

Supporting Information for

Near-Infrared Electron Acceptors Based on Terrylene Diimides for Organic Solar Cells

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1. Materials and Characterization Techniques

^1H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents on a Bruker AVIII 500WB NMR spectrometer. NMR chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from a tetramethylsilane (TMS) reference using the residual protonated solvent as an internal standard. HR-MALDI-TOF mass spectra were determined on Bruker solariX 9.4 Tesla Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometer. Ultraviolet–visible (UV–vis) absorption spectra were measured with a Hitachi (Model U-3010) spectrophotometer in a 1-cm quartz cell. Cyclic voltammograms (CV) were recorded on a Zahner IM6e electrochemical workstation using glassy carbon discs as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode, Ag/AgCl electrode as the reference electrode at a scanning rate of 100 mV/s. 0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6 (tetrabutylammoniumhexafluorophosphate) was dissolved in acetonitrile, which was calibrated by the ferrocene/ferroncenium (Fc/Fc^+) as the redox couple. The thin films were deposited from CHCl_3 solution onto the working electrode. All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise specified.

TDI: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_2\text{CDCl}_2$, 373K): δ = 8.61-8.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 8.50 (s, 4H), 8.45-8.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 5.22-5.16 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.24 (m, 4H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.33 (m, 24H), 0.90-0.87 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_2\text{CDCl}_2$, 373K): δ = 164.15, 135.44, 131.32, 131.11, 129.82, 128.78, 126.10, 124.15, 122.58, 121.37, 54.83, 32.61, 31.74, 26.68, 22.45, 13.84; HRMS (MALDI, 100%): calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{58}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 822.4402; found, 822.4405.

ph-TDI: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298K): δ = 8.50-8.48 (sd, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 16H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 8H), 5.23-5.16 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.22 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.25 (m, 24H), 0.84-0.81 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298K): δ = 165.04, 163.99, 143.39, 140.20, 135.72, 135.08, 133.80, 129.87, 129.43, 128.81, 127.92, 127.35, 121.29, 120.64, 54.53, 32.36, 31.76, 26.59, 22.56, 14.03; HRMS (MALDI, 100%): calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{80}\text{H}_{74}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 1126.5654; found, 1126.5655.

th-TDI: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_2\text{CDCl}_2$, 373K): δ = 8.55 (s, 4H), 7.76 (s, 4H), 7.41-7.40 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (s, 4H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 4H), 5.18-5.13 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.22 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.31 (m, 24H), 0.88-0.85 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_2\text{CDCl}_2$, 373K): δ = 164.02, 144.85, 135.82, 135.14, 132.76, 129.49, 129.44, 129.17, 129.07, 128.50, 128.02, 127.47, 126.96, 121.33, 54.90, 32.56, 31.72, 26.63, 22.45, 13.88; HRMS (MALDI, 100%): calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{72}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$: 1150.3910; found, 1150.3917.

2. Characterization of TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI

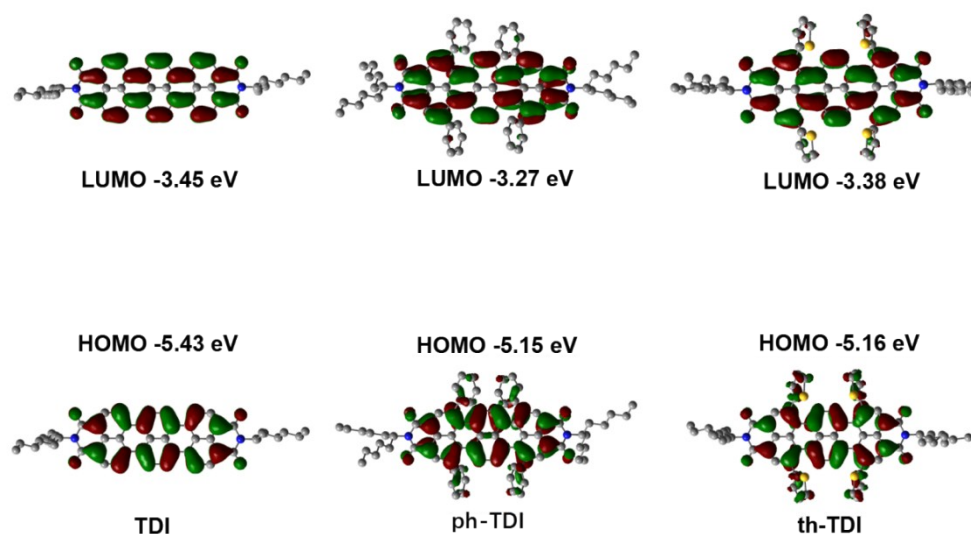


Figure S1. Energies and shapes of B3LYP/6-31G (d,p) frontier π orbitals of model TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI.

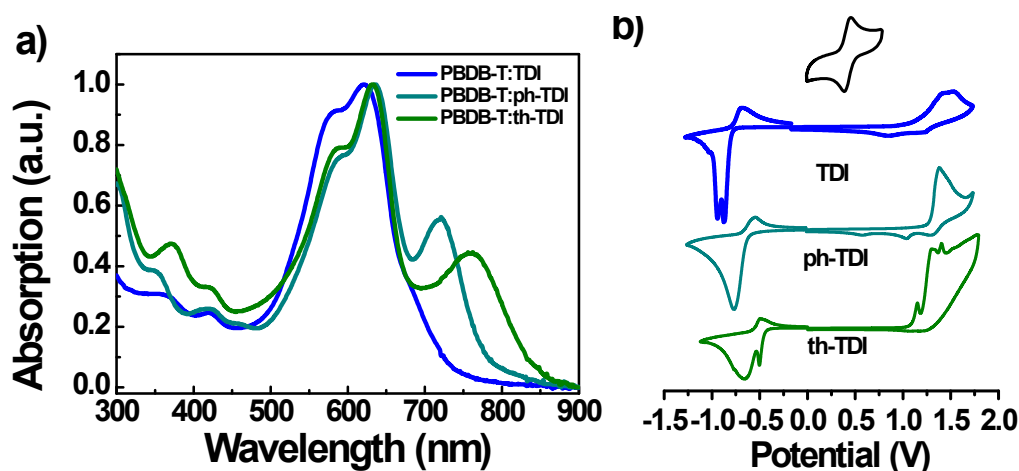


Figure S2. a) UV-vis normalized absorption spectra of TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI blend films and b) CV plots of TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI in film.

3. Devices Fabrication and Characterization.

OFET devices: The organic field-effect transistors were fabricated on a commercial Si/SiO₂/Au substrate purchased from First MEMS Co. Ltd. A heavily N-doped Si wafer with a SiO₂ layer of 300 nm served as the gate electrode and dielectric layer, respectively. The source-drain electrodes of Ti (2 nm)/Au (28 nm) were sputtered and patterned by a lift-off technique. The gate dielectrics were treated with octadecyltrichlorosilane (ODTS) in a vacuum oven at 120 °C. The treated substrates were treated with hexane, chloroform and isopropyl alcohol. Before spin-coating the solution of TDIs, the sample was dissolved into the chloroform with 10% n-hexane. Then the solution was spin-coated onto the substrates with the thickness of 30-50 nm and thermally annealed at 200 °C for 10 min in a glovebox filled with N₂. The mobilities were calculated from the saturation region with the following equation: $I_{DS} = (W/2L)C_i\mu(V_G - V_T)^2$, where I_{DS} is the drain-source current, W is the channel width (1400 μm), L is the channel length (50 μm), μ is the field-effect mobility, C_i is the capacitance per unit area of the gate dielectric layer, V_G and V_T are the gate voltage and threshold voltage, respectively.

Table S1. The p-channel and n-channel characteristics of ambipolar OFETs based on TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI with $V_{SD} = 100$ V and -100 V.

Sample		Mobility (cm ² V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	V_T (V)	I_{on}/I_{off}
TDI	μ_h	1.5×10^{-4}	-43.5	1×10^1
	μ_e	7.3×10^{-3}	15.5	1×10^3
ph-TDI	μ_h	2.3×10^{-2}	-57.3	4×10^1
	μ_e	2.8×10^{-2}	9.3	2×10^2
Th-TDI	μ_h	5.5×10^{-3}	-54.0	1×10^1
	μ_e	1.2×10^{-2}	5.0	1×10^2

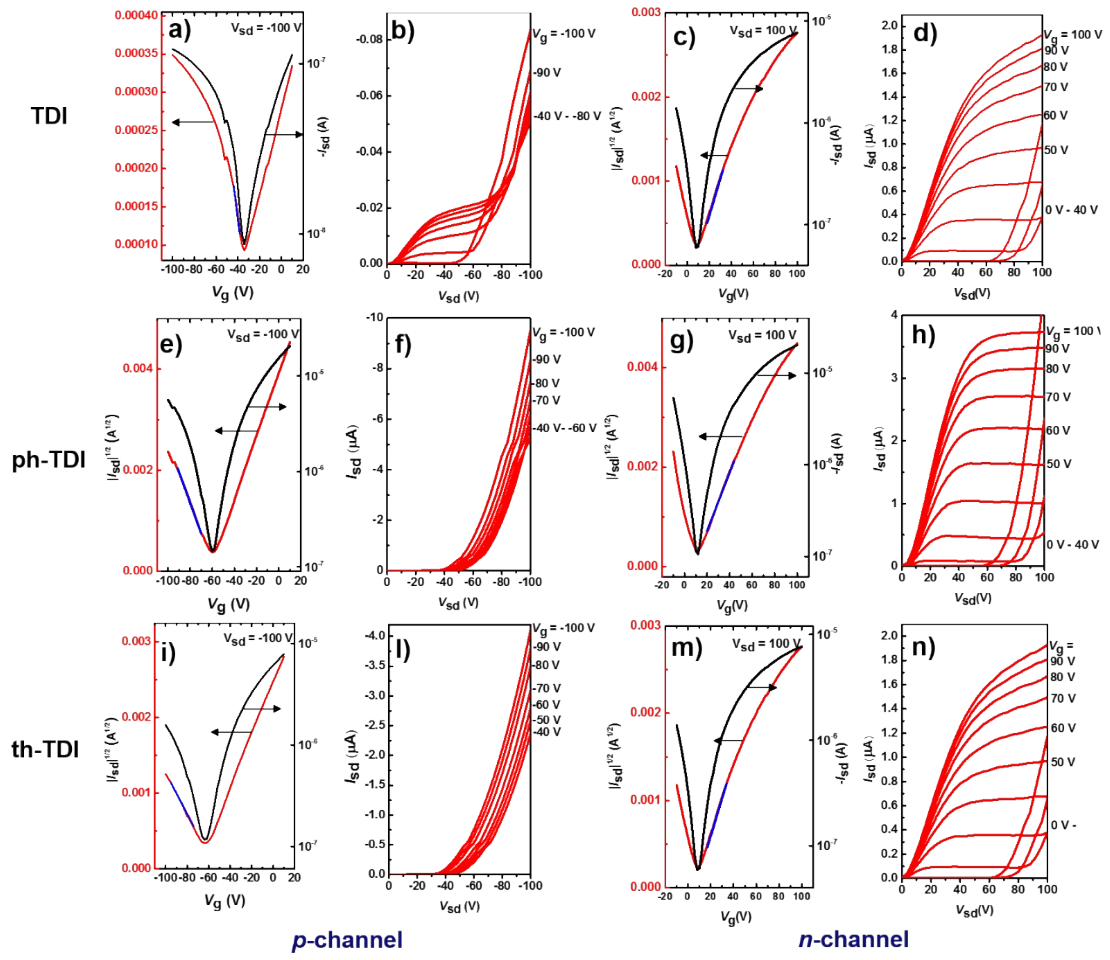


Figure S3. Current-voltage (J - V) characteristics of OFETs based on TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI with optimized thin-film fabricated by CF+10% n -Hexane annealed at 200 °C. (a), (e), (i) Transfer characteristics of p -channel for films with $V_{SD}=-100$ V; (c), (g), (m) Transfer characteristics of n -channel for films with $V_{SD}=100$ V; (b), (f), (l) Output characteristics of p -channel for films; (d), (h), (n) Output characteristics of n -channel for films ($L=1400$ μm and $W= 50$ μm)

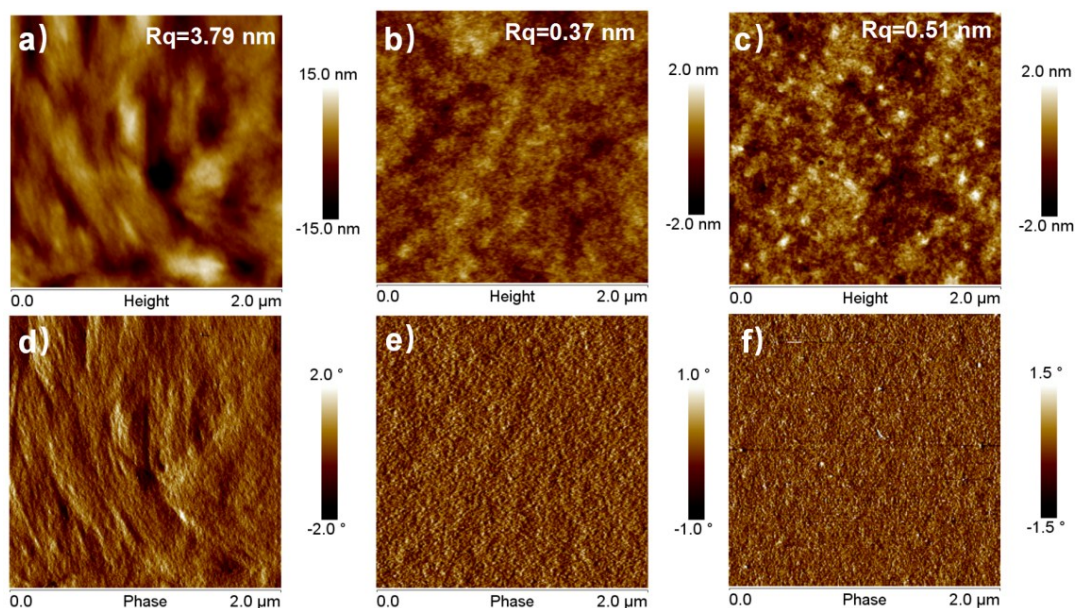


Figure S4. a-c) AFM height images, d-f) AFM phase images of TDI film, ph-TDI film and th-TDI film, respectively.

Photovoltaic devices: In an ultrasonic bath, the ITO-coated glass ($15 \Omega/\square$) was cleaned with deionized water, acetone, and isopropanol, respectively. After oxygen plasma cleaning for 20 min, a 40 nm thick ZnO cathode buffer layer was spin-cast onto the ITO substrate and then dried by baking in an oven at 200 °C for 60 min. Of which, the polymeric donor PBDB-T ($M_n=22923$ g/mol, $M_w=54445$ g/mol, $D=2.375$) was selected as the donor material. The active layer were then deposited on top of the ZnO layer by spin-coating from CB or *o*-xylene solution (8 mg/mL of polymers) of PBDB-T:acceptor and different concentration of 1-CN as a processing additive was added to the solutions before use. The active layers solution using CB as the host solvent was stirred at the room temperature and the solution in *o*-xylene was stirred at 70 °C for at least 8 hours. Then, the active layer solution was spin-coated onto the ZnO buffer layer at the speed of 2000 rpm for 80-nm-thick active layers. Then the device fabrication process was completed by thermally evaporating 10-nm-thick MoO₃ as the anode buffer layer under vacuum at a pressure of 3×10^{-4} Pa. Finally, 100-nm-thick Al layer was evaporated on top of the active layer. The overlapping area between the cathode and anode defined a pixel size of 0.04 cm². The $J-V$ measurement was performed via the solar simulator (SS-F5-3A, Enlitech) along with AM 1.5G spectra whose intensity was calibrated by the certified standard silicon solar cell (SRC-2020, Enlitech) at 100 mw/cm². The EQE data were obtained using a solar cell spectral

response measurement system (QE-R3011, Enli Technology Co. Ltd). The film thickness data were obtained employing a surface profilometer (Dektak XT, Bruker).

Table S2. Photovoltaic parameters of the cells using CB as the host solvent under AM 1.5G illumination of 100 mW/cm²

Blend	Ratio(w/w)	Solvent	V_{OC} (V)	J_{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF	PCE(%)
PBDB-T:TDI	1.5:1	w/o	0.747	3.36	0.37	0.93
	1:1	w/o	0.750	4.93	0.44	1.62
	1:1	1% CN	0.726	2.03	0.33	0.49
	1:1.5	w/o	0.745	4.65	0.44	1.52
PBDB-T:ph-TDI	1:1	w/o	0.923	8.91	0.41	3.36
	1:1	0.5% CN	0.930	9.78	0.48	4.40
	1:1	1% CN	0.934	9.64	0.49	4.43
	1:1	2% CN	0.930	9.73	0.48	4.23
PBDB-T:th-TDI	1:1	w/o	0.825	9.01	0.42	3.15
	1:1	1% CN	0.823	9.13	0.47	3.50

Table S3. Photovoltaic parameters of the cells using o-xylene as the host solvent under AM 1.5G illumination of 100 mW/cm²

Blend	Solvent	V_{OC} (V)	J_{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF	PCE (%)
PBDB-T:TDI	w/o	0.735	4.41	0.35	1.13
	3% CN	0.787	4.14	0.44	1.44
PBDB-T:ph-TDI	w/o	0.892	8.11	0.38	2.74
	1% CN	0.912	9.70	0.45	4.00
	2% CN	0.925	9.79	0.51	4.64
	3% CN	0.938	11.10	0.49	5.10
	4% CN	0.930	9.04	0.51	4.33
PBDB-T:th-TDI	w/o	0.789	8.11	0.39	2.47
	1% CN	0.811	9.58	0.46	3.55
	2% CN	0.817	9.95	0.49	3.96
	3% CN	0.840	10.46	0.47	4.12
	4% CN	0.828	9.23	0.50	3.86

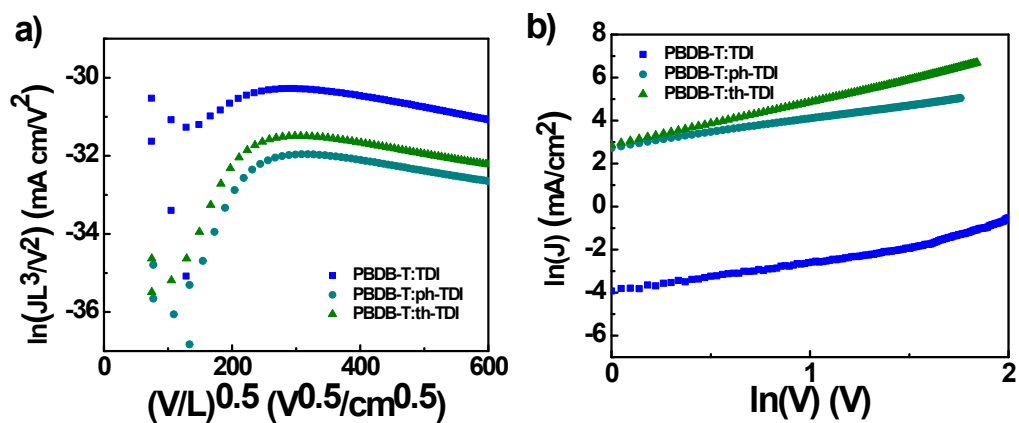


Figure S5. a) Plots of $\ln(JL^3/V^2)$ VS $\ln(V/L)^{0.5}$ obtained from the hole-only devices and b) plots of $\ln J$ vs $\ln V$ obtained from the electron-only devices for the optimized solar cells based on PBDB-T:TDI, PBDB-T:ph-TDI and PBDB-T:th-TDI active layers.

Table S4. Hole and electron mobilities of TDI, ph-TDI and th-TDI blend films processed by *o*-xylene and 1-CN solvent.

Blend	Hole mobility (cm ² /(V s))	Electron mobility (cm ² /(V s))	μ_h/μ_e
PBDB-T:TDI	6.93*10 ⁻⁴	3.97*10 ⁻⁸	17204
PBDB-T:ph-TDI	1.27*10 ⁻⁴	2.48*10 ⁻⁵	5.12
PBDB-T:th-TDI	2.02*10 ⁻⁴	3.29*10 ⁻⁵	6.14

4. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and HRMS Spectra

