

Resonance Raman spectroscopy and imaging of
Franck-Condon vibrational activity and morphology
in conjugated polymers for solar cells

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Table S1. Raman spectra fit parameters of aggregated and unaggregated P3HT limiting forms in PCBM blends. (Reproduced with permission from ref. ²⁶, Copyright 2013 American Institute of Physics)

mode (k)	unagg.		agg.	
	$\hbar\omega_k$ (cm ⁻¹)	Δ_k^a	$\hbar\omega_k$ (cm ⁻¹)	Δ_k^a
ν_1	1518	0.70	1513	0.44
ν_2	1468	1.30	1447	1.18
ν_3	1372	0.61	1372	0.55
ν_4	1203	0.49	1204	0.30
ν_5	1173	0.55	1173	0.34
ν_6	1086	0.53	1086	0.27
ν_7	994	0.52	994	0.28
ν_8	723	0.51	723	0.39
$\nu_2+\nu_3$	2848	-	2832	-
$2\nu_2^b$	2927	-	2916	-
Γ (cm ⁻¹)	950		450	
$E_{0.0}$ (eV)	2.33		2.06	
$\hbar\omega_i$ (eV)	2.71		2.33	

^adimensionless units.

^b Higher order overtones (0-3, etc.) are not included.

Table S2. P3DTV Raman vibrational modes and assignments and calculated displacements. (adapted from Ref. ²⁷, Copyright 2018 Royal Society of Chemistry)

mode (k)	$\hbar\omega_k$ (cm ⁻¹)	Δ_k^a	assignment ^b
ν_1	562	0.54	
ν_2	664	0.21	thienylene ring C-H wag

ν_3	913	0.27	vinyl C-H out-of-plane wag
ν_4	953	0.27	vinyl bend
ν_5	1047	0.2	thienylene C-H bend
ν_6	1088	0.2	
ν_7	1143	0.51	inter-ring C-C breathing modes
ν_8	1210	0.24	
ν_9	1278	0.67	vinyl C-H bend
ν_{10}	1390	0.87	thienylene ring C=C stretch
ν_{11}	1573	0.67	vinyl C=C stretch
first overtone/combination region			
$\nu_5 + \nu_{10}$	2315		
$\nu_7 + \nu_9$	2430		
$\nu_6 + \nu_{10}$	2490		
$2\nu_9$	2555		
$\nu_9 + \nu_{10}$	2680		
$2\nu_{10}$	2790		
$\nu_9 + \nu_{11}$	2855		
$\nu_{10} + \nu_{11}$	2970		
$2\nu_{11}$	3155		

^a From time-dependent simulations of the Raman cross-correlation overlap function. $\Gamma=380\text{ cm}^{-1}$; $E_{0,0}=14700\text{ cm}^{-1}$. ^bRef ³⁷

Table S3. Raman spectra fit parameters of PBTTT in PCBM blends. (adapted from ref. 44, Copyright 2014 American Chemical Society)

mode (k)	$\hbar\omega_k\text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)}$	Δ_k	Assignment
ν_1	1340	0.2	
ν_2	1365	0.2	

ν_3	1391	0.3	thiophene C-C stretch
ν_4	1415	0.5	thienothiophene C=C stretch
ν_5	1467	0.2	inter-ring thiophene C-C stretch
ν_6	1489	0.6	thiophene C=C stretch
ν_7	1500	0.7	
ν_8	1523	0.9	
ν_9	1563	0.7	
	2771		$2\nu_3$
	2804		$\nu_3 + \nu_4$
	2831		$2\nu_4$
	2876		$\nu_4 + \nu_5$
	2908		$\nu_4 + \nu_6$
	2934		$2\nu_5$
	2977		$2\nu_6; \nu_5 + \nu_7$
	3013		$\nu_6 + \nu_8$

$\Gamma=300\text{ cm}^{-1}(\lambda_{\text{exc}}=458\text{ nm})$, $\Gamma=550\text{ cm}^{-1}(\lambda_{\text{exc}}=568\text{ nm})$; $E_{0,0}=16130\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Table S4. Raman modes, relative intensities (I/I'), frequencies ($\hbar\omega$), displacements (Δ), and overtone and combination band assignments and frequencies of MDMO-PPV/DDQ and DNF blends. The letter k is an index referring to each fundamental transition in the Raman spectra. (adapted with permission from Ref. ²⁷, Copyright 2018 Royal Society of Chemistry)

mode (k)	DDQ			DNF		
	$\hbar\omega_k$	$I_k/I_{k'}$	Δ_k^a	$\hbar\omega_k$	$I_k/I_{k'}$	Δ_k^a
ν_1	508	0.25	0.65	-		
ν_2	602	0.30	0.25	602	0.10	0.15
ν_3	800	0.08	0.15	-		

v_4	974	0.13	0.38	967	0.03	0.30
v_5	1044	0.08	0.30	-		
v_6	1114	0.23	0.60	1110	0.22	0.40
v_7	1210	0.11	0.15	1187	0.15	0.20
v_8	1245	0.21	0.35	-		
v_9	1280	0.68	1.02	1281	0.54	0.65
v_{10}	1306	0.58	0.90	1309	0.37	0.72
v_{11}	-			1340	0.08	0.05
v_{12}	1410	0.13	0.20	1406	0.04	0.25
v_{13}	1535	0.45	0.45	1548	0.26	0.40
v_{14}	1568	1.00	0.85	1575	1.00	0.87
v_{15}	1620	0.22	0.30	1620	0.05	0.20
$2v_6$	2192		$(0.5)^b$	2190		
$v_6+v_{9,10}^c$	2405			2400		
$2v_{9,10}^c$	2582		$(1.0)^b$	2575		$(0.6)^b$
v_6+v_{14}	2690			2690		
$v_{9,10}^c+v_{14}$	2852			2860		
$2v_{14}$	3136		$(0.8)^b$	3160		$(0.8)^b$
$2v_6+v_{9,10}^c$	3475			-		
$3v_{9,10}^c$	3855			-		
$2v_{9,10}^c+v_{14}$	4138			4145		
$2v_{14}+v_{9,10}^c$	4409			4450		
$3v_{14}$	4687			4730		
$\Gamma \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)}$			400			550

$E_{0,0}$ (cm ⁻¹)	16500	16950
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^a Generated from eqs. 1-4. The error in these values was found to be +/- 10%. ^b Estimated by comparing fundamental and overtone intensities. ^c Because of the small difference in frequencies between ν_9 and ν_{10} modes, we treat these as a collective mode in the overtone-combination bands, i.e., $\nu_{9,10}$.
