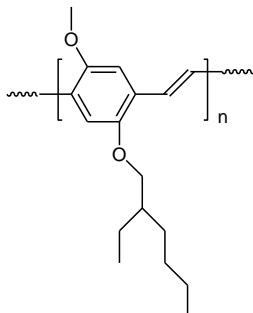


Sample Name: Poly(2-methoxy-5-[2'-ethylhexyloxy]-1,4-phenylenevinylene)

Sample #: P6253D-MEHPPV

Structure:



Composition:

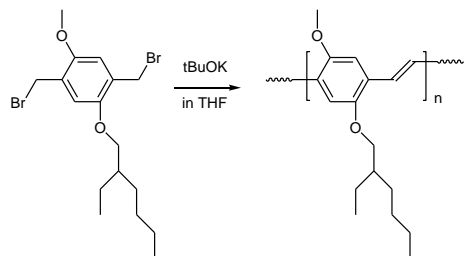
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Synthesis Procedure:

MEH-PPV is obtained by polymerization of a,a'-dihalo-2-methoxy-5-(2-ethylhexyloxy)xylene under the base condition using tert.butoxy potassium salt. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below.¹ The molecular weight of the resulting polymer was controlled by adding appropriate amount of 4 methoxy phenol and by rate of addition of the monomer. The resulting polymer was precipitated in methanol.

Purification of the polymer:

The resulting polymers contain a small fraction of crosslinked polymer. It was removed by dissolving the polymer in THF (about 1-2% solution) and centrifugation at over 3000 rpm. The resulting clear red color solution was filtrate further through membrane under pressure. The resulting clear red color solution was precipitated in cold methanol and dried under vacuum at room temperature.



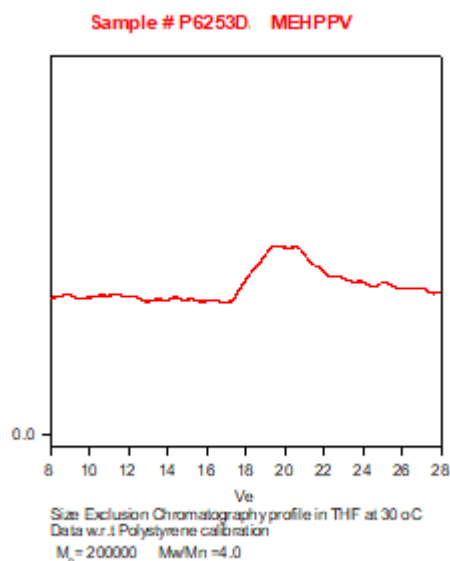
Characterization:

The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) are obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in THF or Chloroform. SEC analysis was performed on a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with refractive and UV light scattering detectors. Three SEC columns from Supelco (G6000-4000-2000 HXL) were used with triple detectors from Viscotek Co.

Solubility:

MEH-PPV is soluble in THF, CHCl₃. It precipitates from methanol.

SEC of Homopolymer:



Reference:

1. C. J. Neef and J. P. Ferraris; *Macromolecules*, **2000**, 33, 2311-2314