Supporting Information for

Ultrathin and Flexible CNTs/MXene/Cellulose Nanofibrils Composite Paper

for Electromagnetic Interference Shielding

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Supplementary Figures and Tables



Fig. S1 Schematic illustration of the preparation of Ti₃C₂ nanosheets



Fig. S2 a Digital image and b SEM images of Ti_3AlC_2 precursor (MAX phase). c Digital image and d SEM images of multilayered Ti_3C_2 MXene



Fig. S3 XRD patterns of Ti₃AlC₂ precursor and Ti₃C₂ nanosheets



Fig. S4 Ti 2p spectra of Ti₃AlC₂ precursor and Ti₃C₂ nanosheets



Fig. S5 a AFM image, and b height cutaway view of Ti₃C₂ nanosheets



Fig. S6 Digital photographs of Ti_3C_2 suspension, CNTs aqueous dispersion, and CM composites with various Ti_3C_2 content



Fig. S7 The pore size distribution curve of CNTs



Fig. S8 a Top-view SEM and EDS mapping images of Ti_3C_2 -CNTs composite paper. **b** Cross-sectional SEM and EDS mapping images of Ti_3C_2 -CNTs composite paper



Fig. S9 Cross-sectional SEM images of a CM-5, b CM-10, and c CM-15



Fig. S10 Cross-sectional SEM and EDS mapping images of the free-standing CMC mixture composite paper



Fig. S11 a CMC GS composite paper was pressed with a weight of 200 g. **b** The CMC GS composite paper was not broken or cracked after pressed



Fig. S12 a The tensile strengths and tensile strains of pure Ti_3C_2 , CMC mixture, and CMC composite paper. b The toughness and young's modulus of pure Ti_3C_2 , CMC mixture, and CMC composite paper



Fig. S13 Tensile stress-strain curves of the Ti₃C₂-CNTs composite paper and the pure CNFs paper



Fig. S14 The EMI SE of pure Ti₃C₂ paper and single-layered CM in the X-band region



Fig. S15 a SE_A and b SE_R of single-layered TONFC, CM-5, CM-10, and CM-15 in the X-band region



Fig. S16 a SE_A, and b SE_R of evenly distributed CM composite paper and two-layered CM composite paper with different gradient structures in the X-band



Fig. S17 a SE_R, and b SE_A of CMC GS composite paper with different gradient structures



Fig. S18 The electrical conductivity of CMC mixture paper and CMC GS composite paper.

Sample	Tensile strength (MPa)	Fracture strain (%)Toughness (MJ m-3)		Young's modulus (GPa)	
Ti ₃ C ₂ MXene	4.9 ± 1.0	0.9 ± 0.1	0.010 ± 0.005	0.10 ± 0.05	
Ti ₃ C ₂ -CNTs	2.4 ± 1.3	0.8 ± 0.4	0.0019 ± 0.0004	0.25 ± 0.1	
CNFs	95.7 ± 13.7	5.1 ± 1.7	1.8 ± 0.5	2.5 ± 0.1	
CMC mixture	94.9 ± 7.4	3.6 ± 0.2	1.8 ± 0.5	1.1 ± 0.2	
CMC GS	97.9 ± 5.0	4.6 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.2	

 Table S1 The mechanical properties of different samples

Туре	Sample		Thickness	SE	SSE/t (dB	DC
		wraterials	(mm)	(dB)	cm ² g ⁻¹)	Keis.
Metal- based	1	Ag NW	0.5	35	2416	[S1]
	2	Cu foil	0.0001	70	7812	[S2]
	3	Ni fiber/PES	2.85	58	109	[S3]
	4	Ni filaments/PES	2.85	87	165	[S4]
	5	CuNi-CNT	1.5	54.6	1580	[S5]
	6	CuNi foam	1.5	25	690	[S5]
	7	Copper	3.1	90	32	[S3]
Carbon- based	8	Graphene/PDMS	0.1	20	3330	[S6]
	9	rGO	2.5	45.1	692	[S7]
	10	rGO/PS	2	29	258	[S8]
	11	rGO/Fe ₃ O ₄	0.3	24	1033	[S4]
	12	rGO/PEDOT	0.8	70	841	[S9]
	13	MWCNT/WPU	0.1	21.1	5410	[S10]
	14	MWCNT/PC	2.1	39	164	[S11]
	15	MWCNT/ABS	1.1	50	433	[S12]
	16	MWCNT/PS	2	30	285	[S13]
	17	SWCNT/PS	1.2	18.5	275	[S14]
	18	SWCNT/epoxy	2	25	72	[S15]
	19	Carbon foam	0.2	40	1250	[S16]
	20	Carbon/PN resin	0.2	51.2	1705	[S17]
	21	CB/ABS	1.1	20	190	[S12]
	22	CB/EPDM	2	18	15	[S18]
MXene-	23	Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x /CNFs	0.047	24	2647	[S19]
based	24	Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x /rGO/epoxy	2	56.4	9400	[S20]
This work	25	CMC mixture	0.038	23.4	5219	
	26	CMC GS-1	0.038	37.7	7874	
	27	CMC GS-2	0.038	38.4	8020	

 Table S2 Comparison of the EMI shielding performance of the CMC GS composite paper with other reported materials

NW: nanowire; PES: polyethersulfone; CNT: carbon nanotube; PDMS: poly(dimethyl siloxane); rGO: reduced grapheme oxide; MWCNT: multi-walled carbon nanotube; SWCNT: single-walled carbon nanotube; PS: polystyrene; WPU: water-borne polyurethane; CNFs: cellulose nanofibers; CMC GS-1: U5/1-4-10/1-4-S15/1; CMC GS-2: U15/1-4-10/1-4-S5/1

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