

Supplementary information

Revealing Photochromic Function and Its Physical Mechanism in Electrochromic material PEDOT:PSS

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The supporting figures

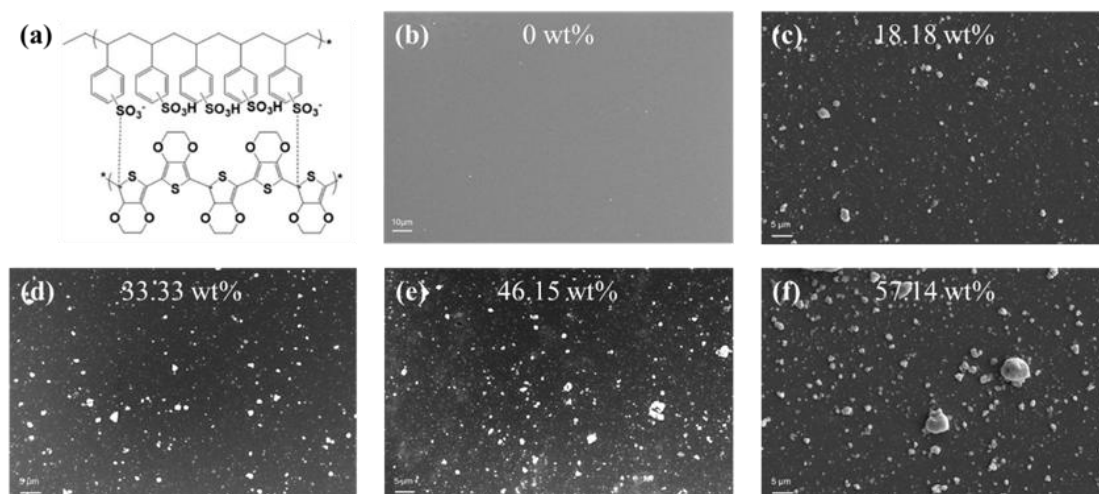


Figure S1. Chemical structure of PEDOT:PSS and SEM images of TiO₂-PEDOT:PSS films. (a) Chemical structure of PEDOT:PSS. SEM images of the PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ film with a TiO₂ loading of (b) 0wt.%, (c) 18.18wt%, (d) 33.33wt.%, (e) 46.15wt.% and (f) 57.14wt.%.

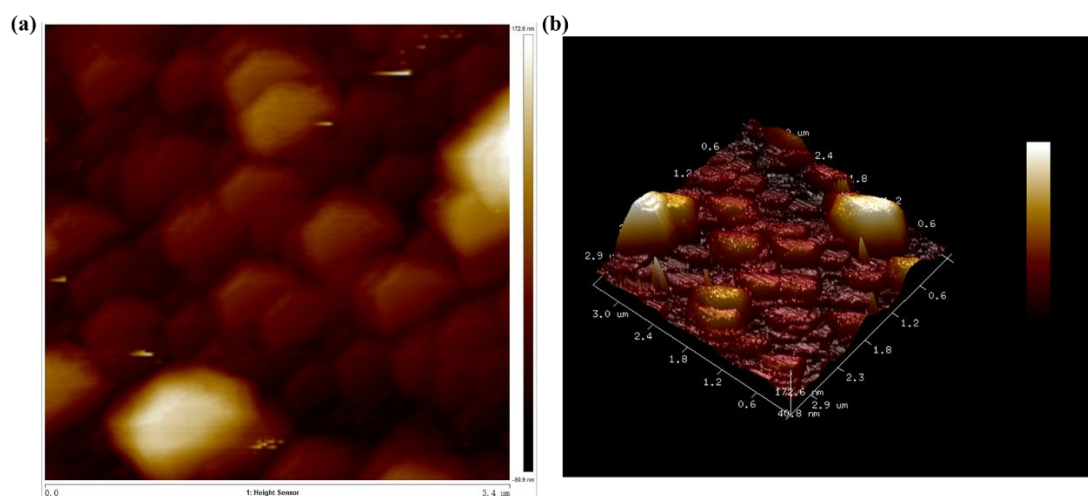


Figure S2. (a) 2D and (b) 3D AFM images of the PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films.

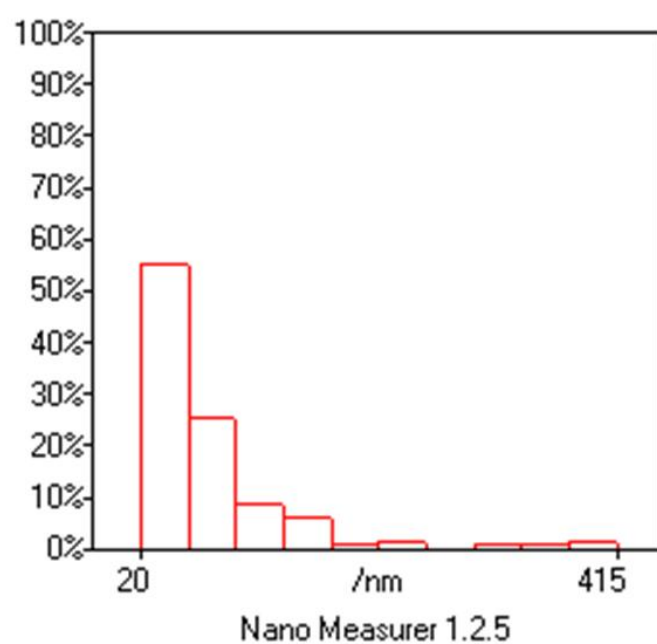


Figure S3. Surface particle size distribution of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films.

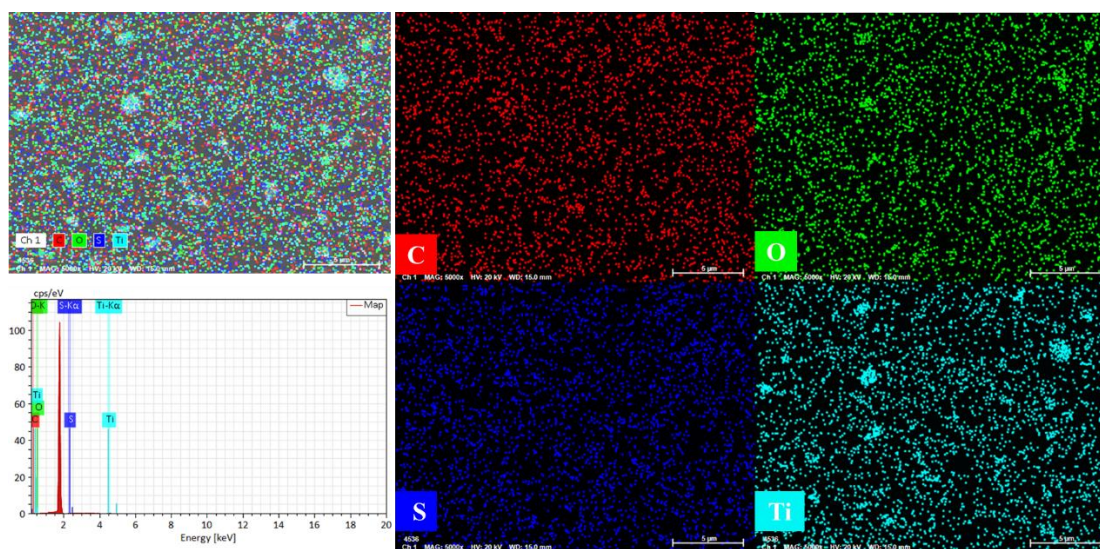


Figure S4. The EDS mapping of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films for surface elemental analysis.

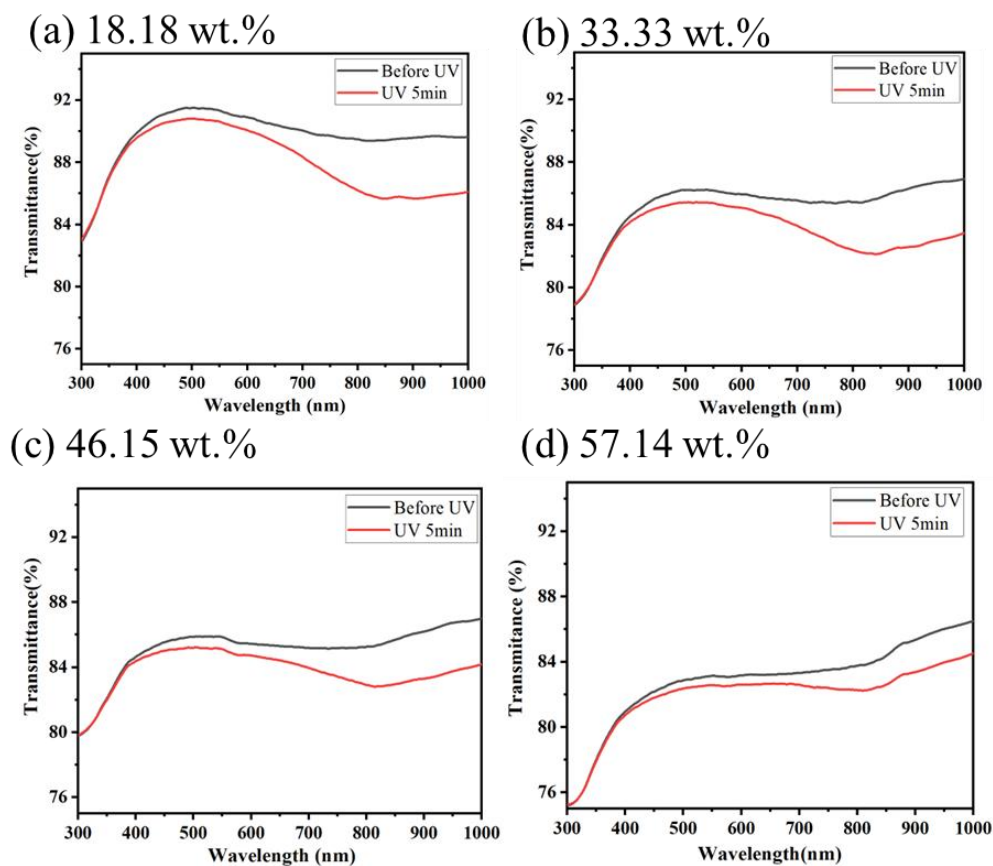


Figure S5. The transmittance of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films with different TiO₂ contents before and after UV irradiation.

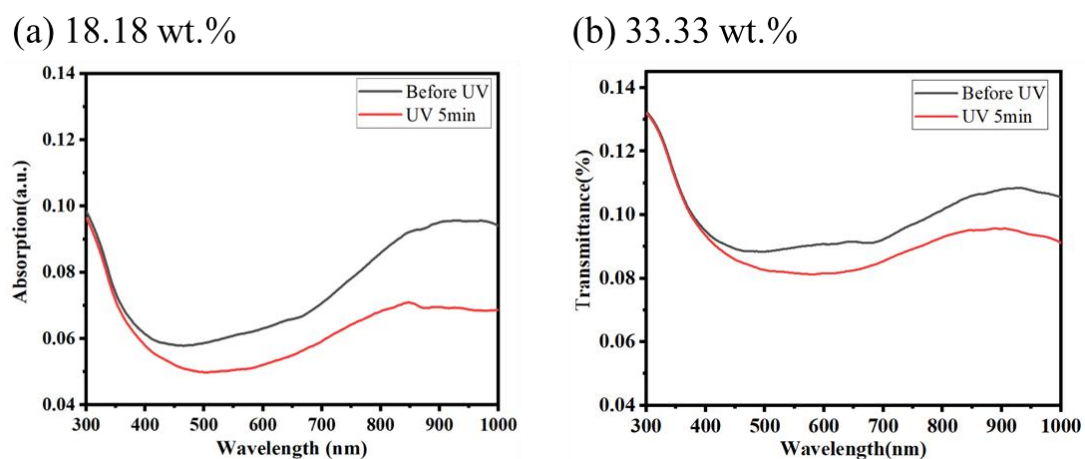


Figure S6. The UV-visible-NIR absorption spectra of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films with different TiO₂ contents before and after UV irradiation.

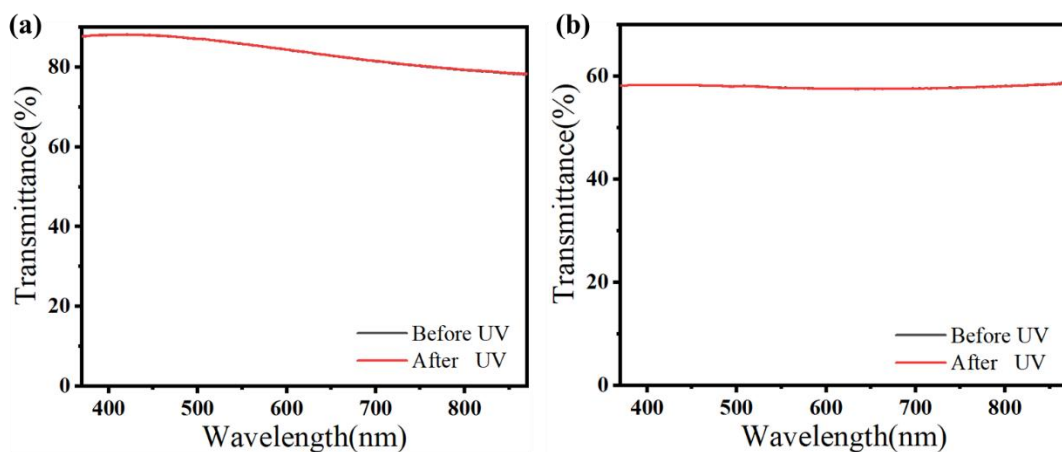


Figure S7. The transmittance of pure (a) PEDOT:PSS and (b) TiO₂ films before and after UV irradiation.

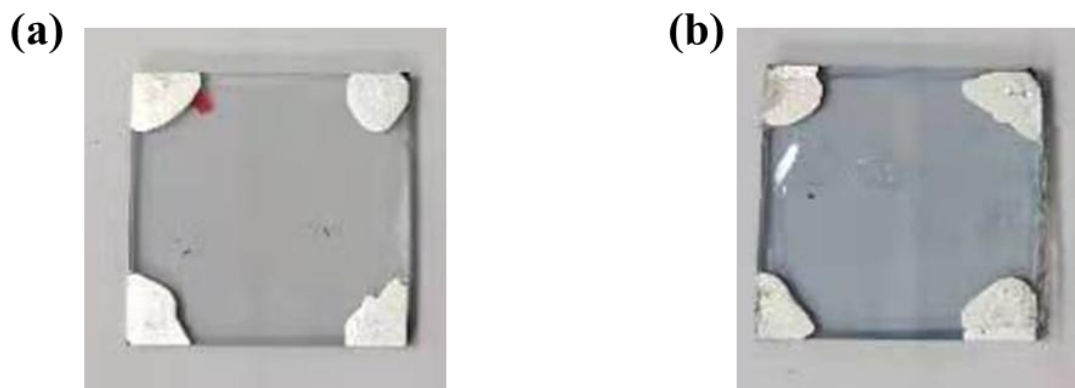


Figure S8. Color change of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films (a) before and (b) after water vapor treatment under UV light irradiation.

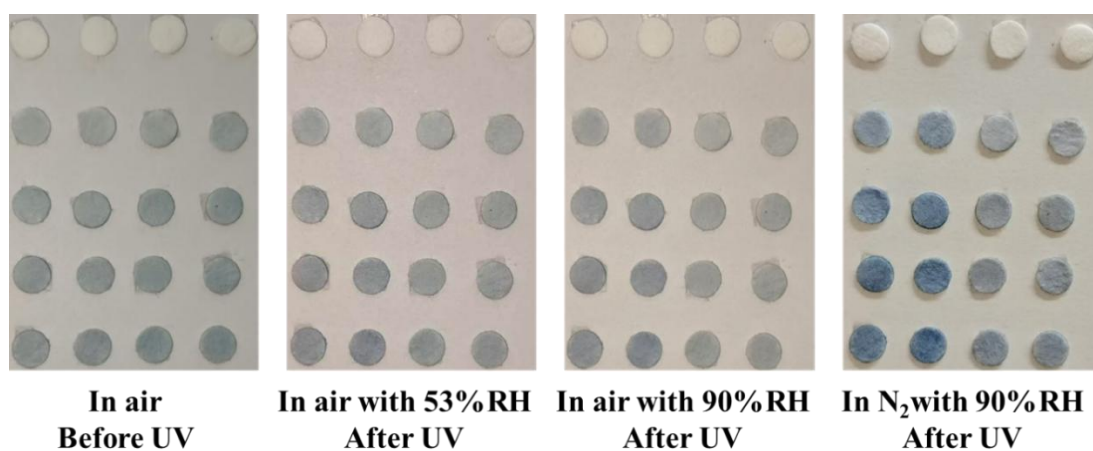


Figure S9. Optical photos of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ paper after UV irradiation under

different conditions.

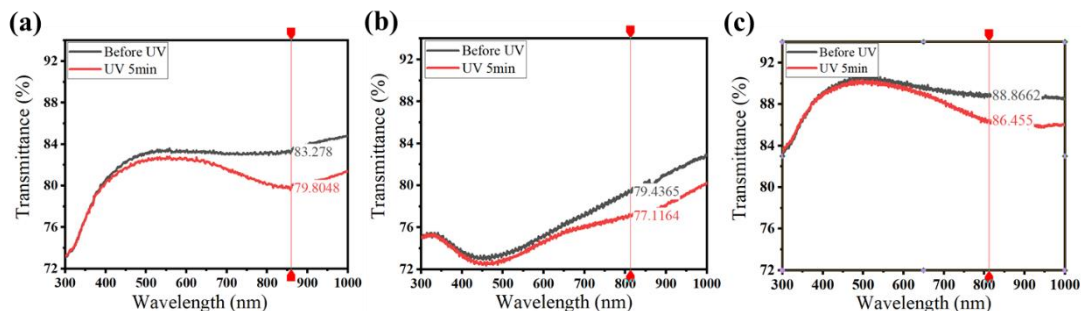


Figure S10. The transmittance of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ films with different crystalline types of TiO₂ before and after UV irradiation. (a) Anatase crystal type, (b) rutile crystal type, and (c) mixed crystal type.

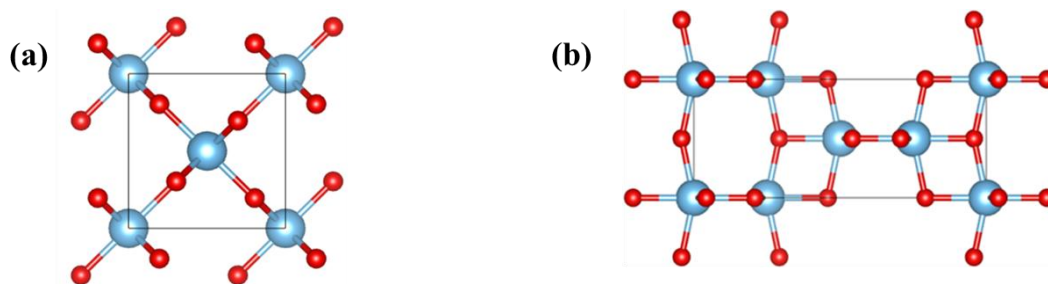


Figure S11. Crystal structure of (a) rutile and (b) anatase.

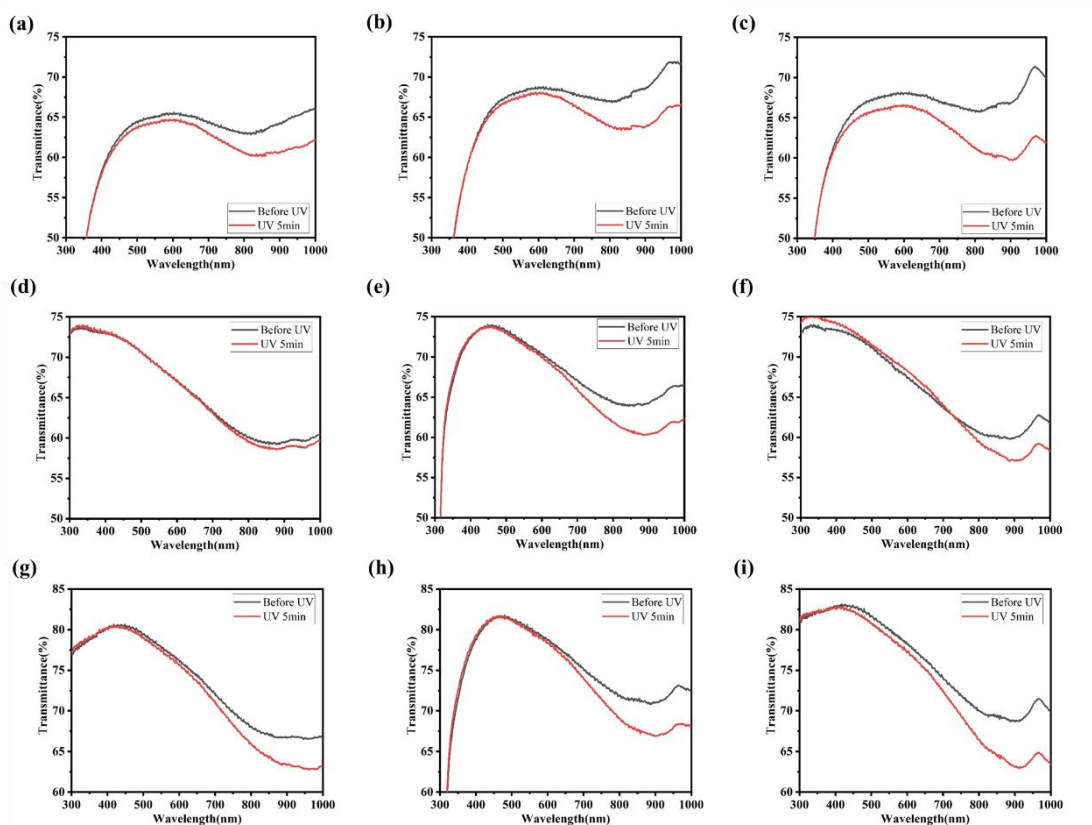


Figure S12. Effects of sacrificial agents on different TiO_2 crystal phases. The transmittance changes of anatase (a, b, c), rutile (d, e, f), and mixed-phase TiO_2 (g, h, i) occur without sacrificial agents, and when adding lactic acid and methanol as hole scavengers before and after UV irradiation, respectively.

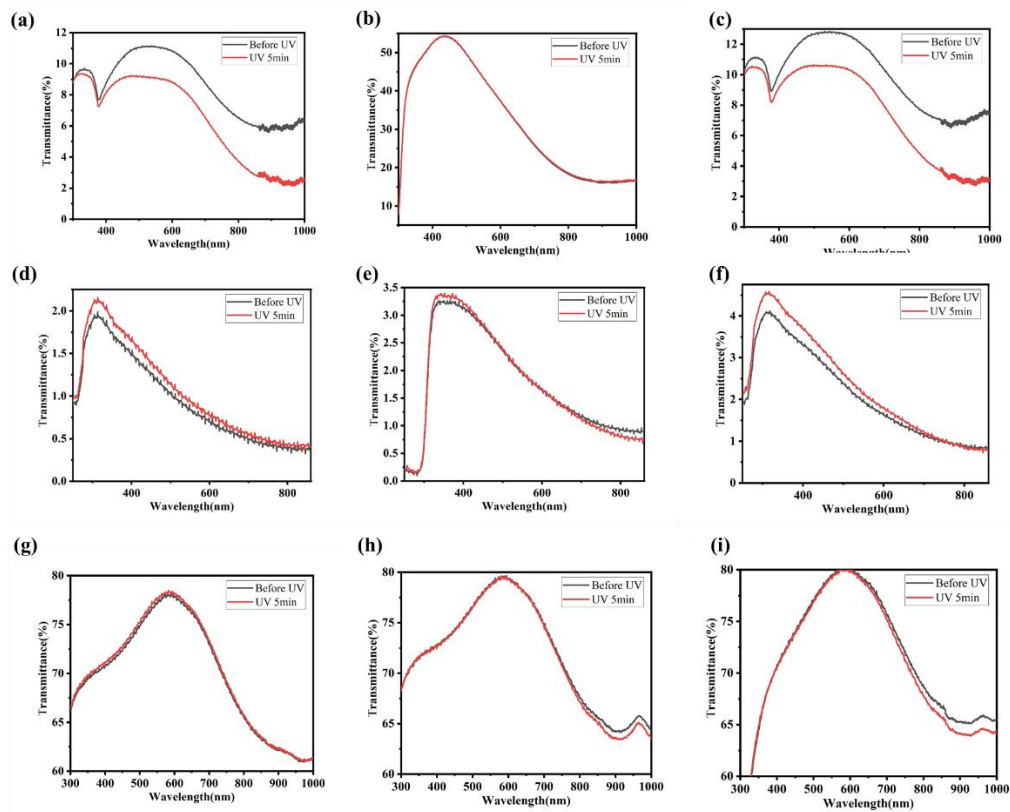


Figure S13. Effects of sacrificial agents on ZnO , CuS , and Ta_2O_5 . The transmittance changes of ZnO (a, b, c), CuS (d, e, f), and Ta_2O_5 (g, h, i) occur without sacrificial agents, and when adding lactic acid and methanol as hole scavengers before and after UV irradiation, respectively.

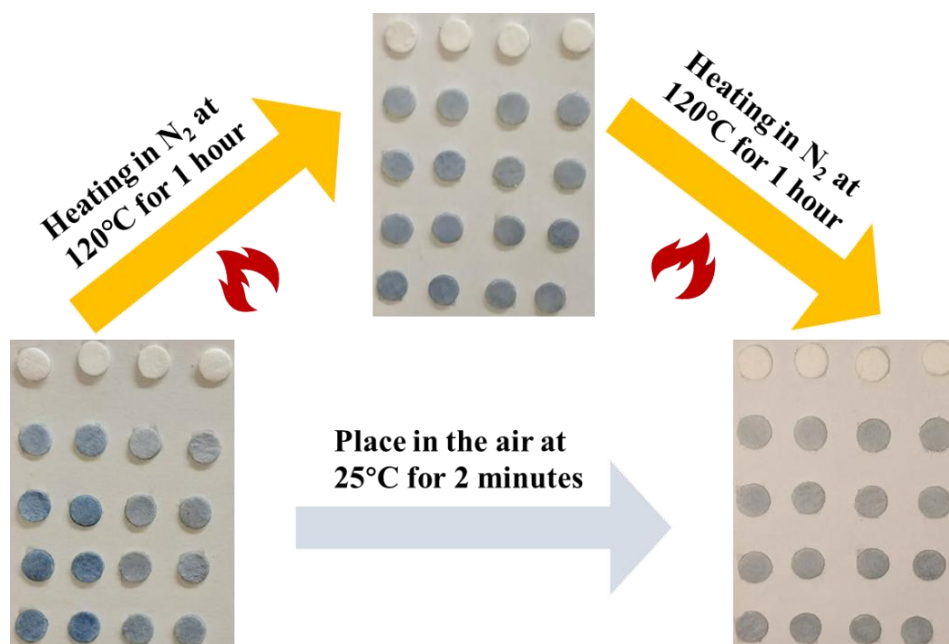


Figure S14. The reversible fading process of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂ rewriteable paper under different conditions.

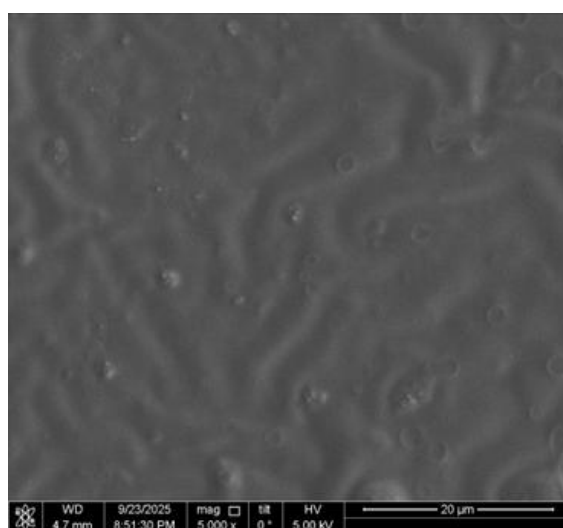


Figure S15. a) SEM images of the PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂@PVP hydrogel.

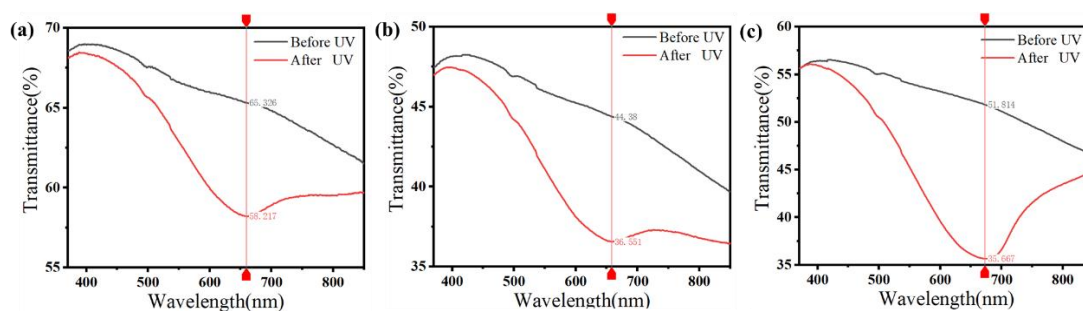


Figure S16. The transmittance of PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂@PVP hydrogel with different hydration state before and after UV irradiation. (a) dry, (b) original, and (c) wet.

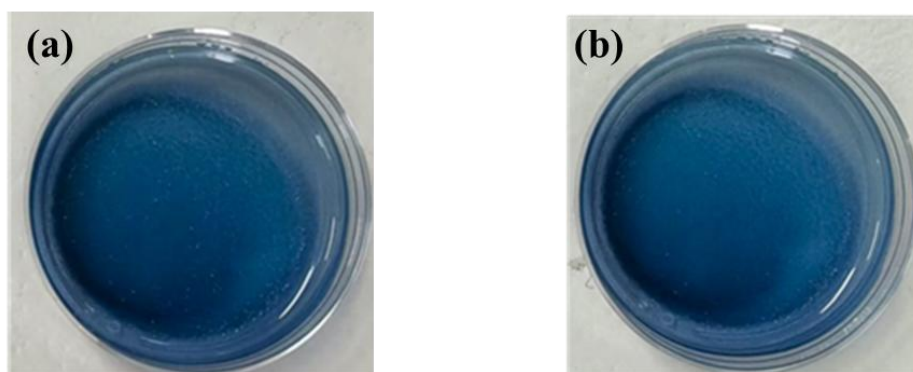


Figure S17 Optical photographs of the PEDOT:PSS-TiO₂@PVP hydrogel stored under an N₂ atmosphere. (a) initial state and (b) after one month.

State	Rutile		Anatase	
	Energy (eV)	Energy per Atom (eV/atom)	Energy (eV)	Energy per Atom (eV/atom)
Removal of 1 e⁻	-58.96245	-0.19187	-116.06330	-0.00886
intrinsic (neutral)	-57.81127	0	-115.95696	0
Addition of 1 e⁻	-54.37162	0.57323	-113.04212	0.24290

Table S1. Energy Change per Atom for Electron Removal and Addition