

Supporting Information for

NIR-mediated Deformation from a CNT-based Bilayer Hydrogel

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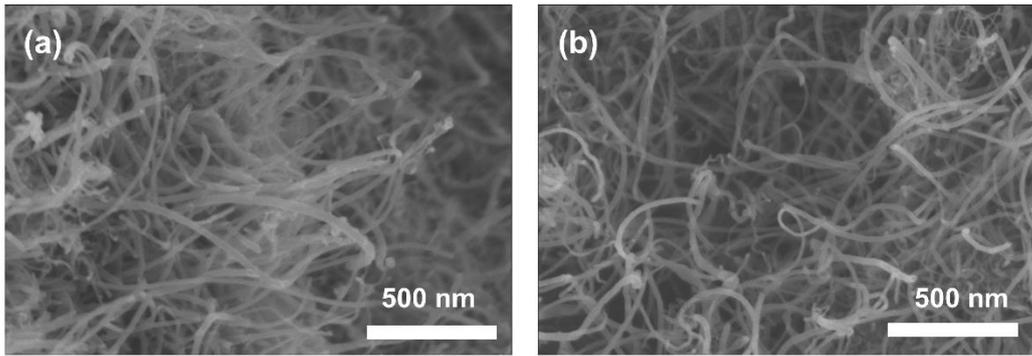


Figure S1. SEM photographs of original (a) and modified (b) CNTs. The scale bar is 500 nm

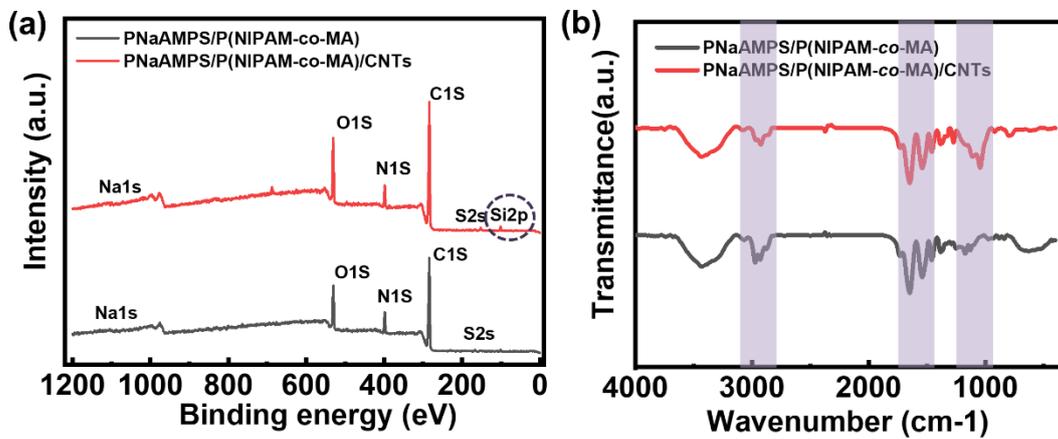


Figure S2. The microstructure characterization of dried PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA) and PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs hydrogel (CNTs content, 0.2 wt%). (a) XPS spectroscopy, (b) FTIR spectroscopy

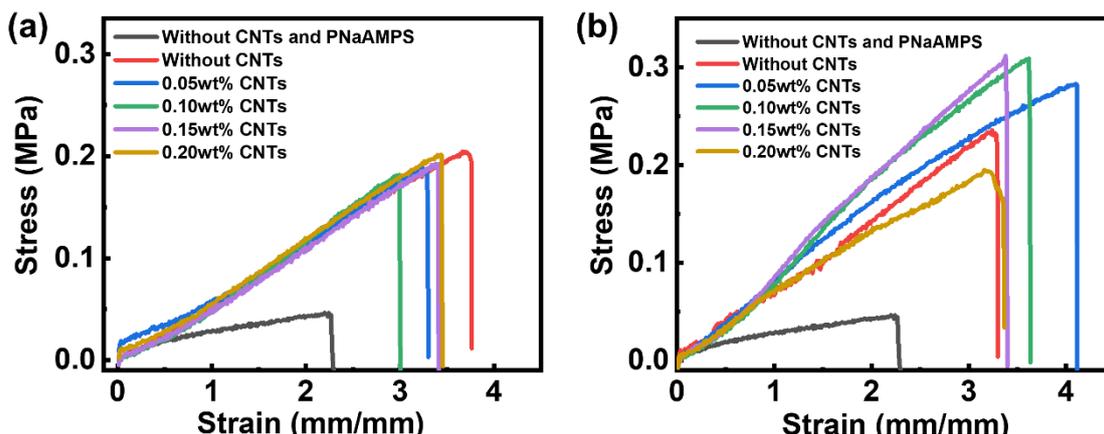


Figure S3. Tensile Stress-Strain curves of hydrogels(P(NIPAM-co-MA) hydrogel, PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA) hydrogel and PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs hydrogels) (a) hydrogels added with original CNTs (b) hydrogels added with modified CNTs

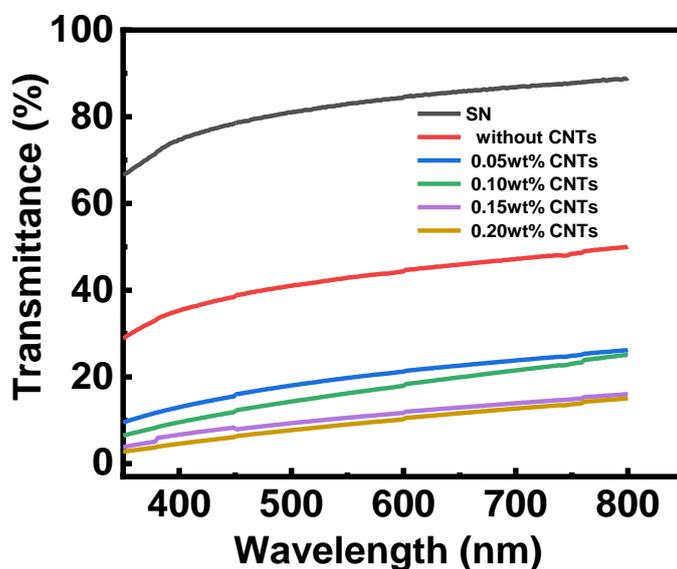


Figure S4. Transmittance curve of all hydrogels(PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA), PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs and SN: P(NIPAM-co-MA))

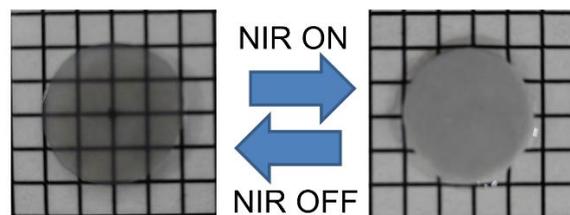


Figure S5. Optical photos of the phase transition behavior of PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs hydrogels(CNTs content: 0.20 wt%) under near-infrared light irradiation

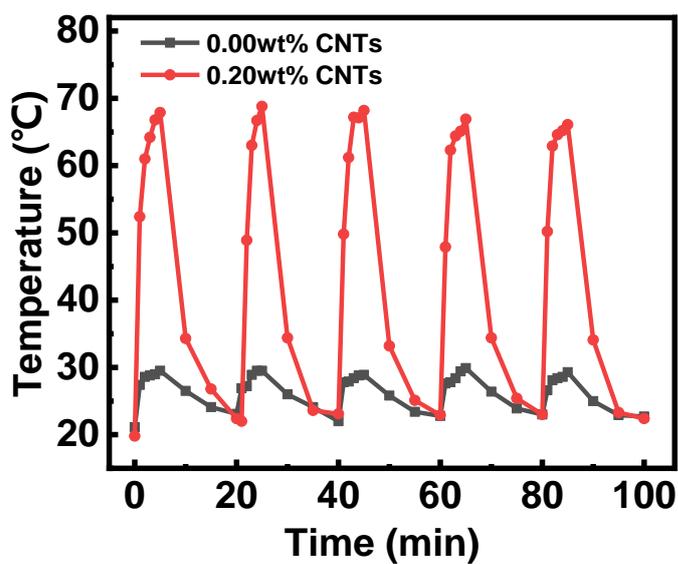


Figure S6. Cyclic reversible photothermal conversion behavior of PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs hydrogels(Control group: PNaAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA) hydrogel)

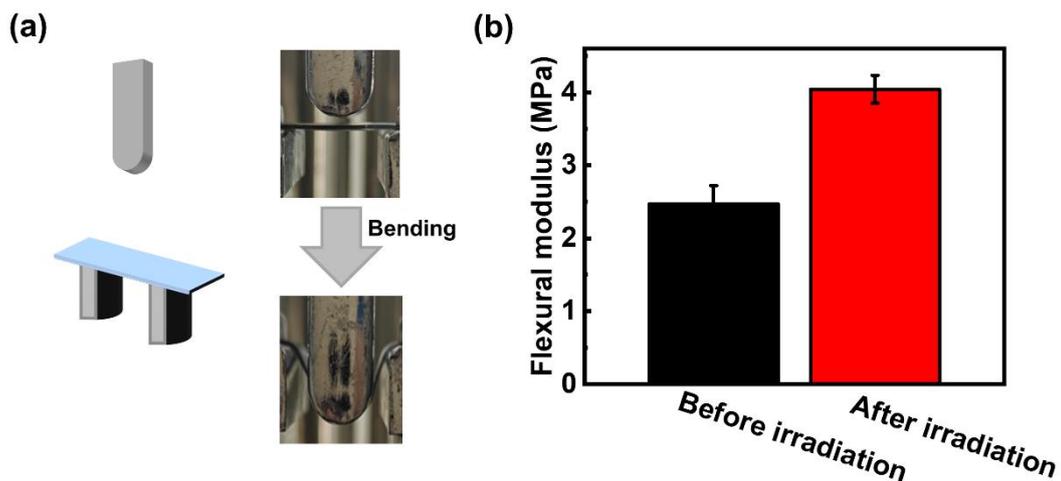


Figure S7. Three-point bending test of PNAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs hydrogels (CNTs content, 0.2 wt%) before and after NIR irradiation. (a) Schematic diagram and optical images for three-point bending test; (b) Flexural modulus

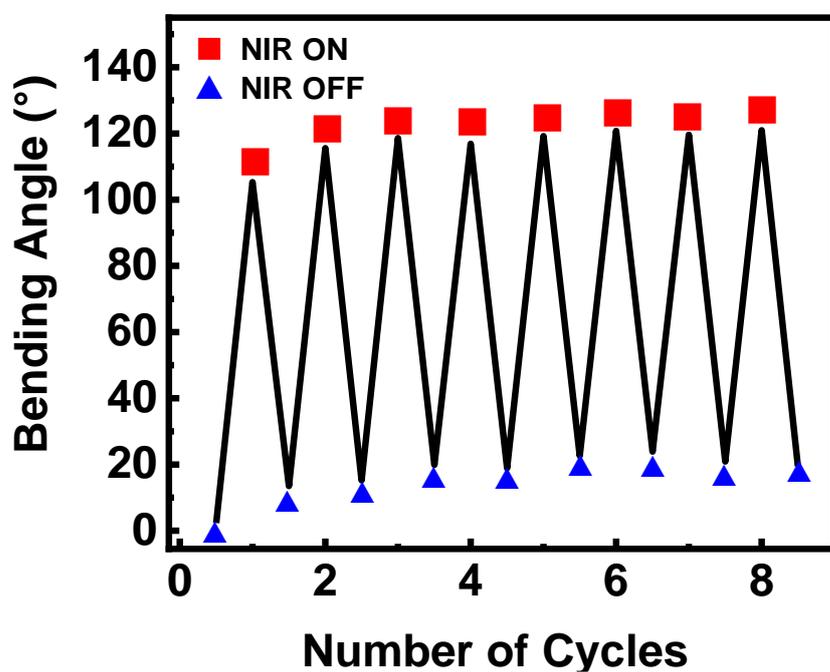


Figure S8. Cyclic reversible bending behavior of bilayer hydrogel(active layer: PNAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)/CNTs, negative layer: PNAMPS/P(NIPAM-co-MA)) under infrared light irradiation

Table S1 The elements ratio of original and modified CNTs.

| Elements | C | O | Si |
|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Ratio(Original) | 92.69% | 7.21% | 0.00% |
| Ratio(Modified) | 86.24% | 9.32% | 4.44% |

Table S2 Overall performance comparison of PNIPAM-based hydrogel actuators

| Material | Structure | Stimuli-response type | Mechanic property | Deformation |
|--|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| This work | Bilayer | Temperature/light | Strengthen | 3D |
| PNIPAM, Gelatin, PTCA, PAM ^[1] | Bilayer | Temperature/pH | No strengthen | 3D |
| PNIPAM, PEDOT: PSS, Mxene ^[2] | Bilayer | Mechanic/light | No strengthen | 3D |
| PNIPAM, rGO, ATPE, PLMA, 6APA ^[3] | Gradient | Temperature/light | No strengthen | 3D |
| PNIPAM, Spiropyran ^[4] | Bilayer | Light | No strengthen | 3D |
| PNIPAM, HEA, XLG ^[5] | Gradient | Temperature | No strengthen | 2D |
| PNIPAM, Silicon Rubber ^[6] | Multilayer | Temperature | Strengthen | 3D |
| PNIPAM, PAM, Nanohylakoid ^[7] | Bilayer | Temperature/light | No strengthen | 3D |

Reference of Table S2

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