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Inorganic Ligand-Protected Synthesis and Characterization of

{Ag6} Cluster within Annular Polyoxometalate

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Materials and Physical Measurements

All chemicals used in the reaction were purchased from commercial sources and were not further purified. The FT-IR spectra were collected on a Bruker VERTEX 70 IR spectrometer using KBr pellets in the region of 400-4000 cm⁻¹. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were conducted using a NETZSCH STA 449 F5 Jupiter thermal analyzer in an N_2 atmosphere and the analysis was carried out over a temperature range of 25 °C to 800 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C·min–1 . Solid-state UV-vis absorption spectra and diffuse reflectance spectra were collected at room temperature using a HITACHIU-4500UV-Vis-NIR spectrometer equipped with a 60 mm diameter integrating sphere on a finely ground sample. Elemental analysis for Na, K, P, W, and Ag atoms was conducted by Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometer (ICP-OES) analyses and was recorded on a PerkinElemer Optima 2100 DV spectrometer (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA). X-ray powder diffraction (PXRD) data were collected at room temperature using an X-ray powder diffractometer (Bruker, D8 Advance) with Cu Kα radiation (λ = 1.5418 Å) in the 2θ angular range of 5−50°. The X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) technique was measured on a Thermo Scientific K-Alpha spectrometer with monochromatic Al K (hν = 1486.6 eV) as the excitation source at a working pressure of 12 kV. Cyclic voltammetry tests and the Mott-Schottky experiment were carried out on a CHI760E electrochemistry workstation (CH Instruments, Inc.) in a standard three-electrode system. The Ag/AgCl electrode and platinum foil were used as the reference electrode and counter electrode, respectively. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data was collected at 150 K using graphite-monochromate Mo Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å) on a Bruker D8 VENTURE PHOTON II. Alternating current (AC) impedance measurements were performed on a Pentium/IM6 impedance analyzer with frequencies ranging from 0.1 Hz to 5 MHz using an applied voltage of 50 mV. The relative humidity (RH) was controlled by a STIK Corp. CIHI-150B incubator. Water adsorption isotherm of compound **1** was tested on the Specific surface and porosity analyzer. The steady state photoluminescence spectra and time-resolved decay photoluminescence spectra were recorded on photoluminescence spectrometer (Edinburg FLS1000). The 1 H and 13 C spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 500 MHz NMR spectrometer. The photocatalytic products were confirmed by GC−MS (Agilent 7890B GC/5973B MS, SE-54 capillary column), and GC calculations of conversion and selectivity were performed on Bruker 450-GC.

X-ray Crystallography

The crystal of compound **1** was mounted on a loop and maintained at 150 K during data collection using a Bruker D8 VENTURE PHOTON II CCD diffractometer with Mo Kα radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The structure was analyzed using Olex2 and solved with the ShelXT structure solution program. The direct methods were used to refine the text, which was then further refined using the ShelXL-2018/3 refinement package through least squares minimization.^{1,2} In the final refinement, all the nonhydrogen atoms including W, Ag, P, K, and Na atoms were refined anisotropically.³ Few lattice water molecules were located by Fourier difference maps; the rest lattice waters were positioned by TG analysis (Figure S4). In addition, serval protons were added to the structural formula to keep **1** electric neutrality, which is quite common in POM chemistry.⁴ The crystallographic data of **1** has been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center with the CCDC number: 2349949. Detailed crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters are summarized in the following Table S1.

Synthesis of: $Na_6K_6H_{25}[(P_6W_{37}O_{127})\{Ag_2(Ag_6O_{19})\}]\cdot53H_2O(1).$

The solution of 0.5 M NaAC-HAc (pH=6) with CH₃COONa·3H₂O (34.02 g, 0.25 mol) dissolved in 500 mL

distilled water was slowly stirred until dissolved at ambient temperature. Subsequently, the pH of the solution was adjusted to 1.9 by adding nitric acid dropwise. And then taking out 10 mL reaction solution divided separately into reactors, K₁₂[α -H₂P₂W₁₂O₄₈]·24H₂O (0.3 g, 0.063 mmol) was added under stirring conditions (pH=3.0). Once P_2W_{12} is dissolved, AgNO₃ (0.038 g, 0.22 mmol) is added, and a white suspension is obtained after stirring (pH=2.9). After stirring for a further 2 h, the resulting solution was sealed in a Teflon-lined stainless autoclave and heated at 80 °C for 96 h under autogenous pressure. After gently cooling to room temperature, the solution was filtrated into clean beakers and allowed to stand still for slow evaporation at room temperature. The colorless rod-like crystals **1** were obtained after two days with a yield of about 1.40 % based on AgNO₃. Anal. Calcd. (%) for 1: Na, 1.12; K, 1.90, P, 1.51; W, 55.24; Ag, 7.01. Found: Na, 1.40; K, 1.36, P, 1.71; W, 56.39; Ag, 6.77. IR (KBr disks): 3471(m), 1618(m), 1381 (w), 1156 (s), 1086 (m), 920 (s), 825 (s), 712 (s).

Photoelectrochemistry property test of {Ag6} semiconductor.

In the electrochemical workstation (CHI-760E, Shanghai, China), a three-electrode system was selected to measure the Mott−Schottky plot. In the three-electrode system, the glassy carbon electrode was employed as the working electrode, the Pt plate as the counter electrode, and the Ag/AgCl electrode as the reference electrode. The 0.2 M Na2SO₄ solution was utilized as the electrolyte, and high-purity N₂ was introduced into the solution for a minimum of 30 minutes to remove oxygen prior to testing. The sample of 5 mg was dispersed into a mixture of 470 μ L ethanol and 30 μ L Nafion by sonication for 1 h. The suspension (20 μ L) was applied to the surface of the working electrode and allowed to air dry naturally at room temperature.

The calculation of parameters for the assessment of catalyst performance.

The calculation of Turnover number (TON) and Turnover frequency (TOF): $TON = \frac{n_p}{r}$ $\frac{n_p}{n_c}$ $TOF = \frac{n_p}{n_c \cdot t}$ $n_c \cdot t$

where n_p is the molar amount of the product (mol); n_c is the molar amount of the catalyst (mol); t is the reaction time (h).

The calculation of apparent quantum yield (AQY): The AQY is determined using a similar method to that

for the photocatalytic performance test. Catalyst 1 (0.5 μ mol), nitrobenzene (0.5 mmol), N₂H₄·H₂O (3 mmol), methanol (1 mL), N₂ (1 atm), and 10 W 365 nm LED lamp. The intensity of the incident light was 14.93 mW·cm−2 , which wastested by a photometer (CEL-NP2000-2A, Beijing CEAulight Co., Ltd., China), and the irradiated area is 2 cm². The yield of aniline was 19.95% after 12 min.

 $AQY\% = \frac{amounts \ of \ products \ formed}{\tan \theta}$ $\frac{1}{\text{amounts of photons irradiated}} \times 100\%$

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= \frac{N_e}{N_P} = \frac{nN_A/t}{IS/hv} = \frac{nN_A hc}{IS/\lambda t} \times 100\%
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N_e represents the amounts of products formed;

N_p represents the amounts of photons irradiated;

n is the molar amount of product formed (mol);

t is the reaction time (s);

N^{*A*} is Avogadro constant (6.022×10²³ mol⁻¹);

I is the incident light intensity at a certain wavelength (W·m−2);

S is the irradiated area (m²);

h is Planck constant (6.626×10−34 J·s);

c is the speed of light (2.998×10⁸ m·s−1);

λ is the wavelength of incident light (m).

Figure S1. (a) The Ball-and-stick and (b) polyhedral representation of hollow ring for protected ligand ${P_6W_{37}}$ of 1. Color code: W (cyan), O (red), P (sky blue), $WO₆$ octahedron (green, orange).

Figure S2. The details of disorder silver positions of compound **1**.

Figure S3. The polyhedral representation of compound **1** from (a) front view and (b) bottom view. Color code: Ag (yellow), O (red), PO₄ (sky blue), WO₆ octahedra (green, navy blue, and orange).

Figure S4. The plot of proton transport in compound **1**.

TG analysis: The TG measurement of compound 1 was made in an N₂ atmosphere flowing in the temperature range from 25 to 800 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C \cdot min⁻¹. As shown in Figure S5 (a), the result of TG analysis illustrates that compound **1** undergoes one-step weight loss. The total weight loss (8.31%) from the temperature 25 to 200 ℃ can be attributed to the loss of fifty-three lattice water molecules (calcd 8.26%).

Figure S5. (a) The thermogravimetric curves of 1 and (b) the IR spectra of P₂W₁₂ and compound 1.

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Table S1. Crystallographic data parameters for **1**.

R₁=Σ||F_o|–|F_c||/Σ|F_o|. wR₂={Σ[w(F_o²–F_c²)²]/Σ[w(F_o²)²]}^{1/2}

Bond	Bond length	Bond	Bond length
Ag2-027 ²	2.44(11)	Ag3-027 ²	2.118(11)
Ag2-027	2.44(11)	Ag3-027	2.118(11)
Ag3- $O1^2$	2.404(14)	Ag4A-01	2.371(11)
Ag3-01	2.404(14)	Ag4A $-$ O1 ²	2.371(11)
Ag4A-021	1.932(11)	Ag4B-021	2.420(12)
Ag4A-O21 ²	1.932(11)	Ag4B-021 ²	2.420(12)
Ag4B-039	2.402(11)	Ag4C-Ag5	3.222(18)
Ag4C-Ag5 ²	3.222(18)	Ag4C-Ag4C ¹	3.08(5)
Ag4C-O4W	1.77(4)	Ag5-04W	2.518(5)
Ag5-012	2.506(10)	Ag2-Ag2 ¹	3.067(10)
Ag5 $-A$ g5 3	2.562(7)		

Table S2. The bond length of disorder position Ag−O and Ag−Ag.

Table S3. The bond length of ordered position W**−**O, Ag**−**O and the P**−**O.

Bond	Bond length	Bond	Bond length
Ag1-043	2.538(10)	Ag1-038	2.368(16)
Ag1-04	2.538(10)	P1-014	1.517(9)
$P1-06$	1.547(13)	P2-09	1.56314)
P1-05	1.556(14)	P2-020	1.534(16)
P2-012	1.52(1)	P3-016	1.534(11)
P3-035	1.571(15)	W1-017	1.778(10)
P3-026	1.558(14)	$W1-08$	1.942(10)
$W1-014$	2.194(10)	$W1-022$	1.909(10)
$W1-010$	2.037(9)	$W2 - O4$	1.95(1)
$W1 - 031$	1.741(10)	W2-013	1.931(9)
$W2-06$	2.272(8)	$W2 - 010$	1.840(9)
$W2 - 017$	1.735(9)	$W3-03$	1.923(4)

Mode	Angle	Mode	Angle
08-W1-010	81.5(4)	08-W1-014	82.7(4)
010-W1-014	81.4(3)	022-W1-08	162.5(4)
022-W1-010	86.8(4)	022-W1-014	82.7(4)
027-W1-08	94.4(4)	027-W1-010	166.1(4)
027-W1-014	85.0(4)	027-W1-022	93.9(4)
031-W1-08	96.2(5)	031-W1-010	93.6(4)
031-W1-014	175.0(4)	031-W1-022	97.5(5)
031-W1-027	100.0(5)	$O2-W2-O4$	87.6(5)
O2-W2-06	72.1(4)	04-W2-06	82.8(4)
010-W2-02	157.6(4)	010-W2-04	87.7(4)
O10-W2-O6	85.6(4)	010-W2-013	91.4(4)
013-W2-02	88.5(5)	013-W2-04	167.5(4)
013-W2-06	84.6(4)	017-W2-02	99.7(5)
017-W2-04	95.5(4)	017-W2-06	171.6(4)
017-W2-010	102.6(4)	017-W2-013	96.9(4)
03-W3-04	164.7(5)	O3-W3-O5	82.1(5)
03-W3-07	89.4(6)	04-W3-05	82.7(4)
O7-W3-04	88.6(5)	07-W3-05	73.3(4)
08-W3-03	88.8(5)	08-W3-04	87.4(4)
08-W3-05	84.9(4)	08-W3-07	158.1(4)
018-W3-03	97.4(5)	018-W3-04	97.9(4)
018-W3-05	172.4(4)	018-W3-07	99.1(5)
018-W3-08	102.7(5)	015-W4-012	83.4(4)
O22-W4-012	83.5(4)	O22-W4-015 89.7(4)	
O22-W4-O25	165.8(4)	O25-W4-012	83.2(4)

Table S4. The angle value of ordered position O**−**W**−**O.

Atom Code	Bond Valence	Valence State	Atom Code	Bond Valence	Valence State
W1	6.218	$+6$	W ₆	6.068	$+6$
W ₂	6.072	$+6$	W7	6.113	$+6$
W3	6.047	$+6$	W8	6.125	$+6$
W4	6.097	$+6$	W9	6.264	$+6$
W ₅	6.161	$+6$	W10	6.120	$+6$
P1	5.001	$+5$	P ₂	5.008	$+5$
P3	4.808	$+5$	O ₂	1.890	-2
O ₃	1.968	-2	O ₄	1.999	-2
O ₅	1.928	-2	O ₆	1.971	-2
O ₇	1.885	-2	O8	2.057	-2
O ₉	1.962	-2	010	1.956	-2
011	1.931	-2	012	1.984	-2
013	2.018	-2	014	1.781	-2
015	2.005	-2	016	1.778	-2
017	1.635	-2	018	1.698	-2
019	1.915	-2	020	2.011	-2
022	2.109	-2	023	1.662	-2
024	1.943	-2	025	2.030	-2
026	1.921	-2	028	2.094	-2
029	1.993	-2	O30	1.653	-2
031	1.609	-2	032	2.058	-2
033	1.957	-2	034	2.044	-2
035	1.925	-2	O36	1.941	-2
037	1.931	-2	038	1.854	-2
O40	1.562	-2	041	1.658	-2
O42	1.667	-2	O43	1.712	-2

Table S5. Bond valence sum calculations of ordered P, W and O atoms of compound **1**.

Compound	σ (S cm ⁻¹)	E_a (eV)	Conditions	Type
Compound 1	3.00×10^{-2}	0.28	368 K, 98% RH	This work
${Ce_{11}Mo_{96}}^5$	9.01×10^{-2}	0.38	353 K, 98% RH	
${Ln_{10}Ni_{48}}^{6}$	2.05×10^{-2}	0.22	295 K, 100% RH	
3D-{Mo ₁₅₄ }n ⁷	1.10×10^{-2}	0.26	298 K, 100% RH	POMs
$[P_5W_{30}]_2 \subset \{Mo_{22}Fe_8\}^8$	1.70×10^{-2}	0.31	368 K, 90% RH	
${BiP_5W_{30}}-PAA$ ⁹	1.70×10^{-3}	0.24	338 K, 75% RH	
Zr-TCPBP-HCl10	1.20×10^{-3}	0.17	341 K, 98% RH	
MFM-300(Cr) \cdot SO ₄ (H ₂ O) ₂ 11	1.26×10^{-2}	0.04	298 K, 99% RH	MOFs
$H_3PO_4@NKCOF-54^{12}$	2.33×10^{-2}	0.29	433 K, anhydrous	
H@TPT-COF ¹³	1.27×10^{-2}	0.17	433 K, anhydrous	COFs
HOF-FJU-3614	2.83×10^{-5}	0.66	323 K, 55% RH	HOFs
$[(CN3H6)2(C10O8H4)] (GC-2)15$	1.78×10^{-2}	0.46	298 K, 98% RH	

Table S6. Comparison of various proton conducting materials.

NKCOF=Nankai Covalent Organic Framework; FJU=Fujian Normal University

Table S7. Optimization of **1** for reduction of nitrobenzene to aniline ^a

^a **1** (5 mg), substrate (0.5 mmol), CH₃OH (1 mL), N₂H₄·H₂O (3 mmol), N₂ (1 atm), 10 W 365 nm LED lamp, rt, 2.5 h. ^b Determined by GC analysis.

Table S8. Summary of the yield of the reduction of nitrobenzene with different catalysts.

Table S9. The table of catalytic reduction of N-phenylhydroxylamine and azobenzene by 1^a.

^a Catalyst 1 (5 mg), substrate (0.5 mmol), CH₃OH (1 mL), N₂H₄·H₂O (3 mmol), N₂ (1 atm), a 10 W 365 nm LED lamp, rt, and 2.5 h. **b** Isolated yields.

Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectra of **Aniline** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H).

Figure S11. ¹³C NMR spectra of **Aniline** (126 MHz, CDCl₃). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.46 (s), 129.37 (s), 118.61 (s), 115.19 (s).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (dd, J = 11.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 12.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H).

Figure S13. ¹³C NMR spectra of 2-Fluoroaniline (126 MHz, CDCl₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.70 (s), 134.46 (s), 124.45 (s), 118.69 (s), 116.96 (s), 115.18 (s).

Figure S14. ¹H NMR spectra of **3-Fluoroaniline** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (dd, J = 15.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 2H)

Figure S15. ¹³C NMR spectra of **3-Fluoroaniline** (126 MHz, CDCl3). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.87 (s), 148.29 (s), 130.43 (s), 110.68 (s), 105.16 (s), 102.13 (s).

Figure S16. ¹H NMR spectra of **4-Fluoroaniline** (500 MHz, CDCl3). ¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.86 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 2H).

Figure S17.¹³C NMR spectra of 4-Fluoroaniline (126 MHz, CDCl₃). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.38 (s), 155.51 (s), 142.40 (s), 116.04 (s), 115.78 (s), 115.60 (s)

Figure S18. ¹H NMR spectra of **o-Toluidine** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

Figure S19. ¹³C NMR spectra of **o-Toluidine** (126 MHz, CDCl₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.55 (s), 130.51 (s), 127.03 (s), 122.43 (s), 118.73 (s), 115.03 (s), 17.42 (s).

Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectra of **m-Toluidine** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

Figure **S21.** ¹³C NMR spectra of **m-Toluidine** (126 MHz, CDCl₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.21 (s), 139.18 (s), 129.21 (s), 119.59 (s), 116.03 (s), 112.36 (s), 21.47 (s).

Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectra of **p-Toluidine** (500 MHz, CDCl3). ¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

Figure S24. ¹H NMR spectra of **3-Chloroaniline** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 2H).

Figure S25. ¹³C NMR spectra of **3-Chloroaniline** (126 MHz, CDCl3).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.71 (s), 134.84 (s), 130.38 (s), 118.46 (s), 114.95 (s), 113.26 (s).

Figure S26. ¹H NMR spectra of **2-Chloroaniline** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H).

Figure S27. ¹³C NMR spectra of **2-Chloroaniline** (126 MHz, CDCl₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.95 (s), 129.45 (s), 127.68 (s), 119.31 (s), 119.06 (s), 115.92 (s).

Figure S28. ¹H NMR spectra of **4-Ethylaniline** (500 MHz, CDCl3).

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 2.58 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

Figure S29. ¹³C NMR spectra of **4-Ethylaniline** (126 MHz, CDCl3). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.99 (s), 134.57 (s), 128.64 (s), 115.38 (s), 28.03 (s), 16.01 (s).

Figure S30. The GC-MS spectrum of aniline (bottom, simulation; top, experiment)

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