

Supporting Information

Blown Bubble Assembly of Graphene Oxide Patches for Transparent Electrodes in Carbon-Silicon Solar Cells

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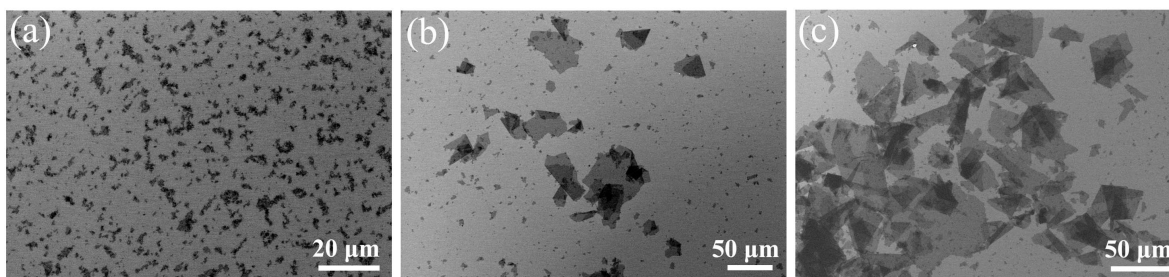


Figure S1. Blown bubble assembly of GO sheets by water bubbles. (a-c) SEM images of GO sheets assembled from water bubble solution with GO concentration of 0.324, 0.648 and 0.972 mg/mL, respectively. Considerable aggregations at different GO concentrations can be observed and the sheets tended to break into smaller size.

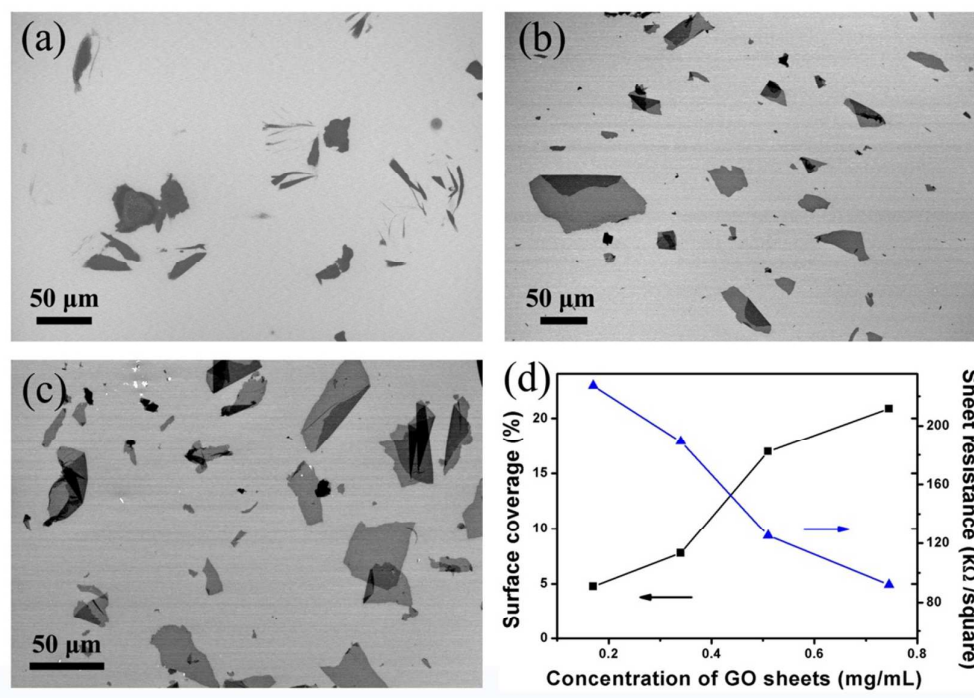


Figure S2. Assembled GO sheets with different density. (a-c) SEM images of assembled GO sheets with initial GO concentrations in the bubble solution of 0.17, 0.34 and 0.51 mg/mL, respectively. (d) The surface coverage of the RGO sheets and the sheet resistance of the hybrid film changing with the GO concentration.

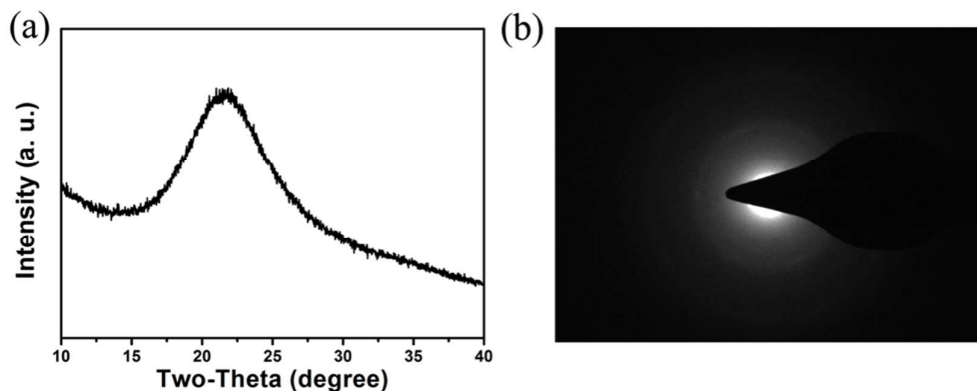


Figure S3. Characterization of the carbon film. (a) X-ray diffraction of the carbon film. (b) Transmission electron diffraction patterns of the carbon film.

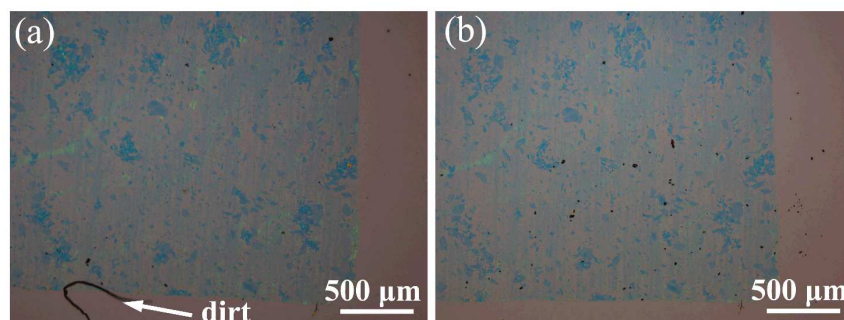


Figure S4. Optical microscopic images of the RGO-carbon hybrid film transferred to Si wafer before (a) and after (b) ultrasonication for 2 min. The location of RGO patches was unchanged and the dirt on the substrate was taken away.

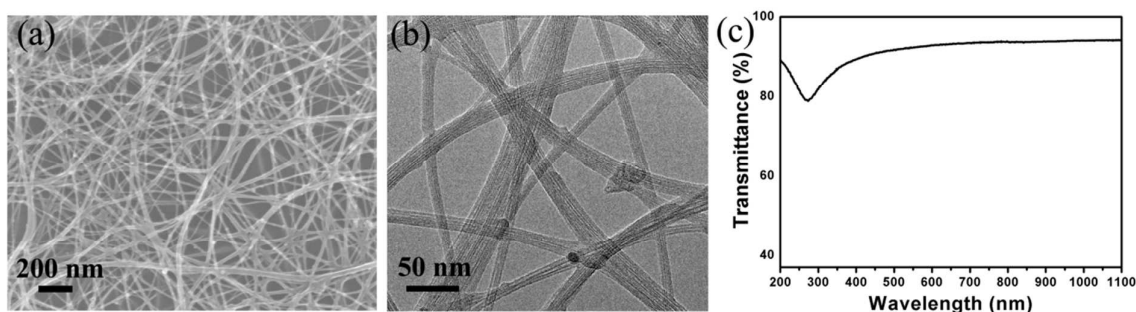


Figure S5. Characterization of the SWNT film. (a) SEM image, (b) TEM image and (c) optical transmittance of the SWNT film. The SWNT film is a kind of flexible film with sheet resistance of a few hundred Ω per square. The optical transparency of the SWNT film is more than 90% at 550 nm, and the diameters of the SWNTs and bundles are about several to tens of nanometers.

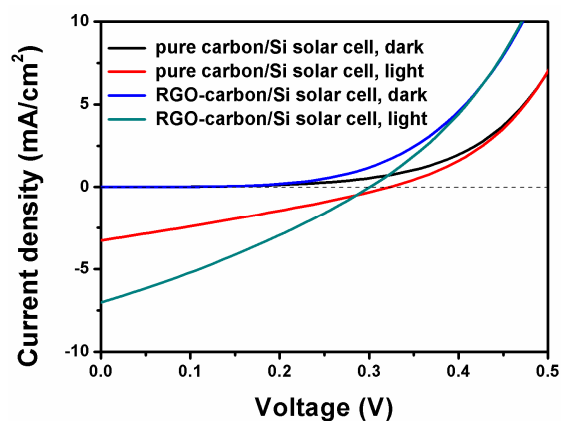


Figure S6. Comparison of the J - V curves of the pure carbon/n-Si and RGO-carbon/n-Si solar cells.

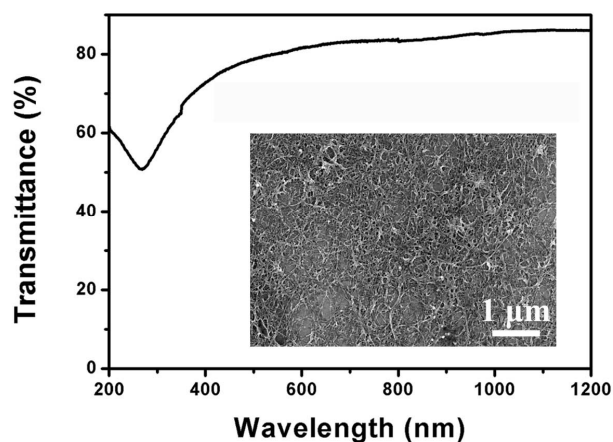


Figure S7. Optical transmittance of the RGO-carbon hybrid film covered by SWNT film. Inset, enlarged view of the covered SWNT film.

Table S1 Comparison of the performance of SWNT/Si solar cells and SWNT film/RGO-carbon/n-Si cells.

	SWNT film/RGO-carbon/n-Si cell				SWNT/n-Si cell ^[1]			
	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	η (%)	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	η (%)
original	0.488	21.33	61.7	6.42	0.61	32.0	77.0	15.1
6 days later	0.447	20.44	37.76	3.45	0.52	32.0	48.7	8.14
Decrement (%)	8.40	4.17	38.80	46.26	14.75	0	37.01	46.1

Table S2 Comparison of the stability of the solar cell parameters for RGO-carbon/n-Si and SWNT film/RGO-carbon/n-Si cells

	SWNT film/RGO-carbon/n-Si cell				RGO-carbon/n-Si cell			
	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	η (%)	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	η (%)
original	0.488	21.33	61.7	6.42	0.498	14.47	32.22	2.32
10 days later	0.438	20.37	34.66	3.09	0.417	8.68	23.84	0.86
Decrement (%)	10.25	4.50	43.82	51.87	16.26	40.01	26.00	62.93

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