

Supporting Information Part 1

DFTB3: Extension of the self-consistent-charge density-functional tight-binding method (SCC-DFTB)

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γ -Function and Derivative $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a}$

The γ -function is described in detail in refs 1,2 and when introducing the abbreviations $\alpha = \frac{16}{5}U_a$, $\beta = \frac{16}{5}U_b$, $r = |R_b - R_a|$ it can be written as (for the γ^h -function see below)

$$\gamma_{ab} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{r} - S^f & r \neq 0, \alpha \neq \beta \\ \frac{1}{r} - S^g & r \neq 0, \alpha = \beta \\ \frac{5}{16}\alpha & r = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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$$S^f = e^{-\alpha r} f(\alpha, \beta, r) + e^{-\beta r} f(\beta, \alpha, r) \quad (3)$$

$$S^g = e^{-\alpha r} g(\alpha, r) \quad (4)$$

$$f(\alpha, \beta, r) = \frac{\alpha \beta^4}{2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2} - \frac{\beta^6 - 3\alpha^2 \beta^4}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^3 r} \quad (5)$$

$$g(\alpha, r) = \frac{1}{48r} (48 + 33\alpha r + 9\alpha^2 r^2 + \alpha^3 r^3) \quad (6)$$

Thus, we find for the derivative (for the derivative of the γ^h -function see below):

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a} = \frac{16}{5} \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{16}{5} \begin{cases} -\frac{\partial S^f}{\partial \alpha} & r \neq 0, \alpha \neq \beta \\ -\frac{\partial S^g}{\partial \alpha} & r \neq 0, \alpha = \beta \\ \frac{5}{16} & r = 0 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial S^f}{\partial \alpha} = e^{-\alpha r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(\alpha, \beta, r) - r e^{-\alpha r} f(\alpha, \beta, r) + e^{-\beta r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(\beta, \alpha, r) \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial S^g}{\partial \alpha} = e^{-\alpha r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} g(\alpha, r) - r e^{-\alpha r} g(\alpha, r) \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(\alpha, \beta, r) = -\frac{\beta^6 + 3\alpha^2 \beta^4}{2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^3} - \frac{12\alpha^3 \beta^4}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^4 r} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(\beta, \alpha, r) = \frac{2\beta^3 \alpha^3}{(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)^3} + \frac{12\beta^4 \alpha^3}{(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)^4 r} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} g(\alpha, r) = \frac{1}{48} (33 + 18\alpha r + 3\alpha^2 r^2) \quad (12)$$

Note the symmetry of γ : $\gamma_{ab} = \gamma_{ba}$ and $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a} = \frac{\partial \gamma_{ba}}{\partial U_a}$.

Kohn-Sham Equations

To determine the MO coefficients $c_{\mu i}$ of the LCAO ansatz

$$\psi_i = \sum_a \sum_{\mu \in a} c_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu} \quad (13)$$

approximate Kohn-Sham equations are derived by finding the maximum of the total energy with respect to the coefficient $c_{\delta_d i}$, the basis function δ being located at atom d . Therefore, taking into account the constraints

$$\int \psi_i \psi_i d^3 r = 1 \quad \forall i \quad (14)$$

the respective derivative is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} \left[E^{\text{DFTB3}} - \sum_j n_j \epsilon_j \left(\sum_{ab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} c_{\mu j} c_{v j} S_{\mu v} - 1 \right) \right] = 0 \quad \forall d, \delta \in d, i. \quad (15)$$

The total energy expression

$$\begin{aligned} E^{\text{DFTB3}} &= E^{\text{H0}} + E^\gamma + E^\Gamma + E^{\text{rep}} \\ &= \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{v i} H_{\mu v}^0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \gamma_{ab} + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ab} + E^{\text{rep}} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

as derived in the manuscript can now be inserted, and the Mulliken charge analysis for estimating the charge fluctuations $\Delta q_a = q_a - q_a^0$ can be employed

$$q_a = \sum_j n_j \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_b \sum_{v \in b} c_{\mu j} c_{v j} S_{\mu v} \quad (17)$$

where $S_{\mu v} = \langle \phi_\mu | \phi_v \rangle$ are the overlap matrix elements. Taking advantage of the symmetry of $H_{\mu v}^0 = H_{v \mu}^0$ and $S_{\mu v} = S_{v \mu}$ eq 15 can be formed to

$$2 \sum_b \sum_{v \in b} n_i c_{v i} H_{\delta_d v}^0 + \frac{\partial E^\gamma}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} + \frac{\partial E^\Gamma}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} - 2 n_i \epsilon_i \sum_b \sum_{v \in b} c_{v i} S_{\delta_d v} = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial E^\gamma}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \gamma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \frac{\partial q_a}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} \Delta q_b (\gamma_{ab} + \gamma_{ba}) \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\partial E^\Gamma}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ab} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \frac{\partial q_a}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} \Delta q_b (2 \Delta q_a \Gamma_{ab} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ba}) \quad (20)$$

The derivative of the Mulliken charge with respect to $c_{\delta_d i}$ can be written as

$$\frac{\partial q_a}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} = \delta_{ad} \sum_c \sum_{v \in c} n_i c_{vi} S_{\delta_d v} + \sum_{\mu \in a} n_i c_{\mu i} S_{\delta_d \mu}. \quad (21)$$

Thus, eqs 19 and 20 expand to

$$\frac{\partial E^\gamma}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bc} \Delta q_b (\gamma_{db} + \gamma_{bd} + \gamma_{cb} + \gamma_{bc}) \sum_{v \in c} n_i c_{vi} S_{\delta_d v} \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{\partial E^\Gamma}{\partial c_{\delta_d i}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{bc} \Delta q_b (2\Delta q_d \Gamma_{db} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bd} + 2\Delta q_c \Gamma_{cb} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bc}) \sum_{v \in c} n_i c_{vi} S_{\delta_d v}. \quad (23)$$

Dividing eq 18 by $(2n_i)$, combining with eqs 22 and 23, and renaming indices gives

$$\sum_b \sum_{v \in b} c_{vi} (H_{\mu v} - \epsilon_i S_{\mu v}) = 0, \quad \forall a, \mu \in a, i \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mu v} = & H_{\mu v}^0 + S_{\mu v} \sum_c \Delta q_c \left(\frac{1}{4} (\gamma_{ac} + \gamma_{ca} + \gamma_{bc} + \gamma_{cb}) + \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{3} (\Delta q_a \Gamma_{ac} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bc}) + \frac{\Delta q_c}{6} (\Gamma_{ca} + \Gamma_{cb}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$$\forall a, b, \mu \in a, v \in b.$$

Taking advantage of the symmetry $\gamma_{ab} = \gamma_{ba}$ (note, that $\Gamma_{ab} \neq \Gamma_{ba}$ is not symmetric!), and renaming the indices results in

$$\sum_b \sum_{v \in b} c_{vi} (H_{\mu v} - \epsilon_i S_{\mu v}) = 0, \quad \forall a, \mu \in a, i \quad (26)$$

$$H_{\mu v} = H_{\mu v}^0 + S_{\mu v} \sum_c \Delta q_c \left(\frac{1}{2} (\gamma_{ac} + \gamma_{bc}) + \frac{1}{3} (\Delta q_a \Gamma_{ac} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bc}) + \frac{\Delta q_c}{6} (\Gamma_{ca} + \Gamma_{cb}) \right) \quad (27)$$

$$\forall a, b, \mu \in a, v \in b$$

Total Energy

The total energy (eq 16) as derived in the manuscript can also be express the energy in terms of ε_i using eqs 13, 14, 24, 25, the symmetry $S_{\mu\nu} = S_{\nu\mu}$, and the definition of q_a (eq 17):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_i n_i \varepsilon_i &= \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} H_{\mu\nu} \\
 &= \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} H_{\mu\nu}^0 + \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \\
 &\quad S_{\mu\nu} \sum_c \Delta q_c \left(\frac{1}{4} (\gamma_{ac} + \gamma_{ca} + \gamma_{bc} + \gamma_{cb}) + \frac{1}{3} (\Delta q_a \Gamma_{ac} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bc}) + \frac{\Delta q_c}{6} (\Gamma_{ca} + \Gamma_{cb}) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} H_{\mu\nu}^0 + \sum_{ac} q_a \Delta q_c \left(\frac{1}{2} (\gamma_{ac} + \gamma_{ca}) + \frac{2}{3} \Delta q_a \Gamma_{ac} + \frac{1}{3} \Delta q_c \Gamma_{ca} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Thus, inserting eq 28 into eq 16 and using $\Delta q_a = q_a - q_a^0$, the total energy can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 E^{\text{DFTB3}} &= \sum_i n_i \varepsilon_i - \sum_{ac} q_a \Delta q_c \left(\frac{1}{2} (\gamma_{ac} + \gamma_{ca}) + \frac{2}{3} \Delta q_a \Gamma_{ac} + \frac{1}{3} \Delta q_c \Gamma_{ca} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \gamma_{ab} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ab} + E^{\text{rep}} \\
 &= \sum_i n_i \varepsilon_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_b (q_a \gamma_{ba} + q_a^0 \gamma_{ab}) - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ab} (q_a + q_a^0) - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} q_a \Delta q_b^2 \Gamma_{ba} + E^{\text{rep}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Considering the symmetry $\gamma_{ab} = \gamma_{ba}$ the total energy can be simplified to

$$E^{\text{DFTB3}} = \sum_i n_i \varepsilon_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} (q_a + q_a^0) \Delta q_b \gamma_{ab} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} (q_a + q_a^0) \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ab} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} q_a \Delta q_b^2 \Gamma_{ba} + E^{\text{rep}}. \tag{30}$$

Forces

An analytical force equation is derived for a Cartesian coordinate system using the derivative of the total energy with respect to the atomic coordinates R_{kx} , while subjecting to the constraints eq 14. With k , the respective atom index, and an index $x \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ for the Cartesian coordinate we can

write using eq 13:

$$F_{kx} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial R_{kx}} \left[E^{\text{DFTB3}} - \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i \left(\sum_{ab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} c_{\mu i} c_{vi} S_{\mu v} - 1 \right) \right] \quad \forall k, x \quad (31)$$

The energy depends explicitly on the atomic coordinates via $S_{\mu v}$, $H_{\mu v}^0$, and γ_{ab} and implicitly via the coefficients $c_{\mu i}$:

$$E^{\text{DFTB3}} = E^{\text{DFTB3}}(c_{\mu i}(R_{kx}), R_{kx}) \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{dE^{\text{DFTB3}}}{dR_{kx}} = \sum_{\mu i} \frac{dE^{\text{DFTB3}}(c_{\mu i}(R_{kx}), R_{kx})}{dc_{\mu i}} \frac{dc_{\mu i}}{dR_{kx}} + \frac{\partial E^{\text{DFTB3}}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad (33)$$

Because of the variational principle (see eq 15) the implicit dependence via the coefficients $c_{\mu i}$, i.e., the first term of eq 32 is equal to zero. The second term, i.e., the explicit dependence of the energy with respect to the coordinates $\frac{\partial E^{\text{DFTB3}}}{\partial R_{kx}}$ needs to be carried out and is shown in the following.

Inserting

$$E^{\text{DFTB3}} = E^{\text{H0}} + E^{\gamma} + E^{\Gamma} + E^{\text{rep}} \quad (34)$$

into eq 31 gives

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial R_{kx}} \left[E^{\text{H0}} + E^{\gamma} + E^{\Gamma} + E^{\text{rep}} - \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i \left(\sum_{ab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} c_{\mu i} c_{vi} S_{\mu v} - 1 \right) \right] \\ &= F_{kx}^{\text{H0}} + F_{kx}^{\gamma} + F_{kx}^{\Gamma} + F_{kx}^{\text{rep}} + F_{kx}^{\text{norm}} \quad \forall k, x, \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where

$$F_{kx}^{H0} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} H_{\mu v}^0 = -\sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^\gamma &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial R_{kx}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \gamma_{ab} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \gamma_{ab} \left(\frac{\partial \Delta q_a}{\partial R_{kx}} \Delta q_b + \Delta q_a \frac{\partial \Delta q_b}{\partial R_{kx}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Delta q_b \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= F^{\gamma 1} + F^{\gamma 2} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^\Gamma &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial R_{kx}} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ab} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a \Gamma_{ab} \left(2 \frac{\partial \Delta q_a}{\partial R_{kx}} \Delta q_b + \Delta q_a \frac{\partial \Delta q_b}{\partial R_{kx}} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_b \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ab}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \frac{\partial q_a}{\partial R_{kx}} \Delta q_b (2 \Delta q_a \Gamma_{ab} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ba}) - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ab} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_b \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ab}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= F^{\Gamma 1} + F^{\Gamma 2} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

$$F_{kx}^{\text{rep}} = -\frac{\partial E^{\text{rep}}}{\partial R_{kx}} = -\sum_{ab} \frac{\partial V_{ab}^{\text{rep}}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad (39)$$

$$F_{kx}^{\text{norm}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i \left(\sum_{ab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} c_{\mu i} c_{vi} S_{\mu v} - 1 \right) = \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} n_i \epsilon_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}}. \quad (40)$$

Because $H_{\mu v}^0 = H_{v \mu}^0$, $\frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} = \frac{\partial H_{v \mu}^0}{\partial R_{kx}}$, and $H_{\mu v}^0$ with $\mu \in a$ and $v \in b$ is only dependent on the coordinates R_a and R_b ,¹ and for $a = b$ it is not dependent on any coordinate¹ F_{kx}^{H0} can be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^{H0} &= -\sum_{ab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= -\sum_{b \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{v \in b} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} - \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &\quad - \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} - \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_{b \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= -2 \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

The same applies for F_{kx}^{norm} which can be simplified to

$$F_{kx}^{\text{norm}} = \sum_{iab} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in b} n_i \epsilon_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} = 2 \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in k} n_i \epsilon_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad (42)$$

The derivative of the atomic charge with respect to an atomic coordinate is given by

$$\frac{\partial q_{a \neq k}}{\partial R_{kx}} = \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial q_k}{\partial R_{kx}} &= \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{b \neq k} \sum_{v \in b} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} + \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{b \neq k} \sum_{v \in b} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{vi} \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}}, \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

where the last recasting in latter equation is due to the fact that the overlap of two basis functions centered at one atom does not change with a change in the coordinate of that atom. Further the basis functions centered on one atom are orthogonal to each other. Taking advantage of the symmetry

$S_{\mu\nu} = S_{\nu\mu}$ and $\frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} = \frac{\partial S_{\nu\mu}}{\partial R_{kx}}$ we can rewrite $F^{\gamma 1}$ and $F^{\Gamma 1}$ (see eqs 37 and 38).

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^{\gamma 1} &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \neq k} \frac{\partial q_a}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_b \Delta q_b (\gamma_{ab} + \gamma_{ba}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial q_k}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_b \Delta q_b (\gamma_{kb} + \gamma_{bk}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_b \Delta q_b (\gamma_{ab} + \gamma_{ba}) \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_b \Delta q_b (\gamma_{kb} + \gamma_{bk}) \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{c \neq k} \sum_{\nu \in c} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_b \Delta q_b (\gamma_{ab} + \gamma_{ba} + \gamma_{kb} + \gamma_{bk}) \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^{\Gamma 1} &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{a \neq k} \frac{\partial q_a}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_b \Delta q_b (2\Delta q_a \Gamma_{ab} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ba}) - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial q_k}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_b \Delta q_b (2\Delta q_k \Gamma_{kb} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bk}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_b \Delta q_b (2\Delta q_a \Gamma_{ab} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ba}) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\mu \in k} \sum_{b \neq k} \sum_{\nu \in b} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} \sum_c \Delta q_c (2\Delta q_k \Gamma_{kc} + \Delta q_c \Gamma_{ck}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_b \Delta q_b (2\Delta q_a \Gamma_{ab} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{ba} + 2\Delta q_k \Gamma_{kb} + \Delta q_b \Gamma_{bk}) \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{\nu \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i} \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}}{\partial R_{kx}} \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Taking advantage of the derivatives $\frac{\partial \gamma_{kk}}{\partial R_{kx}} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial \Gamma_{kk}}{\partial R_{kx}} = 0$ we can also expand $F_{kx}^{\gamma 2}$ (eq 37) and $F_{kx}^{\Gamma 2}$ (eq 38) to

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^{\gamma 2} &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_a \Delta q_a \Delta q_k \frac{\partial \gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_b \Delta q_k \Delta q_b \frac{\partial \gamma_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \Delta q_k \sum_{a \neq k} \Delta q_a \left(\frac{\partial \gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{ka}}{\partial R_{kx}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx}^{\Gamma 2} &= -\frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{a \neq k} \Delta q_a^2 \Delta q_k \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} + \sum_{b \neq k} \Delta q_k^2 \Delta q_b \frac{\partial \Gamma_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \Delta q_k \sum_{a \neq k} \Delta q_a \left(\Delta q_a \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} + \Delta q_k \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ka}}{\partial R_{kx}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Thus, the final expression for the force can be shortly written by inserting eqs 37, 38, 41, 42, and

45 - 48 into eq 35, using $\gamma_{ab} = \gamma_{ba}$ and reordering terms as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{kx} = & - \sum_{a \neq k} \sum_{\mu \in a} \sum_{v \in k} \sum_i n_i c_{\mu i} c_{v i} \left(2 \frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}} - 2 \varepsilon_i \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} + \frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}} \right. \\ & \left. \left(\sum_c \Delta q_c \left(\gamma_{ac} + \gamma_{kc} + \frac{1}{3} (2 \Delta q_a \Gamma_{ac} + \Delta q_c \Gamma_{ca} + 2 \Delta q_k \Gamma_{kc} + \Delta q_c \Gamma_{ck}) \right) \right) \right) \\ & - \Delta q_k \sum_{a \neq k} \Delta q_a \frac{\partial \gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} - \frac{1}{3} \Delta q_k \sum_{a \neq k} \Delta q_a \left(\Delta q_a \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} + \Delta q_k \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ka}}{\partial R_{kx}} \right) - \frac{\partial E^{\text{rep}}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad \forall k, x. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

The derivatives $\frac{\partial H_{\mu v}^0}{\partial R_{kx}}$ and $\frac{\partial S_{\mu v}}{\partial R_{kx}}$ are determined by taking the numerical derivative of the tabulated integrals $H_{\mu v}^0$ and $S_{\mu v}$. The force contribution $\frac{\partial E^{\text{rep}}}{\partial R_{kx}}$ is also calculated analytically. Details about the representation of E^{rep} can be found in ref 3.

In the remainder of this subsection the analytical expressions for $\frac{\partial \gamma_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}}$ and $\frac{\partial \Gamma_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}}$ are derived.

With eq 1, the definition of Γ (as discussed in the manuscript)

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{ab} &= \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial q_a} \Big|_{q_a^0} = \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a} \frac{\partial U_a}{\partial q_a} \Big|_{q_a^0} \quad \text{with } a \neq b, \\ \Gamma_{ba} &= \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial q_b} \Big|_{q_b^0} = \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_b} \frac{\partial U_b}{\partial q_b} \Big|_{q_b^0} \quad \text{with } a \neq b, \\ \Gamma_{aa} &= \frac{\partial \gamma_{aa}}{\partial q_a} \Big|_{q_a^0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \gamma_{aa}}{\partial U_a} \frac{\partial U_a}{\partial q_a} \Big|_{q_a^0}, \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

eq 7, and

$$\begin{aligned} r_{kb} &= |R_b - R_k| & r_{ak} &= |R_k - R_a| \\ r_{kb} &= \sqrt{\sum_{x=1}^3 (R_{bx} - R_{kx})^2} & r_{ak} &= \sqrt{\sum_{x=1}^3 (R_{kx} - R_{ax})^2} \\ \frac{\partial r_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} &= \frac{-(R_{bx} - R_{kx})}{r_{kb}} & \frac{\partial r_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} &= \frac{(R_{kx} - R_{ax})}{r_{ak}} \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

$\forall a, b, k, x$, we can write

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} = \frac{\partial \gamma_{kb}}{\partial r_{kb}} \frac{\partial r_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad \frac{\partial \gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} = \frac{\partial \gamma_{ak}}{\partial r_{ak}} \frac{\partial r_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad (52)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{kb}}{\partial r_{kb}} \frac{\partial r_{kb}}{\partial R_{kx}} \quad \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ak}}{\partial r_{ak}} \frac{\partial r_{ak}}{\partial R_{kx}}, \quad (53)$$

and for easier writing we use $\alpha = \frac{16}{5}U_a$, $\beta = \frac{16}{5}U_b$, $r = r_{ab}$, and yield (for the derivative of the γ^h -function see below)

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial r_{ab}} = \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial r} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{\partial S^f}{\partial r} & r \neq 0, \alpha \neq \beta \\ -\frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{\partial S^g}{\partial r} & r \neq 0, \alpha = \beta \\ 0 & r = 0 \end{cases} \quad (54)$$

$$\frac{\partial S^f}{\partial r} = e^{-\alpha r} \frac{\partial f(\alpha, \beta, r)}{\partial r} - \alpha e^{-\alpha r} f(\alpha, \beta, r) + e^{-\beta r} \frac{\partial f(\beta, \alpha, r)}{\partial r} - \beta e^{-\beta r} f(\beta, \alpha, r) \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{\partial S^g}{\partial r} = e^{-\alpha r} \frac{\partial g(\alpha, r)}{\partial r} - \alpha e^{-\alpha r} g(\alpha, r) \quad (56)$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\alpha, \beta, r)}{\partial r} = \frac{\beta^6 - 3\alpha^2\beta^4}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^3 r^2} \quad (57)$$

$$\frac{\partial g(\alpha, r)}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{3\alpha^2}{16} + \frac{\alpha^3}{24} \cdot r. \quad (58)$$

Functions $f(\alpha, \beta, r)$ and $g(\alpha, r)$ are defined in eqs 5 and 6, respectively. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ab}}{\partial r_{ab}} &= \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ab}}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a} \frac{\partial U_a}{\partial q_a} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a \partial r} \frac{\partial U_a}{\partial q_a} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a} \frac{\partial^2 U_a}{\partial q_a \partial r} = \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a \partial r} \frac{\partial U_a}{\partial q_a} \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

The latter term on right hand side of the first line is equal to zero, because the Hubbard-derivative is not dependent on any atomic coordinate. Thus, we need eqs 7, 54, and (for the derivative of the

γ^h -function see below)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{ab}}{\partial U_a \partial r} = \begin{cases} -\frac{\partial^2 S^f}{\partial U_a \partial r} & r \neq 0, \alpha \neq \beta \\ -\frac{\partial^2 S^g}{\partial U_a \partial r} & r \neq 0, \alpha = \beta \\ 0 & r = 0 \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 S^f}{\partial U_a \partial r} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{16}{5} \frac{\partial S^f}{\partial \alpha} \right) = \\ &= \frac{16}{5} \left[e^{-\alpha r} \left(f(\alpha, \beta, r)(\alpha r - 1) - \alpha \frac{\partial f(\alpha, \beta, r)}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\partial^2 f(\alpha, \beta, r)}{\partial \alpha \partial r} - r \frac{\partial f(\alpha, \beta, r)}{\partial r} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + e^{-\beta r} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f(\beta, \alpha, r)}{\partial \alpha \partial r} - \beta \frac{\partial f(\beta, \alpha, r)}{\partial \alpha} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 S^g}{\partial U_a \partial r} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{16}{5} \frac{\partial S^g}{\partial \alpha} \right) = \\ &= \frac{16}{5} e^{-\alpha r} \left((\alpha r - 1)g(\alpha, r) - \alpha \frac{\partial g(\alpha, r)}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\partial^2 g(\alpha, r)}{\partial \alpha \partial r} - r \frac{\partial g(\alpha, r)}{\partial r} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(\alpha, \beta, r)}{\partial \alpha \partial r} = \frac{12\alpha^3\beta^4}{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^4 r^2} \quad (63)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(\beta, \alpha, r)}{\partial \alpha \partial r} = -\frac{12\alpha^3\beta^4}{(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)^4 r^2} \quad (64)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g(\alpha, r)}{\partial \alpha \partial r} = \frac{3}{8}\alpha + \frac{1}{8}\alpha^2 r. \quad (65)$$

The γ^h -Function

The $\gamma_{ab}^h = \gamma_{ba}^h$ function for HX atom pairs ($X \in \{C, H, N, O, P, S\}$) takes the form

$$\gamma_{ab}^h = \frac{1}{r} - S \cdot h \quad (66)$$

$$h = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{U_a + U_b}{2}\right)^\zeta r^2\right) \quad (67)$$

where $S = S^f$ when $\alpha \neq \beta$ and $S = S^g$ when $\alpha = \beta$. S^f and S^g as well as α , β , and r are defined in eqs 3 and 4. Eqs 7, 54, and 60 then change to:

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}^h}{\partial U_a} = -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U_a} h + S \frac{\partial h}{\partial U_a}\right) \quad (68)$$

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{ab}^h}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r^2} - \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial r} h + S \frac{\partial h}{\partial r}\right) \quad (69)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{ab}^h}{\partial U_a \partial r} = -\left(\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial U_a \partial r} h + \frac{\partial S}{\partial U_a} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial r} \frac{\partial h}{\partial U_a} + S \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial U_a \partial r}\right) \quad (70)$$

with

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial U_a} = -\frac{\zeta r^2}{2} \left(\frac{U_a + U_b}{2}\right)^{\zeta-1} \cdot h \quad (71)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial r} = -2r \left(\frac{U_a + U_b}{2}\right)^\zeta \cdot h \quad (72)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial U_a \partial r} = \zeta r \left(\frac{U_a + U_b}{2}\right)^{\zeta-1} \left(r^2 \left(\frac{U_a + U_b}{2}\right)^\zeta - 1\right) \cdot h. \quad (73)$$

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