

Confined Quantum Molecule Degrees of Freedom

Symmetry-breaking in $\text{H}_2@\text{C}_{60}$ Endofullerene



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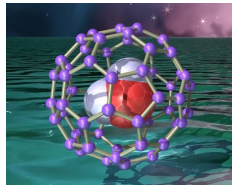
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C_{60} , gas: Ih,
solid: C_{3i}



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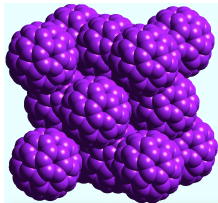
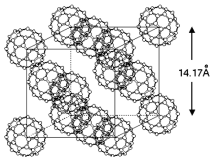
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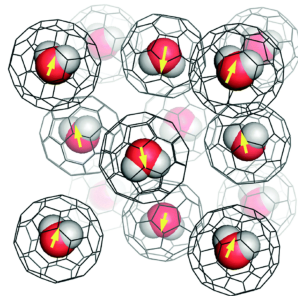
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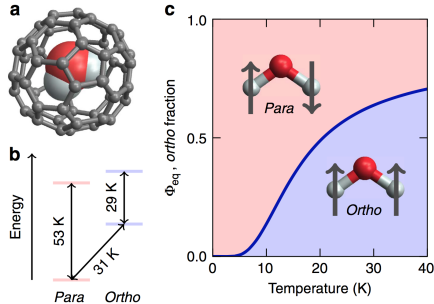
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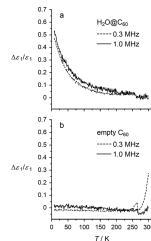
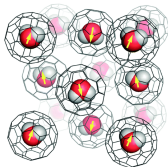
- ▶ Same lattice structure(FCC)
- ▶ Same group symmetry($Pa\bar{3}$)
- ▶ Same structure phase transition

THE ORTHO PARA CONVERSION OF $\text{H}_2\text{O}@\text{C}_{60}$



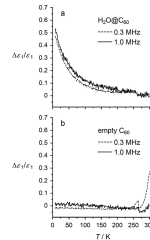
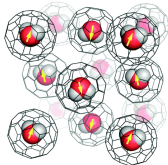
- ▶ the observation of two spin isomers is not possible due to the fact that molecular rotation is restricted from hydrogen bonding
- ▶ stable substance to see spin isomer conversion through dielectric measurements

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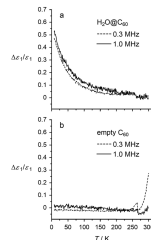
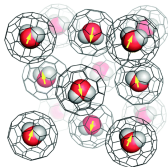
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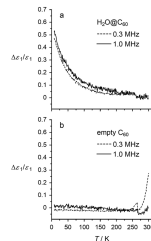
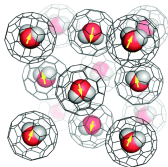
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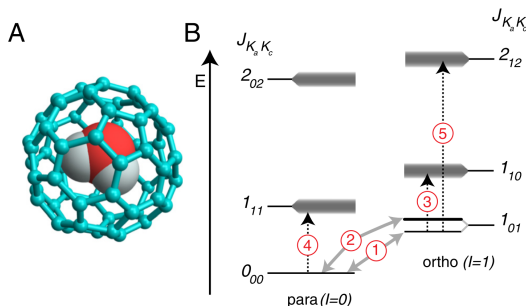
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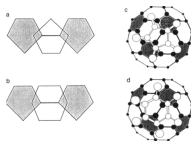
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- ▶ Theoretical efforts are needed in order to predict the collective orientation of dipolar water and phase transition diagrams

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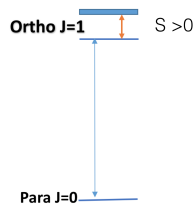
- ▶ Three-fold rotational ground state lifting to doubly degenerate upper level and non-degenerate lower level.

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P-phase: double bonds face the pentagons of neighbouring cage

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



P phase $S = 1.0889\text{cm}^{-1}$

H phase $S = 1.3711\text{cm}^{-1}$

- ▶ 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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 - ▶ "distortion" or "neighbouring orientation"

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► Rotational constant, H₂ bond length:



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$B_{eq}(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\alpha(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\nu = 0 \text{ or } \nu = 1$
59.3	2.98	




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

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


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



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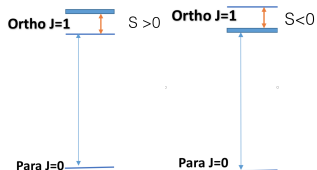
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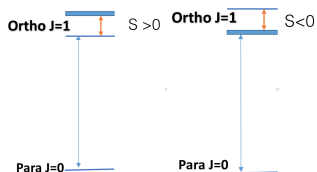
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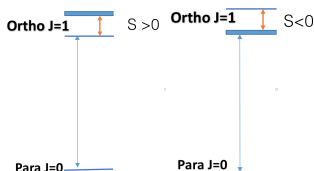


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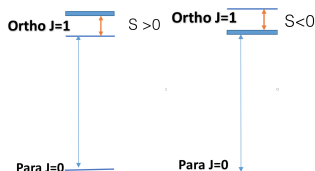
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

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

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

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COMPARISON OF DISTORTED NEIGHBOURING CAGES WITH IH NEIGHBOURING CAGES

Representation	S(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

- ▶ Why is the splitting much smaller than experimental measurements?
- ▶ What is the splitting sensitive to?

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF SPLITTING ON CAGE GEOMETRY

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

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

$$R_{iy} = R_{iy}^{\text{exp}} + dy_i$$

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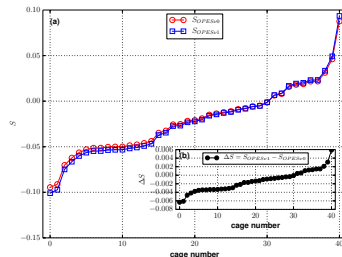
A random distorted cage

distorted slightly different from the experimental cage but with same symmetry

dx_i, dy_i, dz_i are randomly taken from normal distributions with $N(\mu = 0, \sigma = 0.001\text{\AA})$

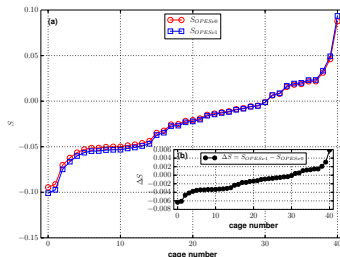
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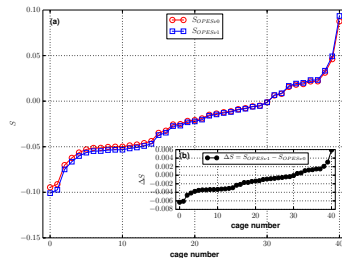
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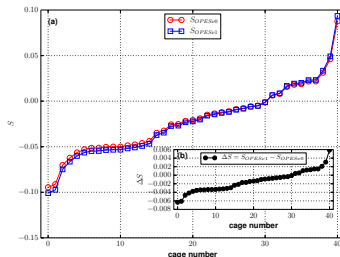
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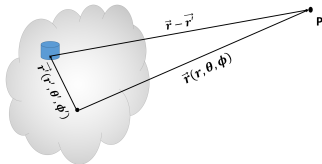


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- ▶ The splitting is extremely sensitive to the cage geometry
- ▶ Larger d_{H_2} , larger splitting, but very little difference for H_2 at vibrational $\nu = 0$ or $\nu = 1$ state

QUESTION

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

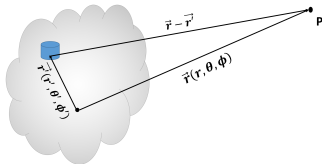
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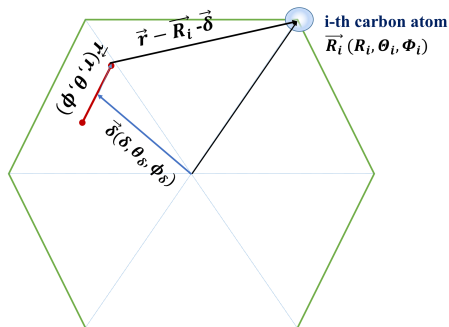
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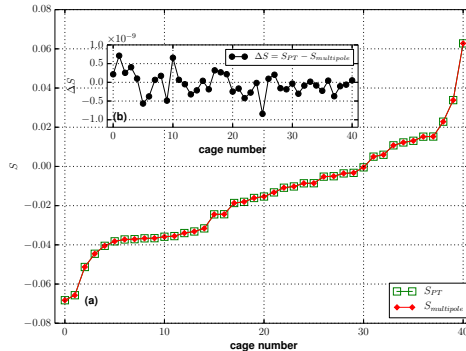
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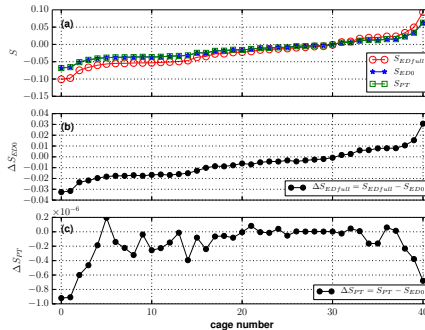
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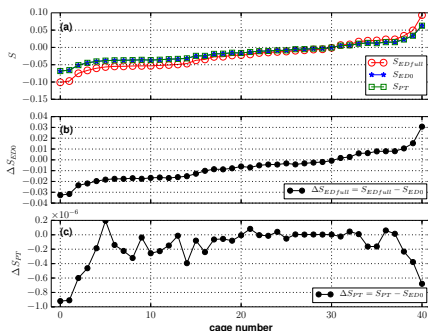
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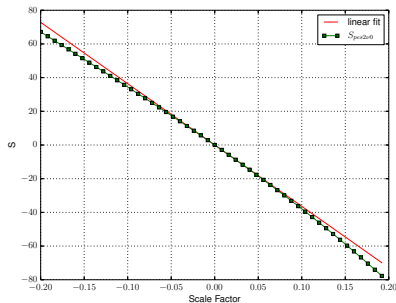


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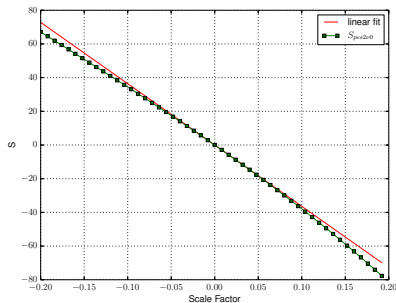
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