

Ewald summation

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The context

The HF orbitals are expanded in a Gaussian basis set (i, α are local indices of the supercell and \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} are translation vectors of the lattice):

$$\psi_i^{\mathbf{P}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{Q}} \phi_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{Q}}(\vec{r}) C_{\alpha \mathbf{Q}; i \mathbf{P}} \quad (1)$$

The Coulomb energy is given by (with $P_{\gamma \delta}^{\mathbf{Q}} = (\mathbf{C}^{\dagger} \mathbf{C})_{\gamma \mathbf{0}; \delta \mathbf{Q}}$):

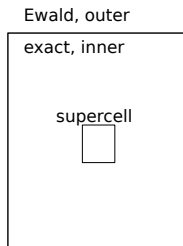
$$E_{Coul} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \mathbf{T} \mathbf{P}} \int \frac{\psi_i^{\mathbf{P}}(\vec{r}) \psi_i^{\mathbf{P}}(\vec{r}) \psi_j^{\mathbf{T}}(\vec{r}') \psi_j^{\mathbf{T}}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{E_{Coul}}{N} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \beta \mathbf{T}} P_{\alpha \beta}^{\mathbf{T}} \sum_{\gamma \delta \mathbf{Q}} P_{\gamma \delta}^{\mathbf{Q}} \sum_{\mathbf{S}} \left(\phi_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{0}} \phi_{\beta}^{\mathbf{T}} \mid \phi_{\gamma}^{\mathbf{S}} \phi_{\delta}^{\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{Q}} \right) \quad (3)$$

- For small $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Q}$ the terms in the sum can be calculated exactly.
- For large \mathbf{T} or \mathbf{Q} , the integrals become negligible.
- For large \mathbf{S} , there is no overlap between $\phi_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{0}} \phi_{\beta}^{\mathbf{T}}$ and $\phi_{\gamma}^{\mathbf{S}} \phi_{\delta}^{\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{Q}}$.

How to deal with large **S**-terms

- Treat the N-N, N-e and direct e-e terms simultaneously in the outer region with an Ewald summation.
- Create grid $G1$ in the reference supercell & assign point charges $\{q_i\}$.
- $\{q_i\}$ in outer region generate a potential in the reference supercell.
- Potential in reference supercell is sampled on the same grid $G1$.
- I: Unit cell info, inner region definition, $G1$, $\{q_i\}$.
- O: Potential due to outer region sampled at $G1$ in the reference supercell.



Ewald summation

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_i q_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|} \quad (4)$$

Periodic distribution, with $\vec{r}_i = \tau_\alpha + \mathbf{T}$, $\tau_{\alpha\beta} = \tau_\alpha - \tau_\beta$:

$$\frac{W}{N} = \sum'_{\alpha\beta\mathbf{T}} \frac{q_\alpha q_\beta \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\eta} |\tau_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}|\right)}{2 |\tau_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}|} + \sum'_{\alpha\beta\mathbf{T}} \frac{q_\alpha q_\beta \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\eta} |\tau_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}|\right)}{2 |\tau_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}|} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{W}{N} = & \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{q_\alpha q_\beta}{2} \left(\frac{4\pi}{\Omega} \sum_{\mathbf{G} \neq 0} \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{G} \cdot \tau_{\alpha\beta}} e^{-G^2/\eta}}{G^2} - \delta_{\alpha\beta} \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{\pi}} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{\mathbf{T}}' \frac{\operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\eta} |\tau_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}|\right)}{|\tau_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}|} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

when supercell charge neutral, Ω the volume of the supercell, \mathbf{G} the reciprocal lattice vectors