

# The Development of Organic Conductors, Including Semiconductors, Metals and Superconductors

## Lessons from History, Continued

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Organic Conductors and Metals

Organic Superconductors

Conjugated Polymers for Organic  
Electronics

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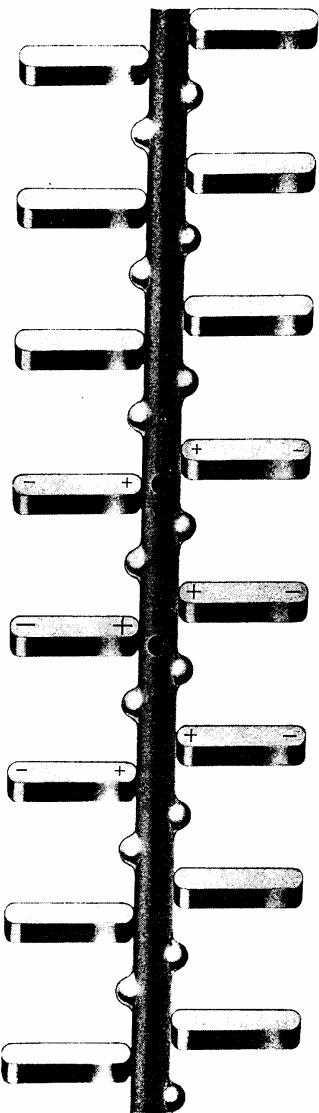
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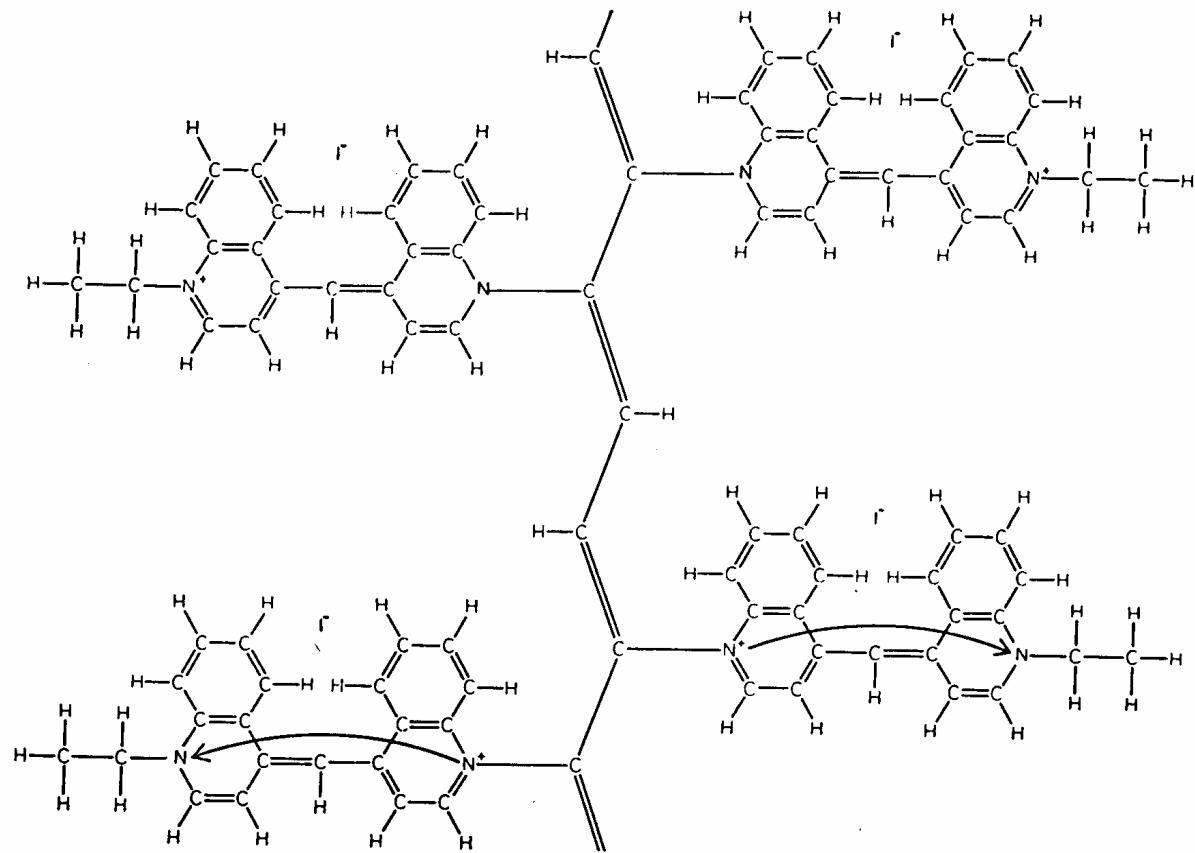
## **SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AT ROOM TEMPERATURE**

**IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED, BUT THEORETICAL STUDIES SUGGEST THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SYNTHESIZE ORGANIC MATERIALS THAT, LIKE CERTAIN METALS AT LOW TEMPERATURES, CONDUCT ELECTRICITY WITHOUT RESISTANCE**

**BY W. A. LITTLE**

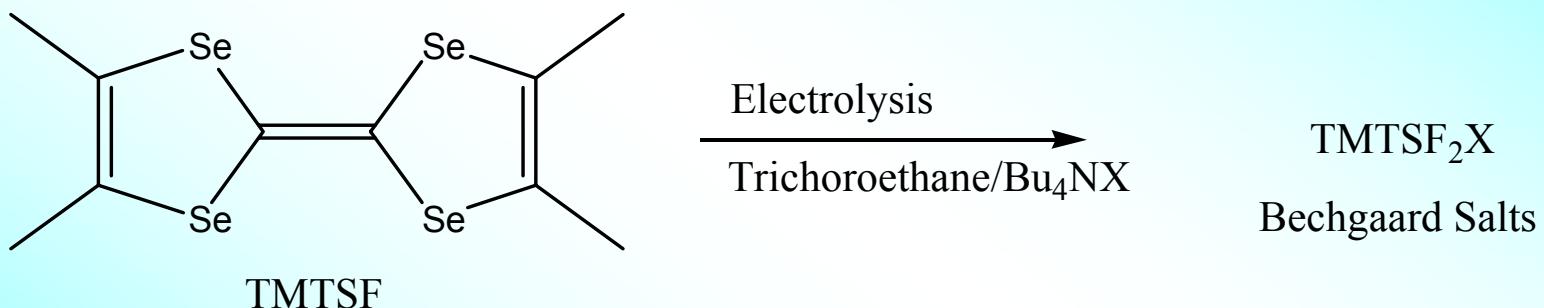


ELECTRON PAIRS are conducted along the spine of a hypothetical superconducting molecule by an attractive mechanism similar to that in a superconducting metal. As an electron passes each side chain its electric field polarizes the side-chain molecule and induces a positive charge at the end nearer the spine. A second electron is attracted to this region of positive charge and is thereby indirectly attracted to the first electron.

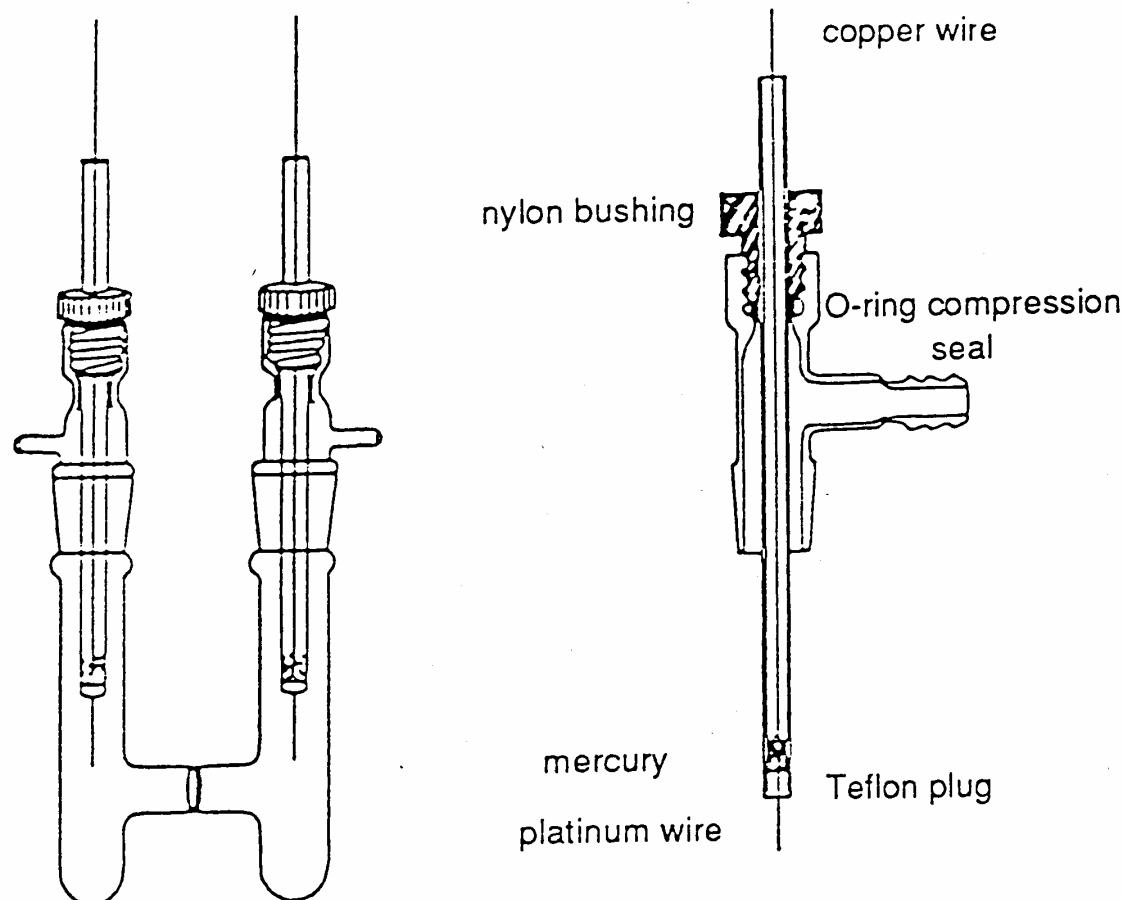


**HYPOTHETICAL SUPERCONDUCTING MOLECULE** is built around a “spine” of carbon atoms connected by alternating single and double bonds. Periodically along the spine a side chain consisting of the common dye diethyl-cyanine iodide extends outward. These side-chain molecules are highly polarizable; that is, an electron can move freely from a nitrogen site close to one end of the molecule to another nitrogen site close to the other end. A colored N designates the nitrogen atom that contains the resonating electron in the two possible conditions of polarization. Electrons can also move freely along the spine itself.

# The First Organic Superconductors



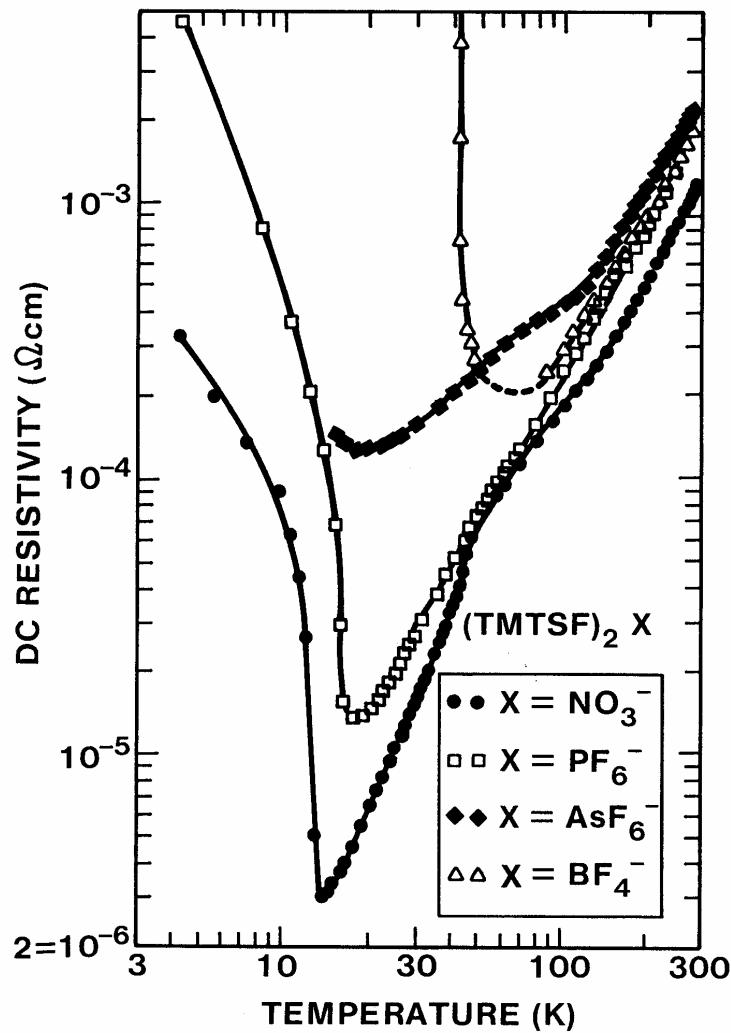
# Electrochemical Synthesis Apparatus



# Actual Electrosynthesis



D.C. RESISTIVITY vs TEMPERATURE FOR TYPICAL SAMPLES OF  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{X}$ . NOTE THE LOGARITHMIC TEMPERATURE AND RESISTIVITY SCALES.



From Bechgaard, K and Jerome, D., *Scientific American*

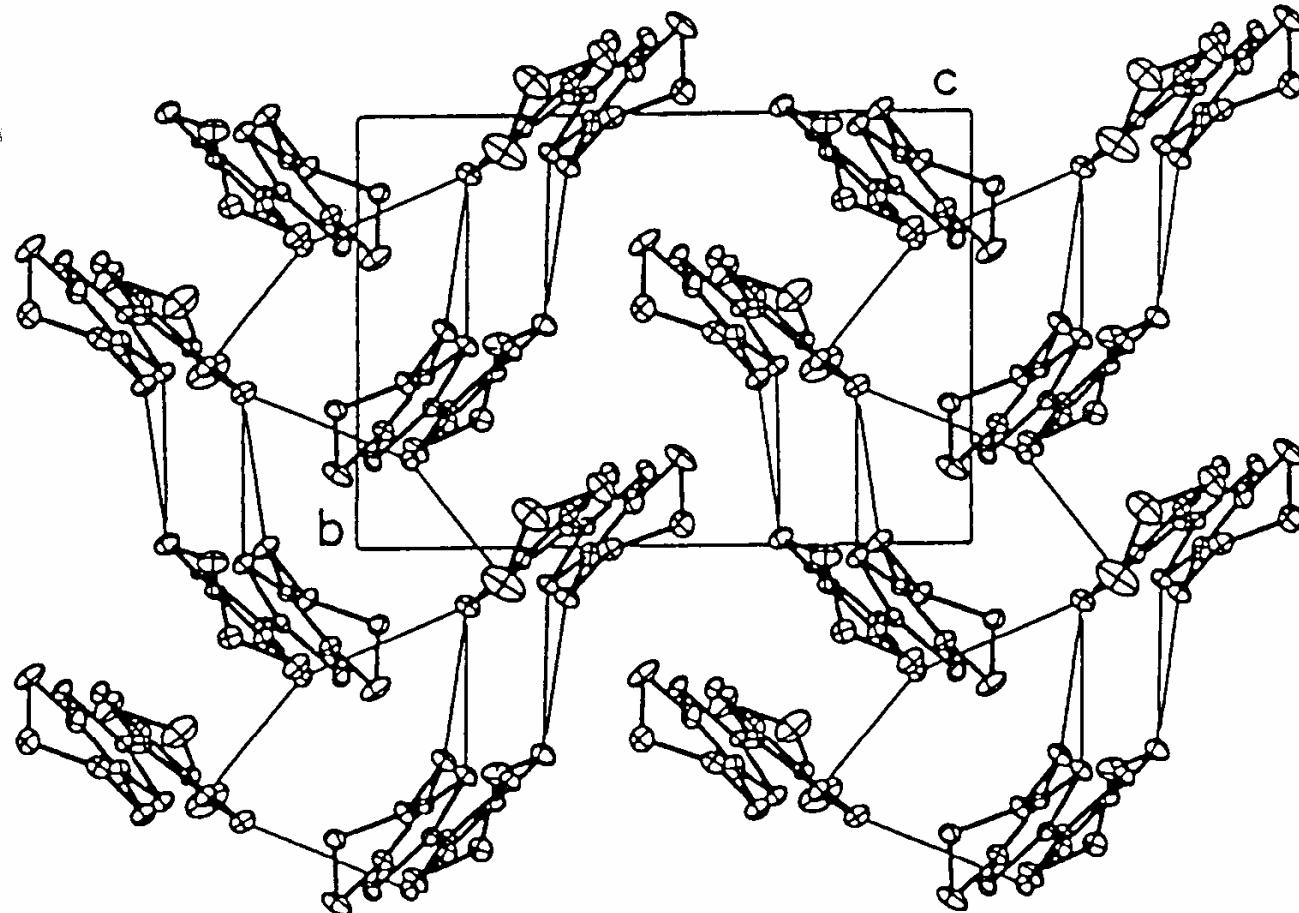
# Summary of Requirements for Organic Metals and Superconductors

Planar  $\pi$ -donors and/or acceptors

Segregated **stacks** of  $\pi$ -donors and/or acceptors

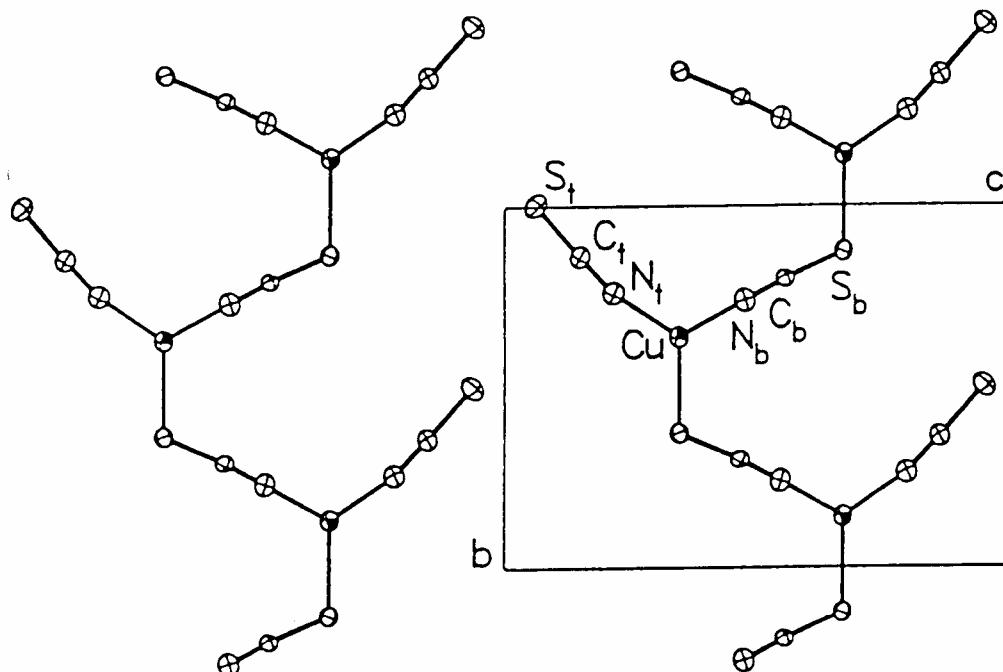
Partial charging of **stacks** of  $\pi$ -donors and/or acceptors

## The End of the Stack Tyranny: the Kappa Phase



**Figure 2.7** Structure of  $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>[Cu(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] at 118 K. S  $\cdots$  S contacts shorter than 3.6 Å are indicated by thin lines. (From Ref. 43.)

# A Polymeric Anionic Layer



# Other Organic Superconductors

## Buckminsterfullerene-Derived Solids

BEDT-TTF, etc superconductivity WITH magnetism

Organic Conductors and Metals

Organic Superconductors

Conjugated Polymers for Organic  
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# **Organic Electronics: Organic Semiconductors**

**Polymeric Light Emitting Diodes (PLEDs)**

**Polymeric Photovoltaics (P-PVs)**

**Polymeric Electrochromics**

**Organic Light Emitting Diodes (OLEDs)**

**Organic Field Effect Transistors (OFETs, OTFTs)**

**Organic Memory Devices (OMDs)**

# **Organic Semiconductors: Key Parameters**

**Semiconductor gap, Eg [E( $\pi$ -  $\pi^*$ )]**

**Relative HOMO vis a vis electrode material**

**Relative LUMO vis a vis electrode material**

**Nature of the charge-carrier ( $h^+$  or  $e^-$ )**

**Charge-carrier mobility ( $\mu$ )**

**Processing and morphology**

# Conjugated Polymers in 1987

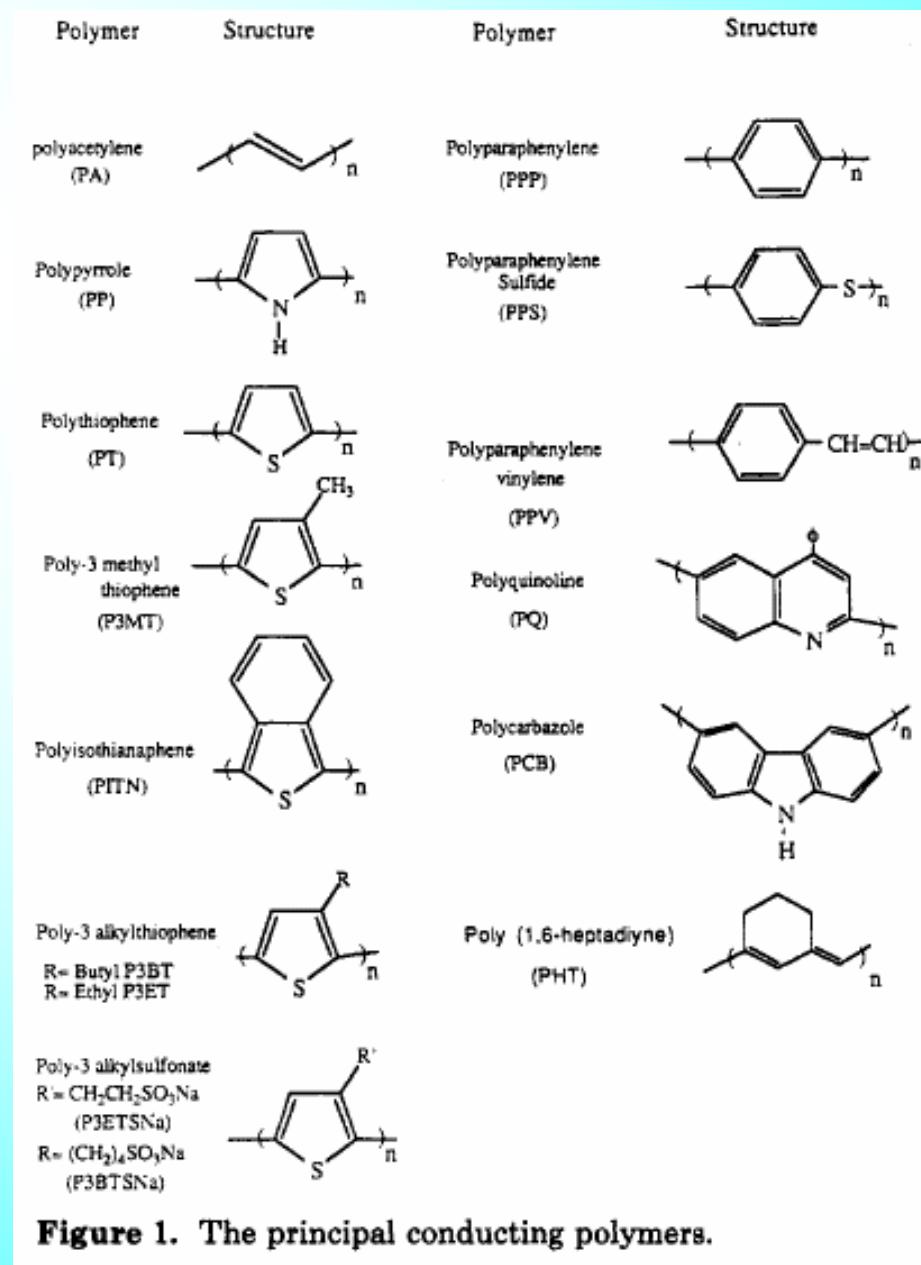
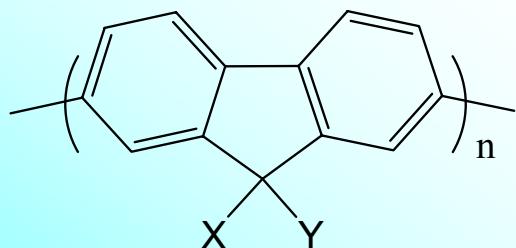
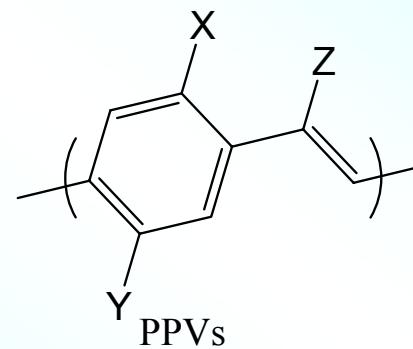
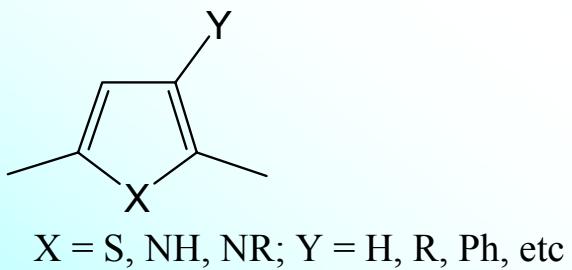
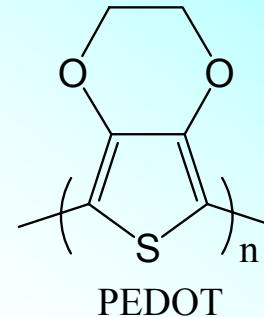
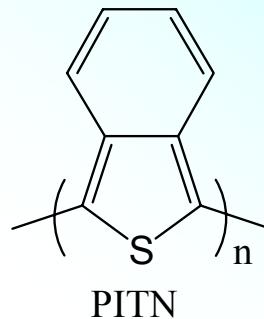
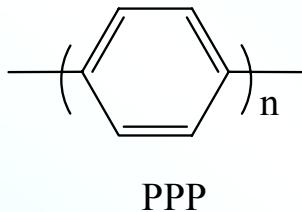
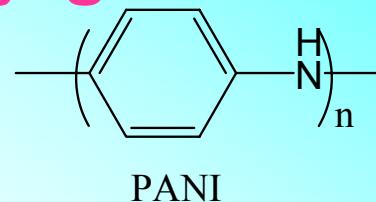
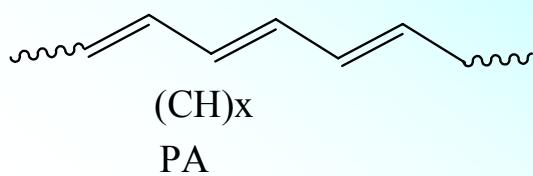
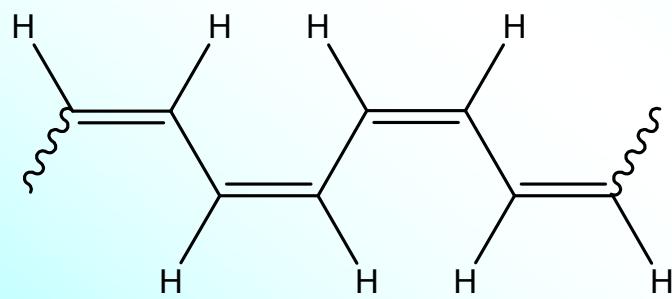


Figure 1. The principal conducting polymers.

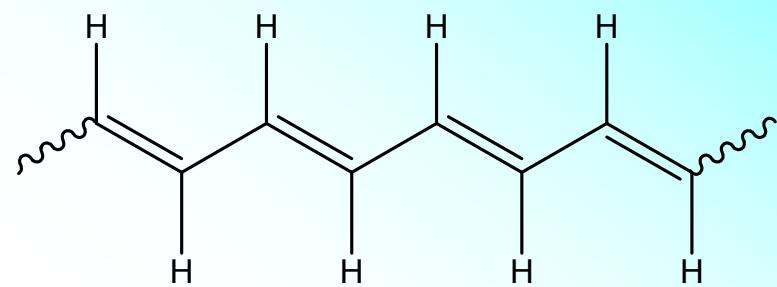
# The Most Popular Conjugated Polymers



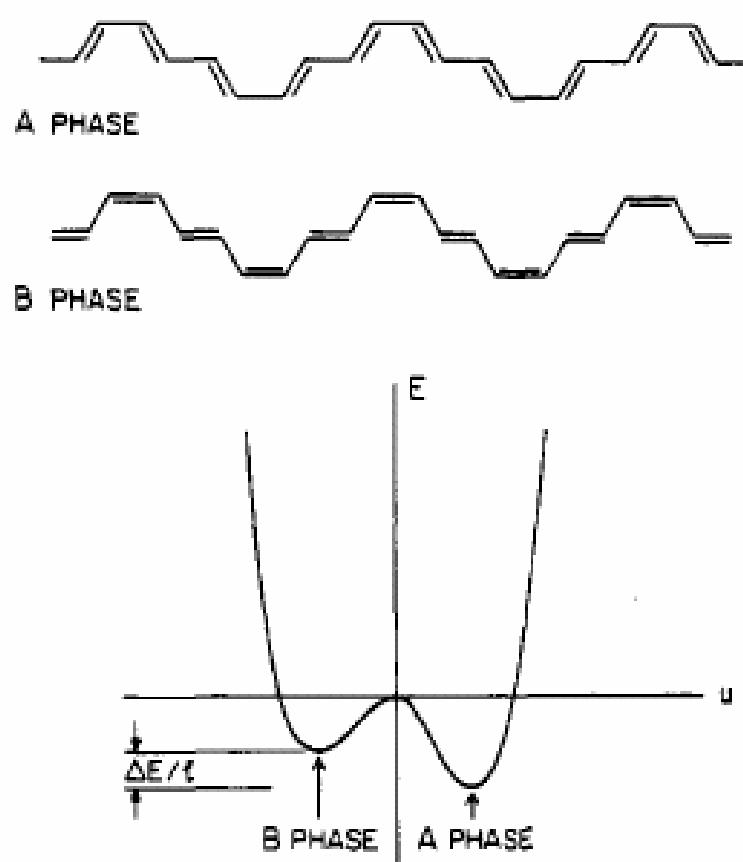
# The Two Configurations of PA



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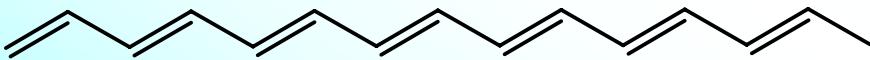


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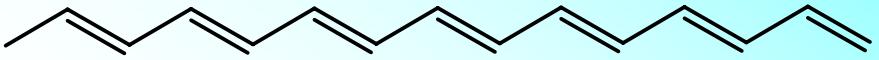


**Figure 31.** Schematic diagram of polythiophene backbone structure leaving out the sulfur atoms (see Figure 2). The two configurations (A phase and B phase) are nearly (but not precisely) degenerate as shown in the diagram at the bottom of the figure, where we plot energy against the distortion parameter,  $u$  ( $u = 0$  when the bond lengths are equal).

# The Degenerate Ground State of PA



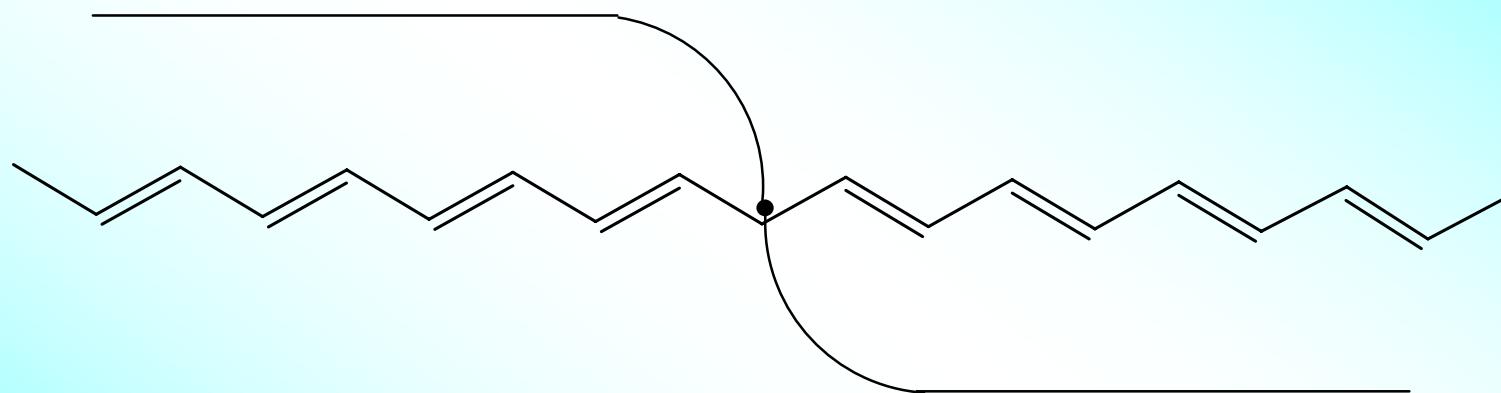
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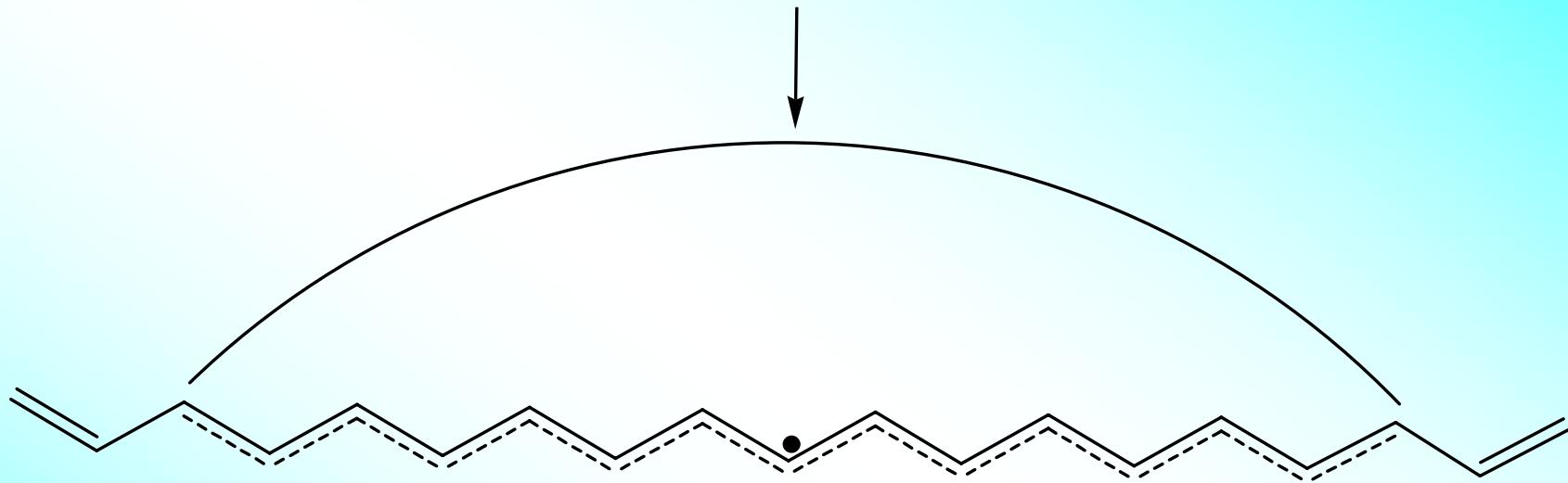
$$E_A = E_B$$

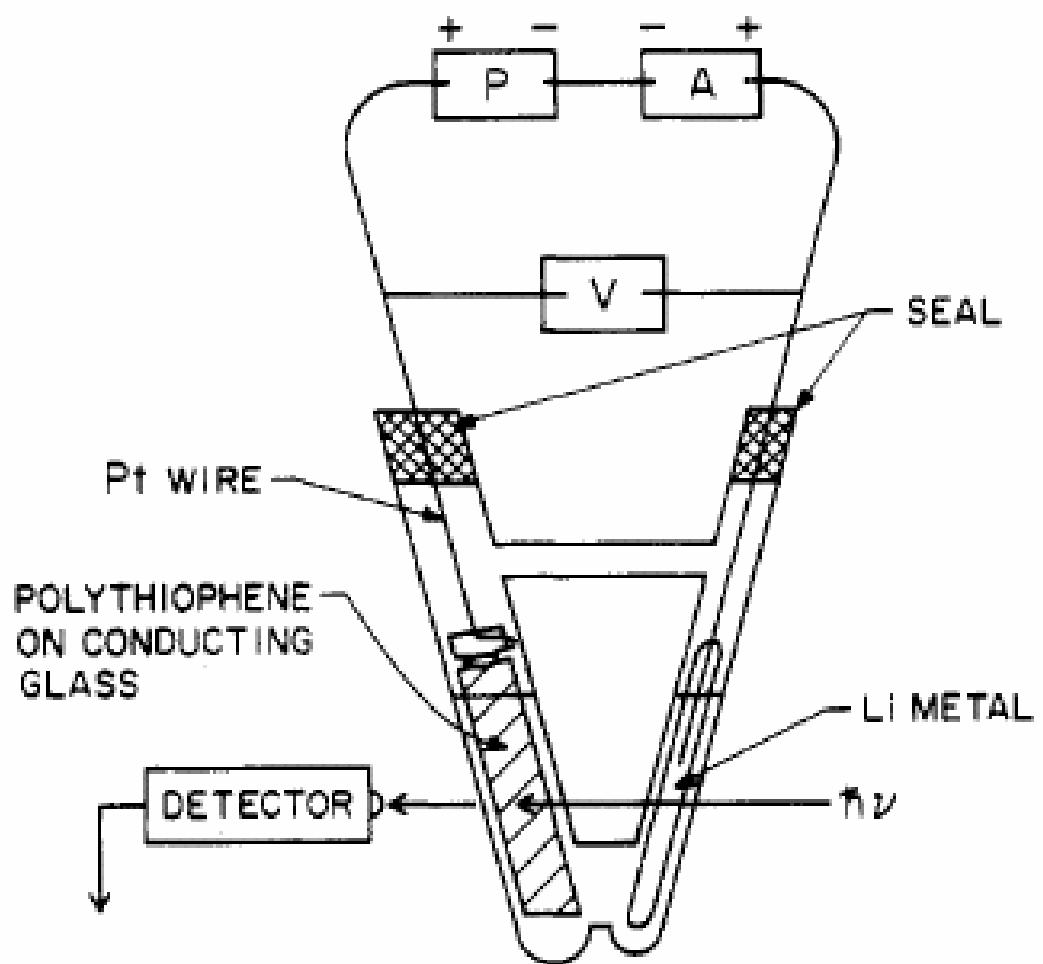
# The Soliton Symmetry of a “Defect” in PA



# The Neutral Soliton

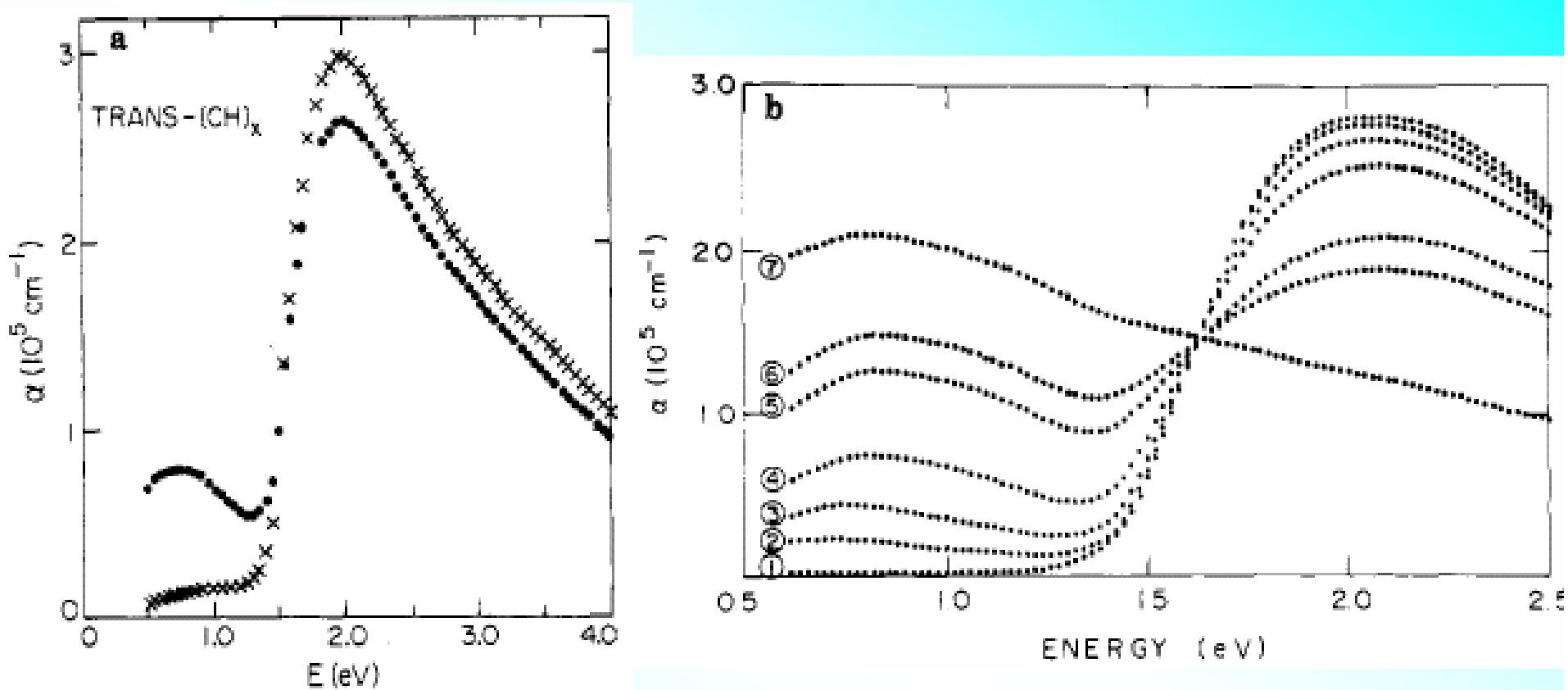
Maximum bond equalization



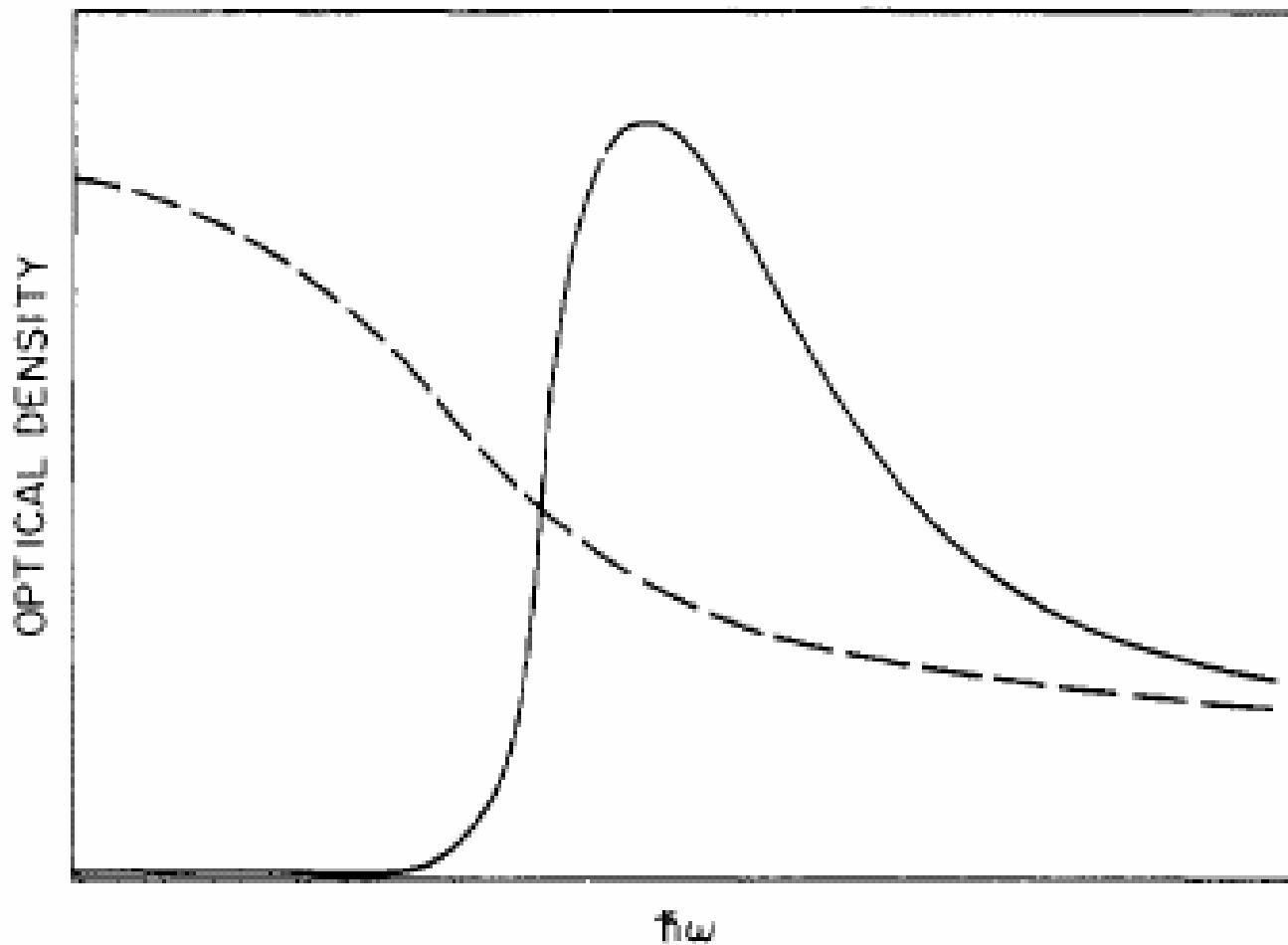


**Figure 4.** Diagram of apparatus used for *in situ* visible-IR absorption measurements during electrochemical doping.

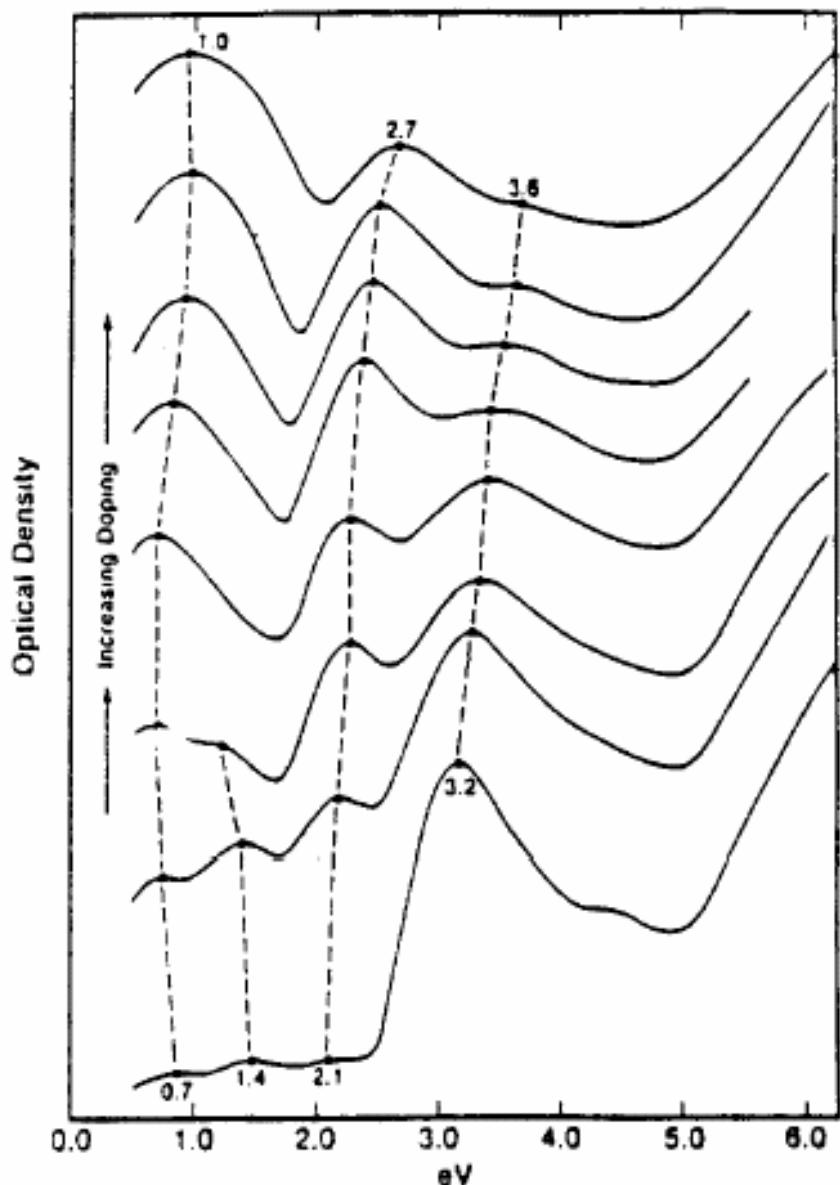
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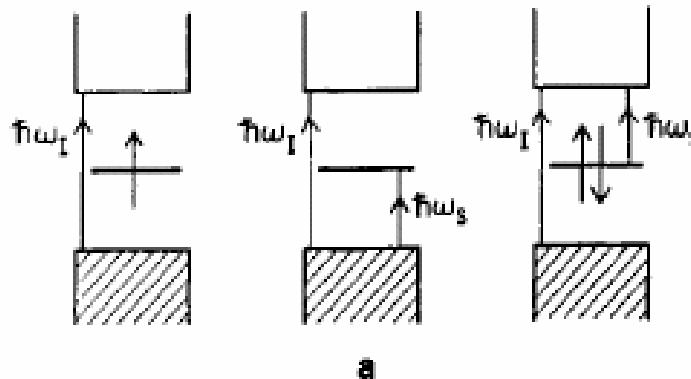
**Figure 5.** (a) Absorption coefficient of  $\text{trans}-(\text{CH})_x$ : (X) before doping; (●) after doping to a fraction of a percent by exposure to  $\text{AsF}_5$  vapor. See ref 37. (b) In situ absorption curves for  $\text{trans}-(\text{CH})_x$  during electrochemical doping with  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ . The applied cell voltages (relative to Li) and corresponding concentrations are as follows: curve 1, 2.2 V ( $y = 0$ ); curve 2, 3.28 V ( $y \approx 0.003$ ); curve 3, 3.37 V ( $y \approx 0.0065$ ); curve 4, 3.46 V ( $y \approx 0.012$ ); curve 5, 3.57 V ( $y \approx 0.027$ ); curve 6, 3.64 V ( $y \approx 0.047$ ); curve 7, 3.73 V ( $y \approx 0.078$ ). See ref 24.



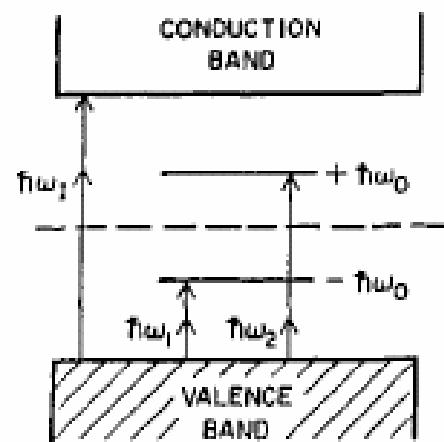
**Figure 3.** Schematic diagram of optical density of a conducting polymer as a function of photon energy. Solid curve, neutral polymer (semiconductor), which is transparent for  $\hbar\omega < E_g$ ; dashed curve, heavily doped polymer (metallic).



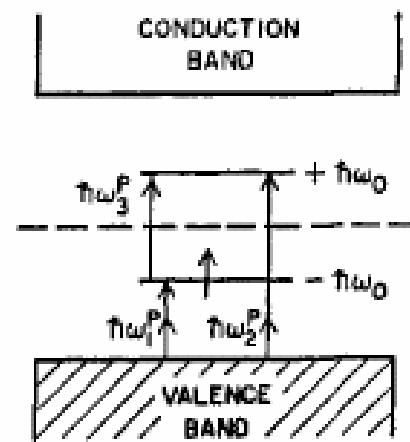
**Figure 7.** Optical absorption spectra of ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>-doped polypyrrole as a function of dopant concentration. The dopant level increases from the bottom curve (almost neutral polypyrrole) to the top curve (33 mol % doping level).



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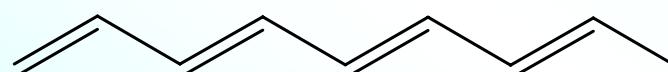
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c

**Figure 30.** (a) Energy level diagram of the midgap state associated with the soliton where  $\hbar\omega_1 = 2\Delta$  is the interband transition and  $\hbar\omega_s = \Delta$  is the midgap transition; left, neutral soliton; center, positive soliton; right, negative soliton. (b) Energy level diagram for a charged (positive) bipolaron. Because of the splitting of the levels, there are two possible transitions in addition to  $\hbar\omega_1$ . (c) Energy level diagram for a charged (positive) polaron. Because of the additional occupancy by the unpaired spin, there is an additional transition ( $\hbar\omega_3^P$ ).

# The Purported Conducting and Insulating States of Poly(acetylene)



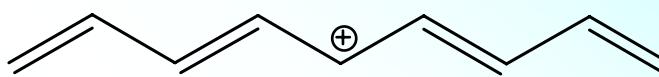
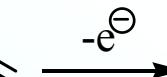
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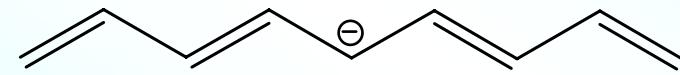
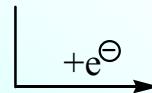
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"Insulator"

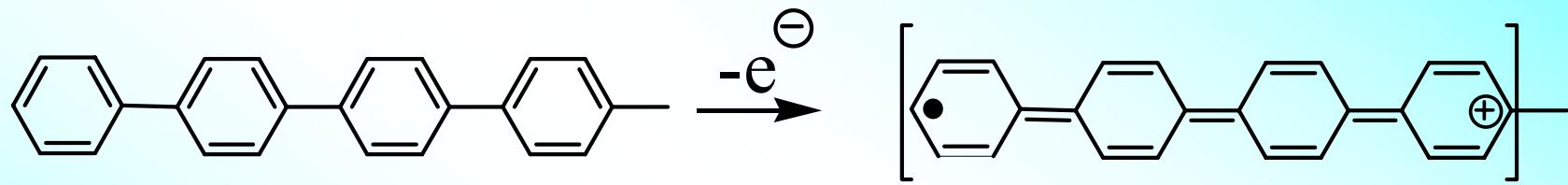


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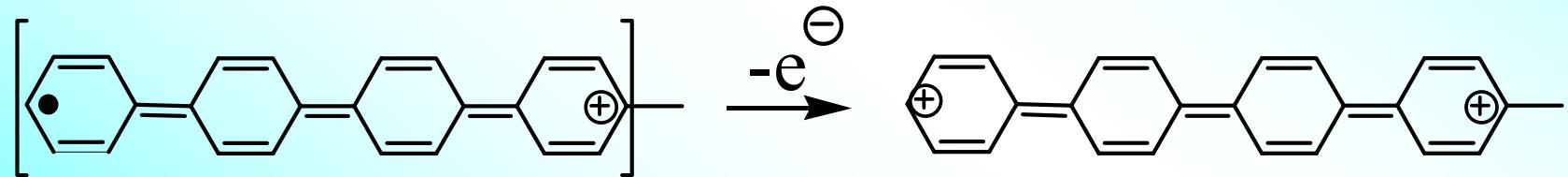


Conductor

# Conductivity Through Bipolarons (Dications)



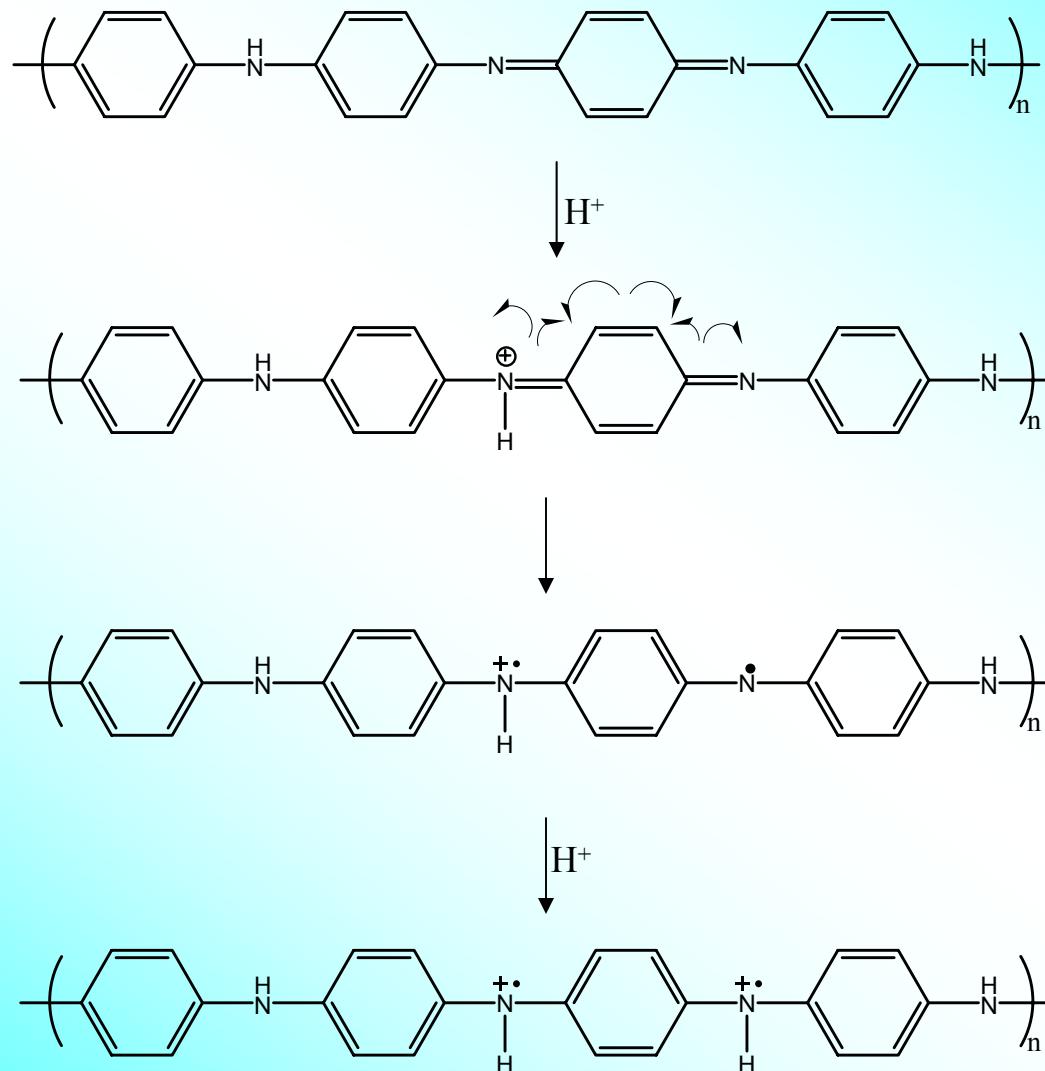
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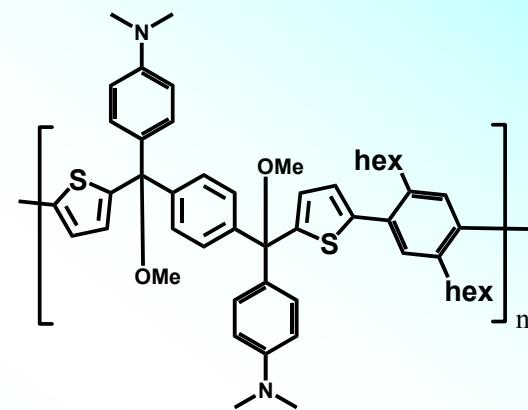
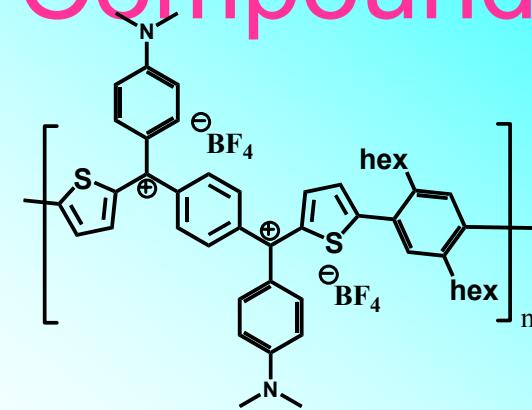
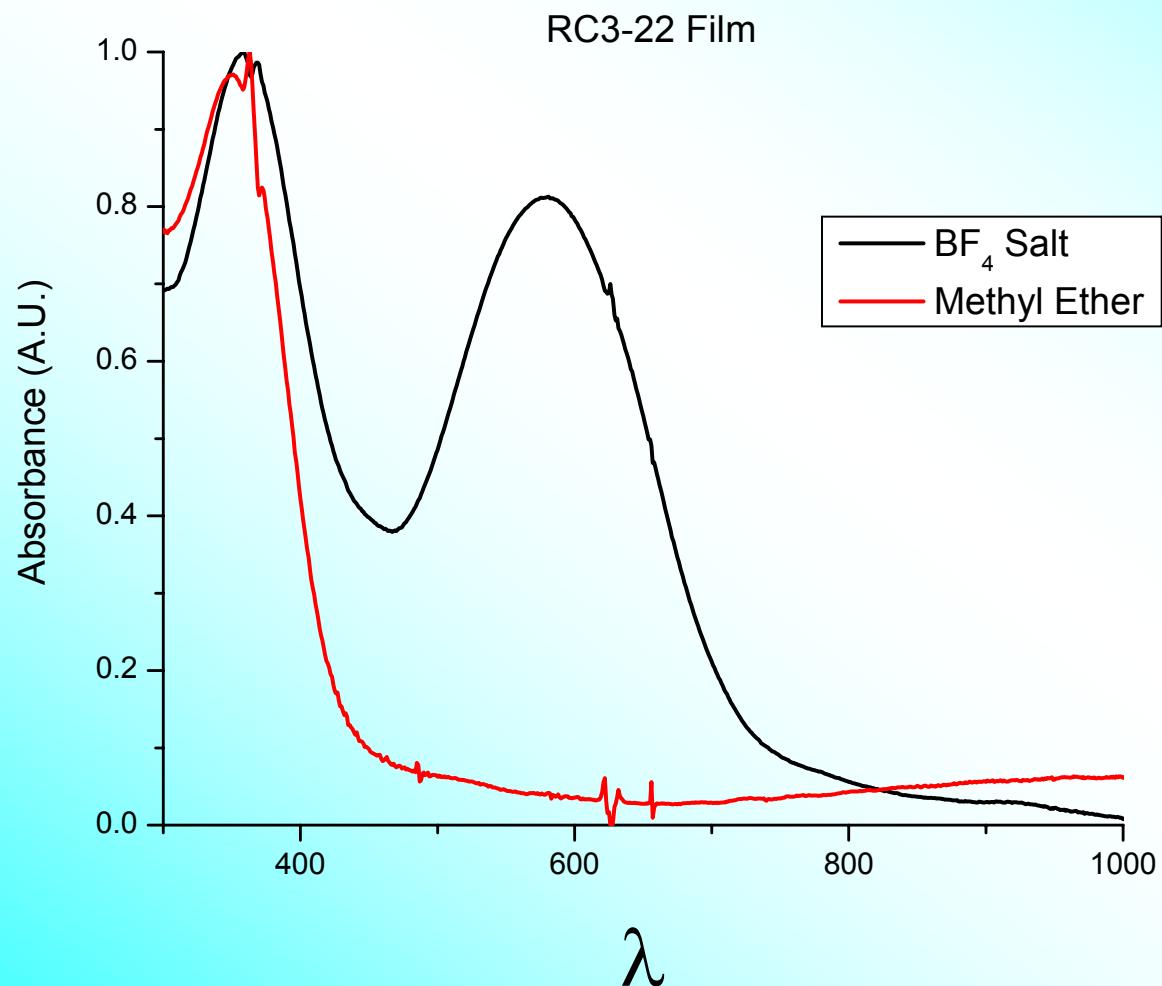
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# Polyaniline Proton-Induced Spin Unpairing Mechanism

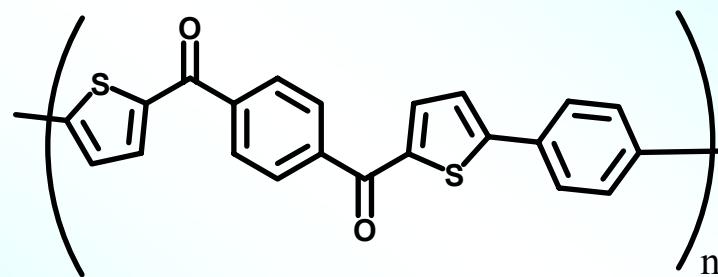


# Another Proteochromic Compound

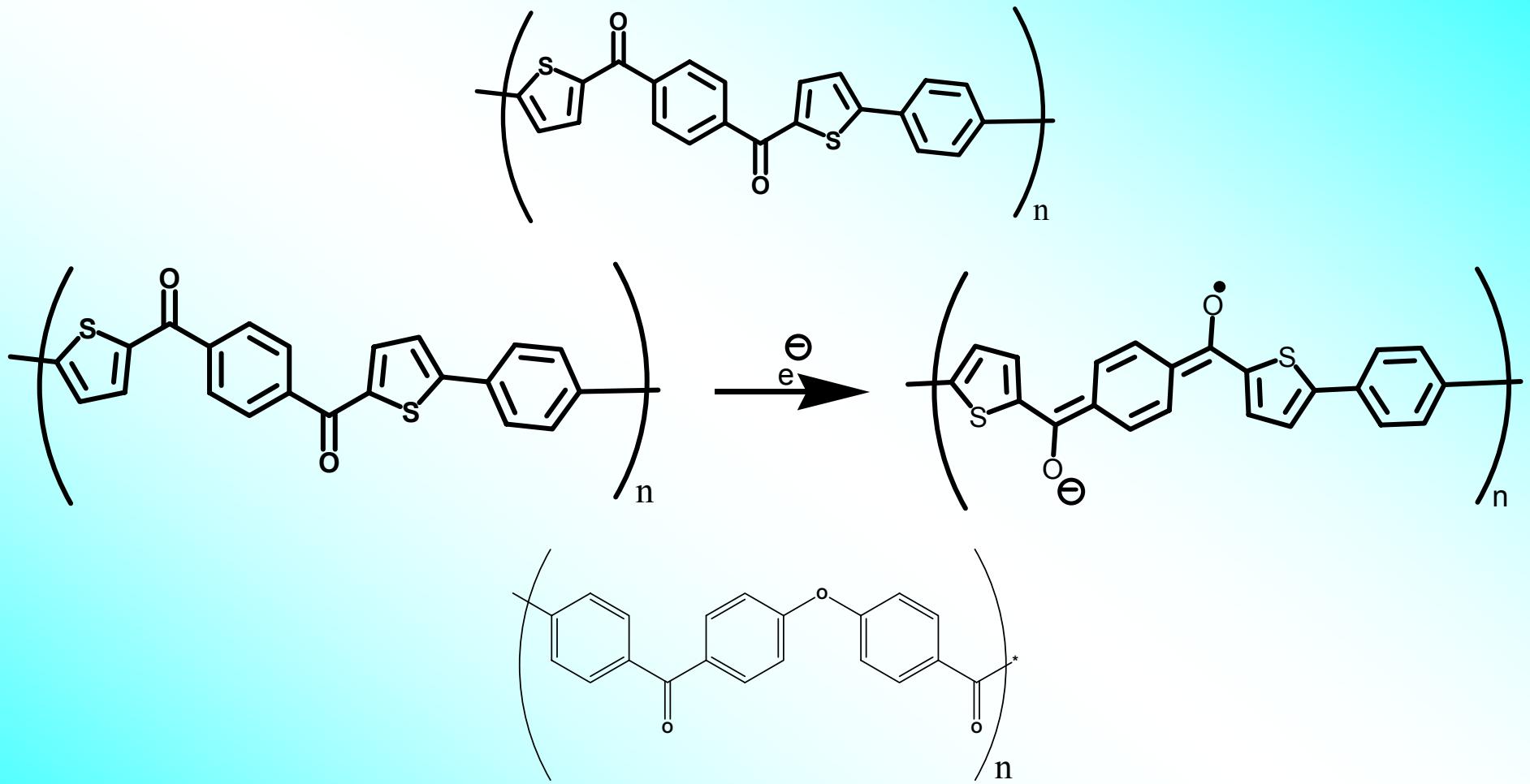


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# Polyphenylthiophene Ketone (PPTK)

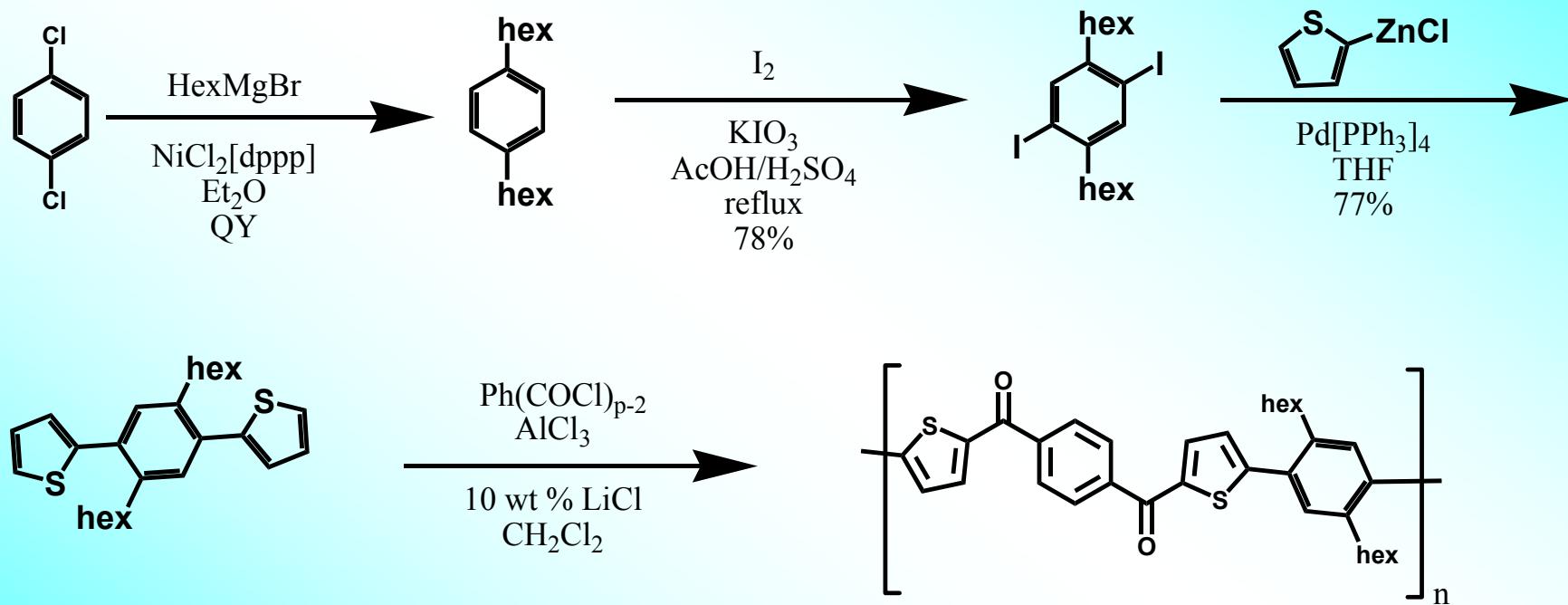


# Backbone Ketones for Robust n-Dopable Polymers

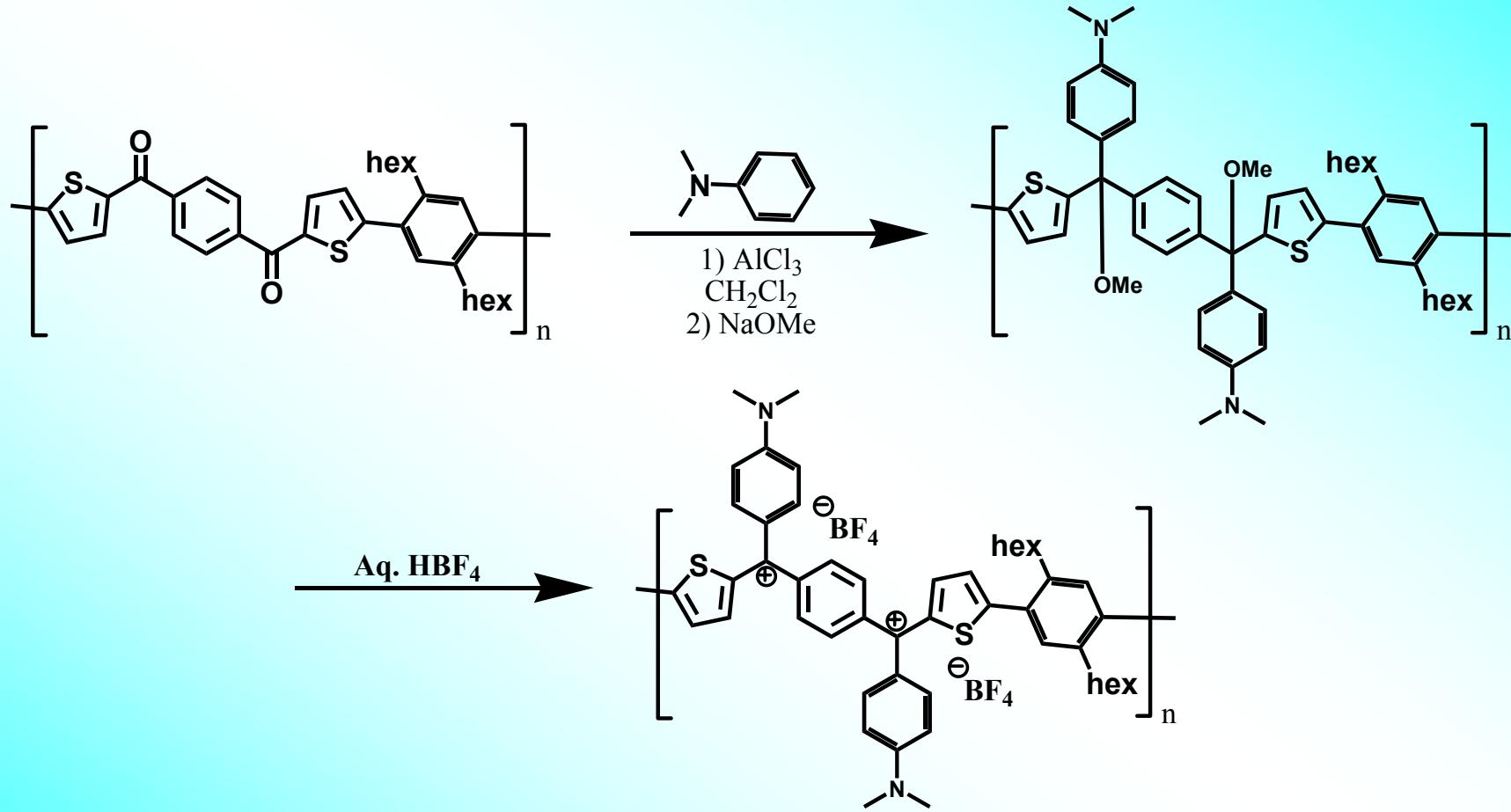


PEK and PEEK, high-performance polymers

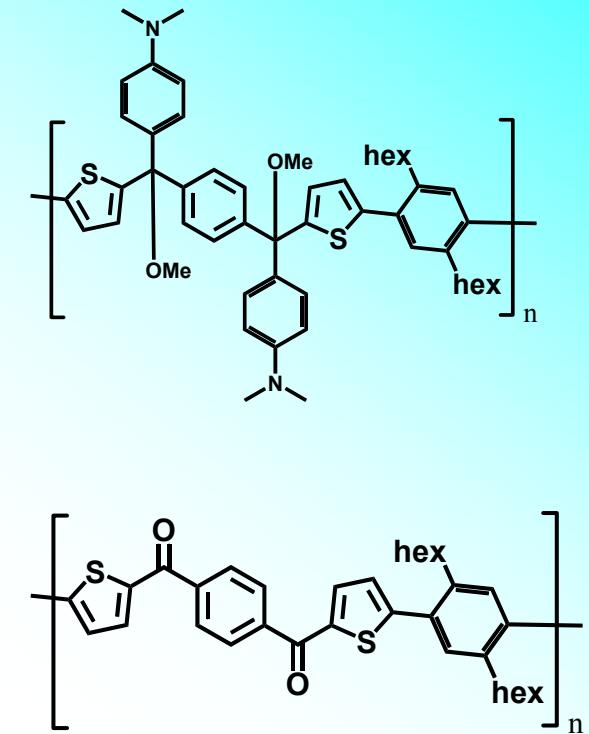
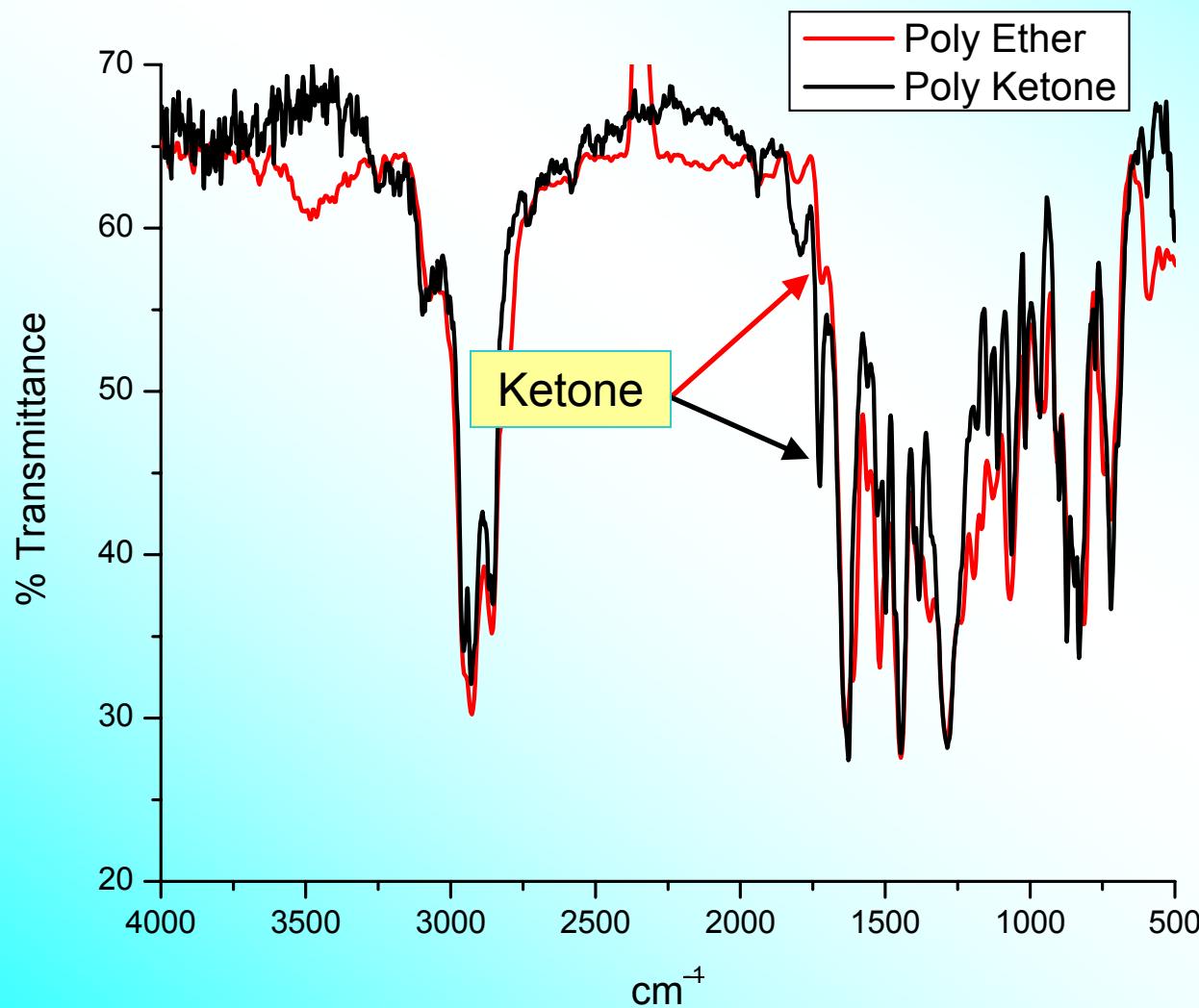
# Synthesis via Friedel-Crafts Polymerization



# Cation Formation



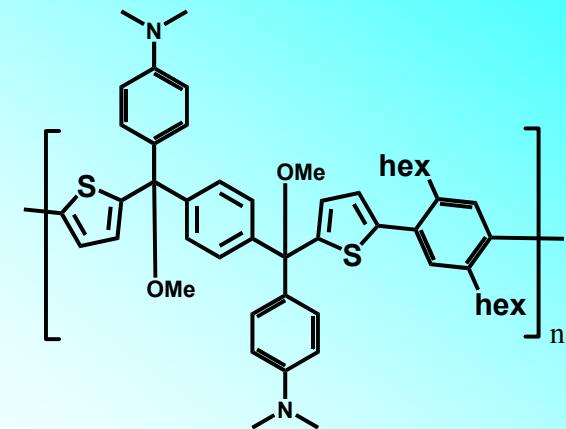
# Ketone Conversion



# Cation Formation



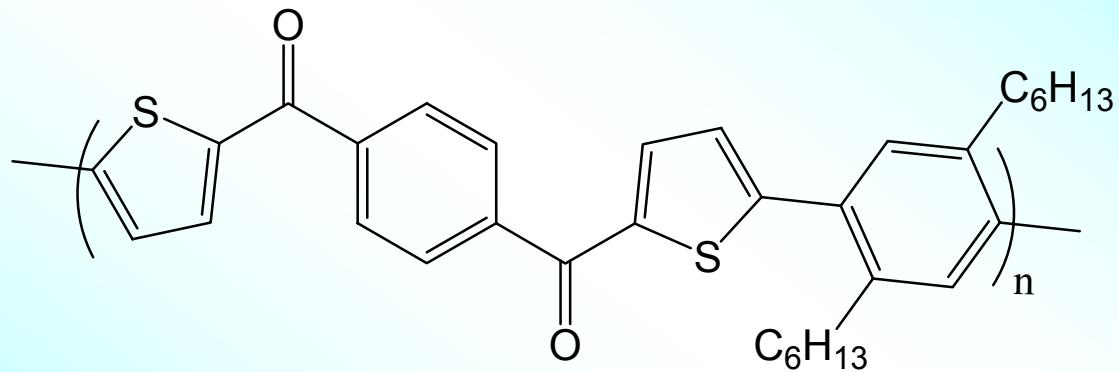
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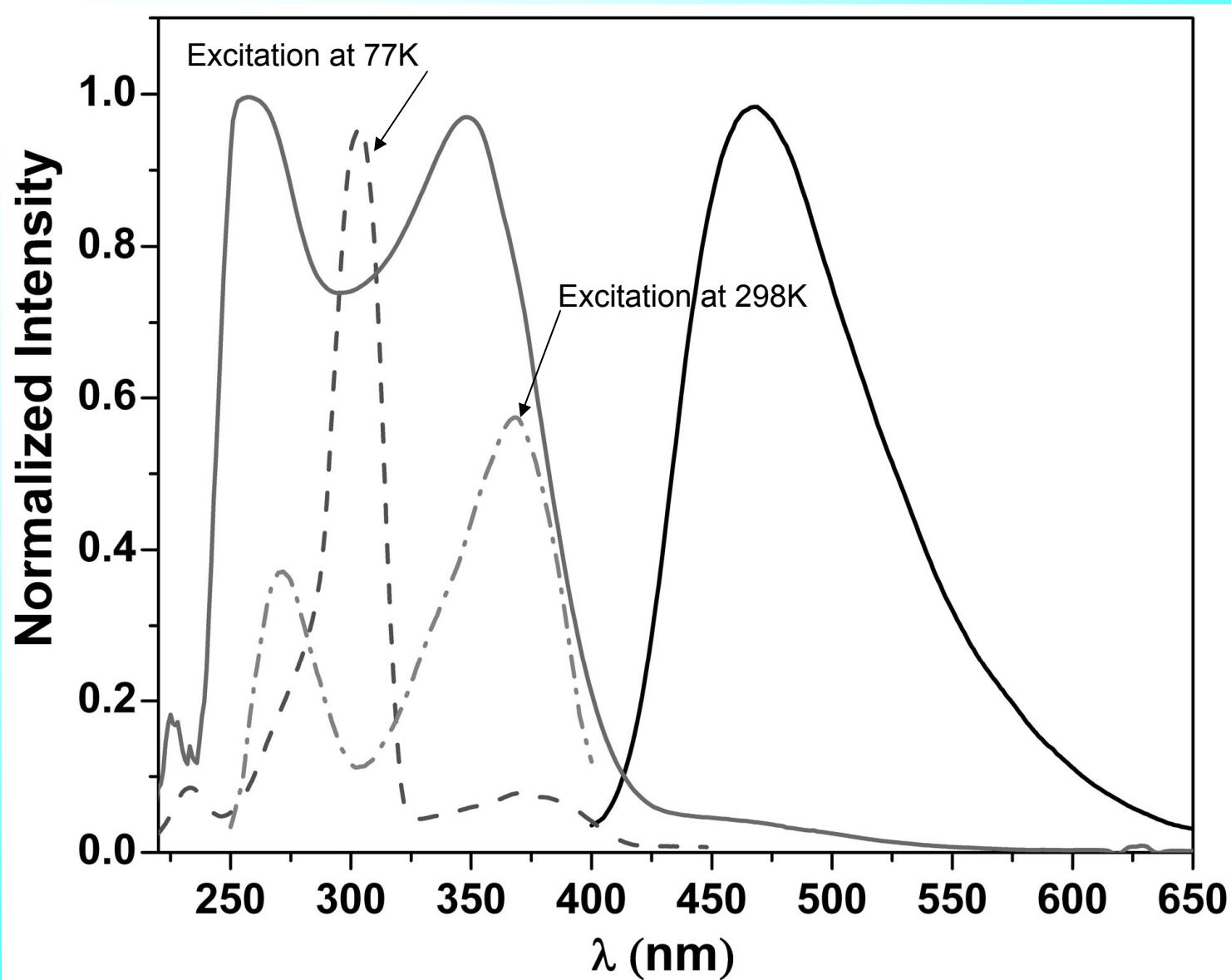
NH<sub>3</sub> Gas



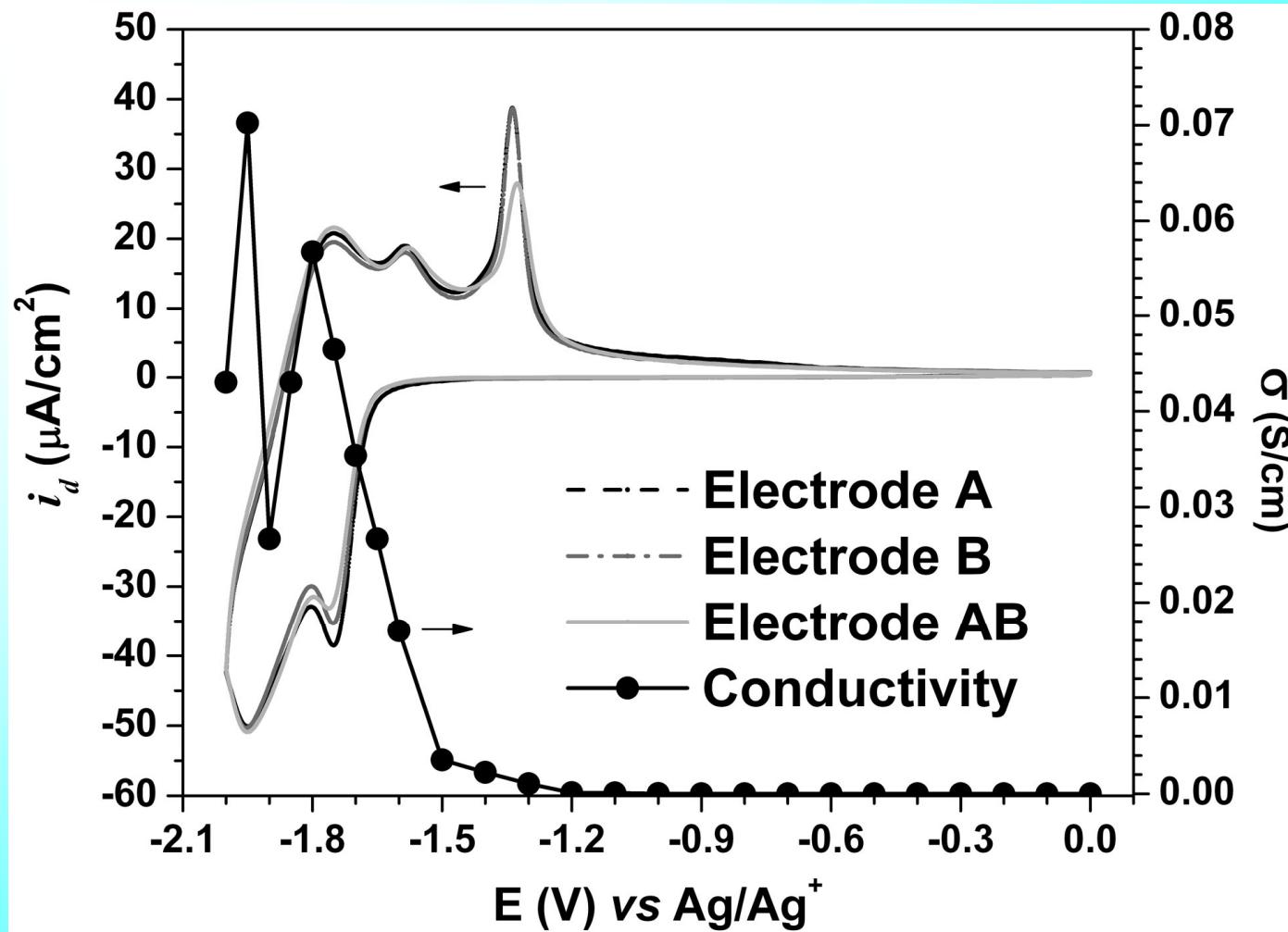
# Other Properties of the Poly(ketone)



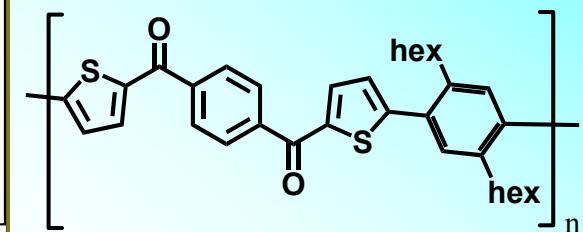
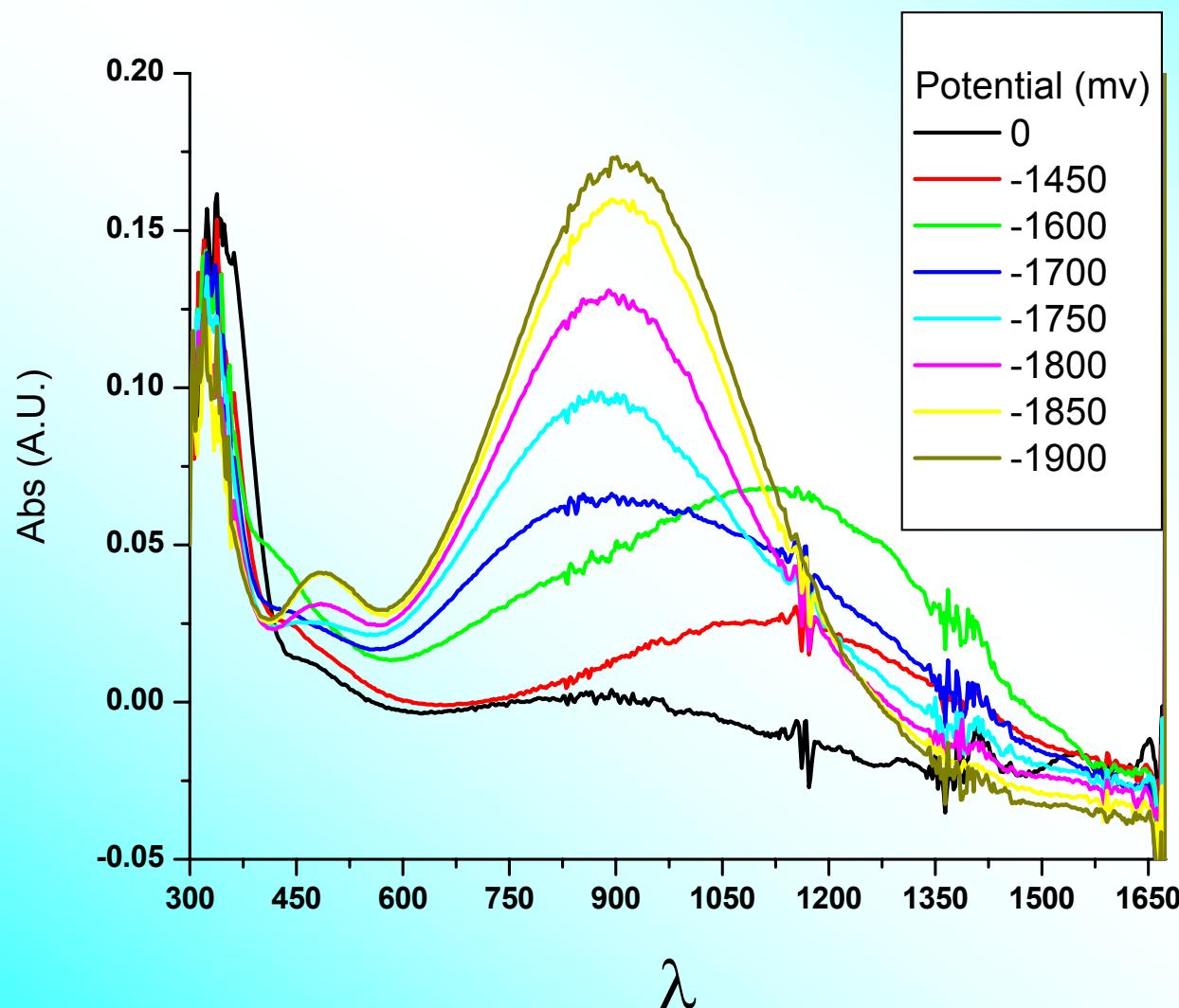
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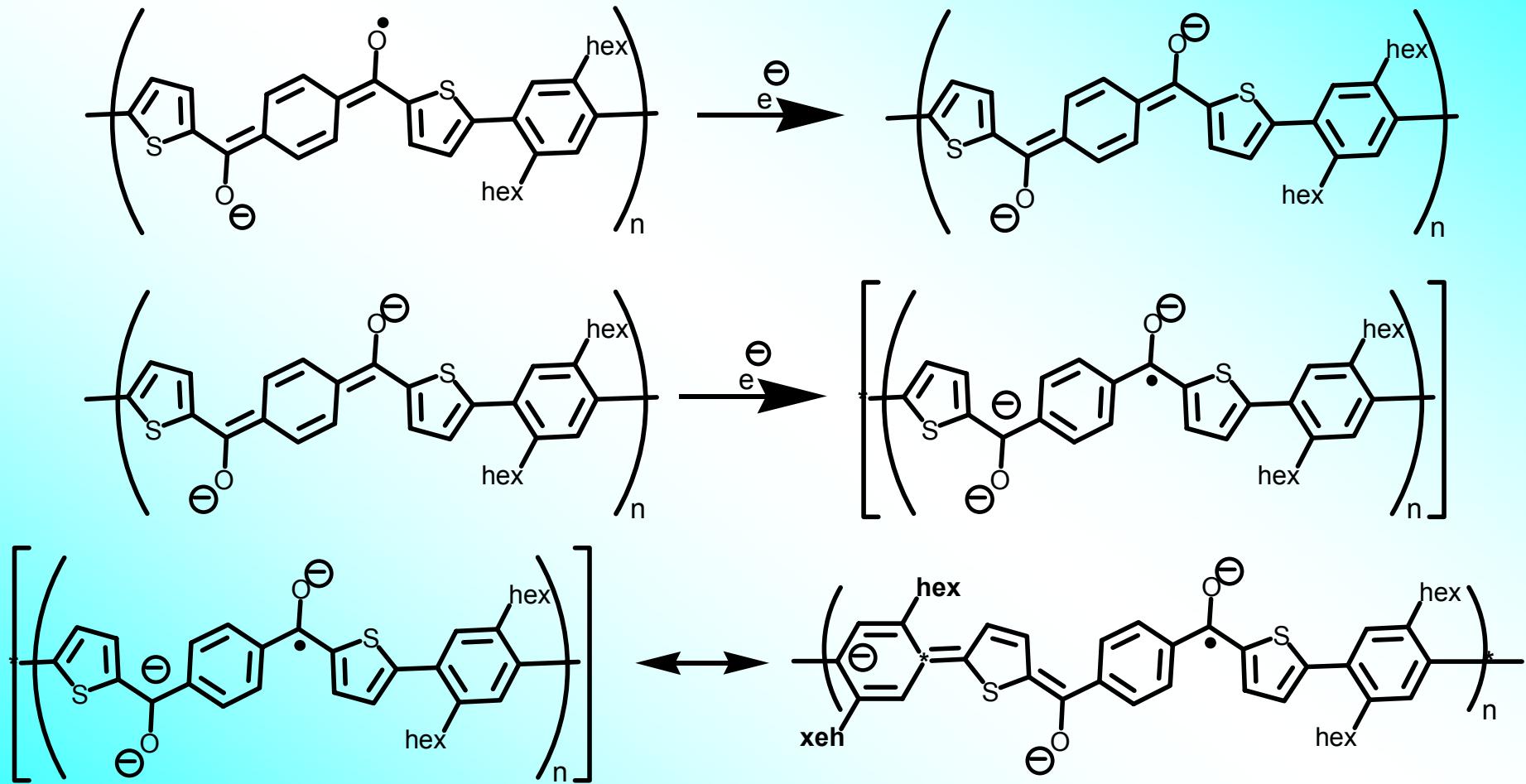
# *In situ* n-Doped Conductivity Measurement



# *n*-Doping Spectroelectrochemistry



# Possible Explanation of Conductivity as a Function of *n*-Doping

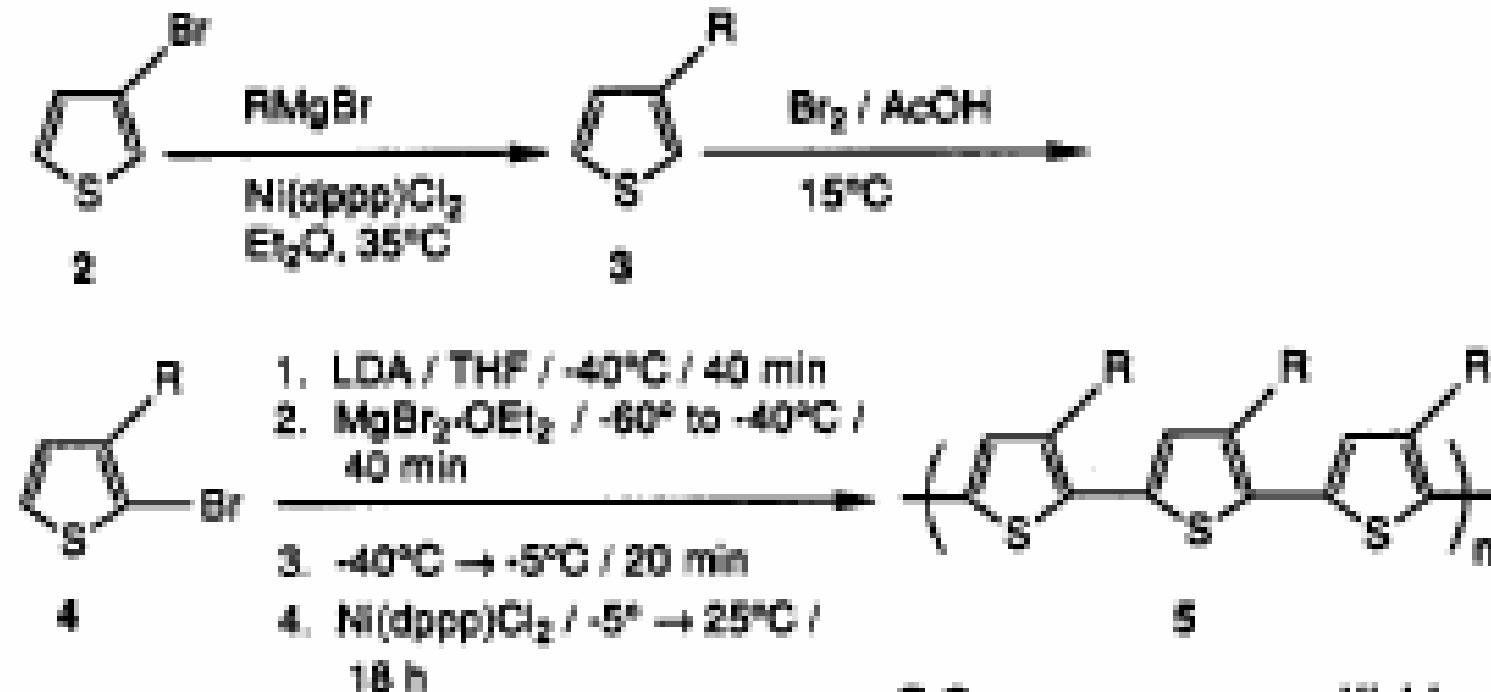


# Conclusions:

- ✓ A high-performance, structural polymer is a robust *n-dopable* conducting polymer
- ✓ *n*-Over “doping” creates a conductor from a Mott insulator

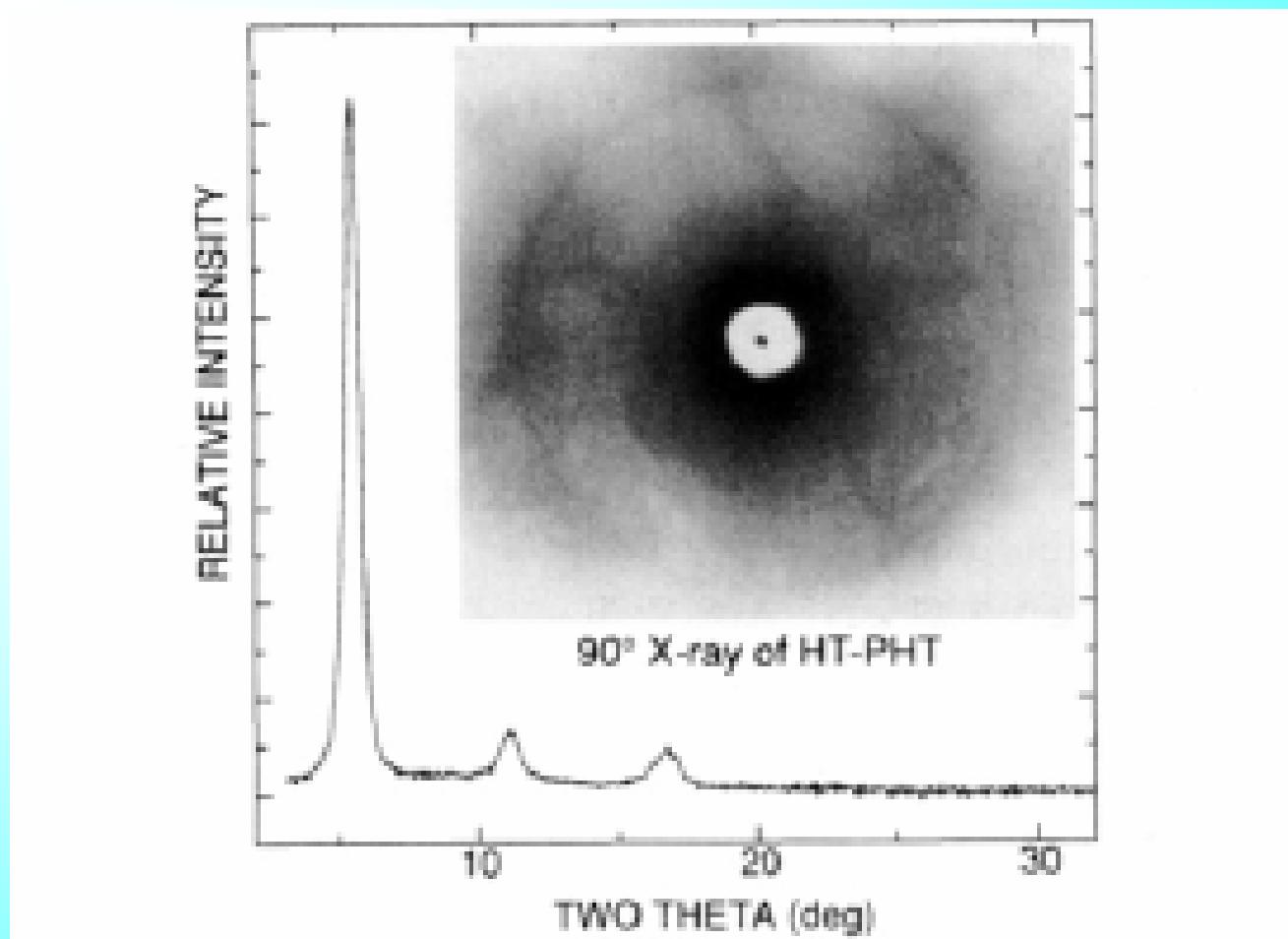
# Finally Stereochemistry

**Scheme I. Regioselectivity Synthesis of Poly(3-alkylthiophenes)**

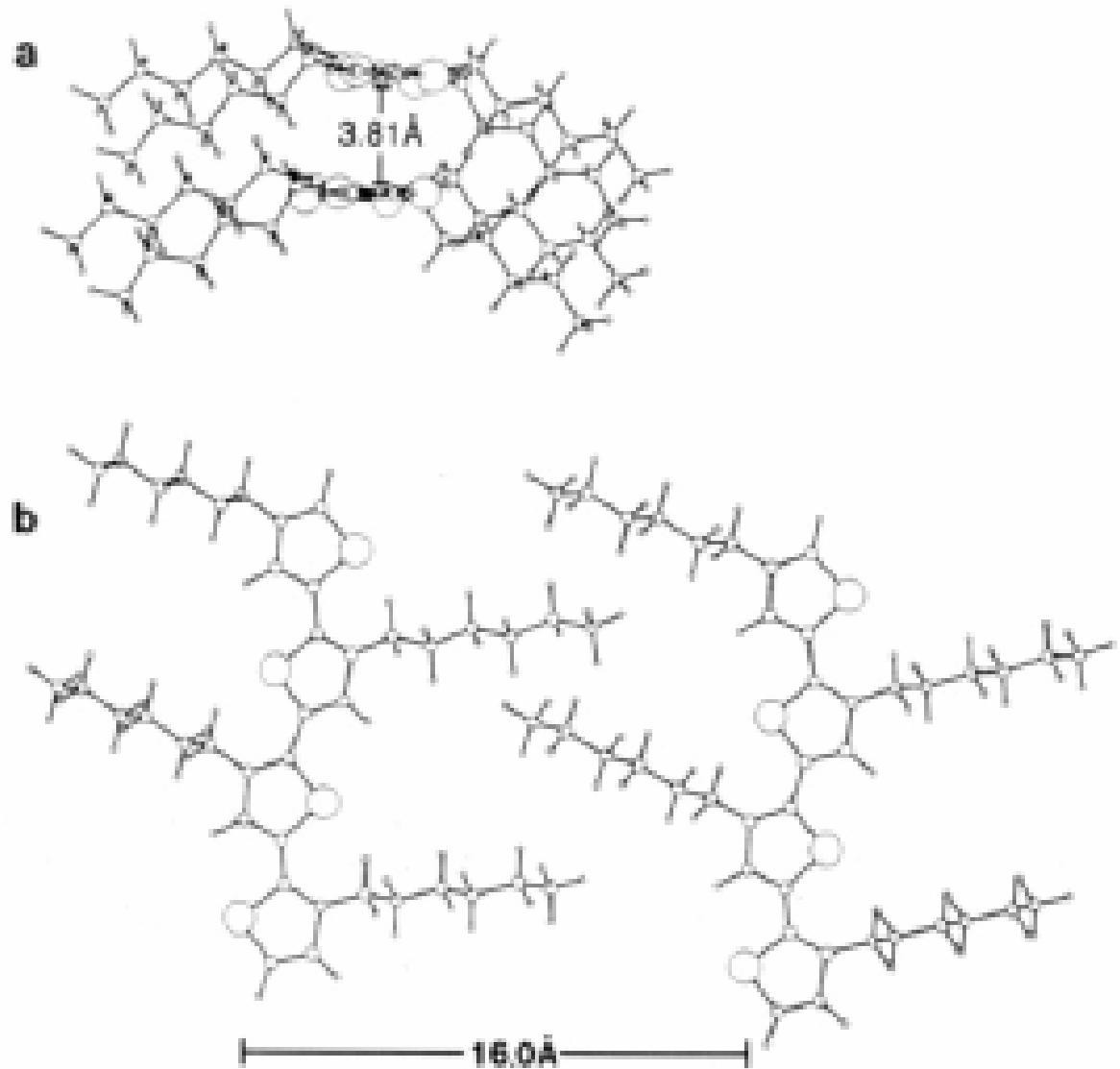


R Group	Yields
a: n-Butyl	69%
b: n-Hexyl	36%
c: n-Octyl	65%
d: n-Dodecyl	33%

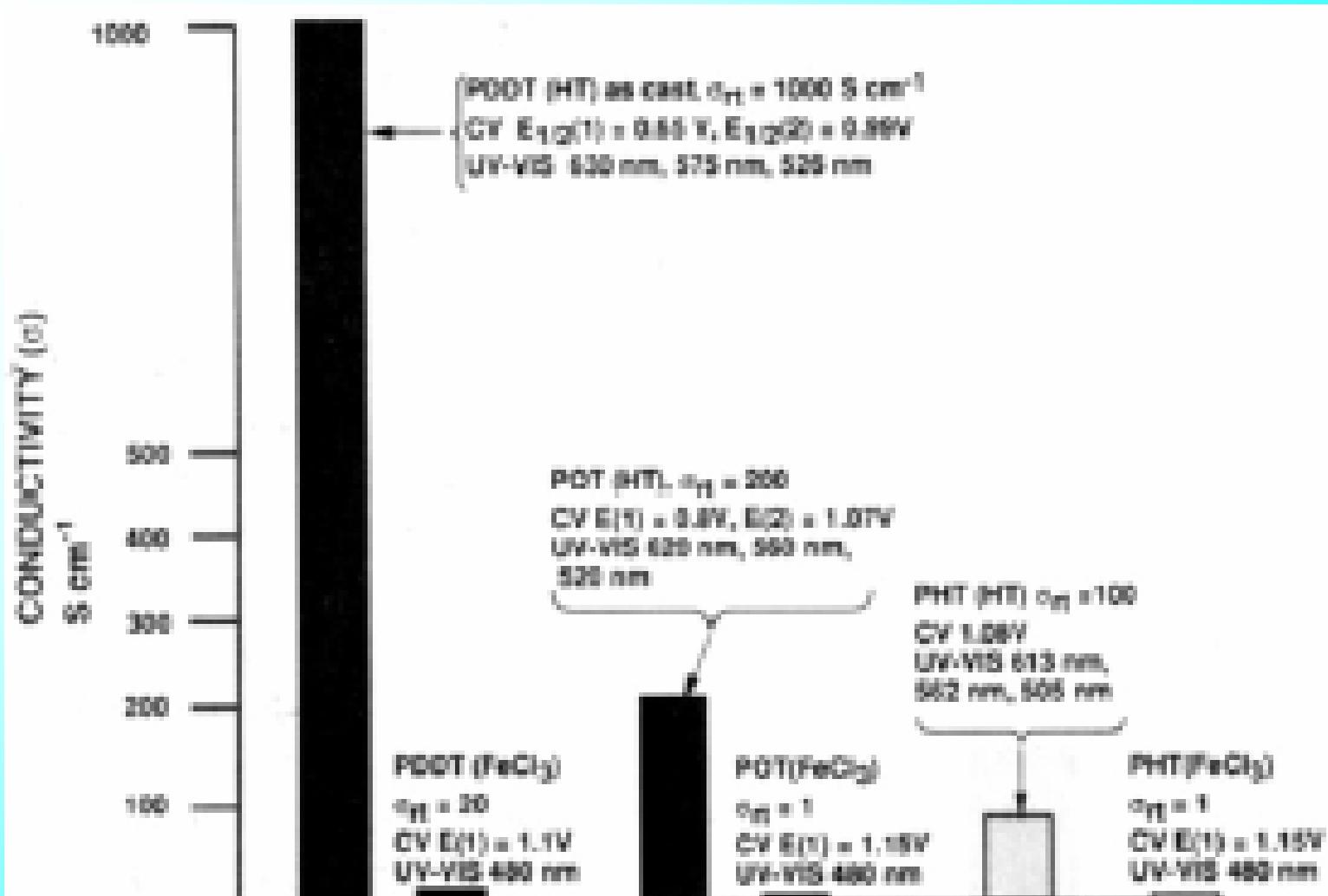
Richard D. McCullough,<sup>1</sup> Renae D. Lowe, Manikandan Jayaraman, and Deborah L. Anderson *J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, *58*, 904-912



**Figure 1.** X-ray diffraction pattern of a cast head-to-tail poly(3-hexylthiophene), on a 70- $\mu\text{m}$  coverslip, from scans of intensity of vs 20. Inset: X-ray film data taken at a 90° angle of incidence to the coverslip.



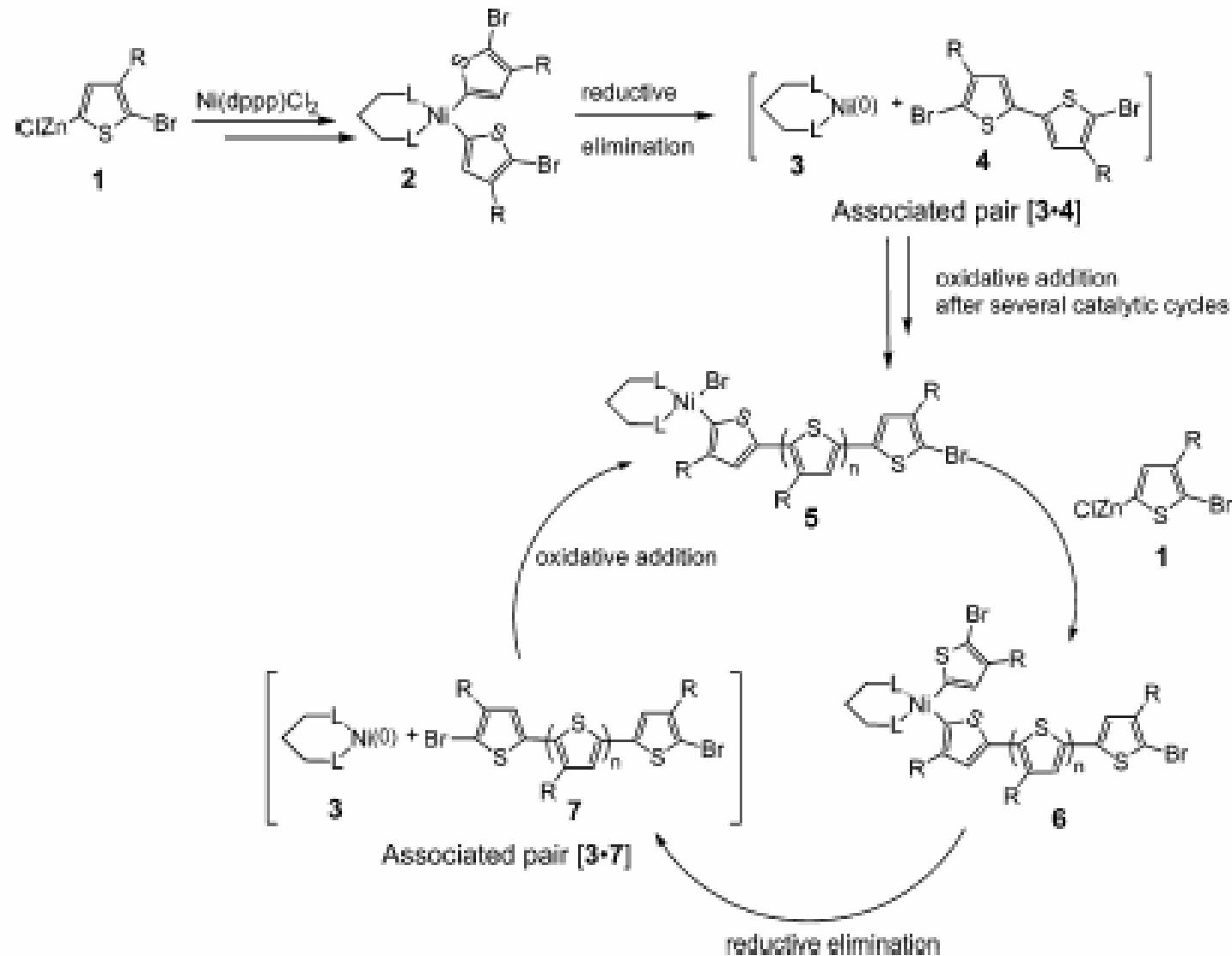
**Figure 2.** Calculated structure for a HT 3-hexylthiophene tetramer using molecular mechanics. These globally minimized tetramers have been “docked” in an idealized manner to fit the X-ray structural parameters from PHT thin films. (a) Intermolecular  $\pi$  stacking between thiophene rings inferred from  $90^\circ$  X-ray pattern of HT-PHT film. (b) Lamellar stacking inferred from X-ray scans of intensity vs  $2\theta$  data.



**Figure 3.** Electrical conductivity and electrochemical and optical absorption data on thin films of HT poly(3-alkylthiophenes).

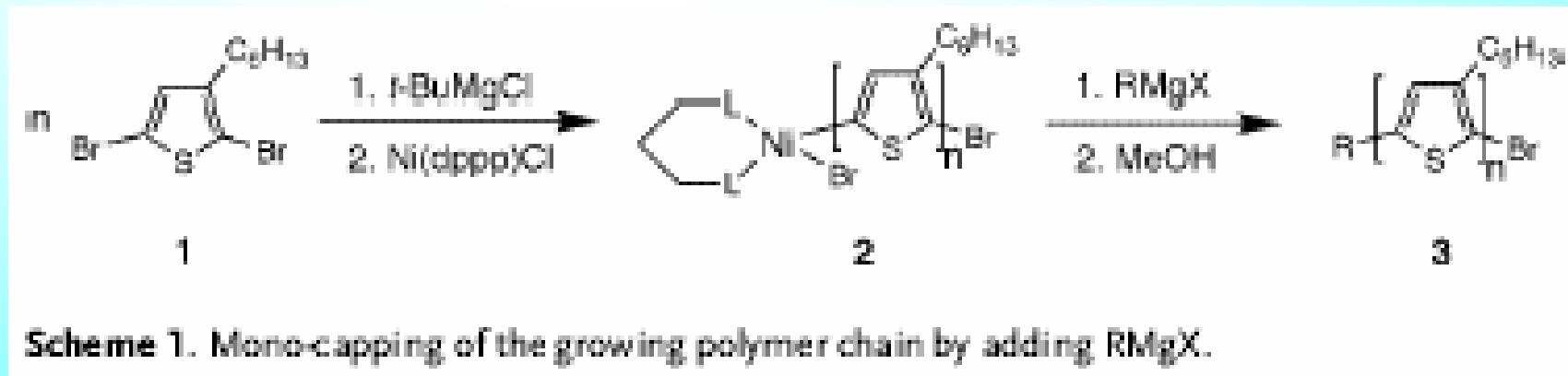
Richard D. McCullough, Stephanie Tristram-Nagle, Shawn P. Williams, Renae D. Lowevt and Manikandan Jayaraman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 4910-4911

**Scheme 1. Proposed Mechanism for the Nickel-Initiated Cross-Coupling Polymerization**



Elena E. Sheina, Jinsong Liu, Mihaela Corina Iovu, Darin W. Laird, and Richard D. McCullough\*  
*Macromolecules* 2004, 37, 3526-3528

# Application of the GRIM Reaction



# Electroemission of Polarized Light

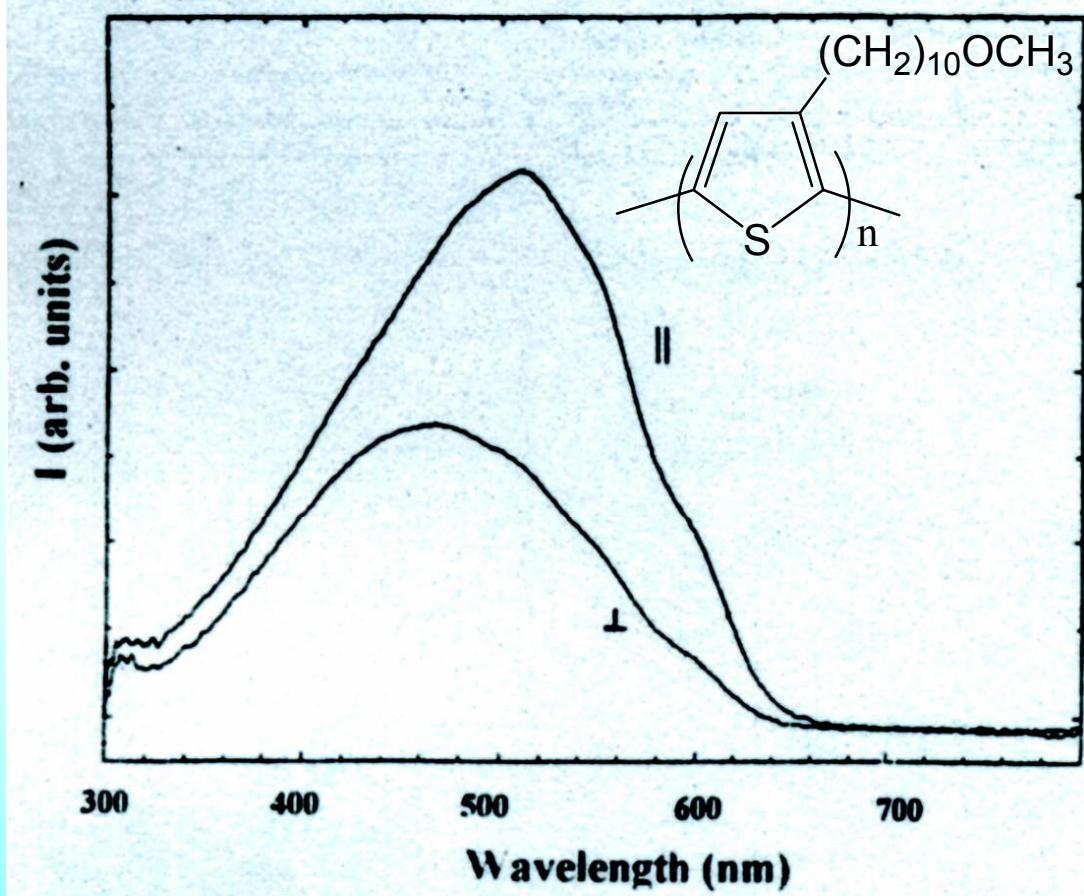


Fig. 2. Adsorption spectra of PDMT LB films. || incident light polarization parallel to the dipping direction;  $\perp$  incident light perpendicular to the dipping direction.

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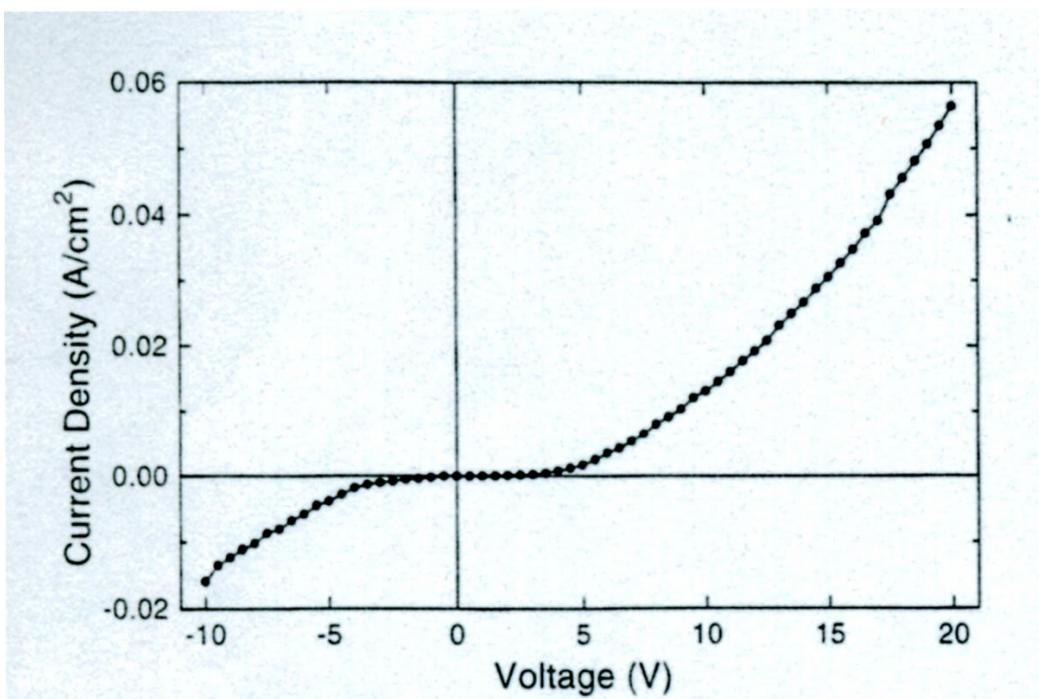
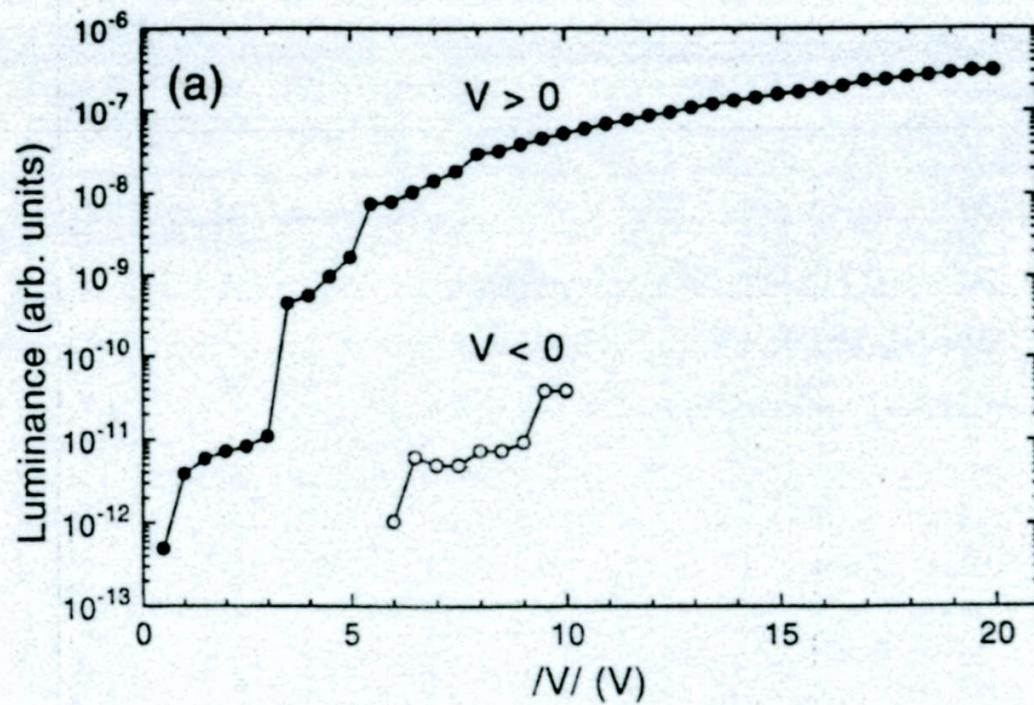


Fig. 3.  $I$ - $V$  characteristics of the PDMT LED.

# Voltage Effect



# Current Density Effect

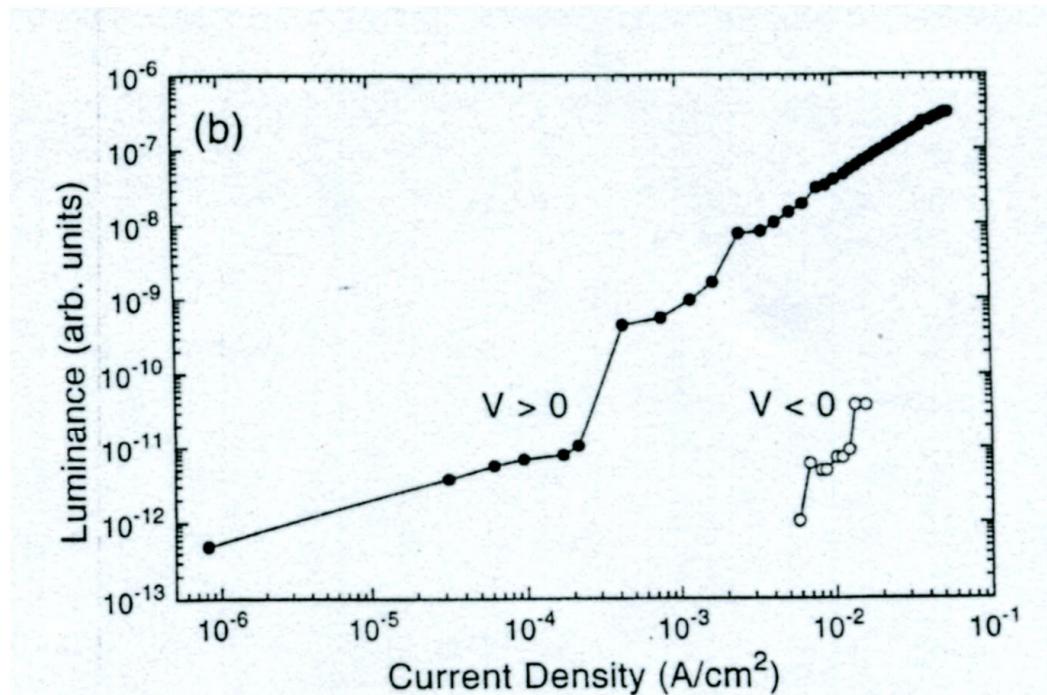
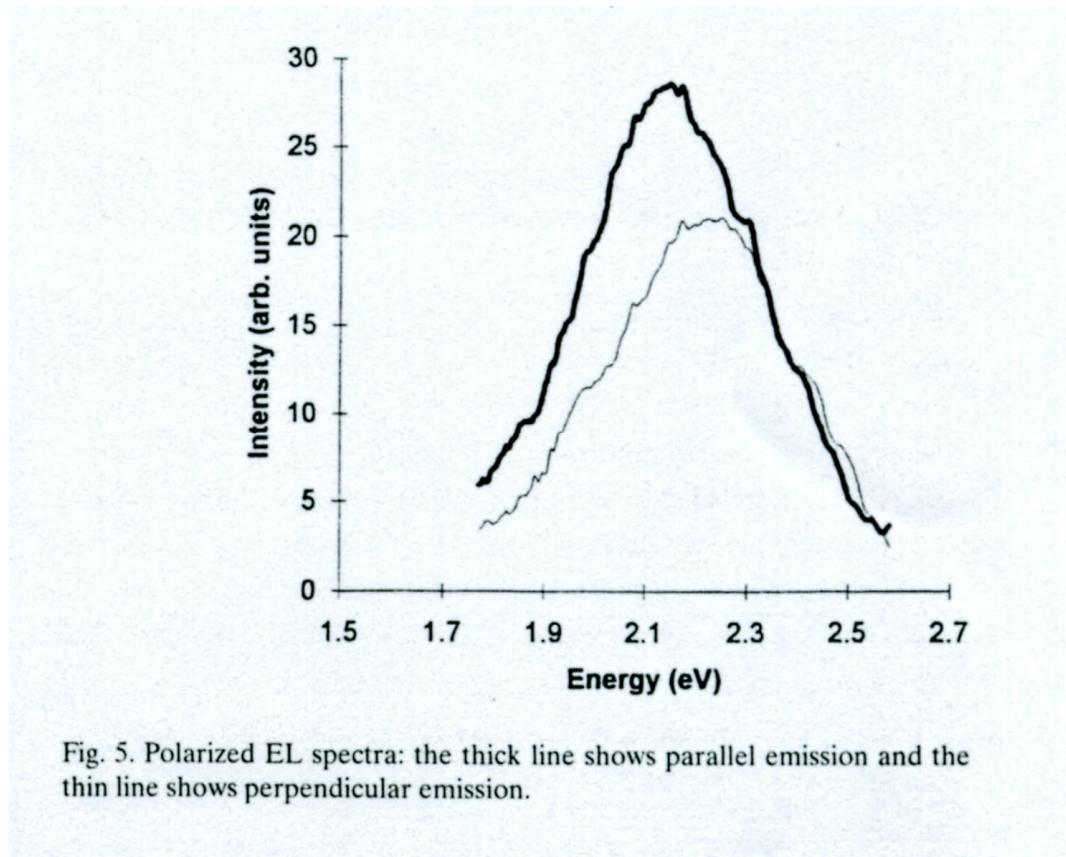


Fig. 4. Luminance of PDMT LED as a function of a) voltage and b) current density.

# Polarized Electroemmission!



## Summary

Organic materials based on molecular solids give rise to properties such as metallic conductivity and superconductivity, usually associated with extended solids

Organic conjugated polymers are versatile scaffolds for the development of materials that exhibit a number of exotic properties

The End

Thanks!

# Discussion

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