

# Supplementary Materials: A Composite Membrane with High Stability and Low Cost Specifically for an Iron–Chromium Flow Battery

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## 1. The calculation of Hansen solubility parameters

1.1. Hansen solubility parameter was defined according to the following Equation (1):

$$\delta^2 = \delta_d^2 + \delta_p^2 + \delta_h^2 \quad (1)$$

$\delta_d$ ,  $\delta_p$ , and  $\delta_h$  represent the contribution of the dispersion force, polar force, and H-bonding.

$\delta$ ,  $\delta_d$ ,  $\delta_p$ , and  $\delta_h$  of H<sub>2</sub>O, IPA, DMAc, and PE refer to the Hansen Solubility Parameters Handbook.

1.2. Each of the  $\delta_d$ ,  $\delta_p$ , and  $\delta_h$  of mixed solvent in cast solution is a linear function of composition and calculated according to the following Equation (2):

$$\delta_{blend} \equiv [\varphi_{comp1} \times \sigma_{com1}] + [\varphi_{comp2} \times \sigma_{com2}] \quad (2)$$

$\varphi$  represents the volume fraction for each component.

1.3. Solubility parameter “distance” ( $R_a$ ) between the mixed solvent and PE was defined according to the following Equation (3):

$$(R_a)^2 = 4(\delta_{D1} - \delta_{D1})^2 + (\delta_{P2} - \delta_{P1})^2 + (\delta_{H2} - \delta_{H1})^2 \quad (3)$$

The experimentally-determined solubility sphere radius ( $R_o$ ) of PE is 7.9—the reference is from Hansen Solubility Parameters Handbook.

**Table S1.** The mechanical properties of Daramic and D-DMAc-8 membranes.

Thickness (μm)	Code	Mechanical Property			Puncture Strength (N)
		Elastic Modulus (MPa)	Elongation at Break (%)	Tensile Strength (MPa)	
200 ± 5	Daramic membrane	119.57	49.22	15.08	
200 ± 5	D-DMAc-8 membrane	156.34	50	14.83	4.355

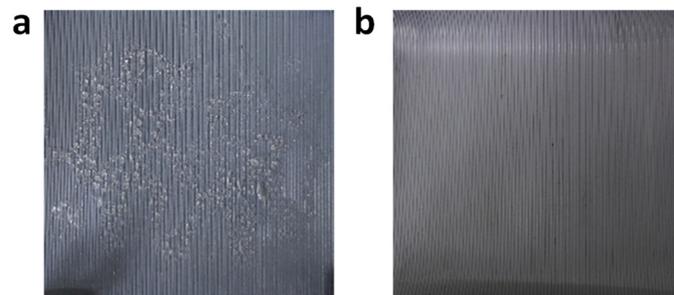
**Table S2.** The cost of prepared Nafion 115 (126 μm) and D-DMAc-8 membranes per m<sup>2</sup>.

Code	Component	Unit Price (\$)	Consumption	Cost (\$)
Nafion 115 membrane	Nafion dispersions (D-2020)	2.916 mL-1	630 mL	1837.08
Total				1852.776
	DMAc	0.004993 mL-1	937.5 mL	4.68

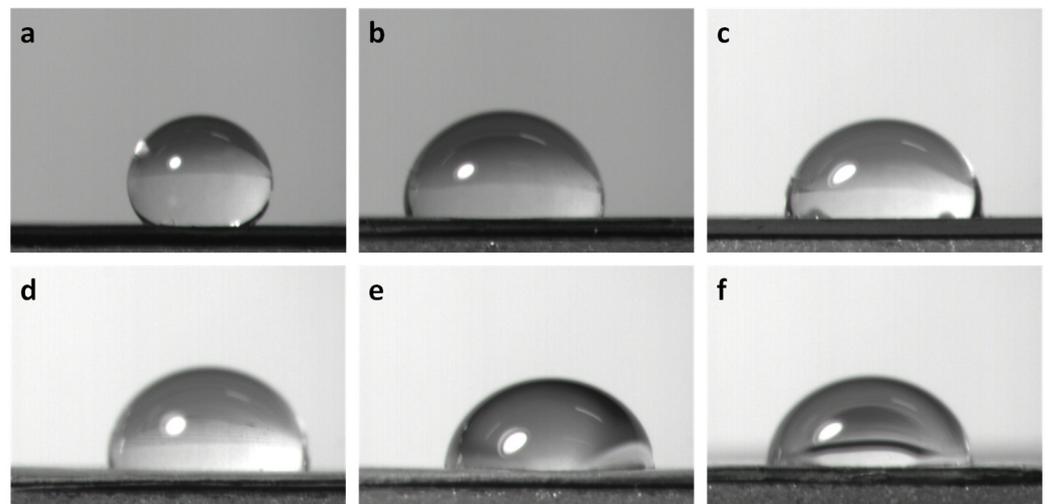
	Nafion dispersions (D-2020)	2.916 mL-1	312.5 mL	911.25
D-DMAc-8 membrane	Daramic membrane	31.525 m-2	1 m2	31.525
Total				947.45



**Figure S1.** The photos of composite membranes by one-step coating way with (a) 5 wt% cast solution, (b) 10 wt% cast solution, and (c) 20 wt% cast solution.



**Figure S2.** The photos of composite membranes with (a) one-step coating way and (b) step-by-step coating way.



**Figure S3.** Contact angle of (a) D-DMAc-0, (b) D-DMAc-2, (c) D-DMAc-4, (d) D-DMAc-6, (e) D-DMAc-8, (f) D-DMAc-11 membranes.