

## Supporting Information

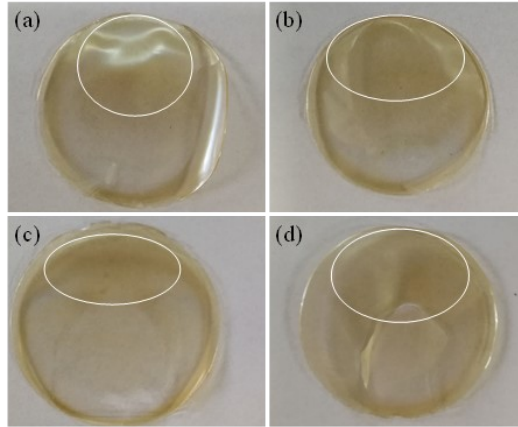
### **Highly intrinsic thermal conductivity of cellulose nanocrystals films through pitch regulation**

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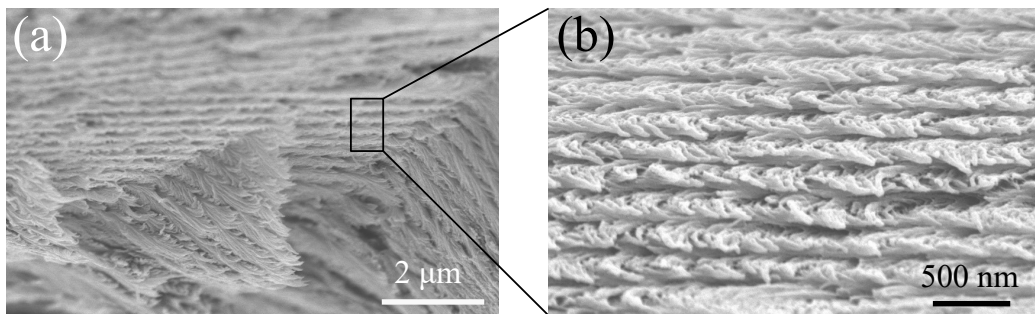
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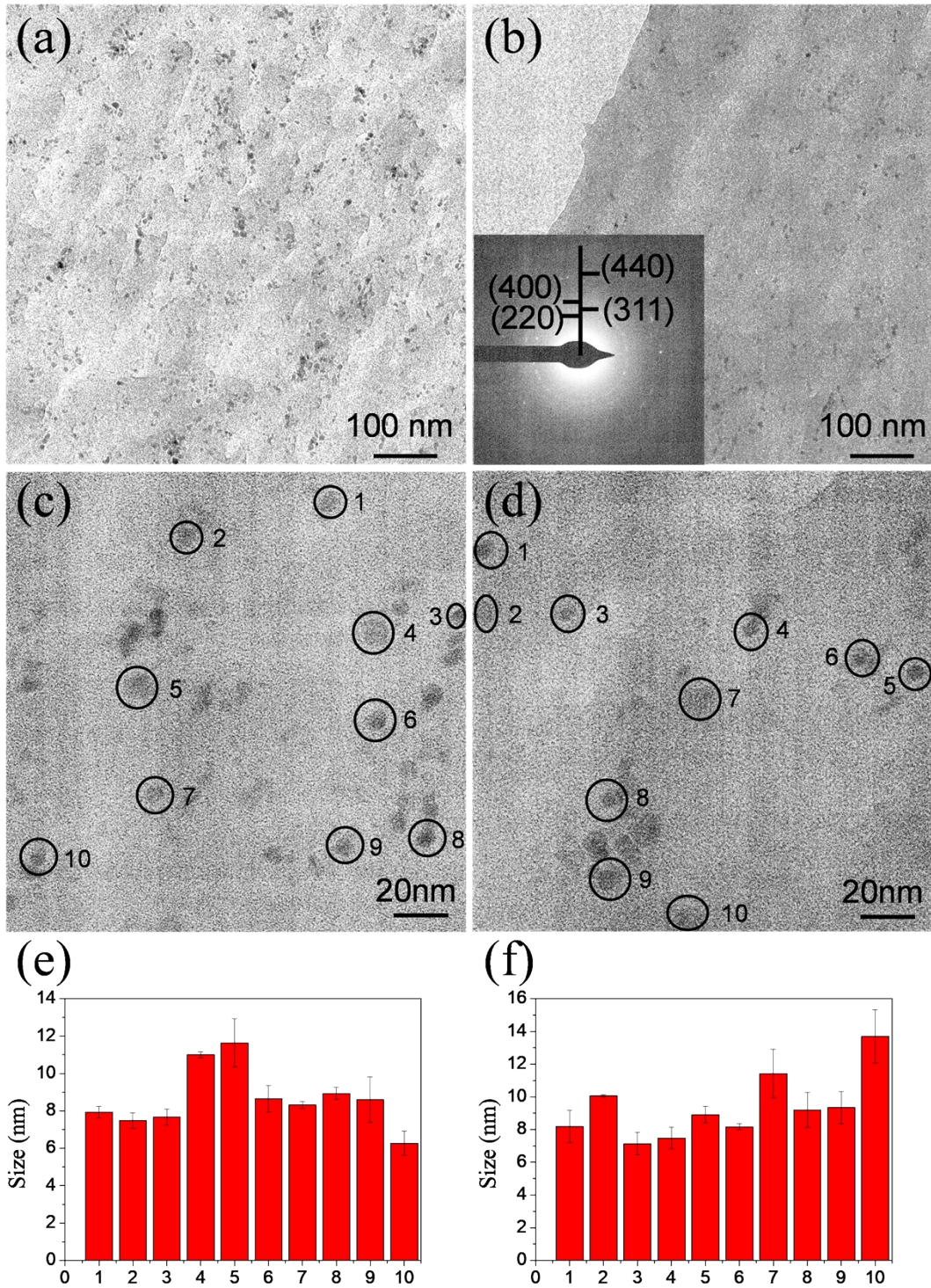


**Fig. S1** Optical images of (a) CNCs-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$ -1.10-H11-90 film, (b) CNCs-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$ -1.10-H23-90 film, (c) CNCs-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$ -1.10-H11-45 film, (d) CNCs-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$ -1.10-H23-45 film.

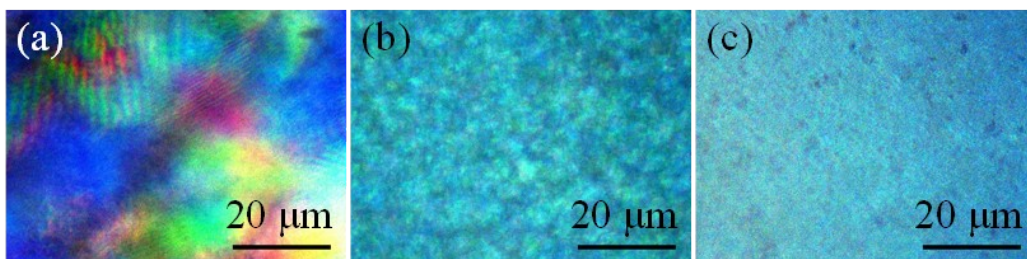
90 and 45 represent the angle of the vertical magnetic field tilt.  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$  agglomeration appeared in all films. The white circles circled the reunion areas.



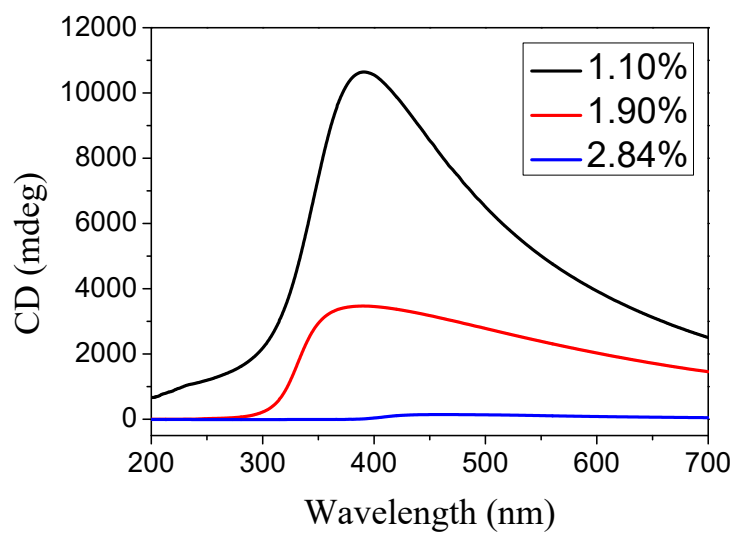
**Fig. S2** SEM images of oblique section of the  $\text{CNC-Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$  film, (a) and (b).in different magnifications.



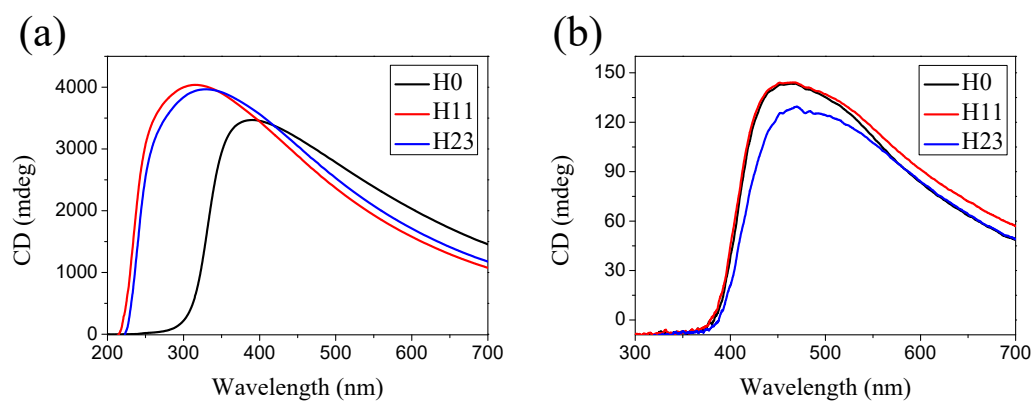
**Fig. S3** The cross-section TEM images of CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.10 film (a, c, d), the selected area electron diffraction (SAED) pattern of one Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> particle shown in (b), measurement results of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> particle size from Fig. S3c image (e), measurement results of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> particle size from Fig. S3d image (f).



**Fig. S4** POM images of (a) CNCs film, (b) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90 film, (c) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84 film.



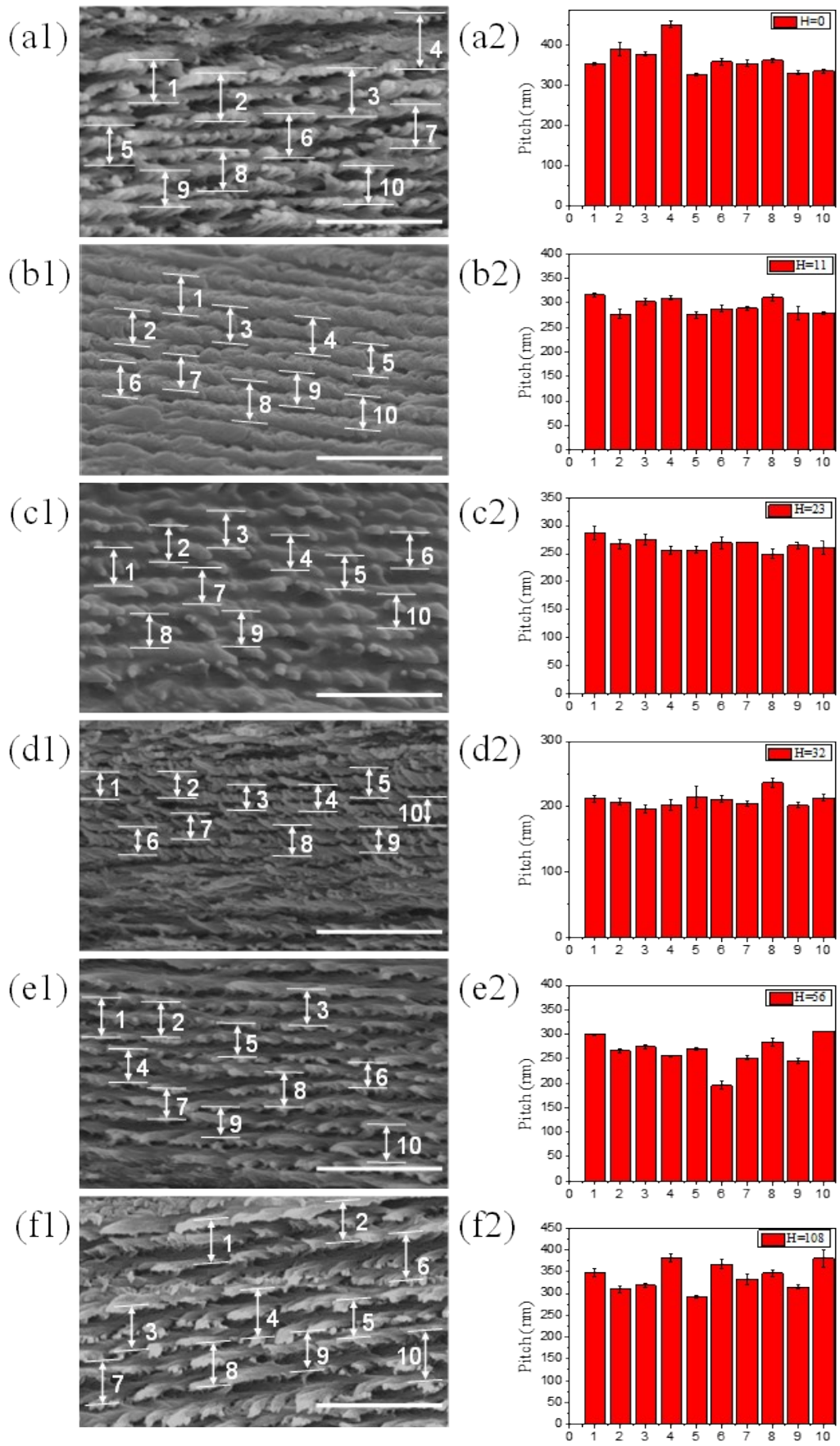
**Fig. S5** Circular dichroism spectra for CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.10 film, CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90 film, and CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84 film.



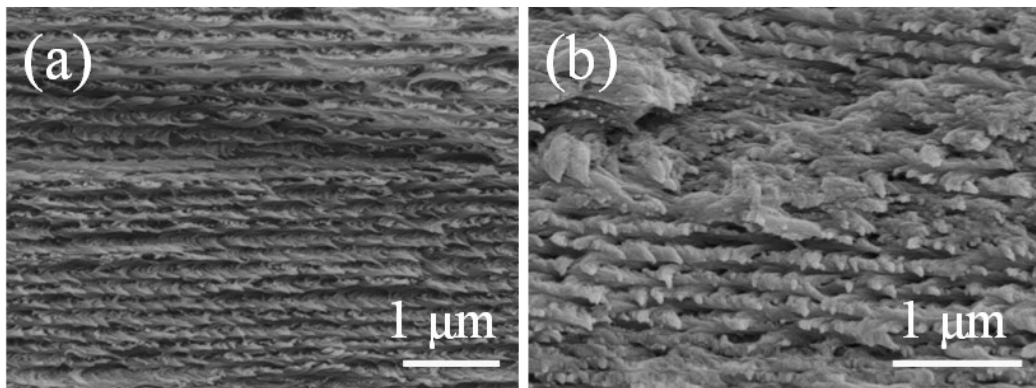
**Fig. S6** Circular dichroism spectra of (a) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90 films, (b) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84 films formed under different magnetic field intensities.



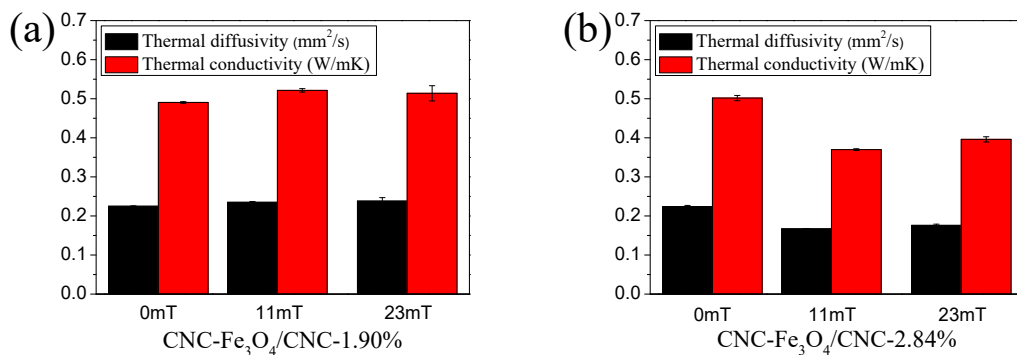
**Fig. S7** Optical images of (a) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90-H0 film, (b) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90-H11 film, (c) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90-H23 film, (d) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84-H0 film, (e) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84-H11 film, (f) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84-H23 film.



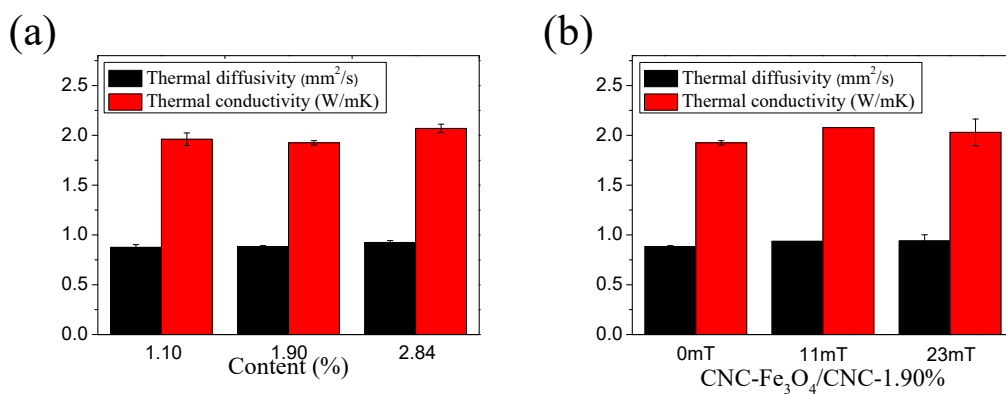
**Fig. S8** SEM images of cross-sections of the CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.10 films formed under different magnetic field intensities and the pitch sizes measured from the images. The scale bar is 1 μm. (a1) and (a2) 0 mT, (b1) and (b2) 11 mT, (c1) and (c2) 23 mT, (d1) and (d2) 32mT, (e1) and (e2) 56 mT, (f1) and (f2) 108 mT.



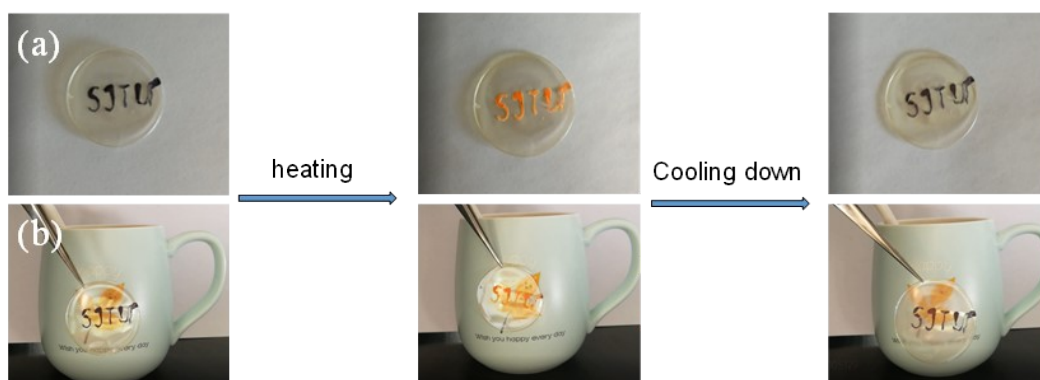
**Fig. S9** SEM images of cross-sections of the CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.10 films formed under magnetic field intensity of (a) 32 mT, (b) 108 mT.



**Fig. S10** The out-plane thermal diffusivities (TD) and thermal conductivities (TC) of (a) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90 films, (b) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-2.84 films under different magnetic field intensities.



**Fig. S11** The in-plane thermal diffusivities (TD) and thermal conductivities (TC) of (a) films with different contents of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, (b) CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.90 films formed under different magnetic field intensities.



**Fig. S12** The transparent CNC-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNC-1.10-H32 film as thermochromic membrane.

The crystallinity ( $X_C$ ) of CNCs can be calculated by Segal's method:



$$X_C = ((I_{002} - I_{am}) / I_{002}) \times 100$$

where  $I_{am}$  is the diffraction intensity of the amorphous phase taken at angle around  $18^\circ - 19^\circ$ .  $I_{002}$  is the intensity of the (0 0 2) peak, which is the maximum intensity in XRD. From the XRD pattern in Fig. 2b, the crystallinities of the CNCs prepared by us and CNCs in  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$  are calculated as:

**Table S1** The crystallinities of CNCs and CNCs in  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$

Sample	$I_{002}$	$I_{am}$	$X_C$
CNCs	1778	218	87.7 %
CNCs in $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CNC}$	373	45	87.9 %

**Table S2** Through-plane thermal conductivities

Sample	Thermal diffusivity (mm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	specific heat capacity (J g <sup>-1</sup> k <sup>-1</sup> )	Thermal conductivity (Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )
CNCs	0.197±0.002	1.479	1.539	0.448±0.005
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H0	0.211±0.003	1.504	1.490	0.473±0.007
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H11	0.237±0.005	1.523		0.538±0.011
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H23	0.263±0.003	1.532		0.600±0.007
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H32	0.351±0.003	1.525		0.798±0.007
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H56	0.349±0.003	1.518		0.790±0.007
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H108	0.309±0.005	1.518		0.699±0.011
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.90-H0	0.225±0.001	1.496	1.457	0.490±0.002
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.90-H11	0.235±0.002	1.523		0.521±0.004
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.90-H23	0.238±0.009	1.482		0.514±0.019
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-2.84-H0	0.224±0.003	1.518	1.475	0.502±0.007
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-2.84-H11	0.167±0.001	1.501		0.370±0.002
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-2.84-H23	0.176±0.003	1.525		0.396±0.007

**Table S3** In-plane thermal conductivities

Sample	Thermal diffusivity (mm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	specific heat capacity (J g <sup>-1</sup> k <sup>-1</sup> )	Thermal conductivity (Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.10-H0	0.875±0.028	1.504	1.490	1.961±0.063
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.90-H0	0.883±0.01	1.496	1.457	1.925±0.022
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.90-H11	0.936±0.00	1.523		2.077±0.00
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-1.90-H23	0.94±0.062	1.482		2.030±0.134
CNC-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNC-2.84-H0	0.924±0.019	1.518	1.475	2.069±0.043