## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Silver(I) complexes with a P-N hybrid ligand and oxyanions: synthesis, structures, photocatalysis and photocurrent responses

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**Figure S1.** PXRD patterns for 1–5: simulated from single crystal data (Black) and single-phase polycrystalline sample (Red).



**Figure S2.** PXRD patterns for **6** and **7**: simulated from single crystal data (Black), single-phase polycrystalline sample (Red), and samples after catalyzed the photodegradation of RhB.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of 3-bdppmapy.





Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{ $^{1}$ H} NMR spectra of compound 1.





Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{ $^{1}$ H} NMR spectra of compound 2.





Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{ $^{1}$ H} NMR spectra of compound 3.





Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 4.





Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 5.





Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{ $^{1}$ H} NMR spectra of compound 6.



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 7.



Figure S11. The TGA curves for complexes 1–7.



**Figure S12.** View of a section of the 1D chains of **5** (Left) and **7** (Right) extending along the *a* axis. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Atom color codes: Ag, turquiose; P, pink; N, blue; O, red; C, black.



Figure S13. Solid-state absorption spectrum of 3-bdppmapy, 6 and 7 at ambient temperature.



**Figure S14.** UV-Vis spectra of the mixture of aqueous solution of RhB and **6** after irridiated under UV light for 0–4 hours.



Figure S15. Proposed mechanism of the catalyzed photodegradation of RhB.



**Figure S16.** Photocurrent responses of **6** on ITO electrode in water (Green) or in the solution (0.1 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup>) of ascorbic acid (AA, Purple) or methyl viologen (MV, Pink). Conditions: bias 0.75 V vs SCE,  $[Na_2SO_4] = 0.1 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , UV power density = 40 mW·cm<sup>-2</sup>.



Figure S17. Colour of the crystals of compounds 1 and 2.



**Figure S18.** Frontier molecular orbitials (HOMO and LUMO) of 3-bdppmapy, **6** and **7** caculated with DFT on the B3LYP level.