

## Supporting information

### **Molten salts assisted synthesis and electromagnetic wave absorption properties of $(V_{1-x-y}Ti_xCr_y)_2AlC$ solid solutions**

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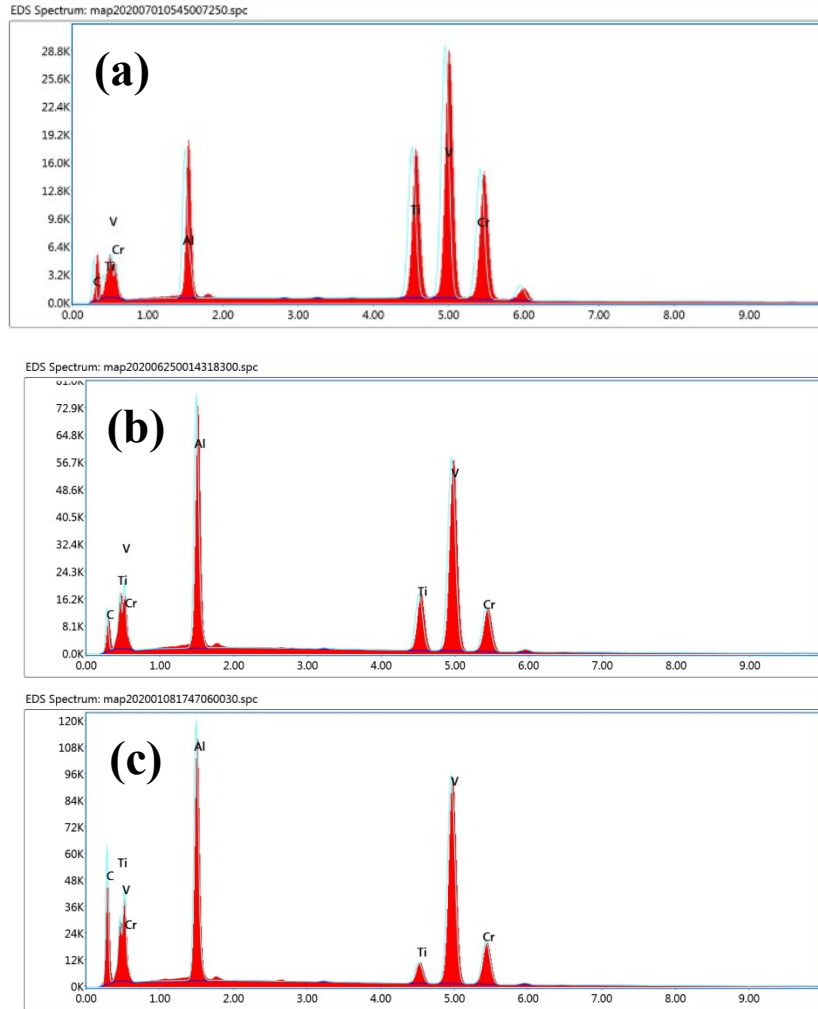


Fig. S1. EDX mapping results of the (a)  $(V_{1/3}Ti_{1/3}Cr_{1/3})_2AlC$ , (b)  $(V_{0.6}Ti_{0.2}Cr_{0.2})_2AlC$  and (c)  $(V_{0.8}Ti_{0.1}Cr_{0.1})_2AlC$ .

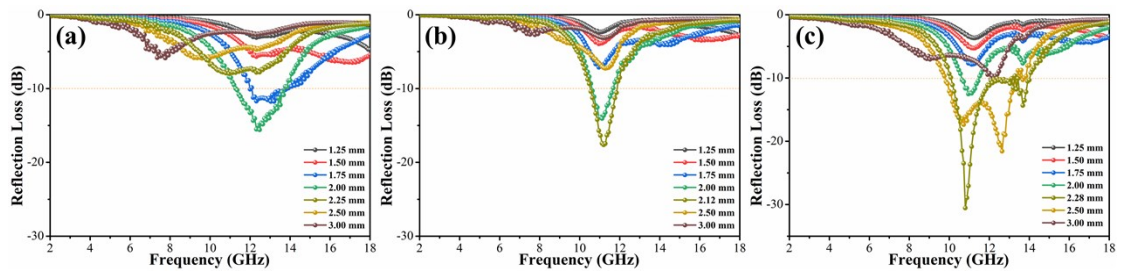


Fig. S2. Frequency dependence of calculated reflection loss curves for (a)  $V_2AlC$ , (b)  $Cr_2AlC$  and (c)  $Ti_2AlC$ .

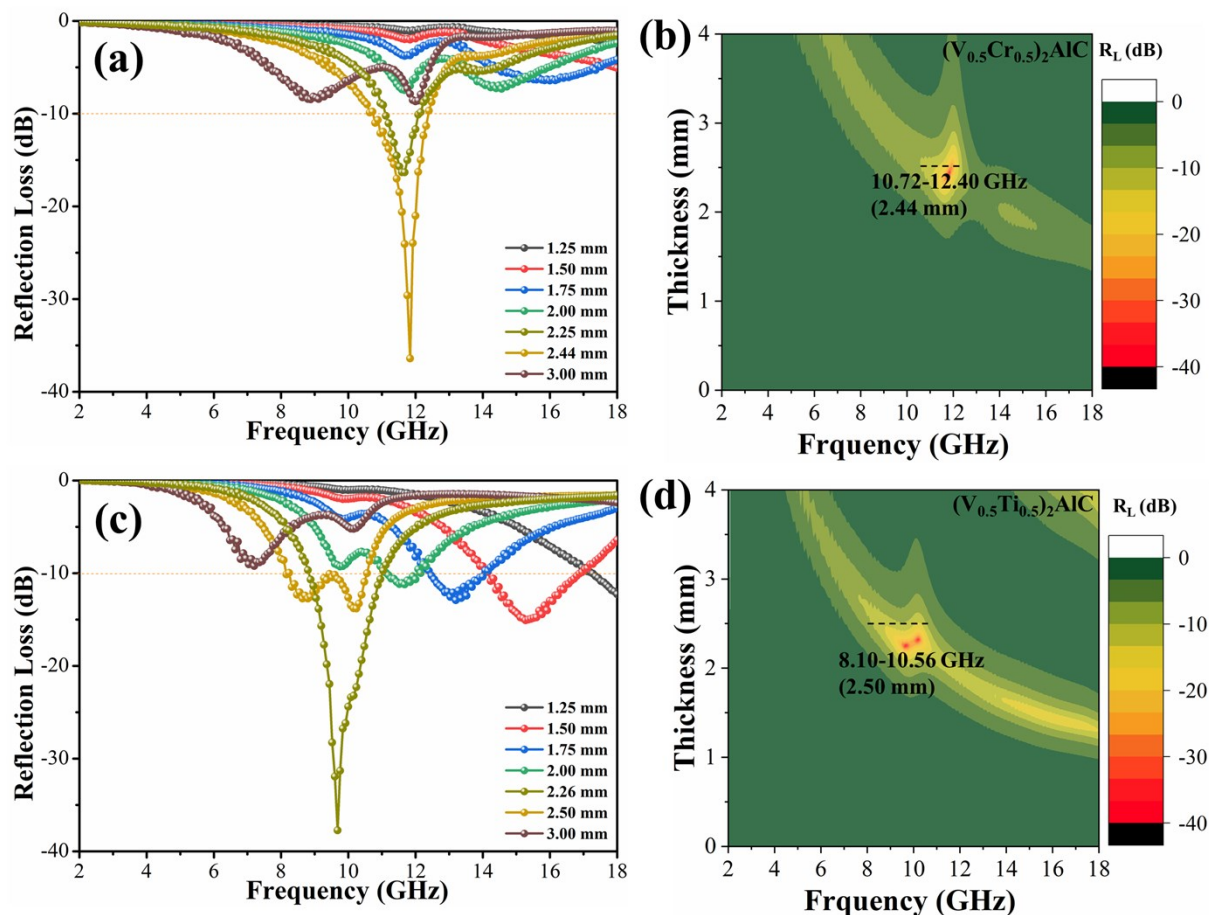


Fig. S3. Frequency dependence of calculated reflection loss curves and 2D color maps for  $(V_{0.5}Cr_{0.5})_2AIC$  (a-b) and  $(V_{0.5}Ti_{0.5})_2AIC$  (c-d).

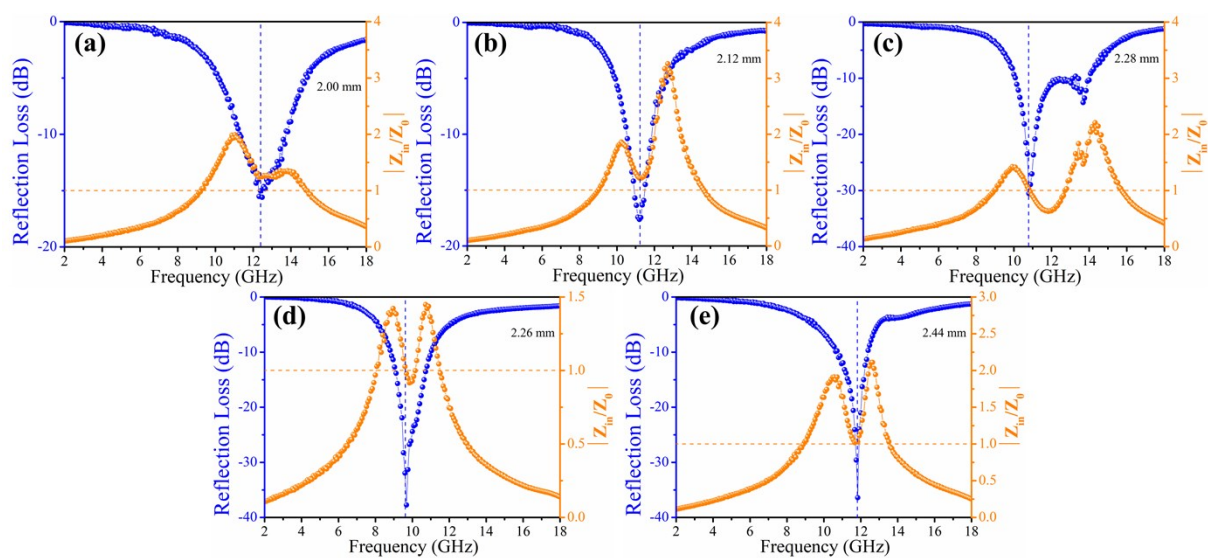


Fig. S4.  $|Z_{in}/Z_0|$  vs  $R_L$  value of as-prepared (a)  $V_2AIC$ , (b)  $Cr_2AIC$ , (c)  $Ti_2AIC$ , (d)  $(V_{0.5}Ti_{0.5})_2AIC$  and (e)  $(V_{0.5}Cr_{0.5})_2AIC$ .

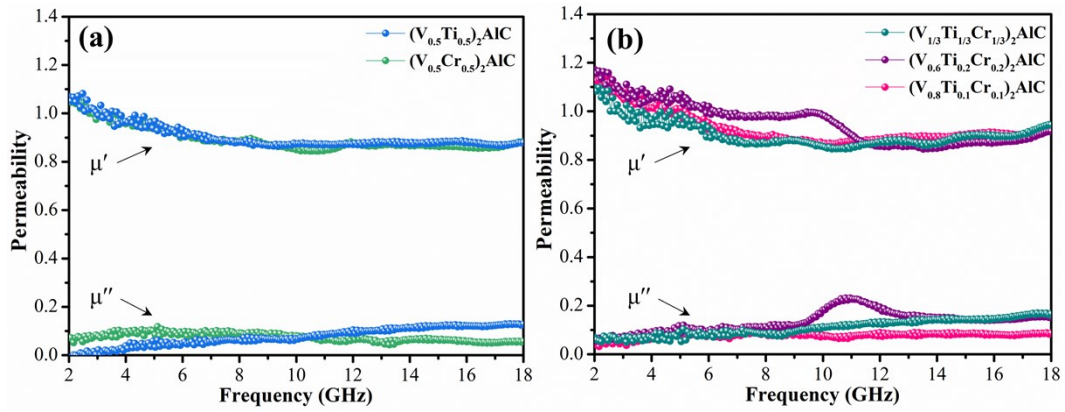


Fig. S5. The magnetic permeability of as-prepared  $(V_{1-x-y}Ti_xCr_y)_2AlC$  solid solution.

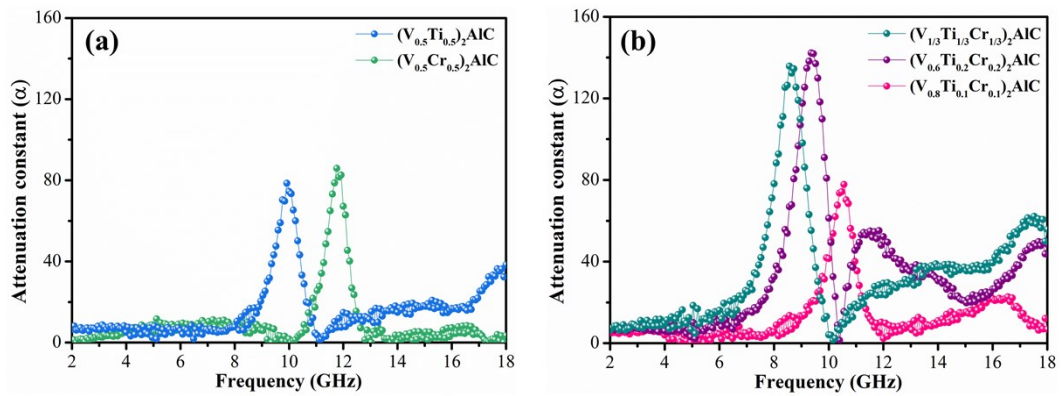


Fig. S6. The attenuation constant (a) of as-prepared  $(V_{1-x-y}Ti_xCr_y)_2AlC$  solid solution.

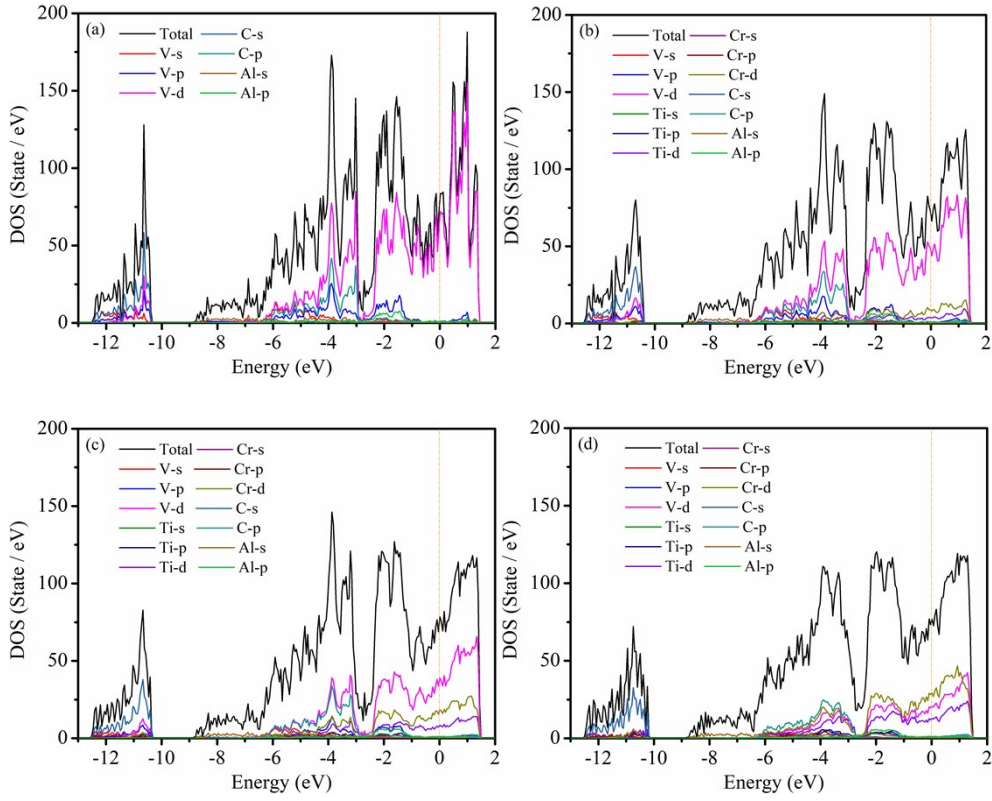


Fig. S7. (a-d) density of states for V based MAX phases. The vertical lines are used to refer Fermi level.

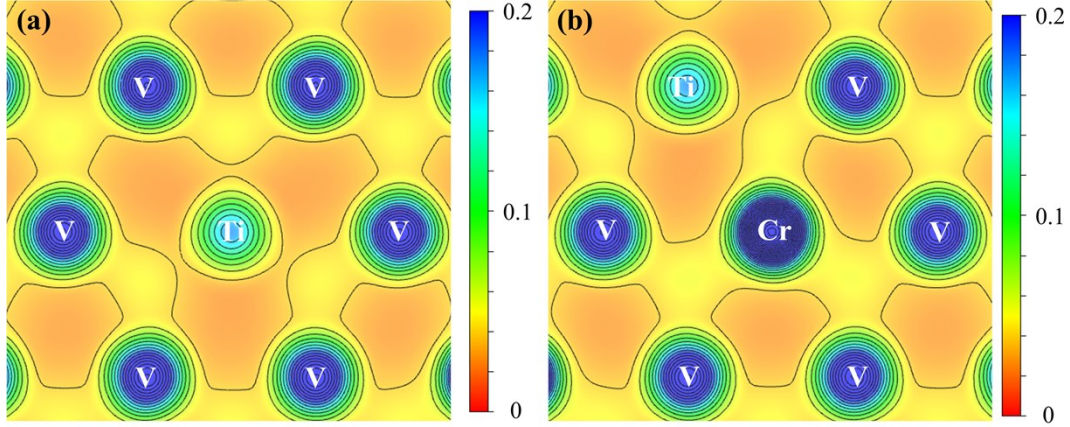


Fig. S8. Total charge density maps of M atomic layers in doped MAX phases: (a) low doping amount and (b) high doping amount.

**Table S1** The element concentration of obtained  $(V_{1-2x}Ti_xCr_x)_2AlC$  from SEM-EDX mappings.

Stoichiometric ratio of V: Ti: Cr	Theoretical			Experimental		
	V	Ti	Cr	V	Ti	Cr
$(V_{0.8}Ti_{0.1}Cr_{0.1})_2AlC$	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.77	0.10	0.13
$(V_{0.6}Ti_{0.2}Cr_{0.2})_2AlC$	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.63	0.17	0.20
$(V_{0.33}Ti_{0.33}Cr_{0.33})_2AlC$	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.43	0.30	0.27