Supplementary data

MnO₂-Coated Necklace-Like CoFe@Carbon Nanofiber Composites for Superior Electromagnetic Wave Absorption

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Calculation of Weight Ratios for Co_{0.7}Fe_{0.3}, CNFs, and MnO₂ in CFCM Composites:

The amount of CFC composites added each time in the hydrothermal reaction is onequarter of the amount collected in a single spinning process.

1. Calculation of Co_{0.7}Fe_{0.3} Weight:

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m_{\text{CoFe}} = m_{\text{PAB}} \times \text{Residual Rate (\%)}
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CoFe-PBA Pyrolysis Residue Rate: ~60% (at 700 °C).

2. Calculation of CNFs Weight:

 $m_{\rm CNFs} = m_{\rm PAN} \times {\rm Carbonization yield}$ (%)

PAN Fiber Carbonization Yield: \sim 50% (at 700 °C).

3. Calculation of MnO₂ Weight:

 $2KMnO_4 {\rightarrow} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2 {\uparrow}$

 $m_{\rm MnO^2} = m_{\rm 2KMnO^4} \times \rm Hydrothermal Reaction$ (%)

KMnO₄ Hydrothermal Reaction Yield: ~85% (at 120 °C for 6 h).

Weight Ratio:

$$m_{\rm Co_{0.7}Fe_{0.3}}/m_{\rm CNFs}/m_{\rm MnO_2} = \frac{m_{\rm Co_{0.7}Fe_{0.3}}}{\sum m_{\rm total}} / \frac{m_{\rm CNFs}}{\sum m_{\rm total}} / \frac{m_{\rm MnO_2}}{\sum m_{\rm total}}$$

		Precursor	Conversion ratio	Collection volume	Weight ratio
CFCM-1	Co _{0.7} Fe _{0.3}	75 mg	60%	45 mg	12.86%
	CNFs	100 mg	50%	50 mg	14.29%
	MnO ₂	600 mg	85%	255 mg	72.85%
	sum			350 mg	
CFCM-2	Co _{0.7} Fe _{0.3}	150 mg	60%	90 mg	22.78%
	CNFs	100 mg	50%	50 mg	12.65%
	MnO ₂	600 mg	85%	255 mg	64.57%
		sum		395 mg	
CFCM-3	Co _{0.7} Fe _{0.3}	225 mg	60%	135 mg	30.68%
	CNFs	100 mg	50%	50 mg	11.36%
	MnO ₂	600 mg	85%	255 mg	57.96%
		sum		440 mg	

Table. S1 Calculation of weight ratio for CFCM composites.

Equation: S1: Calculation of *L***a Value:**

The *L*a value of the sample is calculated according to the following equation:

$$La = \frac{C}{\left(\frac{I_D}{I_G}\right)} \tag{1}$$

where C is 4.4 nm under the laser wavelength condition of 532 nm, and I_D and I_G are the integrated intensities of the D peak and G peak, respectively.

	La (nm)
CFC-2	4.07
CFCM-1	4.04
CFCM-2	4.11
CFCM-3	4.19

Table. S2 La values of each sample are calculated based on Raman spectroscopy.

Equation S2: Calculate Element Content Based on XPS:

The elemental content of the prepared sample was calculated according to the equation:

$$C_x = \frac{I_x / S_x}{\sum I_x / S_x} \tag{2}$$

where I is the peak intensity of each element, S is the sensitivity factor of each element, and C is the relative percentage content of the element.

Peak	Intensity	Sensitivity	I/S	Conc
C 1s	620421	0.205	3026444	61.57%
N 1s	156702	0.28	559650	11.39%
O 1s	563003	0.63	893656	18.18%
Fe 2p	357507	3.8	94081	1.91%
Co 2p	425067	4.5	94459	1.92%
Mn 2p	518901	2.1	247096	5.03%
	Sum		4915386	

Table. S3 Percentage content of each element is calculated based on XPS.



Fig. S1 (a, b) SEM images of CoFe-PBA.TEM images of (c, d) CFCM-2a and (e, f) CFCM-2b.



Fig. S2 Density of CFC-2 and CFCM composites.



Fig. S3 EDS spectrum of CFCM-2.



Fig. S4 3D RL_{min} maps of (a) CFC-2, (b) CFCM-1, (c) CFCM-2 and (d) CFCM-3.



Fig. S5 (a) 3D RL_{min} map, (b) 3D RL_{min} projection plot, (c) 2D RL_{min} curves, (d) 3D impedance matching value projection plot, (e, f) electromagnetic parameters, (g) Cole-Cole curve, (h) C_0 value and (i) attenuation constant of CFCM-2a.



Fig. S6 (a) 3D RL_{min} map, (b) 3D RL_{min} projection plot, (c) 2D RL_{min} curves, (d) 3D impedance matching value projection plot, (e, f) electromagnetic parameters, (g) Cole-Cole curve, (h) C_0 value and (i) attenuation constant of CFCM-2b.



Fig. S7 simulations of the thickness of CFCM-2 (t_m) versus peak frequency (f_m) of CFCM-2 under the $\lambda/4$ model.



Fig. S8 Conductivity of CFC-2 and CFCM composites.



Fig. S9 Magnetic field strength (Oe) of CFC-2 and CFCM composites.