



# Chain Length Dependence of the Photovoltaic Properties of Monodisperse Donor-Acceptor Oligomers as Model Compounds of Polydisperse Low Band Gap Polymers

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