## **Supporting Information**

## **Gold Nanoparticle Doped Hollow SnO<sub>2</sub> Supersymmetric**

## Nanostructures for Improved Photocatalyst

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**Fig. S1** Two kinds of self-assembly behavior of uniform hollow  $SnO_2$  hexapods and their correlated schematic images. (a,b) The extension of the pods presents a staggered form. (c,d) The stretch of the branches is perpendicular to the stem.



**Fig. S2** SEM images of SnO<sub>2</sub> particles synthesized with different amount of PEG: (a,b) without PEG, (c,d) 0.25 g PEG, (e,f) 1 g PEG, and (g,h) 2 g, PEG.



**Fig. S3** SEM images of the samples synthesized under different reaction times: (a), 0 min; (b), 1 min; (c), 3 min; (d), 10 min; (e), 15 min and (f), 40 min. The inserts in (b)-(e) show the enlarged images of the corresponding samples.



Fig. S4 XPS survey scan of Au-SnO<sub>2</sub> composites.



Fig. S5 SEM and TEM images of hollow SnO<sub>2</sub> nanocube.



**Fig. S6** Structure modes for DFT calculation.  $SnO_2$  (100) crystal facet loaded (a, b) with Au nanoparticle and (c) without Au nanoparticle in a periodical cell. (b) Side and top views of (a).