

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Molybdenum Blue Preassembly Strategy to Design Bimetallic  
 $\text{Fe}_{0.54}\text{Mo}_{0.73}/\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@C$  for Tunable Low-Frequency Electromagnetic  
Wave Absorption**

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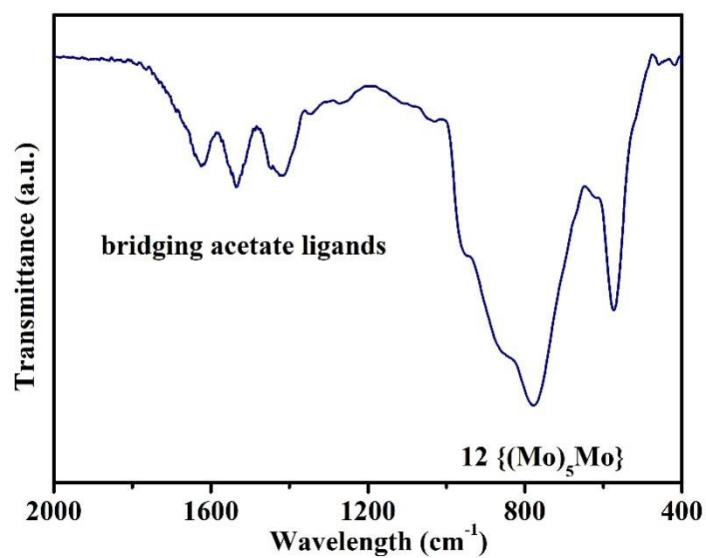


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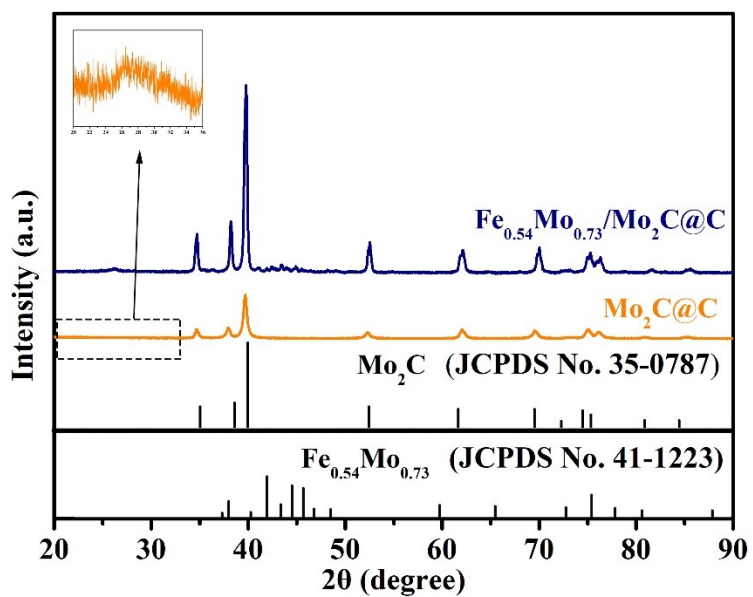
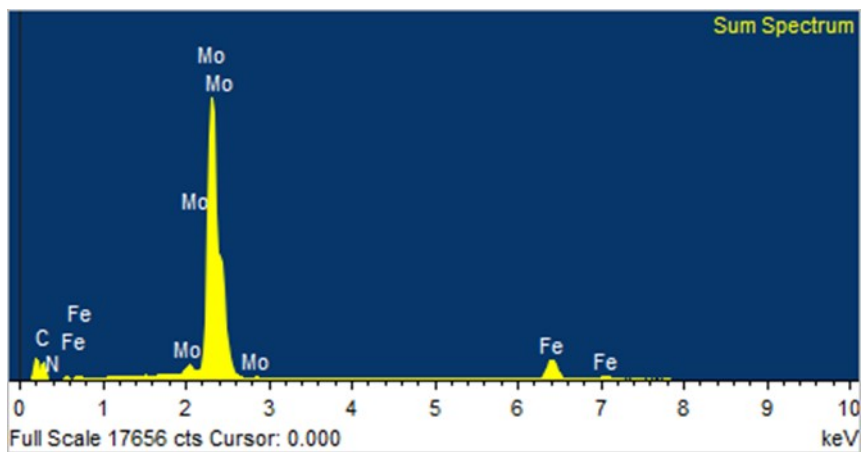
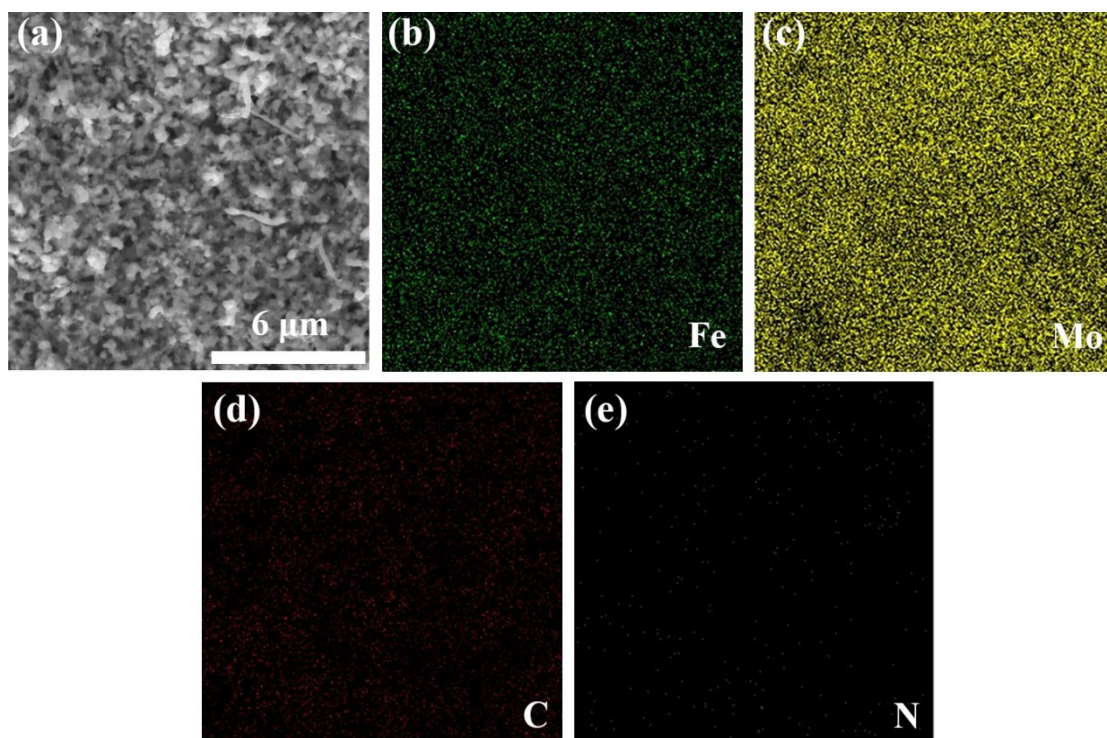


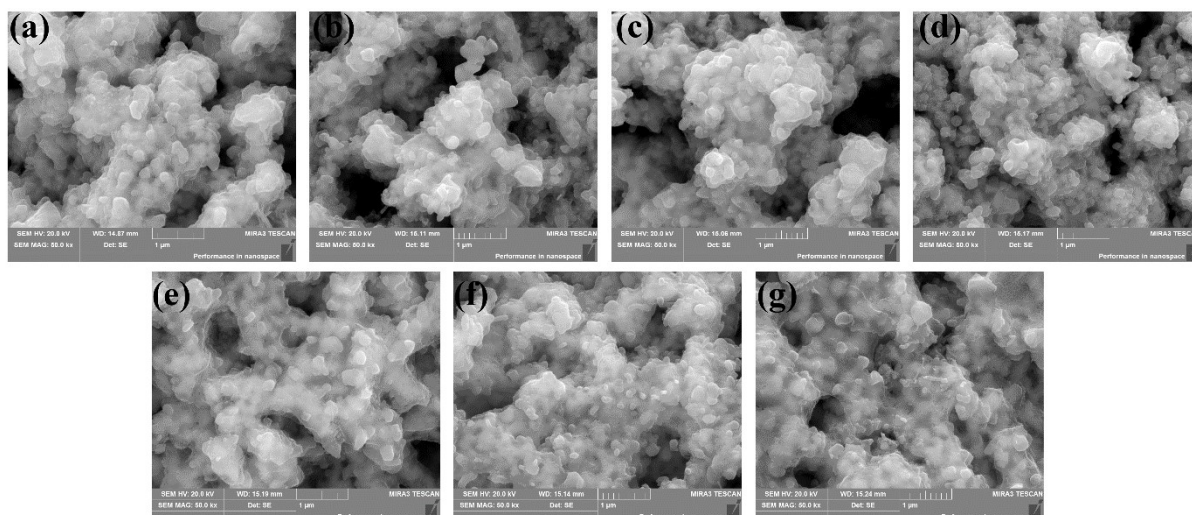
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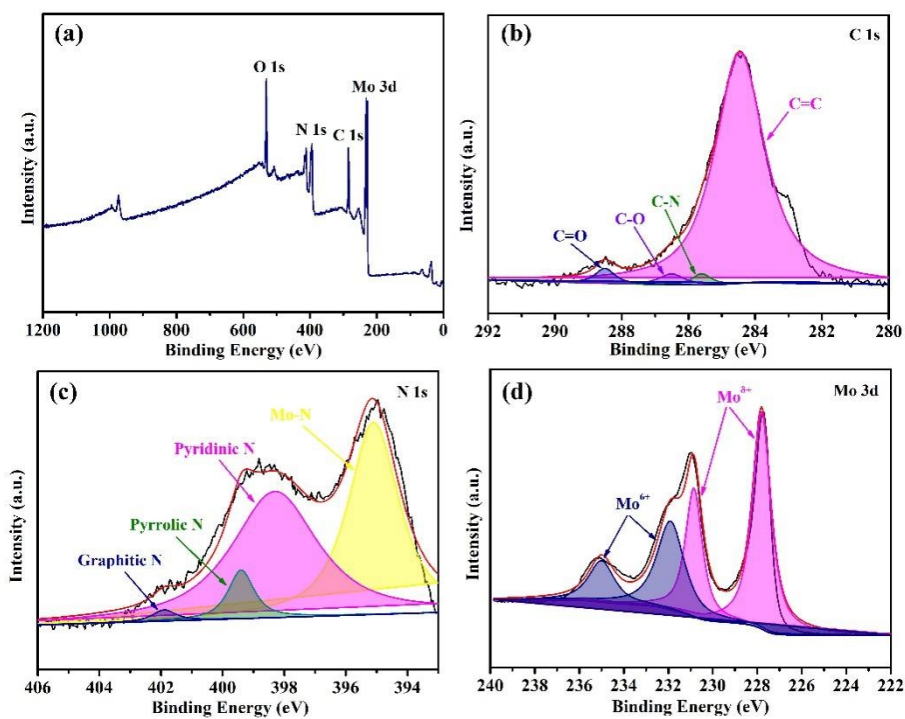
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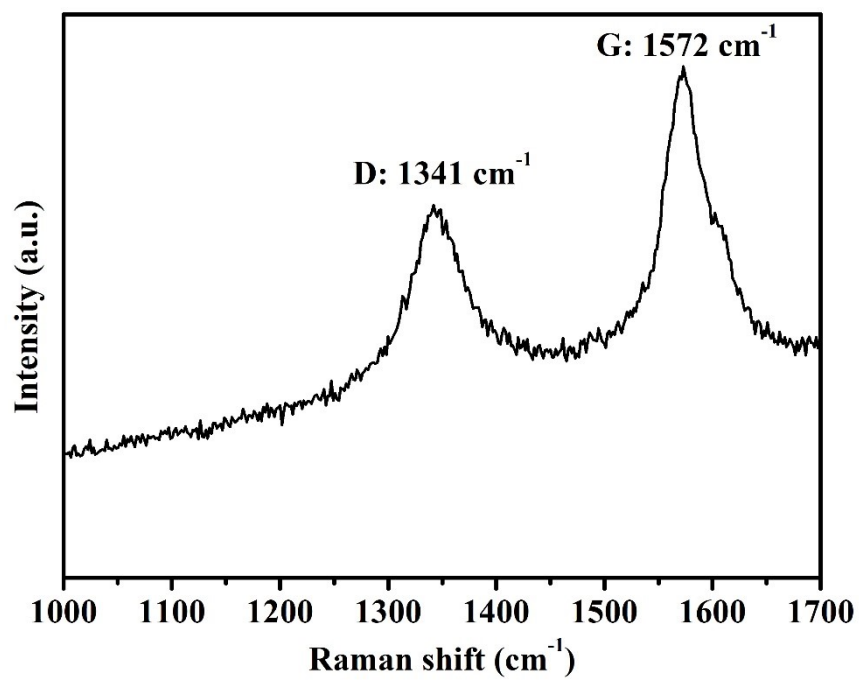
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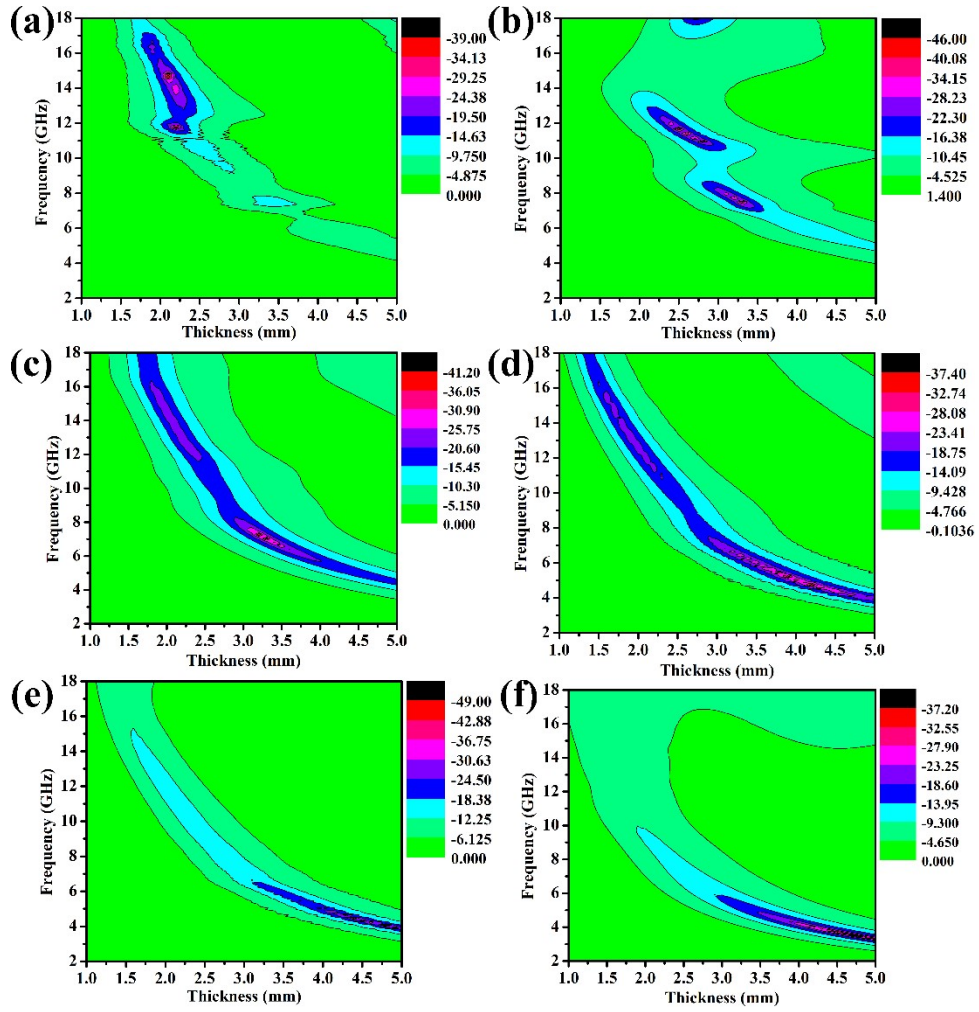
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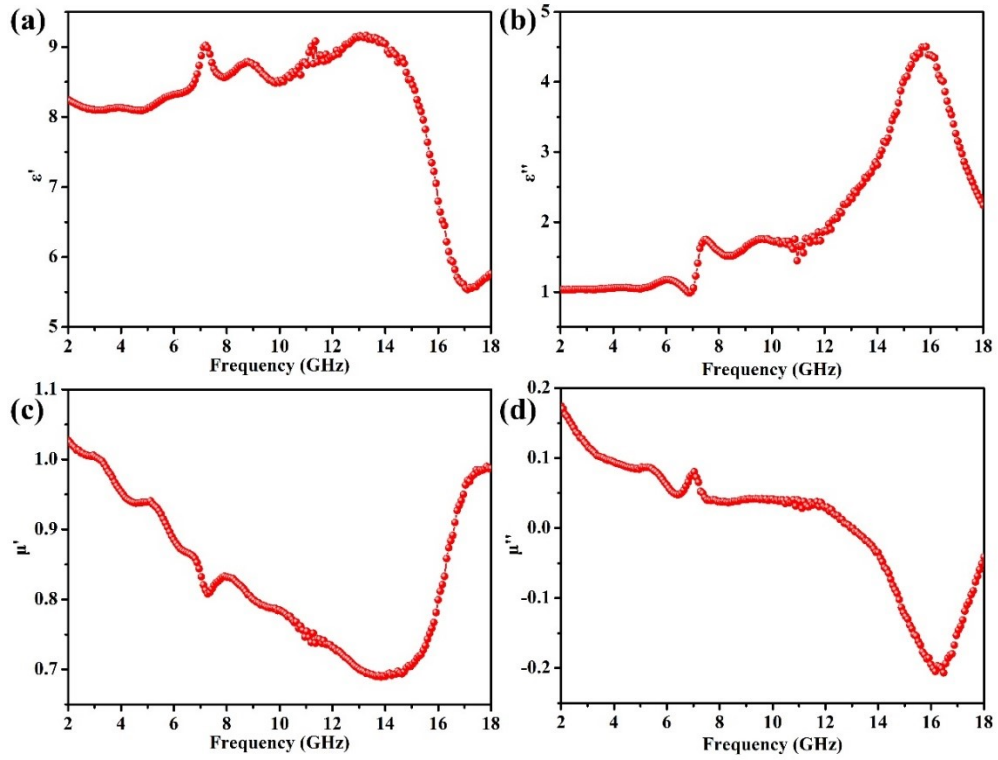


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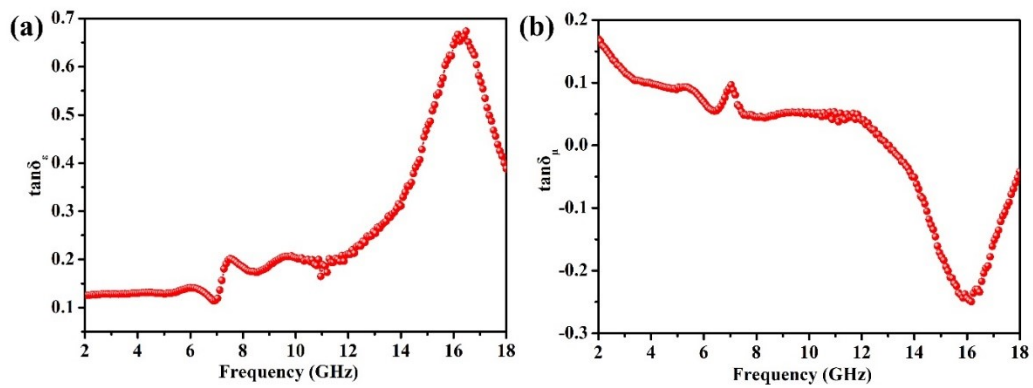


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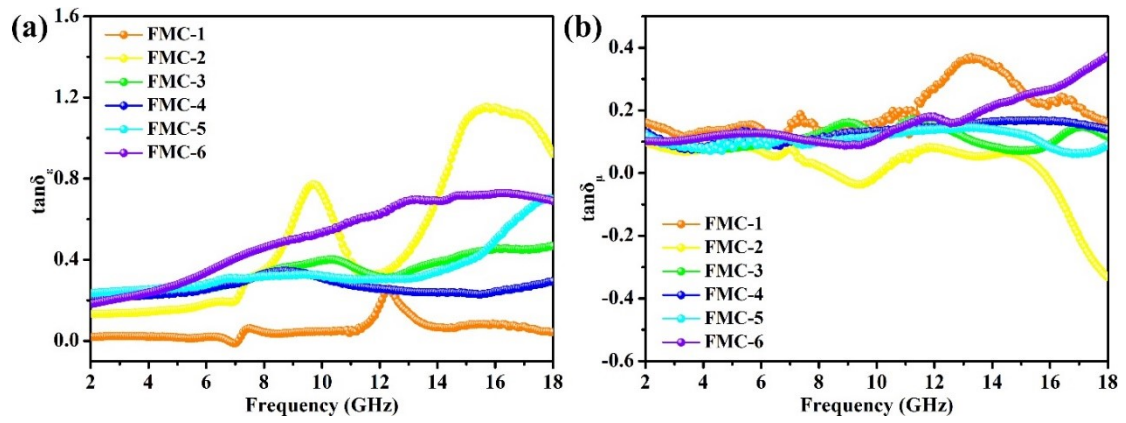


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**Figure S11.** Electromagnetic parameters of FMC composites (dielectric loss  $\tan\delta_\epsilon$  (a), and magnetic loss  $\tan\delta_\mu$  (b)).

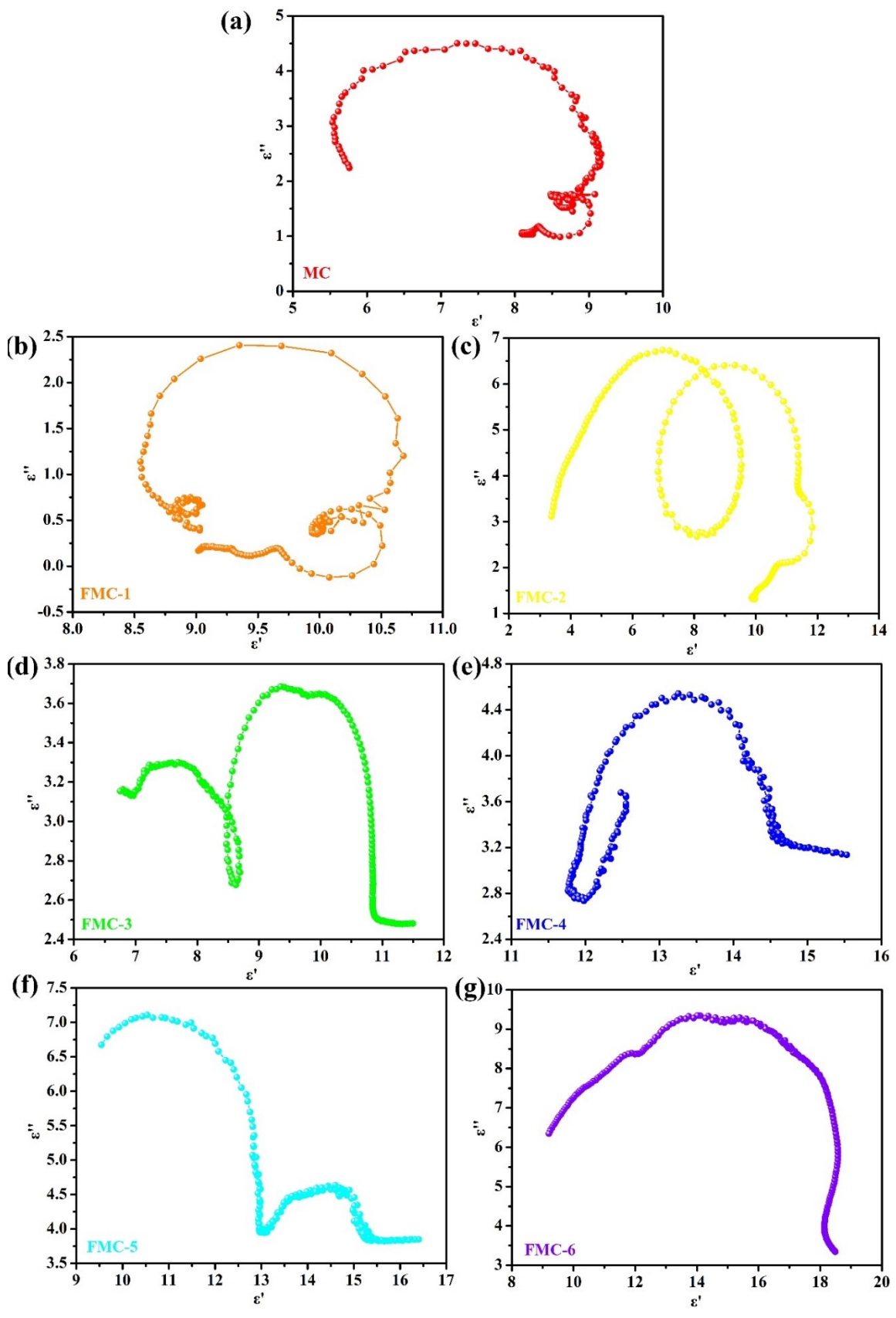


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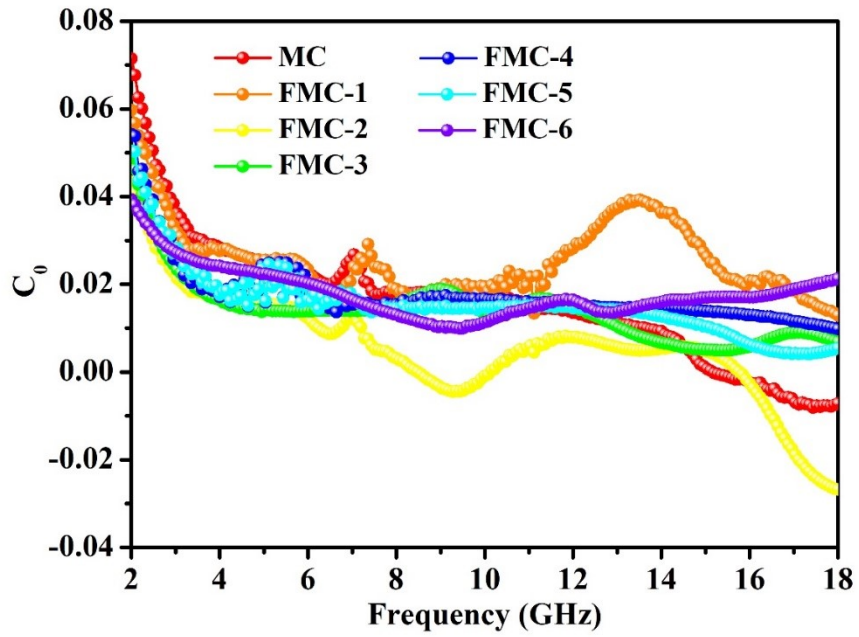


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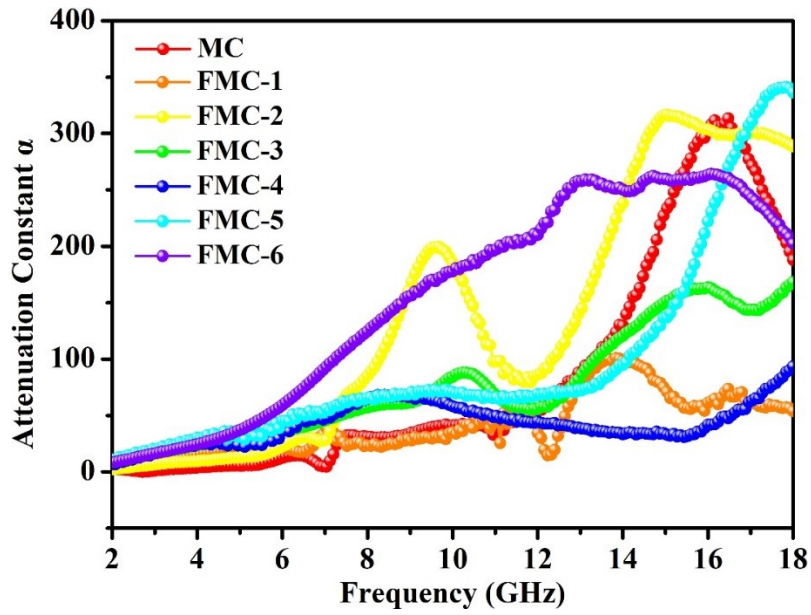
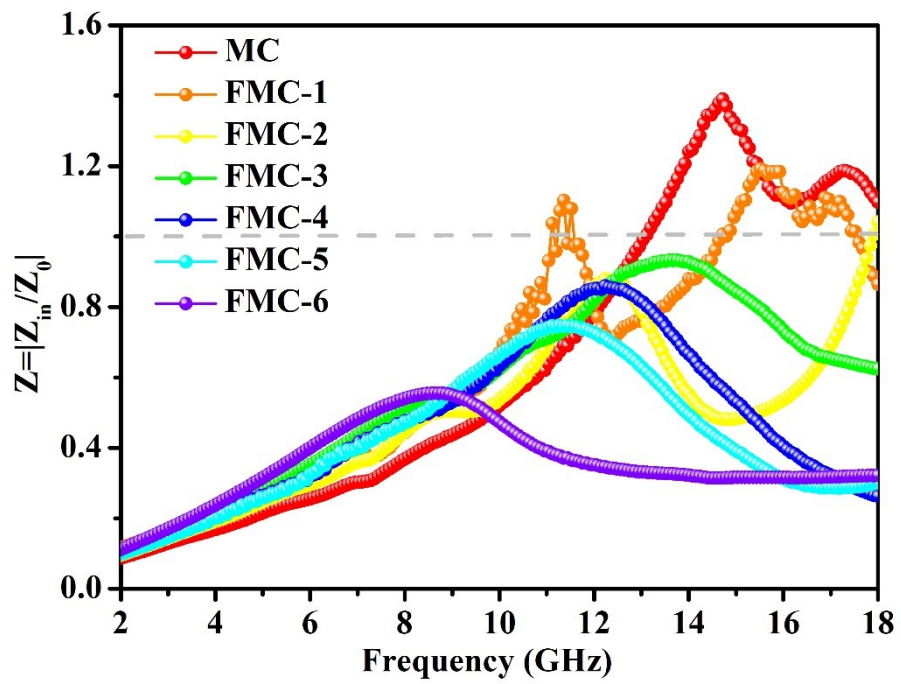


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**Figure S15.** The impedance matching value  $Z$  of MC and FMCs in the frequency range of 2-18 GHz

**TableS1.** ICP–OES results of FMCs

Sample	Fe(mg/L)	Mo(mg/L)	Molar ratio (Fe <sub>0.54</sub> Mo <sub>0.73</sub> /Mo <sub>2</sub> C)
FMC-1	1.935	9.285	2.56
FMC-2	2.144	9.941	2.74
FMC-3	2.413	11.141	2.85
FMC-4	2.670	12.159	2.99
FMC-5	1.893	8.092	3.25
FMC-6	2.389	9.741	3.61

**TableS2.** Electromagnetic wave absorption of typical carbon-based materials reported in recent literatures.

Band	Materials	Minimum RL (dB)	Frequenc y (GHz)	Bandwidth range (GHz)	Ref.
Ku band	NiAl-LDH/Graphite	-41.50	17.80	4.40	[1]
	Fe <sub>3</sub> N@C	-42.35	17.40	6.00	[2]
	P-doped carbonized bacterial cellulose/MoSe <sub>2</sub>	-66.84	16.96	10.00	[5]
	Ni/C	-57.25	16.10	5.10	[3]
	C@MoO <sub>2</sub> /Graphite	-35.40	16.00	4.50	[4]
	FMC-1	-39.00	14.64	5.04	This work
X band	Carbonized bacterial cellulose/MoSe <sub>2</sub>	-53.33	10.64	4.04	[5]
	CoNSs@RGO	-45.15	10.52	7.14	[6]
	Graphene/ Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	-23.50	9.27	4.20	[7]
	Mo <sub>2</sub> C/C	-49.19	9.04	4.56	[8]
	Mo <sub>4.8</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> C <sub>0.6</sub> /SiC/C <sub>free</sub>	-59.00	8.00	12.55	[9]
	FMC-2	-45.92	11.68	3.28	This work
C band	Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /C/Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	-50.07	7.60	4.24	[10]
	C@MoO <sub>2</sub> /Graphite	-33.50	6.90	4.88	[4]
	Mo <sub>2</sub> C/Co/C	-48.00	6.60	15.00	[11]
	CoNC/CNTs	-44.60	5.20	4.50	[12]
	FMC-5	-48.91	4.08	1.04	This work
S band	Ni/MWCNT	-24.90	2.80	—	[13]
	FMC-6	-37.15	3.52	0.8	This work

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