

Topic of the Speech: Piezoelectric Poly-L-Lactic Acid Film-based Wearable Sensors

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His research interests lie in the piezoelectric thin-film materials and their novel applications, with a primary focus on the utilization of piezoelectric poly-L-lactic acid (PLLA) materials in wearable sensors for air flow detection, strain sensing, and motion recognition. The main research achievements include the design and development of the first generation of wearable piezoelectric airflow transducer, which has proven effective in measuring human respiratory flow and metabolism in complex environments. Based on the unique piezoelectric properties of uniaxially stretched PLLA films, he invented the world's first wearable unimodal strain sensors and integrated them with artificial intelligence to demonstrate finger-air-writing applications. His research findings have been published in international SCI journals, including npj Flexible Electronics, ACS Sensors, Advanced Functional Materials, ACS Applied Materials & Interface, etc.



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ABSTRACT

In 1992, Japanese scientist Dr. Eiichi Fukada discovered the piezoelectric properties of uniaxially stretched poly-L-lactic acid (PLLA) films, laying the foundation for the study of piezoelectric PLLA films. Unlike most piezoelectric materials, piezoelectric PLLA films only have a shear piezoelectric coefficient (i.e., d14) and do not exhibit a pyroelectric effect. This means that its signal is not affected by temperature fluctuations, thereby improving the stability and practicality of wearable sensors. The presenter will first briefly review the development history of piezoelectric polylactic acid films and then introduce the latest progress in piezoelectric PLLA film research in recent years, including the presenter's scientific achievements in this field, such as wearable piezoelectric airflow transducers, wearable unimodal strain sensors, etc.