Supporting information

Dual-Responsive PU Inverse Photonic Crystal Film with High Flexibility for Anti-counterfeiting

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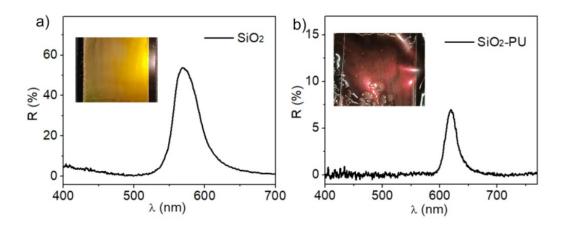


Figure S1. The reflection spectra and digital photos of a) SiO₂ photonic crystal film, b) SiO₂-PU composite photonic crystal film.

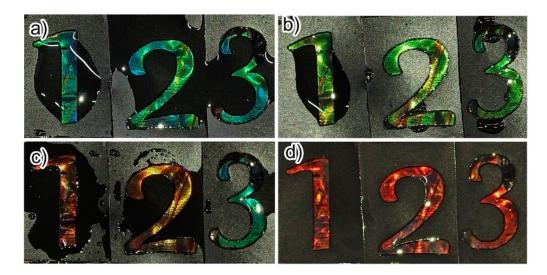


Figure S2. Digital photonic of the colored pattern on the PU-IPC film prepared by loading solvent with different ethanol concentration.

Calculation of the reflection wavelength of PU-IPC films in different solvents.

The diameter of SiO₂ colloid particle was measured to be 260 nm according to the SEM images. Based on the Bragg's law, the stop-band of the SiO₂ and SiO₂-PU photonic crystal film could be calculated by Eq (1), where *D* is the diameter of the SiO₂ particle, *f* is the volume ratio of the SiO₂ particle (which is 74 % in a close-packed face centered cubic structure), $n_{paritcle}$ and n_{voids} is the effective refractive index related to the composition of particle and interparticle voids.

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^{1/2} \times D \times \left[n_{particle}^{2} \times f_{particle} + n_{voids}^{2} \times (1 - f_{particle})\right]^{1/2}$$
(1)

When SiO_2 was dissolved, the particle position was instead by air or other solvent, The reflection wavelength of SiO_2 photonic crystal films, SiO_2 -PU photonic crystal films and PU-IPC film were calculated and listed in Table S1.

Here, PU-IPC-_{Water} and PU-IPC-_{ethanol} represents the calculated reflection wavelength when the interparticle voids of PU-IPC film being filled with water or ethanol.

Composition	n _{SiO2}	n _{PU}	n _{ethanol}	n _{air}	n _{water}	λ(nm)
SiO ₂ -PC	1.46	1.44	1.36	1	1.33	575
SiO ₂ -PU-PC	1.46	1.44	1.36	1	1.33	620
PU-IPC	1.46	1.44	1.36	1	1.33	480
PU-IPC- _{Water}	1.46	1.44	1.36	1	1.33	577
PU-IPC-ethanol	1.46	1.44	1.36	1	1.33	586

Table S1. Reflection wavelength of SiO_2 , SiO_2 -PU photonic crystal films and PU-IPC film in different solvents.