

Supporting Information

for

Vapor-phase-synthesized fluoroacrylate polymer thin films: thermal stability and structural properties

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Additional experimental parameters and results

iCVD deposition conditions

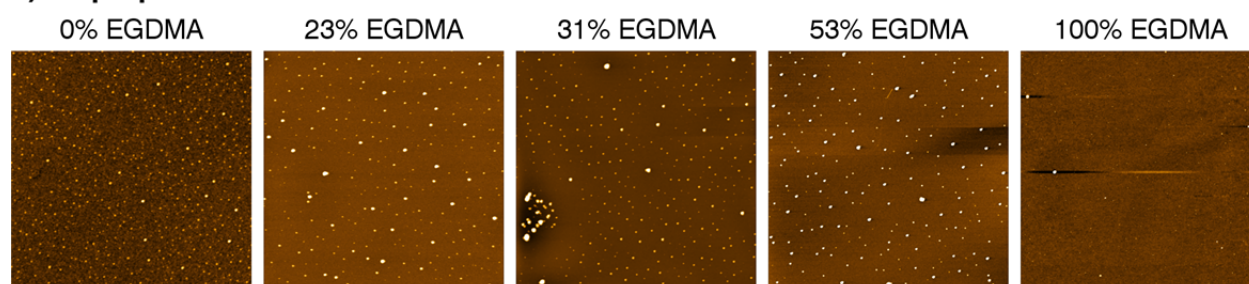
The following parameters were used in the synthesis of 1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorodecyl acrylate (PFDA) and ethylene glycol dimethacrylate (EGDMA) copolymers by initiated Chemical Vapor Deposition (iCVD): The working pressure was set to 800 mTorr, the filament was heated to 250 °C and the substrate was held at 30 °C. For all the samples, an initiator flow rate of 0.6 sccm of *tert*-butyl peroxide was used. The PFDA and EGDMA flow rates are stated in Table S1. The total flow rate was controlled to 4.8 sccm by adjusting the Nitrogen patch flow accordingly.

Table S1. Flow rates of the PFDA monomer (F_{PFDA}) and the crosslinker EGDMA (F_{EGDMA}) employed in the iCVD polymerization.

	F_{PFDA} [sccm]	F_{EGDMA} [sccm]
p-PFDA	0.15 ± 0.01	-
23 % EGDMA	0.17 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.02
31 % EGDMA	0.20 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.02
51 % EGDMA	0.16 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.02
p-EGDMA	-	0.10 ± 0.02

Atomic force microscopy

a) as-prepared



b) heat-treated

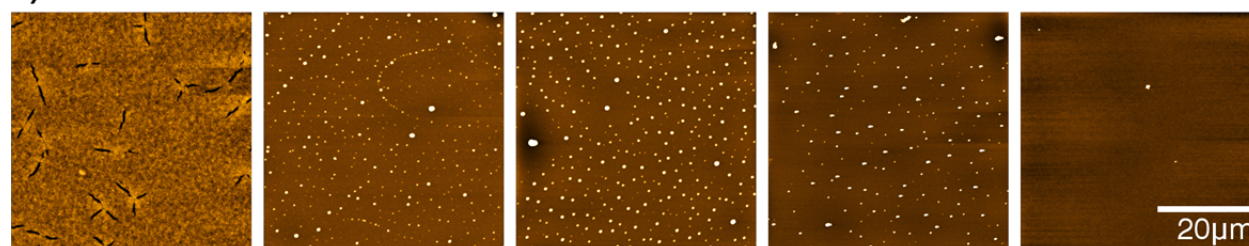


Figure S1. AFM micrographs of as-prepared (a) and heat-treated (b) p-PFDA films with different degrees of EGDMA cross-linking, depicting larger scales. The data are represented on individual color scales for clarity.

X-ray reflectivity measurements

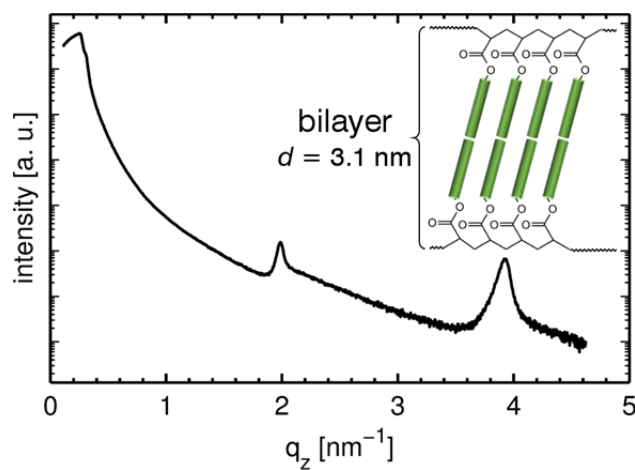


Figure S2. X-ray reflectivity data of an as-prepared p-PFDA film, exhibiting first and second order diffraction peaks corresponding to the bilayer packing of the perfluorinated groups. The inset shows a scheme of the p-PFDA lamellar structure, with the $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CF}_2)_7\text{CF}_3$ groups being represented by cylindrical rods.