Multifunctional Ferroelectric Nanostructures

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Ferroelectrics

Ferroelectric crystals are spontaneously polarized below the Curie temperature



- The crystal may be polarized in any of the crystallographically equivalent directions
- A crystal may be polarized in different directions in different "domains"









Applications



Active rotors and control surfaces



Vibration control



Microsensor



Energy harvesting





PVDF Ferroelectric Polymer



All-trans conformation



β phase lattice







Multifunctional Nanostructure



- Energy harvesting
- Energy storage
- Sensing
- Actuation
- Structure morphing
- Self-healing/cooling





Nanoimprint Lithography



Film on substrate



Pattern transfer



Transferred pattern



Silicon stamp









Phase Diagram of P(VDF-TrFE)



Patterned P(VDF-TrFE) Wires

P(VDF-TrFE) (65/35), T=135°C, Time=1.5hrs. Pressure: 1800PSI.



Silicon Mold

Patterned P(VDF-TrFE) Film





Patterned P(VDF-TrFE) Mesas



Silicon Mold







Nanoscale P(VDF-TrFE) Pattern





FTIR Spectrum







X-ray Diffraction









Ferroelectric Hysteresis



Uniform Film

Patterned Film





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Electrostatic Force Microscopy



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Patterned Film





Solvent Assisted Microcontact Molding







P(VDF-TrFE) Pattern by SL







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P(VDF-TrFE) Pattern by SL







Summary

- Nanoimprint lithography and soft lithography techniques have been developed to pattern P(VDF-TrFE) nanostructures
- Patterned β phase P(VDF-TrFE) films have been confirmed by FTIR Spectrum and XRD
- Ferroelectricity of patterned P(VDF-TrFE) films have been confirmed by hysteresis measurement and EFM
- The patterned P(VDF-TrFE) nanostructures are promising for multifunctional material systems



