

Supporting Information

MXene and MoS_{3-x} coated 3D-printed hybrid electrode for solid-state asymmetric supercapacitor*Kalyan Ghosh, Martin Pumera**

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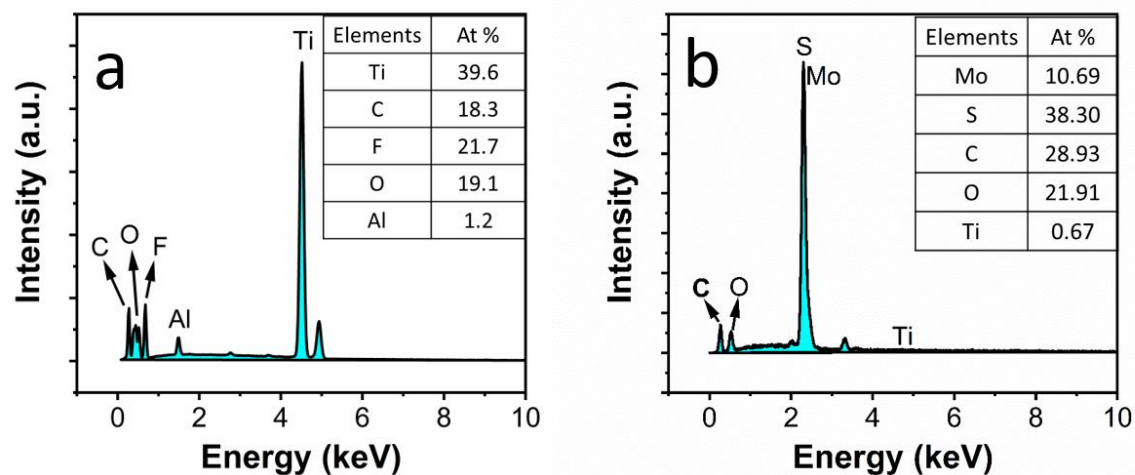


Figure S1. Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy of (a) Ex-Ti₃C₂T_x MXene and (b) MoS_{3-x} coated 3D-printed nanocarbon framework (MoS_{3-x}@3DnCF), inset table shows the atomic percentages of the constituent elements.

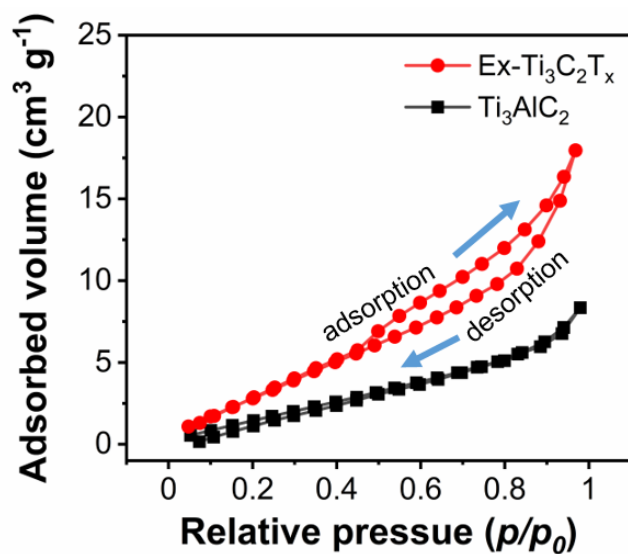


Figure S2. Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of Ti₃AlC₂ and Ex-Ti₃C₂T_x.

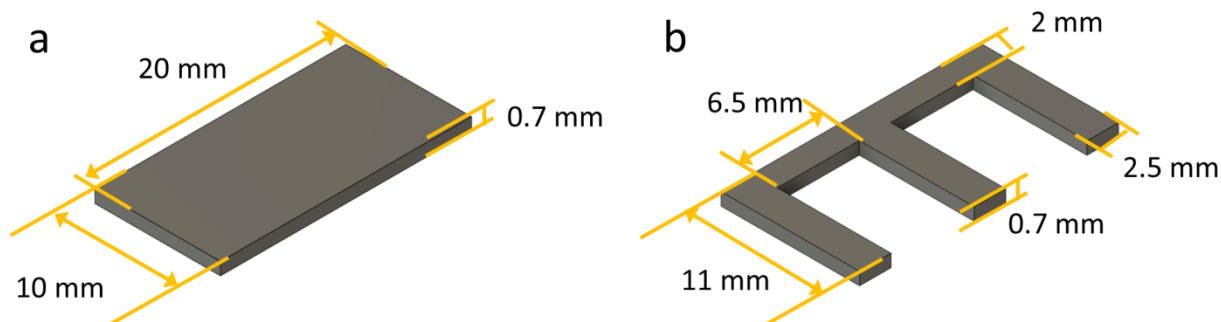


Figure S3. Dimensions of the 3D-printed electrodes (a) rectangular shape and (b) interdigitated shape.

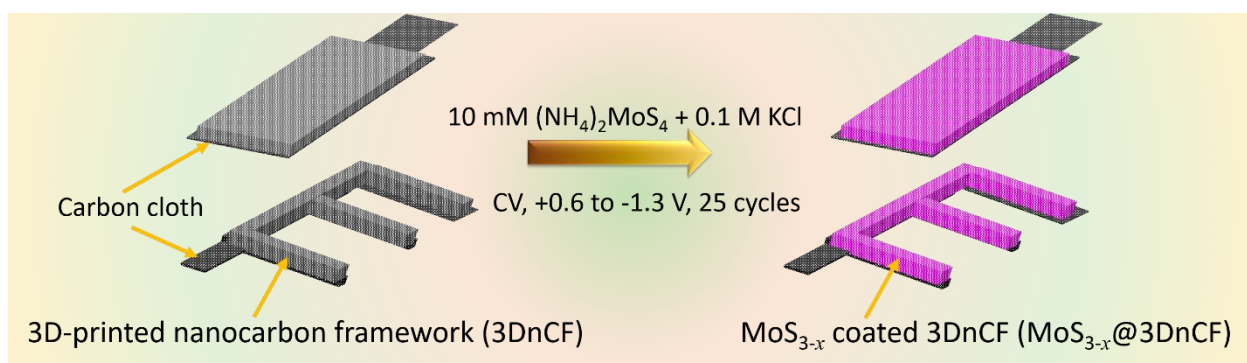


Figure S4. Schematic diagram for electrodeposition of MoS_{3-x} on 3D-printed nanocarbon framework.

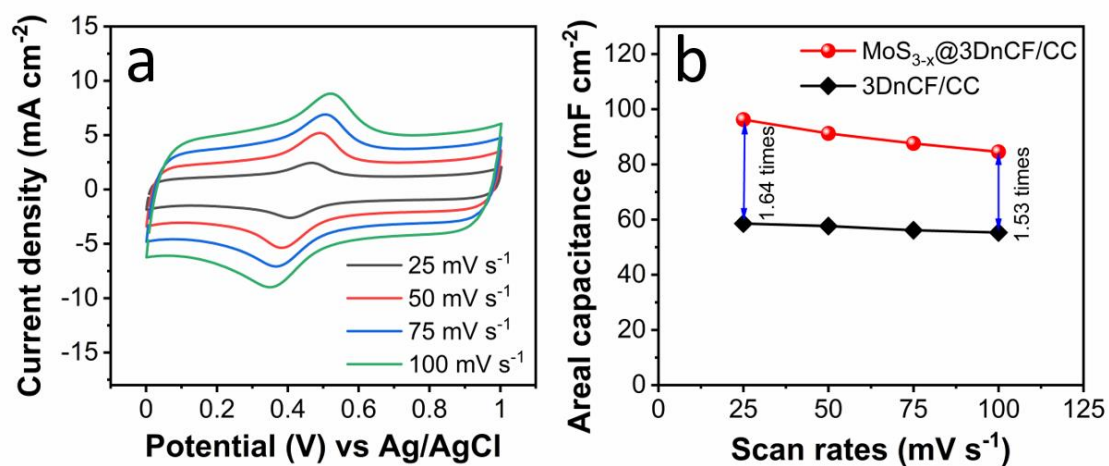


Figure S5. (a) Cyclic voltammetry of 3D-printed nanocarbon framework electrode (3DnCF/CC) in 1 M H_2SO_4 and (b) comparison of areal capacitance of blank 3DnCF/CC and MoS_{3-x} @3DnCF/CC at different scan rates.

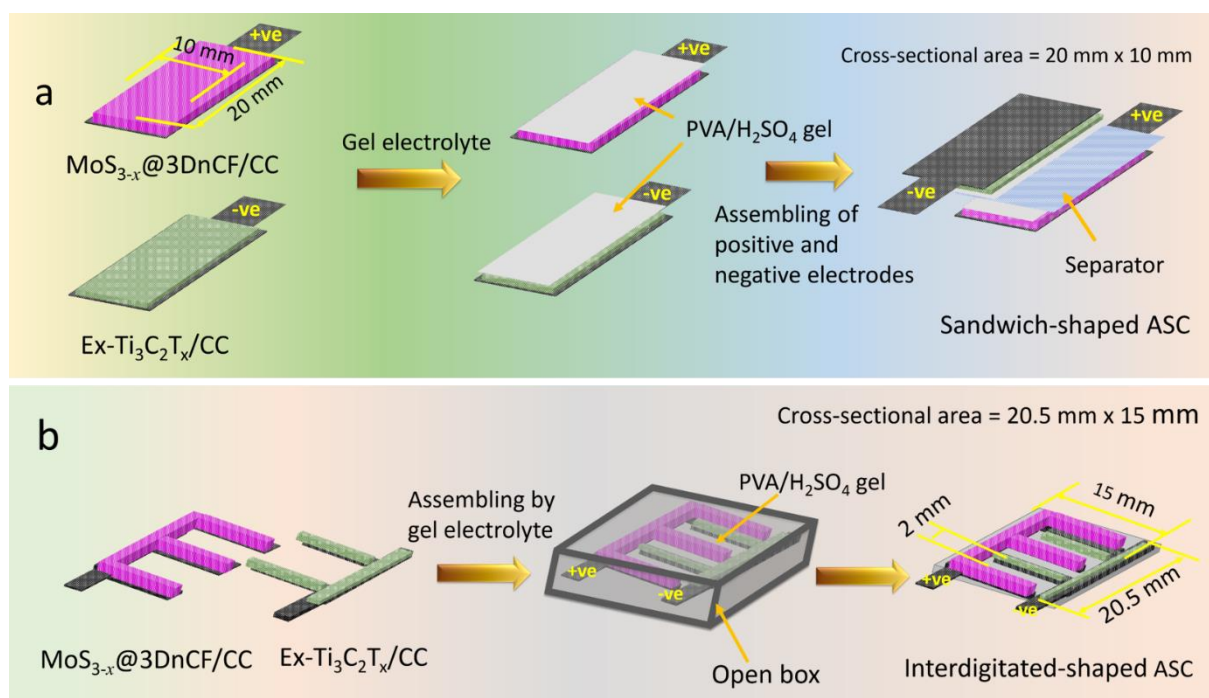


Figure S6. Schematic diagram of fabrication of solid-state asymmetric supercapacitor (a) sandwich- (b) interdigitated-configurations.

The $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x/\text{CC}$ and $\text{MoS}_{3-x}@3\text{DnCF}/\text{CC}$ electrodes show $>10^3$ times of capacitance compared to blank CC.

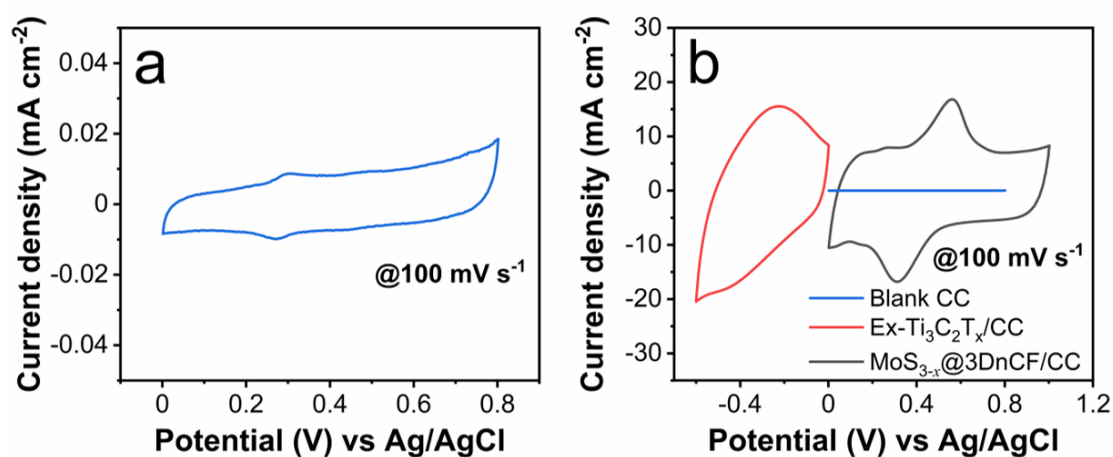


Figure S7. (a) Cyclic voltammetry of blank carbon cloth (CC) in 1 M H_2SO_4 and (b) comparison of cyclic voltammetry of blank CC, $\text{Ex-Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x/\text{CC}$ and $\text{MoS}_{3-x}@3\text{DnCF}/\text{CC}$ at scan rate of 100 mV s^{-1} .

Ti₃AlC₂ to Ti₃C₂T_x synthesis mechanism:



In three-electrode test set up, the areal capacitance, $C_{electrode}^{areal}$ [F cm⁻²] of positive or negative electrode was calculated from the cyclic voltammetry (CV) study using Equation-S4:^[1-3]

$$C_{electrode}^{areal} = \frac{\int_{V_1}^{V_2} I(V) dV}{\nu (V_2 - V_1) A} \quad (\text{S4})$$

where, $I(V)$ is the current [mA] in the cathodic sweep of the cyclic voltammogram for positive electrode and $I(V)$ is the current [mA] in the anodic sweep of the cyclic voltammogram for negative electrode, ν is the scan rate [mV s⁻¹], A is the active geometrical area [cm²] of the electrode, and V_1 and V_2 are the potential [V] limits in the CV study. The A in the denominator of Equation-S4 is replaced with active mass m [g] of the electrode material to calculate the gravimetric capacitance, $C_{electrode}^{gravimetric}$ [F g⁻¹].

Moreover, the $C_{electrode}^{areal}$ [F cm⁻²] of the positive or negative electrode was calculated from the constant current discharging curve of galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) study using Equation-S5:^[2]

$$C_{electrode}^{areal} = \frac{I \Delta t}{\Delta V A} \quad (\text{S5})$$

where, I is the constant discharge current [A], Δt is the total discharging time [s], ΔV is the discharge voltage [V] range and A is the active geometrical area [cm²] of the electrode. The ‘ A ’ in the denominator of Equation-S5 was replaced by active mass ‘ m ’ [g] of the electrode material to calculate the $C_{electrode}^{gravimetric}$ [F g⁻¹].

In two-electrode test set up, the areal cell capacitance, C_{cell}^{areal} [F cm⁻²] was calculated from the constant current discharging curve of GCD experiment using the Equation-S6:[3, 4]

$$C_{cell}^{areal} = \frac{I \Delta t}{\Delta V A} \quad (S6)$$

where, I is the constant discharge current [A], Δt is the total discharging time [s], ΔV is the range of discharge voltage [V] and A [cm²] is the active geometrical area of the cell. The volumetric capacitance, $C_{cell}^{volumetric}$ [F cm⁻³] and the gravimetric capacitance, $C_{cell}^{gravimetric}$ [F g⁻¹] were calculated replacing A in the denominator of Equation-S6 with total volume of the cell which includes electrodes, current collectors, separator and electrolyte, V_{cell} [cm³], and total active mass, m [g] of the two electrodes, respectively.

The areal energy density, E_{cell}^{areal} [mWh cm⁻²] was calculated from the cell capacitance using the Equation-S7.^[3,5, 6]

$$E_{cell}^{areal} = 0.5 \times C_{cell}^{areal} \times \Delta V^2 \times \frac{1000}{3600} \quad (S7)$$

The volumetric energy density, $E_{cell}^{volumetric}$ [mWh cm⁻³] and gravimetric energy density, $E_{cell}^{gravimetric}$ [Wh kg⁻¹] were calculated replacing C_{cell}^{areal} in Equation-S7 with $C_{cell}^{volumetric}$ [F cm⁻³] and $C_{cell}^{gravimetric}$ [F g⁻¹], respectively.

The areal power density [mW cm⁻²] was calculated using Equation-S8.^[3,5]

$$P_{cell}^{areal} = \frac{E_{cell}^{areal}}{t} \times 3600 \quad (S8)$$

where, t is the discharge time [s].

The volumetric power density, $P_{cell}^{volumetric}$ [mW cm⁻³] and gravimetric power density, $P_{cell}^{gravimetric}$ [W kg⁻¹] were calculated replacing E_{cell}^{areal} in Equation-S8 with $E_{cell}^{volumetric}$ [mWh cm⁻³] and $E_{cell}^{gravimetric}$ [Wh kg⁻¹].

The real part, $C'(\omega)$ and imaginary part, $C''(\omega)$ of capacitances were calculated from Equation S9 and S10, respectively.^[7]

$$C'(\omega) = \frac{-Z''(\omega)}{\omega |Z(\omega)|^2} \quad (S9)$$

$$C''(\omega) = \frac{Z'(\omega)}{\omega|Z(\omega)|^2} \quad (\text{S10})$$

where, $Z(\omega)$ is the impedance, $Z'(\omega)$ and $Z''(\omega)$ are the real part and imaginary part of $Z(\omega)$, respectively. ω is the angular frequency; where, $\omega = 2\pi f$ and f is the frequency [Hz].

Table S1. High resolution core-level X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy peak fitting results of Ex-Ti₃C₂T_x: peak positions, peak fitting full widths at half maximum (FWHM), assigned species and their quantified composition. Bold font shows the contribution from Ti₃C₂T_x.

Region	Binding energy (eV)	FWHM (eV)	Peak assignment	At %	
Ti 2p _{3/2} (2p _{1/2})	455.5 (461.5)	1.09 (1.48)	Core Ti as well as Ti linked to terminal groups (OH, F, O) (Ti-C)	10.871	
	456.3 (462.0)	1.56 (1.80)	Ti (II)	17.024	
	457.6 (463.3)	2.02 (1.82)	Ti (III)	14.765	
	459.3 (465.0)	1.50 (1.95)	(TiO _{2-x} F _{2x})	6.742	
	460.5 (466.2)	0.93 (1.3)	TiF _{3+x} (TiF ₃)	2.105	
	O 1s	530.1	0.84	Oxygen on bridge site (C-Ti-O_x)	4.403
		530.9	1.71	TiO_{2-x}F_{2x}	4.535
532.0		1.44	Hydroxyl group (C-Ti-OH)	2.133	
533.1		1.47	Adventitious oxygen (C-O)	1.603	
534.4		1.22	Adsorbed H ₂ O (Ads. H ₂ O)	0.344	
C 1s	282.3	0.60	C from MXene (C-Ti-F_x)	9.427	
	282.8	1.63	C from MXene (C-Ti-O_x)	4.712	
	284.3	0.84	C-C (sp ²)	3.08	
	285.0	1.06	Amorphous C C-C (sp ³)	6.547	
	285.8	2.17	Adventitious C (C-O)	4.769	
F 1s	685.4	1.16	F from MXene (C-Ti-F_x)	4.356	
	686.0	2.39	(TiO _{2-x} F _{2x})	1.679	
	686.7	2.15	Unidentified fluorinated phase ^[8] (M-F _x)	0.899	

Table S2: Volumetric and gravimetric capacitance, energy density and power density of sandwich-configuration asymmetric cell.

Volumetric				Gravimetric			
Current density (mA cm ⁻³)	Capacitance (mF cm ⁻³)	Energy density (μWh cm ⁻³)	Power density (mW cm ⁻³)	Specific current (mA g ⁻¹)	Capacitance (mF g ⁻¹)	Energy density (Wh kg ⁻¹)	Power density (W kg ⁻¹)
1.66	1067.70	379.63	1.33	14.23	9120.51	3.24	11.39
3.33	758.33	269.63	2.66	28.47	6477.79	2.30	22.78
10.00	600.00	213.33	8.00	85.42	5125.28	1.82	68.34
16.66	541.66	192.59	13.33	142.37	4626.99	1.64	113.89
23.33	437.50	155.55	18.66	199.31	3737.19	1.33	159.45
33.33	458.33	162.96	26.66	284.74	3915.15	1.39	227.79
50.00	437.50	155.55	40.00	427.11	3737.19	1.33	341.68

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