# Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) 

## for

Functionalizable and electrically conductive thin films formed by oxidative chemical vapor deposition (oCVD) from mixtures of 3thiopheneethanol (3TE) and ethylene dioxythiophene (EDOT)

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## UV-vis-NIR SPECTROSCOPY




Figure S1. Thickness normalized UV-vis-NIR spectra (a) PEDOT, 3TE, A, B, and C samples; (b) for $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$, and E samples, and their optical images.

## MASS SPECTROMETRY

Table S1. Proposed assignments based on exact mass measurements of the main ions (dimer to pentamer species) detected by AP-MALDI-HRMS analysis of the films obtained from the oCVD of EDOT and 3TE for the different monomer feeding ratios (samples $\mathbf{B}$ to $\mathbf{E}$ and PEDOT). The detailed analysis of the films shows an increasing number of P(EDOT-co-3TE) co-polymers and 3TE units with increase of the EDOT to 3-TE ratio.

| Assignment | Theory ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) calc. | PEDOT ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})_{\text {exp. }}$. | $\begin{gathered} E \\ (\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z})_{\text {exp. }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} D \\ (\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z})_{\text {exp. }} \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})_{\text {exp. }}^{C}}{ }$ | $\begin{gathered} B \\ (\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z})_{\text {exp. }} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 297.00777 | - | - | 297.00644 | 297.00544 | 297.00 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 310.98704 | - | 310.98473 | 310.98495 | 310.98505 | 310.98581 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 324.96630 | 324.96515 | 324.96396 | 324.96419 | 324.96430 | 324.96506 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 330.96880 |  | 330.96549 | 330.96831 | 330.96842 | 330.96919 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 344.94806 |  | 344.94545 | 344.94571 | 344.94582 | 344.94659 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 358.92733 | 358.92651 | 358.92379 | 358.92406 | 358.92419 | 358.92641 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 423.02171 | - | 423.01205 | 423.01985 | 423.01814 | 423.02075 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CSJ}\right]^{+}$ | 437.00097 | - | 436.97917 | 436.99714 | 436.99729 | 436.99999 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 450.98024 |  | 450.97694 | 450.97734 | 450.97750 | 450.97823 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 464.95950 | 464.95758 | 464.95614 | 464.95656 | 464.95672 | 464.95744 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 456.98274 | - | 456.98349 | 456.98389 | 456.98197 | 456.98269 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 470.96200 |  | 470.94106 | 470.96116 | 470.95914 | 470.95986 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 484.94127 |  | 484.93750 | 484.93794 | 484.93812 | 484.94110 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 498.92053 | 498.91974 | 498.91587 | 498.91634 | 498.91652 | 498.91959 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 549.03565 | - |  |  | - 5 | 549.03495 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CSJ}\right]^{+}$ | 563.01491 |  |  |  | 563.01400 | 563.01459 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CSS}\right]^{+}$ | 576.99418 | - | 576.96997 | 576.99131 | 576.98857 | 576.99507 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 590.97344 | - | 590.96636 | 590.97004 | 590.97026 | 590.97081 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 604.95271 | 604.95117 | 604.94640 | 604.94703 | 604.94726 | 604.95415 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 582.99667 |  |  |  | 582.99716 | 582.97965 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 596.97594 | - | - | 596.97734 | 596.97757 | 596.97810 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 610.95520 | - | - | 610.95277 | 610.95301 | 610.95674 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 624.93447 | - | - | 624.92988 | 624.93012 | 624.93394 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 638.91373 | 638.91264 | 638.90758 | 638.90827 | 638.91197 | 638.91242 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 675.04958 | - | - |  |  | 675.02759 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 689.02885 | - |  |  |  | 689.02489 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CSS}{ }^{+}\right.$ | 703.00811 | - | - | 703.00678 | 703.00706 | 703.01533 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 716.98738 | - | - | 716.98374 | 716.98814 | 716.96786 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 730.96664 | - | - | 730.96724 | 730.96331 | 730.96775 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 744.94591 | 744.94255 | 744.94091 | 744.94614 | 744.942107 | 744.95097 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 709.01061 | - | - | - | - | - |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{1}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 722.98988 | - | - | 722.96750 | 722.96779 | - |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 736.96914 | - | - | - | 736.96920 | 736.98652 |


| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 750.94841 | - | - | 750.94944 | 750.94535 | 750.94991 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{1} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 764.92767 | - | - | 764.92868 | 764.92447 | - |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$ | 778.90694 | 778.90721 | 778.90093 | 778.90652778 .90219 | - |  |



Figure S2. Detailed view of the AP-MALDI-HRMS spectra ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=250-800$ ) of the films obtained from the oCVD of EDOT and 3TE for the different monomer feeding (3TE:EDOT) ratios (3:1), (3:3), and (1:3) labelled as $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}$, and $\mathbf{E}$ respectively. Two different series of ions with thioformyl and hydrogen $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{\mathrm{n}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$or chlorine terminal groups $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{\mathrm{n}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$are observed for samples $\mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{E}$. For each of the ion series, different m (number of 3 TE monomer units) and n (number of EDOT monomer units) combinations are detected depending on the monomer feeding ratios. Major peaks are identified either as mixed sequences of EDOT and $3 \mathrm{TE}(\boldsymbol{\nabla})$, pure sequences of $3 \mathrm{TE}(\boldsymbol{\square})$, or pure sequences of $\operatorname{EDOT}(\bullet)$.


Figure S3. Detailed view of the AP-MALDI-HRMS spectra $(m / z=1000-2000)$ of the films obtained from the oCVD of EDOT (sample PEDOT) and from a film obtained from the oCVD of EDOT and 3TE (sample E). The mass spectrum is dominated by PEDOT cations with general formulae $\left[\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$and $\left[\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{CS}\right]^{+}$with repeating units up to $\mathrm{n}=13$.


Figure S4. Detailed view of the AP-MALDI-HRMS spectra $(m / z=1000-2000)$ of a film obtained from the oCVD of pure 3TE monomer (sample 3TE) and from a film obtained from the oCVD of EDOT and 3TE (sample D). The mass spectra are dominated by carbon clusters ions ( $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ repeating units) due to the excessive fragmentation of 3 TE under the laser beam used for the AP-MALDIHRMS analyses.

## XPS ANALYSIS

High resolution core spectra and chemical composition of the oCVD produced pure 3TE, EDOT and their co-polymers were obtained after sputtering the surface ( 4.0 min ) to get rid of the effect of if any adsorbed atom/molecules on the surface by using the instrument's $\mathrm{C}_{60}{ }^{+}$ion source. The ion source was rastered over $3 \times 3 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ area and operated at 10 kV and 5 nA at an angle of $70^{\circ}$ to the surface normal. The atomic composition (Table S2) was computed from photoelectron peak areas by taking into account the relative sensitivity factors provided at the PHI's Multipak software. As it's expected, the O 1s concentration is low for pure 3 TE sample and increases with the addition of EDOT monomer (Table S2) while the C-O-C bonding increases as well (see Fig. S5 and Table S3). On the other hand, the C-OH concentration decreases with the increase of EDOT monomer ratio and vanishes at PEDOT sample (Table S3). No direct evidence was obtained between the chlorine ( Cl 1 s ) concentration and the sample conductivity due to the irregular Cl 1 s amount obtained for them.

Table S2. Atomic composition (\%) of the oCVD produced samples.

| (3TE:EDOT) | $(1: 0)$ | $\mathrm{A}(3: 1)$ | $\mathrm{B}(3: 2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3: 3)$ | $\mathrm{D}(2: 3)$ | $\mathrm{E}(1: 3)$ | $(0: 1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C 1s | 79.32 | 74.77 | 71.58 | 70.4 | 68.95 | 66.66 | 68.79 |
| O 1s | 8.66 | 10.88 | 15.42 | 16.77 | 18.19 | 18.45 | 18.52 |
| S 2p | 11.03 | 10.98 | 11.64 | 11.40 | 10.56 | 10.17 | 10.14 |
| Cl 2s | 0.90 | 2.15 | 1.19 | 1.22 | 1.83 | 3.39 | 2.15 |
| Fe 2p | 0.10 | 1.22 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.47 | 1.34 | 0.40 |
| S/Cl | 12.25 | 5.10 | 9.78 | 9.34 | 5.77 | 3.0 | 4.72 |



Figure S5. Deconvolution of C 1s core spectra for samples produced from a) pure 3TE and b) PEDOT monomers, respectively.

Table S3. Deconvolution (given in \%) of C 1 s spectra of produced from pure 3TE, EDOT monomers and their copolymer A, B, C, D, E copolymer samples.

| (3TE:EDOT) | $(1: 0)$ | A | B | C | D | E | $(0: 1)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C-C/C-H | 61.65 | 42.62 | 38.85 | 37.87 | 34.04 | 30.70 | 25.40 |
| C-S | 21.51 | 24.51 | 15.54 | 20.83 | 18.38 | 16.12 | 14.17 |
| C=C-O | 0.00 | 7.40 | 19.43 | 11.21 | 15.30 | 24.56 | 32.92 |
| C-O-C | 5.61 | 14.37 | 19.04 | 24.49 | 27.23 | 24.53 | 27.95 |
| C-OH | 11.22 | 11.10 | 7.14 | 5.61 | 5.05 | 4.10 | 0.00 |

