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Optimizing conjugated side chains on quinoxaline based polymers for nonfullerene solar cells with $\mathbf{1 0 . 5 \%}$ efficiency

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## 1. General measurement

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker AV-400 and AV-500 spectrometer in deuterated chloroform solution at 298 K , unless specified otherwise. Chemical shifts were reported as $\delta$ values ( ppm ) with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal reference. Molecular weight and polydispersity index of the polymers were determined by high temperature gel permeation chromatography (GPC) analysis with polystyrene as standard (Waters 515 HPLC pump, a Waters 2414 differential refractometer, and three Waters Styragel columns (HT2, HT3 and HT4) using 1,2,4trichlorobenzene as eluent at a flow rate of $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ at $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was conducted on a Perkin-Elmer TGA-7 with a heating rate of 20 $\mathrm{K} /$ min under nitrogen. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on the SHIMADZU UV-2600 spectrophotometer. Photoluminescence (PL) quenching measurements were recorded on the HITACHI F-4600 spectrophotometer. For the solid state measurements, a polymer solution in chloroform was spin-coated on quartz plate. The cyclic voltammetry was recorded with a computer controlled CHI660E electrochemical workstation using polymer films on platinum electrode $\left(1.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ as the working electrode, a platinum wire as the counter electrode and $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}(0.1 \mathrm{M})$ as the reference electrode in an anhydrous and argon-saturated solution of 0.1 M of tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate $\left(\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6}\right)$ in acetonitrile at a scanning rate of $50 \mathrm{mV} \cdot \mathrm{s}^{-1}$. Electrochemical onsets were determined at the position where the current starts to differ from the baseline. The morphologies of the polymer:acceptor blend films were investigated by atomic force microscopy (AFM, Agilent Technologies, 5500 AFM/SPM System, USA) in contacting mode with a $3 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ scanner. Transmission
electron microscope (TEM) measurements were performed in a JEM-2100F.

## 2. Fabrication and characterization of PSCS

PSCs were fabricated in the configuration of the traditional sandwich structure with an indium tin oxide (ITO) glass positive electrode and an ETL/Al negative electrode. Patterned ITO glass with a sheet resistance of $10 \Omega / \mathrm{sq}$ was purchased from CSG HOLDING Co. LTD. (China). The ITO glass was cleaned by sequential ultrasonic treatment in detergent, deionized water, acetone and isopropanol, and then treated in an ultraviolet-ozone chamber (Ultraviolet Ozone Cleaner, Jelight Company, USA) for 20 min. Then PEDOT:PSS (poly(3,4-ethylene dioxythiophene): poly(styrene sulfonate)) (Baytron PVP Al 4083, Germany) was filtered through a $0.45 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ poly(tetrafluoroethylene) (PTFE) filter and spin coated at 3000 rpm for 40 s on the ITO substrate. Subsequently, PEDOT: PSS film was baked at $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 15 min in the air, and the thickness of the PEDOT:PSS layer was about 40 nm . The TTFQx-T1 and ITIC ( $10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ for polymer) were dissolved in CF and spin-cast at 2500 rpm for 90 s onto the PEDOT:PSS layer. The TTFQx-T1 and $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}(10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ for polymer) were dissolved in CF and spin-cast at 2800 rpm for 90s onto the PEDOT:PSS layer. Thermal annealing treatment under different temperatures is at 10 min . The TTFQx-T2 and ITIC ( $10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ for polymer) were dissolved in CF and spin-cast at 2500 rpm for 90 s onto the PEDOT:PSS layer. The TTFQx-T2 and $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}(10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ for polymer) were dissolved in CF and spin-cast at 2800 rpm for 90 s onto the PEDOT:PSS layer. Thermal annealing treatment was performed at different temperatures for 10 min . The thickness
of the photoactive layer was about 110 nm measured by Ambios Technology XP-2 profilometer. A bilayer cathode consisting of ETLs ( $\sim 15 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) capping with Al ( $\sim 40 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) was thermal evaporated under a shadow mask with a base pressure of ca. $10^{-5} \mathrm{~Pa}$. The active area of the PSCs was $4.5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$.

Inverted PSCs were fabricated with the architecture of $\mathrm{ITO} / \mathrm{ZnO} /$ poly[9,9-dioctylfluorene-2,7-diyl-alt-9,9-bis(3-( $N, N$-dimethylamino)propyl)fluorene-2,7-diyl] (PFN)/TTFQx-T1:ITIC/MoO3/Ag. Thin film of ZnO (about 30nm) was prepared on top of the cleared ITO by the ZnO precursor with solution zinc acetate dehydrate $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Zn} \cdot 2\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)(99.5 \%$, Merck, 1 g$)$ and monoethanolamine $\left(\mathrm{HOCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right.$, $98 \%$, Acros, $0.28 \mathrm{~g})$ in 2-methoxyethanol $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right.$, Aldrich, $\left.99.8 \%, 10 \mathrm{~mL}\right)$ and then heating at $200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 minutes in air. On top of the ZnO layer, a thin film of poly[9,9-dioctylfluorene-2,7-diyl-alt-9,9-bis(3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propyl)fluorene-2,7-diyl] (PFN) (about 10 nm ) was deposited. The TTFQx-T1 and ITIC ( $10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ for polymer) were dissolved in CF and spin-cast at 2500 rpm for 90 s onto the PFN layer. The device was completed by thermal evaporation of $10 \mathrm{~nm} \mathrm{MoO}_{3}$ and then 100 nm Ag electrode. The active area of the PSCs was $16 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$.

Device characterizations were carried out under AM 1.5 G irradiation with the intensity of 100 mW cm - (Oriel $67005,500 \mathrm{~W}$ ), calibrating by a standard silicon cell. $J-V$ curves were recorded with a Keithley 236 digital source meter. A xenon lamp with AM 1.5 filter was used as the white light source and the optical power was 100 mW $\mathrm{cm}^{-2}$. The EQE measurements of PSCs were performed by Stanford Systems model SR830 DSP lock-in amplifier coupled with WDG3 monochromator and a 500 W xenon
lamp. A calibrated silicon detector was used to determine the absolute photosensitivity at different wavelengths. All of these fabrications and characterizations after cleaning ITO substrates were conducted in a glove box.

## 3. Materials

n-Butyllithium (n-BuLi), Lithium diisopropylamide (LDA), Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF), trimethylchlorosilane $\left(\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{SiCl}\right)$, tributylchlorostannane $\left(\mathrm{SnCl}(\mathrm{Bu})_{3}\right)$, tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) $\left(\mathrm{Pd}_{( }\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right) \quad$ and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II)dichloride $\left(\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)$ were obtained from Acros Organics, and they were used as received. Toluene was dried over $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ and freshly distilled prior to use. 3-Bromothiophene, 4,7-dibromo-5,6difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole, sodium borohydride $\quad\left(\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}\right)$, 2,6-bis(trimethyltin)-4,8-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophene-2-yl)benzo[1,2-b:4,5$b$ ']dithiophene (M2), (4,8-bis(5-(2-butyloctyl)thiophen-2-yl)benzo[1,2-b:4,5$b^{\prime}$ ]dithiophene-2,6-diyl)bis(trimethylstannane) (M3) and other solvents were purchased from Aldrich and TCI Chemical Co, respectively.

## 4. Synthesis

## 3-Bromo-2-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophene (2)



To 3-bromothiophene (1) ( $20 \mathrm{~g}, 122.7 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 200 mL ), the LDA ( $74.82 \mathrm{~mL}, 149.64 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon and the reaction mixture was stirred for $30 \mathrm{~min}, \quad$ 1-bromo-2-ethylhexane $(35.81 \mathrm{~g}, 185.54 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the mixing continued for another 30 min at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using hexane as eluent. The pure product 2 was obtained as a colorless liquid ( $27 \mathrm{~g}, 80$ \% yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.11(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), $2.72(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 0.89(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=7.5,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H})$.

## (4-Bromo-5-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophen-2-yl)trimethylsilane (3)



To 3-bromo-2-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophene (2) ( $33.23 \mathrm{~g}, 120.84 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 250 mL ), the LDA $(108.75 \mathrm{~mL}, 217.51 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon and the reaction mixture was mixed for 1 h . Then the $\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{SiCl}(23.49 \mathrm{~g}, 217.51 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the mixture was stirred for another 30 min at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 5 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane to
afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using hexane as eluent. The pure product 3 was obtained as a colorless liquid ( $35.64 \mathrm{~g}, 85 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ): $\delta 6.86$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.58 (d, J = $7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.77-0.73$ (m, 7H), 0.14 (s, 8H).

## (5-(2-Ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)trimethylsilane (4)



To the (4-bromo-5-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophen-2-yl)trimethylsilane (3) (34.71 g, 100 $\mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous THF ( 200 mL ), the $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(62.52 \mathrm{~mL}, 150 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added at $78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min . The NFSI ( $63 \mathrm{~g}, 200$ mmol) in 60 mL THF was added and the mixture was stirred for another 30 min at $78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and for 5 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using hexane as eluent. The product 4 was obtained as a colorless liquid (17.83 g, $62 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ): $\delta$ $6.74(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.60(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{~s}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 0.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H})$.

## 2-(2-Ethylhexyl)-3-fluorothiophene (5)


(5-(2-Ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)trimethylsilane (4) (17.83 g, 62.22 mmol ) in THF ( 300 mL ) was degassed in a three-neck round-bottom flask by stirring ( 20 min ) under argon, TBAF ( $68.45 \mathrm{~mL}, 68.45 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using hexane as eluent. The product 5 was obtained as a colorless liquid ( $12.44 \mathrm{~g}, 93.3 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , CDCl3): $\delta 6.97(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=5.5,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.72(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=5.5,0.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.67(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=0.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H})$.

## 1,2-Bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (6)



To the 2-(2-ethylhexyl)-3-fluorothiophene (5) ( $12.44 \mathrm{~g}, 58.04 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 100 mL ), the $n$ - $\mathrm{BuLi}(24.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 58.04 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h . Then the mixture was added slowly to lithium bromide $(10.76 \mathrm{~g}, 123.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ and cuprous bromide $(8.36 \mathrm{~g}, 58.04$ mmol) dispersed in 200 mL THF at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 1 h of stirring, the oxalyl chloride (3.35
$\mathrm{g}, 26.32 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and for another 2 h at room temperature. Then the mixture was poured into water, extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic extraction was washed thoroughly with water and aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using hexane as eluent. The product 6 was obtained as a light yellow viscous liquid ( $2.80 \mathrm{~g}, 22 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta 7.74(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.66(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 0.89(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 10 \mathrm{H})$.

## 3,6-Dibromo-4,5-difluorobenzene-1,2-diamine (8)



To the 4,7-dibromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (7) (1.84 g, 5.8 mmol$)$ in ethanol $(60 \mathrm{~mL})$, the $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ was added $(2.26 \mathrm{~g}, 58 \mathrm{mmol})$ in one portion at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h . The reaction mixture was poured into water $(200 \mathrm{~mL})$ and then extracted with dichloromethane $(3 \times)$ and water $(3 \times)$. The combined organic extractions were dried over magnesium sulfate, solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the white crude product 8 was used without purification in the next step.

## 5,8-Dibromo-2,3-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-6,7difluoroquinoxaline (9)



3,6-Dibromo-4,5-difluorobenzene-1,2-diamine (8) ( $1.397 \mathrm{~g}, 4.627 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was suspended in acetic acid ( 100 mL ) and compound (6) ( $1.92 \mathrm{~g}, 3.972 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) dissolved in acetic acid ( 60 mL ) was added. The suspension was heated at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h and then the temperature was increased to $120{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 h . The solution was stirred overnight at $90{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic extraction was washed thoroughly with water and aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane/hexane $=1 / 9(v / v)$ as eluent. The product 9 was obtained as a yellow viscous liquid ( $2.19 \mathrm{~g}, 73.7 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , CDCl3, ppm): $\delta 7.24(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.67(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.9,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.54(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=22.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 14 \mathrm{H}), 0.98-0.84(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H})$.

## 2,3-Bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-6,7-difluoro-5,8-di(thiophen-2yl)quinoxaline (10)



The mixture of compound $9(2.19 \mathrm{~g}, 2.93 \mathrm{mmol})$, tributyl(thiophen-2-yl)- stannane ( $2.74 \mathrm{~g}, 7.31 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(82.26 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry toluene $(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ was refluxed for 48 h under argon. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using dichloromethane/hexane $(1: 9, v / v)$ as eluent to afford compound 10 as an orange solid ( $1.29 \mathrm{~g}, 58.2 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{ppm}\right): \delta 7.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.22-7.17 (m, 4H), $2.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.70-1.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.44-1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H})$, 0.98-0.91 (m, 10H).

## 5,8-Bis(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,3-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-



To compound $10(1.29 \mathrm{~g}, 1.71 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dimethyl formamide $(60 \mathrm{~mL})$, the $\mathrm{N}-$ bromosuccinimide (NBS) ( $0.76 \mathrm{~g}, 4.23 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added slowly ( 40 min ) in several portions. The mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature in the dark. The solution was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel using dichloromethane/hexane $(1: 10, v / v)$ as eluent. The product M 1 was obtained as a red solid ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 64.5 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.70(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=12.2,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.49-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.36(\mathrm{t}, J=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{dt}, J=13.9$, $7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 155.38,152.83,150.86,150.67,148.28$, $148.09,143.67,134.22,134.14,133.38,131.94,131.23,131.12,131.04,130.96$, $129.35,127.43,127.26,119.81,119.54,118.79,116.79,77.34,77.22,77.02,76.70$, 40.84, 32.59, 31.94, 29.71, 29.26, 28.91, 25.79, 22.97, 14.14, 10.94 .

## Polymer TTFQx-T1



M1
 M2


In a 50 mL two-necked flask, $\mathrm{M} 1(0.14 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{M} 2(0.14 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous toluene. The reaction system was purged with argon for 10 min to remove the oxygen. The catalyst $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(13 \mathrm{mg})$ was added quickly into the flask, which was flushed for 5 min with argon again, and the reaction mixture was heated to $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h under vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into 200 mL of methanol and the crude polymer precipitated out. After stirring for 30 min , the crude polymer was filtered off and purified by a Soxhlet extraction with methanol, n-hexane, acetone and chloroform successively. The chloroform fraction was collected and evaporated under vacuum to afford the target polymer TTFQx-T1 as deep green solid ( $185 \mathrm{mg}, 68 \%$ yield). TTFQx-

T 1 has a number average molecular weight $\left(M_{n}\right)$ of 24.8 kDa with the dispersity $(\#$ : $M_{\mathrm{w}} / M_{\mathrm{n}}$ ) of 2.87 .

## Polymer TTFQx-T2



In a 50 mL two-necked flask, $\mathrm{M} 1(0.14 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ and M3 ( $0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous toluene. The reaction system was purged with Ar for 10 min to remove the oxygen. The catalyst $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(13 \mathrm{mg})$ was added quickly into the flask, then purged with Ar for 5 min again. The reaction mixture was heated to $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 24 h . After cooling, it was poured into 200 mL of methanol and stirred for 30 min to precipitate out the crude polymer, which was filtered off. The
polymer was purified by a Soxhlet extraction with methanol, n-hexane, acetone and chloroform. The chloroform fraction was collected and evaporated under vacuum to afford the target polymer TTFQx-T2 as deep green solid ( $145 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ yield). TTFQxT2 has a number average molecular weight $\left(M_{n}\right)$ of 13.7 kDa with a $Đ$ of 2.31 .

## 5. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



Figure S1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 3-bromo-2-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophene (2)
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Figure S2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of (4-bromo-5-(2-ethylhexyl)thiophen-2yl)trimethylsilane (3)


Figure S3. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of (5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2yl)trimethylsilane (4)


Figure S4. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 2-(2-ethylhexyl)-3-fluorothiophene (5)


Figure S5. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 1,2-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (6)


Figure S6. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 5,8-dibromo-2,3-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-6,7-difluoroquinoxaline (9)


Figure S7. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 2,3-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-6,7-difluoro-5,8-di(thiophen-2-yl)quinoxaline (10)


Figure S8. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 5,8-bis(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,3-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-6,7-difluoroquinoxaline (M1)


Figure S9. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of TTFQx-T1


Figure S10. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of TTFQx-T2
6. ${ }^{13}$ C HMR


Figure S11. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 5,8-bis(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,3-bis(5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4-fluorothiophen-2-yl)-6,7-difluoroquinoxaline (M1)
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Figure S12. The images of TTFQx-T1 and TTFQx-T2 (a) in dilute chlorobenzene (polar solvents); (b) in dilute toluene solution (non-polar solvents).
(a)

## TTFQx-T1

| MW Averages |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mp: 58356 | Mn: 24762 | Mv: 63187 | Mw: 71169 |
| Mz: 145287 | $M z+1: 253376$ | PD: 2.8741 |  |

MZ 145287
Mz+1: 253376
PD: 2.8741
Distribution Plots


TTFQX-T2

## MW Averages

| $M p: 25620$ | Mn: 13721 | Mv: 28448 | Mw: 31633 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $M z: 60876$ | $M z+1: 102496$ | PD: 2.3054 |  |

Mz: 60876
Distribution Plots


(c)


Figure S13. (a) GPC curves of TTQx-T1 and TTFQx-T2; (b) TGA curves of the TTQxT 1 and TTFQx-T2 measured with a heating rate of $20 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{min}$. (c) DSC thermograms of TTQx-T1 and TTFQx-T2 measured with a scan rate of $20 \mathrm{~K} /$ min under nitrogen atmosphere.


Figure S14. Absorption coefficients of TTFQx-T1 and TTFQx-T2 in films




Figure S15. Normalized absorption spectra of TTFQx-T1 and TTFQx-T2 in dilute chlorobenzene $(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})$ and toluene solution ( $\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d})$ at different temperatures .


Figure S16. The $J-V$ curves of PSCs based on TTFQx-T1: $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ and TTFQx-T2: $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ under the illumination of AM $1.5 \mathrm{G}, 100 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$


Figure S17. The $E Q E$ curves of the (a) $\mathrm{TTFQx}-\mathrm{T} 1: \mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ and (b) TTFQx$\mathrm{T} 2: \mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ based devices.
(a)

(b)



Figure S18. The dependence of square root of current density ( $J^{1 / 2}$ ) on voltage for holeonly devices of ITO/PEDOT:PSS/active layer/Au and electron-only devices of $\mathrm{ITO} / \mathrm{ZnO} /$ active layer/ZrAcac/Al with active layers (a) and (b) TTFQx-T1:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ blends; (c) and (d) TTFQx-T2: $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ blends.


Figure S19. Light intensity dependence of the $J_{s c}$ density of the PSCs based on (a) TTFQx-T1: $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ and (b) TTFQx-T2: $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$.


Figure S20. Topographic AFM images (a-d height and e-h phase): (a) and (e) TTFQx$\mathrm{T} 1: \mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ blend films (1:1.5, w:w); (b) and (f) with $0.5 \mathrm{vol} \% \mathrm{DIO}(1: 1.5, w: w)$; (c) and (g) TTFQx-T2:PC $7_{11} \mathrm{BM}$ blend films (1:1.5, w:w); (d) and (h) with $0.5 \mathrm{vol} \% \mathrm{DIO}$
(1:1.5, w:w). Dimension of images: $3 \times 3 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{2}$.


Figure S21. Topographic TEM images $\left(1^{*} 1 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)$ : (a) TTFQx-T1:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ blend films (1:1.5, w:w); (b) with 0.5 vol\% DIO (1:1.5, w:w); (c) TTFQx-T2:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ blend films (1:1,5 w:w); (d) with $0.5 \mathrm{vol} \% \mathrm{DIO}(1: 1.5, w: w)$.


Figure S22. Topographic TEM images $\left(1^{*} 1 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)$ : (a) TTFQx-T1:ITIC blend films ( $\left.1: 1.5, w: w\right)$;
(b) with TA treatment $(1: 1.5, w: w)$; (c) TTFQx-T2:ITIC blend films (1:1,5 w:w); (d) with TA treatment (1:1.5, w:w).


Figure S23. (a) The $J-V$ curves of inverted PSCs based on TTFQx-T1:ITIC under the illumination of AM $1.5 \mathrm{G}, 100 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2} \mathbf{( b )}$ The $E Q E$ curves of the TTFQx-T1:ITIC based inverted devices.

Table S1. Summary of the photovoltaic data of the TTFQx-T1:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM} / \mathrm{ITIC}$ and TTFQx-T2: $\mathrm{PC}_{71} \mathrm{BM} /$ ITIC blend films based devices


[^0]Table S2. Summary of the hole and electron mobilities of TTFQx-T1:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM} / \mathrm{ITIC}$ and TTFQx-T2:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM} /$ ITIC blend films determined by SCLC method

| BHJ active layer | TTFQx-T1:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ | TTFQx-T2:PC ${ }_{71} \mathrm{BM}$ | TTFQx-T1:ITIC | TTFQx-T2:ITIC |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D/A weight ratio |  |  | $1: 1.5$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| DIO (vol\%) | None | 0.5 | None | 0.5 | None | None | None | None |
| TA $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | None | None | None | None | None | 150 | None | 150 |
| Hole mobility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\left(10^{-6} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{~V}^{-1} \cdot \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | 6.41 | 40.7 | 2.5 | 19.9 | 31.9 | 113 | 7.55 | 13.9 |
| Electron mobility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\left(10^{-6} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{~V}^{-1} \cdot \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | 99.5 | 134 | 71.7 | 93.9 | 176 | 160 | 53.6 | 68.0 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ The additive is 1,8 -diiodooctane. ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ The maximum PCE value of devices. ${ }^{\text {c }}$ The average PCE values of 10 devices.

