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The metallic 1T-WS₂ as cocatalysts for promoting photocatalytic N₂ fixation performance of Bi₅O₇Br nanosheets

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ABSTRACT

Recently, widespread attention has been devoted to the typical layered BiOCl or BiOBr because of the suitable nanostructure and band structure. However, owing to the fast carrier recombination, the photocatalytic performance of BiOX materials is not so satisfactory. Loading 1T phase WS₂ nanosheets (NSs) onto Bi₅O₇Br NSs can improve the photocatalytic N₂ fixation activity. Among these, the obtained 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites with optimum 5% 1T-WS₂ NSs display a significantly improved photocatalytic N₂ fixation rate (8.43 mmol L⁻¹ h⁻¹ g⁻¹), 2.51 times higher than pure Bi₅O₇Br (3.36 mmol L⁻¹ h⁻¹ g⁻¹). And the outstanding stability of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites is also achieved. Exactly, the photoexcited electrons from Bi₅O₇Br NSs are quickly transferred to conductive 1T phase WS₂ as electron acceptors, which can promote the separation of carriers. In addition, 1T-WS₂ NSs can provide abundant active sites on the basal and edge planes, which can promote the efficiency of photocatalytic N₂ fixation. This work offers a novel solution to improve the photocatalytic performance of Bi₅O₇Br NSs.

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Ammonia (NH₃) is one of the most significant raw materials for agriculture and industry [1]. The synthesis method of NH₃ usually uses the high pressure and temperature Haber-Bosch method [2–4]. Schrauzer *et al.* first invented that N₂ could be photo-reduced to form NH₃ on Fe-doped TiO₂ in 1977 [5]. This approach uses H₂O and N₂ as raw materials and renewable solar energy as an energy source, which not only greatly reduces the cost of raw materials, but also saves energy. Therefore, photocatalytic technology is recognized as the most promising way to replace Haber-Bosch method [6]. However, photocatalytic N₂ fixation is still an enormous challenge due to the solid N≡N bond and the weak N₂ adsorption on photocatalyst [7,8]. Therefore, it is particularly vital to seek a high-performance photocatalyst.

Recent studies have shown that typical layered BiOCl and BiOBr display outstanding photocatalytic performance attributing to the suitable nanostructure and band structure [9–13]. For example, Liu *et al.* have studied Bi₅O₇Br, which has abundant oxygen vacancies (OVs) and the OVs can enhance the photocatalytic N₂ activation of O-terminated+H facets [14]. Another research has shown that

BiOX-based semiconductors can adsorb and activate N₂ well owing to OVs with abundant localized electrons on the surface [15–18]. Therefore, Bi₅O₇Br rich in inherent oxygen vacancies can be applied to photocatalytic nitrogen fixation. However, the photocatalytic activity of pure Bi₅O₇Br is limited due to the fast carrier recombination. Appropriate cocatalyst modification of photocatalyst is an efficient way for greatly enhancing photocatalytic performance and stability, due to the lower activation potential for the N₂ fixation reaction and efficient separation of photogenerated charges [19–21]. Most of the cocatalysts are precious metals, such as Pt [22]. However, the widespread use of precious metals is greatly confined by their scarcities and high prices, so it is essential to develop earth-rich and cheap cocatalysts [22–24].

Transition-metal chalcogenides, such as WS₂, receive widespread attention due to the superior 2D layered structure [25–28]. WS₂ possesses both metallic 1T phase and semiconductor 2H phase. It has been confirmed that 1T phase WS₂ with octahedral coordination can promote the capture and transfer of carriers to improve the photocatalytic performance, attributing to excellent conductivity [28]. Although 1T phase WS₂ as cocatalysts has been studied, the research on 1T-WS₂ to improve the photocatalytic activity of Bi₅O₇Br has not been reported.

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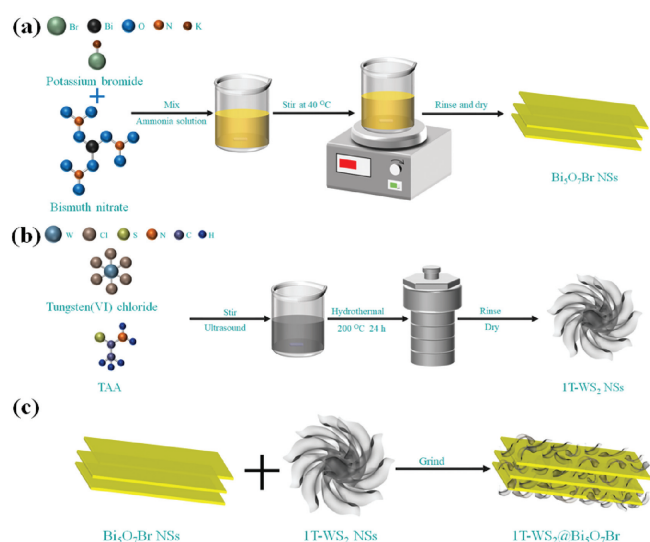
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In this research work, the 1T phase WS₂ NSs decorated Bi₅O₇Br NSs (named 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites) have narrower band gap, more effective carrier transport efficiency and better light absorption ability. After testing, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites present the best photocatalytic nitrogen fixation performance (8.43 mmol L⁻¹ h⁻¹ g⁻¹) and excellent stability. The probable photocatalytic mechanism of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites is proposed.

The Bi₅O₇Br NSs were prepared by a self-assembly water-induced process (Scheme 1a). Firstly, ammonia solution and bismuth(III) nitrate pentahydrate were added into a beaker, and then potassium bromide was added into a beaker. Finally, the mixtures were heated at 40 °C to obtain Bi₅O₇Br NSs with rich oxygen vacancies. As shown in Scheme 1b, the metallic 1T-WS₂ NSs were prepared via a solvothermal process. Tungsten(VI) chloride and TAA were dissolved in DMF, and then the mixed solution was hydrothermally heated at 200 °C for 24 h to obtain 1T-WS₂ NSs. The 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites were synthesized by an ordinary grinding process (Scheme 1c). Bi₅O₇Br NSs and 1T-WS₂ NSs were added in a mortar with ethanol and hexane to fully grind. The mixed powder was dried to obtain 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites.

For pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs, three typical diffraction peaks are located at 2θ of 29.3°, 32.64° and 56.62° (green curve in Fig. 1a), attributing to (113), (600) and (912) planes of tetragonal Bi₅O₇Br (JCPDS card No. 038-0493) [29,30]. This illustrates the successful preparation of tetragonal Bi₅O₇Br. The XRD patterns of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites are similar to that of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs, indicating that the size and structure of Bi₅O₇Br are not destroyed [31]. In addition, with the increased loading of 1T-WS₂ from 1% to 7%, the characteristic peaks of Bi₅O₇Br become weaker, which shows that the 1T-WS₂ loading reduces the order degree of Bi₅O₇Br [32]. For pure 1T-WS₂ NSs (black curve in Fig. 1a), two obvious peaks located at 2θ of 9.3° (002) and 18.3° (004) indicate the successful preparation of metallic 1T-WS₂ [33]. However, no diffraction peak of 1T-WS₂ is found in the XRD pattern of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites, which is attributed to the low 1T-WS₂ loading amount.

The survey scan of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites (Fig. S1a in Supporting information) confirms that it consists of Bi, O, Br, S and W. The Bi 4f XPS spectrum (Fig. S1b in Supporting information) could be deconvoluted into two main peaks at 163.9 and 158.5 eV, corresponding to the 4f_{5/2} and 4f_{7/2} of Bi³⁺ [30]. From Fig. S1c (Supporting information), there are three peaks of O 1s XPS spectrum at 529.4, 530.2 and 531.3 eV, attributing to the lattice



Scheme 1. The schematic synthetic route diagram of (a) pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs, (b) 1T-WS₂ NSs and (c) 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites.

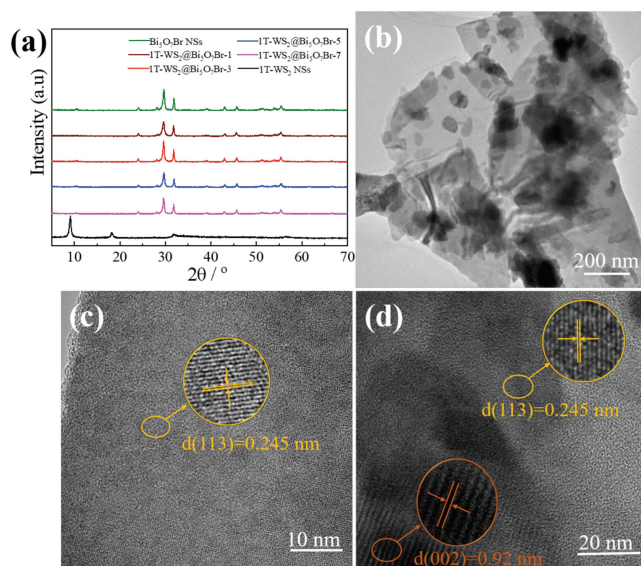


Fig. 1. (a) XRD patterns of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs, 1T-WS₂ NSs and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites. (b) TEM images of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites. HR-TEM images of (c) Bi₅O₇Br and (d) 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites.

oxygen, oxygen vacancies and absorbed oxygen, further confirming the existence of oxygen vacancies in the 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites [29]. For the XPS spectrum of Br 3d (Fig. S1d in Supporting information), two main peaks at 67.8 and 68.9 eV are attributed to the 3d_{5/2} and 3d_{3/2} of Br⁻ [30]. The XPS spectra of S 2p and W 4f are investigated to prove the existence of 1T phase WS₂ (Figs. S1e and f in Supporting information). For the S 2p spectrum (Fig. S1e), two main peaks at 161.7 and 162.9 eV corresponds to S 2p_{3/2} and S 2p_{1/2} of 1T-WS₂ [33]. Besides, two small peaks at 163.5 and 164.7 eV own to S 2p_{3/2} and S 2p_{1/2} of 2H-WS₂ [33]. As shown in Fig. S1f, there are two visible peaks at 31.9 and 34.1 eV, attributing to W 4f_{7/2} and W 4f_{5/2} of 1T-WS₂ [27]. The two minor peaks at 32.9 (W 4f_{7/2}) and 35.6 eV (W 4f_{5/2}) correlate to 2H-WS₂, respectively. After deconvoluting W 4f and S 2p spectra, the proportion of 1T phase is about 66.2%, which indicates that 1T phase in 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites is the main phase.

The structure of as-prepared pure 1T-WS₂ NSs is observed by SEM (Fig. S2 in Supporting information). Pure 1T-WS₂ presents the flower-like assemblies with nanosheets. The morphologies and microstructures information of pure Bi₅O₇Br and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites are provided by TEM and HRTEM. As shown in Fig. S3 (Supporting information), pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs display the compact lamellar structure. And 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites also maintain the sheet-shaped morphology of pure Bi₅O₇Br (Fig. 1b). In addition, numerous small 1T-WS₂ NSs are intimately loaded on the surface of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites. As displayed in Fig. S4, Bi, O, Br, S and W elements are uniformly distributed on 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites, which further confirms that numerous 1T-WS₂ NSs are intimately loaded on the surface of Bi₅O₇Br NSs. As shown in the HRTEM image of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs (Fig. 1c), the lattice space distance of 0.245 nm is ascribed to (113) plane of Bi₅O₇Br [30]. As shown in Fig. 1d, the lattice with d space distances of 0.245 and 0.92 nm are attributed to the (113) plane of Bi₅O₇Br and the (002) plane of 1T-WS₂, indicating the coexistence of Bi₅O₇Br and 1T-WS₂. The above results prove the successful preparation of Bi₅O₇Br NSs and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites.

As shown in Fig. S5 (Supporting information), all catalysts display H3 hysteresis loops with type-IV isotherms, which is concordant with mesoporous of all samples [26]. The pore sizes of all samples are about 3–33 nm. As shown in Table S1 (Supporting

information), the specific surface areas of 1T-WS₂ NSs presents the smallest specific surface area (4.69 m²/g). In addition, the specific surface areas of Bi₅O₇Br NSs, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-1, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-3, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-7 composites are 63.44, 76.91, 35.94, 10.81 and 7.23 m²/g, respectively. Surprisingly, the specific surface areas of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites increase non-linearly with decreasing 1T-WS₂ NSs. When the 1T-WS₂ NSs loading amounts is 1%, the specific surface area of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites is improved. Nevertheless, with the loading amount of 1T-WS₂ NSs increases from 3% to 7%, the specific surface area of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites decreases. However, the photocatalytic performance of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites is the best, indicating that specific surface area is not the crucial factor in improving photocatalytic activity [32].

An absorption edge at ~500 nm is detected in Bi₅O₇Br NSs (Fig. 2a). Interestingly, the light absorption ability of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites is better than Bi₅O₇Br NSs, and increases with the increase of 1T-WS₂ loading amount from 1% to 7%, consistent with the color modification from yellow to gray (Fig. S6 in Supporting information). This indicates that 1T-WS₂ NSs can effectively improve the light absorption ability of Bi₅O₇Br. The enhanced light absorption of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composite is beneficial for the production of electron-hole pairs [33]. Furthermore, the band gap energy (E_g) of all catalysts is calculated by $(ah\nu)^{1/2} \propto h\nu - E_g$. Therefore, the band gaps of Bi₅O₇Br NSs, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-1, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-3, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-7 composites are 2.25, 2.13, 2.00, 1.75 and 1.75 eV (Fig. 2b), respectively. Among them, both 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-7 composites present the narrowest band gap. Obviously, 1T-WS₂ loading can improve the light absorption of Bi₅O₇Br, which could improve the utilization of light and photocatalytic performance.

To further check the vital role of 1T-WS₂ in 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites, the photoexcited carrier lifetimes of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites are measured by the time-resolved PL spectroscopy. As shown in Fig. S7 (Supporting information), the intensity-average lifetime (τ) of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5

composites (0.6907 ns) is longer than that of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs (0.5208 ns), indicating that 1T phase WS₂ can efficiently capture photogenerated electrons of Bi₅O₇Br NSs and inhibit the recombination of electron-hole pairs [33].

To study the possibility of N₂ fixation, Mott-Schottky plots are tested to estimate the conduction band (CB) potential of pure Bi₅O₇Br and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites. As exhibited in Fig. S8 (Supporting information), the flat band potentials (E_{FB}) of Bi₅O₇Br NSs and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-1, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-3, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-7 composites are obtained and the results are -0.50, -0.53, -0.50, -0.65 and -0.55 eV vs. Ag/AgCl. The obtained E_{FB} is converted to a potential vs. standard hydrogen electrode (NHE), and then the value is subtracted by 0.2 eV to get a conduction band potential (E_{CB}) vs. NHE. Therefore, the E_{CB} of Bi₅O₇Br NSs, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-1, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-3, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-7 composites are -0.48, -0.51, -0.48, -0.63 and -0.53 eV vs. NHE (Fig. 2c). Among these, the E_{CB} of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites is the most negative, indicating 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites is more suitable for photocatalytic N₂ fixation.

Fig. 2d exhibits that all samples present the photocurrent responses on each illumination [33]. The photocurrent response curves of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites (Fig. 2d) display higher current densities than pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs, indicating a noticeable improvement of carrier separation with 1T-WS₂ loading. First of all, the light absorption ability of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites is higher than that of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs, causing more photoexcited electron-hole pairs. Secondly, 1T phase WS₂ as an electron acceptor can accept photogenerated electrons, which can achieve more effective carrier separation. Among the 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites with different amounts of 1T-WS₂ NSs, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites present the highest current density. The charge transfers ability of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites are further measured by EIS measurements [32,33]. Obviously, the 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites exhibit a smaller arc radius than that of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs (Fig. 2e), illustrating that the 1T-WS₂ boosts the separation of carriers [33]. Besides, among the

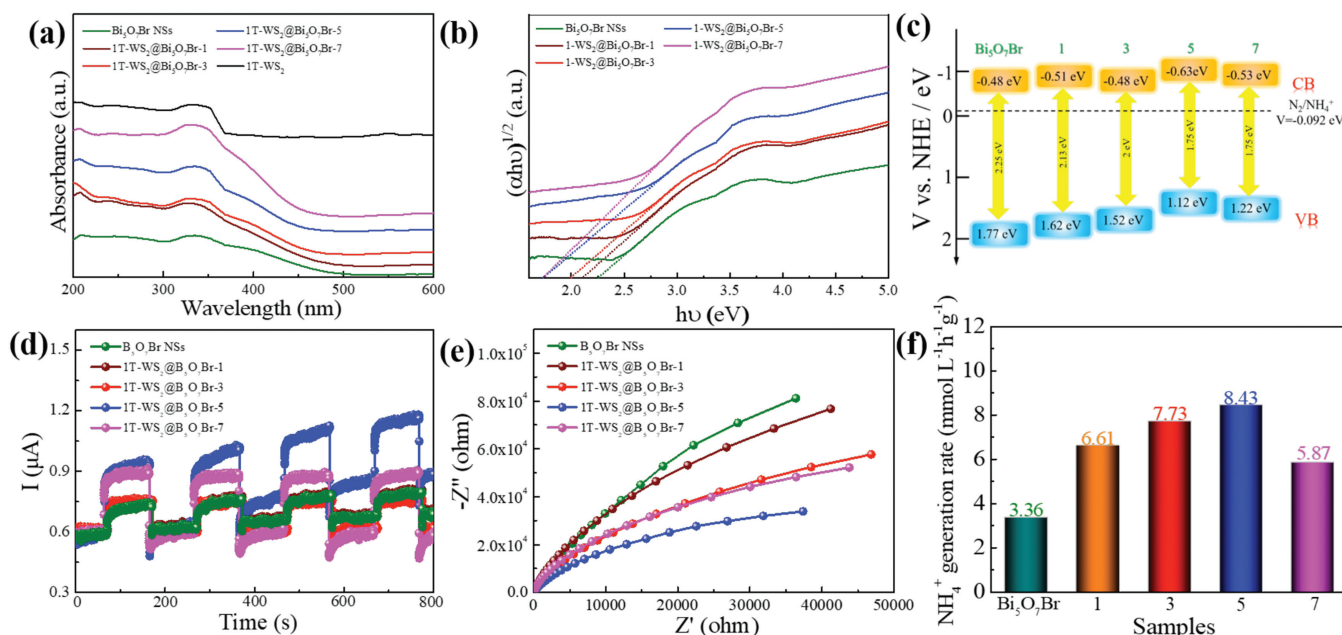
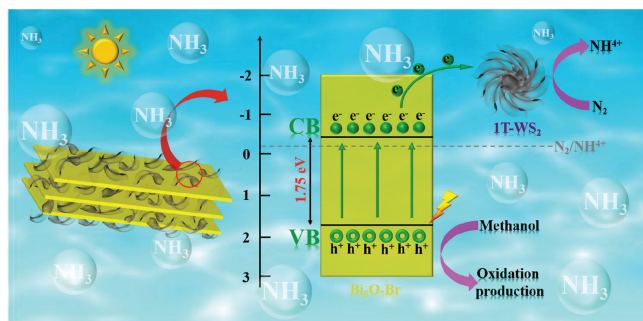


Fig. 2. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra, (b) band gap values, (c) schematic diagram of band gap, (d) the transient photocurrent responses, (e) EIS and (f) the NH₃ generation rates of Bi₅O₇Br NSs, 1T-WS₂ NSs and 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites.



Scheme 2. The schematic illustration of photocatalytic mechanism of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites.

1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites with different amounts of 1T-WS₂ NSs, 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites present the smallest arc radius, attributing to the best carrier separation efficiency. 1T phase WS₂ can enhance the carrier separation efficiency of Bi₅O₇Br, which can enhance the photocatalytic ability of Bi₅O₇Br.

The photocatalytic N₂ fixation performance of all samples is tested using the concentration of NH₄⁺ under visible light illumination. The NH₃ generation rates of as-prepared samples are exhibited in Fig. 2f. The results indicate that the photocatalytic N₂ fixation activity of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites is obviously better than that of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs (3.36 mmol L⁻¹ h⁻¹ g⁻¹), which shows that the 1T phase WS₂ is beneficial to the enhancement of photocatalytic activity. It is worth mentioning that the photocatalytic activity of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites enhances with increasing 1T-WS₂ amounts from 1% to 5% (Fig. 2f), owing to more effective carrier separation efficiency. However, further increasing 1T-WS₂ content from 5% to 7%, a decrease in photocatalytic activity is displayed, owing to the overmuch 1T-WS₂ loading on Bi₅O₇Br NSs hinders the photo-absorption of Bi₅O₇Br. 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites exhibit the best photocatalytic N₂ fixation activity (8.43 mmol L⁻¹ h⁻¹ g⁻¹) because of the narrower band gap (Fig. 2b) and lower CB position (Fig. 2c). In order to evaluate the NH₄⁺ production cycle property of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites, the photocatalytic N₂ fixation activity is measured for 9 h (Fig. S9 in Supporting information). Almost 88.4% of the incipient property is kept, showing satisfactory stability of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites. Furthermore, the XRD patterns of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites before and after cycle were detected. As shown in Fig. S10 Supporting information, F the position of the main characteristic peaks of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites do not change significantly, and the intensity of the characteristic peaks of Bi₅O₇Br is weakened due to the consumption of electrons. In addition, we compared photocatalytic activity for ammonia synthesis to previously reported catalysts (Table S2 in Supporting information), it is obvious that the photocatalytic performance of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composite is excellent compared with the previous reports. The above results indicate that 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites present excellent performance and stability for photocatalytic N₂ fixation.

According to the above experimental data, the photocatalytic mechanism of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites is proposed (Scheme 2). Firstly, the 1T phase WS₂ decreases the E_g of Bi₅O₇Br (Fig. 2b), which improves light utilization to excite more photoelectrons. Secondly, the photogenerated electrons from Bi₅O₇Br NSs are quickly transferred to 1T phase WS₂ as electron acceptors, which can significantly enhance the efficiency of electron-hole separation. Then, 1T-WS₂ can provide active sites for N₂ activation to promote photocatalytic N₂ fixation. Usually, under solar light illumination, the photoelectrons of Bi₅O₇Br are excited and migrated to the surface of 1T phase WS₂ and reduce N₂ to NH₄⁺.

Simultaneously, the holes are consumed by methanol. Consequently, the close combination of 1T-WS₂ NSs and Bi₅O₇Br NSs significantly improves the photocatalytic N₂ fixation activity of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br composites.

In conclusion, we report a photocatalyst that has excellent photocatalytic N₂ fixation performance by 1T-WS₂ NSs loading on Bi₅O₇Br NSs. Among prepared photocatalysts, the photocatalytic N₂ fixation rate of 1T-WS₂@Bi₅O₇Br-5 composites presents outstanding photocatalytic N₂ fixation activity (8.43 mmol L⁻¹ h⁻¹ g⁻¹), nearly 2.51 times higher than that of pure Bi₅O₇Br NSs. However, the excessive 1T-WS₂ NSs (7%) loading can hinder the absorption of light by Bi₅O₇Br, thereby reducing the photocatalytic performance of the catalyst. Therefore, 1T phase WS₂ cocatalyst is a promising substitute for the replacement of precious metals in photocatalysis to achieve the improved photocatalytic activity of Bi₅O₇Br NSs.

Declaration of competing interest

The authors report no declarations of interest.

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Appendix A. Supplementary data

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