

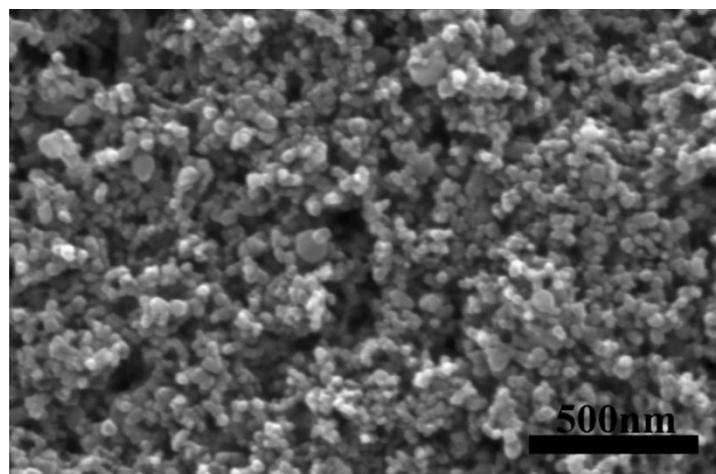
## Supporting Information

### Charge recombination control for high efficiency CdS/CdSe quantum dot co-sensitized solar cells with multi-ZnS-layer

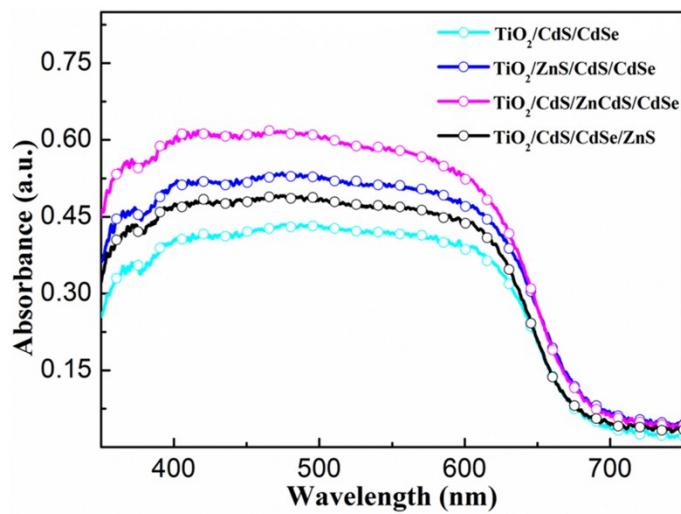
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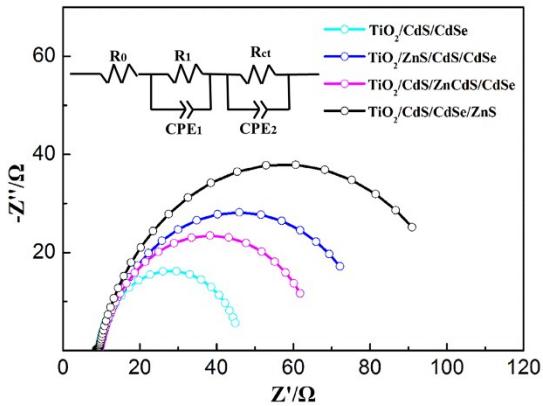
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**Figure S1.** SEM images of top view of TiO<sub>2</sub> film.



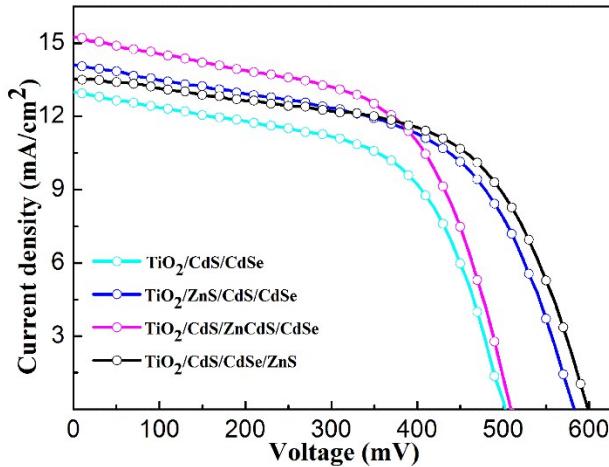
**Figure S2.** UV-vis absorption spectra of ZnS layer at different sites based on the CdS/CdSe QDs sensitized photoanodes.



**Figure S3.** EIS of ZnS layer at different sites based on the CdS/CdSe QDs sensitized photoanodes.

**Table S1.** The fitting results of the EIS of QDSCs

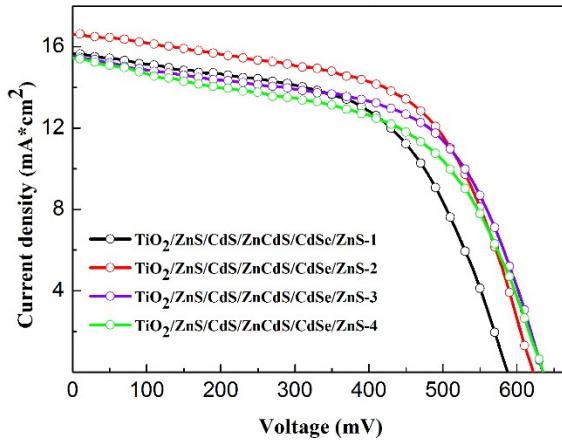
Sample	$R_0(\Omega)$	$R_{ct}(\Omega)$	$CPE_2(\text{mF})$	$\tau_n(\text{ms})$
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{CdS}/\text{CdSe}$	8.5	37.1	1.3	48.2
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{CdSe}$	8.5	72.3	1.3	94.0
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}$	8.4	57.3	1.3	74.5
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{CdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS}$	8.2	96.6	1.4	135.2



**Figure S4.**  $J$ - $V$  curves of QDSCs based on CdS/CdSe co-sensitized for the different configuration structures.

**Table S2** Photovoltaic properties obtained from the  $J$ - $V$  curves

Sample	$V_{oc}$ (mV)	$J_{sc}$ (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FF	PCE (%)
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{CdS}/\text{CdSe}$	502	13.0	0.58	3.77
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{CdSe}$	583	14.1	0.56	4.60
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}$	509	15.3	0.58	4.47
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{CdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS}$	599	13.5	0.59	4.80



**Figure S5.**  $J$ - $V$  curves of QDSCs based on  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS}$  of the ZnS passivation layer deposition number of the inner, the middle and the outer

**Table S3** Photovoltaic properties obtained from the  $J$ - $V$  curves

Sample	$V_{oc}$ (mV)	$J_{sc}$ (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FF	PCE (%)
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS-1}$	587	15.6	0.56	5.18
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS-2}$	622	16.6	0.59	6.05
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS-3}$	635	15.5	0.59	5.78
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnS}/\text{CdS}/\text{ZnCdS}/\text{CdSe}/\text{ZnS-4}$	635	15.4	0.54	5.33