

# **Supporting Information: Computable Bulk and Interfacial Electronic Structure Features as Proxies for Dielectric Breakdown of Polymers**

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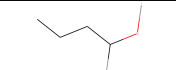
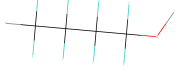
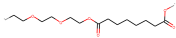
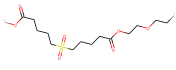
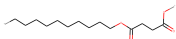
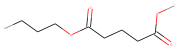
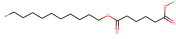
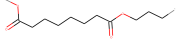
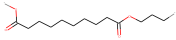
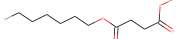
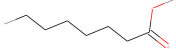
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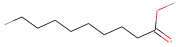
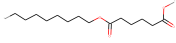
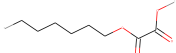
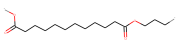
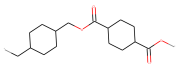
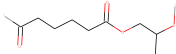
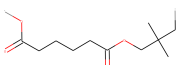
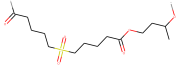
## 1 Potential high breakdown polymers

| No. | Polymer name                                  | Repeat unit | $E_{\text{gap}}$ | $\phi_e$ | $\phi_h$ | Ref. |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|----------|------|
| 1   | poly(1-ethylene)                              |             | 6.70             | 3.42     | 3.28     |      |
| 2   |                                               |             | 6.91             | 3.21     | 3.70     |      |
| 3   |                                               |             | 7.82             | 3.13     | 4.70     |      |
| 4   |                                               |             | 6.56             | 3.26     | 3.29     |      |
| 5   |                                               |             | 6.55             | 3.09     | 3.46     |      |
| 6   |                                               |             | 6.79             | 3.31     | 3.48     |      |
| 7   |                                               |             | 7.19             | 3.46     | 3.73     |      |
| 8   |                                               |             | 8.88             | 3.31     | 5.57     |      |
| 9   |                                               |             | 8.01             | 3.18     | 4.83     |      |
| 10  |                                               |             | 7.97             | 3.31     | 4.65     |      |
| 11  | poly(1-ethylethylene)                         |             | 6.32             | 3.27     | 3.05     | 1    |
| 12  | poly(1-propylethylene)                        |             | 6.53             | 3.38     | 3.15     | 2    |
| 13  | poly(cyclopentane-1,3-diylmethylenes)         |             | 6.73             | 3.36     | 3.37     | 3    |
| 14  | poly[1-(acetyloxy)ethylene]                   |             | 6.65             | 3.21     | 3.44     | 4    |
| 15  | poly[1-[1-(ethylpropoxy)carbonyl]ethylene]    |             | 6.24             | 3.22     | 3.02     | 5    |
| 16  | poly[1,2-bis(methoxycarbonyl)butane-1,4-diyl] |             | 6.40             | 3.24     | 3.16     | 6    |
| 17  | poly[oxy(methylmethylenes)]                   |             | 6.73             | 3.40     | 3.33     | 7    |

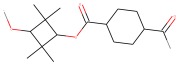
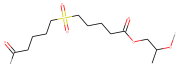
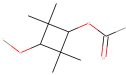
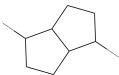
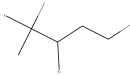
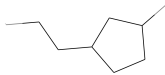
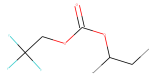
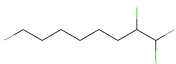
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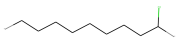
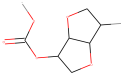
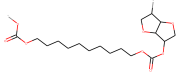
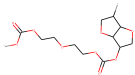
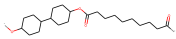
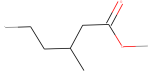
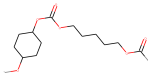
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| 18  | poly[oxy(propylmethylene)]                                                            |    | 6.46             | 3.29     | 3.17     | 8    |
| 19  | poly[oxy(1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutane-1,4-diyl)]                                  |    | 8.89             | 3.02     | 5.87     | 9    |
| 20  | poly(oxyethyleneoxyethyleneoxyethyleneoxyoctanedioyl)                                 |    | 6.47             | 3.15     | 3.31     | 10   |
| 21  | poly[oxyethyleneoxyethyleneoxy(1-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)sulfonyl(5-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)] |    | 6.34             | 3.10     | 3.24     | 11   |
| 22  | poly(oxybutanedioylxydecane-1,10-diyl)                                                |    | 6.52             | 3.17     | 3.35     | 12   |
| 23  | poly(oxypropane-1,3-diylxyoxypentanedioyl)                                            |   | 6.53             | 3.12     | 3.41     | 13   |
| 24  | poly(oxyhexanedioylxydecane-1,10-diyl)                                                |  | 6.33             | 3.16     | 3.18     | 14   |
| 25  | poly(oxypropane-1,3-diylxyoxyoctanedioyl)                                             |  | 6.71             | 3.36     | 3.35     | 15   |
| 26  | poly(oxypropane-1,3-diylxyoxydecanedioyl)                                             |  | 6.64             | 3.39     | 3.25     | 16   |
| 27  | poly(oxybutanedioylxyhexane-1,6-diyl)                                                 |  | 6.41             | 3.12     | 3.29     | 17   |
| 28  | poly[oxy(1-oxoheptane-1,7-diyl)]                                                      |  | 6.27             | 3.11     | 3.16     | 18   |

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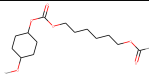
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| 29  | poly[oxy(1-oxononane-1,9-diyl)]                                                              |    | 6.25             | 3.16     | 3.09     | 19   |
| 30  | poly(oxyhexanedioxyloxyoctane-1,8-diyl)                                                      |    | 6.56             | 3.34     | 3.21     | 14   |
| 31  | poly(oxyethanedioxyloxyhexane-1,6-diyl)                                                      |    | 6.81             | 3.48     | 3.33     | 20   |
| 32  | poly[oxy(2-methyl-1-oxopropane-1,3-diyl)]                                                    |    | 6.44             | 3.17     | 3.28     | 21   |
| 33  | poly(oxypropane-1,3-diyl)oxydodecanedioyl)                                                   |    | 6.32             | 3.18     | 3.14     | 22   |
| 34  | poly(oxycarbonylcyclohexane-1,4-diylcarbonyloxymethylene-cyclohexane-1,4-diylmethylene)      |    | 6.38             | 3.11     | 3.27     | 23   |
| 35  | poly[oxy(1-methylethylene)oxyhexanedioyl]                                                    |  | 6.40             | 3.11     | 3.29     | 24   |
| 36  | poly[oxy(2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diyl)oxyhexanedioyl]                                        |  | 6.47             | 3.25     | 3.22     | 25   |
| 37  | poly[oxy(1-methylpropane-1,3-diyl)oxy(1-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)sulfonyl(5-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)] |  | 6.54             | 3.29     | 3.25     | 26   |

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| 38                     | poly[oxy(2,2,4,4-tetramethylcyclobutane-1,3-diyl)oxycarbonylcyclohexane-1,4-diylcarbonyl] |    | 6.29             | 3.07     | 3.22     | 27   |
| 39                     | poly[oxy(1-methylethylene)oxy(1-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)sulfonyl(5-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)]      |    | 6.48             | 3.02     | 3.46     | 26   |
| 40                     | poly[oxycarbonyloxy(2,2,4,4-tetramethylcyclobutane-1,3-diyl)]                             |    | 6.30             | 3.24     | 3.06     | 28   |
| 41                     | poly(bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-2,6-diyl)                                                       |  | 6.49             | 3.45     | 3.04     | 29   |
| 42                     | NaN                                                                                       |  | 6.60             | 3.36     | 3.25     | 30   |
| 43                     | poly(cyclopentane-1,3-diylethylene)                                                       |  | 6.96             | 3.49     | 3.46     | 31   |
| 44                     | poly[1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy-carbonyloxy)ethylene]                                       |  | 7.31             | 3.01     | 4.30     | 32   |
| 45                     | poly(1,2-dichlorooctane-1,8-diyl)                                                         |  | 6.65             | 3.19     | 3.46     | 33   |
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| 46  | poly(1-chlorononane-1,9-diyl)                                                                      |    | 6.75             | 3.29     | 3.46     | 34   |
| 47  | poly[(2,3,3a,5,6,6a-hexahydrofuro[3,2-b]furan-3,6-diyl)oxycarbonyloxy]                             |    | 6.68             | 3.38     | 3.30     | 35   |
| 48  | poly[(2,6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane-4,8-diyl)oxycarbonyloxydecane-1,10-diyl]oxycarbonyloxy]        |    | 6.55             | 3.44     | 3.11     | 36   |
| 49  | poly[(2,6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane-4,8-diyl)oxycarbonyloxyethyleneoxy-ethyleneoxy]oxycarbonyloxy] |    | 6.53             | 3.22     | 3.31     | 36   |
| 50  | poly(oxy-1,1'-bicyclohexane-4,4'-diyl)oxydecanedioyl)                                              |  | 6.13             | 3.05     | 3.08     | 37   |
| 51  | poly[oxy(3-methyl-1-oxopentane-1,5-diyl)]                                                          |  | 6.61             | 3.33     | 3.28     | 38   |
| 52  | poly(oxycarbonyloxy-cyclohexane-1,4-diyl)oxycarbonyloxypentane-1,5-diyl)                           |  | 6.89             | 3.35     | 3.54     | 39   |

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| 53  | poly(oxy carbonyloxy-<br>cyclohexane-1,4-<br>diyloxy carbonyloxyhexane-<br>1,6-diyl) |  | 7.05             | 3.59     | 3.46     | 39   |

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