

Supplementary Materials for  
**Bioinspired gradient-structured wood interfaces achieving efficient  
ion diffusion to generate electricity from natural evaporation**

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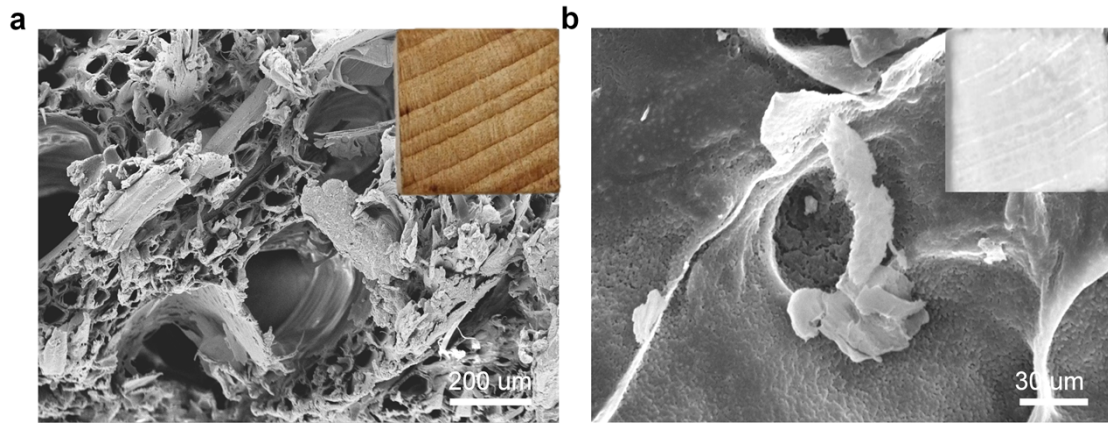
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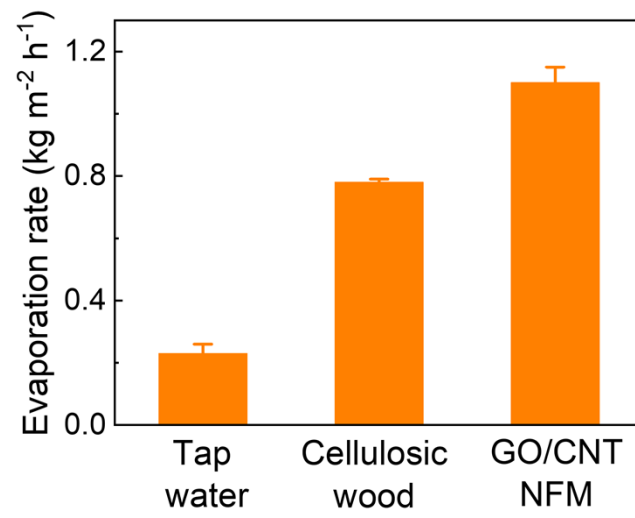
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**Fig. S1** Microstructure of wood before and after chemical treatment. (a) SEM images of the cross-section of native wood. Inset is a photograph of the native wood. (b) SEM images of the cross-section of a cellulosic wood. Inset is a photograph of the cellulosic wood.



**Fig. S2** Evaporation rates in cellulosic wood, GO/CNT NFMs, and tap water.

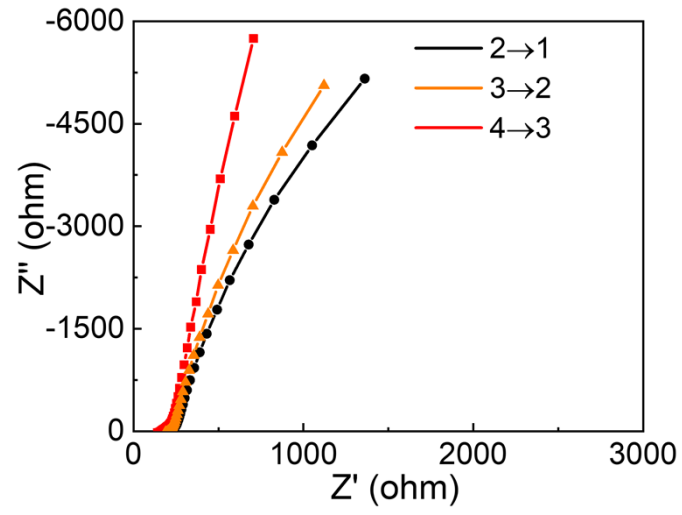
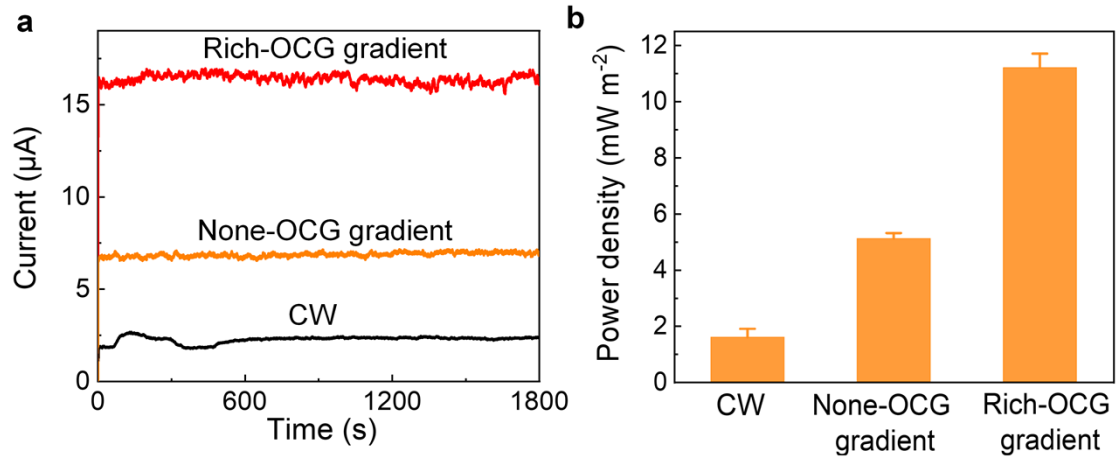
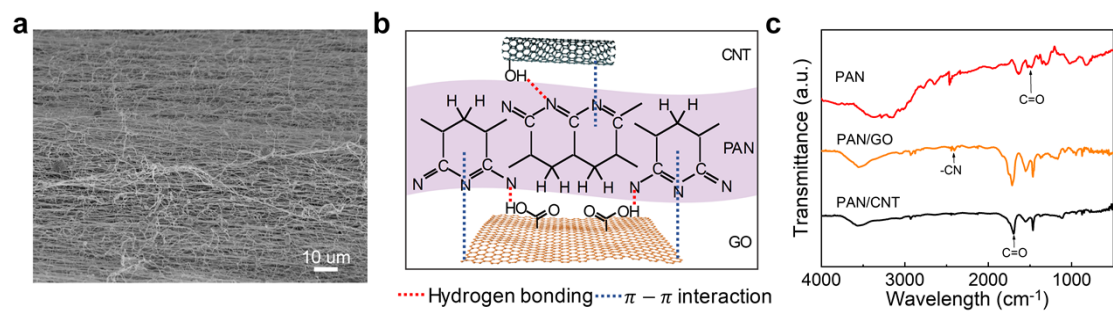


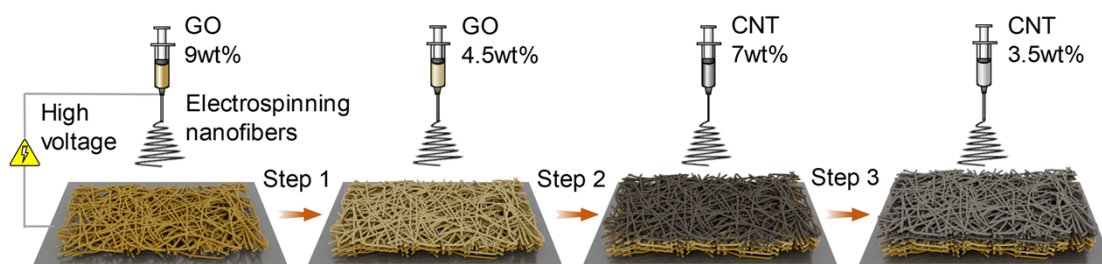
Fig. S3 The electrochemical impedance along the OCG gradient.



**Fig. S4** Continuous short-circuit and power densities of W-IENG with the OCG gradient in seawater at one sun. (a) Continuous short-circuit. (b) Loaded power densities.

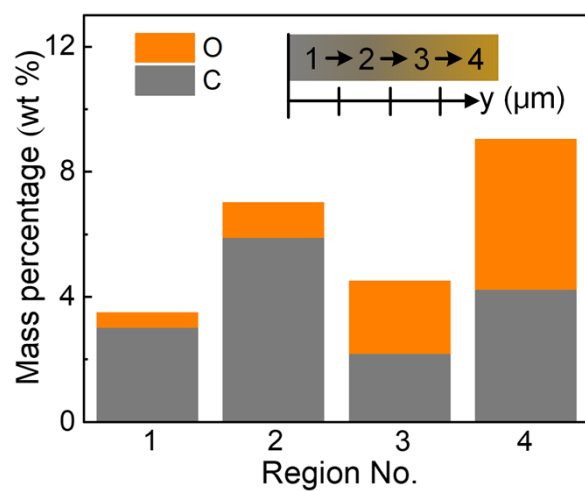


**Fig. S5** Characterizations and schematic diagram of the interfacial interaction of the MI-GO/CNT interface. (a) The multilayer structure cross-sectional SEM image of the MI-GO/CNT interface. (b) Schematic diagram of the interfacial interaction between PAN and GO, CNT. (c) FT-IR spectra of PAN/GO, PAN/CNT, and PAN.

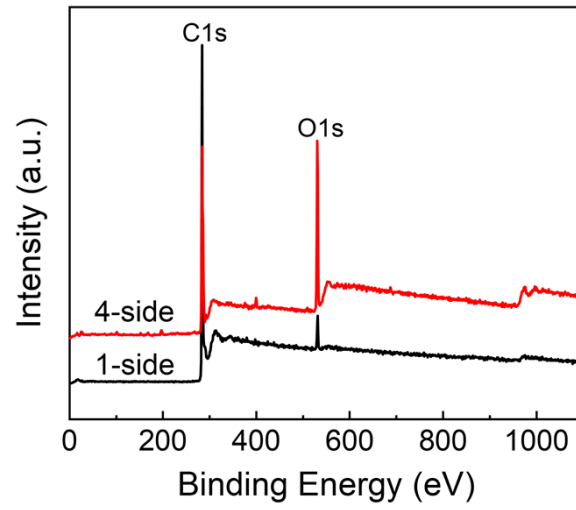


**Fig. S6** Schematic diagram of the successive spinning method for different regions.

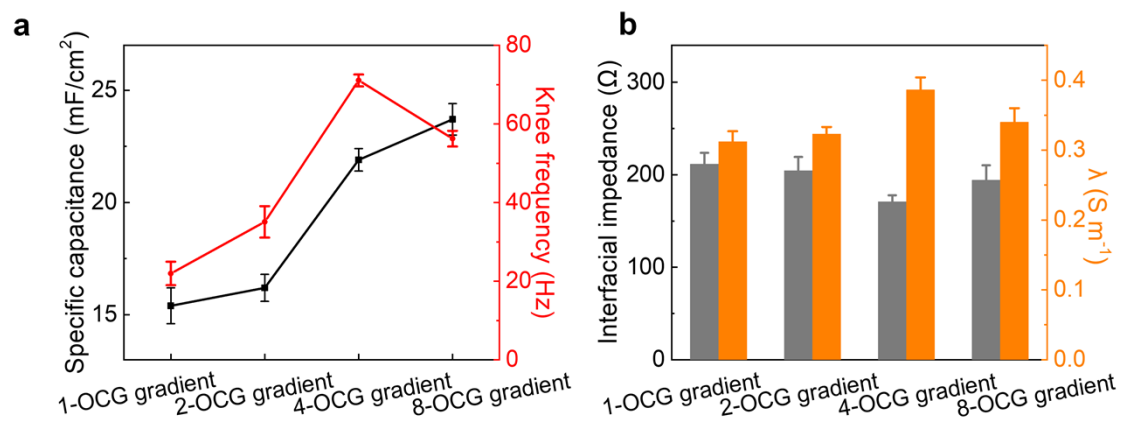




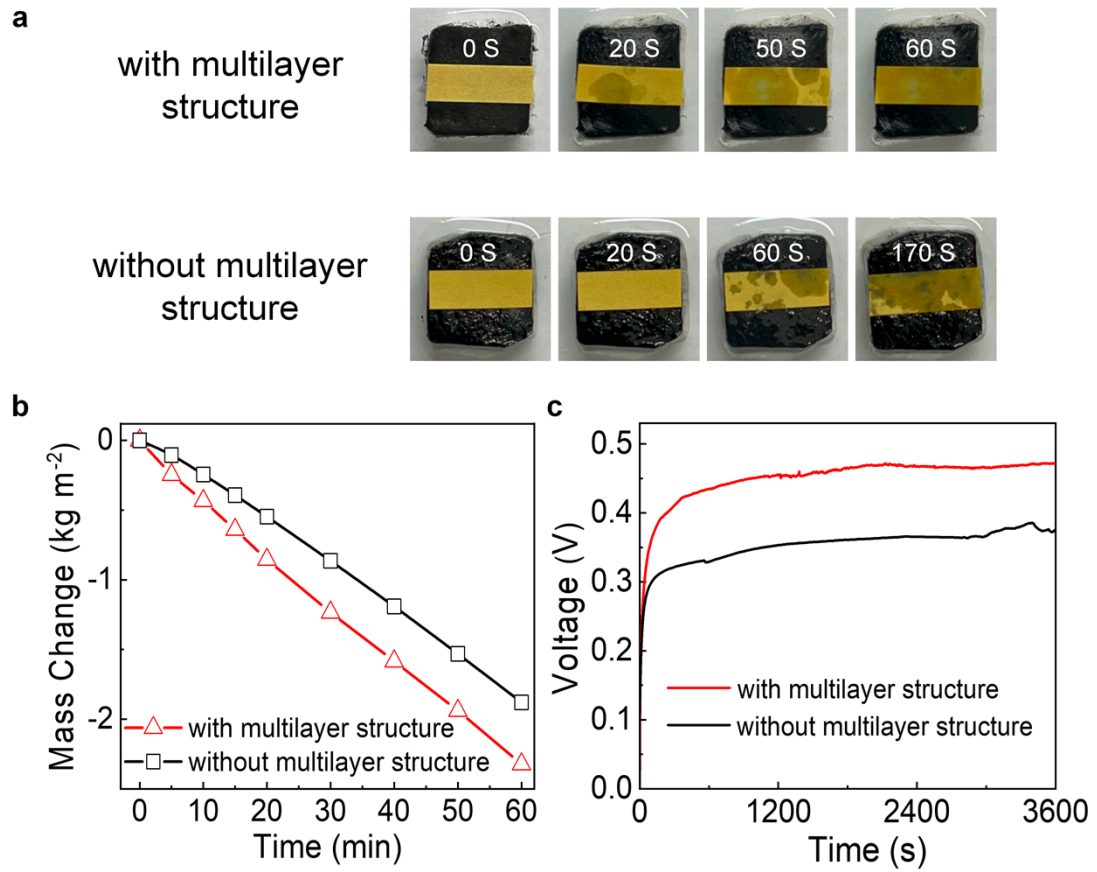
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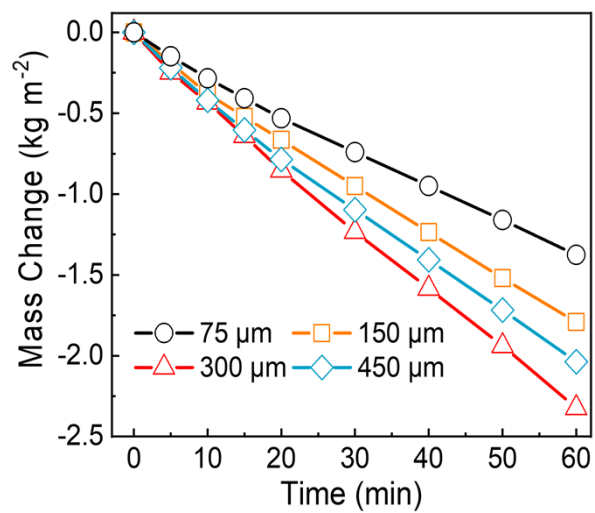
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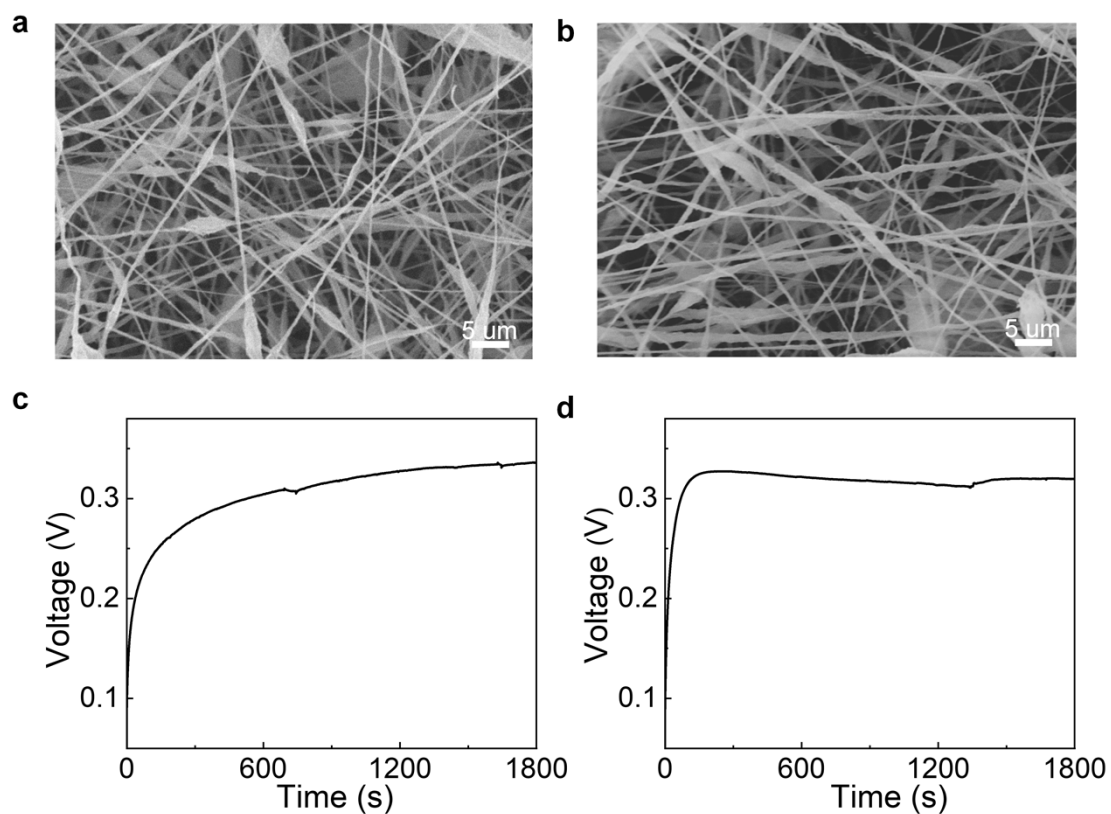
**Fig. S9** Electrochemical analysis at different interfacial ratios of the OCG gradient. (a) Specific capacitance and knee frequency of OCG gradient with different interfacial ratios. (b) Interfacial impedance and conductivity of the OCG gradient with different interfacial ratios.



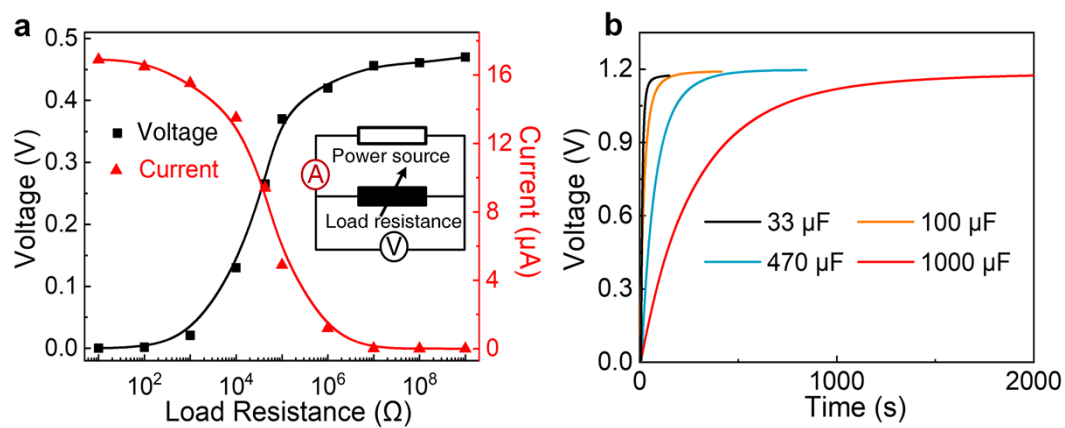
**Fig. S10** Effect of water transport and evaporation capacity of multilayer structure on power output. (a) Upward water transport capacity, (b) Mass change of evaporation, (c) Open-circuit voltage.



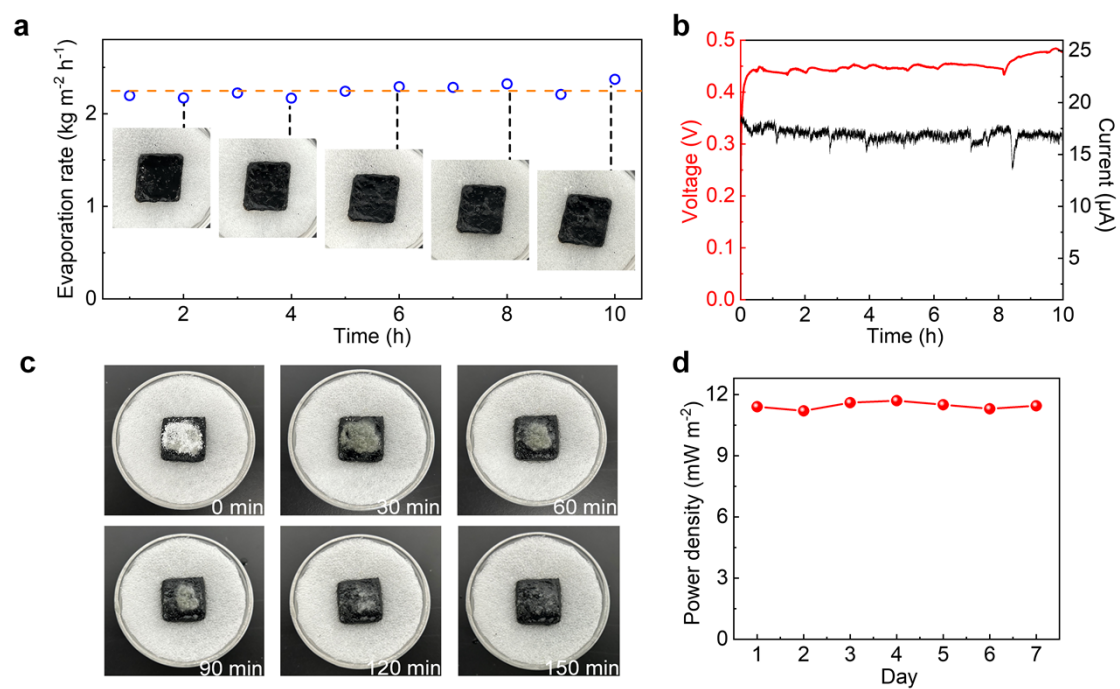
**Fig. S11** Mass change of evaporation of W-IENG with 4-OCG gradient at different migration distances.



**Fig. S12** SEM images and voltage outputs of the MI-GO/CNT interface with different fiber diameters. (a, c) Average diameter around 350 nm. (b, d) Average diameter around 470 nm. The diameter of the fibers was adjusted by changing the voltage applied in the electrospinning process, and the applied voltages were 15 kV and 20 kV, respectively.



**Fig. S13** Loaded power generation performance of the W-IENG. (a) Current and voltage generated by the W-IENG connected to a variable external load. (b) Voltage-time curves of commercial capacitors when charged by the integrated W-IENGs system.



**Fig. S14** Evaporation and power generation performance of W-IENG in seawater over the long term. (a) The variation of water evaporation rate with time under one sun in seawater. (b) Continuous voltage output and circuit current of W-IENG in seawater at one sun for about 10 h. (c) Self-cleaning process of W-IENG at night. (d) Output power of W-IENG immersed in seawater for 7 days.