

## **Integrated Exploration of Experimentation and Molecular Simulation in Ester-containing Polyimide Dielectrics**

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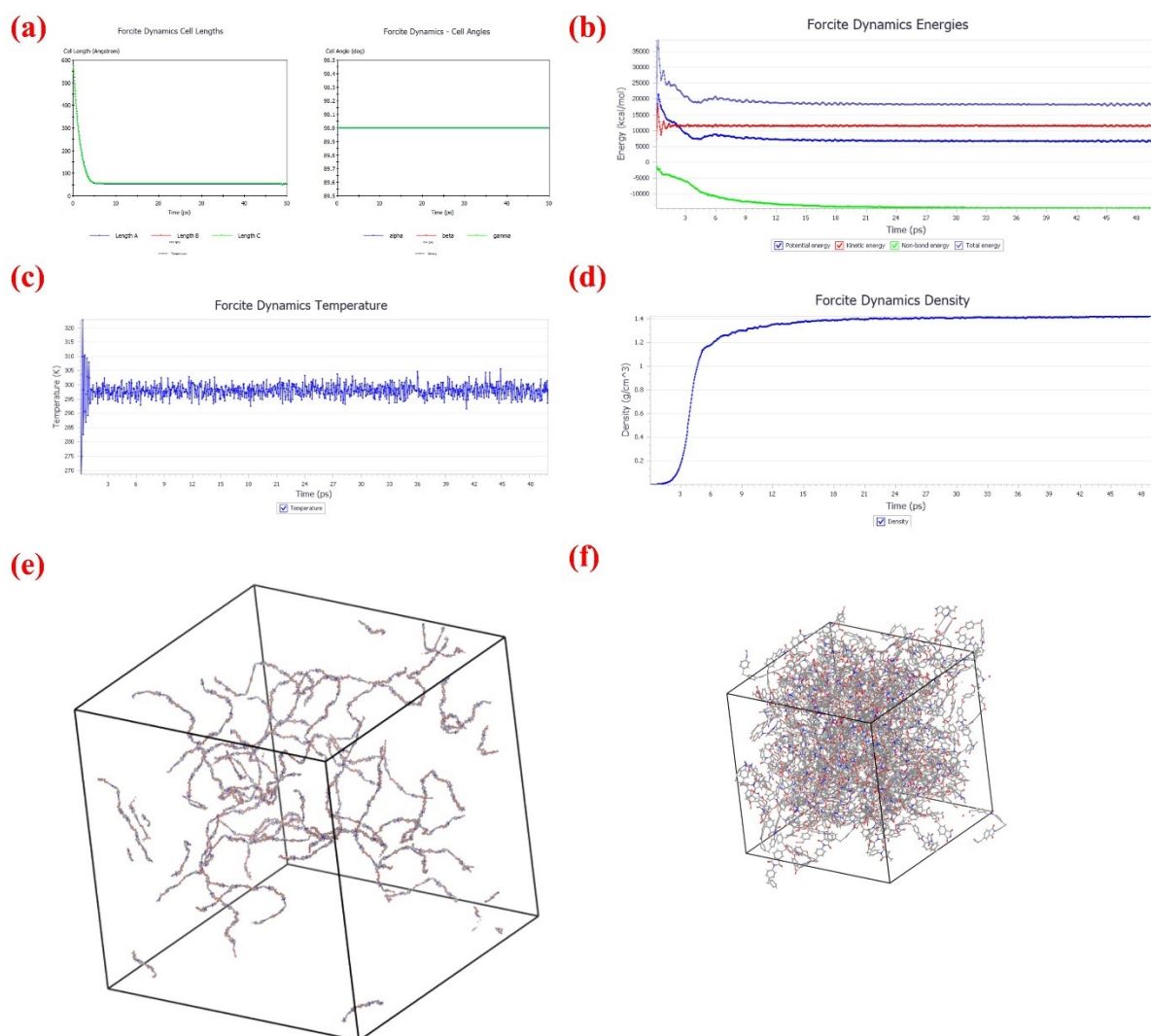
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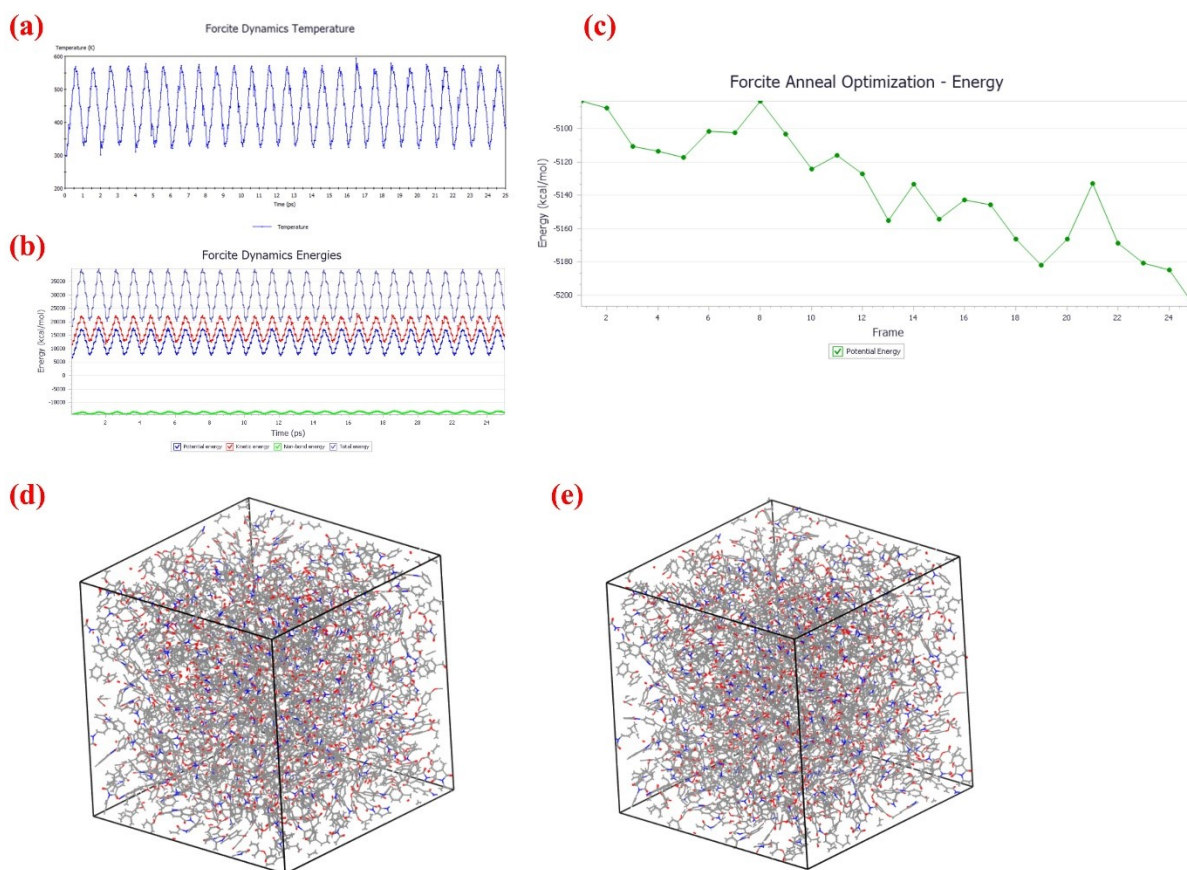
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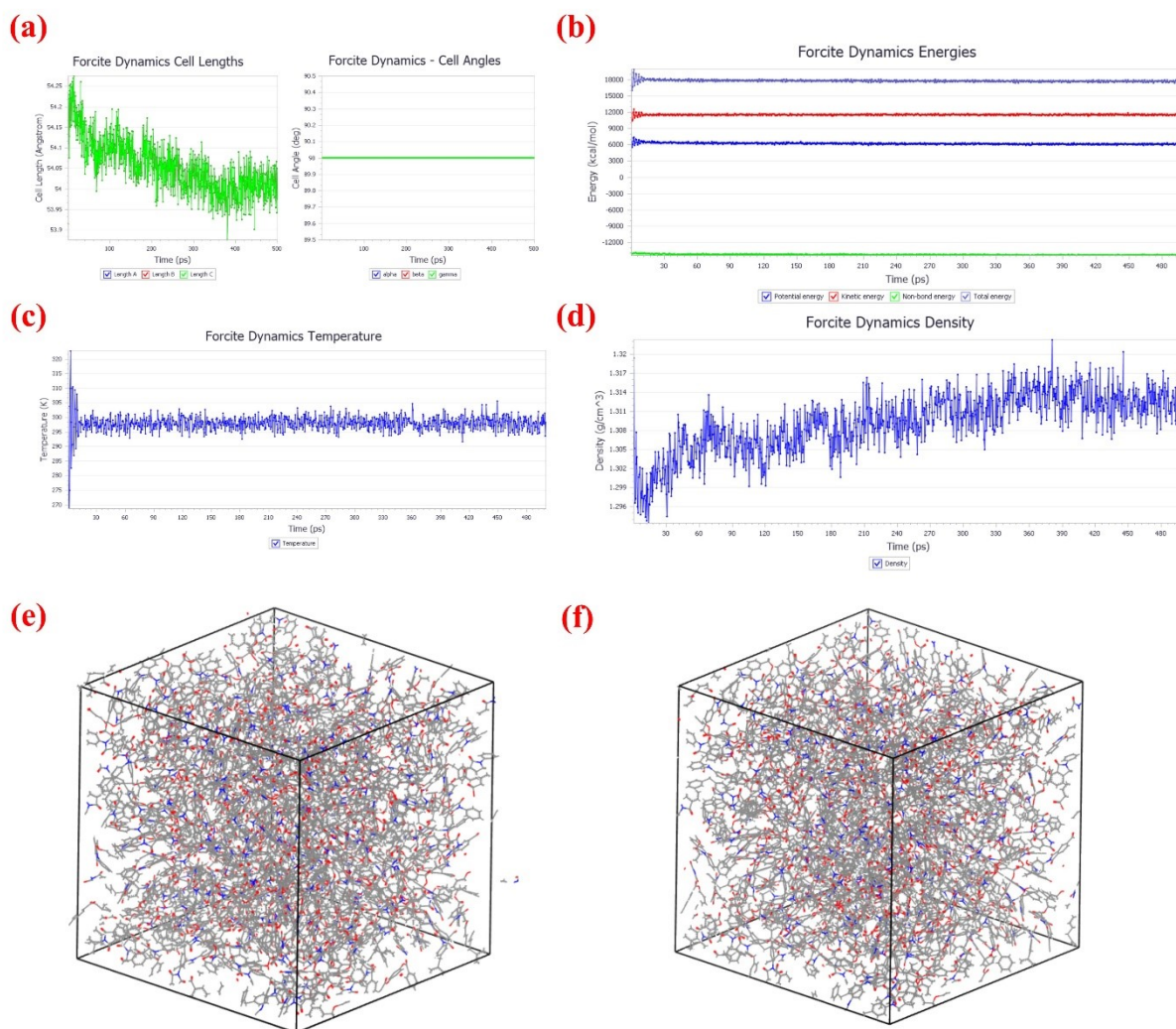
## Snapshots of molecular simulation process of EPI-1 (Figure S1 ~ Figure S4)



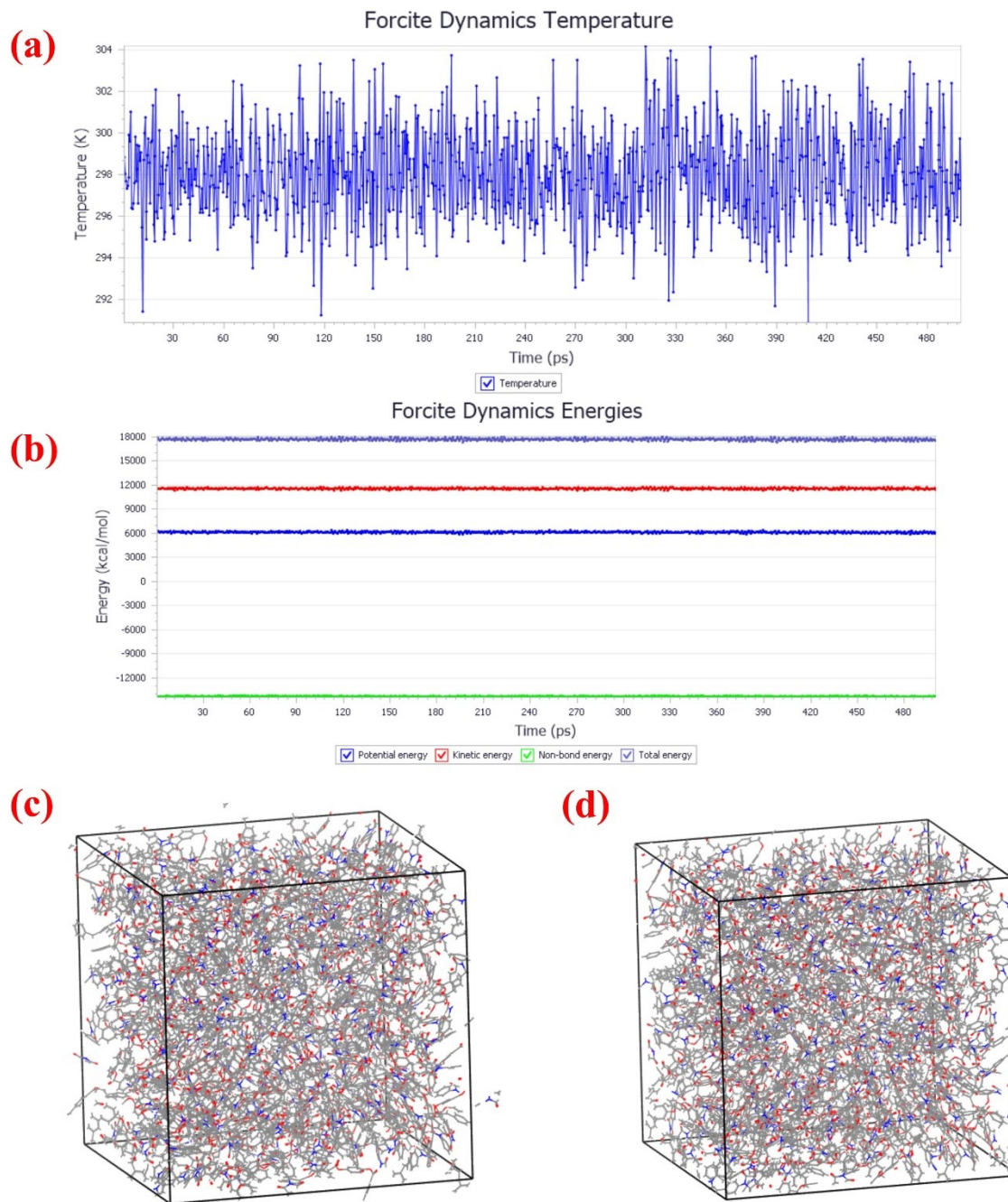
**Figure S1** The compress process (NPT: 0.5 GPa, 50 ps) of EPI-1: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=274.158 \text{ \AA}$ ); (f) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.8615 \text{ \AA}$  with a properly amplification).



**Figure S2** The annealing process (NVT: 298 - 598 K, repeat 25 times) of EPI-1: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (c) The energies of 25 optimizations after the annealing process; (d) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.8615 \text{ \AA}$ ); (e) The frame with the lowest energy (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.8615 \text{ \AA}$ ).

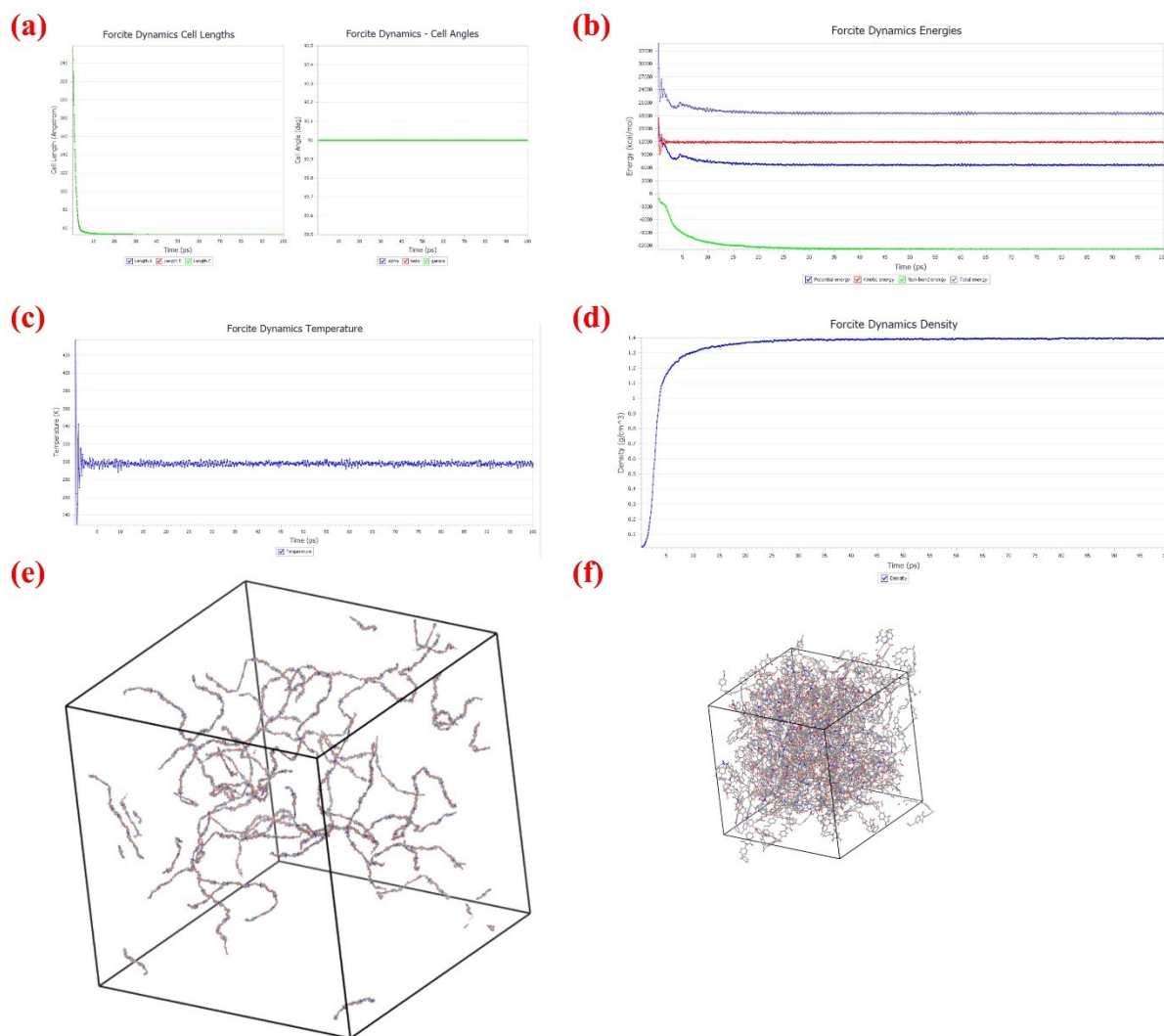


**Figure S3** The release process (NPT: 10<sup>-4</sup> GPa, 500 ps) of EPI-1: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature changing with time and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=52.8615 Å); (f) The end frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=54.3257 Å).

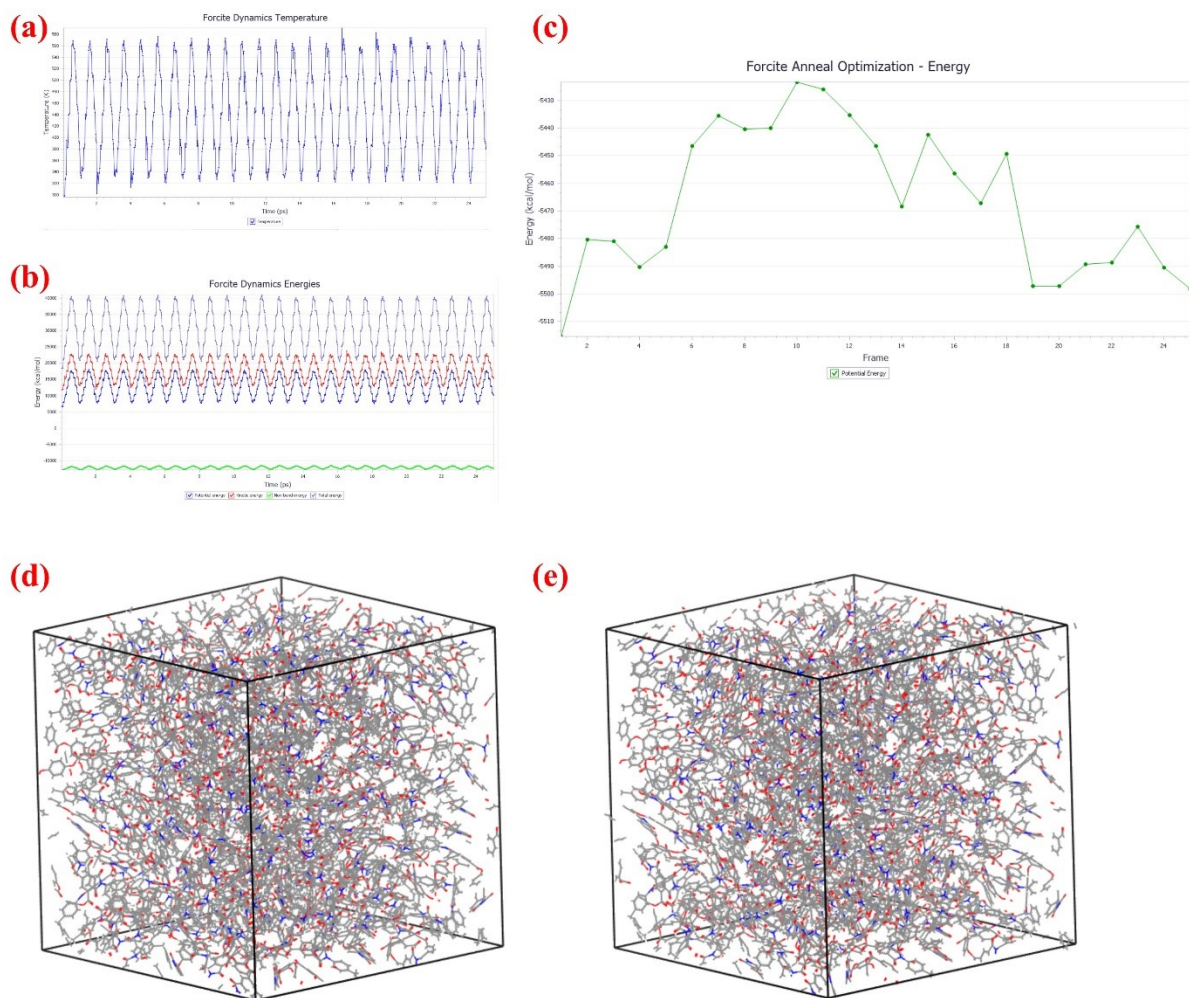


**Figure S4** The equilibrium process (NVT, 500 ps) of EPI-1: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics energies as functions of time, respectively; (c) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.8615 \text{ \AA}$ ); (d) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.8615 \text{ \AA}$ ).

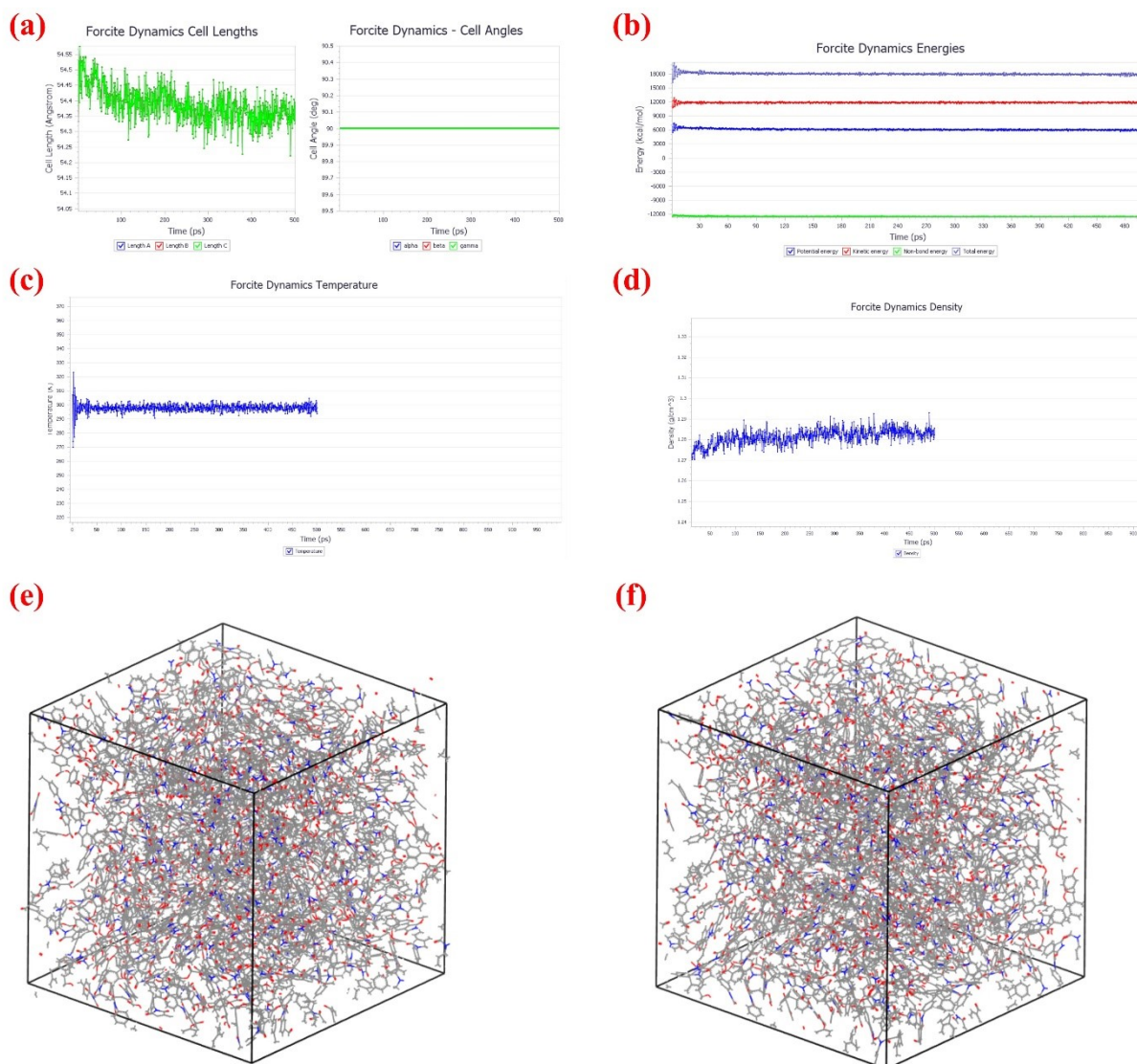
## Snapshots of molecular simulation process of EPI-2 (Figure S5 ~ Figure S8)



**Figure S5** The compress process (NPT: 0.5 GPa, 50 ps) of EPI-2: (a) The cell lengths (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=274.158 \text{ \AA}$ ); (f) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.6450 \text{ \AA}$ , with a properly amplification).

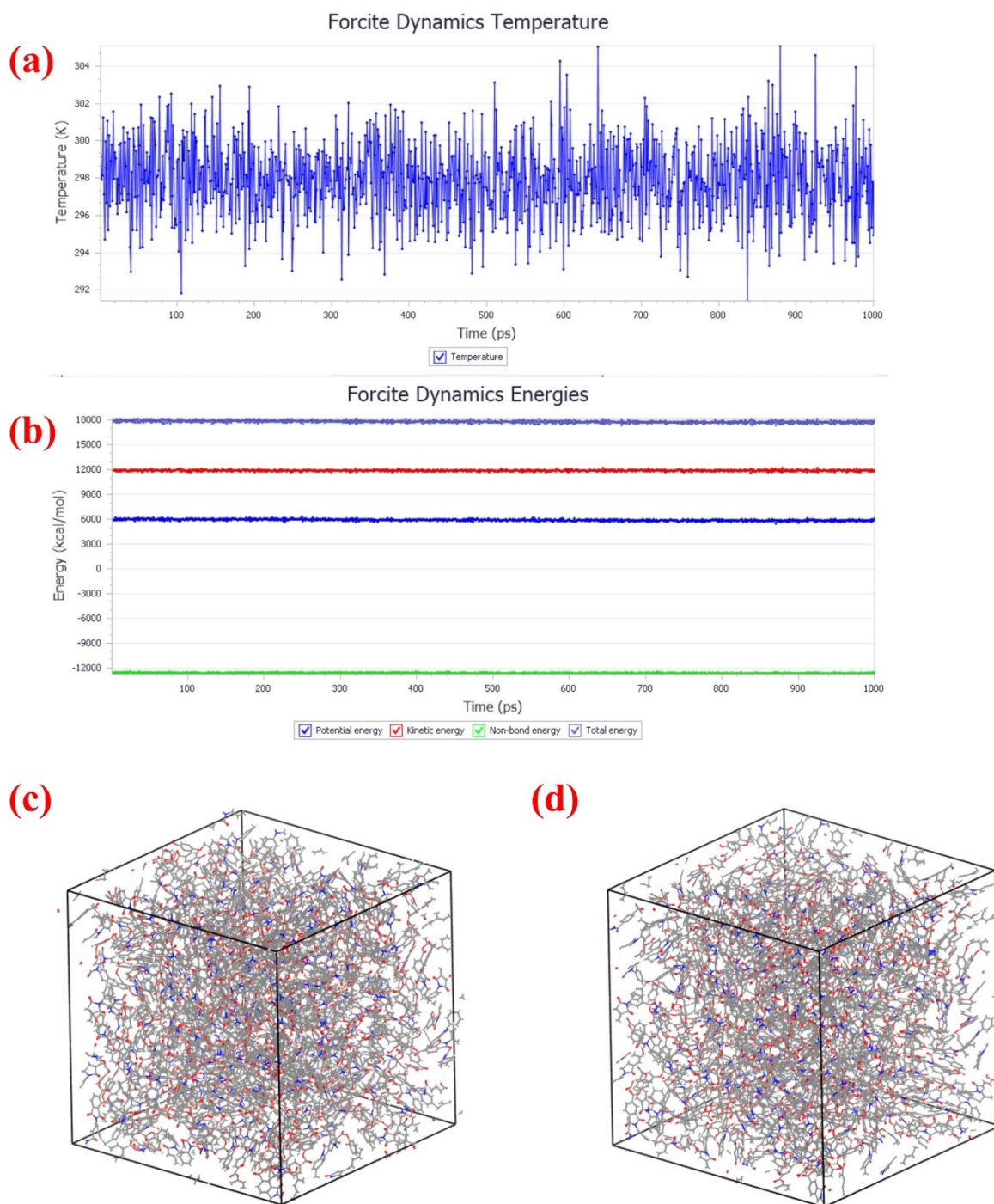


**Figure S6** The annealing process (NVT: 298 - 598 K, repeat 25 times) of EPI-2: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (c) The energies of 25 optimizations after annealing process; (d) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.6450 \text{ \AA}$ ); (e) The frame with the lowest energy (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.6450 \text{ \AA}$ ).



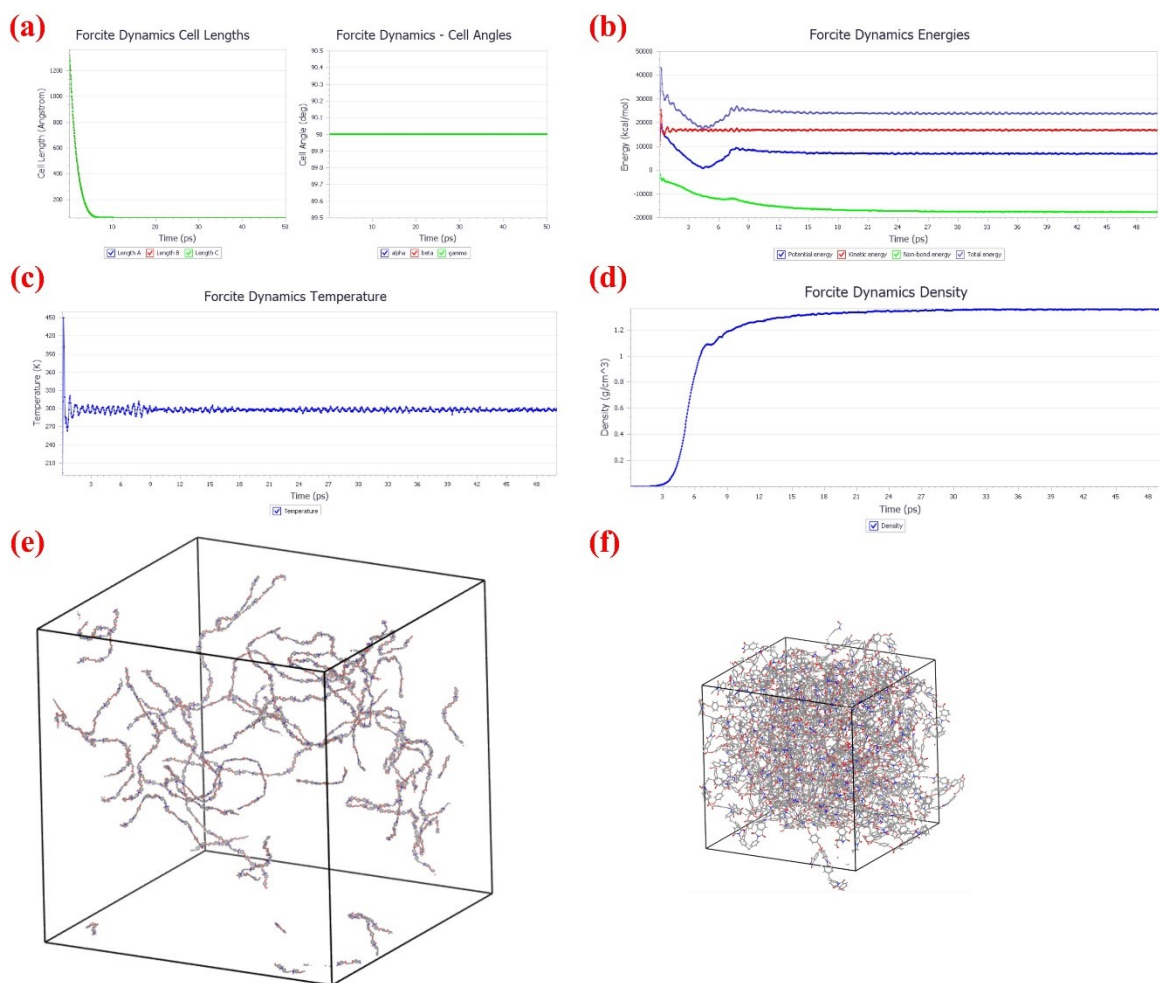
**Figure S7** The release process (NPT:  $10^{-4}$  GPa, 500 ps) of EPI-2: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=52.6450$  Å); (f) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=53.0987$  Å).



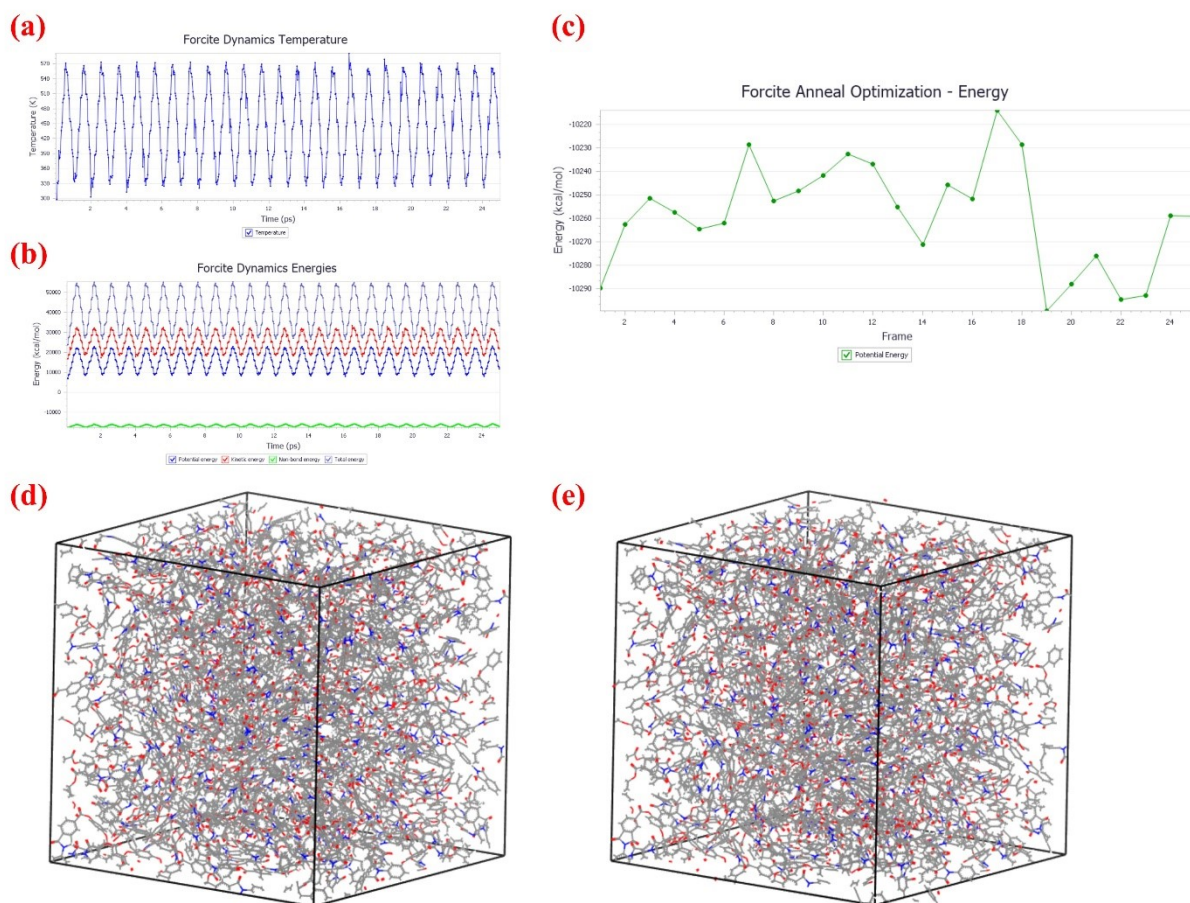


**Figure S8** The equilibrium process (NVT, 1000 ps) of EPI-2: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics energies as functions of time, respectively; (c) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=53.0987 \text{ \AA}$ ); (d) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=53.0987 \text{ \AA}$ ).

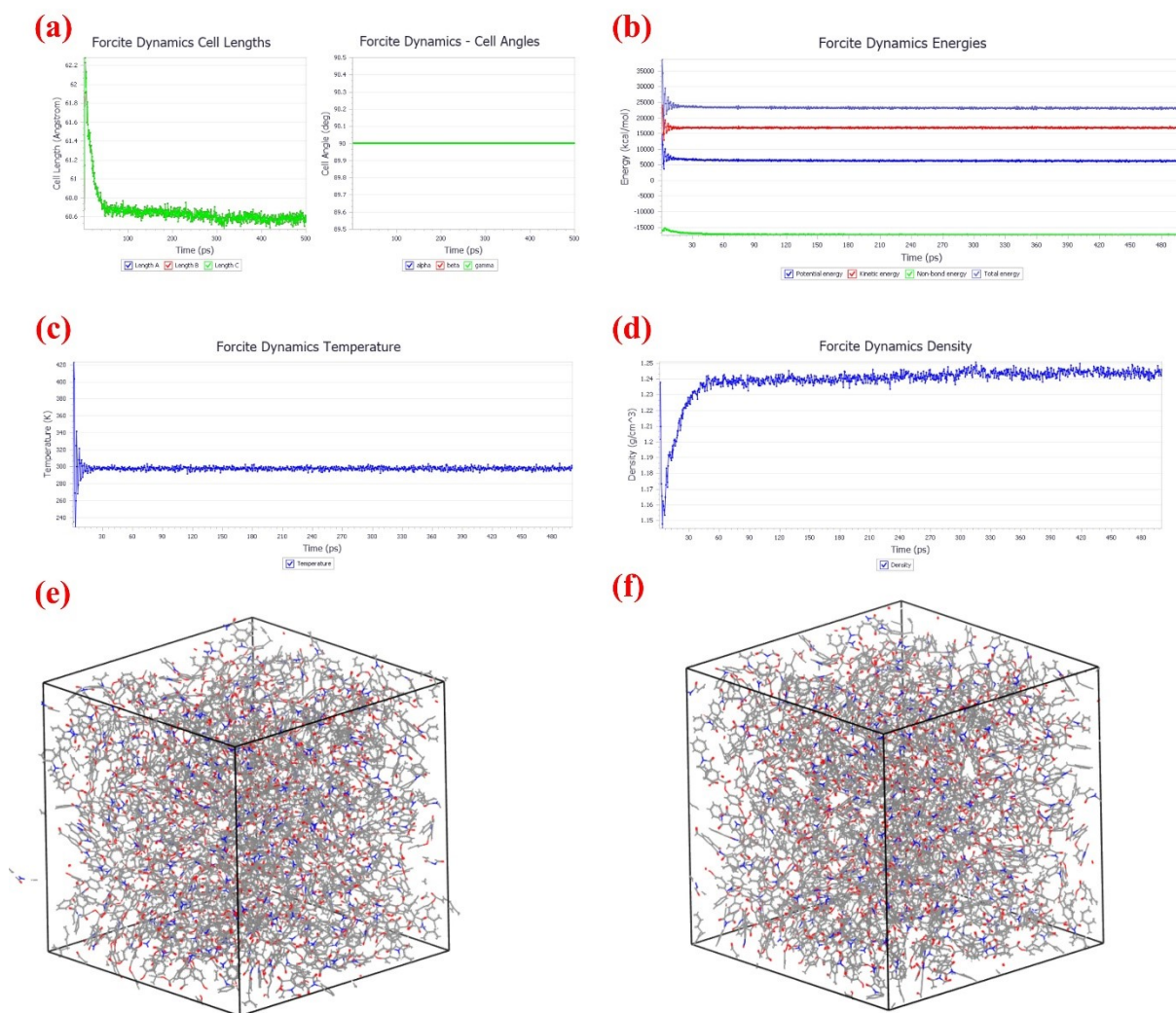
## Snapshots of molecular simulation process of EPI-3 (Figure S9 ~ Figure S12)



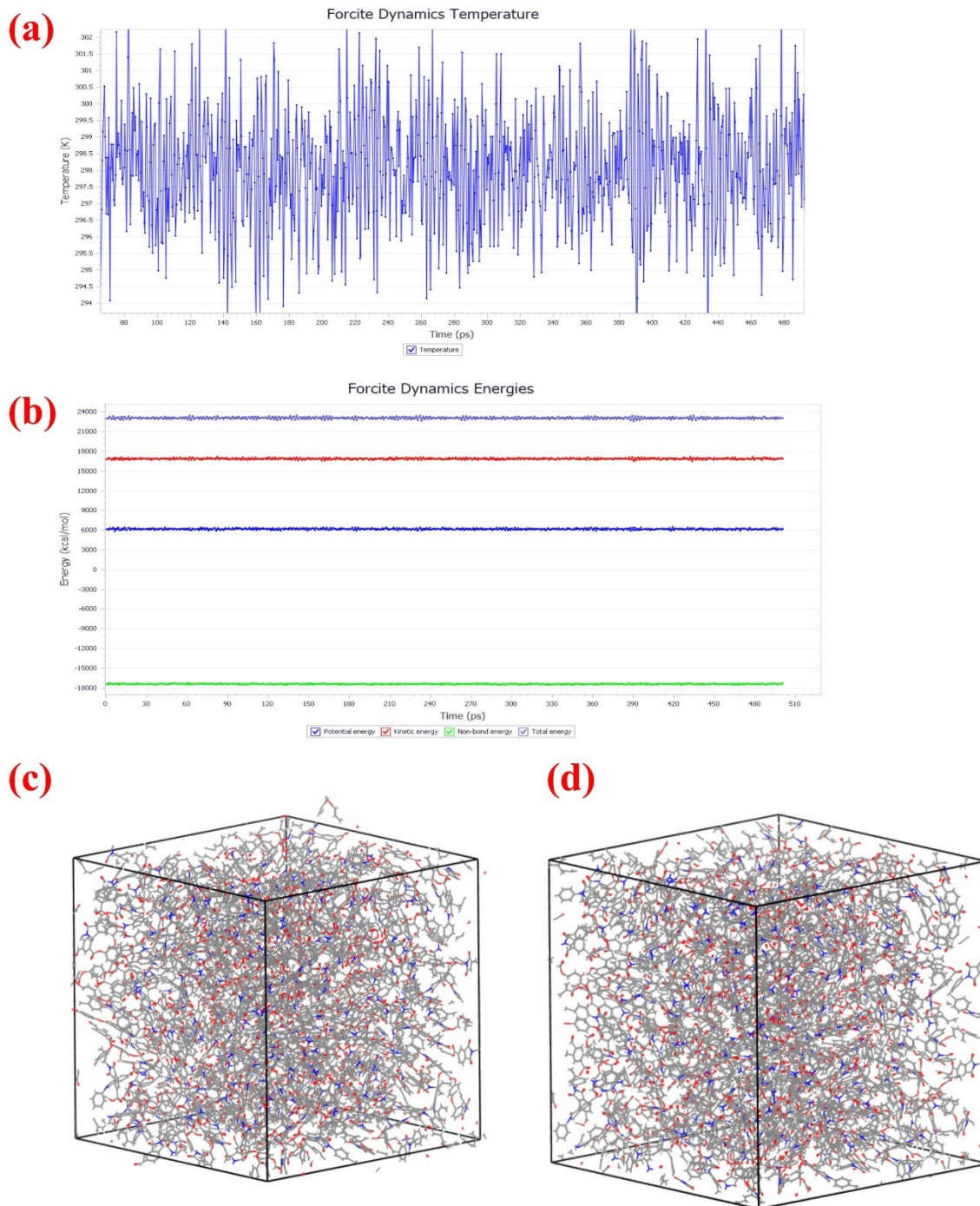
**Figure S9** The compress process (NPT: 0.5 GPa, 50 ps) of EPI-3: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=274.158 Å); (f) The end frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=58.8030 Å, with a properly amplification).



**Figure S10** The annealing process (NVT: 298 - 598 K, repeat 25 times) of EPI-3: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (c) The energies of 25 optimizations after annealing process; (d) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=58.8030 \text{ \AA}$ ); (e) The frame with the lowest energy (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=58.8030 \text{ \AA}$ ).

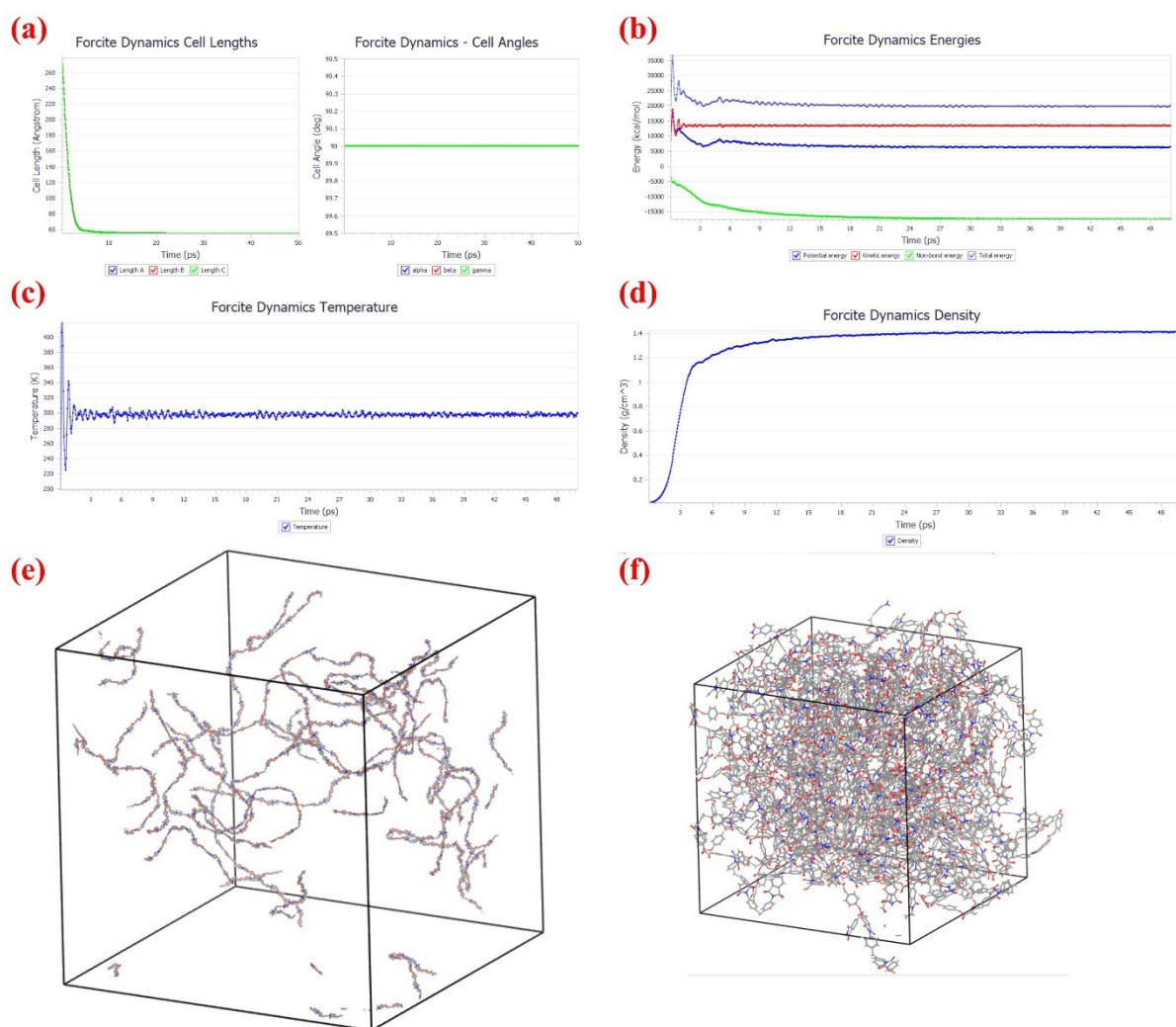


**Figure S11** The release process (NPT: 10<sup>-4</sup> GPa, 500 ps) of EPI-3: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=58.8030 Å); (f) The end frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=60.5495 Å).

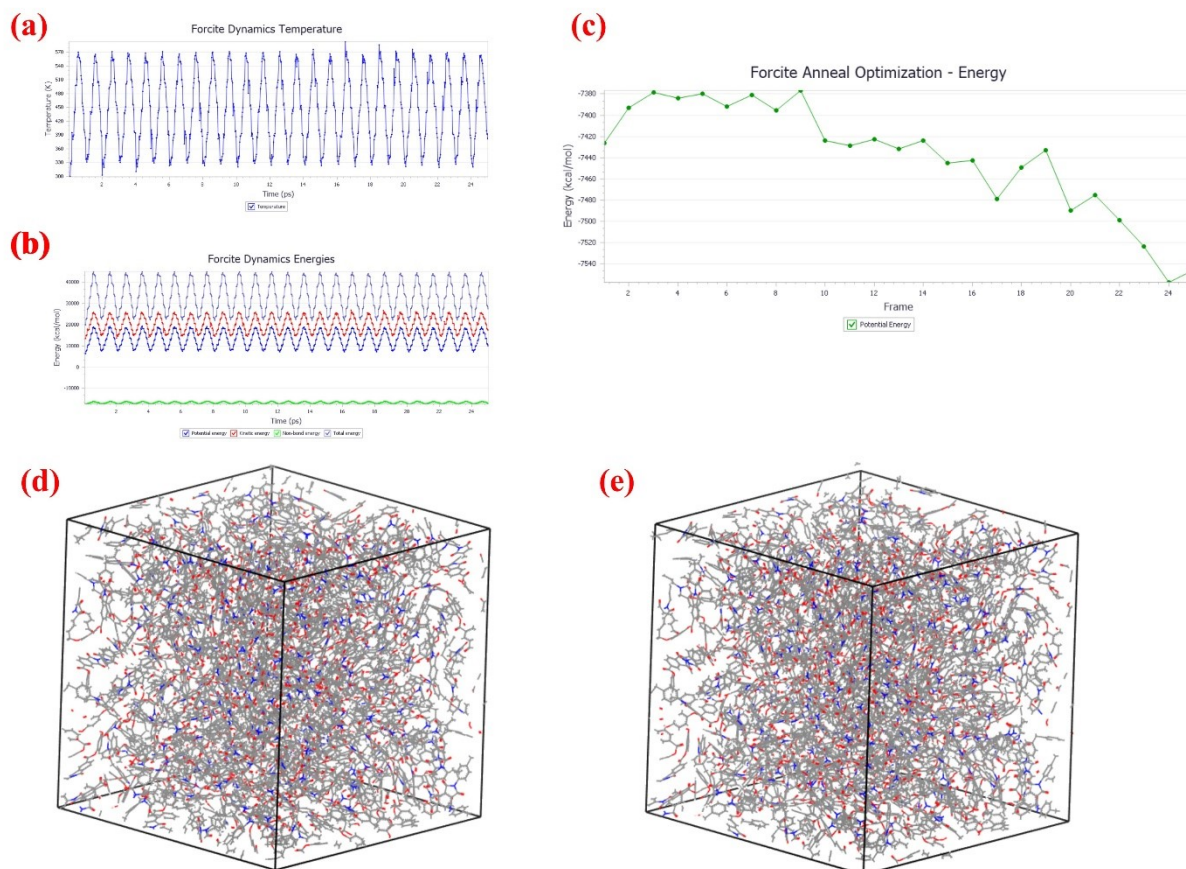


**Figure S12** The equilibrium process (NVT, 500 ps) of EPI-3: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics energies as functions of time, respectively; (c) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=60.5495 \text{ \AA}$ ); (d) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=60.5495 \text{ \AA}$ ).

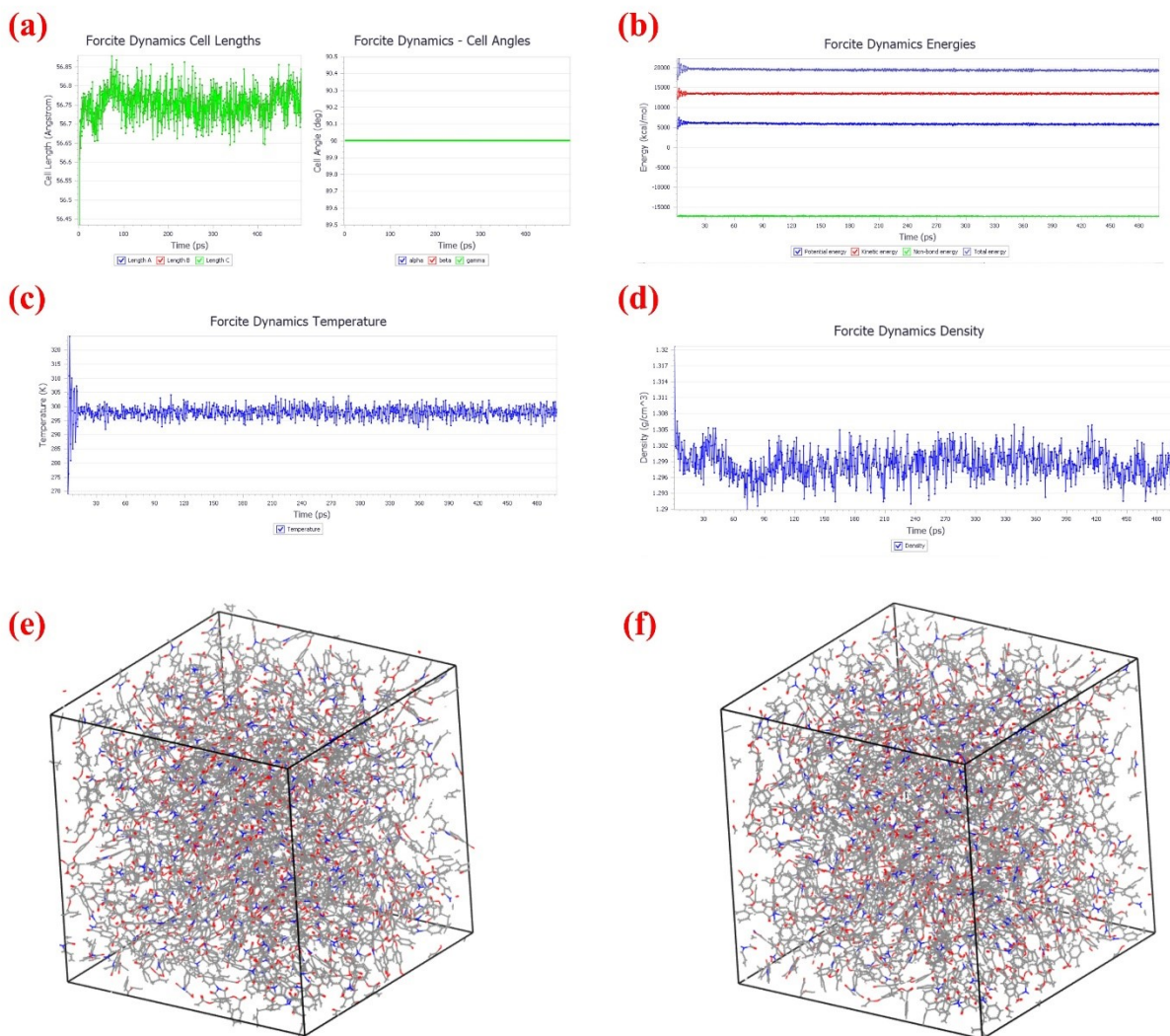
## Snapshots of molecular simulation process of EPI-4 (Figure S13 ~ Figure S16)



**Figure S13** The compress process (NPT: 0.5 GPa, 50 ps) of EPI-4: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=274.158 \text{ \AA}$ ); (f) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=55.2112 \text{ \AA}$ , with a properly amplification).

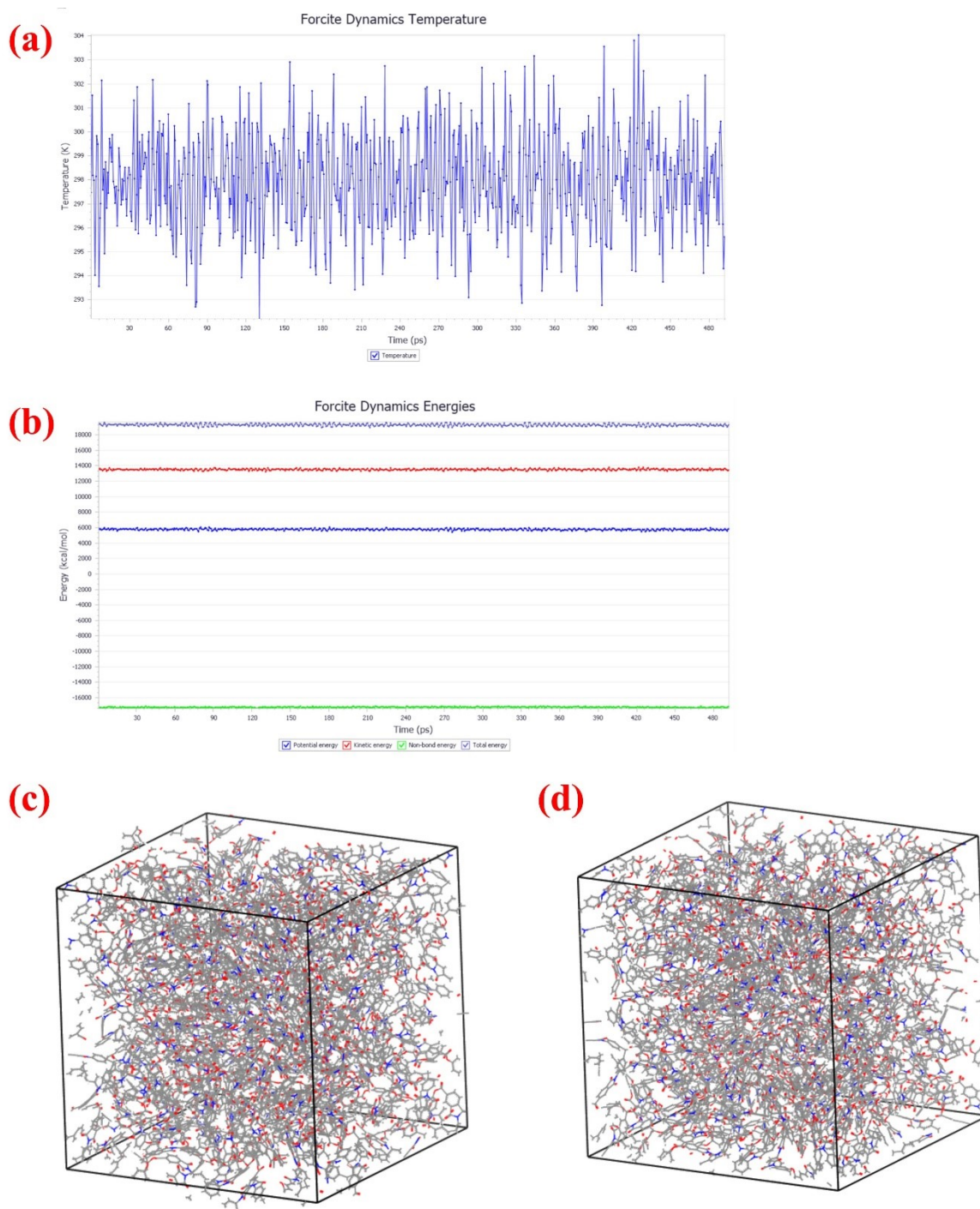


**Figure S14** The annealing process (NVT: 298 - 598 K, repeat 25 times) of EPI-4: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (c) The energies of 25 optimizations after annealing process; (d) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=55.2112 \text{ \AA}$ ); (e) The frame with the lowest energy (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=55.2112 \text{ \AA}$ ).



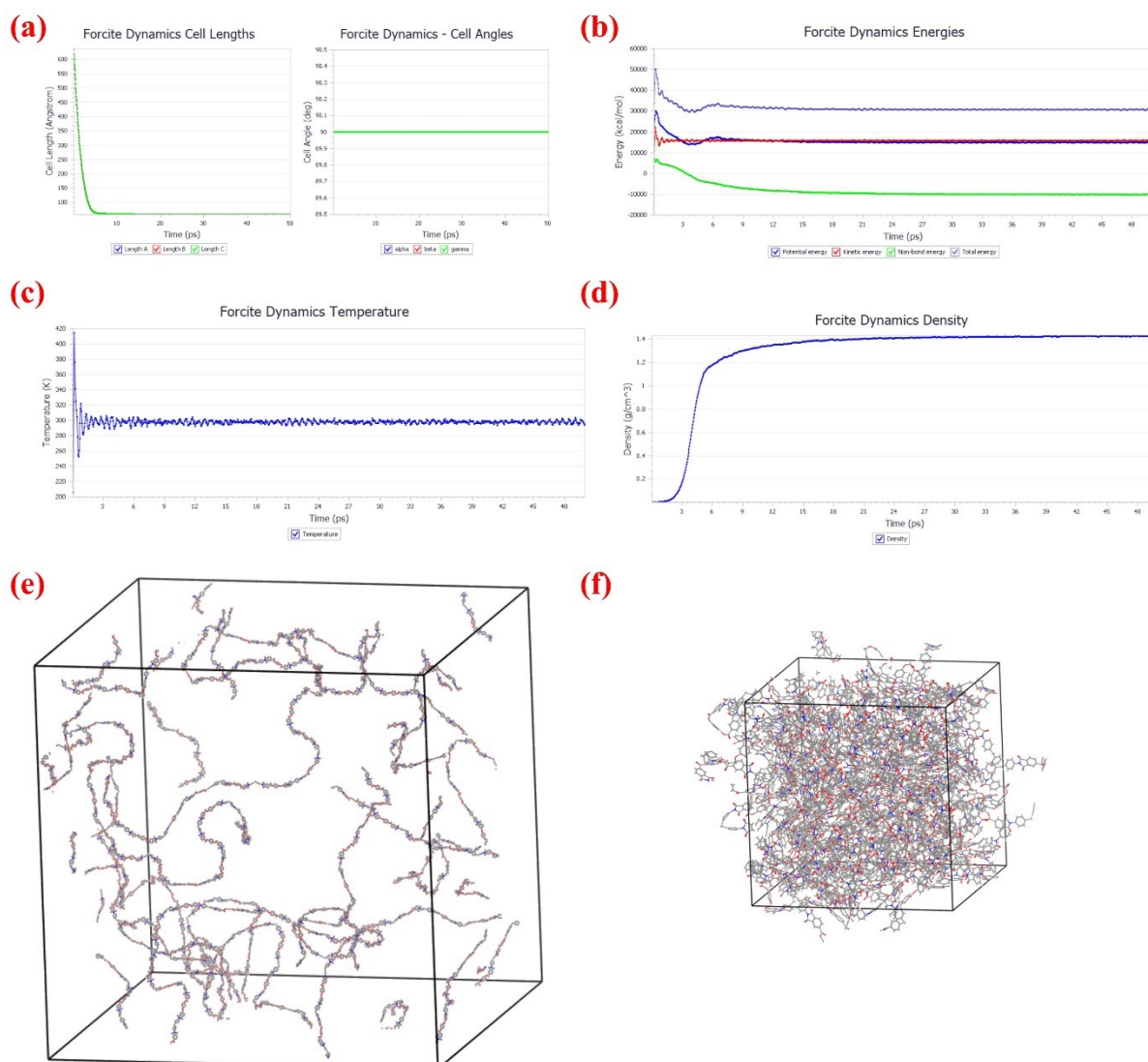
**Figure S15** The release process (NPT: 10<sup>-4</sup> GPa, 500 ps) of EPI-4: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=55.2112 Å); (f) The end frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=56.7748 Å).



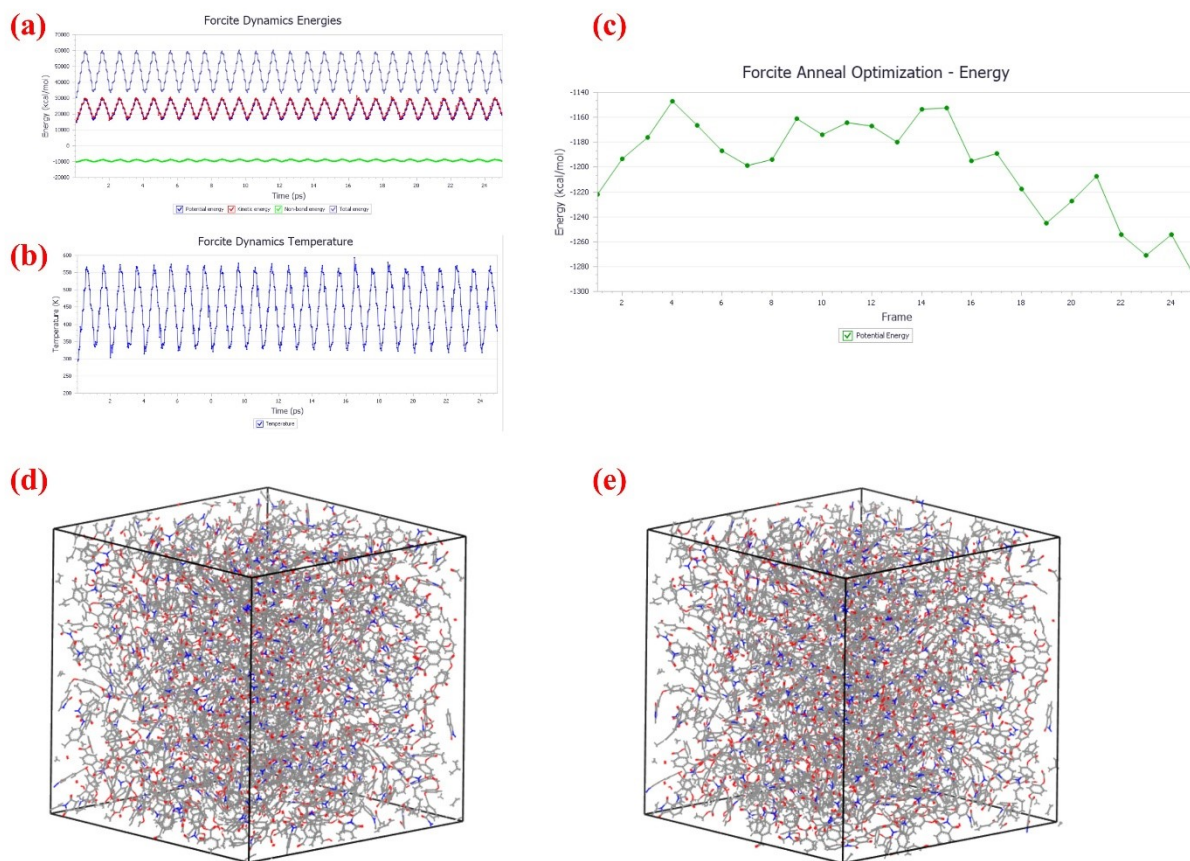


**Figure S16** The equilibrium process of EPI-4: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics energies as functions of time, respectively; (c) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=56.7748 \text{ \AA}$ ); (d) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=56.7748 \text{ \AA}$ ).

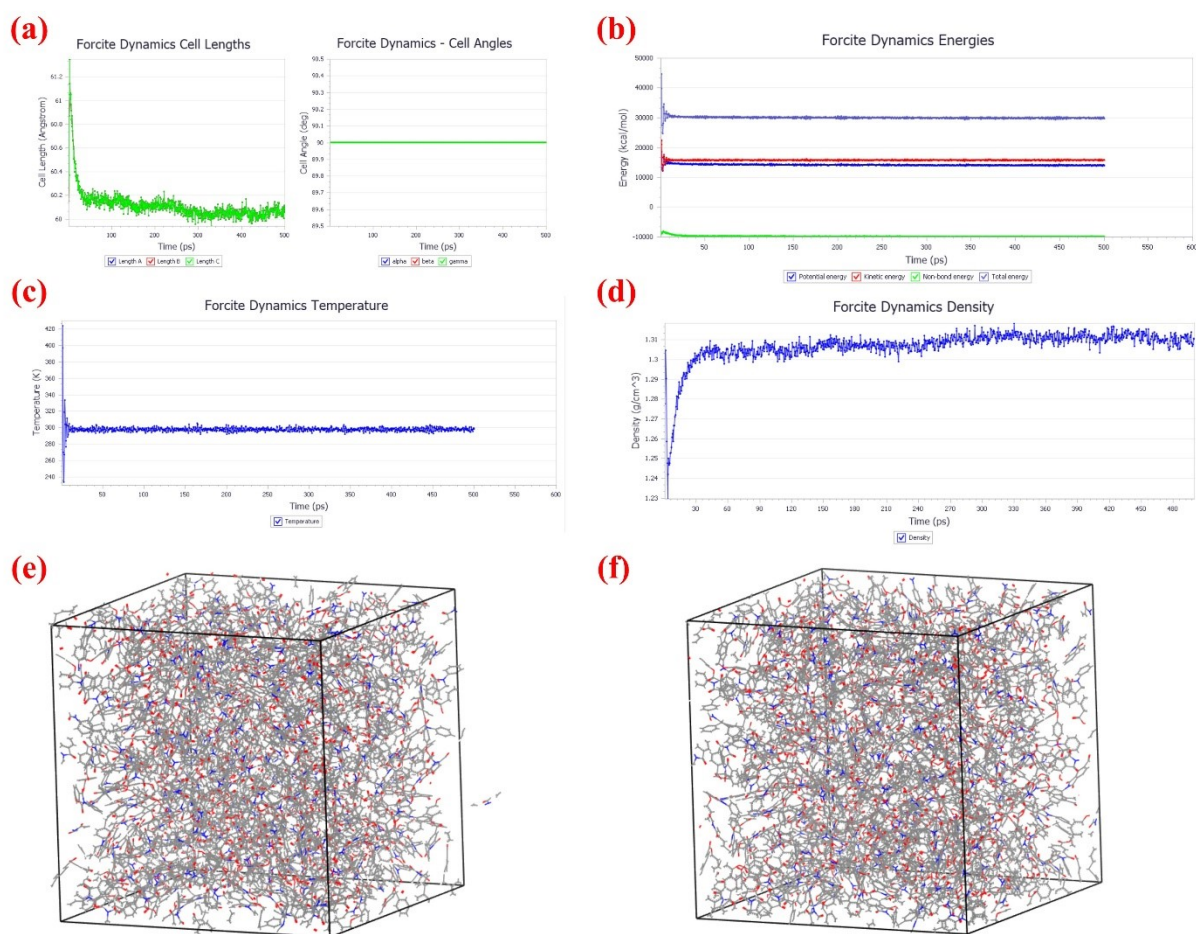
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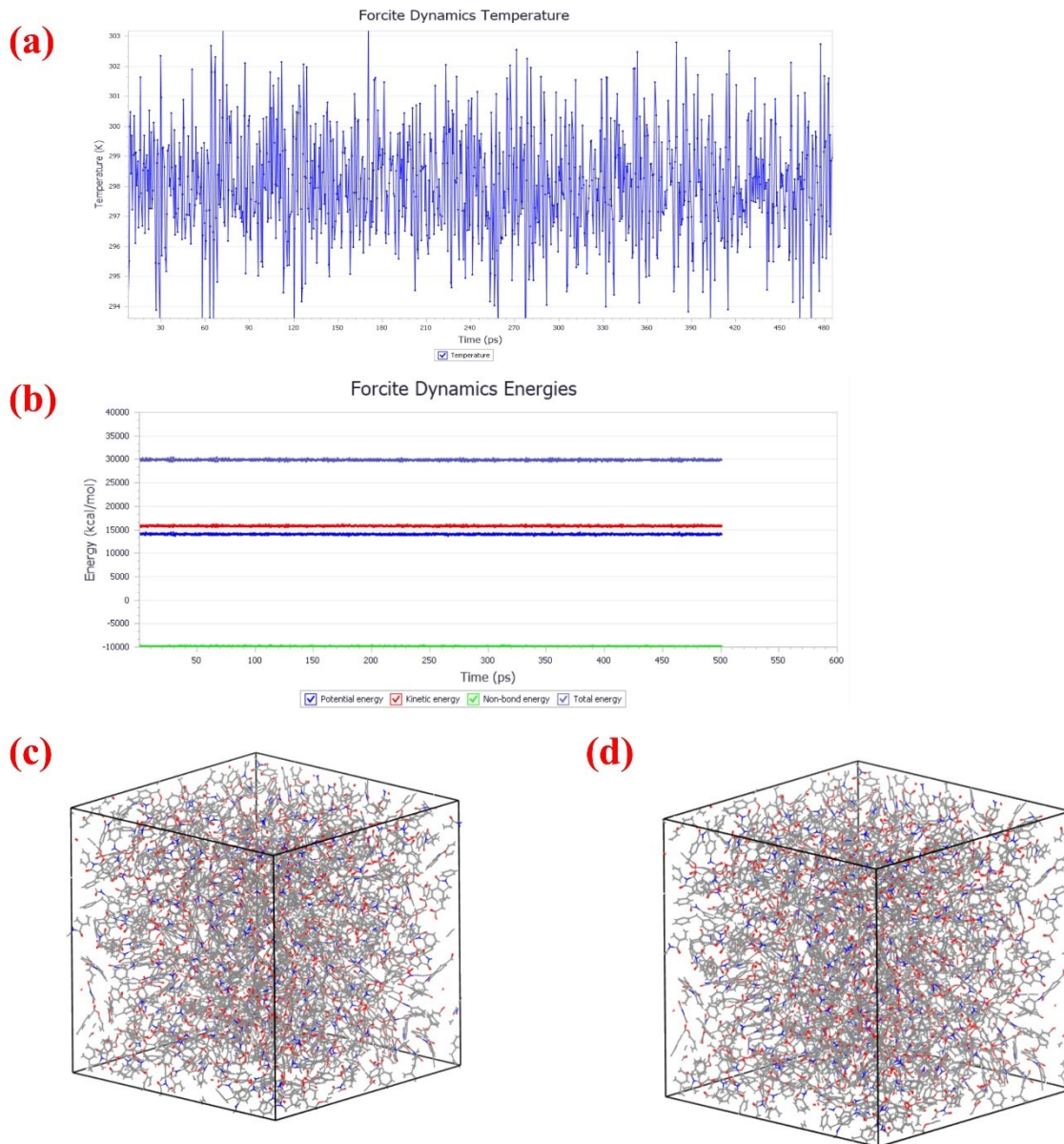
**Figure S17** The compress process (NPT: 0.5 GPa, 50 ps) of EPI-5: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=274.158 \text{ \AA}$ ); (f) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=58.3726 \text{ \AA}$ , with a properly amplification).



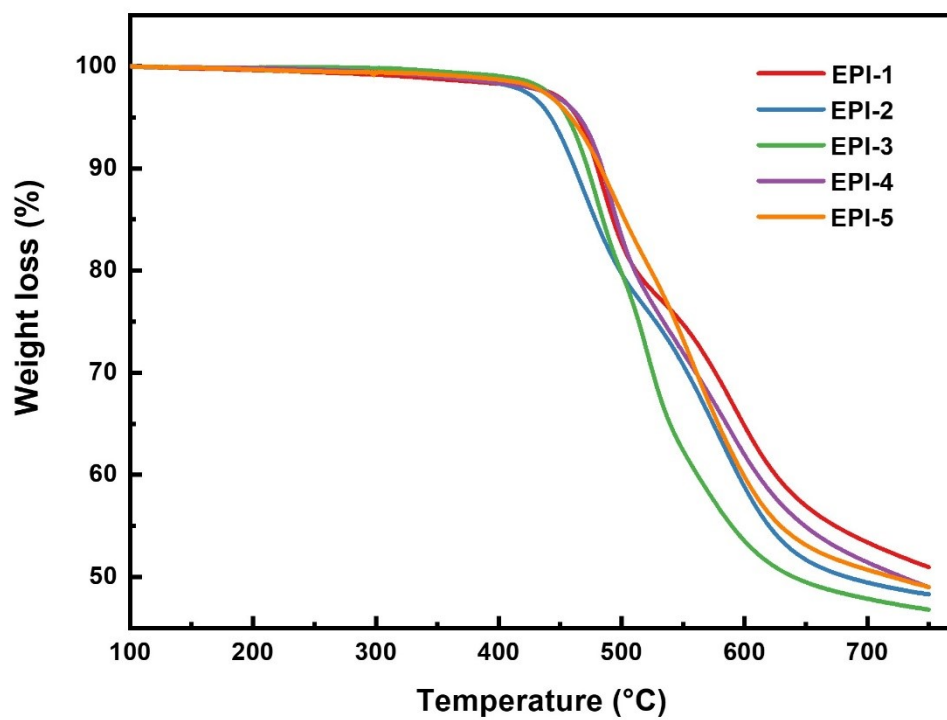
**Figure S18** The annealing process (NVT: 298 - 598 K, repeat 25 times) of EPI-5: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (c) The energies of 25 optimizations after annealing process; (d) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=58.3726 \text{ \AA}$ ); (e) The frame with the lowest energy (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=58.3726 \text{ \AA}$ ).



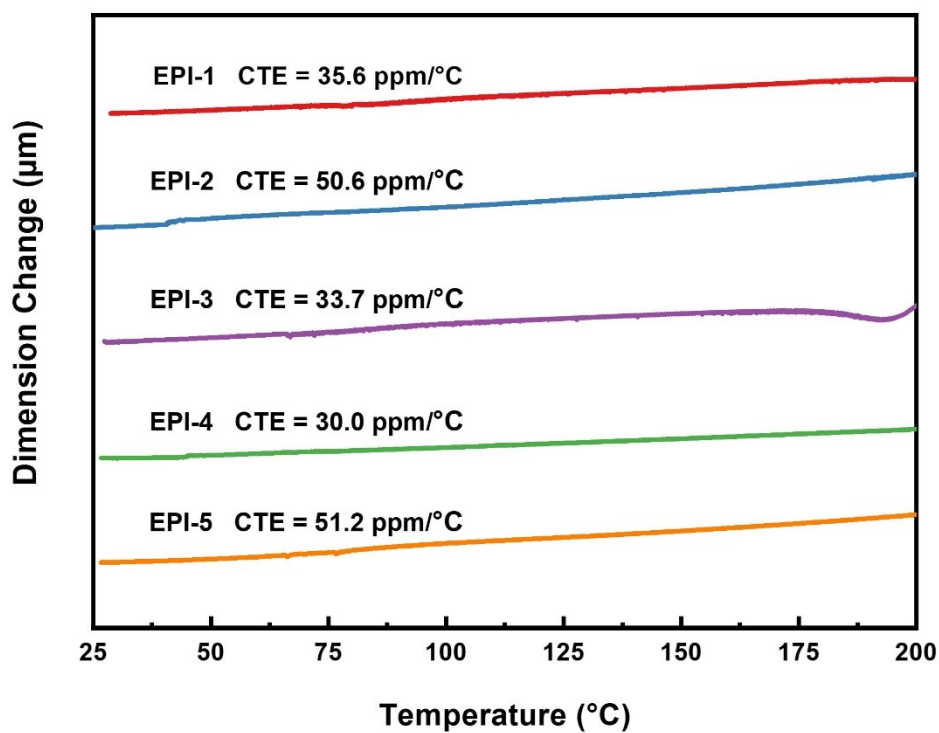
**Figure S19** The release process (NPT: 10<sup>-4</sup> GPa, 500 ps) of EPI-5: (a) The cell lengths and angles (b) the dynamics energies (c) the dynamics temperature and (d) the dynamics density as functions of time, respectively; (e) The initial frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=58.3726 Å); (f) The end frame (the size of cube: a=b=c=60.0594 Å).



**Figure S20** The equilibrium process (NVT, 500 ps) of EPI-5: (a) The dynamics temperature and (b) the dynamics energies as functions of time, respectively; (c) The initial frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=60.0594 \text{ \AA}$ ); (d) The end frame (the size of cube:  $a=b=c=60.0594 \text{ \AA}$ ).



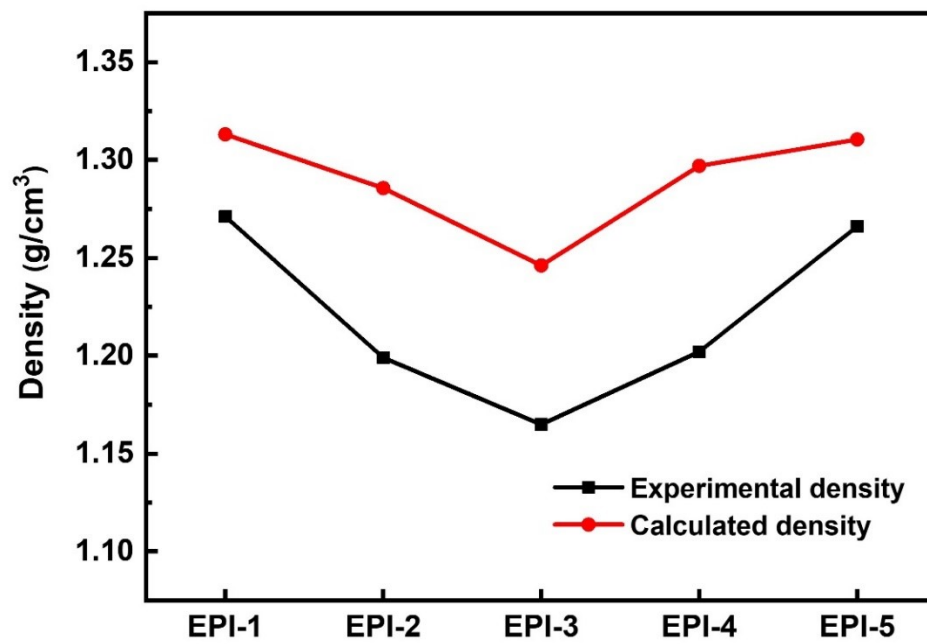
**Figure S21** TGA curves (N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere) of ester-containing polyimides



**Figure S22** TMA curves of ester-containing polyimides

**Table S1** thermal properties of ester-containing polyimides

polyimides	T <sub>5%</sub> (°C)	CTE (ppm/°C)	T <sub>g</sub> (°C)
EPI-1	464	35.58	316
EPI-2	442	50.63	338
EPI-3	456	33.72	200
EPI-4	465	29.98	246
EPI-5	458	51.18	247



**Figure S23** The density of EPIs from both experimentation and calculation.