

# **Fullerene in metal-organic framework: design of a novel material**

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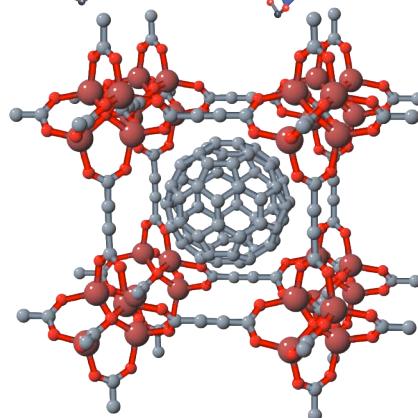
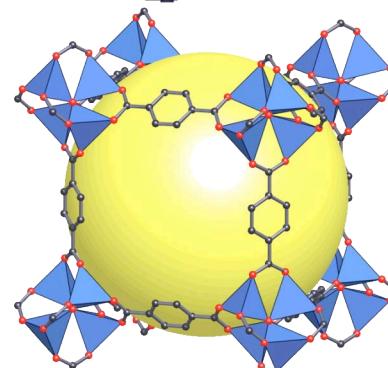
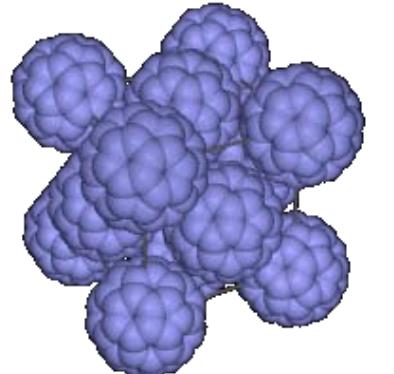
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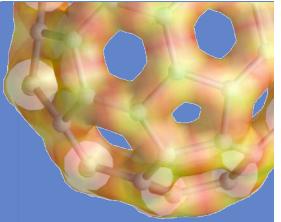


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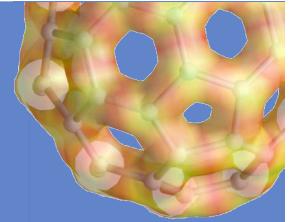
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# $C_{60}$ fullerene

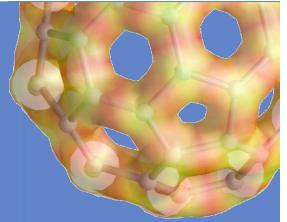


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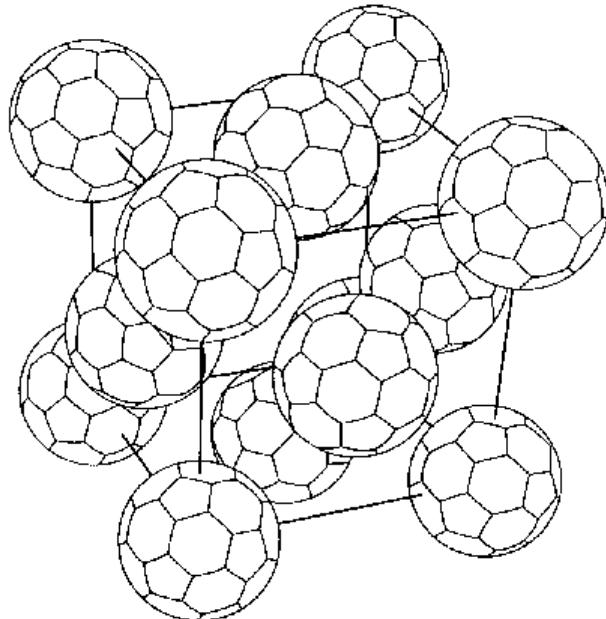
- name, *fullerenes* ou *buckyballs*, is in honor of the architect Buckminster Fuller
- discover in 1985; Nobel Prize in 1996  
Curl, Kroto and Smalley

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# $C_{60}$ properties

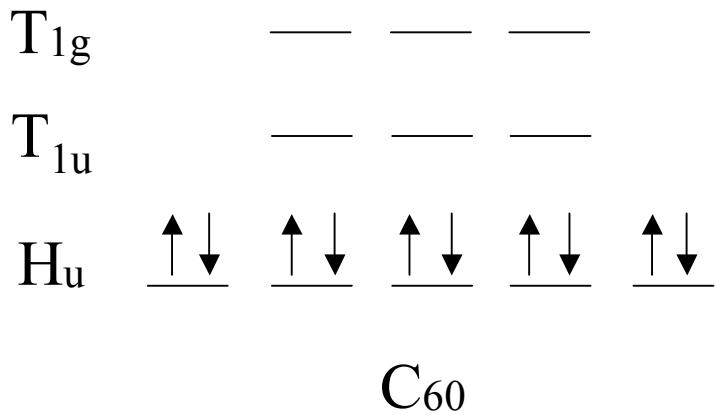
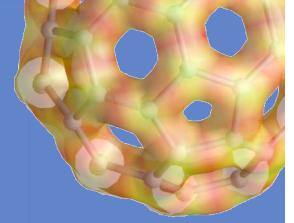


- high symmetry; icosahedral
- formation energy = 8.4 eV/atom  
For comparison graphite/diamond = 8.8 eV/atom
- very stable  
Can be thrown at 100 000 km/h  
at a wall without breaking.
- can form a solid



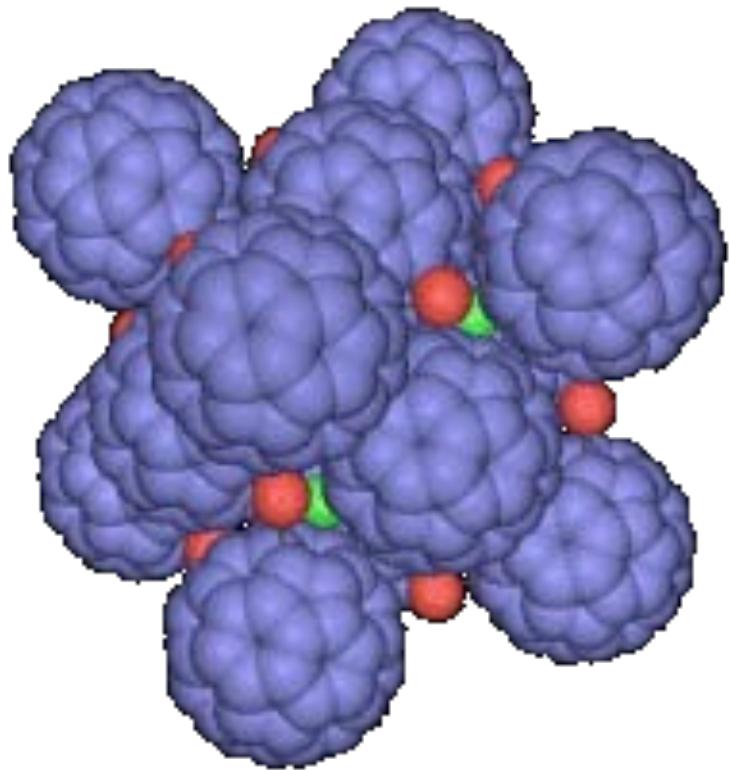
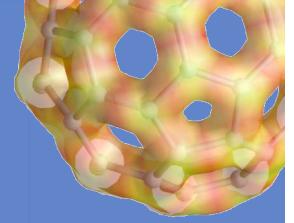
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# Electronic structure of C<sub>60</sub>



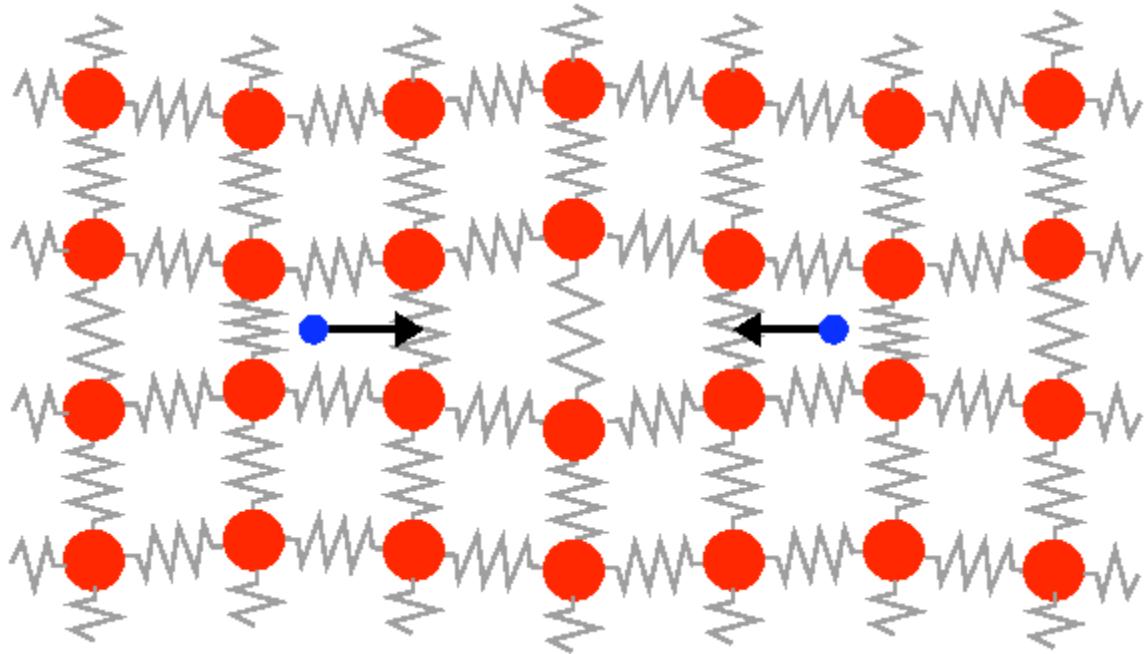
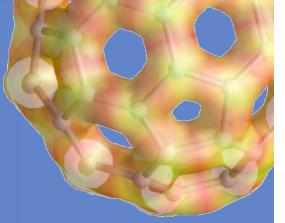
In order to make C<sub>60</sub> a metal with a high electronic density of states, we want to have 3 electrons for each C<sub>60</sub>, hence A<sub>3</sub>C<sub>60</sub>, where A is an alkali atom.

# $C_{60}$ metal



- $C_{60}$  crystals can be doped with alkali.  $A_3C_{60}$  ( $A=K, Rb, Cs$ ).
- $T_c \sim 10 - 40$  K linked to the enlargement of the distance between the  $C_{60}$  (10 to 10.3 Å center to center).

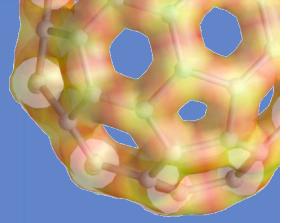
# Superconductivity



- effective attraction between electrons due to motion of atoms.

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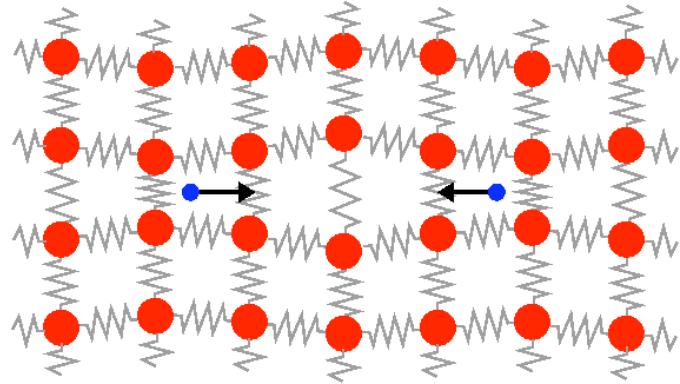
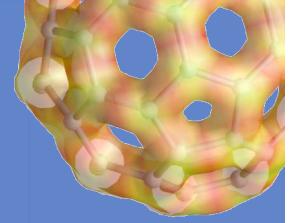
# Transition Temperature



$$T_C \sim \theta_D e^{-\frac{1}{V_{elph} D(\varepsilon_F)}}$$

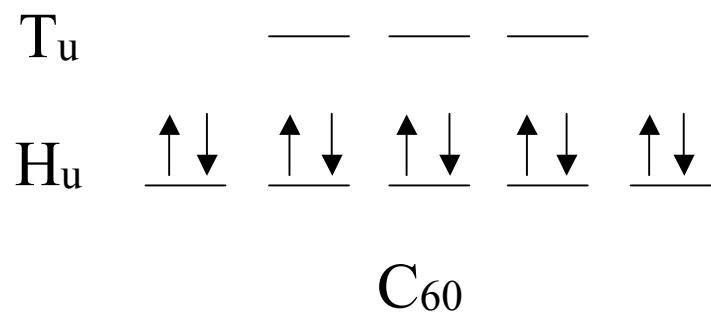
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# Electron-phonon coupling

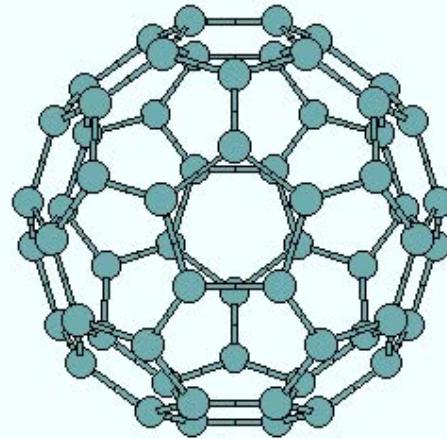


Only intramolecular  
modes are responsible  
for the coupling

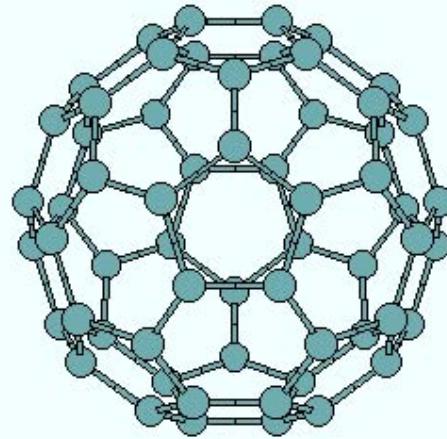
$$V_{ep} \sim \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\left| \langle \psi_i | \epsilon_{\lambda} \cdot \delta V | \psi_j \rangle \right|^2}{\omega_{\lambda}^2}$$



Ag mode

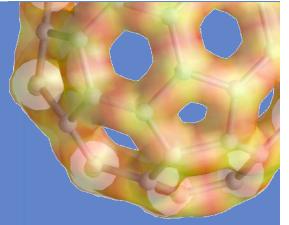


Hg mode

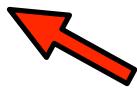


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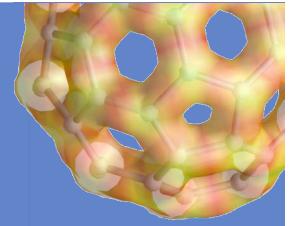


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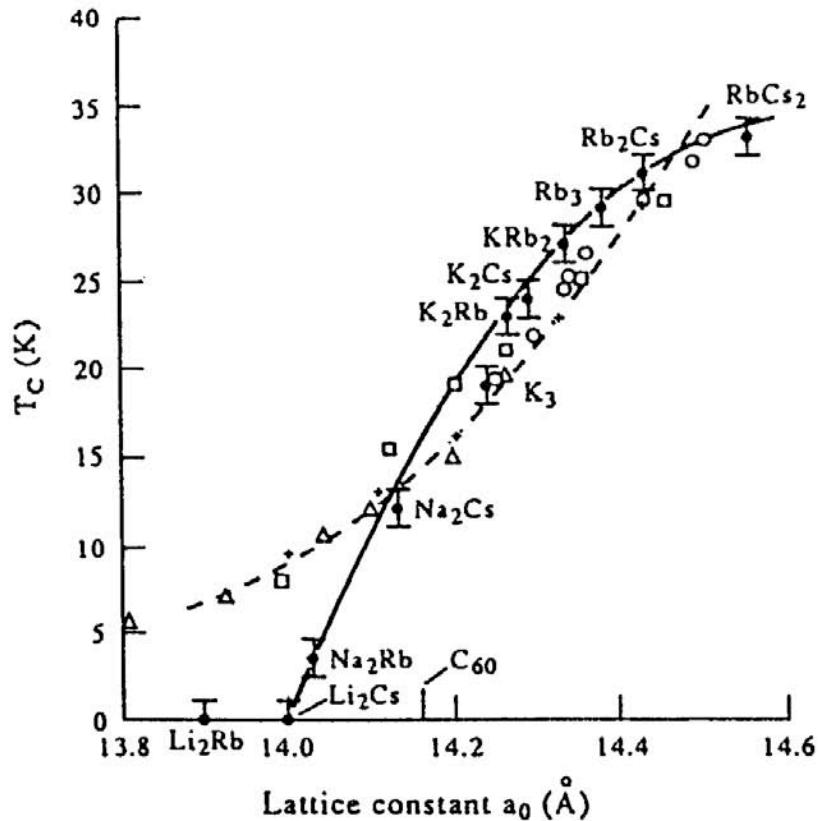


- The interaction responsible for the superconductivity in fullerenes is mediated via the intramolecular phonons
- When the lattice parameter changes, only the **DOS at the Fermi level** changes

$$D(\varepsilon_F) \sim \frac{1}{\text{Dispersion}} \sim \text{Lattice parameter}$$



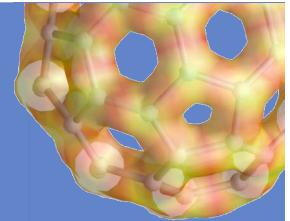
# T<sub>c</sub> vs lattice parameter



**Fig. 10.14.** The relationship between  $T_c$  and the lattice parameter  $a_0$  for  $A_3\text{C}_{60}$  ( $A$ : Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs and their binary alloys) superconductors. Open triangles and squares are from pressure experiments, and the dotted line represents the  $T_c$ - $a_0$  relationship expected from the simple BCS theory using the density of states due to LDA calculations. The solid line is a guide for the eyes. From [10.48]

Source: T. Ishiguro, K. Yamaji, G. Saito, "Organic Super-conductors"

# Alkali atoms



		IA				
		1	H			
1		3	4	IIIA		
2		Li	Be			
3		11	12			
4		Na	Mg	IIIB	IVB	VI
5		19	20	21	22	23
6		K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V
7		37	38	39	40	41
8		Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	N
9		55	56	57	72	73
10		Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta
11		87	88	89	104	105
12		Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Hg

Colors

$T_c = 18 \text{ K}$  ←

$T_c = 28 \text{ K}$  ←

$T_c = 40 \text{ K}$  ←

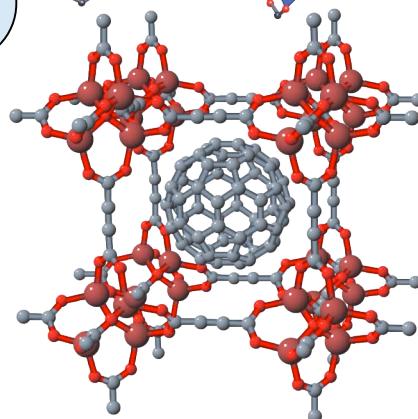
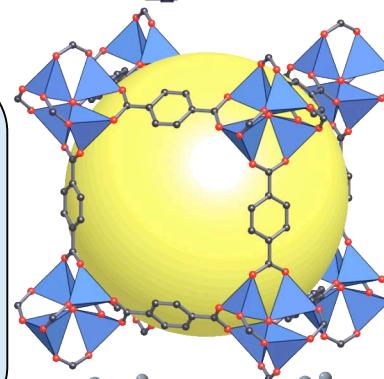
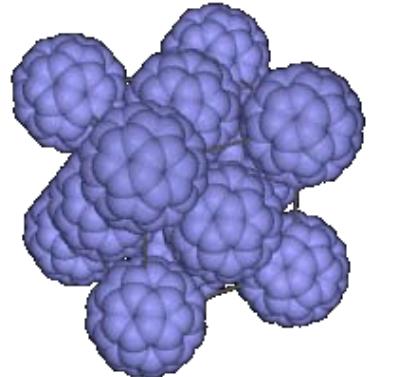
$T_c = ?$  ←

Fr half-life = 22 minutes

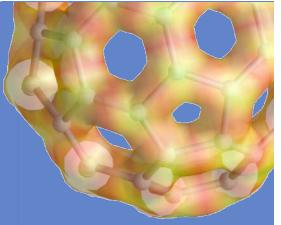
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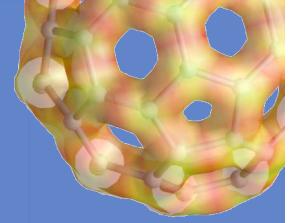
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# Hydrogen storage



Fuel cell:

⇒ the problem of hydrogen storage

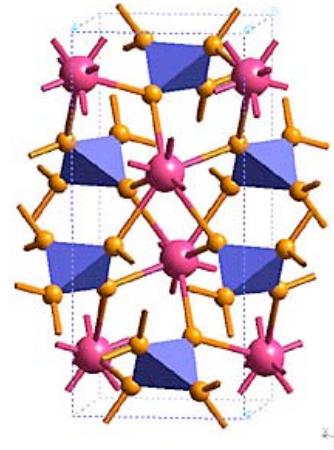
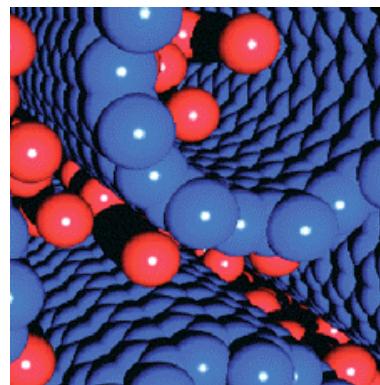
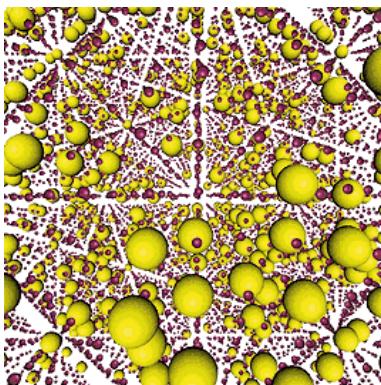
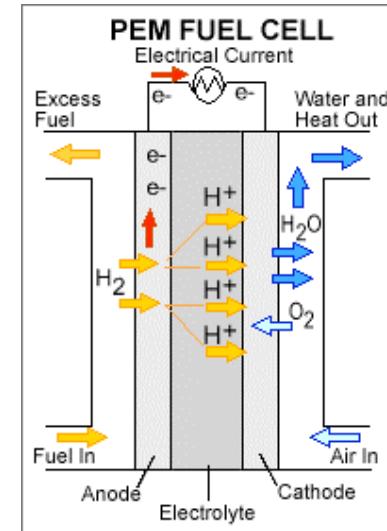
Present material capacity:

⇒ 2 to 4 % of their weight in hydrogen

DOE goal:

⇒ 6.5 % of their weight

⇒ 1.2 billion US\$ in research funding

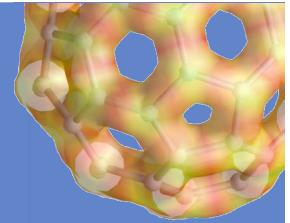


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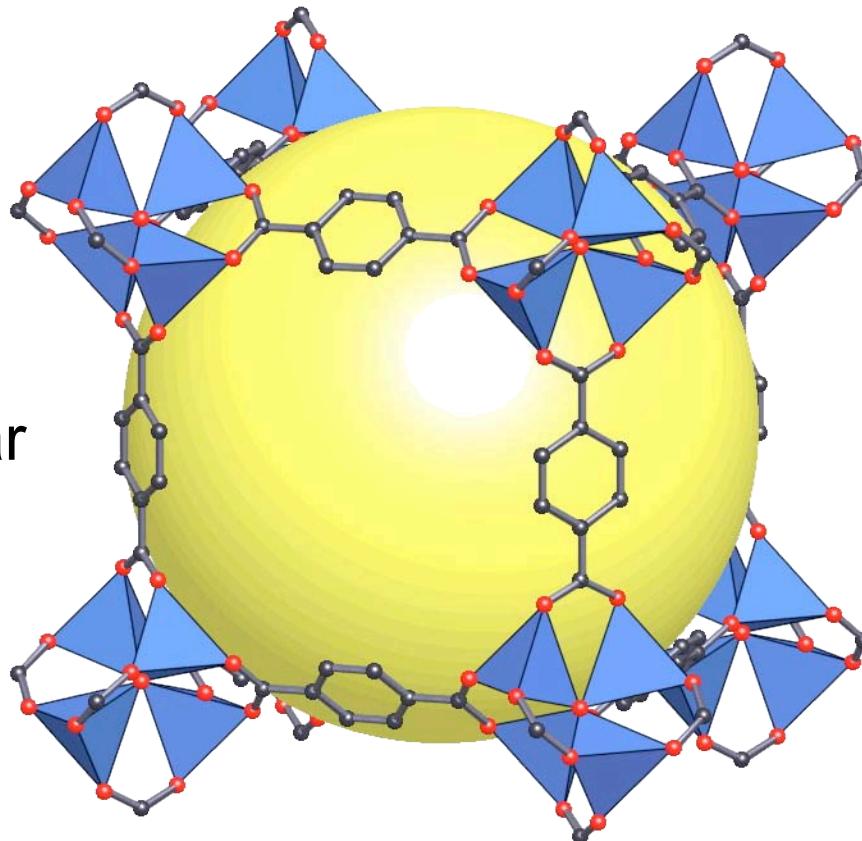
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# Metal-Organic Framework (MOF)



- 4.5 weight % of  $H_2$  at 78 K and 0.8 bar
- 0.5% at RT and 10 bar
- 1% at RT and 20 bar

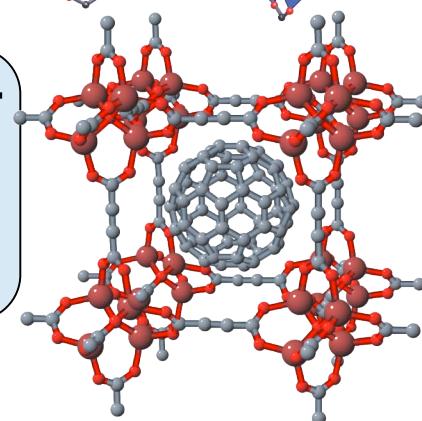
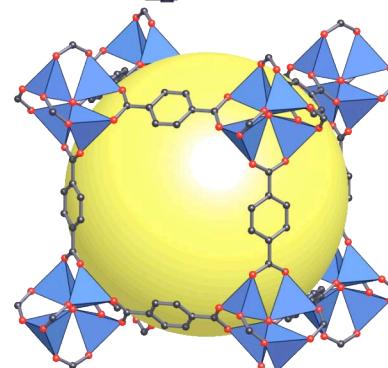
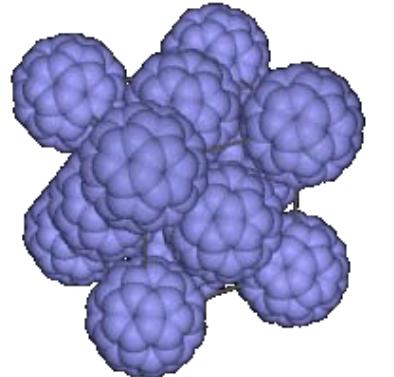


Rosi et al., Science **300** (2003)  
Yaghi's group, Chemistry, Michigan University.

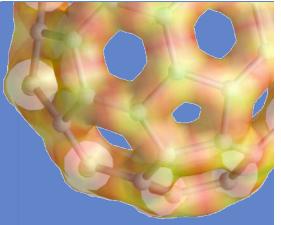
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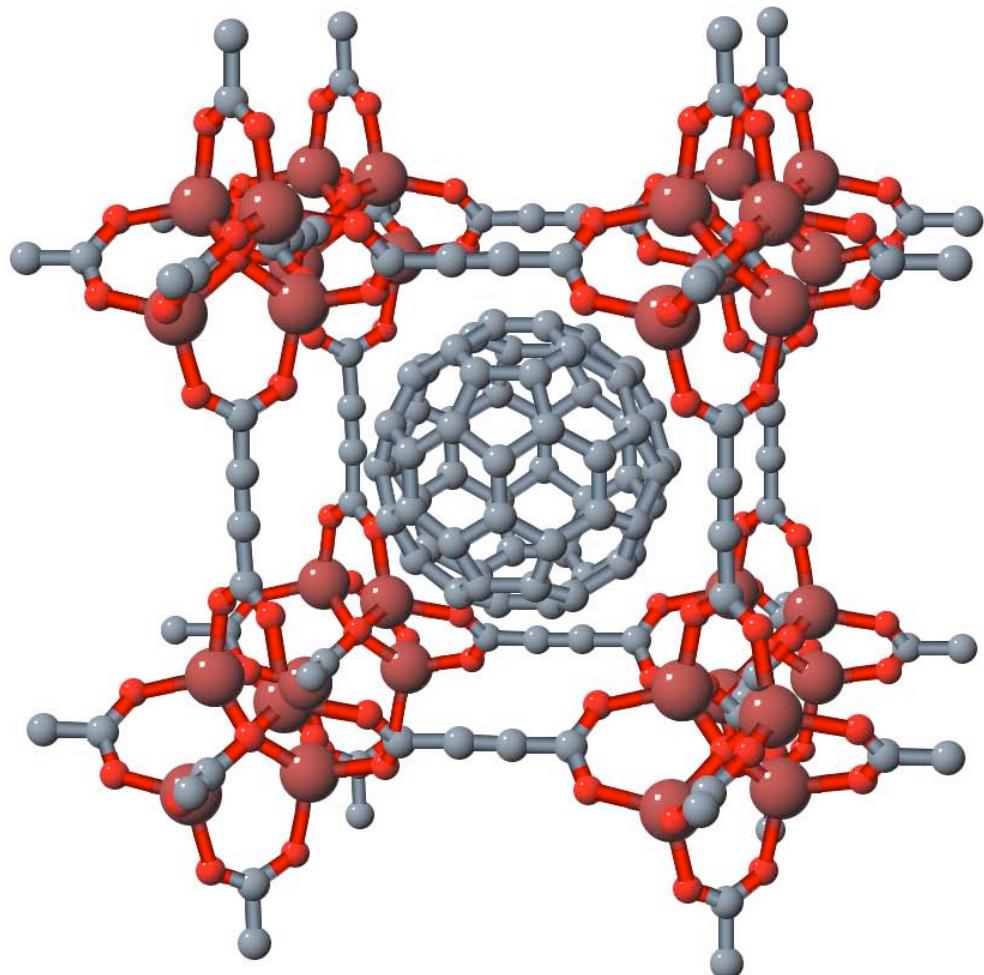
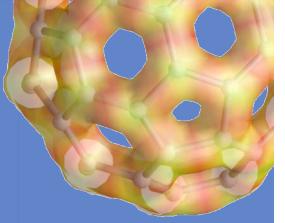
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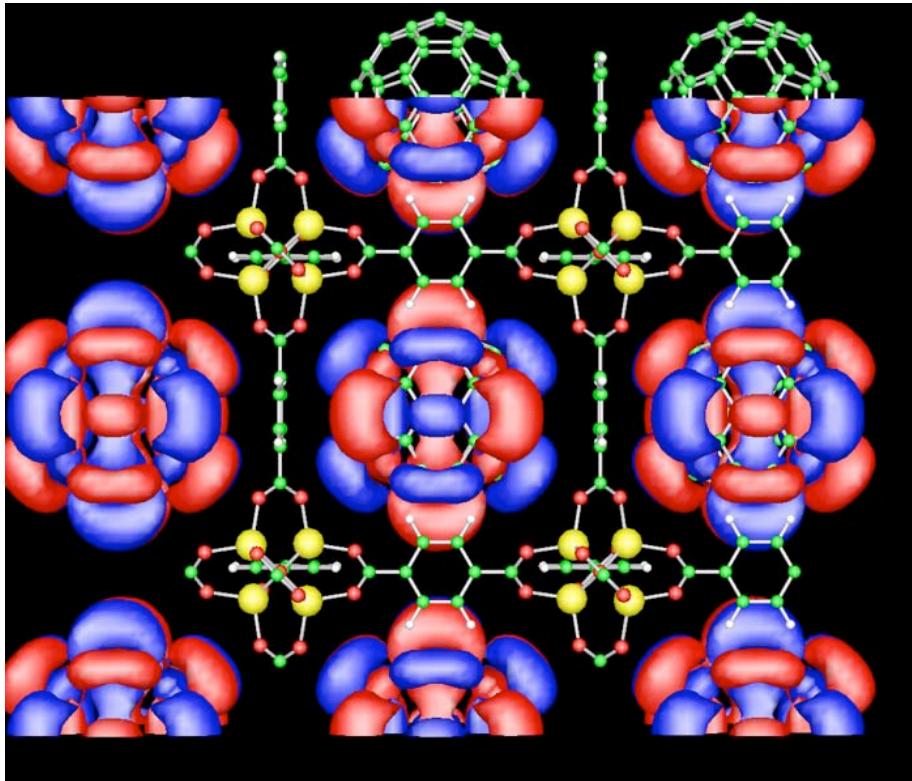
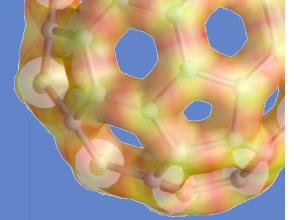


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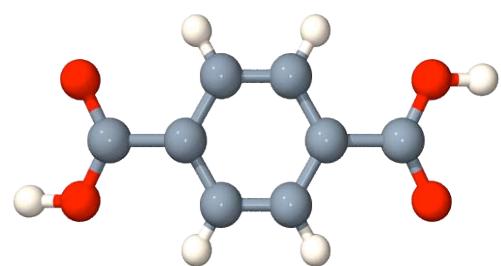


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# MOF- $\text{C}_{60}$

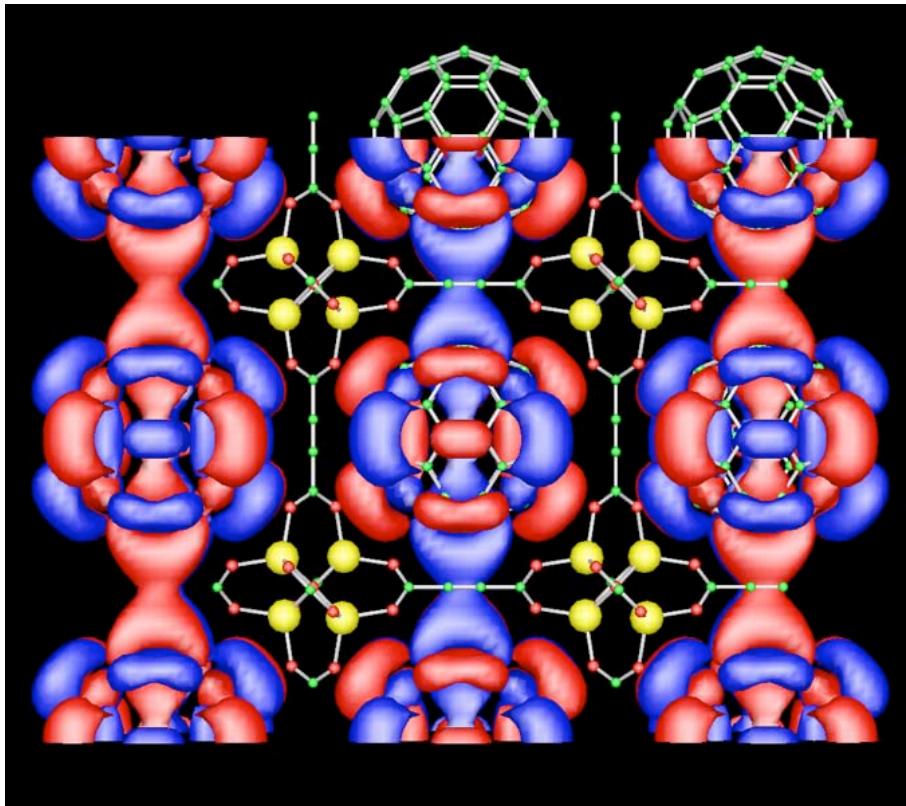
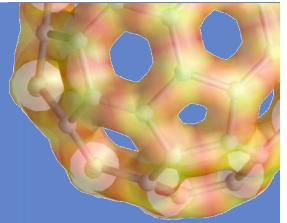


- $\Delta E = 0.87 \text{ eV}$
- New cubic structure for  $\text{C}_{60}$
- Center to center distance of  $12.9 \text{ \AA}$  between the  $\text{C}_{60}$
- Need to reduce the size of the organic linker 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic

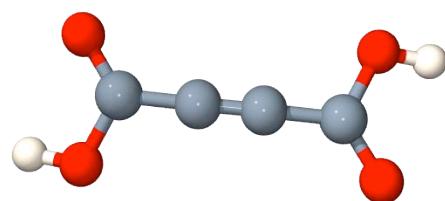


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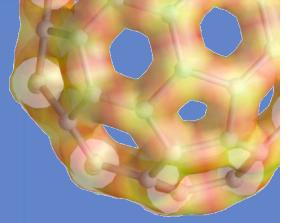


- $\Delta E = 1.02 \text{ eV}$
- Keep the simple cubic structure for the C<sub>60</sub>
- Center to center distance of 11.3 Å between the C<sub>60</sub>
- The organic acid 2-butynediodic in the synthesis of the MOF

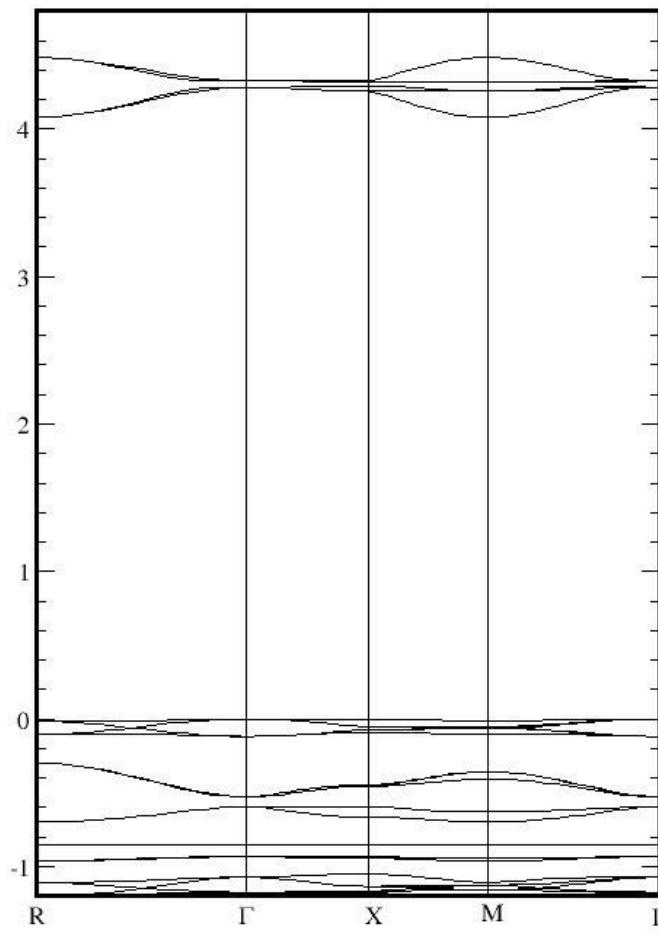


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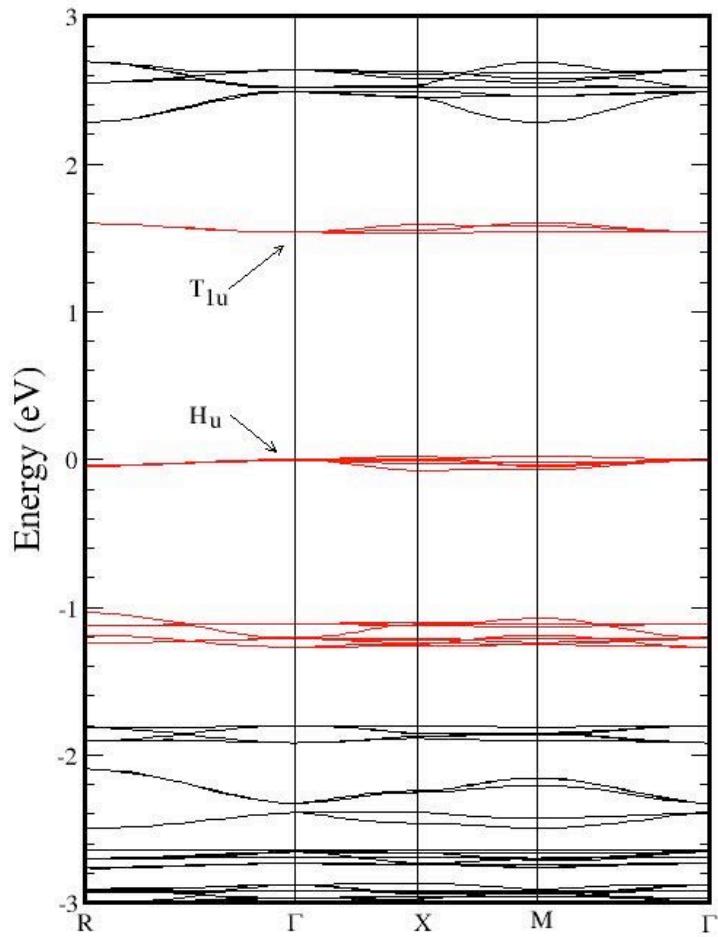
# MOFC<sub>4</sub>C<sub>60</sub> band structure



MOF - Simple Cubic ( C = 11.42 Ang )

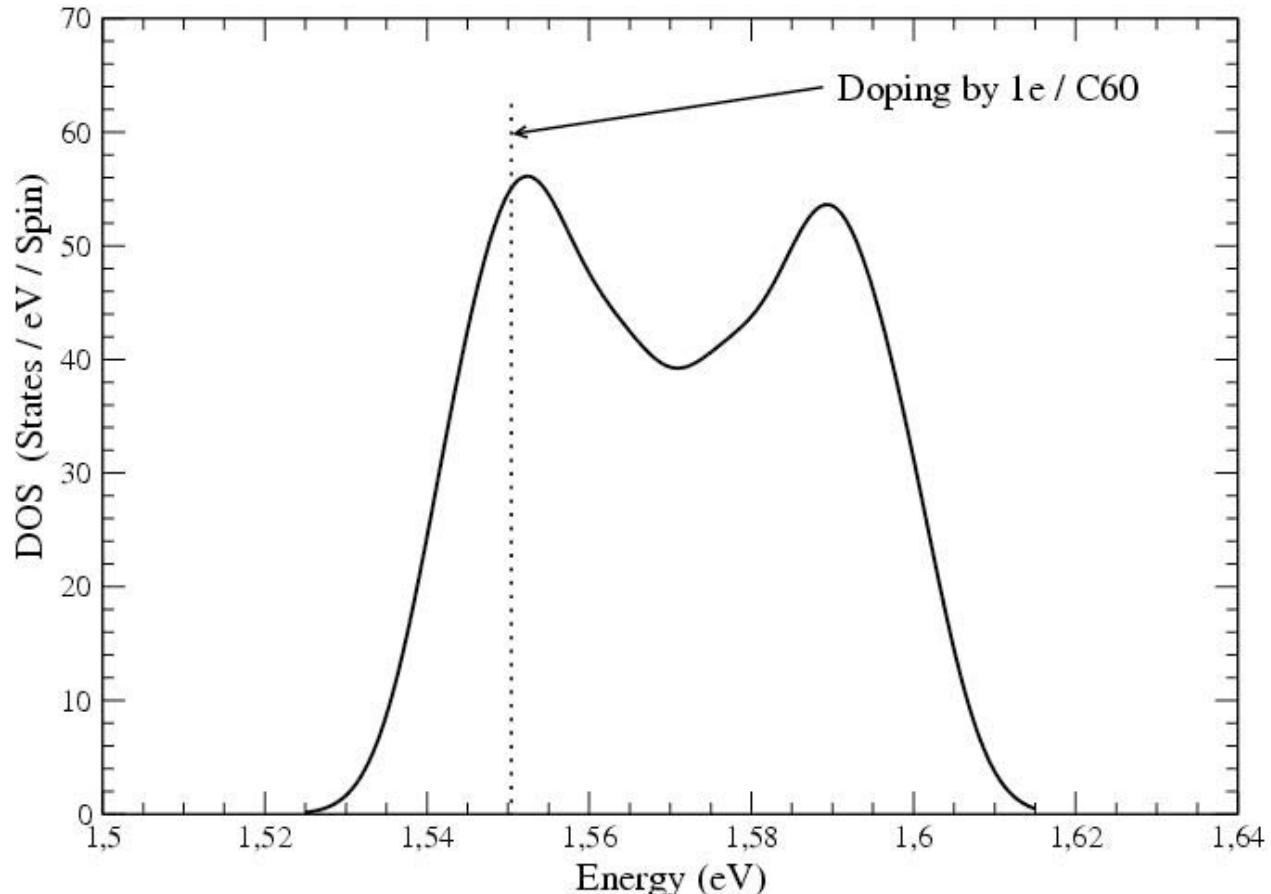
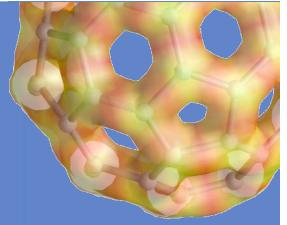


C60@MOF - Simple Cubic ( C = 11.42 Ang )



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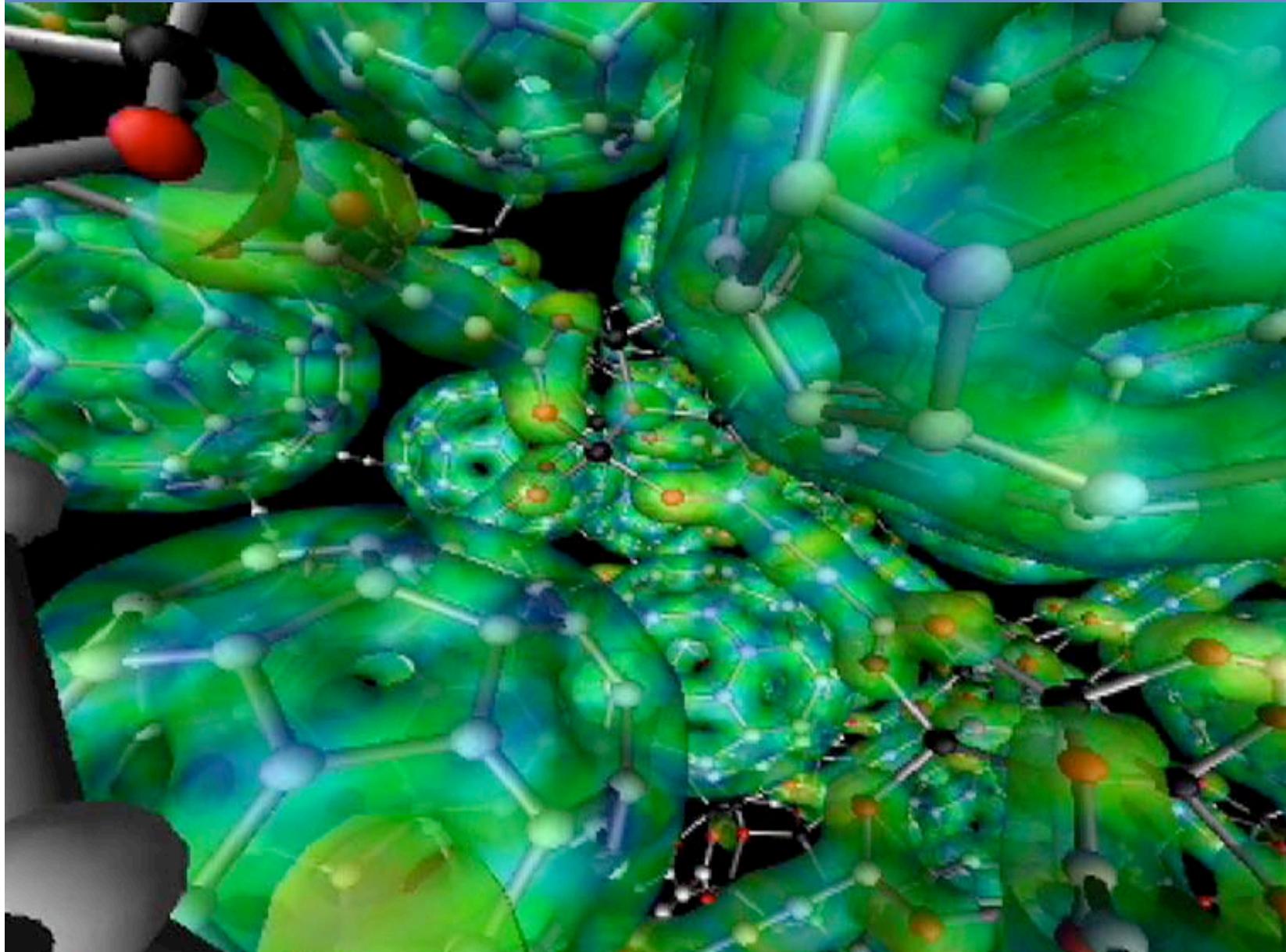
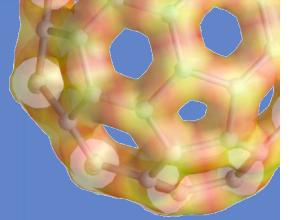
# Density of states



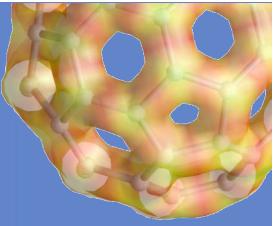
Solid FCC C<sub>60</sub>: 15 states/eV/spin

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# A look at the charge density...



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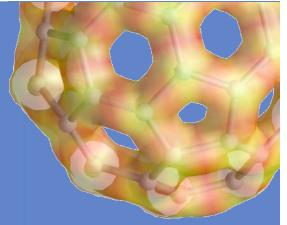


## Conclusion:

- Electronic properties can be tailor with the combination of MOF and C<sub>60</sub>.
- Many new possibilities remain to be explore.
- The synthesis has started.

For more details see: PRL (95) 146403 (2005)

# Members of the group



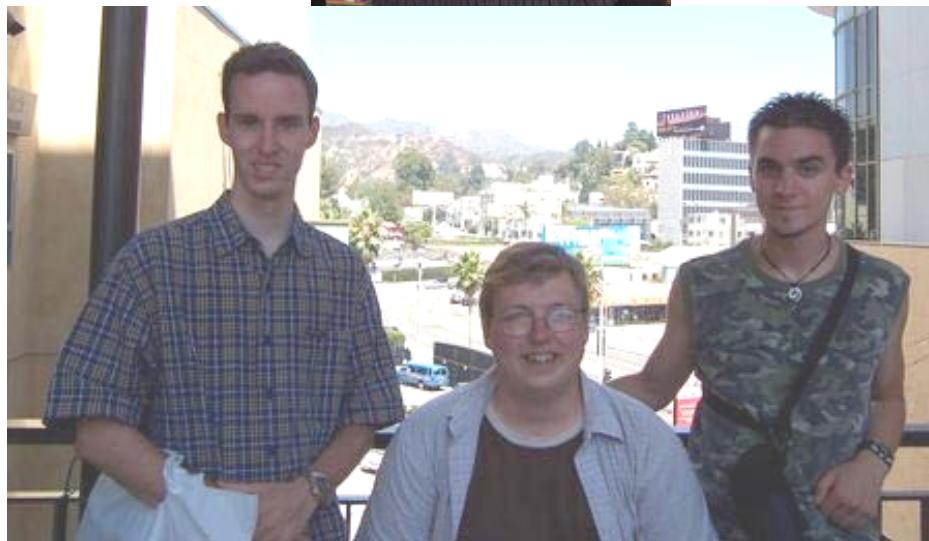
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