

# Confined Quantum Molecule Degrees of Freedom

Symmetry-breaking in H<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>60</sub> Endofullerene



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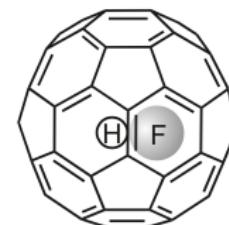
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solid:C<sub>3i</sub>



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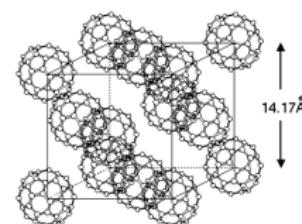
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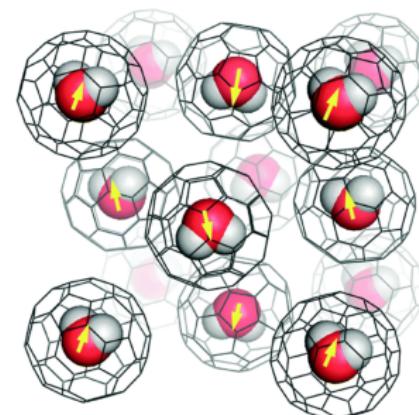
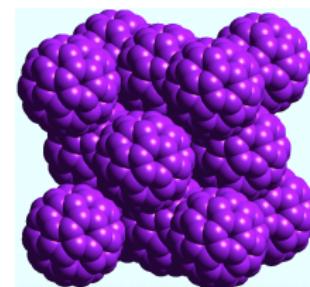
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- ▶ H<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>60</sub>:Koichi Komatsu, Michihisa Murata, Yasujiro Murata, VOL 307, SCIENCE, 2005
- ▶ H<sub>2</sub>O@C<sub>60</sub>:Kei Kurotobi and Yasujiro Murata, VOL 333 SCIENCE, 2011
- ▶ HF@C<sub>60</sub>:Andrea Krachmalnicoff, Richard J. Whitby, NATURE CHEMISTRY VOL 8 , 2016

# C<sub>60</sub> LATTICE VS H<sub>2</sub>O@C<sub>60</sub> LATTICE



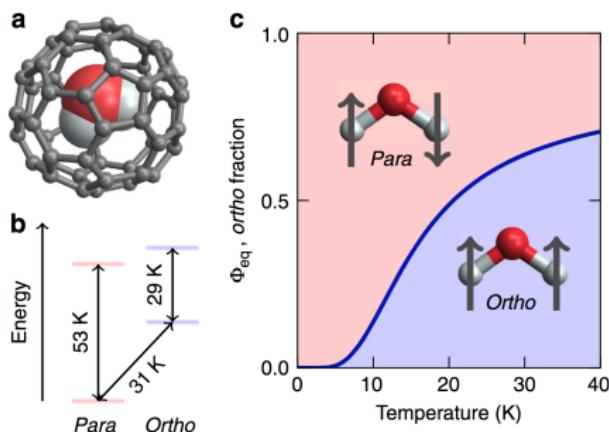
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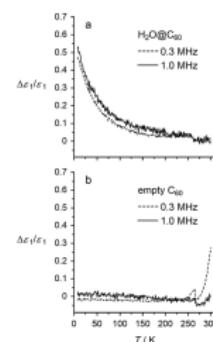
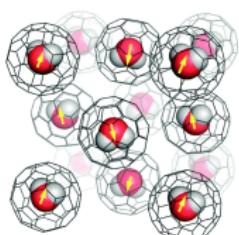
- ▶ Same lattice structure(FCC)
- ▶ Same group symmetry( $P\bar{a}\bar{3}$ )
- ▶ Same structure phase transition

# THE ORTHO PARA CONVERSION OF H<sub>2</sub>O@C<sub>60</sub>



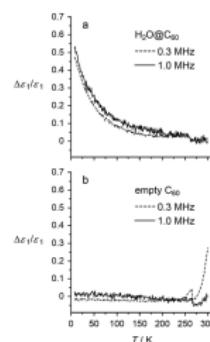
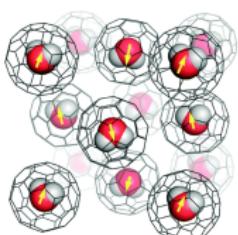
- ▶ the observation of two spin isomers is not possible due to the fact that molecular rotation is restricted from hydrogen bonding
- ▶ stable substance to see spin isomer conversion through dielectric measurements

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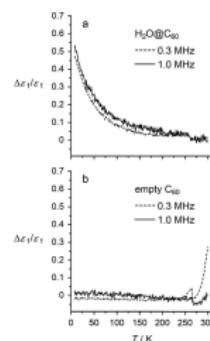
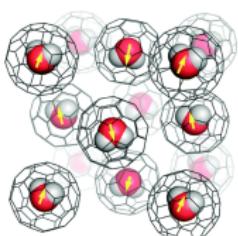
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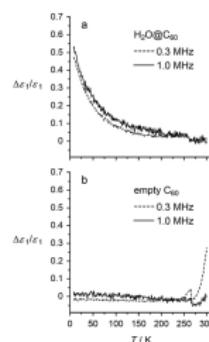
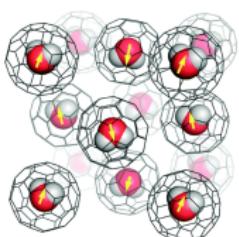
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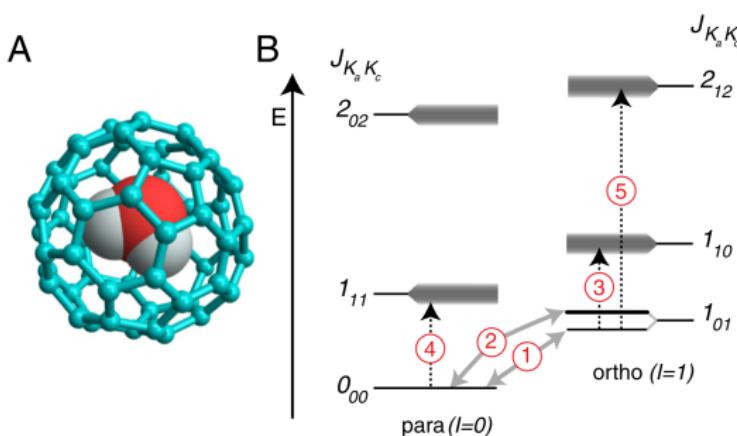
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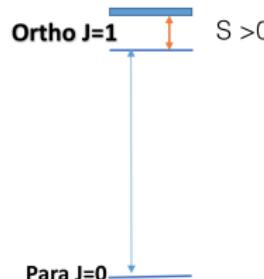
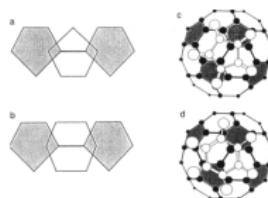
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- Three-fold rotational ground state lifting to doubly degenerate upper level and non-degenerate lower level.

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H-phase: double bonds face the hexagons of neighbouring cage

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P phase } S &= 1.0889\text{cm}^{-1} \\ \text{H phase } S &= 1.3711\text{cm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Three ortho levels split into a low energy non-degenerate level and a high energy doubly degenerate level
- ▶ The splitting are different for P-phase and H-phase neighbouring orientation

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- Rotational constant,H<sub>2</sub> bond length:

$$B_\nu = B_{eq} - \alpha(\nu + \frac{1}{2}), \quad r_\nu = \frac{\hbar}{(2\mu B_\nu)^{1/2}}$$

$B_{eq}(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\alpha(\text{cm}^{-1})$
59.3	2.98

$\nu = 0 \text{ or } \nu = 1$

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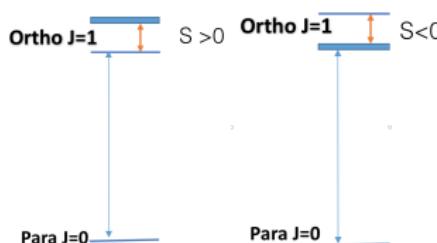
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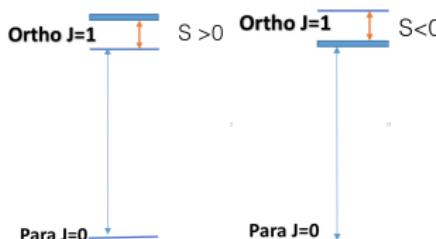
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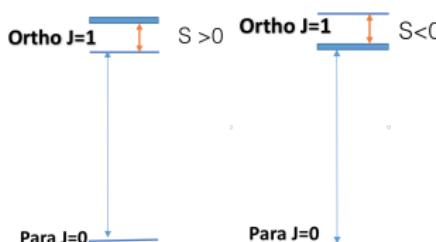
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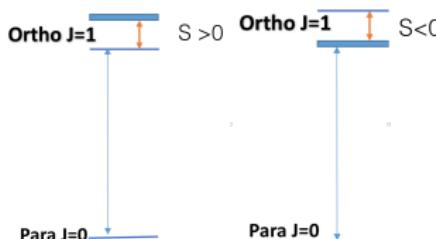


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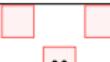


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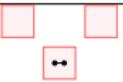
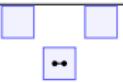
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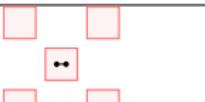
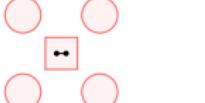
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- ▶ The calculated splitting of all H-phase is slightly different with P-phase
- ▶ The calculated splitting is much smaller than experimental measurements

# COMPARISON OF DISTORTED NEIGHBOURING CAGES WITH IH NEIGHBOURING CAGES

Representation	$S(\text{cm}^{-1})$
	-0.0175
	-0.0181

- ▶ The splitting is not sensitive to the geometry of neighbouring cages
- ▶ The splitting mainly comes from the symmetry breaking of the central cage

# QUESTION

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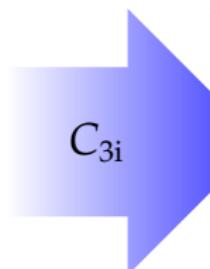
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10 independent coordinates  $\vec{R}_i^{\text{exp}}$  ( $i$  from 1 to 10) measured by experiment

$$R_{ix} = R_{ix}^{\text{exp}} + dx_i$$

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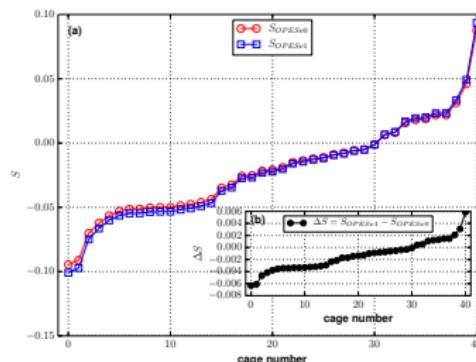
A random distorted cage

distorted slightly different  
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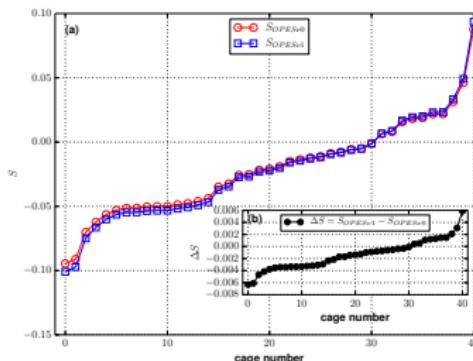
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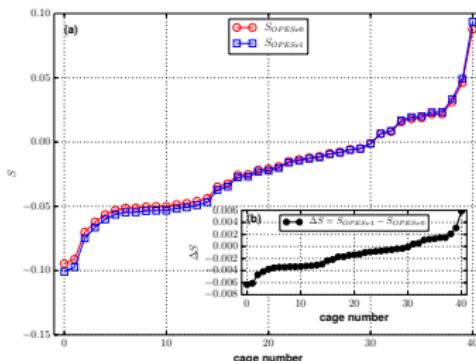
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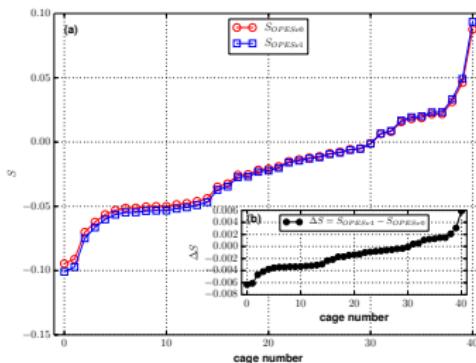
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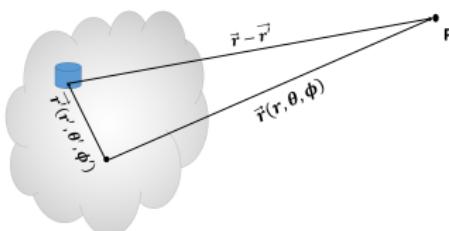
- ▶ Experimental measurements:
  - ▶ P phase  $S=1.0889\text{cm}^{-1}$
- ▶ Calculated splitting with the original cage:
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- ▶ Some geometries give positive splitting and some give negative splitting
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- ▶ Larger  $d_{\text{H}_2}$ , larger splitting, but very little difference for  $\text{H}_2$  at vibrational  $\nu = 0$  or  $\nu = 1$  state



# QUESTION

- ▶ Can we trust these results?
- ▶ Can we analytically solve this problem?

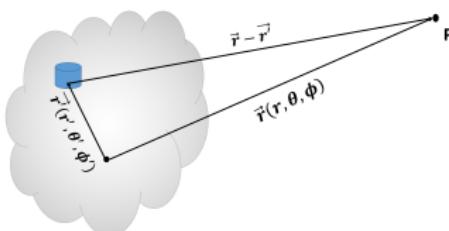
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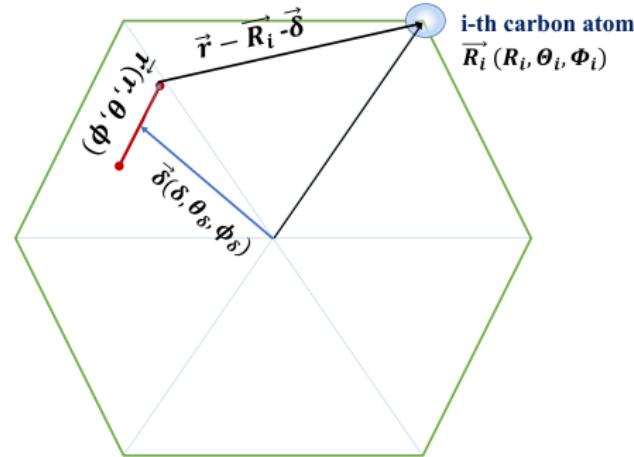
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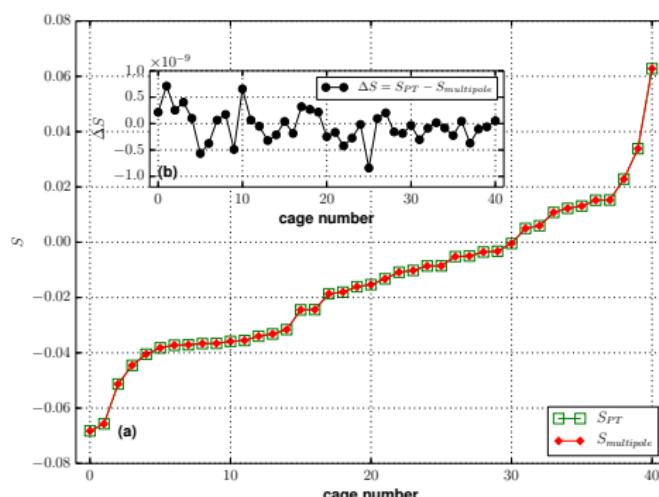
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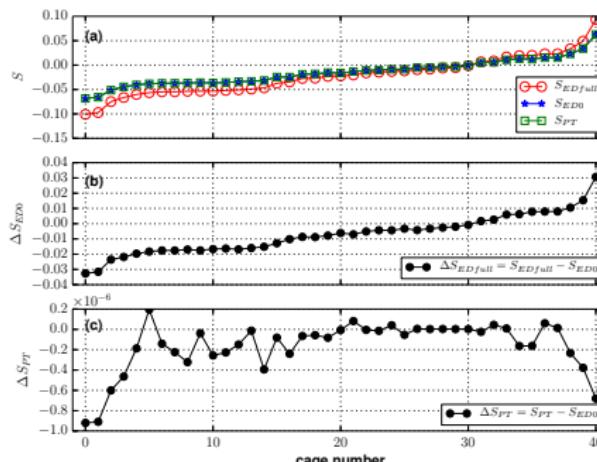
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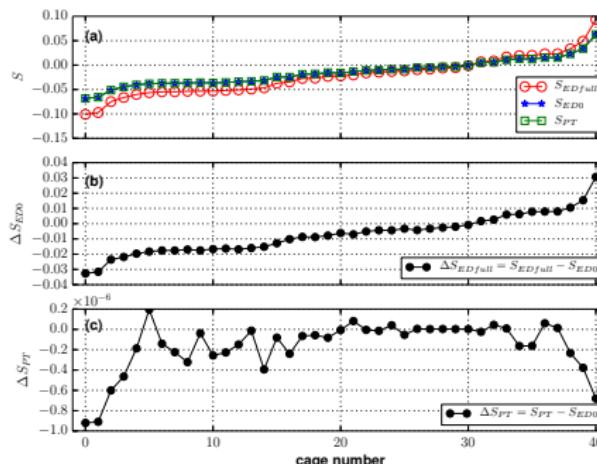
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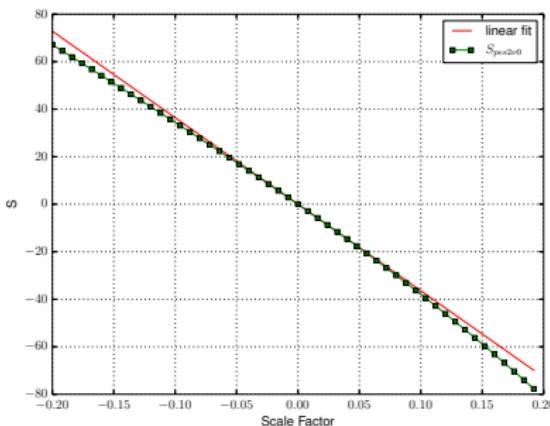


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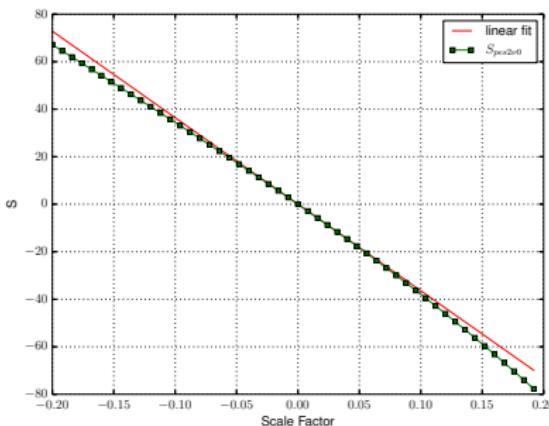
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