

Supporting Information

Voltammetric studies on the inter-relationship of the redox chemistry of TTF, TTF^{•+}, TTF²⁺ and HTTF⁺ in acidic media

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Table S1 Diffusion coefficients (*D*) of TTF, TTF^{•+}, TTF²⁺ in acetonitrile (0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆).

Technique	Equation used for determination of <i>D</i> ^a	$D_{TTF} \times 10^5$ cm ² s ⁻¹	$D_{TTF^{•+}} \times 10^5$ cm ² s ⁻¹	$D_{TTF^{2+}} \times 10^5$ cm ² s ⁻¹
Linear sweep voltammetry	$I_p = 0.4463 n F A C \left(\frac{n F v D}{RT} \right)^{0.5}$	2.20	1.95	1.65
RDE voltammetry	$I_{lim} = 0.620 n F A D^{2/3} \omega^{1/2} \nu^{-1/6} C$	2.10	1.90	1.60
Microelectrode voltammetry	$I_{lim} = 4n F r_e D C$	2.10	1.90	1.60

^a I_p = oxidation peak potential, I_{lim} = limiting current, ν = scan rate

ω = angular rotation rate, ν = kinematic viscosity (4.54×10^{-3} cm² s⁻¹),²² r_e = electrode radius, C = concentration, n = number of electrons transferred (1.0). Other symbols have their usual meaning or are defined in the text.

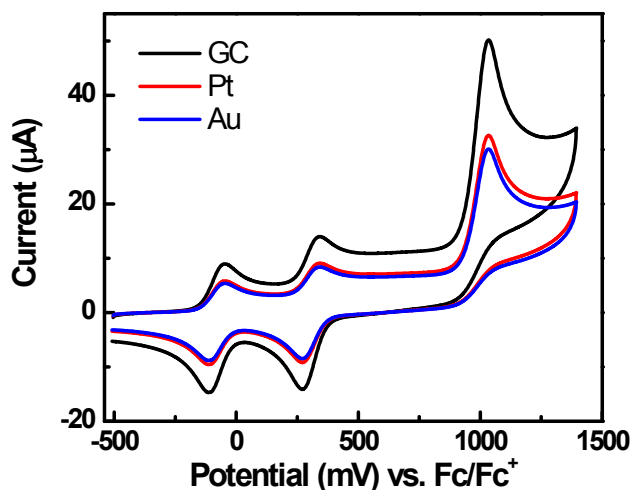


Figure S1 Cyclic voltammograms obtained for 1.0 mM TTF in CH₃CN (0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆) in the presence of 10 mM ethereal HBF₄ (0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆) at GC, Au and Pt electrodes with a scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹.

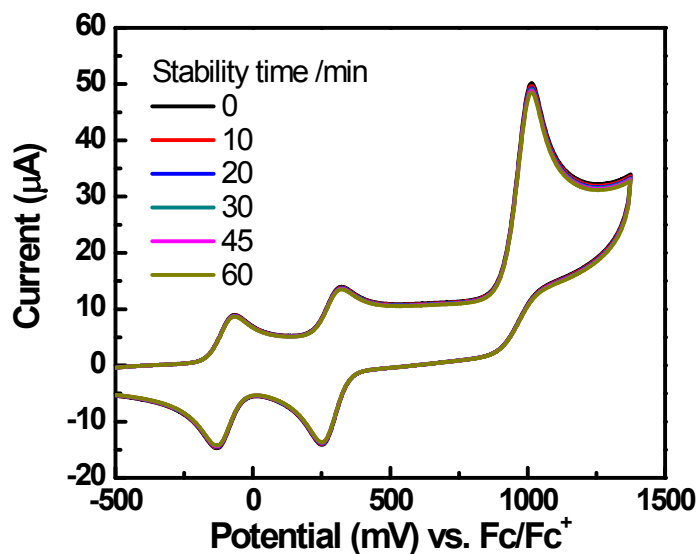


Figure S2 Cyclic voltammograms obtained as a function of time for 1.0 mM TTF in CH₃CN (0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆) at a 3 mm diameter GC electrode (scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹) in the presence of 10 mM ethereal HBF₄.

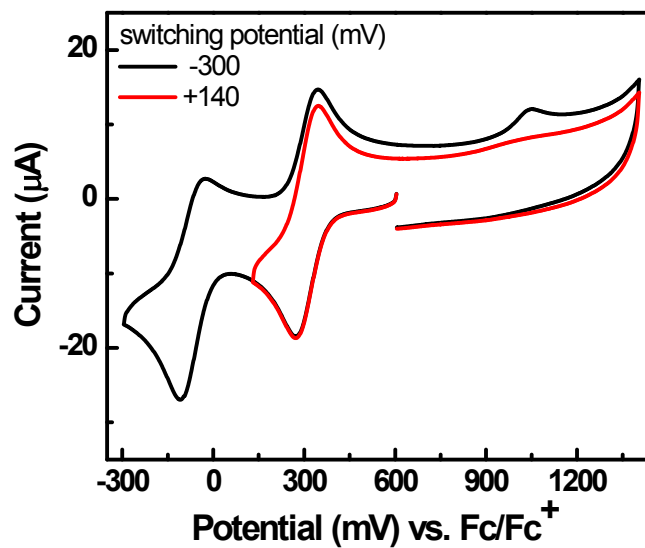


Figure S3 Cyclic voltammograms obtained at scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹ in acetonitrile (0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆) for 1 mM TTF²⁺ in the presence of 66 mM etheral HBF₄ with a 3 mm GC electrode at designated switching potential values.

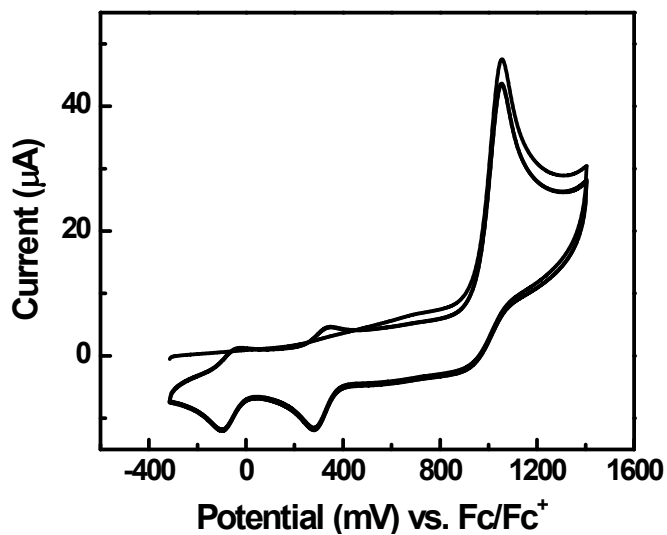


Figure S4 A cyclic voltammogram (2 cycles of potential) for HTTF⁺ obtained after back reduction electrolysis of 0.91 mM TTF²⁺ in acetonitrile (0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆) in the presence of 66 mM etheral HBF₄ with a 3 mm GC electrode at a scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹.

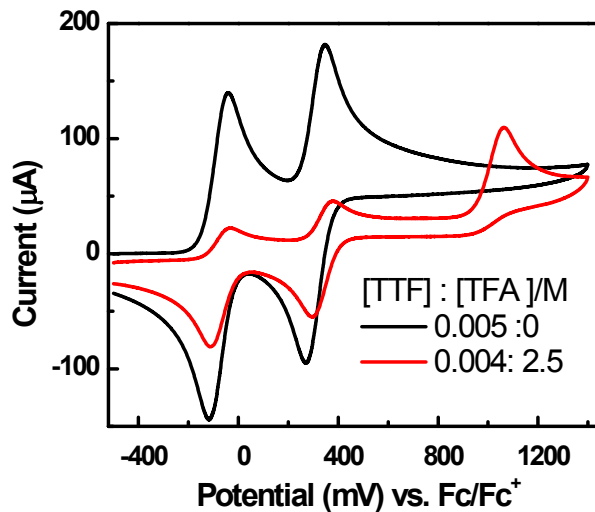


Figure S5 Cyclic voltammograms of TTF obtained at scan rate 100 mV s^{-1} in acetonitrile (0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6) for TTF in with a 3 mm GC electrode at designated TTF and TFA concentrations.

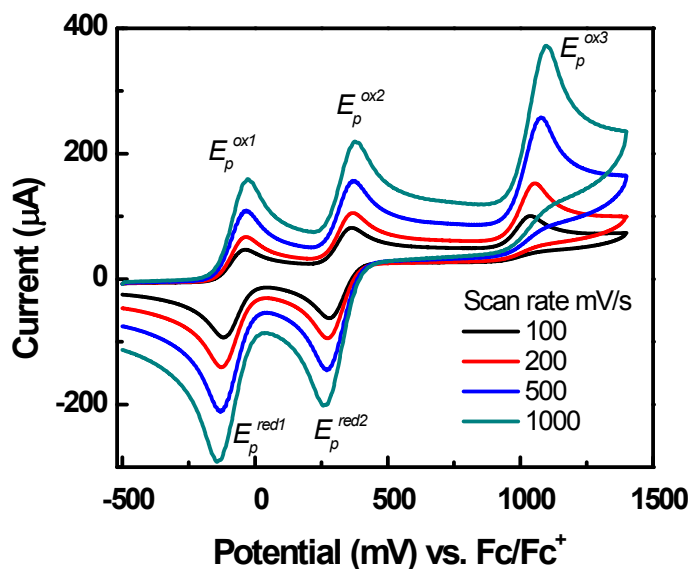


Figure S6 Cyclic voltammograms for 4.35 mM TTF in the presence of 1.5 M TFA obtained at a scan rate of 100 mV s^{-1} in acetonitrile (0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6) with a 3 mm diameter GC electrode.

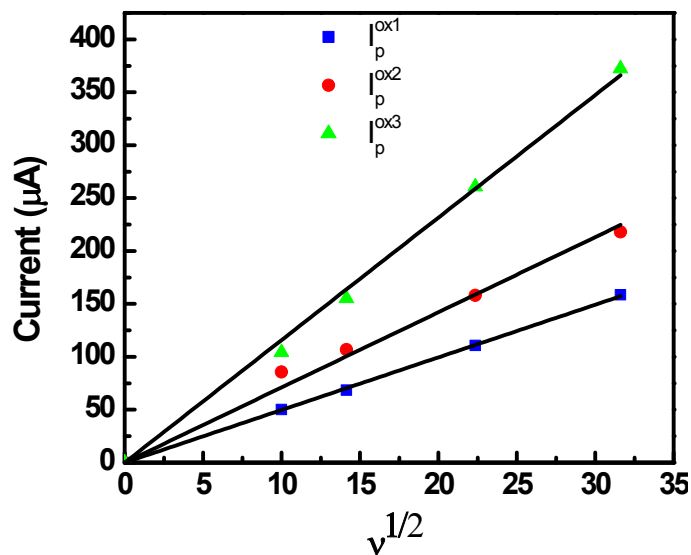


Figure S7 Dependence of peak currents, for the first (I_p^{ox1}), second (I_p^{ox2}) and third (I_p^{ox3}) consecutive processes versus the square root of scan rate for 4.35 mM TTF in the presence of 1.5 M TFA in acetonitrile (0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6).

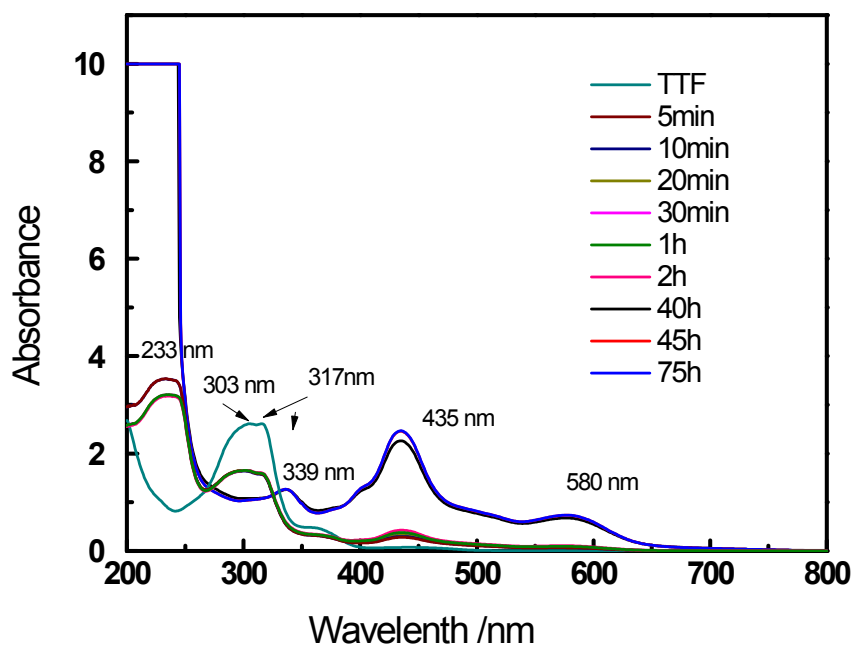


Figure S8 UV-vis spectra of obtained as a function of time after addition of 500 mM TFA to 0.25 mM TTF in CH_3CN (0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6).