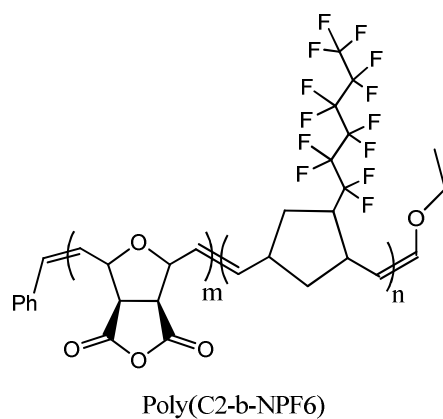


ABSTRACT

HYDROPHILIC POROUS POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE
MEMBRANE (I)

Disclosed are hydrophilic porous PTFE membranes comprising PTFE and an amphiphilic copolymer, for example, a copolymer of the formula:



wherein m and n are as described herein. Also disclosed are a method of preparing hydrophilic porous PTFE membranes and a method of filtering fluids through such membranes.

(Figure 1B)