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## General Methods

Instruments. Preparative gel permeation chromatography (PGPC) purification was performed with a JAI LC-9104 recycling preparative high performance liquid chromatography (JAIGEL 2H/3H column assembly), and the eluent was toluene. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV $400-\mathrm{MHz}$ spectrometer in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Elemental analysis was performed by a Flash EA1112 elemental analysis system. Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectra (MS) were recorded on a Bruker/AutoflexIII Smartbean MALDI Mass Spectrometer with anthracene-1,8,9-triol as the matrix. Solution cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements were performed on the CHI660a electrochemical analyzer in anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ solution of $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{L}$ tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate $\left(\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6}\right)$. A platinum (Pt) electrode with a diameter of 2 mm , a Pt wire and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) were used as the working, the counter and the reference electrodes, respectively. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV3600 spectrometer. Different scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were performed on a TA Q100 thermal analyzer at a scanning rate of $10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ in $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. Small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) was recorded on a Bruker Nanostar instrument operated at 40 kV and 0.65 mA . Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) was performed on a D Max 2500 V X-ray diffractometer.

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) characterization. To prepare films of the D-S-A co-oligomers for TEM characterization, PEDOT:PSS with a thickness of 40 nm was spin-coated on the pre-cleaned glass slides, and heating at $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min . Then co-oligomer layers were spin-coated from chlorobenzene with a concentration of $12 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$, and thermal annealed at $160{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min . At last, the films were floated with water to gilder grids, and all samples were measured at room
temperature. TEM was performed on a JEOL JEM-1011 transmission electron microscope with an acceleration voltage of 100 kV . Selected area electron diffraction (SAED) was taken with cameral length of 120 cm and Au (111) diffraction as the external standard.

OPV Devices Fabrication and Measurements. ITO (indium tin oxide) glass plates were cleaned with detergent, ultrasonicated in water and dried at $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min , and then treated with UV/ozone for 30 min . Poly (3,4-ethylene dioxythiophene):poly (styrene sulphonate) (PEDOT:PSS) with a thickness of $\sim 40 \mathrm{~nm}$ was spin-coated on the cleaned ITO at 5000 rpm for 60 s and then baked for 30 min at $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then the co-oligomer layer with a thickness of $\sim 70 \mathrm{~nm}$ was spin-coated from chlorobenzene solution with a concentration of $12 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ in glovebox. The films were heated at $160{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min . Finally, hole blocking-layer $N, N^{\prime}$-bis(1-ethylpropyl)-3,4,9,10-perylenetetracarboxyl diimide (epPDI, 5 $\mathrm{nm}), \operatorname{LiF}(1 \mathrm{~nm})$ and $\mathrm{Al}(100 \mathrm{~nm})$ were thermally deposited in a vacuum chamber at a base pressure of less than $5 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~Pa}$. The active area of the device is $12 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. The devices were sealed in the glovebox, and then measured in ambient. An Oriel 150W solar simulator with an AM 1.5 G filter was used as a light source to produce an intensity of $100 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ for the illumination of the photovoltaic cells. The light intensity was calibrated by a calibrated silicon diode with KG-5 visible color filter. Current-voltage $(J-V)$ characteristics were obtained with a Keithley 236 source meter. External quantum efficiency (EQE) measurements were performed under short-circuit conditions with a lock-in amplifier (SR830, Stanford Research System) at a chopping frequency of 280 Hz during illumination with a monochromatic light from a Xenon lamp.

Hole-only and electron-only devices fabrication. The device structures for hole-only devices were

ITO/PEDOT:PSS $(40 \mathrm{~nm}) /$ co-oligomer $(70 \mathrm{~nm}) / \mathrm{MoO}_{3}(6 \mathrm{~nm}) / \mathrm{Al}(100 \mathrm{~nm})$. These devices were fabricated employing the same procedure with the OPV devices expect that $\mathrm{MoO}_{3}(6 \mathrm{~nm})$ was
deposited as a substitute for epPDI/LiF. The device structures for electron-only devices were $\mathrm{Al}(100$ $\mathrm{nm}) /$ co-oligomer/ $\mathrm{Al}(100 \mathrm{~nm})$. $\mathrm{Al}(100 \mathrm{~nm})$ was thermally deposited onto the glass slide in a vacuum chamber. Then the cooligomer layer with a thickness of $\sim 70 \mathrm{~nm}$ was spin-coated from chlorobenzene solution with a concentration of $12 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ in glovebox. After the film heated at $160{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $10 \mathrm{~min}, \mathrm{Al}$ $(100 \mathrm{~nm})$ was finally thermally deposited. $J-V$ curves were measured under dark with a Keithley 236 source meter in air. The mobilities were determined by fitting the dark current using a model of single-carrier space charge limited current with field-dependent mobility.

Femtosecond transient absorption spectroscopy. The output of a Ti:Sapphire laser (Tsunami, Spectra Physics) pumped by an Nd:YVO laser (Millennia, Spectra Physics) was amplified in a regenerative amplifier (RGA, Spitfire, Spectra Physics). The output of the amplifier of $1.5-\mathrm{mJ}$ pulse energy, 100 fs pulse width, at 800 nm wavelength with a repetition rate of 250 Hz was split into two parts. One part of the RGA output ( 800 nm ) was then used to generate a white light continuum as probe beam by focusing the beam into a 2 mm water cell. The other part was either used to pump OPA to generate excitation pulse at 610 nm or sent to a 1 mm thick BBO to get the double frequency of 400 nm excitation pulse, which was then sent to a delay line and modulated by a synchronized optical chopper (Newport Model 75160) with a frequency of 125 Hz as the pump beam to excite the sample. Time-resolved transient absorption spectra were recorded with a highly sensitive spectrometer (Avantes AvaSpec-2048 $\times 14$ ). The dynamics traces were obtained by controlling the relative delay between the pump and the probe pulses with a stepper-motor-driven optical delay line (Newport M-ILS250CC). The group velocity dispersion of the whole experimental system was compensated by a chirp program. The intensities of the pump pulses were measured with a laser power meter (Sanwa LP1). The film of the co-oligomer was spin-coated onto the glass slide from chlorobenzene solution
with a concentration of $12 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$, and thermal annealed at $160{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min . Then the film was covered with another glass slide, and sealed with glue for test.

## Experimental Section

Materials. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and Toluene were distilled over sodium/benzophenone. Chloroform was distilled over $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$. Other reagents were used without further purification. Compound 1, 4a-c, and 6 were synthesized according to the procedures reported in the literatures. ${ }^{1-3}$

Scheme 1. The synthetic route of F5T8P-C2, F5T8P-C4 and F5T8P-C6 $\left(\mathrm{R}=n-\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{17}\right)$.



Condition and reagents: (i) $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}, \mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}, \mathrm{THF} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; (ii) (1) NaOH, THF/H2O, reflux; (2)

HCl ; (ii) 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBT), 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP),
$\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$ '-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide ( DCC ), $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$, room temperature; (iv) $\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3}, \mathrm{P}(\text { o-tolyl })_{3}$, toluene, $105^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Methyl 4-(7-bromo-9,9-dioctyl-fluorene-2-yl)benzoate (2) In absent of light, a mixture of methyl 4-iodobenzoate ( $3.59 \mathrm{~g}, 13.70 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 7-bromo-9,9-dioctyl-fluorene-2-yl-boronic acid (1,5.86 g, 11.41 mmol), $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(127 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF $(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ aqueous solution ( $2 \mathrm{M}, 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was stirred at $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with petrol ether for three times, then washed with brine and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. After filtered,
the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified with column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether and dichloromethane (4:1) as eluent to give a white solid ( $4.87 \mathrm{~g}, 71 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.73(\mathrm{t}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.46(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.05-1.92(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-0.99(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}), 0.81(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.72-0.58(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 167.0,153.3,151.2,145.9,140.2,139.5,139.2,130.1,128.8$, 127.1, 126.4, 126.2, 121.6, 121.4, 121.2, 120.2, 55.6, 52.1, 40.2, 31.7, 29.9, 23.7, 22.6, 14.0. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{47} \mathrm{BrO}_{2}$ (602.3): C 73.62 , H 7.85 , found: $\mathrm{C} 73.64, \mathrm{H} 7.84$. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode): $m / z: 602.3[M]^{+}$.

4-(7-bromo-9,9-dioctyl-fluorene-2-yl)benzoic acid (3) KOH ( $0.52 \mathrm{~g}, 9.24 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) dissolved in 4 mL $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added dropwise into the THF ( 40 mL ) solution of methyl 4-(7-bromo-9,9-dioctyl-fluorene-2-yl)benzoate ( $2,1.86 \mathrm{~g}, 3.08 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), then refluxed for 12 hours. The mixture was poured into the dilute $\mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{M})$, and stirred for 1 hour. The product was obtained white solid ( $1.75 \mathrm{~g}, 97 \%$ ) after filtered. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.20(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.65-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.05-1.92(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-0.99(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}), 0.81(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H})$, $0.72-0.58(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 172.0,153.3,151.3,146.9,140.4,139.5$, $139.1,130.8,130.1,127.9,127.2,126.5,126.3,121.6,121.5,121.3,120.2,55.6,40.2,31.8,29.9,29.2$, 23.7, 22.6, 14.0. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{45} \mathrm{BrO}_{2}$ (588.2): C 73.33, H 7.69, found: C 73.25, H 7.70. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode): $m / z: 588.2[M]^{+}$.

Compound 5a A solution of 4-(7-bromo-9,9-dioctyl-fluorene-2-yl)benzoic acid (3, $0.50 \mathrm{~g}, 0.85$ mmol), 4a ( $0.36 \mathrm{~g}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBT, $96 \mathrm{mg}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 4-dimethylaminopridine (DMAP, $87 \mathrm{mg}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$ '-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC, 0.15 $\mathrm{g}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The mixtures
was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ for three times. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Evaporation of the solvent and then purified with column chromatography on silica gel with chloroform and acetone (100:1) as eluent to give a red solid (76 mg, 10\%). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.74-8.53(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 8.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.75-7.67(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), $7.55(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.11-5.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.73(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.34-2.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.05-1.88(\mathrm{~m}$, $6 \mathrm{H}), 1.25-0.99(\mathrm{~m} .20 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.79(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.71-0.58(\mathrm{~m} .4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 166.4,163.2,153.3,151.2,145.9,140.2,139.5,139.2,134.6,134.0$, $131.3,130.3,130.1,129.4,129.3,128.7,127.0,126.4,126.3,126.2,126.1,123.0,122.8,121.5,121.4$, $121.2,120.2,62.4,57.8,55.6,40.2,39.3,31.7,29.9,29.1,25.0,23.7,22.6,14.0,11.4$. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{67} \mathrm{H}_{67} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ (1074.4): C 74.78, H 6.28, N 2.60, found: C 74.69, H 6.30, N 2.56. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode): $m / z: 1074.4[M]^{+}$.

Compound $5 \boldsymbol{b}$ Similar procedure for preparation of $\mathbf{5 a}$ was followed to obtain a red solid $(0.17 \mathrm{~g}$, $30 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.74-8.53(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 8.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $10.9,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.11-5.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.44(\mathrm{t}$, $J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.33-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.04-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 1.25-0.99(\mathrm{~m} .20 \mathrm{H})$, $0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.79(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.71-0.58(\mathrm{~m} .4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 166.5,163.1,153.3,151.2,145.8,140.2,139.5,139.3,134.4,133.9,131.1,130.1$, $129.4,129.1,129.0,127.0,126.4,126.2,126.1,126.0,122.9,122.8,121.6,121.4,121.2,120.2,64.7$, $57.9,55.6,40.2,31.7,29.9,29.1,26.5,25.1,24.9,23.7,22.6,14.0,11.4$. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{69} \mathrm{H}_{71} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ (1102.4): C 75.05, H 6.48, N 2.54, found: C 75.07, H 6.45, N 2.55. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode): $m / z: 1102.4[M]^{+}$.

Compound 5 c Similar procedure for preparation of $\mathbf{5 a}$ was followed to obtain a red solid $(0.19 \mathrm{~g}$,
$41 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.74-8.53(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 8.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $10.9,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.11-5.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.44(\mathrm{t}$, $J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.33-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.04-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 1.62-1.60(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$. $1.25-0.99(\mathrm{~m} .20 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.79(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.71-0.58(\mathrm{~m} .4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 166.5,163.1,153.3,151.2,145.8,140.2,139.5,139.3,134.3,134.0,131.1$, $130.1,129.4,129.1,127.0,126.4,126.2,126.1,123.0,122.9,122.8,121.6,121.4,121.2,120.2,65.0$, $57.8,55.6,40.5,40.2,31.7,29.1,28.0,25.8,25.0,23.7,22.6,14.0,11.4$. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{71} \mathrm{H}_{75} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ (1130.5): C 75.31, H 6.68, N 2.47, found: C 75.19, H 6.65, N 2.46. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode): $m / z: 1130.5[M]^{+}$.

F5T8P-C2 In absence of light, a solution of $\mathbf{6}(0.16 \mathrm{~g}, 0.063 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathbf{5 a}(62 \mathrm{mg}, 0.057 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3}(10.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.01 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{P}(o \text {-tolyl })_{3}(12.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.04 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous toluene $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $105{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon for 24 hours. The mixtures was cooled to room temperature and then extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Evaporation of the solvent and then purified with column chromatography on silica gel with chloroform as eluent to give a red solid ( $0.12 \mathrm{~g}, 67 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ 8.73-8.51 $(\mathrm{m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 8.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76-7.68(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.57(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 7.35-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H})$, 7.24-7.19 (m, 8H), 5.11-5.04 (m, 1H), $4.73(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.33-2.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.17-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 22 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-1.00$ $(\mathrm{m}, 100 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.85-0.55(\mathrm{~m}, 50 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 166.4$, $163.5,152.0,151.8,151.6,150.9,146.0,144.0,143.8,140.9,140.8,140.6,140.4,140.2,138.9,136.6$, $136.4,134.9,134.3,133.2,133.0,132.8,131.6,130.3,129.6,128.6,127.2,127.0,126.8,126.6,126.4$, 124.7, 124.5, 123.7, 123.6, 123.2, 123.0, 122.9, 121.5, 120.4, 120.2, 120.1, 119.8, 62.4, 57.8, 55.4, 55.2, $40.4,39.2,31.8,30.0,29.2,25.0,23.8,22.6,14.1,13.7,11.4$. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for
$\mathrm{C}_{215} \mathrm{H}_{244} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8}$ (3205.7): C 80.48, H 7.66, N 0.87 , found: C 80.29, H 7.65, N 0.85 . MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode, $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{215} \mathrm{H}_{244} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8} 3205.6615$, found: 3205.6502.

F5T8P-C4 Similar procedure for preparation of F5T8P-C2 was followed to obtain a dark-red solid $(0.34 \mathrm{~g}, 90 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.73-8.51(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 8.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.76-7.68 (m, 12 H$), 7.61-7.57(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 7.35-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 5.11-5.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.44(\mathrm{t}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.33-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.17-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 26 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-1.00(\mathrm{~m}$, $100 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.85-0.55(\mathrm{~m}, 50 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 166.5$, $163.4,152.0,151.8,151.6,150.9,146.0,144.0,143.8,140.9,140.8,140.6,140.4,140.2,138.9,136.6$, $136.4,134.8,134.4,133.2,133.0,132.8,131.5,130.2,129.6,129.4,128.9,127.2,127.0,126.9,126.5$, $126.4,124.7,124.5,123.7,123.6,123.1,123.0,122.9,121.6,120.4,120.2,120.1,119.8,119.7,64.7$, $57.8,55.3,55.2,40.4,40.2,31.8,30.0,29.2,27.3,26.6,25.1,23.8,22.6,14.1,13.7,11.4$. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{217} \mathrm{H}_{248} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8}$ (3233.7): C 80.52, H 7.72, N 0.87 , found: C 80.31, H 7.70, N 0.85. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode, m/z): calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{217} \mathrm{H}_{248} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8} 3233.6928$, found: 3233.6803.

F5T8P-C6 Similar procedure for preparation of F5T8P-C2 was followed to obtain a dark-red solid $(0.24 \mathrm{~g}, 78 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 8.73-8.51(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 8.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.76-7.68 (m, 12 H$), 7.61-7.57(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 7.35-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 5.11-5.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.37(\mathrm{t}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.24(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.33-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.04-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 26 \mathrm{H}), 1.62-1.60(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-1.00(\mathrm{~m}, 100 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.85-0.55(\mathrm{~m}, 50 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right):$ $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 166.6,163.4,152.0,151.8,151.6,150.9,145.9,144.0,143.8,140.9,140.8,140.6,140.4,140.2$, 138.9, 136.6, 136.4, 134.7, 134.4, 133.1, 133.0, 132.8, 131.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 127.2, 127.0, $126.8,126.5,126.4,124.7,124.5,123.7,123.6,123.3,123.1,123.0,122.9,121.6,120.4,120.2,120.1$,
$119.8,119.7,65.0,57.8,55.4,55.2,40.4,40.2,31.8,30.0,29.2,28.7,28.0,27.3,26.8,25.9,25.0,23.8$, 22.6, 14.1, 13.7, 11.4. Elemental analysis (\%) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{219} \mathrm{H}_{252} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8}$ (3261.7): C 80.56, H 7.78, N 0.86, found: C $80.42, \mathrm{H} 7.74, \mathrm{~N} 0.82$. MS (MALDI-TOF, reflection mode, m/z): calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{219} \mathrm{H}_{252} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8} 3261.7241$, found: 3261.7156 .

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Figure S1. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{F 5 T 8 P}-\mathbf{C} 2$.


Figure S2. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of F5T8P-C4.


Figure S3. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of F5T8P-C6.


Figure S4. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of F5T8P-C2.

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Figure S5. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of F5T8P-C4.


Figure S6. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of F5T8P-C6.


Figure S7. Optical microscopic image of F5T8P-C2 under crossed polarizer at $250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.



Figure S8. The transient absorption spectra of the donor F5T8 (a) and the acceptor PDI (b) in solution with a concentration of $10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{L}$. The dotted line is the steady state absorption (abs) and photoluminescence (PL).


Figure S9. The transient absorption spectra of F5T8-epP (a), F5T8P-C2 (b) and F5T8P-C6 (c) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ with a concentration of $10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{L}$.


Figure S10. The transient absorption spectra of F5T8-epP (a), F5T8P-C2 (b) and F5T8P-C6 (c) films with a thickness of $\sim 70 \mathrm{~nm}$.


Figure S11. The primary comparison of the CT state dynamics of the four co-oligomers.


Figure S12. Spectral calculation for getting a relatively pure CT state of F5T8-epP (a), F5T8P-C2 (b),

F5T8P-C4 (c) and F5T8P-C6 (d). The dynamics of 850 nm (red line), which is mainly composed of the exciton state, is subtracted from the dynamics of 770 nm (black line), which is composed of the CT state and the exciton state with the CT state taking a higher portion. Diff (blue line) is the difference (subtracted result) of 770 nm and 850 nm . The diff-fit (orange line) is the fitting line of the difference curve.


Figure S13. The TEM image of F5T8BTP-C4 thin film with a thickness of $\sim 70 \mathrm{~nm}$. The film was
thermal annealed at $170^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min , and the measurements were done at room temperature.


Figure S14. The SAED pattern of F5T8BTP-C4 thin film with a thickness of $\sim 70 \mathrm{~nm}$. The film was
thermal annealed at $170^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min , and the measurements were done at room temperature.

