

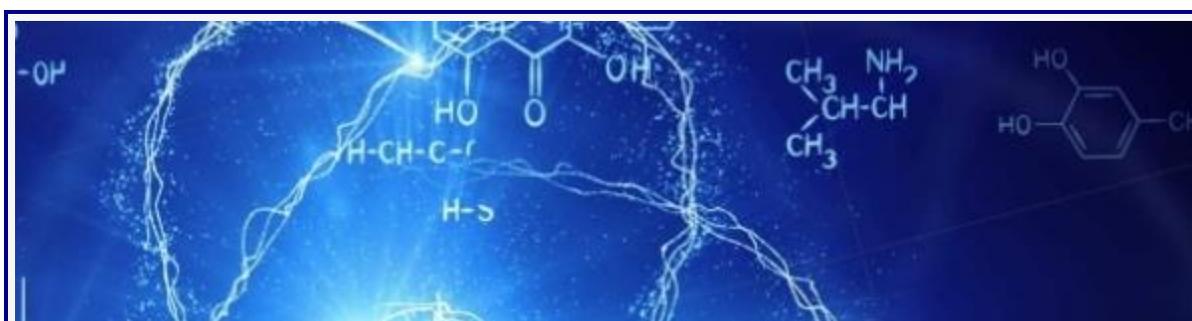
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## FUNCTIONAL POLYMERS FOR ENERGY APPLICATIONS

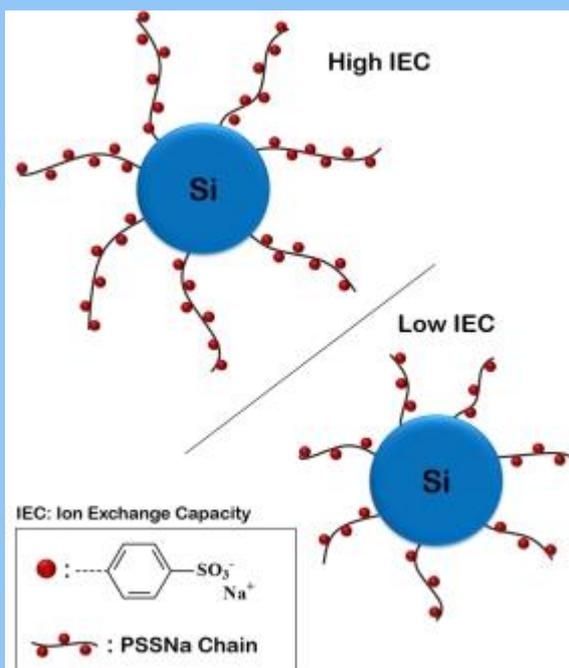
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SPECIFIC POLYMERS is developing **polymers and materials of interest in energy applications** such as **fuell cells, batteries or organic photovoltaics**. In more than 8 years, SP has acquired a strong experience in the synthesis of polymers and materials bearing specific moieties allowing ionic or electronic conduction.

## POLYSTYRENESULFONIC ACID GRAFTED SILICA PARTICLES FOR FUEL CELLS MEMBRANES

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For more than 5 years, SPECIFIC POLYMERS and CEA-Le Ripault are working in close collaboration in order to develop **composite fuel cells membrane (PEMFC)**.

Targeted membranes are prepared by inserting **poly(sodium 4-styrenesulfonate) grafted silica particles (Si-PSSNa)** dispersed in PVDF-HFP polymer matrix. Si-PSSNa hybrid particles ensure the proton conduction in the fuel cell membrane.

**Si-PSSNa particles are synthesized by ATRP** controlled radical polymerization of sodium 4-styrenesulfonate on functionalized silica particles. Thus, each **silica particles are coated with PSSNa polymer chain brush**.

**Ion Exchange capacity (IEC) can thus be tuned** during the ATRP polymerization process by mastering the polymer chains molecular weight.

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produce and sell  
**Si-PSSNa particles**  
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**Composite fuel cell membranes based on inert polymer matrix and proton-conducting hybrid silica particles**  
F. Niepceron, et al., J. Membr. Sci., 338(2009) 100-110



**An efficient solid acid catalyst: Poly-p-styrenesulfonic acid supported on SBA-15 via surface-initiated ATRP**  
L. Congming et al., Micropor. Mesopor. Mater. 123 (2009) 228-233

## TOWARD VARIOUS FIELDS OF APPLICATION

Si-PSSNa particles are mostly used for the implementation of PEMFC membranes. Nevertheless, such functional particles bring interesting properties in **other applications** such as water purifications by cation exchange processes (desalination, PEUF process), organic electronic (OFETs), chemical catalyst or sensors (humidity, glucose).

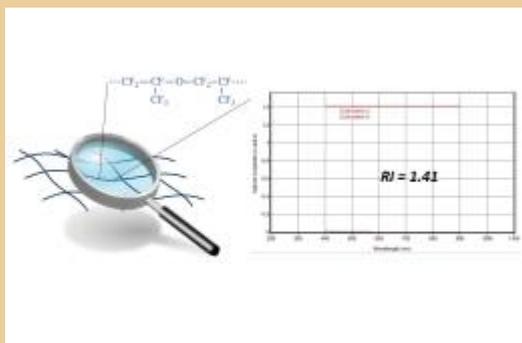
## ORGANIC PHOTOVOLTAICS (OPV) – SOLPROCEL EU PROJECT



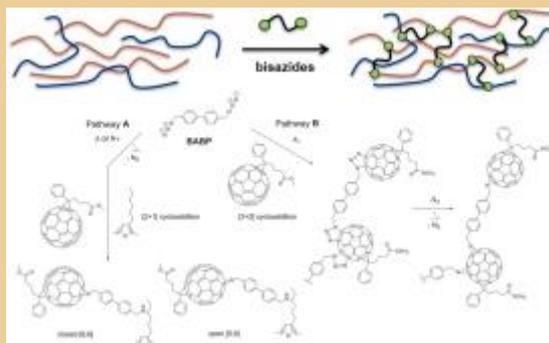
SOLPROCEL project aimed at developing **light weight, flexible, semi-transparent Organic Photovoltaics (OPV)** which exhibit **sensitivity to low light levels** and can be process in a roll-to-roll application. Such organic solar cells could find application in **building integrated energy production** technology. SOLPROCEL project started in 2013 and ended in November 2016. Within this project, SPECIFIC POLYMERS developed **low refractive-index UV-crosslinkable thin layers** and **bisazides crosslinking agents** for the stabilization of Polymer-Fullerene absorber layer.

### HIGHLIGHTED TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTS

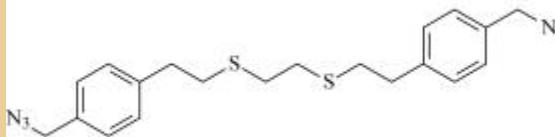
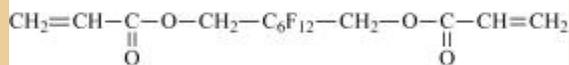
**Low-RI UV-crosslinkable layers** were built out of the three following acrylate fluoro monomers. Optimal thin polymer layer exhibited a refractive index of 1.34.



**Bisazides crosslinking agents** enabled to crosslink the absorber polymers/fullerene layer OPV active layers by reaction between azide groups and double bonds.



L.Derue, et al., Adv. Mat. 2014,26, 5831 -5838

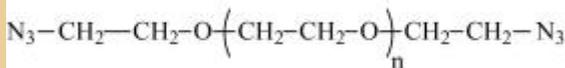
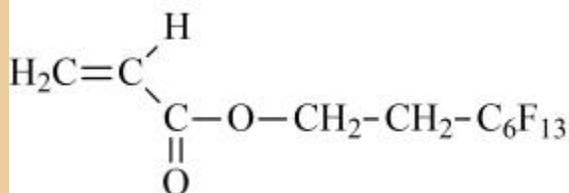


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***Bis Acrylate Dodecafluorooctane***

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***Thioethane Bis EthylBenzyl Azide***

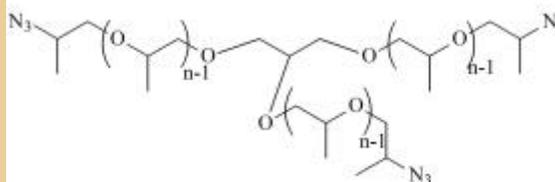
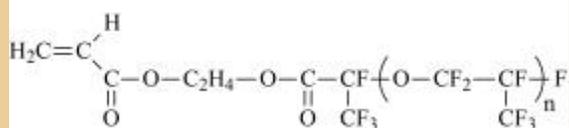


**SP-49-007**

***Tridecafluorooctyl Acrylate***

**SP-1P-4-002**

***Polyethylene glycole bisazides***



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***poly(HFPO) Acrylate***

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