

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement details for **1-3**.

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Formula	C ₂₄ H ₃₈ Ag ₂ N ₁₄ O ₁₅	C ₁₂ H ₂₂ Ag ₂ N ₁₀ O ₁₇	C ₆ H ₁₀ AgN ₅ O ₈
<i>Mr</i>	978.42	794.14	388.06
T [K]	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
wavelength [Å]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 (Nr. 18)	<i>P</i> 1 (Nr. 1)	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$ (Nr. 2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	33.66280(10)	5.09440(10)	5.1720(2)
<i>b</i> [Å]	9.7125(3)	9.1670(3)	8.3581(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	5.2157(8)	13.1855(4)	13.5530(5)
α [°]	90	77.470(2)	94.146(3)
β [°]	90	82.912(2)	95.462(3)
γ [°]	90	79.988(2)	93.181(3)
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	1705.3(3)	589.59(3)	580.54(4)
<i>Z</i>	4	1	2
ρ_{calcd} [Mgm ⁻³]	1.906	2.237	2.220
μ (Mo-K α) [mm ⁻¹]	1.241	1.727	1.789
<i>F</i> (000)	988	394	384
θ range [°]	2.18-19.98	2.30-27.50	2.98-23.99
index ranges	-32 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 32 -9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 9 -4 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 5	-6 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 6 -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 11 -17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17	-5 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 5 -9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 9 -15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15
reflections collected	6610	17644	10061
unique reflections	1563 <i>R</i> (<i>int</i>) = 0.0412	5172 <i>R</i> (<i>int</i>) = 0.1654	1809 <i>R</i> (<i>int</i>) = 0.0454
completeness to θ	98.6%	99.9%	99.5%
refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
data / restraints / parameters	1563 / 0 / 255	5172 / 3 / 374	1809 / 0 / 182
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.072	1.064	1.128
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0153 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0346	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0477 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1133	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0153 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0342
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0161 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0347	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0486 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1145	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0163 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0345
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.150 and -0.259 e.Å ⁻³	1.699 and -1.362 e.Å ⁻³	0.258 and -0.360 e.Å ⁻³
Flack-parameter	-0.03(2)	-0.05(3)	

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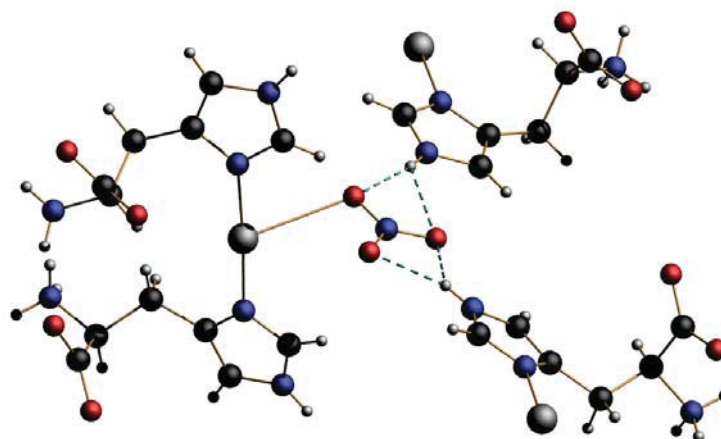


Figure S1. View of the intermolecular hydrogen bonding network in **1** indicated by the dashed blue lines. Color code: black: carbon, red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, silver: silver.

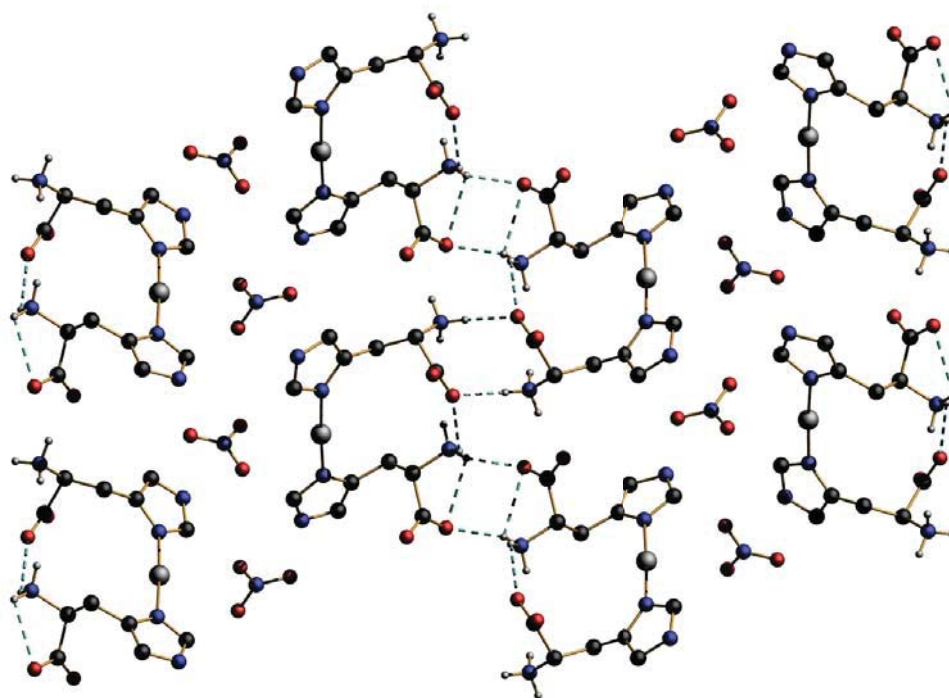


Figure S2. Packing in **1** resulting from hydrogen bonding indicated by the dashed blue lines; view along the *c*-axis. Most hydrogen atoms and the water molecules have been omitted for clarity. Color code: black: carbon, red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, silver: silver.

Table S2. Detailed description of the hydrogen bonding network in **1**. Bond lengths are given in Å and torsion angles in °.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
N(1)-H(1A)...O(1)#1	0.89	2.05	2.817(3)	144.4
N(1)-H(1B)...O(1W)#2	0.89	2.20	2.915(4)	136.5
N(1)-H(1B)...O(4)	0.89	2.50	3.046(4)	119.9
N(1)-H(1C)...O(3)#3	0.89	1.85	2.737(3)	172.1
N(3)-H(3)...O(2N)#4	0.86	2.01	2.847(4)	164.7
N(3)-H(3)...O(3N)#4	0.86	2.38	3.040(4)	134.0
N(4)-H(4A)...O(4)#5	0.89	1.95	2.836(4)	175.9
N(4)-H(4B)...O(2)#6	0.89	1.81	2.689(3)	169.1
N(4)-H(4C)...O(3)#3	0.89	1.95	2.841(4)	173.8
N(6)-H(6A)...O(1N)#7	0.86	2.05	2.888(4)	163.5
N(6)-H(6A)...O(3N)#7	0.86	2.39	2.986(4)	127.0
O(1W)-H(1W)...O(1)#8	0.81(4)	2.00(4)	2.782(4)	162(4)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: $-x+1, -y+2, z$; #2: $x, y+1, z$; #3: $x, y, z+1$; #4: $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+2$; #5: $-x+1, -y+1, z$; #6: $x, y-1, z$; #7: $-x+1/2, y-1/2, -z$; #8: $x, y-1, z-1$.

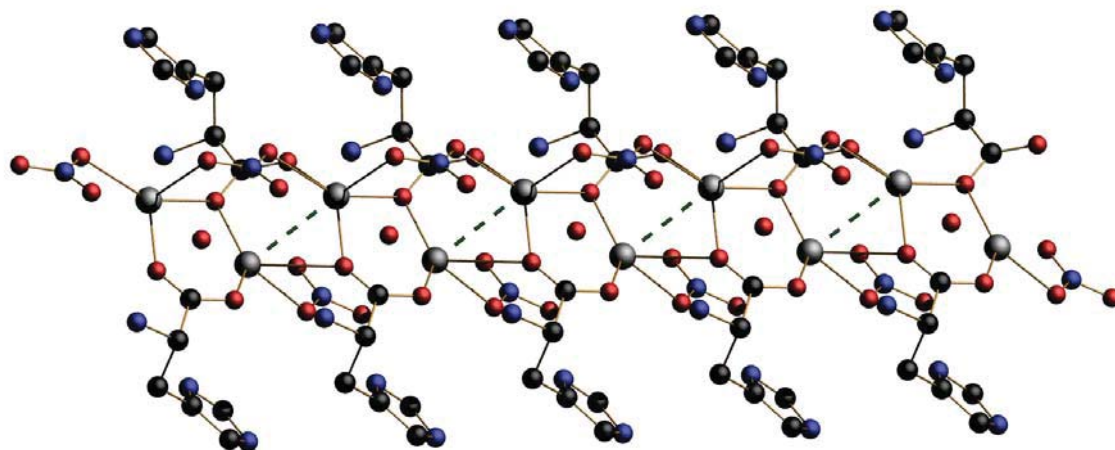


Figure S3. 1-D chain in **2** evolving horizontally along a -axis. Hydrogen atoms and intercalating nitrate molecules have been omitted for clarity. The Ag-Ag interactions are indicated by dashed green lines. Color code: black: carbon, red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, silver: silver.

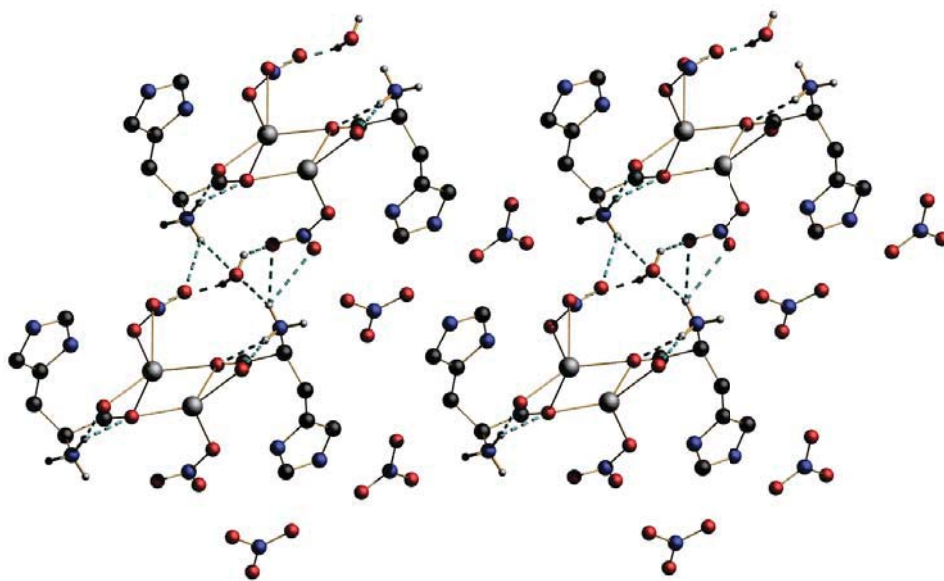


Figure S4. Organization of the packing in between chains in **2** with nitrate and water molecules (view down the crystallographic *a*-axis). The hydrogen bonding network is indicated by the dashed blue lines. Most Hydrogen atoms are omitted for more clarity. Color code: black: carbon, red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, silver: silver.

Table S3. Detailed description of the hydrogen bonding network in **2**. Bond lengths are given in Å and torsion angles in °.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
N(1)-H(1A)...O(1W)	0.89	2.09	2.878(6)	146.3
N(1)-H(1A)...O(2N)#3	0.89	2.50	3.096(8)	124.5
N(1)-H(1A)...O(3N)#3	0.89	2.50	3.001(9)	116.1
N(1)-H(1B)...O(10N)#4	0.89	2.44	3.263(11)	153.6
N(1)-H(1B)...O(12N)#4	0.89	2.25	3.071(14)	153.1
N(1)-H(1C)...O(1)#2	0.89	1.99	2.871(6)	169.2
N(2)-H(2A)...O(1N)#2	0.86	1.92	2.782(9)	175.8
N(2)-H(2A)...O(3N)#2	0.86	2.41	2.991(8)	125.3
N(3)-H(3)...O(8N)#1	0.86	1.93	2.791(7)	174.4
N(4)-H(4A)...O(1W)#5	0.89	2.01	2.828(6)	153.0
N(4)-H(4A)...O(5N)#5	0.89	2.51	2.963(7)	112.5
N(4)-H(4B)...O(9N)#6	0.89	2.02	2.837(8)	152.9
N(4)-H(4C)...O(4)#2	0.89	1.99	2.866(6)	166.7
N(5)-H(5A)...O(4N)#1	0.86	1.98	2.819(8)	163.5
N(6)-H(6A)...O(8N)#7	0.86	2.53	3.079(7)	122.6

N(6)-H(6A)...O(11N)#7	0.86	1.97	2.801(7)	162.6
O(1W)-H(1WA)...O(5N)#1	0.814(5)	2.226(7)	3.017(9)	164.2(4)
O(1W)-H(1WA)...O(6N)#	0.814(5)	2.511(7)	3.103(8)	130.7(3)
O(1W)-H(1WB)...O(2N)#4	0.768(5)	2.277(6)	2.808(7)	127.0(4)
O(1W)-H(1WB)...O(3)#4	0.768(5)	2.605(5)	3.260(7)	144.3(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: $x-1, y, z$; #2: $x+1, y, z$; #3: $x+1, y+1, z$; #4: $x, y+1, z$; #5: $x, y-1, z$; #6: $x, y-1, z+1$; #7: $x, y, z+1$.

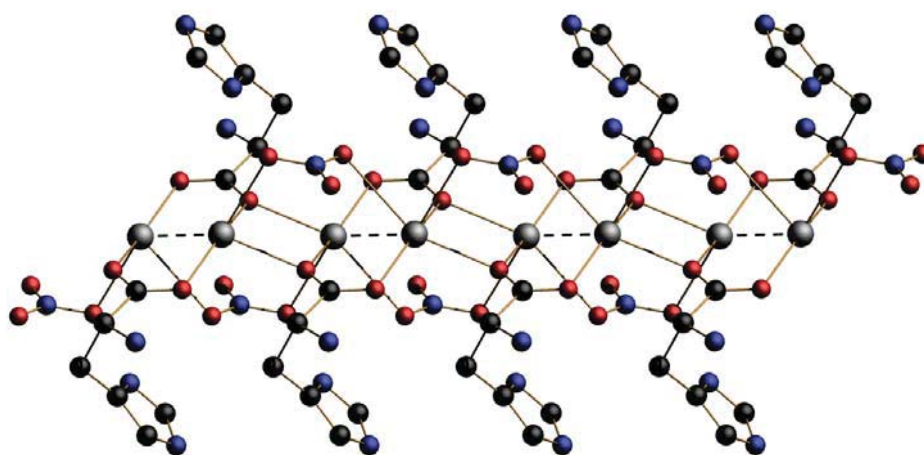


Figure S5. 1-D chain in **3** evolving horizontally along the *a*-axis. Hydrogen atoms and intercalating nitrate molecules have been omitted for clarity. The Ag-Ag interactions are indicated by dashed green lines. Color code: black: carbon, red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, silver: silver.

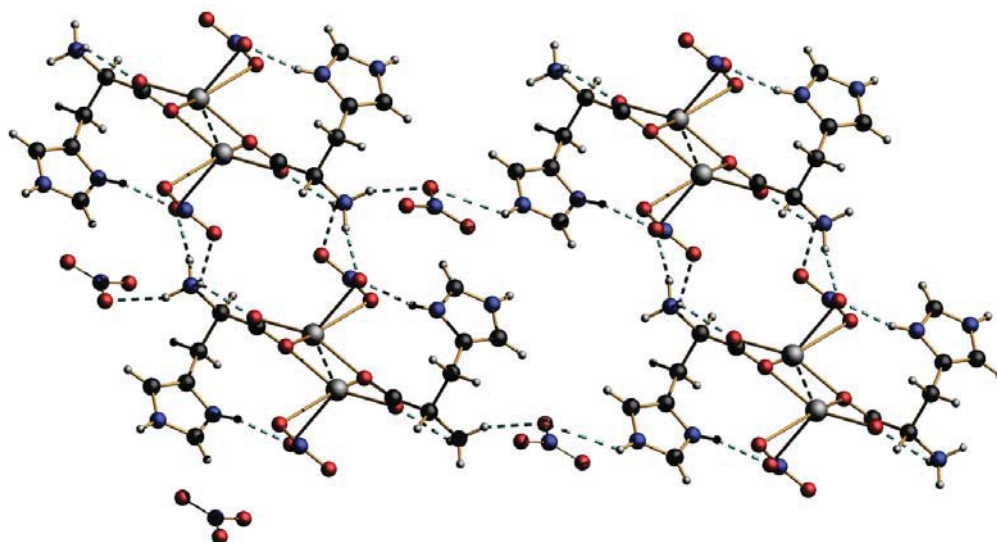


Figure S6. Organization of the packing in between chains with nitrate molecules for **3** (viewing along *a*-axis). Most hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. The Ag-Ag interactions are indicated by dashed green lines while the hydrogen bonding network is indicated by dashed blue lines. Color code: black: carbon, red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, silver: silver.

Table S4. Detailed description of the hydrogen bonding network in **3**. Bond lengths are given in Å and torsion angles in °.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
N(1)-H(1A)...O(2)	0.89	2.11	2.634(2)	116.5
N(1)-H(1A)...O(2N)#3	0.89	2.21	2.937(2)	138.4
N(1)-H(1B)...O(1N)#4	0.89	1.93	2.807(2)	169.1
N(1)-H(1C)...O(4N)#4	0.89	2.13	2.922(2)	148.3
N(2)-H(2A)...O(1N)	0.86	1.95	2.792(2)	164.9
N(3)-H(3)...O(6N)#5	0.86	1.94	2.792(2)	172.0

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: -x+1, -y, -z+2; #2: -x, -y, -z+2; #3: x-1, y-1, z; #4: x, y-1, z; #5: -x, -y, -z+1.

Table S5. Composition of the complex structures used for calculations.

Complex	# Ag ⁺	# His ^[a]	# NO ₃ ⁻	Charge	Spin
[Ag(L-Histidine) ₂ NO ₃] ₂ H ₂ O 1	3	6	3	0	Singlet
{[Ag(L-Histidinium)(NO ₃) ₂] ₂ H ₂ O} _n 2	6	6	6	6	Singlet
{Ag ₂ (L-Histidinium)(D-Histidinium)(NO ₃) ₄ } _n 3	6	6	6	6	Singlet

[a] In the complex structures, histidine is in singly protonated state (at the π -position) for complex **1** and a doubly protonated state for complex **2** and **3**. In addition, a neutral structure was produced with a singly protonated histidine at the π -position for **1** and at the τ -position for structures **2** and **3**.