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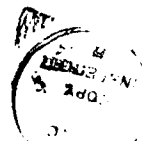
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**Polymers and an Unusual Molecular Crystal with Nonlinear Optical Properties, F. Wudl, P. M. Allemand, G. Srdanov, Z. Ni and D. McBranch, ACS Symposium Series No. 455, Materials for Nonlinear Optics: Chemical Perspectives, edited by Seth R. Marder, John E. Sohn and Galen D. Stucky.**

## CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

| Principal Investigator         | Source of Support | Project Title                                                                                                                                                                  | Award Amount           | Period Covered by Award | % Effort Committed | Location Research | Co-PI                                          |
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| Current Support<br>A.J. Heeger | AFOSR             | "Oriented Electro/Optical Polymers Through In-Situ Chemistry During Gel Processing: A Research Opportunity"                                                                    | \$115,000 <sup>a</sup> | 9/15/90-9/14/91         | 10                 | UCSB              | P. Smith<br>F. Wudl                            |
|                                | AFOSR             | Mesopitaxy: A "Universal" Route to Oriented Materials"                                                                                                                         | \$ 96,389 <sup>b</sup> | 6/15/90<br>6/14/91      | 5                  | UCSB              | P. Smith                                       |
|                                | NSF               | "Conducting Polymers as Macromolecular Systems: Comprehensive Studies in Solution, in the Melt, and in the Solid State"                                                        | \$ 78,000              | 5/1/91<br>4/30/92       | 5                  | UCSB              |                                                |
|                                | NSF-MRG           | "Oriented Conducting Polymers: Solution Processing and Characterization"<br>Renewal pending: \$650,000/year over 7 P.I.s                                                       | \$ 90,000 <sup>c</sup> | 3/1/90-2/28/91          | 10                 | UCSB              | P. Pincus<br>P. Smith<br>F. Wudl<br>D. Pearson |
| Showa Denko                    |                   | "Cooperative Program in Polymers and Organic Solids"                                                                                                                           | \$ 50,000 <sup>d</sup> | 10/1/89-9/30/90         | 5                  | UCSB              | F. Wudl                                        |
| EPRI                           |                   | "Toward Improvements in the Current Carrying Capability of Conducting Polymers"                                                                                                | \$112,384              | 1/1/91-5/15/92          | 5                  | UCSB              |                                                |
| NSF                            |                   | "Program of Cooperative Research on Conjugated Polymers With Prof. J.-L. Brédas (Chemistry, University of Mons, Belgium)"                                                      | \$ 1,500 <sup>e</sup>  | 11/1/90-10/31/91        | 1                  | UCSB              | Wudl                                           |
| NSF                            |                   | "Acquisition of a Sub-Picosecond Electro-Optic Sampling Facility"                                                                                                              | \$304,240              | 1 Year funding          | 5                  | UCSB              |                                                |
| NSF                            |                   | "Time-Resolved Optical Waveguide Experiments with Conjugated Polymers: Direct Measurement of the Magnitude and Sign of $\chi^{(3)}(\omega_1; \omega_1, \omega_2, -\omega_2)$ " | \$ 68,000              | 11/1/90-10/31/91        | 5                  | UCSB              |                                                |

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| A.J. Heeger | NSF (SGER) | "Photogenerated Polarons in High-T <sub>c</sub> Superconducting Oxides: Infrared Excitation Spectroscopy and Transient Photoinduced Conductivity in Semiconducting YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-δ</sub> | \$ 49,000 | 2/15/91-1/31/92 | 1  | UCSB |                     |
|             | ONR        | "Program for Research in Conducting Polymers" \$ 90,000 <sup>f</sup>                                                                                                                                                 |           | 10/1/90-9/30/91 | 10 | UCSB | F. Wudl<br>P. Smith |
|             | INCOR      | "Search for Photoinduced Metallic State and for Photoinduced Superconductivity: Transient Photoinduced Conductivity in Semiconducting Single Crystals of YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6.3</sub> "         | \$ 16,000 | 8/1/90-6/30/91  | 1  | UCSB |                     |

## Pending Support

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| NSF | "Transport and Optical/IR Properties of Oriented Conducting Polymers Exhibiting High Conductivity and Excellent Mechanical Properties" | \$91,428  | First Year Funding requested for three years | 5 | UCSB |  |
| NSF | "High Performance Oriented Conducting Polymers: High Conductivity in Combination with Excellent Mechanical Properties                  | \$ 97,841 | First Year Funding requested for three years | 5 | UCSB |  |

- Total award for this period is \$345,000, shared by Heeger, Wudl and Smith. This is the final year.
- Total award for this period is \$175,002, shared by Heeger and Smith. This project will be funded for two more years beyond the current period at the same level.
- The total NSF MRG award is for \$441,000 for this third and final year. Renewal pending for \$650,000/year, shared with F. Wudl, P. Smith, P. Pincus, D. Pearson, G. Fredrickson, and H.-W. Schmidt
- The total award for this period is \$102,305, shared by Wudl and Heeger.
- Total award is \$9,250 for three years, shared by Wudl and Heeger.
- Total award for this period is \$265,000, shared by Heeger, Wudl and Smith. This project will be funded for two more years beyond the current period, at the same level.

## CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

| Principal Investigator        | Source of Support | Project Title                                                                                               | Award Amount           | Period Covered by Award         | % of Effort Committed | Location Research | Co-PI                                             |
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| Current Support<br>Paul Smith | AFOSR             | "Oriented Electro/Optical Polymers Through In-Situ Chemistry During Gel Processing: A Research Opportunity" | \$115,000 <sup>a</sup> | 09/15/90-09/14/91               | 10                    | UCSB              | A.J. Heeger<br>F. Wudl                            |
|                               | NSF-MRG           | "Oriented Conducting Polymers: Solution Processing and Characterization"                                    | \$ 90,000 <sup>b</sup> | 03/15/90-03/14/91<br>FINAL YEAR | 10                    | UCSB              | P. Pincus<br>D. Pearson<br>F. Wudl<br>A.J. Heeger |
|                               | AFOSR             | Mesopitaxy: A "Universal" Route to Oriented Materials"                                                      | \$ 96,389 <sup>c</sup> | 6/15/90<br>6/14/91              | 5                     | UCSB              | A.J. Heeger                                       |
|                               | ONR               | "Program for Research on Conductive Polymers"                                                               | \$ 70,000 <sup>d</sup> | 10/01/89-09/30/90               | 5                     | UCSB              | F. Wudl<br>A.J. Heeger                            |
|                               | DSM               | Research Gift                                                                                               | \$ 50,000              | 1988-present                    |                       |                   |                                                   |
| Pending Support               | None              |                                                                                                             |                        |                                 |                       |                   |                                                   |

a. Total award for this period is \$345,000, shared by Heeger, Wudl and Smith. This is the final year.

b. The total NSF MRG award is for \$441,000, shared by Smith, Heeger, Pearson, Pincus & Wudl; this is the final year.

c. Total award for this period is \$175,002, shared by Heeger and Smith. This project will be funded for two more years beyond the current period at the same level.

d. The total award for this period is \$265,000, shared by Smith, Wudl and Heeger; final year: applying for renewal.

CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

| Principal Investigator       | Source of Support | Project Title                                                                                                             | Award Amount           | Period Covered by Award | % of Effort Committed to Project | Location Research | Co-PI                                              |
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| Current Support<br>Fred Wudl | NSF               | "Oriented Conducting Polymers: Solution Processing and Characterization"                                                  | \$ 35,000 <sup>a</sup> | 3/15/90-3/14/91         | 3                                | UCSB              | P. Pincus<br>P. Smith<br>A.J. Heeger<br>D. Pearson |
|                              |                   |                                                                                                                           |                        | Renewal pending         |                                  |                   |                                                    |
|                              | Showa Denko       | "Cooperative Program in Polymers and Organic Solids"                                                                      | \$ 52,300 <sup>b</sup> | 10/1/90-9/30/91         | 5                                | UCSB              | A.J. Heeger                                        |
|                              | AFOSR             | "Oriented/Optical Polymers Through In Situ Chemistry During Gel Processing..."                                            | \$115,000 <sup>c</sup> | 9/15/90-9/14/91         | 2                                | UCSB              | P. Smith<br>A. J. Heeger                           |
|                              | NSF               | "Synthesis of New Organic Materials: Ferromagnetic Organic Metals, Cyanoviny Acceptors and Oxydonors"                     | \$96,000 <sup>d</sup>  | 4/1/91-3/31/92          | 15                               | UCSB              |                                                    |
|                              | NSF               | "High Strength Materials, Polymers for Nonlinear Optics and New Electrically Conducting Polymers"                         | \$ 87,200              | 8/1/90-7/31/91          | 15                               | UCSB              |                                                    |
|                              | NSF               | "Molecular Atoms (Heterospherophanes)"                                                                                    | \$157,000              | 9/1/89-8/31/91          | 10                               | UCSB              | P. Pincus                                          |
|                              | NSF               | "Program of Cooperative Research on Conjugated Polymers With Prof. J.-L. Brédas (Chemistry, University of Mons, Belgium)" | \$ 1,500 <sup>e</sup>  | 11/1/90-10/31/91        | 1                                | UCSB              | Heeger                                             |
|                              | ONR               | "Program for Research in Conducting Polymers"                                                                             | \$90,000 <sup>f</sup>  | 10/1/90-9/30/91         | 5                                | UCSB              | A. J. Heeger<br>P. Smith                           |

1. Other Funding

## CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT (CONTINUED)

| Principal Investigator | Source of Support | Project Title                                                                                | Award Amount | Period Covered by Award                      | % of Effort Committed to Project | Location Research | Co-PI |
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| Fred Wudl<br>Page 2    |                   |                                                                                              |              |                                              |                                  |                   |       |
| Proposals Pending      | DOE               | "High Temperature Organic Superconductors"                                                   | \$ 90,000    | First Year Funding requested for Three years | 5                                | UCSB              |       |
|                        | DOE               | "Polyketenes and Polymers from Polyketal and Polyacetal Precursors"                          | \$ 74,203    | First Year Funding requested for Three years | 5                                | UCSB              |       |
|                        | NSF               | SGER: "Functionalized Fullerenes: Unprecedented Materials Based on The New Carbon Allotrope" | \$ 50,000    | One Year Funding                             | 1                                | UCSB              |       |

- The Total MRG renewal pending is \$650,000, shared by Wudl, Heeger, Smith, Pincus, Fredrickson, and Schmidt. Renewal is for three years..
- Total award for this period is \$104,658, shared by Wudl and Heeger.
- Total award for this period is \$45,000, shared by Wudl, Heeger and Smith. This is the final year.
- This project will be funded for one year beyond the current period, at the same level.
- The total award is \$9250, for three years, shared by Wudl and Heeger.
- Total award for this period is \$265,000, shared by Wudl, Heeger and Smith. This project will be funded for two years beyond the current period, at the same level.

## Part II

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### d. Brief (100-200 words) description of project

This is an interdisciplinary project focused on the fundamental chemistry, physics and materials science of conducting polymers in the context of novel electronic phenomena associated with this emerging class of materials. The research draws upon and utilizes a broad base: synthesis and characterization of new conducting polymers, processing directed toward the achievement of chain oriented and chain extended materials with a goal of achieving the intrinsic electronic and optical properties, and physical measurements directed at characterizing these electronic and optical properties and of identifying the basic physical mechanisms involved in these phenomena.

### e. Significant Results During Past Year

We reported visible light emission from Schottky diodes made from semiconducting polymers. Our results demonstrated that light emitting diodes can be fabricated by casting the polymer film from solution with no subsequent processing or heat treatment required. Electrical characterization reveals diode behavior with rectification ratios of 100,000. Electroluminescence quantum efficiencies (photons out per electrons in) of 1% have been achieved. The discovery of conducting polymer LEDs expands the possible applications for conducting polymers into the area of active light sources. Controlling the energy gap of the polymer, either through the judicious choice of the conjugated backbone structure or through side-chain functionalization, should make possible a variety of colors. Moreover, because of the processing advantages of semiconductors cast from solution, large active areas can be envisioned.

### f. Brief (100-200 words) summary of plans for next years work

Our recent success with light emitting diodes fabricated from semiconducting polymers has opened an entirely new direction for our research --- with many new questions. Specific areas of importance for next year's research include optimization of luminescence efficiency (how to minimize non-radiative recombination), the achievement of stable conjugated polymers which emit blue light, and the achievement of highly oriented thin films which emit polarized luminescence (the latter can then be used to fabricate LEDs emitting *polarized* light). In the area of electrical properties, we have made significant progress in improving the quality of the materials (through orientation by means of polymer processing). To proceed to take advantage of this important progress, we initiated the reconstruction of our transport laboratory to extend our measurement capabilities. The experimental capabilities within our electrical transport laboratory now include the following:

- (i) Electrical conductivity as a function of temperature from 1K to 300°C. Measurements above room temperature are intended primarily for evaluation of thermal stability.
- (ii) High pressure capability (up to 20kbar).
- (iii) Magneto-resistance (as a function of temperature and pressure) in magnetic fields up to 60 kgauss.
- (iv) Hall effect (vs temperature and vs pressure)
- (v) Thermopower (vs temperature) as a function of magnetic field and as a function of pressure
- (vi) AC complex conductivity over the extended frequency range from dc to 1 GHz.

The purpose of the focus on the addition of the high pressure capability is to increase the interchain electronic transfer interaction. As a result of our work in the past few years, we know that interchain delocalization to form anisotropic three-dimensional metals is of major importance. "Three-dimensionality" is essential for the achievement of high conductivities (for otherwise the mean free paths are limited by the tendency of the electronic states in quasi-one-dimensional systems to be localized by disorder).

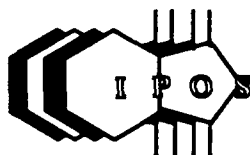
g. List of names of graduate students and post-doctorals currently working on project

Graduate students: D. Braun, Kwanghee Lee

Postdoctoral Researchers: D. Moses, K. J. Ihn, Y. Cao, C. Zhang

**Part III. Research Highlight**

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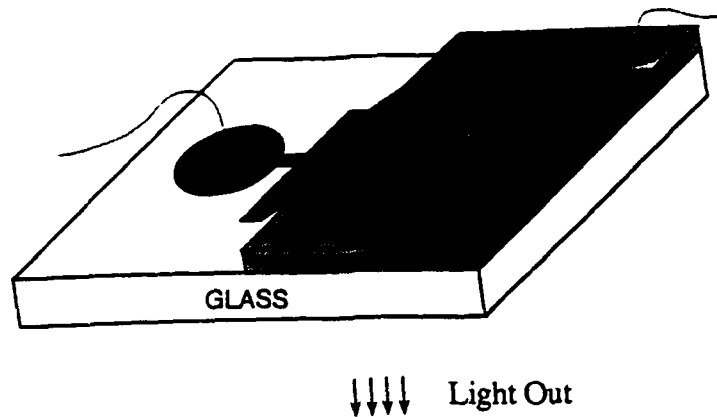


## Visible Light Emission from Semiconducting Polymer Diodes

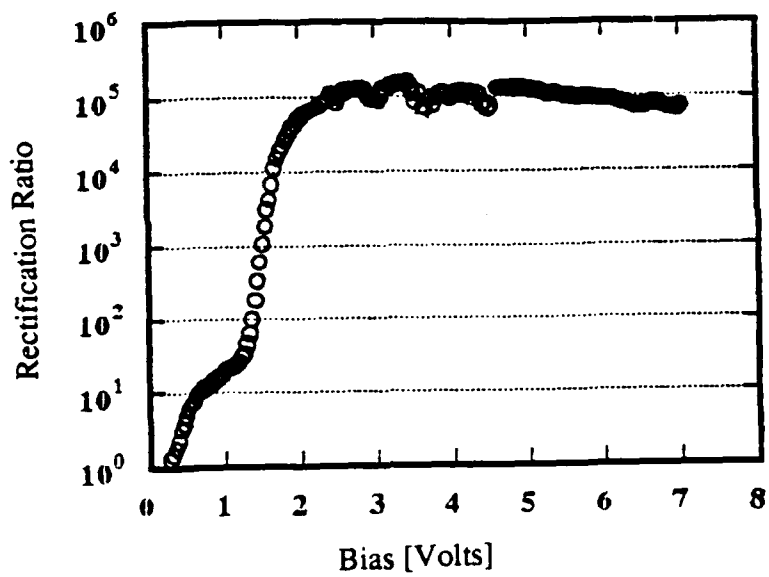
- . We have reported visible light emission from Schottky diodes made from semiconducting polymers.
- . Our results demonstrated that light emitting diodes can be fabricated by casting the polymer film from solution with no subsequent processing or heat treatment required.
- . Electrical characterization reveals diode behavior with rectification ratios of 100,000.
- . Electroluminescence quantum efficiencies (photons out per electrons in) of 1% have been achieved; the light emitted from these devices is bright and easily seen in a fully lighted room.
- . Turn-on below 5 Volts; compatible with digital electronics.

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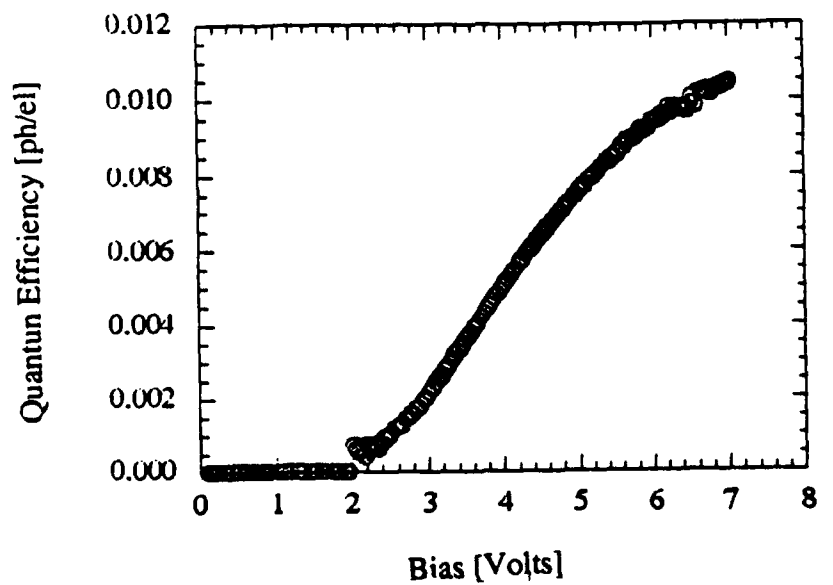
Structure of Polymer LED Device



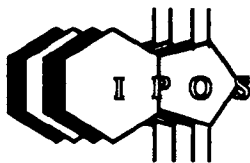
Polymer LED Rectification Ratio vs Bias Voltage



Polymer LED Quantum Efficiency vs Bias Voltage



### Part III. Research Highlight:



- The discovery of conducting polymer LEDs expands the possible applications for conducting polymers into the area of active light sources.
- Controlling the energy gap of the polymer, either through the judicious choice of the conjugated backbone structure or through side-chain functionalization, should make possible a variety of colors.
- Because of the processing advantages of semiconductors cast from solution, large active areas can be envisioned.
- LEDs fabricated from conducting polymers offer a number of potential advantages to future technology.

### Part III. Research Highlight

#### Paragraph of explanatory text

The light emitting diodes, LEDs, consist of a rectifying Indium contact on the front surface of a semiconducting polymer (MEH-PPV) film which is deposited by spin-casting onto a glass substrate, partially coated with a layer of indium/tin-oxide (ITO), the "ohmic" contact. The MEH-PPV films are prepared by spin-casting from tetrahydrofuran (THF) solution containing 1% MEH-PPV by weight. The resulting MEH-PPV films have uniform surfaces with thicknesses near 1200Å. Rectifying metal contacts are deposited on top of the polymer films by vacuum evaporation. The fabrication steps are shown schematically in the Figure.

Using these remarkably simple structure, diodes with rectification ratios of  $10^5$  have been achieved. Using low work function metals (such as Calcium) as the rectifying contact, LEDs with quantum efficiency (photons out to electrons in) of 1% have been achieved.