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#### **ABSTRACT**

In this work we present electropolymerization of monomers of an unusual type using *N*-linked carbazole units to limit their conjugation. The polymers thus obtained have limited conjugation through the backbone. Using donor-acceptor-donor (D-A-D) and donor-donor-donor (D-D-D) monomers we evaluate the effects of the presence (or absence) of charge transfer states on synthesized electropolymers. The use of a D-A-D monomer resulted in obtaining an ambipolar polymer with *quasi*-reversible reduction.

Keywords: carbazole; phenothiazine; acridone; electroactive polymer; spectroelectrochemistry

#### 1 Introduction

Electroactive polymers are an already very well-examined group of materials with many interesting properties, that can be used as conductive and semiconductive layers, [1,2] polymer light emitting diode (PLED) emitters [3,4] and hosts, [5,6] electrochromic films [7-12] for the use in electrochromic windows, electrochemical capacitor materials, [13] controlled drug release systems, [14-16] membrane matrices, [17] electrostrictive materials, such as artificial muscles [18] and many more.

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