

Supporting Information

Electrostatic Fabrication of RGO-g-SSS/CdTe Graphene/Quantum Dot Nanocomposites with Enhanced Optoelectronic Properties

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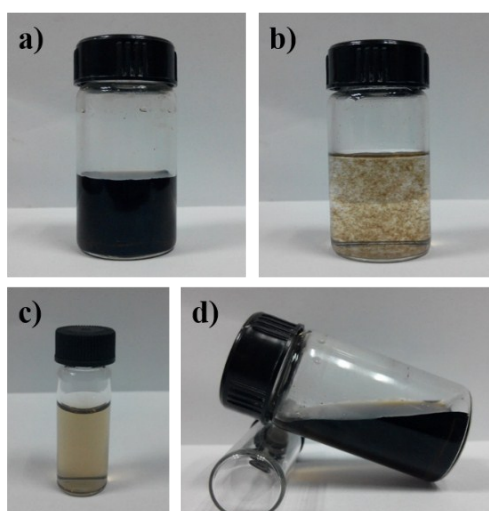


Fig. S1 (a) Solution obtained after polymerization of SSS in the presence of reduced graphene for 24 h, and the vial was placed statically for around 2 months (d). (b) The solution was precipitated by adding it into methanol. (c) The RGO-g-SSS solid was redissolved in H₂O.

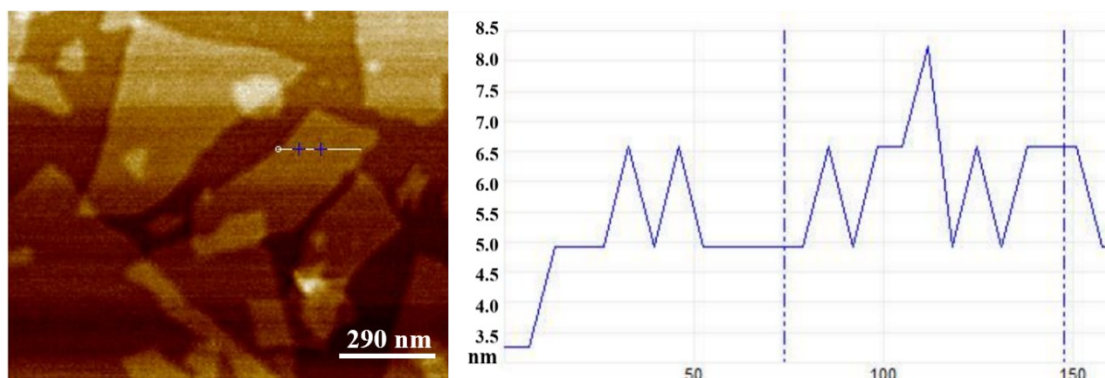


Fig. S2 AFM image of the single layers of RGO-g-SSS.

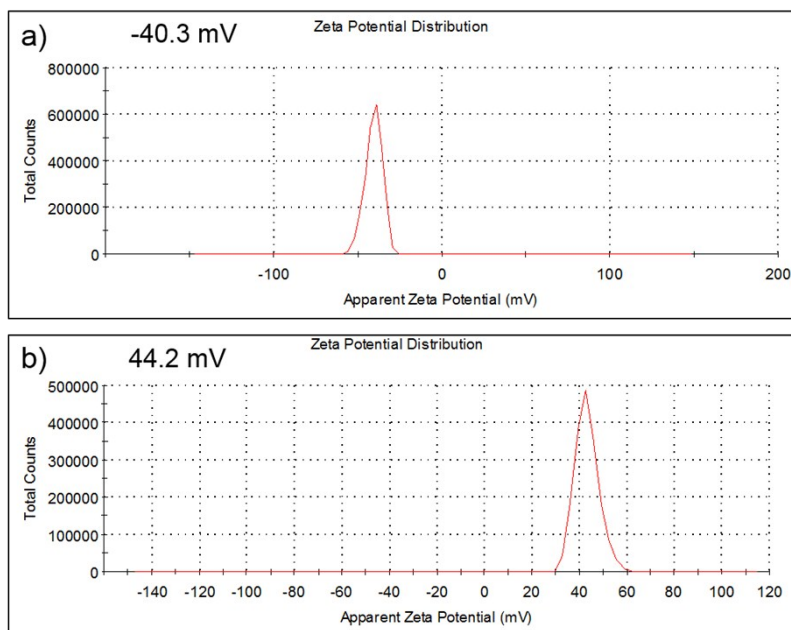


Fig. S3 Zeta potential distribution of a) RGO-g-SSS composites and b) amino-modified CdTe QDs.

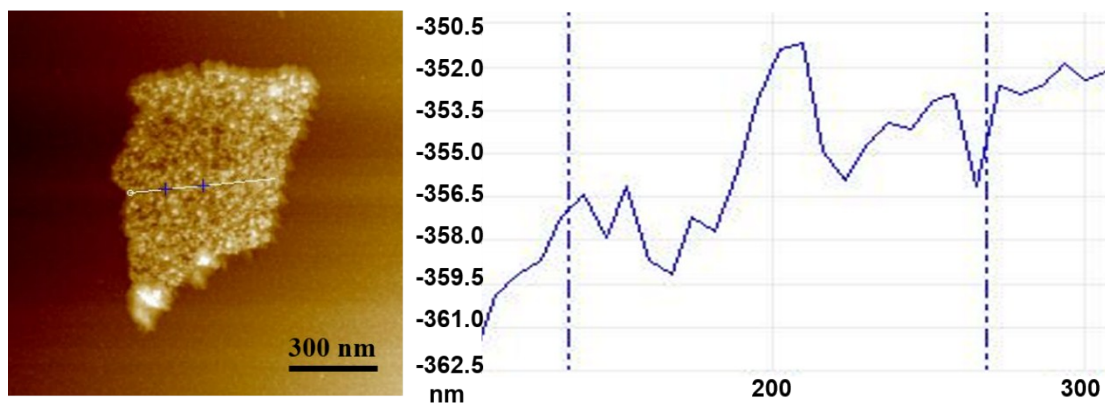


Fig. S4 AFM image of the single layers of RGO-g-SSS/CdTe nanocomposites.

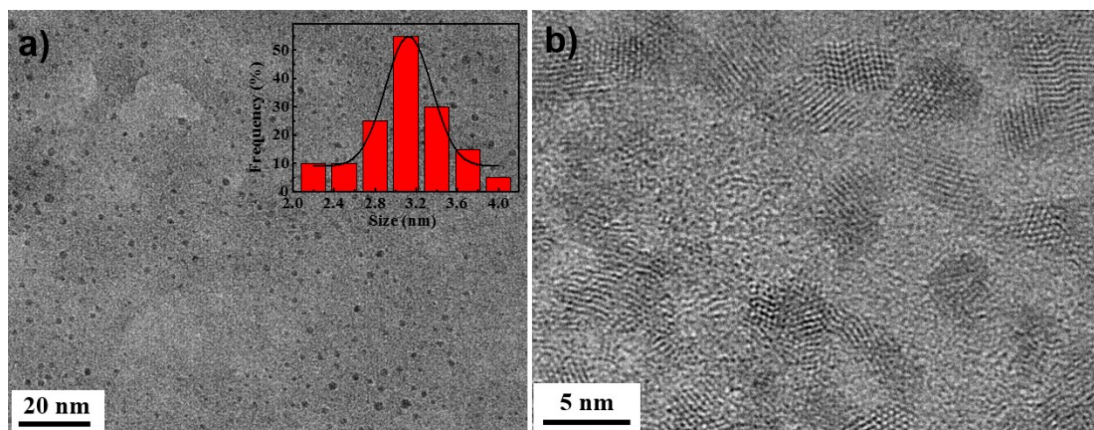


Fig. S5 (a) TEM image and size-distribution diagram (inset) and (b) HRTEM micrograph of CdTe QDs.

The water-phase QDs can be well scattered in the water mainly through a mutual electrostatic repulsive force, as shown in Fig. S5a; the as-prepared amino-modified CdTe QDs are relatively uniform and well-dispersed without obvious aggregation. The mean size of the CdTe QDs was measured to be about 3.2 nm, corresponding to the standards of QDs. The size-distribution diagram (inset) further indicates that the QDs have relatively narrow size distribution. Moreover, the high-resolution TEM (HRTEM) image of the CdTe nanoparticles (Fig. S5b) demonstrates that the QDs are highly crystalline through the observation of lattice planes.

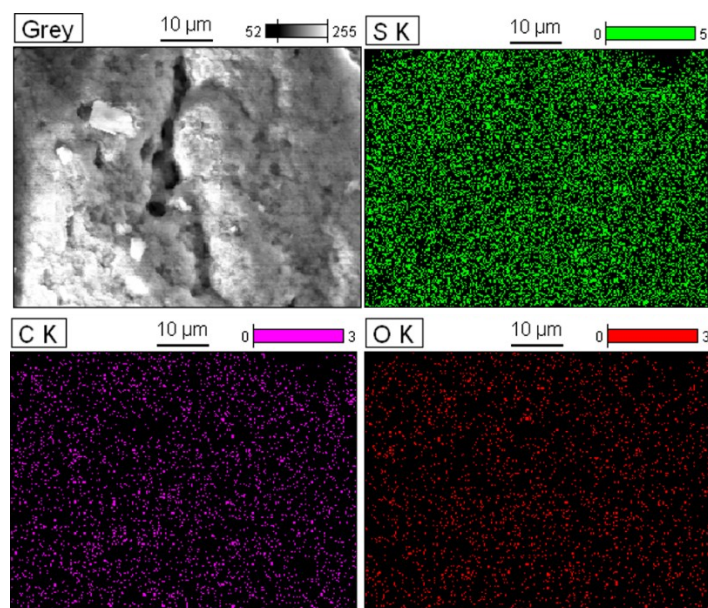


Fig. S6 EDX mapping images of RGO-g-SSS composites.

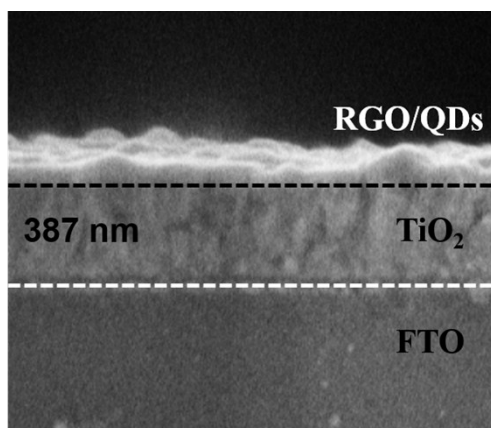


Fig. S7 SEM image of the cross section of the photo-electrode in RGO-g-SSS/CdTe sensitized solar cell.