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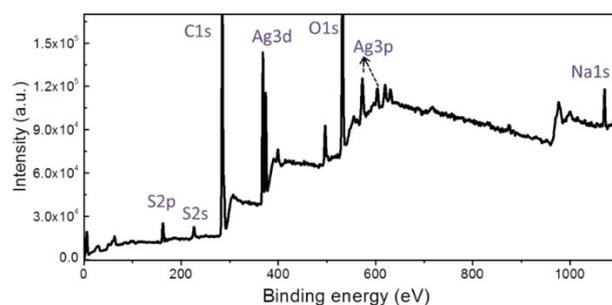
**Charge Transfer Interactions of Pyrazine with Ag<sub>12</sub> Clusters—  
Towards Precise SERS Chemical Mechanism**

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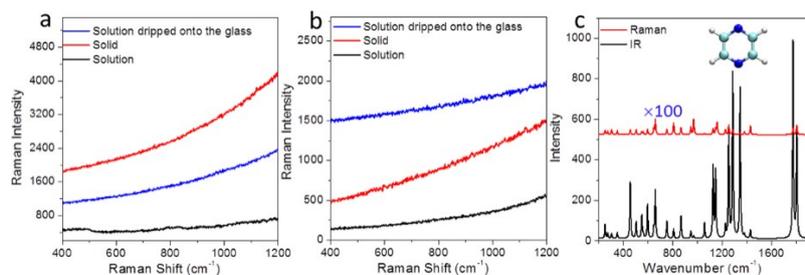
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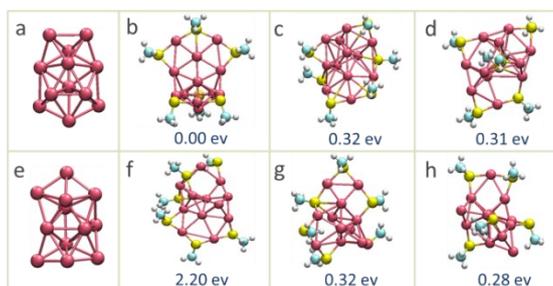
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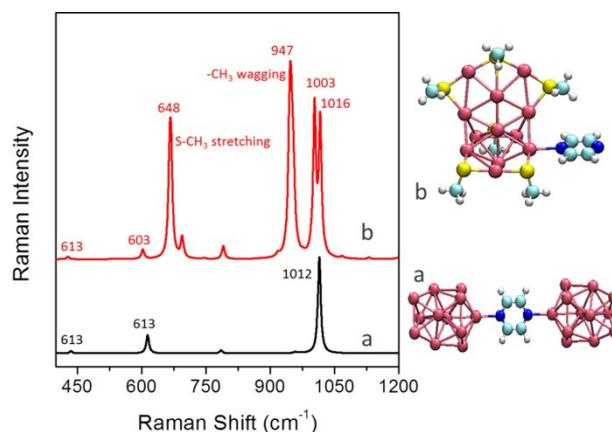
**Fig. S1** A typical X-ray photoelectron surveys spectrum of the as-prepared  $\text{Ag}_{12}$  NCs.



**Fig. S2** Exclusion experiments showing no Raman interference of  $\text{Ag}_{12}$  NCs (a), and the ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{SMA}$  (b). Also, the DFT-calculated Raman activity display rather weak signal in the region lower than  $2000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (c), which is in sharp contrast to its IR activity.

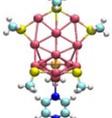
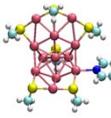


**Fig. S3** Optimized isomers geometries of bare  $\text{Ag}_{12}$  (a)  $\text{Ag}_{12}^{\text{Cs}}$ , (e)  $\text{Ag}_{12}^{\text{C1}}$ , (b/c/d)  $\text{Ag}_{12}^{\text{Cs}}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$  and (f/g/h)  $\text{Ag}_{12}^{\text{C1}}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ . The energy of  $\text{Ag}_{12}^{\text{Cs}}$  is set as zero reference (energy = 0.00 eV).



**Fig. S4** Calculated Raman spectra of the other models: (a)  $\text{Ag}_{12}$ -pyrazine- $\text{Ag}_{12}$ , (b) edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine.

**Table S1** Natural population analysis (NPA) charge distribution of  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ , pyrazine, bottom- and edge- adsorbed pyrazine on the cluster.

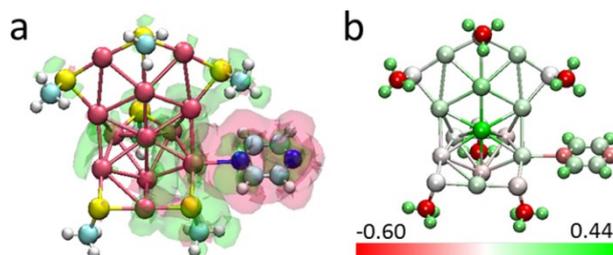
	Ag <sub>12</sub> (SCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	Pyrazine	bottom-adsorbed	edge-adsorbed
Structure				
Surface charge distributions	1 Ag 0.48953 2 Ag 0.48953 3 Ag -0.97812 4 Ag 0.22044 5 Ag 0.28568 6 Ag 0.28579 7 Ag 0.49558 8 Ag 0.28294 9 Ag 0.21734 10 Ag 0.2459 11 Ag 0.283 12 Ag 0.24596 13 S -0.37201 14 S -0.38731 15 S -0.3628 16 S -0.36278 17 S -0.38778 18 S -0.38729 19 H 0.24914 20 H 0.23992 21 H 0.24914 22 H 0.24188 23 H 0.24179 24 H 0.2307 25 H 0.24236 26 H 0.2344 27 H 0.24615 28 H 0.23439 29 H 0.24236 30 H 0.24615 31 H 0.24007 32 H 0.24007 33 H 0.22814 34 H 0.2307 35 H 0.24188 36 H 0.24179 37 C -0.77336 38 C -0.77022 39 C -0.77335 40 C -0.7723 41 C -0.76517 42 C -0.77022	43 C -0.01934 44 C -0.01934 45 N -0.41842 46 N -0.41842 47 C -0.01934 48 C -0.01934 49 H 0.22855 50 H 0.22855 51 H 0.22855 52 H 0.22855	1 Ag 0.4754 2 Ag 0.47528 3 Ag -1.01482 4 Ag 0.18887 5 Ag 0.27661 6 Ag 0.27471 7 Ag 0.515 8 Ag 0.2945 9 Ag 0.21081 10 Ag 0.26455 11 Ag 0.29177 12 Ag 0.2649 13 S -0.3655 14 S -0.3929 15 S -0.36598 16 S -0.36616 17 S -0.39592 18 S -0.39306 19 H 0.24652 20 H 0.23723 21 H 0.24653 22 H 0.24188 23 H 0.24085 24 H 0.22223 25 H 0.24122 26 H 0.23391 27 H 0.24366 28 H 0.23395 29 H 0.24122 30 H 0.24371 31 H 0.23889 32 H 0.23872 33 H 0.22369 34 H 0.2226 35 H 0.24192 36 H 0.2407 37 C -0.7735 38 C -0.76932 39 C -0.77358 40 C -0.77087 41 C -0.76721 42 C -0.76923 43 C 0.01317 44 C -0.00155 45 N -0.48506 46 N -0.40071 47 C -0.00138 48 C 0.01328 49 H 0.24331 50 H 0.24063 51 H 0.24066 52 H 0.24388	1 Ag 0.48136 2 Ag 0.48616 3 Ag -0.93738 4 Ag 0.20533 5 Ag 0.27805 6 Ag 0.27765 7 Ag 0.48652 8 Ag 0.27426 9 Ag 0.21586 10 Ag 0.25015 11 Ag 0.27678 12 Ag 0.22175 13 S -0.36678 14 S -0.38052 15 S -0.36388 16 S -0.37547 17 S -0.39254 18 S -0.40843 19 H 0.24772 20 H 0.23846 21 H 0.24822 22 H 0.24082 23 H 0.2418 24 H 0.23091 25 H 0.24139 26 H 0.23392 27 H 0.24573 28 H 0.23357 29 H 0.24216 30 H 0.24107 31 H 0.23941 32 H 0.23871 33 H 0.22854 34 H 0.22977 35 H 0.24211 36 H 0.23374 37 C -0.77251 38 C -0.77093 39 C -0.77348 40 C -0.77174 41 C -0.76605 42 C -0.76791 43 C 0.00968 44 C -0.00751 45 N -0.46904 46 N -0.40815 47 C -0.0084 48 C 0.01313 49 H 0.24901 50 H 0.23611 51 H 0.23782 52 H 0.24302

We have examined the binding energy on bottom-adsorbed and edge-adsorbed Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-pyrazine complex, as listed in Table S2. The total binding energy is calculated using the equation  $\Delta E = E_{\text{complex}} - E_{\text{pyrazine}} - E_{\text{Ag}}$ , where  $E_{\text{complex}}$ ,  $E_{\text{pyrazine}}$ , and  $E_{\text{Ag}}$  denote the total energy of Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-pyrazine complex, a pyrazine molecule and Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub> cluster, respectively. As results, bottom-adsorbed Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-pyrazine complex shows a larger binding energy (6.75 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) than the edge-adsorbed Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-pyrazine complex (4.63 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). Meanwhile, the length Ag-N bond of edge-adsorbed Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-pyrazine complex is larger (2.52 Å) than that of the bottom-adsorbed complex (2.43 Å).

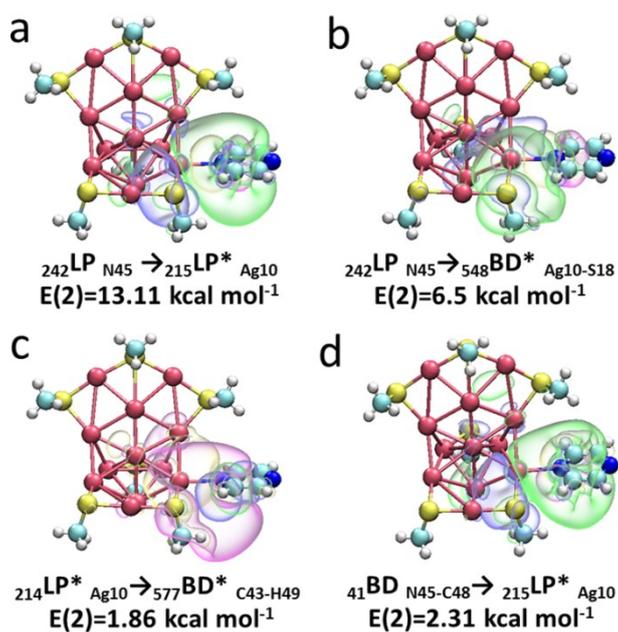
**Table S2** Binding interactions between pyrazine and metal clusters. Bond length between Ag and N atoms, R(Ag-N) in Å; Mulliken charge q(pyrazine → cluster) in units of electron charge; and total binding energy,  $\Delta E = E_{\text{complex}} - E_{\text{pyrazine}} - E_{\text{Ag}}$  in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Complex	q(pyrazine → cluster)	R(Ag-N)	$\Delta E$ (Kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )
Bottom-adsorbed	0.305	2.43	-6.75
Edge-adsorbed	0.177	2.52	-4.63

As supplementary information, we have also calculated the deformation density and Mulliken charge distribution of edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine, as shown in Fig. S5.



**Fig. S5** (a) The calculated deformation density ( $\Delta\rho = \rho^{\text{complex}} - \rho^{\text{Ag}_{12}} - \rho^{\text{pyrazine}}$ ) isosurfaces in the edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine, with an isosurface value of 0.0001 a.u. The enhanced density is in green and the depletion density in red. (b) Mulliken charge distribution in the edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine.



**Fig. S6** Natural bond orbital (NBO) donor-acceptor (overlap) interactions in the edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine between  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$  and pyrazine. The positive and negative donor orbitals are yellow and purple; the positive and negative acceptor orbitals are green and blue.

**Table S3** Second-order perturbation theory analysis of Fock matrix in NBO basis for pyrazine and Ag<sub>12</sub>(SCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-pyrazine complex.

**Bottom-adsorbed**

Second Order Perturbation Theory Analysis of Fock Matrix in NBO Basis

Threshold for printing: 0.50 kcal/mol  
(Intermolecular threshold: 0.05 kcal/mol)

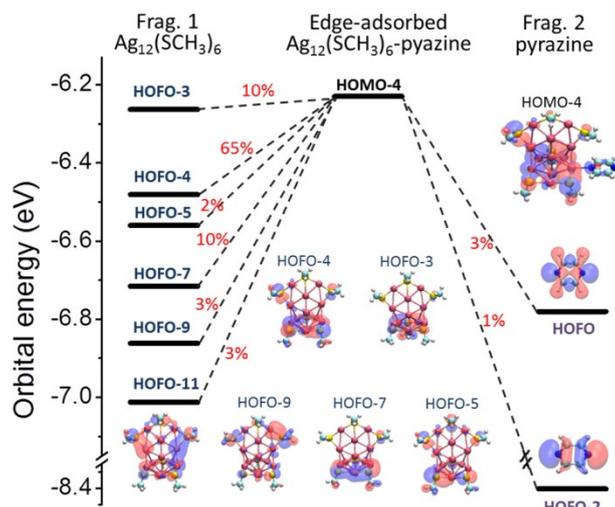
Donor NBO (i)	Acceptor NBO (j)	E(2) kcal/mol	E(j)-E(i) a.u.	F(i,j) a.u.
78. CR (1)Ag 9	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.10	4.54	0.019
78. CR (1)Ag 9	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.09	4.02	0.017
78. CR (1)Ag 9	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.09	4.01	0.017
79. CR (2)Ag 9	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.13	2.73	0.017
79. CR (2)Ag 9	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.13	2.73	0.017
200. LP (1)Ag 9	/575. BD*(1) C 43 - C 44	0.05	0.87	0.006
200. LP (1)Ag 9	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.15	0.83	0.010
200. LP (1)Ag 9	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.15	0.83	0.010
200. LP (1)Ag 9	/582. BD*(1) C 47 - C 48	0.05	0.87	0.006
203. LP (4)Ag 9	/243. LP (2) N 45	1.69	0.09	0.017
204. LP (5)Ag 9	/243. LP (2) N 45	0.09	0.09	0.004
204. LP (5)Ag 9	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.26	1.35	0.017
204. LP (5)Ag 9	/504. RY*(5) N 45	0.07	2.23	0.011
205. LP*(6)Ag 9	/483. RY*(2) C 43	0.17	0.77	0.020
205. LP*(6)Ag 9	/504. RY*(5) N 45	0.10	1.95	0.024
205. LP*(6)Ag 9	/528. RY*(2) C 48	0.17	0.76	0.020
205. LP*(6)Ag 9	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.62	0.54	0.032
205. LP*(6)Ag 9	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.62	0.54	0.031
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/482. RY*(1) C 43	0.05	1.05	0.027
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/501. RY*(2) N 45	0.16	0.96	0.046
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/527. RY*(1) C 48	0.05	1.05	0.028
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/575. BD*(1) C 43 - C 44	0.08	0.41	0.019
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	1.32	0.33	0.073
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/582. BD*(1) C 47 - C 48	0.07	0.41	0.018
206. LP*(7)Ag 9	/584. BD*(1) C 48 - H 52	1.28	0.33	0.071
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/503. RY*(4) N 45	0.05	0.89	0.026
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/536. RY*(1) H 49	0.10	0.63	0.030
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/539. RY*(1) H 52	0.10	0.63	0.031
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.12	0.43	0.025
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	0.30	0.39	0.038
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/579. BD*(1) C 44 - H 50	0.06	0.39	0.016
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.11	0.43	0.025
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/583. BD*(1) C 47 - H 51	0.06	0.39	0.017
207. LP*(8)Ag 9	/584. BD*(1) C 48 - H 52	0.33	0.39	0.040
208. LP*(9)Ag 9	/503. RY*(4) N 45	0.11	0.87	0.038
208. LP*(9)Ag 9	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	0.19	0.37	0.030
208. LP*(9)Ag 9	/584. BD*(1) C 48 - H 52	0.20	0.37	0.031
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36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	1.01	0.82	0.026
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.40	0.84	0.017
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/320. RY*(1)Ag 9	0.08	1.62	0.010
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/323. RY*(4)Ag 9	0.18	3.98	0.024
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/205. LP*(6)Ag 9	0.95	0.82	0.029
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/206. LP*(7)Ag 9	0.17	1.00	0.012
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	2.23	0.94	0.042
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	1.04	0.96	0.029
38. BD (1) C 43 - H 49	/205. LP*(6)Ag 9	0.18	0.52	0.010
38. BD (1) C 43 - H 49	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	1.29	0.63	0.026
38. BD (1) C 43 - H 49	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.52	0.65	0.017
39. BD (1) C 44 - N 46	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	0.18	0.92	0.012
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41. BD (1) N 45 - C 48	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	1.02	0.96	0.029
42. BD (1) N 46 - C 47	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	0.18	0.92	0.012
42. BD (1) N 46 - C 47	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.09	0.94	0.008
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43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.41	0.84	0.017
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/320. RY*(1)Ag 9	0.08	1.62	0.010
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/323. RY*(4)Ag 9	0.17	3.98	0.023
44. BD (1) C 47 - H 51	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	0.22	0.63	0.011
44. BD (1) C 47 - H 51	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.10	0.65	0.007
45. BD (1) C 48 - H 52	/205. LP*(6)Ag 9	0.18	0.52	0.010
45. BD (1) C 48 - H 52	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	1.32	0.63	0.026
45. BD (1) C 48 - H 52	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.52	0.65	0.017
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130. CR (1) C 43	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	1.16	10.20	0.100
130. CR (1) C 43	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.52	10.22	0.067
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135. CR (1) C 48	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.53	10.22	0.067
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242. LP (1) N 45	/320. RY*(1)Ag 9	0.28	1.28	0.017
244. LP (1) N 46	/207. LP*(8)Ag 9	0.36	0.44	0.011
244. LP (1) N 46	/208. LP*(9)Ag 9	0.16	0.47	0.008

**Edge-adsorbed**

Second Order Perturbation Theory Analysis of Fock Matrix in NBO Basis

Threshold for printing: 0.50 kcal/mol  
(Intermolecular threshold: 0.05 kcal/mol)

Donor NBO (i)	Acceptor NBO (j)	E(2) kcal/mol	E(j)-E(i) a.u.	F(i,j) a.u.
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.13	4.40	0.012
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/501. RY*(2) N 45	0.12	1.44	0.012
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/528. RY*(2) C 48	0.10	1.00	0.009
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/536. RY*(1) H 49	0.15	1.07	0.011
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/575. BD*(1) C 43 - C 44	0.09	0.90	0.008
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	0.54	0.83	0.019
9. BD (1)Ag 10 - S 18	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.09	0.86	0.008
82. CR (1)Ag 10	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.05	4.58	0.019
82. CR (1)Ag 10	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.05	4.03	0.013
84. CR (3)Ag 10	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.07	2.74	0.012
84. CR (3)Ag 10	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.08	2.74	0.013
209. LP (1)Ag 10	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.07	1.37	0.009
209. LP (1)Ag 10	/528. RY*(2) C 48	0.05	0.97	0.006
209. LP (1)Ag 10	/576. BD*(1) C 43 - N 45	0.11	0.83	0.008
210. LP (2)Ag 10	/243. LP (2) N 45	0.18	0.10	0.006
210. LP (2)Ag 10	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.07	1.37	0.009
210. LP (2)Ag 10	/243. LP (2) N 45	0.79	0.10	0.013
212. LP (4)Ag 10	/243. LP (2) N 45	0.11	0.10	0.005
213. LP (5)Ag 10	/500. RY*(1) N 45	0.09	1.37	0.010
213. LP (5)Ag 10	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	0.05	0.79	0.006
213. LP (5)Ag 10	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.05	0.83	0.006
214. LP*(6)Ag 10	/482. RY*(1) C 43	0.21	0.95	0.029
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214. LP*(6)Ag 10	/485. RY*(4) C 43	0.07	0.94	0.017
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239. LP (2) S 18	/536. RY*(1) H 49	0.09	1.03	0.010
239. LP (2) S 18	/575. BD*(1) C 43 - C 44	0.05	0.86	0.007
239. LP (2) S 18	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	1.04	0.79	0.028
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548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	/501. RY*(2) N 45	0.10	1.00	0.010
548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	/528. RY*(2) C 48	0.25	0.56	0.037
548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	/536. RY*(1) H 49	0.16	0.63	0.031
548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	/577. BD*(1) C 43 - H 49	0.43	0.38	0.028
548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	/580. BD*(1) N 45 - C 48	0.15	0.42	0.023
548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	/584. BD*(1) C 48 - H 52	0.06	0.38	0.015
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	1.26	0.85	0.030
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/331. RY*(3)Ag 10	0.08	2.10	0.012
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/332. RY*(4)Ag 10	0.05	1.54	0.008
36. BD (1) C 43 - C 44	/548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	0.49	0.83	0.019
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/214. LP*(6)Ag 10	0.25	0.95	0.015
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	2.77	0.97	0.047
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/216. LP*(8)Ag 10	0.21	0.93	0.013
37. BD (1) C 43 - N 45	/548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	0.73	0.95	0.024
38. BD (1) C 43 - H 49	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	0.70	0.66	0.020
38. BD (1) C 43 - H 49	/548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	0.47	0.64	0.016
39. BD (1) C 44 - N 46	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	0.13	0.96	0.010
40. BD (1) C 44 - H 50	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	0.17	0.66	0.010
41. BD (1) N 45 - C 48	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	2.31	0.97	0.043
41. BD (1) N 45 - C 48	/216. LP*(8)Ag 10	0.09	0.93	0.008
41. BD (1) N 45 - C 48	/331. RY*(3)Ag 10	0.07	2.22	0.011
41. BD (1) N 45 - C 48	/548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	1.89	0.95	0.039
42. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	0.14	0.96	0.011
42. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/216. LP*(8)Ag 10	0.07	0.83	0.007
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	1.75	0.85	0.035
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/216. LP*(8)Ag 10	0.10	0.81	0.008
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/330. RY*(3)Ag 10	0.05	1.67	0.009
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/331. RY*(4)Ag 10	0.08	2.10	0.011
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/332. RY*(4)Ag 10	0.06	1.55	0.009
43. BD (1) C 47 - C 48	/548. BD*(1)Ag 10 - S 18	0.17	0.83	0.011
44. BD (1) C 47 - H 51	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	0.25	0.66	0.012
45. BD (1) C 48 - H 52	/215. LP*(7)Ag 10	1.12	0.66	0.025
45. BD (1) C 48 - H 52	/216. LP*(8			



**Fig. S7** Orbital interaction diagram for edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine formed upon interaction of the  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$  (frag. 1) and pyrazine (frag. 2).

**Table S4** Charge decomposition analysis (CDA) of the  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine complex.

**Bottom-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine**

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===== Charge decomposition analysis (CDA) result =====
d = The number of electrons donated from fragment 1 to fragment 2
b = The number of electrons back donated from fragment 2 to fragment 1
r = The number of electrons involved in repulsive polarization

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Orb.	Occ.	d	b	d - b	r
196	2	0.001542	0.027027	-0.025485	-0.084262
112	2	0.000016	0.018257	-0.018241	0.008047
210	2	0.003818	0.01795	-0.014132	-0.084547
126	2	-0.001938	0.016469	-0.018407	0.128235
108	2	-0.000074	0.014087	-0.01416	0.014832
134	2	0.000008	0.00988	-0.009872	0.0108
111	2	-0.000051	0.007203	-0.007253	0.002853
187	2	-0.000003	0.005555	-0.005558	-0.002408
144	2	-0.000067	0.00378	-0.003847	-0.004711
137	2	-0.000013	0.003492	-0.003504	-0.004184
197	2	0.000523	0.003135	-0.002612	-0.014567
136	2	0.000062	0.002273	-0.002211	0.001305
183	2	-0.00014	0.002125	-0.002265	-0.012079
92	2	-0.000001	0.002103	-0.002104	0.001848
132	2	0.000817	0.002027	-0.00121	0.024603
101	2	0.000005	0.001681	-0.001677	0.001327
93	2	0.000001	0.001611	-0.00161	0.000374
180	2	-0.000032	0.001586	-0.001619	-0.011449
109	2	0.000016	0.001585	-0.001569	0.001568
100	2	0.000014	0.001372	-0.001358	0.001462
148	2	-0.000005	0.001346	-0.001351	-0.004089
138	2	-0.000039	0.001308	-0.001347	-0.001826
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Sum:	420	0.011101	0.152948	-0.141847	-0.117596

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===== Extended Charge decomposition analysis (ECDA) =====
Contribution to all occupied complex orbital:
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 1: 18896.21% 13.60%
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 2: 2089.24% 0.95%
Contribution to all virtual complex orbital:
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 1: 3.79% 30286.40%
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 2: 10.76% 7099.05%
PL(1) + CT(1->2)=0.0757 PL(1) + CT(2->1)=0.2721
PL(2) + CT(1->2)=0.0189 PL(2) + CT(2->1)=0.2153
The net electrons obtained by frag. 2 = CT(1->2) - CT(2->1) = -0.1963

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**Edge-adsorbed  $\text{Ag}_{12}(\text{SCH}_3)_6$ -pyrazine**

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===== Charge decomposition analysis (CDA) result =====
d = The number of electrons donated from fragment 1 to fragment 2
b = The number of electrons back donated from fragment 2 to fragment 1
r = The number of electrons involved in repulsive polarization

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Orb.	Occ.	d	b	d - b	r
112	2	-0.000023	0.014677	-0.0147	0.007569
108	2	-0.000146	0.01377	-0.013917	0.014307
206	2	0.001116	0.011263	-0.010147	-0.060818
197	2	-0.000415	0.008675	-0.00909	-0.01316
195	2	-0.000113	0.007632	-0.007745	-0.002701
111	2	-0.000202	0.006444	-0.006646	0.008073
196	2	-0.00051	0.005722	-0.006231	-0.004576
162	2	-0.000123	0.004994	-0.005117	-0.004092
203	2	0.005023	0.004775	0.000248	-0.034563
135	2	-0.000766	0.004738	-0.005504	0.04519
207	2	0.000474	0.004347	-0.003873	-0.023046
209	2	0.002223	0.004182	-0.001959	-0.022052
141	2	-0.000278	0.003988	-0.004265	0.021909
194	2	0.000216	0.003458	-0.003243	-0.001598
192	2	-0.000205	0.003396	-0.003602	-0.022596
143	2	-0.000209	0.003333	-0.003543	0.012995
149	2	0.000255	0.002718	-0.002463	0.012931
136	2	-0.00017	0.002506	-0.002676	0.015192
145	2	0.000026	0.002279	-0.002253	0.009353
198	2	0.000225	0.002273	-0.002048	-0.005929
146	2	-0.000043	0.00208	-0.002123	0.005594
92	2	-0.000007	0.001848	-0.001854	0.00175
200	2	0.001221	0.001822	-0.000601	-0.010554
.....					
Sum:	420	0.018703	0.146677	-0.127974	-0.123013

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===== Extended Charge decomposition analysis (ECDA) =====
Contribution to all occupied complex orbital:
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 1: 18897.14% 11.77%
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 2: 2089.82% 1.27%
Contribution to all virtual complex orbital:
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 1: 2.86% 30288.23%
"Occupied" virtual orbitals of fragment 2: 10.18% 7098.74%
PL(1) + CT(1->2) = 0.0571 PL(1) + CT(2->1) = 0.2354
PL(2) + CT(1->2) = 0.0253 PL(2) + CT(2->1) = 0.2036
The net electrons obtained by frag. 2 = CT(1->2) - CT(2->1) = -0.1783

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