## **Supporting Information**

# EFFECT OF OXYGEN SURFACE GROUPS IN THE ELECTROCHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF MULTI-WALLED CARBON NANOTUBES BY 4-AAMINO PHENYL PHOSPHONIC ACID

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**Figure S1.** Electrochemical functionalization of MWCNT in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (Black line) and 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 1 mM 4-APPA (Red line) at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, 10 cycles under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at different potentials: A) 1.2 V, B) 1.4 V, C) 1.6 V and D) 1.8 V.



**Figure S2.** Electrochemical functionalization of fMWCNT in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (Black line) and 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 1 mM 4-APPA (Red line) at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, 10 cycles under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at different potentials: A) 1.2 V, B) 1.4 V, C) 1.6 V and d) 1.8 V.



Figure S3. Cyclic voltammetry of MWCNT electrochemical modified with 4-APPA at different upper potential limit: A) 1.2 V, B) 1.4 V, C) 1.6 V and D) 1.8 V in 0.5 M  $H_2SO_4$  at different  $v_{scan}$  under  $N_2$  atmosphere.



**Figure S4.** Cyclic voltammetry of fMWCNT electrochemical modified with 4-APPA at different upper potential limit: A) 1.2 V, B) 1.4 V, C) 1.6 V and D) 1.8 V in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at different v<sub>scan</sub> under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



**Figure S5.** Plot of cathodic and anodic currents vs. v<sub>scan</sub> for process A and B in different carbon nanotubes modified at different potential with 4-APPA in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: A) Process A of MWCNT, B) Process B of MWCNT and C) Process A of fMWCNT.

**Table S1.** Electrochemical parameters for the different electrochemical processes on carbonnanotubes modified with 4-APPA at different potentials in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. All the values were<br/>determined for the CVs at  $v_{scan} = 50 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ .

Carbon	Potential applied	EA	EB	EC	Iox/Ired	Iox/Ired B	Iox/Ired <sub>C</sub>
nanotube	[V vs. RHE]	[mV]	[mV]	[mV]			
MWCNT	1.2	1.5	4.9		0.81	0.88	
	1.4	3.4	6.1		0.83	0.97	
	1.6	5.0	4.5		0.76	0.91	
	1.8	10			0.65		
fMWCNT	1.2		5.5	11.4		1	1
	1.4	4.2	7.1	13.9	0.76	0.96	1
	1.6	8.0	8.2	0	0.72	1	0.99
	1.8	8.0			0.72		



#### MWCNT electrochemical modified at 1.4 V with 4-APPA



#### MWCNT electrochemical modified at 1.2 V with 4-APPA



MWCNT electrochemical modified at 1.6 V with 4-APPA



#### MWCNT electrochemical modified at 1.8 V with 4-APPA



**Figure S6.** Deconvolution of Raman spectra for MWCNT electrochemically modified with 4-APPA at different positive potentials in the D and G region.

### Pristine fMWCNT











MWCNT electrochemical modified at 1.6 V with 4-APPA



Peak Index	PeakType	Area Intg	FWHM	Max Height	Center Grvty	Area IntgP
1	Lorentz	62026.75257	58.57395	704.81424	1350	51.12876
2	Lorentz	35482.2222	43.20169	541.0082	1585	29.24806
3	Gaussian	8366.68443	35.84605	219.27036	1620	6.89667
4	Gaussian	3407.92233	163.1223	19.665	1200	2.80916
5	Gaussian	12031.2277	209.1138	54.0501	1500	9.91736

## fMWCNT electrochemical modified at 1.8 V with 4-APPA



**Figure S7.** Deconvolution of Raman spectra for fMWCNT electrochemically modified with 4-APPA at different positive potentials in the D and G region.