

Supporting Information File

**An Insight into Outer- and Inner- Sphere Electrochemistry on Oxygenated
Single-Walled Carbon Nanohorns (*o*-SWCNHs)**

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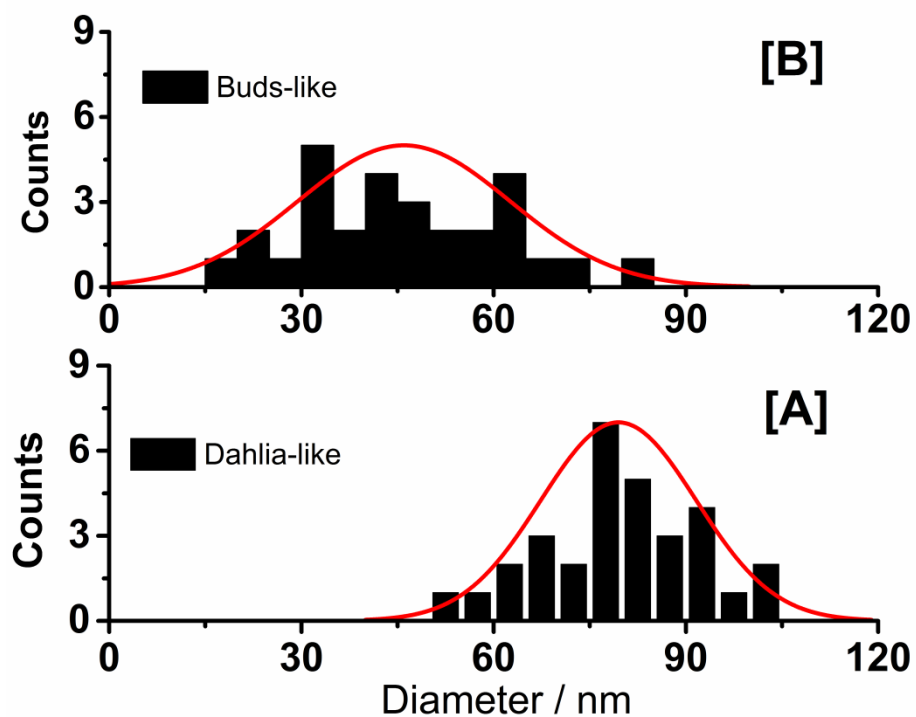


Fig. S1 The histograms of the diameters of the [A] dahlia-like and [B] bud-like aggregates calculated from Fig. 1[A].

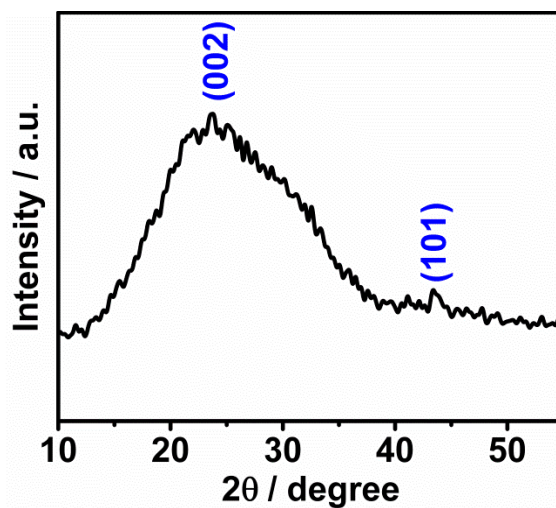


Fig. S2 The XRD pattern of o-SWCNH.

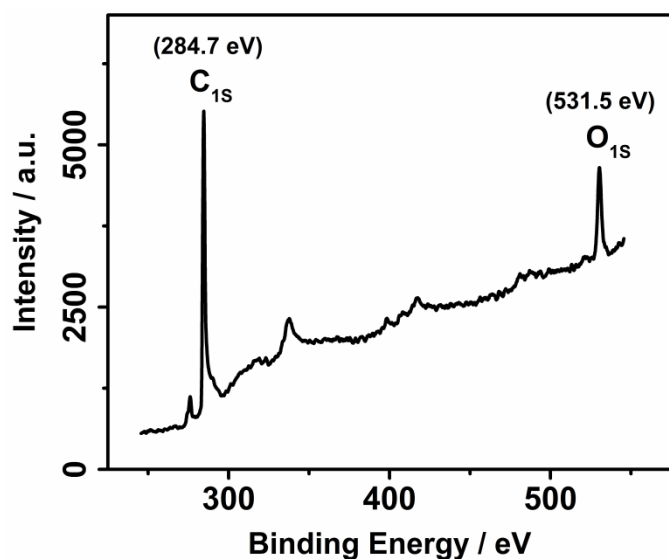


Fig. S3 The XPS survey spectrum of *o*-SWCNH.

Table S1 The peak parameters of the CVs of 5 mM $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ in 0.1 M KCl on GC and *o*-SWCNH/GC.

| Scan Rate / $mV s^{-1}$ | GC | | | | | <i>o</i> -SWCNH/GC | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | E_p^a / V | E_p^c / V | $\Delta E_p / V$ | $I_p^a / \mu A$ | $I_p^c / \mu A$ | E_p^a / V | E_p^c / V | $\Delta E_p / V$ | $I_p^a / \mu A$ | $I_p^c / \mu A$ |
| 25 | 0.2978 | 0.2276 | 0.0702 | 46.8 | -46.0 | 0.2950 | 0.2330 | 0.0620 | 53.8 | -51.5 |
| 50 | 0.2982 | 0.2260 | 0.0722 | 65.5 | -64.8 | 0.2960 | 0.2330 | 0.0630 | 75.1 | -73.3 |
| 75 | 0.2997 | 0.2260 | 0.0737 | 79.8 | -78.8 | 0.2970 | 0.2320 | 0.0650 | 90.6 | -89.7 |
| 100 | 0.3004 | 0.2250 | 0.0754 | 91.4 | -90.9 | 0.2980 | 0.2310 | 0.0670 | 105.3 | -103.2 |
| 150 | 0.3018 | 0.2240 | 0.0778 | 110.8 | -109.9 | 0.2990 | 0.2300 | 0.0690 | 128.8 | -115.1 |
| 200 | 0.3022 | 0.2230 | 0.0792 | 127.5 | -126.2 | 0.3000 | 0.2290 | 0.0710 | 148.6 | -146.2 |
| 250 | 0.3030 | 0.2220 | 0.0810 | 142.0 | -140.4 | 0.3010 | 0.2280 | 0.0730 | 166.0 | -163.5 |
| 300 | 0.3035 | 0.2217 | 0.0818 | 154.1 | -153.3 | 0.3020 | 0.2270 | 0.0750 | 182.6 | -180.0 |

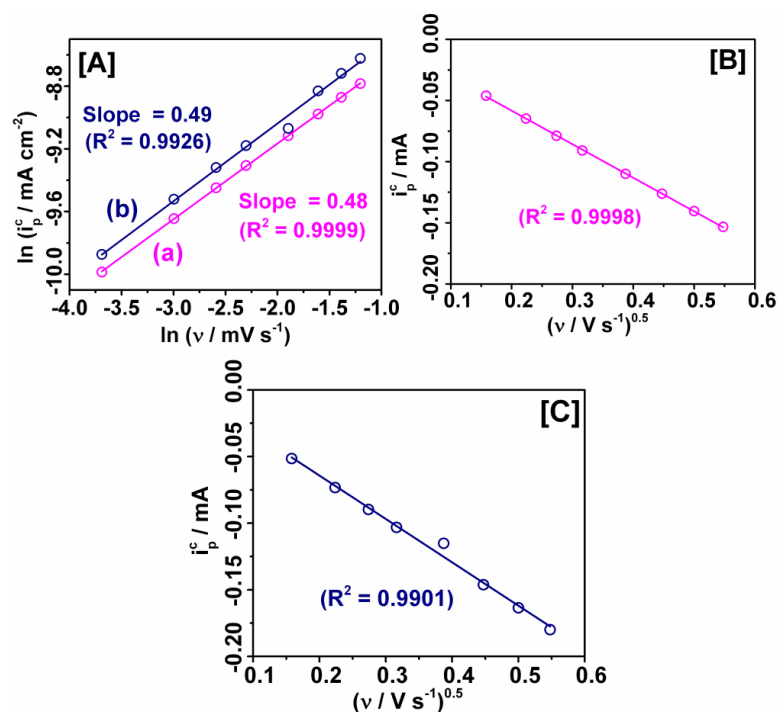


Fig. S4 [A] Plot of $\ln(i_p^c)$ versus $\ln(v)$ for the redox reaction of $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}/[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ in 0.1 M KCl (pH 6.8) on (a) GC and (b) o-SWCNH/GC. Plots of i_p^c versus $v^{1/2}$ for the same reaction on [B] GC and [C] o-SWCNH/GC electrodes.

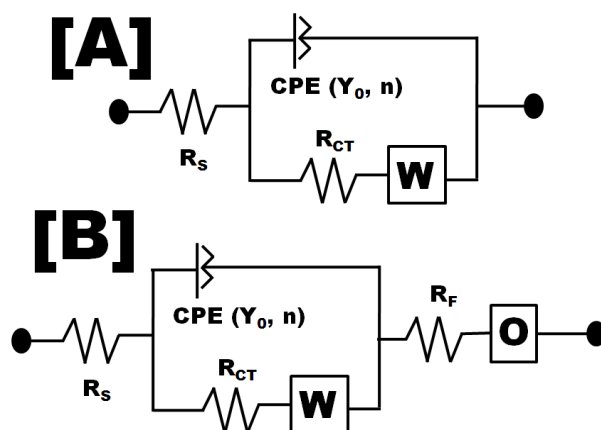


Fig. S5 The electrical equivalent circuits fitted with the impedance data of 5 mM $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ in 0.1 M KCl on [A] GC and [B] o-SWCNH/GC.

Table S2 The values of the elements of electrical equivalent circuits fitted with the impedance data of 5 mM $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ in 0.1 M KCl on [A] GC and [B] o-SWCNH/GC. The potential was kept constant at 0.263 V with sine potential perturbation with amplitude of 5 mV in the frequency range 1×10^5 to 1×10^{-1} Hz.

| Electrode | R_s / Ω | R_{CT} / Ω | CPE | | W | R_F / Ω | O | | χ^2 |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|----------|
| | | | Q_0 / mMho | n' | Y_0 / mMho | | Y_0 / mMho | B | |
| GC | 23.1 | 55.6 | 0.0011 | 0.88 | 1.07 | - | - | - | 0.0109 |
| o-SWCNH/ GC | 12.1 | 0.027 | 0.0001 | 0.73 | 1.19 | 12.07 | 6.09 | 0.033 | 0.0192 |

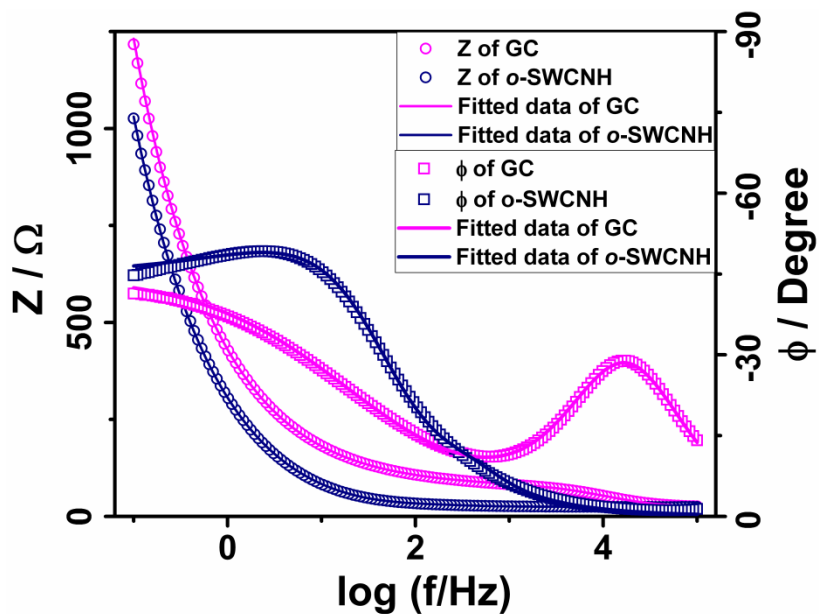


Fig. S6 The Bode plots of modulus impedance (Z) and phase difference (ϕ) between the applied potential and recorded current of the electrochemical impedance spectra of 5 mM $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ in 0.1 M KCl on GC and o-SWCNH/GC.

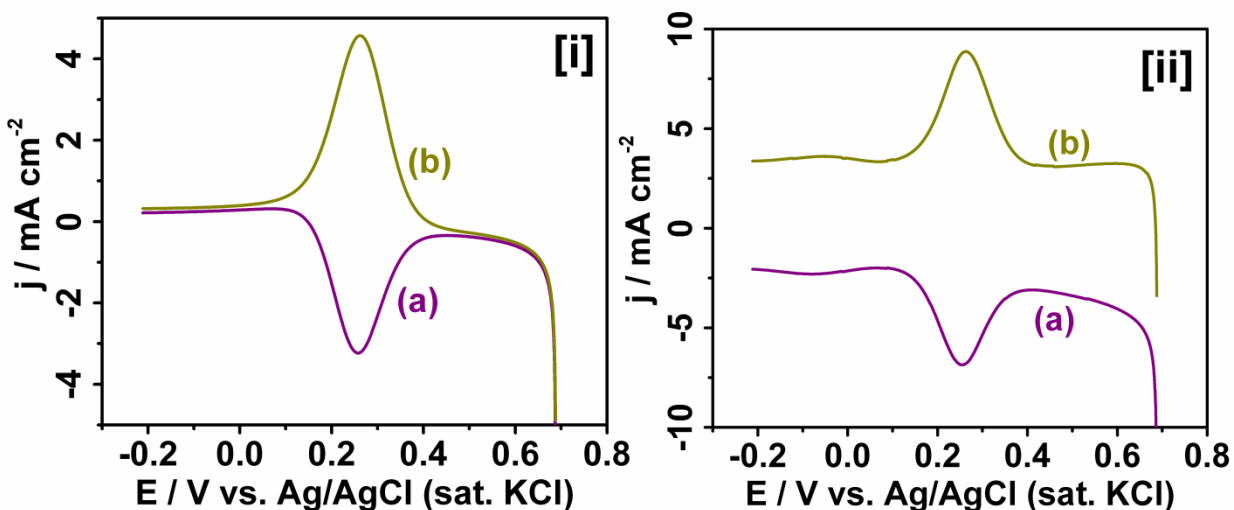


Fig. S7 Current sampled during the application of (a) forward and (b) reverse pulses in the square wave voltammograms of $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ in 0.1 M KCl (pH 6.8) on [i] GC and [ii] *o*-SWCNH/GC.

Table S3 The peak parameters of the CVs of 5 mM $[Ru(NH_3)_6]$ in 0.1 M KCl on GC and *o*-SWCNH/GC.

| Scan Rate / $mV s^{-1}$ | GC | | | | | <i>o</i> -SWCNH/GC | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | E_p^a / V | E_p^c / V | $\Delta E_p / V$ | $I_p^a / \mu A$ | $I_p^c / \mu A$ | E_p^a / V | E_p^c / V | $\Delta E_p / V$ | $I_p^a / \mu A$ | $I_p^c / \mu A$ |
| 25 | -0.095 | -0.170 | 0.075 | 45.3 | -45.1 | -0.095 | -0.176 | 0.081 | 42.6 | -48.9 |
| 50 | -0.093 | -0.171 | 0.078 | 63.3 | -62.8 | -0.093 | -0.180 | 0.087 | 54.1 | -68.9 |
| 75 | -0.091 | -0.173 | 0.082 | 77.0 | -76.1 | -0.091 | -0.183 | 0.092 | 64.4 | -83.4 |
| 100 | -0.089 | -0.174 | 0.085 | 88.5 | -87.9 | -0.090 | -0.186 | 0.096 | 71.1 | -96.2 |
| 150 | -0.087 | -0.177 | 0.090 | 106.8 | -106.0 | -0.086 | -0.192 | 0.106 | 83.1 | -118.6 |
| 200 | -0.084 | -0.179 | 0.095 | 121.9 | -123.1 | -0.084 | -0.196 | 0.112 | 89.9 | -137.5 |
| 250 | -0.083 | -0.181 | 0.098 | 135.9 | -136.2 | -0.081 | -0.201 | 0.120 | 99.8 | -151.9 |
| 300 | -0.082 | -0.183 | 0.101 | 148.6 | -148.4 | -0.079 | -0.204 | 0.125 | 109.8 | -167.2 |

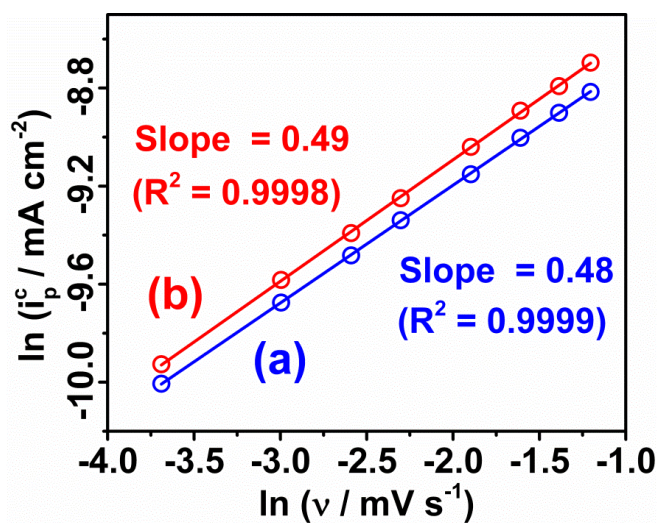


Fig. S8 Plot of $\ln(I_p^c)$ versus $\ln(v)$ for the redox reaction of $[Ru(NH_3)_6]^{3+}/[Ru(NH_3)_3]^{2+}$ in 0.1 M KCl on (a) GC and (b) *o*-SWCNH/GC.

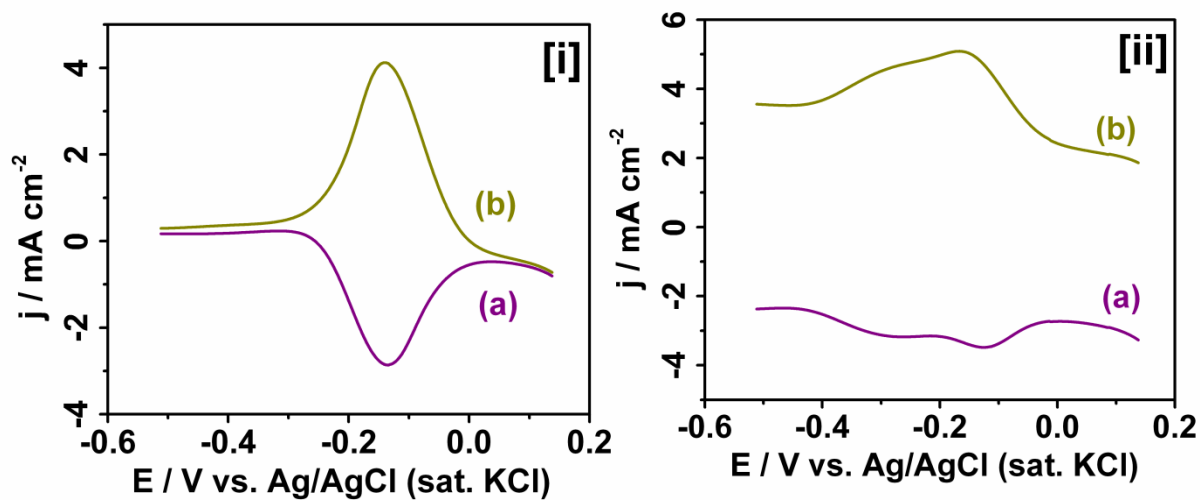


Fig. S9 Current sampled during the application of (a) forward and (b) reverse pulses in the square wave voltammograms of $[Ru(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ in 0.1 M KCl (pH 6.8) on [i] GC and [ii] *o*-SWCNH/GC.

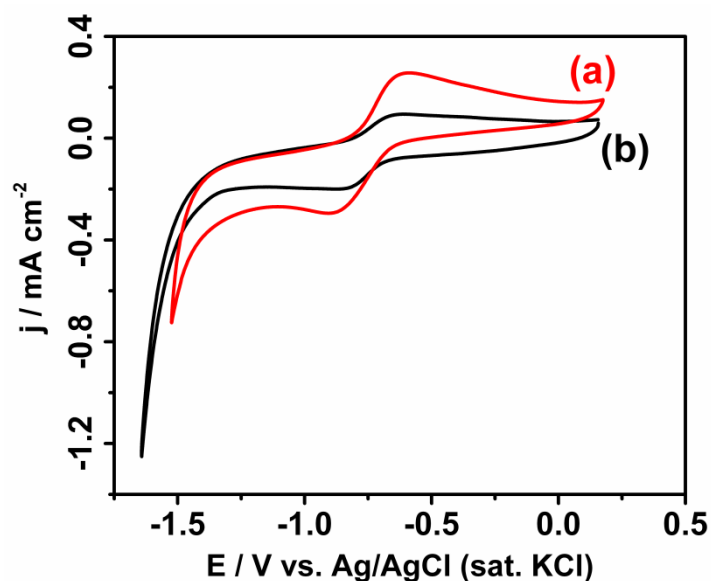


Fig. S10 CVs of 0.8 mM $[U^{(VI)}O_2(CO_3)_3]^{4-}$ in sat. Na_2CO_3 (pH 10.9) on (a) *o*-SWCNH/GC and (b) electrochemically reduced *o*-SWCNH/GC at $v = 25 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$.

Table S4 The impedance parameters of 0.8 mM $[U^{(VI)}O_2(CO_3)_3]^{4-}$ in sat. Na_2CO_3 (pH 10.9) on GC and *o*-SWCNH/GC obtained by fitting the experimentally obtained impedance data with Randles EEC. The potential was kept constant at -0.742 V with sine potential perturbation with amplitude of 10 mV in the frequency range 1×10^5 to 1×10^{-2} Hz.

| Parameters | | GC | <i>o</i> -SWCNH/GC |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| R_s / Ω | | 19.1 | 25.9 |
| $R_{ct} / k\Omega$ | | 181 | 3.47 |
| CPE | $Y_0 / \mu\text{Mho}$ | 2.14 | 69.9 |
| | n | 0.86 | 0.87 |
| W | $Y_0 / \mu\text{Mho}$ | 9.9 | 509 |
| χ^2 | | 0.6451 | 0.1001 |

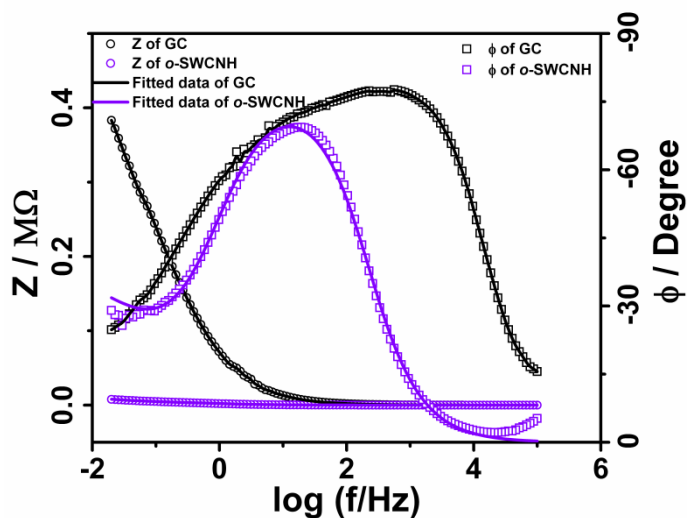


Fig. S11 The Bode plots of modulus impedance (Z) and phase difference (ϕ) between the applied potential and recorded current of the electrochemical impedance spectra of 0.8 mM $[U^{(VI)}O_2(CO_3)_3]^{4+}$ in sat. Na_2CO_3 on GC and *o*-SWCNH/GC.

Table S5 The peak parameters of the CVs of 0.8 mM $[U^{(VI)}O_2(CO_3)_3]^{4+}$ in sat. Na_2CO_3 on GC and *o*-SWCNH/GC.

| Scan Rate / $mV s^{-1}$ | GC | | | | | <i>o</i> -SWCNH/GC | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | E_p^a / V | E_p^c / V | $\Delta E_p / V$ | $j_p^a / mA cm^{-2}$ | $j_p^c / mA cm^{-2}$ | E_p^a / V | E_p^c / V | $\Delta E_p / V$ | $j_p^a / mA cm^{-2}$ | $j_p^c / mA cm^{-2}$ |
| 25 | -0.218 | -1.265 | 1.047 | 0.10 | -0.19 | -0.588 | -0.906 | 0.318 | 0.23 | -0.26 |
| 50 | -0.174 | -1.321 | 1.147 | 0.15 | -0.25 | -0.547 | -0.927 | 0.380 | 0.31 | -0.33 |
| 75 | -0.149 | -1.346 | 1.197 | 0.19 | -0.31 | -0.523 | -0.941 | 0.418 | 0.37 | -0.37 |
| 100 | -0.129 | -1.370 | 1.241 | 0.21 | -0.35 | -0.504 | -0.960 | 0.456 | 0.42 | -0.42 |
| 150 | -0.105 | -1.390 | 1.285 | 0.26 | -0.42 | -0.476 | -0.976 | 0.500 | 0.46 | -0.49 |
| 200 | -0.085 | -1.407 | 1.322 | 0.29 | -0.48 | -0.455 | -0.996 | 0.541 | 0.52 | -0.53 |
| 250 | -0.070 | -1.417 | 1.347 | 0.33 | -0.53 | -0.431 | -1.025 | 0.594 | 0.57 | -0.58 |
| 300 | -0.055 | -1.428 | 1.373 | 0.35 | -0.57 | -0.410 | -1.050 | 0.640 | 0.60 | -0.61 |

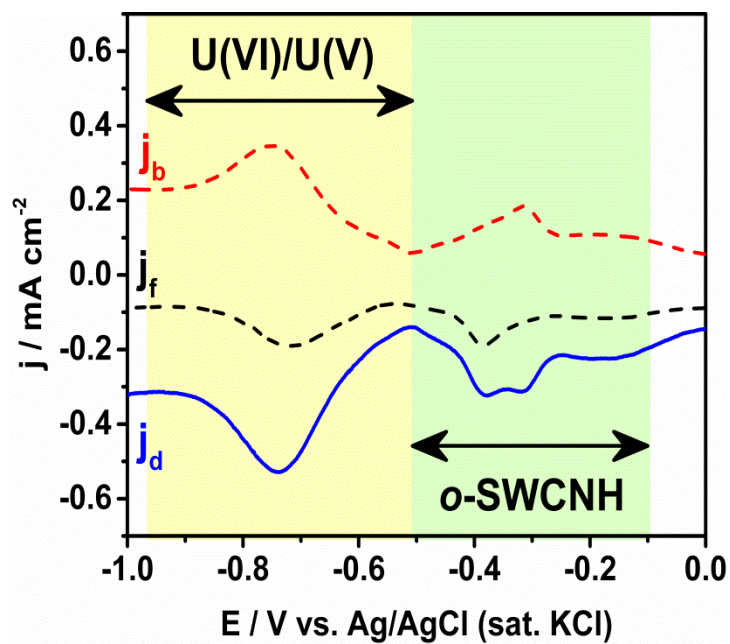


Fig. S12 The forward (i.e., cathodic, j_f), backward (i.e., anodic, j_b) and difference (i.e., $j_d = j_f - j_b$) current densities in the cathodic square wave voltammogram of 0.8 mM $[U^{(VI)}O_2(CO_3)_3]^{4-}$ in sat. Na_2CO_3 (pH 10.9) on $o\text{-SWCNH}$ at amplitude and frequency 0.05 V and 50 Hz, respectively.