Preparation of reverse osmosis(RO) thin film composite(TFC) membranes using sulfonated poly (arylen ether sulfone)

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The sulfonated poly(arylen ether sulfone)s(SPESs) were synthesized by direct copolymerization using dihalide monomers (sulfonated monomer (sulfonated dichlorodiphenyl sulfone)(SDCDPS) and dichlorodiphenyl sulfone(DCDPS)) with dihydroxy monomer. RO active layer for TFC membrane was fabricated by coating SPESs solution on a porous poly(erher sulfone)(PES) support. The active layer was confirmed by FT-IR. The morphology of TFC membrane was investigated by SEM. The cross section image of TFC membrane showed SPESs layer on PES support. The water permeability and salt rejection of TFC membranes were measured by using a cross-flow filtration system and compared with commercial polyamide(PA) membranes.