

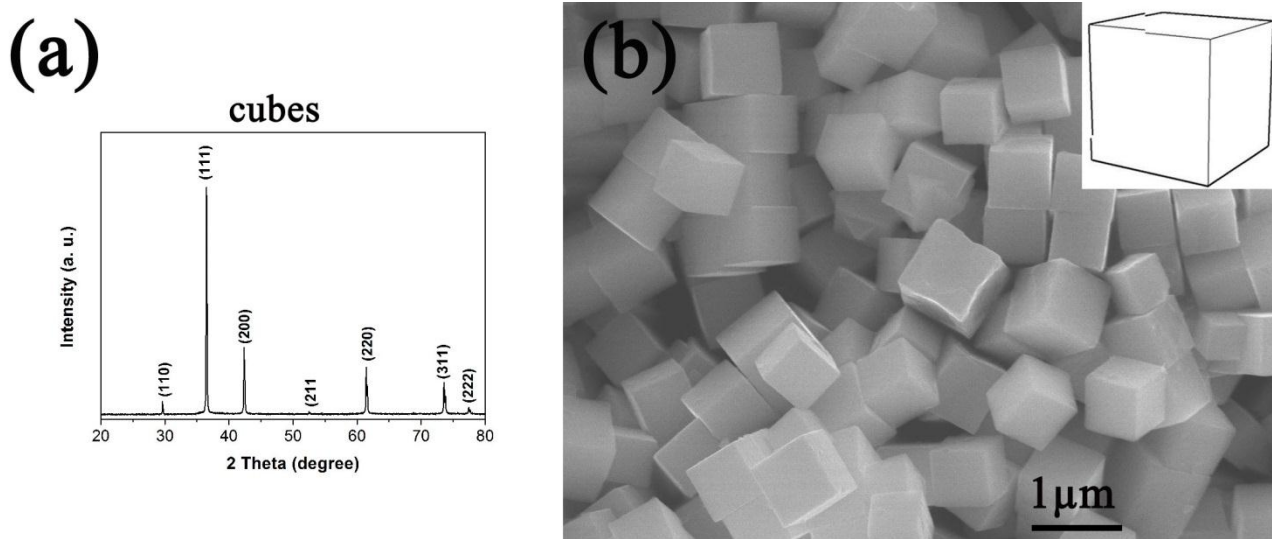
Electronic Supplementary Information

## Formation of hierarchically polyhedral $\text{Cu}_7\text{S}_4$ cages from $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ templates and their structure-dependent photocatalytic performances

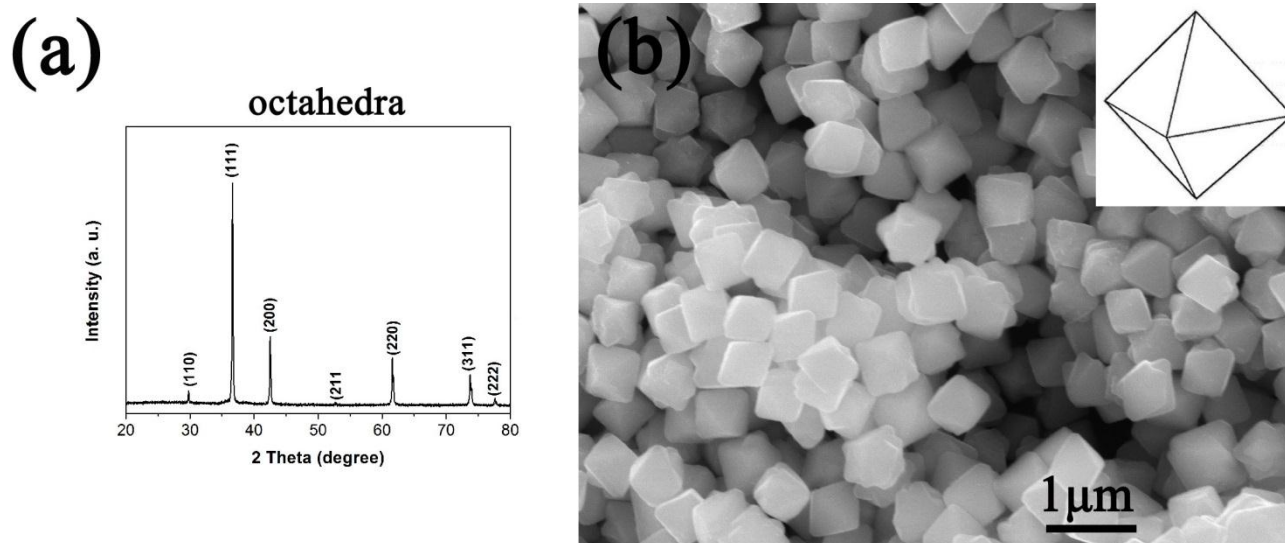
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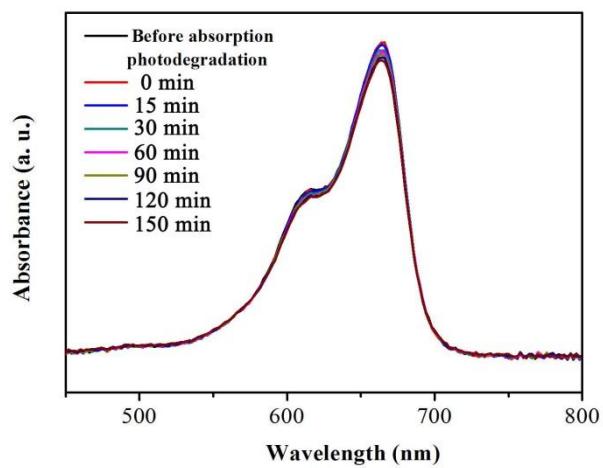
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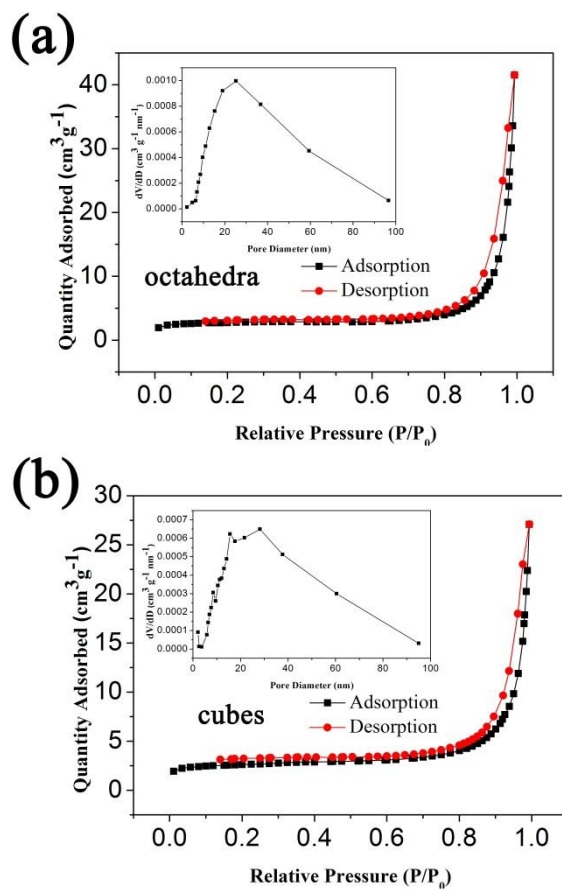
**Fig. S1** (a) XRD pattern of the cubic  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  templates; (b) FESEM image of the cubic  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  templates, the inset is the corresponding schematic illustration.



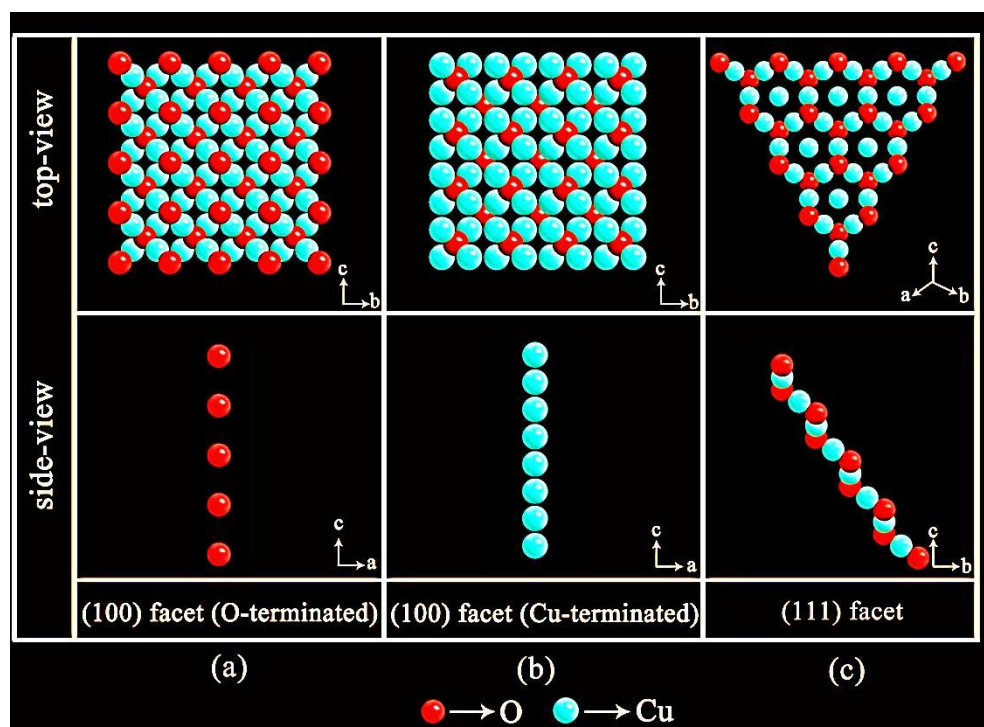
**Fig. S2** (a) XRD pattern of the octahedral  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  templates; (b) FESEM image of the octahedral  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  templates, the inset is the corresponding schematic illustration.



**Fig S3.** Absorption spectra of the MB solution in the absence of catalysts.



**Fig.S4** Typical nitrogen gas adsorption-desorption isotherms and pore size distribution curves (insets) of the hierarchical  $\text{Cu}_7\text{S}_4$  microcages: (a) the octahedral hierarchical  $\text{Cu}_7\text{S}_4$  microcages; (b) the cubic hierarchical  $\text{Cu}_7\text{S}_4$  microcages.



**Fig. S5** The crystallographic structures of {100} (a and b) and {111} (c) facets of Cu<sub>2</sub>O crystal.<sup>[1]</sup>

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