Supporting Information for

A Super-Strong Hydrophobic Coating by Conducting A New 3D Hierarchical Architecture

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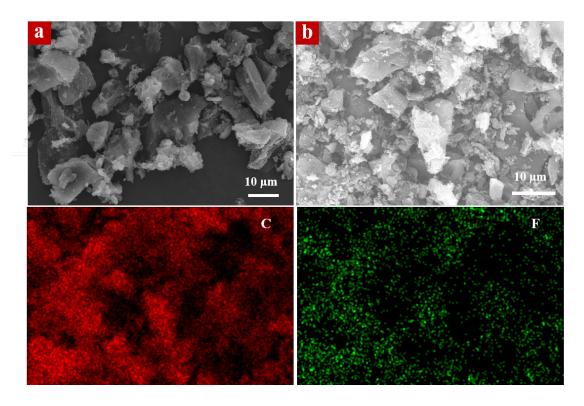


Figure S1. (a) SEM image of the original ACs. (b) The C and F elemental mappings of *f*-ACs using EDX.

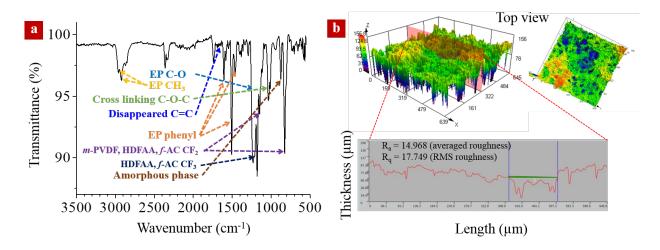


Figure S2. (a) FTIR spectrum of the 3D hybrid composite. (b) 3D laser micro-confocal microscopy image of the hybrid composite self-cleaning coating with surface profile.

Table S1 Comparison of Hydrophobic Coatings.

Samples	Method	Contact angle	Mechanical Stability	Chemical/mechanical stability	Scalable or not	Transparency	Application	Reference
PTFE coated carbon nanotubes	Plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition	170°	N/A	N/A	No	No	Fillers for nanocomposites and single strand conductors in molecular electronics	1
TiO ₂	Painting	168°	Sandpaper abrasion test (#240, 40 cycles)	N/A	Yes	No	Clothes, paper, glass, and steel for self-cleaning applications	2
Particle-filled silicone rubber composites	Drop casting	164.9°±2.2°	Sandpaper abrasion test (#400, 32.5kpa, 50cycles)	N/A	Yes	Semi- transparent	Self-cleaning	3
Nanoflower like gold	Chemical deposition	169°	Sandpaper abrasion test (#400, 30kpa, 2m)	pH=2,7 and 9	No	No	Anti-corrosion, self-cleaning, and mechanical durability	4
ZnO- polydimethylsiloxane	Chemical bath deposition	160°	Sandpaper abrasion test (45kpa, 300cycles); accelerate	CA kept 148°-168° when immersed in solution with pH from 1 to 13, for 24, 48 and 72h,	Yes	No	Self-cleaning and water oil separation	5
CuO	Electrodeposition and chemical oxidation	160°	CA≥150° after stored in air for 6 month	CA≥150° when pH from 1 to 10	Yes	Yes	Self-cleaning	6
Current work	Flexible with scalable methods	160-168°	Sandpaper abrasion test (26.1kpa, 50 cycles)	High CA at pH=2,7 and 9	Yes	Yes	Most of self-cleaning substrates such as metal, glass and plastic	

- **Movie S1.** Water droplet dances on the 3D composite coated glass.
- Movie S2. Water droplet rolls off on the AC hybrid composite coated glass with a tilt angle of 1°.
- Movie S3. Water droplet rolls off on the SiO₂ hybrid composite coated glass with a tilt angle of 1°.

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