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Multiscale Simulations of Ligand Adsorption and Exchange on Gold Nanoparticles

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CTAB / Water

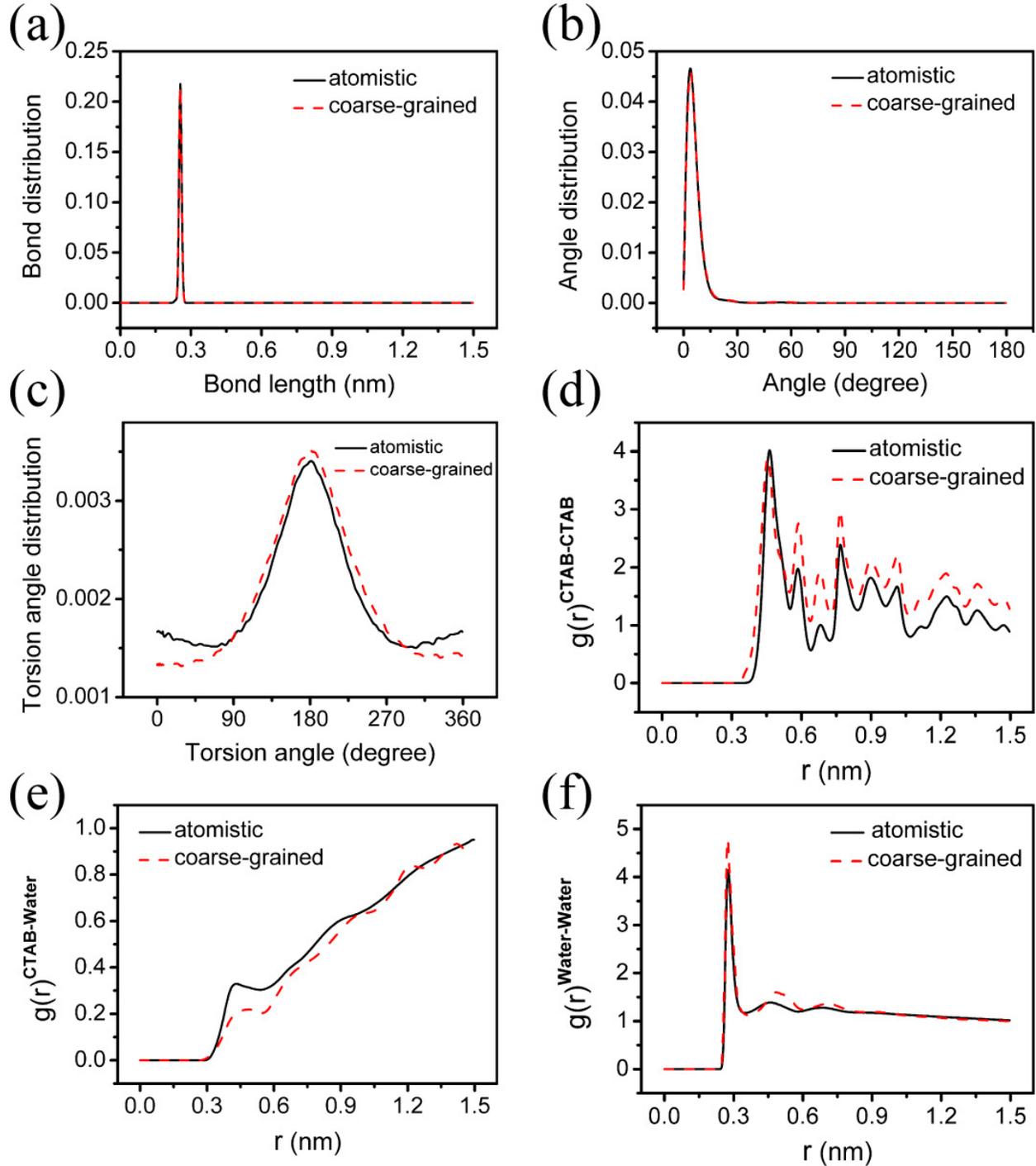


Figure S1: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of CTAB in water at 298 K. Bonded distribution: (a) bond lengths, (b) angle, and (c) torsion angles. Nonbonded RDF: (d) CTAB-CTAB, (e) CTAB-Water, and (f) Water-Water. The concentration of CTAB is 40 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

CTAB / THF

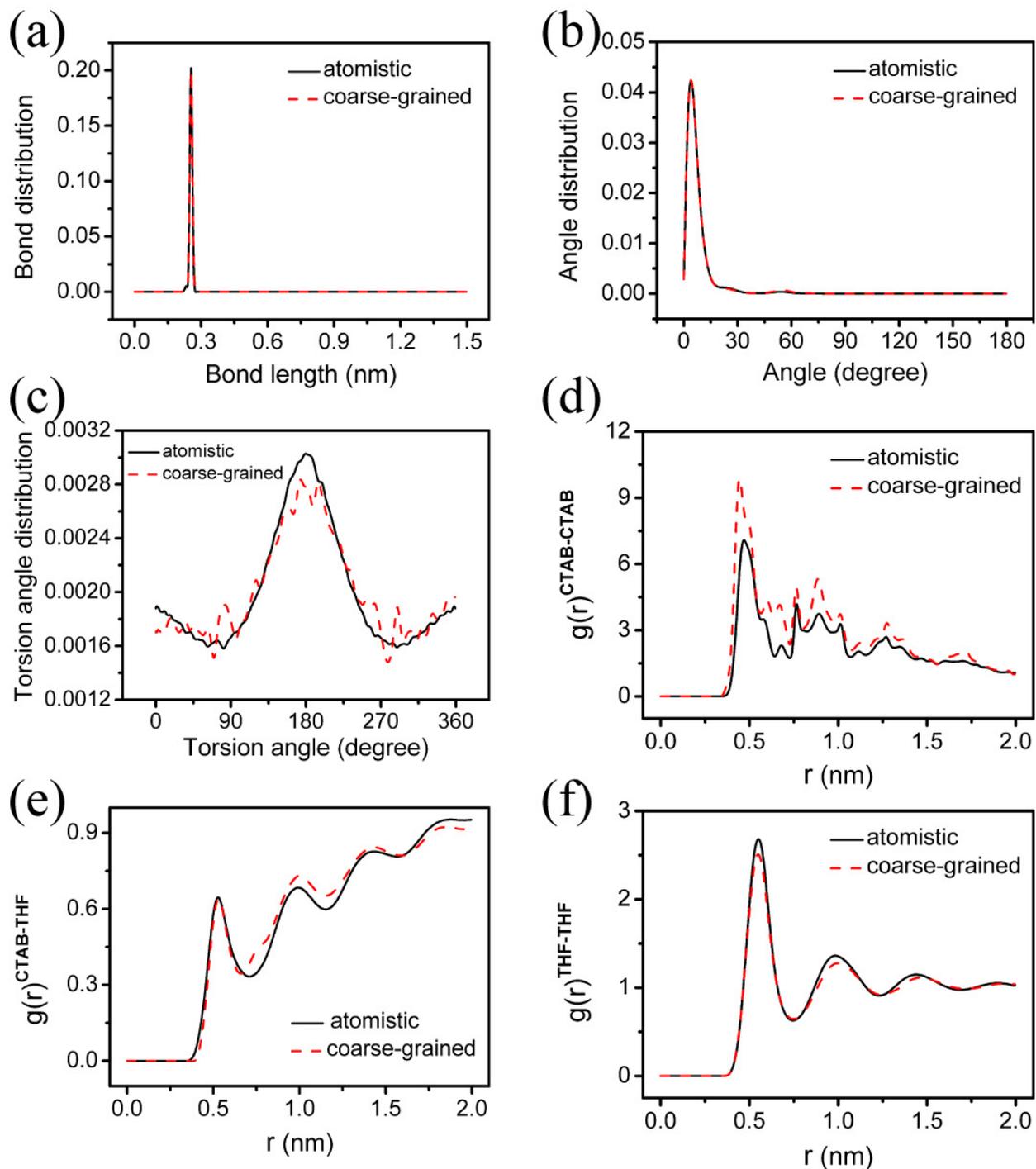


Figure S2: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of CTAB in THF at 298 K. Bonded distribution: (a) bond lengths, (b) angle, and (c) torsion angles. Nonbonded RDF: (d) CTAB-CTAB, (e) CTAB-THF, and (f) THF-THF. The concentration of CTAB is 40 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

PEG (5%) / Water

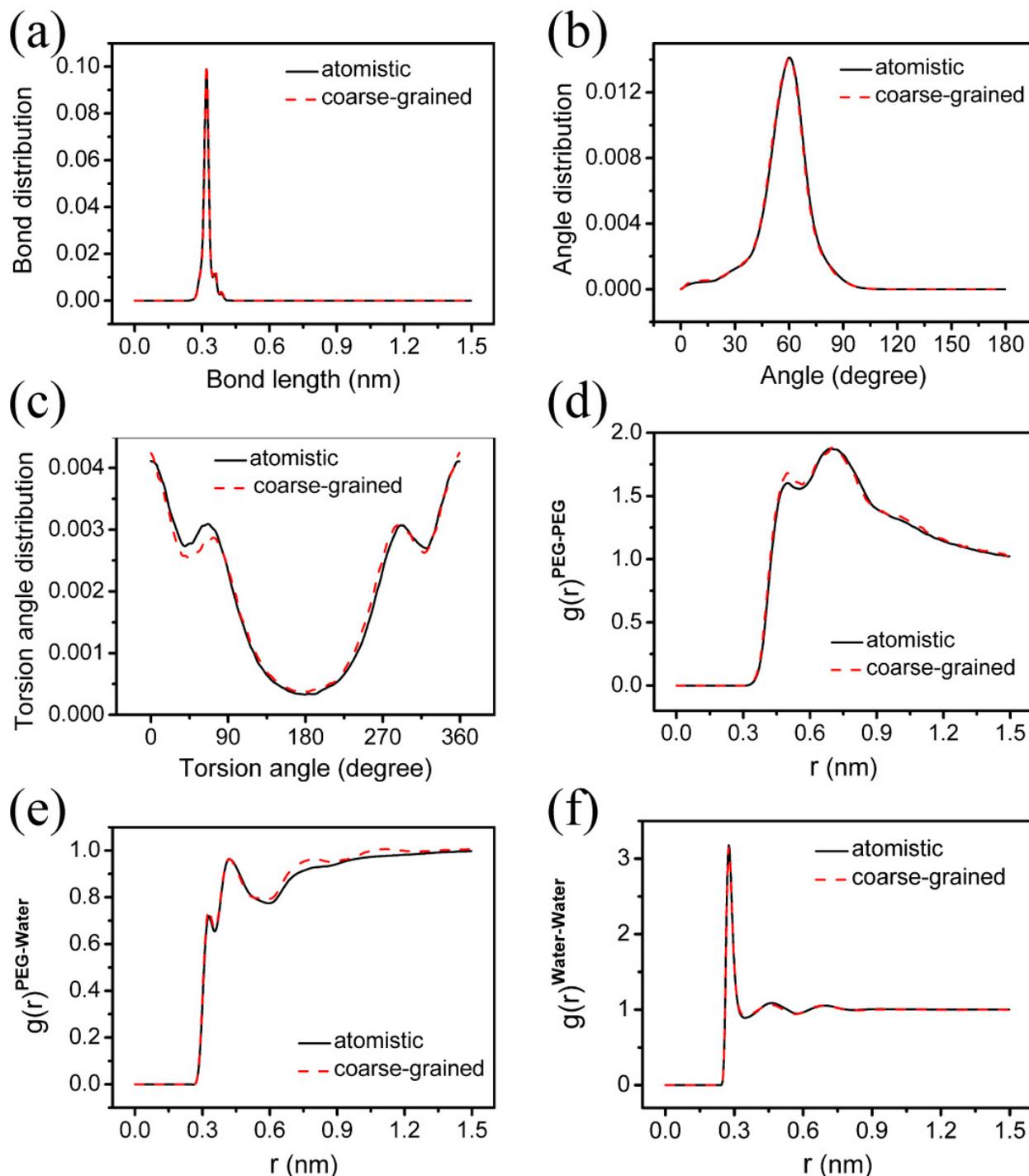


Figure S3: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of PEG11 in water at 298 K. Bonded distribution: (a) bond lengths, (b) angle, and (c) torsion angles. Nonbonded RDF: (d) PEG-PEG, (e) PEG-Water, and (f) Water-Water. The concentration of PEG is 5 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

PEG (20%) / Water

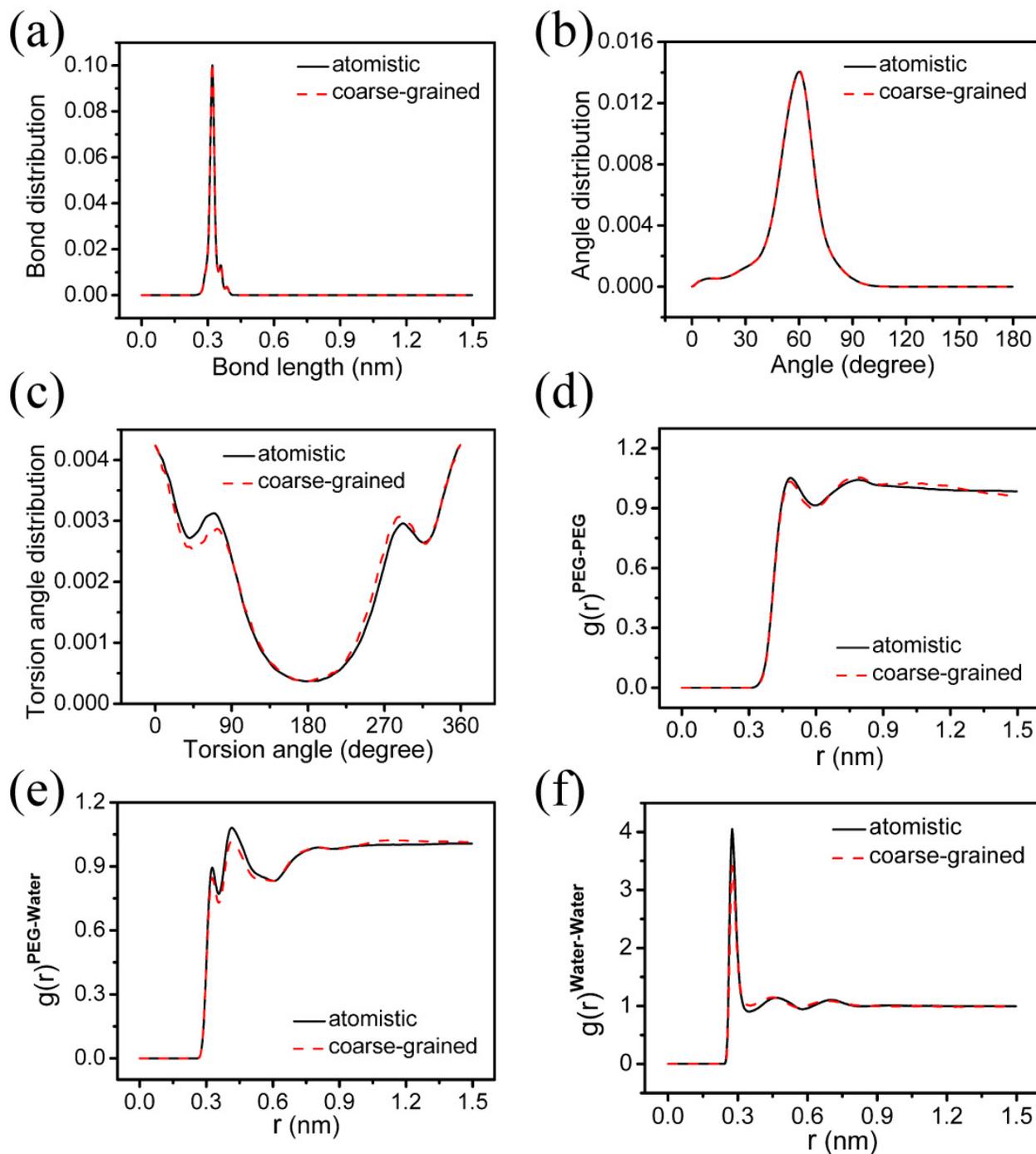


Figure S4: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of PEG11 in water at 298 K. Bonded distribution: (a) bond lengths, (b) angle, and (c) torsion angles. Nonbonded RDF: (d) PEG-PEG, (e) PEG-Water, and (f) Water-Water. The concentration of PEG is 20 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

PEG (40%) / Water

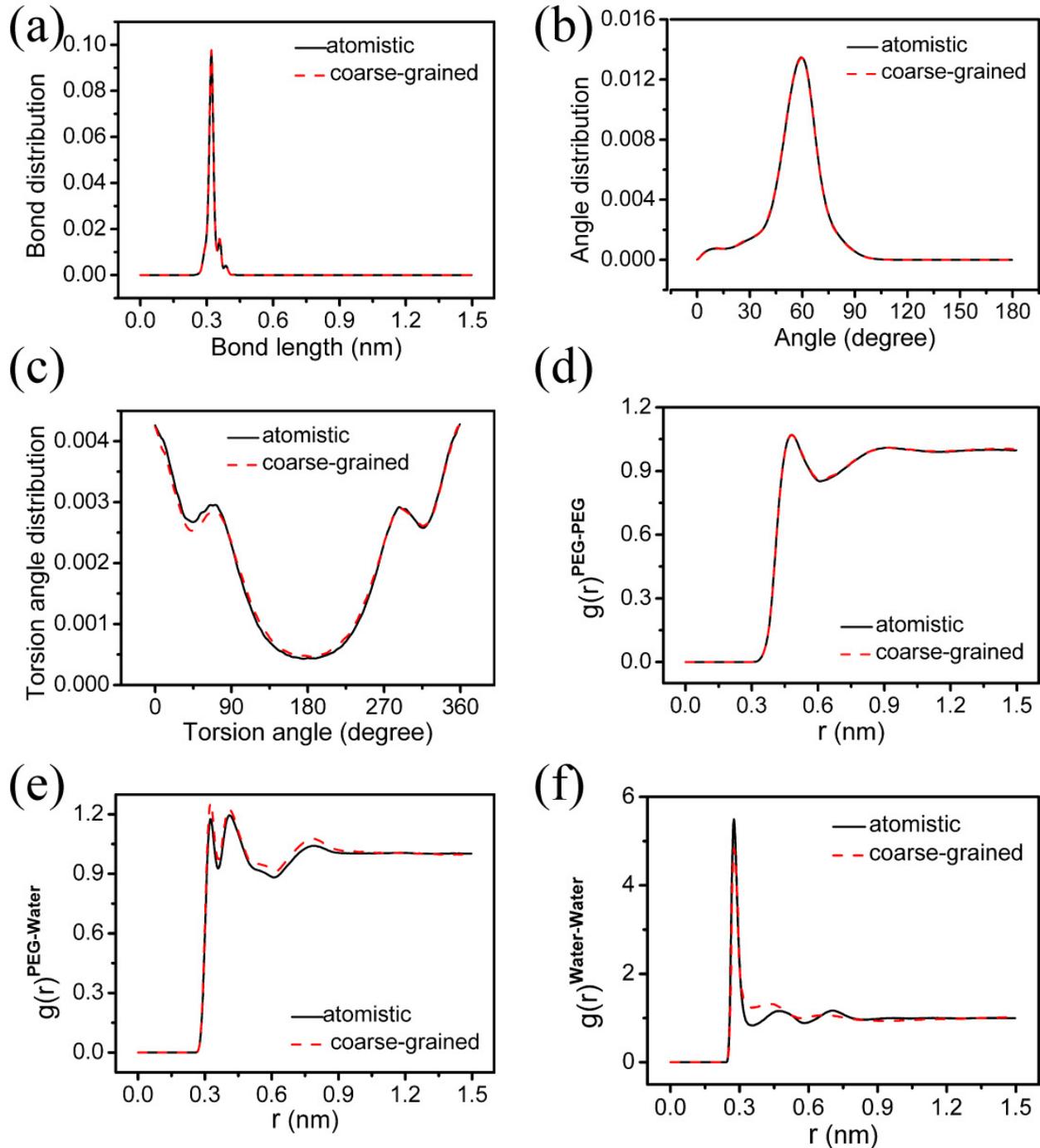


Figure S5: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of PEG11 in water at 298 K. Bonded distribution: (a) bond lengths, (b) angle, and (c) torsion angles. Nonbonded RDF: (d) PEG-PEG, (e) PEG-Water, and (f) Water-Water. The concentration of PEG is 40 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

PEG (bulk)

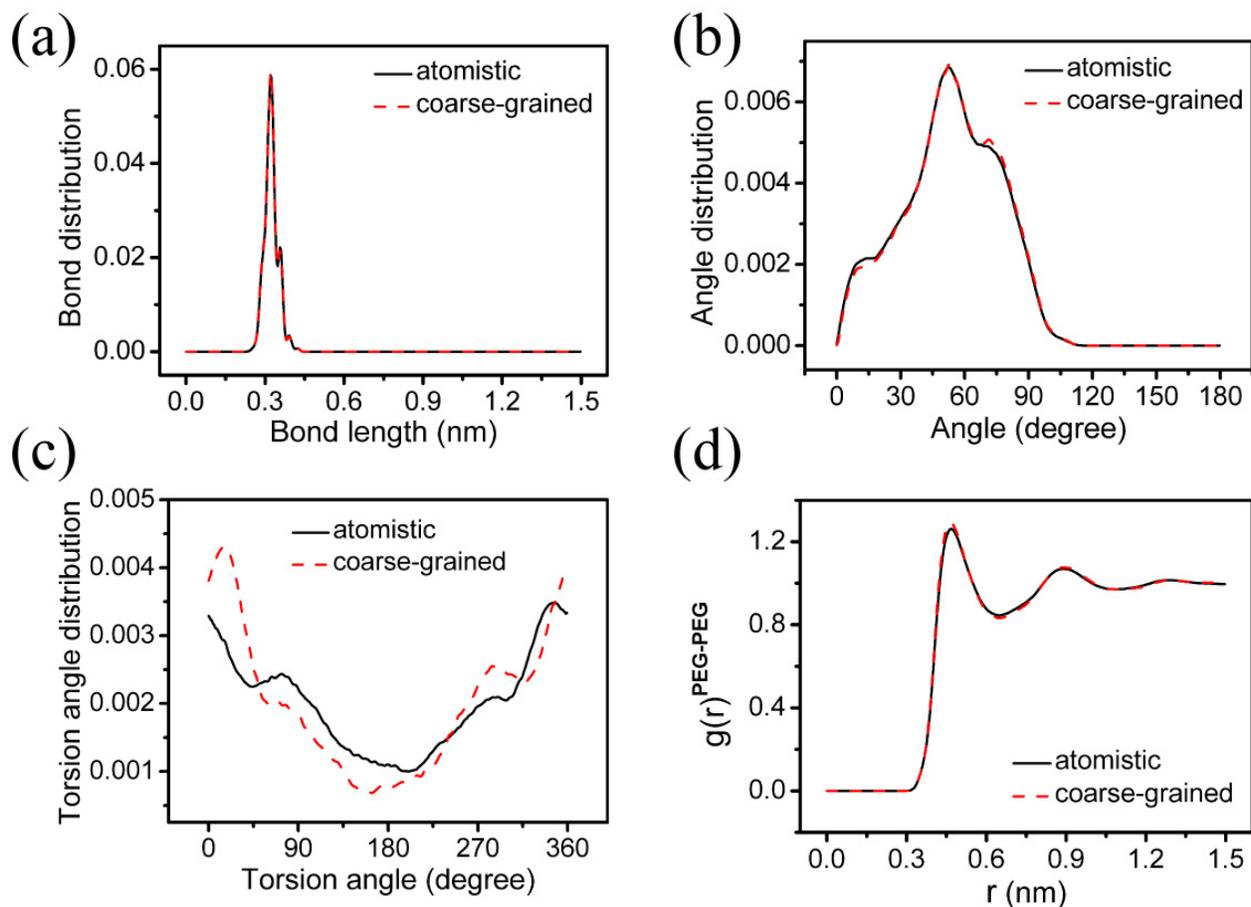


Figure S6: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of PEG11 bulk at 298 K. (a) Bond length distribution, (b) angle distribution, (c) torsion angle distribution, and (d) nonbonded RDF between PEG-PEG. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

PEG (10%) / THF

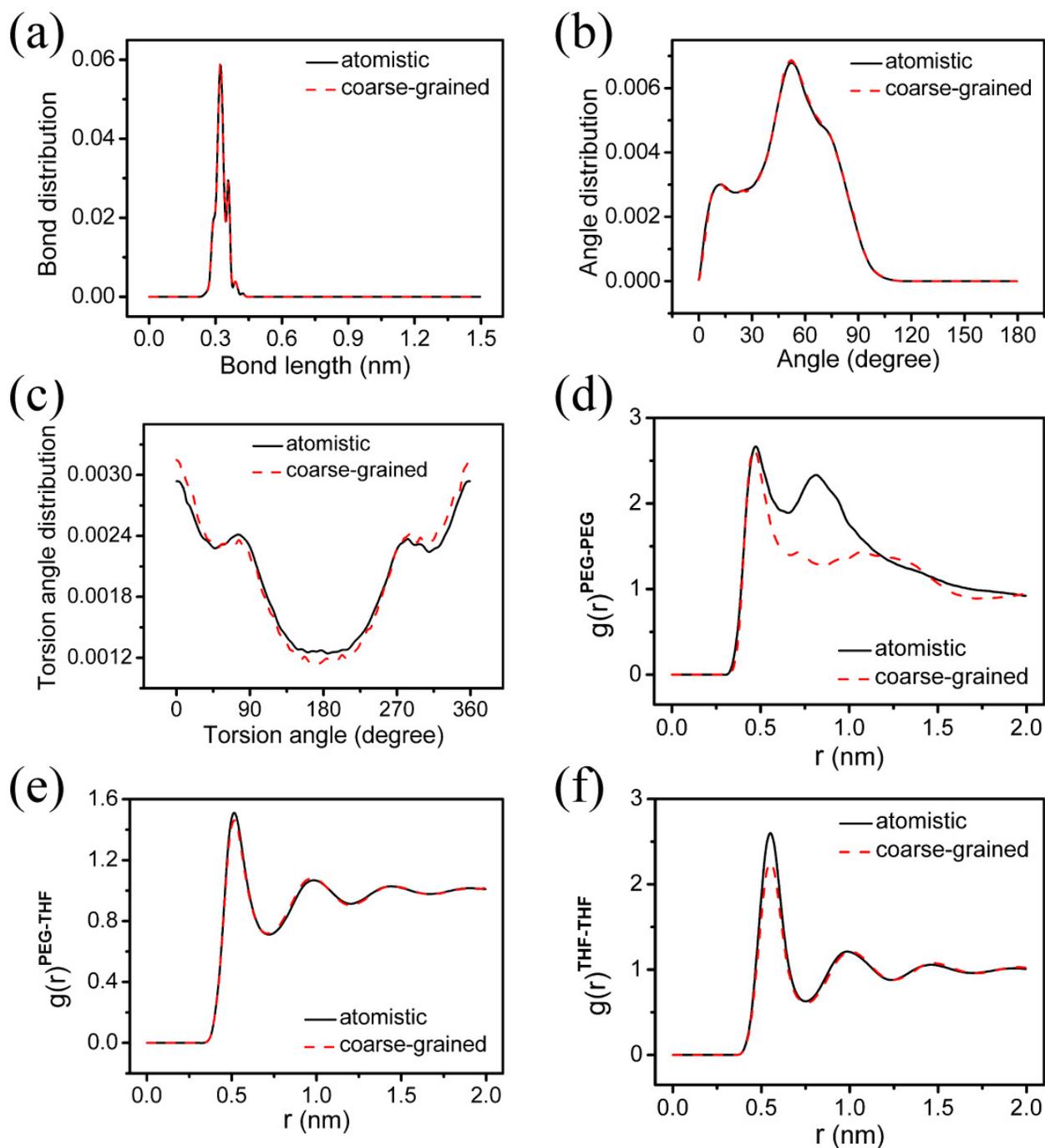


Figure S7: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of PEG11 in THF at 298 K. Bonded distribution: (a) bond lengths, (b) angle, and (c) torsion angles. Nonbonded RDF: (d) PEG-PEG, (e) PEG-THF, and (f) THF-THF. The concentration of PEG is 10 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

PS (10%) / THF

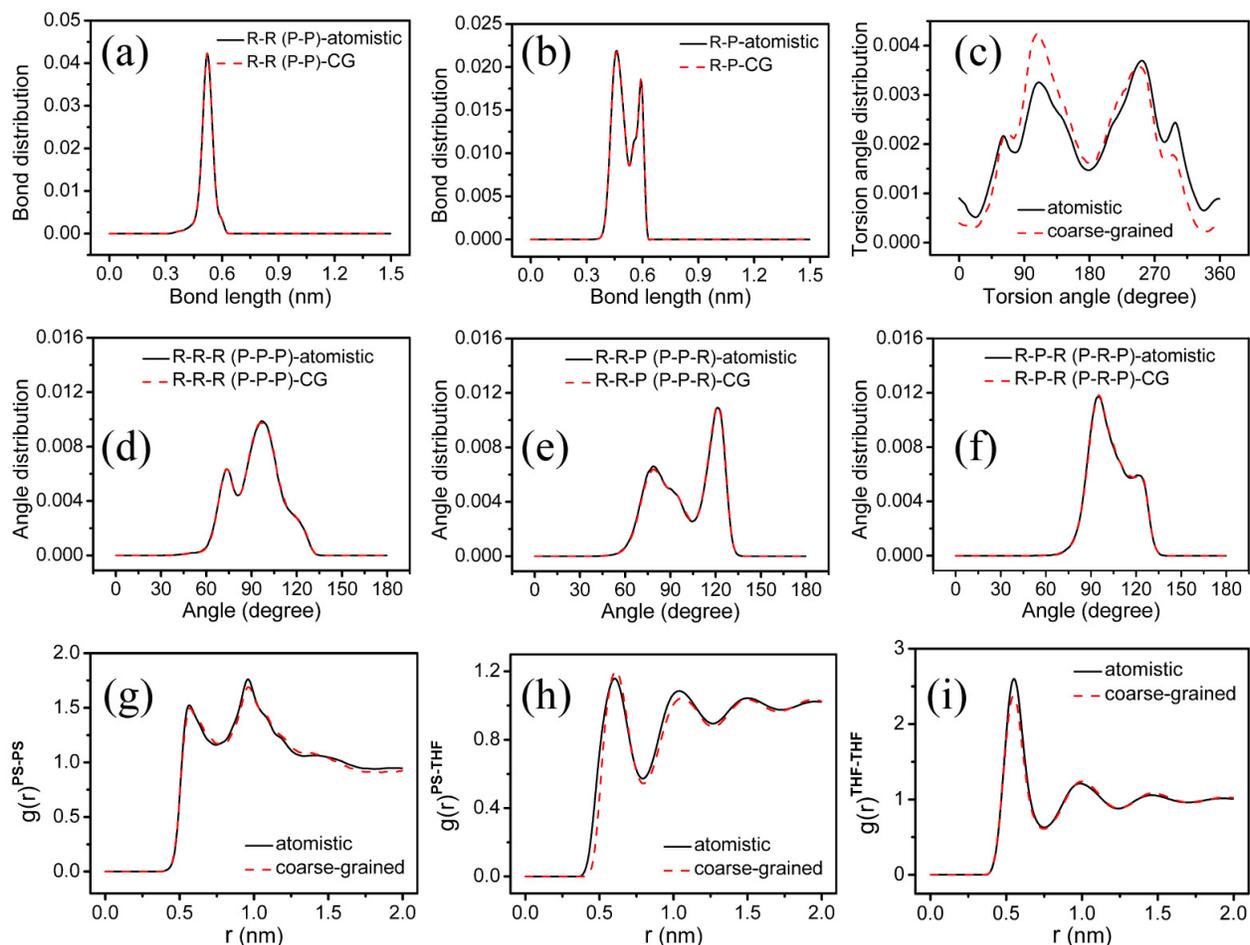
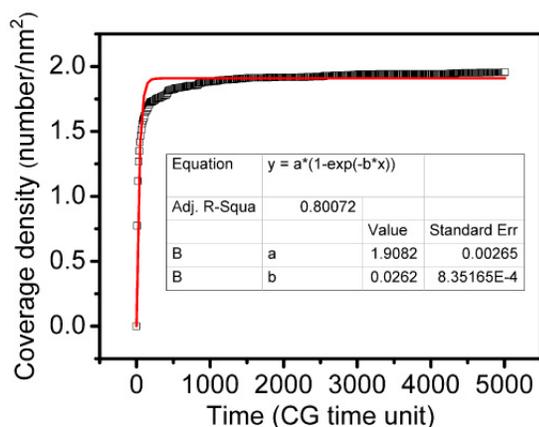
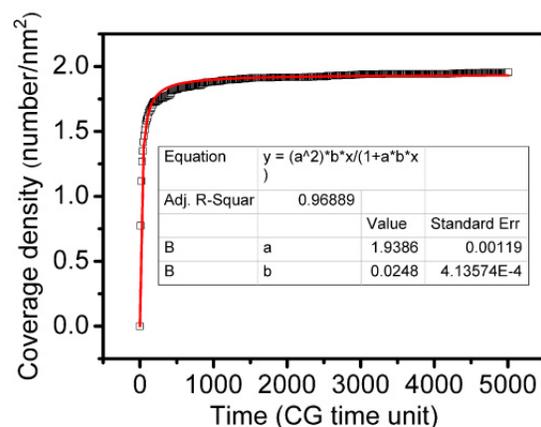


Figure S8: Calculated bonded distribution and nonbonded radial distribution functions (RDF) between centers of mass of monomers from atomistic and coarse-grained simulations of PS10 in THF at 298 K. (a) Bond length distribution for $R - R$, (b) bond length distribution for $R - P$, (c) torsion angle distribution, (d) angle distribution for $R - R - R$, (e) angle distribution for $R - R - P$, (f) angle distribution for $R - P - R$, and nonbonded RDF between (g) PS-PS, (h) PS-THF, and (i) THF-THF. The concentration of PS is 10 mon %. All bonded and nonbonded interactions are in acceptable agreement with the target distribution functions.

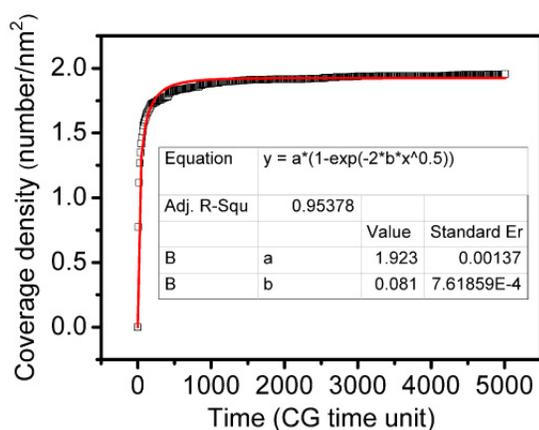
(a) First Order Langmuir



(b) Second Order Langmuir



(c) Diffusion First Order Langmuir



(d) Diffusion Second Order Langmuir

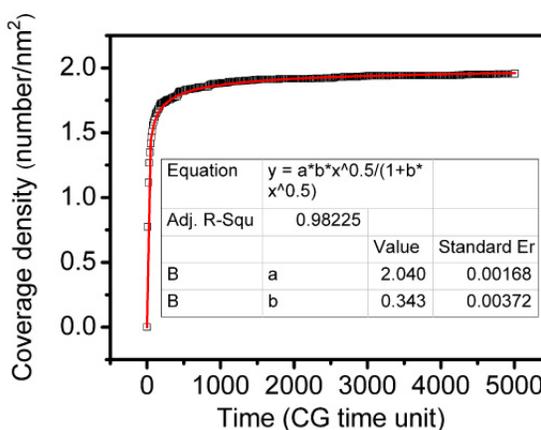


Figure S9: Adsorption kinetics of CTAB on gold surfaces in water. The curves represent model fit for (a) first order Langmuir (1L), (b) second order Langmuir (2L), (c) diffusion-limited first order Langmuir (1LD), and (d) diffusion-limited second order Langmuir (2LD). Fitting to traditional first order reaction yields unsatisfactory results, while the diffusion-limited second order Langmuir (2LD) kinetic offers the best description of the data.

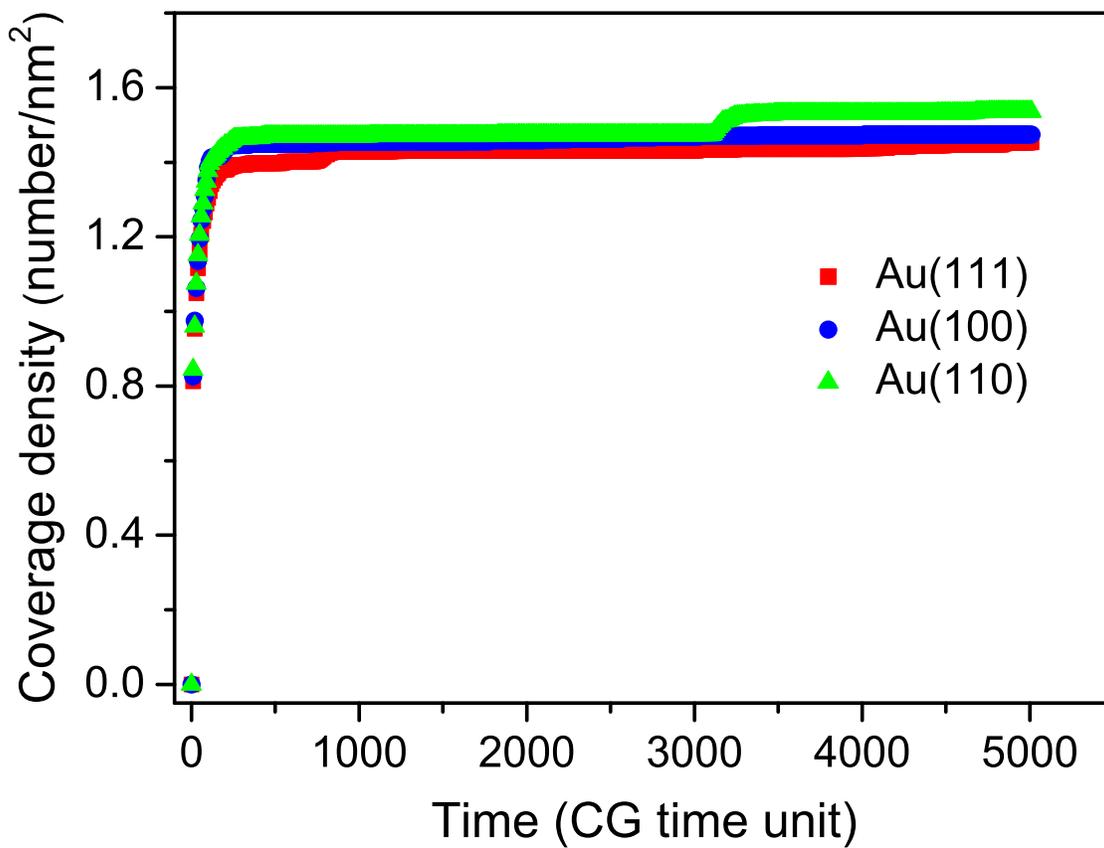


Figure S10: The coverage density for CTAB molecules in THF on Au(111), Au(100) and Au(110) surfaces.