Electrical Supplementary Information for

Silica nanofibrous membranes with ultra-softness and enhanced

tensile strength for thermal insulation

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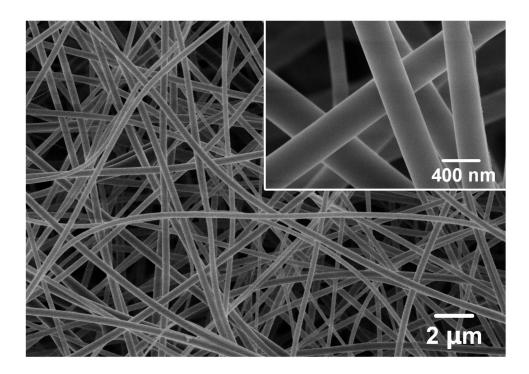


Fig. S1 FE-SEM image of electropun precursor nanofibrous membranes.

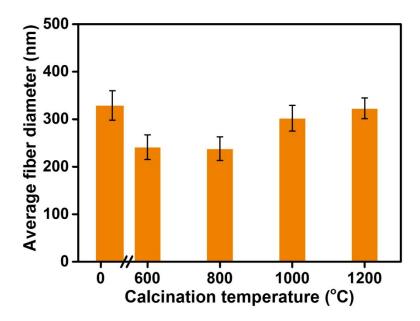


Fig. S2 The average diameter of electropun precursor nanofibers and silica nanofibers with various calcination temperatures of 600, 800, 1000, and 1200 °C.

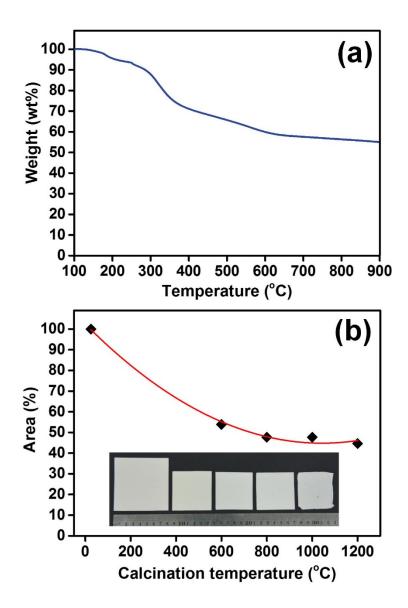


Fig. S3 (a) Thermogravimetric analysis of precursor nanofibrous membranes. (b) The area of the membranes from precursor to SNF membranes with calcination temperatures of 600, 800, 1000, and 1200 °C, respectively. The inset is the optical images of the corresponding membranes.

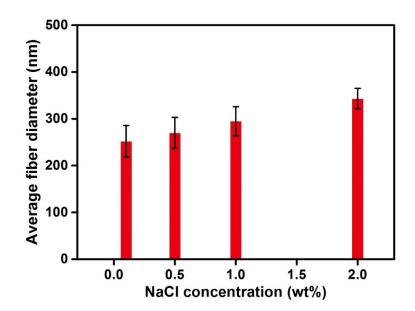


Fig. S4 The average diameter of the precursor nanofibers with various NaCl concentrations of 0.1, 0.5, 1, and 2 wt%.

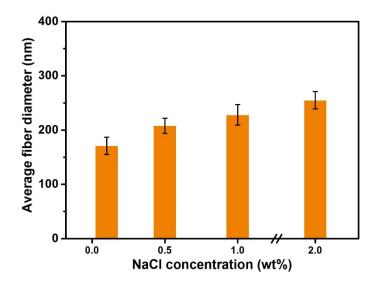


Fig. S5 The average diameter of silica nanofibers with various NaCl concentrations of 0.1, 0.5, 1, and 2 wt%.

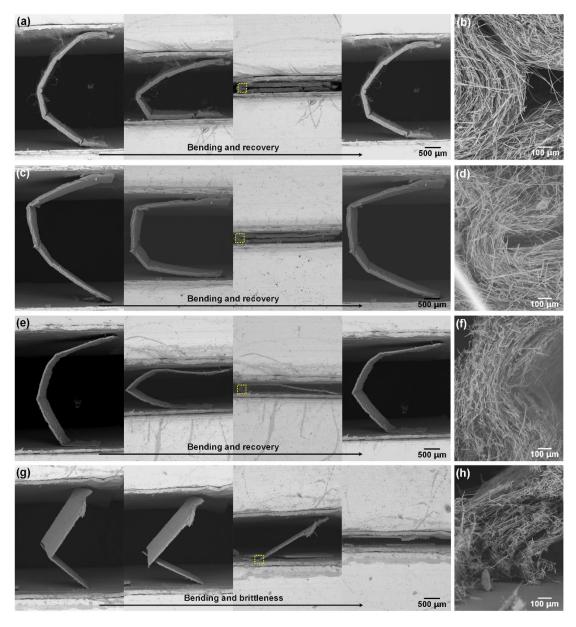


Fig. S6 SEM images of SNF membranes with various NaCl concentrations of (a) 0, (c) 0.1, (e) 0.5, and (g) 2 wt% during the bending process. (b), (d), (f), and (h) SEM images with higher magnification of the relevant membranes in the yellow dashed box, respectively.