

Supporting information

Lennard-Jones potential

The general form of the Lennard-Jones potential between atom i and atom j is given by:

$$V_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij}}{r_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{B_{ij}}{r_{ij}^6}$$

In which A_{ij} and B_{ij} are calculated by the following expressions:

$$A_{ij} = \sqrt{A_i A_j}$$

$$B_{ij} = \sqrt{B_i B_j}$$

All Lennard-Jones potentials have been applied with a cut-off from 0 to 40 Å, except for the C_{sp3} – O Lennard-Jones potentials which is applied between 2 and 40 Å to avoid interference with the bond describing Morse potential.

The following parameters A and B have been used:

atom	A (eV Å ¹²)	B (eV Å ⁶)
C _{sp3}	77636.68281260	22.91719173
C _{sp2}	128737.36099524	57.48815803
C _{arom}	128737.36099524	57.48815803
H	308.25289998	1.42541402
Si	136561.43622211	30.78857787
Al	136561.43622211	30.78857787
O	11833.86243143	21.63347716

Overview of the potentials added to the zeolite force field and the applied cut-off distances

1. Morse potential

$$E_{Morse} = D_e \left[\left(1 - \exp(-a(r - r_0)) \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

Bonds (Morse)*	D_e (eV)	a (\AA^{-1})	r_0 (\AA)	cut-off (\AA)
H–C	1.4284	2.2707	1.1172	0.0 – 1.5
C _{sp2} –C _{sp2}	1.9947	2.5977	1.3271	0.0 – 2.0
C _{sp3} –C	1.4262	2.2722	1.4814	0.0 – 2.0
C _{arom} –C _{arom}	1.5206	2.3718	1.4009	0.0 – 2.0
C _{sp3} –O	0.9526	1.3651	1.8288	0.0 – 2.0

* If the carbon atom type is not specified (“C”), the respective potential function applies for any combination of the three types of carbon atoms (C_{sp2}, C_{sp3} and C_{arom})

2. Three-Body potential

$$E_{Three-Body} = \frac{1}{2} k (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

Angle (Three-Body)* at2 – at1 – at3 **	k (eV rad ⁻²)	θ_0 (degrees)	cut-off (\AA)**		
			r_{12}	r_{13}	r_{23}
H–C _{sp2} –H	1.0074	120.00	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 4.0
H–C _{sp2} –C	1.6048	120.00	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0
C–C _{sp2} –C	1.7965	120.00	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0
H–C _{sp3} –H	1.1704	109.47	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 4.0
H–C _{sp3} –C	1.5839	109.47	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0
C–C _{sp3} –C	2.2766	109.47	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0
H–C _{arom} –C _{arom}	1.4335	120.00	0.0 – 1.5	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0
C–C _{arom} –C _{arom}	1.7782	120.00	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0
C–C _{sp3} –O	1.9585	109.47	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 2.0	0.0 – 4.0

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** See Figure below for a clarification of the atom numbers and the cut-off distances

