

Supporting Information

Transparent superhydrophobic / superhydrophilic TiO₂-based coatings for self-cleaning and anti-fogging

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Legends for supplementary videos.

Video S1: showing the transparent and superhydrophobic TNB/FAS film with extremely low water adhesion.

Video S2: showing the self-cleaning ability of the transparent and superhydrophobic TNB/FAS film with extremely low water adhesion.

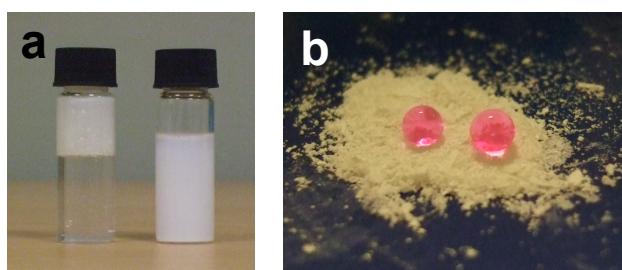


Figure S1. (a) Optical images of the solubility of TNB/FAS powder in water (left) and ethanol solution (right). TNB/FAS powder was self-assembled into a compact film along the glass bottle upper the water surface by shaking the solution. (b) Water droplet on the highly hydrophobic TNB/FAS powder.

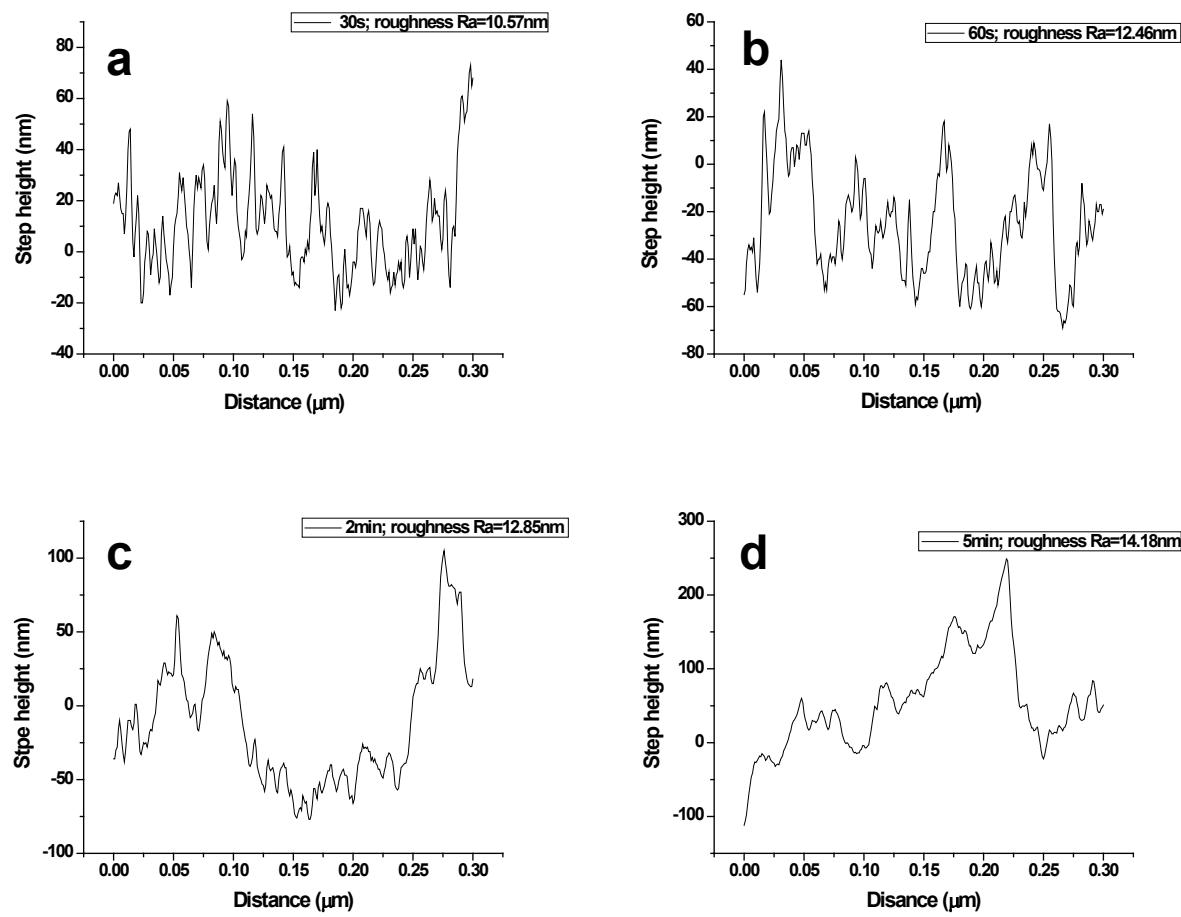


Figure S2. Profilometry of the TNB/FAS film on ITO glass substrate showing film average roughness (Ra). Deposition time: (a) 30 s, (b) 1 min, (c) 2 min, and (d) 5 min.

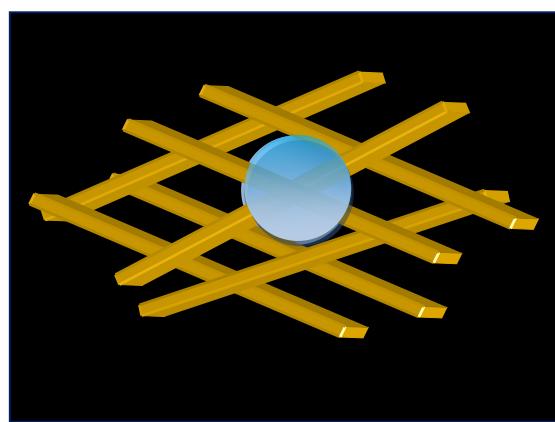


Figure S3. Schematic illustration of the water behavior on the as-prepared cross-aligned superhydrophobic TNB/FAS film. Water droplet was suspended by the air trapped inside the 3-D porous and cross-aligned TNB/FAS film.

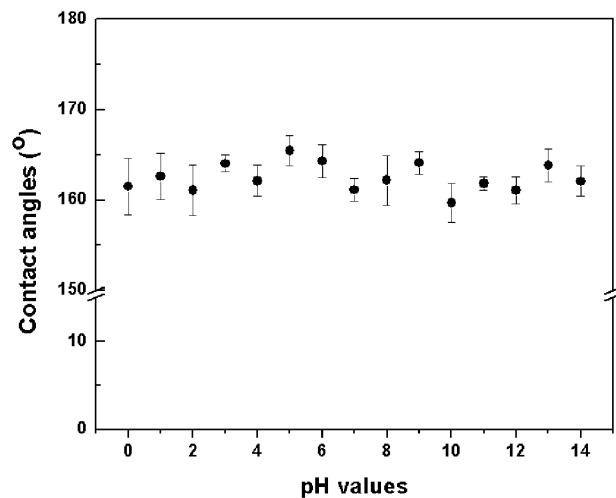


Figure S4. Relationship between pH values and water contact angles of the TNB/FAS films deposited for 5 min.

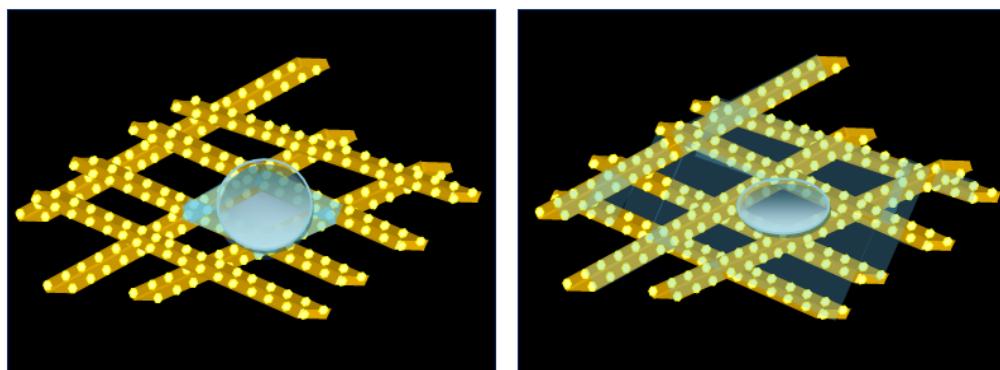


Figure S5. Schematic illustration of the ultra-fast water spreading on the micor/nano-scale porous superhydrophilic $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ film. The 3-D cross-aligned $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ network and micro- and nanoscale pores result in great capillary effect to quick water invasion.