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A molecular acceptor with absorption wavelength of >1400 nm for short-wavelength infrared organic photodetectors

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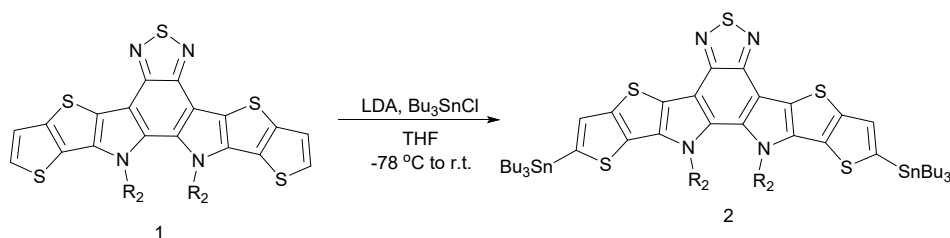
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1. Experimental details

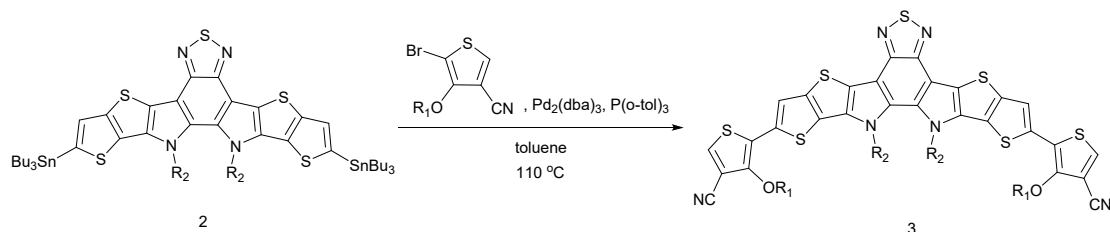
General. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker AV-400 MHz NMR spectrometer at room temperature. Elemental analysis was recorded on a VarioEL elemental analyzer. 2D grazing incidence wide angle X-ray scattering (2D-GIWAXS) were measured at the BL02U2 beamline at Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility. Samples of pure materials or blends were prepared on silicon substrates. UV-vis absorption spectra (in CF solution and as thin films) were obtained with a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrometer. Cyclic voltammogram (CV) measurements were performed on a CHI660a electrochemical workstation using glassy carbon as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode, and a standard calomel reference electrode in a 0.1 mol L $^{-1}$ tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (Bu_4NPF_6) acetonitrile solution. The materials were casted on the working electrode for measurements and ferrocene as an internal reference at a scan rate of 100 mV s $^{-1}$. The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energy levels of the materials were estimated by the equations: $E_{\text{HOMO/LUMO}} = -(4.80 + E_{\text{onset}}^{\text{ox}}/E_{\text{onset}}^{\text{red}})$ eV. The AFM images were recorded using a SPA300HV (Seiko Instruments, Inc., Japan) in tapping mode. The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed on a Perkin-Elmer 7 instrument at a heating rate of 10 $^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ under purified nitrogen gas (N_2) flow. The decomposition temperature (T_d) corresponded to 5% loss of weight.

2. Syntheses and characterizations

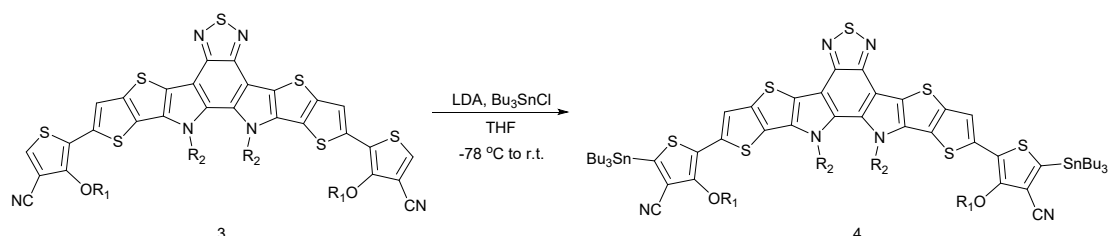


Compound 2: To a solution of compound 1 (0.6 g, 0.77 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (70 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was added dropwise LDA (2 M in hexane, 0.82 mL, 1.63 mmol). After the mixture being stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3 h, Bu_3SnCl (2.0 g, 10.1 mmol) was added under argon. The mixture was stirred overnight from $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 25

°C. After adding KF aqueous solution, the mixture was extracted using ether. The solution was dried using Na₂SO₄, and then concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound **2** (1.0 g) as a yellow oil. Without any further purification, the product was used into the following reaction.

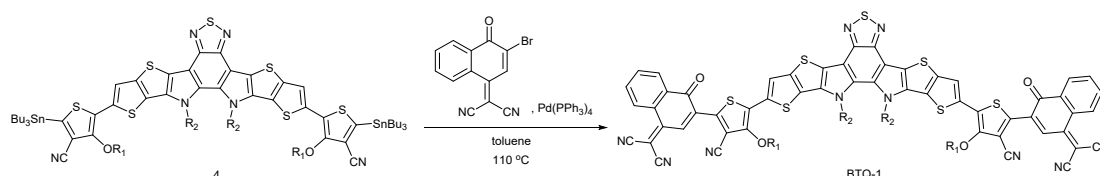


Compound 3: Starting materials of compound **2** (1.0 g, 0.74 mmol), 5-bromo-4-((2-ethylhexyl)oxy)thiophene-3-carbonitrile (0.54 g, 1.7 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (67.7 mg, 0.07 mmol) and P(o-tol)₃ (89.96 mg, 0.29 mmol) were placed in a two-necked flask under argon, and then dried toluene (66 mL) was added. After the mixture being stirred at 110 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water, then extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1, v/v) to afford compound **3** (0.46 g, yield: 47.17%) as a orange oily liquid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.59 (s, 2H), 4.61 (d, J=5 Hz, 4H), 4.27 (d, J=5 Hz, 4H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.69 (m, 12H), 1.46 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.41 – 1.46 (m, 20H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H), 0.92 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 12H), 0.61 – 0.67 (m, 12H).



Compound 4: To a solution of compound **3** (0.46 g, 0.35 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (25 mL) at –78 °C was added dropwise LDA (2 M in hexane, 0.37 mL, 0.73 mmol). After the mixture being stirred at –78 °C for 3 h, Bu₃SnCl (0.26 g, 0.80

mmol) was added under argon. The mixture was stirred overnight from $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. After adding KF aqueous solution, the mixture was extracted using ether. The solution was dried using Na_2SO_4 , and then concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound **4** (0.67 g) as a yellow oil. Without any further purification, the product was used into the following reaction.



BTQ-1: Starting materials of compound **4** (0.67 g, 0.35 mmol), 2-(3-bromo-4-oxonaphthalen-1(*H*)-ylidene)malononitrile (0.22 g, 0.77 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (40.4 mg, 0.03 mmol) were placed in a two-necked flask under argon, and then dried toluene (20 mL) was added. After the mixture being stirred at $110\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 12 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water, then extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1, v/v) to afford BTQ-1 (0.31 g, yield: 52.31%) as a orange oily liquid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.85 (d, $J=10\text{ Hz}$, 4H), 8.36 (d, $J=5\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.83 – 7.88 (m, 4H), 7.79 (s, 2H), 4.65 (m, 4H), 4.35 (d, $J=10\text{ Hz}$, 4H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.76 (m, 12H), 1.35 – 1.48 (m, 12H), 0.92 – 1.08 (m, 36H), 0.64 – 0.70 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 118.82, 154.68, 152.00, 147.49, 142.28, 137.00, 134.54, 134.35, 134.05, 132.67, 131.24, 130.36, 129.91, 129.41, 129.07, 128.26, 126.43, 125.59, 125.31, 150.05, 114.44, 114.19, 112.95, 112.41, 105.85, 84.62, 78.39, 55.35, 40.61, 38.77, 31.58, 30.21, 29.14, 27.98, 25.36, 23.61, 23.17, 22.80, 22.50, 14.20, 14.00, 13.78, 11.23. MS (MALDI-TOF): Calculated for $\text{C}_{94}\text{H}_{96}\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_4\text{S}_7$ [M^+], 1652.6; found, 1652.6.

3. Thermal properties

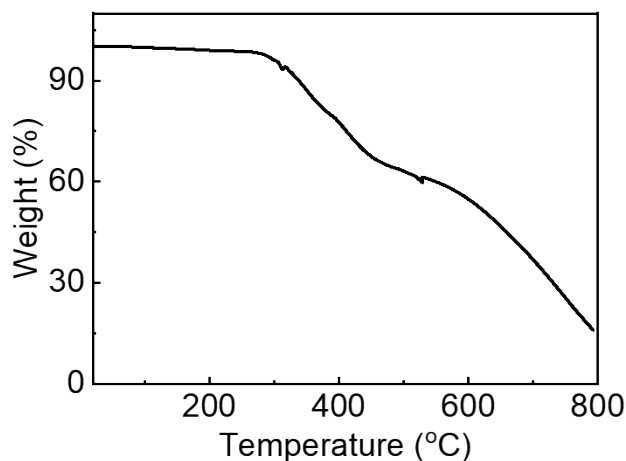


Figure S1. TGA curve of BTQ-1 under N₂ atmosphere at a scan rate of 10 °C min⁻¹. The T_d of BTQ-1 are 308 °C, respectively.

Table S1. Thermal properties and opto-electronic properties of BTQ-1.

Compound	T_d (°C)	$\lambda_{\max}^{\text{sol}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\max}^{\text{film}}$ (nm)	$E_g^{\text{opt a)}}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{LUMO}}^{\text{b)}}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{HOMO}}^{\text{b)}}$ (eV)	$\mu_e^{\text{c)}}$ (cm ² V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
BTQ-1	308	899	1009	0.79	-4.35	-5.29	2.85×10^{-4}

a) Calculated with the onset absorption wavelength in film;

b) Calculated from onset oxidation/reduction potentials in CV;

c) Measured by the SCLC method.

4. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations

The molecular geometry and wave function distribution of frontier molecular orbitals were calculated using the B3LYP method with 6-31G(d) basis set. To simplify the calculation, the branched alkyl chains were replaced with methyl groups. All visualizations obtained from computed results were generated by the GaussianView 6 program.

5. nuclear independent chemical shift (NICS) values of the aromatic rings of BTQ-1 and BTQ-1-NQC

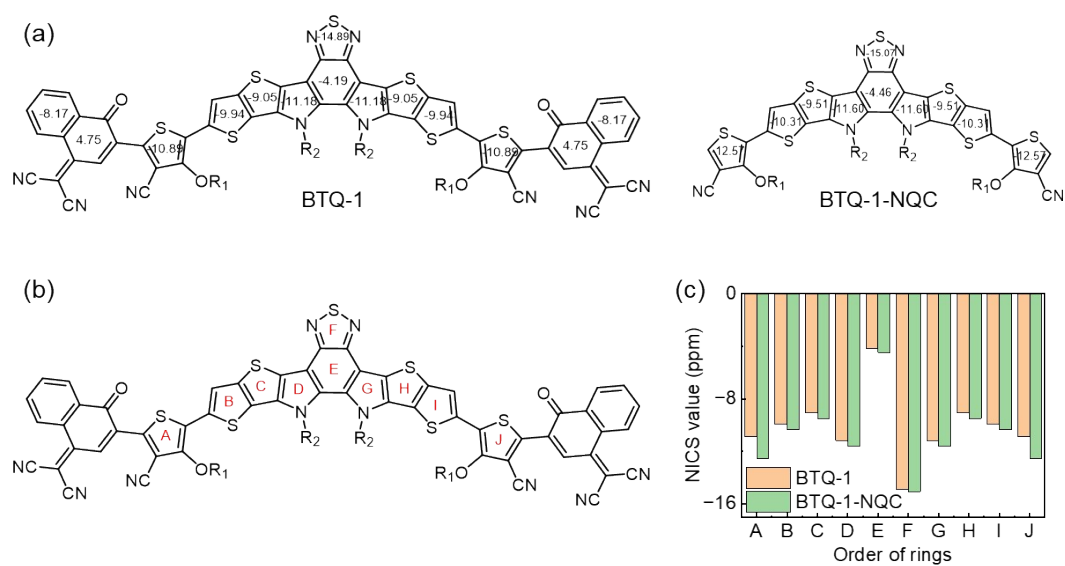


Figure S2. Nucleus-independent chemical shifts

6. Morphology of the blend film

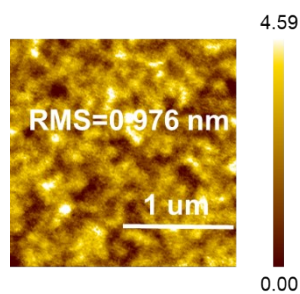


Figure S3. AFM height image of the BHJ film.

The PTB7-Th:BTQ-1 blend film exhibited a uniform surface with a low root-mean-square (RMS) roughness of 0.976 nm.

7. Absorption data of the PTB7-Th:BTQ-1 blend film

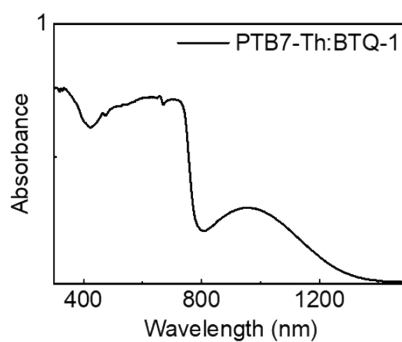


Figure S4. Absorption data of the PTB7-Th:BTQ-1 blend film.

8. 2D-GIWAXS pattern and the corresponding in-plane and out-of-plane linecuts of PTB7-Th

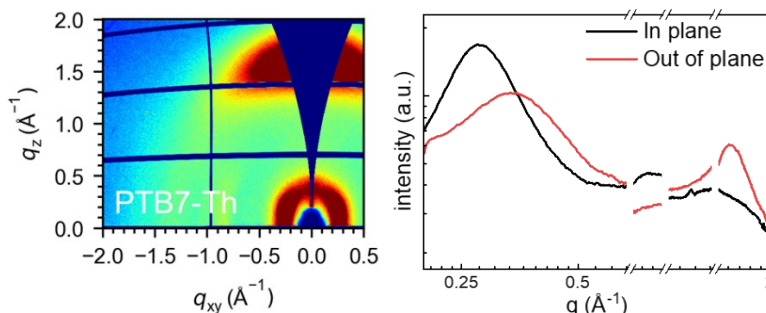


Figure S5. 2D-GIWAXS pattern and the corresponding in-plane and out-of-plane linecuts of PTB7-Th

Table S2. GIWAXS characterization data of the BTQ-1, PTB7-Th and PTB7-Th:BTQ-1 films.

Film	Direction	(100)				(010)			
		Location [Å ⁻¹]	d-spacing [Å]	FWHM [Å ⁻¹]	CCL [Å]	Location [Å ⁻¹]	d-spacing [Å]	FWHM [Å ⁻¹]	CCL [Å]
BTQ-1	In-plane	0.36	17.45	0.137	41.3				
	Out-of-plane					1.70	3.70	0.262	21.6
PTB7-Th	In-plane	0.29	21.67	0.066	85.7				
	Out-of-plane	0.39	16.11	0.141	40.1	1.57	4.00	0.170	33.3
PTB7-Th:BTQ-1	In-plane	0.29	21.67	0.092	61.5				
	Out-of-plane	0.32	19.63	0.091	62.1	1.69	3.72	0.248	22.8

9. OPD devices fabrication and measurement

The OPD devices were fabricated with the structure of ITO/ZnO/active layer/MoO₃/Al. ITO glass substrates were cleaned in an ultrasonic bath with deionized water, acetone, and isopropyl alcohol, and then dried at 125 °C for 30 min. After being treated with ultraviolet–ozone for 15 min, ZnO layers (ca. 30 nm) were spin-coated at 5000 r min⁻¹ onto the cleaned ITO glasses from the ZnO precursor solution, and then baked at 200 °C for 60 min in air. The ZnO precursor was synthesized by dissolving zinc acetate dehydrate (200 mg) and ethanolamine (65 mg) in 2 mL 2-methoxyethanol under vigorous stirring for 10 h in air. All of the substrates

were placed into a nitrogen-filled glove box. Subsequently, PTB7-Th:BTQ-1 (1:1.2 weight ratio) based blends were dissolved in CF with a concentration of 15.0 mg/mL. The solutions were stirred at 55 °C for 4 h and then spin-coated onto the substrates at room temperature to obtain the active layers. And then, the active layers were thermal annealed at 110 °C for 10 min. After that, the device fabrication was completed by thermally evaporating MoO₃ (15 nm) and Al (100 nm) under vacuum at a pressure of 2×10^{-4} Pa. The active area of each device was 8 mm².

The current density (*J-V*) curve of the OPDs was measured by the computer-controlled Keithley 2400 source meter. Simulated solar light illumination was provided by XES-40S2-CE class solar simulator (Japan, SAN-EI Electric Co., Ltd). The EQE data was collected using the CEL-PD291 photodetection performance test system. The LFN-2000 was used to analyze the noise current, the CEL-PD291 light detection performance test system and the RIGOL DS1102 digital oscilloscope were used to analyze the frequency response characteristics.

10. OPD device performance

Table S3. OPD characteristics

Device	R (mA W ⁻¹)	EQE (%)	S _n (A Hz ^{-1/2})	D* (Jones)	J _d (A cm ⁻²)	LDR (dB)	τ _r /τ _f (μs)
PTB7-Th:BTQ-1	3.60/940 nm	0.48/940 nm	3.0×10^{-13}	$3.42 \times 10^9/940$	3.04×10^{-8}	97	93/58
				nm			
	0.46/1310 nm	0.04/1310 nm		$4.3 \times 10^8/1310$			
				nm			

11. Hole/electron-only devices fabrication and hole/electron mobility measurement

Hole-Only and Electron-Only Devices: The hole-only device structure is ITO/PEDOT:PSS/PTB7-Th:BTQ-1/MoO₃/Al and the electron-only device structure is ITO/ZnO/PTB7-Th:BTQ-1/PFN-Br/Al.

The current-voltage curves in the range of 0-8 V were recorded using a computer-controlled Keithley 2400 source meter, and the results were fitted to a space-charge limited function:

$$J = \frac{9}{8} \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \mu \frac{V^2}{L^3} \exp\left(0.89 \beta \frac{\sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{L}}\right)$$

where J is the current density, ε_0 is the permittivity of free space, ε_r is the relative permittivity of 3 for molecules, μ is the zero-field mobility, V is the potential across the device ($V = V_{\text{applied}} - V_{\text{bias}} - V_{\text{series}}$), L is the thickness of active layer, and β is the field-activation factor. The series and contact resistance (V_{series}) of the device (10–15 Ω) were measured using blank device of ITO/ZnO/MoO₃/Al. The range of 0-4 V was used to extract the mobility values.

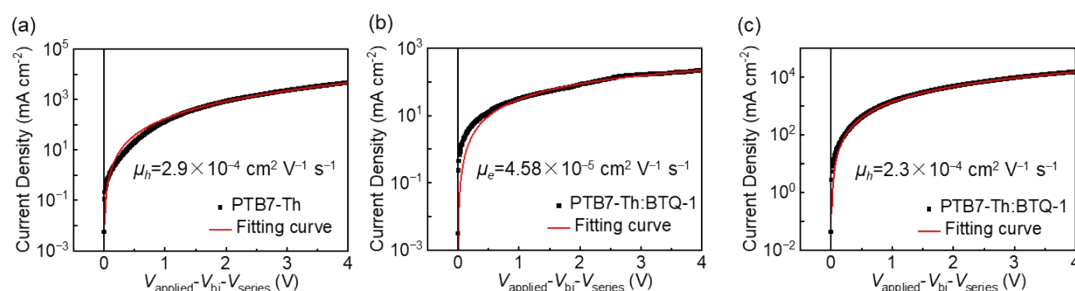


Figure S6. J - V curves and SCLC fittings the (a) hole-only devices based on PTB7-Th film; (b) the electron-only devices and (c) the hole-only devices based on PTB7-Th:BTQ-1 blend.

12. Photocurrent J - V graph of the OPD device

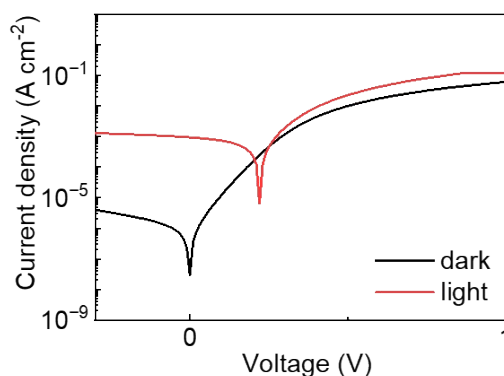


Figure S7. Photocurrent J - V graph of the OPD device.

13. The stability of materials and OPD devices

The intensity of the maximum absorption peak in the infrared region of the BTQ-1 film, both in air and under heating conditions, did not change significantly, indicating that the film exhibits relatively good air stability and thermal stability.

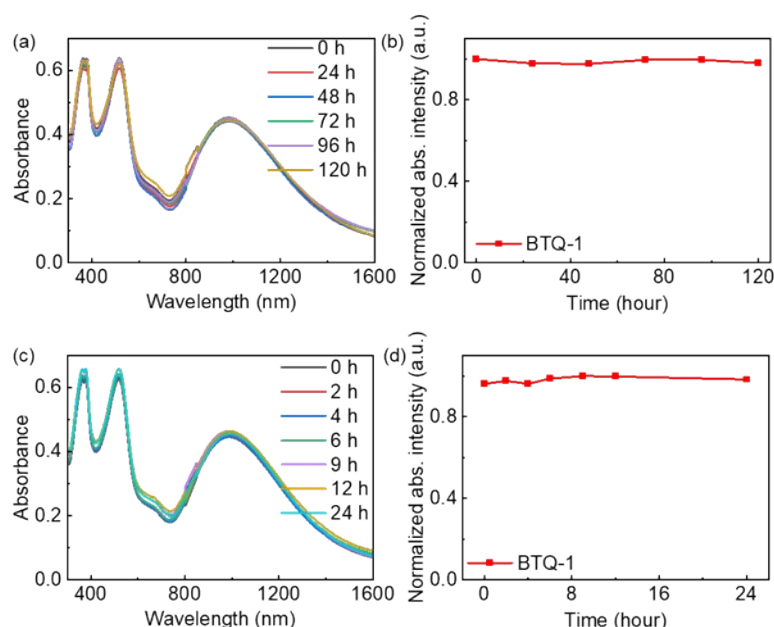


Figure S8. (a) Absorption spectra of BTQ-1 stored in air for different times and (b) the decay curve of the maximum absorption peak in the infrared region; (c) Absorption spectra of BTQ-1 heated at 110 °C for different times and the (d) decay curve of the maximum absorption peak in the infrared region.

We tested the air stability of the OPD device based on PTB7-Th:BTQ-1. Figure S9 shows the change curve of the dark current and normalized photocurrent stored in air for 0 min~600 min. The dark current exhibited relatively high stability and remained largely unchanged. However, the photocurrent decreased to 80 % of the initial value at 240 min. This decrease in photocurrent may be due to changes in the phase-separated morphology of the optimized active layer upon exposure to air, which in turn affects carrier transport and deteriorates device performance.

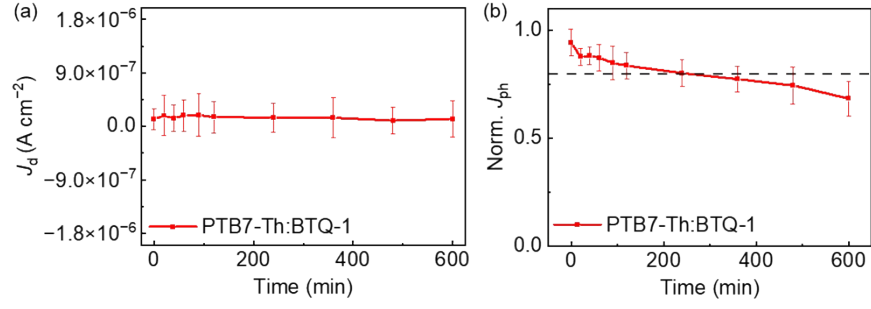


Figure S9. Stability of the J_d and normalized J_{sc} of OPD after storage in air atmosphere for different times.

14. The summary table of ultra-narrow band gap acceptor materials for OPD

Table S4. Ultra-narrow band gap acceptor materials for OPD

Active layers	E_g^{opt} (eV)	Bias (V)	J_d (A cm ⁻²)	R (A W ⁻¹)	D^* (Jones)	Reference
PBDB-T/DO-4F(thick)	1.24	0	8.6×10^{-10}	0.50/850 nm	3.05×10^{13} [b]	[1]
D18/FM-8F	1.24	-5	5.2×10^{-7}	0.46/970 nm	1.44×10^{12}	[2]
PTB7-Th/YOR1	1.24	-0.1	1.58×10^{-10}	0.14/950 nm	1.29×10^{12}	[3]
PBDB-T/FM2	1.22	-0.5	6.45×10^{-9}	0.45/880 nm	1.01×10^{13}	[4]
PM6/PDTTYM	1.22	0	3.9×10^{-9}	0.48/900 nm	1.31×10^{13} [b]	[5]
P3HT/TPBT-OR	1.20	-0.1	3.57×10^{-8}	0.084/850 nm	6.32×10^{11}	[6]
PM6/PDTTIC-4F(thick)	1.20	0	1.64×10^{-9}	0.48/920 nm	2.40×10^{13} [b]	[7]
PM6/O4TFIC	1.20	0	8.3×10^{-5} [c]	0.50/890 nm	9.0×10^{11}	[8]
PTB7-Th/CO1-4F	1.20	-3	8.0×10^{-5}	0.52/920 nm	2.6×10^{10}	[9]
PBDB-T/BPPT-4Cl	1.19	0	2.1×10^{-15} [a]	0.34/870 nm	2.2×10^{13}	[10]
PTB7-Th/CO1-4Cl	1.19	-2	7×10^{-9}	0.5/960 nm	3.13×10^{13} [b]	[11]
PTB7-Th/BFIC	1.18	0	4.4×10^{-11}	>0.3/710~950 nm	5.46×10^{13}	[12]
PCE10/YZ1	1.18	0	5.3×10^{-11}	0.27/1000 nm	1.4×10^{13}	[13]
PCE10/BTPV-4F-eC9	1.18	0	4.65×10^{-10}	0.56/900 nm	1.14×10^{13} [b] /1030 nm	[14]
PTB7-Th/tSPT-4F	1.17	-0.1	4.52×10^{-10}	0.40/1010 nm	1.25×10^{13}	[15]
PTB7-Th/CBT	1.14	-0.5	5.22×10^{-8}	0.455/880 nm	3.29×10^{12}	[16]
PTB7-Th/COTH	1.13	-0.5	3.34×10^{-6}	0.26/1000 nm	2.74×10^{11} [b]	[17]
PTB7-Th/COT-Oct	1.13	-0.5	8.18×10^{-9}	0.24/1000 nm	1.49×10^{12} [b]	[18]
PTB7-Th/NTQ	1.11	-0.1	1.5×10^{-7}	0.24/970 nm	3.72×10^{12} [b] /1000 nm	[19]
PBDT-TT/DPPSe-4Cl/Y6	1.11	-0.1	1.0×10^{-9}	0.18/940 nm	1.0×10^{13} [b]	[20]
PTB7-Th/COTIC-4F	1.10	0	1.4×10^{-8}	0.37/995 nm	1.7×10^{11} [b]	[9]

PBDB-T/OTB4	1.09	0	6.40×10^{-10}	0.036/1180 nm	2.98×10^{11}	[21]
PTB7-Th/COB	1.08	-0.5	5.22×10^{-8}	0.37/1050 nm	2.68×10^{12}	[16]
PCE10/TPA-4F	1.08	-0.1	2.61×10^{-10}	0.25/1100 nm	2.67×10^{13}	[22]
PCE10/FB-C6	1.07	-0.1	4.59×10^{-8}	0.29/970 nm	4.94×10^{11}	[23]
PTB7-Th/COTCN2	1.05	-0.5	1.08×10^{-7}	0.23/1000 nm	1.18×10^{12}	[17]
PTB7-Th/L2	1.03	-1	1.2×10^{-13} [a]	0.09/980 nm	1.50×10^{11}	[24]
PTB7-Th/ATT-X-F _{in}	1.01	0	6.19×10^{-15} [a]	0.53/1110 nm	1.71×10^{13} [b]	[25]
PDPPDTP/TPCTO-2F	1.00	0	9.1×10^{-14} [a]	0.106/1060 nm	2.3×10^{11}	[26]
PCE10/BDP4Cl	1.00	0	3.58×10^{-10}	0.17/1100 nm	3.81×10^{12}	[27]
PBDT-TT:TBzIC	0.97	0	2.40×10^{-10}	0.23/1100 nm	2.55×10^{13}	[28]
PTB7-Th/TTD(DTC-2FIC) ₂	0.95	-0.5	2.02×10^{-7}	0.0095/1100 nm	1.1×10^{11}	[29]
PCE10/COTIC-4Cl/PC ₇₁ BM	0.95	-0.1	1.1×10^{-8}	0.35/1050 nm	5×10^{12}	[30]
PTB7-Th/Y-QC4F	0.83	0	1.47×10^{-14} [a]	0.12/1200 nm	1.68×10^{12} /1160 nm	[31]

[a] Noise current. [b] Shot-noise-limited specific detectivity. [c] Measured at -2 V bias

15. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectra.

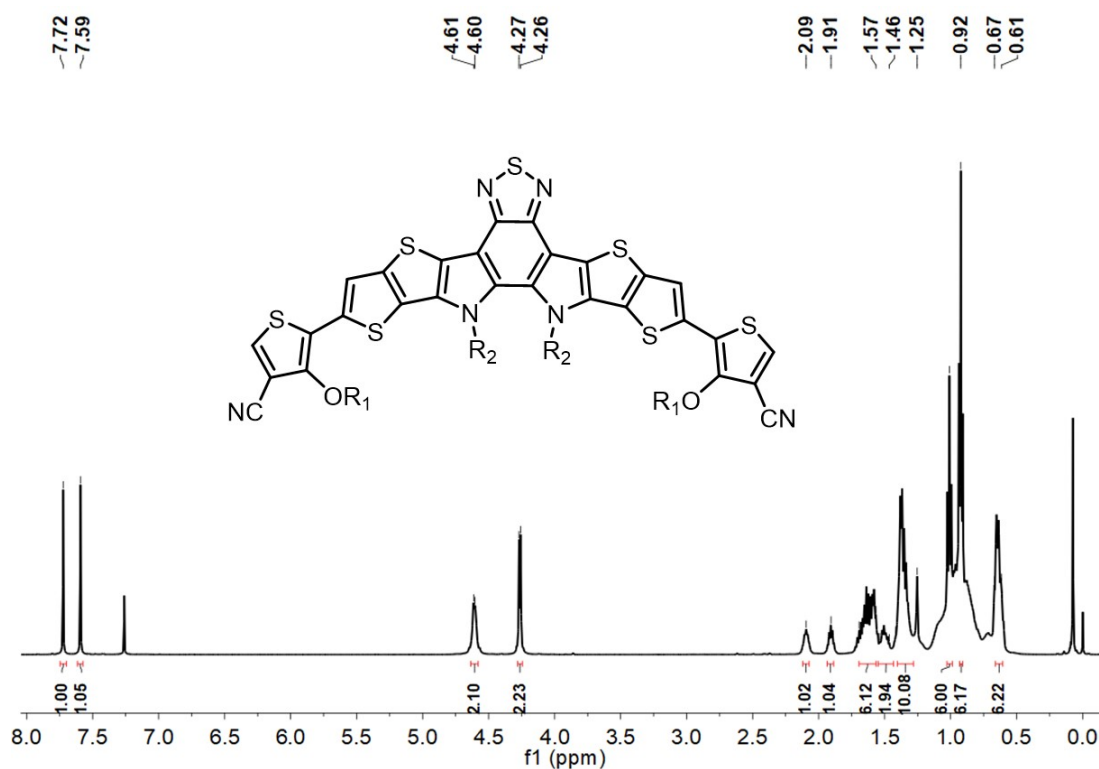
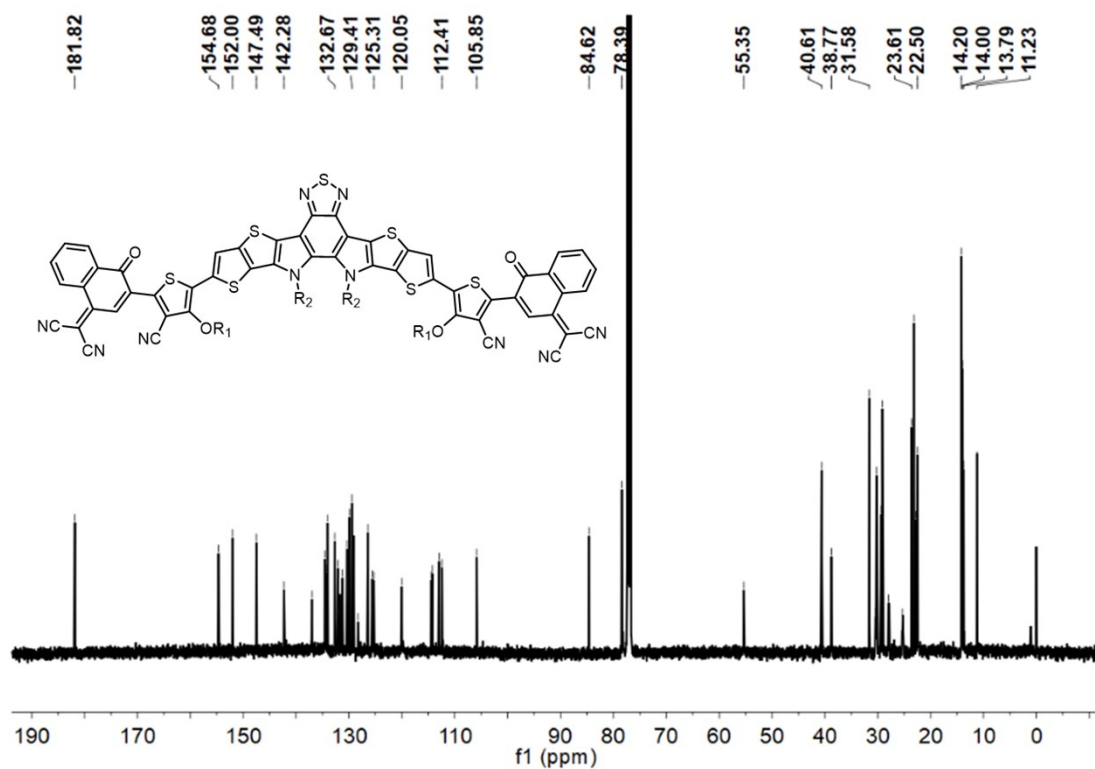
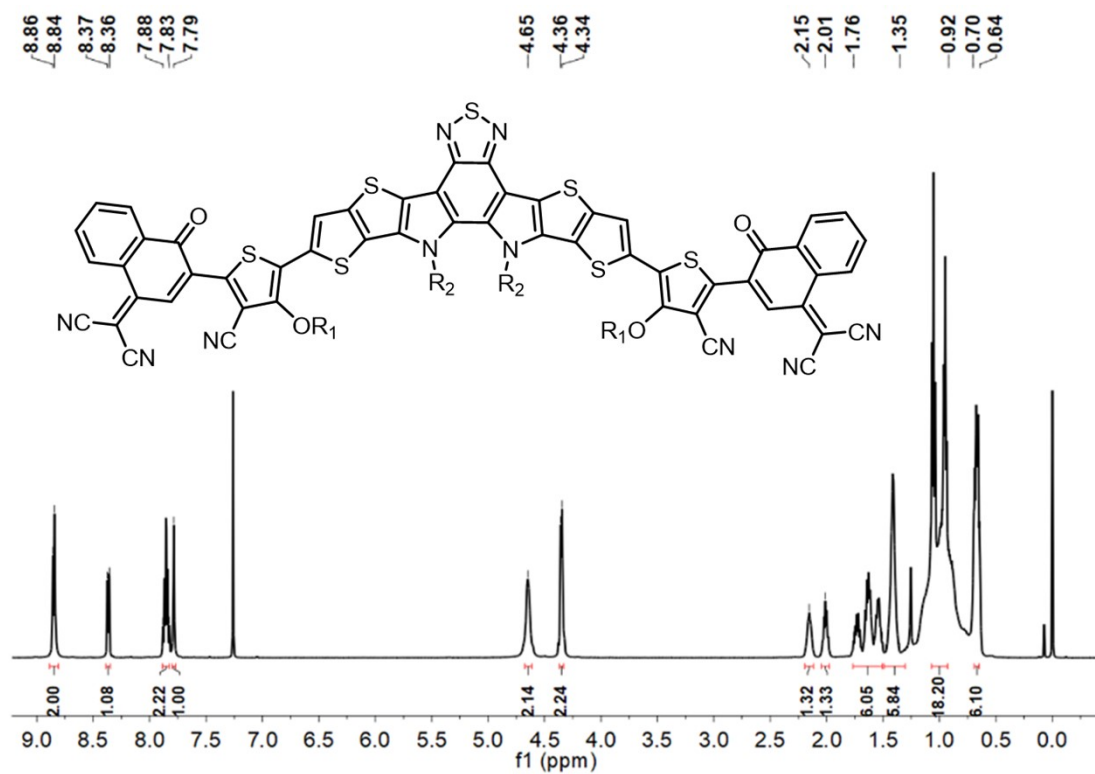


Figure S10. ¹H NMR of 3.



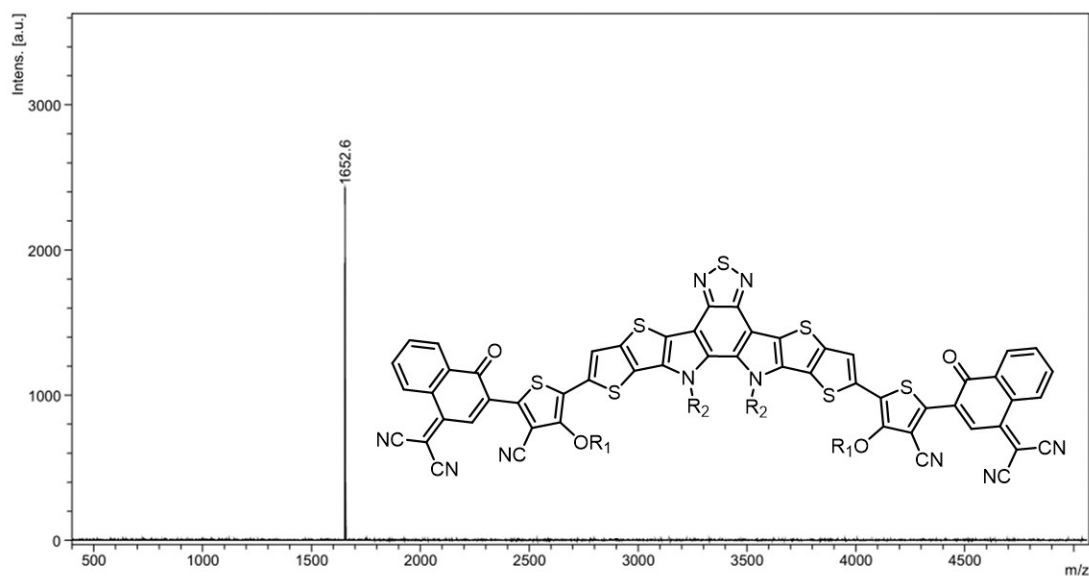


Figure S11. ^1H NMR , ^{13}C NMR and mass spectra of **BTQ-1**.

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