

**MOFs-driven yolk-shell Ni/C architectures assembled by Ni@C core-shell
nanoparticles for lightweight microwave absorbents**

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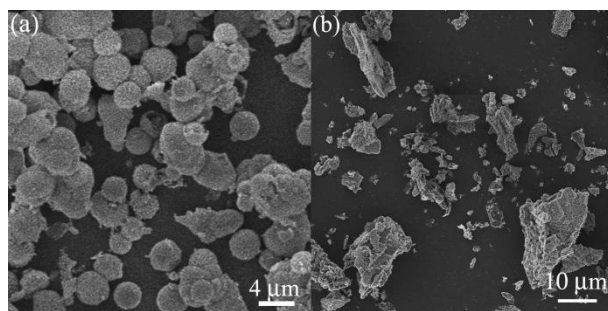


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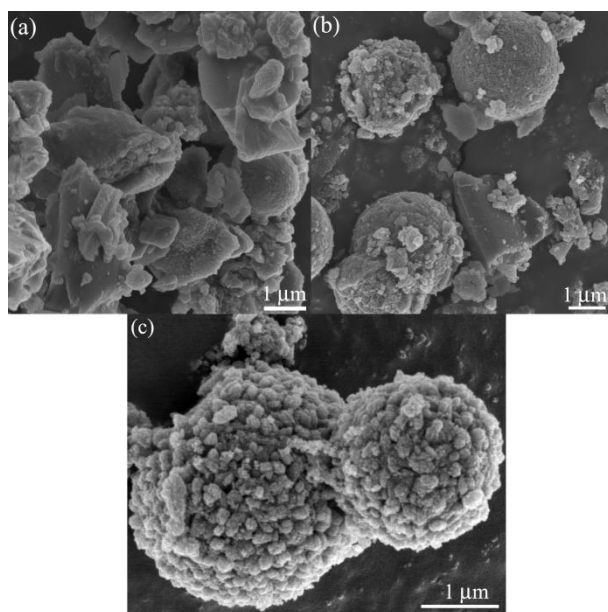


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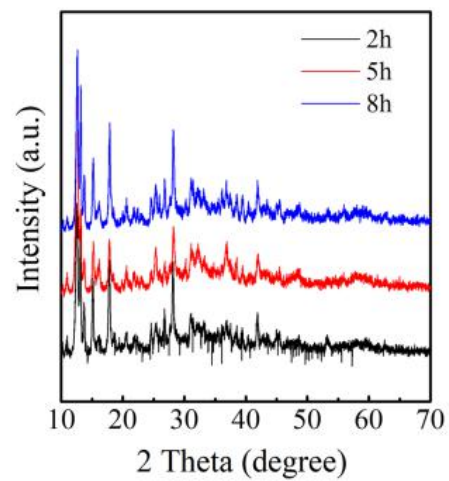


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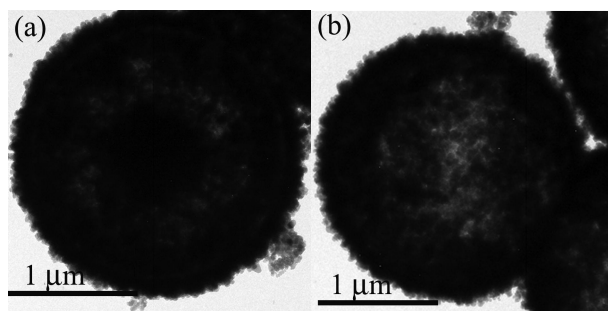


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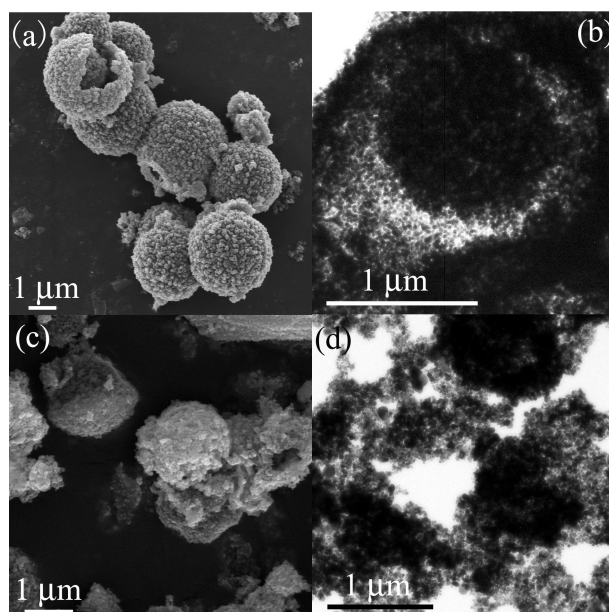


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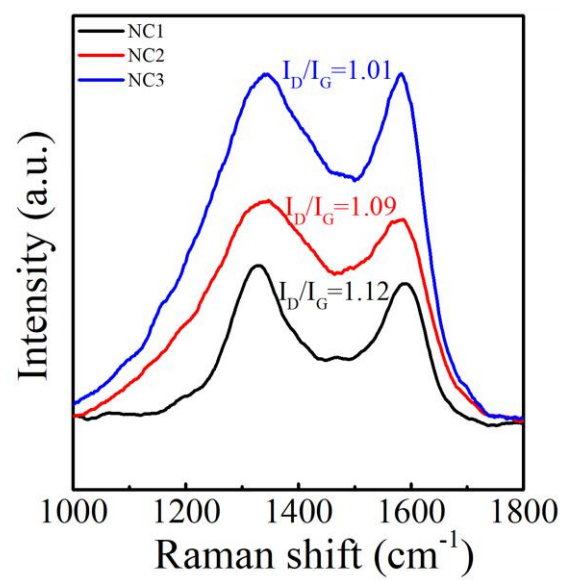


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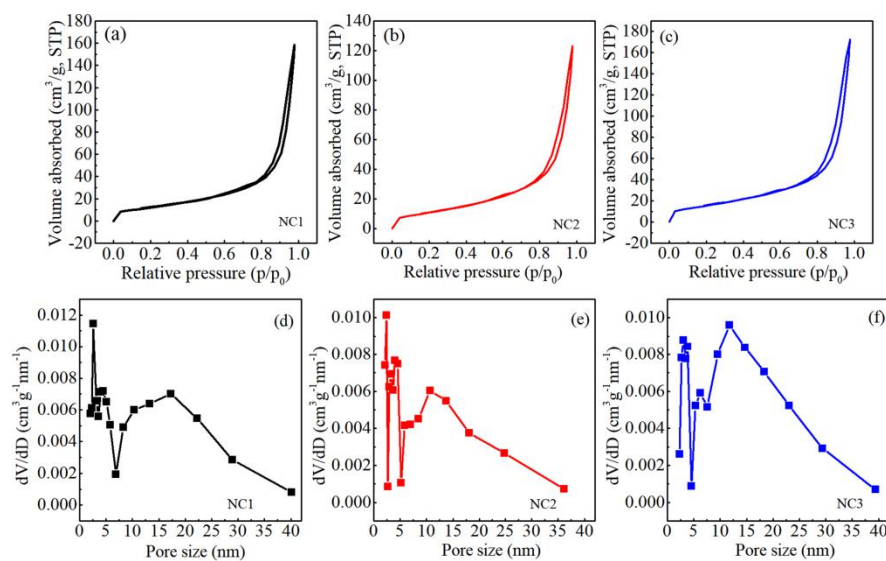


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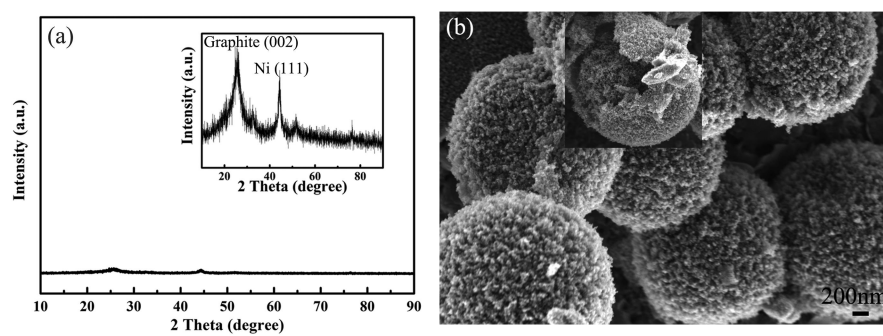


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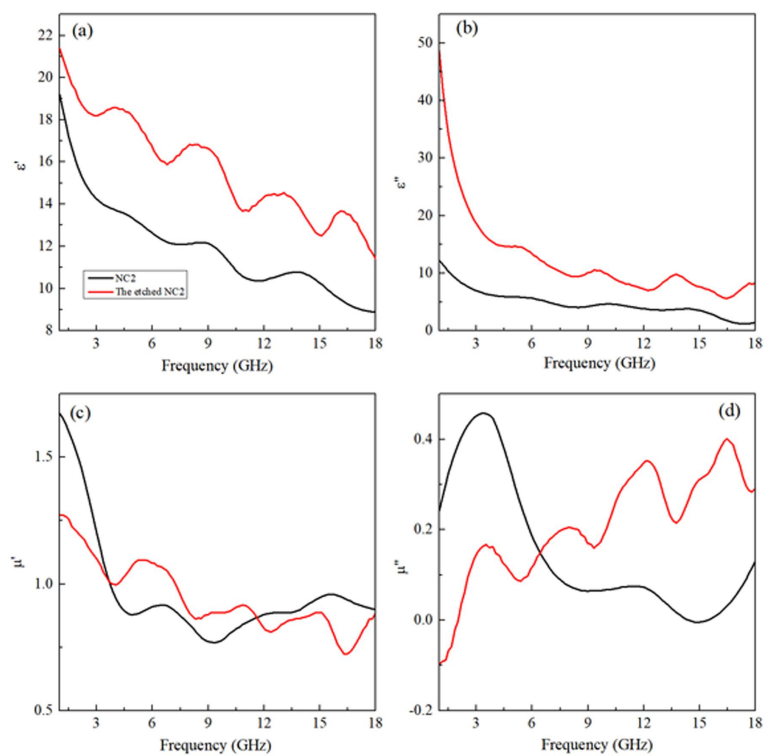


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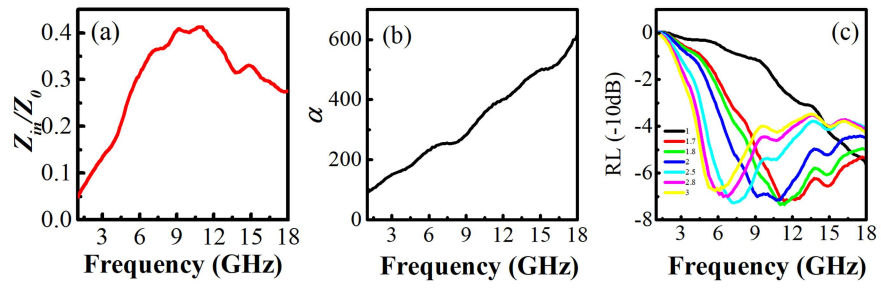


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Absorbers	Absorber thickness (mm)	RL (dB)	Frequency (GHz)	Bandwidth (RL< -10 dB) and integrated thickness (mm)	Ref.
Yolk-shell Co ₃ Fe ₇ @C	2.0	-35.3	9.1	6.3, 1.5-3.0	1
Yolk-shell C@C	2.0	-34.8	15.0	5.4, 1.0-5.0	2
Porous CF/Carbon Nanofibers	2.3	-31.0	9.7	3.0, 2.3-3.0	3
Co/NPC@void@CI	2.2	-49.2	13.7	11.3, 1.8-2.8	4
MOFs-drievd Co/ZnO/C microrods	3.0	-52.6	4.9	12.5, 1.5-5.0	5
Fe ₃ O ₄ @polypyrrole	2.5	-31.5	15.5	5.2, 3.0-5.0	6
Ni@SnO ₂	1.8	-45.0	13.9	3.8, 1.5-3.5	7
ZnFe ₂ O ₄ @SiO ₂ @RGO	2.8	-43.9	13.9	12.0, 2.0-5.0	8
Fe@ZnO	2.65	-21.5	15.2	9.8, 2.30-4.56	9
Fe/Fe ₃ O ₄ @C	2.0	-32.9	17.1	12.8, 2.0-5.0	10
CoFe@C/RGO	3.0	-36.1	13.0	~11.0, 1.7-5.0	11
NC2	1.8	-39.0	13.1	12.3, 1.4-3.9	This work

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