

Supplementary Information for

Unassisted bipolar photoelectrochemical synthesis of H₂O₂

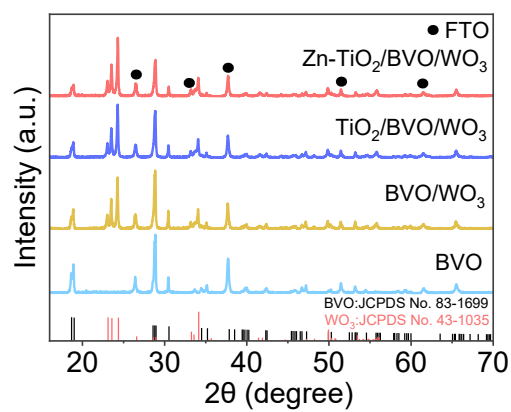
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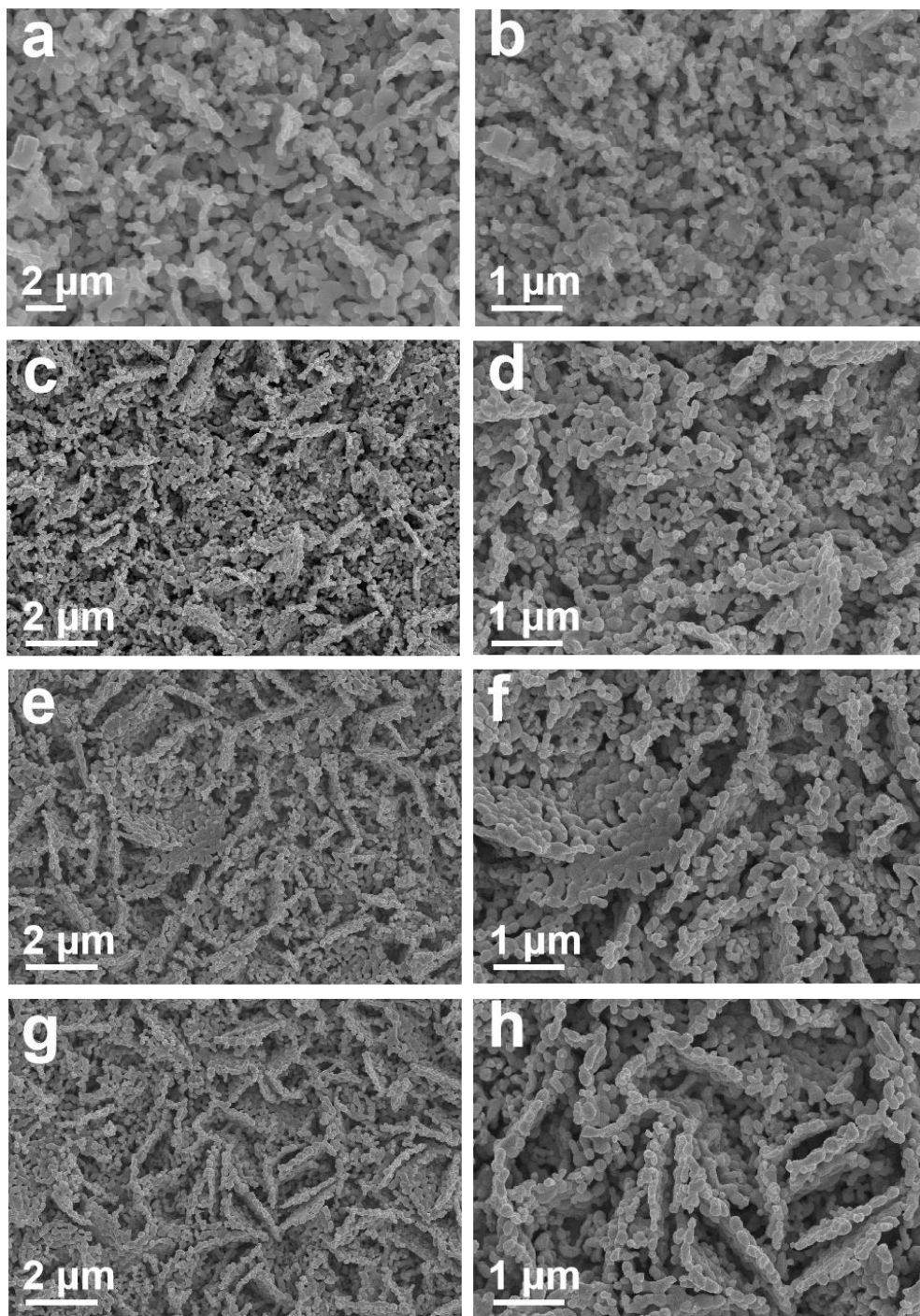
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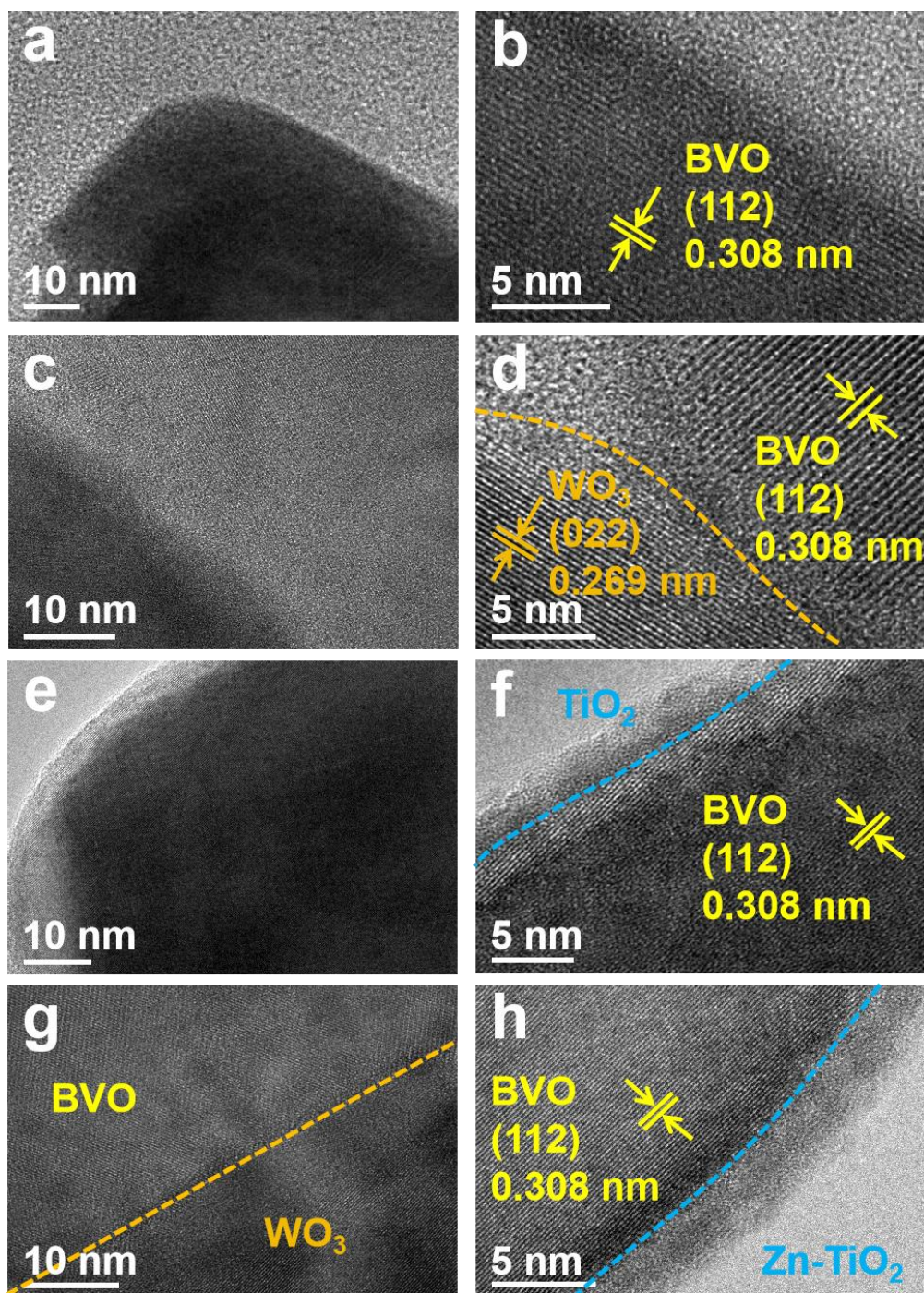
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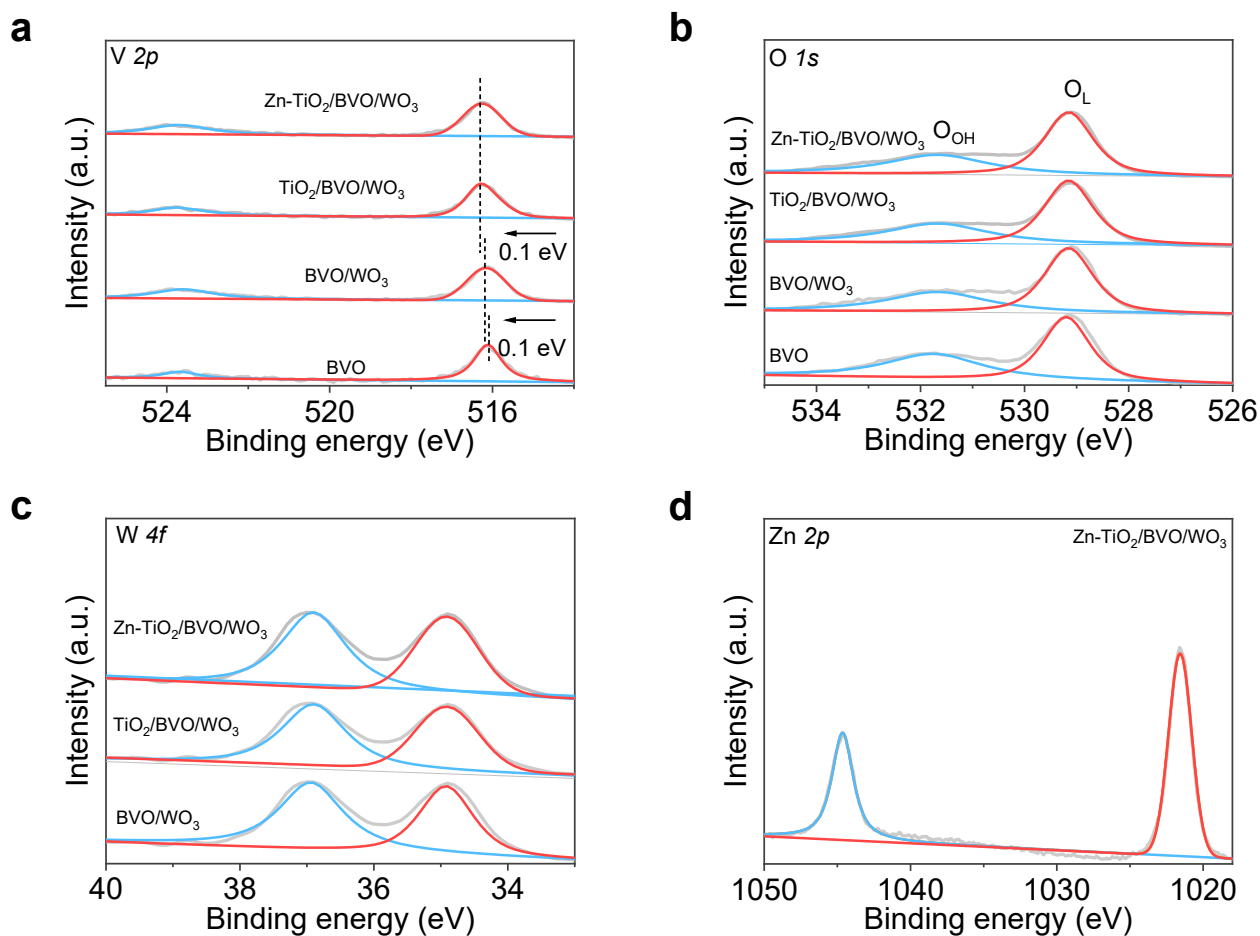
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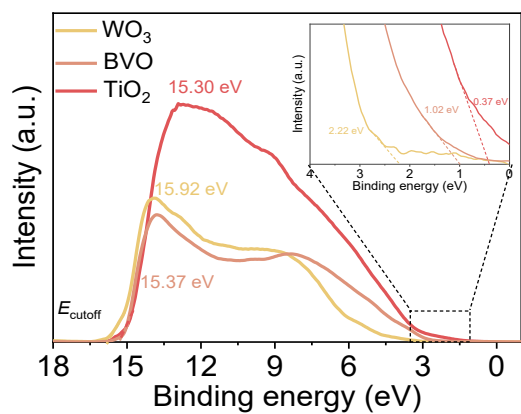
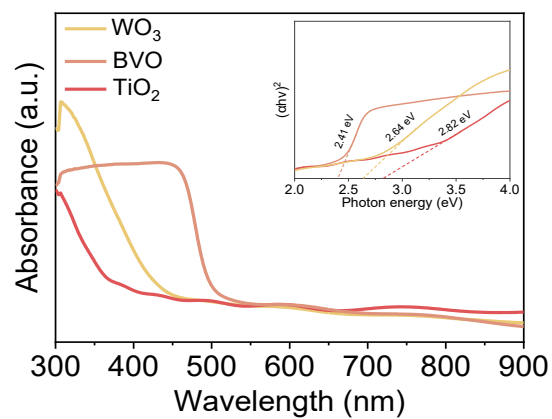
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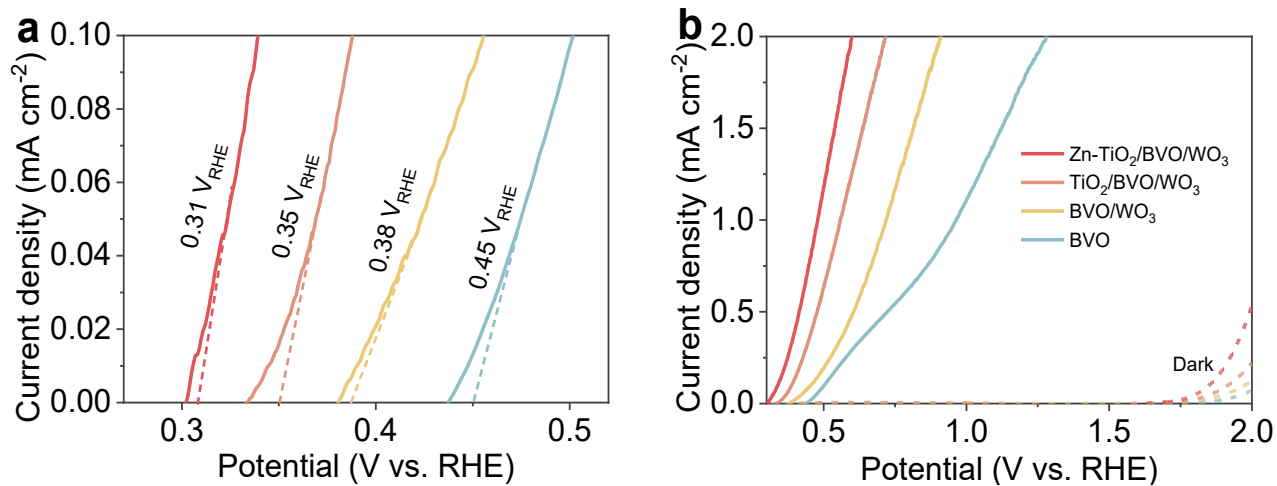
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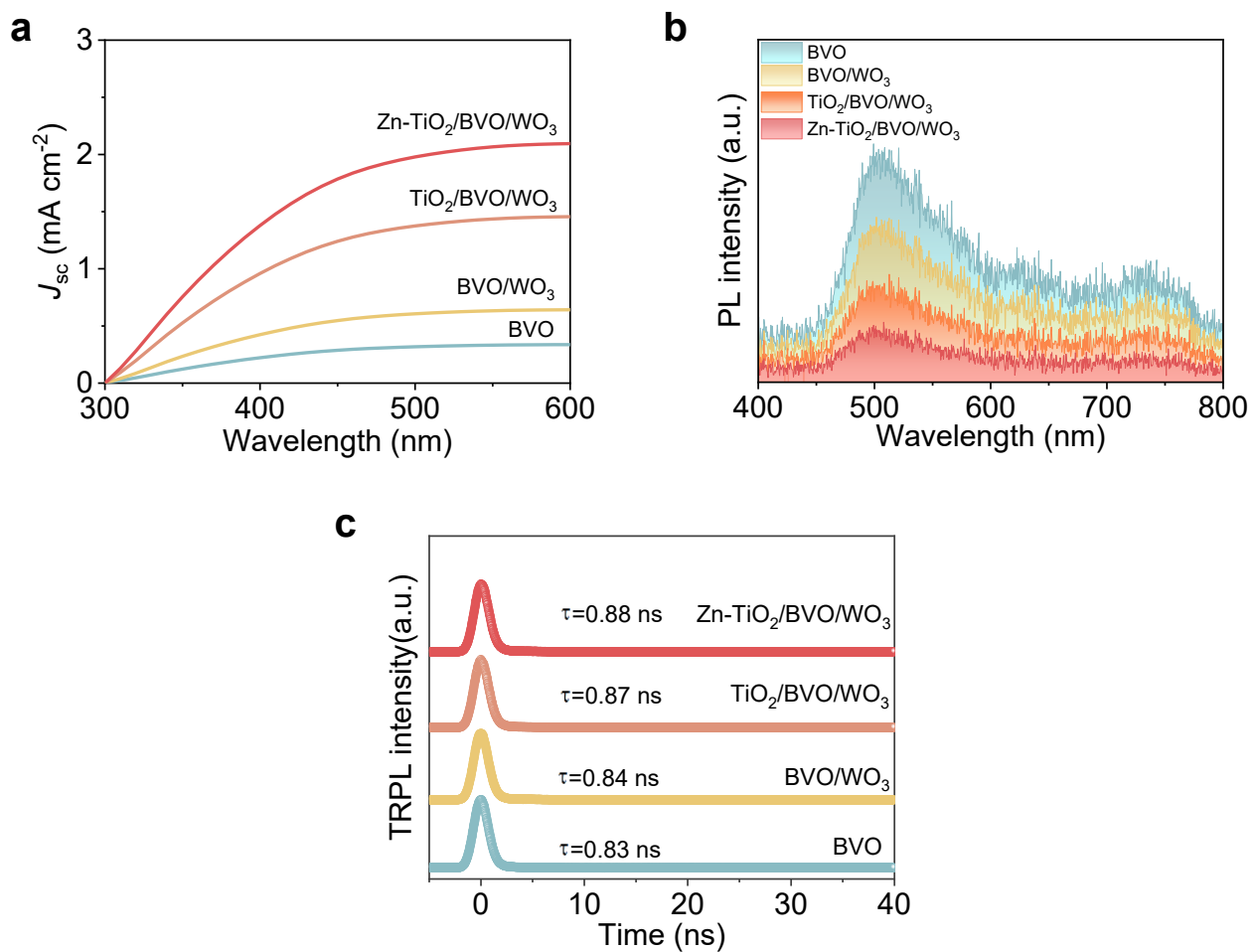
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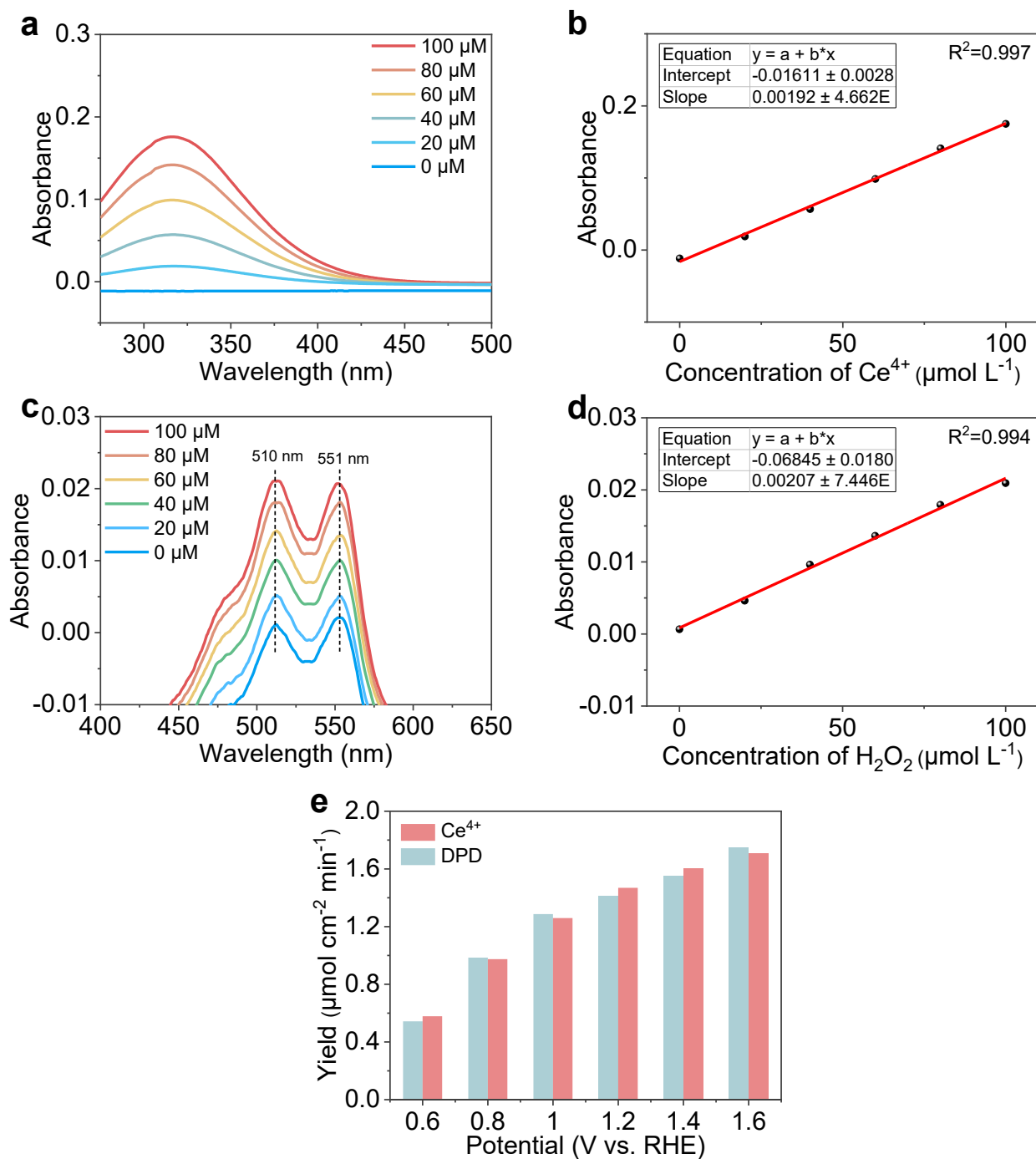
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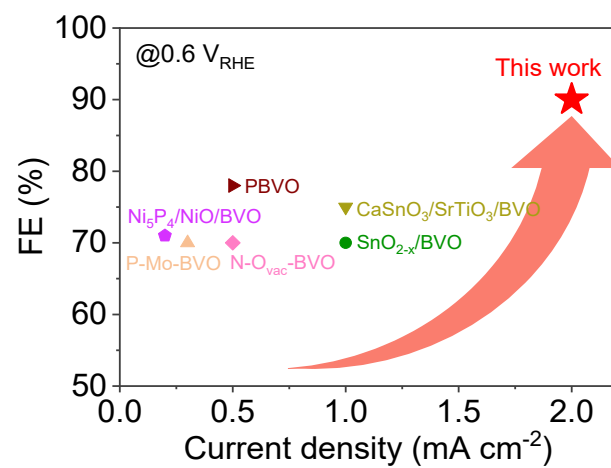
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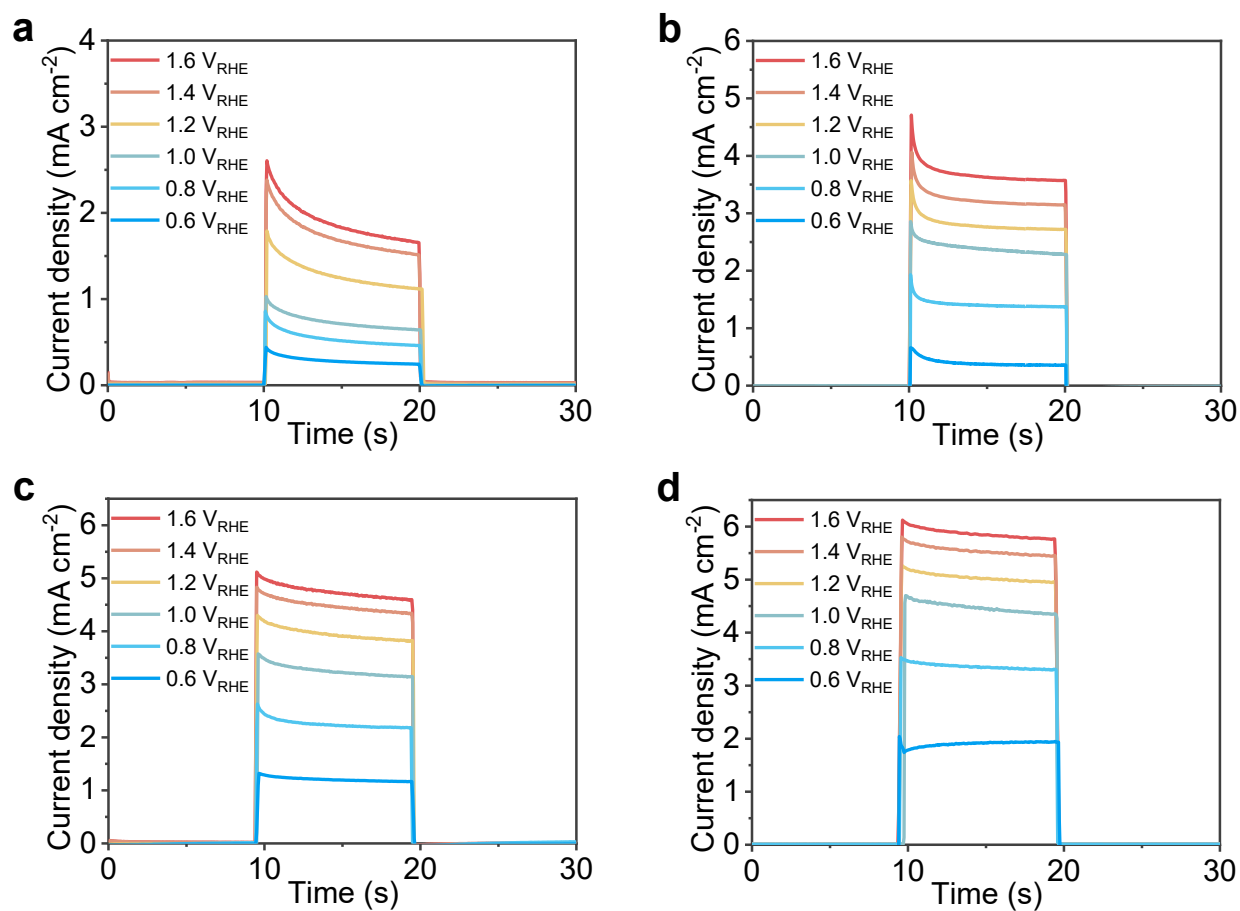
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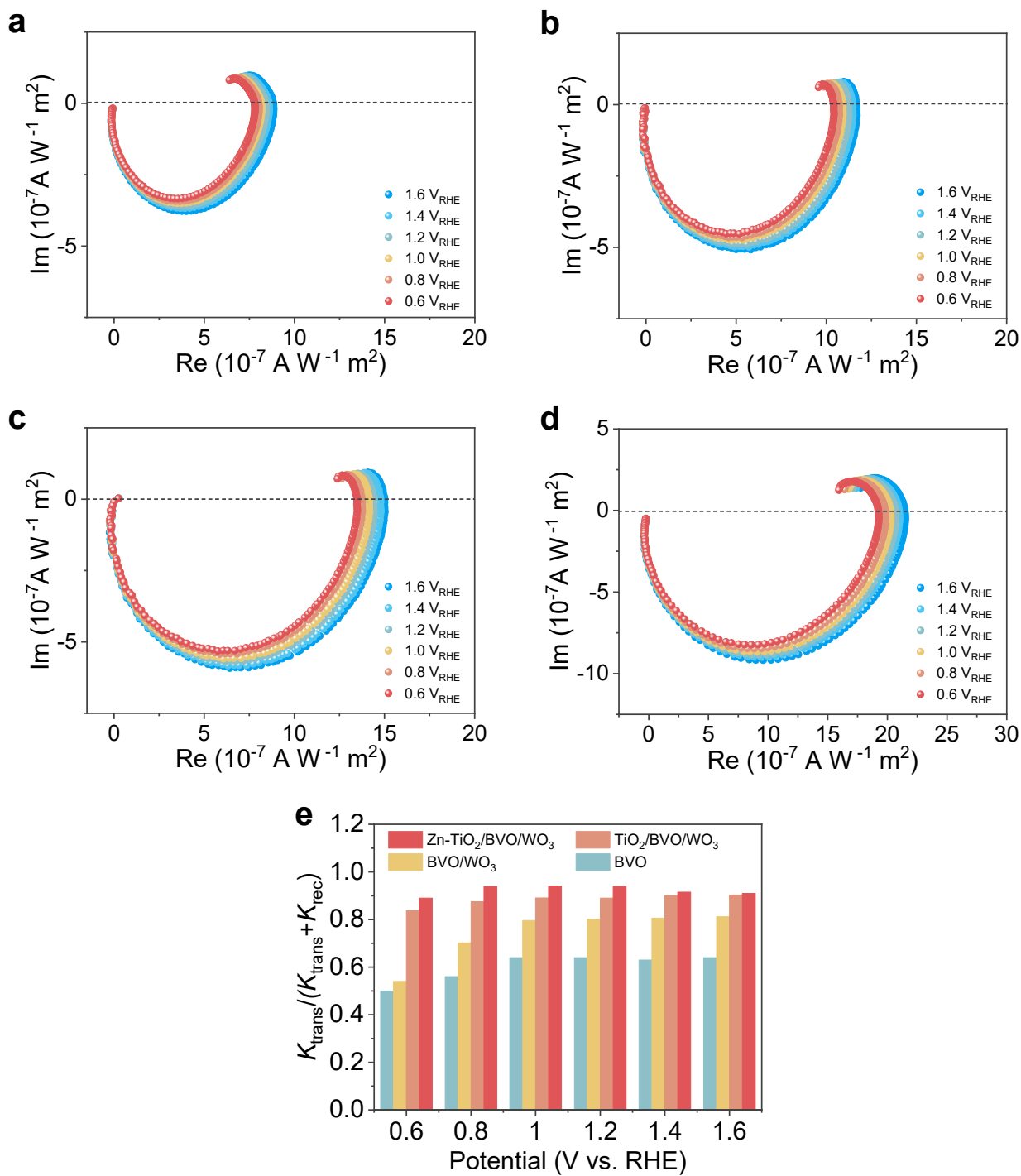
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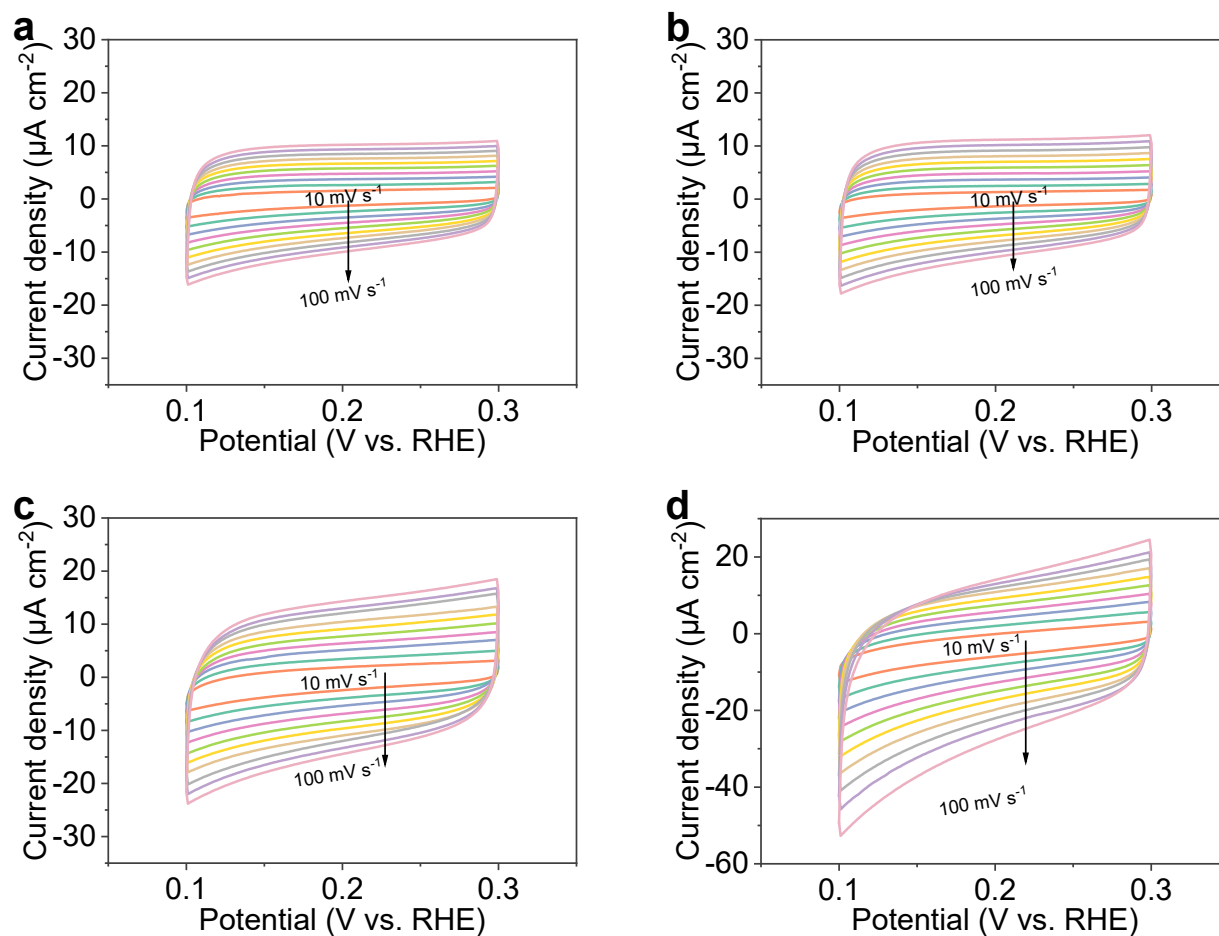
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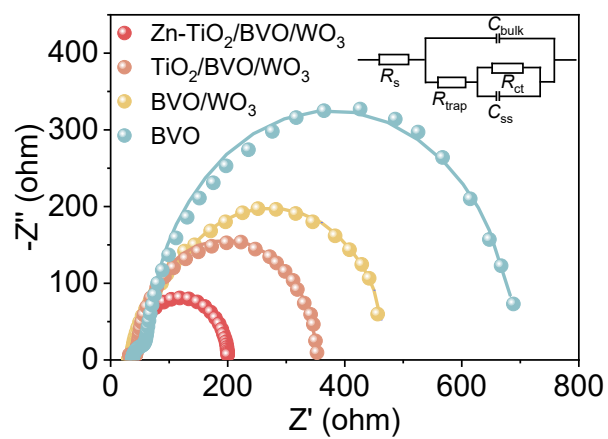
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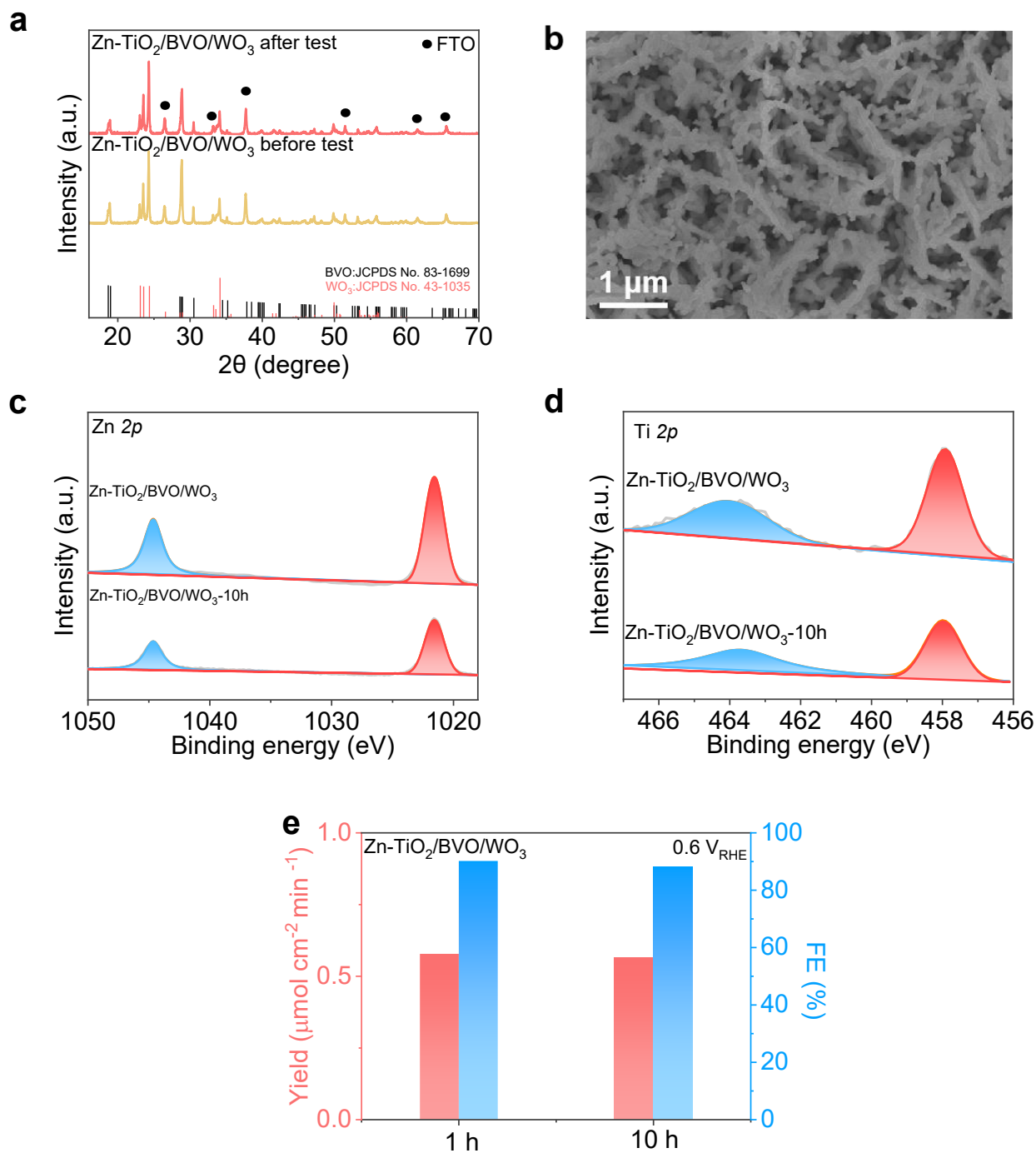
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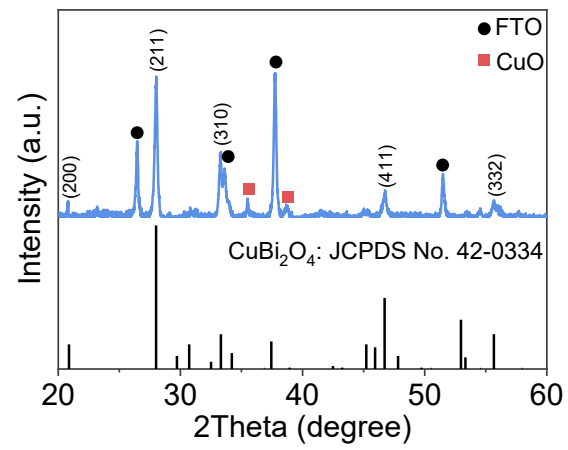
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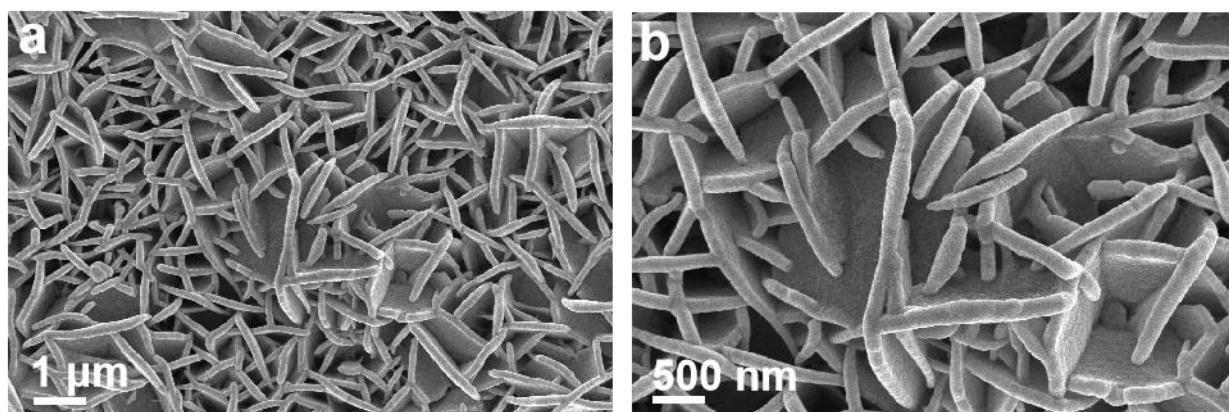
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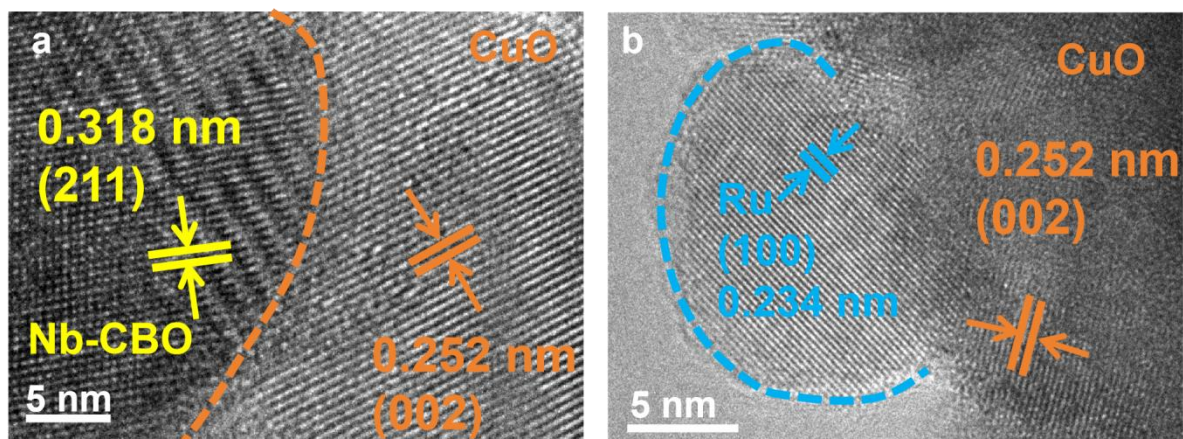
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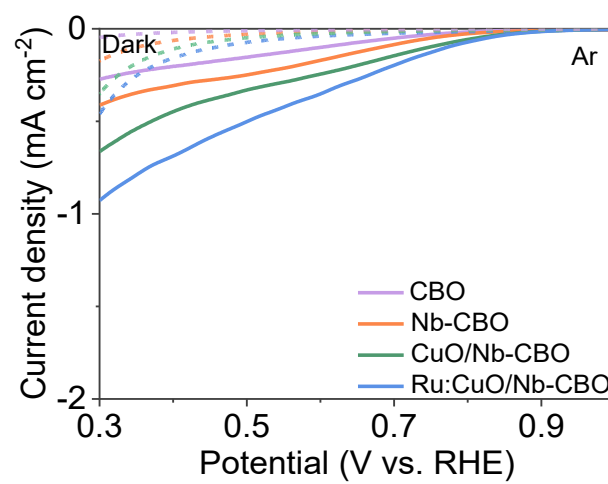
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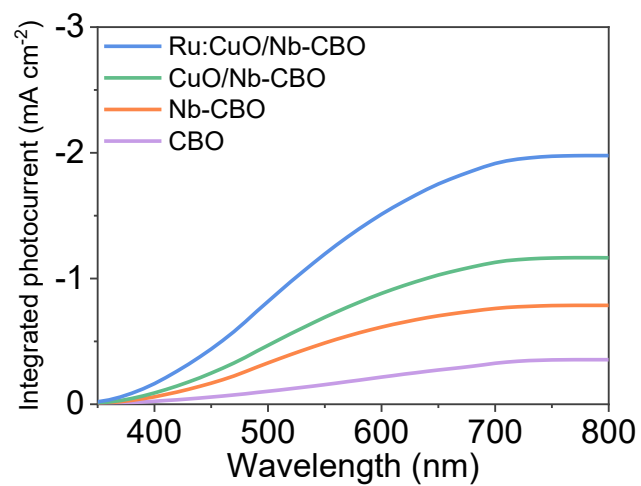
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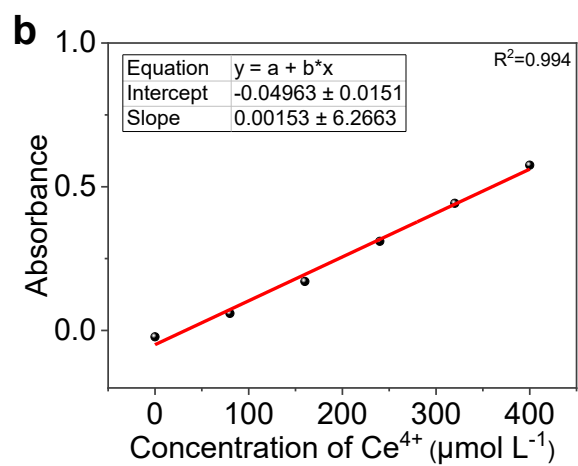
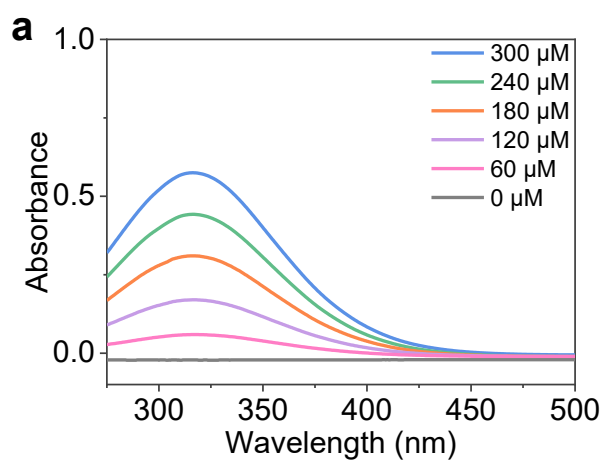
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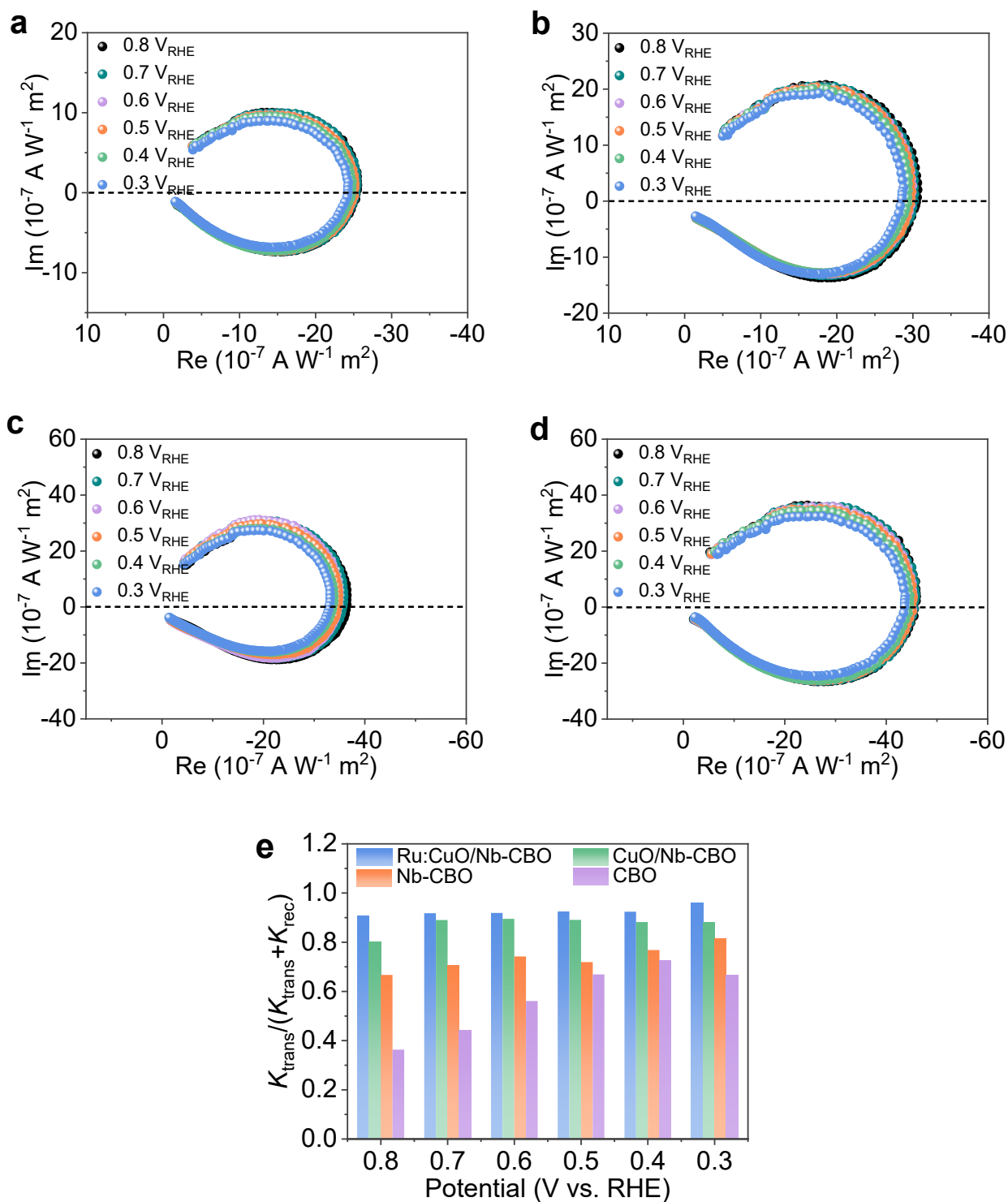
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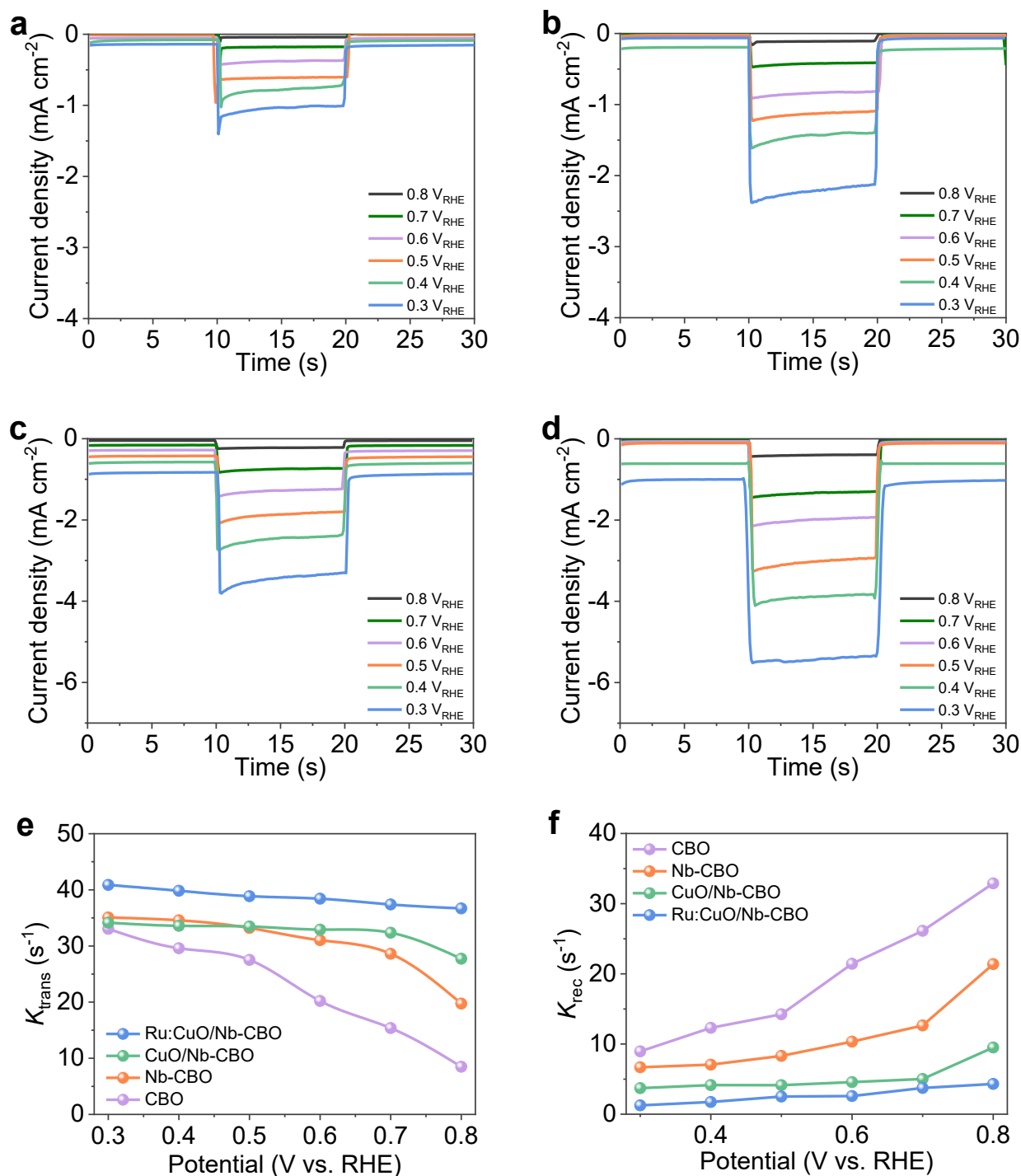
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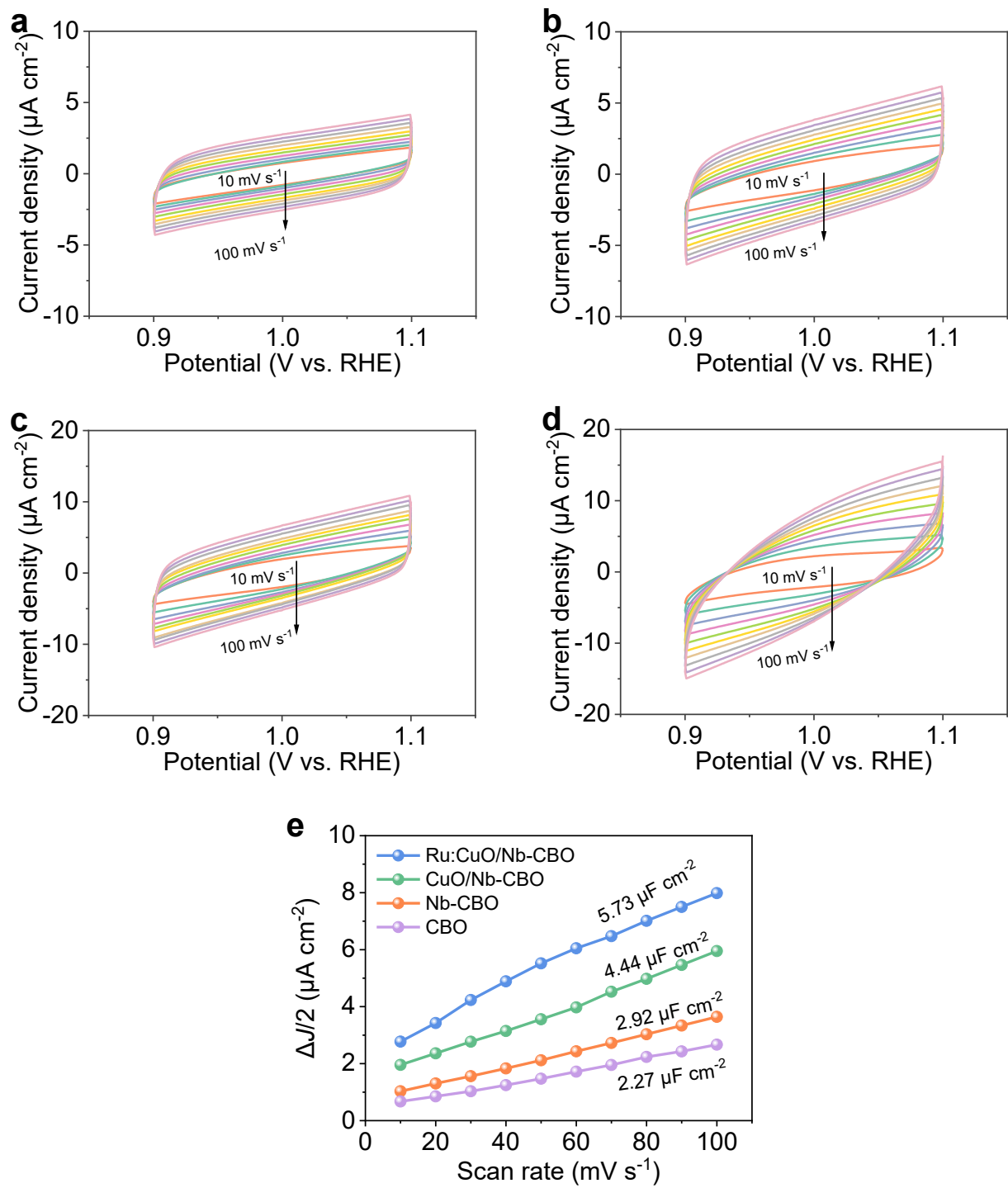
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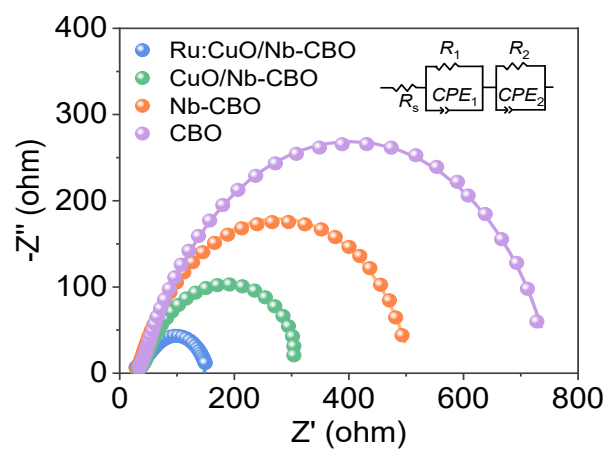
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Supplementary Fig. 22 a-d Chopped-light photoresponses on a CBO, b Nb-CBO, c CuO/Nb-CBO, and d Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO. e Charge transfer (K_{trans}) and f charge recombination (K_{rec}) rate constants from IMPS spectra.

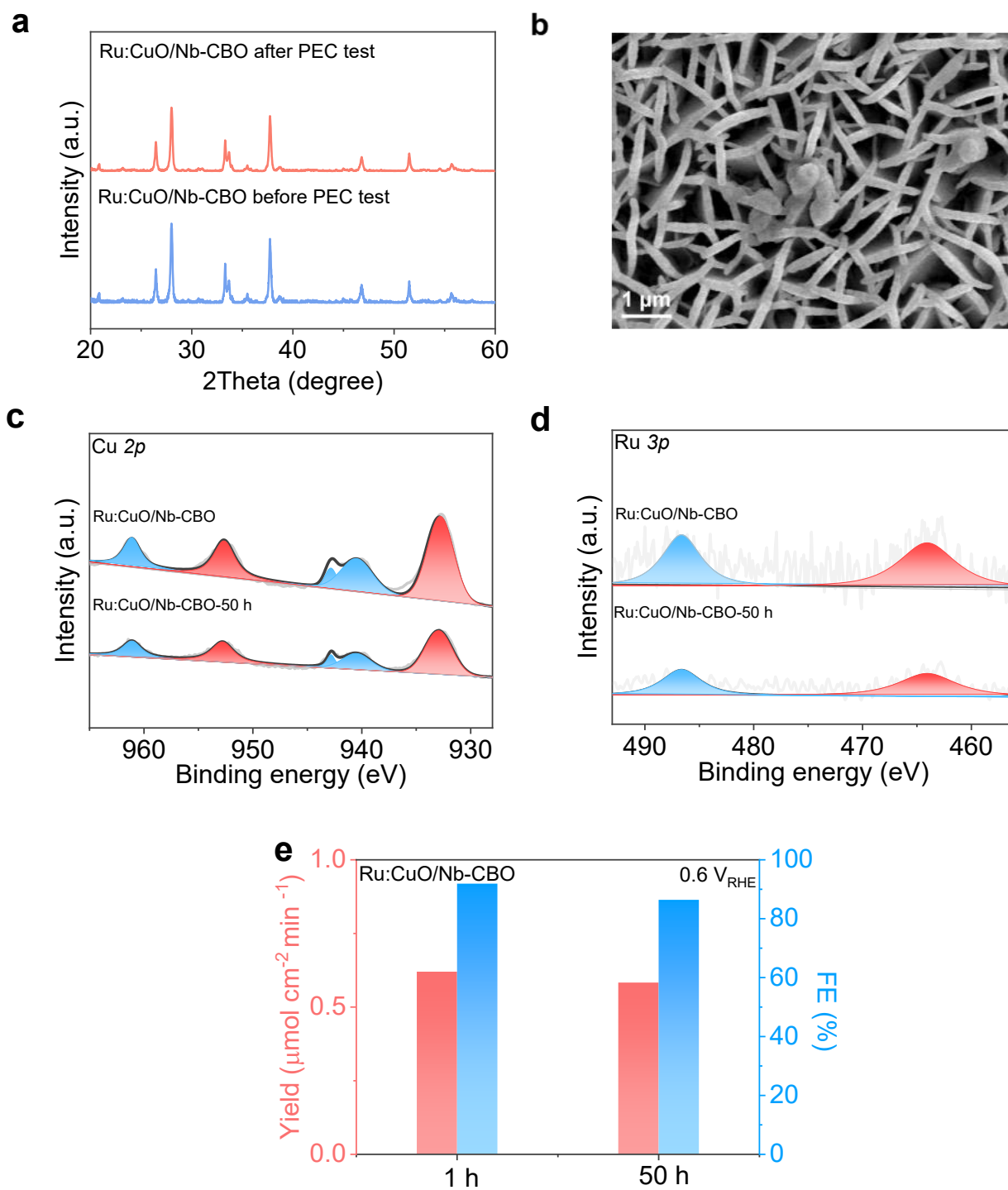


Supplementary Fig. 23 **a-d** Cyclic voltammetry curves of **a** CBO, **b** Nb-CBO, **c** CuO/Nb-CBO, and **d** Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO. **e** C_{dl} plots for the corresponding samples.

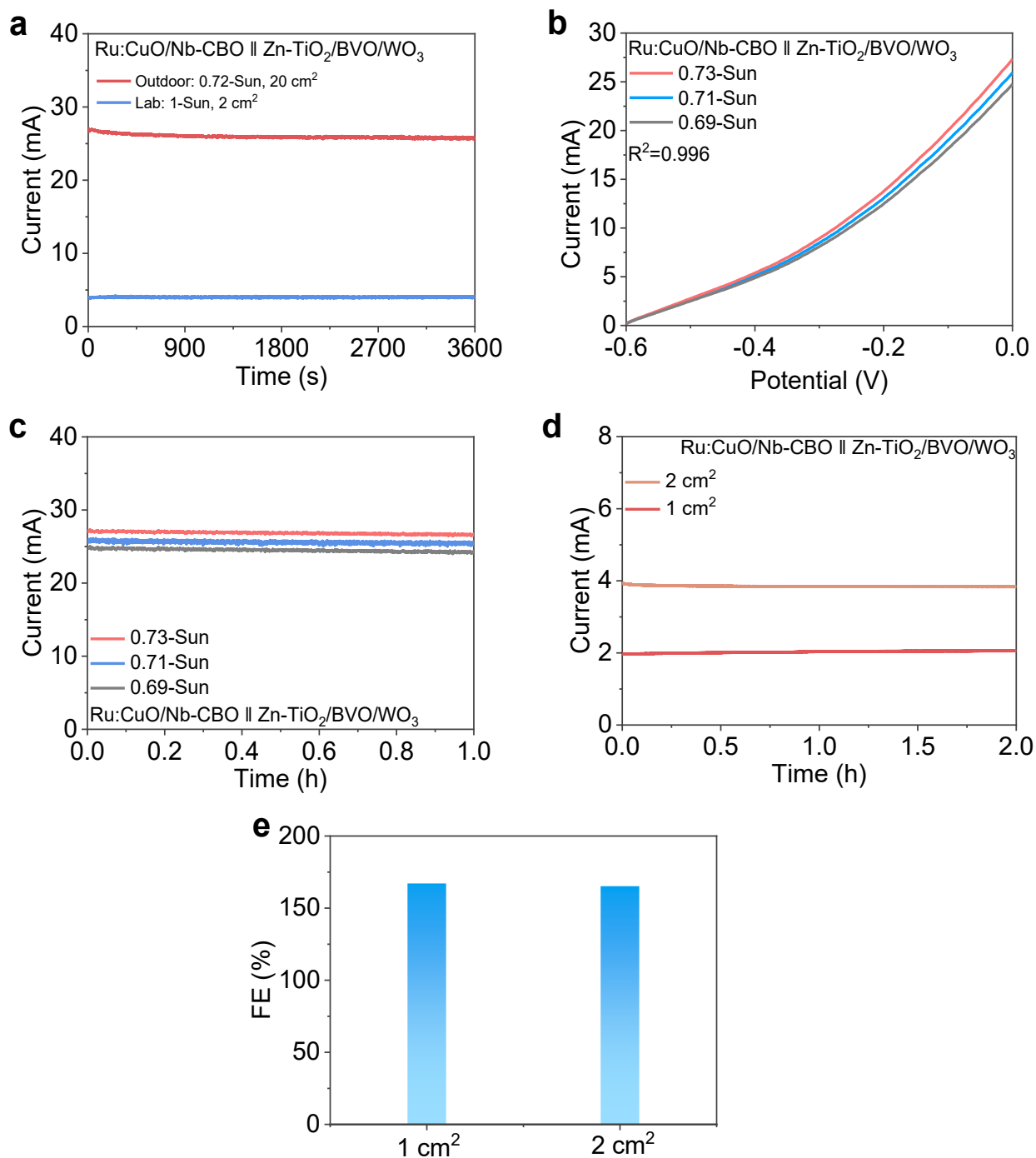


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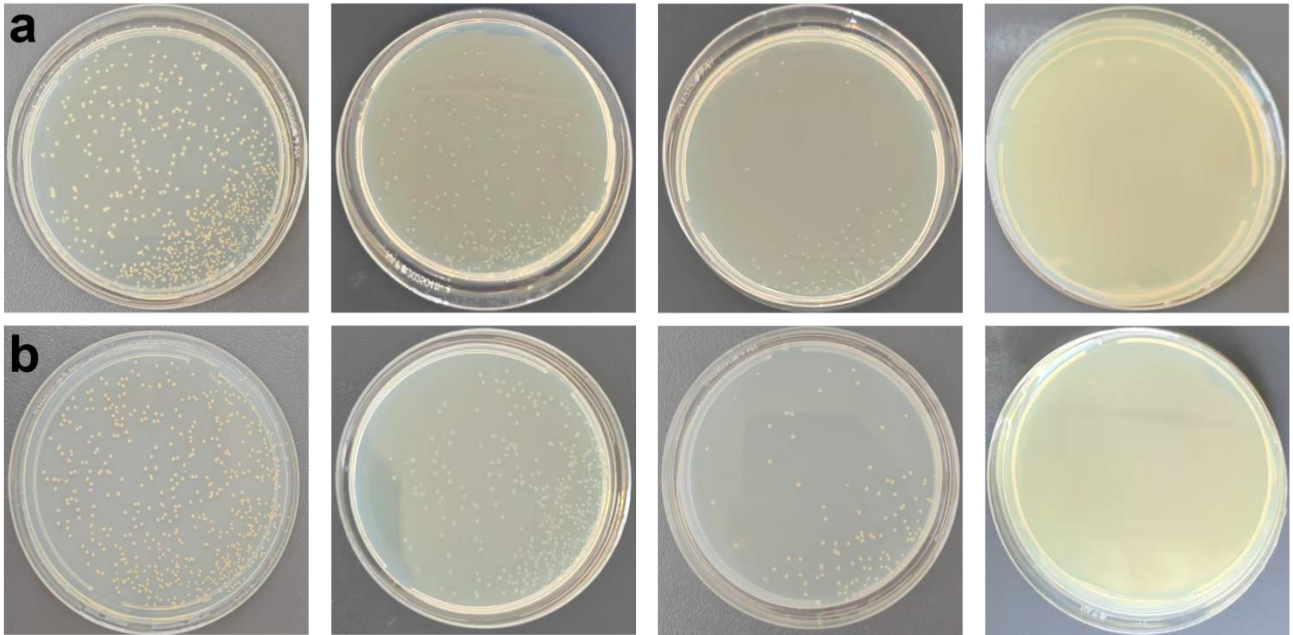
Supplementary Fig. 25 **a** XRD patterns for Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO before and after stability. **b** SEM image for Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO after stability. **c** Cu 2p and **d** Ru 3p XPS spectra of Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO before and after stability. **e** FEs and yields of H₂O₂ of Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO before and after stability.



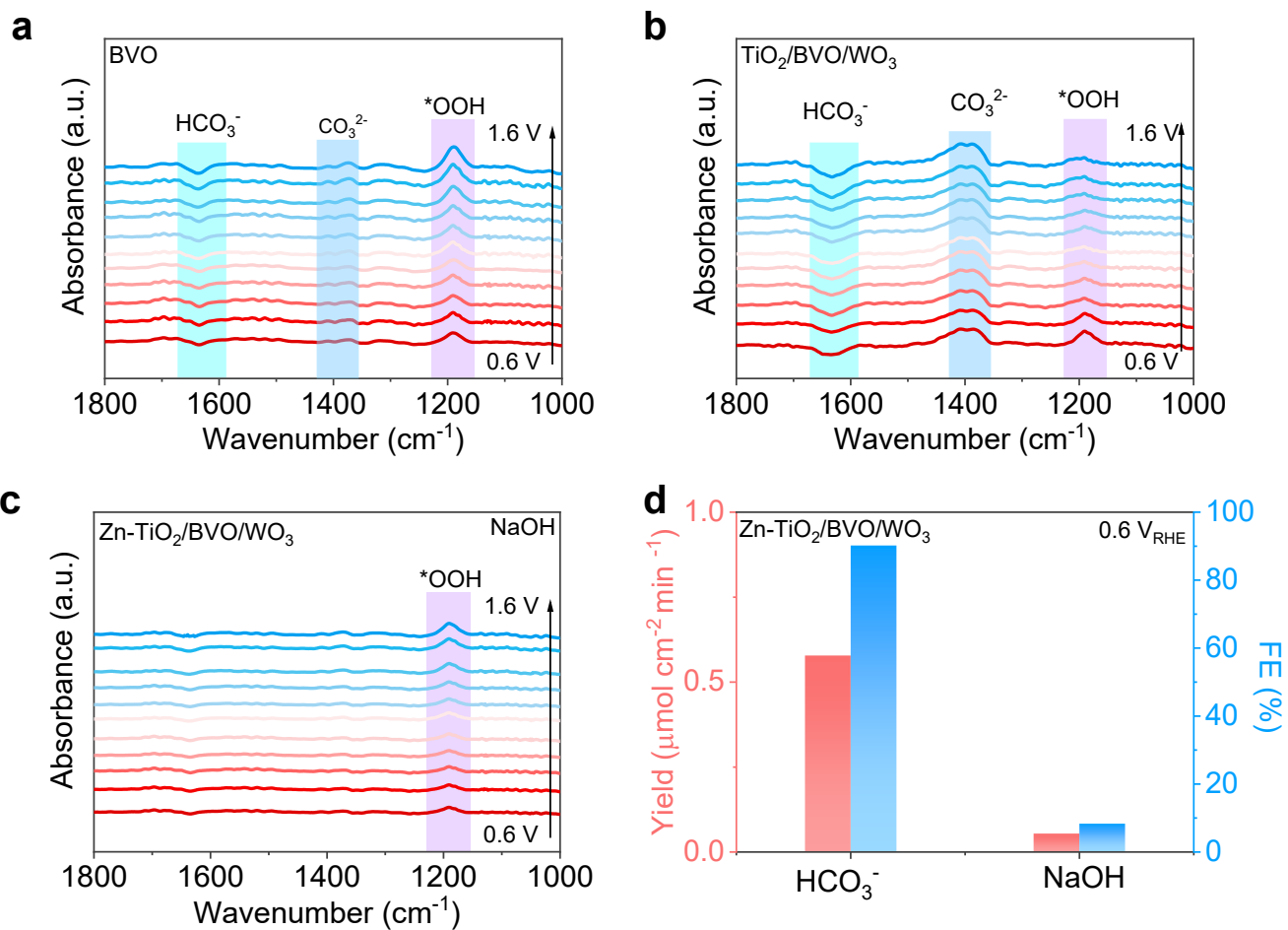
Supplementary Fig. 26 **a** Comparison of $I-t$ curves of Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO // Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ in the lab and outdoor conditions. **b** Three independent repeated LSV curves measured under different sunlight intensities. The surface areas of photoelectrodes are 20 cm². **c** Three independent repeated $i-t$ curves measured under different sunlight intensities. **d** Chronoamperometry of unbiased Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO // Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ (no membrane). The surface areas of photoelectrodes were 1 cm² and 2

cm². **e** H₂O₂ FEs for cells (no membrane).

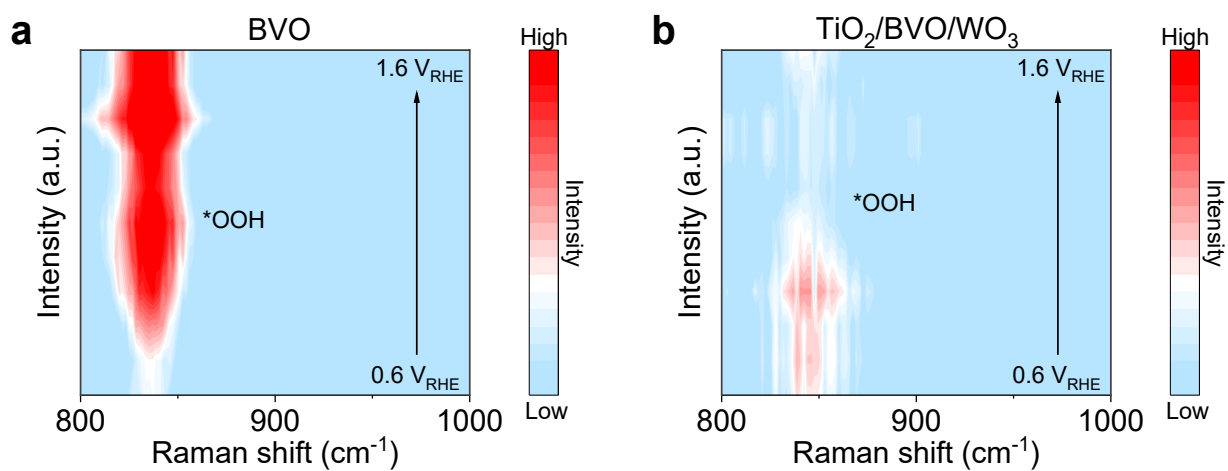
Supplementary Discussion: we have performed stability tests for small-scale cells under membrane-free conditions. For 1 cm² and 2 cm² cells (no membrane), the system maintains stable photocurrent and H₂O₂ production for over 2 h, with total FEs of 167.12% and 162.23%, respectively (Supplementary [Fig. 26d and e](#)).



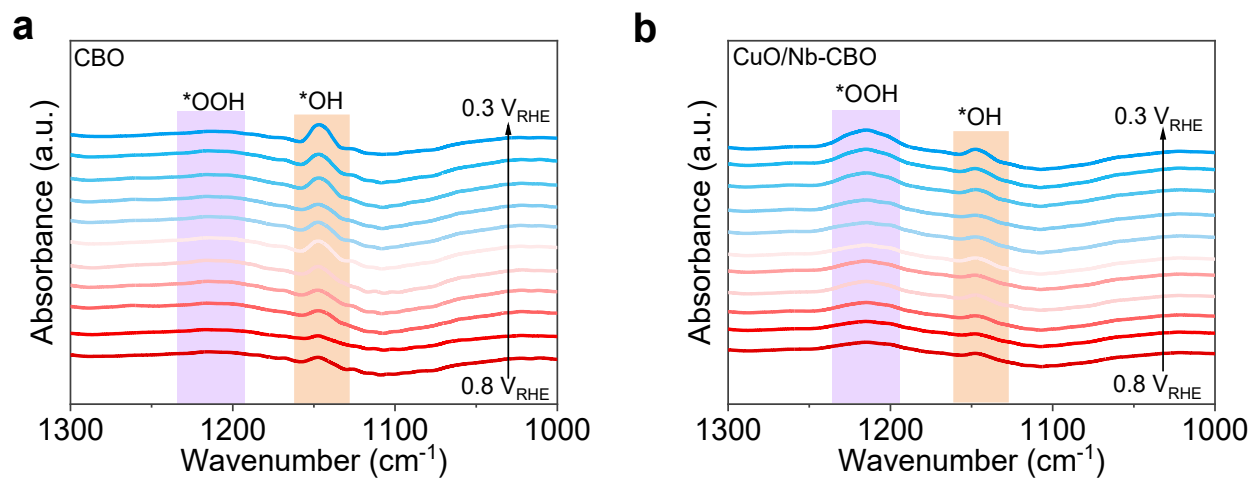
Supplementary Fig. 27 a, b Colony number of **a** *E. coli* and **b** *S. aureus* at 0, 20, 40, and 60 min, respectively.



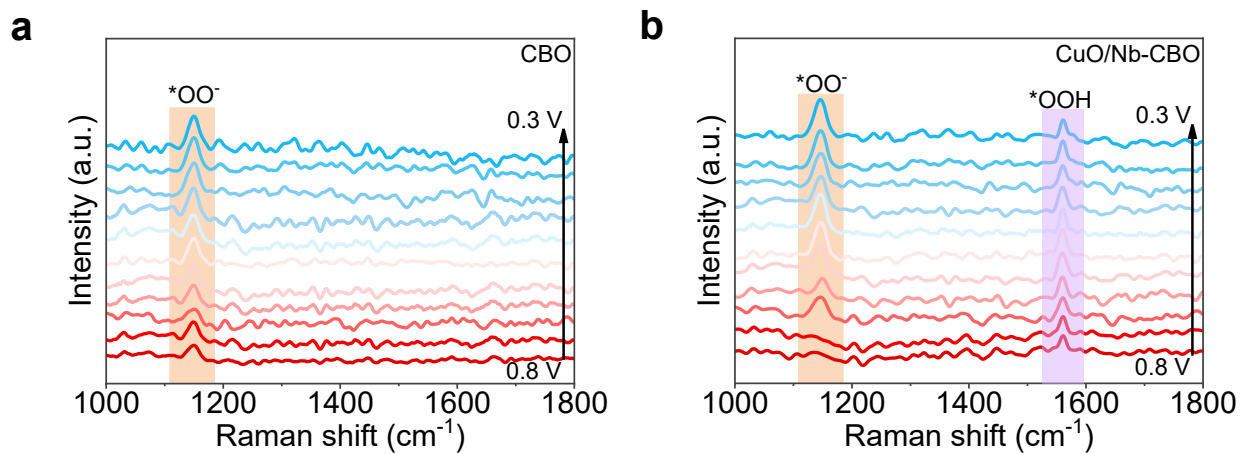
Supplementary Fig. 28 a, b *In situ* ATR-SEIRAS spectra recorded on **a** BVO and **b** TiO₂/BVO/WO₃. **c** *In situ* ATR-SEIRAS spectra of adsorbed intermediates recorded on Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ in bicarbonate-free electrolyte. **d** FEs and yields of H₂O₂ for Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ at various electrolytes.



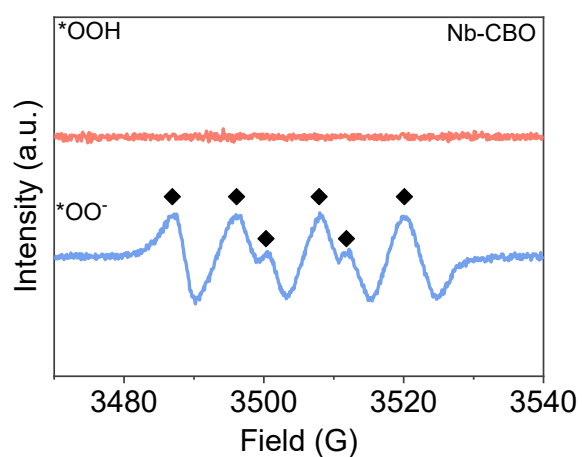
Supplementary Fig. 29 a, b *In situ* Raman spectra of **a** BVO and **b** $\text{TiO}_2/\text{BVO}/\text{WO}_3$.



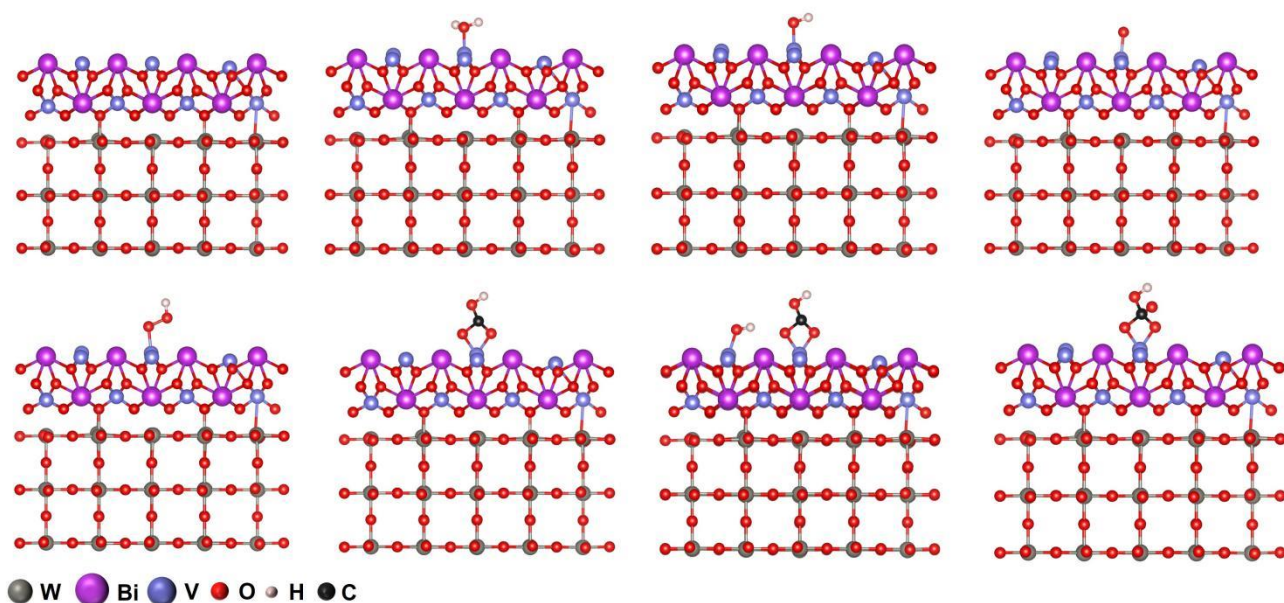
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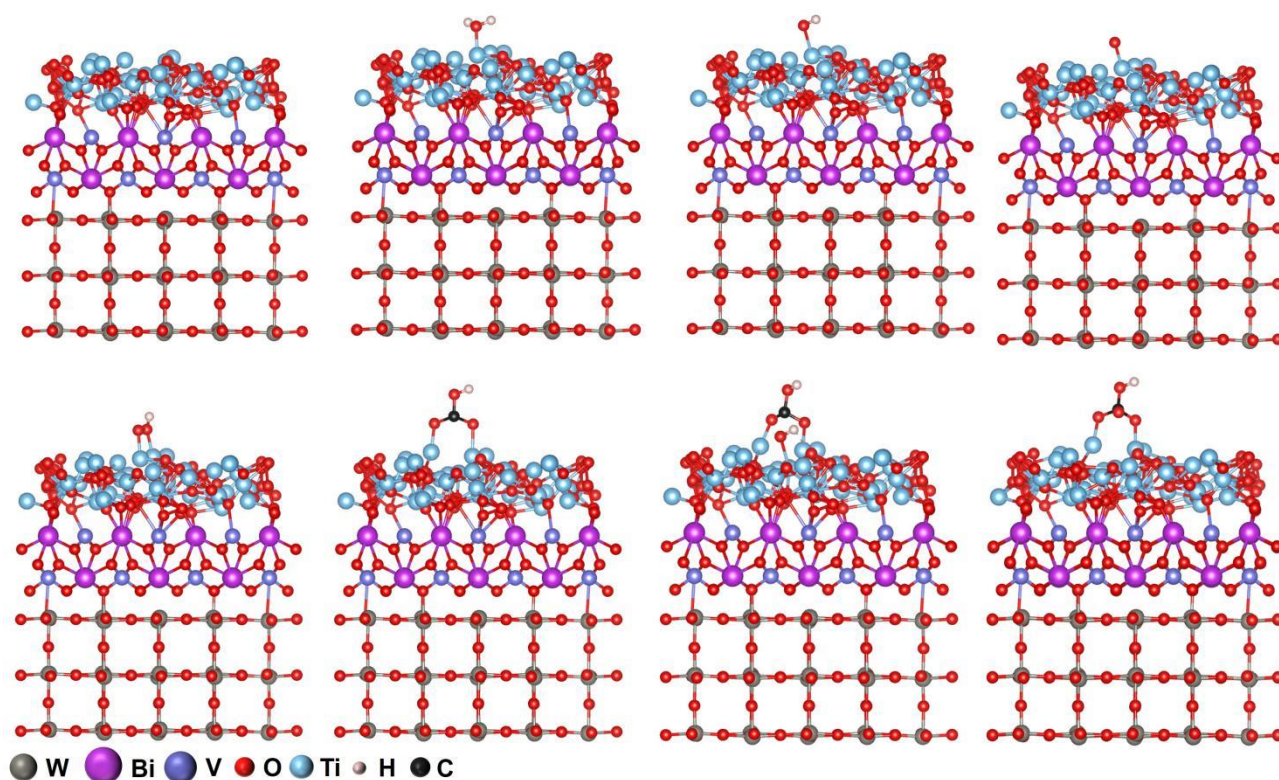
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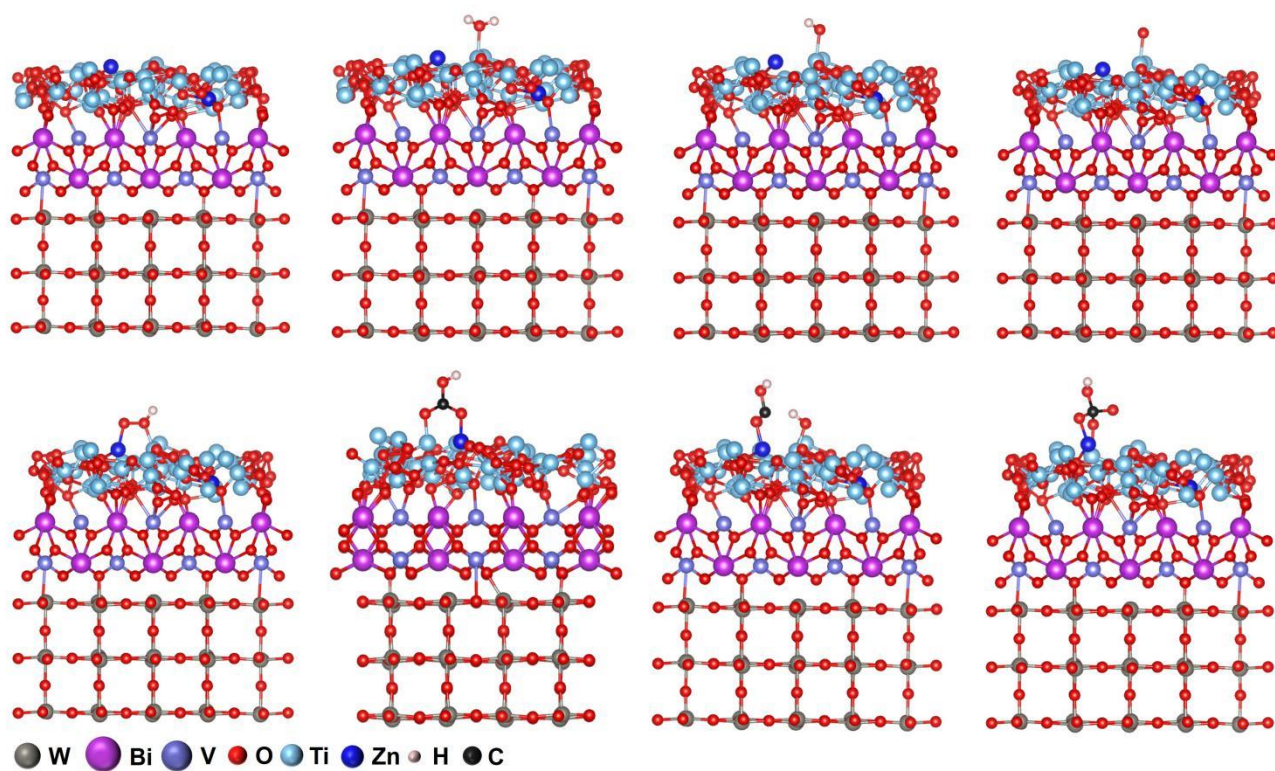
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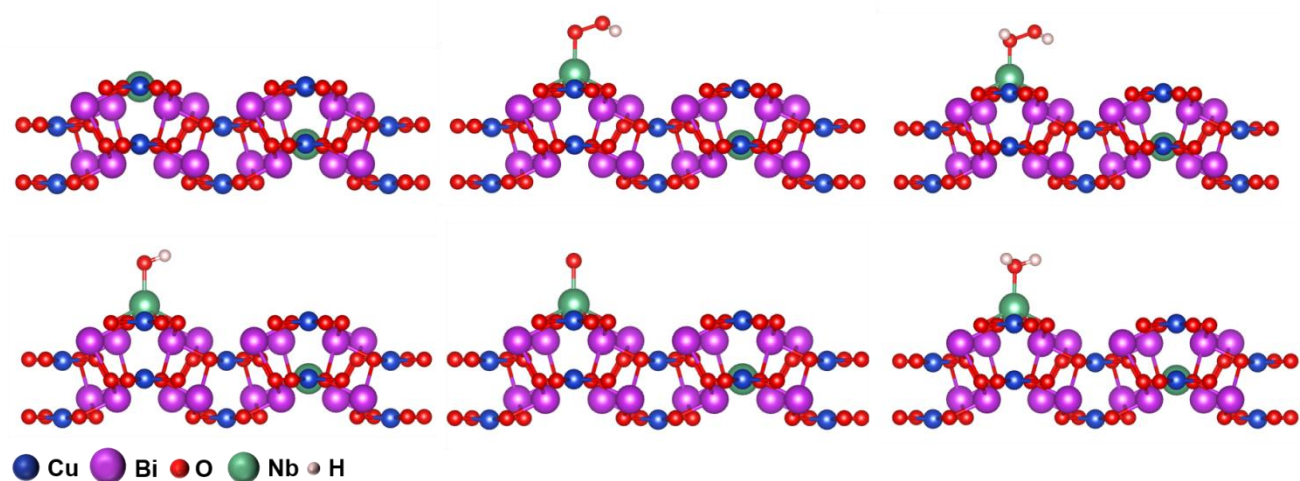
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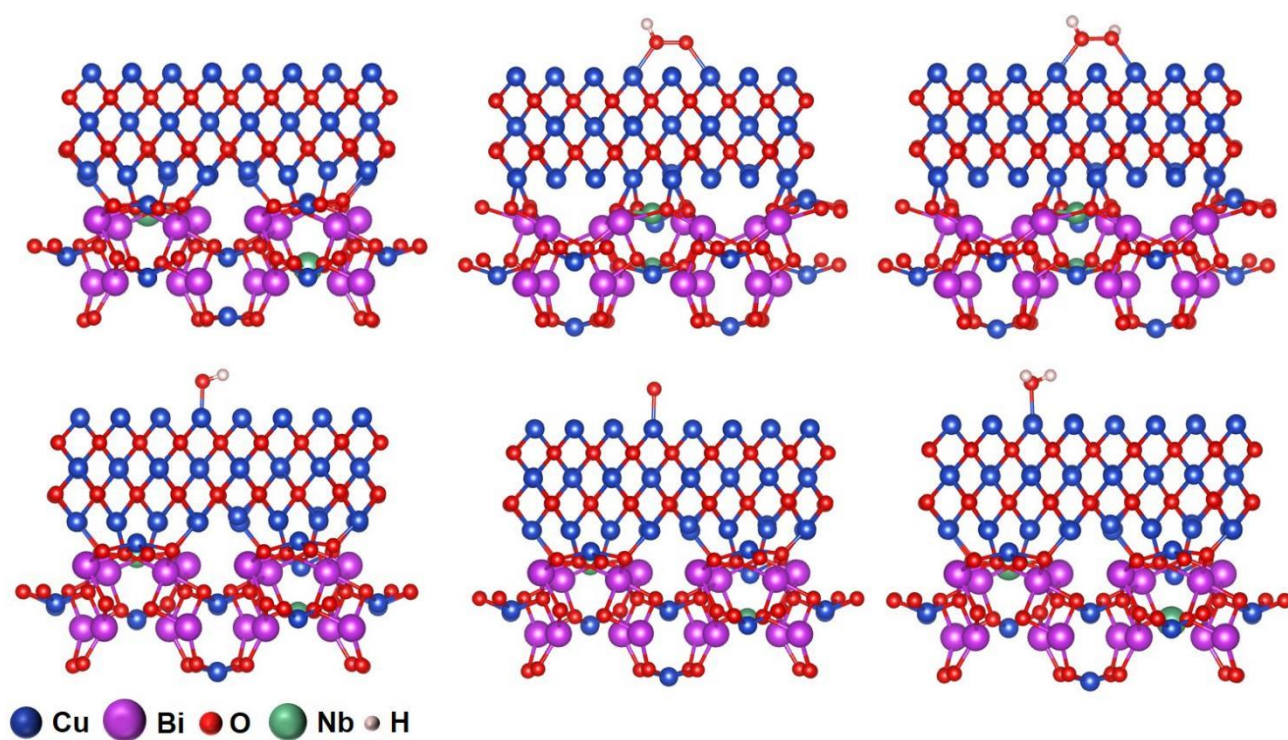
Supplementary Fig. 34 Optimized atomic configurations of each step for the WOR over $\text{TiO}_2/\text{BVO}/\text{WO}_3$ established based on the catalytic surface modeling of $\text{TiO}_2/\text{BVO}/\text{WO}_3$.



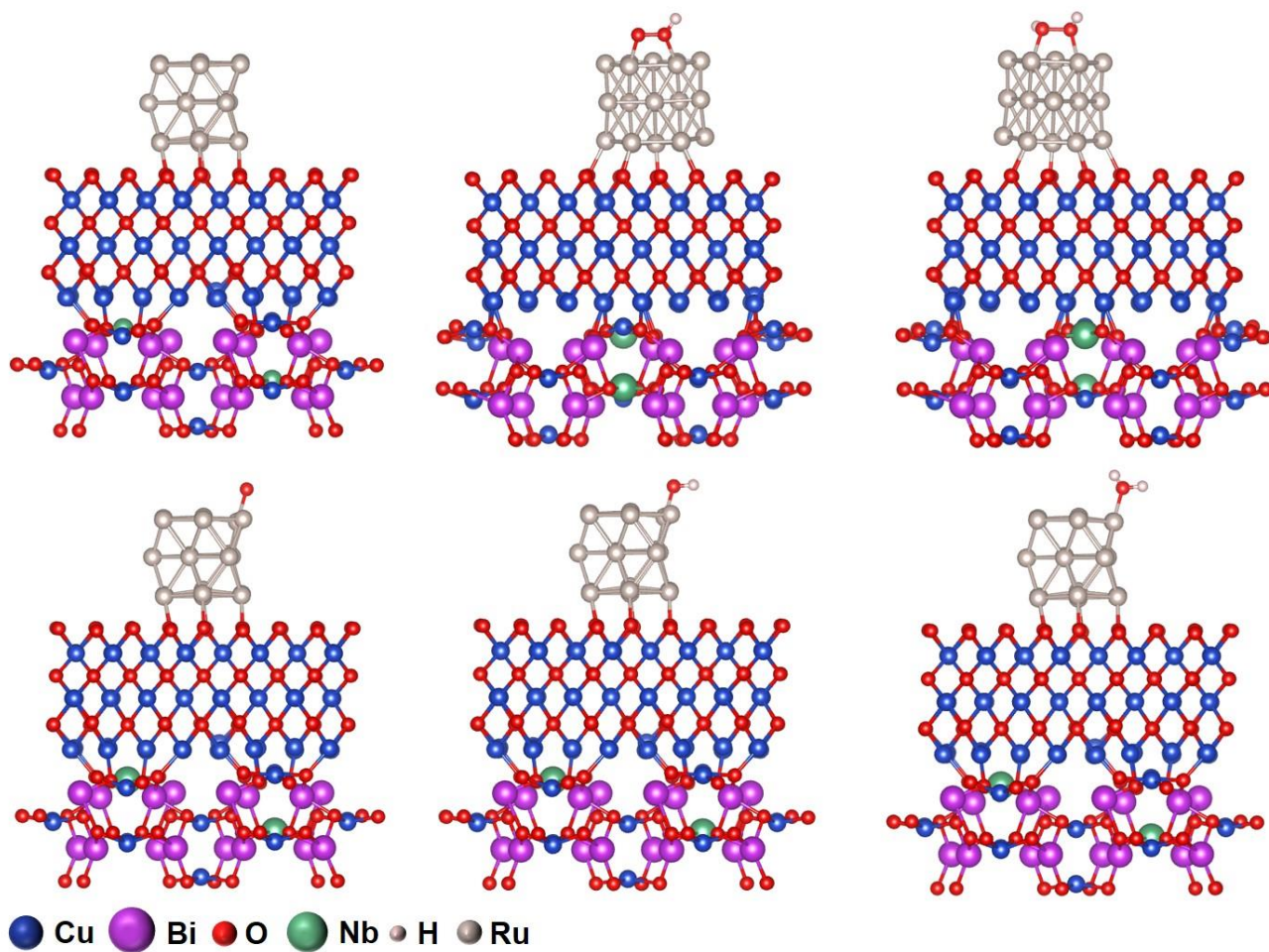
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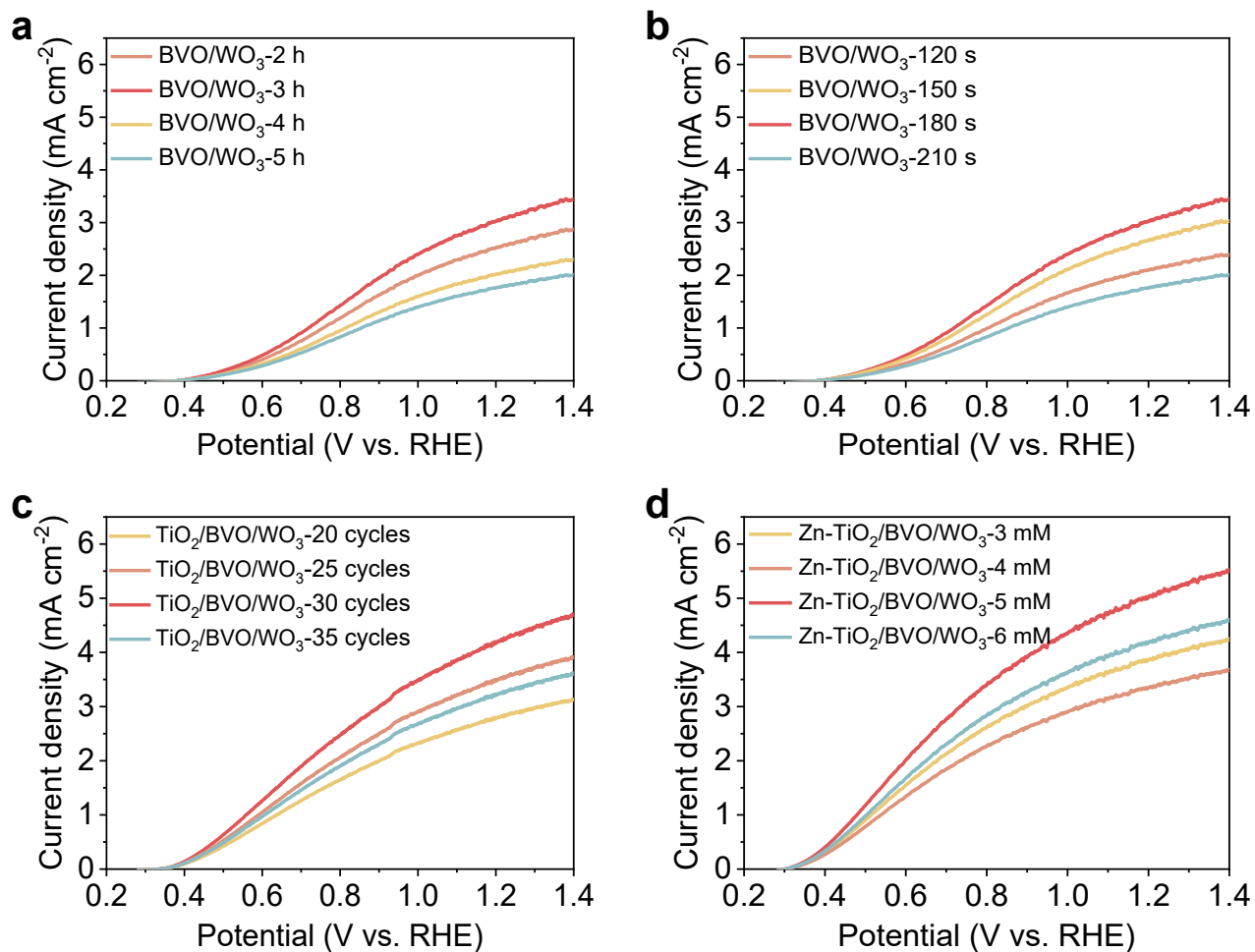
Supplementary Fig. 36 Optimized atomic configurations of each step for the ORR over Nb-CBO established based on the catalytic surface modeling of Nb-CBO.



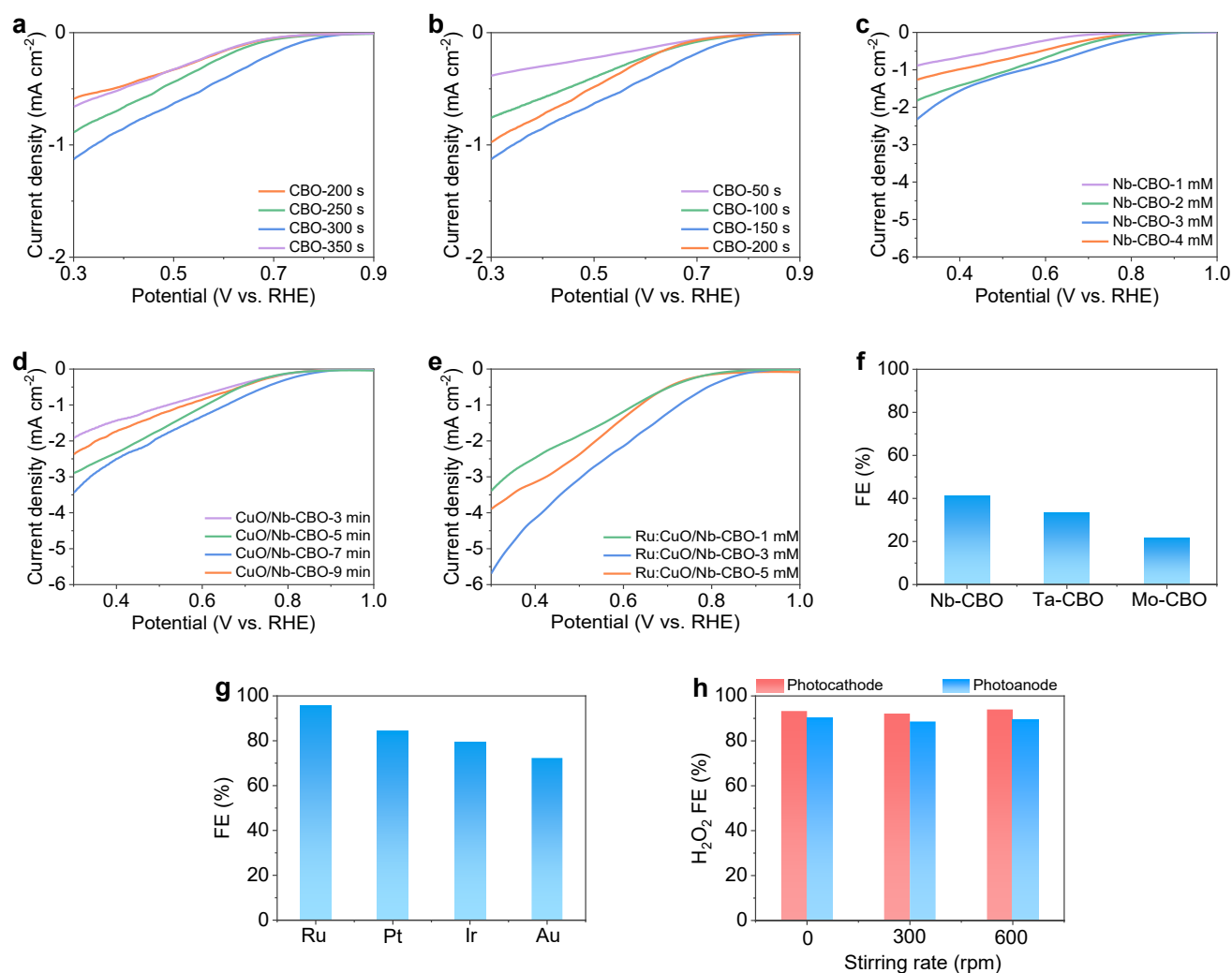
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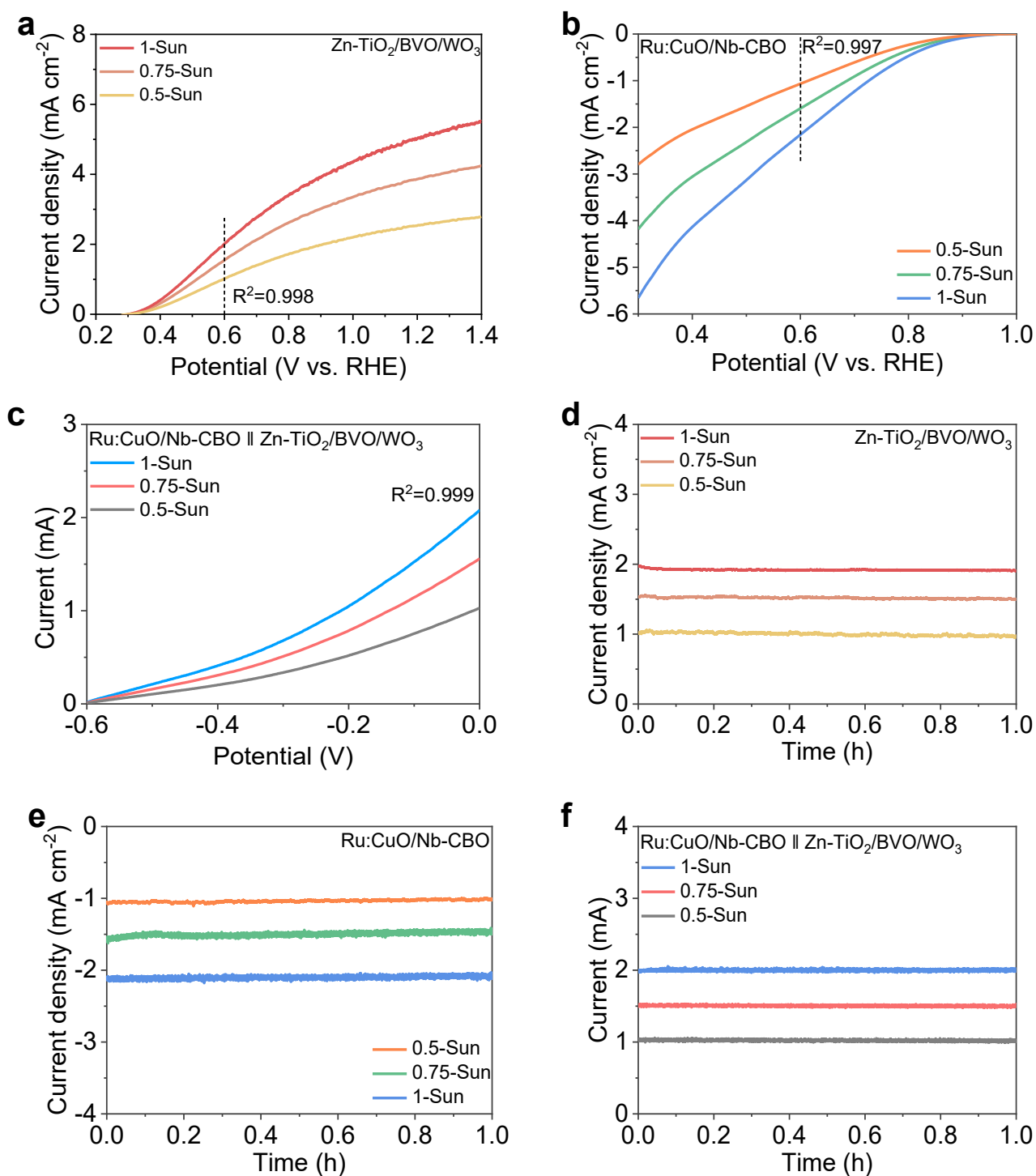
Supplementary Fig. 38 Optimized atomic configurations of each step for the ORR over Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO established based on the catalytic surface modeling of Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO.



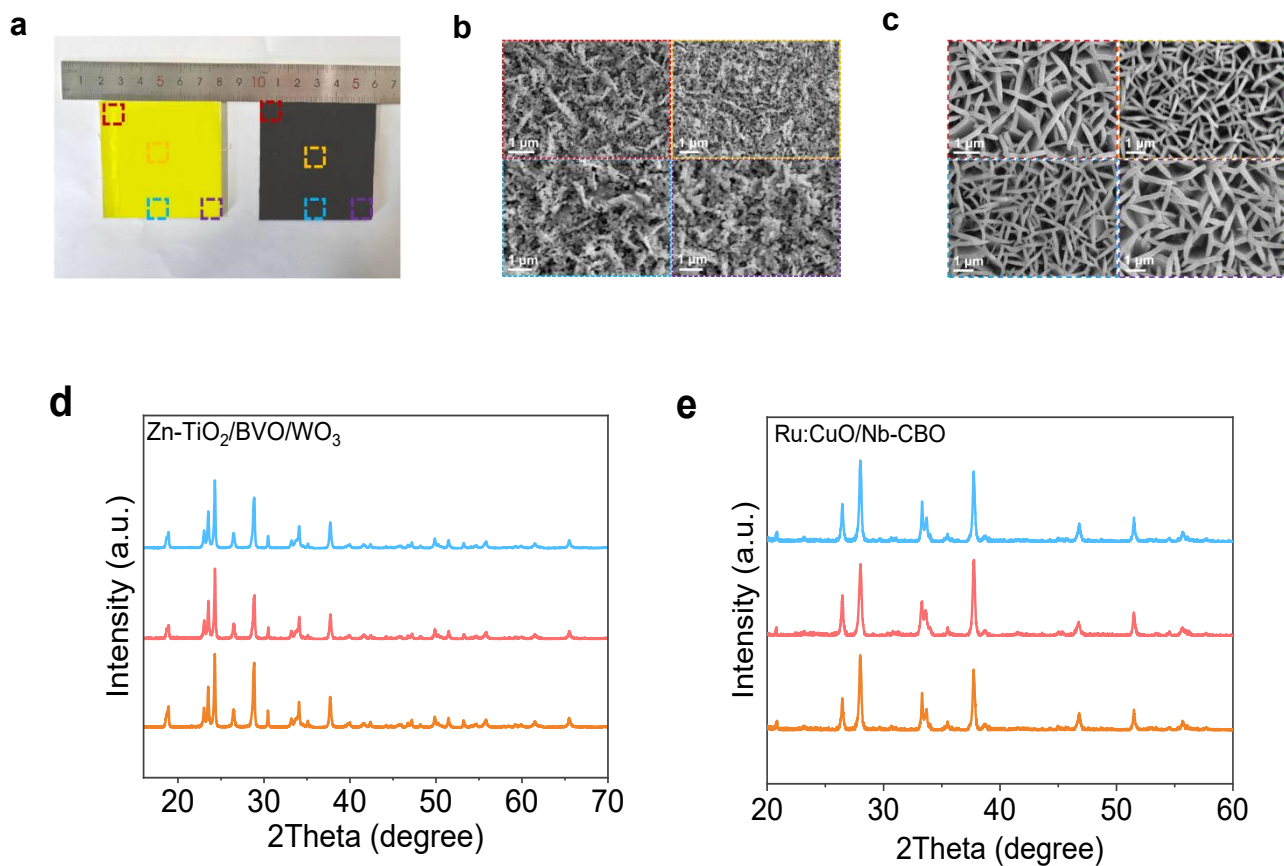
Supplementary Fig. 39 **a** LSV curves of BVO/WO₃ with various hydrothermal times for WO₃. **b** LSV curves of BVO/WO₃ with various deposition times for BVO. **c** LSV curves of TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ with various deposition cycle for TiO₂. **d** LSV curves of Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ with various Zn(NO₃)₂ concentrations.



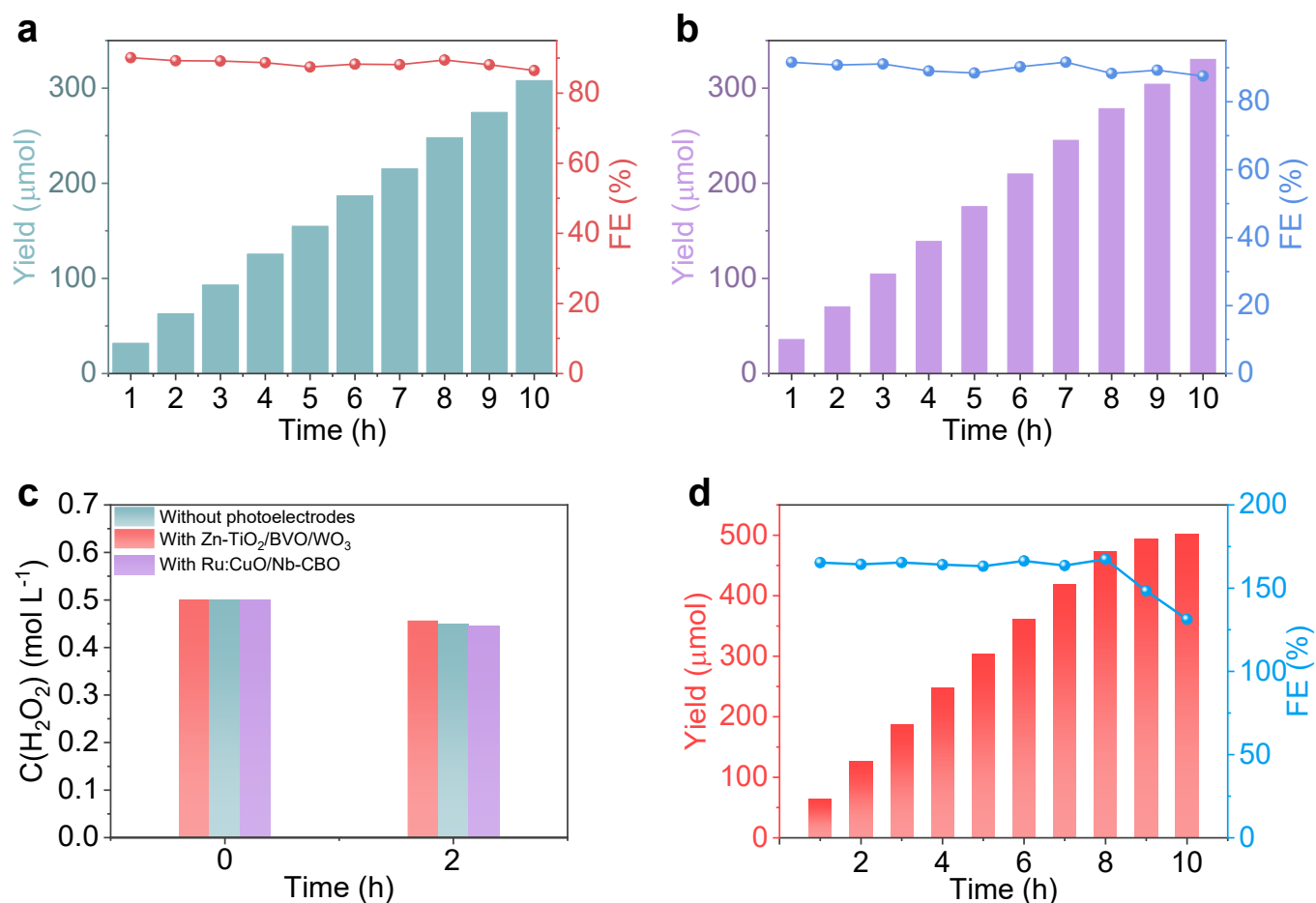
Supplementary Fig. 40 **a** LSV curves of CBO with various Cu deposition times. **b** LSV curves of CBO with various BiOI deposition times. **c** LSV curves of Nb-CBO with various concentrations of niobamyl oxalate. **d** LSV curves of CuO/Nb-CBO with various Cu sputtering time. **e** LSV curves of Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO with various concentrations of $\text{Ru}(\text{acac})_2$. **f** FEs of CBO with different dopant elements. **g** FEs of CuO/Nb-CBO with different catalyst elements. **h** FEs of H_2O_2 for photoanode and photocathode at various stirring rates.



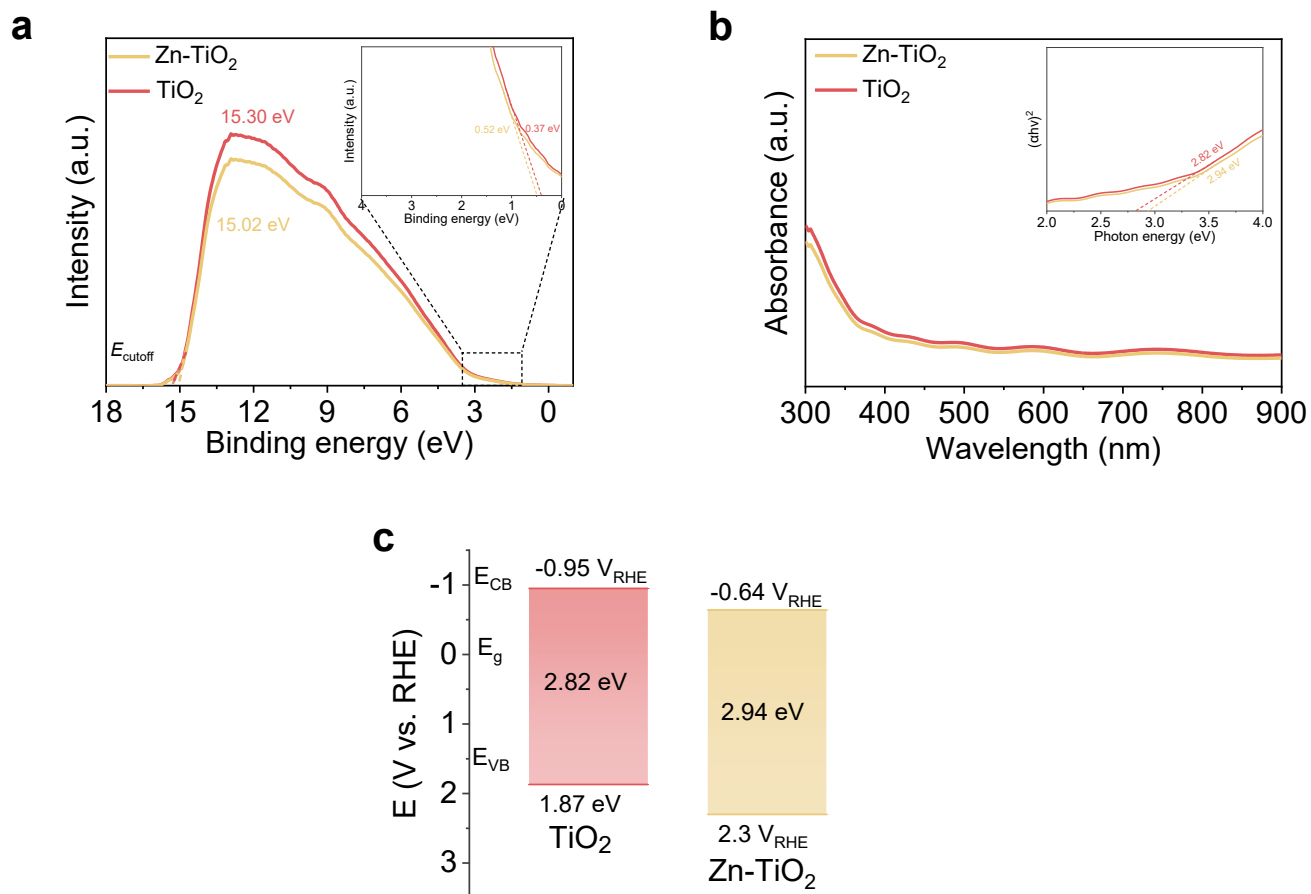
Supplementary Fig. 41 **a-c** LSV curves of **a** Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃, **b** Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO, and **c** unbiased tandem system with various light intensities. **d-f** *I-t* curves of **d** Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃, **e** Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO, and **f** unbiased tandem system with various light intensities.



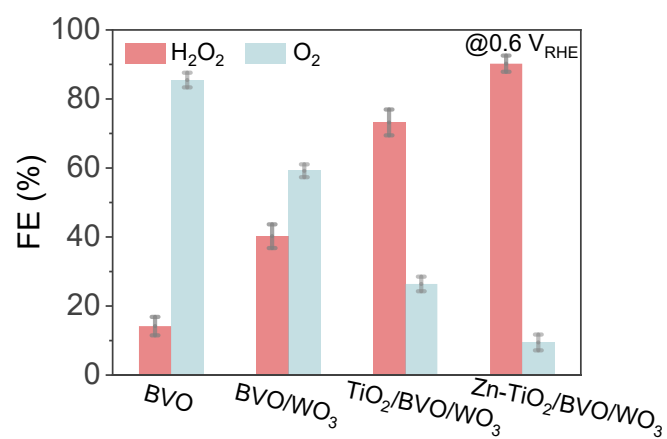
Supplementary Fig. 42 **a** Images of the photoelectrode. **b, c** SEM images of all regions to **b** Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ and **c** Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO. **d, e** XRD patterns of all regions to **d** Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ and **e** Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO.



Supplementary Fig. 43 **a** Accumulated H_2O_2 yields and FEs on Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ during 10 h operation at 0.6 V_{RHE}. **b** Accumulated H_2O_2 yields and FEs on Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO during 10 h operation at 0.6 V_{RHE}. **c** Control decomposition tests with pre-added 0.5 M H_2O_2 (The electrolyte volume was fixed at 30 mL). **d** Accumulated H_2O_2 yields and FEs on unbiased Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO || Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ in a membrane-free system during 10 h of operation. The surface areas of photoelectrodes were 1 cm².



Supplementary Fig. 44 **a** UPS spectra of TiO_2 and Zn-TiO_2 . Inset shows the zoomed-in image area in the black dashed lines. **b** UV-vis spectra of TiO_2 and Zn-TiO_2 . Inset shows the optical band gaps. **c** Band alignments of TiO_2 and Zn-TiO_2 .



Supplementary Fig. 45 FEs of H₂O₂ and O₂ at 0.6 V_{RHE} for BVO, BVO/WO₃, TiO₂/BVO/WO₃, and Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃.

Supplementary Table 1 Elemental contents of BVO, BVO/WO₃, TiO₂/BVO/WO₃, and Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ measured by XPS measurements.

Sample	Bi (at.%)	V (at.%)	O (at.%)	W (at.%)	Ti (at.%)	Zn (at.%)
BVO	15.24	15.75	68.99	—	—	—
BVO/WO ₃	10.26	10.69	74.23	3.81	—	—
TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃	6.80	6.06	73.91	2.74	10.47	—
Zn-TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃	5.32	5.48	73.19	2.54	10.28	3.19

Supplementary Table 2 Summary of PEC WOR H₂O₂ performance of recently reported photoanodes under AM 1.5G illumination.

Sample	Electrolyte	$\eta_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$ ($\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$)	FE (1.23 V _{RHE})	J(mA cm ⁻²) (1.23 V _{RHE})	Stability	Reference
Zn-TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 10)	1.469 (1.23 V _{RHE})	90.2%	5.07	10 h	This work.
CPF-CzPB/Mo:BiVO ₄	1 M KHCO ₃ (pH 9)	1.23 (1.23 V _{RHE})	94.08%	4.3	120 h	Adv. Mater. 2025, 37, e08326
SnO _{2-x} /BiVO ₄	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 8.3)	0.825 (1.23 V _{RHE})	88%	~3.8	1 h	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2020, 142, 8641.
P-Mo-BiVO ₄	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 8.3)	0.21 (1.0 V _{RHE})	46%	~1.8	5 h	Energy Environ. Sci. 2020, 13, 1730.
BiVO ₄ /Au-PAT	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 8.3)	0.312 (1.23 V _{RHE})	72.10%	~1.66	2 h	ACS Energy Lett. 2023, 8, 5192.
CaSnO ₃ /SrTiO ₃ /BiVO ₄	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 8.3)	0.825 (1.2 V _{RHE})	90%	~2.99	3 h	ACS Energy Lett. 2024, 9, 1415.
N-O _{vac} -BiVO ₄ -350	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 8.3)	~0.76 (1.6 V _{RHE})	81.20%	~2.9	2 h	ACS Energy Lett. 2022, 7, 3024.
O-BiVO ₄	2 M KHCO ₃	---	42.80%	~0.5	---	ACS Catal. 2024, 14, 5297.
Ni ₅ P ₄ /NiO/BiVO ₄	2 M KHCO ₃	0.313 (1.2 V _{RHE})	76.5%	4.05 (1.78 V _{RHE})	---	Chem. Eng. J. 2025, 510, 161667.
ZnO/BiVO ₄	2 M KHCO ₃	---	31.60%	2.83	10 min	J. Energy Chem. 2025, 103, 877.
Co ₃ O ₄ @Pt-Fe ₂ O ₃	2 M KHCO ₃	0.073	77.38%	1.35	---	Chem. Eng. J. 2023, 473, 145384.
ZnIn ₂ S ₄ -Se/QDs	1 M NaHCO ₃ (pH 8.3)	---	86%	4.2	7 h	Chem. Eng. J. 2024, 491, 151925.
A-TP/TiO ₂	1 M KHCO ₃ (pH 9)	0.225 (1.76 V _{RHE})	63%	0.46 (1.76 V _{RHE})	---	J. Energy Chem. 2023, 86, 399.

Supplementary Table 3 Fitting results of the EIS measurements for BVO, BVO/WO₃, TiO₂/BVO/WO₃, and Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃.

Sample	R_s (Ω)	R_{trap} (Ω)	C_{bulk} ($\times 10^{-6}$ F)	R_{ct} (Ω)	C_{ss} ($\times 10^{-5}$ F)
BVO	48.27	423.8	4.82	348.5	1.357
BVO/WO ₃	46.59	215.2	4.16	263.7	1.368
TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃	41.25	248.1	3.97	232.4	1.649
Zn-TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃	38.13	146.3	5.20	227.9	1.682

Supplementary Table 4 ICP analysis of electrolytes for Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ after 10 h i-t measurements and Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO after 50 h i-t measurements.

Sample	Zn (mg/L)	Ti (mg/L)	V (mg/L)	W (mg/L)	Bi (mg/L)	Cu (mg/L)	Ru (mg/L)	Nb (mg/L)
Zn-TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃	0.17	0.38	0.03	0.01	0.03	---	---	---
Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO	---	---	---	---	0.02	0.34	0.18	0.03

Supplementary Table 5 Summary of PEC ORR H₂O₂ performance of recently reported photocathodes under AM 1.5G illumination.

Sample	Electrolyte	Stability	FE (0.6 V _{RHE})	Onset potential (V _{RHE})	Reference
Ru:CuO/W-CBO	1 M NaHCO₃ (pH 10)	50 h	91.93%	1.0	This Work.
CPF-CzAD	1 M KHCO ₃ (pH 9)	120 h	90.8 %	---	Adv. Mater. 2025, 37, e08326
O-BP/FM-PSK	0.1 M KOH	12 h	100%	0.85	Nat. Commun. 2021, 12 , 6644.
Cu ₃ BiS ₃ /CdS/TiO ₂ /MoO _x /Mo	0.2 M KOH	14 h	100%	0.9	Energy Environ. Sci. 2024, 17 , 5588.
Au/CuBi ₂ O ₄ /PtSe ₂	0.1 M KHCO ₃	3 h	35%	1.0	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2023, 33 , 2303391.
Na ₂ Co ₂ O ₄ /CuBi ₂ O ₄	0.1 M KHCO ₃ with 0.1 M Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈	1 h	47.42%	1.0	App. Catal. B 2022, 304 , 120980.
Au-In ₂ S ₃ /Cu ₃ BiS ₃	0.1 M PBS	2 h	71%	0.5	Appl. Catal. B 2022, 307 , 121152.
O-BP/FM-PSK	0.1 M KOH	12 h	100%	0.85	Nat. Commun. 2021, 12 , 6644.

Supplementary Table 6 Fitting results of the EIS for CBO, Nb-CBO, CuO/Nb-CBO, and Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO.

Sample	$R_s (\Omega)$	$R_1 (\Omega)$	$CPE_1 (\times 10^{-6} \text{ F})$	$R_2 (\Omega)$	$CPE_2 (\times 10^{-5} \text{ F})$
CBO	35.45	183.2	3.84	199.6	1.34
Nb-CBO	31.24	146.8	3.21	176.8	1.67
CuO/Nb-CBO	36.78	134.6	3.67	186.7	1.95
Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO	33.61	167.4	3.45	169.2	1.88

Supplementary Table 7 Summary of bipolar H₂O₂ performance of recently reported.

System	Sample	Applied bias (V _{RHE})	$\eta_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$ ($\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$)	FE	Stability	Current density (mA cm ⁻²)	Reference
PEC PEC	Zn-TiO ₂ /BVO/WO ₃ Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO	unbiased	1.07	Total:163.37%	10 h	2.08	This work.
PEC PEC	CPF-CzPB/Mo:BiVO ₄ CPF-CzAD	unbiased	1.083	---	~168 h	1.85	Adv. Mater. 2025, 37, e08326
PEC PEC	CaSnO ₃ /SnO ₂ /BiVO ₄ PV	unbiased	---	Photoanode:90%	5 h	5.77	Adv. Energy Mater. 2026, 16, e05447.
PEC EC	RuOx/TNR AQ-graphite	unbiased	---	Total:90%	100 h	1.23	Energy Environ. Sci. 2021, 14, 3110.
PEC EC	P-Mo-BVO AQ-CNT/C	unbiased	0.16	Photoanode:43% Cathode:100%	5 h	---	Energy Environ. Sci. 2020, 13, 1730.
EC EC	O-CNTs PTFE-C	1.7	24	Total:153%	~3 h	120	Nat. Catal. 2020, 3, 125.
EC EC	D-PSFZ D-PSFZ	2.1	---	Total:163%	100 h	50	Nat. Commun. 2023, 14, 5822.

Supplementary Table 8 Areal production rates and SCC efficiencies.^[3-5]

Electrode area (each)	Current (mA)	Combined FE (%)	Yield _{H₂O₂} (mM)	Areal production rate ($\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$)	SCC (%)
20 cm ²	24.78	165.38	7.64	19.1	0.86
36 cm ²	37.54	163.37	11.44	15.9	0.72

Supplementary Discussion: Outdoor tests were performed under natural sunlight with an average intensity of 72 mW cm⁻² (0.72 sun). The electrolyte volume was 100 mL in a single-compartment (PEM-free) cell. Two sets of photoelectrodes (Zn-TiO₂/BVO/WO₃ anode + Ru:CuO/Nb-CBO cathode) with different areas were tested for 1 h. The results are summarized in the table.

The areal H₂O₂ production rate (R_A , in $\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$) is defined as:

$$R_A = \frac{C \times V}{A \times t}$$

where C is the measured H₂O₂ concentration ($\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$), V is the electrolyte volume (L), A is the total geometric area of the photoelectrode (cm²; for the unbiased cell, both electrodes have the same area), and t is the illumination time (h).

The solar-to-chemical conversion (SCC) efficiency for H₂O₂ production is defined as:

$$\text{SCC} = \frac{\Delta G \times (n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2, \text{anode}} + n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2, \text{cathode}})}{P_{\text{solar}} \times A_{\text{cell}} \times t} \times 100\%$$

where $\Delta G = 117 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ is the standard Gibbs free energy of H₂O₂ formation from H₂O and O₂ (averaged for the two half-reactions), n is the total amount of H₂O₂ (mol) produced at both electrodes, P_{solar} is the solar power density (100 mW cm⁻² for AM 1.5G; measured value for outdoor test), and A_{cell} is the illuminated area (same as electrode area, since both electrodes are illuminated in our tandem configuration). For outdoor tests, we used the measured average sunlight intensity ($\approx 72 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ on the test day).

The areal production rate is calculated based on the total illuminated area (anode + cathode, both illuminated in the tandem configuration). For the 20 cm² electrodes, total illuminated area = 40 cm², giving a rate of 19.1 $\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$; for the 36 cm² electrodes, total illuminated area = 72 cm², giving a rate of 15.9 $\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$. (If expressed per single electrode area, the values would be twice as high: 38.2 and 31.8 $\mu\text{mol cm}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$, respectively.) The SCC efficiency was calculated using the Gibbs free energy of H₂O₂ formation (117 kJ mol⁻¹) and the measured total H₂O₂ amount. Under 0.72 sun natural sunlight, the SCC values are 0.86% for the 20 cm² electrodes and 0.72% for the 36 cm² electrodes.

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