

Supporting Information

Recyclable low-thermal-conductivity phase change materials for building thermal management

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Table S1. The mass ratios of each component in the PCP CPCMs.

| | PVA (wt%) | CMC-Na (wt%) | PEG (wt%) | Leakage |
|---------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| PCP-60% | 32 | 8 | 60 | NO |
| PCP-70% | 24 | 6 | 70 | NO |
| PCP-80% | 16 | 4 | 80 | NO |
| PCP-85% | 12 | 3 | 85 | YES |

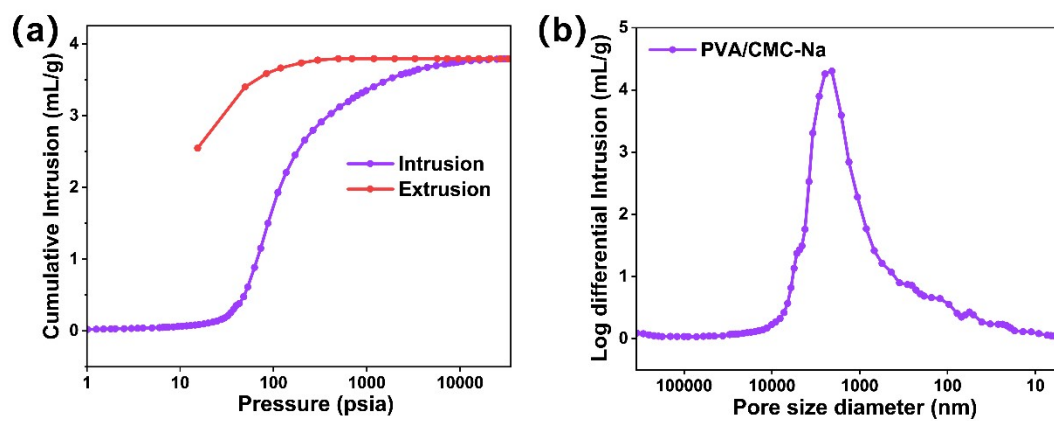


Fig. S1. (a) Mercury intrusion curve. (b) Pore size distribution curve

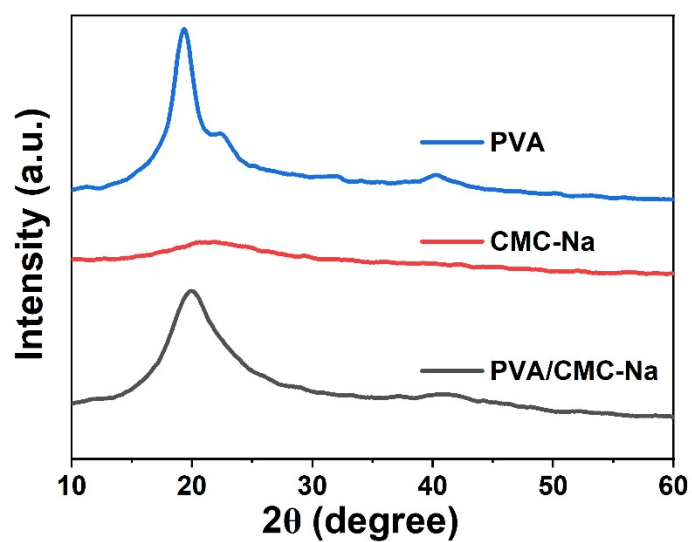


Fig. S2. XRD patterns of PVA, CMC-Na, and PVA/CMC-Na composites.

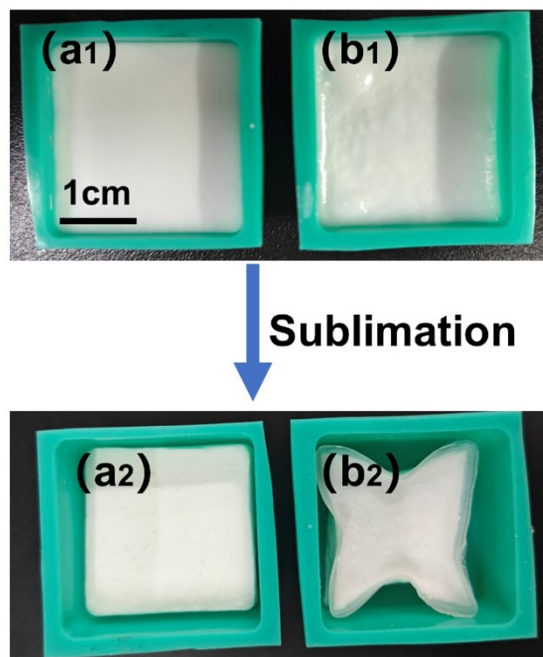


Fig. S3. Digital photos of PVA/CMC-Na/PEG after (a₁) freezing and (a₂) freeze-drying. Digital photos of PVA/PEG after (b₁) freezing and (b₂) freeze-drying.

Table S2. Thermal properties of PEG and CPCMs.

| | T_m (°C) | ΔH_m (J/g) | T_c (°C) | ΔH_c (J/g) |
|---------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| PEG | 38.81 | 162.77 | 23.11 | 159.56 |
| PCP-60% | 37.79 | 96.23 | 22.36 | 93.25 |
| PCP-70% | 37.38 | 108.70 | 21.27 | 104.76 |
| PCP-80% | 37.49 | 125.16 | 22.59 | 122.54 |
| PCP-85% | 36.96 | 131.59 | 22.74 | 126.80 |

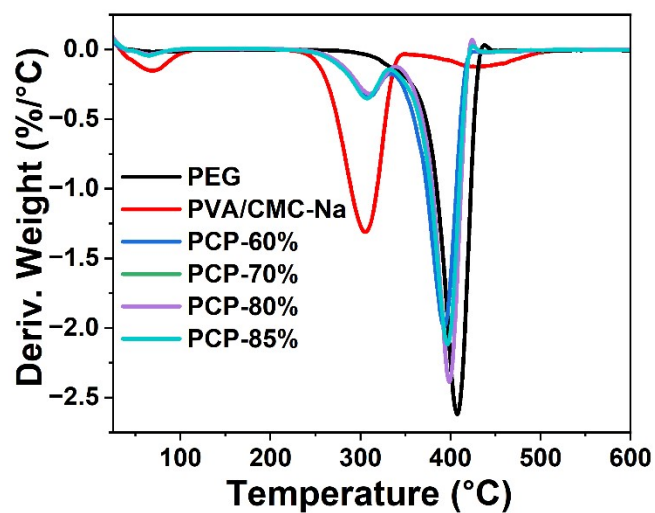


Fig. S4. TGA curves of PVA/CMC-Na, PEG, and CPCMs.

Table S3. TG data of pure PEG and different CPCMs.

| | $T_{-5\text{wt}\%}$ (°C) | T_{max} (°C) | T_{end} (°C) | Weight loss (wt%) |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| PEG | 343.15 | 367.48 | 427.17 | 1.70 |
| PVA/CMC-Na | 81.03 | 256.33 | 475.67 | 18.07 |
| PCP-60% | 292.33 | 361.78 | 418.30 | 7.12 |
| PCP-70% | 293.48 | 362.40 | 420.06 | 5.91 |
| PCP-80% | 296.37 | 363.62 | 416.85 | 4.21 |
| PCP-85% | 293.14 | 365.23 | 417.11 | 3.73 |

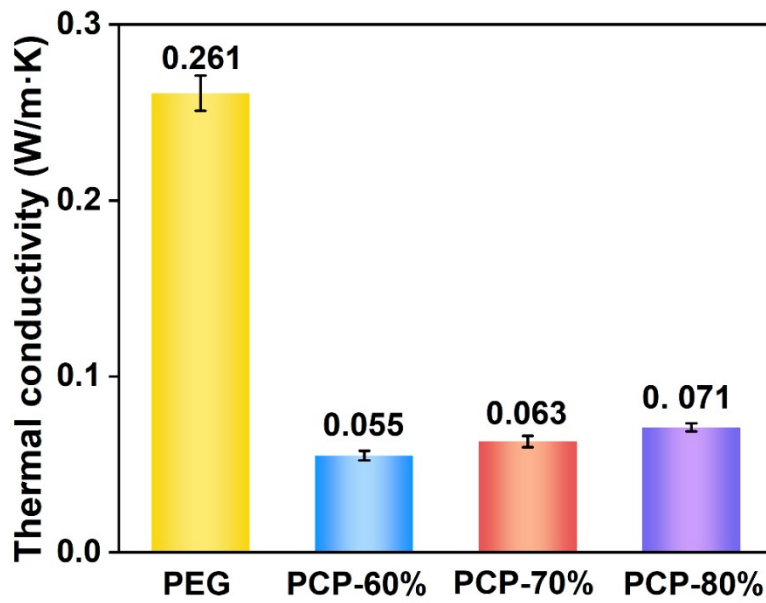


Fig. S5. Thermal conductivities of pure PEG and different CPCMs.

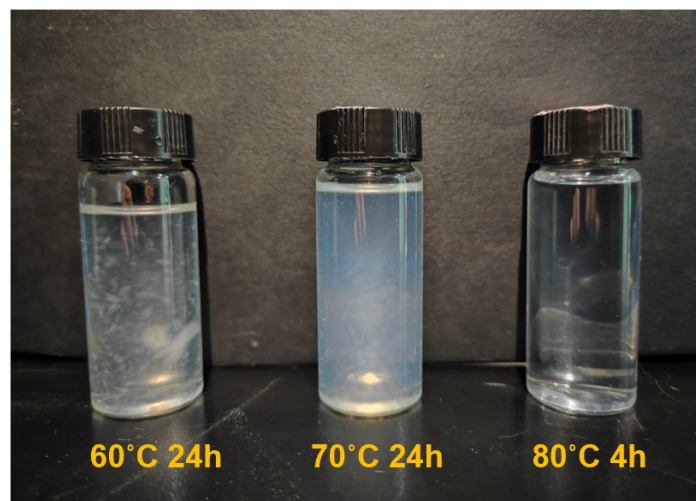


Fig. S6. The dissolution of PCP-80% at different temperatures.

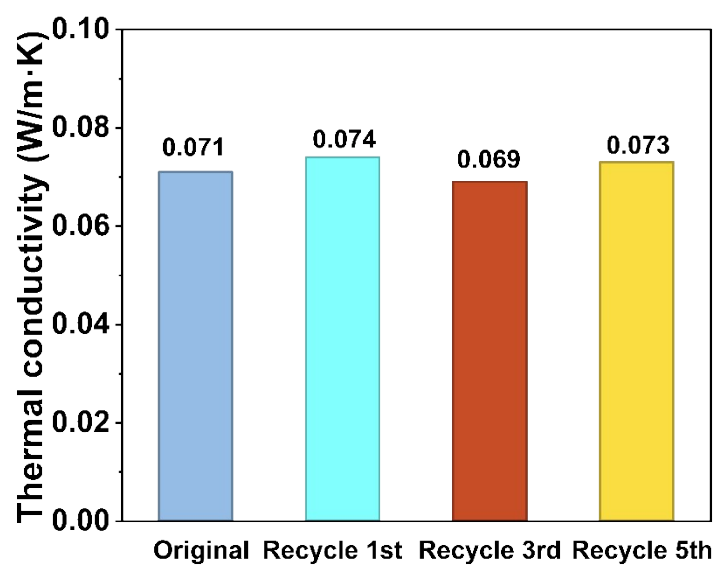


Fig. S7. The thermal conductivity of phase transition of R-PCP before and after 5 cycles of recovery.

Table S4. The thermal performance of R-PCP during different cycles of recovery.

| | T_m (°C) | ΔH_m (J/g) | T_c (°C) | ΔH_c (J/g) |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Original | 38.33 | 121.18 | 23.26 | 119.55 |
| Recycle 1st | 38.19 | 120.52 | 23.27 | 118.87 |
| Recycle 3rd | 38.52 | 117.26 | 21.42 | 117.94 |
| Recycle 5th | 38.02 | 119.13 | 22.3 | 120.41 |