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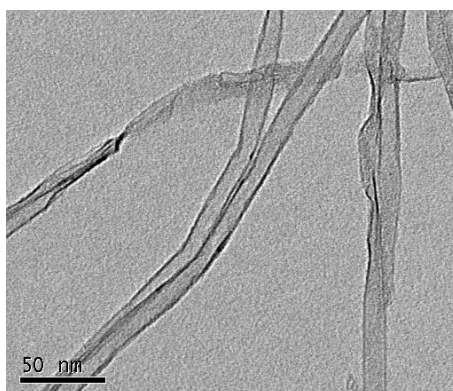
## **Enhanced Ion Transport in Densified CNT Arrays**

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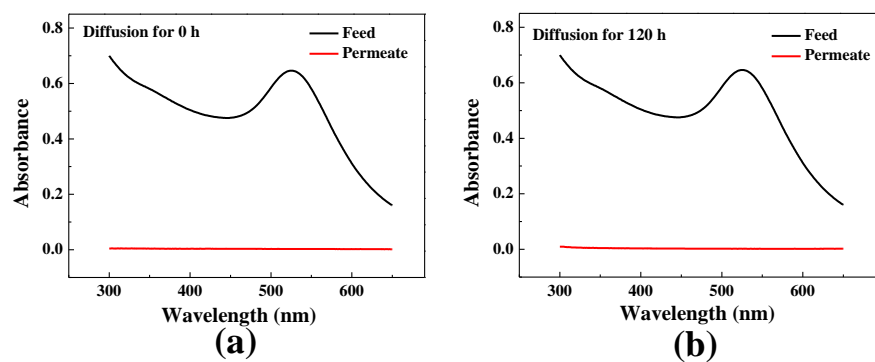
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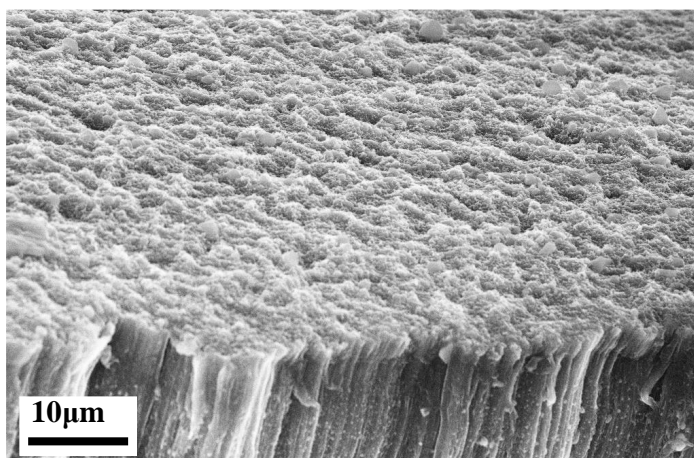
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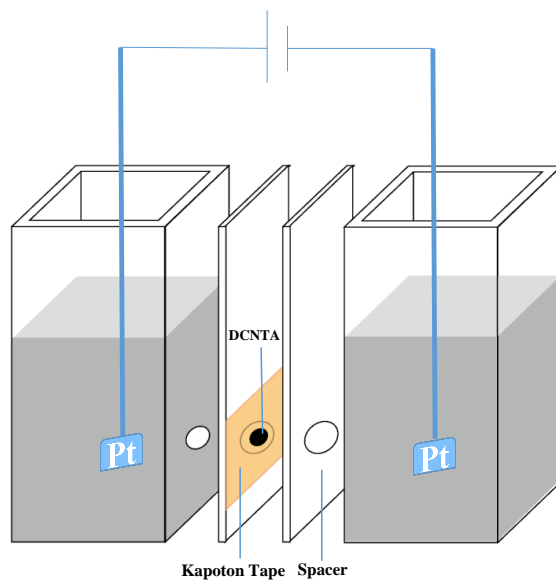
**Figure S1.** TEM image of DCNTA.



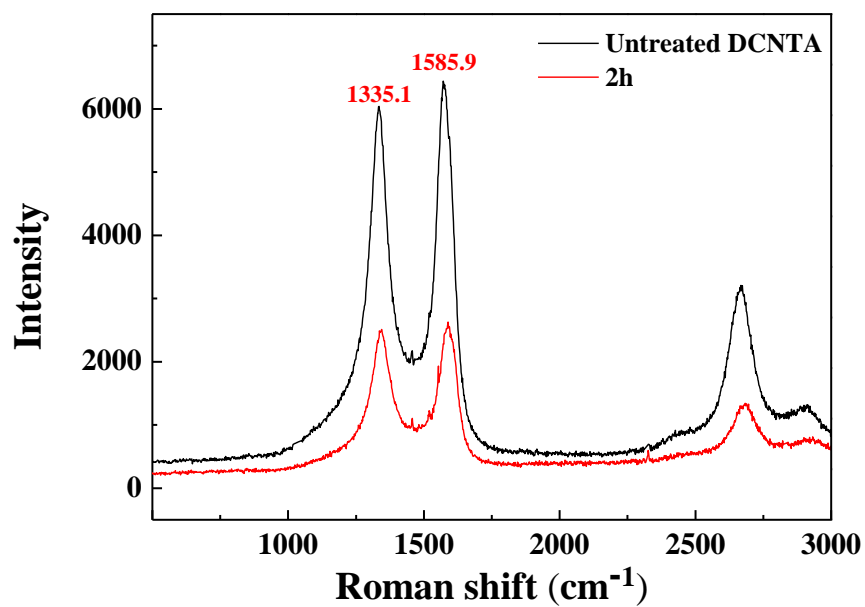
**Figure S2.** UV spectra before (a) and after (b) 120 h diffusion of 20 nm Au nanoparticle colloid in densified CNT array.



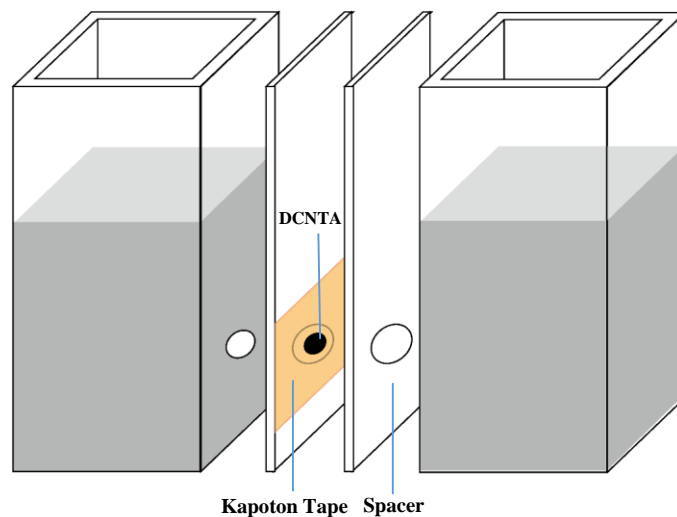
**Figure S3.** The low-magnification SEM image of CNT membrane.



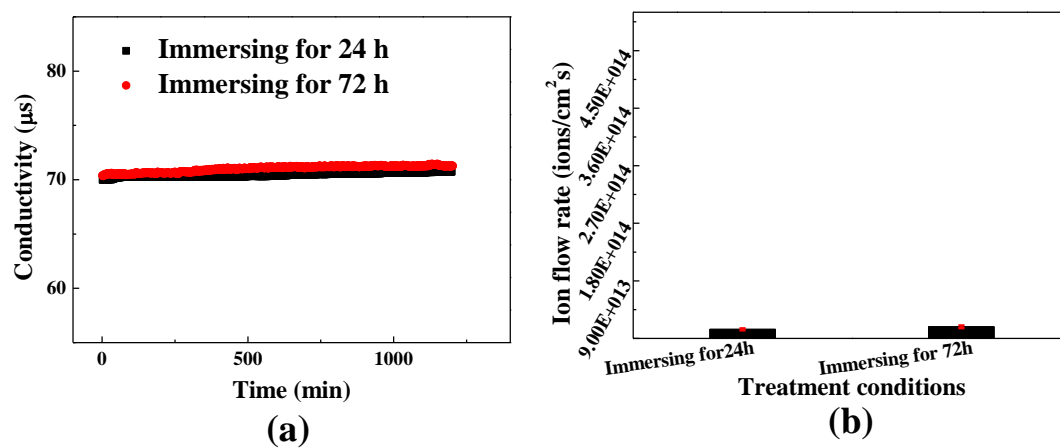
**Figure S4.** Schematic of experimental setup of an electric activation treatment.



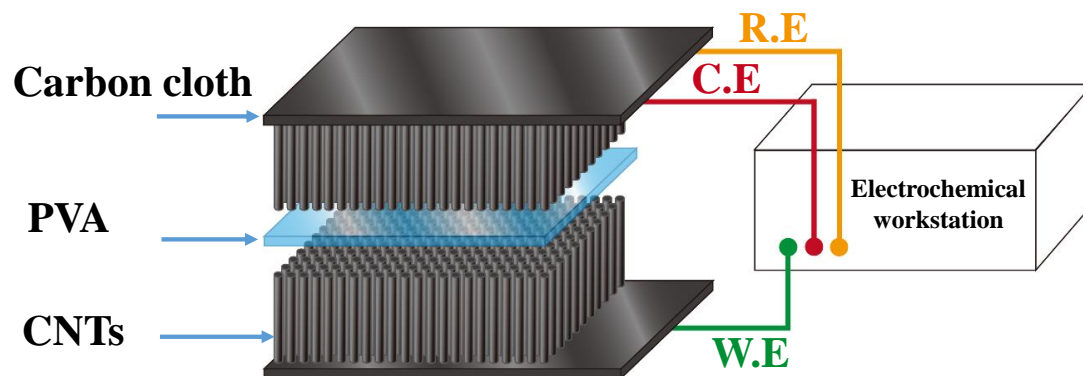
**Figure S5.** Raman spectra of untreated DCNTA and electrically activated DCNTA at 7 V for 2 h.



**Figure S6.** The schematic of ion or Au nanoparticle colloid diffusion measurement setup.



**Figure S7.** Conductivities of the permeate solution and ion flow rates for untreated DCNTAs after these untreated DCNTAs were immersed in KCl solution for 24 h and 72 h.

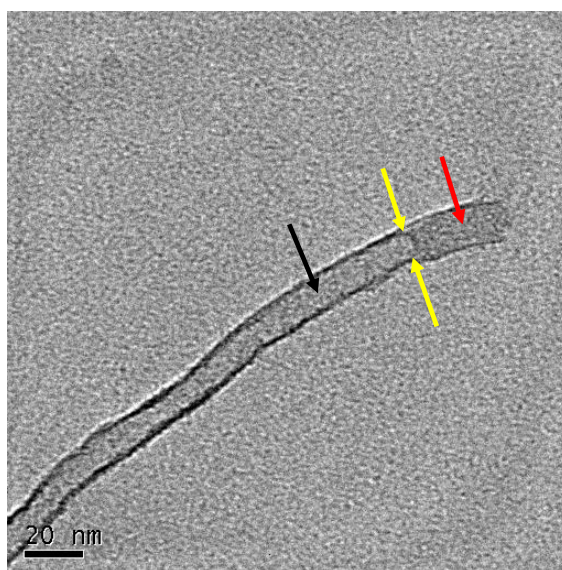


**Figure S8.** Schematic of electrochemical measurement setup.

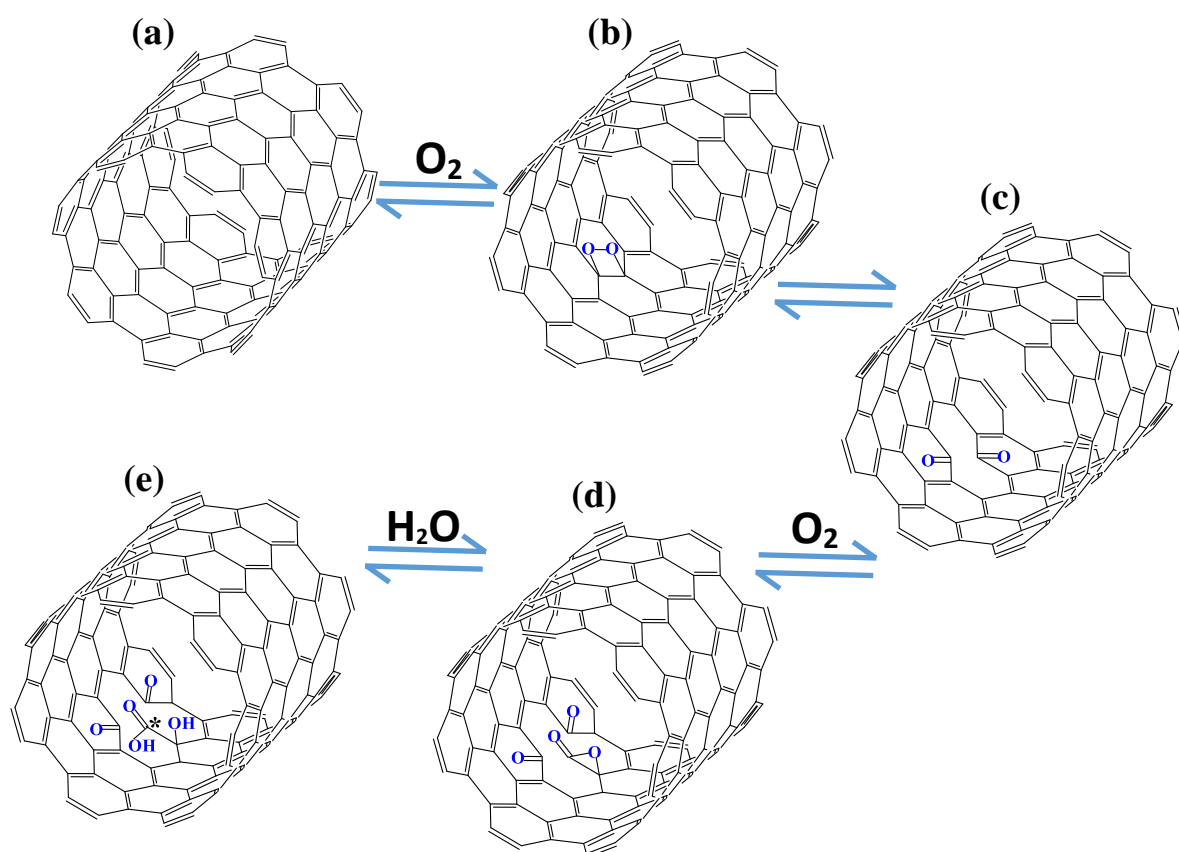
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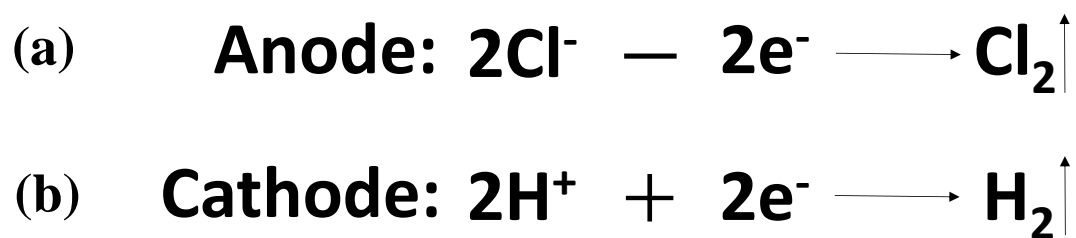
**Figure S9.** Contact angle image of DCNTA after a 40 min plasma treatment.



**Figure S10.** TEM image of plasma-treated DCNTA after a 4 h electric activation treatment at 7 V.



**Scheme S1.** Schematics of the oxidation of carbon nanotubes during a voltage application.



**Scheme S2.** Schematics of electrochemical reactions on the surface of anode and cathode in KCl solution.