

Influence of Acceptor Structure on Charge Separation Dynamics in Organic Photovoltaic Materials

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The dynamics of charge separation in photovoltaic polymer blends following photoinduced electron transfer from the conjugated polymer, regioregular-P3HT, to electron acceptors are observed with ultrafast vibrational spectroscopy. The investigators take advantage of a solvatochromic shift of the vibrational frequency of the carbonyl (C=O) stretch of the acceptors to directly measure the rate of charge transfer state dissociation to form charge separated states. Two acceptor classes are examined – functionalized fullerenes (PCBM) and perylene diimides (PDIs). Charge separation in rr-P3HT:PCBM blends occurs through activationless pathways whereas rr-P3HT:PDI blends exhibit activated charge separation. The variation in charge separation mechanism arises from differences in the degree of electron delocalization that the electron acceptors can support. The three-dimensional structure of fullerenes enables large electron delocalization giving rise to low barriers to charge separation. The pseudo-two-dimensional structure of PDIs causes localization of electrons in the acceptor phase and larger barriers to charge separation.

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