#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

# Halogen bonds as a tool in the design of high energetic materials: evidence from crystal structures and quantum chemical calculations

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### I Cambridge Structural Databank search



**Figure S1.** Distribution of torsion angle defined by atoms C, X, E, and R in fragments of crystal structures containing halogen bonds.

Peaks in the interval  $160 - 180^{\circ}$  (58 contacts) indicates that in the majority of contacts mutual orientation of C-X and E-R fragments is antiparallel. This also indicates the existence of contacts between halogen atom (X) and electron-rich atom (E) since in this orientation X and E are orientated towards each other. The number of interactions with the parallel orientation of C-X and E-R fragments (torsion angle values in the interval 0 -  $10^{\circ}$  is significantly lower (6 contacts).

#### II Optimized geometries of model systems A-C



**Figure S2.** Optimized geometries for the distances in the geometries A-C with the strongest interactions. Geometry optimizations for the structures A and B resulted in the same optimized geometry with Cl-H<sup>...</sup>O interaction (a) while geometry optimization for model system C resulted in geometry with Cl-H<sup>...</sup>O and Cl<sup>...</sup> $\pi$  interactions (b).

## **III Geometries of model systems**

Table S1: Geometries of model systems used for quantum chemical calculations - model system A

Br	-1.747569	-0.000789	-0.018287
C	0.129798	-0.005005	-0.008175
С	0.850866	-1.185090	0.000729
Ν	0.133497	-2.478398	0.049150
0	-0.157002	-2.959950	-1.016039
0	-0.028104	-2.969342	1.069847
С	2.226002	-1.199915	0.011718
Н	2.697890	-2.001728	0.025285
С	2.874583	-0.002413	0.000292
Ν	4.354256	0.011158	0.043150
0	4.898660	-1.022298	-0.345498
0	4.920654	1.019040	0.377342
С	2.217882	1.205964	-0.015946
Η	2.684172	2.010401	-0.014633
С	0.849824	1.172183	-0.037163
Ν	0.148573	2.466492	-0.050636
0	-0.074686	2.972053	-1.087658
0	-0.122692	2.968250	0.991633
Cl	-5.147552	0.000758	-0.028789
Η	-5.151476	0.028369	1.245906

Table S2: Geometries of model systems used for quantum chemical calculations - model system B

Br	1.694653	-0.002896	-0.001688
С	-0.182744	-0.005656	-0.000015
С	-0.904769	-1.185182	-0.004283
Ν	-0.188720	-2.479050	-0.057085
0	0.108086	-2.960734	1.006304
0	-0.033910	-2.970210	-1.078730
С	-2.279958	-1.198940	-0.006638
Η	-2.752542	-2.000388	-0.017169
С	-2.927525	-0.000935	0.008747
Ν	-4.407427	0.013781	-0.024823
0	-4.950182	-1.019218	0.367330
0	-4.975130	1.022073	-0.355548
С	-2.269798	1.206934	0.020750
Η	-2.735463	2.011733	0.022288
С	-0.901661	1.172094	0.033382
Ν	-0.199335	2.465858	0.042332
0	0.030821	2.971338	1.077885
0	0.065771	2.967314	-1.001666
Cl	5.294648	0.002397	-0.004894
Н	6.569646	0.004272	-0.006030

Table S3: Geometries of model systems used for quantum chemical calculations - model system C

Br	1.986939	0.033703	-1.090648
С	0.192738	0.019016	-0.538150
С	-0.502110	1.191635	-0.304120
Ν	0.190719	2.491376	-0.446490
0	0.157798	2.988626	-1.543106
0	0.637623	2.971562	0.490879
С	-1.815364	1.192569	0.104173
Η	-2.268033	1.989399	0.265164
С	-2.432229	-0.011136	0.263450
Ν	-3.836161	-0.040026	0.732060
0	-4.475982	0.992546	0.532366
0	-4.275553	-1.057482	1.201138
С	-1.800945	-1.212600	0.040601
Η	-2.242022	-2.021619	0.165048
С	-0.497721	-1.164882	-0.374733
Ν	0.177531	-2.451853	-0.609057
0	0.094400	-2.942608	-1.673529
0	0.741693	-2.963410	0.302920
Cl	3.046753	-0.052374	2.348739
Η	3.422104	-0.082859	3.566855