

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Induced Phosphorescence from Pt $\rightarrow$ Ag and Ag(I) $\cdots$ Ag(I) Metallophilic Interactions in Benzenedithiolatodiimine-Pt2 /Ag2 cluster: A Combined Experimental and Theoretical Investigation

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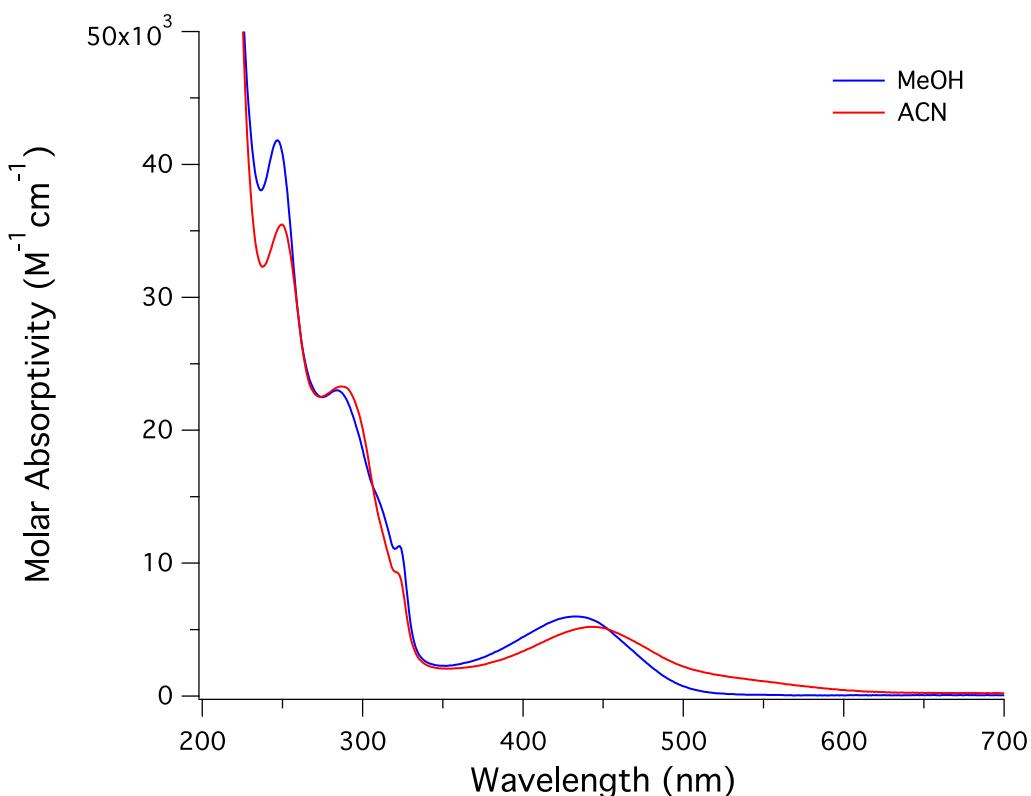
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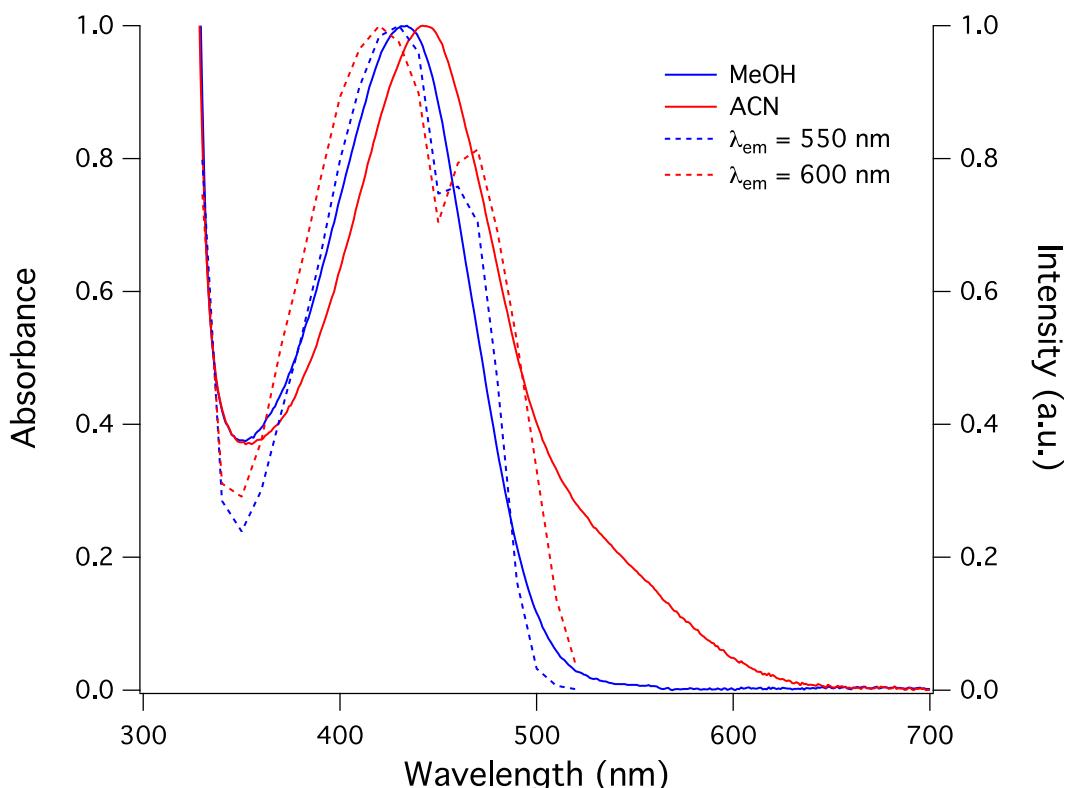
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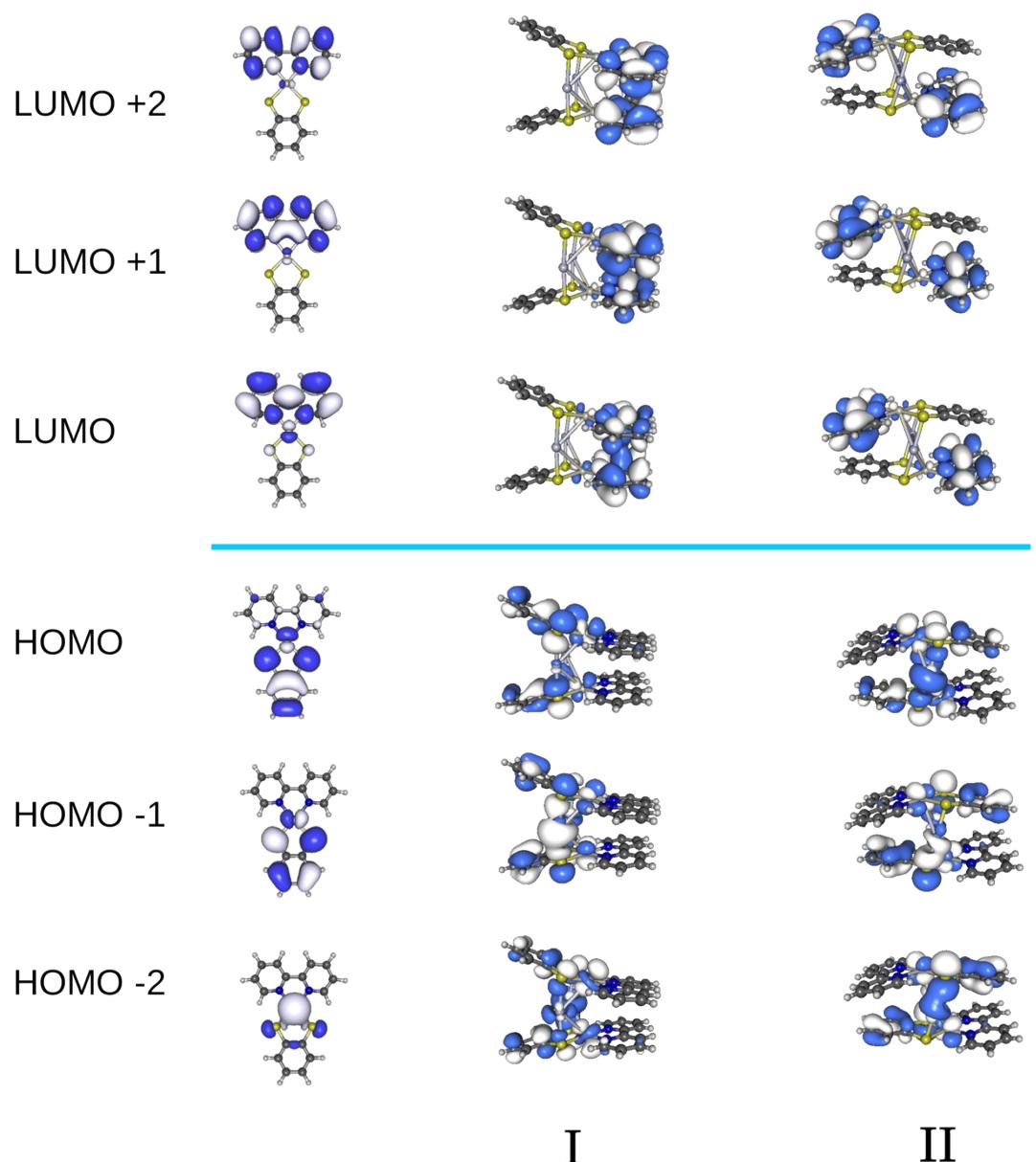
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**Figure S3.** Comparison among the three high occupied and three low virtual MOs of I and II in their ground state calculated in acetonitrile solution. Those of Pt(o-bdt)(bpy) are also reported.

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for [(Pt<sub>2</sub>Ag<sub>2</sub>(*o*-bdt)<sub>2</sub>(bpy)<sub>2</sub>][CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·0.33 H<sub>2</sub>O·0.67 CH<sub>3</sub>CN

Empirical formula	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>26.67</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4.67</sub> O <sub>6.33</sub> Pt <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub>
Formula weight	1526.22 g/mol
Temperature	200(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P -1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.508(4) Å b = 15.370(4) Å c = 16.789(4) Å α = 80.705(10)° β = 79.560(11)° γ = 89.233(11)° 3382.7(16) Å <sup>3</sup>
Volume	
Z	3
Density (calculated)	2.248 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	7.391 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	2160
Reflections collected	47069
Independent reflections	15241 [R(int) = 0.0210]
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0533, wR2 = 0.1217
Final R indices [all data]	R1 = 0.0707, wR2 = 0.1362
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.060
Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	5.610 and -2.24

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**Table S2.**  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  transitions of I in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.  $\Delta E$  (eV), wavelength  $\lambda$  (nm), oscillator strengths ( $f_{osc}$ ) and the two most significant excitations of each transition are reported:  $h_n$  = HOMO  $-n$  and  $I_n$  = LUMO  $+n$ .

$n$	$\Delta E / \lambda$	$f_{osc}$	excitations
1	2.53 / 490	0.0014	+0.69 $h_0 \rightarrow I_0$
2	2.59 / 478	0.0036	+0.65 $h_1 \rightarrow I_0$ +0.22 $h_2 \rightarrow I_0$
3	2.66 / 466	0.1147	+0.64 $h_2 \rightarrow I_0$ -0.23 $h_1 \rightarrow I_0$
4	2.80 / 443	0.0061	+0.62 $h_3 \rightarrow I_0$ -0.26 $h_1 \rightarrow I_1$
5	2.95 / 420	0.0423	+0.58 $h_0 \rightarrow I_1$ -0.25 $h_2 \rightarrow I_1$
6	3.00 / 413	0.0142	+0.44 $h_4 \rightarrow I_0$ +0.37 $h_2 \rightarrow I_1$
7	3.08 / 402	0.0011	+0.61 $h_1 \rightarrow I_1$ +0.28 $h_3 \rightarrow I_0$
8	3.14 / 395	0.0007	+0.52 $h_2 \rightarrow I_1$ -0.43 $h_4 \rightarrow I_0$
9	3.26 / 380	0.0003	+0.63 $h_3 \rightarrow I_1$ +0.13 $h_4 \rightarrow I_0$
10	3.27 / 379	0.0004	+0.36 $h_0 \rightarrow I_5$ +0.29 $h_0 \rightarrow I_3$
11	3.35 / 370	0.0008	+0.34 $h_2 \rightarrow I_6$ +0.29 $h_0 \rightarrow I_6$
12	3.42 / 362	0.0091	+0.30 $h_1 \rightarrow I_3$ +0.25 $h_1 \rightarrow I_4$
13	3.44 / 360	0.0032	+0.61 $h_4 \rightarrow I_1$ -0.14 $h_7 \rightarrow I_0$
14	3.45 / 359	0.0019	+0.32 $h_1 \rightarrow I_6$ -0.30 $h_0 \rightarrow I_2$
15	3.46 / 358	0.0004	+0.61 $h_0 \rightarrow I_2$ +0.14 $h_3 \rightarrow I_5$
16	3.57 / 347	0.0037	+0.50 $h_1 \rightarrow I_2$ -0.45 $h_2 \rightarrow I_2$
17	3.57 / 346	0.0039	+0.50 $h_2 \rightarrow I_2$ +0.45 $h_1 \rightarrow I_2$
18	3.68 / 336	0.0007	+0.43 $h_0 \rightarrow I_3$ +0.25 $h_4 \rightarrow I_5$
19	3.74 / 331	0.0061	+0.48 $h_3 \rightarrow I_2$ -0.29 $h_5 \rightarrow I_0$
20	3.77 / 328	0.0085	+0.30 $h \rightarrow I_5$ +0.23 $h_2 \rightarrow I_3$
21	3.81 / 325	0.0011	+0.25 $h_4 \rightarrow I_6$ +0.25 $h_0 \rightarrow I_6$
22	3.84 / 323	0.0091	+0.37 $h_2 \rightarrow I_3$ -0.36 $h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
23	3.88 / 319	0.0010	+0.34 $h_2 \rightarrow I_3$ +0.28 $h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
24	3.89 / 318	0.0299	+0.49 $h_1 \rightarrow I_3$ +0.21 $h_7 \rightarrow I_0$
25	3.95 / 314	0.0521	+0.37 $h_6 \rightarrow I_0$ +0.32 $h_7 \rightarrow I_0$
26	3.98 / 311	0.0272	+0.34 $h_6 \rightarrow I_0$ +0.33 $h_1 \rightarrow I_8$
27	3.98 / 311	0.0175	-0.38 $h_1 \rightarrow I_8$ +0.27 $h_6 \rightarrow I_0$
28	4.00 / 309	0.0744	+0.47 $h_0 \rightarrow I_8$ +0.34 $h_1 \rightarrow I_8$
29	4.03 / 307	0.0008	+0.46 $h_8 \rightarrow I_0$ -0.30 $h_9 \rightarrow I_0$
30	4.05 / 306	0.0279	-0.53 $h_4 \rightarrow I_2$ -0.21 $h_2 \rightarrow I_4$
31	4.07 / 304	0.0100	-0.37 $h_0 \rightarrow I_4$ +0.24 $h_3 \rightarrow I_3$
32	4.08 / 304	0.0122	-0.54 $h_2 \rightarrow I_8$ +0.28 $h_0 \rightarrow I_4$

**Table S3.**  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  transitions of II in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.  $\Delta E$  (eV), wavelength  $\lambda$  (nm), oscillator strengths ( $f_{osc}$ ) and the two most significant excitations of each transition are reported:  $h_n$  = HOMO  $-n$  and  $I_n$  = LUMO  $+n$ .

$n$	$\Delta E / \lambda$	$f_{osc}$	excitations	
1	2.81 / 440	0.0000	+0.61 $h_0 \rightarrow I_1$	-0.32 $h_1 \rightarrow I_0$
2	2.82 / 439	0.1374	+0.61 $h_0 \rightarrow I_0$	-0.33 $h_1 \rightarrow I_1$
3	2.86 / 433	0.0000	+0.52 $h_1 \rightarrow I_0$	-0.39 $h_2 \rightarrow I_0$
4	2.86 / 433	0.0013	+0.52 $h_1 \rightarrow I_1$	-0.39 $h_2 \rightarrow I_1$
5	2.94 / 421	0.0000	+0.56 $h_2 \rightarrow I_0$	+0.33 $h_1 \rightarrow I_0$
6	2.94 / 421	0.0150	+0.57 $h_2 \rightarrow I_1$	+0.33 $h_1 \rightarrow I_1$
7	3.21 / 386	0.0000	+0.57 $h_3 \rightarrow I_1$	-0.28 $h_0 \rightarrow I_4$
8	3.21 / 385	0.0017	+0.57 $h_3 \rightarrow I_0$	+0.25 $h_0 \rightarrow I_5$
9	3.24 / 383	0.0000	+0.43 $h_0 \rightarrow I_4$	+0.37 $h_3 \rightarrow I_1$
10	3.24 / 383	0.0017	+0.38 $h_0 \rightarrow I_5$	-0.37 $h_3 \rightarrow I_0$
11	3.38 / 367	0.0003	+0.45 $h_2 \rightarrow I_4$	-0.32 $h_1 \rightarrow I_4$
12	3.38 / 366	0.0000	+0.39 $h_2 \rightarrow I_5$	-0.37 $h_3 \rightarrow I_4$
13	3.49 / 355	0.0074	+0.65 $h_4 \rightarrow I_1$	-0.22 $h_5 \rightarrow I_0$
14	3.49 / 354	0.0000	+0.65 $h_4 \rightarrow I_0$	-0.22 $h_5 \rightarrow I_1$
15	3.70 / 334	0.0000	+0.61 $h_0 \rightarrow I_2$	-3.31 $h_1 \rightarrow I_3$
16	3.72 / 333	0.0070	+0.55 $h_1 \rightarrow I_2$	-0.39 $h_0 \rightarrow I_3$
17	3.73 / 332	0.0000	+0.35 $h_4 \rightarrow I_5$	+0.27 $h_2 \rightarrow I_5$
18	3.73 / 332	0.0038	+0.40 $h_4 \rightarrow I_4$	+0.29 $h_2 \rightarrow I_4$
19	3.83 / 323	0.0091	+0.64 $h_2 \rightarrow I_2$	-0.18 $h_0 \rightarrow I_3$
20	3.88 / 319	0.0000	+0.51 $h_1 \rightarrow I_3$	+0.27 $h_0 \rightarrow I_2$
21	3.89 / 318	0.0130	+0.49 $h_0 \rightarrow I_3$	+0.40 $h_1 \rightarrow I_2$
22	3.94 / 314	0.0000	+0.56 $h_2 \rightarrow I_3$	+0.22 $h_1 \rightarrow I_3$
23	4.03 / 307	0.0124	+0.56 $h_0 \rightarrow I_6$	-0.28 $h_0 \rightarrow I_5$
24	4.06 / 305	0.0000	+0.40 $h_1 \rightarrow I_6$	-0.28 $h_1 \rightarrow I_5$
25	4.09 / 303	0.0000	+0.51 $h_2 \rightarrow I_6$	-0.25 $h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
26	4.10 / 302	0.1061	+0.37 $h_5 \rightarrow I_0$	+0.25 $h_6 \rightarrow I_0$
27	4.11 / 301	0.0000	-0.57 $h_5 \rightarrow I_1$	-0.21 $h_4 \rightarrow I_0$
28	4.12 / 301	0.0087	+0.44 $h_5 \rightarrow I_0$	+0.24 $h_0 \rightarrow I_5$
29	4.12 / 301	0.0000	-0.37 $h_0 \rightarrow I_4$	-0.30 $h_4 \rightarrow I_5$
30	4.13 / 300	0.0000	+0.36 $h_1 \rightarrow I_6$	-0.36 $h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
31	4.14 / 299	0.1017	-0.39 $h_6 \rightarrow I_0$	+0.24 $h_5 \rightarrow I_0$
32	4.19 / 296	0.0166	-0.45 $h_3 \rightarrow I_3$	+0.29 $h_1 \rightarrow I_8$

**Table S4.**  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  transitions of I in vacuo.  $\Delta E$  (eV), wavelength  $\lambda$  (nm), oscillator strengths ( $f_{osc}$ ) and the two most significant excitations of each transition are reported:  $h_n$  = HOMO  $-n$  and  $I_n$  = LUMO  $+n$ .

$n$	$\Delta E / \lambda$	$f_{osc}$	excitations
1	2.13 / 581	0.0008	$+0.70 h_0 \rightarrow I_0$
2	2.26 / 548	0.0011	$+0.68 h_1 \rightarrow I_0$
3	2.39 / 518	0.0209	$+0.66 h_2 \rightarrow I_0$
4	2.44 / 507	0.0621	$+0.67 h_3 \rightarrow I_0$
5	2.57 / 481	0.0228	$+0.68 h_0 \rightarrow I_1$
6	2.72 / 455	0.0002	$+0.65 h_1 \rightarrow I_1$
7	2.81 / 441	0.0007	$+0.57 h_2 \rightarrow I_1$
8	2.83 / 437	0.0016	$+0.59 h_3 \rightarrow I_1$
9	3.08 / 402	0.0007	$+0.65 h_0 \rightarrow I_2$
10	3.12 / 397	0.0012	$+0.42 h_0 \rightarrow I_3$
11	3.14 / 395	0.0023	$+0.67 h_4 \rightarrow I_0$
12	3.23 / 383	0.0009	$+0.36 h_0 \rightarrow I_7$
13	3.26 / 379	0.0041	$+0.64 h_1 \rightarrow I_2$
14	3.28 / 377	0.0111	$+0.30 h_1 \rightarrow I_3$
15	3.31 / 374	0.0035	$-0.33 h_2 \rightarrow I_6$
16	3.35 / 370	0.0024	$+0.47 h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
17	3.38 / 366	0.0016	$-0.45 h_2 \rightarrow I_2$
18	3.43 / 361	0.0012	$+0.39 h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
19	3.46 / 357	0.0014	$+0.51 h_5 \rightarrow I_0$
20	3.50 / 354	0.0007	$+0.57 h_4 \rightarrow I_1$
21	3.56 / 348	0.0128	$+0.54 h_1 \rightarrow I_3$
22	3.58 / 345	0.0007	$+0.56 h_6 \rightarrow I_0$
23	3.61 / 343	0.0113	$+0.47 h_3 \rightarrow I_3$
24	3.64 / 340	0.0623	$-0.63 h_0 \rightarrow I_8$
			$+0.18 h_3 \rightarrow I_3$

**Table S5.**  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  transitions of II *in vacuo*.  $\Delta E$  (eV), wavelength  $\lambda$  (nm), oscillator strengths ( $f_{osc}$ ) and the two most significant excitations of each transition are reported:  $h_n$  = HOMO  $-n$  and  $I_n$  = LUMO  $+n$ .

$n$	$\Delta E / \lambda$	$f_{osc}$	excitations
1	2.88 / 430	0.0522	$+0.69 h_0 \rightarrow I_0$
2	2.89 / 429	0.0000	$+0.18 h_1 \rightarrow I_0$
3	2.96 / 418	0.0000	$+0.55 h_1 \rightarrow I_0$
4	2.96 / 418	0.0242	$+0.63 h_2 \rightarrow I_0$
5	2.99 / 415	0.0000	$-0.55 h_2 \rightarrow I_1$
6	2.99 / 414	0.0293	$-0.63 h_1 \rightarrow I_1$
7	3.17 / 391	0.0000	$+0.68 h_3 \rightarrow I_0$
8	3.18 / 389	0.0029	$+0.69 h_3 \rightarrow I_1$
9	3.26 / 380	0.0004	$+0.49 h_0 \rightarrow I_4$
10	3.27 / 379	0.0000	$+0.47 h_1 \rightarrow I_4$
11	3.41 / 363	0.0003	$+0.53 h_2 \rightarrow I_4$
12	3.42 / 362	0.0000	$-0.39 h_3 \rightarrow I_4$
13	3.76 / 329	0.0095	$+0.67 h_0 \rightarrow I_2$
14	3.80 / 326	0.0040	$+0.64 h_4 \rightarrow I_0$
15	3.81 / 325	0.0000	$+0.47 h_0 \rightarrow I_3$
16	3.81 / 325	0.0000	$+0.55 h_4 \rightarrow I_1$
17	3.83 / 323	0.0000	$+0.31 h_4 \rightarrow I_1$
18	3.83 / 323	0.0037	$+0.41 h_0 \rightarrow I_4$
19	3.88 / 319	0.0084	$+0.66 h_2 \rightarrow I_2$
20	3.92 / 316	0.0000	$-0.45 h_1 \rightarrow I_2$
21	3.99 / 310	0.0027	$+0.44 h_1 \rightarrow I_3$
22	3.99 / 310	0.0000	$+0.50 h_2 \rightarrow I_3$
23	4.06 / 305	0.0000	$+0.54 h_3 \rightarrow I_2$
24	4.07 / 304	0.0000	$+0.50 h_0 \rightarrow I_6$
			$-0.24 h_0 \rightarrow I_5$

**Table S6.** Significant estimated strengths of the Ag-Ag donor-acceptor (bond-antibond) interactions in the NBO basis calculated *in vacuo* by the second-order perturbative energy  $E(2)$  in kcal/mol (NBO program (version 3.1) in Gaussian 09) of I and II. The specification of the orientations of the  $p$  and  $d$  atomic orbitals describing the NBOs is privileged with respect to their detailed description to evidence the character of the donor-acceptor interaction. a) Triple- $\zeta$  basis set (ECP28MDF + VTZ on Ag), b) double- $\zeta$  basis set (LANL2DZ on Ag). The z-axis lies in the direction defined by the Ag-Ag atoms.

	donor → acceptor	$E(2)$	donor → acceptor	$E(2)$
a)	$4s \rightarrow 5p_z$	11.48	$4s \rightarrow 5p_z$	8.65
	$5s \rightarrow 5s$	632.22	$5s \rightarrow \text{Rydberg}(6s, 7p_z, 5d_{xy})$	11.68
	$5s \rightarrow \text{Rydberg}(6s, 6p_y)$	37.14	$5s \rightarrow \text{Rydberg}(6s, 7p_z, 5d_{xy})$	11.22
			$5s \rightarrow \text{Rydberg}(7s, 7p_z, 5d_{z^2})$	23.47
			$5p_x, 5p_y \rightarrow \text{Rydberg}(6p_x, 7p_y)$	89.26
			$5p_x, 5p_y \rightarrow \text{Rydberg}(6p_y, 7p_y, 5d_{yz})$	28.58
b)	$5s \rightarrow 5p_z$	93.15	$5s \rightarrow 5p_z$	28.53

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