

Supporting Information

Charging Dynamics Engineering: Quantum Dots-Induced Full-Space Electric Field Cooperative Ag₂S QDs/CoWO₄ S-Scheme Heterojunction boosting photocatalytic hydrogen evolution

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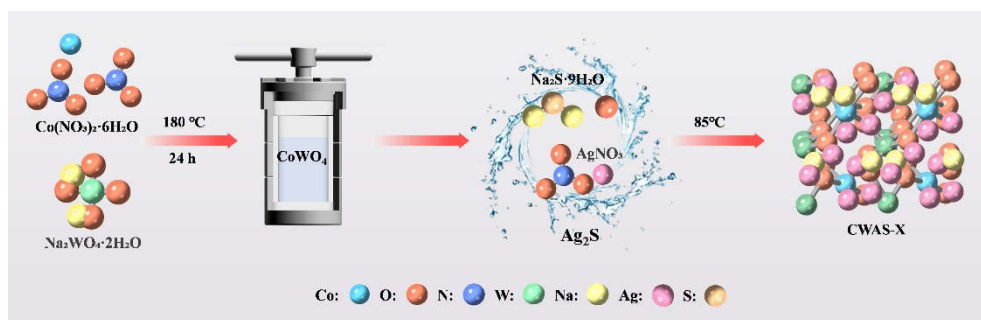


Fig. S1 The preparation process of CWAS-10.

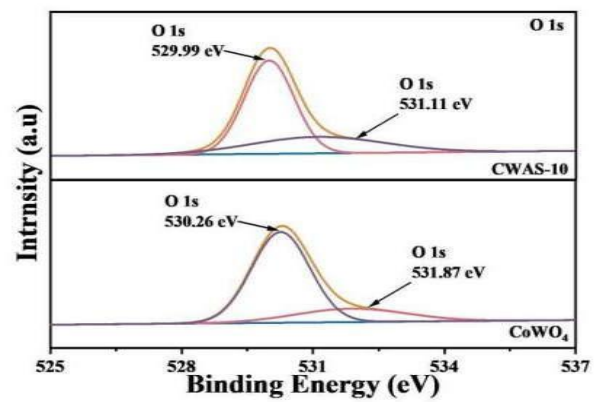


Fig. S2 High-resolution XPS spectrum of O 1s.

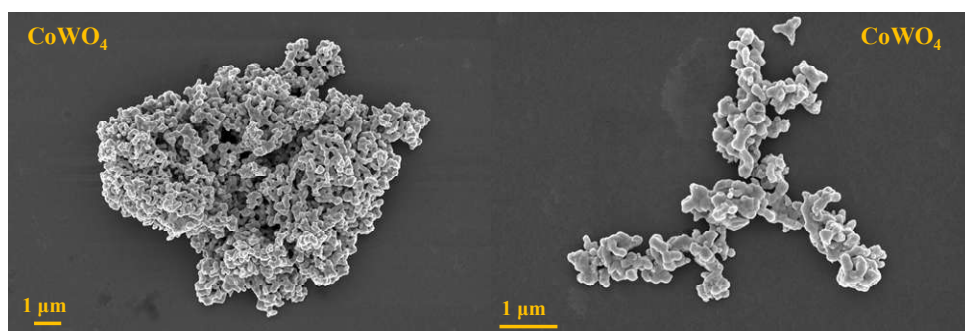


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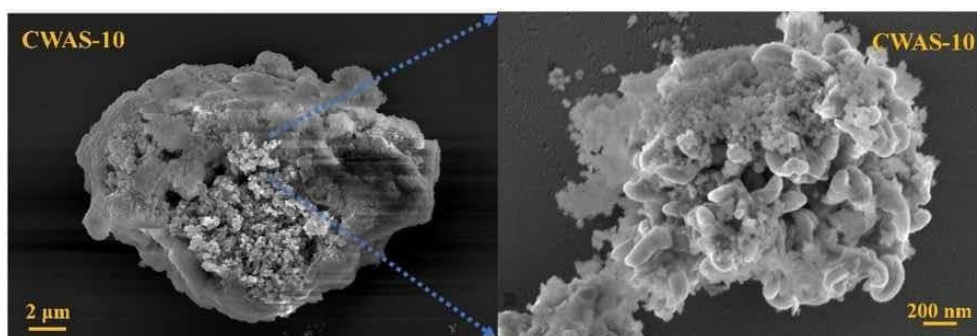


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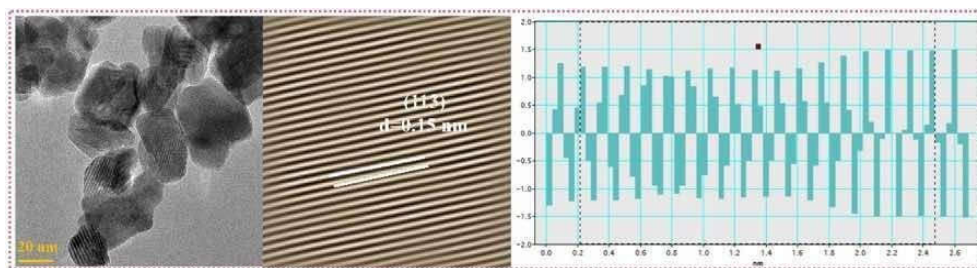


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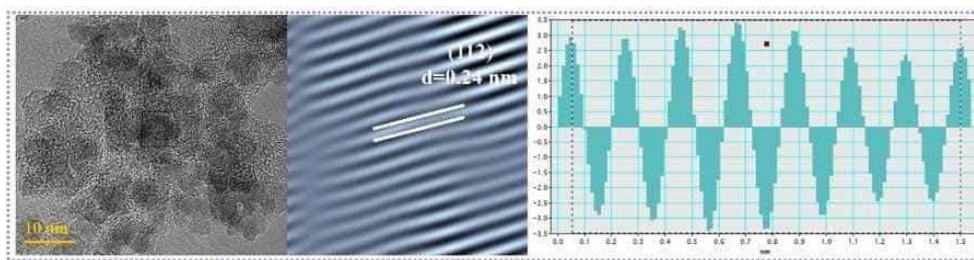


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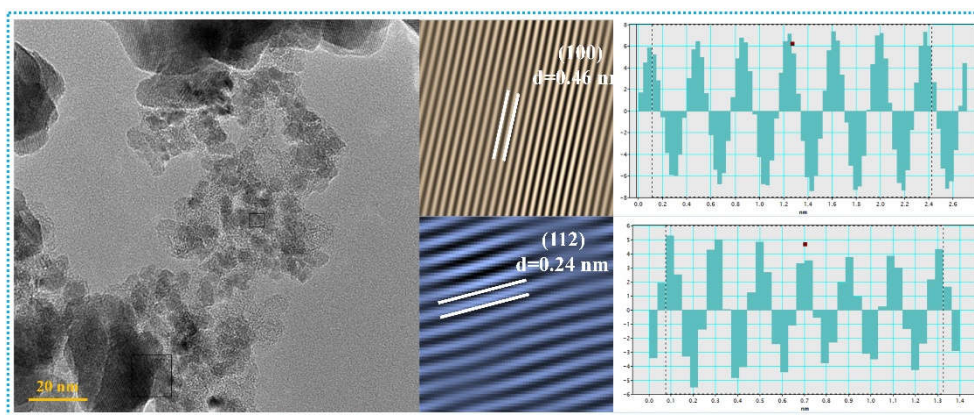


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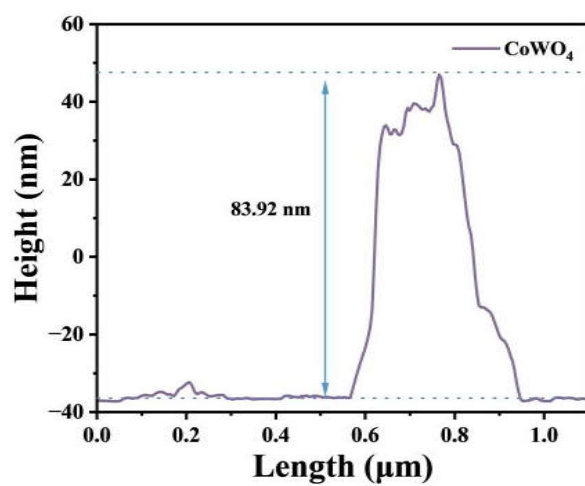


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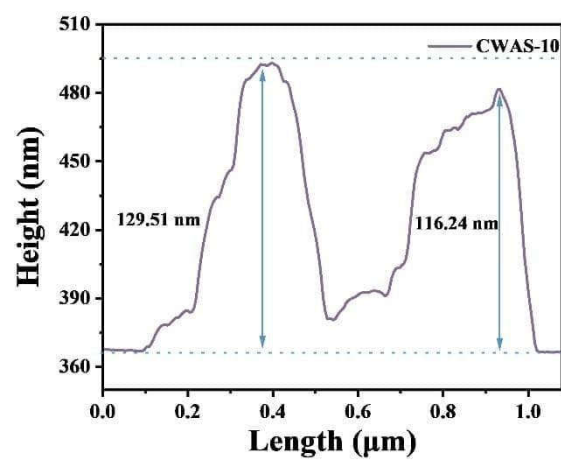


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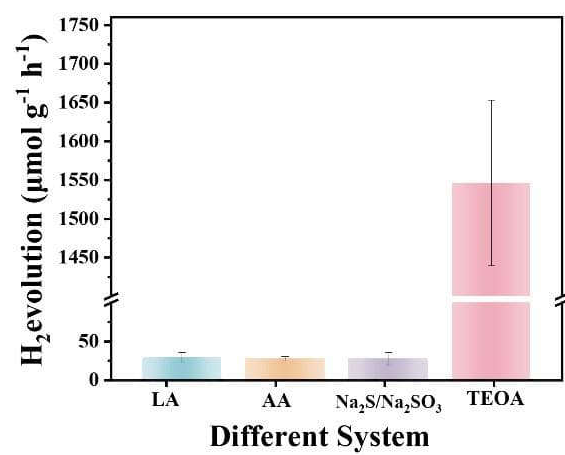


Fig. S10 the H₂ production amounts of different sacrificial reagents.

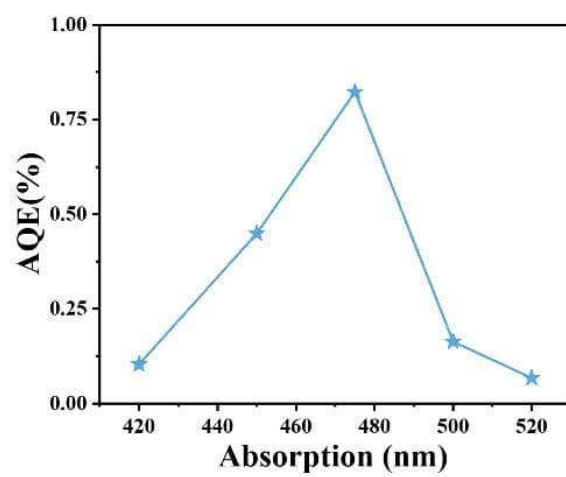


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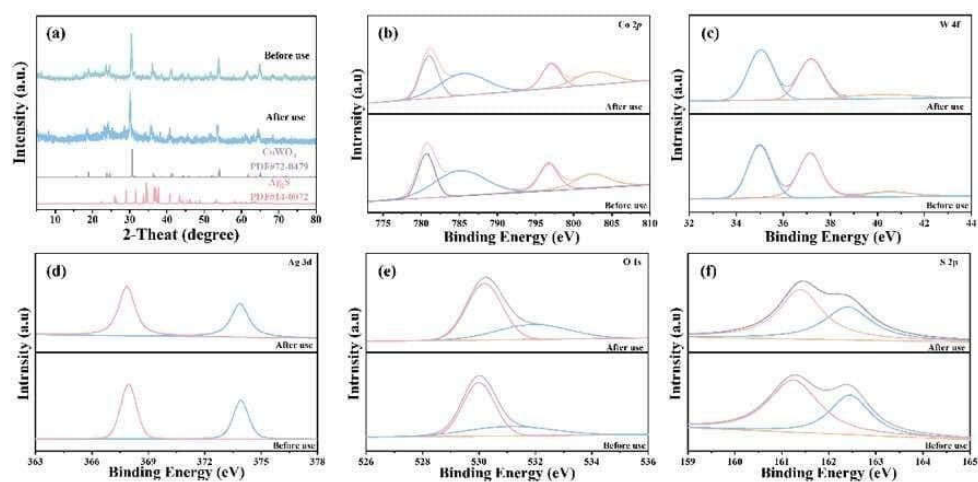


Fig. S12 a) XRD after hydrogen production experiment of CWAS-10; XPS detailed spectra after the CWAS-10 hydrogen generation experiment: b) Co 2p; c) W 4f; d) Ag 3d; e) O 1s; f) S 2p.

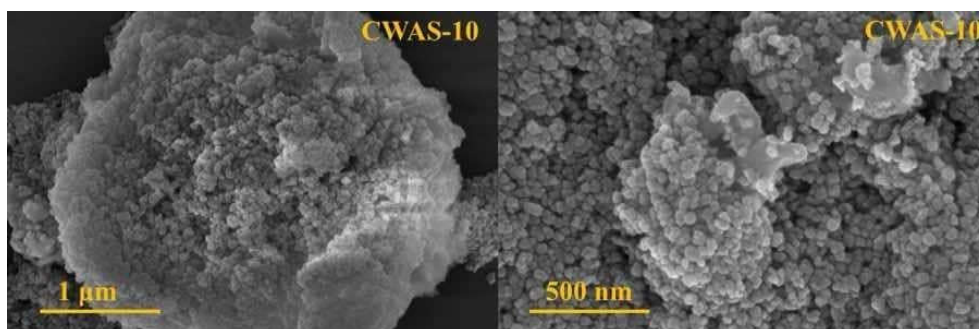


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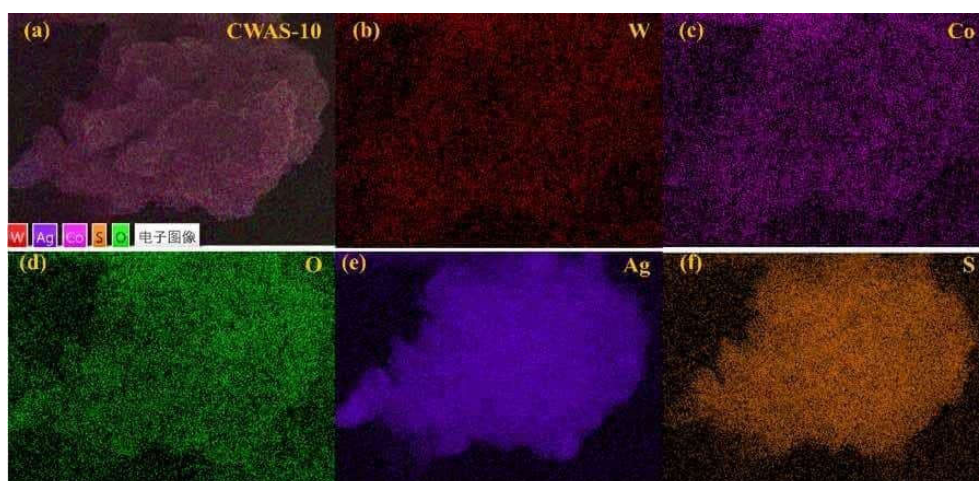


Fig. S14 EDS analysis after the hydrogen production experiment of CWAS-10

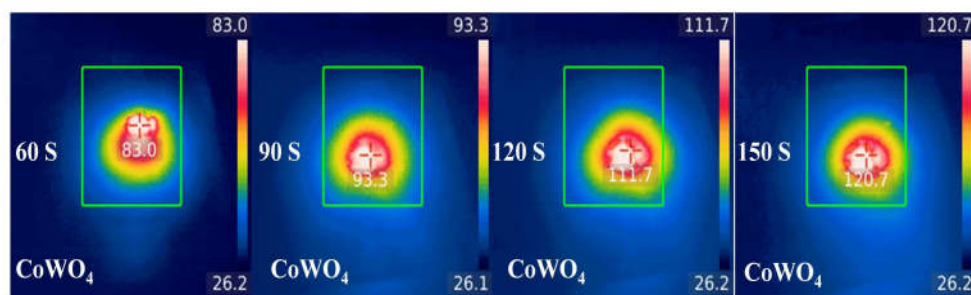


Fig. S15 The surface temperatures of CoWO_4 .

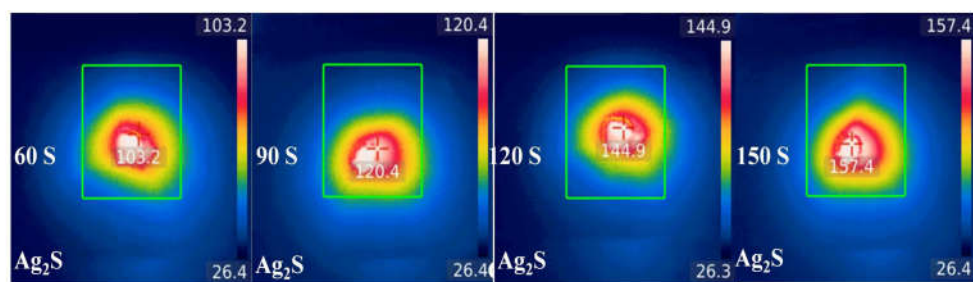


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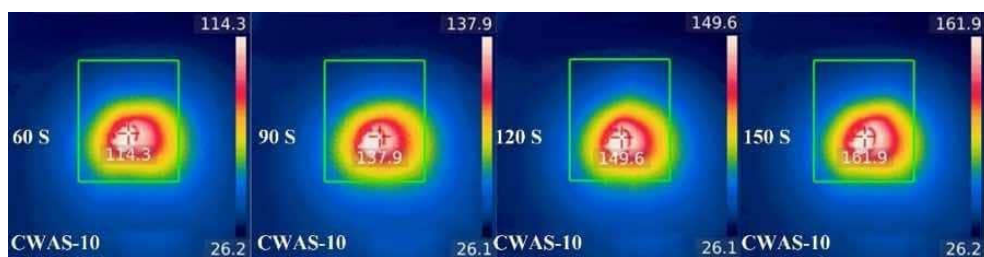


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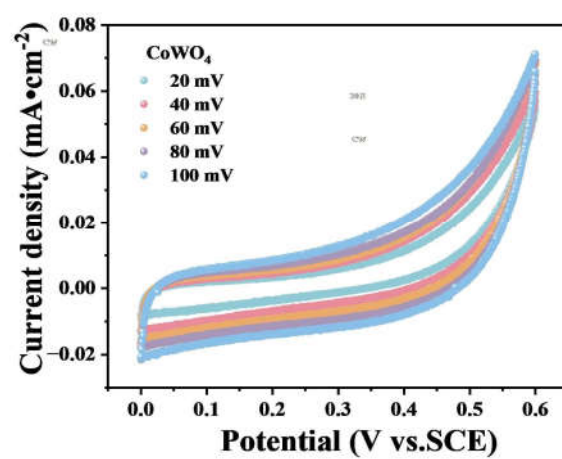


Fig. S18 Cycling voltammograms of CoWO_4 .

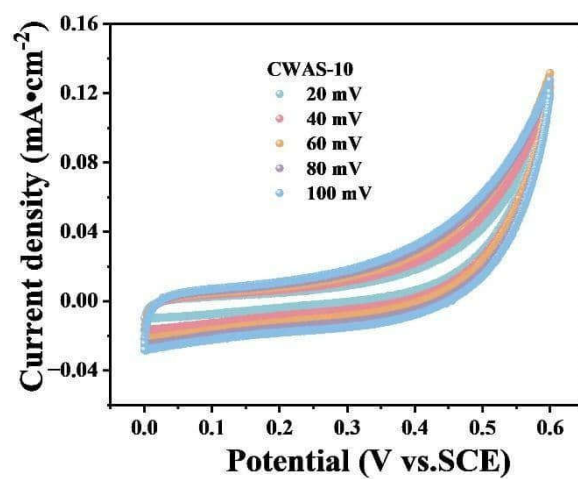


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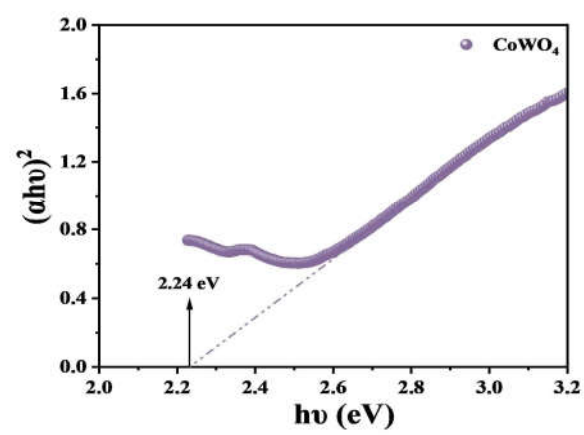


Fig. S20 Kubelka–Munk diagram of CoWO₄.

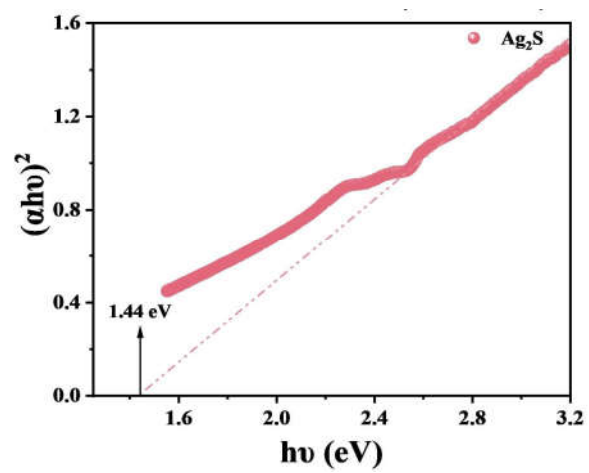


Fig. S21 Kubelka–Munk diagram of Ag₂S.

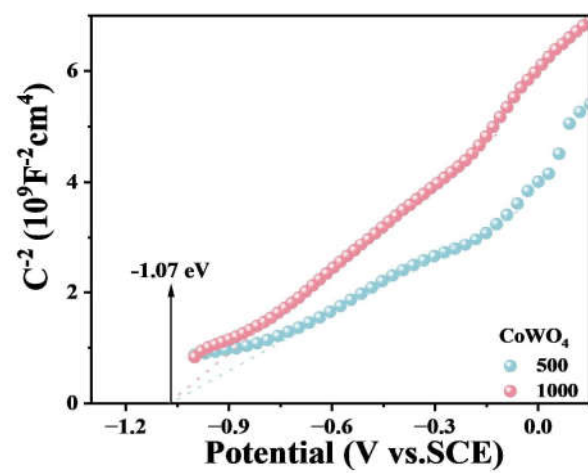


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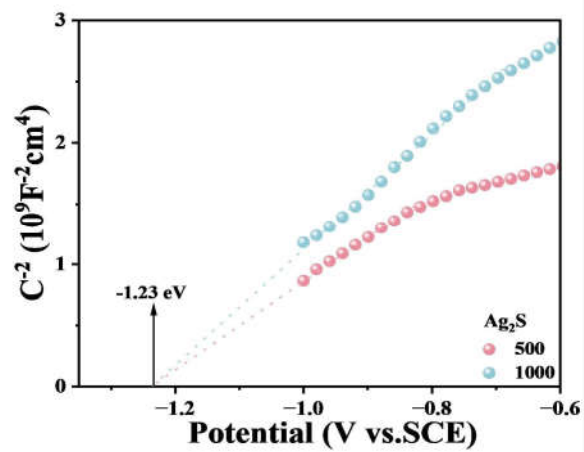


Fig. S23 Mott-Schottky diagrams of Ag_2S .

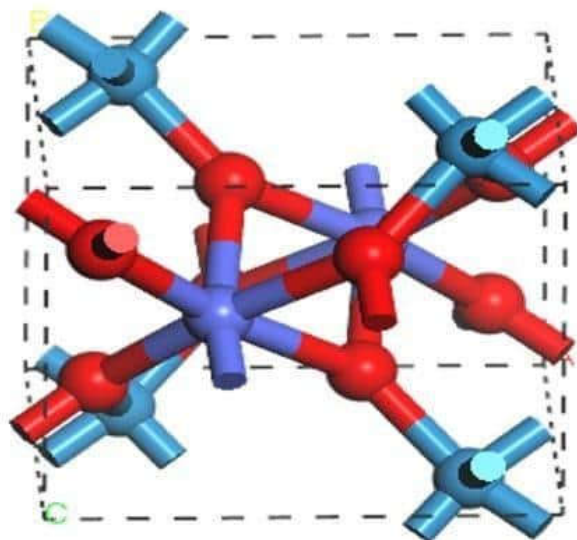


Fig. 24 The model of CoWO₄.

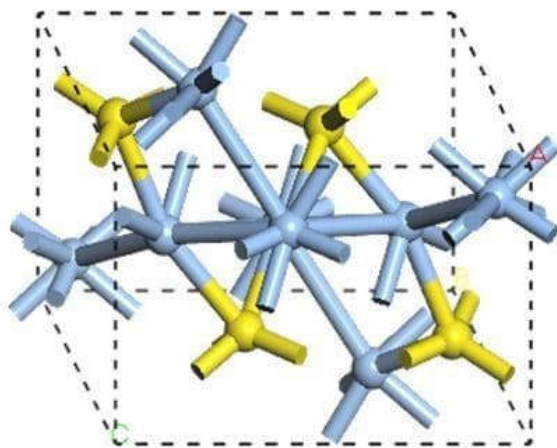


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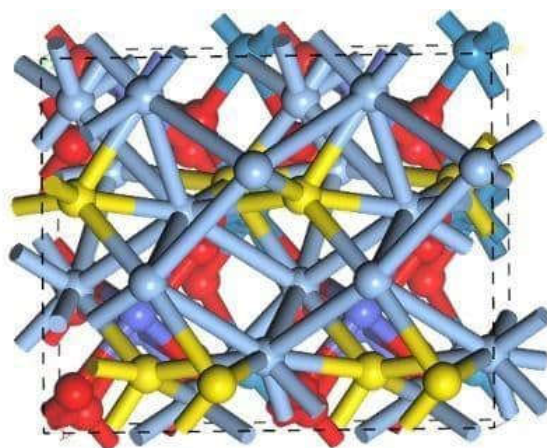


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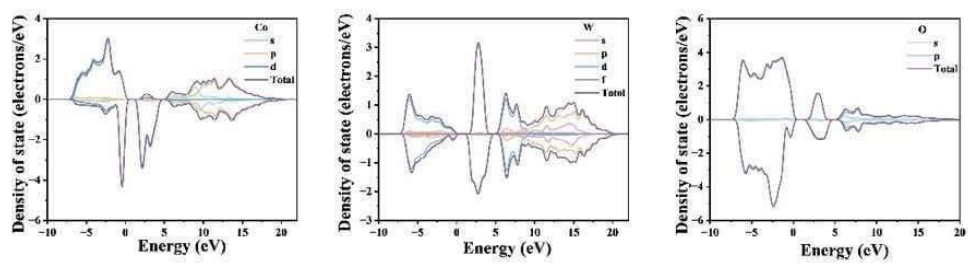


Fig. S27 DOS of Co, W and O.

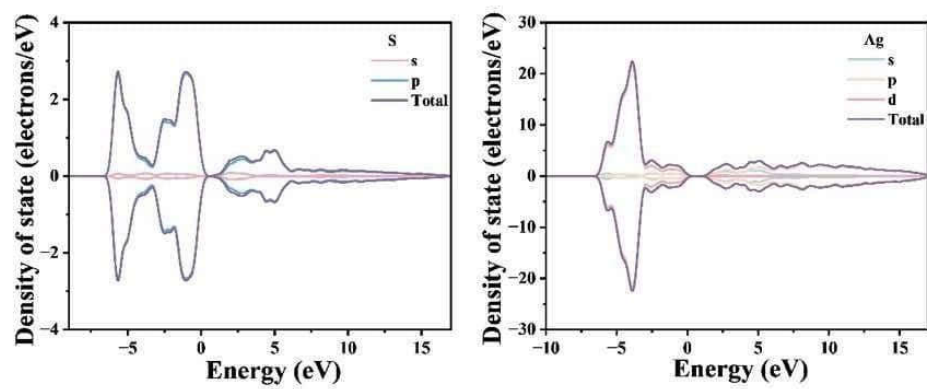


Fig. S28 DOS of S and Ag.

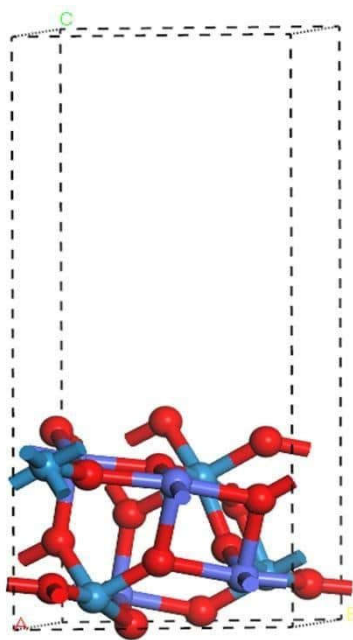


Fig. S29 The $1\ 0\ 1$ crystal plane model of CoWO_4 .

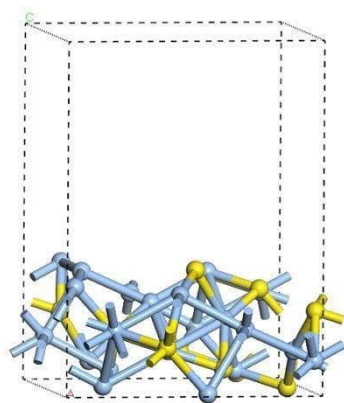


Fig. S30 The 1 2 1 crystal plane model of Ag₂S.

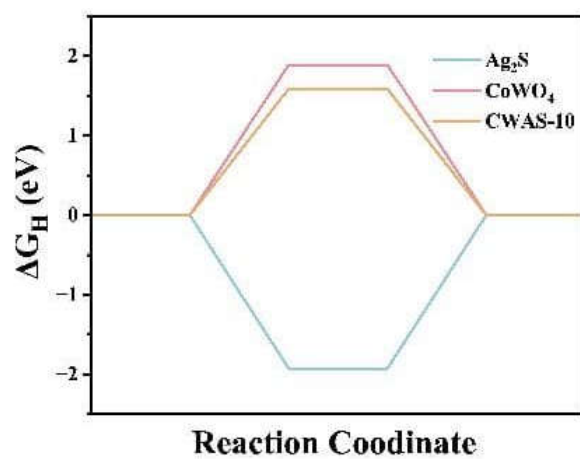


Fig. S31 ΔG_H of different materials.

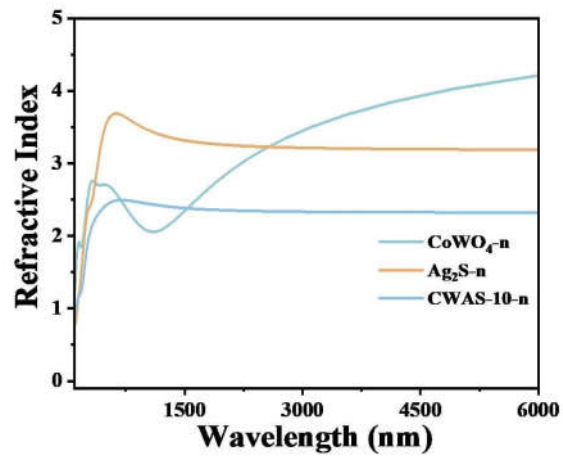


Fig. 32 Refractive index (n) of CoWO₄, Ag₂S and CWAS-10.

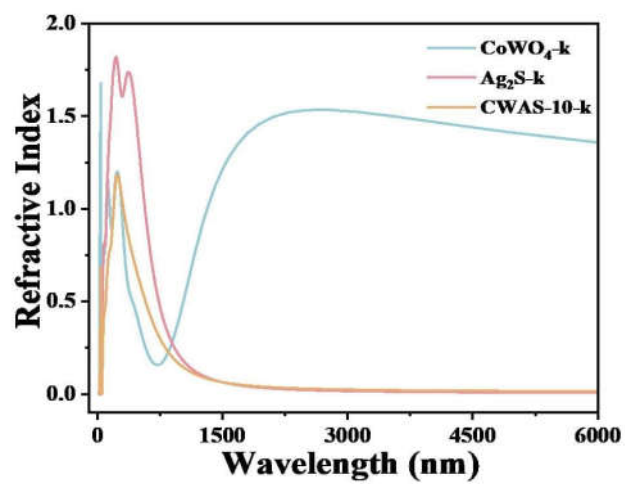


Fig. S33 Attenuation coefficient (k) of CoWO₄, Ag₂S and CWAS-10.

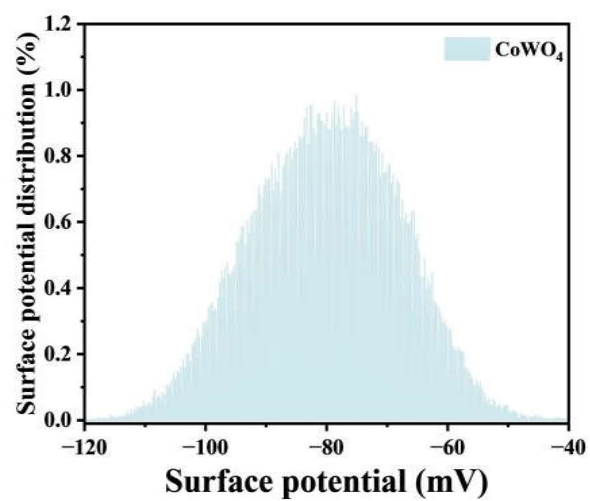


Fig. S34 The surface potential distribution of CoWO_4 .

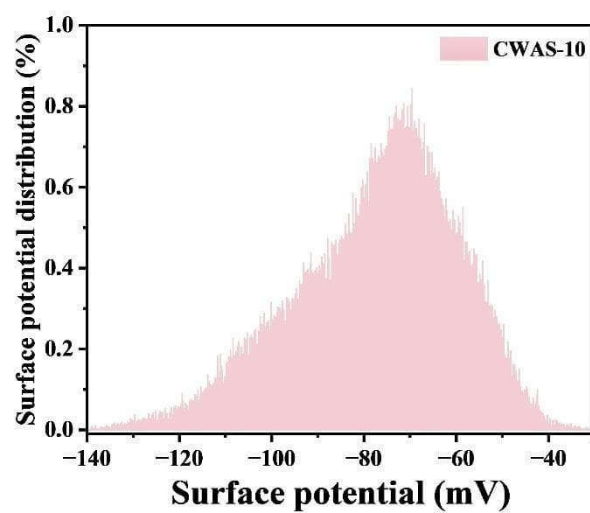


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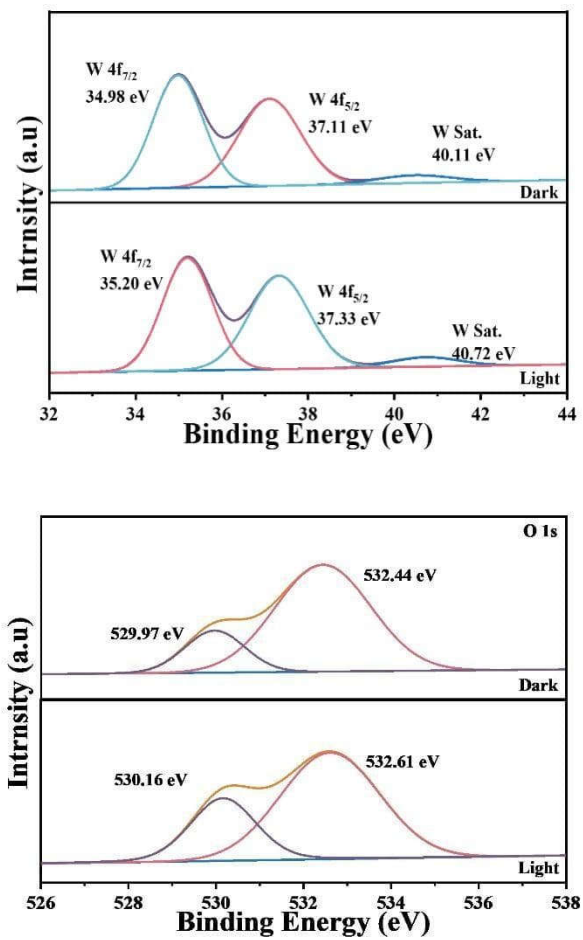


Fig. S36 Fine spectrum of W 4f and O 1s in in-situ XPS.

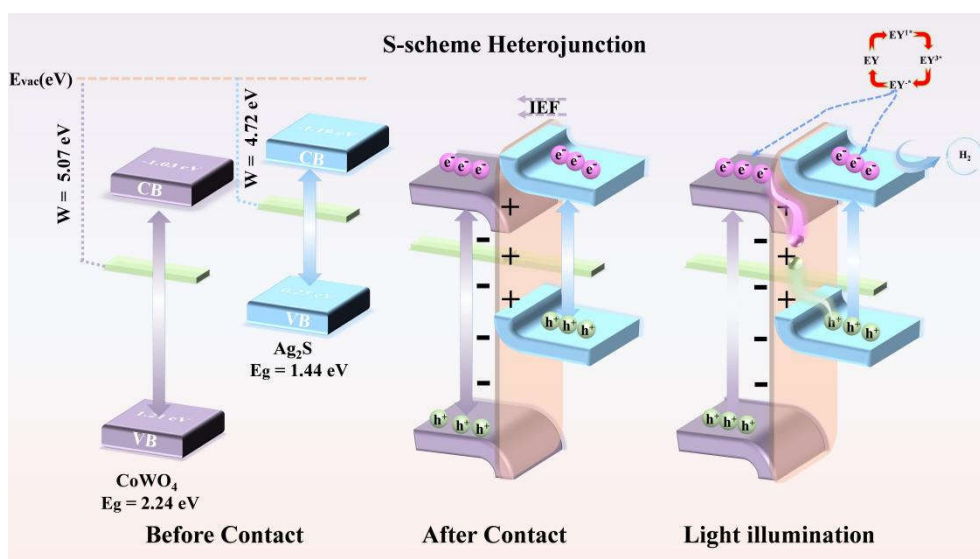


Fig. S37 S-scheme heterojunction of CWAS-10.

Table S1, comparison with other work.

Photocatalysts	Rate of photocatalytic hydrogen production ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	Reference
CoWO ₄ /FeWO ₄	36	[1]
CuO/CdS/CoWO ₄	457.9	[2]
30% CWO/CIS	865.14	[3]
GDY/CoWO ₄	1803	[4]
Ag ₂ S QDs / g-C ₃ N ₄ (0.5wt%)	471.1	[5]
Ag ₂ S/CN	1030.3	[6]
Ag ₂ S/K-g-C ₃ N ₄	868	[7]
Ag ₂ S-edged Au-TNPs	796	[8]
CWAS-10	1546.23	This work

Table S2 Fluorescence lifetime of EY, Ag₂S, CoWO₄ and CWAS-10.

Materials	Lifetime, τ (ns)	Rel (%)	$\langle\tau\rangle$ (ns)
EY	$\tau_1 = 1.08$	$A_1 = 89.78$	1.16
	$\tau_2 = 2.81$	$A_2 = 10.22$	
Ag ₂ S	$\tau_1 = 1.15$	$A_1 = 92.38$	1.21
	$\tau_2 = 3.46$	$A_2 = 7.62$	
CoWO ₄	$\tau_1 = 1.08$	$A_1 = 92.11$	1.14
	$\tau_2 = 3.02$	$A_2 = 7.89$	
CWAS-10	$\tau_1 = 1.08$	$A_1 = 90.11$	1.13
	$\tau_2 = 2.83$	$A_2 = 9.89$	

Table S3 Fitted parameters obtained from the decay curves of the samples

Materials	Lifetime, τ (ps)	Rel (%)	τ_{ave} (ps)
CoWO ₄	$\tau_1= 24.72$	$A_1=50.01$	446.82
	$\tau_2= 469.07$	$A_2=49.99$	
CWAS-10	$\tau_1= 0.93$	$A_1= 61.92$	201.74
	$\tau_2= 15.69$	$A_2= 14.53$	
	$\tau_3= 212.53$	$A_3= 23.55$	

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