

## Supplementary Information

### In-situ Hydrogen Production in All-Level-Humidity Air: Integrating Atmospheric Water Harvesting with Photocatalysis

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## **S1. Experimental section**

### **S1.1. Resource availability**

#### **Lead contact**

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the lead contact, Maochang Liu (maochangliu@mail.xjtu.edu.cn).

#### **Materials availability**

All reagents were analytical grade and used without further purification. Sodium chlorite ( $\text{NaClO}_2$ ), acetic acid ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$ , 98%), potassium hydroxide (KOH), strontium chloride hexahydrate ( $\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), aluminum oxide ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), strontium titanate ( $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ), sodium hexachlororhodate ( $\text{Na}_3\text{RhCl}_6$ ), potassium chromate ( $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ ), lithium chloride (LiCl), sodium sulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), potassium hydrogen phthalate ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{KO}_4$ ), potassium iodide (KI), hydrogen peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ), and 5-dimethyl-1-pyrrolidine-N-oxide (DMPO) were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagen Co., Ltd. Ultrahigh purity argon ( $\text{Ar}$ ,  $\geq 99.999\%$ ) was provided by Shanxi Xinkang Medical Oxygen Co., Ltd. The poplar wood was supplied by pet store. The water used throughout the experiments are de-ionized water with a resistivity of  $18.2 \text{ M}\Omega \text{ cm}$ .

#### **Data and code availability**

The data that support the plots of this study may be reasonably requested from the corresponding authors.

### **S1.2. Synthesis of $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$**

The  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$  was fabricated according to our previous reported methods.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the mixture of  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  were mixed homogeneously *via* grinding in a molar ratio of 1:10:0.02, calcined in an alumina crucible in air at  $1100^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the obtained powders were washed 5 times with water and dried at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  in air for 10 h.

The  $\text{Rh/CrO}_x$  co-catalysts were loaded into  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$  via photo-deposition method. Briefly, it was prepared by adding  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$  (100 mg) to the mixture solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (64 mL) and methanol (16 mL) with  $\text{Na}_3\text{RhCl}_6$  (corresponding to a loading amount of 0.6wt% Rh on  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$ ) dispersed homogeneously by ultrasonication. Afterwards, the mixed solution was transferred to a Pyrex glass photocatalytic reactor with a volume of 105 mL with a circulating

water jacket and bubbled for 15 min using Ar to exhaust the air before irradiation with a 300 W Xe lamp (Perfect Light PLS-SXE300+, China) for 1 h. Afterwards,  $K_2CrO_4$  (corresponding to a loading amount of 1.0wt% Cr on  $SrTiO_3:Al$ ) was added to the solution and irradiated for another 1 h. The reaction was carried out through continuous stirring using a magnetic stirrer and the reaction temperature was maintained at 35°C using circulating water. After the reaction, the reaction solution was centrifuged, washed three times with deionized water, and dried at 60°C in air overnight.

### **S1.3. Synthesis of NFC suspensions**

Nanofibrillar cellulose (NFC) suspensions were prepared by purification of poplar wood powder following the well-reported chemical treatment coupled with mechanical methods with a slight modification.<sup>2,3</sup> Typically, it was prepared by adding  $NaClO_2$  (4 g) to aqueous solution (400 g), followed by drops of acetic acid to tune the pH of the reaction solution (pH=4.7) to obtain an aqueous solution of acidified  $NaClO_2$ . The entire process was carried out under magnetic stirring. Subsequently, poplar wood powder (10 g) was dissolved to the above solution in a 500 mL single-necked flask and reacted at 75°C for 1 h in a preheated oil bath. This procedure was repeated 5 times to remove a number of lignin from the wood powder. Afterwards, the reactants were reacted in 400 g of aqueous KOH (5 wt%) in a preheated oil bath at 90°C for 2 h to remove a set of hemicellulose. The sample was further treated with acidified  $NaClO_2$  solution at 75°C for 1 h (2 times) and with 5 wt% KOH solution at 90°C for 2 h. Each procedure was followed by filtration and washing with deionized water to obtain chemically purified cellulose pulp. Finally, the as-prepared undried cellulose pulp was suspended in deionized water and nano-fibrillated using an ultrasonic crusher (Saifei Biosafe 3D, China) for 60 min to generate a 1 wt% NFC suspension.

### **S1.4. Synthesis of NFC@LiCl-SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al**

NFC@LiCl-SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al (NLS) was fabricated via a combination of solution replacement and freeze-drying methods. Initially, 30 g of NFC suspension (1 wt%) was placed in a 150 mL freezing mold. Subsequently, 3 mL of  $SrTiO_3:Al$  (20 mg) aqueous solution was uniformly dispersed on the surface of NFC suspension. The samples were allowed to stand at room temperature for 12 h to generate a  $SrTiO_3:Al$ /NFC composite gel. Afterwards, 50 g of LiCl



aqueous solution (5 wt%) was slowly dripped into the above sample along the inner wall of the mold, followed by removal of the excess LiCl solution after 24-h resting time at room temperature. Finally, the gel in the freezing mold was pre-cooled in a -30°C refrigerator and immediately freeze-dried for 48 h to synthesize NLS-20. For the preparation of NLS series, the procedures were kept the same except that different amounts of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al (5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg, and 80 mg) dispersions were dropped onto the surface of the NFC suspension prior to the solution displacement. The modified NLS was designated as NLS-*x*. Here, *x* = 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80, indicating the amount of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al used during the synthesis. For the synthesis of NFC@LiCl (NL), the processes were similar to that of NLS, except that the SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al dispersion was not used to drop onto the surface of NFC suspension prior to the solution displacement reaction, as well as being left at room temperature for 12 h.

#### **S1.5. Design of device for photocatalytic water splitting for H<sub>2</sub> production**

The novel overhead illumination device for photocatalytic water splitting under atmospheric pressure was designed, in the case of that prepared NLS-*x* is a round block gel with a diameter of about 3.5 cm (Figure S12). The device is composed of a quartz light-transmitting cover attached to reaction chamber, which were sealed by a sealing gasket and three sets of clips. The inlet side of the reaction chamber is connected to Ar through the first vacuum valve, where the outlet side is equipped with the second vacuum valve, and the gas sampling port is provided in the upper part. Specifically, the overhead illumination device for photocatalytic water splitting under atmospheric pressure was sealed after putting the moisture-absorbing NLS in reaction chamber. Prior to the reaction, the reaction chamber was purged with Ar for 3 min through connecting Ar to the first vacuum valve. After the purge, the second vacuum valve was closed, followed by the first vacuum valve. Finally, the Xe lamp light source (Perfect Light PLS-SXE300+, China) was turned on, whose current was tuned for photocatalytic water splitting.

#### **S1.6. Material characterization**

N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms were measured at 77 K using an accelerated surface area and porosimetry analyzer (Micromeritics ASAP 2460, USA). Specific surface areas of samples were determined based on the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) approach, and pore-size distributions and pore volumes of samples were estimated based on Barrett-Joyner-Halenda

(BJH) approach. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of the prepared samples were observed by a field-emission scanning electron microscope (JEOL JSM-7800F, Japan). Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of samples were collected using a microscope (FEI Tecnai G<sup>2</sup> F30 S-Twin, USA) attached with a detector (OXFORD MAX-80, UK) for collecting energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) signals at 300 kV. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were acquired from a diffractometer (PANalytical X'pert MPD Pro, Netherlands) with scan range between 5° and 90° using Cu K $\alpha$  irradiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.5406 Å, 40 kV/40 mA). Fourier-transform infrared (FTIR) spectra were measured by an FTIR spectrophotometer (Bruker Vertex70, Germany) in the wavenumber range of 4000 ~ 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra were recorded on a spectrometer (Kratos Axis Ultra DLD, Japan) equipped with a standard and monochromatic Al K $\alpha$  line as the excitation source ( $h\nu$  = 1486.6 eV), and were calibrated with the adventitious C 1s peak at 284.8 eV. Ultraviolet–visible (UV–vis) spectrum were confirmed by a UV–vis NIR spectrophotometer (Agilent Cary 5000, USA) in the range of 300~800 nm. Steady-state photoluminescence (PL) spectra qualitatively evaluating the recombination of photogenerated carriers were acquired from steady state & lifetime fluorescence spectrometer (Edinburgh Instruments FLS1000, UK) with an excitation wavelength of 365 nm. Curves of thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) were characterized by a thermal analyzer (NETZSCH STA 449 C, Germany) in air atmosphere with the range from 30 to 850°C and a ramp rate of 10°C min<sup>-1</sup>. The wettability of the sample's surface was characterized by measuring the contact angle (CA) of deionized water on an optical CA measuring instrument (Biolin Theta lite, Finland) in ambient air at room temperature. The infrared images of the samples were taken by a thermal imaging camera (FLIR One Pro, US). Reactive radicals of water oxidation intermediates during photocatalytic reactions were detected by an electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) instrument (Bruker EMX, Germany) at a microwave frequency of 9.40 GHz.

### **S1.7. Atmospheric water uptake**

The prepared NL as well as NLS-*x* were placed in a constant temperature and humidity chamber (Shanghai Langxuan Experimental Equipment Co., Ltd. SPX-150-C, China) for 24 h to evaluate the atmospheric water uptake capacity of the samples under different humidity

environments. Meanwhile, the mass change of the samples was recorded on an electronic balance (METTLER TOLEDO ME204E, Switzerland) with an accuracy of 0.0001 g. It should be noted that the water absorption test of each material was repeated 3 times. The moisture uptake of the samples during moisture absorption was calculated by [Equation \(1\)](#):

$$\text{Moisture uptake} = \frac{m_i - m_a}{m_a} \quad (1)$$

where  $m_i$  denotes the mass of samples after moisture absorption at various times, and  $m_a$  is the initial weight of sample before absorption.

### S1.8. Photocatalytic reactions

Photocatalytic reactions of  $\text{H}_2$  production by atmospheric water splitting were conducted in a 130 mL device designed in Section 1.5 with overhead irradiation at ambient temperature using a Xe lamp irradiation (Perfect Light PLS-SXE300+, China). In detail, the NLS- $x$  saturated with moisture in air was placed in device, irradiated by Xe lamp after being evacuated by Ar for 3 min. The evolved gases were analyzed per 1 h by gas chromatography (Bruker GC-450, Germany) equipped with a thermal conductivity detector (TCD) and high-purity Ar as the carrier gas.

The solar-to- $\text{H}_2$  (STH) energy conversion efficiency was evaluated using a 300 W Xe lamp (Perfect Light PLS-SXE300+, China) as simulated solar light source. The light intensity was measured using a photo radiometer (Perfect Light PL-MW 2000, China). The STH was calculated according to [Equation \(2\)](#):

$$\text{STH} = \frac{R_{\text{H}_2} \times \Delta G_r}{P_{\text{sun}} \times S} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

where  $R_{\text{H}_2}$  represents the rate of photocatalytic water splitting for  $\text{H}_2$  production ( $\text{mmol s}^{-1}$ ). The  $R_{\text{H}_2}$  of NLS-20 after moisture absorption in 90% RH and 25% RH environments were  $1.82 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $4.45 \times 10^{-6}$   $\text{mmol s}^{-1}$ , respectively. Molar Gibbs free energy of water splitting reaction ( $\text{J mol}^{-1}$ ),  $P_{\text{sun}}$  is irradiated intensity (1.4904 sun) of NLS-20 under Xe lamp,  $S$  is irradiated area ( $9.62 \text{ cm}^2$ ). Standard molar Gibbs free energy of water splitting,  $\Delta G^\theta_r = 237 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

The STH of NLS-20 after moisture absorption in 90% RH calculated from [Equation \(2\)](#):

$$\text{STH} = \frac{1.82 \times 10^{-5} \times 2.37 \times 10^{-3}}{1.4904 \times 9.62} \times 100\% = 0.3\%$$

The STH of NLS-20 after moisture absorption in 30% RH calculated from [Equation \(2\)](#):

$$\text{STH} = \frac{4.45 \times 10^{-6} \times 2.37 \times 10^{-3}}{1.4904 \times 9.62} \times 100\% = 0.07\%$$

### S.1.9. Practical outdoor in-situ H<sub>2</sub> production from air

The outdoor in-situ H<sub>2</sub> production from air experiment utilizing the NLS-20 was conducted on July 24 and 25, 2024, at the Xingqing Campus of Xi'an Jiaotong University. The hygroscopic process was identical to that described in Section S1.7, with the exception that the hygroscopic environment was outdoors. Similarly, the H<sub>2</sub> production process mirrored that of Section S1.8, but with two key differences: H<sub>2</sub> detection tape (Nitro DX-2106H, Japan) was affixed to the inner wall of the H<sub>2</sub> production device (described in Section S1.5), and natural light was utilized instead of a 300 W Xe lamp (Perfect Light PLS-SXE300+, China).

### S1.10. Electronic energy band structure test of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al

The band gap of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al was estimated on the basis of the Tauc [Equation \(3\)](#):

$$F(R)hv = A(hv - E_g)^{\frac{n}{2}} \quad (3)$$

in which  $h$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $A$ , and  $E_g$  represents Planck constant, light frequency, proportionality constant and band gap, respectively, while  $n$  depends on the nature of transition in a semiconductor. The values of  $E_g$  were determined from the plot of  $(F(R)hv)^{2/n}$  against  $h\nu$  and corresponded to the intercept of the extrapolated linear portion of the plot near the band edge with the  $h\nu$  axis. SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al samples were treated as the semiconductors with allowed direct transition. The values of  $E_g$  were thus determined from the plot of  $(F(R)hv)^2$  against  $h\nu$  ([Figure S14b](#)).

The Mott–Schottky (MS) analysis was performed with an Electrochemical workstation (Shanghai Chenhua Instrument Co. CHI760D, China) to characterize the flat band potential of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al to obtain the conduction band position. In the test, a 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution was used as the electrolyte, a photoelectrode was used as the working electrode, a Pt sheet was used as the counter electrode, and an Ag/AgCl (saturated KCl) was used as the reference electrode. The potential versus Ag/AgCl was converted to reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE) using the [Equation \(4\)](#):

$$E_{(\text{versus RHE})} = E_{(\text{versus Ag/AgCl})} + E_{\text{Ag/AgCl}}^0 + 0.0591 \times \text{pH} \quad (4)$$

where  $E_{\text{Ag/AgCl}}^0 = 0.197$  versus RHE at 298 K.

#### S1.11. Detection of $\bullet\text{O}_2^-$

The tests were conducted in the presence of light from a Xe lamp (Perfect Light PLS-SXE300+, China). Specifically, 5 mL of methanol was added to NLS-20 in a 50 mL  $\text{H}_2$ -producing flask followed by an Ar purge for 3 min and then injected with 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of DMPO. Before and after illumination for 10 min, the mixtures were characterized by a Bruker EMX type spectrometer at room temperature and its EPR spectrum was collected.

#### S1.12. Detection of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

The amount of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  was analyzed by iodometry.<sup>4</sup> 3 mL of NLS-20 aqueous solution after  $\text{H}_2$  production was diluted 20-fold and filtrated with a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  to remove the photocatalyst. 1 mL of 0.1 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$   $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{KO}_4$  aqueous solution and 1 mL of 0.4 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$  KI aqueous solution were added to obtained solution, and kept for 30 min. The amount of  $\text{I}_3^-$  was determined by means of UV-vis spectroscopy on the basis of the absorbance at 350 nm.

## S2. Supporting Tables

**Table S1.** Specific surface areas and pore volumes of NFC, NL, and NLS-20.

Sample	BET specific surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore volume (single point of pores less than 283.89 nm at $P/P_0$ =0.9932) (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
NFC	3.65	0.0202
NL	1.64	0.0047
NLS-20	1.51	0.0045

**Table S2.** Comparison of water sorption properties of some reported state-of-the-art AWH materials.

Material	Moisture uptake ( $\text{g}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{g}_{\text{sorbent}}^{-1}$ )	Sorption saturation time (min)	Forms and mass of samples	Sample Placement	Testing condition	Ref.
<b>NLS-20</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>1440</b>	<b>Gel block (9.6 cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90% RH, 25°C<sup>a)</sup></b>	<b>This work</b>
MOF-801-hydrazine-0.25	0.292	30	Powders (0.3 g)	NF (5.0×5.0×0.3 cm)	30% RH, 25°C <sup>b)</sup>	<a href="#">5</a>
NBHA	2.36	180	Gel blocks	-	95% RH, 25°C <sup>a)</sup>	<a href="#">6</a>
POG	6.12 <sup>d)</sup>	1440	Gel blocks	-	90% RH, 25°C <sup>a)</sup>	<a href="#">7</a>
LiCl@rGO-SA	2.6	480	Gel block	-	60% RH, 30°C <sup>c)</sup>	<a href="#">8</a>
SHPFs	1.53	~ 240	Gel films (d=0.7 cm)	-	60% RH, <sup>d)</sup>	<a href="#">9</a>
LCP	0.97	~ 600	Gel block (2 g)	LiCl concentrations c 0.4 g g <sup>-1</sup>	30% RH, 25°C <sup>a)</sup>	<a href="#">10</a>
PDMAPS-LiCl	0.62	120	Gel block	-	30% RH, 25°C <sup>d)</sup>	<a href="#">11</a>
PCLG	1.5 <sup>g)</sup>	~ 250	Gel block	-	30% RH, 30°C <sup>a)</sup>	<a href="#">12</a>
LiCl@HGAFs	0.66	~ 300	Gel block	-	30% RH, <sup>g)</sup>	<a href="#">13</a>
PAMPS-CNT-LiCl	6	600	milligram-scale	-	90% RH, 30°C <sup>d)</sup>	<a href="#">14</a>
HEMHs	2.36	240	Gel films (9×9×2 mm)	-	70% RH, 25°C <sup>a)</sup>	<a href="#">15</a>
SA/CNTs/MC	1.2	720	Gel films	-	70% RH, 20°C <sup>d)</sup>	<a href="#">16</a>
CNF/LiCl-1.5	1.59	720	Gel block	-	95% RH, 25°C <sup>c)</sup>	<a href="#">17</a>
PAMPS-CNT-LiCl	5.45	600	Gel block	-	90% RH, 25°C <sup>d)</sup>	<a href="#">14</a>

<sup>a)</sup> constant temperature and humidity chamber; <sup>b)</sup> Natural surroundings; <sup>c)</sup> thermogravimetric analyzer, equipped with a moisture humidity generator; <sup>d)</sup> dynamic vapor sorption (DVS); <sup>e)</sup> Saturated solutions of KNO<sub>3</sub>, <sup>f)</sup> kg m<sup>-2</sup>, <sup>g)</sup> g cm<sup>-3</sup>.

**Table S3.** Comparison of properties of H<sub>2</sub> production from air without intermediate energy supply of some reported state-of-the-art materials.

	System	Atmospheric water sorption				H <sub>2</sub> production		Ref	
Material	Forms and mass	Catalyst component s	Performance	Saturat ion time	Testing condition	Performance	Material supply	Energy supply	
NLS-20	Block, 9.6 cm <sup>2</sup>	SrTiO <sub>3</sub> :Al, 20 mg	4.26 g <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> g <sub>NLS-20</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	24 h	90% RH, 25°C	65.45 μmol h <sup>-1</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	Simulated light	This work
CW550/Pt-CN	Block, 4 cm <sup>2</sup>	Pt-CN, 50 mg	0.56 g <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> g <sub>CW550/Pt-CN</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	-	70%RH	15.99 μmol h <sup>-1</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	Simulated light	18
Pt-Py-HMPA	Powder, 5 mg	Pt-Py-HMPA, 5 mg	-	-	65%-50% RH, 20-28°C	0.53 μmol h <sup>-1</sup>	25 mL of H <sub>2</sub> O containing 0.1 M ascorbic acid	Simulated light	19
CaCl <sub>2</sub> -PAAm-Pt-TiO <sub>2</sub> /PTFE	Block, 28.27 cm2	Pt-TiO <sub>2</sub> , 70 mg	~0.52 g <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> g <sub>CaCl<sub>2</sub>-PAAm</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	~8 h	75% RH	29.78 μmol h <sup>-1</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O with polyethylene glycol 2000	Simulated light	20



**Table S4.** Comparison of properties of H<sub>2</sub> production from air with intermediate energy supply of some reported state-of-the-art materials.

System			Atmospheric water sorption				H <sub>2</sub> production		Reference	
Cathode	Anode	Reference electrode	Electrolyte	Performance	Testing condition	Performance	Photocurrent	Energy supply	Technology	
Pt mesh (4 cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ni Foam (4 cm <sup>2</sup> )	-	melamine sponge/KOH (7.84 cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.75 g <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> g <sub>KOH</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	60% RH	-	574 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Constant current (4.0V)	Electrocatalytic	21
Pt mesh (4 cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ni Foam (4 cm <sup>2</sup> )	-	melamine sponge/KOH (7.84 cm <sup>2</sup> )	-	20-40% RH, 20-40°C	8.3 mmol h <sup>-1</sup>	400 mA	Solar panel (6.0 V, 400 mA)	Photovoltaic-electrocatalytic	21
Pt sheet (4 cm <sup>2</sup> )	BaTiO <sub>3</sub> @BiVO <sub>4</sub> (1 cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ag/AgC 1	Co hydrogel (0.5 mL)	-	70.0% RH	-	0.4 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	Polysilicon solar cell (1.15 V under 10 mW cm <sup>-2</sup> LED illumination)		22
BTO@MoS <sub>2</sub> on carbon cloth (1 cm <sup>2</sup> )	BTO@MoS <sub>2</sub> on carbon cloth (1 cm <sup>2</sup> )	-	Co hydrogel (200 mg)	2 g <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> g <sub>Co hydrogel</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	80%RH	0.178 mmol h <sup>-1</sup>	12.5 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Polysilicon solar cell (4.8 V, 15.6 mA under 10 mW cm <sup>-2</sup> LED illumination)		23
FeOOH/Cu <sub>2</sub> O	FeOOH/BiVO <sub>4</sub>	-	Co Super-hygroscopic hydrogel	-	95%RH	30 μmol h <sup>-1</sup>	2 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Polysilicon solar cell (0 V under 100 mW cm <sup>-2</sup> )		24
FeOOH/Cu <sub>2</sub> O	FeOOH/BiVO <sub>4</sub>	-	Co Super-hygroscopic hydrogel	-	95%RH		0.75 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	100 mW cm <sup>-2</sup> illumination	Photo-electrocatalysis	24
Pt sheet	Cu <sub>2</sub> O@BTO (100 mg) on fluorine doped tin oxide	Ag/AgC 1	Co hydrogel (150.2 mg, 18 cm <sup>2</sup> )	-	70.0% RH	-	224.3 μA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Constant applied voltage of 0 V versus reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE) under 10 mW cm <sup>-2</sup> LED illumination		25

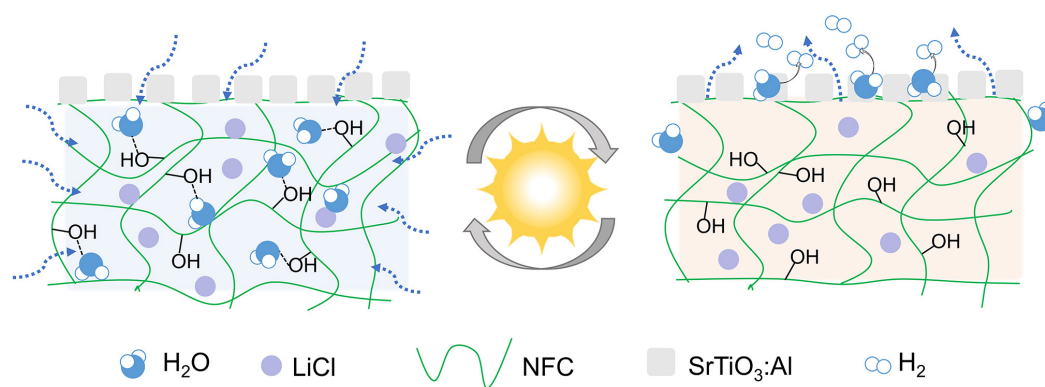
**Table S5.** Comparison of H<sub>2</sub> production performance of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al in the NLS-20 System and in a suspension environment.

Sample	SrTiO <sub>3</sub> :Al Co-catalyst	Mass	Material supply	Energy supply	Background pressure	H <sub>2</sub> production rate
NLS-20 (Block, 9.6 cm <sup>2</sup> )	Rh/CrO <sub>x</sub>	20 mg	Atmospheric water (~4.5 g)	Simulated light (1.4 sun)	Atmospheric pressure	65.45 (μmol h <sup>-1</sup> )
SrTiO <sub>3</sub> :Al (suspension)	Rh/CrO <sub>x</sub>	20 mg	Purified liquid water (50 g)	Simulated light (1.4 sun)	Atmospheric pressure	82.84 (μmol h <sup>-1</sup> )

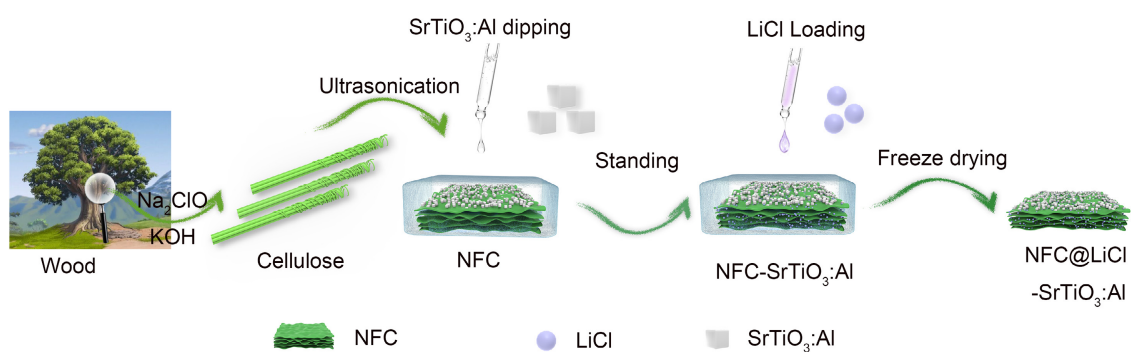
**Table S6.** Amount of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in aqueous solution before and after NLS-20 H<sub>2</sub> production.

Sample	Absorbance (a.u)	Concentration of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (μmol L <sup>-1</sup> )		Amount of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (μmol)
		Sample tested	Entire system	
NLS-20 after H <sub>2</sub> production	0.22374	25.52	510.41	3.36
Moisture- absorbed NLS-20	0.06677	12.68	12.68	0.05

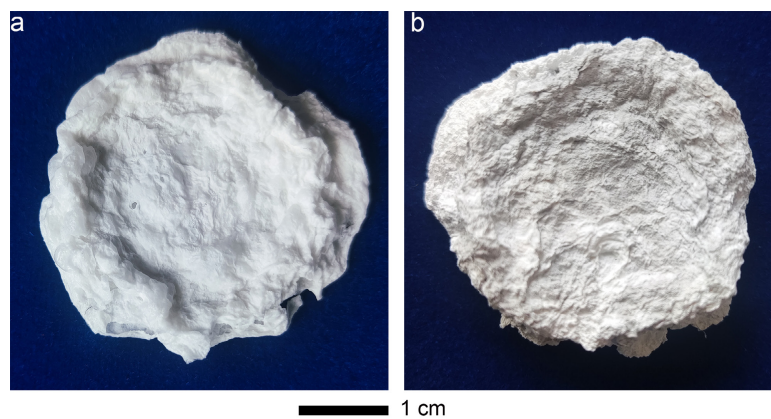
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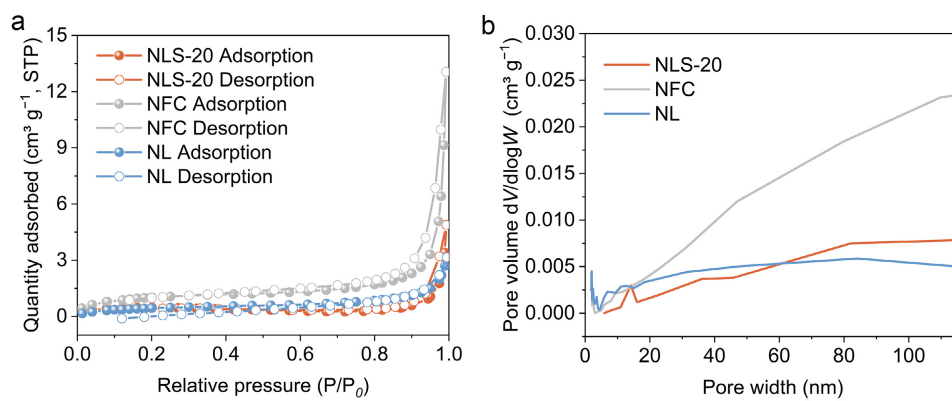
**Figure S1.** Schematic illustration of the process of H<sub>2</sub> production from air by NLS-*x*, including moisture absorption (left) and solar-driven water desorption and H<sub>2</sub> production (right).



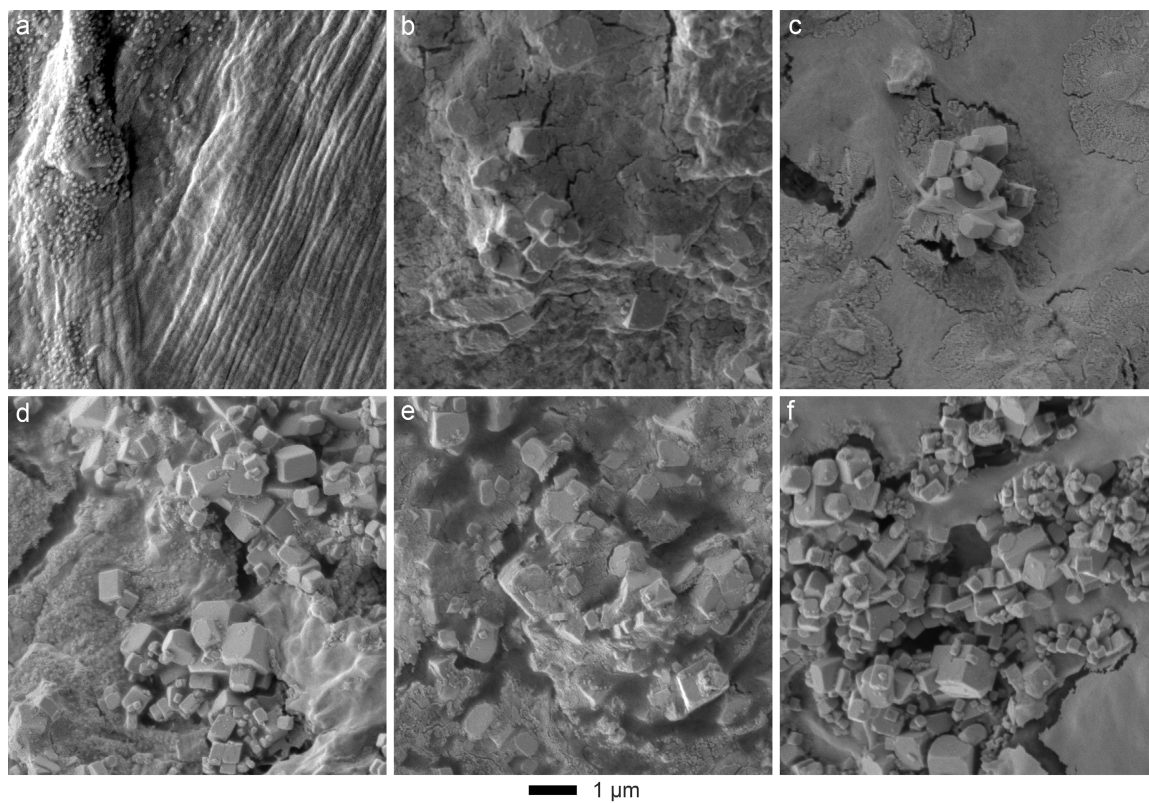
**Figure S2.** Schematic illustration of the experimental fabrication process of NLS-*x*.



**Figure S3.** Digital images of (a) NL and (b) NLS-20. Scale bar: (a-b) 1 cm.

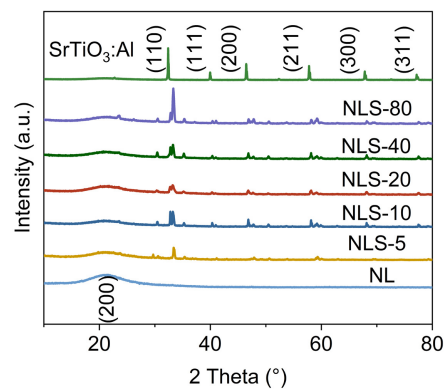


**Figure S4.** (a)  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms, and derived (b) pore-size distribution curves of NLS-20, NFC, and NL.

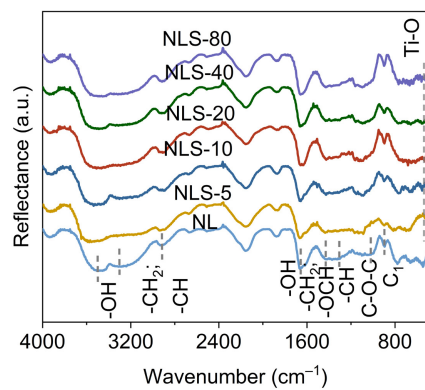


**Figure S5.** SEM images of (a) NL, (b) NLS-5, (c) NLS-10, (d) NLS-20, (e) NLS-40, and (f) NLS-80. Scale bar: (a-f) 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

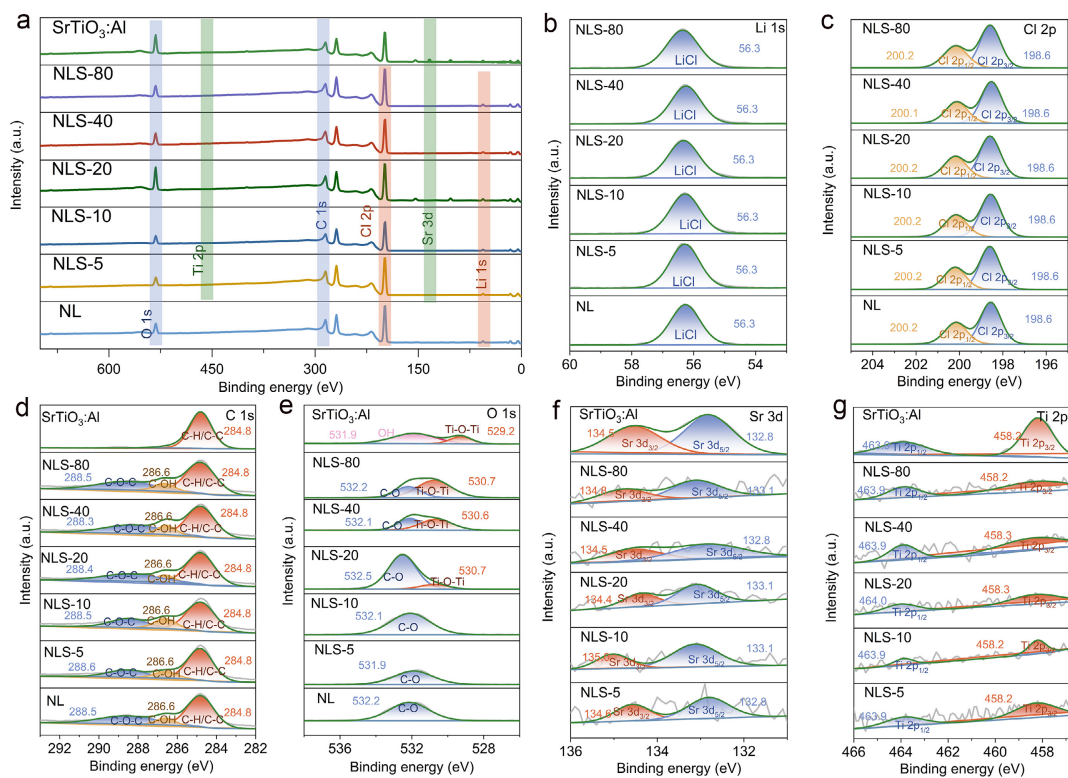




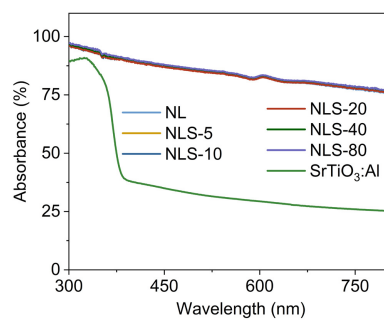
**Figure S6.** XRD patterns of prepared NL, NLS- $x$ , and  $\text{SrTiO}_3:\text{Al}$ .



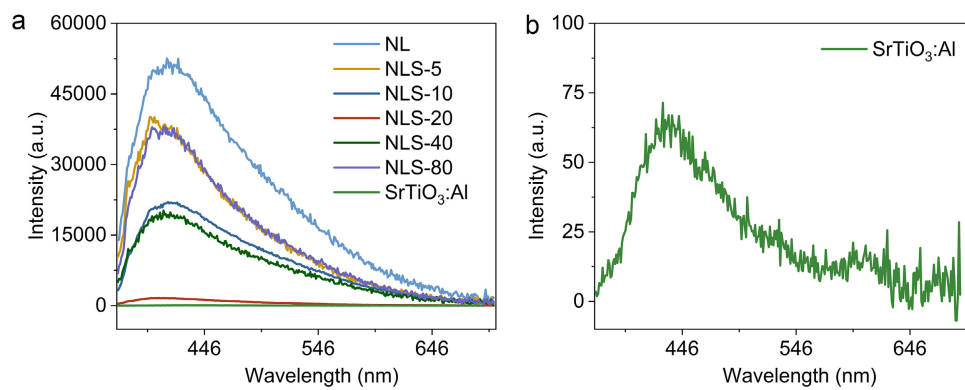
**Figure S7.** FTIR spectra of prepared NL, NLS- $x$ , and SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al.



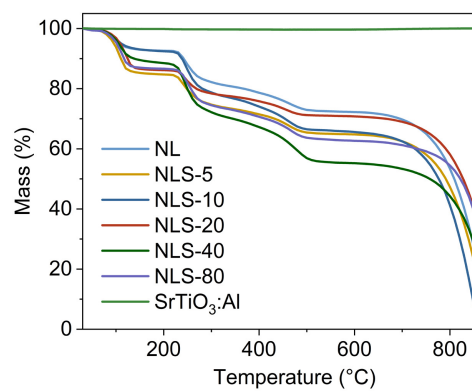
**Figure S8.** (a) XPS survey spectrum of prepared NL, NLS- $x$ , and  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$  and high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) Li 1s, (c) Cl 2p, (d) C 1s, (e) O 1s, (f) Sr 3d, and (g) Ti 2p in the prepared samples.



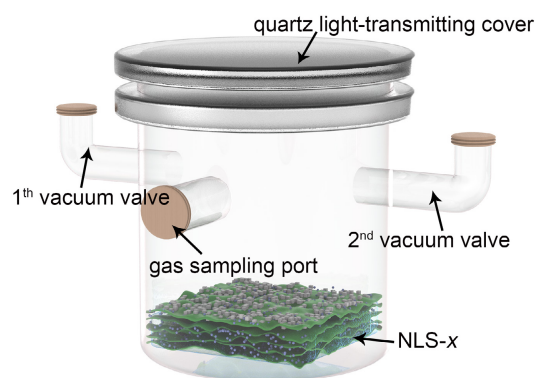
**Figure S9.** UV–vis absorption spectra of prepared NL, NLS-*x*, and SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al.



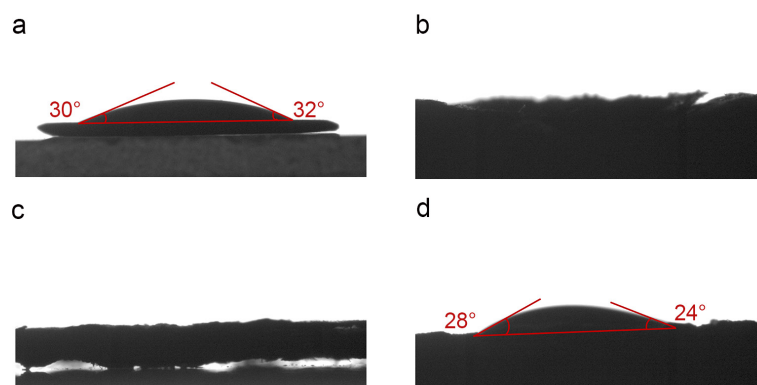
**Figure S10.** (a) The PL spectra of prepared NLS- $x$  and  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$ . (b) An amplification PL spectrum of  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:Al}$  in [Figure S10a](#).



**Figure S11.** TGA curves of prepared NL, NLS-*x*, and SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al.

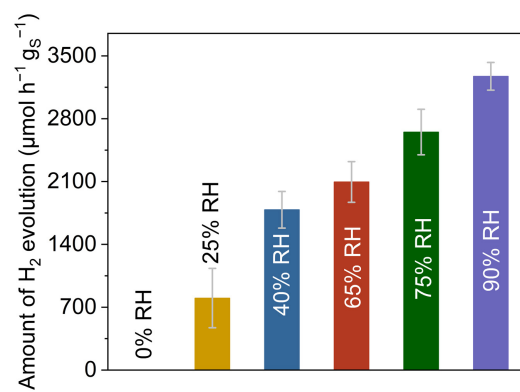


**Figure S12.** The design of device for photocatalytic atmospheric water splitting for H<sub>2</sub> production.

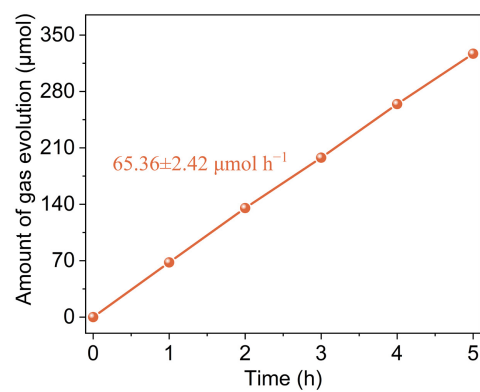


**Figure S13.** Water contact angles of (a) SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al, (b) NFC, (c) NL, and (d) NLS-20. The droplet size and tube diameter used during the contact angles measurement were 6  $\mu$ L and 2.5 mm, respectively.

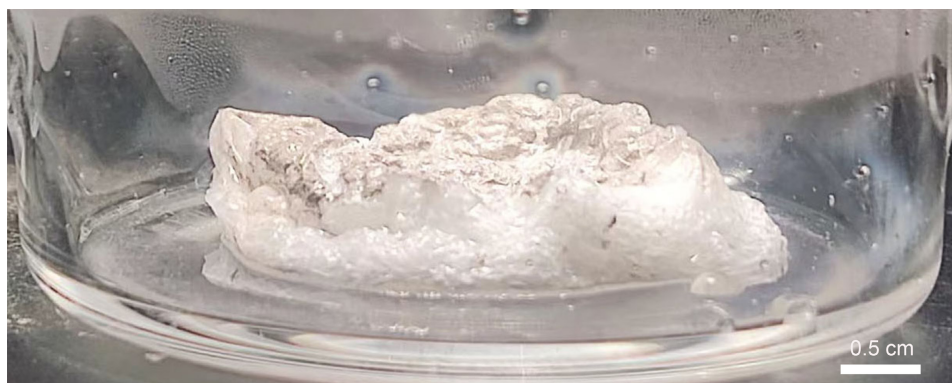




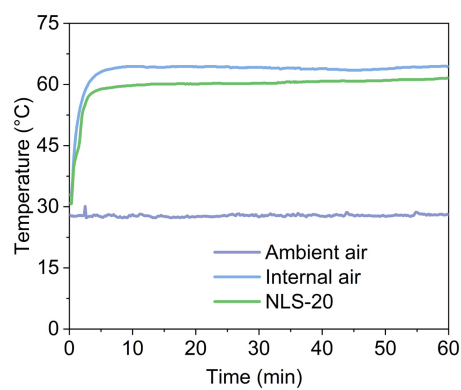
**Figure S14.** The H<sub>2</sub> production activity of NLS-20 after moisture sorption in different RHs.



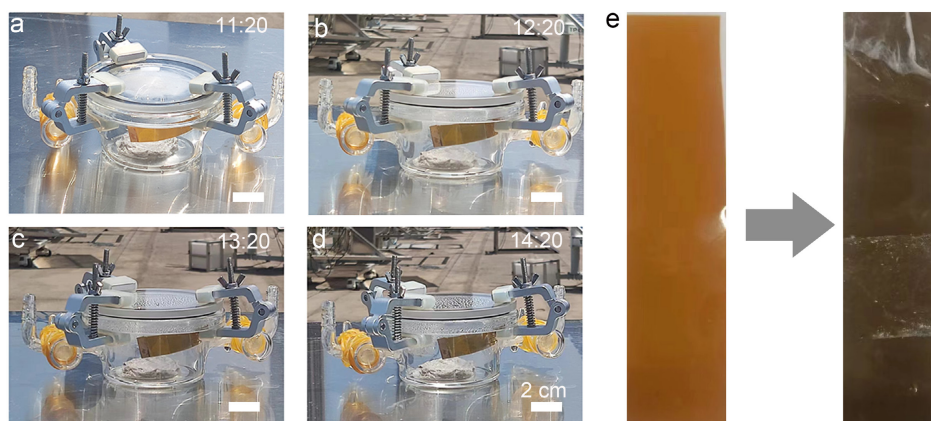
**Figure S15.** Time-courses of H<sub>2</sub> production over NLS-20 under Xe-lamp irradiation.



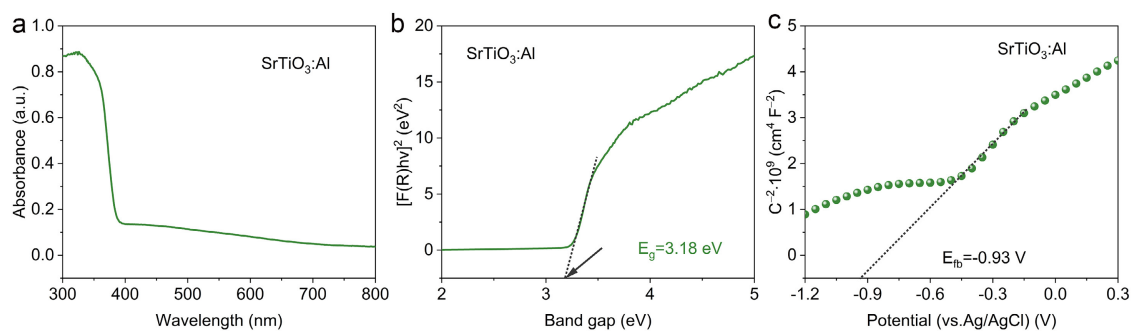
**Figure S16.** Physical diagram of NLS-20, which saturated with hygroscopicity at 90% RH undergoing solar-powered atmospheric water desorption- $\text{H}_2$  production. Scale bar: 0.5 cm.



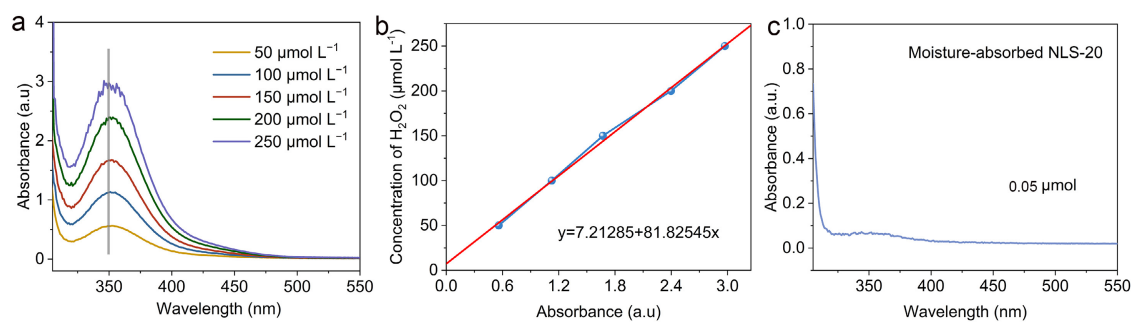
**Figure S17.** The real-time temperature evolution of NLS-20, internal air, and ambient air during solar-powered atmospheric water desorption-H<sub>2</sub> production.



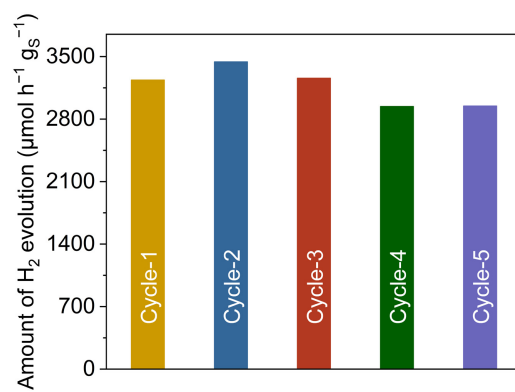
**Figure S18.** (a-d) Digital photographs depict the process of in-situ H<sub>2</sub> production from air using NLS-20 over time. (e) Photographs of the H<sub>2</sub> detection tape, shown before (left) and after (right) the outdoor H<sub>2</sub> production reaction. Scale bar: (a-d) 2 cm.



**Figure S19.** (a) UV-vis absorption spectrum of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al. (b) Tauc plot of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al using  $[F(R)h\nu]^2$  (Kubelka-Munk function) as a function of photon energy. (c) Mott-Schottky plot of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>:Al.

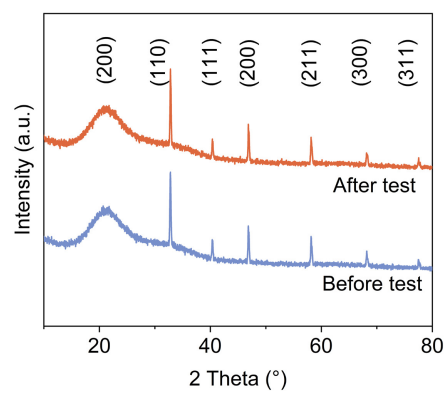


**Figure S20.** (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  at different concentrations. (b) Standard curve of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration over UV-vis absorbance. (c) UV-vis spectrum of moisture-absorbed NLS-20 aqueous solution.

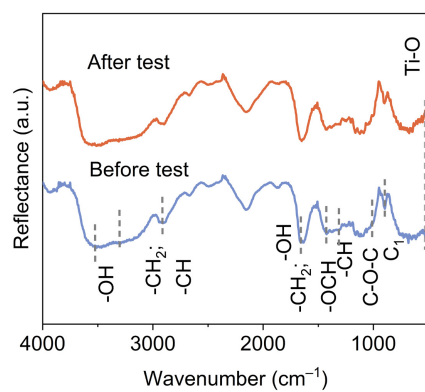


**Figure S21.** Cycling stability assessment of photocatalytic atmospheric water splitting of NLS-20 for H<sub>2</sub> production performance.

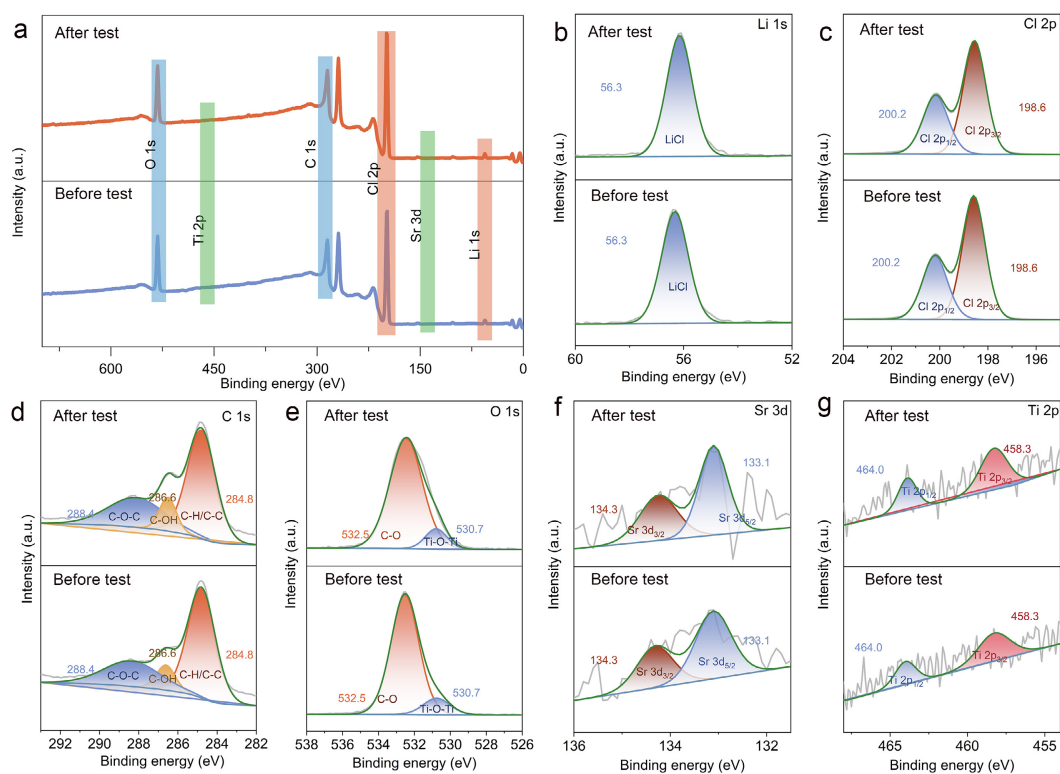




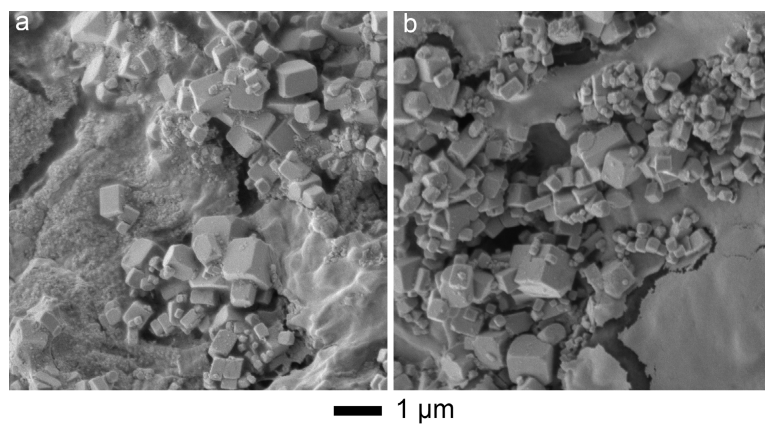
**Figure S22.** XRD patterns of NLS-20 before and after atmospheric water absorption-desorption- $H_2$  production.



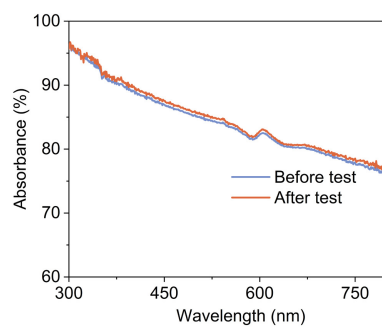
**Figure S23.** FTIR spectra of NLS-20 before and after atmospheric water absorption-desorption-H<sub>2</sub> production.



**Figure S24.** (a) XPS survey spectrum of NLS-20 before and after atmospheric water absorption-desorption-H<sub>2</sub> production and high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) Li 1s, (c) Cl 2p, (d) C 1s, (e) O 1s, (f) Sr 3d, and (g) Ti 2p.



**Figure S25.** SEM images of NLS-20 (a) before and (b) after atmospheric water absorption-desorption- $\text{H}_2$  production. Scale bar: (a-b) 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S26.** UV-vis spectra of NLS-20 before and after atmospheric water absorption-desorption- $\text{H}_2$  production.

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