

# Aqueous stabilization of graphene sheets using exfoliated montmorillonite nanoplatelets for multifunctional free-standing hybrid films via vacuum-assisted self-assembly

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## Electronic Supplementary Information

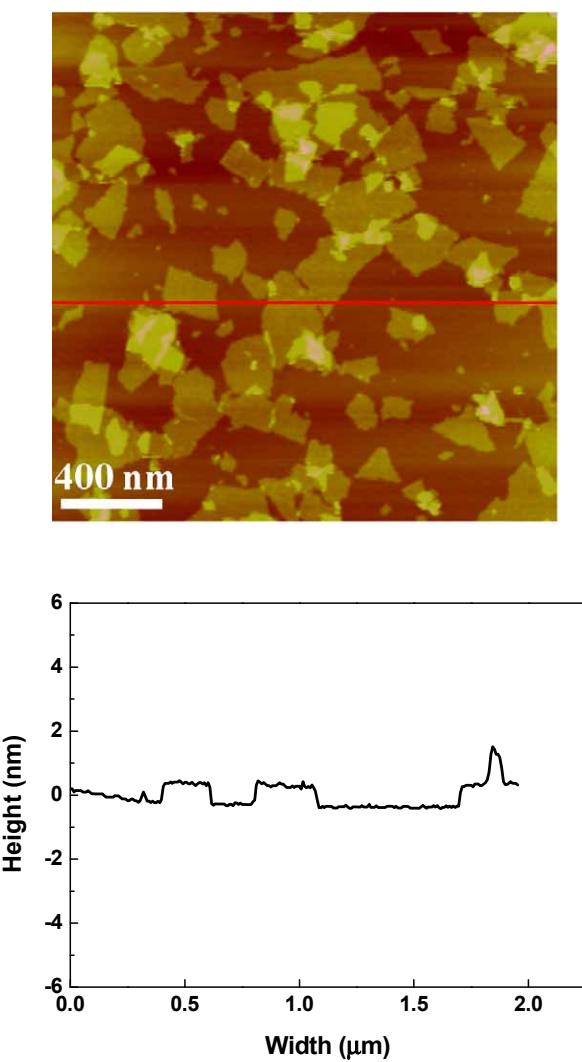
**Figure S1.** The tapping-mode AFM image and the height profile of the exfoliated GO sheets deposited on a fresh mica substrate.

**Figure S2.** The tapping-mode AFM image and the height profile of the exfoliated MMT nanoplatelets deposited on a fresh mica substrate.

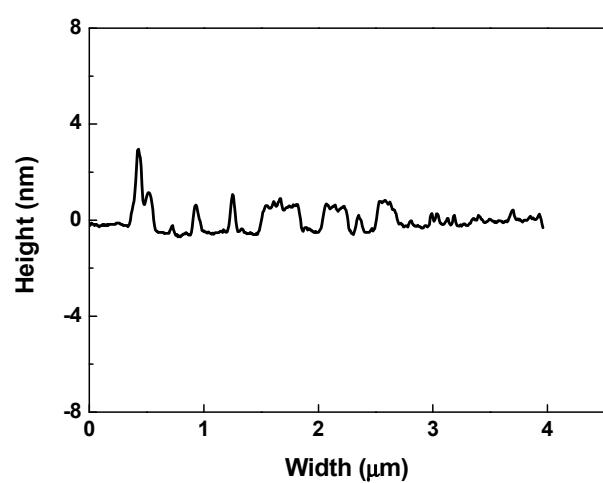
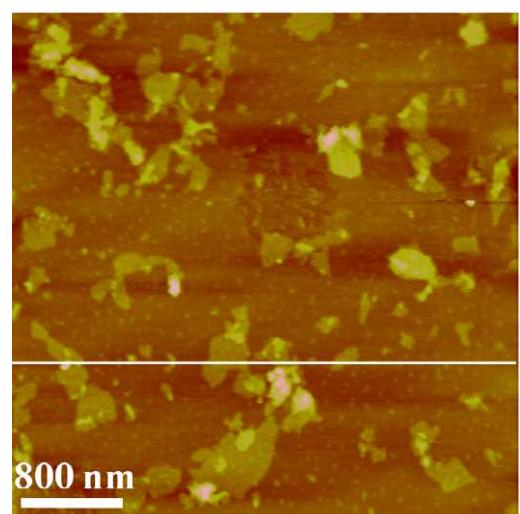
**Figure S3.** TGA curves of GO sheets, r-GO sheets, MMT nanoplatelets and MMT-G (80/20) hybrids.

**Figure S4.** (a) TEM bright field image, and (b-f) the corresponding EDX elemental mappings of C, O, Si, Al and Na, respectively.

**Figure S5.** (a) Cross-section SEM image of MMT-G hybrid film, and (b-e) the corresponding EDX elemental mappings of C, O, Si and Al, respectively.



**Figure S1**



**Figure S2**

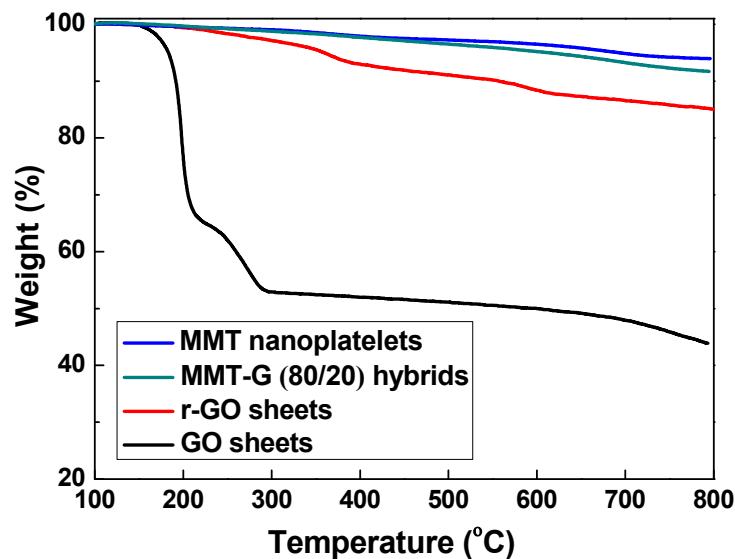
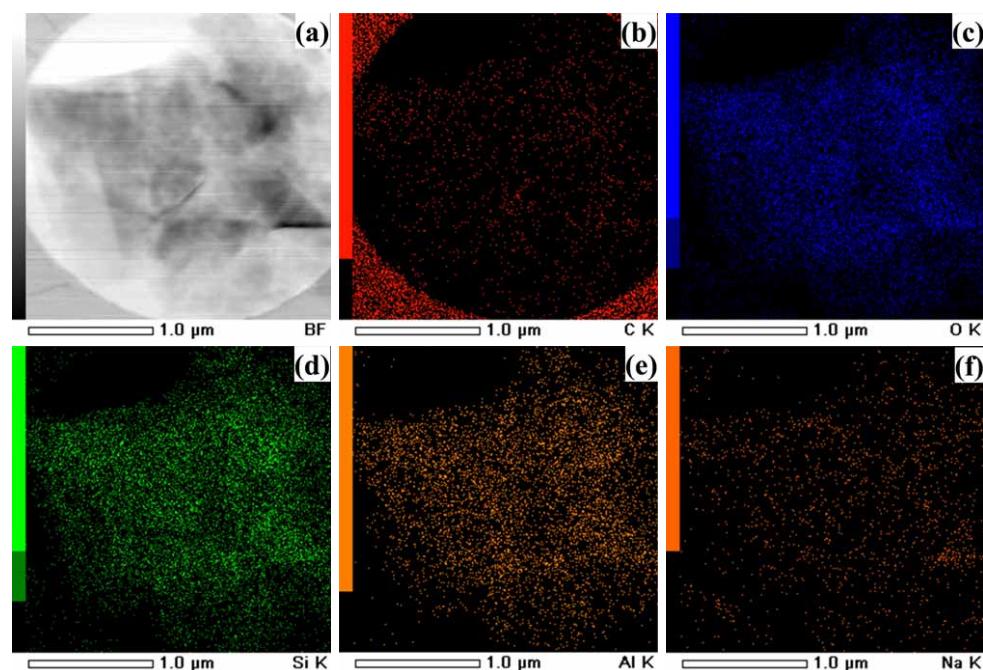
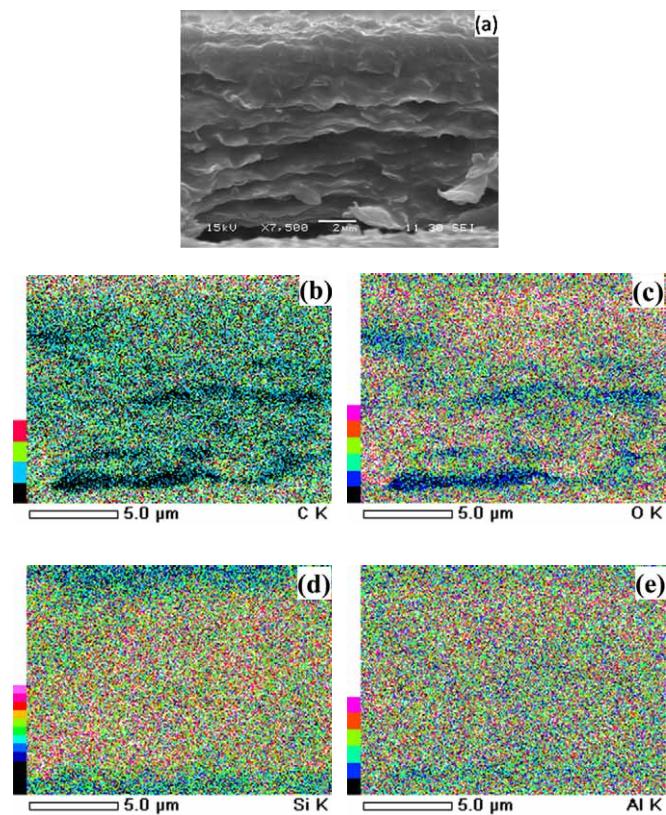


Figure S3



**Figure S4**



**Figure S5**