

**A novel CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub>/BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> magnetic photocatalyst  
simultaneously coupling type I and Z-scheme  
heterojunctions for the sunlight-driven removal of  
tetracycline hydrochloride**

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## S1 Experimental Section

### S1.1 Materials

The laminar MoS<sub>2</sub> is purchased from Aladdin Chemical Reagent Network. Copper nitrate trihydrate (Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O, 99%), aluminum nitrate nonahydrate (Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O, 99.9%), barium nitrate (Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), iron nitrate nonahydrate (Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O (99.9%)), citric acid (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 99.5%), glucose (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 99%), acrylamide (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO, AR), and N, N'-methylene-bisacrylamide (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 99%) were purchased from Eco Reagent Co., LTD, Chengdu and used without further purification.

### S1.2 Synthesis of spinel CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> oxides

According to the formula CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, stoichiometric amounts of Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O and Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O were dissolved in the distilled water to obtain a solution of 0.015 mol/L. The mole ratio of Cu to Al is 1:2. After the above solution was transparent, 4.7282 g citric acid is weighed to chelate Cu and Al ions. Subsequently, the 20 g glucose, 9.5958 g acrylamide and 1.9192 g N, N'-methylene-bisacrylamide were dissolved in the solution. The citric acid, glucose and N, N'-methylene-bisacrylamide are used as chelating agent, agent to prevent gel collapse and cross-linking agent, respectively. The molar ratio of citric acid to metal ions, the content of glucose, the molar ratio of acrylamide to metal ions, the molar ratio of acrylamide to N, N'-methylene-bisacrylamide are 1.5:1, 20 g, 9:1 and 5:1, respectively. All the above experimental steps were carried out under the action of magnetic stirring. After the above reagents were completely dissolved, the solution was heated to 90 °C, and jelly-like gel was obtained after a period of time. The jelly-like gel was dried at 120 °C for 24 h in a thermostat drier to obtain a xerogel. The xerogel was ground into powder and some powder was sintered for 5 h in air at 800 °C to obtain spinel CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> oxides.

### **S1.3 Synthesis of spinel BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> (BFO) magnetic photocatalysts**

A similar method was used to prepare BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> (BFO) magnetic photocatalysts. There are three differences from the synthesis of BST5 photocatalysts: (1) In the synthesis process, (Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) and iron nitrate nonahydrate (Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O (99.9%)) were used as barium and iron salts, respectively. (2) BFO xerogel was sintered at 900 °C for 5 hours to obtain the BFO magnetic photocatalysts. (3) The mole ratio of Ba to Fe is 1:12.

### **S1.4 Synthesis of CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> composite photocatalysts**

According to mass ratio of CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub>, weighing CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub> and grinding them in mortar for 1 h, and then calcining them in tubular furnace at 200 °C for 2 h, CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> composite photocatalysts with the mass percentage of MoS<sub>2</sub> of 5 wt%, 10 wt%, 15 wt% and 20 wt% were obtained. They are labeled CAO/5%MS, CAO/10%MS, CAO/15%MS and CAO/20%MS, respectively.

### **S1.5 Material characterization**

The crystallographic properties of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were measured by the means of DX-2007BH X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation at a wavelength of 1.5406 Å operated at 40 kV and 30 mA. The functional group information of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were characterized by a FTIR 650 type Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrophotometer with the wave-number range of 400–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The hysteresis loop of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were measured by a Quantum Design Physical Properties Measurement System (PPMS) at room temperature. The XPS signals of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were measured by a KRATOS X SAM 800 X-ray photoelectron spectrometer (XPS). The surface micro-structures of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were observed by a Thermo Scientific™

field-emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) and JEM 2100F transmission electron microscopy (TEM). Ultraviolet-visible diffuse reflectance spectra (UV-vis DRS) of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were measured by a UV1901 UV-visible spectrophotometer with the BaSO<sub>4</sub> used as reference. UV-Vis absorption spectra (ABS) of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts were obtained on the basis of the UV-vis DRS and the Kubelka-Munk (K–M) formula,

$$F(R) = \frac{\alpha}{S} = \frac{(1 - R_{\infty})^2}{2R} \quad (S1)$$

Where, R,  $\alpha$  and S are the reflectance, the absorption coefficient and the scattering coefficient of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts, respectively.

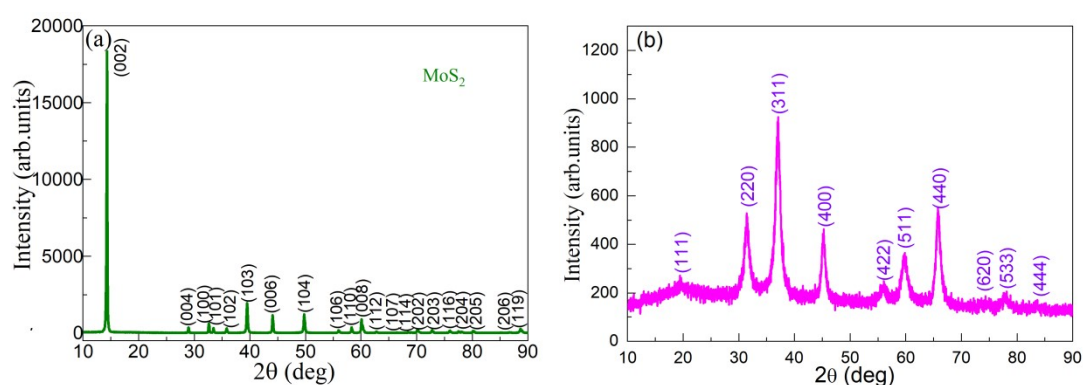
### **S1.6 Photocatalytic experiments**

To study the photocatalytic activity of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts and explore the influence of different mass percentage of BFO on the photocatalytic activity of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts, tetracycline hydrochloride (TC) was selected as the target degradation antibiotic to complete the related photocatalytic experiments. The initial antibiotic concentration, catalyst content and pH value were 50-200 mg/L, 0.25-1.5 g/L and 3-13, respectively. In the photocatalytic experiment, xenon lamp is used to simulate sunlight. Before the photocatalytic experiment, the adsorption experiments were performed and stirred in dark conditions for 30 min to achieve adsorption equilibrium. Then the solution was reacted with the simulate sunlight and stirred for 180 min, and a sample was taken every 30 min. After the experiment, the obtained sample was centrifuged for 15 min. Finally, the upper clarified liquid was taken and the absorbance curve was measured by a UV-1800 UV-visible spectrophotometer.

Capture experiments were performed to confirm the contribution of holes ( $h_{VB}^+$ ), hydroxyl radicals ( $\bullet OH$ ) and superoxide radicals ( $\bullet O_2^-$ ) to photocatalysis and detected

by the disodium ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA-2Na), 2-propanol (IPA) and 1, 4-benzoquinone (BQ) as scavengers, respectively. The process was similar to the photocatalytic experiment, except that 1 mmol/L of scavenger was added to the reaction solution. The oxygen vacancy,  $\bullet\text{OH}$  and  $\bullet\text{O}_2^-$  are also confirmed by the electron spin resonance (ESR)/electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) experiments on the basis of a Bruker A300 spectrometer. The oxygen vacancy was detected at room temperature with the X-band (9.34 GHz). Spin-trapping reagents of 5-tert-butoxycarbonyl 5-methyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide (BMPO) was used to detect  $\bullet\text{O}_2^-$ , while 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide (DMPO) was used to detect  $\bullet\text{OH}$ . High-performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS) were performed for the explore degradation ways and products by a positive ionization mode with a full scan range from  $m/z$  50 to 1000. The injection volume was 10  $\mu\text{L}$  and the mobile phase was A (0.1% formic acid aqueous solution) and B (0.1% formic acid methanol solution) at a flow rate of  $0.8 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ .

## S2 XRD analysis



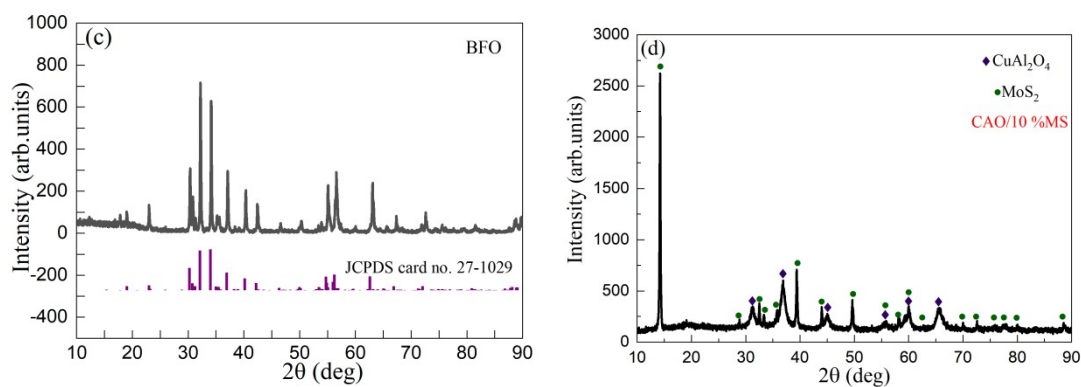


Figure S1 XRD patterns of (a) MS, (b) CAO, (c) BFO and (d) CAO/10%MS<sub>2</sub>.

### S3 Magnetic properties

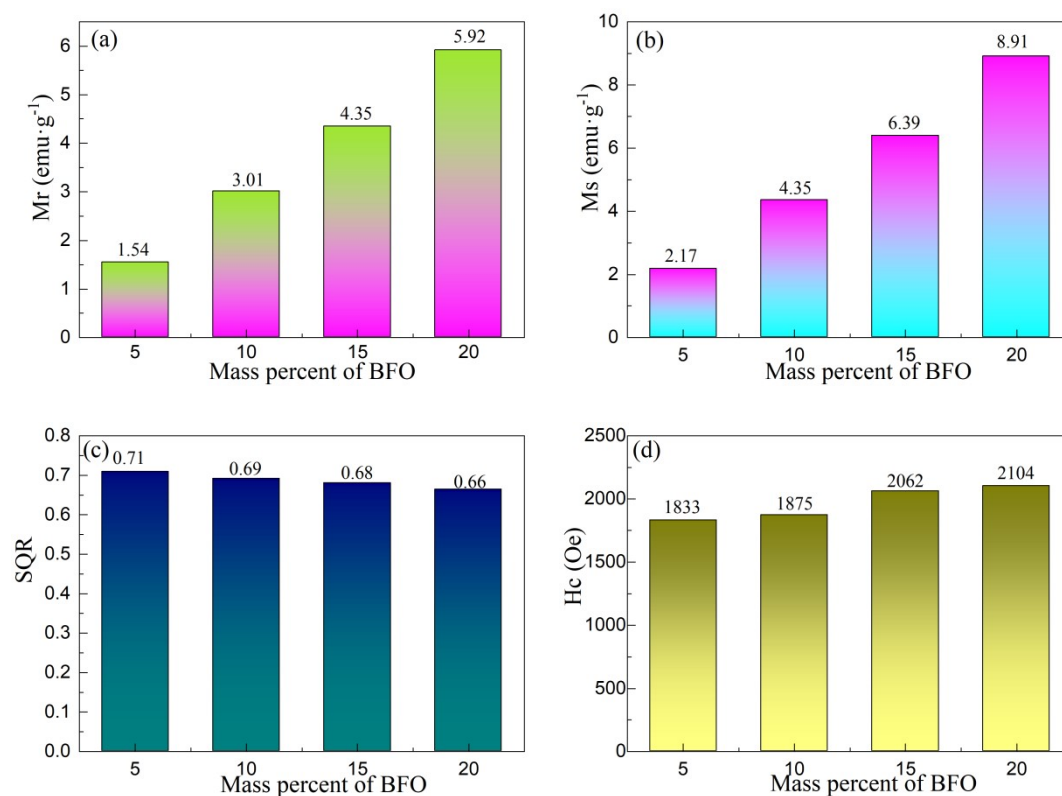


Figure S2 (a) Remanent magnetization (Mr), (b) saturation magnetization (Ms), (c) squareness ratio (SQR), and (d) coercivity (Hc) of the CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts.

### S4 XPS analysis

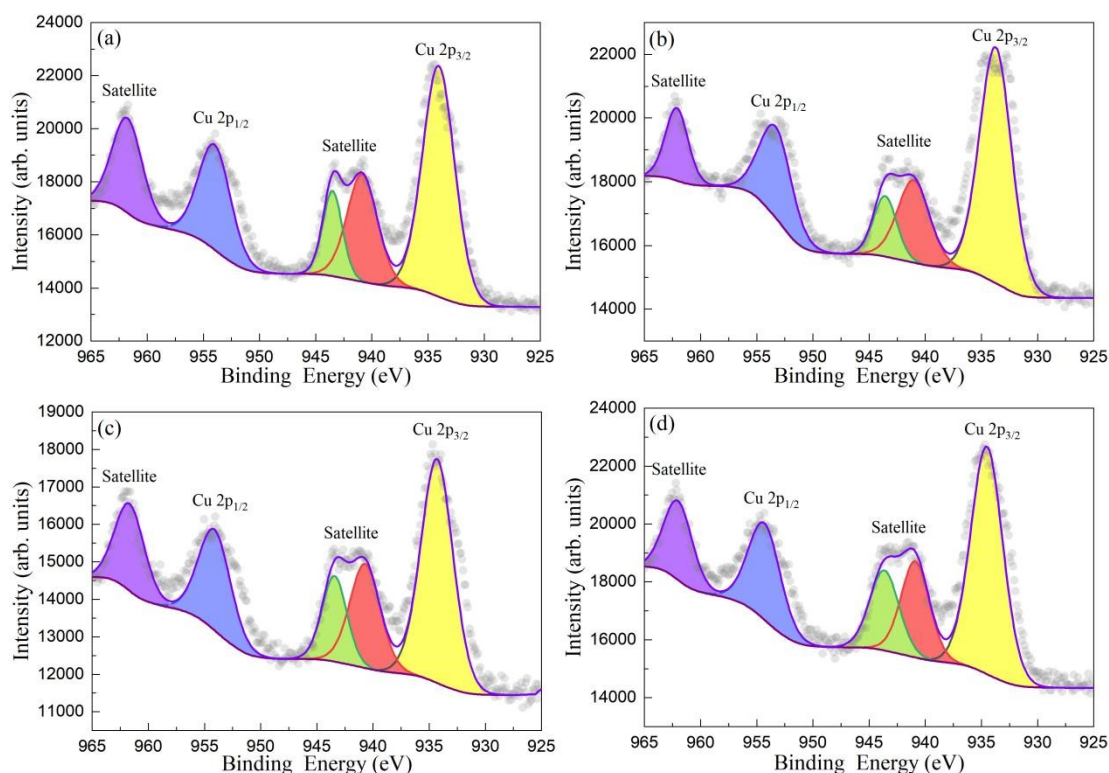


Figure S3 High-resolution Cu 2p XPS spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. (a) CAO/MS/5%BFO, (b) CAO/MS/10%BFO, (c) CAO/MS/15%BFO and (d) CAO/MS/20%BFO.

Figure S3 shows the high-resolution Cu 2p XPS spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. The corresponding binding energy data are given in Table S1. Two characteristic peaks are observed at 933.74-964.51 and 955.33-954.32 eV of Cu 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Cu 2p<sub>1/2</sub>, respectively and other three peaks are at 940.72-941.03, 943.43-943.64 and 961.66-962.12 eV could be ascribed to the satellite peak. [S1] The result further confirmed the valence state of Cu<sup>2+</sup> in CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is +2 due to the splitting of the Cu 2p doublet is about 20 eV. [S2]

Table S1 The binding energies of Cu 2p, Al 2p and O 1s of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts.

Sample	Cu 2p (eV)	Al 2p (eV)	O 1s (eV)
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	Cu 2p <sub>1/2</sub>	Cu 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	Satellite	Al 2p	Cu 3p	O <sub>A</sub>	O <sub>Def</sub>	O <sub>LCAO</sub>	O <sub>BFO</sub>
			961.75						
<b>CAO/MS/ 5%BFO</b>	954.00	934.06	943.50 940.86	74.10	77.52	533.99	531.89	530.70	528.98
<b>CAO/MS/ 10%BFO</b>	953.33	933.74	943.57 941.03	74.47	77.93	533.96	532.22	530.94	528.87
<b>CAO/MS/ 15%BFO</b>	954.11	934.30	943.43 940.72	74.20	77.64	533.83	532.00	530.75	528.92
<b>CAO/MS/ 20%BFO</b>	954.32	934.51	943.64 940.89	74.60	78.19	533.86	532.31	531.05	529.07

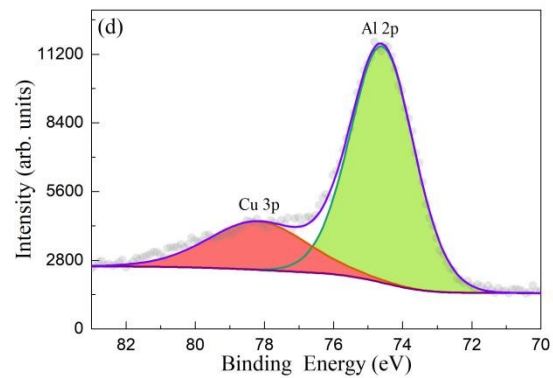
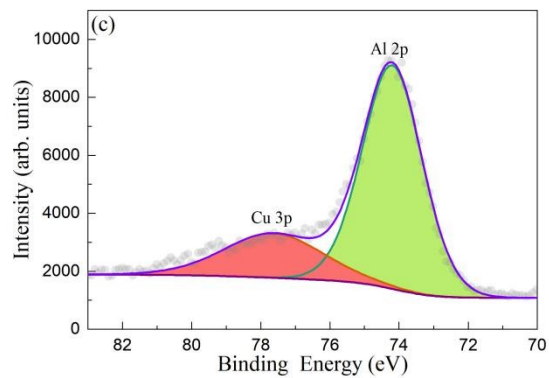
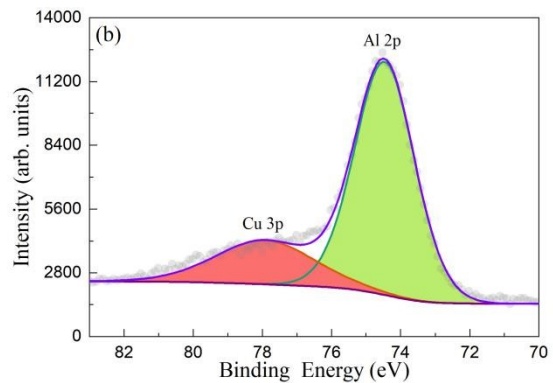
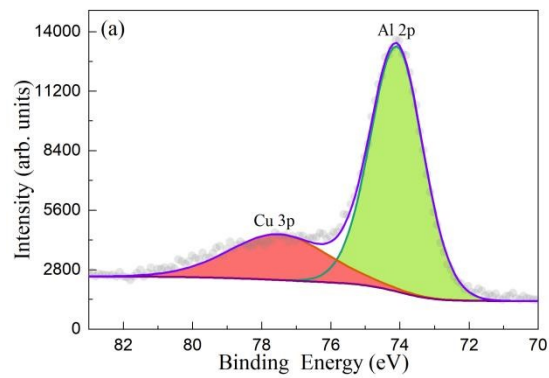




Figure S4 High-resolution Cu 3p and Al 2p spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. (a) CAO/MS/5%BFO, (b) CAO/MS/10%BFO, (c) CAO/MS/15%BFO and (d) CAO/MS/20%BFO.

Figure S4 shows the high resolution Al 2p spectrum of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. The characteristic peaks of Al 2p spectrum can be fitted to Al 2p and Cu 3p components by Avantage software. The Al 2p orbital located at 74.10-74.60 eV can be assigned to the Al–O–Cu of  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$ .

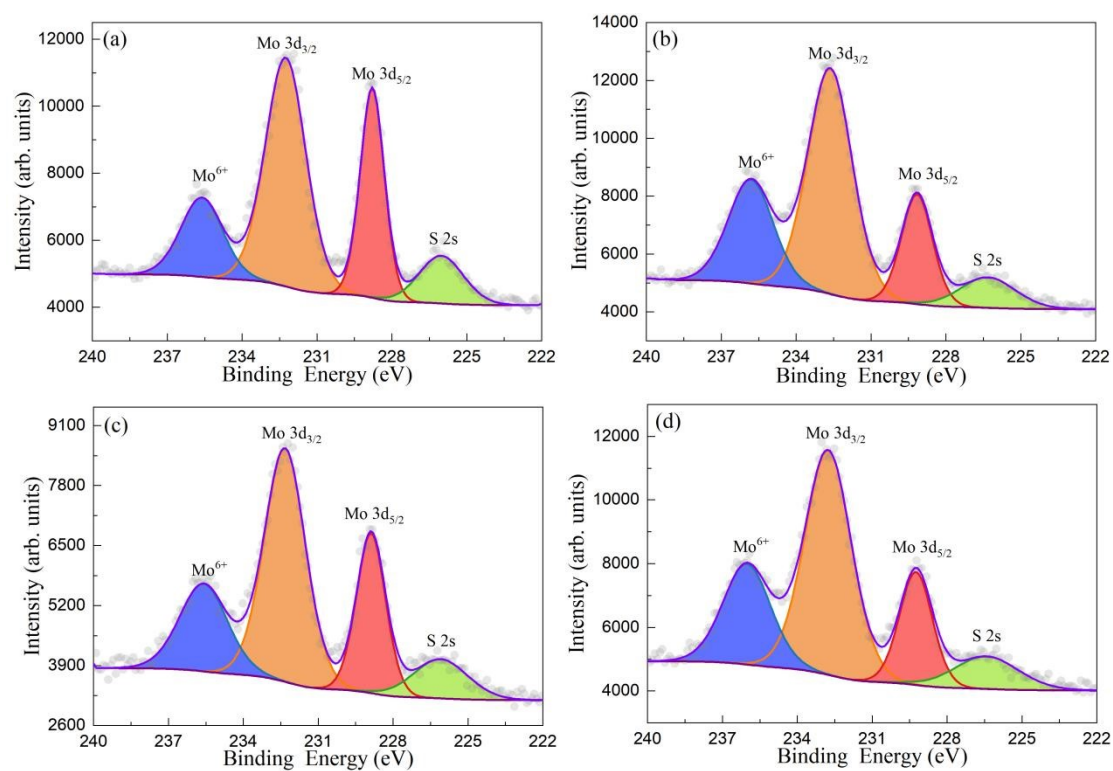


Figure S5 High-resolution Mo 3d and S 2s spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. (a) CAO/MS/5%BFO, (b) CAO/MS/10%BFO, (c) CAO/MS/15%BFO and (d) CAO/MS/20%BFO.

The high resolution Mo 3d and S 2s spectra, as shown in Figure S5, four predominant peaks at 235.59-236.02, 232.25-232.76, 228.79-229.25 and 226.02-226.42 eV are ascribed to the defects on the crystal plane of the MS nanospheres, the

doublet Mo 3d<sub>3/2</sub> and Mo 3d<sub>5/2</sub> of Mo<sup>4+</sup> ions in MS and S 2s in MS, respectively. [S3] Figure S6 displays the high-resolution S 2p spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts, where three characteristic peaks at 168.74-169.36, 162.63-163.03 and 161.55-161.99 eV can be assigned to the S<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>, S 2p<sub>1/2</sub> and S 2p<sub>3/2</sub> of S<sup>2-</sup> ions in MS, respectively, because of the spin orbit separation of sulfur element. [S4] The presence of S<sup>2-</sup> and S<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup> ions confirms that MS has been successfully hybridized with CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> materials.

Table S2 The binding energies of Mo 3d, S 2p, Ba 3d and Fe 2p of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts.

Sample	Mo 3d (eV)			S 2p (eV)			Ba 3d (eV)		Fe 2p (eV)		
	Mo <sup>6+</sup>	Mo 3d <sub>3/2</sub>	Mo 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	S 2s	S <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	S 2p <sub>1/2</sub>	S 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	Ba 3d <sub>3/2</sub>	Ba 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	Fe 2p <sub>1/2</sub>	Fe 2p <sub>3/2</sub>
<b>CAO/MS/ 5%BFO</b>	235.61	232.25	228.79	226.02	168.74	162.63	161.55	795.15	779.96	724.47	711.14
<b>CAO/MS/ 10%BFO</b>	235.82	232.63	229.16	226.32	169.07	163.03	161.90	795.17	779.81	725.56	711.84
<b>CAO/MS/ 15%BFO</b>	235.59	232.33	228.88	226.10	168.90	162.85	161.66	794.78	780.11	724.90	711.90
<b>CAO/MS/ 20%BFO</b>	236.02	232.76	229.25	226.42	169.36	163.01	161.99	794.96	780.02	725.06	711.78

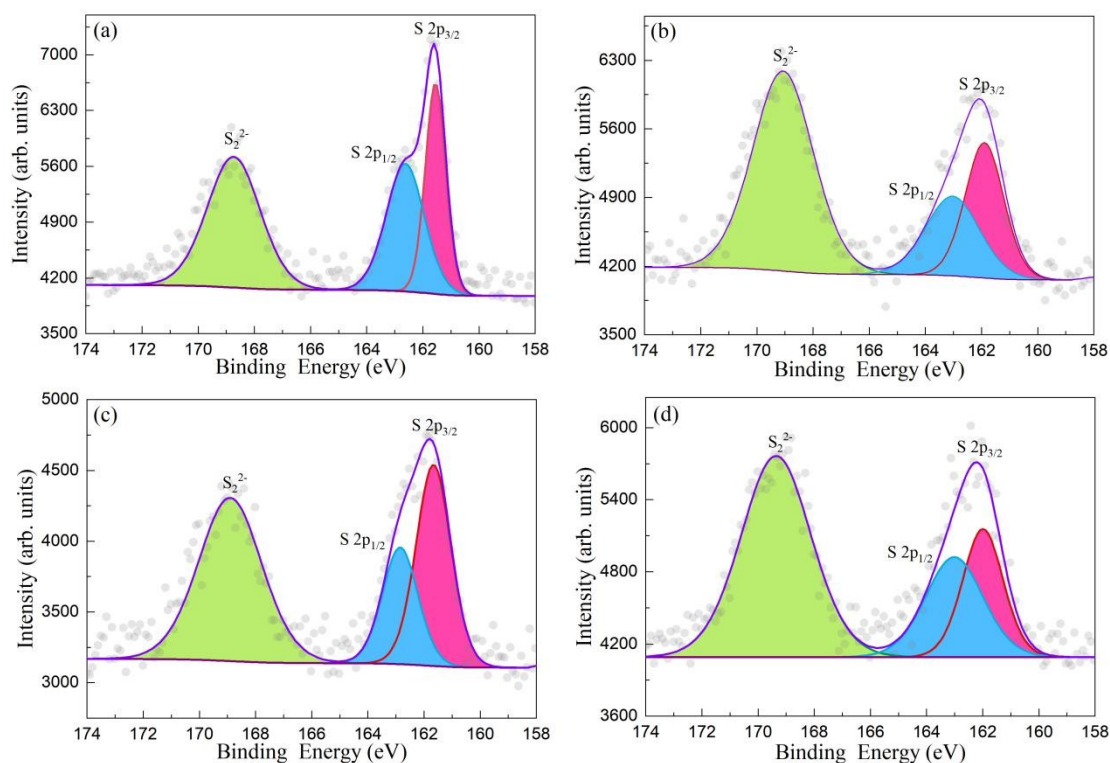


Figure S6 High-resolution S 2p spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. (a) CAO/MS/5%BFO, (b) CAO/MS/10%BFO, (c) CAO/MS/15%BFO and (d) CAO/MS/20%BFO.

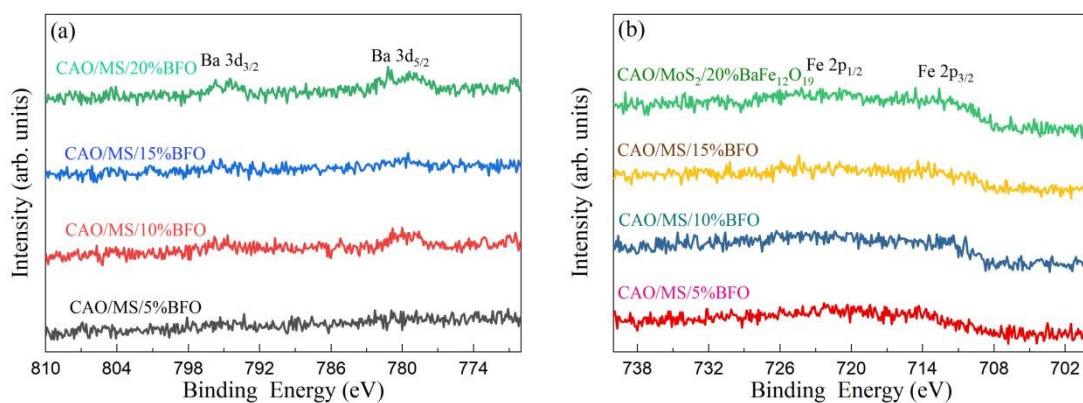
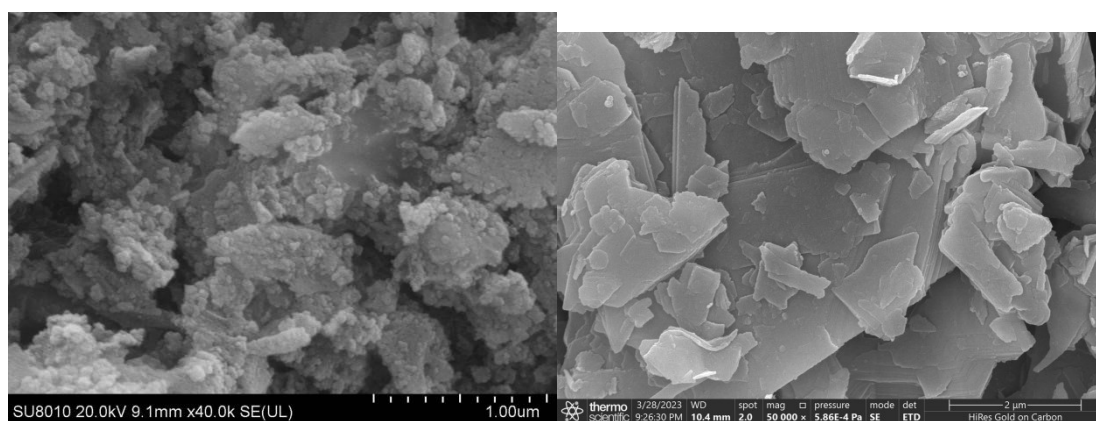


Figure S7 High-resolution (a) Ba 3d and (b) Fe 2p spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts.

Figure S7(a) shows the high-resolution Ba 3d spectra of CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts. For the Ba 3d spectra, the peaks of Ba 3d<sub>3/2</sub> and Ba 3d<sub>5/2</sub> locate at 794.78-795.17 and 779.81-780.11 eV, respectively, indicating that the Ba ion mainly

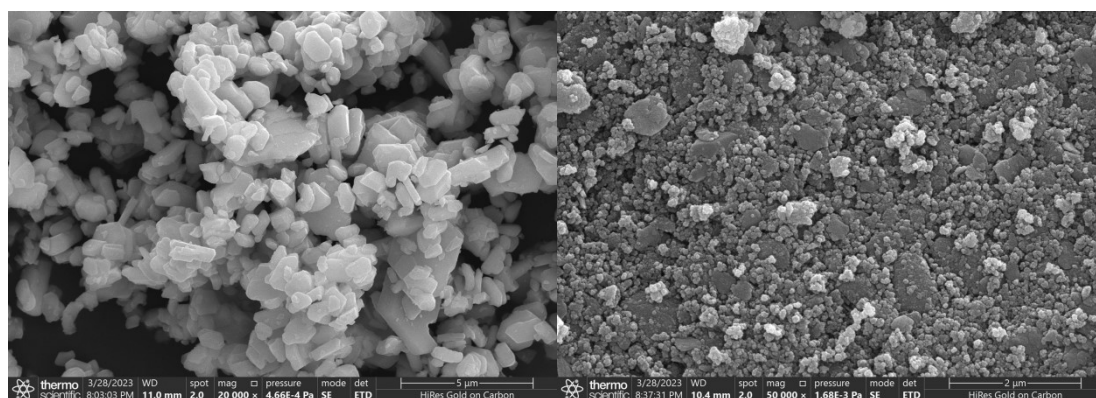
exists in the form of  $Ba^{2+}$  in BFO. [S5-S7] Figure S7(b) depicts the high-resolution Fe 2p XPS spectra of the CAO/MS/BFO magnetic photocatalysts, which can be deconvoluted into two peaks at 711.14-711.90 and 724.47-725.56 eV corresponding to Fe 2p<sub>2/3</sub> and Fe 2p<sub>1/2</sub> in BFO photocatalysts, respectively.

#### S4 Microstructural analysis



(a)

(b)



(c)

(d)

Figure S8 SEM images of (a) CAO, (b) MS, (c) BFO, and (d) CAO/10%MS.

#### S5 Optical properties



(a) (b) (c) (d)

Figure S9 Real color photos of (a) CAO/MS/5%BFO, (b) CAO/MS/10%BFO, (c)

CAO/MS/15%BFO and (d) CAO/MS/20%BFO photocatalysts.

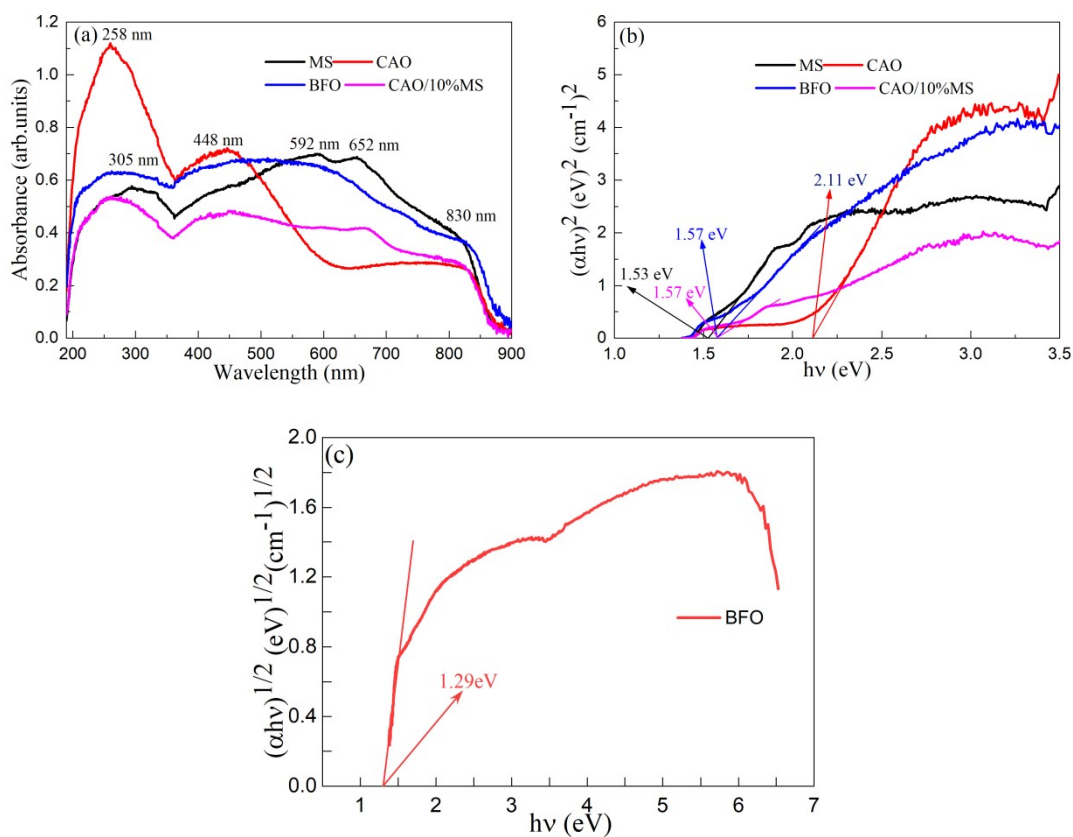


Figure S10 (a) UV - vis ABS spectra and (b) Tauc plots of CAO, MS, BFO, and CAO/10%MS photocatalysts for the direct band gap. (c) The  $(\alpha h\nu)^{1/2}$  versus  $h\nu$  curve of BFO photocatalyst for the indirect band gap.

For the MoS<sub>2</sub> photocatalysts, four obvious absorption peaks at 305, 442, 592 and 652 nm can be observed corresponding to the direct transition from the deep valence

band to the conduction band and rising from the K point of the Brillouin zone. As shown in Figure S10(a), there are three absorption peaks at 258, 448 and 700 nm in  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$ , implying that the  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$  oxides has different optical transition with the different tops of valence band and bottoms of conduction band and the transition of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  in the distorted octahedron.

Based on the DRS and the formula (S2), the color parameters ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$ ) of the CAO, MS, BFO, CAO/10%MS, CAO/MS/5%BFO, CAO/MS/10%BFO, CAO/MS/15%BFO and CAO/MS/20%BFO photocatalysts can be calculated and given in Table S3.

$$\begin{cases} L^* = 116 \times \left(\frac{Y_{10}}{Y_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 16, \frac{Y_{10}}{Y_n} > 0.008856 \\ a^* = 500 \times \left[\left(\frac{X_{10}}{X_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left(\frac{Y_{10}}{Y_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right], \frac{X_{10}}{X_n} > 0.008856 \\ b^* = 200 \times \left[\left(\frac{Y_{10}}{Y_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left(\frac{Z_{10}}{Z_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right], \frac{Z_{10}}{Z_n} > 0.008856 \end{cases} \quad (\text{S2})$$

Where,  $(X_n, Y_n, Z_n) = (94.81, 100, 107.32)$ . Based on formula (7),  $(X_{10}, Y_{10}, Z_{10})$  can be estimated.

$$\begin{cases} X_{10} = \frac{100 \times \sum R(\lambda) \times S(\lambda) \times x_{10}(\lambda) \times \Delta\lambda}{\sum S(\lambda) \times y_{10}(\lambda) \times \Delta\lambda} \\ Y_{10} = \frac{100 \times \sum R(\lambda) \times S(\lambda) \times y_{10}(\lambda) \times \Delta\lambda}{\sum S(\lambda) \times y_{10}(\lambda) \times \Delta\lambda} \\ Z_{10} = \frac{100 \times \sum R(\lambda) \times S(\lambda) \times z_{10}(\lambda) \times \Delta\lambda}{\sum S(\lambda) \times y_{10}(\lambda) \times \Delta\lambda} \end{cases} \quad (\text{S3})$$

Where,  $\lambda$ ,  $(x_{10}(\lambda), y_{10}(\lambda), z_{10}(\lambda))$ ,  $S(\lambda)$ ,  $R(\lambda)$  and  $\Delta\lambda$  is the wavelength, the color matching function, the relative spectral power distribution, the reflectance, and 1 nm, respectively.

Table S3 Color related parameters and Eg values of CAO, MS, BFO, CAO/10%MS, CAO/MS/5%BFO, CAO/MS/10%BFO, CAO/MS/15%BFO and CAO/MS/20%BFO photocatalysts.

Sample	Color coordinates						Eg value (eV)
	L*	a*	b*	c*	H°	$\Delta E_{CIE}^*$	
CAO	67.877	12.102	26.837	29.439	65.727	73.986	2.11
MS	53.743	1.045	-8.202	8.268	-82.739	54.375	1.53
BFO	53.916	2.941	0.585	2.999	11.255	53.999	1.57/1.29
CAO/10%							
MS	67.214	0.925	4.096	4.199	77.274	67.345	1.57
CAO/MS/							
5%BFO	87.742	0.252	0.568	0.621	66.075	87.744	2.50
CAO/MS/							
10%BFO	72.776	0.410	1.446	1.503	74.171	72.792	2.87
CAO/MS/							
15%BFO	87.852	0.836	1.491	1.709	60.714	87.869	2.56
CAO/MS/							
20%BFO	79.041	0.900	1.133	1.447	51.541	79.054	2.67

L\*- black (0) / white (100), a\*-green (-) / red (+), b\*-blue (-) / yellow (+).

### S6 Photocatalytic activity

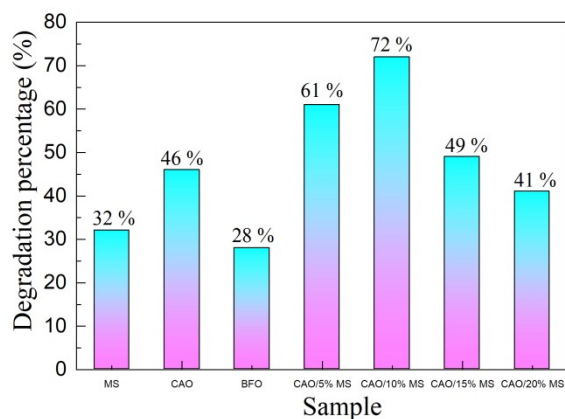


Figure S11 Degradation percentage of MS, CAO, BFO, and CAO/MS photocatalysts

( $C_{\text{Catalyst}}=1 \text{ g/L}$ ,  $C_{\text{TC}}=100 \text{ mg/L}$  and  $\text{pH}=11$ ).

Figure S11 shows the degradation percentage of MS, CAO, BFO, and CAO/MS photocatalysts. The degradation percentage of MS, CAO, BFO, and CAO/5%MS, CAO/10%MS, CAO/15%MS and CAO/20%MS photocatalysts are 32%, 46%, 28%, 61%, 72%, 49% and 41%, respectively.

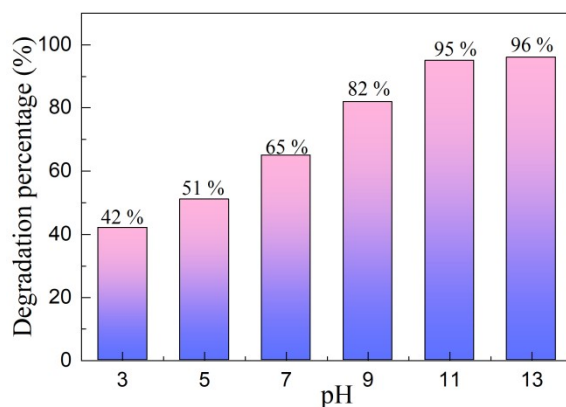


Figure S12 Effect of pHs.  $C_{\text{TC}}=100 \text{ mg/L}$ ,  $C_{\text{Photocatalyst}}=1 \text{ g/L}$ .

### S7 LC-MS spectrum



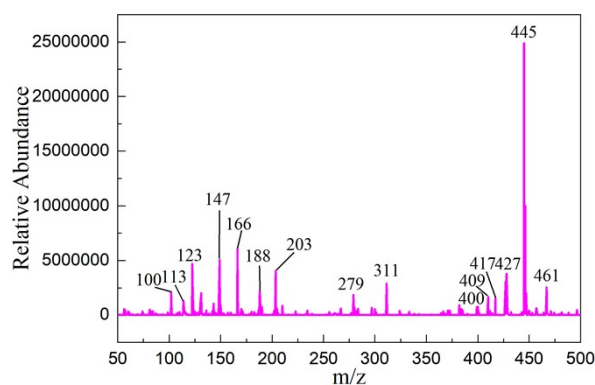


Figure S13 The HPLC-MS spectra of TC degradation process.

## S8 First principle calculations

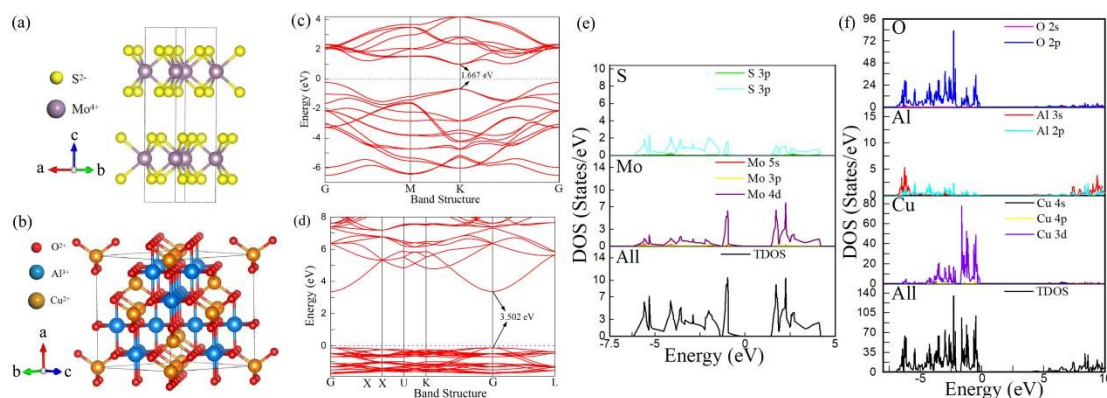


Figure S14 (a, b) Crystal structures, (c, d) Electronic structures and (e, f) Density of states of  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{MoS}_2$ .

The electron structure and electron state density of  $\text{MoS}_2$  and  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$  are calculated theoretically by first principles. Using Vienna ab initio simulation package (VASP) as a calculation tool, the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerth (PBE) exchange correlation functional of generalized gradient approximation (GGA) is used to study the electronic structure and electron state density of  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{MoS}_2$ . Figure S14(a) shows the crystal structure of  $\text{MoS}_2$ .  $\text{MoS}_2$  is a hexagonal structure with space group  $P6_3/mmc$ , and its lattice constants of  $a=b= 3.19 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c= 13.38 \text{ \AA}$ , and the crystal plane angle of  $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$  and  $\gamma=120^\circ$ . Figure S14(b) shows the crystal structure of  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$ . The selected  $\text{CuAl}_2\text{O}_4$  cell is a cubic structure with lattice constant of  $a=b=c= 8.06 \text{ \AA}$  and the crystal plane angle  $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$ . It contains 56 atoms and space

group is Fd3m. To achieve the purpose of structural optimization, the convergence standard of energy and force is set to  $10^{-4}$  and  $-0.02$  eV, respectively. The plane wave cutoff energy is set to 600 eV. The Monkhorst-Pack k-point meshes of MoS<sub>2</sub> and CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> are set to  $4 \times 4 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3 \times 3$ , respectively. Then, the subsequent calculation is carried out on the basis of the convergence structure. Figure S14(c) and Figure S14(d) are the electronic structures of MoS<sub>2</sub> and CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, respectively. The conduction band bottom and valence band top of MoS<sub>2</sub> and CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> are located in the same wave vector space, indicating that both semiconductor materials are direct bandgap semiconductors. The optical band gap values of MoS<sub>2</sub> and CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> are 1.667 and 3.502 eV, respectively. The optical band gap value of MoS<sub>2</sub> is basically consistent with the experimental value reported in the literature, but the optical band gap value of CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is very different from the experimental value, mainly for two reasons: First, there is a small amount of adsorbed oxygen on the surface of CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in this experiment, which will reduce the optical band gap value of CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Second, different preparation methods have great influence on the optical band gap value of CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Figure S14(e) and Figure S14(f) are electron state density of MoS<sub>2</sub> and CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, respectively. The main electron orbitals in MoS<sub>2</sub> and CuAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> are S 3p and Mo 4d orbitals and O 2p and Cu 3d orbitals, respectively.

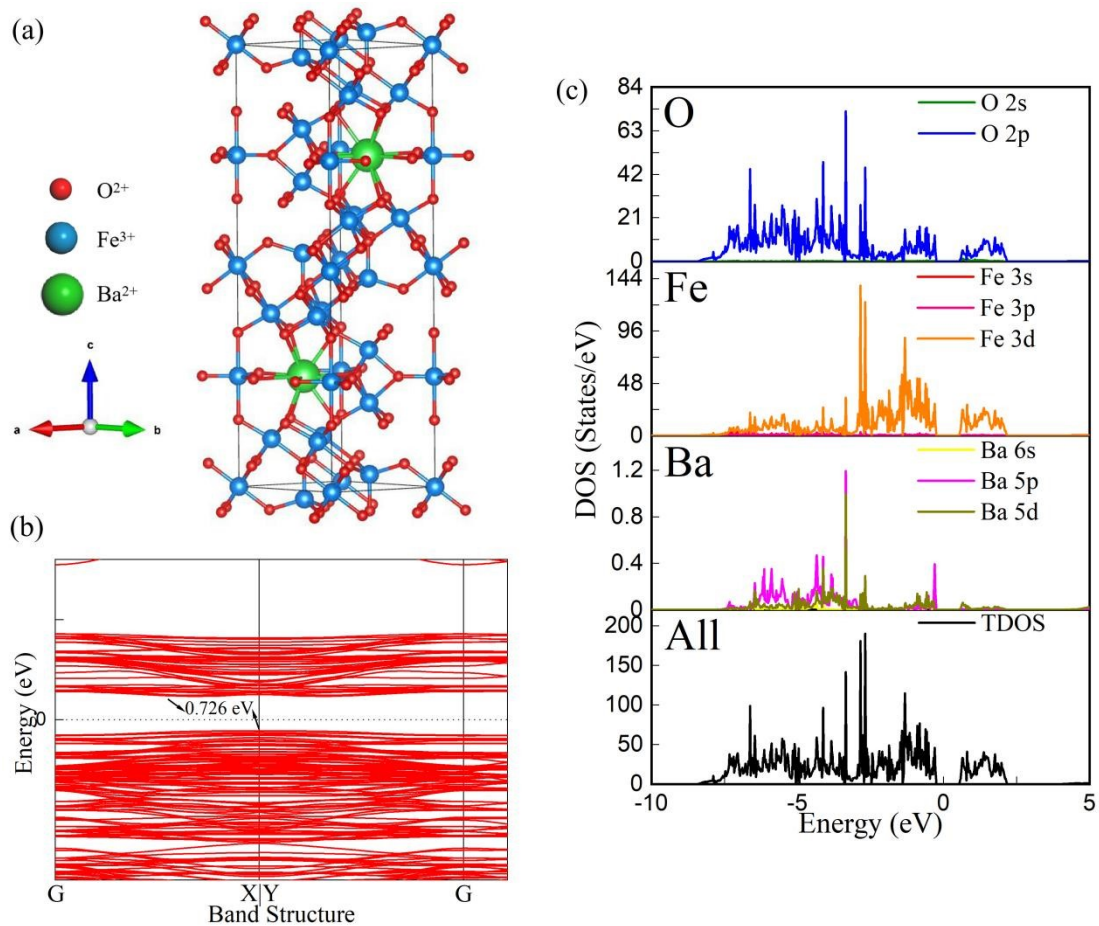


Figure S15 (a) Crystal structure, (b) electronic structure and (c) density of state of BFO.

The unit cell of BFO used for calculation has a hexagonal structure, the space group is F63/mmc, the lattice parameters are  $a=b=6.02 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c=23.50 \text{ \AA}$  and the angle between crystal axes are  $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=120^\circ$ , as shown in Figure S15(a). Figure S15(b) shows the electronic structure diagram of BFO hexagonal ferrite, which has a  $E_g$  value of 0.726 eV, which is smaller than the  $E_g$  value tested in the experiment, because the PBE functional will underestimate the calculated  $E_g$  value, so there is a certain deviation from the experimental value. Figure S15(c) displays the DOS diagram of hexaferrite BFO. As can be seen from Figure S15(c), both the conduction and valence bands of BFO are occupied by O 2p and Fe 3d orbitals.

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