

Supplementary Materials

Toward Enhanced Humidity Stability of Triboelectric Mechanical Sensors via Atomic Layer Deposition

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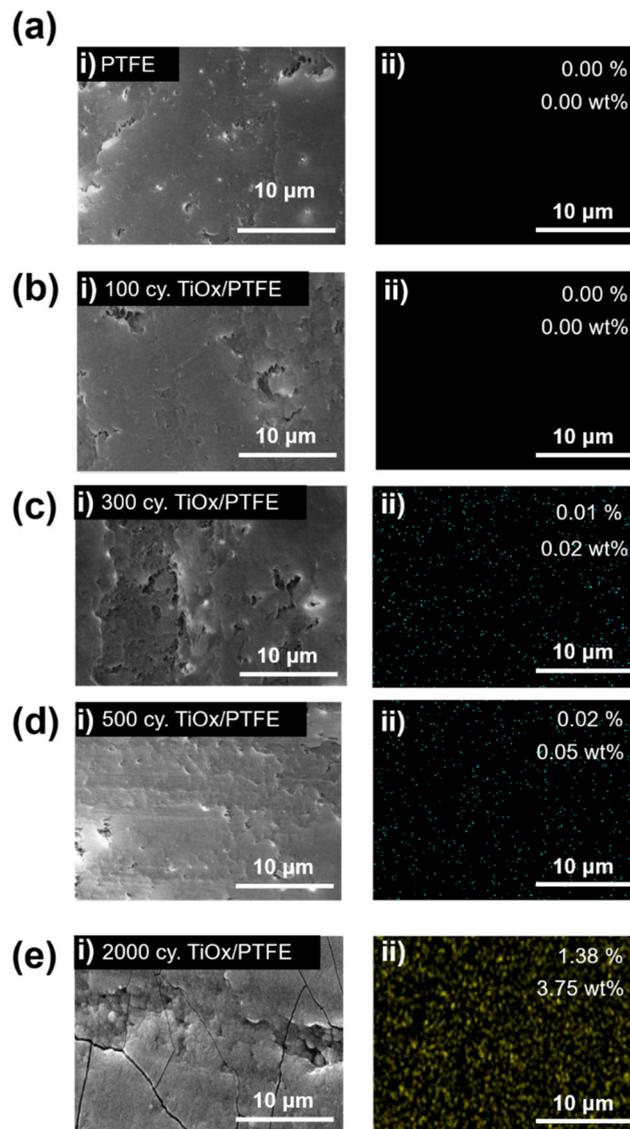


Figure S1. FE-SEM and EDS elemental mapping of Ti on (a) pristine PTFE film and ALD-TiO_x/PTFE films grown with (b) 100, (c) 300, (d) 500, and (e) 2000 ALD cycles. i) FE-SEM image in top view and ii) EDS elemental mapping of Ti on ALD-TiO_x/PTFE films.

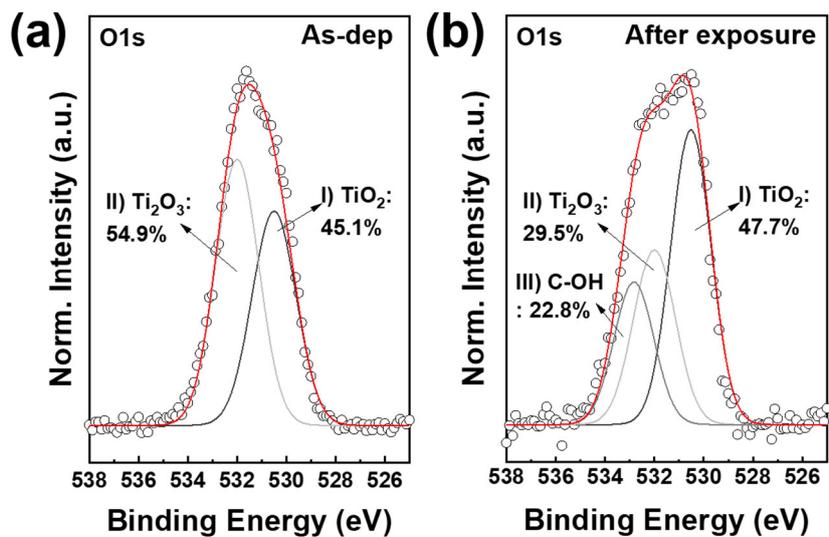


Figure S2. Deconvoluted XPS O 1s spectra of 300-TiO_x/PTFE at (a) dry (RH 10%) and (b) humid conditions (RH 99%).

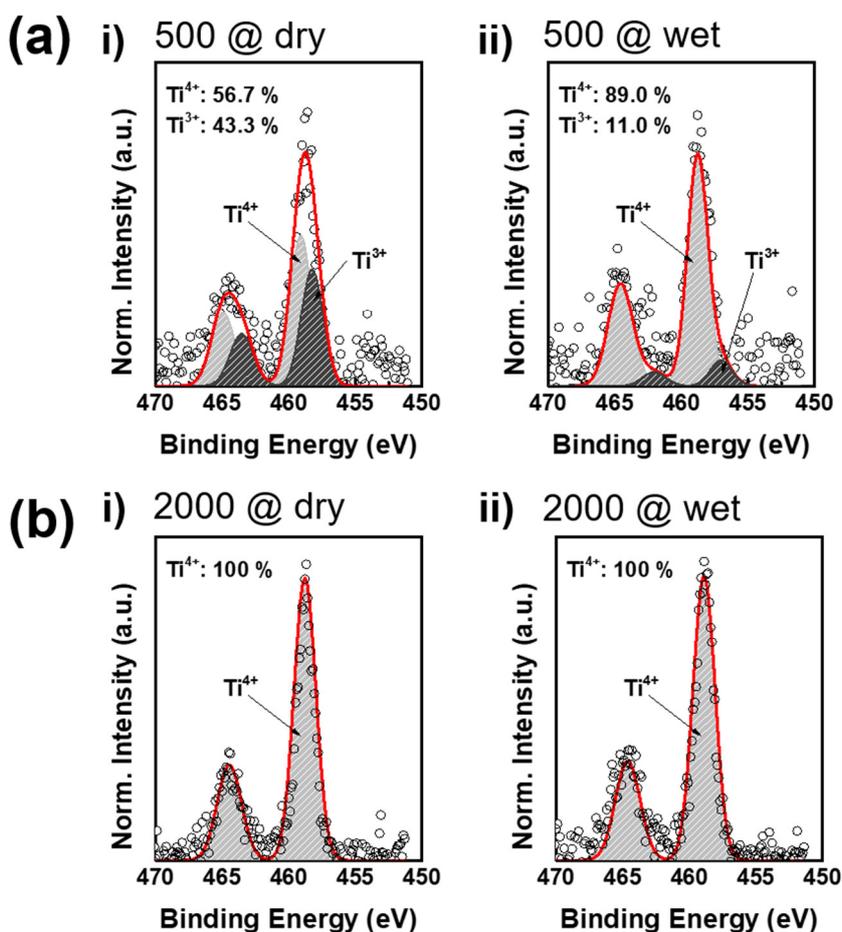


Figure S3. Deconvoluted XPS Ti 2p spectra of (a) 500-TiO_x/PTFE and (b) 2000-TiO_x/PTFE films. Ti 2p spectrum of the i) as-deposited specimen and ii) after moisture exposure.

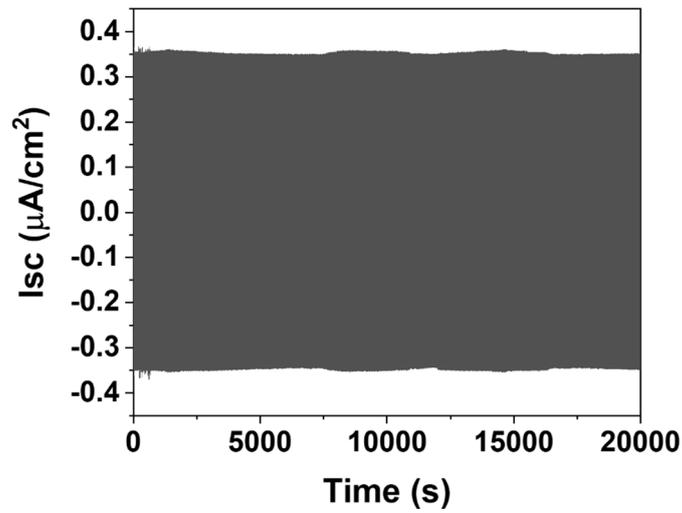
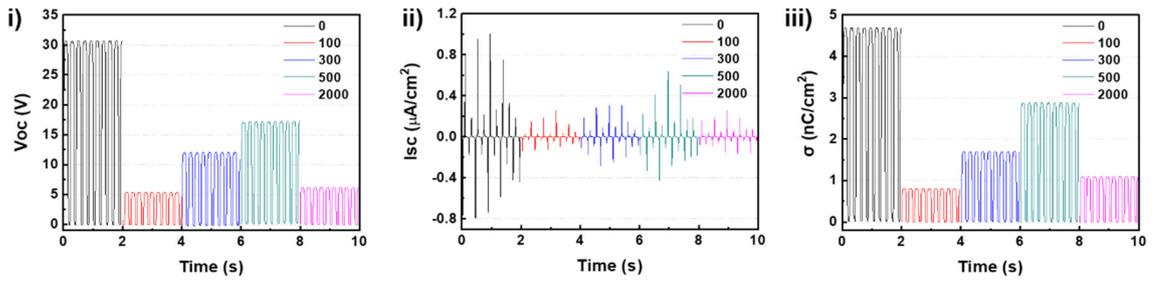
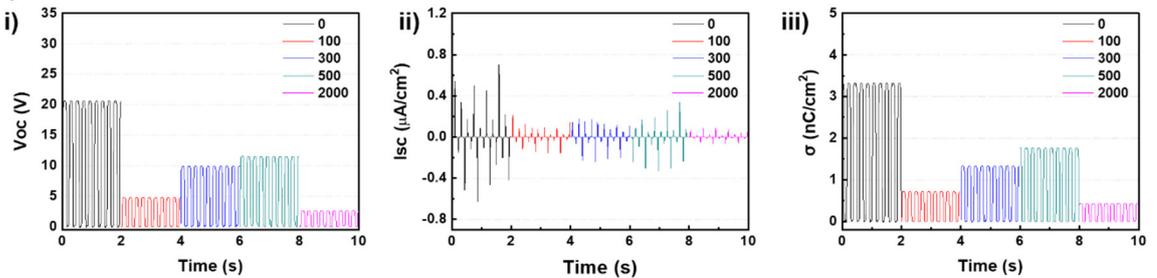


Figure S4. Mechanical durability test of 300-TiO_x/PTFE film under the cyclic mechanical stimulation for 20,000 s. To evaluate the mechanical stability, the contact load of 5 N and contact frequency of 3 Hz were applied.

(a) Triboelectric performance in dry environment (RH 10%)



(b) In highly humid condition (RH 99%, 24 h)



(c) After natural drying process at room temperature

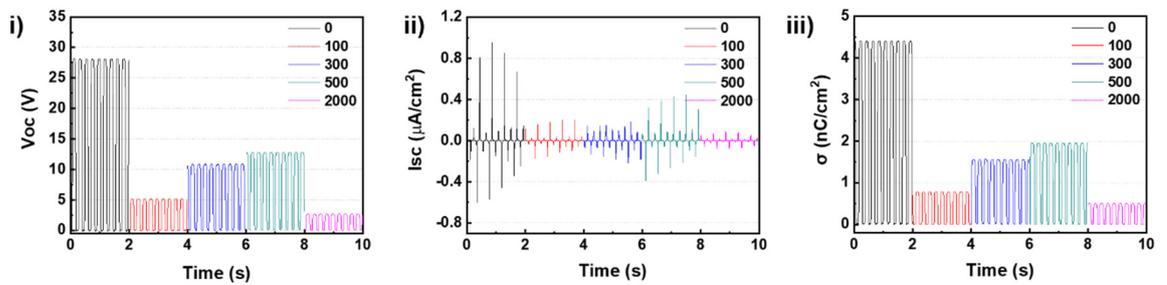


Figure S5. Measured triboelectric outputs of ALD-TiO_x/PTFE films in (a) dry (RH 10%) and (b) humid environments (RH 99%). (c) Triboelectric signals after a natural drying process: i) open circuit voltage, ii) short circuit current, and iii) charge density.