

Supplementary Information

for

Ullmann reactions of carbon nanotubes –
advantageous and unexplored functionalization
toward tunable surface chemistry

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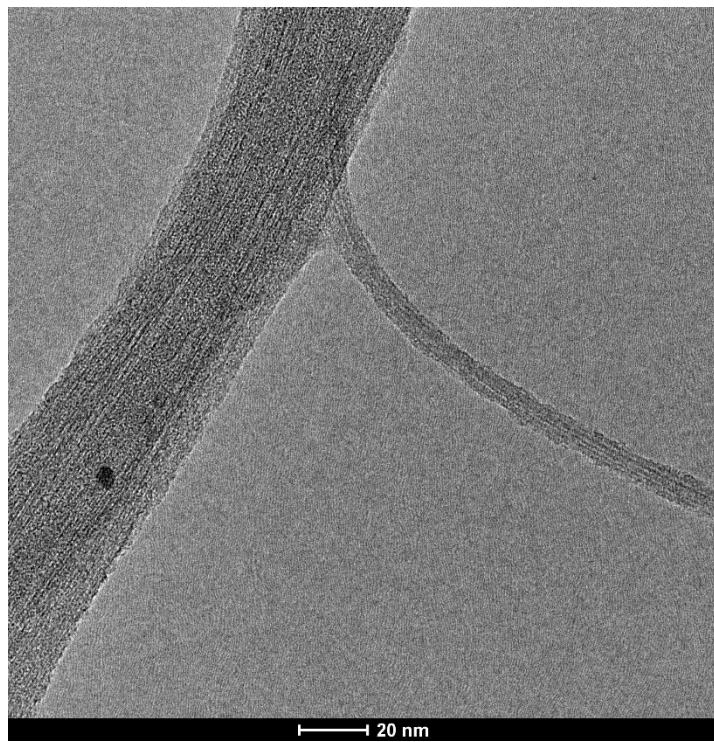


Fig. S1 Typical HRTEM image of ‘debundled’ SWCNTs functionalized via Ullmann-type reactions

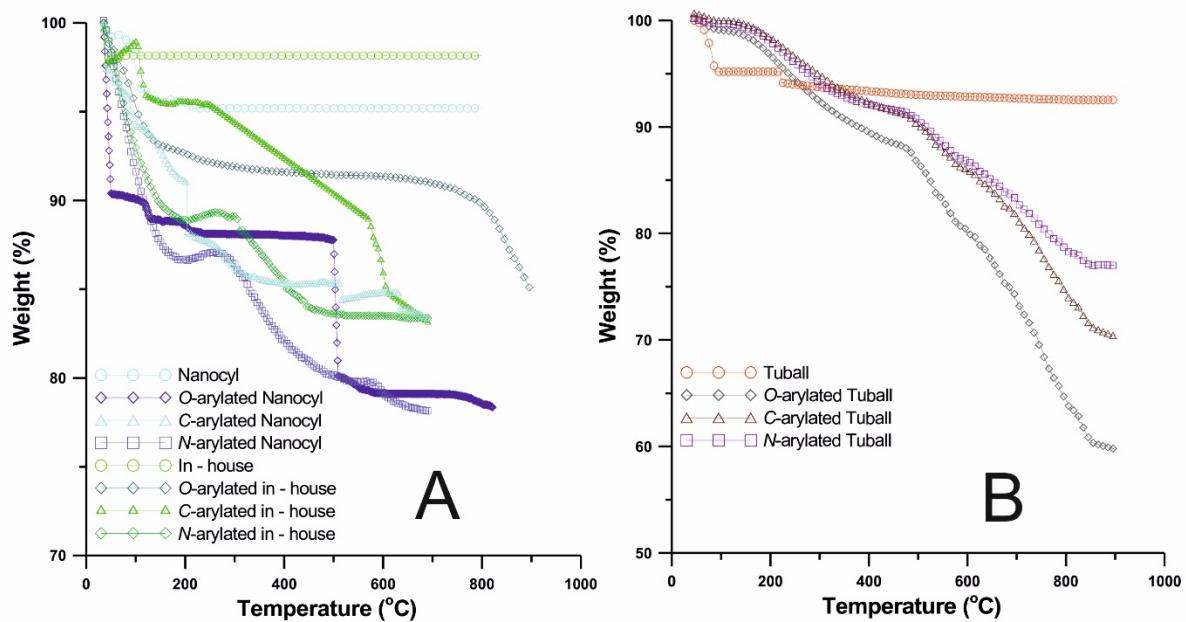


Fig. S2 Representative TGA curves recorded under argon for pristine Nanocyl MWCNTs and in-house MWCNTs (**A**) as well as SWCNTs (**B**) – all functionalized under optimized conditions (DMF, 120 °C)

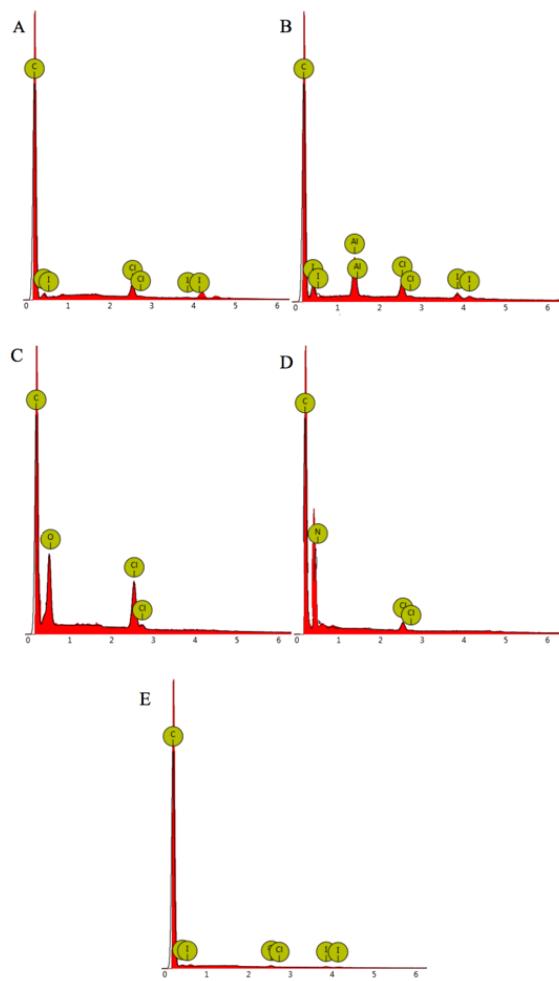


Fig. S3 EDS analysis of MWCNTs: chlorinated using ICl_3 (**A**), chlorinated using ICl (**B**), *O*-arylated (**C**), *N*-arylated (**D**), *C*-arylated (**E**).

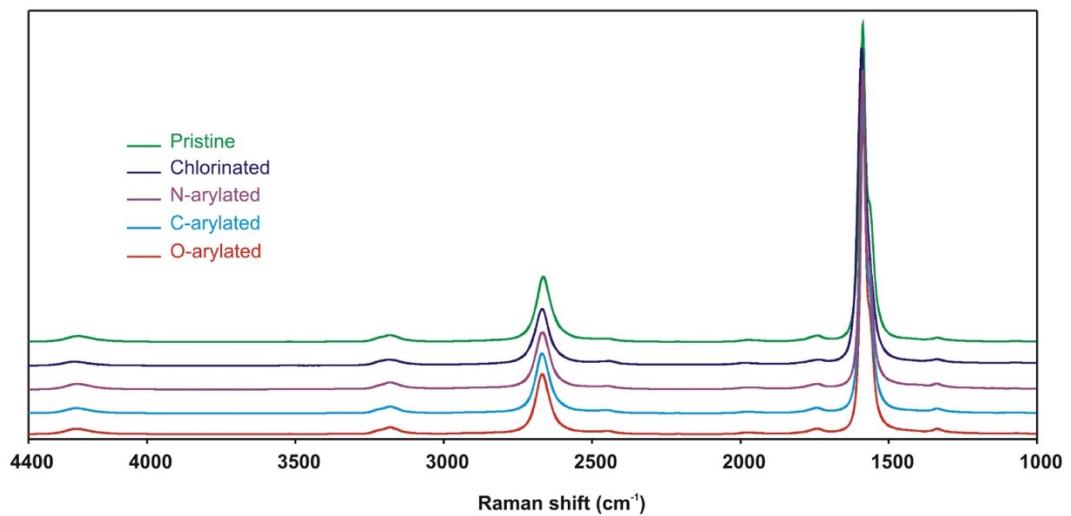


Fig. S4 Raman spectra of SWCNT: pristine, chlorinated, *N*-arylated, *C*-arylated and *O*-arylated.

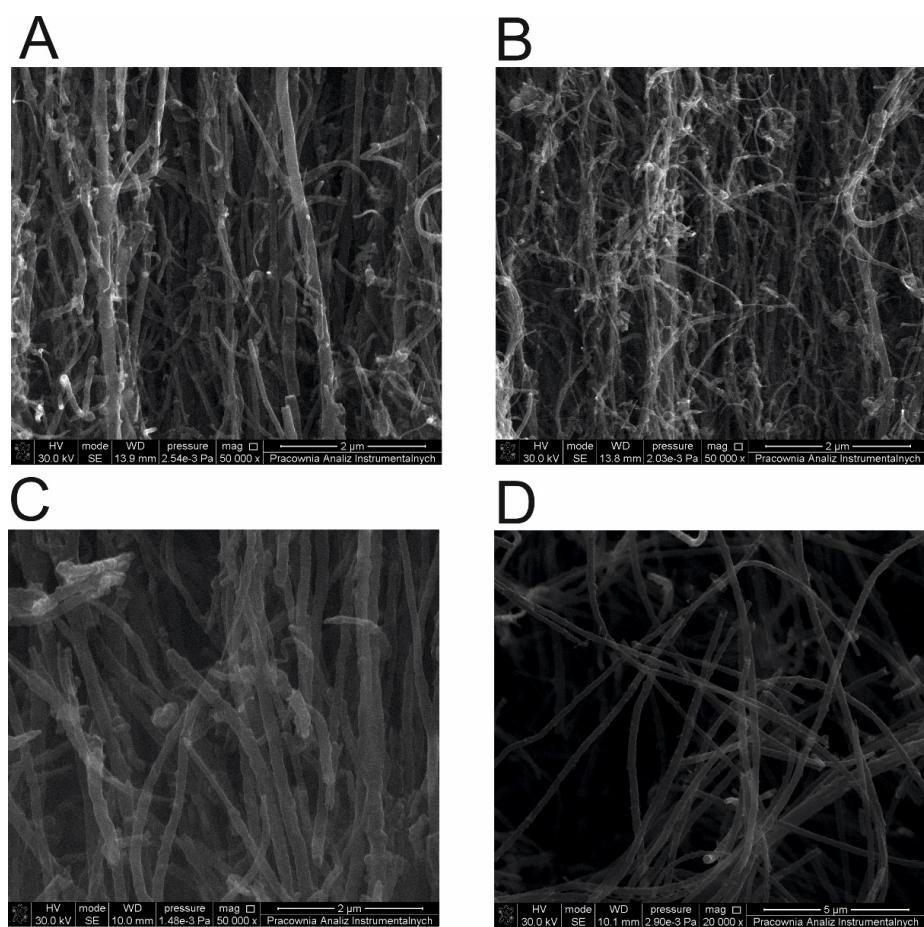
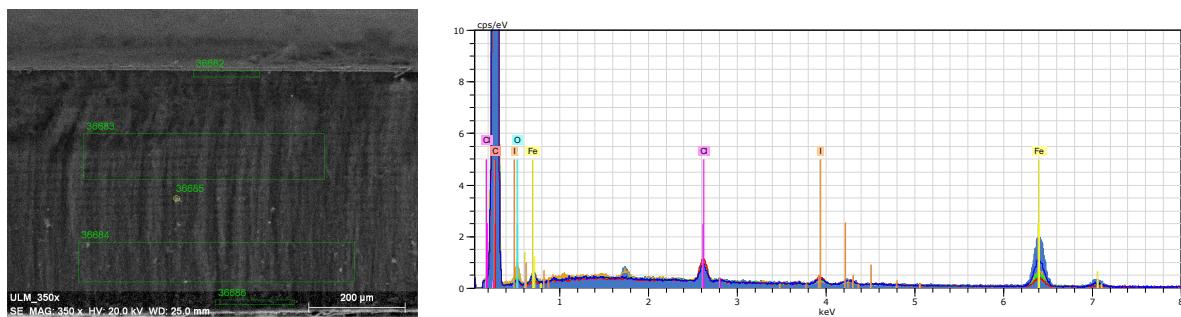


Fig. S5 SEM images of the MWCNT forests after chlorination (top (**A**) and bottom (**B**) layers) and Ullmann – type reaction (top (**C**) and bottom (**D**) layers).



Mass percent (%)

Spectrum	C	O	Cl	Fe	I

36682	90.44	2.49	0.75	5.46	0.86
36683	92.87	3.15	1.05	1.91	1.02
36684	92.32	3.59	0.78	2.53	0.78
36686	88.84	7.35	0.45	2.88	0.48
36685	86.33	2.27	0.55	9.68	1.17

Mean value:	90.16	3.77	0.72	4.49	0.86
Sigma:	2.67	2.07	0.23	3.20	0.26
Sigma mean:	1.19	0.93	0.10	1.43	0.12

Fig. S6 SEM/EDS protocol for MWCNTs forest functionalized using the Ullmann-type reaction – scanned along the nanotubes within the array