

**Supporting information for**

**Hydrophilic Mineral Coating of Membrane Substrate for Reducing Internal Concentration  
Polarization (ICP) in Forward Osmosis**

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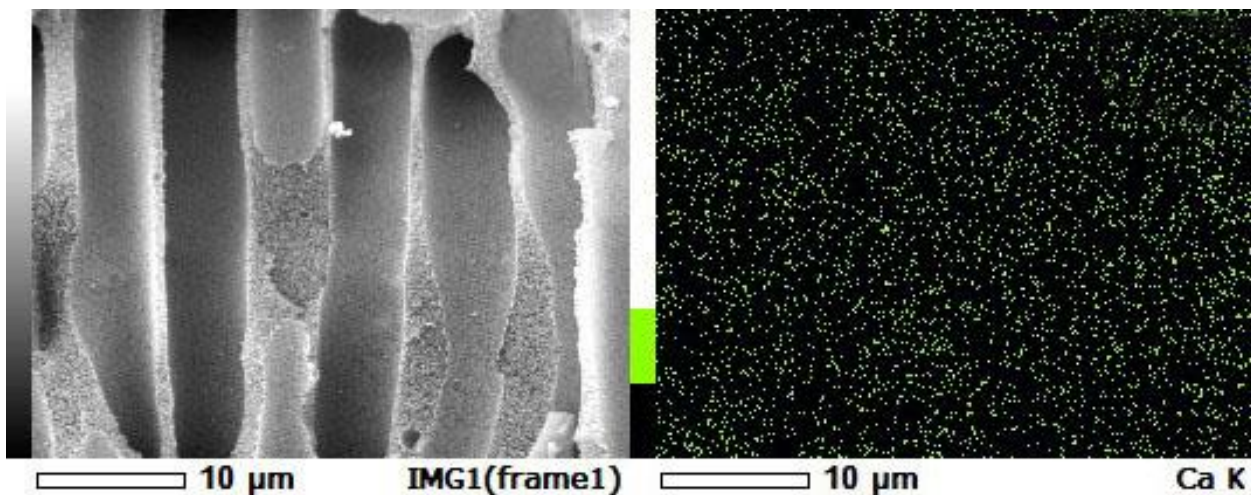
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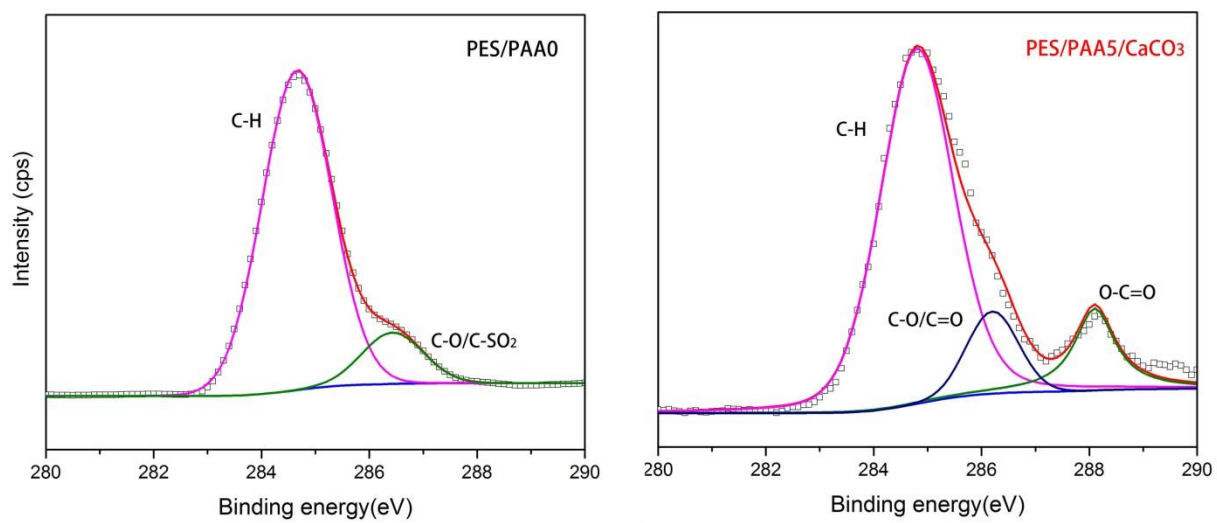
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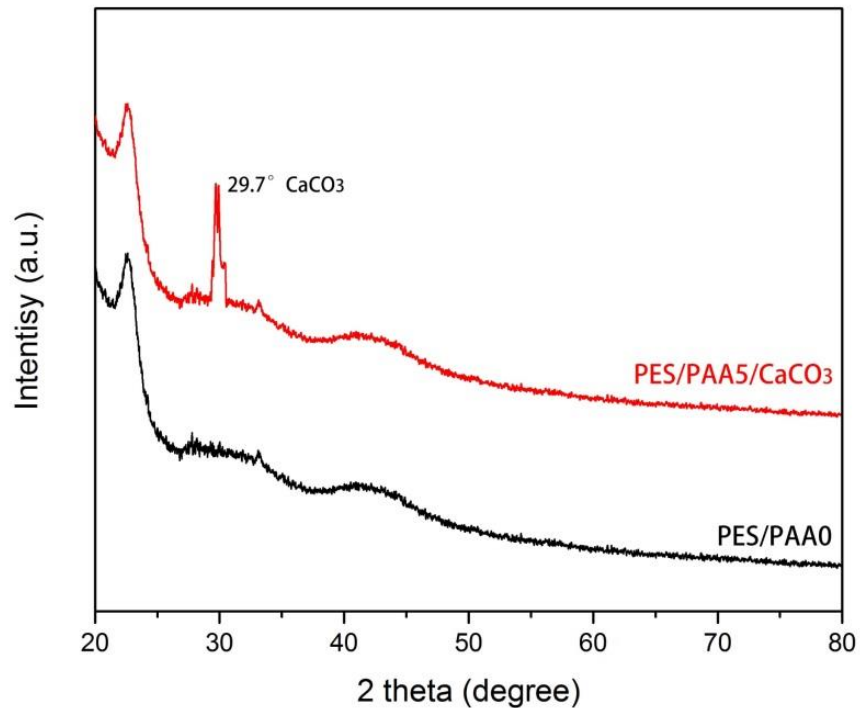
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**Figure S1:** EDX result of the cross-section of PES/PAA5/CaCO<sub>3</sub> membrane



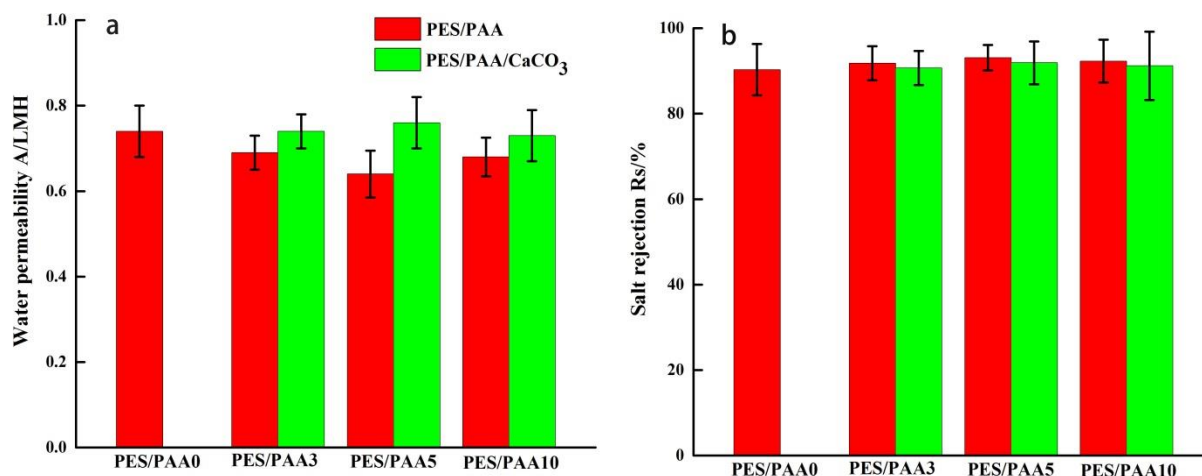
**Figure S2:** C 1s core level spectra of membranes



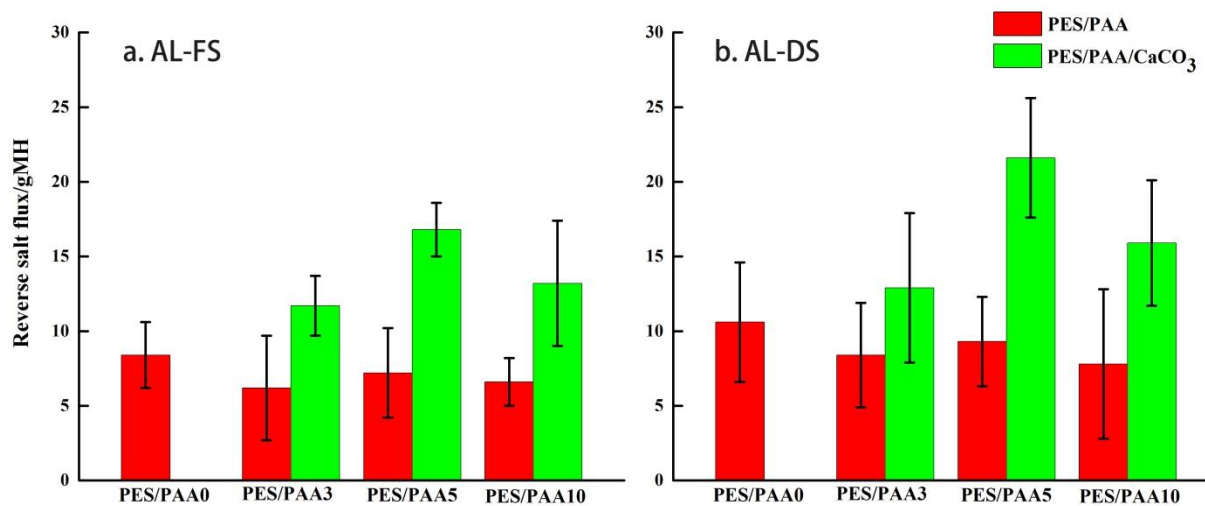
**Figure S3:** XRD patterns of PES/PAA0 membrane and PES/PAA5/CaCO<sub>3</sub> membrane.

Membrane	Young's modulus (MPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)
PES	152.0 ± 22.4	4.28 ± 0.6	17.1 ± 4.3
PES/PAA5	89.2 ± 11.6	3.69 ± 0.4	23.1 ± 5.2
PES/PAA5/CaCO <sub>3</sub>	246.1 ± 35.6	5.74 ± 0.7	3.77 ± 2.6

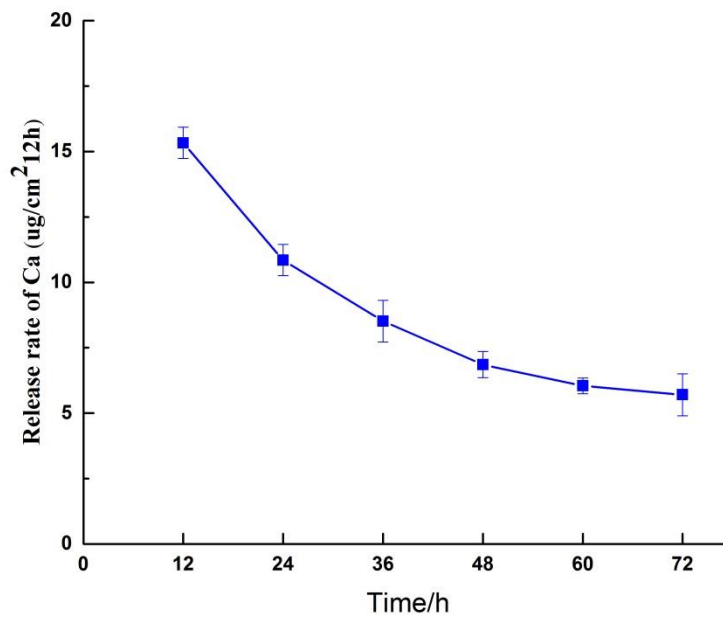
**Table S1:** Mechanical properties of membranes



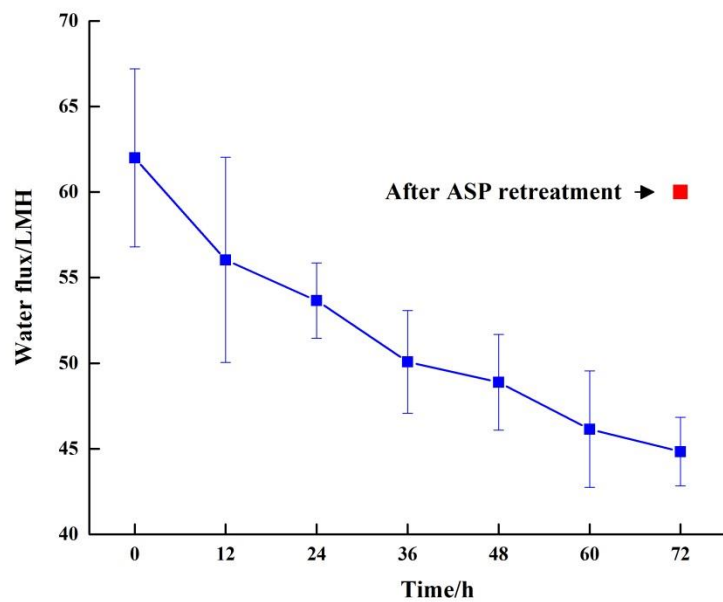
**Figure S4:** Intrinsic transport parameters (water permeability (A) and the salt (NaCl) rejection (R)) of membranes



**Figure S5:** FO reverse salt flux of membranes at (a) AL-FS orientation and (b) AL-DS orientation



**Figure S6:** Calcium releasing rate of the PES/PAA5/CaCO<sub>3</sub> membrane.



**Figure S7:** FO water flux decline in AL-DS mode with time