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Facile construction of an Ag⁰-doped Ag(I)-based coordination polymer *via* self-photo-reduction strategy for enhanced visible light driven photocatalysis

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Experimental

Materials and characterization

All the chemical reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification. The infrared (IR) spectrum was collected on a Nicolet iS50 FT-IR spectrometer (ThermoFisher, United States). Elemental analysis (C, H, N) was performed on a VarioEL III Elemental Analyzer (Elementar, Germany). The crystalline structures of the materials were analyzed by PXRD (Rigaku, Dmax 2000) with CuK α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$) at room temperature in the range of 5°-80°. The morphology and size of samples were observed by SEM (Hitachi, Regulus 8100) a. The XPS characterizations were obtained on an ESCALAB250XI electron spectrometer (VG Scientific,

America). The UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra (DRS) were collected by a UV-vis spectrophotometer (UV-2550, Shimidazu). Photocurrents and EIS were recorded using a PGSTAT-302N electrochemical workstation. The photoluminescence (PL) spectra were measured using a F4500 (Hitachi, Japan) photoluminescence detector with an excitation wavelength of 300 nm. ESR analyses were performed on the Bruker EPR JES-FA200 spectrometer.

Photoelectrochemical measurements

Photoelectrochemical performances of the prepared photo-anodes were recorded on an electrochemical work station (CHI760E) with a standard three electrode system. 0.5 M Na₂SO₄ solution was used as the electrolyte. A 300W Xe lamp (Beijing PerfectLight) was used as a light source. Transient photocurrent measurements at a constant bias (0.8 V) with chopped illumination were also conducted to examine the steady-state photocurrent densities of the photoanodes. Electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS) were carried out in the frequency range of 1-10⁵ Hz. The Mott-Schottky measurement was performed at the frequency of 1000 Hz.

X-ray crystallography

Crystal data was collected Bruker Smart Apex II CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromatic MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at room temperature. The structures were solved by direct methods of *SHELXS-2014* and refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares using the *SHELXL-2014* within *WINGX* [1,2]. All the calculations were performed under *WINGX* program. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and the hydrogen atoms of organic ligands and water molecules were generated geometrically. The crystallographic data for **JLNU-90** is listed in Table S1, selected bond lengths and bond angles are summarized in Table S2.

Table S1 Selected crystallographic data for **JLNU-90**

Compound	JLNU-90
Empirical formula	C ₃₂ H ₃₀ N ₇ O _{8.5} Ag ₂
Formula weight	864.37
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.388(3)

<i>b</i> (Å)	12.621(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.493(4)
<i>α</i> (°)	100.520(5)
<i>β</i> (°)	109.121(5)
<i>γ</i> (°)	97.132(5)
<i>V</i> (Å³)	1896.8(8)
<i>Z</i>	2
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i>²	0.589
Reflns collected/unique	13005
<i>θ</i> Range (°)	3.06-51.3
R (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	R ₁ = 0.0531 , wR ₂ = 0.1597
R (all data)	R ₁ = 0.1075 , wR ₂ = 0.2046
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Table S2 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **JLNU-90**.

Ag(1)-N(2) ^{#1}	2.140(5)	Ag(2)-N(3) ^{#1}	2.170(4)
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.159(4)	Ag(2)-N(4)	2.180(4)
Ag(1)-O(3)	2.262(4)	Ag(2)-O(4)	2.591(4)
N(2) ^{#1} -Ag(1)-N(1)	174.92(16)	N(3) ^{#1} -Ag(2)-N(4)	168.83(15)
N(2) ^{#1} -Ag(1)-O(3)	91.39	N(3)-Ag(2)-O(4)	95.30(18)
N(1)-Ag(1)-O(3)	93.66	N(4)-Ag(2)-O(4)	91.07(17)

Symmetry code: ^{#1} 1+x, y, z.

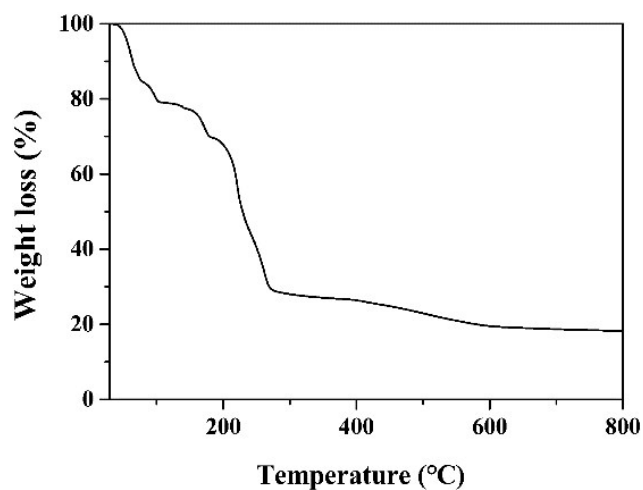


Fig. S1. TG curve of the as-synthesized JLNU-90.

The guest molecules in JLNU-90 were evaluated through TG analysis (Fig. S1). The lost weight of before 100 °C corresponds to the release of two acetonitrile and two and a half water molecules (obsd 18.15 %, calcd 17.23 %). The second weight loss occurs from 180 °C should be attributed to the decomposition of organic ligands.

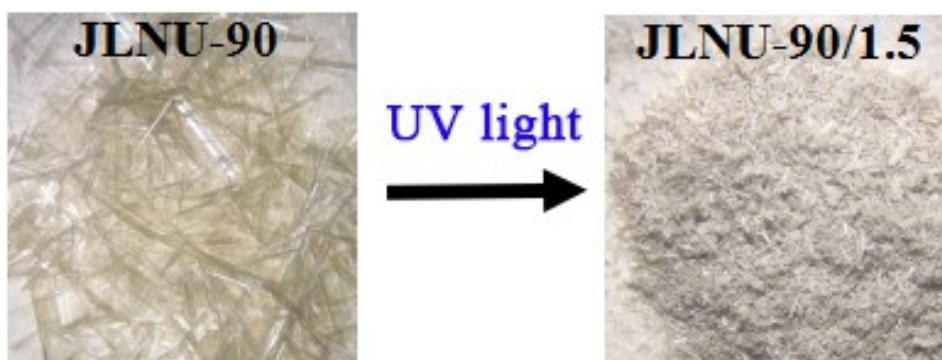


Fig. S2. The optical photographs of JLNU-90 and JLNU-90/1.5.

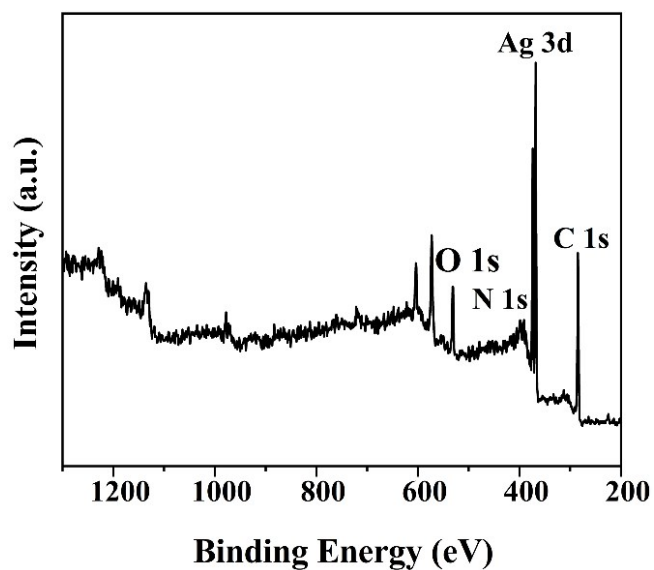
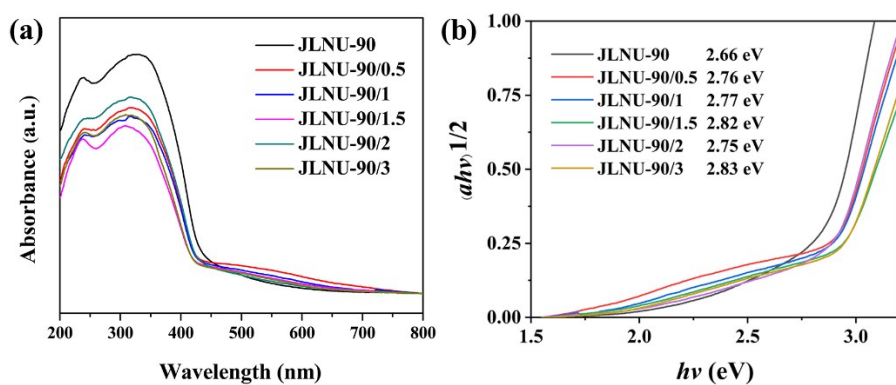


Fig. S3. The XPS survey spectrum of JLNU-90/1.5.

Table S3. Comparison of Ag(I)-based coordination polymers

Catalysts	Light source	MB concentration (mg/L)	Dosage of catalysts	Time (min)	Degradation efficiency (%)	k value (min ⁻¹)	Ref.
JLNU-90/1.5	10 W						
	LED (vis)	10	20 mg	120	70	0.00896	This work
[Ag(HIPA)(L)] _n	500 W Hg lamp (UV)	10	0.01 mmol	150	95.9	0.0177	3
[Ag(L)(HNTP)] _n	500 W Hg lamp (UV)	10	0.01 mmol	240	93.5	0.0106	4
[Ag ₂ (dmt) ₂ (tph)] _n	300 W Hg lamp (UV)	3.2	100 mg	130	96	0.015	5
[Ag ₂ (dmt) ₂ (oxalate)] _n	300 W Hg lamp (UV)	3.2	100 mg	130	~80	0.011	5
[Ag ₂ (dmt) ₄ (SO ₄) ₂ ·2(dmt)·2(H ₂ O)]	300 W Hg lamp (UV)	3.2	100 mg	130	~68	0.007	5
[Ag ₄ (L ¹) ₂ (HSiW ^V ₁₁ V ^{VO} ₄₀)]·~25H ₂ O	UV	6.4	150 mg	120	93	-	6
[Ag ₄ (L ²) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂ (PW ^V ₁₁ V ^{VO} ₄₀)]·2H ₂ O	UV	6.4	150 mg	120	87.3	-	6

**Fig. S4.** (a) UV-vis DRS and (b) direct energy band gap of JLNU-90 and JLNU-90/x.

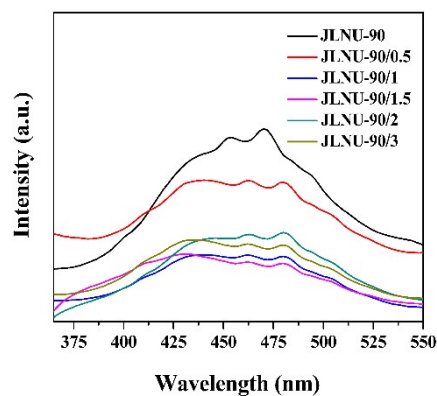


Fig. S5. PL spectra of JLNU-90 and JLNU-90/x.

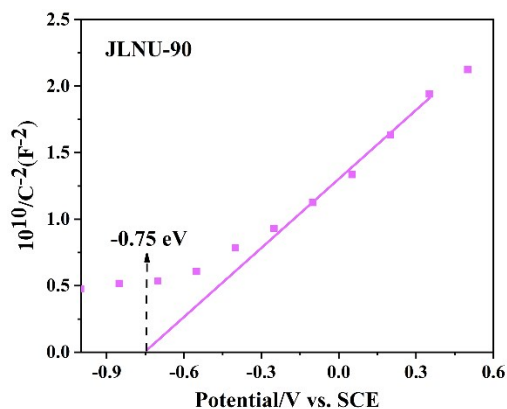


Fig. S6. The Mott-Schott curve of JLNU-90.

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