## **Supplementary Information**

## Core-Shell Cu@rGO Hybrids Filled in Epoxy Composites with High Thermal Conduction

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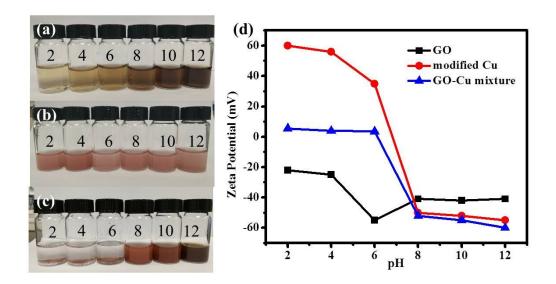
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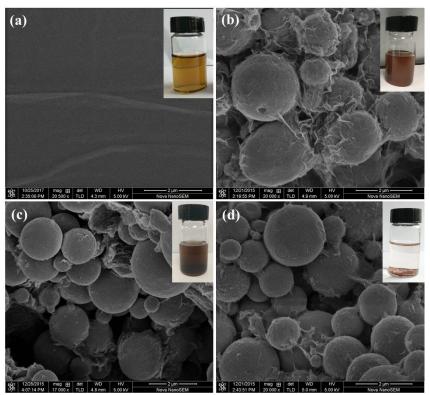
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**Figure S1.** Digital photographs of (a) GO, (b) modified Cu and (c) modified Cu and GO mixture solution under pH=2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12; (d) Zeta potentials of GO, modified Cu and modified Cu and GO mixture in aqueous solutions under different pH conditions.



**Figure S2.** Images of the electrostatic assembly of GO with Cu-NH<sub>2</sub> at different mass ratios, (a) exfoliated GO sheets; (b) GO:Cu=1:10; (c)GO:Cu=1:30; (d) GO:Cu=1:50 (inserts are photographs of the corresponding aqueous suspension).



Figure S3. Photograph of the electrostatic assembly process of Cu@GO

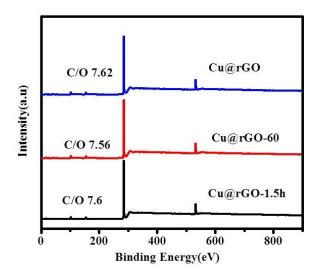
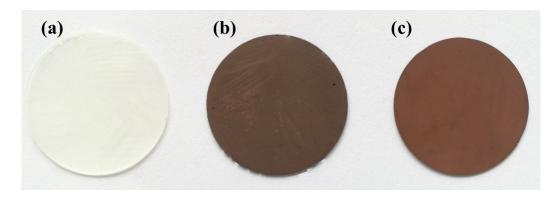
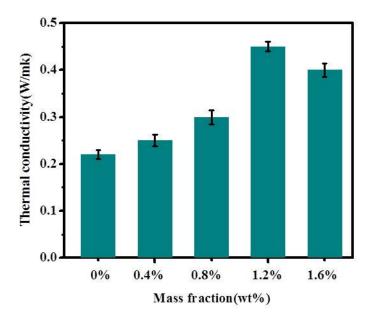


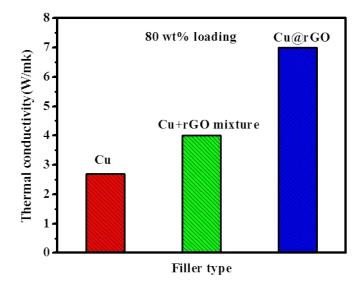
Figure S4. XPS survey spectra of the as-prepared Cu@rGO, Cu@rGO-60 and Cu@rGO-1.5h.



**Figure S5.** Optical morphologies of (a) Pure epoxy, (b) Cu@rGO/epoxy composites and c) Cu@rGO/epoxy composites.



**Figure S6.** Thermal conductivity of rGO/epoxy composites with different mass fractions.



**Figure S7.** Comparison of the thermal conductivity of the epoxy composites with three kinds of filler.

**Table S1.** CTE values of different fillers

Samples	CTE1(ppm ºC -1)	CTE2(ppm ºC <sup>-1</sup> )
Pure epoxy	74.4	200.5
80 wt% Cu/epoxy	51.6	128.6
80 wt% Cu@rGO/epoxy	48	124.3