## Supporting Information

# The insight of regulation between crystallinity and oxygen vacancy of 

# $\mathrm{BiVO}_{4}$ affects the photocatalytic oxygen evolution activity 

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Fig.S1 (a-d) SEM and (f) XRD of $\mathrm{BiVO}_{4}$ before and after heat treatment at $300,400,500$, and $600{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Table S1. FWHM and Crystallinity of $\mathrm{BiVO}_{4}$ before and after heat treatment at $300,400,500$, and $600^{\circ}$

| BVO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 300BVO | 400BVO | 500BVO | 600BVO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FWHW | $(112)$ | 0.33819 | 0.3297 | 0.31507 | 0.33279 | 0.33804 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $(011)$ | 0.54841 | 0.41661 | 0.38024 | 0.51415 | 0.56290 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crystallinity |  | $70.47 \%$ | $70.64 \%$ | $98.42 \%$ | $71.85 \%$ | $68.63 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Fig.S2 i-t test of 400BVO film.


Fig.S3 The fluorescence lifetime of $\mathrm{BiVO}_{4}$ before heat treatment at 300,500 , and $600^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Fig. S4 The XPS spectra of $\mathrm{BiVO}_{4}$ before and after $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ heat treatment at $300,400,500$, and $600^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ : (a) Bi $4 f,(b) \vee 2 p$.


Fig. S5 Schematic illustration of the oxygen defect recombination process.


Fig. S6 Photocatalytic rate of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ generation in $\mathrm{Fe}_{2}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{3}$.


Fig. 57 The chromogenic reaction of $\mathrm{NO}_{2}^{-}$and $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$.


Fig. S8 The recyclability experiments in $\mathrm{Fe}_{2}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{3}$ solution.
(a)

(c)

(e)


Fig.S9 The testing of water splitting research and AQY test: (a) An automatic injection circulation system. (b) and (c) The distance between the light intensity detector and the emission center of the lamp source is 12 cm . (d) 420 nm monochromatic filter with a diameter 2 cm . (e) light spot with a diameter 3 cm .

Table S2. The AQY test data of 400BVO.

| $\lambda(\mathrm{nm})$ | Rate of $\mathrm{O}_{2}\left(\mu \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}\right)$ | $\mathrm{I}\left(\mathrm{mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}\right)$ | $\mathrm{AQY}(\%)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 365 | 0.154 | 2.8 | 38.29 |
| 420 | 0.1268 | 2.65 | 28.87 |
| 450 | 0.1067 | 2.2 | 27.36 |
| 500 | 0.0821 | 2.24 | 18.65 |
| 550 | 0.0295 | 2.18 | 6.25 |

Calculating AQY according to the following equations:
$\operatorname{AQY}(\%)=\frac{\text { Number of reacted electrons }}{\text { Number of incident photons }} \times 100 \%$
Number of evolved $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ molecules $\times 4$
$=\xrightarrow{ } \times 100 \%$
Number of incident photons
$=\frac{\mu \mathrm{mol} \times \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{A}} \times 10^{-6} \times 4}{\frac{\mathrm{I} \times \mathrm{A} \times \mathrm{t}}{\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{g}} \times \mathrm{J}}} \times 100 \%$
In which $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{A}}=6.02 * 10^{23}, \mathrm{Eg}=1240 / \lambda,(\lambda=420 \mathrm{~nm}), \mathrm{A}($ area $)=3.14 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}, \mathrm{t}$ (time) $=60 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{~J}=1.6^{*} 10^{-19} \mathrm{j}$.


Fig.S10 The spectrum of the 300 W Xenon lamp equipped with CUT 420 nm monochromatic filter.


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