

Supporting Information for

Air-Stable Ultrabright Inverted Organic Light-Emitting Devices with Metal Ion-Chelated Polymer Injection Layer

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Supplementary Figures and Table

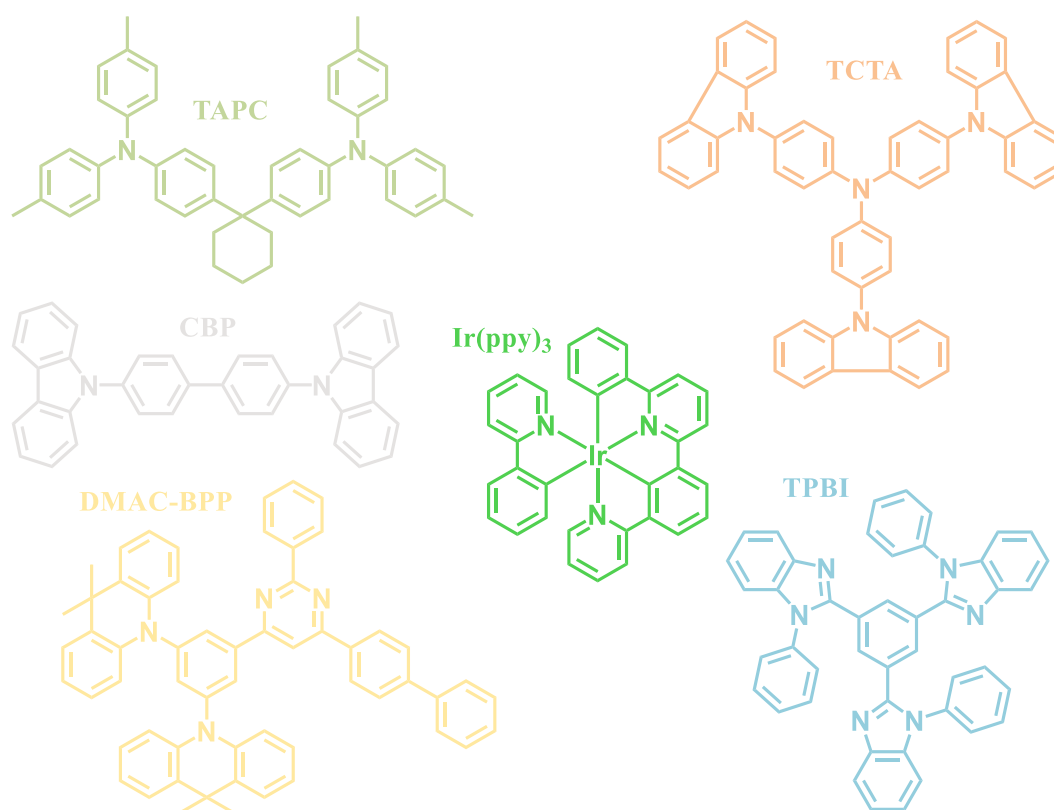


Fig. S1 Molecular structures of the used small molecular materials in the inverted OLEDs



Fig. S2 A photograph of the synthesized PEI-Zn powder

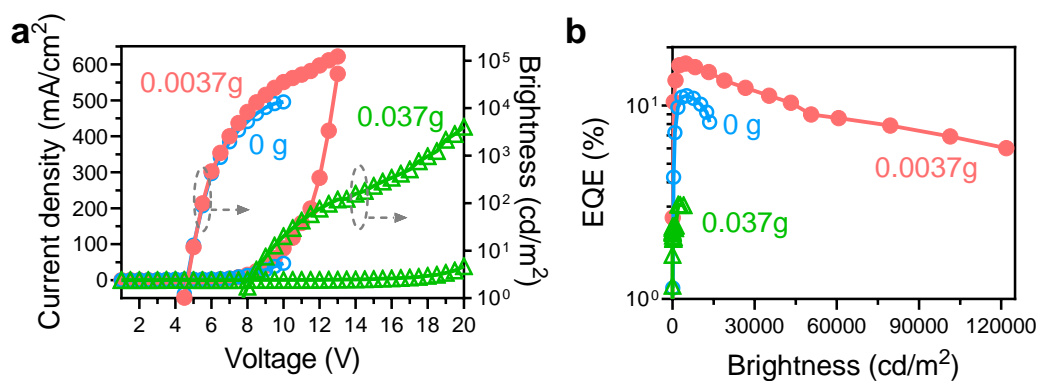


Fig. S3 (a) Current density-voltage-brightness and (b) EQE-brightness characteristics of device with PEI interlayer after adding zinc acetate dihydrate with different concentrations

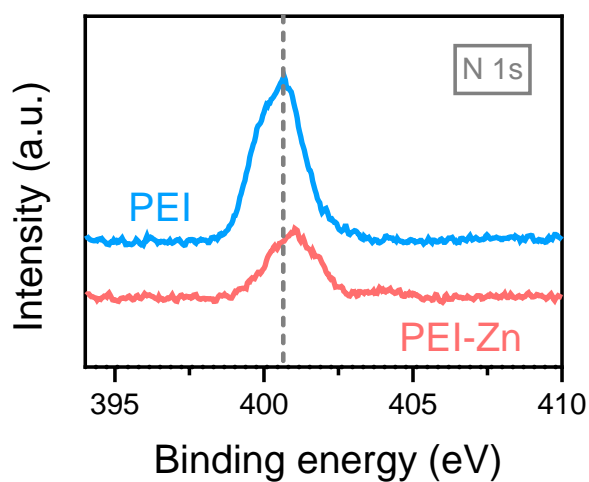


Fig. S4 N 1s XPS spectra of the PEI and the PEI-Zn layers coated on ITO

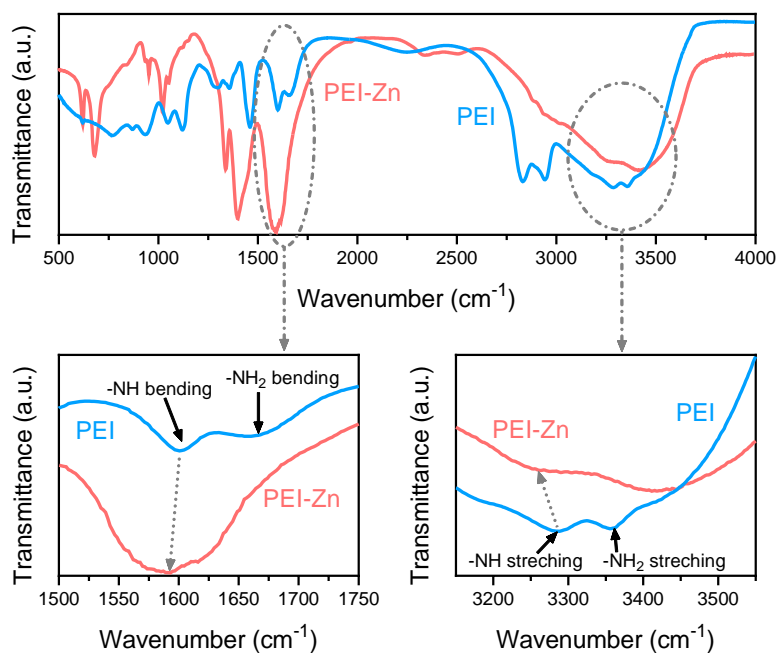


Fig. S5 FTIR spectra of the PEI and the PEI-Zn

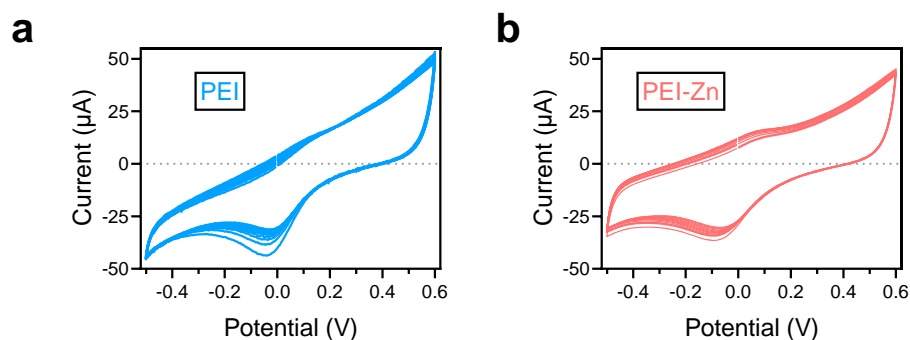


Fig. S6 Electrochemical stability of the PEI and the PEI-Zn films

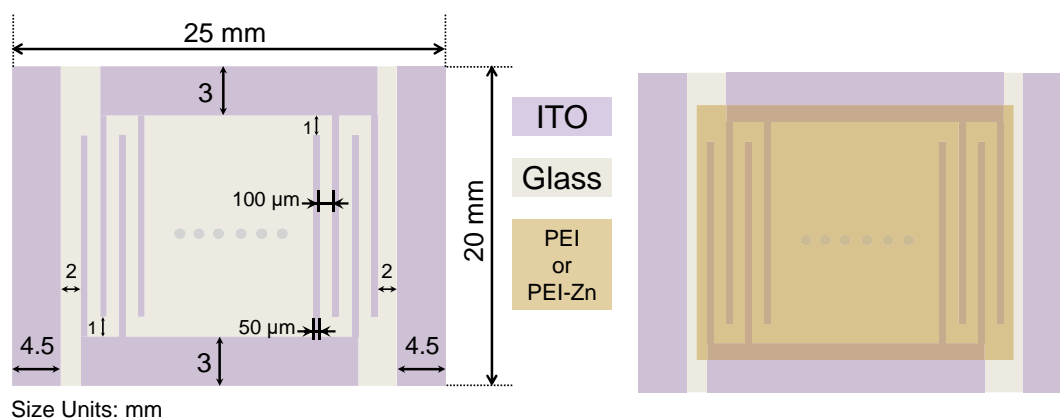


Fig. S7 Schematic diagram of the ITO grid substrate for the conductivity measurements

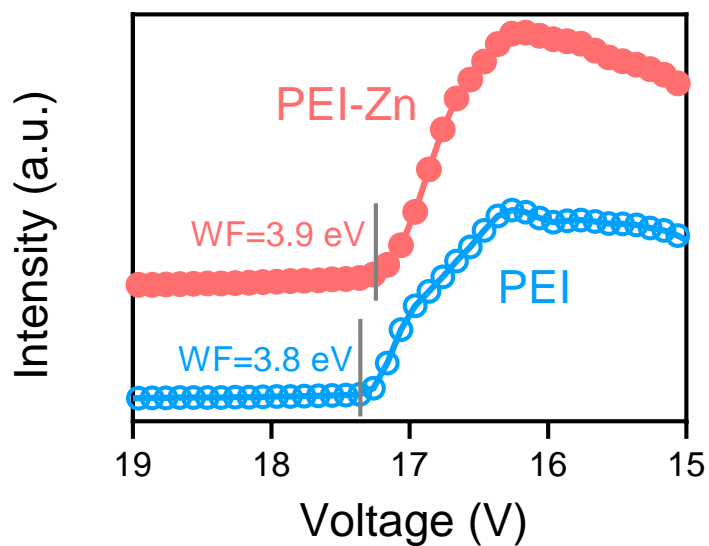


Fig. S8 UPS spectra of the PEI-Zn and the PEI coated on the ITO

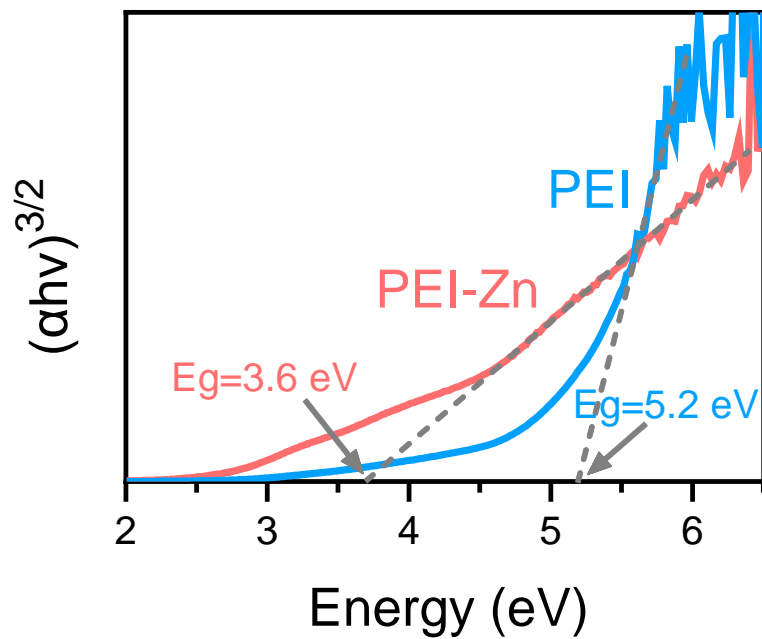


Fig. S9 Tauc plots of the PEI-Zn and the PEI

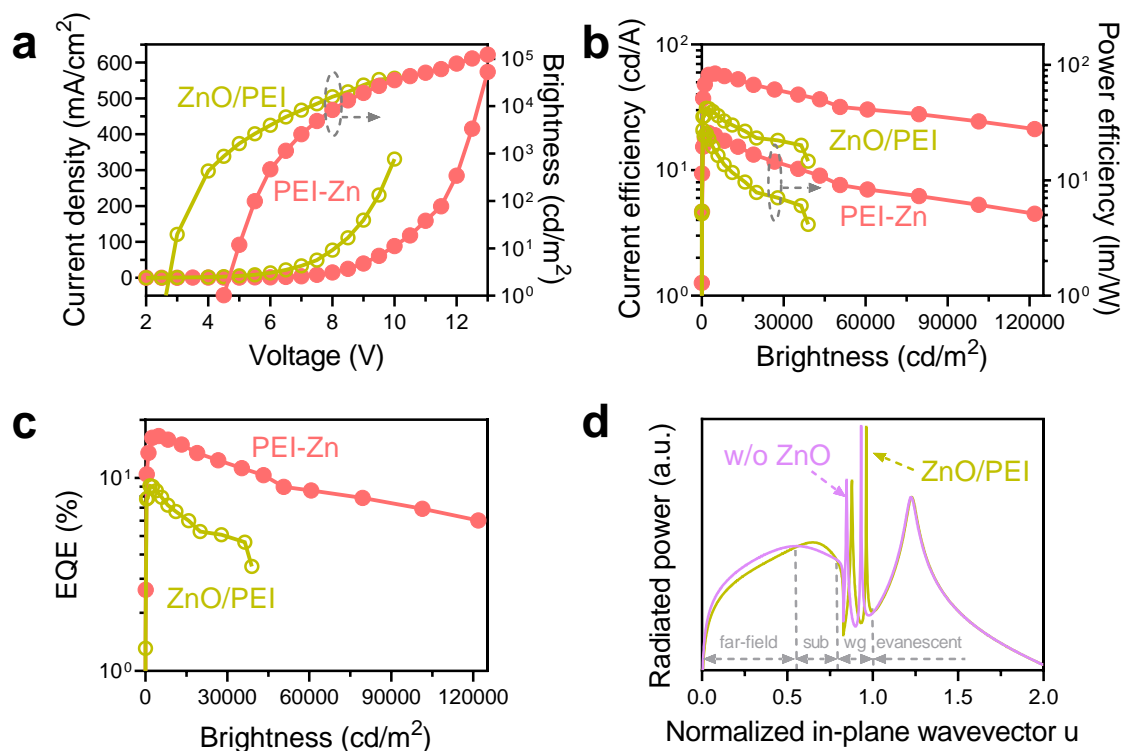


Fig. S10 (a) Current density-voltage-brightness, (b) current efficiency-brightness-power efficiency, (c) EQE-brightness and (d) optical power dissipation characteristics of device PEI-Zn and device ZnO/PEI. The structure of device Zn/PEI is ITO/ZnO (30 nm)/PEI (15 nm)/ DMAC-BPP (10 nm)/CBP: 10wt% Ir(ppy)₃ (20 nm)/TCTA (5 nm)/TAPC (35 nm)/MoO₃ (3 nm)/Ag (120 nm)

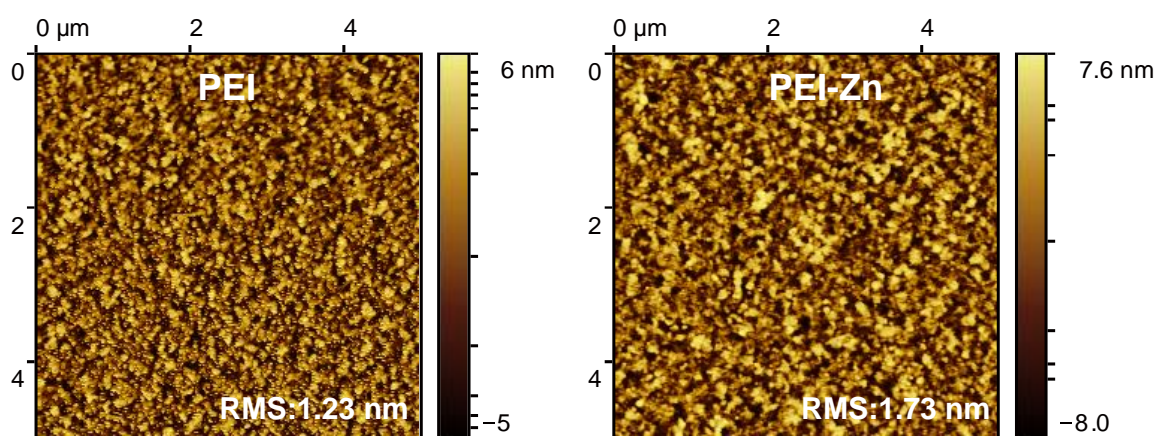


Fig. S11 Atom force microscope (AFM) images of PEI and PEI-Zn films

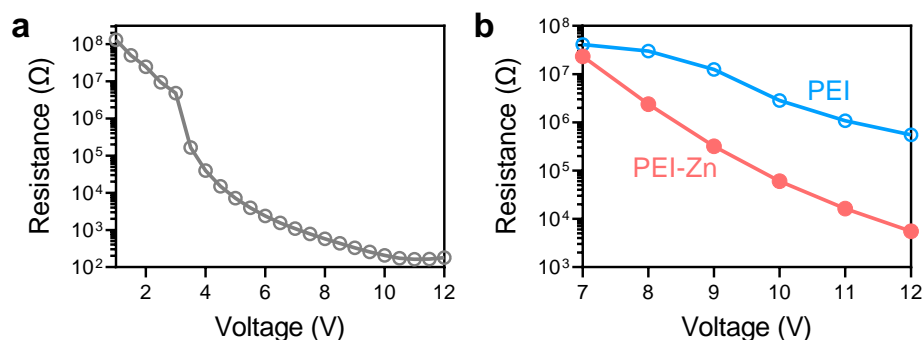


Fig. S12 (a) Resistance-voltage characteristic of a conventional OLED with a structure of ITO/MoO₃ (3 nm)/TAPC (30 nm)/TCTA (5 nm)/CBP: 10 wt% Ir(ppy)₃ (30 nm)/TmPyPB (50 nm)/LiF/Mg: 10 wt% Ag (120 nm). (b) Resistance-voltage characteristics of PEI-based and PEI-Zn-based single carrier devices with a structure of ITO/PEI or PEI-Zn/DMAC-BP (50 nm)/Mg: 10 wt% Ag (120 nm)

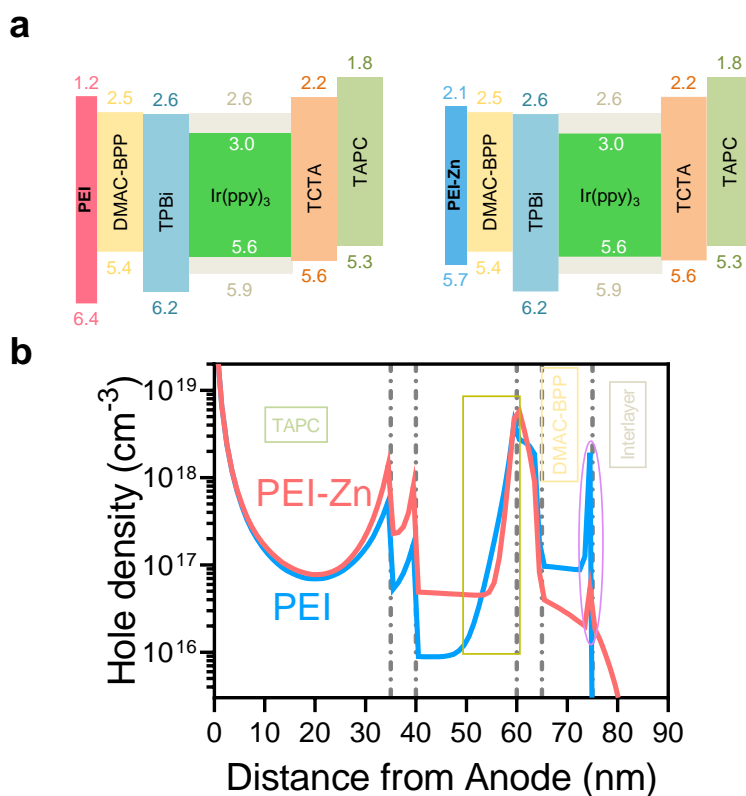


Fig. S13 (a) Energy levels of the PEI or the PEI-Zn used for the simulation of hole accumulations. (b) Simulated hole density of device PEI and device PEI-Zn. The energy levels of the PEI and PEI-Zn is calculated by following the method of Zhou et al (see Fig. S2 of ref. 22). The electron affinity is given by the equation of $E_F + 0.5 * E_g$, and the ionization potential energy is provided by the equation of $E_F - 0.5 * E_g$. The values of E_F and E_g are extracted from the Tauc plots (Figure S9) and the UPS spectra (Figure S8). The brown green rectangle and violet circle respectively represent the hole accumulation at the EML/TPBi interface and the DMAC-BPP/EJL interface. The simulation is conducted by the commercial simulation software SIMOLED.

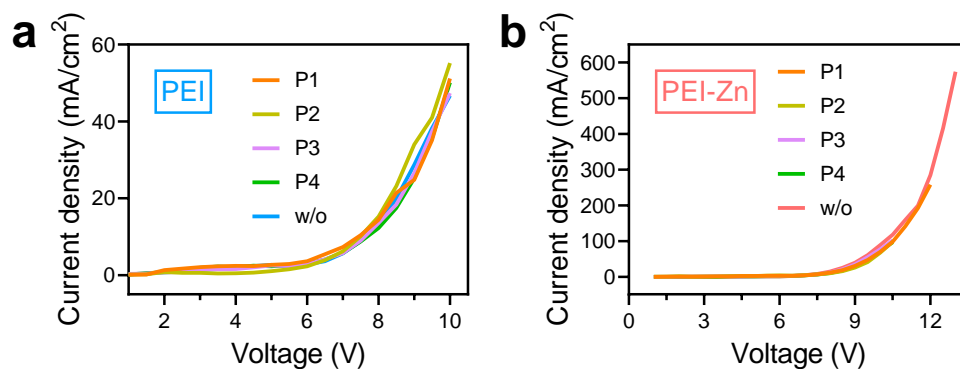


Fig. S14 Current density-voltage characteristics of (a) PEI-based devices and (b) PEI-Zn-based devices with an orange probe at different distance from the TPBi/EML interface

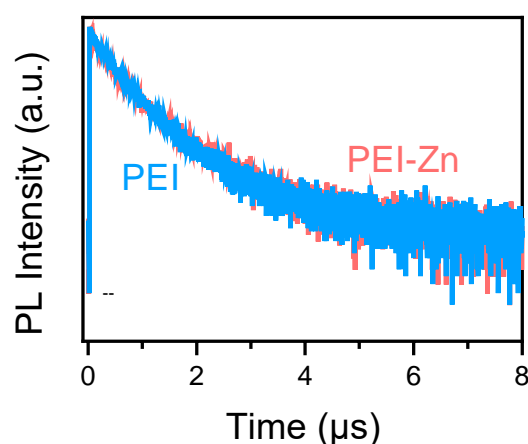


Fig. S15 Transient PL decay characteristics (@520 nm) of the CBP:10 wt% Ir(ppy)₃ films (20 nm) on the PEI/DMAC-BP/TPBi and the PEI-Zn/DMAC-BP/TPBi substrates

Table S1 Parameters for simulation of hole density

Material	Mobilities (cm ² V ⁻¹ S ⁻¹)		Energy Level (eV)		Relative dielectric constants	Thickness (nm)
	Electron	Hole	LUMO	HOMO		
ITO	WF=-4.5				3.2	120
PEI	10 ⁻⁸	10 ⁻⁸	-1.2	-6.4	3.0	15
PEI-Zn	10 ⁻⁵	10 ⁻⁵	-2.1	-5.7	3.0	15
DMAC-BPP	8.5×10 ⁻⁵	1.9×10 ⁻⁵	-2.5	-5.4	3.0	10
TPBi	3.3×10 ⁻⁵	10 ⁻⁶	-2.6	-6.2	3.0	5
CBP	3×10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻³	-2.6	-5.9	3.0	20
Ir(ppy) ₃	10 ⁻⁶	2.9×10 ⁻⁵	-3.0	5.6	3.0	20, 10 wt%
TCTA	10 ⁻⁸	3×10 ⁻⁴	-2.2	-5.6	3.0	5
TAPC	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻²	-1.8	-5.3	3.0	35
Ag	WF=-5.3				-10.991+0.33i	100