

## Supporting information

### **Study on the Interaction of Plasma-Polymerized Hydrogel Coatings with Aqueous Solutions of Different pH**

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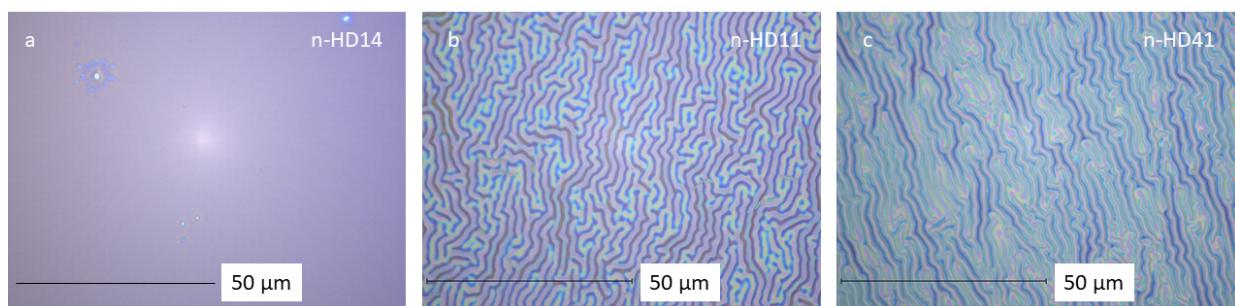
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**Figure S1.** Coating thicknesses ( $n=3$ ) and wrinkle widths ( $n=10$ ) of the hydrogel mixtures generated by the droplet method, measured before and after storage in water.

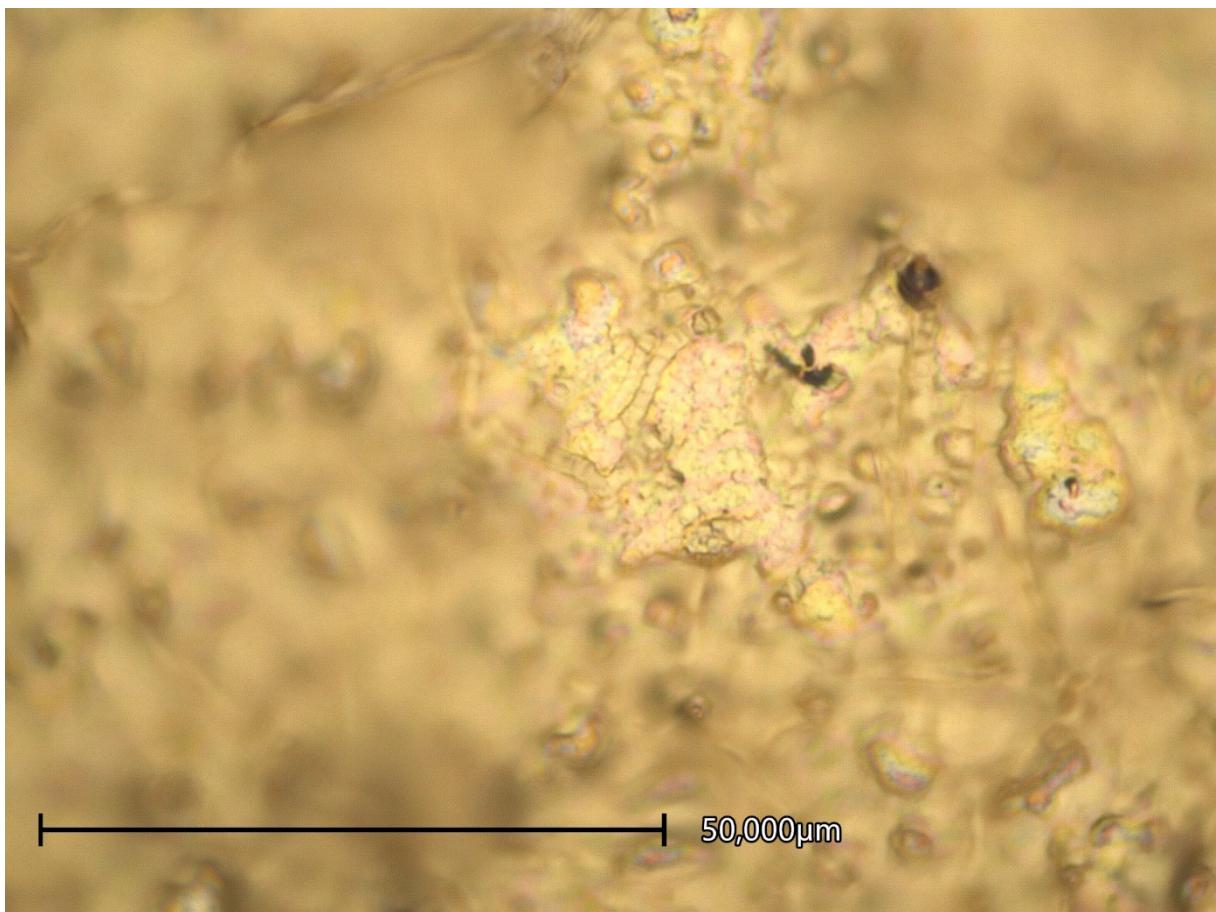
	Coating thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ ):		Wrinkle width ( $\mu\text{m}$ ):	
	as deposited	after storage in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	as deposited	after storage in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
<b>d-HD14</b>	$0.47 \pm 0.03$	$0.33 \pm 0.09$	$1.3 \pm 0.18$	$1.0 \pm 0.15$
<b>d-HD11</b>	$1.05 \pm 0.16$	$1.02 \pm 0.11$	$2.0 \pm 0.18$	$1.5 \pm 0.36$
<b>d-HD41</b>	$1.54 \pm 0.14$	$1.42 \pm 0.12$	$2.2 \pm 0.19$	$2.2 \pm 0.24$

**Figure S2.** Coating thicknesses ( $n=3$ ) and wrinkle widths ( $n=10$ ) of the hydrogel mixtures ( $n=10$ ) generated by the nebulizer method, measured before and after storage in water.

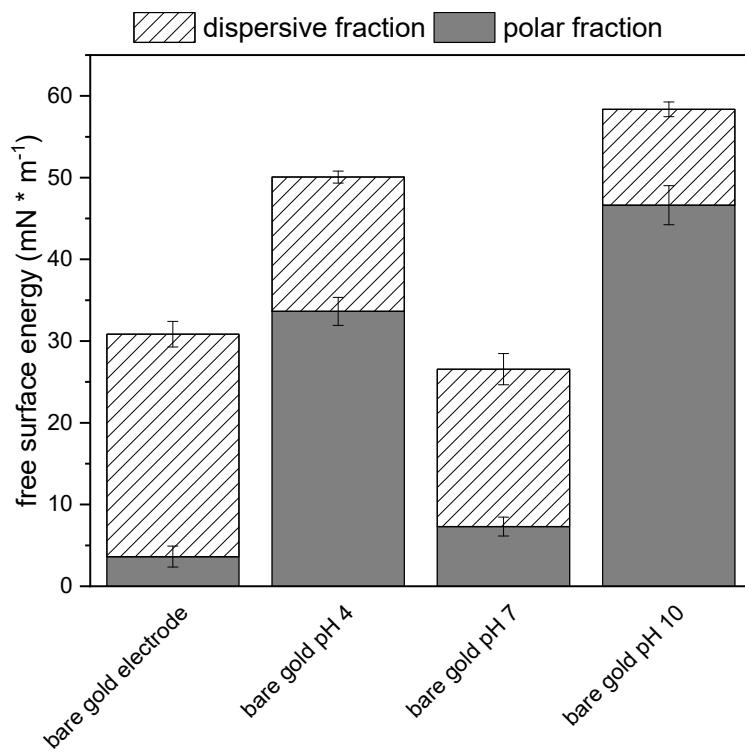
	Coating thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ ):		Wrinkle width ( $\mu\text{m}$ ):	
	as deposited	after storage in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	as deposited	after storage in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
<b>n-HD14</b>	$0.14 \pm 0.00$	$0.15 \pm 0.02$	No wrinkles	No wrinkles
<b>n-HD11</b>	$0.40 \pm 0.06$	$0.20 \pm 0.01$	$1.6 \pm 0.43$	$1.4 \pm 0.28$
<b>n-HD41</b>	$0.59 \pm 0.07$	$0.40 \pm 0.04$	$1.7 \pm 0.14$	$1.5 \pm 0.28$



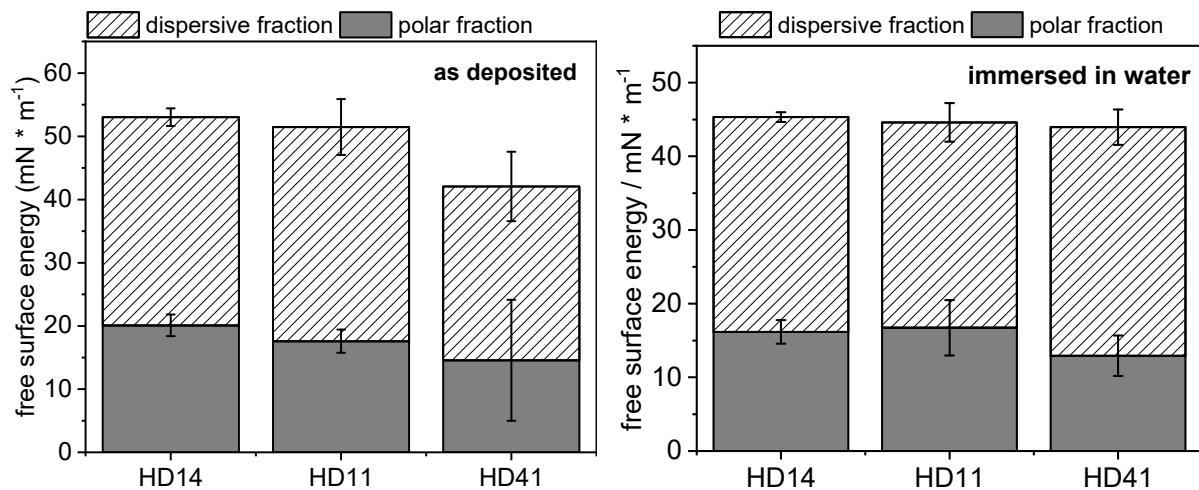
**Figure S3.** Microscopic images of the hydrogel films n-HD14, n-HD11 and n-HD41 at 1500x magnification.



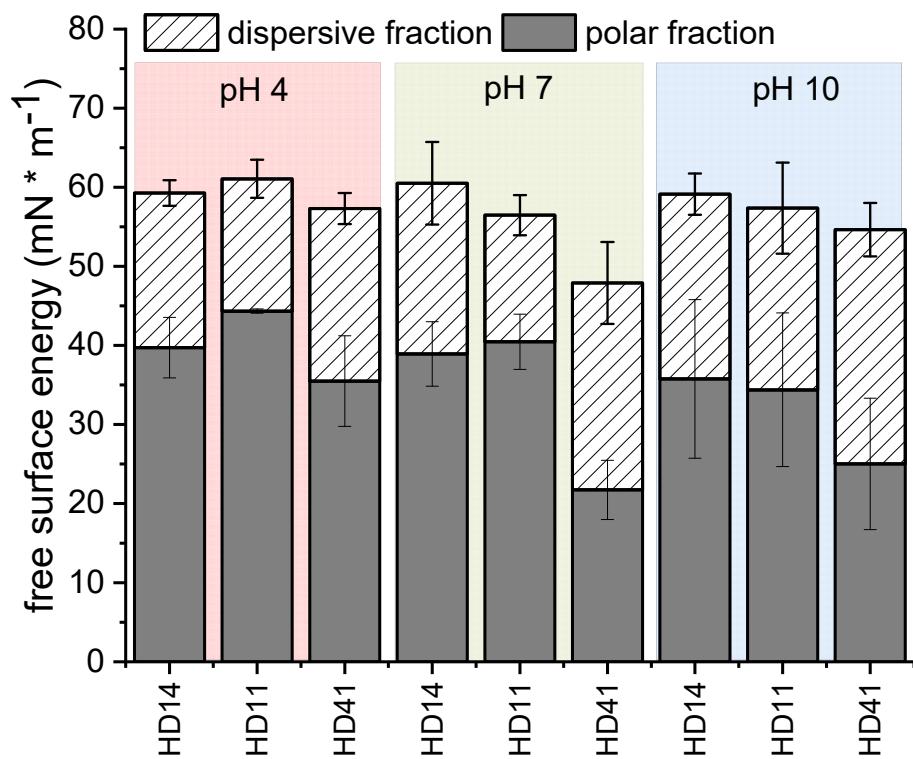
**Figure S4.** Optical microscope image (1500x magnification) of the hydrogel coatings HD41 deposited on gold, generated by the droplet method.



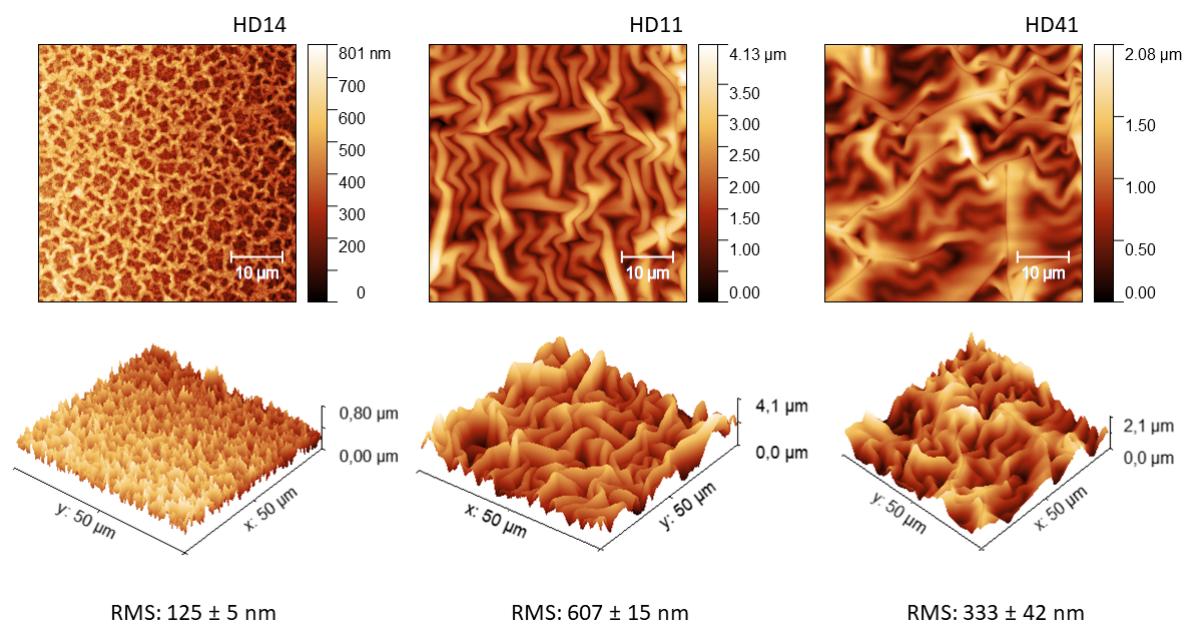
**Figure S5.** Surface free energy of the bare gold electrode and the bare gold electrode stored in different pH solutions.



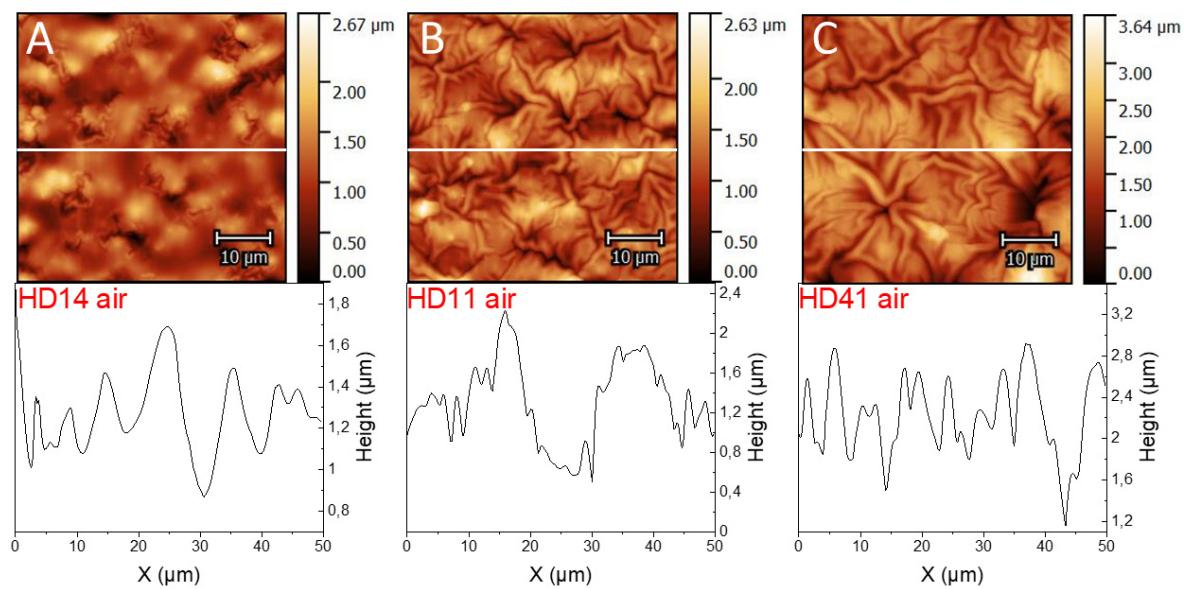
**Figure S6.** Surface free energy of the hydrogels mixtures generated by the nebulizer method (left: as-deposited, right: after immersion in water for 24 h) divided into dispersive and polar fraction.



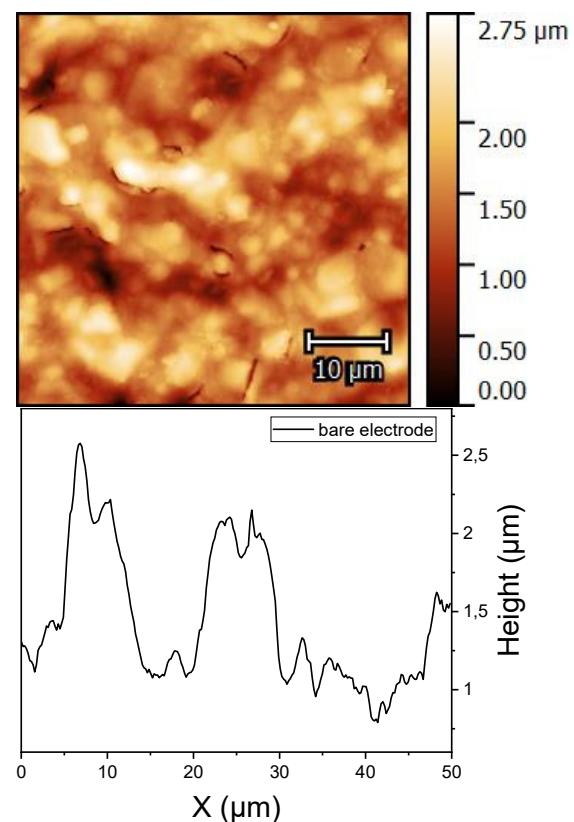
**Figure S7.** Surface free energy of the n-HD mixtures dried from different pH solutions.



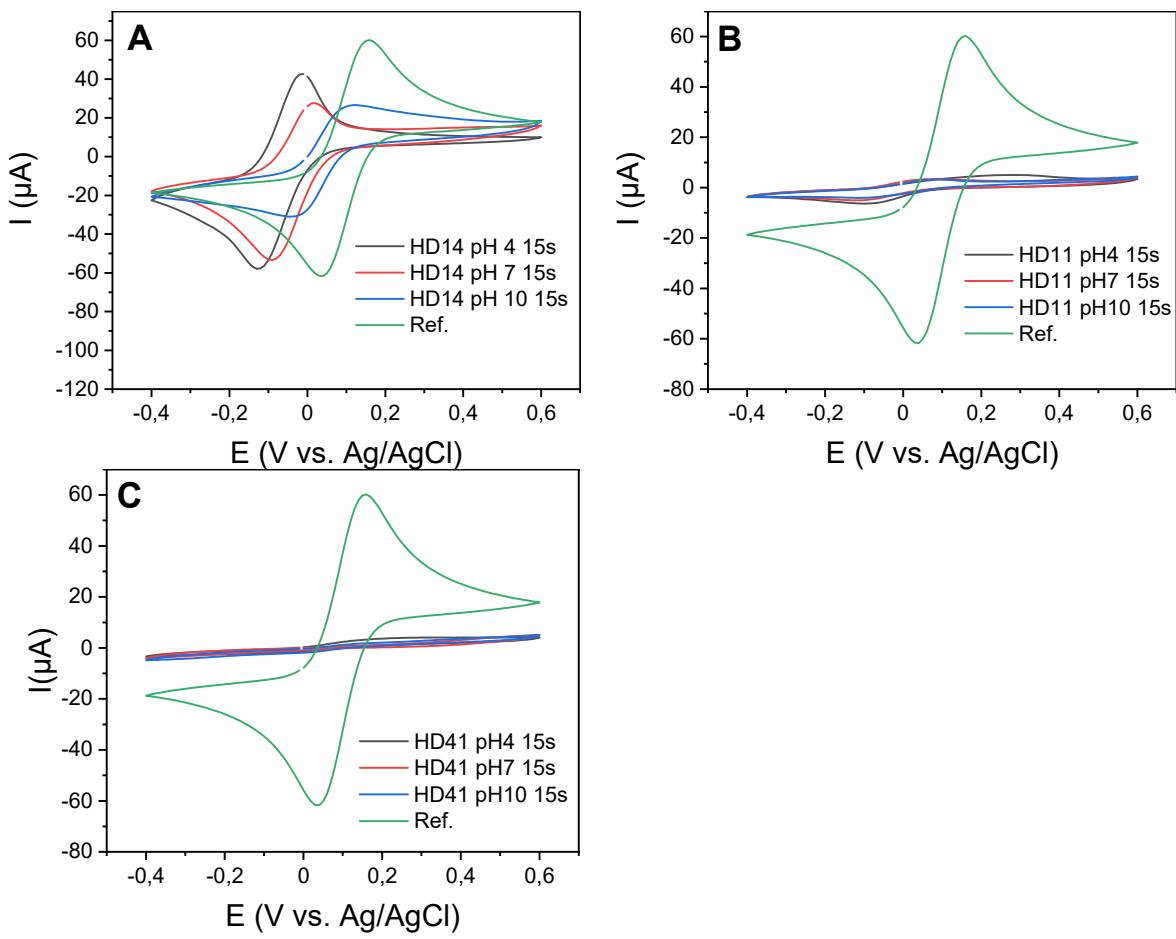
**Figure S8.** AFM images of the plasma-polymerized hydrogel coatings d-HD14, d-HD11, d-HD41 deposited on a smooth glass substrate.



**Figure S9.** AFM images and the corresponding height profiles of the plasma-polymerized hydrogel coatings d-HD14 (A), d-HD11 (B) d-HD41 (C) deposited on gold electrodes.



**Figure S10.** AFM image and the corresponding height profile of the bare gold electrode.



**Figure S11.** Cyclic voltammograms (A-C) of the plasma polymerized hydrogel mixtures (generated by the nebulizer method) in different pH buffer solutions.