

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

For

Carbon Nanotubes in Cement—A New Approach for Building Composites and Its Influence on Environmental Effect of Material

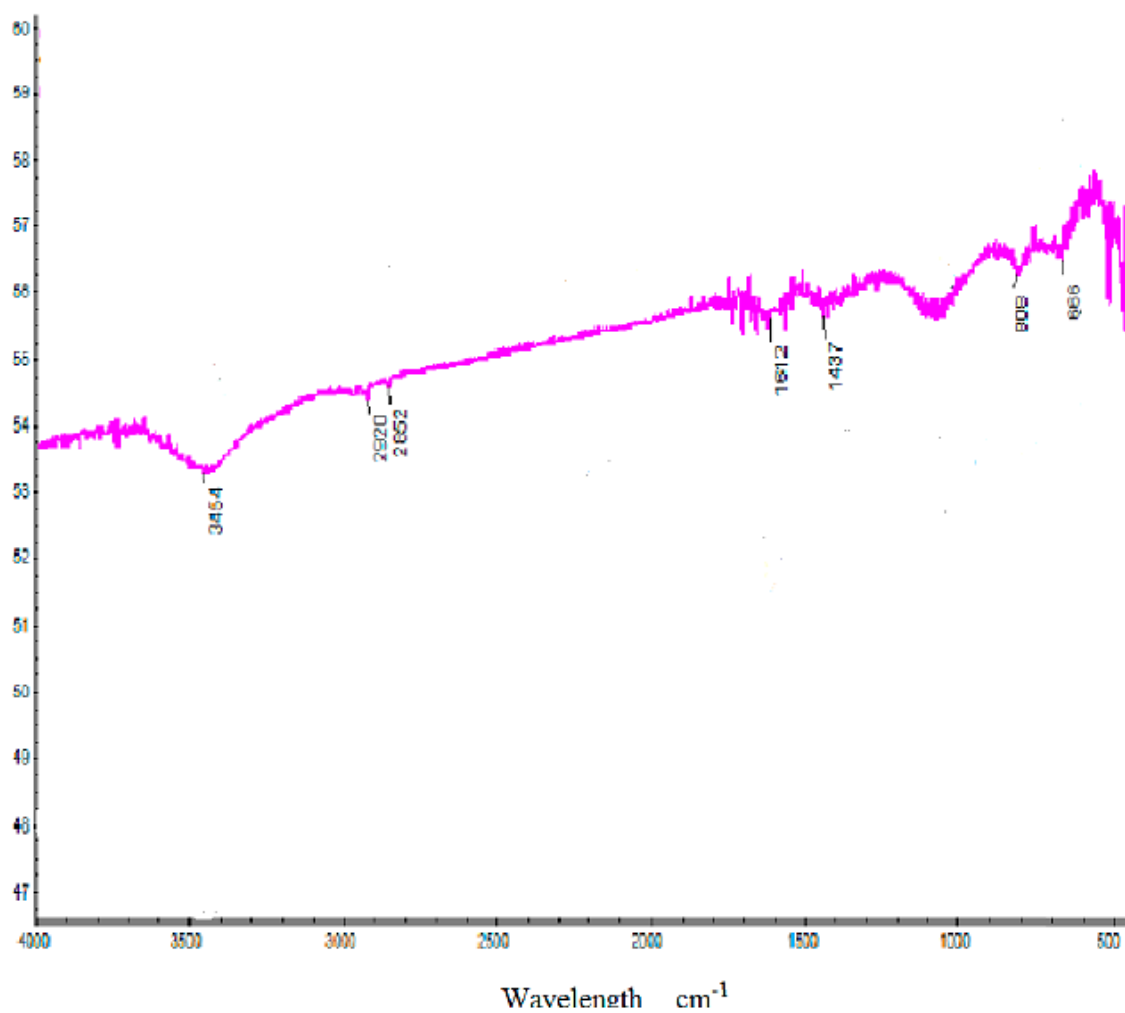


Figure S1. FTIR spectra of MWCNT.

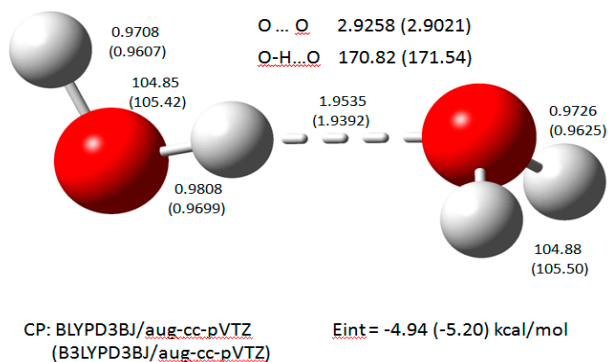


Figure S2. BLYPD3BJ and B3LYPD3BJ (in parenthesis) optimized structures of linear water dimer (the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set was used, distances are in Å, angles in degrees and interaction energy in kcal/mol).

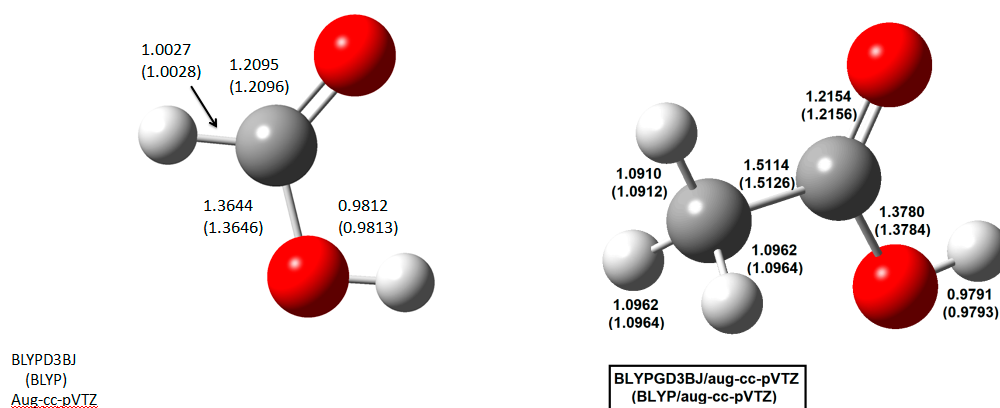


Figure S3. BLYPD3BJ and BLYP (in parenthesis) optimized structures of (A) *trans*-formic and (B) *trans*-acetic acid monomers (the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set was used, distances are in Å).

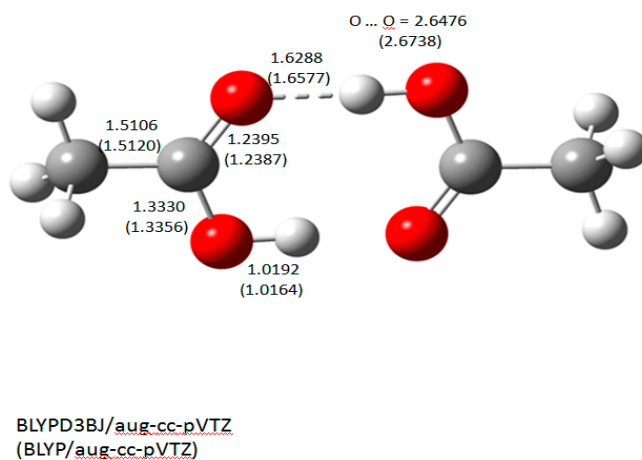


Figure S4. BLYPD3BJ/aVTZ and BLYP/aVTZ optimized structures of acetic acid dimer (interatomic distances in Å).

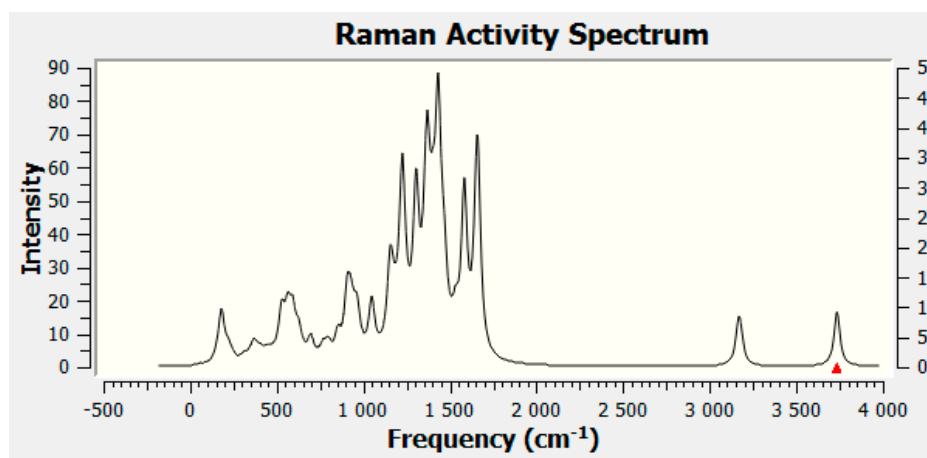


Figure S5. The predicted Raman spectrum (20 cm^{-1} linewidth is used) of optimized BLYPD3BJ/6-311++G** structure of model fragment of zigzag (5,0) SWCNT-COOH composed from five “belts”

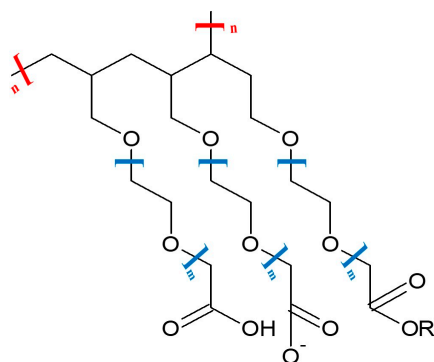


Figure S6. Chemical formula of studied superplasticizer

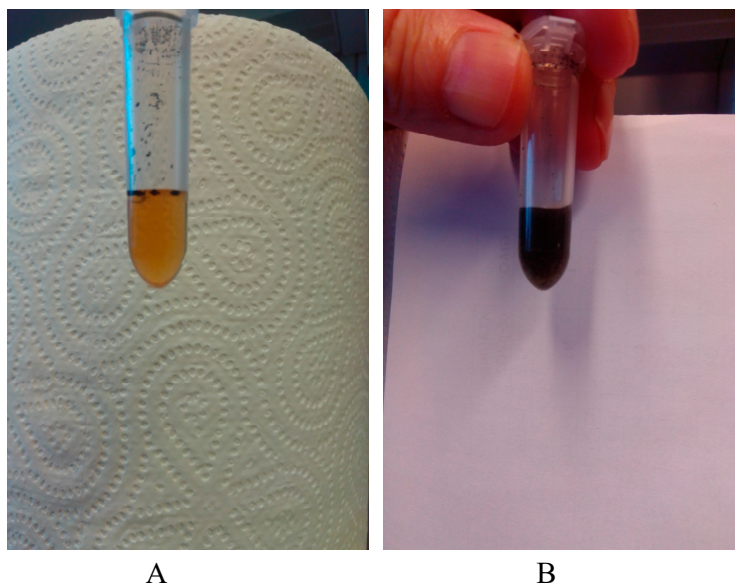


Figure S7. Photos of MWCN-SP (A) before and (B) after mixing



Figure S8. Moss cultivation in phytotron rack on three types of substrate: control, cement composite and MWCNT-modified cement composite

Table S1 DFT predicted (A) structural and vibrational parameters of water monomer using aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and their (B) deviations from experiment. Experimental and benchmark theoretical values are given for comparison (bonds in Å, angle in degrees and wavenumbers in cm⁻¹).

(A)

| Parameter | Benedict ^a | CCSD(T) ^b | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Geometry | | | | | | |
| OH ^a | 0.9572 | 0.9583 | 0.9618 | 0.9618 | 0.9719 | 0.9719 |
| HOH ^a | 104.52 | 104.45 | 105.09 | 105.08 | 104.48 | 104.47 |
| Harmonic ^a | Harmonic ^a | | | | | |
| ω ₁ | 3832.2 | 3834.78 | 3796.51 | 3796.45 | 3654.88 | 3654.76 |
| ω ₂ | 1648.5 | 1649.57 | 1627.32 | 1627.36 | 1595.93 | 1595.98 |
| ω ₃ | 3942.5 | 3946.31 | 3899.17 | 3899.07 | 3756.41 | 3756.24 |
| Fundamental ^a | Anharmonic treated as fundamental | | | | | |
| γ ₁ | 3656.6 | 3656.87 | 3628.04 | 3627.78 | 3480.58 | 3480.13 |
| γ ₂ | 1594.6 | 1594.98 | 1574.65 | 1574.69 | 1543.92 | 1543.96 |
| γ ₃ | 3755.93 | 3756.09 | 3716.94 | 3716.64 | 3567.97 | 3567.48 |
| Fundamental ^a | Harmonic treated as fundamental | | | | | |
| γ ₁ | 3656.6 | 3834.78 | 3796.51 | 3796.45 | 3654.88 | 3654.76 |
| γ ₂ | 1594.6 | 1649.57 | 1627.32 | 1627.36 | 1595.93 | 1595.98 |
| γ ₃ | 3755.93 | 3946.31 | 3899.17 | 3899.07 | 3756.41 | 3756.24 |

(B)

| Deviation from experiment | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Parameter | CCSD(T) | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ |
| Geometry | | | | | |
| OH ^a | 0.0011 | 0.0046 | 0.0046 | 0.0147 | 0.0147 |
| HOH ^a | -0.07 | 0.57 | 0.56 | -0.04 | -0.05 |
| Harmonic ^a | Harmonic | | | | |
| ω ₁ | 2.58 | -35.69 | -35.75 | -177.32 | -177.44 |
| ω ₂ | 1.07 | -21.18 | -21.14 | -52.57 | -52.52 |
| ω ₃ | 3.81 | -43.33 | -43.43 | -186.09 | -186.26 |
| RMS | 2.7 | 34.6 | 34.7 | 151.5 | 151.6 |
| Fundamental ^a | Anharmonic treated as fundamental | | | | |
| γ ₁ | 0.27 | -28.56 | -28.81 | -176.02 | -176.47 |
| γ ₂ | 0.38 | -19.95 | -19.91 | -50.68 | -50.64 |
| γ ₃ | 0.16 | -38.99 | -39.29 | -187.96 | -188.45 |
| RMS | 0.3 | 30.2 | 30.4 | 151.5 | 151.9 |
| Fundamental ^a | Harmonic treated as fundamental | | | | |
| γ ₁ | 178.18 | 139.91 | 139.85 | -1.72 | -1.84 |
| γ ₂ | 54.97 | 32.72 | 32.76 | 1.33 | 1.38 |
| γ ₃ | 190.38 | 143.24 | 143.14 | 0.48 | 0.31 |
| RMS | 153.9 | 117.1 | 117.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |

a) Monomer harmonic and fundamentals from ref. [1]: Benedict WC, Gailar N, Plyler EK (1956) Rotation-vibration spectra of deuterated water vapor. J Chem Phys 24:1139–1165;
b) from ref. [2] David Feller, Kirk A. Peterson, High level coupled cluster determination of the structure, frequencies, and heat of formation of water, J. Chem. Phys. 131 (2009) 154306. CCSD(T)/CBS(67) results with additional corrections to vibrations.

Table S2 DFT calculated structural parameters, interaction energy and vibration frequencies of water dimer are compared with experiment and benchmark calculations (distances in Å, angles in degrees, wavenumbers in cm⁻¹ and interaction energy in kcal/mol).

| Parameter | Lane ^a "Best" | CCSD(T) ^b | B3LYPD3BJ | BLYPD3BJ | Deviation from Exp. or CC result | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | CCSDT | ha5Z ^b | aTZ | | CCSD(T) | B3LYPD3BJ | BLYPD3BJ |
| OHdl | 0.9569 | 0.9576 | 0.9607 | 0.9708 | 0.0005 | 0.0038 | 0.0139 |
| OHd | 0.9641 | 0.9647 | 0.9699 | 0.9808 | 0.0005 | 0.0058 | 0.0167 |
| OHa | 0.9584 | 0.9591 | 0.9625 | 0.9726 | 0.0006 | 0.0041 | 0.0142 |
| HOHd | 104.85 | 104.76 | 105.42 | 104.85 | -0.05 | 0.57 | 0 |
| HOHa | 104.95 | 104.84 | 105.50 | 104.89 | -0.06 | 0.55 | -0.06 |
| O-H...O | 174.31 | 171.69 | 171.54 | 170.86 | -0.01 | -2.77 | -3.45 |
| O-H...O | | 1.9548 | 1.9392 | 1.9535 | - | - | - |
| O ... O | 2.9092 | 2.9128 | 2.9021 | 2.9258 | 0.0036 | -0.0071 | 0.0166 |
| Eint | -5.02 | -4.98 | -5.20(CP) | -4.94(CP) | 0.04 | -0.18 | 0.08 |
| Harmonic | Exp. ^c | ha5Z ^b | | | | | |
| 1 | 88 | 125 | 131.75 | 131.67 | 37 | 43.75 | 43.67 |
| 2 | 103 | 142 | 153.22 | 211.79 | 39 | 50.22 | 108.79 |
| 3 | 108 | 148 | 161.03 | 214.77 | 40 | 53.03 | 106.77 |
| 4 | 150 | 185 | 191.44 | 333.55 | 35 | 41.44 | 183.55 |
| 5 | 310 | 351 | 370.54 | 403.03 | 41 | 60.54 | 93.03 |
| 6 | 520 | 614 | 635.90 | 819.54 | 94 | 115.9 | 299.54 |
| 7 | 1601 | 1650 | 1627.84 | 1679.3 | 49 | 26.84 | 78.3 |
| 8 | 1619 | 1670 | 1647.48 | 1709.97 | 51 | 28.48 | 90.97 |
| 9 | 3480 | 3754 | 3669.91 | 3497.79 | 274 | 189.91 | 17.79 |
| 10 | 3627 | 3830 | 3791.03 | 3525.71 | 203 | 164.03 | -101.29 |
| 11 | 3699 | 3917 | 3870.44 | 3651.23 | 218 | 171.44 | -47.77 |
| 12 | 3715 | 3936 | 3889.89 | 3651.27 | 221 | 174.89 | -63.73 |
| RMS | | | | | 161.2 | 129.3 | 144.7 |
| Fundamental | Exp. ^c | VPT2, haQZ ^b | VPT2 | VPT2 | | | |
| 1 | 88 | 79 | 68.911 | 51.16 | -9 | -19.09 | -36.84 |
| 2 | 103 | 111 | 132.434 | 128.93 | 8 | 29.43 | 25.93 |
| 3 | 108 | 103 | 151.928 | 120.76 | -5 | 43.93 | 12.76 |
| 4 | 150 | 143 | 155.268 | 135.60 | -7 | 5.27 | -14.40 |
| 5 | 310 | 293 | 322.341 | 306.63 | -17 | 12.34 | -3.37 |
| 6 | 520 | 495 | 519.252 | 514.00 | -25 | -0.75 | -6.00 |
| 7 | 1601 | 1599 | 1579.72 | 1549.42 | -2 | -21.28 | -51.58 |
| 8 | 1619 | 1616 | 1595.33 | 1561.63 | -3 | -23.67 | -57.37 |
| 9 | 3480 | 3605 | 3532.195 | 3372.09 | 125 | 52.20 | -107.91 |
| 10 | 3627 | 3650 | 3621.271 | 3474.67 | 23 | -5.73 | -152.33 |
| 11 | 3699 | 3727 | 3695.474 | 3543.31 | 28 | -3.53 | -155.69 |
| 12 | 3715 | 3747 | 3708.977 | 3561.00 | 32 | -6.02 | -154.00 |
| RMS | | | | | 39.90 | 24.43 | 87.18 |

a) The "best" structure calculated at CCSD(T)/CBS level of theory, ref. [3] Lane JR (2013) CCSDTQ optimized geometry of water dimer. J Chem Theory Comput 9 (1):316-323. doi:10.1021/ct300832f; b) ref. [4] Howard JC, Gray JL, Hardwick AJ, Nguyen LT, Tschumper GS (2014) Getting down to the fundamentals of hydrogen bonding: Anharmonic vibrational frequencies of (HF)₂ and (H₂O)₂ from Ab initio electronic structure computations. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 10 (12):5426-5435; c) water dimer, ref. [5] Dyke TR, Mack KM, Muentner JS (1976) The structure of water dimer from molecular beam electric resonance spectroscopy. J Chem Phys 71 (2):498-510; ref. [6] Yeo GA, Ford TA (1992) The combined use of ab initio molecular orbital theory and matrix isolation infrared spectroscopy in the study of molecular interactions. Struct Chem 3 (2):75-93; Ref. [7] Wuelfert S, Herren D, Leutwyler S (1987) Supersonic jet CARS spectra of small water clusters. J Chem Phys 86 (6):3751-3753; ref. [8] Amos RD (1986) Structures, harmonic frequencies and infrared intensities of the dimers of H₂O and H₂S. Chem Phys 104 (1):145-151; ref.[9] Bentwood RM, Barnes AJ, Orville-Thomas WJ (1980) Studies of intermolecular interactions by matrix isolation vibrational spectroscopy: Self-association of water. J Mol Spectrosc 84 (2):391-404.

Table S3 (A) BLYPD3BJ, BLYP, B3LYPD3BJ and B3LYP optimized bond lengths (in Å) of *trans*-formic and *trans*-acetic acid monomers and (B) the corresponding deviations from experiment. The aug-cc-pVTZ basis set was used. Experimental and benchmark parameters are included for comparison.

S3 (A)

| Parameter | Exp. ^a | CCSD(T) / aVQZ ^b | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Formic acid | | | | | | |
| C=O | 1.202 | 1.2004 | 1.2096 | 1.2095 | 1.1977 | 1.1977 |
| C-O | 1.343 | 1.3442 | 1.3646 | 1.3644 | 1.3451 | 1.3449 |
| O-H | 0.972 | 0.9675 | 0.9813 | 0.9812 | 0.9703 | 0.9703 |
| C-H | 1.097 | 1.0940 | 1.1028 | 1.1027 | 1.0960 | 1.0959 |
| Acetic Acid ^c | | | | | | |
| C=O | 1.214 ^c | 1.2051 ^d | 1.2156 | 1.2154 | 1.2036 | 1.2035 |
| C-O | 1.364 ^c | 1.3373 ^d | 1.3784 | 1.3780 | 1.3574 | 1.3571 |
| C-C | 1.520 ^c | 1.4920 ^d | 1.5126 | 1.5114 | 1.5018 | 1.5009 |
| O-H | 0.970 ^c | 0.9608 ^d | 0.9793 | 0.9791 | 0.9686 | 0.9685 |
| C-H | 1.102 ^c | 1.0856 ^d | 1.0947 | 1.0964 | 1.0883 | 1.0881 |

S3 (B)

| Parameter | Exp. ^a | Deviation from Experiment | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| | | CCSD(T) /aVQZ ^b | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ |
| Formic acid | | | | | | |
| C=O | 1.202 | -0.0016 | 0.0076 | 0.0075 | -0.0043 | -0.0043 |
| C-O | 1.343 | 0.0012 | 0.0216 | 0.0214 | 0.0021 | 0.0019 |
| O-H | 0.972 | -0.0045 | 0.0093 | 0.0092 | -0.0017 | -0.0017 |
| C-H | 1.097 | -0.0030 | 0.0058 | 0.0057 | -0.0010 | -0.0011 |
| Acetic Acid | | | | | | |
| C=O | 1.214 ^c | -0.0089 ^d | 0.0016 | 0.0014 | -0.0104 | -0.0105 |
| C-O | 1.364 ^c | -0.0267 ^d | 0.0144 | 0.0140 | -0.0093 | -0.0069 |
| C-C | 1.520 ^c | -0.0280 ^d | -0.0074 | -0.0086 | -0.0182 | -0.0191 |
| O-H | 0.970 ^c | -0.0092 ^d | 0.0093 | 0.0091 | -0.0014 | -0.0015 |
| C-H | 1.102 ^c | -0.0164 ^d | -0.0073 | -0.0056 | -0.0137 | -0.0139 |

^aNIST[10]: Herzberg, G., Electronic spectra and electronic structure of polyatomic molecules, Van Nostrand, New York, 1966; ^bfrom Xantheas, fc CCSD(T)/aVQZ , ref [11] [12]; ^cexperimental results for acetic acid [13-16] ^dNIST, ae CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ result[17]

Table S4 (A) Selected experimental and theoretical benchmark wavenumbers of formic acid monomer, (B) BLYP and BLYPD3BJ and (C) B3LYP and B3LYPD3BJ calculated harmonic and anharmonic values using the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set.

S4 A

| No | Exp. | | | Theory | | |
|----|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | Gas, Raman ^a | IR, Marechal ^b | Fausto, Xantheas ^c | Luber ^d | Xantheas ^e | Tew ^f |
| 1 | 624.9 | 612 | 628 | 626.17 | 630 | 633 |
| 2 | 642.0 | 640 | 639 | 640.73 | 671 | 672 |
| 3 | 1033. | ... | 1037 | 1033.47 | 1055 | 1057 |
| 4 | 1103.8 | 1104 | 1101 | 1104.85 | 1135 | 1140 |
| 5 | 1223 | 1218 | 1306 | 1306.2 | 1314 | 1319 |
| 6 | 1380.6 | ... | 1384 | 1379.05 | 1408 | 1410 |
| 7 | 1776.6 | 1775 | 1844 | 1776.83 | 1810 | 1818 |
| 8 | 2942.0 | 2941 | 2956 | 2942.06 | 3092 | 3093 |
| 9 | 3568.9 | 3567 | 3554 | 3570.5 | 3761 | 3766 |

^a Gas, Raman, ref. [18]; ^b IR gas, from ref. [19]; ^c Exp. Fausto, Xantheas, from ref. [16] [12];

^d from ref. [20], Luber; ^e Xantheas, harmonic CCSD(T)/aVQZ, from ref. [12];

^fCCSD(T)(F12*)/cc-pVTZ-F12*, from ref. [21]

S4 B BLYP and BLYPD3BJ calculated harmonic and anharmonic frequencies of formic acid monomer using the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set (this work).

| No | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Harmonic | | VPT2 | |
| 1 | 600.74 | 601.22 | 593.28 | 593.76 |
| 2 | 664.90 | 664.04 | 632.43 | 631.43 |
| 3 | 1001.19 | 1000.77 | 980.68 | 980.27 |
| 4 | 1051.44 | 1051.31 | 1017.55 | 1017.41 |
| 5 | 1249.73 | 1250.31 | 1181.69 | 1181.48 |
| 6 | 1357.63 | 1357.83 | 1330.25 | 1330.24 |
| 7 | 1728.83 | 1729.81 | 1695.4 | 1696.39 |
| 8 | 2959.73 | 2961.04 | 2796.01 | 2796.48 |
| 9 | 3558.62 | 3560.67 | 3370.31 | 3371.3 |
| RMS | | | | |
| vs. gas (Raman)^a | 31.28 | 31.13 | 95.95 | 95.59 |

^a from ref. [20]

S4 C B3LYP and B3LYPD3BJ calculated harmonic and anharmonic frequencies of formic acid monomer using the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set (this work).

| No | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Harmonic | | VPT2 | |
| 1 | 628.58 | 629.07 | 622.59 | 623.09 |
| 2 | 674.49 | 674.67 | 641.28 | 641.48 |
| 3 | 1051.69 | 1051.55 | 1031.80 | 1031.65 |
| 4 | 1121.22 | 1121.66 | 1088.99 | 1089.46 |
| 5 | 1297.97 | 1298.72 | 1215.55 | 1294.26 |
| 6 | 1401.72 | 1401.91 | 1373.76 | 1373.96 |
| 7 | 1811.17 | 1811.40 | 1778.57 | 1778.81 |
| 8 | 3048.13 | 3048.70 | 2893.19 | 2893.07 |
| 9 | 3716.22 | 3716.51 | 3528.40 | 3528.12 |
| RMS | | | | |
| vs gas (Raman)^a | 68.27 | 68.57 | 22.00 | 32.31 |

^a from ref. [20]

Table S5 BLYP, BLYPD3BJ, B3LYP and B3LYPD3BJ calculated harmonic and anharmonic frequencies of acetic acid monomer [22] using the aVTZ basis set.

| No | Exp. ^a | BLYP | | BLYPD3BJ | | B3LYP | | B3LYPD3BJ | |
|-----|-------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic |
| 1 | 103 | - | - | - | - | 71.23 | 5.75 | 71.68 | 7.36 |
| 2 | 423 | 411.67 | 409.97 | 412.50 | 410.78 | 424.13 | 423.57 | 424.75 | 424.20 |
| 3 | 533.5 | 529.50 | 517.57 | 528.60 | 516.68 | 545.89 | 536.10 | 545.17 | 535.25 |
| 4 | 577.5 | 559.74 | 550.59 | 560.56 | 551.37 | 584.24 | 576.39 | 584.83 | 576.96 |
| 5 | 635 | 644.26 | 628.62 | 644.07 | 628.48 | 663.10 | 649.84 | 662.93 | 649.77 |
| 6 | 844 | 814.62 | 794.15 | 817.13 | 796.59 | 857.53 | 839.47 | 859.42 | 841.34 |
| 7 | 986 | 957.11 | 934.65 | 958.16 | 935.72 | 998.71 | 978.91 | 999.39 | 979.29 |
| 8 | 1047 | 1036.21 | 1012.20 | 1036.71 | 1012.80 | 1070.25 | 1045.95 | 1070.62 | 1046.36 |
| 9 | 1150 | 1146.95 | 1107.50 | 1148.13 | 1108.60 | 1200.99 | 1159.22 | 1201.76 | 1159.74 |
| 10 | 1325 | 1283.69 | 1207.35 | 1285.22 | 1208.29 | 1334.70 | 1326.87 | 1335.78 | 1327.30 |
| 11 | 1381 | 1363.58 | 1327.50 | 1363.82 | 1328.34 | 1408.45 | 1369.16 | 1408.82 | 1369.76 |
| 12 | 1436 | 1437.68 | 1394.45 | 1437.90 | 1394.71 | 1471.97 | 1433.11 | 1472.14 | 1433.34 |
| 13 | 1441 | 1442.33 | 1387.85 | 1442.54 | 1388.14 | 1478.08 | 1429.51 | 1478.24 | 1429.96 |
| 14 | 1780.5 | 1729.32 | 1694.74 | 1730.84 | 1696.35 | 1811.98 | 1779.80 | 1813.11 | 1780.99 |
| 15 | 2953 | 2980.06 | 2860.96 | 2981.44 | 2861.05 | 3052.42 | 2942.06 | 3053.52 | 2942.33 |
| 16 | 3007 | 3029.89 | 2885.60 | 3031.57 | 2886.05 | 3108.64 | 2974.21 | 3109.97 | 2974.97 |
| 17 | 3057 | 3082.12 | 2930.02 | 3083.90 | 2930.82 | 3159.57 | 3010.45 | 3160.99 | 3011.35 |
| 18 | 3568 | 3584.65 | 3399.91 | 3586.11 | 3400.31 | 3737.61 | 3560.12 | 3738.89 | 3560.61 |
| RMS | - | | | | | | | | |

^a In solid argon, from ref. [22]

Table S6 BLYP, BLYPD3BJ, B3LYP and B3LYPD3BJ predicted formic acid dimer interatomic distances using aVTZ basis set and their deviations from experiment. Experimental^a and benchmark^b parameters are included for comparison.

| | Exp. ^a | CCSD(T) ^b | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ | Deviation | |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | CBS(aT,aQ) | | | BLYP | BLYPD3BJ |
| C=O | 1.220 | 1.215 | 1.2320 | 1.2328 | 0.012 | 0.0128 |
| C-O | 1.323 | 1.307 | 1.3256 | 1.3234 | 0.0026 | 0.0004 |
| O-H | 1.036 | 0.994 | 1.0172 | 1.0199 | -0.0188 | -0.0161 |
| C-H | 1.079 | 1.092 | 1.1014 | 1.1012 | 0.0224 | 0.0222 |
| O...H | - | 1.668 | 1.6672 | 1.6396 | - | - |
| O...O | 2.696 | 2.663 | 2.6843 | 2.6595 | -0.0117 | -0.0365 |
| | | | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ | Deviation | |
| | | CBS(aT,aQ) ^b | | | B3LYP | B3LYPD3BJ |
| C=O | 1.220 | 1.215 | 1.2184 | 1.2190 | -0.0016 | -0.0010 |
| C-O | 1.323 | 1.307 | 1.3099 | 1.3085 | -0.0131 | -0.0145 |
| O-H | 1.036 | 0.994 | 1.0024 | 1.0042 | -0.0336 | -0.0318 |
| C-H | 1.079 | 1.092 | 1.0947 | 1.0946 | 0.0157 | 0.0156 |
| O...H | - | 1.668 | 1.6650 | 1.6441 | - | - |
| O...O | 2.680 | 2.663 | 2.6672 | 2.6482 | -0.0288 | -0.0478 |

^afrom ref. [23]; ^bfrom ref. [24]

Table S7 Experimental and benchmark frequencies of formic acid dimer.

| No | Exp. ^a Pettersson | Exp. ^b Sotiris | CCSD(T)/aQZ ^c Bowman |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 68 | 69 | 72 |
| 2 | 165 | 161 | 167 |
| 3 | 163 | 168 | 177 |
| 4 | 194 | 194 | 209 |
| 5 | 251 | 242 | 255 |
| 6 | 248 | 264 | 275 |
| 7 | 680 | 677 | 684 |
| 8 | 697 | 698 | 713 |
| 9 | 947 | 911 | 963 |
| 10 | | 922 | 986 |
| 11 | 1050 | 1050 | 1079 |
| 12 | 1062 | 1060 | 1099 |
| 13 | 1214 | 1214 | 1252 |
| 14 | 1218 | 1218 | 1256 |
| 15 | 1365 | 1364 | 1405 |
| 16 | 1375 | 1375 | 1409 |
| 17 | 1415 | 1415 | 1455 |
| 18 | 1445 | 1454 | 1481 |
| 19 | 1660 | 1670 | 1713 |
| 20 | 1728 | 1746 | 1777 |
| 21 | 2802 | 2900 | 3099 |
| 22 | 2944 | 2939 | 3103 |
| 23 | 2949 | 2949 | 3204 |
| 24 | 3000 | 3084 | 3306 |

^aFrom ref. [18, 25]; ^bFrom ref. [12]; ^cFrom ref. [12, 26]

Table S8 BLYP, BLYPD3BJ, B3LYP and B3LYPD3BJ calculated harmonic and anharmonic frequencies of formic acid dimer. aVTZ basis set is used and RMS deviations from experiment are also shown.

| No | BLYP | | BLYPD3BJ | | B3LYP | | B3LYPD3BJ | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic |
| 1 | 75.254 | 48.362 | 72.578 | 45.314 | 76.778 | 59.307 | 74.599 | 67.731 |
| 2 | 173.504 | 161.595 | 177.495 | 166.838 | 175.021 | 165.740 | 177.693 | 170.450 |
| 3 | 183.803 | 174.545 | 183.432 | 173.519 | 185.638 | 182.096 | 185.202 | 182.984 |
| 4 | 206.687 | 192.847 | 218.114 | 204.002 | 211.761 | 199.170 | 221.103 | 207.620 |
| 5 | 256.775 | 236.073 | 257.259 | 244.352 | 260.373 | 246.334 | 260.821 | 252.497 |
| 6 | 277.990 | 270.245 | 294.608 | 289.630 | 281.168 | 273.208 | 294.060 | 287.695 |
| 7 | 662.333 | 655.046 | 665.108 | 657.749 | 688.968 | 682.755 | 691.042 | 684.630 |
| 8 | 698.500 | 692.209 | 703.136 | 697.929 | 722.653 | 716.343 | 726.102 | 720.727 |
| 9 | 962.483 | 881.082 | 973.798 | 908.021 | 982.117 | 926.366 | 992.389 | 936.618 |
| 10 | 968.177 | 919.447 | 975.09 | 953.513 | 1002.119 | 949.867 | 1009.442 | 959.891 |
| 11 | 1033.979 | 1022.866 | 1037.638 | 1033.008 | 1078.634 | 1063.084 | 1079.916 | 1066.222 |
| 12 | 1067.695 | 1049.825 | 1075.818 | 1030.153 | 1101.272 | 1087.361 | 1105.499 | 1092.562 |
| 13 | 1192.391 | 1165.525 | 1200.363 | 1175.497 | 1256.150 | 1229.536 | 1261.832 | 1236.582 |
| 14 | 1197.847 | 1169.502 | 1205.474 | 1178.570 | 1259.485 | 1227.808 | 1264.930 | 1244.108 |
| 15 | 1354.373 | 1307.113 | 1356.935 | 1318.583 | 1401.633 | 1364.762 | 1403.867 | 1367.263 |
| 16 | 1355.183 | 1316.441 | 1357.132 | 1313.240 | 1403.746 | 1367.543 | 1405.162 | 1369.238 |
| 17 | 1411.596 | 1371.992 | 1418.078 | 1380.442 | 1448.830 | 1405.954 | 1453.612 | 1411.060 |
| 18 | 1435.641 | 1383.286 | 1443.552 | 1385.709 | 1478.228 | 1425.781 | 1484.902 | 1432.508 |
| 19 | 1607.869 | 1539.891 | 1603.166 | 1537.179 | 1692.016 | 1646.654 | 1688.332 | 1619.391 |
| 20 | 1680.448 | 1637.959 | 1680.329 | 1636.967 | 1766.242 | 1726.006 | 1766.222 | 1726.258 |
| 21 | 2845.443 | 2420.982 | 2792.100 | 2292.666 | 3038.428 | 2636.879 | 3000.957 | 2592.076 |
| 22 | 2941.531 | 2602.303 | 2910.952 | 2537.044 | 3054.214 | 2887.110 | 3051.429 | 2919.249 |
| 23 | 2976.989 | 2805.642 | 2978.166 | 2804.409 | 3065.639 | 2912.631 | 3065.410 | 2907.183 |
| 24 | 2999.649 | 2813.759 | 2989.530 | 2796.201 | 3159.278 | 2861.741 | 3132.382 | 2732.167 |
| RMS | 22.48 | 125.80 | 22.82 | 151.86 | 73.41 | 48.77 | 67.22 | 73.81 |
| Petttersson | 65.76 | 67.08 | 66.47 | 66.52 | 66.40 | 65.67 | 67.22 | 65.98 |

^aWith respect to experimental data from ref. [18, 25]

Table S9 BLYP/aVTZ, BLYPD3BJ/aVTZ, B3LYP/aVTZ and B3LYPD3BJ/aVTZ calculated harmonic and anharmonic frequencies of acetic acid dimer.

| No | BLYP | | BLYPD3BJ | | B3LYP | | B3LYPD3BJ | |
|----|----------|------------|----------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic | Harmonic | Anharmonic |
| 1 | 59.25 | 22.44 | 57.50 | 22.60 | 46.90 | 29.03 | 61.51 | 42.20 |
| 2 | 75.31 | 52.42 | 72.99 | 58.33 | 62.90 | 41.55 | 75.02 | 73.47 |
| 3 | 119.43 | 98.89 | 119.43 | 91.43 | 76.96 | 72.49 | 121.48 | 113.43 |
| 4 | 160.51 | 137.64 | 164.16 | 142.43 | 121.48 | 113.36 | 164.92 | 164.92 |
| 5 | 179.31 | 168.93 | 187.79 | 183.35 | 162.62 | 162.39 | 188.50 | 194.15 |
| 6 | 179.40 | 172.52 | 189.03 | 177.06 | 181.72 | 180.27 | 191.66 | 177.66 |
| 7 | 431.62 | 428.09 | 432.85 | 428.73 | 183.42 | 166.85 | 444.49 | 445.10 |
| 8 | 474.34 | 471.55 | 482.71 | 480.81 | 443.54 | 444.47 | 492.36 | 494.78 |
| 9 | 581.64 | 564.99 | 581.57 | 562.84 | 603.06 | 595.09 | 603.00 | 594.21 |
| 10 | 589.14 | 572.03 | 589.10 | 570.09 | 611.04 | 601.91 | 611.00 | 600.98 |
| 11 | 604.20 | 592.32 | 607.93 | 600.03 | 627.82 | 615.54 | 630.72 | 616.61 |
| 12 | 615.19 | 610.16 | 618.42 | 613.28 | 637.07 | 634.31 | 639.50 | 636.50 |
| 13 | 863.26 | 848.61 | 868.23 | 855.02 | 901.81 | 886.51 | 905.49 | 890.85 |
| 14 | 866.88 | 852.32 | 871.84 | 857.66 | 905.71 | 890.61 | 909.42 | 895.10 |
| 15 | 968.60 | 906.44 | 984.78 | 940.91 | 982.64 | 905.65 | 995.46 | 930.90 |
| 16 | 998.53 | 979.05 | 1000.68 | 981.22 | 1021.46 | 999.25 | 1031.33 | 1015.32 |
| 17 | 1002.85 | 982.46 | 1005.19 | 984.91 | 1029.92 | 1013.84 | 1033.82 | 1007.60 |
| 18 | 1004.16 | 987.38 | 1019.74 | 983.22 | 1033.48 | 1014.93 | 1035.09 | 1017.13 |
| 19 | 1040.16 | 1021.60 | 1040.95 | 1022.73 | 1074.03 | 1056.97 | 1074.59 | 1055.67 |
| 20 | 1040.72 | 1012.08 | 1041.63 | 1017.11 | 1074.48 | 1052.91 | 1074.99 | 1051.01 |
| 21 | 1251.38 | 1212.58 | 1258.87 | 1226.12 | 1316.86 | 1264.47 | 1322.40 | 1273.42 |
| 22 | 1273.47 | 1237.21 | 1281.90 | 1243.45 | 1332.71 | 1284.68 | 1338.60 | 1287.67 |
| 23 | 1358.10 | 1296.20 | 1359.38 | 1302.33 | 1397.17 | 1339.51 | 1399.07 | 1346.82 |
| 24 | 1359.52 | 1311.02 | 1360.06 | 1312.38 | 1400.35 | 1359.93 | 1401.27 | 1362.63 |
| 25 | 1414.38 | 1381.65 | 1421.30 | 1401.54 | 1461.30 | 1412.79 | 1464.44 | 1403.39 |
| 26 | 1424.36 | 1355.26 | 1426.30 | 1355.65 | 1464.44 | 1401.43 | 1465.08 | 1412.34 |
| 27 | 1435.82 | 1393.24 | 1436.75 | 1377.71 | 1472.46 | 1446.09 | 1474.97 | 1452.78 |
| 28 | 1442.58 | 1394.30 | 1442.79 | 1394.62 | 1478.19 | 1432.00 | 1478.34 | 1432.64 |
| 29 | 1442.62 | 1393.39 | 1442.83 | 1394.81 | 1478.21 | 1434.10 | 1478.36 | 1434.77 |
| 30 | 1449.36 | 1418.39 | 1455.15 | 1425.48 | 1494.80 | 1465.67 | 1500.82 | 1464.15 |
| 31 | 1617.46 | 1569.84 | 1615.44 | 1533.74 | 1700.12 | 1656.34 | 1698.09 | 1654.36 |
| 32 | 1666.75 | 1619.52 | 1667.08 | 1616.23 | 1752.89 | 1717.09 | 1753.19 | 1716.71 |
| 33 | 2844.72 | 2379.22 | 2788.43 | 2276.74 | 3037.57 | 2683.66 | 2996.86 | 2580.45 |
| 34 | 2963.33 | 2580.16 | 2918.72 | 2529.40 | 3052.64 | 2941.40 | 3053.77 | 2937.35 |
| 35 | 2979.91 | 2859.10 | 2981.39 | 2851.96 | 3053.30 | 2931.28 | 3053.94 | 2931.75 |
| 36 | 2980.00 | 2853.69 | 2981.45 | 2850.93 | 3108.85 | 2983.14 | 3110.28 | 2965.69 |
| 37 | 3029.65 | 2882.91 | 3031.52 | 2872.06 | 3108.87 | 2953.79 | 3110.29 | 2961.33 |
| 38 | 3029.67 | 2876.13 | 3031.53 | 2871.42 | 3146.50 | 2818.52 | 3113.88 | 2754.06 |
| 39 | 3081.14 | 2923.36 | 3082.86 | 2925.87 | 3159.23 | 3009.48 | 3160.57 | 3004.78 |
| 40 | 3081.15 | 2929.70 | 3082.87 | 2927.25 | 3159.53 | 3012.46 | 3160.60 | 3010.83 |

Table S10 Raw and CP-corrected interaction energy (in kcal/mol) of formic and acetic acid dimers. The magnitude of dispersion and BSSE is also evaluated.

| Method | Interaction energy | Dispersion | % Dispersion | BSSE |
|--|--------------------|------------|--------------|------|
| Formic acid dimer | | | | |
| Optimized and SP calculated with 6-31+G* | | | | |
| BLYP(raw) | -17.23 | | | 1.19 |
| BLYP(CP) | -16.04 | | | |
| Optimized with 6-31+G*, SP calculated with aug-cc-pVTZ | | | | |
| BLYP(raw) | -17.41 | | | 0.23 |
| BLYP(CP) | -17.18 | | | |
| Optimized with 6-31+G*, SP calculated with aug-cc-pV5Z | | | | |
| BLYP(raw) | -17.34 | | | 0.02 |
| BLYP(CP) | -17.32 | | | |
| Optimized and SP calculated with aug-cc-pVTZ | | | | |
| BLYP(raw) | -17.53 | | | 0.25 |
| BLYP(CP) | -17.28 | | | |
| BLYPD3BJ(raw) | -20.89 | -3.36 | 16.08 | 0.26 |
| BLYPD3BJ(CP) | -20.63 | -3.35 | 16.24 | |
| B3LYP(raw) | -18.42 | -2.73 | | 0.26 |
| B3LYP(CP) | -18.16 | | | |
| B3LYPD3BJ(raw) | -21.15 | | 12.91 | |
| B3LYPD3BJ(CP) | -20.89 | | 13.07 | |
| CCSD(T)/aTZ ^a | -19.7 | | | |
| CCSD(T)/CBS ^b | -18.61 | | | |
| Acetic acid dimer | | | | |
| Optimized and SP calculated with aug-cc-pVTZ | | | | |
| BLYP(raw) | -18.36 | | | 0.29 |
| BLYP(CP) | -18.07 | | | |
| BLYPD3BJ(raw) | -22.00 | -3.64 | 16.55 | 0.30 |
| BLYPD3BJ(CP) | -21.70 | -3.63 | 16.73 | |
| B3LYP(raw) | -19.20 | -2.96 | | 0.29 |
| B3LYP(CP) | -18.91 | | | |
| B3LYPD3BJ(raw) | -22.16 | | 13.36 | |
| B3LYPD3BJ(CP) | -21.87 | | 13.53 | |
| CCSD(T)/aTZ ^a | -20.8 | | | |
| Lit. ^b | -14.16 | | | |

^a Single point CCSD(T) on MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ geometry, from ref. [27];

^b CCSD(T)/CBS(aTZ,aQZ) result, from ref. [28]

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