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## ABSTRACT

Supercapacitors have been applied in several fields such as portable electronics, hybrid electric vehicle and so on. Carbon-based materials and conducting polymers are described as effective to play this role. The polyaniline (PANI) deserves attention due to its capacity to store energy, ease of handling, low cost and high conductivity. The carbon fiber felt presents high specific surface area, low specific mass and relative stability to chemical attack. When combined, PANI and CFF have peculiar characteristics due to the synergism between these materials, since the electroactive character of the polymer is added to the large surface area and its physical-chemical stability of felt

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**Carbon Fiber Felt**  
(1400, 1600, 2000 and 2300K)

**Polymerization**  
cyclic applications from -0,50 V to +1,05 V vs Ag/AgCl, em 25 mVs<sup>-1</sup>

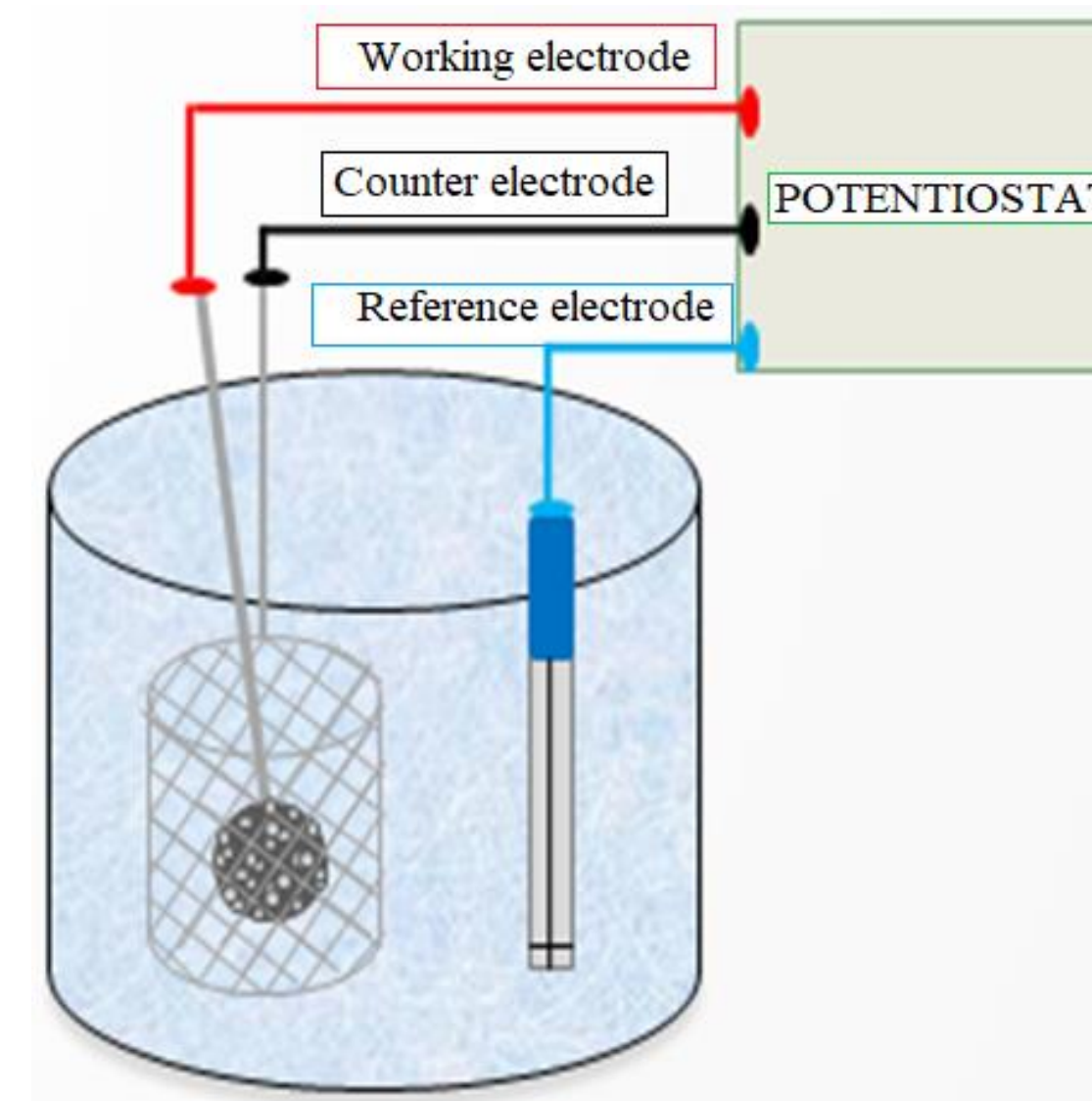
**0,1molL<sup>-1</sup> aniline and 0,5 molL<sup>-1</sup> H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>**

PANI@CFF

morphological characterization

electrochemical characterization

Structural characterization



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Characterization of Carbon Fiber Felt

#### Scanning Electron Microscopy

#### X-ray Diffraction patterns

The stacking size of the lamellar planes, the interplanar distance between them and the crystallite size can be calculated according to Equations 1, 2 and 3, respectively

$$\text{Equation 1: } L_{002} = \frac{0.89 \lambda}{W_{1/2} \cos \theta}$$

$$\text{Equation 2: } d_{002} = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{Equation 3: } L_a = \frac{1.84 \lambda}{W_{1/2} \cos \theta}$$

Table 1. Stacking size of the lamellar planes, interplanar distance and crystallite size.

CFF (K)	1400	1600	2000	2300
$L_{002}$ (nm)	1.532	1.655	2.135	3.159
$d_{002}$ (nm)	0.354	0.353	0.349	0.345
$L_a$ (nm)	4.50	4.60	6.59	7.75

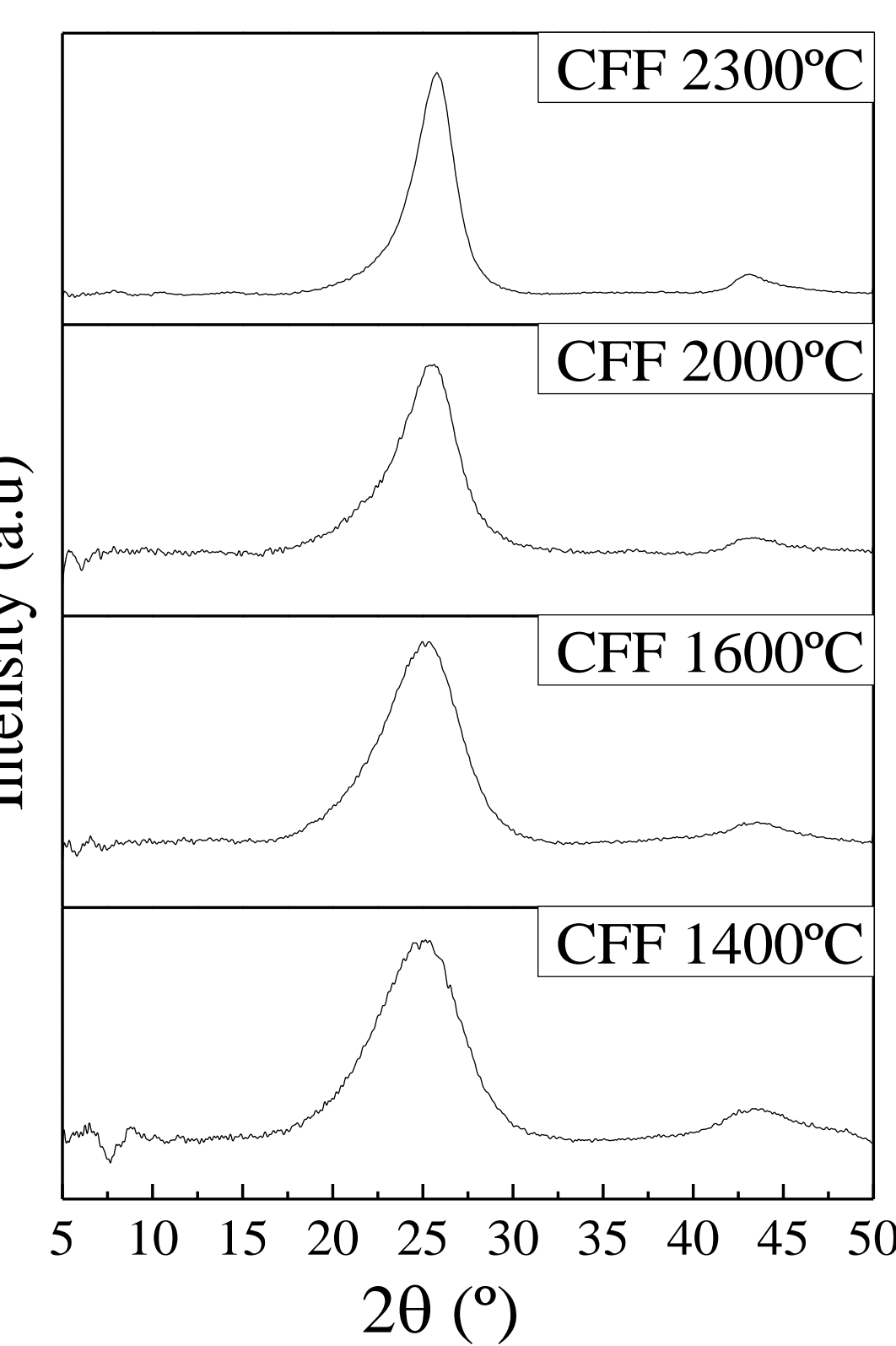


Figure 2. X-ray Diffraction of the carbon fiber felts (CFF) heat treated in CFF1400, CFF1600, CFF2000 and CFF2300.

#### Raman Scattering Spectroscopy

The equation 4 was used to determine the size of the crystallites ( $L_a$ )

$$\text{Equation 4: } L_a = 4.4 \left( \frac{I_G}{I_{D1}} \right)$$

Table 2. Main Raman bands of CFF.

CFF (K)	$I_{D1}/I_G$	$I_{D3}/I_G$	$L_a$ (nm)
1400	1.67	0.49	2.64
1600	1.44	0.33	3.06
2000	1.25	0.10	3.52
2300	1.09	0.06	4.05

#### Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy

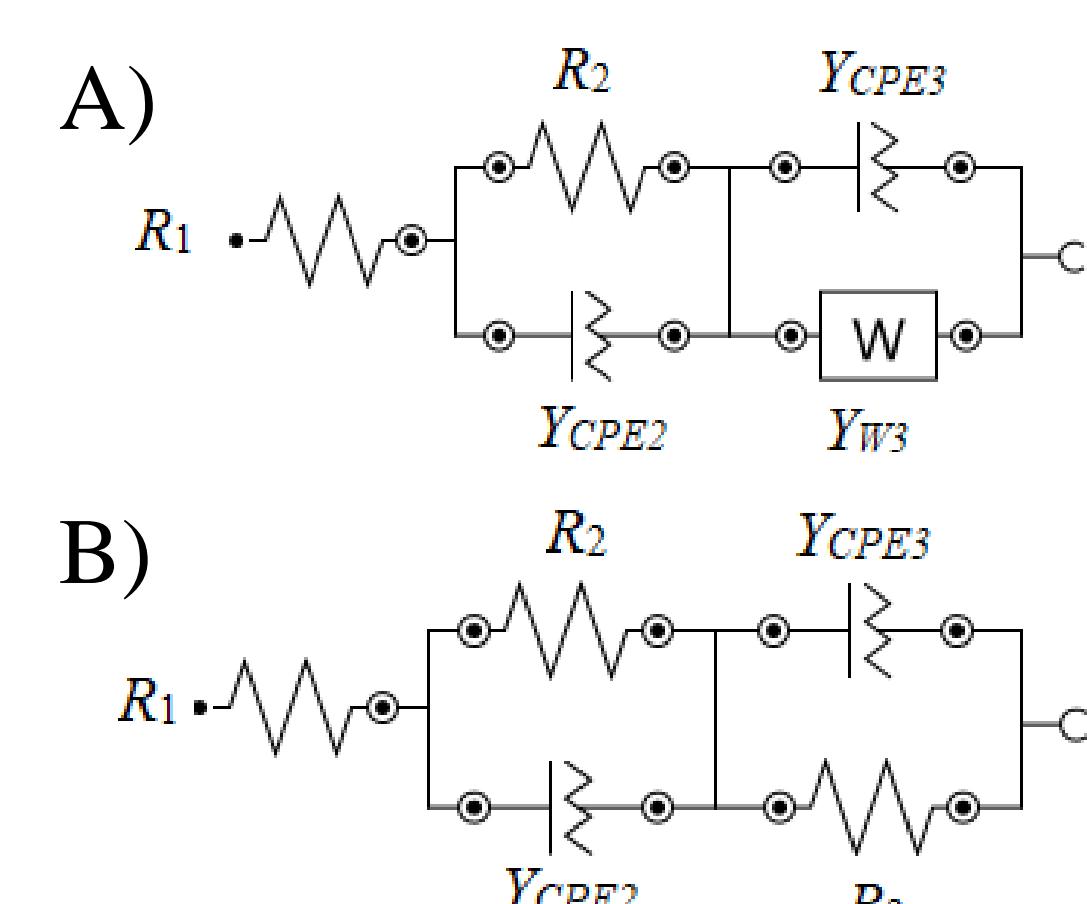


Figure 5. Association for the composite PANI@CFF1400 and b) 1600, 2000 and 2300K

Table 3. Electrical phenomena obtained from EIS circuit fit of CFF

CFF (K)	1400	1600	2000	2300
$R_2$ ( $\Omega$ )	6.62	$1.16 \times 10^5$	$1.69 \times 10^5$	$1.92 \times 10^5$
$C_2$ ( $\mu\text{F}$ )	$1.25 \times 10^3$	491	274	899
$R_3$ ( $\Omega$ )	---	5.74	4.22	$4.55 \times 10^3$
$C_3$ ( $\mu\text{F}$ )	---	376	391	$2.92 \times 10^3$

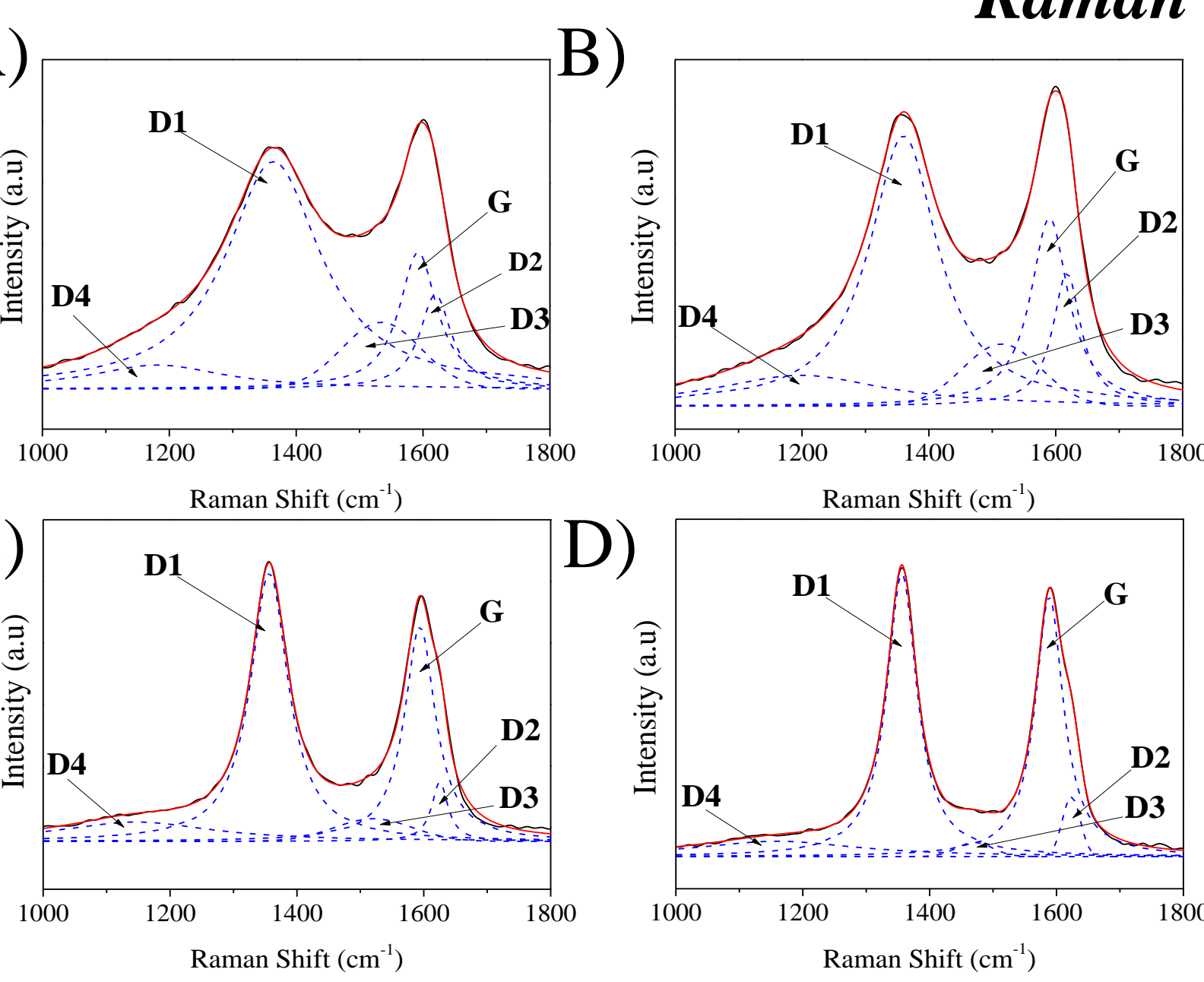


Figure 3. Raman spectra of CFF: A) 1400, B) 1600, C) 2000 and D) 2300K

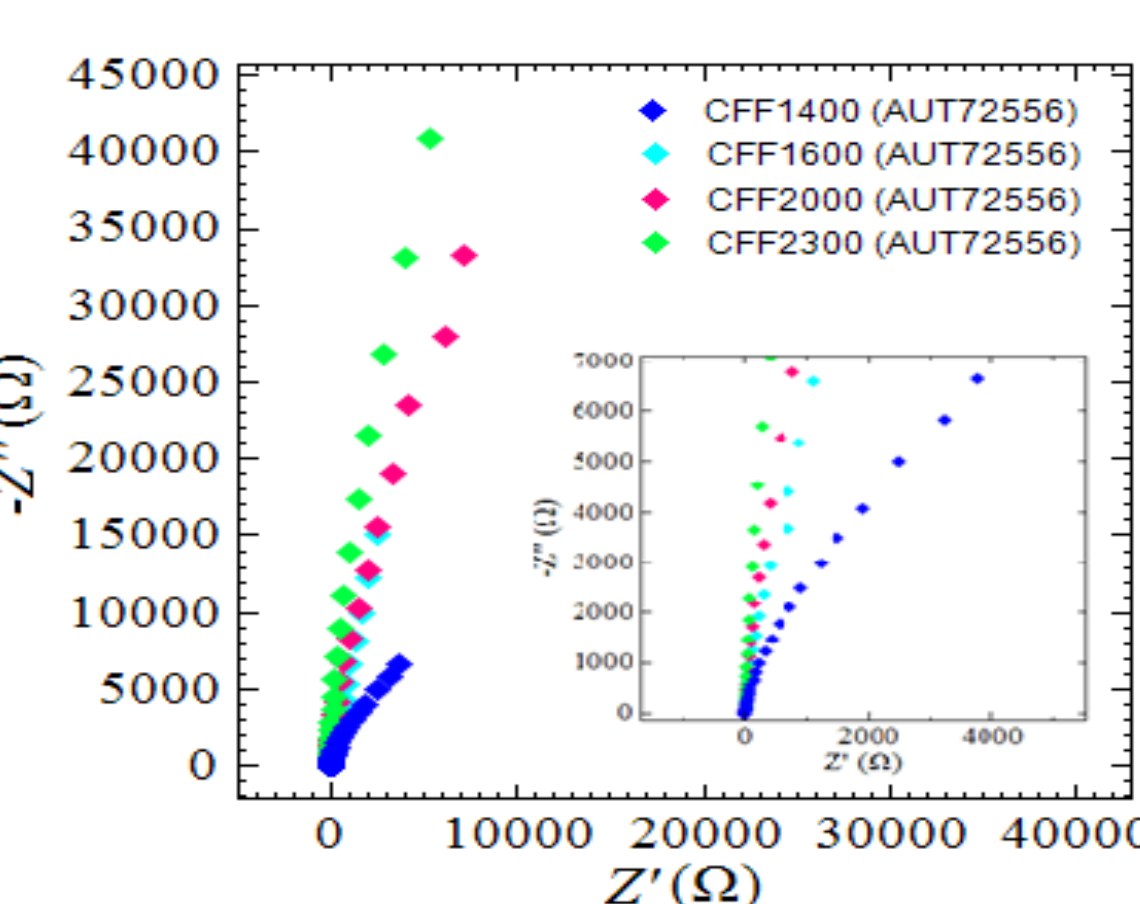


Figure 4. Electrochemical Impedance Spectra obtained for CFF1400, CFF1600, CFF2000 and CFF2300.

### Characterization of PANI@CFF composites

#### Polarographic Data

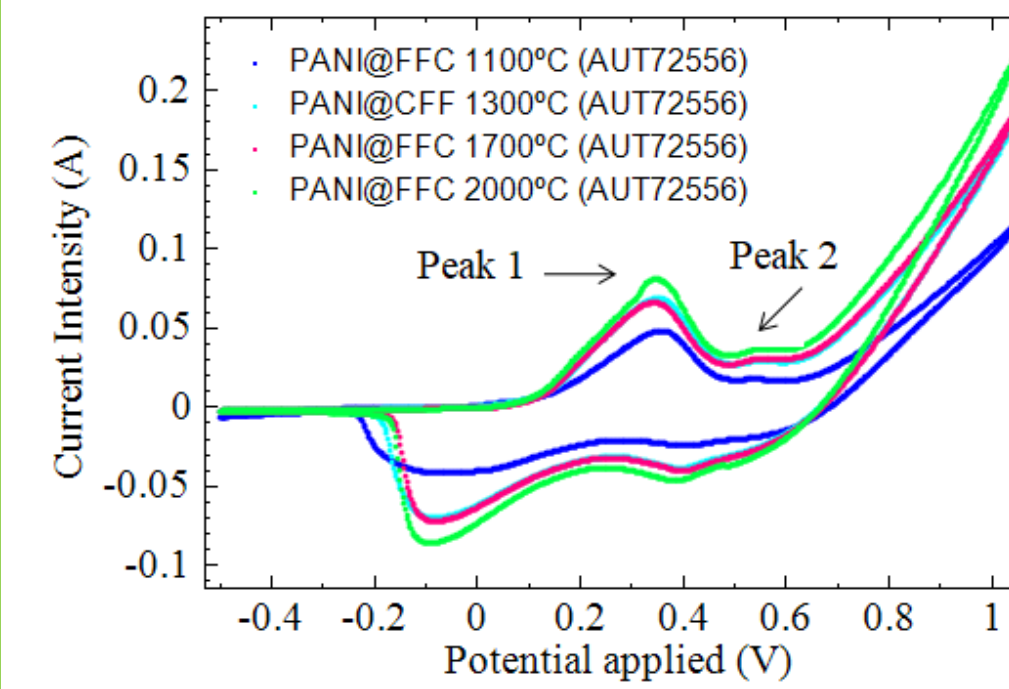


Figure 6. Polarographic data obtained during carbon g electro-synthesis of polyaniline on fiber felt as substrate.

CFF (K)	Potential 1 (V)	Current 1 (A)	Potential 2 (V)	Current 2 (A)
1400	0.351	0.038	0.539	$6.606 \times 10^{-4}$
1600	0.341	0.050	0.544	$1.609 \times 10^{-3}$
2000	0.344	0.049	0.546	$1.478 \times 10^{-3}$
2300	0.339	0.059	0.544	$2.266 \times 10^{-3}$

#### Scanning Electron Microscopy

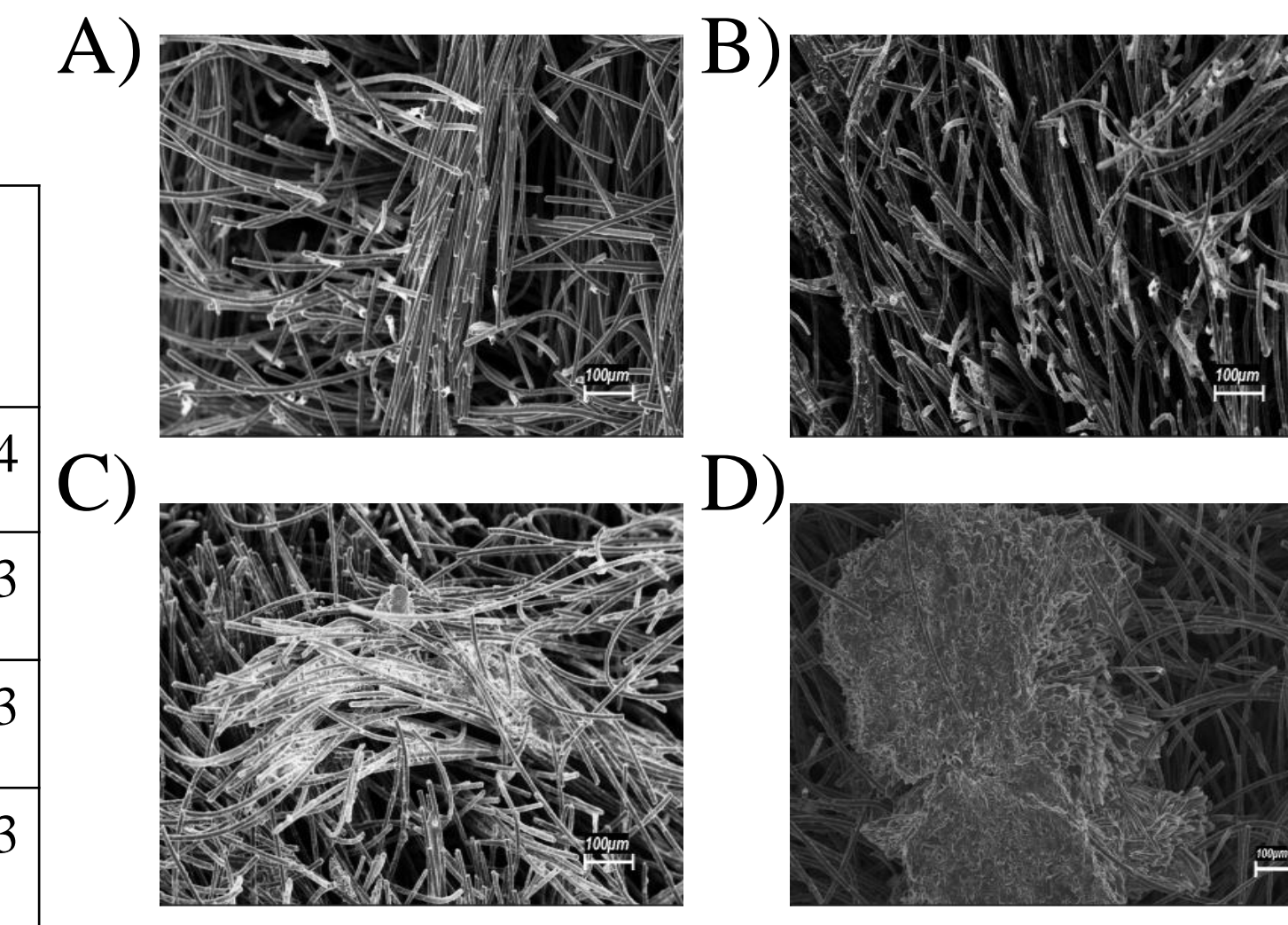


Figure 7. SEM images of polyaniline@carbon fiber felts composites, PANI@CFF, at a)1400K, b)1600K, c)2000K and d) 2300K.

#### X-ray Diffraction patterns

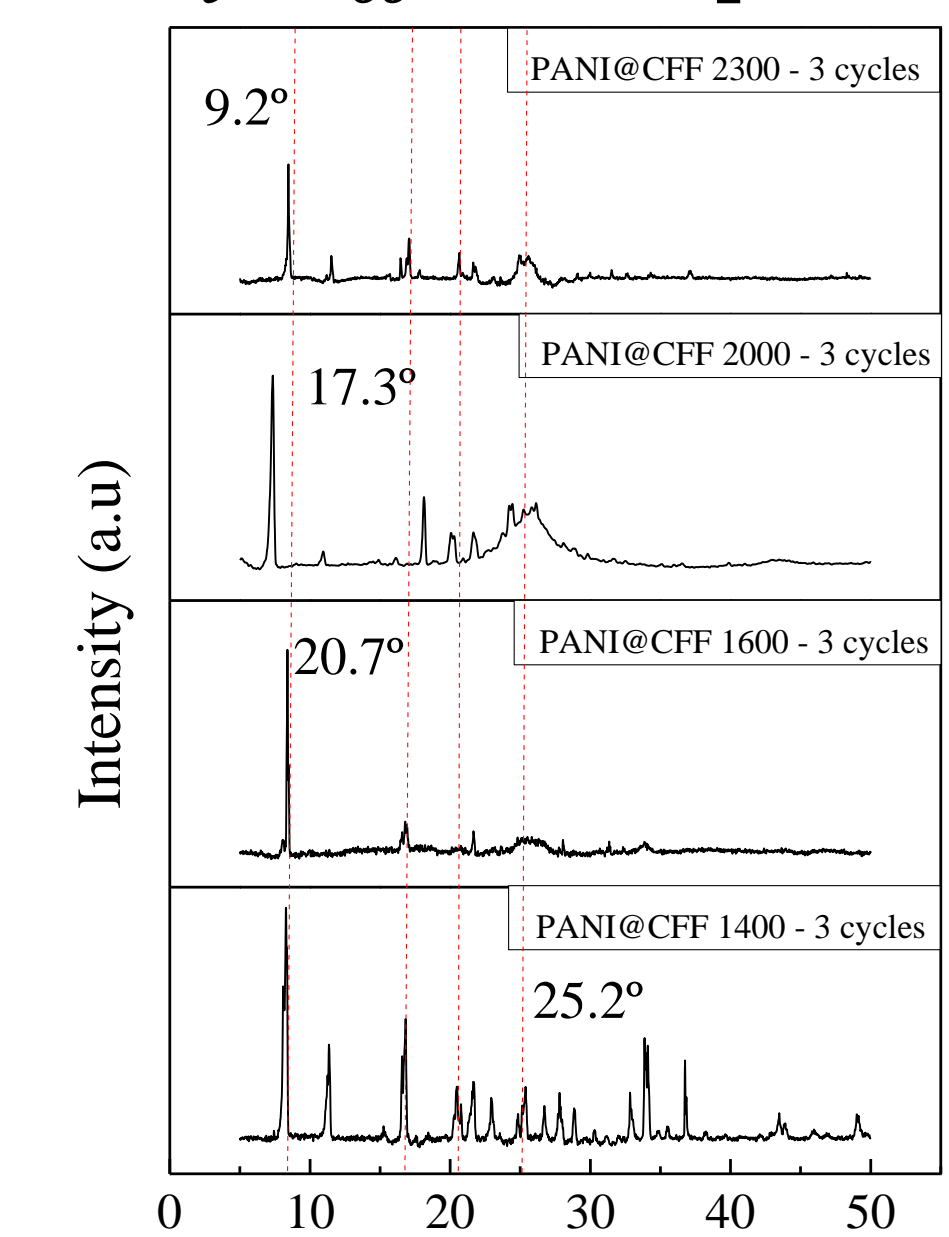


Figure 8. X-ray diffraction of PANI@CFF composites at a)1400K, b)1600K, c)2000K and d)2300K

#### Raman Scattering Spectroscopy

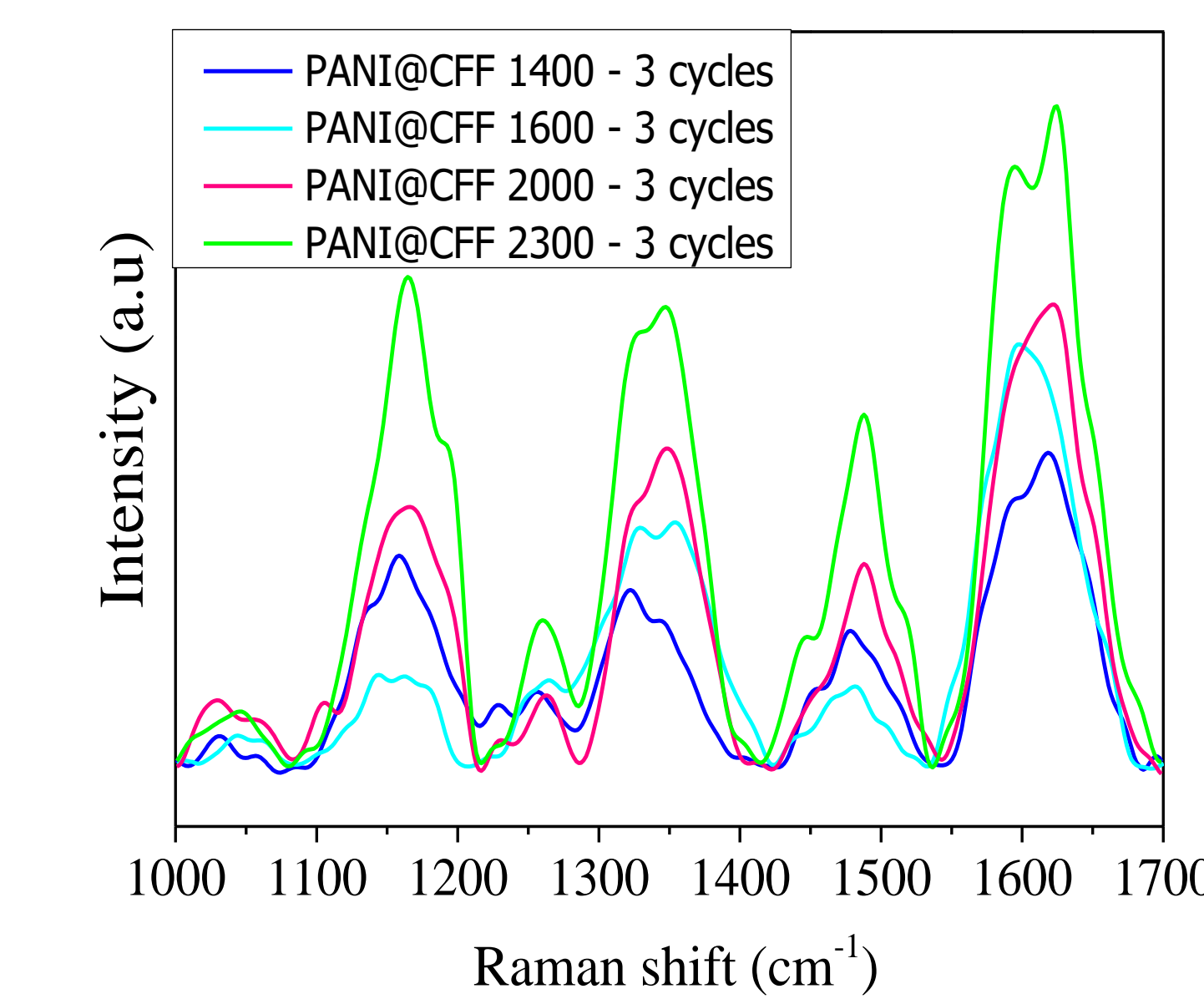


Figure 9. Raman Spectroscopy of PANI@CFF composites at a)1400K, b)1600K, c)2000K and d)2300K.

From the Equations 5, 6, 7 and 8 was calculated the degree of oxidation, ratio of polar groups, mobile charges from bipolarons and conductivity index, respectively.

$$\text{Equation 5: } y = \frac{I_Q}{(I_Q + I_B)}$$

$$\text{Equation 6: } y_P = \frac{I_P}{(I_Q + I_B)}$$

$$\text{Equation 7: } y_{BP} = \frac{I_{BP}}{(I_Q + I_B)}$$

$$\text{Equation 8: } S = \frac{y_{BP}}{y_P}$$

Table 5. Oxidation, fixed and mobile charge ratios for PANI@CFF composites

CFF (K)	Cycles Number	y	$y_P$	$y_{BP}$	S
1400	3	0.45	0.53	0.06	0.121
1600		0.51	0.62	0.06	0.102
2000		0.48	0.90	0.16	0.176
2300		0.50	0.48	0.12	0.256

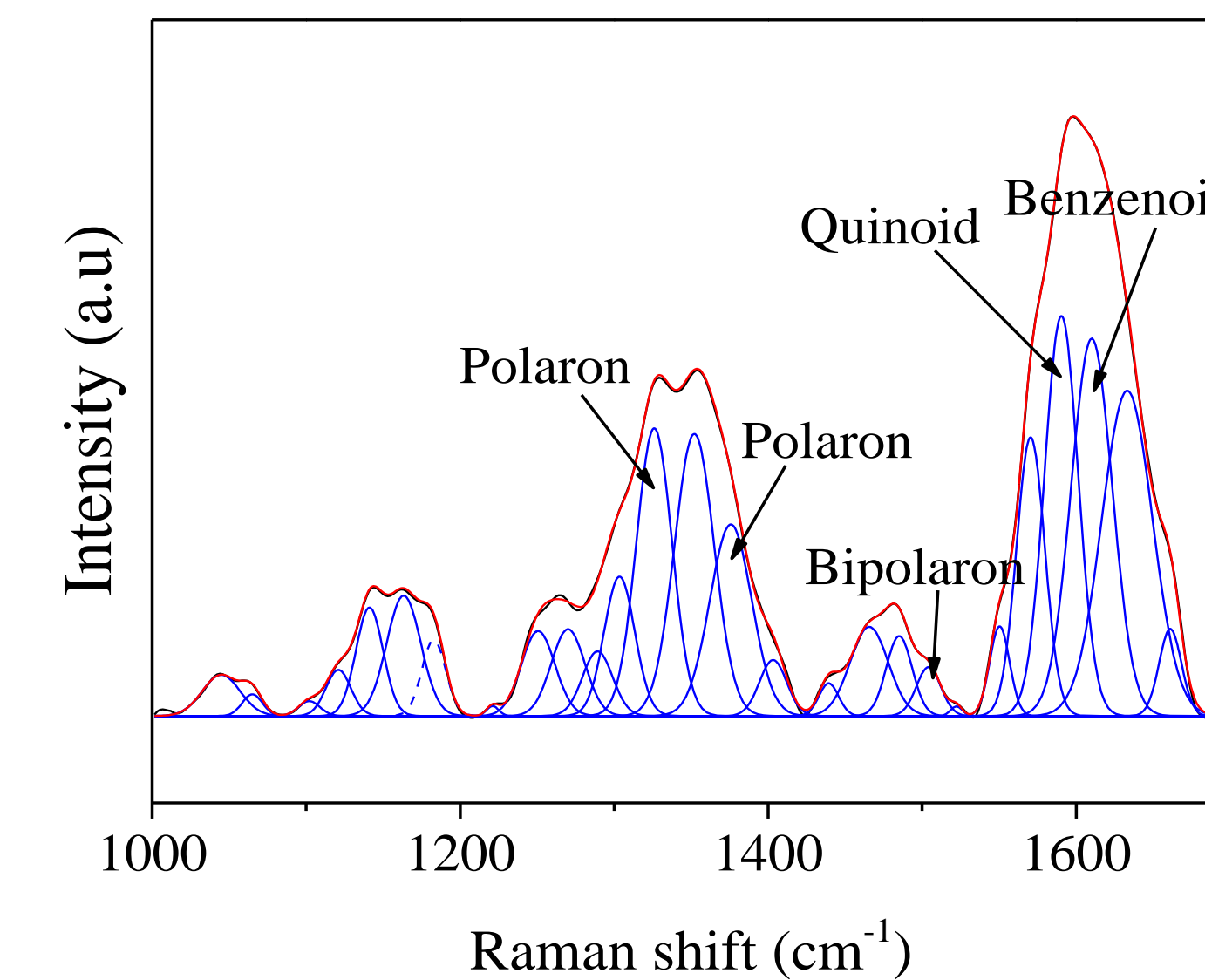


Figure 10. Raman Spectra fit of PANI@CFF composite at 1600K.

#### Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy

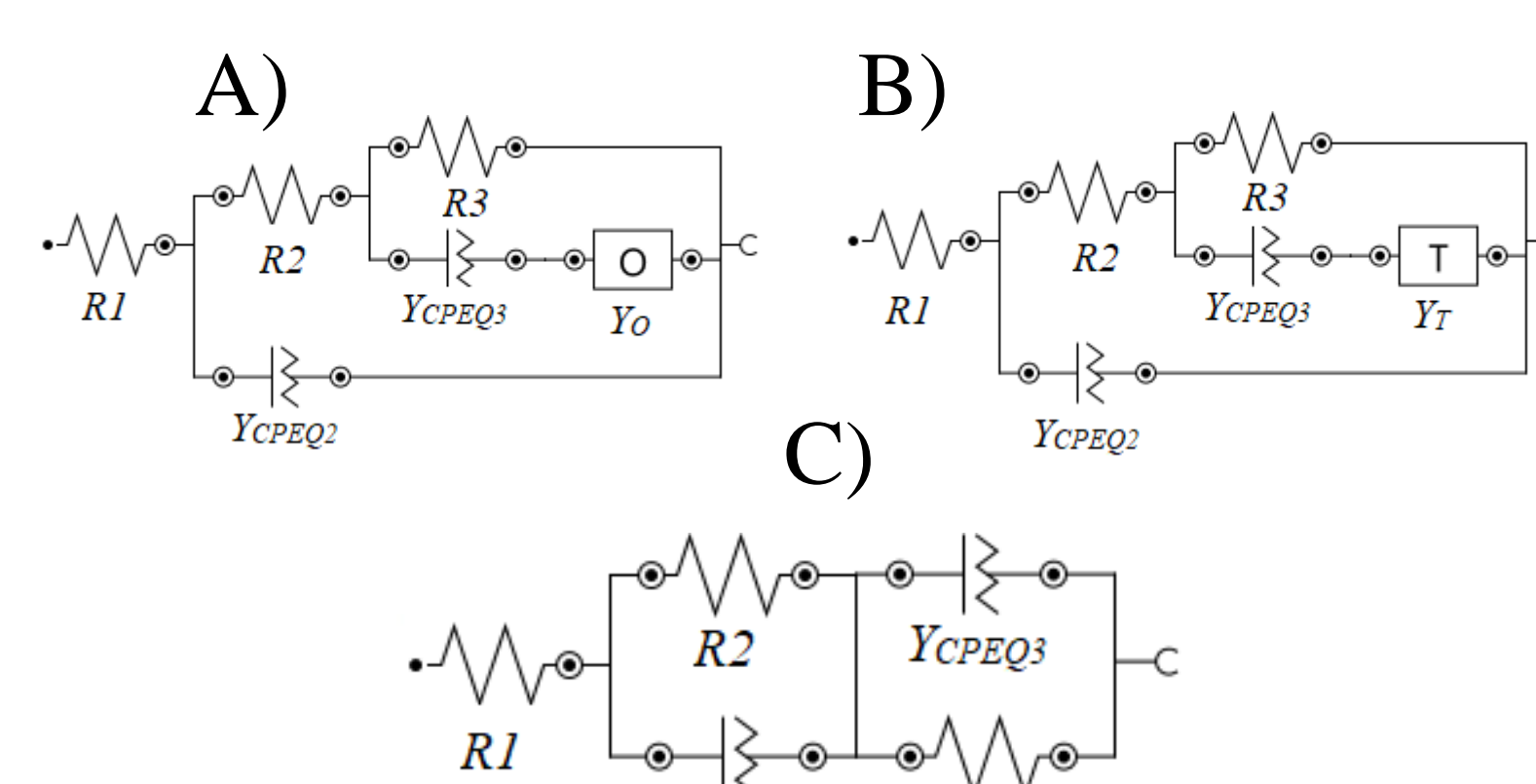


Figure 12. Electrical phenomena association fit of (A) PANI@CFF1400 and PANI@CFF1600, (B) PANI@CFF2000 and (C) PANI@CFF2300 obtained with 3 voltammetric cycles.

Table 6. Circuit elements obtained from IES circuit fit PANI@CFF composites

CFF (K)	1400	1600	2000	2300
$R_2$ ( $\Omega$ )	25.2	9.50	6.33	5.90
$C_2$ (mF)	4.95	3.75	3.87	5.67
$R_3$ ( $\Omega$ )	230	116	79.5	28.6
$C_3$ (mF)	73.1	160	144	140

## CONCLUSIONS

The results shown that PANI@CFF2300, although it contains more agglomerates of PANI and even a lower proportion of protonated nitrogen atoms, had a higher mobility index, and the proportion of bipolarons (related to polarons) may be more relevant only to this surface. In the others, PANI@CFF1700 and PANI@CFF2000, the amount of PANI formed and its high crystalline orientation, in addition to the morphological regularity of the film, were decisive. Finally, the most effective precursor of a supercapacitive material was PANI@CFF2300, although the PANI@CFF2000 composite can not be completely discarded for this purpose.

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