

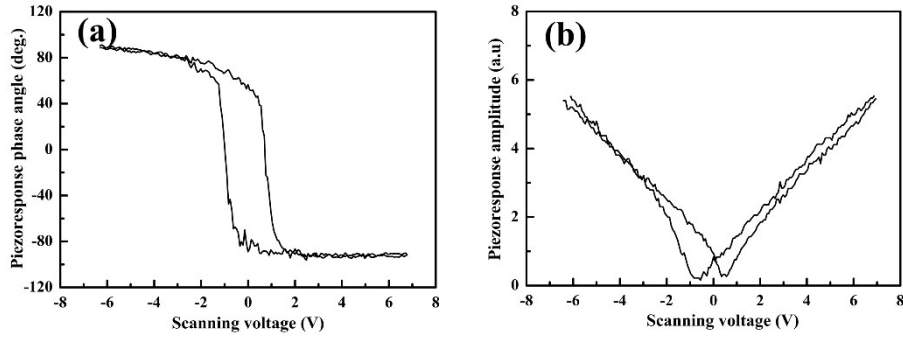
## **Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

### **Self-polarized piezoelectric thin films: preparation, formation mechanism and applications**

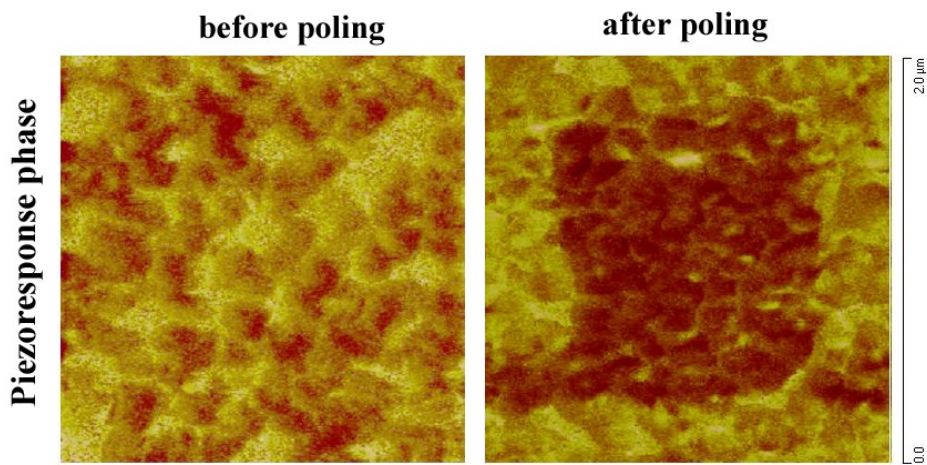
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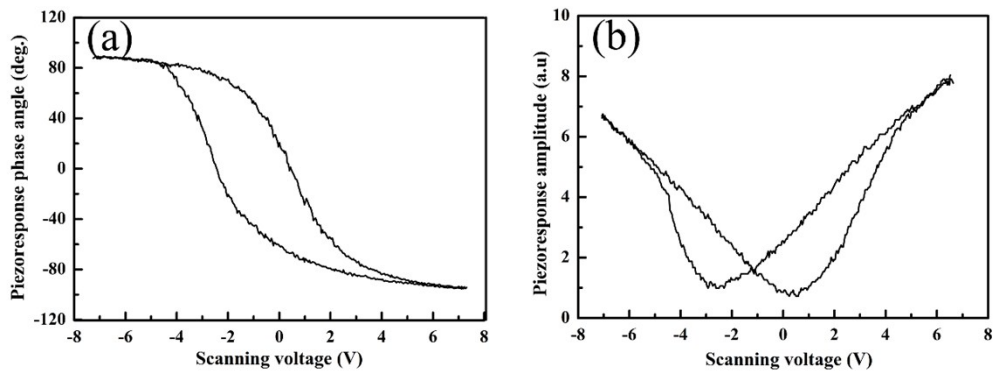
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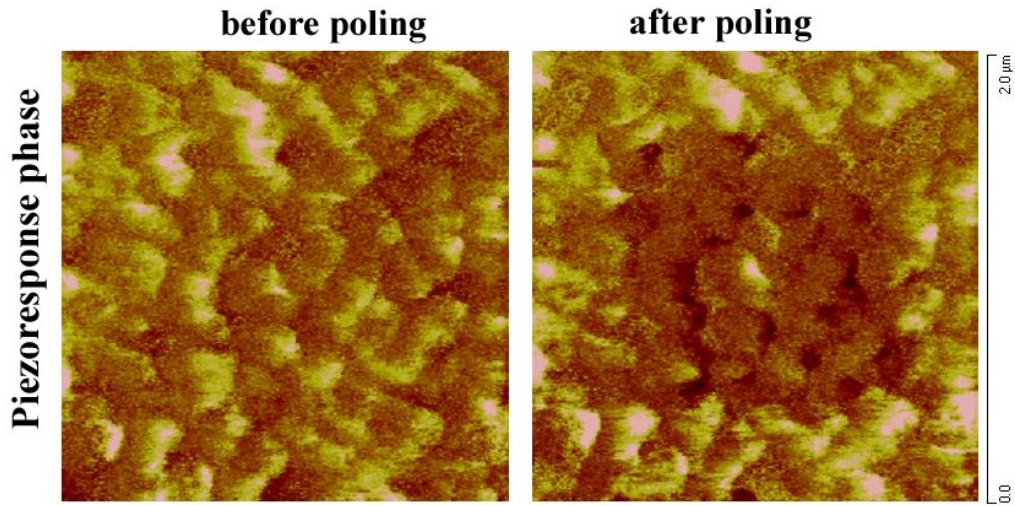
**Fig. S1** Piezoresponse phase loop (a) and piezoresponse amplitude loop (b) of film with thickness of ~150 nm.



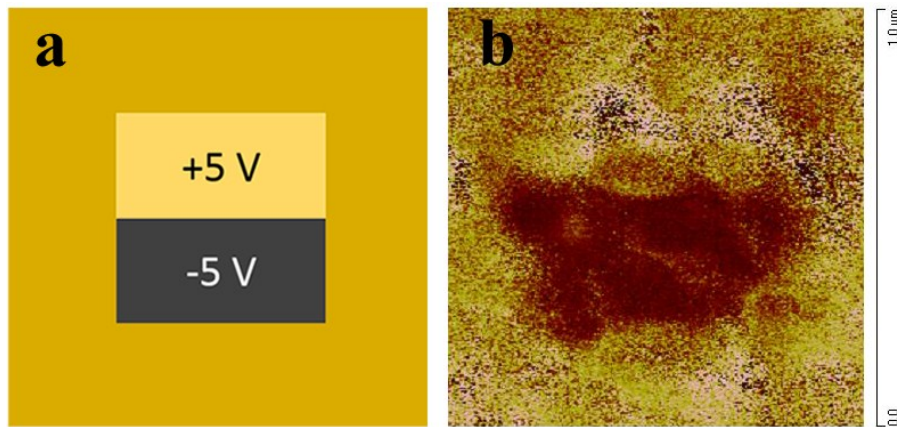
**Fig. S2** Out-of-plane piezoresponse phase images of film with thickness of ~150 nm.



**Fig. S3** Piezoresponse phase loop (a) and piezoresponse amplitude loop (b) of film with thickness of ~230 nm.



**Fig. S4** Out-of-plane piezoresponse phase images of film with thickness of  $\sim 230$  nm.



**Fig. S5** Out-of-plane piezoresponse phase image of film with thickness of  $\sim 150$  nm after by performing cantilever based electrical lithography to write electrical domain on the film. Schematic for performing electrical lithography (a); out-of-plane piezoresponse phase image (b).