

# Fabrication of $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z$ (MXene)-Cellulose Freestanding Electrodes for Supercapacitor Applications

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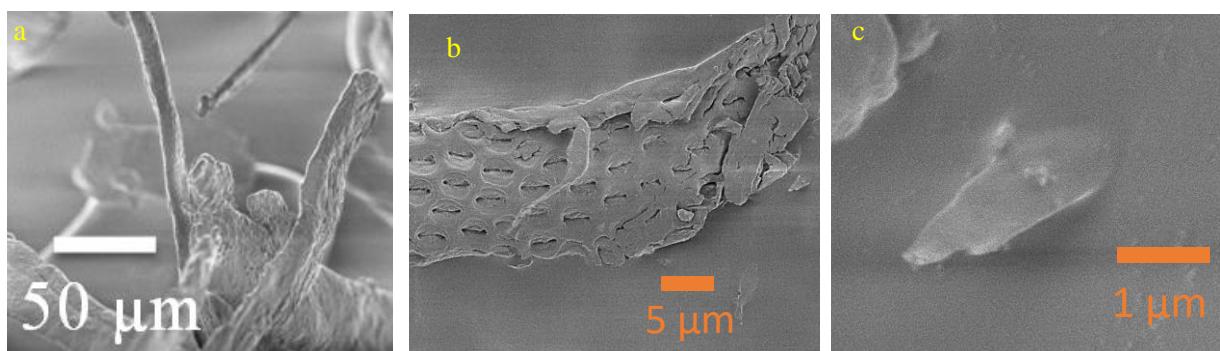


Figure S1. Morphology of cellulose before and after TBAOH treatment: (a) SEM image of the pristine cellulose powder. (b) and (c) Morphology of cellulose after sonication with TBAOH for 20 minutes.

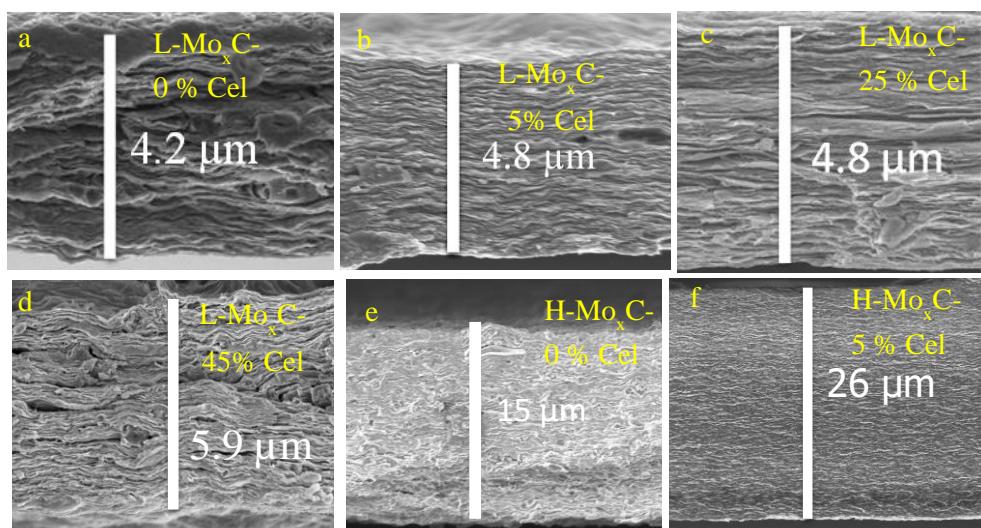


Figure S2. SEM cross-section of  $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z$ -cellulose films: (a), (b), (c) and (d) low loading MXene films with 0%, 5%, 25%, and 45% cellulose content, respectively. (e) and (f) High loading MXene films with 0% and 5% cellulose content.

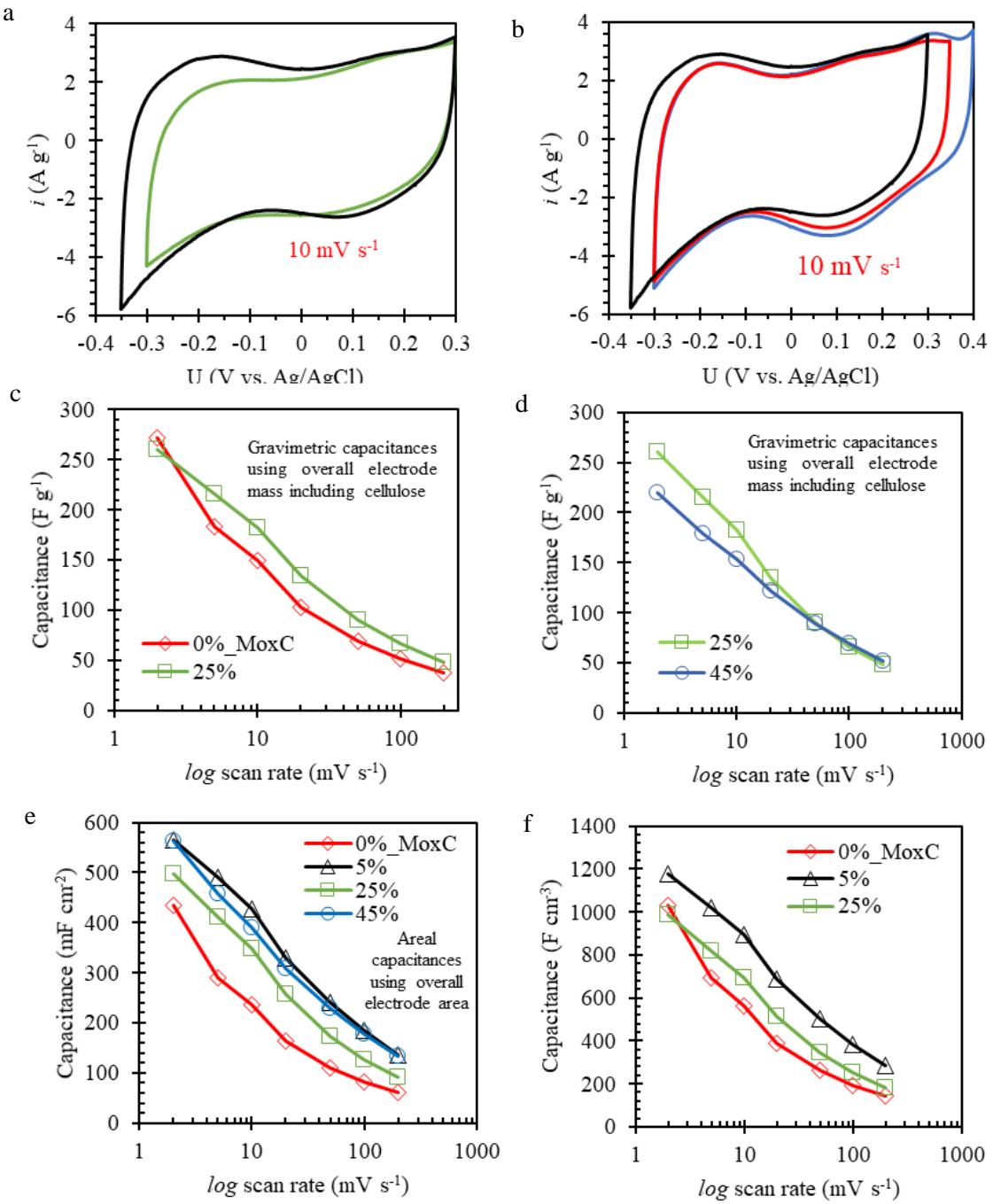


Figure S3. (a) and (b) CVs at scan rate of  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  using different upper and lower cut-off potentials in order to find the optimum cycling potential window. (c) Variation of the gravimetric specific capacitance with the scan rates for L-MoxC-0% Cel (red diamonds) and L-MoxC-25% Cel (green squares) electrodes. (d) Variation of the gravimetric specific capacitance with the scan rates for L-MoxC-45% Cel (blue circles) and L-MoxC-25% Cel (green squares) electrodes. The mass normalization in (c) and (d) was done using the overall electrode mass including cellulose. (e) and (f) Variation of the areal and volumetric capacitances, respectively, with the scan rates for L-MoxC-0% Cel (red diamonds), L-MoxC-5% Cel (black triangles), L-MoxC-25% Cel (green squares) and L-MoxC-45% Cel (blue circles) electrodes.

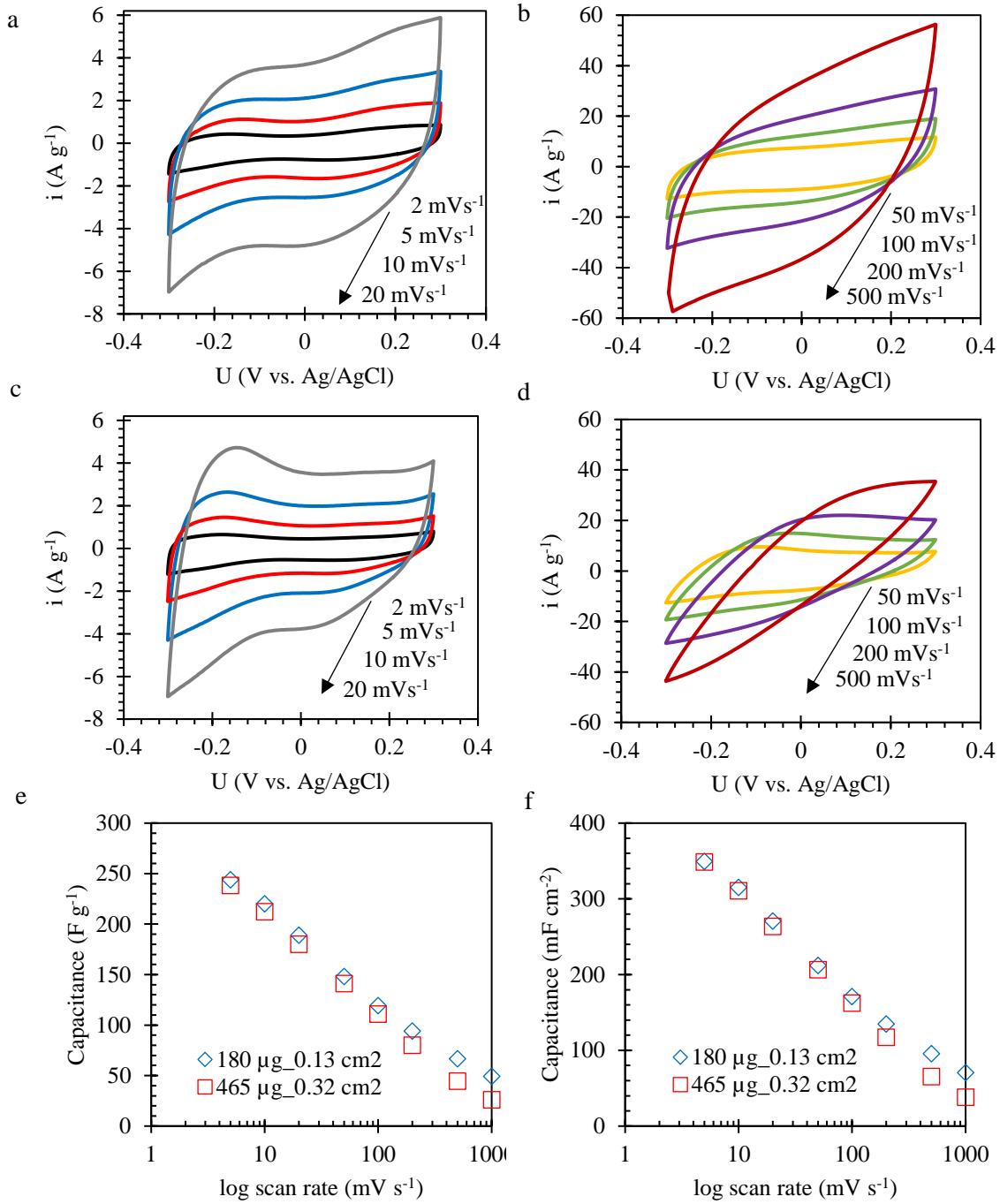


Figure S4. Comparison of the electrochemical behavior for electrodes with different dimensions: (a) and (b) CVs of L-Mo<sub>x</sub>C-25% Cel with area 0.13 cm<sup>2</sup> at different scan rates. (c) and (d) CVs of L-Mo<sub>x</sub>C-25% Cel with area 0.32 cm<sup>2</sup> at different scan rates. (e) and (f) variation of the gravimetric and areal capacitances, respectively, with the scan rates for L-Mo<sub>x</sub>C-25% Cel electrodes with area 0.13 (blue diamonds) and 0.32 cm<sup>2</sup> (red diamonds).

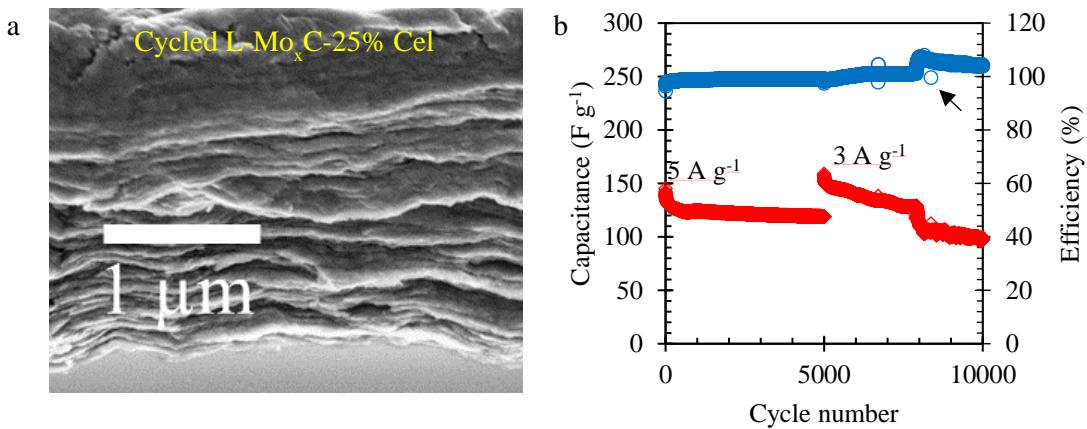


Figure S5. (a) Morphology of  $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -25% Cel after long term cycling (30 000 cycles). (b) Long-term cycling of the L- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -5% Cel (cellulose loading  $0.10 \text{ mg cm}^{-2}$ ) showing its stable behavior for about 8000 cycles.

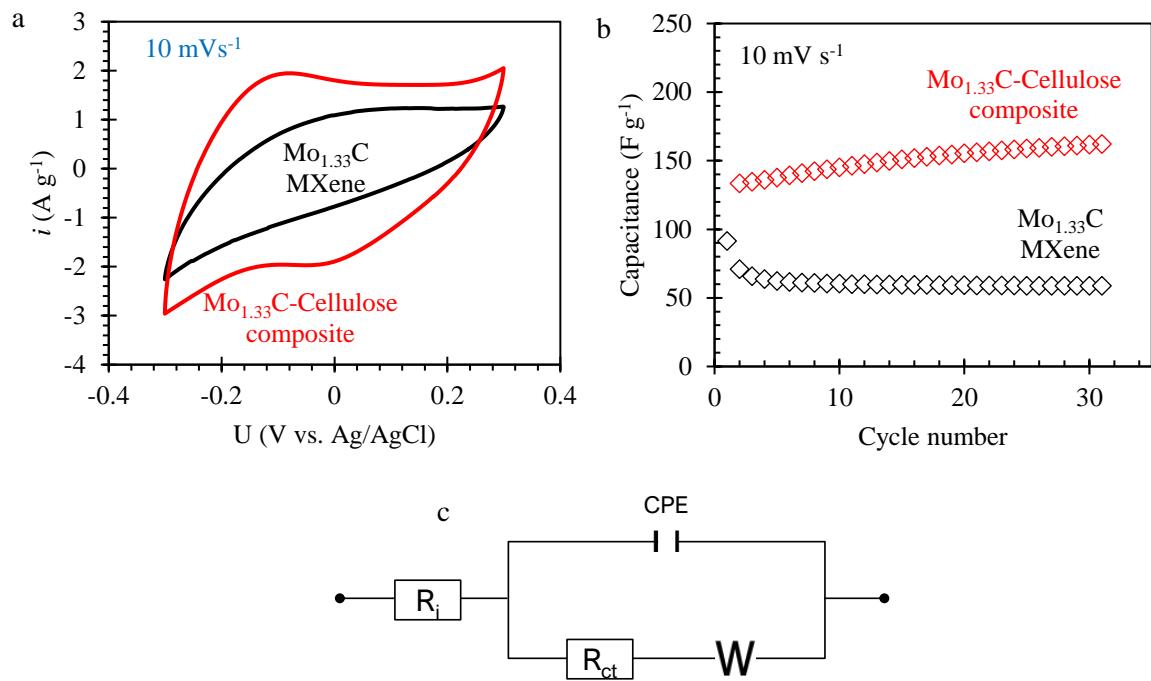


Figure S6. Comparison of electrochemical performance for electrodes with high MXene loading in the presence and absence of cellulose: (a) 30<sup>th</sup> cycle of CVs at scan rate  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  for H- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -5% Cel (red curve) and H- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$  0% Cel (black curve). (b) Variation of the discharge capacitance with the cycle number for the initial CVs cycles at scan rate  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ , H- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -5% Cel (red diamonds) and H- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$  0% cel (black diamonds). (c) The equivalent circuit model for the Nyquist plots in Figure 5c and d.

Table S1. Summary of the gravimetric and volumetric capacitance values of  $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z$ -cellulose electrodes with different cellulose content and MXene loading:

| Sample                            | Cyclic voltammetry                |   |   | Galvanostatic charge-discharge        |   | Film Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Overall circular electrode mass (4 mm diameter) ( $\mu\text{g}$ ) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
|                                   | Scan rates ( $\text{mV s}^{-1}$ ) | Gravimetric capacitance ( $\text{F g}^{-1}$ ) | Volumetric capacitance ( $\text{F cm}^{-3}$ ) | Current density ( $\text{A g}^{-1}$ ) | Gravimetric capacitance ( $\text{F g}^{-1}$ ) |                                  |   |
| L- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -0% Cel  | 2                                 | 272   | 1032  | 0.5                                   | 329   | 4.2                              | 200   |
|                                   | 10                                | 149   | 565   | 3                                     | 107   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 50                                | 69  | 262   | 5                                     | 71  |                                  |   |
|                                   | 100                               | 51  | 193   | 10                                    | 41  |                                  |   |
| L- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -5% Cel  | 2                                 | 267   | 1178  | 0.5                                   | 324   | 4.8                              | 280   |
|                                   | 10                                | 202   | 892   | 3                                     | 170   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 50                                | 114   | 502   | 5                                     | 135   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 100                               | 87  | 384   | 10                                    | 93  |                                  |   |
| L- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -25% Cel | 2                                 | 347   | 990   | 0.5                                   | 390   | 4.8                              | 240   |
|                                   | 10                                | 243   | 695   | 3                                     | 218   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 50                                | 120   | 343   | 5                                     | 163   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 100                               | 88  | 252   | 10                                    | 101   |                                  |   |
| L- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -45% Cel | 2                                 | 400   | 1102  | 0.5                                   | 442   | 5.9                              | 310   |
|                                   | 10                                | 279   | 767   | 3                                     | 261   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 50                                | 163   | 448   | 5                                     | 205   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 100                               | 126   | 347   | 10                                    | 146   |                                  |   |
| H- $\text{Mo}_x\text{C}$ -5% Cel  | 2                                 | 266   | 529   | 0.5                                   | 300   | 26                               | 690   |
|                                   | 10                                | 162   | 323   | 3                                     | 249   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 50                                | 85  | 169   | 5                                     | 103   |                                  |   |
|                                   | 100                               | 58  | 116   | 10                                    | 54  |                                  |   |

Table S2. Comparison of the electrochemical performance of the  $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z$ -cellulose electrodes with other state-of-the-art of Ti and Mo based MXene electrodes:

| Sample   | Scan rate /current density | Gravimetric capacitance ( $\text{F g}^{-1}$ ) | Areal capacitance ( $\text{mF cm}^{-2}$ ) | Mass loading ( $\text{mg cm}^{-2}$ ) | Electrolyte                 | Capacity retention                         | Ref.         |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------|
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_z$ @carbon-fiber                          | $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$     | 400   | 320                                       | 0.8                                  | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 98% after 20 000 cycles                    | <sup>1</sup> |
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_z$ @carbon-fiber                          | $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$     | 200   | 416                                       | 2.6                                  | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 98% after 20 000 cycles                    | <sup>1</sup> |
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_z(97\%)$ @carbon-nanotube yarn            | $2 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$     | 428   | 3188                                      | -                                    | $3\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 95% after 10 000 cycles                    | <sup>2</sup> |
| MXene aerogel  | $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 67  | 1012                                      | 15                                   | $1\text{M KOH}$             | 84% after 5 000 cycles (asymmetric device) | <sup>3</sup> |
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_z/\text{Ag}$ nanoparticle                 | $5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$     | 78  | 1173                                      | 15                                   | $1\text{M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ | 78% after 15 000 cycles                    | <sup>4</sup> |
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_z/\text{bacterial-cellulose}$             | $3 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$     | 416   | 2084                                      | 5                                    | $3\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 96% after 10 000 cycles                    | <sup>5</sup> |
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_z/20\%-cellulose nanofibers$              | $5 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 285   | 600                                       | 1.6                                  | $3\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 10 000 cycles                              | <sup>6</sup> |
| $\text{Mo}_2\text{CT}_z(2\mu\text{m-thick})$                             | $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 196   | -   | 0.6                                  | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 10 000 cycles                              | <sup>7</sup> |
| $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z(3\mu\text{m-thick})$                        | $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 339   | -   | -                                    | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 84% after 10 000 cycles                    | <sup>8</sup> |
| $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z/\text{PEDOT:PSS}$ ( $2\mu\text{m-thick}$ )  | $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 452   | -   | -                                    | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 90% after 10 000 cycles (symmetric device) | <sup>9</sup> |
| H- $\text{Mo}_{1.33}\text{CT}_z$ -5% cellulose ( $26\mu\text{m-thick}$ ) | $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 266   | 1400                                      | 5.2                                  | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 95% after 30 000 cycles work               | This work    |
| L- $\text{Mo}_{x}\text{C}$ -45% cellulose ( $5.9\mu\text{m-thick}$ )     | $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$      | 440   | 563                                       | 1.6                                  | $1\text{M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  | 95% after 30 000 cycles work               | This work    |

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