

# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Improved photostability in ternary blend organic solar cells: the role of [70]PCBM

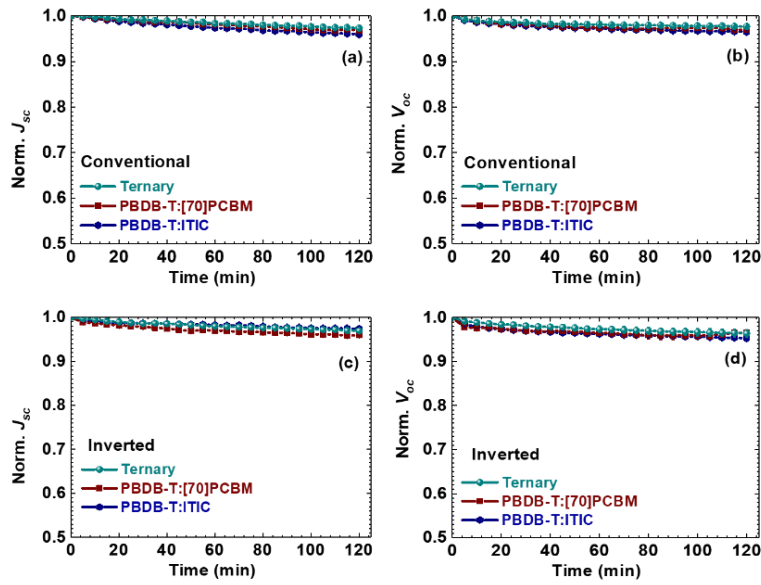
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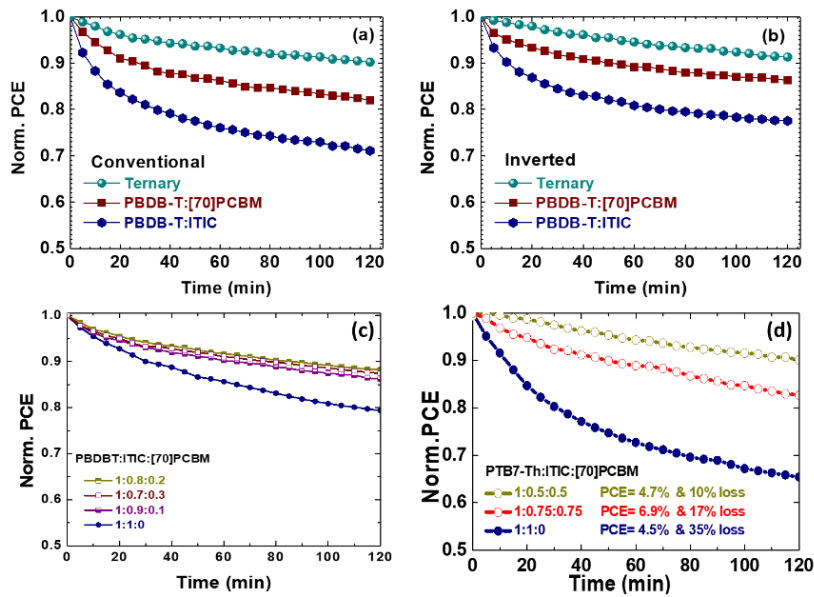
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# 1. Time evolution of $J$ - $V$ parameters of the studied solar cells

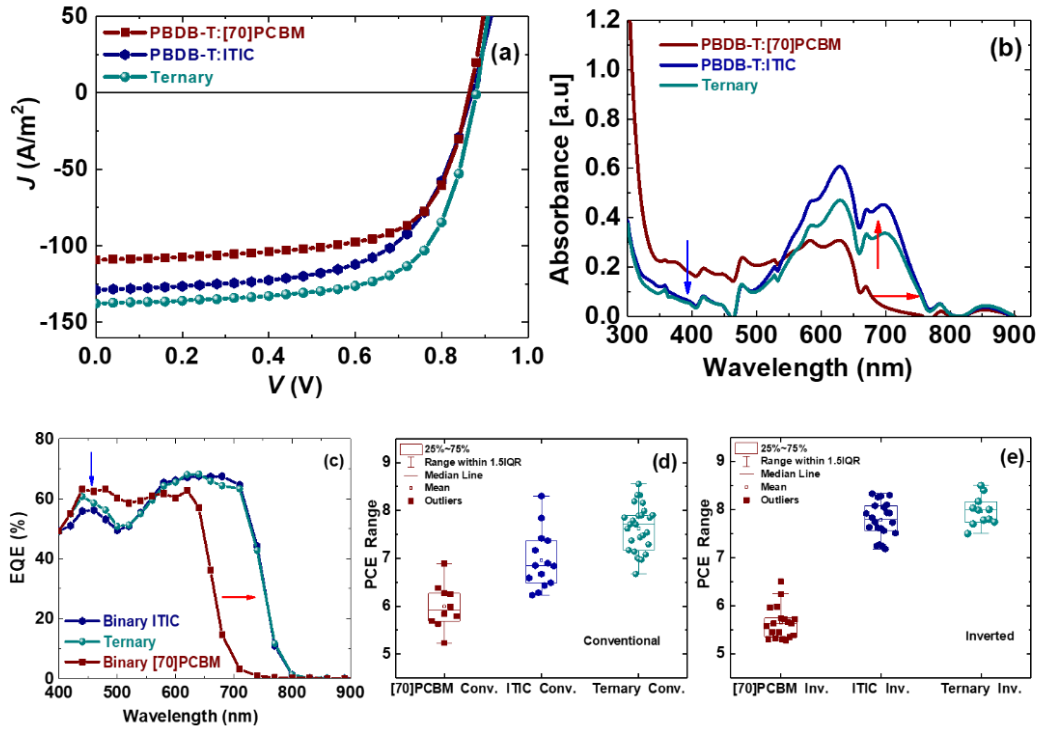


**Figure s1:** Photo-induced degradation behaviour of  $J_{sc}$  (a,c) and  $V_{oc}$  (b,d) of the conventional (a,b) and the inverted (c,d) solar cells: Ternary (sphere, cyan), PBDB-T:[70]PCBM (square, brown) and PBDB-T:ITIC (circle, blue).



**Figure s2:** Photo-induced degradation behaviour of the PCE: single plot of conventional PBDB-T based devices (a), single plot of inverted PBDB-T based devices (b), different ratio ternary vs. PBDB-T:ITIC binary conventional solar cells (c) and different ratio ternary vs. PTB7-Th:ITIC binary conventional solar cells (d).

## 2. $J$ - $V$ parameters of the studied solar cells



**Figure s3:**  $J$ - $V$  curves and EQE of best performing conventional solar cells (a,c), absorption spectra of their corresponding films (b) and devices PCE statistics (d,e). Ternary (27 conventional and 11 inverted devices), PBDB-T:[70]PCBM (10 conventional and 19 inverted devices) and PBDB-T:ITIC (14 conventional and 22 inverted devices).

## 3. Ratio-dependent photovoltaic performance of PBDB-T based solar cells

Table s1: Ratio dependent evolution of the photovoltaic parameters of PBDB-T:ITIC:[70]PCBM conventional solar cells.

Corresponding number to ratio	Ratio (1:i:j with j=1-i)	$J_{sc}$ (A.m <sup>-2</sup> )	$V_{oc}$ (V)	FF (%)	Best PCE (%)	Avg. PCE (%)	Avg. Degradation (%)
1	1:1:0	142	0.887	65.9	8.3	7.0	23.4
2	1:0.9:0.1	140	0.885	66.2	8.2	7.8	20.5
3	1:0.8:0.2	150	0.879	65.0	8.6	7.7	16.8
4	1:0.7:0.3	145	0.876	65.6	8.3	8.0	11.0
5	1:0.5:0.5	124	0.882	64.1	7.0	6.5	13.9
6	1:0.3:0.7	122	0.872	64.2	6.8	6.4	13.6
7	1:0.2:0.8	124	0.880	64.3	7.0	6.1	13.5
8	1:0.9:0.1	113	0.875	65.8	6.5	6.1	13.1
9	1:0:1	121	0.839	71.9	7.3	6.1	16

Table s2: Ratio dependent evolution of the photovoltaic parameters of PTB7-Th:ITIC:[70]PCBM conventional solar cells.

Corresponding number to ratio	Ratio (1:i:j with j=1-i)	$J_{sc}$ (A.m <sup>-2</sup> )	$V_{oc}$ (V)	FF (%)	Best PCE (%)	Avg. PCE (%)	Degradation (%)
1	1:1:0	112.6	0.81	49.5	4.5	4.2	34.6
2	1:0.9:0.1	116.9	0.812	49.7	4.7	4.6	27.6
3	1:0.8:0.2	114.7	0.799	53	4.9	4.8	20.3
4	1:0.7:0.3	87.6	0.804	55.8	3.9	3.9	23.3
5	1:0.5:0.5	110.7	0.803	51.7	4.7	4.6	9.4
6	1:0.75:0.75	147.3	0.817	57.7	6.9	6.7	17.3
7	1:0.5:1	145.7	0.822	59.9	7.2	7.1	18.6
8	1:0.25:1.25	147.3	0.825	61.2	7.4	7.2	18.9
9	1:0:1.5	147	0.804	65.3	7.7	7.4	18.7

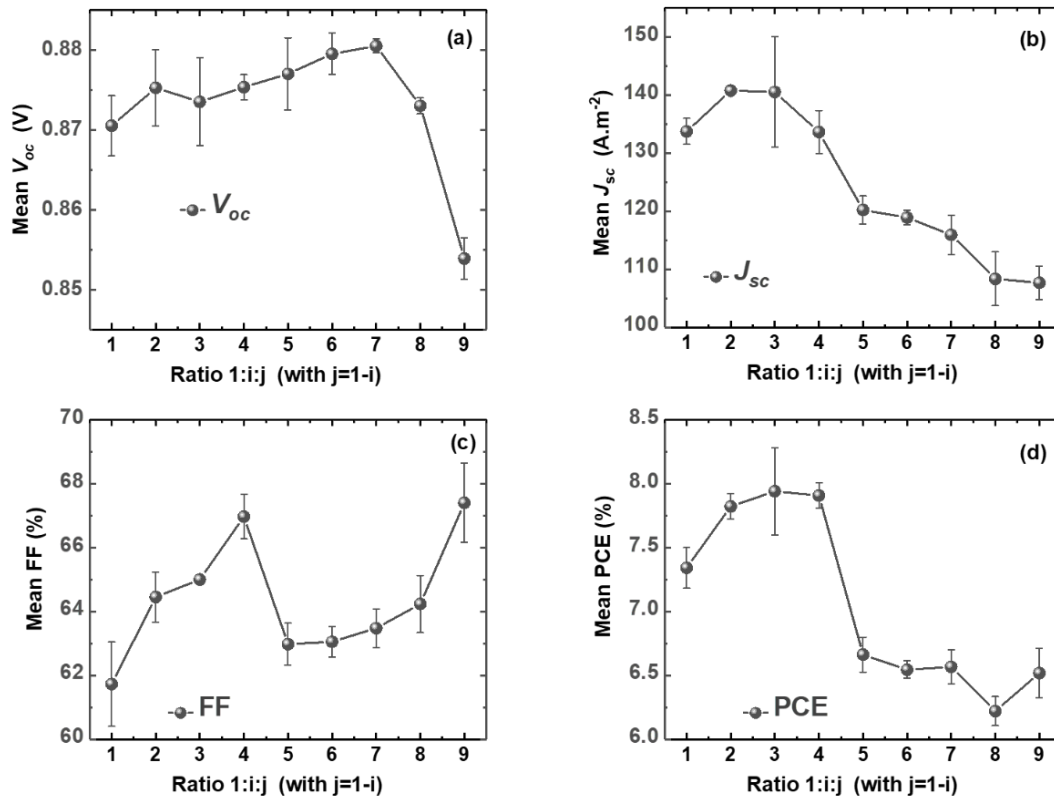
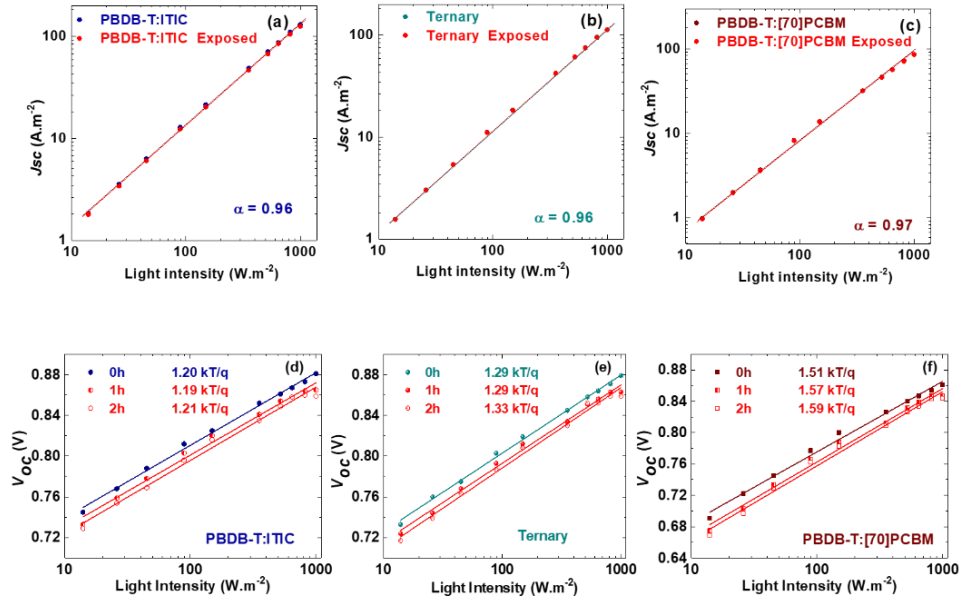


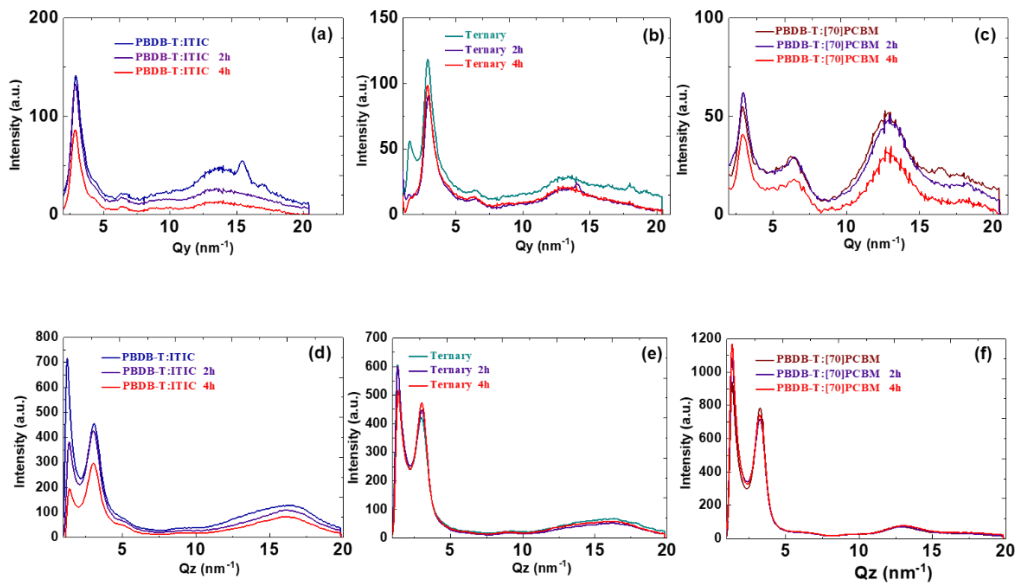
Figure s4: Ratio dependent average photovoltaic performance of conventional PBDB-T based solar cells:  $V_{oc}$  (a),  $J_{sc}$  (b), FF (c), and PCE (d). The correct ratio for the numbers 1,2,3 ... and 9 can be seen in Table s1.

#### 4. Light intensity dependence measurements



**Figure s5:**  $J_{sc}$  light intensity dependence of the fresh and exposed (1h and 2h): PBDB-T:ITIC (a), Ternary (b), and PBDB-T:[70]PCBM (c) and  $V_{oc}$  light intensity dependence PBDB-T:ITIC (d), Ternary (e), and PBDB-T:[70]PCBM (f) of the solar cells.

#### 5. 2D GIWAXS peak intensity plots



**Figure s6:** GIWAXS intensity plots of the fresh and exposed films (2h and 4h): in-plane intensities of PBDB-T:ITIC (a), Ternary (b), and PBDB-T:[70]PCBM (c) and out-of-plane intensities of PBDB-T:ITIC (d), Ternary (e), and PBDB-T:[70]PCBM (f).