



# **Supporting Information**

# Magnetically driven Janus conical vertical array for all-weather freshwater collection

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#### Calculation of equivalent evaporation enthalpies of water in mMF-JA.

The energy demand of water evaporation includes sensible heat and latent heat. Firstly, the latent heat of bulk water at different temperatures is calculated according to the following formulas:

$$h_{L,Water,T_{W}} = \int_{T_{W}}^{100^{\circ}\text{C}} C_{p,l} dT + h_{L,100^{\circ}\text{C}} + \int_{100^{\circ}\text{C}}^{T_{W}} C_{p,g} dT$$
(1)

where  $h_{\rm L}$  is the latent heat,  $C_{\rm p,l}$  is the heat capacity of the liquid water, and  $C_{\rm p,g}$  is the heat capacity of the gas water,  $T_w$  is the temperature of the surface. Here,  $h_{\rm L,100^{\circ}C} = 2257$  J g<sup>-1</sup>,  $C_{\rm p,l} = 4.2$  J K<sup>-1</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>,  $C_{\rm p,g} = (3.470 + 1.45 \times 10^{-3} \times T + 0.121 \times 10^{5} \times T^{-2}) \cdot R \cdot M^{-1}$ , R = 8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>, M = 18.02 g mol<sup>-1</sup>, T is the temperature in Kelvin scale.

Based on the experimental results in formula, the latent heat of water in the evaporator can be estimated by the formula:

$$h_{L,evaporator} = h_{L,water,T_{w}} \times \frac{v_{water,dark}}{v_{evaporator,dark}}$$
(2)

The sensible heat can be calculated by the formula:

$$h_{S} = \int_{T_{i,w}}^{T_{w}} C_{p,l} dT$$
(3)

where  $T_{i,w}$  is the initial temperature of the surface.

Therefore, the total energy demand for water evaporation in the evaporator can be written as:

$$h_{LV} = h_{L,evaporator} + h_S \tag{4}$$

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	Bulk water	mMF-F	mMF-JA
Evaporation rate (dark env.) (kg m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	0.0591	0.0912	0.1082
Vaporization enthalpy (J g <sup>-</sup>	2423.8	1570.7	1323.9

Table 1. Summary	v of the water va	porization e	enthalpy ca	lculation.

#### Calculation of heat loss in photothermal conversion process

The energy consumption of the system mainly originates from: (1) conduction heat loss from mMF-JA to water, (2) radiation and (3) convection heat losses from mMF-JA to environment.

## (1) Conduction heat loss $\eta_{cond}$

The conduction heat energy loss from mMF-JA to water is calculated as follows:

$$P_{cond} = \frac{Cm\Delta T}{At} = \frac{4.2 \times 3.96 \times 1.3}{0.0009 \times 1200} = 20.02W \, m^{-2} \tag{5}$$

$$\eta_{cond} = \frac{P_{cond}}{P_{in}} = \frac{20.02}{1000} = 2.00\%$$
(6)

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Where *C* is the specific heat capacity of pure water (4.2 kJ·kg<sup>-1.°C-1</sup>), *m* denates the weight of water (~ 3.96 g) in the test system, and  $\Delta T$  is increased temperature of the bulk water within 20 min, *t* is the irradiation time (1200 s), *A* is the projected area (0.0009 m<sup>2</sup>).

#### (2) Radiation heat loss $\eta_{rad}$

The radiation flux is based on Stefan-Boltzmann law, which is calculated as follows:

$$P_{rad} = \varepsilon \sigma \left( T_2^4 - T_1^4 \right) = 0.874 \times 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times (322.75^4 - 320.05^4)$$
$$= 17.84 Wm^{-2}$$
(7)

$$\frac{P_{rad}}{\eta_{rad}} = \frac{P_{rad}}{P_{in}} = \frac{17.84}{1000} = 1.78\%$$
(8)

Where  $\varepsilon$  (0.874) is the emissivity,  $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant 5.67 ×10<sup>-8</sup> W (m<sup>2</sup> K<sup>4</sup>)<sup>-1</sup>,  $T_2$  (322.75 K) is the temperature at the surface of mMF-JA, and  $T_1$  (320.05 K) is the temperature of the adjacent environment of mMF-JA after 1200 s irradiation.

## (3) Convection heat loss $\eta_{conv}$

The convection heat loss is calculated based on Newton's law of cooling:

$$P_{conv} = h(T_2 - T_1) = 5 \times (322.75 - 320.05) = 13.5 W m^{-2}$$
(9)  
$$\frac{P_{conv}}{\eta_{conv}} = \frac{P_{conv}}{P_{in}} = \frac{13.5}{1000} = 1.35\%$$
(10)

Where *h* is the heat tranfer coefficient id approximately 5 W·m<sup>-2</sup>·K<sup>-1</sup> according to the previously reports.  $T_2$  (322.75 K) is the temperature at the surface of mMF-JA, and  $T_1$  (320.05 K) is the temperature of the adjacent environment of mMF-JA.

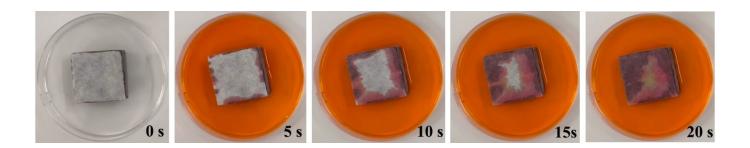


Fig. S1. Water transport behavior of mMF.



Fig. S2. Photograph of the mMF floating on water.

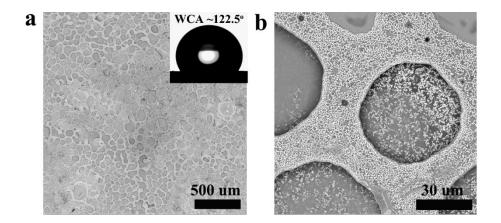


Fig. S3. SEM images of the fabricated mMF-F. Inset is the corresponding water contact angle.

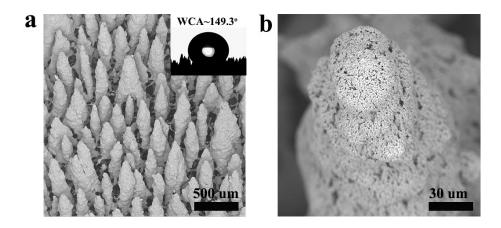


Fig. S4. SEM images of the fabricated mMF-OA. Inset is the corresponding water contact angle.

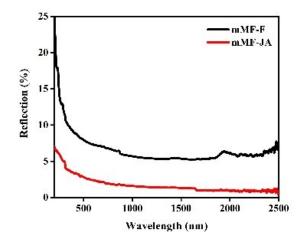


Fig. S5. Reflectance spectra of mMF-F and mMF-JA.

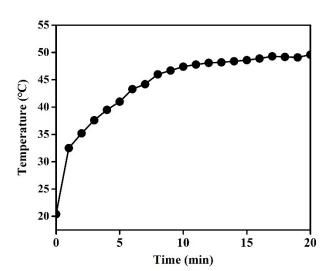
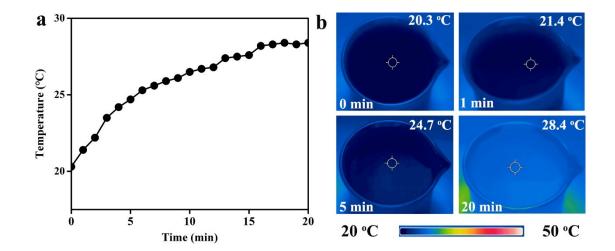
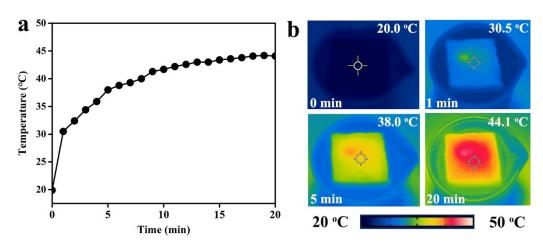


Fig. S6. The change of surface temperature of mMF-JA with irradiation time.



**Fig. S7.** (a) The change of surface temperature of pure water with irradiation time. (b) Infrared images of the surface temperature of pure water.



**Fig. S8.** (a) The change of surface temperature of mMF-F with irradiation time. (b) Infrared images of the surface temperature of mMF-F.

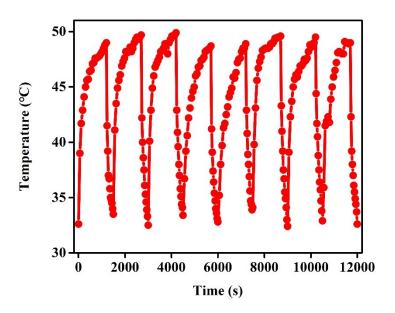


Fig. S9. Cyclic stability of photothermal performance of the fabricated mMF-JA.

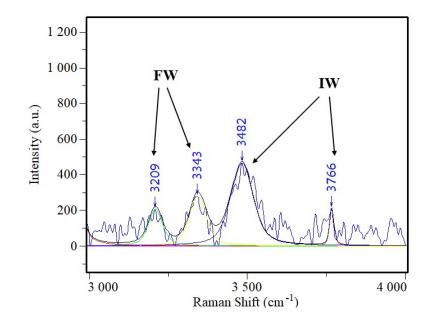


Fig. S10. Raman spectrum showing the fitting peaks of IW and FW in mMf-JA

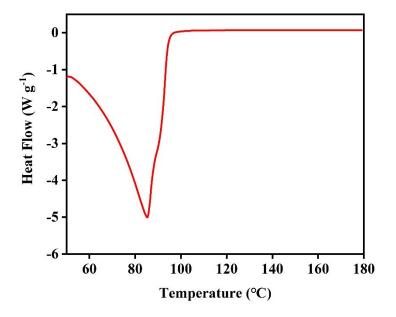


Fig. S11. DSC curve of the water in mMF-JA



Fig. S12. Photographs of the fabricated mMF-JA before and after long-term application.

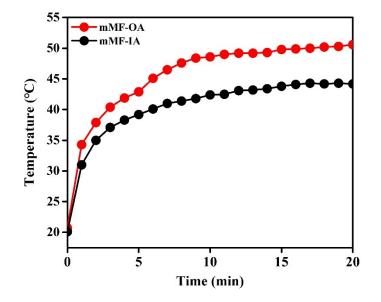


Fig. S13. The change of surface temperature of mMF-OA and mMF-IA with irradiation time.