

**ab initio EVALUATION OF THE  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $K$ ,  $\omega$  PARAMETERS OF THE SEMIEMPIRICAL THEORIES II: SPIN - POLARIZED VERSION**

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**ABSTRACT**

*The derivation of the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $K$ ,  $\omega$  parameters of the Wolfberg - Helmholtz's and Wheland & Mann's semiempirical theories is presented from first principles calculations for spin-polarized systems in their ground state. The notion of some ab initio theorists that these parameters cannot find any support in the non-empirical theory has been shown to be a naive interpretation of the semiempirical theories.*

**ab initio DERIVATION OF THE  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $K$ ,  $\omega$  SEMIEMPIRICAL PARAMETERS: SPIN - POLARIZED CASE**

In the first report<sup>1</sup> of this work we presented the interpretation of the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $K$ ,  $\omega$  parameters of the semiempirical theories of electronic structure calculations for a closed shell system in terms of *ab initio* theory. In the present article, the derivation of these parameters for the case of a general *open shell system* in which the ground state can be represented by a single determinant wavefunction is examined. For such a state we may associate  $M$  electrons with orthogonal orbitals  $\psi_1^\uparrow, \dots, \psi_M^\uparrow$  and  $\uparrow$ -spin functions and the remaining  $N$  electrons with orbitals  $\psi_1^\downarrow, \dots, \psi_N^\downarrow$  and  $\downarrow$ -spin functions. Furthermore, there is no *a priori* reason why any of the orbitals in one set should be identical with any in the other. Using the true Hamiltonian with one- and two-electron operators and the *zeroth order spin-polarized determinant wavefunction*, it has been shown<sup>2</sup> that the one-electron molecular orbitals  $\{\psi_p^\uparrow; p = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  and  $\{\psi_p^\downarrow; p = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$  satisfy

$$H_1^\uparrow \psi_p^\uparrow(i) = \epsilon_p^\uparrow \psi_p^\uparrow(i) \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, M \quad \dots(1)$$

and

$$H_1^\downarrow \psi_p^\downarrow(i) = \epsilon_p^\downarrow \psi_p^\downarrow(i) \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad \dots(2)$$

equations,  $H_1^\uparrow$  and  $H_1^\downarrow$  being one-electron spin-

polarized operators. The molecular orbitals may be expanded as linear combination of independent functions  $\{\phi_{au}, \phi_{bn}, \phi_{cm}, \phi_{dw}; a, b, c, d, \dots; u, n, m, w, \dots\}$

$$\psi_p^\uparrow = \sum_a \sum_k C_{pak}^\uparrow \phi_{ak}, \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

with similar expression for  $\psi_p^\downarrow$ . Using (3), the trial one-electron energies become

$$\epsilon_p^\uparrow = \sum_a \sum_k \sum_b \sum_l C_{pak}^{\uparrow*} C_{pbl}^\uparrow H_{ak,bl}^\uparrow / \sum_a \sum_k \sum_b \sum_l C_{pak}^{\uparrow*} C_{pbl}^\uparrow S_{ak,bl} \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

and

$$\epsilon_p^\downarrow = \sum_a \sum_k \sum_b \sum_l C_{pak}^{\downarrow*} C_{pbl}^\downarrow H_{ak,bl}^\downarrow / \sum_a \sum_k \sum_b \sum_l C_{pak}^{\downarrow*} C_{pbl}^\downarrow S_{ak,bl} \quad \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

From (4) and (5) it is an easy matter to show that the values of  $C_{pak}^{\uparrow*}$  and  $C_{pak}^\downarrow$  which give the lowest values for the  $\epsilon_p^\uparrow$  and  $\epsilon_p^\downarrow$ , respectively, and therefore the best approximation to the total energy,

$$E = \sum_p^\uparrow \epsilon_p^\uparrow + \sum_p^\downarrow \epsilon_p^\downarrow,$$

satisfy

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$$\sum_b \sum_l C_{pb}^\dagger (H_{ab,bl}^\dagger - \epsilon_p^\dagger S_{ab,bl}) = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\sum_b \sum_l C_{pb}^\downarrow (H_{ab,bl}^\downarrow - \epsilon_p^\downarrow S_{ab,bl}) = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

for each  $a$  and  $k$  index as a condition for minimum. The  $S_{ab,bl}$ ,  $H_{ab,bl}^\dagger$  and  $H_{ab,bl}^\downarrow$  are defined as

$$S_{ab,bl} = \int \phi_{ab}^* \phi_{bl} d\tau, \quad \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

$$H_{ab,bl}^\dagger = \langle \phi_{ab} \left| -\frac{\nabla_l^2}{2} - \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{r_{Al}} \right| \phi_{bl} \rangle + \sum_c \sum_m \sum_d \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\dagger + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) (\langle \phi_{ab} \phi_{bl} | \phi_{cm} \phi_{dw} \rangle - \eta^\dagger \langle \phi_{ab} \phi_{cm} | \phi_{bl} \phi_{dw} \rangle) \quad \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

and

$$H_{ab,bl}^\downarrow = \langle \phi_{ab} \left| -\frac{\nabla_l^2}{2} - \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{r_{Al}} \right| \phi_{bl} \rangle + \sum_c \sum_m \sum_d \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\dagger + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) (\langle \phi_{ab} \phi_{bl} | \phi_{cm} \phi_{dw} \rangle - \eta^\downarrow \langle \phi_{ab} \phi_{cm} | \phi_{bl} \phi_{dw} \rangle) \quad \dots\dots\dots(10)$$

where

$$P_{cm,dw}^\dagger = \sum_q C_{qcm}^{\dagger\dagger} C_{qdw}^\dagger, \quad P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow = \sum_q C_{qcm}^{\dagger\downarrow} C_{qdw}^\downarrow, \quad \eta^\dagger = \frac{P_{cm,dw}^\dagger}{(P_{cm,dw}^\dagger + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow)} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta^\downarrow = \frac{P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow}{(P_{cm,dw}^\dagger + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow)} \quad \dots\dots\dots(11)$$

Equations (9) and (10) are our starting points.

*Evaluation of the spin-polarized Wheland & Mann's parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$*

The  $H_{ab,ak}^\dagger$  spin-polarized diagonal matrix element, i.e. the case  $a = b$  and  $k = l$  in (9), are

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ab,ak}^\dagger &= \langle \phi_{ak} \left| -\frac{\nabla_l^2}{2} - \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{r_{Al}} \right| \phi_{ak} \rangle + \sum_c \sum_m \sum_d \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\dagger + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) (\langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{ak} | \phi_{cm} \phi_{dw} \rangle - \eta^\dagger \langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{cm} | \phi_{ak} \phi_{dw} \rangle) \\ &= \langle \phi_{ak} \left| -\frac{\nabla_l^2}{2} - \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{r_{Al}} \right| \phi_{ak} \rangle + \sum_u (P_{au,au}^\dagger + P_{au,au}^\downarrow) (\langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{ak} | \phi_{au} \phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^\dagger \langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{au} | \phi_{ak} \phi_{au} \rangle) \\ &\quad + \sum_u \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m (P_{cm,au}^\dagger + P_{cm,au}^\downarrow) (\langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{ak} | \phi_{cm} \phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^\dagger \langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{cm} | \phi_{ak} \phi_{au} \rangle) \\ &\quad + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\dagger + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) (\langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{ak} | \phi_{cm} \phi_{dw} \rangle - \eta^\dagger \langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{cm} | \phi_{ak} \phi_{dw} \rangle) \quad \dots\dots\dots(12) \end{aligned}$$

To transform the two- and multi-center integrals to one-center integrals, we use the Ruedenberg's approximation<sup>3</sup>. That is

$$\phi_{aj} = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} S_{aj,ar} \phi_{ar}; \quad o = a, b, c, d, \dots; j = k, l, m, w, \dots \quad (13)$$

Setting the overlap charge density  $\phi_{at}\phi_{ar} = \delta_{tr}$  and putting (13) in (12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ak,ak}^{\uparrow} &= \langle \phi_{ak} \left| -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} - \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{r_{Ai}} \right| \phi_{ak} \rangle + \sum_u (\langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{ak} | \phi_{au}\phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^{\uparrow} \langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} | \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} \rangle) \\ &+ \{(P_{ak,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow}) + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m (P_{cm,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,ak}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) \\ &\times S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1\} \sum_u (\langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{ak} | \phi_{au}\phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^{\uparrow} \langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} | \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} \rangle) \\ &= (1 + \omega_{ak}^{\uparrow}) \alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow} \quad \dots \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

by adding

$$\sum_u (\langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{ak} | \phi_{au}\phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^{\uparrow} \langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} | \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} \rangle) \quad \dots \quad (15)$$

to (12) and subtracting same from it, and letting

$$\begin{aligned} &(P_{au,au}^{\uparrow} + P_{au,au}^{\downarrow}) + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m (P_{cm,au}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,au}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,au} + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,au} S_{dw,au} - 1 \\ &\cong \\ &(P_{ak,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow}) + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m (P_{cm,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,ak}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1 \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

all u index. The  $\alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow}$ 's, which depend on the nature of the ath moiety only, are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow} &= \langle \phi_{ak} \left| -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} - \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{r_{Ai}} \right| \phi_{ak} \rangle + \sum_u (\langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{ak} | \phi_{au}\phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^{\uparrow} \langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} | \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} \rangle) \\ &= I_{ak,ak} + \sum_u (\langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{ak} | \phi_{au}\phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^{\uparrow} \langle \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} | \phi_{ak}\phi_{au} \rangle) \quad \dots \quad (17) \end{aligned}$$

The  $\omega_{ak}^{\uparrow}$  parameter is also defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{ak}^{\uparrow} &= \{(P_{ak,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow}) + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m (P_{cm,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,ak}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) \\ &\times S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1\} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow} - I_{ak,ak}}{\alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow}} \quad \dots \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

Following the same procedure for  $H_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow}$  from equation (12) to (16), we got

$$H_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow} = (1 + \omega_{ak}^{\downarrow}) \alpha_{ak}^{\downarrow} \quad \dots \quad (19)$$

where

$$\alpha_{ak}^{\downarrow} = I_{ak,ak} + \sum_u (\langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{ak} | \phi_{au} \phi_{au} \rangle - \eta^{\downarrow} \langle \phi_{ak} \phi_{au} | \phi_{ak} \phi_{au} \rangle) \dots\dots\dots(20)$$

and

$$\omega_{ak}^{\downarrow} = \{(P_{ak,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow}) + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m (P_{cm,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,ak}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) \times S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1\} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^{\downarrow} - I_{ak,ak}}{\alpha_{ak}^{\downarrow}} \dots\dots\dots(21)$$

As could be seen from (18) and (21), both  $\omega_{ak}^{\uparrow}$  and  $\omega_{ak}^{\downarrow}$  parameters are functions of charges, bond orders, overlap and basis orbital energies. Because  $\alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow} \neq \alpha_{ak}^{\downarrow}$  for spin-polarized or open shell systems,  $\omega_{ak}^{\uparrow} \neq \omega_{ak}^{\downarrow}$ . In addition, they have no spin-polarized semiempirical counterparts. However, the main contribution to these parameters come from  $(P_{ak,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{ak,ak}^{\downarrow} - 1)$  terms in (18) and (21) which account for charge deflation on the *a*th moiety due to an electron in  $\phi_{ak}$  - exactly as in the Wheland & Mann's semiempirical approximation<sup>4</sup>. Moreover, the third and most of the second terms in these equations vanish if only nearest neighbour interactions are allowed.

*Evaluation of the spin-polarized Wolfberg - Helmholtz parameters  $\beta$  and  $K$*

The  $H_{ak,bl}^{\uparrow}$  spin-polarized off-diagonal matrix elements are given by (9). Now, making use of (13) and (15) in this equation, we obtain

$$H_{ak,bl}^{\uparrow} = S_{bl,ak} [\alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow} + \{\sum_n (P_{ak,bn}^{\uparrow} + P_{ak,bn}^{\downarrow}) S_{bn,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m ((P_{cm,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,ak}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_n (P_{cm,bn}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,bn}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} S_{bn,ak}) + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a, b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1\} \times (\alpha_{ak}^{\uparrow} - I_{ak,ak})] \dots\dots\dots(22)$$

and

$$H_{ak,bl}^{\downarrow} = S_{ak,bl} [\alpha_{bl}^{\downarrow} + \{\sum_u (P_{bl,au}^{\uparrow} + P_{bl,au}^{\downarrow}) S_{au,bl} + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m ((P_{cm,bl}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,bl}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,bl} + \sum_u (P_{cm,au}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,au}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,bl} S_{au,bl}) + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a, b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,dw}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,bl} S_{dw,bl} - 1\} \times (\alpha_{bl}^{\downarrow} - I_{bl,bl})] \dots\dots\dots(23)$$

respectively, invoking the

$$(i) \sum_n (P_{au,bn}^{\uparrow} + P_{au,bn}^{\downarrow}) S_{bn,au} \cong \sum_n (P_{ak,bn}^{\uparrow} + P_{au,bn}^{\downarrow}) S_{bn,ak} \dots\dots\dots(24)$$

$$(ii) \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \{(P_{cm,au}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,au}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,au} + \sum_n (P_{cm,bn}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,bn}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,au} S_{bn,au}\} \cong \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \{(P_{cm,ak}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,ak}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_n (P_{cm,bn}^{\uparrow} + P_{cm,bn}^{\downarrow}) S_{cm,ak} S_{bn,ak}\}$$

and

$$(iii) \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a,b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\uparrow + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) S_{cm,au} S_{dw,au} \\ \cong \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a,b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\uparrow + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} \dots\dots\dots(25)$$

approximation. Combining (22) and (23), noting that  $S_{ak,bl} = S_{bl,ak}$ , we have the compact expression

$$H_{ak,bl}^\uparrow = K_{ak,bl}^\uparrow S_{ak,bl} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow + \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow}{2} \dots\dots\dots(26)$$

which has exactly the same form as the Wolfberg - Helmholtz's empirical formula<sup>5</sup>, where

$$K_{ak,bl}^\uparrow = 1 + \left\{ \sum_n (P_{ak,bn}^\uparrow + P_{ak,bn}^\downarrow) S_{bn,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m ((P_{cm,ak}^\uparrow + P_{cm,ak}^\downarrow) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_n (P_{cm,bn}^\uparrow + P_{cm,bn}^\downarrow) \right. \\ \times S_{cm,ak} S_{bn,ak}) + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a,b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\uparrow + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1 \left. \right\} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow - I_{ak,ak}}{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow + \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow} + \left\{ \sum_u (P_{bl,au}^\uparrow + P_{bl,au}^\downarrow) \right. \\ \times S_{au,bl} + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m ((P_{cm,bl}^\uparrow + P_{cm,bl}^\downarrow) S_{cm,bl} + \sum_u (P_{cm,au}^\uparrow + P_{cm,au}^\downarrow) S_{cm,bl} S_{au,bl}) + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a,b} \sum_w \\ \times S_{cm,bl} S_{dw,bl} - 1 \left. \right\} \frac{\alpha_{bl}^\uparrow - I_{bl,bl}}{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow + \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow} \\ = (1 + \sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow) \dots\dots\dots(27)$$

In the same way, we obtain

$$H_{ak,bl}^\downarrow = K_{ak,bl}^\downarrow S_{ak,bl} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow + \alpha_{bl}^\downarrow}{2} \dots\dots\dots(28)$$

where

$$K_{ak,bl}^\downarrow = 1 + \left\{ \sum_n (P_{ak,bn}^\downarrow + P_{ak,bn}^\uparrow) S_{bn,ak} + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m ((P_{cm,ak}^\downarrow + P_{cm,ak}^\uparrow) S_{cm,ak} + \sum_n (P_{cm,bn}^\downarrow + P_{cm,bn}^\uparrow) \right. \\ \times S_{cm,ak} S_{bn,ak}) + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a,b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow + P_{cm,dw}^\uparrow) S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1 \left. \right\} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow - I_{ak,ak}}{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow + \alpha_{bl}^\downarrow} + \left\{ \sum_u (P_{bl,au}^\downarrow + P_{bl,au}^\uparrow) \right. \\ \times S_{au,bl} + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m ((P_{cm,bl}^\downarrow + P_{cm,bl}^\uparrow) S_{cm,bl} + \sum_u (P_{cm,au}^\downarrow + P_{cm,au}^\uparrow) S_{cm,bl} S_{au,bl}) + \sum_{c \neq a,b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a,b} \sum_w \\ \times S_{cm,bl} S_{dw,bl} - 1 \left. \right\} \frac{\alpha_{bl}^\downarrow - I_{bl,bl}}{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow + \alpha_{bl}^\downarrow} \\ = (1 + \sigma_{ak,bl}^\downarrow) \dots\dots\dots(29)$$

Equation (26) and (28) have exactly the same form as the Wolfberg - Helmholtz empirical formula<sup>5</sup>, save that  $K_{ak,bl}^\uparrow$  and  $K_{ak,bl}^\downarrow$  have no semiempirical counterparts. Again, because  $\{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow, \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow\} \neq \{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow, \alpha_{bl}^\downarrow\}$

for a spin-polarized system,  $K_{ak,bl}^\uparrow \neq K_{ak,bl}^\downarrow$ .

Calculation of the  $K_{ak,bl}^\uparrow$  and  $K_{ak,bl}^\downarrow$  parameters

The binding energy,  $\Delta E$ , of the spin-polarized system is given by

$$\Delta E = \sum_a \sum_k \sum_b \sum_l P_{ak,bl}^\uparrow (1 + \sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow) S_{ak,bl} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow + \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow}{2} + \sum_a \sum_k \sum_b \sum_l P_{ak,bl}^\downarrow (1 + \sigma_{ak,bl}^\downarrow) S_{ak,bl} \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow + \alpha_{bl}^\downarrow}{2} \quad (30)$$

When all the  $a, b, \dots$  moieties are widely separated entities, the binding energy  $\Delta E = 0$ . Now, since

$\{P_{ak,bl}^\uparrow, P_{ak,bl}^\downarrow, \sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow, \sigma_{ak,bl}^\downarrow, S_{ak,bl}\}$  quantities depend upon the interaction between the moieties  $a$  and

$b$  they must also vanish in the limit  $R_{ab} \rightarrow \infty$ . Only  $\{\sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow, \sigma_{ak,bl}^\downarrow\}$  parameters do not, however, converge

at this limit. Examining the expression (27) and rearranging it, we cast  $\sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow$  as a sum of convergent and divergent terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow = & \left[ \sum_n (P_{ak,bn}^\uparrow + P_{ak,bn}^\downarrow) (S_{bn,ak} - 1) + \sum_{c \neq a} \sum_b \{ (P_{cm,ak}^\uparrow + P_{cm,ak}^\downarrow) (S_{cm,ak} - 1) + \sum_n (P_{cm,bn}^\uparrow + P_{cm,bn}^\downarrow) \right. \\ & \times (S_{cm,ak} S_{bn,ak} - 1) \} + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a, b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\uparrow + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) (S_{cm,ak} S_{dw,ak} - 1) \left. \right] \frac{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow - I_{ak,ak}}{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow + \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow} \\ & + \left[ \sum_u (P_{bl,au}^\uparrow + P_{bl,au}^\downarrow) (S_{au,bl} - 1) + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \{ (P_{cm,bl}^\uparrow + P_{cm,bl}^\downarrow) (S_{cm,bl} - 1) + \sum_u (P_{cm,au}^\uparrow + P_{cm,au}^\downarrow) \right. \\ & \times (S_{cm,bl} S_{au,bl} - 1) \} + \sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a, b} \sum_w (P_{cm,dw}^\uparrow + P_{cm,dw}^\downarrow) (S_{cm,bl} S_{dw,bl} - 1) \left. \right] \frac{\alpha_{bl}^\uparrow - I_{bl,bl}}{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow + \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow} \\ & + \text{the divergent term} \quad \dots \dots \dots (31) \end{aligned}$$

with similar expression for  $\sigma_{ak,bl}^\downarrow$ , replacing  $\{\alpha_{ak}^\uparrow, \alpha_{bl}^\uparrow\}$  with  $\{\alpha_{ak}^\downarrow, \alpha_{bl}^\downarrow\}$ . Since  $\{\sigma_{ak,bl}^\uparrow, \sigma_{ak,bl}^\downarrow\}$  must vanish in the limit  $R_{ab} \rightarrow \infty$ , the divergent term should then be cut off from (31). However, most of the  $\sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m$  and  $\sum_{c \neq a, b} \sum_m \sum_{d \neq a, b} \sum_w$  contributions may actually turn out to be zero, especially when topological approximations are used.

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