

Supplementary Material

Assembly of Layer-type Organosilver(I) Complexes Incorporating Isomeric Halophenylethyne Ligands and Silver Nitrate

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1. Description of Crystal Structure of **2** and **5**

$(p\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}\equiv\text{CAg})_2\cdot\text{AgNO}_3$ (**2**)

Being isomorphous to **1**, the two ethynide moieties are acting in two different coordination modes: $\mu_4\text{-}\eta^1,\eta^1,\eta^1,\eta^2$ mode for $\text{C1}\equiv\text{C2}$ and $\mu_3\text{-}\eta^1,\eta^1,\eta^2$ mode for $\text{C9}\equiv\text{C10}$ (Figure S1a). The two Ag_3 and Ag_4 segments are fused to form a Ag_6 aggregate through vertex sharing of silver atom Ag2 . Such Ag_6 aggregates are further linked together to generate a similar argentophilic silver(I) layer (Figure S1b). The $p\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}\equiv\text{C}^-$ groups are arranged on both sides of the layer structure and held tightly by continuous off-set face-to-face $\pi\text{-}\pi$ stacking interaction (inter-centroid distances ring I \cdots ring II', 3.790(3) Å; ring II' \cdots ring I', 3.948(3) Å) (Figure S1c).

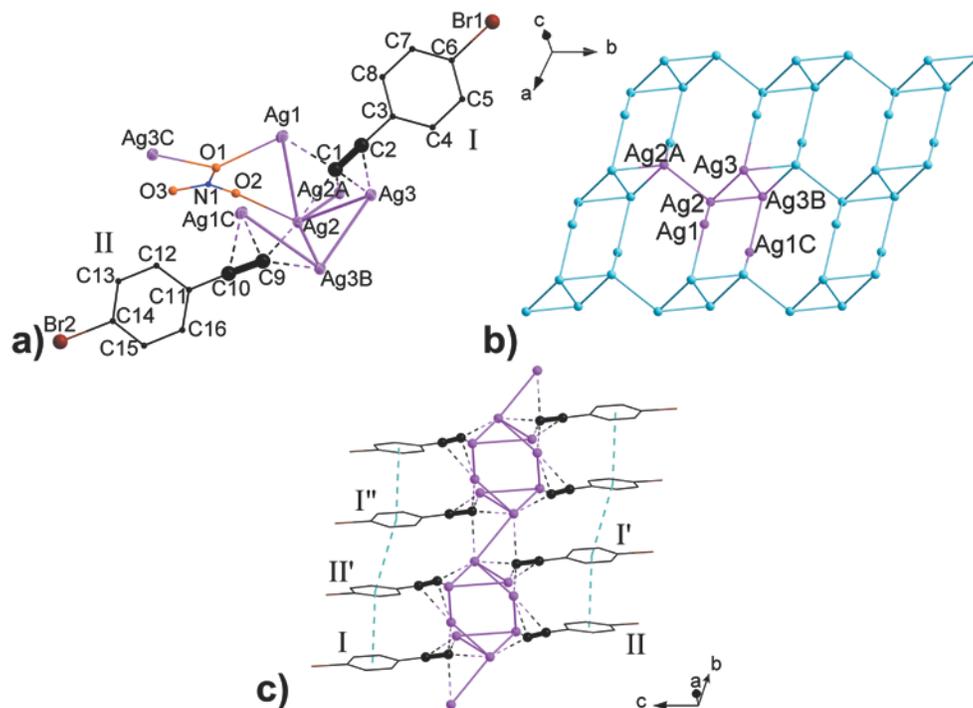


Figure S1. a) Perspective view of coordination geometry in double salt $(p\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}\equiv\text{CAg})_2\cdot\text{AgNO}_3$ (**2**). The argentophilic $\text{Ag}\cdots\text{Ag}$ distances shown as thick rods lie in the range 2.70–3.40 Å. Silver atoms are drawn as thermal ellipsoids (50% probability level) with

atom labeling. b) Perspective view of silver(I) layer in **2**. c) Perspective view of crystal packing in **2**, showing all notable π - π stacking interactions. Symmetry code: A: $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$, B: $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$, C: $2-x, 2-y, 1-z$.

$(m\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}\equiv\text{CAg})_2\cdot\text{AgNO}_3$ (**5**)

Complex **5** is also found to be isomorphous to **4**, the two independent ethynide moieties exhibit different coordination modes: $\mu_4\text{-}\eta^1, \eta^1, \eta^1, \eta^2$ for $\text{C1}\equiv\text{C2}$ and $\mu_3\text{-}\eta^1, \eta^1, \eta^2$ for $\text{C9}\equiv\text{C10}$ (Figure S2a). A similar infinite zigzag silver(I) chain is also formed along the b -axis through argentophilic interaction and such chains are interconnected by weak $\text{Ag}\cdots\text{Ag}$ interaction ($\text{Ag3}\cdots\text{Ag2E}$, 3.444(5) Å) along the a -axis to generate a argentophilic layer structure (Figure S2b).

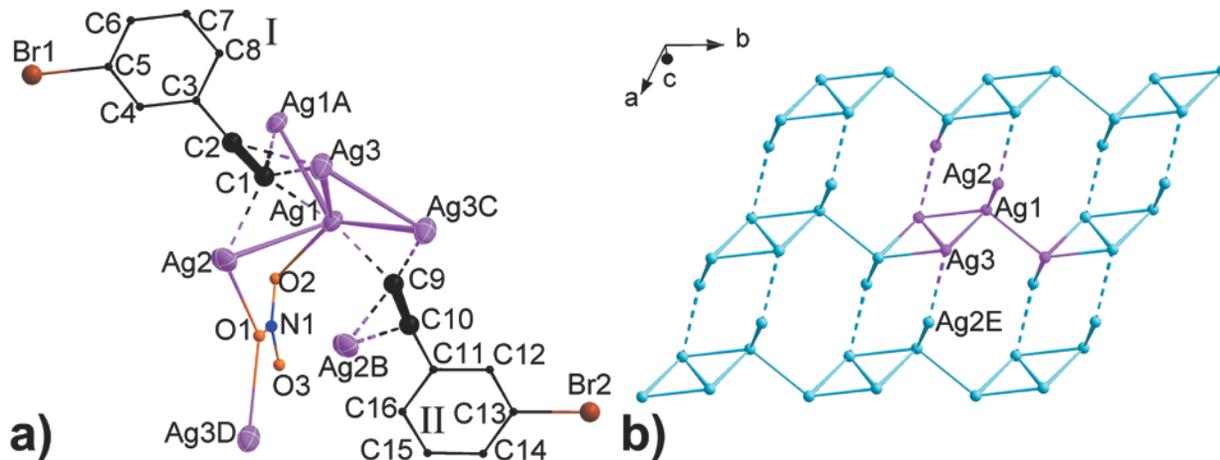


Figure S2. a) Perspective view of coordination geometry in double salt $(m\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}\equiv\text{CAg})_2\cdot\text{AgNO}_3$ (**5**). The argentophilic $\text{Ag}\cdots\text{Ag}$ distances shown as thick rods lie in the range 2.70–3.40 Å. Silver atoms are drawn as thermal ellipsoids (50% probability level) with atom labeling. b) Perspective view of the argentophilic silver(I) layer in **5**. Symmetry code: A: $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$, B: $-x, 1-y, 1-z$, C: $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$, D: $-x, 1-y, 1-z$, E: $1+x, y, z$.

And such layer structure is consolidated by μ_3 -coordinated nitrate anions (Figure S3a) and is further stabilized by continuous off-set face-to-face π - π stacking interaction between

phenyl rings (inter-centroid distance ring I \cdots ring II', 3.808(2) Å; ring I' \cdots ring II'', 4.138(1) Å) (Figure S3b).

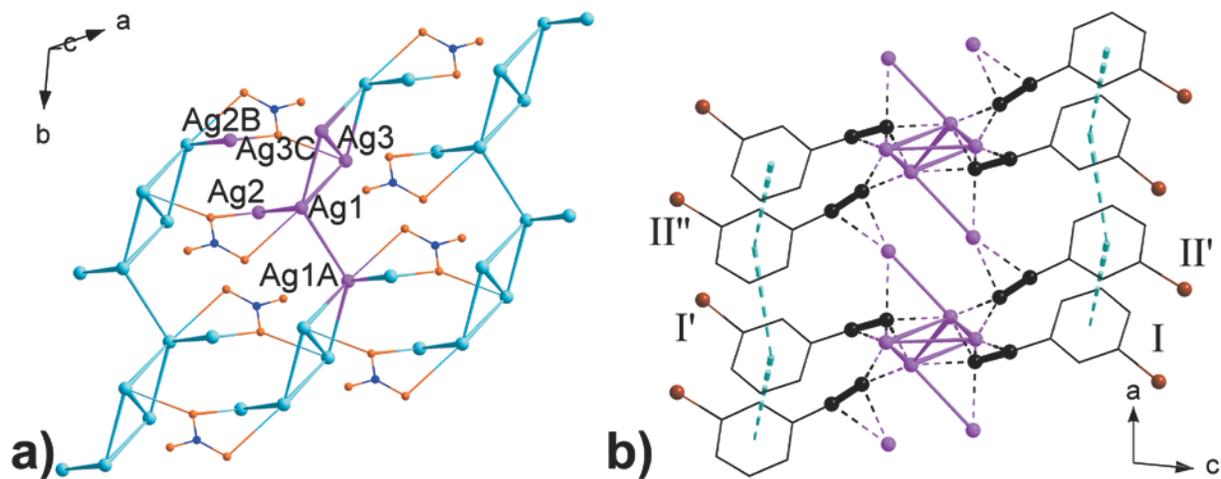


Figure S3. a) Perspective view of coordination geometry of the nitrate anions in **5**. b) Perspective view of the argentophilic layer in **5** along the *b*-axis, showing all notable π - π stacking interactions.