

The following form of the classical force field relating the potential energy  $U^{tot}(\mathbf{r})$  to atomic coordinates  $\mathbf{r}$  for the ensemble of atoms has been chosen. It is split into non-bonded  $U^{NB}(\mathbf{r})$  and bonded contributions as given by eq. 1,

$$U^{tot}(\mathbf{r}) = U^{NB}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{bonds} U^{BEND}(\theta_{ijk}) + \sum_{dihedrals} U^{DIHEDRAL}(\phi_{ijkl}) + \sum_{\substack{improper \\ dihedrals}} U^{IMP}(\phi_{ijkl}^{imp}), \quad (1)$$

where the sums are over each bond, bend, dihedral and improper dihedral in the system. The contributions to the potential energy due to bonds, bends, dihedrals and out-of-plane bending (improper dihedrals) are

$$U^{BEND}(\theta_{ijk}) = \frac{1}{2} k_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{BEND} (\theta_{ijk} - \theta_{ijk}^0)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$U^{DIHEDRAL}(\phi_{ijkl}) = \sum_n \frac{1}{2} k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta, n}^{DIHEDRAL} [1 - \cos(n\phi_{ijkl})] \quad (3)$$

$$U^{IMP}(\phi_{ijkl}^{imp}) = \frac{1}{2} k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{IMP} (\phi_{ijkl}^{imp})^2 \quad (4)$$

where  $\theta_{ijk}$  and  $\theta_{ijk}^0$  are the instantaneous and equilibrium bending angles for atoms  $i, j$  and  $k$ ;  $\phi_{ijkl}$  is the dihedral angle for atoms  $i, j, k$  and  $l$ ; and  $\phi_{ijkl}^{imp}$  is the out-of-plane bending angle for an  $sp^2$  center at atom  $j$ . The strength of these interactions is characterized by the corresponding force constants  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{BEND}$ ,  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta, n}^{DIHEDRAL}$ , and  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{IMP}$ , respectively. The subscripts  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , and  $\delta$  denote atom type for atoms  $i, j, k$ , and  $l$ , respectively.

The nonbonded energy  $U^{NB}(\mathbf{r})$  consists of the sum of two-body repulsion and dispersion energy terms  $U^{RD}(\mathbf{r})$ , the energy due to interactions of fixed charges  $U^{coul}(\mathbf{r})$ , and the polarization energy  $U^{pol}(\mathbf{r})$  arising from the interaction between induced dipoles with fixed charges and other induced dipoles:

$$U^{NB}(\mathbf{r}) = U^{RD}(\mathbf{r}) + U^{coul}(\mathbf{r}) + U^{pol}(\mathbf{r}) =$$

$$\sum_{i>j} \left( A_{\alpha\beta} \exp(-B_{\alpha\beta} r_{ij}) - C_{\alpha\beta} r_{ij}^{-6} + D \left( \frac{12}{B_{\alpha\beta} r_{ij}} \right)^{12} \right) + \sum_{i>j} \left( \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}} \right) - 0.5 \sum_i \bar{\mu}_i \bar{E}_i^0. \quad (5)$$

where  $\bar{\mu}_i = \alpha_i \bar{E}_i^{tot}$  is an induced dipole at force center  $i$ ,  $\alpha_i$  is the isotropic atomic polarizability,  $\bar{E}_i^{tot}$  is the total electrostatic field at the atomic site  $i$  due to permanent charges  $q_j$  and induced dipoles  $\bar{\mu}_j$ ,  $\epsilon_0$  is the dielectric permittivity of vacuum,  $\bar{E}_i^0$  is the electric field due to fixed charges only, and  $A_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $B_{\alpha\beta}$  are the repulsion parameters and  $C_{\alpha\beta}$  is the dispersion parameter for interaction between atoms  $i$  and  $j$  with atom types  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The term  $D \left( \frac{12}{B_{\alpha\beta} r_{ij}} \right)^{12}$ , with  $D = 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  kcal/mol for

all pair interactions, is essentially zero at typical nonbonded atomic separations, but becomes the dominant term at  $r_{ij} < 1 \text{ \AA}$ , ensuring that  $U^{RD}(\mathbf{r})$  is repulsive at distances much smaller than the size of

an atom. Intramolecular nonbonded interactions are included for atoms separated by three or more covalent bonds. We used Thole screening ( $a_T=0.4$ ) that smears induced dipoles in order to prevent the so-called “polarization catastrophe” from occurring. The interaction between an induced dipole and a partial charge separated by 3 bonds was scaled by 0.8.