

Supplementary Information

Separating a linear C₅ hydrocarbon from a branched C₆ hydrocarbon : *n*-pentane from 2,2-dimethyl butane using Levitation and Blow torch effect

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TABLE S1. Potential energy parameters for modeling zeolite NaY.

Bonds	k_b (kJ.mol ⁻¹ .Å ⁻²)	b_0 (Å)
Si-O	1260.0	1.61
Al-O	932.4	1.73
Angles	k_θ (kJ.mol ⁻¹ .rad ⁻²)	θ_0 (°)
O-Si-O	337.5	109.5
O-Al-O	292.5	109.5
Si-O-Si	31.5	149.5
Al-O-Si	31.5	149.5
UB	k_u (kJ.mol ⁻¹ .Å ⁻²)	u_0 (Å)
Si-(O)-Si	126.0	3.18
Al-(O)-Si	126.0	3.12
vDW Type	σ (Å)	ϵ (kJ.mol ⁻¹)
Si	3.92	2.52
Al	3.92	2.73
O	3.15	0.6384
Na	2.43	0.6678

TABLE S2. Lennard-Jones interaction parameters between zeolite NaY atoms and different groups of hydrocarbons of 2,2-dimethyl butane and *n*-pentane.

	σ (Å)	ϵ (kJ/mol)
Si-C	5.160	0.065
Si-CH ₂	3.935	0.633
Si-CH ₃	3.835	0.924
Al-C	5.160	0.067
Al-CH ₂	3.935	0.658
Al-CH ₃	3.835	0.961
O-C	4.475	0.051
O-CH ₂	3.250	0.494
O-CH ₃	3.150	0.722
Na-C	4.415	0.052
Na-CH ₂	3.190	0.505
Na-CH ₃	3.090	0.739

TABLE S3. Bonded and non-bonded interaction parameters of 2,2-dimethyl butane ((H₃C-) ₃(1,2,3)-C(4)-CH₂(5)-CH₃(6)) and *n*-pentane (CH₃(1)-CH₂(2)-CH₂(3)-CH₂(4)-CH₃(5)) molecules.

2,2-dimethyl butane				
Angles		$\theta(^{\circ})$	$k_{\theta}(\text{kJ.mol}^{-1}.\text{rad}^{-2})$	
6-5-4		114.0	519.625	
5-4-1		109.5	519.625	
5-4-2		109.5	519.625	
5-4-3		109.5	519.625	
2-4-1		109.5	519.625	
2-4-3		109.5	519.625	
1-4-3		109.5	519.625	
Dihedrals	c_0	c_1	c_2	c_3
ϕ	(K* k_B)	(K* k_B)	(K* k_B)	(K* k_B)
6-5-4-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.835
6-5-4-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.835
6-5-4-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.835
<i>n</i> -pentane				
Angles		$\theta(^{\circ})$	$k_{\theta}(\text{kJ.mol}^{-1}.\text{rad}^{-2})$	
1-2-3(3)		114.0	519.625	
Dihedrals	c_0	c_1	c_2	c_3
ϕ	(K* k_B)	(K* k_B)	(K* k_B)	(K* k_B)
1-2-3-4(2)	0.00	2.95	-0.56	6.58
Nonbonded(self interaction)				
Group		$\sigma \text{ \AA}$	ϵ (kJ/mol)	
C-C		6.400	0.004	
CH ₂ -CH ₂		3.950	0.382	
CH ₃ -CH ₃		3.750	0.814	