## Supplementary Information

## DLP 3D printed hydrogels with hierarchically structured

## pores post-programmed by lyophilization and ionic locking

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Supporting Videos

Movie S1: The squeeze-out and absorb-back of water from the 3D lattice hydrogels with micropores.



Fig. S1 Swelling kinetics of freeze-dried NA50 foams in different solvents.



Fig. S2 Optical images of a representative 3D printed NA50 hydrogel.



Fig. S3 SEM images of NIPAM-AA hydrogels before  $Fe^{3+}$  loading. a) Morphologies of freeze-dried hydrogels of different AA contents. b) Morphologies of NA50 hydrogels freeze-dried in different temperatures. c) Morphologies of unidirectional freeze-dried NA50 hydrogel. Scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m.



100 µm

Fig. S4 CLSM image of NA50 foams directly hydrated with pure water.



Fig. S5 Compressive modulus and stress comparison of NA50-1 M with preciously reported hydrogels.<sup>1-6</sup>



Fig. S6 TGA curves of NA50-0.1 M and NA50-1 M.



100 µm

Fig. S7 CLSM images of NA50-0.1 M hydrogels treated with a HCl aqueous solution with a pH of 1.



Fig. S8 DSC curves of pure water and NA50-1 M-PDA hydrogel.



Fig. S9 ATR-FTIR of NA50-1 M hydrogel and NA50-1 M-PDA hydrogel.



Fig. S10 A customized device for measuring the water evaporation rate.



Fig. S11 A customized device for capturing the desalination water. A condenser is made

of glass petri dishes filled with water at the bottom.



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Fig. S12 CLSM images of NA50-1 M-PDA before and after irradiation under 1 sun.

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