Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Materials Advances. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2022

1

Synthesis and Characterization of Silver-Thiolate Dynamic Crosslinking Waterborne Polyurethane with Room-Temperature Self-Healing Property

Mengyun Zhang ^{1,2}, Shanjun Ding ¹, Riming Cong ¹, and Yunjun Luo ^{1,*}

School of Materials Science and Engineering, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing 100081, P.R. China

² Institute of Nuclear and New Energy Technology, Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, P.R. China

* Correspondence to: Yunjun Luo (E-mail: yjluo@bit.edu.cn)

Supporting Information

Components (mol)	WPU-Ag-0.00	WPU-Ag-0.25	WPU-Ag-0.50	WPU-Ag-0.75	WPU-Ag-1.00
PPG-N210	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400
DMPA	0.298	0.298	0.298	0.298	0.298
IPDI	1.080	1.080	1.080	1.080	1.080
BDO	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.370
TEA	0.223	0.223	0.223	0.223	0.223
AgNO ₃	0.000	0.019	0.037	0.056	0.075
H_2O_2	0.574	0.574	0.574	0.574	0.574

Table S1. Formulas for WPU-Ag.

Table S2. Percentages of AgNO₃, Ag₂O, Ag in WPU.

	0	0 0 0	
Mass (g) / Percentage (wt%)	WPU-AgNO3	WPU-Ag2O	WPU-Ag
0.00	0.00/0.00	0.00/0.00	0.00/0.00
0.25	0.32/0.43	0.22/0.30	0.21/0.28
0.50	0.63/0.85	0.43/0.58	0.40/0.54
0.75	0.95/1.27	0.65/0.88	0.60/0.81
1.00	1.27/1.70	0.87/1.17	0.81/1.09

In WPU-Ag system, the -C=O peak could be attributed to the peaks of free -C=O, coordinated -C=O with Ag, and H-bonding -C=O. So the -C=O peak was split and fitted by Peakfit software and the fitting curves were shown in Figure S1. Fitting results were listed in Table S3. From Table S3, we could find that the peak area of -C=O coordinated with Ag was increased to the maximum value of 34.87% for WPU-Ag-0.5, and the peak position located at the lowest wavenumber 1722.09 cm⁻¹, demonstrating that a large part Ag(0) easily coordinated with -C=O with the smaller excitation energy.

In WPU-Ag@S system, the -C=O peak could be attributed to the peaks of free -C=O, coordinated -C=O with Ag, and H-bonding -C=O. So the -C=O peak was split and fitted by Peakfit software and the fitting curves were shown in Figure S2. Fitting results were listed in Table S4. From Table S4, we could find that the peak area of -C=O coordinated with Ag was decreased to the minimum value of 11.97% for WPU-Ag@S-0.5, and the peak position located at the lowest wavenumber 1722.98 cm⁻¹, demonstrating that small part Ag(0) were coordinated with -C=O with the smaller excitation energy. Moreover, this may be due to that a large part of Ag was coordinated with -SH to form the S-Ag coordinating bonds.



Figure S1. FTIR peak fitting curve of >C=O in WPU-Ag series.

Table S3. Peak fitting results of carbonyl>C=O in the WPU-Ag series.

	Ag bonded with -C=O in urethane				Form H-bond with-C=O in urethane				
Samples	Free >C=O		coordination		H-bond		Free >C=O		H-bonding
	v/cm⁻¹	Area(%)	v/cm⁻¹	Area(%)	v/cm^{-1}	Area(%)	v/cm^{-1}	Area(%)	mdex
WPU-Ag-0.00		_	-		1711.00	88.68	1679.30	11.32	7.83
WPU- Ag-0.25	1751.26	0.29	1723.90	25.12	1702.24	63.98	1661.63	10.61	8.17
WPU- Ag-0.50	1748.74	0.45	1722.09	34.87	1700.09	47.72	1665.66	16.96	4.74
WPU- Ag-0.75	1749.51	0.20	1723.95	23.07	1702.86	64.41	1660.00	12.32	6.99
WPU- Ag-1.00	1750.76	0.00	1724.85	13.42	1705.21	77.06	1653.65	9.52	9.50



Figure S2. FTIR peak fitting curve of >C=O in WPU-Ag@S series.

			0		5	0			
	Ag b	onded with	-C=O in ure	ethane	Form H-bond with-C=O in urethane				
Samples	Free-C=O		Coordination		H-bond		Free-C=O		H-Bonding
	v/cm ⁻¹	Area(%)	v/cm^{-1}	Area(%)	v/cm^{-1}	Area(%)	v/cm⁻¹	Area(%)	Index
WPU-Ag@S-0.00	_			1711.00	11.32	1679.30	88.68	7.83	
WPU- Ag@S-0.25	1733.01	6.02	1723.63	22.77	1701.93	57.18	1658.58	14.03	3.99
WPU- Ag@S-0.50	1732.36	10.21	1722.98	11.97	1703.90	62.22	1657.59	15.60	2.87
WPU- Ag@S-0.75	1749.38	0.82	1723.01	24.20	1701.71	62.06	1655.93	12.93	6.27
WPU- Ag@S-1.00	1732.36	0.00	1720.35	51.18	1696.10	34.53	1657.28	14.29	6.00

Table S4. Peak fitting results of carbonyl>C=O in WPU-Ag@S series.

 $\textbf{Table S5.} Tensile strength (\sigma), elongation at break (\epsilon), and self-healing efficiency (\eta_{\sigma}, \eta_{\epsilon}) for WPU-Ag@S series.$

at room temperature for 30 min.							
Samples	$\sigma_{\rm s}/{ m Mpa}$	σ/Mpa	η _σ /%	ε _s /%	ε/%	η_{ϵ} /%	
0.00	0.70	0.87	80.01	966.42	1277.63	75.64	
0.25	0.66	0.74	88.84	1173.68	1215.81	96.53	
0.50	1.25	1.27	98.69	1141.27	934.83	122.08	
0.75	1.28	1.68	76.00	890.85	1113.65	80.00	
1.00	1.51	2.35	64.14	739.75	1096.28	67.48	

Table S6. Tensile strength (σ_s), elongation at break (ϵ_s), and self-healing efficiency (η_{σ} , η_{ϵ}) for WPU-Ag@S-0.50

at room temperature for different times.						
Self-healing time	σ _s /MPa	η _σ /%	$\epsilon_{s}/\%$	η _ε /%		
10 min	1.17	92.13	585.41	62.62		
20 min	1.22	96.06	772.32	82.62		
30 min	1.25	98.69	1141.30	122.09		
Original	1.27	_	934.82	—		