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Objectives

We propose here the following two main objectives followed by seven main activities:

- **O2**. The synthesis of pseudo- and polyrotaxanes architectures based on poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT) and permodified or native cyclodextrines;
- **O3**. The synthesis of the reference poly(fluorene-thiophene-phenylene-azomethine) (PFTPA) alternating copolymer.
- (A1) Synthesis of PEDOT-TMeβCD, PEDOT-TMeγCD, PEDOT-βCD and PEDOT-γCD and their physical characterizations;
- (A2) Exploring interactions of their soluble fractions in water with aerolysin nanopore;
- (A3) Evaluation of PEDOT-TMeβCD, PEDOT-TMeγCD, PEDOT-βCD and PEDOT-γCD photophysical properties;
- (A4) Electrochemical properties of PEDOT-TMeβCD, PEDOT-TMeγCD, PEDOT-βCD and PEDOT-γCD;
- (A5) The photovoltaic performance of the devices based on PEDOT-TMeβCD and PEDOT-TMeγCD;
- (A6) Electrical properties of PEDOT-TMeβCD, PEDOT-TMeγCD, PEDOT-βCD and PEDOT-γCD;
- (A7) The synthesis of the thiophene-phenylene-azomethine (TPA) comonomer and its chemical characterization.

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The synthesis of pseudo- and polyrotaxanes architectures based on poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT) and permodified or native cyclodextrins

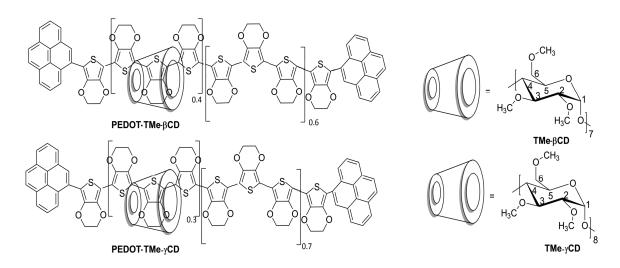


FIGURE 1. Chemical structures of PEDOT·TMe-βCD and PEDOT·TMe-γCD

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The synthesis of the thiophene-phenylene-azomethine (TPA) comonomer and its chemical characterization

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FIGURE 2. Chemical structure of TPA comonomer

(A1) Synthesis of PEDOT-TMe β CD, PEDOT-TMe γ CD, PEDOT- β CD and PEDOT- γ CD and their chemical characterizations

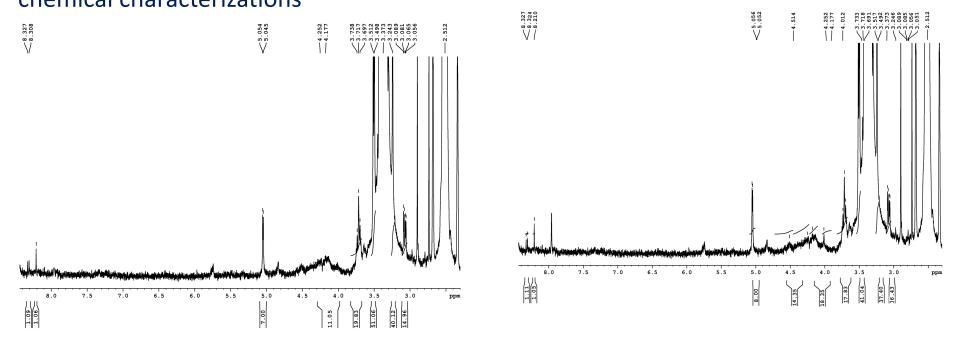


FIGURE 3. 1H-NMR spectra of PEDOT·TMe-βCD (left) and PEDOT·TMe-γCD (right).

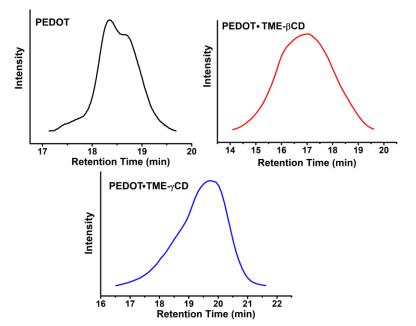


FIGURE 4. Comparison between the chromatograms of PEDOT, PEDOT·TMe-βCD and PEDOT·TMe-γCD.

(A2) Exploring interactions of their soluble fractions in water with aerolysin (AeL) nanopore

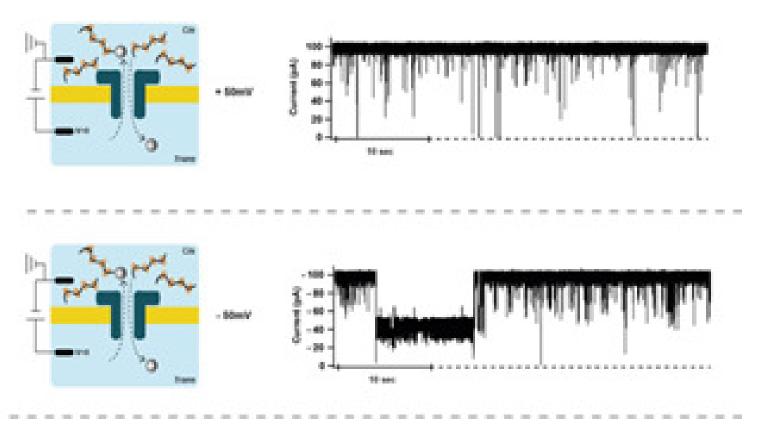


FIGURE 5. Electrical detection of PEDOT·TMe-βCD PR using the AeL nanopore. Illustration of the experimental setup used for the analysis of the PEDOT·CB7-PPs molecules added in the cis compartment in the presence of an Ael nanopore inserted in a lipid bilayer. Portions of a typical current traces recorded in the presence of 0.6 mM PEDOT·TMe-βCD PR molecules under positive + 50 mV (a) and negative -50 mV (b) trans applied voltage.

Our results demonstrate the real-time detection and high binding ability at negative voltage of PEDOT·TMe-βCD compounds to the pore lumen of Ael at a single molecule level.

(A3) Photophysical properties of PEDOT-TMeβCD, PEDOT-TMeγCD, PEDOT-βCD and PEDOT-

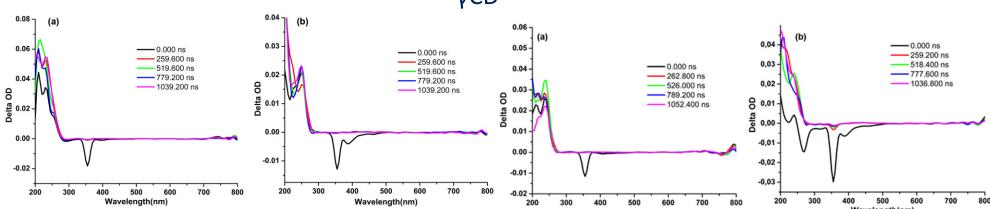
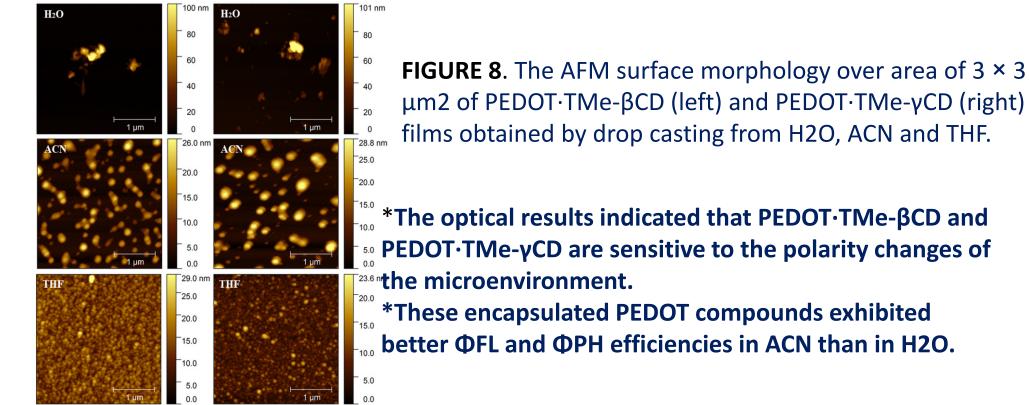


FIGURE 6. Nanosecond transient absorption of PEDOT·TMe- β CD in H2O (λ ex = 375 nm) (a) and ACN (λ ex = 355 nm) (b).

FIGURE 7. Nanosecond transient absorption of PEDOT·TMe- γ CD in H2O (λ ex = 375 nm) (a) and ACN (λ ex = 355 nm) (b)



(A4) Electrochemical properties of PEDOT-TMe β CD, PEDOT-TMe γ CD, PEDOT- β CD and PEDOT- γ CD

Cyclic voltammograms of PEDOT·TMe-βCD and PEDOT·TMe-γCD

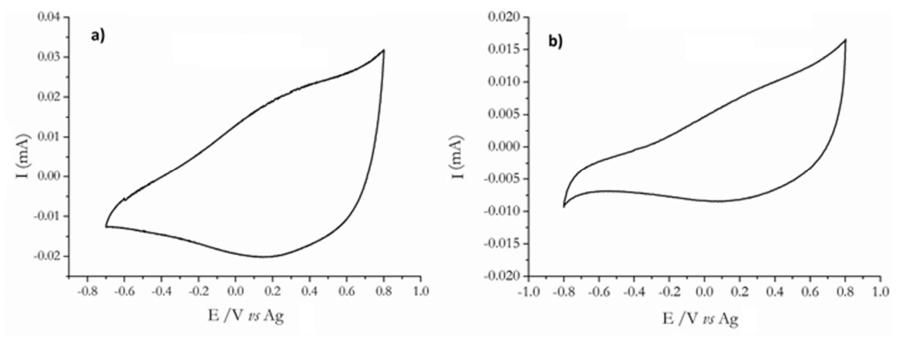


FIGURE 9. CV of PEDOT·TMe-βCD (a) and PEDOT·TMe-γCD (b) in 0.1 M TBACIO4)/ACN solution at scan rate 20 mV·s-1.

Accordingly to the electrochemical results, it can be conclude that the investigated PEDOT·TMe-βCD and PEDOT·TMe-γCD exhibit typical insulating behavior in a wide range of potential between n- and p-doping processes, denoting their semi-conducting properties.

(A5) Preliminarily photovoltaic results of PEDOT-TMeβCD and PEDOT-TMeγCD

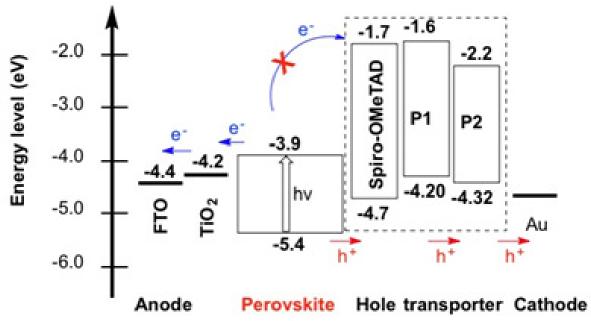


FIGURE 10. Energy level alignment of different device components

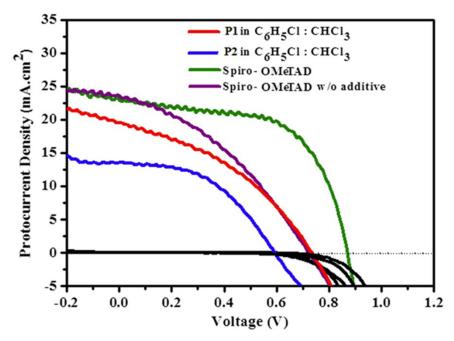


FIGURE 11. J-V curves of P1 (PEDOT·TMeβCD-red) and P2 (PEDOT·TMeγCD-blue).

(A6) Electrical properties of PEDOT-TMe β CD, PEDOT-TMe γ CD, PEDOT- β CD and PEDOT- γ CD

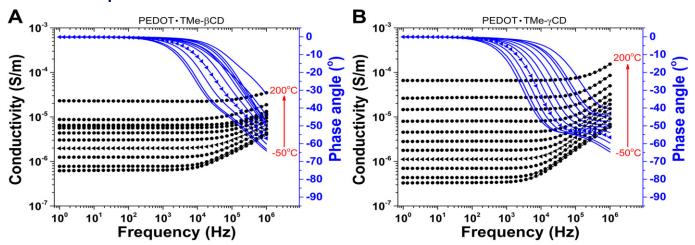


FIGURE 12. The variation of σ and θ with f at different temperatures for PEDOT·TMe- β CD (A) and PEDOT·TMe- γ CD (B). Particularly for the temperature of 25 oC, the dielectric spectra are repre-sented with solid triangle-type symbols.

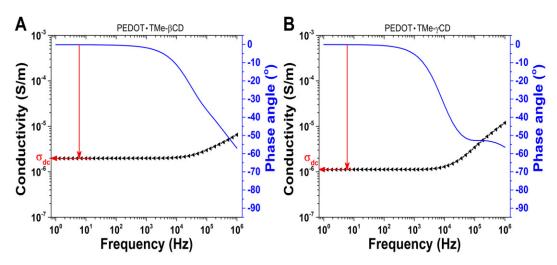


FIGURE 13. The σ DC evaluation from the spectrum of PEDOT·TMe- β CD (A) and PEDOT·TMe- γ CD (B) at 25 oC. The horizontal arrow illustrates the plateau region of the measured σ , while the vertical arrow shows the maximum value of the θ .

The lowest Ea value of PEDOT·TMe-βCD reveals its better transport of electrons between active sites than those of PEDOT·TMe-γCD.

2D supramolecular organizations at the air-water interface

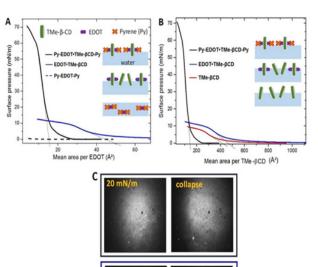


FIGURE 14 Surface pressure-area isotherms for Langmuir films of Py-EDOT·TMe-βCD-Py, EDOT·TMe-βCD and Py-EDOT-Py; (B) Py-TMe-βCD-Py, EDOT·TMe-βCD, and TMe- β CD; (C) **BAM** images (600 μ m \times 600 of μm) Py-EDOT·TMe-βCD-Py EDOT·TMe-βCD.

The obtained results strongly suggest that the presence of TMe-CDs on the PEDOT backbones as well the presence of Py ends plays an important role in the supramolecular arrangements of PEDOT·TMe-βCD and PEDOT·TMe-γCD layers.

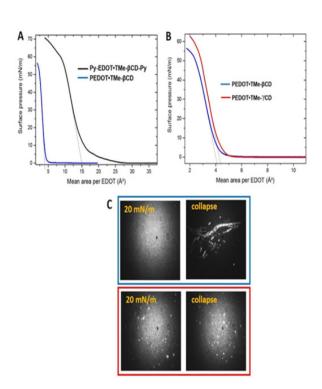


FIGURE 15. Surface pressure-area isotherms presented as a function of the mean area per EDOT monomer for: A) Py-EDOT·TMe- β CD-Py and PEDOT·TMe- β CD; B) PEDOT·TMe- β CD and PEDOT·TMe- γ CD and C) BAM images (600 μm x 600 μm) of PEDOT·TMe- β CD and PEDOT·TMe- β CD and PEDOT·TMey-CD Langmuir films in the condensed phase and at the collapse.

(A7) The synthesis and characterization of novel phenylene-thiophene based π -conjugated azomethine (TPA) and its supramolecular complex with permodified β -cyclodextrin

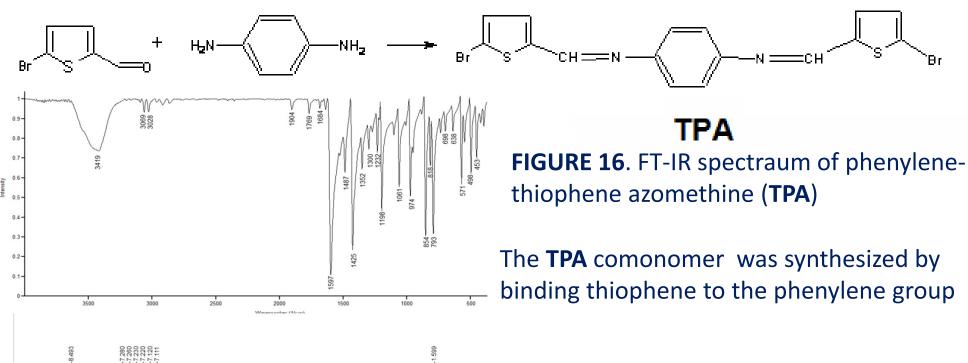




FIGURE 17. 1H-NMR spectrum of phenylene-thiophene azomethine (**TPA**)

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- 2. A. Farcas, A.-M. Resmerita
- Supramolecular organization of poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)/permodified cyclodextrins polyrotaxanes on the 2D Materials
- The 7th European Cyclodextrin Conference (EuroCD2023), 05-08.09.2023, Budapest-Hungary
- 3. A.-M. Resemerita, A. Farcas
- Freestanding composites material films obtained by cross-linking of polyethylene glycol polyrotaxane and polyisoprene/semi-rotaxane with 2-hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrins
 The 7th European Cyclodextrin Conference (EuroCD2023), 05-08.09.2023, Budapest-Hungary

5. A. Farcas

Supramolecular Semiconductor Materials for Organic Electronics INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON POWER AND ENERGY ENGINEERING (ISPEE2023), 23-25.11.2023, Lisabona, Portugalia

6. M. Balan-Porcarasu, A. Farcas

INSIGHTS INTO THE INCLUSION COMPLEXATION OF 3,4-ETHYLENEDIOXYTHIOPHENE WITH PERMODIFIED CYCLODEXTRINS IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION

Progress in organic and macromolecular compounds 29th edition, 04.-06.10.2023, Iasi, Romania

Poster at international conferences

1. I. R. Tigoianu, A. Farcas

Photophysical properties of poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)/permethylated β - and γ -cyclodextrin polyrotaxanes

10th International Electronic Conference on Sensors and Applications (sciforum-074311), 15.11.2023 (online)

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Thermal properties of soluble poly(3,4 ethylenedioxythiophene/cucurbit[7]uril) polypseudorotaxane and polyrotaxane

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Other

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