

## Supporting Information

### Novel Deep Blue Hot Exciton Material for High-Efficiency Nondoped Organic Light-Emitting Diode

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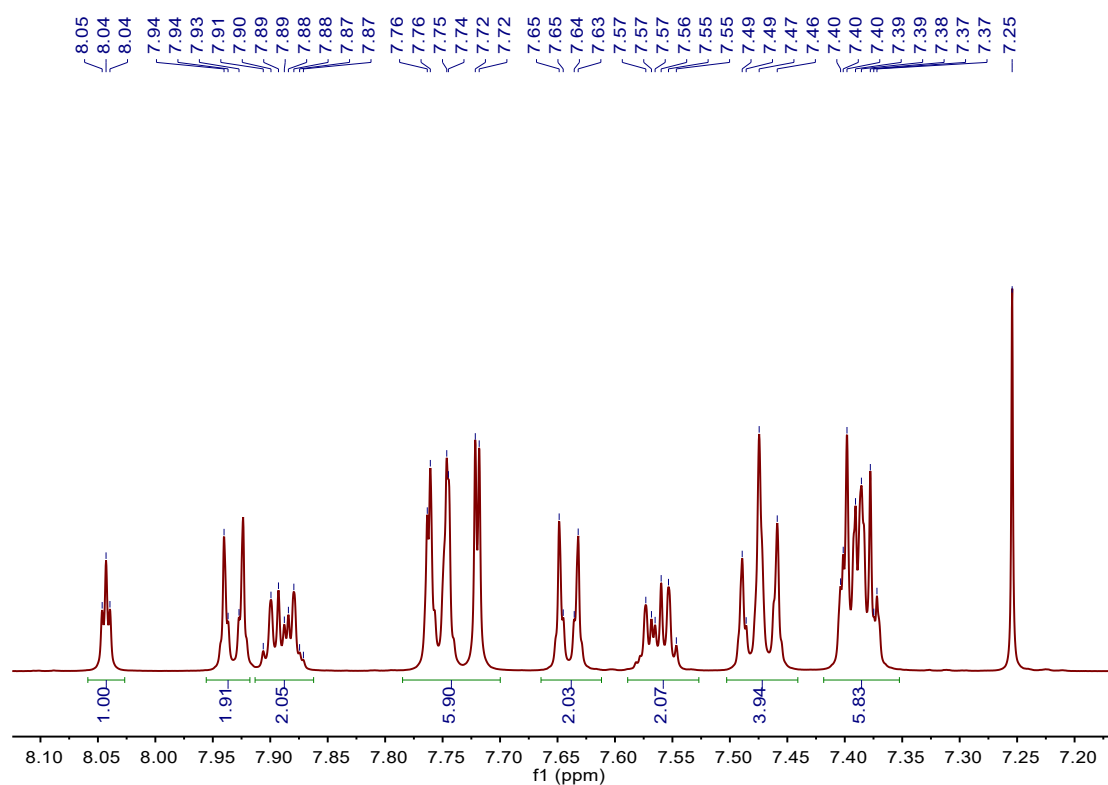
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## S1. Synthesis General

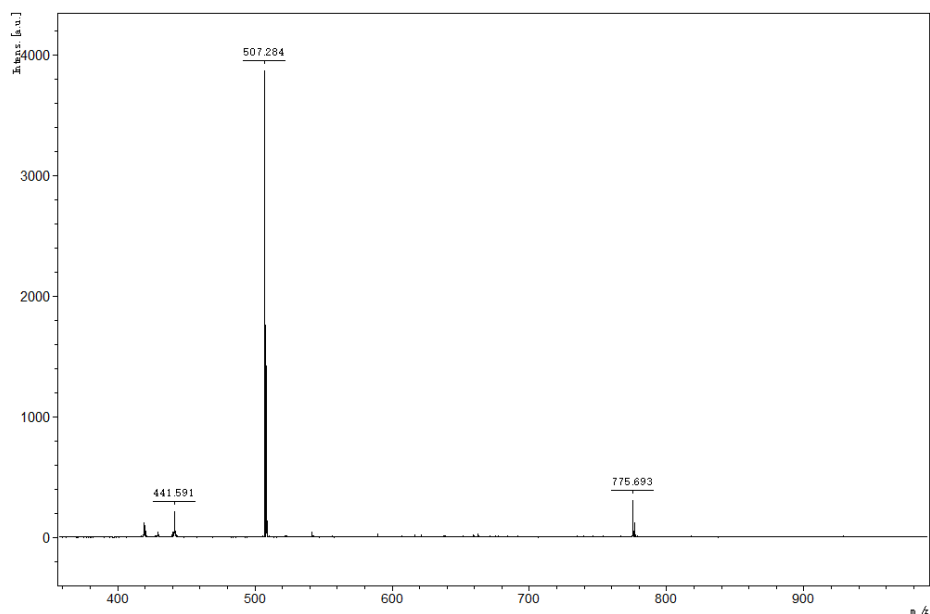
The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra was recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer at 500 MHz, using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as the solvent. The matrix- assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrum was measured using an AXIMA-CFRTM plus instrument.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.70 (m, 6H), 7.66 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.42 - 7.35 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.48, 140.89, 139.67, 138.65, 136.93, 133.66, 131.30, 131.26, 128.81, 128.40, 127.88, 126.65, 126.28, 125.03, 124.77, 124.39, 124.22, 117.89, 110.62.

MALDI-TOF-MS ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}$ , 507.20; found, 507.28 [ $\text{M}^+$ ].

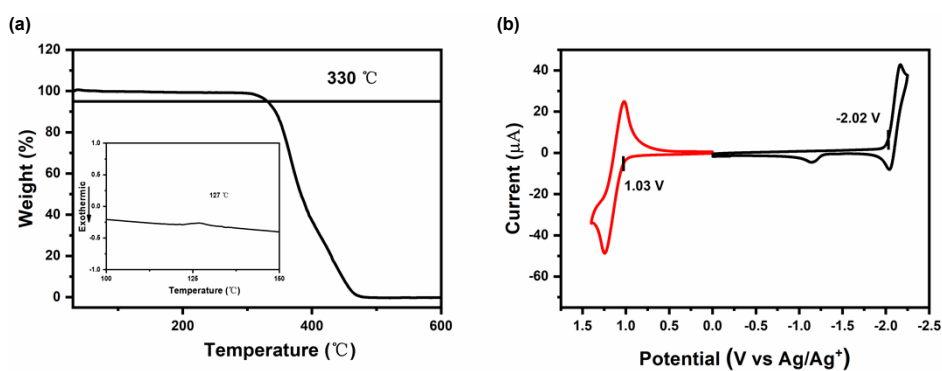


**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR Spectrum of MACN in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S2.** Mass Spectrum ( $M+H^+$ ) of MACN.

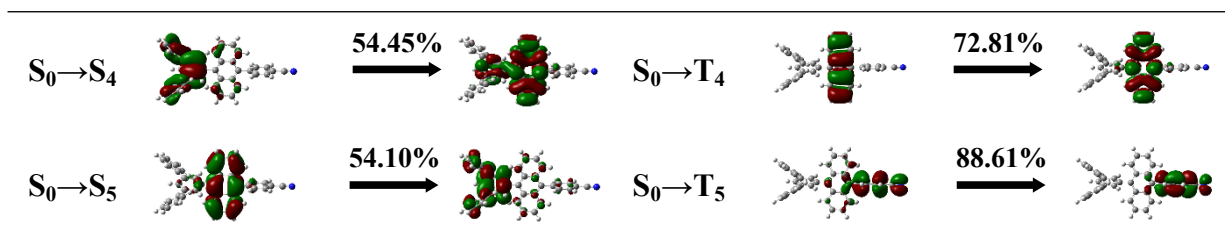
## S2. Supplementary Thermal and Electrochemical Properties



**Figure S3.** (a) TGA and DSC curves (inset) of MACN. (b) Electrochemical CV curves of MACN.

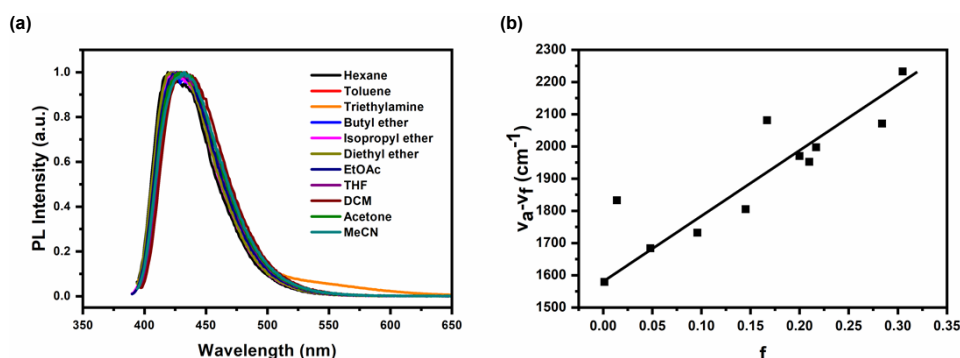
## S3. Supplementary Theoretical Calculations

	Singlets			Triplets	
	Hole	Particle		Hole	Particle
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$		98.60% 	$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$		96.89% 
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$		50.12% 	$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$		57.21% 
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$		99.84% 	$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$		64.01% 



**Figure S4.** The NTO transition character of the first five singlet and triplet states.

## S4. Supplementary Photophysical Properties



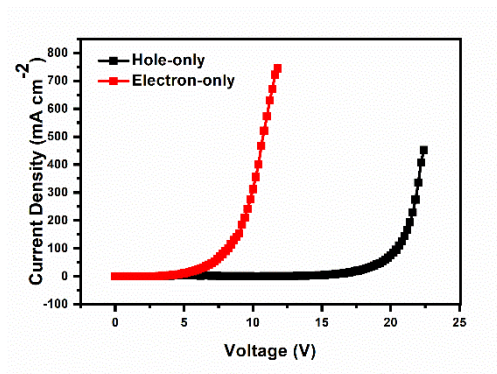
**Figure S5.** (a) PL spectra in different solvents; (b) Lippert–Mataga plots of the fluorescence maxima of MACN against the solvent polarity parameters

**Table S1.** Photophysical parameters of MACN

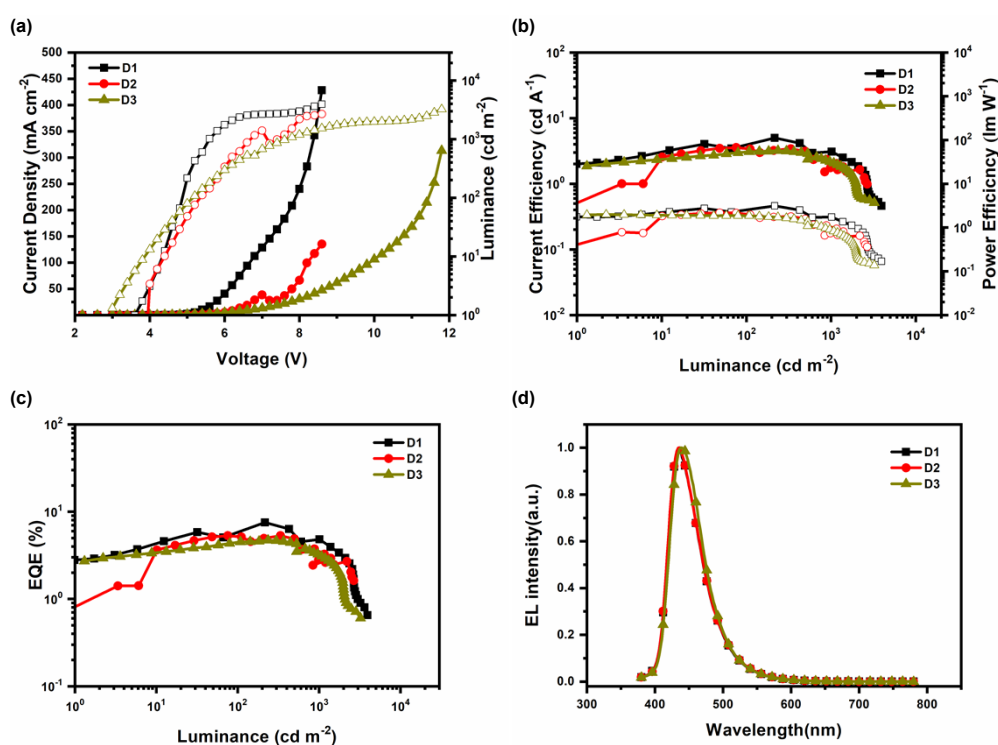
MACN	PLQY (%)	$\tau$ (ns)	$K_r/10^8(\text{S}^{-1})$	$K_{nr}/10^8(\text{S}^{-1})$
THF	74.3	4.26	1.74	0.61
Neat film	38.2	1.04	3.67	5.95

## S5. Supplementary Electroluminescence Performances

To evaluate the transporting properties of this material, single-carrier devices were fabricated with structure of ITO/NPB (10 nm)/MACN (80nm)/NPB (10 nm)/Al for hole-only device and ITO/TPBi (10 nm)/MACN (80 nm)/TPBi (10 nm)/LiF /Al for electron-only device. NPB and TPBi are used to prevent electron and hole injection from the cathode and anode, respectively. As the voltage increased, the current becomes space-charge limited with a nearly quadratic dependence on voltage. The hole and electron mobilities were calculated from the slope of the  $J^{1/2}$ -V curves to be  $1.47 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $6.13 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively, indicating that imbalance of carrier recombination may be the reason for limiting the EQE of devices based on MACN.



**Figure S6.** Current density versus voltage characteristics of the hole-only and electron-only devices.



**Figure S7.** (a) J-V-L curves of the devices. (b) CE-L-PE characteristics. (c) L-EQE curves. (d) The EL spectra.

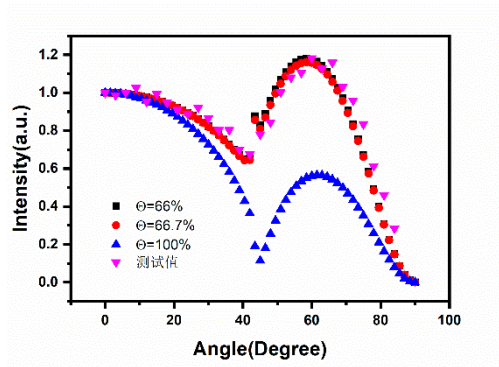
**Table S2.** Device performances of MACN OLEDs with different structures

Device	V <sub>on</sub> (V)	L <sub>max</sub> (cd m <sup>-2</sup> )	CE <sub>max</sub> (cd A <sup>-1</sup> )	EQE <sub>max</sub> (%)	PE <sub>max</sub> (lm W <sup>-1</sup> )	EL peak (nm)	CIE (x,y)
A	3.8	3942	4.99	7.51	3.14	436	(0.154,0.075)
B	4	2682	3.56	5.31	2.94	436	(0.155,0.075)
C	3	3236	3.21	4.71	1.99	438	(0.153,0.75)

Device A: ITO/ PEDOT: PSS (40 nm)/TCTA (40 nm)/MACN (20 nm)/ TPBi (30 nm)/LiF/Al

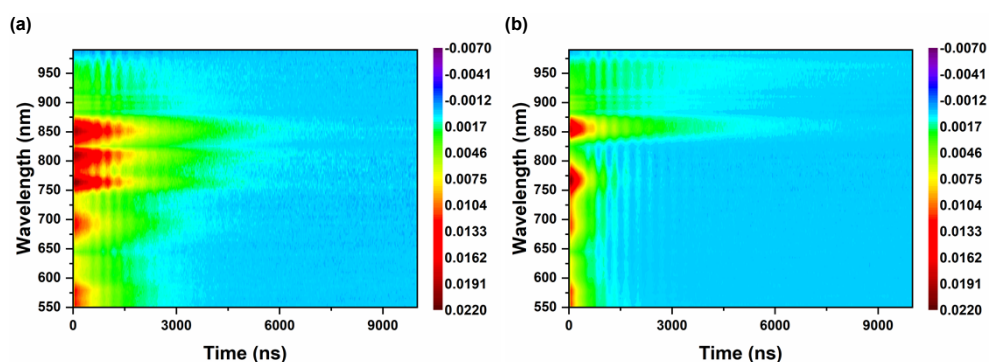
Device B: ITO/P PEDOT: PSS (40 nm)/TCTA (40 nm)/MACN (20 nm)/TmPyPb (30 nm)/LiF/Al

Device C: ITO/ PEDOT: PSS (40 nm) /TAPC (20 nm) /TCTA (30 nm)/MACN (20 nm)/TPBi (30 nm)/LiF/Al

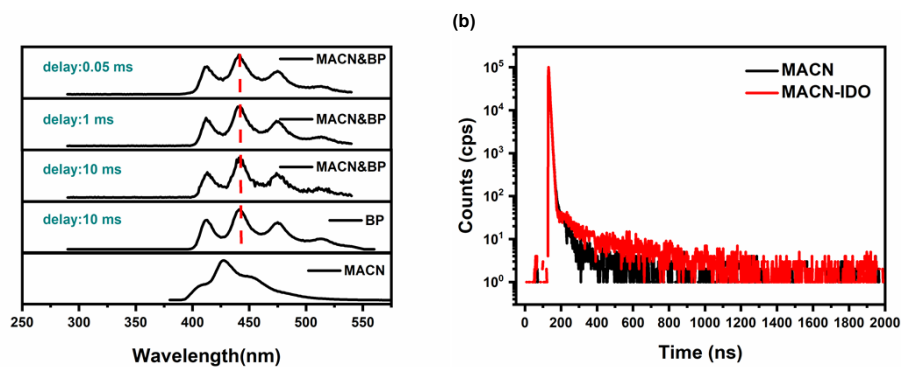


**Figure S8.** Variable-angle PL measurements of MACN film.  $\Theta$ , orientation factors. For fully horizontal dipoles,  $\Theta$  equals 100% and isotropic dipole orientation,  $\Theta$  equals 67%.

## S6. Supplementary Mechanism Study



**Figure S9.** (a) Transient absorption spectra of the pristine PtOEP solution. (b) Transient absorption spectra of the MACN & PtOEP solution.



**Figure S10.** (a) Top: the delayed emission spectrum of the MACN & BP solution; middle: the phosphorescence spectrum of BP. The fluorescence spectrum of MACN at 77 K appears at the

bottom. In the mixed solution, the concentration of the ketones was  $10^{-5}$  M, and the concentration of MACN was  $10^{-4}$  M. The excitation wavelength was 280 nm. (b) The PL decay spectra of the MACN and MACN& IDO solutions at room temperature.