

Supplementary Materials

High-performance aqueous zinc-ion batteries with highly oriented MFI zeolite nanosheet separators

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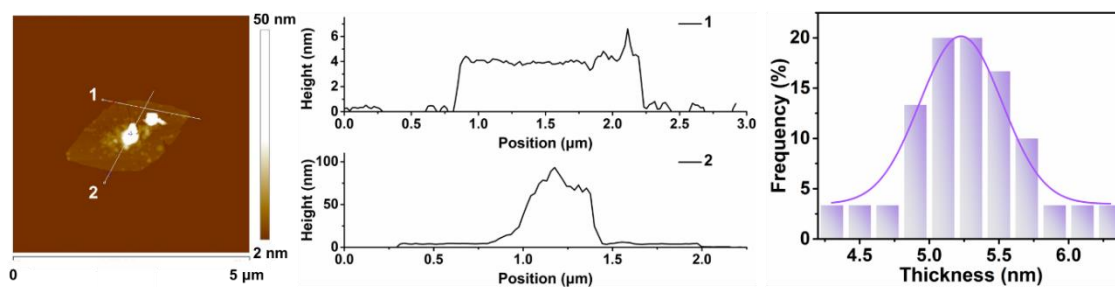


Figure S1. Thickness measurement of MFI-NS. Left: Height mapping by atomic force microscopy; Middle: Profiles along the lines marked in the left panel. Right: Thickness histogram of the peripheral regions.

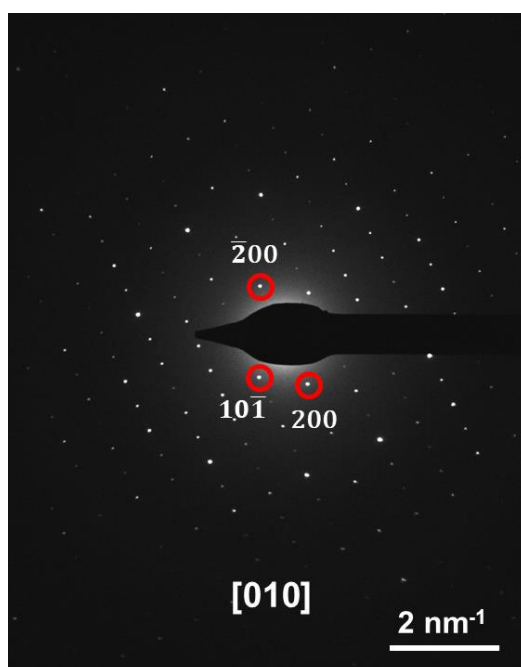


Figure S2. SAED pattern of MFI-NS. Three reflections were indexed. The zone axis is [010].

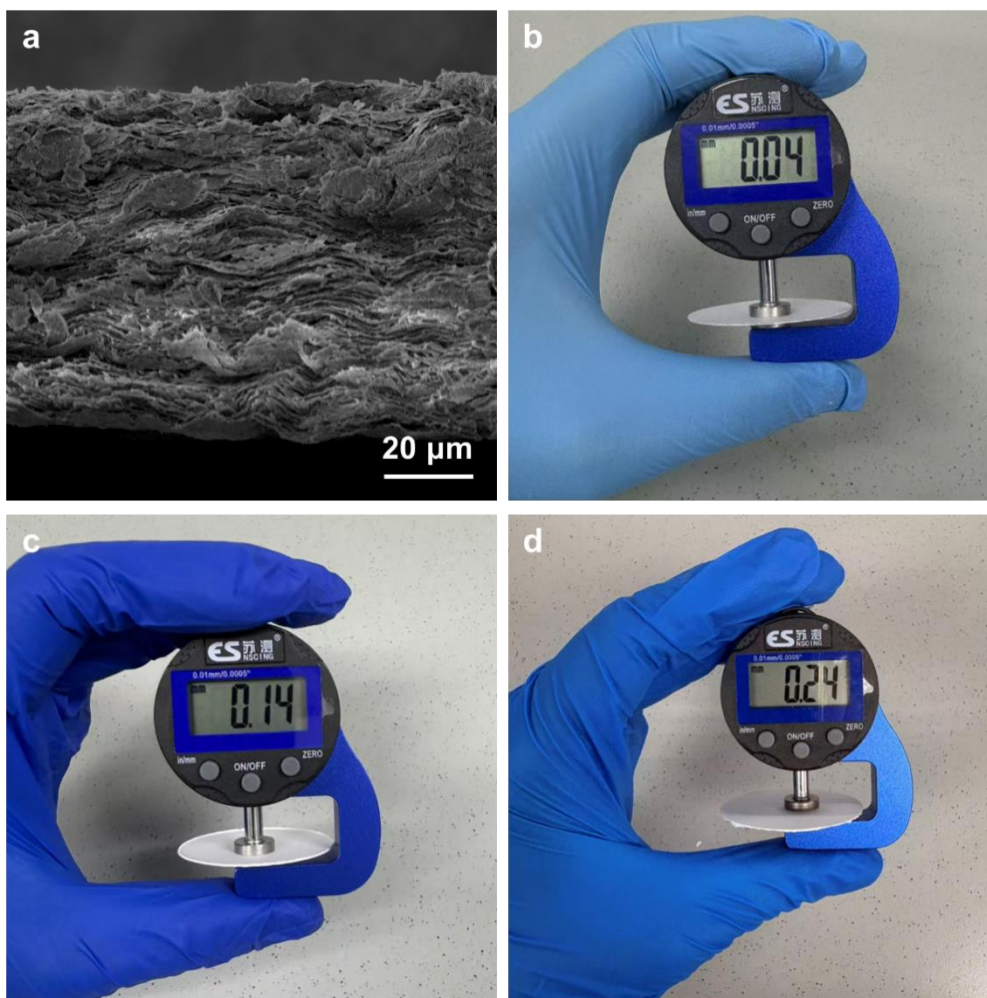


Figure S3. (a) Cross-section morphology of MFI-NS membrane. Digital photographs of (b) 40 μm, (c) 140 μm and (d) 240 μm MFI-NS membrane. Digital photographs were taken by the authors.

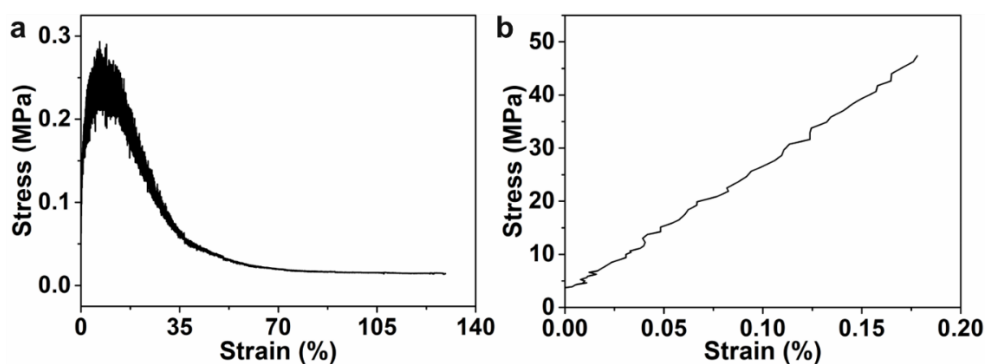


Figure S4. Tensile properties of the (a) GF and (b) MFI-NS separators. Under a tensile stress of approximately 50 MPa, the MFI-NS separator abruptly fractured.

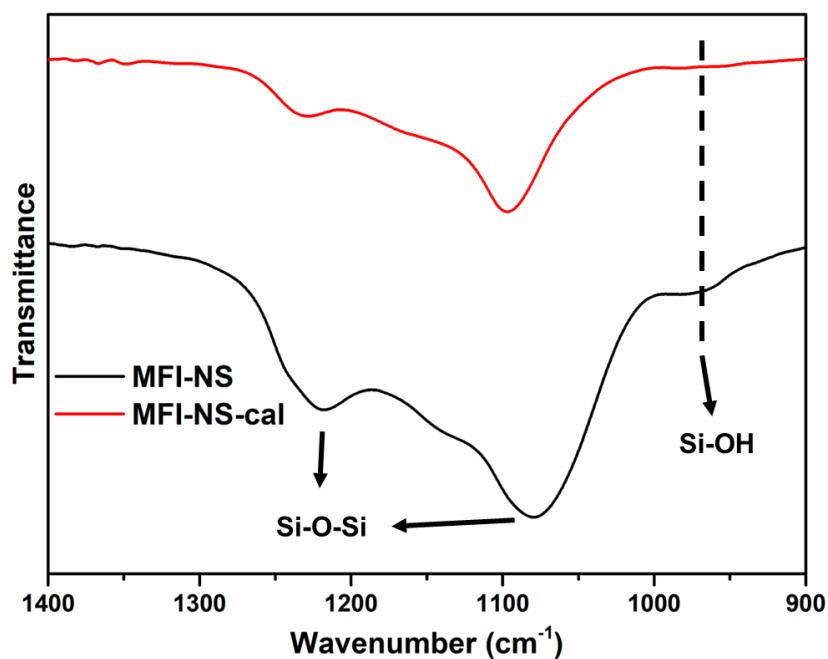


Figure S5. FT-IR spectra of MFI-NS and MFI-NS-cal. The bands at 1080 cm^{-1} and 1220 cm^{-1} result from the asymmetric stretching vibration of Si-O-Si, while the peak at 980 cm^{-1} corresponds to the Si-OH stretching vibration.



Figure S6. Contact angle of 3 M ZnSO_4 electrolyte on MFI-NS separators.

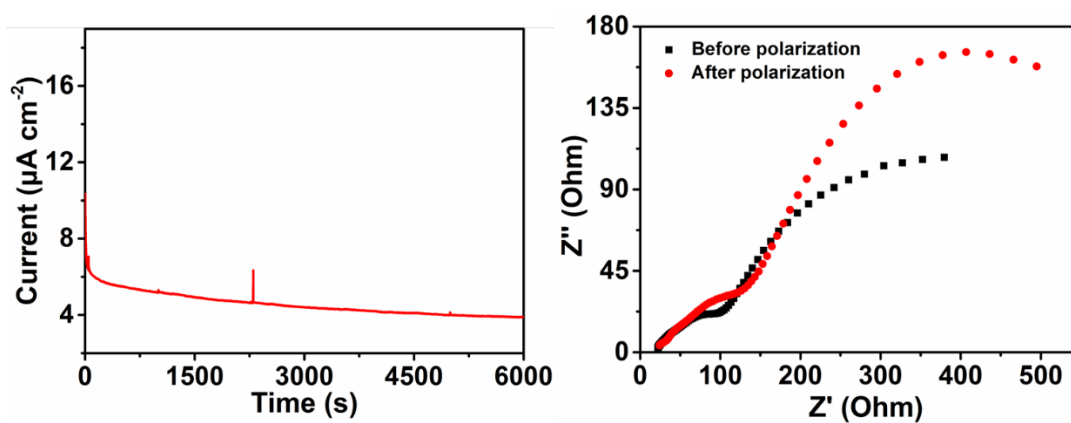


Figure S7. (a) Chronoamperometry (CA) profile of the $\text{Zn}||\text{MFI-NS}||\text{Zn}$ symmetric cell and (b) the corresponding EIS spectra before and after the CA test.

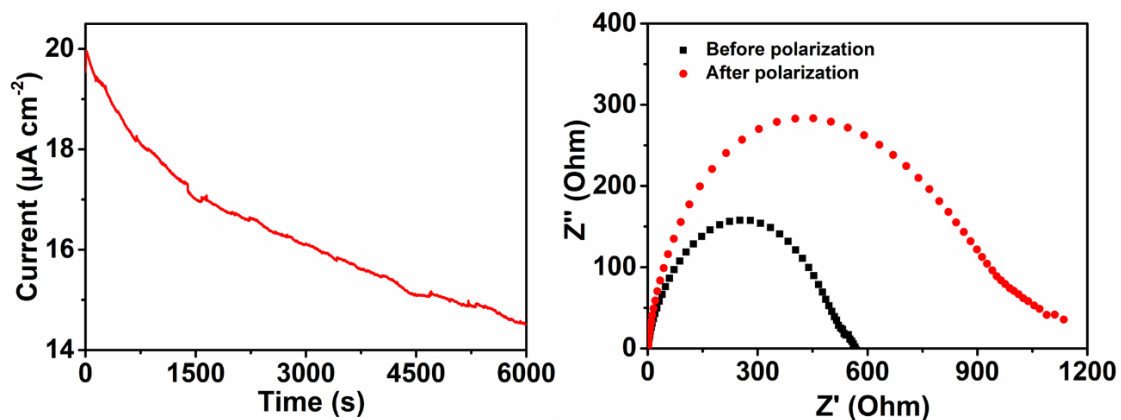


Figure S8. (a) Chronoamperometry (CA) profile of the Zn||GF||Zn symmetric cell and (b) the corresponding EIS spectra before and after the CA test.

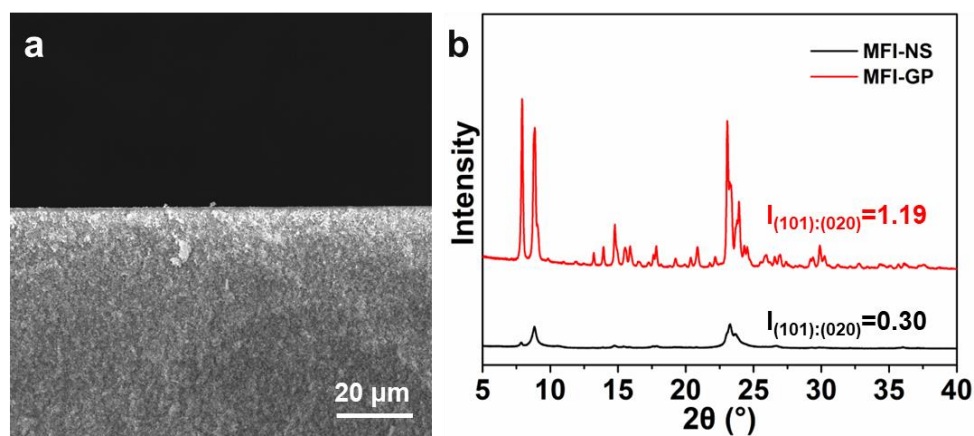


Figure S9. (a) Cross-section morphology and (b) XRD pattern of MFI-GP separator. The XRD pattern of the MFI-NS separator is provided for comparison.

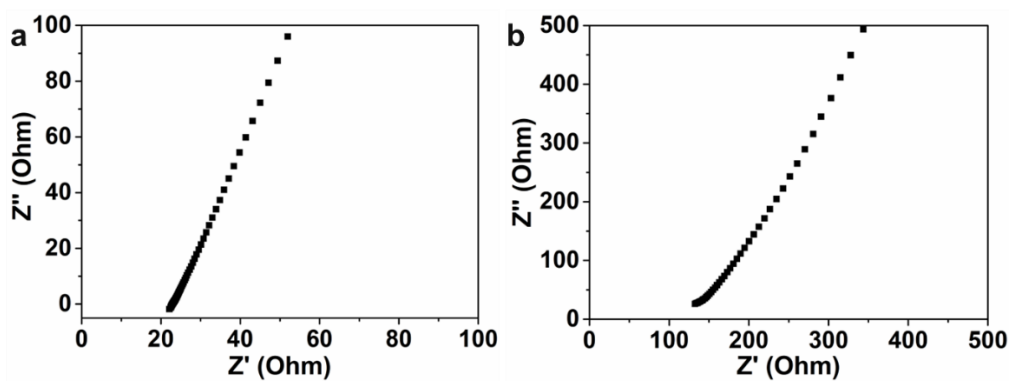


Figure S10. EIS spectra of the (a) MFI-NS and (b) MFI-GP separators.

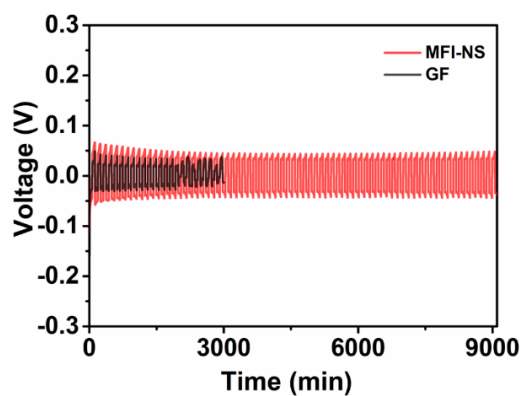


Figure S11. Long-term cycling of symmetric cells tested with 1 mA cm^{-2} and 1 mAh cm^{-2} .

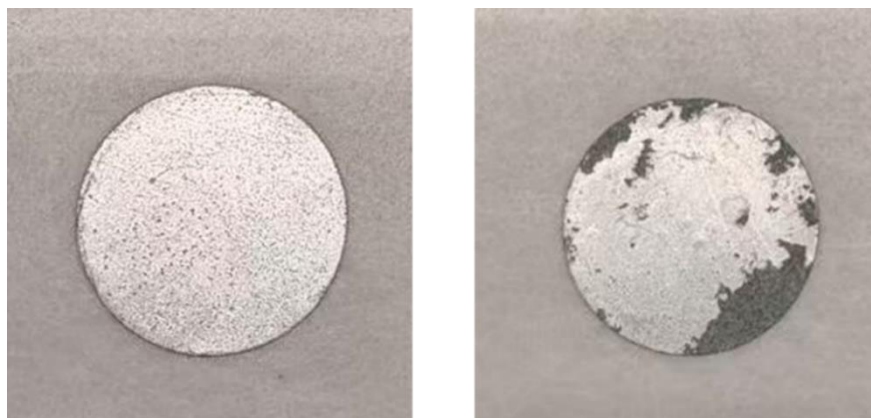


Figure S12. Digital photographs of Zn electrodes from symmetric cells with MFI-NS (left) and GF (right) separators after 12000 min of cycling. Digital photographs were taken by the authors.

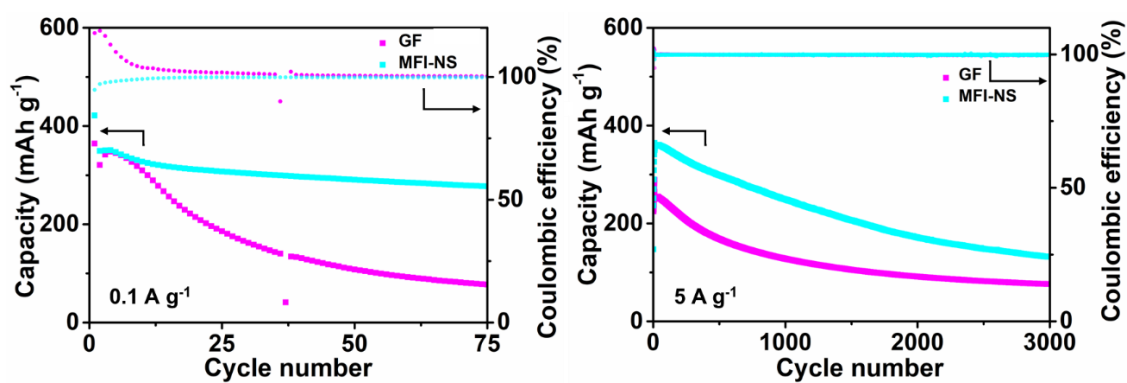


Figure S13. Long-term cycling tests of $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5||\text{MFI-NS}||\text{Zn}$ and $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5||\text{GF}||\text{Zn}$ cells at current densities of 0.1 A g^{-1} and 5 A g^{-1} .

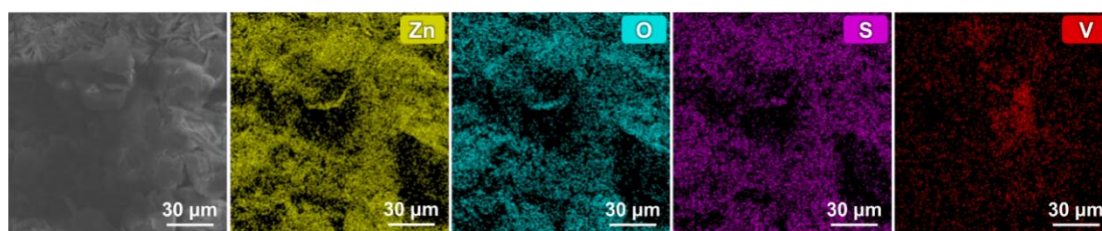


Figure S14. SEM morphology (leftmost panel) and EDS mapping of the Zn electrode after 400 cycles at 1 A g⁻¹.

Table S1. Specific surface area and porosity.

Sample	S _{BET} (m ² g ⁻¹)	S _{ext} (m ² g ⁻¹)	V _{total} (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	V _{micro} (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	d _p (nm)
MFI-NS-mem	66.0	51.3	0.213	0.00570	1.48
MFI-NS-mem-cal	383	171	0.434	0.110	0.590
MFI-NS-cal	429	182	0.577	0.128	0.590

Table S2. Comparison of rate performance.

Current density	This work	Ref. [1]
0.5C	432mAh g ⁻¹	400 mAh g ⁻¹
1C	427 mAh g ⁻¹	360 mAh g ⁻¹
2C	418 mAh g ⁻¹	300 mAh g ⁻¹
4C	396 mAh g ⁻¹	270 mAh g ⁻¹
8C	335 mAh g ⁻¹	225 mAh g ⁻¹
10C	298 mAh g ⁻¹	210 mAh g ⁻¹
Capacity retention from 10C to 0.5C	98.6%	96.9%

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