

# Local Piezoelectric Response of Polymer/Ceramic Nanocomposite Fibers

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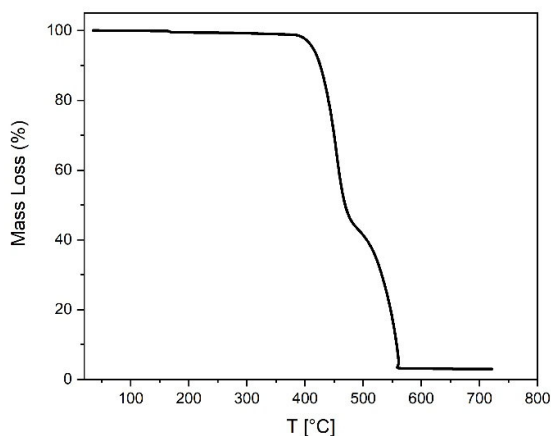
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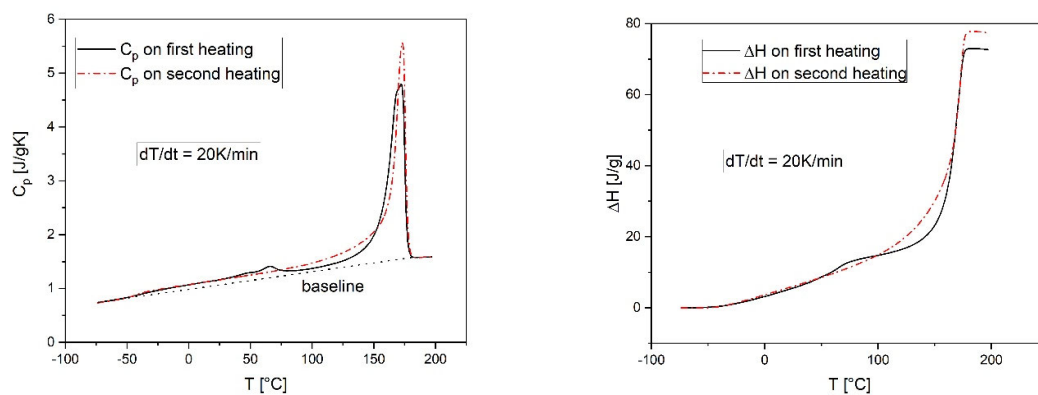
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## Supplementary material

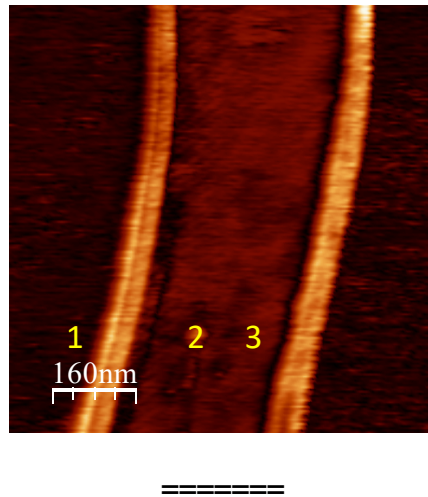
**Figure S1. Thermogravimetric analysis (in air flux) of the composite nanofiber sample.**



**Figure S2. Differential scanning calorimetry analysis of the composite nanofiber sample.**



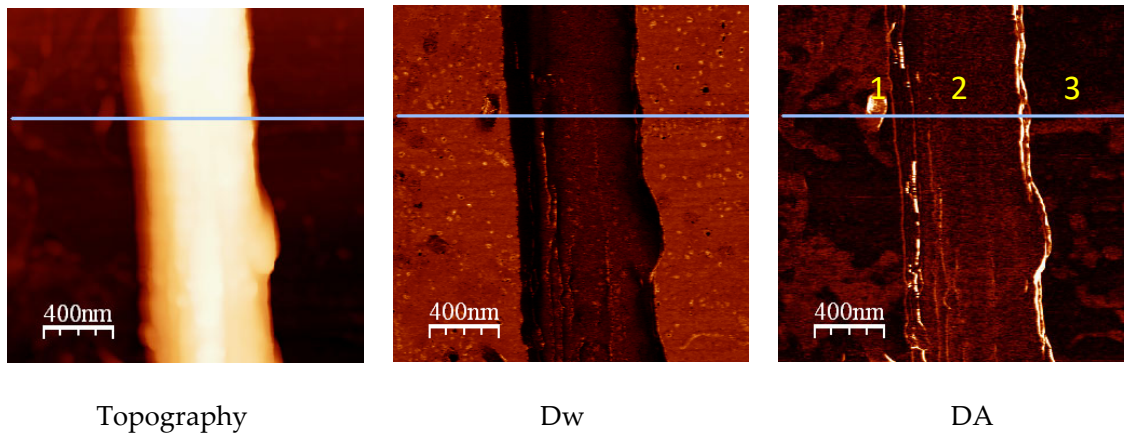
**Figure S3. PFM amplitude scan of an electrospun PVDF/BaTiO<sub>3</sub> composite nanofiber transferred on a doped silicon substrate (Figure 2), with indications of three different regions: substrate (1), domain (2), nanofiber (3).**



**Table S3. Average piezoresponse on three different regions indicated in Figure S3.**

Position	Piezoelectric coefficient
Zone 1: substrate	6 pm/V
Zone 2: domain	31 pm/V
Zone 3: nanofiber	13 pm/V

**Figure S4. Topography, resonance frequency shift (Dw) and piezoresponse (DA) scan of an electrospun PVDF/BaTiO<sub>3</sub> composite nanofiber as deposited on the rotating electrospinning aluminum substrate, on which a BaTiO<sub>3</sub> nanoparticle is also visible. Figure 4 was extracted from these topography and PFM amplitude full scans.**



**Table S4. average piezoelectric coefficients on nanoparticle, nanofiber, and substrate in Figure S4.**

Position	Piezoelectric coefficient
Zone 1: nanoparticle	$60 \pm 20$ pm/V
Zone 2: nanofiber	$17 \pm 6$ pm/V
Zone 3: substrate	$7 \pm 3$ pm/V