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Solid-State Synthesis of 1T TMD Nanosheets for Supercapacitors
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Technology Summary: This invention introduces a groundbreaking, one-step solid-state reaction method for synthesizing the highly conductive octahedral phase (1T) of transition metal dichalcogenide (TMDC) nanosheets, exemplified by tungsten disulfide (WS_2), specifically for use in high-performance supercapacitor electrodes. Unlike existing complex and costly methods, this simplified process involves grinding TMDC precursors with a doping agent (e.g., iridium (III) acetylacetonate) and then subjecting the mixture to controlled heating under a nitrogen atmosphere. The key innovation lies in the synergistic effect of the dopant and solid-state reaction, which efficiently transforms the semiconducting 2H-TMDC into its metallic 1T phase, eliminating the need for extensive post-processing and significantly reducing production time and cost. The resulting 1T-TMDC nanosheets exhibit superior electrical conductivity, leading to supercapacitor electrodes with significantly higher specific capacitance, enhanced energy and power density, and excellent long-term cyclic stability, thus offering a highly efficient and scalable solution for next-generation energy storage devices.