

Supporting Information

Enhanced Mechanical and Thermal Properties of Polyimide Films Using Hydrophobic Fumed Silica Fillers

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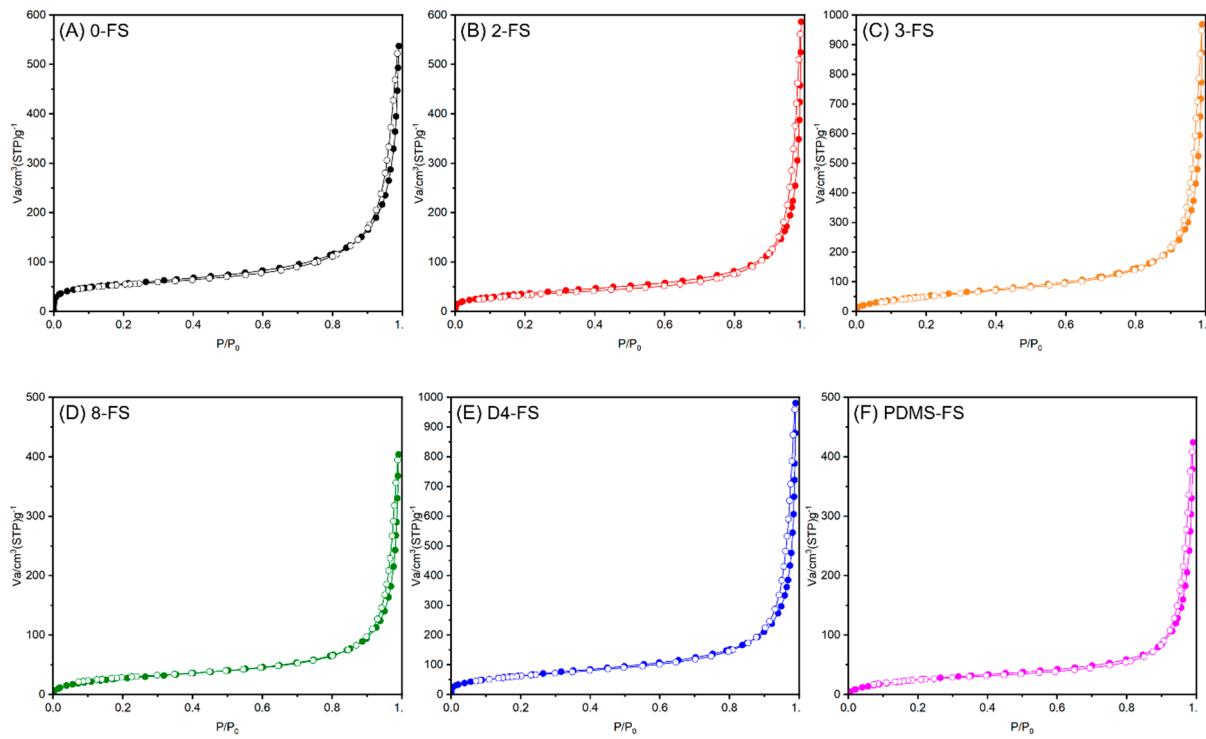


Figure S1. N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms of FS nanoparticles used for PI/FS composite films; (A) 0-, (B) 2-, (C) 3-, (D) 8-, (E) D4-, and (F) PDMS-FS.

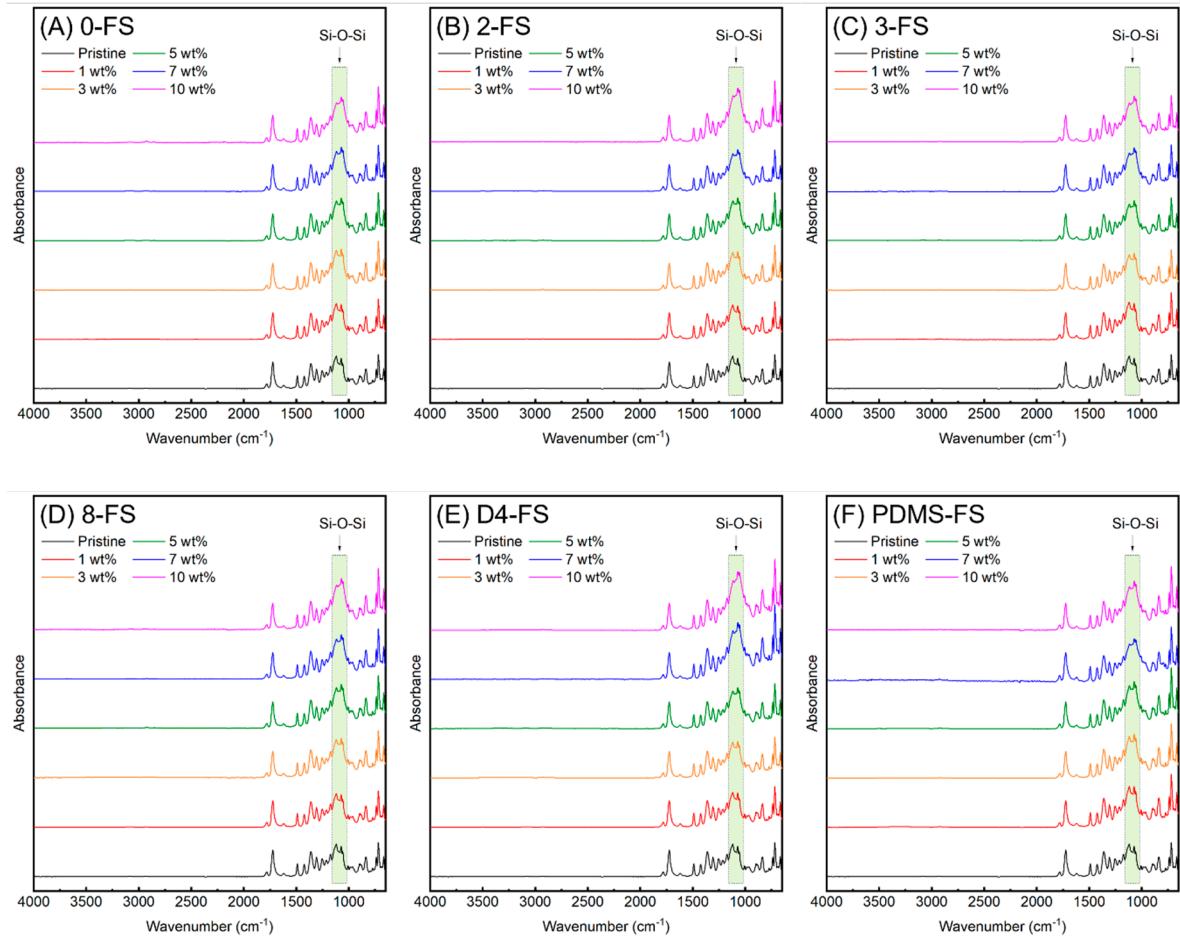


Figure S2. FT-IR spectra of the pristine PI and the PI/FS composite film containing (A) 0-, (B) 2-, (C) 3-, (D) 8-, (E) D4-, and (F) PDMS-FS. The FT-IR spectra were normalized based on the intensity of C=O stretching peak (1670 cm^{-1}) for comparison.

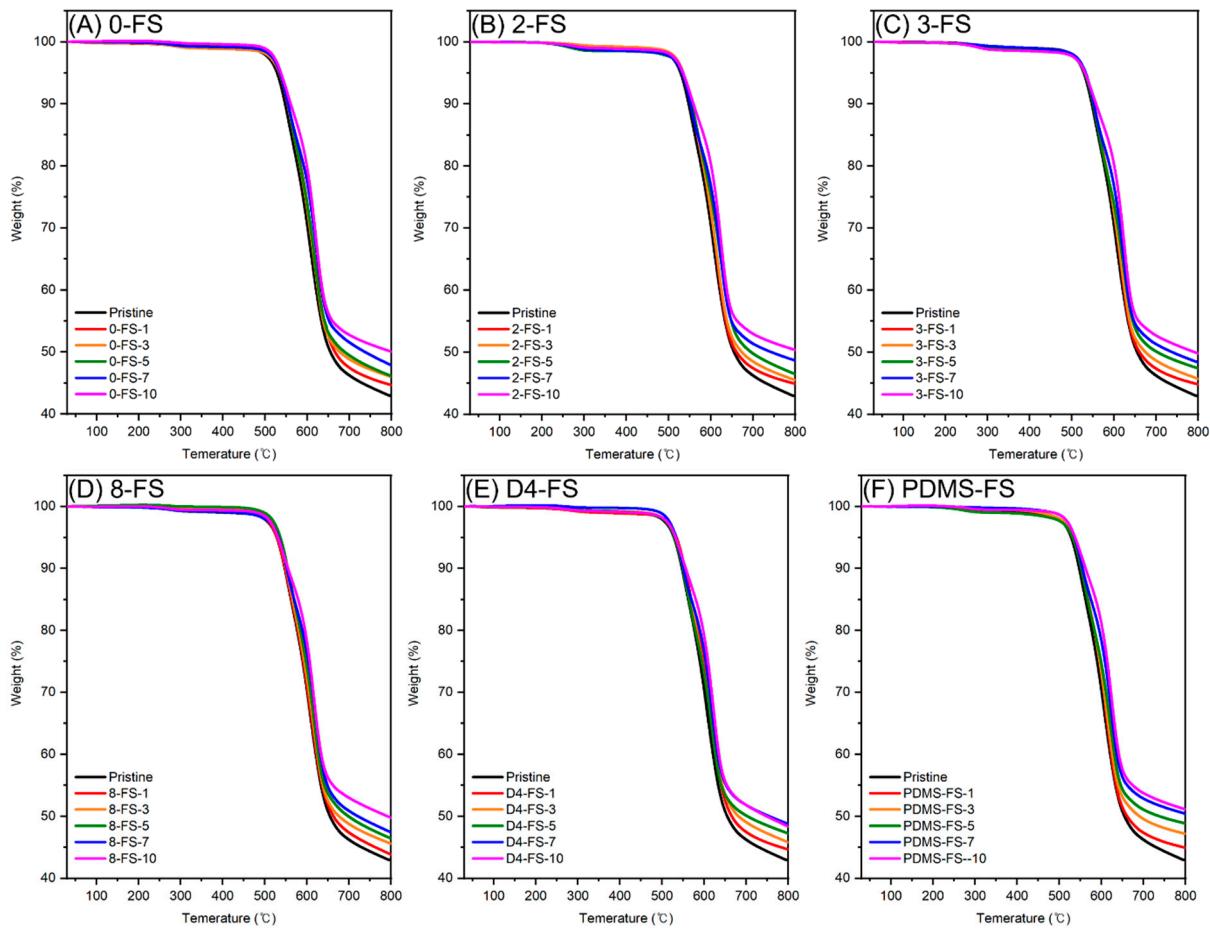


Figure S3. TGA curves of the PI/FS composite films containing (A) 0-, (B) 2-, (C) 3-, (D) 8-, (E) D4-, and (F) PDMS-FS.

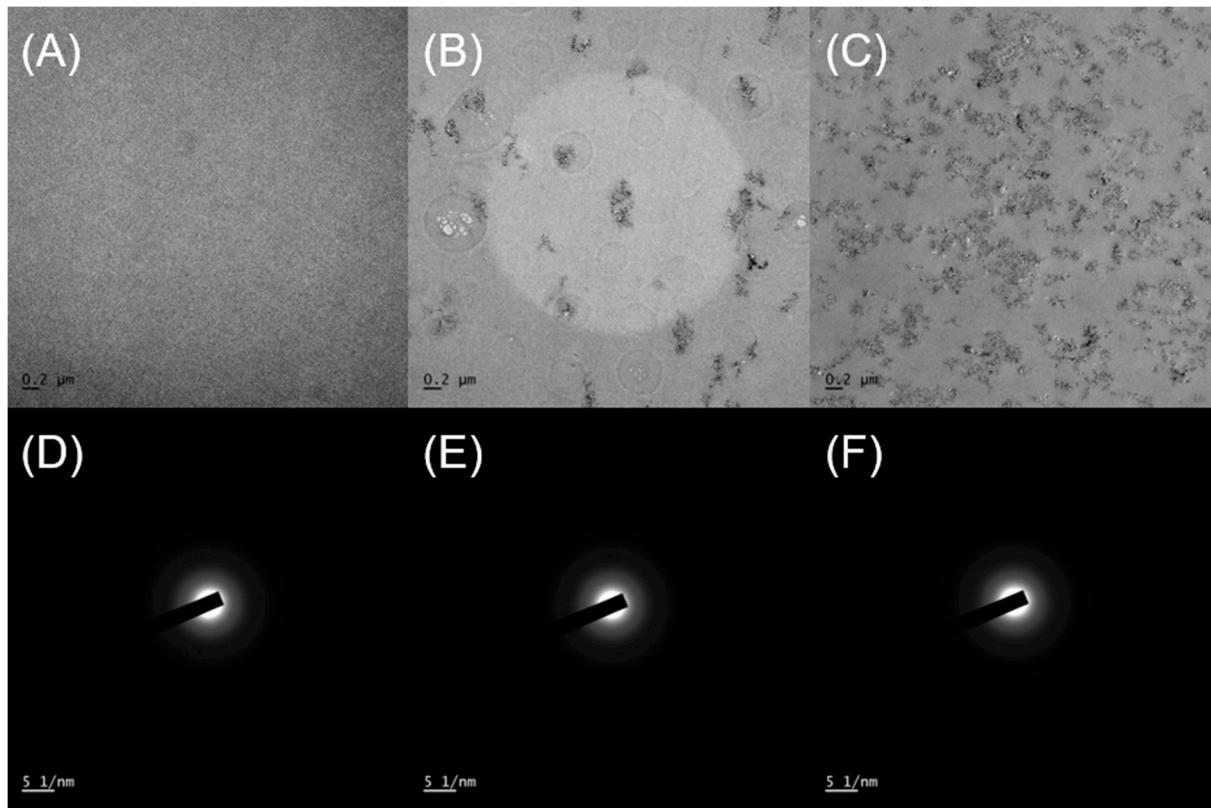
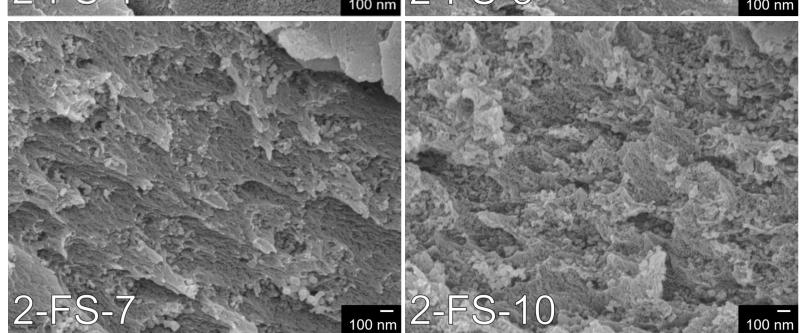
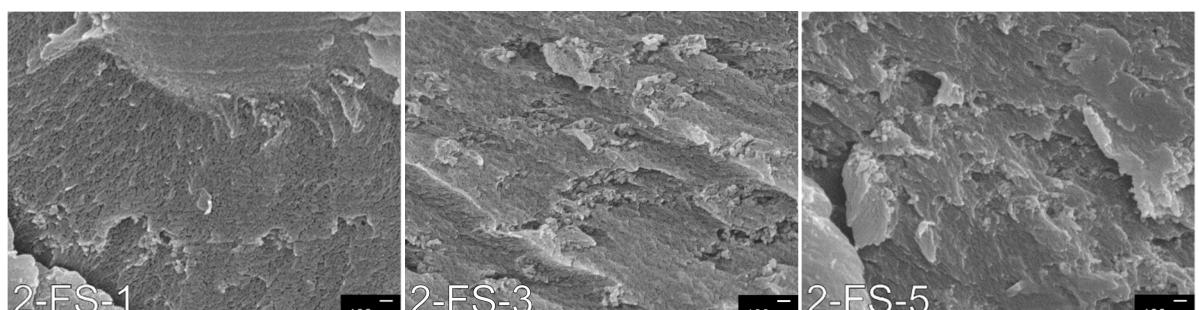
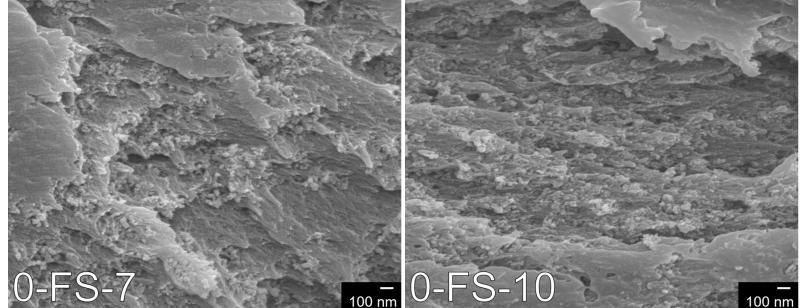
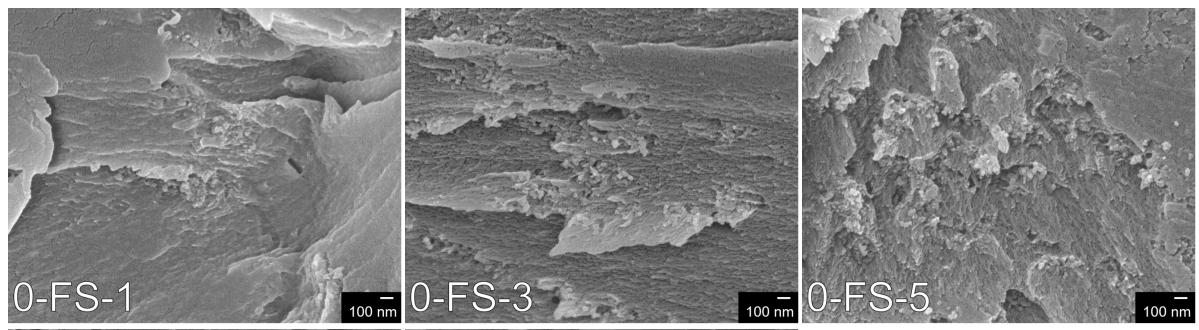
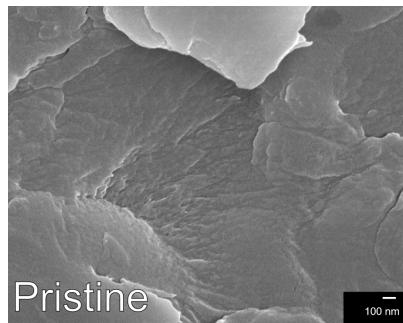
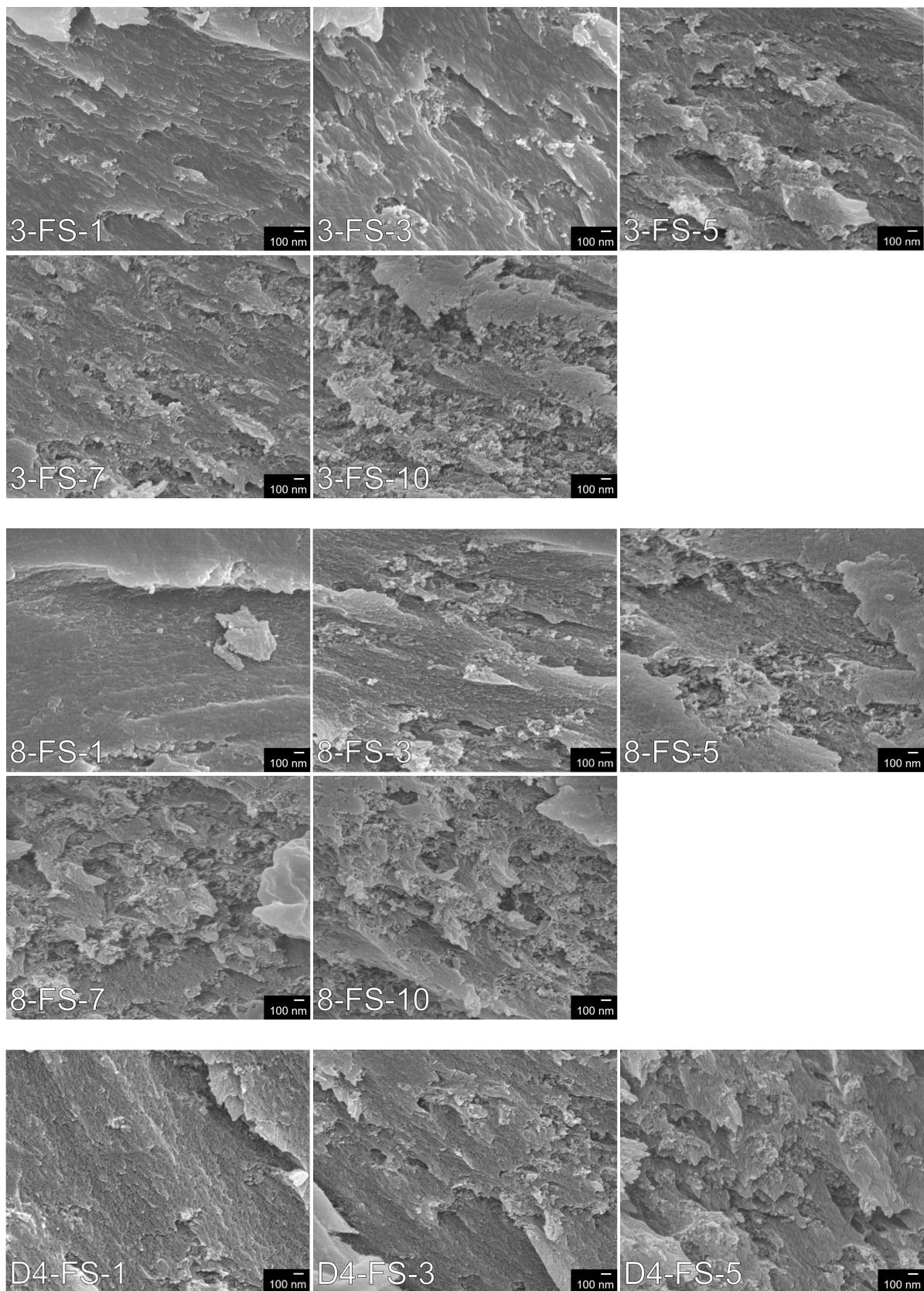


Figure S4. TEM images of (A) the pristine, (B) 3-FS-1, and (C) 3-FS-7. (D), (E), and (F) are the corresponding electron diffraction patterns to (A), (B), and (C).





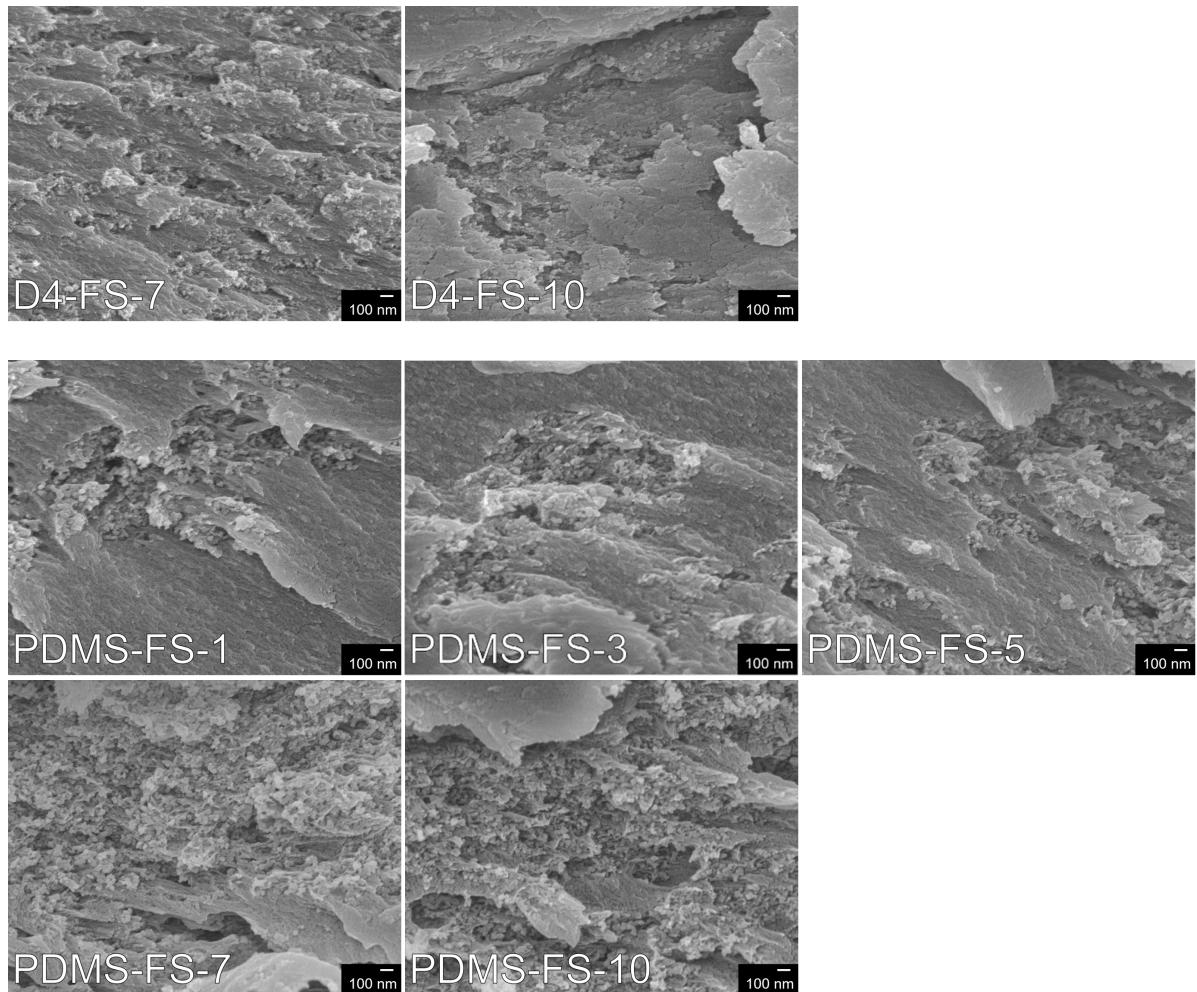


Figure S5. Cross-sectional SEM images of PI/FS composite films.

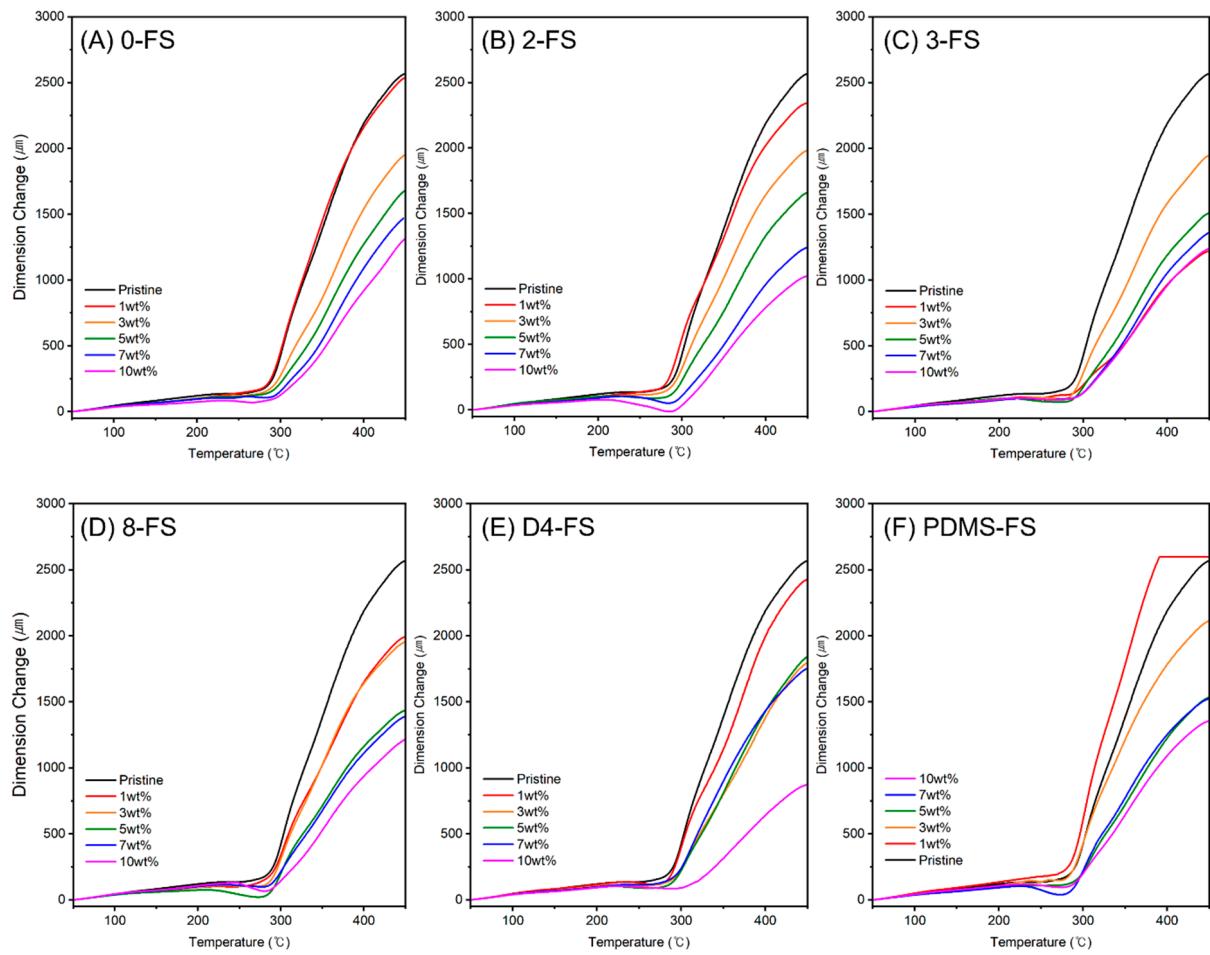


Figure S6. TMA curves of the PI/FS composite films containing (A) 0-, (B) 2-, (C) 3-, (D) 8-, (E) D4-, and (F) PDMS-FS.

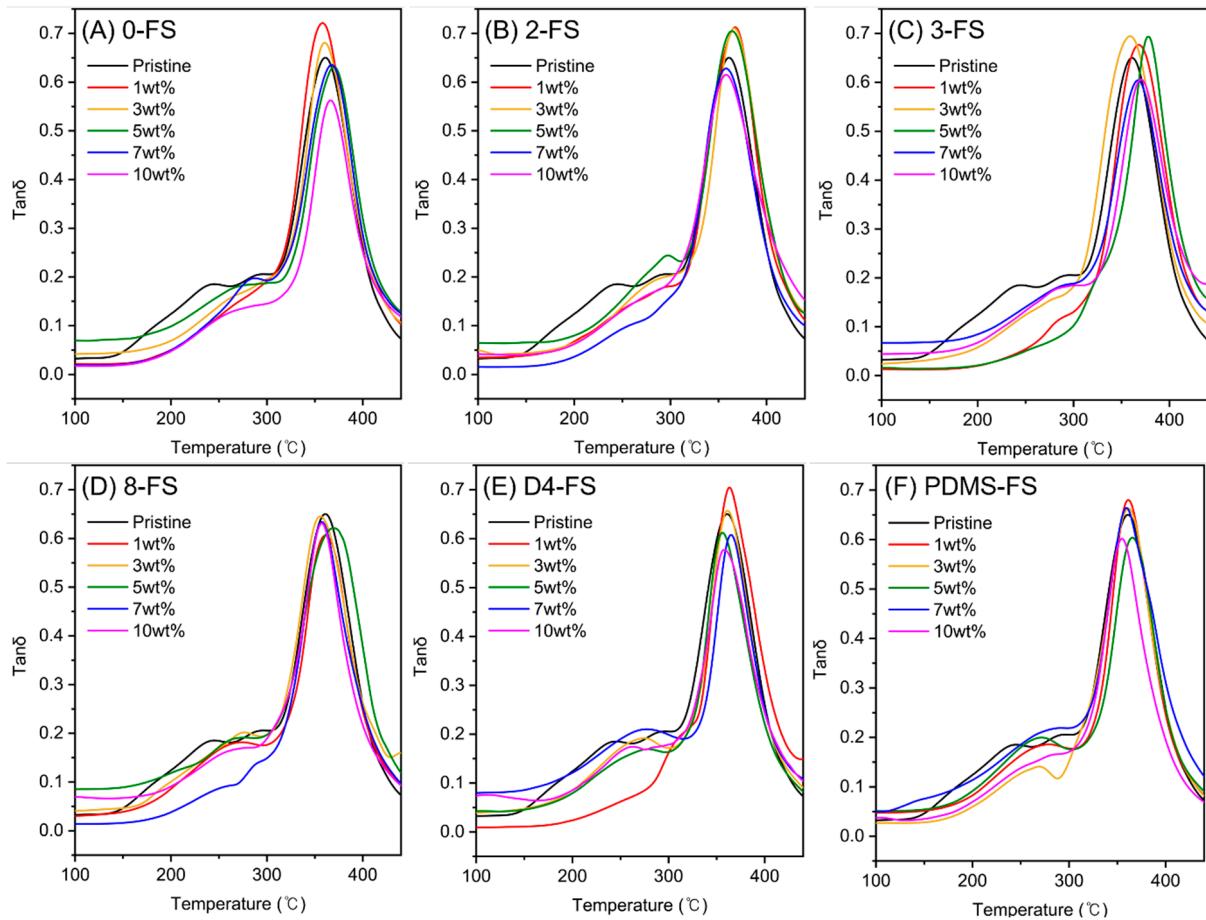


Figure S7. $\tan\delta$ curves of the PI/FS composite films containing (A) 0-, (B) 2-, (C) 3-, (D) 8-, (E) D4-, and (F) PDMS-FS.