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 1

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

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

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

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

$$J_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{r}) = -\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}\frac{1}{r} \tag{7}$$

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 and n is a cubic translation vector of the simulation box which contains the lattice (in general the simulation box can be the size of any parallelepiped with lattice translation vectors, T). So the lattice constant of the simulation box is L.

The inner sum is conditionally convergent and can't be approximated by truncation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2\pi\sqrt{\pi}}{V} \sum_{G}^{\infty} \frac{1}{G^2} e^{-iG \cdot r} \int_{G^2/4\alpha^2}^{\infty} e^{-u} du, \quad u = \frac{G^2}{4t^2}$$
 (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 $(22) \rightarrow (23)^2$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where B is the short range coupling matrix. Define $r_{ijn} = r_{ij} + nL$

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

$$= -\sum_{n}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} t^{4} r_{ijn}^{\mu} r_{ijn}^{\nu} e^{-r_{ijn}^{2} t^{2}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} t^{2} \delta_{\mu\nu} e^{-r_{ijn}^{2} t^{2}} \right) dt$$
(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 (40) only requires integration by parts once

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

$$= -\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{r^3} \int_{(\alpha r)^2}^{\infty} u e^{-u} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}}$$
 (48)

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

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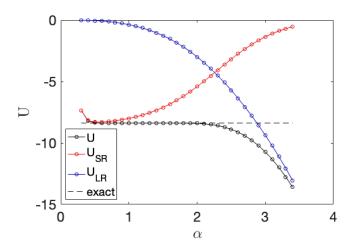


FIG. 1. Convergence of the Ewald summation with splitting parameter, α , for an FCC lattice in the ferromagnetic state. The energy converges to the exact value in the range $\alpha \in [1,2]$. The summation has bad convergence for a poor choice of α . The Ewald summation was performed with a length constraint 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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