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Three-Color White Electroluminescence from a Single Polymer System with Blue, Green and Red Dopant Units as Individual Emissive Species and Polyfluorene as Individual Polymer Host

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Materials All the reagents and solvents used for the syntheses were purchased from Aldrich and Acros companies. 2,7-Dibromo-9,9-dioctylfluorene **(1)**,^[1] 9,9-dioctyl-2,7-bis(trimethyleneborate)fluorene **(2)**,^[1] 9-hexyl-9-(6-(4-dimethylamino-1,8-naphthalimide-9-)hexyl)-2,7-dibromofluorene **(Monomer-B1)**,^[2] 9-hexyl-9-(6-bromohexyl)-2,7-dibromofluorene **(3)**,^[3] 4,7-dibromo-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole,^[4] 4-bromo-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole **(4)**^[3], 2-bromo-9,9-dihexylfluorene,^[5] 2,7-dibromo-9,9-dihexylfluorene^[5] and tributyl(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)stanne^[3] were synthesized according to the procedure from literatures. All reactions were performed under a dry argon atmosphere.

9,9-dihexylfluorene-2-yl boric acid (5)

To a solution of 9,9-hexyl-2-bromofluorene (21.97 g, 51.5 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) (250 mL) at -78°C was added n-butyllithium (38.2 mL 1.6 M solution in hexane, 61.1 mmol). After one hour, $\text{B}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$ (6.7 mL, 66.5 mmol) was added and the mixture was kept stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into aqueous hydrochloric acid, followed by extraction with ether. The combined extracts were washed with water and then dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Removal of the solvent gave a white solid, which was further purified by silica column chromatography to afford the title compound as a white solid. Yield: 4.20 g (22%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.35 (d, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 2.22-2.05 (m, 4H), 1.16 (m, 12H), 0.81-0.72 (m, 10H).

9,9-dihexyl-2-(9,9-dihexylfluorene-2-yl)-7-bromofluorene (6)

A mixture of **5** (0.89 g, 2.35 mmol), 9,9-dihexyl-2,7-dibromo-fluorene (4.63 g, 9.41 mmol), K_2CO_3 (0.97 g, 7.0 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.028 g, 0.024 mmol), toluene (30 mL) and H_2O (3.5 mL) was stirred in dark at 90°C for 24 hours. After workup, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 and then dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . After filtration and removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica column chromatography to give the title compound as a white solid. Yield: 1.18 g (67%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300MHz) δ (ppm): 7.81 (d, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 2.08-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.11 (m, 24H), 0.83-0.73 (m, 20H).

9,9-dihexyl-2-(9,9-dihexylfluorene-2-yl)-fluorene-7-yl boric acid (7)

The synthesis of **7** is analogous to that of **5** with yield of 59%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.40 (d, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.9-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.67 (m, 7H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.01 (m, 8H), 1.43-0.97 (m, 24H), 0.79 (m, 20H).

4-(9,9-dihexyl-2-(9,9-dihexylfluorene-2-yl)-fluorene-7-yl)-7-(4-methoxy)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (MC-G2).

A mixture of **7** (0.60 g, 0.844 mmol), **4** (0.24 g, 0.76 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.32 g, 2.28 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.009 g, 0.0076 mmol), toluene (10 mL), H₂O (1.1 mL) and one drop of Aliquat 336 was stirred in dark at 90 °C for 24 hours. After workup, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and then dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica column chromatography to give the title compound as a green solid. Yield: 0.61 g (89%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.07 (dd, 1H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 3H), 7.93-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.84 -7.77 (m, 3H), 7.73-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.07 (m, 8H), 1.16-1.12 (m, 24H), 1.01-0.79 (m, 20H). Anal. calcd.: C, 83.39; H, 8.22; N, 3.09. Found: C, 83.22; H, 8.01; N, 3.15.

9-hexyl-9-(6-(4-(4-(2-(9,9-dihexylfluorene-2-yl)-9,9-dihexylfluorene-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole-7-yl)-phenyloxy)-hexyl)-2,7-fluorene (Monomer G2)

To a solution of **MC-G2** (0.40 g, 0.44 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at -78 °C, BBr₃ (4.0 mL 1 M solution in CH₂Cl₂, 4.0 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 hour. Then the mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 hours, followed by the addition of several drops of water. After removal of the solvent at room temperature with reduced pressure, the residual was mixed with K₂CO₃ (2.76 g, 20 mmol), **3** (0.55 g, 0.96 mmol) and ethanol (15 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux for 24 hours and then poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄. After filtration and removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica column chromatography to give the title compound as a green solid. Yield: 0.16 g (26%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.08-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, 2H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.92-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.08 (d, 2H), 3.98 (t, 2H), 2.20-1.99 (m, 12H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.11 (m, 36H), 0.83-0.62 (m, 25H). Anal. calcd.: C, 75.52; H, 7.43; N, 2.02. Found: C, 75.98; H, 7.81; N, 1.76.

4-(N-phenyl-N-(4-methoxy)phenyl-amino)-1-bromobenzene (9)

A mixture of 4-bromo-diphenylamine (4.50 g, 20.0 mmol), 4-methoxy-1-iodo-benzene (5.76 g, 24.5 mmol), CuCl (0.20 g, 2.0 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline monohydrate (0.40 g, 2.0 mmol), KOH (11.2 g, 200 mmol) and toluene (45 mL) was heated to reflux and stirred for 36 hours. After workup, the reaction mixture was poured into brine and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with brine and then dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the title compound as a white solid. Yield: 4.75 g (67%).

2-(4-(N-phenyl-N-(4-methoxy)phenyl-amino)phenyl)thiophene (10)

A mixture of **9** (3.59 g, 10.1 mmol), tributyl(thienyl-2-)stanne(4.54 g, 12.2 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.11 g, 0.1 mmol) and toluene (60 mL) was stirred in dark at 100 °C for 24 hours. After workup, the mixture was poured into aqueous KF and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with water and then dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the title compound as a white solid. Yield: 2.00 g (56%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 7.48 (d, 2H), 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 8H), 6.89 (d, 2H).

Tributyl(5-(4-(N-phenyl-N-(4-methoxy)phenyl-amino)phenyl)thienyl-2)stannane (11)

To a solution of **10** (1.07 g, 3.0 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) at -78 °C was added n-butyllithium (2.0 mL 1.6 M solution in hexane, 3.2 mmol). After one hour, (n-C₄H₉)₃SnCl was added to the mixture. The resulting mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and kept stirred overnight. After workup, the mixture was poured into aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with hexane. The organic layer was washed with water and then dried with Na₂SO₄. Removal of the solvent afforded the title compound as a light-yellow liquid. Yield: 1.92 g (99%).

4-(5-(4-(N-phenyl-N-(4-methoxy)phenyl-amino)phenyl)thienyl-2)-7-bromo-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (12)

A mixture of 4,7-dibromo-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (2.96 g, 10.1 mmol), **11** (1.92 g, 3.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.034g, 0.03mmol) and toluene (30 mL) was stirred in dark at 100 °C for 24 hours. After workup, the mixture was poured into aqueous KF and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with water and then dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was

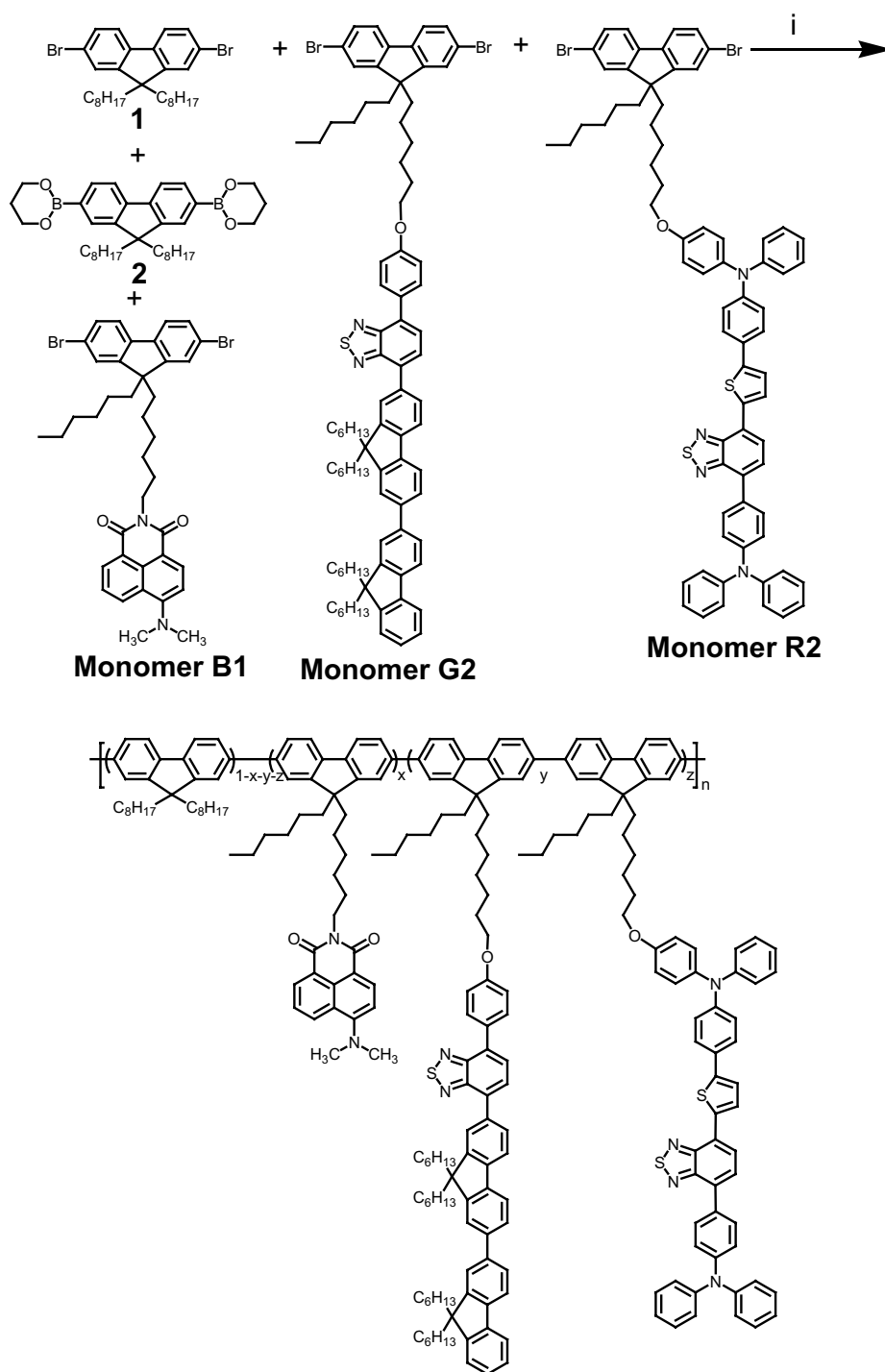
removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the title compound as a deep-red solid. Yield: 0.97 g (57%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.12 (d, 1H), 7.88 (d, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H), 7.56 (d, 4H), 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.05 (m, 7H), 6.93 (d, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

4-(5-(4-(N-phenyl-N-(4-methoxy)phenyl-amino)phenyl)thienyl-2)-7-(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (MC-R2)

The synthesis of **MC-R2** is analogous to that of **10**. Yield: 78%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.91 (d, 2H), 7.74 (d, 1H), 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.36-7.08 (m, 23H), 6.91 (d, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). Anal. calcd.: C, 76.81; H, 4.66; N, 7.62. Found: C, 77.34; H, 4.26; N, 7.09.

9-hexyl-9-(6-(4-(N-phenyl-N-(4-(5-(4-(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole-7-)-thienyl-2-)phenyl)amino)phenoxy)hexyl)-2,7-dibromofluorene (Monomer-R2)

The synthesis of **Monomer-R2** is analogous to that of **Monomer-G2**. Yield: 17%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.87 (d, 2H), 7.70 (d, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.08 (m, 23H), 6.80 (d, 2H), 3.84 (br, 2H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.05 (m, 10H), 0.78 (t, 3H), 0.61 (br, 4H). Anal. calcd.: C, 70.41; H, 5.16; N, 4.63. Found: C, 71.63; H, 4.98; N, 4.71.



Scheme S2. Synthetic routes of the polymers. (Reagents and conditions: (i) $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$, toluene, K_2CO_3 (aq., 2 M), Aliquat 336, 90 °C)

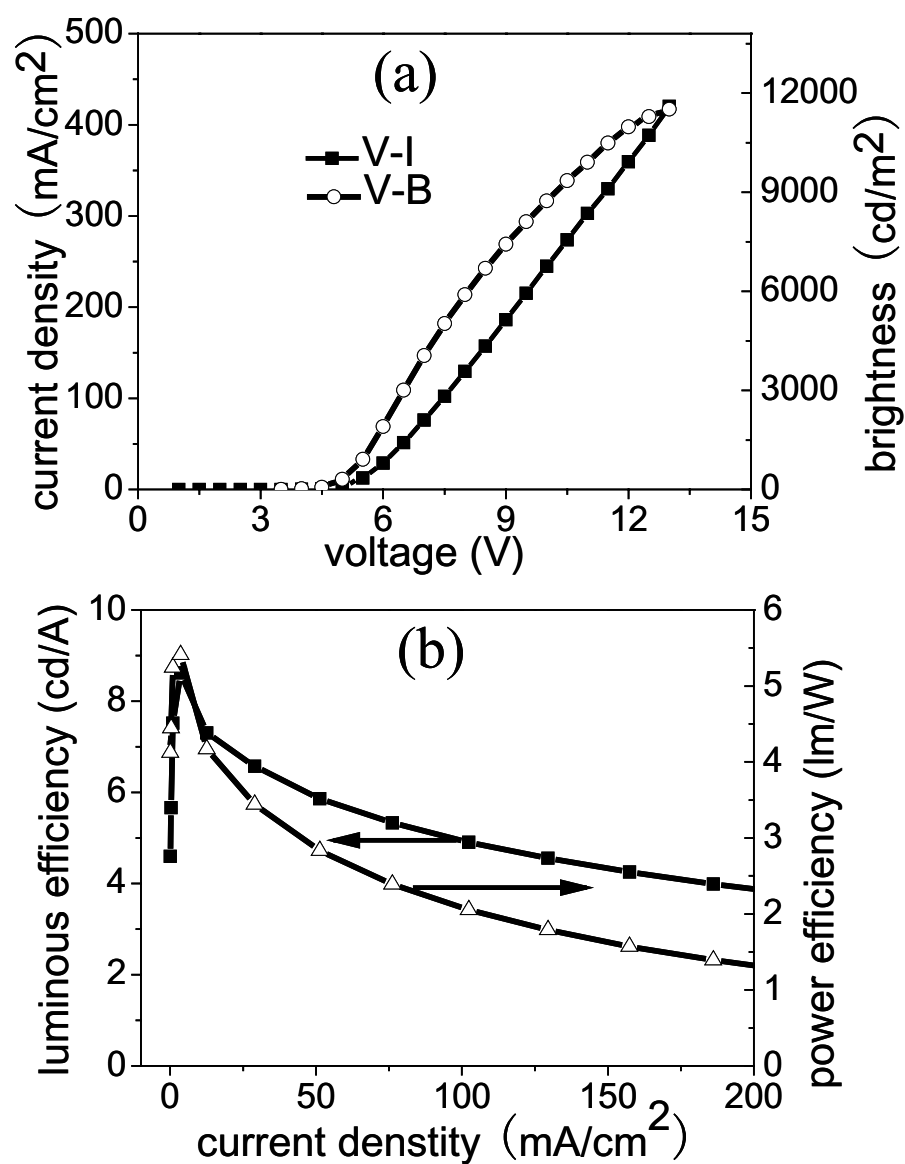


Figure S1. (a) Voltage-current density-brightness characteristic of the device of **WP-B5G5R2**. (b) Dependence of the luminous efficiency and power efficiency on the current density of the device of **WP-B5G5R2**.

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