Supplementary Information for

The source of some empirical density functionals dispersion forces

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All code used for the analyses is publicly available on GitHub at https://github.com/TheorChemGroup/Hellmann-Feynman 2024

List of studied functionals

Physically-grounded and well-tested: SLATER^{1,2}, AM05^{3,4}, BLYP⁵⁻⁷, PBE^{8,9}, PBESOL¹⁰, HCTH407¹¹, TPSS^{12,13}, revTPSS¹⁴, APF¹⁵, B1LYP¹⁶, B3LYPV1R¹⁷, B97¹⁸, BHHLYP¹⁹, CAMB3LYP²⁰, PBE0^{21,22}, TPSSH²³, HSE06^{24–26}, LRC-WPBEH²⁷, WB97²⁸, WB97X²⁸.

Rare functionals: DLDF²⁹, B97-1³⁰, B97-2³¹, B97-3³², EDF1³³, EDF2³⁴, VSXC³⁵, CHACHIYO^{36,37}

QTP family: CAMQTP00³⁸, CAMQTP01³⁹, CAMQTP02⁴⁰, LC-QTP⁴⁰, QTP17⁴¹. SCAN family: SCAN⁴², RSCAN⁴³, r²SCAN⁴⁴.

Minnesota family: MPWLYP1W⁴⁵, GAM⁴⁶, M05⁴⁷, M052X⁴⁸, M06⁴⁹, M062X⁴⁹, M06HF⁵⁰, M06L⁵¹, M08-HX⁵², M08-SO⁵², M11⁵³, M11L⁵⁴, MN12L⁵⁵, MN12SX⁵⁶, MN15⁵⁷, MN15L⁵⁸, N12⁵⁹, N12SX⁵⁶, SOGGA11X⁶⁰, revM06⁶¹, revM06L⁶², revM11⁶³, HLE16⁶⁴, HLE17⁶⁵.

Functionals fitted on exchange-correlation potentials: HCTH-P14⁶⁶, HCTH-P76⁶⁶.

Energy calculations

Version of GAMESS-US and LIBXC: LIBXC ver 5.0.0 (DFT except R2SCAN, HCTH-P76) and 5.1.4 (R2SCAN, HTCH-P76, He, Ne => binding energies); GAMESS version is locally modified (post 2020.2)).

Energy binding is calculated with counterpoise correction, as

$$E_{\text{binding}} = E_{AB@AB} - E_{A@AB} - E_{B@AB},$$

where energies of single atoms $E_{A@AB}$ and $E_{B@AB}$, and energy of molecule $E_{AB@AB}$ was calculated in same basis set, which contains basis functions of both atoms A and B.

Convergence method is selected as DIIS. SOSCF tends to obtain more broken forces results.

Force calculations

Hellmann-Feynman forces and differences of wavefunctions near the equilibrium state (for all molecules were taken interatomic distance as 3.0Å) were obtained via MultiWFN (ver. 3.8(dev), release: 2021-Jan-29). Forces of molecules are net difference of forces of atoms. Forces were calculated to be positive at the start of forces curve to the most functionals, because of the internal coordinates. Grid of wavefunction difference operation was taken as number of points for Becke numerical quadrature in radial/on spherical surface to be equal 300/1454, respectively.

Distance where forces vanish were calculated by approximating the segment as a straight line between two neighbor points and finding the point where force crosses zero level.

Obtaining QCF through approximating by a spline function (spline.fun() in R) is unsuccessful due to low-resolution energy curve, so QCF were obtained analytically (by "force" flag) in Gaussian and numerically (RUNTYP=gradient) in GAMESS-US.

Issues solving

Pulay stress relationship to basis. Pulay *really* tends to low error with increasing of basis set. We selected the largest basis set in Dunning group in which HFF are obtainable.

Basis	QCF	HFF	Pulay	Pulay/QCF
ACCQ	-6.48E-05	2.84E-04	-3.49E-04	538.27%
ACC5	-6.20E-05	4.91E-05	-1.11E-04	179.19%
ACC6 (-2I)	-5.87E-05	-6.47E-05	6.00E-06	-10.22%

Calculations were performed in CCSD-full with different basis in HeNe system at 3.5Å.

Higher period noble gases dimers weren't calculated due to high computational cost in large basis set.

Distance of energy minimum was calculated via QCF to specify minimum gained by energy. Values of M11, MN12L, MN12SX, MN15L, SCAN were corrected because of forces were numerically unstable. And also, BHHLYP, EDF2 and SCAN, because they had local minimum of energy, but not global. Mid bond functions and counterpoise corrections were tested. Mid bond functions did not affect so much on accuracy of calculations, however counterpoise correction did, so computation was performed with CP correction.

Some points on energy and QCF curve are found to be numerically unstable, specifically Minnesota functionals: M06HF, M06L, a little bit M11, M11L, MN12L, MN12SX, MN15, MN15L and SCAN, SCAN0. The functional MN12L was excluded from further analysis because of instabilities in energy curve, while for MN12SX, an anomaly in the potential energy curve of the HeNe dimer at an internuclear distance of 5.6Å in counterpoise correction calculation was interpolated with nearest neighbors. We tried to converge them (as well as Minnesota functionals) in Gamess-US using different approaches. TASK, revSCAN, SOGGA11 failed to converge its energy in some points of the curve regardless of the method we used so they are not presented here.

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