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# OpenFF Toolkit Documentation

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## INSTALLATION

### 1.1 Installing via conda

The simplest way to install the Open Force Field Toolkit is via the [conda](#) package manager. We publish [packages](#) via [conda-forge](#).

If you are using the [Anaconda](#) scientific Python distribution, you already have the conda package manager installed. If not, the quickest way to get started is to install the [Miniconda](#) distribution, a lightweight, minimal installation of Python and the Conda package manager. See the [conda](#) documentation for detailed installation instructions. We recommend [Miniforge](#), a drop-in replacement for Miniconda that uses the community-run conda-forge channel by default.

Once Conda is installed, use it to install the OpenFF Toolkit:

```
$ conda install -c conda-forge openff-toolkit
```

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**Note:** Installation via the Conda package manager is the preferred method since all dependencies are automatically fetched and installed for you.

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#### 1.1.1 OS support

The OpenFF Toolkit is pure Python, and we expect it to work on any platform that supports its dependencies. Our automated testing takes place on both MacOS and Ubuntu Linux. For Windows support, we recommend using the [Windows Subsystem for Linux](#) (WSL) to run a Linux system integrated into Windows. We strongly suggest using WSL2, if your hardware supports it, for a smoother experience. WSL2 requires virtualization support in hardware. This is available on most modern CPUs, but may require activation in the BIOS.

Once WSL is configured, installing and using the Toolkit is done exactly as it would be for Linux. Note that by default, Jupyter Notebook will not be able to open a browser window and will log an error on startup; just ignore the error and open the link it provides in your ordinary Windows web browser.

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**Note:** WSL2 [does support](#) GPU compute, at least with nvidia cards, but setting it up [takes some work](#).

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### 1.1.2 Conda environments

Conda environments that mix packages from the default channels and conda-forge can become inconsistent; to prevent this mixing, we recommend using conda-forge for all packages. The easiest way to do this is to install Conda with [Miniforge](#).

If you already have a complex environment, or you wish to install a version of the Toolkit that is incompatible with other software you have installed, you can install the Toolkit into a new environment:

```
$ conda create -c conda-forge --name offtk openff-toolkit
```

An environment must be activated in any new shell session to use the software installed in it:

```
$ conda activate offtk
```

### 1.1.3 Upgrading your installation

To update an earlier conda installation of openff-toolkit to the latest release version, you can use conda update:

```
$ conda update -c conda-forge openff-toolkit
```

Note that this may update other packages or install new packages if the most recent release of the Toolkit requires it.

## 1.2 Installing from source

The OpenFF Toolkit has a lot of dependencies, so we strongly encourage installation with a package manager. The [developer's guide](#) describes setting up a development environment. If you're sure you want to install from source, check the [conda-forge recipe](#) for current dependencies, install them, download and extract the source distribution from [GitHub](#), and then run setup.py:

```
$ cd openff-toolkit
$ python setup.py install
```

## 1.3 Single-file installer

As of release 0.4.1, single-file installers are available for each Open Force Field Toolkit release. These are provided primarily for users who do not have access to the Anaconda cloud for installing packages. These installers have few requirements beyond a Linux or MacOS operating system and will, in one command, produce a functional Python executable containing the Open Force Field Toolkit, as well as all required dependencies. The installers are very similar to the widely-used Miniconda \*.sh files. Accordingly, installation using the “single-file installer” does not require root access.

The installers are between 200 and 300 MB each, and can be downloaded from the “Assets” section of the Toolkit's [GitHub Releases page](#). They are generated using a [workflow](#) leveraging the Conda Constructor utility.

Please report any installer difficulties to the [OFF Toolkit issue tracker](#), as we hope to make this a major distribution channel for the toolkit moving forward.



### 1.3.1 Installation

Download the appropriate installer (openff-toolkit-<X.Y.Z>-<py3x>-<your platform>-x86\_64.sh.zip) from the “Assets” section at the bottom of the desired [release on GitHub](#). Then, install the toolkit with the following command:

```
$ bash openff-toolkit-<X.Y.Z>-py37-<your platform>-x86_64.sh
```

and follow the prompts.

**Note:** You must have write access to the installation directory. This is generally somewhere in the user’s home directory. When prompted, we recommend NOT making modifications to your `bash_profile`.

**Warning:** We recommend that you do not install this package as root. Conda is intended to support on-the-fly creation of several independent environments, and managing a multi-user Conda installation is [complicated](#).

### 1.3.2 Usage

Any time you want to use this Conda environment in a terminal, run

```
$ source <install_directory>/etc/profile.d/conda.sh
$ conda activate base
```

Once the base environment is activated, your system will default to use Python (and other executables) from the newly installed Conda environment. For more information about Conda environments, see [Conda environments](#)

## 1.4 Optional dependencies (toolkits)

The OpenFF Toolkit outsources many common computational chemistry algorithms to other toolkits. Only one such toolkit is needed to gain access to all of the OpenFF Toolkit’s features. If more than one is available, the Toolkit allows the user to specify their preference with the `toolkit_registry` argument to most functions and methods.

The `openff-toolkit` package installs everything needed to run the toolkit, including the optional dependencies RDKit and AmberTools. To install only the hard dependencies and provide your own optional dependencies, install the `openff-toolkit-base` package.

The OpenFF Toolkit requires an external toolkit for most functions. Though a builtin toolkit is provided, it implements only a small number of functions and is intended primarily for testing.

There are certain differences in toolkit behavior between RDKit/AmberTools and OpenEye when reading a small fraction of molecules, and we encourage you to report any unexpected behavior that may be caused by toolkit differences to our [issue tracker](#).

### 1.4.1 RDKit

RDKit is a free and open source chemistry toolkit installed by default with the `openff-toolkit` package. It provides most of the functionality that the OpenFF Toolkit relies on.

### 1.4.2 AmberTools

AmberTools is a collection of free tools provided with the Amber MD software and installed by default with the `openff-toolkit` package. It provides a free implementation of functionality required by OpenFF Toolkit and not provided by RDKit.

### 1.4.3 OpenEye

The OpenFF Toolkit can optionally make use of the [OpenEye toolkit](#) if the user has a license key installed. Academic laboratories intending to release results into the public domain can [obtain a free license key](#), while other users (including academics intending to use the software for purposes of generating protected intellectual property) must [pay to obtain a license](#).

To install the OpenEye toolkits:

```
$ conda install -c openeye -c conda-forge openeye-toolkits
```

Though OpenEye can be installed for free, using it requires a license file. No essential `openff-toolkit` release capabilities *require* the OpenEye toolkit, but the Open Force Field developers make use of it in parameterizing new open source force fields.

## EXAMPLES USING SMIRNOFF WITH THE TOOLKIT

The following examples are available in [the OpenFF toolkit repository](#). Each can be run interactively in the browser with [binder](#), without installing anything on your computer.

### 2.1 Index of provided examples

- [toolkit\\_showcase](#) - parameterize a protein-ligand system with an OpenFF force field, simulate the resulting system, and visualize the result in the notebook
- [forcefield\\_modification](#) - modify force field parameters and evaluate how system energy changes
- [conformer\\_energies](#) - compute conformer energies of one or more small molecules using a SMIRNOFF force field
- [SMIRNOFF\\_simulation](#) - simulation of a molecule in the gas phase with the SMIRNOFF force field format
- [forcefield\\_modification](#) - modify force field parameters and evaluate how system energy changes
- [using\\_smirnoff\\_in\\_amber\\_or\\_gromacs](#) - convert a System generated with the Open Force Field Toolkit, which can be simulated natively with OpenMM, into AMBER prmtop/inpcrd and GROMACS top/gro input files through the ParmEd library.
- [swap\\_amber\\_parameters](#) - take a prepared AMBER protein-ligand system (prmtop and crd) along with a structure file of the ligand, and replace ligand parameters with OpenFF parameters.
- [inspect\\_assigned\\_parameters](#) - check which parameters are used in which molecules and generate parameter usage statistics.
- [using\\_smirnoff\\_with\\_amber\\_protein\\_forcefield](#) - use SMIRNOFF parameters for small molecules in combination with more conventional force fields for proteins and other components of your system (using ParmEd to combine parameterized structures)
- [check\\_dataset\\_parameter\\_coverage](#) - shows how to use the Open Force Field Toolkit to ingest a dataset of molecules, and generate a report summarizing any chemistry that can not be parameterized.
- [visualization](#) - shows how rich representation of Molecule objects work in the context of Jupyter Notebooks.



## RELEASE HISTORY

Releases follow the `major.minor.micro` scheme recommended by [PEP440](#), where

- major increments denote a change that may break API compatibility with previous major releases
- minor increments add features but do not break API compatibility
- micro increments represent bugfix releases or improvements in documentation

### 3.1 0.10.3 Bugfix release

#### 3.1.1 Critical bugfixes

- [PR #1200](#): Fixes a bug ([Issue #1199](#)) in which library charges were ignored in some force fields, including `openff-2.0.0` code name “Sage.” This resulted in the TIP3P partial charges included Sage not being applied correctly in versions 0.10.1 and 0.10.2 of the OpenFF Toolkit. This regression was not present in version 0.10.0 and earlier and therefore is not believed to have any impact on the fitting or benchmarking of the first release of Sage (version 2.0.0). The change causing the regression only affected library charges and therefore no other parameter types are believed to be affected.

#### 3.1.2 API breaking changes

- [PR #855](#): In earlier versions of the toolkit, we had mistakenly made the assumption that cheminformatics toolkits agreed on the number and membership of rings. However we later learned that this was not true. This PR removes `Molecule.rings` and `Molecule.n_rings`. To find rings in a molecule, directly use a cheminformatics toolkit after using `Molecule.to_rdkit` or `Molecule.to_openeye`. `Atom.is_in_ring` and `Bond.is_in_ring` are now methods, not properties.

#### 3.1.3 Behaviors changed and bugfixes

- [PR #1171](#): Failure of `Molecule.apply_elf_conformer_selection()` due to excluding all available conformations ([Issue #428](#)) now provides a better error. The `make_carboxylic_acids_cis` argument (False by default) has been added to `Molecule.generate_conformers()` to mitigate a common cause of this error. By setting this argument to True in internal use of this method, trans carboxylic acids are no longer generated in `Molecule.assign_partial_charges()` and `Molecule.assign_fractional_bond_orders()` methods (though users may still pass trans conformers in, they’ll just be pruned by ELF methods). This should work around most instances of the OpenEye Omega bug where trans carboxylic acids are more common than they should be.

### 3.1.4 Improved documentation and warnings

- PR #1172: Adding discussion about constraints to the FAQ
- PR #1173: Expand on the SMIRNOFF section of the toolkit docs
- PR #855: Refactors `Atom.is_in_ring` and `Bond.is_in_ring` to use corresponding functionality in OpenEye and RDKit wrappers.

## 3.2 0.10.2 Bugfix release

### 3.2.1 API-breaking changes

- PR #1118: `Molecule.to_hill_formula` is now a class method and no longer accepts input of NetworkX graphs.

### 3.2.2 Behaviors changed and bugfixes

- PR #1160: Fixes a major bug identified in Issue #1159, in which the order of atoms defining a `BondChargeVirtualSite` (and possibly other virtual sites types too) might be reversed if the `match` attribute of the virtual site has a value of "once".
- PR #1130: Running unit tests will no longer generate force field files in the local directory.
- PR #1148: Adds a new exception `UnsupportedFileTypeError` and descriptive error message when attempting to use `Molecule.from_file` to parse XYZ/.xyz files.
- PR #1153: Fixes Issue #1152 in which running `Molecule.generate_conformers` using the OpenEye backend would use the stereochemistry from an existing conformer instead of the stereochemistry from the molecular graph, leading to undefined behavior if the molecule had a 2D conformer.
- PR #1158: Fixes the default representation of `Molecule` failing in Jupyter notebooks when NGLview is not installed.
- PR #1151: Fixes Issue #1150, in which calling `Molecule.assign_fractional_bond_orders` with all default arguments would lead to an error as a result of trying to lowercase `None`.
- PR #1149: `TopologyAtom`, `TopologyBond`, and `TopologyVirtualSite` now properly reference their reference molecule from their `.molecule` attribute.
- PR #1155: Ensures big-endian byte order of NumPy arrays when serialized to dictionaries or files formats except JSON.
- PR #1163: Fixes the bug identified in Issue #1161, which was caused by the use of the deprecated `pkg_resources` package. Now the recommended `importlib_metadata` package is used instead.

### 3.2.3 Breaking changes

- [PR #1118](#): `Molecule.to_hill_formula` is now a class method and no longer accepts input of NetworkX graphs.
- [PR #1156](#): Removes `ParseError` and `MessageException`, which has been deprecated since version 0.10.0.

### 3.2.4 Examples added

- [PR #1113](#): Updates the Amber/GROMACS example to use Interchange.

## 3.3 0.10.1 Minor feature and bugfix release

### 3.3.1 Behaviors changed and bugfixes

- [PR #1096](#): Atom names generated by `Molecule.generate_unique_atom_names` are now appended with an "x". See the linked issue for more details.
- [PR #1050](#): In `Molecule.generate_conformers`, a single toolkit wrapper failing to generate conformers is no longer fatal, but if all wrappers in a registry fail, then a `ValueError` will be raised. This mirrors the behavior of `Molecule.assign_partial_charges`.
- [PR #1050](#): Conformer generation failures in `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.generate_conformers`, and `RDKitToolkitWrapper.generate_conformers` now each raise `openff.toolkit.utils.exceptions.ConformerGenerationError` if conformer generation fails. The same behavior occurs in `Molecule.generate_conformers`, but only when the `toolkit_registry` argument is a `ToolkitWrapper`, not when it is a `ToolkitRegistry`.
- [PR #1046](#): Changes OFFXML output to replace tabs with 4 spaces to standardize representation in different text viewers.
- [PR #1001](#): RDKit Mol objects created through the `Molecule.to_rdkit()` method have the `NoImplicit` property set to `True` on all atoms. This prevents RDKit from incorrectly adding hydrogen atoms to to molecule.
- [PR #1058](#): Removes the unimplemented methods `ForceField.create_parmed_structure`, `Topology.to_parmed`, and `Topology.from_parmed`.
- [PR #1065](#): The example `conformer_energies.py` script now uses the Sage 2.0.0 force field.
- [PR #1036](#): SMARTS matching logic for library charges was updated to use only one unique match instead of enumerating all possible matches. This results in faster matching, particularly with larger molecules. No adverse side effects were found in testing, but bad behavior may possibly exist in some unknown cases. Note that the default behavior for other parameter handlers was not updated.
- [PR #1001](#): Revamped the `Molecule.visualize()` method's rdkit backend for more pleasing and idiomatic 2D visualization by default.
- [PR #1087](#): Fixes [Issue #1073](#) in which `Molecule.__repr__` fails if the molecule can not be represented as a SMILES pattern. Now, if SMILES generation fails, the molecule will be described by its Hill formula.
- [PR #1052](#): Fixes [Issue #986](#) by raising a subclass of `AttributeError` in `_ParameterAttributeHandler.__getattr__`.
- [PR #1030](#): Fixes a bug in which the expectations for capitalization for values of `bond_order_model` attributes and keywords are inconsistent.

- [PR #1101](#): Fixes a bug in which calling `to_qcschema` on a molecule with no connectivity feeds `QCElemental.Molecule` an empty list for the connectivity field; now feeds `None`.

### 3.3.2 Tests updated

- [PR #1017](#): Ensures that OpenEye-only CI builds really do lack both `AmberTools` and `RDKit`.

### 3.3.3 Improved documentation and warnings

- [PR #1065](#): Example notebooks were updated to use the Sage Open Force Field
- [PR #1062](#): Rewrote installation guide for clarity and comprehensiveness.

## 3.4 0.10.0 Improvements for force field fitting

### 3.4.1 Behaviors changed

- [PR #1021](#): Renames `openff.toolkit.utils.exceptions.ParseError` to `openff.toolkit.utils.exceptions.SMILESParseError` to avoid a conflict with an identically-named exception in the SMIRNOFF XML parsing code.
- [PR #1021](#): Renames and moves `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.forcefield.ParseError` to `openff.toolkit.utils.exceptions.SMIRNOFFParseError`. This `ParseError` is deprecated and will be removed in a future release.

### 3.4.2 New features and behaviors changed

- [PR #1027](#): Corrects interconversion of `Molecule` objects with `OEMol` objects by ensuring atom names are correctly accessible via the `OEAtomBase.GetName()` and `OEAtomBase.SetName()` methods, rather than the non-standard `OEAtomBase.GetData("name")` and `OEAtomBase.SetData("name", name)`.
- [PR #1007](#): Resolves [Issue #456](#) by adding the `normalize_partial_charges` (default is `True`) keyword argument to `Molecule.assign_partial_charges`, `AmberToolsToolkitWrapper.assign_partial_charges`, `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.assign_partial_charges`, `RDKitToolkitWrapper.assign_partial_charges`, and `BuiltInToolkitWrapper.assign_partial_charges`. This adds an offset to each atom's partial charge to ensure that their sum is equal to the net charge on the molecule (to the limit of a python float's precision, generally less than 1e-6 electron charge). **Note that, because this new behavior is ON by default, it may slightly affect the partial charges and energies of systems generated by running `create_openmm_system`.**
- [PR #954](#): Adds `LibraryChargeType.from_molecule` which returns a `LibraryChargeType` object that will match the full molecule being parameterized, and assign it the same partial charges as are set on the input molecule.
- [PR #923](#): Adds `Molecule.nth_degree_neighbors`, `Topology.nth_degree_neighbors`, `TopologyMolecule.nth_degree_neighbors`, which returns pairs of atoms that are separated in a molecule or topology by *exactly* N atoms.
- [PR #917](#): `ForceField.create_openmm_system` now ensures that the cutoff of the `NonbondedForce` is set to the cutoff of the `vdwHandler` when it and a `Electrostatics` handler are present in the force field.



- [PR #850](#): `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.is_available` now returns `True` if *any* OpenEye tools are licensed (and installed). This allows, i.e, use of functionality that requires OEChem without having an OE0mega license.
- [PR #909](#): Virtual site positions can now be computed directly in the toolkit. This functionality is accessed through
  - `FrozenMolecule.compute_virtual_site_positions_from_conformer`
  - `VirtualSite.compute_positions_from_conformer`
  - `VirtualParticle.compute_position_from_conformer`
  - `FrozenMolecule.compute_virtual_site_positions_from_atom_positions`
  - `VirtualSite.compute_positions_from_atom_positions`
  - `VirtualParticle.compute_position_from_atom_positions` where the positions can be computed from a stored conformer, or an input vector of atom positions.
  - Tests have been added (`TestMolecule.test_*_virtual_site_position`) to check for sane behavior. The tests do not directly compare OpenMM position equivalence, but offline tests show that they are equivalent.
  - The helper method `VirtualSiteHandler.create_openff_virtual_sites` is now public, which returns a modified topology with virtual sites added.
  - Virtual sites now expose the parameters used to create its local frame via the read-only properties
    - \* `VirtualSite.local_frame_weights`
    - \* `VirtualSite.local_frame_position`
  - Adding virtual sites via the Molecule API now have defaults for sigma, epsilon, and charge\_increment set to 0 with appropriate units, rather than None
- [PR #956](#): Added `ForceField.get_partial_charges()` to more easily compute the partial charges assigned by a force field for a molecule.
- [PR #1006](#): Two behavior changes in the SMILES output for `to_file()` and `to_file_obj()`:
  - The RDKit and OpenEye wrappers now output the same SMILES as `to_smiles()`. This uses explicit hydrogens rather than the toolkit's default of implicit hydrogens.
  - The RDKit wrapper no longer includes a header line. This improves the consistency between the OpenEye and RDKit outputs.

### 3.4.3 Bugfixes

- [PR #1024](#): Small changes for compatibility with OpenMM 7.6.
- [PR #1003](#): Fixes [Issue #1000](#), where a stereochemistry warning is sometimes erroneously emitted when loading a stereogenic molecule using `Molecule.from_pdb_and_smiles`
- [PR #1002](#): Fixes a bug in which OFFXML files could inadvertently be loaded from subdirectories.
- [PR #969](#): Fixes a bug in which the cutoff distance of the NonbondedForce generated by `ForceField.create_openmm_system` was not set to the value specified by the vdW and Electrostatics handlers.
- [PR #909](#): Fixed several bugs related to creating an OpenMM system with virtual sites created via the Molecule virtual site API

- [PR #1006](#): Many small fixes to the toolkit wrapper I/O for better error handling, improved consistency between reading from a file vs. file object, and improved consistency between the RDKit and OEChem toolkit wrappers. For the full list see [Issue #1005](#). Some of the more significant fixes are:
  - `RDKitToolkitWrapper.from_file_obj()` now uses the same structure normalization as `from_file()`.
  - `from_smiles()` now raises an `openff.toolkit.utils.exceptions.SMILESParsingError` if the SMILES could not be parsed.
  - OEChem input and output files now raise an `OSError` if the file could not be opened.
  - All input file object readers now support file objects open in binary mode.

### 3.4.4 Examples added

- [PR #763](#): Adds an introductory example showcasing the toolkit parameterizing a protein-ligand simulation.
- [PR #955](#): Refreshed the force field modification example
- [PR #934](#) and [conda-forge/openff-toolkit-feedstock#9](#): Added `openff-toolkit-examples` Conda package for easy installation of examples and their dependencies. Simply `conda install -c conda-forge openff-toolkit-examples` and then run the `openff-toolkit-examples` script to copy the examples suite to a convenient place to run them!

### 3.4.5 Tests updated

- [PR #963](#): Several tests modules used functions from `test_forcefield.py` that created an OpenFF Molecule without a toolkit. These functions are now in their own module so they can be imported directly, without the overhead of going through `test_forcefield`.
- [PR #997](#): Several XML snippets in `test_forcefield.py` that were scattered around inside of classes and functions are now moved to the module level.

## 3.5 0.9.2 Minor feature and bugfix release

### 3.5.1 New features and behaviors changed

- [PR #762](#): `Molecule.from_rdkit` now converts implicit hydrogens into explicit hydrogens by default. This change may affect `RDKitToolkitWrapper/Molecule.from_smiles`, `from_mapped_smiles`, `from_file`, `from_file_obj`, `from_inchi`, and `from_qcschema`. This new behavior can be disabled using the `hydrogens_are_explicit=True` keyword argument to `from_smiles`, or loading the molecule into the desired explicit protonation state in RDKit, then calling `from_rdkit` on the RDKit molecule with `hydrogens_are_explicit=True`.
- [PR #894](#): Calls to `Molecule.from_openeye`, `Molecule.from_rdkit`, `Molecule.from_smiles`, `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.from_smiles`, and `RDKitToolkitWrapper.from_smiles` will now load atom maps into the the resulting Molecule's `offmol.properties['atom_map']` field, even if not all atoms have map indices assigned.
- [PR #904](#): `TopologyAtom` objects now have an element getter `TopologyAtom.element`.

### 3.5.2 Bugfixes

- PR #891: Calls to `Molecule/OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.from_openeye` no longer mutate the input OE molecule.
- PR #897: Fixes enumeration of stereoisomers for molecules with already defined stereochemistry using `RDKitToolkitWrapper.enumerate_stereoisomers`.
- PR #859: Makes `RDKitToolkitWrapper.enumerate_tautomers` actually use the `max_states` keyword argument during tautomer generation, which will reduce resource use in some cases.

### 3.5.3 Improved documentation and warnings

- PR #862: Clarify that System objects produced by the toolkit are OpenMM Systems in anticipation of forthcoming OpenFF Systems. Fixes [Issue #618](#).
- PR #863: Documented how to build the docs in the developers guide.
- PR #870: Reorganised documentation to improve discoverability and allow future additions.
- PR #871: Changed Markdown parser from m2r2 to MyST for improved documentation rendering.
- PR #880: Cleanup and partial rewrite of the developer's guide.
- PR #906: Cleaner instructions on how to setup development environment.

#### 0.9.1 - Minor feature and bugfix release

##### New features

- PR #839: Add support for computing WBOs from multiple conformers using the AmberTools and OpenEye toolkits, and from ELF10 conformers using the OpenEye toolkit wrapper.
- PR #832: Expose ELF conformer selection through the Molecule API via a new `apply_elf_conformer_selection` function.
- PR #831: Expose ELF conformer selection through the OpenEye wrapper.
- PR #790: Fixes [Issue #720](#) where qcschema roundtrip to/from results in an error due to missing cmiles entry in attributes.
- PR #793: Add an initial ELF conformer selection implementation which uses RDKit.
- PR #799: Closes [Issue #746](#) by adding `Molecule.smirnoff_impropers`, `Molecule.amber_impropers`, `TopologyMolecule.smirnoff_impropers`, `TopologyMolecule.amber_impropers`, `Topology.smirnoff_impropers`, and `Topology.amber_impropers`.
- PR #847: Instances of `ParameterAttribute` documentation can now specify their docstrings with the optional `docstring` argument to the `__init__()` method.
- PR #827: The setter for `Topology.box_vectors` now infers box vectors when box lengths are pass as a list of length 3.

## Behavior changed

- [PR #802](#): Fixes [Issue #408](#). The 1-4 scaling factor for electrostatic interactions is now properly set by the value specified in the force field. Previously it fell back to a default value of 0.83333. The toolkit may now produce slightly different energies as a result of this change.
- [PR #839](#): The average WBO will now be returned when multiple conformers are provided to `assign_fractional_bond_orders` using `use_conformers`.
- [PR #816](#): Force field file paths are now loaded in a case-insensitive manner.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #849](#): Changes `create_openmm_system` so that it no longer uses the conformers on existing reference molecules (if present) to calculate Wiberg bond orders. Instead, new conformers are always generated during parameterization.

## Improved documentation and warnings

- [PR #838](#): Corrects spacing of “forcefield” to “force field” throughout documentation. Fixes [Issue #112](#).
- [PR #846](#): Corrects dead links throughout release history. Fixes [Issue #835](#).
- [PR #847](#): Documentation now compiles with far fewer warnings, and in many cases more correctly. Additionally, `ParameterAttribute` documentation no longer appears incorrectly in classes where it is used. Fixes [Issue #397](#).

## 0.9.0 - Namespace Migration

This release marks the transition from the old `openforcefield` branding over to its new identity as `openff-toolkit`. This change has been made to better represent the role of the toolkit, and highlight its place in the larger Open Force Field (OpenFF) ecosystem.

From version 0.9.0 onwards the toolkit will need to be imported as `import openff.toolkit.XXX` and from `openff.toolkit import XXX`.

## API-breaking changes

- [PR #803](#): Migrates `openforcefield` imports to `openff.toolkit`.

## 0.8.4 - Minor feature and bugfix release

**This release is intended to be functionally identical to 0.9.1. The only difference is that it uses the “openforcefield” namespace.**

This release is a final patch for the 0.8.X series of releases of the toolkit, and also marks the last version of the toolkit which will be imported as `import openforcefield.XXX` / `from openforcefield import XXX`. From version 0.9.0 onwards the toolkit will be importable only as `import openff.toolkit.XXX` / `from openff.toolkit import XXX`.

**Note** This change will also be accompanied by a renaming of the package from `openforcefield` to `openff-toolkit`, so users need not worry about accidentally pulling in a version with changed imports.

Users will have to explicitly choose to install the openff-toolkit package once released which will contain the breaking import changes.

### 0.8.3 - Major bugfix release

This release fixes a critical bug in van der Waals parameter assignment.

This release is also a final patch for the 0.8.X series of releases of the toolkit, and also marks the last version of the toolkit which will be imported as `import openforcefield.XXX / from openforcefield import XXX`. From version 0.9.0 onwards the toolkit will be importable only as `import openff.toolkit.XXX / from openff.toolkit import XXX`.

**Note** This change will also be accompanied by a renaming of the package from openforcefield to openff-toolkit, so users need not worry about accidentally pulling in a version with changed imports. Users will have to explicitly choose to install the openff-toolkit package once released which will contain the breaking import changes.

#### Bugfixes

- [PR #808](#): Fixes [Issue #807](#), which tracks a major bug in the interconversion between a vdW sigma and rmin\_half parameter.

#### New features

- [PR #794](#): Adds a decorator `@requires_package` that denotes a function requires an optional dependency.
- [PR #805](#): Adds a deprecation warning for the up-coming release of the openff-toolkit package and its import breaking changes.

### 0.8.2 - Bugfix release

**WARNING:** This release was later found to contain a major bug, [Issue #807](#), and produces incorrect energies.

#### Bugfixes

- [PR #786](#): Fixes [Issue #785](#) where RDKitToolkitWrapper would sometimes expect stereochemistry to be defined for non-stereogenic bonds when loading from SDF.
- [PR #786](#): Fixes an issue where using the `Molecule` copy constructor (`newmol = Molecule(oldmol)`) would result in the copy sharing the same `.properties dict` as the original (as in, changes to the `.properties dict` of the copy would be reflected in the original).
- [PR #789](#): Fixes a regression noted in [Issue #788](#) where creating `vdWHandler.vdWType` or setting sigma or rmin\_half using Quantities represented as strings resulted in an error.

### 0.8.1 - Bugfix and minor feature release

**WARNING:** This release was later found to contain a major bug, [Issue #807](#), and produces incorrect energies.

#### API-breaking changes

- [PR #757](#): Renames `test_forcefields/smirnoff99Frosst.offxml` to `test_forcefields/test_forcefield.offxml` to avoid confusion with any of the ACTUAL released FFs in the [smirnoff99Frosst](#) line
- [PR #751](#): Removes the optional `oetools=("oechem", "oequacpac", "oeiupac", "oeomega")` keyword argument from `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.is_available`, as there are no special behaviors that are accessed in the case of partially-licensed OpenEye backends. The new behavior of this method is the same as if the default value above is always provided.

#### Behavior Changed

- [PR #583](#): Methods such as `Molecule.from_rdkit` and `Molecule.from_openeye`, which delegate their internal logic to `ToolkitRegistry` functions, now guarantee that they will return an object of the correct type when being called on `Molecule`-derived classes. Previously, running these constructors using subclasses of `FrozenMolecule` would not return an instance of that subclass, but rather just an instance of a `Molecule`.
- [PR #753](#): `ParameterLookupError` is now raised when passing to `ParameterList.index` a SMIRKS pattern not found in the parameter list.

#### New features

- [PR #751](#): Adds `LicenseError`, a subclass of `ToolkitUnavailableException` which is raised when attempting to add a cheminformatics `ToolkitWrapper` for a toolkit that is installed but unlicensed.
- [PR #678](#): Adds `ForceField.deregister_parameter_handler`.
- [PR #730](#): Adds `Topology.is_periodic`.
- [PR #753](#): Adds `ParameterHandler.__getitem__` to look up individual `ParameterType` objects.

#### Bugfixes

- [PR #745](#): Fixes bug when serializing molecule with conformers to JSON.
- [PR #750](#): Fixes a bug causing either `sigma` or `rmin_half` to sometimes be missing on `vdwHandler.vdwType` objects.
- [PR #756](#): Fixes bug when running `vdwHandler.create_force` using a `vdwHandler` that was initialized using the API.
- [PR #776](#): Fixes a bug in which the `Topology.from_openmm` and `Topology.from_mdtraj` methods would dangerously allow `unique_molecules=None`.
- [PR #777](#): `RDKitToolkitWrapper` now outputs the full warning message when `allow_undefined_stereo=True` (previously the description of which stereo was undefined was squelched)

## 0.8.0 - Virtual Sites

### Major Feature: Support for the SMIRNOFF VirtualSite tag

This release implements the SMIRNOFF virtual site specification. The implementation enables support for models using off-site charges, including 4- and 5-point water models, in addition to lone pair modeling on various functional groups. The primary focus was on the ability to parameterize a system using virtual sites, and generating an OpenMM system with all virtual sites present and ready for evaluation. Support for formats other than OpenMM has not been implemented in this release, but may come with the appearance of the OpenFF system object. In addition to implementing the specification, the toolkit `Molecule` objects now allow the creation and manipulation of virtual sites.

This change is documented in the [Virtual sites page](#) of the user guide.

### Minor Feature: Support for the 0.4 ChargeIncrementModel tag

To allow for more convenient fitting of ChargeIncrement parameters, it is now possible to specify one less charge\_increment value than there are tagged atoms in a ChargeIncrement's smirks. The missing charge\_increment value will be calculated at parameterization-time to make the sum of the charge contributions from a ChargeIncrement parameter equal to zero. Since this change allows for force fields that are incompatible with the previous specification, this new style of ChargeIncrement must specify a ChargeIncrementModel section version of 0.4. All 0.3-compatible ChargeIncrement parameters are compatible with the 0.4 ChargeIncrementModel specification.

More details and examples of this change are available in [The ChargeIncrementModel tag in the SMIRNOFF specification](#)

## New features

- [PR #726](#): Adds support for the 0.4 ChargeIncrementModel spec, allowing for the specification of one fewer charge\_increment values than there are tagged atoms in the smirks, and automatically assigning the final atom an offsetting charge.
- [PR #548](#): Adds support for the VirtualSites tag in the SMIRNOFF specification
- [PR #548](#): Adds replace and all\_permutations kwarg to
  - `Molecule.add_bond_charge_virtual_site`
  - `Molecule.add_monovalent_lone_pair_virtual_site`
  - `Molecule.add_divalent_lone_pair_virtual_site`
  - `Molecule.add_trivalent_lone_pair_virtual_site`
- [PR #548](#): Adds orientations to
  - `BondChargeVirtualSite`
  - `MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite`
  - `DivalentLonePairVirtualSite`
  - `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`
- [PR #548](#): Adds
  - `VirtualParticle`
  - `TopologyVirtualParticle`
  - `BondChargeVirtualSite.get_openmm_virtual_site`

- `MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite.get_openmm_virtual_site`
  - `DivalentLonePairVirtualSite.get_openmm_virtual_site`
  - `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite.get_openmm_virtual_site`
  - `ValenceDict.key_transform`
  - `ValenceDict.index_of`
  - `ImproperDict.key_transform`
  - `ImproperDict.index_of`
- [PR #705](#): Adds interpolation based on fractional bond orders for harmonic bonds. This includes interpolation for both the force constant `k` and/or equilibrium bond distance `length`. This is accompanied by a bump in the `<Bonds>` section of the SMIRNOFF spec (but not the entire spec).
  - [PR #718](#): Adds `.rings` and `.n_rings` to `Molecule` and `.is_in_ring` to `Atom` and `Bond`

### Bugfixes

- [PR #682](#): Catches failures in `Molecule.from_iupac` instead of silently failing.
- [PR #743](#): Prevents the non-bonded (vdW) cutoff from silently falling back to the OpenMM default of 1 nm in `Forcefield.create_openmm_system` and instead sets its to the value specified by the force field.
- [PR #737](#): Prevents `OpenEye` from incidentally being used in the conformer generation step of `AmberToolsToolkitWrapper.assign_fractional_bond_orders`.

### Behavior changed

- [PR #705](#): Changes the default values in the `<Bonds>` section of the SMIRNOFF spec to `fractional_bondorder_method="AM1-Wiberg"` and `potential="(k/2)*(r-length)^2"`, which is backwards-compatible with and equivalent to `potential="harmonic"`.

### Examples added

- [PR #548](#): Adds a virtual site example notebook to run an OpenMM simulation with virtual sites, and compares positions and potential energy of TIP5P water between OpenFF and OpenMM force fields.

### API-breaking changes

- [PR #548](#): Methods
  - `Molecule.add_bond_charge_virtual_site`
  - `Molecule.add_monovalent_lone_pair_virtual_site`
  - `Molecule.add_divalent_lone_pair_virtual_site`
  - `Molecule.add_trivalent_lone_pair_virtual_site` now only accept a list of atoms, not a list of integers, to define to parent atoms
- [PR #548](#): Removes `VirtualParticle.molecule_particle_index`
- [PR #548](#): Removes `outOfPlaneAngle` from



- `DivalentLonePairVirtualSite`
  - `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`
- PR #548: Removes `inPlaneAngle` from `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`
- PR #548: Removes weights from
  - `BondChargeVirtualSite`
  - `MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite`
  - `DivalentLonePairVirtualSite`
  - `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`

### Tests added

- PR #548: Adds test for
  - The virtual site parameter handler
  - TIP5P water dimer energy and positions
  - Adds tests to for virtual site/particle indexing/counting

## 0.7.2 - Bugfix and minor feature release

### New features

- PR #662: Adds `.aromaticity_model` of `ForceField` and `.TAGNAME` of `ParameterHandler` as public attributes.
- PR #667 and PR #681 linted the codebase with `black` and `isort`, respectively.
- PR #675 adds `.toolkit_version` to `ToolkitWrapper` and `.registered_toolkit_versions` to `ToolkitRegistry`.
- PR #696 Exposes a setter for `ForceField.aromaticity_model`
- PR #685 Adds a custom `__hash__` function to `ForceField`

### Behavior changed

- PR #684: Changes `ToolkitRegistry` to return an empty registry when initialized with no arguments, i.e. `ToolkitRegistry()` and makes the `register_imported_toolkit_wrappers` argument private.
- PR #711: The setter for `Topology.box_vectors` now infers box vectors (a 3x3 matrix) when box lengths (a 3x1 array) are passed, assuming an orthogonal box.
- PR #649: Makes SMARTS searches stereochemistry-specific (if stereo is specified in the SMARTS) for both OpenEye and RDKit backends. Also ensures molecule aromaticity is re-perceived according to the ForceField's specified aromaticity model, which may overwrite user-specified aromaticity on the Molecule
- PR #648: Removes the `utils.structure` module, which was deprecated in 0.2.0.
- PR #670: Makes the `Topology` returned by `create_openmm_system` contain the partial charges and partial bond orders (if any) assigned during parameterization.

- [PR #675](#) changes the exception raised when no antechamber executable is found from `IOError` to `AntechamberNotFoundError`
- [PR #696](#) Adds an `aromaticity_model` keyword argument to the `ForceField` constructor, which defaults to `DEFAULT_AROMATICITY_MODEL`.

### Bugfixes

- [PR #715](#): Closes issue [Issue #475](#) writing a “PDB” file using OE backend rearranges the order of the atoms by pushing the hydrogens to the bottom.
- [PR #649](#): Prevents 2020 OE toolkit from issuing a warning caused by doing stereo-specific smarts searches on certain structures.
- [PR #724](#): Closes issue [Issue #502](#) Adding a utility function `Topology.to_file()` to write topology and positions to a “PDB” file using openmm backend for pdb file write.

### Tests added

- [PR #694](#): Adds automated testing to code snippets in docs.
- [PR #715](#): Adds tests for pdb file writes using OE backend.
- [PR #724](#): Adds tests for the utility function `Topology.to_file()`.

## 0.7.1 - OETK2020 Compatibility and Minor Update

This is the first of our patch releases on our new planned monthly release schedule.

Detailed release notes are below, but the major new features of this release are updates for compatibility with the new 2020 OpenEye Toolkits release, the `get_available_force_fields` function, and the disregarding of pyrimidal nitrogen stereochemistry in molecule isomorphism checks.

### Behavior changed

- [PR #646](#): Checking for `Molecule` equality using the `==` operator now disregards all pyrimidal nitrogen stereochemistry by default. To re-enable, use `Molecule.{is|are}_isomorphic` with the `strip_pyrimidal_n_atom_stereo=False` keyword argument.
- [PR #646](#): Adds an optional `toolkit_registry` keyword argument to `Molecule.are_isomorphic`, which identifies the toolkit that should be used to search for pyrimidal nitrogens.

### Bugfixes

- [PR #647](#): Updates `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper` for 2020.0.4 OpenEye Toolkit behavior/API changes.
- [PR #646](#): Fixes a bug where `Molecule.chemical_environment_matches` was not able to accept a `ChemicalEnvironment` object as a query.
- [PR #634](#): Fixes a bug in which calling `RDKitToolkitWrapper.from_file` directly would not load files correctly if passed lowercase `file_format`. Note that this bug did not occur when calling `Molecule.from_file`.

- [PR #631](#): Fixes a bug in which calling `unit_to_string` returned `None` when the unit is dimensionless. Now "dimensionless" is returned.
- [PR #630](#): Closes issue [Issue #629](#) in which the wrong exception is raised when attempting to instantiate a `ForceField` from an unparsable string.

## New features

- [PR #632](#): Adds `ForceField.registered_parameter_handlers`
- [PR #614](#): Adds `ToolkitRegistry.deregister_toolkit` to de-register registered toolkits, which can include toolkit wrappers loaded into `GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY` by default.
- [PR #656](#): Adds a new allowed `am1elf10` option to the OpenEye implementation of `assign_partial_charges` which calculates the average partial charges at the AM1 level of theory using conformers selected using the ELF10 method.
- [PR #643](#): Adds `openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff.forcefield.get_available_force_fields`, which returns paths to the files of force fields available through entry point plugins.

## 0.7.0 - Charge Increment Model, Proper Torsion interpolation, and new Molecule methods

This is a relatively large release, motivated by the idea that changing existing functionality is bad so we shouldn't do it too often, but when we do change things we should do it all at once.

Here's a brief rundown of what changed, migration tips, and how to find more details in the full release notes below:

- To provide more consistent partial charges for a given molecule, existing conformers are now disregarded by default by `Molecule.assign_partial_charges`. Instead, new conformers are generated for use in semiempirical calculations. Search for `use_conformers`.
- Formal charges are now always returned as `simtk.unit.Quantity` objects, with units of elementary charge. To convert them to integers, use `from simtk import unit` and `atom.formal_charge.value_in_unit(unit.elementary_charge)` or `mol.total_charge.value_in_unit(unit.elementary_charge)`. Search `atom.formal_charge`.
- The OpenFF Toolkit now automatically reads and writes partial charges in SDF files. Search for `atom.dprop.PartialCharges`.
- The OpenFF Toolkit now has different behavior for handling multi-molecule and multi-conformer SDF files. Search `multi-conformer`.
- The OpenFF Toolkit now distinguishes between partial charges that are all-zero and partial charges that are unknown. Search `partial_charges = None`.
- `Topology.to_openmm` now assigns unique atoms names by default. Search `ensure_unique_atom_names`.
- Molecule equality checks are now done by graph comparison instead of SMILES comparison. Search `Molecule.are_isomorphic`.
- The `ChemicalEnvironment` module was almost entirely removed, as it is an outdated duplicate of some `Chemper` functionality. Search `ChemicalEnvironment`.
- `TopologyMolecule.topology_particle_start_index` has been removed from the `TopologyMolecule` API, since atoms and virtualsites are no longer contiguous in the `Topology` particle indexing system. Search `topology_particle_start_index`.
- `compute_wiberg_bond_orders` has been renamed to `assign_fractional_bond_orders`.

There are also a number of new features, such as:

- Support for `ChargeIncrementModel` sections in force fields.
- Support for `ProperTorsion`  $k$  interpolation in force fields using fractional bond orders.
- Support for AM1-Mulliken, Gasteiger, and other charge methods using the new `assign_partial_charges` methods.
- Support for AM1-Wiberg bond order calculation using either the OpenEye or RDKit/AmberTools backends and the `assign_fractional_bond_orders` methods.
- Initial (limited) interoperability with QCArchive, via `Molecule.to_qcschema` and `from_qcschema`.
- A `Molecule.visualize` method.
- Several additional `Molecule` methods, including state enumeration and mapped SMILES creation.

### Major Feature: Support for the SMIRNOFF `ChargeIncrementModel` tag

The `ChargeIncrementModel` tag in the SMIRNOFF specification provides analagous functionality to AM1-BCC, except that instead of AM1-Mulliken charges, a number of different charge methods can be called, and instead of a fixed library of two-atom charge corrections, an arbitrary number of SMIRKS-based, N-atom charge corrections can be defined in the SMIRNOFF format.

The initial implementation of the SMIRNOFF `ChargeIncrementModel` tag accepts keywords for `version`, `partial_charge_method`, and `number_of_conformers`. `partial_charge_method` can be any string, and it is up to the `ToolkitWrapper`'s `compute_partial_charges` methods to understand what they mean. For geometry-independent `partial_charge_method` choices, `number_of_conformers` should be set to zero.

SMIRKS-based parameter application for `ChargeIncrement` parameters is different than other SMIRNOFF sections. The initial implementation of `ChargeIncrementModelHandler` follows these rules:

- an atom can be subject to many `ChargeIncrement` parameters, which combine additively.
- a `ChargeIncrement` that matches a set of atoms is overwritten only if another `ChargeIncrement` matches the same group of atoms, regardless of order. This overriding follows the normal SMIRNOFF hierarchy.

To give a concise example, what if a molecule A-B(-C)-D were being parametrized, and the force field defined `ChargeIncrement` SMIRKS in the following order?

- 1) [A:1]-[B:2]
- 2) [B:1]-[A:2]
- 3) [A:1]-[B:2]-[C:3]
- 4) [\*:1]-[B:2](-[\*:3])-[\*:4]
- 5) [D:1]-[B:2](-[\*:3])-[\*:4]

In the case above, the `ChargeIncrement` from parameters 1 and 4 would NOT be applied to the molecule, since another parameter matching the same set of atoms is specified further down in the parameter hierarchy (despite those subsequent matches being in a different order).

Ultimately, the `ChargeIncrement` contributions from parameters 2, 3, and 5 would be summed and applied.

It's also important to identify a behavior that these rules were written to *avoid*: if not for the “regardless of order” clause in the second rule, parameters 4 and 5 could actually have been applied six and two times, respectively (due to symmetry in the SMIRKS and the use of wildcards). This situation could also arise as a result of molecular symmetry. For example, a methyl group could match the SMIRKS `[C:1]([H:2])([H:3])([H:4])` six ways (with different orderings of the three hydrogen atoms), but the user would almost certainly not intend for the charge increments to be applied six times. The “regardless of order” clause was added specifically to address this.

In short, the first time a group of atoms becomes involved in a `ChargeIncrement` together, the OpenMM System gains a new parameter “slot”. Only another `ChargeIncrement` which applies to the exact same group of atoms (in any order) can take over the “slot”, pushing the original `ChargeIncrement` out.

### Major Feature: Support for ProperTorsion k value interpolation

Chaya Stern’s work showed that we may be able to produce higher-quality proper torsion parameters by taking into account the “partial bond order” of the torsion’s central bond. We now have the machinery to compute AM1-Wiberg partial bond orders for entire molecules using the `assign_fractional_bond_orders` methods of either `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper` or `AmberToolsToolkitWrapper`. The thought is that, if some simple electron population analysis shows that a certain aromatic bond’s order is 1.53, maybe rotations about that bond can be described well by interpolating 53% of the way between the single and double bond k values.

Full details of how to define a torsion-interpolating SMIRNOFF force fields are available in [the ProperTorsions section of the SMIRNOFF specification](#).

### Behavior changed

- PR #508:** In order to provide the same results for the same chemical species, regardless of input conformation, `Molecule` `assign_partial_charges`, `compute_partial_charges_ambcc`, and `assign_fractional_bond_orders` methods now default to ignore input conformers and generate new conformer(s) of the molecule before running semiempirical calculations. Users can override this behavior by specifying the keyword argument `use_conformers=molecule.conformers`.
- PR #281:** Closes [Issue #250](#) by adding support for partial charge I/O in SDF. The partial charges are stored as a property in the SDF molecule block under the tag `<atom.dprop.PartialCharge>`.
- PR #281:** If a `Molecule`’s `partial_charges` attribute is set to `None` (the default value), calling `to_openeye` will now produce a OE molecule with partial charges set to `nan`. This would previously produce an OE molecule with partial charges of 0.0, which was a loss of information, since it wouldn’t be clear whether the original OFFMol’s partial charges were REALLY all-zero as opposed to `None`. OpenEye toolkit wrapper methods such as `from_smiles` and `from_file` now produce OFFMols with `partial_charges = None` when appropriate (previously these would produce OFFMols with all-zero charges, for the same reasoning as above).
- PR #281:** `Molecule` `to_rdkit` now sets partial charges on the `RDAtom`’s `PartialCharges` property (this was previously set on the `partial_charges` property). If the `Molecule`’s `partial_charges` attribute is `None`, this property will not be defined on the `RDAtoms`.
- PR #281:** Enforce the behavior during SDF I/O that a SDF may contain multiple *molecules*, but that the OFF Toolkit does not assume that it contains multiple *conformers of the same molecule*. This is an important distinction, since otherwise there is ambiguity around whether properties of one entry in a SDF are shared among several molecule blocks or not, or how to resolve conflicts if properties are defined differently for several “conformers” of chemically-identical species (More info [here](#)). If the user requests the OFF Toolkit to write a multi-conformer `Molecule` to SDF, only the first conformer will be written. For more fine-grained control of writing properties, conformers, and partial charges, consider using `Molecule.to_rdkit` or `Molecule.to_openeye` and using the functionality offered by those packages.
- PR #281:** Due to different constraints placed on the data types allowed by external toolkits, we make our best effort to preserve `Molecule` properties when converting molecules to other packages, but users should be aware that no guarantee of data integrity is made. The only data format for keys and values in the property dict that we will try to support through a roundtrip to another toolkit’s `Molecule` object is string.

- [PR #574](#): Removed check that all partial charges are zero after assignment by quacpac when AM1BCC used for charge assignment. This check fails erroneously for cases in which the partial charge assignments are correctly all zero, such as for N#N. It is also an unnecessary check given that quacpac will reliably indicate when it has failed to assign charges.
- [PR #597](#): Energy-minimized sample systems with Parsley 1.1.0.
- [PR #558](#): The `Topology` particle indexing system now orders `TopologyVirtualSites` after all atoms.
- [PR #469](#): When running `Topology.to_openmm`, unique atom names are generated if the provided atom names are not unique (overriding any existing atom names). This uniqueness extends only to atoms in the same molecule. To disable this behavior, set the kwarg `ensure_unique_atom_names=False`.
- [PR #472](#): `Molecule.__eq__` now uses the new `Molecule.are_isomorphic` to perform the similarity checking.
- [PR #472](#): The `Topology.from_openmm` and `Topology.add_molecule` methods now use the `Molecule.are_isomorphic` method to match molecules.
- [PR #551](#): Implemented the `ParameterHandler.get_parameter` function (would previously return `None`).

### API-breaking changes

- [PR #471](#): Closes [Issue #465](#). `atom.formal_charge` and `molecule.total_charge` now return `simtk.unit.Quantity` objects instead of integers. To preserve backward compatibility, the setter for `atom.formal_charge` can accept either a `simtk.unit.Quantity` or an integer.
- [PR #601](#): Removes almost all of the previous `ChemicalEnvironment` API, since this entire module was simply copied from `Chemper` several years ago and has fallen behind on updates. Currently only `ChemicalEnvironment.get_type`, `ChemicalEnvironment.validate`, and an equivalent classmethod `ChemicalEnvironment.validate_smirks` remain. Also, please comment on [this GitHub issue](#) if you HAVE been using the previous extra functionality in this module and would like us to prioritize creation of a `Chemper` conda package.
- [PR #558](#): Removes `TopologyMolecule.topology_particle_start_index`, since the `Topology` particle indexing system now orders `TopologyVirtualSites` after all atoms. `TopologyMolecule.atom_start_topology_index` and `TopologyMolecule.virtual_particle_start_topology_index` are still available to access the appropriate values in the respective topology indexing systems.
- [PR #508](#): `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.compute_wiberg_bond_orders` is now `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.assign_fractional_bond_orders`. The `charge_model` keyword is now `bond_order_model`. The allowed values of this keyword have changed from `am1` and `pm3` to `am1-wiberg` and `pm3-wiberg`, respectively.
- [PR #508](#): `Molecule.compute_wiberg_bond_orders` is now `Molecule.assign_fractional_bond_orders`.
- [PR #595](#): Removed functions `openforcefield.utils.utils.temporary_directory` and `openforcefield.utils.utils.temporary_cd` and replaced their behavior with `tempfile.TemporaryDirectory()`.



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- [PR #471](#): Closes [Issue #208](#) by implementing support for the `ChargeIncrementModel` tag in the SMIRNOFF specification.
- [PR #471](#): Implements `Molecule.assign_partial_charges`, which calls one of the newly-implemented `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.assign_partial_charges`, and `AmberToolsToolkitWrapper.assign_partial_charges`. `strict_n_conformers` is a optional boolean keyword argument indicating whether an `IncorrectNumConformersError` should be raised if an invalid number of conformers is supplied during partial charge calculation. For example, if two conformers are supplied, but `partial_charge_method="AM1BCC"` is also set, then there is no clear use for the second conformer. The previous behavior in this case was to raise a warning, and to preserve that behavior, `strict_n_conformers` defaults to a value of `False`.
- [PR #471](#): Adds keyword argument `raise_exception_types` (default: `[Exception]`) to `ToolkitRegistry.call`. The default value will provide the previous OpenFF Toolkit behavior, which is that the first `ToolkitWrapper` that can provide the requested method is called, and it either returns on success or raises an exception. This new keyword argument allows the `ToolkitRegistry` to *ignore* certain exceptions, but treat others as fatal. If `raise_exception_types = []`, the `ToolkitRegistry` will attempt to call each `ToolkitWrapper` that provides the requested method and if none succeeds, a single `ValueError` will be raised, with text listing the errors that were raised by each `ToolkitWrapper`.
- [PR #601](#): Adds `RDKitToolkitWrapper.get_tagged_smarts_connectivity` and `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.get_tagged_smarts_connectivity`, which allow the use of either toolkit for smirks/tagged smarts validation.
- [PR #600](#): Adds `ForceField.__getitem__` to look up `ParameterHandler` objects based on their string names.
- [PR #508](#): Adds `AmberToolsToolkitWrapper.assign_fractional_bond_orders`.
- [PR #469](#): The `Molecule` class adds `Molecule.has_unique_atom_names` and `Molecule.has_unique_atom_names`.
- [PR #472](#): Adds to the `Molecule` class `Molecule.are_isomorphic` and `Molecule.is_isomorphic_with` and `Molecule.hill_formula` and `Molecule.to_hill_formula` and `Molecule.to_qcschema` and `Molecule.from_qcschema` and `Molecule.from_mapped_smiles` and `Molecule.from_pdb_and_smiles` and `Molecule.canonical_order_atoms` and `Molecule.remap`

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**Note:** The `to_qcschema` method accepts an extras dictionary which is passed into the validated `qcelestial.models.Molecule` object.

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- [PR #506](#): The `Molecule` class adds `Molecule.find_rotatable_bonds`
- [PR #521](#): Adds `Molecule.to_inchi` and `Molecule.to_inchikey` and `Molecule.from_inchi`

**Warning:** InChI was not designed as an molecule interchange format and using it as one is not recommended. Many round trip tests will fail when using this format due to a loss of information. We have also added support for fixed hydrogen layer nonstandard InChI which can help in the case of tautomers, but overall creating molecules from InChI should be avoided.

- [PR #529](#): Adds the ability to write out to XYZ files via `Molecule.to_file` Both single frame and multiframe XYZ files are supported. Note reading from XYZ files will not be supported due to the lack of connectivity information.

- [PR #535](#): Extends the the API for the `Molecule.to_smiles` to allow for the creation of cmiles identifiers through combinations of isomeric, explicit hydrogen and mapped smiles, the default settings will return isomeric explicit hydrogen smiles as expected.

**Warning:** Atom maps can be supplied to the properties dictionary to modify which atoms have their map index included, if no map is supplied all atoms will be mapped in the order they appear in the `Molecule`.

- [PR #563](#): Adds `test_forcefields/ion_charges.offxml`, giving `LibraryCharges` for monatomic ions.
- [PR #543](#): Adds 3 new methods to the `Molecule` class which allow the enumeration of molecule states. These are `Molecule.enumerate_tautomers`, `Molecule.enumerate_stereoisomers`, `Molecule.enumerate_protomers`

**Warning:** Enumerate protomers is currently only available through the OpenEye toolkit.

- [PR #573](#): Adds quacpac error output to quacpac failure in `Molecule.compute_partial_charges_amlbcc`.
- [PR #560](#): Added visualization method to the the `Molecule` class.
- [PR #620](#): Added the ability to register parameter handlers via entry point plugins. This functionality is accessible by initializing a `ForceField` with the `load_plugins=True` keyword argument.
- [PR #582](#): Added fractional bond order interpolation Adds `return_topology` kwarg to `Forcefield.create_openmm_system`, which returns the processed topology along with the OpenMM System when True (default False).

## Tests added

- [PR #558](#): Adds tests ensuring that the new Topology particle indexing system are properly implemented, and that `TopologyVirtualSites` reference the correct `TopologyAtoms`.
- [PR #469](#): Added round-trip SMILES test to add coverage for `Molecule.from_smiles`.
- [PR #469](#): Added tests for unique atom naming behavior in `Topology.to_openmm`, as well as tests of the `ensure_unique_atom_names=False` kwarg disabling this behavior.
- [PR #472](#): Added tests for `Molecule.hill_formula` and `Molecule.to_hill_formula` for the various supported input types.
- [PR #472](#): Added round-trip test for `Molecule.from_qcschema` and `Molecule.to_qcschema`.
- [PR #472](#): Added tests for `Molecule.is_isomorphic_with` and `Molecule.are_isomorphic` with various levels of isomorphic graph matching.
- [PR #472](#): Added toolkit dependent tests for `Molecule.canonical_order_atoms` due to differences in the algorithms used.
- [PR #472](#): Added a test for `Molecule.from_mapped_smiles` using the molecule from issue #412 to ensure it is now fixed.
- [PR #472](#): Added a test for `Molecule.remap`, this also checks for expected error when the mapping is not complete.
- [PR #472](#): Added tests for `Molecule.from_pdb_and_smiles` to check for a correct combination of smiles and PDB and incorrect combinations.



- [PR #509](#): Added test for `Molecule.chemical_environment_matches` to check that the complete set of matches is returned.
- [PR #509](#): Added test for `Forcefield.create_openmm_system` to check that a protein system can be created.
- [PR #506](#): Added a test for the molecule identified in issue #513 as losing aromaticity when converted to rdkit.
- [PR #506](#): Added a verity of toolkit dependent tests for identifying rotatable bonds while ignoring the user requested types.
- [PR #521](#): Added toolkit independent round-trip InChI tests which add coverage for `Molecule.to_inchi` and `Molecule.from_inchi`. Also added coverage for bad inputs and `Molecule.to_inchikey`.
- [PR #529](#): Added to XYZ file coverage tests.
- [PR #563](#): Added *LibraryCharges* parameterization test for monatomic ions in `test_forcefields/ion_charges.offxml`.
- [PR #543](#): Added tests to assure that state enumeration can correctly find molecules tautomers, stereoisomers and protomers when possible.
- [PR #573](#): Added test for quacpac error output for quacpac failure in `Molecule.compute_partial_charges_amlbcc`.
- [PR #579](#): Adds regression tests to ensure RDKit can be used to write multi-model PDB files.
- [PR #582](#): Added fractional bond order interpolation tests, tests for `ValidatedDict`.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #558](#): Fixes a bug where `TopologyVirtualSite.atoms` would not correctly apply `TopologyMolecule` atom ordering on top of the reference molecule ordering, in cases where the same molecule appears multiple times, but in a different order, in the same `Topology`.
- [Issue #460](#): Creates unique atom names in `Topology.to_openmm` if the existing ones are not unique. The lack of unique atom names had been causing problems in workflows involving downstream tools that expect unique atom names.
- [Issue #448](#): We can now make molecules from mapped smiles using `Molecule.from_mapped_smiles` where the order will correspond to the indeing used in the smiles. Molecules can also be re-indexed at any time using the `Molecule.remap`.
- [Issue #462](#): We can now instance the `Molecule` from a QCArchive entry record instance or dictionary representation.
- [Issue #412](#): We can now instance the `Molecule` using `Molecule.from_mapped_smiles`. This resolves an issue caused by RDKit considering atom map indices to be a distinguishing feature of an atom, which led to erroneous definition of chirality (as otherwise symmetric substituents would be seen as different). We anticipate that this will reduce the number of times you need to type `allow_undefined_stereo=True` when processing molecules that do not actually contain stereochemistry.
- [Issue #513](#): The `Molecule.to_rdkit` now re-sets the aromaticity model after sanitizing the molecule.
- [Issue #500](#): The `Molecule.find_rotatable_bonds` has been added which returns a list of rotatable `Bond` instances for the molecule.
- [Issue #491](#): We can now parse large molecules without hitting a match limit cap.
- [Issue #474](#): We can now convert molecules to InChI and InChIKey and from InChI.

- [Issue #523](#): The `Molecule.to_file` method can now correctly write to MOL files, in line with the supported file type list.
- [Issue #568](#): The `Molecule.to_file` can now correctly write multi-model PDB files when using the RDKit backend toolkit.

### Examples added

- [PR #591](#) and [PR #533](#): Adds an [example notebook and utility to compute conformer energies](#). This example is made to be reverse-compatible with the 0.6.0 OpenFF Toolkit release.
- [PR #472](#): Adds an example notebook [QCarchive\\_interface.ipynb](#) which shows users how to instance the `Molecule` from a QCArchive entry level record and calculate the energy using RDKit through QCEngine.

## 0.6.0 - Library Charges

This release adds support for a new SMIRKS-based charge assignment method, [Library Charges](#). The addition of more charge assignment methods opens the door for new types of experimentation, but also introduces several complex behaviors and failure modes. Accordingly, we have made changes to the charge assignment infrastructure to check for cases when partial charges do not sum to the formal charge of the molecule, or when no charge assignment method is able to generate charges for a molecule. More detailed explanation of the new errors that may be raised and keywords for overriding them are in the “Behavior Changed” section below.

With this release, we update `test_forcefields/tip3p.offxml` to be a working example of assigning `LibraryCharges`. However, we do not provide any force field files to assign protein residue `LibraryCharges`. If you are interested in translating an existing protein FF to SMIRNOFF format or developing a new one, please feel free to contact us on the [Issue tracker](#) or open a [Pull Request](#).

### New features

- [PR #433](#): Closes [Issue #25](#) by adding initial support for the [LibraryCharges tag in the SMIRNOFF specification](#) using `LibraryChargeHandler`. For a molecule to have charges assigned using `LibraryCharges`, all of its atoms must be covered by at least one `LibraryCharge`. If an atom is covered by multiple `LibraryCharge`s, then the last `LibraryCharge` matched will be applied (per the hierarchy rules in the SMIRNOFF format).

This functionality is thus able to apply per-residue charges similar to those in traditional protein force fields. At this time, there is no concept of “residues” or “fragments” during parametrization, so it is not possible to assign charges to *some* atoms in a molecule using `LibraryCharge`s, but calculate charges for other atoms in the same molecule using a different method. To assign charges to a protein, `LibraryCharges` SMARTS must be provided for the residues and protonation states in the molecule, as well as for any capping groups and post-translational modifications that are present.

It is valid for `LibraryCharge` SMARTS to *partially* overlap one another. For example, a molecule consisting of atoms A-B-C connected by single bonds could be matched by a SMIRNOFF `LibraryCharges` section containing two `LibraryCharge` SMARTS: A-B and B-C. If listed in that order, the molecule would be assigned the A charge from the A-B `LibraryCharge` element and the B and C charges from the B-C element. In testing, these types of partial overlaps were found to frequently be sources of undesired behavior, so it is recommended that users define whole-molecule `LibraryCharge` SMARTS whenever possible.

- [PR #455](#): Addresses [Issue #393](#) by adding `ParameterHandler.attribute_is_cosmetic` and `ParameterType.attribute_is_cosmetic`, which return `True` if the provided attribute name is defined for the queried object but does not correspond to an allowed value in the SMIRNOFF spec.

### Behavior changed

- [PR #433](#): If a molecule can not be assigned charges by any charge-assignment method, an `openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.UnassignedMoleculeChargeException` will be raised. Previously, creating a system without either `ToolkitAM1BCCHandler` or the `charge_from_molecules` keyword argument to `ForceField.create_openmm_system` would produce an OpenMM System where the molecule has zero charge on all atoms. However, given that we will soon be adding more options for charge assignment, it is important that failures not be silent. Molecules with zero charge can still be produced by setting the `Molecule.partial_charges` array to be all zeroes, and including the molecule in the `charge_from_molecules` keyword argument to `create_openmm_system`.
- [PR #433](#): Due to risks introduced by permitting charge assignment using partially-overlapping `LibraryCharges`, the toolkit will now raise a `openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.NonIntegralMoleculeChargeException` if the sum of partial charges on a molecule are found to be more than 0.01 elementary charge units different than the molecule's formal charge. This exception can be overridden by providing the `allow_nonintegral_charges=True` keyword argument to `ForceField.create_openmm_system`.

### Tests added

- [PR #430](#): Added test for Wiberg Bond Order implemented in OpenEye Toolkits. Molecules taken from DOI:10.5281/zenodo.3405489 . Added by Sukanya Sasmal.
- [PR #569](#): Added round-trip tests for more serialization formats (dict, YAML, TOML, JSON, BSON, messagepack, pickle). Note that some are unsupported, but the tests raise the appropriate error.

### Bugfixes

- [PR #431](#): Fixes an issue where `ToolkitWrapper` objects would improperly search for functionality in the `GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`, even though a specific `ToolkitRegistry` was requested for an operation.
- [PR #439](#): Fixes [Issue #438](#), by replacing call to `NetworkX Graph.node` with call to `Graph.nodes`, per [2.4 migration guide](#).

### Files modified

- [PR #433](#): Updates the previously-nonfunctional `test_forcefields/tip3p.offxml` to a functional state by updating it to the SMIRNOFF 0.3 specification, and specifying atomic charges using the `LibraryCharges` tag.

### 0.5.1 - Adding the parameter coverage example notebook

This release contains a new notebook example, [check\\_parameter\\_coverage.ipynb](#), which loads sets of molecules, checks whether they are parameterizable, and generates reports of chemical motifs that are not. It also fixes several simple issues, improves warnings and docstring text, and removes unused files.

The parameter coverage example notebook goes hand-in-hand with the release candidate of our initial force field, [openff-1.0.0-RC1.offxml](#), which will be temporarily available until the official force field release is made in October. Our goal in publishing this notebook alongside our first major refitting is to allow interested users to check whether there is parameter coverage for their molecules of interest. If the force field is unable to parameterize a molecule, this notebook will generate reports of the specific chemistry that is not covered. We understand that many organizations in our field have restrictions about sharing specific molecules, and the outputs from this notebook can easily be cropped to communicate unparameterizable chemistry without revealing the full structure.

The force field release candidate is in our new refit force field package, [openforcefields](#). This package is now a part of the Open Force Field Toolkit conda recipe, along with the original [smirnoff99Frosst](#) line of force fields.

Once the [openforcefields](#) conda package is installed, you can load the release candidate using:

```
ff = ForceField('openff-1.0.0-RC1.offxml')
```

The release candidate will be removed when the official force field, [openff-1.0.0.offxml](#), is released in early October.

Complete details about this release are below.

#### Example added

- [PR #419](#): Adds an example notebook [check\\_parameter\\_coverage.ipynb](#) which shows how to use the toolkit to check a molecule dataset for missing parameter coverage, and provides functionality to output tagged SMILES and 2D drawings of the unparameterizable chemistry.

#### New features

- [PR #419](#): Unassigned valence parameter exceptions now include a list of tuples of [TopologyAtom](#) which were unable to be parameterized (`exception.unassigned_topology_atom_tuples`) and the class of the [ParameterHandler](#) that raised the exception (`exception.handler_class`).
- [PR #425](#): Implements Trevor Gokey's suggestion from [Issue #411](#), which enables pickling of [ForceFields](#) and [ParameterHandlers](#). Note that, while XML representations of [ForceFields](#) are stable and conform to the SMIRNOFF specification, the pickled [ForceFields](#) that this functionality enables are not guaranteed to be compatible with future toolkit versions.

## Improved documentation and warnings

- [PR #425](#): Addresses [Issue #410](#), by explicitly having toolkit warnings print `Warning:` at the beginning of each warning, and adding clearer language to the warning produced when the OpenEye Toolkits can not be loaded.
- [PR #425](#): Addresses [Issue #421](#) by adding type/shape information to all Molecule partial charge and conformer docstrings.
- [PR #425](#): Addresses [Issue #407](#) by providing a more extensive explanation of why we don't use RDKit's mol2 parser for molecule input.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #419](#): Fixes [Issue #417](#) and [Issue #418](#), where `RDKitToolkitWrapper.from_file` would disregard the `allow_undefined_stereo` kwarg and skip the first molecule when reading a SMILES file.

## Files removed

- [PR #425](#): Addresses [Issue #424](#) by deleting the unused files `openforcefield/typing/engines/smirnoff/gbsaforces.py` and `openforcefield/tests/test_smirnoff.py`. `gbsaforces.py` was only used internally and `test_smirnoff.py` tested unsupported functionality from before the 0.2.0 release.

## 0.5.0 - GBSA support and quality-of-life improvements

This release adds support for the [GBSA tag in the SMIRNOFF specification](#). Currently, the HCT, OBC1, and OBC2 models (corresponding to AMBER keywords `igb=1`, `2`, and `5`, respectively) are supported, with the OBC2 implementation being the most flexible. Unfortunately, systems produced using these keywords are not yet transferable to other simulation packages via ParmEd, so users are restricted to using OpenMM to simulate systems with GBSA.

OFFXML files containing GBSA parameter definitions are available, and can be loaded in addition to existing parameter sets (for example, with the command `ForceField('test_forcefields/smirnoff99Frosst.offxml', 'test_forcefields/GBSA_OBC1-1.0.offxml')`). A manifest of new SMIRNOFF-format GBSA files is below.

Several other user-facing improvements have been added, including easier access to indexed attributes, which are now accessible as `torsion.k1`, `torsion.k2`, etc. (the previous access method `torsion.k` still works as well). More details of the new features and several bugfixes are listed below.

## New features

- [PR #363](#): Implements `GBSAHandler`, which supports the [GBSA tag in the SMIRNOFF specification](#). Currently, only `GBSAHandlers` with `gb_model="OBC2"` support setting non-default values for the `surface_area_penalty` term (default  $5.4 \text{ kcalories/mole/angstroms}^2$ ), though users can zero the SA term for OBC1 and HCT models by setting `sa_model="None"`. No model currently supports setting `solvent_radius` to any value other than  $1.4 \text{ angstroms}$ . Files containing experimental SMIRNOFF-format implementations of HCT, OBC1, and OBC2 are included with this release (see below). Additional details of these models, including literature references, are available on the [SMIRNOFF specification page](#).

**Warning:** The current release of ParmEd can not transfer GBSA models produced by the Open Force Field Toolkit to other simulation packages. These GBSA forces are currently only computable using OpenMM.

- [PR #363](#): When using `Topology.to_openmm()`, periodic box vectors are now transferred from the Open Force Field Toolkit Topology into the newly-created OpenMM Topology.
- [PR #377](#): Single indexed parameters in `ParameterHandler` and `ParameterType` can now be get/set through normal attribute syntax in addition to the list syntax.
- [PR #394](#): Include element and atom name in error output when there are missing valence parameters during molecule parameterization.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #385](#): Fixes [Issue #346](#) by having `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.compute_partial_charges_am1bcc` fall back to using standard AM1-BCC if AM1-BCC ELF10 charge generation raises an error about “trans COOH conformers”
- [PR #399](#): Fixes issue where `ForceField` constructor would ignore `parameter_handler_classes` kwarg.
- [PR #400](#): Makes link-checking tests retry three times before failing.

## Files added

- [PR #363](#): Adds `test_forcefields/GBSA_HCT-1.0.offxml`, `test_forcefields/GBSA_OBC1-1.0.offxml`, and `test_forcefields/GBSA_OBC2-1.0.offxml`, which are experimental implementations of GBSA models. These are primarily used in validation tests against OpenMM’s models, and their version numbers will increment if bugfixes are necessary.

## 0.4.1 - Bugfix Release

This update fixes several toolkit bugs that have been reported by the community. Details of these bugfixes are provided below.

It also refactors how `ParameterType` and `ParameterHandler` store their attributes, by introducing `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute`. These new attribute-handling classes provide a consistent backend which should simplify manipulation of parameters and implementation of new handlers.

## Bug fixes

- [PR #329](#): Fixed a bug where the two `BondType` parameter attributes `k` and `length` were treated as indexed attributes. (`k` and `length` values that correspond to specific bond orders will be indexed under `k_bondorder1`, `k_bondorder2`, etc when implemented in the future)
- [PR #329](#): Fixed a bug that allowed setting indexed attributes to single values instead of strictly lists.
- [PR #370](#): Fixed a bug in the API where `BondHandler`, `ProperTorsionHandler`, and `ImproperTorsionHandler` exposed non-functional indexed parameters.
- [PR #351](#): Fixes [Issue #344](#), in which the main `FrozenMolecule` constructor and several other Molecule-construction functions ignored or did not expose the `allow_undefined_stereo` keyword argument.

- [PR #351](#): Fixes a bug where a molecule which previously generated a SMILES using one cheminformatics toolkit returns the same SMILES, even though a different toolkit (which would generate a different SMILES for the molecule) is explicitly called.
- [PR #354](#): Fixes the error message that is printed if an unexpected parameter attribute is found while loading data into a `ForceField` (now instructs users to specify `allow_cosmetic_attributes` instead of `permit_cosmetic_attributes`)
- [PR #364](#): Fixes [Issue #362](#) by modifying `OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.from_smiles` and `RDKitToolkitWrapper.from_smiles` to make implicit hydrogens explicit before molecule creation. These functions also now raise an error if the optional keyword `hydrogens_are_explicit=True` but the SMILES are interpreted by the backend cheminformatic toolkit as having implicit hydrogens.
- [PR #371](#): Fixes error when reading early SMIRNOFF 0.1 spec files enclosed by a top-level SMIRFF tag.

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**Note:** The enclosing SMIRFF tag is present only in legacy files. Since developing a formal specification, the only acceptable top-level tag value in a SMIRNOFF data structure is SMIRNOFF.

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## Code enhancements

- [PR #329](#): `ParameterType` was refactored to improve its extensibility. It is now possible to create new parameter types by using the new descriptors `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute`.
- [PR #357](#): Addresses [Issue #356](#) by raising an informative error message if a user attempts to load an OpenMM topology which is probably missing connectivity information.

## Force fields added

- [PR #368](#): Temporarily adds `test_forcefields/smirnoff99frosst_experimental.offxml` to address hierarchy problems, redundancies, SMIRKS pattern typos etc., as documented in [issue #367](#). Will ultimately be propagated to an updated force field in the `openforcefield/smirnoff99frosst` repo.
- [PR #371](#): Adds `test_forcefields/smirff99Frosst_reference_0_1_spec.offxml`, a SMIRNOFF 0.1 spec file enclosed by the legacy SMIRFF tag. This file is used in backwards-compatibility testing.

## 0.4.0 - Performance optimizations and support for SMIRNOFF 0.3 specification

This update contains performance enhancements that significantly reduce the time to create OpenMM systems for topologies containing many molecules via `ForceField.create_openmm_system`.

This update also introduces the [SMIRNOFF 0.3 specification](#). The spec update is the result of discussions about how to handle the evolution of data and parameter types as further functional forms are added to the SMIRNOFF spec.

We provide methods to convert SMIRNOFF 0.1 and 0.2 force fields written with the XML serialization (`.offxml`) to the SMIRNOFF 0.3 specification. These methods are called automatically when loading a serialized SMIRNOFF data representation written in the 0.1 or 0.2 specification. This functionality allows the toolkit to continue to read files containing SMIRNOFF 0.2 spec force fields, and also implements backwards-compatibility for SMIRNOFF 0.1 spec force fields.



**Warning:** The SMIRNOFF 0.1 spec did not contain fields for several energy-determining parameters that are exposed in later SMIRNOFF specs. Thus, when reading SMIRNOFF 0.1 spec data, the toolkit must make assumptions about the values that should be added for the newly-required fields. The values that are added include 1-2, 1-3 and 1-5 scaling factors, cutoffs, and long-range treatments for nonbonded interactions. Each assumption is printed as a warning during the conversion process. Please carefully review the warning messages to ensure that the conversion is providing your desired behavior.

## SMIRNOFF 0.3 specification updates

- The SMIRNOFF 0.3 spec introduces versioning for each individual parameter section, allowing asynchronous updates to the features of each parameter class. The top-level SMIRNOFF tag, containing information like `aromaticity_model`, `Author`, and `Date`, still has a version (currently 0.3). But, to allow for independent development of individual parameter types, each section (such as `Bonds`, `Angles`, etc) now has its own version as well (currently all 0.3).
- All units are now stored in expressions with their corresponding values. For example, distances are now stored as `1.526*angstrom`, instead of storing the unit separately in the section header.
- The current allowed value of the potential field for `ProperTorsions` and `ImproperTorsions` tags is no longer `charmm`, but is rather `k*(1+cos(periodicity*theta-phase))`. It was pointed out to us that CHARMM-style torsions deviate from this formula when the periodicity of a torsion term is 0, and we do not intend to reproduce that behavior.
- SMIRNOFF spec documentation has been updated with tables of keywords and their defaults for each parameter section and parameter type. These tables will track the allowed keywords and default behavior as updated versions of individual parameter sections are released.

## Performance improvements and bugfixes

- [PR #329](#): Performance improvements when creating systems for topologies with many atoms.
- [PR #347](#): Fixes bug in charge assignment that occurs when charges are read from file, and reference and charge molecules have different atom orderings.

## New features

- [PR #311](#): Several new experimental functions.
  - Adds `convert_0_2_smirnoff_to_0_3`, which takes a SMIRNOFF 0.2-spec data dict, and updates it to 0.3. This function is called automatically when creating a `ForceField` from a SMIRNOFF 0.2 spec OFFXML file.
  - Adds `convert_0_1_smirnoff_to_0_2`, which takes a SMIRNOFF 0.1-spec data dict, and updates it to 0.2. This function is called automatically when creating a `ForceField` from a SMIRNOFF 0.1 spec OFFXML file.
  - NOTE: The format of the “SMIRNOFF data dict” above is likely to change significantly in the future. Users that require a stable serialized `ForceField` object should use the output of `ForceField.to_string('XML')` instead.
  - Adds `ParameterHandler` and `ParameterType` `add_cosmetic_attribute` and `delete_cosmetic_attribute` functions. Once created, cosmetic attributes can be accessed and modified as attributes of the underlying object (eg. `ParameterType.my_cosmetic_attrib =`



'blue') These functions are experimental, and we are interested in feedback on how cosmetic attribute handling could be improved. (See [Issue #338](#)) Note that if a new cosmetic attribute is added to an object without using these functions, it will not be recognized by the toolkit and will not be written out during serialization.

- Values for the top-level Author and Date tags are now kept during SMIRNOFF data I/O. If multiple data sources containing these fields are read, the values are concatenated using “AND” as a separator.

## API-breaking changes

- `ForceField.to_string` and `ForceField.to_file` have had the default value of their `discard_cosmetic_attributes` kwarg set to `False`.
- `ParameterHandler` and `ParameterType` constructors now expect the `version` kwarg (per the SMIRNOFF spec change above) This requirement can be skipped by providing the kwarg `skip_version_check=True`
- `ParameterHandler` and `ParameterType` functions no longer handle `X_unit` attributes in SMIRNOFF data (per the SMIRNOFF spec change above).
- The scripts in `utilities/convert_frosst` are now deprecated. This functionality is important for provenance and will be migrated to the `openforcefield/smirnoff99Frosst` repository in the coming weeks.
- `ParameterType` `._SMIRNOFF_ATTRIBS` is now `ParameterType` `._REQUIRED_SPEC_ATTRIBS`, to better parallel the structure of the `ParameterHandler` class.
- `ParameterType` `._OPTIONAL_ATTRIBS` is now `ParameterType` `._OPTIONAL_SPEC_ATTRIBS`, to better parallel the structure of the `ParameterHandler` class.
- Added class-level dictionaries `ParameterHandler` `._DEFAULT_SPEC_ATTRIBS` and `ParameterType` `._DEFAULT_SPEC_ATTRIBS`.

## 0.3.0 - API Improvements

Several improvements and changes to public API.

### New features

- [PR #292](#): Implement `Topology.to_openmm` and remove `ToolkitRegistry.toolkit_is_available`
- [PR #322](#): Install directories for the lookup of OFFXML files through the entry point group `openforcefield.smirnoff_forcefield_directory`. The `ForceField` class doesn't search in the `data/forcefield/` folder anymore (now renamed `data/test_forcefields/`), but only in `data/`.

## API-breaking Changes

- [PR #278](#): Standardize variable/method names
- [PR #291](#): Remove `ForceField.load/to_smirnoff_data`, add `ForceField.to_file/string` and `ParameterHandler.add_parameters`. Change behavior of `ForceField.register_X_handler` functions.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #327](#): Fix units in `tip3p.offxml` (note that this file is still not loadable by current toolkit)
- [PR #325](#): Fix solvent box for provided test system to resolve periodic clashes.
- [PR #325](#): Add informative message containing Hill formula when a molecule can't be matched in `Topology.from_openmm`.
- [PR #325](#): Provide warning or error message as appropriate when a molecule is missing stereochemistry.
- [PR #316](#): Fix formatting issues in GBSA section of SMIRNOFF spec
- [PR #308](#): Cache molecule SMILES to improve system creation speed
- [PR #306](#): Allow single-atom molecules with all zero coordinates to be converted to OE/RDK mols
- [PR #313](#): Fix issue where constraints are applied twice to constrained bonds

### 0.2.2 - Bugfix release

This release modifies an example to show how to parameterize a solvated system, cleans up backend code, and makes several improvements to the README.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #279](#): Cleanup of unused code/warnings in main package `__init__`
- [PR #259](#): Update T4 Lysozyme + toluene example to show how to set up solvated systems
- [PR #256](#) and [PR #274](#): Add functionality to ensure that links in READMEs resolve successfully

### 0.2.1 - Bugfix release

This release features various documentation fixes, minor bugfixes, and code cleanup.

## Bugfixes

- [PR #267](#): Add neglected `<ToolkitAM1BCC>` documentation to the SMIRNOFF 0.2 spec
- [PR #258](#): General cleanup and removal of unused/inaccessible code.
- [PR #244](#): Improvements and typo fixes for BRD4:inhibitor benchmark

## 0.2.0 - Initial RDKit support

This version of the toolkit introduces many new features on the way to a 1.0.0 release.

### New features

- Major overhaul, resulting in the creation of the [SMIRNOFF 0.2 specification](#) and its XML representation
- Updated API and infrastructure for reference SMIRNOFF [ForceField](#) implementation
- Implementation of modular [ParameterHandler](#) classes which process the topology to add all necessary forces to the system.
- Implementation of modular [ParameterIOHandler](#) classes for reading/writing different serialized SMIRNOFF force field representations
- Introduction of [Molecule](#) and [Topology](#) classes for representing molecules and biomolecular systems
- New [ToolkitWrapper](#) interface to RDKit, OpenEye, and AmberTools toolkits, managed by [ToolkitRegistry](#)
- API improvements to more closely follow [PEP8](#) guidelines
- Improved documentation and examples

## 0.1.0

This is an early preview release of the toolkit that matches the functionality described in the preprint describing the SMIRNOFF v0.1 force field format: [\[DOI\]](#).

### New features

This release features additional documentation, code comments, and support for automated testing.

### Bugfixes

#### Treatment of improper torsions

A significant (though currently unused) problem in handling of improper torsions was corrected. Previously, non-planar impropers did not behave correctly, as six-fold impropers have two potential chiralities. To remedy this, SMIRNOFF impropers are now implemented as three-fold impropers with consistent chirality. However, current force fields in the SMIRNOFF format had no non-planar impropers, so this change is mainly aimed at future work.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### 4.1 What kinds of input files can I apply SMIRNOFF parameters to?

SMIRNOFF force fields use direct chemical perception meaning that, unlike many molecular mechanics (MM) force fields, they apply parameters based on substructure searches acting directly on molecules. This creates unique opportunities and allows them to encode a great deal of chemistry quite simply, but it also means that the *starting point* for parameter assignment must be well-defined chemically, giving not just the elements and connectivity for all of the atoms of all of the components of your system, but also providing the formal charges and bond orders.

Specifically, to apply SMIRNOFF to a system, you must either:

1. Provide Open Force Field Toolkit [Molecule](#) objects corresponding to the components of your system, or
2. Provide an OpenMM [Topology](#) which includes bond orders and thus can be converted to molecules corresponding to the components of your system

Without this information, our direct chemical perception cannot be applied to your molecule, as it requires the chemical identity of the molecules in your system – that is, bond order and formal charge as well as atoms and connectivity. Unless you provide the full chemical identity in this sense, we must attempt to guess or infer the chemical identity of your molecules, which is a recipe for trouble. Different molecules can have the same chemical graph but differ in bond order and formal charge, or different resonance structures may be treated rather differently by some force fields (e.g. c1cc(ccc1c2cc[nH+]cc2)[O-] vs C1=CC(C=CC1=C2C=CNC=C2)=O, where the central bond is rotatable in one resonance structure but not in the other) even though they have identical formal charge and connectivity (chemical graph). A force field which uses the chemical identity of molecules to assign parameters needs to know the exact chemical identity of the molecule you are intending to parameterize.

### 4.2 Can I use an AMBER (or GROMACS) topology/coordinate file as a starting point for applying a SMIRNOFF force field?

In a word, “no”.

Parameter files used by typical molecular dynamics simulation packages do not currently encode enough information to identify the molecules chemically present, or at least not without drawing inferences. For example, one could take a structure file and infer bond orders based on bond lengths, or attempt to infer bond orders from force constants in a parameter file. Such inference work is outside the scope of SMIRNOFF.

## 4.3 What about starting from a PDB file?

PDB files do not in general provide the chemical identity of small molecules contained therein, and thus do not provide suitable starting points for applying SMIROFF to small molecules. This is especially problematic for PDB files from X-ray crystallography which typically do not include proteins, making the problem even worse. For our purposes here, however, we assume you begin with the coordinates of all atoms present and the full topology of your system.

Given a PDB file of a hypothetical biomolecular system of interest containing a small molecule, there are several routes available to you for treating the small molecule present:

- Use a cheminformatics toolkit (see below) to infer bond orders
- Identify your ligand from a database; e.g. if it is in the Protein Data Bank (PDB), it will be present in the [Ligand Expo](#) meaning that it has a database entry and code you can use to look up its putative chemical identity
- Identify your ligand by name or SMILES string (or similar) from the literature or your collaborators

## 4.4 What about starting from an XYZ file?

XYZ files generally only contain elements and positions, and are therefore similar in content to PDB files. See the above section “What about starting from a PDB file?” for more information.

## 4.5 What do you recommend as a starting point?

For application of SMIRNOFF force fields, we recommend that you begin your work with formats which provide the chemical identity of your small molecule (including formal charge and bond order). This means we recommend one of the following or equivalent:

- A .sdf, .mol, or .mol2 file or files for the molecules comprising your system, with correct bond orders and formal charges. (Note: Do NOT generate this from a simulation package or tool which does not have access to bond order information; you may end up with a correct-seeming file, but the bond orders will be incorrect)
- Isomeric SMILES strings for the components of your system
- InCHI strings for the components of your system
- Chemical Identity Registry numbers for the components of your system
- IUPAC names for the components of your system

Essentially, anything which provides the full identity of what you want to simulate (including stereochemistry) should work, though it may require more or less work to get it into an acceptable format.

## 4.6 I understand the risks and want to perform bond and formal charge inference anyway

If you are unable to provide a molecule in the formats recommended above and want to attempt to infer the bond orders and atomic formal charges, there are tools available elsewhere that can provide guesses for this problem. These tools are not perfect, and the inference problem itself is poorly defined, so you should review each output closely (see our [Core Concepts](#) for an explanation of what information is needed to construct an OpenFF Molecule). Some tools we know of include:

- the OpenEye toolkits' `OEPerceiveBondOrders` functionality
- MDAAnalysis' RDKit converter, with an [example here](#)
- the Jensen group's `xyz2mol` program

## 4.7 My conda installation of the toolkit doesn't appear to work. What should I try next?

We recommend that you install the toolkit in a fresh conda environment, explicitly passing the channels to be used, in-order:

```
conda create -n <my_new_env> -c conda-forge openff-toolkit
conda activate <my_new_env>
```

Installing into a new environment avoids forcing conda to satisfy the dependencies of both the toolkit and all existing packages in that environment. Taking the approach that conda environments are generally disposable, even ephemeral, minimizes the chances for hard-to-diagnose dependency issues.

## 4.8 My conda installation of the toolkit STILL doesn't appear to work.

Many of our users encounter issues that are ultimately due to their terminal finding a different conda at higher priority in their PATH than the conda deployment where OpenFF is installed. To fix this, find the conda deployment where OpenFF is installed. Then, if that folder is something like `~/miniconda3`, run in the terminal:

```
source ~/miniconda3/etc/profile.d/conda.sh
```

and then try rerunning and/or reinstalling the Toolkit.

## 4.9 The partial charges generated by the toolkit don't seem to depend on the molecule's conformation! Is this a bug?

No! This is the intended behavior. The force field parameters of a molecule should be independent of both their chemical environment and conformation so that they can be used and compared across different contexts. When applying AM1BCC partial charges, the toolkit achieves a deterministic output by ignoring the input conformation and producing several new conformations for the same molecule. Partial charges are then computed based on these conformations. This behavior can be controlled with the `use_conformers` argument to the `assign_partial_charges()` and `compute_partial_charges_am1bcc()` methods of the `Molecule` class.

## 4.10 How can I distribute my own force fields in SMIRNOFF format?

We support conda data packages for distribution of force fields in `.offxml` format! Just add the relevant entry point to `setup.py` and distribute on conda Forge:

```
entry_points={
    'openforcefield.smirnoff_forcefield_directory' : [
        'my_new_force_field_paths = my_package:get_my_new_force_field_paths',
    ],
}
```

Where `get_my_new_force_field_paths` is a function in the `my_package` module providing a list of strings holding the paths to the directories to search. You should also rename `my_new_force_field_paths` to suit your force field. See [openff-forcefields](#) for an example.

## 4.11 What does “unconstrained” mean in a force field name?

Each release of an [OpenFF force field](#) has two associated `.offxml` files: one unadorned (for example, `openff-2.0.0.offxml`) and one labelled “unconstrained” (`openff_unconstrained-2.0.0.offxml`). This reflects the presence or absence of holonomic constraints on hydrogen-involving bonds in the force field specification.

Typically, OpenFF force fields treat bonds with a harmonic potential according to Hooke’s law. With this treatment, bonds involving hydrogen atoms have a much higher vibration frequency than any other part of a typical biochemical system. By constraining these bonds to a fixed length, MD time steps can be increased past 1 fs, improving simulation performance. These bond vibrations are not structurally important to proteins so can usually be ignored.

While we recommend hydrogen-involving bond constraints and a time step of 2 fs for ordinary use, some other specialist uses require a harmonic treatment. The unconstrained force fields are provided for these uses.

Use the constrained force field:

- When running MD with a time step greater than 1 fs

Use the unconstrained force field:

- When computing single point energy calculations or energy minimisation
- When running MD with a time step of 1 fs (or less)
- When bond lengths may deviate from equilibrium
- When fitting a force field, both because many fitting techniques require continuity and because deviations from equilibrium bond length may be important
- Any other circumstance when forces or energies must be defined or continuous for any possible position of a hydrogen atom

Starting with v2.0.0 (Sage), TIP3P water is included in OpenFF force fields. The geometry of TIP3P water is always constrained, even in the unconstrained force fields.



## 4.12 How do I add or remove constraints from my own force field?

To make applying or removing bond constraints easy, constrained force fields released by OpenFF always include full bond parameters. Constraints on Hydrogen-involving bonds inherit their lengths from the harmonic parameters also included in the force field. To restore the harmonic treatment, simply remove the appropriate constraint entry from the force field.

Hydrogen-involving bonds are constrained with a single constraint entry in a .offxml file:

```
<Constraints version="0.3">
  <!-- constrain all bonds to hydrogen to their equilibrium bond length -->
  <Constraint smirks="#1:1]-[*:2]" id="c1"></Constraint>
</Constraints>
```

Adding or removing the inner <Constraint... line will convert a force field between being constrained and unconstrained. A ForceField object can constrain its bonds involving hydrogen by adding the relevant parameter to its 'Constraints' parameter handler:

```
ch = force_field.get_parameter_handler('Constraints')
ch.add_parameter(smirks="#1:1]-[*:2]")
```

Constraints can be removed from bonds involving hydrogen by removing the corresponding parameter:

```
del forcefield['Constraints'][ "#1:1]-[*:2]"]
```



## CORE CONCEPTS

**OpenFF Molecule** A graph representation of a molecule containing enough information to unambiguously parametrize it. Required data fields for a Molecule are:

- atoms: element (integer), formal\_charge (integer), is\_aromatic (boolean), stereochemistry ('R'/'S'/None)
- bonds: order (integer), is\_aromatic (boolean), stereochemistry ('E'/'Z'/None)

There are several other optional attributes such as conformers and partial\_charges that may be populated in the Molecule data structure. These are considered “optional” because they are not required for system creation, however if those fields are populated, the user MAY use them to override values that would otherwise be generated during system creation.

A dictionary, Molecule.properties is exposed, which is a Python dict that can be populated with arbitrary data. This data should be considered cosmetic and should not affect system creation. Whenever possible, molecule serialization or format conversion should preserve this data.

**OpenFF System** An object that contains everything needed to calculate a molecular system’s energy, except the atomic coordinates. Note that this does not exist yet, and that OpenMM System objects are being used for this purpose right now. Development is underway on [GitHub](#).

**OpenFF Topology** An object that efficiently holds many OpenFF Molecule objects. The atom indexing in a Topology may differ from those of the underlying Molecules

**OpenFF TopologyMolecule** The efficient data structures that make up an OpenFF Topology. There is one TopologyMolecule for each instance of a chemical species in a Topology. However, each unique chemical species has a single OpenFF Molecule representing it, which may be shared by multiple TopologyMolecules. TopologyMolecules contain an atom index map, as several copies of the same chemical species in a Topology may be present with different atom orderings. This data structure allows the OpenFF toolkit to only parametrize each unique Molecule once, and then write a copy of the assigned parameters out for each of the Molecule in the Topology (accounting for atom indexing differences in the process).

**OpenFF ForceField** An object generated from an OFFXML file (or other source of SMIRNOFF data). Most information from the SMIRNOFF data source is stored in this object’s several ParameterHandlers, however some top-level SMIRNOFF data is stored in the ForceField object itself.



## COOKBOOK: EVERY WAY TO MAKE A MOLECULE

Every pathway through the OpenFF Toolkit boils down to four steps:

1. Using other tools, assemble a graph of a molecule, including all of its atoms, bonds, bond orders, formal charges, and stereochemistry<sup>1</sup>
2. Use that information to construct a `Molecule`
3. Combine a number of `Molecule` objects to construct a `Topology`
4. Call `ForceField.create_openmm_system(topology)` to create an OpenMM `System` (or, in the near future, an OpenFF `Interchange` for painless conversion to all sorts of MD formats)

So let's take a look at every way there is to construct a molecule! We'll use zwitterionic L-alanine as an example biomolecule with all the tricky bits - a stereocenter, non-zero formal charges, and bonds of different orders.

### 6.1 From SMILES

SMILES is the classic way to create a `Molecule`. SMILES is a widely-used compact textual representation of arbitrary molecules. This lets us specify an exact molecule, including stereochemistry and bond orders, very easily — though they may not be the most human-readable format.

The `Molecule.from_smiles()` method is used to create a `Molecule` from a SMILES code.

#### 6.1.1 Implicit hydrogens SMILES

```
zw_l_alanine = Molecule.from_smiles("C[C@H]([NH3+])C(=O)[O-]")  
  
zw_l_alanine.visualize()
```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

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<sup>1</sup> Note that this stereochemistry must be defined on the *graph* of the molecule. It's not good enough to just co-ordinates with the correct stereochemistry. But if you have the co-ordinates, you can try getting the stereochemistry automatically with `rdkit` or `openeye` — If you dare!

### 6.1.2 Explicit hydrogens SMILES

```
smiles_explicit_h = Molecule.from_smiles(
    "[H][C]([H])([H])[C@]([H])([C](=[O])[O-])[N+](H)(H)H",
    hydrogens_are_explicit=True
)

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(smiles_explicit_h)

smiles_explicit_h.visualize()
```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

### 6.1.3 Mapped SMILES

By default, no guarantees are made about the indexing of atoms from a SMILES string. If the indexing is important, a mapped SMILES string may be used. In this case, Hydrogens must be explicit. Note that though mapped SMILES strings must start at index 1, Python lists start at index 0.

```
mapped_smiles = Molecule.from_mapped_smiles(
    "[H:10][C:2]([H:7])([H:8])[C@:4]([H:9])([C:3](=[O:5])[O-:6])[N+:1]([H:11])([H:12])[H:13]
    ↪"
)

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(mapped_smiles)

assert mapped_smiles.atoms[0].atomic_number == 7 # First index is the Nitrogen
assert all([a.atomic_number==1 for a in mapped_smiles.atoms[6:]]) # Final indices are all H

mapped_smiles.visualize()
```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

### 6.1.4 SMILES without stereochemistry

The Toolkit won't accept an ambiguous SMILES. This SMILES could be L- or D- alanine; rather than guess, the Toolkit throws an error:

```
smiles_non_isomeric = Molecule.from_smiles(
    "CC([NH3+])C(=O)[O-]"
)
```

```
UndefinedStereochemistryError: Unable to make OFFMol from RDMol: Unable to make OFFMol from_
    ↪SMILES: RDMol has unspecified stereochemistry. Undefined chiral centers are:
    - Atom C (index 1)
```

We can downgrade this error to a warning with the `allow_undefined_stereo` argument. This will not apply an improper dihedral term to the stereocenter and may lead to simulations with unphysical stereoisomerisation.

```

smiles_non_isomeric = Molecule.from_smiles(
    "CC([NH3+])C(=O)[O-]",
    allow_undefined_stereo=True
)

assert not zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(smiles_non_isomeric)

smiles_non_isomeric.visualize()

```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

## 6.2 By hand

You can always construct a `Molecule` by building it up from individual atoms and bonds. Other methods are generally easier, but it's a useful fallback for when you need to write your own constructor for an unsupported source format.

The `Molecule()` constructor and the `add_atom()` and `add_bond()` methods are used to construct a `Molecule` by hand.

```

by_hand = Molecule()
by_hand.name = "Zwitterionic l-Alanine"

by_hand.add_atom(
    atomic_number = 8, # Atomic number 8 is Oxygen
    formal_charge = -1, # Formal negative charge
    is_aromatic = False, # Atom is not part of an aromatic system
    stereochemistry = None, # Optional argument; "R" or "S" stereochemistry
    name = "O-" # Optional argument; descriptive name for the atom
)
by_hand.add_atom(6, 0, False, name="C")
by_hand.add_atom(8, 0, False, name="O")
by_hand.add_atom(6, 0, False, stereochemistry="S", name="CA")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="CAH")
by_hand.add_atom(6, 0, False, name="CB")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="HB1")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="HB2")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="HB3")
by_hand.add_atom(7, +1, False, name="N+")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="HN1")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="HN2")
by_hand.add_atom(1, 0, False, name="HN3")

by_hand.add_bond(
    atom1 = 0, # First (zero-indexed) atom specified above ("O-")
    atom2 = 1, # Second atom specified above ("C")
    bond_order = 1, # Single bond
    is_aromatic = False, # Bond is not aromatic
    stereochemistry = None, # Optional argument; "E" or "Z" stereochemistry
    fractional_bond_order = None # Optional argument; Wiberg (or similar) bond order

```

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```

)
by_hand.add_bond( 1, 2, 2, False) # C = O
by_hand.add_bond( 1, 3, 1, False) # C - CA
by_hand.add_bond( 3, 4, 1, False) # CA - CAH
by_hand.add_bond( 3, 5, 1, False) # CA - CB
by_hand.add_bond( 5, 6, 1, False) # CB - HB1
by_hand.add_bond( 5, 7, 1, False) # CB - HB2
by_hand.add_bond( 5, 8, 1, False) # CB - HB3
by_hand.add_bond( 3, 9, 1, False) # CB - N+
by_hand.add_bond( 9, 10, 1, False) # N+ - HN1
by_hand.add_bond( 9, 11, 1, False) # N+ - HN2
by_hand.add_bond( 9, 12, 1, False) # N+ - HN3

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(by_hand)

by_hand.visualize()

```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

## 6.2.1 From a dictionary

Rather than build up the `Molecule` one method at a time, the `Molecule.from_dict()` method can construct a `Molecule` in one shot from a Python dict that describes the molecule in question. This allows `Molecule` objects to be written to and read from disk in any format that can be interpreted as a dict; this mechanism underlies the `from_bson()`, `from_json()`, `from_messagepack()`, `from_pickle()`, `from_toml()`, `from_xml()`, and `from_yaml()` methods.

This format can get very verbose, as it is intended for serialization, so this example uses hydrogen cyanide rather than alanine.

```

molecule_dict = {
    "name": "",
    "atoms": [
        {
            "atomic_number": 1,
            "formal_charge": 0,
            "is_aromatic": False,
            "stereochemistry": None,
            "name": "H",
        },
        {
            "atomic_number": 6,
            "formal_charge": 0,
            "is_aromatic": False,
            "stereochemistry": None,
            "name": "C",
        },
        {
            "atomic_number": 7,
            "formal_charge": 0,
            "is_aromatic": False,

```

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```

        "stereochemistry": None,
        "name": "N",
    },
],
"virtual_sites": [],
"bonds": [
    {
        "atom1": 0,
        "atom2": 1,
        "bond_order": 1,
        "is_aromatic": False,
        "stereochemistry": None,
        "fractional_bond_order": None,
    },
    {
        "atom1": 1,
        "atom2": 2,
        "bond_order": 3,
        "is_aromatic": False,
        "stereochemistry": None,
        "fractional_bond_order": None,
    },
],
"properties": {},
"conformers": None,
"partial_charges": None,
"partial_charges_unit": None,
}

from_dictionary = Molecule.from_dict(molecule_dict)

from_dictionary.visualize()

```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

## 6.3 From a file

We can construct a Molecule from a file or file-like object with the `from_file()` method. We're a bit constrained in what file formats we can accept, because they need to provide all the information needed to construct the molecular graph; not just coordinates, but also elements, formal charges, bond orders, and stereochemistry.

### 6.3.1 From SDF file

We generally recommend the SDF format. The SDF file used here can be found [on GitHub](#)

```
sdf_path = Molecule.from_file("zw_l_alanine.sdf")
assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(sdf_path)
sdf_path.visualize()
```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

### 6.3.2 From SDF file object

`from_file()` can also take a file object, rather than a path. Note that the object must be in binary mode!

```
with open("zw_l_alanine.sdf", mode="rb") as file:
    sdf_object = Molecule.from_file(file, file_format="SDF")

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(sdf_object)
sdf_object.visualize()
```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

### 6.3.3 From PDB file

Using PDB files is not recommended, even if they have CONECT records, as they do not provide stereoisomeric information or bond orders. The RDKit backend assumes that bond orders are 1, so the toolkit refuses to use it:

```
from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import RDKitToolkitWrapper

pdb = Molecule.from_file("zw_l_alanine.pdb", "pdb", toolkit_registry=RDKitToolkitWrapper())
```

```
NotImplementedError: Toolkit The RDKit can not read file zw_l_alanine.pdb (format PDB).
↳ Supported formats for this toolkit are ['SDF', 'MOL', 'SMI']. RDKit can however read PDBs
↳ with a valid smiles string using the Molecule.from_pdb_and_smiles(file_path, smiles)
↳ constructor
```

OpenEye can infer bond orders and stereochemistry from the structure. This is not recommended, as it can make mistakes that may be difficult to catch. Note also that this requires a license for OpenEye, as this is proprietary software.

If we instead provide a SMILES code, a PDB file can be used to populate the `Molecule` object's conformers attribute and provide atom ordering, as well as check that the SMILES code matches the PDB file. This method is the recommended way to create a `Molecule` from a PDB file. The PDB file used here can be found [on GitHub](#)

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**Important:** Note that the Toolkit doesn't guarantee that the coordinates in the PDB are correctly assigned to atoms. It makes an effort, but you should check that the results are reasonable.

---

```

pdb_with_smiles = Molecule.from_pdb_and_smiles(
    "zw_l_alanine.pdb",
    "C[C@H]([NH3+])C(=O)[O-]"
)

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(pdb_with_smiles)

pdb_with_smiles.visualize()

```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

## 6.4 Other string identification formats

The OpenFF Toolkit supports a few text based molecular identity formats other than SMILES (*see above*)

### 6.4.1 From InChI

The `Molecule.from_inchi()` method constructs a `Molecule` from an IUPAC InChI string. Note that InChI cannot distinguish the zwitterionic form of alanine from the neutral form (see section 13.2 of the [InChI Technical FAQ](#)), so the toolkit defaults to the neutral form.

**Warning:** The OpenFF Toolkit makes no guarantees about the atomic ordering produced by the `from_inchi` method. InChI is not intended to be an interchange format.

```

inchi = Molecule.from_inchi("InChI=1S/C3H7NO2/c1-2(4)3(5)6/h2H,4H2,1H3,(H,5,6)/t2-m/s1")

inchi.visualize()

```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

### 6.4.2 From IUPAC name

The `Molecule.from_iupac()` method constructs a `Molecule` from an IUPAC name.

**Important:** This code requires the OpenEye toolkit.

```

iupac = Molecule.from_iupac("(2S)-2-azaniumylpropanoate")

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(iupac)

iupac.visualize()

```

```

ValueError: No registered toolkits can provide the capability "from_iupac" for args "('(2S)-
↪2-azaniumylpropanoate',)" and kwargs "{ 'allow_undefined_stereo': False, '_cls': <class
↪'openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule'>}"
Available toolkits are: [ToolkitWrapper around The RDKit version 2021.09.4, ToolkitWrapper
↪around AmberTools version 21.0, ToolkitWrapper around Built-in Toolkit version None]

```

## 6.5 Remapping an existing Molecule

Most Molecule creation methods don't specify the ordering of atoms in the new Molecule. The `Molecule.remap()` method allows a new ordering to be applied to an existing Molecule.

See also *Mapped SMILES*.

**Warning:** The `Molecule.remap()` method is experimental and subject to change.

```

# Note that this mapping is off-by-one from the mapping taken
# by the remap method, as Python indexing is 0-based but SMILES
# is 1-based
print("Before remapping:", zw_l_alanine.to_smiles(mapped=True))

# Flip the positions of the oxygen atoms
remapped = zw_l_alanine.remap({0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: 4, 5: 6, 6: 5, 7: 7, 8: 8, 9: 9,
↪10: 10, 11: 11, 12: 12})

print("After remapping: ", remapped.to_smiles(mapped=True))

# Doesn't affect the identity of the molecule
assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(remapped)
remapped.visualize()

```

```

Before remapping: [C:1]([C@:2]([N+:3]([H:11])([H:12])[H:13])([C:4](=[O:5])[O-
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```

<IPython.core.display.SVG object>

## 6.6 Via Topology objects

The `Topology` class represents a biomolecular system; it is analogous to the similarly named objects in GROMACS, MDTraj or OpenMM. Notably, it does not include co-ordinates and may represent multiple copies of a particular molecular species or even more complex mixtures of molecules. Topology objects are usually built up one species at a time from Molecule objects.

The `Molecule.from_topology()` method constructs a Molecule from a Topology. This is usually going backwards, but the method does allow construction of Molecule objects from a few sources that represent molecular mixtures, like the aforementioned Topology or System.

Constructor methods that are available for Topology but not Molecule generally require a Molecule to be provided via the `unique_molecules` keyword argument. The provided Molecule is used to provide the identity of the molecule, including aromaticity, bond orders, formal charges, and so forth. These methods therefore don't provide a route to the graph of the molecule, but can be useful for reordering atoms to match another software package.

### 6.6.1 From an OpenMM Topology

The `Topology.from_openmm()` method constructs an OpenFF Topology from an OpenMM `Topology`. The method requires that all the unique molecules in the Topology are provided as OpenFF Molecule objects, as the structure of an OpenMM Topology doesn't include the concept of a molecule. When using this method to create a Molecule, this limitation means that the method really only offers a pathway to reorder the atoms of a Molecule to match that of the OpenMM Topology.

```
from openmm.app.pdbfile import PDBFile

openmm_topology = PDBFile('zw_l_alanine.pdb').getTopology()
openff_topology = Topology.from_openmm(openmm_topology, unique_molecules=[zw_l_alanine])

from_openmm_topology = Molecule.from_topology(openff_topology)

print(zw_l_alanine.to_smiles(mapped=True))
print(from_openmm_topology.to_smiles(mapped=True))

from_openmm_topology.visualize()
```

```
[C:1]([C@:2]([N+:3]([H:11])([H:12])[H:13])([C:4](=[O:5])[O-:6])[H:10])([H:7])([H:8])[H:9]
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```

```
<IPython.core.display.SVG object>
```

### 6.6.2 From an MDTraj Topology

The `Topology.from_mdtraj()` method constructs an OpenFF Topology from an MDTraj `Topology`. The method requires that all the unique molecules in the Topology are provided as OpenFF Molecule objects to ensure that the graph of the molecule is correct. When using this method to create a Molecule, this limitation means that the method really only offers a pathway to reorder the atoms of a Molecule to match that of the MDTraj Topology.

```
from mdtraj import load_pdb

mdtraj_topology = load_pdb('zw_l_alanine.pdb').topology
openff_topology = Topology.from_mdtraj(mdtraj_topology, unique_molecules=[zw_l_alanine])

from_mdtraj_topology = Molecule.from_topology(openff_topology)

print(zw_l_alanine.to_smiles(mapped=True))
print(from_mdtraj_topology.to_smiles(mapped=True))

from_mdtraj_topology.visualize()
```

```
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'mdtraj'
```

## 6.7 From Toolkit objects

The OpenFF Toolkit calls out to other software to perform low-level tasks like reading SMILES or files. These external software packages are called toolkits, and presently include [RDKit](#) and the [OpenEye Toolkit](#). OpenFF Molecule objects can be created from the equivalent objects in these toolkits.

### 6.7.1 From RDKit Mol

The `Molecule.from_rdkit()` method converts an `rdkit.Chem.rdchem.Mol` object to an OpenFF Molecule.

```
from rdkit import Chem
rdmol = Chem.MolFromSmiles("C[C@H]([NH3+])C([O-])=O")

print("rdmol is of type", type(rdmol))

from_rdmol = Molecule.from_rdkit(rdmol)

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(from_rdmol)
from_rdmol.visualize()
```

### 6.7.2 From OpenEye OEMol

The `Molecule.from_openeye()` method converts an object that inherits from `openeye.oechem.OEMolBase` to an OpenFF Molecule.

```
from openeye import oechem

oemol = oechem.OEGraphMol()
oechem.OESmilesToMol(oemol, "C[C@H]([NH3+])C([O-])=O")

assert isinstance(oemol, oechem.OEMolBase)

from_oemol = Molecule.from_openeye(oemol)

assert zw_l_alanine.is_isomorphic_with(from_oemol)
from_oemol.visualize()
```

## 6.8 From QCArchive

QCArchive is a repository of quantum chemical calculations on small molecules. The `Molecule.from_qcschema()` method creates a `Molecule` from a record from the archive. Because the identity of a molecule can change of the course of a QC calculation, the Toolkit accepts records only if they contain a hydrogen-mapped SMILES code.

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**Note:** These examples use molecules other than l-Alanine because of their availability in QCArchive

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### 6.8.1 From a QCArchive molecule record

The `Molecule.from_qcschema()` method can take a molecule record queried from the QCArchive and create a `Molecule` from it.

```
from qcportal import FractalClient

client = FractalClient()
query = client.query_molecules(molecular_formula="C16H20N3O5")

from_qcarchive = Molecule.from_qcschema(query[0])

from_qcarchive.visualize()
```

### 6.8.2 From a QCArchive optimisation record

`Molecule.from_qcschema()` can also take an optimisation record and create the corresponding `Molecule`.

```
optimization_dataset = client.get_collection(
    "OptimizationDataset",
    "SMIRNOFF Coverage Set 1"
)
dimethoxymethanol_optimization = optimization_dataset.get_entry('coc(o)oc-0')

from_optimisation = Molecule.from_qcschema(dimethoxymethanol_optimization)

from_optimisation.visualize()
```





## SMIRNOFF (SMIRKS NATIVE OPEN FORCE FIELD)

### 7.1 The SMIRNOFF specification

The SMIRNOFF specification can be found in the [OpenFF standards repository](#).

### 7.2 SMIRNOFF and the Toolkit

OpenFF releases all its force fields in SMIRNOFF format. SMIRNOFF is a format developed by OpenFF; its specification can be found in our [standards repository](#). SMIRNOFF-format force fields are distributed as XML files with the `.offxml` extension. Instead of using atom types like traditional force field formats, SMIRNOFF associates parameters directly with chemical groups using [SMARTS](#) and [SMIRKS](#), which are extensions of the popular SMILES serialization format for molecules. SMIRNOFF goes to great lengths to ensure reproducibility of results generated from its force fields.

The OpenFF Toolkit is the reference implementation of the SMIRNOFF spec. The toolkit is responsible for reading and writing `.offxml` files, for facilitating their modification, and for applying them to a molecular system in order to produce an Interchange object. The OpenFF Interchange project then takes over and is responsible for [producing input files and data](#) for actual MD software. The toolkit strives to be backwards compatible with old versions of the spec, but owing to the vagaries of the arrow of time cannot be forward compatible. Trying to use an old version of the toolkit to load an `.OFFXML` file created with a new version of the spec will lead to an error.

A simplified `.offxml` file for TIP3P water might look like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<SMIRNOFF version="0.3" aromaticity_model="OEAroModel_MDL">
  <Author>The Open Force Field Initiative</Author>
  <Date>2021-08-16</Date>
  <Constraints version="0.3">
    <Constraint smirks="[#1:1]-[#8X2H2+0:2]-[#1]" id="c-tip3p-H-0" distance="0.9572 *
↪ angstrom"></Constraint>
    <Constraint smirks="[#1:1]-[#8X2H2+0]-[#1:2]" id="c-tip3p-H-0-H" distance="1.
↪ 5139006545247014 * angstrom"></Constraint>
  </Constraints>
  <vdW version="0.3" potential="Lennard-Jones-12-6" combining_rules="Lorentz-Berthelot"
↪ scale12="0.0" scale13="0.0" scale14="0.5" scale15="1.0" cutoff="9.0 * angstrom" switch_
↪ width="1.0 * angstrom" method="cutoff">
    <Atom smirks="[#1]-[#8X2H2+0:1]-[#1]" epsilon="0.1521 * mole**-1 * kilocalorie" id=
↪ "n-tip3p-O" sigma="3.1507 * angstrom"></Atom>
    <Atom smirks="[#1:1]-[#8X2H2+0]-[#1]" epsilon="0 * mole**-1 * kilocalorie" id="n-
↪ tip3p-H" sigma="1 * angstrom"></Atom>
```

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```
</vdw>
<Electrostatics version="0.3" scale12="0.0" scale13="0.0" scale14="0.8333333333" scale15=
↪ "1.0" cutoff="9.0 * angstrom" switch_width="0.0 * angstrom" method="PME"></Electrostatics>
<LibraryCharges version="0.3">
  <LibraryCharge smirks="[#1]-[#8X2H2+0:1]-[#1]" charge1="-0.834 * elementary_charge" ↪
↪ id="q-tip3p-O"></LibraryCharge>
  <LibraryCharge smirks="[#1:1]-[#8X2H2+0]-[#1]" charge1="0.417 * elementary_charge" ↪
↪ id="q-tip3p-H"></LibraryCharge>
</LibraryCharges>
</SMIRNOFF>
```

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**Note:** TIP3P's geometry is specified entirely by constraints, but SMIRNOFF certainly supports a wide variety of bonded parameters and functional forms.

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Note that this format specifies not just the individual parameters, but also their functional forms and units in very explicit terms. This both makes it easy to read and means that the correct implementation of each force is specifically defined, rather than being left up to the MD engine.

The complicated part is that each parameter is specified by a SMIRKS code. These codes are SMARTS codes with an optional numerical index on some atoms given after a colon. This indexing system comes from SMIRKS. Each parameter expects a certain number of indexed atoms, and applies the force accordingly. Unindexed atoms are used to match the chemistry, but forces are not applied to them. SMARTS/SMIRKS codes are less intimidating than they look; [#1] matches any Hydrogen atom (atomic number 1), while [#8X2H2+0] matches an oxygen atom (atomic number 8) with some additional constraints. Dashes represent bonds. So [#1]-[#8X2H2+0:1]-[#1] represents an oxygen atom indexed as 1 connected to two unindexed hydrogen atoms. This system allows individual parameters to be as general or as specific as needed.

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**Hint:** This page is not the SMIRNOFF spec; it has been moved to the [standards repository](#).

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## VIRTUAL SITES

The Open Force Field Toolkit supports the SMIRNOFF virtual site specification for models using off-site charges, including 4- and 5-point water models, in addition to lone pair modelling on various functional groups. The primary focus is on the ability to parameterize a system using virtual sites, and generate an OpenMM system with all virtual sites present and ready for evaluation. Support for formats other than OpenMM has not yet been implemented, but may come with the appearance of the OpenFF system object. In addition to implementing the specification, the toolkit `Molecule` object allows the creation and manipulation of virtual sites.

### 8.1 Support for the SMIRNOFF VirtualSite tag

Virtual sites can be added to a System in two ways:

- SMIRNOFF Force Fields can contain a `VirtualSites` tag, specifying the addition of virtual sites according to SMARTS-based rules.
- Virtual sites can be added to a `Molecule`, and these will appear in the final OpenMM system if a virtual site handler is present in the `ForceField`.

Virtual sites directly depend on 3D conformation, because the position of the virtual sites depends on vectors defined by the atoms specified during parameterization. Because of this, a virtual site matching the triplet of atoms 1-2-3 will define a point that is different from a triplet matching 3-2-1. This is similar to defining “right-handed” and “left-handed” coordinate systems. This subtlety plays into two major concepts in force field development:

1. We sometimes want to define a single virtual site describing two points with the same parameters (distance, angle, etc.) via symmetry, such as 5-point water models.
2. We have a match that produces multiple orderings of the atoms (e.g. if wildcards are present in the SMARTS pattern), and we only want one to be applied.

Case (1) is very useful for parameter optimization, where a single SMARTS-based parameter can be used to optimize both points, such as the angle defining the virtual points for a 5-point water model. Case (2) is the typical scenario for the nitrogen lone pair in ammonia, where only one point needs to be specified. We discuss a few more illustrative examples below. Beyond these attributes, the virtual site specification allows a policy for specifying how to handle exclusions in the OpenMM force evaluator. The current default is to add pairwise energy exclusions in the OpenMM system between a virtual site and all tagged atoms matched in its SMARTS (`exclusion_policy="parents"`, ). Currently defined are “none”, “minimal”, and “parents”, where “minimal” specifies the single atom that the virtual site defines as the “origin”. For water, for example, “minimal” would mean just the oxygen, whereas “parents” would mean all three atoms.

In order to give consistent and intended behavior, the specification was modified from its draft form in following manner: The “name” and “match” attributes have been added to each virtual site parameter type. These changes allow for

- specifying different virtual site types using the same atoms
- allowing two virtual sites with the same type and same atoms but different physical parameters to be added simultaneously
- allowing the ability to control whether the virtual site encodes one or multiple particles, based on the number of ways the matching atoms can be ordered.

The "name" attribute encodes whether the virtual site to be added should override an existing virtual site of the same type (e.g. hierarchy preference), or if this virtual site should be added in addition to the other existing virtual sites on the given atoms. This means that different virtual site types can share the same group of parent atoms and use the same name without overwriting each other (the default name is EP for all sites, which gives the expected hierarchical behavior used in other SMIRNOFF tags).

The "match" attribute accepts either "once" or "all\_permutations", offering control for situations where a SMARTS pattern can possibly match the same group of atoms in different orders (either due to wildcards or local symmetry) and it is desired to either add just one or all of the possible virtual particles. The default value is "all\_permutations", but for TrivalentLonePair it is always set to "once", regardless of what the file contains, since all orderings always place the particle in the exact same position.

The following cases exemplify our reasoning in implementing this behavior, and should draw caution to complex issues that may arise when designing virtual site parameters. Let us consider 4-, 5-, and 6-point water models:

- A 4-point water model with a DivalentLonePair: This can be implemented by specifying `match="once"`, `outOfPlaneAngle="0*degree"`, and `distance=-.15*angstrom`. Since the SMIRKS pattern `"[#1:1]-[#8X2:2]-[#1:3]"` would match water twice and would create two particles in the exact same position if `all_permutations` was specified, we specify "once" to have only one particle generated. Although having two particles in the same position should not affect the physics if the proper exclusion policy is applied, it would effectively make the 4-point model just as expensive as 5-point models.
- A 5-point water model with a DivalentLonePair: This can be implemented by using `match="all_permutations"` (unlike the 4-point model), `outOfPlaneAngle="56.26*degree"`, and `distance=0.7*angstrom`, for example. Here the permutations will cause particles to be placed at  $\pm 56.26$  degrees, and changing any of the physical quantities will affect *both* particles.
- A 6-point water model with both DivalentLonePair sites above. Since these two parameters look identical, it is unclear whether they should both be applied or if one should override the other. The toolkit never compares the physical numbers to determine equality as this can lead to instability during e.g. parameter fitting. To get this to work, we specify `name="EP1"` for the first parameter, and `name="EP2"` for the second parameter. This instructs the parameter handler keep them separate, and therefore both are applied. (If both had the same name, then the typical SMIRNOFF hierarchy rules are used, and only the last matched parameter would be applied.)
- Dinitrogen, N#N with a BondCharge virtual site. Since we want a BondCharge on both ends, we specify `match="all_permutations"`.
- Formaldehyde, H2C=O, with MonovalentLonePair virtual site(s) on the oxygen, with the aim of modeling both lone pairs. This one is subtle, since `"[#1:3]-[#6X3:2]=[#8X1:1]"` matches two unique groups of atoms (1-3-4 and 2-3-4). It is important to note in this situation that `match="all_permutations"` behaves exactly the same as `match="once"`. Due to the anchoring hydrogens (1 and 2) being symmetric but opposite about the bond between 3 and 4, a single parameter does correctly place both lone pairs. A standing issue here is that the default exclusion policy (parents) will allow these two virtual sites to interact since they have different indexed atoms (parents), causing the energy to be different than the non-virtual site parameterization. In the future, the `exclusion_policy="local"` will account for this, and make virtual sites that share at least one "parent" atom not interact with each other. As a special note: when applying a MonovalentLonePair to a completely symmetric molecule, e.g. water, `all_permutations` can come into play, but this will apply two particles (one for each hydrogen).

Finally, the toolkit handles the organization of atoms and virtual sites in a specific manner. Virtual sites are expected to be added *after all molecules in the topology are present*. This is because the Open Force Field Toolkit organizes a topology by placing all atoms first, then all virtual sites last. This differs from the OpenMM Modeller object, for example, which interleaves the order of atoms and virtual sites in such a way that all particles of a molecule are contiguous. In addition, due to the fact that a virtual site may contain multiple particles coupled to single parameters, the toolkit makes a distinction between a virtual *site*, and a virtual *particle*. A virtual site may represent multiple virtual particles, so the total number of particles cannot be directly determined by simply summing the number of atoms and virtual sites in a molecule. This is taken into account, however, and the [Molecule](#) and [Topology](#) classes both implement particle iterators.



## DEVELOPING FOR THE TOOLKIT

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This guide is written with the understanding that our contributors are NOT professional software developers, but are instead computational chemistry trainees and professionals. With this in mind, we aim to use a minimum of bleeding-edge technology and alphabet soup, and we will define any potentially unfamiliar processes or technologies the first time they are mentioned. We enforce use of certain practices (tests, formatting, coverage analysis, documentation) primarily because they are worthwhile upfront investments in the long-term sustainability of this project. The resources allocated to this project will come and go, but we hope that following these practices will ensure that minimal developer time will maintain this software far into the future.

The process of contributing to the OpenFF Toolkit is more than just writing code. Before contributing, it is a very good idea to start a discussion on the [Issue tracker](#) about the functionality you'd like to add. This Issue discussion will help us decide with you where in the codebase it should go, any overlapping efforts with other developers, and what the user experience should be. Please note that the OpenFF Toolkit is intended to be used primarily as one piece of larger workflows, and that simplicity and reliability are two of our primary goals. Often, the cost/benefit of new features must be discussed, as a complex codebase is harder to maintain. When new functionality is added to the OpenFF Toolkit, it becomes our responsibility to maintain it, so it's important that we understand contributed code and are in a position to keep it up to date.

## 9.1 Overview

### 9.1.1 Philosophy

- The *core functionality* of the OpenFF Toolkit is to combine an Open Force Field [ForceField](#) and [Topology](#) to create an OpenMM [System](#).
- An OpenMM [System](#) contains *everything* needed to compute the potential energy of a system, except the coordinates and (optionally) box vectors.
- The OpenFF toolkit employs a modular “plugin” architecture wherever possible, providing a standard interface for contributed features.

### 9.1.2 Terminology

For high-level toolkit concepts and terminology important for both development and use of the Toolkit, see the [core concepts page](#).

#### SMIRNOFF and the OpenFF Toolkit

**SMIRNOFF data** A hierarchical data structure that complies with the [SMIRNOFF specification](#). This can be serialized in many formats, including XML (OFFXML). The subsections in a SMIRNOFF data source generally correspond to one energy term in the functional form of a force field.

**Cosmetic attribute** Data in a SMIRNOFF data source that does not correspond to a known attribute. These have no functional effect, but several programs use the extensibility of the OFFXML format to define additional attributes for their own use, and their workflows require the OFF toolkit to process the files while retaining these keywords.

#### Development Infrastructure

**Continuous Integration (CI)** Tests that run frequently while the code is undergoing changes, ensuring that the codebase still installs and has the intended behavior. Currently, we use a service called [GitHub Actions](#) for this. CI jobs run every time a commit is made to the master branch of the openff-toolkit GitHub repository or in a PR opened against it. These runs start by booting virtual machines that mimic brand new Linux and macOS computers. They then follow build instructions (see the `.github/workflows/CI.yml` file) to install the toolkit. After installing the OpenFF Toolkit and its dependencies, these virtual machines run our test suite. If the tests all pass, the build “passes” (returns a green check mark on GitHub).

If all the tests for a specific change to the master branch return green, then we know that the change has not broken the toolkit's existing functionality. When proposing code changes, we ask that contributors open a Pull Request (PR) on GitHub to merge their changes into the master branch. When a pull



request is open, CI will run on the latest set of proposed changes and indicate whether they are safe to merge through status checks, summarized as a green check mark or red cross.

**CodeCov** An extension to our testing framework that reports the fraction of our source code lines that were run during the tests (our “code coverage”). This functionality is actually the combination of several components – GitHub Actions runners run the tests using `pytest` with the `pytest-cov` plugin, and then coverage reports are uploaded to [CodeCov’s website](#). This analysis is re-run alongside the rest of our CI, and a badge showing our coverage percentage is in the project README.

**“Looks Good To Me” (LGTM)** A service that analyzes the code in our repository for simple style and formatting issues. This service assigns a letter grade to the codebase, and a badge showing our LGTM report is in the project README.

**ReadTheDocs (RTD)** A service that compiles and renders the package’s documentation (from the `docs/` folder). The documentation itself can be accessed from the ReadTheDocs badge in the README. It is compiled by RTD alongside the other CI checks, and the compiled documentation for a pull request can be viewed by clicking the “details” link after the status.

### 9.1.3 User Experience

One important aspect of how we make design decisions is by asking “who do we envision using this software, and what would they want it to do here?”. There is a wide range of possible users, from non-chemists, to students/trainees, to expert computational medicinal chemists. We have decided to build functionality intended for use by *expert medicinal chemists*, and whenever possible, add fatal errors if the toolkit risks doing the wrong thing. So, for example, if a molecule is loaded with an odd ionization state, we assume that the user has input it this way intentionally.

This design philosophy inevitably has trade-offs — For example, the OpenFF Toolkit will give the user a hard time if they try to load a “dirty” molecule dataset, where some molecules have errors or are not described in enough detail for the toolkit to unambiguously parametrize them. If there is risk of misinterpreting the molecule (for example, bond orders being undefined or chiral centers without defined stereochemistry), the toolkit should raise an error that the user can override. In this regard we differ from RDKit, which is more permissive in the level of detail it requires when creating molecules. This makes sense for RDKit’s use cases, as several of its analyses can operate with a lower level of detail about the molecules. Often, the same design decision is the best for all types of users, but when we do need to make trade-offs, we assume the user is an expert.

At the same time, we aim for “automagic” behavior whenever a decision will clearly go one way over another. System parameterization is an inherently complex topic, and the OFF toolkit would be nearly unusable if we required the user to explicitly approve every aspect of the process. For example, if a `Topology` has its `box_vectors` attribute defined, we assume that the resulting `OpenMM System` should be periodic.

## 9.2 Modular design features

There are a few areas where we’ve designed the toolkit with extensibility in mind. Adding functionality at these interfaces should be considerably easier than in other parts of the toolkit, and we encourage experimentation and contribution on these fronts.

These features have occasionally confusing names. “Parameter” here refers to a single value in a force field, as it is generally used in biophysics; it does not refer to an argument to a function. “Attribute” is used to refer to an XML attribute, which allows data to be defined for a particular tag; it does not refer to a member of a Python class or object. For example, in the following XML excerpt the `<SMIRNOFF>` tag has the attributes `version` and `aromaticity_model`:

```
<SMIRNOFF version="0.3" aromaticity_model="OEAroModel_MDL">
...
</SMIRNOFF>
```

“Member” is used here to describe Python attributes. This terminology is borrowed for the sake of clarity in this section from languages like C++ and Java.

### 9.2.1 ParameterAttribute

A `ParameterAttribute` is a single value that can be validated at runtime.

A `ParameterAttribute` can be instantiated as Python class or instance members to define the kinds of value that a particular parameter can take. They are used in the definitions of both `ParameterHandler` and `ParameterType`. The sorts of values a `ParameterAttribute` can take on are restricted by runtime validation. This validation is highly customizable, and may do things like allowing only certain values for a string or enforcing the correct units or array dimensions on the value; in fact, the validation can be defined using arbitrary code. The name of a `ParameterAttribute` should correspond exactly to the corresponding attribute in an OFFXML file.

#### IndexedParameterAttribute

An `IndexedParameterAttribute` is a `ParameterAttribute` with a sequence of values, rather than just one. Each value in the sequence is indexed by an integer.

The exact name of an `IndexedParameterAttribute` is NOT expected to appear verbatim in a OFFXML file, but instead should appear with a numerical integer suffix. For example the `IndexedParameterAttribute` `k` should only appear as `k1`, `k2`, `k3`, and so on in an OFFXML. The current implementation requires this indexing to start at 1 and subsequent values be contiguous (no skipping numbers), but does not enforce an upper limit on the integer.

For example, dihedral torsions are often parameterized as the sum of several sine wave terms. Each of the parameters of the sine wave `k`, periodicity, and phase is implemented as an `IndexedParameterAttribute`.

#### MappedParameterAttribute

A `MappedParameterAttribute` is a `ParameterAttribute` with several values, with some arbitrary mapping to access values.

#### IndexedMappedParameterAttribute

An `IndexedMappedParameterAttribute` is a `ParameterAttribute` with a sequence of maps of values.

## 9.2.2 ParameterHandler

`ParameterHandler` is a generic base class for objects that perform parameterization for one section in a SMIRNOFF data source. A `ParameterHandler` has the ability to produce one component of an OpenMM System. Extend this class to add a support for a new force or energy term to the toolkit.

Each `ParameterHandler`-derived class MUST implement the following methods and define the following attributes:

- `create_force(self, system, topology, **kwargs)`: takes an OpenMM System and a OpenFF Topology as input, as well as optional keyword arguments, and modifies the System to contain the appropriate parameters.
- Class members `ParameterAttributes`: These correspond to the header-level attributes in a SMIRNOFF data source. For example, the Bonds tag in the SMIRNOFF spec has an optional `fractional_bondorder_method` field, which corresponds to the line `fractional_bondorder_method = ParameterAttribute(default=None)` in the `BondHandler` class definition. The `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` classes offer considerable flexibility for validating inputs. Defining these attributes at the class level implements the corresponding behavior in the default `__init__` function.
- Class members `_MIN_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION` and `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`. `ParameterHandler` versions allow us to evolve `ParameterHandler` behavior in a controlled, recorded way. Force field development is experimental by nature, and it is unlikely that the initial choice of header attributes is suitable for all use cases. Recording the “versions” of a SMIRNOFF spec tag allows us to encode the default behavior and API of a specific generation of a `ParameterHandler`, while allowing the safe addition of new attributes and behaviors. If these attributes are not defined, defaults in the base class will apply and updates introducing new versions may break the existing code.

Each `ParameterHandler`-derived class MAY implement:

- `_KWARGS`: Keyword arguments passed to `ForceField.create_openmm_system` are validated against the `_KWARGS` lists of each `ParameterHandler` that the `ForceField` owns. If present, these keyword arguments and their values will be passed on to the `ParameterHandler`.
- `_TAGNAME`: The name of the SMIRNOFF OFFXML tag used to parameterize the class. This tag should appear in the top level within the `<SMIRNOFF>` tag; see the [Parameter generators](#) section of the SMIRNOFF specification.
- `_INFOTYPE`: The `ParameterType` subclass used to parse the elements in the `ParameterHandler`’s parameter list.
- `_DEPENDENCIES`: A list of `ParameterHandler` subclasses that, when present, must run before this one. Note that this is *not* a list of `ParameterHandler` subclasses that are required by this one. Ideally, child classes of `ParameterHandler` are entirely independent, and energy components of a force field form distinct terms; when this is impossible, `_DEPENDENCIES` may be used to guarantee execution order.
- `to_dict`: converts the `ParameterHandler` to a hierarchical dict compliant with the SMIRNOFF specification. The default implementation of this function should suffice for most developers.
- `check_handler_compatibility`: Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` is “compatible” with another. This function is used when a `ForceField` is attempted to be constructed from *multiple* SMIRNOFF data sources, and it is necessary to check that two sections with the same tag name can be combined in a sane way. For example, if the user instructed two vdW sections to be read, but the sections defined different vdW potentials, then this function should raise an Exception indicating that there is no safe way to combine the parameters. The default implementation of this function should suffice for most developers.
- `postprocess_system`: operates identically to `create_force`, but is run after each `ParameterHandler`’s `create_force` has already been called. The default implementation of this method simply does nothing, and should suffice for most developers.

### 9.2.3 ParameterType

`ParameterType` is a base class for the SMIRKS-based parameters of a `ParameterHandler`. Extend this alongside `ParameterHandler` to define and validate the force field parameters of a new force. This is analogous to ParmEd's `XType` classes, like `BondType`. A `ParameterType` should correspond to a single SMARTS-based parameter.

For example, the Lennard-Jones potential can be parameterized through either the size `ParameterAttribute` `sigma` or `r_min`, alongside the energy `ParameterAttribute` `epsilon`. Both options are handled through the `vdwType` class, a subclass of `ParameterType`.

### 9.2.4 Non-bonded methods as implemented in OpenMM

The SMIRNOFF specification describes the contents of a force field, which can be implemented in a number of different ways in different molecular simulation engines. The OpenMM implementation provided by the OpenFF Toolkit either produces an `openmm.System` containing a `openmm.NonbondedForce` object or raises an exception depending on how the non-bonded parameters are specified. Exceptions are raised when parameters are incompatible with OpenMM (`IncompatibleParameterError`) or otherwise against spec (`SMIRNOFFSpecError`), and also when they are appropriate for the spec but not yet implemented in the toolkit (`SMIRNOFFSpecUnimplementedError`). This table describes which `NonbondedMethod` is used in the produced `NonbondedForce`, or else which exception is raised.

vdw_method	electrostatics_method	periodic	OpenMM Nonbonded method or exception	Common case
cutoff	Coulomb	True	raises <code>IncompatibleParameterError</code>	
cutoff	Coulomb	False	<code>openmm.NonbondedForce.NoCutoff</code>	
cutoff	reaction-field	True	raises <code>SMIRNOFFSpecUnimplementedError</code>	
cutoff	reaction-field	False	raises <code>SMIRNOFFSpecError</code>	
cutoff	PME	True	<code>openmm.NonbondedForce.PME</code>	*
cutoff	PME	False	<code>openmm.NonbondedForce.NoCutoff</code>	
LJPME	Coulomb	True	raises <code>IncompatibleParameterError</code>	
LJPME	Coulomb	False	<code>openmm.NonbondedForce.NoCutoff</code>	
LJPME	reaction-field	True	raises <code>IncompatibleParameterError</code>	
LJPME	reaction-field	False	raises <code>SMIRNOFFSpecError</code>	
LJPME	PME	True	<code>openmm.NonbondedForce.LJPME</code>	
LJPME	PME	False	<code>openmm.NonbondedForce.NoCutoff</code>	

Notes:

- The most commonly-used case (including the Parsley line) is in the fifth row (cutoff vdW, PME electrostatics, periodic topology) and marked with an asterisk.
- For all cases included a non-periodic topology, `openmm.NonbondedForce.NoCutoff` is currently used.

- Electrostatics method reaction-field can only apply to periodic systems, however it is not currently implemented.
- LJPME (particle mesh ewald for LJ/vdW interactions) is not yet fully described in the SMIRNOFF specification.
- In the future, the OpenFF Toolkit may create multiple CustomNonbondedForce objects in order to better de-couple vdW and electrostatic interactions.

## 9.3 Contributing

We always welcome [GitHub pull requests](#). For bug fixes, major feature additions, or refactoring, please raise an issue on the [GitHub issue tracker](#) first to ensure the design will be amenable to current developer plans. Development of new toolkit features generally proceeds in the following stages:

- Begin a discussion on the [GitHub issue tracker](#) to determine big-picture “what should this feature do?” and “does it fit in the scope of the OpenFF Toolkit?”
  - “... typically, for existing water models, we want to assign library charges”
- Start identifying details of the implementation that will be clear from the outset
  - “Create a new “special section” in the SMIRNOFF format (kind of analogous to the Bond-ChargeCorrections section) which allows SMIRKS patterns to specify use of library charges for specific groups
  - “Following #86, here’s how library charges might work: ...”
- Create a branch or fork for development
  - The OpenFF Toolkit has one unusual aspect of its CI build process, which is that certain functionality requires the OpenEye toolkits, so the builds must contain a valid OpenEye license file. An OpenEye license is stored as an encrypted token within the openforcefield organization on GitHub. For security reasons, builds run from forks cannot access this key. Therefore, tests that depend on the OpenEye Toolkits will be skipped on forks. Contributions run on forks are still welcome, especially as features that do not interact directly with the OpenEye Toolkits are not likely affected by this limitation.

### 9.3.1 Setting up a development environment

1. Install the conda package manager as part of the Anaconda Distribution from [here](#)
2. Set up conda environment:

```
git clone https://github.com/openforcefield/openff-toolkit
cd openff-toolkit/
# Create a conda environment with dependencies from env/YAML file
conda env create -n openff-dev -f devtools/conda-envs/test_env.yaml
conda activate openff-dev
# Perform editable/dirty dev install
pip install -e .
```

3. Obtain and store Open Eye license somewhere like ~/.oe\_license.txt. Optionally store the path in environmental variable OE\_LICENSE, i.e. using a command like `echo "export OE_LICENSE=/Users/yournamehere/.oe_license.txt" >> ~/.bashrc`

## Building the Docs

The documentation is composed of two parts, a hand-written user guide and an auto-generated API reference. Both are compiled by Sphinx, and can be automatically served and regenerated on changes with `sphinx-autobuild`. Documentation for released versions is available at [ReadTheDocs](#). ReadTheDocs also builds the documentation for each Pull Request opened on GitHub and keeps the output for 90 days.

To add the documentation dependencies to your existing `openff-dev` Conda environment:

```
# Add the documentation requirements to your Conda environment
conda env update --name openff-dev --file docs/environment.yml
conda install --name openff-dev -c conda-forge sphinx-autobuild
```

To build the documentation from scratch:

```
# Build the documentation
# From the openff-toolkit root directory
conda activate openff-dev
cd docs
make html
# Documentation can be found in docs/_build/html/index.html
```

To watch the source directory for changes and automatically rebuild the documentation and refresh your browser:

```
# Host the docs on a local HTTP server and rebuild when a source file is changed
# Works best when the docs have already been built
# From the openff-toolkit root directory
conda activate openff-dev
sphinx-autobuild docs docs/_build/html --watch openff
# Then navigate your web browser to http://localhost:8000
```

## 9.3.2 Style guide

Development for the `openff-toolkit` conforms to the recommendations given by the [Software Development Best Practices for Computational Chemistry](#) guide.

The naming conventions of classes, functions, and variables follows [PEP8](#), consistently with the best practices guide. The naming conventions used in this library not covered by PEP8 are:

- Use `file_path`, `file_name`, and `file_stem` to indicate path/to/stem.extension, stem.extension, and stem respectively, consistent with the variables in the `pathlib` module of the standard library.
- Use `n_x` to abbreviate “number of *x*” (e.g. `n_atoms`, `n_molecules`).

We place a high priority on code cleanliness and readability, even if code could be written more compactly. For example, 15-character variable names are fine. Triply nested list comprehensions are not.

The `openff-toolkit` has adopted code formatting tools (“linters”) to maintain consistent style and remove the burden of adhering to these standards by hand. Currently, two are employed:

1. `Black`, the uncompromising code formatter, automatically formats code with a consistent style.
2. `isort`, sorts imports

There is a step in CI that uses these tools to check for a consistent style (see the file `.github/workflows/lint.yml`). These checks will use the most recent versions of each linter. To ensure that changes follow these standards, you can install and run these tools locally:

```
conda install black isort -c conda-forge
black openff
isort openff
```

Anything not covered above is currently up to personal preference, but this may change as new linters are added.

### 9.3.3 Pre-commit

The `pre-commit` tool can *optionally* be used to automate some or all of the above style checks. It automatically runs other programs (“hooks”) when you run `git commit`. It aborts the commit with an exit code if any of the hooks fail, i.e. if black reformats code. This project uses `pre-commit ci`, a free service that enforces style on GitHub using the `pre-commit` framework in CI.

To use `pre-commit` locally, first install it:

```
conda install pre-commit -c conda-forge # also available via pip
```

Then, install the `pre-commit` hooks (note that it installs the linters into an isolated virtual environment, not the current conda environment):

```
pre-commit install
```

Hooks will now run automatically before commits. Once installed, they should run in a total of a few seconds.

If `pre-commit` is not used by the developer and style issues are found, a `pre-commit.ci` bot may commit directly to a PR to make these fixes. This bot should only ever alter styl and never make functional changes to code.

Note that tests (too slow) and type-checking (weird reasons) are not run by `pre-commit`. You should still manually run tests before committing code.

## 9.4 Supported Python versions

The OpenFF Toolkit roughly follows [NEP 29](#). As of version 0.9.1 (March 2021) this means Python 3.7-3.9 is officially supported. We develop, test, and distribute on macOS and Linux-based operating systems. We do not currently support Windows. Some CI builds run using only RDKit as a backend, some run using only OpenEye Toolkits, and some run using both installed at once.

The CI matrix is currently as follows:

	Linux			macOS		
	RDKit	OpenEye	RDKit + OE	RDKit	OpenEye	RDKit + OE
Python 3.6 and older	No support after 0.9.1 (March 2021)					
Python 3.7	<b>Test</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Test</b>
Python 3.8	<b>Test</b>	Skip	Skip	<b>Test</b>	Skip	Skip
Python 3.9	<b>Test</b>	Skip	Skip	<b>Test</b>	Skip	Skip
Python 3.10 and newer	Waiting on official releases and upstream support					





## MOLECULAR TOPOLOGY REPRESENTATIONS

This module provides pure-Python classes for representing molecules and molecular systems. These classes offer several advantages over corresponding Topology objects in [OpenMM](#) and [MDTraj](#), including offering serialization to a variety of standard formats (including [XML](#), [JSON](#), [YAML](#), [BSON](#), [TOML](#), and [MessagePack](#)).

### 10.1 Primary objects

<code>FrozenMolecule</code>	Immutable chemical representation of a molecule, such as a small molecule or biopolymer.
<code>Molecule</code>	Mutable chemical representation of a molecule, such as a small molecule or biopolymer.
<code>Topology</code>	A Topology is a chemical representation of a system containing one or more molecules appearing in a specified order.
<code>TopologyMolecule</code>	TopologyMolecules are built to be an efficient way to store large numbers of copies of the same molecule for parameterization and system preparation.

#### 10.1.1 `openff.toolkit.topology.FrozenMolecule`

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.FrozenMolecule(other=None, file_format=None,  
                                              toolkit_registry=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY,  
                                              allow_undefined_stereo=False)
```

Immutable chemical representation of a molecule, such as a small molecule or biopolymer.

##### Examples

Create a molecule from a sdf file

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule.from_file(sdf_filepath)
```

Convert to OpenEye OEMol object

```
>>> oemol = molecule.to_openeye()
```

Create a molecule from an OpenEye molecule

```
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule.from_openeye(oemol)
```

Convert to RDKit Mol object

```
>>> rdmol = molecule.to_rdkit()
```

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule

```
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule.from_rdkit(rdmol)
```

Create a molecule from IUPAC name (requires the OpenEye toolkit)

```
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
```

Create a molecule from SMILES

```
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
```

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(other=None, file_format=None, toolkit_registry=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY,  
          allow_undefined_stereo=False)
```

Create a new FrozenMolecule object

#### Parameters

- **other** (optional, default=None) – If specified, attempt to construct a copy of the Molecule from the specified object. This can be any one of the following:
  - a `Molecule` object
  - a file that can be used to construct a `Molecule` object
  - an `openeye.oechem.OEMol`
  - an `rdkit.Chem.rdchem.Mol`
  - a serialized `Molecule` object
- **file\_format** (`str`, optional, default=None) – If providing a file-like object, you must specify the format of the data. If providing a file, the file format will attempt to be guessed from the suffix.
- **toolkit\_registry** (a `ToolkitRegistry` or) – `ToolkitWrapper` object, optional, default=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY` `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for I/O operations
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=False) – If loaded from a file and False, raises an exception if undefined stereochemistry is detected during the molecule's construction.

## Examples

Create an empty molecule:

```
>>> empty_molecule = FrozenMolecule()
```

Create a molecule from a file that can be used to construct a molecule, using either a filename or file-like object:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule(open(sdf_filepath, 'r'), file_format='sdf')
```

```
>>> import gzip
>>> mol2_gz_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/toluene.mol2.gz')
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule(gzip.GzipFile(mol2_gz_filepath, 'r'), file_format=
↳ 'mol2')
```

Create a molecule from another molecule:

```
>>> molecule_copy = FrozenMolecule(molecule)
```

Convert to OpenEye OEMol object

```
>>> oemol = molecule.to_openeye()
```

Create a molecule from an OpenEye molecule:

```
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule(oemol)
```

Convert to RDKit Mol object

```
>>> rdmol = molecule.to_rdkit()
```

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule:

```
>>> molecule = FrozenMolecule(rdmol)
```

Create a molecule from a serialized molecule object:

```
>>> serialized_molecule = molecule.__getstate__()
>>> molecule_copy = Molecule(serialized_molecule)
```

## Methods

<code>__init__([other, file_format, ...])</code>	Create a new FrozenMolecule object
<code>apply_elf_conformer_selection([percentage, ...])</code>	Applies the <a href="#">ELF method</a> to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.

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<code>are_isomorphic(mol1, mol2[, ...])</code>	Determines whether the two molecules are isomorphic by comparing their graph representations and the chosen node/edge attributes.
<code>assign_fractional_bond_orders([...])</code>	Update and store list of bond orders this molecule.
<code>assign_partial_charges(partial_charge_method)</code>	Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using an underlying toolkit, and assign the new values to the <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.
<code>canonical_order_atoms([toolkit_registry])</code>	Canonical order the atoms in a copy of the molecule using a toolkit, returns a new copy.
<code>chemical_environment_matches(query[, ...])</code>	Retrieve all matches for a given chemical environment query.
<code>compute_partial_charges_am1bcc([...])</code>	Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using AM1-BCC run by an underlying toolkit and assign them to this molecule's <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.
<code>compute_virtual_site_positions_from_atom_pos</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual sites in this molecule given a set of external coordinates.
<code>compute_virtual_site_positions_from_conformer</code>	Compute the position of all virtual sites given an existing conformer specified by its index.
<code>enumerate_protomers([max_states])</code>	Enumerate the formal charges of a molecule to generate different protomers.
<code>enumerate_stereoisomers([undefined_only, ...])</code>	Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.
<code>enumerate_tautomers([max_states, ...])</code>	Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule
<code>find_rotatable_bonds([...])</code>	Find all bonds classed as rotatable ignoring any matched to the <code>ignore_functional_groups</code> list.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(molecule_dict)</code>	Create a new Molecule from a dictionary representation
<code>from_file(file_path[, file_format, ...])</code>	Create one or more molecules from a file
<code>from_inchi(inchi[, allow_undefined_stereo, ...])</code>	Construct a Molecule from a InChI representation
<code>from_iupac(iupac_name[, toolkit_registry, ...])</code>	Generate a molecule from IUPAC or common name
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_mapped_smiles(mapped_smiles[, ...])</code>	Create an <code>Molecule</code> from a mapped SMILES made with <code>cmiles</code> .
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_openeye(oemol[, allow_undefined_stereo])</code>	Create a Molecule from an OpenEye molecule.
<code>from_pdb_and_smiles(file_path, smiles[, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from a pdb file and a SMILES string using RDKit.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

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<code>from_qcschema(qca_record[, client, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from a QCArchive molecule record or dataset entry based on attached cmiles information.
<code>from_rdkit(rdmol[, allow_undefined_stereo, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from an RDKit molecule.
<code>from_smiles(smiles[, ...])</code>	Construct a Molecule from a SMILES representation
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_topology(topology)</code>	Return a Molecule representation of an OpenFF Topology containing a single Molecule object.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>generate_conformers([toolkit_registry, ...])</code>	Generate conformers for this molecule using an underlying toolkit.
<code>generate_unique_atom_names()</code>	Generate unique atom names using element name and number of times that element has occurred e.g.
<code>get_bond_between(i, j)</code>	Returns the bond between two atoms
<code>is_isomorphic_with(other, **kwargs)</code>	Check if the molecule is isomorphic with the other molecule which can be an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> , or <code>TopologyMolecule</code> or <code>nx.Graph()</code> .
<code>nth_degree_neighbors(n_degrees)</code>	Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is <i>exactly</i> n bonds.
<code>remap(mapping_dict[, current_to_new])</code>	Remap all of the indexes in the molecule to match the given mapping dict
<code>strip_atom_stereochemistry(smarts[, ...])</code>	Delete stereochemistry information for certain atoms, if it is present.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dictionary representation of the molecule.
<code>to_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Write the current molecule to a file or file-like object
<code>to_hill_formula()</code>	Generate the Hill formula of this molecule.
<code>to_inchi([fixed_hydrogens, toolkit_registry])</code>	Create an InChI string for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend.
<code>to_inchikey([fixed_hydrogens, toolkit_registry])</code>	Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend.
<code>to_iupac([toolkit_registry])</code>	Generate IUPAC name from Molecule
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_networkx()</code>	Generate a NetworkX undirected graph from the Molecule.
<code>to_openeye([aromaticity_model])</code>	Create an OpenEye molecule
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_qcschema([multiplicity, conformer, extras])</code>	Create a QCElemental Molecule.
<code>to_rdkit([aromaticity_model])</code>	Create an RDKit molecule

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<code>to_smiles([isomeric, explicit_hydrogens, ...])</code>	Return a canonical isomeric SMILES representation of the current molecule.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_topology()</code>	Return an OpenFF Topology representation containing one copy of this molecule
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

### Attributes

<code>amber_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.
<code>angles</code>	Get an iterator over all i-j-k angles.
<code>atoms</code>	Iterate over all Atom objects.
<code>bonds</code>	Iterate over all Bond objects.
<code>conformers</code>	Returns the list of conformers for this molecule.
<code>has_unique_atom_names</code>	True if the molecule has unique atom names, False otherwise.
<code>hill_formula</code>	Get the Hill formula of the molecule
<code>impropers</code>	Iterate over all improper torsions in the molecule.
<code>n_angles</code>	number of angles in the Molecule.
<code>n_atoms</code>	The number of Atom objects.
<code>n_bonds</code>	The number of Bond objects.
<code>n_conformers</code>	Returns the number of conformers for this molecule.
<code>n_impropers</code>	number of possible improper torsions in the Molecule.
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of Particle objects, which corresponds to how many positions must be used.
<code>n_propers</code>	number of proper torsions in the Molecule.
<code>n_virtual_particles</code>	The number of VirtualParticle objects.
<code>n_virtual_sites</code>	The number of VirtualSite objects.
<code>name</code>	The name (or title) of the molecule
<code>partial_charges</code>	Returns the partial charges (if present) on the molecule.
<code>particles</code>	Iterate over all Particle objects.
<code>propers</code>	Iterate over all proper torsions in the molecule
<code>properties</code>	The properties dictionary of the molecule
<code>smirnoff_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom second in each improper.
<code>torsions</code>	Get an iterator over all i-j-k-l torsions.
<code>total_charge</code>	Return the total charge on the molecule
<code>virtual_sites</code>	Iterate over all VirtualSite objects.

#### property `has_unique_atom_names`

True if the molecule has unique atom names, False otherwise.

**generate\_unique\_atom\_names()**

Generate unique atom names using element name and number of times that element has occurred e.g. 'C1x', 'H1x', 'O1x', 'C2x', ...

The character 'x' is appended to these generated names to reduce the odds that they clash with an atom name or type imported from another source.

**strip\_atom\_stereochemistry(smarts, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)**

Delete stereochemistry information for certain atoms, if it is present. This method can be used to "normalize" molecules imported from different cheminformatics toolkits, which differ in which atom centers are considered stereogenic.

**Parameters**

- **smarts** (`str` or `ChemicalEnvironment`) – Tagged SMARTS with a single atom with index 1. Any matches for this atom will have any assigned stereochemistry information removed.
- **toolkit\_registry** (a `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` object, optional, default=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for I/O operations

**to\_dict()**

Return a dictionary representation of the molecule.

**Returns** **molecule\_dict** (`OrderedDict`) – A dictionary representation of the molecule.

**classmethod from\_dict(molecule\_dict)**

Create a new Molecule from a dictionary representation

**Parameters** **molecule\_dict** (`OrderedDict`) – A dictionary representation of the molecule.

**Returns** **molecule** (`Molecule`) – A Molecule created from the dictionary representation

**to\_smiles(isomeric=True, explicit\_hydrogens=True, mapped=False, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)**

Return a canonical isomeric SMILES representation of the current molecule. A partially mapped smiles can also be generated for atoms of interest by supplying an *atom\_map* to the properties dictionary.

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**Note:** RDKit and OpenEye versions will not necessarily return the same representation.

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**Parameters**

- **isomeric** (bool optional, default= `True`) – return an isomeric smiles
- **explicit\_hydrogens** (bool optional, default=`True`) – return a smiles string containing all hydrogens explicitly
- **mapped** (bool optional, default=`False`) – return a explicit hydrogen mapped smiles, the atoms to be mapped can be controlled by supplying an atom map into the properties dictionary. If no mapping is passed all atoms will be mapped in order, else an atom map dictionary from the current atom index to the map id should be supplied with no duplicates. The map ids (values) should start from 0 or 1.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=`None`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for SMILES conversion

**Returns** `smiles` (*str*) – Canonical isomeric explicit-hydrogen SMILES

### Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> smiles = molecule.to_smiles()
```

**classmethod** `from_inchi`(*inchi*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *toolkit\_registry*=ToolkitRegistry  
containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit)

Construct a Molecule from a InChI representation

#### Parameters

- **inchi** (*str*) – The InChI representation of the molecule.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept InChI with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a InChI with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for InChI-to-molecule conversion

**Returns** `molecule` (openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule)

### Examples

Make cis-1,2-Dichloroethene:

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_inchi('InChI=1S/C2H2Cl2/c3-1-2-4/h1-2H/b2-1-')
```

**to\_inchi**(*fixed\_hydrogens*=False, *toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)

Create an InChI string for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend. InChI is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

#### Parameters

- **fixed\_hydrogens** (*bool*, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for molecule-to-InChI conversion

**Returns** `inchi` (*str*) – The InChI string of the molecule.

**Raises** `InvalidToolkitRegistryError` – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter



**to\_inchikey**(*fixed\_hydrogens=False, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend. InChIKey is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

#### Parameters

- **fixed\_hydrogens** (*bool*, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.
- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolRegistry* or *openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for molecule-to-InChIKey conversion

**Returns inchi\_key** (*str*) – The InChIKey representation of the molecule.

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the toolkit\_registry parameter

**classmethod from\_smiles**(*smiles, hydrogens\_are\_explicit=False, toolkit\_registry=ToolkitRegistry containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit, allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*)

Construct a Molecule from a SMILES representation

#### Parameters

- **smiles** (*str*) – The SMILES representation of the molecule.
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (*bool*, default = False) – If False, the cheminformatics toolkit will perform hydrogen addition
- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry* or *openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept SMILES with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a SMILES with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.

**Returns molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*)

#### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
```

**static are\_isomorphic**(*mol1, mol2, return\_atom\_map=False, aromatic\_matching=True, formal\_charge\_matching=True, bond\_order\_matching=True, atom\_stereochemistry\_matching=True, bond\_stereochemistry\_matching=True, strip\_pyramidal\_n\_atom\_stereo=True, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Determines whether the two molecules are isomorphic by comparing their graph representations and the chosen node/edge attributes. Minimally connections and atomic\_number are checked.

If `nx.Graphs()` are given they must at least have `atomic_number` attributes on nodes. other optional attributes for nodes are: `is_aromatic`, `formal_charge` and `stereochemistry`. optional attributes for edges are: `is_aromatic`, `bond_order` and `stereochemistry`.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **mol1** (an `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.FrozenMolecule` or `TopologyMolecule` or `nx.Graph()`) –
- **mol2** (an `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.FrozenMolecule` or `TopologyMolecule` or `nx.Graph()`) – The molecule to test for isomorphism.
- **return\_atom\_map** (`bool`, default=False, optional) – will return an optional dict containing the atomic mapping.
- **aromatic\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – compare the aromatic attributes of bonds and atoms.
- **formal\_charge\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – compare the formal charges attributes of the atoms.
- **bond\_order\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – compare the bond order on attributes of the bonds.
- **atom\_stereochemistry\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If False, atoms' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **bond\_stereochemistry\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If False, bonds' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **strip\_pyrimidal\_n\_atom\_stereo** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If True, any stereochemistry defined around pyrimidal nitrogen stereocenters will be disregarded in the isomorphism check.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for removing stereochemistry from pyrimidal nitrogens.

#### Returns

- **molecules\_are\_isomorphic** (`bool`)
- **atom\_map** (default=None, Optional,) – [Dict[int,int]] ordered by mol1 indexing {mol1\_index: mol2\_index} If molecules are not isomorphic given input arguments, will return None instead of dict.

**is\_isomorphic\_with**(*other*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Check if the molecule is isomorphic with the other molecule which can be an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`, or `TopologyMolecule` or `nx.Graph()`. Full matching is done using the options described below.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **other** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` or `TopologyMolecule` or `nx.Graph()`) –
- **return\_atom\_map** (`bool`, default=False, optional) – will return an optional dict containing the atomic mapping.
- **aromatic\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) –
- **atoms.** (compare the formal charges attributes of the) –
- **formal\_charge\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) –
- **atoms.** –
- **bond\_order\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) –
- **bonds.** (compare the bond order on attributes of the) –
- **atom\_stereochemistry\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If False, atoms' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **bond\_stereochemistry\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If False, bonds' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **strip\_pyrimidal\_n\_atom\_stereo** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If True, any stereochemistry defined around pyrimidal nitrogen stereocenters will be disregarded in the isomorphism check.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for removing stereochemistry from pyrimidal nitrogens.

Returns **isomorphic** (`bool`)

**generate\_conformers**(`toolkit_registry=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`, `n_conformers=10`,  
`rms_cutoff=None`, `clear_existing=True`, `make_carboxylic_acids_cis=True`)

Generate conformers for this molecule using an underlying toolkit.

If `n_conformers=0`, no toolkit wrapper will be called. If `n_conformers=0` and `clear_existing=True`, `molecule.conformers` will be set to None.

#### Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **n\_conformers** (`int`, default=1) – The maximum number of conformers to produce
- **rms\_cutoff** (`openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped float, in units of distance, optional, default=None) – The minimum RMS value at which two conformers are considered redundant and one is deleted. Precise implementation of this cutoff may be toolkit-dependent. If None, the cutoff is set to be the default value for each `ToolkitWrapper` (generally 1 Angstrom).
- **clear\_existing** (`bool`, default=True) – Whether to overwrite existing conformers for the molecule
- **make\_carboxylic\_acids\_cis** (`bool`, default=True) – Guarantee all conformers have exclusively cis carboxylic acid groups (COOH) by rotating the proton in any trans carboxylic acids 180 degrees around the C-O bond. Works around a bug in

conformer generation by the OpenEye toolkit where trans COOH is much more common than it should be.

### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.generate_conformers()
```

**Raises `InvalidToolkitRegistryError`** – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter

**`compute_virtual_site_positions_from_conformer`**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of all virtual sites given an existing conformer specified by its index.

**Parameters** *conformer\_idx* (`int`) – The index of the conformer.

#### Returns

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**`compute_virtual_site_positions_from_atom_positions`**(*atom\_positions*)

Compute the positions of the virtual sites in this molecule given a set of external coordinates. The coordinates do not need come from an internal conformer, but are assumed to have the same shape and be in the same order.

#### Parameters

- *atom\_positions* (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

#### Returns

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**`apply_elf_conformer_selection`**(*percentage: float = 2.0, limit: int = 10, toolkit\_registry: Optional[Union[ToolkitRegistry, ToolkitWrapper]] = GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY, \*\*kwargs*)

Applies the [ELF method](#) to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.

## Notes

- The input molecule should have a large set of conformers already generated to select the ELF conformers from.
- The selected conformers will be retained in the *conformers* list while unselected conformers will be discarded.

## See also:

`OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.apply_elf_conformer_selection`, `RDKitToolkitWrapper.apply_elf_conformer_selection`

## Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** – The underlying toolkit to use to select the ELF conformers.
- **percentage** – The percentage of conformers with the lowest electrostatic interaction energies to greedily select from.
- **limit** – The maximum number of conformers to select.

`compute_partial_charges_am1bcc`(*use\_conformers=None, strict\_n\_conformers=False, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using AM1-BCC run by an underlying toolkit and assign them to this molecule's *partial\_charges* attribute.

## Parameters

- **strict\_n\_conformers** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.
- **use\_conformers** (*iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays*, each with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default=None) – Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers for the given charge method will be generated.
- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for the calculation

## Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.generate_conformers()
>>> molecule.compute_partial_charges_am1bcc()
```

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the *toolkit\_registry* parameter

`assign_partial_charges`(*partial\_charge\_method, strict\_n\_conformers=False, use\_conformers=None, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY, normalize\_partial\_charges=True*)

Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using an underlying toolkit, and assign the new values to the *partial\_charges* attribute.

### Parameters

- **partial\_charge\_method** (string) – The partial charge calculation method to use for partial charge calculation.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (bool, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays, each with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default=None) – Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for the calculation.
- **normalize\_partial\_charges** (bool, default=True) – Whether to offset partial charges so that they sum to the total formal charge of the molecule. This is used to prevent accumulation of rounding errors when the partial charge assignment method returns values at limited precision.

### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.assign_partial_charges('am1-mulliken')
```

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter

```
assign_fractional_bond_orders(bond_order_model=None,
                             toolkit_registry=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY,
                             use_conformers=None)
```

Update and store list of bond orders this molecule. Bond orders are stored on each bond, in the `bond.fractional_bond_order` attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **bond\_order\_model** (string, optional. Default=None) – The bond order model to use for fractional bond order calculation. If None, “am1-wiberg” will be used.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity(np.array) with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance, optional, default=None) – The conformers to use for fractional bond order calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated by an available ToolkitWrapper.

## Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.assign_fractional_bond_orders()
```

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the toolkit\_registry parameter

### to\_networkx()

Generate a NetworkX undirected graph from the Molecule.

Nodes are Atoms labeled with particle indices and atomic elements (via the element node attribute). Edges denote chemical bonds between Atoms. Virtual sites are not included, since they lack a concept of chemical connectivity.

**Returns graph** (*networkx.Graph*) – The resulting graph, with nodes (atoms) labeled with atom indices, elements, stereochemistry and aromaticity flags and bonds with two atom indices, bond order, stereochemistry, and aromaticity flags

## Examples

Retrieve the bond graph for imatinib (OpenEye toolkit required)

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> nxgraph = molecule.to_networkx()
```

**find\_rotatable\_bonds**(*ignore\_functional\_groups=None*,  
                          *toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Find all bonds classed as rotatable ignoring any matched to the ignore\_functional\_groups list.

### Parameters

- **ignore\_functional\_groups** (optional, List[str], default=None,) – A list of bond SMARTS patterns to be ignored when finding rotatable bonds.
- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry* or *openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMARTS matching

**Returns bonds** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond]*) – The list of openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond instances which are rotatable.

### property partial\_charges

Returns the partial charges (if present) on the molecule.

**Returns partial\_charges** (*a openmm.unit.Quantity - wrapped numpy array [1 x n\_atoms] or None*) – The partial charges on this Molecule's atoms. Returns None if no charges have been specified.

### property n\_particles

The number of Particle objects, which corresponds to how many positions must be used.

### property n\_atoms

The number of Atom objects.

### property n\_virtual\_sites

The number of VirtualSite objects.

**property n\_virtual\_particles**

The number of VirtualParticle objects.

**property n\_bonds**

The number of Bond objects.

**property n\_angles**

number of angles in the Molecule.

Type `int`

**property n\_propers**

number of proper torsions in the Molecule.

Type `int`

**property n\_impropers**

number of possible improper torsions in the Molecule.

Type `int`

**property particles**

Iterate over all Particle objects.

**property atoms**

Iterate over all Atom objects.

**property conformers**

Returns the list of conformers for this molecule. This returns a list of `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped numpy arrays, of shape  $(3 \times n\_atoms)$  and with dimensions of distance. The return value is the actual list of conformers, and changes to the contents affect the original `FrozenMolecule`.

**property n\_conformers**

Returns the number of conformers for this molecule.

**property virtual\_sites**

Iterate over all VirtualSite objects.

**property bonds**

Iterate over all Bond objects.

**property angles**

Get an iterator over all i-j-k angles.

**property torsions**

Get an iterator over all i-j-k-l torsions. Note that i-j-k-i torsions (cycles) are excluded.

Returns **torsions** (*iterable of 4-Atom tuples*)

**property propers**

Iterate over all proper torsions in the molecule

**property impropers**

Iterate over all improper torsions in the molecule.

Returns **impropers** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion.

See also:

`smirnoff_impropers`, `amber_impropers`

**property smirnoff\_impropers**

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom second in each improper.



Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current SMIRNOFF parameterization, three of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angles. These three orderings capture the three unique angles that could be calculated around the improper center, therefore the sum of these three terms will always return a consistent energy.

The exact three orderings that will be applied during parameterization can not be determined in this method, since it requires sorting the particle indices, and those indices may change when this molecule is added to a Topology.

For more details on the use of three-fold ('trefoil') improvers, see <https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#improvertorsions>

**Returns** **improvers** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed second in each tuple.

**See also:**

`improvers`, `amber_improvers`

#### **property** `amber_improvers`

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.

Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current AMBER parameterization, one of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angle. This method does not encode the logic to determine which of the six orderings AMBER would use.

**Returns** **improvers** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed first in each tuple.

**See also:**

`improvers`, `smirnoff_improvers`

#### **nth\_degree\_neighbors**(*n\_degrees*)

Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is *exactly* n bonds. Only pairs with increasing atom indices are returned.

**Parameters** **n** (`int`) – The number of bonds separating atoms in each pair

**Returns** **neighbors** (*iterator of tuple of Atom*) – Tuples (len 2) of atom that are separated by n bonds.

## Notes

The criteria used here relies on minimum distances; when there are multiple valid paths between atoms, such as atoms in rings, the shortest path is considered. For example, two atoms in “meta” positions with respect to each other in a benzene are separated by two paths, one length 2 bonds and the other length 4 bonds. This function would consider them to be 2 apart and would not include them if  $n=4$  was passed.

**property total\_charge**

Return the total charge on the molecule

**property name**

The name (or title) of the molecule

**property properties**

The properties dictionary of the molecule

**property hill\_formula**

Get the Hill formula of the molecule

**to\_hill\_formula()** → *str*

Generate the Hill formula of this molecule.

**Returns formula** (*the Hill formula of the molecule*)

:raises `NotImplementedError` : if the molecule is not of one of the specified types.:

**chemical\_environment\_matches**(*query*, *unique=False*, *toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Retrieve all matches for a given chemical environment query.

**Parameters**

- **query** (*str* or `ChemicalEnvironment`) – SMARTS string (with one or more tagged atoms) or `ChemicalEnvironment` query. Query will internally be resolved to SMIRKS using `query.asSMIRKS()` if it has an `.asSMIRKS` method.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for chemical environment matches

**Returns matches** (*list of atom index tuples*) – A list of tuples, containing the indices of the matching atoms.

## Examples

Retrieve all the carbon-carbon bond matches in a molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> matches = molecule.chemical_environment_matches('[#6X3:1]~[#6X3:2]')
```

**classmethod from\_iupac**(*iupac\_name*, *toolkit\_registry=ToolkitRegistry containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Generate a molecule from IUPAC or common name

**Parameters**

- **iupac\_name** (*str*) – IUPAC name of molecule to be generated

- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for chemical environment matches
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=`False`) – If false, raises an exception if molecule contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns**

- **molecule** (*Molecule*) – The resulting molecule with position
- .. note :: This method requires the *OpenEye* toolkit to be installed.

**Examples**

Create a molecule from an IUPAC name

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('4-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-N-(4-methyl-
↳ 3-{[4-(pyridin-3-yl)pyrimidin-2-yl]amino}phenyl)benzamide')
```

Create a molecule from a common name

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
```

**to\_iupac**(*toolkit\_registry*=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`)  
Generate IUPAC name from *Molecule*

**Returns**

- **iupac\_name** (*str*) – IUPAC name of the molecule
- .. note :: This method requires the *OpenEye* toolkit to be installed.

**Examples**

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> iupac_name = molecule.to_iupac()
```

**classmethod from\_topology**(*topology*)

Return a *Molecule* representation of an *OpenFF Topology* containing a single *Molecule* object.

**Parameters** *topology* (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The *Topology* object containing a single *Molecule* object. Note that *OpenMM* and *MDTraj* *Topology* objects are not supported.

**Returns** *molecule* (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The *Molecule* object in the *topology*

**Raises** `ValueError` – If the *topology* does not contain exactly one molecule.

## Examples

Create a molecule from a Topology object that contains exactly one molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_topology(topology)
```

### to\_topology()

Return an OpenFF Topology representation containing one copy of this molecule

**Returns** **topology** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Topology*) – A Topology representation of this molecule

## Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> topology = molecule.to_topology()
```

**classmethod** **from\_file**(*file\_path*, *file\_format=None*, *toolkit\_registry=ToolkitRegistry containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*)

Create one or more molecules from a file

### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str* or file-like object) – The path to the file or file-like object to stream one or more molecules from.
- **file\_format** (*str*, optional, default=None) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. 'MOL2', 'SMI') Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for your loaded toolkits for details.
- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry* or *openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*,) –
- **optional** – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for file loading. If a Toolkit is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used
- **default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY** – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for file loading. If a Toolkit is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** **molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – If there is a single molecule in the file, a Molecule is returned; otherwise, a list of Molecule objects is returned.

## Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_monomer_mol2_file_path
>>> mol2_file_path = get_monomer_mol2_file_path('cyclohexane')
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_file(mol2_file_path)
```

**to\_file**(*file\_path*, *file\_format*, *toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Write the current molecule to a file or file-like object

### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str* or file-like object) – A file-like object or the path to the file to be written.

- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, one of ['MOL2', 'MOL2H', 'SDF', 'PDB', 'SMI', 'CAN', 'TDT'] Note that not all toolkits support all formats
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`,) –
- **optional** – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for file writing. If a Toolkit is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used
- **default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY** – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for file writing. If a Toolkit is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used

**Raises** **ValueError** – If the requested file\_format is not supported by one of the installed cheminformatics toolkits

### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> molecule.to_file('imatinib.mol2', file_format='mol2')
>>> molecule.to_file('imatinib.sdf', file_format='sdf')
>>> molecule.to_file('imatinib.pdb', file_format='pdb')
```

**enumerate\_tautomers**(*max\_states=20, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule

#### Parameters

- **max\_states** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use to enumerate the tautomers.

**Returns** **molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*) – A list of `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` instances not including the input molecule.

**enumerate\_stereoisomers**(*undefined\_only=False, max\_isomers=20, rationalise=True, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.

#### Parameters

- **undefined\_only** (bool optional, default=False) – If we should enumerate all stereocenters and bonds or only those with undefined stereochemistry
- **max\_isomers** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned
- **rationalise** (bool optional, default=True) – If we should try to build and rationalise the molecule to ensure it can exist
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use to enumerate the stereoisomers.

**Returns** **molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*) – A list of `Molecule` instances not including the input molecule.

**enumerate\_protomers**(*max\_states=10*)

Enumerate the formal charges of a molecule to generate different protomers.

**Parameters** **max\_states** (int optional, default=10,) – The maximum number of protomer states to be returned.

**Returns** **molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*,) – A list of the protomers of the input molecules not including the input.

**classmethod** **from\_rdkit**(*rdmol, allow\_undefined\_stereo=False, hydrogens\_are\_explicit=False*)

Create a Molecule from an RDKit molecule.

Requires the RDKit to be installed.

**Parameters**

- **rdmol** (*rdkit.RDMol*) – An RDKit molecule
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, raises an exception if rdmol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, RDKit will perform hydrogen addition using Chem.AddHs

**Returns** **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An OpenFF molecule

### Examples

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> rdmol = Chem.MolFromMolFile(get_data_file_path('systems/monomers/ethanol.sdf'))
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_rdkit(rdmol)
```

**to\_rdkit**(*aromaticity\_model=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL*)

Create an RDKit molecule

Requires the RDKit to be installed.

**Parameters** **aromaticity\_model** (*str*, optional, default=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL) – The aromaticity model to use

**Returns** **rdmol** (*rdkit.RDMol*) – An RDKit molecule

### Examples

Convert a molecule to RDKit

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> rdmol = molecule.to_rdkit()
```

**classmethod** **from\_openeye**(*oemol, allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*)

Create a Molecule from an OpenEye molecule.

Requires the OpenEye toolkit to be installed.

**Parameters**

- **oemol** (openeye.oechem.OEMol) – An OpenEye molecule
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (bool, default=False) – If False, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An OpenFF molecule

### Examples

Create a Molecule from an OpenEye OEMol

```
>>> from openeye import oechem
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> ifs = oechem.oemolistream(get_data_file_path('systems/monomers/ethanol.mol2'))
>>> oemols = list(ifs.GetOEGraphMols())
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_openeye(oemols[0])
```

**to\_qcschema**(multiplicity=1, conformer=0, extras=None)

Create a QCElemental Molecule.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **multiplicity** (int, default=1,) – The multiplicity of the molecule; sets molecular\_multiplicity field for QCElemental Molecule.
- **conformer** (int, default=0,) – The index of the conformer to use for the QCElemental Molecule geometry.
- **extras** (dict, default=None) – A dictionary that should be included in the extras field on the QCElemental Molecule. This can be used to include extra information, such as a smiles representation.

**Returns** *qcelemental.models.Molecule* – A validated QCElemental Molecule.

### Examples

Create a QCElemental Molecule:

```
>>> import qcelemental as qcel
>>> mol = Molecule.from_smiles('CC')
>>> mol.generate_conformers(n_conformers=1)
>>> qcemol = mol.to_qcschema()
```

### Raises

- **MissingDependencyError** – If qcelemental is not installed, the qcschema can not be validated.
- **InvalidConformerError** – No conformer found at the given index.

**classmethod** `from_mapped_smiles`(*mapped\_smiles*, *toolkit\_registry*=*ToolkitRegistry* containing *The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=*False*)  
Create an `Molecule` from a mapped SMILES made with cmiles. The molecule will be in the order of the indexing in the mapped smiles string.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **mapped\_smiles** (*str*,) – A CMILES-style mapped smiles string with explicit hydrogens.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=*False*) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** `offmol` (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`) – An OpenFF molecule instance.

**Raises** `SmilesParsingError` – If the given SMILES had no indexing picked up by the toolkits.

**classmethod** `from_qcschema`(*qca\_record*, *client*=*None*, *toolkit\_registry*=*ToolkitRegistry* containing *The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=*False*)  
Create a `Molecule` from a QCArchive molecule record or dataset entry based on attached cmiles information.

For a molecule record, a conformer will be set from its geometry.

For a dataset entry, if a corresponding client instance is provided, the starting geometry for that entry will be used as a conformer.

A QCElemental Molecule produced from `Molecule.to_qcschema` can be round-tripped through this method to produce a new, valid `Molecule`.

#### Parameters

- **qca\_record** (*dict*) – A QCArchive molecule record or dataset entry.
- **client** (optional, default=*None*,) – A `qcportal.FractalClient` instance to use for fetching an initial geometry. Only used if *qca\_record* is a dataset entry.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=*False*) – If false, raises an exception if *qca\_record* contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** `molecule` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – An OpenFF molecule instance.



## Examples

Get Molecule from a QCArchive molecule record:

```
>>> from qcportal import FractalClient
>>> client = FractalClient()
>>> offmol = Molecule.from_qcschema(client.query_molecules(molecular_formula=
↳ "C16H20N3O5")[0])
```

Get Molecule from a QCArchive optimization entry:

```
>>> from qcportal import FractalClient
>>> client = FractalClient()
>>> optds = client.get_collection("OptimizationDataset",
                                "SMIRNOFF Coverage Set 1")
>>> offmol = Molecule.from_qcschema(optds.get_entry('coc(o)oc-0'))
```

Same as above, but with conformer(s) from initial molecule(s) by providing client to database:

```
>>> offmol = Molecule.from_qcschema(optds.get_entry('coc(o)oc-0'), client=client)
```

## Raises

- **AttributeError** –
  - If the record dict can not be made from qca\_record. - If a client is passed and it could not retrieve the initial molecule.
- **KeyError** – If the dict does not contain the canonical\_isomeric\_explicit\_hydrogen\_mapped\_smiles.
- **InvalidConformerError** – Silent error, if the conformer could not be attached.

**classmethod** `from_pdb_and_smiles(file_path, smiles, allow_undefined_stereo=False)`

Create a Molecule from a pdb file and a SMILES string using RDKit.

Requires RDKit to be installed.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

The molecule is created and sanitised based on the SMILES string, we then find a mapping between this molecule and one from the PDB based only on atomic number and connections. The SMILES molecule is then reindexed to match the PDB, the conformer is attached, and the molecule returned.

Note that any stereochemistry in the molecule is set by the SMILES, and not the coordinates of the PDB.

## Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str*) – PDB file path
- **smiles** (*str*) – a valid smiles string for the pdb, used for stereochemistry, formal charges, and bond order
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if SMILES contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** `molecule` (*openff.toolkit.Molecule*) – An OFFMol instance with ordering the same as used in the PDB file.

**Raises** `InvalidConformerError` – If the SMILES and PDB molecules are not isomorphic.

**canonical\_order\_atoms**(*toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Canonical order the atoms in a copy of the molecule using a toolkit, returns a new copy.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry* or *openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*, optional) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion

Returns

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- **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An new OpenFF style molecule with atoms in the canonical order.

**remap**(*mapping\_dict, current\_to\_new=True*)

Remap all of the indexes in the molecule to match the given mapping dict

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **mapping\_dict** (*dict*,) – A dictionary of the mapping between indexes, this should start from 0.
- **current\_to\_new** (*bool*, default=True) – If this is True, then mapping\_dict is of the form {current\_index: new\_index}; otherwise, it is of the form {new\_index: current\_index}

**Returns** `new_molecule` (*openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule*) – An *openff.toolkit.Molecule* instance with all attributes transferred, in the PDB order.

**to\_openeye**(*aromaticity\_model=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL*)

Create an OpenEye molecule

Requires the OpenEye toolkit to be installed.

**Parameters** **aromaticity\_model** (*str*, optional, default=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL)  
– The aromaticity model to use

**Returns** `oemol` (*openeye.ochem.OEMol*) – An OpenEye molecule

## Examples

Create an OpenEye molecule from a Molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CC')
>>> oemol = molecule.to_openeye()
```

**classmethod** `from_bson(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – Instantiated object

**get\_bond\_between**(*i, j*)

Returns the bond between two atoms

**Parameters**

- **i** (*int* or *Atom*) – Atoms or atom indices to check
- **j** (*int* or *Atom*) – Atoms or atom indices to check

**Returns** `bond` (*Bond*) – The bond between i and j.

**to\_bson**()

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json**(*indent=None*)

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack**()

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle**()

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml**()

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml**(*indent=2*)

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

`to_yaml()`

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

## 10.1.2 openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule

**class** `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule(*args, **kwargs)`

Mutable chemical representation of a molecule, such as a small molecule or biopolymer.

### Examples

Create a molecule from an sdf file

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
```

Convert to OpenEye OEMol object

```
>>> oemol = molecule.to_openeye()
```

Create a molecule from an OpenEye molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_openeye(oemol)
```

Convert to RDKit Mol object

```
>>> rdmol = molecule.to_rdkit()
```

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_rdkit(rdmol)
```

Create a molecule from IUPAC name (requires the OpenEye toolkit)

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
```

Create a molecule from SMILES

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
```

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__(*args, **kwargs)`

Create a new Molecule object

**Parameters** **other** (optional, default=None) – If specified, attempt to construct a copy of the Molecule from the specified object. This can be any one of the following:

- a Molecule object
- a file that can be used to construct a Molecule object
- an openeye.ochem.OEMol
- an rdkit.Chem.rdchem.Mol
- a serialized Molecule object

## Examples

Create an empty molecule:

```
>>> empty_molecule = Molecule()
```

Create a molecule from a file that can be used to construct a molecule, using either a filename or file-like object:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> molecule = Molecule(open(sdf_filepath, 'r'), file_format='sdf')
```

```
>>> import gzip
>>> mol2_gz_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/toluene.mol2.gz')
>>> molecule = Molecule(gzip.GzipFile(mol2_gz_filepath, 'r'), file_format='mol2')
```

Create a molecule from another molecule:

```
>>> molecule_copy = Molecule(molecule)
```

Convert to OpenEye OEMol object

```
>>> oemol = molecule.to_openeye()
```

Create a molecule from an OpenEye molecule:

```
>>> molecule = Molecule(oemol)
```

Convert to RDKit Mol object

```
>>> rdmol = molecule.to_rdkit()
```

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule:

```
>>> molecule = Molecule(rdmol)
```

Create a molecule from a serialized molecule object:

```
>>> serialized_molecule = molecule.__getstate__()
>>> molecule_copy = Molecule(serialized_molecule)
```

## Methods

<code>__init__(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Create a new Molecule object
<code>add_atom(atomic_number, formal_charge, ...)</code>	Add an atom
<code>add_bond(atom1, atom2, bond_order, is_aromatic)</code>	Add a bond between two specified atom indices
<code>add_bond_charge_virtual_site(atoms, ...)</code>	Add a virtual site representing the charge on a bond.
<code>add_conformer(coordinates)</code>	Add a conformation of the molecule
<code>add_divalent_lone_pair_virtual_site(atoms, ...)</code>	Create a divalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.
<code>add_monovalent_lone_pair_virtual_site(atoms, ...)</code>	Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.
<code>add_trivalent_lone_pair_virtual_site(atoms, ...)</code>	Create a trivalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of four atoms.
<code>apply_elf_conformer_selection([percentage, ...])</code>	Applies the <a href="#">ELF method</a> to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.
<code>are_isomorphic(mol1, mol2[, ...])</code>	Determines whether the two molecules are isomorphic by comparing their graph representations and the chosen node/edge attributes.
<code>assign_fractional_bond_orders([...])</code>	Update and store list of bond orders this molecule.
<code>assign_partial_charges(partial_charge_method)</code>	Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using an underlying toolkit, and assign the new values to the <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.
<code>canonical_order_atoms([toolkit_registry])</code>	Canonical order the atoms in a copy of the molecule using a toolkit, returns a new copy.
<code>chemical_environment_matches(query[, ...])</code>	Retrieve all matches for a given chemical environment query.
<code>compute_partial_charges_am1bcc([...])</code>	Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using AM1-BCC run by an underlying toolkit and assign them to this molecule's <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.
<code>compute_virtual_site_positions_from_atom_positions([...])</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual sites in this molecule given a set of external coordinates.
<code>compute_virtual_site_positions_from_conformer([...])</code>	Compute the position of all virtual sites given an existing conformer specified by its index.
<code>enumerate_protomers([max_states])</code>	Enumerate the formal charges of a molecule to generate different protomoers.
<code>enumerate_stereoisomers([undefined_only, ...])</code>	Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.
<code>enumerate_tautomers([max_states, ...])</code>	Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule
<code>find_rotatable_bonds([...])</code>	Find all bonds classed as rotatable ignoring any matched to the <code>ignore_functional_groups</code> list.

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<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(molecule_dict)</code>	Create a new Molecule from a dictionary representation
<code>from_file(file_path[, file_format, ...])</code>	Create one or more molecules from a file
<code>from_inchi(inchi[, allow_undefined_stereo, ...])</code>	Construct a Molecule from a InChI representation
<code>from_iupac(iupac_name[, toolkit_registry, ...])</code>	Generate a molecule from IUPAC or common name
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_mapped_smiles(mapped_smiles[, ...])</code>	Create an Molecule from a mapped SMILES made with cmiles.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_openeye(oemol[, allow_undefined_stereo])</code>	Create a Molecule from an OpenEye molecule.
<code>from_pdb_and_smiles(file_path, smiles[, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from a pdb file and a SMILES string using RDKit.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_qcschema(qca_record[, client, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from a QCArchive molecule record or dataset entry based on attached cmiles information.
<code>from_rdkit(rdmol[, allow_undefined_stereo, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from an RDKit molecule.
<code>from_smiles(smiles[, ...])</code>	Construct a Molecule from a SMILES representation
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_topology(topology)</code>	Return a Molecule representation of an OpenFF Topology containing a single Molecule object.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>generate_conformers([toolkit_registry, ...])</code>	Generate conformers for this molecule using an underlying toolkit.
<code>generate_unique_atom_names()</code>	Generate unique atom names using element name and number of times that element has occurred e.g.
<code>get_bond_between(i, j)</code>	Returns the bond between two atoms
<code>is_isomorphic_with(other, **kwargs)</code>	Check if the molecule is isomorphic with the other molecule which can be an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> , or <code>TopologyMolecule</code> or <code>nx.Graph()</code> .
<code>nth_degree_neighbors(n_degrees)</code>	Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is <i>exactly</i> n bonds.
<code>remap(mapping_dict[, current_to_new])</code>	Remap all of the indexes in the molecule to match the given mapping dict

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<code>strip_atom_stereochemistry(smarts[, ...])</code>	Delete stereochemistry information for certain atoms, if it is present.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dictionary representation of the molecule.
<code>to_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Write the current molecule to a file or file-like object
<code>to_hill_formula()</code>	Generate the Hill formula of this molecule.
<code>to_inchi([fixed_hydrogens, toolkit_registry])</code>	Create an InChI string for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend.
<code>to_inchikey([fixed_hydrogens, toolkit_registry])</code>	Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend.
<code>to_iupac([toolkit_registry])</code>	Generate IUPAC name from Molecule
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_networkx()</code>	Generate a NetworkX undirected graph from the Molecule.
<code>to_openeye([aromaticity_model])</code>	Create an OpenEye molecule
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_qcschema([multiplicity, conformer, extras])</code>	Create a QCElemental Molecule.
<code>to_rdkit([aromaticity_model])</code>	Create an RDKit molecule
<code>to_smiles([isomeric, explicit_hydrogens, ...])</code>	Return a canonical isomeric SMILES representation of the current molecule.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_topology()</code>	Return an OpenFF Topology representation containing one copy of this molecule
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.
<code>visualize([backend, width, height, ...])</code>	Render a visualization of the molecule in Jupyter

### Attributes

<code>amber_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.
<code>angles</code>	Get an iterator over all i-j-k angles.
<code>atoms</code>	Iterate over all Atom objects.
<code>bonds</code>	Iterate over all Bond objects.
<code>conformers</code>	Returns the list of conformers for this molecule.
<code>has_unique_atom_names</code>	True if the molecule has unique atom names, False otherwise.
<code>hill_formula</code>	Get the Hill formula of the molecule
<code>impropers</code>	Iterate over all improper torsions in the molecule.
<code>n_angles</code>	number of angles in the Molecule.
<code>n_atoms</code>	The number of Atom objects.
<code>n_bonds</code>	The number of Bond objects.
<code>n_conformers</code>	Returns the number of conformers for this molecule.

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<code>n_impropers</code>	number of possible improper torsions in the Molecule.
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of Particle objects, which corresponds to how many positions must be used.
<code>n_propers</code>	number of proper torsions in the Molecule.
<code>n_virtual_particles</code>	The number of VirtualParticle objects.
<code>n_virtual_sites</code>	The number of VirtualSite objects.
<code>name</code>	The name (or title) of the molecule
<code>partial_charges</code>	Returns the partial charges (if present) on the molecule.
<code>particles</code>	Iterate over all Particle objects.
<code>propers</code>	Iterate over all proper torsions in the molecule
<code>properties</code>	The properties dictionary of the molecule
<code>smirnoff_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom second in each improper.
<code>torsions</code>	Get an iterator over all i-j-k-l torsions.
<code>total_charge</code>	Return the total charge on the molecule
<code>virtual_sites</code>	Iterate over all VirtualSite objects.

**property `amber_impropers`**

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.

Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current AMBER parameterization, one of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angle. This method does not encode the logic to determine which of the six orderings AMBER would use.

**Returns `impropers`** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed first in each tuple.

**See also:**

`impropers`, `smirnoff_impropers`

**property `angles`**

Get an iterator over all i-j-k angles.

**`apply_elf_conformer_selection`**(*percentage: float = 2.0, limit: int = 10, toolkit\_registry: Optional[Union[ToolkitRegistry, ToolkitWrapper]] = GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY, \*\*kwargs*)

Applies the [ELF method](#) to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.

## Notes

- The input molecule should have a large set of conformers already generated to select the ELF conformers from.
- The selected conformers will be retained in the *conformers* list while unselected conformers will be discarded.

## See also:

OpenEyeToolkitWrapper.apply\_elf\_conformer\_selection, RDKitToolkitWrapper.apply\_elf\_conformer\_selection

## Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** – The underlying toolkit to use to select the ELF conformers.
- **percentage** – The percentage of conformers with the lowest electrostatic interaction energies to greedily select from.
- **limit** – The maximum number of conformers to select.

```
static are_isomorphic(mol1, mol2, return_atom_map=False, aromatic_matching=True,
                      formal_charge_matching=True, bond_order_matching=True,
                      atom_stereochemistry_matching=True, bond_stereochemistry_matching=True,
                      strip_pyrimidal_n_atom_stereo=True,
                      toolkit_registry=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY)
```

Determines whether the two molecules are isomorphic by comparing their graph representations and the chosen node/edge attributes. Minimally connections and atomic\_number are checked.

If nx.Graphs() are given they must at least have atomic\_number attributes on nodes. other optional attributes for nodes are: is\_aromatic, formal\_charge and stereochemistry. optional attributes for edges are: is\_aromatic, bond\_order and stereochemistry.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

## Parameters

- **mol1** (an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.FrozenMolecule or TopologyMolecule or nx.Graph()) –
- **mol2** (an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.FrozenMolecule or TopologyMolecule or nx.Graph()) – The molecule to test for isomorphism.
- **return\_atom\_map** (bool, default=False, optional) – will return an optional dict containing the atomic mapping.
- **aromatic\_matching** (bool, default=True, optional) – compare the aromatic attributes of bonds and atoms.
- **formal\_charge\_matching** (bool, default=True, optional) – compare the formal charges attributes of the atoms.
- **bond\_order\_matching** (bool, default=True, optional) – compare the bond order on attributes of the bonds.
- **atom\_stereochemistry\_matching** (bool, default=True, optional) – If False, atoms' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.

- **bond\_stereochemistry\_matching** (*bool*, default=True, optional) – If False, bonds' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **strip\_pyrimidal\_n\_atom\_stereo** (*bool*, default=True, optional) – If True, any stereochemistry defined around pyrimidal nitrogen stereocenters will be disregarded in the isomorphism check.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for removing stereochemistry from pyrimidal nitrogens.

#### Returns

- **molecules\_are\_isomorphic** (*bool*)
- **atom\_map** (*default=None, Optional,*) – [Dict[int,int]] ordered by mol1 indexing {mol1\_index: mol2\_index} If molecules are not isomorphic given input arguments, will return None instead of dict.

**assign\_fractional\_bond\_orders**(*bond\_order\_model=None*,  
*toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*,  
*use\_conformers=None*)

Update and store list of bond orders this molecule. Bond orders are stored on each bond, in the `bond.fractional_bond_order` attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **bond\_order\_model** (string, optional. Default=None) – The bond order model to use for fractional bond order calculation. If None, “am1-wiberg” will be used.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of `openmm.unit.Quantity(np.array)` with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance, optional, default=None) – The conformers to use for fractional bond order calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated by an available ToolkitWrapper.

#### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.assign_fractional_bond_orders()
```

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter

**assign\_partial\_charges**(*partial\_charge\_method*, *strict\_n\_conformers=False*, *use\_conformers=None*,  
*toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*,  
*normalize\_partial\_charges=True*)

Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using an underlying toolkit, and assign the new values to the `partial_charges` attribute.

### Parameters

- **partial\_charge\_method** (string) – The partial charge calculation method to use for partial charge calculation.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (bool, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays, each with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default=None) – Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for the calculation.
- **normalize\_partial\_charges** (bool, default=True) – Whether to offset partial charges so that they sum to the total formal charge of the molecule. This is used to prevent accumulation of rounding errors when the partial charge assignment method returns values at limited precision.

### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.assign_partial_charges('am1-mulliken')
```

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the toolkit\_registry parameter

#### property atoms

Iterate over all Atom objects.

#### property bonds

Iterate over all Bond objects.

**canonical\_order\_atoms**(toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)

Canonical order the atoms in a copy of the molecule using a toolkit, returns a new copy.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper, optional) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion

Returns

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- **molecule** (openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule) – An new OpenFF style molecule with atoms in the canonical order.

**chemical\_environment\_matches**(*query*, *unique=False*, *toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)  
Retrieve all matches for a given chemical environment query.

#### Parameters

- **query** (*str* or `ChemicalEnvironment`) – SMARTS string (with one or more tagged atoms) or `ChemicalEnvironment` query. Query will internally be resolved to SMIRKS using `query.asSMIRKS()` if it has an `.asSMIRKS` method.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for chemical environment matches

**Returns** **matches** (*list of atom index tuples*) – A list of tuples, containing the indices of the matching atoms.

#### Examples

Retrieve all the carbon-carbon bond matches in a molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> matches = molecule.chemical_environment_matches('[#6X3:1]~[#6X3:2]')
```

**compute\_partial\_charges\_am1bcc**(*use\_conformers=None*, *strict\_n\_conformers=False*,  
*toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Calculate partial atomic charges for this molecule using AM1-BCC run by an underlying toolkit and assign them to this molecule's `partial_charges` attribute.

#### Parameters

- **strict\_n\_conformers** (*bool*, default=`False`) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is `False` and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.
- **use\_conformers** (*iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays*, each with shape (`n_atoms`, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default=`None`) – Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If `None`, an appropriate number of conformers for the given charge method will be generated.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=`None`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for the calculation

#### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.generate_conformers()
>>> molecule.compute_partial_charges_am1bcc()
```

**Raises** **InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter

**compute\_virtual\_site\_positions\_from\_atom\_positions**(*atom\_positions*)

Compute the positions of the virtual sites in this molecule given a set of external coordinates. The coordinates do not need come from an internal conformer, but are assumed to have the same shape and be in the same order.

**Parameters**

- **atom\_positions** (openmm.unit.Quantity of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- **numpy.ndarray** – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

**Returns**

- openmm.unit.Quantity of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- **numpy.ndarray** – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**compute\_virtual\_site\_positions\_from\_conformer**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of all virtual sites given an existing conformer specified by its index.

**Parameters** **conformer\_idx** (**int**) – The index of the conformer.

**Returns**

- openmm.unit.Quantity of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- **numpy.ndarray** – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**property conformers**

Returns the list of conformers for this molecule. This returns a list of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays, of shape (3 x n\_atoms) and with dimensions of distance. The return value is the actual list of conformers, and changes to the contents affect the original FrozenMolecule.

**enumerate\_protomers**(*max\_states=10*)

Enumerate the formal charges of a molecule to generate different protomoers.

**Parameters** **max\_states** (int optional, default=10,) – The maximum number of protomer states to be returned.

**Returns** **molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*,) – A list of the protomers of the input molecules not including the input.

**enumerate\_stereoisomers**(*undefined\_only=False, max\_isomers=20, rationalise=True, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.

**Parameters**

- **undefined\_only** (bool optional, default=False) – If we should enumerate all stereocenters and bonds or only those with undefined stereochemistry
- **max\_isomers** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned
- **rationalise** (bool optional, default=True) – If we should try to build and rationalise the molecule to ensure it can exist
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper,

default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use to enumerate the stereoisomers.

**Returns molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*) – A list of `Molecule` instances not including the input molecule.

**enumerate\_tautomers**(*max\_states=20, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)  
Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule

**Parameters**

- **max\_states** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use to enumerate the tautomers.

**Returns molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*) – A list of `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` instances not including the input molecule.

**find\_rotatable\_bonds**(*ignore\_functional\_groups=None, toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Find all bonds classed as rotatable ignoring any matched to the `ignore_functional_groups` list.

**Parameters**

- **ignore\_functional\_groups** (optional, *List[str]*, default=None,) – A list of bond SMARTS patterns to be ignored when finding rotatable bonds.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMARTS matching

**Returns bonds** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond]*) – The list of `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond` instances which are rotatable.

**classmethod from\_bson**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_dict**(*molecule\_dict*)

Create a new `Molecule` from a dictionary representation

**Parameters molecule\_dict** (*OrderedDict*) – A dictionary representation of the molecule.

**Returns molecule** (*Molecule*) – A `Molecule` created from the dictionary representation

**classmethod from\_file**(*file\_path, file\_format=None, toolkit\_registry=ToolkitRegistry containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit, allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*)

Create one or more molecules from a file

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str* or file-like object) – The path to the file or file-like object to stream one or more molecules from.



- **file\_format** (*str*, optional, default=None) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. 'MOL2', 'SMI') Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for your loaded toolkits for details.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`,) –
- **optional** – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for file loading. If a `Toolkit` is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used
- **default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY** – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for file loading. If a `Toolkit` is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** **molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – If there is a single molecule in the file, a `Molecule` is returned; otherwise, a list of `Molecule` objects is returned.

### Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_monomer_mol2_file_path
>>> mol2_file_path = get_monomer_mol2_file_path('cyclohexane')
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_file(mol2_file_path)
```

**classmethod** **from\_inchi**(*inchi*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *toolkit\_registry*=`ToolkitRegistry` containing *The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*)

Construct a `Molecule` from a InChI representation

#### Parameters

- **inchi** (*str*) – The InChI representation of the molecule.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept InChI with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a InChI with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for InChI-to-molecule conversion

**Returns** **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`)

### Examples

Make cis-1,2-Dichloroethene:

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_inchi('InChI=1S/C2H2Cl2/c3-1-2-4/h1-2H/b2-1-')
```

**classmethod** **from\_iupac**(*iupac\_name*, *toolkit\_registry*=`ToolkitRegistry` containing *The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\*\*kwargs*)

Generate a molecule from IUPAC or common name

#### Parameters

- **iupac\_name** (*str*) – IUPAC name of molecule to be generated

- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=`GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for chemical environment matches
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=`False`) – If false, raises an exception if molecule contains undefined stereochemistry.

#### Returns

- **molecule** (*Molecule*) – The resulting molecule with position
- .. note :: This method requires the *OpenEye* toolkit to be installed.

#### Examples

Create a molecule from an IUPAC name

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('4-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-N-(4-methyl-
↳ 3-{[4-(pyridin-3-yl)pyrimidin-2-yl]amino}phenyl)benzamide')
```

Create a molecule from a common name

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
```

**classmethod** `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_mapped_smiles(mapped_smiles, toolkit_registry=ToolkitRegistry containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit, allow_undefined_stereo=False)`

Create an `Molecule` from a mapped SMILES made with `cmiles`. The molecule will be in the order of the indexing in the mapped smiles string.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **mapped\_smiles** (`str`,) – A CMILES-style mapped smiles string with explicit hydrogens.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=`False`) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** `offmol` (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`) – An OpenFF molecule instance.

**Raises** `SmilesParsingError` – If the given SMILES had no indexing picked up by the toolkits.

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_openeye(oemol, allow_undefined_stereo=False)`

Create a Molecule from an OpenEye molecule.

Requires the OpenEye toolkit to be installed.

**Parameters**

- `oemol` (`openeye.ochem.OEMol`) – An OpenEye molecule
- `allow_undefined_stereo` (`bool`, `default=False`) – If False, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns** `molecule` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – An OpenFF molecule

## Examples

Create a Molecule from an OpenEye OEMol

```
>>> from openeye import ochem
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> ifs = ochem.oemolistream(get_data_file_path('systems/monomers/ethanol.mol2'))
>>> oemols = list(ifs.GetOEGraphMols())
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_openeye(oemols[0])
```

**classmethod** `from_pdb_and_smiles(file_path, smiles, allow_undefined_stereo=False)`

Create a Molecule from a pdb file and a SMILES string using RDKit.

Requires RDKit to be installed.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

The molecule is created and sanitised based on the SMILES string, we then find a mapping between this molecule and one from the PDB based only on atomic number and connections. The SMILES molecule is then reindexed to match the PDB, the conformer is attached, and the molecule returned.

Note that any stereochemistry in the molecule is set by the SMILES, and not the coordinates of the PDB.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (`str`) – PDB file path
- `smiles` (`str`) – a valid smiles string for the pdb, used for stereochemistry, formal charges, and bond order
- `allow_undefined_stereo` (`bool`, `default=False`) – If false, raises an exception if SMILES contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns molecule** (*openff.toolkit.Molecule*) – An OFFMol instance with ordering the same as used in the PDB file.

**Raises InvalidConformerError** – If the SMILES and PDB molecules are not isomorphic.

**classmethod from\_pickle**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_qcschema**(*qca\_record*, *client=None*, *toolkit\_registry=ToolkitRegistry containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*)

Create a Molecule from a QCArchive molecule record or dataset entry based on attached cmiles information.

For a molecule record, a conformer will be set from its geometry.

For a dataset entry, if a corresponding client instance is provided, the starting geometry for that entry will be used as a conformer.

A QCElemental Molecule produced from `Molecule.to_qcschema` can be round-tripped through this method to produce a new, valid Molecule.

#### Parameters

- **qca\_record** (*dict*) – A QCArchive molecule record or dataset entry.
- **client** (optional, default=None,) – A qcportal.FractalClient instance to use for fetching an initial geometry. Only used if qca\_record is a dataset entry.
- **toolkit\_registry** (*openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry* or *openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper*, optional) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if qca\_record contains undefined stereochemistry.

**Returns molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An OpenFF molecule instance.

#### Examples

Get Molecule from a QCArchive molecule record:

```
>>> from qcportal import FractalClient
>>> client = FractalClient()
>>> offmol = Molecule.from_qcschema(client.query_molecules(molecular_formula=
↳ "C16H20N3O5")[0])
```

Get Molecule from a QCArchive optimization entry:

```
>>> from qcportal import FractalClient
>>> client = FractalClient()
>>> optds = client.get_collection("OptimizationDataset",
                                "SMIRNOFF Coverage Set 1")
>>> offmol = Molecule.from_qcschema(optds.get_entry('coc(o)oc-0'))
```

Same as above, but with conformer(s) from initial molecule(s) by providing client to database:

```
>>> offmol = Molecule.from_qcschema(optds.get_entry('coc(o)oc-0'), client=client)
```

#### Raises

- **AttributeError** –
  - If the record dict can not be made from qca\_record. - If a client is passed and it could not retrieve the initial molecule.
- **KeyError** – If the dict does not contain the canonical\_isomeric\_explicit\_hydrogen\_mapped\_smiles.
- **InvalidConformerError** – Silent error, if the conformer could not be attached.

**classmethod from\_rdkit**(rdmol, allow\_undefined\_stereo=False, hydrogens\_are\_explicit=False)  
Create a Molecule from an RDKit molecule.

Requires the RDKit to be installed.

#### Parameters

- **rdmol** (rdkit.RDMol) – An RDKit molecule
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (bool, default=False) – If False, raises an exception if rdmol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (bool, default=False) – If False, RDKit will perform hydrogen addition using Chem.AddHs

**Returns molecule** (openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule) – An OpenFF molecule

#### Examples

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> rdmol = Chem.MolFromMolFile(get_data_file_path('systems/monomers/ethanol.sdf'))
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_rdkit(rdmol)
```

**classmethod from\_smiles**(smiles, hydrogens\_are\_explicit=False, toolkit\_registry=ToolkitRegistry  
containing The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit,  
allow\_undefined\_stereo=False)

Construct a Molecule from a SMILES representation

#### Parameters

- **smiles** (str) – The SMILES representation of the molecule.
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (bool, default = False) – If False, the cheminformatics toolkit will perform hydrogen addition

- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to accept SMILES with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a SMILES with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.

**Returns** `molecule` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`)

### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
```

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_topology(topology)`

Return a Molecule representation of an OpenFF Topology containing a single Molecule object.

**Parameters** `topology (openff.toolkit.topology.Topology)` – The `Topology` object containing a single `Molecule` object. Note that OpenMM and MDTraj Topology objects are not supported.

**Returns** `molecule (openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule)` – The Molecule object in the topology

**Raises** `ValueError` – If the topology does not contain exactly one molecule.

### Examples

Create a molecule from a Topology object that contains exactly one molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_topology(topology)
```

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object

**generate\_conformers**(*toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY, *n\_conformers*=10, *rms\_cutoff*=None, *clear\_existing*=True, *make\_carboxylic\_acids\_cis*=True)

Generate conformers for this molecule using an underlying toolkit.

If *n\_conformers*=0, no toolkit wrapper will be called. If *n\_conformers*=0 and *clear\_existing*=True, *molecule.conformers* will be set to None.

#### Parameters

- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for SMILES-to-molecule conversion
- **n\_conformers** (`int`, default=1) – The maximum number of conformers to produce
- **rms\_cutoff** (`openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped float, in units of distance, optional, default=None) – The minimum RMS value at which two conformers are considered redundant and one is deleted. Precise implementation of this cutoff may be toolkit-dependent. If None, the cutoff is set to be the default value for each ToolkitWrapper (generally 1 Angstrom).
- **clear\_existing** (`bool`, default=True) – Whether to overwrite existing conformers for the molecule
- **make\_carboxylic\_acids\_cis** (`bool`, default=True) – Guarantee all conformers have exclusively cis carboxylic acid groups (COOH) by rotating the proton in any trans carboxylic acids 180 degrees around the C-O bond. Works around a bug in conformer generation by the OpenEye toolkit where trans COOH is much more common than it should be.

#### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CCCCC')
>>> molecule.generate_conformers()
```

**Raises InvalidToolkitRegistryError** – If an invalid object is passed as the *toolkit\_registry* parameter

**generate\_unique\_atom\_names**()

Generate unique atom names using element name and number of times that element has occurred e.g. 'C1x', 'H1x', 'O1x', 'C2x', ...

The character 'x' is appended to these generated names to reduce the odds that they clash with an atom name or type imported from another source.

**get\_bond\_between**(*i*, *j*)

Returns the bond between two atoms

#### Parameters

- **i** (`int` or `Atom`) – Atoms or atom indices to check
- **j** (`int` or `Atom`) – Atoms or atom indices to check

**Returns** *bond* (`Bond`) – The bond between *i* and *j*.

**property has\_unique\_atom\_names**

True if the molecule has unique atom names, False otherwise.

**property** `hill_formula`

Get the Hill formula of the molecule

**property** `impropers`

Iterate over all improper torsions in the molecule.

**Returns** `impropers` (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion.

**See also:**

`smirnoff_impropers`, `amber_impropers`

**is\_isomorphic\_with**(*other*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Check if the molecule is isomorphic with the other molecule which can be an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`, or `TopologyMolecule` or `nx.Graph()`. Full matching is done using the options described below.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters**

- **other** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` or `TopologyMolecule` or `nx.Graph()`) –
- **return\_atom\_map** (`bool`, default=False, optional) – will return an optional dict containing the atomic mapping.
- **aromatic\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) –
- **atoms.** (compare the formal charges attributes of the) –
- **formal\_charge\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) –
- **atoms.** –
- **bond\_order\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) –
- **bonds.** (compare the bond order on attributes of the) –
- **atom\_stereochemistry\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If False, atoms' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **bond\_stereochemistry\_matching** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If False, bonds' stereochemistry is ignored for the purpose of determining equality.
- **strip\_pyrimidal\_n\_atom\_stereo** (`bool`, default=True, optional) – If True, any stereochemistry defined around pyrimidal nitrogen stereocenters will be disregarded in the isomorphism check.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for removing stereochemistry from pyrimidal nitrogens.

**Returns** `isomorphic` (*bool*)

**property** `n_angles`

number of angles in the Molecule.

Type `int`



**property n\_atoms**

The number of Atom objects.

**property n\_bonds**

The number of Bond objects.

**property n\_conformers**

Returns the number of conformers for this molecule.

**property n\_impropers**

number of possible improper torsions in the Molecule.

Type `int`

**property n\_particles**

The number of Particle objects, which corresponds to how many positions must be used.

**property n\_propers**

number of proper torsions in the Molecule.

Type `int`

**property n\_virtual\_particles**

The number of VirtualParticle objects.

**property n\_virtual\_sites**

The number of VirtualSite objects.

**property name**

The name (or title) of the molecule

**nth\_degree\_neighbors(*n\_degrees*)**

Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is *exactly* *n* bonds. Only pairs with increasing atom indices are returned.

**Parameters** *n* (`int`) – The number of bonds separating atoms in each pair

**Returns** **neighbors** (*iterator of tuple of Atom*) – Tuples (len 2) of atom that are separated by *n* bonds.

**Notes**

The criteria used here relies on minimum distances; when there are multiple valid paths between atoms, such as atoms in rings, the shortest path is considered. For example, two atoms in “meta” positions with respect to each other in a benzene are separated by two paths, one length 2 bonds and the other length 4 bonds. This function would consider them to be 2 apart and would not include them if *n*=4 was passed.

**property partial\_charges**

Returns the partial charges (if present) on the molecule.

**Returns** **partial\_charges** (*a openmm.unit.Quantity - wrapped numpy array [1 x n\_atoms] or None*) – The partial charges on this Molecule’s atoms. Returns None if no charges have been specified.

**property particles**

Iterate over all Particle objects.

**property propers**

Iterate over all proper torsions in the molecule

**property properties**

The properties dictionary of the molecule

**remap**(*mapping\_dict*, *current\_to\_new*=True)

Remap all of the indexes in the molecule to match the given mapping dict

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters**

- **mapping\_dict** (*dict*,) – A dictionary of the mapping between indexes, this should start from 0.
- **current\_to\_new** (*bool*, default=True) – If this is True, then mapping\_dict is of the form {current\_index: new\_index}; otherwise, it is of the form {new\_index: current\_index}

**Returns new\_molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule*) – An openff.toolkit.Molecule instance with all attributes transferred, in the PDB order.

**property smirnoff\_impropers**

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom second in each improper.

Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current SMIRNOFF parameterization, three of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angles. These three orderings capture the three unique angles that could be calculated around the improper center, therefore the sum of these three terms will always return a consistent energy.

The exact three orderings that will be applied during parameterization can not be determined in this method, since it requires sorting the particle indices, and those indices may change when this molecule is added to a Topology.

For more details on the use of three-fold ('trefoil') improvers, see <https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#improvertorsions>

**Returns improvers** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed second in each tuple.

**See also:**

[improvers](#), [amber\\_improvers](#)

**strip\_atom\_stereochemistry**(*smarts*, *toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)

Delete stereochemistry information for certain atoms, if it is present. This method can be used to "normalize" molecules imported from different cheminformatics toolkits, which differ in which atom centers are considered stereogenic.

**Parameters**

- **smarts** (*str* or *ChemicalEnvironment*) – Tagged SMARTS with a single atom with index 1. Any matches for this atom will have any assigned stereochemistry information removed.

- **toolkit\_registry** (a ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper object, optional, default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for I/O operations

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_dict()**

Return a dictionary representation of the molecule.

**Returns** **molecule\_dict** (*OrderedDict*) – A dictionary representation of the molecule.

**to\_file**(*file\_path*, *file\_format*, *toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)

Write the current molecule to a file or file-like object

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str* or file-like object) – A file-like object or the path to the file to be written.
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, one of ['MOL2', 'MOL2H', 'SDF', 'PDB', 'SMI', 'CAN', 'TDT'] Note that not all toolkits support all formats
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`,) –
- **optional** – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for file writing. If a Toolkit is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used
- **default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY** – ToolkitRegistry or ToolkitWrapper to use for file writing. If a Toolkit is passed, only the highest-precedence toolkit is used

**Raises** **ValueError** – If the requested *file\_format* is not supported by one of the installed cheminformatics toolkits

#### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> molecule.to_file('imatinib.mol2', file_format='mol2')
>>> molecule.to_file('imatinib.sdf', file_format='sdf')
>>> molecule.to_file('imatinib.pdb', file_format='pdb')
```

**to\_hill\_formula()** → *str*

Generate the Hill formula of this molecule.

**Returns** **formula** (*the Hill formula of the molecule*)

:raises NotImplementedError : if the molecule is not of one of the specified types.:

**to\_inchi**(*fixed\_hydrogens*=False, *toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)

Create an InChI string for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend. InChI is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

#### Parameters

- **fixed\_hydrogens** (*bool*, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for molecule-to-InChI conversion

**Returns** *inchi* (*str*) – The InChI string of the molecule.

**Raises** `InvalidToolkitRegistryError` – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter

**to\_inchikey**(*fixed\_hydrogens=False*, *toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the requested toolkit backend. InChIKey is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

#### Parameters

- **fixed\_hydrogens** (*bool*, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for molecule-to-InChIKey conversion

**Returns** *inchi\_key* (*str*) – The InChIKey representation of the molecule.

**Raises** `InvalidToolkitRegistryError` – If an invalid object is passed as the `toolkit_registry` parameter

**to\_iupac**(*toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*)

Generate IUPAC name from Molecule

#### Returns

- **iupac\_name** (*str*) – IUPAC name of the molecule
- .. note :: This method requires the *OpenEye* toolkit to be installed.

#### Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> iupac_name = molecule.to_iupac()
```

**to\_json**(*indent=None*)

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** *indent* (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_networkx()**

Generate a NetworkX undirected graph from the Molecule.

Nodes are Atoms labeled with particle indices and atomic elements (via the `element` node attribute). Edges denote chemical bonds between Atoms. Virtual sites are not included, since they lack a concept of chemical connectivity.

**Returns graph** (*networkx.Graph*) – The resulting graph, with nodes (atoms) labeled with atom indices, elements, stereochemistry and aromaticity flags and bonds with two atom indices, bond order, stereochemistry, and aromaticity flags

### Examples

Retrieve the bond graph for imatinib (OpenEye toolkit required)

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> nxgraph = molecule.to_networkx()
```

**to\_openeye**(*aromaticity\_model=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL*)

Create an OpenEye molecule

Requires the OpenEye toolkit to be installed.

**Parameters aromaticity\_model** (*str*, optional, default=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL)  
– The aromaticity model to use

**Returns oemol** (*openeye.oechem.OEMol*) – An OpenEye molecule

### Examples

Create an OpenEye molecule from a Molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CC')
>>> oemol = molecule.to_openeye()
```

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_qcschema**(*multiplicity=1, conformer=0, extras=None*)

Create a QCElemental Molecule.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **multiplicity** (`int`, `default=1`,) – The multiplicity of the molecule; sets `molecular_multiplicity` field for QCElemental Molecule.
- **conformer** (`int`, `default=0`,) – The index of the conformer to use for the QCElemental Molecule geometry.
- **extras** (`dict`, `default=None`) – A dictionary that should be included in the `extras` field on the QCElemental Molecule. This can be used to include extra information, such as a smiles representation.

**Returns** `qcelestial.models.Molecule` – A validated QCElemental Molecule.

### Examples

Create a QCElemental Molecule:

```
>>> import qcelestial as qcel
>>> mol = Molecule.from_smiles('CC')
>>> mol.generate_conformers(n_conformers=1)
>>> qcemol = mol.to_qcschema()
```

### Raises

- **MissingDependencyError** – If `qcelestial` is not installed, the `qcschema` can not be validated.
- **InvalidConformerError** – No conformer found at the given index.

**to\_rdkit**(`aromaticity_model=DEFAULT_AROMATICITY_MODEL`)

Create an RDKit molecule

Requires the RDKit to be installed.

**Parameters** `aromaticity_model` (`str`, optional, `default=DEFAULT_AROMATICITY_MODEL`)  
– The aromaticity model to use

**Returns** `rdmol` (`rdkit.RDMol`) – An RDKit molecule

### Examples

Convert a molecule to RDKit

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> rdmol = molecule.to_rdkit()
```

**to\_smiles**(`isomeric=True`, `explicit_hydrogens=True`, `mapped=False`,  
`toolkit_registry=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`)

Return a canonical isomeric SMILES representation of the current molecule. A partially mapped smiles can also be generated for atoms of interest by supplying an `atom_map` to the properties dictionary.

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**Note:** RDKit and OpenEye versions will not necessarily return the same representation.

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### Parameters

- **isomeric** (bool optional, default= True) – return an isomeric smiles
- **explicit\_hydrogens** (bool optional, default=True) – return a smiles string containing all hydrogens explicitly
- **mapped** (bool optional, default=False) – return a explicit hydrogen mapped smiles, the atoms to be mapped can be controlled by supplying an atom map into the properties dictionary. If no mapping is passed all atoms will be mapped in order, else an atom map dictionary from the current atom index to the map id should be supplied with no duplicates. The map ids (values) should start from 0 or 1.
- **toolkit\_registry** (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry` or `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`, optional, default=None) – `ToolkitRegistry` or `ToolkitWrapper` to use for SMILES conversion

**Returns** **smiles** (*str*) – Canonical isomeric explicit-hydrogen SMILES

### Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> smiles = molecule.to_smiles()
```

### **to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

### **to\_topology()**

Return an OpenFF Topology representation containing one copy of this molecule

**Returns** **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – A Topology representation of this molecule

### Examples

```
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('imatinib')
>>> topology = molecule.to_topology()
```

### **to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** **indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**property torsions**

Get an iterator over all i-j-k-l torsions. Note that i-j-k-i torsions (cycles) are excluded.

**Returns** **torsions** (*iterable of 4-Atom tuples*)

**property total\_charge**

Return the total charge on the molecule

**property virtual\_sites**

Iterate over all VirtualSite objects.

**add\_atom(atomic\_number, formal\_charge, is\_aromatic, stereochemistry=None, name=None)**

Add an atom

**Parameters**

- **atomic\_number** (*int*) – Atomic number of the atom
- **formal\_charge** (*int*) – Formal charge of the atom
- **is\_aromatic** (*bool*) – If True, atom is aromatic; if False, not aromatic
- **stereochemistry** (*str*, optional, default=None) – Either 'R' or 'S' for specified stereochemistry, or None if stereochemistry is irrelevant
- **name** (*str*, optional) – An optional name for the atom

**Returns** **index** (*int*) – The index of the atom in the molecule

## Examples

Define a methane molecule

```
>>> molecule = Molecule()
>>> molecule.name = 'methane'
>>> C = molecule.add_atom(6, 0, False)
>>> H1 = molecule.add_atom(1, 0, False)
>>> H2 = molecule.add_atom(1, 0, False)
>>> H3 = molecule.add_atom(1, 0, False)
>>> H4 = molecule.add_atom(1, 0, False)
>>> bond_idx = molecule.add_bond(C, H1, False, 1)
>>> bond_idx = molecule.add_bond(C, H2, False, 1)
>>> bond_idx = molecule.add_bond(C, H3, False, 1)
>>> bond_idx = molecule.add_bond(C, H4, False, 1)
```

**add\_bond\_charge\_virtual\_site(atoms, distance, \*\*kwargs)**

Add a virtual site representing the charge on a bond.

Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of two atoms. This supports placement of a virtual site *S* along a vector between two specified atoms, e.g. to allow for a sigma hole for halogens or similar contexts. With positive values of the distance, the virtual site lies outside the first indexed atom.

**Parameters**



- **atoms** (list of `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **charge\_increments** (list of floats of shape [N], optional, default=None) – The amount of charge to remove from the VirtualSite’s atoms and put in the VirtualSite. Indexing in this list should match the ordering in the atoms list. Default is None.
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=None) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **name** (string or None, default='') – The name of this virtual site. Default is ''.
- **symmetric** (`bool`, default=True) – Whether to make virtual site symmetric by creating two particles instead of just one. As an example, for N<sub>2</sub> this should be set to True to model both lone pairs with the same parameters.

**Returns** `index` (`int`) – The index of the newly-added virtual site in the molecule

**add\_monovalent\_lone\_pair\_virtual\_site**(*atoms*, *distance*, *out\_of\_plane\_angle*, *in\_plane\_angle*,  
\*\**kwargs*)

Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.

#### Parameters

- **atoms** (list of three `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The three atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **out\_of\_plane\_angle** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Angle] wrapping) –
- **scalar** (`a`) –
- **in\_plane\_angle** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Angle] wrapping `a`) –
- **scalar** –
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=None) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **name** (string or None, default='') – The name of this virtual site. Default is ''.
- **symmetric** (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to make virtual site symmetric by creating two particles instead of just one. Note that because this site is defined is placed on the noncentral atom, setting this to True will place one particle on atom1, and the other on atom3.

**Returns** `index` (`int`) – The index of the newly-added virtual site in the molecule

**add\_divalent\_lone\_pair\_virtual\_site**(*atoms*, *distance*, *out\_of\_plane\_angle*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a divalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.

**Parameters**

- **atoms** (list of three `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The three atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **out\_of\_plane\_angle** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Angle] wrapping) –
- **scalar** (a) –
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=None) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **name** (string or None, default='') – The name of this virtual site. Default is "".
- **symmetric** (`bool`, default=True) – Whether to make virtual site symmetric by creating two particles instead of just one. As an example, for TIP5 should be set to True to model both lone pairs with the same parameters.

**Returns** **index** (`int`) – The index of the newly-added virtual site in the molecule

**add\_trivalent\_lone\_pair\_virtual\_site**(*atoms*, *distance*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a trivalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of four atoms.

**Parameters**

- **atoms** (list of four `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The four atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=None) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **name** (string or None, default='') – The name of this virtual site. Default is "".

**Returns** **index** (`int`) – The index of the newly-added virtual site in the molecule

**add\_bond**(*atom1*, *atom2*, *bond\_order*, *is\_aromatic*, *stereochemistry=None*, *fractional\_bond\_order=None*)

Add a bond between two specified atom indices

**Parameters**

- **atom1** (`int` or `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom`) – Index of first atom
- **atom2** (`int` or `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom`) – Index of second atom
- **bond\_order** (`int`) – Integral bond order of Kekulized form
- **is\_aromatic** (`bool`) – True if this bond is aromatic, False otherwise

- **stereochemistry** (*str*, optional, default=None) – Either 'E' or 'Z' for specified stereochemistry, or None if stereochemistry is irrelevant
- **fractional\_bond\_order** (*float*, optional, default=None) – The fractional (eg. Wiberg) bond order

**Returns** *index* (*int*) – Index of the bond in this molecule

**add\_conformer**(*coordinates*)

Add a conformation of the molecule

**Parameters** *coordinates* (openmm.unit.Quantity(np.array) with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance) – Coordinates of the new conformer, with the first dimension of the array corresponding to the atom index in the Molecule's indexing system.

**Returns** *index* (*int*) – The index of this conformer

**visualize**(*backend*='rdkit', *width*=None, *height*=None, *show\_all\_hydrogens*=True)

Render a visualization of the molecule in Jupyter

**Parameters**

- **backend** (*str*, optional, default='rdkit') – Which visualization engine to use. Choose from:
  - rdkit
  - openeye
  - nglview (conformers needed)
- **width** (*int*, optional, default=500) – Width of the generated representation (only applicable to backend=openeye or backend=rdkit)
- **height** (*int*, optional, default=300) – Width of the generated representation (only applicable to backend=openeye or backend=rdkit)
- **show\_all\_hydrogens** (*bool*, optional, default=True) – Whether to explicitly depict all hydrogen atoms. (only applicable to backend=openeye or backend=rdkit)

**Returns**

*object* – Depending on the backend chosen:

- rdkit → IPython.display.SVG
- openeye → IPython.display.Image
- nglview → nglview.NGLWidget

### 10.1.3 openff.toolkit.topology.Topology

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.**Topology**(*other*=None)

A Topology is a chemical representation of a system containing one or more molecules appearing in a specified order.

As of the 0.7.0 release, the Topology particle indexing system puts all atoms before all virtualsites. This ensures that atoms keep the same Topology particle index value, even if the Topology is modified during system creation by the addition of virtual sites.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

## Examples

Import some utilities

```
>>> from openmm import app
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path, get_packmol_pdb_file_path
>>> pdb_filepath = get_packmol_pdb_file_path('cyclohexane_ethanol_0.4_0.6')
>>> monomer_names = ('cyclohexane', 'ethanol')
```

Create a Topology object from a PDB file and sdf files defining the molecular contents

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule, Topology
>>> pdbfile = app.PDBFile(pdb_filepath)
>>> sdf_filepaths = [get_data_file_path(f'systems/monomers/{name}.sdf') for name in
↳ monomer_names]
>>> unique_molecules = [Molecule.from_file(sdf_filepath) for sdf_filepath in sdf_
↳ filepaths]
>>> topology = Topology.from_openmm(pdbfile.topology, unique_molecules=unique_molecules)
```

Create a Topology object from a PDB file and IUPAC names of the molecular contents

```
>>> pdbfile = app.PDBFile(pdb_filepath)
>>> unique_molecules = [Molecule.from_iupac(name) for name in monomer_names]
>>> topology = Topology.from_openmm(pdbfile.topology, unique_molecules=unique_molecules)
```

Create an empty Topology object and add a few copies of a single benzene molecule

```
>>> topology = Topology()
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_iupac('benzene')
>>> molecule_topology_indices = [topology.add_molecule(molecule) for index in range(10)]
```

`__init__`(*other=None*)

Create a new Topology.

**Parameters** *other* (optional, default=None) – If specified, attempt to construct a copy of the Topology from the specified object. This might be a Topology object, or a file that can be used to construct a Topology object or serialized Topology object.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>[other]</i> )	Create a new Topology.
<code>add_constraint</code> ( <i>iatom, jatom[, distance]</i> )	Mark a pair of atoms as constrained.
<code>add_molecule</code> ( <i>molecule[, ...]</i> )	Add a Molecule to the Topology.
<code>add_particle</code> ( <i>particle</i> )	Add a Particle to the Topology.
<code>assert_bonded</code> ( <i>atom1, atom2</i> )	Raise an exception if the specified atoms are not bonded in the topology.
<code>atom</code> ( <i>atom_topology_index</i> )	Get the TopologyAtom at a given Topology atom index.

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<code>bond(bond_topology_index)</code>	Get the TopologyBond at a given Topology bond index.
<code>chemical_environment_matches(query[, ...])</code>	Retrieve all matches for a given chemical environment query.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_mdtraj(mdtraj_topology[, unique_molecules])</code>	Construct an OpenFF Topology object from an MDTraj Topology object.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_molecules(molecules)</code>	Create a new Topology object containing one copy of each of the specified molecule(s).
<code>from_openmm(openmm_topology[, unique_molecules])</code>	Construct an OpenFF Topology object from an OpenMM Topology object.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>get_bond_between(i, j)</code>	Returns the bond between two atoms
<code>is_bonded(i, j)</code>	Returns True if the two atoms are bonded
<code>is_constrained(iatom, jatom)</code>	Check if a pair of atoms are marked as constrained.
<code>nth_degree_neighbors(n_degrees)</code>	Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is <i>exactly</i> n bonds.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_file(filename, positions[, file_format, ...])</code>	Save coordinates and topology to a PDB file.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_openmm([ensure_unique_atom_names])</code>	Create an OpenMM Topology object.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.
<code>virtual_site(vsite_topology_index)</code>	Get the TopologyAtom at a given Topology atom index.

## Attributes

<code>amber_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.
<code>angles</code>	iterator over the angles in this Topology.
<code>aromaticity_model</code>	Get the aromaticity model applied to all molecules in the topology.
<code>box_vectors</code>	Return the box vectors of the topology, if specified
<code>charge_model</code>	Get the partial charge model applied to all molecules in the topology.
<code>constrained_atom_pairs</code>	Returns the constrained atom pairs of the Topology
<code>fractional_bond_order_model</code>	Get the fractional bond order model for the Topology.
<code>impropers</code>	iterator over the possible improper torsions in this Topology.
<code>is_periodic</code>	Return whether or not this Topology is intended to be described with periodic boundary conditions.
<code>n_angles</code>	number of angles in this Topology.
<code>n_impropers</code>	number of possible improper torsions in this Topology.
<code>n_propers</code>	number of proper torsions in this Topology.
<code>n_reference_molecules</code>	Returns the number of reference (unique) molecules in in this Topology.
<code>n_topology_atoms</code>	Returns the number of topology atoms in in this Topology.
<code>n_topology_bonds</code>	Returns the number of TopologyBonds in in this Topology.
<code>n_topology_molecules</code>	Returns the number of topology molecules in in this Topology.
<code>n_topology_particles</code>	Returns the number of topology particles (TopologyAtoms and TopologyVirtualSites) in in this Topology.
<code>n_topology_virtual_sites</code>	Returns the number of TopologyVirtualSites in in this Topology.
<code>propers</code>	iterator over the proper torsions in this Topology.
<code>reference_molecules</code>	Get an iterator of reference molecules in this Topology.
<code>smirnoff_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom second in each improper.
<code>topology_atoms</code>	Returns an iterator over the atoms in this Topology.
<code>topology_bonds</code>	Returns an iterator over the bonds in this Topology
<code>topology_molecules</code>	Returns an iterator over all the Topology-Molecules in this Topology

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<code>topology_particles</code>	Returns an iterator over the particles (Topology-Atoms and TopologyVirtualSites) in this Topology.
<code>topology_virtual_sites</code>	Get an iterator over the virtual sites in this Topology.

**property reference\_molecules**

Get an iterator of reference molecules in this Topology.

**Returns** *iterable of openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*

**classmethod from\_molecules(molecules)**

Create a new Topology object containing one copy of each of the specified molecule(s).

**Parameters** `molecules` (`Molecule` or iterable of `Molecules`) – One or more molecules to be added to the Topology

**Returns** `topology` (`Topology`) – The Topology created from the specified molecule(s)

**assert\_bonded(atom1, atom2)**

Raise an exception if the specified atoms are not bonded in the topology.

**Parameters**

- `atom1` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Atom` or `int`) – The atoms or atom topology indices to check to ensure they are bonded
- `atom2` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Atom` or `int`) – The atoms or atom topology indices to check to ensure they are bonded

**property aromaticity\_model**

Get the aromaticity model applied to all molecules in the topology.

**Returns** `aromaticity_model` (`str`) – Aromaticity model in use.

**property box\_vectors**

Return the box vectors of the topology, if specified

**Returns** `box_vectors` (`openmm.unit.Quantity wrapped numpy array of shape (3, 3)`) – The unit-wrapped box vectors of this topology

**property is\_periodic**

Return whether or not this Topology is intended to be described with periodic boundary conditions.

**property charge\_model**

Get the partial charge model applied to all molecules in the topology.

**Returns** `charge_model` (`str`) – Charge model used for all molecules in the Topology.

**property constrained\_atom\_pairs**

Returns the constrained atom pairs of the Topology

**Returns** `constrained_atom_pairs` (`dict`) – dictionary of the form `d[(atom1_topology_index, atom2_topology_index)] = distance (float)`

**property fractional\_bond\_order\_model**

Get the fractional bond order model for the Topology.

**Returns** `fractional_bond_order_model` (`str`) – Fractional bond order model in use.

**property n\_reference\_molecules**

Returns the number of reference (unique) molecules in in this Topology.

Returns **n\_reference\_molecules** (*int*)

**property n\_topology\_molecules**

Returns the number of topology molecules in in this Topology.

Returns **n\_topology\_molecules** (*int*)

**property topology\_molecules**

Returns an iterator over all the TopologyMolecules in this Topology

Returns **topology\_molecules** (*Iterable of TopologyMolecule*)

**property n\_topology\_atoms**

Returns the number of topology atoms in in this Topology.

Returns **n\_topology\_atoms** (*int*)

**property topology\_atoms**

Returns an iterator over the atoms in this Topology. These will be in ascending order of topology index (Note that this is not necessarily the same as the reference molecule index)

Returns **topology\_atoms** (*Iterable of TopologyAtom*)

**property n\_topology\_bonds**

Returns the number of TopologyBonds in in this Topology.

Returns **n\_bonds** (*int*)

**property topology\_bonds**

Returns an iterator over the bonds in this Topology

Returns **topology\_bonds** (*Iterable of TopologyBond*)

**property n\_topology\_particles**

Returns the number of topology particles (TopologyAtoms and TopologyVirtualSites) in in this Topology.

Returns **n\_topology\_particles** (*int*)

**property topology\_particles**

Returns an iterator over the particles (TopologyAtoms and TopologyVirtualSites) in this Topology. The TopologyAtoms will be in order of ascending Topology index (Note that this may differ from the order of atoms in the reference molecule index).

Returns **topology\_particles** (*Iterable of TopologyAtom and TopologyVirtualSite*)

**property n\_topology\_virtual\_sites**

Returns the number of TopologyVirtualSites in in this Topology.

Returns **n\_virtual\_sites** (*iterable of TopologyVirtualSites*)

**property topology\_virtual\_sites**

Get an iterator over the virtual sites in this Topology

Returns **topology\_virtual\_sites** (*Iterable of TopologyVirtualSite*)

**property n\_angles**

number of angles in this Topology.

Type *int*

**property angles**

iterator over the angles in this Topology.

Type *Iterable of Tuple[TopologyAtom]*



**property** `n_propers`

number of proper torsions in this Topology.

Type `int`

**property** `propers`

iterator over the proper torsions in this Topology.

Type `Iterable of Tuple[TopologyAtom]`

**property** `n_impropers`

number of possible improper torsions in this Topology.

Type `int`

**property** `impropers`

iterator over the possible improper torsions in this Topology.

Type `Iterable of Tuple[TopologyAtom]`

**property** `smirnoff_impropers`

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom second in each improper.

Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current SMIRNOFF parameterization, three of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angles. These three orderings capture the three unique angles that could be calculated around the improper center, therefore the sum of these three terms will always return a consistent energy.

For more details on the use of three-fold ('trefoil') improvers, see <https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#improvertorsions>

**Returns** `impropers` (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed second in each tuple.

**See also:**

`impropers`, `amber_impropers`

**property** `amber_impropers`

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.

Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current AMBER parameterization, one of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angle. This method does not encode the logic to determine which of the six orderings AMBER would use.

**Returns** `impropers` (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed first in each tuple.

**See also:**

`impropers`, `smirnoff_impropers`

**nth\_degree\_neighbors**(*n\_degrees*: *int*)

Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is *exactly* *n* bonds. Only pairs with increasing atom indices are returned.

**Parameters** *n* (*int*) – The number of bonds separating atoms in each pair

**Returns** **neighbors** (*iterator of tuple of TopologyAtom*) – Tuples (len 2) of atom that are separated by *n* bonds.

## Notes

The criteria used here relies on minimum distances; when there are multiple valid paths between atoms, such as atoms in rings, the shortest path is considered. For example, two atoms in “meta” positions with respect to each other in a benzene are separated by two paths, one length 2 bonds and the other length 4 bonds. This function would consider them to be 2 apart and would not include them if *n*=4 was passed.

**chemical\_environment\_matches**(*query*, *aromaticity\_model*='MDL', *unique*=False,  
                                  *toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY)

Retrieve all matches for a given chemical environment query.

TODO:

- Do we want to generalize this to other kinds of queries too, like mdtraj DSL, pymol selections, atom index slices, etc? We could just call it `topology.matches(query)`

## Parameters

- **query** (*str* or *ChemicalEnvironment*) – SMARTS string (with one or more tagged atoms) or *ChemicalEnvironment* query. Query will internally be resolved to SMARTS using `query.as_smarts()` if it has an `.as_smarts` method.
- **aromaticity\_model** (*str*) – Override the default aromaticity model for this topology and use the specified aromaticity model instead. Allowed values: ['MDL']

**Returns** **matches** (*list of Topology.ChemicalEnvironmentMatch*) – A list of tuples, containing the topology indices of the matching atoms.

**to\_dict**()

Convert to dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_dict**(*d*)

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_openmm**(*openmm\_topology*, *unique\_molecules*=None)

Construct an OpenFF Topology object from an OpenMM Topology object.

## Parameters

- **openmm\_topology** (*openmm.app.Topology*) – An OpenMM Topology object
- **unique\_molecules** (*iterable of objects that can be used to construct unique Molecule objects*) – All unique molecules must be provided, in any order, though multiple copies of each molecule are allowed. The atomic elements and bond connectivity will be used to match the reference molecules to molecule graphs appearing in the OpenMM Topology. If bond orders are present in the OpenMM Topology, these will be used in matching as well.

**Returns** **topology** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Topology*) – An OpenFF Topology object

**to\_openmm**(*ensure\_unique\_atom\_names=True*)

Create an OpenMM Topology object.

The OpenMM Topology object will have one residue per topology molecule. Currently, the number of chains depends on how many copies of the same molecule are in the Topology. Molecules with more than 5 copies are all assigned to a single chain, otherwise one chain is created for each molecule. This behavior may change in the future.

**Parameters** *ensure\_unique\_atom\_names* (*bool*, optional. Default=True) – Whether to check that the molecules in each molecule have unique atom names, and regenerate them if not. Note that this looks only at molecules, and does not guarantee uniqueness in the entire Topology.

**Returns** *openmm\_topology* (*openmm.app.Topology*) – An OpenMM Topology object

**to\_file**(*filename, positions, file\_format='PDB', keepIds=False*)

Save coordinates and topology to a PDB file.

Reference: <https://github.com/openforcefield/openff-toolkit/issues/502>

Notes:

1. This doesn't handle virtual sites (they're ignored)
2. Atom numbering may not remain same, for example if the atoms in water are numbered as 1001, 1002, 1003, they would change to 1, 2, 3. This doesn't affect the topology or coordinates or atom-ordering in any way.
3. Same issue with the amino acid names in the pdb file, they are not returned.

#### Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – name of the pdb file to write to
- **positions** (*n\_atoms x 3* numpy array or *openmm.unit.Quantity*-wrapped *n\_atoms x 3* iterable) – Can be an openmm 'quantity' object which has atomic positions as a list of Vec3s along with associated units, otherwise a 3D array of UNITLESS numbers are considered as "Angstroms" by default
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Output file format. Case insensitive. Currently only supported value is "pdb".

**static from\_mdtraj**(*mdtraj\_topology, unique\_molecules=None*)

Construct an OpenFF Topology object from an MDTraj Topology object.

#### Parameters

- **mdtraj\_topology** (*mdtraj.Topology*) – An MDTraj Topology object
- **unique\_molecules** (iterable of objects that can be used to construct unique *Molecule* objects) – All unique molecules must be provided, in any order, though multiple copies of each molecule are allowed. The atomic elements and bond connectivity will be used to match the reference molecules to molecule graphs appearing in the MDTraj Topology. If bond orders are present in the MDTraj Topology, these will be used in matching as well.

**Returns** *topology* (*openff.toolkit.topology.Topology*) – An OpenFF Topology object

**get\_bond\_between**(*i, j*)

Returns the bond between two atoms

#### Parameters

- **i** (`int` or `TopologyAtom`) – Atoms or atom indices to check
- **j** (`int` or `TopologyAtom`) – Atoms or atom indices to check

**Returns** `bond` (`TopologyBond`) – The bond between i and j.

**is\_bonded**(*i, j*)

Returns True if the two atoms are bonded

**Parameters**

- **i** (`int` or `TopologyAtom`) – Atoms or atom indices to check
- **j** (`int` or `TopologyAtom`) – Atoms or atom indices to check

**Returns** `is_bonded` (`bool`) – True if atoms are bonded, False otherwise.

**atom**(*atom\_topology\_index*)

Get the `TopologyAtom` at a given `Topology` atom index.

**Parameters** `atom_topology_index` (`int`) – The index of the `TopologyAtom` in this `Topology`

**Returns** An `openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtom`

**virtual\_site**(*vsite\_topology\_index*)

Get the `TopologyAtom` at a given `Topology` atom index.

**Parameters** `vsite_topology_index` (`int`) – The index of the `TopologyVirtualSite` in this `Topology`

**Returns** An `openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyVirtualSite`

**bond**(*bond\_topology\_index*)

Get the `TopologyBond` at a given `Topology` bond index.

**Parameters** `bond_topology_index` (`int`) – The index of the `TopologyBond` in this `Topology`

**Returns** An `openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyBond`

**classmethod** `from_bson`(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_json`(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack`(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** **indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**add\_particle(particle)**

Add a Particle to the Topology.

**Parameters** **particle** (*Particle*) – The Particle to be added. The Topology will take ownership of the Particle.

**add\_molecule(molecule, local\_topology\_to\_reference\_index=None)**

Add a Molecule to the Topology. You can optionally request that the atoms be added to the Topology in a different order than they appear in the Molecule.

**Parameters**

- **molecule** (*Molecule*) – The Molecule to be added.
- **local\_topology\_to\_reference\_index** (*dict*, optional, default = None) – Dictionary of {TopologyMolecule\_atom\_index : Molecule\_atom\_index} for the TopologyMolecule that will be built. If None, this function will add the atoms to the Topology in the order that they appear in the reference molecule.

**Returns** **index** (*int*) – The index of this molecule in the topology

**add\_constraint(iatom, jatom, distance=True)**

Mark a pair of atoms as constrained.

Constraints between atoms that are not bonded (e.g., rigid waters) are permissible.

**Parameters**

- **iatom** (*Atom*) – Atoms to mark as constrained These atoms may be bonded or not in the Topology

- **jatom** (*Atom*) – Atoms to mark as constrained These atoms may be bonded or not in the Topology
- **distance** (*openmm.unit.Quantity*, optional, default=True) – Constraint distance True if distance has yet to be determined False if constraint is to be removed

**is\_constrained**(*iatom*, *jatom*)

Check if a pair of atoms are marked as constrained.

#### Parameters

- **iatom** (*int*) – Indices of atoms to mark as constrained.
- **jatom** (*int*) – Indices of atoms to mark as constrained.

**Returns** **distance** (*openmm.unit.Quantity* or *bool*) – True if constrained but constraints have not yet been applied Distance if constraint has already been added to System

### 10.1.4 openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.**TopologyMolecule**(*reference\_molecule*, *topology*,  
*local\_topology\_to\_reference\_index=None*)

TopologyMolecules are built to be an efficient way to store large numbers of copies of the same molecule for parameterization and system preparation.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*reference\_molecule*, *topology*, *local\_topology\_to\_reference\_index=None*)

Create a new TopologyMolecule.

#### Parameters

- **reference\_molecule** (an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule) – The reference molecule, with details like formal charges, partial charges, bond orders, partial bond orders, and atomic symbols.
- **topology** (an openff.toolkit.topology.Topology) – The topology that this TopologyMolecule belongs to
- **local\_topology\_to\_reference\_index** (*dict*, optional, default=None) – Dictionary of {TopologyMolecule\_atom\_index : Molecule\_atom\_index} for the TopologyMolecule that will be built

#### Methods

<b>__init__</b> ( <i>reference_molecule</i> , <i>topology</i> [, ...])	Create a new TopologyMolecule.
<b>atom</b> ( <i>index</i> )	Get the TopologyAtom with a given topology atom index in this TopologyMolecule.
<b>bond</b> ( <i>index</i> )	Get the TopologyBond with a given reference molecule index in this TopologyMolecule
<b>from_dict</b> ( <i>d</i> )	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<b>nth_degree_neighbors</b> ( <i>n_degrees</i> )	Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is <i>exactly</i> <i>n</i> bonds.

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<code>particle(index)</code>	Get the TopologyParticle with a given reference molecule index in this TopologyMolecule
<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>virtual_site(index)</code>	Get the TopologyVirtualSite with a given reference molecule index in this TopologyMolecule

**Attributes**

<code>amber_impropers</code>	Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.
<code>angles</code>	iterator over the angles in this TopologyMolecule.
<code>atom_start_topology_index</code>	Get the topology index of the first atom in this TopologyMolecule
<code>atoms</code>	Return an iterator of all the TopologyAtoms in this TopologyMolecule
<code>bond_start_topology_index</code>	Get the topology index of the first bond in this TopologyMolecule
<code>bonds</code>	Return an iterator of all the TopologyBonds in this TopologyMolecule
<code>impropers</code>	iterator over the possible improper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.
<code>n_angles</code>	number of angles in this TopologyMolecule.
<code>n_atoms</code>	The number of atoms in this topology.
<code>n_bonds</code>	Get the number of bonds in this TopologyMolecule
<code>n_impropers</code>	number of possible improper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.
<code>n_particles</code>	Get the number of particles in this TopologyMolecule
<code>n_propers</code>	number of proper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.
<code>n_virtual_sites</code>	Get the number of virtual sites in this TopologyMolecule
<code>particles</code>	Return an iterator of all the TopologyParticles in this TopologyMolecules
<code>propers</code>	iterator over the proper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.
<code>reference_molecule</code>	Get the reference molecule for this TopologyMolecule
<code>smirnoff_impropers</code>	Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned.
<code>topology</code>	Get the topology that this TopologyMolecule belongs to
<code>virtual_particle_start_topology_index</code>	Get the topology index of the first virtual particle in this TopologyMolecule
<code>virtual_site_start_topology_index</code>	Get the topology index of the first virtual site in this TopologyMolecule

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<code>virtual_sites</code>	Return an iterator of all the TopologyVirtualSites in this TopologyMolecules
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<b>property topology</b>	
Get the topology that this TopologyMolecule belongs to	
<b>Returns</b> <i>an openff.toolkit.topology.Topology</i>	
<b>property reference_molecule</b>	
Get the reference molecule for this TopologyMolecule	
<b>Returns</b> <i>an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule</i>	
<b>property n_atoms</b>	
The number of atoms in this topology.	
<b>Returns</b> <i>int</i>	
<b>atom(index)</b>	
Get the TopologyAtom with a given topology atom index in this TopologyMolecule.	
<b>Parameters</b> <b>index</b> ( <i>int</i> ) – Index of the TopologyAtom within this TopologyMolecule to retrieve	
<b>Returns</b> <i>an openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtom</i>	
<b>property atoms</b>	
Return an iterator of all the TopologyAtoms in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>Returns</b> <i>an iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtoms</i>	
<b>property atom_start_topology_index</b>	
Get the topology index of the first atom in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>property virtual_particle_start_topology_index</b>	
Get the topology index of the first virtual particle in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>bond(index)</b>	
Get the TopologyBond with a given reference molecule index in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>Parameters</b> <b>index</b> ( <i>int</i> ) – Index of the TopologyBond within this TopologyMolecule to retrieve	
<b>Returns</b> <i>an openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyBond</i>	
<b>property bonds</b>	
Return an iterator of all the TopologyBonds in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>Returns</b> <i>an iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyBonds</i>	
<b>property n_bonds</b>	
Get the number of bonds in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>Returns</b> <i>int (number of bonds)</i>	
<b>property bond_start_topology_index</b>	
Get the topology index of the first bond in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>particle(index)</b>	
Get the TopologyParticle with a given reference molecule index in this TopologyMolecule	
<b>Parameters</b> <b>index</b> ( <i>int</i> ) – Index of the TopologyParticle within this TopologyMolecule to retrieve	

**Returns** *an openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyParticle*

**property particles**

Return an iterator of all the TopologyParticles in this TopologyMolecules

**Returns** *an iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyParticle*

**property n\_particles**

Get the number of particles in this TopologyMolecule

**Returns** **int** (*The number of particles*)

**virtual\_site(index)**

Get the TopologyVirtualSite with a given reference molecule index in this TopologyMolecule

**Parameters** **index** (**int**) – Index of the TopologyVirtualSite within this TopologyMolecule to retrieve

**Returns** *an openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyVirtualSite*

**property virtual\_sites**

Return an iterator of all the TopologyVirtualSites in this TopologyMolecules

**Returns** *an iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyVirtualSite*

**property n\_virtual\_sites**

Get the number of virtual sites in this TopologyMolecule

**Returns** *int*

**property angles**

iterator over the angles in this TopologyMolecule.

**Type** Iterable of Tuple[[TopologyAtom](#)]

**property n\_angles**

number of angles in this TopologyMolecule.

**Type** **int**

**property propers**

iterator over the proper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.

**Type** Iterable of Tuple[[TopologyAtom](#)]

**property n\_propers**

number of proper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.

**Type** **int**

**property impropers**

iterator over the possible improper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.

**Type** Iterable of Tuple[[TopologyAtom](#)]

**property n\_impropers**

number of possible improper torsions in this TopologyMolecule.

**Type** **int**

**property smirnoff\_impropers**

Note that it's possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current SMIRNOFF parameterization, three of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment

of the improper term and measurement of the angles. These three orderings capture the three unique angles that could be calculated around the improper center, therefore the sum of these three terms will always return a consistent energy.

For more details on the use of three-fold (‘trefoil’) improvers, see <https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#improvertorsions>

#### Returns

- **improvers** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed second in each tuple.
- *.. todo::* –
  - Offer a way to do the keytransform and get the final 3 orderings in this method?
  - How can we keep this logic synced up with the parameterization machinery?

#### property **amber\_improvers**

Iterate over improper torsions in the molecule, but only those with trivalent centers, reporting the central atom first in each improper.

Note that it’s possible that a trivalent center will not have an improper assigned. This will depend on the force field that is used.

Also note that this will return 6 possible atom orderings around each improper center. In current AMBER parameterization, one of these six orderings will be used for the actual assignment of the improper term and measurement of the angle. This method does not encode the logic to determine which of the six orderings AMBER would use.

**Returns improvers** (*set of tuple*) – An iterator of tuples, each containing the indices of atoms making up a possible improper torsion. The central atom is listed first in each tuple.

#### **nth\_degree\_neighbors**(*n\_degrees: int*)

Return canonicalized pairs of atoms whose shortest separation is *exactly* n bonds. Only pairs with increasing atom indices are returned.

**Parameters** **n** (*int*) – The number of bonds separating atoms in each pair

**Returns neighbors** (*iterator of tuple of TopologyAtom*) – Tuples (len 2) of atom that are separated by n bonds.

#### Notes

The criteria used here relies on minimum distances; when there are multiple valid paths between atoms, such as atoms in rings, the shortest path is considered. For example, two atoms in “meta” positions with respect to each other in a benzene are separated by two paths, one length 2 bonds and the other length 4 bonds. This function would consider them to be 2 apart and would not include them if n=4 was passed.

#### property **virtual\_site\_start\_topology\_index**

Get the topology index of the first virtual site in this TopologyMolecule

#### **to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary representation.

#### **classmethod from\_dict**(*d*)

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

## 10.2 Secondary objects

<code>Particle</code>	Base class for all particles in a molecule.
<code>Atom</code>	A particle representing a chemical atom.
<code>Bond</code>	Chemical bond representation.
<code>VirtualSite</code>	A container representing one or more virtual particles whose positions are defined in terms of Atom positions.
<code>VirtualParticle</code>	A single particle owned by a VirtualSite
<code>TopologyVirtualParticle</code>	
<code>BondChargeVirtualSite</code>	A particle representing a "Bond Charge"-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of two atoms.
<code>MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite</code>	A particle representing a "Monovalent Lone Pair"-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of three atoms.
<code>DivalentLonePairVirtualSite</code>	A particle representing a "Divalent Lone Pair"-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of three atoms.
<code>TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite</code>	A particle representing a "Trivalent Lone Pair"-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of four atoms.
<code>TopologyAtom</code>	A <code>TopologyAtom</code> is a lightweight data structure that represents a single <code>openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom</code> in a <code>Topology</code> .
<code>TopologyBond</code>	A <code>TopologyBond</code> is a lightweight data structure that represents a single <code>openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond</code> in a <code>Topology</code> .
<code>TopologyVirtualSite</code>	A <code>TopologyVirtualSite</code> is a lightweight data structure that represents a single <code>openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite</code> in a <code>Topology</code> .
<code>ValenceDict</code>	Enforce uniqueness in atom indices.
<code>ImproperDict</code>	Symmetrize improper torsions.

### 10.2.1 `openff.toolkit.topology.Particle`

**class** `openff.toolkit.topology.Particle`

Base class for all particles in a molecule.

A particle object could be an `Atom` or a `VirtualSite`.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__()`

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

## Attributes

<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>name</code>	The name of the particle

### property molecule

The Molecule this particle is part of.

### property molecule\_particle\_index

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

### property name

The name of the particle

### to\_dict()

Convert to dictionary representation.

### classmethod from\_dict(d)

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

### classmethod from\_bson(serialized)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

## 10.2.2 openff.toolkit.topology.Atom

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.Atom(atomic\_number, formal\_charge, is\_aromatic, name=None, molecule=None, stereochemistry=None)

A particle representing a chemical atom.

Note that non-chemical virtual sites are represented by the VirtualSite object.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(atomic\_number, formal\_charge, is\_aromatic, name=None, molecule=None, stereochemistry=None)

Create an immutable Atom object.

Object is serializable and immutable.

### Parameters

- **atomic\_number** (`int`) – Atomic number of the atom
- **formal\_charge** (`int` or `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped `int` with dimension "charge") – Formal charge of the atom
- **is\_aromatic** (`bool`) – If True, atom is aromatic; if False, not aromatic
- **stereochemistry** (`str`, optional, default=None) – Either 'R' or 'S' for specified stereochemistry, or None for ambiguous stereochemistry
- **name** (`str`, optional, default=None) – An optional name to be associated with the atom

### Examples

Create a non-aromatic carbon atom

```
>>> atom = Atom(6, 0, False)
```

Create a chiral carbon atom

```
>>> atom = Atom(6, 0, False, stereochemistry='R', name='CT')
```

### Methods

<code>__init__(atomic_number, formal_charge, ...)</code>	Create an immutable Atom object.
<code>add_bond(bond)</code>	Adds a bond that this atom is involved in .
<code>add_virtual_site(vsite)</code>	Adds a bond that this atom is involved in .
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(atom_dict)</code>	Create an Atom from a dict representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

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<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>is_bonded_to(atom2)</code>	Determine whether this atom is bound to another atom
<code>is_in_ring([toolkit_registry])</code>	Return whether or not this atom is in a ring(s) (of any size)
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the atom.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

### Attributes

<code>atomic_number</code>	The integer atomic number of the atom.
<code>bonded_atoms</code>	The list of Atom objects this atom is involved in bonds with
<code>bonds</code>	The list of Bond objects this atom is involved in.
<code>element</code>	The element of this atom.
<code>formal_charge</code>	The atom's formal charge
<code>is_aromatic</code>	The atom's <code>is_aromatic</code> flag
<code>mass</code>	The standard atomic weight (abundance-weighted isotopic mass) of the atomic site.
<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_atom_index</code>	The index of this Atom within the the list of atoms in Molecules.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	The index of this Atom within the the list of particles in the parent Molecule.
<code>name</code>	The name of this atom, if any
<code>partial_charge</code>	The partial charge of the atom, if any.
<code>stereochemistry</code>	The atom's stereochemistry (if defined, otherwise None)
<code>virtual_sites</code>	The list of VirtualSite objects this atom is involved in.

### `add_bond(bond)`

Adds a bond that this atom is involved in .. todo :: Is this how we want to keep records?

**Parameters** `bond` (an `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond`) – A bond involving this atom

**add\_virtual\_site**(*vsite*)

Adds a bond that this atom is involved in .. todo :: Is this how we want to keep records?

**Parameters** *bond* (an `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond`) – A bond involving this atom

**to\_dict**()

Return a dict representation of the atom.

**classmethod from\_dict**(*atom\_dict*)

Create an Atom from a dict representation.

**property formal\_charge**

The atom's formal charge

**property partial\_charge**

The partial charge of the atom, if any.

**Returns** *openmm.unit.Quantity with dimension of atomic charge, or None if no charge has been specified*

**property is\_aromatic**

The atom's `is_aromatic` flag

**property stereochemistry**

The atom's stereochemistry (if defined, otherwise None)

**property element**

The element of this atom.

**Returns** *openmm.openmm.app.element.Element*

**property atomic\_number**

The integer atomic number of the atom.

**property mass**

The standard atomic weight (abundance-weighted isotopic mass) of the atomic site.

TODO (from jeff): Are there atoms that have different chemical properties based on their isotopes?

**property name**

The name of this atom, if any

**property bonds**

The list of Bond objects this atom is involved in.

**property bonded\_atoms**

The list of Atom objects this atom is involved in bonds with

**is\_bonded\_to**(*atom2*)

Determine whether this atom is bound to another atom

**Parameters** *atom2* (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom`) – a different atom in the same molecule

**Returns** *bool* – Whether this atom is bound to *atom2*

**is\_in\_ring**(*toolkit\_registry=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY*) → *bool*

Return whether or not this atom is in a ring(s) (of any size)

This Atom is expected to be attached to a molecule (*Atom.molecule*).

**Parameters** `toolkit_registry` (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry`, `default=GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY`) – ToolkitRegistry to use to enumerate the tautomers.

**property** `virtual_sites`

The list of VirtualSite objects this atom is involved in.

**property** `molecule_atom_index`

The index of this Atom within the the list of atoms in Molecules. Note that this can be different from `molecule_particle_index`.

**property** `molecule_particle_index`

The index of this Atom within the the list of particles in the parent Molecule. Note that this can be different from `molecule_atom_index`.

**classmethod** `from_bson(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

`to_xml(indent=2)`

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

`to_yaml()`

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

### 10.2.3 openff.toolkit.topology.Bond

**class** `openff.toolkit.topology.Bond(atom1, atom2, bond_order, is_aromatic, fractional_bond_order=None, stereochemistry=None)`

Chemical bond representation.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Attributes

- **atom1**, **atom2** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Atom`) – Atoms involved in the bond
- **bondtype** (`int`) – Discrete bond type representation for the Open Forcefield aromaticity model TODO: Do we want to pin ourselves to a single standard aromaticity model?
- **type** (`str`) – String based bond type
- **order** (`int`) – Integral bond order
- **fractional\_bond\_order** (`float`, optional) – Fractional bond order, or None.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__(atom1, atom2, bond_order, is_aromatic, fractional_bond_order=None, stereochemistry=None)`

Create a new chemical bond.

## Methods

<code>__init__(atom1, atom2, bond_order, is_aromatic)</code>	Create a new chemical bond.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(molecule, d)</code>	Create a Bond from a dict representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>is_in_ring([toolkit_registry])</code>	Return whether or not this bond is in a ring(s) (of any size)
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the bond.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

## Attributes

<code>atom1</code>
<code>atom1_index</code>
<code>atom2</code>
<code>atom2_index</code>
<code>atoms</code>
<code>bond_order</code>
<code>fractional_bond_order</code>
<code>is_aromatic</code>

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<code>molecule_bond_index</code>	The index of this Bond within the the list of bonds in Molecules.
stereochemistry	

**to\_dict()**

Return a dict representation of the bond.

**classmethod from\_dict(*molecule*, *d*)**

Create a Bond from a dict representation.

**property molecule\_bond\_index**

The index of this Bond within the the list of bonds in Molecules.

**is\_in\_ring(*toolkit\_registry*=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) → bool**

Return whether or not this bond is in a ring(s) (of any size)

This Bond is expected to be attached to a molecule (*Bond.molecule*).

**Note: Bonds containing atoms that are only in separate rings, i.e. the central bond in a biphenyl, are not considered to be bonded by this criteria.**

**Parameters** *toolkit\_registry* (`openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry`, default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – ToolkitRegistry to use to enumerate the tautomers.

**Returns** *is\_in\_ring* (*bool*) – Whether or not this bond is in a ring.

**classmethod from\_bson(*serialized*)**

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** *serialized* (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_json(*serialized*)**

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** *serialized* (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_messagepack(*serialized*)**

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** *serialized* (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod from\_pickle(*serialized*)**

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.



**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A pickled representation of the object

`to_toml()`

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A TOML serialized representation of the object

`to_xml(indent=2)`

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent (int, optional, default=2)` – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

`to_yaml()`

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

## 10.2.4 openff.toolkit.topology.VirtualSite

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.VirtualSite(atoms, charge_increments=None, epsilon=None,
                                         sigma=None, rmin_half=None, name=None,
                                         orientations=None)
```

A container representing one or more virtual particles whose positions are defined in terms of Atom positions. This container enables the coupling of particles that are symmetric about some axis/plane of the underlying atoms. For example, a single virtual site can represent two lone pairs of a water molecule, where the angle and distance parameters are expected to stay coupled, and are reflections across the plane of symmetry.

Note that chemical atoms are represented by the Atom.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(atoms, charge_increments=None, epsilon=None, sigma=None, rmin_half=None,
          name=None, orientations=None)
```

Base class for VirtualSites

### Parameters

- **atoms** (list of Atom of shape [N]) – atoms[index] is the corresponding Atom
- **charge\_increments** (list of floats of shape [N], optional, default=None) – The amount of charge to remove from the VirtualSite's atoms and put in the VirtualSite. Indexing in this list should match the ordering in the atoms list. Default is None.

- **sigma** (`float`, `default=None`) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **name** (`str` or `None`, `default=None`) – The name of this virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **virtual\_site\_type** (`str`) – Virtual site type.
- **name** – The name of this virtual site. Default is `None`
- **orientation** (list of int tuples or `None`, `default=None`) – The ordering of the atoms used to define the frame of the virtual site.

## Methods

<code>__init__(atoms[, charge_increments, ...])</code>	Base class for VirtualSites
<code>compute_positions_from_atom_positions(...)</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.
<code>compute_positions_from_conformer(conformer_id)</code>	Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(vsite_dict)</code>	Create a virtual site from a dict representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>index_of_orientation(virtual_particle)</code>	Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the virtual site.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

## Attributes

<code>atoms</code>	Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.
<code>charge_increments</code>	Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite
<code>epsilon</code>	The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite
<code>local_frame_position</code>	The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame.
<code>local_frame_weights</code>	The per-atom weights used to define the virtual site frame.
<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>molecule_virtual_site_index</code>	The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule Note that this can be different from <code>particle_index</code> .
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of particles that the virtual site represents
<code>name</code>	The name of this VirtualSite
<code>orientations</code>	The orientations used by the virtual site particles.
<code>particles</code>	Particles owned by this VirtualSite
<code>rmin_half</code>	The VdW <code>rmin_half</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>sigma</code>	The VdW <code>sigma</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>type</code>	The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

### `to_dict()`

Return a dict representation of the virtual site.

### `classmethod from_dict(vsite_dict)`

Create a virtual site from a dict representation.

### `index_of_orientation(virtual_particle)`

Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.

**Parameters** `virtual_particle` (`VirtualParticle`) – The virtual particle contained in this virtual site

**Returns** *A tuple of atom indices*

### **property orientations**

The orientations used by the virtual site particles.

Orientations are an implementation to allow generation and coupling of multiple particles using the same physical definition. We can do this by allowing each particle to use a specific ordering of bases when calculating the positions. This is similar to improper torsion angles: the angle you find depends on the atom ordering used in the calculation.

Before the positions are constructed, the parent atoms are reordered according to the particle's orientation. Each virtual particle has exactly one orientation. Since the frame of the virtual site is defined by a static list of weights and masks, we are able to influence how the local frame is constructed by crafting specific ordering the parent atoms.

As a concrete example, we could define a TIP5 water by using one virtual site, and the particles have orientations (0, 1, 2) and (2, 1, 0). This means that, given that we are using a right-handed

coordinate system, the z-axis will point in opposite directions for each particle. Using the same `out_of_plane_angle` and `distance` will therefore result in two unique particle positions.

Using the toolkit API allows arbitrary selection of orientations. The SMIRNOFF specification, via the offxml file format, the orientations are controlled by the `match` attribute. In this case, only the keywords `“once”` and `“all_permutations”` are allowed, meaning only the first orientation or all possible orientations are generated.

The virtual site adders via `Molecule` simplify this by optionally using a `symmetric` kwarg, which is the equivalent to the XML `match` keyword described above. However, the `symmetric` kwarg is not available for sites which symmetry is not possible, e.g. `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`, provided a layer of sanity checking. For the TIP5 example above, setting `symmetric=True` (the default) should automatically produce both particles.

**Returns** *List of tuples of ints specifying the ordering of the parent atoms.*

**property particles**

Particles owned by this `VirtualSite`

**property n\_particles**

The number of particles that the virtual site represents

**property molecule\_virtual\_site\_index**

The index of this `VirtualSite` within the list of virtual sites within `Molecule`. Note that this can be different from `particle_index`.

**property atoms**

Atoms on whose position this `VirtualSite` depends.

**property charge\_increments**

Charges taken from this `VirtualSite`’s atoms and given to the `VirtualSite`

**property epsilon**

The VdW epsilon term of this `VirtualSite`

**property sigma**

The VdW sigma term of this `VirtualSite`

**property rmin\_half**

The VdW `rmin_half` term of this `VirtualSite`

**property name**

The name of this `VirtualSite`

**property type**

The type of this `VirtualSite` (returns the class name as string)

**abstract property local\_frame\_weights**

The per-atom weights used to define the virtual site frame.

The SMIRNOFF virtual sites use the definition of `openmm.LocalCoordinatesSite` implemented by `OpenMM`. As such, the weights are used to determine the origin and the x and y axes of the local frame. Since the frame is an orthogonal bases, the z axis is not specified as it is assumed to be the cross of the x and y axes (using a right-handed coordinates).

The weights defined refer to the weights of each atom’s positions. For the origin, the weights must sum to 1. For the x and y axes, the weights must each sum to 0. For example, for a custom bond charge virtual site with two atoms:

- Origin: `[.5, .5]` The origin of the frame is always in between atom 1 and atom 2. The calculation is `0.5 * atom1.xyz + 0.5 * atom2.xyz`

- X-Axis: [-1, 1] The x-axis points from atom 1 to atom 2. Positive displacements of this axis are closer to atom 2.
- Y-Axis: [0, 0] This axis must be defined, so here we set it to the null space. Any displacements along y are sent to 0. Because of this, the z-axis will also be 0.

The displacements along the axes defined here are defined/returned by `VirtualSite.local_frame_position`.

To implement a new virtual site type (using a `LocalCoordinatesSite` definition), override this function.

**Returns** *Tuple of list of weights used to define the origin, x-axis, and y-axis*

#### **abstract property local\_frame\_position**

The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame.

The SMIRNOFF virtual sites use the definition of `openmm.LocalCoordinatesSite` as implemented by OpenMM. As such, the frame positions refer to positions as defined by the frame, or the local axes defined by the owning atoms (see `VirtualSite.local_frame_weights`).

To implement a new virtual site type (using a `LocalCoordinatesSite` definition), override this function.

#### **Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a list of
- *displacements in the local frame for the x, y, and z directions.*

#### **compute\_positions\_from\_conformer**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.

**Parameters** `conformer_idx` (`int`) – The index of the conformer in the owning molecule.

#### **Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

#### **compute\_positions\_from\_atom\_positions**(*atom\_positions*)

Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.

#### **Parameters**

- **atom\_positions** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

#### **Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

#### **classmethod from\_bson**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**property molecule\_particle\_index**

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns serialized (bytes)** – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters indent (int, optional, default=None)** – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized (str)** – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns serialized (bytes)** – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns serialized (str)** – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns serialized (str)** – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters indent (int, optional, default=2)** – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized (bytes)** – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns serialized (str)** – A YAML serialized representation of the object

## 10.2.5 openff.toolkit.topology.VirtualParticle

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.**VirtualParticle**(*vsite, orientation, name=None*)

A single particle owned by a VirtualSite

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*vsite, orientation, name=None*)

A single particle owned by a VirtualSite

### Parameters

- **vsite** (openff.toolkit.topology.VirtualSite) – The parent VirtualSite of this VirtualParticle
- **orientation** (tuple of int) – Molecule atom indices of parent atoms
- **name** (str, optional) – The name of the particle

### Methods

<code>__init__(vsite, orientation[, name])</code>	A single particle owned by a VirtualSite
<code>compute_position_from_atom_positions(...)</code>	Compute the position of this virtual site particle given a set of coordinates.
<code>compute_position_from_conformer(conformer_index)</code>	Compute the position of this virtual particle given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule/virtual site.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.



## Attributes

<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>name</code>	The name of the particle
<code>orientation</code>	
<code>virtual_site</code>	
<code>virtual_site_particle_index</code>	The index of the particle relative to its owning virtual site.

### `property virtual_site_particle_index`

The index of the particle relative to its owning virtual site. Normally this should either be 0 or 1.

### `compute_position_from_conformer(conformer_idx)`

Compute the position of this virtual particle given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule/virtual site.

**Parameters** `conformer_idx` (`int`) – The index of the conformer in the owning molecule.

#### Returns

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

### `compute_position_from_atom_positions(atom_positions)`

Compute the position of this virtual site particle given a set of coordinates.

#### Parameters

- `atom_positions` (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

#### Returns

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

### `classmethod from_bson(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

### `classmethod from_dict(d)`

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

### `classmethod from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**property** `molecule_particle_index`

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

**property** `name`

The name of the particle

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary representation.

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

## 10.2.6 openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyVirtualParticle

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyVirtualParticle(virtual_site, virtual_particle,
                                                    topology_molecule)
    __init__(virtual_site, virtual_particle, topology_molecule)
```

### Parameters

- **virtual\_site** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite`) – The reference virtual site
- **topology\_molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule`) – The `TopologyMolecule` that this `TopologyVirtualSite` belongs to

### Methods

<code>__init__(virtual_site, virtual_particle, ...)</code>	<b>param virtual_site</b> The reference virtual site
<code>atom(index)</code>	Get the atom at a specific index in this <code>TopologyVirtualSite</code>
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>invalidate_cached_data()</code>	
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

## Attributes

<code>atoms</code>	Get the TopologyAtoms involved in this TopologyVirtualSite.
<code>molecule</code>	Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.
<code>n_particles</code>	Get the number of particles represented by this VirtualSite
<code>particles</code>	Get an iterator to the reference particles that this TopologyVirtualSite contains.
<code>topology_molecule</code>	Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.
<code>topology_particle_index</code>	Get the index of this particle in its parent Topology.
<code>topology_virtual_particle_start_index</code>	Get the index of the first virtual site particle in its parent Topology.
<code>topology_virtual_site_index</code>	Get the index of this virtual site in its parent Topology.
<code>type</code>	Get the type of this virtual site
<code>virtual_site</code>	Get the reference VirtualSite for this TopologyVirtualSite.

### property `topology_particle_index`

Get the index of this particle in its parent Topology.

**Returns** `idx` (*int*) – The index of this particle in its parent topology.

### `atom(index)`

Get the atom at a specific index in this TopologyVirtualSite

**Parameters** `index` (*int*) – The index of the atom in the reference VirtualSite to retrieve

**Returns** *TopologyAtom*

### property `atoms`

Get the TopologyAtoms involved in this TopologyVirtualSite.

**Returns** *iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtom*

### classmethod `from_bson(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – An instantiated object

### classmethod `from_dict(d)`

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

### classmethod `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**property** `molecule`

Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.

**Returns** `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`

**property** `n_particles`

Get the number of particles represented by this VirtualSite

**Returns** `int` (*The number of particles*)

**property** `particles`

Get an iterator to the reference particles that this TopologyVirtualSite contains.

**Returns** *iterator of TopologyVirtualParticles*

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary representation.

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**property topology\_molecule**

Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule*

**property topology\_virtual\_particle\_start\_index**

Get the index of the first virtual site particle in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this particle in its parent topology.

**property topology\_virtual\_site\_index**

Get the index of this virtual site in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this virtual site in its parent topology.

**property type**

Get the type of this virtual site

**Returns** *str* (The class name of this virtual site)

**property virtual\_site**

Get the reference VirtualSite for this TopologyVirtualSite.

**Returns** *an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite*

### 10.2.7 openff.toolkit.topology.BondChargeVirtualSite

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.BondChargeVirtualSite(atoms, distance, charge_increments=None,  
                                                    epsilon=None, sigma=None, rmin_half=None,  
                                                    name=None, orientations=None)
```

A particle representing a “Bond Charge”-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of two atoms. This supports placement of a virtual site S along a vector between two specified atoms, e.g. to allow for a sigma hole for halogens or similar contexts. With positive values of the distance, the virtual site lies outside the first indexed atom.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(atoms, distance, charge_increments=None, epsilon=None, sigma=None, rmin_half=None,  
          name=None, orientations=None)
```

Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of two atoms. This supports placement of a virtual site S along a vector between two specified atoms, e.g. to allow for a sigma hole for halogens or similar contexts. With positive values of the distance, the virtual site lies outside the first indexed atom.

TODO: One of the examples in the SMIRNOFF spec has a BondCharge defined with three atoms – How does that work? <https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#virtualsites-virtual-sites-for-off-atom-charges>

#### Parameters

- **atoms** (list of `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects of shape [N])  
– The atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **weights** (list of floats of shape [N] or None, optional, default=None) –  
weights[index] is the weight of particles[index] contributing to the position of the virtual site. Default is None
- **charge\_increments** (list of floats of shape [N], optional, default=None)  
– The amount of charge to remove from the VirtualSite’s atoms and put in the



VirtualSite. Indexing in this list should match the ordering in the atoms list. Default is None.

- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **sigma** (`float`, `default=None`) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **name** (`string` or `None`, `default=None`) – The name of this virtual site. Default is None.
- **orientations** (`list` of `tuples` of 3 `Atoms` or `ints`) – The permutations of the matched atoms that should be used to define the orientation of each virtual site particle

## Methods

<code>__init__(atoms, distance[, ...])</code>	Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of two atoms.
<code>compute_positions_from_atom_positions(...)</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.
<code>compute_positions_from_conformer(conformer_id)</code>	Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(vsite_dict)</code>	Create a virtual site from a dict representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>get_openmm_virtual_site(atoms)</code>	Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this BondChargeVirtualSite.
<code>index_of_orientation(virtual_particle)</code>	Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the virtual site.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.

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<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

**Attributes**

<code>atoms</code>	Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.
<code>charge_increments</code>	Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite
<code>distance</code>	The distance parameter of the virtual site
<code>epsilon</code>	The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite
<code>local_frame_position</code>	The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame.
<code>local_frame_weights</code>	Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions.
<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>molecule_virtual_site_index</code>	The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule Note that this can be different from <code>particle_index</code> .
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of particles that the virtual site represents
<code>name</code>	The name of this VirtualSite
<code>orientations</code>	The orientations used by the virtual site particles.
<code>particles</code>	Particles owned by this VirtualSite
<code>rmin_half</code>	The VdW <code>rmin_half</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>sigma</code>	The VdW <code>sigma</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>type</code>	The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

**`to_dict()`**

Return a dict representation of the virtual site.

**`classmethod from_dict(vsite_dict)`**

Create a virtual site from a dict representation.

**property `distance`**

The distance parameter of the virtual site

**property `local_frame_weights`**

Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions. See [VirtualSite.local\\_frame\\_weights](#) for a general description.

Bond charge virtual sites are defined by the axis defined by the two atoms that define the bond. Since the virtual site position is defined solely by this axis, the other y-axis is defined but not used.

**Returns** *Tuple of list of weights used to define the origin, x-axis, and y-axis.*

**property `local_frame_position`**

The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame. See [VirtualSite.local\\_frame\\_position](#) for a general description.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a list of
- *displacements in the local frame for the x, y, and z directions.*

**get\_openmm\_virtual\_site**(*atoms*)

Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this `BondChargeVirtualSite`.

**Parameters** *atoms* (iterable of `int`) – The indices of the atoms involved in this virtual site.

**Returns** `openmm.LocalCoordinatesSite`

**property** *atoms*

Atoms on whose position this `VirtualSite` depends.

**property** *charge\_increments*

Charges taken from this `VirtualSite`'s atoms and given to the `VirtualSite`

**compute\_positions\_from\_atom\_positions**(*atom\_positions*)

Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.

**Parameters**

- *atom\_positions* (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**compute\_positions\_from\_conformer**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.

**Parameters** *conformer\_idx* (`int`) – The index of the conformer in the owning molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**property** *epsilon*

The VdW epsilon term of this `VirtualSite`

**classmethod** *from\_bson*(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** *serialized* (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** *from\_json*(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**index\_of\_orientation**(`virtual_particle`)

Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.

**Parameters** `virtual_particle` (`VirtualParticle`) – The virtual particle contained in this virtual site

**Returns** *A tuple of atom indices*

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**property** `molecule_particle_index`

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

**property molecule\_virtual\_site\_index**

The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule. Note that this can be different from `particle_index`.

**property n\_particles**

The number of particles that the virtual site represents

**property name**

The name of this VirtualSite

**property orientations**

The orientations used by the virtual site particles.

Orientations are an implementation to allow generation and coupling of multiple particles using the same physical definition. We can do this by allowing each particle to use a specific ordering of bases when calculating the positions. This is similar to improper torsion angles: the angle you find depends on the atom ordering used in the calculation.

Before the positions are constructed, the parent atoms are reordered according to the particle's orientation. Each virtual particle has exactly one orientation. Since the frame of the virtual site is defined by a static list of weights and masks, we are able to influence how the local frame is constructed by crafting specific ordering the parent atoms.

As a concrete example, we could define a TIP5 water by using one virtual site, and the particles have orientations (0, 1, 2) and (2, 1, 0). This means that, given that we are using a right-handed coordinate system, the z-axis will point in opposite directions for each particle. Using the same `out_of_plane_angle` and `distance` will therefore result in two unique particle positions.

Using the toolkit API allows arbitrary selection of orientations. The SMIRNOFF specification, via the offxml file format, the orientations are controlled by the `match` attribute. In this case, only the keywords `"once"` and `"all_permutations"` are allowed, meaning only the first orientation or all possible orientations are generated.

The virtual site adders via `Molecule` simplify this by optionally using a `symmetric` kwarg, which is the equivalent to the XML `match` keyword described above. However, the `symmetric` kwarg is not available for sites which symmetry is not possible, e.g. `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`, provided a layer of sanity checking. For the TIP5 example above, setting `symmetric=True` (the default) should automatically produce both particles.

**Returns** *List of tuples of ints specifying the ordering of the parent atoms.*

**property particles**

Particles owned by this VirtualSite

**property rmin\_half**

The VdW `rmin_half` term of this VirtualSite

**property sigma**

The VdW `sigma` term of this VirtualSite

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (bytes) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**property type**

The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

### 10.2.8 openff.toolkit.topology.MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite(atoms, distance, out_of_plane_angle,
                                                            in_plane_angle,
                                                            charge_increments=None,
                                                            epsilon=None, sigma=None,
                                                            rmin_half=None, name=None,
                                                            orientations=None)
```

A particle representing a “Monovalent Lone Pair”-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of three atoms. This is originally intended for situations like a carbonyl, and

allows placement of a virtual site S at a specified distance *d*, *in\_plane\_angle*, and *out\_of\_plane\_angle* relative to a central atom and two connected atoms.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__(atoms, distance, out_of_plane_angle, in_plane_angle, charge_increments=None, epsilon=None, sigma=None, rmin_half=None, name=None, orientations=None)`  
 Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.

#### Parameters

- **atoms** (list of three `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The three atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **out\_of\_plane\_angle** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Angle] wrapping) –
- **scalar** (a) –
- **in\_plane\_angle** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Angle] wrapping a) –
- **scalar** –
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=`None`) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **name** (string or `None`, default=`None`) – The name of this virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **orientations** (list of tuples of 3 `Atoms` or `ints`) – The permutations of the matched atoms that should be used to define the orientation of each virtual site particle

#### Methods

<code>__init__(atoms, distance, ...[, ...])</code>	Create a bond charge-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.
<code>compute_positions_from_atom_positions(...)</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.
<code>compute_positions_from_conformer(conformer_id)</code>	Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(vsite_dict)</code>	Construct a new <code>MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite</code> from an serialized dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

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<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>get_openmm_virtual_site(atoms)</code>	Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite.
<code>index_of_orientation(virtual_particle)</code>	Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the virtual site.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

### Attributes

<code>atoms</code>	Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.
<code>charge_increments</code>	Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite
<code>distance</code>	The distance parameter of the virtual site
<code>epsilon</code>	The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite
<code>in_plane_angle</code>	The <code>in_plane_angle</code> parameter of the virtual site
<code>local_frame_position</code>	The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame.
<code>local_frame_weights</code>	Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions.
<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>molecule_virtual_site_index</code>	The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule Note that this can be different from <code>particle_index</code> .
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of particles that the virtual site represents
<code>name</code>	The name of this VirtualSite
<code>orientations</code>	The orientations used by the virtual site particles.
<code>out_of_plane_angle</code>	The <code>out_of_plane_angle</code> parameter of the virtual site
<code>particles</code>	Particles owned by this VirtualSite

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<code>rmin_half</code>	The VdW <code>rmin_half</code> term of this <code>VirtualSite</code>
<code>sigma</code>	The VdW <code>sigma</code> term of this <code>VirtualSite</code>
<code>type</code>	The type of this <code>VirtualSite</code> (returns the class name as string)

**to\_dict()**

Return a dict representation of the virtual site.

**classmethod from\_dict(*vsite\_dict*)**

Construct a new `MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite` from an serialized dictionary representation.

**Parameters** `vsite_dict` (`dict`) – The `VirtualSite` to deserialize.

**Returns** *The newly created MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite*

**property distance**

The distance parameter of the virtual site

**property in\_plane\_angle**

The `in_plane_angle` parameter of the virtual site

**property out\_of\_plane\_angle**

The `out_of_plane_angle` parameter of the virtual site

**property local\_frame\_weights**

Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions. See `VirtualSite.local_frame_weights` for a general description.

**Returns** *Tuple of list of weights used to define the origin, x-axis, and y-axis.*

**property local\_frame\_position**

The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame. See `VirtualSite.local_frame_position` for a general description.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a list of displacements
- *in the local frame for the x, y, and z directions.*

**get\_openmm\_virtual\_site(*atoms*)**

Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this `MonovalentLonePairVirtualSite`.

**Parameters** `atoms` (iterable of `int`) – The indices of the atoms involved in this virtual site.

**Returns** `openmm.LocalCoordinatesSite`

**property atoms**

Atoms on whose position this `VirtualSite` depends.

**property charge\_increments**

Charges taken from this `VirtualSite`'s atoms and given to the `VirtualSite`

**compute\_positions\_from\_atom\_positions(*atom\_positions*)**

Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.

**Parameters**

- `atom_positions` (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**compute\_positions\_from\_conformer**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.

**Parameters** `conformer_idx` (`int`) – The index of the conformer in the owning molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**property epsilon**

The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite

**classmethod from\_bson**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_json**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_messagepack**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod from\_pickle**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object

**index\_of\_orientation**(`virtual_particle`)

Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.

**Parameters** `virtual_particle (VirtualParticle)` – The virtual particle contained in this virtual site

**Returns** *A tuple of atom indices*

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**property** `molecule_particle_index`

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

**property** `molecule_virtual_site_index`

The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule Note that this can be different from `particle_index`.

**property** `n_particles`

The number of particles that the virtual site represents

**property** `name`

The name of this VirtualSite

**property** `orientations`

The orientations used by the virtual site particles.

Orientations are an implementation to allow generation and coupling of multiple particles using the same physical definition. We can do this by allowing each particle to use a specific ordering of bases when calculating the positions. This is similar to improper torsion angles: the angle you find depends on the atom ordering used in the calculation.

Before the positions are constructed, the parent atoms are reordered according to the particle's orientation. Each virtual particle has exactly one orientation. Since the frame of the virtual site is defined by a static list of weights and masks, we are able to influence how the local frame is constructed by crafting specific ordering the parent atoms.

As a concrete example, we could define a TIP5 water by using one virtual site, and the particles have orientations (0, 1, 2) and (2, 1, 0). This means that, given that we are using a right-handed coordinate system, the z-axis will point in opposite directions for each particle. Using the same `out_of_plane_angle` and `distance` will therefore result in two unique particle positions.

Using the toolkit API allows arbitrary selection of orientations. The SMIRNOFF specification, via the offxml file format, the orientations are controlled by the `match` attribute. In this case, only the keywords `“once”` and `“all_permutations”` are allowed, meaning only the first orientation or all possible orientations are generated.

The virtual site adders via `Molecule` simplify this by optionally using a `symmetric` kwarg, which is the equivalent to the XML `match` keyword described above. However, the `symmetric` kwarg is not available for sites which symmetry is not possible, e.g. `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`, provided a layer of sanity checking. For the TIP5 example above, setting `symmetric=True` (the default) should automatically produce both particles.

**Returns** *List of tuples of ints specifying the ordering of the parent atoms.*

**property particles**

Particles owned by this `VirtualSite`

**property rmin\_half**

The VdW `rmin_half` term of this `VirtualSite`

**property sigma**

The VdW `sigma` term of this `VirtualSite`

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** **indent** (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**property type**

The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

## 10.2.9 openff.toolkit.topology.DivalentLonePairVirtualSite

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.DivalentLonePairVirtualSite(atoms, distance, out_of_plane_angle,
                                                         charge_increments=None, epsilon=None,
                                                         sigma=None, rmin_half=None,
                                                         name=None, orientations=None)
```

A particle representing a “Divalent Lone Pair”-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of three atoms. This is suitable for cases like four-point and five-point water models as well as pyrimidine; a charge site *S* lies a specified distance *d* from the central atom among three atoms along the bisector of the angle between the atoms (if *out\_of\_plane\_angle* is zero) or out of the plane by the specified angle (if *out\_of\_plane\_angle* is nonzero) with its projection along the bisector. For positive values of the distance *d* the virtual site lies outside the 2-1-3 angle and for negative values it lies inside.

```
__init__(atoms, distance, out_of_plane_angle, charge_increments=None, epsilon=None, sigma=None,
          rmin_half=None, name=None, orientations=None)
```

Create a divalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.

### Parameters

- **atoms** (list of 3 `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The three atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **out\_of\_plane\_angle** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Angle] wrapping) –
- **scalar** (*a*) –
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=None) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is None.

- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – Rmin\_half term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **name** (`string` or `None`, `default=None`) – The name of this virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **orientations** (`list` of `tuples` of 3 `Atoms` or `ints`) – The permutations of the matched atoms that should be used to define the orientation of each virtual site particle

## Methods

<code>__init__(atoms, distance, out_of_plane_angle)</code>	Create a divalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of three atoms.
<code>compute_positions_from_atom_positions(...)</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.
<code>compute_positions_from_conformer(conformer_id)</code>	Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(vsite_dict)</code>	Construct a new <code>DivalentLonePairVirtualSite</code> from an serialized dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>get_openmm_virtual_site(atoms)</code>	Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this <code>DivalentLonePairVirtualSite</code> .
<code>index_of_orientation(virtual_particle)</code>	Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the virtual site.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

## Attributes

<code>atoms</code>	Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.
<code>charge_increments</code>	Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite
<code>distance</code>	The distance parameter of the virtual site
<code>epsilon</code>	The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite
<code>local_frame_position</code>	The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame.
<code>local_frame_weights</code>	Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions.
<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>molecule_virtual_site_index</code>	The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule Note that this can be different from <code>particle_index</code> .
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of particles that the virtual site represents
<code>name</code>	The name of this VirtualSite
<code>orientations</code>	The orientations used by the virtual site particles.
<code>out_of_plane_angle</code>	The <code>out_of_plane_angle</code> parameter of the virtual site
<code>particles</code>	Particles owned by this VirtualSite
<code>rmin_half</code>	The VdW <code>rmin_half</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>sigma</code>	The VdW <code>sigma</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>type</code>	The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

### `to_dict()`

Return a dict representation of the virtual site.

### `classmethod from_dict(vsite_dict)`

Construct a new DivalentLonePairVirtualSite from an serialized dictionary representation.

**Parameters** `vsite_dict` (`dict`) – The VirtualSite to deserialize.

**Returns** *The newly created DivalentLonePairVirtualSite*

### `property distance`

The distance parameter of the virtual site

### `property out_of_plane_angle`

The `out_of_plane_angle` parameter of the virtual site

### `property local_frame_weights`

Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions. See [VirtualSite.local\\_frame\\_weights](#) for a general description.

**Returns** *Tuple of list of weights used to define the origin, x-axis, and y-axis.*

### `property local_frame_position`

The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame. See [VirtualSite.local\\_frame\\_position](#) for a general description.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a list of
- *displacements in the local frame for the x, y, and z directions.*

**get\_openmm\_virtual\_site**(*atoms*)

Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this DivalentLonePairVirtualSite.

**Parameters** *atoms* (iterable of int) – The indices of the atoms involved in this virtual site.

**Returns** `openmm.LocalCoordinatesSite`

**property atoms**

Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.

**property charge\_increments**

Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite

**compute\_positions\_from\_atom\_positions**(*atom\_positions*)

Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.

**Parameters**

- **atom\_positions** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- **numpy.ndarray** – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- **numpy.ndarray** – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**compute\_positions\_from\_conformer**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.

**Parameters** **conformer\_idx** (int) – The index of the conformer in the owning molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- **numpy.ndarray** – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**property epsilon**

The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite

**classmethod from\_bson**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** **serialized** (bytes) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_json**(*serialized*)

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>



**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object

**index\_of\_orientation**(`virtual_particle`)

Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.

**Parameters** `virtual_particle` (`VirtualParticle`) – The virtual particle contained in this virtual site

**Returns** *A tuple of atom indices*

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**property** `molecule_particle_index`

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

**property molecule\_virtual\_site\_index**

The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule. Note that this can be different from `particle_index`.

**property n\_particles**

The number of particles that the virtual site represents

**property name**

The name of this VirtualSite

**property orientations**

The orientations used by the virtual site particles.

Orientations are an implementation to allow generation and coupling of multiple particles using the same physical definition. We can do this by allowing each particle to use a specific ordering of bases when calculating the positions. This is similar to improper torsion angles: the angle you find depends on the atom ordering used in the calculation.

Before the positions are constructed, the parent atoms are reordered according to the particle's orientation. Each virtual particle has exactly one orientation. Since the frame of the virtual site is defined by a static list of weights and masks, we are able to influence how the local frame is constructed by crafting specific ordering the parent atoms.

As a concrete example, we could define a TIP5 water by using one virtual site, and the particles have orientations (0, 1, 2) and (2, 1, 0). This means that, given that we are using a right-handed coordinate system, the z-axis will point in opposite directions for each particle. Using the same `out_of_plane_angle` and `distance` will therefore result in two unique particle positions.

Using the toolkit API allows arbitrary selection of orientations. The SMIRNOFF specification, via the offxml file format, the orientations are controlled by the `match` attribute. In this case, only the keywords `"once"` and `"all_permutations"` are allowed, meaning only the first orientation or all possible orientations are generated.

The virtual site adders via `Molecule` simplify this by optionally using a `symmetric` kwarg, which is the equivalent to the XML `match` keyword described above. However, the `symmetric` kwarg is not available for sites which symmetry is not possible, e.g. `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`, provided a layer of sanity checking. For the TIP5 example above, setting `symmetric=True` (the default) should automatically produce both particles.

**Returns** *List of tuples of ints specifying the ordering of the parent atoms.*

**property particles**

Particles owned by this VirtualSite

**property rmin\_half**

The VdW `rmin_half` term of this VirtualSite

**property sigma**

The VdW `sigma` term of this VirtualSite

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**property type**

The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

### 10.2.10 openff.toolkit.topology.TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite

```
class openff.toolkit.topology.TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite(atoms, distance,
                                                         charge_increments=None,
                                                         epsilon=None, sigma=None,
                                                         rmin_half=None, name=None,
                                                         orientations=None)
```

A particle representing a “Trivalent Lone Pair”-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the positions of four atoms. This is suitable for planar or tetrahedral nitrogen lone pairs; a charge site *S* lies above the central atom (e.g. nitrogen) a distance *d* along the vector perpendicular

to the plane of the three connected atoms (2,3,4). With positive values of *d* the site lies above the nitrogen and with negative values it lies below the nitrogen.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__(atoms, distance, charge_increments=None, epsilon=None, sigma=None, rmin_half=None, name=None, orientations=None)`

Create a trivalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of four atoms.

#### Parameters

- **atoms** (list of 4 `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom` objects) – The three atoms defining the virtual site’s position
- **distance** (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a scalar) –
- **epsilon** (`float`) – Epsilon term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **sigma** (`float`, default=`None`) – Sigma term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **rmin\_half** (`float`) – `Rmin_half` term for VdW properties of virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **name** (string or `None`, default=`None`) – The name of this virtual site. Default is `None`.
- **orientations** (list of tuples of 3 `Atoms` or `ints`) – The permutations of the matched atoms that should be used to define the orientation of each virtual site particle

#### Methods

<code>__init__(atoms, distance[, ...])</code>	Create a trivalent lone pair-type virtual site, in which the location of the charge is specified by the position of four atoms.
<code>compute_positions_from_atom_positions(...)</code>	Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.
<code>compute_positions_from_conformer(conformer_id)</code>	Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(vsite_dict)</code>	Construct a new <code>TrivalentPairVirtualSite</code> from an serialized dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

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<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>get_openmm_virtual_site(atoms)</code>	Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite.
<code>index_of_orientation(virtual_particle)</code>	Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Return a dict representation of the virtual site.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

### Attributes

<code>atoms</code>	Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.
<code>charge_increments</code>	Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite
<code>distance</code>	The distance parameter of the virtual site
<code>epsilon</code>	The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite
<code>local_frame_position</code>	The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame.
<code>local_frame_weights</code>	Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions.
<code>molecule</code>	The Molecule this particle is part of.
<code>molecule_particle_index</code>	Returns the index of this particle in its molecule
<code>molecule_virtual_site_index</code>	The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule Note that this can be different from <code>particle_index</code> .
<code>n_particles</code>	The number of particles that the virtual site represents
<code>name</code>	The name of this VirtualSite
<code>orientations</code>	The orientations used by the virtual site particles.
<code>particles</code>	Particles owned by this VirtualSite
<code>rmin_half</code>	The VdW <code>rmin_half</code> term of this VirtualSite
<code>sigma</code>	The VdW sigma term of this VirtualSite
<code>type</code>	The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

### `to_dict()`

Return a dict representation of the virtual site.

### `classmethod from_dict(vsite_dict)`

Construct a new TrivalentPairVirtualSite from an serialized dictionary representation.

**Parameters** `vsite_dict` (`dict`) – The VirtualSite to deserialize.

**Returns** *The newly created TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite*

**property distance**

The distance parameter of the virtual site

**property local\_frame\_weights**

Returns the local frame weights used to calculate the particle positions. See [VirtualSite.local\\_frame\\_weights](#) for a general description.

**Returns** *Tuple of list of weights used to define the origin, x-axis, and y-axis.*

**property local\_frame\_position**

The displacements of the virtual site relative to the local frame. See [VirtualSite.local\\_frame\\_position](#) for a general description.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a list of
- *displacements in the local frame for the x, y, and z directions.*

**get\_openmm\_virtual\_site**(*atoms*)

Returns the OpenMM virtual site corresponding to this TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite.

**Parameters** `atoms` (iterable of `int`) – The indices of the atoms involved in this virtual site.

**Returns** `openmm.LocalCoordinatesSite`

**property atoms**

Atoms on whose position this VirtualSite depends.

**property charge\_increments**

Charges taken from this VirtualSite's atoms and given to the VirtualSite

**compute\_positions\_from\_atom\_positions**(*atom\_positions*)

Compute the positions of the virtual site particles given a set of coordinates.

**Parameters**

- `atom_positions` (`openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] wrapping a) –
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of all atoms in the molecule. The array is the size (N, 3) where N is the number of atoms in the molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a
- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**compute\_positions\_from\_conformer**(*conformer\_idx*)

Compute the position of the virtual site particles given an existing conformer owned by the parent molecule.

**Parameters** `conformer_idx` (`int`) – The index of the conformer in the owning molecule.

**Returns**

- `openmm.unit.Quantity` of dimension [Length] in unit Angstroms wrapping a

- `numpy.ndarray` – The positions of the virtual particles belonging to this virtual site. The array is the size (M, 3) where M is the number of virtual particles belonging to this virtual site.

**property epsilon**

The VdW epsilon term of this VirtualSite

**classmethod from\_bson(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_json(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_messagepack(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod from\_pickle(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_toml(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_xml(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object

**index\_of\_orientation**(`virtual_particle`)

Return the orientation used by the given virtual particle.

**Parameters** `virtual_particle (VirtualParticle)` – The virtual particle contained in this virtual site

**Returns** *A tuple of atom indices*

**property** `molecule`

The Molecule this particle is part of.

**property** `molecule_particle_index`

Returns the index of this particle in its molecule

**property** `molecule_virtual_site_index`

The index of this VirtualSite within the list of virtual sites within Molecule. Note that this can be different from `particle_index`.

**property** `n_particles`

The number of particles that the virtual site represents

**property** `name`

The name of this VirtualSite

**property** `orientations`

The orientations used by the virtual site particles.

Orientations are an implementation to allow generation and coupling of multiple particles using the same physical definition. We can do this by allowing each particle to use a specific ordering of bases when calculating the positions. This is similar to improper torsion angles: the angle you find depends on the atom ordering used in the calculation.

Before the positions are constructed, the parent atoms are reordered according to the particle's orientation. Each virtual particle has exactly one orientation. Since the frame of the virtual site is defined by a static list of weights and masks, we are able to influence how the local frame is constructed by crafting specific ordering the parent atoms.

As a concrete example, we could define a TIP5 water by using one virtual site, and the particles have orientations (0, 1, 2) and (2, 1, 0). This means that, given that we are using a right-handed coordinate system, the z-axis will point in opposite directions for each particle. Using the same `out_of_plane_angle` and `distance` will therefore result in two unique particle positions.

Using the toolkit API allows arbitrary selection of orientations. The SMIRNOFF specification, via the offxml file format, the orientations are controlled by the `match` attribute. In this case, only the keywords `“once”` and `“all_permutations”` are allowed, meaning only the first orientation or all possible orientations are generated.

The virtual site adders via `Molecule` simplify this by optionally using a symmetric kwarg, which is the equivalent to the XML `match` keyword described above. However, the symmetric kwarg is not available for sites which symmetry is not possible, e.g. `TrivalentLonePairVirtualSite`, provided a layer of sanity checking. For the TIP5 example above, setting `symmetric=True` (the default) should automatically produce both particles.

**Returns** *List of tuples of ints specifying the ordering of the parent atoms.*



**property particles**

Particles owned by this VirtualSite

**property rmin\_half**

The VdW rmin\_half term of this VirtualSite

**property sigma**

The VdW sigma term of this VirtualSite

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns serialized (bytes)** – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters indent (int, optional, default=None)** – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized (str)** – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns serialized (bytes)** – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns serialized (str)** – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns serialized (str)** – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters indent (int, optional, default=2)** – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns serialized (bytes)** – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**property type**

The type of this VirtualSite (returns the class name as string)

### 10.2.11 openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtom

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.**TopologyAtom**(*atom*, *topology\_molecule*)

A TopologyAtom is a lightweight data structure that represents a single openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom in a Topology. A TopologyAtom consists of two references – One to its fully detailed “atom”, an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom, and another to its parent “topology\_molecule”, which occupies a spot in the parent Topology’s TopologyMolecule list.

As some systems can be very large, there is no always-existing representation of a TopologyAtom. They are created on demand as the user requests them.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*atom*, *topology\_molecule*)

Create a new TopologyAtom.

**Parameters**

- **atom** (An openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom) – The reference atom
- **topology\_molecule** (An openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule) – The TopologyMolecule that this TopologyAtom belongs to

**Methods**

<code>__init__(atom, topology_molecule)</code>	Create a new TopologyAtom.
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.

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<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

**Attributes**

<code>atom</code>	Get the reference Atom for this TopologyAtom.
<code>atomic_number</code>	Get the atomic number of this atom
<code>element</code>	Get the element name of this atom.
<code>molecule</code>	Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyAtom belongs to.
<code>topology_atom_index</code>	Get the index of this atom in its parent Topology.
<code>topology_bonds</code>	Get the TopologyBonds connected to this TopologyAtom.
<code>topology_molecule</code>	Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyAtom belongs to.
<code>topology_particle_index</code>	Get the index of this particle in its parent Topology.

**property atom**

Get the reference Atom for this TopologyAtom.

**Returns** *an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom*

**property atomic\_number**

Get the atomic number of this atom

**Returns** *int*

**property element**

Get the element name of this atom.

**Returns** *openmm.app.element.Element*

**property topology\_molecule**

Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyAtom belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule*

**property molecule**

Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyAtom belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule*

**property topology\_atom\_index**

Get the index of this atom in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this atom in its parent topology.

**property topology\_particle\_index**

Get the index of this particle in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this atom in its parent topology.

**property topology\_bonds**

Get the TopologyBonds connected to this TopologyAtom.

**Returns** *iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyBonds*

**to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_dict(d)**

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_bson(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_json(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** **serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_messagepack(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod from\_pickle(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** **serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_toml(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** **serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_xml(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** **serialized** (*bytes*) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** **instance** (*cls*) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized (bytes)` – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent (int, optional, default=None)` – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent (int, optional, default=2)` – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

### 10.2.12 openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyBond

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.**TopologyBond**(*bond*, *topology\_molecule*)

A TopologyBond is a lightweight data structure that represents a single openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond in a Topology. A TopologyBond consists of two references – One to its fully detailed “bond”, an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond, and another to its parent “topology\_molecule”, which occupies a spot in the parent Topology’s TopologyMolecule list.

As some systems can be very large, there is no always-existing representation of a TopologyBond. They are created on demand as the user requests them.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__`(*bond*, *topology\_molecule*)

#### Parameters

- **bond** (An openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond) – The reference bond.
- **topology\_molecule** (An openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule) – The TopologyMolecule that this TopologyBond belongs to.

#### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>bond</i> , <i>topology_molecule</i> )	<b>param bond</b> The reference bond.
<code>from_bson</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict</code> ( <i>d</i> )	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml</code> ( <i>serialized</i> )	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>to_bson</code> ()	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict</code> ()	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_json</code> ( <i>[indent]</i> )	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack</code> ()	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle</code> ()	Return a pickle serialized representation.

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<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

**Attributes**

<code>atoms</code>	Get the TopologyAtoms connected to this TopologyBond.
<code>bond</code>	Get the reference Bond for this TopologyBond.
<code>bond_order</code>	Get the order of this TopologyBond.
<code>molecule</code>	Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyBond belongs to.
<code>topology_bond_index</code>	Get the index of this bond in its parent Topology.
<code>topology_molecule</code>	Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyBond belongs to.

**property bond**

Get the reference Bond for this TopologyBond.

**Returns** *an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond*

**property topology\_molecule**

Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyBond belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule*

**property topology\_bond\_index**

Get the index of this bond in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this bond in its parent topology.

**property molecule**

Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyBond belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule*

**property bond\_order**

Get the order of this TopologyBond.

**Returns** *int (bond order)*

**property atoms**

Get the TopologyAtoms connected to this TopologyBond.

**Returns** *iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtom*

**to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_dict(d)**

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_bson(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** *serialized (bytes)* – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_json(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance (cls)* – Instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** *serialized (bytes)* – A BSON serialized representation of the object



**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** **indent** (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** **indent** (*int*, optional, default=2) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** **serialized** (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** **serialized** (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

### 10.2.13 openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyVirtualSite

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.**TopologyVirtualSite**(*virtual\_site*, *topology\_molecule*)

A TopologyVirtualSite is a lightweight data structure that represents a single openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite in a Topology. A TopologyVirtualSite consists of two references – One to its fully detailed “VirtualSite”, an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite, and another to its parent “topology\_molecule”, which occupies a spot in the parent Topology’s TopologyMolecule list.

As some systems can be very large, there is no always-existing representation of a TopologyVirtualSite. They are created on demand as the user requests them.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__(virtual_site, topology_molecule)`

#### Parameters

- **virtual\_site** (An openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite) – The reference virtual site
- **topology\_molecule** (An openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule) – The TopologyMolecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to

#### Methods

<code>__init__(virtual_site, topology_molecule)</code>	<b>param virtual_site</b> The reference virtual site
<code>atom(index)</code>	Get the atom at a specific index in this TopologyVirtualSite
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Static constructor from dictionary representation.
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>invalidate_cached_data()</code>	
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.

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<code>to_dict()</code>	Convert to dictionary representation.
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.
<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

**Attributes**

<code>atoms</code>	Get the TopologyAtoms involved in this TopologyVirtualSite.
<code>molecule</code>	Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.
<code>n_particles</code>	Get the number of particles represented by this VirtualSite
<code>particles</code>	Get an iterator to the reference particles that this TopologyVirtualSite contains.
<code>topology_molecule</code>	Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.
<code>topology_virtual_particle_start_index</code>	Get the index of the first virtual site particle in its parent Topology.
<code>topology_virtual_site_index</code>	Get the index of this virtual site in its parent Topology.
<code>type</code>	Get the type of this virtual site
<code>virtual_site</code>	Get the reference VirtualSite for this TopologyVirtualSite.

**atom(*index*)**

Get the atom at a specific index in this TopologyVirtualSite

**Parameters** `index` (`int`) – The index of the atom in the reference VirtualSite to retrieve

**Returns** *TopologyAtom*

**property atoms**

Get the TopologyAtoms involved in this TopologyVirtualSite.

**Returns** *iterator of openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyAtom*

**property virtual\_site**

Get the reference VirtualSite for this TopologyVirtualSite.

**Returns** *an openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.VirtualSite*

**property topology\_molecule**

Get the TopologyMolecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.TopologyMolecule*

**property topology\_virtual\_site\_index**

Get the index of this virtual site in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this virtual site in its parent topology.

**property n\_particles**

Get the number of particles represented by this VirtualSite

**Returns** *int* (The number of particles)

**property topology\_virtual\_particle\_start\_index**

Get the index of the first virtual site particle in its parent Topology.

**Returns** *int* – The index of this particle in its parent topology.

**property particles**

Get an iterator to the reference particles that this TopologyVirtualSite contains.

**Returns** *iterator of TopologyVirtualParticles*

**property molecule**

Get the reference Molecule that this TopologyVirtualSite belongs to.

**Returns** *openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule*

**property type**

Get the type of this virtual site

**Returns** *str* (The class name of this virtual site)

**to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_dict(d)**

Static constructor from dictionary representation.

**classmethod from\_bson(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** *serialized* (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_json(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** *serialized* (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod from\_messagepack(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** *serialized* (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** *instance* (*cls*) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod from\_pickle(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_toml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (*str*) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – An instantiated object

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (*bytes*) – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – Instantiated object.

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (*str*) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – Instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (*bytes*) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (*int*, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized` (*bytes*) – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized` (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

`to_toml()`

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** *serialized (str)* – A TOML serialized representation of the object

`to_xml(indent=2)`

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** *indent (int, optional, default=2)* – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** *serialized (bytes)* – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

`to_yaml()`

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** *serialized (str)* – A YAML serialized representation of the object

### 10.2.14 openff.toolkit.topology.ValenceDict

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.ValenceDict(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Enforce uniqueness in atom indices.

`__init__(*args, **kwargs)`

#### Methods

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`__init__(*args, **kwargs)`

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`clear()`

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`get(k[,d])`

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`index_of(key[, possible])`

Generates a canonical ordering of the equivalent permutations of key (equivalent rearrangements of indices) and identifies which of those possible orderings this particular ordering is.

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`items()`

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`key_transform(key)`

Reverse tuple if first element is larger than last element.

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`keys()`

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`pop(k[,d])`

If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is raised.

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`popitem()`

as a 2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.

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`setdefault(k[,d])`

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<code>update([E, ]**F)</code>	If E present and has a <code>.keys()</code> method, does: for k in E: <code>D[k] = E[k]</code> If E present and lacks <code>.keys()</code> method, does: for (k, v) in E: <code>D[k] = v</code> In either case, this is followed by: for k, v in <code>F.items()</code> : <code>D[k] = v</code>
<code>values()</code>	

**static** `key_transform(key)`

Reverse tuple if first element is larger than last element.

**static** `index_of(key, possible=None)`

Generates a canonical ordering of the equivalent permutations of key (equivalent rearrangements of indices) and identifies which of those possible orderings this particular ordering is. This method is useful when multiple SMARTS patterns might match the same atoms, but local molecular symmetry or the use of wildcards in the SMARTS could make the matches occur in arbitrary order.

This method can be restricted to a subset of the canonical orderings, by providing the optional possible keyword argument. If provided, the index returned by this method will be the index of the element in possible after undergoing the same canonical sorting as above.

#### Parameters

- **key** (iterable of int) – A valid key for `ValenceDict`
- **possible** (iterable of iterable of int, optional. default=`None`) – A subset of the possible orderings that this match might take.

#### Returns index (int)

`clear()` → None. Remove all items from D.

`get(k[, d])` → `D[k]` if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.

`items()` → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

`keys()` → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

`pop(k[, d])` → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.  
If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise `KeyError` is raised.

`popitem()` → (k, v), remove and return some (key, value) pair  
as a 2-tuple; but raise `KeyError` if D is empty.

`setdefault(k[, d])` → `D.get(k, d)`, also set `D[k]=d` if k not in D

`update([E], **F)` → None. Update D from mapping/iterable E and F.

If E present and has a `.keys()` method, does: for k in E: `D[k] = E[k]` If E present and lacks `.keys()` method, does: for (k, v) in E: `D[k] = v` In either case, this is followed by: for k, v in `F.items()`: `D[k] = v`

`values()` → an object providing a view on D's values

### 10.2.15 openff.toolkit.topology.ImproperDict

**class** openff.toolkit.topology.ImproperDict(\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Symmetrize improper torsions.

**\_\_init\_\_**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

#### Methods

<code>__init__(*args, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>clear()</code>	
<code>get(k[,d])</code>	
<code>index_of(key[, possible])</code>	Generates a canonical ordering of the equivalent permutations of key (equivalent rearrangements of indices) and identifies which of those possible orderings this particular ordering is.
<code>items()</code>	
<code>key_transform(key)</code>	Reorder tuple in numerical order except for element[1] which is the central atom; it retains its position.
<code>keys()</code>	
<code>pop(k[,d])</code>	If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is raised.
<code>popitem()</code>	as a 2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.
<code>setdefault(k[,d])</code>	
<code>update([E, ]**F)</code>	If E present and has a .keys() method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k] If E present and lacks .keys() method, does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k, v in F.items(): D[k] = v
<code>values()</code>	

**static key\_transform(key)**

Reorder tuple in numerical order except for element[1] which is the central atom; it retains its position.

**static index\_of(key, possible=None)**

Generates a canonical ordering of the equivalent permutations of key (equivalent rearrangements of indices) and identifies which of those possible orderings this particular ordering is. This method is useful when multiple SMARTS patterns might match the same atoms, but local molecular symmetry or the use of wildcards in the SMARTS could make the matches occur in arbitrary order.

This method can be restricted to a subset of the canonical orderings, by providing the optional possible keyword argument. If provided, the index returned by this method will be the index of the element in possible after undergoing the same canonical sorting as above.

#### Parameters



- **key** (iterable of int) – A valid key for ValenceDict
- **possible** (iterable of iterable of int, optional. default=```None```) – A subset of the possible orderings that this match might take.

**Returns** `index` (*int*)

**clear**() → None. Remove all items from D.

**get**(*k* [, *d*]) → D[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.

**items**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

**keys**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**pop**(*k* [, *d*]) → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.  
If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise `KeyError` is raised.

**popitem**() → (k, v), remove and return some (key, value) pair  
as a 2-tuple; but raise `KeyError` if D is empty.

**setdefault**(*k* [, *d*]) → D.get(k,d), also set D[k]=d if k not in D

**update**( [*E*], *\*\*F*) → None. Update D from mapping/iterable E and F.  
If E present and has a `.keys()` method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k] If E present and lacks `.keys()` method, does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k, v in F.items(): D[k] = v

**values**() → an object providing a view on D's values



## FORCE FIELD TYPING TOOLS

### 11.1 Chemical environments

Tools for representing and operating on chemical environments

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<code>ChemicalEnvironment</code>	Chemical environment abstract base class used for validating SMIRKS
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#### 11.1.1 `openff.toolkit.typing.chemistry.ChemicalEnvironment`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.chemistry.ChemicalEnvironment(smirks=None, label=None,  
                                                         validate_parsable=True,  
                                                         validate_valence_type=True,  
                                                         toolkit_registry=None)
```

Chemical environment abstract base class used for validating SMIRKS

```
__init__(smirks=None, label=None, validate_parsable=True, validate_valence_type=True,  
         toolkit_registry=None)
```

Initialize a chemical environment abstract base class.

**smirks = string, optional** if **smirks** is not **None**, a chemical environment is built from the provided SMIRKS string

**label = anything, optional** intended to be used to label this chemical environment could be a string, int, or float, or anything

**validate\_parsable: bool, optional, default=True** If specified, ensure the provided **smirks** is parsable

**validate\_valence\_type** [bool, optional, default=True] If specified, ensure the tagged atoms are appropriate to the specified valence type

**toolkit\_registry = string or ToolkitWrapper or ToolkitRegistry. Default = None** Either a **ToolkitRegistry**, **ToolkitWrapper**, or the strings 'openeye' or 'rdkit', indicating the backend to use for validating the correct connectivity of the SMIRKS during initialization. If **None**, this function will use the **GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY**

#### Raises

- **SMIRKSParsingError** – if **smirks** was unparsable
- **SMIRKSMismatchError** – if **smirks** did not have expected connectivity between tagged atoms and **validate\_valence\_type=True**

## Methods

<code>__init__([smirks, label, validate_parsable, ...])</code>	Initialize a chemical environment abstract base class.
<code>get_type([toolkit_registry])</code>	Return the valence type implied by the connectivity of the bound atoms in this ChemicalEnvironment.
<code>validate([validate_valence_type, ...])</code>	Returns True if the underlying smirks is the correct valence type, False otherwise.
<code>validate_smirks(smirks[, validate_parsable, ...])</code>	Check the provided SMIRKS string is valid, and if requested, tags atoms appropriate to the specified valence type.

**validate**(*validate\_valence\_type*=True, *toolkit\_registry*=None)

Returns True if the underlying smirks is the correct valence type, False otherwise. If the expected type is None, this method always returns True.

**validate\_valence\_type** [bool, optional, default=True] If specified, ensure the tagged atoms are appropriate to the specified valence type

**toolkit\_registry** = **ToolkitWrapper** or **ToolkitRegistry**. **Default = None** Either a **ToolkitRegistry** or **ToolkitWrapper**, indicating the backend to use for validating the correct connectivity of the SMIRKS during initialization. If None, this function will use the **GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY**

### Raises

- **SMIRKSParsingError** – if smirks was unparsable
- **SMIRKSMismatchError** – if smirks did not have expected connectivity between tagged atoms and *validate\_valence\_type*=True

**classmethod validate\_smirks**(*smirks*, *validate\_parsable*=True, *validate\_valence\_type*=True, *toolkit\_registry*=None)

Check the provided SMIRKS string is valid, and if requested, tags atoms appropriate to the specified valence type.

### Parameters

- **smirks** (*str*) – The SMIRKS expression to validate
- **validate\_parsable** (*bool*, optional, default=True) – If specified, ensure the provided smirks is parsable
- **validate\_valence\_type** (*bool*, optional, default=True) – If specified, ensure the tagged atoms are appropriate to the specified valence type
- **None** (*toolkit\_registry* = *string* or **ToolkitWrapper** or **ToolkitRegistry**. **Default =** ) – Either a **ToolkitRegistry**, **ToolkitWrapper**, or the strings ‘openeye’ or ‘rdkit’, indicating the backend to use for validating the correct connectivity of the SMIRKS during initialization. If None, this function will use the **GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY**

### Raises

- **SMIRKSParsingError** – if smirks was unparsable
- **SMIRKSMismatchError** – if smirks did not have expected connectivity between tagged atoms and *validate\_valence\_type*=True

**get\_type**(*toolkit\_registry=None*)

Return the valence type implied by the connectivity of the bound atoms in this ChemicalEnvironment.

**Parameters** *toolkit\_registry* (openff.toolkit.utils.ToolkitRegistry or openff.toolkit.utils.ToolkitWrapper) – The cheminformatics toolkit to use for parsing the smirks

**Returns** *valence\_type* (*str*) – One of “Atom”, “Bond”, “Angle”, “ProperTorsion”, “ImproperTorsion”, or None. If tagged atoms are not connected in a known pattern this method will return None.

**Raises** **SMIRKSParsingError** – if smirks was unparsable

## 11.2 Force field typing engines

Engines for applying parameters to chemical systems

### 11.2.1 The SMIRks-Native Open Force Field (SMIRNOFF)

A reference implementation of the SMIRNOFF specification for parameterizing biomolecular systems

#### ForceField

The ForceField class is a primary part of the top-level toolkit API. ForceField objects are initialized from SMIRNOFF data sources (e.g. an OFFXML file). For a basic example of OpenMM System creation using a ForceField, see examples/SMIRNOFF\_simulation.

<code>ForceField</code>	A factory that assigns SMIRNOFF parameters to a molecular system
<code>get_available_force_fields</code>	Get the filenames of all available .offxml force field files.

#### openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.forcefield.ForceField

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.forcefield.ForceField(*sources, aromaticity_model=DEFAULT_AROMATICITY_MODEL, parameter_handler_classes=None, parameter_io_handler_classes=None, disable_version_check=False, allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, load_plugins=False)
```

A factory that assigns SMIRNOFF parameters to a molecular system

`ForceField` is a factory that constructs an OpenMM `openmm.System` object from a `openff.toolkit.topology.Topology` object defining a (bio)molecular system containing one or more molecules.

When a `ForceField` object is created from one or more specified SMIRNOFF serialized representations,

all `ParameterHandler` subclasses currently imported are identified and registered to handle different sections of the SMIRNOFF force field definition file(s).

All `ParameterIOHandler` subclasses currently imported are identified and registered to handle different serialization formats (such as XML).

The force field definition is processed by these handlers to populate the `ForceField` object model data structures that can easily be manipulated via the API:

Processing a `Topology` object defining a chemical system will then call all `ParameterHandler` objects in an order guaranteed to satisfy the declared processing order constraints of each `ParameterHandler`.

## Examples

Create a new `ForceField` containing the `smirnoff99Frosst` parameter set:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff import ForceField
>>> forcefield = ForceField('test_forcefields/test_forcefield.offxml')
```

Create an `OpenMM` system from a `openff.toolkit.topology.Topology` object:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule, Topology
>>> ethanol = Molecule.from_smiles('CCO')
>>> topology = Topology.from_molecules(molecules=[ethanol])
>>> system = forcefield.create_openmm_system(topology)
```

Modify the long-range electrostatics method:

```
>>> forcefield.get_parameter_handler('Electrostatics').method = 'PME'
```

Inspect the first few vdW parameters:

```
>>> low_precedence_parameters = forcefield.get_parameter_handler('vdW').parameters[0:3]
```

Retrieve the vdW parameters by SMIRKS string and manipulate it:

```
>>> parameter = forcefield.get_parameter_handler('vdW').parameters['[#1:1]-[#7]']
>>> parameter.rmin_half += 0.1 * unit.angstroms
>>> parameter.epsilon *= 1.02
```

Make a child vdW type more specific (checking modified SMIRKS for validity):

```
>>> forcefield.get_parameter_handler('vdW').parameters[-1].smirks += '~[#53]'
```

**Warning:** While we check whether the modified SMIRKS is still valid and has the appropriate valence type, we currently don't check whether the typing remains hierarchical, which could result in some types no longer being assignable because more general types now come *below* them and preferentially match.

Delete a parameter:

```
>>> del forcefield.get_parameter_handler('vdW').parameters['[#1:1]-[#6X4]']
```

Insert a parameter at a specific point in the parameter tree:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff import vdWHandler
>>> new_parameter = vdWHandler.vdWType(smirks='[*:1]', epsilon=0.0157*unit.kilocalories_
↳ per_mole, rmin_half=0.6000*unit.angstroms)
>>> forcefield.get_parameter_handler('vdW').parameters.insert(0, new_parameter)
```

**Warning:** We currently don't check whether removing a parameter could accidentally remove the root type, so it's possible to no longer type all molecules this way.

```
__init__(*sources, aromaticity_model=DEFAULT_AROMATICITY_MODEL,
        parameter_handler_classes=None, parameter_io_handler_classes=None,
        disable_version_check=False, allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, load_plugins=False)
Create a new ForceField object from one or more SMIRNOFF parameter definition files.
```

### Parameters

- **sources** (string or file-like object or open file handle or URL (or iterable of these)) – A list of files defining the SMIRNOFF force field to be loaded. Currently, only the [SMIRNOFF XML format](#) is supported. Each entry may be an absolute file path, a path relative to the current working directory, a path relative to this module's data subdirectory (for built in force fields), or an open file-like object with a `read()` method from which the force field XML data can be loaded. If multiple files are specified, any top-level tags that are repeated will be merged if they are compatible, with files appearing later in the sequence resulting in parameters that have higher precedence. Support for multiple files is primarily intended to allow solvent parameters to be specified by listing them last in the sequence.
- **aromaticity\_model** (string, default='OEAroModel\_MDL') – The aromaticity model used by the force field. Currently, only 'OEAroModel\_MDL' is supported
- **parameter\_handler\_classes** (iterable of `ParameterHandler` classes, optional, default=None) – If not None, the specified set of `ParameterHandler` classes will be instantiated to create the parameter object model. By default, all imported subclasses of `ParameterHandler` are automatically registered.
- **parameter\_io\_handler\_classes** (iterable of `ParameterIOHandler` classes) – If not None, the specified set of `ParameterIOHandler` classes will be used to parse/generate serialized parameter sets. By default, all imported subclasses of `ParameterIOHandler` are automatically registered.
- **disable\_version\_check** (bool, optional, default=False) – If True, will disable checks against the current highest supported force field version. This option is primarily intended for force field development.
- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (bool, optional. Default = False) – Whether to retain non-spec kwargs from data sources.
- **load\_plugins** (bool, optional. Default = False) – Whether to load `ParameterHandler` classes which have been registered by installed plugins.

## Examples

Load one SMIRNOFF parameter set in XML format (searching the package data directory by default, which includes some standard parameter sets):

```
>>> forcefield = ForceField('test_forcefields/test_forcefield.offxml')
```

Load multiple SMIRNOFF parameter sets:

```
>>> forcefield = ForceField('test_forcefields/test_forcefield.offxml', 'test_
↳forcefields/tip3p.offxml')
```

Load a parameter set from a string:

```
>>> offxml = '<SMIRNOFF version="0.2" aromaticity_model="OEAroModel_MD" />'
>>> forcefield = ForceField(offxml)
```

## Methods

<code>__init__(*sources[, aromaticity_model, ...])</code>	Create a new <code>ForceField</code> object from one or more SMIRNOFF parameter definition files.
<code>create_openmm_system(topology, **kwargs)</code>	Create an OpenMM System representing the interactions for the specified Topology with the current force field
<code>deregister_parameter_handler(handler)</code>	Deregister a parameter handler specified by tag name, class, or instance.
<code>get_parameter_handler(tagname[, ...])</code>	Retrieve the parameter handlers associated with the provided tagname.
<code>get_parameter_io_handler(io_format)</code>	Retrieve the parameter handlers associated with the provided tagname.
<code>get_partial_charges(molecule, **kwargs)</code>	Generate the partial charges for the given molecule in this force field.
<code>label_molecules(topology)</code>	Return labels for a list of molecules corresponding to parameters from this force field.
<code>parse_smirnoff_from_source(source)</code>	Reads a SMIRNOFF data structure from a source, which can be one of many types.
<code>parse_sources(sources[, ...])</code>	Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition.
<code>register_parameter_handler(parameter_handler)</code>	Register a new ParameterHandler for a specific tag, making it available for lookup in the ForceField.
<code>register_parameter_io_handler(...)</code>	Register a new ParameterIOHandler, making it available for lookup in the ForceField.
<code>to_file(filename[, io_format, ...])</code>	Write this Forcefield and all its associated parameters to a string in a given format which complies with the SMIRNOFF spec.
<code>to_string([io_format, ...])</code>	Write this Forcefield and all its associated parameters to a string in a given format which complies with the SMIRNOFF spec.



## Attributes

<code>aromaticity_model</code>	Returns the aromaticity model for this ForceField object.
<code>author</code>	Returns the author data for this ForceField object.
<code>date</code>	Returns the date data for this ForceField object.
<code>registered_parameter_handlers</code>	Return the list of registered parameter handlers by name

### property `aromaticity_model`

Returns the aromaticity model for this ForceField object.

**Returns** `aromaticity_model` – The aromaticity model for this force field.

### property `author`

Returns the author data for this ForceField object. If not defined in any loaded files, this will be None.

**Returns** `author` (*str*) – The author data for this force field.

### property `date`

Returns the date data for this ForceField object. If not defined in any loaded files, this will be None.

**Returns** `date` (*str*) – The date data for this force field.

### `register_parameter_handler(parameter_handler)`

Register a new ParameterHandler for a specific tag, making it available for lookup in the ForceField.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters** `parameter_handler` (A `ParameterHandler` object) – The `ParameterHandler` to register. The `TAGNAME` attribute of this object will be used as the key for registration.

### `register_parameter_io_handler(parameter_io_handler)`

Register a new ParameterIOHandler, making it available for lookup in the ForceField.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters** `parameter_io_handler` (A `ParameterIOHandler` object) – The `ParameterIOHandler` to register. The `FORMAT` attribute of this object will be used to associate it to a file format/suffix.

### property `registered_parameter_handlers`

Return the list of registered parameter handlers by name

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

Returns **registered\_parameter\_handlers** (*iterable of names of `ParameterHandler` objects in this `ForceField`*)

**get\_parameter\_handler**(*tagname, handler\_kwargs=None, allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Retrieve the parameter handlers associated with the provided tagname.

If the parameter handler has not yet been instantiated, it will be created and returned. If a parameter handler object already exists, it will be checked for compatibility and an Exception raised if it is incompatible with the provided kwargs. If compatible, the existing `ParameterHandler` will be returned.

#### Parameters

- **tagname** (*str*) – The name of the parameter to be handled.
- **handler\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional. Default = None) – Dict to be passed to the handler for construction or checking compatibility. If this is None and no existing `ParameterHandler` exists for the desired tag, a handler will be initialized with all default values. If this is None and a handler for the desired tag exists, the existing `ParameterHandler` will be returned.
- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs in `smirnoff_data`.

Returns **handler** (*An `openff.toolkit.engines.typing.smirnoff.ParameterHandler`*)

Raises **KeyError** – If there is no `ParameterHandler` for the given tagname

**get\_parameter\_io\_handler**(*io\_format*)

Retrieve the parameter handlers associated with the provided tagname. If the parameter IO handler has not yet been instantiated, it will be created.

Parameters **io\_format** (*str*) – The name of the io format to be handled.

Returns **io\_handler** (*An `openff.toolkit.engines.typing.smirnoff.ParameterIOHandler`*)

Raises **KeyError** – If there is no `ParameterIOHandler` for the given tagname

**deregister\_parameter\_handler**(*handler*)

Deregister a parameter handler specified by tag name, class, or instance.

Parameters **handler** (*str, openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.ParameterHandler-derived type or object*) – The handler to deregister.

**parse\_sources**(*sources, allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=True*)

Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition.

#### Parameters

- **sources** (*string or file-like object or open file handle or URL (or iterable of these)*) – A list of files defining the SMIRNOFF force field to be loaded. Currently, only the [SMIRNOFF XML format](#) is supported. Each entry may be an absolute file path, a path relative to the current working directory, a path relative to this module's data subdirectory (for built in force fields), or an open file-like object with a `read()` method from which the force field XML data can be loaded. If multiple files are specified, any top-level tags that are repeated will be merged if they are compatible, with files appearing later in the sequence resulting in parameters that have higher precedence. Support for multiple files is primarily intended to allow solvent parameters to be specified by listing them last in the sequence.
- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs present in the source.

## Notes

- New SMIRNOFF sections are handled independently, as if they were specified in the same file.
- If a SMIRNOFF section that has already been read appears again, its definitions are appended to the end of the previously-read definitions if the sections are configured with compatible attributes; otherwise, an `IncompatibleTagException` is raised.

### `parse_smirnoff_from_source(source)`

Reads a SMIRNOFF data structure from a source, which can be one of many types.

**Parameters** `source` (`str` or `bytes` or file-like object) – File defining the SMIRNOFF force field to be loaded. Currently, only the `SMIRNOFF XML format` is supported. The file may be an absolute file path, a path relative to the current working directory, a path relative to this module's data subdirectory (for built in force fields), or an open file-like object with a `read()` method from which the force field XML data can be loaded.

**Returns** `smirnoff_data` (`OrderedDict`) – A representation of a SMIRNOFF-format data structure. Begins at top-level 'SMIRNOFF' key.

### `to_string(io_format='XML', discard_cosmetic_attributes=False)`

Write this Forcefield and all its associated parameters to a string in a given format which complies with the SMIRNOFF spec.

#### Parameters

- `io_format` (`str` or `ParameterIOHandler`, optional. Default='XML') – The serialization format to write to
- `discard_cosmetic_attributes` (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to discard any non-spec attributes stored in the ForceField.

**Returns** `forcefield_string` (`str`) – The string representation of the serialized force field

### `to_file(filename, io_format=None, discard_cosmetic_attributes=False)`

Write this Forcefield and all its associated parameters to a string in a given format which complies with the SMIRNOFF spec.

#### Parameters

- `filename` (`str`) – The filename to write to
- `io_format` (`str` or `ParameterIOHandler`, optional. Default=None) – The serialization format to write out. If None, will attempt to be inferred from the filename.
- `discard_cosmetic_attributes` (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to discard any non-spec attributes stored in the ForceField.

**Returns** `forcefield_string` (`str`) – The string representation of the serialized force field

### `create_openmm_system(topology, **kwargs)`

Create an OpenMM System representing the interactions for the specified Topology with the current force field

#### Parameters

- `topology` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology corresponding to the system to be parameterized
- `charge_from_molecules` (`List[openff.toolkit.molecule.Molecule]`, optional. default = []) – If specified, partial charges will be taken from the given molecules instead of being determined by the force field.

- **partial\_bond\_orders\_from\_molecules** (List[openff.toolkit.molecule.Molecule], optional. default=[]) – If specified, partial bond orders will be taken from the given molecules instead of being determined by the force field. All bonds on each molecule given must have fractional\_bond\_order specified. A *ValueError* will be raised if any bonds have fractional\_bond\_order=None. Molecules in the topology not represented in this list will have fractional bond orders calculated using underlying toolkits as needed.
- **return\_topology** (bool, optional. default=False) – If True, return tuple of (system, topology), where topology is the processed topology. Default False. This topology will have the final partial charges assigned on its reference\_molecules attribute, as well as partial bond orders (if they were calculated).
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry, optional. default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – The toolkit registry to use for operations like conformer generation and partial charge assignment.

#### Returns

- **system** (openmm.System) – The newly created OpenMM System corresponding to the specified topology
- **topology** (openff.toolkit.topology.Topology, optional.) – If the *return\_topology* keyword argument is used, this method will also return a Topology. This can be used to inspect the partial charges and partial bond orders assigned to the molecules during parameterization.

#### label\_molecules(topology)

Return labels for a list of molecules corresponding to parameters from this force field. For each molecule, a dictionary of force types is returned, and for each force type, each force term is provided with the atoms involved, the parameter id assigned, and the corresponding SMIRKS.

**Parameters** **topology** (openff.toolkit.topology.Topology) – A Topology object containing one or more unique molecules to be labeled

#### Returns

- **molecule\_labels** (list) – List of labels for unique molecules. Each entry in the list corresponds to one unique molecule in the Topology and is a dictionary keyed by force type, i.e., molecule\_labels[0]['HarmonicBondForce'] gives details for the harmonic bond parameters for the first molecule. Each element is a list of the form: [ ( [ atom1, ..., atomN], parameter\_id, SMIRKS), ... ].
- .. *todo* :: – What is the most useful API for this method? Should we instead accept Molecule objects as input and individually return labels? Should we attach the labels to the Molecule object? Or should we label all interactions in a Topology instead of just labeling its unique\_molecules?

#### get\_partial\_charges(molecule, \*\*kwargs)

Generate the partial charges for the given molecule in this force field.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule) – The Molecule corresponding to the system to be parameterized
- **toolkit\_registry** (openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry, default=GLOBAL\_TOOLKIT\_REGISTRY) – The toolkit registry to use for operations like conformer generation and partial charge assignment.

**Returns charges** (openmm.unit.Quantity with shape (n\_atoms,) and dimensions of charge) – The partial charges of the provided molecule in this force field.

#### Raises

- **PartialChargeVirtualSitesError** – If the ForceField applies virtual sites to the Molecule. `get_partial_charges` cannot identify which virtual site charges may belong to which atoms in this case.
- **Other exceptions** – As any ParameterHandler may in principle modify charges, the entire force field must be applied to the molecule to produce the charges. Calls to this method from incorrectly or incompletely specified ForceField objects thus may raise an exception.

#### Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff import ForceField, Molecule
>>> ethanol = Molecule.from_smiles('CCO')
>>> force_field = ForceField('test_forcefields/test_forcefield.offxml')
```

Assign partial charges to the molecule according to the force field:

```
>>> ethanol.partial_charges = force_field.get_partial_charges(ethanol)
```

Use the assigned partial charges when creating an OpenMM System:

```
>>> topology = ethanol.to_topology()
>>> system = forcefield.create_openmm_system(
...     topology,
...     charge_from_molecules=[ethanol]
... )
```

This is especially useful when you want to create multiple systems with the same molecule or molecules, as it allows the expensive charge calculation to be cached.

#### openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.forcefield.get\_available\_force\_fields

openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.forcefield.**get\_available\_force\_fields**(full\_paths=False)  
Get the filenames of all available .offxml force field files.

Availability is determined by what is discovered through the openforcefield.smirnoff\_forcefield\_directory entry point. If the openff-forcefields package is installed, this should include several .offxml files such as openff-1.0.0.offxml.

**Parameters** `full_paths` (bool, default=False) – If False, return the name of each available \*.offxml file. If True, return the full path to each available \*.offxml file.

**Returns** `available_force_fields` (List[str]) – List of available force field files

## Parameter Type

ParameterType objects are representations of individual SMIRKS-based SMIRNOFF parameters. These are usually initialized during ForceField creation, and can be inspected and modified by users via the Python API. For more information, see `examples/forcefield_modification`.

<code>ParameterType</code>	Base class for SMIRNOFF parameter types.
<code>BondHandler.BondType</code>	A SMIRNOFF bond type
<code>AngleHandler.AngleType</code>	A SMIRNOFF angle type.
<code>ProperTorsionHandler.ProperTorsionType</code>	A SMIRNOFF torsion type for proper torsions.
<code>ImproperTorsionHandler.ImproperTorsionType</code>	A SMIRNOFF torsion type for improper torsions.
<code>vdWHandler.vdWType</code>	A SMIRNOFF vdWForce type.
<code>LibraryChargeHandler.LibraryChargeType</code>	A SMIRNOFF Library Charge type.
<code>GBSAHandler.GBSAType</code>	A SMIRNOFF GBSA type.
<code>ChargeIncrementModelHandler.ChargeIncrementType</code>	A SMIRNOFF bond charge correction type.
<code>VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteBondChargeType</code>	A SMIRNOFF virtual site bond charge type
<code>VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteMonovalentLonePairType</code>	A SMIRNOFF monovalent lone pair virtual site type
<code>VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteDivalentLonePairType</code>	A SMIRNOFF divalent lone pair virtual site type
<code>VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteTrivalentLonePairType</code>	A SMIRNOFF trivalent lone pair virtual site type

### `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterType`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterType(smirks, al-
                                                                    low_cosmetic_attributes=False,
                                                                    **kwargs)
```

Base class for SMIRNOFF parameter types.

This base class provides utilities to create new parameter types. See the below for examples of how to do this.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Attributes

- **smirks** (*str*) – The SMIRKS pattern that this parameter matches.
- **id** (*str or None*) – An optional identifier for the parameter.
- **parent\_id** (*str or None*) – Optionally, the identifier of the parameter of which this parameter is a specialization.

#### See also:

`ParameterAttribute`, `IndexedParameterAttribute`

## Examples

This class allows to define new parameter types by just listing its attributes. In the example below, `_VALENCE_TYPE` AND `_ELEMENT_NAME` are used for the validation of the SMIRKS pattern associated to the parameter and the automatic serialization/deserialization into a dict.

```
>>> class MyBondParameter(ParameterType):
...     _VALENCE_TYPE = 'Bond'
...     _ELEMENT_NAME = 'Bond'
...     length = ParameterAttribute(unit=unit.angstrom)
...     k = ParameterAttribute(unit=unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom**2)
... 
```

The parameter automatically inherits the required smirks attribute from `ParameterType`. Associating a unit to a `ParameterAttribute` cause the attribute to accept only values in compatible units and to parse string expressions.

```
>>> my_par = MyBondParameter(
...     smirks='[*:1]-[*:2]',
...     length='1.01 * angstrom',
...     k=5 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom**2
... )
>>> my_par.length
Quantity(value=1.01, unit=angstrom)
>>> my_par.k = 3.0 * unit.gram
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
openff.toolkit.utils.utils.IncompatibleUnitError: k=3.0 g should have units of_
↳kilocalorie/(angstrom**2*mole)
```

Each attribute can be made optional by specifying a default value, and you can attach a converter function by passing a callable as an argument or through the decorator syntax.

```
>>> class MyParameterType(ParameterType):
...     _VALENCE_TYPE = 'Atom'
...     _ELEMENT_NAME = 'Atom'
...
...     attr_optional = ParameterAttribute(default=2)
...     attr_all_to_float = ParameterAttribute(converter=float)
...     attr_int_to_float = ParameterAttribute()
...
...     @attr_int_to_float.converter
...     def attr_int_to_float(self, attr, value):
...         # This converter converts only integers to floats
...         # and raise an exception for the other types.
...         if isinstance(value, int):
...             return float(value)
...         elif not isinstance(value, float):
...             raise TypeError(f"Cannot convert '{value}' to float")
...         return value
...
>>> my_par = MyParameterType(smirks='[*:1]', attr_all_to_float='3.0', attr_int_to_
↳float=1)
>>> my_par.attr_optional
```

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```

2
>>> my_par.attr_all_to_float
3.0
>>> my_par.attr_int_to_float
1.0

```

The float() function can convert strings to integers, but our custom converter forbids it

```

>>> my_par.attr_all_to_float = '2.0'
>>> my_par.attr_int_to_float = '4.0'
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
TypeError: Cannot convert '4.0' to float

```

Parameter attributes that can be indexed can be handled with the IndexedParameterAttribute. These support unit validation and converters exactly as ParameterAttributes, but the validation/conversion is performed for each indexed attribute.

```

>>> class MyTorsionType(ParameterType):
...     _VALENCE_TYPE = 'ProperTorsion'
...     _ELEMENT_NAME = 'Proper'
...     periodicity = IndexedParameterAttribute(converter=int)
...     k = IndexedParameterAttribute(unit=unit.kilocalorie_per_mole)
...
>>> my_par = MyTorsionType(
...     smirks='[*:1]-[*:2]-[*:3]-[*:4]',
...     periodicity1=2,
...     k1=5 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole,
...     periodicity2='3',
...     k2=6 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole,
... )
>>> my_par.periodicity
[2, 3]

```

Indexed attributes, can be accessed both as a list or as their indexed parameter name.

```

>>> my_par.periodicity2 = 6
>>> my_par.periodicity[0] = 1
>>> my_par.periodicity
[1, 6]

```

**\_\_init\_\_**(*smirks*, *allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Create a ParameterType.

#### Parameters

- **smirks** (str) – The SMIRKS match for the provided parameter type.
- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (bool optional. Default = False) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs (“cosmetic attributes”). If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as an attribute of this parameter which can be accessed and written out. Otherwise an exception will be raised.



## Methods

<code>__init__(smirks[, allow_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Create a ParameterType.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Convert this object to dict format.

## Attributes

<code>id</code>
<code>parent_id</code>
<code>smirks</code>

**`add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)`**

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **`attr_name`** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **`attr_value`** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**`attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)`**

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **`attr_name`** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **`is_cosmetic`** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
Returns False otherwise.

**`delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)`**

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False, duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (*list of string*, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaiton

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

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`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.AngleHandler.AngleType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ProperTorsionHandler.ProperTorsionType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ImproperTorsionHandler.ImproperTorsionType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.vdWHandler.vdWType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.LibraryChargeHandler.LibraryChargeType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.GBSAHandler.GBSAType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ChargeIncrementModelHandler.ChargeIncrementType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteBondChargeType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteMonovalentLonePairType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteDivalentLonePairType`

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.VirtualSiteHandler.VirtualSiteTrivalentLonePairType`

## Parameter Handlers

Each ForceField primarily consists of several ParameterHandler objects, which each contain the machinery to add one energy component to an OpenMM System. During System creation, each ParameterHandler registered to a ForceField has its `assign_parameters()` function called.

<code>ParameterList</code>	Parameter list that also supports accessing items by SMARTS string.
<code>ParameterHandler</code>	Base class for parameter handlers.
<code>BondHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <Bonds> tags
<code>AngleHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <AngleForce> tags
<code>ProperTorsionHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <ProperTorsionForce> tags
<code>ImproperTorsionHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <ImproperTorsionForce> tags
<code>vdWHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <vdW> tags
<code>ElectrostaticsHandler</code>	Handles SMIRNOFF <Electrostatics> tags.
<code>LibraryChargeHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <LibraryCharges> tags
<code>ToolkitAM1BCCHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <ToolkitAM1BCC> tags
<code>GBSAHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <GBSA> tags
<code>ChargeIncrementModelHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <ChargeIncrementModel> tags
<code>VirtualSiteHandler</code>	Handle SMIRNOFF <VirtualSites> tags

### `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterList`

**class** `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterList`(*input\_parameter\_list=None*)  
Parameter list that also supports accessing items by SMARTS string.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__`(*input\_parameter\_list=None*)

Initialize a new ParameterList, optionally providing a list of ParameterType objects to initially populate it.

**Parameters** `input_parameter_list` (`list[ParameterType]`, default=None) – A pre-existing list of ParameterType-based objects. If None, this ParameterList will be initialized empty.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>[input_parameter_list]</i> )	Initialize a new ParameterList, optionally providing a list of ParameterType objects to initially populate it.
<code>append</code> ( <i>parameter</i> )	Add a ParameterType object to the end of the ParameterList
<code>clear</code> ()	Remove all items from list.
<code>copy</code> ()	Return a shallow copy of the list.
<code>count</code> ( <i>value, /</i> )	Return number of occurrences of value.
<code>extend</code> ( <i>other</i> )	Add a ParameterList object to the end of the ParameterList

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<code>index(item)</code>	Get the numerical index of a <code>ParameterType</code> object or SMIRKS in this <code>ParameterList</code> .
<code>insert(index, parameter)</code>	Add a <code>ParameterType</code> object as if this were a list
<code>pop([index])</code>	Remove and return item at index (default last).
<code>remove(value, /)</code>	Remove first occurrence of value.
<code>reverse()</code>	Reverse <i>IN PLACE</i> .
<code>sort(*[, key, reverse])</code>	Sort the list in ascending order and return None.
<code>to_list([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Render this <code>ParameterList</code> to a normal list, serializing each <code>ParameterType</code> object in it to dict.

**append**(*parameter*)

Add a `ParameterType` object to the end of the `ParameterList`

**Parameters** *parameter* (a `ParameterType` object) –

**extend**(*other*)

Add a `ParameterList` object to the end of the `ParameterList`

**Parameters** *other* (a `ParameterList`) –

**index**(*item*)

Get the numerical index of a `ParameterType` object or SMIRKS in this `ParameterList`. Raises `ParameterLookupError` if the item is not found.

**Parameters** *item* (`ParameterType` object or `str`) – The parameter or SMIRKS to look up in this `ParameterList`

**Returns** *index* (*int*) – The index of the found item

**Raises** `ParameterLookupError` if SMIRKS pattern is passed in but not found –

**insert**(*index, parameter*)

Add a `ParameterType` object as if this were a list

**Parameters**

- **index** (*int*) – The numerical position to insert the parameter at
- **parameter** (a `ParameterType` object) – The parameter to insert

**to\_list**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=True*)

Render this `ParameterList` to a normal list, serializing each `ParameterType` object in it to dict.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = True) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of each `ParameterType` object.

**Returns** **parameter\_list** (*List[dict]*) – A serialized representation of a `ParameterList`, with each `ParameterType` it contains converted to dict.

**clear**()

Remove all items from list.

**copy**()

Return a shallow copy of the list.

**count**(*value, /*)

Return number of occurrences of value.

**pop**(*index=- 1, /*)

Remove and return item at index (default last).

Raises `IndexError` if list is empty or index is out of range.

**remove**(*value*, /)

Remove first occurrence of value.

Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

**reverse**()

Reverse *IN PLACE*.

**sort**(\*, *key=None*, *reverse=False*)

Sort the list in ascending order and return None.

The sort is in-place (i.e. the list itself is modified) and stable (i.e. the order of two equal elements is maintained).

If a key function is given, apply it once to each list item and sort them, ascending or descending, according to their function values.

The reverse flag can be set to sort in descending order.

### openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterHandler

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,  
                                                                    skip_version_check=False,  
                                                                    **kwargs)
```

Base class for parameter handlers.

Parameter handlers are configured with some global parameters for a given section. They may also contain a [ParameterList](#) populated with [ParameterType](#) objects if they are responsible for assigning SMIRKS-based parameters.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, skip_version_check=False, **kwargs)
```

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

#### Parameters

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – If False, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

## Methods

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(handler_kwargs)</code>	Checks if a set of kwargs used to create a ParameterHandler are compatible with this ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the parameter_attrs argument.
<code>postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

## Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>version</code>	

### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

### property TAGNAME

The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** `handler_name` (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*handler\_kwargs*)

Checks if a set of kwargs used to create a ParameterHandler are compatible with this ParameterHandler. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *handler\_kwargs* (*dict*) – The kwargs that would be used to construct

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if *handler\_kwargs* are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

**Parameters**

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the ParameterHandler.INFO\_TYPE (a ParameterType) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A ParameterType to add to the ParameterHandler
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

## Examples

Add a ParameterType to an existing ParameterList at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[*:1]=[*:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** *parameter\_attrs* (dict of {attr: value}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[.1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"})

**Returns** *params* (list of *ParameterType* objects) – A list of matching *ParameterType* objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [*:1]-[*:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

### Parameters

- **entity** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Topology*) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** *matches* (*ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]*) – *matches*[*particle\_indices*] is the *ParameterType* object matching the tuple of particle indices in *entity*.

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

### Parameters



- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**postprocess\_system**(*topology*, *system*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (`str`) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (`str`) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (`str`) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (`bool`) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

## openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.BondHandler

**class** openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.**BondHandler**(\*\*kwargs)

Handle SMIRNOFF <Bonds> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(\*\*kwargs)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

### Parameters

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – If False, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

### Methods

<code>__init__(**kwargs)</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler.

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check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)	
create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)	
delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
find_matches(entity[, unique])	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
get_parameter(parameter_attrs)	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the parameter_attrs argument.
postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])	Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

### Attributes

TAGNAME	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
fractional_bondorder_interpolation	
fractional_bondorder_method	
known_kwargs	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
parameters	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
potential	
version	

**class BondType(\*\*kwargs)**  
A SMIRNOFF bond type

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute(attr\_name, attr\_value)**

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.

Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaion

**Returns** *smirnoff\_dict* (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` encodes compatible physics as another `ParameterHandler`. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *other\_handler* (a `ParameterHandler` object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**property** *TAGNAME*

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** *handler\_name* (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler.INFO_TYPE` (a `ParameterType`) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

### Examples

Add a `ParameterType` to an existing `ParameterList` at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[*:1]=[*:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (*bool*, `default=False`) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** *matches* (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler._Match]`) – *matches*[*particle\_indices*] is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in *entity*.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** *parameter\_attrs* (dict of {*attr*: *value*}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[\*:1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"} )

**Returns** `params` (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching ParameterType objects

### Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

#### property `known_kwargs`

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

#### property `parameters`

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

#### `postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)`

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

#### `to_dict(discard_cosmetic_attributes=False)`

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** `discard_cosmetic_attributes` (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** `smirnoff_data` (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.AngleHandler`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.AngleHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,
                                                                    skip_version_check=False,
                                                                    **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <AngleForce> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, skip_version_check=False, **kwargs)
    Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
```

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If `True`, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – If `False`, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the `ParameterHandler` will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

**Methods**

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a <code>ParameterHandler</code> , optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given <code>Topology</code> to the specified <code>OpenMM System</code> object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this <code>ParameterHandler</code> encodes compatible physics as another <code>ParameterHandler</code> .
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the <code>topology/molecule</code> matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this <code>ParameterHandler</code> that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.

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<code>postprocess_system(topology,</code> <code>**kwargs)</code>	<code>system,</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>		Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

### Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>potential</code>	
<code>version</code>	

**class** `AngleType(smirks, allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, **kwargs)`

A SMIRNOFF angle type.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute(attr\_name, attr\_value)**

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (`str`) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (`str`) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic(attr\_name)**

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (`str`) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (`bool`) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute(attr\_name)**

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False, duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` encodes compatible physics as another `ParameterHandler`. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** `other_handler` (a `ParameterHandler` object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**property** `TAGNAME`

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** `handler_name` (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name, attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

**Parameters**

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler` constructor

- **parameter** (`ParameterType`, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **after** (`str` or `int`, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if `str`) or index (if `int`) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (`str`, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if `str`) or index (if `int`) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either `parameter_kwarg`s or `parameter` must be specified.
  - When `before` and `after` are both `None`, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When `before` and `after` are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the `after` pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

## Examples

Add a `ParameterType` to an existing `ParameterList` at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]=[[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[:1]=[[:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given `Topology` to the specified `OpenMM System` object.

### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The `Topology` for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new `Force` will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing `Force`.

- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (*bool*, `default=False`) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** *matches* (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler._Match]`) – *matches*[*particle\_indices*] is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in *entity*.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** *parameter\_attrs* (dict of {*attr*: *value*}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {“smirks”: “[*:1*]~[*#16:2*]=,*:[#6:3]~[*:4*]”, “id”: “t105”} )*

**Returns** *params* (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching `ParameterType` objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

### postprocess\_system(topology, system, \*\*kwargs)

Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

### to\_dict(discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** `discard_cosmetic_attributes` (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** `smirnoff_data` (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ProperTorsionHandler`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ProperTorsionHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,  
                                                                           skip_version_check=False,  
                                                                           **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <ProperTorsionForce> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, skip_version_check=False, **kwargs)
```

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If `True`, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – If `False`, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

**Methods**

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.

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<code>postprocess_system(topology,</code> <code>**kwargs)</code>	<code>system,</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>		Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

### Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>default_idivf</code>	
<code>fractional_bondorder_interpolation</code>	
<code>fractional_bondorder_method</code>	
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>potential</code>	
<code>version</code>	

**class ProperTorsionType**(*smirks*, *allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
A SMIRNOFF torsion type for proper torsions.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** `is_cosmetic` (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False, duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaion

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` encodes compatible physics as another `ParameterHandler`. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** `other_handler` (a `ParameterHandler` object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**property** `TAGNAME`

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** `handler_name` (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name, attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.



`add_parameter(parameter, kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None)`

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

#### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (`dict`, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler.INFO_TYPE` (a `ParameterType`) constructor
- **parameter** (`ParameterType`, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **after** (`str` or `int`, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if `str`) or index (if `int`) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (`str`, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if `str`) or index (if `int`) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either `parameter_kwargs` or `parameter` must be specified.
  - When `before` and `after` are both `None`, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When `before` and `after` are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the `after` pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

#### Examples

Add a `ParameterType` to an existing `ParameterList` at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
↳
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↳
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↳
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[:1]=[:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** *matches* (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler._Match]`) – *matches*[*particle\_indices*] is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in *entity*.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple *attrs* are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** *parameter\_attrs* (dict of {*attr*: *value*}) – The *attrs* mapped to desired values (for example {“smirks”: “[1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]”, “id”: “t105”} )

**Returns** *params* (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching `ParameterType` objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

### postprocess\_system(*topology*, *system*, \*\*kwargs)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

### to\_dict(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ImproperTorsionHandler`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ImproperTorsionHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,  
                                                                           skip_version_check=False,  
                                                                           **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <ImproperTorsionForce> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, skip_version_check=False, **kwargs)
```

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If `True`, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – If `False`, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

**Methods**

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the improper torsions in the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.

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<code>postprocess_system(topology, **kwargs)</code>	<code>system,</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>		Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

### Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>default_idivf</code>	
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>potential</code>	
<code>version</code>	

**class ImproperTorsionType**(*smirks*, *allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
 A SMIRNOFF torsion type for improper torsions.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)  
 Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)  
 Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` encodes compatible physics as another `ParameterHandler`. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *other\_handler* (a `ParameterHandler` object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if *handler\_kwargs* are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the improper torsions in the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters** *entity* (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.

**Returns** *matches* (`ImproperDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]`) – *matches*[*atom\_indices*] is the `ParameterType` object matching the 4-tuple of atom indices in *entity*.

**property** `TAGNAME`

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** *handler\_name* (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.

- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwarg*s=None, *parameter*=None, *after*=None, *before*=None)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

#### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwarg**s (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the ParameterHandler.INFO\_TYPE (a ParameterType) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A ParameterType to add to the ParameterHandler
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwarg*s or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

#### Examples

Add a ParameterType to an existing ParameterList at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[*:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks '[1]=[2]'

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[*:1]=[*:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** *parameter\_attrs* (dict of {attr: value}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[\*:1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"} )

**Returns** *params* (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching ParameterType objects



## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

### postprocess\_system(topology, system, \*\*kwargs)

Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

### to\_dict(discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** `discard_cosmetic_attributes` (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** `smirnoff_data` (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.vdWHandler`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.vdWHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,  
                                                                skip_version_check=False,  
                                                                **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <vdW> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False, skip_version_check=False, **kwargs)
```

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If `True`, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – If `False`, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

**Methods**

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

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<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.
<code>mark_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Attributes**

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>combining_rules</code>	
<code>cutoff</code>	
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>method</code>	
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>potential</code>	
<code>scale12</code>	
<code>scale13</code>	
<code>scale14</code>	
<code>scale15</code>	
<code>switch_width</code>	
<code>version</code>	

**class** `vdWType(**kwargs)`  
 A SMIRNOFF vdWForce type.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**to\_dict**(`discard_cosmetic_attributes=False`, `duplicate_attributes=None`)  
 Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the ParameterAttribute and IndexedParameterAttribute as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaiton

**Returns** **smirnoff\_dict** (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** **other\_handler** (a ParameterHandler object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** **IncompatibleParameterError** if **handler\_kwargs** are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**property** **TAGNAME**

The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** **handler\_name** (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

#### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler.INFOType` (a `ParameterType`) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

#### Examples

Add a `ParameterType` to an existing `ParameterList` at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
↩
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[*:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↩
```

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```
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↪
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[:1]=[:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**static check\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

#### Parameters

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to check for having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to query for this information

**Returns** *charges\_assigned* (*bool*) – Whether charges have already been assigned to this molecule

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (`str`) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches**(`entity`, `unique=False`)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (`bool`, `default=False`) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** `matches` (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]`) – `matches[particle_indices]` is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in `entity`.

**get\_parameter**(`parameter_attrs`)

Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the `parameter_attrs` argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** `parameter_attrs` (`dict` of {`attr`: `value`}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {“smirks”: “[.1]~[#16:2]=,.[#6:3]~[:4]”, “id”: “t105”} )

**Returns** `params` (`list` of `ParameterType` objects) – A list of matching `ParameterType` objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [*:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

**property known\_kwargs**

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

**mark\_charges\_assigned**(`ref_mol`, `topology`)

Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to mark as having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to record this information on.

**property parameters**

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

**postprocess\_system**(*topology*, *system*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

**openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ElectrostaticsHandler**

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ElectrostaticsHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,  
                                                                           skip_version_check=False,  
                                                                           **kwargs)
```

Handles SMIRNOFF <Electrostatics> tags.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *skip\_version\_check=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – If False, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (`dict`) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source



## Methods

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_charge_from_molecules(molecule, ...)</code>	Given an input molecule, checks against a list of molecules for an isomorphic match.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the parameter_attrs argument.
<code>mark_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>postprocess_system(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

## Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>cutoff</code>	
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>method</code>	
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

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**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *other\_handler* (a ParameterHandler object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**assign\_charge\_from\_molecules**(*molecule*, *charge\_mols*)

Given an input molecule, checks against a list of molecules for an isomorphic match. If found, assigns partial charges from the match to the input molecule.

**Parameters**

- **molecule** (an `openff.toolkit.topology.FrozenMolecule`) – The molecule to have partial charges assigned if a match is found.
- **charge\_mols** (list of [`openff.toolkit.topology.FrozenMolecule`]) – A list of molecules with charges already assigned.

**Returns** `match_found` (*bool*) – Whether a match was found. If True, the input molecule will have been modified in-place.

**postprocess\_system**(*system*, *topology*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**property** TAGNAME

The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** `handler_name` (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler.INFO_TYPE` (a `ParameterType`) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

### Examples

Add a `ParameterType` to an existing `ParameterList` at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
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>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↳
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↳
```

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```
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[*:1]=[*:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**static check\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to check for having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to query for this information

**Returns** *charges\_assigned* (*bool*) – Whether charges have already been assigned to this molecule

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (`bool`, default=False) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns matches** (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]`) – `matches[particle_indices]` is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in `entity`.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the `parameter_attrs` argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters parameter\_attrs** (dict of {attr: value}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[\*:1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"})

**Returns params** (list of `ParameterType` objects) – A list of matching `ParameterType` objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [*:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

## property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

**mark\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to mark as having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to record this information on.

## property parameters

The `ParameterList` that holds this `ParameterHandler`'s parameter objects

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (*OrderedDict*) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

## openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.LibraryChargeHandler

**class** openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.**LibraryChargeHandler**(*allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *skip\_version\_check=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Handle SMIRNOFF <LibraryCharges> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *skip\_version\_check=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

### Parameters

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – If False, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

### Methods

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

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<code>check_handler_compatibility(handler_kwargs)</code>	Checks if a set of kwargs used to create a ParameterHandler are compatible with this ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.
<code>mark_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

### Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>version</code>	

**class** `LibraryChargeType(**kwargs)`  
 A SMIRNOFF Library Charge type.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**classmethod** `from_molecule(molecule)`  
 Construct a LibraryChargeType from a molecule with existing partial charges.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute(attr\_name, attr\_value)**  
 Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (`str`) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.

- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** *smirnoff\_dict* (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters** *entity* (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.

**Returns** *matches* (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler._Match]`) –  
*matches*[*particle\_indices*] is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in *entity*.

**property** *TAGNAME*

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** *handler\_name* (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.



**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the ParameterHandler.INFO\_TYPE (a ParameterType) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A ParameterType to add to the ParameterHandler
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
  - The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](<https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical>) specification.

### Examples

Add a ParameterType to an existing ParameterList at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
↵
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↵
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↵
```

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```
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[*:1]=[*:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**static check\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to check for having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to query for this information

**Returns** *charges\_assigned* (*bool*) – Whether charges have already been assigned to this molecule

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*handler\_kwargs*)

Checks if a set of kwargs used to create a ParameterHandler are compatible with this ParameterHandler. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *handler\_kwargs* (*dict*) – The kwargs that would be used to construct

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if *handler\_kwargs* are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple *attrs* are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** *parameter\_attrs* (dict of {*attr*: *value*}) – The *attrs* mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[\*:1]~[#16:2]=,.[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"} )

**Returns** *params* (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching ParameterType objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [*:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

**property known\_kwargs**

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

**mark\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – The molecule to mark as having charges assigned
- **topology** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Topology*) – The topology to record this information on.

**property parameters**

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

**postprocess\_system**(*topology*, *system*, **\*\*kwargs**)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

#### `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ToolkitAM1BCCHandler`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ToolkitAM1BCCHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,  
                                                                           skip_version_check=False,  
                                                                           **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <ToolkitAM1BCC> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *skip\_version\_check=False*, **\*\*kwargs**)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If `True`, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – If `False`, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (`dict`) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

## Methods

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler[, ...])</code>	Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler.
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the parameter_attrs argument.
<code>mark_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>postprocess_system(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this ParameterHandler to an Ordered-Dict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

## Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>version</code>	

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*, *assume\_missing\_is\_default=True*)

Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *other\_handler* (a ParameterHandler object) – The handler to compare to.

Raises `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**postprocess\_system**(*system*, *topology*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**property** TAGNAME

The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** **handler\_name** (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None*, *parameter=None*, *after=None*, *before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

#### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler.INFO_TYPE` (a `ParameterType`) constructor
- **parameter** (`ParameterType`, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
  - When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.

- The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical) specification.

## Examples

Add a ParameterType to an existing ParameterList at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
↪
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↪
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↪
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[:1]=[:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (`str`) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (`bool`) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**static** `check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)`

Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to check for having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to query for this information

**Returns** `charges_assigned` (*bool*) – Whether charges have already been assigned to this molecule

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute(attr\_name)**

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches(entity, unique=False)**

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** `matches` (*ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]*) – `matches[particle_indices]` is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in entity.

**get\_parameter(parameter\_attrs)**

Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the `parameter_attrs` argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** `parameter_attrs` (dict of {attr: value}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {“smirks”: “[\*:1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]”, “id”: “t105”} )

**Returns** `params` (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching `ParameterType` objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
```

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```
...     'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

#### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

#### mark\_charges\_assigned(ref\_mol, topology)

Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

##### Parameters

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to mark as having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to record this information on.

#### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

#### to\_dict(discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

### openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.GBSAHandler

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.GBSAHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,
                                                                    skip_version_check=False,
                                                                    **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <GBSA> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### \_\_init\_\_(allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False, skip\_version\_check=False, \*\*kwargs)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

##### Parameters

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.

- **skip\_version\_check** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – If `False`, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the `ParameterHandler` will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (`dict`) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

## Methods

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a <code>ParameterHandler</code> , optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given <code>Topology</code> to the specified <code>OpenMM System</code> object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this <code>ParameterHandler</code> encodes compatible physics as another <code>ParameterHandler</code> .
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this <code>ParameterHandler</code> that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.
<code>postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the <code>OpenMM System</code> following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this <code>ParameterHandler</code> to an <code>OrderedDict</code> , compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

## Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this <code>ParameterHandler</code> corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>gb_model</code>	
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The <code>ParameterList</code> that holds this <code>ParameterHandler</code> 's parameter objects
<code>sa_model</code>	

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**class** `GBSAType`(*smirks*, *allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
 A SMIRNOFF GBSA type.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
 Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

**Parameters**

- **`discard_cosmetic_attributes`** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **`duplicate_attributes`** (list of string, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (`dict`) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**`check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)`**

Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` encodes compatible physics as another `ParameterHandler`. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** `other_handler` (a `ParameterHandler` object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**property** `TAGNAME`

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** `handler_name` (`str`) – The name of this parameter handler

**`add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)`**

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **`attr_name`** (`str`) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **`attr_value`** (`str`) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**`add_parameter(parameter_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None)`**

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

**Parameters**

- **`parameter_kwargs`** (`dict`, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the `ParameterHandler.INFO_TYPE` (a `ParameterType`) constructor
- **`parameter`** (`ParameterType`, optional) – A `ParameterType` to add to the `ParameterHandler`
- **`after`** (`str` or `int`, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if `str`) or index (if `int`) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **`before`** (`str`, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if `str`) or index (if `int`) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **`behavior`** (Note the following) –

- Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
- When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the **END** of the parameter list.
- When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
- The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical) specification.

## Examples

Add a ParameterType to an existing ParameterList at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
↪
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[*:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↪
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[*:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↪
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[:1]=[:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

## `assign_parameters(topology, system)`

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

## `attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)`

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** `is_cosmetic` (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)  
Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)  
Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters**

- **entity** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.
- **unique** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, SMARTS matching will enumerate every valid permutation of matching atoms. If True, only one order of each unique match will be returned.

**Returns** `matches` (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler._Match]`) – `matches[particle_indices]` is the `ParameterType` object matching the tuple of particle indices in `entity`.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)  
Return the parameters in this `ParameterHandler` that match the `parameter_attrs` argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** `parameter_attrs` (dict of {attr: value}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {“smirks”: “[\*:1]~[\*:2]”, “id”: “t105”} )

**Returns** `params` (list of `ParameterType` objects) – A list of matching `ParameterType` objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

#### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

#### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

#### postprocess\_system(topology, system, \*\*kwargs)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

#### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

#### to\_dict(discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

### openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ChargeIncrementModelHandler

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ChargeIncrementModelHandler(allow_cosmetic_attributes=False,
                                                                                    skip_version_check=False,
                                                                                    **kwargs)
```

Handle SMIRNOFF <ChargeIncrementModel> tags

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### \_\_init\_\_(allow\_cosmetic\_attributes=False, skip\_version\_check=False, \*\*kwargs)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

#### Parameters

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – If False, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.
- **\*\*kwargs** (`dict`) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

## Methods

<code>__init__([allow_cosmetic_attributes, ...])</code>	Initialize a <code>ParameterHandler</code> , optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given <code>Topology</code> to the specified <code>OpenMM System</code> object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler[, ...])</code>	Checks whether this <code>ParameterHandler</code> encodes compatible physics as another <code>ParameterHandler</code> .
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, unique])</code>	Find the elements of the <code>topology/molecule</code> matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this <code>ParameterHandler</code> that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.
<code>mark_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the <code>OpenMM System</code> following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this <code>ParameterHandler</code> to an <code>OrderedDict</code> , compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

## Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this <code>ParameterHandler</code> corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>number_of_conformers</code>	
<code>parameters</code>	The <code>ParameterList</code> that holds this <code>ParameterHandler</code> 's parameter objects
<code>partial_charge_method</code>	
<code>version</code>	



**class ChargeIncrementType**(*\*\*kwargs*)  
A SMIRNOFF bond charge correction type.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)  
Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)  
Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)  
Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)  
Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

#### Parameters

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaiton

**Returns** *smirnoff\_dict* (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*, *assume\_missing\_is\_default=True*)

Checks whether this ParameterHandler encodes compatible physics as another ParameterHandler. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** *other\_handler* (a ParameterHandler object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises** `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with existing parameters. –

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *unique=False*)

Find the elements of the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters** *entity* (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.

**Returns** *matches* (`ValenceDict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]`) – `matches[particle_indices]` is the ParameterType object matching the tuple of particle indices in *entity*.

**property** `TAGNAME`

The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** *handler\_name* (*str*) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None*, *parameter=None*, *after=None*, *before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.

#### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the ParameterHandler.INFO\_TYPE (a ParameterType) constructor
- **parameter** (*ParameterType*, optional) – A ParameterType to add to the ParameterHandler
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- **behavior** (Note the following) –
  - Either *parameter\_kwargs* or *parameter* must be specified.
  - When *before* and *after* are both *None*, the new parameter will be appended to the END of the parameter list.

- When *before* and *after* are both specified, the new parameter will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
- The order of parameters in a parameter list can have significant impacts on parameter assignment. For details, see the [SMIRNOFF](https://openforcefield.github.io/standards/standards/smirnoff/#smirnoff-parameter-specification-is-hierarchical) specification.

## Examples

Add a ParameterType to an existing ParameterList at a specified position.

Given an existing parameter handler and a new parameter to add to it:

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> bh = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> length = 1.5 * unit.angstrom
>>> k = 100 * unit.kilocalorie_per_mole / unit.angstrom ** 2
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b1'})
↪
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]=[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b2'})
↪
>>> bh.add_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]#[:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b3'})
↪
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b3']
```

```
>>> param = {'smirks': '[#1:1]-[#6:2]', 'length': length, 'k': k, 'id': 'b4'}
```

Add a new parameter immediately after the parameter with the smirks `[:1]=[:2]`

```
>>> bh.add_parameter(param, after='[:1]=[:2]')
>>> [p.id for p in bh.parameters]
['b1', 'b2', 'b4', 'b3']
```

## `assign_parameters(topology, system)`

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

## `attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)`

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (`str`) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** `is_cosmetic` (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**static** `check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)`

Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to check for having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to query for this information

**Returns** `charges_assigned` (*bool*) – Whether charges have already been assigned to this molecule

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute(attr\_name)**

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**get\_parameter(parameter\_attrs)**

Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the `parameter_attrs` argument. When multiple attrs are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** `parameter_attrs` (dict of {attr: value}) – The attrs mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[\*:1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"})

**Returns** `params` (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching ParameterType objects

## Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [*:1]-[:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

**property** `known_kwargs`

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

**mark\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to mark as having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to record this information on.

**property parameters**

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler’s parameter objects

**postprocess\_system**(*topology*, *system*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.

**Returns** **smirnoff\_data** (`OrderedDict`) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this ParameterHandler and its internal ParameterList.

## `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.VirtualSiteHandler`

**class** `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.VirtualSiteHandler`(*\*\*kwargs*)

Handle SMIRNOFF <VirtualSites> tags

TODO: Add example usage/documentation

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Initialize a ParameterHandler, optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.

**Parameters**

- **allow\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to permit non-spec kwargs. If True, non-spec kwargs will be stored as attributes of this object and can be accessed and modified. Otherwise an exception will be raised if a non-spec kwarg is encountered.
- **skip\_version\_check** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – If False, the SMIRNOFF section version will not be checked, and the ParameterHandler will be initialized with version set to `_MAX_SUPPORTED_SECTION_VERSION`.

- **\*\*kwargs** (`dict`) – The dict representation of the SMIRNOFF data source

## Methods

<code>__init__(**kwargs)</code>	Initialize a <code>ParameterHandler</code> , optionally with a list of parameters and other kwargs.
<code>add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)</code>	Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.
<code>add_parameter([parameter_kwargs, parameter, ...])</code>	Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid.
<code>assign_parameters(topology, system)</code>	Assign parameters for the given <code>Topology</code> to the specified <code>OpenMM System</code> object.
<code>assign_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules(...)</code>	
<code>attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)</code>	Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.
<code>check_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>check_handler_compatibility(other_handler)</code>	Checks whether this <code>ParameterHandler</code> encodes compatible physics as another <code>ParameterHandler</code> .
<code>check_partial_bond_orders_from_molecules_duplicates(pb_mols)</code>	
<code>create_force(system, topology, **kwargs)</code>	
<code>create_openff_virtual_sites(topology)</code>	Modifies the input topology to contain <code>VirtualSites</code> assigned by this handler.
<code>delete_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name)</code>	Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.
<code>find_matches(entity[, expand_permutations, ...])</code>	Find the virtual sites in the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.
<code>get_parameter(parameter_attrs)</code>	Return the parameters in this <code>ParameterHandler</code> that match the <code>parameter_attrs</code> argument.
<code>mark_charges_assigned(ref_mol, topology)</code>	Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.
<code>postprocess_system(topology, system, **kwargs)</code>	Allow the force to perform a a final post-processing pass on the <code>OpenMM System</code> following parameter assignment, if needed.
<code>register_virtual_site_type(vsite_name, vsite_cls)</code>	Register an implemented virtual site type.
<code>to_dict([discard_cosmetic_attributes])</code>	Convert this <code>ParameterHandler</code> to an <code>OrderedDict</code> , compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

## Attributes

<code>TAGNAME</code>	The name of this ParameterHandler corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name
<code>exclusion_policy</code>	
<code>known_kwargs</code>	List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.
<code>parameters</code>	The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects
<code>version</code>	
<code>virtual_site_types</code>	Return the dictionary of registered virtual site types

**add\_parameter**(*parameter\_kwargs=None, parameter=None, after=None, before=None*)

Add a parameter to the force field, ensuring all parameters are valid. This method differs from other handlers in that it uses a plugin-style enable/disable type system

### Parameters

- **parameter\_kwargs** (*dict*, optional) – The kwargs to pass to the ParameterHandler.INFO\_TYPE (a ParameterType) constructor
- **parameter** (the new) – A ParameterType to add to the ParameterHandler
- **after** (*str* or *int*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly before where the new parameter will be added
- **before** (*str*, optional) – The SMIRKS pattern (if *str*) or index (if *int*) of the parameter directly after where the new parameter will be added
- (**parameter\_kwargs** (Note that one of) –
- **specified** (Note that when before and after are both) –
- **None** (Note that when before and after are both) – to the END of the parameter list.
- **appended** (the new parameter will be) – to the END of the parameter list.
- **specified** – will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.
- **parameter** – will be added immediately after the parameter matching the *after* pattern or index.

**register\_virtual\_site\_type**(*vsite\_name, vsite\_cls, replace=False*)

Register an implemented virtual site type. Doing this must be done to pass the validation and option checking. To disable a type, register the name with *None* and *replace=True*

### Parameters

- **vsite\_name** (*str*) – The name of the type. This name must be what is found in the “type” attribute in the OFFXML format
- **vsite\_cls** (*Any*) – The class to register the name with that implements the type.

**Returns** *None*

**property virtual\_site\_types**

Return the dictionary of registered virtual site types

**Parameters** None –

**Returns** `virtual_site_types` (*dict*) – A list of virtual site types already registered, paired with their class that implements them

**class** `VirtualSiteType`(*\*\*kwargs*)  
A SMIRNOFF virtual site base type

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**transformed\_dict\_cls**  
alias of `ValenceDict`

**classmethod** `vsite_type`()  
The type of this virtual site as represented in the SMIRNOFF specification

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)  
Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)  
Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)  
Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)  
Convert this object to dict format.



The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

#### Parameters

- **`discard_cosmetic_attributes`** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **`duplicate_attributes`** (list of string, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (`dict`) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

```
class VirtualSiteBondChargeType(**kwargs)
    A SMIRNOFF virtual site bond charge type
```

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
add_virtual_site(molecule, orientations, replace=False)
```

Add a virtual site to the molecule

#### Parameters

- **`molecule`** (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`) – The molecule to add the virtual site to
- **`orientations`** (`List[Tuple[int]]`) – A list of orientation tuples which define the permutations used to construct the geometry of the virtual site particles
- **`replace`** (`bool`, default=`False`) – Replace this virtual site if it already exists in the molecule

#### Returns

- **`off_idx`** (`int`) – The index of the first particle added due to this virtual site
- .. *warning :: This API is experimental and subject to change.*

```
add_cosmetic_attribute(attr_name, attr_value)
```

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **`attr_name`** (`str`) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **`attr_value`** (`str`) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

```
attribute_is_cosmetic(attr_name)
```

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (`str`) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** `is_cosmetic` (`bool`) – Returns `True` if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns `False` otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)  
Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)  
Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** **smirnoff\_dict** (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**transformed\_dict\_cls**  
alias of `ValenceDict`

**classmethod** **vsite\_type**()  
The type of this virtual site as represented in the SMIRNOFF specification

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**class** **VirtualSiteMonovalentLonePairType**(\*\*kwargs)  
A SMIRNOFF monovalent lone pair virtual site type

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_virtual\_site**(*molecule*, *orientations*, *replace=False*)  
Add a virtual site to the molecule

**Parameters**

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`) – The molecule to add the virtual site to
- **orientations** (`List[Tuple[int]]`) – A list of orientation tuples which define the permutations used to construct the geometry of the virtual site particles
- **replace** (*bool*, default=`False`) – Replace this virtual site if it already exists in the molecule

**Returns**

- **off\_idx** (*int*) – The index of the first particle added due to this virtual site
- .. *warning :: This API is experimental and subject to change.*

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)  
Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** *is\_cosmetic* (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** *attr\_name* (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

#### Parameters

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaiton

**Returns** *smirnoff\_dict* (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**transformed\_dict\_cls**

alias of `ValenceDict`

**classmethod** *vsite\_type*()

The type of this virtual site as represented in the SMIRNOFF specification

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**class** `VirtualSiteDivalentLonePairType`(\*\**kwargs*)

A SMIRNOFF divalent lone pair virtual site type

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_virtual\_site**(*molecule*, *orientations*, *replace=False*)

Add a virtual site to the molecule

**Parameters**

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`) – The molecule to add the virtual site to
- **orientations** (`List[Tuple[int]]`) – A list of orientation tuples which define the permutations used to construct the geometry of the virtual site particles
- **replace** (`bool`, `default=False`) – Replace this virtual site if it already exists in the molecule

**Returns**

- **off\_idx** (`int`) – The index of the first particle added due to this virtual site
- .. *warning :: This API is experimental and subject to change.*

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (`str`) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (`str`) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (`str`) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (`bool`) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (`str`) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(*discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False*, *duplicate\_attributes=None*)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is False.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (*bool*, optional. Default = False) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = None) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serializaiton

**Returns** **smirnoff\_dict** (*dict*) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**transformed\_dict\_cls**  
alias of [ValenceDict](#)

**classmethod vsite\_type()**  
The type of this virtual site as represented in the SMIRNOFF specification

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**class VirtualSiteTrivalentLonePairType**(*\*\*kwargs*)  
A SMIRNOFF trivalent lone pair virtual site type

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**transformed\_dict\_cls**  
alias of [ImproperDict](#)

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*, *attr\_value*)  
Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

#### Parameters

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)  
Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic.  
Returns False otherwise.

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)  
Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** `attr_name` (`str`) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**to\_dict**(`discard_cosmetic_attributes=False`, `duplicate_attributes=None`)

Convert this object to dict format.

The returning dictionary contains all the `ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` as well as cosmetic attributes if `discard_cosmetic_attributes` is `False`.

**Parameters**

- **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`) – Whether to discard non-spec attributes of this object
- **duplicate\_attributes** (list of string, optional. Default = `None`) – A list of names of attributes that redundantly describe data and should be discarded during serialization

**Returns** `smirnoff_dict` (`dict`) – The SMIRNOFF-compliant dict representation of this object.

**classmethod** `vsite_type`()

The type of this virtual site as represented in the SMIRNOFF specification

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**add\_virtual\_site**(`molecule`, `orientations`, `replace=False`)

Add a virtual site to the molecule

**Parameters**

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule`) – The molecule to add the virtual site to
- **orientations** (`List[Tuple[int]]`) – A list of orientation tuples which define the permutations used to construct the geometry of the virtual site particles
- **replace** (`bool`, default=`False`) – Replace this virtual site if it already exists in the molecule

**Returns**

- **off\_idx** (`int`) – The index of the first particle added due to this virtual site
- .. *warning :: This API is experimental and subject to change.*

**property** `TAGNAME`

The name of this `ParameterHandler` corresponding to the SMIRNOFF tag name

**Returns** `handler_name` (`str`) – The name of this parameter handler

**add\_cosmetic\_attribute**(`attr_name`, `attr_value`)

Add a cosmetic attribute to this object.

This attribute will not have a functional effect on the object in the Open Force Field Toolkit, but can be written out during output.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters**

- **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the attribute to define for this object.
- **attr\_value** (*str*) – The value of the attribute to define for this object.

**assign\_parameters**(*topology*, *system*)

Assign parameters for the given Topology to the specified OpenMM System object.

**Parameters**

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

**attribute\_is\_cosmetic**(*attr\_name*)

Determine whether an attribute of this object is cosmetic.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – The attribute name to check

**Returns** **is\_cosmetic** (*bool*) – Returns True if the attribute is defined and is cosmetic. Returns False otherwise.

**static check\_charges\_assigned**(*ref\_mol*, *topology*)

Check whether charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

**Parameters**

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to check for having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to query for this information

**Returns** **charges\_assigned** (*bool*) – Whether charges have already been assigned to this molecule

**delete\_cosmetic\_attribute**(*attr\_name*)

Delete a cosmetic attribute from this object.

**Warning:** The API for modifying cosmetic attributes is experimental and may change in the future (see issue #338).

**Parameters** **attr\_name** (*str*) – Name of the cosmetic attribute to delete.

**get\_parameter**(*parameter\_attrs*)

Return the parameters in this ParameterHandler that match the *parameter\_attrs* argument. When multiple *attrs* are passed, parameters that have any (not all) matching attributes are returned.

**Parameters** **parameter\_attrs** (dict of {*attr*: *value*}) – The *attrs* mapped to desired values (for example {"smirks": "[\*1]~[#16:2]=,:[#6:3]~[:4]", "id": "t105"} )

**Returns** **params** (*list of ParameterType objects*) – A list of matching ParameterType objects

### Examples

Create a parameter handler and populate it with some data.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> handler = BondHandler(skip_version_check=True)
>>> handler.add_parameter(
...     {
...         'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]',
...         'length': 1*unit.angstrom,
...         'k': 10*unit.kilocalorie_per_mole/unit.angstrom**2,
...     }
... )
```

Look up, from this handler, all parameters matching some SMIRKS pattern

```
>>> handler.get_parameter({'smirks': '[*:1]-[*:2]'})
[<BondType with smirks: [*:1]-[*:2] length: 1 A k: 10 kcal/(A**2 mol) >]
```

#### property known\_kwargs

List of kwargs that can be parsed by the function.

#### mark\_charges\_assigned(ref\_mol, topology)

Record that charges have been assigned for a reference molecule.

##### Parameters

- **ref\_mol** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to mark as having charges assigned
- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The topology to record this information on.

#### property parameters

The ParameterList that holds this ParameterHandler's parameter objects

#### postprocess\_system(topology, system, \*\*kwargs)

Allow the force to perform a final post-processing pass on the OpenMM System following parameter assignment, if needed.

##### Parameters

- **topology** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – The Topology for which parameters are to be assigned. Either a new Force will be created or parameters will be appended to an existing Force.
- **system** (`openmm.System`) – The OpenMM System object to add the Force (or append new parameters) to.

#### to\_dict(discard\_cosmetic\_attributes=False)

Convert this ParameterHandler to an OrderedDict, compliant with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

**Parameters** **discard\_cosmetic\_attributes** (`bool`, optional. Default = `False`.) – Whether to discard non-spec parameter and header attributes in this ParameterHandler.



**Returns** `smirnoff_data` (*OrderedDict*) – SMIRNOFF-spec compliant representation of this `ParameterHandler` and its internal `ParameterList`.

**create\_force**(*system*, *topology*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**check\_handler\_compatibility**(*other\_handler*)

Checks whether this `ParameterHandler` encodes compatible physics as another `ParameterHandler`. This is called if a second handler is attempted to be initialized for the same tag.

**Parameters** `other_handler` (a `ParameterHandler` object) – The handler to compare to.

**Raises**

- `IncompatibleParameterError` if `handler_kwargs` are incompatible with –
- existing parameters. –

**find\_matches**(*entity*, *expand\_permutations=True*, *unique=False*)

Find the virtual sites in the topology/molecule matched by a parameter type.

**Parameters** `entity` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to search.

**Returns** `matches` (*Dict[Tuple[int], ParameterHandler.Match]*) –  
`matches[atom_indices]` is the `ParameterType` object matching the n-tuple of atom indices in `entity`.

**create\_openff\_virtual\_sites**(*topology*)

Modifies the input topology to contain `VirtualSites` assigned by this handler.

**Parameters** `topology` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Topology`) – Topology to add virtual sites to.

## Parameter I/O Handlers

`ParameterIOHandler` objects handle reading and writing of serialized SMIRNOFF data sources.

<code>ParameterIOHandler</code>	Base class for handling serialization/deserialization of SMIRNOFF <code>ForceField</code> objects
<code>XMLParameterIOHandler</code>	Handles serialization/deserialization of SMIRNOFF <code>ForceField</code> objects from OFFXML format.

### `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.io.ParameterIOHandler`

**class** `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.io.ParameterIOHandler`

Base class for handling serialization/deserialization of SMIRNOFF `ForceField` objects

**\_\_init\_\_**()

Create a new `ParameterIOHandler`.

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Create a new ParameterIOHandler.
<code>parse_file(file_path)</code>	<b>param file_path</b>
<code>parse_string(data)</code>	Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition in a serialized format
<code>to_file(file_path, smirnoff_data)</code>	Write the current force field parameter set to a file.
<code>to_string(smirnoff_data)</code>	Render the force field parameter set to a string

`parse_file(file_path)`

**Parameters** `file_path` –

`parse_string(data)`

Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition in a serialized format

**Parameters** `data` –

`to_file(file_path, smirnoff_data)`

Write the current force field parameter set to a file.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (`str`) – The path to the file to write to.
- `smirnoff_data` (`dict`) – A dictionary structured in compliance with the SMIRNOFF spec

`to_string(smirnoff_data)`

Render the force field parameter set to a string

**Parameters** `smirnoff_data` (`dict`) – A dictionary structured in compliance with the SMIRNOFF spec

**Returns** `str`

## `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.io.XMLParameterIOHandler`

**class** `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.io.XMLParameterIOHandler`

Handles serialization/deserialization of SMIRNOFF ForceField objects from OFFXML format.

`__init__()`

Create a new ParameterIOHandler.

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Create a new ParameterIOHandler.
<code>parse_file(source)</code>	Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition in XML format, read from a file.
<code>parse_string(data)</code>	Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition in XML format.
<code>to_file(file_path, smirnoff_data)</code>	Write the current force field parameter set to a file.
<code>to_string(smirnoff_data)</code>	Write the current force field parameter set to an XML string.

### `parse_file(source)`

Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition in XML format, read from a file.

**Parameters** `source` (`str` or `io.RawIOBase`) – File path of file-like object implementing a `read()` method specifying a SMIRNOFF force field definition in [the SMIRNOFF XML format](#).

#### Raises

- **SMIRNOFFParseError** – If the XML cannot be processed.
- **FileNotFoundError** – If the file could not found.

### `parse_string(data)`

Parse a SMIRNOFF force field definition in XML format.

A `SMIRNOFFParseError` is raised if the XML cannot be processed.

**Parameters** `data` (`str`) – A SMIRNOFF force field definition in [the SMIRNOFF XML format](#).

### `to_file(file_path, smirnoff_data)`

Write the current force field parameter set to a file.

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (`str`) – The path to the file to be written. The `.offxml` or `.xml` file extension must be present.
- **smirnoff\_data** (`dict`) – A dict structured in compliance with the SMIRNOFF data spec.

### `to_string(smirnoff_data)`

Write the current force field parameter set to an XML string.

**Parameters** `smirnoff_data` (`dict`) – A dictionary structured in compliance with the SMIRNOFF spec

**Returns** `serialized_forcefield` (`str`) – XML String representation of this force field.

## Parameter Attributes

`ParameterAttribute` and `IndexedParameterAttribute` provide a standard backend for `ParameterHandler` and `Parameter` attributes, while also enforcing validation of types and units.

<code>ParameterAttribute</code>	A descriptor for <code>ParameterType</code> attributes.
<code>IndexedParameterAttribute</code>	The attribute of a parameter with an unspecified number of terms.
<code>MappedParameterAttribute</code>	The attribute of a parameter in which each term is a mapping.
<code>IndexedMappedParameterAttribute</code>	The attribute of a parameter with an unspecified number of terms, where each term is a mapping.

### `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterAttribute`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.ParameterAttribute(default=UNDEFINED,
                                                                           unit=None,
                                                                           converter=None,
                                                                           docstring="")
```

A descriptor for `ParameterType` attributes.

The descriptors allows associating to the parameter a default value, which makes the attribute optional, a unit, and a custom converter.

Because we may want to have `None` as a default value, required attributes have the default set to the special type `UNDEFINED`.

Converters can be both static or instance functions/methods with respective signatures:

```
converter(value): -> converted_value
converter(instance, parameter_attribute, value): -> converted_value
```

A decorator syntax is available (see example below).

#### Parameters

- **default** (`object`, optional) – When specified, the descriptor makes this attribute optional by attaching a default value to it.
- **unit** (`openmm.unit.Quantity`, optional) – When specified, only quantities with compatible units are allowed to be set, and string expressions are automatically parsed into a `Quantity`.
- **converter** (callable, optional) – An optional function that can be used to convert values before setting the attribute.

See also:

`IndexedParameterAttribute` A parameter attribute with multiple terms.

## Examples

Create a parameter type with an optional and a required attribute.

```
>>> class MyParameter:
...     attr_required = ParameterAttribute()
...     attr_optional = ParameterAttribute(default=2)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
```

Even without explicit assignment, the default value is returned.

```
>>> my_par.attr_optional
2
```

If you try to access an attribute without setting it first, an exception is raised.

```
>>> my_par.attr_required
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
AttributeError: 'MyParameter' object has no attribute '_attr_required'
```

The attribute allow automatic conversion and validation of units.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> class MyParameter:
...     attr_quantity = ParameterAttribute(unit=unit.angstrom)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
>>> my_par.attr_quantity = '1.0 * nanometer'
>>> my_par.attr_quantity
Quantity(value=1.0, unit=nanometer)
>>> my_par.attr_quantity = 3.0
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
openff.toolkit.utils.utils.IncompatibleUnitError: attr_quantity=3.0 dimensionless_
↳ should have units of angstrom
```

You can attach a custom converter to an attribute.

```
>>> class MyParameter:
...     # Both strings and integers convert nicely to floats with float().
...     attr_all_to_float = ParameterAttribute(converter=float)
...     attr_int_to_float = ParameterAttribute()
...     @attr_int_to_float.converter
...     def attr_int_to_float(self, attr, value):
...         # This converter converts only integers to float
...         # and raise an exception for the other types.
...         if isinstance(value, int):
...             return float(value)
...         elif not isinstance(value, float):
...             raise TypeError(f"Cannot convert '{value}' to float")
...         return value
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
```

`attr_all_to_float` accepts and convert to float both strings and integers

```
>>> my_par.attr_all_to_float = 1
>>> my_par.attr_all_to_float
1.0
>>> my_par.attr_all_to_float = '2.0'
>>> my_par.attr_all_to_float
2.0
```

The custom converter associated to `attr_int_to_float` converts only integers instead.

```
>>> my_par.attr_int_to_float = 3
>>> my_par.attr_int_to_float
3.0
>>> my_par.attr_int_to_float = '4.0'
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
TypeError: Cannot convert '4.0' to float
```

`__init__`(*default=UNDEFINED, unit=None, converter=None, docstring=""*)

## Methods

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`__init__`(*[[default, unit, converter, docstring]]*)

---

`converter`(*converter*)

Create a new `ParameterAttribute` with an associated converter.

---

## Attributes

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`name`

---

### **class** UNDEFINED

Custom type used by `ParameterAttribute` to differentiate between `None` and undeclared default.

### **converter**(*converter*)

Create a new `ParameterAttribute` with an associated converter.

This is meant to be used as a decorator (see main examples).

## `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.IndexedParameterAttribute`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.IndexedParameterAttribute(default=UNDEFINED,
                                                                                   unit=None,
                                                                                   con-
                                                                                   verter=None,
                                                                                   docstring="")
```

The attribute of a parameter with an unspecified number of terms.

Some parameters can be associated to multiple terms, For example, torsions have parameters such as

$k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , ..., and `IndexedParameterAttribute` can be used to encapsulate the sequence of terms.

The only substantial difference with `ParameterAttribute` is that only sequences are supported as values and converters and units are checked on each element of the sequence.

Currently, the descriptor makes the sequence immutable. This is to avoid that an element of the sequence could be set without being properly validated. In the future, the data could be wrapped in a safe list that would safely allow mutability.

### Parameters

- **default** (`object`, optional) – When specified, the descriptor makes this attribute optional by attaching a default value to it.
- **unit** (`openmm.unit.Quantity`, optional) – When specified, only sequences of quantities with compatible units are allowed to be set.
- **converter** (callable, optional) – An optional function that can be used to validate and cast each element of the sequence before setting the attribute.

See also:

**ParameterAttribute** A simple parameter attribute.

**MappedParameterAttribute** A parameter attribute representing a mapping.

**IndexedMappedParameterAttribute** A parameter attribute representing a sequence, each term of which is a mapping.

### Examples

Create an optional indexed attribute with unit of angstrom.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> class MyParameter:
...     length = IndexedParameterAttribute(default=None, unit=unit.angstrom)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
>>> my_par.length is None
True
```

Strings are parsed into `Quantity` objects.

```
>>> my_par.length = ['1 * angstrom', 0.5 * unit.nanometer]
>>> my_par.length[0]
Quantity(value=1, unit=angstrom)
```

Similarly, custom converters work as with `ParameterAttribute`, but they are used to validate each value in the sequence.

```
>>> class MyParameter:
...     attr_indexed = IndexedParameterAttribute(converter=float)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
>>> my_par.attr_indexed = [1, '1.0', '1e-2', 4.0]
>>> my_par.attr_indexed
[1.0, 1.0, 0.01, 4.0]
```

```
__init__(default=UNDEFINED, unit=None, converter=None, docstring=")
```

## Methods

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```
__init__([default, unit, converter, docstring])
```

---

<code>converter(converter)</code>	Create a new ParameterAttribute with an associated converter.
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## Attributes

---

name
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---

### **class** UNDEFINED

Custom type used by ParameterAttribute to differentiate between None and undeclared default.

### **converter**(converter)

Create a new ParameterAttribute with an associated converter.

This is meant to be used as a decorator (see main examples).

## `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.MappedParameterAttribute`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.MappedParameterAttribute(default=UNDEFINED,  
                                                                           unit=None,  
                                                                           con-  
                                                                           verter=None,  
                                                                           docstring="")
```

The attribute of a parameter in which each term is a mapping.

The substantial difference with IndexedParameterAttribute is that, unlike indexing, the mapping can be based on arbitrary references, like indices but can starting at non-zero values and include non-adjacent keys.

### Parameters

- **default** (`object`, optional) – When specified, the descriptor makes this attribute optional by attaching a default value to it.
- **unit** (`openmm.unit.Quantity`, optional) – When specified, only sequences of mappings where values are quantities with compatible units are allowed to be set.
- **converter** (callable, optional) – An optional function that can be used to validate and cast each component of each element of the sequence before setting the attribute.

See also:

**IndexedParameterAttribute** A parameter attribute representing a sequence.

**IndexedMappedParameterAttribute** A parameter attribute representing a sequence, each term of which is a mapping.



## Examples

Create an optional indexed attribute with unit of angstrom.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> class MyParameter:
...     length = MappedParameterAttribute(default=None, unit=unit.angstrom)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
>>> my_par.length is None
True
```

Like other ParameterAttribute objects, strings are parsed into Quantity objects.

```
>>> my_par.length = {1: '1.5 * angstrom', 2: '1.4 * angstrom'}
>>> my_par.length[1]
Quantity(value=1.5, unit=angstrom)
```

Unlike other ParameterAttribute objects, the reference points can do not need ot be zero-indexed, non-adjacent, such as interpolating defining a bond parameter for interpolation by defining references values and bond orders 2 and 3:

```
>>> my_par.length = {2: '1.42 * angstrom', 3: '1.35 * angstrom'}
>>> my_par.length[2]
Quantity(value=1.42, unit=angstrom)
```

```
__init__(default=UNDEFINED, unit=None, converter=None, docstring=")
```

## Methods

---

```
__init__([default, unit, converter, docstring])
```

---

```
converter(converter)
```

Create a new ParameterAttribute with an associated converter.

---

## Attributes

---

```
name
```

---

**class UNDEFINED**

Custom type used by ParameterAttribute to differentiate between None and undeclared default.

**converter(converter)**

Create a new ParameterAttribute with an associated converter.

This is meant to be used as a decorator (see main examples).

### `openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.IndexedMappedParameterAttribute`

```
class openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.parameters.IndexedMappedParameterAttribute(default=UNDEFINED,  
                                                                                     unit=None,  
                                                                                     con-  
                                                                                     verter=None,  
                                                                                     doc-  
                                                                                     string="")
```

The attribute of a parameter with an unspecified number of terms, where each term is a mapping.

Some parameters can be associated to multiple terms, where those terms have multiple components. For example, torsions with fractional bond orders have parameters such as `k1_bondorder1`, `k1_bondorder2`, `k2_bondorder1`, `k2_bondorder2`, ..., and `IndexedMappedParameterAttribute` can be used to encapsulate the sequence of terms as mappings (typically, dicts) of their components.

The only substantial difference with `IndexedParameterAttribute` is that only sequences of mappings are supported as values and converters and units are checked on each component of each element in the sequence.

Currently, the descriptor makes the sequence immutable. This is to avoid that an element of the sequence could be set without being properly validated. In the future, the data could be wrapped in a safe list that would safely allow mutability.

#### Parameters

- **default** (`object`, optional) – When specified, the descriptor makes this attribute optional by attaching a default value to it.
- **unit** (`openmm.unit.Quantity`, optional) – When specified, only sequences of mappings where values are quantities with compatible units are allowed to be set.
- **converter** (`callable`, optional) – An optional function that can be used to validate and cast each component of each element of the sequence before setting the attribute.

See also:

**`IndexedParameterAttribute`** A parameter attribute representing a sequence.

**`MappedParameterAttribute`** A parameter attribute representing a mapping.

#### Examples

Create an optional indexed attribute with unit of angstrom.

```
>>> from openmm import unit
>>> class MyParameter:
...     length = IndexedMappedParameterAttribute(default=None, unit=unit.angstrom)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
>>> my_par.length is None
True
```

Strings are parsed into Quantity objects.

```
>>> my_par.length = [{1: '1 * angstrom'}, {1: 0.5 * unit.nanometer}]
>>> my_par.length[0]
{1: Quantity(value=1, unit=angstrom)}
```

Similarly, custom converters work as with `ParameterAttribute`, but they are used to validate each value in the sequence.

```
>>> class MyParameter:
...     attr_indexed = IndexedMappedParameterAttribute(converter=float)
...
>>> my_par = MyParameter()
>>> my_par.attr_indexed = [{1: 1}, {2: '1.0', 3: '1e-2'}, {4: 4.0}]
>>> my_par.attr_indexed
[{1: 1.0}, {2: 1.0, 3: 0.01}, {4: 4.0}]
```

```
__init__(default=UNDEFINED, unit=None, converter=None, docstring=")
```

## Methods

---

```
__init__([default, unit, converter, docstring])
```

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<code>converter(converter)</code>	Create a new <code>ParameterAttribute</code> with an associated converter.
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## Attributes

---

```
name
```

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### `class UNDEFINED`

Custom type used by `ParameterAttribute` to differentiate between `None` and undeclared default.

### `converter(converter)`

Create a new `ParameterAttribute` with an associated converter.

This is meant to be used as a decorator (see main examples).



## UTILITIES

### 12.1 Toolkit wrappers

The toolkit wrappers provide a simple uniform API for accessing minimal functionality of cheminformatics toolkits.

These toolkit wrappers are generally used through a ToolkitRegistry, which can be constructed with a desired precedence of toolkits:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import ToolkitRegistry, OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, \
↳ RDKitToolkitWrapper, AmberToolsToolkitWrapper
>>> toolkit_registry = ToolkitRegistry()
>>> toolkit_precedence = [OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, RDKitToolkitWrapper, \
↳ AmberToolsToolkitWrapper]
>>> [ toolkit_registry.register_toolkit(toolkit) for toolkit in toolkit_precedence if \
↳ toolkit.is_available() ]
[None, None, None]
```

The toolkit wrappers can then be accessed through the registry:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY as toolkit_registry
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology.molecule import Molecule
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
>>> smiles = toolkit_registry.call('to_smiles', molecule)
```

The order of toolkits, as specified in `toolkit_precedence` above, determines the order in which the called method is resolved, i.e. if the toolkit with highest precedence has a `to_smiles` method, that is the toolkit that will be called. If the toolkit with highest precedence does not have such a method, it is attempted with other toolkits until one is found. By default, if a toolkit with an appropriately-named method raises an exception of any type, then iteration over the registered toolkits stops and that exception is raised. To continue iteration if specific exceptions are encountered, customize this behavior using the optional `raise_exception_types` keyword argument to `ToolkitRegistry.call`. If no registered toolkits have the method, a `ValueError` is raised, containing a message listing the registered toolkits and exceptions (if any) that were ignored.

Alternatively, the global toolkit registry (which will attempt to register any available toolkits) can be used:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY as toolkit_registry
>>> len(toolkit_registry.registered_toolkits)
4
```

Individual toolkits can be registered or deregistered to control the backend that `ToolkitRegistry` calls resolve to. This can be useful for debugging and exploring subtly different behavior between toolkit wrappers.

```

from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, BuiltInToolkitWrapper
from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY as toolkit_registry
toolkit_registry.deregister_toolkit(OpenEyeToolkitWrapper)
toolkit_registry.register_toolkit(BuiltInToolkitWrapper)
toolkit_registry.registered_toolkits

```

For example, differences in `to_smiles` functionality between OpenEye toolkits and The RDKit can be explored by selecting which toolkit(s) are and are not registered.

```

>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY_
↳as toolkit_registry
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology.molecule import Molecule
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
>>> smiles_via_openeye = toolkit_registry.call('to_smiles', molecule)
>>> print(smiles_via_openeye)
[H]c1c(c(c(c1[H])[H])C([H])([H])[H])[H])[H]

>>> toolkit_registry.deregister_toolkit(OpenEyeToolkitWrapper)
>>> smiles_via_rdkit = toolkit_registry.call('to_smiles', molecule)
>>> print(smiles_via_rdkit)
[H][c]1[c]([H])[c]([H])[c]([C]([H])([H])[H])[c]([H])[c]1[H]

```

ToolkitRegistry	Registry for ToolkitWrapper objects
ToolkitWrapper	Toolkit wrapper base class.
OpenEyeToolkitWrapper	OpenEye toolkit wrapper
RDKitToolkitWrapper	RDKit toolkit wrapper
AmberToolsToolkitWrapper	AmberTools toolkit wrapper
BuiltInToolkitWrapper	Built-in ToolkitWrapper for very basic functionality.

### 12.1.1 openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry

```

class openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitRegistry(toolkit_precedence=[],
                                                    exception_if_unavailable=True,
                                                    _register_imported_toolkit_wrappers=False)
    Registry for ToolkitWrapper objects

```

#### Examples

Register toolkits in a specified order, skipping if unavailable

```

>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import ToolkitRegistry
>>> toolkit_precedence = [OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, RDKitToolkitWrapper,
↳AmberToolsToolkitWrapper]
>>> toolkit_registry = ToolkitRegistry(toolkit_precedence)
>>> toolkit_registry
ToolkitRegistry containing OpenEye Toolkit, The RDKit, AmberTools

```

Register all available toolkits (in the order OpenEye, RDKit, AmberTools, built-in)

```
>>> toolkits = [OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, RDKitToolkitWrapper, AmberToolsToolkitWrapper,
↳ BuiltInToolkitWrapper]
>>> toolkit_registry = ToolkitRegistry(toolkit_precedence=toolkits)
>>> toolkit_registry
ToolkitRegistry containing OpenEye Toolkit, The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit
```

Retrieve the global singleton toolkit registry, which is created when this module is imported from all available toolkits:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits import GLOBAL_TOOLKIT_REGISTRY as toolkit_
↳ registry
>>> toolkit_registry
ToolkitRegistry containing OpenEye Toolkit, The RDKit, AmberTools, Built-in Toolkit
```

Note that this will contain different ToolkitWrapper objects based on what toolkits are currently installed.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

```
__init__(toolkit_precedence=[], exception_if_unavailable=True,
↳ _register_imported_toolkit_wrappers=False)
Create an empty toolkit registry.
```

#### Parameters

- **toolkit\_precedence** (*list*, default=[]) – List of toolkit wrapper classes, in order of desired precedence when performing molecule operations. If None, no toolkits will be registered.
- **exception\_if\_unavailable** (*bool*, optional, default=True) – If True, an exception will be raised if the toolkit is unavailable
- **\_register\_imported\_toolkit\_wrappers** (*bool*, optional, default=False) – If True, will attempt to register all imported ToolkitWrapper subclasses that can be found in the order of toolkit\_precedence, if specified. If toolkit\_precedence is not specified, the default order is [OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, RDKitToolkitWrapper, AmberToolsToolkitWrapper, BuiltInToolkitWrapper].

#### Methods

<code>__init__([toolkit_precedence, ...])</code>	Create an empty toolkit registry.
<code>add_toolkit(toolkit_wrapper)</code>	Append a ToolkitWrapper onto the list of toolkits in this ToolkitRegistry
<code>call(method_name, *args, raise_exception_types)</code>	Execute the requested method by attempting to use all registered toolkits in order of precedence.
<code>deregister_toolkit(toolkit_wrapper)</code>	Remove a ToolkitWrapper from the list of toolkits in this ToolkitRegistry
<code>register_toolkit(toolkit_wrapper[, ...])</code>	Register the provided toolkit wrapper class, instantiating an object of it.
<code>resolve(method_name)</code>	Resolve the requested method name by checking all registered toolkits in order of precedence for one that provides the requested method.

## Attributes

<code>registered_toolkit_versions</code>	Return a dict containing the version of each registered toolkit.
<code>registered_toolkits</code>	List registered toolkits.

### property `registered_toolkits`

List registered toolkits.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

Returns **toolkits** (*iterable of toolkit objects*)

### property `registered_toolkit_versions`

Return a dict containing the version of each registered toolkit.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

Returns **toolkit\_versions** (*dict[str, str]*) – A dictionary mapping names and versions of wrapped toolkits

### `register_toolkit(toolkit_wrapper, exception_if_unavailable=True)`

Register the provided toolkit wrapper class, instantiating an object of it.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **toolkit\_wrapper** (instance or subclass of `ToolkitWrapper`) – The toolkit wrapper to register or its class.
- **exception\_if\_unavailable** (*bool*, optional, default=True) – If True, an exception will be raised if the toolkit is unavailable

### `deregister_toolkit(toolkit_wrapper)`

Remove a `ToolkitWrapper` from the list of toolkits in this `ToolkitRegistry`

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

Parameters **toolkit\_wrapper** (instance or subclass of `ToolkitWrapper`) – The toolkit wrapper to remove from the registry

### Raises

- **InvalidToolkitError** – If `toolkit_wrapper` is not a `ToolkitWrapper` or subclass
- **ToolkitUnavailableException** – If `toolkit_wrapper` is not found in the registry



**add\_toolkit**(*toolkit\_wrapper*)

Append a ToolkitWrapper onto the list of toolkits in this ToolkitRegistry

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters** *toolkit\_wrapper* (openff.toolkit.utils.ToolkitWrapper) – The ToolkitWrapper object to add to the list of registered toolkits

**Raises** `InvalidToolkitError` – If *toolkit\_wrapper* is not a ToolkitWrapper or subclass

**resolve**(*method\_name*)

Resolve the requested method name by checking all registered toolkits in order of precedence for one that provides the requested method.

**Parameters** *method\_name* (*str*) – The name of the method to resolve

**Returns** *method* – The method of the first registered toolkit that provides the requested method name

**Raises** `NotImplementedError` if the requested method cannot be found among the registered toolkits –

## Examples

Create a molecule, and call the toolkit `to_smiles()` method directly

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
>>> toolkit_registry = ToolkitRegistry([OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, RDKitToolkitWrapper,
↳ AmberToolsToolkitWrapper])
>>> method = toolkit_registry.resolve('to_smiles')
>>> smiles = method(molecule)
```

**call**(*method\_name*, \*args, raise\_exception\_types=None, \*\*kwargs)

Execute the requested method by attempting to use all registered toolkits in order of precedence.

\*args and \*\*kwargs are passed to the desired method, and return values of the method are returned

This is a convenient shorthand for `toolkit_registry.resolve_method(method_name)(*args, **kwargs)`

### Parameters

- **method\_name** (*str*) – The name of the method to execute
- **raise\_exception\_types** (list of Exception subclasses, default=None) – A list of exception-derived types to catch and raise immediately. If None, this will be set to `[Exception]`, which will raise an error immediately if the first ToolkitWrapper in the registry fails. To try each ToolkitWrapper that provides a suitably-named method, set this to the empty list (`[]`). If all ToolkitWrappers run without raising any exceptions in this list, a single `ValueError` will be raised containing the each ToolkitWrapper that was tried and the exception it raised.

### Raises

- `NotImplementedError` if the requested method cannot be found among the registered toolkits –
- `ValueError` if no exceptions in the `raise_exception_types` list were raised by `ToolkitWrappers`, and –
- all `ToolkitWrappers` in the `ToolkitRegistry` were tried. –
- Other forms of exceptions are possible if `raise_exception_types` is specified. –
- These are defined by the `ToolkitWrapper` method being called. –

### Examples

Create a molecule, and call the toolkit `to_smiles()` method directly

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('Cc1ccccc1')
>>> toolkit_registry = ToolkitRegistry([OpenEyeToolkitWrapper, RDKitToolkitWrapper])
>>> smiles = toolkit_registry.call('to_smiles', molecule)
```

## 12.1.2 openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper

**class** `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.ToolkitWrapper`  
Toolkit wrapper base class.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__()`

### Methods

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`__init__()`

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<code>from_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file using this toolkit.
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<code>from_file_obj(file_obj, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file-like object (an object with a <code>"read()"</code> method using this toolkit.
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<code>is_available()</code>	Check whether the corresponding toolkit can be imported
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<code>requires_toolkit()</code>	
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## Attributes

<code>toolkit_file_read_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can read.
<code>toolkit_file_write_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can write.
<code>toolkit_installation_instructions</code>	Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.
<code>toolkit_name</code>	Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str
<code>toolkit_version</code>	Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

### property `toolkit_name`

Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns** `toolkit_name` (*str*) – The name of the wrapped toolkit

### property `toolkit_installation_instructions`

Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.

### property `toolkit_file_read_formats`

List of file formats that this toolkit can read.

### property `toolkit_file_write_formats`

List of file formats that this toolkit can write.

### classmethod `is_available()`

Check whether the corresponding toolkit can be imported

**Returns** `is_installed` (*bool*) – True if corresponding toolkit is installed, False otherwise.

### property `toolkit_version`

Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns** `toolkit_version` (*str*) – The version of the wrapped toolkit

### `from_file(file_path, file_format, allow_undefined_stereo=False)`

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file using this toolkit.

#### Parameters

- `file_path` (*str*) – The file to read the molecule from
- `file_format` (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- `allow_undefined_stereo` (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if any molecules contain undefined stereochemistry.
- `_cls` (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of Molecule objects is returned.

**from\_file\_obj**(*file\_obj*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Return an openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule from a file-like object (an object with a “.read()” method using this toolkit.

#### Parameters

- **file\_obj** (file-like object) – The file-like object to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check ToolkitWrapper.toolkit\_file\_read\_formats for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if any molecules contain undefined stereochemistry. If false, the function skips loading the molecule.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of Molecule objects is returned.

### 12.1.3 openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.OpenEyeToolkitWrapper

**class** openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.OpenEyeToolkitWrapper  
OpenEye toolkit wrapper

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__()`

#### Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	
<code>apply_elf_conformer_selection(molecule[, ...])</code>	Applies the <a href="#">ELF method</a> to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.
<code>assign_fractional_bond_orders(molecule[, ...])</code>	Update and store list of bond orders this molecule.
<code>assign_partial_charges(molecule[, ...])</code>	Compute partial charges with OpenEye quacpac, and assign the new values to the partial_charges attribute.
<code>atom_is_in_ring(atom)</code>	Return whether or not an atom is in a ring.
<code>bond_is_in_ring(bond)</code>	Return whether or not a bond is in a ring.
<code>canonical_order_atoms(molecule)</code>	Canonical order the atoms in the molecule using the OpenEye toolkit.
<code>compute_partial_charges_am1bcc(molecule[, ...])</code>	Compute AM1BCC partial charges with OpenEye quacpac.
<code>enumerate_protomers(molecule[, max_states])</code>	Enumerate the formal charges of a molecule to generate different protomoers.

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<code>enumerate_stereoisomers(molecule[, ...])</code>	Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.
<code>enumerate_tautomers(molecule[, max_states])</code>	Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule
<code>find_smarts_matches(molecule, smarts[, ...])</code>	Find all SMARTS matches for the specified molecule, using the specified aromaticity model.
<code>from_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file using this toolkit.
<code>from_file_obj(file_obj, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file-like object (an object with a <code>".read()"</code> method using this toolkit.
<code>from_inchi(inchi[, allow_undefined_stereo, _cls])</code>	Construct a Molecule from a InChI representation
<code>from_iupac(iupac_name[, ...])</code>	Construct a Molecule from an IUPAC name
<code>from_object(obj[, allow_undefined_stereo, _cls])</code>	Convert an OEMol (or OEMol-derived object) into an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.molecule</code>
<code>from_openeye(oemol[, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from an OpenEye molecule.
<code>from_smiles(smiles[, ...])</code>	Create a Molecule from a SMILES string using the OpenEye toolkit.
<code>generate_conformers(molecule[, ...])</code>	Generate molecule conformers using OpenEye Omega.
<code>get_tagged_smarts_connectivity(smarts)</code>	Returns a tuple of tuples indicating connectivity between tagged atoms in a SMARTS string.
<code>is_available()</code>	Check if the given OpenEye toolkit components are available.
<code>requires_toolkit()</code>	
<code>to_file(molecule, file_path, file_format)</code>	Writes an OpenFF Molecule to a file-like object
<code>to_file_obj(molecule, file_obj, file_format)</code>	Writes an OpenFF Molecule to a file-like object
<code>to_inchi(molecule[, fixed_hydrogens])</code>	Create an InChI string for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit.
<code>to_inchikey(molecule[, fixed_hydrogens])</code>	Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit.
<code>to_iupac(molecule)</code>	Generate IUPAC name from Molecule
<code>to_openeye(molecule[, aromaticity_model])</code>	Create an OpenEye molecule using the specified aromaticity model
<code>to_smiles(molecule[, isomeric, ...])</code>	Uses the OpenEye toolkit to convert a Molecule into a SMILES string.

**Attributes**

<code>toolkit_file_read_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can read.
<code>toolkit_file_write_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can write.
<code>toolkit_installation_instructions</code>	Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.
<code>toolkit_name</code>	Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str
<code>toolkit_version</code>	Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

**classmethod** `is_available()`

Check if the given OpenEye toolkit components are available.

If the OpenEye toolkit is not installed or no license is found for at least one the required toolkits, False is returned.

**Returns** `all_installed` (*bool*) – True if all required OpenEye tools are installed and licensed, False otherwise

**from\_object**(*obj*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Convert an OEMol (or OEMol-derived object) into an `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule`

**Parameters**

- **obj** (A molecule-like object) – An object to be type-checked.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept molecules with undefined stereocenters. If False, an exception will be raised if a molecule with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns** *Molecule* – An `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule` Molecule.

**Raises** `NotImplementedError` – If the object could not be converted into a Molecule.

**from\_file**(*file\_path*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file using this toolkit.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*) – The file to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. 'MOL2', 'SMI') Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns** `molecules` (*List[Molecule]*) – The list of Molecule objects in the file.

**Raises** `GAFFAtomTypeWarning` – If the loaded mol2 file possibly uses GAFF atom types, which are not supported.

## Examples

Load a mol2 file into an OpenFF Molecule object.

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> mol2_file_path = get_data_file_path('molecules/cyclohexane.mol2')
>>> toolkit = OpenEyeToolkitWrapper()
>>> molecule = toolkit.from_file(mol2_file_path, file_format='mol2')
```

**from\_file\_obj**(*file\_obj*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file-like object (an object with a `“read()”` method using this toolkit.

**Parameters**

- **file\_obj** (*file-like object*) – The file-like object to read the molecule from

- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns** **molecules** (*List[Molecule]*) – The list of Molecule objects in the file object.

**Raises** **GAFFAtomTypeWarning** – If the loaded mol2 file possibly uses GAFF atom types, which are not supported.

**to\_file\_obj**(*molecule, file\_obj, file\_format*)

Writes an OpenFF Molecule to a file-like object

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (an OpenFF Molecule) – The molecule to write
- **file\_obj** – The file-like object to write to
- **file\_format** – The format for writing the molecule data

**to\_file**(*molecule, file\_path, file\_format*)

Writes an OpenFF Molecule to a file-like object

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (an OpenFF Molecule) – The molecule to write
- **file\_path** – The file path to write to.
- **file\_format** – The format for writing the molecule data

**enumerate\_protomers**(*molecule, max\_states=10*)

Enumerate the formal charges of a molecule to generate different protomoers.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule whose state we should enumerate
- **max\_states** (*int optional*, default=10,) – The maximum number of protomer states to be returned.

**Returns** **molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*,) – A list of the protomers of the input molecules not including the input.

**enumerate\_stereoisomers**(*molecule, undefined\_only=False, max\_isomers=20, rationalise=True*)

Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule whose state we should enumerate
- **undefined\_only** (*bool optional*, default=False) – If we should enumerate all stereocenters and bonds or only those with undefined stereochemistry
- **max\_isomers** (*int optional*, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned
- **rationalise** (*bool optional*, default=True) – If we should try to build and rationalise the molecule to ensure it can exist

**Returns molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*) – A list of openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule instances

**enumerate\_tautomers**(*molecule*, *max\_states*=20)

Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – The molecule whose state we should enumerate
- **max\_states** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned

**Returns molecules** (*List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]*) – A list of openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule instances excluding the input molecule.

**static from\_openeye**(*oemol*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\_cls*=None)

Create a Molecule from an OpenEye molecule. If the OpenEye molecule has implicit hydrogens, this function will make them explicit.

OEAtom s have a different set of allowed value for partial charges than openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule s. In the OpenEye toolkits, partial charges are stored on individual OEAtom s, and their values are initialized to 0.0. In the Open Force Field Toolkit, an openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule's partial\_charges attribute is initialized to None and can be set to a openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy array with units of elementary charge. The Open Force Field Toolkit considers an OEMol where every OEAtom has a partial charge of float('nan') to be equivalent to an Open Force Field Toolkit Molecule's partial\_charges = None. This assumption is made in both to\_openeye and from\_openeye.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **oemol** (openeye.ochem.OEMol) – An OpenEye molecule
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (bool, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An OpenFF molecule

#### Examples

Create a Molecule from an OpenEye OEMol

```
>>> from openeye import oechem
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> ifs = oechem.oemolistream(get_data_file_path('systems/monomers/ethanol.mol2'))
>>> oemols = list(ifs.GetOEGraphMols())
```

```
>>> toolkit_wrapper = OpenEyeToolkitWrapper()
>>> molecule = toolkit_wrapper.from_openeye(oemols[0])
```

**static to\_openeye**(*molecule*, *aromaticity\_model*=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL)

Create an OpenEye molecule using the specified aromaticity model



OEAtom s have a different set of allowed value for partial charges than `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecules`. In the OpenEye toolkits, partial charges are stored on individual OEAtoms, and their values are initialized to 0.0. In the Open Force Field Toolkit, an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` `s partial_charges` attribute is initialized to None and can be set to a `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped numpy array with units of elementary charge. The Open Force Field Toolkit considers an OEMol where every OEAtom has a partial charge of `float('nan')` to be equivalent to an Open Force Field Toolkit Molecule's `partial_charges = None`. This assumption is made in both `to_openeye` and `from_openeye`.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Molecule` object) – The molecule to convert to an OEMol
- **aromaticity\_model** (`str`, optional, default=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL) – The aromaticity model to use

**Returns** `oemol` (`openeye.oechem.OEMol`) – An OpenEye molecule

#### Examples

Create an OpenEye molecule from a Molecule

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule
>>> toolkit_wrapper = OpenEyeToolkitWrapper()
>>> molecule = Molecule.from_smiles('CC')
>>> oemol = toolkit_wrapper.to_openeye(molecule)
```

**atom\_is\_in\_ring**(*atom*: `Atom`) → `bool`

Return whether or not an atom is in a ring.

It is assumed that this atom is in molecule.

**Parameters** *atom* (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom`) – The molecule containing the atom of interest

**Returns** `is_in_ring` (`bool`) – Whether or not the atom is in a ring.

**Raises** `NotAttachedToMoleculeError` –

**bond\_is\_in\_ring**(*bond*: `Bond`) → `bool`

Return whether or not a bond is in a ring.

It is assumed that this atom is in molecule.

**Parameters** *bond* (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond`) – The molecule containing the atom of interest

**Returns** `is_in_ring` (`bool`) – Whether or not the bond of index *bond\_index* is in a ring

**Raises** `NotAttachedToMoleculeError` –

**to\_smiles**(*molecule*, *isomeric=True*, *explicit\_hydrogens=True*, *mapped=False*)

Uses the OpenEye toolkit to convert a Molecule into a SMILES string. A partially mapped smiles can also be generated for atoms of interest by supplying an *atom\_map* to the properties dictionary.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.
- **isomeric** (bool optional, default= True) – return an isomeric smiles
- **explicit\_hydrogens** (bool optional, default=True) – return a smiles string containing all hydrogens explicitly
- **mapped** (bool optional, default=False) – return a explicit hydrogen mapped smiles, the atoms to be mapped can be controlled by supplying an atom map into the properties dictionary. If no mapping is passed all atoms will be mapped in order, else an atom map dictionary from the current atom index to the map id should be supplied with no duplicates. The map ids (values) should start from 0 or 1.

**Returns** **smiles** (*str*) – The SMILES of the input molecule.

**to\_inchi**(*molecule*, *fixed\_hydrogens*=False)

Create an InChI string for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit. InChI is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.
- **fixed\_hydrogens** (bool, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.

**Returns** **inchi** (*str*) – The InChI string of the molecule.

**to\_inchikey**(*molecule*, *fixed\_hydrogens*=False)

Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit. InChIKey is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.
- **fixed\_hydrogens** (bool, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.

**Returns** **inchi\_key** (*str*) – The InChIKey representation of the molecule.

**to\_iupac**(*molecule*)

Generate IUPAC name from Molecule

**Parameters** **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.

**Returns** **iupac\_name** (*str*) – IUPAC name of the molecule

## Examples

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> sdf_filepath = get_data_file_path('molecules/ethanol.sdf')
>>> molecule = Molecule(sdf_filepath)
>>> toolkit = OpenEyeToolkitWrapper()
>>> iupac_name = toolkit.to_iupac(molecule)
```

**canonical\_order\_atoms**(*molecule*)

Canonical order the atoms in the molecule using the OpenEye toolkit.

### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The input molecule

Returns

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- **molecule** – The input molecule, with canonically-indexed atoms and bonds.

**from\_smiles**(*smiles*, *hydrogens\_are\_explicit*=False, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\_cls*=None)

Create a Molecule from a SMILES string using the OpenEye toolkit.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **smiles** (`str`) – The SMILES string to turn into a molecule
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (`bool`, default = False) – If False, OE will perform hydrogen addition using `OEAddExplicitHydrogens`
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to accept SMILES with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a SMILES with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (`class`) – Molecule constructor

Returns **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – An OpenFF style molecule.

**from\_inchi**(*inchi*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\_cls*=None)

Construct a Molecule from a InChI representation

### Parameters

- **inchi** (`str`) – The InChI representation of the molecule.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to accept InChI with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a InChI with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (`class`) – Molecule constructor

Returns **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`)

**from\_iupac**(*iupac\_name*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\_cls*=None, *\*\*kwargs*)

Construct a Molecule from an IUPAC name

### Parameters

- **iupac\_name** (*str*) – The IUPAC or common name of the molecule.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept a molecule name with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a molecule name with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

Returns **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*)

**generate\_conformers**(*molecule*, *n\_conformers*=1, *rms\_cutoff*=None, *clear\_existing*=True, *make\_carboxylic\_acids\_cis*=False)

Generate molecule conformers using OpenEye Omega.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (a *Molecule*) – The molecule to generate conformers for.
- **n\_conformers** (*int*, default=1) – The maximum number of conformers to generate.
- **rms\_cutoff** (*openmm.unit.Quantity*-wrapped float, in units of distance, optional, default=None) – The minimum RMS value at which two conformers are considered redundant and one is deleted. If None, the cutoff is set to 1 Angstrom
- **clear\_existing** (*bool*, default=True) – Whether to overwrite existing conformers for the molecule
- **make\_carboxylic\_acids\_cis** (*bool*, default=False) – Guarantee all conformers have exclusively cis carboxylic acid groups (COOH) by rotating the proton in any trans carboxylic acids 180 degrees around the C-O bond.

**apply\_elf\_conformer\_selection**(*molecule*: *Molecule*, *percentage*: *float* = 2.0, *limit*: *int* = 10)

Applies the [ELF method](#) to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.

#### Notes

- The input molecule should have a large set of conformers already generated to select the ELF conformers from.
- The selected conformers will be retained in the `molecule.conformers` list while unselected conformers will be discarded.
- Conformers generated with the OpenEye toolkit often include trans carboxylic acids (COOH). These are unphysical and will be rejected by `apply_elf_conformer_selection`. If no conformers are selected, try re-running `generate_conformers` with the `make_carboxylic_acids_cis` argument set to True

#### See also:

`RDKitToolkitWrapper.apply_elf_conformer_selection`

#### Parameters

- **molecule** – The molecule which contains the set of conformers to select from.

- **percentage** – The percentage of conformers with the lowest electrostatic interaction energies to greedily select from.
- **limit** – The maximum number of conformers to select.

**assign\_partial\_charges**(*molecule*, *partial\_charge\_method*=None, *use\_conformers*=None, *strict\_n\_conformers*=False, *normalize\_partial\_charges*=True, *\_cls*=None)

Compute partial charges with OpenEye quacpac, and assign the new values to the `partial_charges` attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – Molecule for which partial charges are to be computed
- **partial\_charge\_method** (`str`, optional, default=None) – The charge model to use. One of ['amberff94', 'mmff', 'mmff94', *am1-mulliken*, 'am1bcc', 'am1bccnosymspt', 'am1bccelf10'] If None, 'am1-mulliken' will be used.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped numpy arrays, each with) – shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default = None Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.
- **normalize\_partial\_charges** (`bool`, default=True) – Whether to offset partial charges so that they sum to the total formal charge of the molecule. This is used to prevent accumulation of rounding errors when the partial charge generation method has low precision.
- **\_cls** (`class`) – Molecule constructor

#### Raises

- **ChargeMethodUnavailableError** if the requested charge method can not be handled by this toolkit –
- **ChargeCalculationError** if the charge method is supported by this toolkit, but fails –

**compute\_partial\_charges\_am1bcc**(*molecule*, *use\_conformers*=None, *strict\_n\_conformers*=False)

Compute AM1BCC partial charges with OpenEye quacpac. This function will attempt to use the OEAM1BCCELFF10 charge generation method, but may print a warning and fall back to normal OEAM1BCC if an error is encountered. This error is known to occur with some carboxylic acids, and is under investigation by OpenEye.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`Molecule`) – Molecule for which partial charges are to be computed

- **use\_conformers** (iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays, each with) – shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default = None Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (bool, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised instead of an Exception.

**Returns** **charges** (numpy.array of shape (natoms) of type float) – The partial charges

**assign\_fractional\_bond\_orders**(molecule, bond\_order\_model=None, use\_conformers=None, \_cls=None)

Update and store list of bond orders this molecule. Bond orders are stored on each bond, in the `bond.fractional_bond_order` attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (openff.toolkit.topology.molecule Molecule) – The molecule to assign wiberg bond orders to
- **bond\_order\_model** (str, optional, default=None) – The charge model to use. One of ['am1-wiberg', 'am1-wiberg-elf10', 'pm3-wiberg', 'pm3-wiberg-elf10']. If None, 'am1-wiberg' will be used.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity(np.array) with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and) – dimension of distance, optional, default=None The conformers to use for fractional bond order calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated by an available ToolkitWrapper. If the chosen bond\_order\_model is an ELF variant, the ELF conformer selection method will be applied to the provided conformers.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**get\_tagged\_smarts\_connectivity**(smarts)

Returns a tuple of tuples indicating connectivity between tagged atoms in a SMARTS string. Does not return bond order.

**Parameters** **smarts** (str) – The tagged SMARTS to analyze

#### Returns

- **unique\_tags** (tuple of int) – A sorted tuple of all unique tagged atom map indices.
- **tagged\_atom\_connectivity** (tuple of tuples of int, shape n\_tagged\_bonds x 2) – A tuple of tuples, where each inner tuple is a pair of tagged atoms (tag\_idx\_1, tag\_idx\_2) which are bonded. The inner tuples are ordered smallest-to-largest, and the tuple of tuples is ordered lexically. The return value for an improper torsion would be ((1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4)).

**Raises** **SMIRKSParsingError** – If OpenEye toolkit was unable to parse the provided smirks/tagged smarts

**find\_smarts\_matches**(molecule, smarts, aromaticity\_model='OEArModel\_MDL', unique=False)

Find all SMARTS matches for the specified molecule, using the specified aromaticity model.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule for which all specified SMARTS matches are to be located
- **smarts** (`str`) – SMARTS string with optional SMIRKS-style atom tagging
- **aromaticity\_model** (`str`, optional, default='OEAroModel\_MDL') – Molecule is prepared with this aromaticity model prior to querying.
- **:** (... note) – Currently:
- **OEAroModel\_MDL** (the only supported aromaticity\_model is) –

**property toolkit\_file\_read\_formats**

List of file formats that this toolkit can read.

**property toolkit\_file\_write\_formats**

List of file formats that this toolkit can write.

**property toolkit\_installation\_instructions**

Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.

**property toolkit\_name**

Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns toolkit\_name** (`str`) – The name of the wrapped toolkit

**property toolkit\_version**

Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns toolkit\_version** (`str`) – The version of the wrapped toolkit

### 12.1.4 openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.RDKitToolkitWrapper

**class** openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.RDKitToolkitWrapper  
RDKit toolkit wrapper

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__()`

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	
<code>apply_elf_conformer_selection(molecule[, ...])</code>	Applies the <a href="#">ELF method</a> to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.
<code>assign_partial_charges(molecule[, ...])</code>	Compute partial charges with RDKit, and assign the new values to the <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.
<code>atom_is_in_ring(atom)</code>	Return whether or not an atom is in a ring.
<code>bond_is_in_ring(bond)</code>	Return whether or not a bond is in a ring.
<code>canonical_order_atoms(molecule)</code>	Canonical order the atoms in the molecule using the RDKit.
<code>enumerate_stereoisomers(molecule[, ...])</code>	Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.
<code>enumerate_tautomers(molecule[, max_states])</code>	Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule.
<code>find_smarts_matches(molecule, smarts[, ...])</code>	Find all SMARTS matches for the specified molecule, using the specified aromaticity model.
<code>from_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Create an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file using this toolkit.
<code>from_file_obj(file_obj, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file-like object using this toolkit.
<code>from_inchi(inchi[, allow_undefined_stereo, _cls])</code>	Construct a <code>Molecule</code> from a InChI representation
<code>from_object(obj[, allow_undefined_stereo, _cls])</code>	If given an <code>rdchem.Mol</code> (or <code>rdchem.Mol</code> -derived object), this function will load it into an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.molecule</code> .
<code>from_pdb_and_smiles(file_path, smiles[, ...])</code>	Create a <code>Molecule</code> from a <code>pdb</code> file and a SMILES string using RDKit.
<code>from_rdkit(rdmol[, allow_undefined_stereo, ...])</code>	Create a <code>Molecule</code> from an RDKit molecule.
<code>from_smiles(smiles[, ...])</code>	Create a <code>Molecule</code> from a SMILES string using the RDKit toolkit.
<code>generate_conformers(molecule[, ...])</code>	Generate molecule conformers using RDKit.
<code>get_tagged_smarts_connectivity(smarts)</code>	Returns a tuple of tuples indicating connectivity between tagged atoms in a SMARTS string.
<code>is_available()</code>	Check whether the RDKit toolkit can be imported
<code>requires_toolkit()</code>	
<code>to_file(molecule, file_path, file_format)</code>	Writes an OpenFF <code>Molecule</code> to a file-like object
<code>to_file_obj(molecule, file_obj, file_format)</code>	Writes an OpenFF <code>Molecule</code> to a file-like object
<code>to_inchi(molecule[, fixed_hydrogens])</code>	Create an InChI string for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit.
<code>to_inchikey(molecule[, fixed_hydrogens])</code>	Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit.
<code>to_rdkit(molecule[, aromaticity_model])</code>	Create an RDKit molecule
<code>to_smiles(molecule[, isomeric, ...])</code>	Uses the RDKit toolkit to convert a <code>Molecule</code> into a SMILES string.



## Attributes

<code>toolkit_file_read_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can read.
<code>toolkit_file_write_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can write.
<code>toolkit_installation_instructions</code>	Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.
<code>toolkit_name</code>	Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str
<code>toolkit_version</code>	Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

### property `toolkit_file_write_formats`

List of file formats that this toolkit can write.

### classmethod `is_available()`

Check whether the RDKit toolkit can be imported

**Returns** `is_installed` (*bool*) – True if RDKit is installed, False otherwise.

### from\_object(*obj*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

If given an `rdchem.Mol` (or `rdchem.Mol`-derived object), this function will load it into an `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule`. Otherwise, it will return False.

#### Parameters

- **obj** (A `rdchem.Mol`-derived object) – An object to be type-checked and converted into a `Molecule`, if possible.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept molecules with undefined stereocenters. If False, an exception will be raised if a molecule with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – `Molecule` constructor

**Returns** *Molecule or False* – An `openff.toolkit.topology.molecule` `Molecule`.

**Raises** `NotImplementedError` – If the object could not be converted into a `Molecule`.

### from\_pdb\_and\_smiles(*file\_path*, *smiles*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Create a `Molecule` from a `pdb` file and a `SMILES` string using `RDKit`.

Requires `RDKit` to be installed.

The molecule is created and sanitised based on the `SMILES` string, we then find a mapping between this molecule and one from the `PDB` based only on atomic number and connections. The `SMILES` molecule is then reindexed to match the `PDB`, the conformer is attached, and the molecule returned.

Note that any stereochemistry in the molecule is set by the `SMILES`, and not the coordinates of the `PDB`.

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str*) – `PDB` file path
- **smiles** (*str*) – a valid `smiles` string for the `pdb`, used for stereochemistry, formal charges, and bond order
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if `SMILES` contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – `Molecule` constructor

**Returns molecule** (*openff.toolkit.Molecule* (or *\_cls()* type)) – An OFFMol instance with ordering the same as used in the PDB file.

:raises InvalidConformerError : if the SMILES and PDB molecules are not isomorphic.:

**from\_file**(*file\_path*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Create an openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule from a file using this toolkit.

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str*) – The file to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check ToolkitWrapper.toolkit\_file\_read\_formats for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*iterable of Molecules*) – a list of Molecule objects is returned.

**from\_file\_obj**(*file\_obj*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Return an openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule from a file-like object using this toolkit.

A file-like object is an object with a “.read()” method.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **file\_obj** (*file-like object*) – The file-like object to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check ToolkitWrapper.toolkit\_file\_read\_formats for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if oemol contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of Molecule objects is returned.

**to\_file\_obj**(*molecule*, *file\_obj*, *file\_format*)

Writes an OpenFF Molecule to a file-like object

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (an OpenFF Molecule) – The molecule to write
- **file\_obj** – The file-like object to write to
- **file\_format** – The format for writing the molecule data

**to\_file**(*molecule*, *file\_path*, *file\_format*)

Writes an OpenFF Molecule to a file-like object

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (an OpenFF Molecule) – The molecule to write
- **file\_path** – The file path to write to

- **file\_format** – The format for writing the molecule data

**enumerate\_stereoisomers**(*molecule*, *undefined\_only*=False, *max\_isomers*=20, *rationalise*=True)  
Enumerate the stereocenters and bonds of the current molecule.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule whose state we should enumerate
- **undefined\_only** (bool optional, default=False) – If we should enumerate all stereocenters and bonds or only those with undefined stereochemistry
- **max\_isomers** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned
- **rationalise** (bool optional, default=True) – If we should try to build and rationalise the molecule to ensure it can exist

**Returns molecules** (`List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]`) – A list of `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` instances

**enumerate\_tautomers**(*molecule*, *max\_states*=20)  
Enumerate the possible tautomers of the current molecule.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule whose state we should enumerate
- **max\_states** (int optional, default=20) – The maximum amount of molecules that should be returned

**Returns molecules** (`List[openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule]`) – A list of `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` instances not including the input molecule.

**canonical\_order\_atoms**(*molecule*)  
Canonical order the atoms in the molecule using the RDKit.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The input molecule
- Returns
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  - **molecule** – The input molecule, with canonically-indexed atoms and bonds.

**to\_smiles**(*molecule*, *isomeric*=True, *explicit\_hydrogens*=True, *mapped*=False)  
Uses the RDKit toolkit to convert a Molecule into a SMILES string. A partially mapped smiles can also be generated for atoms of interest by supplying an *atom\_map* to the properties dictionary.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.
- **isomeric** (bool optional, default= True) – return an isomeric smiles
- **explicit\_hydrogens** (bool optional, default=True) – return a smiles string containing all hydrogens explicitly
- **mapped** (bool optional, default=False) – return a explicit hydrogen mapped smiles, the atoms to be mapped can be controlled by supplying an atom map into the properties dictionary. If no mapping is passed all atoms will be mapped in

order, else an atom map dictionary from the current atom index to the map id should be supplied with no duplicates. The map ids (values) should start from 0 or 1.

**Returns** `smiles` (*str*) – The SMILES of the input molecule.

**from\_smiles**(*smiles*, *hydrogens\_are\_explicit*=False, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\_cls*=None)  
Create a Molecule from a SMILES string using the RDKit toolkit.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **smiles** (*str*) – The SMILES string to turn into a molecule
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (*bool*, default=False) – If False, RDKit will perform hydrogen addition using Chem.AddHs
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept SMILES with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a SMILES with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns** `molecule` (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An OpenFF style molecule.

**from\_inchi**(*inchi*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo*=False, *\_cls*=None)  
Construct a Molecule from a InChI representation

#### Parameters

- **inchi** (*str*) – The InChI representation of the molecule.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to accept InChI with undefined stereochemistry. If False, an exception will be raised if a InChI with undefined stereochemistry is passed into this function.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

**Returns** `molecule` (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*)

**generate\_conformers**(*molecule*, *n\_conformers*=1, *rms\_cutoff*=None, *clear\_existing*=True, *\_cls*=None, *make\_carboxylic\_acids\_cis*=False)  
Generate molecule conformers using RDKit.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (*a Molecule*) – The molecule to generate conformers for.
- **n\_conformers** (*int*, default=1) – Maximum number of conformers to generate.
- **rms\_cutoff** (*openmm.Quantity*-wrapped float, in units of distance, optional, default=None) – The minimum RMS value at which two conformers are considered redundant and one is deleted. If None, the cutoff is set to 1 Angstrom
- **clear\_existing** (*bool*, default=True) – Whether to overwrite existing conformers for the molecule.

- `_cls` (class) – Molecule constructor
- `make_carboxylic_acids_cis` (bool, default=False) – Guarantee all conformers have exclusively cis carboxylic acid groups (COOH) by rotating the proton in any trans carboxylic acids 180 degrees around the C-O bond.

`assign_partial_charges(molecule, partial_charge_method=None, use_conformers=None, strict_n_conformers=False, normalize_partial_charges=True, _cls=None)`  
 Compute partial charges with RDKit, and assign the new values to the `partial_charges` attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- `molecule` (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – Molecule for which partial charges are to be computed
- `partial_charge_method` (str, optional, default=None) – The charge model to use. One of ['mmff94']. If None, 'mmff94' will be used.
  - **'mmff94': Applies partial charges using the Merck Molecular Force Field (MMFF).** This method does not make use of conformers, and hence `use_conformers` and `strict_n_conformers` will not impact the partial charges produced.
- `use_conformers` (iterable of `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped numpy arrays, each with) – shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default = None Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- `strict_n_conformers` (bool, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.
- `normalize_partial_charges` (bool, default=True) – Whether to offset partial charges so that they sum to the total formal charge of the molecule. This is used to prevent accumulation of rounding errors when the partial charge generation method has low precision.
- `_cls` (class) – Molecule constructor

#### Raises

- `ChargeMethodUnavailableError` if the requested charge method can not be handled by this toolkit –
- `ChargeCalculationError` if the charge method is supported by this toolkit, but fails –

`apply_elf_conformer_selection(molecule: Molecule, percentage: float = 2.0, limit: int = 10, rms_tolerance: Quantity = 0.05 * unit.angstrom)`

Applies the [ELF method](#) to select a set of diverse conformers which have minimal electrostatically strongly interacting functional groups from a molecules conformers.

The diverse conformer selection is performed by the `_elf_select_diverse_conformers` function, which attempts to greedily select conformers which are most distinct according to their RMS.

**Warning:**

- Although this function is inspired by the OpenEye ELF10 method, this implementation may yield slightly different conformers due to potential differences in this and the OE closed source implementation.

**Notes**

- The input molecule should have a large set of conformers already generated to select the ELF10 conformers from.
- The selected conformers will be retained in the *molecule.conformers* list while unselected conformers will be discarded.
- Only heavy atoms are included when using the RMS to select diverse conformers.

**See also:**

`RDKitToolkitWrapper._elf_select_diverse_conformers`

**Parameters**

- **molecule** – The molecule which contains the set of conformers to select from.
- **percentage** – The percentage of conformers with the lowest electrostatic interaction energies to greedily select from.
- **limit** – The maximum number of conformers to select.
- **rms\_tolerance** – Conformers whose RMS is within this amount will be treated as identical and the duplicate discarded.

**from\_rdkit**(*rdmol*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *hydrogens\_are\_explicit=False*, *\_cls=None*)  
Create a Molecule from an RDKit molecule.

Requires the RDKit to be installed.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters**

- **rdmol** (`rdkit.RDMol`) – An RDKit molecule
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, `default=False`) – If false, raises an exception if *rdmol* contains undefined stereochemistry.
- **hydrogens\_are\_explicit** (`bool`, `default=False`) – If False, RDKit will perform hydrogen addition using `Chem.AddHs`
- **\_cls** (`class`) – Molecule constructor

**Returns** **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule*) – An OpenFF molecule

## Examples

Create a molecule from an RDKit molecule

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from openff.toolkit.tests.utils import get_data_file_path
>>> rdmol = Chem.MolFromMolFile(get_data_file_path('systems/monomers/ethanol.sdf'))

>>> toolkit_wrapper = RDKitToolkitWrapper()
>>> molecule = toolkit_wrapper.from_rdkit(rdmol)
```

**classmethod** `to_rdkit(molecule, aromaticity_model='OEAroModel_MDL')`

Create an RDKit molecule

Requires the RDKit to be installed.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters** `aromaticity_model` (`str`, optional, default=DEFAULT\_AROMATICITY\_MODEL)  
– The aromaticity model to use

**Returns** `rdmol` (`rdkit.RDMol`) – An RDKit molecule

## Examples

Convert a molecule to RDKit

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule
>>> ethanol = Molecule.from_smiles('CCO')
>>> rdmol = ethanol.to_rdkit()
```

**to\_inchi**(`molecule`, `fixed_hydrogens=False`)

Create an InChI string for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit. InChI is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

### Parameters

- **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.
- **fixed\_hydrogens** (`bool`, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if `True` this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.

**Returns** `inchi` (`str`) – The InChI string of the molecule.

**to\_inchikey**(`molecule`, `fixed_hydrogens=False`)

Create an InChIKey for the molecule using the RDKit Toolkit. InChIKey is a standardised representation that does not capture tautomers unless specified using the fixed hydrogen layer.

For information on InChi see here <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/divisions/division-details/inchi/>

### Parameters

- **molecule** (An `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule to convert into a SMILES.
- **fixed\_hydrogens** (`bool`, default=False) – If a fixed hydrogen layer should be added to the InChI, if *True* this will produce a non standard specific InChI string of the molecule.

**Returns** `inchi_key` (*str*) – The InChIKey representation of the molecule.

**get\_tagged\_smarts\_connectivity**(*smarts*)

Returns a tuple of tuples indicating connectivity between tagged atoms in a SMARTS string. Does not return bond order.

**Parameters** `smarts` (*str*) – The tagged SMARTS to analyze

**Returns**

- **unique\_tags** (*tuple of int*) – A sorted tuple of all unique tagged atom map indices.
- **tagged\_atom\_connectivity** (*tuple of tuples of int, shape n\_tagged\_bonds x 2*) –  
A tuple of tuples, where each inner tuple is a pair of tagged atoms (`tag_idx_1`, `tag_idx_2`) which are bonded. The inner tuples are ordered smallest-to-largest, and the tuple of tuples is ordered lexically. So the return value for an improper torsion would be ((1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4)).

**Raises** `SMIRKSParsingError` – If RDKit was unable to parse the provided smirks/tagged smarts

**find\_smarts\_matches**(*molecule*, *smarts*, *aromaticity\_model*='OEAroModel\_MDL', *unique*=False)

Find all SMARTS matches for the specified molecule, using the specified aromaticity model.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Parameters**

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – The molecule for which all specified SMARTS matches are to be located
- **smarts** (*str*) – SMARTS string with optional SMIRKS-style atom tagging
- **aromaticity\_model** (*str*, optional, default='OEAroModel\_MDL') – Molecule is prepared with this aromaticity model prior to querying.
- **:** (... note) – Currently:
- **OEAroModel\_MDL** (the only supported aromaticity\_model is) –

**atom\_is\_in\_ring**(*atom*: `Atom`) → `bool`

Return whether or not an atom is in a ring.

It is assumed that this atom is in molecule.

**Parameters** `atom` (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Atom`) – The molecule containing the atom of interest

**Returns** `is_in_ring` (*bool*) – Whether or not the atom is in a ring.

**Raises** `NotAttachedToMoleculeError` –



**bond\_is\_in\_ring**(*bond*: `Bond`) → `bool`

Return whether or not a bond is in a ring.

It is assumed that this atom is in molecule.

**Parameters** *bond* (`openff.toolkit.topology.molecule.Bond`) – The molecule containing the atom of interest

**Returns** *is\_in\_ring* (`bool`) – Whether or not the bond of index *bond\_index* is in a ring

**Raises** `NotAttachedToMoleculeError` –

**property** `toolkit_file_read_formats`

List of file formats that this toolkit can read.

**property** `toolkit_installation_instructions`

Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.

**property** `toolkit_name`

Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns** *toolkit\_name* (`str`) – The name of the wrapped toolkit

**property** `toolkit_version`

Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns** *toolkit\_version* (`str`) – The version of the wrapped toolkit

### 12.1.5 openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.AmberToolsToolkitWrapper

**class** `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.AmberToolsToolkitWrapper`

AmberTools toolkit wrapper

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

`__init__()`

#### Methods

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`__init__()`

<code>assign_fractional_bond_orders(molecule[, ...])</code>	Update and store list of bond orders this molecule.
<code>assign_partial_charges(molecule[, ...])</code>	Compute partial charges with AmberTools using antechamber/sqm, and assign the new values to the <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.

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<code>compute_partial_charges_am1bcc(molecule[, ...])</code>	Compute partial charges with AmberTools using antechamber/sqm.
<code>from_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file using this toolkit.
<code>from_file_obj(file_obj, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file-like object (an object with a <code>".read()"</code> method using this toolkit.
<code>is_available()</code>	Check whether the AmberTools toolkit is installed
<code>requires_toolkit()</code>	

### Attributes

<code>toolkit_file_read_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can read.
<code>toolkit_file_write_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can write.
<code>toolkit_installation_instructions</code>	Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.
<code>toolkit_name</code>	Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str
<code>toolkit_version</code>	Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

### `static is_available()`

Check whether the AmberTools toolkit is installed

**Returns** `is_installed` (*bool*) – True if AmberTools is installed, False otherwise.

**assign\_partial\_charges**(*molecule*, *partial\_charge\_method*=None, *use\_conformers*=None, *strict\_n\_conformers*=False, *normalize\_partial\_charges*=True, *\_cls*=None)

Compute partial charges with AmberTools using antechamber/sqm, and assign the new values to the `partial_charges` attribute.

**Warning:** This API experimental and subject to change.

### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – Molecule for which partial charges are to be computed
- **partial\_charge\_method** (*str*, optional, default=None) – The charge model to use. One of ['gasteiger', 'am1bcc', 'am1-mulliken']. If None, 'am1-mulliken' will be used.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped numpy arrays, each) – with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default = None List of (n\_atoms x 3) `openmm.unit.Quantities` to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If

this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised.

- **normalize\_partial\_charges** (*bool*, default=True) – Whether to offset partial charges so that they sum to the total formal charge of the molecule. This is used to prevent accumulation of rounding errors when the partial charge generation method has low precision.
- **\_cls** (*class*) – Molecule constructor

#### Raises

- **ChargeMethodUnavailableError** if the requested charge method can not be handled by this toolkit –
- **ChargeCalculationError** if the charge method is supported by this toolkit, but fails –

**compute\_partial\_charges\_am1bcc**(*molecule*, *use\_conformers=None*, *strict\_n\_conformers=False*)

Compute partial charges with AmberTools using antechamber/sqm. This will calculate AM1-BCC charges on the first conformer only.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (*Molecule*) – Molecule for which partial charges are to be computed
- **use\_conformers** (*iterable of openmm.unit.Quantity-wrapped numpy arrays*, ) – each with shape (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default = None Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (*bool*, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised instead of an Exception.

**Returns** **charges** (*numpy.array of shape (natoms) of type float*) – The partial charges

**assign\_fractional\_bond\_orders**(*molecule*, *bond\_order\_model=None*, *use\_conformers=None*, *\_cls=None*)

Update and store list of bond orders this molecule. Bond orders are stored on each bond, in the *bond.fractional\_bond\_order* attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (*openff.toolkit.topology.molecule Molecule*) – The molecule to assign wiberg bond orders to
- **bond\_order\_model** (*str*, optional, default=None) – The charge model to use. Only allowed value is ‘am1-wiberg’. If None, ‘am1-wiberg’ will be used.

- **use\_conformers** (iterable of `openmm.unit.Quantity(np.array)` with shape `(n_atoms, 3)`) – and dimension of distance, optional, default=None The conformers to use for fractional bond order calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated by an available ToolkitWrapper.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**from\_file**(*file\_path*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*)

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file using this toolkit.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*) – The file to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if any molecules contain undefined stereochemistry.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of `Molecule` objects is returned.

**from\_file\_obj**(*file\_obj*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file-like object (an object with a “.read()” method using this toolkit.

**Parameters**

- **file\_obj** (file-like object) – The file-like object to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if any molecules contain undefined stereochemistry. If false, the function skips loading the molecule.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of `Molecule` objects is returned.

**property toolkit\_file\_read\_formats**

List of file formats that this toolkit can read.

**property toolkit\_file\_write\_formats**

List of file formats that this toolkit can write.

**property toolkit\_installation\_instructions**

Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.

**property toolkit\_name**

Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns** `toolkit_name` (*str*) – The name of the wrapped toolkit

**property** `toolkit_version`

Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns** `toolkit_version` (*str*) – The version of the wrapped toolkit

### 12.1.6 openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.BuiltInToolkitWrapper

**class** `openff.toolkit.utils.toolkits.BuiltInToolkitWrapper`

Built-in ToolkitWrapper for very basic functionality. Intended for testing and not much more.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

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#### Methods

`__init__()`

<code>assign_partial_charges(molecule[, ...])</code>	Compute partial charges with the built-in toolkit using simple arithmetic operations, and assign the new values to the <code>partial_charges</code> attribute.
<code>from_file(file_path, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file using this toolkit.
<code>from_file_obj(file_obj, file_format[, ...])</code>	Return an <code>openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule</code> from a file-like object (an object with a <code>".read()"</code> method using this toolkit.
<code>is_available()</code>	Check whether the corresponding toolkit can be imported
<code>requires_toolkit()</code>	

#### Attributes

<code>toolkit_file_read_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can read.
<code>toolkit_file_write_formats</code>	List of file formats that this toolkit can write.
<code>toolkit_installation_instructions</code>	Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.
<code>toolkit_name</code>	Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str
<code>toolkit_version</code>	Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

```
assign_partial_charges(molecule, partial_charge_method=None, use_conformers=None,  
                        strict_n_conformers=False, normalize_partial_charges=True, _cls=None)
```

Compute partial charges with the built-in toolkit using simple arithmetic operations, and assign the new values to the `partial_charges` attribute.

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

#### Parameters

- **molecule** (`openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – Molecule for which partial charges are to be computed
- **partial\_charge\_method** (`str`, optional, default=None) – The charge model to use. One of ['zeros', 'formal\_charge']. If None, 'formal\_charge' will be used.
- **use\_conformers** (iterable of `openmm.unit.Quantity`-wrapped numpy arrays, each with shape) – (n\_atoms, 3) and dimension of distance. Optional, default = None Coordinates to use for partial charge calculation. If None, an appropriate number of conformers will be generated.
- **strict\_n\_conformers** (`bool`, default=False) – Whether to raise an exception if an invalid number of conformers is provided for the given charge method. If this is False and an invalid number of conformers is found, a warning will be raised instead of an Exception.
- **normalize\_partial\_charges** (`bool`, default=True) – Whether to offset partial charges so that they sum to the total formal charge of the molecule. This is used to prevent accumulation of rounding errors when the partial charge generation method has low precision.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

#### Raises

- **ChargeMethodUnavailableError** if this toolkit cannot handle the requested charge method –
- **IncorrectNumConformersError** if `strict_n_conformers` is True and `use_conformers` is provided –
- and specifies an invalid number of conformers for the requested method –
- **ChargeCalculationError** if the charge calculation is supported by this toolkit, but fails –

```
from_file(file_path, file_format, allow_undefined_stereo=False)
```

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file using this toolkit.

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (`str`) – The file to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (`str`) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. 'MOL2', 'SMI') Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (`bool`, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if any molecules contain undefined stereochemistry.

- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of Molecule objects is returned.

**from\_file\_obj**(*file\_obj*, *file\_format*, *allow\_undefined\_stereo=False*, *\_cls=None*)

Return an `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule` from a file-like object (an object with a “.read()” method using this toolkit.

#### Parameters

- **file\_obj** (file-like object) – The file-like object to read the molecule from
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format specifier, usually file suffix (eg. ‘MOL2’, ‘SMI’) Note that not all toolkits support all formats. Check `ToolkitWrapper.toolkit_file_read_formats` for details.
- **allow\_undefined\_stereo** (*bool*, default=False) – If false, raises an exception if any molecules contain undefined stereochemistry. If false, the function skips loading the molecule.
- **\_cls** (class) – Molecule constructor

**Returns molecules** (*Molecule or list of Molecules*) – a list of Molecule objects is returned.

**classmethod is\_available()**

Check whether the corresponding toolkit can be imported

**Returns is\_installed** (*bool*) – True if corresponding toolkit is installed, False otherwise.

**property toolkit\_file\_read\_formats**

List of file formats that this toolkit can read.

**property toolkit\_file\_write\_formats**

List of file formats that this toolkit can write.

**property toolkit\_installation\_instructions**

Instructions on how to install the wrapped toolkit.

**property toolkit\_name**

Return the name of the toolkit wrapped by this class as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns toolkit\_name** (*str*) – The name of the wrapped toolkit

**property toolkit\_version**

Return the version of the wrapped toolkit as a str

**Warning:** This API is experimental and subject to change.

**Returns toolkit\_version** (*str*) – The version of the wrapped toolkit

## 12.2 Serialization support

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**Serializable**

Mix-in to add serialization and deserialization support via JSON, YAML, BSON, TOML, MessagePack, and XML.

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### 12.2.1 openff.toolkit.utils.serialization.Serializable

**class** openff.toolkit.utils.serialization.**Serializable**

Mix-in to add serialization and deserialization support via JSON, YAML, BSON, TOML, MessagePack, and XML.

For more information on these formats, see: [JSON](#), [BSON](#), [YAML](#), [TOML](#), [MessagePack](#), and [XML](#).

To use this mix-in, the class inheriting from this class must have implemented `to_dict()` and `from_dict()` methods that utilize dictionaries containing only serializable Python objects.

**Warning:** The serialization/deserialization schemes used here place some strict constraints on what kinds of dict objects can be serialized. No effort is made to add further protection to ensure serialization is possible. Use with caution.

#### Examples

Example class using `Serializable` mix-in:

```
>>> from openff.toolkit.utils.serialization import Serializable
>>> class Thing(Serializable):
...     def __init__(self, description):
...         self.description = description
...
...     def to_dict(self):
...         return { 'description' : self.description }
...
...     @classmethod
...     def from_dict(cls, d):
...         return cls(d['description'])
...
>>> # Create an example object
>>> thing = Thing('blorb')
```

Get [JSON](#) representation:

```
>>> json_thing = thing.to_json()
```

Reconstruct an object from its [JSON](#) representation:

```
>>> thing_from_json = Thing.from_json(json_thing)
```

Get [BSON](#) representation:



```
>>> bson_thing = thing.to_bson()
```

Reconstruct an object from its **BSON** representation:

```
>>> thing_from_bson = Thing.from_bson(bson_thing)
```

Get **YAML** representation:

```
>>> yaml_thing = thing.to_yaml()
```

Reconstruct an object from its **YAML** representation:

```
>>> thing_from_yaml = Thing.from_yaml(yaml_thing)
```

Get **MessagePack** representation:

```
>>> messagepack_thing = thing.to_messagepack()
```

Reconstruct an object from its **MessagePack** representation:

```
>>> thing_from_messagepack = Thing.from_messagepack(messagepack_thing)
```

Get **XML** representation:

```
>>> xml_thing = thing.to_xml()
```

`__init__()`

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	
<code>from_bson(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	
<code>from_json(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.
<code>from_messagepack(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.
<code>from_pickle(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.
<code>from_toml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.
<code>from_xml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.
<code>from_yaml(serialized)</code>	Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.
<code>to_bson()</code>	Return a BSON serialized representation.
<code>to_dict()</code>	
<code>to_json([indent])</code>	Return a JSON serialized representation.

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<code>to_messagepack()</code>	Return a MessagePack representation.
<code>to_pickle()</code>	Return a pickle serialized representation.
<code>to_toml()</code>	Return a TOML serialized representation.
<code>to_xml([indent])</code>	Return an XML representation.
<code>to_yaml()</code>	Return a YAML serialized representation.

**to\_json(indent=None)**

Return a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `indent` (`int`, optional, default=None) – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**classmethod from\_json(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a JSON serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.json.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A JSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**to\_bson()**

Return a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**classmethod from\_bson(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a BSON serialized representation.

Specification: <http://bsonspec.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`bytes`) – A BSON serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**to\_toml()**

Return a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**classmethod from\_toml(serialized)**

Instantiate an object from a TOML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://github.com/toml-lang/toml>

**Parameters** `serialized` (`str`) – A TOML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (`cls`) – An instantiated object

**to\_yaml()**

Return a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Returns** `serialized` (`str`) – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**classmethod** `from_yaml(serialized)`

Instantiate from a YAML serialized representation.

Specification: <http://yaml.org/>

**Parameters** `serialized (str)` – A YAML serialized representation of the object

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object

**to\_messagepack()**

Return a MessagePack representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Returns** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation of the object

**classmethod** `from_messagepack(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a MessagePack serialized representation.

Specification: <https://msgpack.org/index.html>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object.

**to\_xml(indent=2)**

Return an XML representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `indent (int, optional, default=2)` – If not None, will pretty-print with specified number of spaces for indentation

**Returns** `serialized (bytes)` – A MessagePack-encoded bytes serialized representation.

**classmethod** `from_xml(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from an XML serialized representation.

Specification: <https://www.w3.org/XML/>

**Parameters** `serialized (bytes)` – An XML serialized representation

**Returns** `instance (cls)` – Instantiated object.

**to\_pickle()**

Return a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Returns** `serialized (str)` – A pickled representation of the object

**classmethod** `from_pickle(serialized)`

Instantiate an object from a pickle serialized representation.

**Warning:** This is not recommended for safe, stable storage since the pickle specification may change between Python versions.

**Parameters** `serialized` (*str*) – A pickled representation of the object

**Returns** `instance` (*cls*) – An instantiated object

## 12.3 Collections

Custom collections for the toolkit

<code>ValidatedList</code>	A list that runs custom converter and validators when new elements are added.
<code>ValidatedDict</code>	A dict that runs custom converter and validators when new elements are added.

### 12.3.1 `openff.toolkit.utils.collections.ValidatedList`

**class** `openff.toolkit.utils.collections.ValidatedList`(*seq=()*, *converter=None*, *validator=None*)

A list that runs custom converter and validators when new elements are added.

Multiple converters and validators can be assigned to the list. These are executed in the given order with converters run before validators.

Validators must take the new element as the first argument and raise an exception if validation fails.

`validator(new_element) -> None`

Converters must also take the new element as the first argument, but they have to return the converted value.

`converter(new_element) -> converted_value`

#### Examples

We can define validator and converter functions that are run on each element of the list.

```
>>> def is_positive_validator(value):
...     if value <= 0:
...         raise TypeError('value must be positive')
...
>>> v1 = ValidatedList([1, -1], validator=is_positive_validator)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
TypeError: value must be positive
```

Multiple converters that are run before the validators can be specified.

```
>>> v1 = ValidatedList([-1, '2', 3.0], converter=[float, abs],
...                 validator=is_positive_validator)
>>> v1
[1.0, 2.0, 3.0]
```

**`__init__`**(*seq=()*, *converter=None*, *validator=None*)

Initialize the list.

#### Parameters

- **seq** (Iterable) – A sequence of elements.
- **converter** (callable or List[callable]) – Functions that will be used to convert each new element of the list.
- **validator** (callable or List[callable]) – Functions that will be used to convert each new element of the list.

## Methods

<code>__init__([seq, converter, validator])</code>	Initialize the list.
<code>append(p_object)</code>	Append object to the end of the list.
<code>clear()</code>	Remove all items from list.
<code>copy()</code>	Return a shallow copy of the list.
<code>count(value, /)</code>	Return number of occurrences of value.
<code>extend(iterable)</code>	Extend list by appending elements from the iterable.
<code>index(value[, start, stop])</code>	Return first index of value.
<code>insert(index, p_object)</code>	Insert object before index.
<code>pop([index])</code>	Remove and return item at index (default last).
<code>remove(value, /)</code>	Remove first occurrence of value.
<code>reverse()</code>	Reverse <i>IN PLACE</i> .
<code>sort(*[, key, reverse])</code>	Sort the list in ascending order and return None.

### **extend(iterable)**

Extend list by appending elements from the iterable.

### **append(p\_object)**

Append object to the end of the list.

### **insert(index, p\_object)**

Insert object before index.

### **copy()**

Return a shallow copy of the list.

### **clear()**

Remove all items from list.

### **count(value, /)**

Return number of occurrences of value.

### **index(value, start=0, stop=9223372036854775807, /)**

Return first index of value.

Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

### **pop(index=- 1, /)**

Remove and return item at index (default last).

Raises IndexError if list is empty or index is out of range.

### **remove(value, /)**

Remove first occurrence of value.

Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

### **reverse()**

Reverse *IN PLACE*.

**sort**(\*, key=None, reverse=False)

Sort the list in ascending order and return None.

The sort is in-place (i.e. the list itself is modified) and stable (i.e. the order of two equal elements is maintained).

If a key function is given, apply it once to each list item and sort them, ascending or descending, according to their function values.

The reverse flag can be set to sort in descending order.

### 12.3.2 openff.toolkit.utils.collections.ValidatedDict

**class** openff.toolkit.utils.collections.**ValidatedDict**(mapping, converter=None, validator=None)

A dict that runs custom converter and validators when new elements are added.

Multiple converters and validators can be assigned to the dict. These are executed in the given order with converters run before validators.

Validators must take the new element as the first argument and raise an exception if validation fails.

validator(new\_element) -> None

Converters must also take the new element as the first argument, but they have to return the converted value.

converter(new\_element) -> converted\_value

#### Examples

We can define validator and converter functions that are run on each value of the dict.

```
>>> def is_positive_validator(value):
...     if value <= 0:
...         raise TypeError('value must be positive')
...
>>> v1 = ValidatedDict({'a': 1, 'b': -1}, validator=is_positive_validator)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
TypeError: value must be positive
```

Multiple converters that are run before the validators can be specified.

```
>>> v1 = ValidatedDict({'c': -1, 'd': '2', 'e': 3.0}, converter=[float, abs],
...                    validator=is_positive_validator)
>>> v1
{'c': 1.0, 'd': 2.0, 'e': 3.0}
```

**\_\_init\_\_**(mapping, converter=None, validator=None)

Initialize the dict.

#### Parameters

- **mapping** (Mapping) – A mapping of elements, probably a dict.
- **converter** (callable or List[callable]) – Functions that will be used to convert each new element of the dict.

- **validator** (callable or List[callable]) – Functions that will be used to convert each new element of the dict.

## Methods

<code>__init__(mapping[, converter, validator])</code>	Initialize the dict.
<code>clear()</code>	
<code>copy()</code>	
<code>fromkeys([value])</code>	Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.
<code>get(key[, default])</code>	Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.
<code>items()</code>	
<code>keys()</code>	
<code>pop(k[,d])</code>	If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise <code>KeyError</code> is raised
<code>popitem()</code>	Remove and return a (key, value) pair as a 2-tuple.
<code>setdefault(key[, default])</code>	Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.
<code>update([E, ]**F)</code>	If E is present and has a <code>.keys()</code> method, then does: for k in E: <code>D[k] = E[k]</code> If E is present and lacks a <code>.keys()</code> method, then does: for k, v in E: <code>D[k] = v</code> In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: <code>D[k] = F[k]</code>
<code>values()</code>	

**update**(`[E]`, `**F`) → None. Update D from dict/iterable E and F.

If E is present and has a `.keys()` method, then does: for k in E: `D[k] = E[k]` If E is present and lacks a `.keys()` method, then does: for k, v in E: `D[k] = v` In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: `D[k] = F[k]`

**copy**() → a shallow copy of D

**clear**() → None. Remove all items from D.

**fromkeys**(`value=None, /`)

Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.

**get**(`key, default=None, /`)

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

**items**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

**keys**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**pop**(`k[, d]`) → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.

If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise `KeyError` is raised

**popitem()**

Remove and return a (key, value) pair as a 2-tuple.

Pairs are returned in LIFO (last-in, first-out) order. Raises `KeyError` if the dict is empty.

**setdefault**(key, default=None, /)

Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

**values()** → an object providing a view on D's values

## 12.4 Miscellaneous utilities

Miscellaneous utility functions.

<code>inherit_docstrings</code>	Inherit docstrings from parent class
<code>all_subclasses</code>	Recursively retrieve all subclasses of the specified class
<code>temporary_cd</code>	Context to temporarily change the working directory.
<code>get_data_file_path</code>	Get the full path to one of the reference files in test-systems.
<code>convert_0_1_smirnoff_to_0_2</code>	Convert an 0.1-compliant SMIRNOFF dict to an 0.2-compliant one.
<code>convert_0_2_smirnoff_to_0_3</code>	Convert an 0.2-compliant SMIRNOFF dict to an 0.3-compliant one.
<code>get_molecule_parameterIDs</code>	Process a list of molecules with a specified SMIRNOFF ffxml file and determine which parameters are used by which molecules, returning col-lated results.
<code>unit_to_string</code>	Serialize a <code>openmm.unit.Unit</code> and return it as a string.

### 12.4.1 `openff.toolkit.utils.utils.inherit_docstrings`

`openff.toolkit.utils.utils.inherit_docstrings(cls)`

Inherit docstrings from parent class



### 12.4.2 openff.toolkit.utils.utils.all\_subclasses

`openff.toolkit.utils.utils.all_subclasses(cls)`  
 Recursively retrieve all subclasses of the specified class

### 12.4.3 openff.toolkit.utils.utils temporary\_cd

`openff.toolkit.utils.utils.temporary_cd(dir_path)`  
 Context to temporarily change the working directory.

**Parameters** `dir_path` (`str`) – The directory path to enter within the context

#### Examples

```
>>> dir_path = '/tmp'
>>> with temporary_cd(dir_path):
...     pass # do something in dir_path
```

### 12.4.4 openff.toolkit.utils.utils.get\_data\_file\_path

`openff.toolkit.utils.utils.get_data_file_path(relative_path)`  
 Get the full path to one of the reference files in testsystems. In the source distribution, these files are in `openff/toolkit/data/`, but on installation, they're moved to somewhere in the user's python site-packages directory.

**Parameters** `name` (`str`) – Name of the file to load (with respect to the repex folder).

### 12.4.5 openff.toolkit.utils.utils.convert\_0\_1\_smirnoff\_to\_0\_2

`openff.toolkit.utils.utils.convert_0_1_smirnoff_to_0_2(smirnoff_data_0_1)`  
 Convert an 0.1-compliant SMIRNOFF dict to an 0.2-compliant one. This involves renaming several tags, adding Electrostatics and ToolkitAM1BCC tags, and separating improper torsions into their own section.

**Parameters** `smirnoff_data_0_1` (`dict`) – Hierarchical dict representing a SMIRNOFF data structure according to the 0.1 spec

**Returns** `smirnoff_data_0_2` – Hierarchical dict representing a SMIRNOFF data structure according to the 0.2 spec

### 12.4.6 openff.toolkit.utils.utils.convert\_0\_2\_smirnoff\_to\_0\_3

`openff.toolkit.utils.utils.convert_0_2_smirnoff_to_0_3(smirnoff_data_0_2)`  
 Convert an 0.2-compliant SMIRNOFF dict to an 0.3-compliant one. This involves removing units from header tags and adding them to attributes of child elements. It also requires converting ProperTorsions and ImproperTorsions potentials from "charmm" to "fourier".

**Parameters** `smirnoff_data_0_2` (`dict`) – Hierarchical dict representing a SMIRNOFF data structure according to the 0.2 spec

**Returns** *smirnoff\_data\_0\_3* – Hierarchical dict representing a SMIRNOFF data structure according to the 0.3 spec

### 12.4.7 openff.toolkit.utils.get\_molecule\_parameterIDs

`openff.toolkit.utils.get_molecule_parameterIDs(molecules, forcefield)`

Process a list of molecules with a specified SMIRNOFF ffxml file and determine which parameters are used by which molecules, returning collated results.

#### Parameters

- **molecules** (list of `openff.toolkit.topology.Molecule`) – List of molecules (with explicit hydrogens) to parse
- **forcefield** (`openff.toolkit.typing.engines.smirnoff.ForceField`) – The `ForceField` to apply

#### Returns

- **parameters\_by\_molecule** (*dict*) – Parameter IDs used in each molecule, keyed by isomeric SMILES generated from provided OEMols. Each entry in the dict is a list which does not necessarily have unique entries; i.e. parameter IDs which are used more than once will occur multiple times.
- **parameters\_by\_ID** (*dict*) – Molecules in which each parameter ID occurs, keyed by parameter ID. Each entry in the dict is a set of isomeric SMILES for molecules in which that parameter occurs. No frequency information is stored.

### 12.4.8 openff.toolkit.utils.unit\_to\_string

`openff.toolkit.utils.unit_to_string(input_unit)`

Serialize a `openmm.unit.Unit` and return it as a string.

**Parameters** *input\_unit* (A `openmm.unit.Unit`) – The Unit object to serialize

**Returns** *unit\_string* (*str*) – The serialized unit.

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