

Fabrication of Flexible, Lightweight, Magnetic Mushroom Gills and Coral-Like MXene–Carbon Nanotube Nanocomposites for EMI Shielding Application

Supplementary Texts

Electrical conductivity

The electrical conductivity reciprocally changes with resistance. The resistance of a material can be calculated as [1]

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A} = \rho \frac{L}{wt}$$

$$A = wt$$

Where R is the material resistance, ρ is the resistivity, A is the cross-sectional area, L is the length. W is width and t is the thickness

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{tW} = R_s \frac{L}{W}$$

Where,

R_s - Sheet resistance

Bulk resistivity ρ (in Ω cm) can be obtained by the following equation.:

$$\rho = R_s \cdot t$$

The conductivity of the materials can be defined as. $\sigma = 1/\rho$ where, the conductivity of the material can be given as,

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$\sigma = (R_s \cdot t)^{-1}$$

The conductivity of the material was calculated according to the above equation.

The electromagnetic interference shielding effectiveness (EMI SE), is a measure of blocking electromagnetic waves (EMW).

EMI SE is experimentally defined as the logarithmic ratio of incoming power (P_i) to transmitted power (P_T) [2] that is measured in decibel (dB),

$$SE \text{ (dB)} = \log_{10} (P_i/P_T)$$

When an EM radiation is incident on shielding film, the incident power (P_i) can be expressed the added combination of the reflected power (P_R), absorbed power (P_A), and transmitted power (P_T)

$$P_i = P_R + P_A + P_T$$

For the intensity (I) it is,

$$I_o = I_R + I_A + I_T$$

Specific Shielding Effectiveness (SSE- dB $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$) is mathematically expressed. Here, SSE is calculated dividing the EMI SE by the density of the material (ρ).

$$SSE = \frac{EMI \text{ SE}}{\text{density}}$$

SSE gives a more accurate account on EMI SE compare to ρ of the material where thinner material might be having higher EMI SE [1–7].

The relationship between SE and thickness can be expressed in the following equation known as absolute effectiveness. Because SSE does not show thickness-based information while absolute effectiveness (SSE/t - dB $\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) is used to evaluate the relationship between SSE and thickness.

$$SSE/t = \frac{SSE}{t}$$

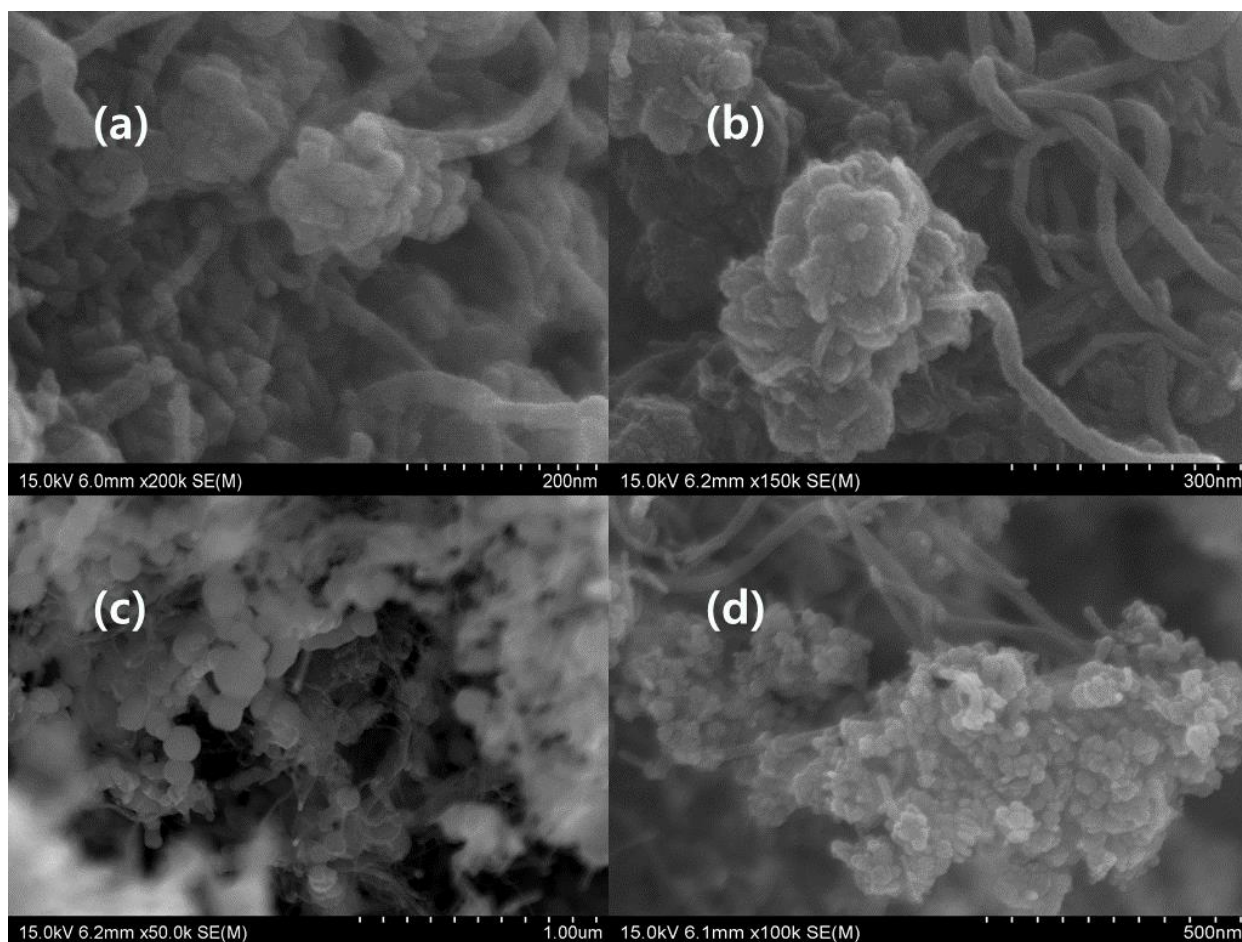


Figure S1. SEM image of CNTO decorated by (a) Fe₃O₄ (b) Fe (c) Ni (d) Cu.

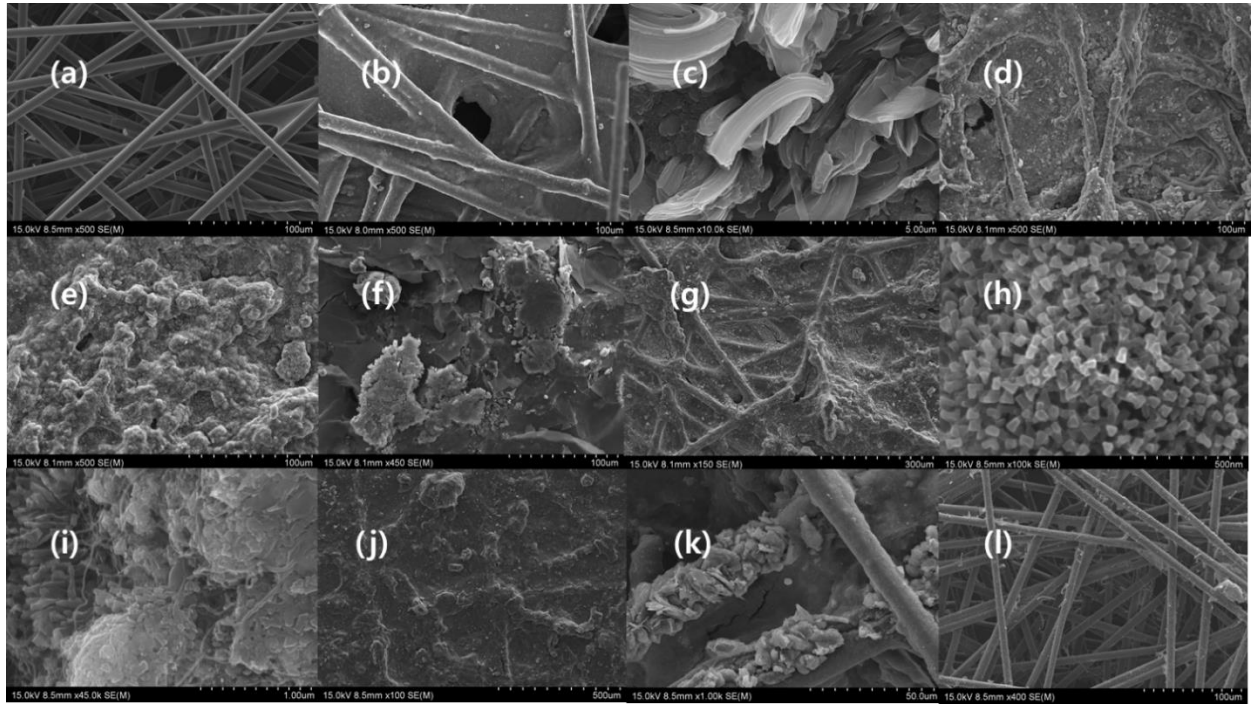


Figure S2. SEM image of carbon fabric composite of (a) MC (500) (b) MXCB (500) (c) surface of MXCS (10000) (d) MXCBCFeO (500) (e) MXCBCFe (500) (f) MXCBCNi (450) (g) MXCBCCo (150) (h) MXCBCCo (100000) (i) MXXBCCu (45000) (j) MXCNTC30 (100) (k) MXCNTNi25 (1000) MXCNT10 (400).

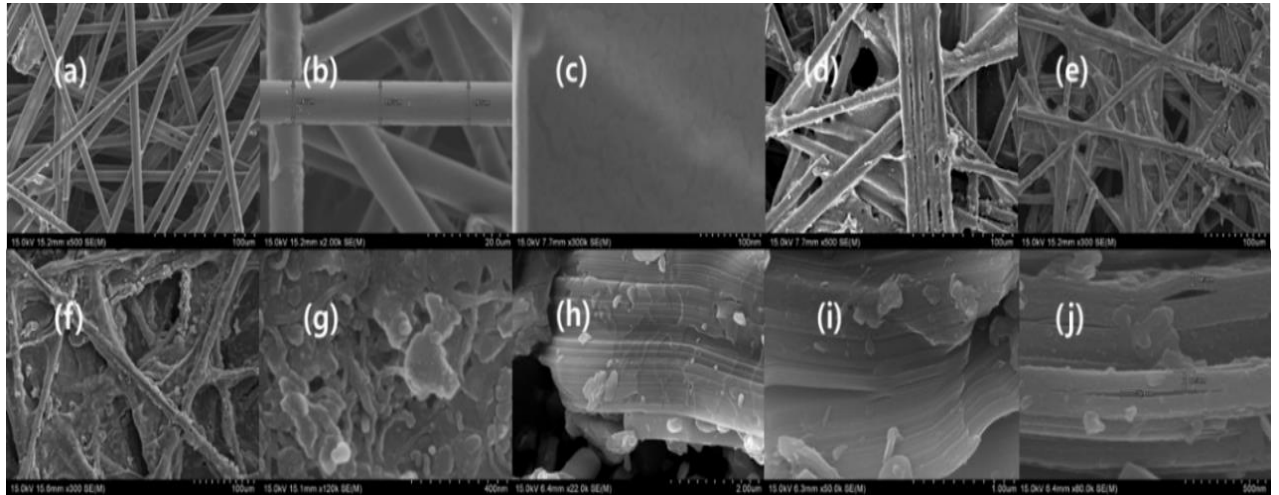
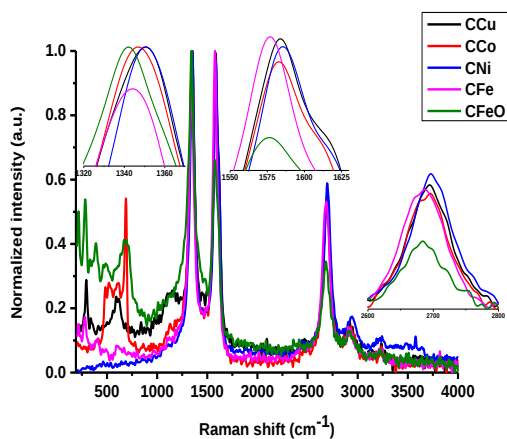


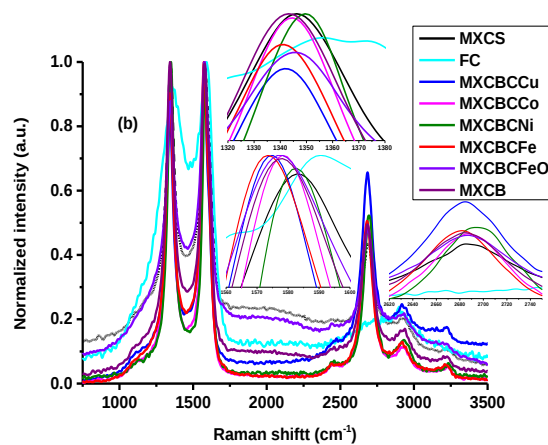
Figure S3. SEM image of (a) MC (×500), (b) MC (×2000), (c) cracks on fiber (×300000), (d) MXene-CNTO coated carbon fabric (×500), (e) MXene-CNTO coated carbon fabric (×300), (f) MXene-CNTO coated fabric (Ni coated fabric) (×300), (g) MXene and CNTO on the surface of the fabric (×120000), (h) Ti_3AlC_2 (×22000), (i) $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$ (×50000) and (j) $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2\text{T}_x$ (×80000).

Table S1. Elemental percentage of composites from EDX analysis.

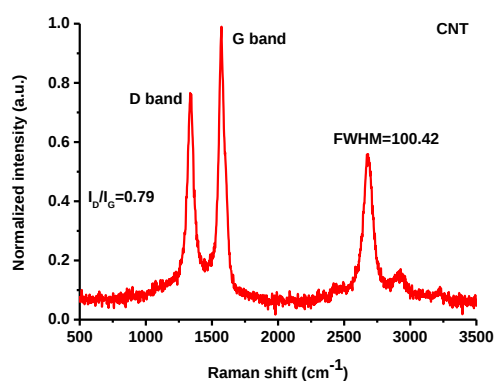
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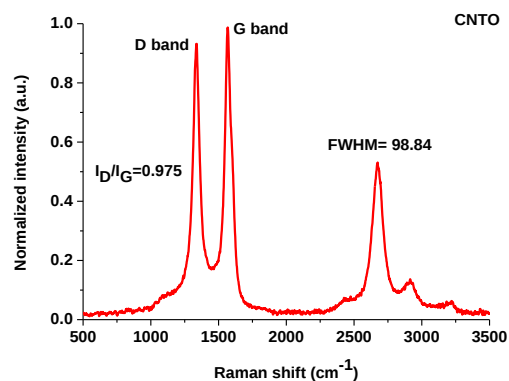
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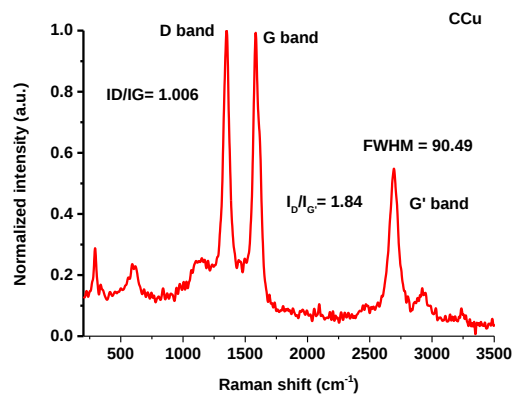
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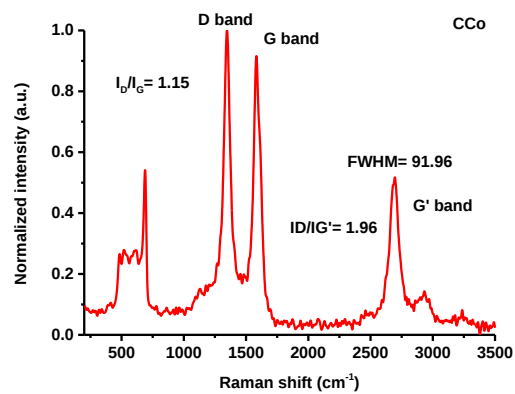
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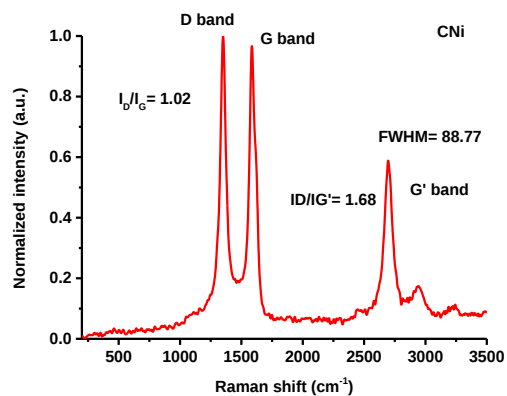
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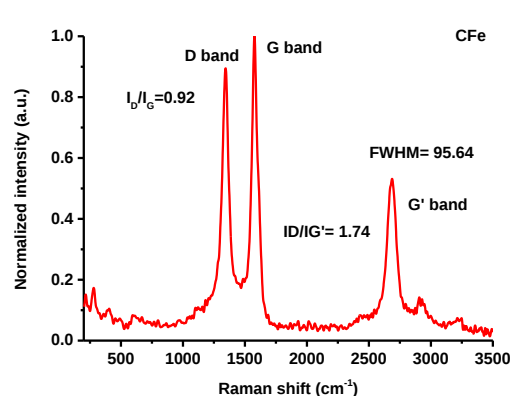
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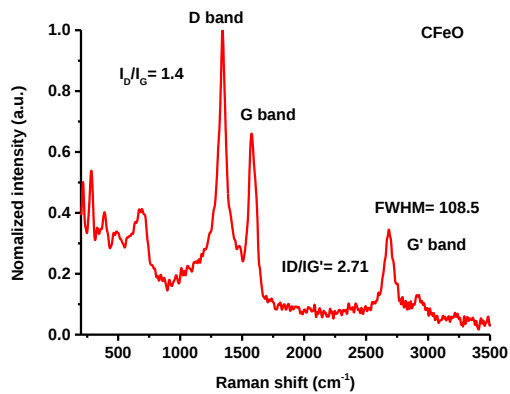
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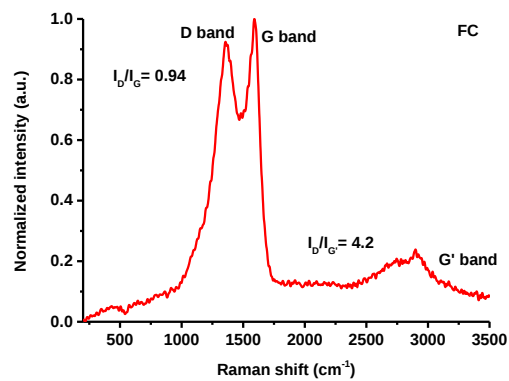
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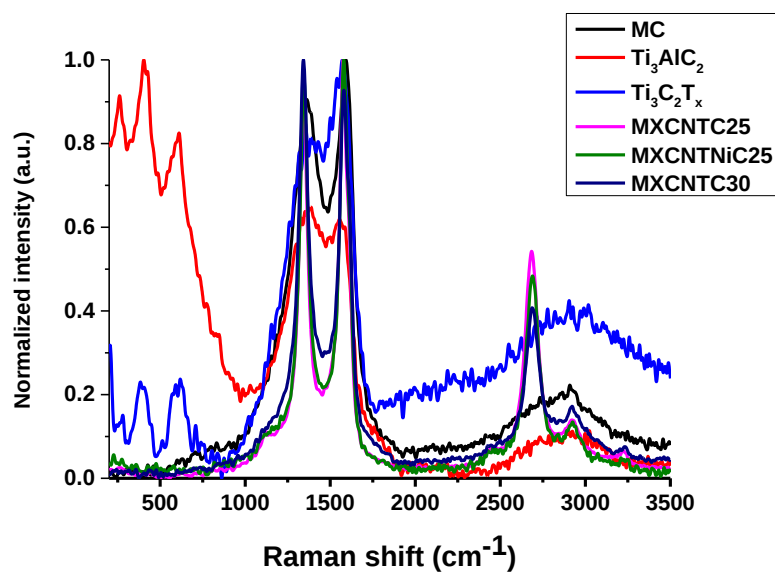
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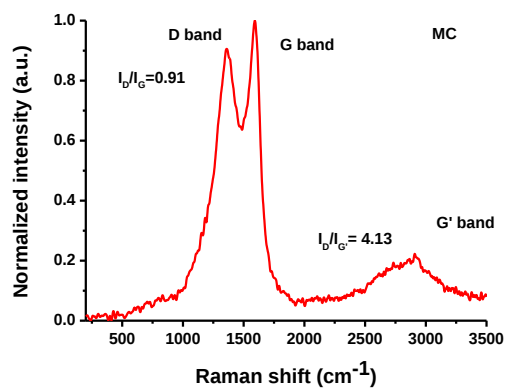
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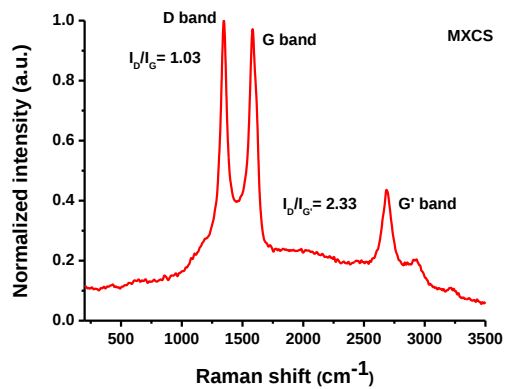
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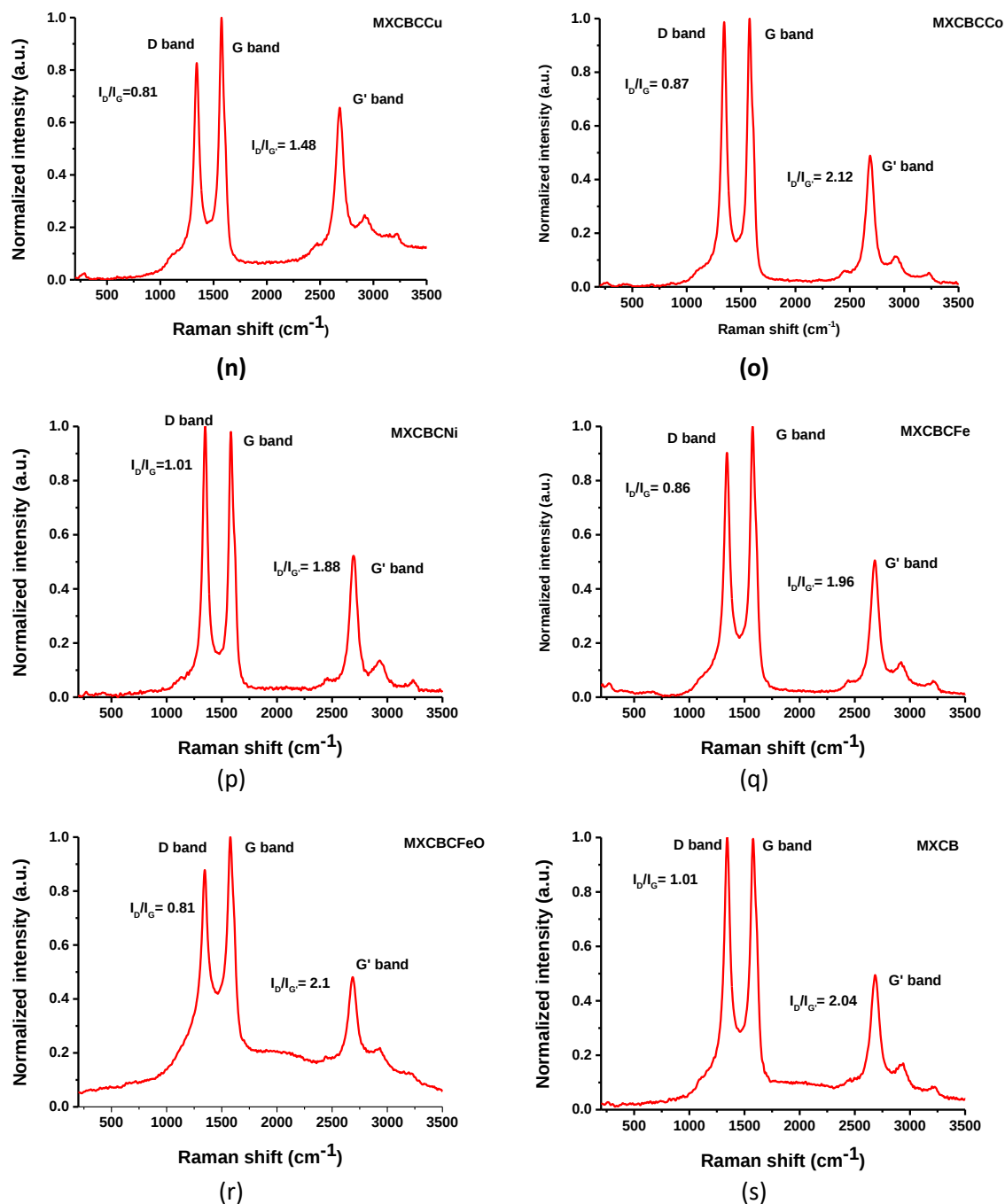


Figure S4. Normalized curve of Raman spectrum of (a) decorated CNT, (b) composites (c) CNT, (d) CNTO, (e) CCu, (f) CCo, (g) CNi, (h) CFe, (i) CFeO, (j) FC (k) comparison of MXene, MAX phase and MC, (l) MC, (m) MXCS, (n) MXCBCCu, (o) MXCBCCo, (p) MXCBCNi, (q) MXCBCFe, (r) MXCBCFeO and (s) MXCB.

Table S2. Raman spectra band positions.

NOs	Compo sitions	D band (cm ⁻¹)	G band (cm ⁻¹)	G' band (cm ⁻¹)	ID/IG	ID/IG'	
1	CNT	1336.3	1570.9	2675.9	0.79	1.39	2933, 3220.7
2	CNTO	1341.5	1570.9	2675.9	0.96	1.76	2916.7, 3228.8
3	CCu	1354.6	1583.5	2693.4	1.01	1.84	297, 609, 843.5, 1138, 2922.4, 3239.9
4	CCo	1346.8	1577.8	2699.1	1.15	1.96	482, 520.3, 609.7, 693.3, 2936.5, 3237.8
5	CNi	1344	1584.2	2699.1	1.02	1.68	2942.9, 3237.75
6	CFe	1346.8	1577.8	2686.3	0.92	1.74	212.8, 276.5, 404.8, 603.3, 2911, 2232
7	CFeO	1340.4	1577.8	2680	1.4	2.71	219.1, 282.9, 382.9, 334.7, 482.1, 1475.1, 2917.4, 3225
8	FC	1354.57	1589.9	2899	0.94	4.18	-
9	MC	1363.1	1592	2908.2	0.91	4.13	
10	MXCS	1348.9	1583.5	2687.8	1.03	2.33	2922.4, 3210.12
11	MXCBCCu	1343.23	1577.83	2687.8	0.81	1.48	285.8, 2470.2, 2916.7, 3227.8
12	MXCBCo	1348.2	1576.4	2687.8	0.87	2.12	255.3, 428.2, 2451.03, 2925.2, 3225.7
13	MXCBNi	1348.2	1585.6	2697	1.01	1.88	263.8, 419, 582.7, 665, 2451, 2925.2, 3235
14	MXCBCFe	1339.7	1567.2	2678.5	0.86	1.96	273, 655.7, 2441.8, 2916, 3207.3
15	MXCBCFeO	1339.7	1576.4	2687.8	0.81	2.1	2441.8, 2933.7, 3207.3
16	MXCB	1348.2	1576.42	2687.8	1.01	2.04	263.8, 2441.8, 2933.7, 3216.5

Table S3. Atomic percentage MXene, MC, CNT, CNTO and composites from XPS analysis.

Elements	C1s %	O1s %	F1s %	Ti %	N	S	Si	Cl	Fe	Ni	Co	Cu
MC	89.54	8.8	-	-	1.16		0.51	-				
CNT	98.48	1.52	-	-	-		-					
CNTO	98.27	1.73	-	-	-		-					
MXCNTC25	82.98	11.29	4.19	1.53	-		-					
MXene	20.49	12.81	61.65	4.27	-		-	0.77				
MXCB	79.88	8.91	6.56	2.52	2.13							
MXCBCFeO	84.19	8.28	2.56	0.29	2.16		-	-	2.03			
MXCBCFe	74.12	17.22	2.48	0.71	2.31		-	-	3.15			
MXCBNi	66.8	16.95	8.44	1.07	2.16		-	-	-	4.58		
MXCBCCo	80.52	7.25	7.68	1.09	2.15		-	-	-	-	1.3	
MXCBCCu	77.47	8.7	8.76	1.71	2.01							1.35
MXCNTC25	78.19	13.92	3.54	1.18	-	2.4						
MXCNTNiC25	77.9	-	12.55	0.69		2.78						
FC	84.72	11.65			2.87							
MXCS	65.91	18.93	4.43	1.35	0.97							

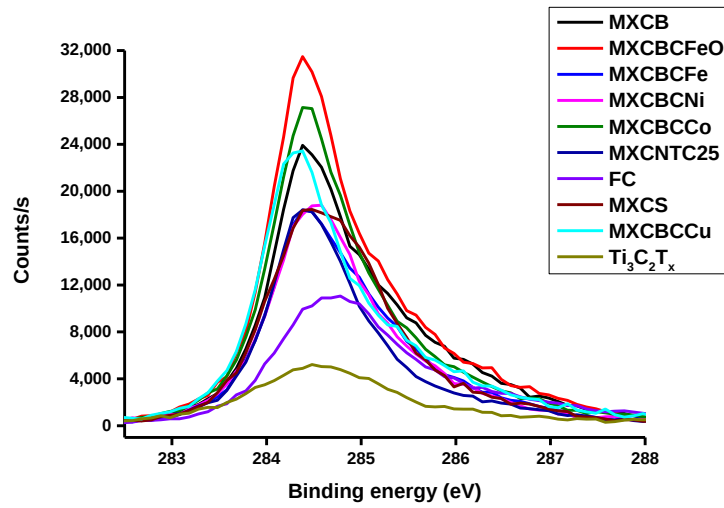


Figure S5. The c1s fitting curve of the MXene, functionalized fabric and composites.

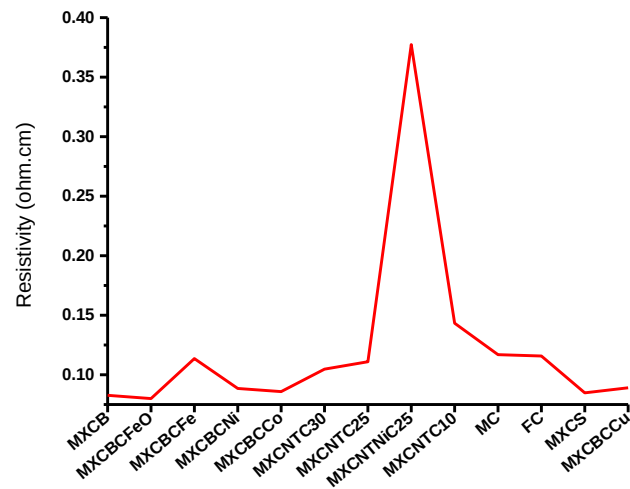


Figure S6. Resistivity profile of the composites.

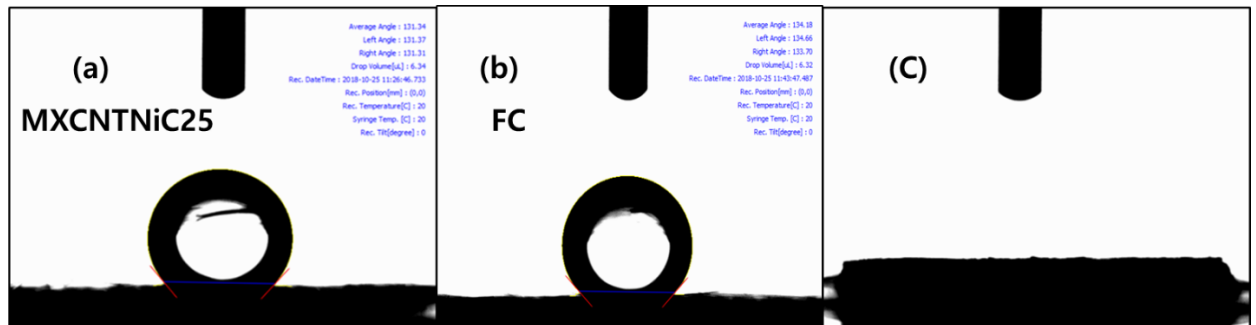
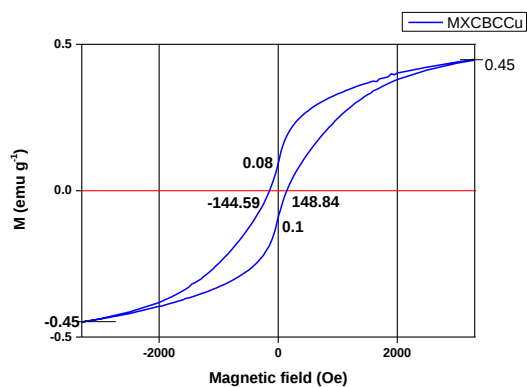
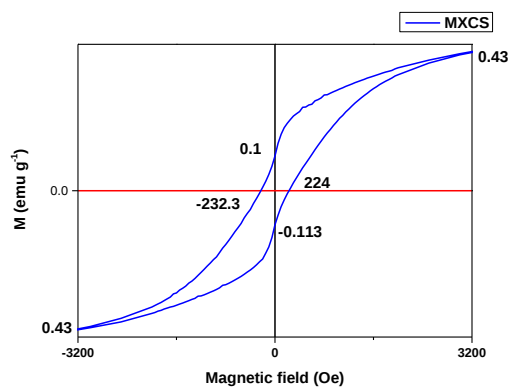


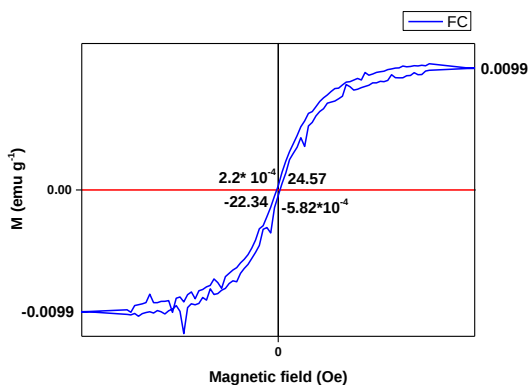
Figure S7. Contact angle of (a) MXCNTNiC25 (b) FC and (c) represent other composites.



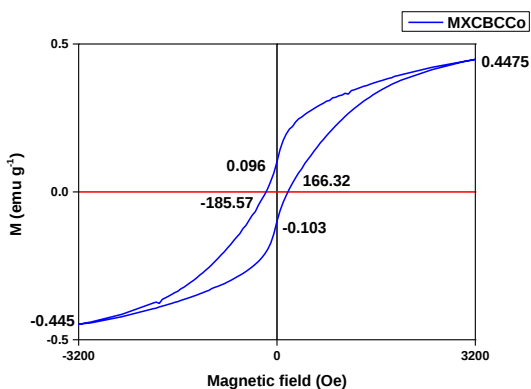
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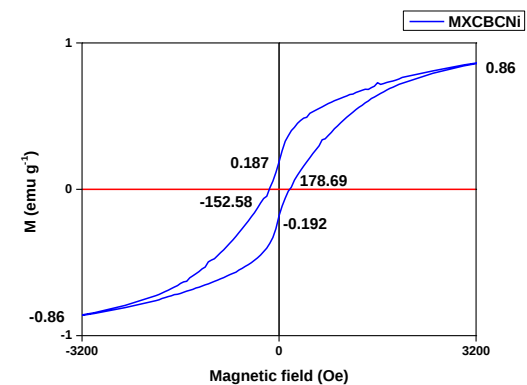
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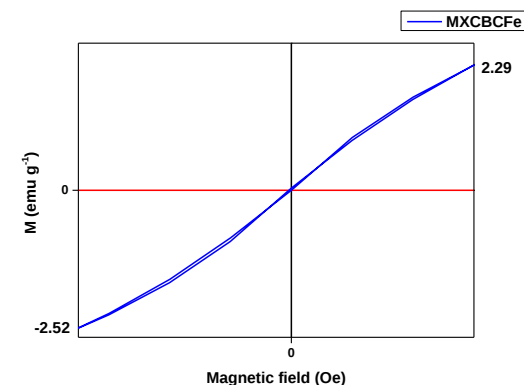
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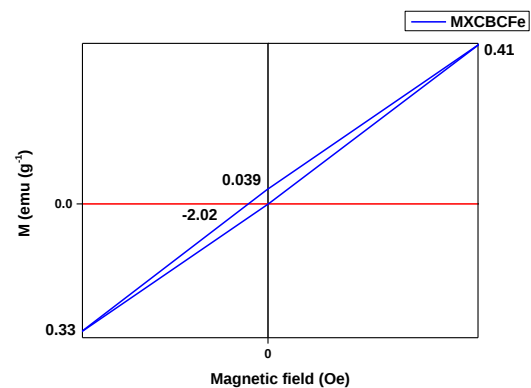
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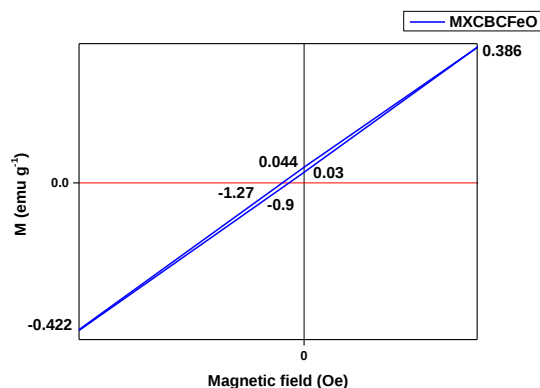
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Figure S8. magnetization of composites against the applied field at 300 K (a) MXCBCCu, (b) MXCS, (c) FC, (d) MXCBCCo, (e) MXCBCNi, (f) MXCBCFe, (g) MXCBCFe and (h) MXCBCFeO.

Table S4. Comparison of EMI SE with thickness.

	Compositon	Filler	t(mm)	SE (dB)	SSE(dB cm ³ g ⁻¹)	SSE/t (dBcm ² g ⁻¹)	Ref.
1	GN/Fe ₃ O ₄	0	0.3	24	31	1033	7
2	MWCNT	PC	2.1	39	34.5	154	8
3	CB	EPDM	2	18	30.3	15.1	9
4	CB	ABS	1.1	20	20.9	190	10
5	MWCNT	PS	2	30	57	285	11
6	CNT	POLYM	3.5	80	*	*	12
7	Cu foil	0	0.01	70	7.8	7812	2
8	Al foil	0	0.008	66	24.4	30555	2
9	stainless steel	0	4	89	11	27.5	13
10	MWCNT/NCF	0	0.138	28.22	486.54	35256	14
11	NCF-20 g/m ²	0	0.127	25.56	381.50	30039	14
12	Cu bulk	0	3.1	90	10	32.3	13
13	Ni fiber	PES	2.85	58	31	108.7	13
14	Mxene	PET	0.045	92	138.735	30,830	2
15	MXene	cellusolse	0.047	25.8	12.44	2647	15
16	Mxene/foam		0.06	70	*	*	16
17	Mxene	parafine	1	76.1	*	*	17
18	Graphene	PVDF/MWCNTs (PF/CNT)	2	28.5	*	*	18
19	rGO	PbTiO ₃ /PEDOT	2.5	51.94	*	*	19
20	CNT	polypropylene	2.2	48.3	*	*	20
21	Graphene nanoplate	B ₄ C	2	38	*	*	21
22	Graphene	PVDF	3	37.4	*	*	22
23	Large size graphene (LG)	Doping by iodine	0.0125	52.2	*	*	23
24	Expanded graphite (EG)	Large Flexible Graphene	0.043	48.3	*	*	24
25	GNP	PBAT	1	14	*	*	25
26	Porous Fe ₃ O ₄	C	4.27	54.6	*	*	26
27	CF-30 g/m ²	0	0.219	27.14	381.5	30039	27
28	MGNC-S band	polymer	0.35	43.2	46.4	1324.29	
29	MGNC-X band	polymer	0.35	53.88			27
30	Polystyrene (PS)	Carbonaceous Filler	27	22	92	*	28

31	Poly propylene (PP)	MWCNT-S band	2	57	*	*	29
32	PP	MWCNT-Ku band	2	44	*	*	29
33	PP	MWCNT-X band	2	47	*	*	29
34	PP	Graphene- S band	0.5	13	*	*	30
35	PP/PS	SBS	2	24.9	*	*	31
36	rGNO	SiO ₂	1.5	37	*	*	32
37	CNF/CNT	PS	1	21.9	*	*	33
38	MXene (Ti ₃ C ₂ TX)	PS-570	2	62	*	*	34
39	MXene	PS-570	1.5	44	*	*	34
40	MXene	PS-570	1	27	*	*	34
41	MXSC	CNTO		50.5			This work

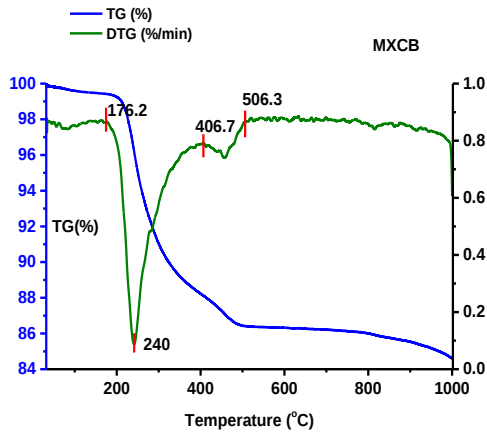
* Sign indicates that the values were impossible to calculate or not available enough data to calculate. Densities of MC and FC were 0.146 g cm⁻³ and 0.108 g cm⁻³ respectively

Table S5. Comparison of maximum (MAX), minimum (MINI), average (AVE) shielding, SSE and SSE/t of the composite in each case.

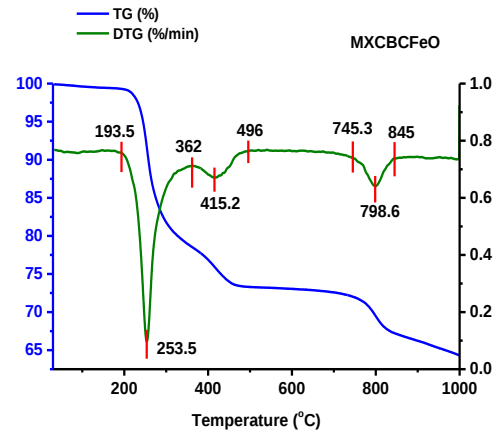
Band	Types of shielding		MXCB	MXCB CFeO	MXCB CFe	MXCB CNi	MXCB CCo	MXB CCu	MXCS
X-band	SE	Max	47.6	45.9	46.7	45	46	43.6	50.5
		Min	46.8	45.2	45.7	44.2	45.2	42.8	49.2
		Ave	47.1	45.4	46.1	44.4	45.4	43	49.6
	SER	Max	14.6	13.7	12.7	14.3	14.3	12.9	13.7
		Min	12.8	11.4	10.5	12.3	12.4	10.6	11.8
		Ave	13.5	12.3	11.3	13.1	13.1	11.5	12.5
	SEA	Max	34.7	34.3	36.3	32.4	33.4	32.7	38.7
		Min	32.9	32.2	33.5	30.7	31.7	30.7	35.8
		Ave	33.6	33.1	34.7	31.3	32.3	31.5	37.1
			MXCNT C30	MXCNT C25	MXCNTC NiC25	MXCNT C10	MC	FC	-
X-band	SE	Max	47.3	47.1	34.9	39.9	31.7	43.9	-
		Min	46.5	46.2	32.9	39.3	29.45	43.1	-
		Ave	46.7	46.5	33.5	39.4	30.15	43.4	-
	SER	Max	14.5	12.7	13.1	11.2	11.73	14	-
		Min	12.4	10.5	11.3	9.3	10.31	12.1	-
		Ave	13.2	11.4	12	10	10.78	12.8	-
	SEA	Max	35	36.6	21.9	30.6	20.01	31.8	-
		Min	32.5	34	21.4	28.5	19.1	29.8	-
		Ave	33.6	35.1	21.5	29.4	19.37	30.6	-
			MXCNT C30	MXCNT C25	MXCNT NiC25	MXCNT C10	MC		-
S-band	SE	Max	39.6	39.9	34.1	33.2	28.5		-
		Min	35.3	32.5	20.9	30.1	23.2		-
		Ave	36.8	35.7	28.4	31.2	25.6		-

Table S6. Density of the composites.

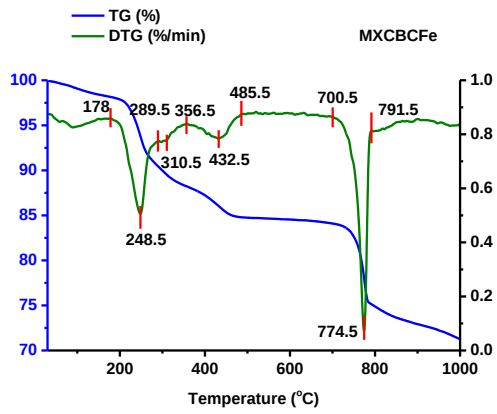
Composites	Density (g cm ⁻³)	Thickne ss (mm)	Surface Resistance (Ω/sq)	Resistivity (Ω cm)	Conductivity (S/cm)	SSE (dBcm ³ g ⁻¹)	SSE/t (dBcm ² g ⁻¹)
MXCB	0.229	0.398	2.08	0.08269	12.1	205.52	5163.75
MXCBCFeO	0.288	0.362	2.21	0.08003	12.5	157.75	4357.67
MXCBCFe	0.269	0.38	2.99	0.11356	8.81	171.13	4503.53
MXCBCNi	0.205	0.372	2.38	0.08854	11.3	216.55	5821.15
MXCBCCo	0.257	0.408	2.11	0.08587	11.65	176.7	4330.82
MXCNTC30	0.212	0.378	2.77	0.10473	9.55	220.5	5833.34
MXCNTC25	0.167	0.398	2.78	0.11092	9.02	278.35	6993.78
MXCNTNiC2 5	0.224	0.27	13.98	0.37737	2.65	149.37	5532.29
MXCNTC10	0.150	0.288	4.98	0.14332	6.98	262.4	9110.97
MC	0.146	0.266	4.4	0.11692	8.55	206.48	7762.5
FC	0.108	0.318	3.64	0.11574	8.64	401.93	12639.35
MXCS	0.153	0.386	2.2	0.08478	11.8	324.15	8397.78
MXCBCCu	0.205	0.348	2.56	0.0891	11.22	209.66	6024.84



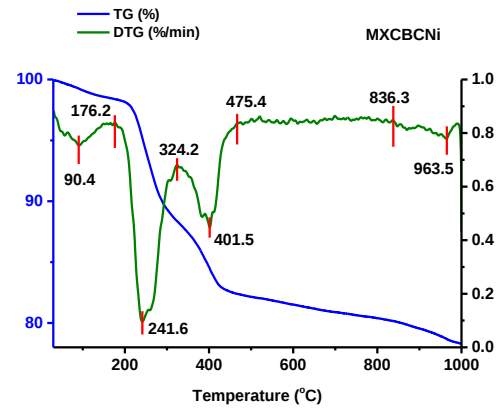
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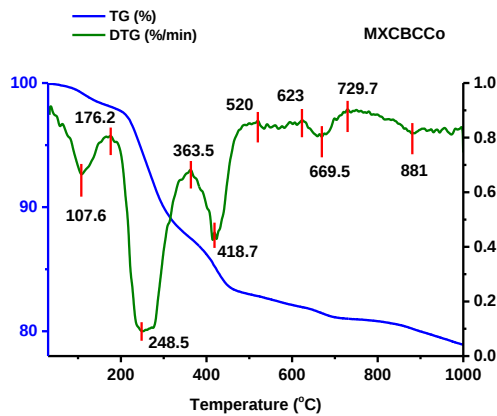
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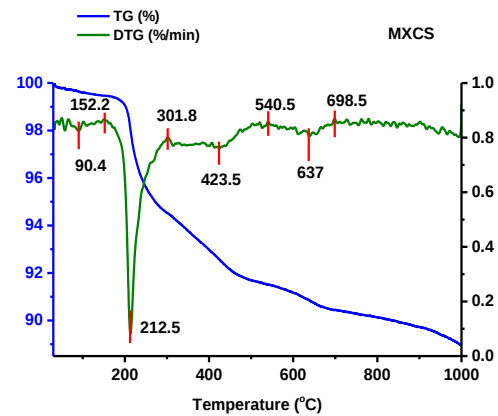
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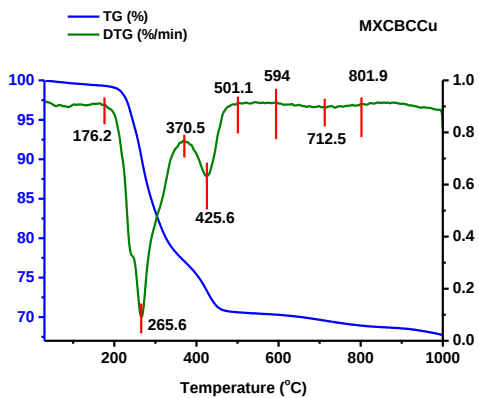
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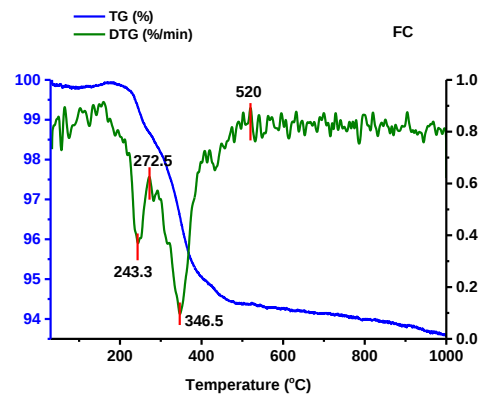
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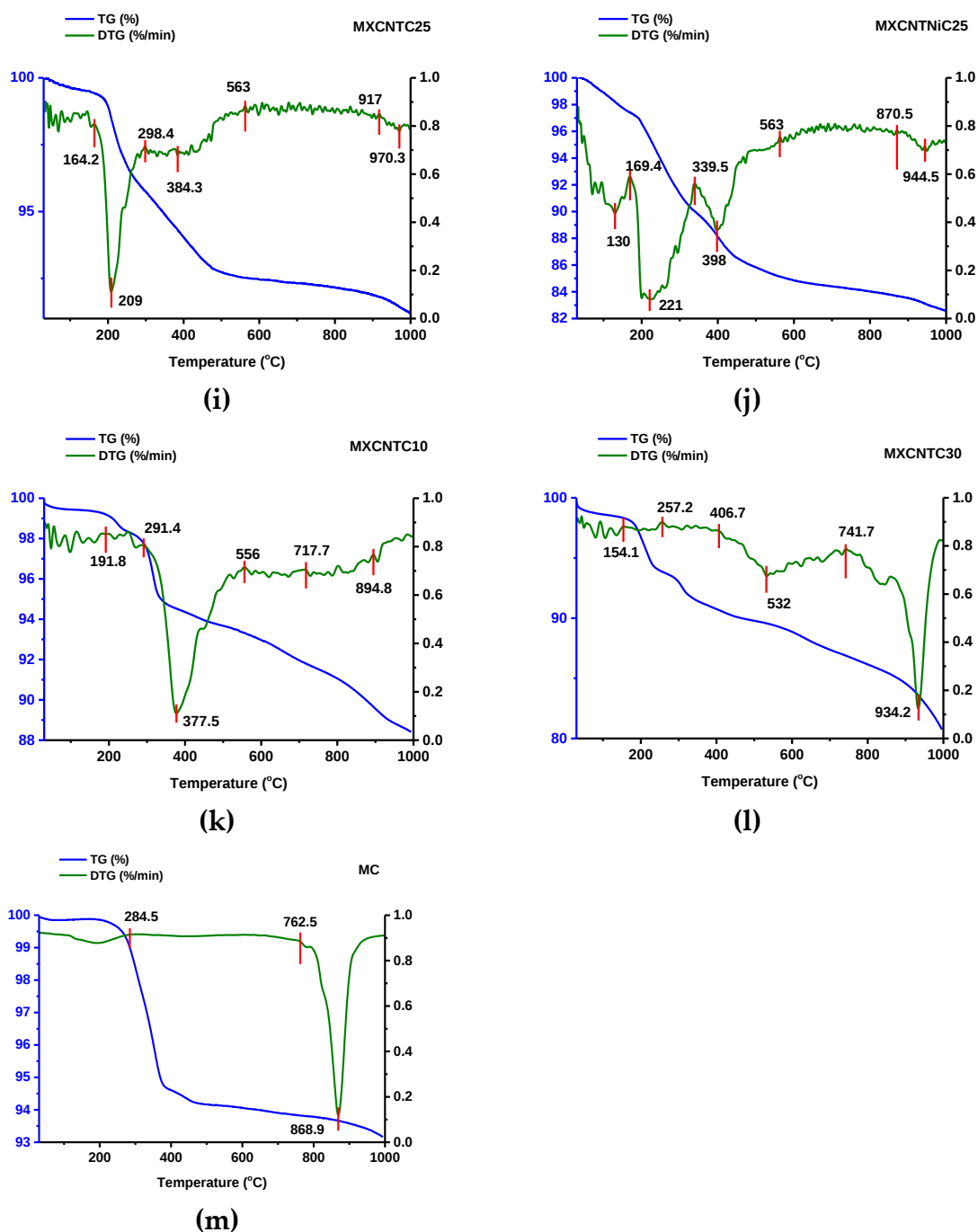


Figure S9. Comparison of the TG and DTA of all the composites (a) MXCB, (b) MXCBCFeO, (c) MXCBCFe, (d) MXCBCNi, (e) MXCBCCo, (f) MXCS, (g) MXCBCCu, (h) FC, (i) MXCNTC25, (j) MXCNTNiC25, (k) MXCNTC10, (l) MXCNTC30 and (m) MC.

Table S7. Comparison of mass changes with different temperature range from TGA analysis.

Nos	Compositions	Temperature range (°C)	Mass change (%)	Beginning of Degradation temperature (°C)	Rapid mass change temperature (°C)	Total mass change (%)
1	MXCB	30-162	0.56			
		162-412.5	11.28	162	162-580	15.42
		412.5-580	1.84			
		580-1000	1.74			
2	MXCBCFeO	30-152	0.63			
		152-361	20.84	152	152-576	35.71
		361-576.5	5.52			
		576.5-1000	8.72			
3	MXCBCFe	30-160.5	1.88			
		160.5-348.5	9.88	160.5	160.5-652.5	28.76
		348.5-652.5	3.69			
		652.5-847.5	9.91			
		847.5-1000	3.40			
4	MXCBCNi	30-185	1.60			
		185-326	10.03	185	185-530	21.71
		326-530	6.34			
		530-780	1.64			
		780-1000	2.10			
5	MXCBCCo	30-181	1.91			
		181-345	10.60	181	181-549	21.8
		345-549	4.94			
		549-796	1.63			
		796-1000	2.00			
6	MXCS	30-148.5	0.57			
		148.5-293.5	4.92	148.5	148.5-514	11.08
		293.5-514	2.97			
		514-778.5	1.31			
		778.5-1000	1.31			
7	MXCBCCu	30-127.5	0.63			
		127.5-367	22.20	127.5	127.5-564	32.27
		367-564	6.78			
		564-885.4	1.75			
		885.4-1000	0.91			
8	MXCNTC10	30-146.5	0.57			
		146.5-260.5	1.12			
		260.5-390	3.81	146.5	146.5-761	11.61
		390-500.5	0.82			
		500.5-761	2.12			
		761-1000	3.19			
9	MXCNTC25	30-145.5	0.58			
		145.5-283	3.64	145.5	145.5-701	8.85
		283-701	3.44			
		701-1000	1.19			
10	MXCNTNiC25	30-162	2.58			
		162-336.5	7.40	162	162-897.5	17.47

		336.5-897.5	5.74			
		897.5-1000	1.75			
11	MXCNTC30	30-120	1.42			
		120-247	4.85	120	120-771.5	19.3
		247-506	3.89			
		506-771.5	2.78			
		771.5-1000	6.3			
12	MC	30-190	0.11			
		190-395	5.29	190	190-395	6.84
		395-1000	1.44			
13	FC	30-255.5	1.34	255.5	255.5-588	6.4
		255.5-588.5	4.39			
		588.5-1000	0.67			

Table S8. Comparison of different peak positions range from DTA analysis.

NOs	Composites	Different peak range (°C)	The lowest point of the prominent peak (°C)
1	MXCB	30-176.2,	
		176.2-406.7	240
		406.7-506.3	
		506.3-1000	
2	MXCBCFeO	30-193.5	
		193.5-362	253.5
		362-496	415.2
		745.3-845	798.6
3	MXCBCFe	30-178	
		178-289.5	248.5
		289.5-356.5	310.5
		356.5-485.5	432.5
		700.5-791.5	774.5
4	MXCBCNi	30-176.2	90.4
		176.2-324.2	241.6
		324.2-475.4	401.5
		475.4-836.3	
		836.3-1000	963.5
5	MXCBCCo	30-176.2	107.6
		176.2-363.5	248.5
		363.5-520	418.7
		623-729.7	669.5
		729.7-1000	881
6	MXCS	30-152.2	90.4
		152.2-301.8	212.5
		301.8-540.5	423.5
		540.5-698.5	637
		698.5-1000	
7	MXCBCCu	30-176.2	
		176.2-370.5	265.6
		370.5-501.1	425.6
		594-801.9	712.5

		801.9-1000	
8	MXCNTC10	30-191.8	
		191.8-291.4	
		291.4-556	377.5
		556-717.7	
		717.7-894.8	
		894.8-1000	
9	MXCNTC25	30-164.2	
		164.2-298.4	209
		298.4-563	384.3
		917-1000	970.3
10	MXCNTNiC25	30-169.4	130
		169.4-339.5	221
		339.5-563	398
		870.5-1000	944.5
11	MXCNTC30	30-154.1	
		154.1-257.2	
		257.2-406.7	
		406.7-741.7	532
		741.7-1000	934.2
12	MC	30-284.5	
		284.5-762.5	
		762.5-1000	868.9
13	FC	30-272.5	243.3
		272.5-520	272.5

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