

# Optimizing High-Density Polyethylene with Nickel Ferrite Micro/Nanoparticles for Superior Magnetic, Mechanical, and Thermal Properties

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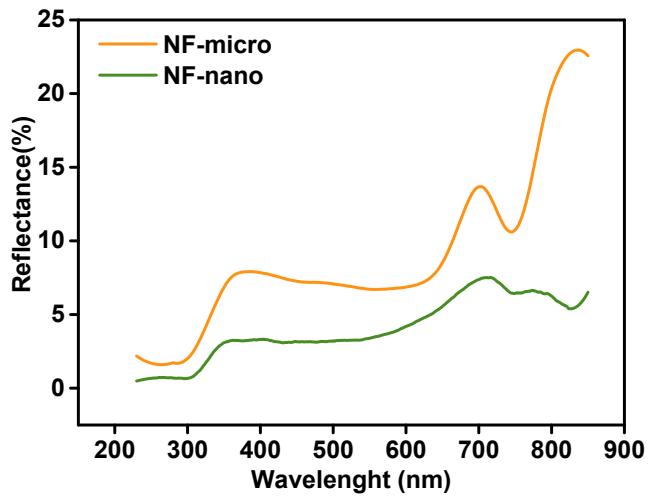
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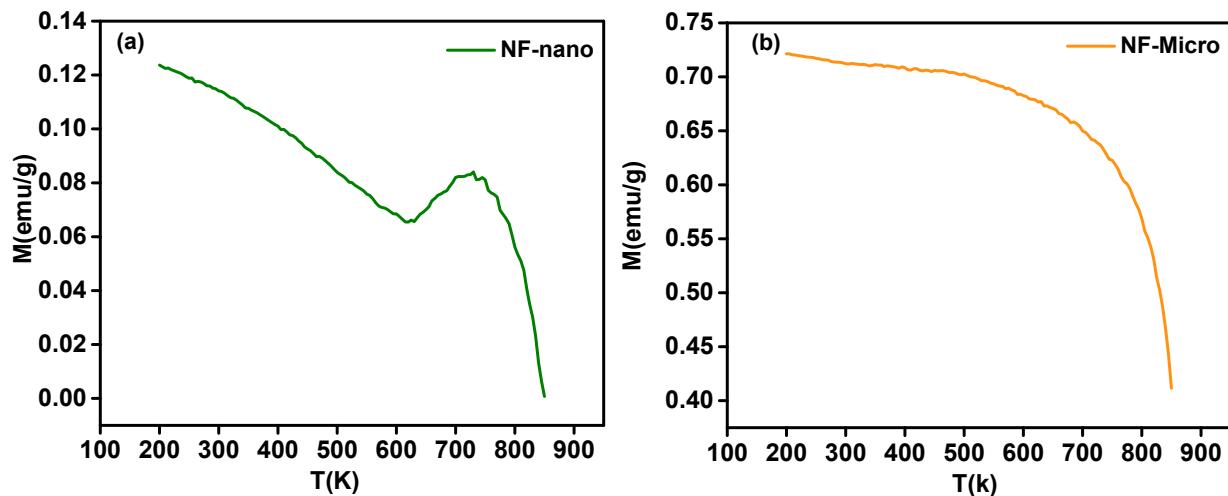
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## 1. Characterization of the as-synthesized powder



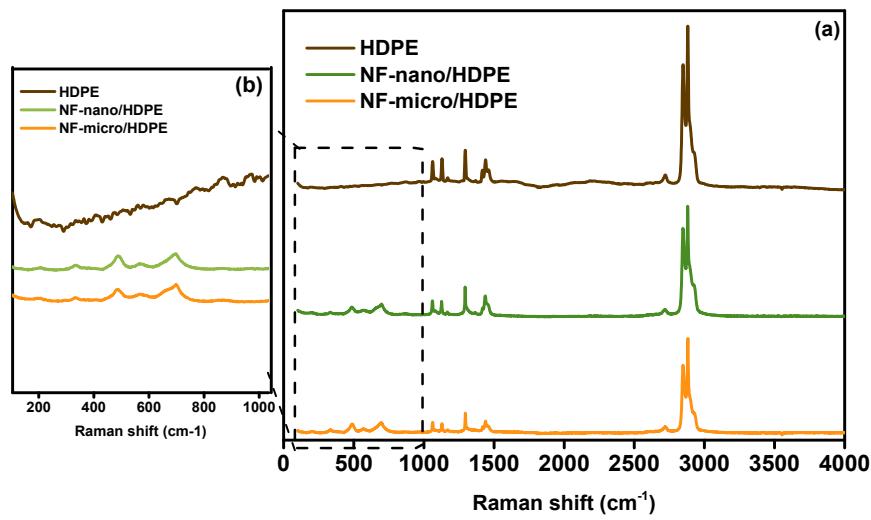
**Fig. S1:** UV-Visible spectra of NF-micro and NF-nano



**Fig. S2:** Magnetization versus temperature curve for the (a)  $\text{NiFe}_2\text{O}_4$  nano and (b) micro particles

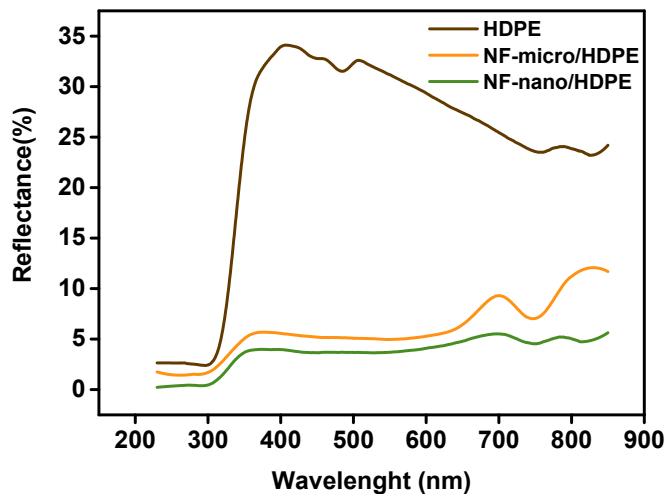
## 2. Properties of composite materials

### 2.1 Raman spectra

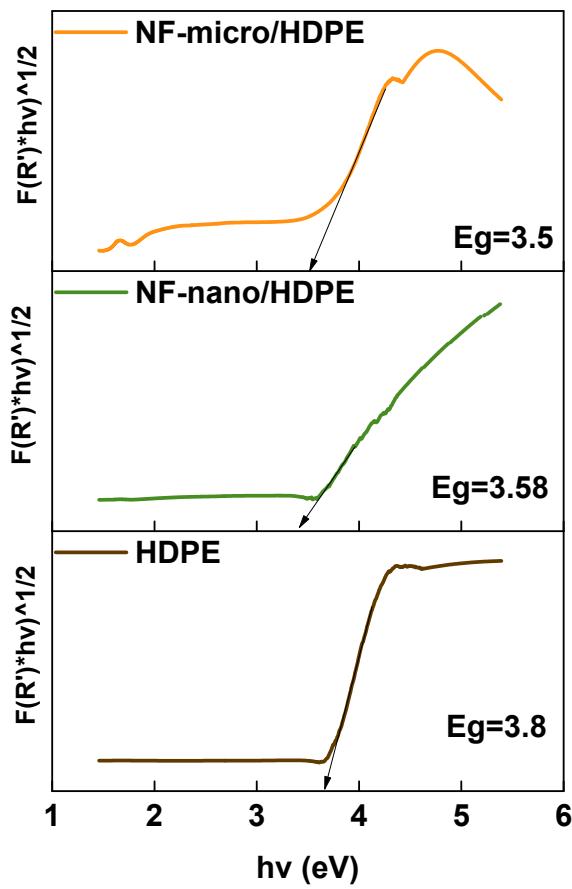


**Fig. S3:** Raman spectra of neat HDPE, NF-micro/HDPE and NF-nano/HDPE

## 2.2 UV Visible spectroscopy



**Fig. S4:** UV-visible spectra of HDPE, NF-micro/HDPE and NF-nano/HDPE.



**Fig. S5:** UV-visible spectra of HDPE, NF-micro/HDPE and NF-nano/HDPE

### 2.3 Thermal gravimetric analysis

**Table S1:** Thermal degradation parameters determined by TGA of the neat HDPE and composites materials

Samples	$T_{\max}$	$T_{\text{onset}}$
<b>HDPE</b>	471.11	422.02
<b>NF-nano/HDPE</b>	471.62	426.10
<b>NF-micro/HDPE</b>	460.09	426.83

### 2.4 Differential Scanning Calorimetry

**Table S2:** DSC data of neat HDPE and composite materials

Samples	T <sub>c</sub> (°C)	ΔH <sub>c</sub> (J/g)	T <sub>m</sub> (°c)	ΔH <sub>m</sub> (J/g)	χ <sub>c</sub> (%)
<b>HDPE</b>	117.10	164.16	129.02	161.37	55.15
<b>NF-nano/HDPE</b>	120.63	93.20	130.17	95.62	46.68
<b>NF-micro/HDPE</b>	118.92	113.86	129.75	102.11	49.85