

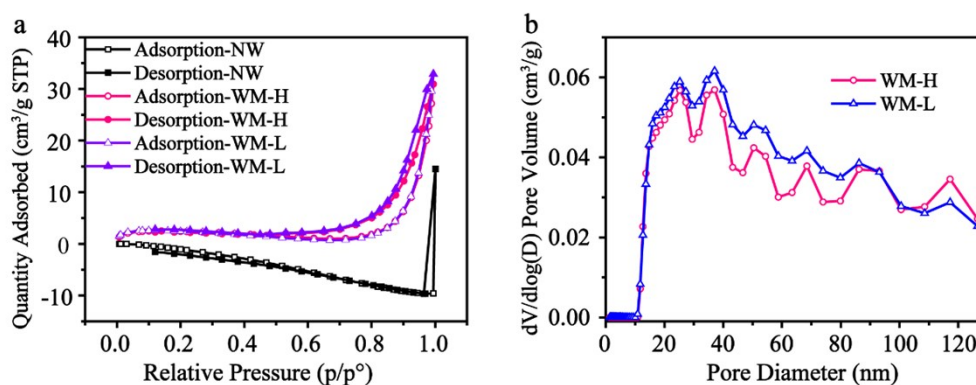
## Supporting Information for Publication

### Formation of S defects in MoS<sub>2</sub>-coated Wood for High-Efficiency Seawater Desalination

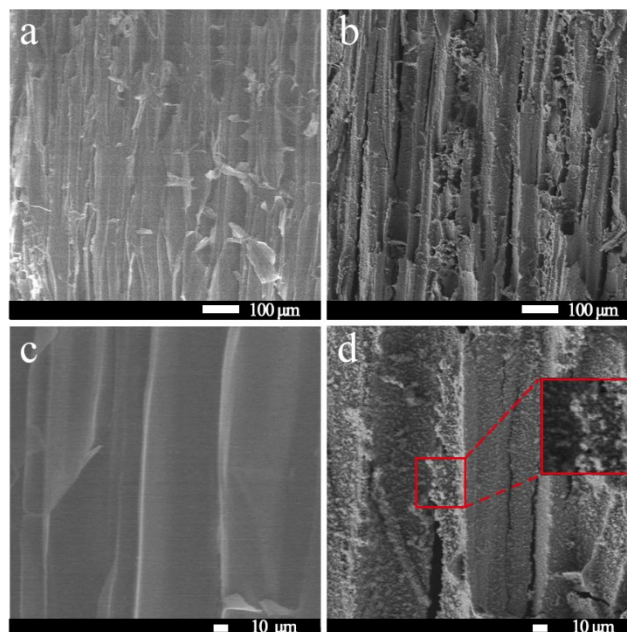
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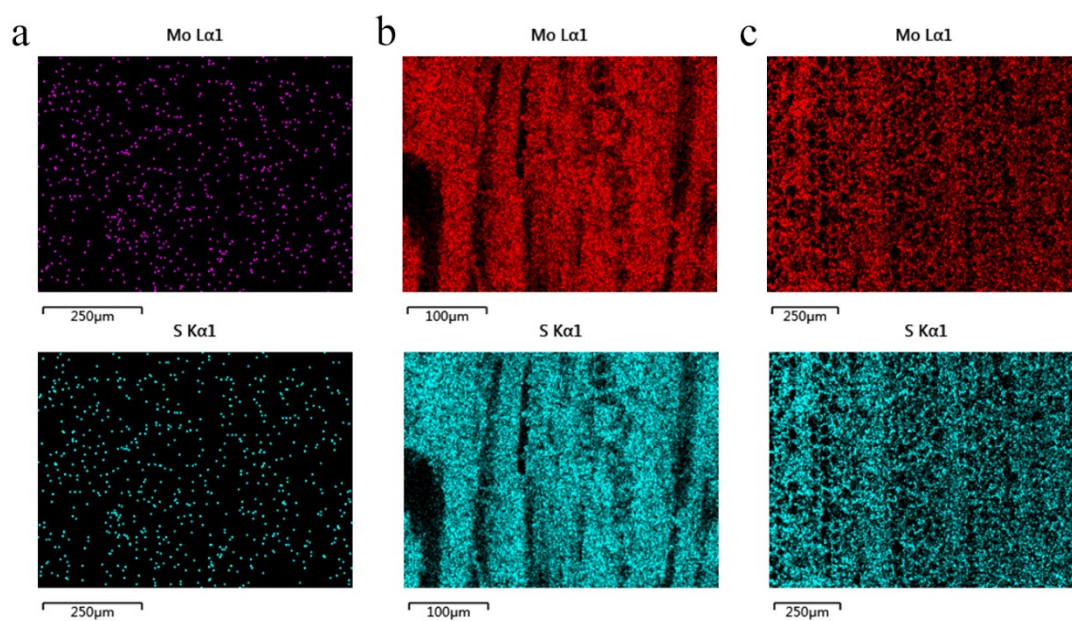
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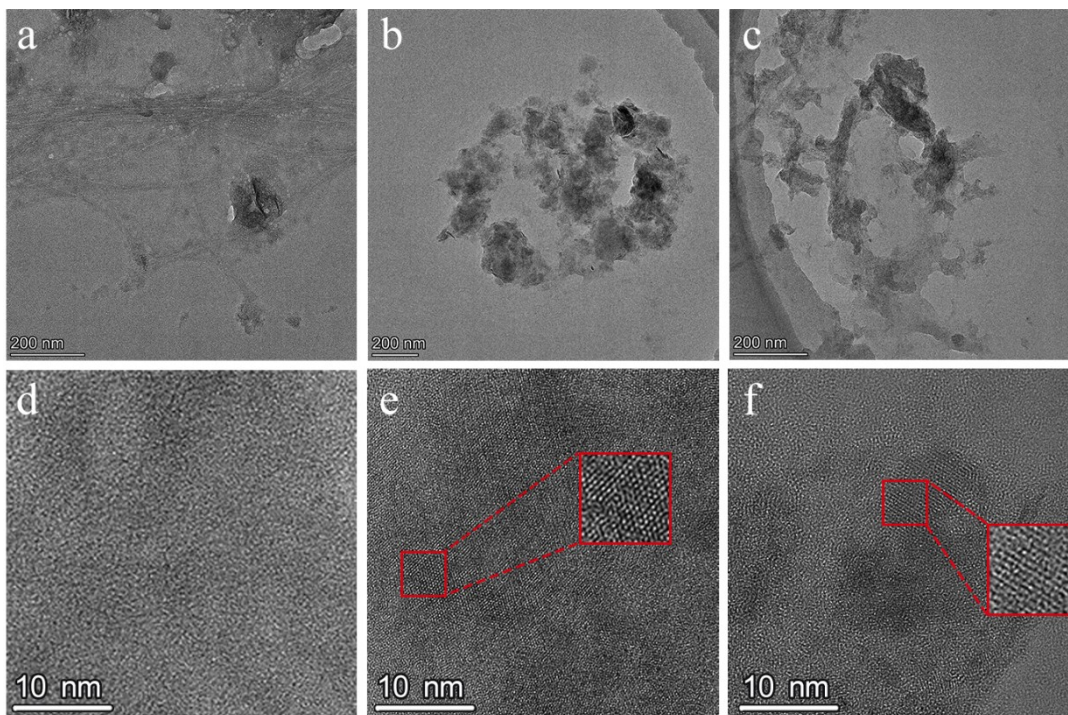
**Fig. S1** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption curves (a) and pore diameter distribution curves (b) of NW, WM-H and WM-L.



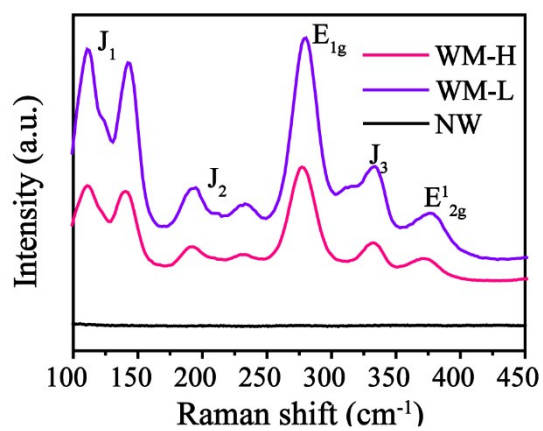
**Fig. S2** SEM images of radial sections of natural wood (NW) (a and c) and MoS<sub>2</sub>-coated wood (WM-H) (b and d).



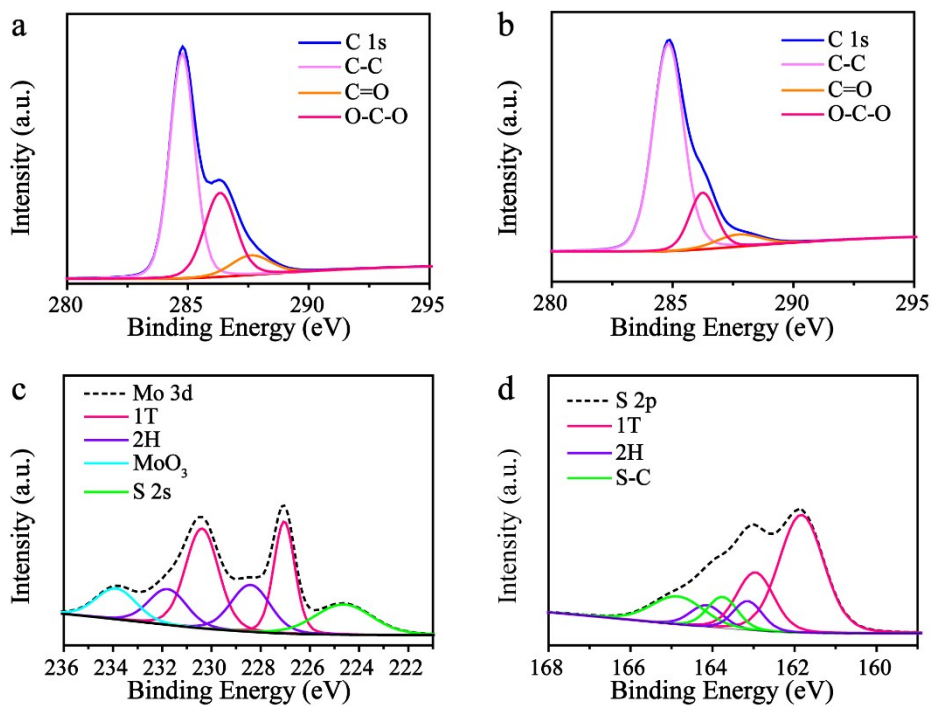
**Fig. S3** Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) images of NW (a), WM-H (b) and WM-L (c).



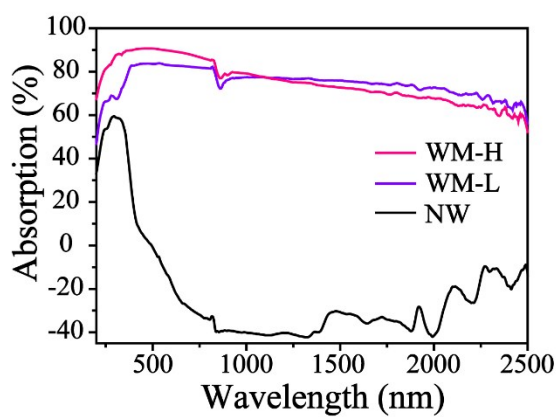
**Fig. S4** Typical TEM and HRTEM images of NW (a and d), WM-H (b and e) and WM-L (c and f).



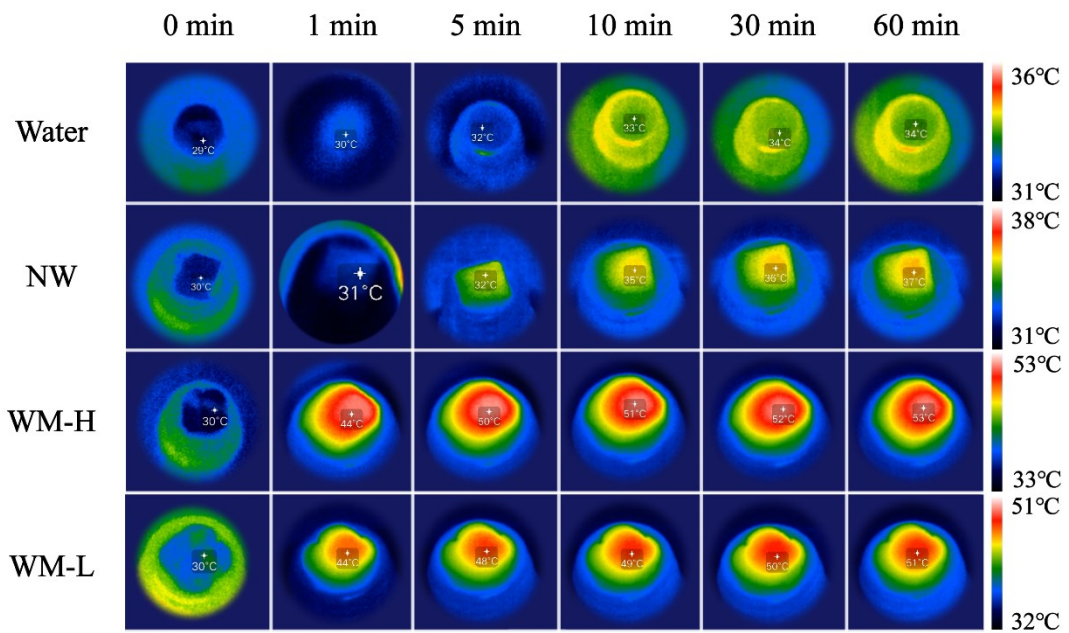
**Fig. S5** Raman spectra of NW, WM-H and WM-L.



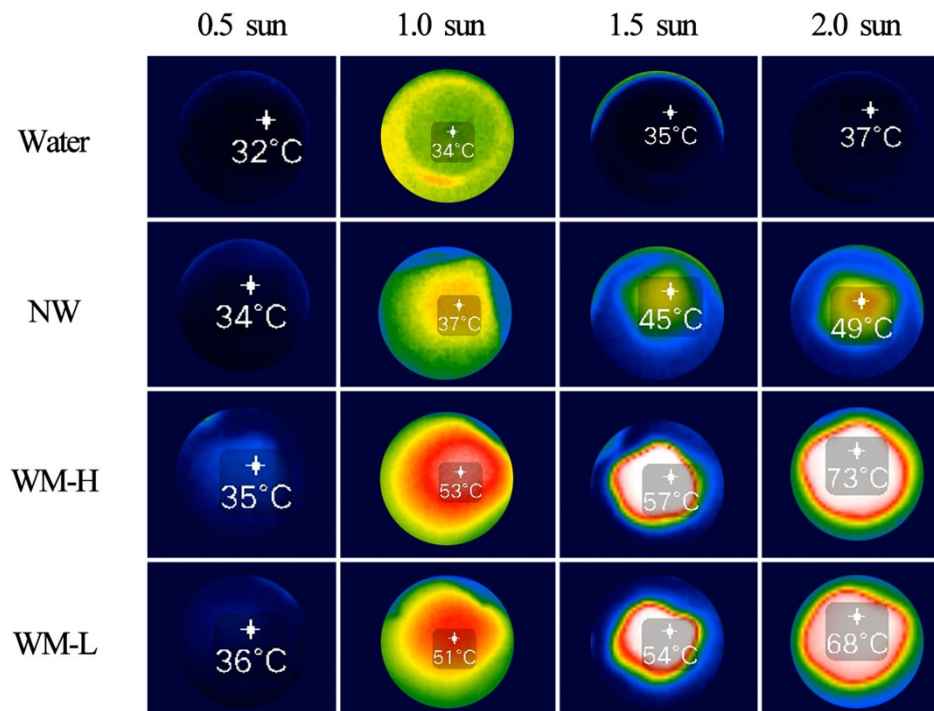
**Fig. S6** (a and b) C 1s spectra of NW and WM-L. (c and d) Mo 3d and S 2s XPS spectra of WM-L.



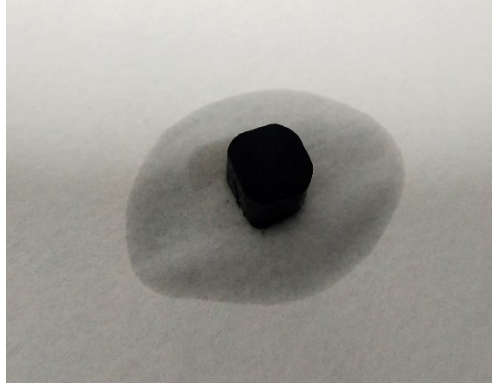
**Fig. S7** Absorption spectra of NW, WM-H and WM-L in the wavelength range of 200 nm to 2,500 nm.



**Fig. S8** Comparison of the surface temperatures of water, NW, WM-H and WM-L floating on water under 1 sun illumination.



**Fig. S9** Surface temperatures of natural wood, WM-H and WM-L floating on water after 60 min of solar illumination (0.5-2 sun).



**Fig. S10** Drops of water on the MoS<sub>2</sub>-coated wood can be quickly absorbed.

### Calculation details of the photothermal conversion efficiency

The photothermal conversion efficiency was obtained according to Eq. 1, where the net evaporation rate ( $m$ ) is the evaporation rate of water under light conditions minus the evaporation rate of water under dark conditions.  $h_{LV}$  is calculated according to the

following equations<sup>1, 2</sup>:

$$h_{LV, T_s} = \int_{T_s}^{100^\circ\text{C}} C_{p,l} dT + h_{LV, 100^\circ\text{C}} + \int_{100^\circ\text{C}}^{T_s} C_{p,v} dT$$

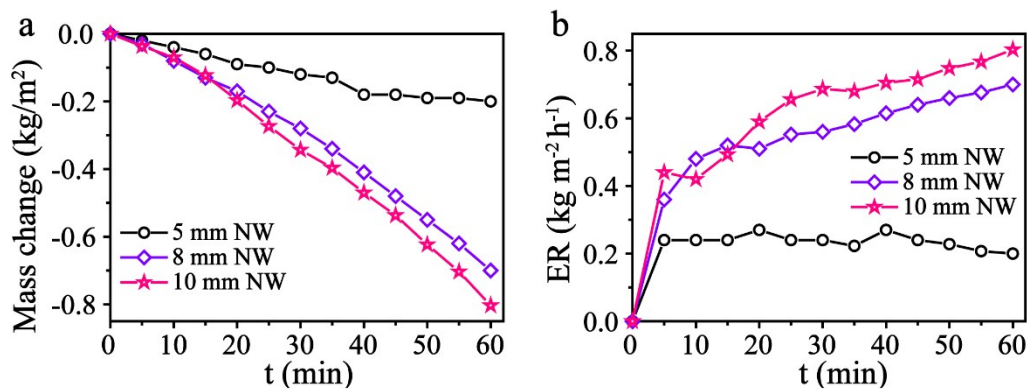
$$h_{LV, 100^\circ\text{C}} = 2257 \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1} \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$C_{p,l} = 4.1813 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{g}^{-1} \quad (\text{S3})$$

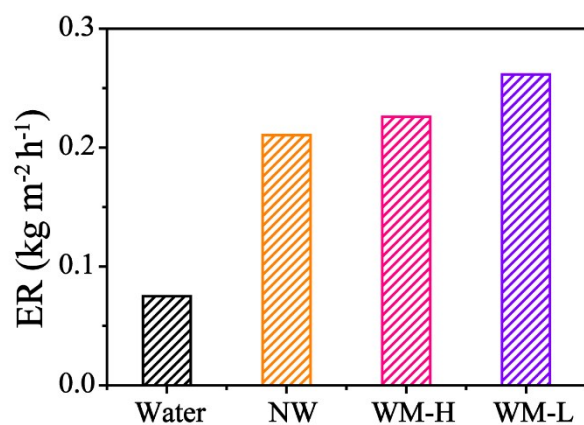
$$C_{p,v} = (3.470 + 1.45 \times 10^{-3} \times T + 0.121 \times 10^5 \times T^{-2}) \cdot R \text{ (J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol)} \quad (\text{S4})$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol} \quad (\text{S5})$$

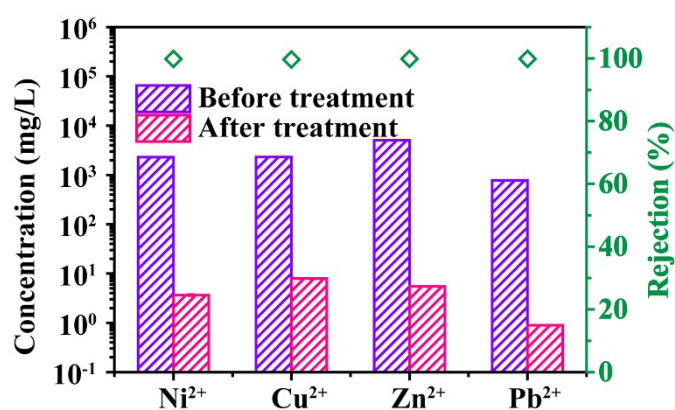
T is the temperature in Kelvin.



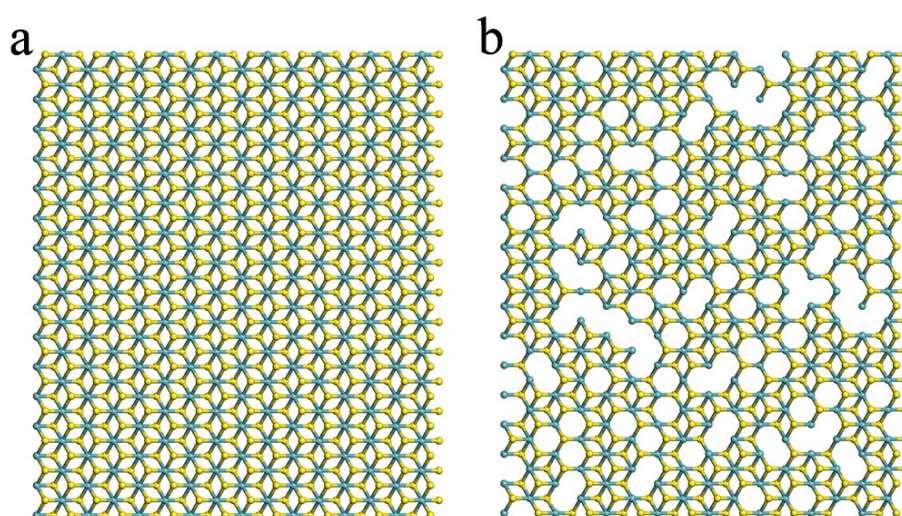
**Fig. S11** Mass changes and water evaporation rates of wood with different thicknesses.



**Fig. S12** Evaporation rates of water, NW, WM-H and WM-L under dark conditions.



**Fig. S13** Solar thermal purification of Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup> with WM-H in an actual seawater sample under one sun illumination. The actual seawater samples were taken from the Bohai Sea, Tianjin, China.



**Fig. S14** Atomic structures of MoS<sub>2</sub> without (a) and with (b) defects.

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