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### Electric and dielectric properties for bioplastic films

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The development of biobased polymers is indispensable for the establishment of a sustainable low-carbon society. A number of aliphatic biobased polymers such as polyesters; poly(lactic acid), poly(hydroxyalkanoates), and poly(butylene succinate), and polyamides (polyamide 11 and polyamide 66) have been developed, but their low glass transition temperature,  $T_g$ , and only a small percentage of their substitutes limited their use for various applications as superengineering plastic. We have developed so far biobased PIs from bioavailable aromatic diamines, which were photodimers of 4-aminocinnamic acid (4ACA) derived from genetically manipulated *Escherichia coli*. These biobased PI films showed ultrahigh thermal resistance with the temperature at 10% of mass loss,  $T_{10}$ , values over 425 °C and no  $T_g$  values under 350 °C, which is the highest value of all biobased plastics reported thus far.

This advanced thermal property can be useful for electric devices such as flexible polymeric electrodes that can be annealed at high temperature. On the application for electric devices, the electric properties such as resistivity, dielectric constant or dielectric breakdown voltage are very important. However, the electric properties for these films are not fully understood. In this paper, we prepared biobased PI copolymer films (ATA/CBDA) of 4,4'-diamino- $\alpha$ -truxillic acid (4ATA) and 1,2,3,4-tetracarboxycyclobutane dianhydride (CBDA) and measured the electric resistance (volume resistivity) and dielectric constant for these films. We discuss the relationship between the electric properties and the molecular structure for biobased PIs. We also succeeded to synthesis water soluble BPI with various counterions. The electric properties for the water soluble BPIs are also presented.

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