



Self-assembled ultrathick MoS₂ conductive hydrogel membrane via ionic gelation for superior capacitive energy storage

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ABSTRACT

Conductive hydrogel membranes with nanofluids channels represent one of the most promising capacitive electrodes due to their rapid kinetics of ion transport. The construction of these unique structures always requires new self-assembly behaviors with different building blocks, intriguing phenomena of colloidal chemistry. In this work, by delicately balancing the electrostatic repulsions between 2D inorganic nanosheets and the electrostatic adsorption with cations, we develop a general strategy to fabricate stable free-standing 1T molybdenum disulphide (MoS₂) hydrogel membranes with abundant fluidic channels. Given the interpenetrating ionic transport network, the MoS₂ hydrogel membranes exhibit a high-level capacitive performance 1.34 F/cm² at an ultrahigh mass loading of 11.2 mg/cm². Furthermore, the interlayer spacing of MoS₂ in the hydrogel membranes can be controlled with ångström-scale precision using different cations, which can promote further fundamental studies and potential applications of the transition-metal dichalcogenides hydrogel membranes.

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As an important class of electrode materials, two-dimensional materials, such as transition metal dichalcogenides (2D TMDs), graphene-based materials, and transition metal carbide (MXene) have attracted large attentions in energy storage and conversion [1]. Among them, molybdenum disulphide (MoS₂) have great potentials for electrochemical energy storage applications thanks to their high stacking density, chemical stability, economical efficient, and adjustable electrical conductivity [1–4]. Despite the 2D graphene-like structure, the MoS₂ nanosheets are much more rigid out of plane due to the three-atomic-layered structure, together with their strong inter-sheet van der Waals force, thereby leading to the irreversible restacking [5], which results in insufficient ion diffusion especially in thick electrodes with high mass loading (e.g., 10 mg/cm²) that approaches the practical level [6,7]. The ionic conductivity has been improved by *in-situ* growing vertically aligned MoS₂ or developing heterostructures [8–10], but it is limited by high preparation costs and expensive materials. Whereas self-assembly by exploiting interaction between nanosheets is a cost-effective, convenient, and scale-up-friendly method. Hence, a more practical strategy is to modify the inter-nanosheets interac-

tion to improve the stacking structure of membranes for facilitating ionic conduction and energy storage properties.

During the self-assembly process of solution-processable 2D nanosheets, the water can serve as a particularly effective “spacer” to tackle the fatal issue of the restacking in the application of supercapacitors [11,12]. The highly porous structure with pervading fluid channels provides abundant pathways for the electrolyte-ion transporting onto the surface of individual nanosheets [13–15]. It has been reported that the hydrogelation of graphene-based 2D laminated membranes enhanced ionic diffusion coefficient by ~9.4 times [12], and the outstanding capacitive performances are also achieved even with the high mass loading [16,17]. For example, the 2D materials-based hydrogel membrane (MGH) with an area loading of 2.97 mg/cm² shows a capacity retention of 89.5% (319.6 F/g) at 100 mV/s, illustrating its excellent rate capability and specific capacitance [18]. In a case study of oriented-graphene hydrogel membranes, the unique π -conjugated structure and corrugated configuration of chemically converted graphene are the crucial properties for constructing the unusual structures that can trap a significant amount of water in the membrane [16,19,20]. It has been previously shown that a stable MoS₂ colloidal suspension without any surfactants can form through exfoliation of Li-intercalated MoS₂ [21,22], owing to the strong electrostatic repulsion of negative charge that originates from the electron injection

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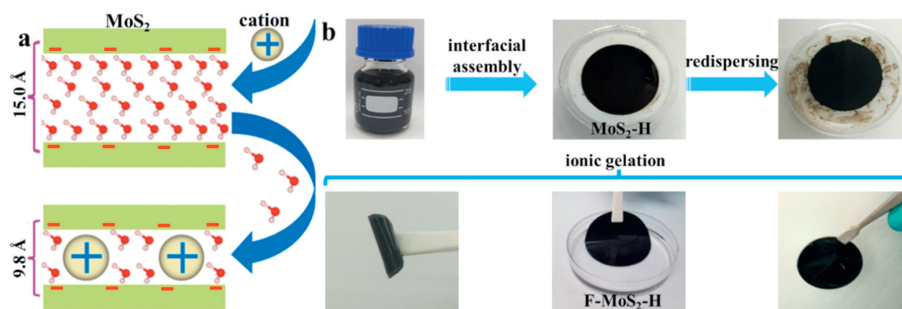


Fig. 1. The assembly strategy of the F-MoS₂-H membrane. (a) Schematic diagram of the cation mediated gelation mechanism. (b) Photograph showing the ionic gelation process of F-MoS₂-H membrane from MoS₂ dispersion.

during lithium intercalation [23–26]. It provided the basis for the development of MoS₂ hydrogel membranes, but the development of hydrogel membranes is still lacking. Until now, little is known about the experimental investigation of MoS₂ membranes with confined fluids because of the difficulties in constructing hydrogel membrane by adopting the similar manners to the graphene, as the result of the absence of π -conjugated structure and corrugated configuration for MoS₂ nanosheets. Consequently, a uniquely assembly strategies will be needed to create TMDs hydrogel materials for the purposes of understanding their assembly behaviors and further electrochemical energy storage.

The crucial point in the assembly of TMDs hydrogel membranes is to modulate the strong interactions between the nanosheets and to avoid uncontrolled redispersion in aqueous solution. In addition to the interaction between nanosheets and water molecules, the charged cations have good affinity with MoS₂ nanosheets, which can be employed to mediate the structure of MoS₂ membranes. In the present work, taking the negatively charged metallic-phase MoS₂ nanosheets as the building blocks, we employed cations as the gelators in free-standing and highly-conductive MoS₂ hydrogel membranes with nanoconfined water by delicately balancing the electrostatic repulsion between the 2D nanosheets (Fig. 1a), and studied their electrochemical properties. With the interpenetrating ion diffusion paths, this conductive MoS₂ hydrogel membrane electrode demonstrates greatly improved ion-transport properties, leading to high-level capacitive performance at high mass loadings (up to 11.2 mg/cm²). This strategy provides a novel route of constructing TMD hydrogel membranes, and promotes the further application of TMDs materials in the field of electrochemical energy storage.

Fabrication of the free-standing MoS₂ hydrogel (F-MoS₂-H) membrane: MoS₂ colloidal solution was prepared by lithium intercalation into MoS₂ powder and chemically exfoliated as reported previously [3]. The X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectrums of elemental S and Mo in MoS₂ before and after chemically exfoliation were compared to demonstrate the phase of MoS₂ (Fig. S1 in Supporting information). Compared to the XPS spectrums of bulk MoS₂ (S 2p_{1/2}: 163.6 eV, S 2p_{3/2}: 162.5 eV, Mo3d_{3/2}: 232.5 eV, Mo 3d_{5/2}: 229.6 eV), there are new peaks appeared at low binding energy region (S 2p_{1/2}: 162.0 eV, S 2p_{3/2}: 160.8 eV, Mo3d_{3/2}: 231.1 eV, Mo 3d_{5/2}: 228.0 eV) in the XPS spectrums of exfoliated MoS₂, which is consistent with the 1T phase MoS₂ in previous researches [23]. And it proves that MoS₂ nanosheets contained 72% 1T phase have been successfully prepared. As-obtained MoS₂ dispersion was vacuum filtrated through the mixed cellulose ester filter membrane (0.05 μ m pore size). The vacuum was disconnected immediately once no MoS₂ dispersion was left on the filtrate membrane, and the MoS₂ hydrogel (MoS₂-H) is produced. After that, the filter membrane with MoS₂-H was immersed into the 5 vol% BMIM-BF₄ aqueous solution, where the ions would intercalate the interlayer between MoS₂ nanosheets gradually and

form the free-standing F-MoS₂-H. Finally, the F-MoS₂-H can be carefully peeled off from the filter membrane. The same method was also applied to prepare F-MoS₂-H membranes in saline solution (1.0 mol/L) with different cations. And for comparison, a completely dried MoS₂ (D-MoS₂) membrane was constructed by vacuum filtrated and drying.

Zeta potential studies of MoS₂ nanosheets was determined using a Nano-ZS 90 Nanosizer (Malvern Instruments Ltd., Worcestershire, UK). Scanning electron microscope (SEM) imaging of the cross section for MoS₂ membranes were performed using a field emission SEM system (JSM 6701F). High resolution transmission electron microscope (HRTEM) characterization was performed using an aberration-corrected JEOL JEM-ARM 200CF STEM equipped with a 200 keV cold-field emission gun. The Raman spectra was obtained via a RENISHAW inVia Raman microscope (Wotton-under-Edge, UK). The X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded at ambient temperature on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer at 40 kV, 40 mA for Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$), with a scan speed of 1 s/step, a step size of 0.02° in 2 θ . The GIWAXS characterization was performed by a simultaneous WAXS acquisition using a Xeuss 2.0 WAXS system (Xenocs, Sassenage, France) with a PILATUS3 R1M detector. The details for DFT calculation are provided in Supporting information.

The electrochemical experiments were carried out in plastic Swagelok cells with 1.0 mol/L H₂SO₄ electrolyte by a Bio-Logic VMP3 multi-channel potentiostat/galvanostat. Two Pt plate electrodes and filter paper were used as current collectors and separator. The F-MoS₂-H membranes were directly used as electrodes without adding any other polymeric binders or conductive additives. Note that all the electrodes were exchanged with the electrolyte solution for 3 h prior to test. Before electrochemical performance was recorded, cyclic voltammetry (CV) scanning with a rate of 50 mV/s was conducted for several cycles to stabilize the electrodes. The details for calculation of capacitance are provided in Supporting information.

As shown in Fig. 1b, the MoS₂-H membrane attached to a filter membrane was prepared by solid/liquid interfacial assembly of the solution-processable MoS₂ nanosheets. After drying, face-to-face restacking inevitably occurs in the membrane due to the van der Waals attraction. However, it is noted that the MoS₂-H membrane is unstable and quickly re-dispersed in deionized water because of the hydration forces and electrostatic repulsions, similar to that of the graphene oxide [27]. By contrast, the stable F-MoS₂-H membrane with about 85 wt% liquid is formed when the H-MoS₂ membrane was soaked in ionic liquids (ILs, 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate, BMIM-BF₄) aqueous solution. And it is demonstrated that F-MoS₂-H can retain the structural integrity in both acidic and alkali solutions, and withstand vigorous mechanical agitation in water (Fig. 1b and Fig. S3 in Supporting information), the stability of which is improved significantly compared to that of the MoS₂-H membrane.

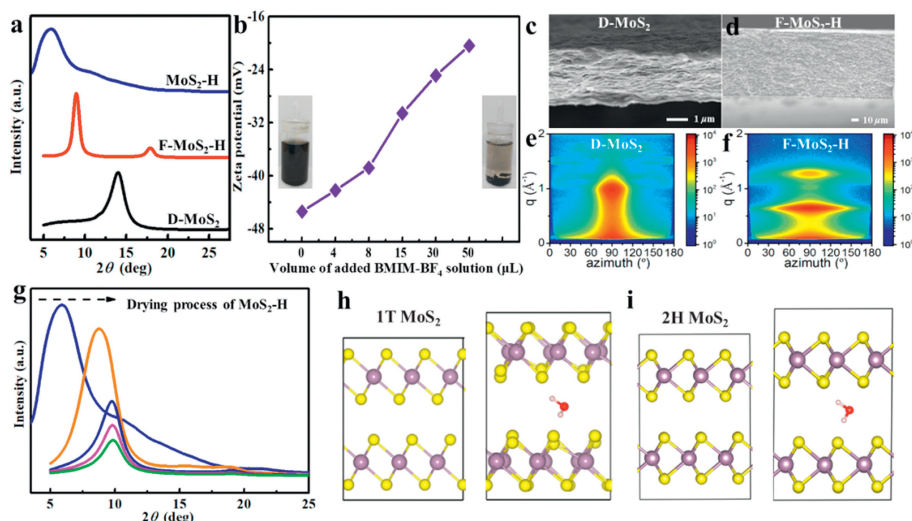


Fig. 2. The structural analysis of F-MoS₂-H membrane. (a) XRD patterns of as-prepared MoS₂-H, F-MoS₂-H and D-MoS₂ membranes. (b) Zeta potential of MoS₂ nanosheets vs. volume of added BMIM-BF₄ (volume ratio of 5%) in 15 mL MoS₂ aqueous dispersions with a concentration of 0.02 mg/mL. (c, d) SEM images of cross sections of D-MoS₂ and F-MoS₂-H membranes. (e, f) 2D raw scattering pattern of the GIWAXS of the D-MoS₂ and F-MoS₂-H membranes. To maintain the liquid environment, the F-MoS₂-H membranes were completely exchanged with pure BMIM-BF₄ before the SEM and GIWAXS test. (g) XRD patterns of MoS₂-H membrane in the drying process at room temperature. The configuration diagrams of (h) 1T MoS₂ and (i) 2H MoS₂ interlayer with and without H₂O in DFT calculations.

For the further analysis of the assembly mechanism of 2D MoS₂ nanosheets with ILs, the X-ray diffraction (XRD) is performed to character the nanostructure of membrane. A broad (002) peak of the H-MoS₂ membrane reveals an interlayer spacing of ~15 Å (Fig. 2a), 8.7 Å larger than that of bulk MoS₂, signifying the presence of plentiful interlayered water between individual MoS₂ nanosheets [5]. The introduction of BMIM-BF₄ leads the (002) peak obviously shifts to 9° in H-MoS₂ membrane, suggesting a 35% decrease in the interlayer distance from 15.0 Å of H-MoS₂ to 9.8 Å of the F-MoS₂-H membrane (Fig. 2b). The above assembly behavior can be explained by analyzing the colloidal forces between MoS₂ nanosheets and the ionic gelation mechanism. Based on the extended Derjaguin-Landau-Verwey-Overbeek (DLVO) theory, the equilibrium interlayer spacing of H-MoS₂ membrane is controlled by the van der Waals attraction, electrostatic repulsion and hydration force [28]. When MoS₂-H membrane soaked into the water again, the repulsive electrostatic interaction force would be dominant because of the large anionic polarizability that arises from the S²⁻ [29], leading to the redispersion (Fig. 1b). In contrast, as BMIM⁺ inserted into the interlayers of MoS₂-H membrane, the adsorption force ($E_{\text{ad}} = -6.6 \text{ eV}$) between the cations and MoS₂ nanosheets partially shield the electrostatic repulsion between nanosheets, preventing the redispersion. Meanwhile, the cross-linking effect of ions between nanosheets strengthens the anti-swelling ability and mechanical properties of membranes. The synergistic effect of both shielding effect and cross-linking effect promotes the gelation of F-MoS₂-H membrane. In order to further prove the charge screening mechanism, we investigate the variation of surface charge (zeta potential) of MoS₂ nanosheets with increasing concentrations of ILs (Fig. 2b). Obviously, the zeta potential increases gradually with the increase of ILs. An immediate coagulation behavior can be observed as the zeta potential increases above -20 mV, which is consistent with the colloid theory. This ionic gelation improves the mechanical performance and stability of the membrane, so that it remains integrity and stable whether immersed in acid or alkaline solutions for 7 days (Fig. S3).

Compared to the completely D-MoS₂ membrane, the F-MoS₂-H membrane have more favorable and connective structure. Specifically, owing to the intercalation of cations and water in the negatively-charged MoS₂ nanosheets, the high-resolution transmis-

sion electron microscope (HRTEM) images of F-MoS₂-H membrane prove the expansion of interlayer distance relative to that of completely D-MoS₂ membrane (Fig. S4 in Supporting information). Studies with side view of D-MoS₂ membrane under scanning electron microscopy (SEM) show a layered and tightly-packed structure as a result of the van der Waals attractions between MoS₂ nanosheets (Fig. 2c). Obviously, there is a porous layered packed structure for F-MoS₂-H membrane (Fig. 2d and Fig. S5 in Supporting information). It is consistent to that the D-MoS₂ membrane has a pearly luster, while the F-MoS₂-H membrane is opaque black. The metallic luster is indicative of more uniform stacking and relatively smooth surface which is able to directly reflect the light, while the opaque surface of F-MoS₂-H indicates larger interlayer spacing/pores that would cause more diffuse reflection. The grazing incidence wide-angle X-ray scattering (GIWAXS) 2D patterns of the membranes (through-the-edge) are used to reveal classic face-on stacking of nanosheets [30,31]. Relative to the preferred parallel-oriented lamellar structures in the plane of D-MoS₂, the F-MoS₂-H membrane displays less ordered 2D raw scattering signal, indicating the arrangement of MoS₂ nanosheets tends to be porous (Figs. 2e and f, Fig. S6 in Supporting information). The favorable structure of F-MoS₂-H is attributed to the suitable amount of interlayered water.

To further investigate the distribution and state of water in the F-MoS₂-H membrane, we performed XRD patterns to observe the structural changes during drying process (Fig. 2g). It can be seen that the completely hydrogel membrane MoS₂-H contains a large interlayer spacing and plenty of water, which is expelled from the interlayers as time goes on and leads to the decreasing of interlayer spacing. After thoroughly dried, the interlayer distance reaches 8.8 Å, 2.5 Å larger than the completely dried D-MoS₂ membranes without BMIM⁺ or water intercalation, indicating a few of interlayered water are still preserved. It is also evidenced by density functional theory (DFT) calculations. Fig. 2h show the -H of water molecule prefer to adsorb on top of the S atoms, leading to the expanding of the interlayer spacing by 1.2 Å. The water molecules are adsorbed on the 1T MoS₂ interlayer with an adsorption energy of 2.2 eV (Fig. 2i and Table S1 in Supporting information). In comparison, the water adsorption energy on the 2H phase MoS₂ interlayer (1.09 eV) is lower. And the XPS spectrum shows

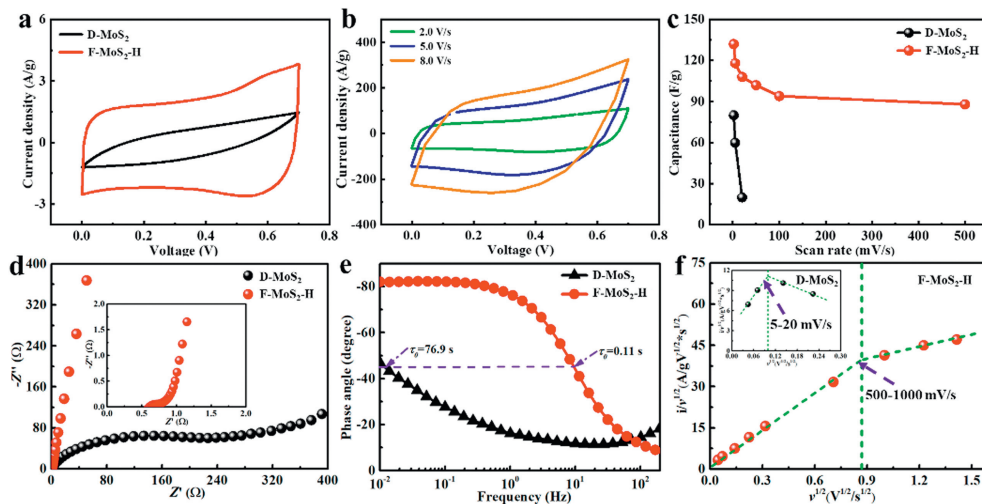


Fig. 3. Electrochemical characterization of D-MoS₂ and F-MoS₂-H membranes. (a) CV curves of D-MoS₂ and F-MoS₂-H at 50 mV/s. (b) CV curves of F-MoS₂-H membranes at 2.0–8.0 V/s. (c) Specific capacitance of D-MoS₂ and F-MoS₂-H with different scan rates. (d) Nyquist plots and (e) Bode plots of D-MoS₂ and F-MoS₂-H. (f) The correlation of $i/v^{1/2}$ versus $v^{1/2}$ calculated from CV curves.

that content of 2H phase MoS₂ in membrane is only ~28%. Both of these properties indicate that the channels constructed by 1T MoS₂ are the mainly modified region for ion transport and storage. It is consistent with the experimental results (Fig. 2a), where the bulk water is removed from the interlayers of MoS₂ and the confined two layers of adsorbed water are still preserved in the interlayer spacing of 9.8 Å (Fig. 1a).

To feature the ion transport behaviors, electrochemical performances of the F-MoS₂-H and dried MoS₂ membranes were carried out by symmetric supercapacitors in 1.0 mol/L H₂SO₄ electrolyte. The Raman peaks of J₁, J₂, and J₃ are retained in the hydrogel membrane (Fig. S8 in Supporting information), which are only active in 1T phase MoS₂ [32], indicating a good electrical conductivity maintained and the suitability in electrochemical application. The cycle voltammetry (CV) curve of the supercapacitor with dried MoS₂ electrode delivers poor capacitive behavior (Fig. 3a). Meanwhile, the specific capacitances of D-MoS₂ electrode drastically decrease from 80 F/g to 20 F/g with the current density increases from 2 mV/s to 20 mV/s. By contrast, the F-MoS₂-H electrode reveals gratifying capacitive properties, a capacitance of 135 F/g was obtained at scan rate of 2 mV/s; particularly the difference performance becomes very pronounced at higher operation rates (Fig. 3c). The CVs profile of F-MoS₂-H electrode still remains a near-rectangular shape at an ultrafast scan rate of 8.0 V/s (Fig. 3b). The unique role of the hydrogel structure of F-MoS₂-H can also be proved by the electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) at open circuit potential over the frequency range from 100 kHz to 10 mHz. As shown in Fig. 3d, the D-MoS₂ electrode shows a large semicircle and distinct -45° line in the low frequency region [33], revealing a very slow ion diffusion and poor capacitance. In contrast, the Nyquist plot of F-MoS₂-H electrode exhibits shorter Warburg region and smaller semicircle, indicating the fastest ion transport. The improvement is also illustrated from the Bode plots that the time constant ($\tau_0 = 1/f_0$) at phase angle of 45° decreases from 76.9 s to 0.11 s, giving a shift of τ_0 by a factor near 700 (Fig. 3e). Due to the porous structural property of F-MoS₂-H electrode [1,2], we studied the CV curves in a wide range of scan rates by plotting the relationship between $i/v^{1/2}$ and $v^{1/2}$ to analyze the kinetics of the ion transport in the electrode materials, where i is the discharge current at 0.35 V and v is the scan rate [34,35]. As shown in Fig. 3f, at low scan rates from 2 mV/s to 500 mV/s, the $i/v^{1/2}$ and $v^{1/2}$ plots are still linear with an intercept near zero. This result illustrates that it still behaves in a good capacitive man-

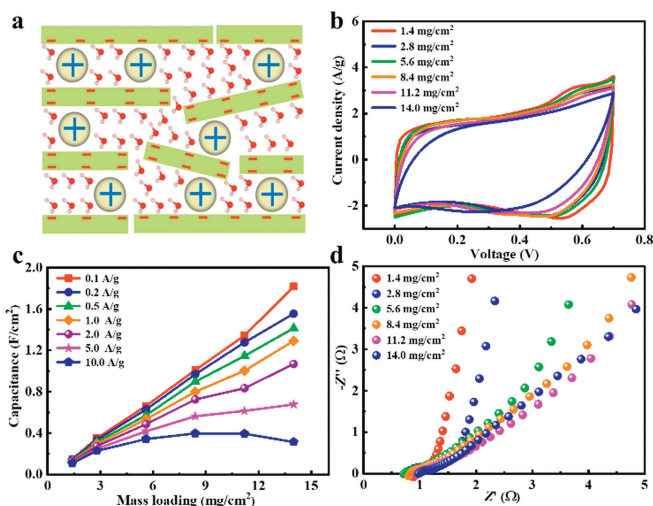


Fig. 4. The Electrochemical capability of F-MoS₂-H membrane with high mass loading. (a) Schematic diagram of F-MoS₂-H membrane in nanoscale. (b) CV curves of F-MoS₂-H electrode with different mass loadings at 50 mV/s. (c) The correlation of areal capacitance with different mass loading at various current density for the F-MoS₂-H electrode. (d) Nyquist plots of F-MoS₂-H membranes with different mass loadings.

ner even at high scan rates due to the highly connectivity porous structure of F-MoS₂-H membrane with appropriately expanded interlayer spacing, allowing the electrolyte ions to easily access to the surface of individual nanosheets. By contrast, the D-MoS₂ electrode clearly reveals a critical transition region at very low scan rates of 5–20 mV/s. This response is attributed to the limited channel structure, which impedes the ion transport by hindering its diffusion pathways, significantly slowing down the charge storage process. The supercapacitors based on the F-MoS₂-H electrode displays good cycle stability retaining nearly 93% of the initial capacitance after 5000 cycles at the scan rate of 500 mV/s (Fig. S10 in Supporting information).

The advantages of excellent electron transfer and rapid ion transport for F-MoS₂-H membrane is proposed to deliver high-areal capacitive performance under high mass loadings, which signifies a critical step toward to the practical applications (Fig. 4a). The CV curves of the F-MoS₂-H electrode show a relatively small

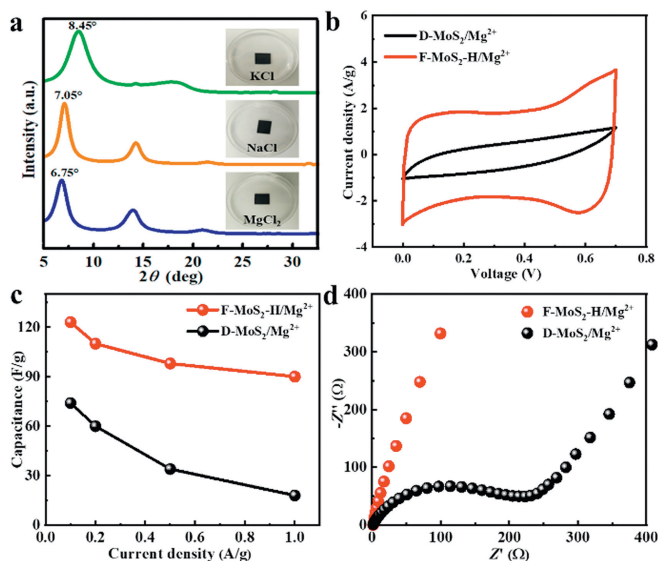


Fig. 5. The universality of the ionic gelation strategy. (a) XRD patterns of F-MoS₂-H membrane gelatinized by various cations (K⁺, Na⁺, and Mg²⁺). (b) CV curves of F-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ and D-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ membranes at 50 mV/s. (c) Specific capacitance with different current density. (d) Nyquist plots of F-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ and D-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ membranes.

capacity loss at various rates induced by the increase of mass loadings (Fig. 4b), suggesting a much lower internal resistance of the porous hydrogel structure. Fig. 4c shows the relationship between areal capacitance and mass loading at a large range of current densities. The areal capacitance increases linearly with the increase of mass loadings when the current density is below 56 mA/cm² (5 A/g). The F-MoS₂-H electrode with 11.2 mg/cm² loading leads to a specific capacitance of 1.34 F/cm² at a current density of 1.12 mA/cm² (0.1 A/g). As the current density increases to 56 mA/cm², a value of 0.61 F/cm² is still maintained for the same hydrogel architecture. Although the highest mass loading (14 mg/cm² here) presents a larger areal capacitance of 1.8 F/cm² at low current density of 1.12 mA/cm², for the electrode (11.2 mg/cm²), the deviations from linearity emerges as the areal capacitance reach a plateau at 56 mA/cm² and produce a slight decrease in the areal capacitance at 112 mA/cm² (10 A/g). The limiting condition of plateau-like response can be interpreted that the penetration depth of ionic current is being reached and the higher mass loading becomes progressively less beneficial [8]. As shown in the Nyquist plot (Fig. 4d), the intrinsic resistance and the Warburg region increase slightly even at a high mass loading. In the field of MoS₂-based electrode for supercapacitors (Table S2 in Supporting information), the achievement of high-level areal capacity (1340 F/cm² at 1.12 mA/cm²) with high mass loadings (11.2 mg/cm²) is outstanding, which should be ascribed to the sufficient transport pathway for both the electron transfer and ion diffusion in this hydrogel structure.

To verify the universality of the strategy, we have also prepared F-MoS₂-H membranes by alkali-metal ions with different ion radius. The XRD patterns of the stable hydrogel membranes show that the insertion process with these cation produces a systematic control of interlayer spacing from 10.5 Å in the F-MoS₂-H/K⁺ to 12.5 Å in the F-MoS₂-H/Na⁺ and 13.1 Å in the F-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ membranes, suggesting that these cations can knock out different amounts of interlayered water by ionic gelation effect (Fig. 5a). Supercapacitors based on the conductive F-MoS₂-H directly as the electrode also exhibit good capacitive performance (Fig. S11 in Supporting information). The indispensable role of confined water is further proved by analyzing the electrochemical performances

of F-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ membranes before and after drying. Obviously, the interlayer spacing of F-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ hydrogel membrane decreased to 11.4 Å in the dried MoS₂/Mg²⁺ (D-MoS₂/Mg²⁺) membrane with the removal of confined water (Fig. S12 in Supporting information). The CV curves and specific capacitance manifest better performances for the F-MoS₂-H/Mg²⁺ hydrogel compared with the dried counterpart (Figs. 5b and c). The similar result is confirmed by the Nyquist plots (Fig. 5d). It is worth pointing out that the interlayer spacing of D-MoS₂/Mg²⁺ membrane is larger than that of the BMIM⁺ ion-based F-MoS₂-H membrane, but the capacitive performance is significantly lower. The above results suggest that the expanded interlayer spacing only caused by intercalation of cation may not be the primary factor of capacitance utilization in 2D TMDs membranes, combining with the introduction of an amount of confined water to form a highly porous hydrogel structure is the key to ensure the fast kinetics of electrolyte-ion transport.

In summary, we have developed a general strategy to fabricate F-MoS₂-H membrane by ionic gelation. Our results clearly highlight the charge screening or ionic gelation mechanism to balance the colloidal forces with cations in assembling the hydrated MoS₂ nanosheets, and explore the distribution of water molecule in the membranes. Supercapacitors based on the free-standing hydrogel membranes demonstrate a record areal-capacitance of 1.34 F/cm² for the MoS₂-based electrode materials at the high mass loading of 11.2 mg/cm², as well as the good rate capacity. Furthermore, the interlayer spacing of MoS₂ hydrogel membranes can be controlled with ångström-scale precision using different cations. This unique 2D TMDs hydrogel promises a large range of other fundamental studies of structure control and applications, such as sensors, actuators, nanofluidics, water purification and energy harvesting devices.

Declaration of competing interest

There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

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