

# Synthesis and characterization of novel polypyrrole hybrid nanotubes incorporated with polyaniline spots

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## Abstract

This study reports the preparation and characterization of new polypyrrole-polyaniline (PPy-PANi) hybrid nanostructures composed of PPy nanotubes and PANi spots. The chemical incorporation of some PANi spots onto a PPy nano-tubule was carried out successfully using a successive synthetic process within porous polycarbonate Particle Track-etched Mem-branes. Hybrid PPy nanotubes with PANi spots were formed because PANi was synthesized within the void space-walls of the PPy surface. These hybrid PPy-PANi nanostructures exhibited unique phase-separated morphological properties due to the PANi spots distributed randomly in the PPy matrix. The synergistic and shape effects of the PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes were exploited in terms of the conductivity and energy storage. The electrical conductivity and capacitance of the PPy-PANi hybrid tubules were enhanced sufficiently compared to the analogous PPy nanotubes.

## Objective

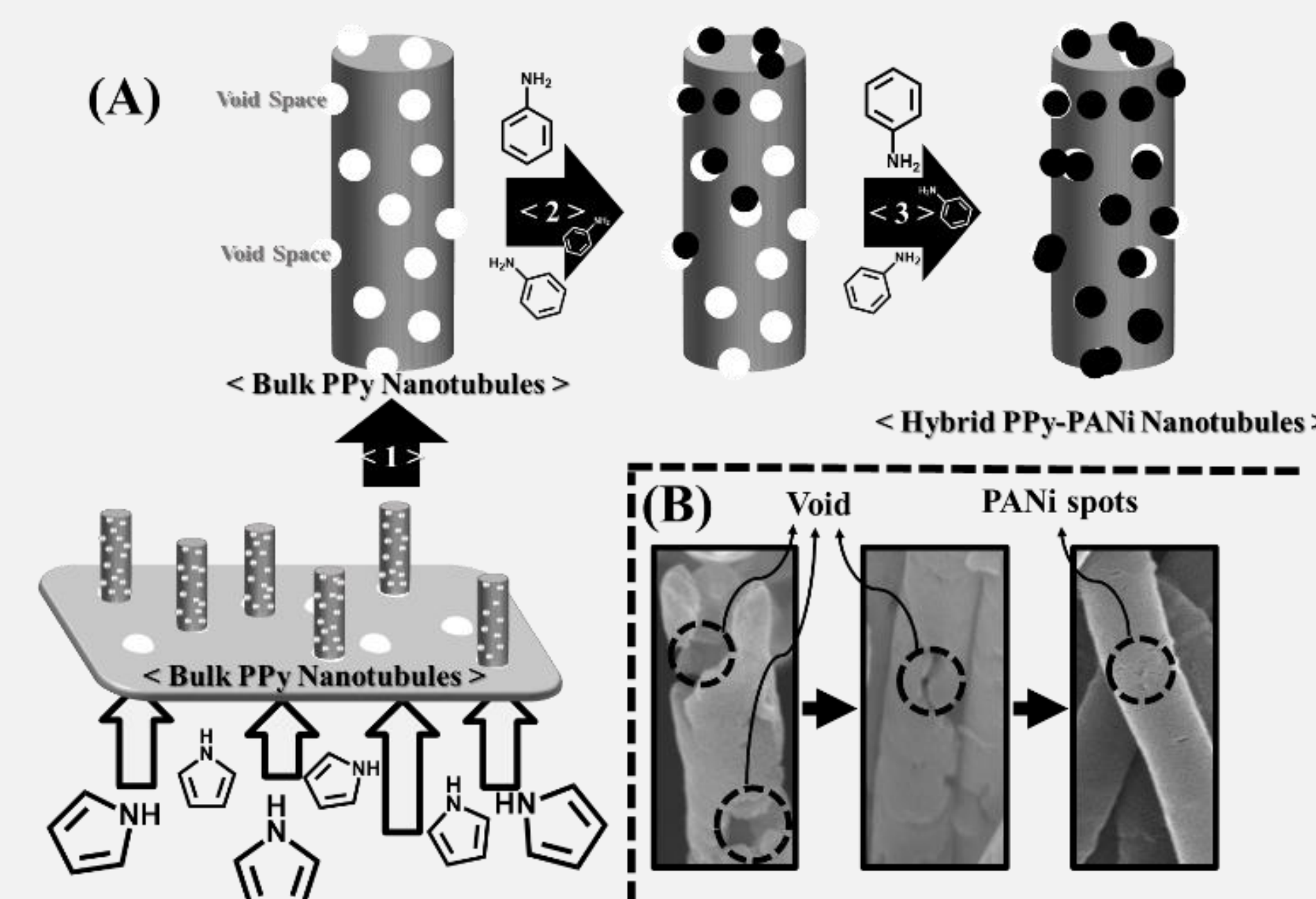
1. Aqueous chemical oxidation polymerization of PPy nanotubes covered with PANi spots using polycarbonate microporous Particle Track-etched Membranes.
2. Advantage of PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes used in respect with its electrical properties, comparing to bulk PPy and PANi nanotubuels.

Preparation of PPy hybrid nanotubes with PANi spots

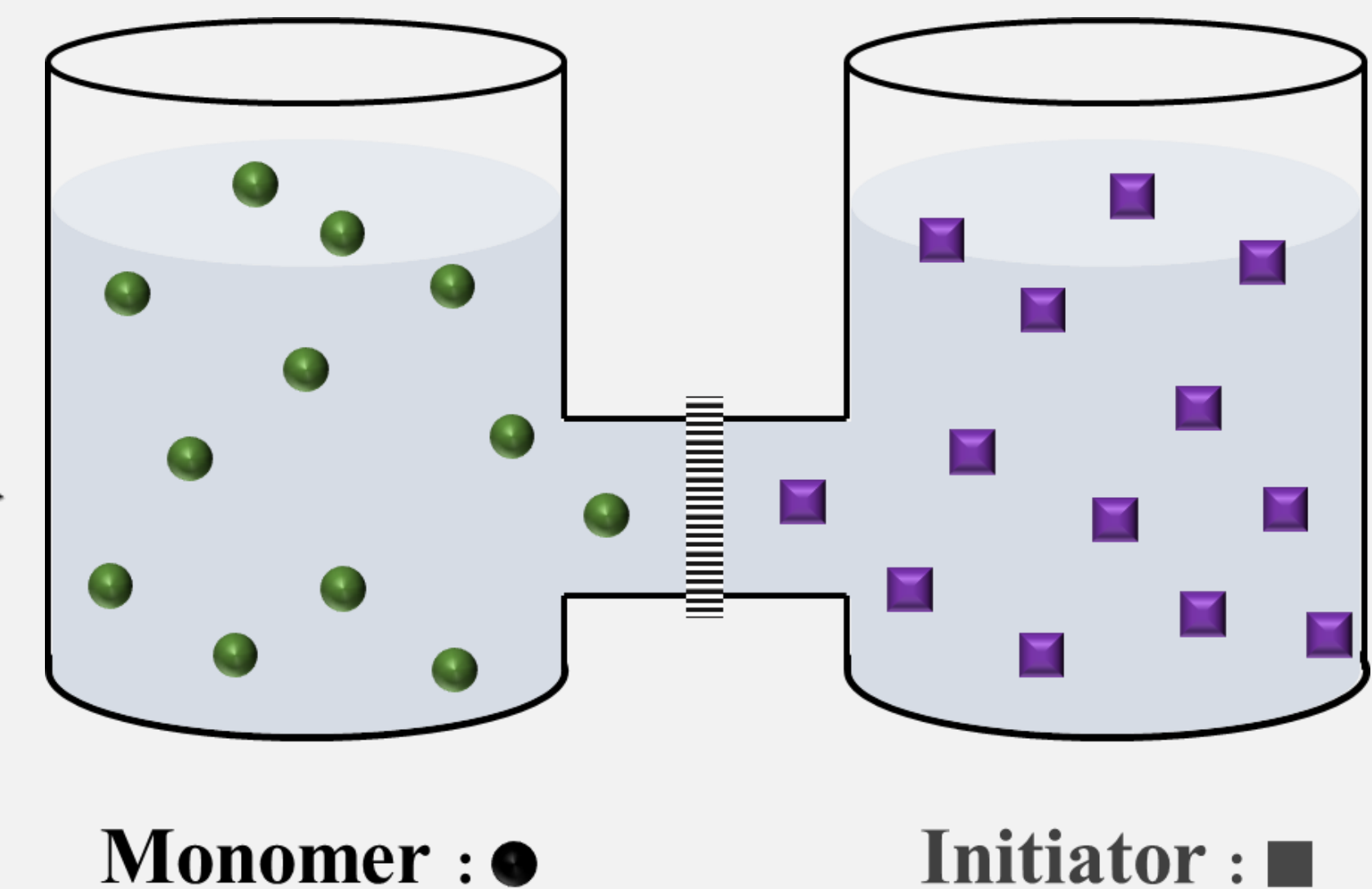
Enhanced conductivities of PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes as a function of reaction time

Enhanced capacitive performance of the PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes compared to the bulk PPy nanotubes

## Experimental



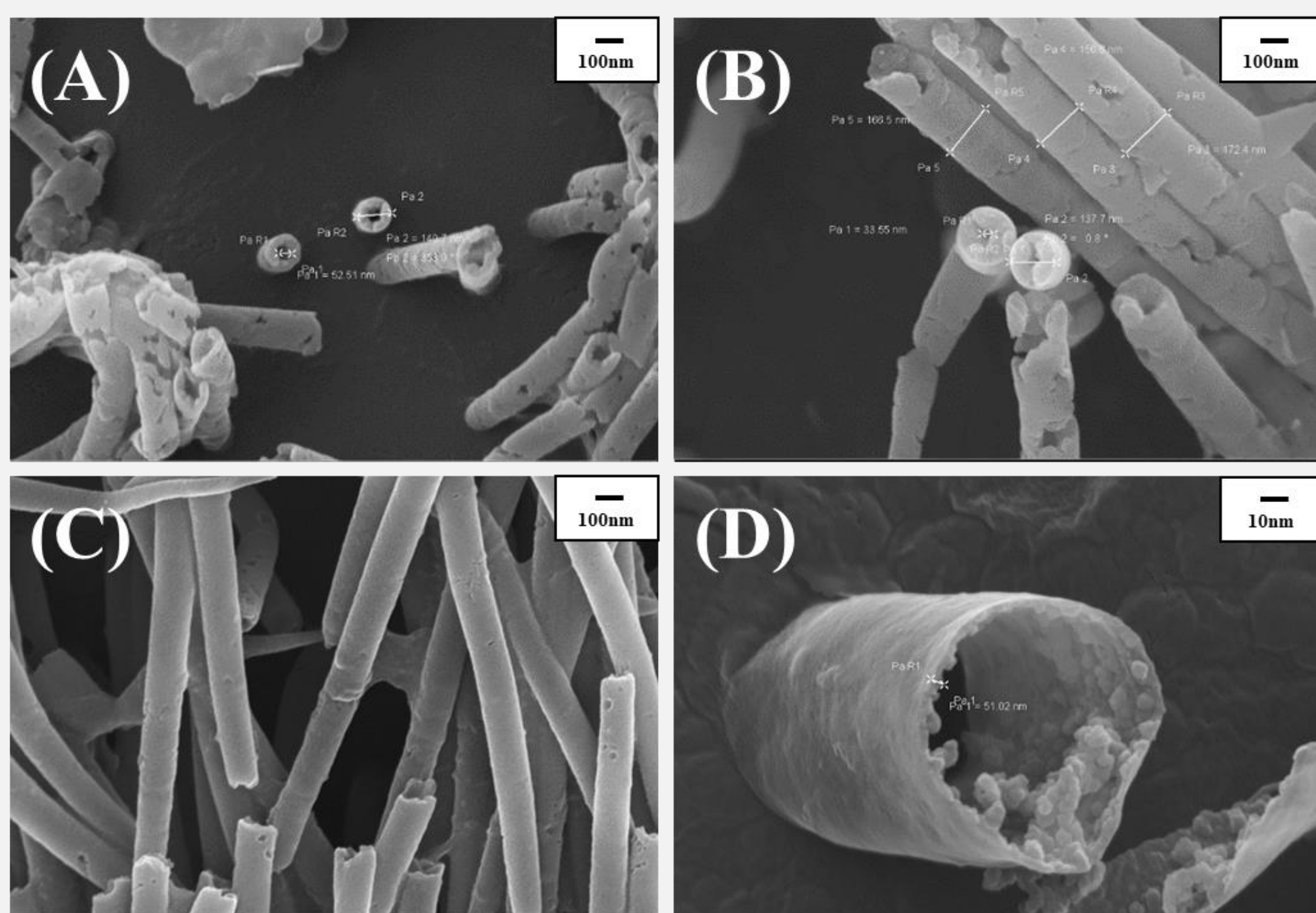
Scheme 1. (A) Schematic illustration to create a novel hybrid nanotubule incorporated main PPy frame with PANi spots and (B) the successive filling mechanism inside void spaces of PPy nanotubes by the successive synthesis of PANi spots.



Scheme 2. The two compartment cell used to perform chemical oxidative polymerization of PPy nanotubes with PANi spots.

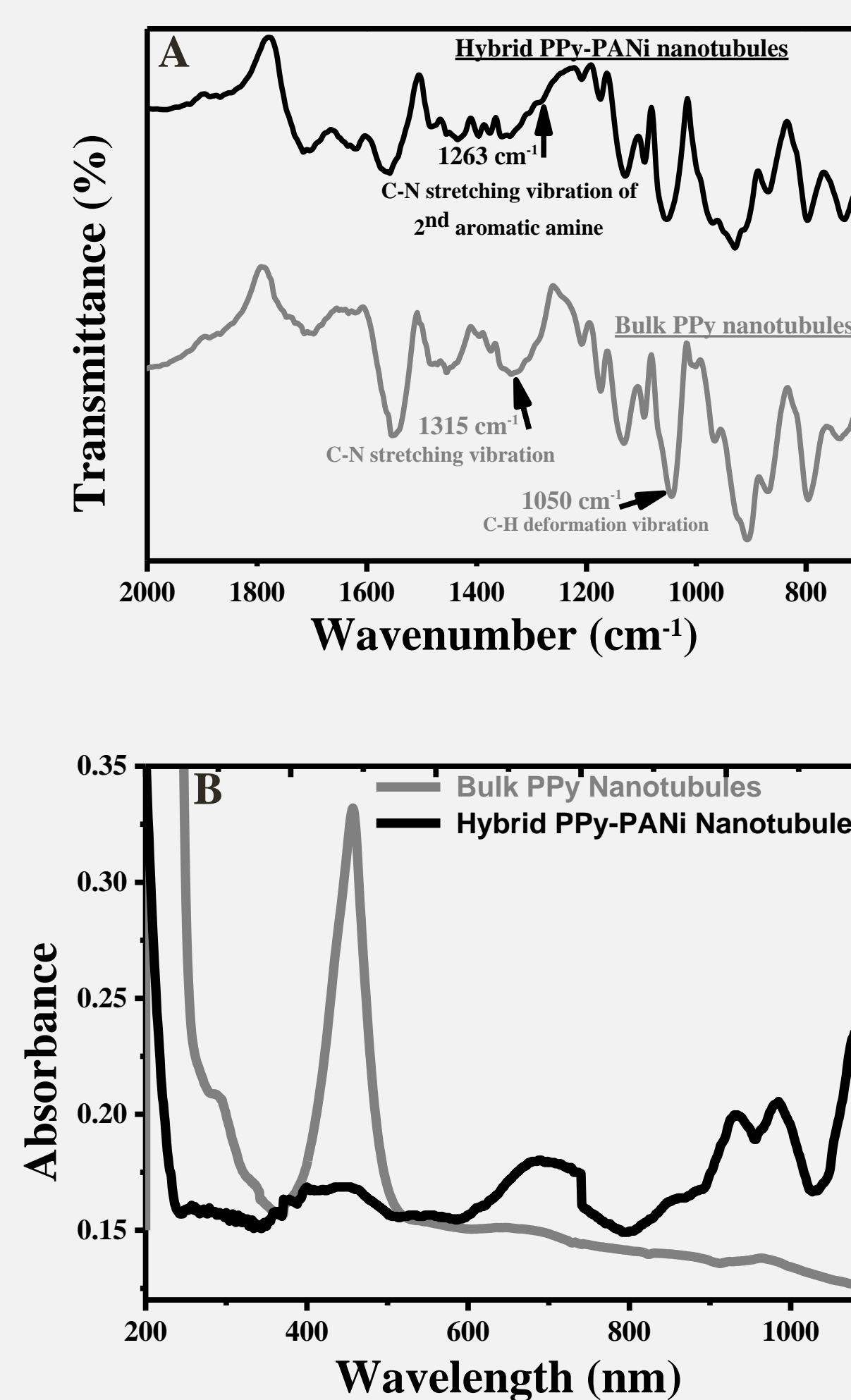
## Results

### SEM



<SEM images of (A) initial and (B) intermediate void spaces of PPy, (C) the hybridization of PPy nanotubes by filling with PANi spots and (D) the cross section of PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes>

### Optical property



### Electrical and thermal property

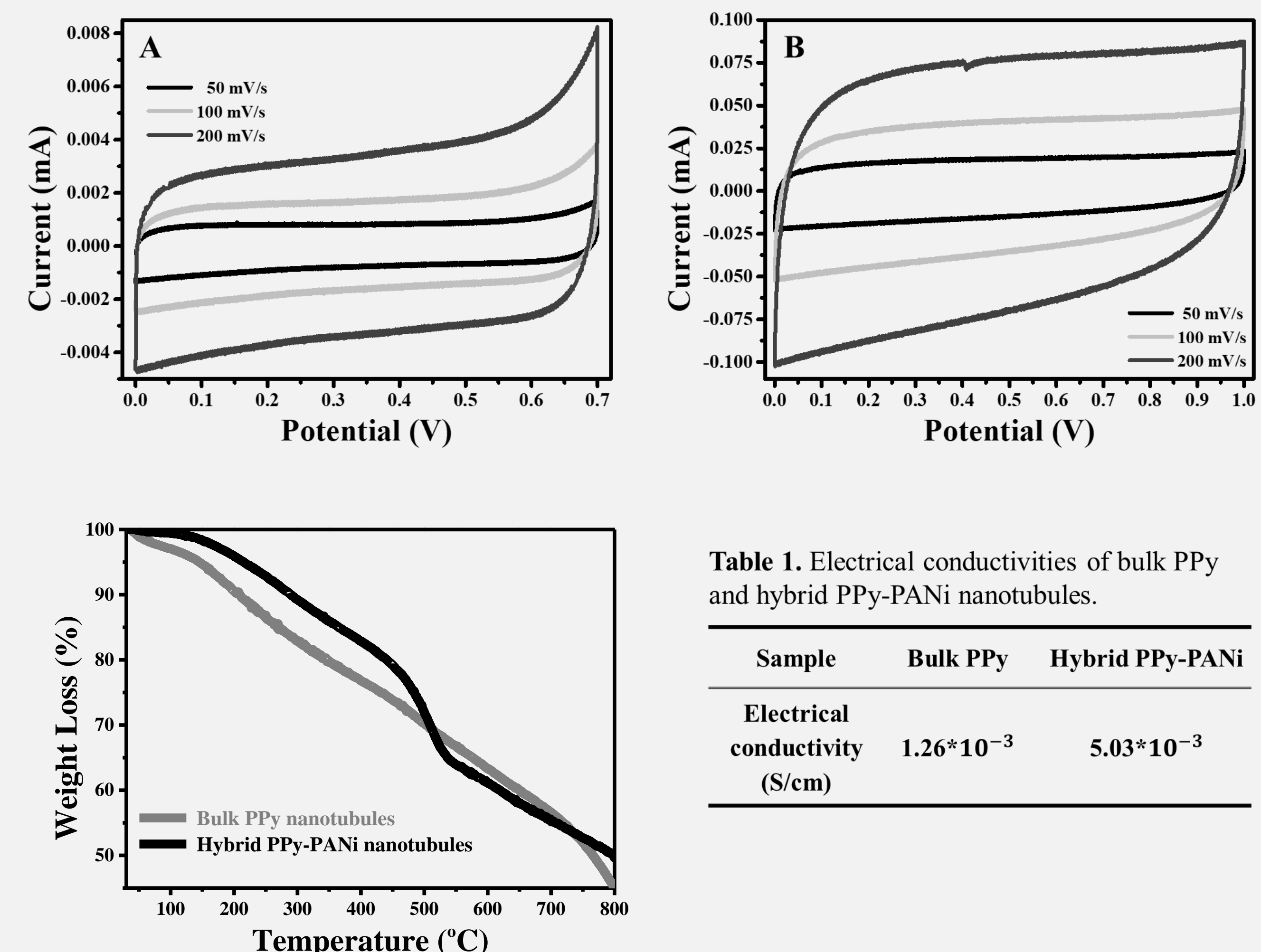


Table 1. Electrical conductivities of bulk PPy and hybrid PPy-PANi nanotubes.

Sample	Bulk PPy	Hybrid PPy-PANi
Electrical conductivity (S/cm)	$1.26 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-3}$

## Conclusion

- The facile generation of the unique PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes by incorporating PANi spots into the void spaces of PPy nanotubes
- The provision of the successive synthesis process of individual  $\pi$ -conjugated polymer in the same PC-m-PTM
- The enhancement capacitive performance of the PPy-PANi hybrid nanotubes compared to the PPy nanotubes

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