

Carbon nanotubes-enhanced nanocomposite organohydrogel based on a physically cross-linked double network for sensitive wearable sensors

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Table S1. Compositions for the hydrogel.

Samples	AAM (mg)	SA (mg)	CNTs (mg)	SDS (mg)	LMA (uL)	APS (mg)	TMEDA (uL)	CaCl ₂ (mg)	NaCl (mg)	Glycerol (mL)	Water (mL)
HPAAm/SA	4.97	0.35	0	0.1	92	18.9	40	0.882	2.6	0	30
HPAAm-CNTs/SA	4.97	0.35	0.1	0.1	92	18.9	40	0.882	2.6	0	30
NOH	4.97	0.35	0.1	0.1	92	18.9	40	0.882	2.6	20	10

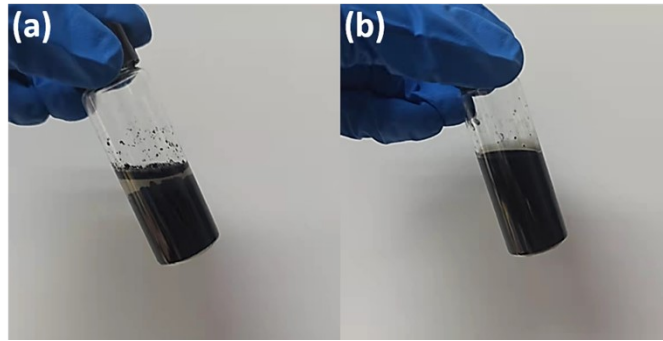


Fig. S1. The photos of the distribution of CNTs in (a) LMA/water, and (b) SDS/LMA solution, respectively. CNTs is easy to aggregate and delaminate in the solution without SDS. It can maintain uniform distribution in the SDS/LMA solution without any aggregation after even 24 h.

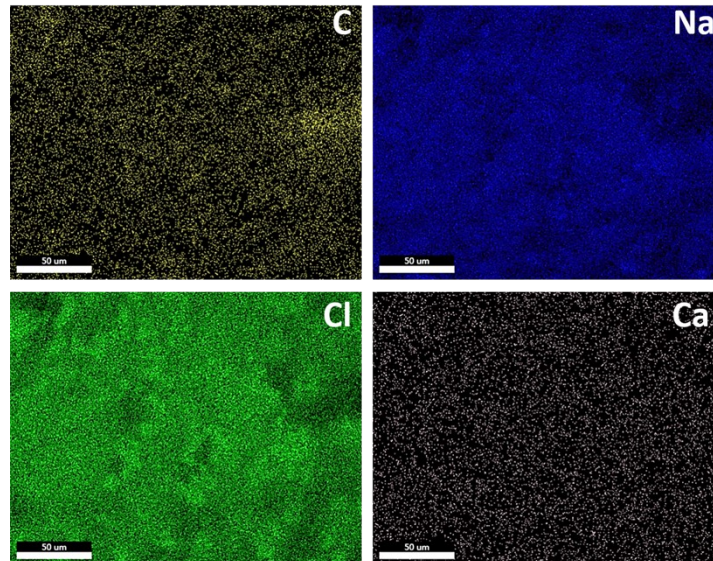


Fig. S2. The distribution of C, Na, Cl, and Ca element in the energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) mapping.

Table S2. Atomic percentage of the elements.

Element	Atomic %
C	55.03
Na	23.70
Ca	0.31
Cl	20.96

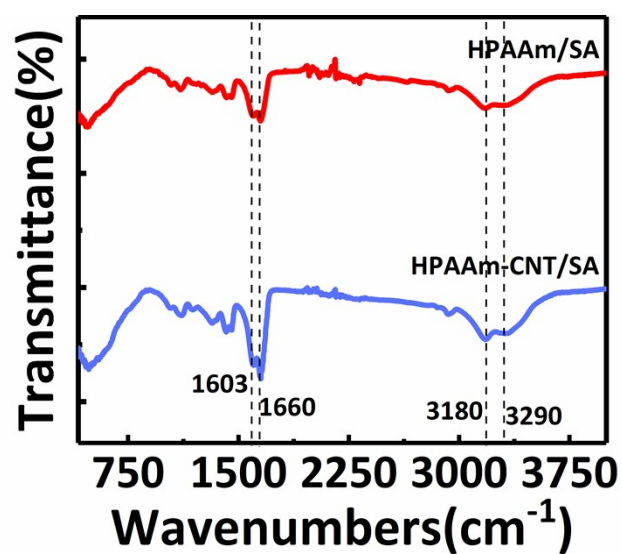


Fig. S3. FTIR spectra of HPAAm/SA and HPAAm-CNT/SA hydrogel.

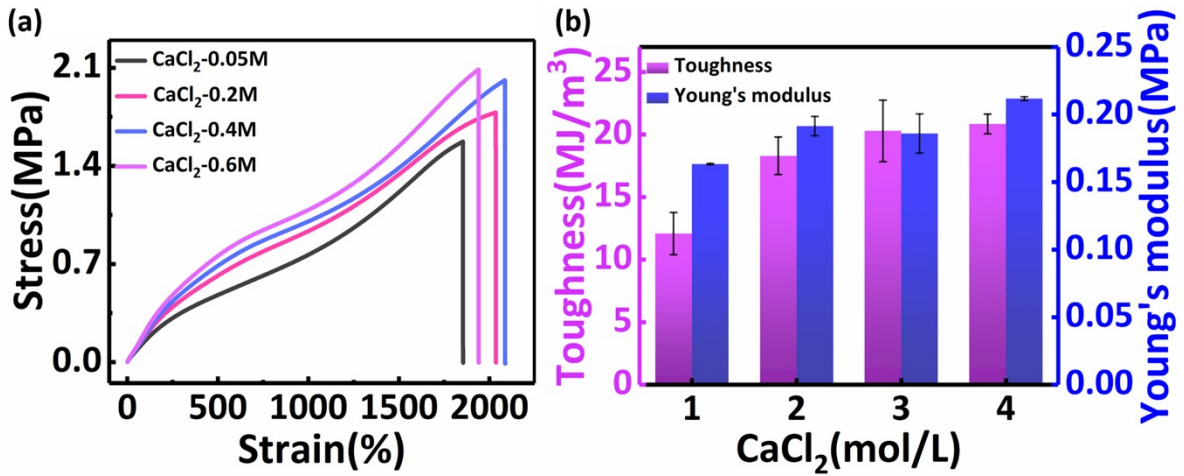


Fig. S4. Tensile stress-strain curves and the corresponding toughness and Young's modulus values of the nanocomposite organohydrogel soaking in the glycerol/water solution (20:10) with different CaCl₂ contents.

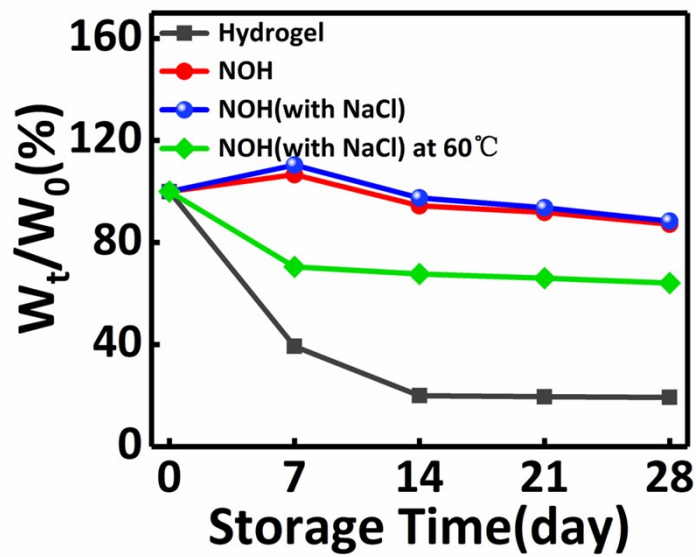


Fig. S5. Weight remaining curves of the samples were stored at room temperature and 60 °C for one month. The weight of the hydrogel decreases to the lowest value (about 20% of its initial weight) after being stored at room temperature for two weeks. In contrast, the weight of NOH at room conditions decreases slowly and still maintains 88% of its initial weight after one month. For NOH put under 60 °C, the weight decreases quickly in the first week and then decreases slowly to about 64% of its initial weight after one month.

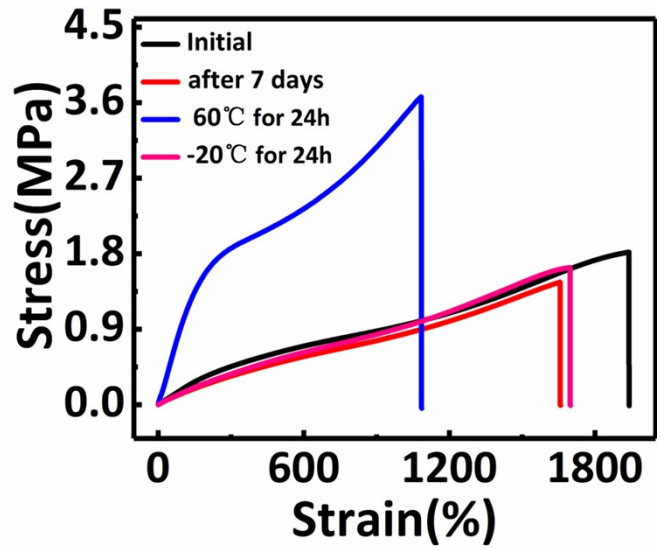


Fig. S6. Tensile stress-strain curves for NOH are stored in different environments.

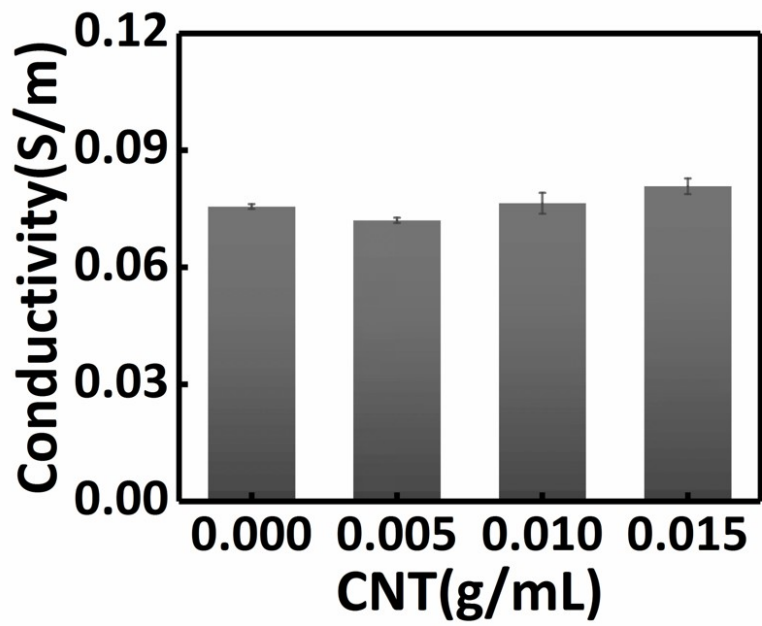


Fig. S7. Conductivity variation with different concentrations of CNTs. (glycerol/water=20:10, $\text{CaCl}_2=0.2 \text{ M}$, $\text{NaCl}=0 \text{ M}$)

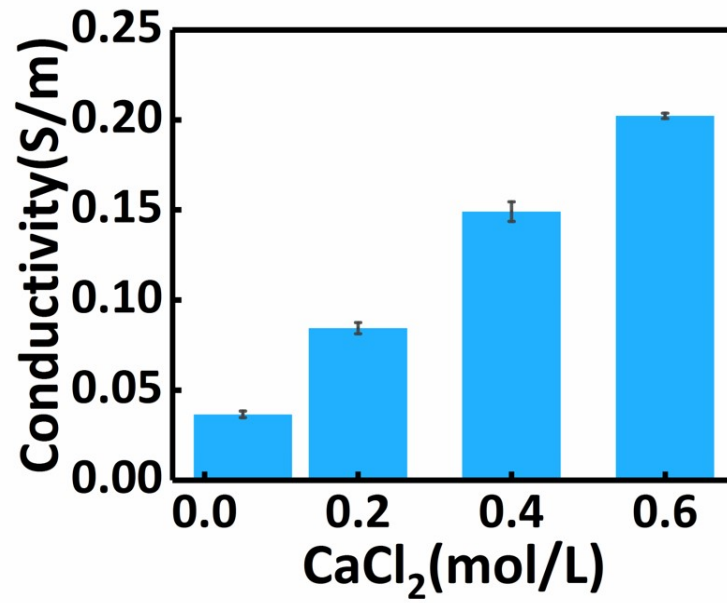


Fig. S8. Conductivity variation with different concentrations of CaCl₂ in the solution of glycerol/water(20:10).

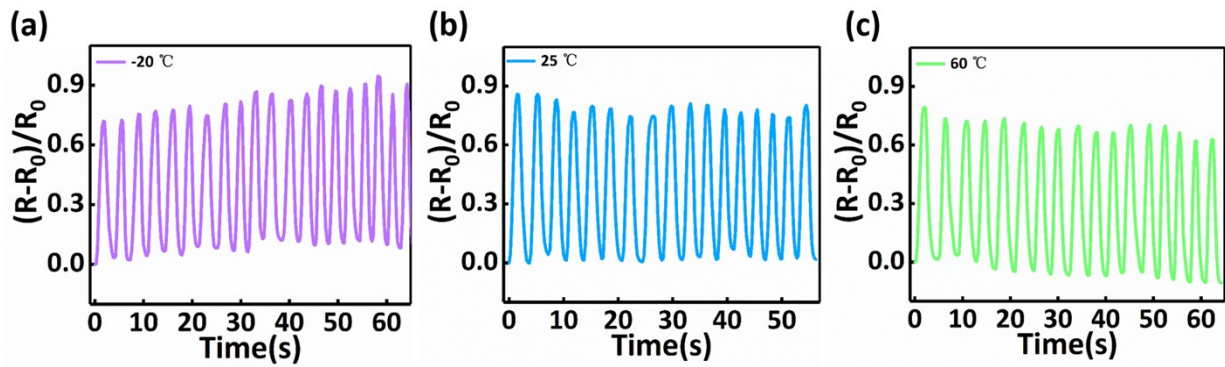


Fig. S9. Relative resistance changes for continuous bending of the finger under (a) -20 °C, (b) 25 °C, and (c) 60 °C, respectively.

Table S3. Comparison of important performances of the prepared nanocomposite organohydrogel and the previous works.

Materials	Stress (MPa)	Strain	Toughness (MJ/m ³)	Anti-freezing agents	Conductivity (S/m)	GF	Ref.
HPAAm/CS-c-MWCNT	0.065	2761%	-	-	0.82	1.65 (0-100%)	1
HAPAA/PANI	0.9	2590%	7.85	-	3.35	2.6 (0-300%)	2
HAPAM/CNC@CNT	0.25	2900%	3.6	-	0.826	1.65 (0-600%)	3
PVA/MXene	0.0054	1200%	-	-	-	0.4 (0-200%)	4
CNTs/HAPAAm	0.267	3000%	3.42	-	1.75×10 ⁻²	2.0 (0-300%)	5
PAA-LM/rGO	0.1	2900%	-	-	-	1.77 (0-100%)	6
PAAm-oxCNTs	0.71	1000%	2.29	-	6.7×10 ⁻²	1.5 (0-200%)	7
PAM/gelatin/PEDOT: PSS	0.29	2850%	-	-	-	0.46% (0-200%)	8
PAAm-TA@CNF-MXene	0.16	1500%	-	glycerol	0.19	4.15 (0-250%)	9
TA@HAP NWs-PVA	0.36	480%	0.94	glycerol	-	2.84 (0-350%)	10
PVA/Gly/CB/CNT	4.84	640%	15.93	glycerol	0.17	2.01 (0-700%)	11
PVA/PAAm/MXene	0.035	1000%	-	ethylene glycol	1.5×10 ⁻²	5.02 (0-200%)	12
PAAM/PVP/Graphene	0.072	21 000%	-	ethylene glycol	-	2.3	13
PAM/MMT/CNTs	0.2	4196%	-	glycerol	<1.0×10 ⁻³	2.77 (0-1000%)	14
Alg-PBA/ PVA/PAM/rGO	0.064	610%	-	ethylene glycol	1.1×10 ⁻²	0.0112kPa ⁻¹	15
PAA/CS/GO	0.226	1000%	1.12	glycerol	6.7×10 ⁻²	1.138 (0-80%)	16
HPAAm-CNTs/SA	1.56	1871%	18.3	glycerol	0.48	2.85 (0-200%)	This work

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