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A Double B←N Bridged Bipyridine (BNBP)-Based Polymer Electron Acceptor:

All-Polymer Solar Cells with High Donor: Acceptor Blend Ratio

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Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2**.









Figure S6. ¹¹B NMR spectrum of P-BNBP-CDT.

2. Thermal property

The thermal property of **P-BNBP-CDT** was studied by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA). TGA analysis shows that it has good thermal stability with decomposition temperature at 5% weight loss of 380 °C under N_2 .



Figure S7. TGA curve of P-BNBP-CDT.

3. All-PSC device performance



Figure S8. J–V curves of the all-PSC devices of the P3HT:**P-BNBP-CDT** (*w:w*, 5:1) devices with the blend films annealing at 80 °C, 120 °C and 150 °C, respectively.

Table S1. Summary of the P3HT:**P-BNBP-CDT** (*w*:*w*, 5:1) device performance with the blend films annealing at 80 °C, 120 °C and 150 °C, respectively.

T (°C)	V _{oc} (V)	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA cm ⁻²)	FF	PCE _{max/ave} ^[a] (%)
80	1.01	4.98	0.35	1.76 (1.67)
120	0.85	3.63	0.38	1.20 (1.10)
150	0.83	3.06	0.39	1.01 (0.92)

^[a]The average PCE value is calculated from four devices.

4. Charge-transporting properties

The electron/hole mobilities of the films were measured using the space-charge-limited current (SCLC) method. The electron-only and hole-only device structures for devices are ITO/PEIE/Active layer/LiF/Al and ITO/PEDOT:PSS/Active layer/MoO₃/Al, respectively. The current-voltage curves in the range of 0–10 V were recorded using a computer-controlled Keithley 2400 source meter, and the results were fitted to a space-charge limited function:

$$J = \frac{9}{8} \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \mu \frac{V^2}{L^3} \exp\left(0.89\beta \frac{\sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{L}}\right)$$

where J is the current density, ε_0 is the permittivity of free space, ε_r is the relative permittivity (the ε_r is assumed to be 3 in our analysis for the polymers), μ is the zero-field mobility, V is the potential across the device (V = V_{applied}–V_{bias}–V_{series}), L is the thickness of active layer, and β is the field-activation factor. The series and contact resistance (V_{series}) of the device (10–15 Ω) were measured using blank devices of ITO/PEIE/LiF/Al or ITO/PEDOT:PSS/MoO₃/Al.



Figure S9. Space-charge-limited current (SCLC) fitting of the device based on the prime **P-BNBP-CDT** film. The μ_e value of **P-BNBP-CDT** is 5.20×10^{-5} cm² V⁻¹ S⁻¹.



Figure S10. SCLC fittings of the devices based on the blend films.

Table S2. Summary of the charge-transporting properties of the P3HT:**P-BNBP-CDT** blends with the donor:acceptor ratios of 0.5:1, 5:1 and 9:1.

<i>w</i> : <i>w</i>	$\mu_{ m h} \ (m cm^2 \ V^{-1} \ m s^{-1})$	$\mu_{ m e} \ (m cm^2 \ V^{-1} \ m s^{-1})$	$\mu_{ m h}/\mu_{ m e}$
0.5:1	5.51×10 ⁻⁵	8.89×10 ⁻⁶	6/1
5:1	2.31×10 ⁻⁴	3.0×10 ⁻⁵	8/1
9:1	1.54×10 ⁻⁴	3.32×10 ⁻⁶	46/1

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