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## **Supporting Information**

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		External electric field (in au)						
State		+0.0030	+0.0015	-0.0015	-0.0030	-0.0045	-0.0060	-0.0090
S <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>6a</sub>	1.0160	0.9845	0.9308	0.9063	0.8821	0.8587	0.8149
	V 1	0.9040	0.9127	0.9331	0.9405	0.9493	0.9578	0.9740
	V <sub>12</sub>	0.3919	0.3660	0.3163	0.2933	0.2708	0.2496	0.2145
	V <sub>19a</sub>	0.1712	0.1810	0.1992	0.2069	0.2150	0.2230	0.2383
	<b>v</b> <sub>9a</sub>	0.9359	0.9273	0.9138	0.9078	0.9017	0.8960	0.8851
	V <sub>18a</sub>	0.1663	0.1598	0.1496	0.1456	0.1421	0.1394	0.1357
	V <sub>8a</sub>	0.9356	0.9293	0.9196	0.9151	0.9101	0.9053	0.8956
S <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>6a</sub>	0.9766	0.9446	0.8899	0.8652	0.8409	0.8176	0.7744
	V 1	0.8812	0.8890	0.9073	0.9140	0.9220	0.9296	0.9448
	V <sub>12</sub>	0.3756	0.3502	0.3011	0.2786	0.2565	0.2356	0.2012
	V <sub>19a</sub>	0.1507	0.1600	0.1772	0.1846	0.1924	0.2001	0.2150
	<b>V</b> 9a	0.8896	0.8816	0.8691	0.8636	0.8580	0.8527	0.8428
	V <sub>18a</sub>	0.1606	0.1541	0.1438	0.1397	0.1363	0.1335	0.1301
	V <sub>8a</sub>	0.9315	0.9255	0.9161	0.9118	0.9070	0.9022	0.8928
S <sub>3</sub>	V <sub>6a</sub>	0.0974	0.0867	0.0636	0.0521	0.0408	0.0297	0.0083
	V 1	0.9387	0.9502	0.9733	0.9817	0.9892	0.9950	1.0008
	V <sub>12</sub>	0.6002	0.5695	0.5096	0.4825	0.4550	0.4288	0.3846
	V <sub>19a</sub>	0.4280	0.4202	0.4044	0.3967	0.3875	0.3778	0.3563
	<b>v</b> <sub>9a</sub>	0.2644	0.2710	0.2889	0.2975	0.3078	0.3185	0.3413
	V <sub>18a</sub>	0.0257	0.0295	0.0342	0.0357	0.0361	0.0355	0.0320
	V <sub>8a</sub>	0.9070	0.9064	0.9101	0.9124	0.9154	0.9187	0.9271
S <sub>4</sub>	V <sub>6a</sub>	0.0238	0.0408	0.0161	0.0043	0.0073	0.0184	0.0392
	V 1	0.0125	0.9286	0.9493	0.9569	0.9635	0.9685	0.9732
	V <sub>12</sub>	0.0141	0.5576	0.4982	0.4714	0.4441	0.4183	0.3746
	$\nu_{19a}$	0.0233	0.3918	0.3748	0.3667	0.3571	0.3470	0.3251
	V <sub>9a</sub>	0.0468	0.3143	0.3316	0.3398	0.3496	0.3598	0.3815
	V <sub>18a</sub>	0.0069	0.0173	0.0218	0.0232	0.0235	0.0230	0.0198
	V <sub>8a</sub>	0.0033	0.9069	0.9108	0.9131	0.9161	0.9195	0.9276

**Table S1**. The calculated dimensionless displacements of 7 totally symmetric modes of  $Py-Ag_6$  for 4 low-lying electronic state in different electric fields using the BP86 functional.



**Fig. S1** NPA charge separation of the isolated  $Ag_6$  cluster with respect to the external electric field (the anchoring Ag atom shows with asterisk).



Fig. S2 The highest occupied molecular orbitals of Py-Ag<sub>6</sub> complex, which localize on metal cluster.