

## **Molecular dynamics calculation of activation volumes**

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### **Supplementary Information**

**Force Field Parameters for Transition States**  
**(Only parameters different from OPLS are listed)**

### Tables 1-4. Cyclopentadiene Dimerization (Fig. 1)

Table 1. Charges and Lennard-Jones Parameters

| Atom # | Atom Type | q (a.u.) | $\sigma$ (nm) | $\epsilon$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 3      | C         | -0.087   | 0.352         | 0.297                              |
| 4      | H         | 0.087    | 0.246         | 0.126                              |
| 14     | C         | -0.087   | 0.352         | 0.297                              |
| 15     | H         | 0.087    | 0.246         | 0.126                              |

Table 2. Bond Parameters

| Atom #s | Bond Type | Equilibrium Length (nm) | Force Constant (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> nm <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-19    | C-C       | 0.28960                 | 1200                                                    |
| 8-12    | C-C       | 0.28960                 | 1200                                                    |
| 1-3     | C-C       | 0.14183                 | 360568                                                  |
| 3-5     | C-C       | 0.15262                 | 237914                                                  |
| 5-8     | C-C       | 0.15052                 | 258027                                                  |
| 8-10    | C-C       | 0.13695                 | 435513                                                  |
| 10-1    | C-C       | 0.14232                 | 354108                                                  |
| 12-14   | C-C       | 0.14183                 | 360568                                                  |
| 14-16   | C-C       | 0.15262                 | 238280                                                  |
| 16-19   | C-C       | 0.15052                 | 258225                                                  |
| 19-21   | C-C       | 0.13695                 | 434677                                                  |
| 21-12   | C-C       | 0.14222                 | 354926                                                  |

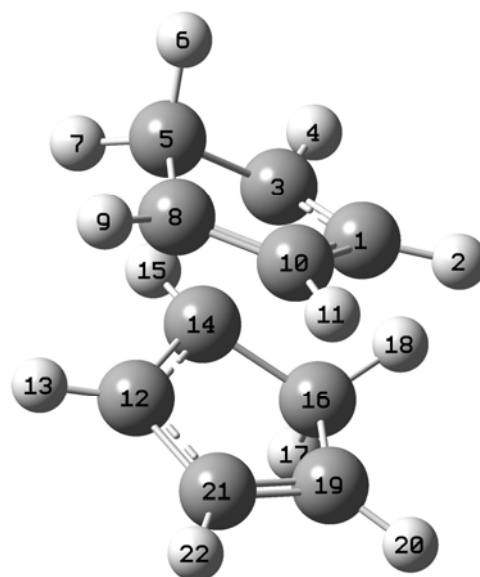


Figure 1 - The cyclopentadiene dimerization transition state. Atom numbers match those in the tables.

Table 3. Angle Parameters

| Atom #s | Angle Type | Equilibrium Angle (nm) | Force Constant (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> rad <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|---------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 3-1-2   | C-C-H      | 118.5                  | 292.88                                                   |
| 3-1-10  | C-C-C      | 124                    | 585.76                                                   |
| 19-1-10 | C-C-C      | 97.2                   | 260.00                                                   |
| 19-1-2  | C-C-H      | 84.3                   | 254.40                                                   |
| 19-1-3  | C-C-C      | 91.8                   | 260.00                                                   |
| 1-3-4   | C-C-H      | 114.8                  | 292.88                                                   |
| 1-3-5   | C-C-C      | 117.6                  | 585.76                                                   |
| 4-3-5   | H-C-C      | 113.9                  | 303.34                                                   |
| 4-3-14  | H-C-C      | 94.6                   | 370.00                                                   |
| 14-3-1  | C-C-C      | 107.2                  | 310.00                                                   |

|          |       |       |        |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| 14-3-5   | C-C-C | 101.2 | 310.00 |
| 3-5-6    | C-C-H | 110.1 | 303.34 |
| 3-5-7    | C-C-H | 110.1 | 303.34 |
| 3-5-8    | C-C-C | 111.8 | 527.18 |
| 9-8-12   | H-C-C | 92.9  | 40.70  |
| 12-8-5   | C-C-C | 76.2  | 260.00 |
| 12-8-10  | C-C-C | 87.3  | 260.00 |
| 8-12-13  | C-C-H | 84.3  | 254.40 |
| 8-12-14  | C-C-C | 91.7  | 260.00 |
| 8-12-21  | C-C-C | 96.9  | 260.00 |
| 3-14-12  | C-C-C | 107.1 | 310.00 |
| 14-12-13 | C-C-H | 118.5 | 292.88 |
| 14-12-21 | C-C-C | 124   | 585.76 |
| 3-14-15  | C-C-H | 94.6  | 370.00 |
| 3-14-16  | C-C-C | 101.1 | 310.00 |
| 12-14-15 | C-C-H | 114.8 | 292.88 |
| 12-14-16 | C-C-C | 117.6 | 585.76 |
| 14-16-17 | C-C-H | 110.1 | 303.34 |
| 14-16-18 | C-C-H | 110.1 | 303.34 |
| 14-16-19 | C-C-C | 111.8 | 527.18 |
| 15-14-16 | H-C-C | 113.9 | 303.34 |
| 1-19-16  | C-C-C | 76.5  | 260.00 |
| 1-19-21  | C-C-C | 87.5  | 260.00 |
| 20-19-1  | H-C-C | 92.9  | 40.70  |

Table 4. Ryckaert-Belleman Torsion Parameters

| Atom #s  | Torsion Type | C <sub>0</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>1</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>2</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>3</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>4</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>5</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|----------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2-1-3-5  | H-C-C-C      | 34.24120                               | -1.15740                               | -30.96780                              | -2.11610                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 2-1-3-4  | H-C-C-H      | 31.60690                               | 0.92940                                | -31.29710                              | -1.23920                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 10-1-3-5 | C-C-C-C      | 31.54260                               | -2.97930                               | -32.08620                              | 3.52290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 10-1-3-4 | C-C-C-H      | 30.93470                               | -1.08730                               | -31.29710                              | 1.44970                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 1-3-5-6  | C-C-C-H      | 0.08220                                | -5.01240                               | -1.11690                               | 6.04710                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 1-3-5-7  | C-C-C-H      | 0.08220                                | -5.01240                               | -1.11690                               | 6.04710                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 1-3-5-8  | C-C-C-C      | 1.34590                                | -4.71580                               | -1.04560                               | 4.41550                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-3-5-6  | H-C-C-H      | 0.65240                                | 1.95730                                | 0.00000                                | -2.60970                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-3-5-7  | H-C-C-H      | 0.65240                                | 1.95730                                | 0.00000                                | -2.60970                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-3-5-8  | H-C-C-C      | -0.29900                               | -0.89700                               | 0.00000                                | 1.19600                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 3-5-8-10 | C-C-C-C      | 0.52719                                | -6.39734                               | -1.69452                               | 7.56467                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 6-5-8-10 | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 7-5-8-10 | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 3-5-8-9  | C-C-C-H      | 0.66525                                | 1.99576                                | 0.00000                                | -2.66102                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |

|             |         |          |          |           |          |         |         |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| 5-8-10-11   | C-C-C-H | 56.91180 | -0.07920 | -56.68790 | -0.14470 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 5-8-10-1    | C-C-C-C | 56.72720 | -0.20370 | -56.76440 | 0.24090  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 9-8-10-11   | H-C-C-H | 56.73160 | 0.06360  | -56.71050 | -0.08470 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 9-8-10-1    | H-C-C-C | 56.68570 | -0.07440 | -56.71050 | 0.09910  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 2-1-10-8    | H-C-C-C | 21.89090 | -1.44300 | -22.37190 | 1.92400  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 2-1-10-11   | H-C-C-H | 22.75980 | 1.16370  | -22.37190 | -1.55160 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 3-1-10-8    | C-C-C-C | 35.80750 | 1.48820  | -32.85810 | -4.43760 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 3-1-10-11   | C-C-C-H | 21.89090 | -1.44300 | -22.37190 | 1.92400  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 13-12-14-16 | H-C-C-C | 38.06700 | 0.66640  | -37.84490 | -0.88850 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 13-12-14-15 | H-C-C-H | 38.06700 | 0.66640  | -37.84490 | -0.88850 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 21-12-14-16 | C-C-C-C | 38.88150 | -0.51830 | -37.77090 | -0.59230 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 21-12-14-15 | C-C-C-H | 38.11590 | 0.81300  | -37.84490 | -1.08390 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 12-14-16-17 | C-C-C-H | 0.32800  | -5.77740 | -1.43590  | 6.88530  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 12-14-16-18 | C-C-C-H | 0.32800  | -5.77740 | -1.43590  | 6.88530  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 12-14-16-19 | C-C-C-C | 2.73330  | -1.86590 | 0.05420   | -0.92170 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 15-14-16-17 | H-C-C-H | 0.65950  | 1.97850  | 0.00000   | -2.63800 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 15-14-16-18 | H-C-C-H | 0.65950  | 1.97850  | 0.00000   | -2.63800 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 15-14-16-19 | H-C-C-C | -0.56370 | -1.69110 | 0.00000   | 2.25480  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 21-19-16-14 | C-C-C-C | 0.52719  | -6.39734 | -1.69452  | 7.56467  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 21-19-16-17 | C-C-C-H | -0.77822 | -2.33467 | 0.00000   | 3.11290  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 21-19-16-18 | C-C-C-H | -0.77822 | -2.33467 | 0.00000   | 3.11290  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 20-19-16-14 | H-C-C-C | 0.66525  | 1.99576  | 0.00000   | -2.66102 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 16-19-21-22 | C-C-C-H | 50.02890 | 0.27770  | -49.93630 | -0.37030 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 16-19-21-12 | C-C-C-C | 50.36830 | -0.21600 | -49.90540 | -0.24680 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 20-19-21-22 | H-C-C-H | 50.02890 | 0.27770  | -49.93630 | -0.37030 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 20-19-21-12 | H-C-C-C | 50.02890 | 0.27770  | -49.93630 | -0.37030 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 13-12-21-19 | H-C-C-C | 35.32680 | 1.51970  | -32.31520 | -4.53130 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 13-12-21-22 | H-C-C-H | 35.32680 | 1.51970  | -32.31520 | -4.53130 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 14-12-21-19 | C-C-C-C | 35.32680 | 1.51970  | -32.31520 | -4.53130 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 14-12-21-22 | C-C-C-H | 35.32680 | 1.51970  | -32.31520 | -4.53130 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |

## Tables 5-8. Isoprene Dimerization (Fig. 2)

Table 5. Charges and Lennard-Jones Parameters

| Atom # | Atom Type | q (a.u.) | $\sigma$ (nm) | $\epsilon$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 1      | C         | -0.196   | 0.353         | 0.305                              |
| 2      | H         | 0.098    | 0.244         | 0.126                              |
| 3      | H         | 0.098    | 0.244         | 0.126                              |
| 14     | C         | -0.188   | 0.353         | 0.302                              |
| 15     | H         | 0.094    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |
| 16     | H         | 0.094    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |

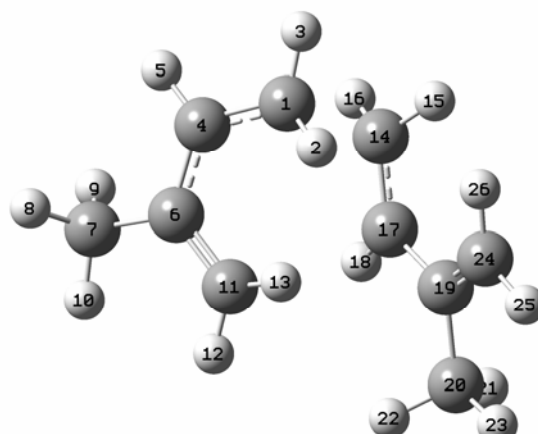


Figure 2 - The isoprene dimerization TS. Atom numbers match those in the tables.

Table 6. Bond Parameters

| Atom #s | Bond Type | Equilibrium Length (nm) | Force Constant (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> nm <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-17    | C-C       | 0.26798                 | 1200                                                    |
| 1-4     | C-C       | 0.13987                 | 388800                                                  |
| 4-6     | C-C       | 0.14164                 | 363213                                                  |
| 6-7     | C-C       | 0.15169                 | 246768                                                  |
| 6-11    | C-C       | 0.13748                 | 426234                                                  |
| 14-17   | C-C       | 0.14022                 | 383601                                                  |
| 17-19   | C-C       | 0.14599                 | 307256                                                  |
| 19-20   | C-C       | 0.15141                 | 249441                                                  |
| 19-24   | C-C       | 0.13509                 | 467272                                                  |

Table 7. Angle Parameters

| Atom #s  | Angle Type | Equilibrium Angle (nm) | Force Constant (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> rad <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|----------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2-1-3    | H-C-H      | 114.2                  | 287.74                                                   |
| 2-1-4    | H-C-C      | 116.8                  | 292.88                                                   |
| 2-1-14   | H-C-C      | 92.7                   | 234.00                                                   |
| 3-1-4    | H-C-C      | 116.8                  | 292.88                                                   |
| 3-1-14   | H-C-C      | 102.4                  | 234.00                                                   |
| 4-1-14   | C-C-C      | 107.3                  | 901.00                                                   |
| 1-4-5    | C-C-H      | 119.1                  | 292.88                                                   |
| 1-4-6    | C-C-C      | 124.0                  | 585.76                                                   |
| 6-11-17  | C-C-C      | 99.3                   | 825.00                                                   |
| 17-11-12 | C-C-H      | 111.7                  | 396.00                                                   |
| 17-11-13 | C-C-H      | 68.8                   | 396.00                                                   |
| 1-14-15  | C-C-H      | 93.4                   | 405.00                                                   |

|          |       |       |        |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1-14-16  | C-C-H | 99.6  | 405.00 |
| 1-14-17  | C-C-C | 112.4 | 901.00 |
| 15-14-17 | H-C-C | 116.5 | 300.84 |
| 16-14-17 | H-C-C | 116.5 | 300.84 |
| 14-17-18 | C-C-H | 116.5 | 300.84 |
| 11-17-14 | C-C-C | 101.0 | 825.00 |
| 11-17-18 | C-C-H | 80.2  | 260.00 |
| 11-17-19 | C-C-C | 95.1  | 194.00 |
| 14-17-19 | C-C-C | 119.1 | 563.47 |

Table 8. Ryckaert-Belleman Torsion Parameters

| Atom #s     | Torsion Type | C <sub>0</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>1</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>2</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>3</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>4</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>5</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 4-6-7-8     | C-C-C-H      | 0.62760                                | 1.88280                                | 0.00000                                | -2.51040                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-6-7-9     | C-C-C-H      | 0.62760                                | 1.88280                                | 0.00000                                | -2.51040                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-6-7-10    | C-C-C-H      | 0.62760                                | 1.88280                                | 0.00000                                | -2.51040                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 8-7-6-11    | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 9-7-6-11    | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 10-7-6-11   | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 17-19-24-25 | C-C-C-H      | 58.57600                               | 0.00000                                | -58.57600                              | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 17-19-24-26 | C-C-C-H      | 58.57600                               | 0.00000                                | -58.57600                              | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 17-19-20-21 | C-C-C-H      | 0.62760                                | 1.88280                                | 0.00000                                | -2.51040                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 17-19-20-22 | C-C-C-H      | 0.62760                                | 1.88280                                | 0.00000                                | -2.51040                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 17-19-20-23 | C-C-C-H      | 0.62760                                | 1.88280                                | 0.00000                                | -2.51040                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 21-20-19-24 | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 22-20-19-24 | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 23-20-19-24 | H-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 14-17-19-20 | C-C-C-C      | -0.77822                               | -2.33467                               | 0.00000                                | 3.11290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 14-17-19-24 | C-C-C-C      | 21.73797                               | 2.40789                                | -16.96612                              | -7.17975                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 2-1-4-5     | H-C-C-H      | 41.07150                               | 0.60330                                | -40.87050                              | -0.80430                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 3-1-4-5     | H-C-C-H      | 41.07150                               | 0.60330                                | -40.87050                              | -0.80430                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 2-1-4-6     | H-C-C-C      | 40.63520                               | -0.70570                               | -40.87050                              | 0.94090                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 3-1-4-6     | H-C-C-C      | 40.63520                               | -0.70570                               | -40.87050                              | 0.94090                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 1-4-6-7     | C-C-C-C      | 29.16980                               | -1.15670                               | -29.55530                              | 1.54220                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 1-4-6-11    | C-C-C-C      | 40.32510                               | 1.19300                                | -37.96100                              | -3.55710                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 5-4-6-7     | H-C-C-C      | 29.86630                               | 0.93280                                | -29.55530                              | -1.24370                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 5-4-6-11    | H-C-C-C      | 29.16980                               | -1.15670                               | -29.55530                              | 1.54220                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-6-11-12   | C-C-C-H      | 49.17840                               | -0.36970                               | -49.30160                              | 0.49290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 4-6-11-13   | C-C-C-H      | 49.17840                               | -0.36970                               | -49.30160                              | 0.49290                                | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 7-6-11-12   | C-C-C-H      | 49.40100                               | 0.29810                                | -49.30160                              | -0.39750                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 7-6-11-13   | C-C-C-H      | 49.40100                               | 0.29810                                | -49.30160                              | -0.39750                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |
| 15-14-17-18 | H-C-C-H      | 43.13720                               | 0.50160                                | -42.97000                              | -0.66880                               | 0.00000                                | 0.00000                                |

|             |         |          |         |           |          |         |         |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| 16-14-17-18 | H-C-C-H | 43.13720 | 0.50160 | -42.97000 | -0.66880 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 15-14-17-19 | H-C-C-C | 43.17400 | 0.61200 | -42.97000 | -0.81600 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| 16-14-17-19 | H-C-C-C | 43.17400 | 0.61200 | -42.97000 | -0.81600 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |

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### Tables 9-11. Hydrogen Transfer between Methane and a Methyl Radical (Fig. 3)

Table 9. Charges and Lennard-Jones Parameters

| Atom # | Atom Type | q (a.u.) | $\sigma$ (nm) | $\epsilon$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 1      | C         | -0.243   | 0.352         | 0.292                              |
| 2      | H         | 0.081    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |
| 3      | H         | 0.000    | 0.260         | 0.126                              |
| 4      | H         | 0.081    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |
| 5      | H         | 0.081    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |
| 6      | C         | -0.243   | 0.352         | 0.292                              |
| 7      | H         | 0.081    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |
| 8      | H         | 0.081    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |
| 9      | H         | 0.081    | 0.245         | 0.126                              |

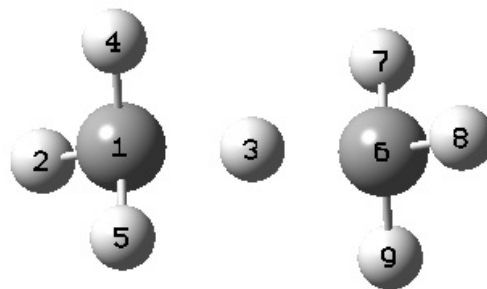


Figure 3 - The methyl-methane hydrogen transfer TS.  
Atom numbers match those in the tables.

Table 10. Bond Parameters

| Atom #s | Bond Type | Equilibrium Length (nm) | Force Constant (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> nm <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-3     | C-H       | 0.134662                | 35237                                                   |
| 3-6     | C-H       | 0.134662                | 35237                                                   |

Table 11. Angle Parameters

| Atom #s | Angle Type | Equilibrium Angle (nm) | Force Constant (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> rad <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|---------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2-1-4   | H-C-H      | 113.4                  | 282.47                                                   |
| 2-1-5   | H-C-H      | 113.4                  | 282.47                                                   |
| 4-1-5   | H-C-H      | 113.4                  | 282.47                                                   |
| 7-6-8   | H-C-H      | 113.4                  | 282.47                                                   |
| 7-6-9   | H-C-H      | 113.4                  | 282.47                                                   |
| 8-6-9   | H-C-H      | 113.4                  | 282.47                                                   |
| 2-1-3   | H-C-H      | 105.2                  | 214.70                                                   |
| 4-1-3   | H-C-H      | 105.2                  | 214.70                                                   |
| 5-1-3   | H-C-H      | 105.2                  | 214.70                                                   |
| 7-6-3   | H-C-H      | 105.2                  | 214.70                                                   |
| 8-6-3   | H-C-H      | 105.2                  | 214.70                                                   |
| 9-6-3   | H-C-H      | 105.2                  | 214.70                                                   |
| 1-3-6   | C-H-C      | 180.0                  | 91.90                                                    |

Dihedrals are not included for this system as the torsion energy between the two methyl units was found to be negligible.