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Mechanistic Insights about Electrochemical Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer Derived from a Vibrational Probe

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Computational Methods

We performed periodic DFT calculations on Ag slabs interacting with a MAMBN or MAMBN-H⁺ molecule using Quantum ESPRESSO.¹⁻² We used the PBE³ functional both with and without the D3 dispersion correction for these calculations.⁴ We find that the computed CN frequencies are similar between the two functionals, but that MAMBN binds more strongly to Ag using the dispersion-corrected PBE-D3 functional, in agreement with trends from previous reports.⁵ The core electronic states were treated using the optimized norm-conserving Vanderbilt (ONCV) pseudopotentials,⁶⁻⁷ and the valence states were expanded in a plane wave basis set up to wave function and charge density energy cutoffs of 60 Ry and 240 Ry, respectively. We employed first-order Methfessel-Paxton smearing⁸ of the electronic states with a smearing width of 0.01 Ry. Total energies were converged to 10⁻⁶ Ry, and the forces on all unconstrained atoms were converged to 10⁻³ Ry/Bohr for geometry optimizations. Since all species in the calculations are closed shell, the results were not sensitive to spin polarization, and all calculations were performed without spin polarization to reduce the computational expense. We found that the nitrile vibrational frequencies were insensitive to reciprocal space sampling, so a single k-point (Γ) was used to generate the potential energy surfaces used in the vibrational analysis. However, we used increased k-point densities in the periodic directions for the adsorption energy, density of states, and crystal orbital Hamilton population (COHP) calculations.

We modeled the solvent using the self-consistent continuum solvation (SCCS) method with the Environ module^{2,9} of Quantum ESPRESSO. In the SCCS method, dielectric continuum solvent is included outside the solute cavity around the surface and molecule in the regions where explicit electron density is not detected. The solvation contribution to the energy is determined by solving the Poisson equation self-consistently with the Kohn-Sham equations. Note that the effects of counterions and ionic strength are not included. In addition to dielectric embedding using the DMSO bulk dielectric constant of 47 for the solvent-exposed side of the slab,¹⁰ a region with $\epsilon = 1$ corresponding to vacuum was added to the back side of the slab to ensure that charges added or removed from the system were primarily localized on the solvated side

of the slab, where the MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ molecules were located. We also calculated CN vibrational frequencies for chemisorbed MAMBN on Ag(100) using a region of low dielectric constant ($\epsilon = 2.8$) near the electrode surface to represent more ordered solvent molecules at the interface.¹¹⁻¹² The calculated frequencies varied by less than 1 cm⁻¹, and thus we employed dielectric continuum solvation using only the bulk dielectric constant of DMSO. A general schematic of this unit cell setup is shown in Figure S1, and sample Quantum ESPRESSO and Environ input files are provided below.

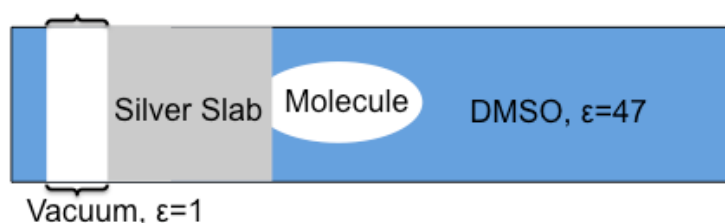


Figure S1. General setup of the dielectric regions in the computational unit cell. Note that the calculation is periodic in all three directions. The side of the slab where the molecule is placed is embedded in dielectric continuum DMSO solvent using the SCCS method. A region of vacuum is added to the back (left) side of the Ag slab to ensure that excess charge localizes on the solvated (right) side.

Models of MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ near Ag surfaces

We constructed periodic slabs from an optimized bulk Ag structure with a calculated lattice constant of 4.16 Å, in close agreement with the experimentally measured value of 4.08 Å.¹³ We used a 4×4 supercell for the Ag(111) and Ag(100) slabs, and a 4×5 supercell for the Ag(322) slab. All slabs were four layers thick, with the bottom two layers fixed to their bulk positions. After the surface was optimized in implicit solvent, the MAMBN or MAMBN-H⁺ molecule was optimized in implicit solvent starting from initial configurations at top, bridge, hcp, and fcc sites on the surface. As discussed in the main text, MAMBN-H⁺ did not adsorb to the surface, presumably due to the lack of a lone pair on its sp³ nitrogen. MAMBN-H⁺ always optimized to Ag-N distances of 2.9 Å or longer, with a selected geometry shown in Figure S2. MAMBN adsorption, however, is more sensitive to the structure of the slab. For Ag(100) and Ag(322), chemisorbed configurations were observed at top sites with ~2.5 Å distance between the amine

N and the nearest Ag atom. These distances are qualitatively consistent with previous calculations¹⁴⁻¹⁵ and are consistent between the PBE and PBE-D3 functionals used in the present work. Since we did not find a chemisorbed MAMBN species on the Ag(111) surface, we proceeded using the Ag(100) and Ag(322) surfaces for our analysis. The specific configurations considered in this work on Ag(100) and Ag(322) are shown in Figures S2 and S3, respectively. We also computed configurations involving π interactions between the benzonitrile of MAMBN and Ag(100), as shown in Figure S4. These structures optimized to a distance of ~ 3.3 Å between the benzonitrile and the surface and have a similar adsorption energy (-0.75 eV with PBE-D3) compared to the chemisorbed configuration in Figure S2 (-0.79 eV with PBE-D3). However, this structure is not the configuration that would correspond to the product directly after proton transfer, which requires orientations such as those in Figure S2.

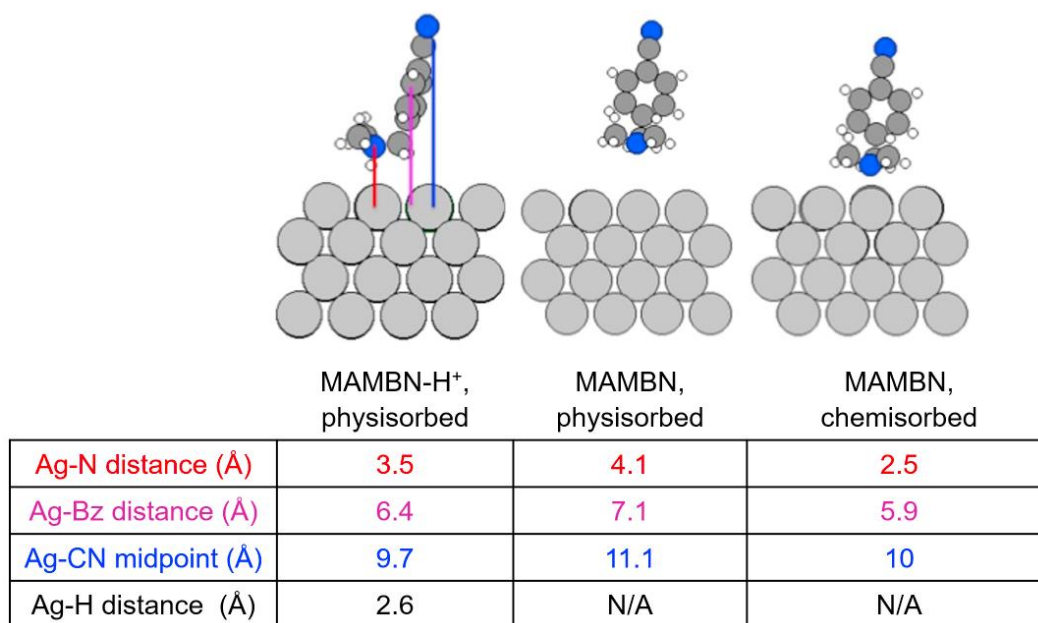


Figure S2. Geometries of physisorbed MAMBN-H⁺ (left), physisorbed MAMBN (center), and chemisorbed MAMBN (right) on Ag(100) computed using the PBE functional. As mentioned in the text, these geometries are similar to those computed using the PBE-D3 functional. The distances from different functional groups of the molecules to the plane of the surface Ag atoms are shown in the accompanying table. The Ag-Bz distance was determined from the center of the ring.

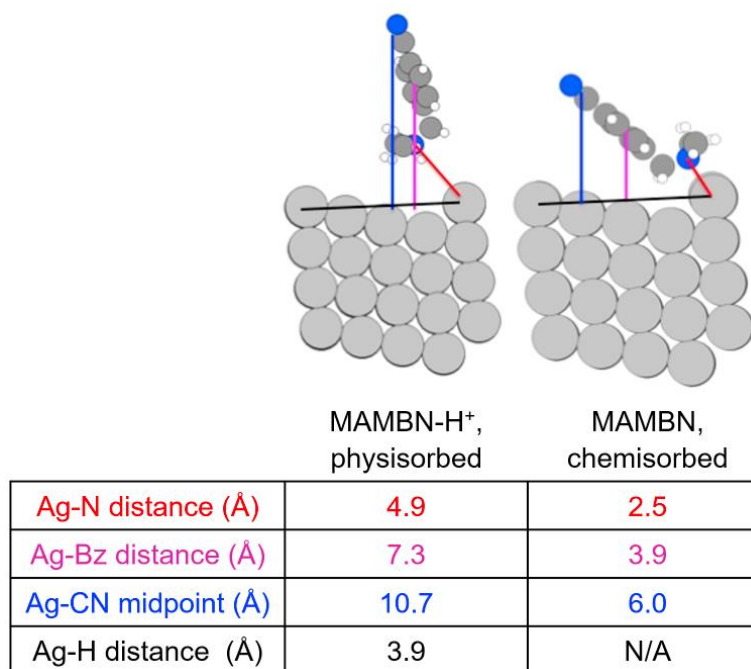


Figure S3. Geometries of physisorbed MAMBN-H⁺ (left) and chemisorbed MAMBN (right) on Ag(322) computed using the PBE functional. The perpendicular distances from different functional groups of the molecules to the surface plane (indicated by a black line) are shown in the accompanying table.

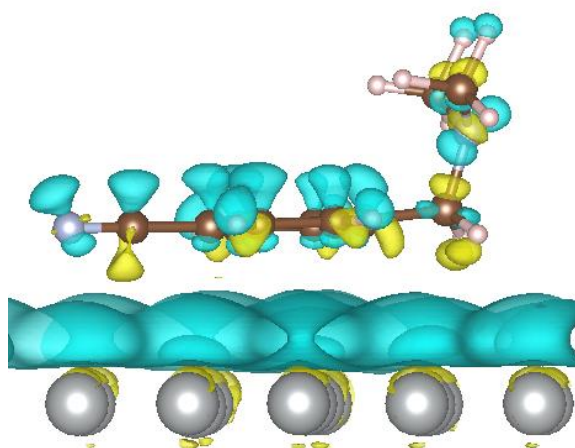


Figure S4. π interactions between Ag(100) and MAMBN. Charge density difference isosurface is shown relative to PZFC at an electrode potential of -0.59 V vs. PZFC at an isosurface level of $0.00025 \text{ e}^-/\text{Bohr}^3$. The negatively charged Ag electrode causes charge polarization in the benzonitrile group of MAMBN,

leading to a vibrational Stark shift of $3.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{V}$ of the nitrile frequency despite it being oriented parallel to the electrode surface.

In addition to the Ag–N bond lengths of $\sim 2.5 \text{ \AA}$ for the chemisorbed MAMBN configurations on Ag(100) and Ag(322), we performed additional analyses to confirm that these configurations correspond to a chemical bond between the amine N and surface Ag atoms. These results are summarized in Figures S5 and S6 for Ag(100) and Ag(322), respectively. As discussed in the main text, we computed MAMBN adsorption energies of -0.79 eV and -0.98 eV for Ag(100) and Ag(322), respectively, suggesting that MAMBN is weakly bound to these surfaces. The configurations associated with these adsorption energies are shown in Figures S5a and S6a. We also computed the projected density of states (shown in Figures S5b and S6b) and performed COHP analyses using the LOBSTER code¹⁶⁻²⁰ (shown in Figures S5c and S6c). The COHP analysis projects the Kohn-Sham wave functions from periodic DFT calculations onto localized basis functions representing molecular orbitals. Here, we perform the COHP analysis on the amine N and the Ag atom to which it is coordinated in order to evaluate the electronic populations of Ag–N bonding and antibonding molecular orbitals. Note that a positive value of $-\text{COHP}_{\text{Ag-N}}$ corresponds to population of a bonding molecular orbital, whereas a negative value corresponds to antibonding molecular orbitals. The overlap in the projected density of states for the amine N and the Ag top site (Figures S5b and S6b) and positive $-\text{COHP}_{\text{Ag-N}}$ values (Figures S5c and S6c) at similar energy levels suggest that a covalent Ag–N chemical bond is present in these configurations. In both figures, the population of a Ag–N bonding orbital (Figures S5c and S6c) corresponds with occupation of the amine N electronic states (broad blue shaded region between dashed lines in Figures S5b and S6b) and the Ag top site electronic states (dark gray). In contrast, the analogous analysis for the physisorbed MAMBN- H^+ configuration on Ag(100) shown in Figure S2 indicates that a covalent Ag–N chemical bond is not present in this configuration (Figure S7).

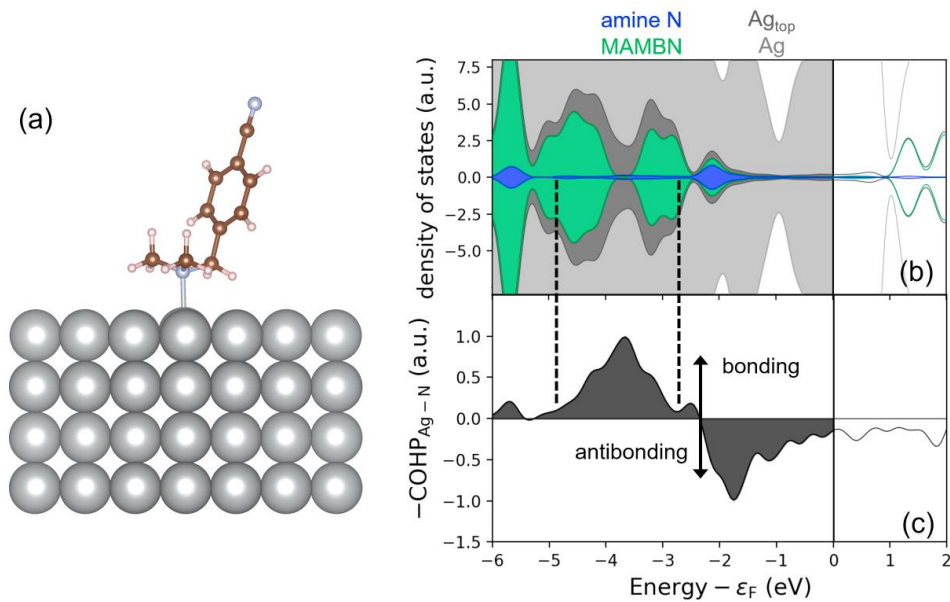


Figure S5. Chemical bonding analysis of MAMBN adsorbed on Ag(100). (a) Configuration of MAMBN adsorbed on the surface, which has an adsorption energy of -0.79 eV. Ag atoms are gray, N atoms are light blue, C atoms are brown, and H atoms are light pink. (b) Atom projected density of states and (c) COHP of the molecular orbital between Ag and the amine N. Ag_{top} denotes the Ag atom that is forming a bond to N, shown in dark gray, and the other Ag atoms are shown in light gray. The energies in (b) and (c) are plotted relative to the Fermi energy ϵ_F (vertical solid black line). The dashed lines between (b) and (c) are drawn to highlight analogous features associated with the electronic populations of bonding Ag–N molecular orbitals (positive $-\text{COHP}_{\text{Ag-N}}$ values) and the density of electronic states projected onto these atoms.

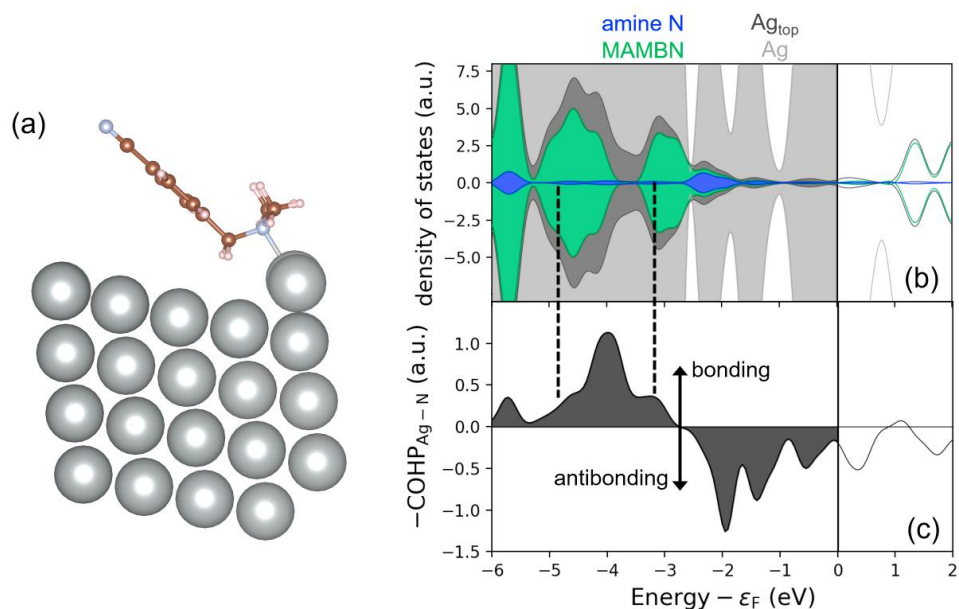


Figure S6. Chemical bonding analysis of MAMBN adsorbed on Ag(322). (a) Configuration of MAMBN adsorbed on the surface, which has an adsorption energy of -0.98 eV. Ag atoms are gray, N atoms are light blue, C atoms are brown, and H atoms are light pink. (b) Atom projected density of states and (c) COHP of the molecular orbital between Ag and the amine N. Ag_{top} denotes the Ag atom that is forming a bond to N, shown in dark gray, and the other Ag atoms are shown in light gray. The energies in (b) and (c) are plotted relative to the Fermi energy ϵ_F (vertical solid black line). The dashed lines between (b) and (c) are drawn to highlight analogous features associated with the electronic populations of bonding Ag–N molecular orbitals (positive $-\text{COHP}_{\text{Ag-N}}$ values) and the density of electronic states projected onto these atoms.

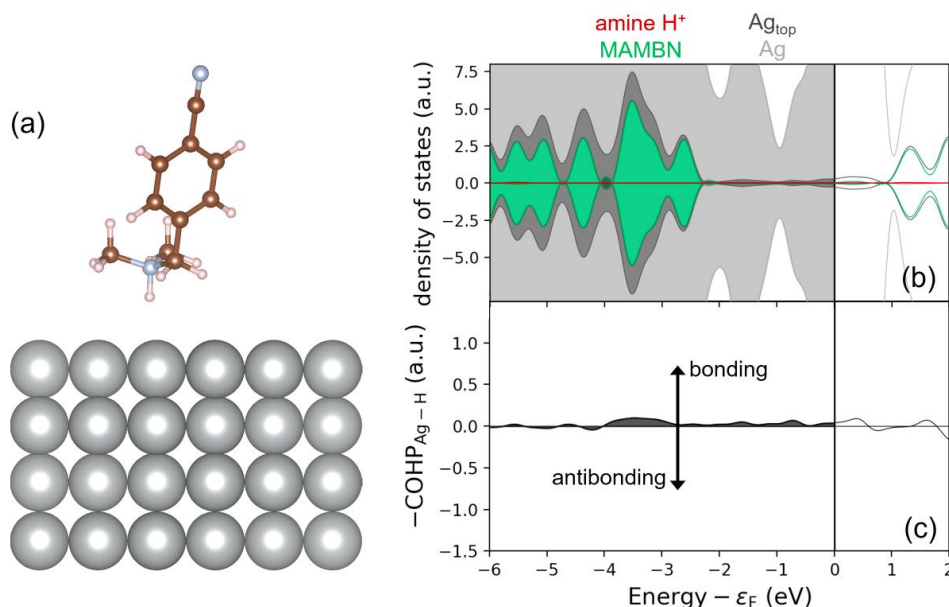


Figure S7. Chemical bonding analysis of MAMBN- H^+ on Ag(100). (a) Configuration of MAMBN- H^+ near Ag(100). Ag atoms are gray, N atoms are light blue, C atoms are brown, and H atoms are light pink. (b) Atom projected density of states and (c) COHP of the molecular orbital between Ag and the H atom of the terminal amine N. The energies in (b) and (c) are plotted relative to the Fermi energy ε_F (vertical solid black line). The plot in (b) indicates minimal electronic density of states on the H^+ of the amine (red data), and the COHP analysis indicates minimal population of Ag-H bonding orbitals. These data suggest that there is no bond formed between Ag and H, and that MAMBN- H^+ is physisorbed.

Electrode Potential Calculations and Estimated Reference to Saturated Ag/AgCl Electrode

In this work, we modified the electrode potential by adding and removing electrons from the unit cell. These variable charge calculations are compensated by a homogeneous background charge. In this work, the electrode potential of zero free charge (PZFC) corresponds to conditions where the net charge on the Ag slab is zero. For example, in calculations that contain physisorbed MAMBN- H^+ , the total charge at PZFC is +1; given that the positive charge is localized mainly on MAMBN- H^+ , the Ag slab is approximately charge neutral.

To calculate electrode potentials, we reference the Fermi energy, ε_F , to the electrostatic potential in bulk implicit solvent ϕ_{implicit} . However, there is a potential offset between ϕ_{implicit} , the vacuum level ϕ_{vacuum} , and reference electrode potentials (e.g., saturated Ag/AgCl used in the experimental portion of this work).

Hörmann et al. have recently carried out *ab initio* molecular dynamics simulations in implicit H₂O and have shown that there is an intrinsic potential offset of -0.33 V for implicit water versus vacuum.²¹ Since our calculations are performed in implicit DMSO, this offset is likely different than that of water. Here, we estimate the analogous offset for implicit DMSO by calculating the difference between ϕ_{implicit} and ϕ_{vacuum} for relaxed Ag(100) surfaces in implicit solvent and in vacuum. This procedure assumes that ϵ_F is unchanged between solution and vacuum. With these assumptions, we calculate that the intrinsic offset between implicit DMSO and vacuum is ~ -0.76 V. While this approximation may not lead to a quantitatively accurate determination of the offset between ϕ_{implicit} and ϕ_{vacuum} , application of this correction may facilitate comparisons to experimental data. Accounting for the offset between ϕ_{implicit} and ϕ_{vacuum} , as well as the offset between the saturated Ag/AgCl electrode potential²² and ϕ_{vacuum} of -4.243 V,²³⁻²⁶ enables estimation of the electrode potentials vs. Ag/AgCl. Overall, this corresponds to an adjustment of the electrode potentials computed in implicit solvent by -3.48 V to put them on the Ag/AgCl scale. The figures in this paper are plotted versus PZFC, but this analysis enables the reader to shift the calculated results to the Ag/AgCl scale. For reference, the computed PZFC values with respect to implicit solvent are 3.38 V, 3.42 V, and 3.56 V for the chemisorbed MAMBN, physisorbed MAMBN, and physisorbed MAMBN-H⁺, respectively.

Computational Vibrational Analysis of Nitrile Stretch

For benchmarking purposes, we calculated the nitrile stretch vibrational frequencies within the harmonic approximation by computing and diagonalizing the Hessian. The Hessian calculations were performed on gas phase MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ molecules using the PBE functional and the phonon module in Quantum ESPRESSO. After each geometry was optimized, we verified that all eigenvalues corresponding to vibrations were positive to confirm that the geometry corresponds to a minimum. The normal mode vectors were obtained from Hessian calculations using the PBE functional, but these normal mode vectors were found to be virtually identical to those obtained using the PBE-D3 functional (i.e., the dot product of the normal mode vectors computed using PBE and PBE-D3 in Quantum ESPRESSO were

nearly unity (> 0.99). These frequencies were compared to analogous Hessian calculations using the 6-31+G** basis set and the B3LYP-D3^{4, 27-28} and ω B97XD²⁹ functionals computed in implicit solvent with the Gaussian16 code³⁰. We found that the relative nitrile vibrational frequencies (Table S1) and the corresponding normal mode coordinates for MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ are qualitatively similar at these various levels of theory. The normal modes from the gas phase PBE calculations in Quantum ESPRESSO are given in Tables S2 and S3, respectively. Example input files are also provided below.

Table S1. Nitrile Stretch Frequencies (cm⁻¹) of MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ Obtained Experimentally and Computationally

		ν_{CN} unprotonated	ν_{CN} protonated	$\Delta \nu_{\text{CN}}$
Experimental (Pure)		2229	2236	+7
Computation				
B3LYP-D3/6-31+G** implicit DMSO	Harmonic	2319	2330	+11
	FGH	2292	2303	+11
ω B97XD/6-31+G** implicit DMSO	Harmonic	2367	2376	+11
	FGH	2341	2351	+10
PBE vacuum	Harmonic	2222	2236	+11
	FGH	2209	2215	+6
PBE implicit DMSO	FGH	2191	2209	+18
PBE-D3 vacuum	Harmonic	2226	2239	+13
	FGH	2209	2227	+18
PBE-D3 implicit DMSO	FGH	2191	2206	+15
PBE physisorbed near Ag(100) in DMSO	FGH	2191	2200	+9
PBE chemisorbed on Ag(100) in DMSO	FGH	2193	N/A	N/A
PBE-D3 physisorbed near Ag(100) in DMSO	FGH	2195	2203	+8
PBE-D3 chemisorbed on Ag(100) in DMSO	FGH	2193	N/A	N/A
PBE-D3 π interaction between benzonitrile and Ag(100)	FGH	2184	2191	+7

Table S2. Normal Mode Coordinates and Reduced Mass for MAMBN-H⁺
Nitrile Stretching Mode Calculated in Vacuum with PBE Functional

Normal Mode Reduced Mass:		12.67 au	
Normal Mode Coordinates			
Atom Type	X	Y	Z
C	0.004268	-0.018339	0.123311
C	-0.0053	-0.001589	0.014514
C	-0.002111	0.001623	-0.010309
C	0.000071	-0.000759	0.004831
C	0.001374	0.001313	-0.010421
C	0.006572	-0.002599	0.013755
H	0.007357	0.000207	-0.00318
H	0.005132	-0.000065	-0.004325
H	-0.005526	0.001152	-0.003848
H	-0.007663	0.000452	-0.000552
C	-0.028899	0.118759	-0.79612
C	0.000066	0.000767	0.00000
H	-0.000747	0.000245	-0.000854
H	0.00065	0.000031	-0.000813
N	-0.000006	0.000139	-0.000657
C	0.000531	-0.000041	0.000011
H	-0.000565	-0.001938	-0.00207
H	-0.000196	-0.000773	0.000542
H	-0.000938	-0.000437	0.00294
C	-0.000429	0.000002	0.000088
H	0.000402	-0.000892	0.000389
H	-0.000385	-0.001741	-0.002185
H	-0.000241	0.000328	0.000594

Table S3. Normal Mode Coordinates and Reduced Mass for MAMBN Nitrile Stretching Mode Calculated in Vacuum with PBE Functional

Normal Mode Reduced Mass:			12.64 au
Normal Mode Coordinates			
Atom Type	X	Y	Z
C	0.002355	0.018598	0.126907
C	0.005644	0.000151	0.012124
C	0.00207	-0.001915	-0.009053
C	-0.000533	0.000696	0.004491
C	-0.001928	-0.000831	-0.008571
C	-0.006082	0.003163	0.011036
H	-0.011733	0.001196	-0.008227
H	-0.002008	-0.000631	-0.012367
H	0.00328	-0.005315	-0.010733
H	0.017424	-0.004322	-0.012792
C	-0.01132	-0.114077	-0.795745
C	-0.000485	-0.001394	0.001601
H	-0.004592	0.006831	-0.005362
H	0.007463	-0.004379	-0.004555
N	0.000455	0.001278	0.001846
C	0.00012	0.001121	0.002224
H	-0.005869	0.006534	-0.006925
H	-0.002579	-0.011456	0.001564
H	-0.006012	0.010426	-0.013609
C	-0.001134	0.00233	0.001002
H	-0.018679	-0.005997	0.004988
H	0.002778	0.001292	-0.008635
H	0.006578	-0.011797	-0.001696
N	0.007885	0.080444	0.572095
H	-0.003774	-0.016243	-0.007439

For comparison to the experimental data, we calculated the nitrile stretch vibrational frequencies using a grid-based method that includes anharmonic effects. The grid for the surface-molecule system was generated along the normal mode vector corresponding to the nitrile stretch computed from the Hessian calculations described above for the gas phase molecules (Tables S2 and S3). In practice, these gas phase normal modes were defined in Cartesian coordinates relative to the gas phase optimized geometry. To superimpose the gas phase geometry onto the MAMBN or MAMBN-H⁺ geometry optimized near the model

Ag surface, we translated the gas phase molecule so that the benzene carbon atom bound to the nitrile carbon was overlaid on its surface-molecule counterpart. Then we rotated the nitrile carbon of the gas phase molecule and the carbon alpha to the nitrile into their respective surface-molecule counterparts. The product of these two rotational transformations defines a rotation matrix, which was used to rotate the gas phase normal mode coordinates to be consistent with the orientation of MAMBN or MAMBN-H⁺ near the Ag surface.

A series of single-point energy calculations were performed for grid points along this normal mode vector to generate the anharmonic potential energy curve corresponding to the nitrile stretch. Nine grid points separated by 0.05 Å, corresponding to a total sampling length of 0.4 Å, were used to generate this potential energy curve. Each grid point used a single k-point in all directions, as including more k-points was determined to have an impact of less than 1 cm⁻¹ on the nitrile stretching frequency (Table S4). A spline procedure was then used to generate a potential energy curve represented by 801 grid points over this length (convergence information in Table S5). After generating this potential energy curve, the Fourier grid Hamiltonian (FGH) method³¹ was used to solve the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation using the mass associated with the nitrile stretch normal mode computed for the gas phase molecule. The vibrational frequencies reported are the energy differences between the ground and first excited vibrational states. Doubling the number of computed points within the same sampling length (i.e., doubling the density) or doubling the total sampling length with the same grid point separation changed the vibrational frequencies by less than 1 cm⁻¹ (Table S4).

Table S4. Benchmarking for the FGH Calculations of the Nitrile Frequencies for Chemisorbed MAMBN on Ag(100) with Respect to the Number of Computed Grid Points and k-Points

Sampling Length (Å)	Grid Spacing (Å)	k-points	Nitrile Frequency (cm ⁻¹)
0.4	0.05	(1 1 1)	2193.3
0.4	0.025	(1 1 1)	2193.32
0.8	0.05	(1 1 1)	2193.3
0.4	0.05	(2 2 1)	2193
0.4	0.05	(3 3 1)	2192.82

Table S5. Benchmarking for the FGH Calculations of the Nitrile Frequencies for Chemisorbed MAMBN on Ag(100) with Respect to the Number of Grid Points after the Spline Procedure

Number of Grid Points after Spline	Nitrile Frequency (cm ⁻¹)
81	2188
801	2193
8001	2193

To evaluate the Stark shifts of the MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ molecules near the Ag surfaces, we computed the nitrile stretch frequencies as a function of applied potential. As described above, we applied a potential bias to the electrode by adding or removing electrons, where any net charge on the unit cell is compensated by a homogeneous background charge. For any given electrode potential, the charge of the unit cell is constant. Therefore, any energetic corrections associated with a charged unit cell will be effectively constant for all CN distances along the potential energy curve and will not affect the calculated CN vibrational frequencies. In addition to the Stark shift calculations presented in Figure 7 (left panel) of the main text, Figure S8 shows analogous results for additional configurations for MAMBN and MAMBN-H⁺ near Ag(100) and Ag(322).

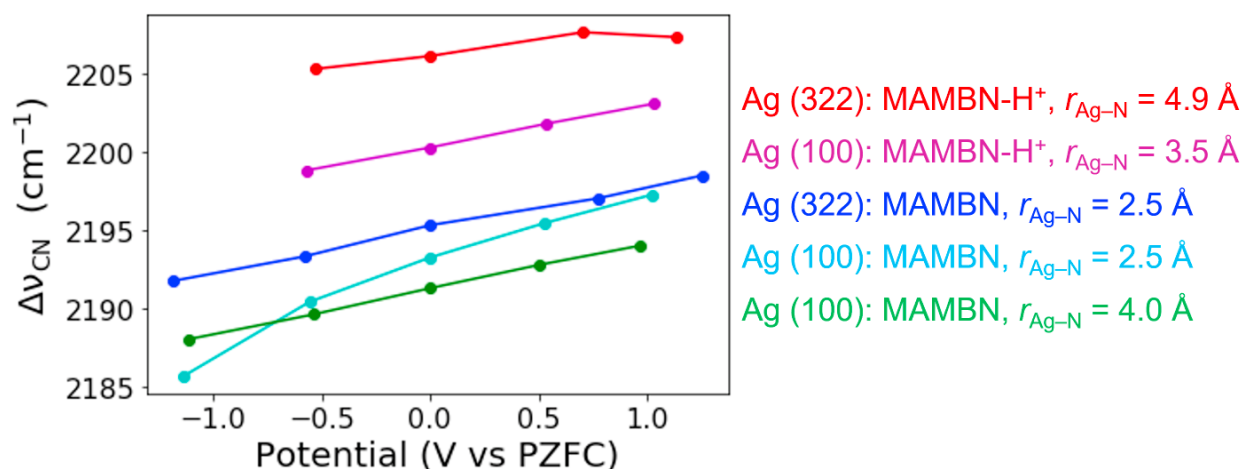


Figure S8. Calculated vibrational frequencies (PBE) versus potential for different MAMBN and MAMBN- H^+ configurations near Ag(100) and Ag(322). For equivalent structures, the slope is smaller when $r_{\text{Ag-N}}$ is larger (compare cyan and green curves). The chemisorbed MAMBN on Ag(322) has a smaller slope than expected because of its tilted orientation (Figure S3).

Bader Charge Analysis

To ensure that added charge is localized on the Ag slab and not the molecule, we performed Bader charge analyses³²⁻³⁴ on three Ag(100) systems using the PBE functional: MAMBN chemisorbed, MAMBN physisorbed, and MAMBN- H^+ physisorbed. The analyses are shown in Figure S9, corresponding to the configurations shown above in Figure S2. Figure S9 shows that there is minimal charge transfer to the physisorbed MAMBN, implying that all excess charge is localized on Ag. This analysis indicates some charge transfer between Ag(100) and chemisorbed MAMBN with applied potential. As discussed in the main text, this small degree of charge transfer is presumably because the amine nitrogen is covalently bound to the Ag surface (also shown in Figure S5). At more negative potentials, there is charge transfer to the physisorbed MAMBN- H^+ , suggesting that the proton is likely to be discharged to the Ag surface at these potentials, i.e., MAMBN- H^+ is not reductively stable. This analysis further suggests that the changes in the charge density difference isosurfaces across the benzene and nitrile in Figure 5 of the main text are primarily due to polarization of the charge by the interfacial field, and not charge transfer from Ag to the molecule.

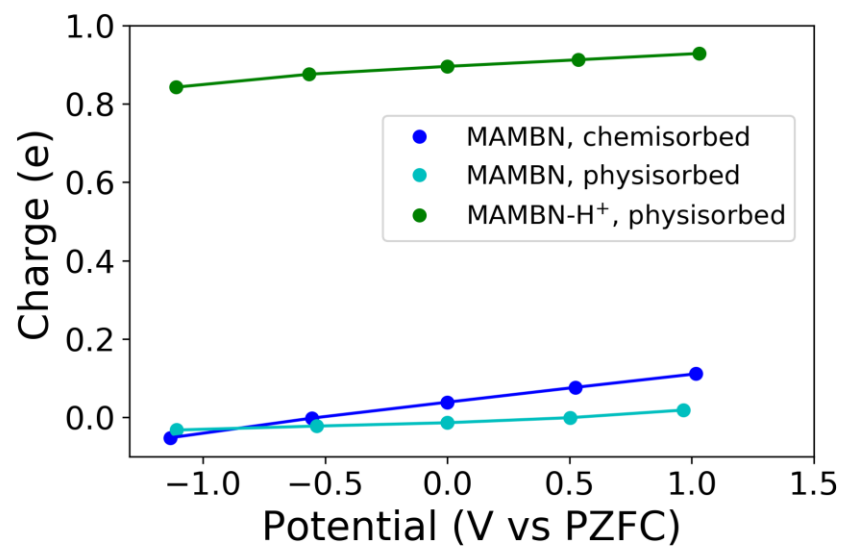


Figure S9. Bader charges of MAMBN chemisorbed and physisorbed and MAMBN-H⁺ physisorbed configurations on Ag(100) for different applied potentials.

Sample Input Files and Selected Geometric Coordinates

Calculation input file of MAMBN-H⁺ on Ag(100) at PZFC

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Geometry of MAMBN-H⁺ on Ag(111)

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Geometry of MAMBN- H^+ on Ag(322)

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Geometry of MAMBN on Ag(100)

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C  4.52217354 6.02223647 20.72821349
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H  4.25431582 6.94948387 20.20118452
N  5.94527713 5.76604622 20.47346079
C  6.82793612 6.84838788 20.88199073
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H  7.83905956 6.65162923 20.50076695
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C  6.41010143 4.46732628 20.93672436
H  7.42419859 4.29113124 20.55325195
H  6.44974769 4.37466175 22.04183919
H  5.75295919 3.67689332 20.54937237
N  2.61756589 6.62860632 27.34855249

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Environ input file, Ag (100)

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&ENVIRON
  verbose = 2
  environ_thr = 1.d-1
  environ_type = 'input'
  ! env_electrostatic = .true.
  env_static_permittivity = 47.0D0
  env_dielectric_regions = 1
/
&BOUNDARY
  solvent_mode = 'electronic'
/
&ELECTROSTATIC
  !
  pbc_correction = 'none'
  pbc_dim = 3
  ! pbc_axis = 3
  !
  tol = 1.d-11
  mix = 0.6
  solver = 'iterative'
  auxiliary = 'full'
  !
/

```

```
DIELECTRIC_REGIONS {angstrom}
1.0 1.0 5.5 5.5 8.2800 8.00 0.5 2 3
```

Environ input file, Ag (111)

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&ENVIRON
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  environ_thr = 1.d-1
  environ_type = 'input'
  env_static_permittivity = 47.0D0
  env_dielectric_regions = 1
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/

```
&BOUNDARY
  solvent_mode = 'electronic'
```

/

```
&ELECTROSTATIC
!
  pbc_correction = 'none'
  pbc_dim = 3
  ! pbc_axis = 3
  !
  tol = 1.d-11
  mix = 0.6
  solver = 'iterative'
  auxiliary = 'full'
  !
```

/

```
DIELECTRIC_REGIONS {angstrom}
1.0 1.0 5.5 5.5 8.2800 8.00 0.5 2 3
```

Environ input file, Ag (322)

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&ENVIRON
  verbose = 2
  environ_thr = 1.d-1
  environ_type = 'input'
  ! env_electrostatic = .true.
  env_static_permittivity = 47.0D0
  env_dielectric_regions = 1
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/

```
&BOUNDARY
  solvent_mode = 'electronic'
```

/

```
&ELECTROSTATIC
!
  pbc_correction = 'none'
  pbc_dim = 3
  ! pbc_axis = 3
  !
  tol = 1.d-11
  mix = 0.6
  solver = 'iterative'
  auxiliary = 'full'
```

```

!
/
DIELECTRIC_REGIONS {angstrom}
1.0 1.0 5.5 5.5 8.2800 8.00 0.5 2 3

Phonon input file, MAMBN
Vibrational modes of molecule (gamma pt phonon calc)
&inputph
  outdir='./',
  prefix='teah',
  amass(1)=14.007,
  amass(2)=12.011,
  amass(3)=1.008,
  fildyn='teah.dynG',
  trans=.true.
  nogg=.true.
  asr=.true.
  tr2_ph=1d-17
/
0.0 0.0 0.0

```

Cyclic Voltammetry

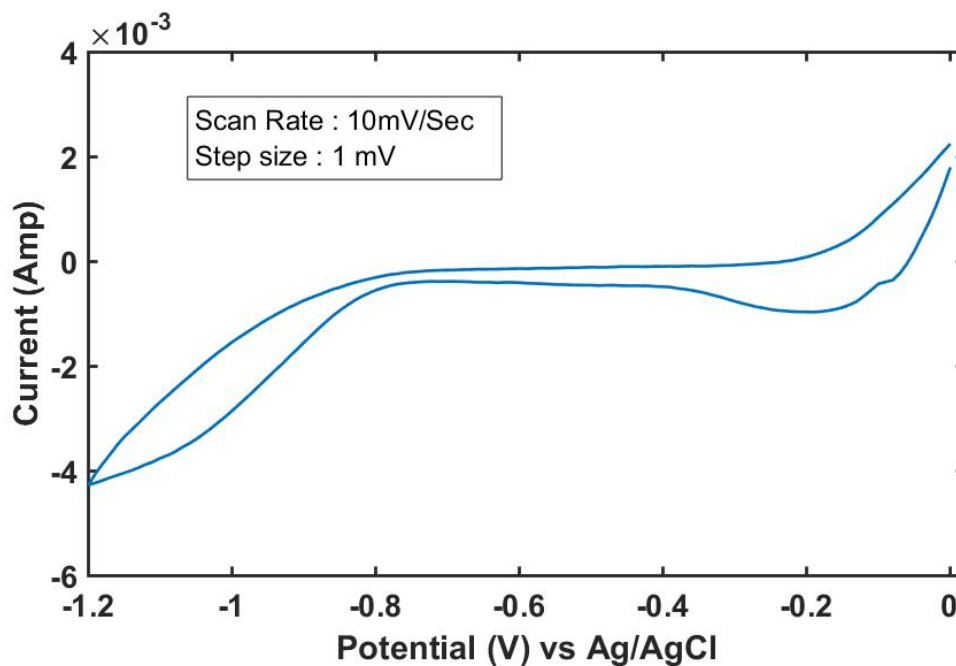


Figure S10. Cyclic voltammogram (10 mV s^{-1}) of polycrystalline silver recorded in DMSO containing 100 mM MAMBN- H^+ (reactant), and 300mM tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (supporting electrolyte)

Open Circuit Potential (OCP) Measurement to Determine the Equilibrium Potential of Triethylamine and Triethyl Ammonium Redox Couple

We followed the procedure described previously³⁵ to measure the equilibrium potential for the triethylamine/triethylammonium couple, which is closely related to the redox couple studied in this work. 50 mM Triethylamine and 125 mM triethyl ammonium chloride were used as stock solution. 300 mM tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (as supporting electrolyte), 2.5 M 1:1 Pyridine: Pyridinium chloride (as buffer, to overcome the hydrogen bonding effect within the redox couple) were added to both the stock solutions. DMSO was used as solvent. To a 10 ml solution of 50 mM triethyl amine, 500 μ l of 125 mM triethyl ammonium chloride solution was added successively, and open circuit potential was measured after each addition using Gamry Reference 3000 potentiostat. In this measurement, Ag/AgCl was used as reference electrode and 250 μ m silver foil as working electrode. Data was recorded every 1 second over a duration of 10 minutes for each addition of the protonated species. Stability of the measurements was set such that the drift of the potential is not more than 0.005 mV/s. There was continuous N₂ flow and stirring at a constant rate during the experiment. Before using as the working electrode in the OCP experiment, the silver foil was held at -0.5 V for \sim 3 minutes in 3 M KCl solution to remove trace amount of silver oxide, if any.

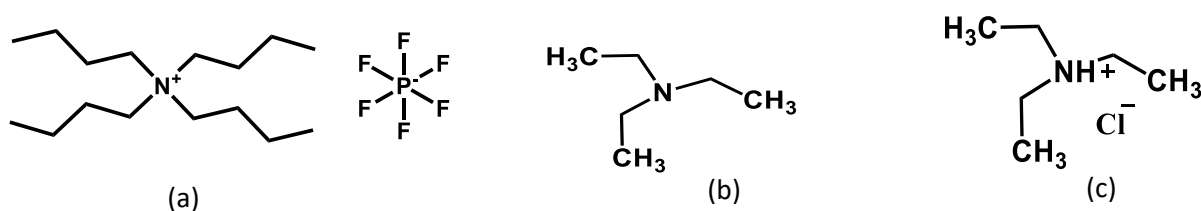


Figure S11. (a) The supporting electrolyte. (b,c) The redox couple.

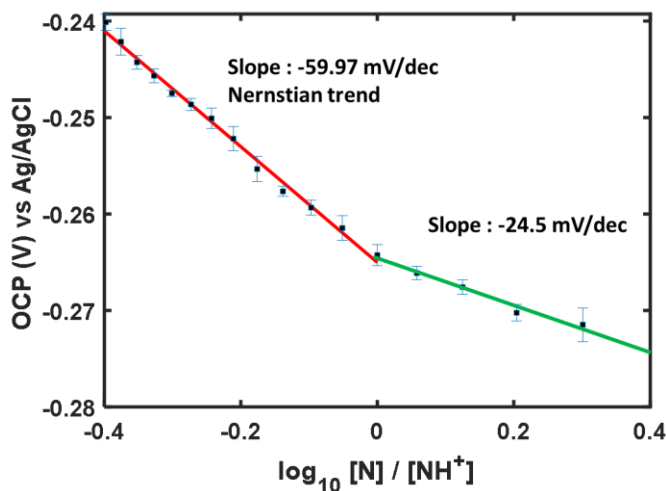


Figure S12. The open circuit potential as a function of the log of concentration ratio of the deprotonated and protonated species.

From each of the OCP vs time plots, potential values are averaged over last 5 minutes and used to make OCP vs mole-ratio plot (Figure S12). The reaction potential can be obtained using the following:³⁵

$$E = E^0 - \frac{0.0592}{n} \log \frac{[Et_3N]}{[Et_3N^+]} - \frac{0.0592}{n} \log \frac{[Pyr]}{[PyrH^+]} - 0.0592 pK_a$$

The potential at 1:1 mole ratio of the protonated and deprotonated species represents the Y-intercept of Figure S12:

$$E = E^0 - 0.0592 pK_a$$

The Nernstian portion of the data in the figure and the pK_a of pyridine/pyridinium buffer in DMSO³⁶ was used to estimate E^0 .

$$E^0 = 0.05997 pK_a + \text{Y-intercept} = 0.05997 * 3.4 - 0.26501 = -0.0611 \text{ V}$$

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