## **Electronic Supplementary Material**

## Encapsulation of polyethylene glycol in cellulose-based porous capsules for latent heat storage and light-to-thermal conversion

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Figure S1. Photos of CPHEs in water.



Figure S2. FTIR spectra of CPHEs and MCC.



Figure S3. (a) Liquid-state <sup>13</sup>C and (b) Liquid -state <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CPHE-4.



Figure S4. Photos of CPEC capsules, (a-b) without Fe<sup>3+</sup> addition and (c-d) Fe<sup>3+</sup> addition.



Figure S5. FTIR spectra of all capsules.



Figure S6. SEM images of core-shell structure of CPEC capsules.



Figure S7. (a<sub>1</sub>-d<sub>1</sub>) Photos of (a<sub>1</sub>) CPEC/GO-0.5, (b<sub>1</sub>) CPEC/GO-1, (c<sub>1</sub>) CPEC/CNT-0.5, (d<sub>1</sub>)

CPEC/CNT-1. (a<sub>2</sub>-d<sub>2</sub>) SEM images of the surface structure of (a<sub>2</sub>) CPEC/GO-0.5, (b<sub>2</sub>) CPEC/GO-1, (c<sub>2</sub>) CPEC/CNT-0.5, (d<sub>2</sub>) CPEC/CNT-1. (a<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>3</sub>) SEM images of the inner structure of (a<sub>3</sub>) CPEC/GO-0.5, (b<sub>3</sub>) CPEC/GO-1, (c<sub>3</sub>) CPEC/CNT-0.5, (d<sub>3</sub>) CPEC/CNT-1.



**Figure S8.** (a<sub>1</sub>-d<sub>1</sub>) Photos of (a<sub>1</sub>) PEG@CPEC/GO-0.5, (b<sub>1</sub>) PEG@CPEC/GO-1, (c<sub>1</sub>) PEG@CPEC/CNT-0.5, (d<sub>1</sub>) PEG@CPCE/CNT-1. (a<sub>2</sub>-d<sub>2</sub>) SEM images of (a<sub>2</sub>) PEG@CPEC/GO-0.5, (b<sub>2</sub>) PEG@CPEC/GO-1, (c<sub>2</sub>) PEG@CPEC/CNT-0.5, (d<sub>2</sub>) PEG@CPCE/CNT-1.

PEG-based composite PCMs	Loading rate /%	References
Cellulose nanofiber/graphene nanoplatelet hybridcoated	95.2	[1]
melamine foam/PEG		
MXene aerogel/PEG	90	[2]
Graphene/carbon nanotube aerogel/PEG	98.8	[3]
Cellulose/graphene aerogel/PEG	1166	[4]
Polyimide/phosphorene/PEG	4067	[5]
Lignin-based hierarchical porous carbon/PEG	85	[6]

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SA/PEG	93	[7]
Nano-aluminosilicate/PEG	77.5	[8]
Expanded dickite/PEG	179.3	[9]
Cellulose/graphene aerogel/PEG	4321	[10]
CA/PEG	96.5	[11]
Cellulose -based porous capsule/PEG	3433	This cork

The loading rates (R<sub>L</sub>) of PEG were calculated by the following equation [10]:

$$R_L = \frac{m - m_0}{m_0} * 100\%$$

Where  $m_0$  is the initial mass of the capsules, and m is the final mass of the composite PCMs.

	Melting process		Crystalliz	ation process
	$T_m / ^{\circ}C$	$H_m \ / \ J \ g^{\text{-1}}$	T <sub>c</sub> /°C	$H_c \ /J \ g^{-1}$
PEG@CPEC 1 cycle	65.41	139.5	42.51	136.9
PEG@CPEC 50 cycle	65.20	139.4	43.37	135.7
PEG@CPCE 100 cycle	62.17	136.9	43.12	125.9
PEG@CPEC 150 cycle	68.28	135.0	41.11	125.1
PEG@CPEC 200 cycle	66.18	129.9	40.16	124.4
PEG@CPCE/GO-3 1 cycle	65.47	142.2	42.32	137.4
PEG@CPCE/GO-3 50 cycle	65.70	131.2	42.63	123.9
PEG@CPCE/GO-3 100 cycle	64.41	129.5	43.46	122.9
PEG@CPCE/GO-3 150 cycle	65.88	125.3	40.01	122.4
PEG@CPCE/GO-3 200 cycle	64.49	122.1	40.97	118.6

Table S2. Thermal reliability of prepared samples after1, 50, 100, 150 and 200 thermal cycles.

PEG@CPEC/CNT-3 1 cycle	64.98	138.6	42.67	131.2
PEG@CPCE/CNT-3 50 cycle	65.19	129.6	43.40	126.4
PEG@CPEC/CNT-3 100 cycle	63.82	125.3	43.71	121.6
PEG@CPCE/CNT-3 150 cycle	65.19	123.5	39.57	120.4
PEG@CPEC/CNT-3 200 cycle	63.82	119.1	40.50	107.2

Table S3. Thermal conductivity of prepared CPEC, CPEC/GO-3, CPEC/CNT-3 porous capsules.

Samples	Thermal conductivity /W m <sup>-1</sup> *K <sup>-1</sup>
CPEC	0.0389
CPEC/GO-3	0.0404
CPEC/CNT-3	0.0424

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