## Electronic Supplementary Information

Dithieno[3,2-*b*:2',3'-*d*]pyridin-5(4*H*)-one-based polymers with bandgap up to 2.02 eV for high performance field-Effect transistors and polymer solar cells with open-circuit voltage up to 0.98 V and efficiency up to 6.84%

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Fig. S1 TGA plots of the polymers with a heating rate of 10 K/min under the nitrogen atmosphere.



Fig. S2 Cyclic voltammogram of PDTPO thin film coated onto a platinum plate in an acetonitrile solution of 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S3** Cyclic voltammogram of PDTPO-BDTO and PDTPO-BDTT thin films coated onto a platinum plate in an acetonitrile solution of 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S1.** OFET hole mobility of PDTPO at different annealing temperatures.

Condition	As-cast	80 °C	160 °C	240 °C
mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	0.011	0.033	0.04	0.19



Fig. S4 DFT calculations of the trimer of PDTPO, and five units of PDTPO-BDTO and PDTPO-BDTT.



Fig. S5 The structure of the conventional (a) and inverted (b) devices investigated in this work.



Fig. S6 Equivalent circuit model of the polymer solar cell under illumination.



Fig. S7 Current density-voltage characteristics of PDTPO-BDTO and PDTPO-BDTT blends with  $PC_{71}BM$  in SCLC devices.

polymer		PDTPO-BDTO	PDTPO-BDTO
	$R_{\rm s}{}^b \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	2.15	9.40
as cast <sup>a</sup>	$R_{\rm p}^{\ b} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	7.44×10 <sup>2</sup>	9.19×10 <sup>4</sup>
	n	4.65	5.92
THF 0 s + PFN <sup>a</sup>	$R_{\rm s}{}^b \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	2.64	0.10
	$R_{\rm p}^{\ b} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	1.19×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.48×10 <sup>3</sup>
	n	3.02	3.25
THF 30 s + PFN <sup><i>a</i></sup>	$R_{\rm s}^{\ b} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	2.86	2.72
	$R_{\rm p}^{\ b} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	1.49×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.64×10 <sup>3</sup>
	n	2.22	2.27
THF 60 s + PFN <i>a</i>	$R_{\rm s}^{\ b} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	1.27	1.86
	$R_{\rm p}^{\ b} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	1.16×10 <sup>3</sup>	4.10×10 <sup>2</sup>
	n	2.88	2.33

**Table S2.** The extracted electrical parameters of the conventional devices based on the J-V characteristics of Fig. 5a and 5b.

<sup>*a*</sup> Fitting with the equation (1) based on the equivalent circuit model illustrated in Fig. S6. <sup>*b*</sup>  $R_s$  (series resistance) and  $R_p$  (parallel resistance) are extracted by the fitting and these two values are different from those calculated from the slopes of the *J*-*V* curves at *J* = 0 and *V* = 0 under illumination.

$$J = J_{\rm ph} - J_0 [\exp(\frac{V + JR_{\rm s}}{nkT/q}) - 1] - \frac{V + JR_{\rm s}}{R_{\rm p}}$$
(1)

where  $J_{\rm ph}$  is the photocurrent,  $J_0$  the diode saturation current, *n* the diode quality factor,  $R_{\rm s}$  the series resistance, and  $R_{\rm p}$  the parallel (shunt) resistance.

polymer	$R_{\rm s}$ ( $\Omega$ cm <sup>2</sup> )	$R_{\rm p} \left(\Omega \ {\rm cm}^2\right)$	n
PDTPO-BDTO	1.99	9.83×10 <sup>4</sup>	4.92
PDTPO-BDTT	3.43	8.98×10 <sup>4</sup>	3.42

 Table S3. The extracted electrical parameters of the inverted devices.



**Fig. S8** Stability curves of the PDTPO-BDTO and PDTPO-BDTT devices versus storage time in air. (a) normalized  $V_{oc}$ , (b) normalized  $J_{sc}$ , (c) normalized FF.

Table S4. Normalized conventional device performance after 120 h of ageing in air.

	$V_{\rm oc}\left({ m V} ight)$	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF	PCE
PDTPO-BDTO	0.91	0.89	0.86	0.70
<b>PDTPO-BDTT</b>	0.86	0.89	0.90	0.68

 Table S5. Normalized inverted device performance after 200 h of ageing in air.

	$V_{\rm oc}({ m V})$	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF	PCE
PDTPO-BDTO	1.00	0.80	0.96	0.77
PDTPO-BDTT	1.02	0.95	0.96	0.93



Fig. S9 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S10 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2 conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of DTPO conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of DTPO conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of M1 conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S14 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of M1 conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S15 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PDTPO conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S16 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PDTPO-BDTO conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.



Fig. S17 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PDTPO-BDTT conducted in *d*-chloroform at 298K.