Structure and fragmentation properties of small carbon clusters and fullerenes

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Small carbon clusters: Structure and fragmentation



Experiments in Tandem (Orsay)



Fragmentation models

Weisskopf method

Time dependent description of the fragmentation process.



Thermodynamic equilibrium (not information on the time dependence).

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Electronic Structure Calculations

Method: Density Functional Theory

- Geometry optimization.
- Stability and spin contamination analysis.
- Harmonic frequencies and Zero Point Energy correction.
- Moments of inertia.

• Electronic energies: CCSD(T) // DFT

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Geometries



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Fragmentation: energy dependence

C_7 fragmentation



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Fragmentation: energy distribution



Comparison with experiment



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G. Martinet, S. Diaz-Tendero et al. Phys. Rev. Lett 93, 063401 (2004)



Comparison with experiment







Fullerenes: Structure and fragmentation



Experiments

H. Cederquist et al. Phys. Rev. A **61**, 022712 (2000) Ar⁸⁺-C₆₀ (16 keV)



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T. Schlathölter et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 82, 73 (1999)



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Fullerene structure

Classical fullerenes

- Cage exclusively formed by hexagons and pentagons
- 12 pentagons are needed (Euler)

How many possibilities are there?



Fullerene structure

Adjacent pentagons introduce strain

Isolated Pentagon Rule (IPR)

The most stable and abundant fullerenes only present isolated pentagons: C_{60} and C_{70}

Pentagon Adjacency Penalty Rule (PAPR)

If pentagons cannot be isolated, the fewer pentagon adjacencies the better.

Stone-Wales transformations

A mechanism to generate adjacent pentagons.



Fullerene structure

Hollow sphere model for π electrons



Closed shells have additional stability Number of π electrons (atoms) 2, 8, 18, 32, 50, 72 ... Rule 2 (N+1)² – Spherical Aromaticity M4Nano

Fullerenes studied









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IPR (C ₇₀ , C ₆₀)			
PAPR (others)			
Sphericity Rule (C ₅₀ , C ₅₂ ²⁺)			
Non classical fullerenes (C ₆₂)			
S. Díaz-Tendero <i>et al., J. Chem. Phys</i> , 119 , 5545 (2003) G. Sánchez <i>et al. Chem. Phys. Lett.</i> 416 , 14 (2005)			

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Dissociation energies







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Ionization Potentials







Endohedral derivatives x@C₅₀

V	q	D _{5h}	D ₃
^		5AP / SP=1.7	6AP / SP=0.6
Li	-0.8	0.0	7.6
Li+	0.2	0.9	0.0
He	0.0	2.2	0.0
He+	1.0	0.0	9.1



Highly charged C₆₀^{q+}







Fission Barriers



Dissociation energies





Dissociation energies







Fission barriers: PES



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Fission barriers: Transition states







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Fission barriers: Transition states





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Fission barriers: KER



Fission barriers: Coulomb limit







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Rational synthesis of fullerenes

C₆₀H₃₀ is a precursor of C₆₀





Rational synthesis of fullerenes

Dehydrogenation models









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E. Buñuel, et al., ChemPhysChem 7, 475 (2006)



- -Deposition of fullerene derivatives on surfaces
- -Structure and fragmentation of C_{70}^{q+} (q = 0,14) and C_{70} derivatives
- -Clusters of clusters (fullerenes)



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