

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Water-Air Interface Revisited by means of Path-Integral

***Ab-Initio* Molecular Dynamics**

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1. CONVERGENCE TEST

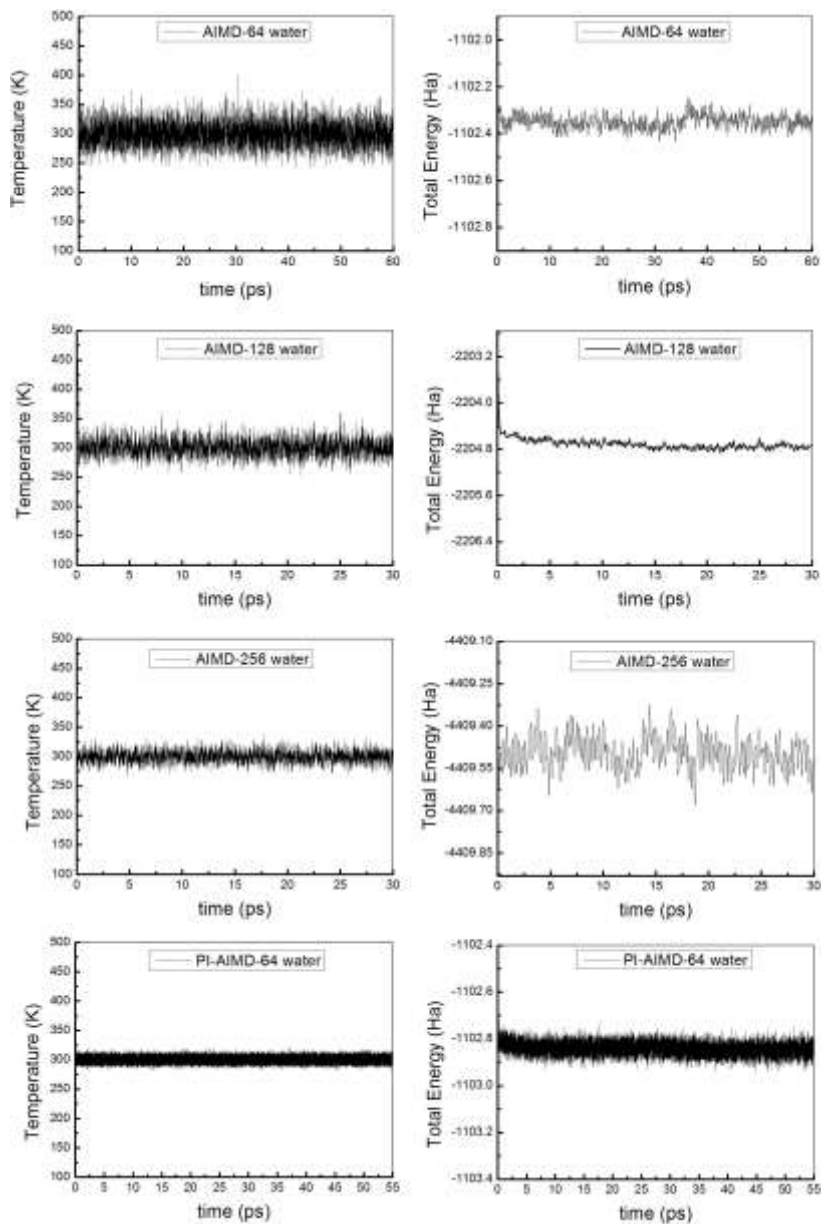


FIG. 1. *Temperature (K) and Total Energy (Ha) as a function of the simulation time for AIMD (with 64, 128, 256 water molecules) and PI-AIMD (with 64 water molecules). The NVT canonical ensemble has been adopted where the temperature has been constant at 300 K by a Nosé-Hoover chain thermostat with a time constant of 50 fs. The Velocity-Verlet algorithm has been adopted with a time step of 0.5 fs.*

2. WATER DENSITY PROFILE

Water density profile in terms of an instantaneous surface (see Ref. 58) calculated for air-water interfaces with 64, 128, 256 water molecules at the AIMD-BLYP-D3 level of theory adopted in our investigations.

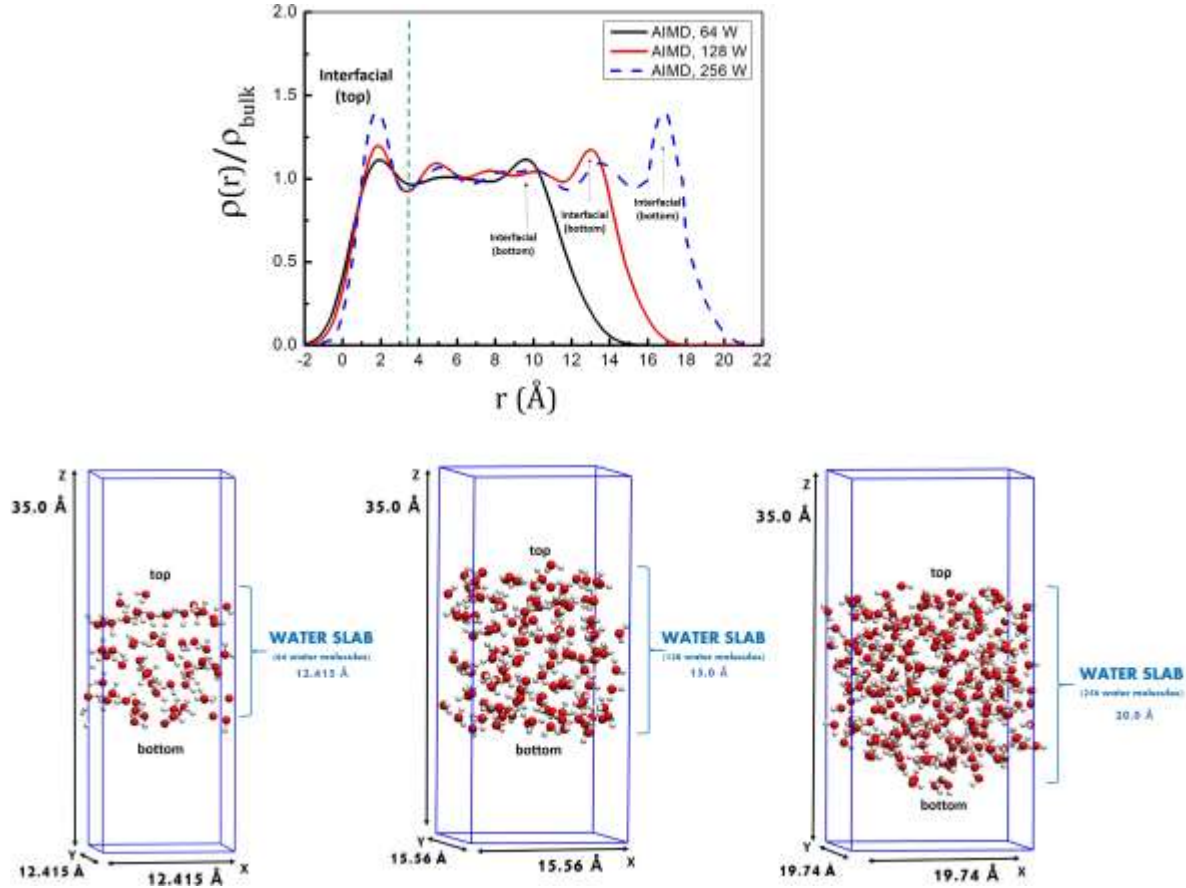


FIG. 2. a) Water density $\rho(r)$ normalized with respect to the bulk water density ρ_{bulk} . The water density is time-averaged along the simulation time and $r=0$ identifies the position of the instantaneous surface. r is positive in the liquid phase and negative in the vapor phase. Few water molecules distended towards the vapor phase describe the negative water density. b) Simulation boxes of air water interfaces with 64, 128, 256 water molecules.