

**Deposited structure design of epoxy composites with excellent electromagnetic interference shielding performance and balanced mechanical properties**

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## 1. Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Shielding Measurements

The physical parameters for evaluating the EMI performance can be calculated based on the scattering parameters ( $S_{11}$  and  $S_{21}$ ). The relevant formulas are shown as follows:

$$R = |S_{11}|^2$$

$$T = |S_{21}|^2$$

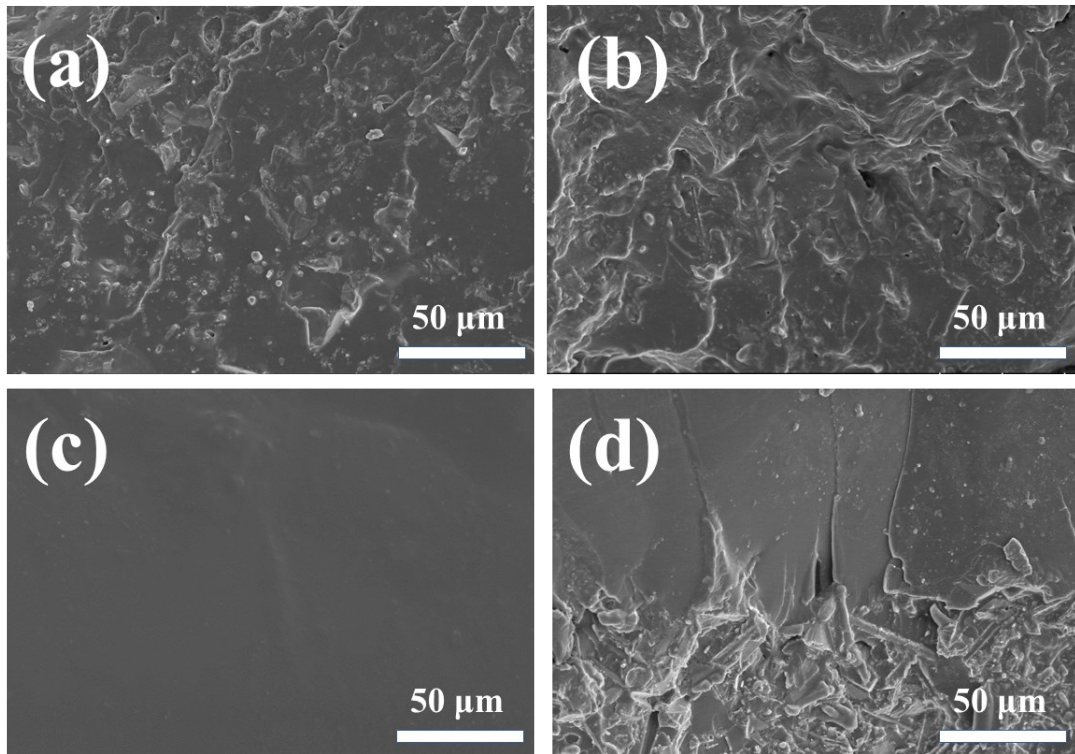
$$A + R + T = 1$$

$$\text{SETotal} = -10 \log T$$

$$\text{SER} = -10 \log (1 - R)$$

$$SEA = SE_{Total} - SER$$

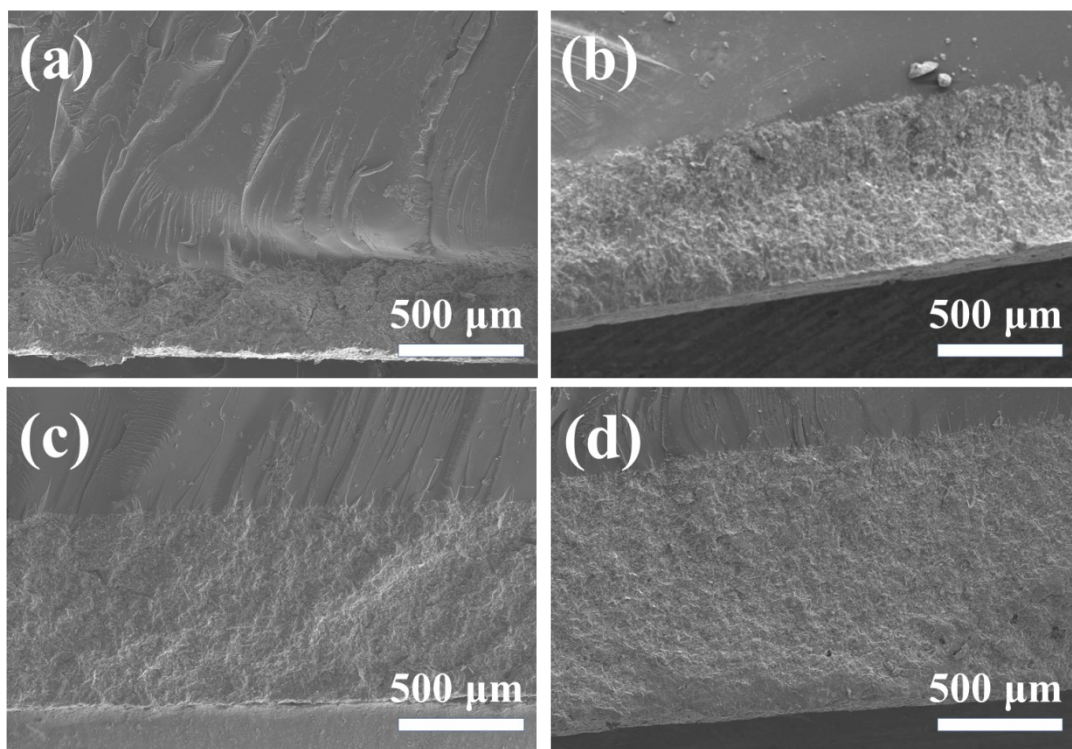
where  $A$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  are the absorption, reflection and transmission coefficients, respectively.  $SE_{Total}$ ,  $SE_R$ , and  $SE_A$  are the total, reflective, and absorptive EMI shielding effectiveness, respectively.



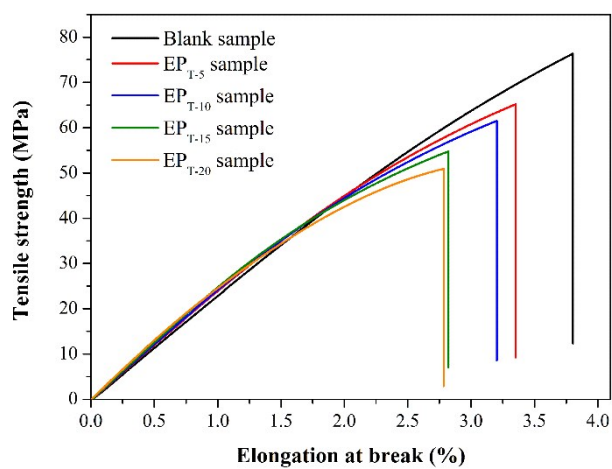
**Figure S1.** SEM images of cold-fractured interface morphologies close to the upper layer of T-ZnO/Ag/EP samples prepared by: (a) ISP method; (b) SB method; (c)(d) MISP method.

**Table S1.** Electrical conductivity on the bottom surface of  $EP_{T-X}$  systems.

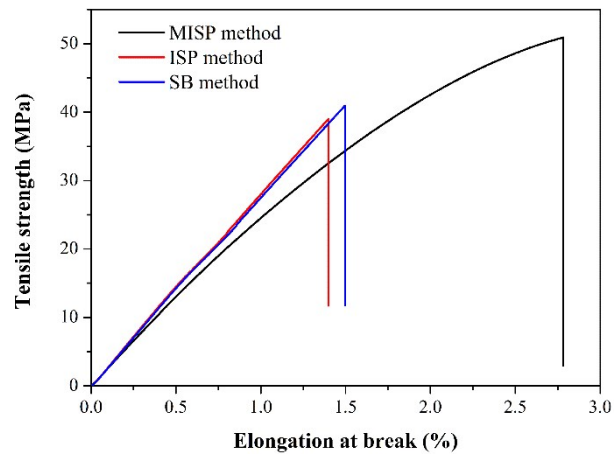
System	Conductivity on the bottom surface of sample (S/m)
$EP_{T-5}$	$5390 \pm 74$
$EP_{T-10}$	$12080 \pm 180$
$EP_{T-15}$	$18530 \pm 698$
$EP_{T-20}$	$31840 \pm 1360$



**Figure S2.** SEM images of the EP<sub>T-X</sub> systems: (a) EP<sub>T-5</sub> sample; (b) EP<sub>T-10</sub> sample; (c) EP<sub>T-15</sub> sample; (d) EP<sub>T-20</sub> sample.



**Figure S3.** Strain-stress curves of blank sample and all the EP<sub>T-X</sub> systems.



**Figure S4.** Strain-stress curves of T-ZnO/Ag/EP composites (with 20 wt% T-ZnO/Ag content) prepared by different processing method.