

Supplementary Materials

Nature Degradable Flexible and Transparent Conductive Substrates from Green and Earth-Abundant Materials

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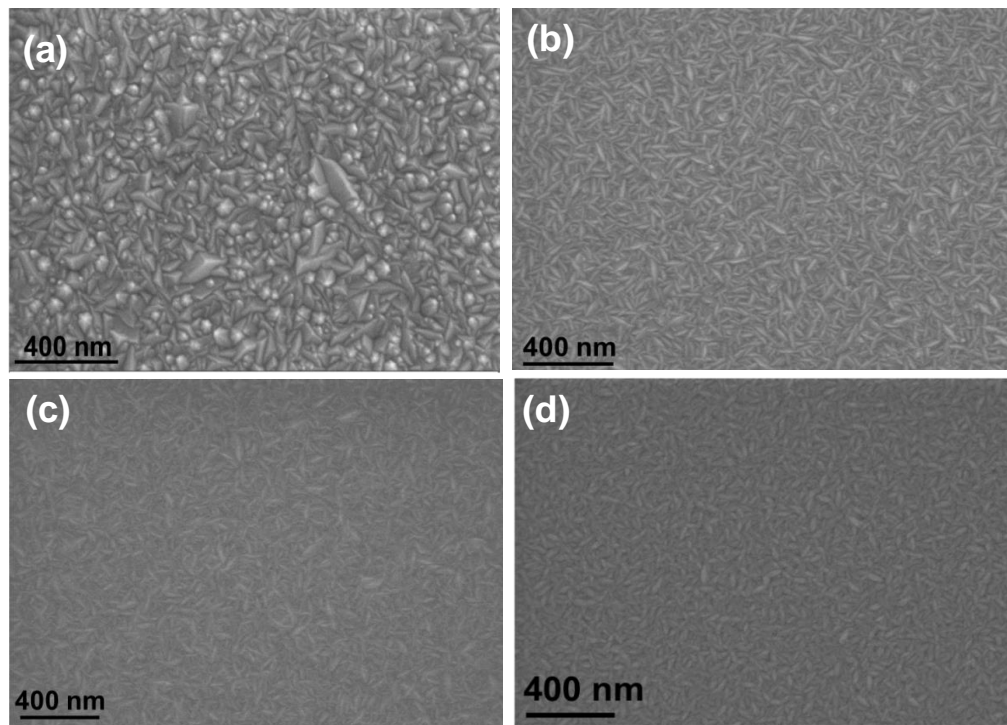


Figure S1. Surface morphologies of AZO-coated CNF paper with different Al concentrations. **(a)** ZnO. **(b)** AZO with 2.24 at.% Al. **(c)** AZO with 5.1 at.% Al. **(d)** AZO with 10.91 at.% Al.

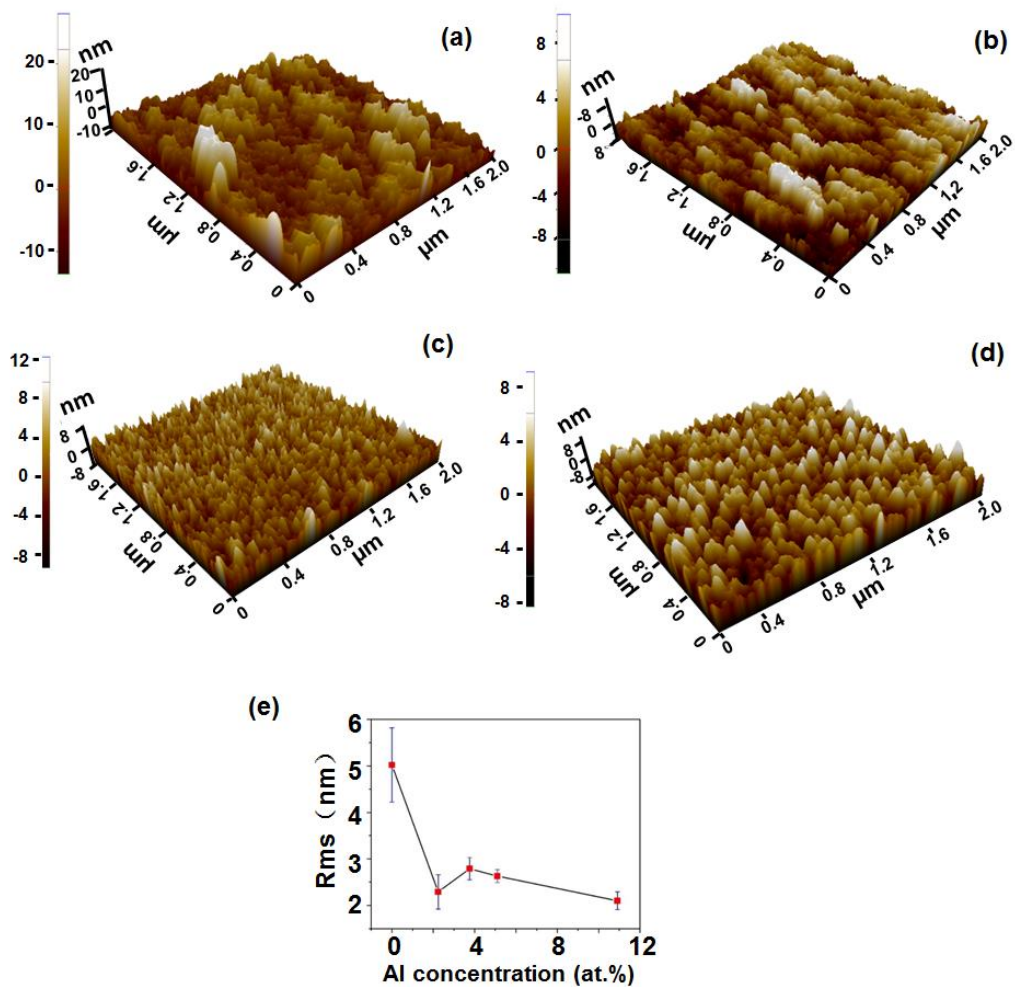


Figure S2. AFM topographic images of AZO surface with different Al concentration: **(a)** ZnO. **(b)** AZO with 2.24 at.% Al. **(c)** AZO with 5.1 at.% Al. **(d)** AZO with 10.91 at.% Al. **(e)** The surface roughness as a function of Al concentration. It decreased gradually as the Al concentration increased.

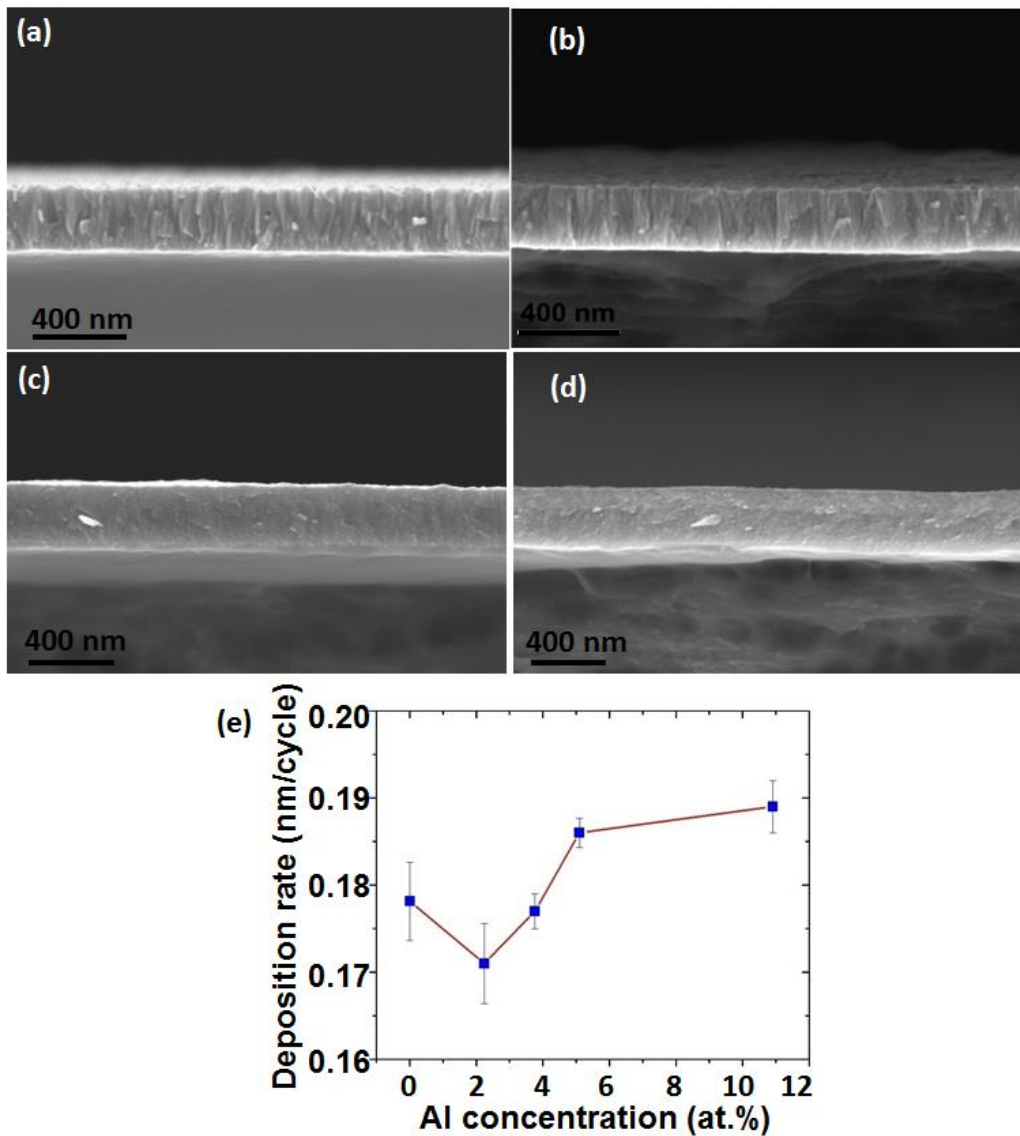


Figure S3. Cross-sectional images and deposition rate of AZO-CNF paper with different Al concentrations: (a) ZnO. (b) AZO with 2.24 at.% Al. (c) AZO with 5.1 at.% Al. (d) AZO with 10.91 at.% Al. (e) AZO deposition rate as a function of Al concentration.

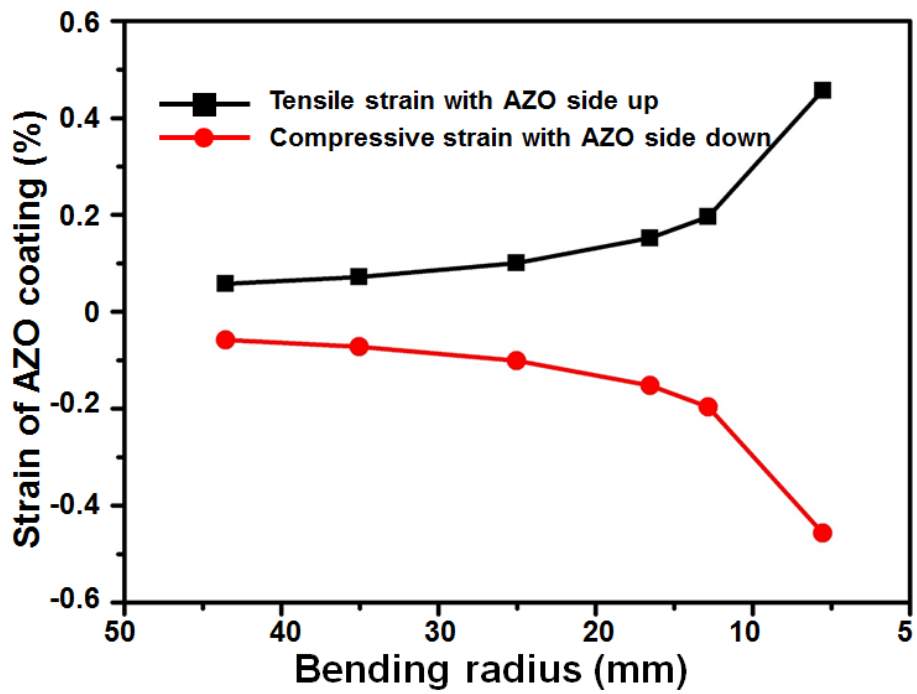


Figure S4. Strain subjected by the AZO film as the AZO-CNF paper bended at different bending radius. The black squares represent the tensile strains when the AZO side was facing up. The red spheres represent the compressive strains when the AZO side was facing down.

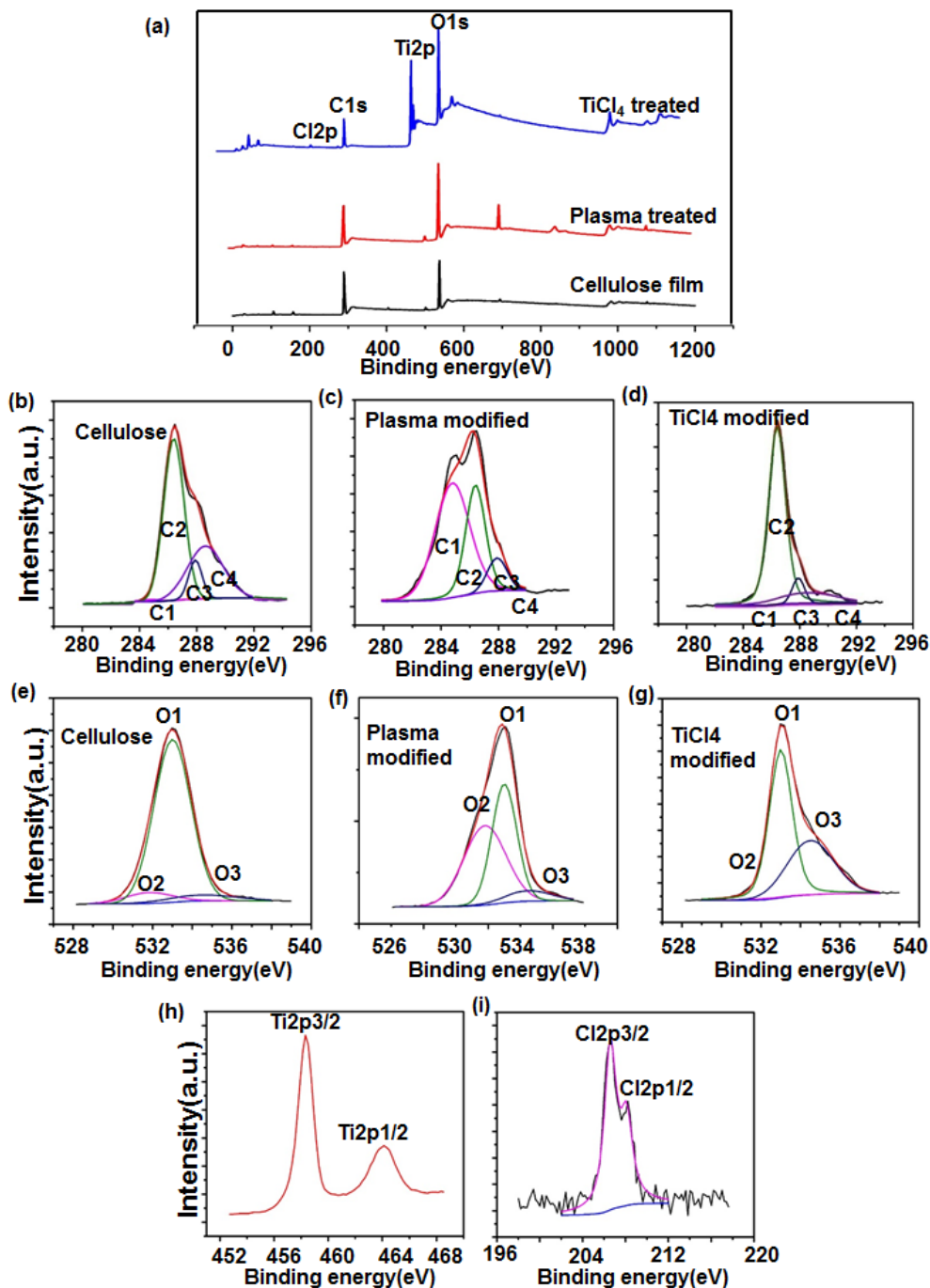


Figure S5. (a) The full span XPS survey of CNF films before and after oxygen plasma and TiCl₄ treatments. (b-d) Deconvoluted spectra for the C 1s peak of pristine CNF film (b), Plasma treated CNF film (c), and TiCl₄ treated CNF film (d). (e-g) Deconvoluted spectra for the O 1s peak of pristine CNF film (e), Plasma treated CNF film (f), and TiCl₄ treated CNF film (g). (h, i) Deconvoluted spectra for the Ti 2p peak (h) and Cl 2p (i) of the TiCl₄ treated CNF film.

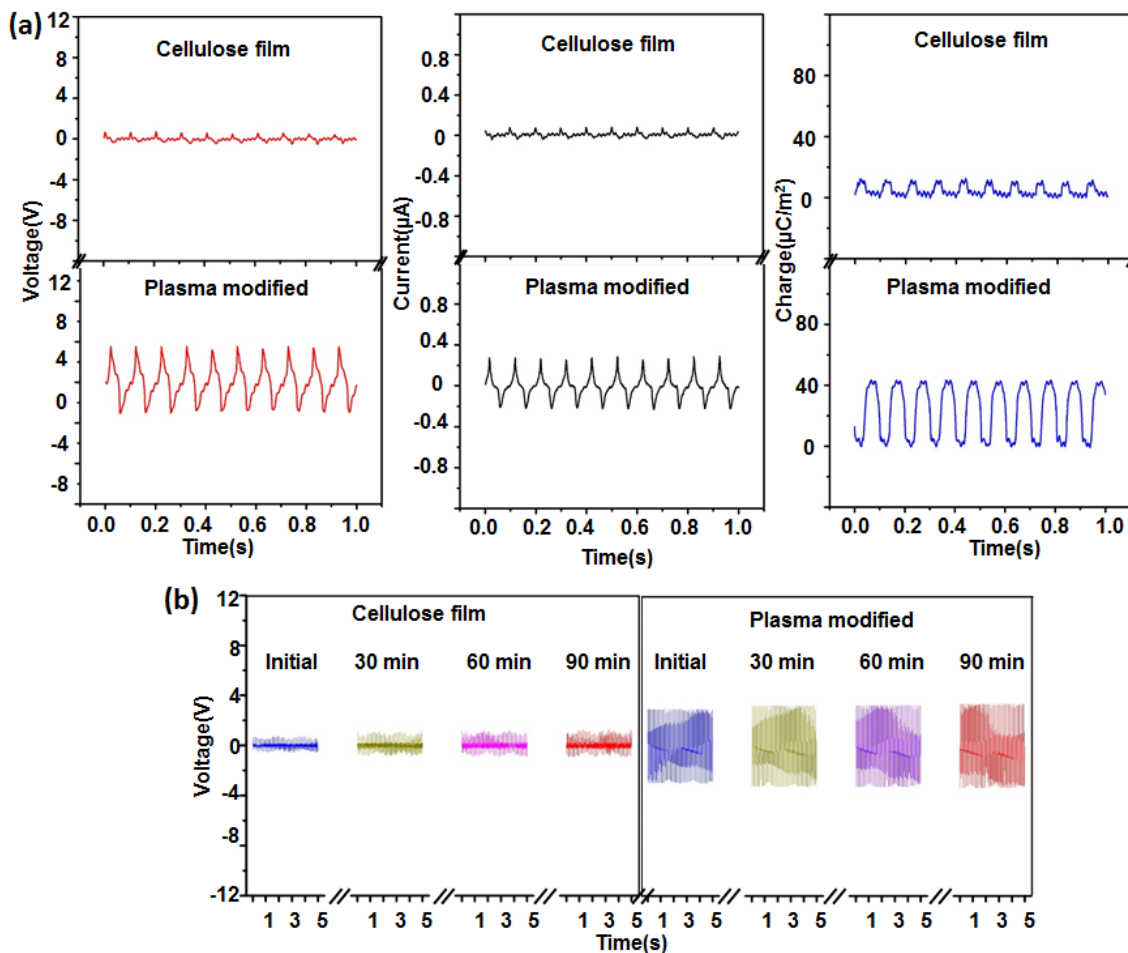


Figure S6. (a) The voltage, current and charge outputs of TENGs made from a pair of pristine AZO-CNF papers (top) and a pair of AZO-CNF papers with one treated by plasma (bottom). The vibration frequency was kept at 10Hz. (b) Long-term stability tests of the AZO-CNF paper-based TENGs. Left: both were pristine; Right: one paper was treated by plasma.

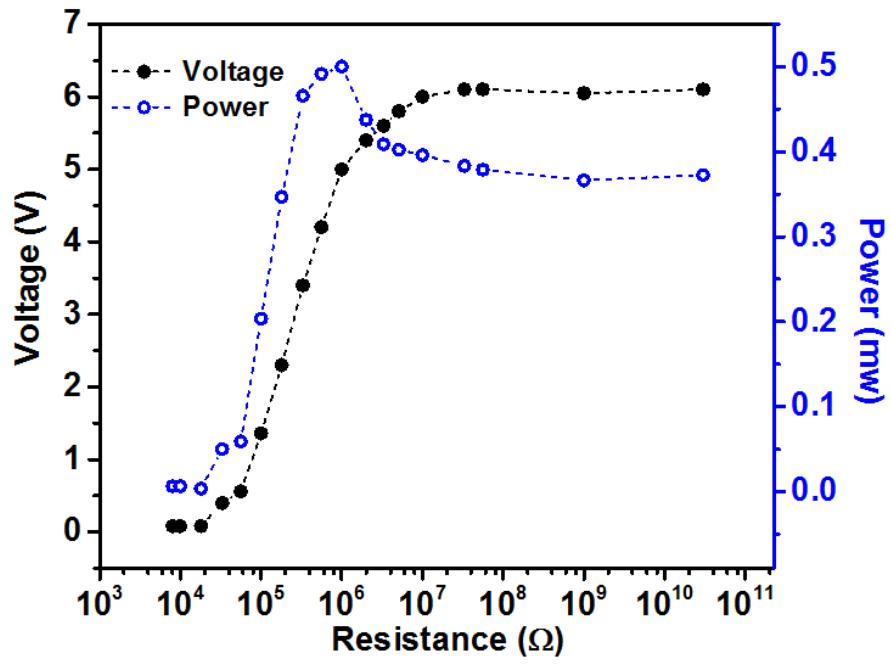


Figure S7. The voltage and power outputs of AZO-CNF TENG device as a function of the load resistance.