## **Supplementary Information**

# Plasmonic properties of gold nanoparticle clusters formed via applying an AC electric field

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#### Fig. S1

Size distributions of Au NPs in the presence of PMBA (a) and UV–Vis spectra of Au NPs before and after the incubation of PMBA (b).



Size distributions of Au NPs in suspensions measured by the field application of 1 MHz in the field strengths from 0 V/mm to 50 V/mm.



#### Fig. S3

Size distributions of Au NPs in suspensions measured by the field application at 10 V/mm in the frequency range from 0.1 kHz to 1 MHz.





Size distributions of Au NPs in suspensions measured by the field application at 30 V/mm in the frequency range from 0.1 kHz to 1 MHz.



Size distributions of Au NPs in suspensions measured by the field application at 50 V/mm in the frequency range from 0.1 kHz to 1 MHz.



SEM images of Au NPs dried far from the Cu electrodes on a glass substrate observed by the field application at 30 V/mm in the frequency range from 0.1 kHz to 1 MHz.

Table S1 Summary of the relationship between clustering states and plasmonic properties of Au NPs.

Field strengths	Frequencies	530-nm intensities <sup>a)</sup>	Sizes measured in DLS <sup>b</sup>	Relative intensities of Raman peaks of PMBA <sup>c)</sup>
0 V/mm		0.43	41 nm	1.0 / 1.0
10 V/mm	0.1 kHz	0.40	55 nm	
	1 kHz	0.40	55 nm	
	1 MHz	0.39	44 nm	
30 V/mm	0.1 kHz	0.34	213 nm	0.21 / 0.51
	1 kHz	0.36	63 nm	1.2 / 1.2
	1 MHz	0.30	75 nm	1.3 / 1.5
50 V/mm	0.1 kHz	0.26	254 nm	
	1 kHz	0.37	85 nm	
	1 MHz	0.20	147 nm	

<sup>*a*)</sup> 530-nm intensities in the UV-Vis spectra shown in Fig.3 <sup>*b*)</sup> DLS sizes of Au NPs measured in suspension

<sup>b)</sup> Relative intensities of the Raman peaks at 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1391 cm<sup>-1</sup> in Fig.4.



Size distributions of Au NPs in suspensions measured by the field application of 1 MHz at 30V/mm in the application time from 30 s to 180 s.



### Fig.S8

UV-Vis spectra (a) and size distributions (b) of Au NPs in suspensions measured by the field application at 30 V/mm in the frequency 10 kHz and 100 kHz