

Supporting Information

From Biomass to High Performance Solar-Thermal and Electric-Thermal Energy Conversion and Storage Materials

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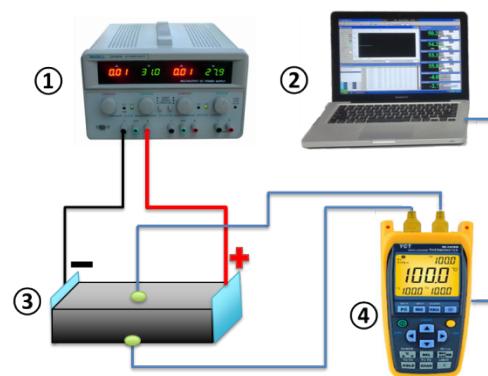


Figure S1. The schematic of electrical-thermal energy conversion and storage measuring system: (1) DC power supply, (2) computer, (3) CA/wax composite, and (4) thermometer.

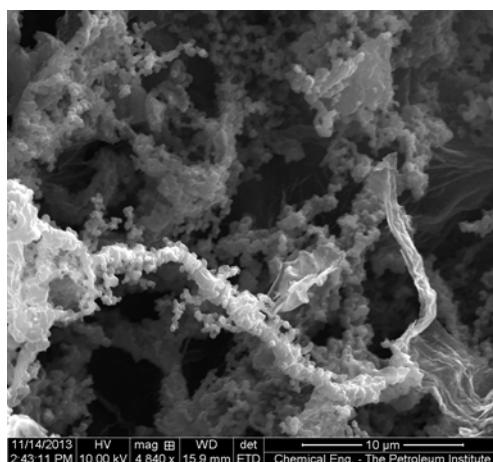


Figure S2. High magnification SEM image of CA from watermelon.

Table S1. Properties of carbon aerogel from various melons:

| Samples | Raw materials | Density (g/cm ³) | | Electrical conductivity (S/m) | |
|---------|---------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----|
| | | Average | SD* | Average | SD* |
| CA-WI | Winter melon | 0.048 | 0.0023 | 6.5 | 1.6 |
| CA-WA | Water melon | 0.051 | 0.0027 | 3.8 | 1.0 |
| CA-PU | Pumpkin | 0.054 | 0.0019 | 5.3 | 1.0 |

SD: standard deviation.

Table S2. Phase change behavior of paraffin wax, BS/wax composite, and BS/wax composites after aging.

| Sample | Phase transition | ΔH (J/g) | | T_r (°C) | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Heating cycle | Cooling cycle | Heating cycle | Cooling cycle |
| Paraffin wax | Solid-liquid | 122.3 | 134.1 | 53.24 | 49.4 |
| BS/wax composite | Form-stable | 115.2 | 126.9 | 53.53 | 48.3 |
| BS/wax EA | Form-stable | 114.4 | 126.8 | 54.7 | 47.04 |
| BS/wax OA | Form-stable | 116.5 | 129.8 | 53.19 | 48.87 |
| BS/wax TA | Form-stable | 113.2 | 127.1 | 54.7 | 47.04 |