Water vapor recovery device designed with interface local heating principle and its application in clean water production

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Fig. S1 Photocurrent analysis of ITO, PDMS and fluorinated SiO₂ (a). Band-gap analysis of SiO₂

before and after modification (b).

The role of PDMS is simply to bond fluorinated SiO_2 and BiOBr to melamine sponge. Besides, the PDMS electrode was prepared to explore the photoelectric response of PDMS. 0.07 g PDMS and 0.0223 g curing agent were dissolved in 1 ml ethyl acetate. Then, 100 µl of the above solution was added to the surface of ITO

conductive glass and solidified at 120 °C for 4 h. The electrode of fluorinated SiO₂ was prepared by dispersing 6 mg of fluorinated SiO₂ into Nafion ethanol solution and ultrasonic treatment for 5 min. Next, 100 µl of the above solution was added to the conductive glass and solidified at 40 °C for 12 h. It can be seen from the Fig. S1a that the PDMS electrode does not exhibit the steps of the photocurrent, confirming that the carrier cannot be transferred to the PDMS surface. The fluorinated SiO₂ electrode has a weak photoelectric response; however, its photoelectric response is less than that of ITO glass. This is because the white silica surface hinders partial light absorption, resulting in a weak photoelectric response. It is also verified that the fluorinated SiO₂ has no photoelectric response. DRS of SiO2 before and after fluorination were analyzed to explore the band structure of SiO₂ more intuitively. As shown in Fig. S1b, the absorption band edge value before and after fluorination is reduced from 235 nm to 230 nm. Furthermore, $(\alpha h \upsilon)^2$ and h υ are taken as the vertical coordinate and the horizontal coordinate, respectively. The band gap of SiO_2 increased from 5.58 eV to 5.59 eV.



Fig. S2 Photodegradation curves of SH-Bi sponge for various pollutants (MB, MO and CIP).