

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

Materials and Instruments

All the chemicals and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker AV 500 spectrometer in CDCl_3 at room temperature. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a GCT premier CAB048 mass spectrometer operating in MALDI-TOF mode. Single crystals of CC6-DBP-PXZ were grown in CH_2Cl_2 -methanol mixtures and single crystal X-ray diffraction intensity data were collected at 173 K on a Bruker–Nonices Smart Apex CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation. Processing of the intensity data was carried out using the SAINT and SADABS routines, and the structure and refinement were conducted using the SHELTL suite of X-ray programs (version 6.10). UV-vis absorption spectra were measured on a Shimadzu UV-2600 spectrophotometer. PL spectra were recorded on a Horiba Fluoromax-4 spectrofluorometer. PL quantum yields were measured using a Hamamatsu absolute PL quantum yield spectrometer C11347 Quantaaurus_QY. The ground-state geometries were optimized using the density function theory (DFT) method with BMK hybrid functional at the basis set level of 6-31G*, and then the ΔE_{ST} values were calculated by time-dependent DFT (TDDFT) method at the same level. All the calculations were performed using Gaussian09 package.

Additional Spectra

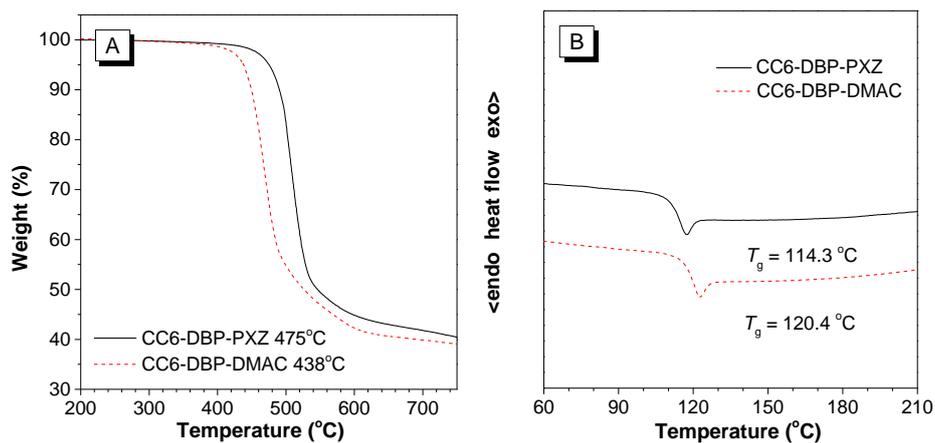


Fig. S1 (A) TGA and (B) DSC thermograms of CC6-DBP-PXZ and CC6-DBP-DMAC, measured under nitrogen at a heating rate of 20 and 10 °C min⁻¹, respectively.

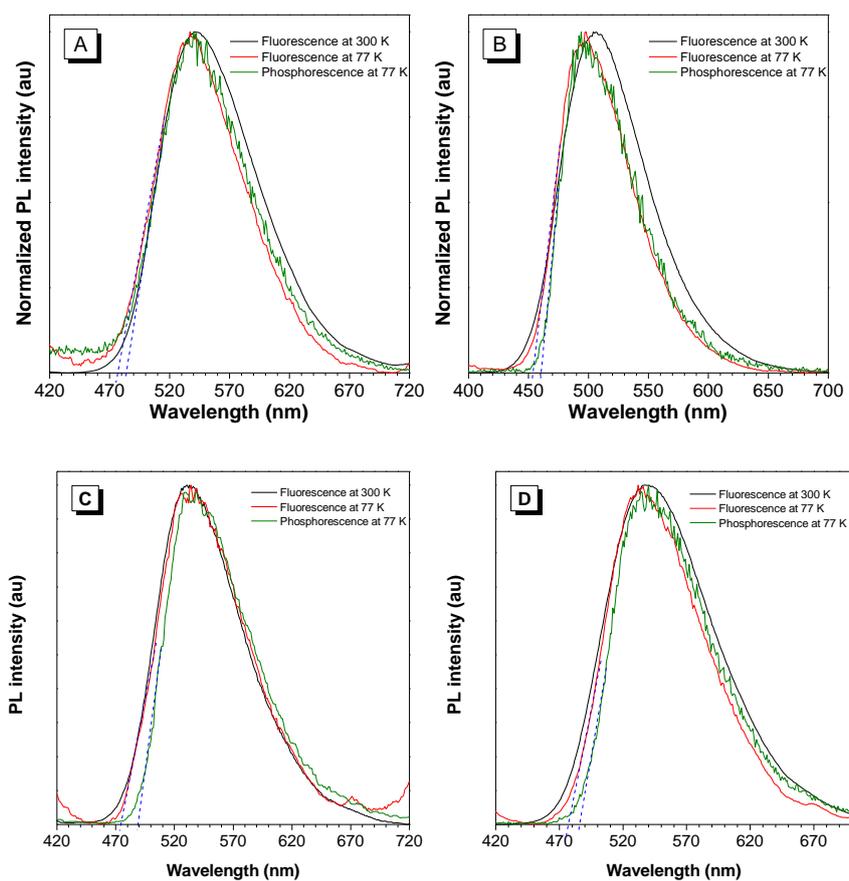


Fig. S2 Fluorescence and phosphorescence spectra of (A) CC6-DBP-PXZ neat film, (B) CC6-DBP-DMAC neat film, (C) 30 wt% CC6-DBP-PXZ:CBP doped film and (D) 30 wt% CC6-DBP-DMAC:CBP doped film.

Estimation of Basic Photophysical Data

The quantum efficiencies and rate constants were determined using the following equations according to the following equations:

$$\Phi_{\text{prompt}} = \Phi_{\text{F}} R_{\text{prompt}} \quad (1)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{delayed}} = \Phi_{\text{F}} R_{\text{delayed}} \quad (2)$$

$$k_{\text{F}} = \Phi_{\text{prompt}}/\tau_{\text{prompt}} \quad (3)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{F}} = k_{\text{F}}/(k_{\text{F}} + k_{\text{IC}}) \quad (4)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{prompt}} = k_{\text{F}}/(k_{\text{F}} + k_{\text{IC}} + k_{\text{ISC}}) \quad (5)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{IC}} = k_{\text{IC}}/(k_{\text{F}} + k_{\text{IC}} + k_{\text{ISC}}) \quad (6)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{ISC}} = k_{\text{ISC}}/(k_{\text{F}} + k_{\text{IC}} + k_{\text{ISC}}) = 1 - \Phi_{\text{prompt}} - \Phi_{\text{IC}} \quad (7)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{RISC}} = \Phi_{\text{delayed}}/\Phi_{\text{ISC}} \quad (8)$$

$$k_{\text{RISC}} = (k_{\text{p}}k_{\text{d}}\Phi_{\text{delayed}})/(k_{\text{ISC}}\Phi_{\text{prompt}}) \quad (9)$$

$$k_{\text{p}} = 1/\tau_{\text{prompt}}; k_{\text{d}} = 1/\tau_{\text{delayed}} \quad (10)$$

Table S1. Transient PL decay data of THF solutions and neat films of CC6-DBP-PXZ and CC6-DBP-DMAC at 300 K under nitrogen.^a

compound	state	$\langle\tau\rangle$ (ns)	τ_1 (ns)	τ_2 (ns)	A ₁	A ₂	R_{prompt} (%)	R_{delayed} (%)
CC6-DBP-	THF solution	2.0	1.9	28.6	61783	15.048	~100	~0
PXZ	neat film	244.9	22.9	1212.8	40350.8	175.0	81	19
CC6-DBP-	THF solution	60.7	19.7	217.2	6505.02	154.58	79	21
DMAC	neat film	1294.8	25.7	2882.1	31778	226.3	56	44

^a The transient PL decay data were fitted by multiple-exponential function and the mean fluorescence lifetimes ($\langle\tau\rangle$) were calculated by $\langle\tau\rangle = \sum A_i \tau_i^2 / \sum A_i \tau_i$, where A_i is the pre-exponential for lifetime τ_i . R_{prompt} and R_{delayed} are individual component ratio for prompt and delayed fluorescence. $R_{\text{prompt}} = \tau_1 A_1 / (\tau_1 A_1 + \tau_2 A_2 + \tau_3 A_3)$, $R_{\text{delayed}} = 1 - R_{\text{prompt}}$.

Table S2. Photophysical data of neat films and doped films in CBP (30 wt%) of CC6-BP-PXZ and CC6-BP-DMAC.^a

	CC6-DBP-PXZ		CC6-DBP-DMAC	
	neat film	30 wt% in CBP	neat film	30 wt% in CBP
Φ_F (%)	38.3	59.0	59.5	69.1
τ_{prompt} (ns)	22.9	24.5	25.7	29.4
τ_{delayed} (μs)	1.2	1.6	2.9	6.4
R_{delayed} (%)	19.0	28.6	44.0	43.4
Φ_{prompt} (%)	31.0	37.8	33.3	39.1
Φ_{delayed} (%)	7.3	15.2	26.2	30.0
Φ_{ISC} (%)	19.0	28.6	44.0	43.4
Φ_{RISC} (%)	38.4	53.0	59.5	69.1
k_F ($\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$)	13.5	15.4	13.0	13.3
k_{IC} ($\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$)	21.8	13.7	8.8	5.9
k_{ISC} ($\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$)	8.3	11.7	17.1	14.7
k_{RISC} ($\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$)	3.2	3.3	2.1	1.1

^a Abbreviations: Φ_{PL} = absolute photoluminescence quantum yield; τ_{prompt} and τ_{delayed} = lifetimes calculated from the prompt and delayed fluorescence decay, respectively; R_{delayed} = the ratio of delayed components; Φ_{prompt} and Φ_{delayed} = fluorescent and delayed components, respectively, determined from the total Φ_{PL} and the proportion of the integrated area of each of the components in the transient spectra to the total integrated area; Φ_{ISC} = the intersystem crossing quantum yield; K_F = fluorescence decay rate; K_{IC} = internal conversion decay rate from S_1 to S_0 ; K_{ISC} = intersystem crossing decay rate from S_1 to T_1 ; K_{RISC} = the rate constant of reverse intersystem crossing process.

Table S3. The theoretically calculated maximum η_{ext} values for nondoped OLEDs of CC6-DBP-PXZ and CC6-DBP-DMAC.

	Φ_{prompt} (%)	Φ_{ISC} (%)	Φ_{RISC} (%)	$\eta_{\text{ext}}^{\text{a}}$ (%)	$\eta_{\text{ext}}^{\text{b}}$ (%)
CC6-DBP-PXZ	31.0	19.0	38.4	7.7-11.5	7.73
CC6-DBP-DMAC	33.3	44.0	59.5	12.8-19.2	9.02

^a Theoretical maximum η_{ext} values, calculated according to the following equations (1) and (2):

$$\eta_{\text{ext}} = \eta_{\text{int}} \times \eta_{\text{out}} \quad (1)$$

$$\eta_{\text{int}} = \gamma \times [\eta_S \times \Phi_{\text{prompt}} + (\eta_S \times \Phi_{\text{ISC}} + \eta_T) \times \Phi_{\text{RISC}}] \quad (2)$$

where η_{int} denotes the internal quantum efficiency, η_{out} is the optical out-coupling factor (typically 0.2~0.3), γ is the charge balance factor (ideally $\gamma = 1.0$), and η_S and η_T are the fractions of singlet and triplet excitons (25% and 75%, respectively).

^b Experimental maximum η_{ext} values.