

## Supporting Information

### **A Promising $Ti_3C_2T_x$ MXene/Ni Chain Hybrid with Excellent Electromagnetic Wave Absorption and Shielding Capacity**

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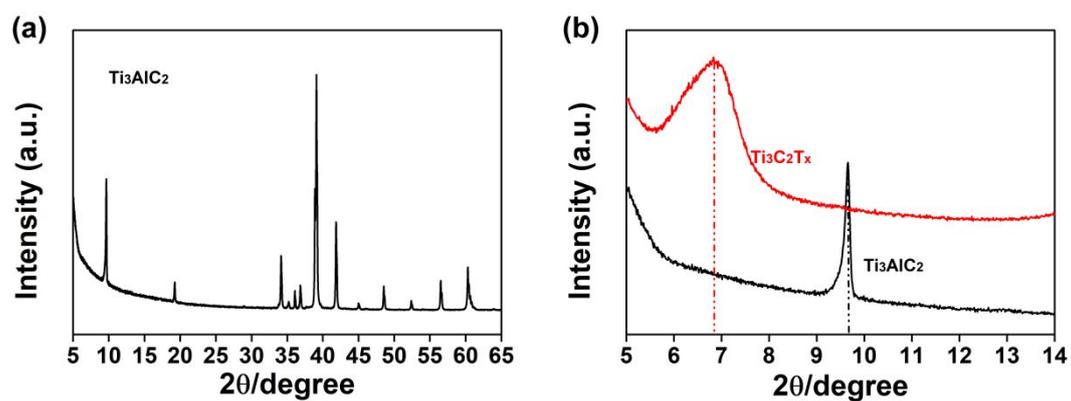
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**Figure S1.** (a) XRD patterns of  $Ti_3AlC_2$  MXenes. (b) Comparison of  $Ti_3C_2T_x$  and  $Ti_3AlC_2$  XRD diffraction peaks in low angle regions.

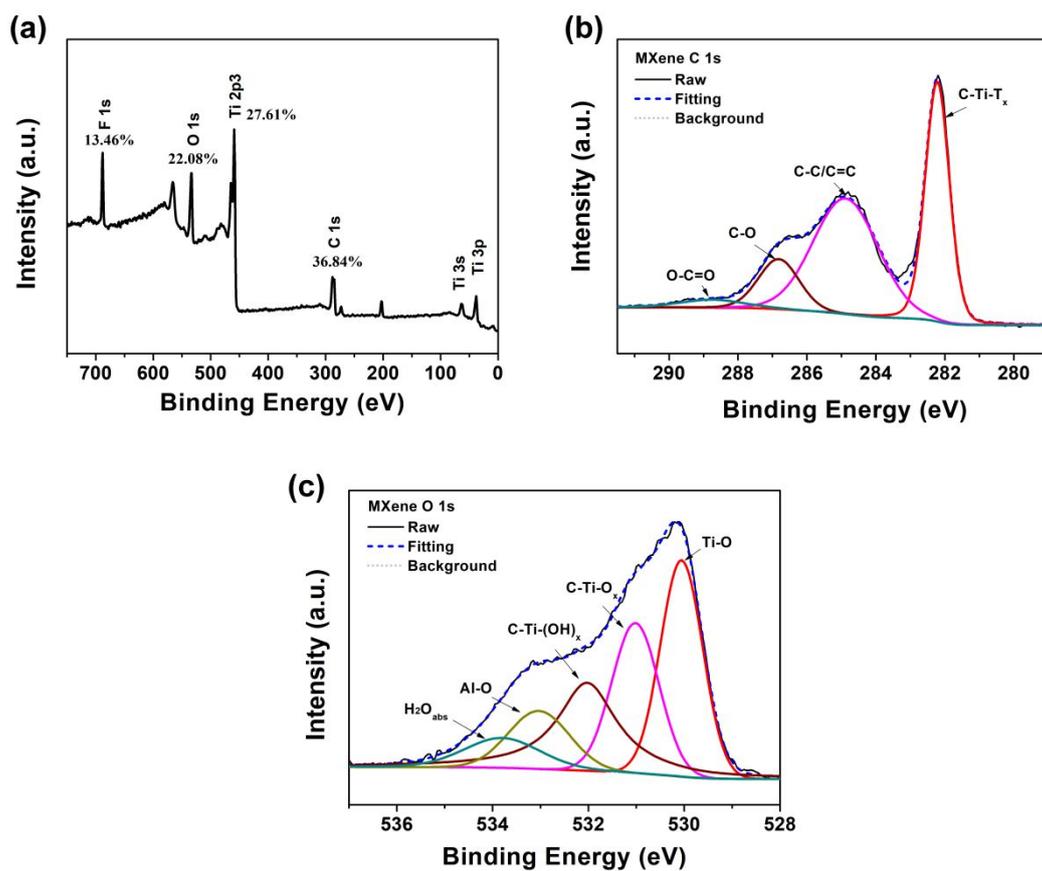


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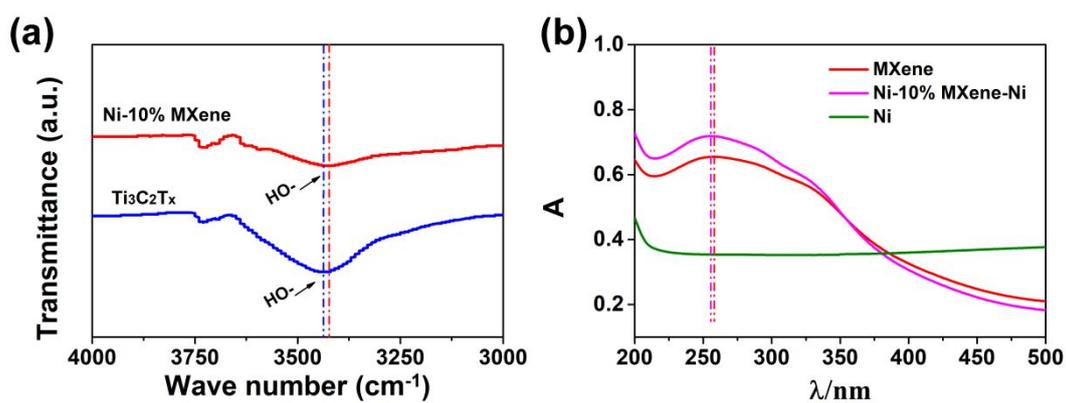
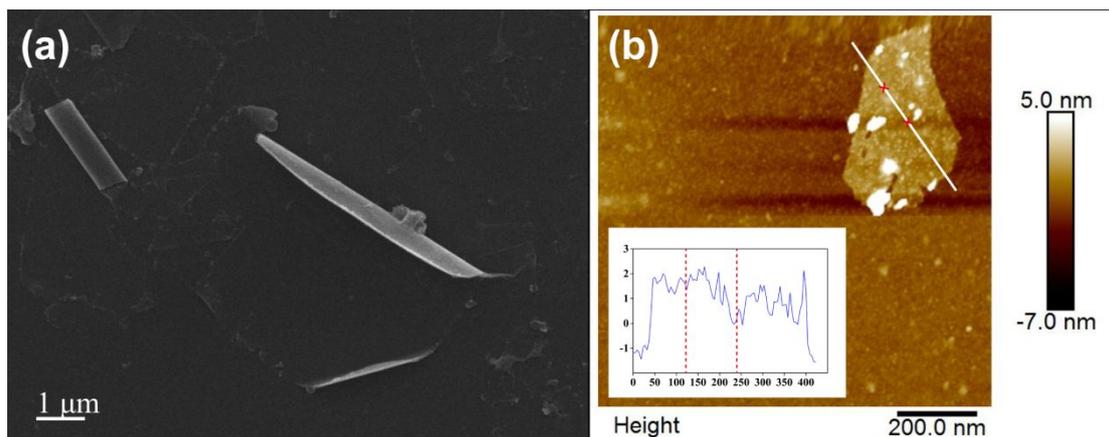
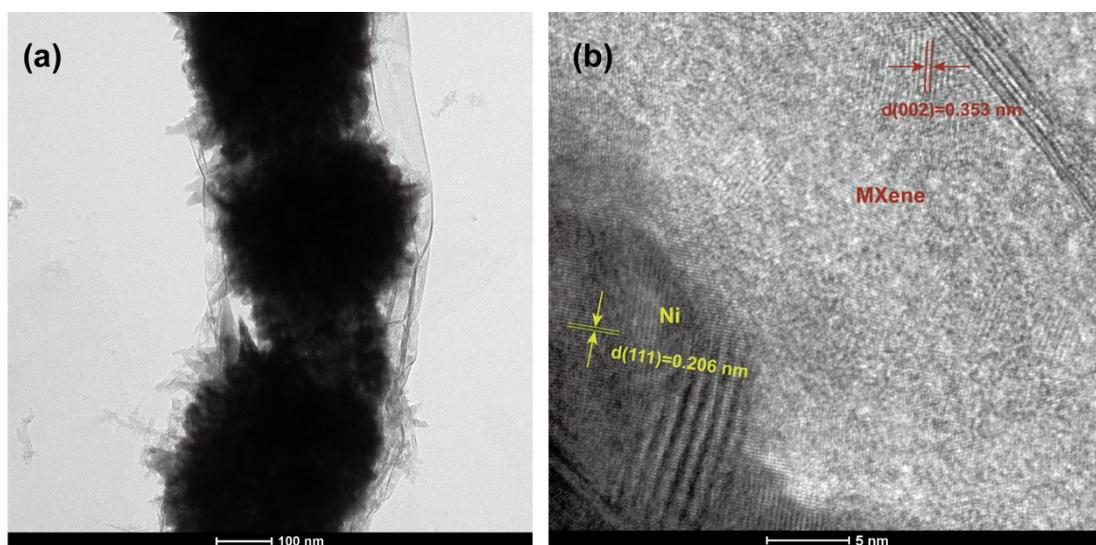


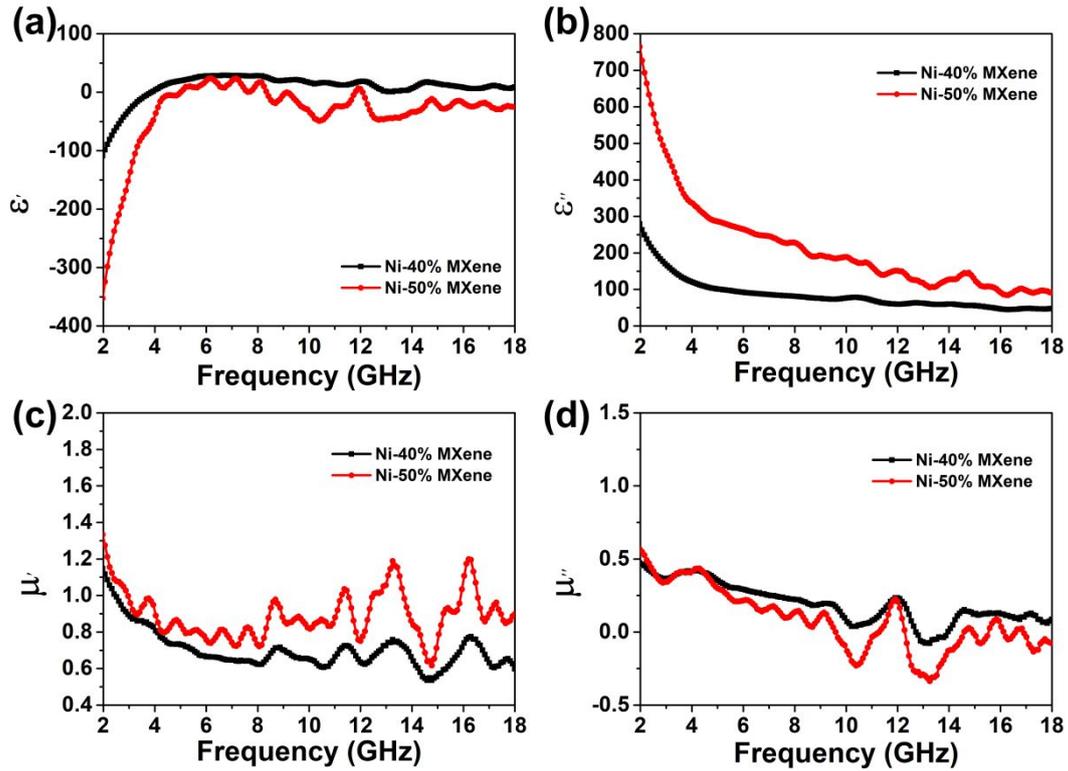
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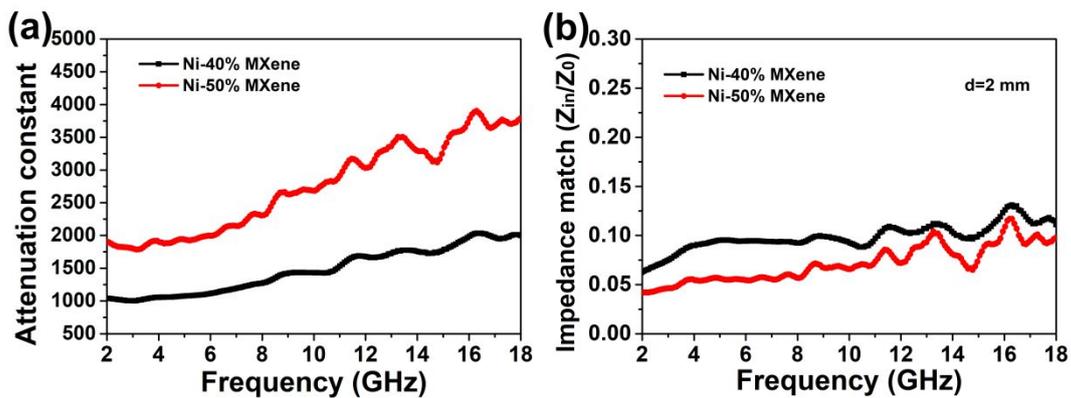
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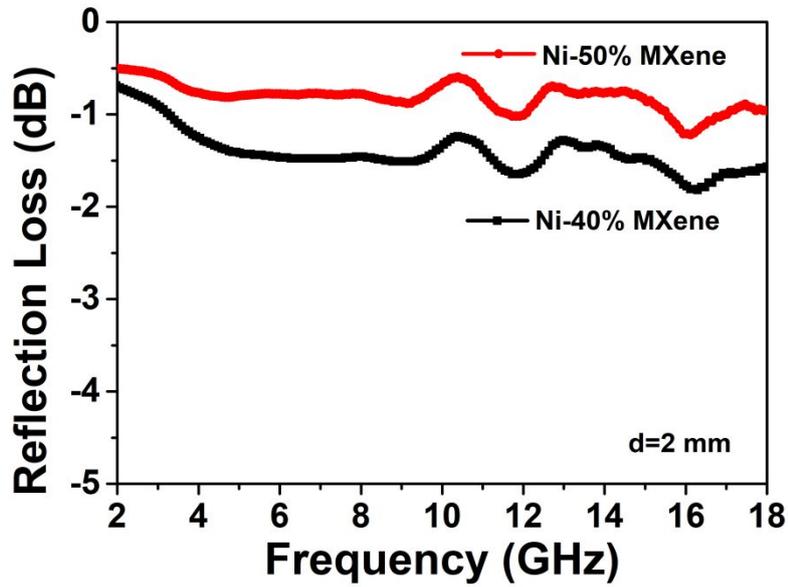
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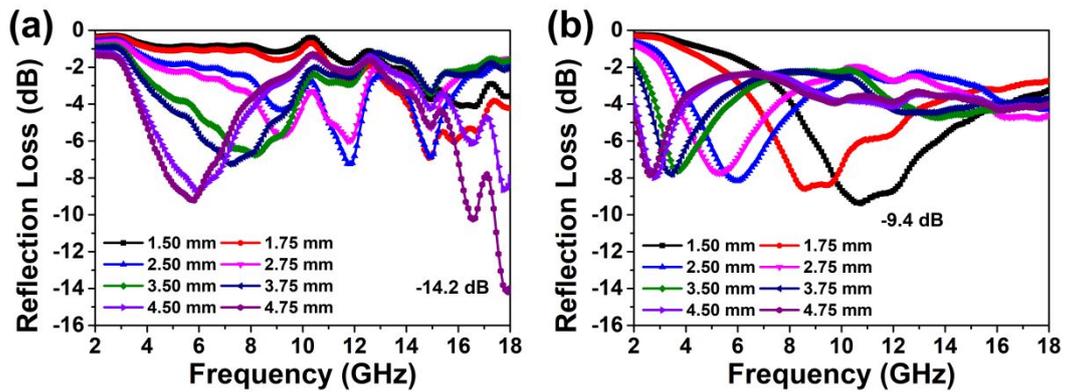
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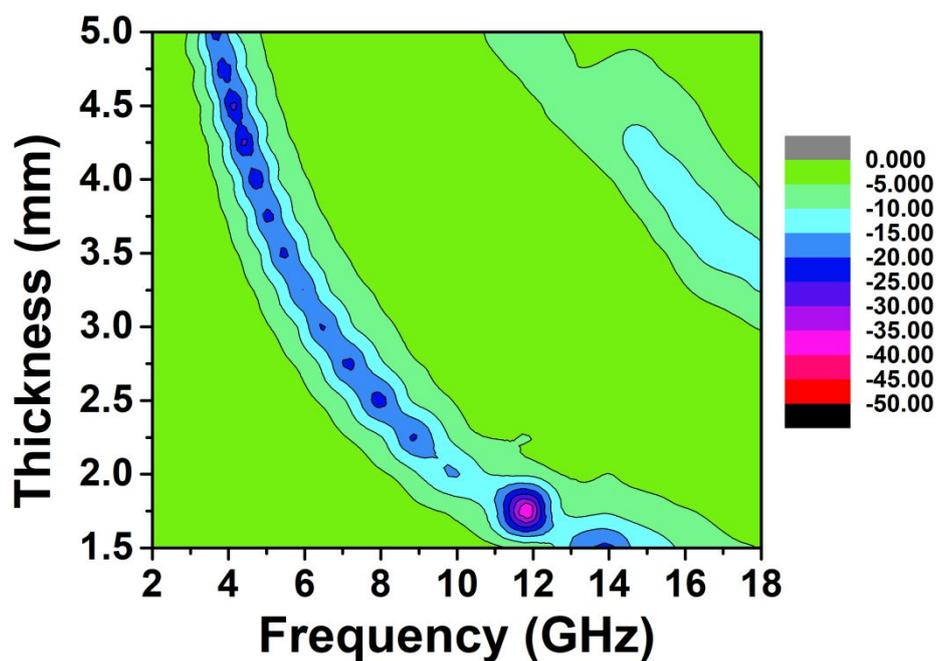
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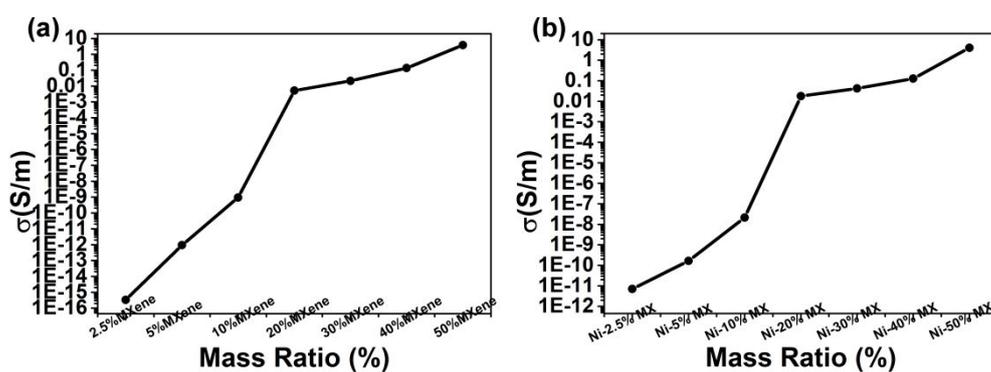
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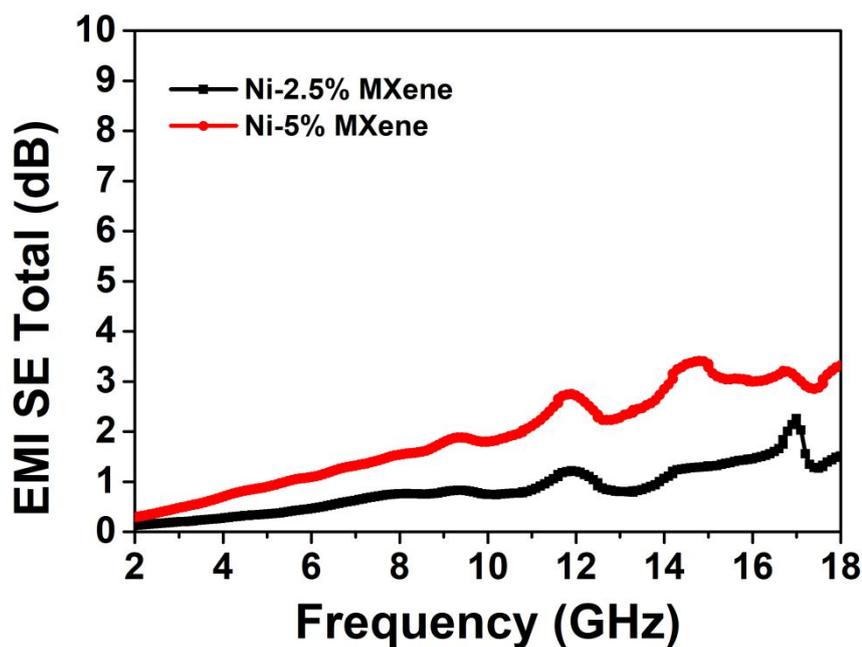
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**Table S1** Comparison of EM wave absorption property of some representative materials with MXene/Ni hybrids

Samples	Filler content	Matrix	$\text{RL}_{\min}$ value (dB)	$\text{RL} < 10$ dB (GHz)	Thickness (mm)	Ref.
RGO/MnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	5 wt%	PVDF	-29.0	4.9	3.0	1
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -PEDTO	20 wt%	Wax	-30.0	4.0	4.0	2
rGO/Ni	10 wt%	PVDF	-39.0	4.3	2.0	3
Co <sub>2</sub> Z/Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	30 wt%	PVP	-46.3	1.6	2.8	4
C/TiO <sub>2</sub> (Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub> )	45 wt%	Wax	-36.0	4.6	1.7	5
Annealed Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	50 wt%	Wax	-48.4	2.7	1.7	6
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> nanosheets	50 wt%	Epoxy	-17.0	4.2	1.4	7

Ti <sub>3</sub> SiC <sub>2</sub> /Co <sub>3</sub> Fe <sub>7</sub>	60 wt%	Wax	-31.2	3.1	2.4	8
Annealed MXene/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	70 wt%	Wax	-45.1	0.9	3.5	9
ZnO-MXenes	75 wt%	Wax	-26.3	1.4	4.0	10
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub> /C	50 wt%	Wax	-54.6	1.3	4.8	11
Ni-10% MXene hybrid	20 wt%	Wax	-49.9	2.1	1.75	This work

**Table S2** Comparison of EM shielding property of some representative materials with MXene/Ni hybrids

Samples	MXene content	Matrix	Thickness (mm)	Frequency range (GHz)	EMI SE <sub>Total</sub> (dB)	Ref.
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub> @PS	1.9 vol%	PS	2	8.2-12.4	62.0	12
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	100 wt%	-	0.045	8.2-12.4	92.0	13
Ti <sub>2</sub> AlC	100 wt%	-	0.8	8.2-12.4	47.9	14
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	90 wt%	SA	0.0008	8.2-12.4	57.0	13
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	80 wt%	Wax	0.8	8.2-12.4	55.1	14
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	60 wt%	Wax	0.8	8.2-12.4	15.0	14
Annealed Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	90 wt%	Wax	1	8.2-12.4	32.0	6
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	90 wt%	Wax	1	8.2-12.4	76.1	6
Layered MXenes	60 wt%	Wax	2	2-18	39.1	15
Ni-50% MXene hybrids	50 wt%	Wax	1.3	2-18	33.8	This work
Ni-50% MXene hybrids	50 wt%	Wax	2.8	2-18	66.4	This work

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