Supporting Information for

## **Initiating Binary Metal Oxides Microcubes Electromagnetic**

## Wave Absorber toward Ultrabroad Absorption Bandwidth

## through Interfacial and Defects Modulation

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## **Supplementary Figures and Tables**



Fig. S1 SEM images of Ni-Co-PBA



Fig. S2 SEM images of NCO-1



Fig. S3 SEM images of NCO-2



Fig. S4 SEM images of NCO-3



Fig. S5 SEM images of NCO-4



Fig. S6 EDS spectrum of NCO-3



Fig. S7 XRD patterns of Ni-Co PB

Table S1 Comparison of relative oxygen vacancy levels

Sample	Oxygen vacancy	O 1s	Relative oxygen vacancy levels (%)
NCO-1	21226	205689	0.103195
NCO-2	27631	183178	0.150842
NCO-3	38109	193048	0.197407
NCO-4	29284	169477	0.17279



Fig. S8 Electron Paramagnetic Resonance curves of the samples



Fig. S9 TGA curves of NCO-3



**Fig. S10** Frequency dependence of **a**)  $\varepsilon'$  and **b**)  $\varepsilon''$ ; **c**) tan $\delta\varepsilon$  and **d**)  $\mu'$ ; e)  $\mu''$ ; f) tan $\delta\mu$  of NCO-3 with different filling ratios



**Fig. S11 a-b**) Cole-Cole semicircles; c) Attenuation constant, and d)  $C_0$  of NCO-3 with different filling ratios



**Fig. S12** RL value vs. frequency at different thickness, the impedance matching characteristic, 3D plots and 2D counter maps for **a**, **c**, **e**, **g**) NCO-3-20% and **b**, **d**, **f**, **h**) NCO-3-30%