

## Four POM-based complexes modified by multi-nuclear clusters: structures, photocatalytic, supercapacitor and chromogenic properties

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**Table S1.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for complexes **1–4**.

Complex 1			
Cu(1)-N(5)	2.157(2)	Cu(2)-N(4)	1.993(2)
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.961(2)	Cu(2)-N(2) <sup>2</sup>	2.026(2)
Cu(1)-O(14)	1.9342(18)	Cu(1)-O(11)	2.052(2)
O(14)-Cu(1)-O(14) <sup>2</sup>	82.53(8)	O(14)-Cu(1)-O(11)	99.21(8)
O(14)-Cu(1)-N(5)	85.86(8)	O(14)-Cu(1)-N(1)	167.77(9)
O(11)-Cu(1)-N(5)	91.52(9)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(11)	89.41(9)
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(5)	102.68(9)	O(14)-Cu(2)-Cl(1)	170.68(6)
O(14)-Cu(2)-N(4)	89.84(9)	N(4)-Cu(2)-Cl(1)	95.04(7)
N(4)-Cu(2)-N(2) <sup>2</sup>	150.73(10)	N(2) <sup>2</sup> -Cu(2)-Cl(1)	93.49(7)

Symmetry codes for **1**: <sup>1</sup>1-X, -Y, 1-Z; <sup>2</sup>-X, 1-Y, 1-Z

Complex 2			
Cu(1)-O(1W)	1.971(9)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.997(10)
Cu(1)-O(3W)	1.978(14)	Cu(1)-N(5)	1.949(11)
Cu(1)-O(2W)	2.332(13)	N(5)-Cu(1)-N(1)	166.8(5)
N(5)-Cu(1)-O(1W)	90.5(5)	O(1W)-Cu(1)-N(1)	94.5(5)
N(5)-Cu(1)-O(2W)	100.1(5)	O(3W)-Cu(1)-N(1)	83.6(5)

Complex 3			
Cu(1)-N(5)	2.027(6)	Cu(2)-N(6)	1.984(6)
Cu(1)-N(3)	2.052(7)	Cu(2)-N(6) <sup>1</sup>	1.984(6)
Cu(1)-N(9)	1.960(8)	Cu(2)-N(4) <sup>1</sup>	1.975(6)
N(5)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	86.2(2)	N(6) <sup>1</sup> -Cu(2)-N(6)	180.0(3)

N(5)-Cu(1)-N(3)	90.8(3)	N(4)-Cu(2)-N(6) <sup>1</sup>	90.5(3)
N(3)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	174.4(2)	N(4)-Cu(2)-N(6) <sup>1</sup>	89.5(3)
N(9)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	88.7(3)	N(4) <sup>1</sup> -Cu(2)-N(6)	90.5(3)
N(9)-Cu(1)-N(5)	174.6(3)	N(4)-Cu(2)-N(6)	89.5(3)
N(9)-Cu(1)-N(3)	94.5(3)	N(4)-Cu(2)-N(4) <sup>1</sup>	180.00(3)

Symmetry codes for **3**: <sup>1</sup>1-X, 1-Y, 1-Z

#### Complex 4

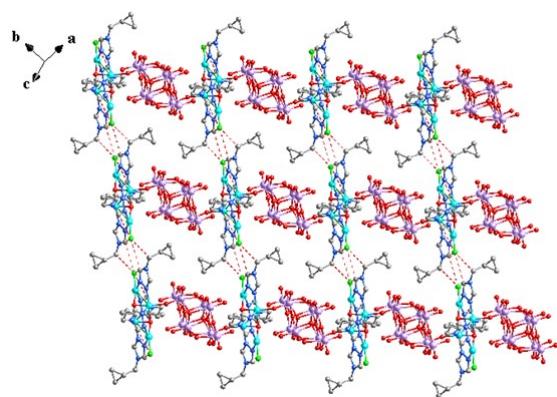
Co(1)-N(9)	2.078(5)	Co(1)-N(1)	2.076(5)
Co(1)-N(6)	2.142(5)	Co(1)-O(22)	2.125(4)
Co(1)-N(9)	2.078(5)	Co(1)-O(21) <sup>3</sup>	2.038(5)
Co(2)-N(2) <sup>4</sup>	2.166(5)	Co(2)-N(2)	2.166(5)
Co(2)-N(10)	2.125(5)	Co(2)-N(5)	2.172(5)
N(9)-Co(1)-O(22)	175.98(19)	N(9)-Co(1)-N(6)	87.7(2)
N(1)-Co(1)-N(9)	95.2(2)	N(1)-Co(1)-N(6)	90.4(2)
N(2)-Co(2)-N(5)	88.9(2)	N(2)-Co(2)-N(5) <sup>4</sup>	91.1(2)
N(10)-Co(2)-N(2) <sup>4</sup>	88.5(2)	N(10)-Co(2)-N(5)	86.7(2)

Symmetry codes for **4**: <sup>1</sup>2-X, 1-Y, 2-Z;    <sup>2</sup>1-X, -Y, 1-Z;    <sup>3</sup>1-X, 1-Y, 1-Z;    <sup>4</sup>-X, 1-Y, 1-Z

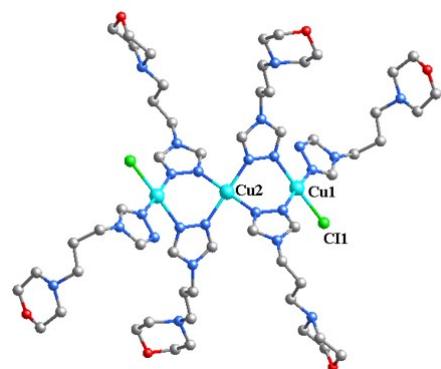
## Ligand syntheses

**Synthesis of Tpm:** Formaldehyde hydrazide (6 g) was dissolved in 200 ml methanol, triethyl orthoformate (33 ml) was added and refluxed at 75 °C for 2 hours. Then N-(3-aminopropyl)-morpholine (7.3 ml) was added and refluxed for 4 hours.

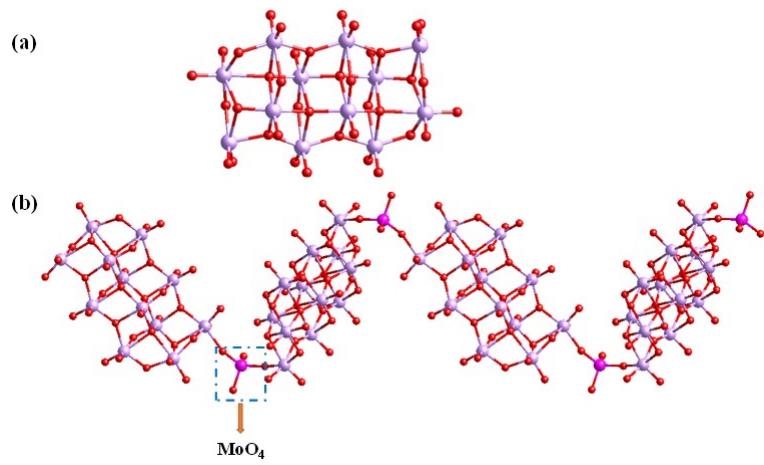
**Synthesis of Cmt:** Triazole (1.4 g) was dissolved in 35 ml ethanol, and 0.47 g of Na wire was added. When the sodium wire was completely dissolved, 2 ml of chloromethylcyclopropane was added. The solution was stirred well, and refluxed for three days at 78 °C.



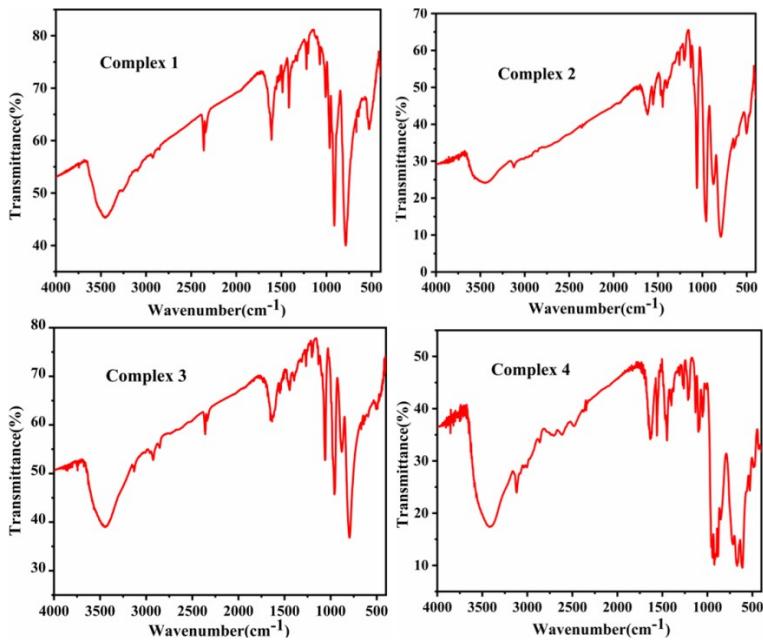
**Fig. S1.** The 2D supramolecular layer of complex 1.



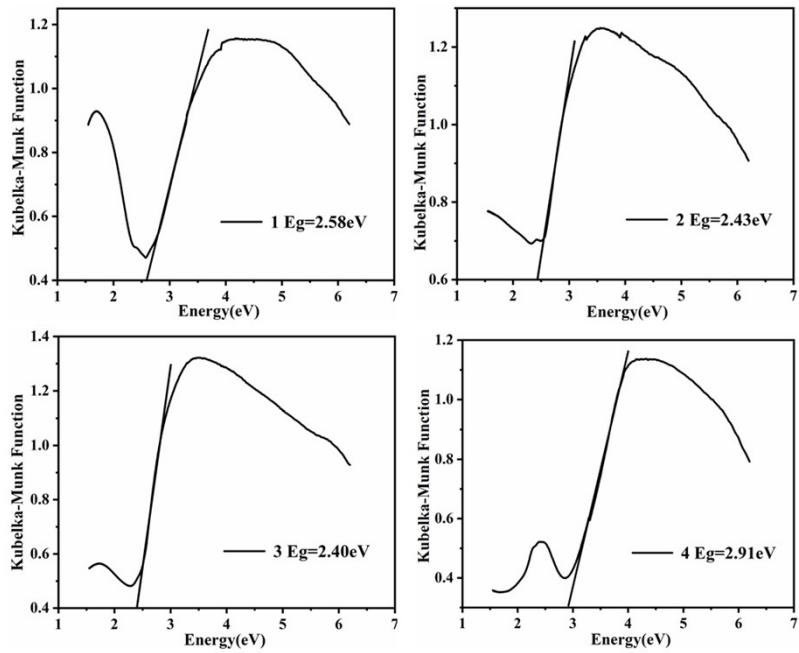
**Fig. S2.** The tri-nuclear Cu cluster constructed by four B-type and two A-type Tpm ligands of complex 3.



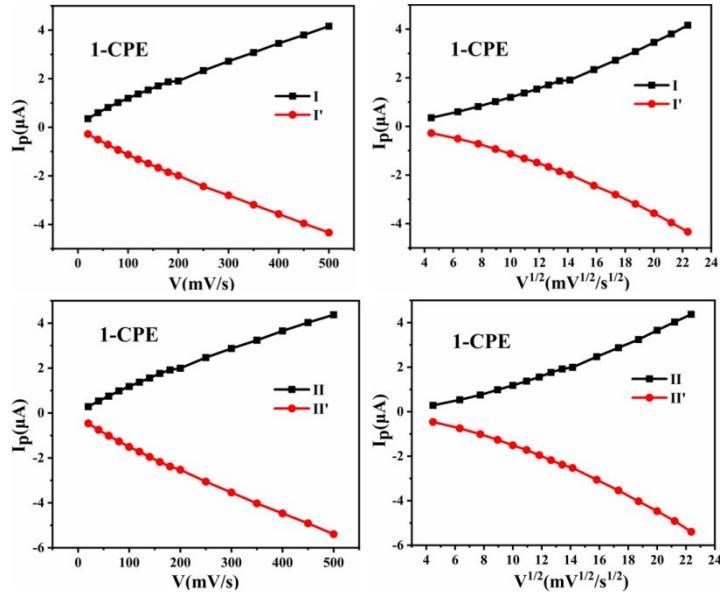
**Fig. S3.** (a) The  $\{\text{Mo}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\}$  subunits in complex 4. (b) The 1D inorganic chain with  $\{\text{Mo}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\}$  connected by  $\{\text{MoO}_4\}$  subunits through sharing the same O atoms.



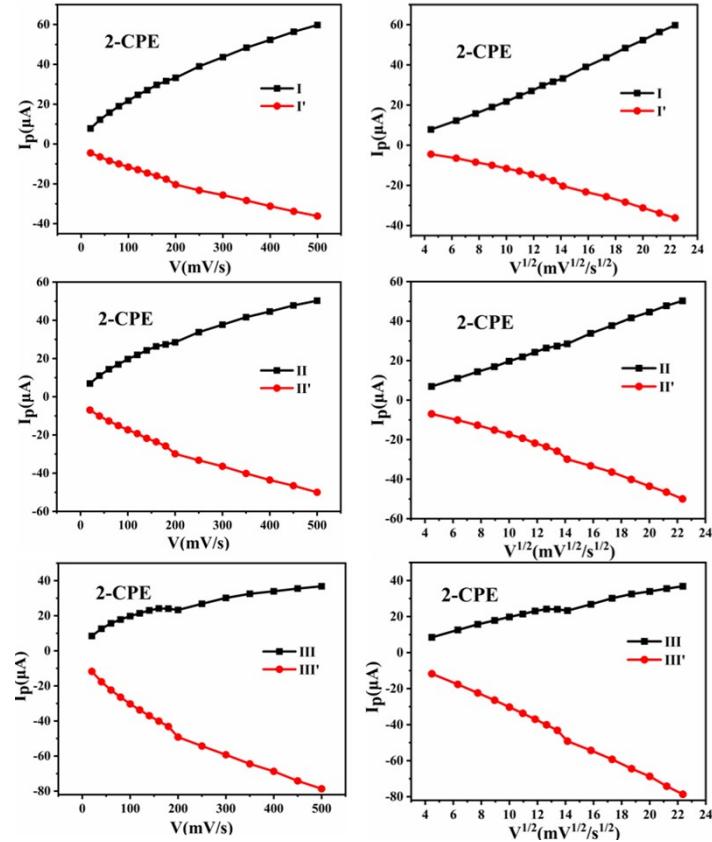
**Fig. S4.** The IR spectra of complexes **1–4**.



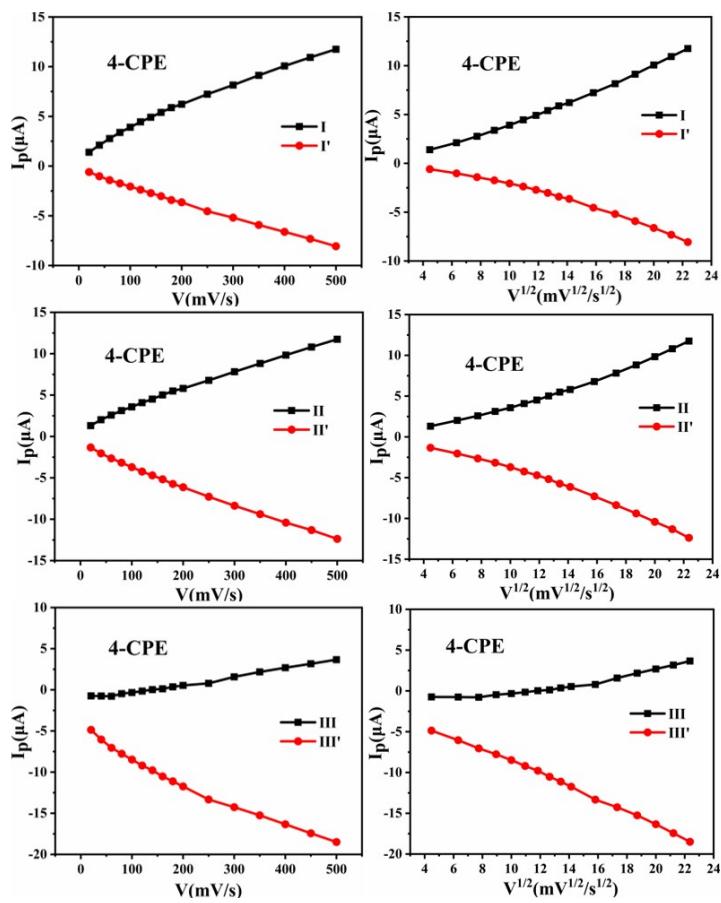
**Fig. S5.** Solid-state optical diffuse-reflection spectra of complexes **1–4** derived from diffuse reflectance data at room temperature.



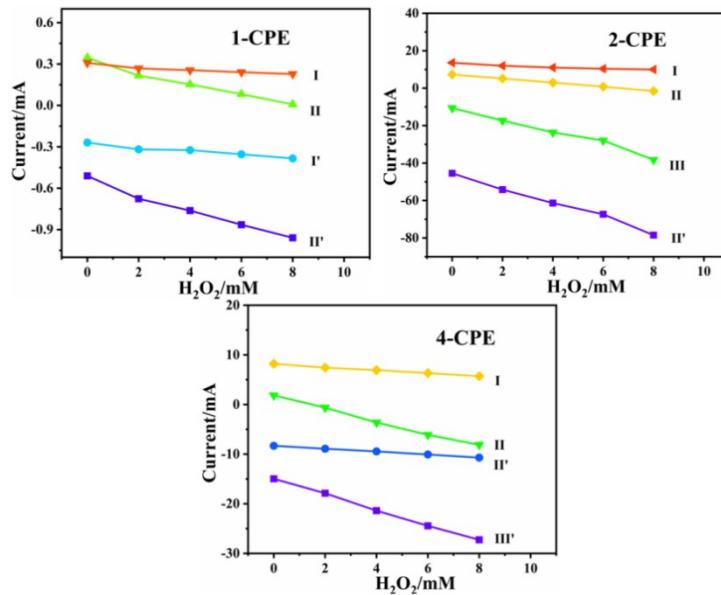
**Fig. S6.** The dependence of anodic peak and cathodic peak currents of 1-CPE on  $v$  and  $v^{1/2}$ .



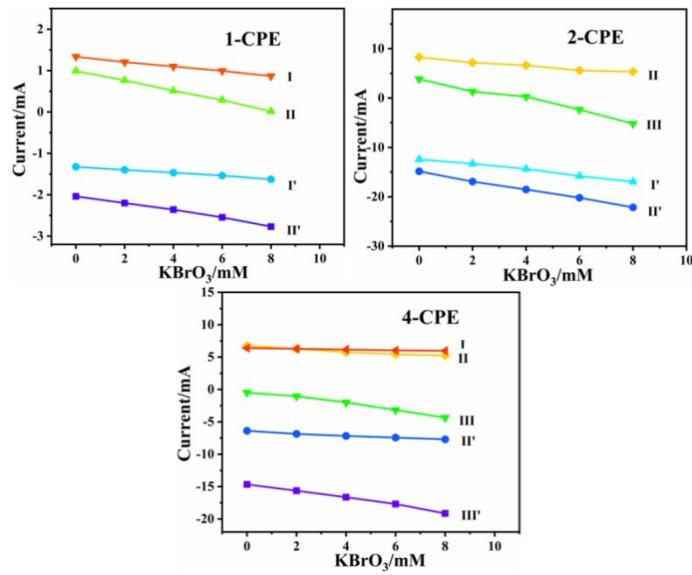
**Fig. S7.** The dependence of anodic peak and cathodic peak currents of 2-CPE on  $v$  and  $v^{1/2}$ .



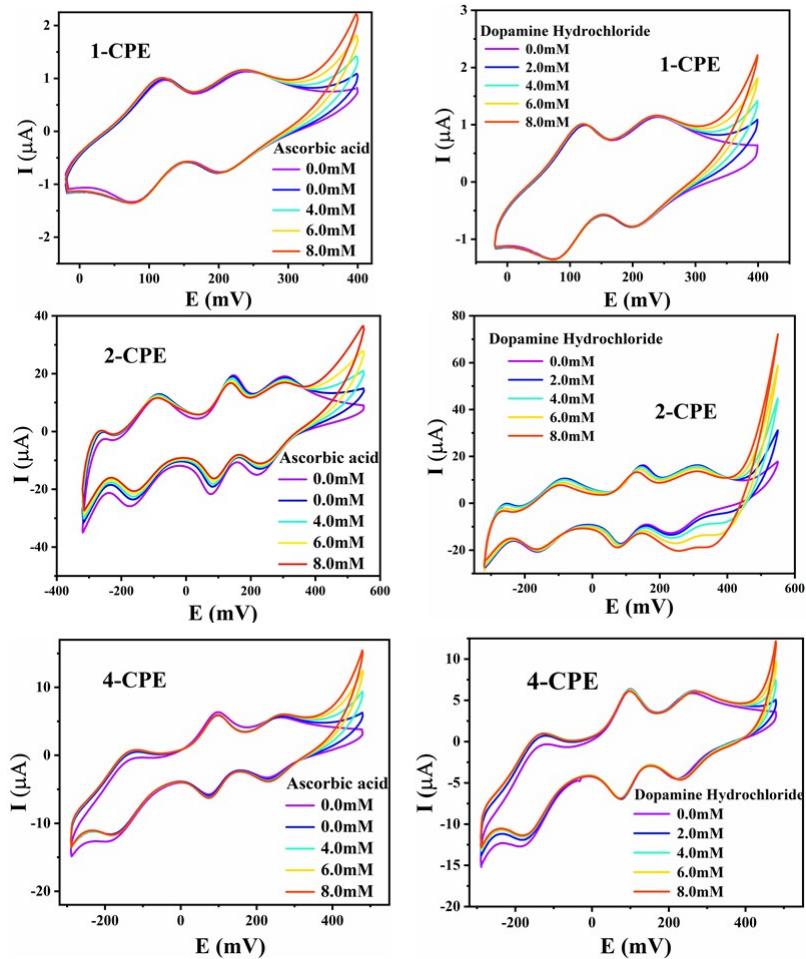
**Fig. S8.** The dependence of anodic peak and cathodic peak currents of **4**-CPE on  $v$  and  $v^{1/2}$ .



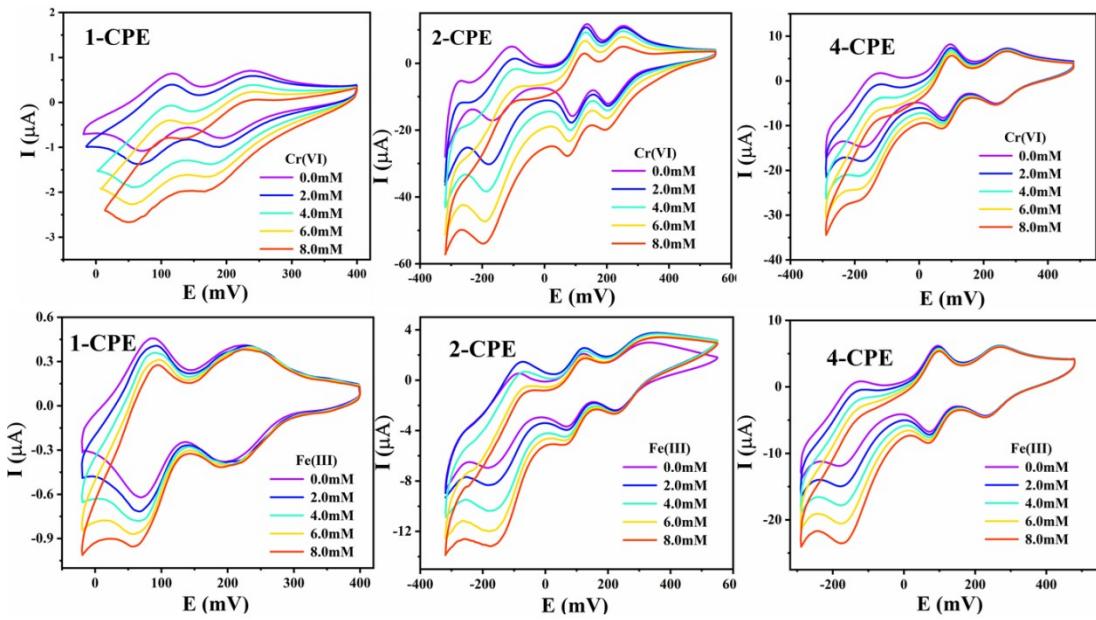
**Fig. S9.** Dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents on  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration for  $n$ -CPEs ( $n=1, 2$  and  $4$ ).



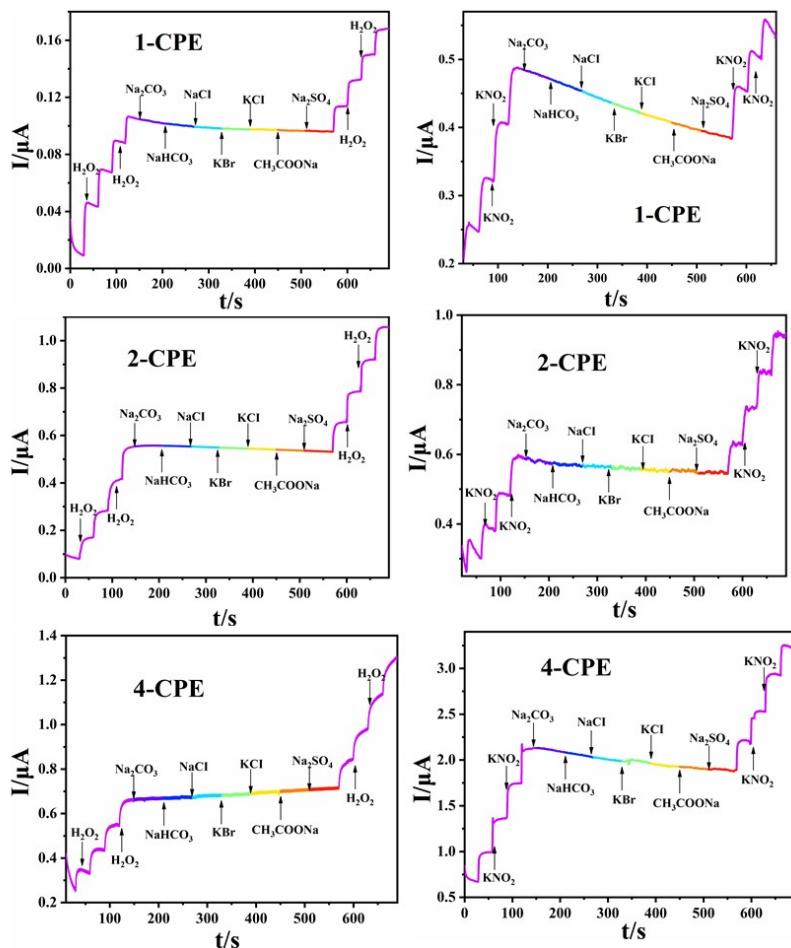
**Fig. S10.** Dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents on KBrO<sub>3</sub> concentration for n-CPEs (n=1, 2 and 4).



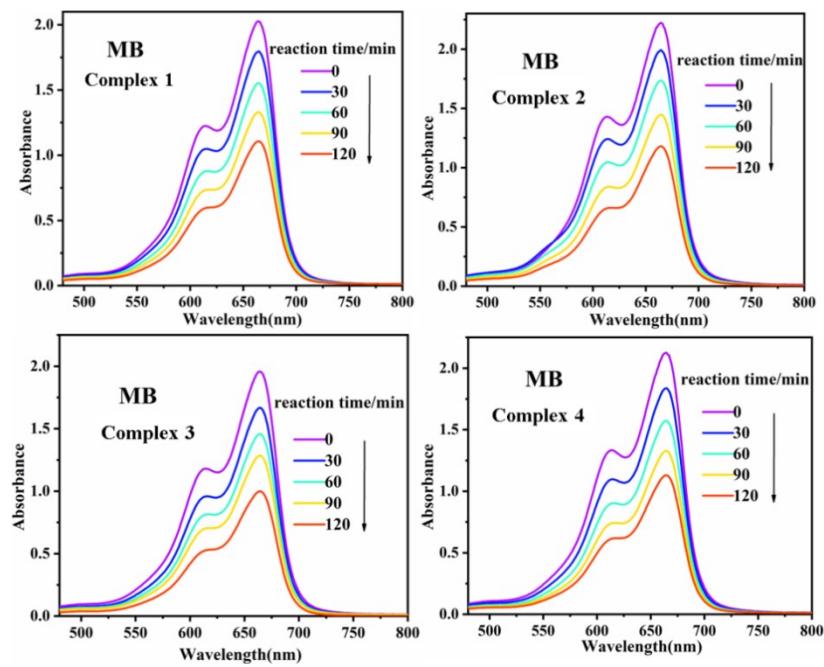
**Fig. S11.** Cyclic voltammograms of 1-, 2- and 4-CPEs in 0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution containing 0–8 mM AA and DP. Scan rate: 200 mV·s<sup>-1</sup>.



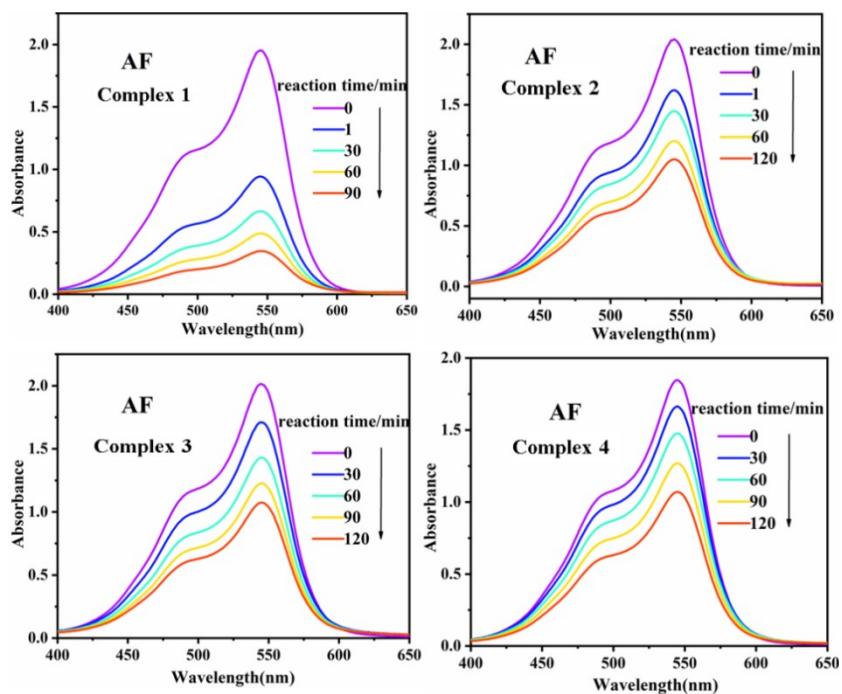
**Fig. S12.** Cyclic voltammograms of the **1**–, **2**– and **4**–CPEs in  $0.1 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 0.5 \text{ M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  aqueous solution containing  $0\text{--}8 \text{ mM Cr(VI)}$  and  $\text{Fe(III)}$ . Scan rate:  $200 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .

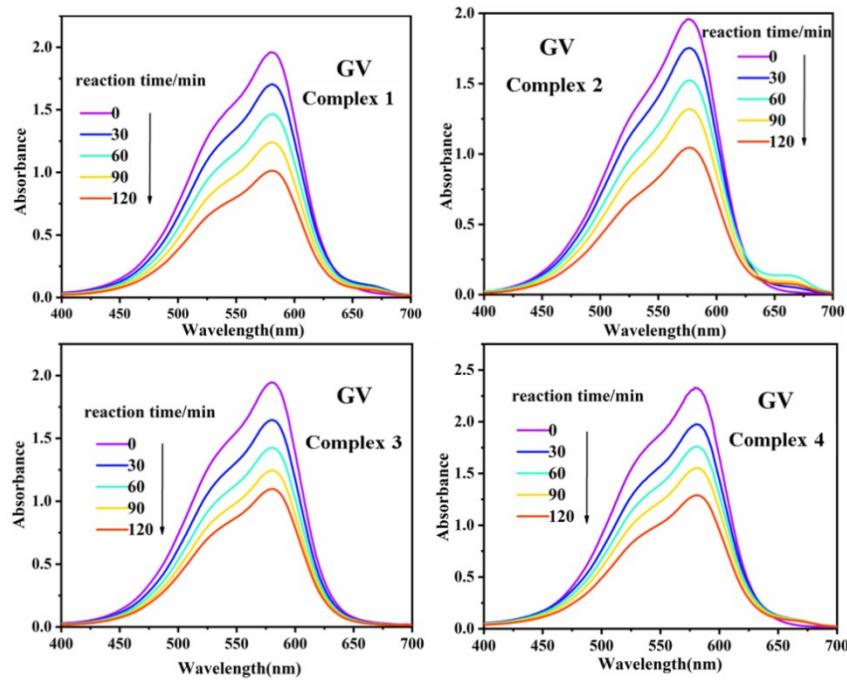


**Fig. S13.** Amperometric current responses of **1**–, **2**– and **4**–CPEs to  $\text{NO}_2^-$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in aqueous solution upon addition of various inorganic salts.

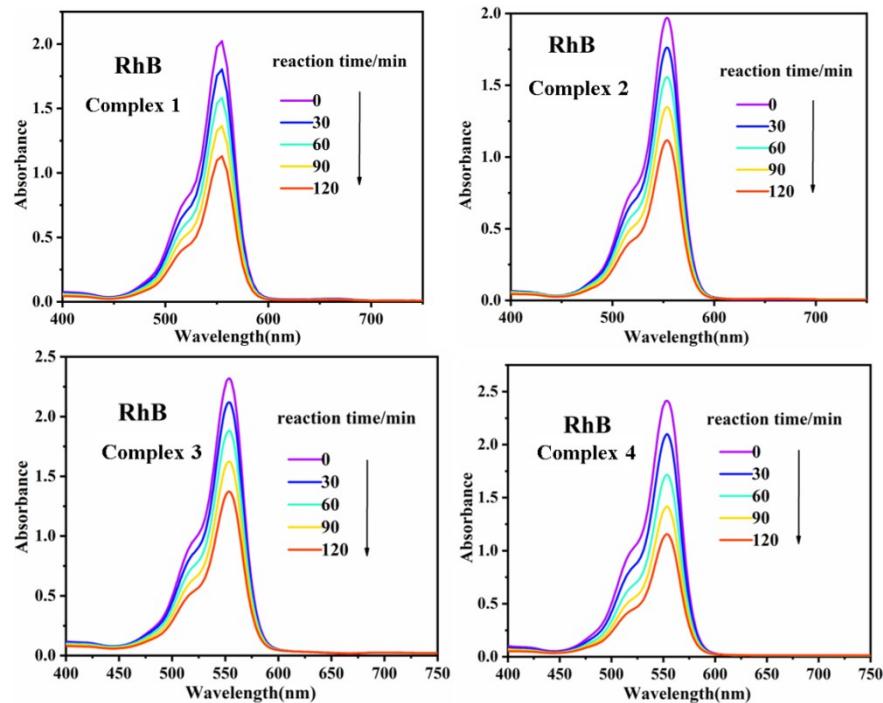


**Fig. S14.** The absorption spectra of MB solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation with complexes **1–4** as catalysts.

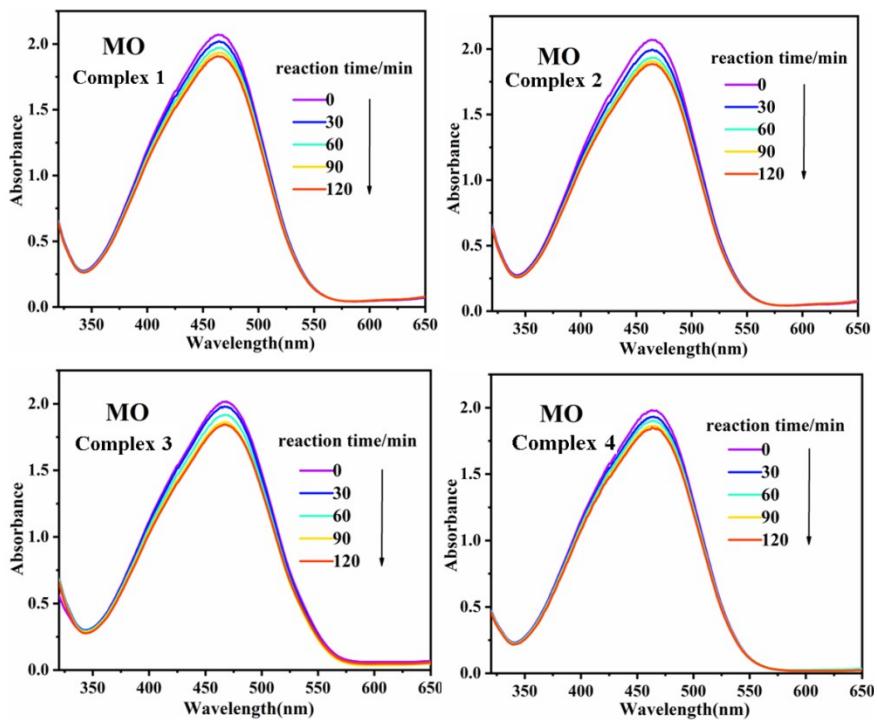




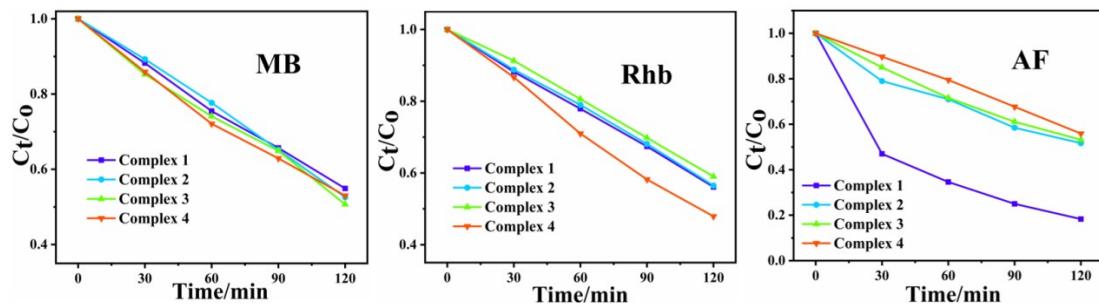
**Fig. S15.** The absorption spectra of GV and AF solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation with complexes **1–4** as the catalysts.



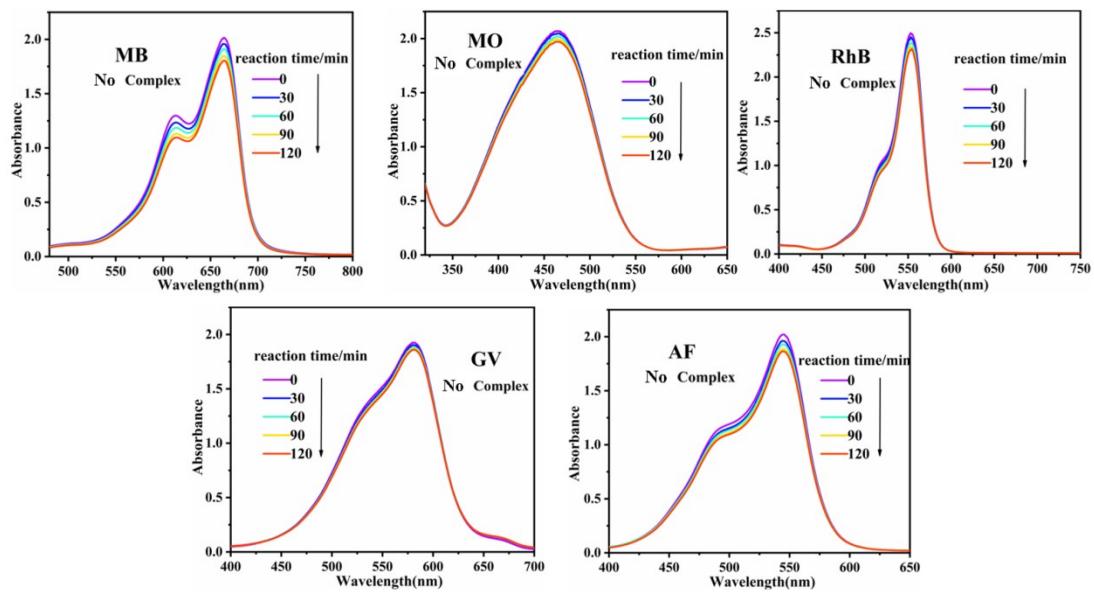
**Fig. S16.** Absorption spectra of the RhB solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation with the complexes **1–4** as the catalyst.



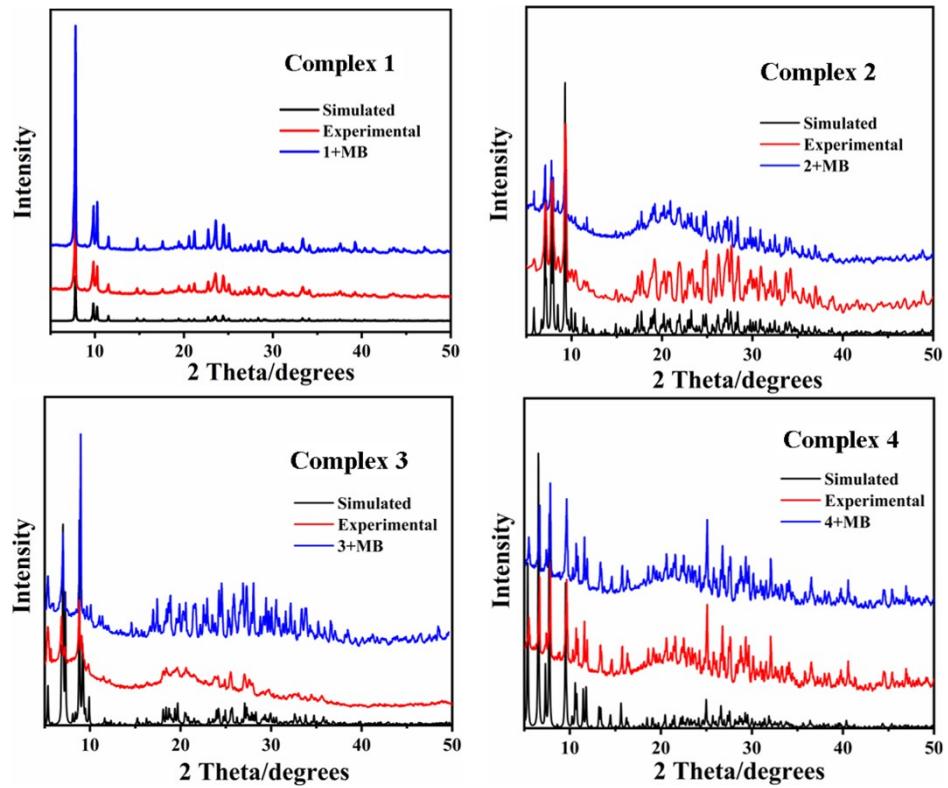
**Fig. S17.** Absorption spectra of the MO solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation with the complexes **1–4** as the catalysts.



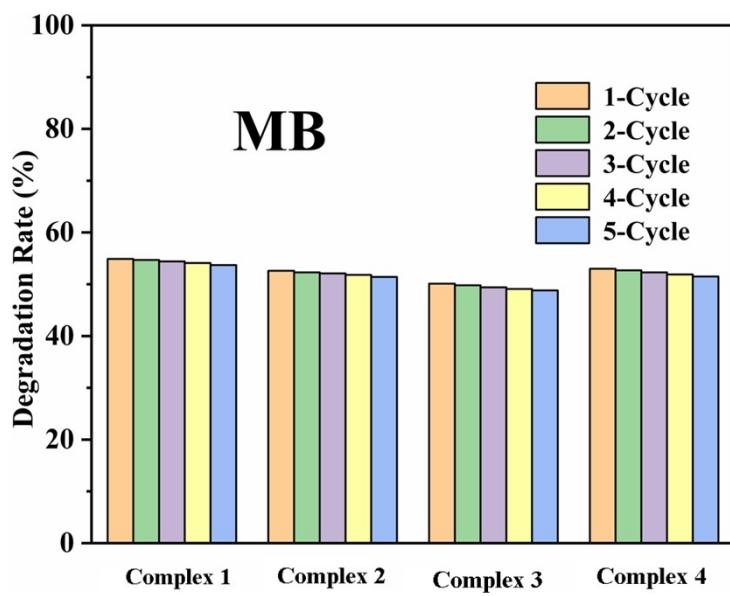
**Fig. S18.** The catalytic MB, RhB and AF conversion curves of complexes **1–4**.



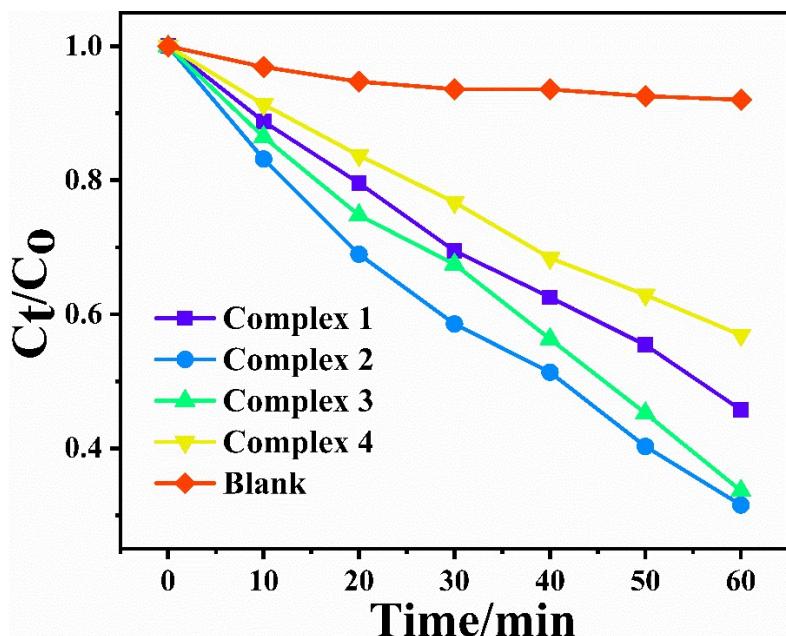
**Fig. S19.** Photocatalytic UV spectroscopy of organic dyes without catalysts.



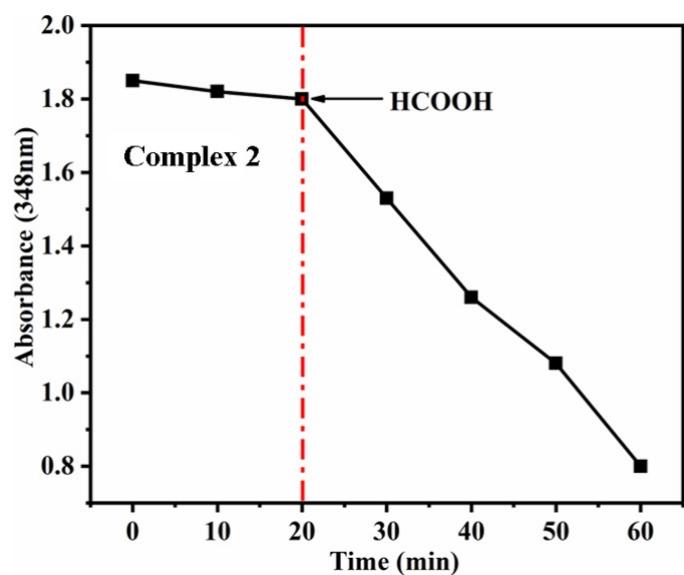
**Fig. S20.** The PXRD spectra of complexes 1–4.



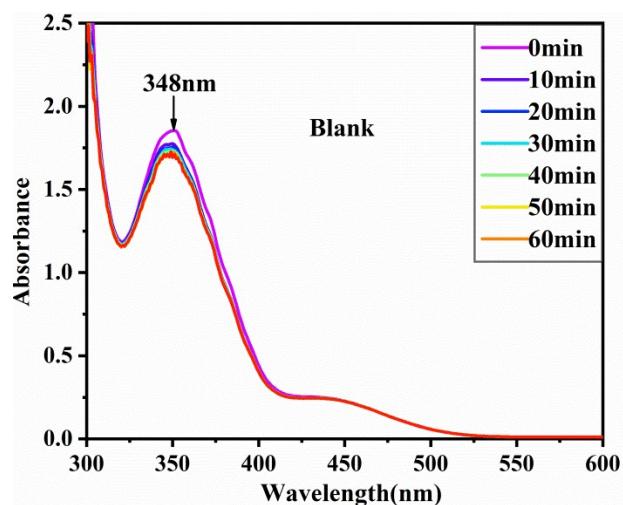
**Fig. S21.** Five cycles of photocatalytic degradation for MB of complexes 1–4.



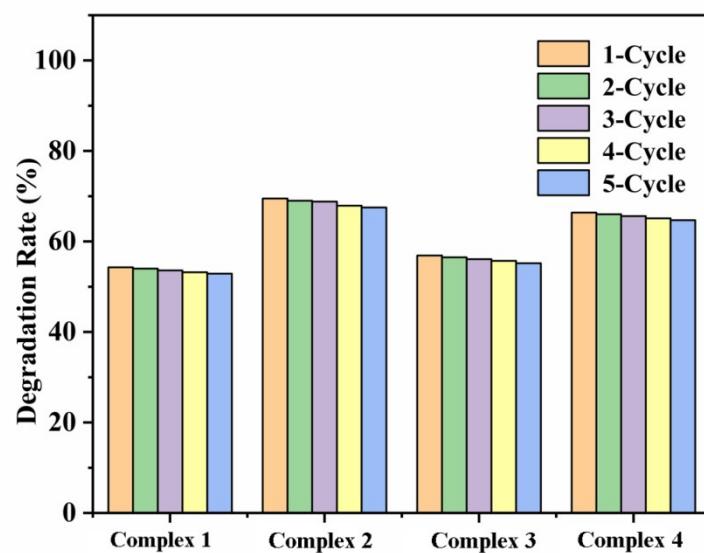
**Fig. S22.** Catalytic conversion curve of complexes 1–4.



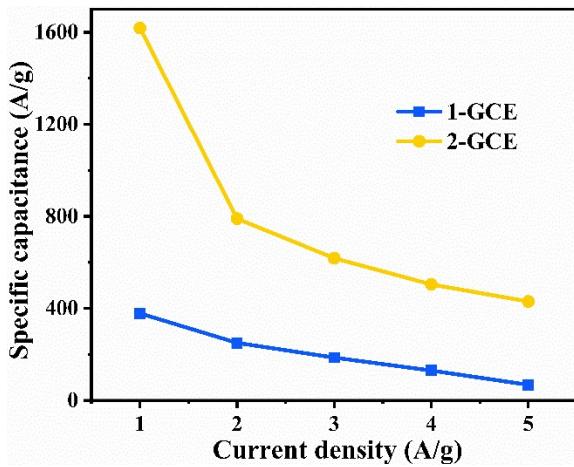
**Fig. S23.** Comparative experiment of complex 2 for catalytic reduction of Cr(VI): no formic acid was added in the first 20 minutes, and formic acid was added after 20 minutes.



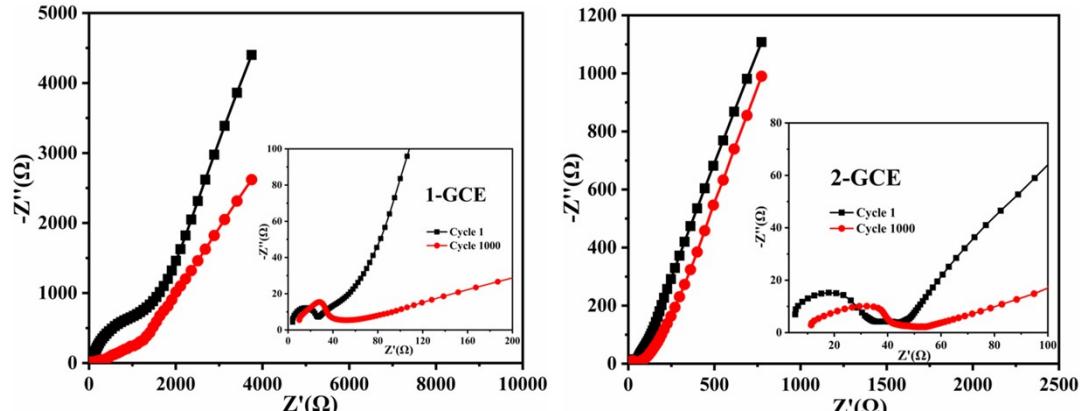
**Fig. S24.** UV spectra of complex 2 in Cr(VI) solution without xenon lamp irradiation.



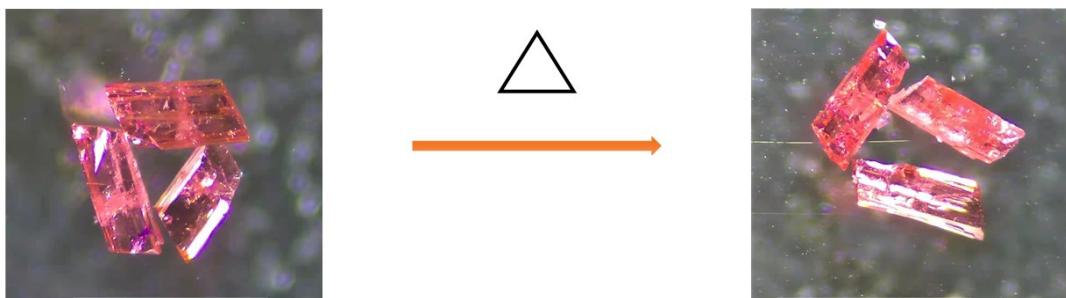
**Fig. S25.** Five cycles of photocatalytic reduction for Cr(VI) of complexes **1–4**.



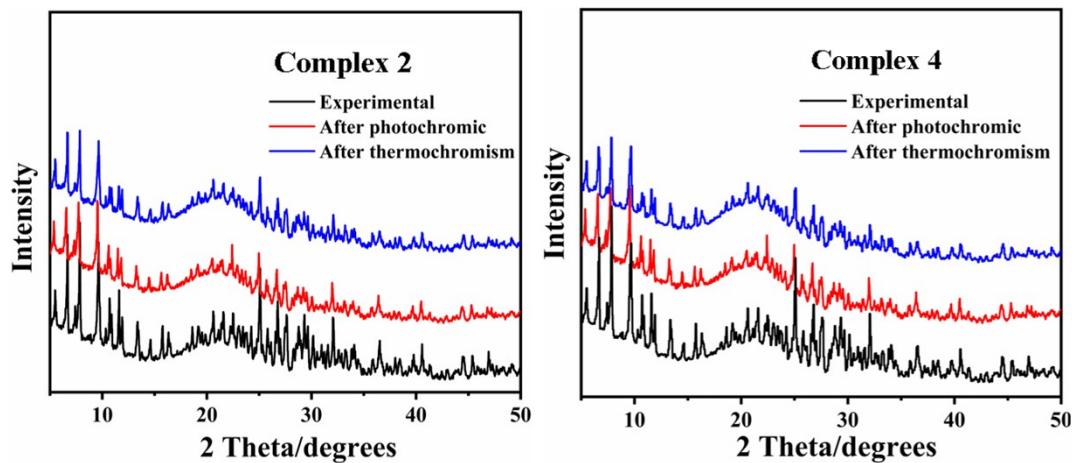
**Fig. S26.** The comparison of specific capacitance between **1**–GCE and **2**–GCE at different current densities.



**Fig. S27.** Electrochemical impedance spectra of **1**– and **2**–GCE in 0.1 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution (inset: magnified part of the high frequency range of the electrochemical impedance).



**Fig. S28.** Color change of complex **4** before and after thermochromism.



**Fig. S29.** PXRD before and after photochromism and thermochromism.

**Table S2.** Comparision of the specific capacitance values between complexes in this work and reported POMs-based electrode materials.

	Electrode material	Electrolyte	Scan rate/Current density	Specific capacitance	Ref.
1	Complex 2	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + 0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	1618 F g <sup>-1</sup>	This Work
2	(PMo <sub>12</sub> /PANI/TiN NWA)	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	469 F g <sup>-1</sup>	1
3	[H(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )Cu <sub>2</sub> ][PMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	287 F g <sup>-1</sup>	2
4	[H(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )Cu <sub>2</sub> ][PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	153.4 F g <sup>-1</sup>	2
5	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> )(PMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> )]·[(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	3 A g <sup>-1</sup>	249 F g <sup>-1</sup>	3
6	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> (bt <sub>x</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> (PMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	237.0 F g <sup>-1</sup>	4
7	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> (bt <sub>x</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> (PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	100.0 F g <sup>-1</sup>	4
8	RGO/PIL/PMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	10 mV s <sup>-1</sup>	456 F g <sup>-1</sup>	5
9	HT-RGO-PMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	10 mV s <sup>-1</sup>	276 F g <sup>-1</sup>	6

10	[Cu <sup>II</sup> <sub>2</sub> (bipy)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> O <sub>15</sub> ]	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	160.9 F g <sup>-1</sup>	7
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