

Supplementary Information

**Porous metal microsphere M@C-rGO (Metal = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu) aerogels
with high low-frequency microwave absorption, strong thermal insulation and
excellent anticorrosion performance**

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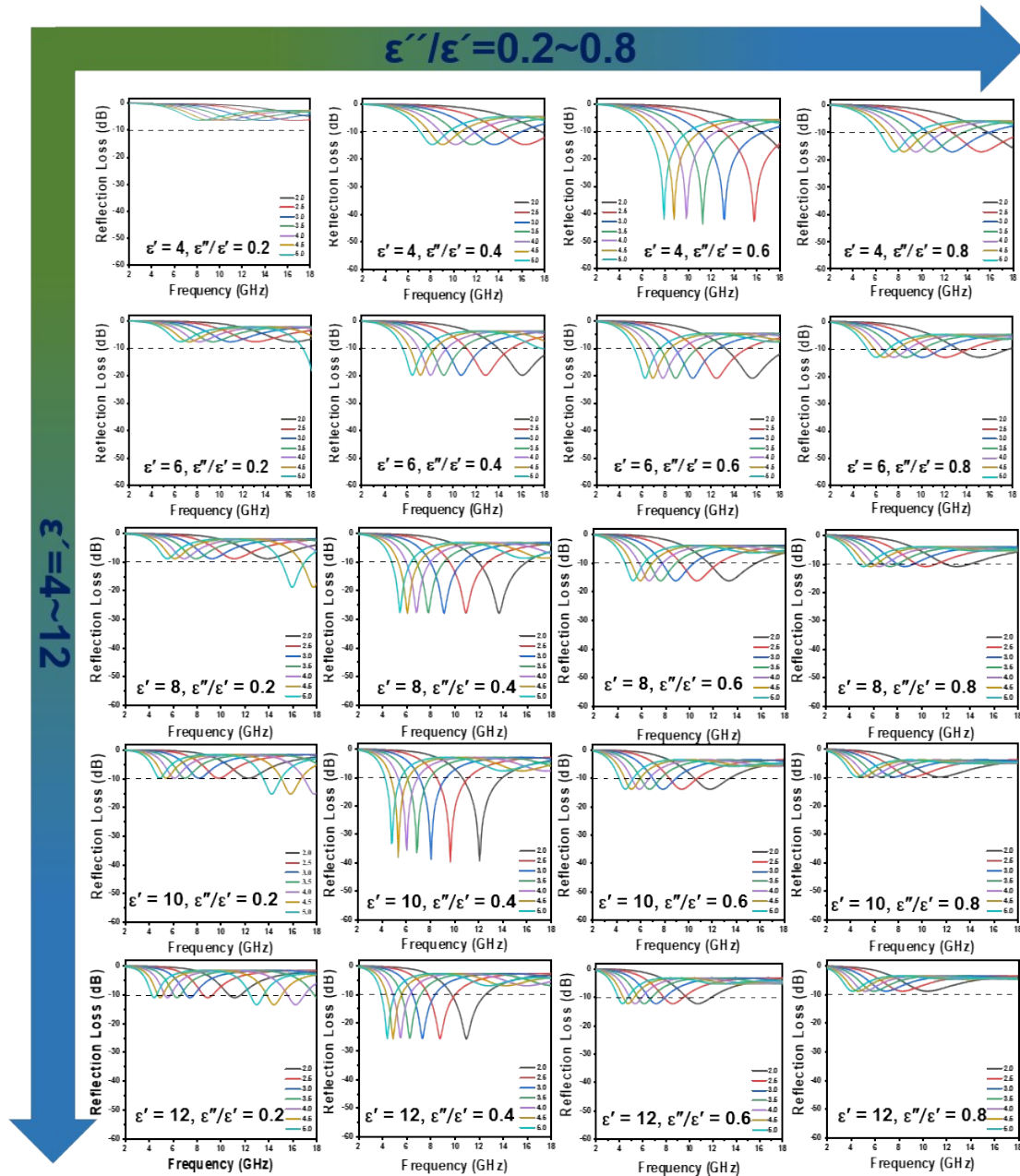


Figure S1. Numerical simulation of complex dielectric constant ($\mu' = 1, \mu'' = 0$).

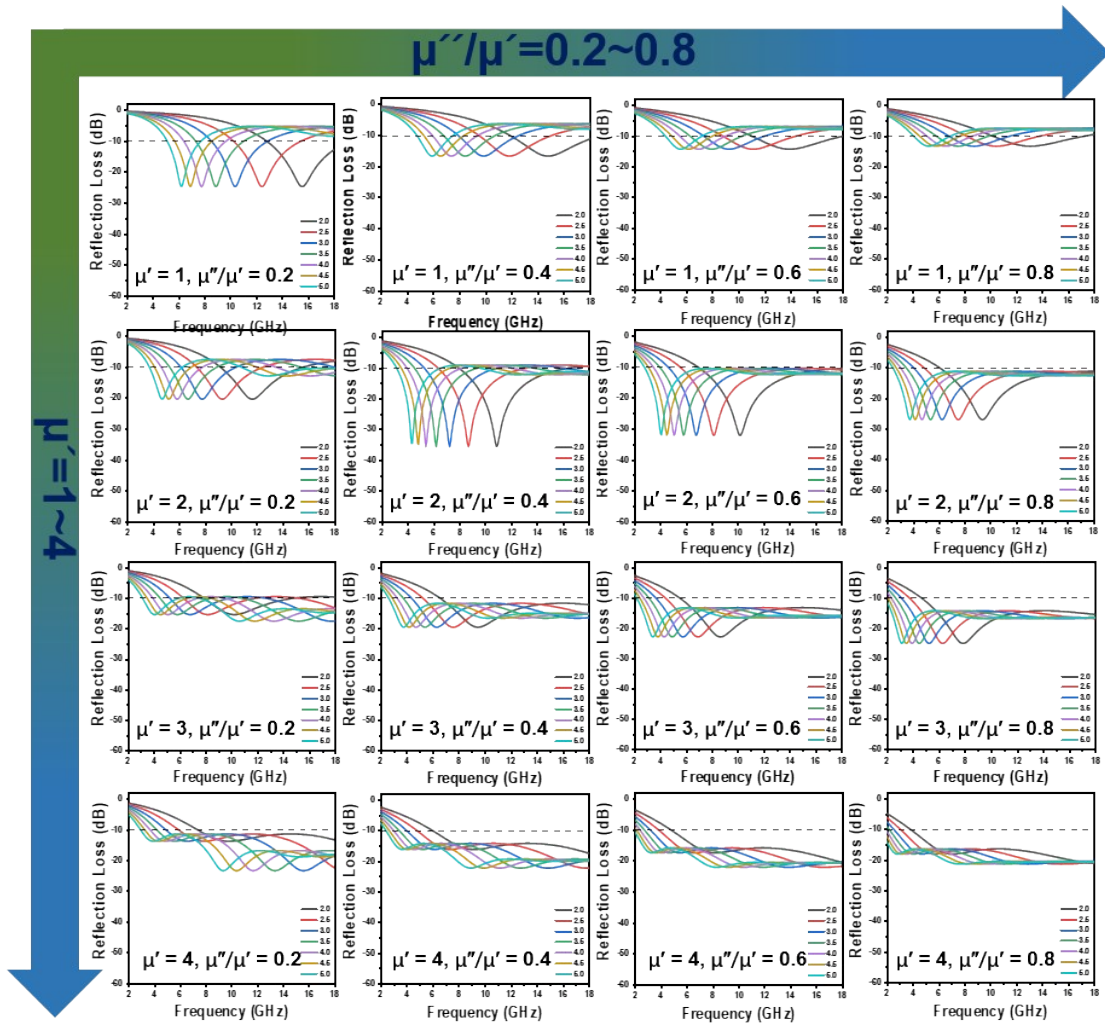


Figure S2. Numerical simulation of complex permeability ($\epsilon' = 6$, $\epsilon'' = 2.4$).

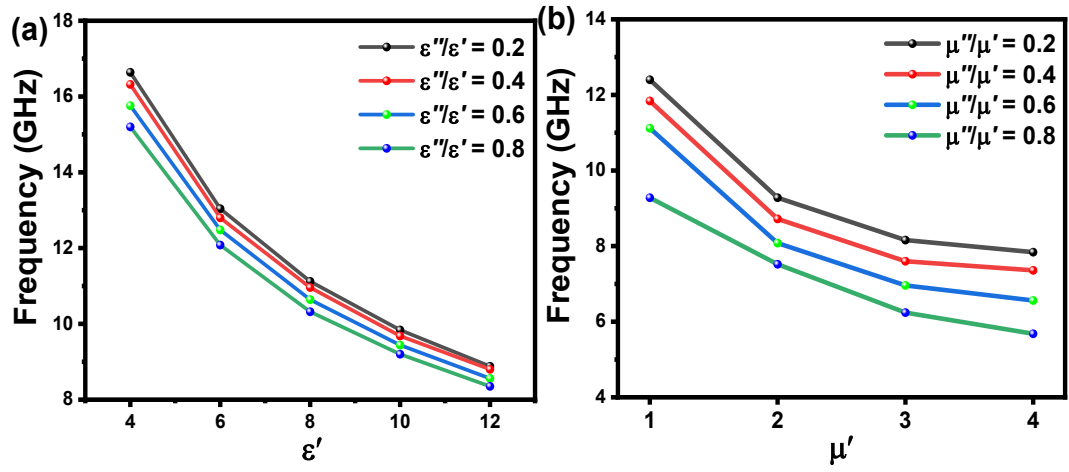


Figure S3. The $RL_{\min}@Frequency$ for numerical simulations at a thickness of 2.5 mm.

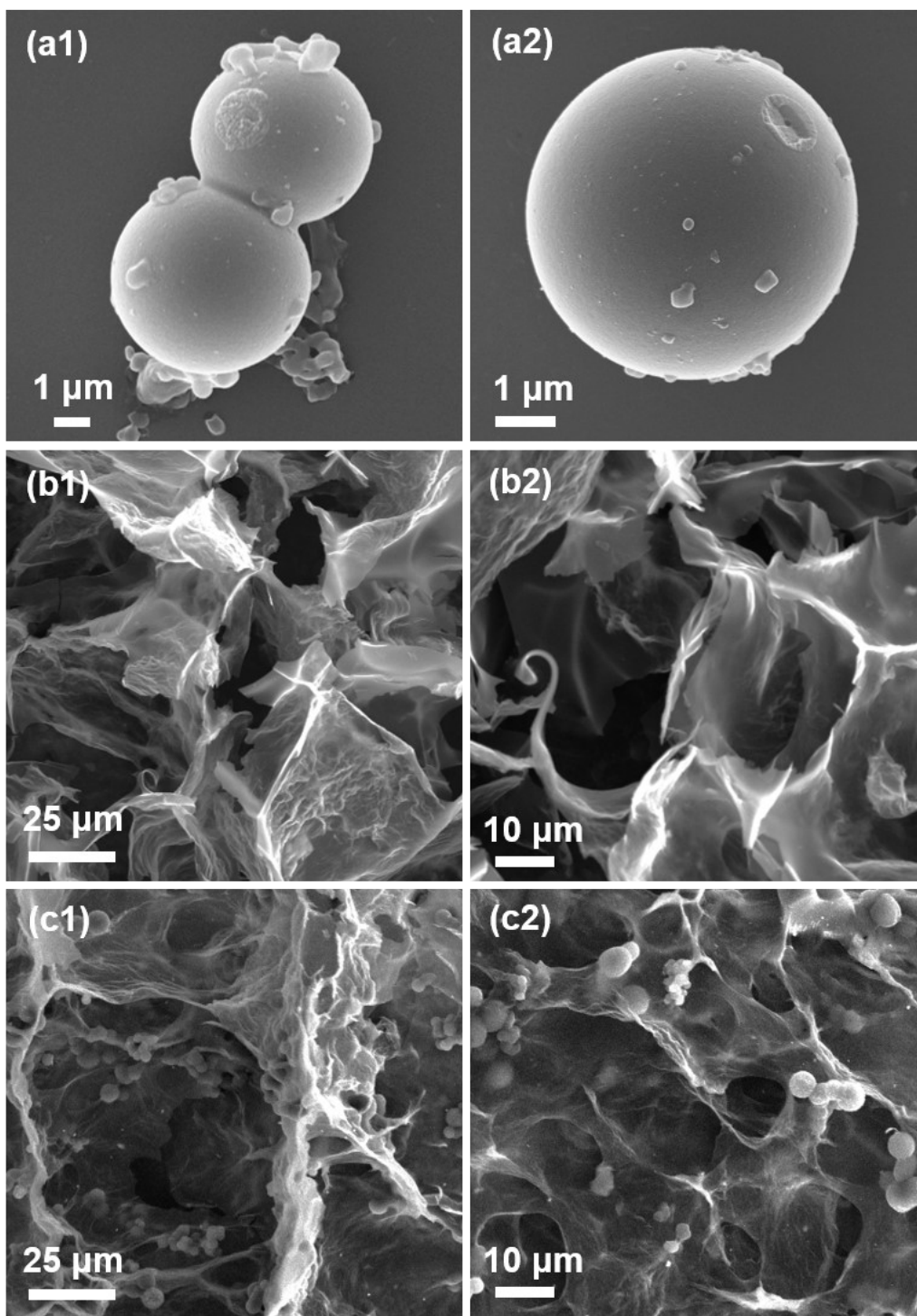


Figure S4. The SEM images of the sample a) Cu-p, b) C-rGO, c) Cu@C-rGO.



Figure S5. The actual images of the as-synthesized sample Cu@C-rGO.



Figure S6. The actual images of the as-synthesized samples M@C-rGO.

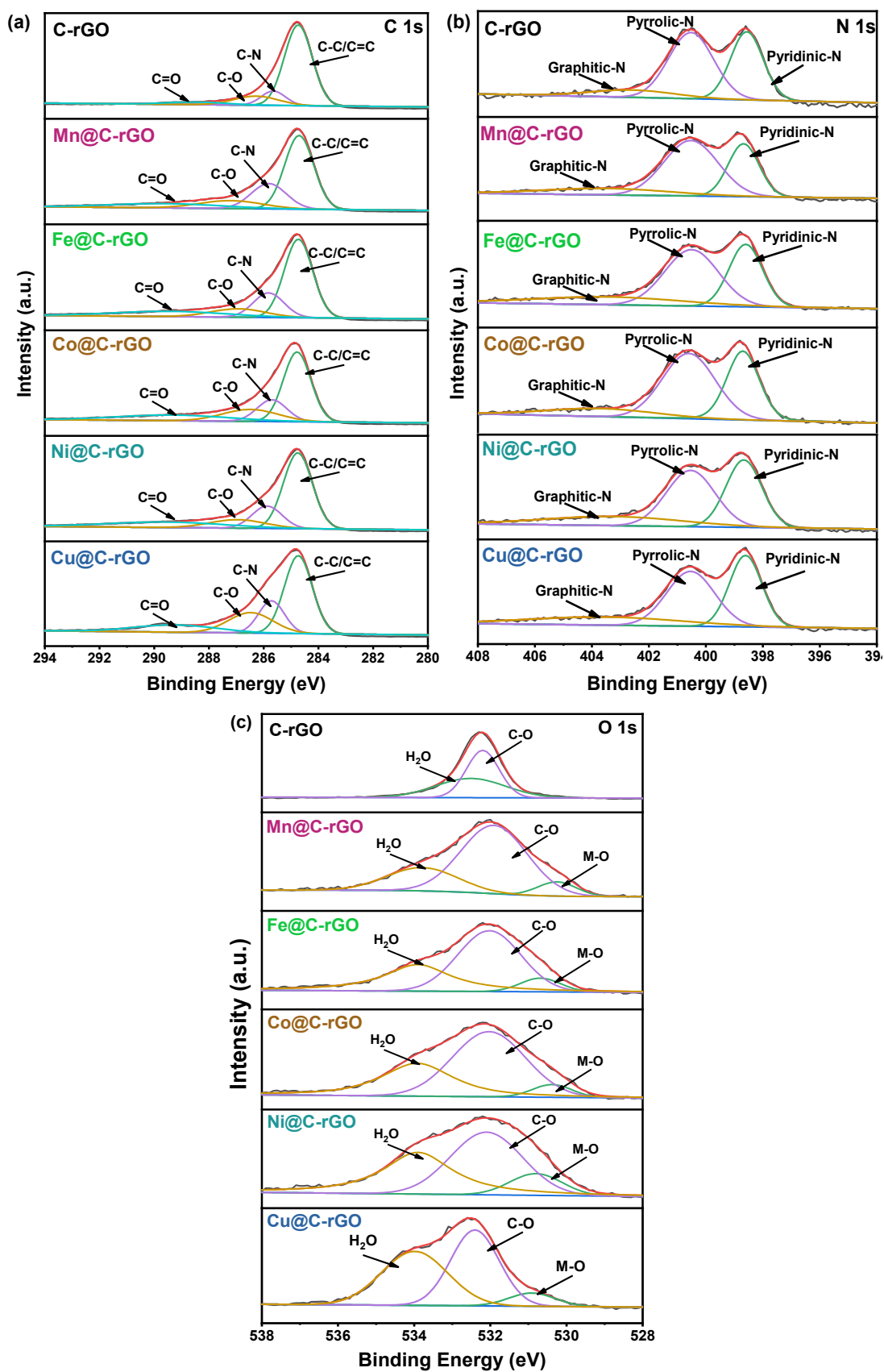


Figure S7. The high-resolution XPS spectra of a) C 1s, b) N 1s and c) O 1s.

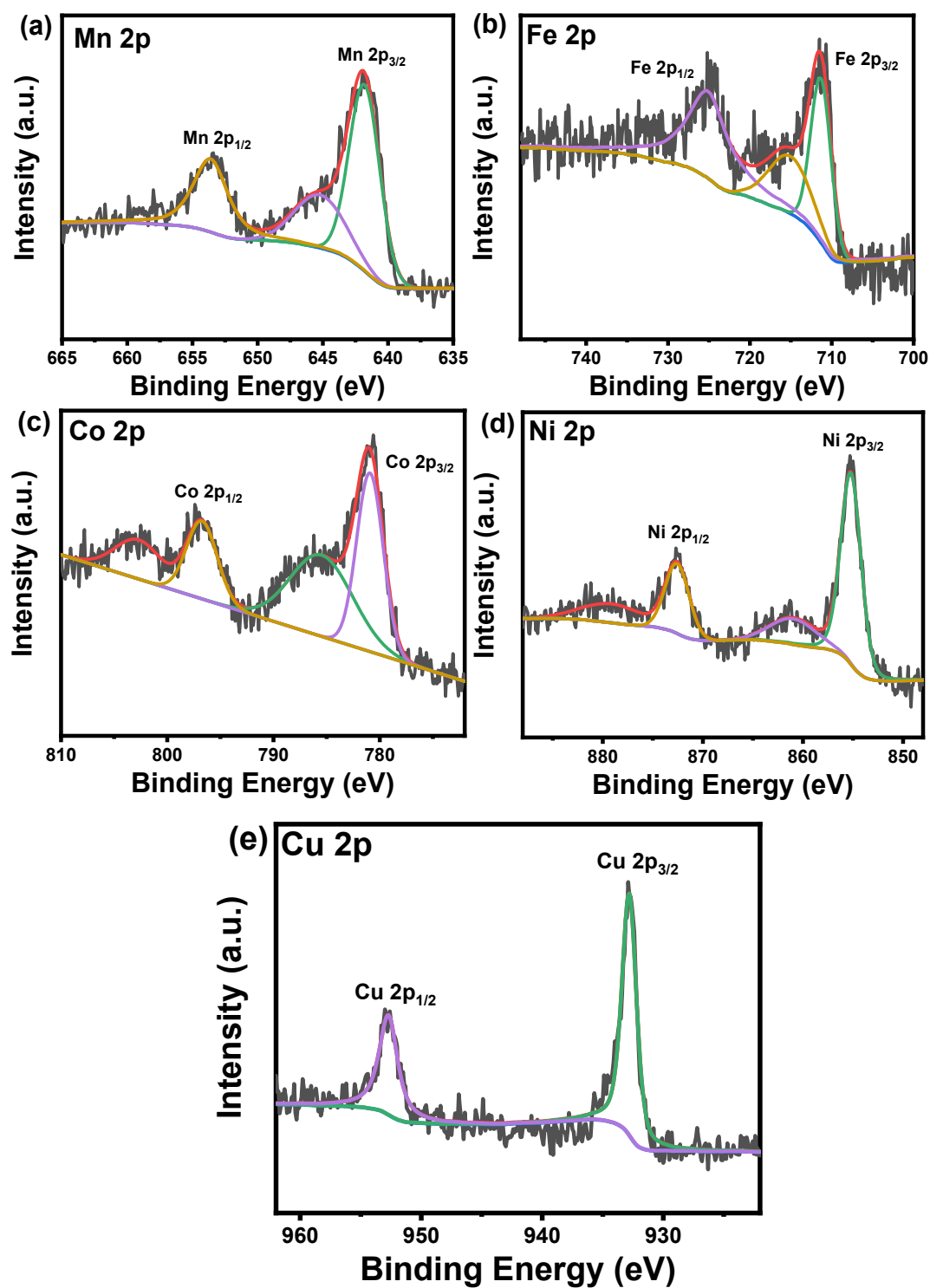


Figure S8. The high-resolution XPS spectra of a) Mn 2p, b) Fe 2p, c) Co 2p, d) Ni 2p and e) Cu 2p.

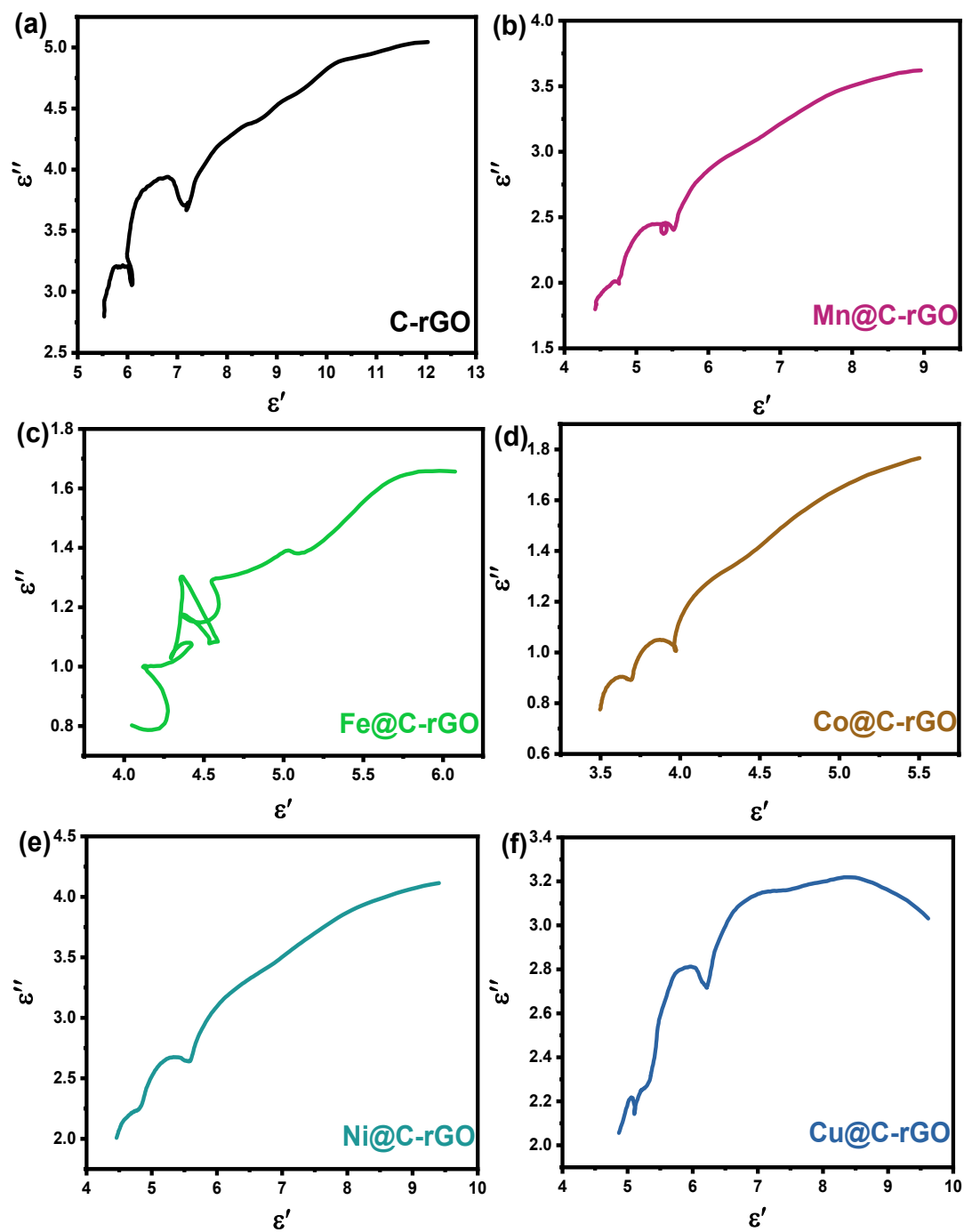


Figure S9. The Cole-Cole curves of a) C-rGO, b) Mn@C-rGO, c) Fe@C-rGO, d) Co@C-rGO, e) Ni@C-rGO and f) Cu@C-rGO.

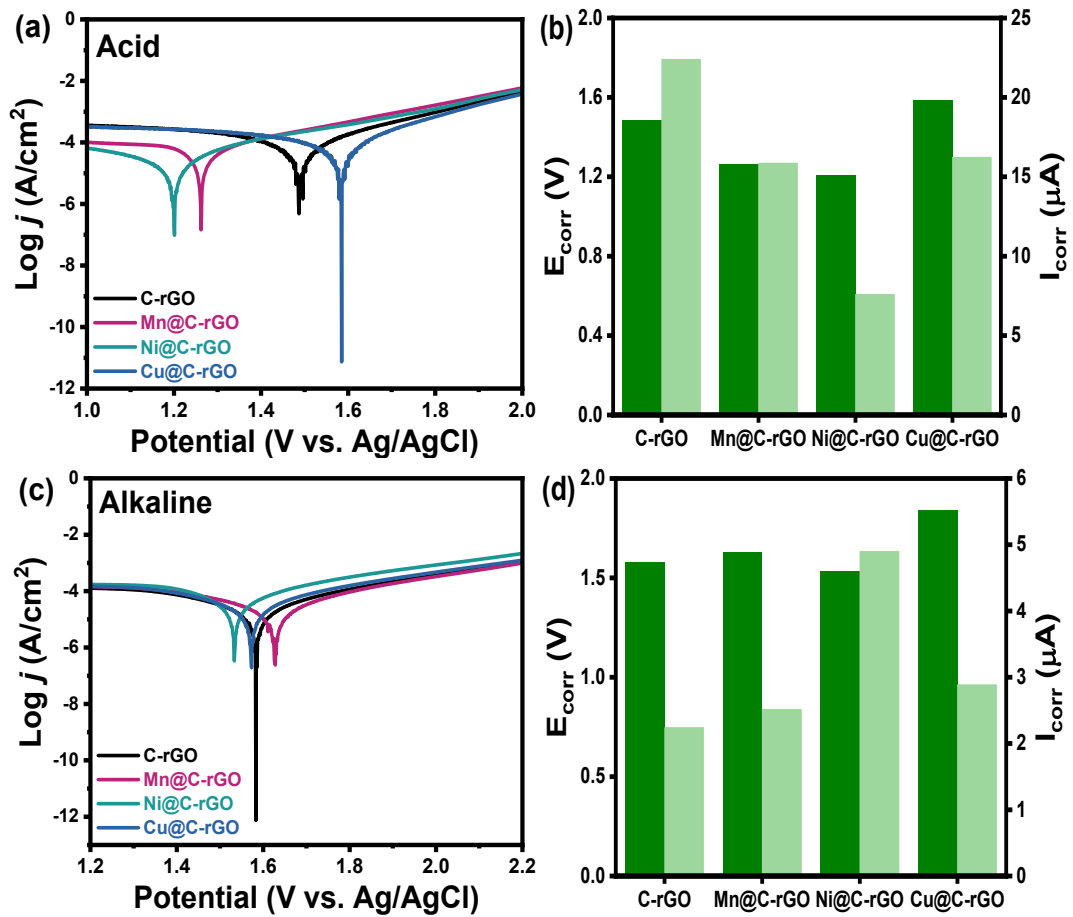


Figure S10. a, c) The Tafel curves and b, d) the I_{corr} and R_p in acidic and alkaline corrosion conditions.

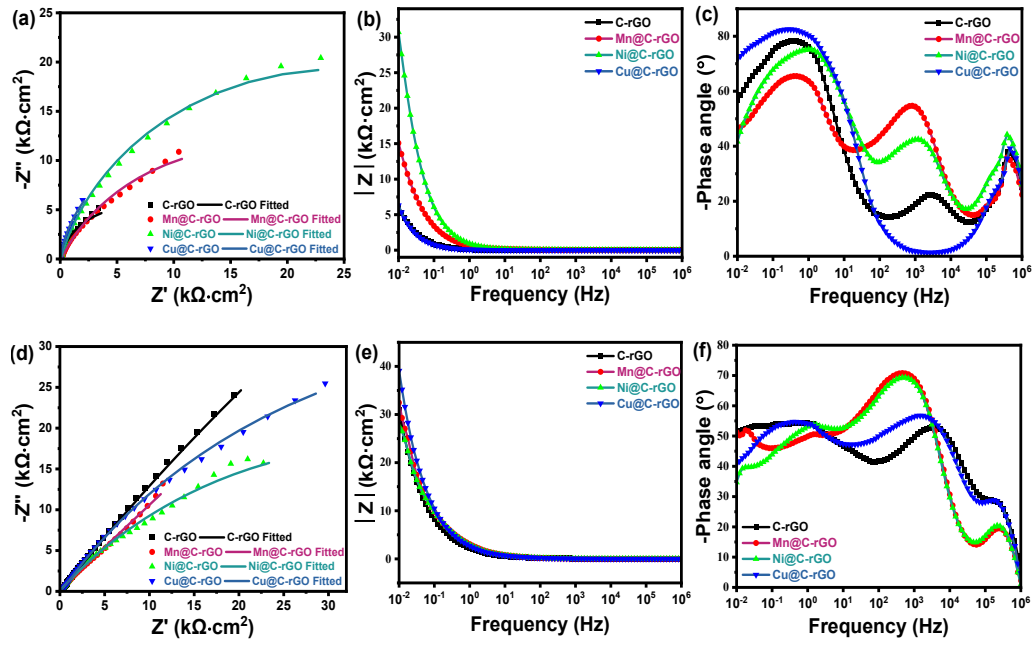


Figure S11. a, d) The Nyquist plots, b, e) Bode plots. c, f) Phase angle plots of in acidic and alkaline solutions.

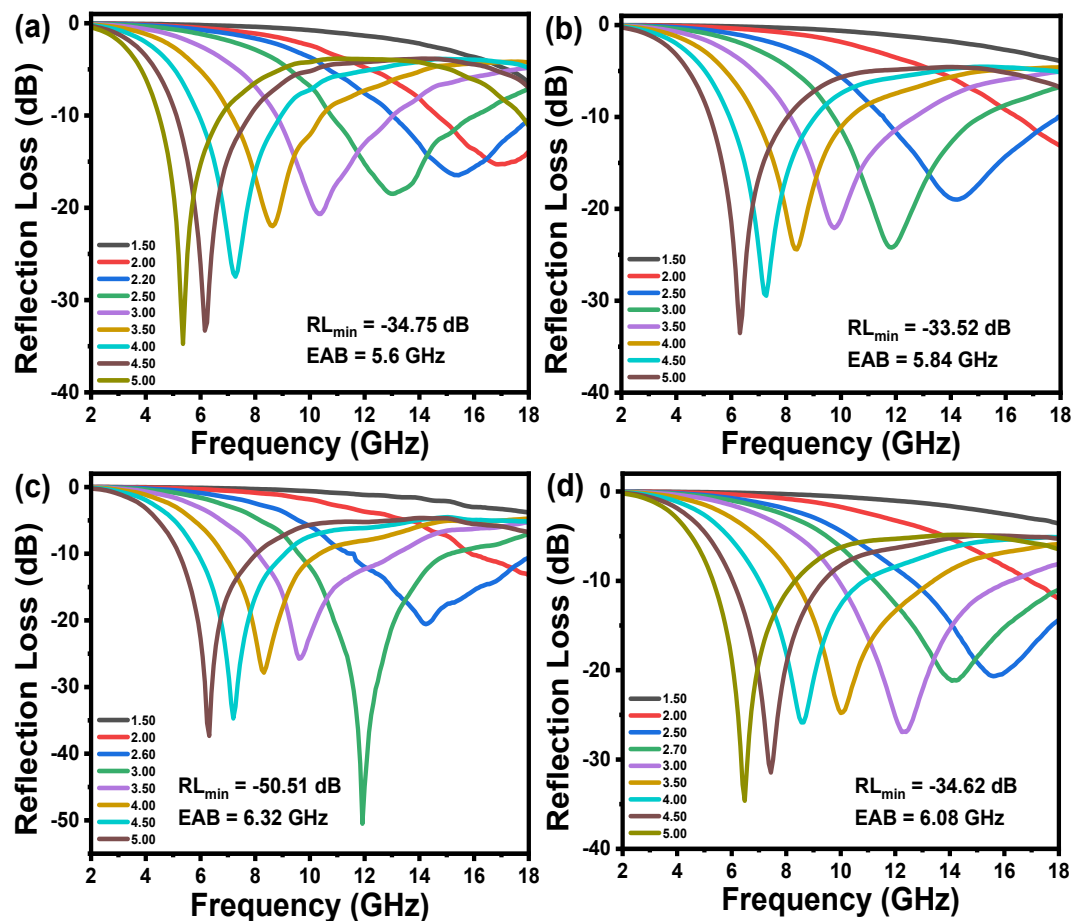


Figure S12. The RL values of a) C-rGO, b) Mn@C-rGO, c) Ni@C-rGO and d) Cu@C-rGO after 7 days of corrosion in 3.5 wt% NaCl solution.

Table S1. Comparison of the RL_{\min} and EAB of similar rGO-based.

Sample	RL_{\min} (dB)	RL_{\min} @Frequency (GHz)	EAB (GHz)	Refs.
FePc/N-rGO	-49.3	5.4	4.2	[S1]
Mo ₂ TiC ₂ T _x /RGO	-55.1	13.8	5.7	[S2]
NiO@NiFe ₂ O ₄ /rGO	-55	16.88	6.4	[S3]
RGO/GDY	-58	8.3	4.3	[S4]
Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x /rGO/NiO	-62.98	7.5	3.1	[S5]
Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x @rGO@MoS ₂	-54.2	16.07	6.04	[S6]
rGO/MXene/TiO ₂ /Fe ₂ C	-67.4	8.89	5.68	[S7]
HAg/PANI/GO	-61.14	11.32	4.77	[S8]
AgNWs@NGAs	-79.99	13.92	3.5	[S9]
RGO/CNTs/GDY	-51.8	16.5	5.4	[S10]
La _{0.8} CoO ₃ -rGO	-62.34	12.88	6.08	[S11]
N-doped rGO/g-C ₃ N ₄	-49.59	15.3	4.56	[S12]
MoS ₂ /PPy/rGO	-53.5	11.76	5.36	[S13]
MXene/rGO	-44.3	7.06	4.84	[S14]
Co@N-RGO	-48.9	11.8	6.0	[S15]
Ni-MOF-rGO	-51.19	17.52	6.32	[S16]
Mn@C-rGO	-53.42	6.88	6.16	This work
Ni@C-rGO	-53.64	7.92	6.64	This work
Cu@C-rGO	-59.28	7.6	6.32	This work

Table S2. The R_{ct} values under acidic, neutral, and alkaline environments.

Sample	R_{ct} under acid ($\Omega \text{ cm}^2$)	R_{ct} under alkaline ($\Omega \text{ cm}^2$)	R_{ct} under neutral ($\Omega \text{ cm}^2$)
C-rGO	1.246×10^4	4.504×10^5	5.841×10^5
Mn@C-rGO	2.850×10^4	3.034×10^5	3.971×10^5
Ni@C-rGO	4.615×10^4	1.191×10^5	2.885×10^5
Cu@C-rGO	3.398×10^4	1.382×10^5	1.421×10^5

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