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Plasmonic Enhancement of Semiconducting Double Cable Polythiophene-Perylene Diimide Polymer Performance in Artificial Photosynthesis of H₂O₂

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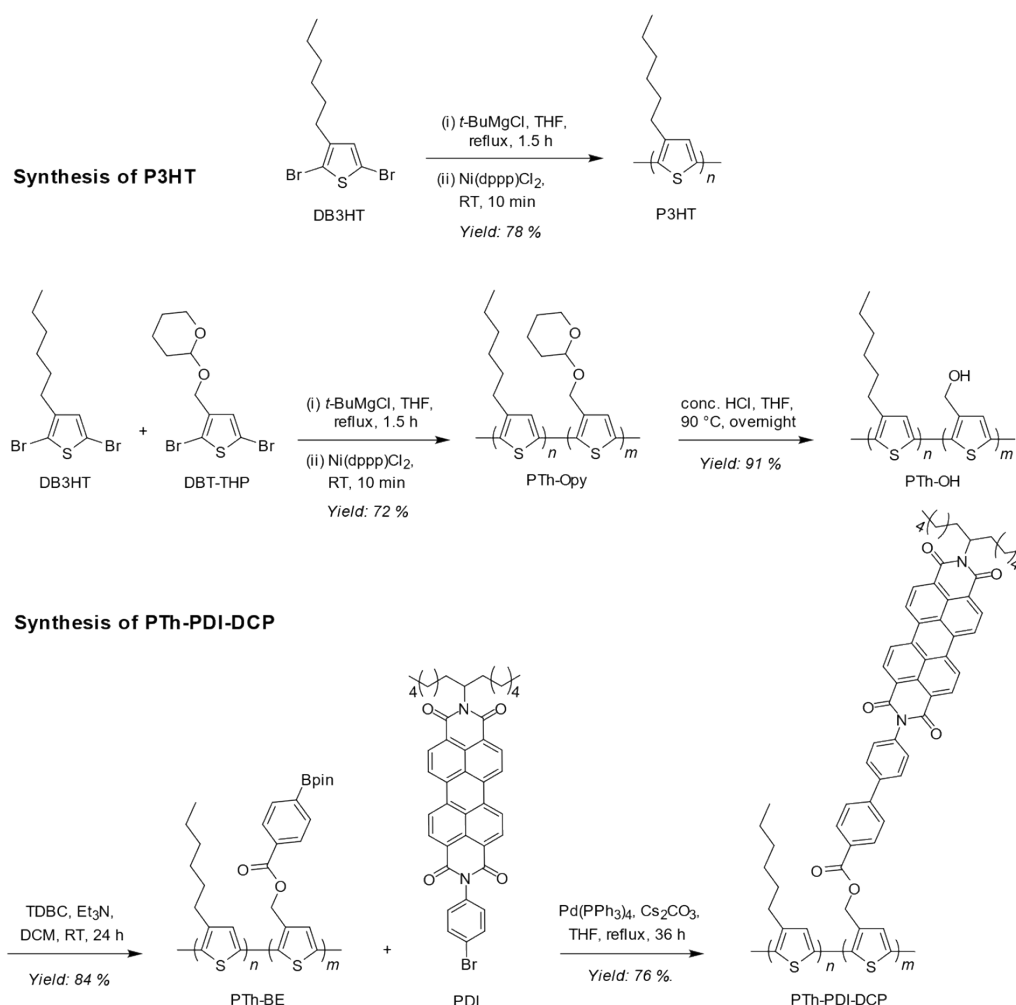
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1. Scheme, Spectra, Structures and Figures/Images



Scheme S1 Synthetic route for the preparation of poly-3-hexylthiophene (P3HT) and the donor-acceptor covalent conjugate (PTh-PDI-DCP).

2. Characterizations (GPC, ATR-FTIR and ^1H NMR)

Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) confirmed the incorporation of perylene diimide (PDI) units onto the side chains of the polythiophene (PTh) backbone as evidenced by increased molecular weight and lower retention time of PTh-PDI-DCP. The number average molecular weight (M_n) evolved from 6,700 Da ($D = 1.10$) for PTh-Opy to 6,200 Da ($D = 1.05$) after removal of -Opy groups (PTh-OH) followed by an increase to 7,900 Da ($D = 1.05$) for PTh-BE and 10,900 Da ($D = 1.07$) for PTh-PDI-DCP confirming successful grafting of PDI units (Fig. S1a). ATR-FTIR spectroscopy further supported functionalization with characteristic PDI bands at 1690 and 1610 cm^{-1} corresponding to amide $\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretching and aromatic $\text{C}=\text{C}$ vibrations, respectively (Fig. S1b). The ^1H NMR spectra of P3HT and PDI displayed their characteristic signals. For P3HT, the thiophene proton h appears at 6.9 ppm, the α -alkyl protons f at 2.8 ppm and remaining alkyl protons a-e at 0.7-1.9 ppm (Fig. S1c). PDI shows aromatic protons at 7-9 ppm, a methine proton r at 5.2 ppm and alkyl chain protons at 0.8-2.3 ppm (Fig. S1d). The ^1H NMR spectrum of PTh-PDI-DCP further confirms PDI incorporation with characteristic aromatic signals ($\delta = 7.5\text{-}9.0$ ppm). Signal integration indicates $\sim 13\%$ functionalization of PTh side chains with PDI units (Fig. S1e, *detailed discussion provided in the main manuscript*).

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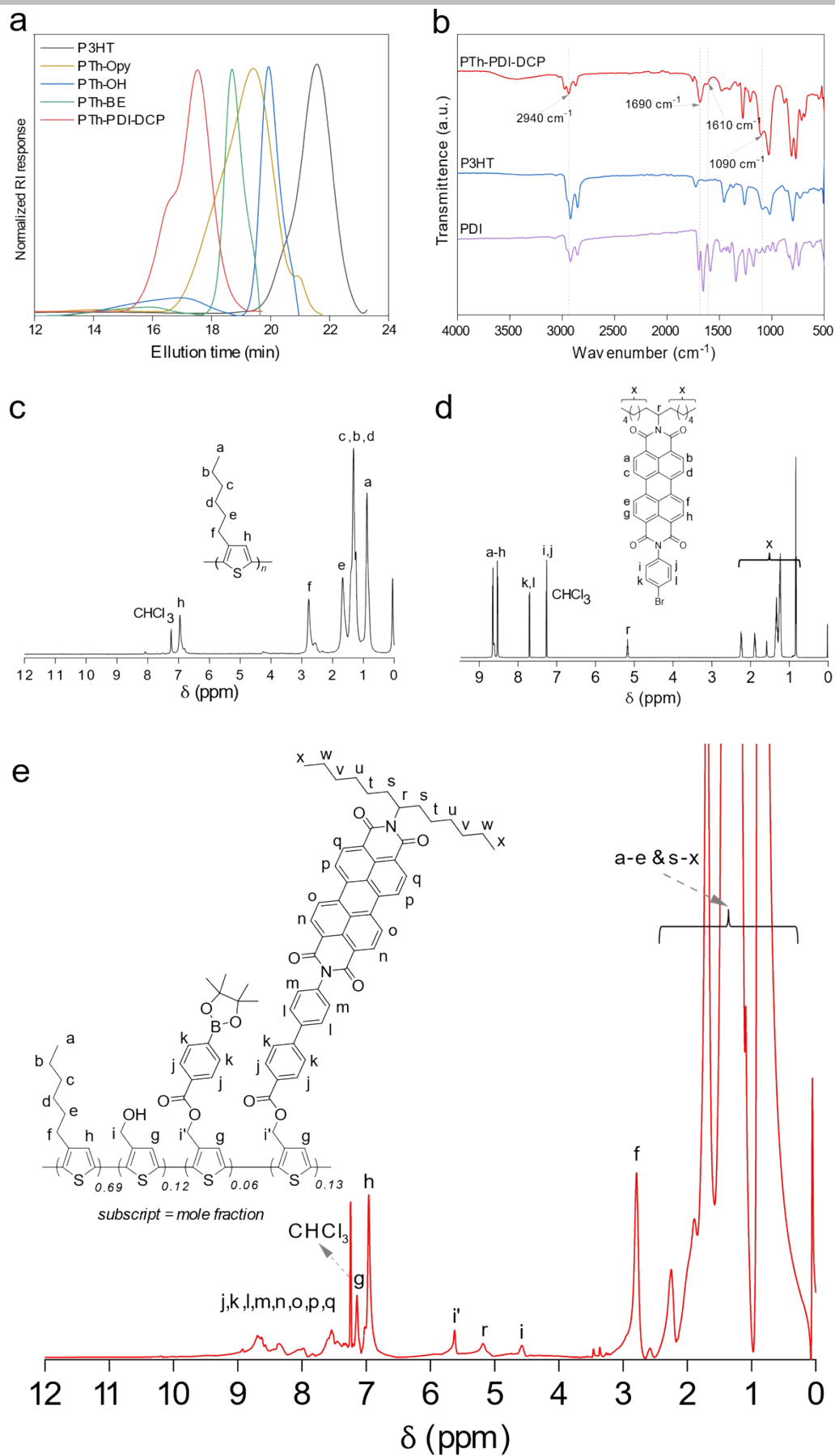


Fig. S1 (a) GPC profiles; (b) ATR-FTIR spectra of P3HT, PDI and PTh-PDI-DCP; (c, d, e) ^1H NMR spectra; P3HT (c), PDI (d) and PTh-PDI-DCP (e).

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3. Band-gap calculations

The optical band gaps of PTh and PDI were determined by constructing Tauc plots derived from their corresponding UV/Vis absorption spectra. The frontier molecular orbital (FMO) energy levels were estimated through cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements with all potentials referenced against the ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc⁺) redox couple as an internal standard. The HOMO energy levels were calculated using Eq. S1 while the LUMO energy levels were determined using Eq. S2. The UV/Vis absorption spectra, Tauc plots and cyclic voltammograms of PTh and PDI are presented in Fig. S2.

$$E_{\text{HOMO}} = - \left[\left(P_{\text{oxi compound}} - P_{\text{red Fc}} \right) + 4.8 \right] \text{eV} \quad \text{Eq. S1}$$

$$E_{\text{HOMO}} = E_{\text{LUMO}} - E_g \quad \text{Eq. S2}$$

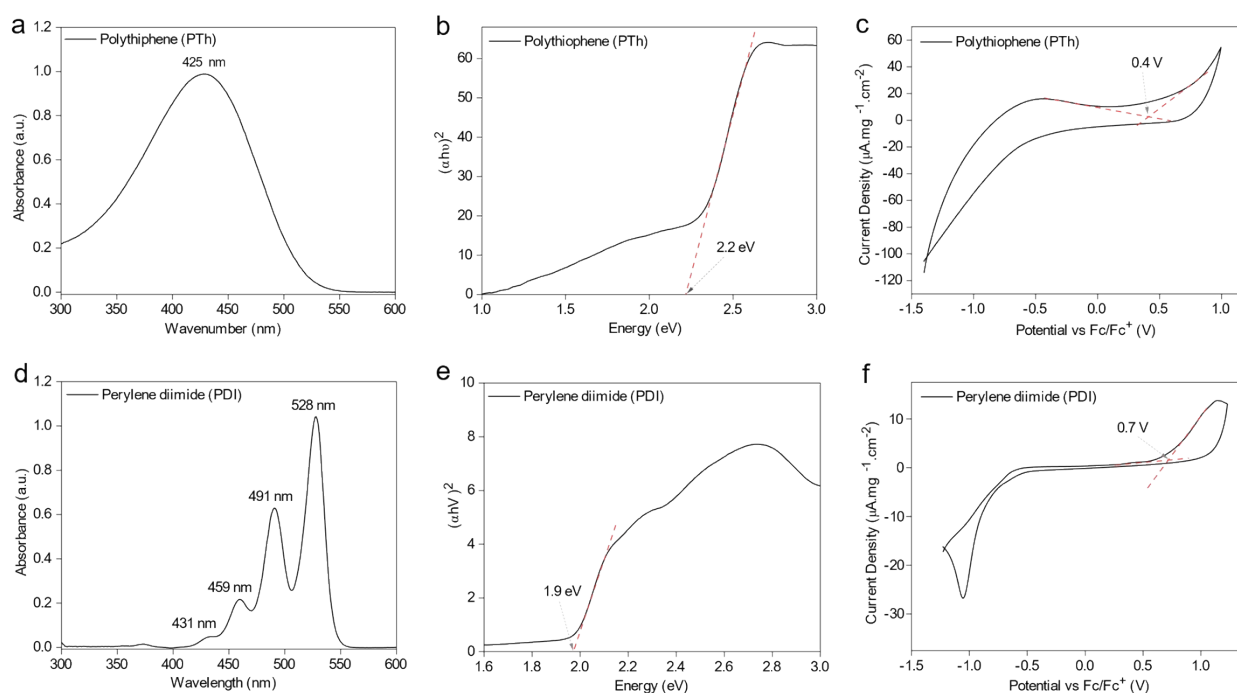


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Table S1 Summary of the amount of AuNPs transferred to the polymer solution upon addition of different volumes of AuNP suspension and their corresponding content in the polymer/AuNP hybrids. Amounts of Au were estimated using ICP-OES.

Serial no.	Volume of AuNPs suspensions (mL) with corresponding masses (mg) of AuNPs	Amount of AuNPs transferred to P3HT (mg)	Wt.% of AuNPs in P3HT/AuNPs hybrid	Amount of AuNPs transferred to PTh-PDI-DCP (mg)	Wt.% of AuNPs in PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs hybrid
1	5.0 mL / 2.3 mg	0.03 ± 0.01	3 ± 1	0.10 ± 0.01	9 ± 1
2	7.5 mL / 3.4 mg	0.06 ± 0.015	6 ± 1.5	0.12 ± 0.01	11 ± 1
3	10.0 mL / 4.5 mg	0.12 ± 0.01	10 ± 1	0.15 ± 0.01	13 ± 1
4	12.5 mL / 5.6 mg	0.19 ± 0.04	16 ± 3	0.23 ± 0.025	19 ± 3
5	15.0 mL / 6.7 mg	0.24 ± 0.03	19 ± 2.5	0.33 ± 0.03	25 ± 3

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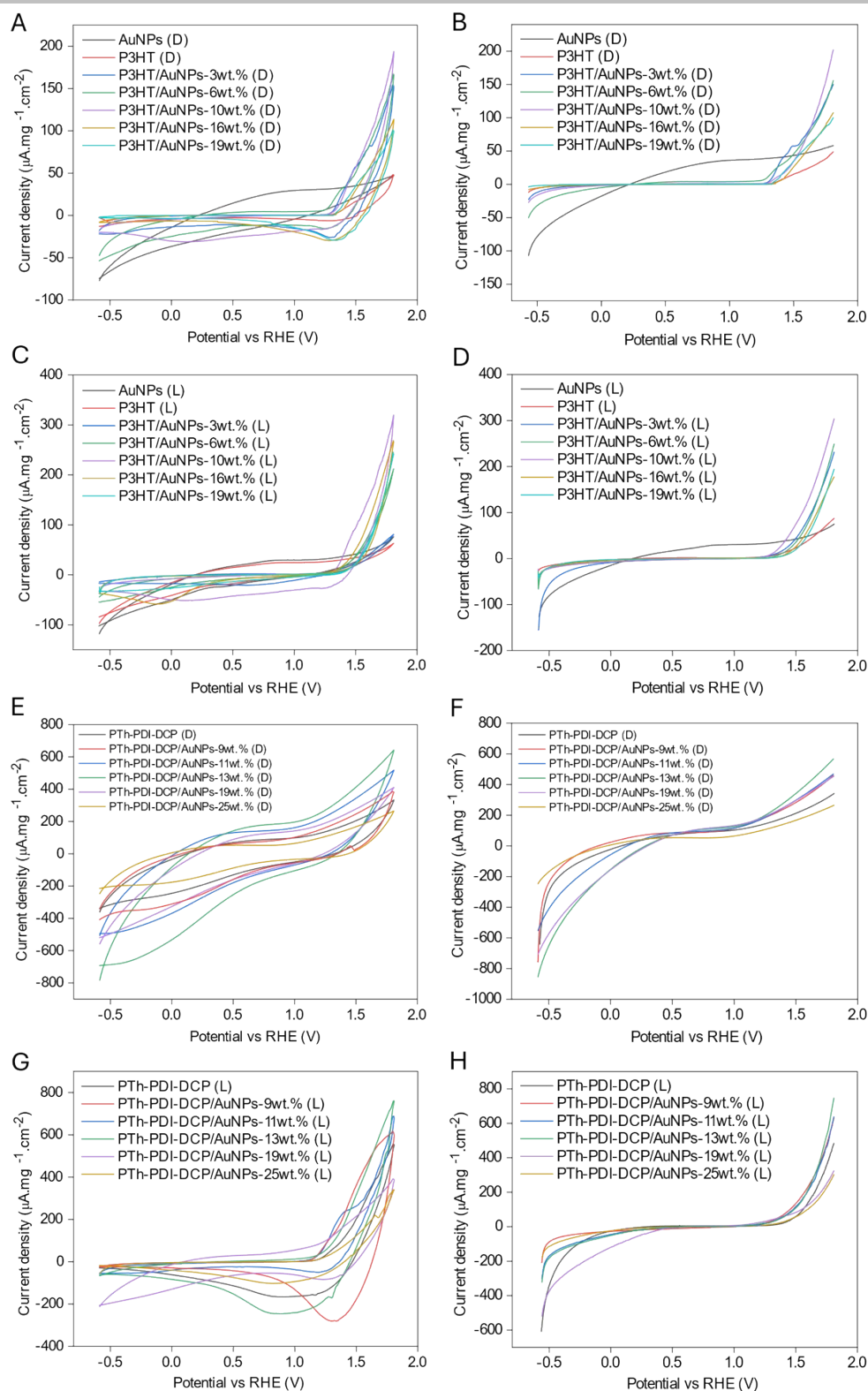


Fig. S3 Photoelectrochemical (PEC) performance of P3HT and PTh-PDI-DCP with varying AuNP wt.%. Cyclic voltammograms (CVs) (A) and linear sweep voltammograms (LSVs) (B) of AuNPs, pristine P3HT and P3HT/AuNP hybrids with different AuNP loadings (wt.%) recorded under dark conditions; CVs (C) and LSVs (D) of the same systems under illumination. CVs (E) and LSVs (F) of pristine PTh-PDI-DCP and PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNP hybrids with varying AuNP content (wt.%) measured in the dark; CVs (G) and LSVs (H) of the corresponding systems under illumination.

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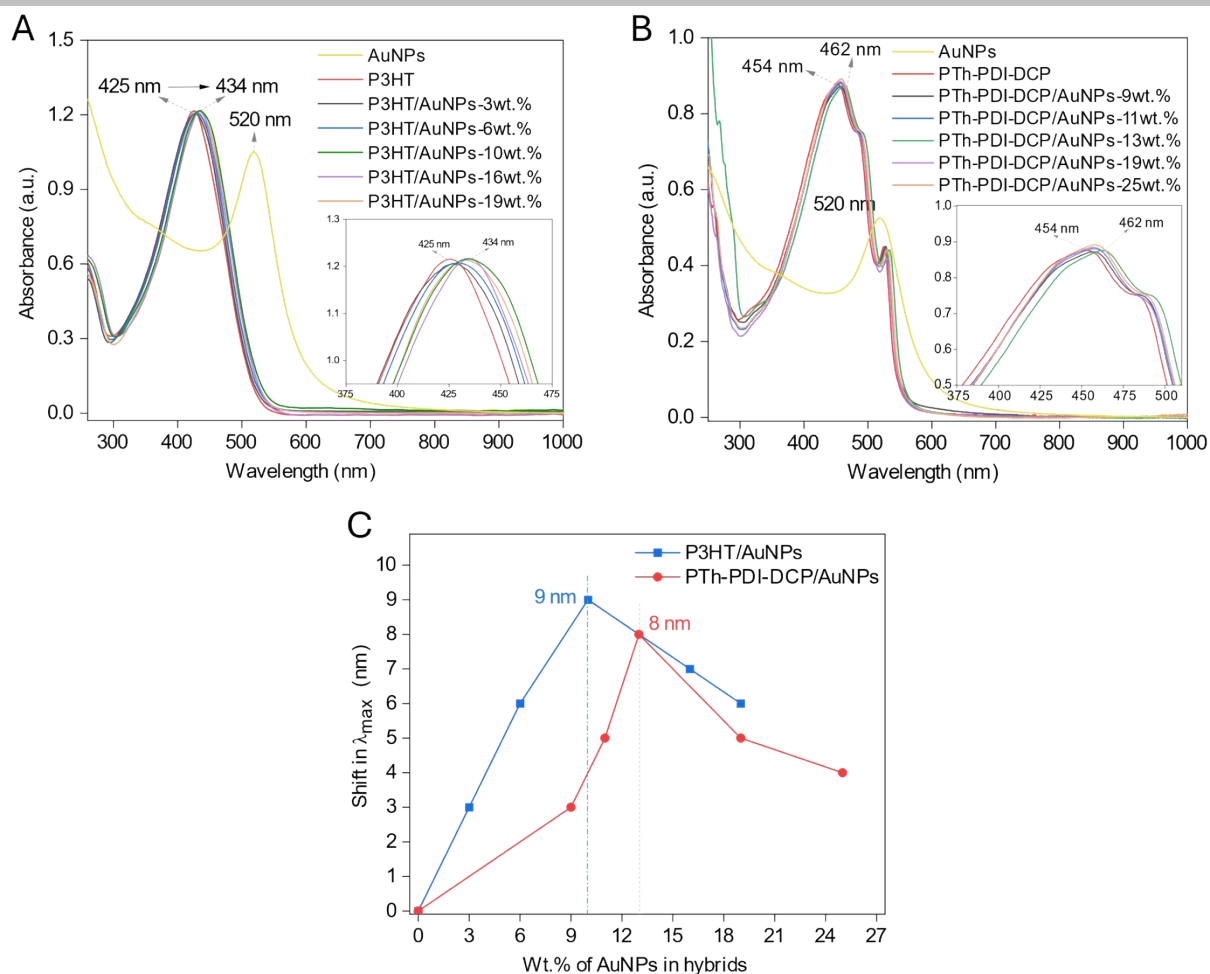


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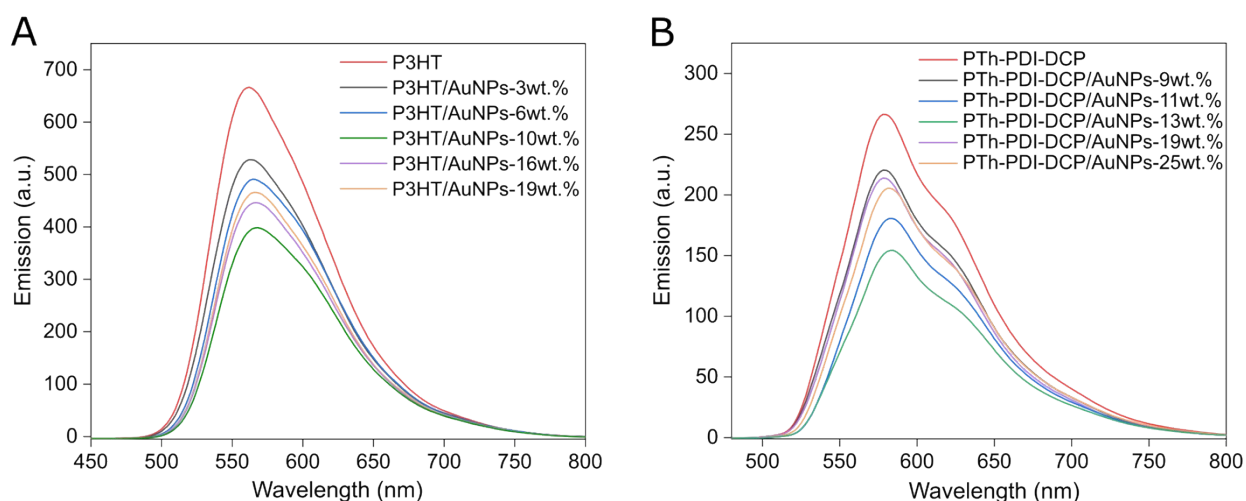


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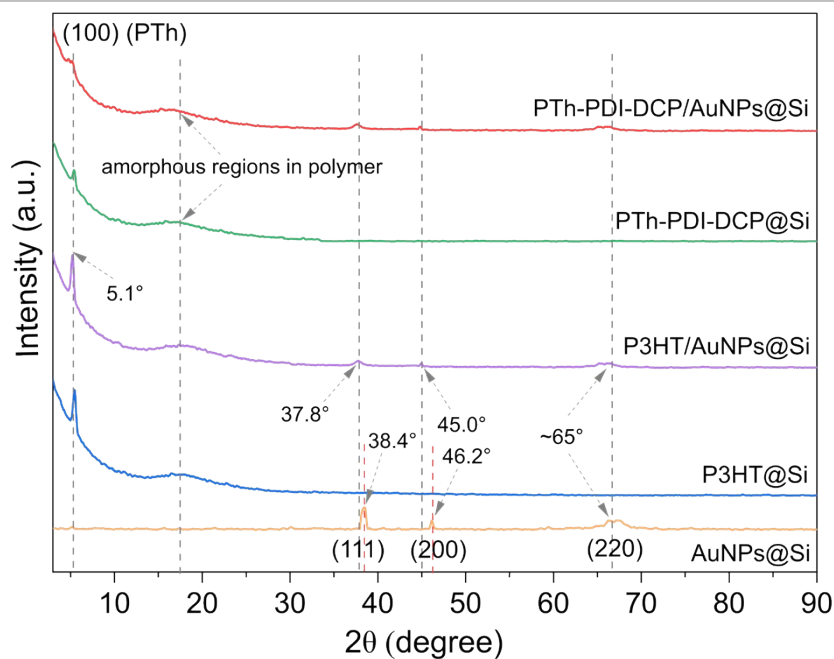


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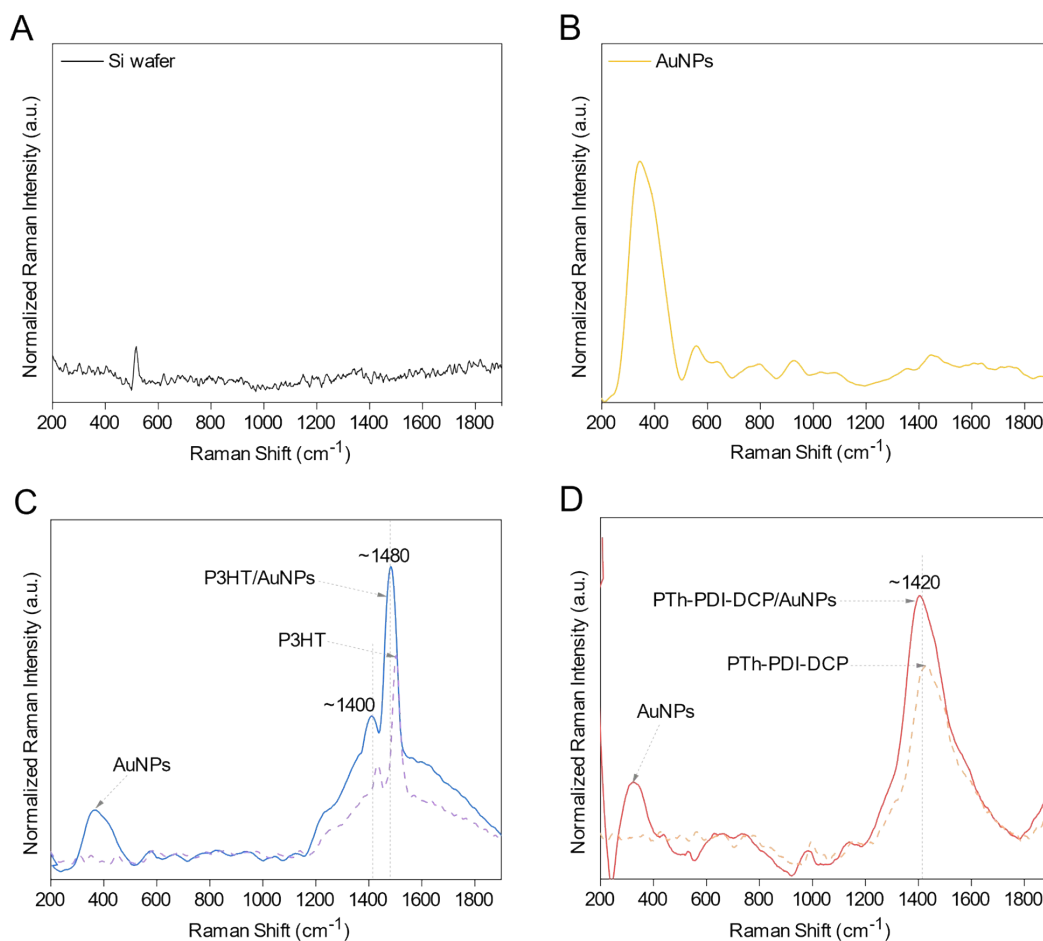


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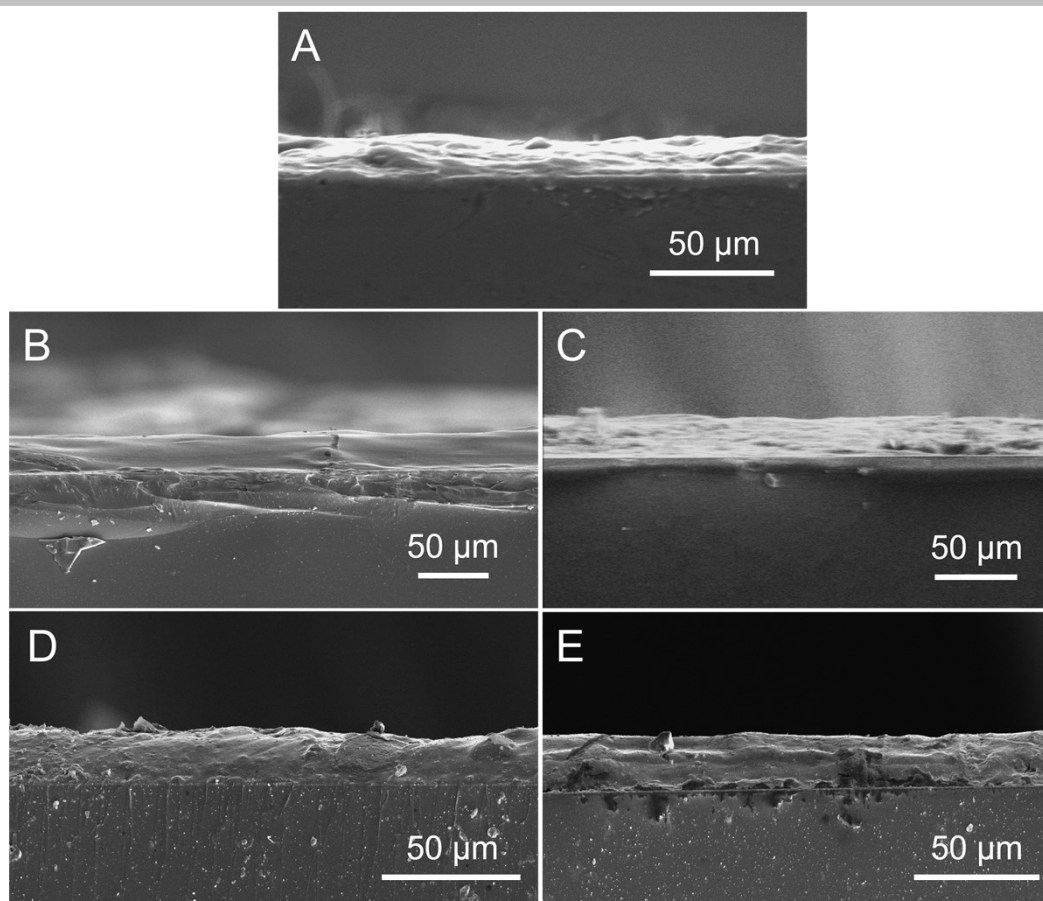


Fig. S8 Cross-sectional SEM images showing the film thicknesses of (A) AuNPs, (B) P3HT, (C) P3HT/AuNPs, (D) PTh-PDI-DCP and (E) PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs thin films.

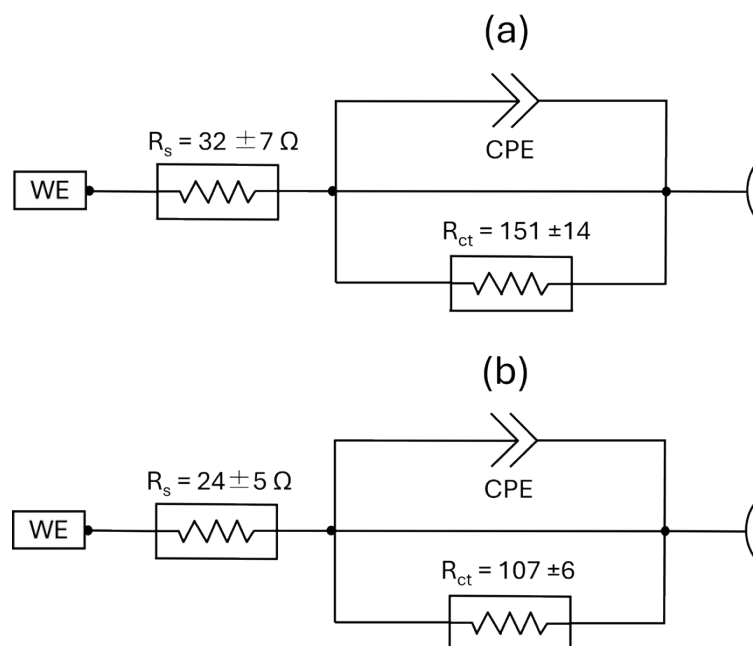


Fig. S9 Diagrammatical representation of EIS circuit fitting from Nyquist plots (Fig. 3f) for the PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs in the dark (a) and under illumination (b).

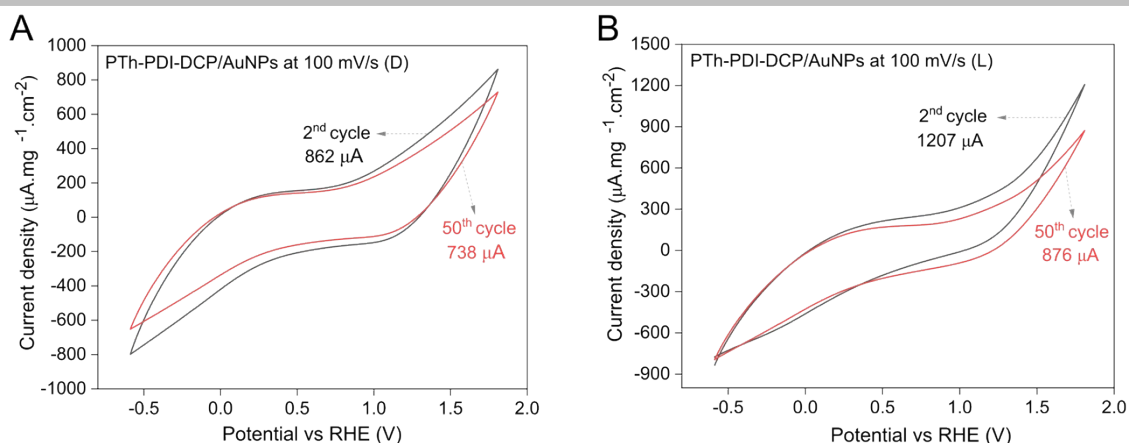


Fig. S10 CVs of the PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs hybrid after 50 consecutive cycles recorded in the dark (A) and under illumination (B) which reveal a decrease in current density of ~14% and 27%, respectively, indicating the PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs hybrid performance degradation under both conditions.

4. Photocatalytic H₂O₂ production

Photocatalysts were loaded onto PVDF membranes following a previously reported protocol.¹ Photocatalytic activity was evaluated in a 25 mL single-neck round-bottom flask (RBF). A PVDF membrane coated with 0.5 mg of photocatalyst (dispersed in 300 μL of CHCl_3) and attached to a magnetic stirrer was placed in the flask, followed by the addition of 5 mL of DI water. The system was sealed with a rubber septum and purged with oxygen for 30 min prior to illumination. Photocatalytic reactions were conducted under Xe lamp (H11 xenon-simulated, high-performance halogen filament bulb, 75 W, 12 V), delivering a light intensity of 60 mW/cm^2 as measured with a flux meter, operated at full intensity for 1 h with continuous stirring. After irradiation, the photocatalyst-coated membrane was removed, thoroughly rinsed with DI water, and dried at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ for subsequent reuse.

Quantification of hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) was performed *via* iodometric titration. Briefly, 1 mL of 0.1 M potassium hydrogen phthalate (KHP) solution and 1 mL of 0.4 M potassium iodide (KI) solution were added to the reaction flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min during which photocatalytically generated H_2O_2 oxidized iodide (I^-) to triiodide (I_3^-) under acidic conditions according to Eq. S3:



The concentration of I_3^- was determined by measuring its characteristic absorbance at 352 nm using UV/Vis spectroscopy. The corresponding H_2O_2 concentration was calculated from a calibration curve prepared using standard H_2O_2 solutions (0-100 μM) derived from a 35% w/w commercial stock (Fig. S12). For mechanistic studies of H_2O_2 production, four photocatalyst-loaded PVDF membranes (weighed before and after loading using a Mettler Toledo METT-XPR36 microbalance), were individually placed in 25 mL RBFs containing 5 mL of DI water. Specific scavengers were introduced into separate flasks: *tert*-butanol (1 mL, 10 vol.%) as a hydroxyl radical scavenger, *para*-benzoquinone (*p*-BQ, 1 mL, 0.1 mM) to quench superoxide radicals ($\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$) and AgNO_3 (1 mL, 1 mM) as an electron scavenger. One flask without any scavenger served as a control. All systems were purged with oxygen for 30 min and irradiated under the Xe-lamp for 1 h with continuous stirring. After illumination, the membranes were removed, and iodometric reagents (0.1 M KHP and 0.4 M KI) were added. Following 30 min of stirring at room temperature, absorbance at 352 nm was recorded and H_2O_2 production was quantified against the calibration curve. This protocol enabled reproducible quantification of H_2O_2 generation and provided mechanistic insights into the contribution of reactive species in the photocatalytic process highlighting the role of scavengers in elucidating electron, superoxide and hydroxyl radical pathways.

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5. ATR-FTIR spectra of the photocatalysts loaded on PVDF membranes

ATR-FTIR spectra of pristine PVDF membranes and photocatalyst-loaded PVDF membranes (AuNPs, P3HT, P3HT/AuNPs, PTh-PDI-DCP, and PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs) were recorded (Fig. S11). In the pristine PVDF membrane, characteristic absorption bands at 1166 cm^{-1} and 1233 cm^{-1} were assigned to C-F and C-CF₂ stretching vibrations, respectively. Upon incorporation of the photocatalysts, these bands decreased in intensity, while new absorption features corresponding to the chemical functionalities of the respective photocatalysts emerged. Notably, bands in the $2800\text{--}3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region, attributed to C-H stretching vibrations and a distinct band near 1700 cm^{-1} , corresponding to the carbonyl ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$) stretching mode, confirmed successful deposition of the photocatalyst on the PVDF surface. The relatively low photocatalyst loading ($\sim 0.1\text{ mg}$) resulted in these characteristic peaks appearing with reduced intensity.

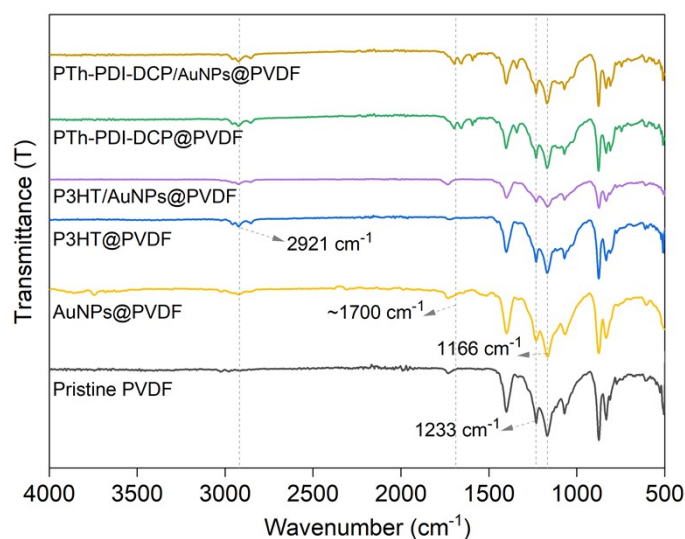


Fig. S11 ATR-FTIR spectra of pristine porous PVDF membrane and PVDF membranes loaded with AuNPs, P3HT, P3HT/AuNPs, PTh-PDI-DCP and PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs.

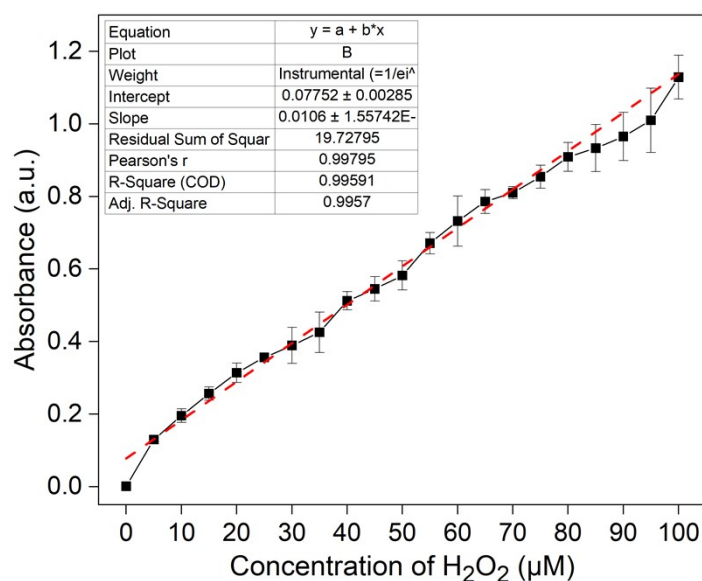


Fig. S12 Calibration curve generated using known molar concentrations prepared from a 35% commercially available H₂O₂ solution.

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Table S2 H₂O₂ is produced ($\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$) by each photocatalyst over 10 photocatalytic cycles in triplicate.

Photocatalyst	No.	AMOUNT LOAD ED (MG)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AuNPs	1	0.11	57	40	35	44	42	34	39	31	28	35
	2	0.12	66	40	39	63	53	38	41	34	30	34
	3	0.12	51	41	48	51	45	36	36	37	34	43
Average H ₂ O ₂			61	40	41	52	46	36	39	34	30	37
SD (\pm)			6	1	5	8	5	2	2	3	2	4
P3HT	1	0.12	66	74	103	81	84	88	56	60	48	43
	2	0.11	61	76	97	84	73	55	55	60	50	31
	3	0.11	68	72	107	81	88	75	51	57	46	37
Average H ₂ O ₂			65	74	102	82	82	73	54	59	48	37
SD (\pm)			3	2	4	2	7	13	2	1	2	5
P3HT/AuNPs	1	0.12	94	135	168	108	116	93	70	85	60	64
	2	0.11	88	135	157	102	113	91	61	70	60	68
	3	0.11	99	126	171	98	108	100	65	73	54	68
Average H ₂ O ₂			94	132	165	102	112	95	65	76	58	67
SD (\pm)			4	4	6	4	3	4	4	6	3	2
PTh-PDI-DCP	1	0.13	90	138	165	142	137	102	67	72	72	52
	2	0.11	97	160	172	138	125	117	61	73	82	56
	3	0.14	107	171	173	172	127	112	67	73	75	57
Average H ₂ O ₂			98	157	170	151	130	111	65	73	75	55
SD (\pm)			7	14	4	15	5	6	3	2	5	2
PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNP	1	0.13	157	185	245	183	152	114	81	92	101	69
	2	0.10	122	160	238	181	157	126	80	101	116	77
	3	0.12	107	191	216	181	148	114	80	86	104	70

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Average H ₂ O ₂			129	178	233	182	152	118	80	93	107	72
SD (±)			21	13	12	1	4	6	0	6	7	4

Table S3 Mechanistic studies for the artificial photosynthesis of H₂O₂ during 5 repeated cycles in triplicates. Note: P is the photocatalytic production of H₂O₂ in $\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$ and M refers to the PVDF membrane.

Photocatalyst	Scavenger	Amount loaded (mg)	(P1)	(P2)	(P3)	(P4)	(P5)	(P _{av})
AuNPs	without scavenger	0.12	21	21	15	16	16	18
	AgNO ₃	0.11	7	7	7	7	7	7
	<i>p</i> -BQ	0.11	10	12	8	11	10	10
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	0.12	20	19	15	13	13	16
P3HT	without scavenger	0.10	22	29	39	32	24	29
	AgNO ₃	0.12	9	9	19	11	7	11
	<i>p</i> -BQ	0.11	18	20	33	25	20	23
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	0.10	19	22	34	27	23	25
P3HT/AuNPs	without scavenger	0.10	32	50	70	43	32	45
	AgNO ₃	0.11	13	15	24	16	11	16
	<i>p</i> -BQ	0.11	21	31	39	25	15	26
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	0.10	25	43	58	33	29	38
PTh-PDI-DCP	without scavenger	0.10	36	67	83	41	39	53
	AgNO ₃	0.11	15	30	29	20	22	23
	<i>p</i> -BQ	0.11	25	47	48	27	24	34
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	0.11	25	42	42	23	27	32
PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs	without scavenger	0.10	62	135	180	100	67	109
	AgNO ₃	0.11	22	41	40	31	26	32
	<i>p</i> -BQ	0.12	26	76	85	51	35	55
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	0.11	35	80	97	51	40	61

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Table S4 The percentage (%) decrease in H₂O₂ concentration was determined based on mechanistic studies of H₂O₂. Note: % refers to decrease in the photocatalytic production of H₂O₂ and M refers to the PVDF membrane.

Photocatalyst	Scavenger	(%-1)	(%-2)	(%-3)	(%-4)	(%-5)	% _{av} + SD
AuNPs	without scavenger						
	AgNO ₃	65	69	55	57	60	61 ±5
	<i>p</i> -BQ	51	42	49	33	40	43 ±6
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	4	12	4	18	18	11 ±6
P3HT	without scavenger						
	AgNO ₃	62	67	51	66	70	63 ±7
	<i>p</i> -BQ	18	28	15	20	18	20 ±5
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	13	22	12	14	2	13 ±6
P3HT/AuNPs	without scavenger						
	AgNO ₃	59	71	65	64	65	65 ±4
	<i>p</i> -BQ	33	37	44	43	55	42 ±7
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	20	14	18	24	8	17 ±5
PTh-PDI-DCP	without scavenger						
	AgNO ₃	59	56	65	50	44	55 ±7
	<i>p</i> -BQ	31	30	43	35	39	36 ±5
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	31	37	50	44	32	39 ±7
PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs	without scavenger						
	AgNO ₃	65	70	78	69	61	68 ±5
	<i>p</i> -BQ	58	44	53	49	47	50 ±5
	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	43	41	46	49	40	44 ±3

Table S5 List of reported photocatalysts and their photocatalytic activity for the hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) production.

Catalyst	Catalyst Loading	Irradiation Source	Irradiation time	H ₂ O ₂ production (reported units)	H ₂ O ₂ production (In $\mu\text{M}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$)	Reference
RF-P3HT (doping)	50 mg / 30 mL water	Xe lamp, light intensity at 420–700 nm: 210 Wm ⁻²	6 h	98 μmol	10.9	Reference ²
Rf@ NF 1.0 (resin)	50 mg / 30 mL water	$\lambda > 420$ nm (SS-1 Sun)	24 h	186 μmol	5.2	Reference ³
COF-TfpBpy	15 mg / 10 mL water	$\lambda > 420$ nm (298 K; xenon lamp, 40.8 mW cm ⁻²)	1 h	710 μmol	4733	Reference ⁴
COF-UCN-DTDA	20 mg / 20mL water	SS (1-Sun)	1 h	7.3 mmolg ⁻¹	365	Reference ⁵
g-C ₃ N ₄ /500-85 °C	30 mg / 30 mL water	Xe (visible light)	7 h	213 μmol	33.8	Reference ⁶

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g-C₃N₄ (CNOP)	20 mg / 40 mL water	300-W Xe arc lamp (Oriental)	12 h	316 μmol	32.9	Reference ⁷
g-C₃N₄/PDI	50 mg / 30 mL water	2 kW Xe lamp (USHIO Inc.)	12 h	42 μmol	2.4	Reference ⁸
g-C₃N₄/BDI₅₀	100 mg	Xe-lamp 27.3 W.m ⁻²	36 h	118 μmol	1.9	Reference ^{9, 10}
g-C₃N₄/PDI/rGO	50 mg / 30 mL water	Xe lamp, light intensity 43.3 W.m ⁻²	24 h	28 μmol	0.8	Reference ¹¹
C-modified g-C₃N₄	30 mg / 30mL water	300 W Xenon lamp	2 h	210 μmol	116.6	Reference ¹²
Ti₃C₂/g-C₃N₄	50 mg / 50 mL water	300 W Xe-lamp	1 h	140 μmol	56	Reference ¹³
CDs/HgLI	10 mg / 50 mL water for 4 h	Xe (350 W)	1 h	800 μmolh ⁻¹ g ⁻¹	1.6	Reference ¹⁴
CdS-PDA	100 mg / 95 mL water	Xe lamp (λ > 420 nm)	24 h	3.84 mM	16.8	Reference ¹⁵
CN/rGO@BPODs	100 mg / 100 mL water	300 W Xe-lamp	1 h	60.6 μmol	6.1	Reference ¹⁶
g-C₃N₄/PDI-BN_{0.2}-rGO_{0.05}	250 mg / 50 mL water	irradiation of AM 1.5 G simulated sunlight	1 h	26 μmol	2.1	Reference ⁸
GO	32 mg / 100 mL water	1.5 kW xenon arc lamp	6 h	202 μmol	10.5	Reference ¹⁷
g-C₃N₄/MTI	100 mg in 100 mL water	solar simulator under AM 1.5G (1-sun)	58 h	52 μmolh ⁻¹	5.2	Reference ¹⁰
P3HT 7.0 pH	0.4 mL NPs sol / 30 nmols in water	SS (1-Sun)	20 h	99 μmol	4.95 μmol.h ⁻¹	Reference ¹⁸
CoPc-BTM-COF	100 mg / 50 mL water	AM 1.5 G (SS)	1 h	1250 μmol	250	Reference ¹⁹
CHF-DPDA	In 100 mL water	visible-light irradiation (λ > 420 nm)	16 h	69 μmolh ⁻¹	690	Reference ²⁰
TTF-BT-COF	In 100 mL water	AM 1.5 G sunlight	1 h	276 000 μMh ⁻¹ g ⁻¹	276	Reference ²¹
CTF-BDDBN	30 mg / 50 mL water	AM1.5G sunlight irradiation (λ > 420 nm)	24 h	82 μM	2.27	Reference ²²
pTh-BTD/FTO	electrodeposited material	Irradiation (100 mW.cm ⁻²)	8 h (photo-electrolysis)	~ 3000 μM	375 μM.h ⁻¹	Reference ²³
Nv-CN	50 mL water	AM 1.5 G sunlight	12 h	3093 μmolg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	5.2	Reference ²⁴
Anthraquinone-resorcinol	AQ-Re nanoparticles in water	SS (1-Sun)	20 h	6097 μmolg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	6.1 μmol.mg ⁻¹ .h ⁻¹	Reference ²⁵
Pigment semiconductors (EPI), (QNC)	photocathodic H ₂ O ₂ production	60 mW.cm ⁻² light from halogen bulb	48 h	3000 μMmg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	3000	Reference ²⁶
CoO_x/Mo:BiVO₄/Pd	50 mg / 50 mL water	SS (1-Sun)	1 h	58.33 μmolg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	1.2	Reference ²⁷
rGO@MRF-x	400 mg / 150 mL water	AM1.5G simulated sunlight (1 sun) irradiation	1 h	481 μmol	8	Reference ²⁸
G-C₃N₄/500-85°C/3h	pure water 30 mg / 50 mL water	AM1.5G sunlight irradiation (λ > 420 nm)	7 h	6.4 μMg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	0.0064	Reference ⁶
PANI/PDI	10 mg / 1L water	simulated AM1.5G sunlight	1 h	104 μmolh ⁻¹ g ⁻¹	10.4	Reference ²⁹

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Cg-C₃N₄	20 mg powder dispersed in 15 mL H ₂ O	visible light irradiation ($\lambda \geq 420$ nm)	3 h	1111.89 $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}\text{g}^{-1}$	74.0	Reference ³⁰
OPCN	In 50 mL (25 mg PC) water (2,4-dichlorophenol SA)	AM1.5G sunlight irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm)	1 h	360 $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}\text{g}^{-1}$	7.2	Reference ³¹
Polymer (DE7)	5 mg catalyst in 3 mL water	simulated AM1.5G sunlight	1 h	1190 $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}\text{g}^{-1}$	396	Reference ³²
Ni-CAT-CN60	In pure water	300 W Xe-lamp	4 h	110 $\mu\text{Mg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	0.11	Reference ³³
(MTI), (BDI), (BDI), PDI	In 50 mL water	Xe lamp (100 W)	1 h	10 $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}\text{g}^{-1}$ - 1610 $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}\text{g}^{-1}$	0.2 - 32.2	Reference ¹⁸
(CHFs),DPDA	In 50 mL water	AM1.5G sunlight irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm)	1 h	1733 $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}\text{g}^{-1}$	34.7	Reference ²⁰
PTA0.6/CN	50 mg / 30 mL water	SS (1-Sun)	12 h	1833 $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	61.1	Reference ³⁴
Polyethylenimine/g-C₃N₄	In water 10 mL / 10 mg catalyst	$\lambda > 420$ nm (SS-1sun)	1 h	60 $\mu\text{Mg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	0.06	Reference ³⁵
RF-(COOH)₂-523	50 mg / 30 mL water	visible-light irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm)	24 h	60 μmol	1.7	Reference ³⁶
RF-NH₃-523	In DI water	SS (1-Sun)	8 h	108 $\mu\text{Mg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	0.11	Reference ³⁷
CdS/COF	2 mg/mL of water	simulated sunlight or visible light ($\lambda \geq 400$ nm)	6 h	608.41 $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$	50.7	Reference ³⁸
rGO/TiO₂ (10 wt%)	0.5 g/L of photocatalyst, 5 vol% of 2-propanol, pH = 3.0	UV light irradiation ($\lambda \geq 320$ nm)	3 h	889 $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	8.89	Reference ³⁹
PTh-PDI-DCP	~0.1 mg catalyst loaded on porous hydrophobic PVDF membrane / 5 mL water	Xe-lamp white-blue light with light intensity ~100 mWcm^{-2}	1 h	215.8 $\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	215.8	Reference ¹
P3HT-<i>b</i>-poly(3HT-co-Th/PDI)	~0.1 mg catalyst loaded on porous hydrophobic PVDF membrane / 5 mL water	Xe-lamp (250-850 nm), (75 W), light intensity ~60 mWcm^{-2}	1 h	122.5 $\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	122.5	Reference ⁴⁰
PTh-PDI-DCP	~0.1 mg catalyst loaded on porous hydrophobic PVDF membrane / 5 mL water	Xe-lamp (250-850 nm), (75 W), light intensity ~60 mWcm^{-2}	1 h	120.4 $\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	120.4	Our work
PTh-PDI-DCP/rGO	~0.1 mg catalyst loaded on porous hydrophobic PVDF membrane / 5 mL water	Xe-lamp (250-850 nm), (75 W), light intensity ~60 mWcm^{-2}	1 h	193.6 $\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	193.6	Our work
PTh-PDI-DCP/AuNPs	~0.1 mg catalyst loaded on porous hydrophobic PVDF membrane / 5 mL water	Xe-lamp (250-850 nm), (75 W), light intensity ~60 mWcm^{-2}	1 h	233 $\mu\text{Mmg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$	233	This work

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