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Electronic Supplementary Information

Liquid crystal self-assembly of halloysite nanotubes in ionic liquids: a novel soft nanocomposite ionogels electrolytes with high anisotropic ionic conductivity and thermal stability

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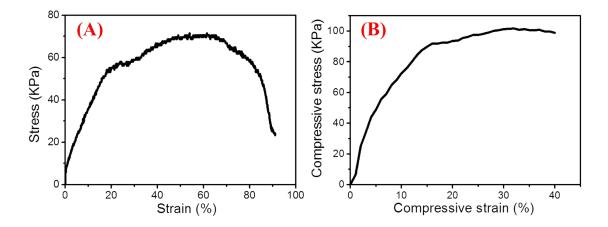


Fig.S1 Typical tensile stress-strain curve (A) and compressive stress-strain curve of ionogel with 60% HNTs.

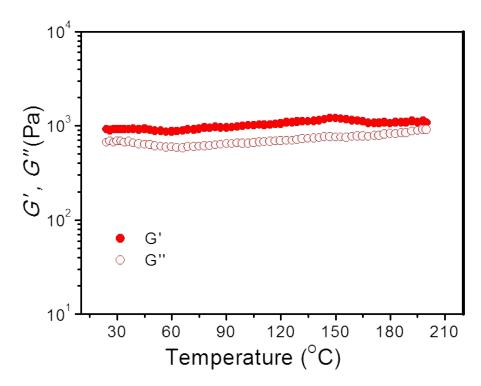


Fig. S2 Changes of storage modulus, G', and loss modulus, G'', with increasing temperature for nanocomposite ionogels

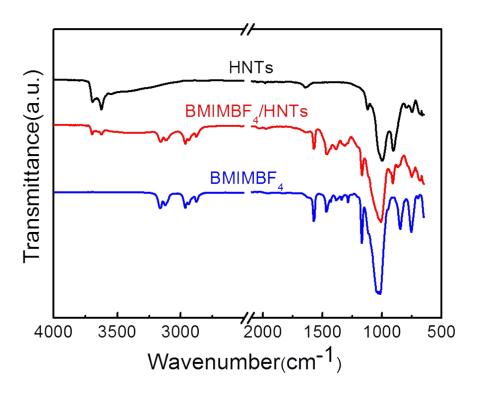
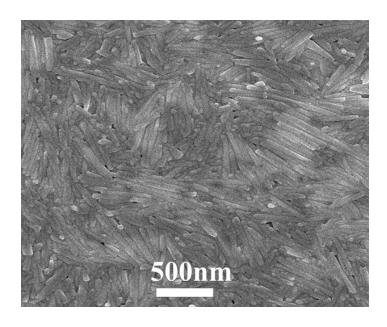


Fig. S3 FTIR spectra of pure HNTs, pure BMIMBF₄ and ionogel of BMIMBF₄/HNTs.



 $\label{eq:Fig.S4} \textbf{Fig.S4} \ \text{SEM} \ \text{image of the morphology of the side surface sections for HNTs/BMIMBF}_4 \\ \text{ionogel without shear.}$

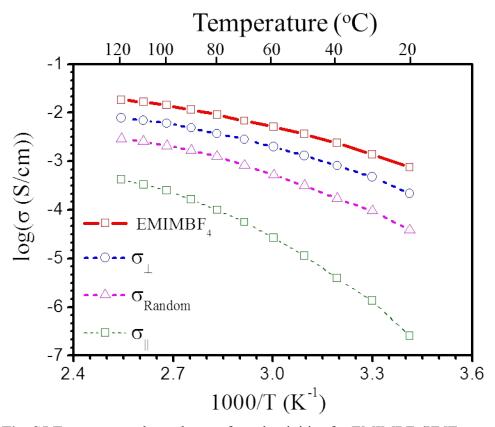


Fig. S5 Temperature dependence of conductivities for EMIMBF₄/HNTs system

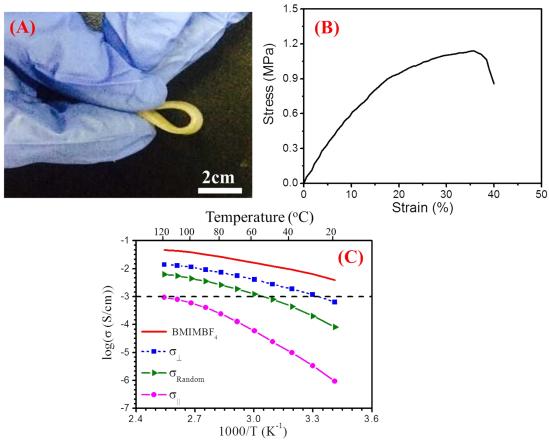


Fig.S6 (A) Bent nanocomposite gel polymer electrolytes (GPE) (30% HNTs/50% BMIMBF₄/10% PVDF/10% LiBF₄). (B) Stress-strain curves for the GPE. (C) Temperature dependencies of ionic conductivity for the GPE.