

Supporting Information for

Analyzing the efficiency, stability and cost potential for fullerene-free organic photovoltaics in one Figure of Merit

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Table S1. Normalized values of number of synthetic steps (NSS), reciprocal yield (RY), number of operation units for the isolation/purification (NUO), number of column chromatographies for the isolation/purification (NCC) and number of hazardous chemicals (NHC) for materials investigated in this work. For this work, all the values are normalized to the maximal values of polymers^{S1} (NSSmax = 22; RYmax = 86.9; NUOmax = 39; NCCmax = 13; NHCmax = 44). SC index = 35*N NSS+25*N RY+15*N NUO+15*N NCC+10*N NHC

	N NSS	N RY	N NUO	N NCC	N NHC	SC index / %	Ref.
P3HT	0.14	0.02	0.1	0	0.09	7.7	S1
PCE10	0.73	0.58	0.62	0.54	0.7	64.3	S1
PCE11	0.364	0.07	0.333	0.231	0.5	27.9	S2
PCBM	0.227	0.266	0.154	0.154	0.136	20.6	S3
O-IDTBR	0.5	0.267	0.615	0.461	0.364	43.9	S4

Table S2. Photovoltaic parameters of OSCs taken from literature for estimating the i-FoM values.

	V_{OC} / V	J_{SC} / mA cm⁻²	FF / %	PCE / %	200 hrs Stability	Ref.
P3HT:PCBM	0.56	7.7	65	2.8	0.92	S5
PCE10:PCBM	0.82	15.7	68	8.87	0.91	S6
PCE11:PCBM	0.73	17.8	70	9.2	0.67	S7
P3HT:IDTBR	0.72	12.5	67	6.05	0.98	S8
PCE10:IDTBR	1.03	18.5	63	12.0	0.95	-
PCE11:IDTBR	1.08	14.65	62	9.5	1.00	S9

Table S3. Parameters used for estimating the SC index of donor:acceptor blends. The SC index (donor) and SC index (acceptor) were calculated according to Po et al.^{S1} The D:A ratios of OPV devices are taken from the literature.

	SC index (D) / %	SC index (A) / %	D:A ratio	SC index (M) / %
Blended with PCBM				
P3HT	7.7	20.6	1:1 ^{S10}	14.1
PCE10	64.3	20.6	1:2 ^{S6}	35.2
PCE11	27.9	20.6	1:1.2 ^{S2}	23.9
Blended with O-IDTBR				
P3HT	7.7	43.9	1:1 ^{S4}	25.8
PCE10	64.3	43.9	1:1.5	52.1
PCE11	27.9	43.9	1:1.4 ^{S9}	37.2
Blended with i-NFA				
P3HT	7.7	20.6	1:1	14.1
PCE10	64.3	20.6	1:2	35.2
PCE11	27.9	20.6	1:1.2	23.9

Table S4. Energy levels and bandgaps of the three model polymers used for efficiency prediction using the model described in Figure 2b.

	HOMO / eV	LUMO / eV	Bandgap / eV	Optical / eV	PCE limit / %⁽¹⁾	PCE limit / %⁽²⁾
P3HT	-5.1	-3.2	1.9	1.92	17.6	19.8
PCE10	-5.24	-3.66	1.58	1.58	17.6	19.8
PCE11	-5.34	-3.69	1.65	1.66	17.6	19.8

(1) Calculated under the assumptions of a bandgap-to- V_{OC} loss = 0.5 V, a constant EQE = 0.8 and a FF = 0.75. (2)

Calculated under the assumptions of a bandgap-to- V_{OC} loss = 0.45 V, a constant EQE = 0.8 and a FF = 0.8.

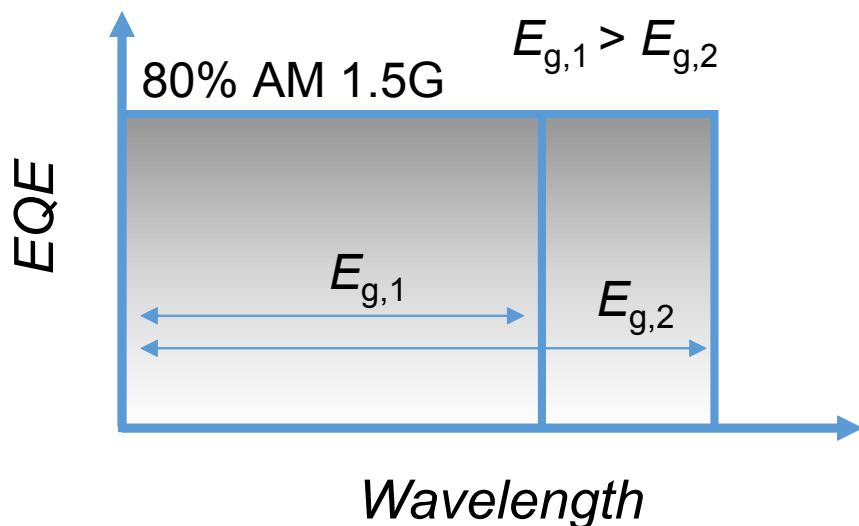


Figure S1. Only the smallest bandgap of donor and acceptor is considered for the J_{SC} calculation under the assumption of rectangular absorption of the AM 1.5G solar spectrum and a constant EQE of 80%.

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