Supporting Information for

Ultrathin, Lightweight, and Flexible CNT Buckypaper Enhanced Using MXenes for Electromagnetic Interference Shielding

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Supplementary Tables and Figures



Fig. S1 a Schematic illustration of rolling process for densifying the CNT buckypaper. Digital image of CNT buckypaper **b** before and **c** after densifying. Topview SEM image of CNT buckypaper **d** before and **e** after densifying



Fig. S2 EMI SE of CNT buckypapers with thicknesses of **a** 5 μ m, **b** 15 μ m, **c** 45 μ m, and **d** 100 μ m in X-band region. **e** Comprehensive average SE_{Total} data *versus*

thickness of CNT buckypapers



Fig. S3 a AFM image of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ nanosheets. **b** XRD patterns of Ti_3AlC_2 powder and $Ti_3C_2T_x$ nanosheets. **c** XPS survey spectra for $Ti_3C_2T_x$ and $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypaper



Fig. S4 a Schematic illustration of electrophoretic deposition process. **b** Size distribution and **c** zeta potential of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ nanoflakes in the $Ti_3C_2T_x$ aqueous dispersion. **d** Variation of size distributions in $Ti_3C_2T_x$ nanoflakes around two electrodes during the electrophoretic deposition process



Fig. S5 a, b Top-view SEM images of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypaper. **c** Digital images of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypapers. **d-i** Cross-sectional SEM images of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypaper



Fig. S6 EMI SE of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypapers with thicknesses of **a** 5 µm, **b** 15 µm, **c** 45 µm, and **d** 100 µm in X-band region. Comparison of average SE_R, SE_A, and SE_{Total} versus thickness in **e** CNT buckypapers and **f** $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypapers



Fig. S7 EMI SE of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypapers with $Ti_3C_2T_x$ content of **a** 9.2 wt%, **b** 17.2 wt%, **c** 26.9 wt%, **d** 35.2 wt%, and **e** 49.4 wt%. **f** Comparison of average SE_R, SE_A, and SE_{Total} versus $Ti_3C_2T_x$ content in $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypapers



Fig. S8 EMI SE of randomly mixed $Ti_3C_2T_x$ /CNT films with $Ti_3C_2T_x$ content of **a** 10.0 wt%, **b** 30.0 wt%, **c** 60.0 wt%, and **d** 90.0 wt% in X-band region. **e** Comparison of average SE_R, SE_A, and SE_{Total} versus $Ti_3C_2T_x$ content in r-Ti₃C₂T_x/CNT films. **f** Comparison of average SE_{Total} versus $Ti_3C_2T_x$ content between $Ti_3C_2T_x$ @CNT hybrid buckypapers and r-Ti₃C₂T_x/CNT films



Fig. S9 Comparison of SE versus thickness in $Ti_3C_2T_x@CNT$ hybrid buckypapers and other shielding materials. Detailed data thereof is listed in Table S1

Туре	Materials	Thickness	SE	SSE/t (dB	Refs	
		(mm)	(dB)	cm ² g ⁻¹)	IXU13.	
Graphene-based	Graphene	1	33	3330	[\$1]	
	foam/PDMS	1	55	5550	[51]	
	Graphene foam/	15	91.9	20800	[S2]	
	PEDOT/PSS	1.5				
	RGO/MWCNTs/PI	0.5	18.2	823	[S3]	
	Graphene foam	0.3	25.2	14000	[S4]	
CNT-based	CNT/WPU	2.3	46.7	10400	[S5]	
	MWCNT/PDMS/					
	hollow glass	2.7	52.7	260.4	[S6]	
	microspheres					
	CNT/Aramid	0 568	41.9	18304.6	[S7]	
	Nanofiber	0.500				
	CNT/Graphene Edge	16	17	33005.6	[S8]	
	hybrid foam	1.0	47			
	CNT/Chitosan	2.5	37.6	8556	[S9]	
	CNT sponge	1.8	54.8	30444	[S10]	
Metal-based	Ni fiber/PES	2.85	58	109	[S11]	
	Ag NW	0.5	35	2416	[S12]	
	Al Foil	0.008	66	30555	[\$12]	
	Cu Foil	0.001	70	7812	[212]	
MXene-based	Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	0.011	68	25863	[S13]	
	$Ti_3C_2T_x$ /CA	0.026	54.3	17586	[S14]	
	Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x /PEDOT/PSS	0.011	42.1	19497.8	[S15]	
Carbon-MXene composite	Aramid nanofiber/	0.017	28.5	13377.1	[\$14]	
	$Ti_3C_2T_x$	0.017			[510]	
	Cellulose Nanofiber/	0.047	24	2647	[\$17]	
	Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	0.047			[317]	
	CNTs/ $Ti_3C_2T_x$ /	0.028	38.4	8020	[S18]	
	Cellulose Nanofibrils	0.058				
	CNTs/ Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	2	104	8253.2	[S19]	
	aerogel	3				
This work	CNT buckypapers	0.1	49.8	11127.3		
		0.045	35.2	16721.7	This	
		0.015	24.6	33182.8	work	
		0.005	15.4	47512.8		
This work		0.1	60.5	13074.2		
	Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x @CNT	0.045	43.3	19138.4	This	
	hybrid buckypaper	0.015	37.2	41635.7	work	
		0.005	23.1	56945.8		

Table S1 EMI shielding performance, thickness averaged specific EMI SE of various shielding materials

Matariala	Thickness	Density	SE	SSE (dB	SSE/t (dB	Refs.
wrateriais	(µm)	(g cm ⁻³)	(dB)	cm ³ g ⁻¹)	cm ² g ⁻¹)	
Graphene film	27	1.76	68	38.6	14309.8	[S20]
CNT film	20	1.34	67.4	50.3	25149.3	[S21]
Cu foil	10	8.97	70	7.8	7812	[S13]
MXene film	11	2.39	68	28.4	25863	[S13]
Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x @CNT	15	0.98	50.4	51.0	34003.7	This
buckypaper						work

Table S2 Thickness, density, SE, SSE, SSE/t of various ultrathin EMI shielding films

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