## Variable-valence element doping mediated photogenerated electron trapping for selective oxidation reactions

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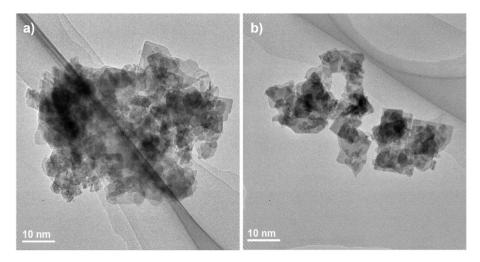


Fig. S1 TEM images of (a)  $Bi_2WO_6$  and (b) Cu- $Bi_2WO_6$ .

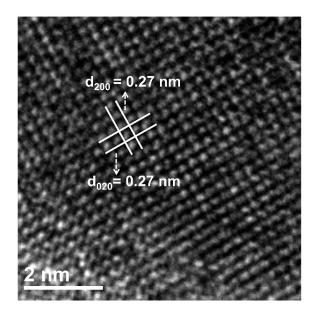


Fig. S2 HRTEM image of Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>.

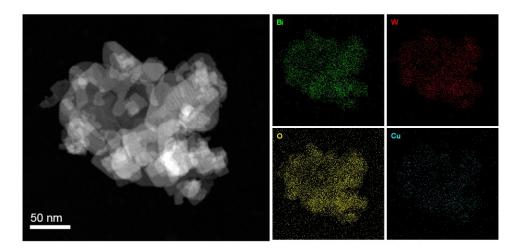


Fig. S3 HAADF-STEM images and the corresponding EDS mapping images of Cu- $Bi_2WO_6$ .

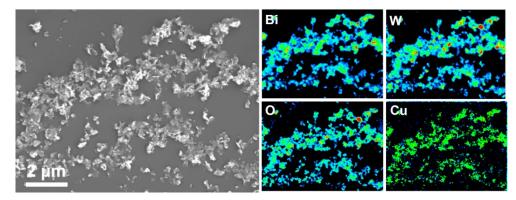


Fig. S4 EPMA analysis of the relevant elements of  $Cu-Bi_2WO_6$ .

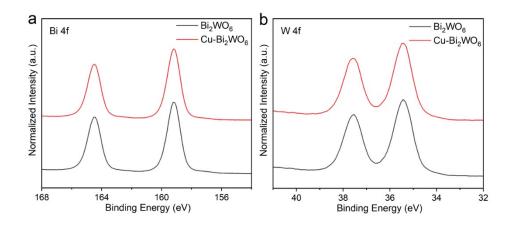


Fig. S5 XPS spectra of  $Bi_2WO_6$  and Cu- $Bi_2WO_6$ . (a) Bi 4f, (b) W 4f.

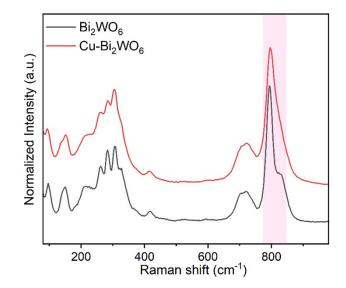


Fig. S6 Raman spectra of  $Bi_2WO_6$  and  $Cu-Bi_2WO_6$ .

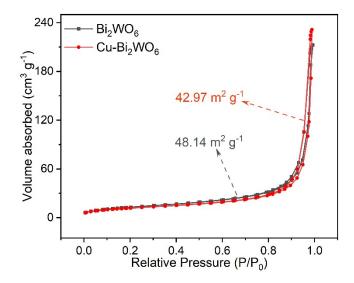


Fig. S7  $N_2$  adsorption/desorption isotherms of  $Bi_2WO_6$  and  $Cu-Bi_2WO_6$ .

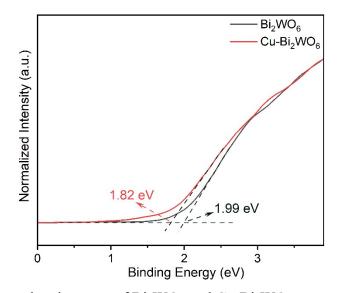


Fig. S8 XPS valence band spectra of  $Bi_2WO_6$  and  $Cu-Bi_2WO_6$ .

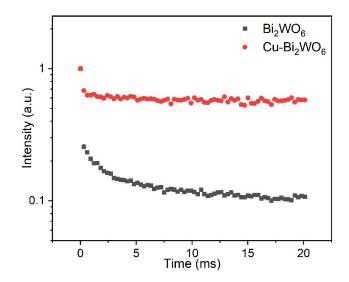


Fig. S9 Low-temperature (10 K) time-resolved phosphorescence (PH) spectra of  $Bi_2WO_6$  and  $Cu-Bi_2WO_6$ .

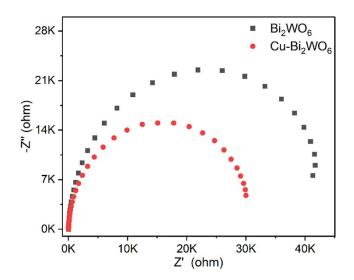


Fig. S10 Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy of Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub> and Cu-Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>.

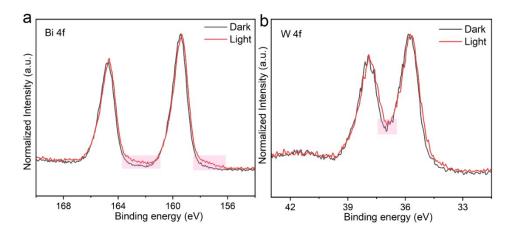


Fig. S11 In-situ high resolution XPS spectra of Bi 4f and W 4f of Cu-Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>.

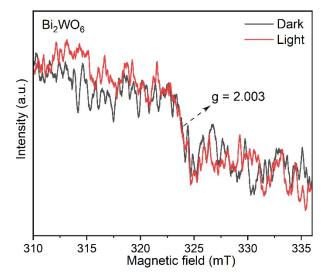


Fig. S12 In-situ ESR spectra of Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub> under dark and illumination conditions.

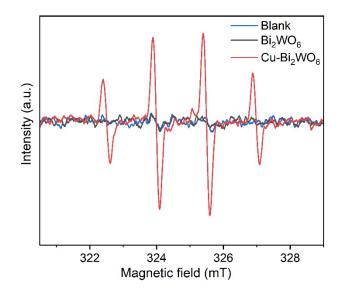


Fig. S13 ESR spectra of different samples in the presence of DMPO in water.

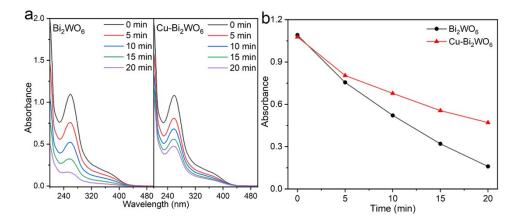


Fig. S14 (a) Time-dependent absorption spectra of NBT reduction for  $Bi_2WO_6$  and  $Cu-Bi_2WO_6$ . (b) Evolutions of the absorbance peak monitored at 260 nm.

The  $\cdot O_2^-$  can be detected by nitro blue tetrazorium (NBT), which could be reduced by  $\cdot O_2^-$ , resulting in decrease of absorbance spectra.<sup>1</sup> The time-dependent absorption curve shows that Cu-Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub> has a weaker ability to generate  $\cdot O_2^-$  due to the trapping of photogenerated electrons at the Cu sites.

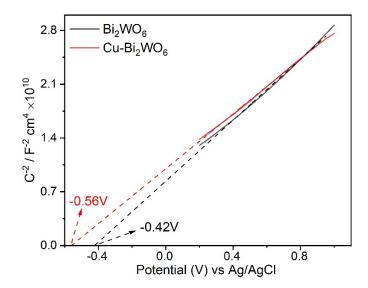


Fig. S15 Mott–Schottky plots of  $Bi_2WO_6$  and Cu- $Bi_2WO_6$ .

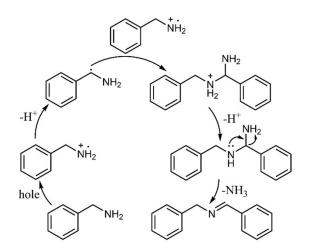


Fig. S16 Schematic diagram of hole-mediated oxidative coupling of amines to imines.<sup>2</sup>

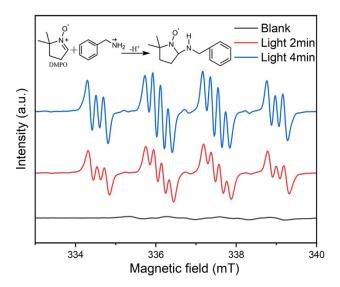


Fig. S17 In-situ ESR spectra of DMPO $-C_6H_5CH_2NH_2^{+}$  for Cu-Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>.

*In-situ* ESR spectroscopy measurements utilizing 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide (DMPO) as a spin-trapping agent provide direct evidence of  $C_6H_5CH_2NH_2^{\bullet+}$  generation. Under irradiation, a specific signal attributed to a DMPO– $C_6H_5CH_2NH_2^{\bullet+}$  spin adduct was clearly observed for Cu-Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>, and the signal intensity increased gradually with irradiation time.

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