

## Supporting Information

### **Predicting the crystal habit of Photoinitiator XBPO and elucidating the solvent effect on crystal faces**

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**Table S1** The crystal habit parameters of XBPO crystals in a vacuum predicted by the AE model<sup>a</sup>

$(h\ k\ l)$	Multiplicity	$d_{hkl}$	$E_{att}$ (Total)	$E_{att}$ (vdW)	$E_{att}$ (Electrostatic)	Area(%)
(1 0 0)	2	17.24	-33.59	-30.63	-2.96	46.12
(1 1 0)	4	10.97	-63.39	-60.27	-3.12	28.41
(0 1 1)	4	7.28	-97.32	-89.66	-7.65	12.52
(1 1 -1)	4	7.30	-97.38	-88.92	-8.45	12.95

<sup>a</sup> All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, distances are in Å.

**Table S2** The diffusion coefficient of solvent molecules at the dominant crystal surfaces of XPBO

Solvent	$(h\ k\ l)$	$D/\times 10^{-9}\text{m}^2\ \text{s}^{-1}$	$\phi$
acetone	(1 0 0)	2.89	1.000
	(1 1 0)	2.91	1.007
	(0 1 1)	2.55	0.882
	(1 1 -1)	4.15	1.436
ethanol	(1 0 0)	1.43	1.000
	(1 1 0)	1.80	1.259
	(0 1 1)	2.43	1.699
	(1 1 -1)	2.80	1.958

**Note:** the diffusion coefficient ( $D$ ) can be calculated using its mean square displacement (MSD) with respect to time as follows:

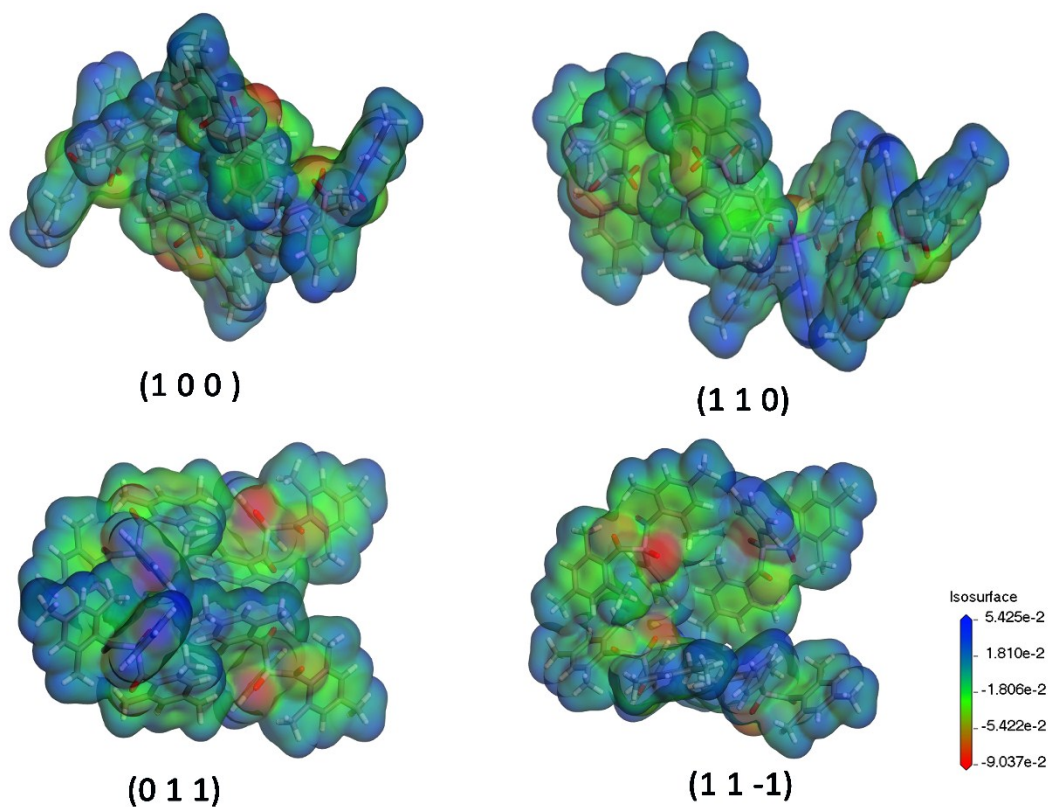
$$D = \frac{1}{6} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle |r_i(t) - r_i(0)|^2 \rangle$$

where  $N$  indicates the equivalent particles,  $r_i(t)$  is the position of molecule  $i$  at time  $t$ . The values of  $D$  was evaluated using the slope of the MSD versus time (take the 35-135 ps time interval).

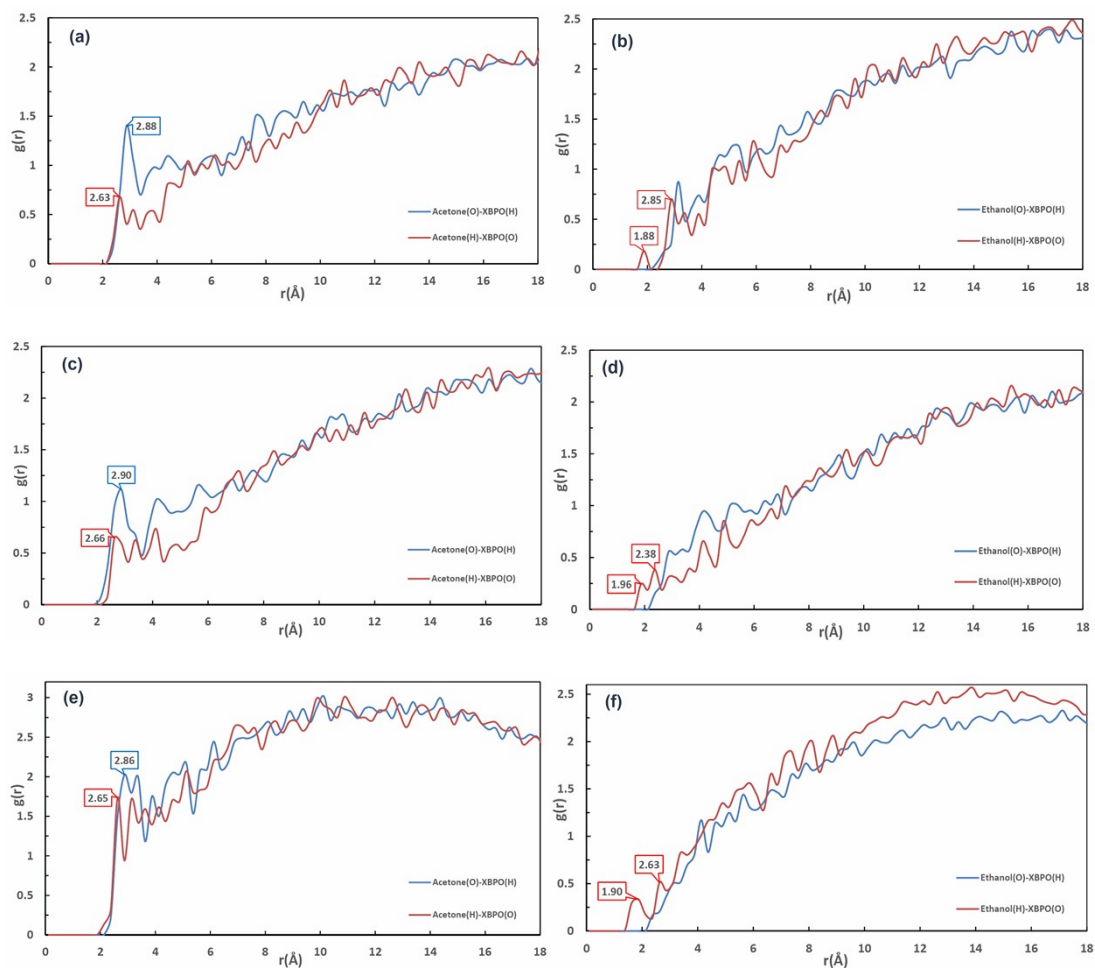
**Table S3** The calculation details of affinity degree at the dominant crystal surfaces of XPBO<sup>a</sup>

Solvent	( <i>h k l</i> )	$\phi$	$S$	n	$E_{\text{ads}}$	$E_{\text{att}}$	$\epsilon$
acetone	(1 0 0)	1.000	1.440	18	-10.344	-33.590	0.887
	(1 1 0)	1.007	1.780	18	-11.466	-63.390	0.648
	(0 1 1)	0.882	1.700	18	-12.000	-97.320	0.370
	(1 1 -1)	1.436	1.580	18	-13.694	-97.380	0.638
ethanol	(1 0 0)	1.000	1.440	18	-10.600	-33.590	0.909
	(1 1 0)	1.259	1.780	18	-10.580	-63.390	0.748
	(0 1 1)	1.699	1.700	18	-9.750	-97.320	0.579
	(1 1 -1)	1.958	1.580	18	-13.300	-97.380	0.845

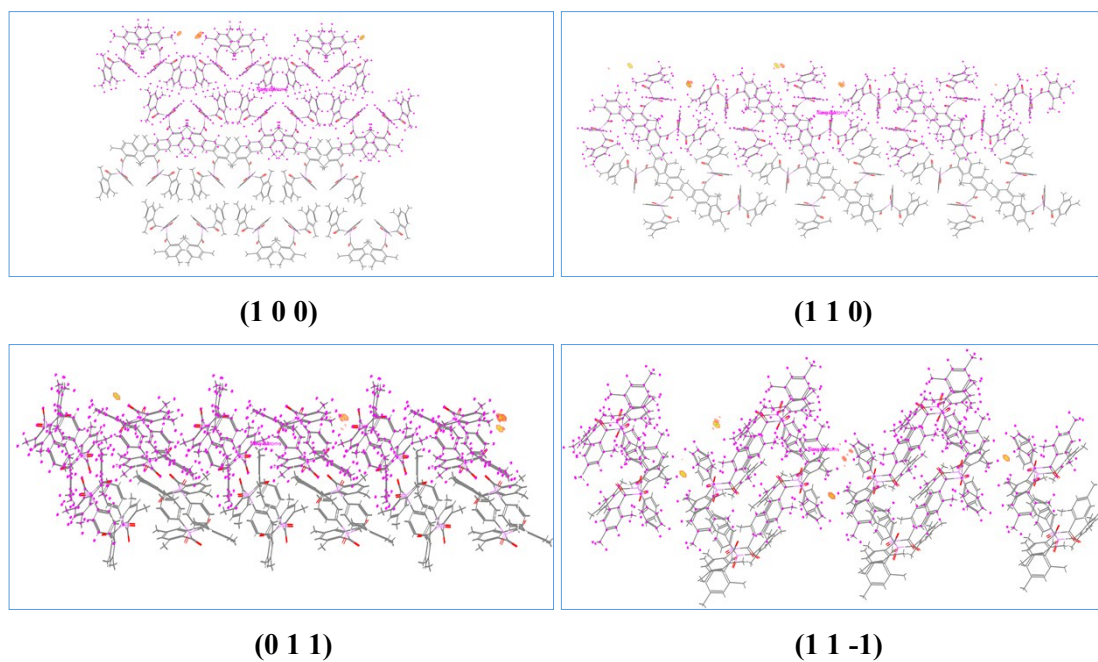
<sup>a</sup> All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.



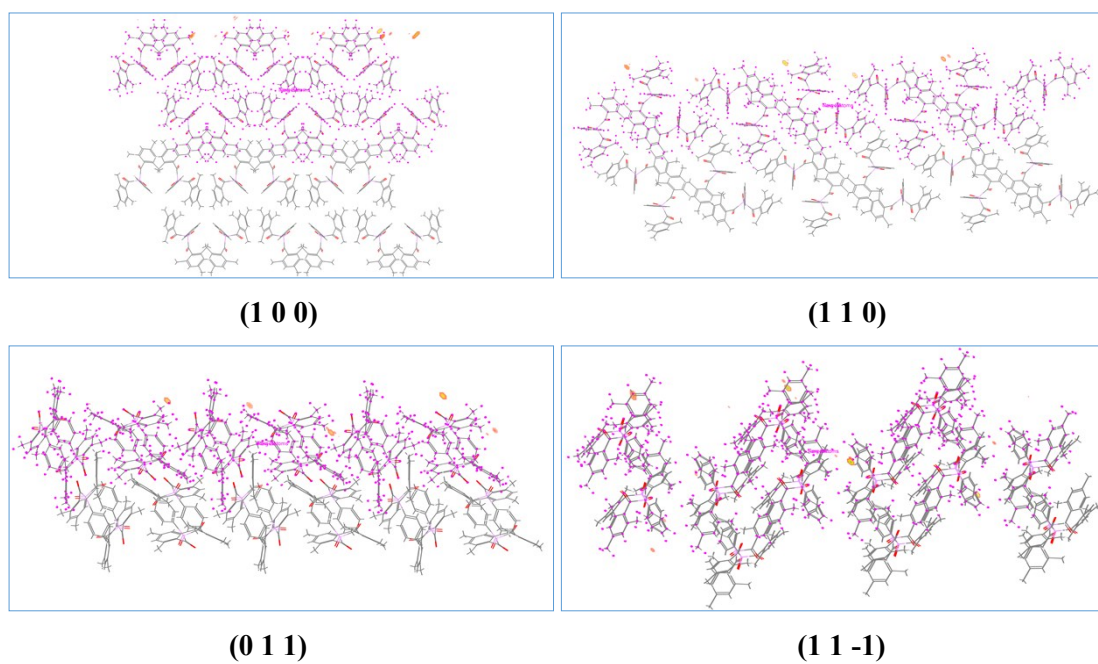
**Fig. S1** Electrostatic potential (ESP) maps of important crystal faces.



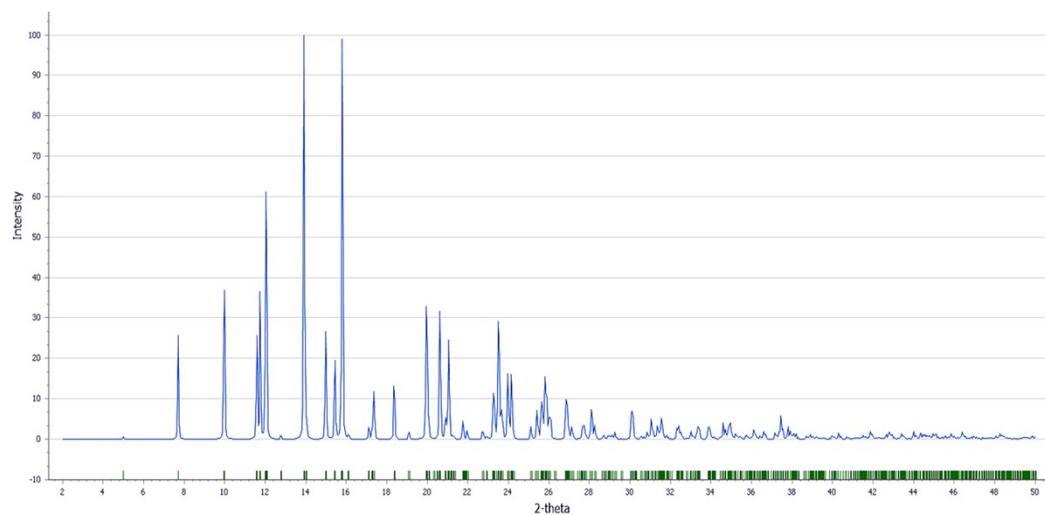
**Fig. S2** The RDF analysis between the solvent molecules and the surface of XBPO crystal in acetone/ethanol solvents. (a)(b) Correspond to the surface (1 0 0); (c)(d) Correspond to the surface (1 1 0); (e)(f) Correspond to the surface (0 1 1).



**Fig. S3** The field of adsorption sites on different crystal faces (acetone molecule).



**Fig. S4** The field of adsorption sites on different crystal faces (ethanol molecule).



**Fig. S5** The simulated pattern of the XBPO crystal.