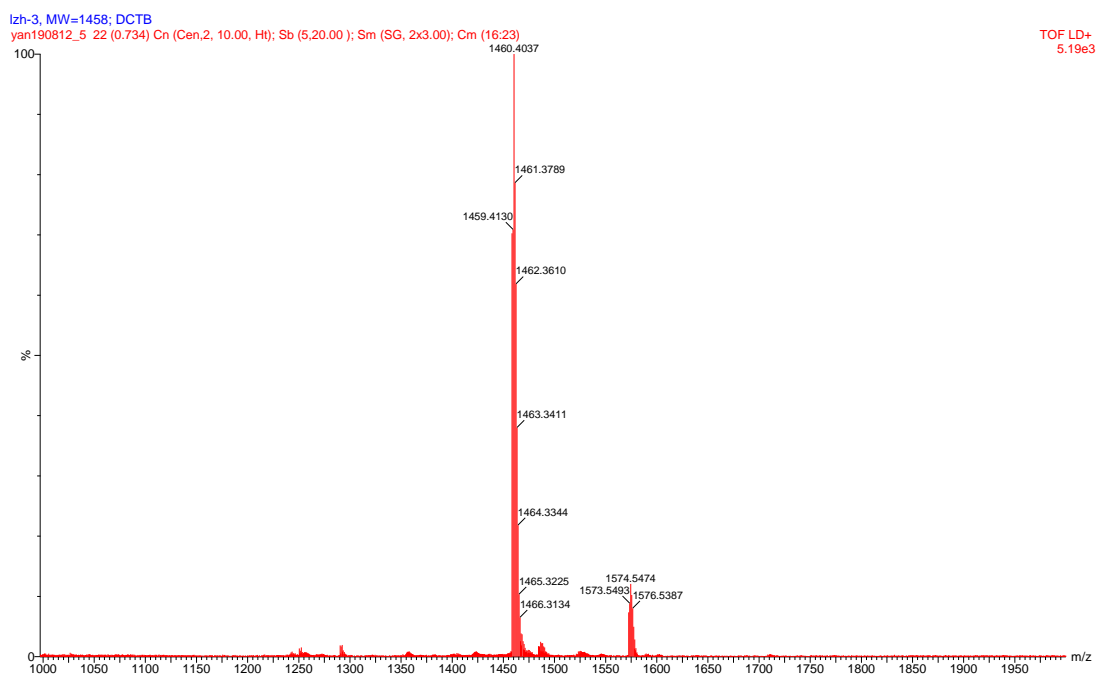
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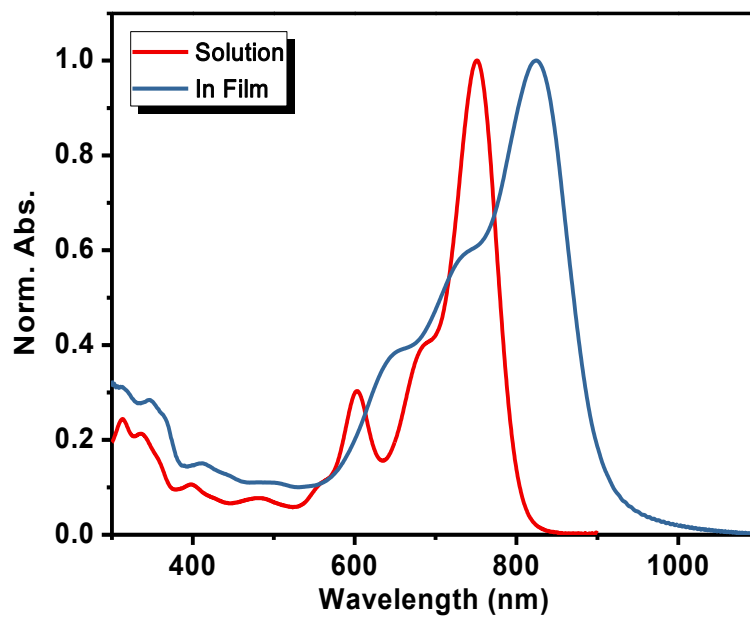
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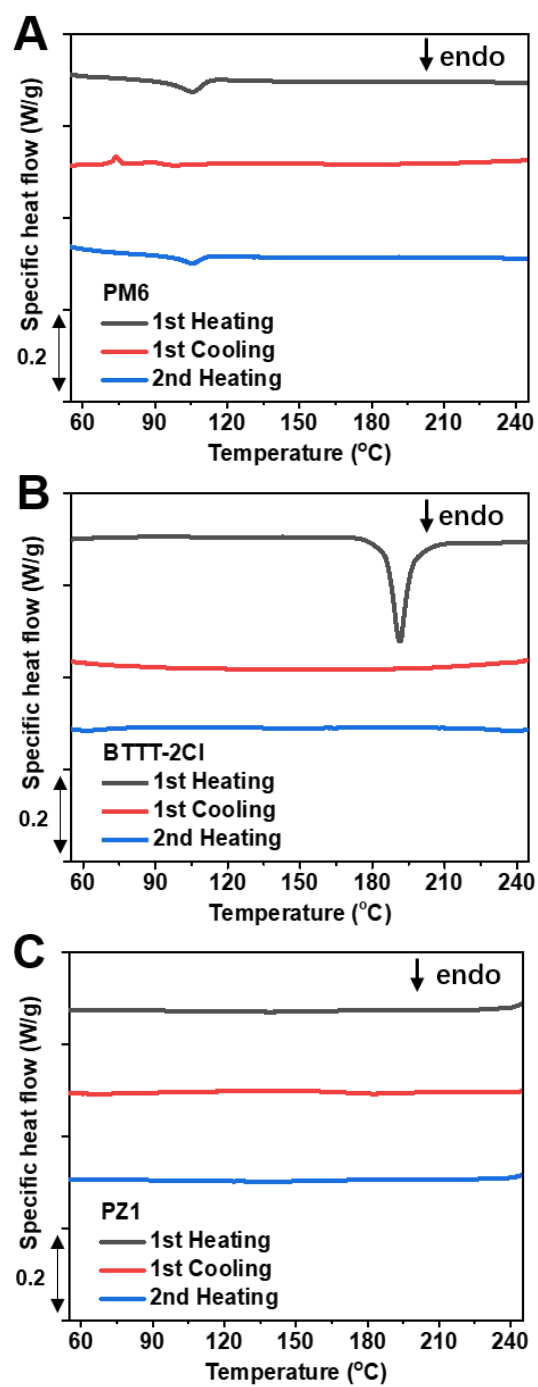
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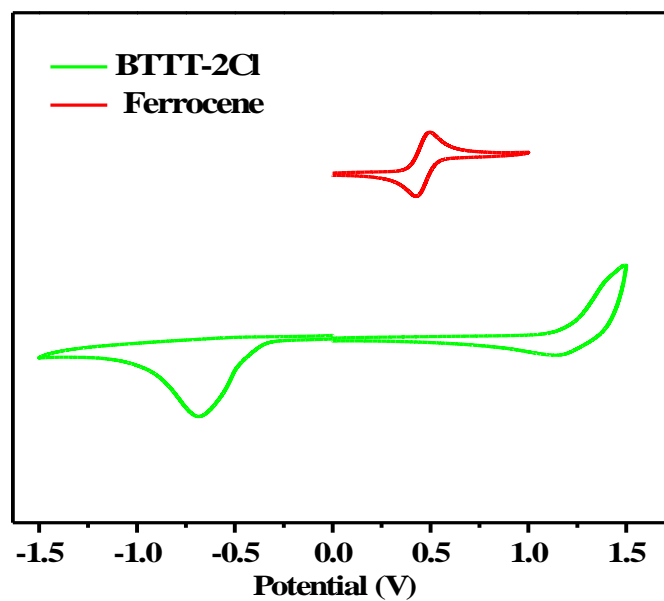
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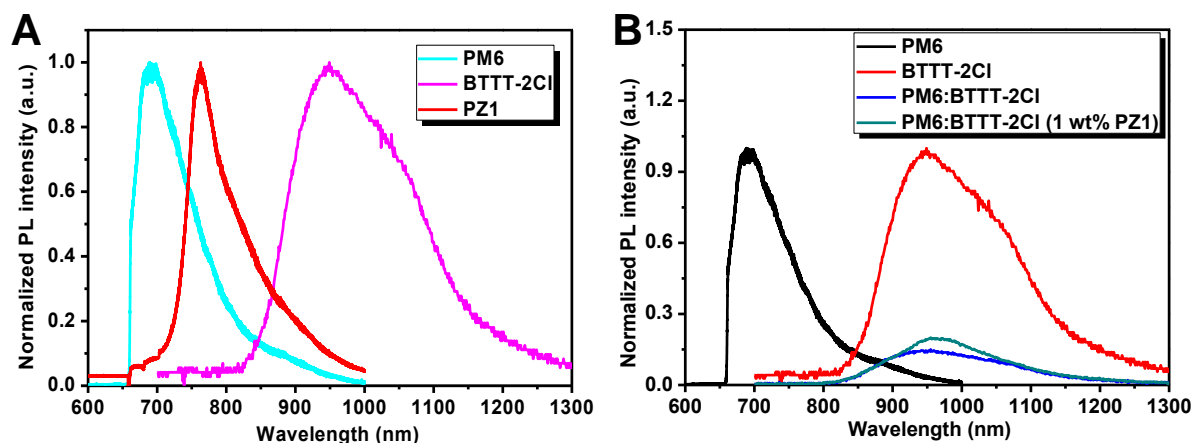
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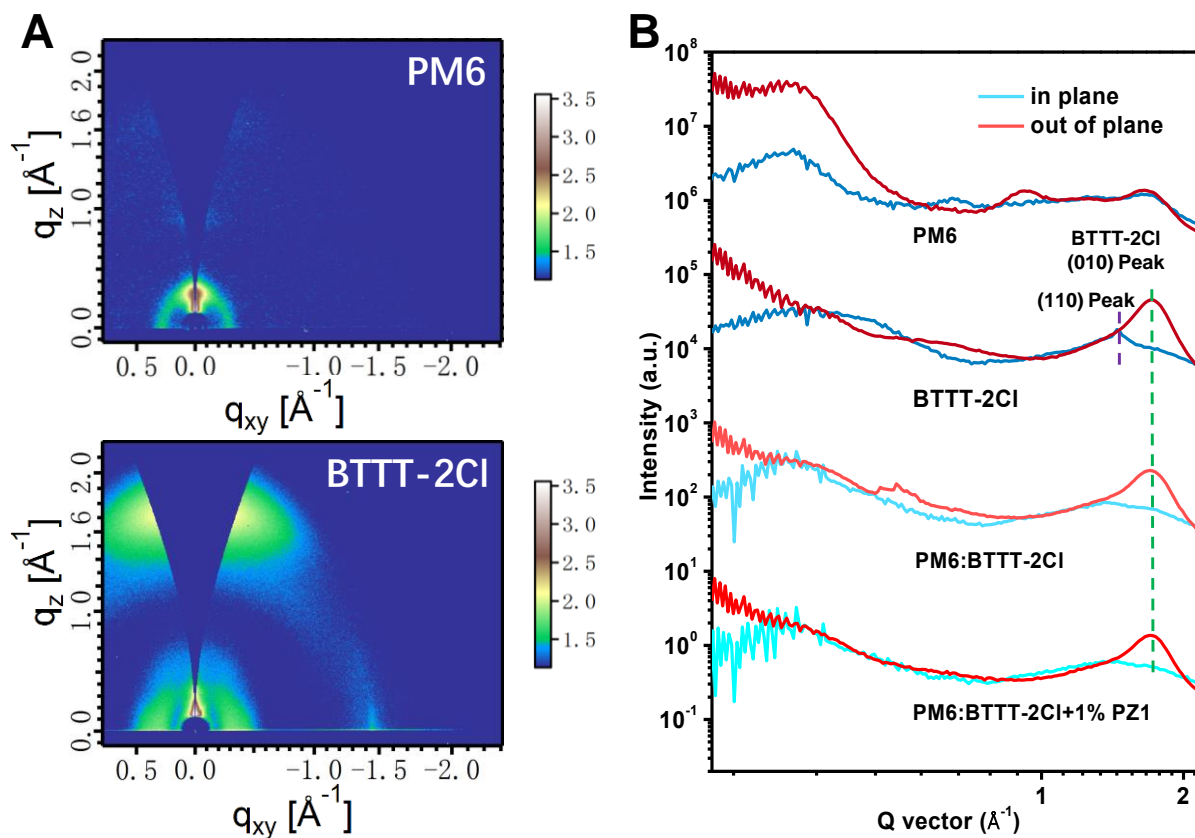
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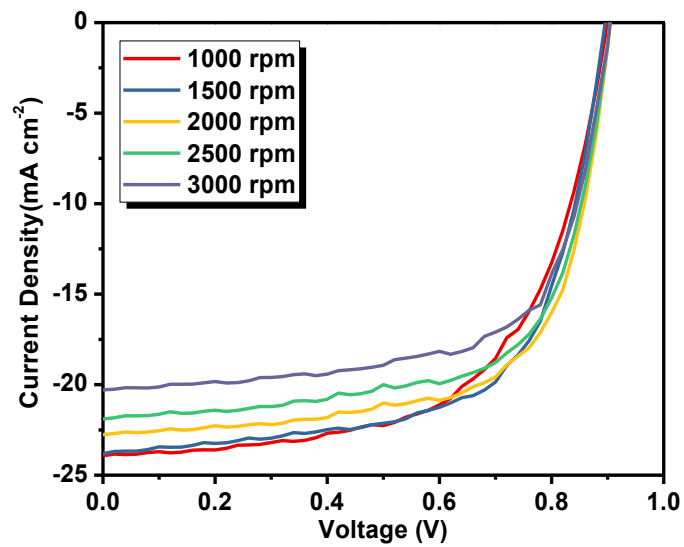
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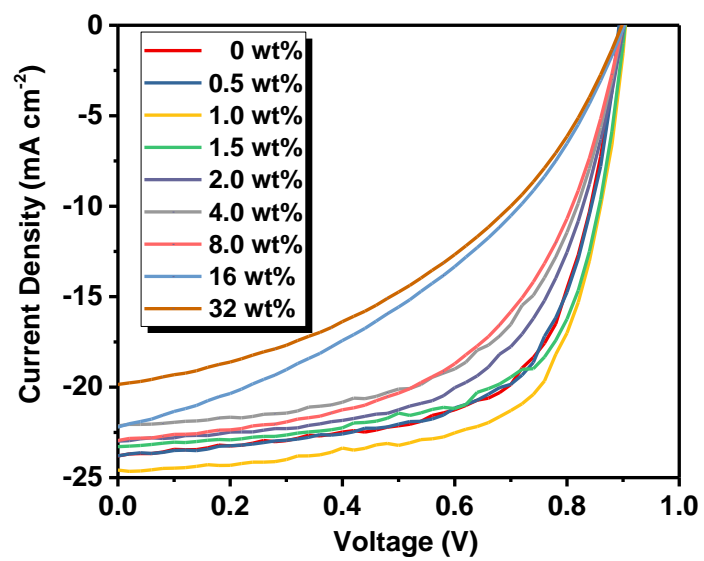
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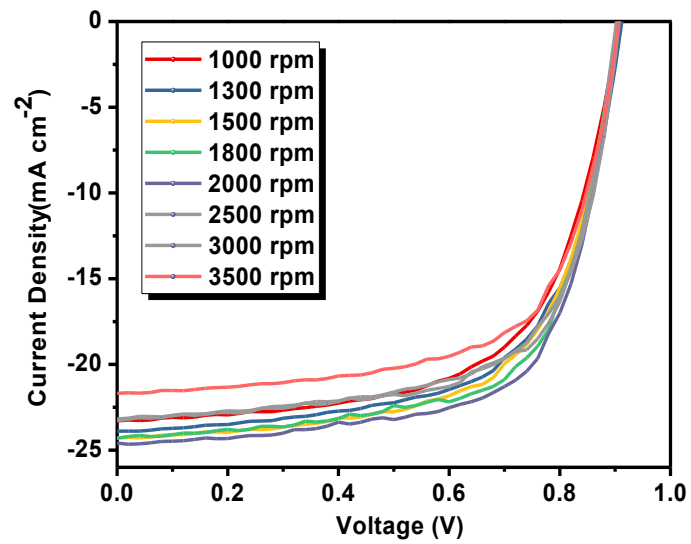
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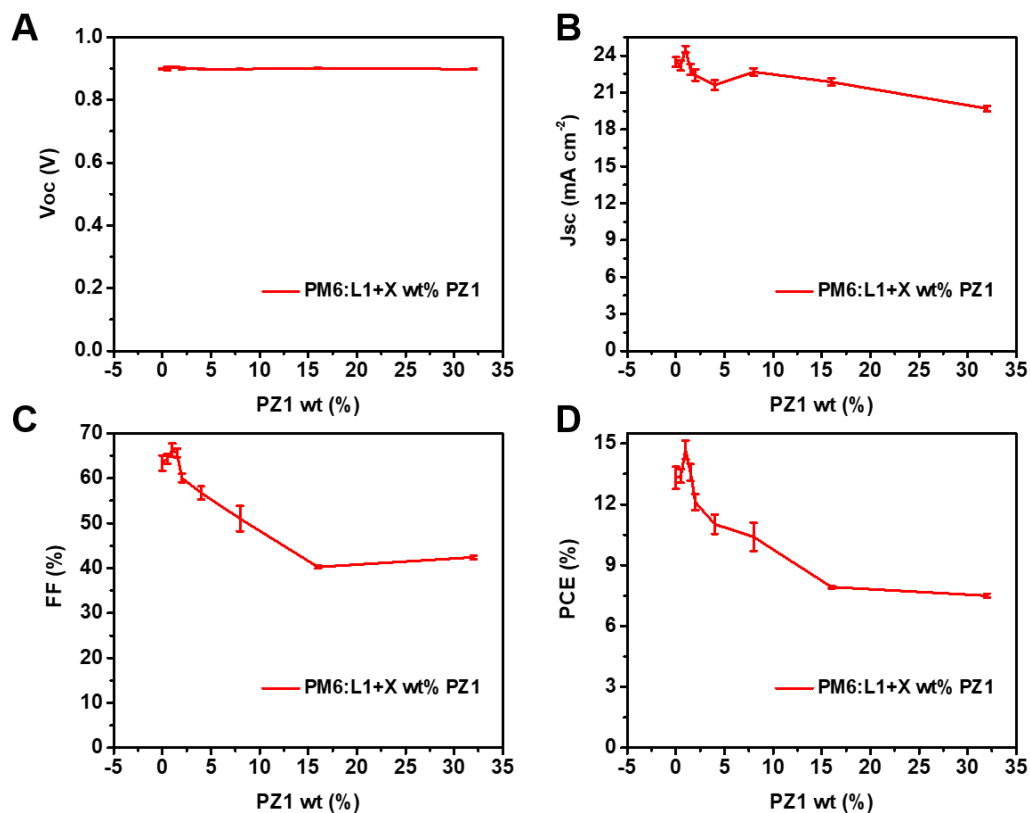
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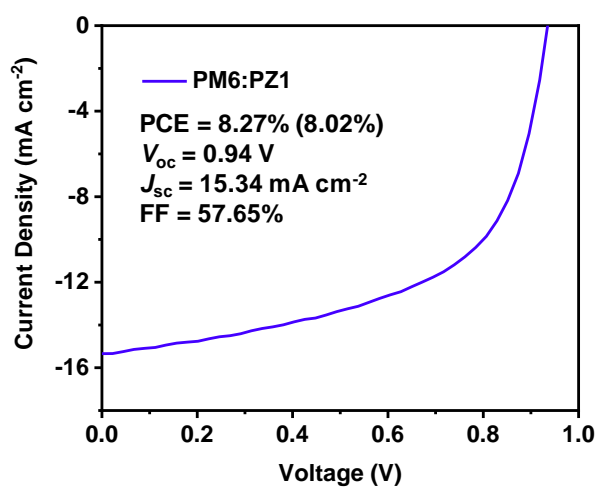
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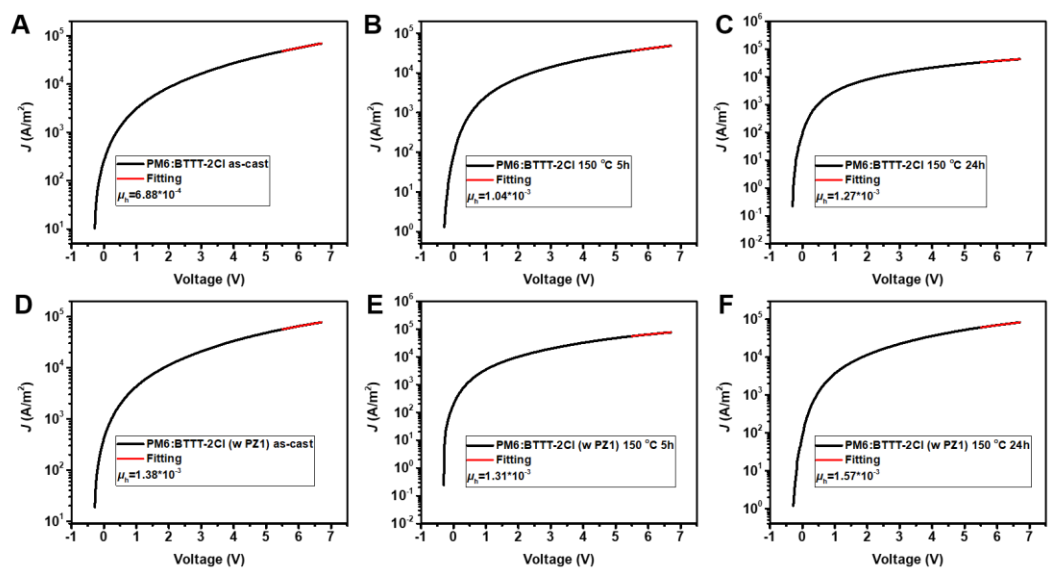
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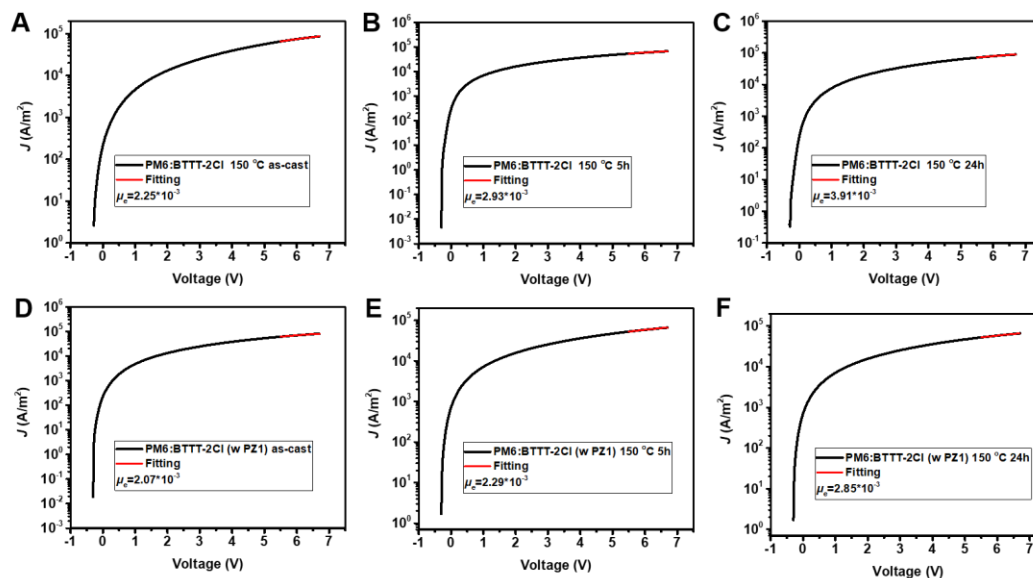
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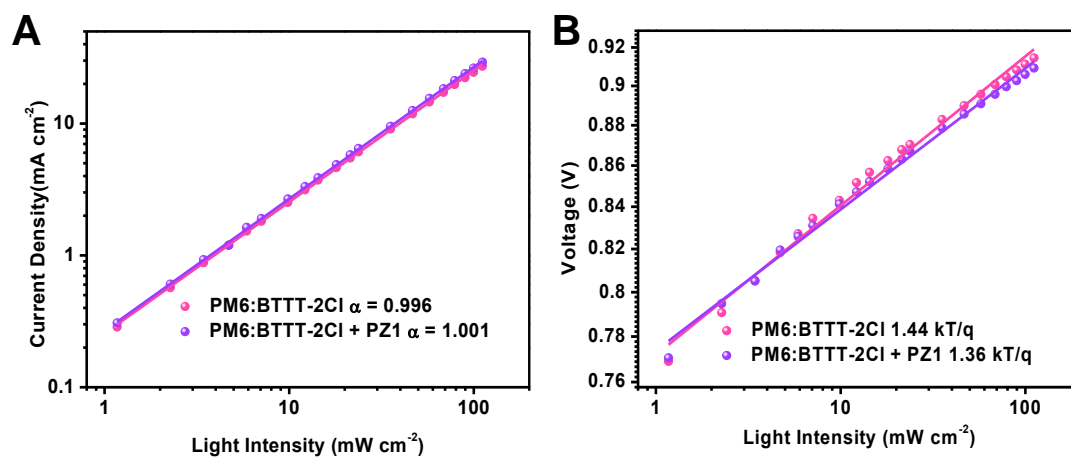
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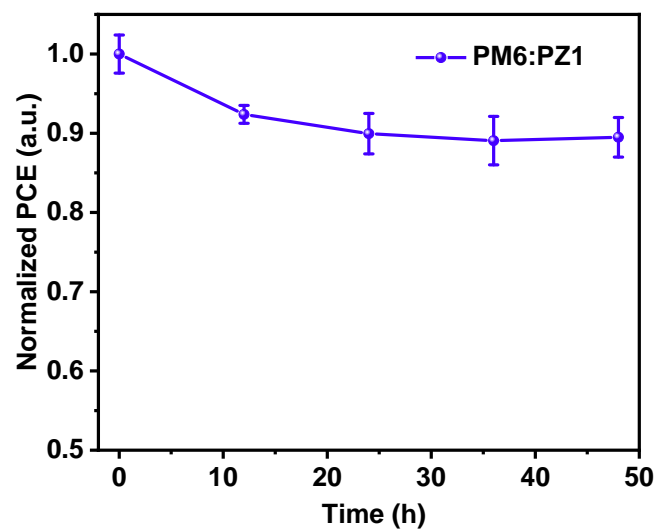
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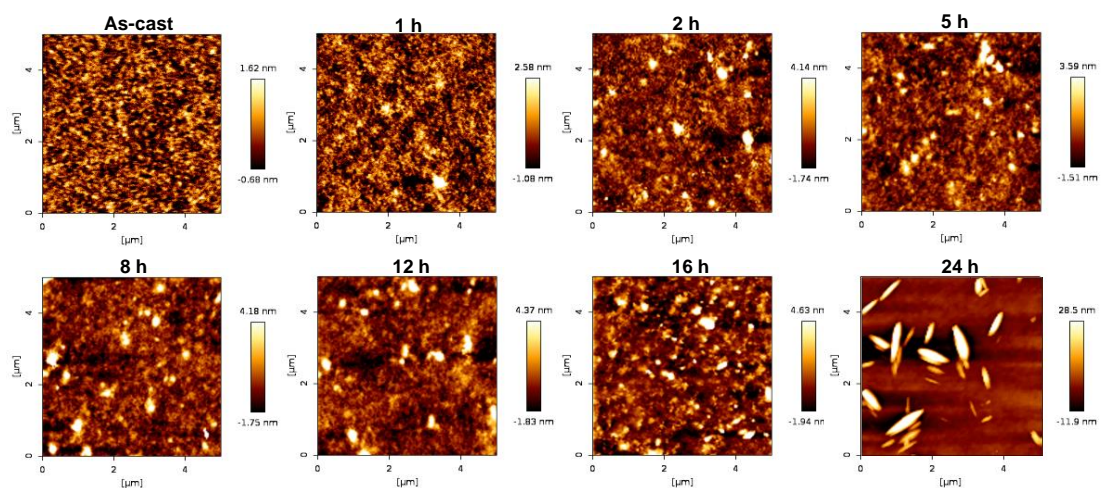
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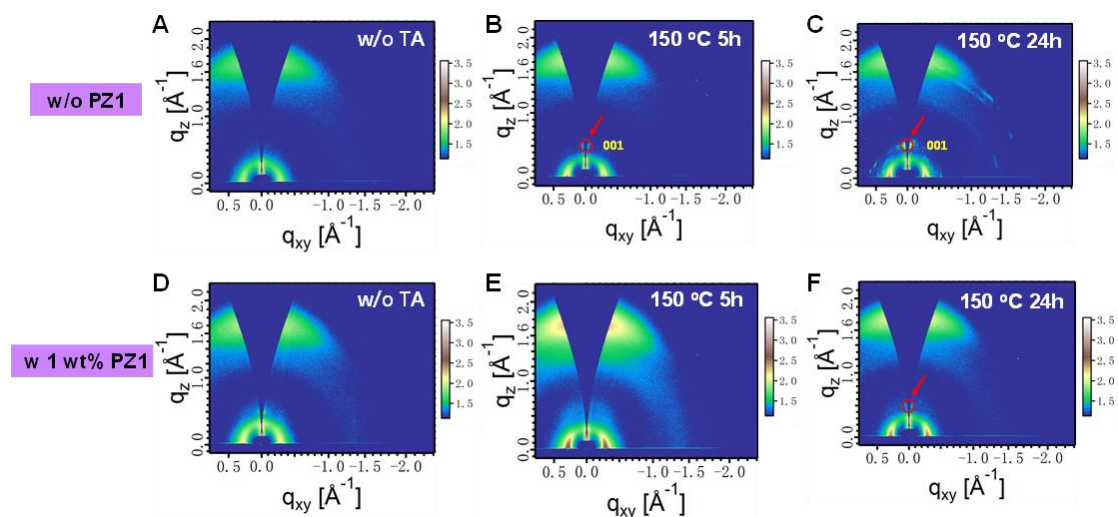
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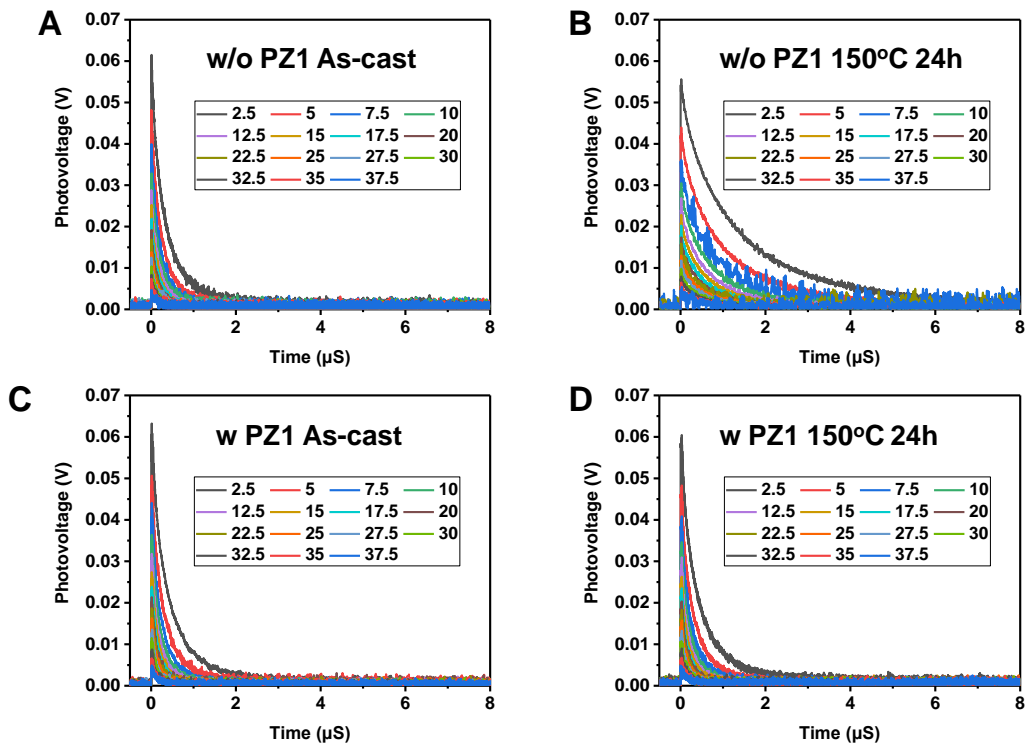
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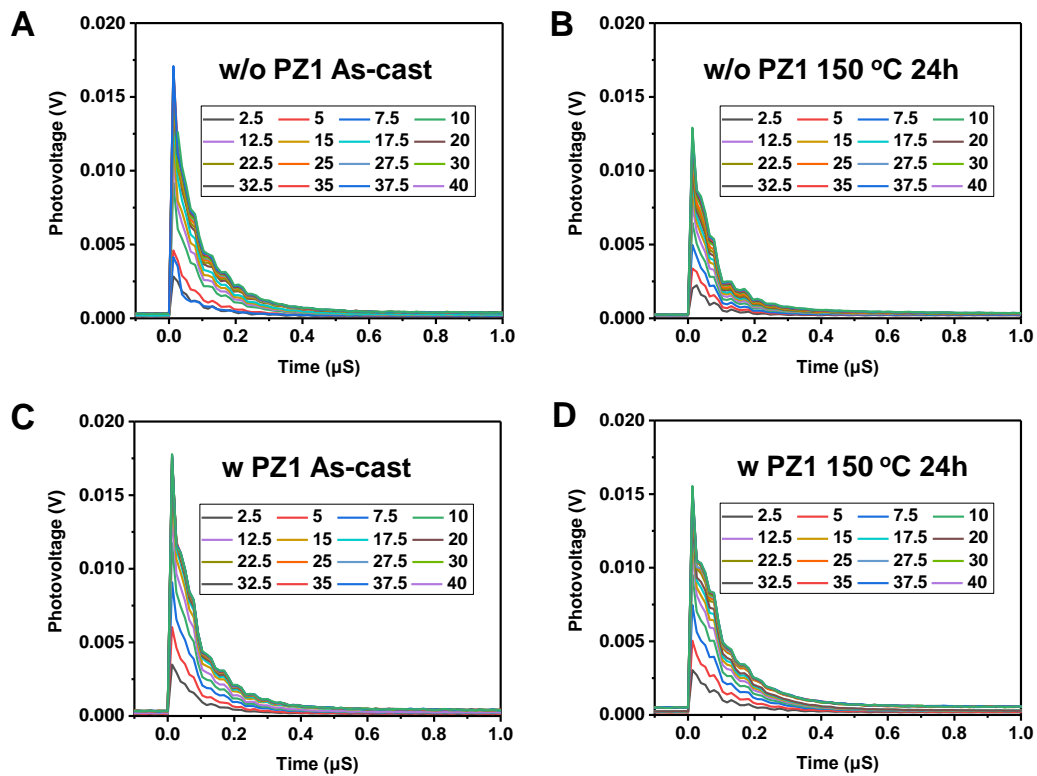
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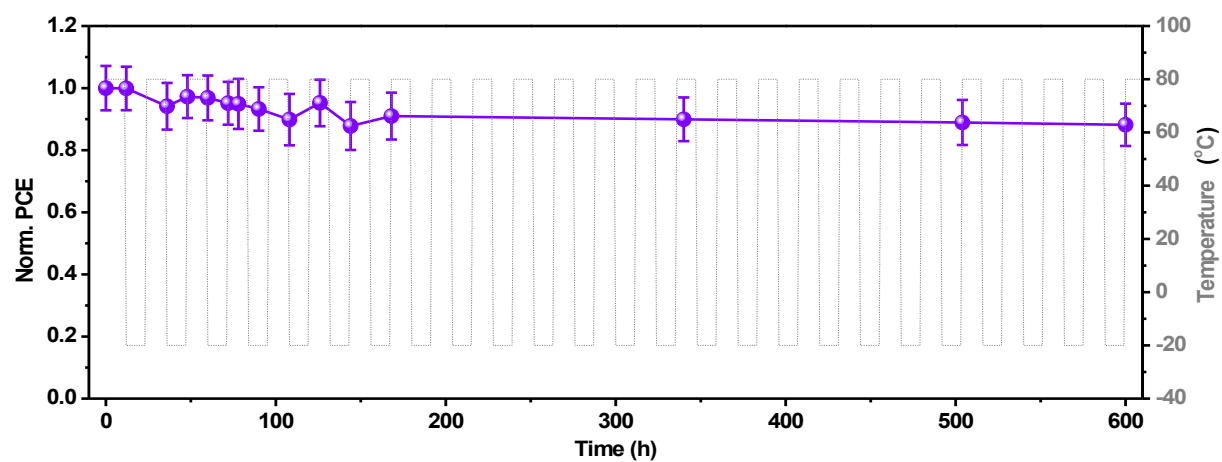
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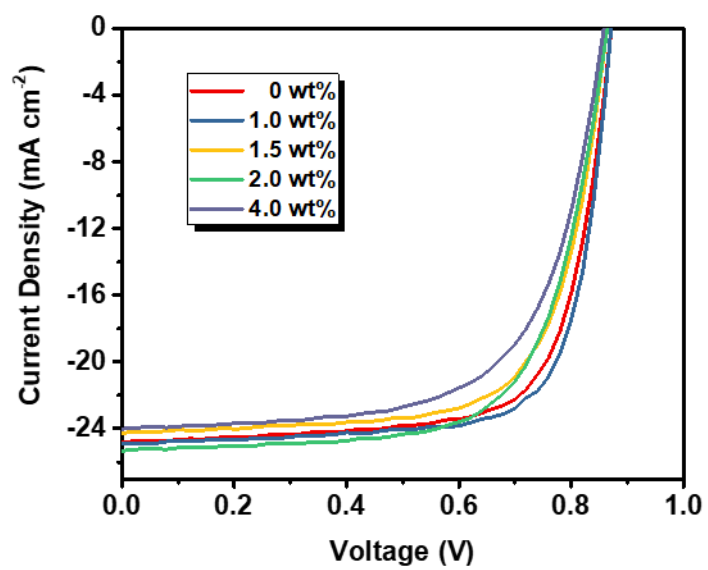
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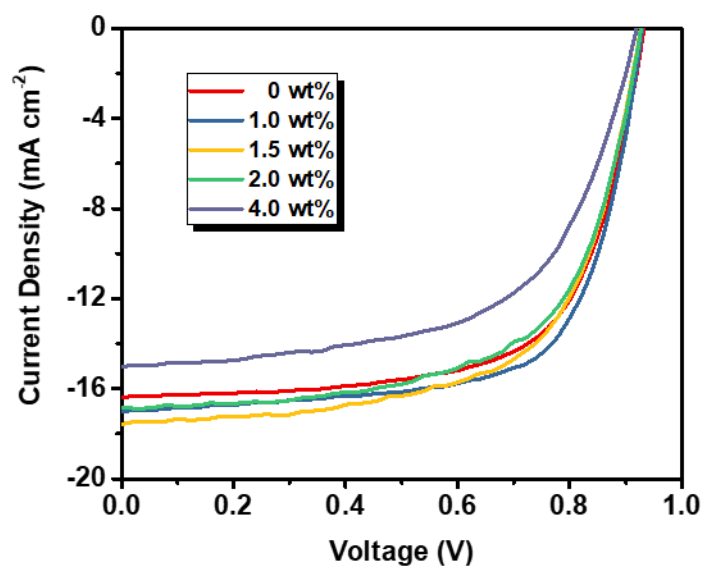
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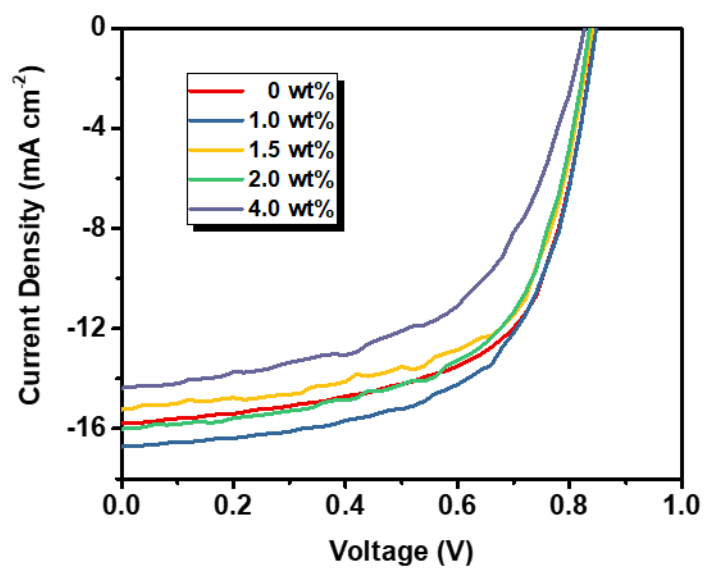
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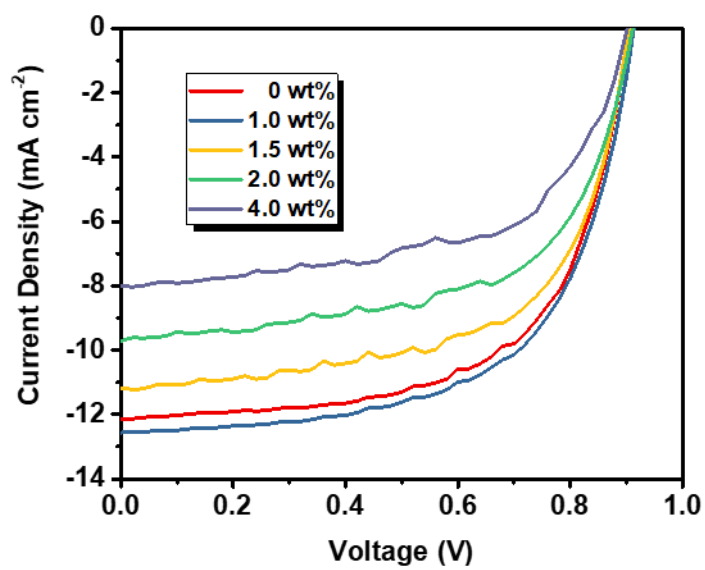
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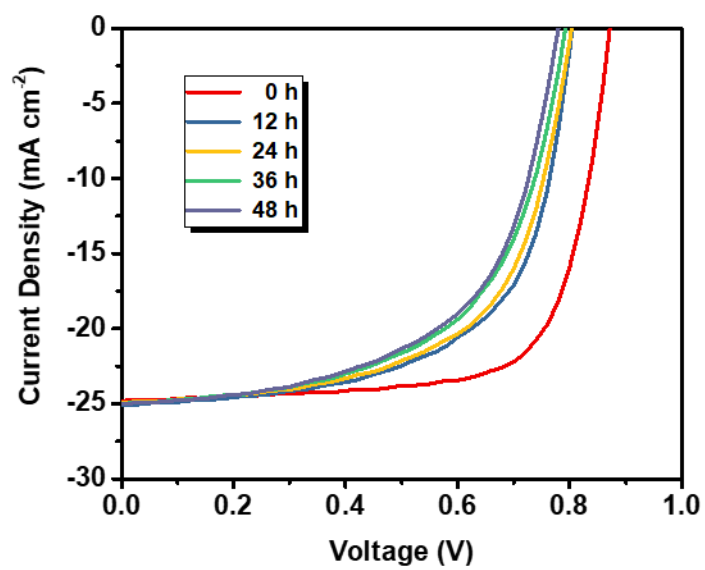
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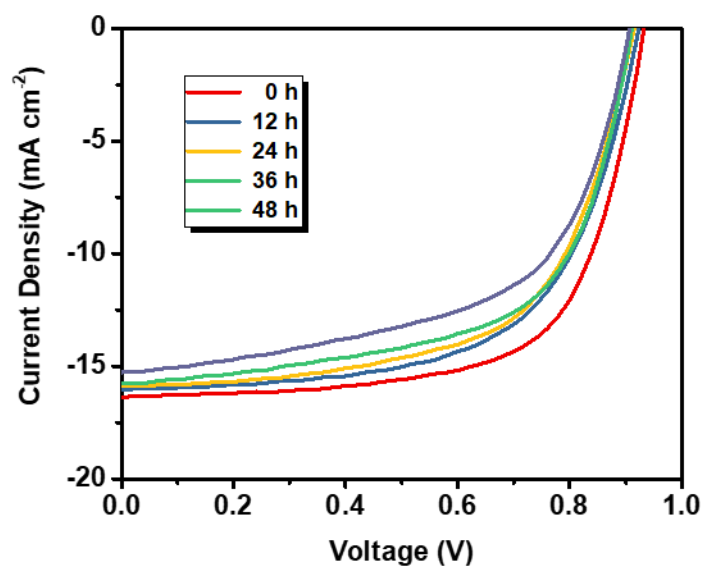
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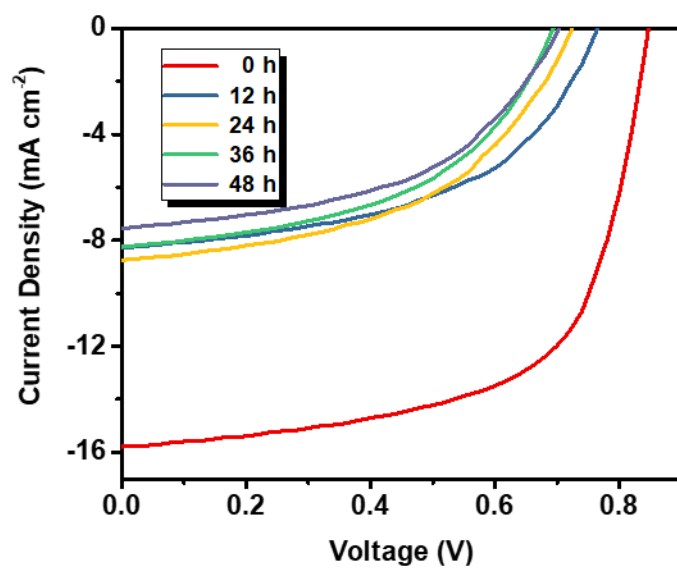
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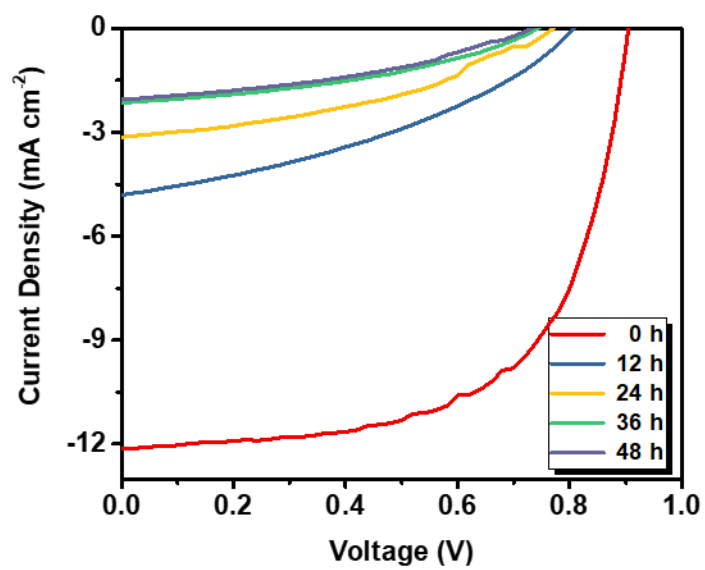
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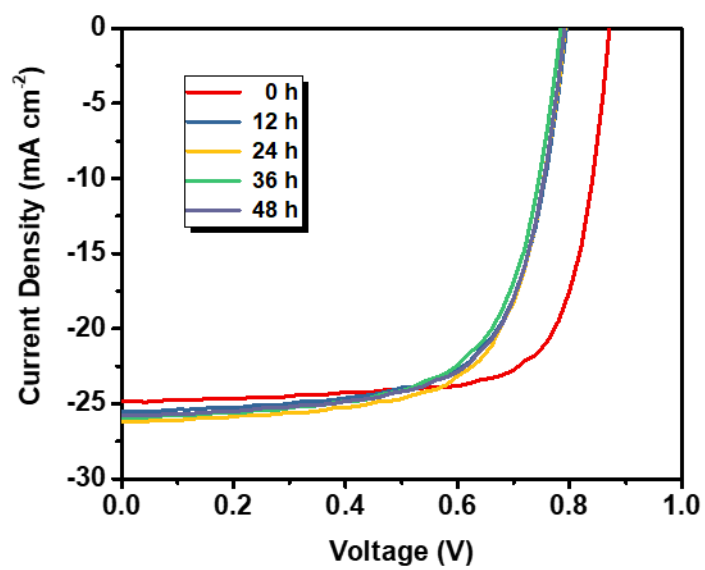
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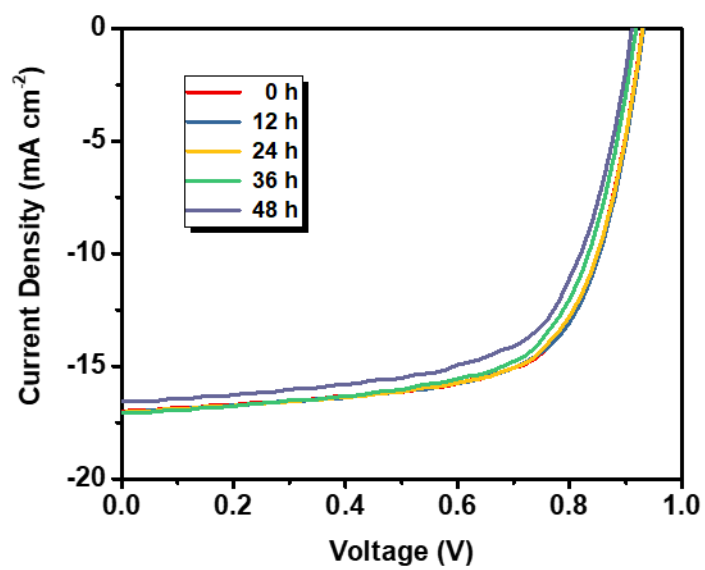
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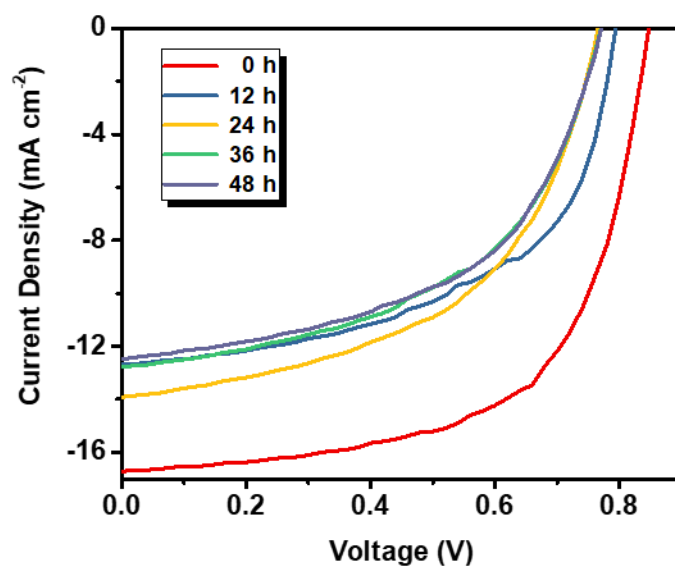
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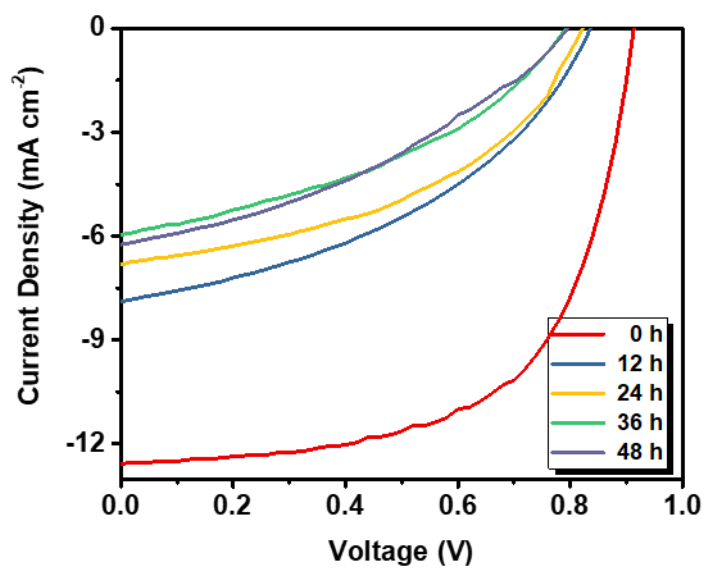
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Supplementary Figure 33. *J-V* curves of J71:ITIC blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.



Supplementary Figure 34. *J-V* curves of PTB7-Th:PC₇₀BM blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.



Supplementary Figure 35. *J-V* curves of BDT-3T-R:PC₇₀BM blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of optical properties and electronic energy levels of BTTT-2Cl.

Solution	Film	$E_g^{\text{opt}, c}$	HOMO ^d	LUMO ^d	E_g^{cv}	HOMO ^e	LUMO ^e
λ_{max}^a (nm)	λ_{max}^b (nm)	(eV)	(eV)	(eV)	(eV)	(eV)	(eV)
751	825	1.36	-5.61	-3.98	1.63	-5.59	-3.59

^a Measured in chloroform solution. ^b Cast from chloroform solution. ^c Bandgap estimated from the onset wavelength (λ_{edge}) of the optical absorption: $E_g^{\text{opt}} = 1240/\lambda_{\text{edge}}$.

^d Measured by electrochemical cyclic voltammetry. ^e Obtained by DFT calculation.

Supplementary Table 2. Photovoltaic parameters of PM6:BTTT-2Cl devices with different spin-coating speeds, measured under one sun illumination.

Speed [rpm]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
1000	0.90	23.92	60.54	13.04 (12.51)
1500	0.90	23.80	65.19	13.83 (13.30)
2000	0.90	22.76	66.56	13.71 (13.34)
2500	0.90	21.90	66.48	13.16 (12.45)
3000	0.90	20.29	66.23	12.10 (11.68)

^a The values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 3. Photovoltaic parameters of PM6:BTTT-2Cl devices with different PZ1 weight ratios.

PZ1 [x wt ⁰ %]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0	0.90	23.80	65.19	13.83 (13.30)
0.5	0.90	23.79	65.53	13.85 (13.40)
1.0	0.90	24.58	67.90	15.10 (14.69)
1.5	0.90	23.28	66.77	14.05 (13.58)
2.0	0.90	22.98	60.16	12.47 (12.11)
4.0	0.90	22.14	58.64	11.68 (11.02)
8.0	0.90	22.95	55.03	11.35 (10.40)
16.0	0.90	22.20	40.01	8.02 (7.93)
32.0	0.90	19.85	42.71	7.61 (7.50)

^a The values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 4. Photovoltaic parameters of PM6:BTTT-2Cl (1 wt% PZ1) devices with different spin-coating speeds.

Speed [rpm]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
1000	0.91	23.28	62.85	13.33 (12.98)
1300	0.91	23.89	63.51	13.84 (13.41)
1500	0.90	24.29	64.13	14.12 (13.86)
1800	0.90	24.30	66.55	14.62 (14.32)
2000	0.90	24.58	67.90	15.10 (14.69)
2500	0.90	23.27	67.52	14.18 (13.59)
3000	0.91	23.18	65.96	13.87 (13.25)
3500	0.91	21.68	65.68	12.92 (12.57)

^a The values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 5. Summary of morphology formation kinetics data for PM6:BTTT-2Cl films without and with 1 wt% PZ1 at 150 °C for different time periods.

Name	Peak 1		Peak 1	
	PM6 (100)- in plane		BTTT-2Cl (010)- out of plane	
	FWHM (Å ⁻¹)	CCL (nm)	FWHM (Å ⁻¹)	CCL (nm)
PM6:BTTT-2Cl fresh	0.083	76.17	0.32	19.94
PM6:BTTT-2Cl 150 °C 5h	0.065	96.91	0.25	24.83
PM6:BTTT-2Cl 150 °C 24h	0.069	91.13	0.23	26.96
Blend with 1 wt% PZ1 fresh	0.095	66.17	0.29	21.68
Blend with 1 wt% PZ1 150 °C 5h	0.067	94.29	0.28	22.53
Blend with 1 wt% PZ1 150 °C 24h	0.063	99.12	0.26	23.88

Supplementary Table 6. Details of the thermal cycling test profiles of the blends under the different spaces.

Simulation condition	Moon	Mars	Low earth orbital Satellite
One cycle time	29 day	25 h	102 min
Ramp time	0.5 day	1h	3 min
Highest temperature	117 °C	35 °C	117 °C
Lowest temperature	-173 °C	-143 °C	-173 °C
Test cycle numbers	3	3	6

Supplementary Table 7. Photovoltaic parameters of PM6:Y6 devices with different PZ1 weight ratios.

PZ1 [x wt ⁰ %]	<i>V</i> _{oc} [V]	<i>J</i> _{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0	0.87	24.82	72.02	15.53 (15.23)
1.0	0.87	24.86	74.29	16.08 (15.70)
1.5	0.86	24.26	69.79	14.62 (14.47)
2.0	0.86	25.33	67.99	14.88 (14.44)
4.0	0.86	24.00	65.04	13.42 (13.17)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 8. Photovoltaic parameters of J71:ITIC devices with different PZ1 weight ratios.

PZ1 [x wt ⁰ %]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0	0.93	16.37	66.66	10.18 (10.03)
1.0	0.93	16.99	68.51	10.83 (10.40)
1.5	0.93	17.57	63.56	10.35 (10.09)
2.0	0.93	16.83	63.53	9.92 (9.54)
4.0	0.92	15.02	59.55	8.22 (7.95)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 9. Photovoltaic parameters of PTB7-Th:PC₇₀BM devices with different PZ1 weight ratios.

PZ1 [x wt ⁰ %]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0	0.85	15.79	63.06	8.43 (8.21)
1.0	0.85	16.71	62.73	8.88 (8.59)
1.5	0.84	15.23	63.35	8.11 (7.74)
2.0	0.84	16.00	61.08	8.17 (7.81)
4.0	0.83	14.37	56.06	6.65 (6.37)

^a The values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 10. Photovoltaic parameters of BDT-3T-R:PC₇₀BM devices with different PZ1 weight ratios.

PZ1 [x wt%]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0	0.90	12.14	62.46	6.86 (6.52)
1.0	0.91	12.56	61.92	7.11 (6.99)
1.5	0.90	11.17	61.95	6.26 (6.10)
2.0	0.90	9.71	60.06	5.31 (4.98)
4.0	0.90	8.00	59.48	4.29 (4.02)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 11. Photovoltaic parameters of PM6:Y6 blends without PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.87	24.82	72.02	15.53 (15.23)
12 h	0.81	25.08	62.11	12.60 (12.28)
24 h	0.80	24.95	61.35	12.26 (11.99)
36 h	0.79	25.00	58.70	11.58 (11.21)
48 h	0.78	25.03	58.40	11.40 (11.03)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 12. Photovoltaic parameters of J71:ITIC blends without PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.93	16.37	66.66	10.18 (10.03)
12 h	0.92	16.06	62.06	9.22 (9.01)
24 h	0.92	15.89	61.96	9.00 (8.78)
36 h	0.91	15.78	61.54	8.85 (8.23)
48 h	0.91	15.28	57.74	8.00 (7.74)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 13. Photovoltaic parameters of PTB7-Th:PC₇₀BM blends without PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.85	15.79	63.06	8.43 (8.21)
12 h	0.76	8.28	50.80	3.21 (3.00)
24 h	0.72	8.75	49.33	3.17 (2.88)
36 h	0.69	8.25	49.66	2.84 (2.31)
48 h	0.70	7.55	49.76	2.65 (2.08)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 14. Photovoltaic parameters of BDT-3T-R:PC₇₀BM blends without PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.90	12.14	62.46	6.86 (6.52)
12 h	0.81	4.81	37.28	1.45 (1.09)
24 h	0.77	3.14	39.71	0.96 (0.47)
36 h	0.74	2.15	39.42	0.63 (0.33)
48 h	0.73	2.05	37.94	0.56 (0.31)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 15. Photovoltaic parameters of PM6:Y6 blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.87	24.86	74.29	16.08 (15.70)
12 h	0.79	25.56	67.95	13.79 (13.61)
24 h	0.79	26.23	68.05	14.13 (13.87)
36 h	0.78	25.92	66.29	13.47 (13.32)
48 h	0.79	25.81	67.90	13.86 (13.57)

^a The values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 16. Photovoltaic parameters of J71:ITIC blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.93	16.99	68.51	10.83 (10.40)
12 h	0.93	17.06	67.99	10.87 (10.54)
24 h	0.93	17.05	67.91	10.81 (10.37)
36 h	0.92	17.09	66.69	10.47 (10.12)
48 h	0.91	16.57	66.05	9.97 (9.85)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 17. Photovoltaic parameters of PTB7-Th:PC₇₀BM blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.85	16.71	62.73	8.88 (8.59)
12 h	0.79	12.67	55.15	5.55 (5.03)
24 h	0.77	13.92	52.36	5.57 (4.74)
36 h	0.77	12.78	51.64	5.08 (4.66)
48 h	0.77	12.49	52.75	5.10 (4.72)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Table 18. Photovoltaic parameters of BDT-3T-R:PC₇₀BM blends with 1 wt% PZ1 heated under 150 °C for 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

Time [h]	V_{oc} [V]	J_{sc} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE (Avg. ^a) [%]
0 h	0.91	12.56	61.92	7.11 (6.99)
12 h	0.84	7.89	41.85	2.76 (2.24)
24 h	0.82	6.82	44.58	2.50 (2.11)
36 h	0.79	5.95	38.80	1.83 (1.30)
48 h	0.79	6.23	36.65	1.82 (1.07)

^aThe values in bracket are the average PCE obtained from eight devices.

Supplementary Notes

Supplementary Note1. The synthesis of BTTT-2Cl.

(2,2'-((2Z,2'Z)-((12,13-bis(2-ethylhexyl)-3,9-diundecyl-12,13dihydro-[1,2,5]thiadiazolo [3,4-e]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-g]thieno[2',3':4,5]thieno[3,2-b] indole-2,10-diyl)bis(methanylylidene))bis(2-chloro-6-oxo-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopenta [b]thiophene-4-ylidene)dimalononitrile) (BTTT-2Cl)

BTTT-CHO (140 mg, 0.136 mmol), CPTCN-Cl (129 mg, 0.55 mmol), chloroform (30 mL), and pyridine (1 mL) were added to a two-necked round-bottomed flask. The mixture was deoxygenated with nitrogen for 30 min and then refluxed for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was poured into methanol (200 mL) and filtered. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/dichloromethane (1:2) as eluent, yielding a dark blue solid (148 mg, 75%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ [ppm]: 9.07 (s, 2H), 8.17 (s, 2H), 4.78-4.74 (m, 4H), 3.22 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.21-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.16 (m, 32H), 1.14-0.92 (m, 12H), 0.84-0.78 (m, 6H), 0.75-0.60 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm]: 180.34, 155.62, 153.91, 147.45, 145.32, 141.45, 138.03, 136.04, 133.67, 133.55, 131.55, 126.53, 125.24, 115.12, 114.96, 113.70, 66.34, 55.62, 31.91, 29.82, 29.64, 29.62, 29.52, 29.47, 29.34, 22.69, 14.14, 13.75. MALDI-TOF MS: calcd for [C₇₈H₈₄Cl₂N₈O₂S₇] (M⁺): Calc. m/z: 1458.4129, found: 1459.4130.

Supplementary Note 2. The analysis of bimolecular and trap-assisted recombination.

We studied the bimolecular recombination mechanism by measuring the photocurrent (J_{sc}) at various light intensities (I) from 100 to 1 mA cm⁻², as shown in Supplementary Figure 17A. A power-law dependence of J_{sc} upon illumination intensity, which could effectively quantify the bimolecular recombination mechanisms, can be expressed as $J_{sc} = \beta(I)^\alpha$, where β is a constant and α is the exponential factor. The best fit for the data is obtained when the value α is close to unity, which indicates negligible bimolecular recombination during sweep-out. The slope (α) of the undoped device is 0.996, whereas that of doped device is 1.001, suggesting that the bimolecular recombination are not prominent in these two types of devices as described.

Multiple studies have demonstrated that the light intensity dependence of the V_{oc} can directly provide insight into the role of trap-assisted recombination versus 2nd order recombination at the open circuit condition. The V_{oc} and light intensity (I) can be correlated by the expression of $V_{OC} = \frac{E_{gap}}{q} - \frac{kT}{q} \ln\left[\frac{(1-P)\gamma N_c^2}{PG}\right]$, where E_{gap} is the energy difference between the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) of the electron donor and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of the electron acceptor, q is the elementary charge, k is the Boltzman constant, T is temperature in Kelvin, P is the dissociation probability of the electron-hole pairs into free carriers, γ the recombination constant, N_c the density of states in the conduction band, and G the generation rate of electron-hole pairs. Following the rules, the formula predicts a slope $S = (kT/q)$ of the V_{oc} versus the natural logarithm of the incident light intensity. This implies that the slope of V_{oc} versus $\ln(I)$ is equal to kT/q for bimolecular recombination. When the additional mechanism of Shockley-Real-Hall (SRH) or trap-assisted recombination is involved, a stronger dependency of V_{oc} on the light intensity is observed and in this case, the slope of V_{oc} versus $\ln(I)$ is equal to $2 kT/q$. Figure S17B shows the V_{oc} versus light intensity relationship for devices based on undoped and doped active layers. The doped device exhibits a logarithmic dependence on light

intensity with a slope of $1.36 \text{ } kT/q$. While the slope yields $1.44 \text{ } kT/q$ for the undoped device. As compared to the doped devices, the slightly stronger dependence of V_{oc} on light intensity implies that carrier dynamics at open circuit in BHJ device is slightly governed by a combination of trap-assisted (SRH) type and bimolecular recombination. The use of doped layer reduces the trap-assisted recombination as seen from a slope of $1.36 \text{ } kT/q$. We speculate that 1 wt% PZ1-doped morphology might not only reduce the number of trapping defects in bulk.

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