

Supporting Information for

# **Flexible, Transparent and Conductive Metal Mesh Films with Ultra-High FoM for Stretchable Heating and Electromagnetic Interference Shielding**

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## **Supplementary Figures and Tables**

The total EMI shielding effectiveness ( $SE_T$ ) is the sum of the absorption of electromagnetic energy ( $SE_A$ ), the reflection ( $SE_R$ ). Reflectivity ( $R$ ), absorptivity ( $A$ ), and transmissivity ( $T$ ) are determined based on the measured parameters including reflection ( $S_{11}$ ) and transmission ( $S_{12}$ ) parameters, the equations are as follows:

$$EMI SE_T = SE_A + SE_R \quad (S1)$$

$$R = |S_{11}^2| = |S_{22}^2| \quad (S2)$$

$$T = |S_{12}^2| = |S_{21}^2| \quad (S3)$$

$$A = 1 - R - T \quad (S4)$$

$$SE_T = -10 \log T = -20 \log S_{12} \quad (S5)$$

$$SE_R = -10 \log(1 - R) \quad (S6)$$

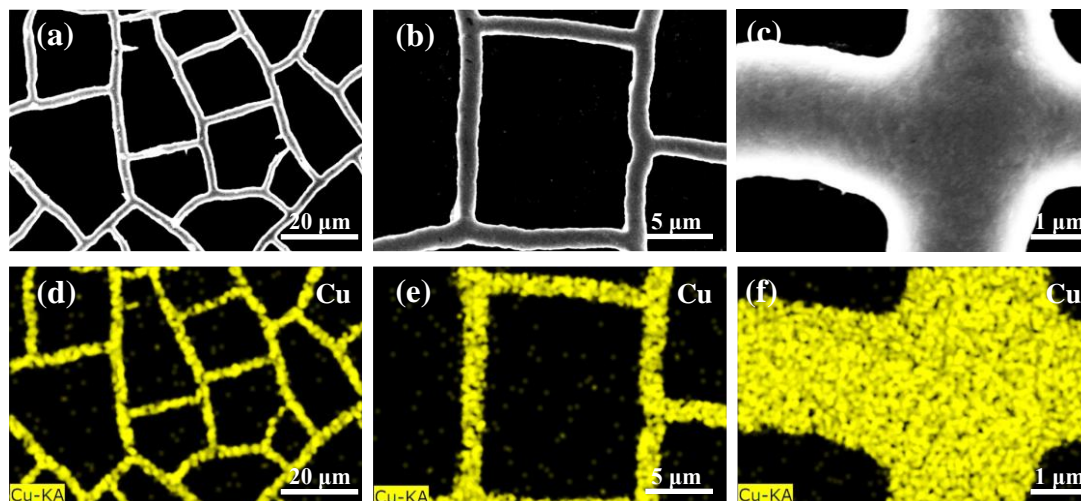


Fig. S1 a-c SEM images of Cu mesh. d-f Corresponding EDS mapping results

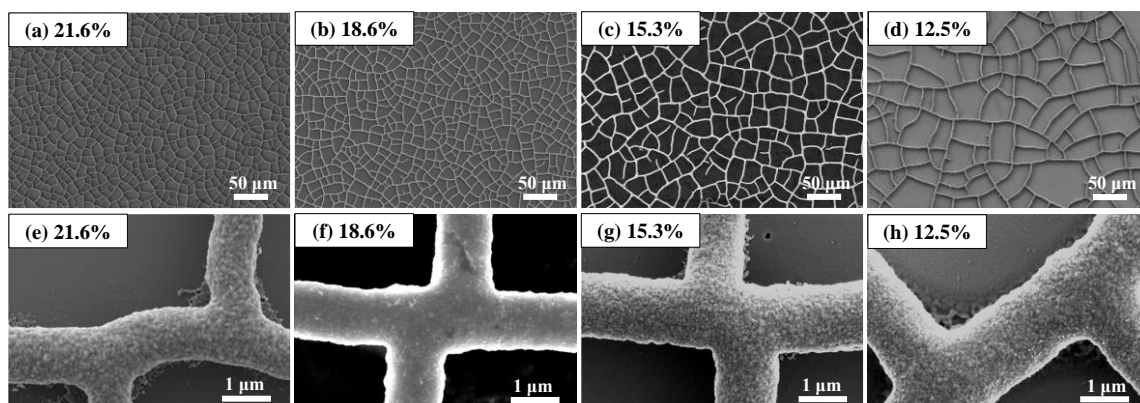


Fig. S2 SEM images of the Cu mesh films with different coverage ratios

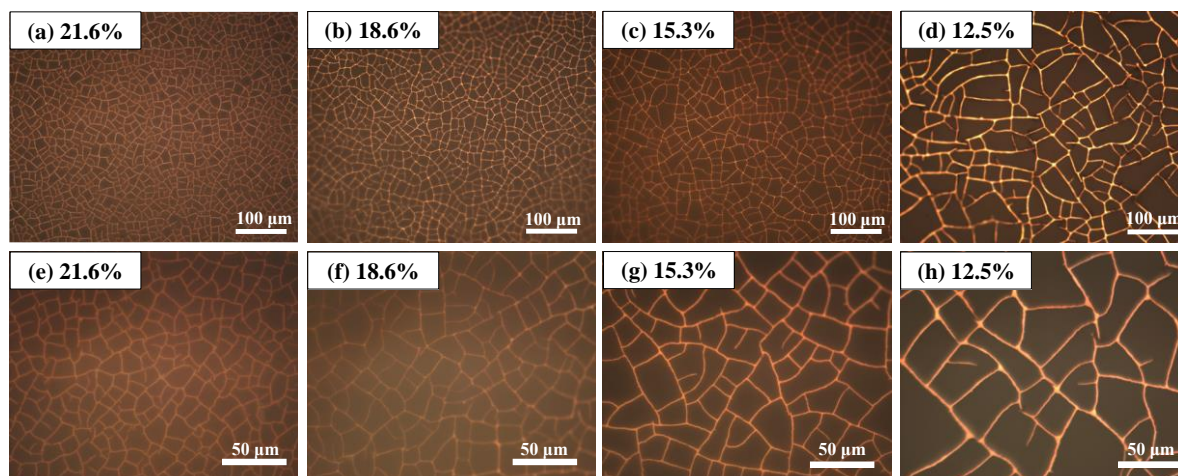
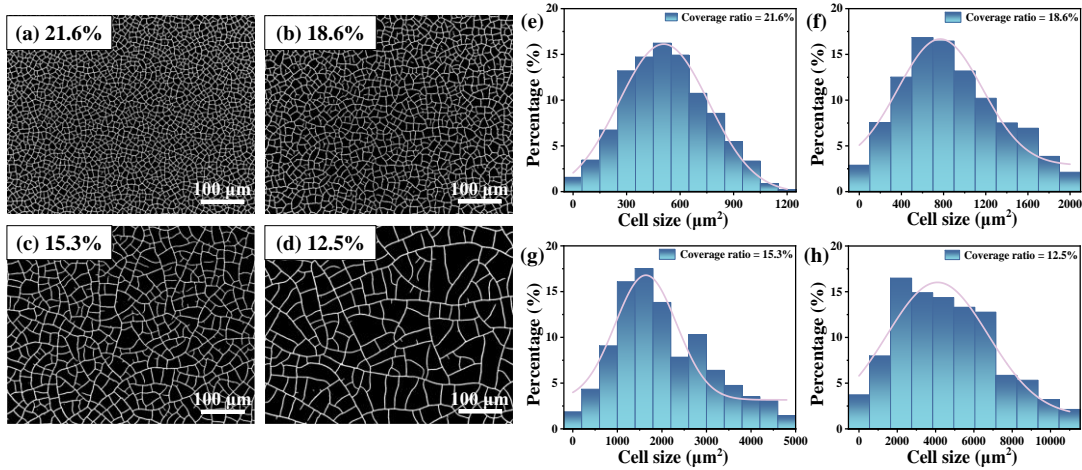
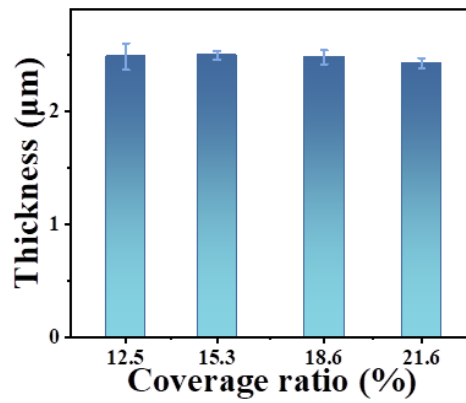


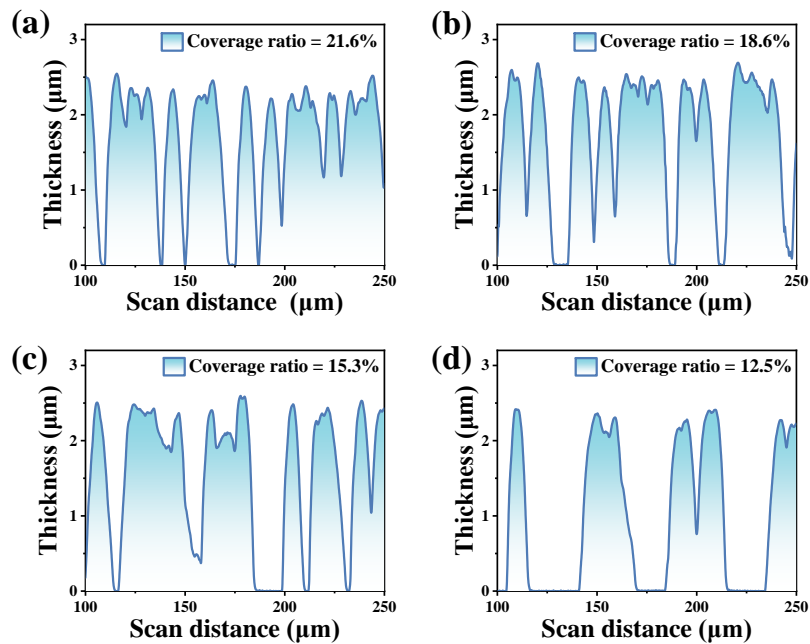
Fig. S3 OM images of the Cu mesh films with different coverage ratios



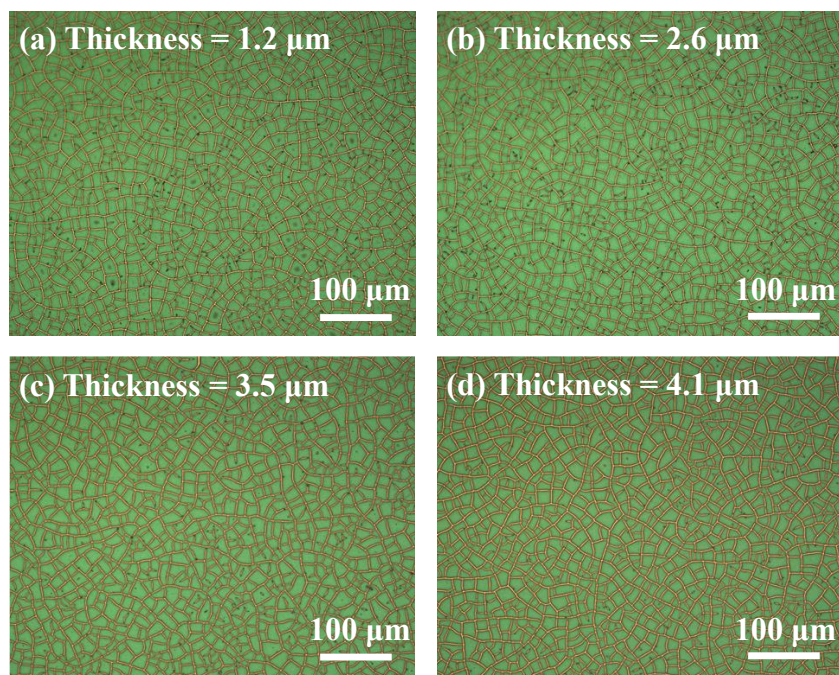
**Fig. S4 a-d** Images of the Cu meshes processed by image-J (The white areas represent Cu). **e-h** Cell size distributions of the Cu mesh with different coverage ratios



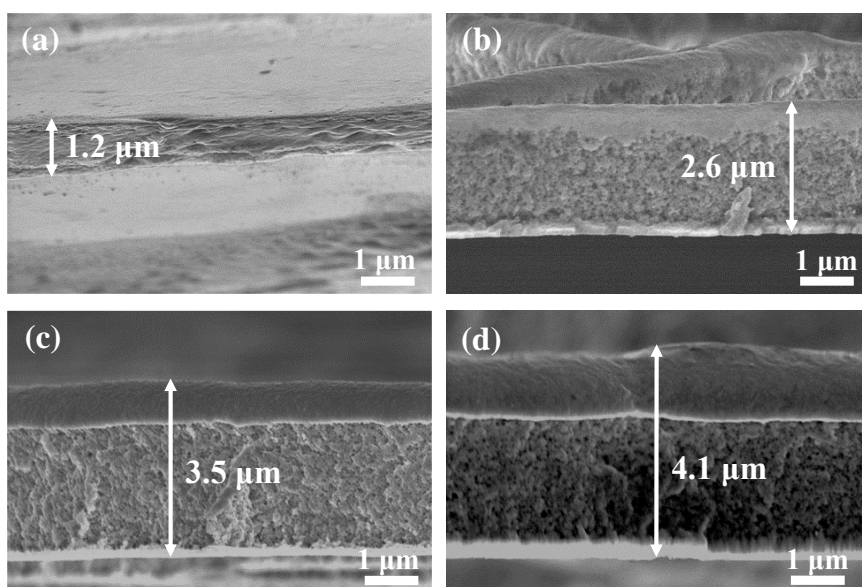
**Fig. S5** Thicknesses of the Cu mesh films with different coverage ratios



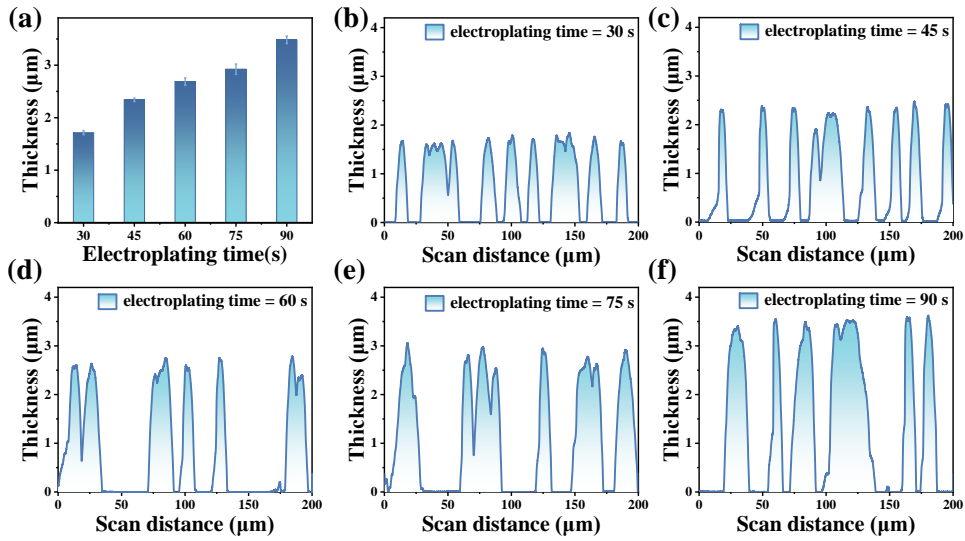
**Fig. S6** Thicknesses of Cu meshes with different coverage ratios measured by step profiler



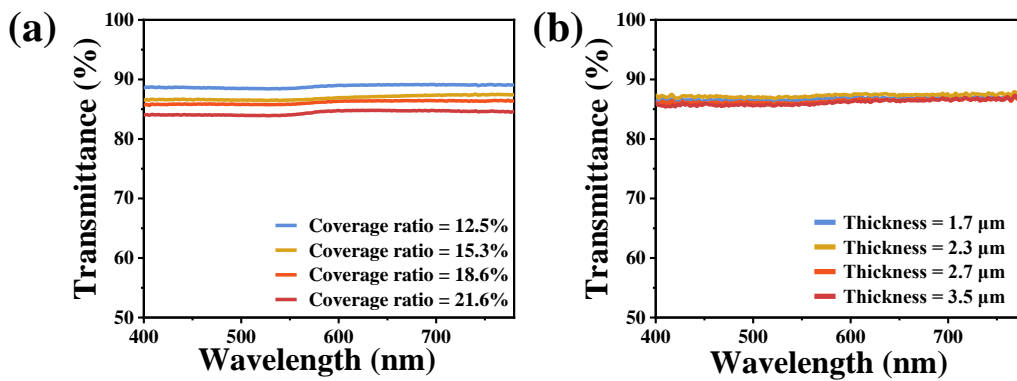
**Fig. S7** OM images of Cu meshes embedded in crackle templates at different thicknesses



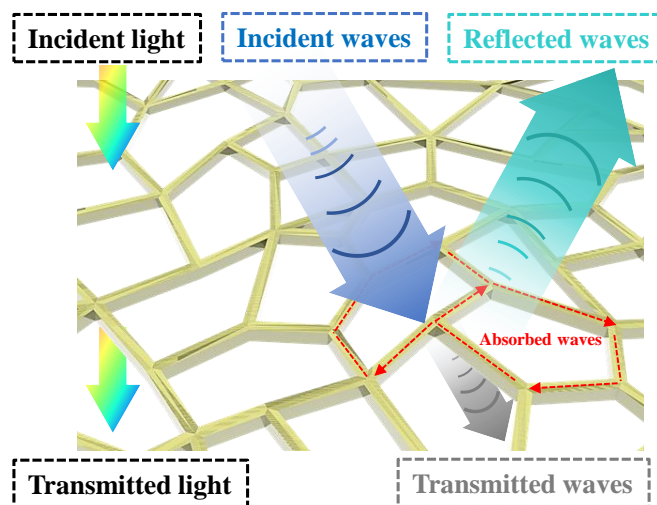
**Fig. S8** Cross-sectional SEM images of Cu mesh films at different thicknesses



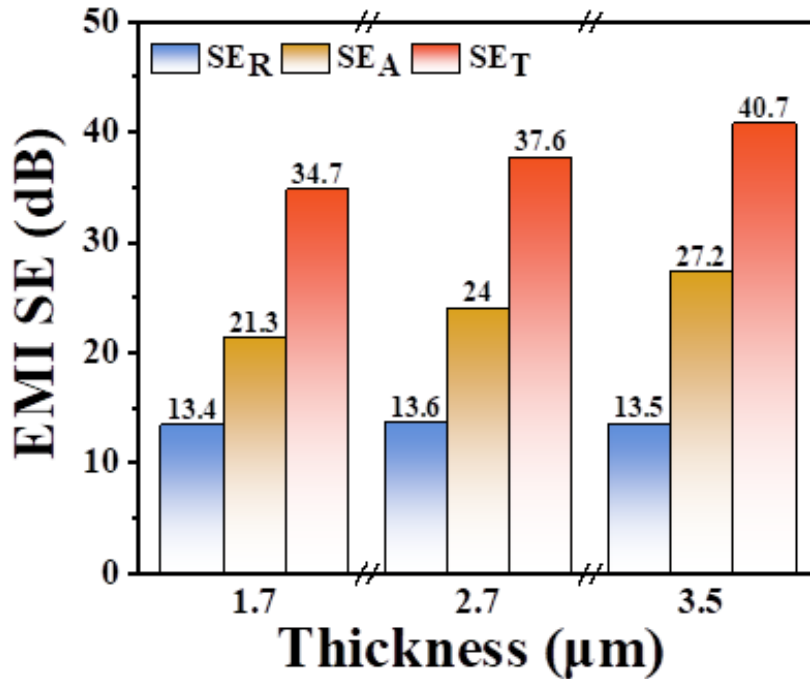
**Fig. S9** **a** Thicknesses of the Cu mesh films at different electroplating time. **b-f** Thickness of Cu mesh films with different electroplating time measured by step profiler



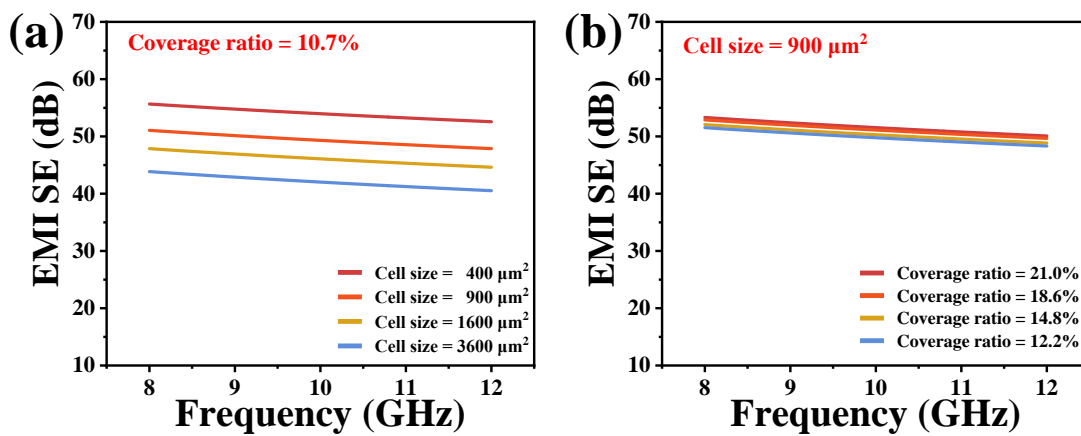
**Fig. S10** **a** Transmittance of Cu mesh films with different coverage ratios in visible spectrum. **b** Transmittance of Cu mesh films with different thicknesses in visible spectrum



**Fig. S11** Schematic diagram of the shielding mechanism for the Cu mesh

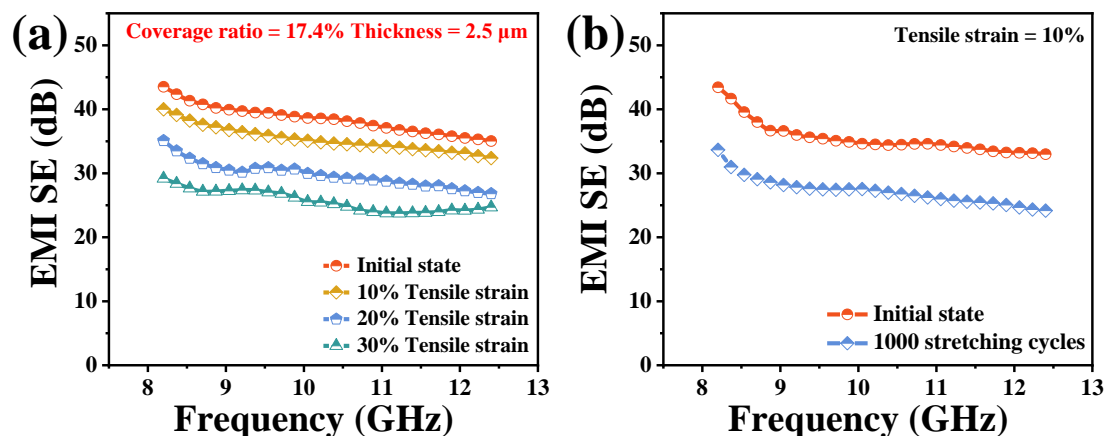


**Fig. S12** Contributions of the average EM reflection and absorption to the total EMI SE for Cu mesh films with different thicknesses



**Fig. S13 a** Total EMI SE of the Cu meshes (Coverage ratio = 10.7%) with different cell sizes in the X-band (8.2-12.4 GHz). **b** Total EMI SE of the Cu meshes (Cell size = 900 μm<sup>2</sup>) with different coverage ratios in the X-band (8.2-12.4 GHz)

The EMI SE within X-band of copper mesh film was simulated by CST studio suite. The conductivity of copper was set to  $5.98 \times 10^7$  S/m, and the permittivity of PDMS was set to 2.65. The unit area was set to 16,129 μm<sup>2</sup>, with a total area of all cell sizes set at 14,400 μm<sup>2</sup>, which means that all samples have a coverage ratio of around 10.7% and different cell sizes (Fig. S13a). In addition, the cell size was set to 900 μm<sup>2</sup>, with various coverage ratio by adjusting the line width of the copper (Fig. S13b).



**Fig. S14** EMI shielding performance of the flexible Cu mesh films (Coverage ratio = 17.4%, thickness = 2.5 μm). **a** Total EMI SE of Cu mesh at initial state and various tensile strain (10%, 20% and 30%). **b** Total EMI SE of Cu mesh at initial state and after 1000 stretching cycles at 10% tensile strain

**Table S1** Parameters for Cu meshes of different coverage ratios

Parameters	Coverage ratio			
	12.5%	15.3%	18.6%	21.6%
Crackle lacquer concentration (%)	100	95	90	85
Spin coating speed (rpm)	5000	5000	4500	4000
Culture-dish size (cm <sup>2</sup> )	15 × 15	10 × 10	10 × 10	10 × 10
Temperature (°C)	35	35	35	35
Electroplating time (s)	40	50	60	75
Current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	20	20	20	20

**Table S2** Parameters for Cu meshes of different thicknesses

Parameters	Thickness (μm)			
	1.7	2.3	2.7	3.5
Crackle lacquer concentration (%)	95	95	95	95
Spin coating speed (rpm)	5000	5000	5000	5000

Culture-dish size (cm <sup>2</sup> )	10 × 10	10 × 10	10 × 10	10 × 10
Temperature (°C)	35	35	35	35
Electroplating time (s)	30	45	60	90
Current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	20	20	20	20

**Table S3** Comparison of sheet resistances, transmittances and method between TCFS reported in the literatures and this work

Material	Method	Sheet resistance (Ω/□)	Transmittance @550nm	FOM	Refs.
ITO	Drop-coating	20	82%	90	[1]
AgNW	Spin-coating	20.7	94.8%	337	[2]
AgNW/PSSNa	Spin-coating	10	92%	416	[3]
Graphene	Roll-to-roll and wet chemical doping	30	90%	116	[4]
Graphene/AgNW	CVD and Mayer rod coating	8	94%	750	[5]
CNT	Spin-coating	128	90%	27	[6]
MXene	Blade-coating	170	89%	18	[7]
PEDOT:PSS	Spin-coating	75	86%	32	[8]
Ag mesh	UV lithography	2.47	90.3%	1458	[9]
Cu mesh/PU	Imprinting and electroplating	0.15	82.5%	12446	[10]
Metallic mesh	Self-forming and thermal evaporation	2	76%	640	[11]



Cu mesh	Self-forming and electroplating	0.18	85.8%	13232	This work
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**Table S4** Comparison of the EMI SE and transmittance of this work with other materials in the literatures

Material	Frequency (GHz)	Average EMI SE (dB)	Transmittance @550nm	Refs.
AgNW@rGO	8.2-12.4	35	91%	[S12]
CA/AgNW/PU	8.2-12.4	21	92%	[S13]
PES/AgNW	8.2-12.4	16	85%	[S14]
AgNW	1-18	30	80%	[S15]
GNS/AgNW	12-18	28	78%	[S16]
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	8.2-12.4	4	75%	[S17]
MXene grid/AgNW	8.2-12.4	25	81%	[S18]
Ni mesh	8.2-12.4	36	93%	[S19]
Ag-Ni mesh	8.2-12.4	43	83%	[S20]
AgNW mesh	8.2-12.4	42	67%	[S21]
Cu mesh	12-18	24	82%	[S22]
Crackle template metal mesh	12-18	30	82%	[S23]
Cu mesh	8.2-12.4	41	85.8%	This work

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