

Supplementary Information for

Formation of icosahedral C₆₀ fullerene via migration of single sp atoms and annihilation of sp-atom pairs

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Table S1. Calculated energies (in eV, relative to the ground state position 1 with the minimal total energy), distances d (in Å) between the two sp^2 atoms, which are the nearest neighbours of the sp atom, and partition functions q ($\ln(q)$ is given) of the 47 sp -atom positions in the $C_{58}-C_{2v}$ fullerene isomer instead of or above a common bond of sp^2 -structure rings consisting of n and m atoms (see Figure 1). N_s is the number of sp -atom migration steps from the sp -atom position 1. Values of distances where the bond exists between the two sp^2 atoms which are the nearest neighbours of the sp atom are emphasized.

Sp-atom position	(n,m)	N_s	ΔE , eV	d , Å	$\ln(q)$
1	(5,7)	0	0.00	2.35	46.43
2	(6,6)	2	0.96	2.38	46.86
3	(5,6)	1	1.19	2.28	46.66
4	(5,6)	2	1.30	2.28	46.58
5	(5,6)	3	1.35	2.25	46.64
6	(5,7)	1	1.41	2.30	46.73
7	(5,6)	3	1.41	2.22	46.66
8	(5,6)	4	1.42	2.23	46.59
9	(5,5)	1	1.58	2.21	46.59
10	(5,6)	3	1.68	2.25	46.67
11	(6,7)	1	1.70	2.35	47.13
12	(6,6)	3	1.73	2.25	46.93
13	(5,6)	4	1.76	2.22	46.72
14	(5,6)	4	1.82	2.21	46.66
15	(6,6)	4	1.82	2.34	47.14
16	(5,6)	2	1.84	<u>1.65</u>	46.71
17	(5,6)	3	1.84	<u>1.65</u>	46.71
18	(5,6)	5	1.89	2.23	46.72
19	(5,6)	2	1.94	2.19	46.71
20	(5,5)	2	1.96	2.13	46.64
21	(5,6)	5	1.96	2.24	46.76
22	(5,6)	6	2.00	2.18	46.70
23	(5,6)	6	2.00	2.22	46.66
24	(5,6)	5	2.02	2.21	46.69
25	(5,6)	7	2.02	2.20	46.68
26	(5,6)	6	2.03	2.23	46.72
27	(5,6)	5	2.04	2.21	46.69
28	(5,6)	4	2.04	2.23	46.77
29	(5,6)	7	2.06	2.20	46.69
30	(5,6)	5	2.06	2.20	46.72

31	(5,6)	4	2.07	2.18	46.72
32	(5,6)	7	2.07	2.20	46.71
33	(5,6)	2	2.13	2.02	47.02
34	(5,6)	8	2.15	2.21	46.73
35	(6,6)	5	2.17	2.11	46.93
36	(5,6)	7	2.20	2.11	46.89
37	(6,6)	3	2.23	2.35	46.79
38	(6,6)	6	2.26	<u>1.57</u>	47.15
39	(6,6)	4	2.26	<u>1.64</u>	46.95
40	(5,6)	5	2.27	2.20	46.99
41	(6,6)	5	2.30	<u>1.63</u>	46.95
42	(6,6)	6	2.32	<u>1.61</u>	47.13
43	(6,6)	6	2.37	<u>1.58</u>	47.02
44	(6,6)	9	2.38	<u>1.61</u>	47.07
45	(5,6)	4	2.48	2.10	46.91
46	(6,7)	2	2.50	2.28	47.01
47	(6,6)	3	2.65	2.05	47.07

Calculated barriers for sp-atom migration.

Table S2. Calculated barriers E_m (in eV) for sp-atom migration from position k to position l (see Figure 1).

$k \rightarrow l$	E_m , eV
31 \rightarrow 10	1.99
10 \rightarrow 2	1.95
2 \rightarrow 11	2.23
11 \rightarrow 1	1.34
7 \rightarrow 20	1.75
20 \rightarrow 3	0.97
3 \rightarrow 1	1.77
11 \rightarrow 3	1.20
average	1.65 ± 0.13