

Supplementary material: Parameters derived for halogenated compounds**TABLE 1: Force field parameters for halocompounds derivatives**

| Bonds | K_b (kcal mol ⁻¹ Å ⁻²) ^a | r_0 (Å) |
|-------|--|--------------------|
| CT-CL | 367.0 | 1.791 ^b |
| CT-BR | 367.0 | 1.966 ^b |
| CT-XC | 379.1 ^c | 1.465 |
| XC-XN | 754.0 ^c | 1.134 |

^aAs bond force constant for CT-F.^bAveraged from different bromo- or chlorocompounds (Gaussian optimization).^cCT-XC and XC-XN force constants calculated through interpolation.

| Angles | K_θ (Kcal mol ⁻¹ rad ⁻²) ^d | θ_0 (deg) ^e |
|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| CL-CT-H1 | 38.1 | 107.7 |
| BR-CT-H1 | 38.1 | 106.0 |
| CT-CT-BR | 50.0 | 110.3 |
| BR-CT-BR | 77.7 | 113.1 |
| BR-CT-H2 | 38.1 | 107.1 |
| CT-CT-CL | 50.0 | 110.3 |
| H1-CT-XC | 50.0 | 107.9 |
| CT-XC-XN | 140.0 | 179.5 |

^dAssumed to be the same as bond angle constant in chloro analogues from Fox, T.; Thomas, B.E., IV; McCarrick, M.; Kollman, P.A. *J.Phys.Chem.* **1996**, *100*, 10779-10783. For acetonitrile as H1-CT-CT bond angle constant.^eAveraged from different bromocompounds (Gaussian optimization).

| Dihedrals ^f | IDIVF | K_ϕ (kcal mol ⁻¹ rad ⁻¹) | phase (deg) | periodicity |
|------------------------|-------|--|-------------|-------------|
| CL-CT-CT-CL | 1 | 0.65 | 0.0 | -3. |
| CL-CT-CT-CL | 1 | 0.68 | 0.0 | 1. |
| X-CT-XC-X | 3 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 1. |

^fThis work.

| Nonbonded parameters ^g | R^* (Å) | ϵ (kcal mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| CL | 1.968 | 0.285 |
| BR | 2.0716 | 0.426 |
| XN ^h | 1.740 | 0.210 |

^gThis work. ^hCyano nitrogen.