# **Supporting Information**

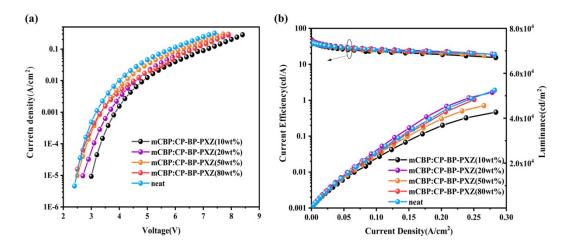
Exciton dynamics of an aggregation-induced delayed fluorescence emitter in nondoped OLEDs and its application as host for high efficiency red phosphorescent OLEDs

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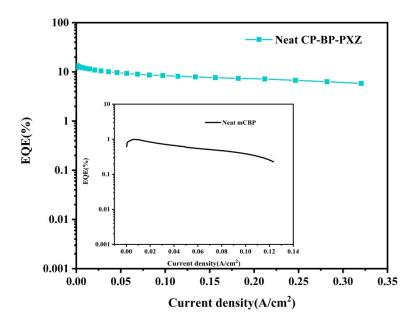
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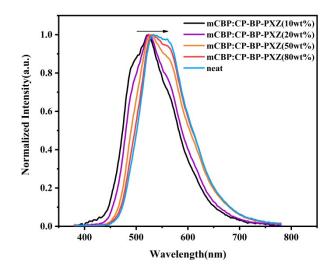
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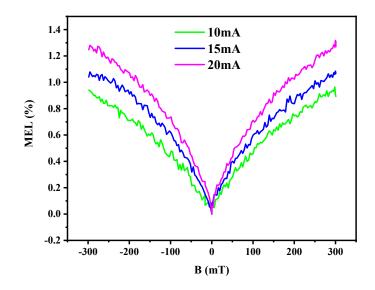
**Figure S1.** (a) Current density-voltage characteristics of the fabricated OLEDs with different CP-BP-PXZ doping concentrations in mCBP. (b) Current efficiency – luminance-current density characteristics of the fabricated OLEDs with different CP-BP-PXZ doping concentrations in mCBP.



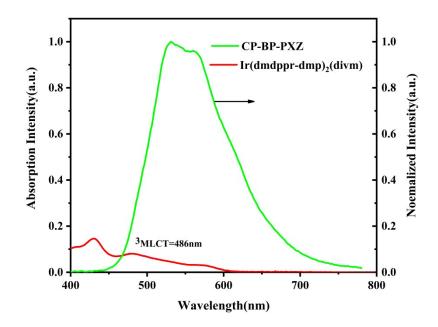
**Figure S2.** EQE characteristics of the two non-doped OLEDs with different emitters of neat mCBP and CP-BP-PXZ.



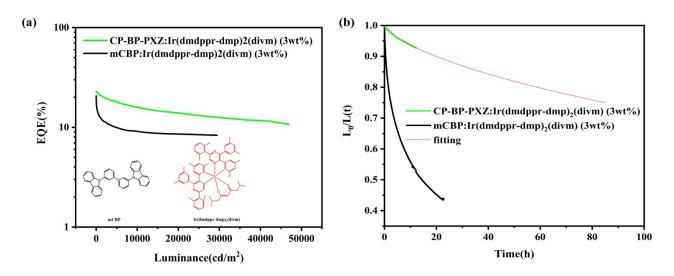
**Figure S3.** Normalized electroluminescence spectra of the resulting OLEDs with different CP-BP-PXZ doping concentrations in mCBP.



**Figure S4.** MEL responses of the non-doped OLED based on CP-BP-PXZ under different applied currents.



**Figure S5.** Absorption spectrum of Ir(dmdppr-dmp)<sub>2</sub>(divm) and emission spectrum of CP-BP-PXZ.



**Figure S6.** (a) EQE - luminance characteristics of the resulting red phosphorescent OLEDs based on CP-BP-PXZ and mCBP as host. The insert is the chemical structure of mCBP and  $Ir(dmdppr-dmp)_2(divm)$ . (b) Lifetime comparison of the resulting red phosphorescent OLEDs based on CP-BP-PXZ and mCBP as host at the initial luminance of 500 cd/m<sup>2</sup>.

Doping Concentration	V <sub>on</sub> (V)	L <sub>Max</sub> (cd/m²)	CE (cd/A)	PE (Im/W)	EQE/EQEª (%)	k <sub>sta</sub> (cm³/s)	k <sub>TTA</sub> (cm³/s)	CIE <sup>b</sup>
10wt%	3	42674	47.76	48.50	16.24/13.98	1.52*10 <sup>-</sup> <sup>13</sup>	6.49*10 <sup>-</sup> <sup>14</sup>	(0.31,0.51)
20wt%	2.7	51536	45.55	44.31	15.30/14.10	1.00*10 <sup>-</sup> 15	3.24*10 <sup>-</sup> 14	(0.33,0.53)
50wt%	2.5	46699	41.98	42.56	13.83/12.95	3.59*10 <sup>-</sup> 15	3.67*10 <sup>-</sup> 14	(0.37,0.54)
80wt%	2.5	50069	40.06	42.58	13.23/12.59	2.06*10 <sup>-</sup> 14	2.69*10 <sup>-</sup> <sup>14</sup>	(0.39,0.54)
neat	2.4	54830	40.31	47.28	13.31/12.80	2.42*10 <sup>-</sup> <sup>14</sup>	3.45*10 <sup>-</sup> <sup>14</sup>	(0.39,0.54)

# Table S1. Summary of EL performances of the OLEDs with different CP-BP-PXZ doping concentrations in mCBP host.

a.EQE at 1000cd/m<sup>2</sup>; b.the CIE coordinates at 6 V

Table S2. Calculations of the rate constants of CP-BP-PXZ doped mCBP host with
different doping concentrations.

Doping Concentration(wt%)	$\tau_p(ns)$	$\tau_d(\mu s)$	<sup>k</sup> <sup>r</sup> <sub>s</sub> (10 <sup>7</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	<sup>k</sup> <sub>ISC</sub> (10 <sup>7</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	k <sub>RISC</sub> (10 <sup>6</sup> S <sup>-1</sup> )
10wt%	20.8	1.49	2.71	2.09	1.18
20wt%	25	1.07	1.28	3.25	3.29
50wt%	25	1.04	1.24	2.75	3.06
80wt%	25	0.93	1.37	2.62	3.09
Neat	26	0.87	1.41	2.43	3.13

	Host	Dopant	V <sub>on</sub> (V)	EQE(%)	EQEª(%)	CIE <sup>b</sup>	
		Concentration					
Device 1	CP-BP-	1wt%	2.4	17.6	16.3	(0.48.0.47)	
	PXZ		2.4	17.0	10.5		
Device 2	CP-BP-	2wt%	2.4	21.7	20.1	(0.60,0.38)	
	PXZ		2.4	21.7	20.1	(0.00,0.58)	
Device 3	CP-BP-	3wt%	2.4	23.0	21.2	(0.64,0.34)	
	PXZ		2.4				
Device 4	CP-BP-	5wt%	2.4	16.0	12.0	(0,66,0,22)	
	PXZ		2.4	16.0	13.9	(0.66,0.33)	
Device 5	mCBP	3wt%	3.2	20.6	12.3	(0.64,0.33)	

a.at 1000cd/m<sup>2</sup>; b. the CIE coordinates at 6 V

**Table S3.** EL performance summary of the fabricated red phosphorescent OLEDsbased on CP-BP-PXZ as host

## The photophysical parameters are calculated by the following functions<sup>1, 2</sup>:

 $k_{\rm F} = \Phi_{\rm prompt} / \tau_{\rm prompt}$   $k_{\rm p} = 1 / \tau_{\rm prompt}; k_{\rm d} = 1 / \tau_{\rm delayed}$   $k_{\rm P} = k_{\rm F} + k_{\rm ISC}$   $k_{\rm P} k_{\rm d} = k_{\rm F} k_{\rm RISC}$   $k_{\rm ISC} = k_{\rm P} - k_{\rm F} = k_{\rm P} (1 - \Phi_{\rm prompt})$ 

$$k_{\rm RISC} = (k_{\rm p}k_{\rm d})/(k_{\rm P}-k_{\rm ISC})$$

### The carrier kinetics

As hole and electron transport and recombination on CP-BP-PXZ in non-doped OLED, the free carriers can be described as following equations<sup>3</sup> dn = 4

 $\frac{dn_h}{dt} \cong \frac{jh}{eL_h} - \gamma n^2$ 

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} \cong \frac{je}{eL_e} - \gamma n^2$$

where the  $\gamma$  is the bimolecular recombination coefficient,  ${}^{jh}$  and  ${}^{je}$  are the hole and electron injection currents flowing through the transport layers ( ${}^{L_h}$  and  ${}^{L_e}$ ), respectively. Under the stead-state condition,  ${}^{L_h=L_h\cong}$  40nm for device,  ${}^{jh=je=j}$ , and  $n_0$  can attained as following

$$n_0 = (2j/e\gamma L)^{1/2}$$

The electrons and holes in the recombination zone are free and equal to each other( $n_h=n_e=n$ ), after turn off pulse ,the charge decay can be express as

 $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n_0} + \gamma t$ 

Taken into account EL yield,  $\phi_{EL} = \phi_{PL} P_S \gamma n(t)^2$ ,  $\phi_{PL}$  is PLQY , P<sub>S</sub> is the function that excitons generated. The EL decay can be described as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi EL(t)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varphi PLP_S \gamma n_0^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\varphi PLP_S}} t$$

and  $\gamma$  can be calculated as

$$\gamma = \left(\frac{(\gamma/\varphi PLP_S)^{0.5}}{(\varphi PLP_S \gamma n_0^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^2 eL/J$$

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