

## Supporting Information for

### Understanding the unorthodox stabilization of Liquid Phase Exfoliated Molybdenum Disulfide (MoS<sub>2</sub>) in water medium

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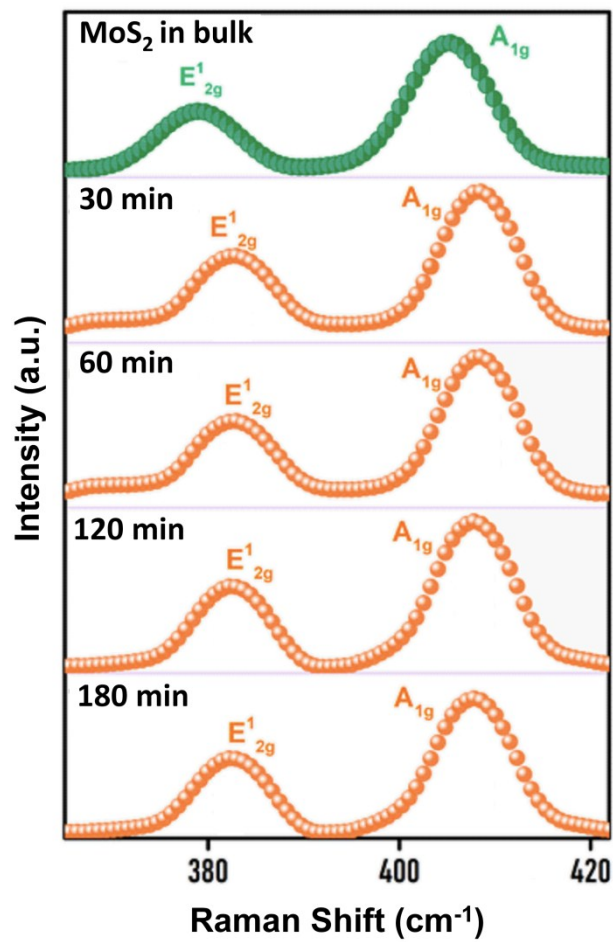


Fig. S1 Raman spectra of MoS<sub>2</sub> vibrational modes  $E_{2g}^1$  and  $A_{1g}$  present in H<sub>2</sub>O dispersions produced with different sonication times.

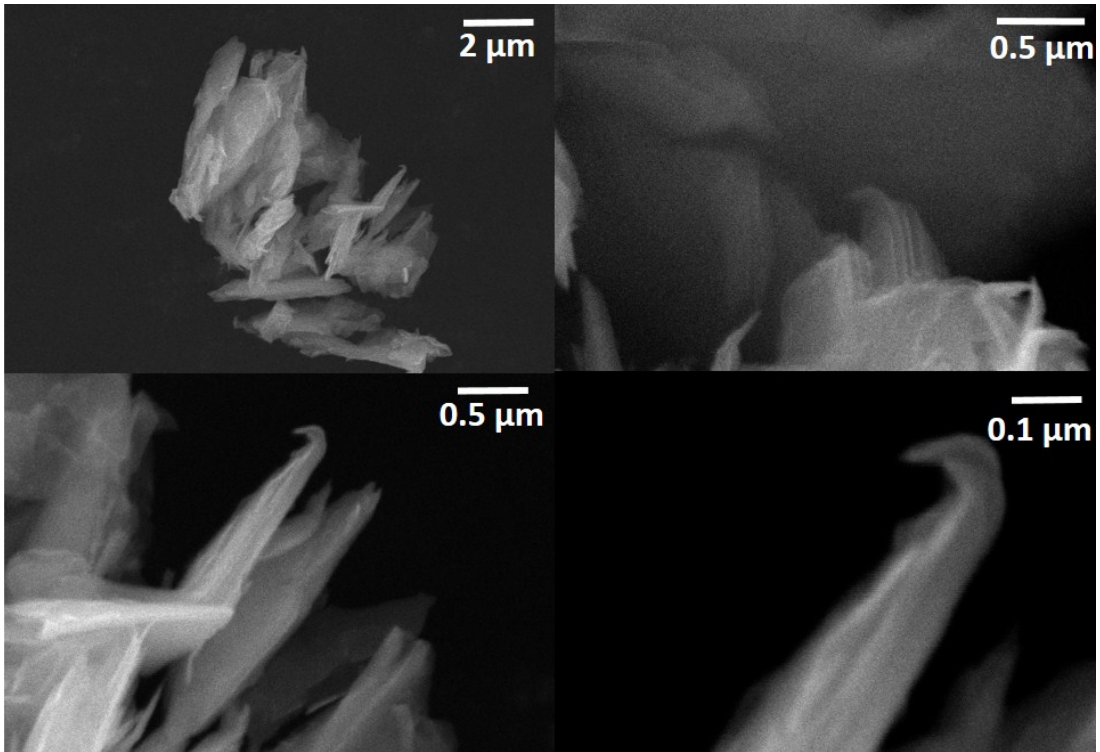


Fig. S2 Morphological characterization raw of MoS<sub>2</sub> in different magnifications (scale bars 2.0, 0.5 and 0.1 μm) where is possible to observe the crystal layers.

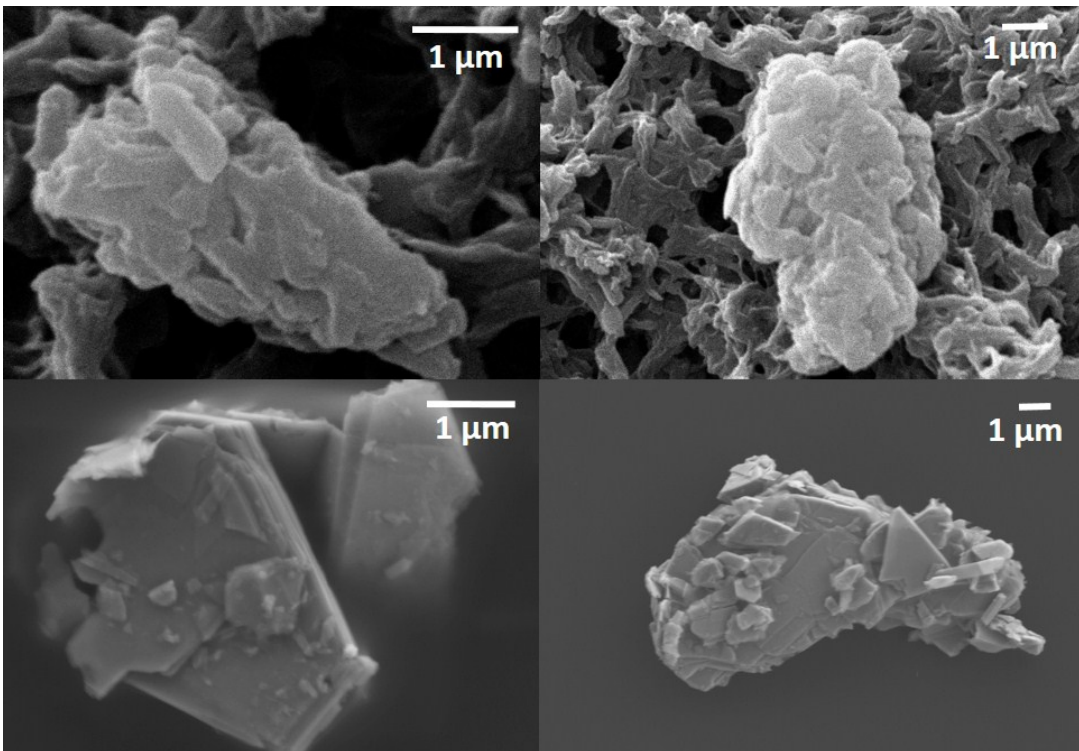


Fig. S3. Morphological characterization after LPE in Ac, these images shown the significantly damage of the MoS<sub>2</sub> crystals edges.

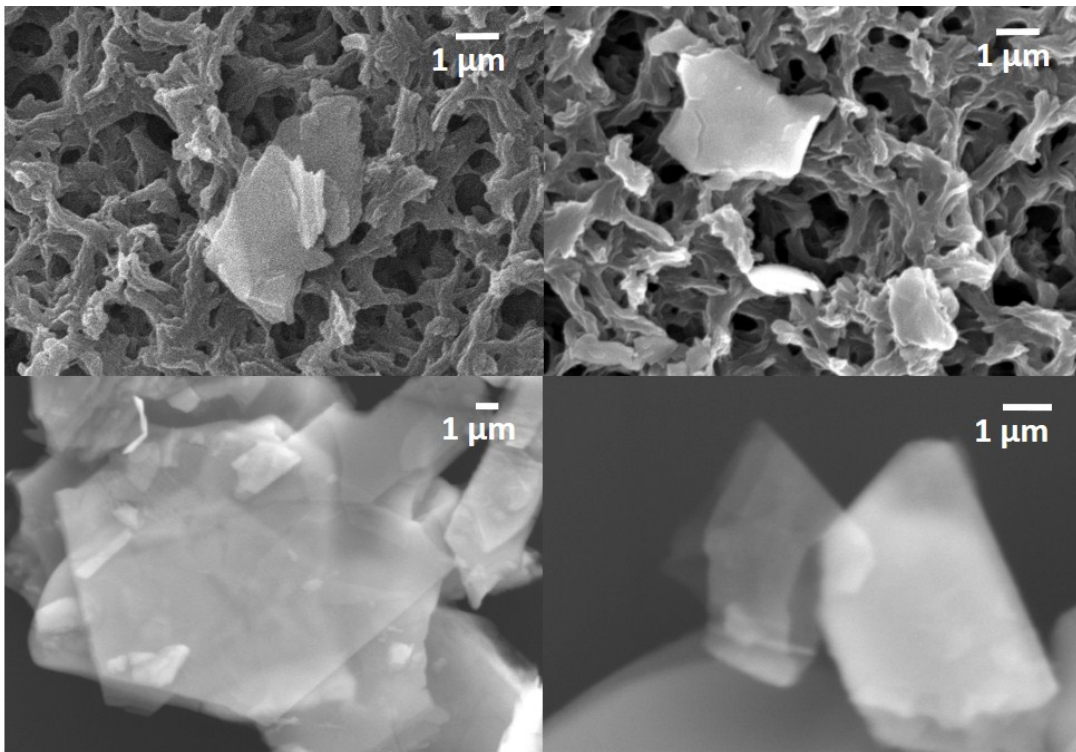


Fig. S4 Morphological characterization after LPE in H<sub>2</sub>O. These images suggest that bulk MoS<sub>2</sub> particles are successfully exfoliated and substantially fragmented.