

# **Graphene Aerogel Composites Derived From Recycled Cigarette Filter for Electromagnetic Wave Absorption**

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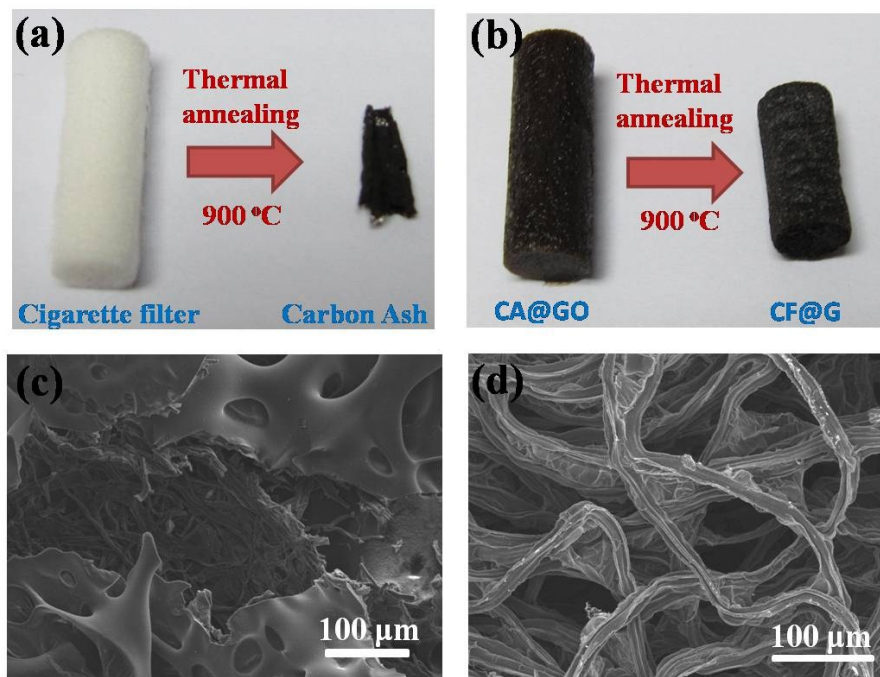
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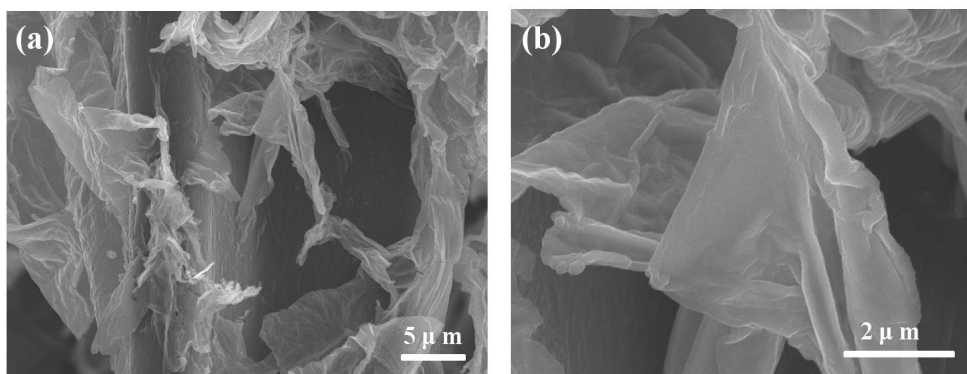
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## **Supplementary Information:**

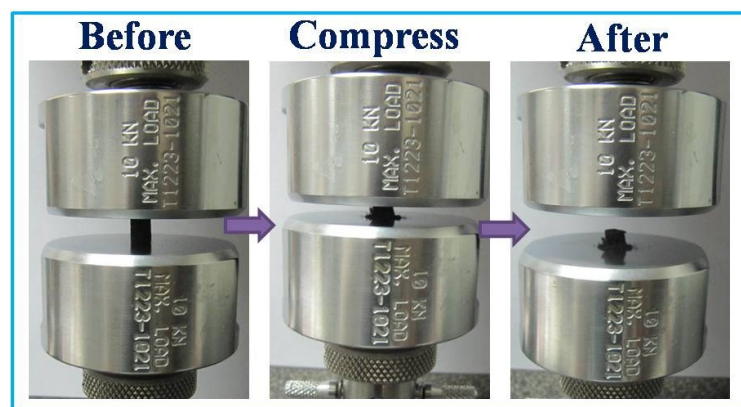
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**Figure S1. Characterization of carbon ash and CF@G aerogel derived from pure cigarette filter and CA@GO, respectively.** a) Carbon ash derived from cigarette filter without GO coating. b) CF@G aerogel derived from GO coated cigarette filter. c) SEM image of carbon ash shows the interior structure. d) SEM image of CF@G aerogel shows the porous structure.



**Figure S2. SEM images of CF@G@PPy aerogel.** a) PPy coated graphene nanosheets adhere to the CF. b) The coated graphene nanosheets are thicker than bare nanosheets.



**Fig. S3 Photos of mechanical test of CF@G and CF@G@PPy aerogels.**

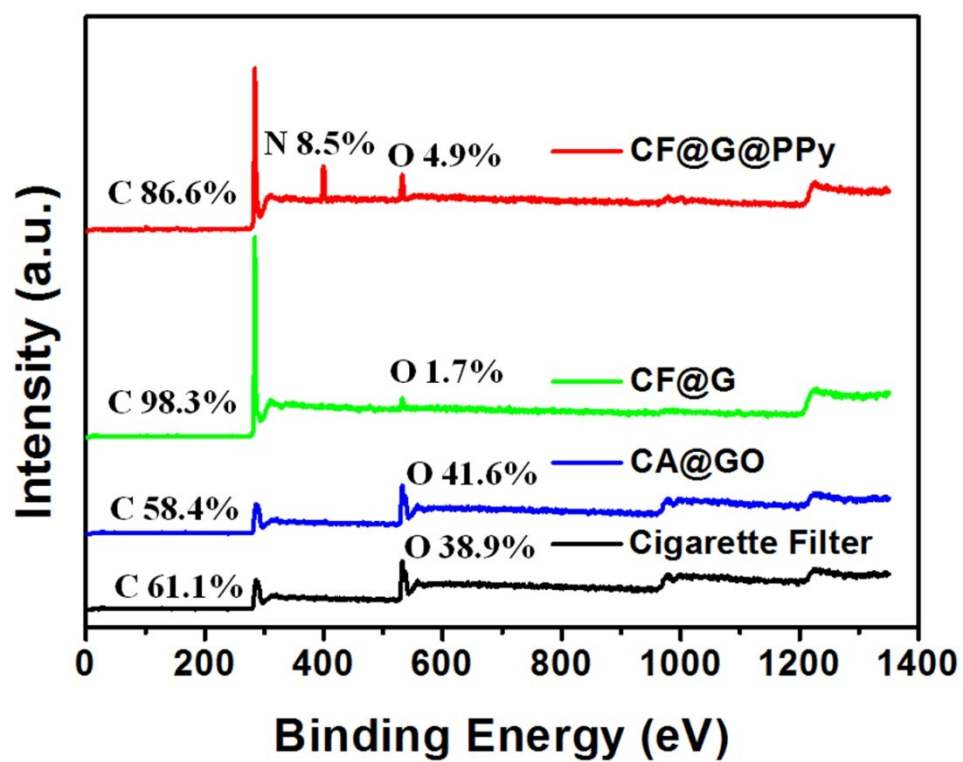


Figure S4. XPS spectrum of Cigarette Filter, CA@GO, CF@G and CF@G@PPy samples.

**Table S1. Mechanical Strength of typical graphene based aerogel**

| Materials                | Density (mg cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | Strain | Strength<br>(kPa) | Ref.      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|
| CF@G aerogel             | 7.6                            | ~ 30%  | 70                | This work |
| CF@G@PPy aerogel         | 8.8                            | ~ 30%  | 90                | This work |
| Graphene aerogel         | 3.0-9.7                        | 90%    | 20                | S1        |
| Graphene aerogel         | 5.1                            | 80%    | 18                | S2        |
| Graphene/MWCNT foam      | 5.6                            | 50%    | 6.5               | S3        |
| Graphene foam            | 8                              | 70%    | 0.075             | S4        |
| Graphene-GNR aerogel     | 6.8                            | 80%    | 9                 | S5        |
| N-doped Graphene aerogel | 8.3                            | 60%    | 60                | S6        |

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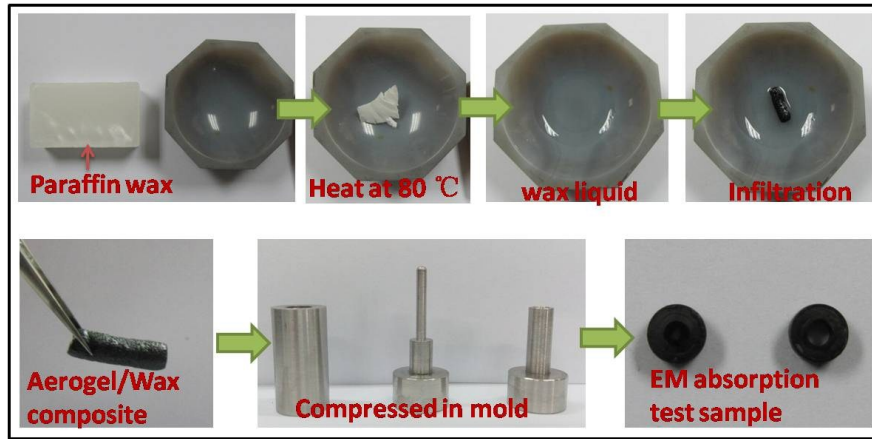
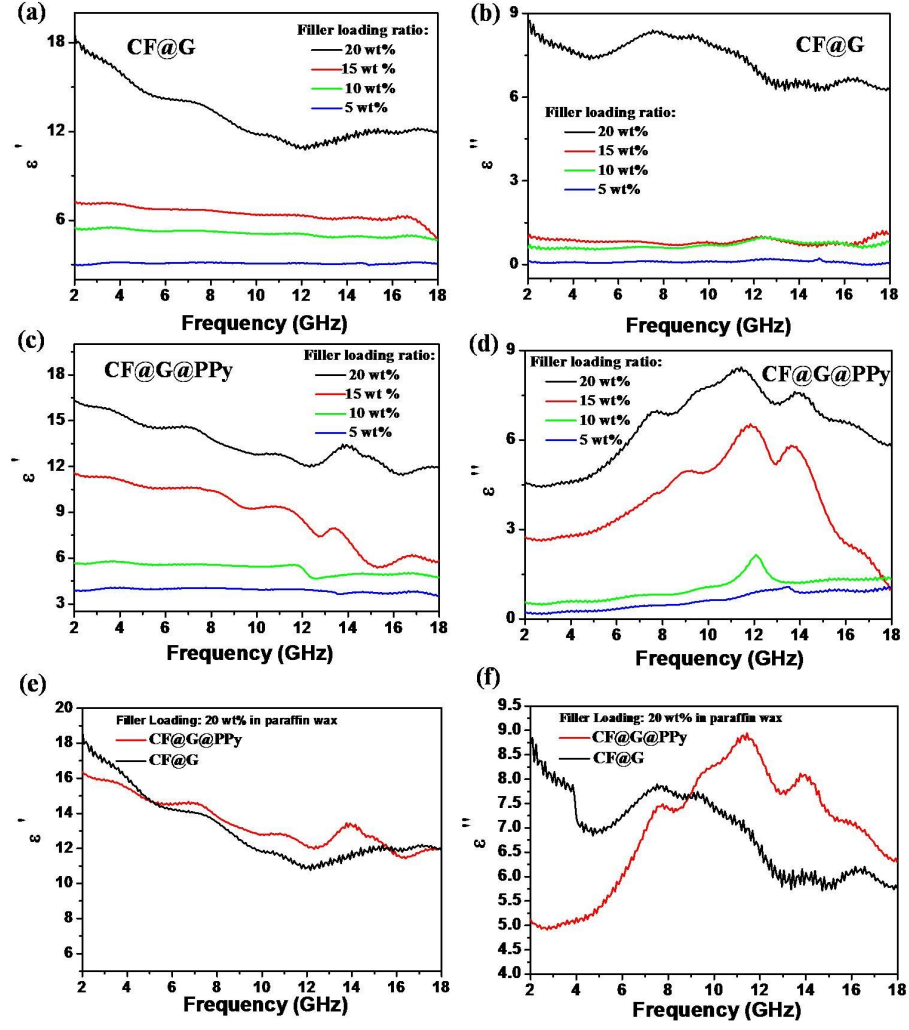


Figure S5. Fabrication process of paraffin infiltrated samples for EM absorption test.



**Figure S6.** The real part permittivity ( $\epsilon'$ ) and imaginary part permittivity ( $\epsilon''$ ) of CF@G and CF@G@PPy. a, c) The real part permittivity ( $\epsilon'$ ) of CF@G and CF@G@PPy, respectively. b, d) The imaginary part permittivity ( $\epsilon''$ ) of CF@G and CF@G@PPy, respectively. e, f) Comparison of  $\epsilon'$  and  $\epsilon''$  between CF@G@PPy and CF@G aerogels with 20 wt% in paraffin wax.



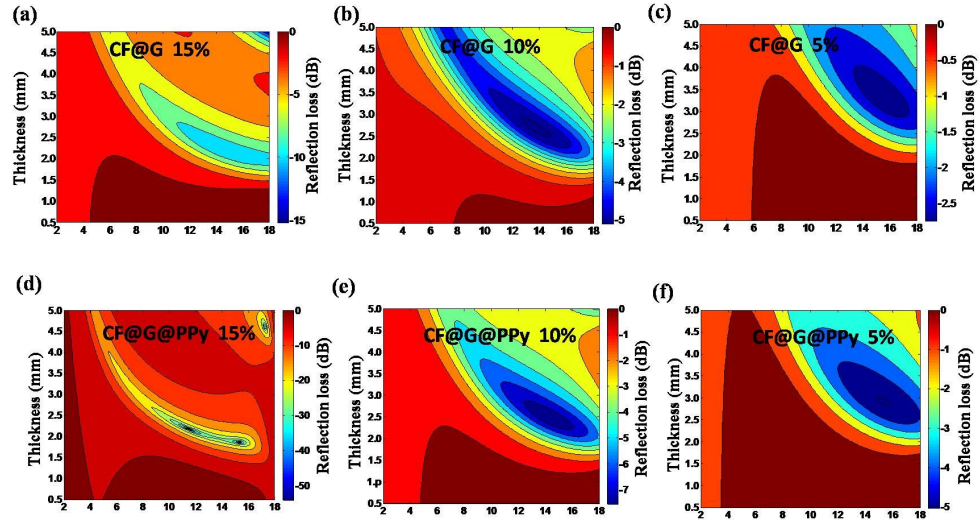


Figure S7. Contour maps of reflection loss values of CF@G and CF@G@PPy with different filler loadings in Wax.

**Table S2 Typical graphene-based composite aerogels and PPy aerogel for EM wave absorption reported in recent literature**

| Filler                            | Optimum<br>Frequency<br>(GHz) | Optimum<br>Thickness<br>(mm) | RL <sub>m</sub> (dB) | Frequency Range<br>(<10dB)<br>(GHz) | Ref.             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| aaaaCF@G                          | 14.6                          | 1.5                          | -30.53               | 12.7-16.8                           | <i>this work</i> |
| CF@G@PPy (20%)                    | 7.9                           | 2.5                          | -45.12               | 6.9-9.4                             | <i>this work</i> |
| CF@G@PPy(46.5%)                   | 14.5                          | 2                            | -34.2                | 11.9-16.2                           | <i>this work</i> |
| CF@G@PPy (70%)                    | 17.9                          | 4                            | -22.8                | 17.6-18                             | <i>this work</i> |
| GA@C                              | 12.19                         | 3.5                          | -43.5                | 9.36-16.83                          | <i>Ref. 29</i>   |
| GA@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 8.0                           | 4                            | -27                  | 6.5-10.3                            | <i>Ref. 34</i>   |
| GA@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 7.12                          | 5                            | -33.5                | 6.0-9.2                             | <i>Ref. 28</i>   |
| GA@ZnO                            | 10.36                         | 3                            | -25.95               | 8.0-12.68                           | <i>Ref. 27</i>   |
| PPy Aerogel                       | 17.0                          | 2                            | -34                  | 14.0-18.0                           | <i>Ref. 20</i>   |