

## Supporting Information

# Layered Ion Dynamics and Enhanced Energy

## Storage: VS<sub>2</sub>/MXene Heterostructure Anodes

## Revolutionizing Li-Ion Batteries

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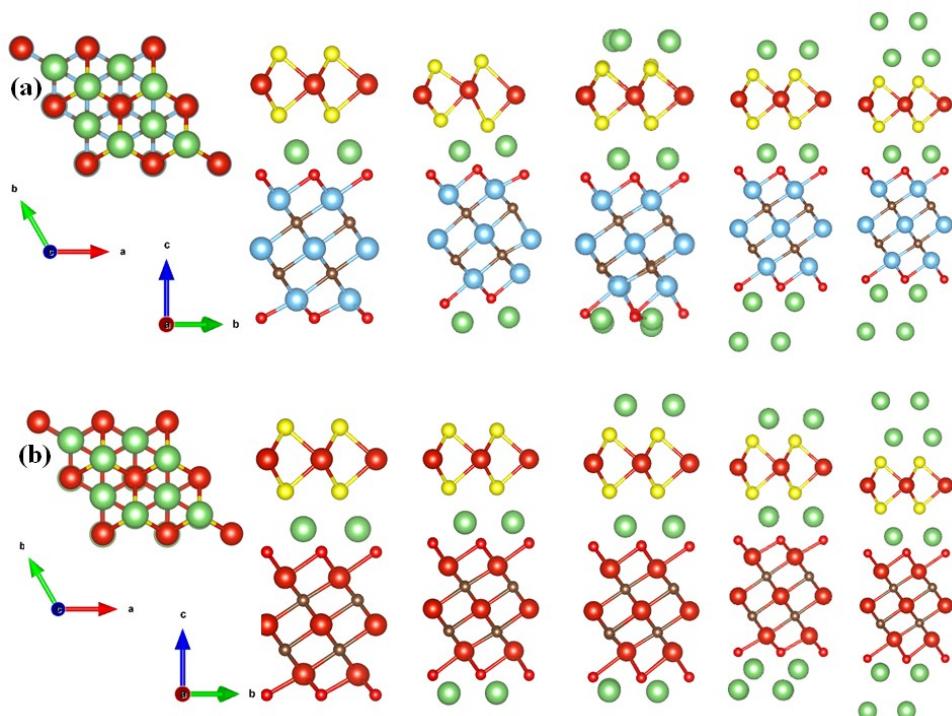
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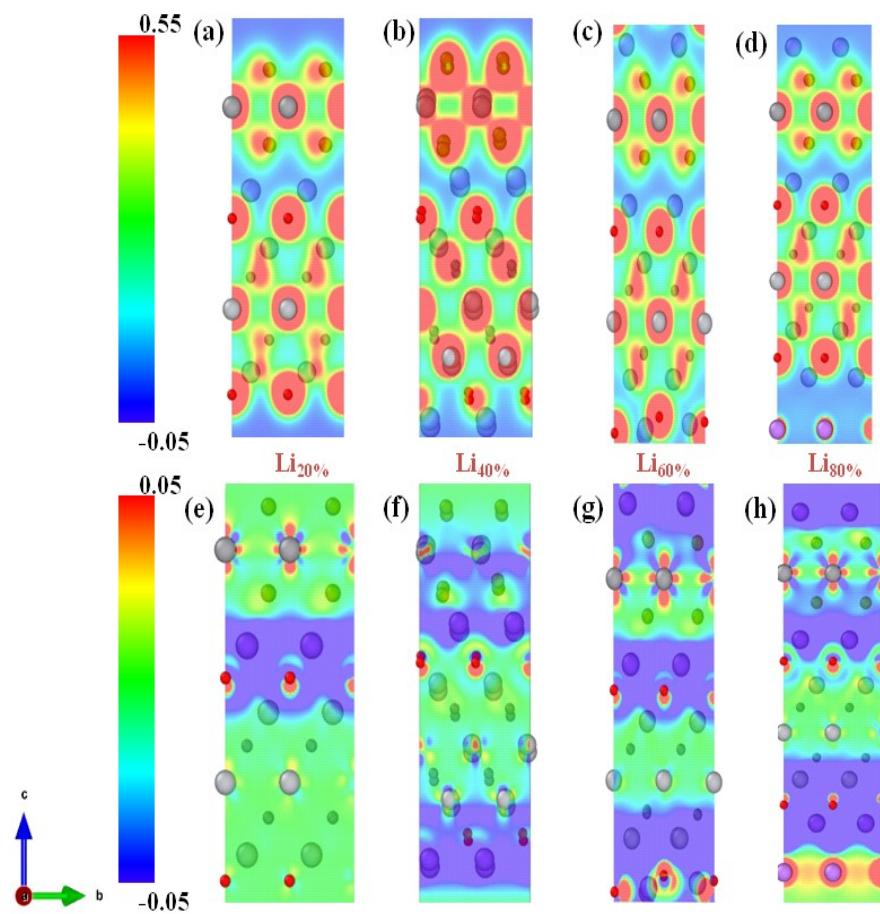
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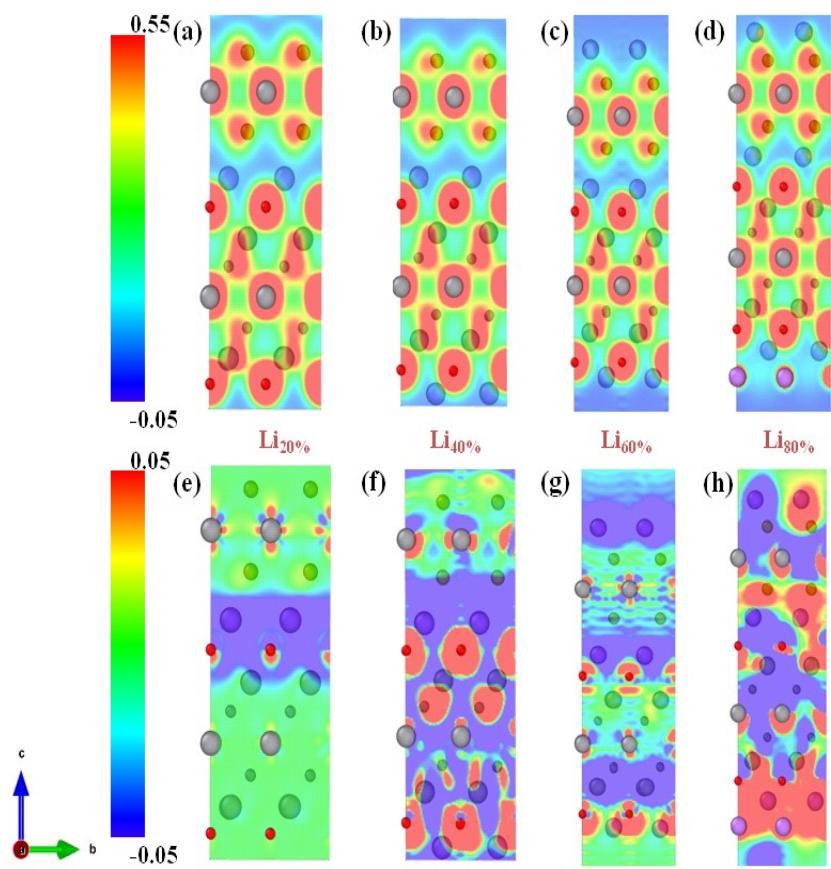
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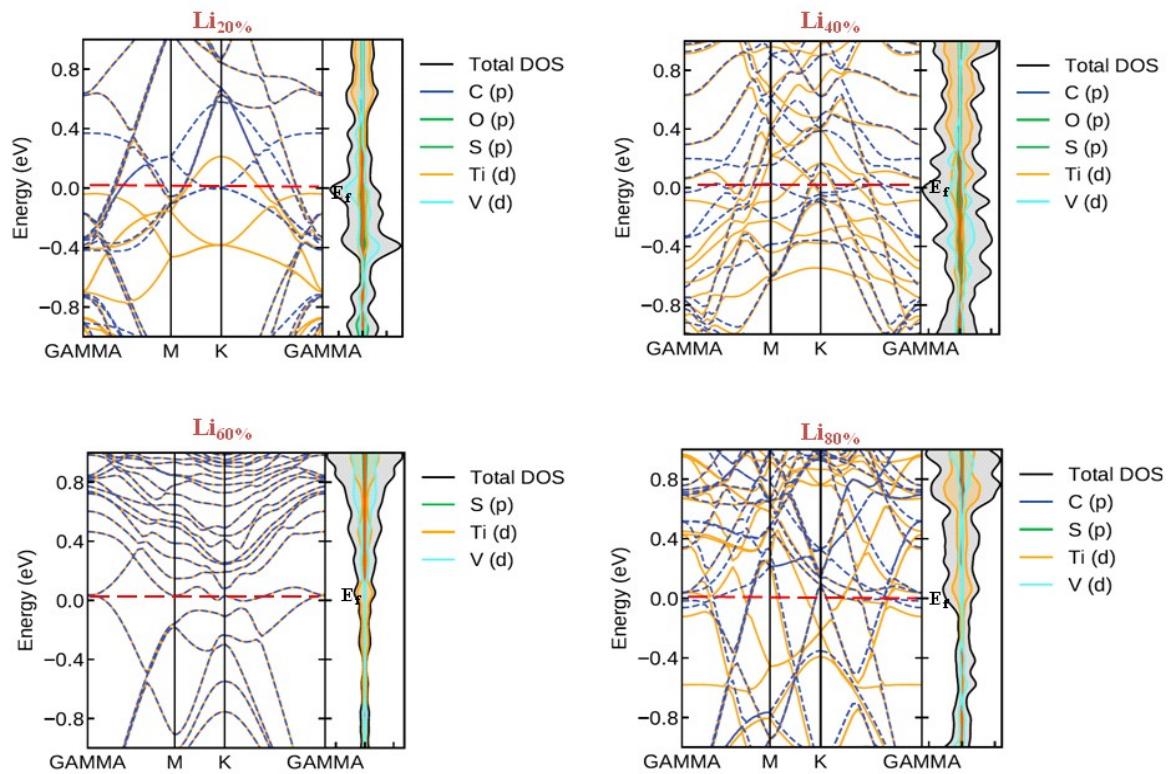
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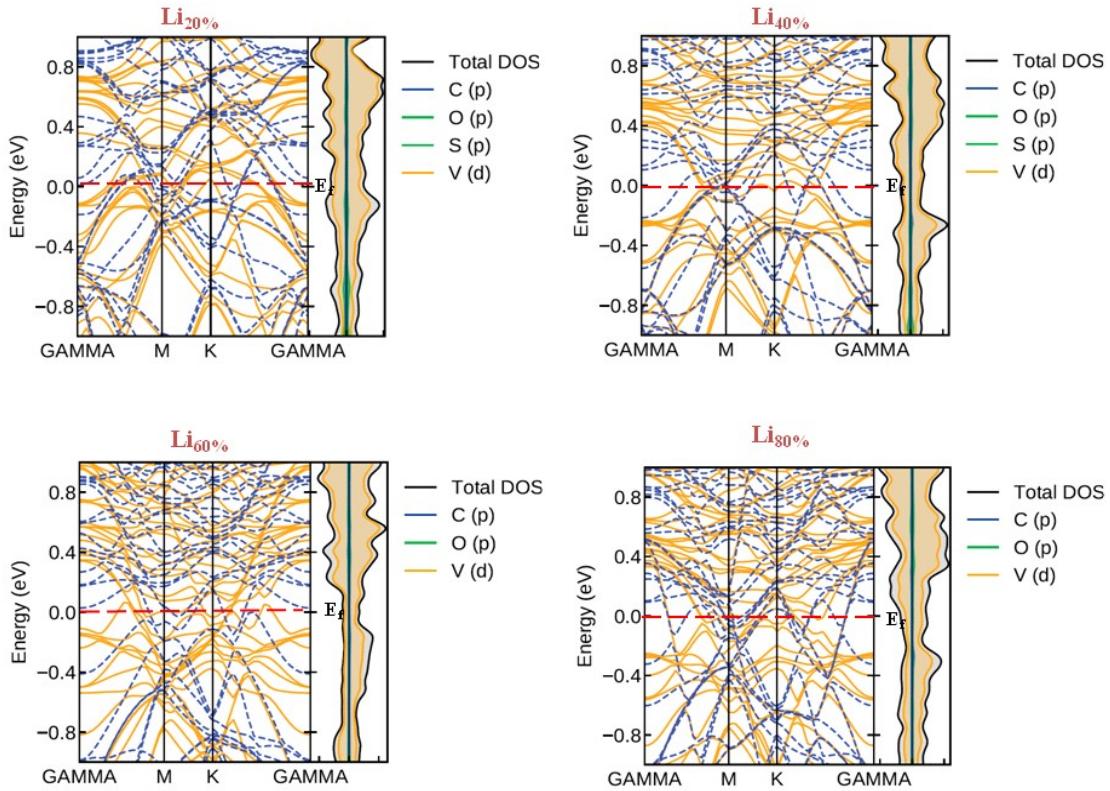
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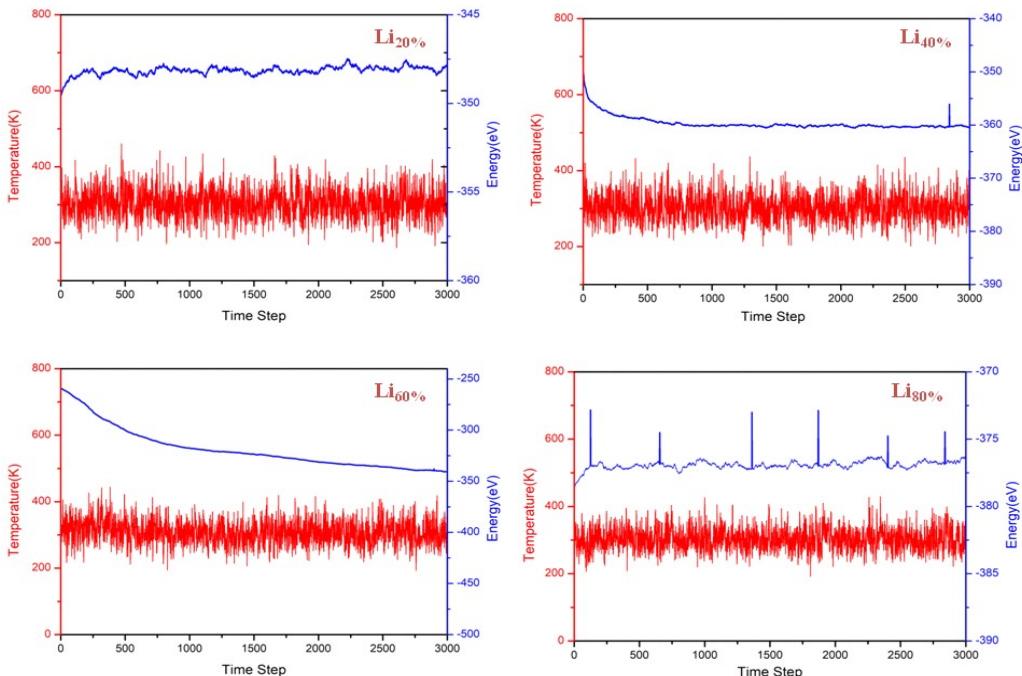
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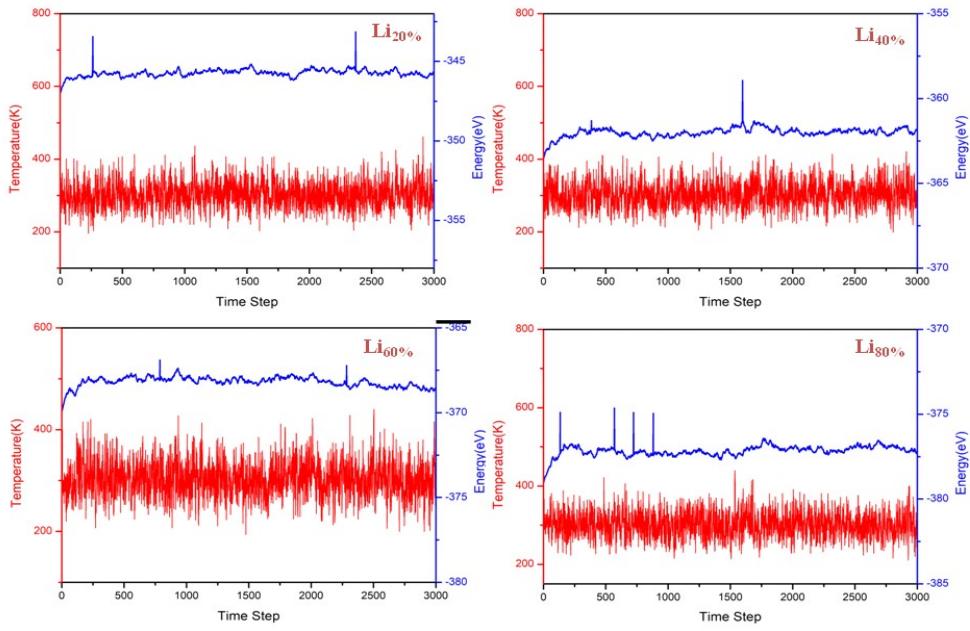
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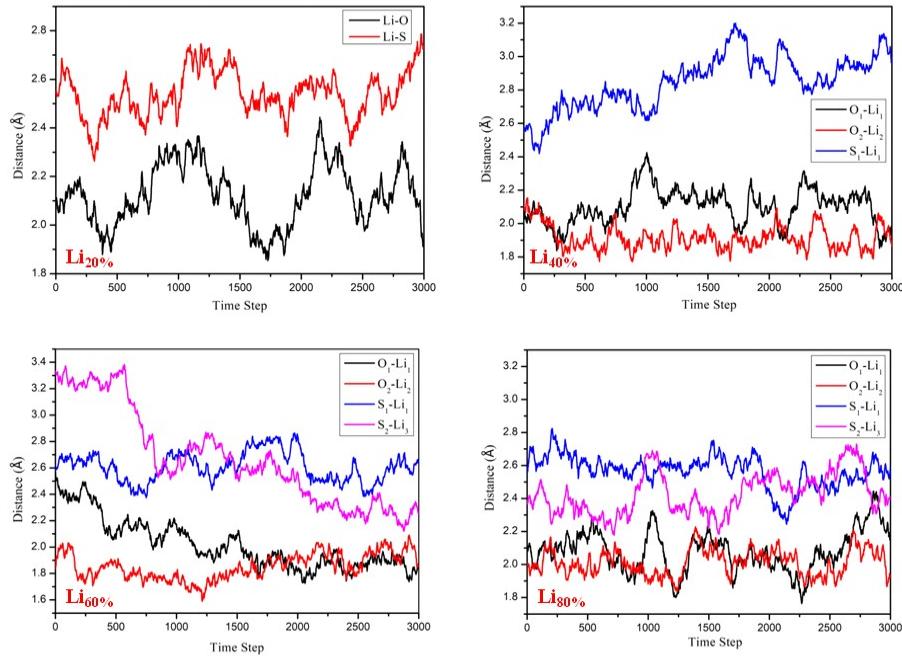
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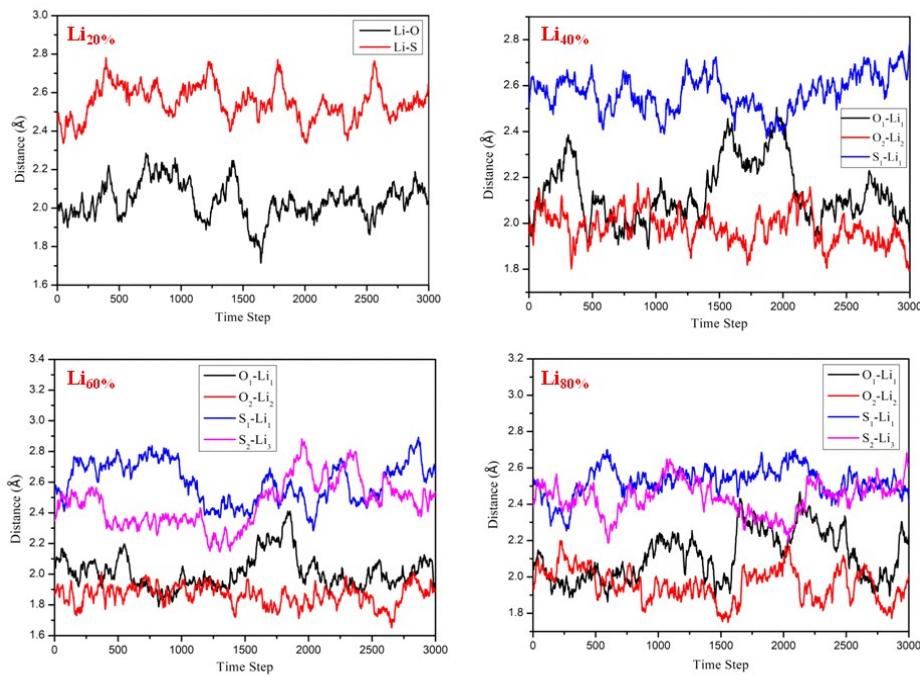
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| Materials  | $a=b$ | Thickness | $d_{M-C}$ | $d_{M-O}$ | $d_{V-S}$ | $d_{O-S}$ |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                  | 5.89  | 6.96      | 2.18      | 1.97      | ---       | ---       |
| V <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                   | 5.80  | 6.81      | 2.06      | 1.95      | ---       | ---       |
| VS <sub>2</sub>  | 6.33  | 2.99      | ---       | ---       | 2.36      | ---       |
| VS <sub>2</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 6.11  | 12.86     | 2.19      | 1.98      | 2.33      | 3.32      |
| VS <sub>2</sub> /V <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>  | 5.92  | 12.73     | 2.07      | 1.98      | 2.31      | 3.29      |

**Table S2** The interlayer distances ( $E_{int}$  in Å) for Li ions adsorbed between  $VS_2/M_3C_2O_2$  heterostructures.

| $VS_2/Ti_3C_2O_2$ | $d_{O1-S1}$ | $d_{O1-Li1}$ | $d_{Li1-S1}$ | $d_{C1-Li1}$ | $d_{C2-Li2}$ | $d_{C1-Li3}$ | $d_{O2-Li4}$ | $d_{S2-Li5}$ |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pure              | 3.32        | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{20\%}$       | 3.45        | 2.09         | 2.54         | 3.50         | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{40\%}$       | 3.45        | 2.09         | 2.54         | 3.50         | 3.52         | ---          | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{60\%}$       | 3.45        | 2.05         | 2.63         | 3.37         | 2.72         | 9.81         | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{80\%}$       | 3.45        | 2.07         | 2.58         | 3.44         | 3.34         | 9.92         | 4.59         | ---          |
| $Li_{100\%}$      | 3.45        | 2.09         | 2.55         | 3.47         | 3.34         | 9.92         | 4.64         | 4.06         |
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| Pure              | 3.29        | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{20\%}$       | 3.34        | 2.03         | 2.47         | 3.37         | ---          | ---          | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{40\%}$       | 3.42        | 2.05         | 2.52         | 3.42         | 3.30         | ---          | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{60\%}$       | 3.45        | 2.04         | 2.57         | 3.41         | 3.14         | 9.95         | ---          | ---          |
| $Li_{80\%}$       | 3.45        | 2.03         | 2.53         | 3.49         | 3.19         | 10.00        | 4.55         | ---          |
| $Li_{100\%}$      | 3.45        | 2.04         | 2.54         | 3.43         | 3.25         | 10.00        | 4.58         | 4.07         |

**Table S3** The adsorption energy ( $E_{ad}$  in eV) for Li ions adsorbed between  $VS_2/M_3C_2O_2$  heterostructures.

| Li content   | $VS_2/Ti_3C_2O_2$ | $VS_2/V_3C_2O_2$ |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| $Li_{20\%}$  | -2.86             | -2.65            |
| $Li_{40\%}$  | -2.76             | -2.49            |
| $Li_{60\%}$  | -1.55             | -1.58            |
| $Li_{80\%}$  | -1.13             | -1.29            |
| $Li_{100\%}$ | -1.01             | -0.96            |

**Table S4** The open circuit voltages (OCV in V) for Li ions in  $VS_2/M_3C_2O_2$  heterostructures.

| Li content   | $VS_2/Ti_3C_2O_2$ | $VS_2/V_3C_2O_2$ |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| $Li_{20\%}$  | 3.14              | 2.60             |
| $Li_{40\%}$  | 2.18              | 1.67             |
| $Li_{60\%}$  | 1.27              | 0.75             |
| $Li_{80\%}$  | 1.23              | 0.74             |
| $Li_{100\%}$ | 1.30              | 0.73             |

**Table S5** The storage capacities ( $\text{q}$  in  $\text{mAhg}^{-1}$ ) of  $\text{VS}_2/\text{M}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$  heterostructures.

| Li content          | $\text{VS}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$ | $\text{VS}_2/\text{V}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$ |
|---------------------|---|--|
| $\text{Li}_{20\%}$  | 85.17   | 82.64  |
| $\text{Li}_{40\%}$  | 170.34  | 165.28                                       |
| $\text{Li}_{60\%}$  | 255.50  | 247.91                                       |
| $\text{Li}_{80\%}$  | 340.67  | 330.55                                       |
| $\text{Li}_{100\%}$ | 425.84  | 413.19                                       |

**Table S6** Comparison of the Performance of Current Work with Previously Reported 2D Material-Based Li-ion Batteries.

| Material Structure                                     | Reported Capacity ( $\text{mAhg}^{-1}$ ) | References         |
|--|--|--------------------|
| $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2$                                | 447.8                                    | [Ref] <sup>1</sup> |
| $\text{V}_3\text{C}_2$                                 | 606.42                                   | [Ref] <sup>2</sup> |
| $\text{VS}_2$  | 195.4                                    | [Ref] <sup>3</sup> |
| $\text{V}_3\text{C}_2/\text{graphene}$                 | 598.63                                   | [Ref] <sup>4</sup> |
| $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_X$ | 321                                      | [Ref] <sup>5</sup> |
| $\text{VS}_2/\text{Ti}_2\text{CO}_2$                   | 462.08                                   | [Ref] <sup>6</sup> |
| $\text{Ti}_2\text{CO}_2/\text{graphene}$               | 426                                      | [Ref] <sup>7</sup> |
| $\text{MoS}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_X$         | 153                                      | [Ref] <sup>8</sup> |
| $\text{VS}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$          | 425.84                                   | Current Work       |
| $\text{VS}_2/\text{V}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$           | 413.19                                   | Current Work       |

**Table S7** The average bond distances (in Å) for Li ions adsorbed between  $\text{VS}_2/\text{M}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$  heterostructures.

| Concentration       | $\text{VS}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$ |                     |                     |                     | $\text{VS}_2/\text{V}_3\text{C}_2\text{O}_2$ |                     |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                     | $d_{\text{O1-Li1}}$                           | $d_{\text{O2-Li2}}$ | $d_{\text{S1-Li1}}$ | $d_{\text{S2-Li3}}$ | $d_{\text{O1-Li1}}$                          | $d_{\text{O2-Li2}}$ | $d_{\text{S1-Li1}}$ | $d_{\text{S2-Li3}}$ |
| $\text{Li}_{20\%}$  | 2.12  | ---                 | 2.54                | ---                 | 2.04   | ---                 | 2.55                | ---                 |
| $\text{Li}_{40\%}$  | 2.10  | 1.92                | 2.85                | ---                 | 2.13   | 1.98                | 2.57                | ---                 |
| $\text{Li}_{60\%}$  | 2.02  | 1.85                | 2.61                | 2.67                | 2.01   | 1.86                | 2.60                | 2.46                |
| $\text{Li}_{80\%}$  | 2.08  | 2.01                | 2.57                | 2.43                | 2.11   | 1.96                | 2.53                | 2.44                |
| $\text{Li}_{100\%}$ | 2.15  | 2.00                | 2.65                | 2.37                | 2.05   | 2.02                | 2.64                | 2.47                |

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