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Enlarged Interlayer Spacing of Marigold-Shaped 1T-MoS₂ with Sulfur Vacancies via Oxygen-Assisted Phosphorus Embedding for Rechargeable Zinc-Ion Batteries

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Chemicals: Conductive acetylene black, polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) were purchased from Guangdong Canrd New Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Ammonium molybdate tetrahydrate ((NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄·4H₂O) and N-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP) were from Shanghai Aladdin Bio-Chem Technology Co., LTD. Thiourea (CH₄N₂S) and Sodium hypophosphite (NaH₂PO₂) were purchased from Shanghai Macklin Biochemical Co., Ltd. Zinc trifluoromethanesulfonate (Zn(CF₃SO₃)₂) was purchased from TCI (Shanghai) Development Co., Ltd.

The electrochemical tests were conducted on the two-electrode CR2016 type coin cells. The active material (P-MoS₂) was dispersed in N-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP) solution with polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) and Super P with an 7:2:1 weight ratio. P-MoS₂ /Zn batteries were assembled using P-MoS₂ cathode and zinc plate anode with 3 M Zn(CF₃SO₃)₂ aqueous solution as an electrolyte as well as a microporous glass fiber membrane (Whatman) as the separator. Calculation method of surface-controlled capacitive and diffusion-limited behaviors and GITT tests. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements were conducted using a Princeton Analytical electrochemical workstation. The galvanostatic charge/discharge test and the galvanostatic intermittent

titration technique (GITT) of P-MoS₂ /Zn batteries were tested by the Neware battery tester (CT4008). The Zn²⁺ diffusivity (D^{GITT}) can be calculated by the following equation:[64,65]

$$D^{GITT} = \frac{4L^2}{\pi\tau} \left(\frac{\Delta E_s}{\Delta E_t} \right)^2 \quad (S1)$$

Where t and τ represent the duration pulse (s) and relaxation time (s), respectively. L corresponds to the Zn²⁺ diffusion length (equal to the thickness of the electrode). ΔE_s is the steady-state potential change (V) by the current pulse. ΔE_t is the voltage change (V) during the constant current pulse (eliminating the voltage changes after relaxation time).

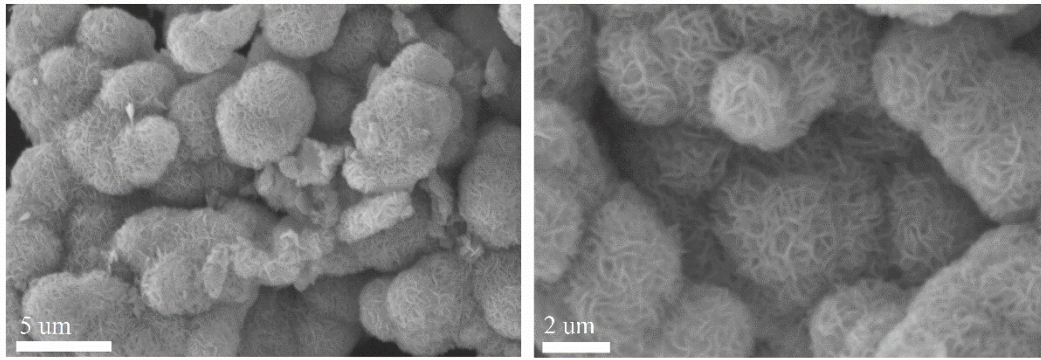


Figure S1. SEM images of the sample of Pristine MoS₂.

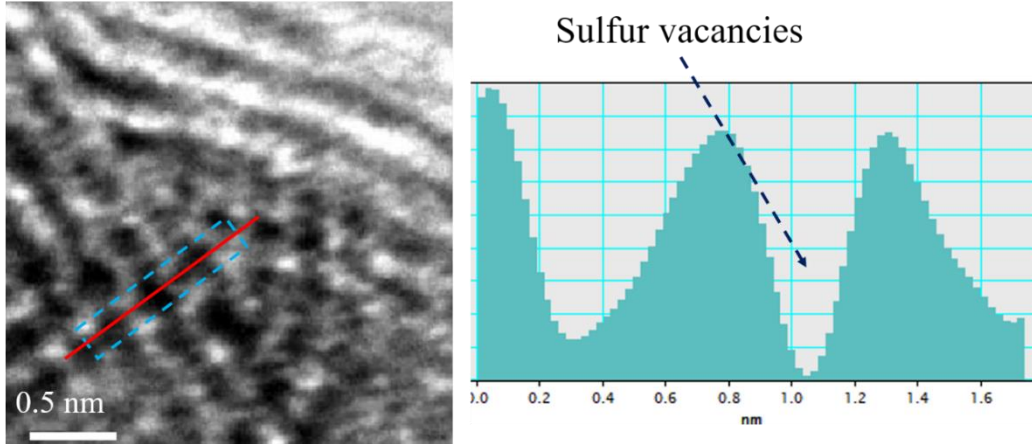


Figure S2. The corresponding atomic intensity profile along the dotted red line for P-MoS₂

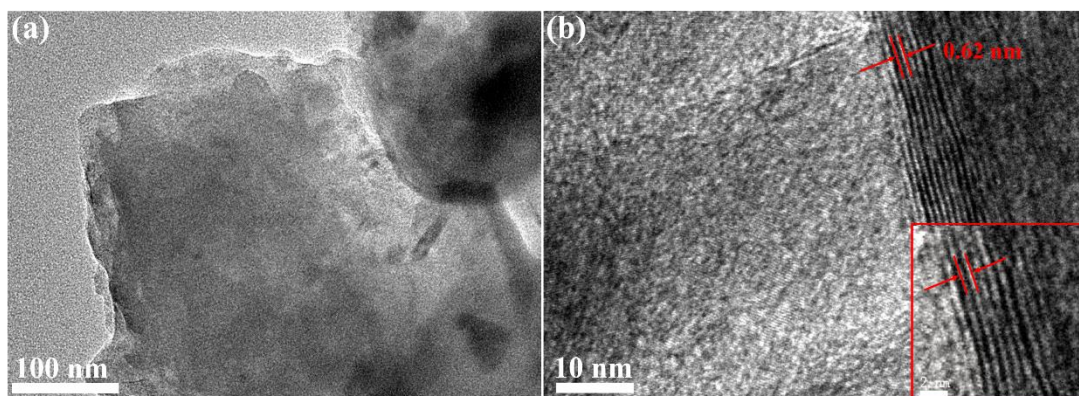


Figure S3. TEM images of (a, b) Pristine MoS₂

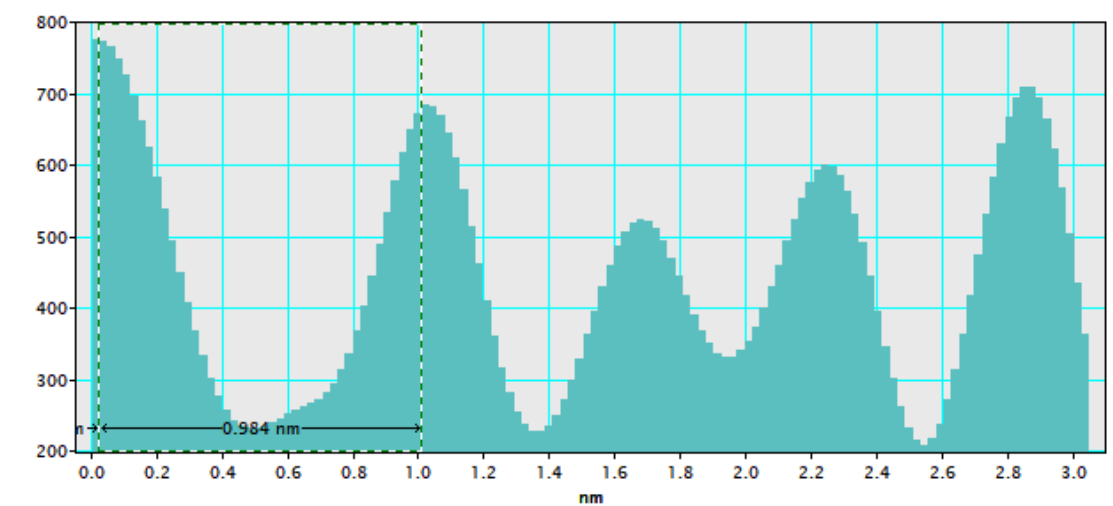


Figure S4. Line scan of the HRTEM image

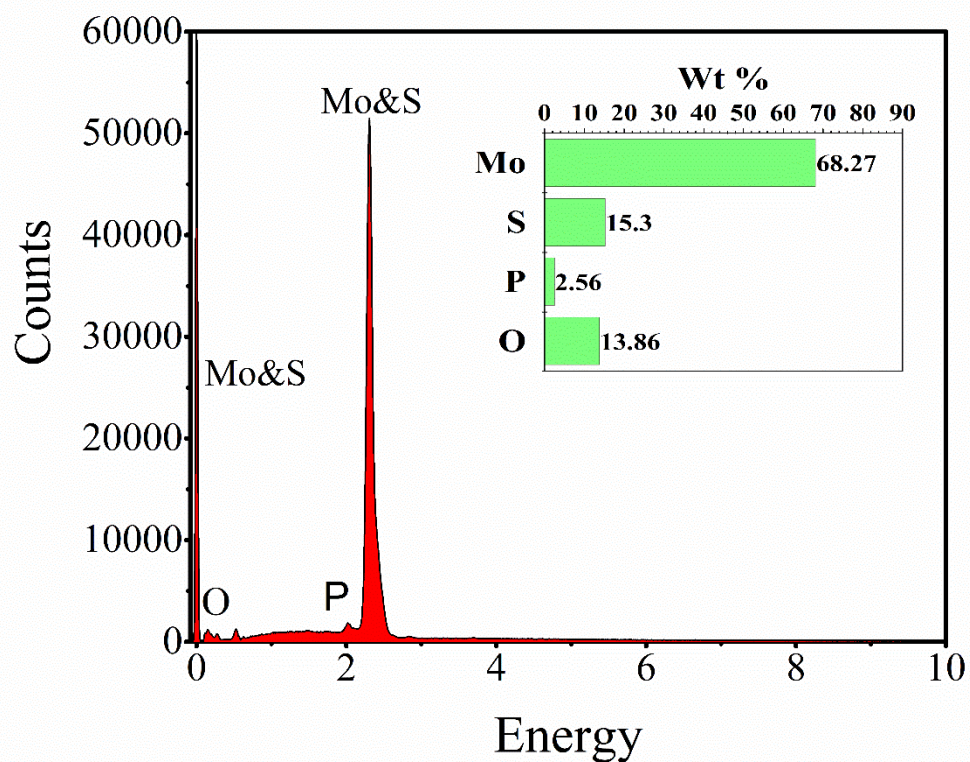


Figure S5. EDS spectrum

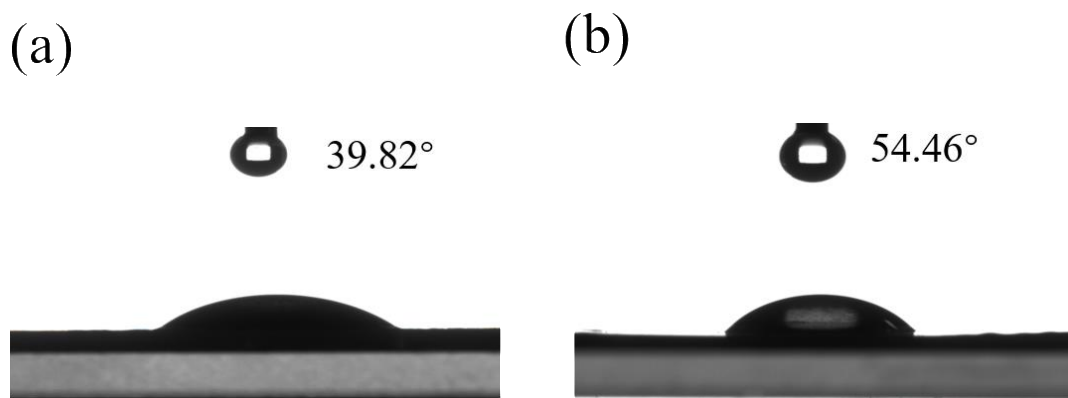


Figure S6. Contact angles with water for (a) P-MoS₂ and (b) Pristine MoS₂.

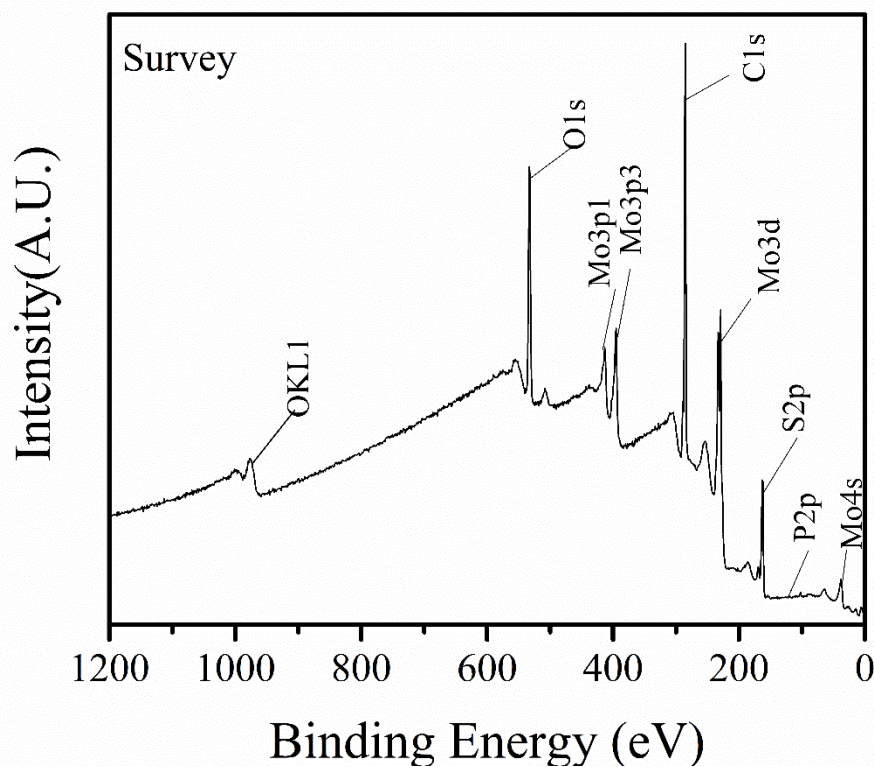


Figure S7. XPS spectra of full scan for P-MoS₂.

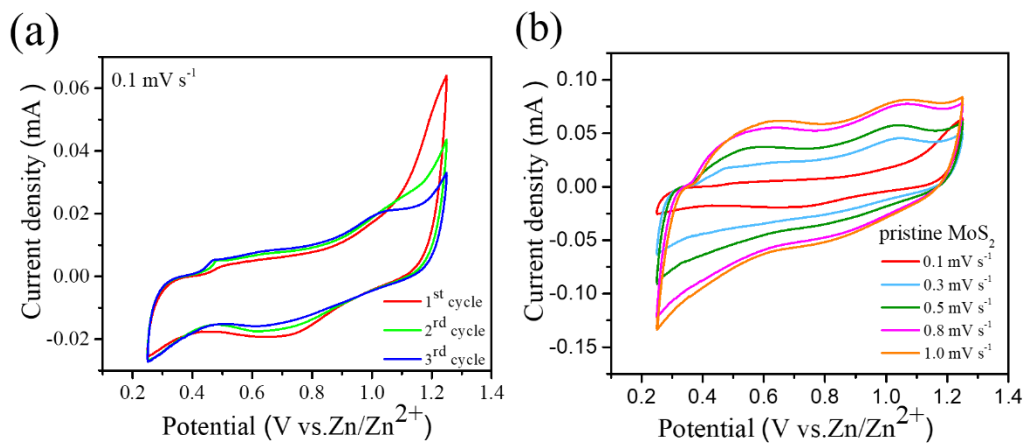


Figure S8. The initial five CV curves of (a) Pristine MoS₂ and (b) CV curves at various scan rates of Pristine MoS₂.

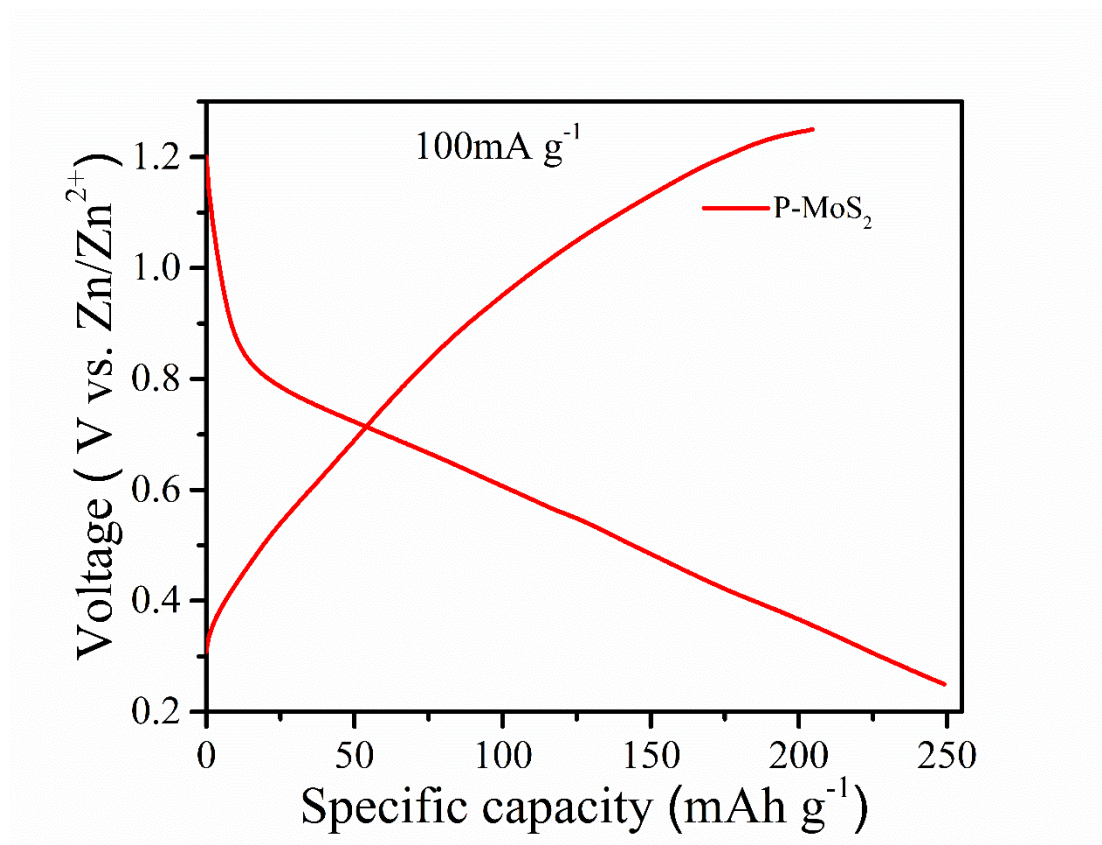


Figure S9. Initial charge-discharge profile of P-MoS₂ nanosheets at 0.1 A g⁻¹

At the cathode: $P - MoS_2 + xZn^{2+} + 2xe^- = Zn_xP - MoS_2$

At the anode: $xZn^{2+} + 2xe^- = xZn$

n is determined based on the following equations:

$$Q_{theoretical} = \frac{2nF}{3600 \cdot M} \text{ mAh/g} \quad (S2)$$

(F = NA * e = 96500 C/mol, NA = 6.02 × 10²³, 1 Ah = 1 A × 3600 s = 3600 C, M = 160.07 g/mol)

Table S1. Phase content of Mo 3d in each sample

Phase	Binding Energy(eV)	P-MoS ₂
2H	229.50	22.3%
	232.75	22.3%
1T	228.55	30.6%
	231.76	22.4%

Table S2. Atomic percentages of P-MoS₂ by XPS measurement

Atomic(%)	Mo 3d	S 2p	O 1s	P 2p	S/Mo
P-MoS ₂	6.29	10.89	18.07	0.61	1.73<1.95

Table S3. Comparisons of performance of MoS₂ synthesized under different conditions in neutral media.

Positive materials (experimental group)	Specific capacity @ 0.1 A g ⁻¹ (mAh g ⁻¹)	Reference
P-MoS ₂	249 mAh g ⁻¹	This work
Glu-MoS ₂	182 mAh g ⁻¹	<i>Chem. Eng. J.</i> 416(2021)127704
MoS _{2-x}	128 mAh g ⁻¹	<i>Energy Storage Mater.</i> 2019, 16,527-534
MoS ₂ -O	232 mAh g ⁻¹	<i>Nano Lett.</i> 2019, 19, 3199-3206.
Co _x Mo _{1-x} S ₂	305.4 mAh g ⁻¹	<i>Energy Storage Mater.</i> 55 (2023) 1-11
MoS ₂ /rGO	283 mAh g ⁻¹	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2021, 33, 2007480

Table S4. Charge transfer resistance of MoS₂ samples.

Samples	Charge transfer resistance (R _{ct} , Ω)
P-MoS ₂	42.82
Pristine MoS ₂	184.8
P-MoS ₂ after 10 cycles	40.58

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