

Supporting Information

Phosphorus ylides of
cage-opened sulphide [60]fullerene derivatives

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1. General

The ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{31}P NMR measurements were carried out at room temperature unless otherwise noted with a JEOL JNM ECA500 and Bruker Avance III 800US Plus instruments. The NMR chemical shifts were reported in ppm with reference to residual protons and carbons of benzene- d_6 (δ 7.15 ppm in ^1H NMR, δ 128.00 ppm in ^{13}C NMR), CDCl_3 (δ 7.26 ppm in ^1H NMR, δ 77.00 ppm in ^{13}C NMR), and *o*-dichlorobenzene- d_4 (ODCB- d_4 , δ 7.20 ppm in ^1H NMR, δ 132.35 ppm in ^{13}C NMR). The ^{31}P NMR chemical shifts were reported in ppm with reference to the chemical shift of H_3PO_4 (δ 0.00 ppm) in a glass sealed capillary which was inserted inside the NMR tube filled with benzene- d_6 . APCI (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization) mass spectra were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II. UV-vis absorption spectra were measured with a Shimadzu UV-3150 spectrometer. Cyclic voltammetry was conducted on a BAS Electrochemical Analyzer ALS620C using a three-electrode cell with a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, and a Ag/AgNO_3 reference electrode. The measurements were carried out under N_2 atmosphere using ODCB solutions of 1.0 mM samples and 0.10 M tetrabutylammonium tetrafluoroborate (*n*-Bu₄N·BF₄) as a supporting electrolyte. The redox potentials were calibrated with ferrocene used as an internal standard which was added after each measurement. The high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed with the use of a Cosmosil Buckyprep column (250 mm in length, 4.6 mm in inner diameter) for analytical purpose and the same columns (250 mm in length, 20 mm in inner diameter) for preparative purpose. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with 0.25 mm thick silica gel 60F-254 (Merck). Column chromatography was performed using PSQ 60B (Fuji Silyisia).

Fullerene C₆₀ was purchased from SES Research Co. Triphenylphosphine and hexane were purchased from Nakalai Tesque, Inc. Elemental sulfur was purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. Carbon disulfide, ethyl acetate, and acetone were purchased from FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation. *o*-Dichlorobenzene (ODCB) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. LLC. Tetrakis(dimethylamino)ethylene (TDAE) trimethylphosphite, and trimethylphosphine (1.0 M in toluene) were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co. Ltd.

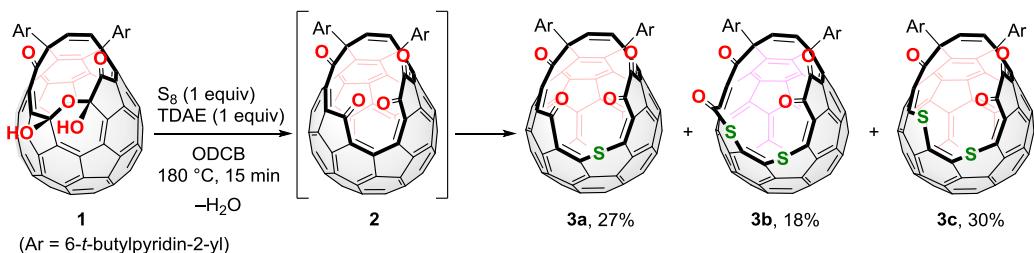
All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, materials purchased from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Compounds **1**¹, **5a**,² and **4a-Me**² were synthesized according to literature procedures.

2. Computational Methods

All calculations were conducted using the Gaussian 09 program.³ All structures at the stationary and transition states were optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) or M06-2X/6-31G(d,p) level of theory without any symmetry assumptions and confirmed by the frequency analyses at the same level of theory. Mulliken atomic charges were calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level of theory using the structures optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. TD DFT calculations were performed at the CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory using the structures optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

3. Synthesis

3.1. Synthesis of 3a–c from 1



Powdery **1** (10.0 mg, 8.92 µmol) and **S**₈ (2.3 mg, 9.0 µmol, 1.0 equiv) were placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.500 mL) and TDAE (2.06 µL, ρ = 0.8695 g/mL, 8.94 µmol, 1.00 equiv) were added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 15 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (CS₂/acetone (200:1) to (50:1)) to give **3c** (3.07 mg, 2.69 µmol, 30%), **3b** (1.88 mg, 1.61 µmol, 18%), and **3a** (2.76 mg, 2.43 µmol, 27%) as brown powders.

3a: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.50 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.223 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.219 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.10 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.04 (d, 1H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.50 (d, 1H, J = 10.3 Hz), 1.21 (s, 9H), 1.08 (s, 9H), –11.43 (br s, 1H); HRMS (APCI) *m/z*: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₈₂H₂₆N₂O₄S (**3a**) 1134.1619; Found 1134.1634. (These data were matched well with the reported one.⁴)

3b: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.55 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.99 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.97 (d, 1H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.38 (d, 0.50H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.36 (d, 0.50H, J = 10.3 Hz), 1.214 (s, 4.5H), 1.209 (s, 4.5H), 1.208 (s, 4.5H), 1.202 (s, 4.5H) (A part of the proton signals for the empty and encapsulated ones was separately observed.); HRMS (APCI) *m/z*: [M]⁺ Calcd for C₈₂H₂₆N₂O₄S₂ (**3b**) 1166.1339; Found 1166.1328. (These data were matched well with the reported one.⁴)

3c: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.55 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.21 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.03 (d, 0.44H, J = 10.3 Hz), 7.02 (d, 0.56H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.57 (d, 0.44H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.56 (d, 0.56H, J = 10.3 Hz), 1.21 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 9H), –10.96 (s, 0.72H) (A

part of the proton signals for the empty and encapsulated ones was separately observed.); HRMS (APCI) m/z : [M] $^{+}$ Calcd for C₈₁H₂₆N₂O₃S₂ (**3c**) 1138.1390; Found 1138.1440. (These data were matched well with the reported one.⁴)

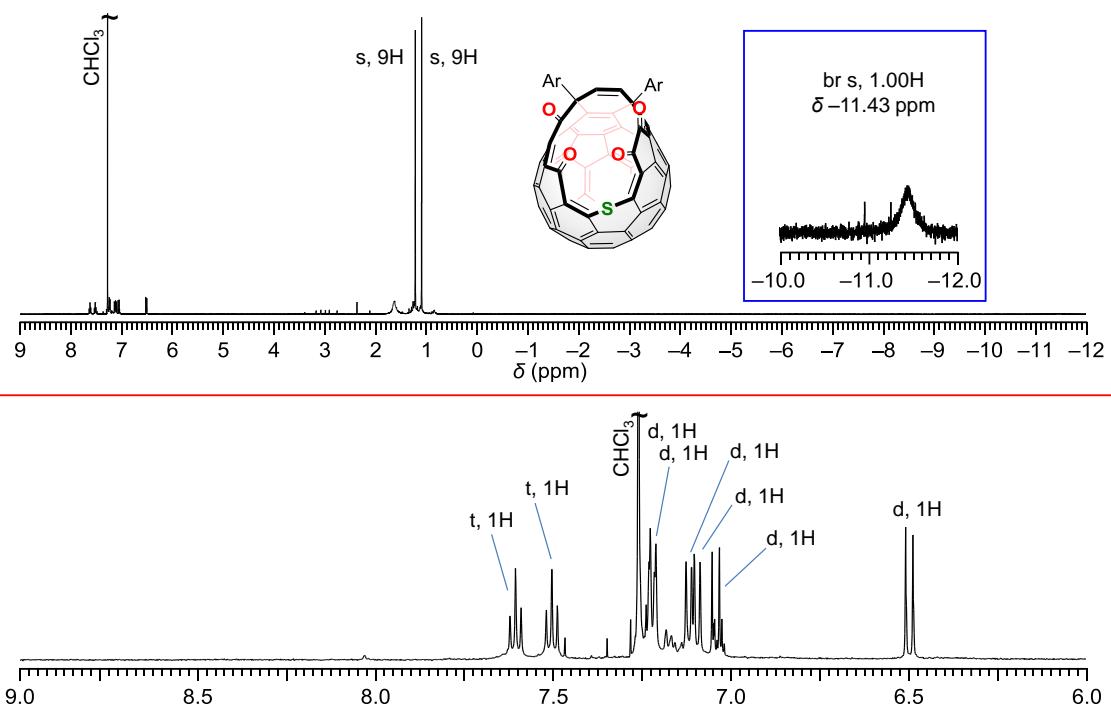


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3a**.

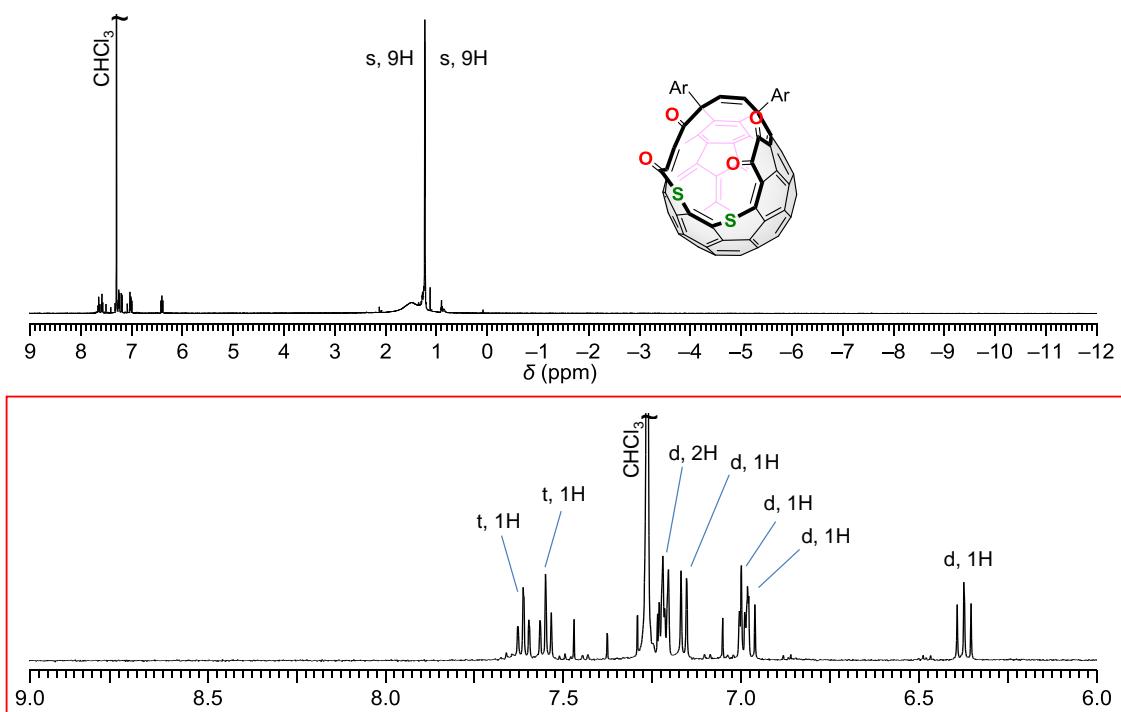


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3b**.

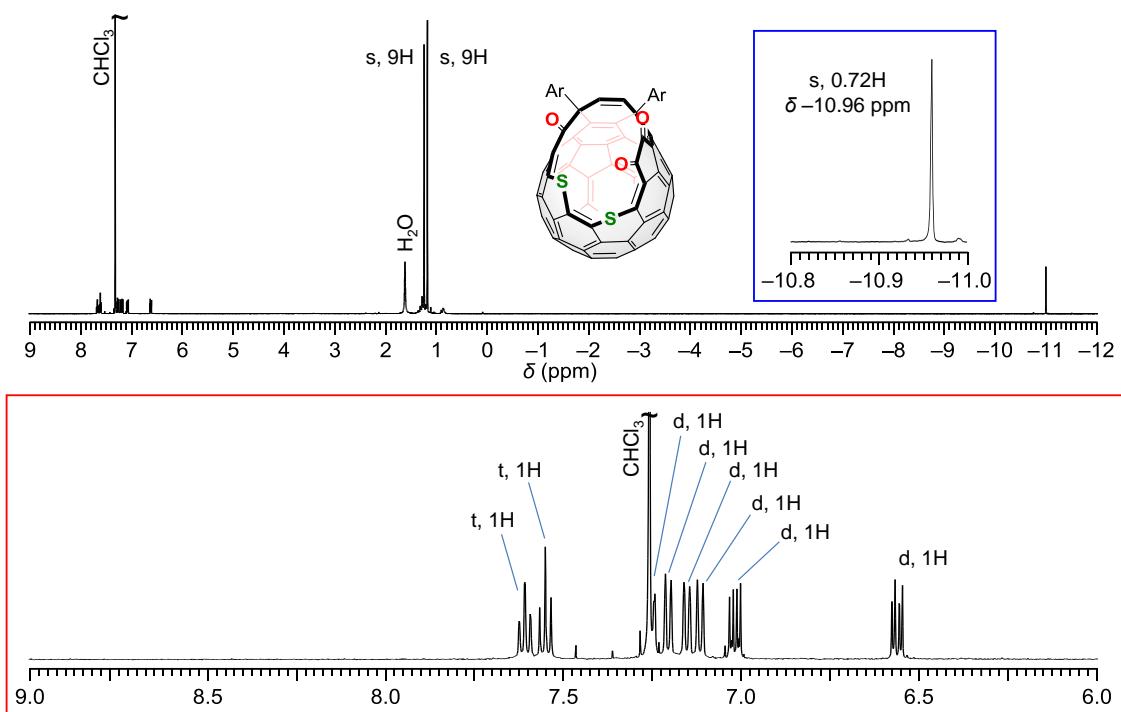
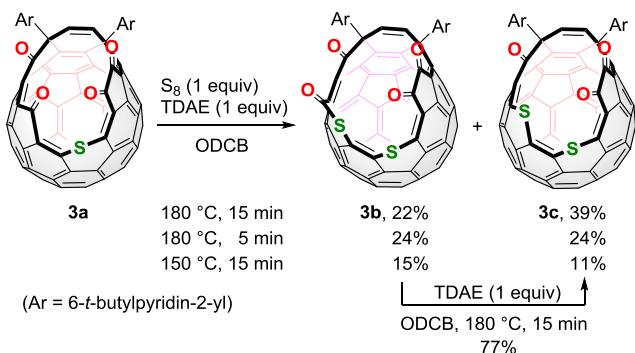


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of **3c**.

3.2. Synthesis of **3b** and **3c** from **3a**



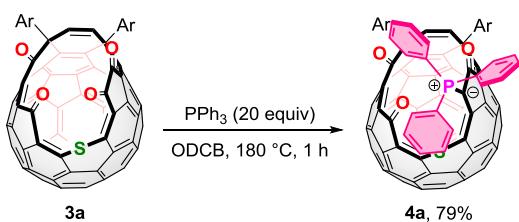
[Synthesis of **3b** and **3c** from **3a**]

Powdery **3a** (10.0 mg, 8.81 µmol) and S₈ (2.3 mg, 9.0 µmol, 1.0 equiv) were placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.500 mL) and TDAE (2.03 µL, $\rho = 0.8695 \text{ g/mL}$, 8.81 µmol, 1.00 equiv) were added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 15 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (CS₂/acetone (200:1) to (50:1)) to give **3c** (3.87 mg, 3.40 µmol, 39%), **3b** (2.28 mg, 1.95 µmol, 22%), and unreacted **3a** (2.06 mg, 1.81 µmol, 21%) as brown powders.

[Conversion of **3b** into **3c**]

Powdery **3b** (5.00 mg, 4.28 µmol) was placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.250 mL) and TDAE (1.00 µL, $\rho = 0.8695 \text{ g/mL}$, 4.34 µmol, 1.01 equiv) were added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 15 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (CS₂/acetone (200:1)) to give **3c** (3.77 mg, 3.23 µmol, 77%) as a brown powder.

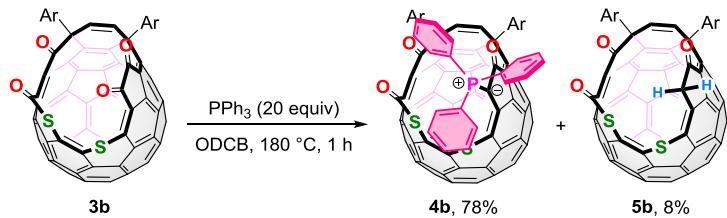
3.3. Reaction of **3a** with **PPh₃**



Powdery **3a** (10.0 mg, 8.81 μmol) and **PPh₃** (46.3 mg, 177 μmol , 20.0 equiv) were placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.301 mL) was added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 1 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel ($\text{CS}_2/\text{acetone}$ (100:1) to (50:1)) to give **4a** (9.65 mg, 6.99 μmol , 79%) and unreacted **3a** (1.78 mg, 1.57 μmol , 18%) as brown powders.

4a: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (br s, 6H), 7.77 (br s, 6H), 7.77–7.68 (br m, 3H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H) 1.12 (m, 18H), –11.14 (s, 1.29H); HRMS (APCI) m/z : [M] $^{+}$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{88}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{PS}$ (**4a**) 1381.2614; Found 1381.2600. (These data were matched well with the reported one.²)

3.4. Reaction of 3b with PPh₃

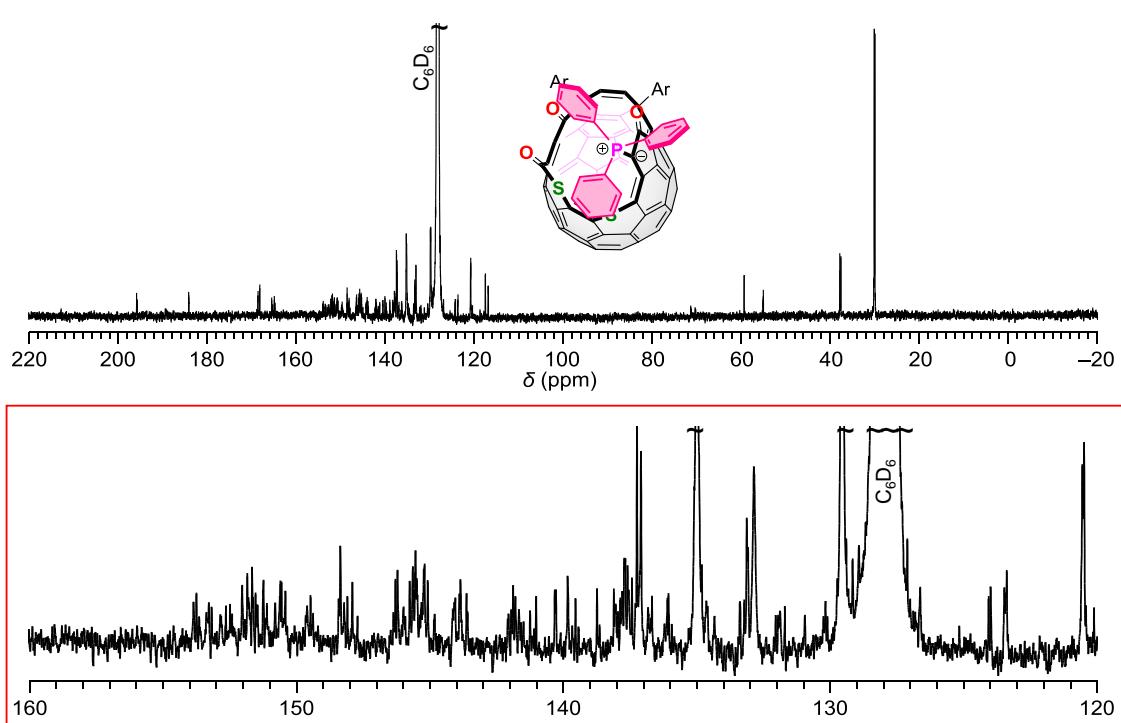
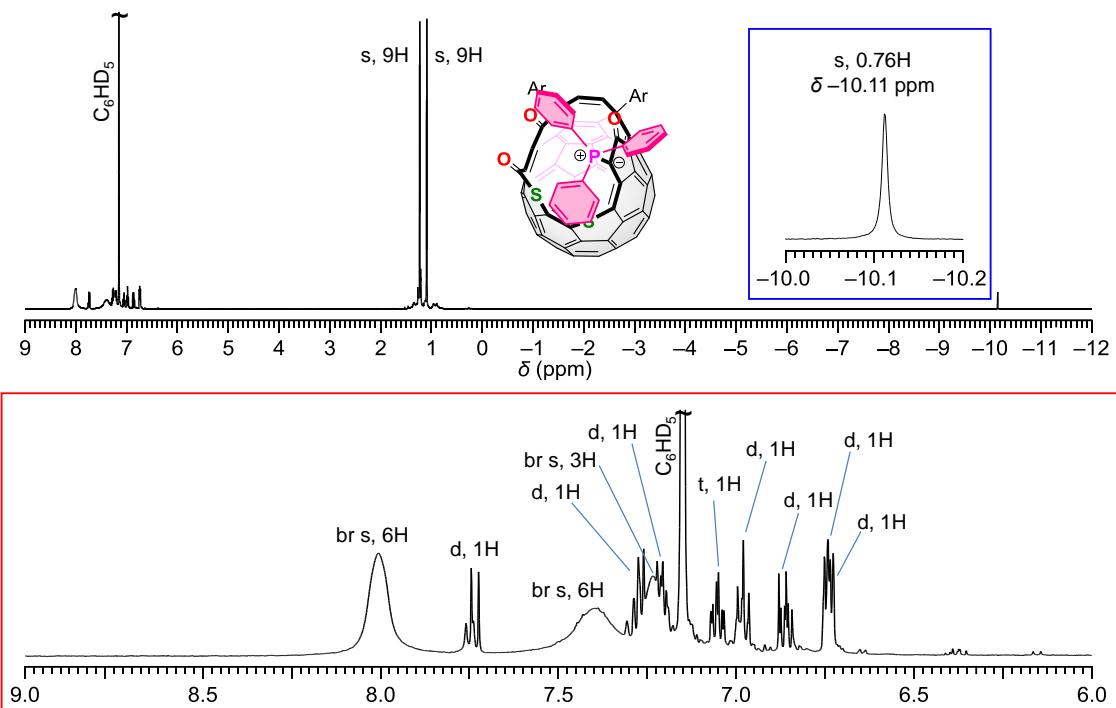


Powdery **3b** (10.0 mg, 8.56 µmol) and PPh₃ (45.0 mg, 172 µmol, 20.0 equiv) were placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.292 mL) was added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 1 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (toluene to toluene/EtOAc (100:1)) to give **5b** (0.80 mg, 0.69 µmol, 8%) and **4b** (9.46 mg, 6.69 µmol, 78%) as brown powders.

4b: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, benzene-*d*₆) δ 8.00 (br s, 6H), 7.75 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 7.73 (d, 0.75H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 7.40 (br s, 6H), 7.30 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.27 (d, 0.75H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (br s, 3H), 7.211 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.205 (d, 0.75H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.05 (d, 0.75H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.99 (d, 0.5H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.97 (d, 0.5H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.87 (d, 0.5H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 6.86 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 6.85 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 6.743 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.735 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.244 (s, 4.5H), 1.239 (s, 4.5H), 1.11 (s, 4.5H), 1.10 (s, 4.5H), -10.11 (s, 0.76H) (The proton signals of the empty and encapsulated ones were separately observed.); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, benzene-*d*₆) δ 195.55, 195.50, 195.41, 183.85, 183.81, 168.34, 168.31, 167.91, 165.24, 165.01, 164.65, 164.51, 153.79, 153.68, 153.58, 153.31, 153.22, 153.12, 152.79, 152.76, 152.58, 152.43, 152.35, 151.98, 151.87, 151.79, 151.72, 151.684, 151.680, 151.61, 151.58, 151.48, 151.44, 151.40, 151.20, 151.18, 151.09, 151.05, 151.00, 150.75, 150.58, 150.55, 150.51, 150.37, 149.61, 149.57, 149.56, 149.43, 149.37, 149.33, 149.16, 148.38, 148.36, 148.32, 148.18, 148.14, 148.05, 147.87, 147.68, 146.34, 146.26, 146.19, 146.02, 145.98, 145.96, 145.90, 145.73, 145.61, 145.53, 145.51, 145.48, 145.46, 145.44, 145.37, 145.29, 145.26, 145.23, 145.21, 145.18, 145.06, 144.83, 144.80, 144.14, 144.12, 144.07, 144.05, 144.03, 143.87, 143.84, 143.82, 143.80, 143.61, 143.57, 142.08, 142.05, 141.94, 141.92, 141.88, 141.85, 141.79, 141.76, 141.66, 141.62, 141.57, 141.49, 141.24, 141.09, 141.02, 140.32, 140.28, 139.84, 139.82, 139.67, 139.55, 139.44, 139.42, 138.74, 138.65, 138.12, 138.08, 138.05, 137.96, 137.88, 137.81, 137.73, 137.69, 137.61, 137.57, 137.44, 137.31, 137.26, 137.17, 137.15, 137.11, 136.84, 136.82, 136.75, 136.70, 136.23, 136.12, 136.08, 135.96, 135.21, 135.13, 135.05, 135.03, 135.00, 134.99, 134.94, 134.84, 134.67,

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5b: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.53 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.98 (d, 0.36H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.97 (d, 0.64H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (d, 0.64H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 6.88 (d, 0.36H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 6.28 (d, 0.64H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 6.26 (d, 0.36H, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 4.45 (d, 0.64H, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 4.37 (d, 0.36H, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 4.19 (d, 0.64H, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 4.16 (d, 0.36H, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 1.243 (s, 3.24H), 1.240 (s, 5.76H), 1.192 (s, 3.24H), 1.187 (s, 5.76H), -10.83 (s, 0.86H) (The proton signals of the empty and encapsulated ones were separately observed.); ¹³C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.50, 194.79, 194.55, 184.89, 168.75, 168.21, 164.37, 162.51, 154.39, 152.67, 151.63, 150.88, 150.73, 150.47, 150.25, 149.71, 149.38, 149.27, 149.05, 148.93, 148.73, 148.71, 148.61, 148.55, 148.45, 148.34, 148.32, 148.22, 148.19, 146.56, 146.49, 146.48, 146.30, 146.21, 145.94, 145.27, 144.90, 144.86, 144.75, 144.69, 144.23, 144.13, 143.95, 143.87, 143.85, 143.82, 143.62, 143.57, 143.36, 143.17, 143.12, 143.00, 142.88, 142.86, 142.72, 142.70, 142.50, 141.36, 141.17, 140.95, 139.34, 138.80, 138.76, 138.73, 138.58, 138.53, 138.51, 138.48, 138.34, 138.07, 138.02, 137.97, 137.53, 137.44, 137.36, 137.08, 136.94, 136.90, 136.51, 134.99, 134.42, 134.22, 134.12, 134.06, 133.93, 133.75, 133.70, 133.51, 131.12, 131.04, 130.38, 130.29, 130.02, 129.85, 129.82, 129.41, 129.36, 129.30, 129.12, 129.03, 128.93, 128.80, 128.05, 127.91, 127.78, 127.67, 126.96, 126.84, 126.76, 126.54, 126.44, 125.05, 124.98, 124.95, 124.45, 123.96, 123.93, 123.88, 121.80, 121.76, 121.55, 121.49, 119.91, 119.86, 119.62, 119.57, 119.10, 118.16, 117.41, 117.38, 116.90, 116.88, 59.95, 54.20, 54.15, 43.46, 43.41, 37.73, 37.63, 29.87, 29.70 (The sum of carbon signals must be 78 in theory. Observed 139 (for two components, **5b** and H₂O@**5b**). Two carbonyl, 10 sp², and five sp³ carbon signals are overlapped.); HRMS (APCI) *m/z*: [M]⁻ Calcd for C₈₂H₂₈N₂O₃S₂ (**5b**) 1152.1547; Found 1152.1521.



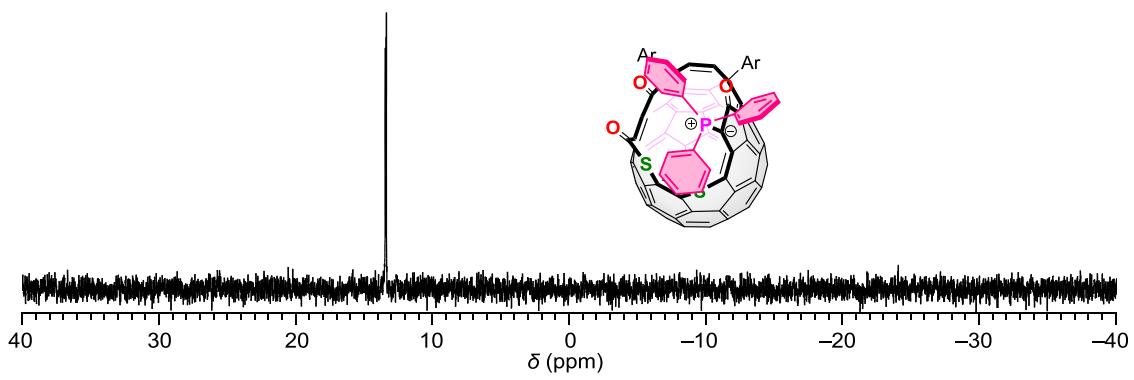


Figure S6. ^{31}P NMR spectrum (202 MHz, benzene- d_6) of **4b**.

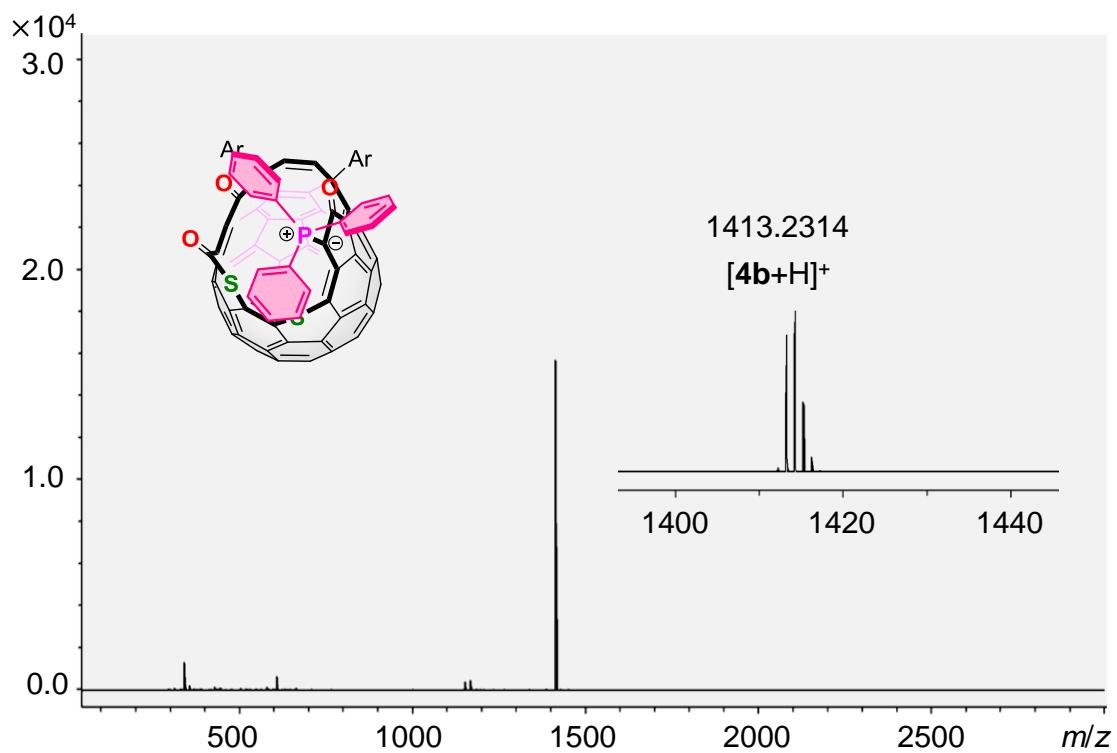


Figure S7. APCI mass spectra (positive ion mode) of **4b**.

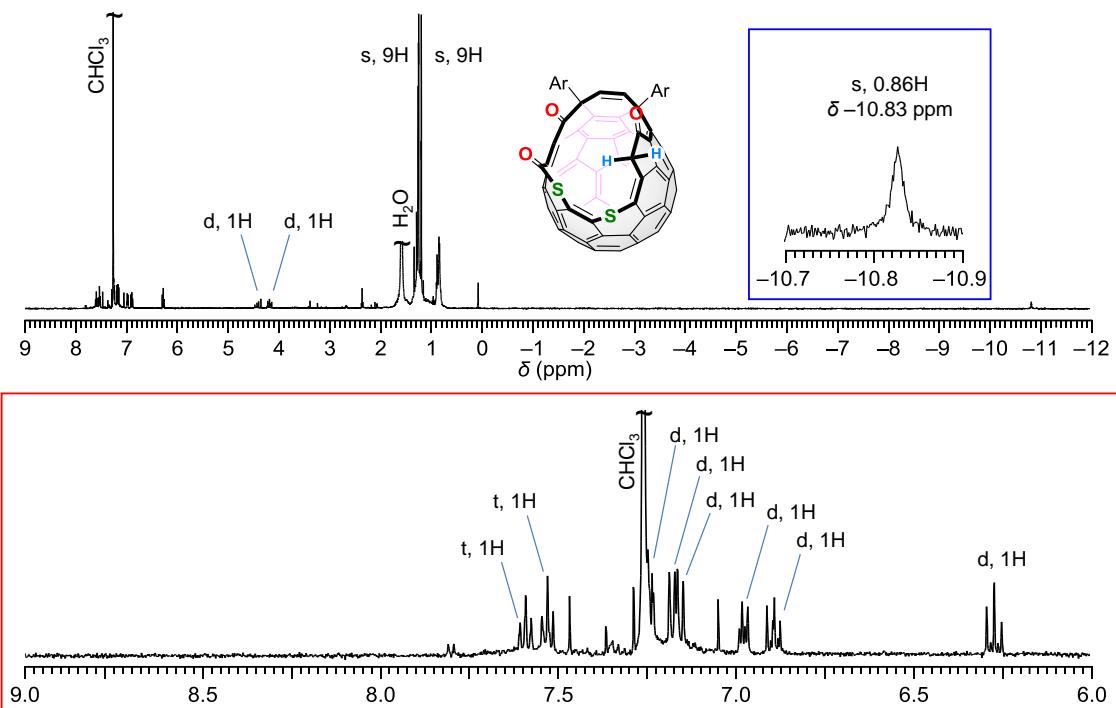


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, CDCl_3) of **5b**.

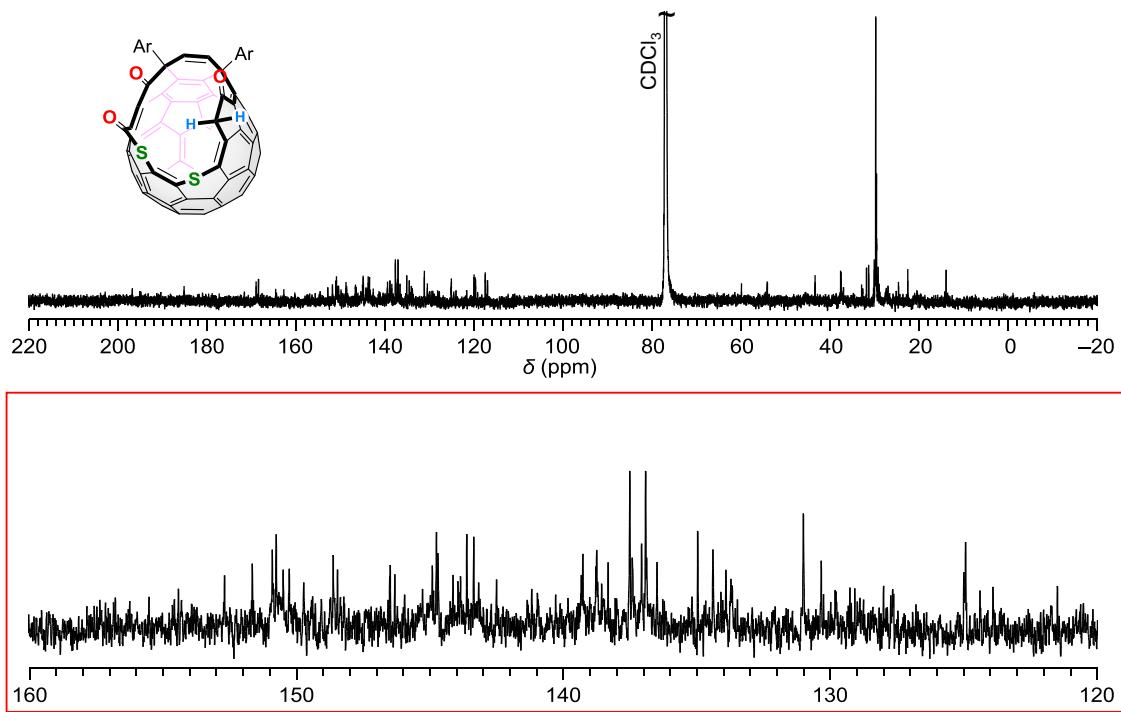


Figure S9. ^{13}C NMR spectra (201 MHz, CDCl_3) of **5b**.

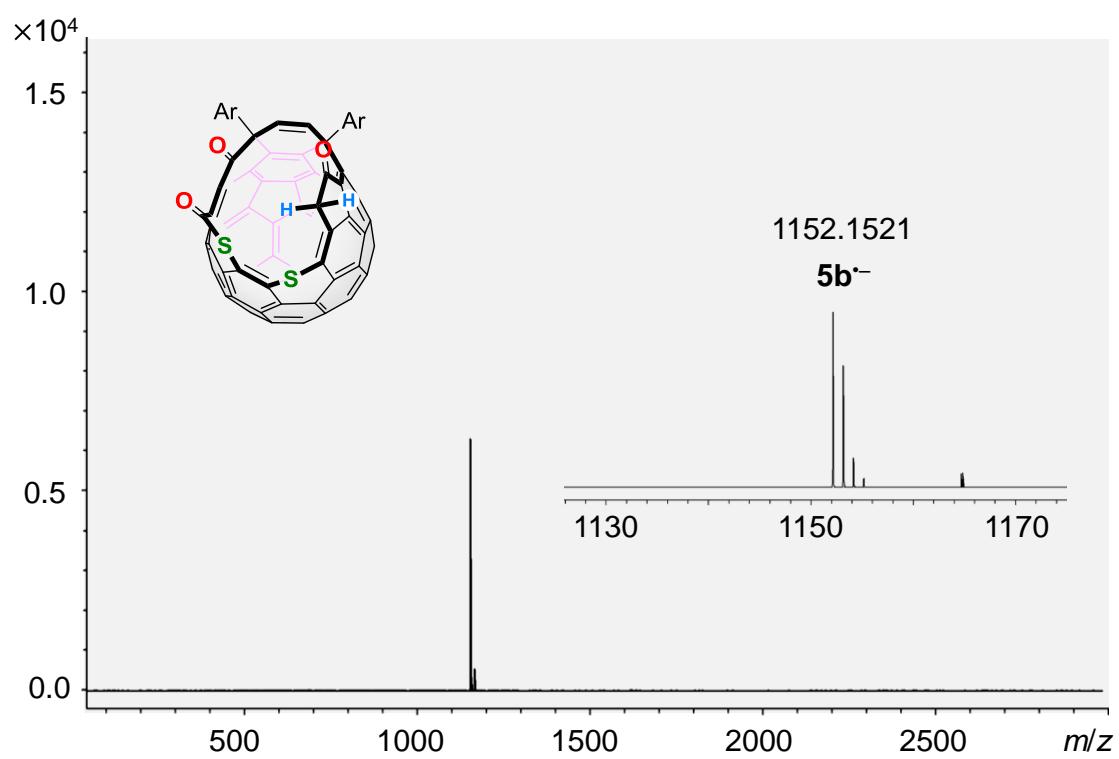
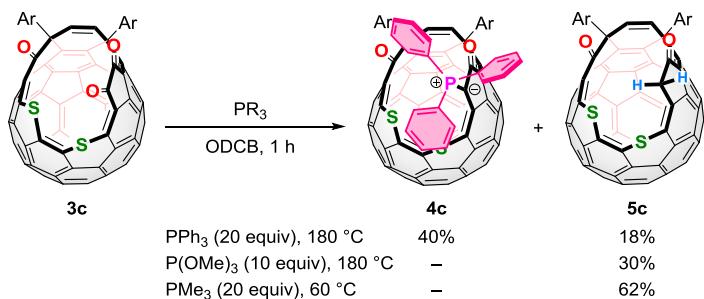


Figure S10. APCI mass spectrum (negative ion mode) of **5b**.

3.5. Reaction of **3b** with PR_3



[Reaction with PPh₃]

Powdery **3c** (20.0 mg, 17.6 μmol) and PPh₃ (92.0 mg, 351 μmol , 20.0 equiv) were placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.600 mL) was added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 1 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (toluene/hexane (1:1) to (3:1)) to give **5c** (3.59 mg, 3.19 μmol , 18%), unreacted **3c** (5.42 mg, 2.70 μmol , 15%), and **4c** (9.69 mg, 6.99 μmol , 40%) as brown powders.

[Reaction with P(OMe)₃]

Powdery **3c** (10.0 mg, 8.78 μmol) was placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.600 mL) and P(OMe)₃ (10.4 μL , $\rho = 1.052 \text{ g/mL}$, 88.2 μmol , 10.0 equiv) were added and the resulting solution was heated at 180 °C for 1 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (toluene/hexane (1:1)) to give **5c** (2.95 mg, 2.62 μmol , 30%) as a brown powder.

[Reaction with PMe₃]

Powdery **3c** (10.0 mg, 8.78 μmol) was placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.300 mL) and PMe₃ (1.0 M in toluene, 176 μL , 176 μmol , 20.0 equiv) were added and the resulting solution was heated at 60 °C for 1 h (Aluminum block heater). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (CS₂/EtOAc (100:1)) to give **5c** (6.10 mg, 5.42 μmol , 62%) as a brown powder.

4c: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, benzene- d_6) δ 8.17 (dd, 6H, J = 8.0 Hz, $J_{\text{HP}} = 12.6$ Hz), 7.75 (d, 0.65H, J = 10.3 Hz), 7.74 (d, 0.35H, J = 10.3 Hz), 7.42 (d, 0.35H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.41 (d, 0.65H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.43–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.282 (d, 0.35H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.275 (d, 0.65H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.22 (br t, 3H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.01 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.96 (d, 0.65H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.95 (d, 0.35H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.77 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.76 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 1.24 (s, 3.15H), 1.23 (s, 5.85H), 1.133 (s, 3.15H), 1.126 (s, 5.85H), –10.45 (s, 1.30H) (The proton signals of the empty and encapsulated ones were separately observed.); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, benzene- d_6) δ 198.89, 188.91, 188.83, 168.04, 167.99, 167.96, 167.83, 165.29, 164.47, 157.71, 154.14, 154.11, 153.91, 153.23, 152.22, 151.85, 151.34, 151.06, 150.89, 150.71, 150.68, 150.23, 149.94, 149.90, 149.74, 148.62, 148.60, 148.35, 148.18, 147.72, 146.02, 145.91, 145.85, 145.82, 145.68, 145.62, 145.38, 145.30, 145.28, 145.21, 145.18, 145.12, 144.98, 144.75, 144.68, 143.93, 143.83, 143.60, 143.57, 142.55, 142.51, 142.43, 142.29, 141.71, 141.52, 140.78, 140.16, 139.78, 138.10, 138.04, 137.97, 137.93, 137.82, 137.74, 137.34, 137.27, 137.19, 137.06, 136.56, 136.11, 135.70, 135.43, 135.25, 135.14, 135.07, 134.07, 133.57, 132.87, 132.74, 132.30, 132.24, 131.01, 129.90, 129.66, 129.54, 129.43, 129.28, 125.91, 125.64, 124.90, 123.49, 123.39, 121.07, 121.01, 120.47, 120.44, 117.36, 117.34, 116.65, 116.61, 70.85 ($J_{\text{CP}} = 120$ Hz), 58.68, 55.10, 55.07, 37.73, 37.67, 37.60, 30.42, 30.11, 29.97 (The carbon signals of the empty and encapsulated ones were separately observed. The sum of carbon signal of each cage must be 81 in theory. Observed 110 (for two components, **4c** and H₂O@**4c**). One carbonyl, 48 sp², and 3 sp³ carbon signals are overlapped.); ^{31}P (202 MHz, benzene- d_6) 13.00, 12.93 (The ^{31}P signal of the empty and encapsulated ones was separately observed.); HRMS (APCI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₉₉H₄₂N₂O₂PS₂ (**4c**+H) 1386.2453; Found 1385.2362.

5c: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, benzene- d_6) δ 7.27 (d, 1H, J = 10.3 Hz), 7.184 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.175 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.14 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, J = 10.3 Hz), 4.70 (d, 0.30H, J = 21.8 Hz), 4.68 (d, 0.70H, J = 21.8 Hz), 3.70 (d, 0.30H, J = 21.8 Hz), 3.68 (d, 0.70H, J = 21.8 Hz), 1.201 (s, 2.7H), 1.196 (s, 6.3H), 1.160 (s, 2.7H), 1.156 (s, 6.3H), –11.09 (s, 1.20H) (The proton signals of the empty and encapsulated ones were separately observed.); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, benzene- d_6) δ 197.38, 197.37, 196.66, 196.57, 168.43, 168.41, 168.39, 165.08, 164.92, 163.22, 163.09, 159.36, 155.12, 155.08, 154.43, 154.41, 153.09, 152.95, 151.06, 150.94, 150.89, 150.76, 150.68, 150.64, 150.16, 150.09, 149.86, 149.76, 149.67, 149.63, 149.47, 149.43, 149.35, 149.32, 149.26, 149.08, 149.05, 148.71,

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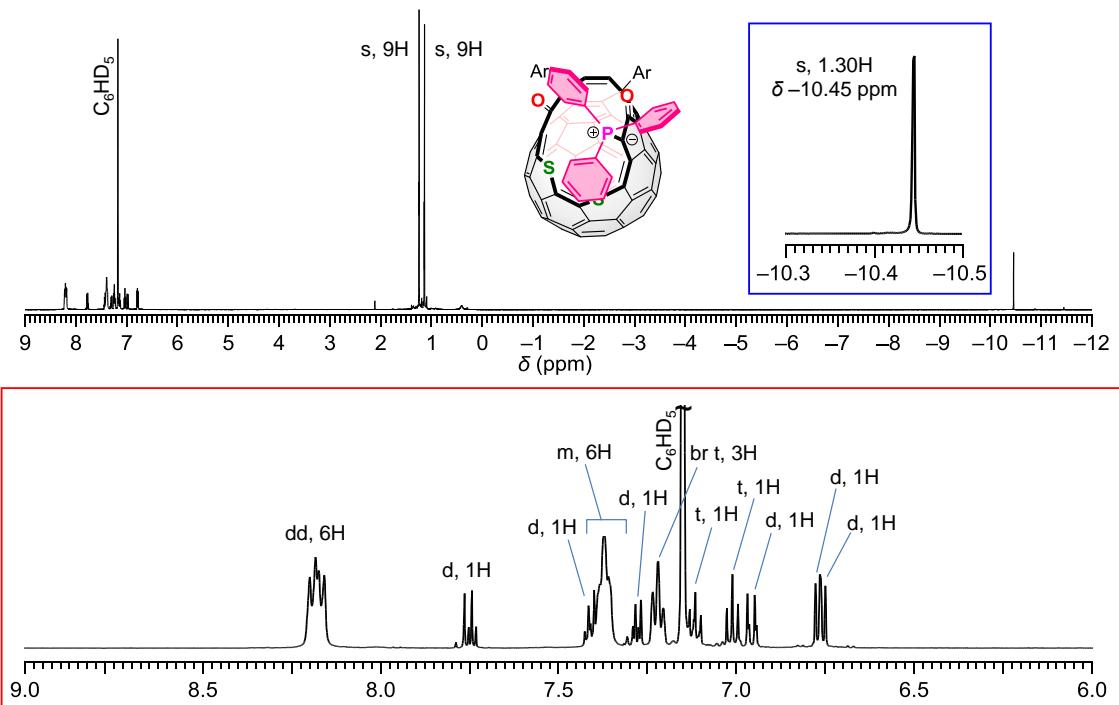


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, benzene- d_6) of **4c**.

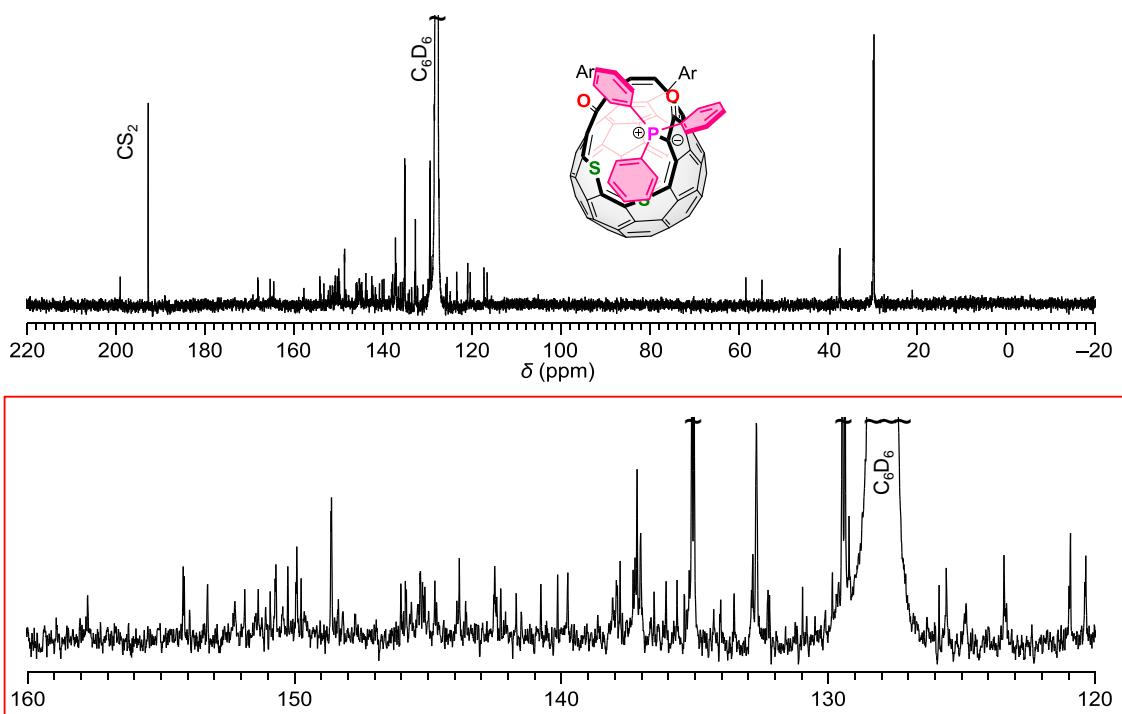


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectra (126 MHz, benzene- d_6) of **4c**.

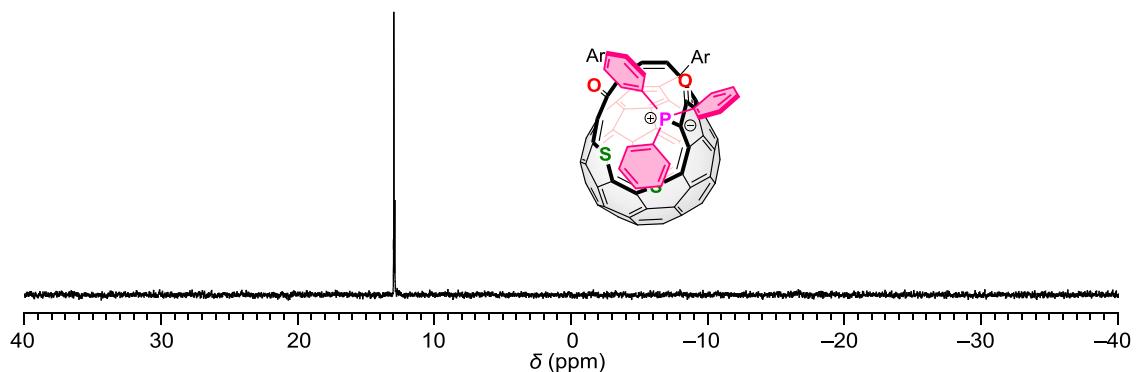


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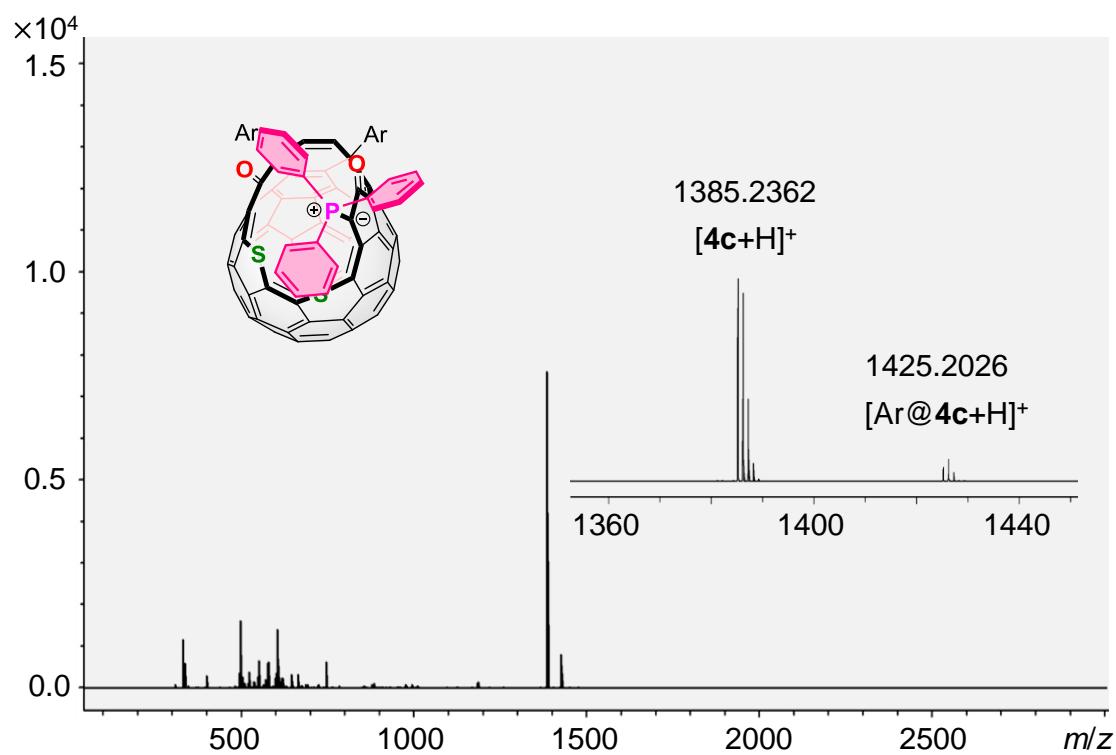


Figure S14. APCI mass spectra (positive ion mode) of **4c**.

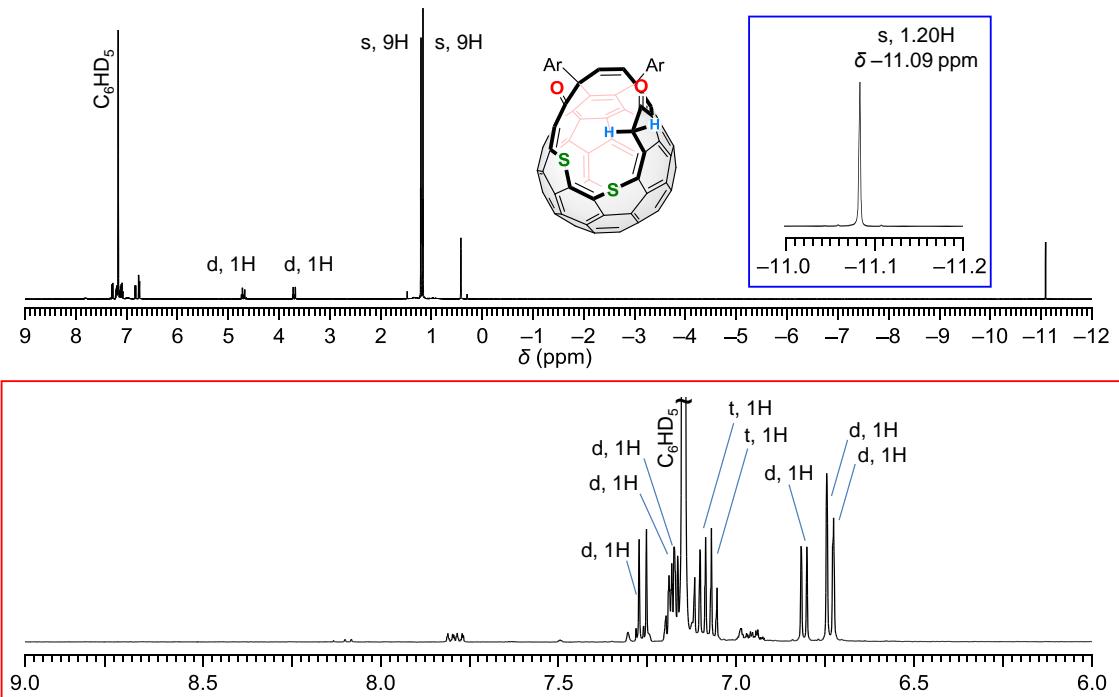


Figure S15. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, benzene- d_6) of **5c**.

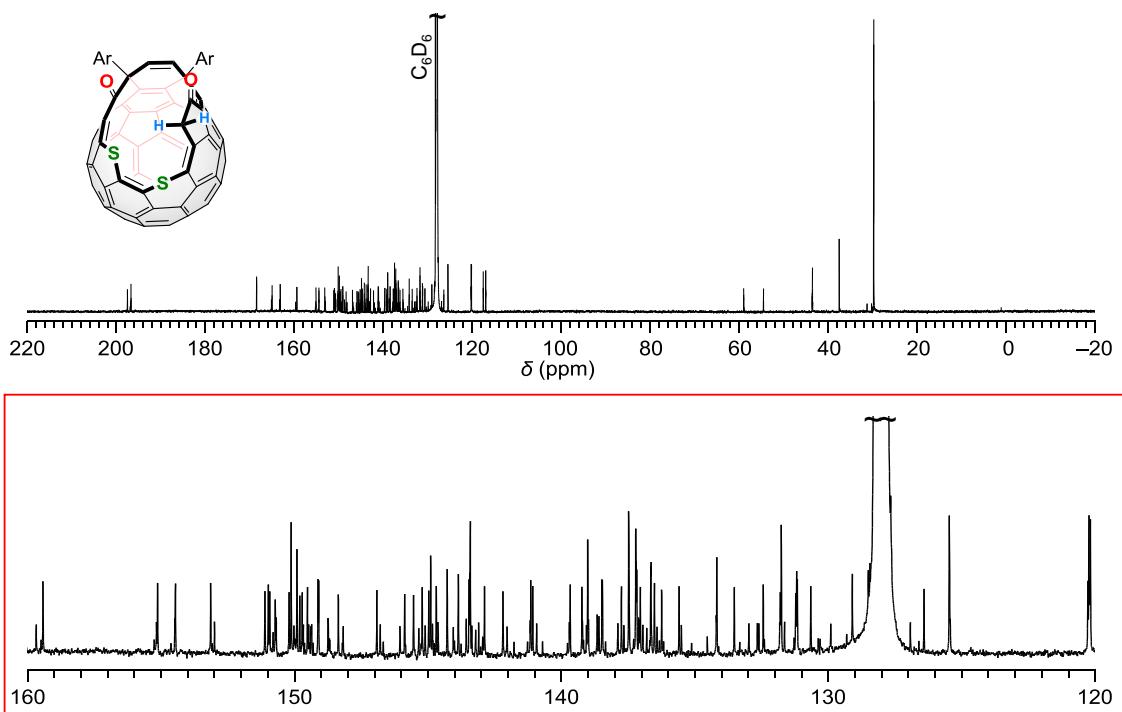


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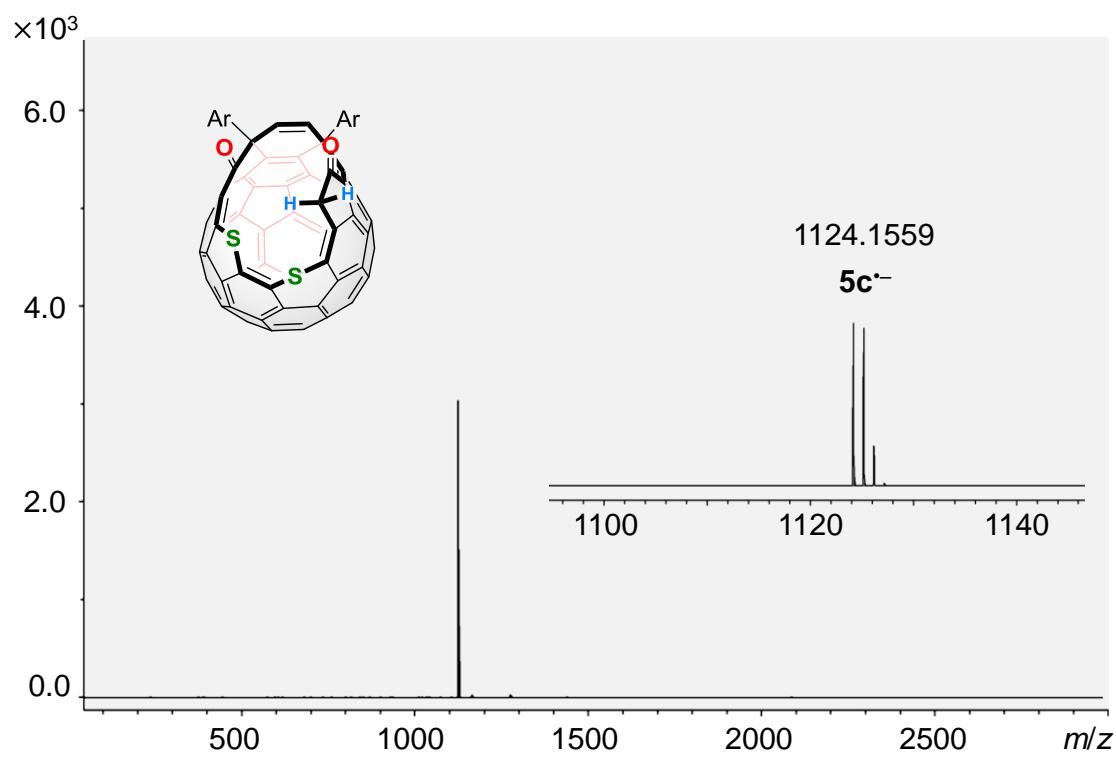


Figure S17. APCI mass spectra (negative ion mode) of **5c**.

4. H/D Exchange

Powdery **4a-Me** (5.00 mg, 4.18 µmol) was placed into a Schlenk tube and degassed through three vacuum-Ar cycles. ODCB (0.500 mL) and D₂O (7.57 µL, 4.18 µmol, 1.00 × 10³ equiv) were added and the resulting solution was heated at 150 °C for 8 h (Aluminum block heater). After passing through a silica gel pad (CS₂/EtOAc (50:1)), the crude mixture was purified by HPLC equipped with the Buckyprep column (toluene, 7.5 mL/min, 50 °C) to give **5a-d₂** (1.10 mg, 0.70 µmol, 23%) as a brown powder.

The reaction of **4a-Me** with water was conducted in a similar manner to obtain **5a**.²

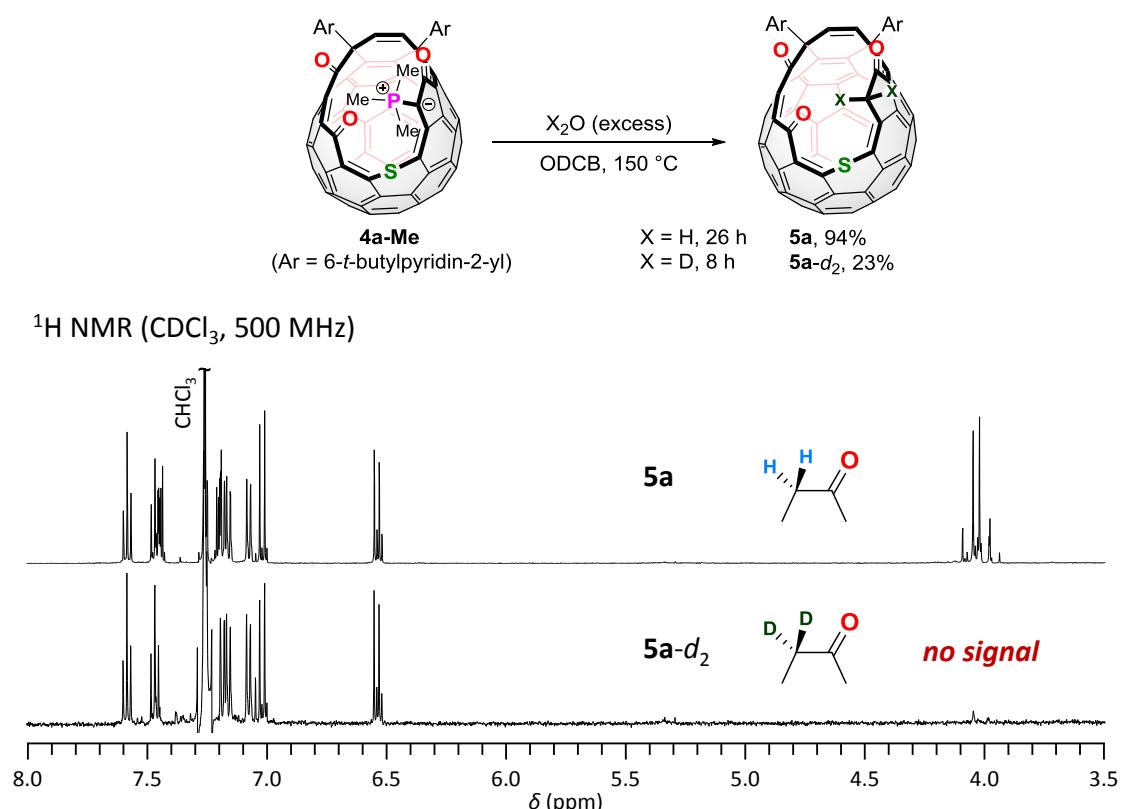


Figure S18. Hydrolysis of **4a-Me**.

To a solution of **5a** (5.03 mg, 4.47 μmol) in ODCB-*d*₄ (0.650 mL) which was placed into a shield NMR tube, three drops of D₂O were added and the resulting solution was heated at 150 °C for 37 h (oil bath). The quantitative conversion was confirmed by ¹H NMR as shown below. By passing through a silica gel pad, **6a-d** was converted into **5a**.

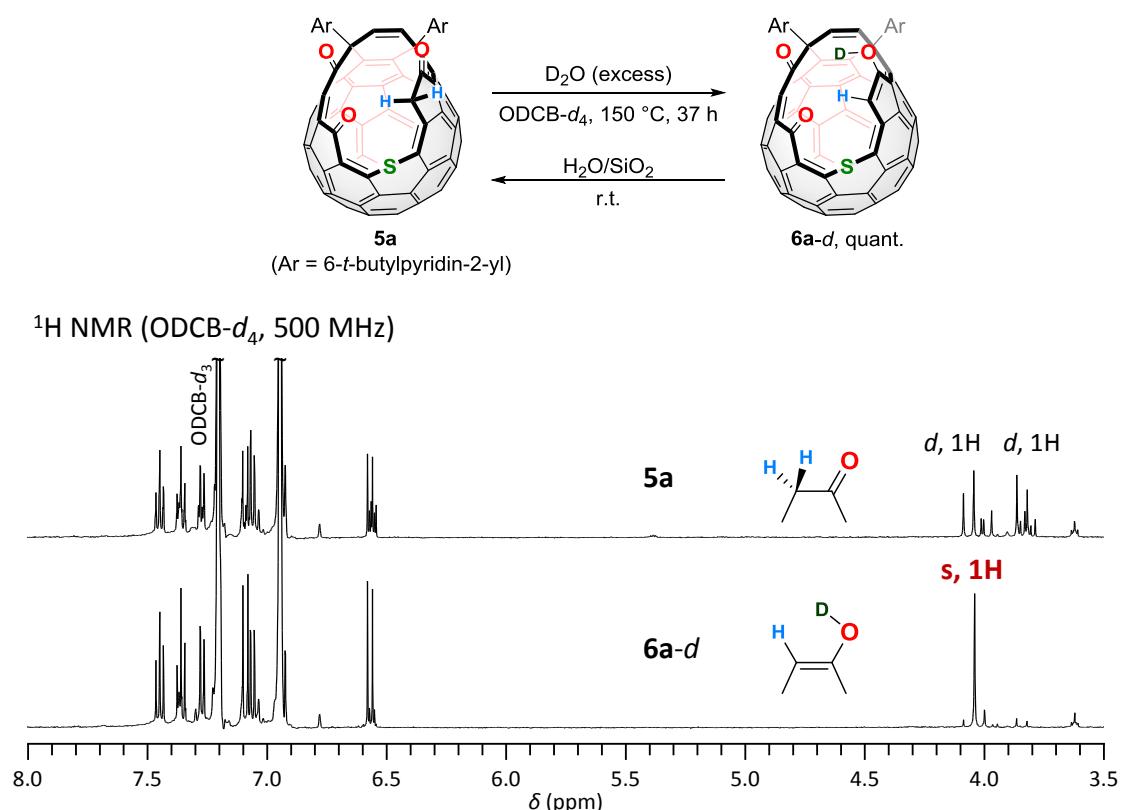


Figure S19. H/D exchange of **5a**.

5. DFT Calculations

5.1. Mulliken Charges

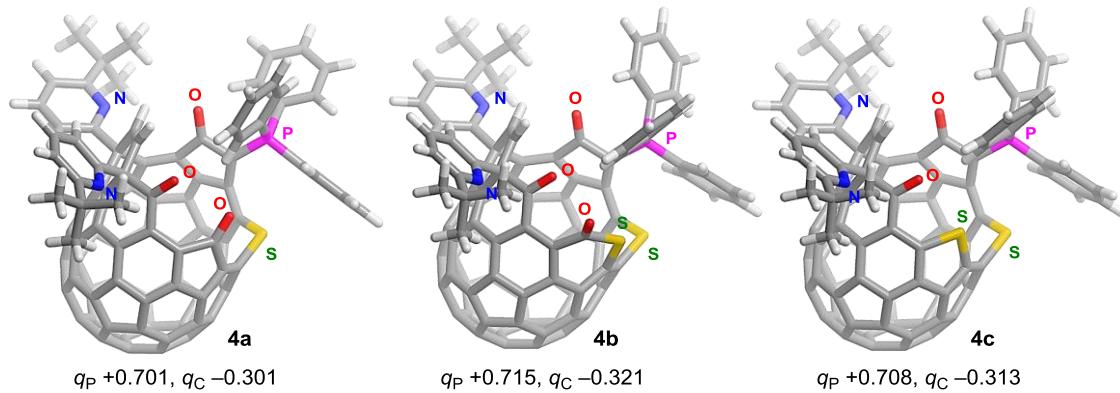
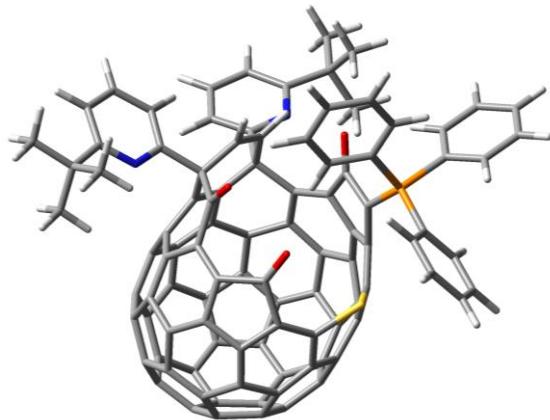


Figure S20. Optimized structures of **4a–c** (B3LYP/6-31G(d)) with Mulliken atomic charges (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)).

Table S1. Optimized structure of **4a** (B3LYP/6-31G(d))



Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)				57	6	0	-5.485173	-1.678267	0.913675
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							59	6	0	-4.147305	-3.588239	1.699731
							60	6	0	-4.367136	-4.242421	0.431765
1	6	0	0.520897	3.068594	0.735046		61	6	0	-5.164524	-3.641384	-0.545602
2	6	0	0.935180	2.930852	-0.523420		62	6	0	-4.769095	-3.717416	-1.941968
3	6	0	0.120396	2.343320	-1.651925		63	6	0	-3.598505	-4.393707	-2.300905
4	6	0	0.689735	0.980735	-2.131787		64	6	0	-5.729516	-2.326456	-0.303872
5	6	0	1.785303	0.328488	-1.562593		65	6	0	-1.539566	3.997788	1.796729
6	6	0	2.858576	0.593456	-0.496753		66	6	0	-1.413961	5.228333	1.141415
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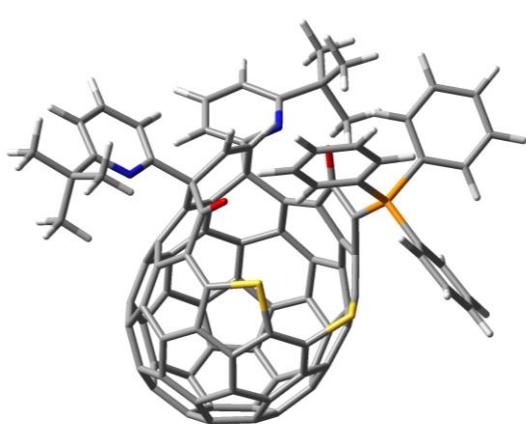
Table S2. Optimized structure of **4b** (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

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6	6	0	-2.728171	0.743313	0.558381	43	6	0	2.415999	-3.835994	-2.060571
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61	6	0	4.930386	-3.892728	0.479391	111	1	0	3.698662	7.007482	-3.140789
62	6	0	4.576745	-3.985220	1.886518	112	1	0	5.145592	6.259719	-4.757089
63	6	0	3.381338	-4.605241	2.266199	113	1	0	3.596927	6.749838	-5.478697
64	6	0	5.568932	-2.607390	0.252978	114	1	0	4.686474	5.671415	-6.358098
65	6	0	1.822356	4.069723	-1.591940	115	1	0	2.873292	3.964003	-6.675209
66	6	0	1.903721	5.258408	-0.857803	116	1	0	1.729542	5.011402	-5.814411
67	6	0	2.593642	6.323110	-1.425605	117	1	0	1.966159	3.337936	-5.280261
68	6	0	3.167169	6.177818	-2.690293	118	1	0	5.502973	3.844215	-3.992377
69	6	0	3.039415	4.956362	-3.361188	119	1	0	5.062428	3.283117	-5.616900
70	6	0	3.620273	4.675971	-4.754097	120	1	0	4.210906	2.645508	-4.193674
71	6	0	4.298842	5.915469	-5.362840	121	1	0	1.979013	4.263279	2.623634
72	6	0	2.474389	4.216752	-5.685533	122	1	0	1.764033	5.840646	4.549361
73	6	0	4.662789	3.540815	-4.628857	123	1	0	-0.260162	5.738678	5.983828
74	6	0	0.069624	3.326059	3.040586	124	1	0	-3.656588	5.202165	4.303365
75	6	0	1.103837	4.243021	3.264064	125	1	0	-4.591392	4.019183	5.238318
76	6	0	0.979431	5.118421	4.337879	126	1	0	-3.601558	3.486026	3.858833
77	6	0	-0.157298	5.062086	5.143946	127	1	0	-3.442676	2.364096	6.757330
78	6	0	-1.152508	4.122603	4.847250	128	1	0	-1.675874	2.349062	6.920684
79	6	0	-2.449629	3.964920	5.654207	129	1	0	-2.426136	1.793303	5.412989
80	6	0	-3.648371	4.180284	4.701993	130	1	0	-3.483716	4.816548	7.358666
81	6	0	-2.500590	2.527007	6.219913	131	1	0	-2.528847	6.005793	6.465910
82	6	0	-2.542921	4.967232	6.817514	132	1	0	-1.726268	4.837244	7.537648
83	6	0	-4.445034	0.327982	-2.597038	133	1	0	-2.303277	0.524314	-2.452953
84	6	0	-3.182155	0.714944	-3.056575	134	1	0	-2.066422	1.658120	-4.625307
85	6	0	-3.053837	1.365357	-4.286141	135	1	0	-4.085933	2.130159	-6.014286
86	6	0	-4.186644	1.627257	-5.056129	136	1	0	-6.337537	1.470425	-5.190002
87	6	0	-5.453638	1.254834	-4.595812	137	1	0	-6.575672	0.344736	-3.004026
88	6	0	-5.587326	0.614028	-3.366274	138	1	0	-5.361714	-2.015979	-3.449759
89	6	0	-5.145167	-2.257238	-1.313637	139	1	0	-6.159048	-4.318179	-3.828288
90	6	0	-5.470048	-2.689182	-2.606893	140	1	0	-6.392290	-5.893161	-1.918423
91	6	0	-5.917269	-3.993669	-2.820198	141	1	0	-5.806482	-5.142611	0.379418
92	6	0	-6.046308	-4.877361	-1.748876	142	1	0	-5.003314	-2.846301	0.767068
93	6	0	-5.719835	-4.456662	-0.458294	143	1	0	-5.315864	2.281231	-0.638675
94	6	0	-5.269556	-3.155406	-0.238555	144	1	0	-7.195210	3.434784	0.467933
95	6	0	-6.034559	0.297131	-0.179199	145	1	0	-8.990783	2.121399	1.582139
96	6	0	-6.100406	1.701821	-0.170084	146	1	0	-8.894989	-0.365140	1.554453
97	6	0	-7.159902	2.348909	0.464106	147	1	0	-7.040435	-1.520615	0.435591
98	6	0	-8.166237	1.611956	1.090573	148	6	0	0.404408	-0.515457	-4.093240
99	6	0	-8.111600	0.218402	1.078580	149	8	0	0.165448	0.182275	-5.048356
100	6	0	-7.053627	-0.436993	0.447474						
101	16	0	-2.103101	-3.545613	-1.321204						

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -5308.0840323 Hartree.

Table S3. Optimized structure of **4c** (B3LYP/6-31G(d))



Standard orientation:

Center	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)			57	6	0	5.465087	-1.583796	-1.077860
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z	58	6	0	4.646793	-2.142042	-2.131022
1	6	0	-0.474272	3.219321	-0.445680	59	6	0	4.090363	-3.413676	-1.983502
2	6	0	-0.882819	2.960923	0.795210	60	6	0	4.342865	-4.178662	-0.785322
3	6	0	-0.070429	2.247700	1.849533	61	6	0	5.158395	-3.658801	0.221967
4	6	0	-0.641955	0.844517	2.193963	62	6	0	4.783226	-3.845067	1.613425
5	6	0	-1.737092	0.237849	1.571198	63	6	0	3.615392	-4.546232	1.932183
6	6	0	-2.801093	0.578649	0.511711	64	6	0	5.725870	-2.329476	0.077923
7	6	0	-3.134797	-0.678044	-0.170223	65	6	0	1.567741	4.164654	-1.514405
8	6	0	-2.359181	-1.755906	0.438477	66	6	0	1.608058	5.317825	-0.720822
9	6	0	-1.754873	-2.955113	0.030728	67	6	0	2.231844	6.443785	-1.243444
10	6	0	-0.808495	-3.677986	0.882436	68	6	0	2.786044	6.391846	-2.524085
11	6	0	0.329670	-4.464774	0.359742	69	6	0	2.703102	5.201834	-3.254304
12	6	0	0.731220	-4.310998	-1.056383	70	6	0	3.275320	5.022449	-4.667654
13	6	0	-0.065976	-3.494616	-1.950898	71	6	0	3.893679	6.319676	-5.218154
14	6	0	0.558379	-2.615379	-2.829903	72	6	0	2.135530	4.567157	-5.607427
15	16	0	-0.085694	-0.996303	-3.321272	73	6	0	4.365728	3.927267	-4.617853
16	6	0	1.549850	-0.296024	-3.070308	74	6	0	-0.116251	3.149016	3.108666
17	6	0	1.829960	0.919020	-2.432765	75	6	0	0.872039	4.103247	3.379672
18	6	0	0.739711	1.883855	-2.186520	76	6	0	0.703259	4.920212	4.492843
19	6	0	0.889906	2.875985	-0.986246	77	6	0	-0.431062	4.771522	5.290553
20	6	0	1.776641	2.241892	0.073350	78	6	0	-1.378756	3.799949	4.945803
21	6	0	1.365185	2.001389	1.373306	79	6	0	-2.667079	3.540509	5.740565
22	6	0	2.229203	1.278157	2.281080	80	6	0	-3.874263	3.733454	4.794166
23	6	0	1.643362	0.336088	3.232463	81	6	0	-2.642309	2.078710	6.243436
24	6	0	0.214169	0.034673	3.072077	82	6	0	-2.814021	4.486093	6.945239
25	6	0	-0.175077	-1.286358	3.376611	83	6	0	-4.517530	0.318401	-2.640706
26	6	0	-1.145010	-1.923969	2.550422	84	6	0	-3.299374	0.878937	-3.036945
27	6	0	-1.839066	-1.184117	1.653211	85	6	0	-3.238677	1.677235	-4.181100
28	6	0	-0.714731	-3.254604	2.228725	86	6	0	-4.971329	-2.438478	-1.629758
29	6	0	0.399122	-3.530131	3.078246	87	6	0	-5.554534	-4.084507	-3.312450
30	6	0	0.732352	-2.312363	3.804943	88	6	0	-5.627006	-5.073329	-2.331411
31	6	0	2.046767	-1.995109	4.063981	89	6	0	-5.366124	-4.750264	-0.998502
32	6	0	0.2502309	-0.644709	3.794215	90	6	0	-5.037748	-3.441733	-0.646439
33	6	0	3.894497	-0.760922	3.407716	91	6	0	-6.096725	-0.105110	-0.256829
34	6	0	4.428544	0.126061	2.488983	92	6	0	-6.253905	1.276890	-0.045698
35	6	0	3.577332	1.141886	1.923833	93	6	0	-7.370452	1.757851	0.636376
36	6	0	3.981960	1.342817	0.552677	94	6	0	-4.783226	-3.845067	1.613425
37	6	0	3.036781	1.714216	-0.402928	95	6	0	-3.615392	-4.546232	1.932183

98	6	0	-8.344909	0.877493	1.109749	124	1	0	-3.938494	4.771019	4.443970
99	6	0	-8.200184	-0.492958	0.895679	125	1	0	-4.807980	3.495174	5.317889
100	6	0	-7.084238	-0.983555	0.216198	126	1	0	-3.786981	3.083631	3.919403
101	16	0	-1.828867	-3.413363	-1.700983	127	1	0	-3.576428	1.840994	6.766697
102	15	0	-4.593243	-0.718147	-1.140891	128	1	0	-1.812044	1.915438	6.941228
103	7	0	2.099999	4.114088	-2.735716	129	1	0	-2.523752	1.386443	5.405757
104	7	0	-1.204315	3.013996	3.868894	130	1	0	-3.746608	4.264832	7.476431
105	8	0	-3.336810	1.671575	0.309436	131	1	0	-2.852791	5.537974	6.637818
106	8	0	-0.280357	1.868991	-2.860664	132	1	0	-1.992809	4.368213	7.662300
107	1	0	-1.149962	3.703332	-1.143571	133	1	0	-2.403254	0.711387	-2.452716
108	1	0	-1.888059	3.228858	1.093771	134	1	0	-2.285653	2.111181	-4.464323
109	1	0	1.153635	5.324469	0.264201	135	1	0	-4.341097	2.532677	-5.823084
110	1	0	2.285517	7.360996	-0.662374	136	1	0	-6.512935	1.553176	-5.111613
111	1	0	3.269836	7.267431	-2.939955	137	1	0	-6.638712	0.169764	-3.069067
112	1	0	4.734533	6.665815	-4.605505	138	1	0	-5.164815	-2.015219	-3.739915
113	1	0	3.157407	7.129761	-5.281163	139	1	0	-5.746115	-4.332033	-4.352686
114	1	0	4.276990	6.143974	-6.229450	140	1	0	-5.878196	-6.094504	-2.604190
115	1	0	2.530021	4.367901	-6.611005	141	1	0	-5.409324	-5.517308	-0.230712
116	1	0	1.363465	5.341317	-5.694471	142	1	0	-4.823129	-3.206042	0.390907
117	1	0	1.662718	3.657102	-5.229221	143	1	0	-5.493127	1.963816	-0.392743
118	1	0	5.200924	4.231542	-3.975476	144	1	0	-7.475800	2.827087	0.797966
119	1	0	4.762755	3.741523	-5.623140	145	1	0	-9.214176	1.258186	1.639368
120	1	0	3.959281	2.991099	-4.226070	146	1	0	-8.957569	-1.186366	1.251053
121	1	0	1.746868	4.195877	2.745196	147	1	0	-7.000277	-2.050765	0.047330
122	1	0	1.451731	5.668596	4.741207						
123	1	0	-0.569320	5.401667	6.160917						

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -5194.74652 Hartree.

5.2. Keto-Enol Tautomerization

For the calculations to be simplified, 6-*t*-butylpyridin-2-yl groups were replaced with 2-pyridyl groups for the following calculations.

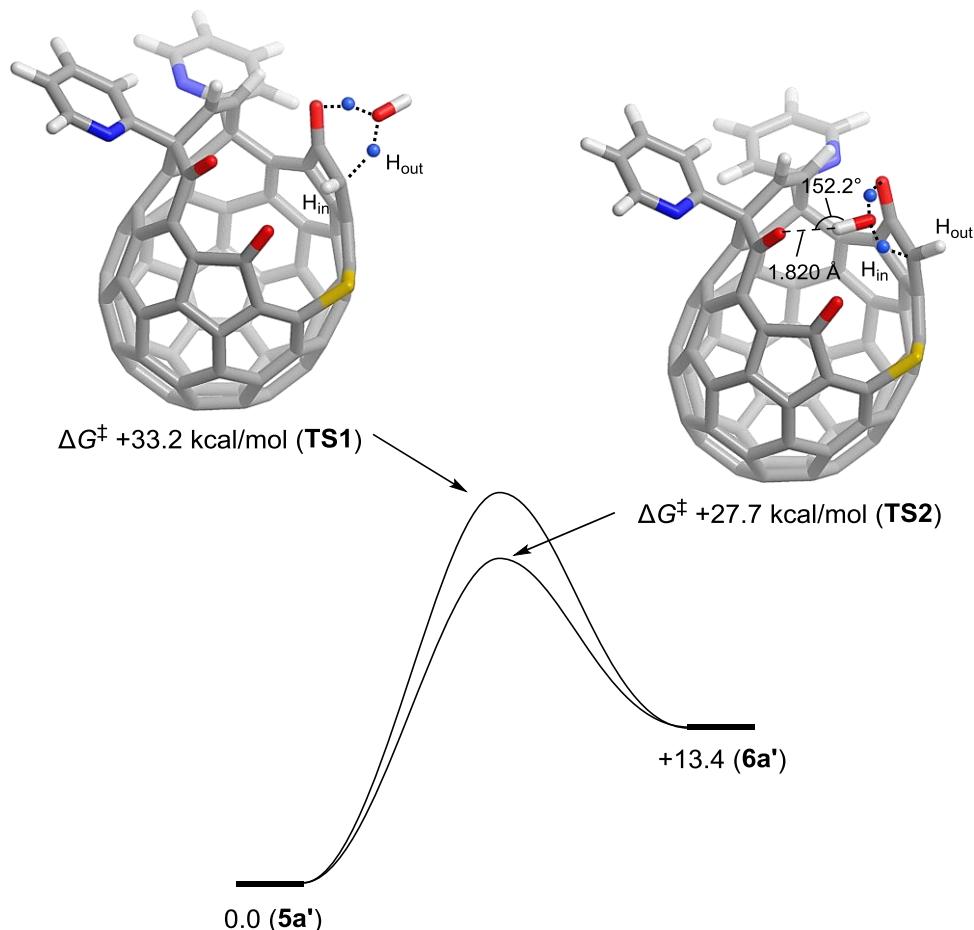


Figure S21. Two possible transition states, calculated at the M06-2X/6-31G(d,p) level of theory (298 K).

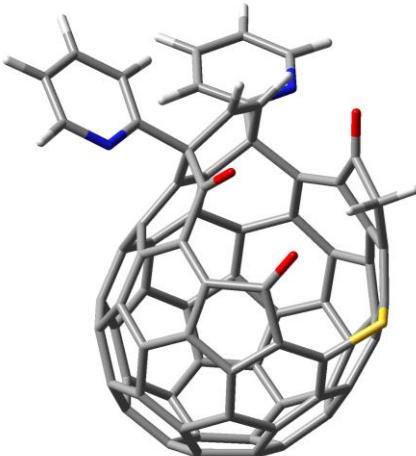
Table S4. Optimized structure of H₂O (M06-2X/6-31G(d,p))



Standard orientation:						
Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)			
			X	Y	Z	
1	8	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.117808	
2	1	0	0.000000	0.760256	-0.471232	
3	1	0	0.000000	-0.760256	-0.471232	

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -76.3839203 Hartree.

Table S5. Optimized structure of **5a'** (M06-2X/6-31G(d,p))

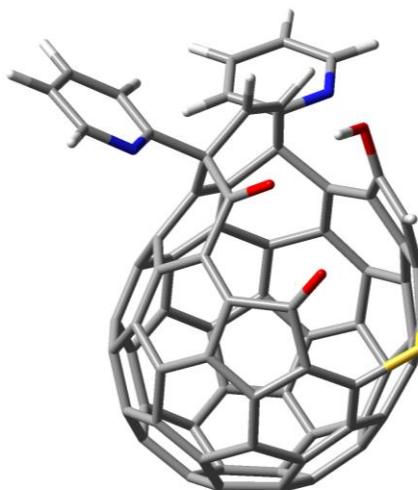


Standard orientation:						
Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)			
			X	Y	Z	
1	6	0	3.828553	0.615907	1.428005	
2	6	0	3.845181	-0.700830	1.252686	
3	6	0	3.030993	-1.437368	0.221722	
4	6	0	1.859232	-2.208443	0.853598	
5	6	0	1.490842	-2.123354	2.186944	
6	6	0	1.987956	-1.413202	3.445583	
7	6	0	-0.399847	-1.649563	3.542845	
8	6	0	-1.738225	-1.337590	3.453049	
9	6	0	-2.594180	-1.916798	2.428869	
10	6	0	-3.694912	-1.160671	1.802940	
11	6	0	-3.784703	0.295348	2.025290	
12	6	0	-2.871058	0.949417	2.953211	
13	6	0	-2.285867	2.153383	2.610380	
14	6	0	-0.825875	2.548708	2.850502	
15	6	0	-0.381805	3.102455	1.473903	
16	6	0	0.775353	2.834836	0.752378	
17	6	0	2.030048	2.356389	1.424709	
18	6	0	3.060921	1.573196	0.560034	
19	6	0	2.347883	0.876043	-0.572803	
20	6	0	2.375031	-0.482943	-0.762372	
21	6	0	1.551091	-1.089031	-1.782287	
22	6	0	0.881942	-2.354582	-1.495773	
23	6	0	0.937198	-2.824383	-0.102427	
24	6	0	-0.203470	-3.478700	0.380509	
25	6	0	-0.643738	-3.218090	1.714419	
26	6	0	0.159734	-2.504674	2.550779	
27	6	0	-2.059642	-2.998263	1.713961	
28	6	0	-2.533298	-3.396330	0.422488	
29	6	0	-1.383272	-3.697842	-0.408169	
30	6	0	-1.388565	-3.360856	-1.738011	
31	6	0	-0.227303	-2.693116	-2.293678	
32	6	0	-0.726310	-1.812556	-3.330353	
33	6	0	-0.097308	-0.609909	-3.568538	
34	6	0	1.043644	-0.251391	-2.769936	
35	6	0	0.995640	1.175854	-2.551394	
36	6	0	1.472346	1.708360	-1.363224	
37	6	0	0.706069	2.764911	-0.699128	
38	6	0	-0.438360	3.237147	-1.353170	
39	6	0	-1.611118	3.580894	-0.600360	
40	6	0	-1.580232	3.419364	0.769290	
41	6	0	-2.716354	2.832259	1.441082	
42	6	0	-3.807328	2.403803	0.721813	
43	6	0	-4.340741	1.097047	1.016991	
44	6	0	-4.841173	0.560539	-0.220789	
45	6	0	-4.786322	-0.797392	-0.425623	
46	6	0	-4.231717	-1.661514	0.596970	
47	6	0	-3.634679	-2.778626	-0.111465	
48	6	0	-3.693594	-2.530829	-1.536874	
49	6	0	-2.587864	-2.813485	-2.336457	
50	6	0	-2.178709	-1.872077	-3.352103	
51	6	0	-2.923586	-0.721695	-3.582522	

52	6	0	-2.253617	0.538598	-3.849711	74	16	0	-2.316295	0.061375	4.381318
53	6	0	-0.867268	0.584507	-3.846422	75	7	0	3.598822	3.866074	-0.104804
54	6	0	-0.181558	1.684358	-3.211534	76	7	0	4.142792	-3.595142	0.111858
55	6	0	-0.890568	2.708955	-2.621708	77	8	0	-0.173730	2.346090	3.835669
56	6	0	-2.340358	2.675347	-2.627125	78	8	0	3.110684	-1.317333	3.865062
57	6	0	-2.788745	3.206189	-1.361293	79	8	0	2.253622	2.572151	2.589347
58	6	0	-3.867253	2.619633	-0.709395	80	6	0	0.740274	-0.948671	4.234175
59	6	0	-4.534583	1.484702	-1.297993	81	1	0	4.395693	1.065147	2.237568
60	6	0	-4.133701	0.997087	-2.535230	82	1	0	4.421179	-1.331690	1.920723
61	6	0	-4.082201	-0.436199	-2.758387	83	1	0	5.556101	1.154511	-0.487451
62	6	0	-4.434965	-1.311110	-1.738254	84	1	0	7.050861	2.869772	-1.543436
63	6	0	-3.007243	1.603375	-3.215801	85	1	0	6.259870	5.251331	-1.636094
64	6	0	4.025099	2.605114	-0.051973	86	1	0	4.021536	5.794665	-0.683936
65	6	0	5.259869	2.196198	-0.559499	87	1	0	4.526140	-1.062190	-2.076113
66	6	0	6.083088	3.151506	-1.140451	88	1	0	6.153879	-2.681155	-3.067816
67	6	0	5.648545	4.472668	-1.194467	89	1	0	6.451739	-4.913757	-1.959087
68	6	0	4.400307	4.775898	-0.663220	90	1	0	5.118915	-5.406043	0.088572
69	6	0	3.980393	-2.414602	-0.485619	91	1	0	0.661693	0.145096	4.187247
70	6	0	4.688437	-2.037661	-1.628508	92	1	0	0.859698	-1.221819	5.286508
71	6	0	5.591380	-2.940302	-2.176443						
72	6	0	5.759966	-4.178021	-1.565134						
73	6	0	5.014120	-4.452270	-0.423135						

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -3559.2020868 Hartree.

Table S6. Optimized structure of **6a'** (M06-2X/6-31G(d,p))



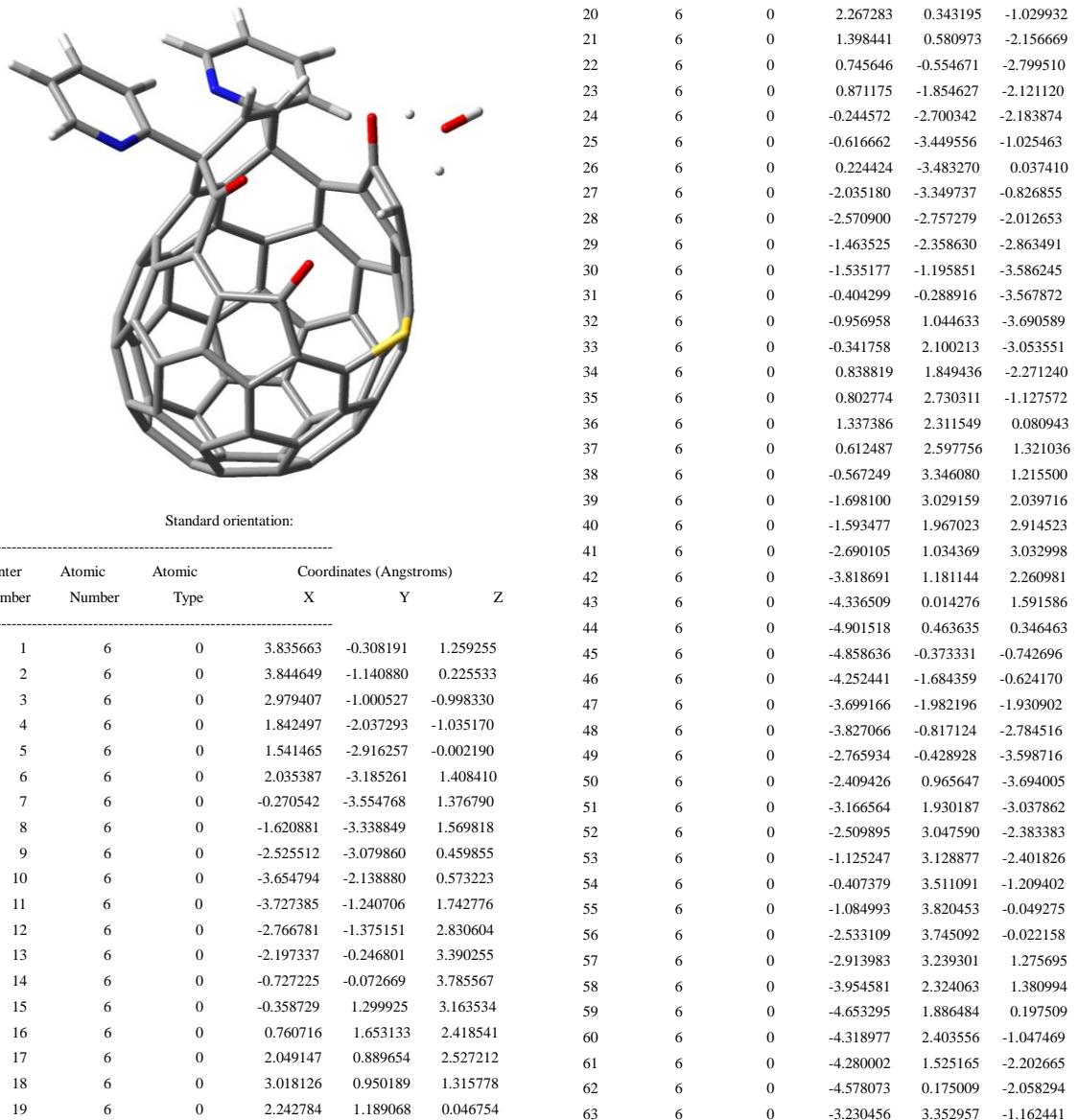
Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)			39	40	41	42	43	44
			X	Y	Z						
1	6	0	4.047690	0.697855	1.172456	45	6	0	-2.636354	2.996061	1.067736
2	6	0	3.977480	-0.627180	1.228581	46	6	0	-3.735120	2.513751	0.395511
3	6	0	3.049621	-1.468774	0.392627	47	6	0	-4.313046	1.272076	0.846845
4	6	0	1.836013	-2.048266	1.148892	48	6	0	-4.809327	0.594476	-0.321736
5	6	0	1.445559	-1.731254	2.443534	49	6	0	-4.779375	-0.779812	-0.353406
6	6	0	1.789303	-0.680149	3.478934	50	6	0	-4.254743	-1.518495	0.778542
7	6	0	-0.453350	-1.115537	3.690653	51	6	0	-3.663903	-2.721482	0.223894
8	6	0	-1.804652	-0.857397	3.603046	52	6	0	-3.705239	-2.654994	-1.226274
9	6	0	-2.649136	-1.563080	2.653399	53	6	0	-2.601231	-3.053975	-1.973549
10	6	0	-3.732200	-0.880561	1.925400	54	6	0	-2.172469	-2.260880	-3.098689
11	6	0	-3.795904	0.594713	1.959786	55	6	0	-2.896410	-1.135199	-3.480447
12	6	0	-2.886568	1.345591	2.815839	56	6	0	-2.198777	0.066508	-3.900929
13	6	0	-2.248769	2.467150	2.323701	57	6	0	-0.812165	0.083293	-3.902935
14	6	0	-0.786406	2.859545	2.545031						
15	6	0	-0.290835	3.169308	1.099224						
16	6	0	0.865176	2.782344	0.426463						

58	6	0	-3.774801	2.550981	-1.050565	77	8	0	-0.181795	2.858785	3.577764
59	6	0	-4.469944	1.370105	-1.501323	78	8	0	3.013389	-0.163961	3.696618
60	6	0	-4.073193	0.724298	-2.664474	79	8	0	2.175272	2.307731	2.365308
61	6	0	-4.051527	-0.726803	-2.707698	80	6	0	0.671294	-0.315537	4.161863
62	6	0	-4.424817	-1.461217	-1.586606	81	1	0	4.738297	1.231656	1.819537
63	6	0	-2.928936	1.217689	-3.406368	82	1	0	4.600816	-1.177701	1.926225
64	6	0	4.002181	2.625584	-0.381869	83	1	0	5.261012	1.193821	-1.380677
65	6	0	5.053450	2.247624	-1.220055	84	1	0	6.636746	2.988249	-2.474755
66	6	0	5.810516	3.243529	-1.818880	85	1	0	6.056825	5.386609	-2.007231
67	6	0	5.493145	4.575449	-1.560740	86	1	0	4.151541	5.871131	-0.477287
68	6	0	4.429688	4.846140	-0.708691	87	1	0	4.379166	-1.738014	-2.042137
69	6	0	3.905649	-2.632018	-0.136507	88	1	0	5.851381	-3.642569	-2.715392
70	6	0	4.535243	-2.583591	-1.380476	89	1	0	6.140634	-5.559063	-1.120354
71	6	0	5.352108	-3.645711	-1.751510	90	1	0	4.964517	-5.457561	1.076608
72	6	0	5.516674	-4.708517	-0.870823	91	1	0	0.624759	0.492160	4.879846
73	6	0	4.857058	-4.652754	0.353309	92	1	0	2.953024	0.803413	3.610782
74	16	0	-2.398291	0.634281	4.360375						
75	7	0	3.693488	3.895005	-0.125614						
76	7	0	4.070737	-3.640896	0.719706						

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -3559.1797667 Hartree.

Table S7. Optimized structure of TS1 (M06-2X/6-31G(d,p))

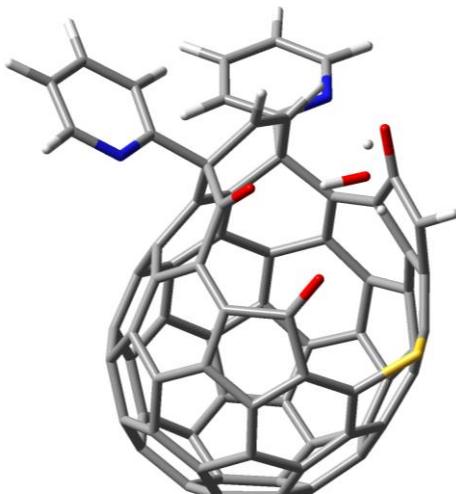


64	6	0	3.961821	2.149362	1.508937	82	1	0	4.469464	-2.026740	0.254900
65	6	0	4.995606	2.348739	0.589064	83	1	0	5.115501	1.661652	-0.245611
66	6	0	5.828023	3.443226	0.770614	84	1	0	6.642217	3.634658	0.078618
67	6	0	5.599735	4.293094	1.851328	85	1	0	6.226923	5.158686	2.032768
68	6	0	4.535354	4.010349	2.698020	86	1	0	4.316175	4.652497	3.547423
69	6	0	3.908687	-1.121387	-2.215218	87	1	0	3.390777	-3.150127	-2.727956
70	6	0	4.013919	-2.294007	-2.961352	88	1	0	5.029777	-3.236849	-4.608855
71	6	0	4.928530	-2.338071	-4.008671	89	1	0	6.424218	-1.201436	-5.081639
72	6	0	5.702825	-1.215860	-4.272609	90	1	0	6.120111	0.801372	-3.631312
73	6	0	5.530449	-0.096760	-3.461919	91	1	0	3.136241	-4.183919	2.792254
74	16	0	-2.151202	-2.985920	3.226263	92	1	0	0.837871	-2.982276	3.222290
75	7	0	3.723844	2.960592	2.535936	93	8	0	2.625772	-4.935732	3.443138
76	7	0	4.661918	-0.043337	-2.453624	94	1	0	1.626466	-4.617820	2.970322
77	8	0	-0.024244	-0.873727	4.333029	95	1	0	2.873604	-5.828000	3.167282
78	8	0	3.230346	-3.341927	1.769563						
79	8	0	2.333386	0.249834	3.508354						
80	6	0	0.896684	-3.495172	2.259314						
81	1	0	4.446550	-0.514124	2.132450						

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -3635.54621 Hartree.

The imaginary frequency was found at -1426.42 cm⁻¹.

Table S8. Optimized structure of TS2 (M06-2X/6-31G(d,p))



Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)			43	44	45	46	47	48
			X	Y	Z						
1	6	0	-3.873425	-0.653049	1.059487	46	6	0	4.292700	1.462439	0.908390
2	6	0	-3.812289	0.673539	1.093099	47	6	0	3.776885	2.684736	0.322932
3	6	0	-2.922231	1.514491	0.218638	48	6	0	3.888911	2.611043	-1.120287
4	6	0	-1.762529	2.161502	1.002193	49	6	0	2.832690	3.031543	-1.925317
5	6	0	-1.465382	1.929395	2.339926	50	6	0	2.443293	2.240131	-3.066336
6	6	0	-1.992086	1.049643	3.499383	51	6	0	3.165104	1.103007	-3.413358
7	6	0	0.336749	1.258568	3.705163	52	6	0	2.469681	-0.086033	-3.870410
8	6	0	1.672350	0.903813	3.620463	53	6	0	1.083688	-0.081734	-3.936332
9	6	0	2.587544	1.557368	2.699839	54	6	0	0.335119	-1.230752	-3.487063
10	6	0	3.677385	0.836968	2.018112	55	6	0	0.982968	-2.349521	-3.008298
11	6	0	3.691195	-0.638708	2.046704	56	6	0	2.431743	-2.364992	-2.938797
12	6	0	2.706007	-1.368570	2.837846	57	6	0	2.797400	-3.070012	-1.733063
13	6	0	2.109325	-2.504342	2.314040	58	6	0	3.851325	-2.605234	-0.954788
14	6	0	0.637478	-2.877221	2.422616	59	6	0	4.585820	-1.432180	-1.357892
15	6	0	0.250341	-3.251467	0.970369	60	6	0	4.266965	-0.777681	-2.540997
16	6	0	-0.863785	-2.867499	0.230396	61	6	0	4.272244	0.673732	-2.582123
17	6	0	-2.138444	-2.447196	0.885101	62	6	0	4.598903	1.399327	-1.441909
18	6	0	-3.092936	-1.510097	0.102041	63	6	0	3.159162	-1.249851	-3.347493
19	6	0	-2.292072	-0.689223	-0.878326	64	6	0	-4.059433	-2.402998	-0.695058
20	6	0	-2.250514	0.681961	-0.865127	65	6	0	-5.205773	-1.846482	-1.265374

66	6	0	-6.040962	-2.673362	-2.003407	83	1	0	-5.426223	-0.793939	-1.116996
67	6	0	-5.704633	-4.017009	-2.145508	84	1	0	-6.943095	-2.277153	-2.458682
68	6	0	-4.539654	-4.471568	-1.539385	85	1	0	-6.329569	-4.698411	-2.711304
69	6	0	-3.817313	2.608444	-0.385898	86	1	0	-4.240094	-5.513096	-1.623263
70	6	0	-4.434300	2.442341	-1.627718	87	1	0	-4.240109	1.555785	-2.222785
71	6	0	-5.285127	3.441392	-2.085284	88	1	0	-5.772727	3.346151	-3.050434
72	6	0	-5.495625	4.561678	-1.289605	89	1	0	-6.146705	5.368255	-1.606785
73	6	0	-4.844937	4.623689	-0.060980	90	1	0	-4.987090	5.478222	0.596503
74	16	0	2.118360	-0.657823	4.344466	91	1	0	-2.928041	-0.885966	4.209518
75	7	0	-3.726699	-3.685465	-0.827895	92	1	0	-1.351977	-0.903486	4.252975
76	7	0	-4.025369	3.673022	0.388620	93	8	0	-2.226058	-1.578398	4.414260
77	8	0	-0.071659	-2.778070	3.388616	94	1	0	-0.946180	0.455343	5.330601
78	8	0	-3.167040	0.710886	3.719511	95	1	0	-2.201445	-2.264342	3.713205
79	8	0	-2.441113	-2.823163	1.997976						
80	6	0	-0.844696	0.594380	4.255578						
81	1	0	-4.523623	-1.184634	1.748363						
82	1	0	-4.397109	1.225922	1.819536						

The total electronic energy was calculated to be -3635.5592081 Hartree.

The imaginary frequency was found at -769.78 cm⁻¹.

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