

Dual-Control Switching Materials: A Journey into the Nanoworld of Biochemical Interactions



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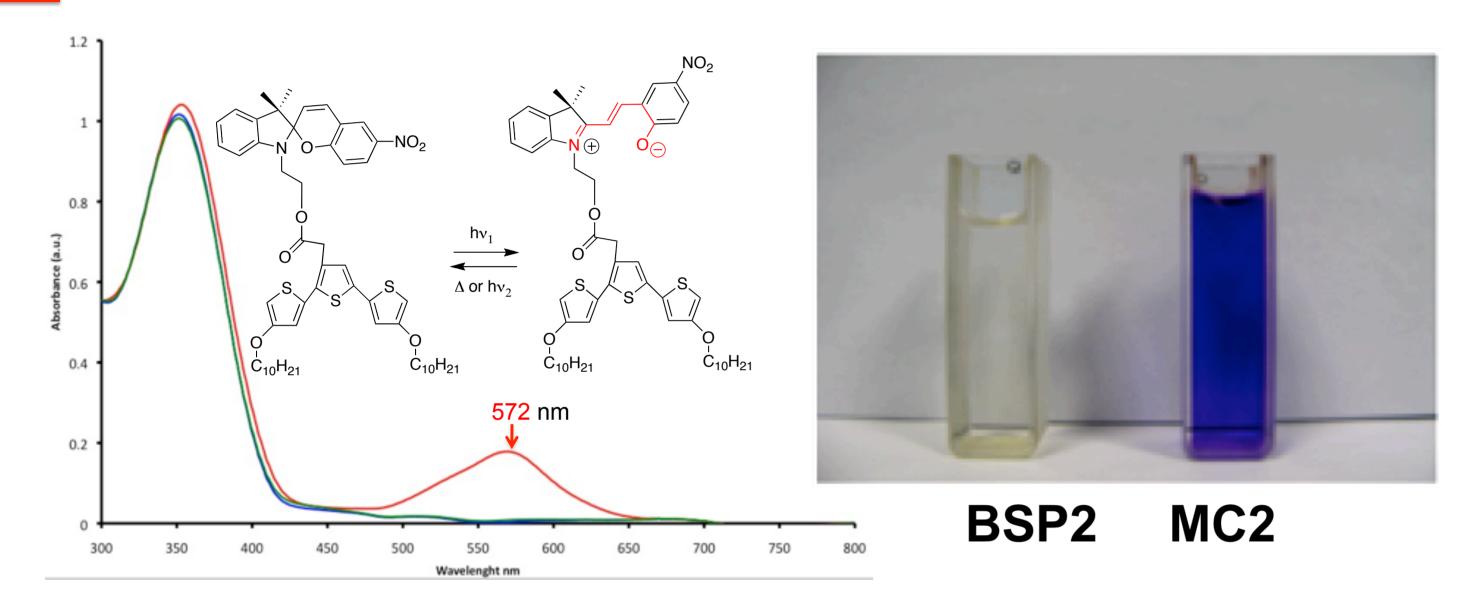
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INTRODUCTION

The study of conducting polymers leads to new fascinating applications $^{1-4}$. This work explores the innovative behaviour of hybrid conducting polymer/photo responsive materials, with particular emphasis for use in biomedical applications.

- Study the photochemical reactivity between a spiropyranterthiophene modified polymer and Fibronectin, FN
- Gain control of the surface properties to build interactions with an important biomolecule like FN
- Reproduce the interactions.

1- POLYMER PREPARATION



- BSP-2 obtained through chemical condensation of spiropyran over a terthiophene unit.
- Molecule characterised with UV-vis of BSP-2 (coloured MC-2 at 572nm) in Acetonitrile (ACN). p-BSP2 p-BSP2

p-BSP2 electrochemical polymerization:

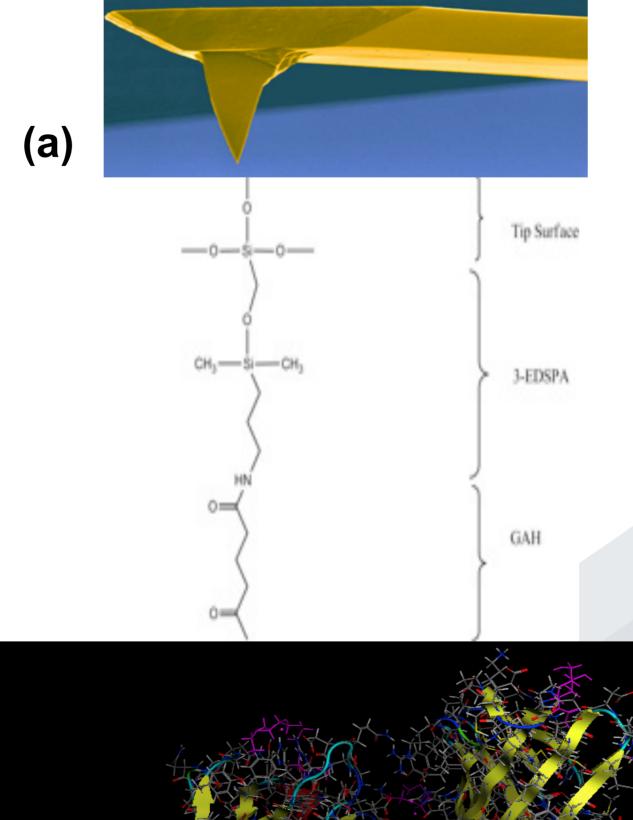
- 20 mM solution in 0.1 M TBAP electrolyte
- ITO WE, Ag/AgCl as RE and Pt as CE.

(RED (OX at 0.8V) at -0.4V) (ACN)

2-AFM CANTILEVER **PREPARATION**

Nanoworld PNP-DB tips (a) with gold reflective coating were functionalized with **FN (b)**

- tips cleaned in plasma cleaner placed into a 1 % 3-EDSPA in toluene solution for 2 hours.
- Tips treated with 25 % GAH in PBS for_ 1 hour
- Tips were then placed into a 10 mg/ mL FN in PBS solution for 1 hour, then rinsed with PBS and stored in PBS in the fridge
- Fluorescence spectroscopy proved the presence of FN on the tip.



3-PHOTO-ACTUATION

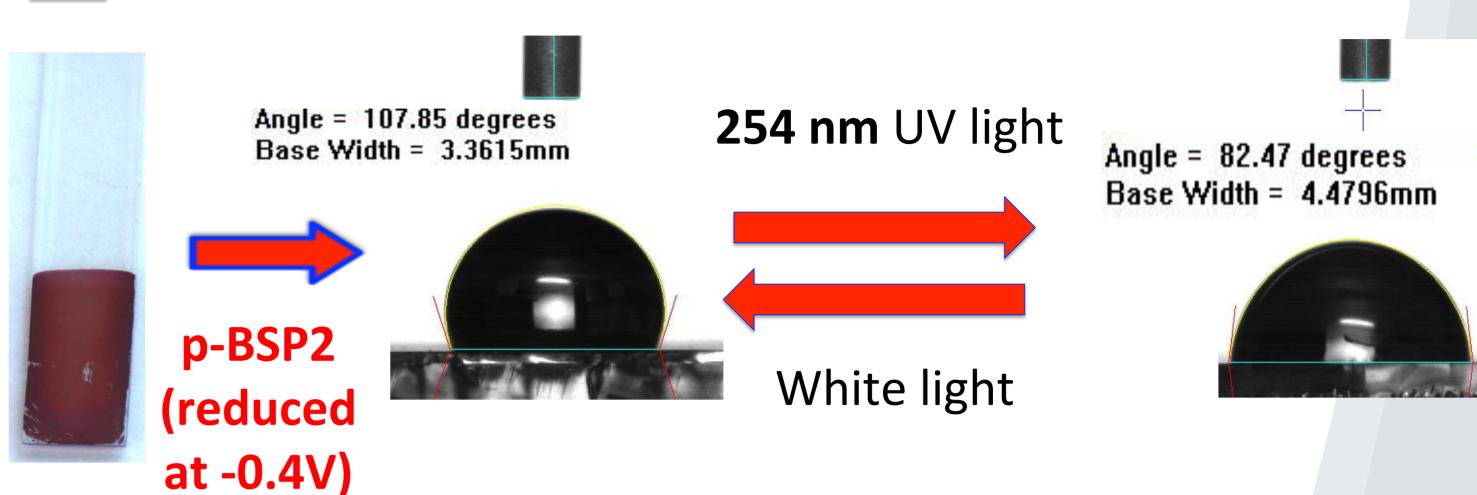
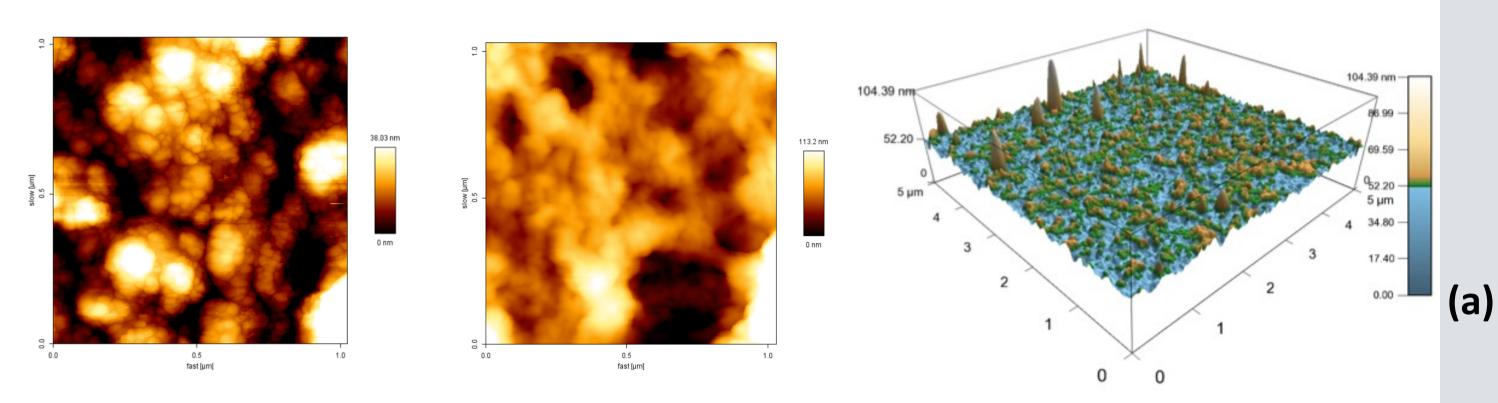
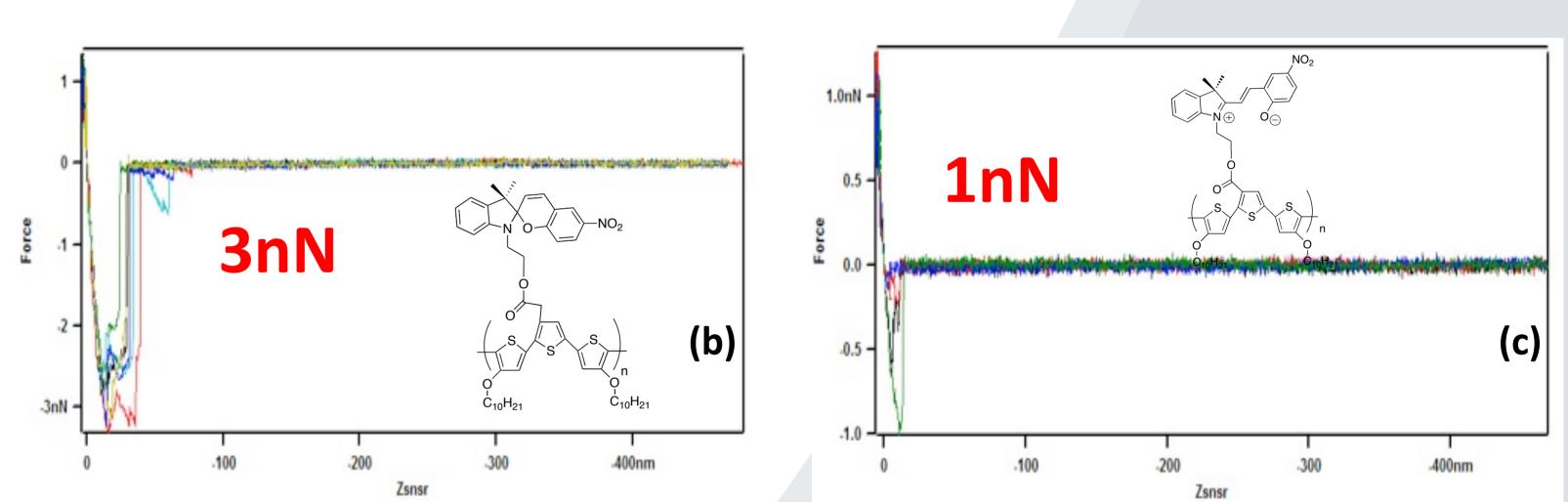


Photo-actuation was repeated over 5 freshly polymerized films. Cycles of illumination were repeated for 10 times for each film.

4-AFM + FN + pBSP2 INTERACTION



(a) Surface and Topography study of p-BSP2.



(b) Representative curves of FN adhesion to p-BS2 and (c) for p-MC2.

DISCUSSION

- New physical interactions between p-BSP2 and FN manageable photonically
- Higher adhesion of the FN for p-BSP2 isomer
- p-MC2 has reduced affinity for FN surface-charge repulsion
- Good reproducibility pattern over the whole range of experiments.

CONCLUSION

- Measurable interactions between the p-BSP2 and FN.
- The affinity between **p-BSP2** and **FN** can be tuned **photonically**.
- High reproducibility pattern observed during the whole broad range of repetitions.
- Applications are multiple and fascinating: bio-active platforms for tissue regeneration or multi-selective surfaces for analytical devices.

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