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Fig. S1 Displacement ellipsoid plot of the asymmetric unit in 2a. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability.



Fig. S2 Ag(I) coordination environment in **2a**. The neighboring benzene molecule induces significant pyramidalization of the Ag(I) coordination environment. Symmetry operations: i=x-1, $\frac{1}{2}-y$, $z-\frac{1}{2}$, ii=1-x, $\frac{1}{2}+y$, $\frac{1}{2}-z$. Short contacts: Ag(1)...C(22) 2.541(4) Å, Ag(1)...C(21) 2.782(6) Å, and Ag(1)...C(23) 3.035(4) Å.



Fig. S3 Displacement ellipsoid plot of the asymmetric unit in 2b. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability.



Fig. S4 Displacement ellipsoid plot of a molecular fragment in 2c. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability.



Fig. S5 Al(III) coordination environment in the network of **2c**. The Al(acacCN)₃ building block with its peripheric N-donor functionalities coordinates to three Ag(I) cations, with the central Al(III) almost in the plane of the silver cations. Symmetry operations: $i = \frac{1}{2} + y$, $\frac{1}{2} - z$, 1-*x*.



Fig. S6 Ag(I) coordination environment in the network of 2c; the coordination corresponds to a trigonal pyramidal arrangement. Symmetry operations: $i^i = \frac{3}{2}$ -y, 1-z, x- $\frac{1}{2}$ and $i^{ii} = \frac{1}{2}$ +x, $\frac{1}{2}$ -y, 1-z.



Fig. S7 Experimental and simulated powder pattern of 2c.



Fig. S8 Displacement ellipsoid plot of a molecular fragment in 3a. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability.



Fig. S9 Displacement ellipsoid plot of a molecular fragment in 3b. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability.



Fig. S10 Displacement ellipsoid plot of a molecular fragment in 3c. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability.



Fig. S11 All atoms of the network structure 3c show unusual large U_{eq} . Temperature dependent single crystal X-ray diffraction experiments and void anlaysis of the network indicate statically disordered solvent molecules which affect the displacement parameters of the well-ordered framework atoms.

Table 1 Comparison of the refinement results for the framework 3c after and before treatment with the BYPASS procedure.

Compound	BYPASS procedure	assignment of well-ordered electron-density
wR_2 (all reflections)	0.1547	0.4700
R_1 (all/obs)	0.0832/0.0615	0.2091/0.1901
GOF on F^2	1.085	3.474
Diff. peak/hole (e $Å^{-3}$)	0.913 and -1.024	9.603 and -0.972



Fig. S12 Simulated and experimental powder pattern of selected crystals of 3c.



Fig. S13 TG measurement of selected crystals of **3c**. The molecular weight of the network structure is 720.4 g mol⁻¹. The assumed solvent content of eleven water molecules and one hydoxide molecule corresponds to a molecular weight of 215.2 g mol⁻¹. Elimination of the solvent within the voids of the network corresponds to a weight loss of 23 %.

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Fig. S14 Topology analysis of [Ag(acacCN)] with GTECS3D. The acacCN ligand is treated as a single node. Color code: Ag node: black and acacCN node: green.