

# Amplification of Active Sites and Porosity for QDs Adsorption Via Induction of Rare Earth Element La into TiO<sub>2</sub> for Boosting Photovoltaic Effect in QDSSC's

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## Supporting Information:

**Table S1.** Elemental analysis of TiO<sub>2</sub> and 4 % La-TiO<sub>2</sub>

Material	Element	Weight (%)	Atomic (%)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	O K	46.08	71.9
	Ti K	53.92	28.1
4 % LaTiO <sub>2</sub>	O K	29.66	60.53
	Ti K	51.37	35.01
	La L	18.97	4.46

**Table S2.** Elements present in La-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CdS/ZnS

Element	Weight %	Atomic %
O K	29.37	45.22
S K	5.85	10.05

<b>CdL</b>	13.65	6.69
<b>TiK</b>	35.55	30.52
<b>LaL</b>	10.35	4.11
<b>ZnK</b>	5.23	4.41

**Table S3.** BET surface area and pore volume values of TiO<sub>2</sub> and LaTiO<sub>2</sub>

<b>Nanomaterial</b>	<b>Surface area m<sup>2</sup>/g</b>	<b>Pore volume Cm<sup>3</sup>g<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>Pore diameter nm</b>
TiO <sub>2</sub>	17.2	0.03384	8.9346
1 % LaTiO <sub>2</sub>	41.536	0.0816	7.862
2 % LaTiO <sub>2</sub>	47.741	0.0784	6.573
3 % LaTiO <sub>2</sub>	86.808	0.2322	10.702
4 % LaTiO <sub>2</sub>	97.246	0.255	10.49
5 % LaTiO <sub>2</sub>	61.595	0.137	7.857

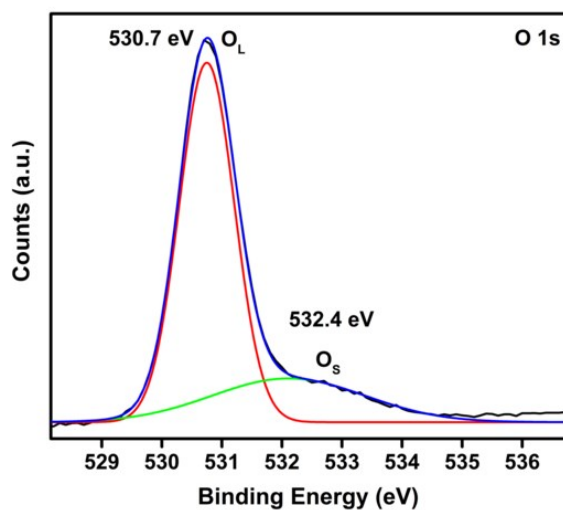
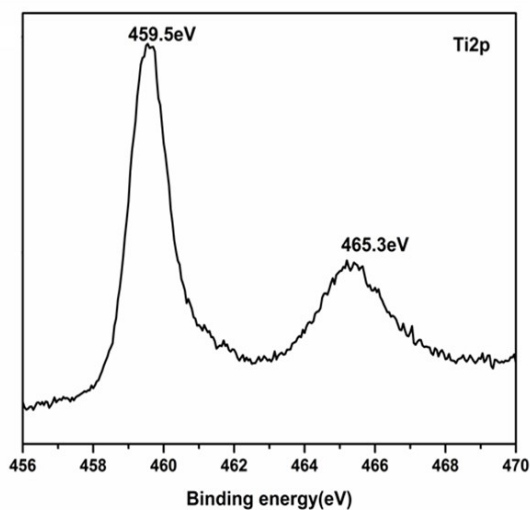


Figure S1. XPS spectra of Bare TiO<sub>2</sub>

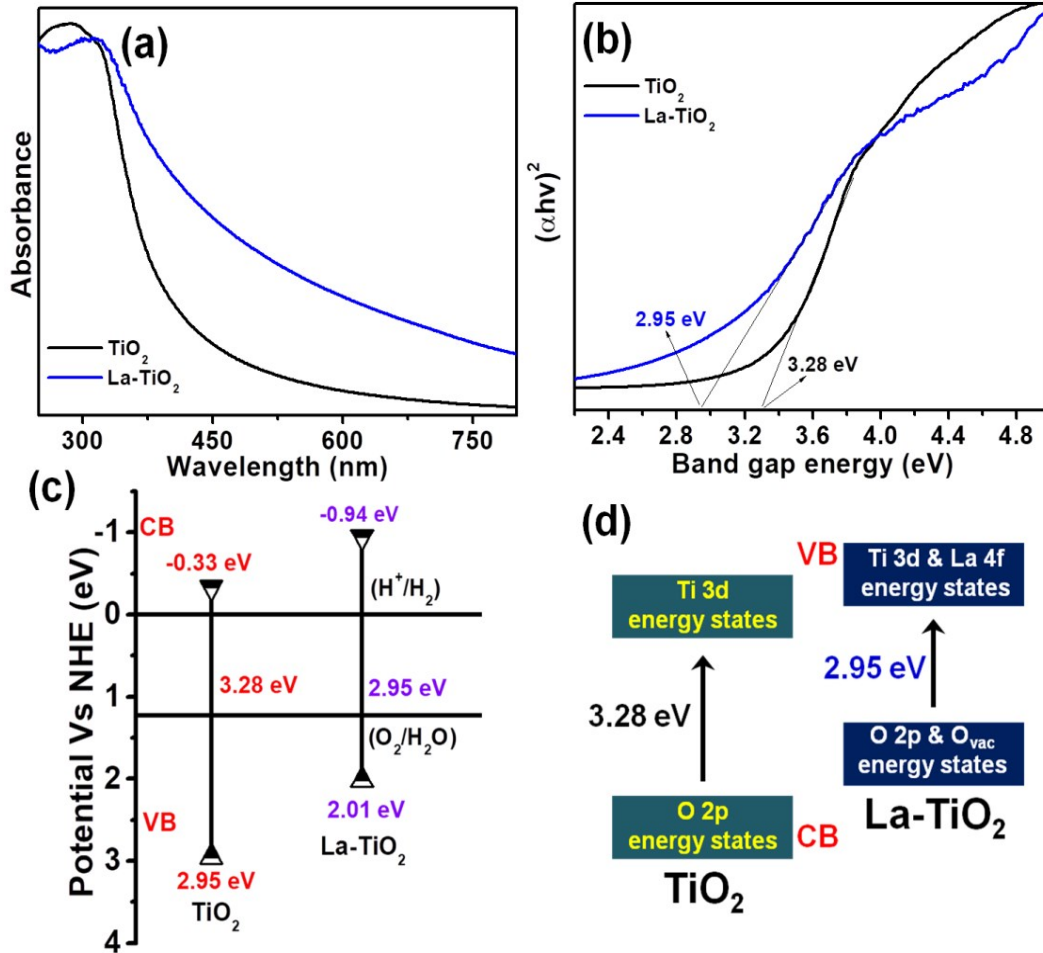
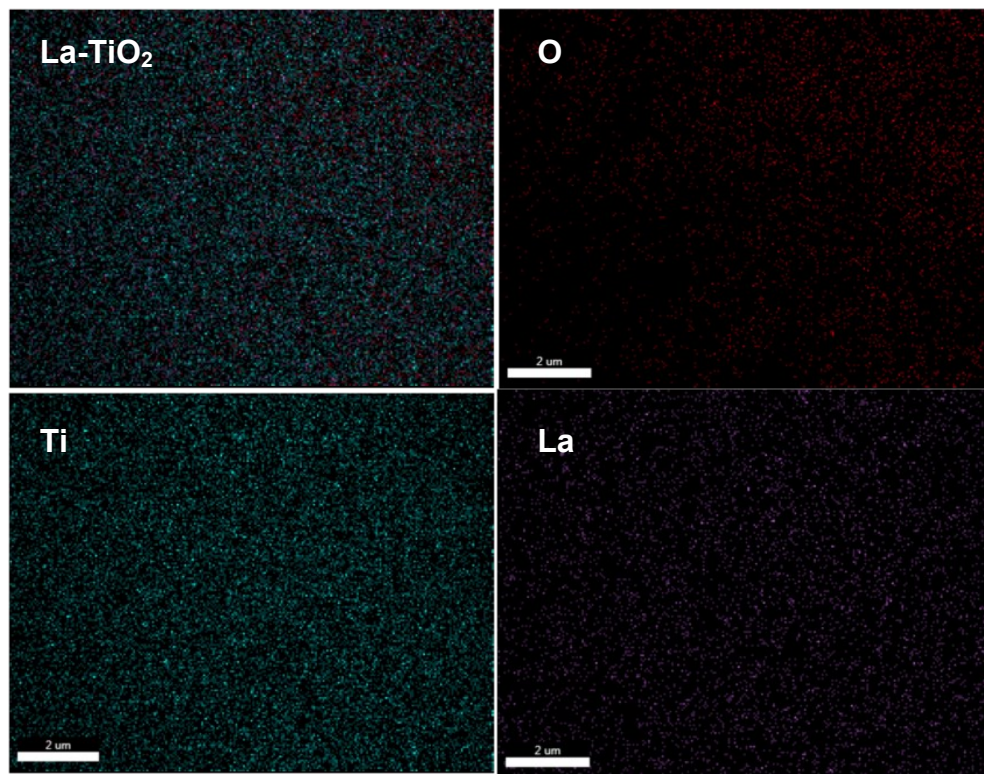
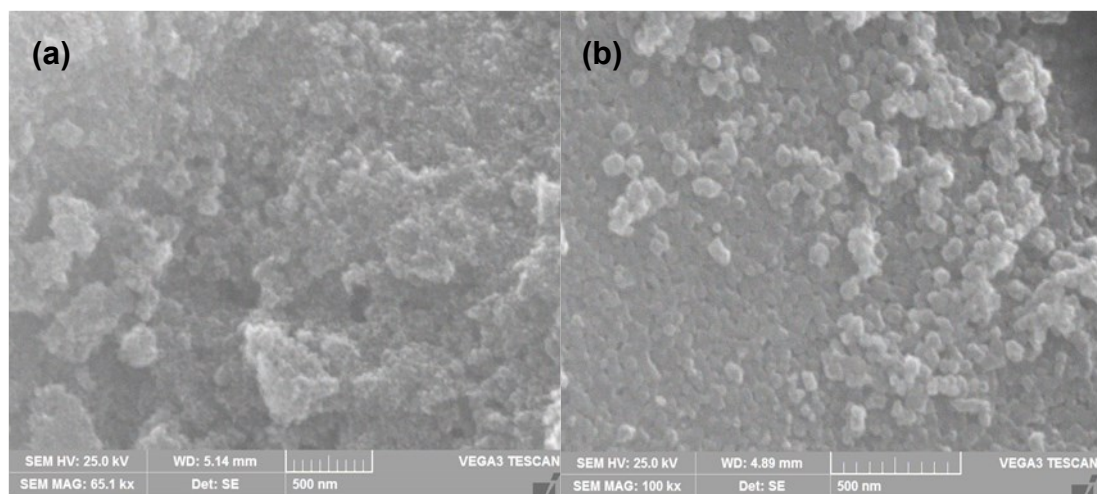


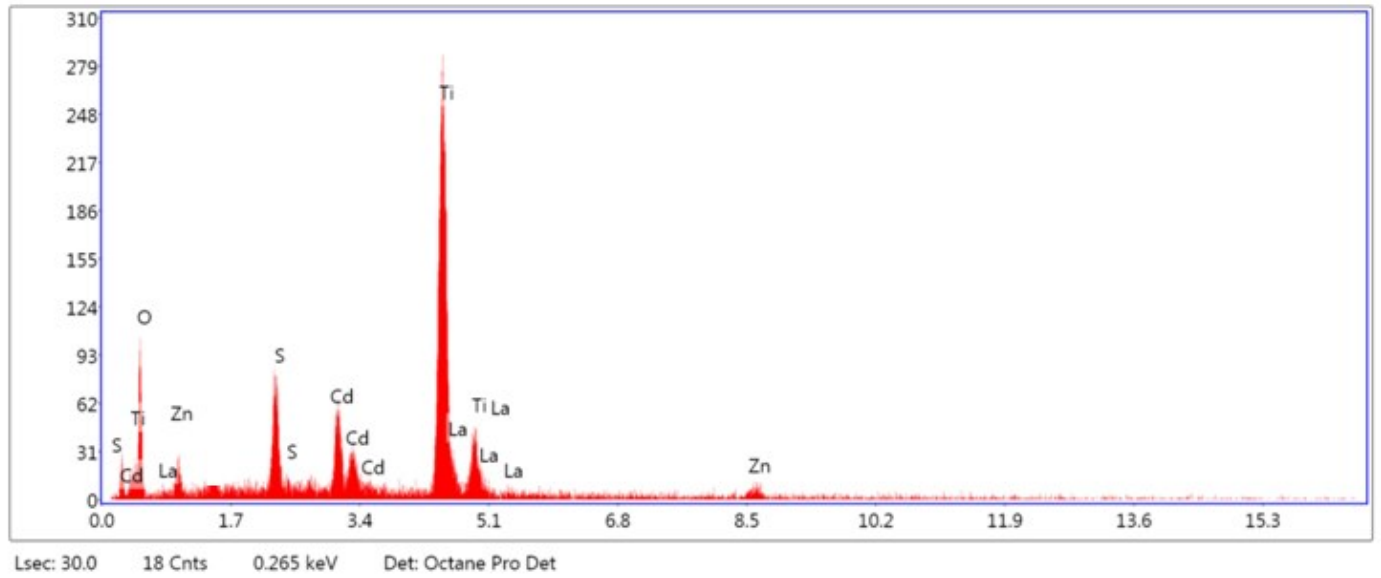
Figure S2 a) UV-visible absorption spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub> and 4% La-TiO<sub>2</sub> b) Tau plot of TiO<sub>2</sub> and 4% La-TiO<sub>2</sub> (c)-(d) Calculated and depicted band edge potential of TiO<sub>2</sub> and La-TiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S3.** EDX mapping images of 4 % La-TiO<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S4. SEM images of a) La-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CdS/ZnS b) TiO<sub>2</sub>/CdS/ZnS**



**Figure S5. EDX analysis curve of La-TiO<sub>2</sub>/CdS/ZnS**

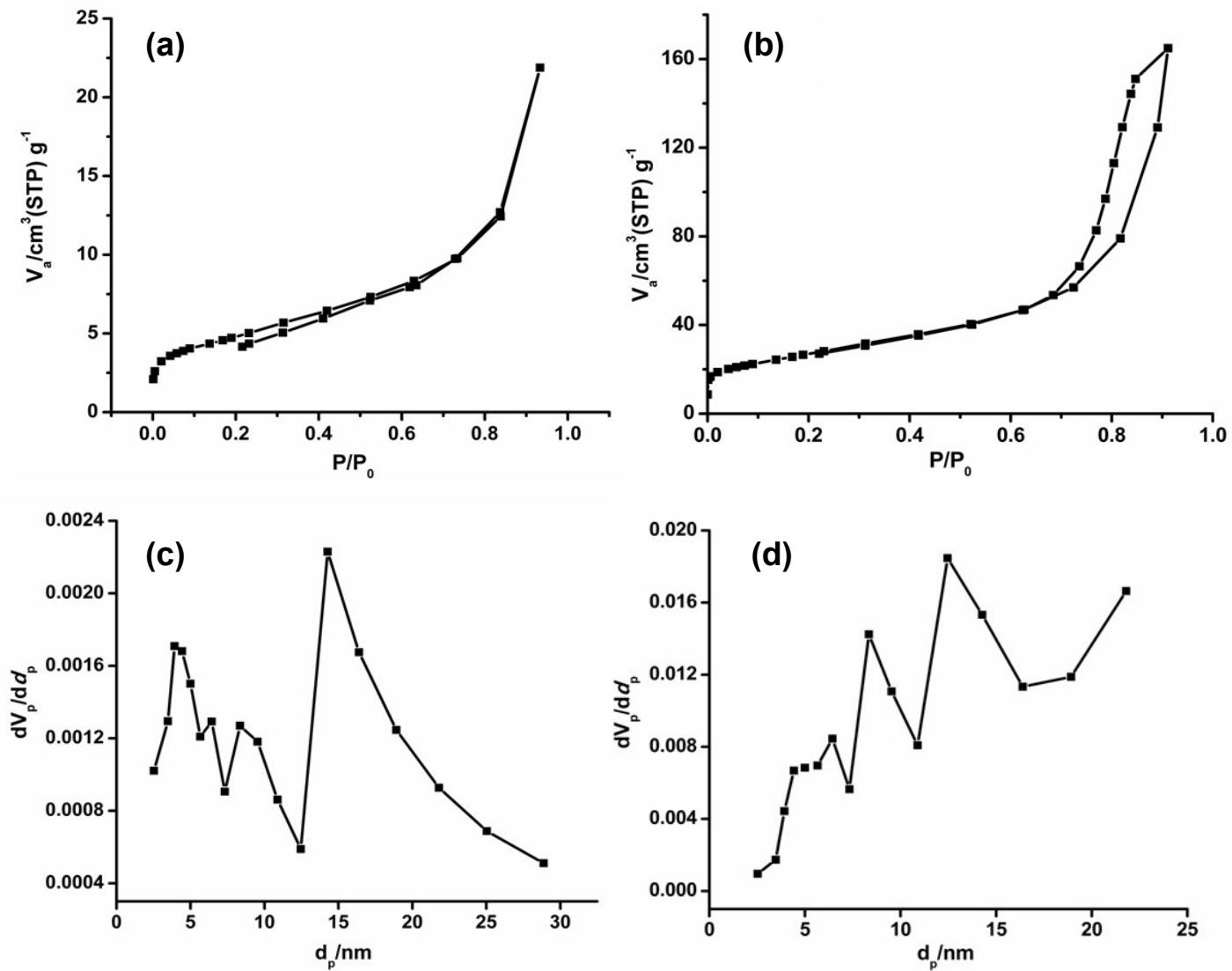


Figure S6. BET adsorption-desorption isotherms of a) TiO<sub>2</sub> b) LaTiO<sub>2</sub> and BJH pore size distribution of c) TiO<sub>2</sub> d) 4 % LaTiO<sub>2</sub>

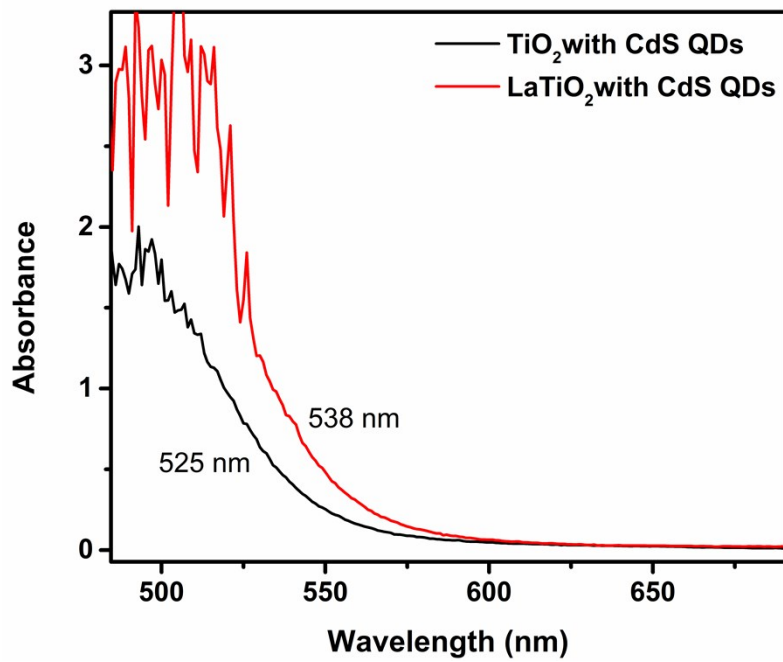


Figure S7. UV-visible absorption spectra of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{La-TiO}_2$  with SILAR deposited CdS QDs