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Photoinduced Charge Transport Spectra for Porphyrin and Naphthalene Derivative-based Dendrimers J.H. PARK, Y. WU, J.R. PAR-QUETTE, A.J. EPSTEIN, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH 43210 Dendrimers are important chemical structures for harvesting charge. We prepared model dendrimers using two porphyrin derivatives and a naphthalene derivative. Films of these porphyrin derivatives have a strong Soret band ( $\sim$ 430nm) and four significant Q-bands; the naphthalene derivative has strong absorption at 365 and 383nm. Two kinds of photovoltaic cell structures [ITO/BaytronP/(thick or thin) dendrimer/Al] are constructed to investigate the optical response spectra of dendrimers under electric potential (V) on the cell (range from -1V to 2V). To obtain pure optical responses, incident light is modulated with an optical chopper and a lock-in amplifier is used to measure current  $(I_{AC})$  and phase  $(\theta)$ . For the excitation of the Soret band,  $I_{AC}$  and  $\theta$  do not change substantially with change of sign and amplitude of V. For Q-bands and naphthalene absorption bands,  $\theta$  nearly follows the polarity of V on the cells and  $I_{AC}$  is linear with V. Hence,  $I_{AC}$  is nearly ohmic for Q- band although there are shifts due to built-in-potential.  $I_{AC}$  for Soret band is almost same for thick and thin active layer cells. In contrast,  $I_{AC}$  increases with thickness increase for Q bands. Mechanisms of photogeneration and charge transport will be discussed.

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