

Fig. S1. The influence of number density on the calculated potential energy ( $U$ ), entropy ( $S$ ) and free energy ( $F$ ) of pairwise particles of AB type at  $\theta = 15^\circ$  and  $\theta = 60^\circ$  in the plane  $\beta_{ij} = 0$  at  $T=930$  K. The system contains 2000 particles in a  $12 \times 12 \times 12$  nm<sup>3</sup> cubic box. Here, dark brown color represents the regions without samples. As number density increases, entropic effects become much more significant at  $\theta = 60^\circ$  and particles tend to stack orderly.

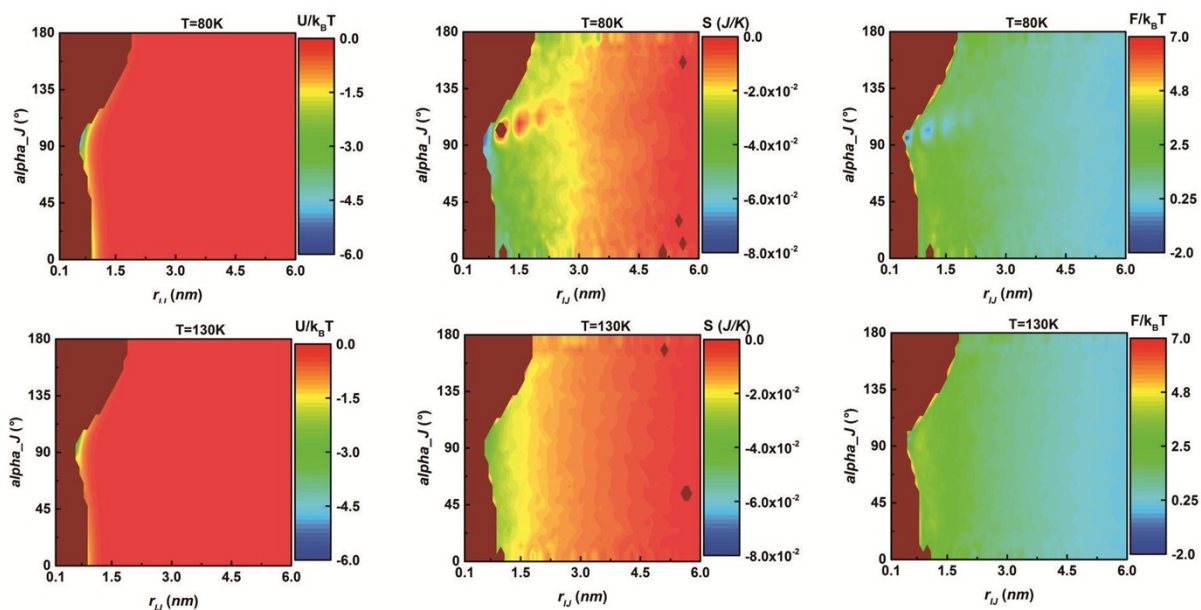


Fig. S2. The influence of temperature on the calculated potential energy ( $U$ ), entropy ( $S$ ) and free energy ( $F$ ) of pairwise particles of AB type at  $\theta = 15^\circ$  in the plane  $\beta_{ij} = 0$ . The system contains 1000 particles in a  $12 \times 12 \times 12$  nm<sup>3</sup> cubic box. Here, dark brown color represents the regions without samples. As temperature decreases, entropic effects become much more significant and particles tend to stack orderly.

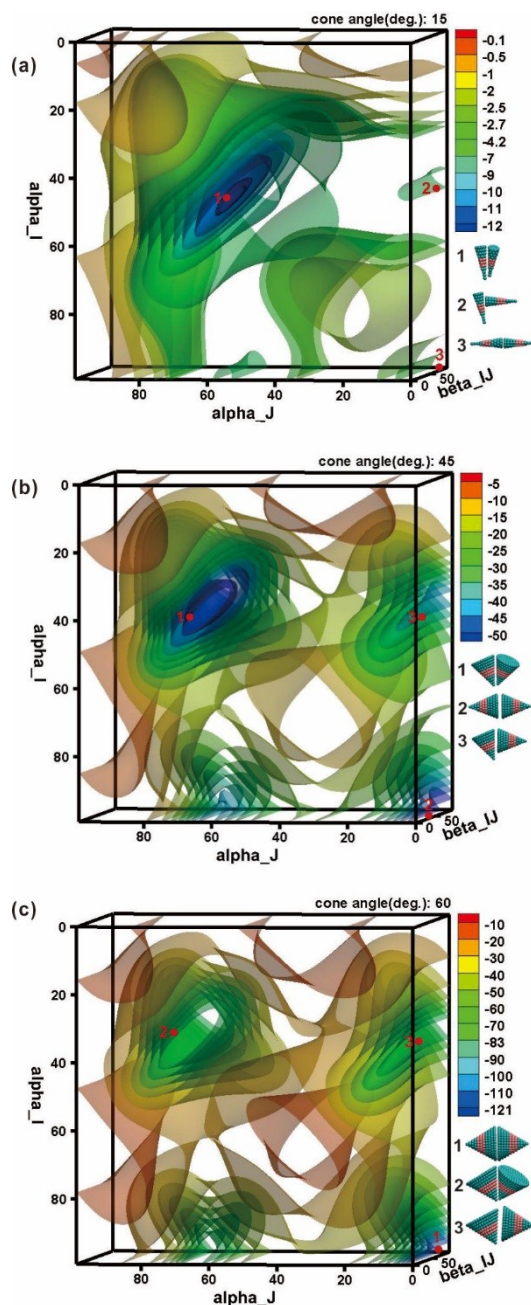


Fig. S3. The potential energy surfaces (PESs) of of BAB type particles at  $\theta = 15^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ . These PESs are separated into three groups based on the similarity of their shapes. The first group contained PESs at  $\theta = 15^\circ$ ,  $20^\circ$ ,  $25^\circ$  and contained PESs at  $\theta = 30^\circ$ ,  $35^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$  were divided into the second group and the third group included PESs at  $\theta = 45^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ . The red points on these PESs are saddle points which are numbered in the order of the magnitude of potential energies, and the corresponding conformations are displayed at right corner.

Table S1. The defined characteristic parameters,  $f$  and transition energy barrier,  $\Delta E_a$  of BAB type particle.

$deg.$	The 1st group				The 2nd group			The 3rd group
	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	60
$ U_{min} $	12.3	17.8	22.7	32.1	35.3	45.4	54.6	122
$\Delta E_a^{2-1}$	0.76	2.28	4.65	8.80	22.0	33.4	47.6	75.8
$\Delta E_a^{3-1}$	1.08	3.34	6.96	13.8	12.8	19.4	26.4	48.9
$\Delta E_a^{3-2}$	0.61	2.06	4.32	8.90	11.8	17.0	22.2	58.9
$f^{2-1}$	0.06	0.13	0.21	0.27	0.62	0.74	0.87	0.63
$f^{3-1}$	0.09	0.19	0.31	0.43	0.36	0.43	0.48	0.40
$f^{3-2}$	0.05	0.12	0.19	0.28	0.33	0.37	0.41	0.49

Note: The unit of  $\Delta E$  and  $U_{min}$  is  $KJ/mol$ , unless otherwise stated.

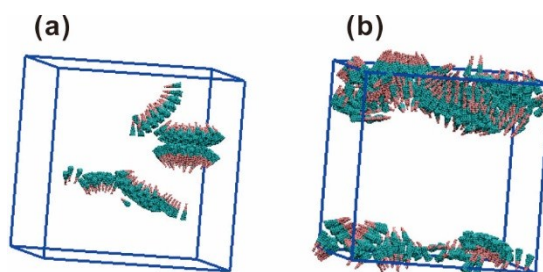


Fig. S4. Typical self-assembled structures for AB type particle at  $\theta = 15$ . (a) 200 particles in a  $12 \times 12 \times 12 \text{ nm}^3$  cubic box; (b) 400 particles in a  $8.8 \times 8.8 \times 8.8 \text{ nm}^3$  cubic box.