# Appropriate Donor-Acceptor Phase Separation Structure for the Enhancement of Charge Generation and Transport in PTB7-based Polymer Solar Cells

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### S1. Steady-state absorption spectra of PC71BM solutions.

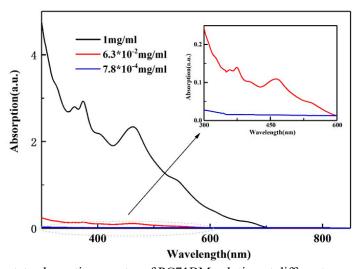
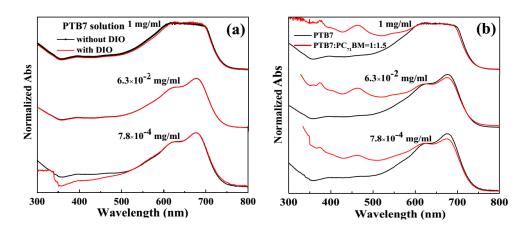


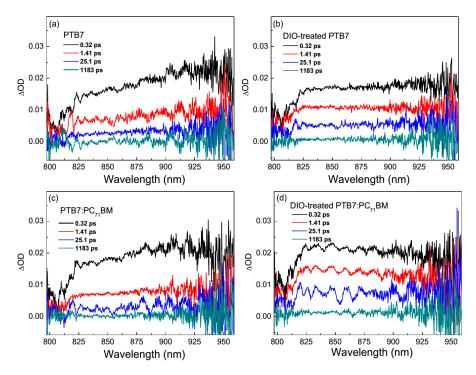
Figure S1. Steady-state absorption spectra of PC71BM solution at different concentrations.

#### S2. Effects of DIO and PC<sub>71</sub>BM on aggregation state of PTB7 in solution



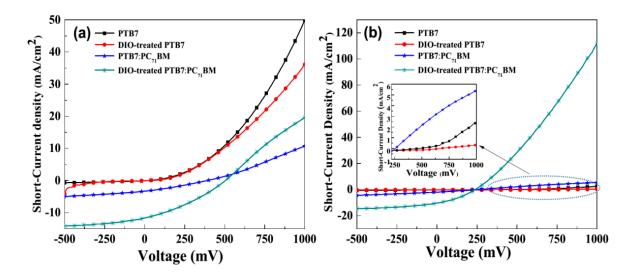
**Figure S2.** Steady-state absorption spectra of PTB7 solution and mixed PTB7:PC<sub>71</sub>BM solution at varied concentration conditions. (a) represents PTB7 dissolution in CB solvent or CB:DIO=97%:3% solvents. (b) represents PTB7 or PTB7:PC71BM=1:1.5 dissolution in CB solvent. All spectra were normalized at 623 nm.

### S3. Transient absorption spectra of PTB7-based active layers



**Figure S3.** Transient absorption spectra of PTB7 (a), DIO-treated PTB7 (b), PTB7:PC<sub>71</sub>BM (c), and DIO-treated PTB7:PC<sub>71</sub>BM (d). All active layers were excited at 690 nm and the excitation photon fluence was  $3.7 \times 10^{13}$  photons·cm<sup>-2</sup>·pulse<sup>-1</sup> at room temperature.

## S4. Estimation of hole and electron mobility in PTB7-based active layers by SCLC model.



**Figure S4.** (a) J-V characteristics of hole-only devices based on varied active layers. (b) J-V characteristics of electron-only devices based on varied active layers. The inset: Enlarged J-V characteristics from 250 to 1000 nm. The hole mobility and electron mobility in the hole-only and the electron-only devices can be calculated by Mott-Gurney law as equation [S1]:  $J=9/8εε_0V^2/d^3$  where ε is the relative permittivity of polymer assumed to be 3, and ε0 is the vacuum dielectric constant of  $8.85 \times 10^{-12}$  F/m. V is the voltage, and d is the thickness of active layer.

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