

Supporting Information of

Thermochromic Hydrogels with Adjustable Critical Response Temperature for  
Temperature Monitoring and Smart Windows

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Table S1 Recipes for the micelles and hydrogels.

Sample	SDS (mM)	Inorganic salt	Inorganic salt (mM)	PTH (mM)	H <sub>2</sub> O (mL)	PEG (wt%)	Aam (mM)	PEGD	APS	TEME
								A (μL)	(mM)	DA (μL)
Pgel-micelle-0	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	0	0	0	0	0
Pgel-micelle-1	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	1.37	0	0	0	0
Pgel-micelle-2	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	2.70	0	0	0	0
Pgel-micelle-3	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	4.00	0	0	0	0

Pgel-micelle-4	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	6.49	0	0	0	0
Pgel-micelle-5	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	8.86	0	0	0	0
Pgel-micelle-6	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	11.10	0	0	0	0
PAAm hydrogel	0	0	0	0	12	0	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PTH-1	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.55	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PTH-2	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PTH-3	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	1.10	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PTH-4	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	1.47	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PTH-5	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	1.84	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-0	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	0	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-1	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	1.37	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-2	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	2.70	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-3	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	4.00	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-4	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	6.49	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-5	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-PEG-6	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.74	12	11.10	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-K <sup>+</sup>	0.23	KCl	1.04	0.55	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-Na <sup>+</sup>	0.23	NaCl	1.04	0.55	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-Li <sup>+</sup>	0.23	LiCl	1.04	0.55	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-Mg <sup>2+</sup>	0.23	MgCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.55	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20
Pgel-Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.23	AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04	0.55	12	8.86	28.14	17	0.18	20

Table S2 Comparison of the smart window materials based on thermochromic properties.

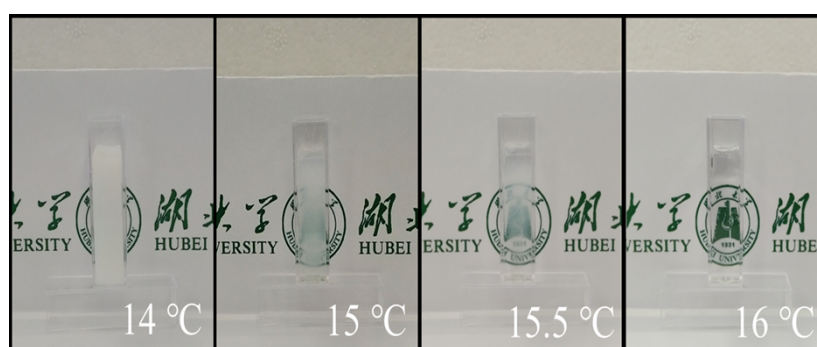
Materials	State	Stimulation	lowest T <sub>k</sub> (°C)	Irradiation times (s)	Temperature amplification (°C)	Ref.
ATO	Solid	Temperature	32	600	4.5	1
Gel-NaCl	Solid	Temperature/ electricity /pH	20	3600	6.1	2
PS gels	Solid	Temperature	28	/	/	3
HPC	Solid	Temperature	50	3600	13.3	4

PNIPAM	Liquid	Temperature	32	3000	11-21	5
PNIPAM-AEMA	Liquid	Temperature	32.5	1800	7.9	6
VO <sub>2</sub>	Film	Temperature	68	350	5.8	7
VO <sub>2</sub> /ATO	Film	Temperature	36.5	600	5.0	8
TCPs	Solid	Temperature	31	/	/	9
HPC + Glycerol	Liquid	Temperature	40	280	8.2	10
<b>Pgels</b>	<b>Solid</b>	<b>Temperature/ electricity</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>Ours</b>

**Note:** ‘/’ means not mentioned.

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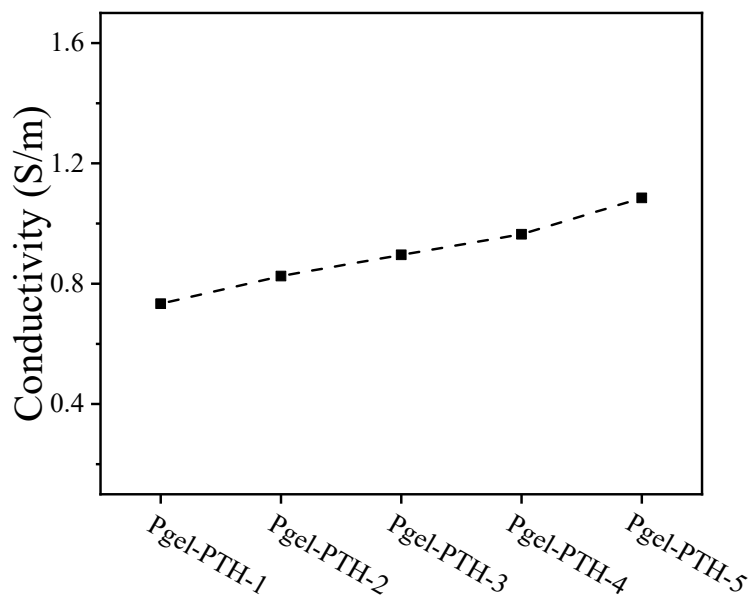
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**Fig. S1.** Photographs of Pgel-PTH-1 hydrogel at different temperatures.



**Fig. S2.** Optical photographs of samples with different heating times at 550 nm.



**Fig. S3.** The conductivity of hydrogel samples with different concentrations of PTH.

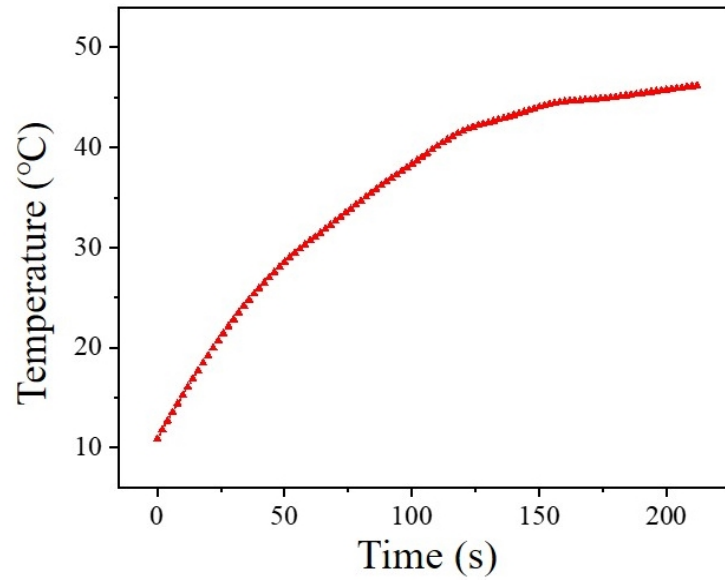


Fig. S4 The temperature of Pgel depends on the power-on time and the external voltage with 10 V.

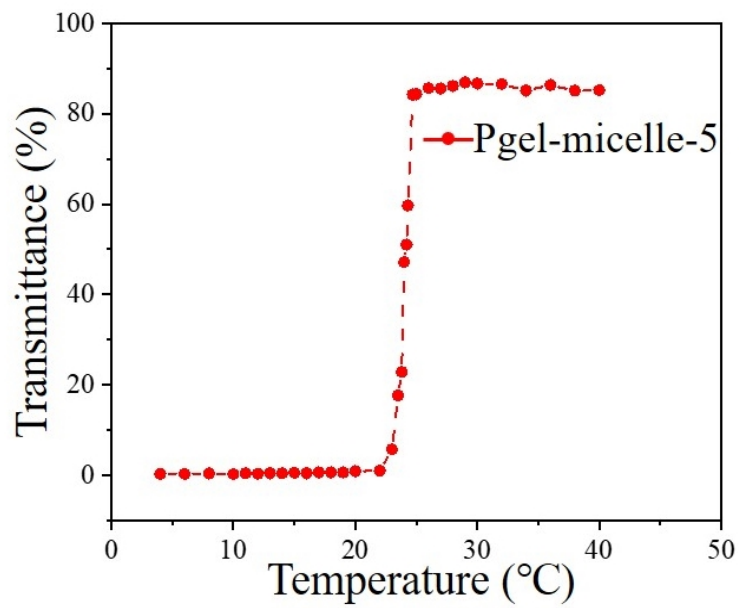
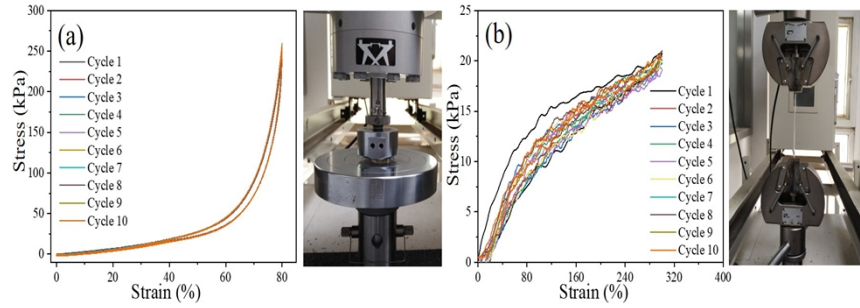
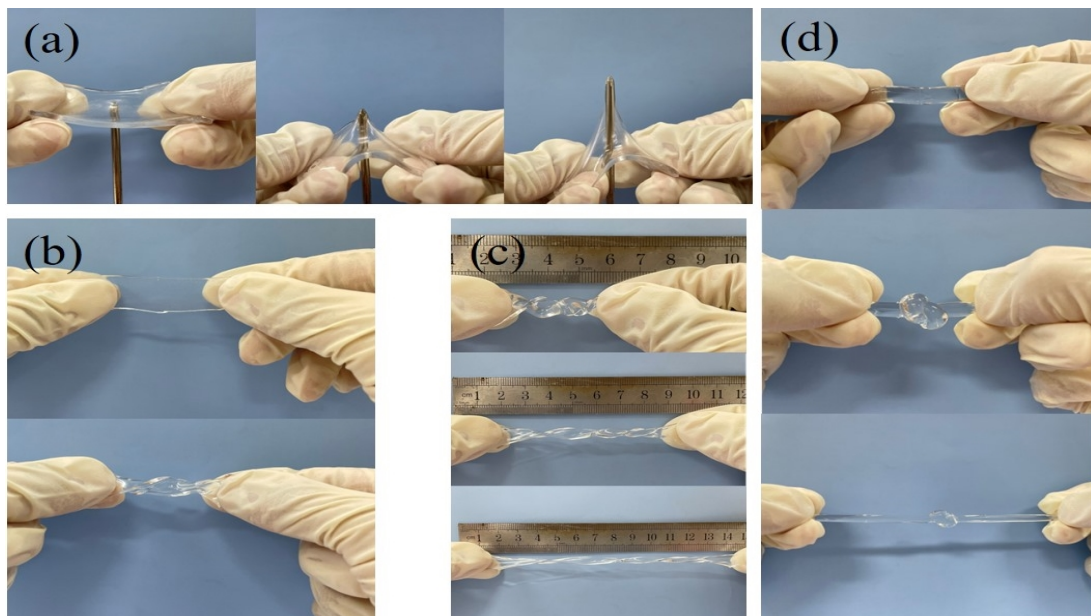


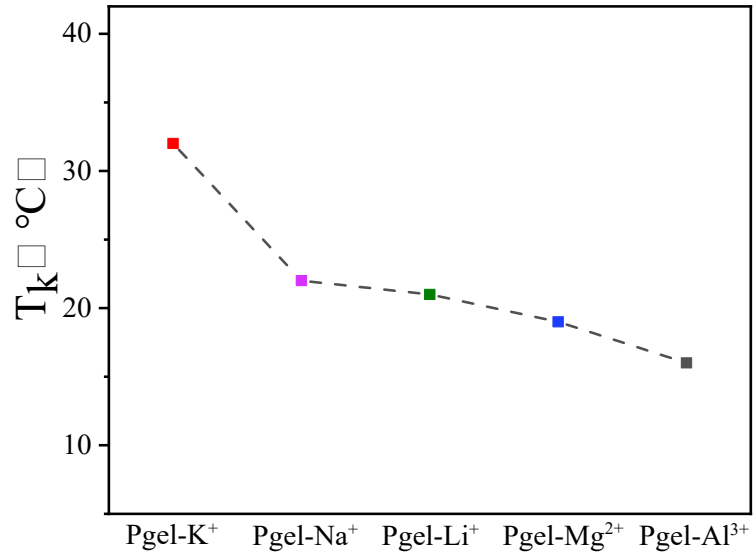
Fig S5. Relationship between temperature and light transmittance of Pgel-micelle-5.



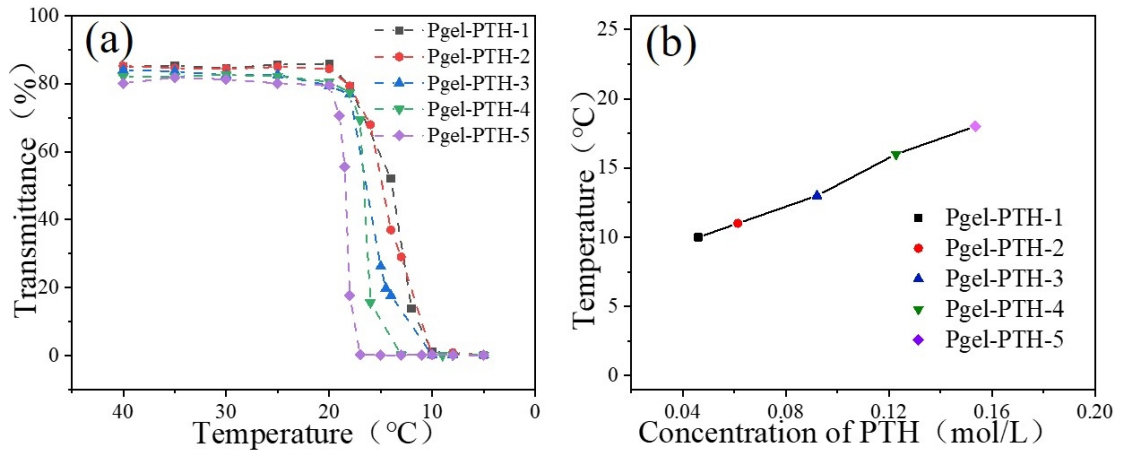
**Fig. S6.** (a) Ten compression stress-strain curves and (b) ten continuous tension and relaxation cycles of Pgel-PTH-2 hydrogel.



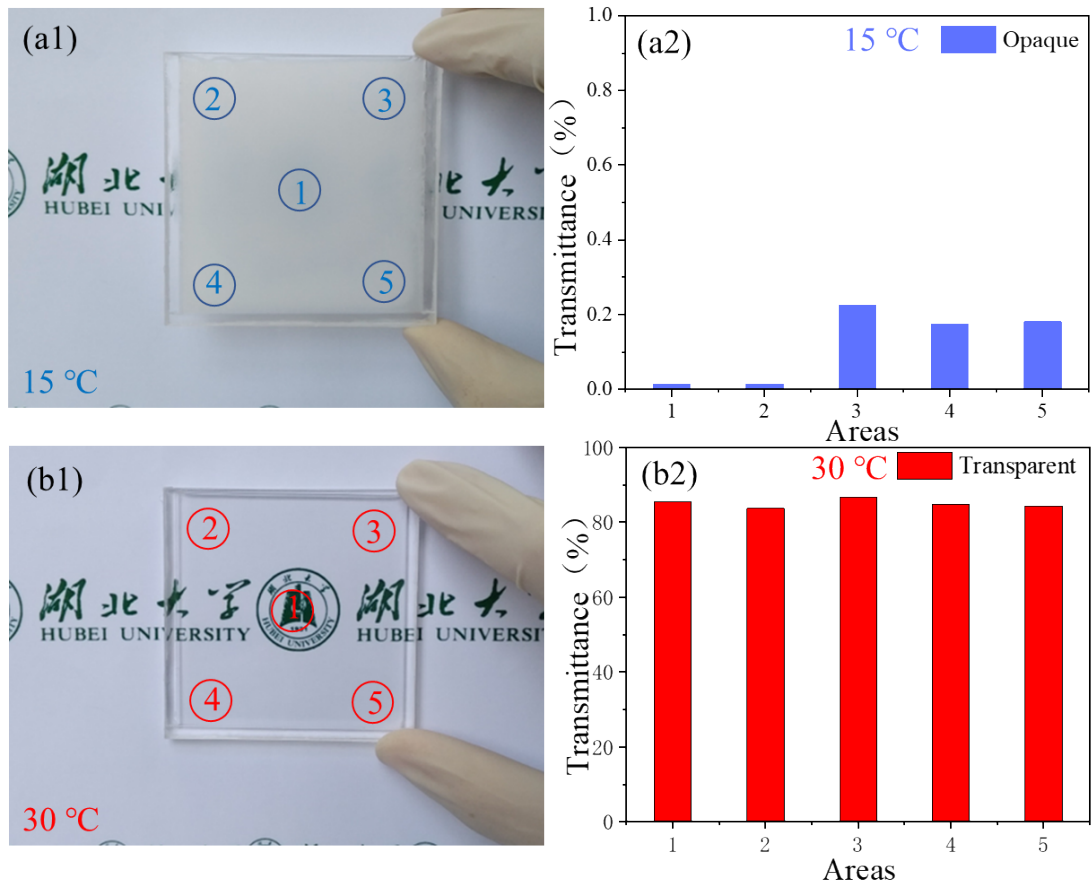
**Fig. S7.** Mechanical properties of Pgel-PTH-2 hydrogel: Exhibition of (a) Puncture resistance and (b) twisting of the hydrogel. Stretching of the (c) twisted and (d) knotted treated hydrogel.



**Fig. S8.** T<sub>k</sub> of hydrogels with different cations.



**Fig. S9.** (a) Transmittance and (b) temperature switching of hydrogels with different concentration of PTH during cooling.



**Fig. S10.** Optical uniformity of hydrogels in (a1) opaque and (b1) transparent states; Transmittance of different areas of the hydrogels in (a2) opaque and (b2) transparent states.



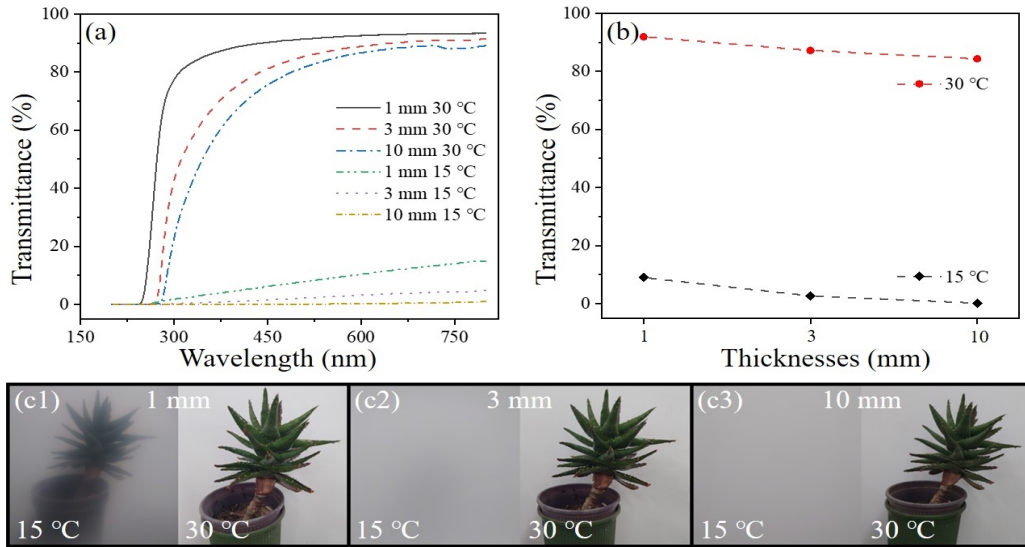


Fig. S11 (a) Transmittance of Pgel-PTH-2 for the 1 mm, 3 mm and 10 mm thickness at 15 °C and 30 °C at a wavelength of 550 nm; (b)The transmittance spectra of 1 mm, 3 mm and 10 mm at 15°C and 30°C, respectively; Optical photos for 1 mm (c1), 3 mm (c2), and 10 mm (c3) sample at 15°C and 30°C, respectively.