Synthesis, Characterization and Thermal Study of Composite of Polythiophene with Cyano Complex of Tungstate(IV)

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Abstract—Present work involves the synthesis of composite of Polythiophene with Potassium octacyanotungstate(IV) dihydrate $(K_4[W(CN)_8].2H_2O)$ via in-situ oxidative chemical polymerisation method using FeCl₃ as oxidant. The as synthesised composite has been subjected to FTIR, X-ray diffraction, and, SEM characterization techniques which confirm the successful synthesis of the composite. FTIR spectrum of the composite shows the appearance of vibrational peaks of $K_4[W(CN)_8].2H_2O$ though with some shift which indicates the successful formation of PTh/ $K_4[W(CN)_8].2H_2O$ Composite. XRD shows crystalline structure of $K_4[W(CN)_8].2H_2O$, which has been retained in the composite. Thermal study was carried out by recording TGA which shows higher thermal stability of composite in comparison to pure Polythiophene. This shows a significant interaction between Polythiophene and $K_4[W(CN)_8].2H_2O$. The higher thermal stability of the composite enables it to be used for high temperature applications.