

dopant

Charge-transfer agent used to generate, by oxidation or reduction, positive or negative charges in an intrinsically conducting polymer.

Note:

Examples of dopants include AsF_5 or I_2 as oxidizing agents, generating cation radicals on the chains of an intrinsically conducting polymer (so-called holes), or a solution of sodium naphthalenylidyl in tetrahydrofuran as a reducing agent, generating anion radicals on the chains of an intrinsically conducting polymer.

Source:

PAC, 2006, 78, 2067 (*Terminology of polymers containing ionizable or ionic groups and of polymers containing ions (IUPAC Recommendations 2006)*) on page 2069