

## **Supplementary Materials**

# **Enhanced Electromagnetic Interference Shielding Properties of Immiscible Polyblends with Selective localization of Reduced Graphene Oxide Networks**

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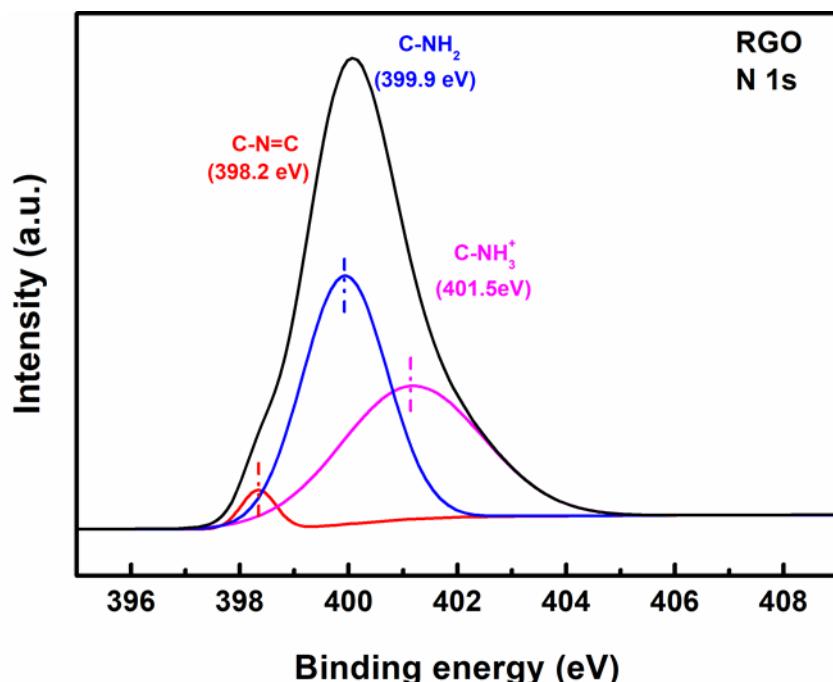
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**Table S1.** Formulation of samples.

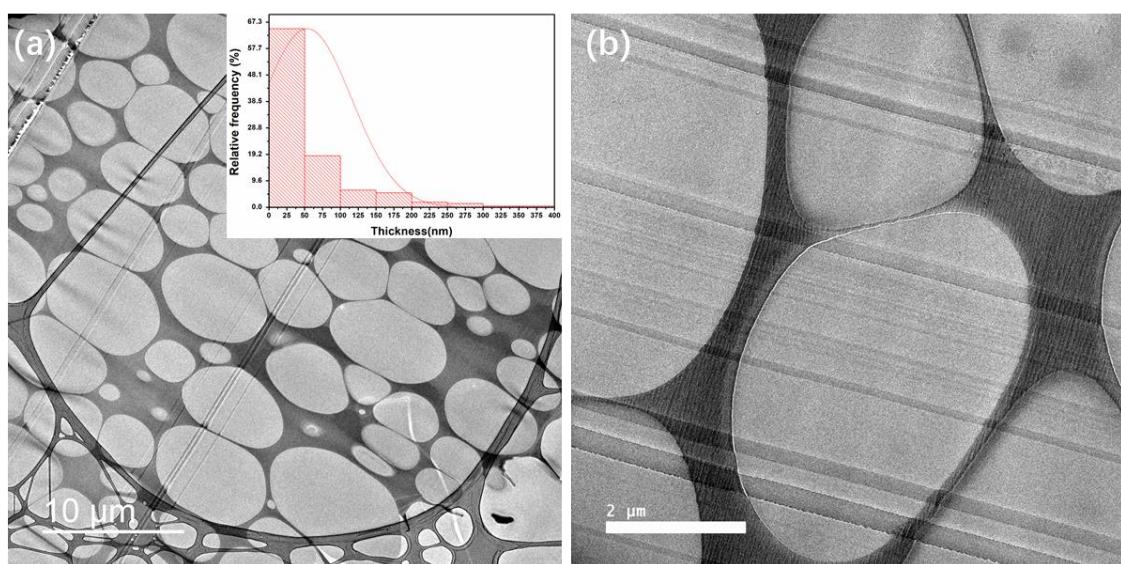
<b>Samples</b>	<b>DGEBA (phr)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>PEI (phr)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>RGO (phr)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>C-A solution</b>
DGEBA	100	0	0	80
DR1	100	0	x/ (100+0+x) =1.0%	80
DR1.5	100	0	x/ (100+0+x) =1.5%	80
DR2	100	0	x/ (100+0+x) =2.0%	80
DR2.5	100	0	x/ (100+0+x) =2.5%	80
DR3	100	0	x/ (100+0+x) =3.0%	80
DP25	100	25	0	80
DP30	100	30	0	80
DP5R3	100	5	x/ (100+5+x) =3.0%	80
DP25R1	100	25	x/ (100+25+x) =1.0%	80
DP25R1.5	100	25	x/ (100+25+x) =1.5%	80
DP25R2	100	25	x/ (100+25+x) =2.0%	80
DP25R2.5	100	25	x/ (100+25+x) =2.5%	80
DP25R3	100	25	x/ (100+25+x) =3.0%	80
DP30R1	100	30	x/ (100+30+x) =1.0%	80
DP30R1.5	100	30	x/ (100+30+x) =1.5%	80

DP30R2	100	30	$x / (100+30+x) = 2.0\%$	80
DP30R2.5	100	30	$x / (100+30+x) = 2.5\%$	80
DP30R3	100	30	$x / (100 + 30+x) = 3.0\%$	80

<sup>1</sup>phr: parts per hundred in the DGEBA, x: RGO (phr), C-A solution: a solution of Me-THPA and DMBA.

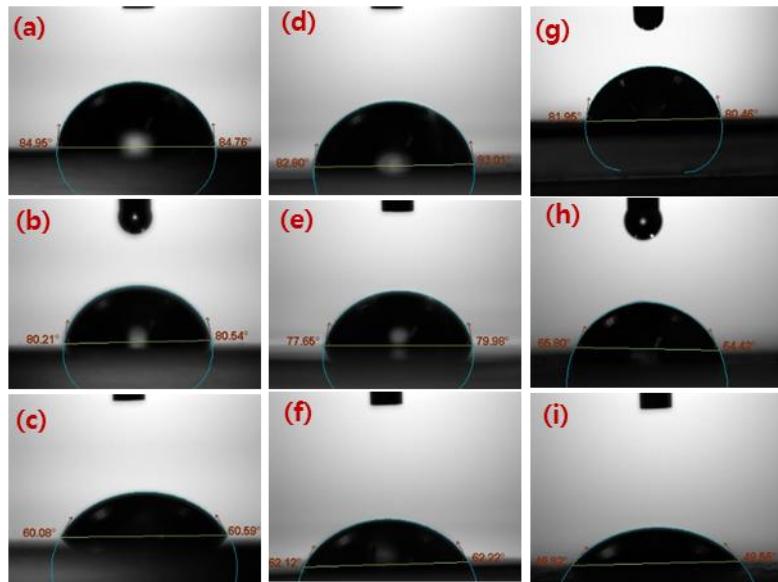


**Figure S1.** XPS spectra of RGO flakes of N 1 s high-resolution core-level.

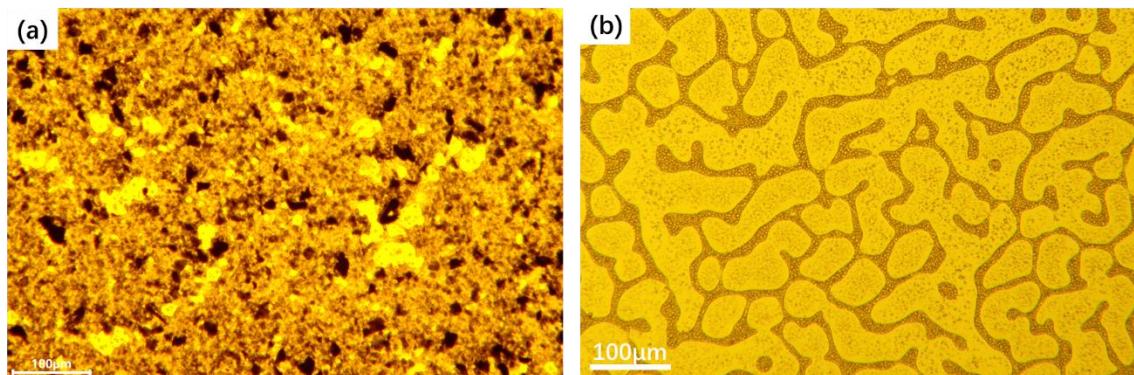


**Figure S2.** FETEM images of (a) DP30 in low magnification and the histogram of the relative frequency versus the PEI thickness exhibiting the PEI thickness distribution in (b).

the figure (inset), (b) DP30 in high magnification in which the dark domains are PEI-rich phases and the bright domains are DGEBA-rich phases.



**Figure S3.** The contact angle images of samples: (a) DI on DGEBA, (b) DI on PEI, (c) DI on RGO, (d) GL on DGEBA, (e) GL on PEI, (f) GL on RGO, (g) FA on DGEBA, (h) FA on PEI, and (i) FA on RGO.



**Figure S4.** The OM micrographs of (a) DP25R3 and (b) DP25. The dark yellow domains represent the PEI-rich phase, bright yellow domains represent the DGEBA-rich phases, and black sheets represent RGO.

**Table S2.** The surface tension parameters (in  $\text{mJ/m}^2$ ) of test liquids and static contact angles for DGEBA, PEI, and RGO.

Liquid	$\gamma_L$	$\gamma_{L^d}$	$\gamma_{L^P}$	Contact angle ( $\theta$ )		
	( $\text{mJ/m}^2$ )	( $\text{mJ/m}^2$ )	( $\text{mJ/m}^2$ )	DGEBA	PEI	RGO
Deionized water (DI)	72.8	21.8	51	84.9	82.9	81.2

Glycerol (GL)	64.0	34.0	30	80.4	78.8	65.1
Formamide (FA)	58.0	39.0	19	60.4	62.2	49.7

**Table S3.** The surface tension parameters (in mJ/m<sup>2</sup>) for the free surfaces of DGEBA, PEI, and RGO.

Materials	$\gamma^*$ (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\gamma^d$ (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\gamma^p$ (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )
DGEBA	44.23	31.75	12.48
PEI	32.24	26.74	5.50
RGO	38.93	34.86	4.07

$$*\gamma = \gamma^d + \gamma^p$$

**Table S4.** Comparison of electrical properties of previously published filler ternary polyblend systems with those of the systems in the current work.

Samples	Polymer A	Polymer B	Filler Loading (wt. %)	Volume Resistivity ( $\Omega$ cm)	Volume Conductivity (S/m)	Ref
EP/PEI/GnPs	DGEBA	PEI	2	$5.7 \times 10^5$	—	[1]
PUF@GF/Epoxy	DGEBA	PU foam	8.04 vol%	—	$10^{-9}$	[2]
MWCNT+GNP/Epoxy	DGEBA	—	2+3	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$	[3]
EP/35PEI/GnPs	DGEBA	PEI	2	$\approx 10^7$	$\approx 10^{-5}$	[4]
EP/PEI/CB	DGEBA	PEI	1	$\approx 10^3$	—	[5]
DGEBA/PEI/MWCNTs	DGEBA	PEI	2	$3.86 \times 10^6$	—	[6]
DGEBA/PEI/AgNWs	DGEBA	PEI	3	$9.6 \times 10^5 \Omega$ (surface R)	—	[7]
			1	2.68	37.31	
DGEBA/PEI/RGO	DGEBA	PEI	2	0.82	121.21	This work
			3	0.27	366.3	

GF: graphene fluoride, GnPs: graphene nanoplatelets, CB: carbon black, MWCNTs: multiwall carbon nanotubes.

**Table S5.** The TGA spectra of samples under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

Sample	Temperature range (°C)	Assignment	Residues at 800 °C (wt.%)	Specific RGO loading in the composite (wt.%)
GO	<100	(~16.9 %) The loss of physisorbed water molecules	19.9	—
	145-285	(~31.5 %) The decomposition of oxygen-containing functional groups		
	285-645	(~15 %) The pyrolysis of less stable (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> )		
RGO	<145	(~2.2 %) The release of water molecules	69.5	—
	145-285	(~9.3 %) The decomposition of oxygen-containing functional groups		

	285-645	(~13.4 %) The pyrolysis of less stable (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> )		
Neat DGEBA	200-475	(~90.6 %) The decomposition of DGEBA	2.9	—
	475-675	(~6.5%) The decomposition of few DGEBA		
DR3	200-475	(~90.6 %) The decomposition of DGEBA	5.5	2.60
	475-675	(~3.9%) The decomposition of few DGEBA		
DP5R3	200-475	(~86.3 %) The decomposition of DGEBA and non-aromatic part of PEI	8.3	2.63
	475-675	(~5.4 %) The decomposition of aromatic part of PEI		
DP25R3	200-475	(~76.8 %) The decomposition of DGEBA and non-aromatic part of PEI	11.0	2.83
	475-675	(~12.2 %) The decomposition of aromatic part of PEI		
DP30R3	200-475	(~77.9 %) The decomposition of DGEBA and non-aromatic part of PEI	10.1	2.80
	475-675	(~12 %) The decomposition of aromatic part of PEI		

**Table S6.** The glass transition temperature  $T_g$  (taken as the intersection of the extrapolation of baseline with the extrapolation of the inflection) of samples.

Materials	Glass transition temperature $T_g$ (°C)
DR1	94.0
DR1.5	95.1
DR2	95.6
DR2.5	96.7
DR3	97.2
DP30R1	95.7
DP30R1.5	97.3
DP30R2	103.6
DP30R2.5	105.1
DP30R3	110.9

**Table S7.** The storage modulus and  $T_g$  of various samples.

Samples	Glassy modulus E' (MPa)	Rubbery modulus (MPa)	Glass transition temperature (°C)	
			$T_{g1}$	$T_{g2}$
Neat DGEBA	2532	11		116.1
DR3	2650	12		117.1
DP25	2666	79	125.6	193.6
DP25R3	2686	37	127.5	190.1
DP30	2687	75	121.1	186.5

$T_g$  of neat PEI: 217°C

**Table S8.** Comparison of EMI shielding performance with other composites.

Samples	Filler content (wt.%)	Thickness (mm)	Frequency (GHz)	EMI SE (dB)	Ref
PS/EMA/VCB	10	1	8.2-12.4	20.1	[8]
Epoxy/RGO	15	2	8.2-12.4	21	[9]
Epoxy/MWCNT	3	2.8	13-18	7.1	[10]
Epoxy/RGO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	8.97	2	8.2-12.4	13.5	[11]
PEI/graphene	10	2.3	8.2-12.4	13	[12]
PMMA/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @MWCNTs	7	2.5	8-12	13.1	[13]
PEI/Graphene@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	10	2.5	8-12	17	[14]
EP/GNPs/rGO	7.9	3	8.2-12.4	~25	[15]
epoxy/rGO/carbonyl iron	—	3	8.2-12.4	~20	[16]
DGEBA/PEI/RGO	3	2	8.2-12.4	25.9	This work

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