Development of Conjugated Polymeric Materials for Organic Devices Assistant Professor Kazuhiro Nakabayashi



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Lightweight and flexible optoelectrical devices based on organic semiconducting materials (e.g., organic field-effect transistors and photovoltaics) have been widely investigated as alternatives of silicon-based devices. As for photovoltaics, bulkheterojunction (BHJ)-type photovoltaics are a current mainstream of the research and development, in which the organic active layer is composed of hole and electron transporting materials. However, disorderly nanostructure of organic active layers in BHJ-type photovoltaics can lead to efficient photoelectric conversion process (i.e., diffusion of excitons and transportation of carriers) to prevent high conversion.

Herein, all conjugated donor-acceptor block copolymers are promising to overcome the drawbacks described above. The formation of well-defined nanostructure derived from block copolymers can provide efficient photoelectric conversion process to achieve high conversion. Furthermore, unlike the existing photovoltaics, all conjugated donor-acceptor block copolymers have a potential that the organic active layers can be fabricated by one component.

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