Micro/nanofiber-coupled Superhydrophobic and Conductive Textile for Wearable Strain Sensors Underwater with Full-scale Human Motion Detection Ability

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Figure S1. (a) 1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorodecyltrimethoxysilane (FAS)-grafted TiO₂ to obtain

hydrophobic TiO₂ (FAS-TiO₂). (b) FAS-grafted MWCNT-OH to obtain hydrophobic MWCNT (FAS-MWCNT). (c) Methyltriethoxysilane and γ -glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane react to obtain epoxy-silicone oligomer under the action of an acid catalyst.



Figure S2. Resistance and WCA of the SNWTC as a function of spraying times.

The resistance of the SNWTC declined dramatically from 40 k Ω to 1.35 k Ω , sparycoated from 1 to 5 times, then, the resistance tended to be stable at approximately 1.35 k Ω (Figure S2, Supporting Information). Meanwhile, the WCA improved to 156.1°, realizing the superhydrophobicity of the surface. These results proved that composite had been completely coated on the surface of the nylon fibers by spraying 5 times.



Figure S3. TGA curve of the superhydrophobic and conductive nano coating.

Since the physical and chemical properties of substances change at different temperatures,^{1, 2} TGA measurements of the nano coating were carried out (Figure S3). The sample was heated from 25 to 800 °C at a linear heating rate of 20 °C /min by Simultaneous Thermal Analyzer (NETZSCH STA 449 F3, Germany) with the atmosphere of air. As shown in Figure S3, the weight-loss (30%) was at 100–500 °C, arising from the decomposition of epoxy-silicone oligomer and PDMS.^{3, 4} Another noticeable sharp weight-loss (36.5%) appeared 500–700 °C, which was attributed to the gradual decomposition of FAS-MWCNTs.^{5, 6} Finally, the thermal decomposition products and the thermally stable FAS-TiO₂ were left.⁷ The result of TGA could simply evaluate the content of each component. The content of the epoxy-silicone oligomer and PDMS was nearly 30 wt%, FAS-MWCNTs was 36.5 wt%. In addition, the result showed that the nano-coating was very stable at room temperature, it began to decompose at 150 °C. It can be safely used as the sensing material of wearable strain sensor.



Figure S4. Photograph of water droplets under different strain.



Figure S5. Self-cleaning process of the SNCWC surface with a small inclination angle (<10°): (a) Water, (b) Coffee, (c) Cola, and (d) Dust.



Figure S6. Relative resistance changes of the sensor as a function of strain underwater.

Reference	Materials of sensor	Sensing range	Gauge factor
2	TPU/Graphene	100%	21
17	PU/Graphene/SiO ₂	100%	5.9
18	TPU/ACNTs/AgNPs/PDMS	70%	1.04×10^{5}
51	Carbon black/PDMS	100%	67.2
52	MXene based composite	700%	2.9
53	Natural rubber (NR)/NR-CNTs/NR	500%	2280
39	Polypropylene textile/MXene/PDMS	50%	18
54	PDMS/CNTs	100%	3.1
55	TPU/CNTs/PDMS	100%	0.339
56	TPE/CNTs	76%	1
57	PDMS/CNTs	200%	22.64
58	PU/rGO/PDA/PFDT	590%	221
This work	Nylon textile/MWCNTs/TiO ₂ /PDMS	100%	949.5

 Table. 1. Comparative analysis of the GF values and maximum working ranges of the

 superhydrophobic sensor reported in previous publications.



Figure S7. The hysteresis performance of the SNWTC strain sensors for different strain stretching/releasing: (a) 10%, (b) 20%, (c) 50%, and (d) 75%.

Supplementary Videos

Movie S1: Direct antifouling test of the SNWTC surface.

Movie S2: Indirect antifouling test of the SNWTC surface.

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