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ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degree Celsius
cm	centimetre
d	thickness of sample disc
g	gram
I	current
mA	milliampere
mV	millivolt
mL	millilitre
M	mole per litre
PE	Polyethylene
PP	Polypropylene
PPy	polypyrrole
PS	polystyrene
PVC	Poly(vinyl chloride)
PVP	Poly(vinyl pyrrolidone)
Scm ⁻¹	simen per centimetre
%T	percent transmittance
μm	micrometre
V	potential