

Supporting Information

Bottom-up synthesized crystalline boron quantum dots with nonvolatile memory effect through one-step hydrothermal polymerization of ammonium pentaborane and boric acid

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Supplementary Figures:

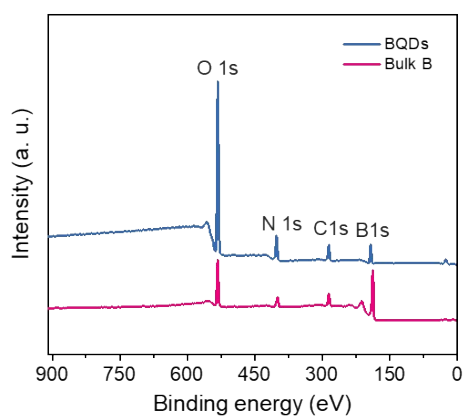


Fig. S1 XPS survey of BQDs and bulk boron.

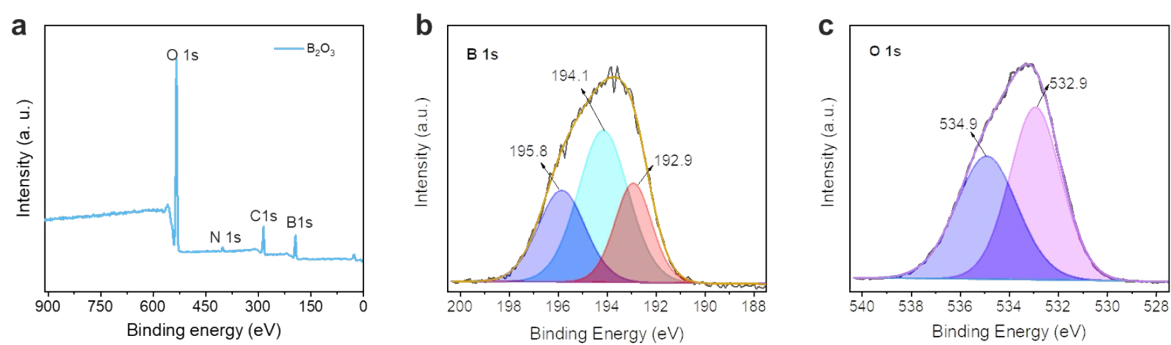


Fig. S2 XPS survey (a), high-resolution B 1s signal (b) and O 1s signal (c) of the commercial B_2O_3 powder.

Supplementary Tables:

Table S1 Components (at. %) of various element species for BQDs and bulk boron.

No.	B 1s	C 1s	N 1s	O 1s	B/O ratio
BQDs	28.03	14.18	12.37	45.42	0.62
Bulk boron	74.47	10.26	4.73	10.54	7.07

Table S2 Ratios of B1s components for BQDs and bulk boron.

No.	O–B–O		B–B–O		B–B		B–B–B	
	BE (eV)	Area/%	BE (eV)	Area/%	BE (eV)	Area/%	BE (eV)	Area/%
BQDs	192.2	8.13	190.5	8.78	188.6	15.85	187.2	67.23
Bulk boron	192.2	3.66	190.7	4.13	188.6	19.89	187.3	72.32

Table S3 Memory device performance of PVP-based composites

Active layer	Switch voltage (V)	ON/OFF ratio	Reference
C60-PVP	2.5	<10	[1]
BQDs-PVP	0.5	$\sim 10^3$	[2]
MoS ₂ -PVP	3.3	$\sim 10^2$	[3]
N-doped MoS ₂ -PVP	0.7	$\sim 10^3$	[4]
BPQD-PVP	2.9	$\sim 10^4$	[5]
Au NPs/ZnO nanorod-PVP	2.0	$\sim 10^3$	[6]
Tri-PVP	10.0	$\sim 10^2$	[7]
BQDs-PVP	5.0	$\sim 10^3$	This work

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