

Supporting Information

Synergistic hydrazine-driven regulation and Mo/S co-doping to endow BiOBr with heterovalent molybdenum states and abundant oxygen vacancy defects for photocatalytic hydrogen evolution

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Experimental Section

1. Apparent quantum efficiency computation

According to the literature reports [1-2] for measuring the apparent quantum efficiency (AQE).

The experiment was measured under the photocatalytic reaction conditions of monochromatic light of 420 nm (λ), average radiation intensity (I) of 3.23 mW/cm^{-2} , and irradiation area (A) of 31.9 cm^2 .

The total H₂ evolution with 50 mg of Mo/S-BiOBr-3 catalyst was 543.8 μmol, which can be used to determine the reacted photons (N_{reac}). The number of photons (N_{in}) illuminated to the reactor is computed according to the following equations:

$$N_{in} = \frac{E \times \lambda}{h \times c} = \frac{A \times I \times t \times \lambda}{h \times c} = \frac{31.9 \times 3.23 \times 10^{-3} \times 3600 \times 6 \times 420 \times 10^{-9}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8} = 4.72 \times 10^{21}$$

$$\text{AQE} = \frac{N_{reac}}{N_{in}} \times 100\% = \frac{2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \times 543.8 \times 10^{-6}}{4.72 \times 10^{21}} \times 100 \% = 13.9 \%$$

Additional figures and tables

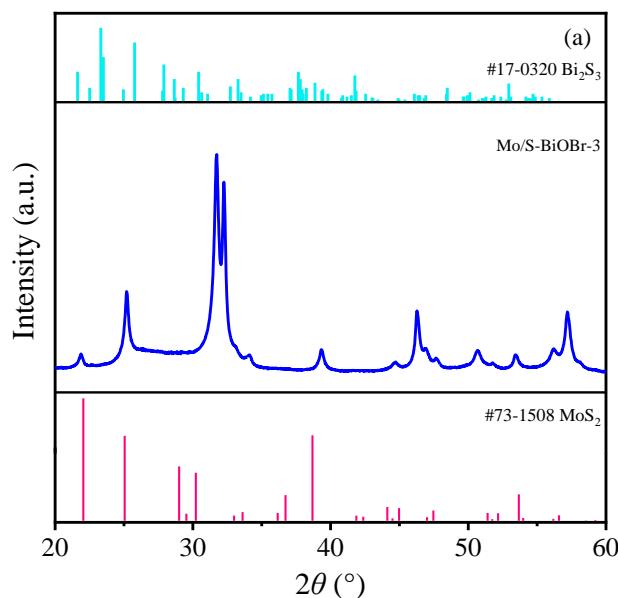


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of Mo/S-BiOBr-3 with the Bi₂S₃ (PDF #17-0320) and MoS₂ (PDF #73-1508)

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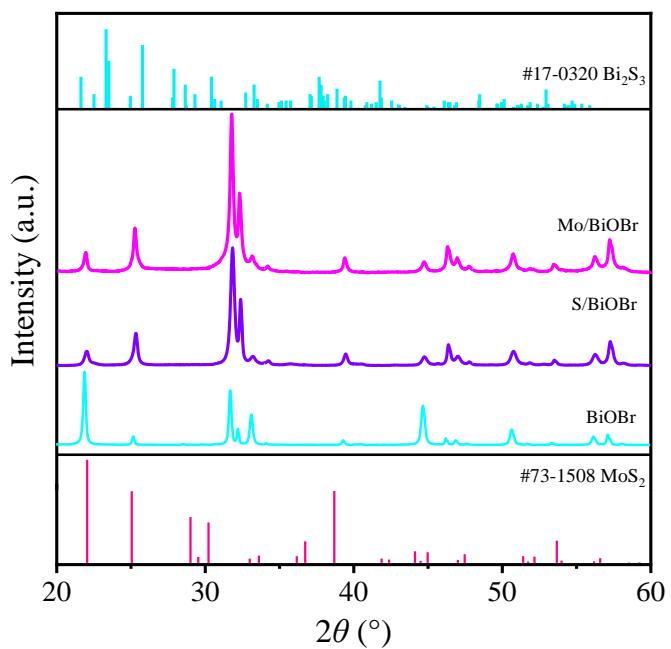


Fig. S2 XRD patterns of BiOBr, Mo/BiOBr, and S/BiOBr with the Bi₂S₃ (PDF #17-0320) and MoS₂ (PDF #73-1508) standard cards.

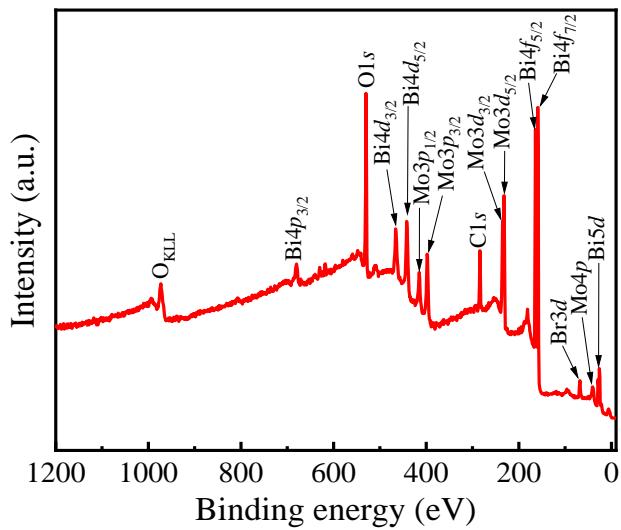


Fig. S3 The survey XPS spectrum of Mo/S-BiOBr-3.

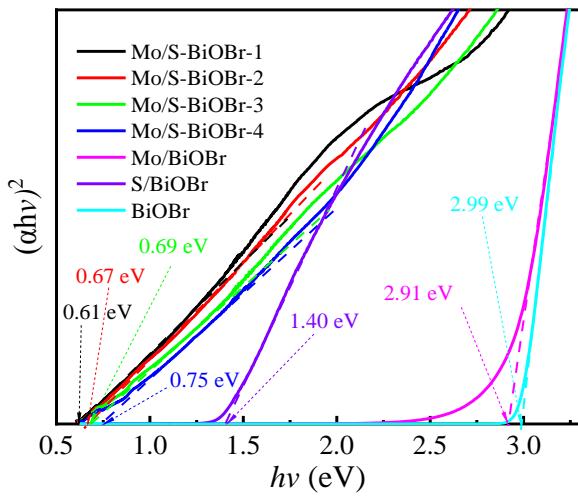
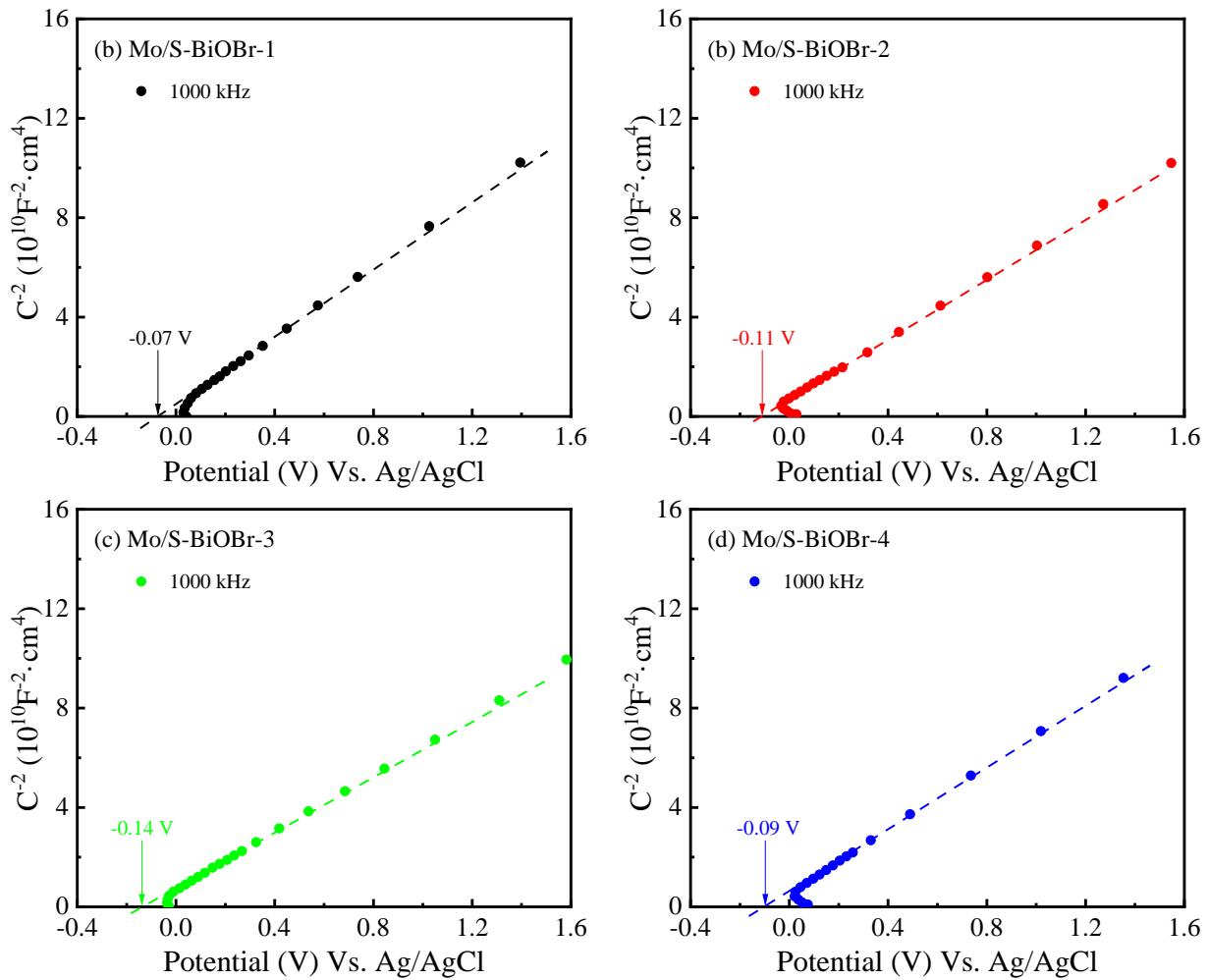


Fig. S4 The direct bandgap $(\alpha h\nu)^2$ - $h\nu$ curves of Mo/S-BiOBr, Mo/BiOBr, S/BiOBr, and BiOBr

catalysts.



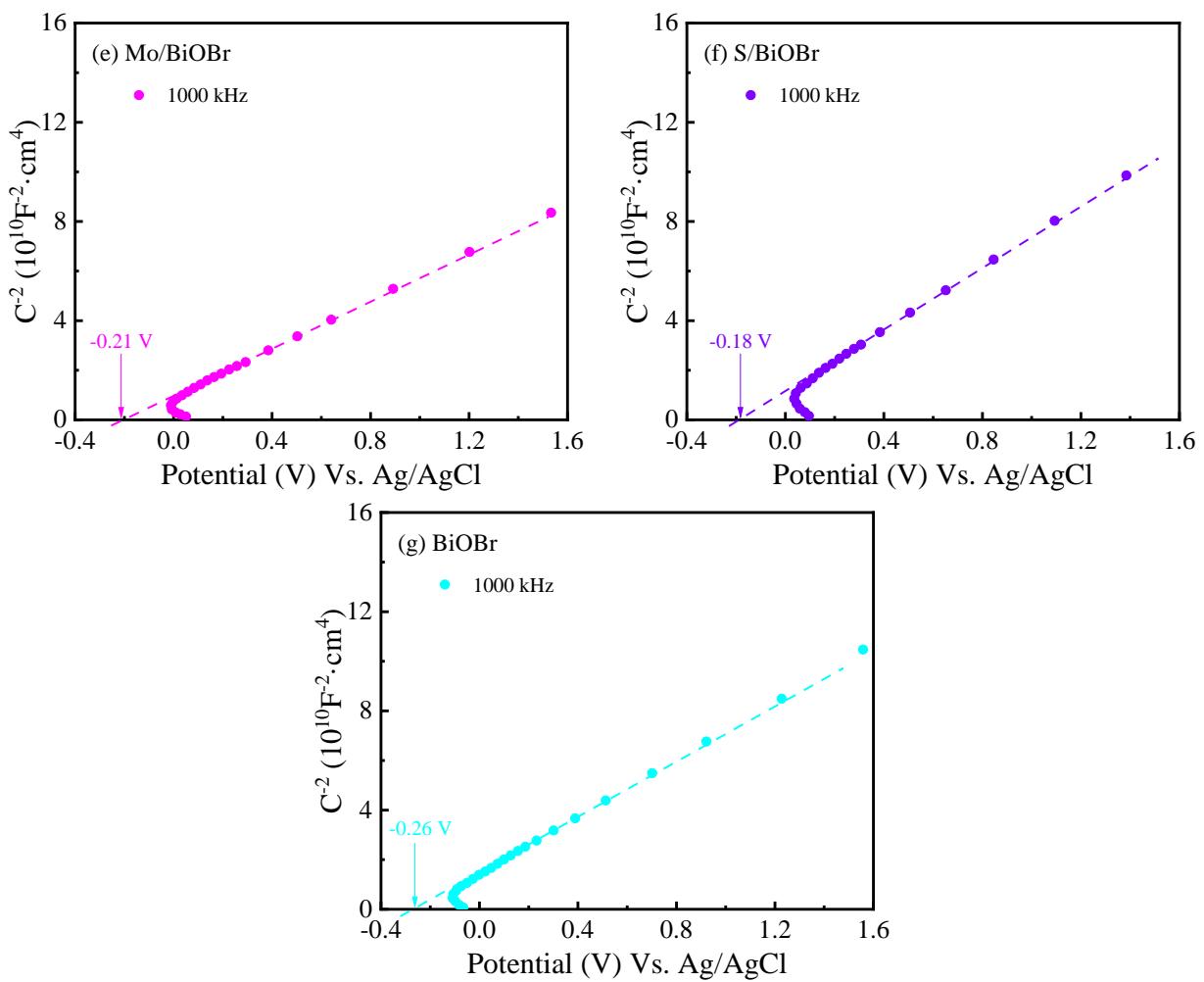
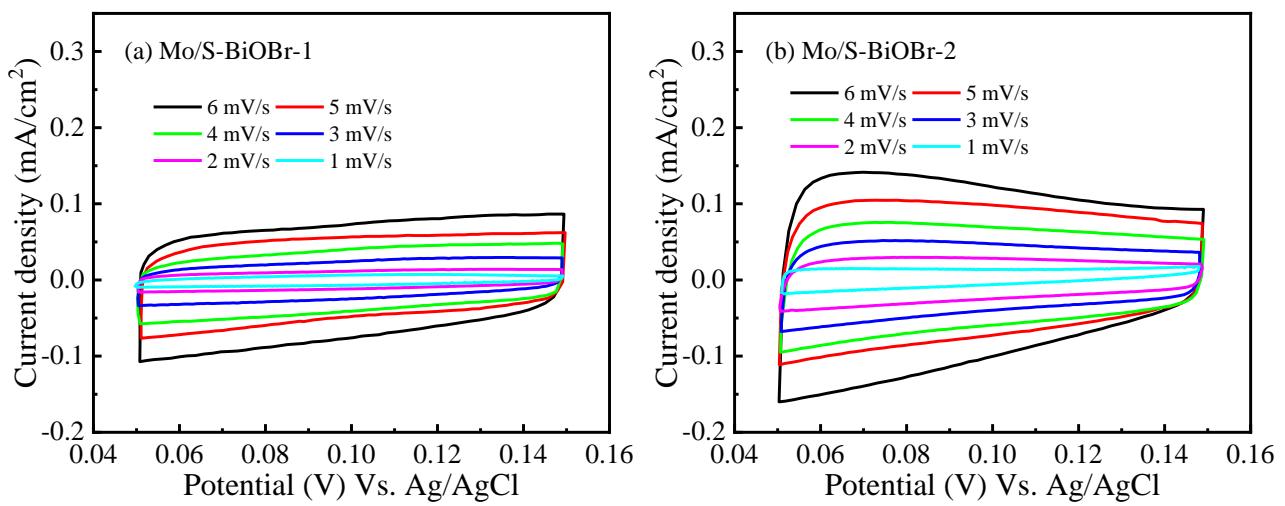


Fig. S5 Mott-Schottky curves of Mo/S-BiOBr, Mo/BiOBr, and S/BiOBr at 1000 kHz.



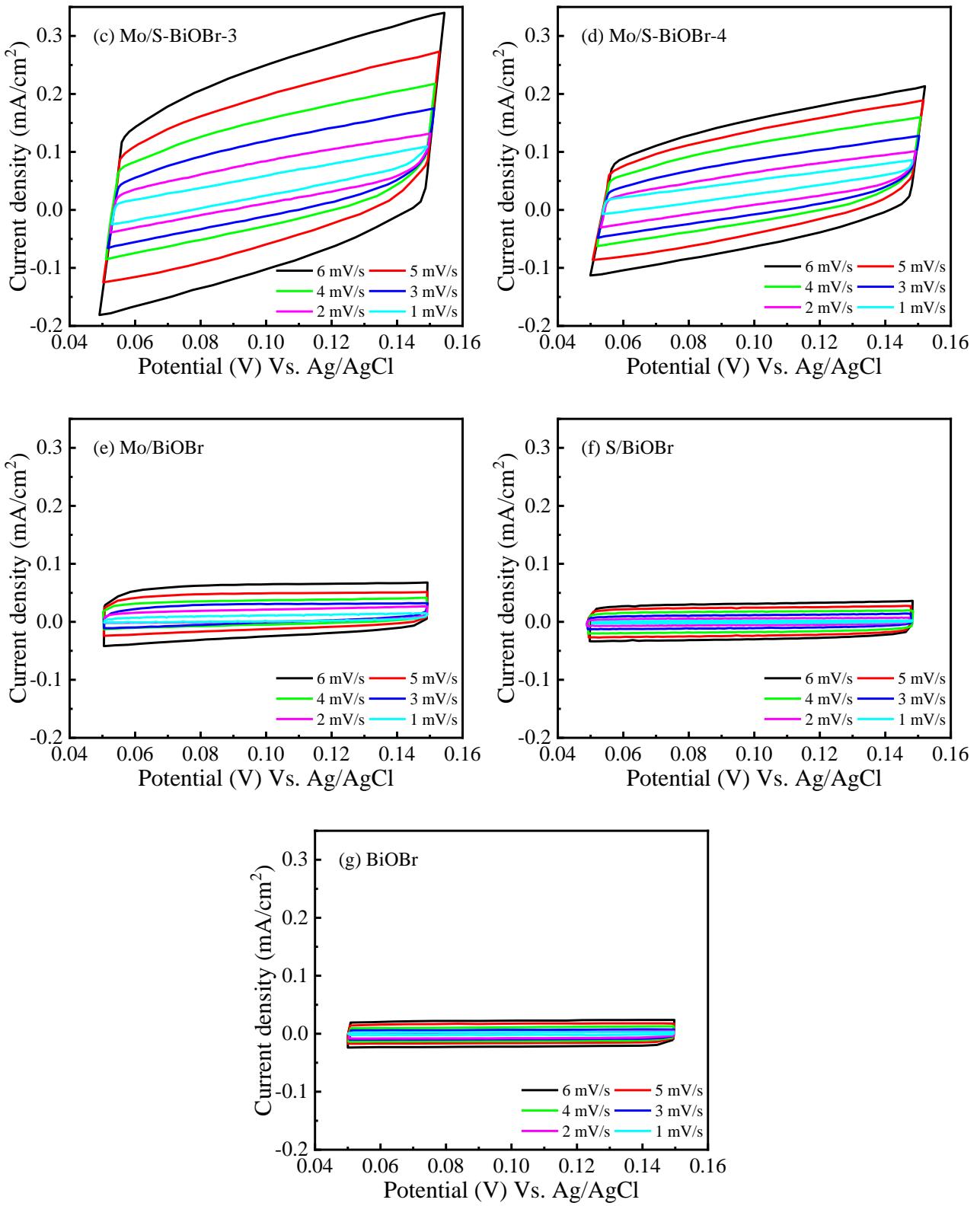


Fig. S6 Current density-potential plots of (a) Mo/S-BiOBr-1, (b) Mo/S-BiOBr-2, (c) Mo/S-BiOBr-3, (d) Mo/S-BiOBr-4, (e) Mo/BiOBr, (f) S/BiOBr, and (g) BiOCl.

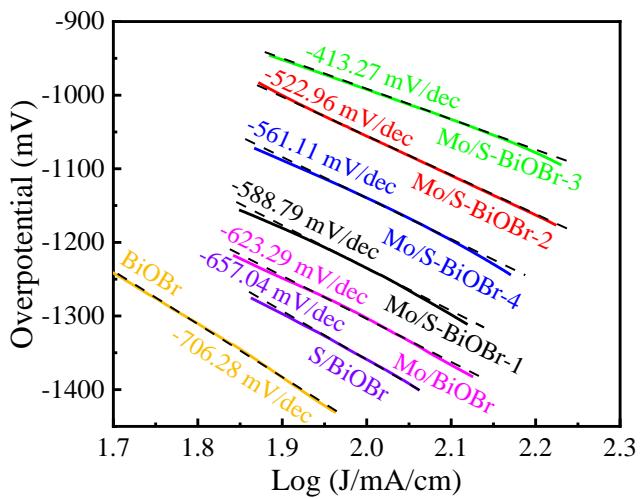


Fig. S7 Tafel-slope plots of Mo/S-BiOBr, Mo/BiOBr, S/BiOBr, and BiOBr electrocatalysts.

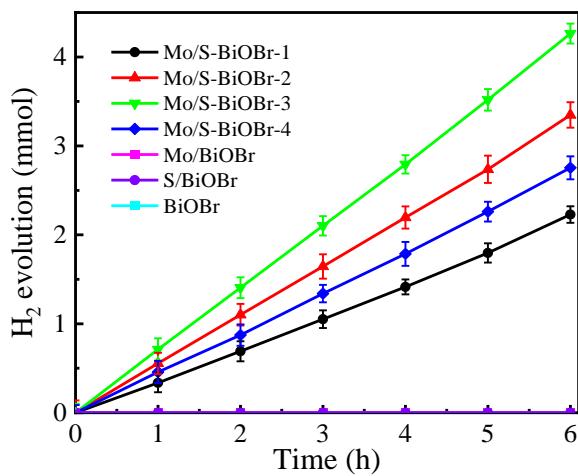


Fig. S8 Photocatalytic hydrogen evolution of BiOBr-based catalysts varied with the duration time.

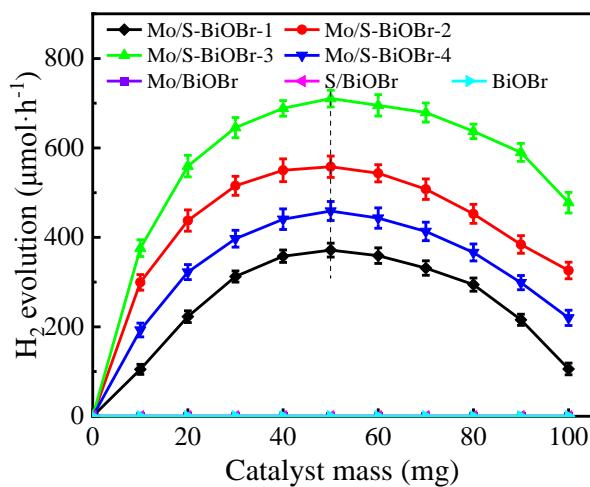


Fig. S9 Variation of PHER rate with the amount of Mo/S-BiOBr, Mo/BiOBr, S/BiOBr, and BiOBr catalysts.

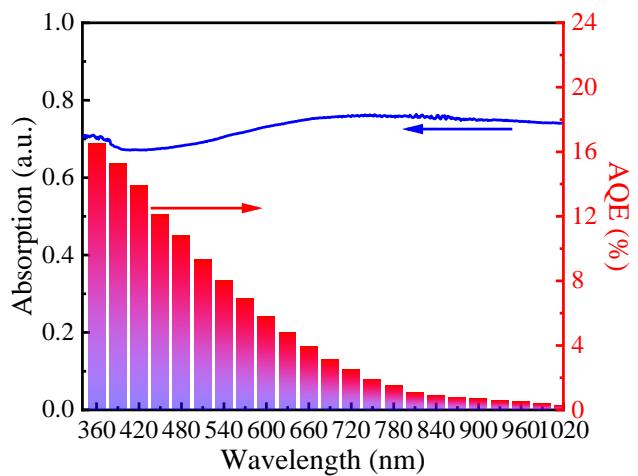


Fig. S10 Dependence of AQE Mo/S-BiOBr-3 as a function of irradiation wavelength, combining the UV-vis absorption spectrum.

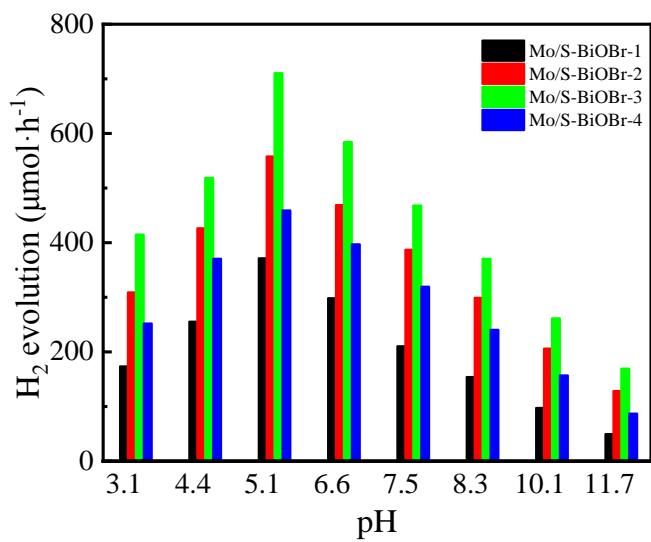


Fig. S11 PHER of Mo/S-BiOBr at different pH values.

Table S1 XPS composition, Vo (%), crystal size, and SBET analyses of Mo/S-BiOBr and BiOBr catalysts

Catalyst	Atomic percentage/%					Mo ⁴⁺ / Mo ⁴⁺ +Mo ⁶⁺ (%)	Vo (%)	Crystallinity (%)	Crystal size (nm)	SBET (m ² ·g ⁻¹)	Pore volume (cm ³ ·g ⁻¹)
	Bi	Mo	Br	S	O						
Mo/S-BiOBr-1	27.83	6.47	23.31	8.21	34.18	29.73	7.11	90.48	45.7	14.1	0.148
Mo/S-BiOBr-2	28.09	6.51	22.96	8.11	34.33	32.64	12.75	89.97	30.0	15.5	0.161
Mo/S-BiOBr-3	27.76	6.39	23.17	8.15	34.53	37.40	18.50	90.52	18.2	16.3	0.186
Mo/S-BiOBr-4	27.98	6.42	23.13	8.19	34.28	41.58	9.96	89.83	15.4	14.8	0.159
BiOBr	32.77	N/A	30.40	N/A	36.83	N/A	N/A	94.99	63.8	0.1	0.017
Mo/S-BiOBr-3 after reaction	27.68	6.45	22.99	8.09	34.79	37.26	18.44	89.94	19.1	15.9	0.181

Table S2 Element contents from SEM-EDS analysis for Mo/S-BiOBr and BiOBr catalysts

Catalyst	Bi	Mo	Br	S	O
Mo/S-BiOBr-1	27.63	6.39	23.27	8.39	34.32
Mo/S-BiOBr-2	27.97	6.43	23.06	8.14	34.40
Mo/S-BiOBr-3	27.84	6.47	22.98	8.11	34.60
Mo/S-BiOBr-4	28.07	6.33	23.07	8.14	34.39
BiOBr	32.84	N/A	30.43	N/A	36.73

Table S3 XRF chemical element compositions of Mo/S-BiOBr and BiOBr catalysts

Catalyst	Bi	Mo	Br	S	O
Mo/S-BiOBr-1	27.73	6.43	23.34	8.27	34.23
Mo/S-BiOBr-2	28.11	6.33	23.03	8.19	34.34
Mo/S-BiOBr-3	27.81	6.41	23.12	8.08	34.58
Mo/S-BiOBr-4	27.93	6.45	23.10	8.21	34.31
BiOBr	32.92	N/A	30.38	N/A	36.70

Table S4 Reports on PHER performance over bismuth oxyhalide catalysts under visible light

Catalyst	Sacrificial agent	Light source	AQE/AQY (%)	PHER rate (mmol·g ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	Refs.
BiOBr/W ₁₈ O ₄₉ /PAN	1 wt% H ₂ PtCl ₆	300 W Xe	N/A	0.95 × 10 ⁻³	[3]
BiOBr/Bi ₂₄ O ₃₁ Br ₁₀ /Ti ₃ C ₂	triethanolamine	500 W Me	N/A	1.25 × 10 ⁻²	[4]
CQDs/Bi ₂ WO ₆ /BiOBr	triethanolamine	350 W Xe	AQY 1.05 (350 nm)	0.46	[5]
BiOBr/ZnIn ₂ S ₄	10 vol% TEOA	300 W Xe	AQE 1.6 (420 nm)	0.69	[6]
O/D-Bi ₅ O ₇ Br	40 vol% CH ₃ OH	300 W Xe	N/A	0.38 × 10 ⁻²	[7]
I-BiOBr/g-C ₃ N ₄	TEOA	300 W Xe	N/A	0.31	[8]
α-Fe ₂ O ₃ /BiOBr/g-C ₃ N ₄	CIP/LVX	300 W Xe	N/A	2.57	[9]
Bi ₃ O ₄ Br	10 vol% methanol	300 W Xe	N/A	0.38	[10]
Bi ₄ O ₅ Br ₂	40 vol% methanol	300 W Xe	AQE 0.93 (420 nm)	0.17	[11]
Bi ₂₄ O ₃₁ Br ₁₀	10 vol% methanol	300 W Xe	N/A	0.06	[12]
AgI-BiOI	Na ₂ S/NaCl/Na ₂ SO ₃	300 W Xe	N/A	0.168	[13]
BiOCl/WO ₃	TEOA	300 W Xe	N/A	0.084	[14]
K-BiOI	Methanol	300 W Xe	N/A	6.51	[15]
BiOCl/TiO ₂	TEOA	300 W Xe	N/A	1.35	[16]
BiOI@BiOI	Methanol	300 W Xe	N/A	0.048	[17]
CdS-BiOCl/PAN	Lactic acid	300 W Xe	N/A	0.288	[18]
Mo/S-BiOBr	Na ₂ S/Na ₂ SO ₃	300 W Xe	AQE 13.9 (420 nm)	9.46	This work

Table S5 The photocatalytic hydrogen evolution in terms of the Mo⁴⁺/(Mo⁴⁺+Mo⁶⁺) (%) and Vo (%)

values for BiOBr, Mo/BiOBr, S/BiOBr, and Mo/S-BiOBr catalysts

	H ₂ (mmol·g ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	Mo ⁴⁺ /(Mo ⁴⁺ +Mo ⁶⁺) (%)	Vo (%)
BiOBr	0	0	0
Mo/BiOBr	0	0	0
S/BiOBr	0	0	0
Mo/S-BiOBr-1	7.43	29.73	7.11
Mo/S-BiOBr-2	11.16	32.64	12.75
Mo/S-BiOBr-3	14.21	37.40	18.50
Mo/S-BiOBr-4	9.18	41.58	9.96

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