



Universidad
del País Vasco

Euskal Herriko
Unibertsitatea



ehugroup

Ionic liquid in the control of the poly(vinylidene fluoride-co- hexafluoropropylene) membranes morphology

Paula GSaiz¹, Ana Catarina Lopes¹, Simone Eizagirre¹, Roberto Fernández de Luis¹, Edurne S. Larrea², Arkaitz Fidalgo-Marijuan¹, María Isabel Arriortua^{1,2}

¹*BCMaterials, Parque Científico y Tecnológico de Bizkaia, 48160, Derio, Spain*

²*Dpto. Mineralogía y Petrología, Universidad del País Vasco, UPV/EHU, Leioa, Spain*



**13 December
2017**

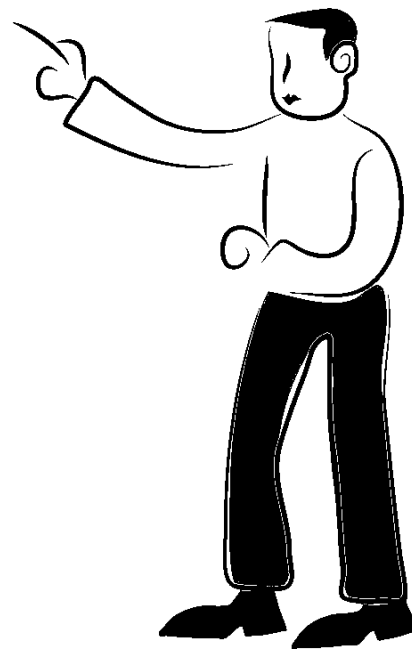
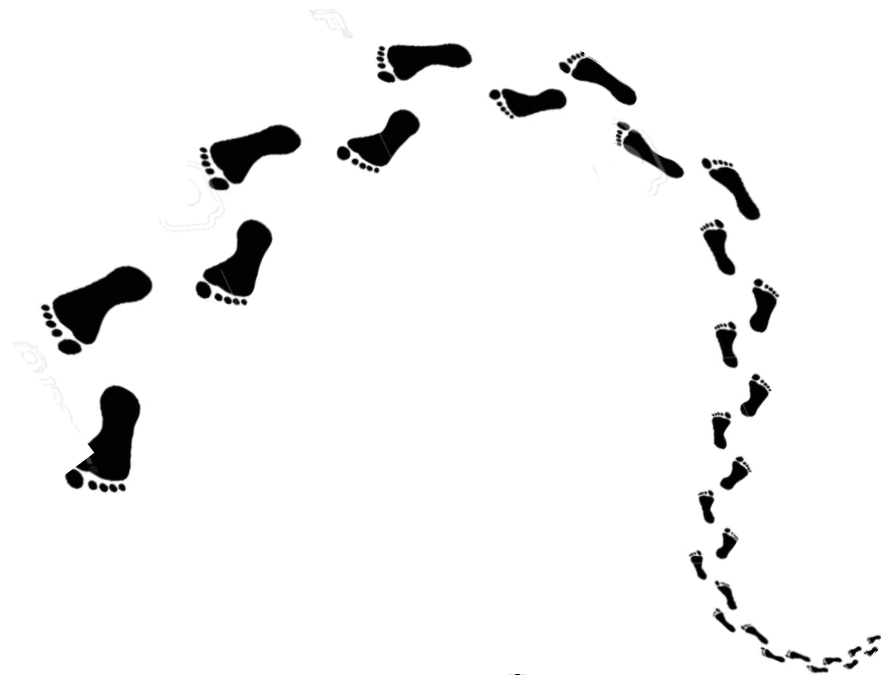
Paula GSaiz

Paula.gonzalez@bcmaterials.net

BCMaterials (Campus Leioa/
Universidad País Vasco)

Outline

- 1** Introduction
- 2** Experimental procedure
- 3** Results
- 4** Conclusions
- 5** Acknowledgments



1

Introduction

Polymers Applied to Life Sciences.

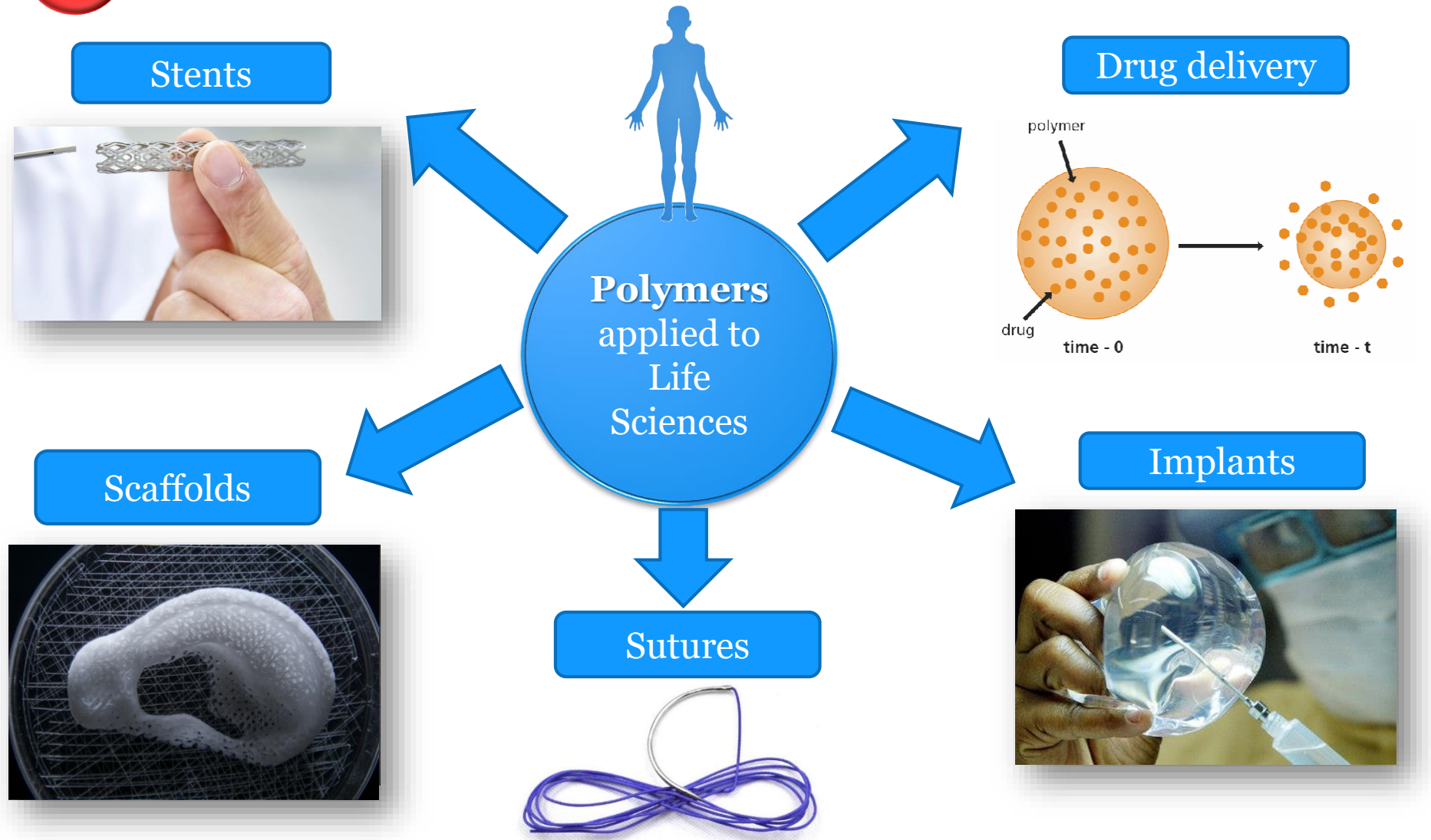
Polymers.

Ionic liquids.



1

“Nanomaterials Applied to Life Sciences”

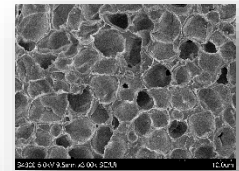


1

“Polymers Applied to Life Sciences”

Factors to consider:

- Biocompatibility
- Biodegradability
- Mechanical properties
- Morphology
- Hydrophobicity
- Thermal stability

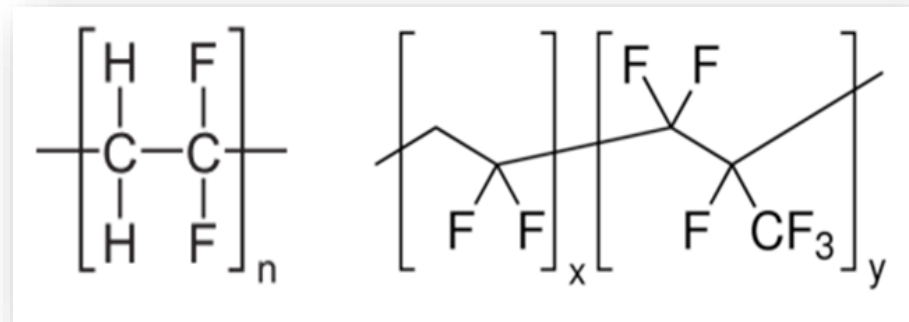
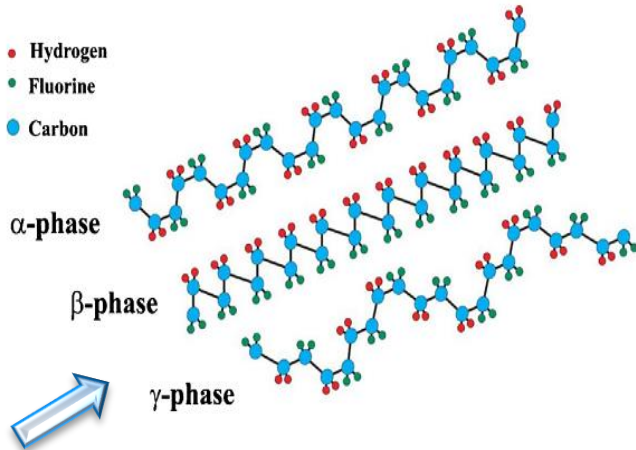


Physical and chemical properties

1 Polymers

➤ PVDF and some of its copolymers stand out for their **good properties**.

- » **Biocompatibility.**
- » Thermal and chemical stability.
- » Highest electroactive response.
- » Flexibility.
- » Hydrophobic character.
- » **Piezoelectricity.**



PVDF

PVDF-HFP

Control of the properties



Techniques of SE, NSE, TIPS.

Looking for other methods

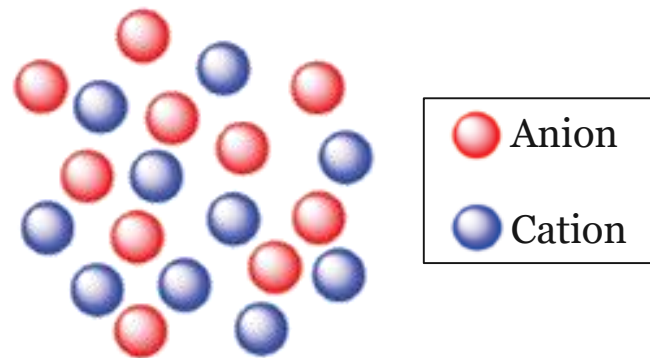


Composites polymer@ionic liquid.

C. G. Ferreira et al. "Tailoring microstructure and physical properties of poly(vinylidene fluoride-hexafluoropropylene) porous films" Journal of Materials Science, vol. 50, no. 14, pp. 5047-5058, 2015..

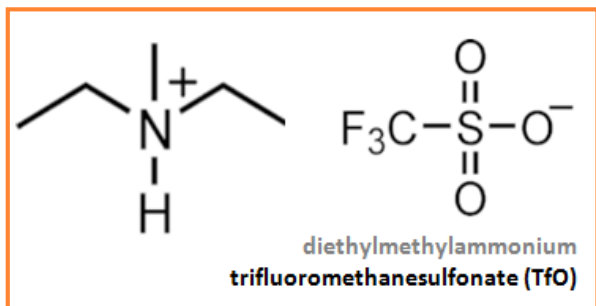
1 Ionic liquids

- ✓ Most are green solvents and biocompatible.
- ✓ Good electrochemical and thermal stability.
- ✓ Low melting point.
- ✓ Nonflammability.

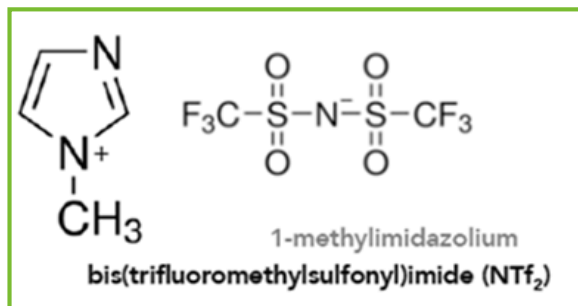


Organic cation + (in)organic anion → Hundreds of combinations

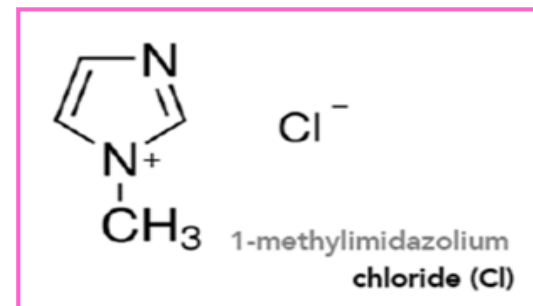
➔ **Tuneable properties**



[dema][TfO]



[MIm][NTf₂]



[MIm][Cl]

2

Experimental procedure

Samples Preparation.
Characterization.



2 Samples preparation

1

Preparation of solutions



PVDF-HFP/DMF → 85:15
I.L./PVDF-HFP/DMF



$4.132 \cdot 10^{-3}$ moles/g

2

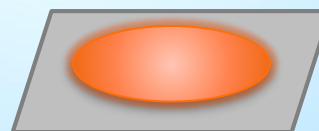
Magnetic stirring



~ 5 h - 25 °C

3

Spread



100 – 300 μm

4

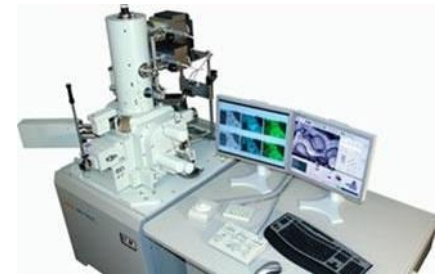
Solvent evaporation



20 min – 80 °C
60 min – 100 °C
Room temperature

2 Characterization

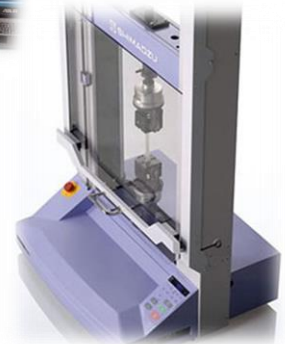
➤ **Morphology** → SEM measures.



➤ **Hidrophobicity** → Contact angle measures.



➤ **Mechanical properties** → Stress-strain curves.



➤ **Thermal characterization** → TGA.



➤ **Phase content** → FTIR-ATR spectroscopy.





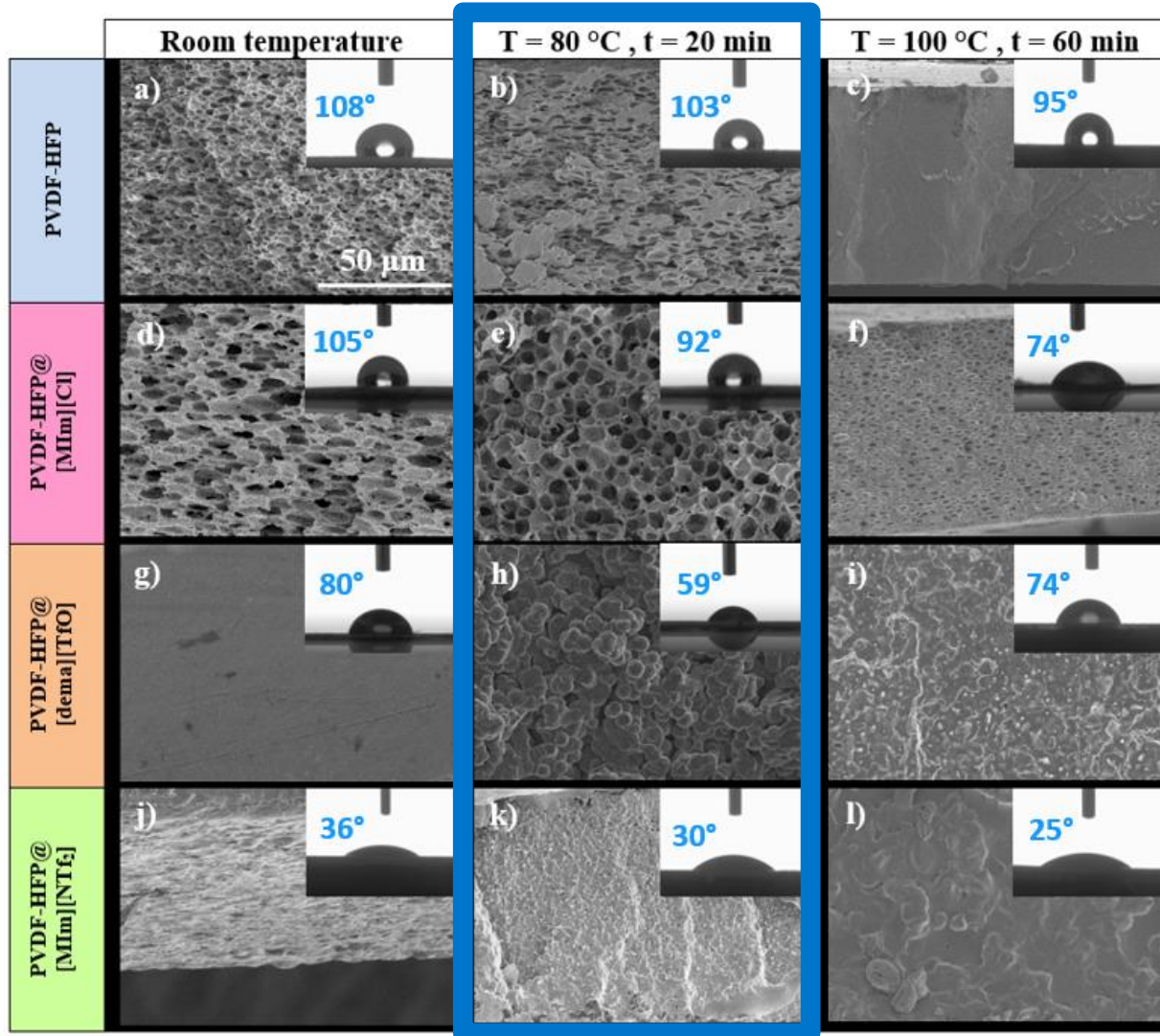
3 Results

Morphology.
Hydrophobicity.
Mechanical properties.
Thermal characterization.
Crystallization-phase characterization.



3

Morphology / hidrophobicity



Dependence with the solvent evaporation process and **with the type of ionic liquid.**



- Porous
- Non-porous
- With spherulites



- Hydrophobic
- Hydrophilic



Figure 1. SEM (cross-section) and contact angle images for the different samples.

3 Morphology

Immersion in water

- Is the ionic liquid expelled?
- What effects does it have on the properties of the membrane?



	Before immersion in H ₂ O	After immersion in H ₂ O
PVDF-HFP		
PVDF-HFP@[MIm][Cl]		
PVDF-HFP@[dema][TfO]		
PVDF-HFP@[MIm][NTf ₂]		

Figure 2. SEM (cross-section) images of the samples dried at 80°C before and after immersion in water for 48h.

3

Hydrophobicity

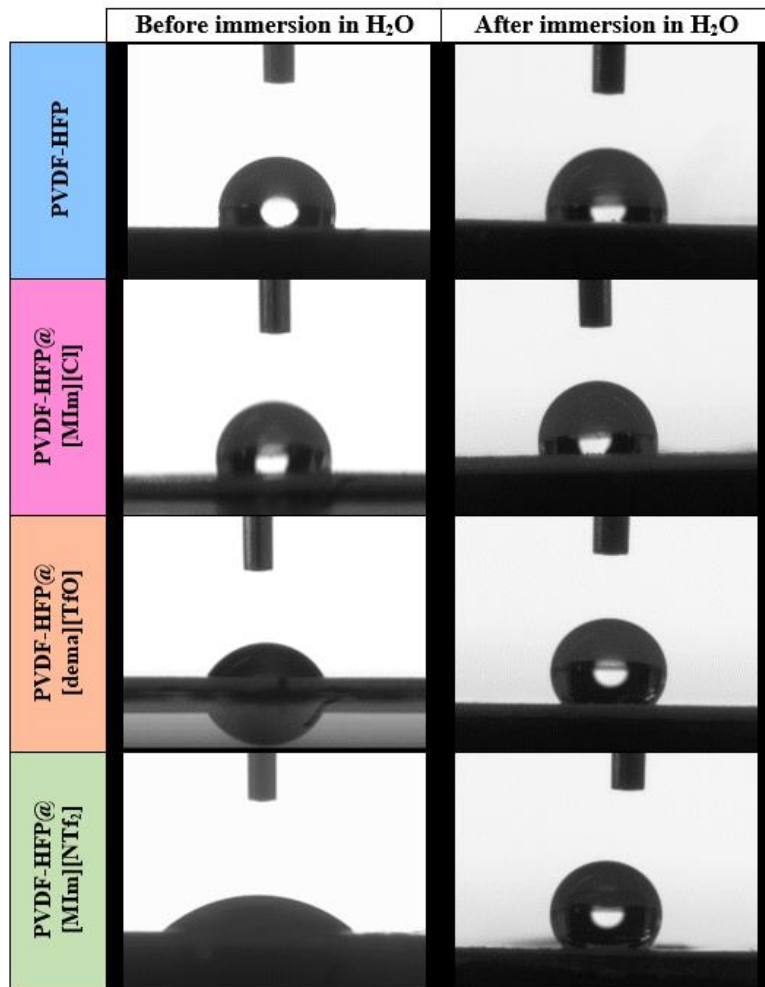


Figure 3. Contact angle measurements before and after immersion in water.

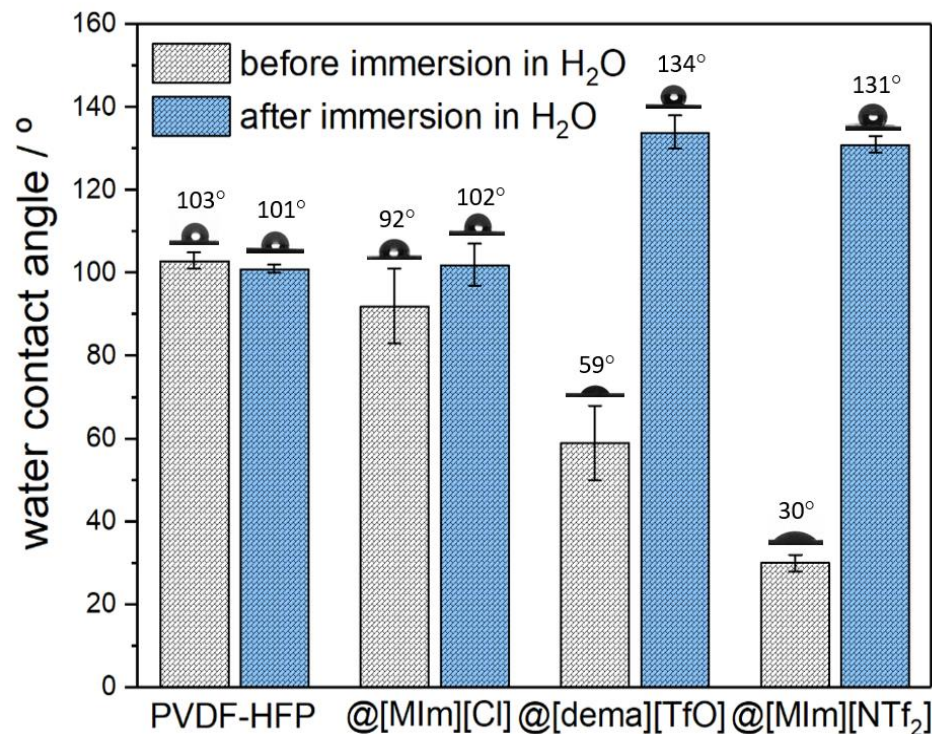
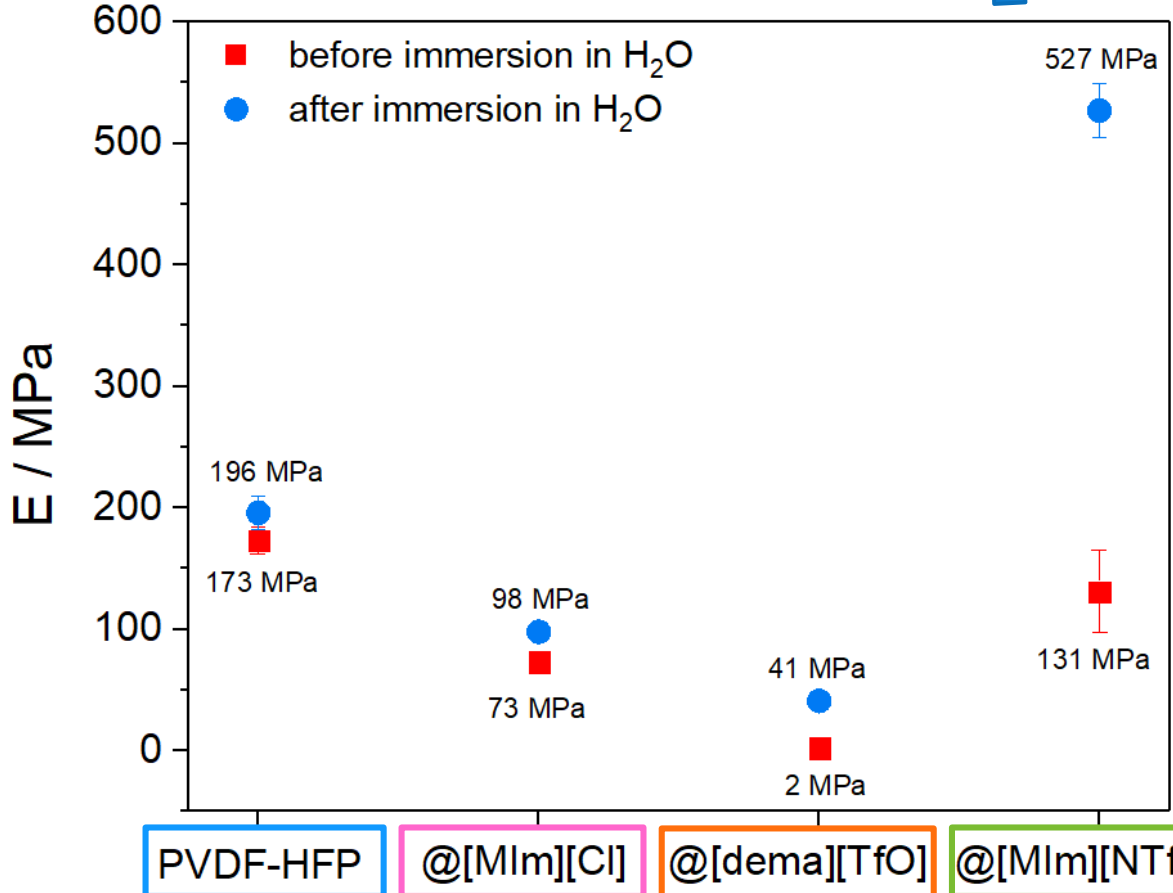


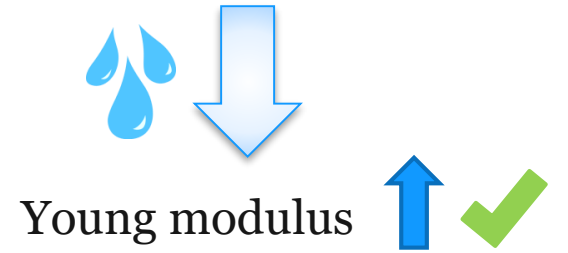
Figure 4. Contact angle of the prepared samples before and after immersion in water.

3 Mechanical properties



• **Spherulitic character** → Young modulus lower.
 • **Non porosity** → Young modulus higher

After immersion in water



ILs act as plasticizers

Figure 5. Results of elastic module estimated for the different samples dried at 80 °C during 20 min before and after the immersion in water.

3 Thermal characterization

PVDF-HFP the highest $T_d > 450\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



T_d depends on the ionic liquid



T_d of the neat PVDF-HFP is reached after the immersion in water

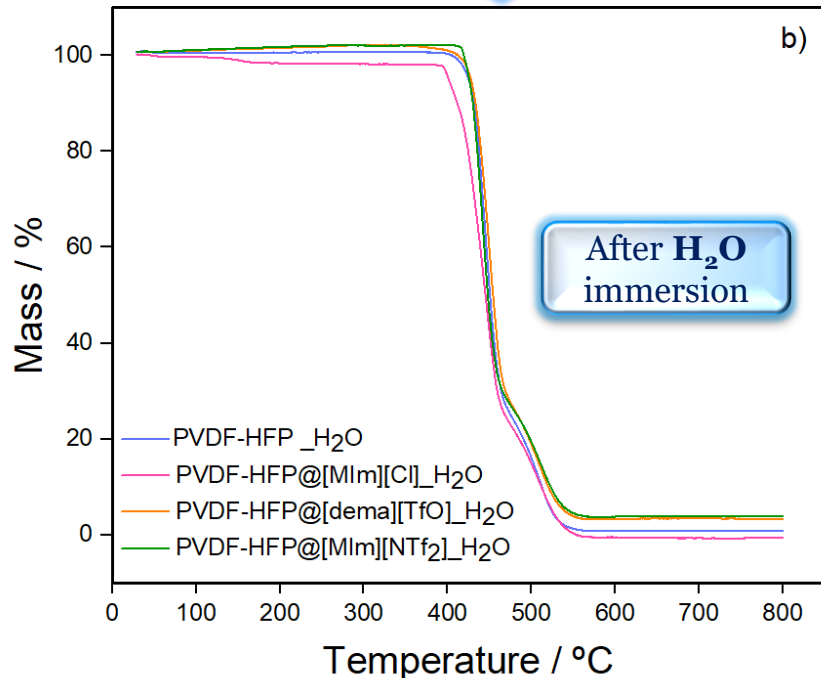
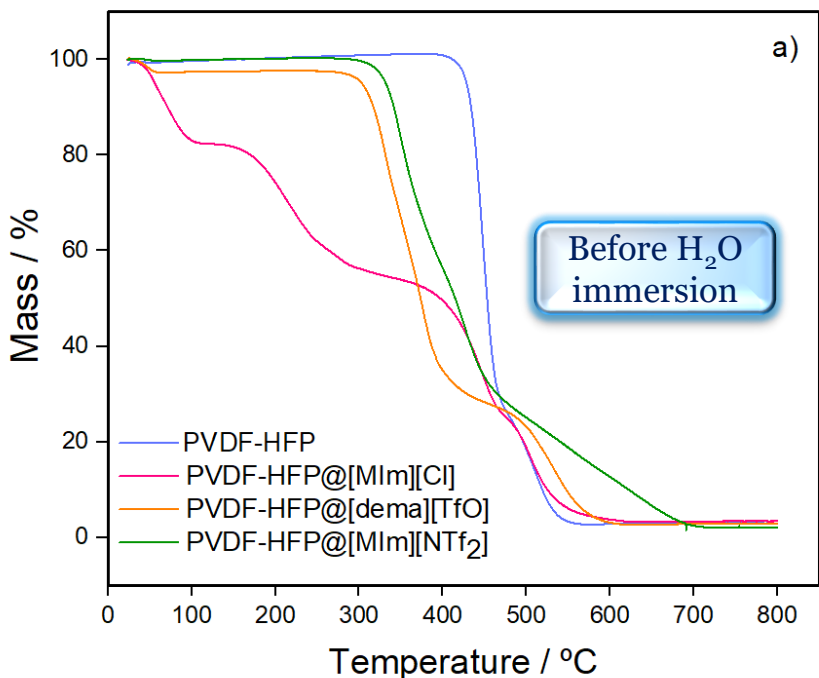
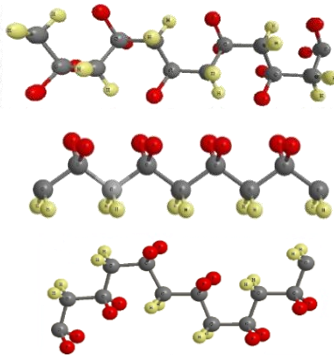


Figure 6. Thermogravimetric curves for the membranes dried at 80 °C, (a) before immersion in water (b) after immersion in water.

3 Crystallization-phase

- **α-phase:** At 763 cm^{-1}
- **β-phase:** At 840 cm^{-1}
1279 cm^{-1}
- **γ-phase:** At 840 cm^{-1}
1234 cm^{-1}



Increase on the piezoelectric phases after immersion in water

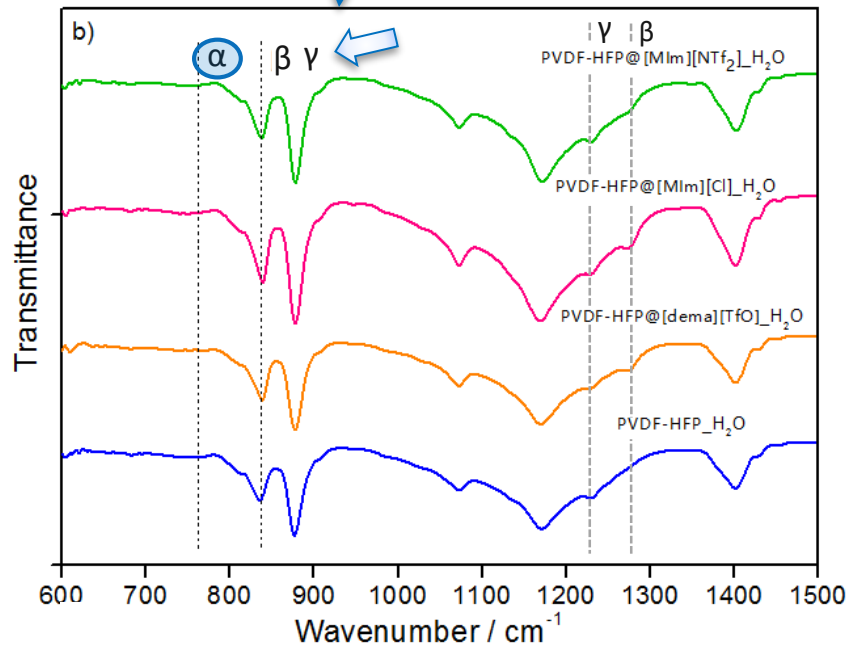
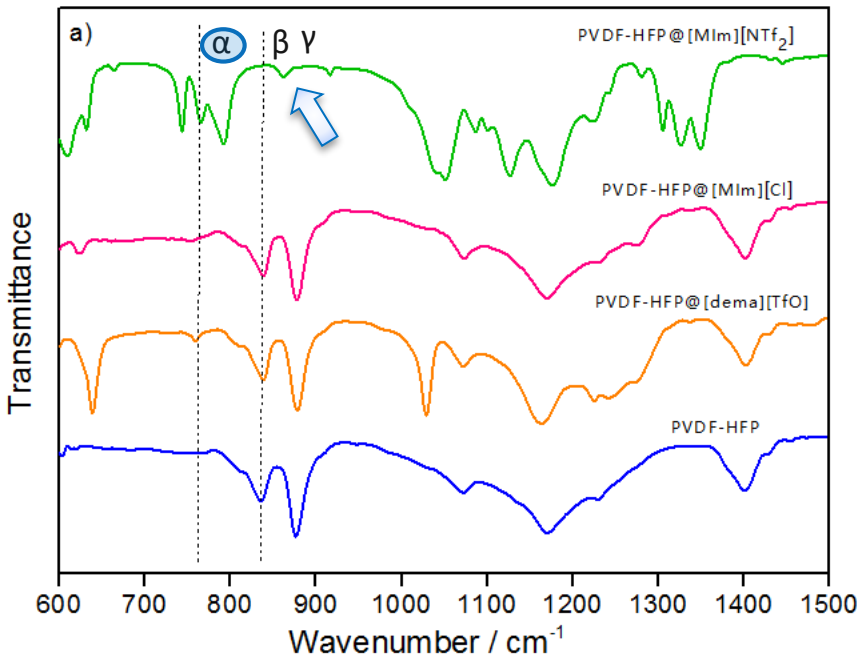


Figure 7. FTIR-ATR spectra for the membranes dried at 80 °C, (a) before immersion in water (b) after immersion in water.



4

Conclusions



4

Conclusions

- ✓ Membranes of PVDF-HFP@IL have been successfully developed through the solvent casting and evaporation method.
- ✓ ILs have been shown to serve as **properties controllers** on the synthesis of PVDF-HFP membranes.
- ✓ The possibility to **tailor** the PVDF-HFP **membranes morphology** by the variation of the IL opens new possibilities.
- ✓ It is possible to recover some of the typical properties of neat PVDF-HFP membranes **keeping** the new membrane **morphology** after the IL removal.



5

Acknowledgments



Ikerkuntzarako
Zerbitzu Orokorrak
Servicios Generales
de Investigación



EUSKO JAURLARITZA
GOBIERNO VASCO

(KK-2016/00095-LISOL, program Elkartek)



(MAT2016-76739-R(AEI/FEDER, UE))



(INDESMOF H2020 - MSCA-RISE 778412)



(BIDMAG- MSCA-Individual Fellowship 701852)

Thank you very much for
your kind attention!!!

NALS 2017

Paula G Saiz

Paula.gonzalez@bcmaterials.net

BCMaterials (UPV/EHU,
Campus Bizkaia, Leioa)



Mirador Tina Menor (Cantabria)



Cuevas de Altamira (Cantabria)