## Nanostructures Inducing Distinctive Photocatalytic and Photoelectrochemical Performance via the Introduction of rGO into

## Cd<sub>x</sub>Zn<sub>1-x</sub>S

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**Figure S1.** FESEM images with different magnification of  $Cd_{0.6}Zn_{0.4}S$ -DETA1.0 (A, B) and  $Cd_{0.6}Zn_{0.4}S$ -RGO (C, D).



**Figure S2.** EDX spectra of (A)  $Cd_{0.6}Zn_{0.4}S$ -DETA1.0 and (B)  $Cd_{0.6}Zn_{0.4}S$ -RGO.



**Figure S3.** FESEM images of WZ-Cd<sub>0.6</sub>Zn<sub>0.4</sub>S/RGO and the corresponding C, Zn, Cd, and S elemental mappings.



Figure S4. Different-magnification FESEM images of CdS-RGO.



Figure S5. Different-magnification FESEM images of ZnS-RGO.



**Figure S6.** UV-vis diffuse reflection spectra of  $Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$  (A) and  $Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$ -RGO (B) with different x values.



**Figure S7.** TEM and FESEM images of samples obtained at Cd/Zn=0.6:0.4 with different volume of DETA: (A,E,F) 0 mL, (B) 0.5 mL, (C) 1.0 mL, (D) 2.0 mL.



**Figure S8.** XRD patterns of samples obtained at Cd/Zn=0.6:0.4 with different volume of DETA: (a) 0 mL, (b) 0.5 mL, (c) 1.0 mL, (d) 2.0 mL. The three patterns of vertical lines are WZ-CdS (JCPDF 41-1049), ZB-ZnS (JCPDF 10-0454) and ZB-CdS (JCPDF 05-0566).



**Figure S9.** UV-vis diffuse reflection (A) and photoluminescence spectra (B) of samples obtained with different volume of DETA: (a) 0 mL, (b) 0.5 mL, (c) 1 mL, (d) 2.0 mL.



**Figure S10.** The hydrogen generation contrast of  $Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$  and  $Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$ -RGO under visible light irradiation (x=0.3, 0.4, and 0.5).

**Table S1.** Comparative results of photocatalytic  $H_2$ -evolution rate of solid solution  $Cd_{1-x}Zn_xS$ -related photocatalysts.

Photocatalyst	Incident light	Mass	Aqueous reaction solution	H <sub>2</sub> evolution rate	Stability	Ref.
	(nm)	(mg)		(µmol h-1 g-1)	(h)	
Cd <sub>0.6</sub> Zn <sub>0.4</sub> S	≥420	10	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	36330	20	This
						work
CdS QDs/Zn <sub>1-x</sub> Cd <sub>x</sub> S	>400	50	$0.1~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.04~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	2128	N/A	1
Cd <sub>0.5</sub> Zn <sub>0.5</sub> S	≥420	300	$0.5~M~\text{Na}_2S$ and $0.5~M~\text{Na}_2SO_3$	1667	15	2
Cd <sub>0.5</sub> Zn <sub>0.5</sub> S	≥430	100	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	17900	28	3
Cd <sub>0.5</sub> Zn <sub>0.5</sub> S-EN <sub>10</sub>	≥430	100	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	25800	28	4
Zn <sub>0.8</sub> Cd <sub>0.2</sub> S	≥420	200	$0.1~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.1~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	965	20	5
Zn <sub>0.5</sub> Cd <sub>0.5</sub> S	≥400	50	0.44 M Na <sub>2</sub> S and 0.31 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	7420	N/A	6
Zn <sub>0.45</sub> Cd <sub>0.55</sub> S	>400	1	$0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.35~\text{M}~\text{K}_2\text{SO}_3$	30000	N/A	7
Zn <sub>0.8</sub> Cd <sub>0.2</sub> S-RGO	≥420	50	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	1824	12	8
ZB/WZ Cd <sub>0.7</sub> Zn <sub>0.3</sub> S	≥420	100	$0.3~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.3~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	31300	20	9
Heterophase						
Cd <sub>0.9</sub> Zn <sub>0.1</sub> S	>420	50	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	8040	5	10
nanotetrapods						
Zn-Cd-S (Zn <sub>4</sub> Cd <sub>4</sub> )	>420	50	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	11420	12	11
NiS/Zn <sub>0.5</sub> Cd <sub>0.5</sub> S/RGO	≥420	50	$0.35~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.25~\text{M}~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	375.7	12	12
Cu <sub>1.94</sub> S-Zn <sub>0.23</sub> Cd <sub>0.77</sub> S	>420	20	$0.1~M~\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ and $0.1~M~\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	7735	20	13

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