

Dynamic simulation of liquid molecular nanoclusters. Structure, stability and quantification of internal (pseudo)symmetries

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Electronic Supporting Information

S1. Force Field parameters

See the Users' Manual for full details (<http://www.angelogavezzotti.it/Public/main2.htm>).

S1.1 Benzene

#BENZNE99 Molecular dynamics force field file

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12
1 0.00000 1.02600 -0.93778 12 -0.2878
2 0.00000 -0.29915 -1.35743 12 -0.2878
3 0.00000 -1.32514 -0.41965 12 -0.2878
4 0.00000 -1.02599 0.93779 12 -0.2878
5 -0.00000 0.29915 1.35743 12 -0.2878
6 0.00000 1.32514 0.41964 12 -0.2878
7 0.00000 1.82317 -1.66642 2 0.2878
8 0.00000 -0.53158 -2.41212 2 0.2878
9 0.00000 -2.35475 -0.74570 2 0.2878
10 0.00000 -1.82317 1.66642 2 0.2878
11 -0.00000 0.53158 2.41212 2 0.2878
12 0.00000 2.35475 0.74570 2 0.2878
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0 nslav-v
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12 nstr-u

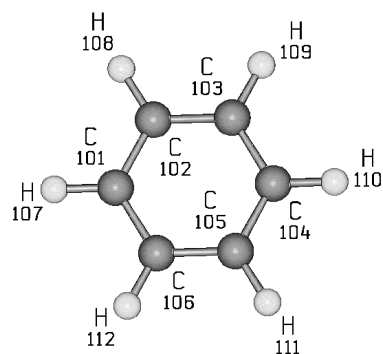
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1 7 1.080 3500.0
2 8 1.080 3500.0
3 9 1.080 3500.0
4 10 1.080 3500.0
5 11 1.080 3500.0
6 12 1.080 3500.0
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0 nstr-v
18 nbend-u
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1 2 3 120.00 450.0
2 3 4 120.00 450.0
3 4 5 120.00 450.0
4 5 6 120.00 450.0
5 6 1 120.00 450.0
6 1 2 120.00 450.0
1 2 8 120.00 450.0
1 6 12 120.00 450.0
2 1 7 120.00 450.0
2 3 9 120.00 450.0
3 2 8 120.00 450.0
3 4 10 120.00 450.0
4 3 9 120.00 450.0
4 5 11 120.00 450.0
5 4 10 120.00 450.0
5 6 12 120.00 450.0
6 1 7 120.00 450.0
6 5 11 120.00 450.0
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0 nbend-v
12 ntors-u
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1 2 3 4 100.0 -1.0 1.0
2 3 4 5 100.0 -1.0 1.0
3 4 5 6 100.0 -1.0 1.0
4 5 6 1 100.0 -1.0 1.0
5 6 1 2 100.0 -1.0 1.0
6 1 2 3 100.0 -1.0 1.0
1 2 6 7 200.0 -1.0 1.0 improper
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2 3 1 8 200.0 -1.0 1.0
3 4 2 9 200.0 -1.0 1.0
4 5 3 10 200.0 -1.0 1.0
5 6 4 11 200.0 -1.0 1.0
6 1 5 12 200.0 -1.0 1.0
0 ntors-v
0 nlist-u
0 nlist-v
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0 nintra

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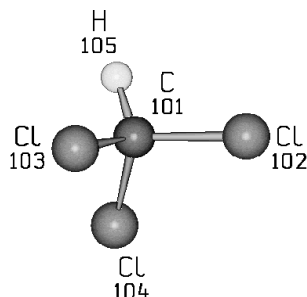
S1.2 Chloroform

#chcl3 Molecular dynamics force field file

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3 -0.07639 -0.82117 -1.46360 42 -0.2610
4 -0.07639 -0.82116 1.46360 42 -0.2610
5 1.61198 -0.02129 -0.00000 3 0.2703
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0 nslav-v
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4 nstr-u
1 2 1.776 2500.0
1 3 1.776 2500.0
1 4 1.776 2500.0
1 5 1.080 2500.0
0 nstr-v
6 nbend-u
2 1 3 109.47 450.0
2 1 4 109.47 450.0
2 1 5 109.47 450.0
3 1 4 109.47 450.0
3 1 5 109.47 450.0
4 1 5 109.47 450.0
0 nbend-v
0 ntors-u
0 ntors-v
0 nlist-u
0 nlist-v
0.410 235.0 650.0 77000.0
0 nintra

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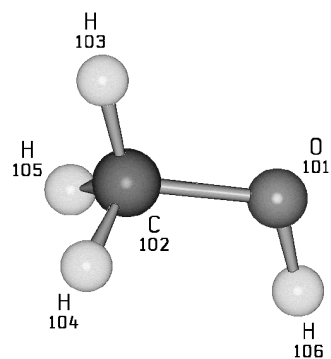
S1.3 Methanol

#METHOL99 methanol molecular dynamics force field file

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4 -0.50580 -0.37822 -0.87608 3 0.2826
5 -0.50581 -0.37822 0.87608 3 0.2826
6 -0.91620 1.75847 0.00000 5 0.7970
0 nslav-u
0 ncore-v
0 nslav-v
35.9 0.0 volu-u,volu-v
5 nstr-u
1 2 1.425 3200.0
2 3 1.080 3000.0
2 4 1.080 3000.0

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2      5      1.080  3000.0
1      6      1.000  2500.0
0 nstr-v
7 nbend-u
2 1 6 110.00 400.0
1 2 3 110.50 450.0
1 2 4 110.50 450.0
1 2 5 110.50 450.0
3 2 4 108.42 350.0
3 2 5 108.42 350.0
4 2 5 108.42 350.0
0 nbend-v
1 ntors-u
6 1 2 3 2.5 1.0 3.0
0 ntors-v
0 nlist-u
0 nlist-v
0.410 235.0 650.0 77000.0
0 nintra

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S1.4 Pyridine

#pyri pyridine Molecular dynamics force field file

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3 0.00955 1.19684 0.66470 12 -0.3177
4 -0.01042 0.03053 1.38902 12 -0.1537
5 0.00809 -1.16960 0.71918 12 -0.3197
6 -0.00579 -1.14911 -0.65389 12 0.1081
7 -0.03378 2.04725 -1.25955 2 0.2700
8 0.03795 2.15422 1.16371 2 0.2929
9 -0.04020 0.05574 2.46831 2 0.2812
10 0.03292 -2.10475 1.25888 2 0.2933
11 -0.02873 -2.09613 -1.17256 2 0.2692

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0 nslav-v
79.3 0.0 volu-u,volu-v

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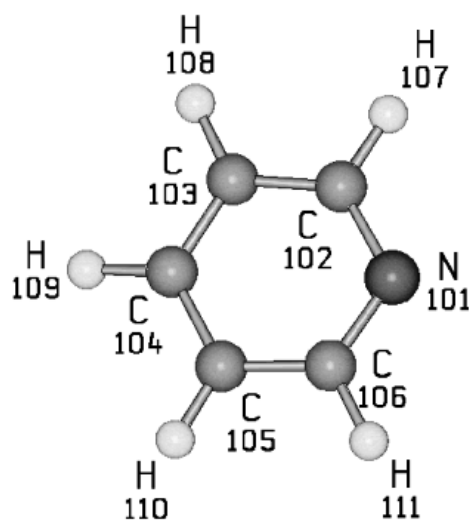
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3 8 1.080 3500.0
4 5 1.375 4500.0
4 9 1.080 3500.0
5 6 1.373 4500.0
5 10 1.080 3500.0
6 11 1.080 3500.0

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0 nstr-v
16 nbend-u
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1 2 7 118.01 450.0
1 6 5 124.28 450.0
1 6 11 117.86 450.0
2 1 6 115.66 450.0
2 3 4 118.72 450.0
2 3 8 120.64 450.0
3 2 7 118.01 450.0
3 4 5 118.97 450.0
3 4 9 120.51 450.0
4 3 8 120.64 450.0
4 5 6 118.30 450.0
4 5 10 120.85 450.0
5 4 9 120.51 450.0

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6      5      10  120.85  450.0
0      nbend-v
11     ntors-u
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2  3  4  5  100.0  -1.0  1.0
3  4  5  6  100.0  -1.0  1.0
4  5  6  1  100.0  -1.0  1.0
5  6  1  2  100.0  -1.0  1.0
6  1  2  3  100.0  -1.0  1.0
2  3  1  7  200.0  -1.0  1.0  improper
3  4  2  8  200.0  -1.0  1.0
4  5  3  9  200.0  -1.0  1.0
5  6  4  10 200.0  -1.0  1.0
6  1  5  11 200.0  -1.0  1.0
0      ntors-v
0      nlist-u
0      nlist-v
0.410  235.0  650.0  77000.0
0      nintra

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S2. Simulation outcomes

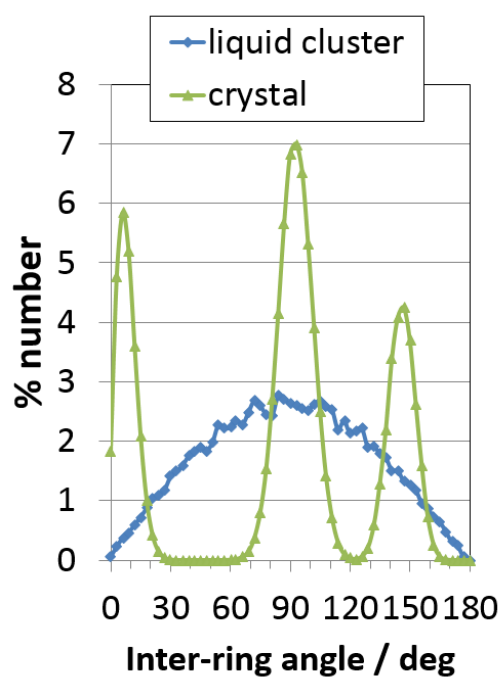


Figure S1. Distribution of angles between the normal to the ring in benzene molecular pairs. Blue: liquid nanocluster of 475 molecules. Green: crystalline benzene.

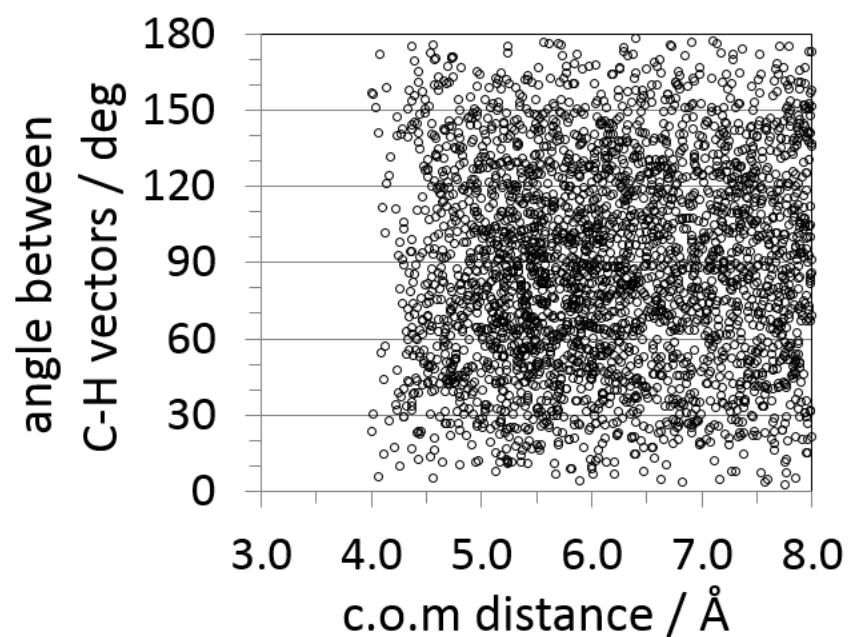


Figure S2. Distribution of angles between molecular C–H vectors in a liquid chloroform cluster consisting of 514 molecules, corresponding to the last frame of the MD simulation.

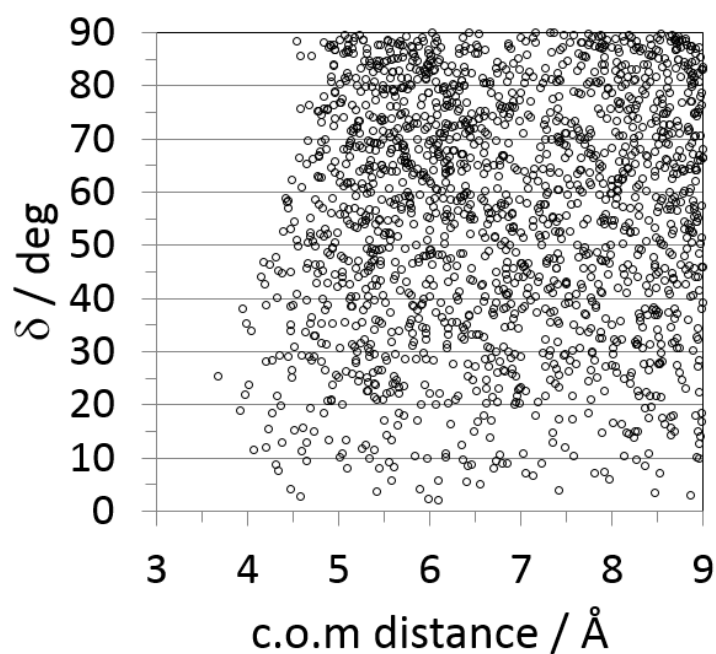
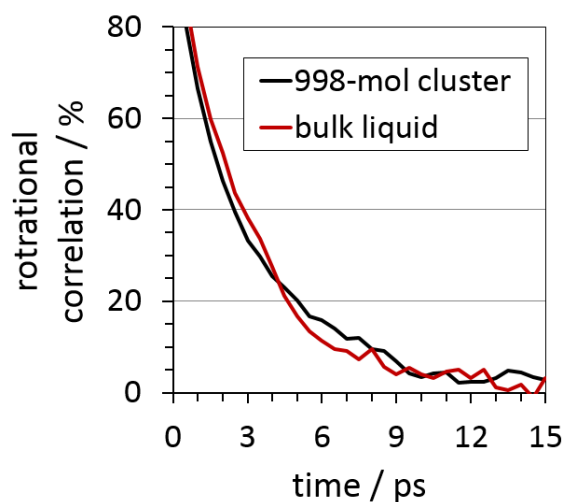
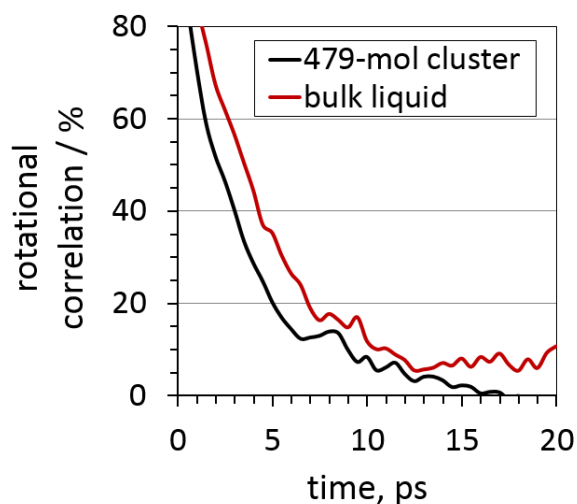


Figure S3. As Figure 1 in the main text, for bulk liquid benzene.

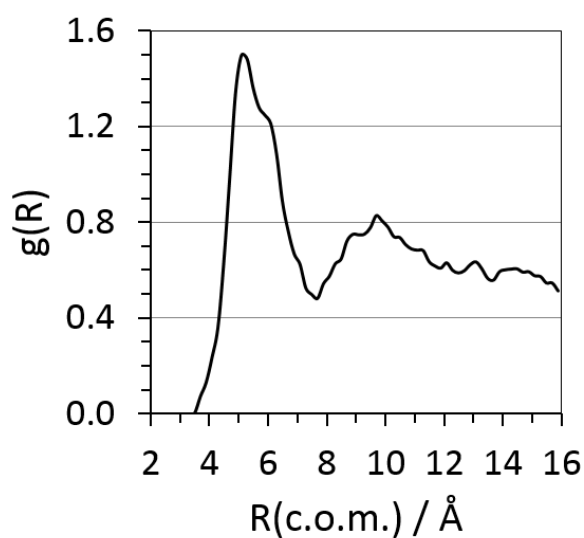


(a)

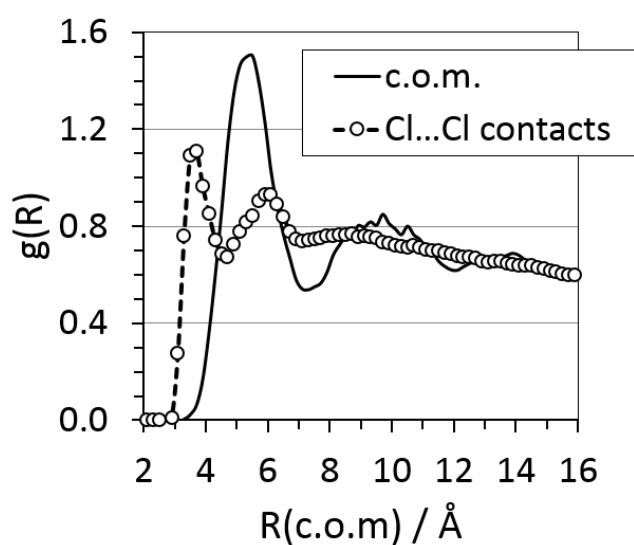


(b)

Figure S4. Comparison of cluster and bulk rotational correlation. (a) Chloroform. (b) Benzene. See also Figure 2 in the main text



(a)



(b)

Figure S5. Center-of-mass radial distribution curves on the last frame of the MD simulation of liquid clusters. (a) Benzene, after 50 ksteps. (b) Chloroform, after 50 ksteps. Blank dots refer to the $g(R)$ distribution of individual Cl $\cdots$ Cl contacts.

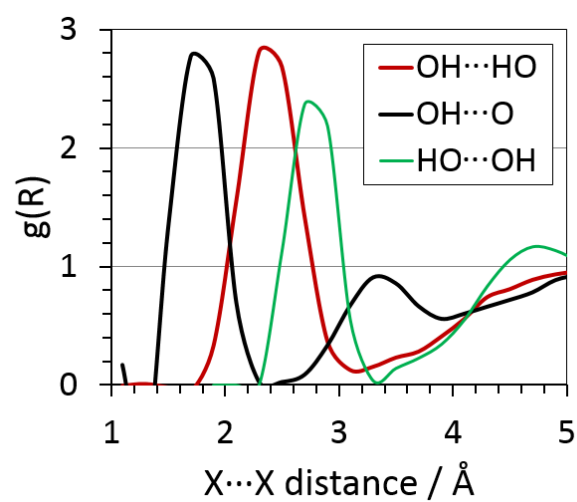


Figure S6. Radial distribution functions for the hydrogen bonding in the final frame of the MD simulation of a methanol cluster.