

# THEORETICAL CONSIDERATION OF ANGULAR-AVERAGED EWALD POTENTIAL TO CALCULATE TWO-COMPONENT PLASMA PROPERTIES ACCOUNTING FOR LONG-RANGE INTERACTION

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The long-range nature of the Coulomb potential originates difficulties during the numerical simulation and theoretical consideration of two-component plasmas. Often the simulation is performed in a cubic cell with periodic boundary conditions. Using the Ewald summation method, it is possible to obtain an expression for the energy of such a system in which the particles interact with the short-range Ewald potential only in the main cell.

Following the approach by E. Yakub and C. Ronchi [1], the Ewald potential can be averaged over directions to obtain the angular-averaged Ewald (AAE) potential (AAEP) and calculate the energy of a disordered system. The final expression for the potential was first presented in the original paper [1]; its detailed derivation and analysis are presented in our recent work [2].

From a physical point of view, the AAEP describes the interaction of two spheres; each sphere contains a point charge in the center and a uniformly distributed charge of the same value and opposite sign. The radius of each sphere is  $r_m = (3/(4\pi))^{1/3}L$ , where  $L$  is the side length of a cubic cell. The AAEP accounts for the long-range interaction between particles similar to the Ewald potential.

Due to its simple form, the AAEP can be used to obtain pseudopotentials accounting for quantum and long-range interaction effects. Following Kelbg [3], we obtained [4, 5] a generalized expression for the Kelbg pseudopotential in the case of AAEP. We call it the Kelbg-AAE pseudopotential; unlike the familiar Kelbg one, it rapidly decays at long distances. We believe that the Kelbg-AAE pseudopotential will be useful in path integral Monte Carlo methods.

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