

# **Supporting Materials for**

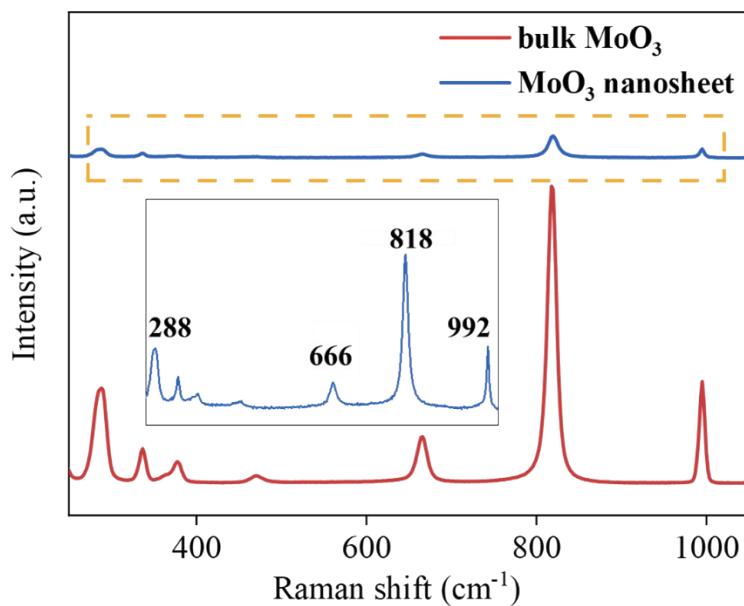
## **Room-Temperature Liquid-Phase Exfoliation**

### **of MoO<sub>3</sub> Nanosheets for Photochromic Smart Windows**

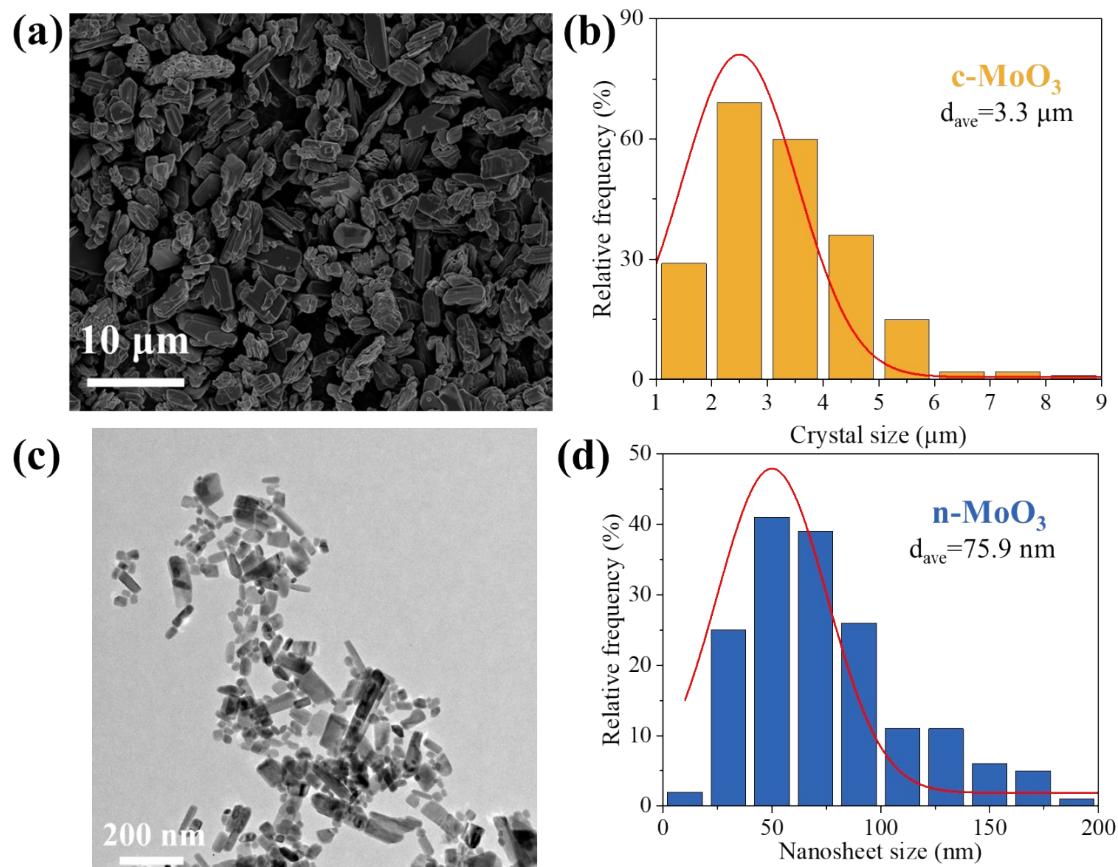
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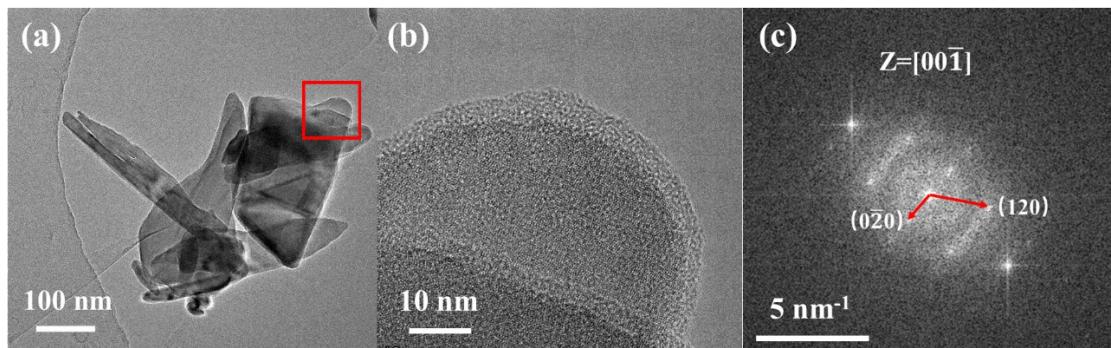
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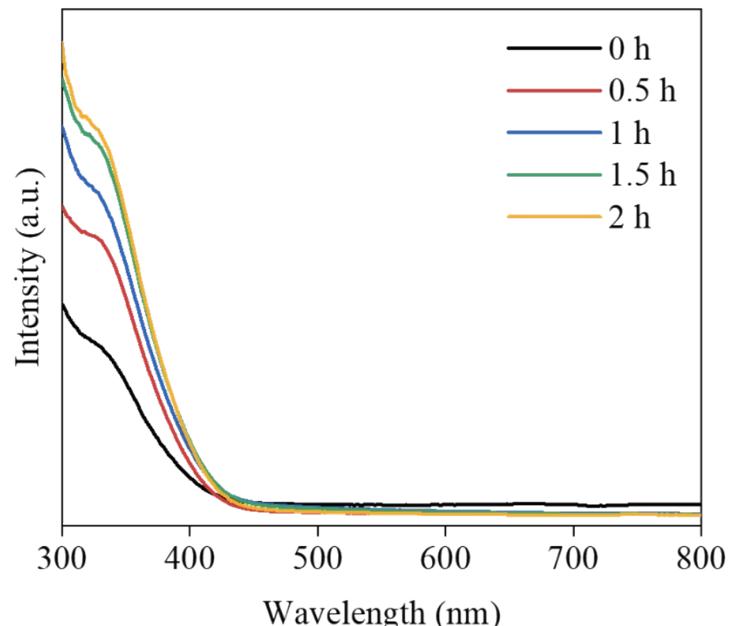
**Figure S1.** The Raman results of  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheets and bulk  $\text{MoO}_3$



**Figure S2.** (a) The SEM image and (b) corresponding histograms of commercial  $\text{MoO}_3$ . (c) the TEM image and (d) corresponding histograms of  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheets.



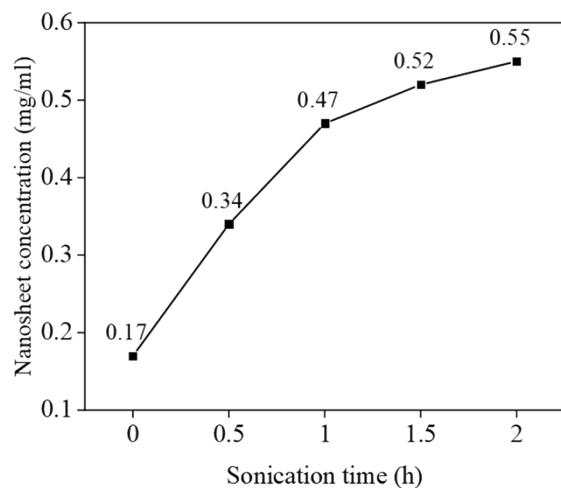
**Figure S3.** (a)The TEM image of MoO<sub>3</sub> nanosheets. (b)HRTEM and (c)SEAD image of MoO<sub>3</sub> nanosheets in the edge.



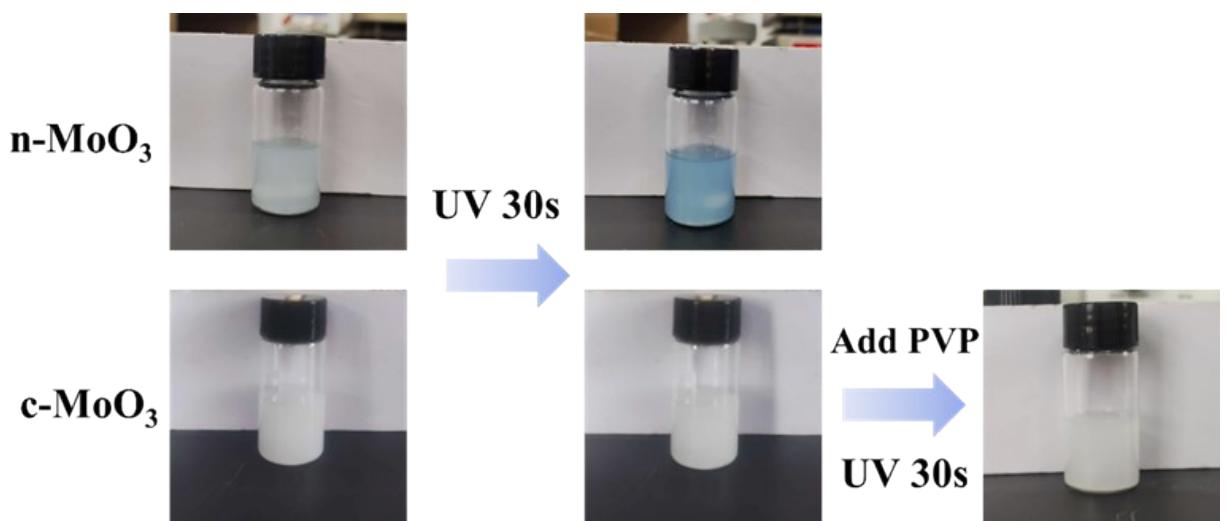
**Figure S4.** UV-Vis absorbance spectra of MoO<sub>3</sub> nanosheets at different ultrasonic time

**Table S1.** The concentration of the nanosheets obtained through weighing and calculation

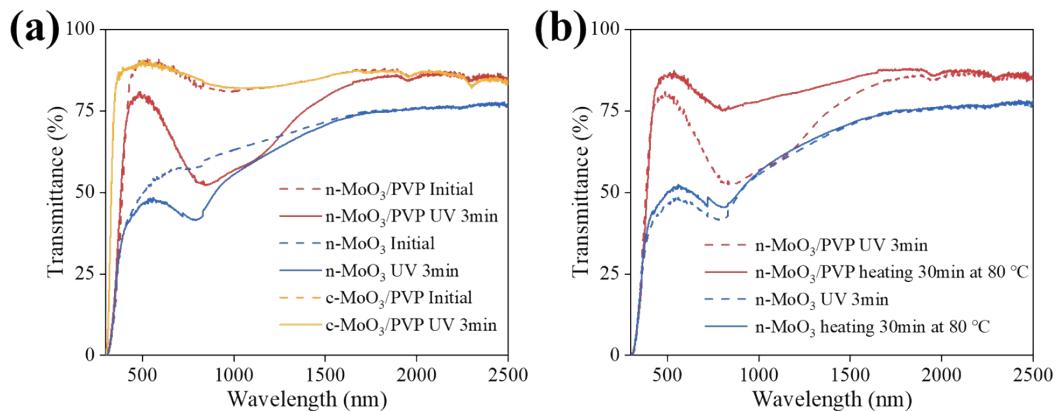
Ultrasound treatment time(h)	Container quality (g)	The mass of the container containing the solution (g)	Residual mass(g)	MoO <sub>3</sub> nanosheet concentration(mg/mL)
0	16.6198	16.6215	0.0017	0.17
0.5	16.5967	16.6001	0.0034	0.34
1	16.7250	16.7297	0.0047	0.47
1.5	16.5936	16.5988	0.0052	0.52
2	16.2183	16.2238	0.0055	0.55



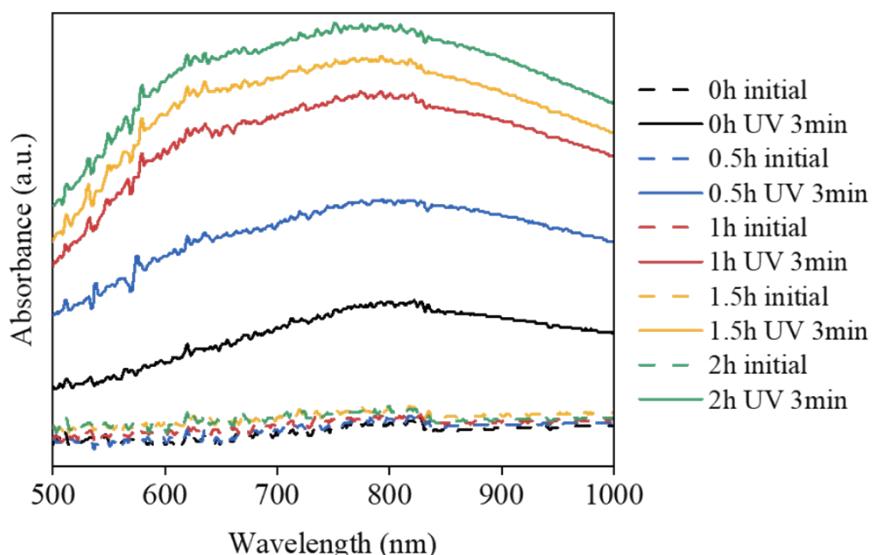
**Figure S5.** The curve shows the variation of nanosheet concentration with ultrasonic time.



**Figure S6.** Photographs of  $\text{MoO}_3$  with/without ultrasonication before UV and after UV



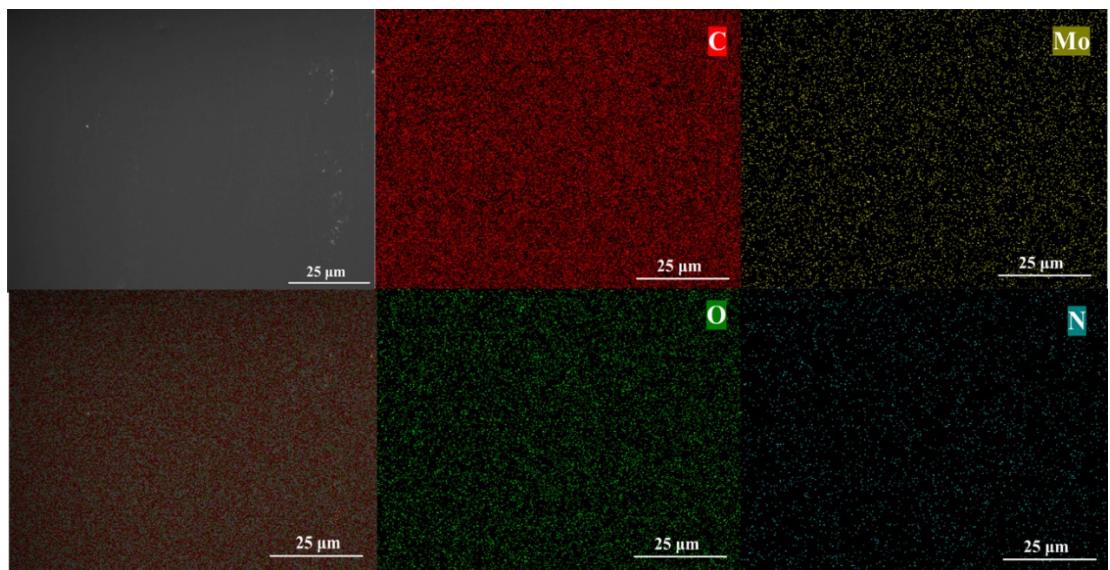
**Figure S7.** (a) Tinting and (b) Bleaching performance of the film of commercial  $\text{MoO}_3$ ,  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheet and  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheet with PVP



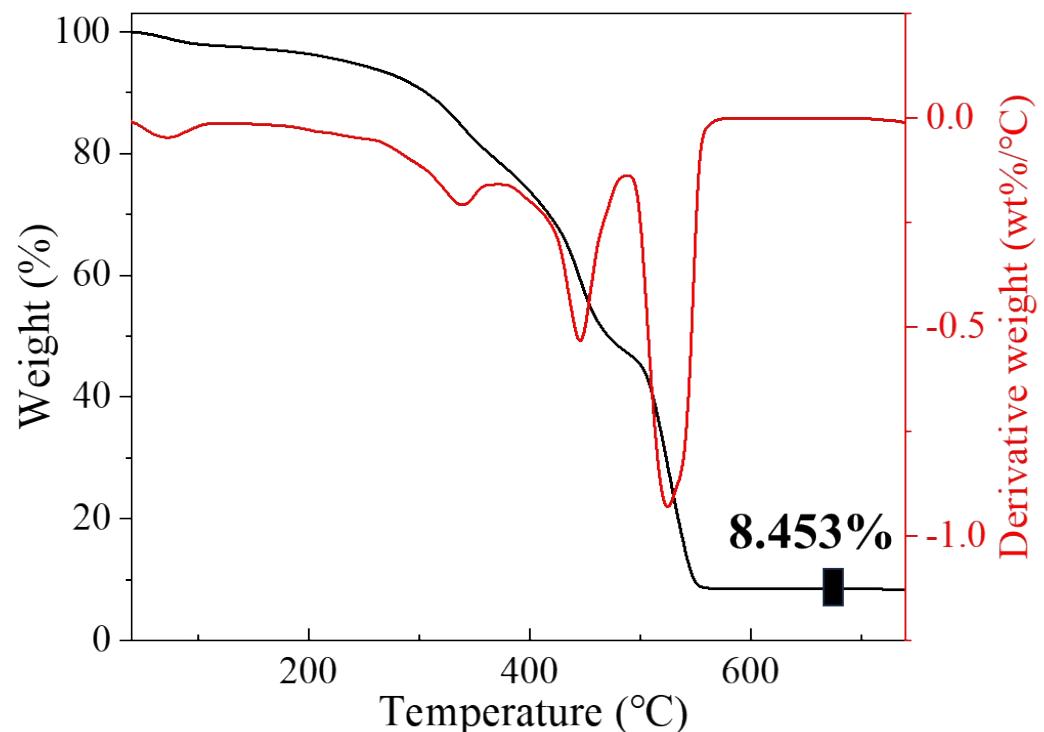
**Figure S8.** The UV-Vis absorbance spectra of initial/colored  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheets at different ultrasonic times.



**Figure S9.** The photographs of  $\text{MoO}_3/\text{PVP}$  composite film at initial (a), tinted (b) and bleached state (c).



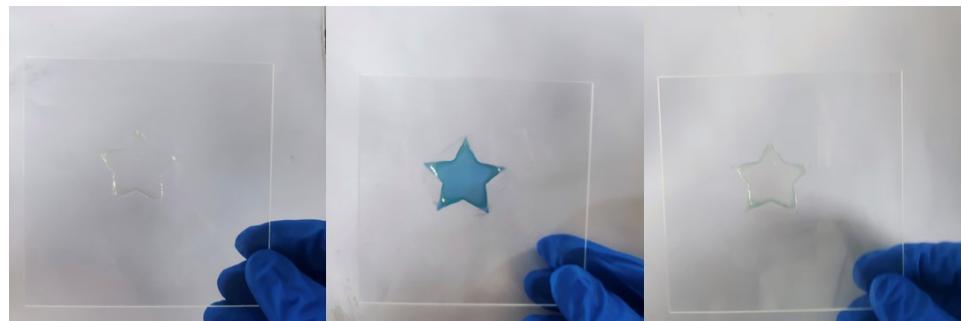
**Figure S10.** The surface element distribution of MoO<sub>3</sub>/PVP composites film.



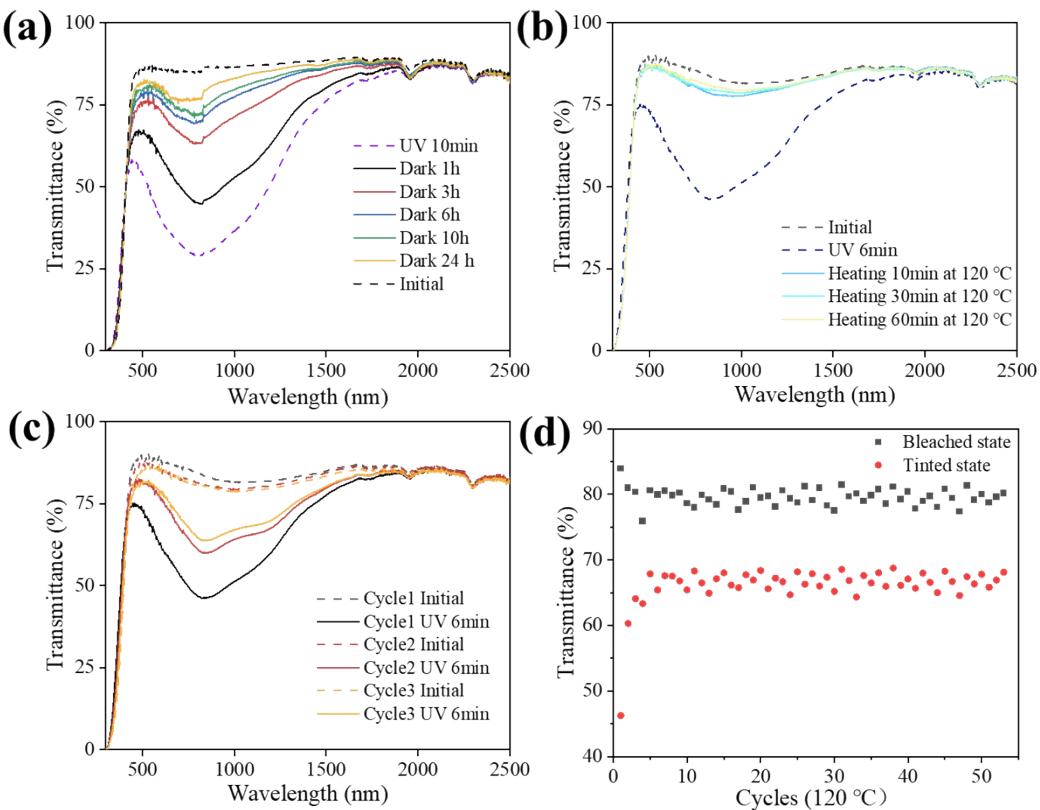
**Figure S11.** The TG and DTG curves of MoO<sub>3</sub>/PVP composites.

**Table S2.** The comparation between this work and other related studies

Materials	T <sub>lum</sub>	Tinting speed	ΔT (major performance)	Bleaching speed	Ref
MoO <sub>3</sub> /PVP	85.8%	UV 6min	ΔT <sub>sol</sub> =36.4%	60 min (80 °C)	This work
MoO <sub>3</sub>	N/A	UV 42min	ΔT <sub>sol</sub> =9.5%	N/A	[S1]
MoO <sub>3</sub> /PVA	T <sub>750 nm</sub> =70%	UV 5min	ΔT <sub>750 nm</sub> =65%	30 min (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	[S2]
Ti doped-W <sub>18</sub> O <sub>49</sub> /PVP	87.5%	UV 10min	ΔT <sub>sol</sub> =30.1%	30 min (80 °C)	[S3]
WO <sub>3</sub> /PU/PVP	93.7%	UV 5min	ΔT <sub>sol</sub> =29.5%	60 min (60 °C)	[S4]
WO <sub>3</sub> /sago starch	37.8%	UV 4min	ΔT <sub>sol</sub> =4.79%	50 min (dark)	[S5]
WO <sub>3</sub> /PVP	T <sub>550 nm</sub> =85%	UV 1min	ΔT <sub>550 nm</sub> =40%	>2h (80 °C)	[S6]
WO <sub>3</sub> /MC/ EG	T <sub>640 nm</sub> =85%	UV 10min	N/A	3 days (dark)	[S7]



**Figure S12.** MoO<sub>3</sub> nanosheets applied as optical display medium application



**Figure S13.**  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheets film's transmittance spectra at different time under bleaching process at (a) room temperature ( $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) and (b)  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . (c) Second and third cycles of such film heated at  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . (d) Cyclical performance of the  $\text{MoO}_3$  nanosheets film heated at  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

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