

Supporting Informaiton

Free-Standing 3D Alkalized $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$ Nanosheet Membrane Electrode for Highly Efficient and Stable Desalination in Hybrid Capacitive Deionization

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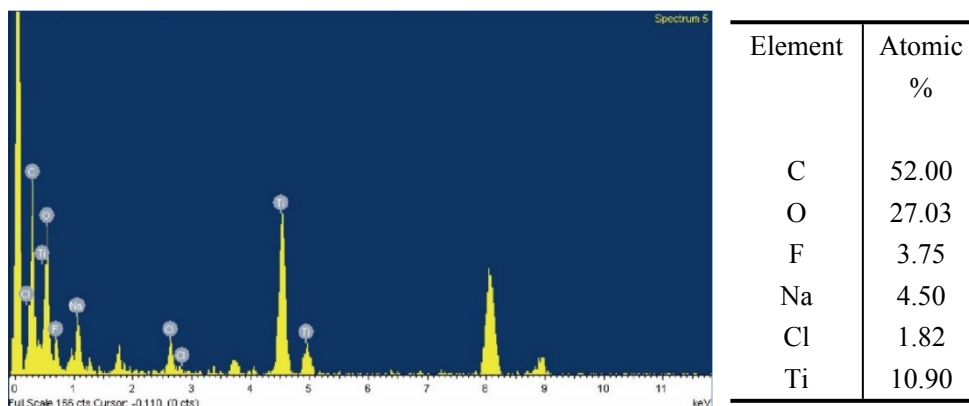


Figure S1. EDS elemental analysis of the Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M.

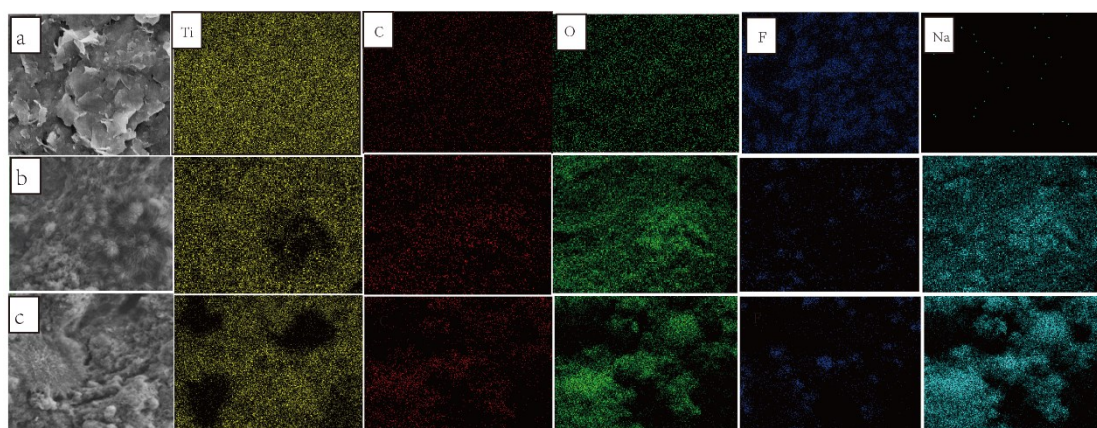


Figure S2. The elemental mapping of (a) $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$, (b) $\text{Alk-Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$ and (c) $\text{Alk-Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x\text{-M}$.

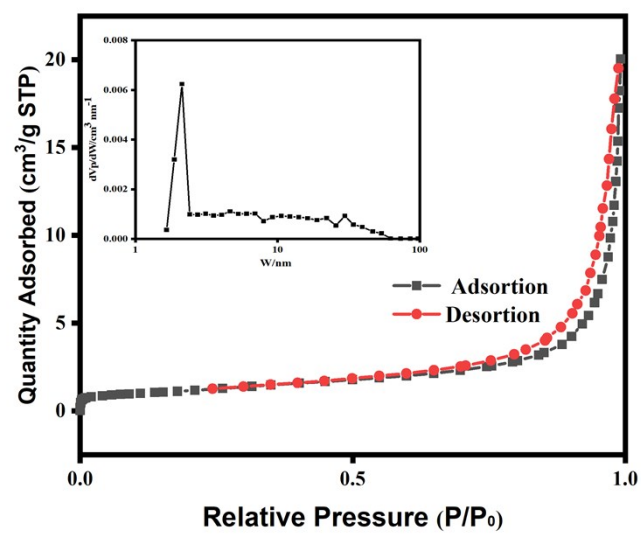


Figure S3. N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms and the pore size distribution of d-Ti₃C₂T_x.

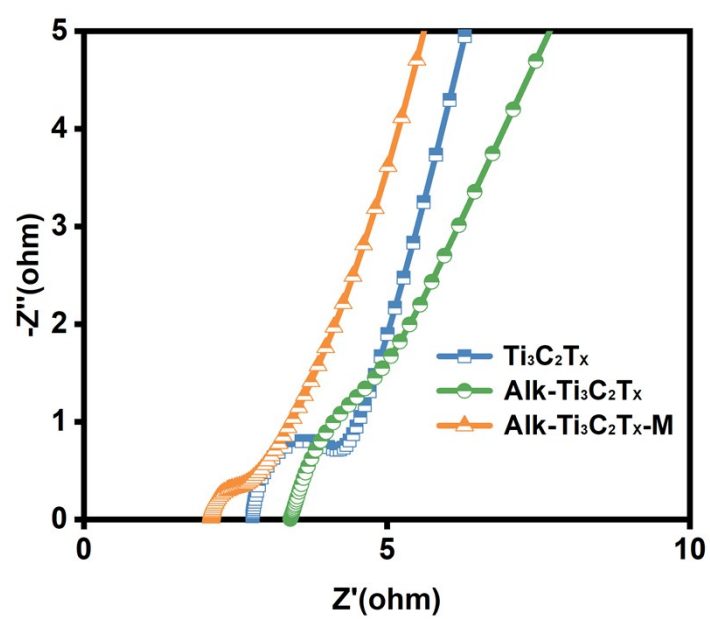


Figure S4. Nyquist plots for the $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$, $\text{Alk-Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$, and $\text{Alk-Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x\text{-M}$ electrodes.

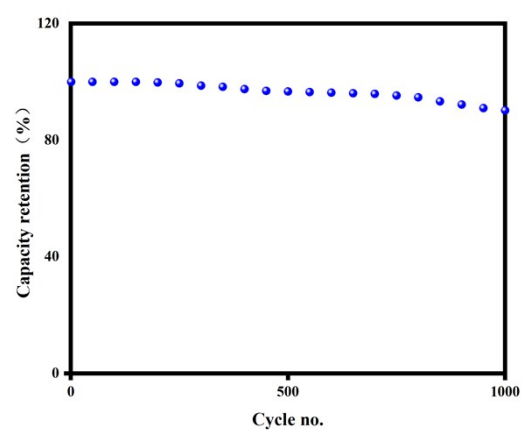


Figure S5. Cycling stability of Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M.

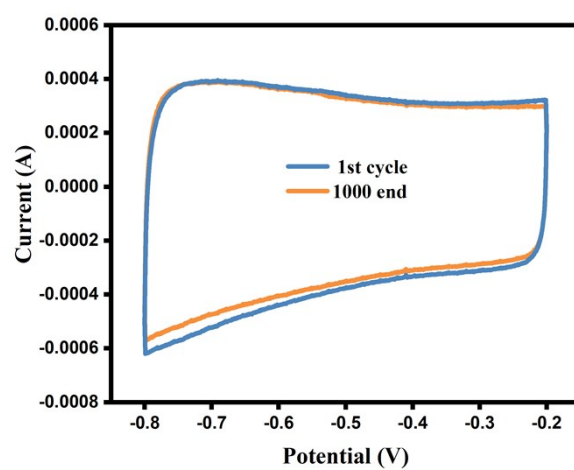


Figure S6. CV curves collected for Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M electrodes at a scan rate of 10 mV/s before and after 1000 cycles.

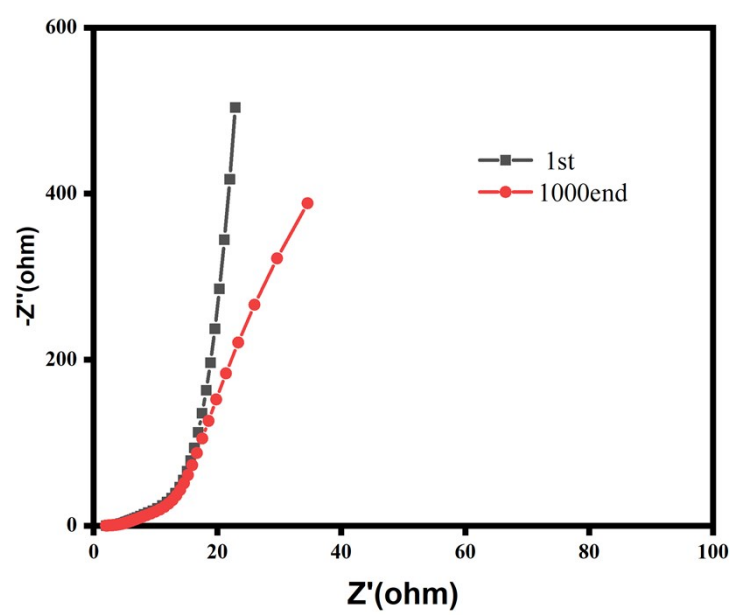


Figure S7. Nyquist plots for Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M electrodes before and after 1000 cycles.

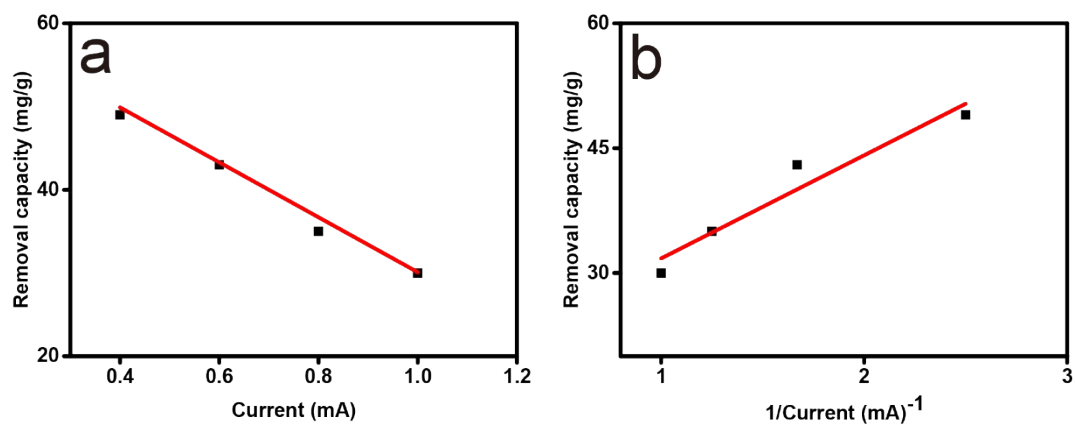


Figure S8. (a) the relationship of desalination capacity versus inverse current, (b) the relationship of desalination capacity versus the current for Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M.

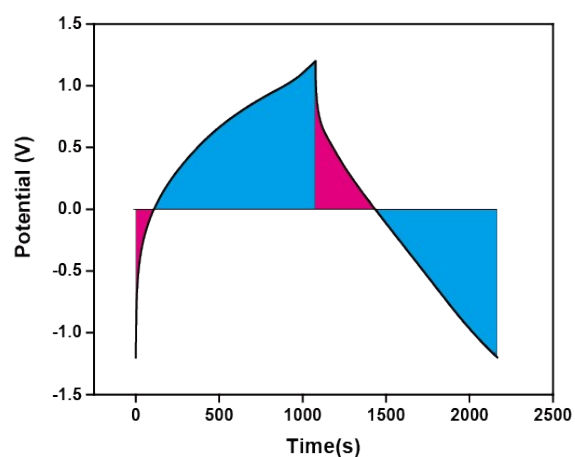


Figure S9. The energy recovery of between Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M.

In step red, the current and voltage are opposite, so the power ($P=U \times I$) is negative which corresponds the generation of electrical energy. While in step blue, the current and voltage are in the same direction, the power is positive which corresponds the consumption of electrical energy.

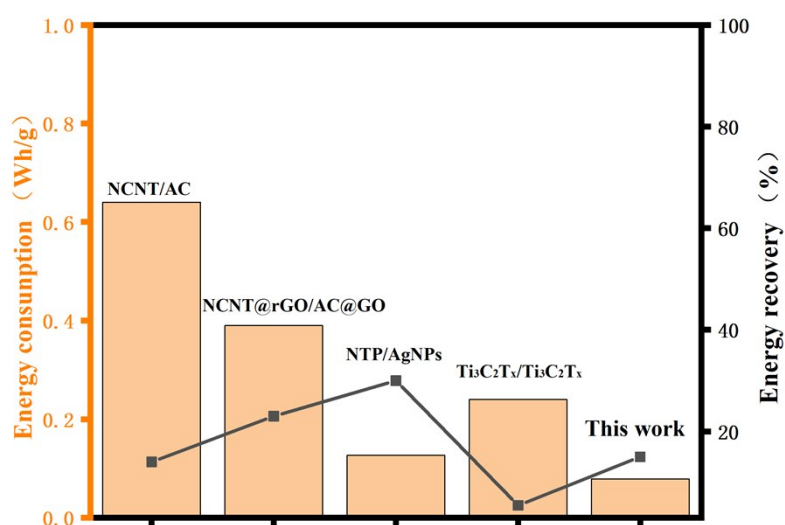


Figure S10. The energy consumption and energy recovery of between Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M and other emerging materials¹⁻³

As shown in the Fig S10, compared with the NCNT/AC material based on HCDI, NTP/AgNPs based on BDI and Ti₃C₂T_x-CDI, the material in this study is based on HCDI (15.3%), which shows that it has lower energy consumption, and it is equivalent to HCDI (14% and 23%) in terms of energy recovery, much higher than CDI (5.44%), but a little lower than BDI (30%). It is a promising electrode material.

Table S1. XPS data of each material (Normalized EDX, at %).

Sample	C (1s)	Ti (2p)	O (1s)	F (1s)	Na (1s)
Ti₃C₂T_x	39.79	23.35	20.73	16.13	-
Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x	36.67	22.79	30.94	7.69	1.91

Table S2. Summarized C_t , C_o and C_i

Sample	C_t	C_o	C_i	C_i / C_t
$Ti_3C_2T_x$	84.89	52.46	32.43	0.38
Alk- $Ti_3C_2T_x$	128.21	62.79	65.42	0.52
Alk- $Ti_3C_2T_x$ -M	141	97.87	43.13	0.31

Table S3. Comparison of various reported electrodes applied for CDI.

Electrode materials (Cathode)	C ₀ (mg /L)	Applied voltage/curren t density	SAC (mg/g)	Long term- stabillity	Ref.
Ti ₃ C ₂ -MXene	292	1.2	13±2	30	4
porous Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	10000	1.2	45	60	5
MXene aerogel					
Ar plasma	500	1.4	26.8	-	6
modification of 2D					
MXene Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x					
Mo _{1.33} CT _x /CNT	35100	0.8	15	40	7
CNT/NaMnO ₂	20000	1.2	42.6	100	8
MoS ₂ -10CNT-4h	150000	0.8	25	25	9
Na ₄ Mn ₉ O ₁₈	15000	1.2	31.2	-	10
Alk-Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x -M	1000	30mA/g/1.2V	50	250	This work

Table S4. Comparison of the desalination capacities and rates performance among various carbon, pseudo-capacitive, and faradic electrode materials reported in the literature.

Electrodes Material	Cell Architecture	Power Mode	Voltage/Current	C ₀ (mg/L)	SAC (mg/g)	ADR (mg/g/s)	Ref
Porous Carbon	CDI	C.V.	1.2 V	50	2.2	0.0360	11
		C.V.	1.2 V	50	6.6	0.0160	
Activated Carbon	MCDI	C.C.	1.2V/2.0 mA	584.4	4.2	0.0830	12
		C.C.	1.2V/5.0 mA	584.4	6.8	0.0890	
		C.C.	1.2V/9.0 mA	584.4	10.0	0.0745	
		C.C.	1.2V/15.0 mA	584.4	15.7	0.0410	
Na ₂ FeP ₂ O ₇	HCDI	C.C.	1.2V/3.0 mA/cm ²	584.4	7.8	0.0680	13
		C.C.	1.2V/2.0 mA/cm ²	584.4	12.8	0.0450	
		C.C.	1.2V/1.5mA/cm ²	584.4	16.9	0.0340	
		C.C.	1.2V/1.0 mA/cm ²	584.4	24.0	0.0220	
Nafion-coated AC	RCDI	C.C.	1.2 V/1.0 mA/cm ²	1168.8	19.10	0.0378	14
		C.C.	1.2 V/1.0 mA/cm ²	1168.8	25.9	0.0313	
		C.C.	1.2 V/1.0 mA/cm ²	1168.8	30.40	0.0270	
		C.C.	1.2 V/1.0 mA/cm ²	1168.8	35.60	0.0216	
BiOCl Na _{0.44} MnO ₂	Dual-ion electrochemical desalination	C.C.	1.5 V/100 mA/g	760.0	68.5	0.021	15
		C.C.	1.5 V/200 mA/g	760.0	37.5	0.041	
		C.C.	1.5 V/300 mA/g	760.0	22.4	0.062	
		C.C.	1.5 V/500 mA/g	760.0	9.2	0.092	
Alk-Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x -M	HCDI	C.C.	1.2V/100 mA/g	1000	31	0.052	This work
		C.C.	1.2V/80 mA/g	1000	37	0.045	
		C.C.	1.2V/60 mA/g	1000	45	0.038	
		C.C.	1.2V/40 mA/g	1000	53	0.030	

Table S5. Energy consumption of different desalination methods with different electrode materials.

Materials	Cell Architecture	Energy consumption (kWh/Kg)	Ref.
RO	RO	0.47	16
Activated carbon	CDI	1.11	17
Membrane assisted CDI	MCDI	0.64	18
NVP@C	HCDI	0.46	19
NaTi₂(PO₄)₃-AgNPs electrodes	BDI	0.127	2
Alk-Ti₃C₂T_x-M	HCDI	0.079±0.02	This work

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