

Supplementary Materials

One step synthesis of tetragonal-CuBi₂O₄/amorphous-BiFeO₃ heterojunction with improved charge separation and enhanced photocatalytic properties

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Table S1 details for the preparation of solvothermal solutions with various ion ratios.

T-CBO/A-BFO ratio	Stock solution for each ion	n (mol)	V(ml)	C(mol/l)
1:4	BiN ₃ O ₉ in acetic acid	0.00144	3.6	0.4
	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O in ethanol	0.00024	6	0.04
	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O in ethanol	0.00096	24	0.04
1:2	BiN ₃ O ₉ in acetic acid	0.0016	4	0.4
	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0004	10	0.04
	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0008	20	0.04
1:1	BiN ₃ O ₉ in acetic acid	0.0018	4.5	0.4
	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0006	15	0.04
	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0006	15	0.04
2:1	BiN ₃ O ₉ in acetic acid	0.002	5	0.4
	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0008	20	0.04
	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0004	10	0.04
3:1	BiN ₃ O ₉ in acetic acid	0.0021	5.25	0.4
	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0009	22.5	0.04
	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O in ethanol	0.0003	7.5	0.04
4:1	BiN ₃ O ₉ in acetic acid	0.00216	5.4	0.4
	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O in ethanol	0.00096	24	0.04
	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O in ethanol	0.00024	6	0.04

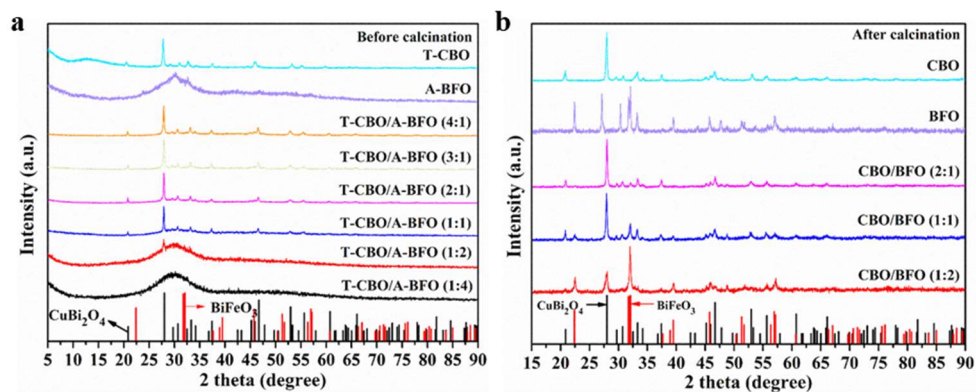


Figure S1 XRD patterns of the T-CBO, A-BFO and T-CBO/A-BFO composites (a) before annealing; (b) after annealing at 450 °C for 2 h.

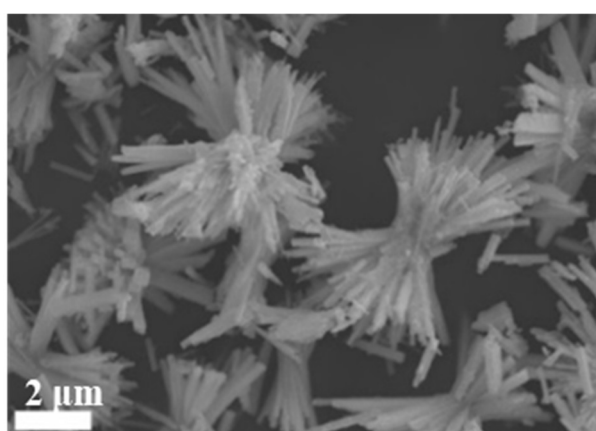


Figure S2. SEM images of the T-CBO.

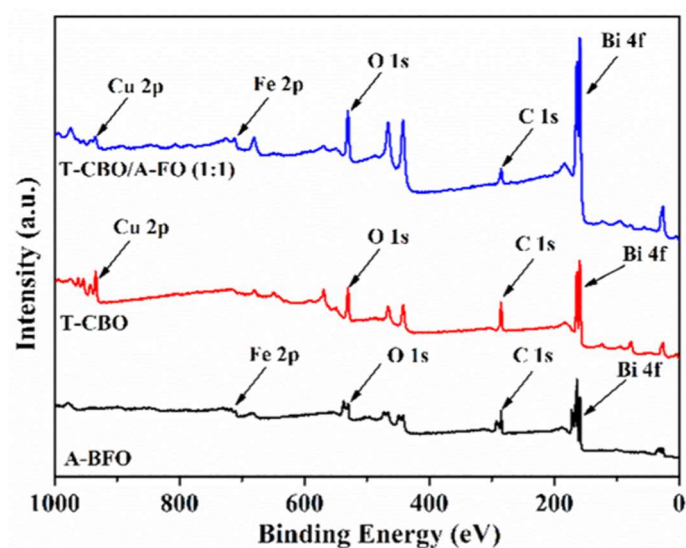


Figure S3. XPS survey spectra of Cu 2p, Fe 2p, O 1s, Bi 4f of the T-CBO, A-BFO and T-CBO/A-BFO (1:1).

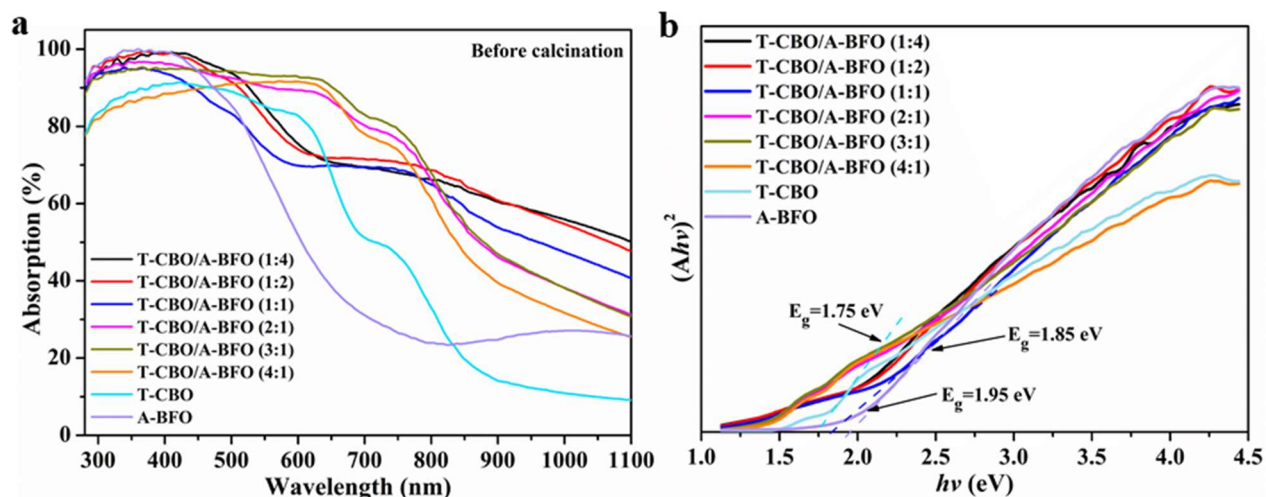


Figure S4. (a) UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra; (b) corresponding Tauc plots of the T-CBO, A-BFO and T-CBO/A-BFO composites.

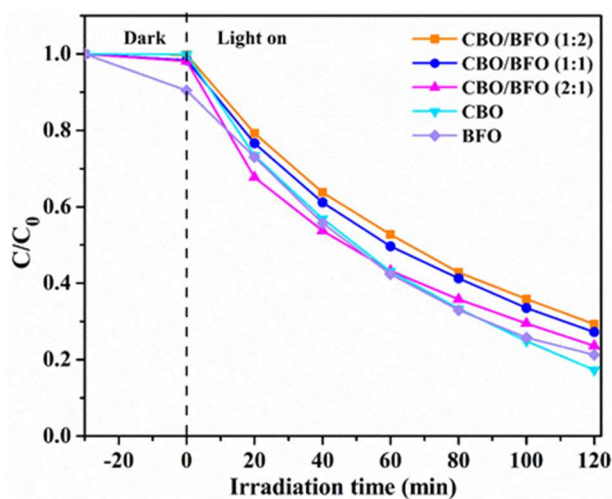


Figure S5. Photodegradation of MB by post annealed CBO, BFO and CBO/BFO composites.

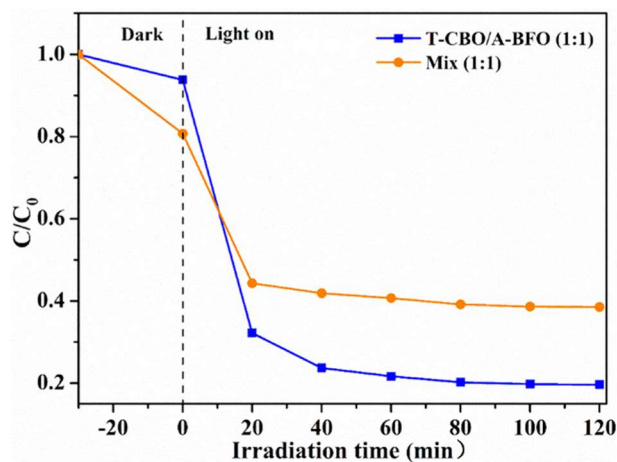


Figure S6. Photodegradation of MO by T-CBO/A-BFO (1:1) and the physically mixed T-CBO and A-BFO at a ratio of 1:1.