

## **Supporting Information**

### **Nanocomposite Hybrid Biomass Hydrogels as Flexible Strain Sensors with Self-Healing Ability in Harsh Environments**

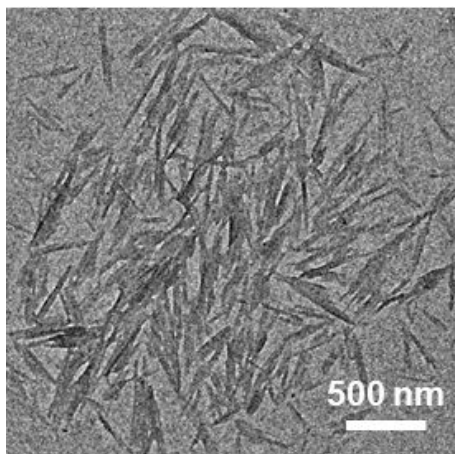
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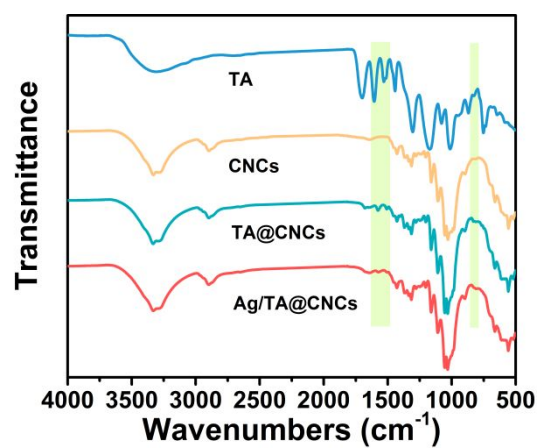
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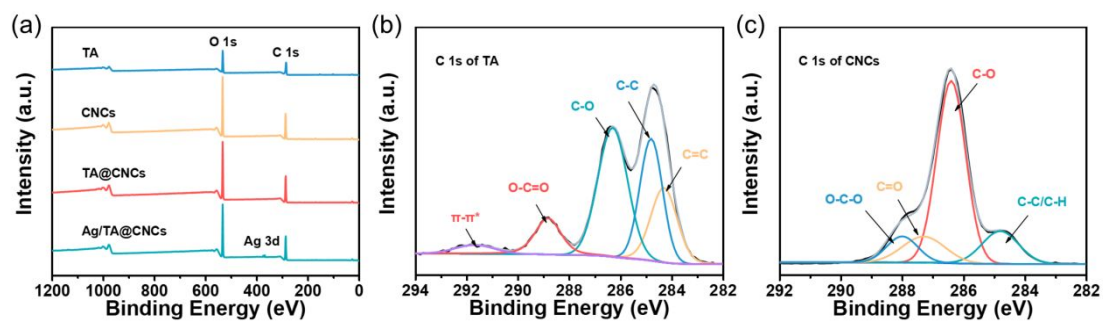
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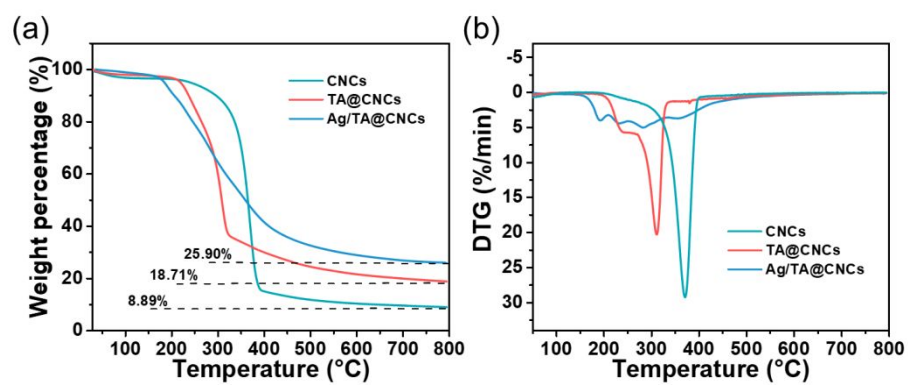
**Figure S1.** TEM image of CNCs (the length and diameter of CNCs were estimated from at least 100 samples and the data was shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation).



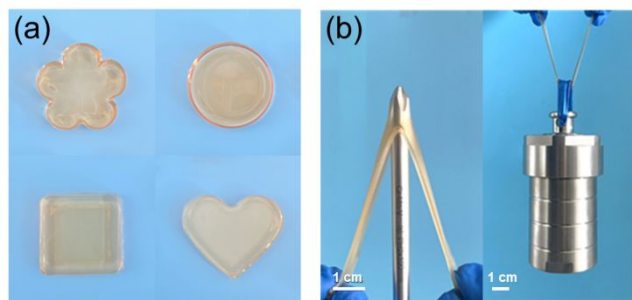
**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectra of TA, CNCs, TA@CNCs, and Ag/TA@CNCs.



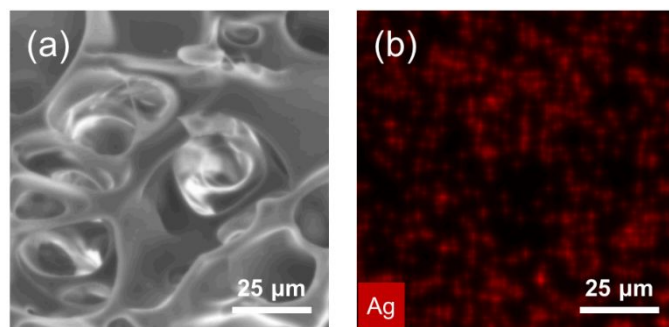
**Figure S3.** (a) XPS survey spectra of TA, CNCs, TA@CNCs, and Ag/TA@CNCs. C 1s high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) TA and (c) CNCs.



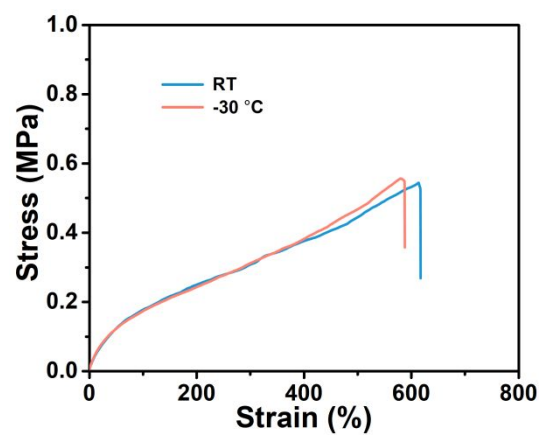
**Figure S4.** (a) TGA and (b) DTG curves of CNCs, TA@CNCs, and Ag/TA@CNCs.



**Figure S5.** (a) Optical photographs of hydrogels in various shapes. (b) Performance tests of hydrogels with stretching and loading.



**Figure S6.** EDS elemental mapping of gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub>: (a) SEM cross-sectional image and (b) Ag element distribution map.

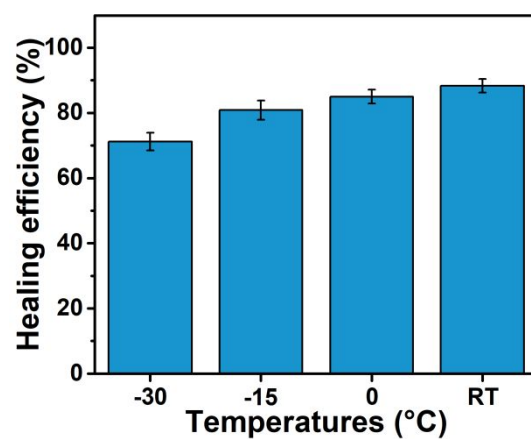


**Figure S7.** Stress-strain curves of gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub> at room temperature and -30 °C.

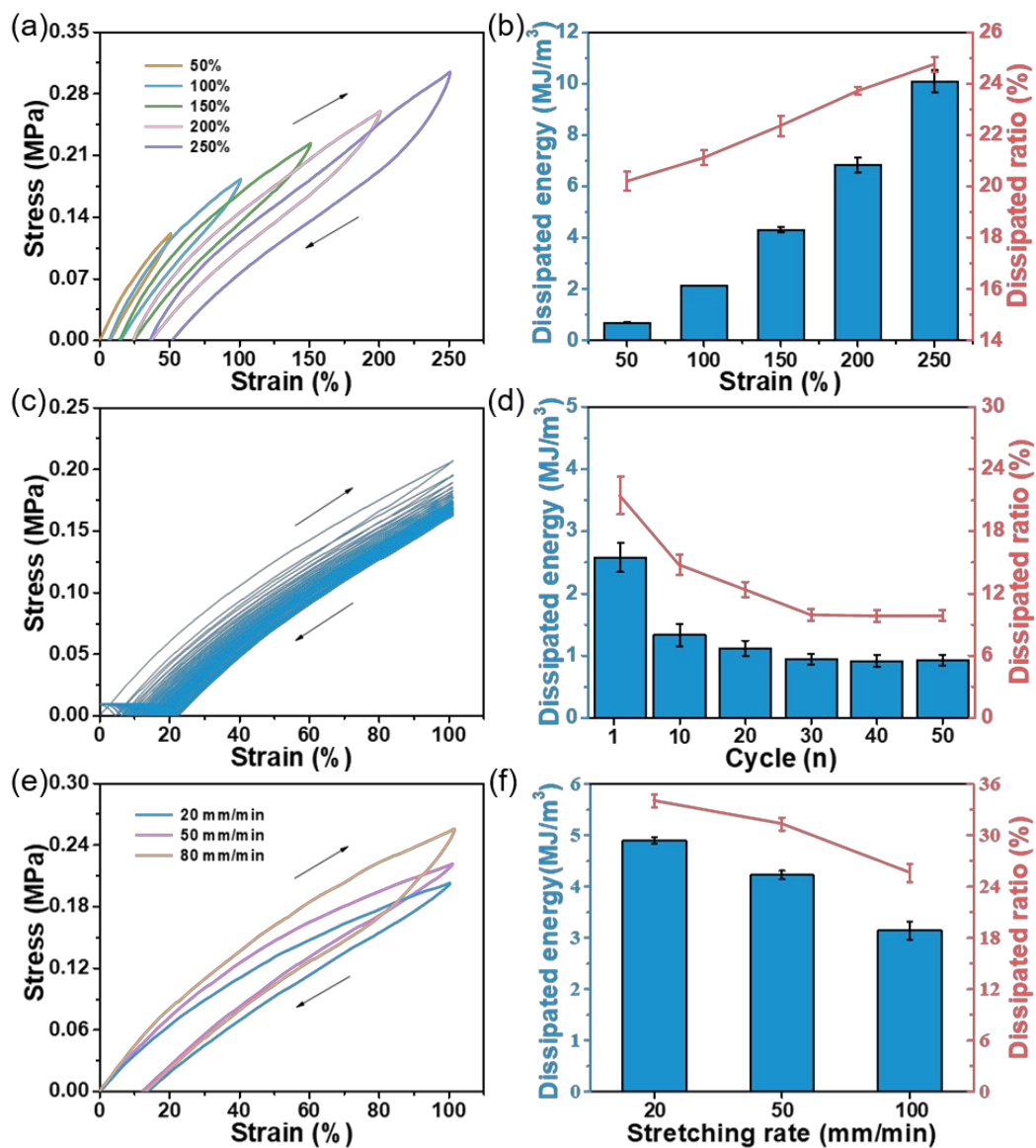


**Table S1.** The mechanical properties and self-healing efficiency of different hydrogel samples (the maximum stress, maximum strain, and self-healing efficiency of the samples were tested at least three times and the data was shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation).

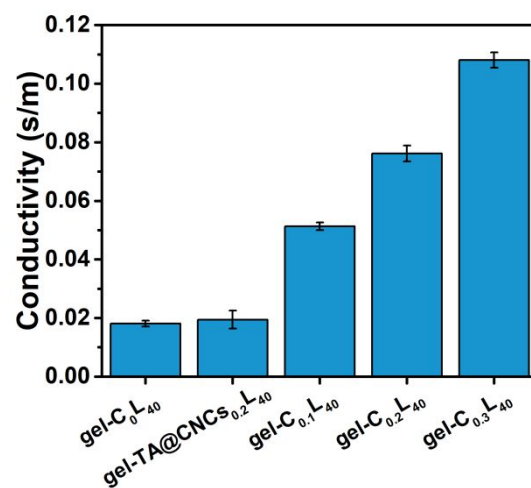
<b>Samples</b>	<b>Max stress (MPa)</b>	<b>Max strain (%)</b>	<b>Self-healing efficiency (%)</b>
gel-C <sub>0</sub> L <sub>40</sub>	0.45 $\pm$ 0.03	613.2 $\pm$ 17.0	71.4 $\pm$ 4.6
gel-C <sub>0.1</sub> L <sub>40</sub>	0.55 $\pm$ 0.02	594.8 $\pm$ 9.0	83.5 $\pm$ 3.3
gel-C <sub>0.2</sub> L <sub>40</sub>	0.69 $\pm$ 0.01	557.5 $\pm$ 12.2	88.3 $\pm$ 5.0
gel-C <sub>0.3</sub> L <sub>40</sub>	0.60 $\pm$ 0.03	547.2 $\pm$ 13.6	86.8 $\pm$ 2.5
gel-CNCs <sub>0.2</sub> L <sub>40</sub>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.03	630.3 $\pm$ 20.8	80.5 $\pm$ 5.5
gel-TA@CNCs <sub>0.2</sub> L <sub>40</sub>	0.68 $\pm$ 0.02	564.3 $\pm$ 15.6	88.6 $\pm$ 3.6



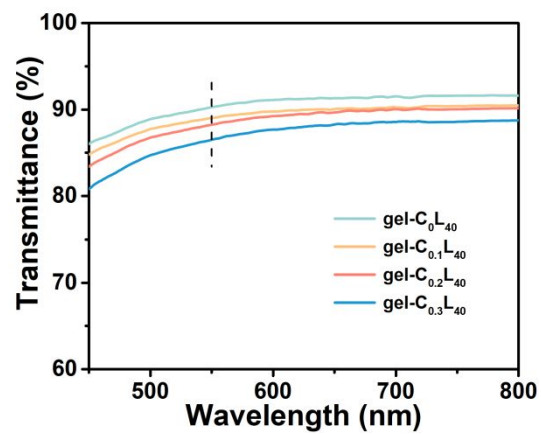
**Figure S8.** Self-healing efficiency of gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub> at -30 °C, -15 °C, 0 °C, and room temperature.



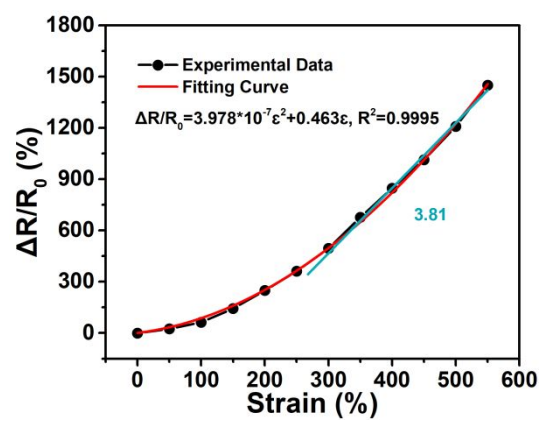
**Figure S9.** (a-b) Loading–unloading tests of gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub> under different strain of 50%, 100%, 150%, 200%, and 250%. (c-d) Fifty successive cyclic loading-unloading tests of gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub> at 100% strain. (e-f) Loading–unloading tests of gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub> under different tensile rates of 20, 50, and 80 mm/min.



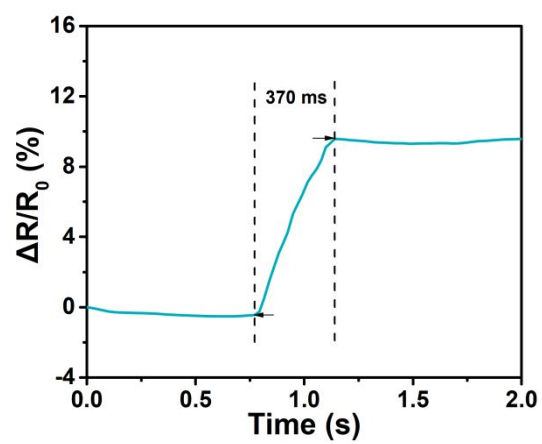
**Figure S10.** Conductivity of gel-C<sub>0</sub>L<sub>40</sub>, gel-TA@CNCs<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub>, gel-C<sub>0.1</sub>L<sub>40</sub>, gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub> and gel-C<sub>0.3</sub>L<sub>40</sub>.



**Figure S11.** UV-vis transmittance of the gel-C<sub>0</sub>L<sub>40</sub>, gel-C<sub>0.1</sub>L<sub>40</sub>, gel-C<sub>0.2</sub>L<sub>40</sub>, and gel-C<sub>0.3</sub>L<sub>40</sub> (thickness: 1 mm).



**Figure S12.** The line-fitting GF factor curves of gel-TA@CNCs<sub>0.2</sub>.



**Figure S13.** The response time curve of the gel-TA@CNCs<sub>0.2</sub>.