

## Supporting Information

# Two-Dimensional Trilayer Heterostructures with Cascade Dual Z-Schemes to Achieve Efficient Hydrogen Evolution Reaction

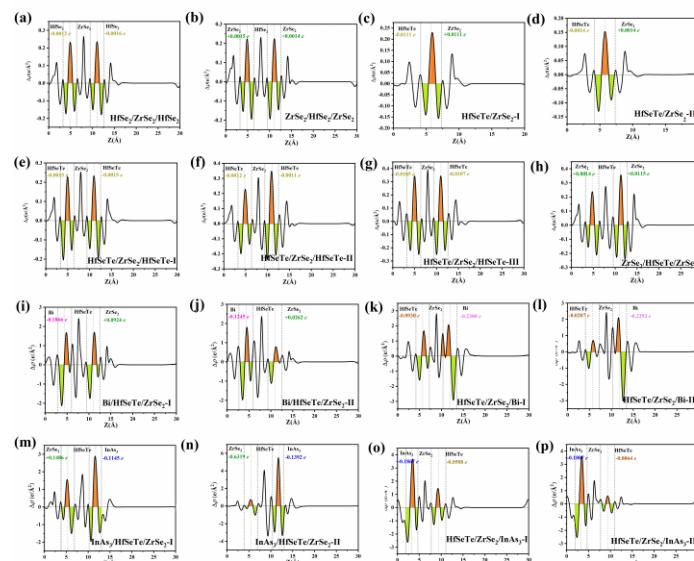
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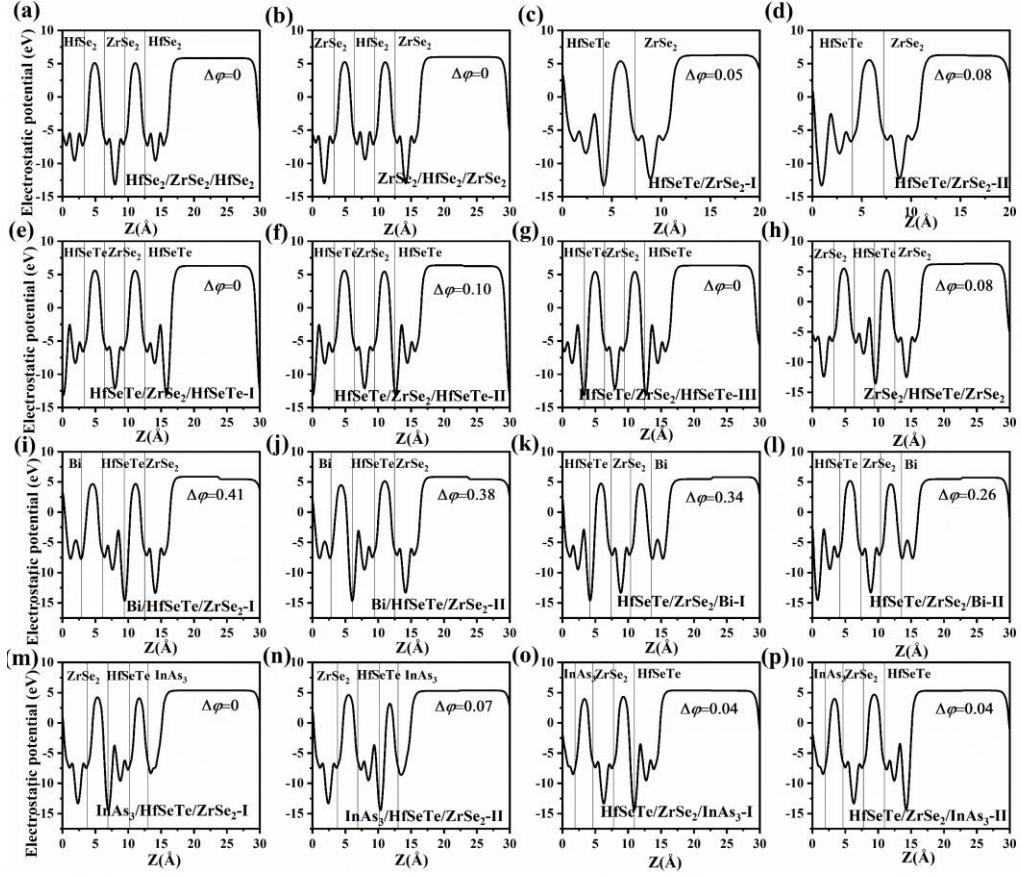
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## 1. The geometrical configurations and electronic properties of the monolayers and heterostructures

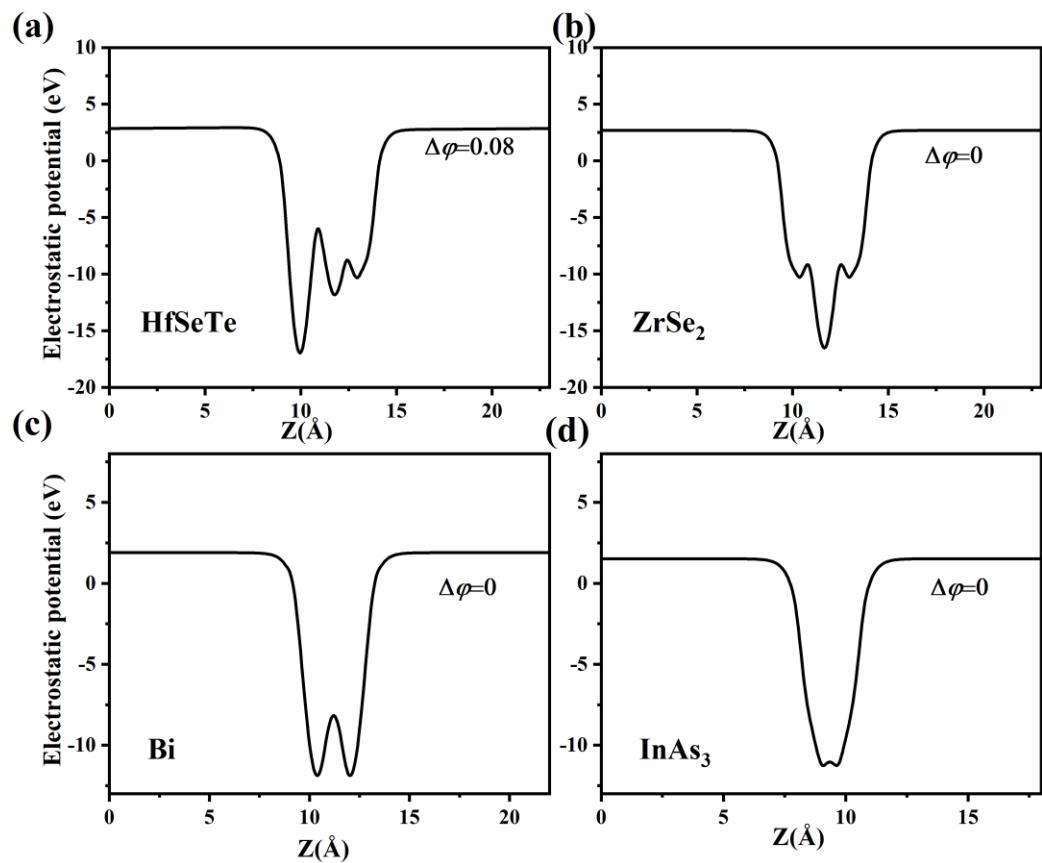


**Fig. S1.** The plane-integrated charge density differences along with  $z$ -direction for 16 heterostructures. The orange and green regions represent electron accumulation and depletion, respectively. (a)  $\text{HfSe}_2/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{HfSe}_2$ , (b)  $\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{HfSe}_2/\text{ZrSe}_2$ , (c)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2-\text{I}$ , (d)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2-\text{II}$ , (e)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{HfSeTe}-\text{I}$ , (f)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{HfSeTe}-\text{II}$ , (g)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{HfSeTe}-\text{III}$ , (h)  $\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2$ , (i)  $\text{Bi}/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2-\text{I}$ , (j)  $\text{Bi}/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2-\text{II}$ , (k)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{Bi}-\text{I}$ , (l)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{Bi}-\text{II}$ , (m)  $\text{InAs}_3/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2-\text{I}$ , (n)  $\text{InAs}_3/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2-\text{II}$ , (o)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{InAs}_3-\text{I}$ , and (p)  $\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2/\text{InAs}_3-\text{II}$ .

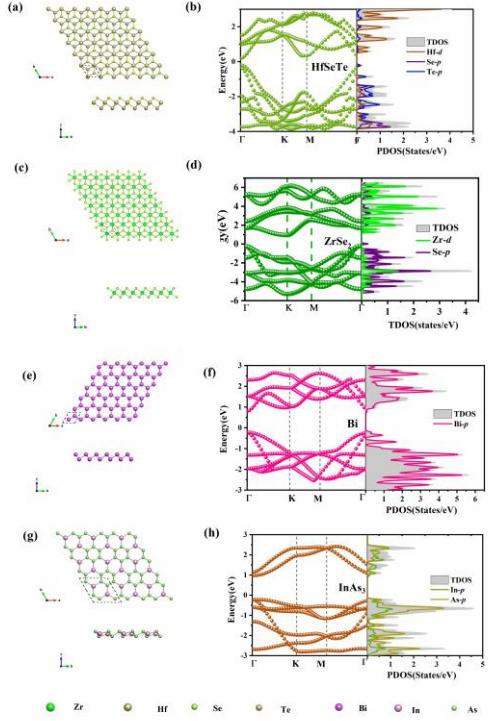
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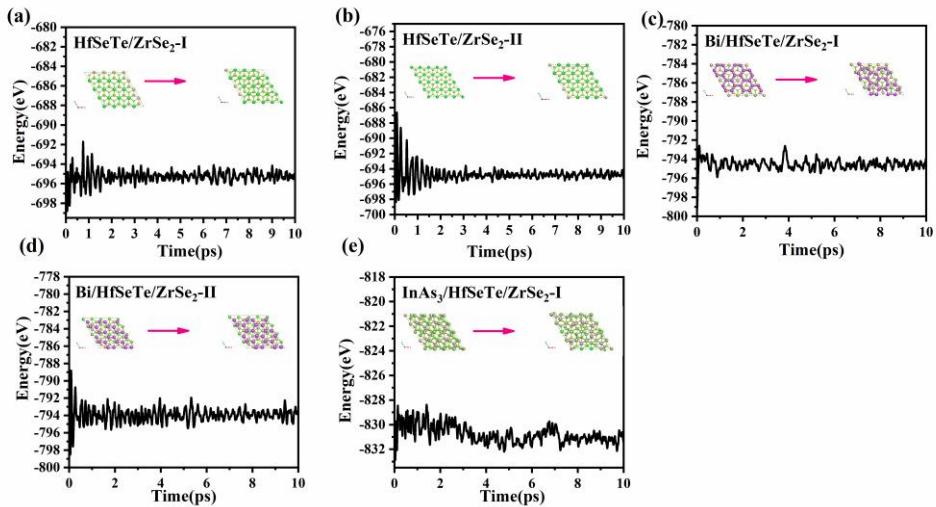
**Fig. S2.** The electrostatic potentials of the considered heterostructures. (a) HfSe<sub>2</sub>/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/HfSe<sub>2</sub>, (b) ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/HfSe<sub>2</sub>/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>, (c) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (d) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (e) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/HfSeTe-I, (f) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/HfSeTe-II, (g) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/HfSeTe-III, (h) ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>, (i) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (j) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (k) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/Bi-I, (l) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/Bi-II, (m) InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (n) InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (o) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/InAs<sub>3</sub>-I, and (p) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/InAs<sub>3</sub>-II.



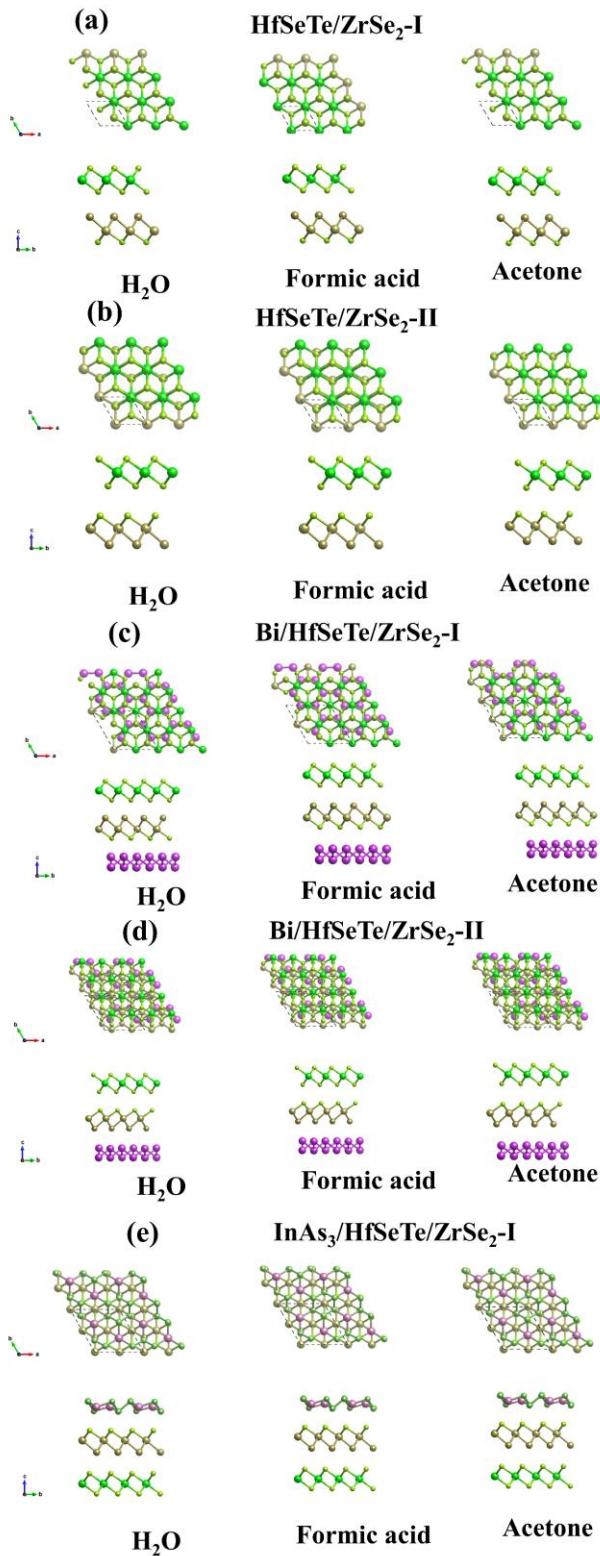
**Fig. S3.** The electrostatic potentials of the monolayers. (a) HfSeTe, (b) ZrSe<sub>2</sub>, (c) Bi, (d) InAs<sub>3</sub>.



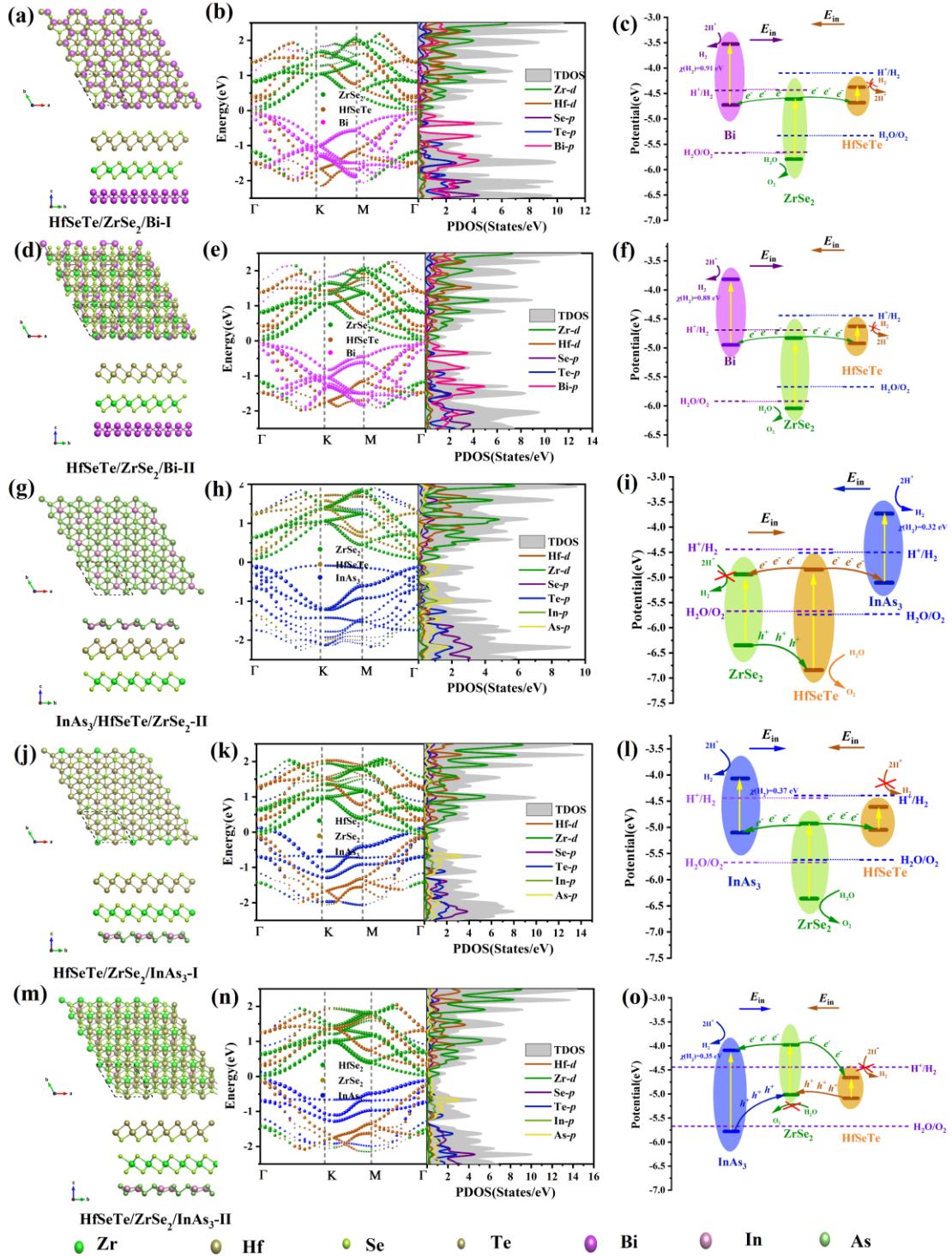
**Fig. S4.** The geometrical structures, band structures, and project density of states. (a), (b) HfSeTe, (c), (d) ZrSe<sub>2</sub>, (e), (f) Bi, and (g), (h) InAs<sub>3</sub> monolayers. The Fermi level is set to zero.



**Fig. S5.** The AIMD simulation results in a temperature of 300 K for the considered structures. (a) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (b) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (c) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (d) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, and (e) InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I.



**Fig. S6.** The geometric structures of (a) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (b) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (c) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (d) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, and (e) InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I optimized by VASPsol in the water, formic acid, and acetone, respectively.



**Fig. S7.** The geometric structures, band structures, project density of states, and photocatalytic schemes. (a)-(c) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/Bi-I, (d)-(f) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/Bi-II, (g)-(i) InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (j)-(l) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/InAs<sub>3</sub>-I, and (m)-(o) HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>/InAs<sub>3</sub>-II.

**Table S1.** The interlayer distances ( $d_1$ ,  $d_2$ ), formation energies ( $E_f$ ), reduction potentials ( $P_r$ ), oxidation potentials ( $P_o$ ), and  $\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ s of the 16 configurations for heterostructure optimized and calculated by HSE06. The interlayer distances between the bottom layer and middle layer are represented by  $d_1$  and the interlayer distances between the bottom layer and middle layer are presented by  $d_2$ .

Configuration	$d_1$ (Å)	$d_2$ (Å)	$E_f$ (meV/ Å <sup>2</sup> )	$P_r$ (eV)	$P_o$ (eV)	$\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ (%)
HfSe <sub>2</sub> /ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /HfSe <sub>2</sub>	3.80	3.78	35.74	-4.74/-4.74	-6.29	-
ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /HfSe <sub>2</sub> /ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	3.79	3.78	37.82	-4.72	-6.35/-6.37	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	3.87	-	21.65	-4.41	-6.49	22.08
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -II	3.85	-	19.48	-4.44	-6.52	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /HfSeTe-I	3.79	3.81	37.82	-4.46/-4.39	-6.38	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /HfSeTe-II	3.84	3.85	40.44	-4.36/-4.51	-6.20/-6.31	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /HfSeTe-III	3.88	3.85	42.57	-4.41/-4.52	-6.16	-
ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	3.77	3.82	39.93	-4.54/-4.46	-6.16	-
Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	3.75	3.47	38.24	-3.62	-6.19	40.52
Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -II	3.73	3.74	34.94	-3.56	-6.18	39.47
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /Bi-I	3.45	3.77	39.04	-3.53/-4.72	-6.13/-5.79	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /Bi-II	3.32	3.75	33.89	-3.56/-4.63	-6.04/-5.79	-
InAs <sub>3</sub> /HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	3.78	3.52	39.82	-4.12	-6.38	41.04
InAs <sub>3</sub> /HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -II	3.83	3.54	44.46	-4.93/-3.66	-6.94/-6.77	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /InAs <sub>3</sub> -I	3.46	3.80	41.64	-4.07/-4.66	-6.36/-6.41	-
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> /InAs <sub>3</sub> -II	3.37	3.72	37.61	-4.09/-4.66	-5.03	-

**Table S2.** The lattice constants ( $a$ ), bandgaps ( $E_g$ ), CBMs, and VBM $s$  were calculated by HSE06 for HfSeTe, ZrSe<sub>2</sub>, Bi, and InAs<sub>3</sub> monolayers.

Monolayer	$a$ (Å)	$a$ (Å) (Exp./Cal.)	$E_g$ (eV)	$E_g$ (eV) (Exp./Cal.)	CBM (eV)	VBM (eV)
HfSeTe	3.92	3.85 <sup>1</sup> ,3.82 <sup>2</sup>	0.39	0.47 <sup>1</sup> ,0.44 <sup>2</sup>	-4.62	-5.05
ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	3.76	3.77 <sup>3,4</sup>	1.15	1.20 <sup>5</sup> ,1.18 <sup>6</sup>	-4.99	-6.15
Bi	4.22	4.24 <sup>7</sup>	1.02	1.16 <sup>7</sup>	-3.27	-4.31
InAs <sub>3</sub>	7.85	-	1.19	-	-3.97	-5.15

**Table S3.** The solvation energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{sol}}$ ) of the structures we considered in the water, formic acid, and acetone solutions calculated by VASPsol.

	$\Delta E_{\text{sol}}$ -water (eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{sol}}$ -formic acid(eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{sol}}$ -acetone(eV)
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	-0.0232	-0.0217	-0.0199
HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -II	-0.0083	-0.0076	-0.0052
Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	-0.2955	-0.2176	-0.2521
Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -II	-0.3120	-0.2255	-0.2721
InAs <sub>3</sub> /HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	-0.3941	-0.3923	-0.3301

## 2. Details of calculations for the optical properties and the Solar-to-hydrogen ( $\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ )

The Eq. of optical absorption coefficient  $\alpha(\omega)$  is <sup>8,9</sup>

$$\alpha(\omega) = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_i^2(\omega)} - \varepsilon_r(\omega)} \quad (2)$$

Where  $\varepsilon_i(\omega)$  is the imaginary part of the complex dielectric function  $\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_r(\omega) + i\varepsilon_i(\omega)$ , can be calculated by following Equation <sup>10</sup>:

$$\varepsilon_i(\omega) = \frac{4\pi^2}{m^2\omega^2} \Sigma_{c,v} \int_{BZ} \frac{2}{(2\pi)^3} |M_{c,v}(k)|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_{ck} - \varepsilon_{vk} - h_\omega) d^3k \quad (3)$$

Where  $|M_{c,v}(k)|^2$  represent the momentum matrix element, c, and v represent the conduction and valence band states, respectively.  $\varepsilon_i(\omega)$  can be calculated by VASP.

The real part  $\varepsilon_r(\omega)$  can be calculated from the imaginary part  $\varepsilon_i(\omega)$  of the complex dielectric function by using the Kramer-Kroning relationship<sup>11</sup>.

The solar-to-hydrogen efficiency ( $\eta_{\text{STH}}$ ) is the result of the efficiency of light absorption  $\eta_{\text{abs}}$  and the efficiency of carrier utilization  $\eta_{\text{cu}}$ , which can be considered as the crucial factor in determining the catalytic ability of photocatalysts. We calculated  $\eta_{\text{STH}}$ ,  $\eta_{\text{abs}}$ , and  $\eta_{\text{cu}}$  based on the following formula<sup>12</sup>:

$$\eta_{\text{STH}} = \eta_{\text{abs}} \times \eta_{\text{cu}} \quad (4)$$

$$\eta_{\text{abs}} = \frac{\int_{E_g}^{\infty} P(\hbar\omega) d(\hbar\omega)}{\int_0^{\infty} P(\hbar\omega) d(\hbar\omega)} \quad (5)$$

$$\eta_{\text{cu}} = \frac{\Delta G \int_E^{\infty} \frac{P(\hbar\omega)}{\hbar\omega} d(\hbar\omega)}{\int_{E_g}^{\infty} P(\hbar\omega) d(\hbar\omega)} \quad (6)$$

$$E = \begin{cases} E_g, & (\chi(H_2) \geq 0.2, \chi(O_2) \geq 0.6) \\ E_g + 0.2 - \chi(H_2), & (\chi(H_2) < 0.2, \chi(O_2) \geq 0.6) \\ E_g + 0.6 - \chi(O_2), & (\chi(H_2) \geq 0.2, \chi(O_2) < 0.6) \\ E_g + 0.8 - \chi(H_2) - \chi(O_2), & (\chi(H_2) < 0.2, \chi(O_2) < 0.6) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Where  $P(\hbar\omega)$  is the AM1.5G solar energy flux at the photo energy  $\hbar\omega$ ;  $E_g$  (HSE) is the bandgap of the layer materials;  $\chi(H_2)$  and  $\chi(O_2)$  are the overpotentials for hydrogen and oxygen evolution reactions, respectively.  $\Delta G$  represents the potential difference of 1.23 eV for water splitting, and  $E$  is the energy of photons that can actually be utilized for water splitting.

Because the intrinsic electric field would promote the electron-hole separation, the corrected STH efficiency ( $\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ ) for polarized materials in photocatalytic water splitting reaction can be calculated as:

$$\eta'_{\text{STH}} = \eta_{\text{STH}} \times \frac{\int_0^{\infty} P(\hbar\omega) d(\hbar\omega)}{\int_0^{\infty} P(\hbar\omega) d(\hbar\omega) + \Delta\Phi \int_0^{\infty} P(\hbar\omega) d(\hbar\omega)} \quad (8)$$

Where  $\Delta\Phi$  is the vacuum level difference between the two respective surfaces of the polarized material.

**Table S4.** The energy conversion efficiency of the light absorption of light ( $\eta_{\text{abs}}$ ), carrier utilization ( $\eta_{\text{cu}}$ ), and  $\eta'_{\text{STH}}$  of the Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I heterostructure.

Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	$E_{g\text{-Bi}}$ (eV)	$E_{g\text{-HfSeTe}}$ (eV)	$E_{g\text{-ZrSe}2}$ (eV)	$\chi(\text{H}_2)$ (eV)	$\chi(\text{O}_2)$ (eV)	$\Delta\varphi$ (eV)	$\eta_{\text{abs}}$ (%)	$\eta_{\text{cu}}$ (%)	$\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ (%)
-2%	1.12	0.33	0.99	0.94	0.37	0.55	82.74	52.03	34.60
-1%	1.03	0.35	1.07	0.86	0.40	0.47	84.98	54.78	38.21
0%	1.04	0.37	1.17	0.81	0.52	0.41	80.94	58.86	40.52
1%	1.05	0.44	1.26	0.76	0.62	0.35	75.38	62.48	41.53
2%	1.04	0.51	1.35	0.71	0.70	0.31	71.97	60.96	39.00
3%	1.03	0.58	1.42	0.76	0.68	0.31	68.19	59.43	36.77
4%	0.97	0.67	1.55	0.89	0.65	0.32	60.70	56.52	31.50

**Table S5.** The energy conversion efficiency of the light absorption of light ( $\eta_{\text{abs}}$ ), carrier utilization ( $\eta_{\text{cu}}$ ), and  $\eta'_{\text{STH}}$  of the Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II heterostructure.

Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	$E_{g\text{-Bi}}$ (eV)	$E_{g\text{-HfSeTe}}$ (eV)	$E_{g\text{-ZrSe}2}$ (eV)	$\chi(\text{H}_2)$ (eV)	$\chi(\text{O}_2)$ (eV)	$\Delta\varphi$ (eV)	$\eta_{\text{abs}}$ (%)	$\eta_{\text{cu}}$ (%)	$\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ (%)
-3%	1.13	0.27	0.88	1.05	0.24	0.54	83.34	44.40	29.77
-2%	1.13	0.28	0.98	0.98	0.33	0.48	83.34	49.36	34.18
-1%	1.12	0.32	1.08	0.91	0.43	0.42	83.85	54.47	38.36
0%	1.13	0.38	1.20	0.88	0.51	0.38	79.11	57.73	39.47
1%	1.09	0.47	1.26	0.83	0.60	0.38	75.38	62.48	41.12
2%	1.03	0.56	1.35	0.80	0.68	0.39	71.97	60.96	38.63
3%	0.98	0.66	1.43	0.76	0.76	0.40	67.59	59.19	35.40
4%	0.94	0.75	1.49	0.71	0.82	0.40	64.03	57.79	33.03

**Table S6.** The energy conversion efficiency of the light absorption of light ( $\eta_{\text{abs}}$ ), carrier utilization ( $\eta_{\text{cu}}$ ), and  $\eta'_{\text{STH}}$  of the InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I heterostructure.

InAs <sub>3</sub> /HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	$E_{g-\text{InAs}3}$ (eV)	$E_{g-\text{HfSeTe}}$ (eV)	$E_{g-\text{ZrSe}2}$ (eV)	$\chi(\text{H}_2)$ (eV)	$\chi(\text{O}_2)$ (eV)	$\Delta\varphi$ (eV)	$\eta_{\text{abs}}$ (%)	$\eta_{\text{cu}}$ (%)	$\eta'_{\text{STH}}$ (%)
-3%	0.64	0.24	1.16	0.24	0.46	0.24	81.54	55.64	41.09
-2%	0.70	0.29	1.22	0.28	0.55	0.17	77.86	59.79	43.57
-1%	0.79	0.38	1.33	0.30	0.63	0.10	72.91	61.36	43.16
0%	0.87	0.48	1.41	0.32	0.71	0.00	68.79	59.66	41.04
1%	1.31	0.57	1.49	0.71	0.77	0.03	64.03	57.79	36.67
2%	1.36	0.74	1.65	0.70	0.70	0.08	55.45	54.58	29.68
3%	1.47	0.75	1.62	0.69	0.69	0.14	56.74	55.05	30.16
4%	1.41	0.85	1.68	0.66	0.97	0.17	53.80	53.39	27.93

### 3. Calculational detail of the NAMD simulation

The nonadiabatic molecular dynamics (NAMD) simulation for the carrier transfer and the electron-hole recombination were carried out by Hefei-NAMD code <sup>13</sup>. The average nonadiabatic coupling (NAC) matrix elements are defined as

$$\mathbf{d}_{ij} = \left\langle \varphi_i \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right| \varphi_j \right\rangle = \frac{\langle \varphi_i | \nabla_R \hat{H} | \varphi_j \rangle}{\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_i} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (9)$$

Where  $\mathbf{d}_{ij}$  is the NAC between states  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $\hat{H}$  is the electronic Hamiltonian,  $\varphi_{ij}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{ij}$ , are the wave functions and energies of electronic states  $i/j$ , and  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial t}$  is the velocity of the nuclear.

The decoherence time was computed as the pure-dephasing time in the optical response formalism <sup>14</sup>. The fluctuations are characterized by the energy gap

autocorrelation function (ACF) which defined by <sup>15</sup>

$$C_{(t)} = \frac{\langle \delta U(t) \delta U(t_0) \rangle_T}{\langle (\delta U(t_0))^2 \rangle_T} = \frac{C_{un}(t)}{\langle \Delta E^2(0) \rangle_T} \quad (10)$$

$\delta U$  is the deviation of the energy gap from the average value,  $C_{un}(t)$  is the unnormalized ACF,  $C_{(t)}$  is the normalized ACF.

$$\delta U(t) = \Delta E_{ij}(\mathbf{R}(t)) - \langle \Delta E_{ij}(\mathbf{R}(t)) \rangle_T \quad (11)$$

The  $\Delta E_{ij}$  is the energy difference between  $i$  and  $j$  states.

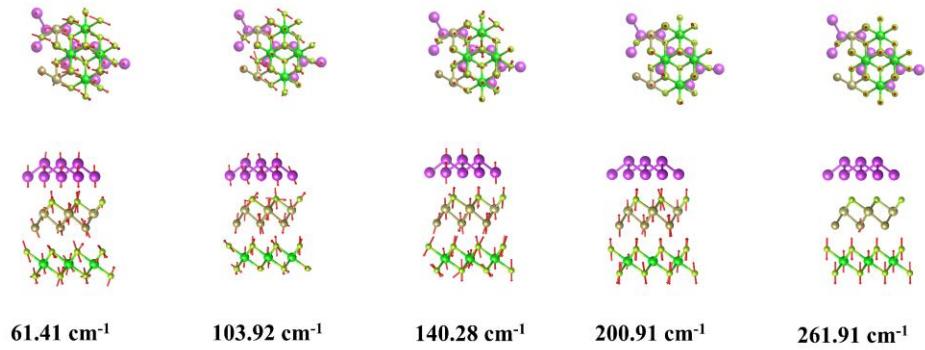
$$D(t) = \exp \left[ -\frac{\langle (\delta U)^2 \rangle_T}{\hbar^2} \int_0^t d\tau_2 \int_0^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 C(\tau_1) \right] \quad (12)$$

The pure-dephasing time obtained by fitting Supplementary Eq. S18 with Gaussian function.

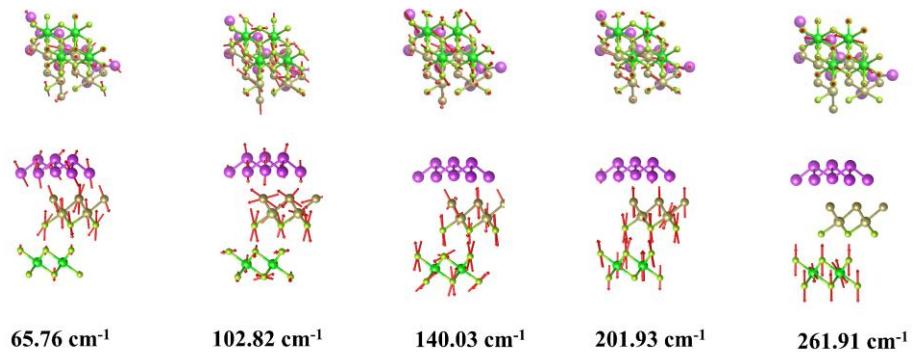
The spectral density was calculated by applying the Fourier transform of an ACF function <sup>16</sup>,

$$I(\omega) = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} C(t) \right|^2 \quad (13)$$

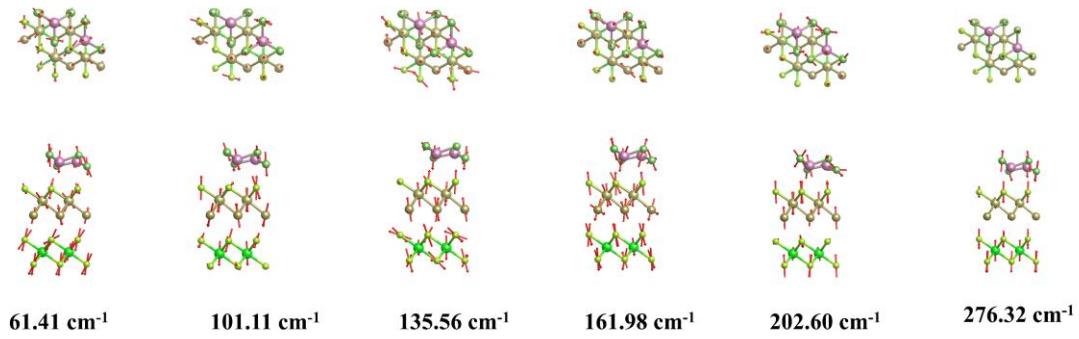
The NAMD simulations in this paper were performed in the wavefunction calculated by Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) <sup>17</sup> functional and the eigenenergy with a scissor's operator correction of the bandgap to match those by HSE06 <sup>18-20</sup>. Each state only exhibited slight hybridization with adjacent states in the evolution of 2000 fs, and its values did not change significantly. However, only one electron or one hole was performed to the carrier evolution of CBM or VBM in the simulation. Therefore, we analyzed the evolution of carriers on the six CBMs and VBM in the heterostructures, and could not divide the nine carrier transfer processes to calculate respectively.



**Fig. S8.** The lattice vibration modes of the Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I by VASP.



**Fig. S9.** The lattice vibration modes of the Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II by VASP.



**Fig. S10.** The lattice vibration modes of the InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I by VASP.

**Table S7.** The NAC elements between the CBMs/VBMs and the other energy states we considered in Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I.

NAC (eV)	VBM@ ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	VBM@Hf SeTe	VBM @Bi	CBM@Zr Se <sub>2</sub>	CBM@HfS eTe	CBM@ Bi
VBM@Zr	0	8.6E-4	8.6E-4	0.0027	1.3E-4	2.4E-4
Se <sub>2</sub>						
VBM-2	0.00138	0.00181	9.8E-4	4.9E-4	3.4E-4	7E-5
VBM-1	0.00112	0.00279	7.3E-4	8.1E-4	3.3E-4	6E-5
VBM@	8.6E-4	0	8E-4	5.1E-4	5.7E-4	6E-5
HfSeTe						
VBM@Bi	8.6E-4	8E-4	0	0.00189	5.1E-4	7E-5
CBM@Zr	0.0027	5.1E-4	0.0018	0	4.5E-4	1.6E-4
Se <sub>2</sub>			9			
CBM+1	0.00141	4.9E-4	0.0013	0.00979	5.8E-4	1.6E-4

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CBM+2	9.2E-4	4.3E-4	0.0010	0.00362	5.6E-4	1.7E-4
			6			
CBM+3	7.5E-4	3.9E-4	7.5E-4	0.00223	9.7E-4	2.1E-4
CBM@Hf	1.3E-4	5.7E-4	5.1E-4	4.5E-4	0	1.6E-4
SeTe						
CBM+5	1E-4	1.9E-4	1.9E-4	2.5E-4	0.00229	1.4E-4
CBM+6	1.4E-4	3E-4	2.9E-4	3.9E-4	9E-4	2.8E-4
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CBM+8	1.7E-4	8E-5	9E-5	2.4E-4	5.2E-4	3E-4
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CBM+14	1.2E-4	1.2E-4	1E-4	1.9E-4	4.1E-4	6.7E-4
CBM+15	2.2E-4	5E-5	9E-5	2.5E-4	1.6E-4	0.002
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			6			
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			7			
CBM@Bi	2.4E-4	6E-5	7E-5	1.6E-4	1.6E-4	0

**Table S8.** The NAC elements between the CBMs/VBMs and the other energy states we considered in Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II.

NAC (eV)	VBM@Zr Se <sub>2</sub>	VBM@H fSeTe	VBM@Bi	CBM@ ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	CBM@H fSeTe	CBM@B i
VBM@ZrS	0	0.00154	6.8E-4	7.2E-4	5.5E-4	4.1E-4
e <sub>2</sub>						
VBM-7	0.02392	0.00128	9E-4	6.9E-4	5.9E-4	5.4E-4
VBM-6	0.00623	0.00133	6.5E-4	6.1E-4	6.3E-4	8.3E-4
VBM-5	0.00277	0.0014	7.7E-4	9.2E-4	4.7E-4	0.00114
VBM-4	0.00324	0.00774	0.00115	9.5E-4	6.7E-4	3.4E-4
VBM@HfS	0.00154	0	0.00264	0.0017	9.1E-4	3.7E-4
eTe						
VBM-2	9.5E-4	0.01615	0.00498	0.00195	0.00135	3.6E-4
VBM-1	0.00102	0.00399	0.01601	0.00257	0.00185	3.5E-4
VBM@Bi	6.8E-4	0.00264	0	0.00655	0.00223	3.6E-4
CBM@ZrS	7.2E-4	0.0017	0.00655	0	0.00189	5.6E-4
e <sub>2</sub>						
CBM+1	6.1E-4	9.9E-4	0.00245	0.01932	0.00253	0.00103
CBM+2	4.6E-4	6.2E-4	0.00181	0.00628	0.00272	0.00142
CBM+3	5.9E-4	5.8E-4	0.00152	0.00277	0.00915	0.00128
CBM@HfS	5.5E-4	9.1E-4	0.00223	0.00189	0	6.9E-4
eTe						
CBM+5	4.5E-4	0.00116	0.00211	0.00161	0.01575	8.1E-4
CBM+6	5.4E-4	8.4E-4	0.00138	9.8E-4	0.0084	9.5E-4
CBM+7	4.6E-4	6.1E-4	0.00126	0.00104	0.00626	0.00134

CBM+8	4.6E-4	4.9E-4	8E-4	8.7E-4	0.00265	0.00207
CBM+9	4.3E-4	3.5E-4	5.9E-4	9.1E-4	0.00241	0.00271
CBM+10	4.6E-4	7.1E-4	7.1E-4	7.2E-4	0.00226	0.00215
CBM+11	5E-4	4.8E-4	8.2E-4	6.8E-4	0.00166	0.00259
CBM+12	4.8E-4	6.3E-4	7.5E-4	5.9E-4	0.00134	0.00377
CBM+13	4.4E-4	4.9E-4	5.9E-4	6.5E-4	0.00137	0.00482
CBM+14	4.5E-4	4.6E-4	5.1E-4	6.5E-4	0.00124	0.00776
CBM+15	4.7E-4	4.1E-4	4.1E-4	8.1E-4	9E-4	0.01106
CBM+16	4.8E-4	3.6E-4	4.9E-4	6E-4	8.1E-4	0.01861
CBM+17	3.8E-4	3.6E-4	4.2E-4	6E-4	8.3E-4	0.04717
CBM@Bi	4.1E-4	3.7E-4	3.6E-4	5.6E-4	6.9E-4	0

**Table S9.** The NAC elements between the CBMs/VBMs and the other energy states we considered in InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I.

NAC (eV)	VBM@ ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	VBM@ HfSeTe	VBM@I nAs <sub>3</sub>	CBM@Z rSe <sub>2</sub>	CBM@Hf SeTe	CBM@ InAs <sub>3</sub>
VBM@ZrSe	0	0.00115	0.00123	0.00128	0.00106	9.5E-4
<sup>2</sup>						
VBM-8	0.04863	0.00164	0.00131	0.001	0.00107	0.00115
VBM-7	0.01387	0.0022	0.00146	9.1E-4	0.00114	0.00129
VBM-6	0.0073	0.0034	0.00132	0.00108	0.001	0.00173
VBM-5	0.00452	0.00398	0.002	0.00125	0.00125	0.00156
VBM-4	0.00286	0.00528	0.00225	0.00168	0.00143	0.00181
VBM-3	0.00186	0.00851	0.00438	0.00182	0.00162	0.00173
VBM-2	0.00144	0.02308	0.00456	0.00302	0.00196	0.00211

VBM@HfSe	0.00115	0	0.01486	0.00377	0.00287	0.00283
Te						
VBM@InAs	0.00123	0.01486	0	0.01118	0.00267	0.00245
3						
CBM@ZrSe <sub>2</sub>	0.00128	0.00377	0.01118	0	0.00461	0.00319
CBM+1	0.0014	0.00255	0.00497	0.03472	0.00671	0.0036
CBM+2	0.00132	0.00212	0.00374	0.00999	0.00882	0.00364
CBM+3	0.00129	0.00208	0.00368	0.00748	0.0275	0.00742
CBM@HfSe	0.00106	0.00287	0.00267	0.00461	0	0.01721
Te						
CBM@Bi	9.5E-4	0.00283	0.00245	0.00319	0.01721	0

#### 4. Calculational method of the Gibbs free energy changes

The  $\Delta G$  can be calculated by the following Equation <sup>21-23</sup>:

$$\Delta G = \Delta E - T\Delta S + \Delta E_{ZPE} \quad (14)$$

Where  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta E_{ZPE}$  and  $\Delta S$  represent the differences in total energy, zero-point energy, and entropy of the slab with and without adsorbed intermediates.  $T$  is the temperature 298K. The  $E_{ZPE}$  can be calculated by  $E_{ZPE} = \frac{1}{2}\Sigma\hbar\nu$ , where the  $\nu$  is the vibrational frequency over normal modes, and the zero-point of the slab can be negligible. The entropies of the free molecules were taken from the standard tables in Physical chemistry and those of intermediates were obtained from vibrational frequency.

The free energy change for HER electrochemical step can be expressed as:

$$\Delta G_{H^*} = G_{H^*} - \frac{1}{2}G_{H_2} - G^* \quad (15)$$

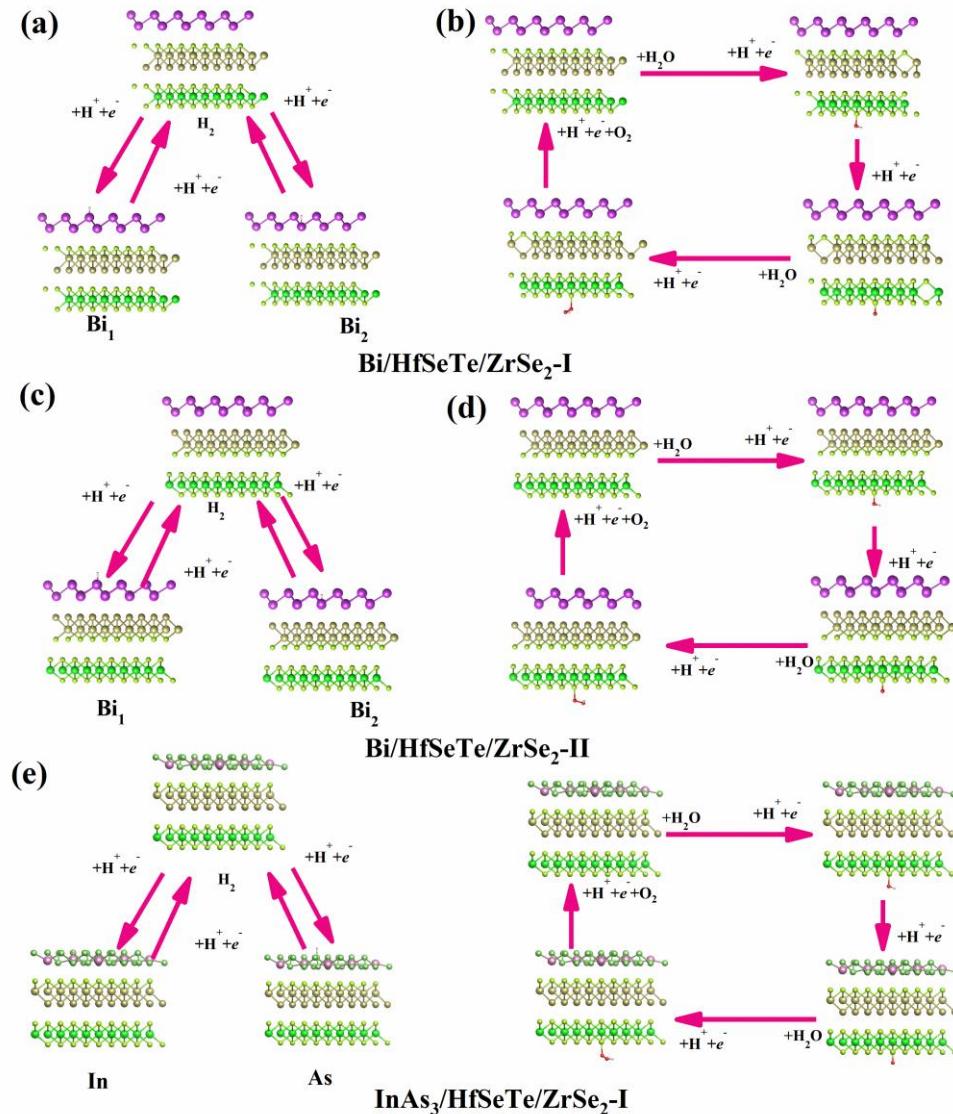
Then, the free energy change for OER electrochemical steps can be expressed as:

$$\Delta G_1 = G_{\text{OH}^*} + 1/2G_{\text{H}_2} - G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - G * \quad (16)$$

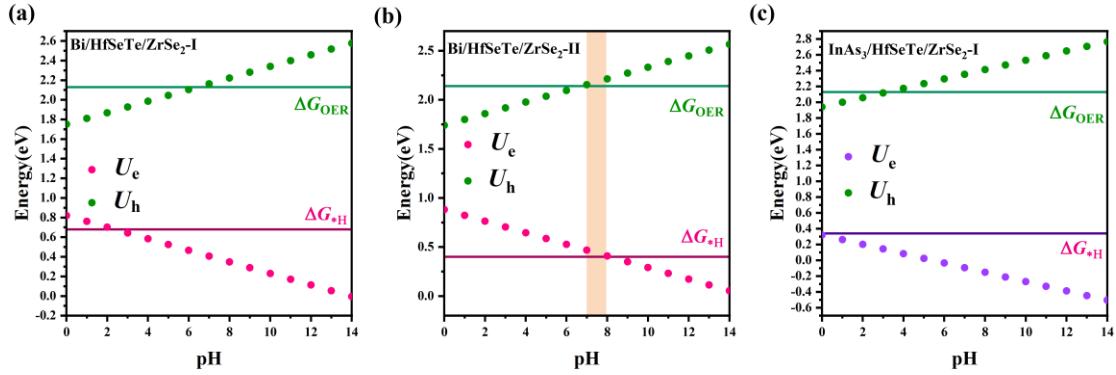
$$\Delta G_2 = G_{\text{O}^*} + 1/2G_{\text{H}_2} - G_{\text{OH}^*} \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta G_3 = G_{\text{OOH}^*} + 1/2G_{\text{H}_2} - G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - G_{\text{O}^*} \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta G_4 = 2G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + G* - 3/2G_{\text{H}_2} - G_{\text{OOH}^*} + 4.92 \quad (19)$$



**Fig. S11.** The adsorption sites for HERs and OERs of the heterostructures. (a), (b)  $\text{Bi}/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2\text{-I}$ , (c), (d)  $\text{Bi}/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2\text{-II}$ , (e), (f)  $\text{InAs}_3/\text{HfSeTe}/\text{ZrSe}_2\text{-I}$ .



**Fig. S12.** The value of  $\Delta G_{*H}$  and the  $\Delta G_{OERS}$  changed with the pH. (a) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, (b) Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, (c) InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I. The orange area represents the pH range of the photocatalytic overall water splitting spontaneously.

**Table S10.** The absorption energies of H atoms absorbed on different adsorption sites of Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I, Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II, and InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I. Bi<sub>1</sub> and Bi<sub>2</sub> represent two different adsorption sites of Bi monolayer.

configuration	adsorption sites	absorption energy
Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	Bi <sub>1</sub>	-2.9188
	Bi <sub>2</sub>	-2.8125
Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -II	Bi <sub>1</sub>	-3.1699
	Bi <sub>2</sub>	-3.1125
InAs <sub>3</sub> /HfSeTe/ZrSe <sub>2</sub> -I	In	-3.2537
	As	-3.1462

**5. The lattice parameters and coordinates (POSCAR format) for all the structures and the input parameters (INCAR format) for the optimizations of geometrical structures and the static calculations.**

**Supplemental POSCAR1.** The lattice parameters and atom coordinates of Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-I

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**Supplemental POSCAR2.** The lattice parameters and atom coordinates  
of Bi/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II

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**Supplemental POSCAR3.** The lattice parameters and atom coordinates  
of InAs<sub>3</sub>/HfSeTe/ZrSe<sub>2</sub>-II

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**Supplemental INCAR1.** The input parameters for the optimizations of geometrical structures.

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**Supplemental INCAR1.** The input parameters for the static calculations.

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