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van der Waals (vdW) Interactions in Physics, Chemistry, and Materials Science



















B A • Ubiquitous interatomic and intermolecular interaction $\delta +$ • Scales with system size B ... and it is a significant component of binding energies in large systems! $\delta +$ $\delta +$ В R ٩AB $C_6^{AB} = \frac{3}{\pi} \int \alpha_A(i\omega) \alpha_B(i\omega) d\omega$

Experimental "proof" for atom-atom vdW interaction

Selected for a Viewpoint in *Physics*

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Direct Measurement of the van der Waals Interaction between Two Rydberg Atoms

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Beguin et al. PRL 110, 263201 (2013).



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$$E^{disp}(R) = -\left(f_6(R)\frac{C_6}{R^6} + f_8(R)\frac{C_8}{R^8} + f_{10}(R)\frac{C_{10}}{R^{10}} + \dots\right)$$

× Intermolecular equilibrium distances are overestimated by as much as few angstrom

80

60

40

20

Interaction energy (meV)

x Many molecules and crystals are unbound Benzene dimer [-2.6 (Ref.) vs. 1.9 (PBE) kcal/mol]

x Proteins adopt wrong conformations

Interatomic distance (Å)



Interatomic distance (A)

5

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(Approximate) vdW-inclusive DFT methods

Review:

J. Klimes and A. Michaelides, J. Chem. Phys. 137, 120901 (2012)

Concepts and methods for dispersion in DFT



Concepts and methods for
dispersion in DFT
$$E_{xc} = E_{ex}^{GGA \text{ or } EX} + E_{corr}^{LDA,GGA} + E_{corr}^{non-local}$$

- Non-local functionals (depend explicitly on *r* and *r'*) (*Langreth*, *Lundqvist et al.*).
- Modified pseudopotentials (*von Lilienfeld et al.*)
- Highly empirical (hybrid) meta-GGA functionals (*Truhlar et al.*)
- Interatomic (pairwise or beyond) dispersion corrections (Many people)

Wu and Yang JCP (2002); *Grimme J. Comp. Chem.* (2004,2006); *Dion et al. PRL* (2004); *Zhao and Truhlar JCP* (2006); *von Lilienfeld et al. PRL* (2004); *Johnson and Becke JCP* (2005-2007); *Tkatchenko and Scheffler PRL* (2009); and many others ... Langreth-Lundqvist functional (vdW-DF-04 and vdW-DF-10)

Langreth-Lundqvist functional

$$E_{\rm xc} = E_{\rm ex}^{\rm GGA}[n(\mathbf{r})] + E_{\rm corr}^{\rm LDA}[n(\mathbf{r})] + E_{\rm corr}^{\rm non-local}[n(\mathbf{r})]$$
$$E_{\rm corr}^{\rm non-local}[n(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r d^3r' n(\mathbf{r}) K(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}')$$

Dion, Rydberg, Schroeder, Langreth, Lundqvist, **PRL** (2004). Lee, Murray, Kong, Lundqvist, Langreth, **PRB** (2010). Langreth-Lundqvist functional (vdW-DF-04 and vdW-DF-10) $E_{\rm xc} = E_{\rm ex}^{\rm GGA}[n(\mathbf{r})] + E_{\rm corr}^{\rm LDA}[n(\mathbf{r})] + E_{\rm corr}^{\rm non-local}[n(\mathbf{r})]$ $E_{\rm corr}^{\rm non-local}[n(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r d^3r' n(\mathbf{r}) K(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}')$ vdW-DF-04 vdW-DF-04

- Exchange: revPBE
- Local corr.: LDA
- No free parameters
- C_6 error: ~ 20%

(*) Vydrov and van Voorhis, **PRA** (2010).

- Exchange: PW86
- Local corr.: LDA
- 2 parameters
- $C_6 \text{ error:} \sim 40\%^{(*)}$

Approximations for $E_{corr}^{non-local}$ in vdW-DF functional

$$E_{\rm corr}^{\rm non-local}[n(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r d^3r' n(\mathbf{r}) K(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}')$$



1) Local approximation for the response function2) Only pairwise density-density interaction, not including non-additive many-body vdW energy

See J. F. Dobson and T. Gould, J. Phys. Condens. Matter 24, 073201 (2012).

Interatomic methods for vdW interactions

Interatomic vdW methods

$$E_{\rm xc} = E_{ex}^{\rm GGA \ or \ EX} + E_{\rm corr}^{\rm LDA, GGA} + E_{\rm corr}^{\rm non-local}$$
$$E^{vdW}(R) = -\left(f_6(R)\frac{C_6}{R^6} + f_8(R)\frac{C_8}{R^8} + f_{10}(R)\frac{C_{10}}{R^{10}} + \dots\right)$$

- Two parameters per atomic pair: (1) VdW C₆ interaction coefficient and (2) vdW radius.
- Clearly, if (1) and (2) are empirical, this leads to many fitting parameters. This was frequently the case before 2008.

Evolution of interatomic vdW methods

- Grimme's D1,D2,D3 (2004,2006,2010): Parameterization for many elements in the periodic table
 - Highly empirical, some very *ad hoc* approximations
- Jurečka et al. (2007): Accurate parameterization for organic molecules
 - Better theoretical ground, but still very empirical
- Johnson and Becke (2005-2008), Silvestrelli (2008): C₆ and vdW radii from HF or DFT orbitals
 - Reduced empiricism, errors of ~ 20%-40% in C_6 coefficients
- Tkatchenko and Scheffler (2009): C_6 coefficients and vdW radii from ground-state electron density
 - First-principles C_6 accurate to 5%

What is missing in
interatomic vdW corrections ?
$$E^{vdW}(R) = -\left(f_6(R)\frac{C_6}{R^6} + f_8(R)\frac{C_8}{R^8} + f_{10}(R)\frac{C_{10}}{R^{10}} + ...\right)$$

Long-range electrodynamic response for fluctuating dipoles
 Non-additive many-body vdW energy beyond two-body

See A. Tkatchenko, A. Ambrosetti, R. A. DiStasio Jr., J. Chem. Phys. 138, 074106 (2013).

Beyond textbook picture of vdW interactions

Beyond textbook model of vdW interactions: Electrodynamic response effects





Many-body electrodynamic response effects: From electron density to response functions

 $\chi_{\lambda}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2; \omega) \quad 0 \le \lambda \le 1$



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Accurate Microscopic Modeling of Coulomb Response



Many-body electrodynamic response effects: From electron density to response functions

 $\chi_{\lambda}(\vec{r_1}, \vec{r_2}; \omega) \quad 0 \le \lambda \le 1$ 2 R_{AB} Accurate Full (All-Order) r_2 Microscopic Many-Body Modeling of Correlation Coulomb Energy Response (includes vdW)

$$E_c = -\int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^1 d\lambda \operatorname{Tr}\left((\chi_\lambda(\mathbf{r_1}, \mathbf{r_2}; i\omega) - \chi_0(\mathbf{r_1}, \mathbf{r_2}; i\omega)) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r_1} - \mathbf{r_2}|}\right)$$

We know how to solve the problem, albeit not very efficiently











V. V. Gobre and A. Tkatchenko, **Nature Comm.** (2013)



How long-ranged are vdW interactions? ... Direct experimental evidence



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Towards Efficient Many-Body Treatment of van der Waals Correlations



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<u>The conventional approach</u> (Grimme/2004, Johnson-Becke/2008, Tkatchenko-Scheffler/2009, Langreth-Lundqvist/2004,2010, Vydrov-van Voorhis/2011, ...)

Effective screening and two-body energy



<u>The new state-of-the-art</u> Full many-body response and energy for a system of quantum oscillators (**DFT+MBD**)



Valid for small and large molecules, insulators, metals, interfaces, ...

The Model: Quantum Harmonic Oscillator (QHO)



Nucleus (q)

Harmonic bond ($\boldsymbol{\omega}$)

In the dipole approximation:

 (α, ω) fully characterize the QHO

"Electron" (*-q*,*m*)

Model proposed by *W. L. Bade* (1957); and used by *B. J. Berne*; *A. Donchev*; *M. W. Cole*; *G. Martyna*; *K. Jordan*; and others.

Quantum Harmonic Oscillators in Molecules and Solids from First Principles

$$\alpha_A^0 = \alpha_A^0[n(\mathbf{r})]; \quad \omega_A^0 = \omega_A^0[n(\mathbf{r})]$$





$$C_{6AA}[n(\mathbf{r})] = \left(\frac{V_A[n(\mathbf{r})]}{V_A^{free}[n^{free}(\mathbf{r})]}\right)^2 C_{6AA}^{free}$$

A. Tkatchenko and M. Scheffler, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2009)



DFT+Many-Body-Dispersion (MBD) method

A. Tkatchenko and M. Scheffler, **Phys. Rev. Lett.** (2009)





A. Tkatchenko, R. A. DiStasio Jr., R. Car, M. Scheffler, **Phys. Rev. Lett.** (2012)

$$2 \quad \tilde{a} = a - a T_{$$

Dyson-like short-range electrodynamic screening

A. Ambrosetti, R. A. Distasio Jr., A. M. Reilly, A. Tkatchenko, J. Chem. Phys. (2014)

$$\hat{\mathbf{3}} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{>R} \Psi = E \Psi$$



DFT+MBD method in a nutshell





$$\hat{\mathbf{3}} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{>R} \Psi = E \Psi$$

 $\Psi(\vec{r_1}, \vec{r_2}, \vec{r_3}, ..., \vec{r_n})$

- Molecular and atom-in-a-solid polarizabilities and C_6 coefficients are accurate to <u>7%</u>.
- Negligible cost compared to DFT (MBD calculations can be easily done for > 10,000 atoms, N³ scaling).
- <u>Single adjustable parameter</u> to couple DFT and MBD.

Performance of DFT+MBD for gas-phase intermolecular interactions



S22 CCSD(T): Jurecka, Sponer, Cerny, Hobza, PCCP (2006); Sherrill et al., JCP (2010).

Large many-body vdW effects in complex molecular geometries





O. A. von Lilienfeld (U. Basel)



Robert DiStasio Jr. (Princeton)

R. A. DiStasio Jr., O. A. von Lilienfeld, and A. Tkatchenko, PNAS (2012)



Many-body effects play a qualitative role: Polymorphism in molecular crystals





Many-body effects in Aspirin

Aspirin crystal





Anthony Reilly

C. Ouvrard and S. L. Price, *Cryst. Growth Des.* (2004).A. D. Bond, R. Boese, G. R. Desiraju, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* (2007).

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Thermodynamics of Aspirin

Lattice energy difference between form I and II (positive means form I is more stable, in kJ/mol)

 PBE+TS
 -0.18

 PBE+TS+ZPE
 -0.42

PBE+MBD 0.04

PBE+MBD+ZPE 0.35

Both polymorphs of aspirin are degenerate ?!

Free Energy in Aspirin: Dynamic Plasmon-Phonon Coupling

<u>Free</u> energy difference between form I and II (positive means form I is more stable, in kJ/mol)



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How Far Away is the Realistic Description of Hybrid Inorganic/Organic Systems ?







G. Mercurio, E.R. McNellis, I. Martin, S. Hagen, F. Leyssner, S. Soubatch, J. Meyer, M. Wolf, P. Tegeder, F.S. Tautz, and K. Reuter, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2010).

Many-Body Dispersion Interactions: There is plenty of room at the bottom

Van der Waals correlations are "weak", but ubiquitous, and of increasing importance in larger (heterogeneous) systems

Long list of important properties beyond energies:

- Electronic (dipole, multipoles, charge transfer, ...)
- Optical (absorption/reflection spectra, excitons, ...)
 - Vibrational (THz and IR phonons, polarons, ...)
 - Mechanical (bulk modulus, elastic constants, ...)
- Novel coupling mechanisms: dynamic plasmon-phonon in aspirin

The Many-Body Path Towards <u>Quantitative Modeling</u> of Complex Materials

Explicit (<u>efficient!</u>) many-body methods are crucial for general treatment of collective electronic effects in large molecules and condensed matter, including van der Waals, response properties, ...

> These methods can be coupled to (TD)DFT, local-correlation methods, force fields, ...

> > Further necessary work: Delocalized charge excitations Relativistic effects (retardation) Thermal fluctuations, response Higher multipole effects Systematic scaling to larger systems

