

Supporting Information

Intrinsically mechanical properties of polymeric semiconductor

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Table S1. The Young's modulus and hardness of six polymers.

Sample	Constant Displacement Rate ^a						Constant Load Rate ^b	
	$h_{\max} = 60 \text{ nm}$		$h_{\max} = 120 \text{ nm}$		$h_{\max} = 180 \text{ nm}$		E_r (GPa)	H (GPa)
	E_r (GPa)	H (GPa)	E_r (GPa)	H (GPa)	E_r (GPa)	H (GPa)		
PFO	20.57 ± 1.25	1.36 ± 0.13	25.06 ± 0.20	1.79 ± 0.03	23.32 ± 0.21	1.68 ± 0.03	22.48 ± 0.34	1.48 ± 0.07
F8BT	22.34 ± 1.46	1.82 ± 0.06	23.79 ± 0.38	1.87 ± 0.10	24.92 ± 0.28	1.92 ± 0.01	22.65 ± 0.53	1.70 ± 0.03
PVK	3.01 ± 0.17	0.20 ± 0.02	2.44 ± 0.05	0.17 ± 0.01	13.48 ± 0.72	0.46 ± 0.01	2.82 ± 0.32	0.07 ± 0.01
P3HT	16.51 ± 2.54	0.71 ± 0.27	18.13 ± 1.86	0.78 ± 0.17	18.65 ± 0.42	0.82 ± 0.03	15.01 ± 1.38	0.57 ± 0.15
PTB7-Th	3.06 ± 0.18	0.11 ± 0.01	3.45 ± 0.11	0.07 ± 0.01	6.84 ± 0.22	0.09 ± 0.01	3.93 ± 0.27	0.14 ± 0.01
MEH-PPV	12.96 ± 1.48	0.38 ± 0.04	13.91 ± 0.54	0.50 ± 0.02	20.90 ± 0.97	0.58 ± 0.06	15.59 ± 0.78	0.43 ± 0.01

^aThe loading time is 5 s. ^bThe loading time is 5 s and P_{\max} is set according to the result at constant displacement rate. The load rate operated on PFO, F8BT, PVK, P3HT, PTB7-Th and MEH-PPV was 24 $\mu\text{N/s}$, 32 $\mu\text{N/s}$, 2.4 $\mu\text{N/s}$, 12 $\mu\text{N/s}$, 4 $\mu\text{N/s}$ and 14 $\mu\text{N/s}$ respectively.

Table S2. The mechanical parameters of six polymers obtained from three-parameter models.

Samples	P_0 (μN)	P_1 (μN)	τ (s)	D_0 (nm)	D_1' (nm)	τ' (s)	$P_1:P_0$	$D_1':D_0$
PFO	51.29 ± 2.00	90.15 ± 2.11	3.56 ± 0.20	4.30 ± 0.04	27.50 ± 0.02	1.20 ± 0.03	1.76:1	6.40:1
F8BT	26.84 ± 0.57	140.05 ± 0.65	2.13 ± 0.09	3.88 ± 0.99	40.90 ± 0.02	1.51 ± 0.07	5.22:1	10.54:1
PVK	4.64 ± 0.03	18.12 ± 0.04	0.93 ± 0.02	2.79 ± 0.15	10.06 ± 0.02	1.79 ± 0.18	3.91:1	3.61:1
P3HT	17.17 ± 0.06	33.02 ± 0.08	0.99 ± 0.01	5.41 ± 0.04	11.80 ± 0.02	1.17 ± 0.02	1.92:1	2.18:1
PTB7-Th	5.77 ± 0.03	11.89 ± 0.03	0.87 ± 0.01	15.05 ± 0.11	14.14 ± 0.02	1.68 ± 0.02	2.06:1	0.94:1
MEH-PPV	41.63 ± 0.11	39.73 ± 0.18	1.00 ± 0.11	13.62 ± 0.10	10.83 ± 0.02	1.67 ± 0.02	0.95:1	0.80:1

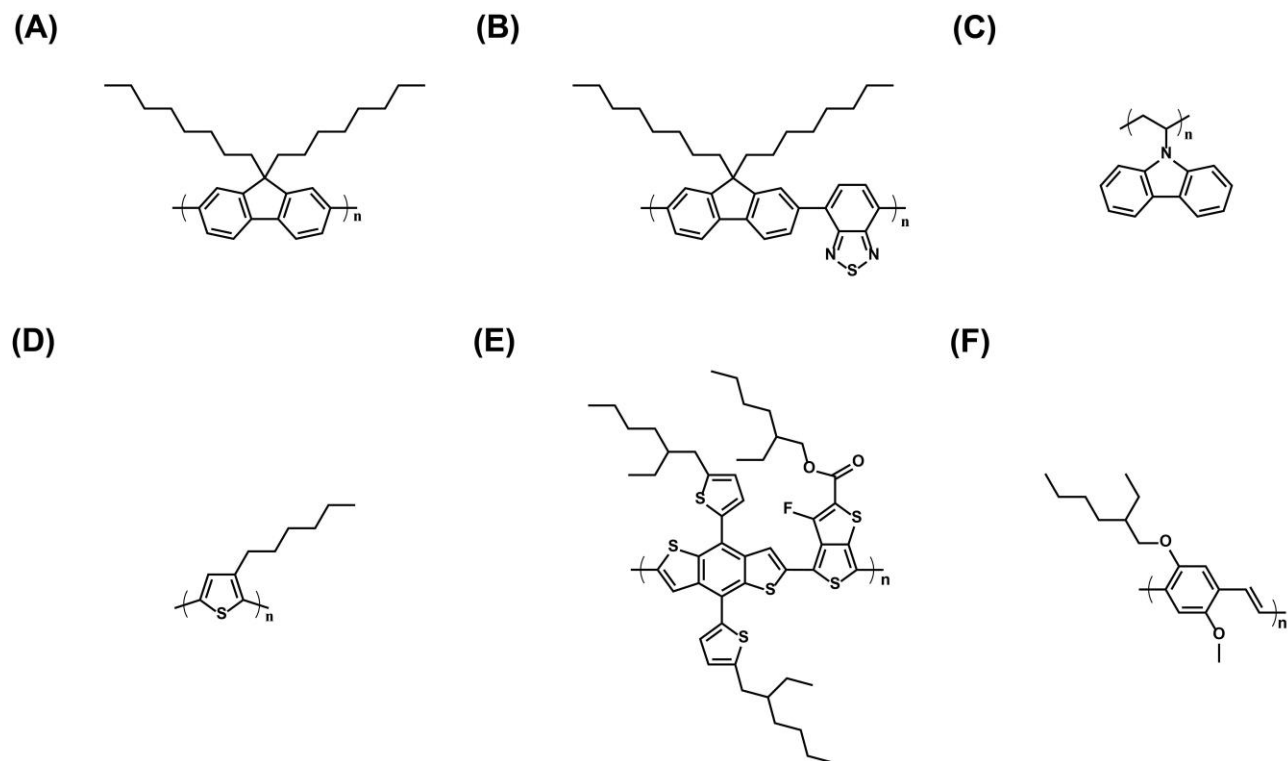


Figure S1. The chemical structure of (A) PFO, (B) F8BT, (C) PVK, (D) P3HT, (E) PTB7-Th and (F) MEH-PPV.

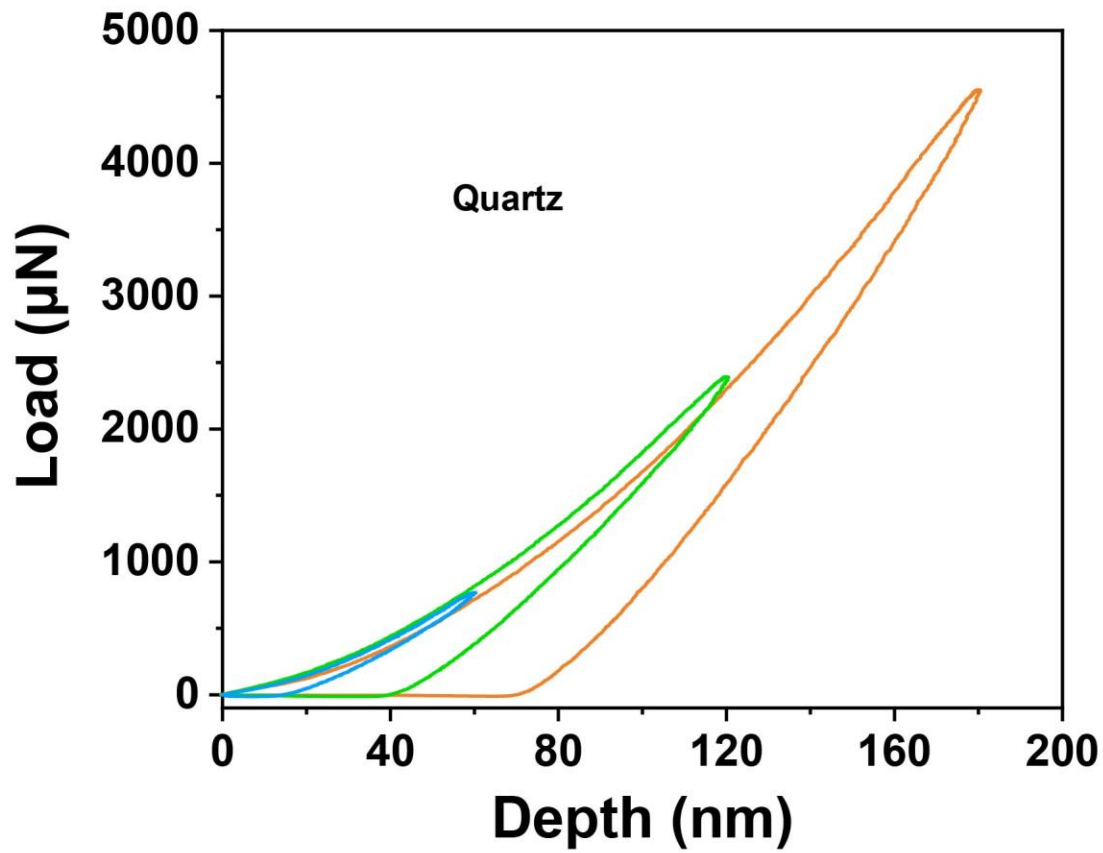


Figure S2. The nano-indentation test curves of quartz substrate at constant displacement rate mode. ($E_r = 76.07 \pm 5.00$ GPa and $H = 11.18 \pm 0.84$ GPa.) The blue, green and orange curve represents $h_{\max} = 60$ nm, 120 nm and 180 nm, respectively.

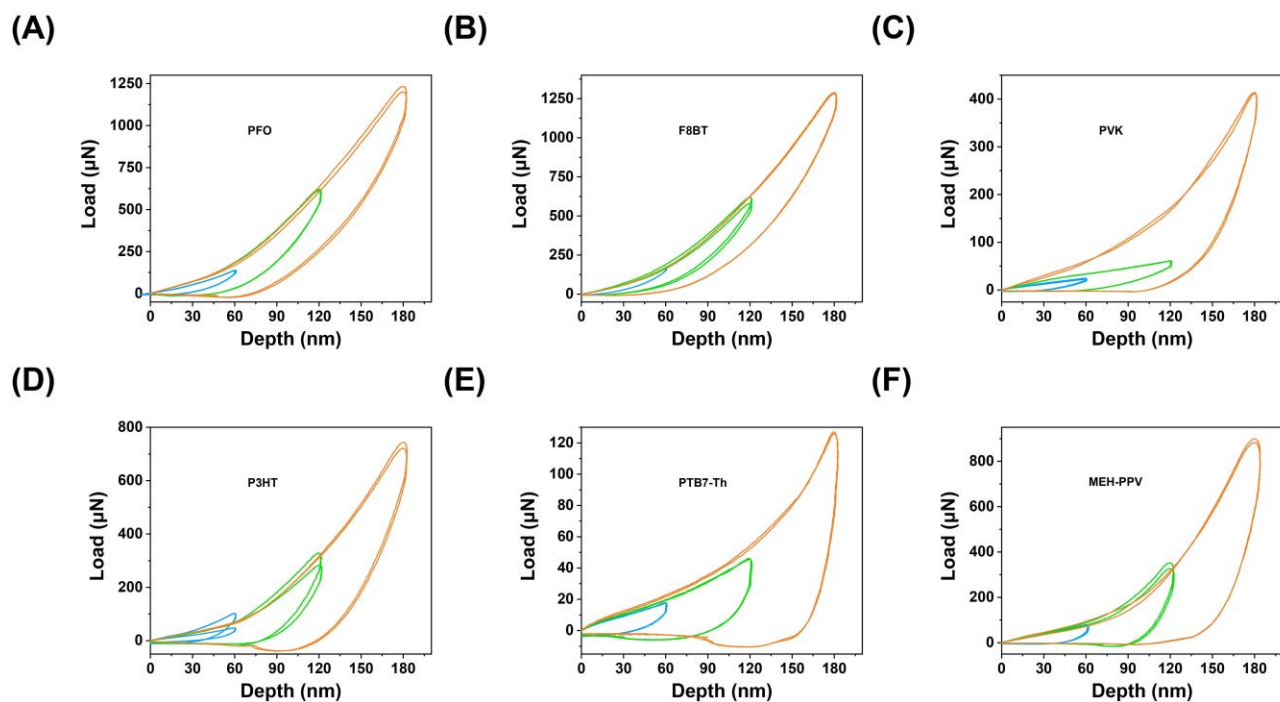


Figure S3. The nano-indentation test curves of (A) PFO, (B) F8BT, (C) PVK, (D) P3HT, (E) PTB7-Th and (F) MEH-PPV at constant displacement rate mode. The blue, green and orange curves represent $h_{\max} = 60$ nm, 120 nm and 180 nm, respectively.

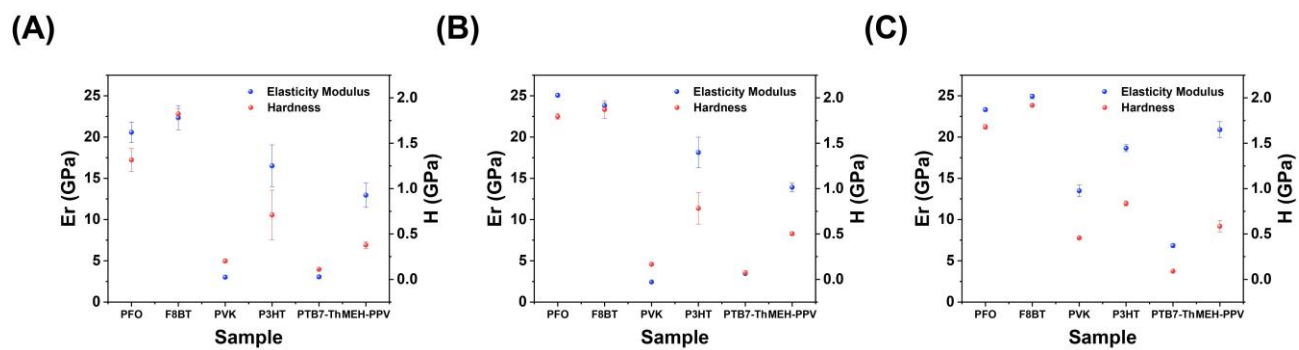


Figure S4. The E_r and H of six polymers at $h_{\max} =$ (A) 60 nm, (B) 120 nm and (C) 180 nm.