



Figure S1. Cluster size distribution of nanorods with $L=15$ at $\varphi_R=0.01$ and $\varphi_P=0.2$. A cluster of size N contains N nanorods. X_N depicts the average nanorod fraction of clusters of size N observed in the system and it can be calculated by $X_N = (\langle n_N \rangle \cdot N) / N_t$, where $\langle n_N \rangle$ and N_t denote the mean number of the cluster of size N and the total number of nanorods, respectively.