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## Direct fabrication of micro-patterned conductive polymer device using spray coating with metal shadow mask

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In recent years, micro-patterned conductive polymer device have been widely used in various applications such as flat panel display, organic solar cells, OLED lighting devices, bio-chip systems, flexible electronic sensors and portable optoelectronic products. Therefore, its production method is clearly an important issue of concern. Over the years, traditional photolithography and ink-jet printing are very common processes to fabricate micro-patterned conductive polymer device, which generally includes spin coating, photolithography, heating, lift-off and ink-jet processes. The whole processes should be performed in a clean-room environment and depends on extremely expensive equipment. To combat this challenge, we present a simple and direct method for rapid fabrication of micro-patterned conductive polymer device on flexible plastic substrate by using spray coating with metal shadow mask. In this method, a metal shadow mask with micro-lines array pattern was fabricated by photo-lithography and wet chemical etching process. The metal shadow mask was placed onto the flexible plastic substrate to form the stack. The stack was then fixed on the stage of spray coating system. The conductive polymer (PEDOT:PSS) solution was pumped through the nozzle and spray coated on the stack. After proper curing process, the metal shadow mask was removed from flexible plastic substrate. The conductive polymer pattern on flexible plastic substrate was fabricated. In this study, extreme ultraviolet (EUV) radiation was used for surface modification of flexible plastic substrate. The processing condition of spray coating with metal shadow mask was also investigated. Finally, the surface shape, thickness, surface roughness and conductivity of the fabricated conductive polymer pattern devices were measured and analyzed. The experimental results show that the method can be applied for effective fabrication of flexible electronic device with conductive polymer pattern.

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