

Supplementary Information

Efficient Photocatalytic CO₂ Reduction Coupled with Selective Styrene Oxidation over Modified g-C₃N₄/BiOBr Composite with High Atom Economy

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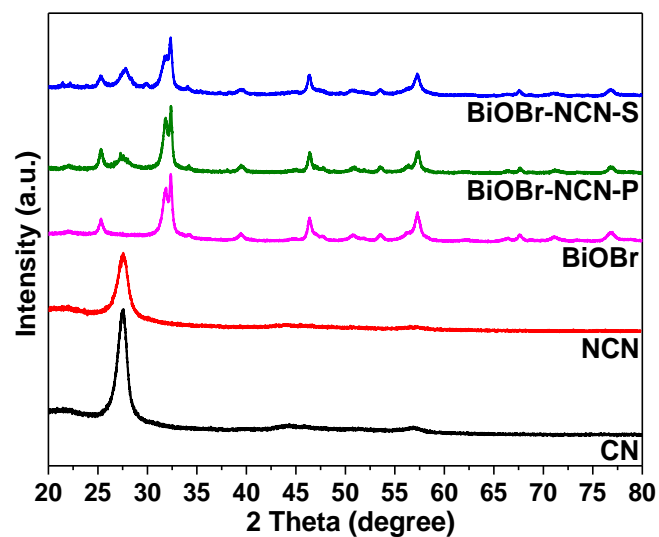


Fig. S1 XRD patterns of the samples.

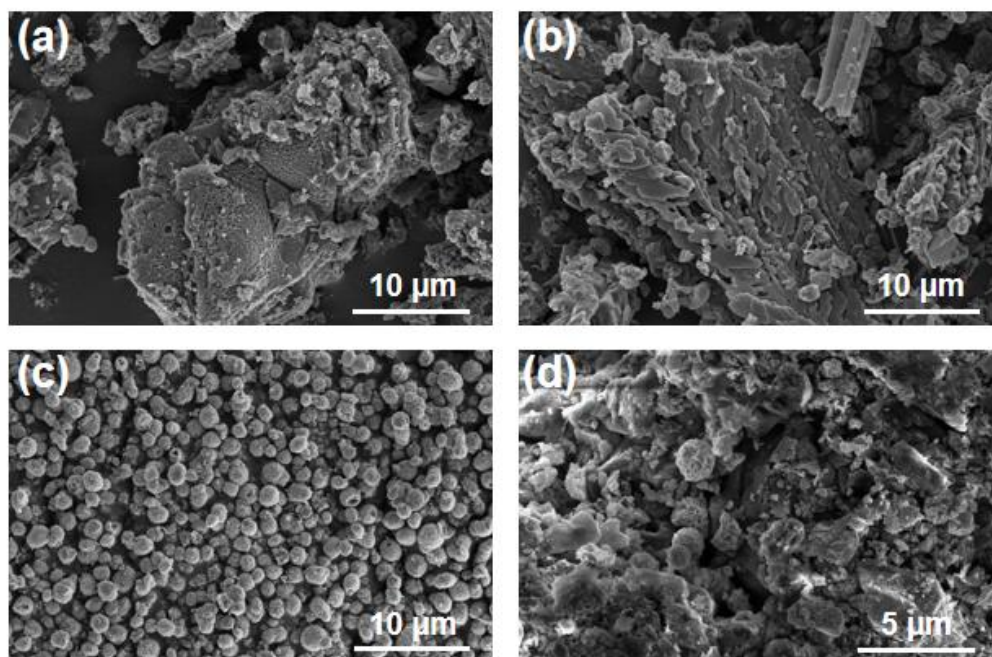


Fig. S2 SEM images of (a) CN, (b) NCN, (c) BiOBr and (d) BiOBr-NCN-S.

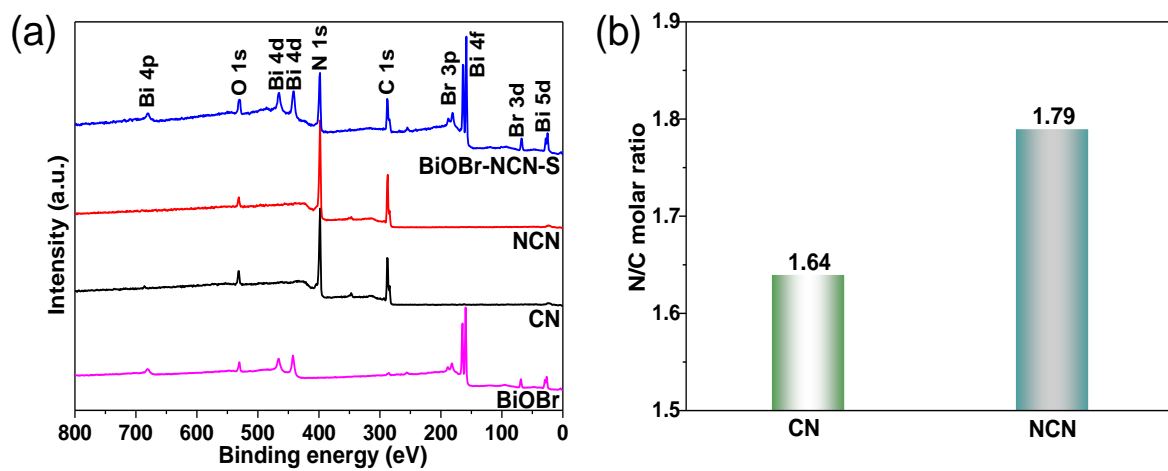


Fig. S3 (a) XPS survey spectra of the samples. (b) N/C molar ratio on the surface of CN and NCN based on the XPS results.

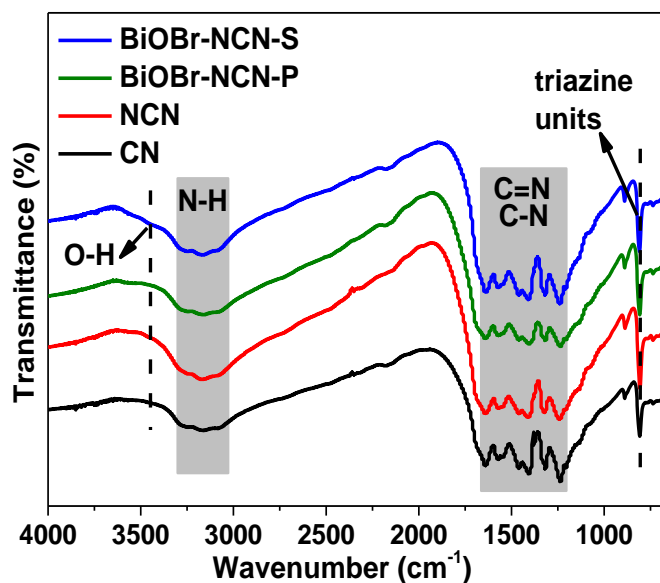


Fig. S4 FTIR spectra of the samples.

The strong sharp peak at 810 cm^{-1} corresponds to the vibration of triazine units of CN. The pronounced absorption in $1230\text{-}1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is attributed to the stretching vibration of CN heterocycles including sp^2 C=N stretching vibrations and out-of-plane bending modes of sp^3 C-N bonds. The broad band in $3050\text{-}3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is related to residual N-H components. Compared with CN, a stronger band at $3050\text{-}3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ of NCN indicates more uncondensed amino groups, demonstrating that the carbocyclic structure of CN is partially destroyed after the modification with NH_4Cl . Moreover, a new weak absorption peak at about 3450 cm^{-1} is found in the result of BiOBr-NCN-S, which is ascribed to the O-H bond of hydroxyl groups adsorbed on the oxygen vacancies, indicating that more oxygen vacancies are formed on the surface of BiOBr-NCN-S.

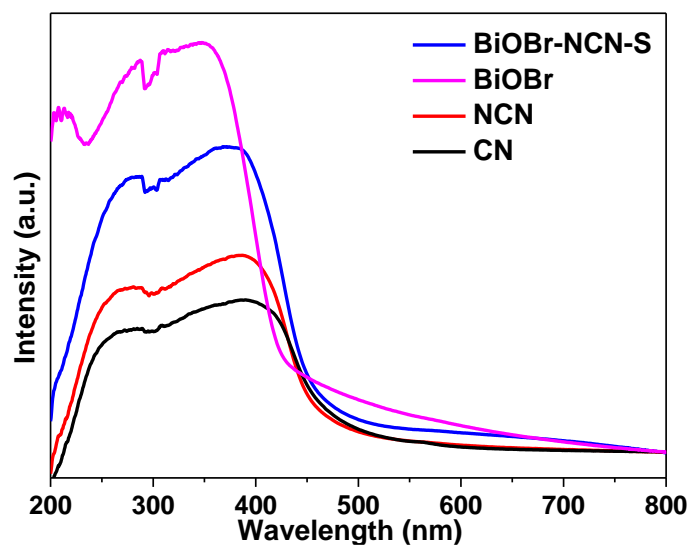


Fig. S5 UV-vis absorption spectra of the samples.

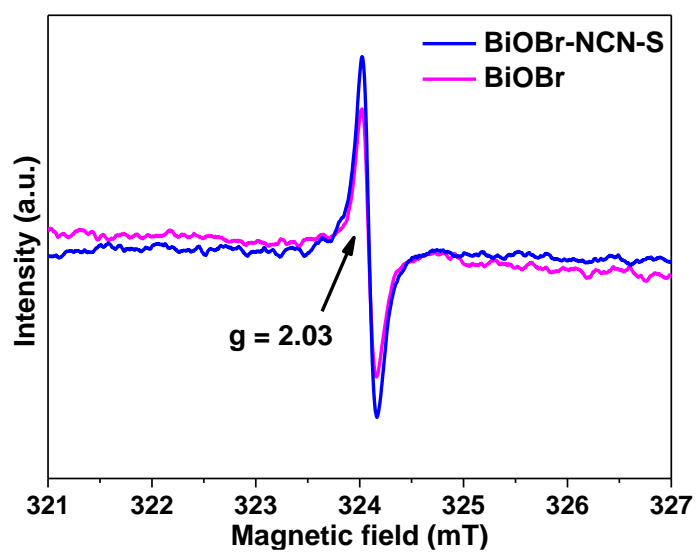


Fig. S6 EPR spectra for the detection of oxygen defects in BiOBr and BiOBr-NCN-S.

The characteristic peaks at $g = 2.03$ are assigned to the oxygen defects.

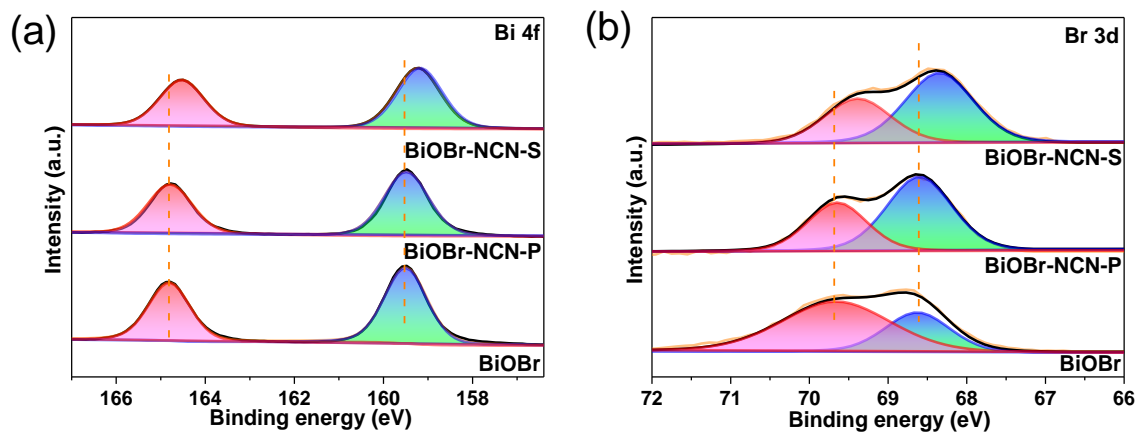


Fig. S7 High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Bi 4f and (b) Br 3d of various photocatalysts.

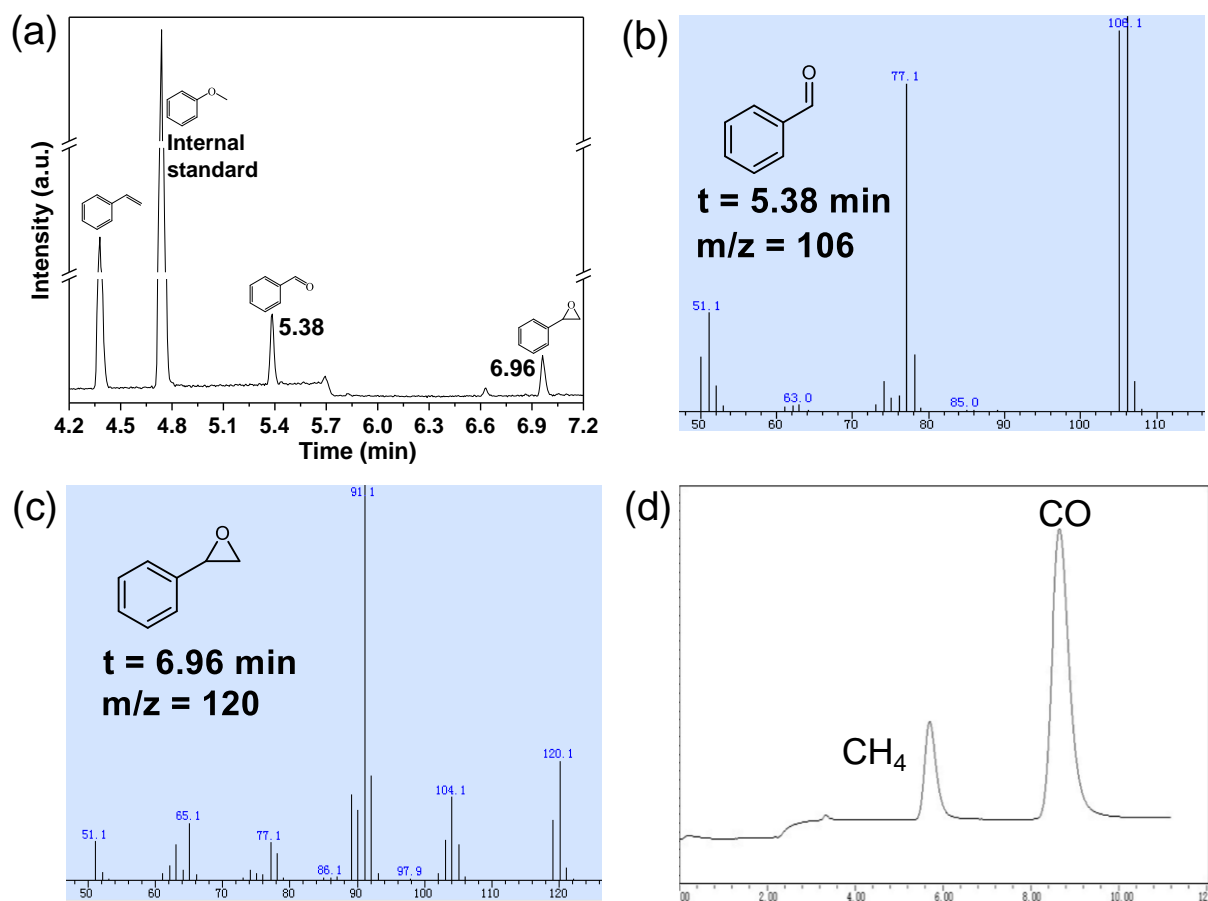


Fig. S8 (a) GC analysis results of styrene oxidation products. Only benzaldehyde (BD) and styrene oxide (SO) products are generated in the liquid phase. (b, c) GC-MS analysis results of BD and SO products. (d) GC analysis results of CO_2 reduction products.

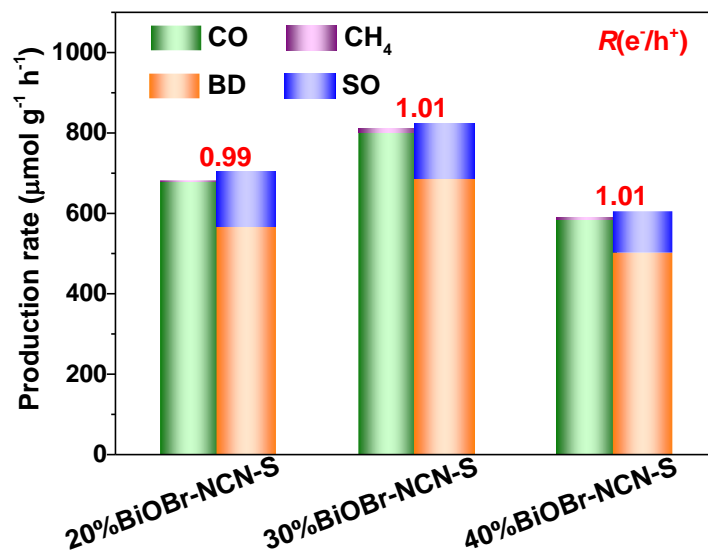


Fig. S9 Photocatalytic redox performance of the catalysts with various BiOBr contents.

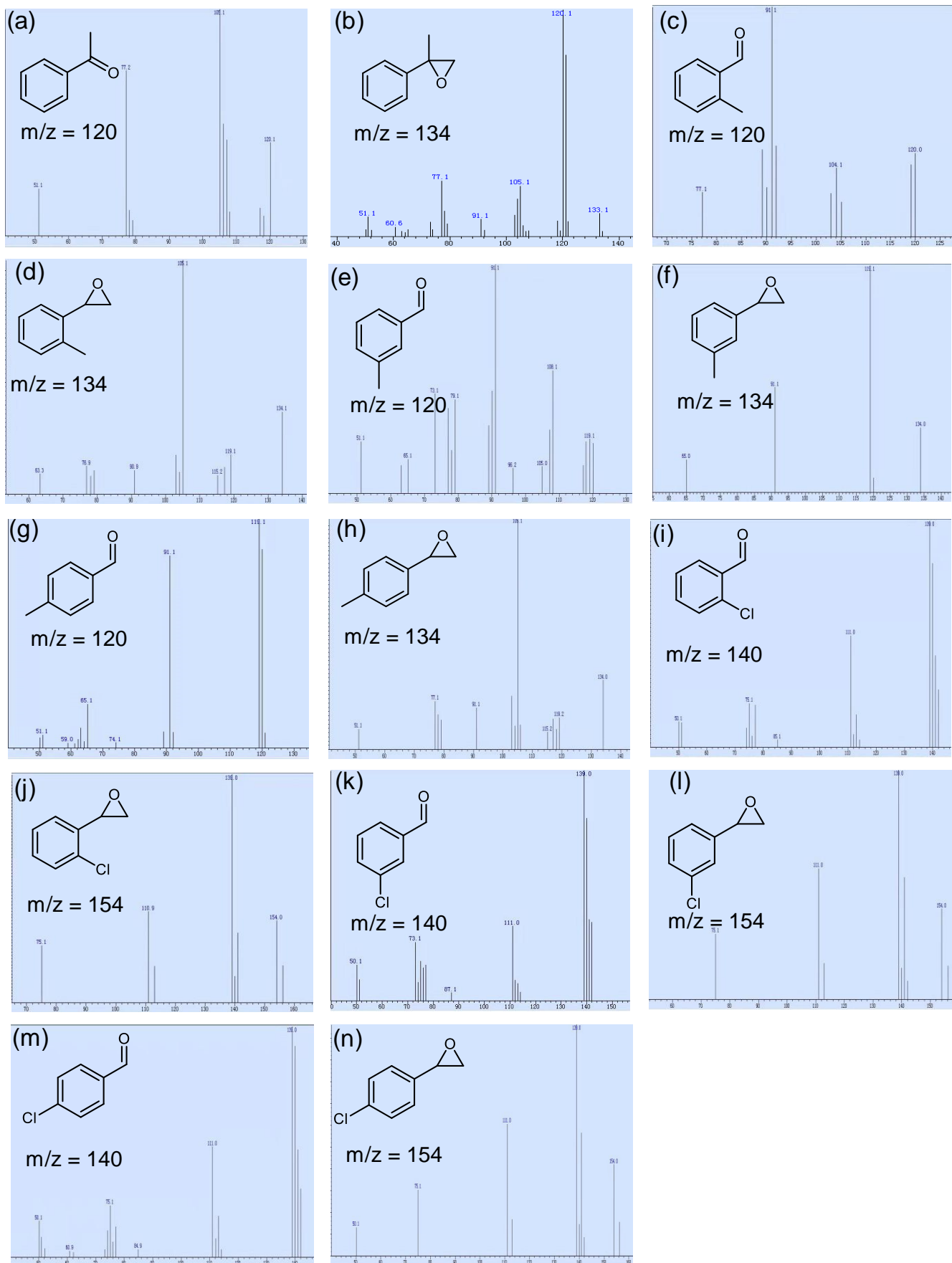


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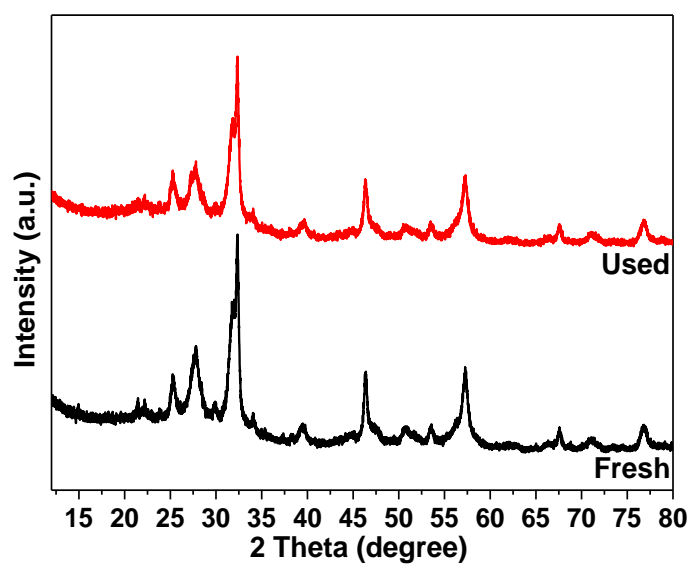


Fig. S11 XRD patterns of the BiOBr-NCN-S sample before and after reaction.

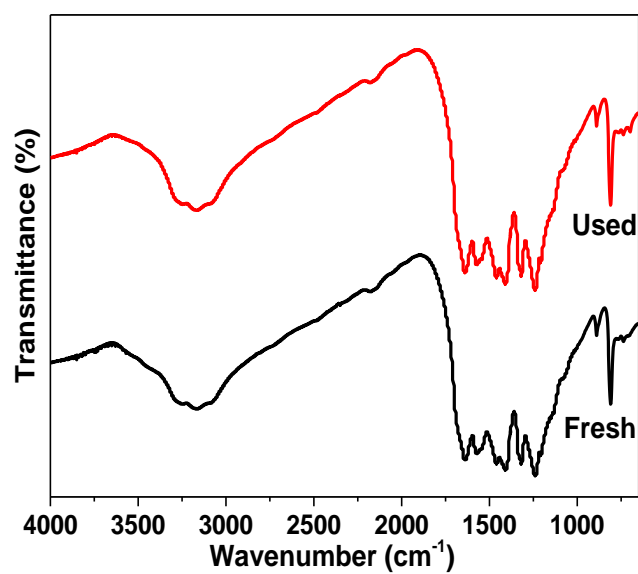


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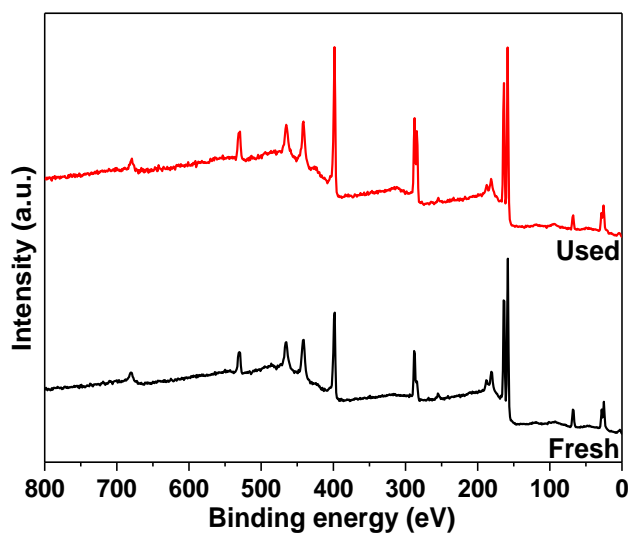


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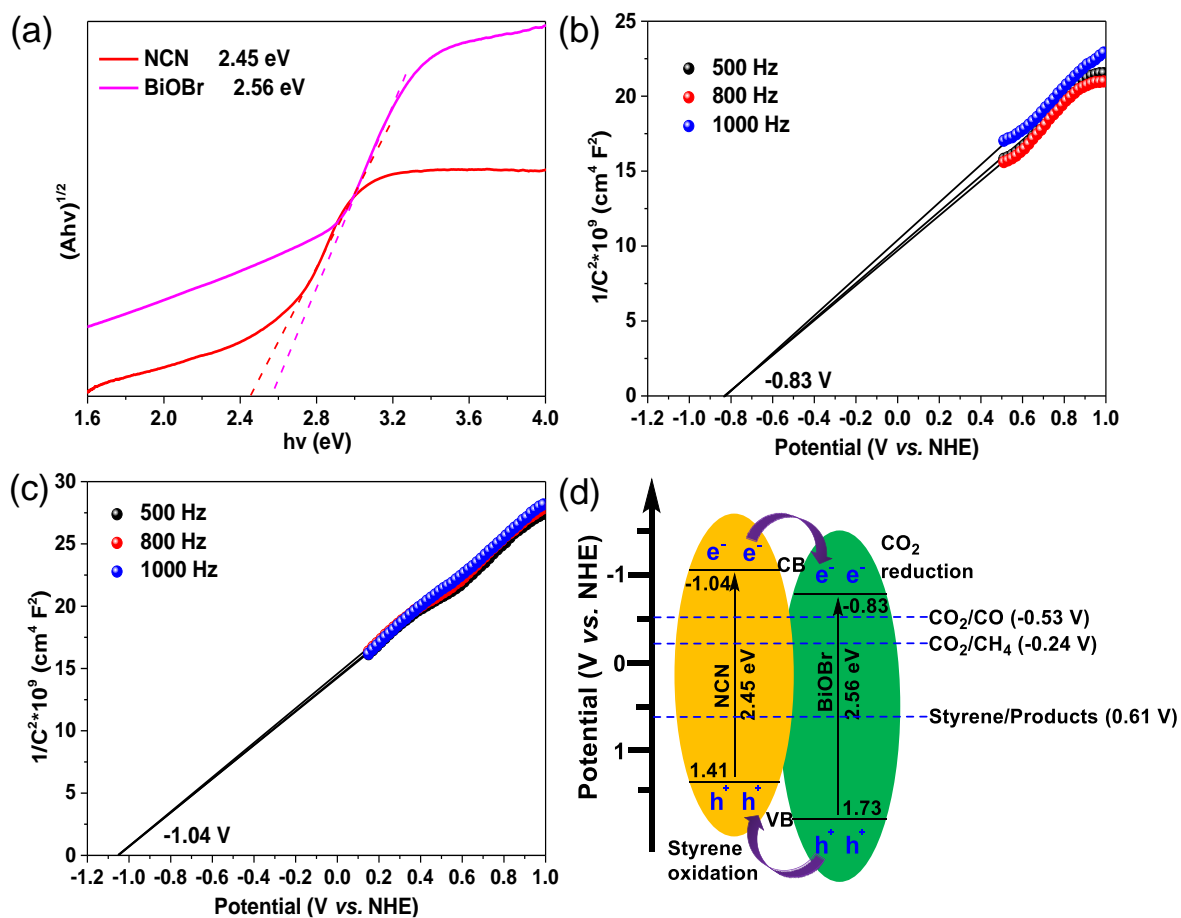


Fig. S14 (a) The plots of $(Ah\nu)^{1/2}$ versus photon energy for NCN and BiOBr. Mott-schottky plots of (b) BiOBr and (c) NCN under different frequencies. (d) Schematic band structure evolution of BiOBr-NCN-S composite.

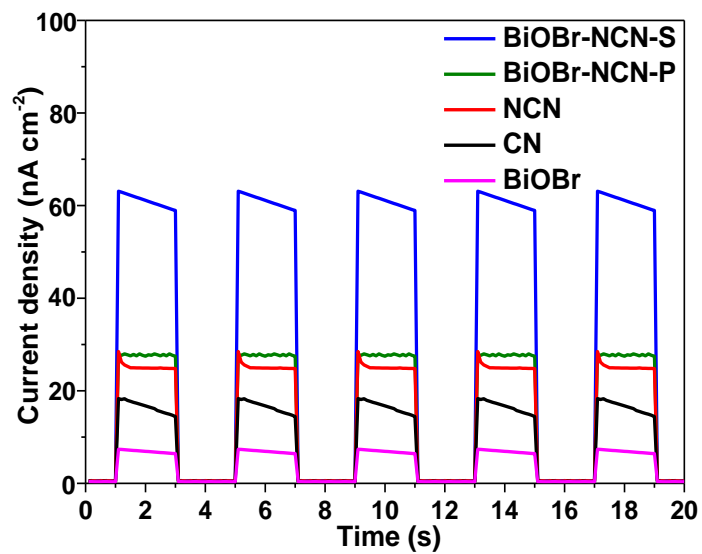


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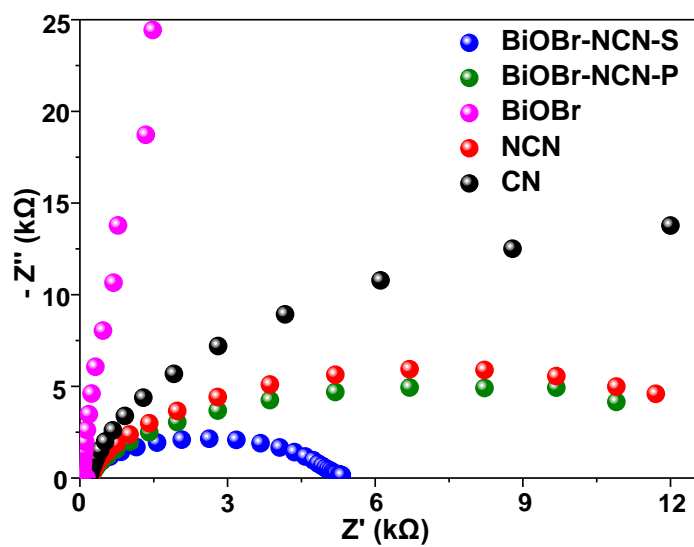


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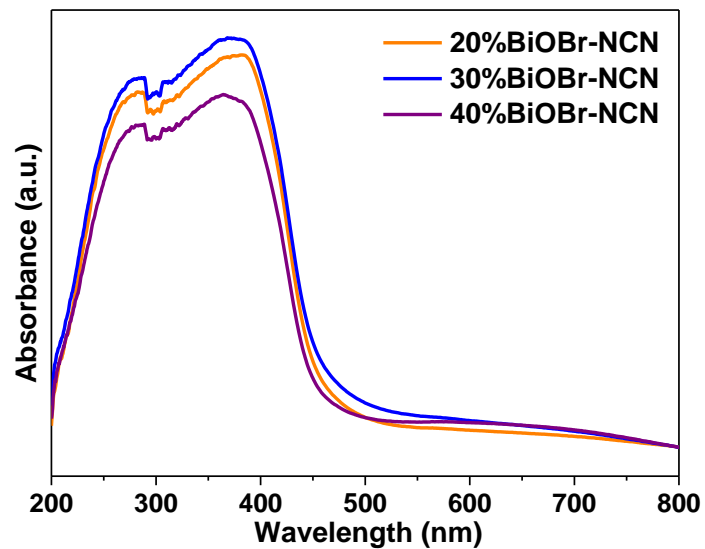


Fig. S17 UV-vis absorption of the catalysts with various BiOBr contents.

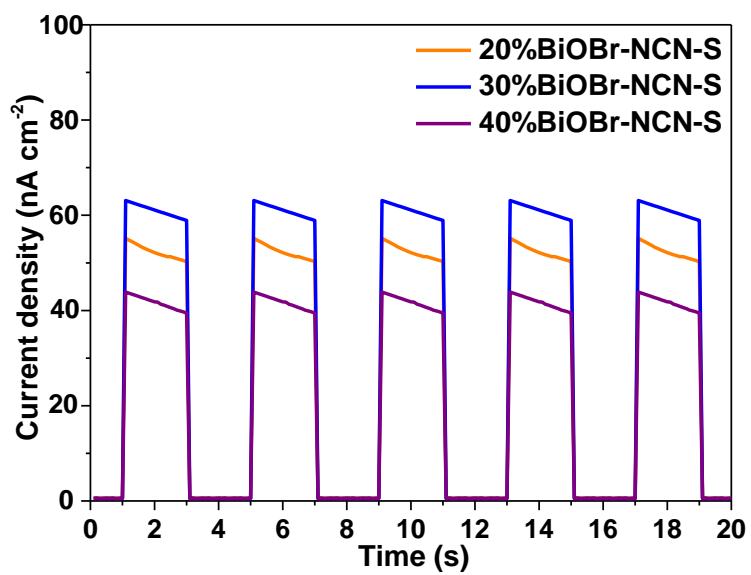


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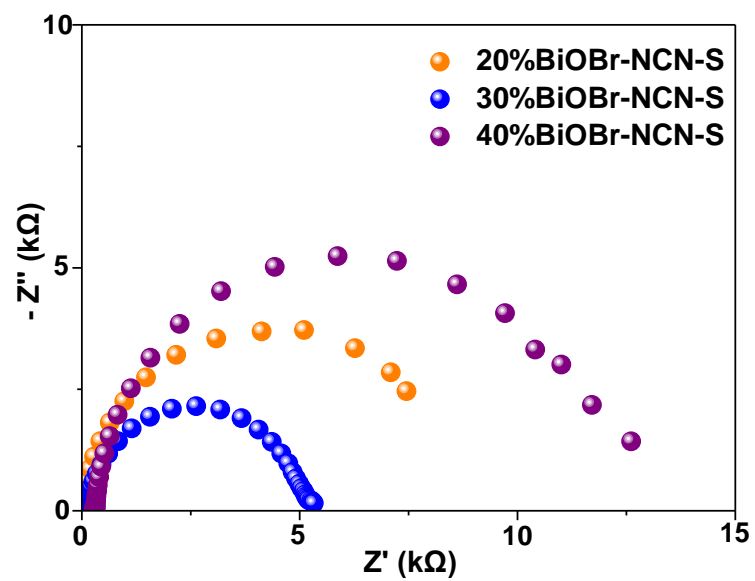


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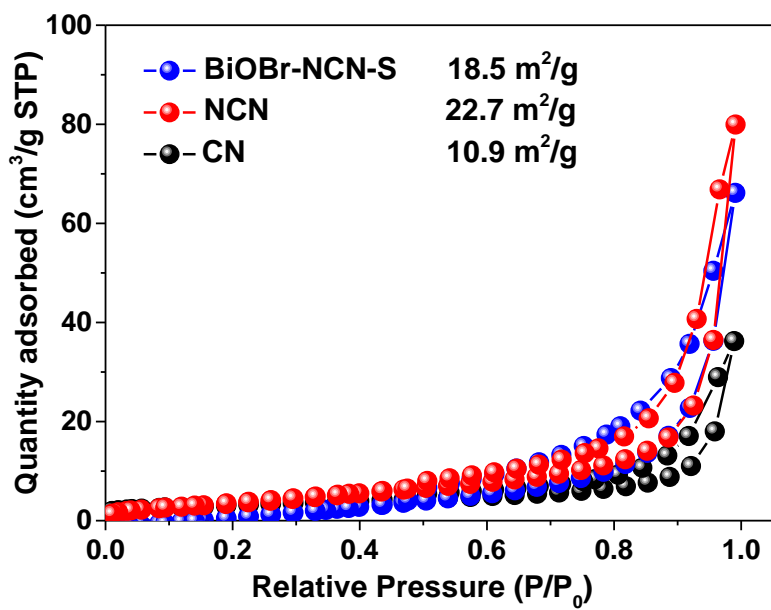


Fig. S20 N₂ adsorption isotherms of CN, NCN and BiOBr-NCN-S.

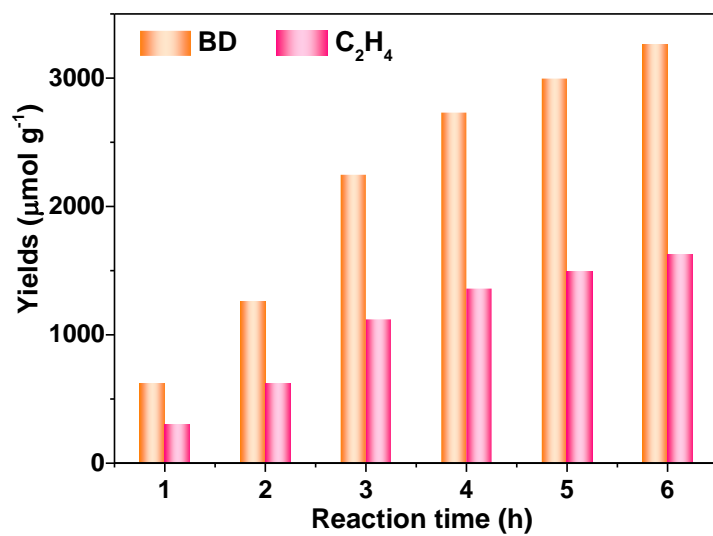


Fig. S21 Time-yield plots of the BD and C₂H₄ over BiOBr-NCN-S.

Table S1. The results of elemental analysis.

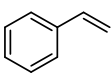
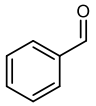
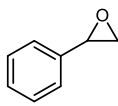



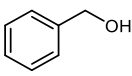
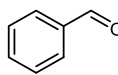
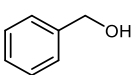
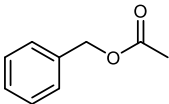
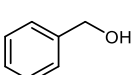
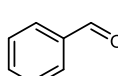
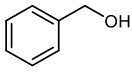
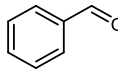
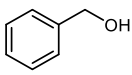

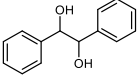
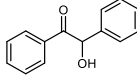
Sample	Atomic content (%)			Atomic ratio of N/C
	N	C	H	
CN	49.5	32.5	18.0	1.52
NCN	48.8	32.3	18.9	1.51

Table S2. Representative summary of photocatalytic CO₂ reduction to CO.

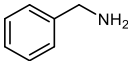
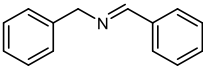
Catalyst	photosensitizer	Sacrificial agent	Reducing reagent	CO yield ($\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$)	CO selectivity	AQE	Ref.
BiOBr-NCN-S	None	None	SE	802	96.2%	1.26%	This work
BiOBr-NCN-S	None	None	H ₂ O	59	90.2%	0.21%	This work
Cu-SAEB ^a	None	None	H ₂ O	236	>99.0%	1.49%	1
Cu ₂ S@R _{OH} -NiCo ₂ O ₃ DSNBs ^b	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂	TEOA	H ₂ O	7067	72.0%	1.01%	2
MAF-34-CoRu ^c	None	None	H ₂ O	11	100.0%	0.015%	3
Cu/CN-0.25	None	None	H ₂ O	11	59.3%	1.32%	4
3DOM CdSQD/NC ^d	bipyridine/CoCl ₂	None	BA ^f	5210	89.6%	2.9%	5
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Pt/C/CdS@ZnIn ₂ S ₄ /CoO _x	None	None	H ₂ O	329	88.6%	0.34%	6
In@Mo ₂ C-d ^e	None	TEA	H ₂ O	234	97.3%	7.2%	7
Co-Bi ₃ O ₄ Br-1	None	None	H ₂ O	107.1	99.4%	0.91%	8

^a Cu-SAEB: N-Cu₁-S single-atom electron bridge. ^b Cu₂S@R_{OH}-NiCo₂O₃ DSNBs: double-shelled nanoboxes, with an outer shell of hydroxy-rich nickel cobaltite nanosheets and an inner shell of Cu₂S. ^c MAF-34-CoRu: [Co₃Ru₄(ip)₁₂]Cl₂. ^d 3DOM CdSQD/NC: 3D ordered macroporous N-doped carbon (NC) supported CdS quantum dots. ^e d: annealed in H₂/Ar (5%) at 600 °C for 3 h. ^f Benzylamine. CO selectivity (%) = 2n(CO)/[2n(CO) + 8n(CH₄) + 2n(H₂)].

Table S3. Representative summary of photocatalytic CO₂ reduction coupled with organic selective oxidation.

Catalyst	Solvent	Substrate	Oxidation product(s) (Yield(s) / $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$)	Reduction product(s) (Yield(s) / $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$)	Ref.
BiOBr-NCN-S	Acetonitrile		  (684) (139)	CO CH ₄ (802) (8)	This work
g-CN/POM/[Re] ^a	Acetonitrile		  (12) (11)	CO (21)	9
Ag-TiO ₂	Acetonitrile		 (33)	CH ₃ OH (9)	10
Cu ₂ O/Cu	Acetonitrile		 (117)	CO HCOOH (0.7) (3)	11
Cu ₂ O-RGO/BiVO ₄ ^b	Acetonitrile		 (9)	HCOOH (3)	12
FAPbBr ₃ /Bi ₂ WO ₆ ^c	Trifluorotoluene		 (250)	CO (170)	13
CTAB-ZnIn ₂ S ₄ ^d	Acetonitrile		 (211)   (469)	CO (38)	14

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Catalyst	Solvent	Substrate	Oxidation product(s) (Yield(s) / $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$)	Reduction product(s) (Yield(s) / $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$)	Ref.
Cu/TiO ₂	Acetonitrile		 (1120)	CH ₃ OH (84)	15
Pd/TiO ₂	gas phase	C ₂ H ₆	C ₂ H ₄ (230)	CO (120)	16

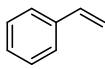
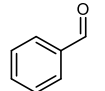
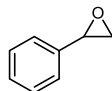
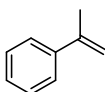
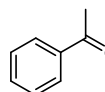
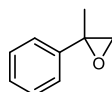
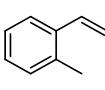
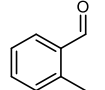
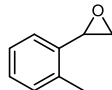
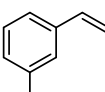
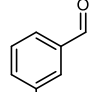
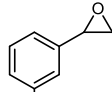
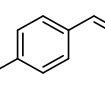
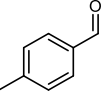
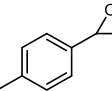
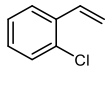
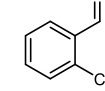
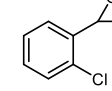
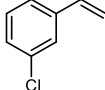
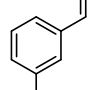
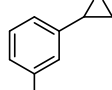
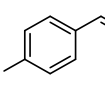
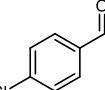
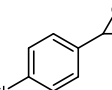
^a g-CN/POM/[Re]: g-C₃N₄/H₃PW₁₂O₄₀/Re₂(bipyNNH₂bipy)(CO)₆Cl₂. ^b RGO: Reduced graphene oxide. ^c FAPbBr₃: Formamidinium lead bromide. ^d CTAB: Cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide.

Table S4. Representative summary of photocatalytic styrene oxidation.

Oxidant	Solvent	Catalyst	Yield ($\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$)				Ref.
			BD	SO	CO	CH ₄	
CO ₂	Acetonitrile	BiOBr-NCN-S	684	139	802	8	This work
O ₂	Acetonitrile	UiO-66-NH ₂ @MIL-101(Fe)	225	-	-	-	17
H ₂ O ₂	Acetonitrile	PAN/Ag NPs/g-C ₃ N ₄ NFs ^a	980	1838	-	-	18
O ₂	n-Hexane	CsPbBr ₃ /Cs ₄ PbBr ₆	1098	-	-	-	19
O ₂	Tetrahydrofuran	Au/TiO ₂ + RuCl ₃ ·xH ₂ O	-	813	-	-	20
O ₂	Acetonitrile + H ₂ O	BBT ^b	430	-	-	-	21
Air	N,N-dimethylformamide	BiC ₃ N ₃ S ₃	274	1251	-	-	22

^a PAN/Ag NPs/g-C₃N₄ NFs: Polyacrylonitrile/Ag nanoparticles/g-C₃N₄ nanofibers. ^b BBT: triethynylbenzene benzothiodiazole.

Table S5. The photocatalytic selective oxidation of different aromatic olefins coupled with CO₂ reduction over BiOBr-NCN-S catalyst ^a.

Substrate A	Products B C		Yields (μmol g ⁻¹)			
	B	C	B	C	CO	CH₄
			6636	1356	7658	81
			7080	1618	8374	83
			4020	1120	4982	38
			5454	1266	6484	61
			8088	1932	9564	112
			4308	858	4956	69
			5094	1048	5882	63
			6090	1232	6984	84

^a Reaction condition: 0.1 mmol substrate, 5 mg BiOBr-NCN-S catalyst, in 5 mL acetonitrile, CO₂ atmosphere (0.1 MPa), 6 h, 25 °C, under Xe lamp irradiation.

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