

COMPUTATIONAL SIMULATIONS OF CARBON MATERIALS

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Purpose

- Nanotechnology: carbon materials promising building blocks
- Applications: optical and electronic devices, sensors, and nano-scale machines
- Dipole polarizability of C_{60} fullerene comparing to C_{70} fullerene
- Effect of electronic excitation & structural dynamics on polarizability

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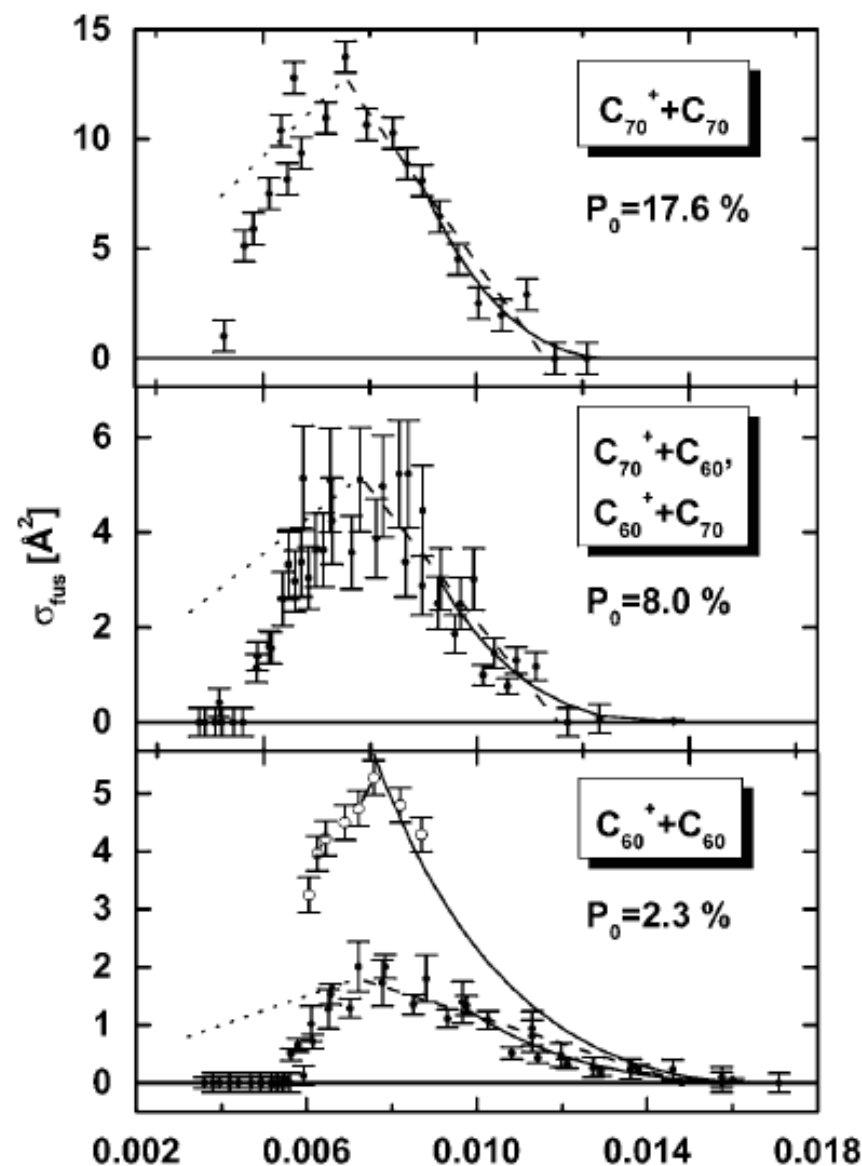


Figure 1. Absolute fusion cross section as a function of the inverse collision energy for the three collision systems indicated in the figure.

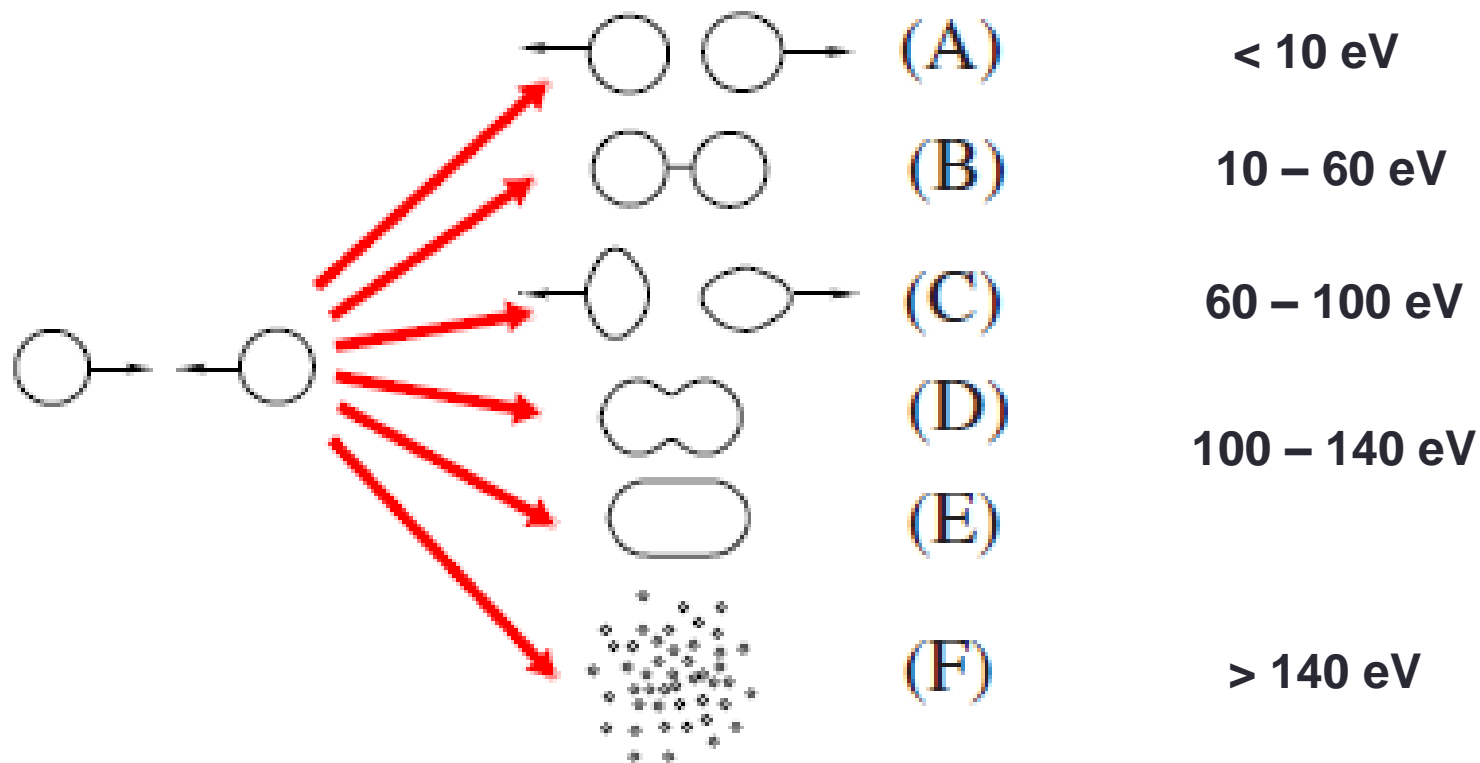


Figure 2. Schematic outcomes of collision between fullerene-like structures: (a) nonreactive elastic scattering, (b) dimerization/polymerization, (c) collision-induced internal reorganization/inelastic scattering, (d) partial coalescence, (e) full coalescence, (f) fragmentation.

Procedures

- Programs: DFTB+, Xming
- Machines: Kraken
- Simulations: 5000 MD, 100 electric field
- Codes: Bash scripting
- PBS script, queuing, parallel scripting
- Created data structures
- Calculation of dipole moments and polarizability

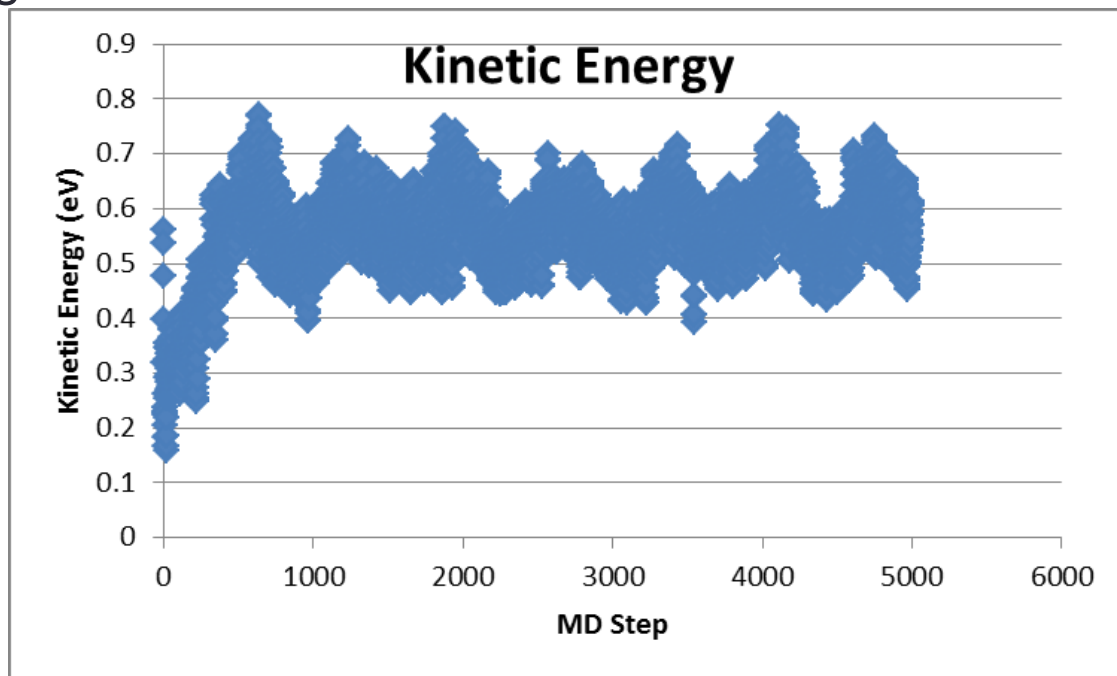


Figure 3. Plot of kinetic energy versus steps at 2000 K.

Direction

- Observe a general trend of the effect of polarizability on collision pattern
- Create a visual model of collision

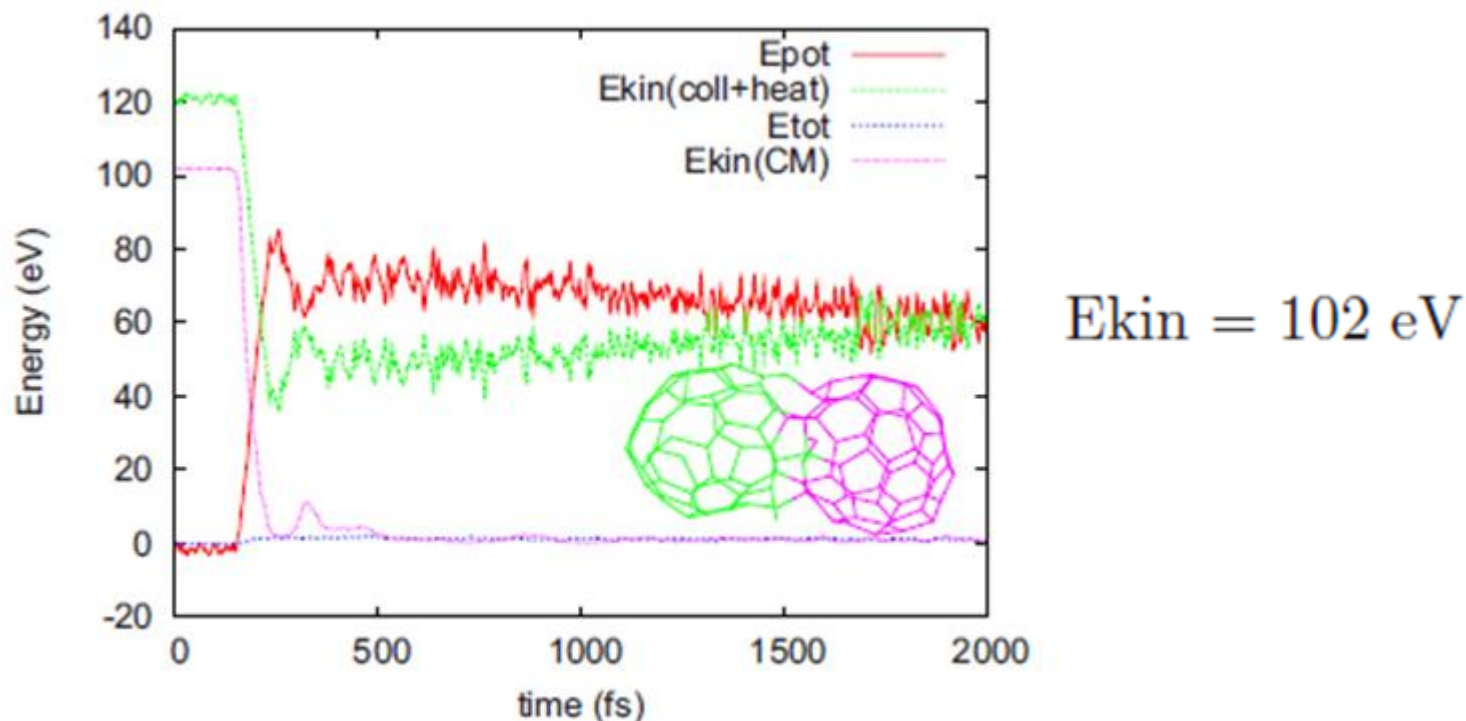


Figure 4. Time dependence of kinetic and potential energy during collision MD between two C_{60} with $T_e=2000 \text{ K}$.

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