I. EWALD SUMMATION

The single site energy of a dipole in an electric field is

$$E_i = -\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_i). \tag{1}$$

So that the total electrostatic energy of the lattice is

$$U = \sum_{i} E_{i}.$$
 (2)

The electric field produced by a dipole is

$$E(r) = \frac{3(\hat{r} \cdot S)\hat{r} - S}{r^3} = (S \cdot \nabla)\nabla \frac{1}{r}$$
 (3)

On a lattice of N dipoles, equation (1) becomes

$$E_i = -\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \left(\sum_{j \neq i} (\mathbf{S}_j \cdot \nabla) \nabla \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \right) \tag{4}$$

$$= -(S_i \cdot \nabla) \sum_{j \neq i} (S_j \cdot \nabla) \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$
 (5)

Where (4) \rightarrow (5) holds because S_j is not a function of r, (i.e. the commutation relationship holds: $[\nabla, (S_j \cdot \nabla)] = 0 \ \forall j$).

Then equation (2) becomes

$$U = \sum_{i < j} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \tag{6}$$

Where

$$\boldsymbol{J}_{\mu\nu}(\boldsymbol{r}) = -\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}\frac{1}{r} \tag{7}$$

To compute an infinite lattice sum we have periodic boundary conditions to unlimited range.

$$U = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i< j}^{N} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL) \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \qquad i, j \in \{1, 2 \dots N\}$$
 (8)

$$= \sum_{i < j}^{N} \mathbf{S}_{i} \cdot \left(\sum_{n}^{\infty} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL) \right) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j}$$
 (9)

where L is the linear size of the lattice containing N dipoles in the direction of cubic translation vectors and \mathbf{n} is a vector of integers (in general the lattice can be the size of any parallelepiped with lattice translation vectors, \mathbf{T}) The inner sum is conditionally convergent and can't be approximated by truncation.

Multiplying by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$,

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{r} \tag{10}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-u} \left(\frac{du}{2\sqrt{ur}} \right) \tag{11}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-t^2 r^2} dt$$
 (12)

Where I made the substitution, $u = t^2 r^2$, to go from step (11) \leftrightarrow (12). Now the integral is split into two parts

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\alpha e^{-t^2 r^2} dt + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_\alpha^\infty e^{-t^2 r^2} dt$$
 (13)

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\alpha} e^{-t^2 r^2} dt + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{r} \int_{\alpha r}^{\infty} e^{-(tr)^2} d(tr)$$
 (14)

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\alpha e^{-t^2 r^2} dt + \frac{1}{r} \operatorname{erfc}(\alpha r)$$
 (15)

So the energy can be decomposed as

$$U = U_{\rm SR} + U_{\rm LR} \tag{16}$$

The first term in (15) contributes to the long range part, U_{LR} , and is summed in reciprocal space. The second term in (15) contributes to the short range part, U_{SR} , which is summed in position space.

$$U_{LR} = \sum_{i < j}^{N} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \tag{17}$$

$$A_{ij}^{\mu\nu} = -\sum_{n}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2} |\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{n}L|^{2}} dt$$
 (18)

$$= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2} |\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{n}L|^{2}} dt$$
 (19)

$$= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} M(\mathbf{r}) \bigg|_{\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_{ij}}$$
 (20)

Where

$$M(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2}|\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{n}L|^{2}} dt$$
 (21)

$$= \int \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{n}L) \int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2}|\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}'|^{2}} dt \right] d^{3}r'$$
 (22)

$$= \int \left[\frac{1}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} e^{iG \cdot r'} \int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2} |r + r'|^{2}} dt \right] d^{3} r'$$
 (23)

$$= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} e^{-iG \cdot r} \int \left[e^{iG \cdot (r' + r)} \int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2}|r + r'|^{2}} dt \right] d^{3}(r' + r)$$
(24)

$$= \frac{2\pi\sqrt{2\pi}}{V} \sum_{C}^{\infty} e^{-iG \cdot r} \mathcal{F} \left[\int_{0}^{\alpha} e^{-t^{2}r^{2}} dt \right] (G)$$
 (25)

$$=\frac{2\pi\sqrt{2\pi}}{V}\sum_{G}^{\infty}e^{-iG\cdot r}\int_{0}^{\alpha}\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}t^{3}}e^{-G^{2}/4t^{2}}dt \tag{26}$$

$$= \frac{\pi \sqrt{\pi}}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} e^{-iG \cdot r} \int_{\infty}^{G^2/4\alpha^2} \frac{1}{t^3} e^{-u} \left(\frac{-2t^3 du}{G^2} \right)$$
 (27)

$$= \frac{2\pi\sqrt{\pi}}{V} \sum_{C}^{\infty} \frac{1}{G^2} e^{-iG \cdot r} \int_{G^2/4\alpha^2}^{\infty} e^{-u} du, \quad u = \frac{G^2}{4t^2}$$
 (28)

$$= \frac{2\pi\sqrt{\pi}}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} \frac{1}{G^2} e^{-G^2/4\alpha^2} e^{-iG \cdot r}$$
 (29)

Where \mathcal{F} is the 3D Fourier transform which, for this case, decouples into the product of 3 1D Fourier transforms of a Gaussian.

The reciprocal space sum replacement is used in $(22) \rightarrow (23)^2$

$$\sum_{n}^{\infty} \delta(\mathbf{r} - nL) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} e^{-iG \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$
 (30)

The long-range coupling matrix is

$$A_{ij}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \frac{2\pi \sqrt{\pi}}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} \frac{1}{G^2} e^{-G^2/4\alpha^2} e^{-iG \cdot r_{ij}}$$
(31)

$$= -\frac{4\pi}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} \frac{1}{G^2} e^{-G^2/4\alpha^2} \left(\partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} e^{-iG \cdot r_{ij}} \right)$$
 (32)

$$= \frac{4\pi}{V} \sum_{C}^{\infty} \frac{G_{\mu} G_{\nu}}{G^2} e^{-G^2/4\alpha^2} e^{-iG \cdot r_{ij}}$$
 (33)

The singular $r_{ij} + nL = 0$ term which was included in the integral represents dipole interaction with its own field. This term may be subtracted directly.

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}\int_{0}^{\alpha}e^{-t^{2}r^{2}}dt\bigg|_{r=0}$$
(34)

$$= -\int_0^\alpha \left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} t^4 r_\mu r_\nu e^{-r^2 t^2} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} t^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} e^{-r^2 t^2} \right) \bigg|_{r=0} dt \qquad (35)$$

$$=\frac{4\alpha^3}{3\sqrt{\pi}}\delta_{\mu\nu}\tag{36}$$

So we have the correction to (17)

$$U_{LR} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij}^{N} \left(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - \frac{4\alpha^3}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \delta_{ij} S_i^2 \right)$$
(37)

The short range contribution to the energy is

$$U_{\rm SR} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij}^{N} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{B}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \tag{38}$$

where \boldsymbol{B} is the short range coupling matrix

$$B_{ij}^{\mu\nu} = -\sum_{n}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} e^{-t^2 r_{ij}^2} dt$$
 (39)

$$= -\sum_{n}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} t^4 r_{ij}^{\mu} r_{ij}^{\nu} e^{-r_{ij}^2 t^2} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} t^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} e^{-r_{ij}^2 t^2} \right) dt \quad (40)$$

Computing the first integral

$$\frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}}r^{\mu}r^{\nu}\int_{\alpha}^{\infty}t^{4}e^{-r^{2}t^{2}}dt\tag{41}$$

$$= \frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{r^{\mu} r^{\nu}}{r^5} \int_{(\alpha r)^2}^{\infty} u^2 e^{-u} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}}, \quad u = t^2 r^2$$
 (42)

Integrating by parts twice

$$\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{r^{\mu} r^{\nu}}{r^5} \int_{(\alpha r)^2}^{\infty} u^{3/2} e^{-u} du \tag{43}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{r^{\mu} r^{\nu}}{r^5} \left[\int_{(\alpha r)^2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} u^{1/2} e^{u} du + \alpha^3 r^3 e^{-\alpha^2 r^2} \right]$$
(44)

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{r^{\mu} r^{\nu}}{r^{5}} \left[\frac{3}{2} \left[\int_{(\alpha r)^{2}}^{\infty} e^{u} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}} + \alpha r e^{-\alpha^{2} r^{2}} \right] + \alpha^{3} r^{3} e^{-\alpha^{2} r^{2}} \right]$$
(45)

$$= \frac{r^{\mu}r^{\nu}}{r^{5}} \left[3 \operatorname{erfc}(\alpha r) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \alpha r (3 + 2\alpha^{2} r^{2}) e^{-\alpha^{2} r^{2}} \right]$$
(46)

Computing the second integral in (44) only requires integration by parts once

$$-\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}}\delta_{\mu\nu}\int_{\alpha}^{\infty}t^{2}e^{-t^{2}r_{ij}^{2}}dt\tag{47}$$

$$= -\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{r_{ii}^3} \int_{(\alpha r_{ij})^2}^{\infty} u e^{-u} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}}$$

$$\tag{48}$$

$$= -\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{r_{ii}^3} \left[\int_{(\alpha r_{ij})^2}^{\infty} e^{-u} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha r_{ij} e^{-\alpha^2 r_{ij}^2} \right]$$
(49)

$$= -\frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{r_{ii}^3} \left[\operatorname{erfc}(\alpha r_{ij}) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \alpha r_{ij} e^{-\alpha^2 r_{ij}^2} \right]$$
 (50)

So the final expression for the lattice sum is

$$\sum_{n}^{\infty} J(\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL) = A_{ij} + B_{ij} - \frac{4\alpha^{3}}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \delta_{ij} \mathbf{1}$$

$$A_{ij} = \frac{4\pi}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} \frac{G \otimes G}{G^{2}} e^{-G^{2}/4\alpha^{2}} e^{-iG \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}}$$

$$B_{ij} = \sum_{n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL|^{5}} \left(|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL|^{2} X(|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL|) \mathbf{1} + (\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL) \otimes (\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL) Y(|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + nL|) \right)$$

$$X(r) = \operatorname{erfc}(\alpha r) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \alpha r e^{-\alpha^{2} r^{2}}$$

$$Y(r) = \operatorname{3erfc}(\alpha r) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \alpha r (3 + 2\alpha^{2} r^{2}) e^{-\alpha^{2} r^{2}}$$

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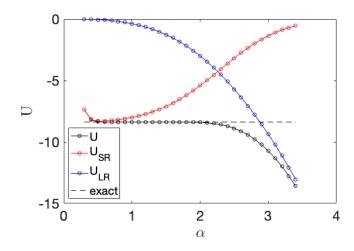


FIG. 1. Convergence of the Ewald summation with splitting parameter, α , for an FCC lattice in the ferromagnetic state. The energy converges to the exact value in the range $\alpha \in [1,2]$. The summation has bad convergence for a poor choice of α . The Ewald summation was performed with a length constraint cutoff: $|\mathbf{n}| < 10$, and, $|\mathbf{G}| < (2\pi/L) \times 10$. Long range contributions to the energy are dominant if α is chosen to be large (as expected).

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