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**Adducts of Triangular Silver(I) 3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)pyrazolate
with Thiophene-Derivatives: A Weak Interaction Model of
Desulfurization**

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Measurements and instruments

All commercial materials were used as received without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-600 spectrometer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected using a PANalytical X-Pert Pro powder diffractometer with Cu K α radiation. The Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were obtained in the range 400-4000 cm⁻¹ on a Nicolet NEXUS 470-FTIR spectrophotometer using KBr pellets. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were conducted on a Netzsch STA 449 F5 by heating the sample from 40 to 800 °C under nitrogen at a rate of 20 °C•min⁻¹. The Ag content was analyzed by means of an Agilent inductively coupled plasma (ICP) OES730 spectrometer. DBT and DMDBT contents were determined by Agilent 1100 HPLC system.

Experimental Procedures

Synthesis of Ag₃pz₃·DBT

Ag₃pz₃ (0.012 mmol, 11.2 mg) and DBT (0.024 mmol, 4.4 mg) were dissolved in 2 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was allowed to slow evaporation at 5 °C for 2 days to afford the colorless needle crystals of Ag₃pz₃·DBT along with some unreacted DBT crystals. The pure sample of Ag₃pz₃·DBT can be obtained by washing the mixture with petroleum ether. Yield: 11.7 mg, 0.0104 mmol, 87%. Mp: 201-203 °C (melts with dec.) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.07 (s, 3H, Pz-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 139.44 (s, Thienyl), 135.78 (s, Thienyl), 127.37 (s, Ph), 125.04 (s, Ph), 123.22 (s, Ph), 121.98 (s, Ph), 120.86 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 270.29 Hz, CF₃), 103.57 (s, Pz-C₄) ppm.

Synthesis of Ag₃pz₃·DMDBT

This adduct was prepared in a similar way as for Ag₃pz₃·DBT, using DMDBT (0.024 mmol, 5.1 mg) instead of DBT. Yield: 12.4 mg, 0.0108 mmol, 90%. Mp: 207-210 °C (melts with dec.) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.19 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.07 (s, 3H, Pz-H), 2.41 (s, 6H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 139.39 (s, Thienyl), 136.20 (s, Thienyl), 133.15 (s, Ph), 127.64 (s, Ph), 125.54 (s, Ph), 119.56 (s, Ph), 120.86 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 269.79 Hz, CF₃), 103.60 (s, Pz-C₄), 20.41 (s, CH₃) ppm.

Synthesis of Ag₃pz₃·BT

This adduct was obtained as pure phase in a similar way as for Ag₃pz₃·DBT, using BT (0.06 mmol, 8.1 mg) instead of DBT within a week. Yield: 10.5 mg, 0.0098 mmol, 82%. Mp: 167-169 °C (melts with dec.) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ph), 7.80 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph), 7.43 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, Thienyl), 7.34 (m, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz, Ph and Thienyl), 7.09 (s, 3H, Pz-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 144.90 (q, ²J_{CF} = 35.74 Hz, CCF₃), 140.05 (s, Thienyl), 140.01 (s, Thienyl), 126.82 (s, Thienyl), 124.72 (s, Ph), 124.69 (s, Ph), 124.34 (s, Thienyl), 124.04 (s, Ph), 122.85 (s, Ph), 120.87 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 267.77 Hz, CF₃), 103.65 (s, Pz-C₄) ppm.

Synthesis of Ag₃pz₃·DMT

This adduct was obtained as pure phase in a similar way as for the Ag₃pz₃·DBT, using DMT (0.36 mmol, 42 μ L) instead of DBT within a week. Yield: 10.7 mg, 0.0102 mmol, 85%. Mp: 178-180 °C (melts with dec.) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.09 (s, 3H, Pz-H), 6.51 (s, 2H, Thienyl), 2.39 (s, 6H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 144.99 (q, ²J_{CF} = 36.8 Hz, CCF₃), 137.96 (s, DMT-C), 125.24 (s, DMT-CH), 120.90 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 269.28 Hz, CF₃), 103.67 (s, Pz-C₄), 15.29 (s, DMT-CH₃) ppm.

Desulfurization Performance

1.3 Equivalent amount of Ag_3pz_3 was added to 10 mL of model oil (isooctane containing 100 mg/L S of DBT or DMDBT), white precipitate formed immediately, which was kept stirring for 0.5 h (Fig. S23-S24). The precipitate was isolated from the oil by centrifugation, which proved to be the 1:1 adduct, as verified by ^1H NMR and PXRD. From the mass of the precipitate, it is estimated that 91.7 % of DBT or 89.9 % DMDBT have been removed from oil at this stage. The remaining Ag_3pz_3 and DBT/DMDBT in the oil can be further treated by acetonitrile extraction. By this desulfurization scheme, the S-content can be reduced from 100 mg/L S to 0.55 mg/L S and 1.50 mg/L S for DBT and DMDBT, respectively, and ICP measurement shows no detectable Ag^+ atoms left in the oil after treatment.

Recyclable Performance

The recycling of Ag_3pz_3 was investigated as a potential scrubber for removal of DBT and DMDBT from isooctane. Firstly, addition of 1.3 equivalent of Ag_3pz_3 to a 10.0 mL of isooctane solution containing 100 mg/L S DBT or DMDBT resulted in the formation of a white precipitate, which was proved to be $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$ or $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$ based on ^1H NMR and PXRD measurements. Then, the remaining Ag_3pz_3 and DBT or DMDBT were extracted by 3×3.3 mL of acetonitrile. At last, the sample of Ag_3pz_3 can be recovered from $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$ or $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$ by column chromatography using silica gel as stationary phase; DBT or DMDBT can be firstly eluted out by using petroleum ether as eluent, while Ag_3pz_3 remains on the column, the latter of which can be obtained by eluting the column with ethyl acetate. As shown in Fig. S25 and Fig. S26, Ag_3pz_3 can be reused at least five times without obvious loss of desulfurizing efficiency, proving that Ag_3pz_3 is promising for practical applications. The ^1H NMR of the recovered sample of Ag_3pz_3 after five recycles is identical to that of as-synthesized sample.

X-ray Crystallography

Crystallographic data were collected on a Bruker AXS GmbH diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$) at 298 K for $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$ and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$, and at 100 K for $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$; Crystallographic data was collected on an Agilent Technologies SuperNova Single Crystal Diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromatic Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) at 120 K for $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$. Absorption corrections were obtained by using the multiscan program. All the structures were solved by direct methods with SHELXS and refined with the full-matrix least-squares technique using the SHELXL program¹ implemented through Olex2.² All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, while the hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically. The crystallographic data are summarized in Table S12. CCDC: 1938383-1938386 for $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$, $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$, $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$ and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$, contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper, which can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center.

Computational Details

The density functional theory (DFT) calculation, which has been widely applied in many kinds of computational studies,³ was carried out with the Gaussian16 program.⁴ The geometries were fully optimized using M06-L method⁵ based on the X-ray diffraction data. In the calculation, basis set 6-31G(d, p) was used for H, C, N, F, and S atoms, while LANL2DZ was applied for Ag atom.⁶

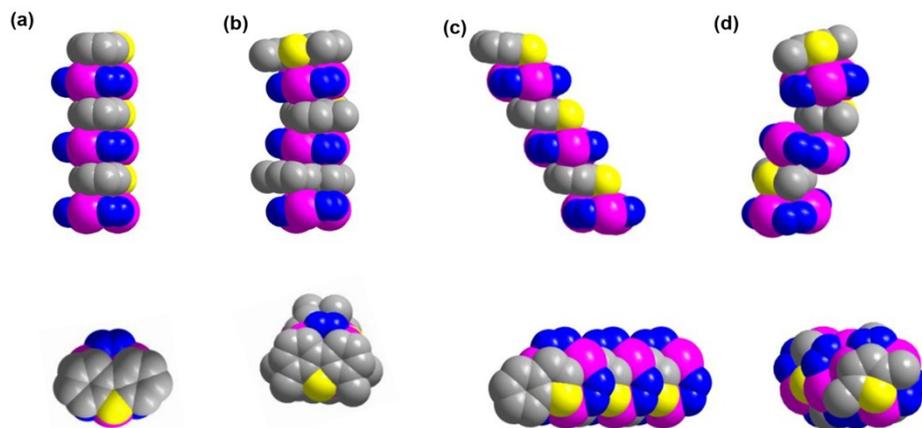


Fig. S1 The side view and top view of columnar stack of (a) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$; (b) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$; (c) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$; (d) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$. Trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

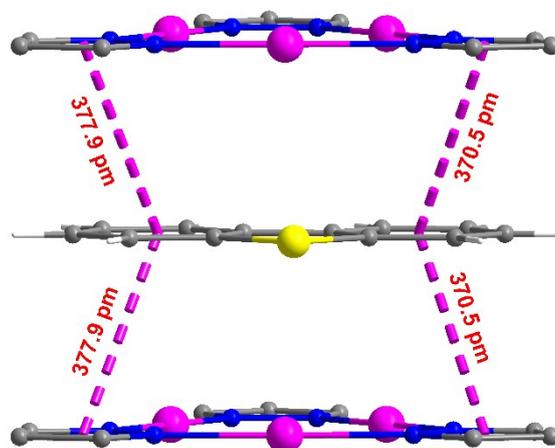


Fig. S2 The side view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$ showing pyrazolyl-phenyl π - π interactions. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

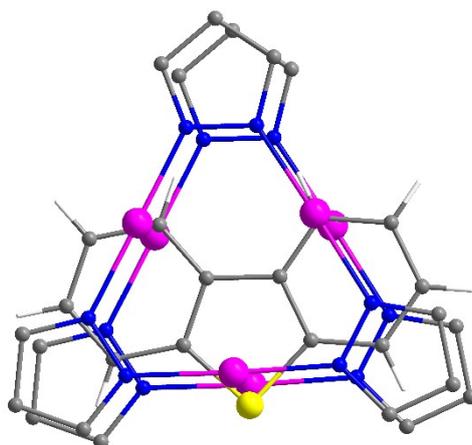


Fig. S3 The top view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

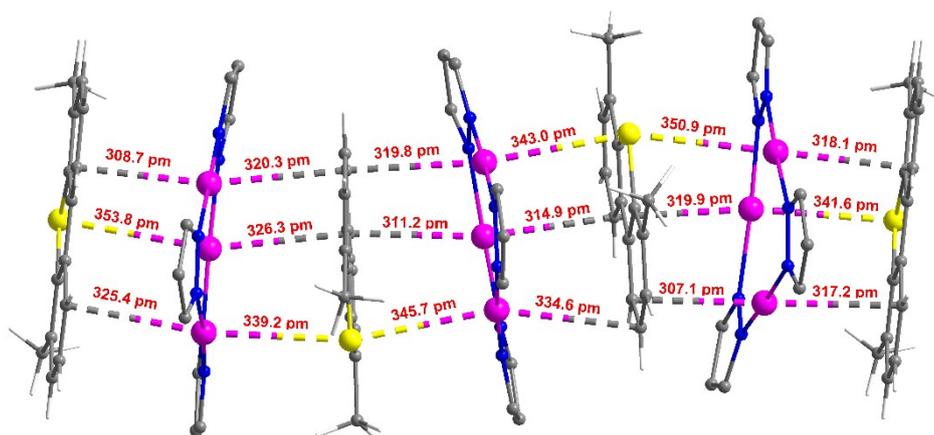


Fig. S4 The Ag...S and Ag...C contacts observed in the adduct of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

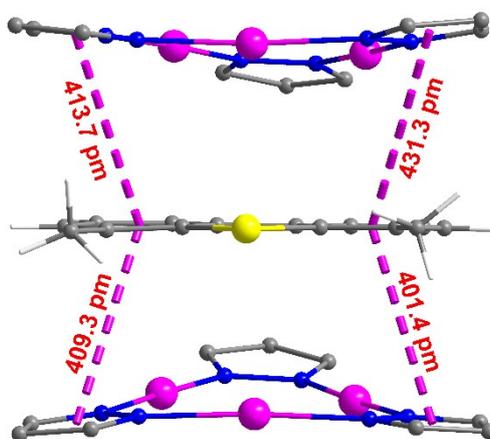


Fig. S5 The side view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$ showing pyrazolyl-phenyl π - π interactions. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

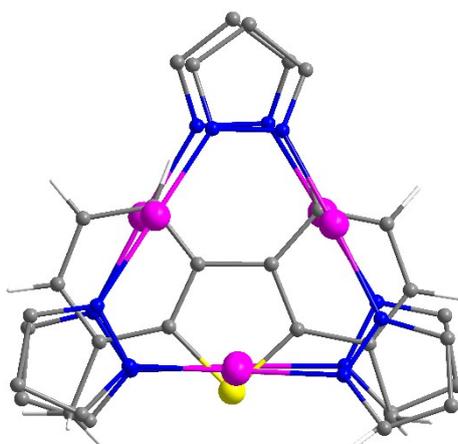


Fig. S6 The top view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

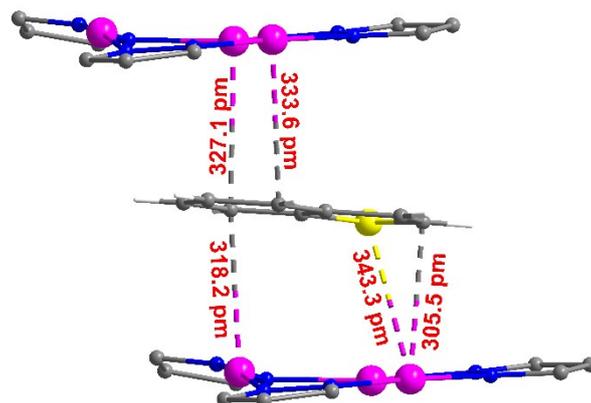


Fig. S7 A fragment of the displaced columnar stacking of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$, showing $\text{Ag}\cdots\text{S}$ and $\text{Ag}\cdots\text{C}$ contacts. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

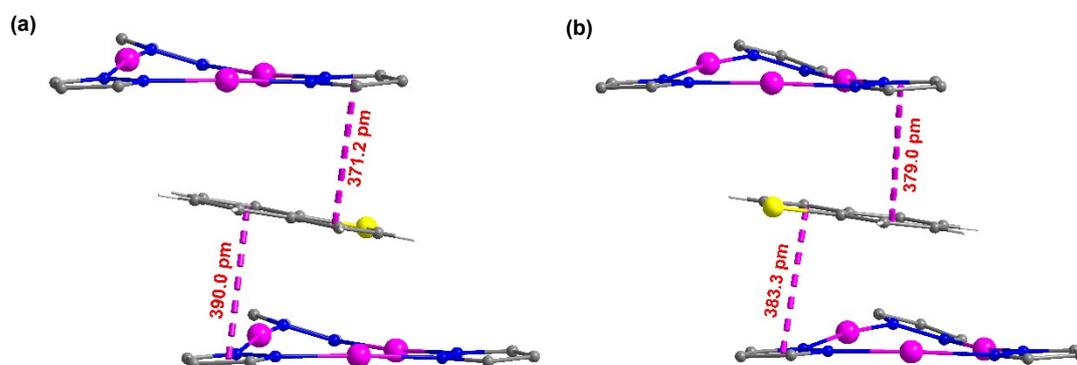


Fig. S8 The side view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$ showing pyrazolyl-phenyl and/or pyrazolyl-thiophene π - π interactions. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

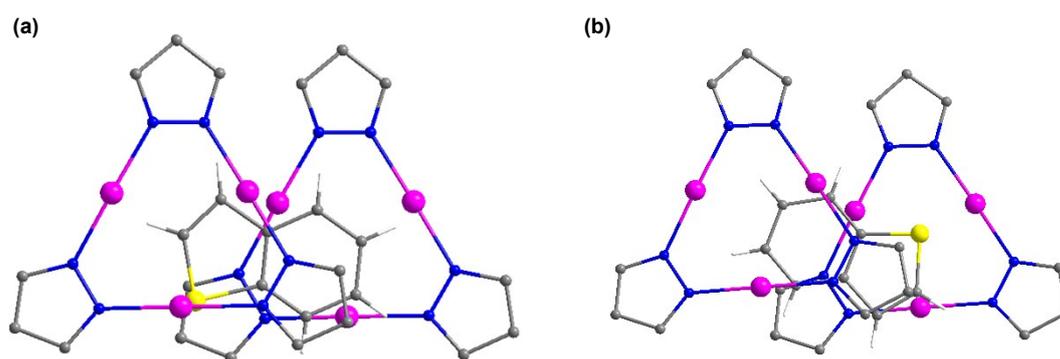


Fig. S9 The top view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

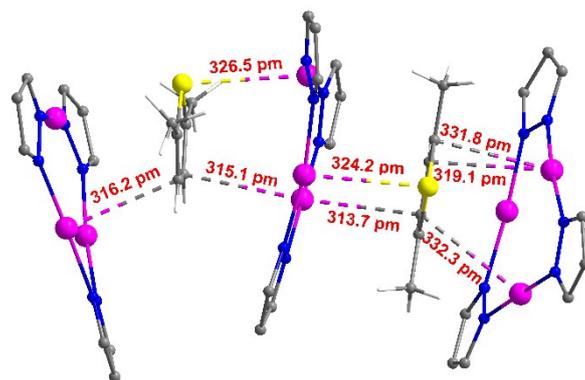


Fig. S10 The Ag...S and Ag...C contacts observed in the adduct of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

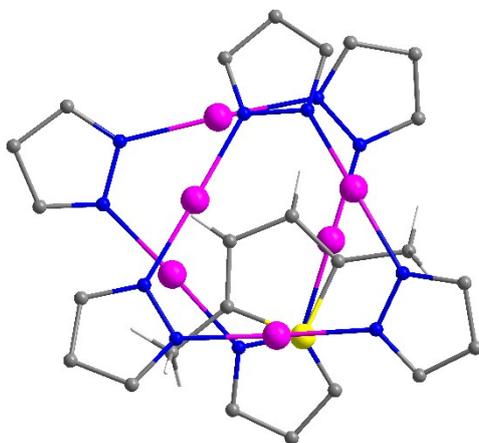


Fig. S11 The top view of $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$. Colour code: Ag, pink; N, blue; C, gray; H, white; S, yellow. The trifluoromethyl groups and hydrogen atoms of pyrazole have been omitted for clarity.

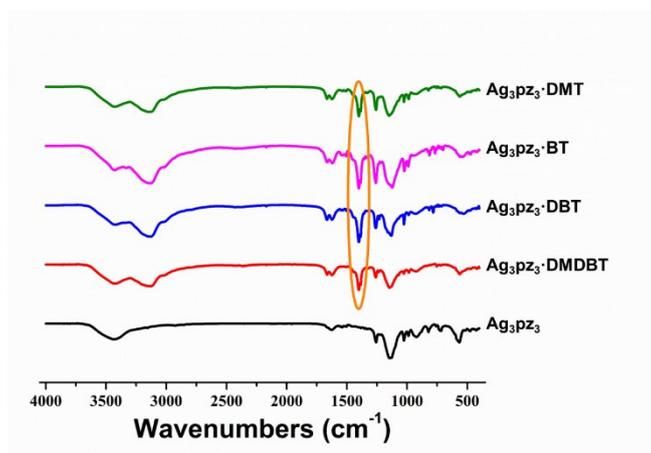


Fig. S12 IR spectra (KBr pellet) of Ag_3pz_3 and adducts. The peak of near 1400 cm^{-1} corresponds to the stretching vibration of the thiophenyl ring in the adducts.⁷⁻⁹

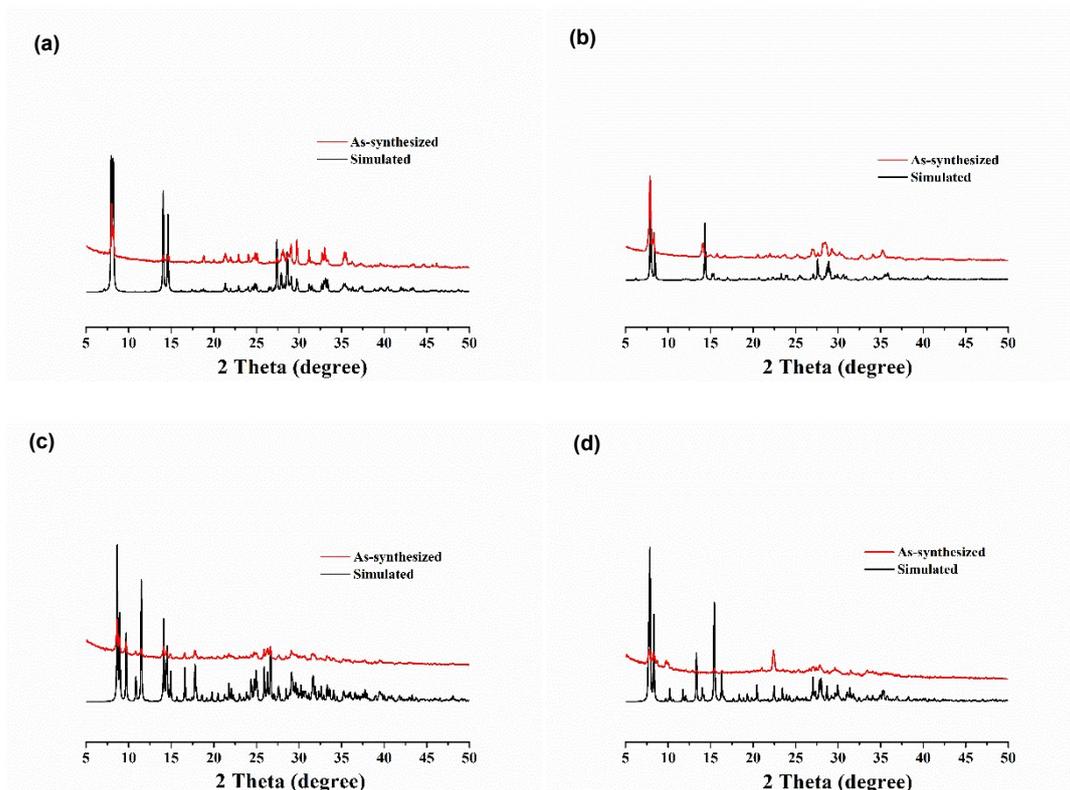


Fig. S13 The P-XRD patterns of (a) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$; (b) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$; (c) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$; (d) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$, obtained from the as-synthesized sample (red line) or simulated based on the crystal data (black line).

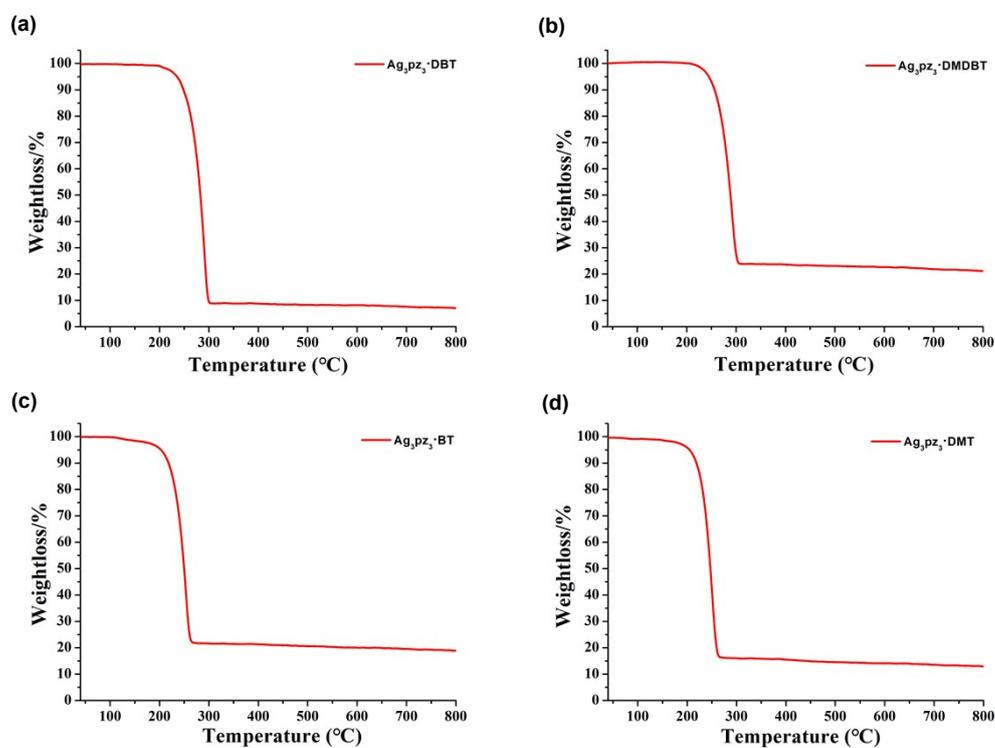


Fig. S14 Thermogravimetric curves of (a) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$; (b) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$; (c) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$; (d) $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$.

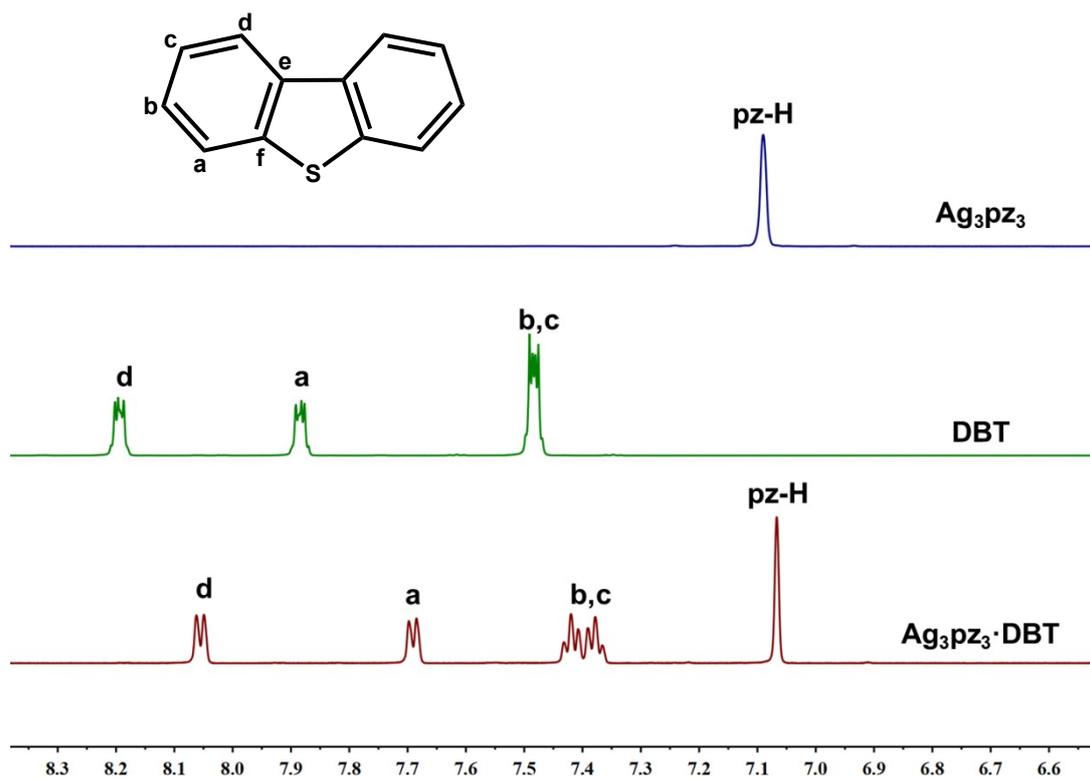


Fig. S15 Stack plot of ^1H NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , DBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

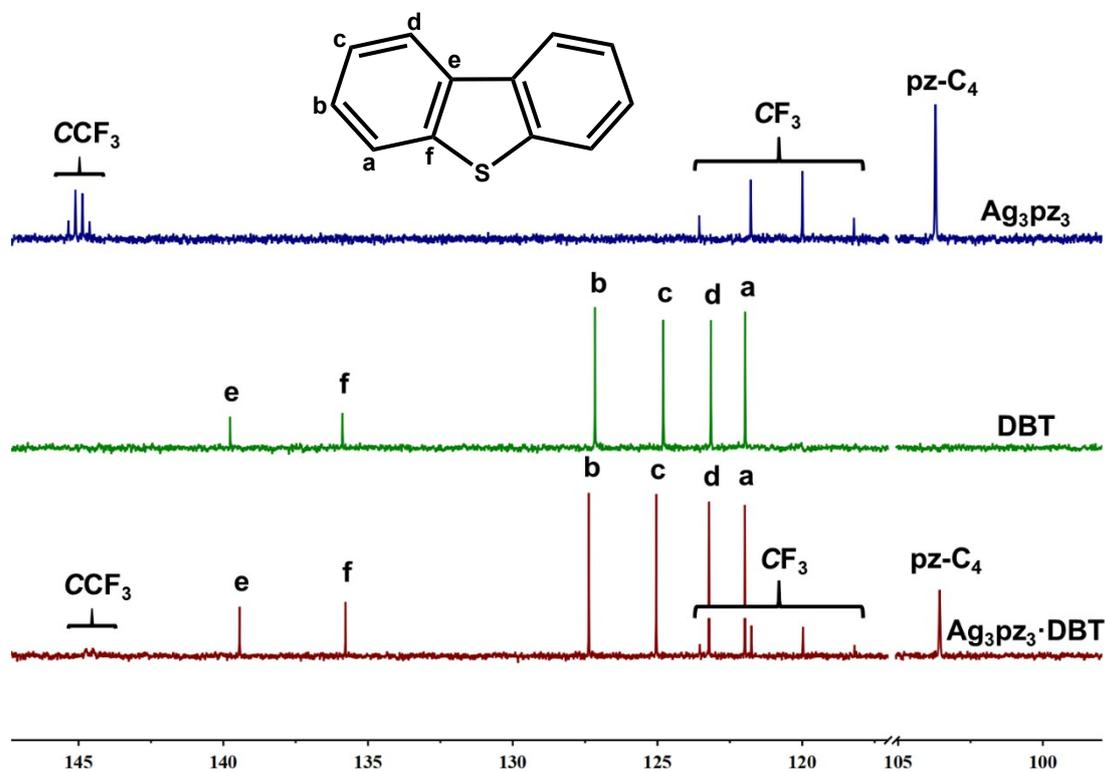


Fig. S16 Stack plot of ^{13}C NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , DBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

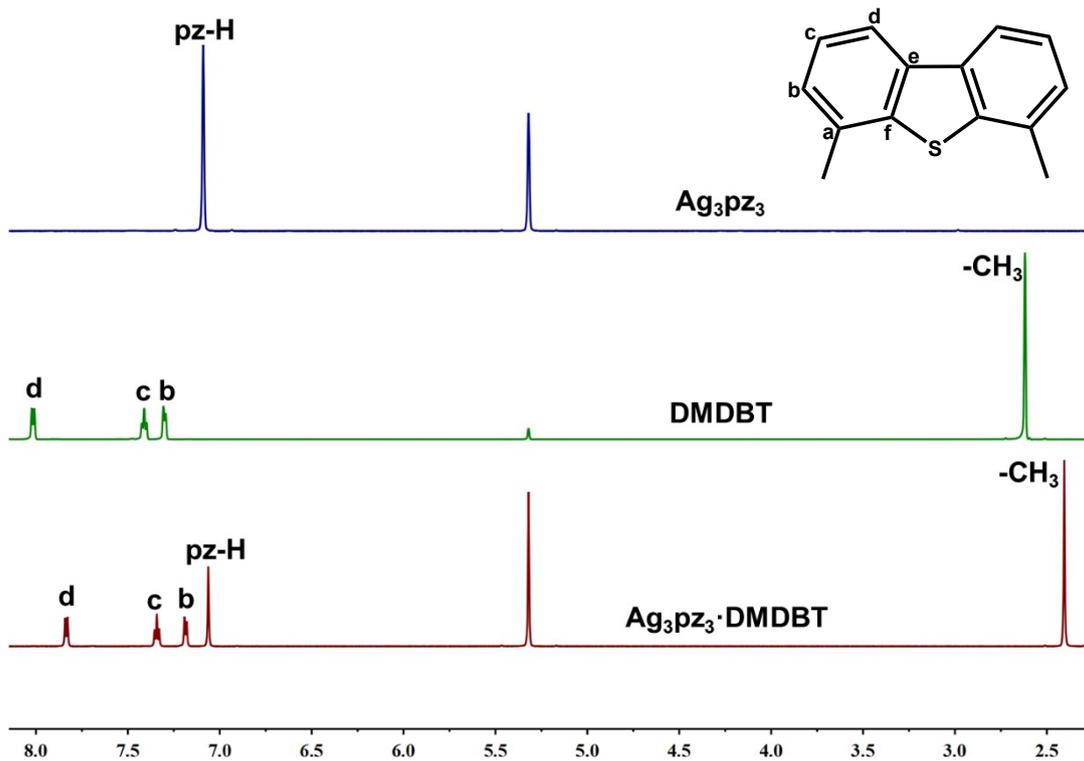


Fig. S17 Stack plot of ^1H NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , DMDBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3 \cdot \text{DMDBT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

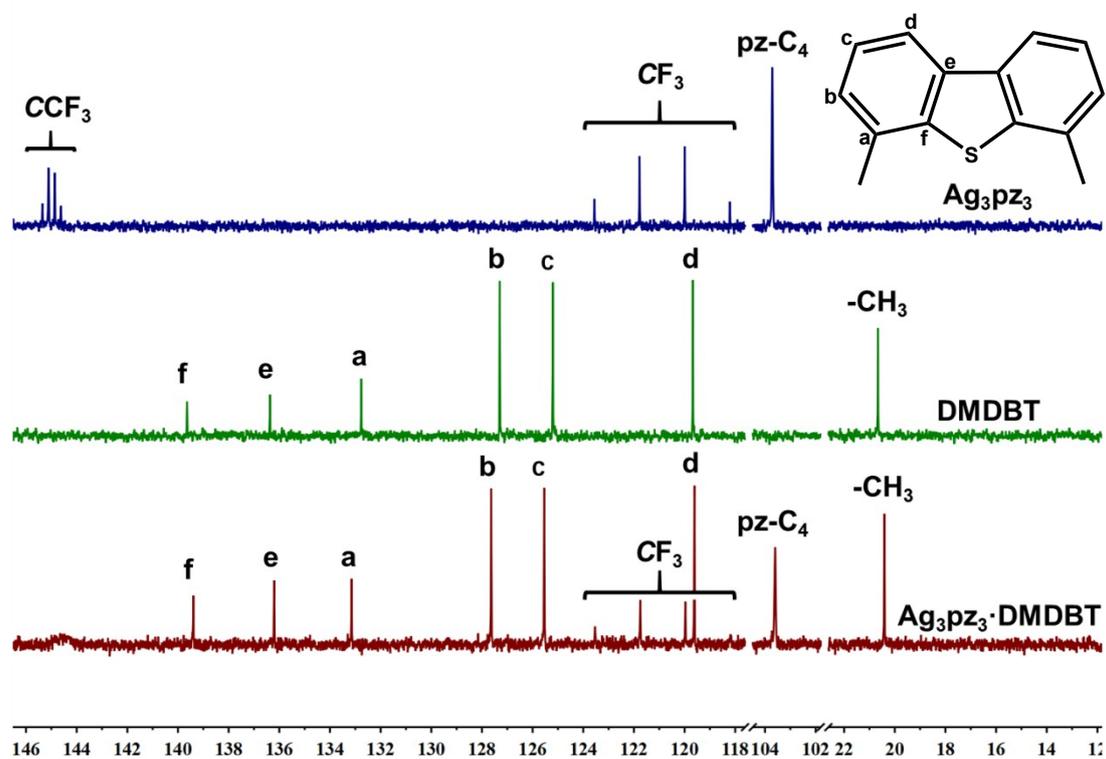


Fig. S18 Stack plot of ^{13}C NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , DMDBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3 \cdot \text{DMDBT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

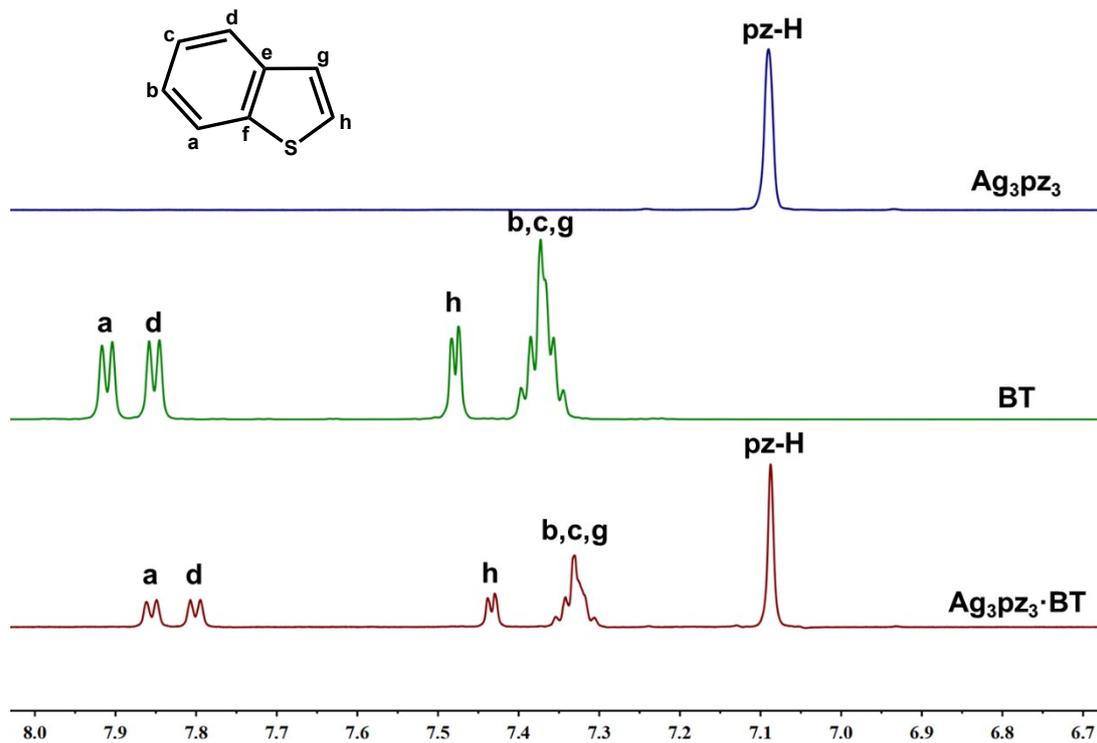


Fig. S19 Stack plot of ^1H NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , BT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3 \cdot \text{BT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

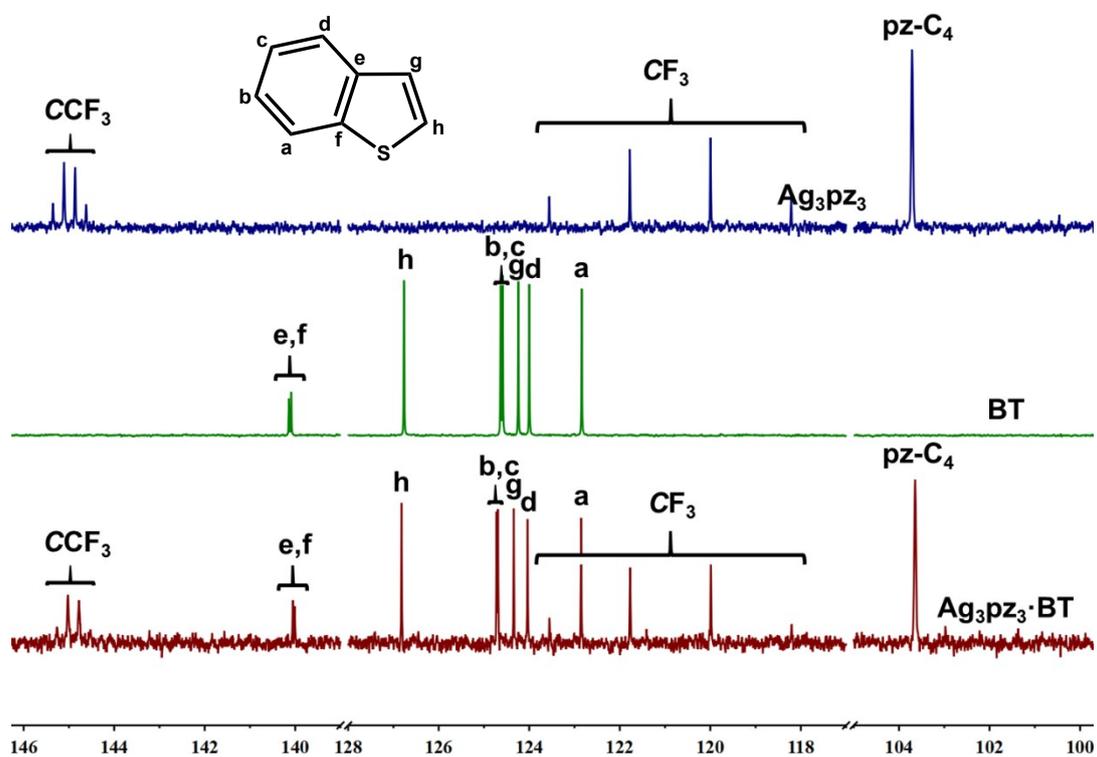


Fig. S20 Stack plot of ^{13}C NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , BT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3 \cdot \text{BT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

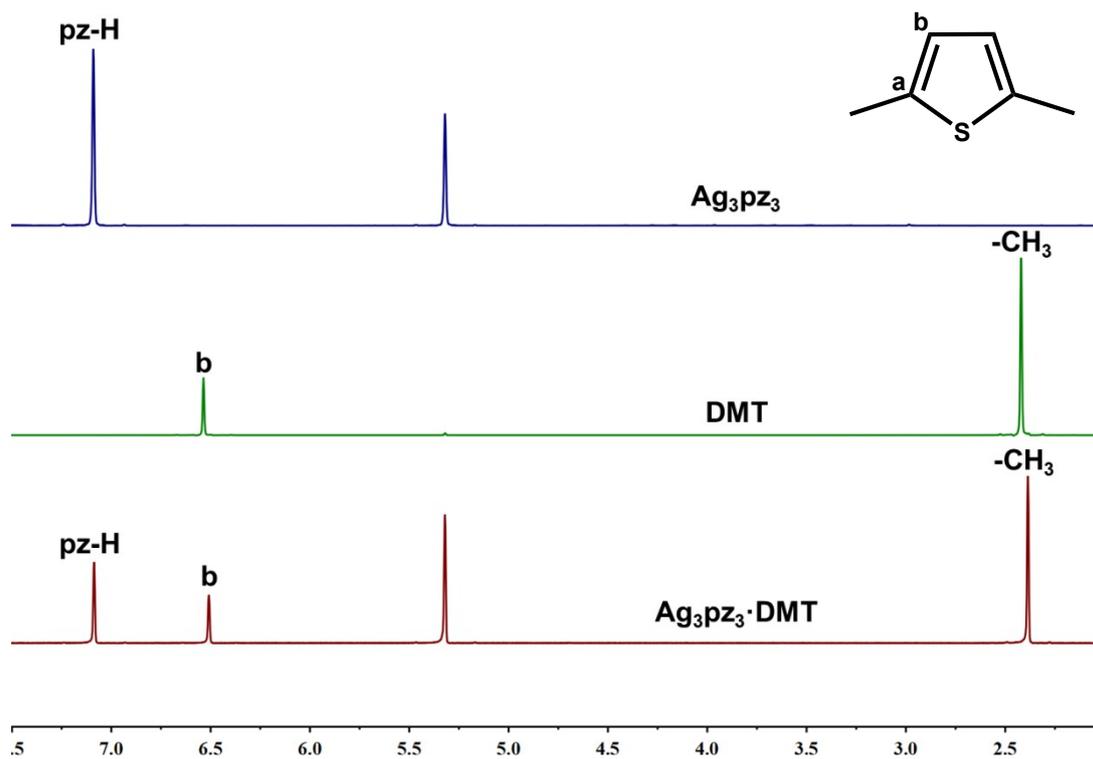


Fig. S21 Stack plot of ^1H NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , DMT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3 \cdot \text{DMT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

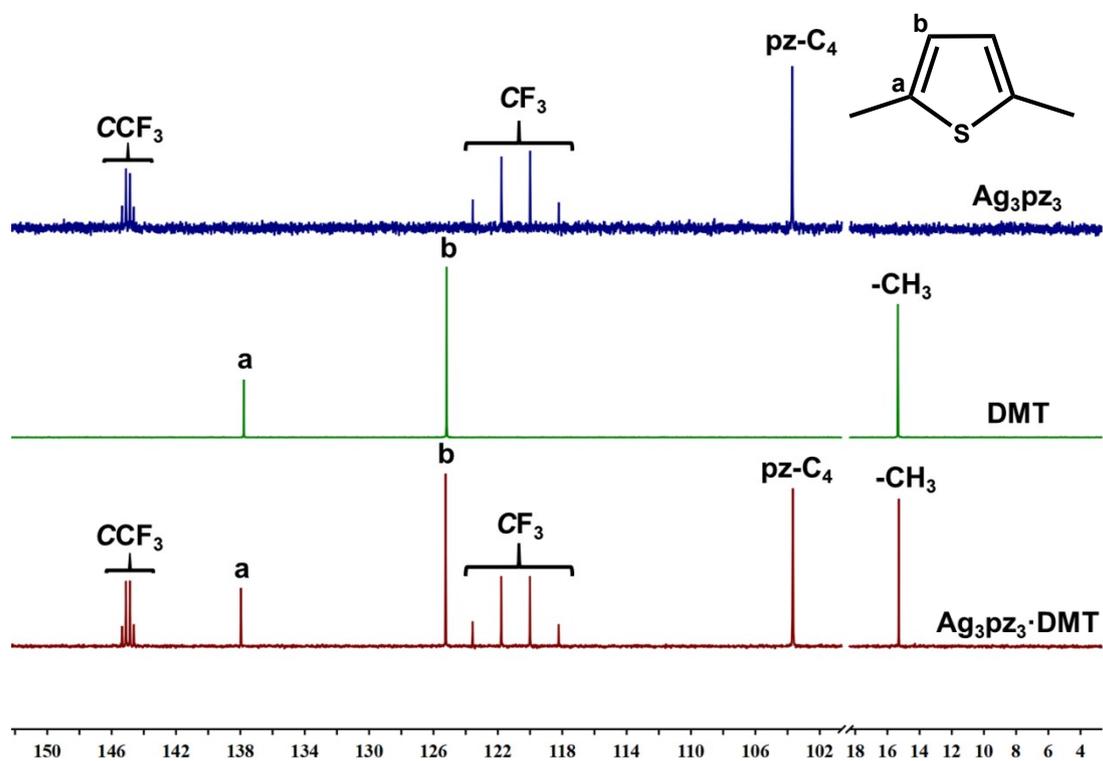


Fig. S22 Stack plot of ^{13}C NMR spectra for Ag_3pz_3 , DMT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3 \cdot \text{DMT}$ in CD_2Cl_2 .

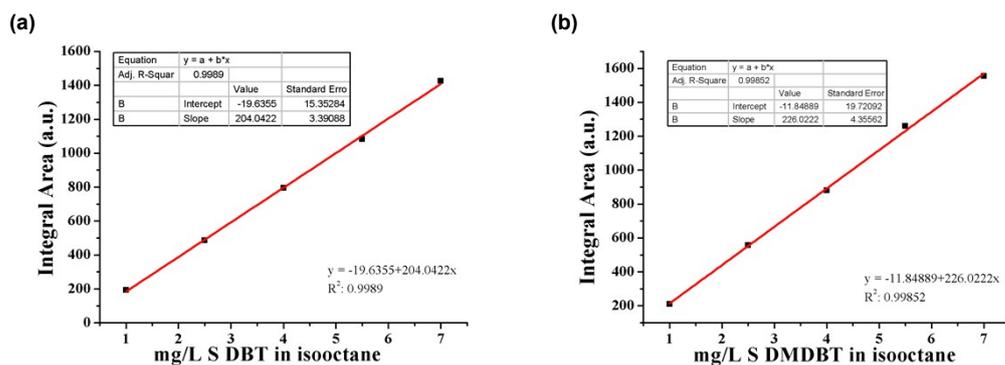


Fig. S23 Standard curve of DBT (a) and DMDBT (b) in isoctane in the range of 1.0-7.0 mg/L S based on HPLC.

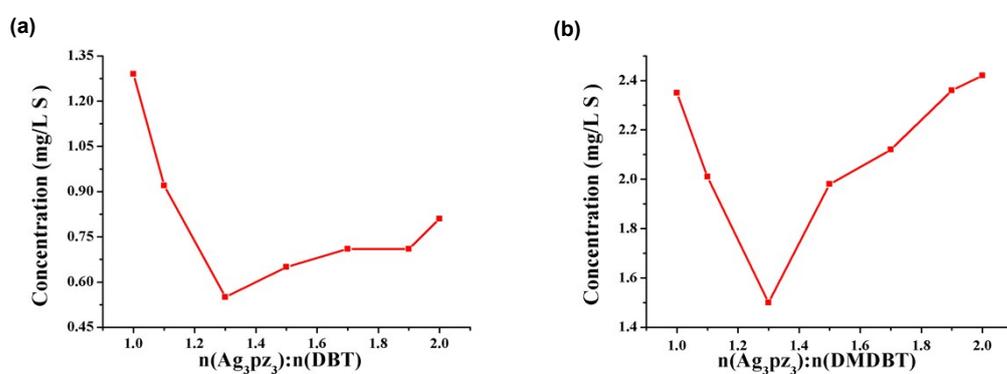


Fig. S24 The remaining sulfur concentrations measured after the addition of Ag_3pz_3 into the model oil containing DBT(a) or DMDBT(b), indicating desulfurization performance is optimal when the molar ratio of Ag_3pz_3 : DBT (or DMDBT) = 1.3 : 1.

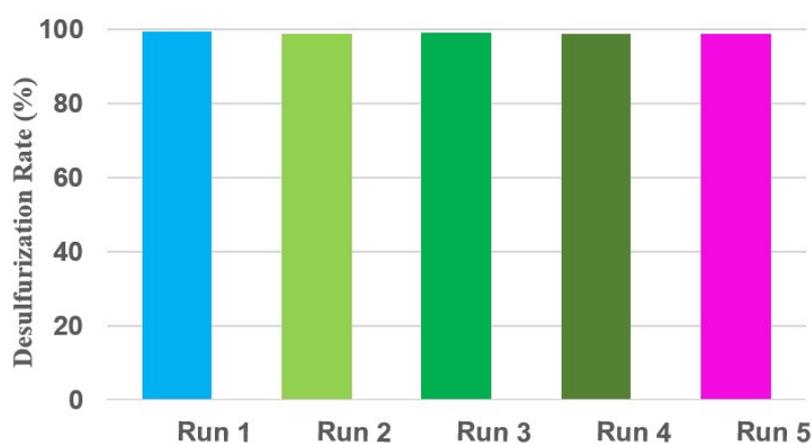


Fig. S25 Recycling test of Ag_3pz_3 for the removal of DBT from isoctane.

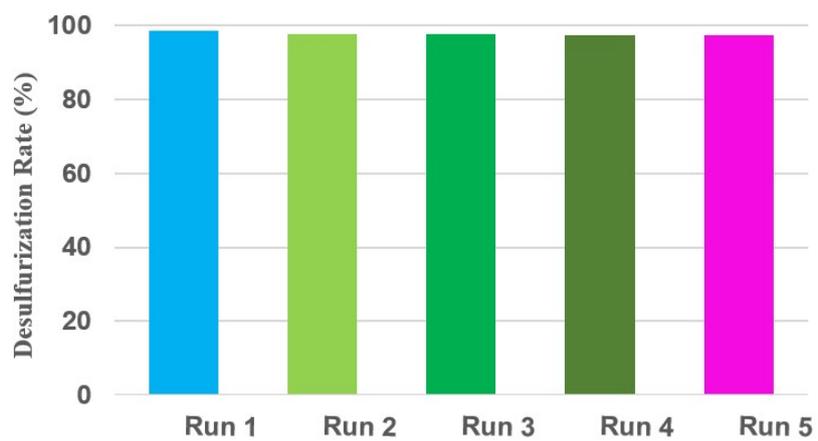


Fig. S26 Recycling test of Ag_3pz_3 for the removal of DMDBT from isooctane.

Table S1. A summary of Ag...S, Ag...C contacts and the π - π interactions in the adducts.

	Ag₃pz₃·DBT	Ag₃pz₃·DMDBT	Ag₃pz₃·BT	Ag₃pz₃·DMT
Ag...S (Å)	3.2032(11); 3.2224(13); 3.2118(12)	3.3921(23); 3.4163(21); 3.4296(19); 3.4566(20); 3.5091(22); 3.5376(24);	3.228(11); 3.433(11)	3.2421(30); 3.2646(33)
Average (Å)	3.2125	3.4569 The steric hindrance of the two methyl groups is too large, causing the distance to be longer than other Ag...S distances	3.331	3.2534
Ag...C (Å)	3.1668(25); 3.1669(25); 3.1690(26); 3.1774(21); 3.1909(28); 3.2064(37)	3.0708(90); 3.0872(96); 3.1118(84); 3.1492(73); 3.1725(93); 3.1807(97); 3.1981(90); 3.1993(78); 3.2032(83); 3.254(10); 3.2629(77); 3.346(11)	3.055(23); 3.182(16); 3.203(17); 3.271(16); 3.284(16); 3.305(13); 3.336(16); 3.351(17);	3.1624(76); 3.1514(86); 3.1374(84); 3.3181(57); 3.1914(77); 3.3234(93);
Average (Å)	3.1796	3.1863	3.248	3.2140
Phenyl (thienyl)-pyrazolyl π - π stacking (Å)	3.6763(1); 3.8143(1); 3.7788(1); 3.7047(1); 3.9036(1); 3.6818(1)	3.8926(2); 3.9511(2); 3.9848(2); 4.0087(2); 4.0139(2); 4.0606(2); 4.0839(2); 4.0929(2); 4.1368(2); 4.2338(2); 4.3127(2); 4.3535(2);	3.7122; 3.7902; 3.8328; 3.9004	
Average (Å)	3.7599	4.0938 The steric hindrance of the two methyl groups is too large, causing the distance to be longer than other distances of phenyl-pyrazolyl π - π stacking	3.8089	

Table S2. Comparison of ^1H NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , DBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$.

^1H NMR /ppm	pz-H	d	a	b,c
DBT		8.20(m)	7.89(m)	7.49(m)
Ag_3pz_3	7.09(s)			
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$	7.07(s)	8.06(d)	7.69(t)	7.40(dt)
Δ /ppm	0.02	0.14	0.13	0.09

Table S3. Comparison of ^{13}C NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , DBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$.

^{13}C NMR /ppm	CCF_3	CF_3	pz- C_4	e	f	b	c	d	a
DBT				139.76	135.89	127.16	124.80	123.16	121.97
Ag_3pz_3	144.99	120.89	103.71						
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$		120.86	103.57	139.44	135.78	127.37	125.04	123.22	121.98
Δ /ppm		0.03	0.14	0.32	0.11	-0.21	-0.24	-0.06	-0.01

Table S4. Comparison of ^1H NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , DMDBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$.

^1H NMR /ppm	pz-H	d	c	b	$-\text{CH}_3$
DMDBT		8.02(d)	7.41(t)	7.30(d)	2.62(s)
Ag_3pz_3	7.09(s)				
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$	7.07(s)	7.84(d)	7.34(t)	7.19(d)	2.41(s)
Δ /ppm	0.02	0.18	0.07	0.11	0.21

Table S5. Comparison of ^{13}C NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , DMDBT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$.

^{13}C NMR /ppm	CCF_3	CF_3	pz- C_4	f	e	a	b	c	d	$-\text{CH}_3$
DMDBT				139.64	136.37	132.77	127.30	125.20	119.67	20.66
Ag_3pz_3	144.99	120.89	103.71							
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$		120.86	103.60	139.39	136.20	133.15	127.64	125.54	119.56	20.41
Δ /ppm		0.03	0.11	0.25	0.17	-0.38	-0.34	-0.34	0.11	0.25

Table S6. Comparison of ^1H NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , BT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$.

^1H NMR /ppm	pz-H	a	d	h	b,c,g
BT		7.91(d)	7.86(d)	7.48(d)	7.37(m)
Ag_3pz_3	7.09(s)				
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$	7.09(s)	7.86(d)	7.80(d)	7.43(d)	7.33(m)
Δ /ppm	0	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04

Table S7. Comparison of ^{13}C NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , BT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$.

^{13}C NMR /ppm	CCF_3	CF_3	pz-C ₄	f	e	h	b	c	g	d	a
BT				140.14	140.09	126.77	124.63	124.59	124.24	124.00	122.84
Ag_3pz_3	144.99	120.89	103.71								
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$	144.90	120.87	103.65	140.05	140.01	126.82	124.72	124.69	124.34	124.04	122.85
Δ /ppm	0.09	0.02	0.06	0.09	0.08	-0.05	-0.09	-0.10	-0.10	-0.04	-0.01

Table S8. Comparison of ^1H NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , DMT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$.

^1H NMR /ppm	pz-H	b	-CH ₃
DMT		6.54(s)	2.42(s)
Ag_3pz_3	7.09(s)		
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$	7.09(s)	6.51(s)	2.39(s)
Δ /ppm	0	0.03	0.03

Table S9. Comparison of ^{13}C NMR of Ag_3pz_3 , DMT and $\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$.

^{13}C NMR /ppm	CCF_3	CF_3	pz-C ₄	a	b	-CH ₃
DMT				137.79	125.18	15.35
Ag_3pz_3	144.99	120.89	103.71			
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$	144.99	120.90	103.67	137.96	125.24	15.29
Δ /ppm	0	-0.01	0.04	-0.17	-0.06	0.06

Table S10. The Gibbs free energy of Ag_3pz_3 , HASC molecules and their adducts obtained by DFT-calculation.

	Gibbs free energy (a.u.)	Binding energy (ΔG) (Kcal/mol)
Ag_3pz_3	-3136.282714	
DBT	-860.118069	
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DBT}$	-3996.422098	-13.38
DMDBT	-938.700159	
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMDBT}$	-4075.003656	-13.05
BT	-706.522071	
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{BT}$	-3842.81873	-8.76
DMT	-631.507767	
$\text{Ag}_3\text{pz}_3\cdot\text{DMT}$	-3767.801914	-7.18

Table S11. Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°).

Ag₃pz₃·DBT			
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.074(11)	Ag(1)-N(6)	2.071(11)
Ag(2)-N(2)	2.070(11)	Ag(2)-N(3)	2.099(12)
Ag(3)-N(4)	2.090(12)	Ag(3)-N(5)	2.096(12)
Ag(1)···Ag(2)	3.4994(13)	Ag(2)···Ag(3)	3.4821(14)
Ag(3)···Ag(2)	3.4685(14)	S(1A)···Ag(1)	3.2224(13)
S(2)···Ag(2)	3.2118(12)	S(3)···Ag(3)	3.2032(11)
C(23C)···Ag(2)	3.1690(26)	C(20C)···Ag(1)	3.2064(37)
C(23B)···Ag(1)	3.1668(25)	C(20B)···Ag(3)	3.1774(21)
C(23A)···Ag(3)	3.1909(28)	C(20A)···Ag(2)	3.1669(25)
N(1)-Ag(1)-N(6)	178.5(4)	N(2)-Ag(2)-N(3)	177.5(4)
N(4)-Ag(3)-N(5)	179.8(5)		
Ag₃pz₃·DMDBT			
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.119(6)	Ag(1)-N(6)	2.075(6)
Ag(2)-N(2)	2.081(7)	Ag(2)-N(3)	2.112 (6)
Ag(3)-N(4)	2.108(7)	Ag(3)-N(5)	2.079(8)
Ag(4)-N(7)	2.137(7)	Ag(4)-N(12)	2.085(7)
Ag(5)-N(8)	2.102(7)	Ag(5)-N(9)	2.098(6)
Ag(6)-N(10)	2.059(8)	Ag(6)-N(11)	2.079(7)
Ag(7)-N(13)	2.125(6)	Ag(7)-N(18)	2.085(6)
Ag(8)-N(14)	2.100(7)	Ag(8)-N(15)	2.109(7)
Ag(9)-N(16)	2.103(7)	Ag(9)-N(17)	2.128(6)
Ag(1)···Ag(2)	3.4960(9)	Ag(2)···Ag(3)	3.5442(10)
Ag(3)···Ag(1)	3.4011(8)	Ag(4)···Ag(5)	3.4861(9)
Ag(5)···Ag(6)	3.4481(10)	Ag(6)···Ag(4)	3.5151(9)
Ag(7)···Ag(8)	3.4434(10)	Ag(8)···Ag(9)	3.4766(10)
Ag(9)···Ag(7)	3.5011(9)	S(1)···Ag(1)	3.4163(21)
S(1)···Ag(7) [#]	3.5376(24)	S(2)···Ag(3)	3.5091(22)
S(2)···Ag(6)	3.4296(19)	S(3)···Ag(5)	3.4566(20)
S(3)···Ag(8)	3.3921(23)	C(69)···Ag(1)	3.1993(78)
C(55)···Ag(2)	3.1725(93)	C(67)···Ag(2)	3.0708(90)
C(53)···Ag(3)	3.1807(97)	C(69)···Ag(4)	3.1492(73)
C(83)···Ag(4)	3.1118(84)	C(66)···Ag(5)	3.346(11)
C(81)···Ag(6)	3.1981(90)	C(83)···Ag(7)	3.2629(77)
C(55) [#] ···Ag(8)	3.254(10)	C(81)···Ag(9)	3.2032(83)
C(53) [#] ···Ag(9)	3.0872(96)	N(1)-Ag(1)-N(6)	176.9(2)
N(2)-Ag(2)-N(3)	176.4(3)	N(4)-Ag(3)-N(5)	178.1(2)
N(7)-Ag(4)-N(12)	177.2(34)	N(8)-Ag(5)-N(9)	176.0(3)
N(10)-Ag(6)-N(11)	176.2(2)	N(13)-Ag(7)-N(18)	178.1(2)
N(14)-Ag(8)-N(15)	175.6(3)	N(16)-Ag(9)-N(17)	177.6(2)
#: 1+x, -1+y, -1+z			
Ag₃pz₃·BT			
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.101(7)	Ag(1)-N(6)	2.099(6)

Ag(2)-N(2)	2.100(7)	Ag(2)-N(3)	2.100(7)
Ag(3)-N(4)	2.096 (6)	Ag(3)-N(5)	2.089(6)
Ag(1)...Ag(2)	3.4266(10)	Ag(2)...Ag(3)	3.4693(10)
Ag(3)...Ag(1)	3.4234(11)	S(1A)...Ag(1) [#]	3.228(11)
S(1B)...Ag(1)	3.433(11)	C(22A)...Ag(2) [#]	3.351(18)
C(18A)...Ag(1)	3.203(17)	C(21A)...Ag(3)	3.305(13)
C(20A)...Ag(3)	3.282(16)	C(23B)...Ag(1)	3.055(23)
C(17B)...Ag(3)	3.182(16)	C(20B)...Ag(1)	3.336(16)
C(17B)...Ag(2)	3.271(16)	N(1)-Ag(1)-N(6)	178.0(3)
N(2)-Ag(2)-N(3)	174.9(3)	N(4)-Ag(3)-N(5)	174.2(3)

[#]: -1+x, y, z

Ag₃pz₃·DMT

Ag(1)-N(1)	2.085(6)	Ag(1)-N(6)	2.099(8)
Ag(2)-N(2)	2.084(6)	Ag(2)-N(3)	2.084(6)
Ag(3)-N(4)	2.084(6)	Ag(3)-N(5)	2.101(8)
Ag(4)-N(7)	2.095(6)	Ag(4)-N(12)	2.093(6)
Ag(5)-N(8)	2.088(5)	Ag(5)-N(9)	2.081(6)
Ag(6)-N(10)	2.099(6)	Ag(6)-N(11)	2.098(5)
Ag(1)...Ag(2)	3.3697(7)	Ag(2)...Ag(3)	3.4020(8)
Ag(3)...Ag(1)	3.4567(11)	Ag(4)...Ag(5)	3.3651(7)
Ag(5)...Ag(6)	3.4838(9)	Ag(6)...Ag(4)	3.4352(6)
S(1)...Ag(3)	3.2646(33)	S(2)...Ag(1) [#]	3.2421(30)
C(34)...Ag(2)	3.1514(86)	C(39) ...Ag(2) [#]	3.1374(84)
C(33)...Ag(4)	3.1624(76)	C(39)...Ag(4)	3.3234(93)
C(40)...Ag(5)	3.1914(77)	C(41)...Ag(5)	3.3181(57)
N(1)-Ag(1)-N(6)	171.4(3)	N(2)-Ag(2)-N(3)	178.6(2)
N(4)-Ag(3)-N(5)	169.8(3)	N(7)-Ag(4)-N(12)	177.7(2)
N(8)-Ag(5)-N(9)	174.6(2)	N(10)-Ag(6)-N(11)	174.8(2)

[#]: x, 1.5-y, -0.5+z

Table S12. Crystallographic data and structure refinements.

	Ag₃pz₃·DBT	Ag₃pz₃·DMDBT	Ag₃pz₃·BT	Ag₃pz₃·DMT
Formula	C ₂₇ H ₁₁ Ag ₃ F ₁₈ N ₆ S	C ₂₉ H ₁₅ Ag ₃ F ₁₈ N ₆ S	C ₂₃ H ₉ Ag ₃ F ₁₈ N ₆ S	C ₂₁ H ₁₁ Ag ₃ F ₁₈ N ₆ S
Mol. wt.	1117.09	1145.14	1067.03	1045.03
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>C</i> 2/m	<i>P</i> 1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c
<i>a</i> (Å)	24.4726(12)	13.1618(8)	7.7008(10)	21.9258(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	6.3315(3)	15.6344(9)	10.1698(2)	13.2224(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	22.0593(10)	15.6527(9)	40.8111(7)	23.7561(6)
α (deg)		83.7474(7)		
β (deg)	90.630(5)	65.3474(7)	92.2883(6)	105.2918(9)
γ (deg)		65.8734(6)		
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	3417.8(3)	2664.3(3)	3193.60(9)	6643.3(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	3	4	8
<i>T</i> (K)	120	100	298	298
ρ_{calcd} (Mg/m ³)	2.171	2.141	2.219	2.090
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.893	1.824	2.020	1.939
Reflns collected	6284	21246	47098	112579
Reflns unique	3312	17932	7447	15297
	(<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0309)	(<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0185)	(<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0502)	(<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0794)
Final <i>R</i> indices	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0743	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0443	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0643	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0551
[<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1655	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1070	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1842	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1346
<i>S</i>	1.071	1.056	1.024	1.006
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ (eÅ ⁻³)	2.57	1.34	1.61	0.67
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (eÅ ⁻³)	-2.25	-1.16	-1.35	-0.55

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