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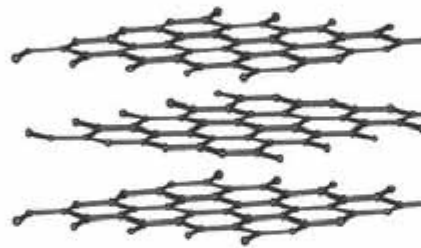
Forme allotropiche del carbonio



Diamante

materiale noto per la sua durezza

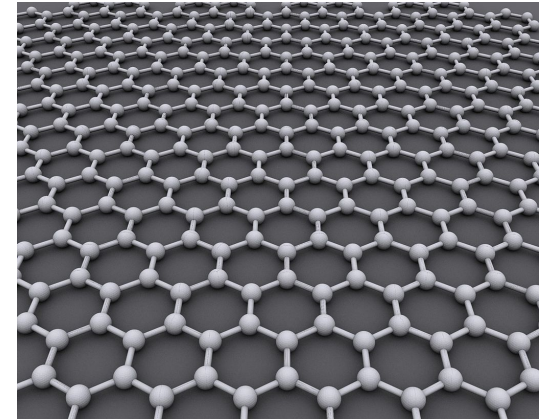
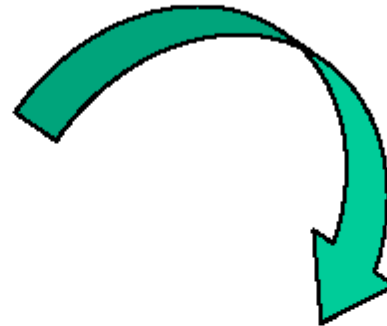
si forma a temperature comprese fra i 900 °C ed i 1.200 °C e pressione di circa 50 Kbar



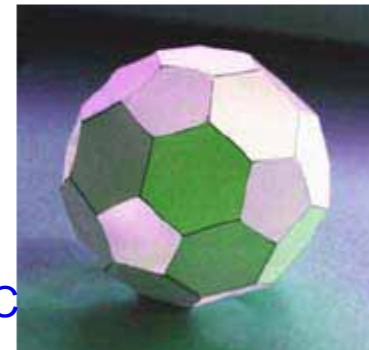
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materiale con elevata conduttività elettrica

si forma alla temperatura di 1.200 °C



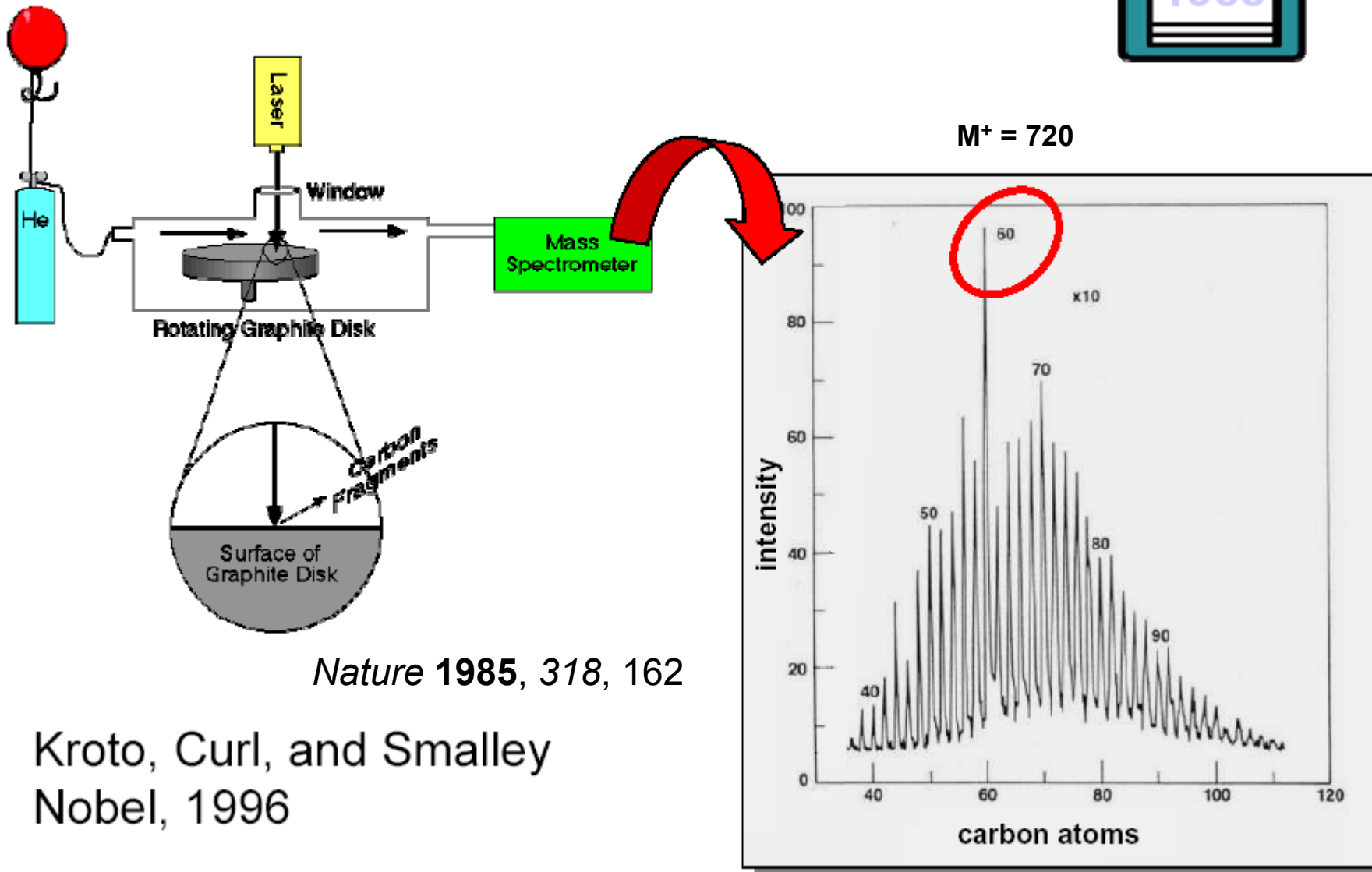
Grafene



1970

Eiji Osawa la teorizza
R.W.Henson la propone

Fullerene: la scoperta



Isolation, Separation and Characterisation of the Fullerenes C₆₀ and C₇₀: The Third Form of Carbon

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Pure samples of the species C₆₀ (Buckminsterfullerene) and C₇₀ (fullerene-70) have been prepared, and their structures characterised by their mass and ¹³C NMR spectra; the results indicate the existence of a family of stable fullerenes, thus confirming that carbon possesses a third form in addition to diamond and graphite.

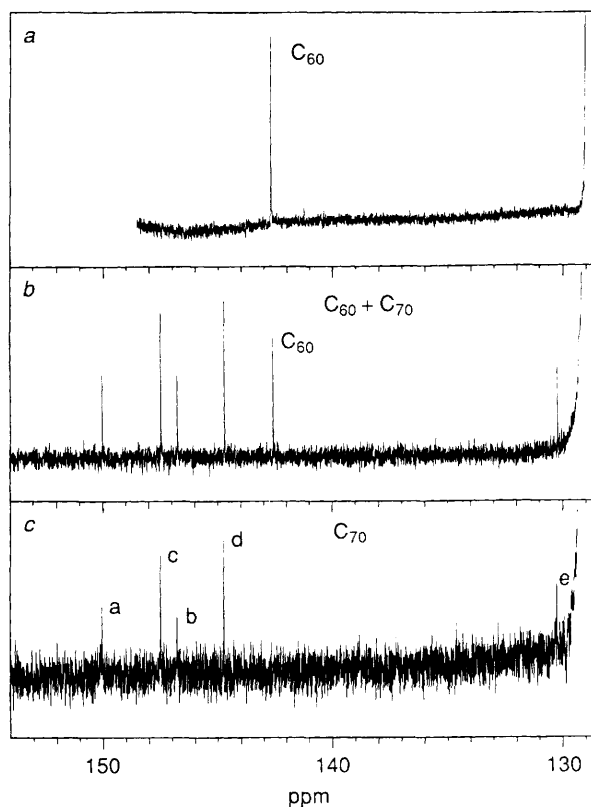
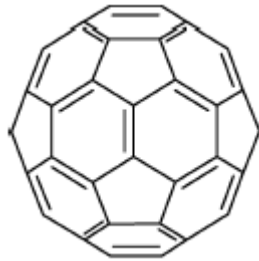


Fig. 3 *a* ¹³C NMR spectrum of C₆₀, Buckminsterfullerene. *b* ¹³C NMR spectrum of a mixed sample in which C₆₀ is much reduced. *c* ¹³C NMR spectrum of C₇₀, fullerene-70. The line assignments given are based on the observed intensities and semi-quantitative strain arguments, and are subject to confirmation. The wing of the intense benzene solvent signal lies at the far right hand side



C₆₀

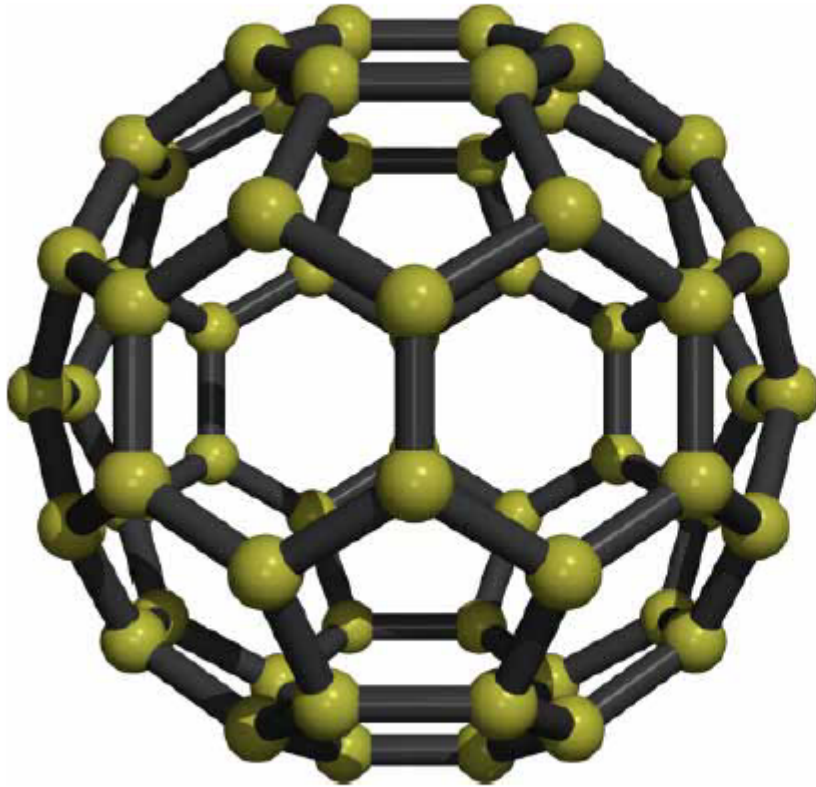
scoperto nel 1985 da Kroto, Smalley and Curl, *Nature* **1985**, 318, 162

1996 Chemistry Nobel Prize

ROBERT F. CURL, Jr. , SIR HAROLD W. KROTO , and RICHARD E. SMALLEY

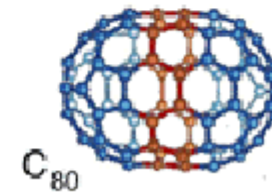
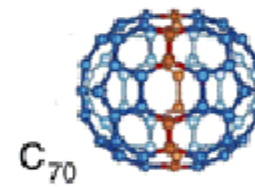
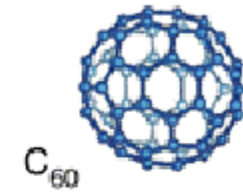
"for their discovery of fullerenes"

Fullereni

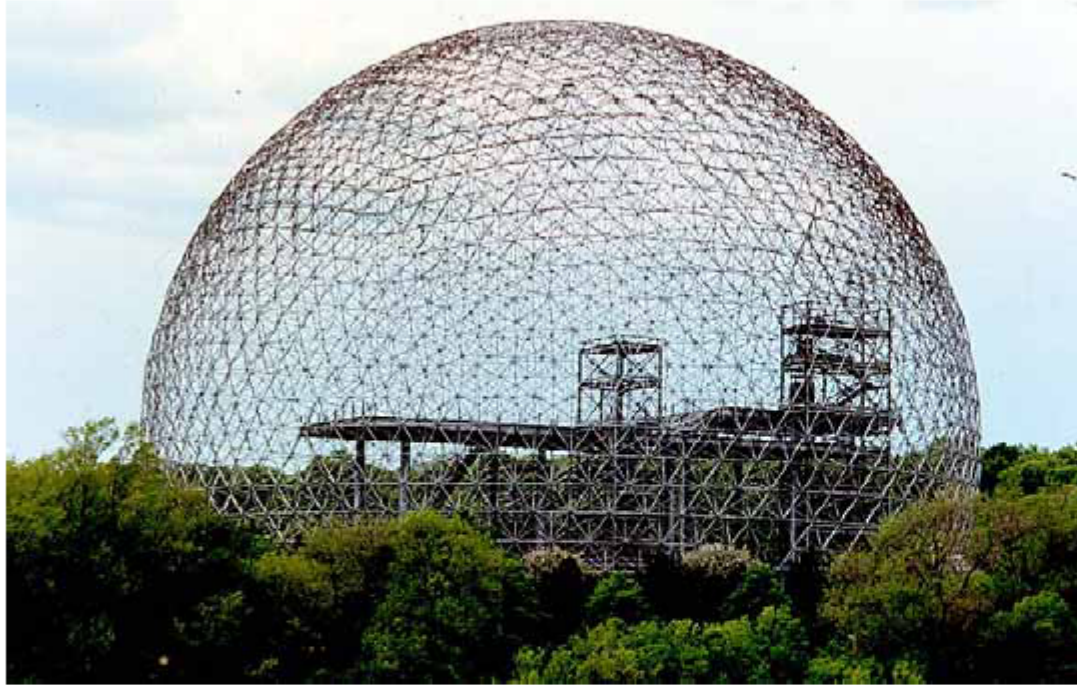


Buckminsterfullerene (C_{60})

truncated icosahedron (I_h symmetry)

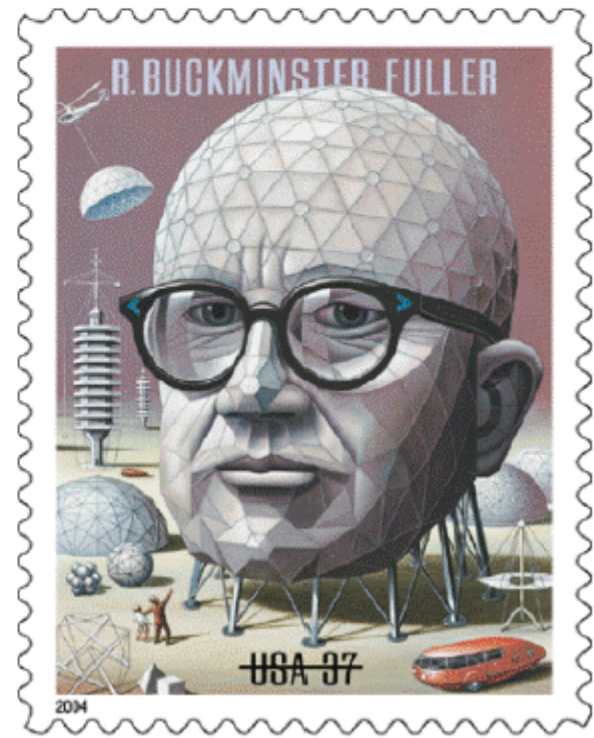


Buckminster Fuller



Geodesic Dome

Buckminster Fuller, US Pavilion for the 1967 International and Universal Exposition in Montreal



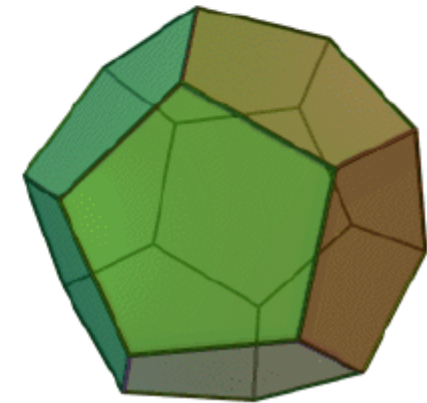
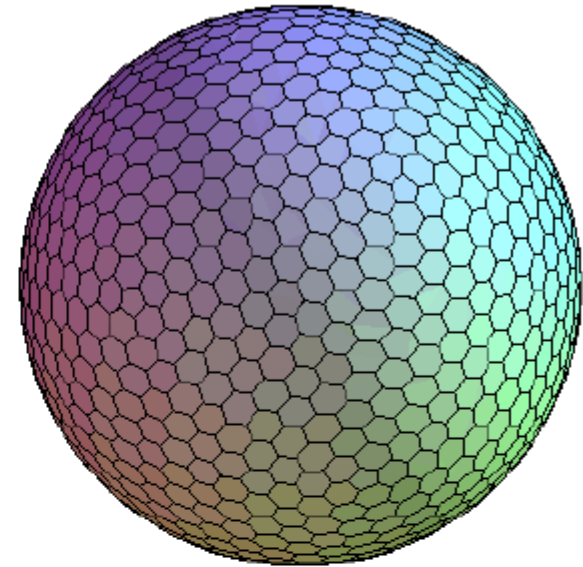
Regola di Eulero

Un fullerene è un poliedro convesso con facce esagonali e pentagonali.

$$F - S + V = 2$$

Se uso solo esagoni $F - S + V = 0$. Affinché la formula di Eulero per i poliedri sia rispettata, occorre che diventi uguale a 2. In breve, occorre sostituire **12** esagoni con altrettanti **pentagoni**

Ci sono esattamente 12 pentagoni in un fullerene. Il più piccolo fullerene è il C_{20}



Facce 12

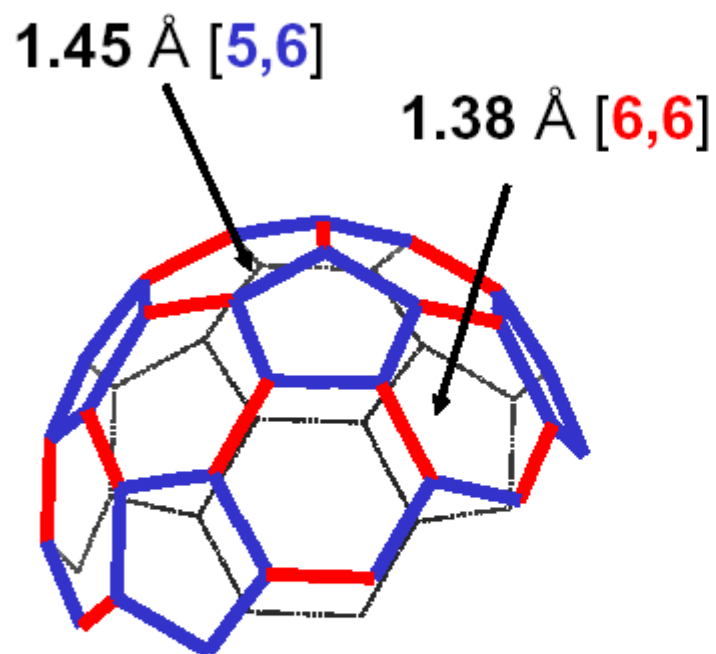
Spigoli 30

Vertici 20

C₆₀

- C₆₀ was found to become a **superconductor** in M₃C₆₀ species (M=alkali metal)
- organic soft **ferromagnet** in TDAE⁺C₆₀⁻ (TDAE=tetrakisdimethylaminoethylene) at 16.1 Kelvin
- a relatively stable **hexaanion** in cyclic voltammetry
- an interesting material with **non-linear optical properties**.
 - The C₆₀ surface contains 20 hexagons and 12 pentagons. All the rings are fused, all the double bonds are conjugated.
- X-Ray crystal structure determinations on C₆₀ and on some of its derivatives have proved the existence of two different types of bonds: 'short bonds' or 6,6 junctions shared by two adjacent hexagons (ca. 1.38 Å long) and 'long bonds', or 5,6 junctions, fusing a pentagon and a hexagon (ca. 1.45 Å long).

Proprietà strutturali del C₆₀



$\Delta H_f = 10.16$ Kcal/mol per C
(ΔH_f)graphite = 0 Kcal/mol
(ΔH_f)diamond = 0.4 Kcal/mol

The six-membered rings are **not aromatic** in that they contain alternating single and double bonds. 6,6-bonds are shorter than 5,6-bonds.

The overall buckyball structure has to be viewed as fused **1,3,5-cyclohexatrienes** and **[5]radialenes**

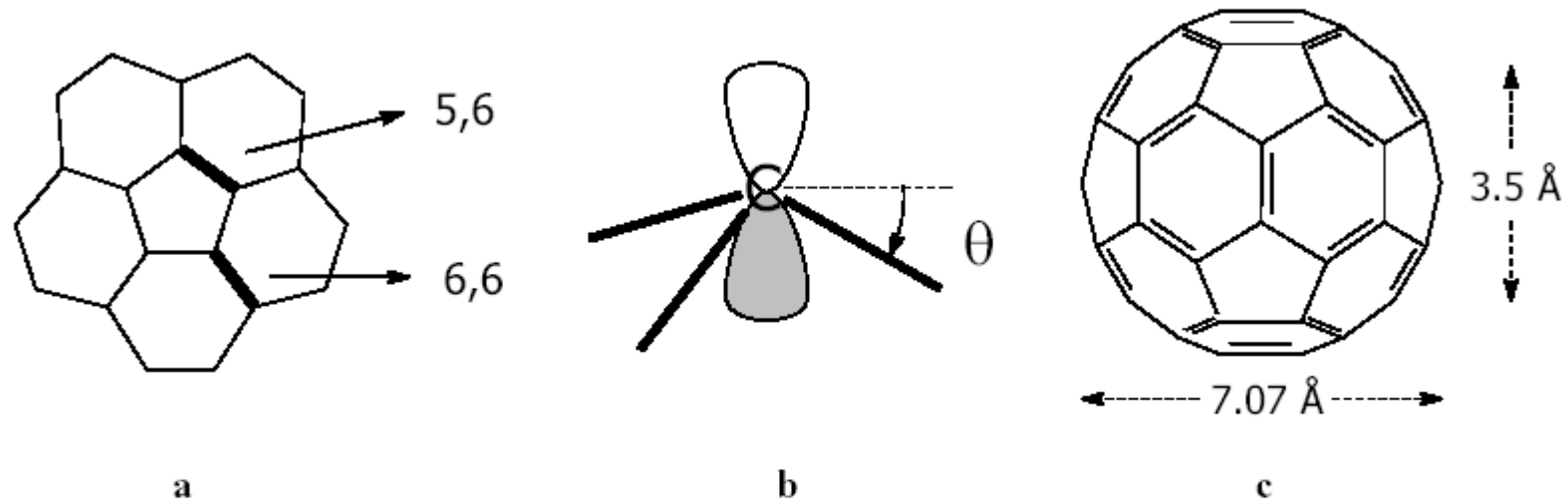
spherical geometry causes **pyramidalization** of the unsaturated C-atoms. Strain Energy $\approx 80\%$ H_f

- Haddon and Raghavachari, in *buckminsterfullerenes*, VCH, 1993
- H.D. Beckhaus et al. *Angew. Chem.* 1992, 31, 63)

- A. Hirsch, Z. Chen, H. Jiao. *Angew. Chem.* **2000**, 39, 3915.

- M. Bühl, A. Hirsch *Chem. Rev.* **2001**, 101, 1119.

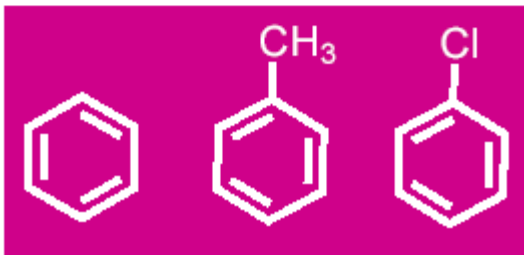
Proprietà strutturali del C_{60}



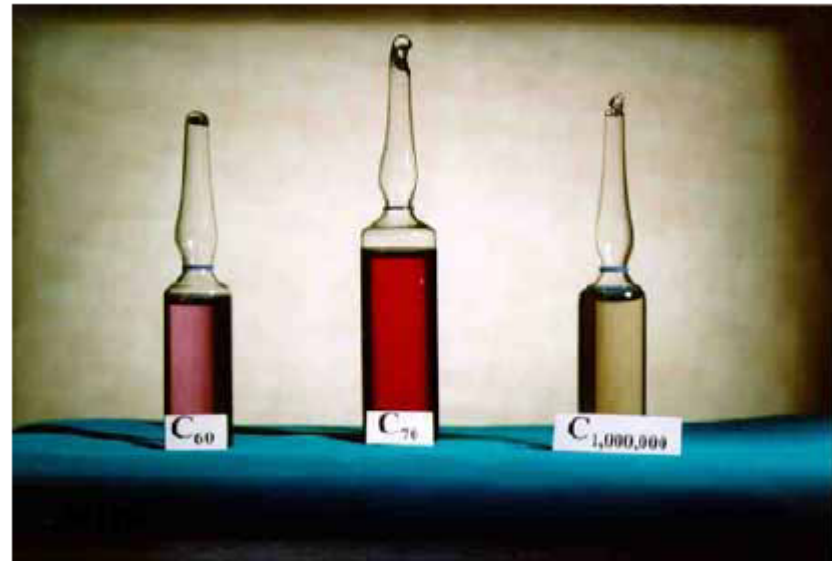
(a) legami 5,6 e 6,6 nel C_{60} ; (b) angolo di piramidalizzazione θ ; (c) diametro esterno (*edge-to-edge*) e interno del C_{60} (il diametro di Wan der Waals è circa 10.4 Å)



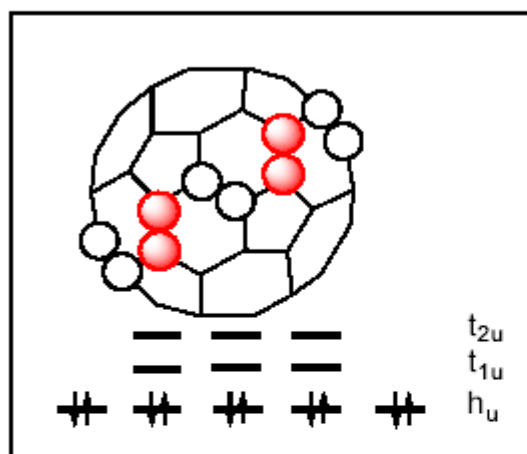
C₆₀ solution in toluene



and CS₂



Reattività



C₆₀ behaves essentially as a **strained electron-poor alkene**; addition chemistry is mainly driven by strain relief

fullerenes are very difficult to oxidize but are **readily reduced** (reactivity towards electron-rich reagents)

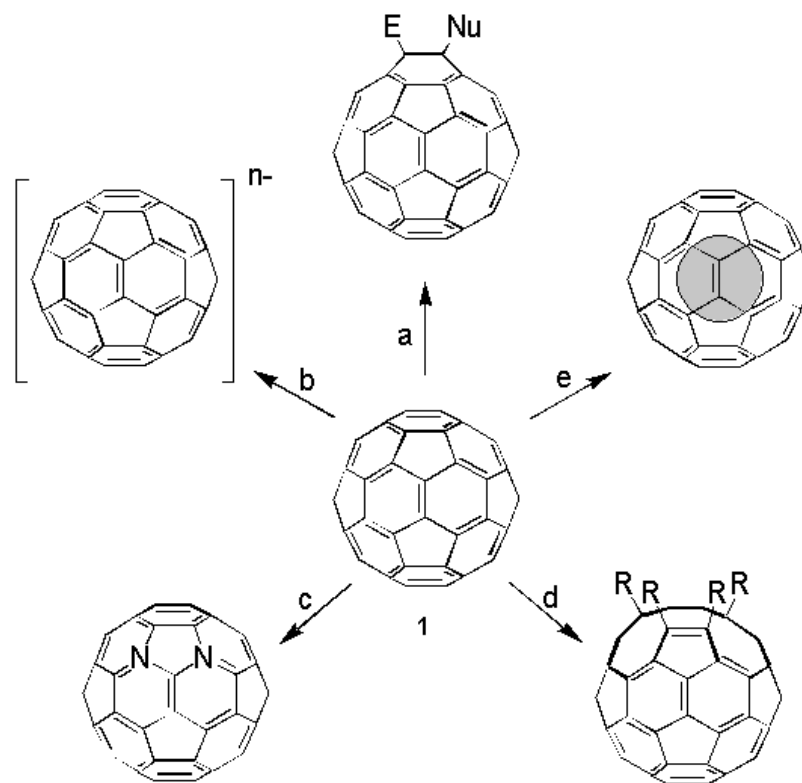
1,2-additions occur at 6,6-double bonds. In 1,2-adducts the bond-length alternation is totally preserved

the regioselectivity of addition reactions is governed by **avoidance of products with 5,6 double bonds** in the lowest energy Kekulé structure (price tag of 8.5 kcal mol⁻¹)

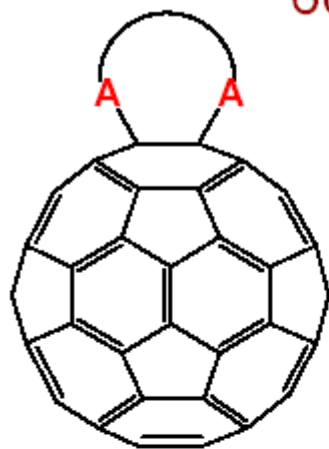
multiple addition to C₆₀ is a complicated process governed by differences in bond order and LUMO coefficients at each site: many possible **regio-isomers**

The **chemical transformations** that are possible with C₆₀ could be classified in five main groups (figure 1.3):

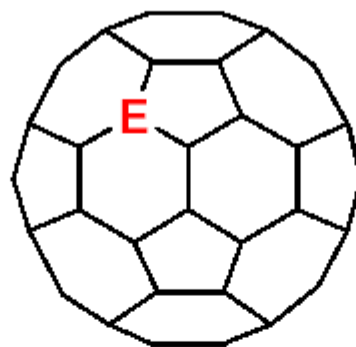
- a) *Addition reactions*. Formation of exohedral compounds by addition of nucleophiles or radicals, cycloadditions, complexations with transition metals and others.
- b) *Electron transfer reactions*. Chemical reduction of fullerenes can easily be achieved by reaction with electropositive alkali and alkaline earth metals or organic donor molecules.
- c) *Heterofullerenes*. Substitution of a carbon atom of the fullerene skeleton for a heteroatom, for example nitrogen or boron.
- d) *Ring opening reactions*. Producing a hole in the C₆₀ skeleton while breaking a discrete number of bonds.
- e) *Formation of endohedrals*. Introducing and trapping of atoms inside the spherical carbon cage.



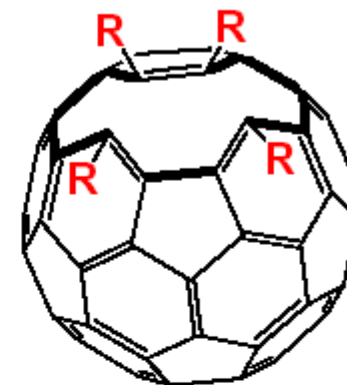
Derivati del C_{60}



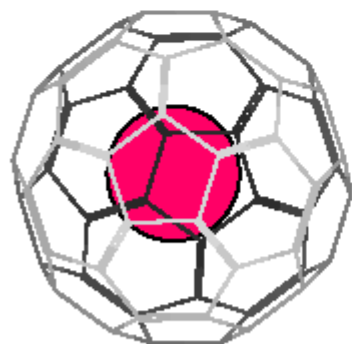
covalent exohedral
adducts



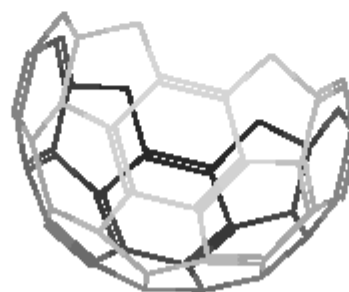
heterofullerenes



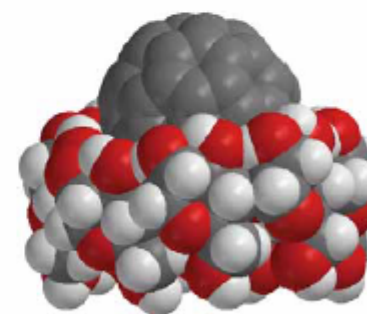
open-cage
derivatives



endohedral
fullerenes

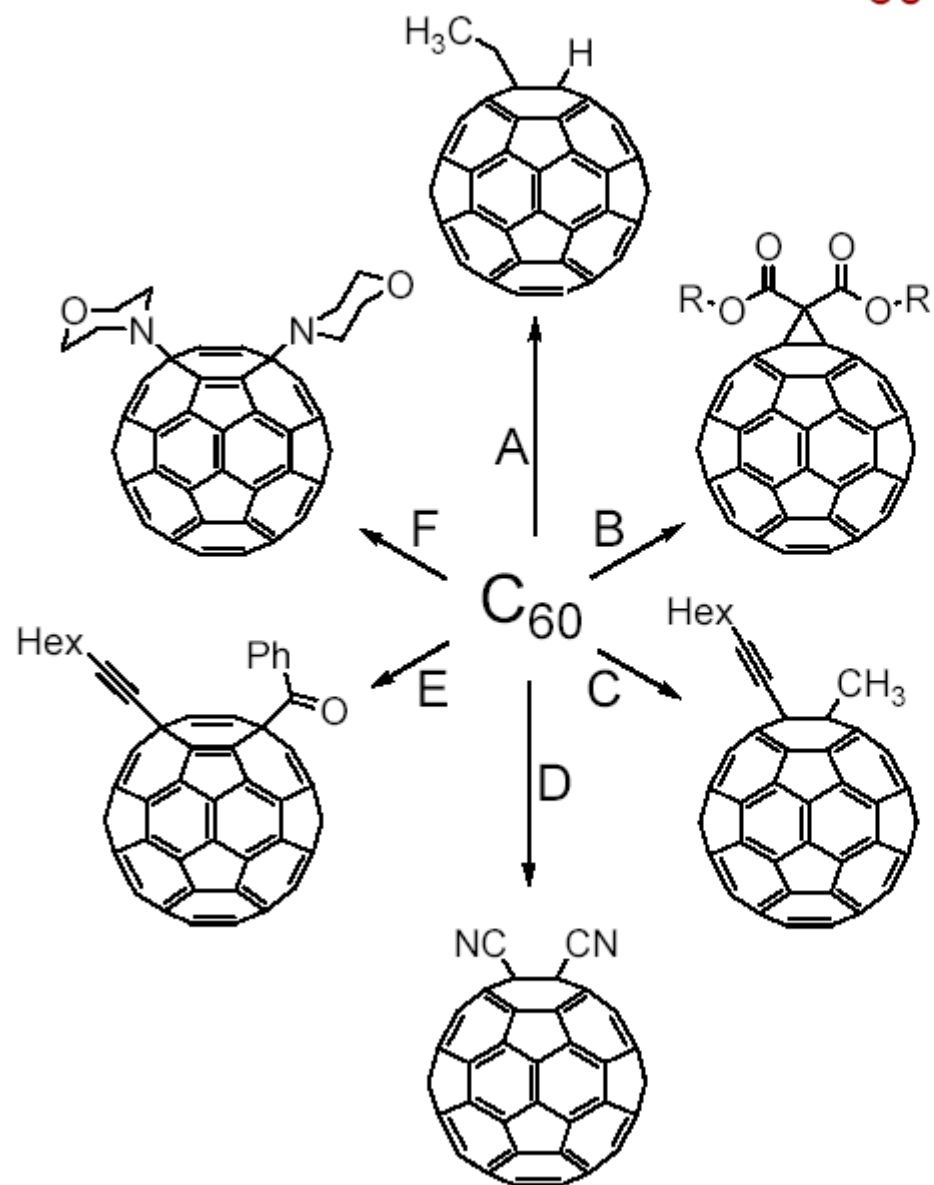


partial
structures

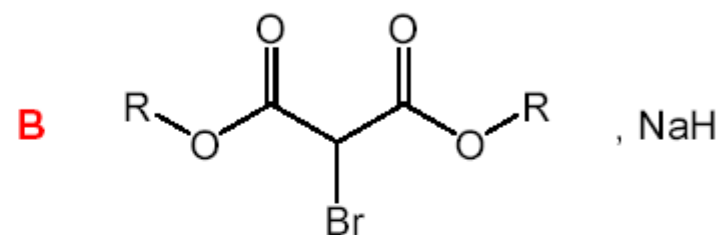


Host-guest
assemblies

Addizioni nucleofile al C₆₀



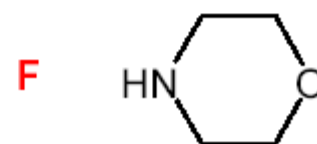
A EtMgBr, H⁺



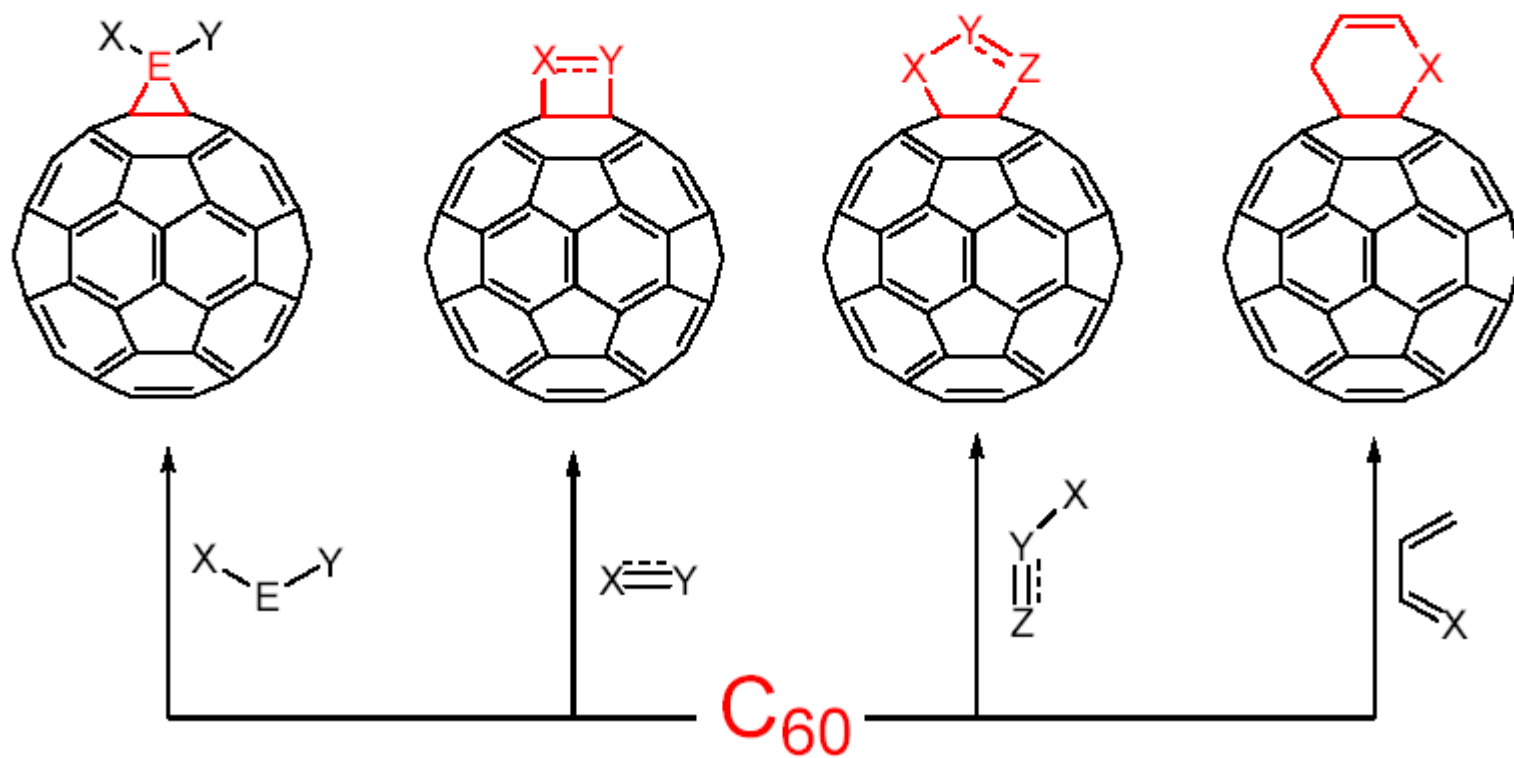
C Hex-C≡C-Li, MeI

D NaCN, TsCN

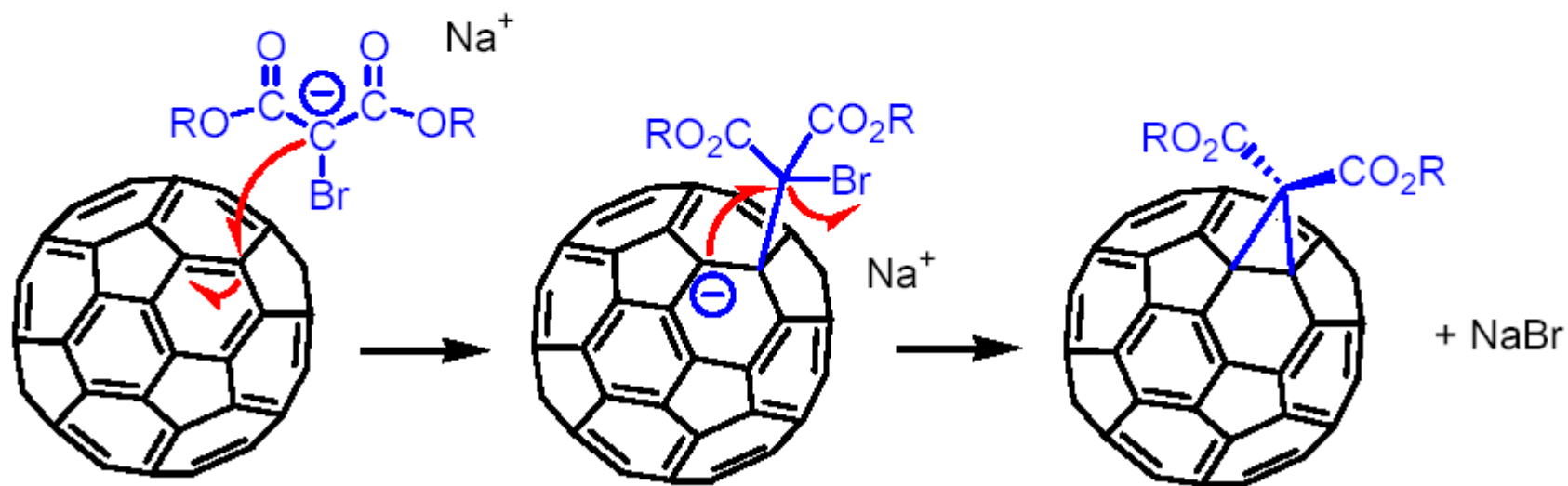
E Hex-C≡C-Li, PhCOCl



Cicloaddizioni al C_{60}

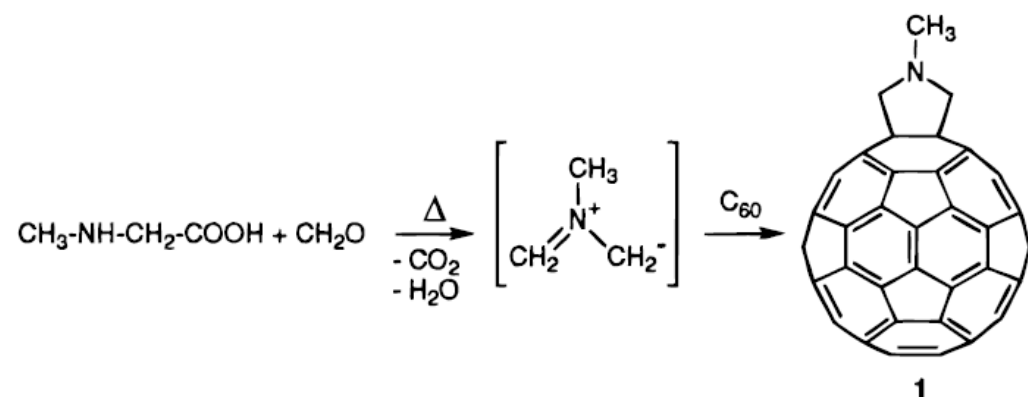


Ciclopropanazione del C_{60} (metanofullereni)



1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of azomethine ylides to C60

the Prato's reaction



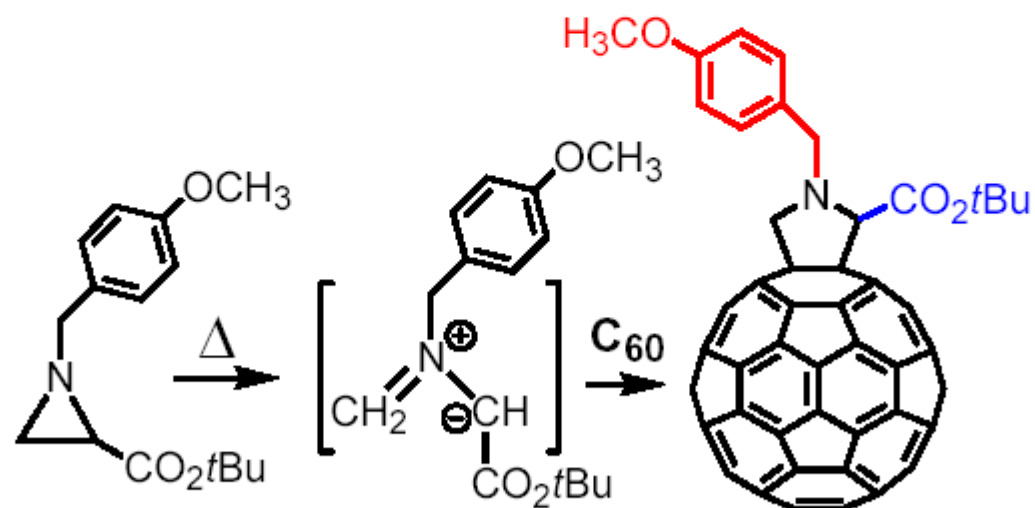
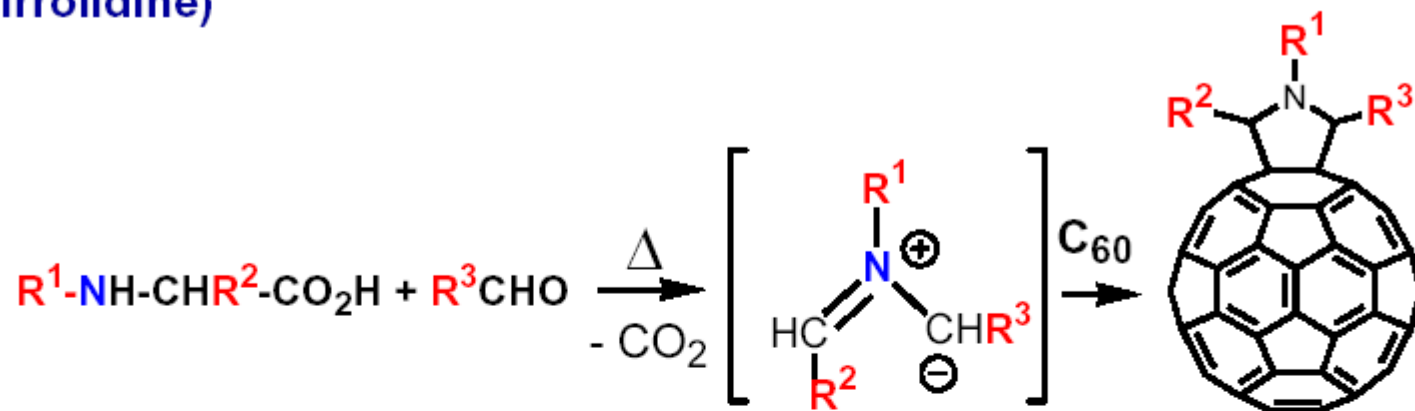
41% yield

82% on the consumed C60

the reaction is site selective in that it affords exclusively the product of cycloaddition across a 6,6 ring junction of the fullerene

Cicloaddizione di ilidi azometiniche

(fulleropirrolidine)



M. Maggini, G. Scorrano, M Prato *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, 9798

M. Prato, M. Maggini *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1998**, 519

X. Zhang, M. Willems, C. S. Foote *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 8187

In the presence of large excesses of reagents, up to nine pyrrolidine rings can be introduced, as detected by MS analysis of the reaction crude.

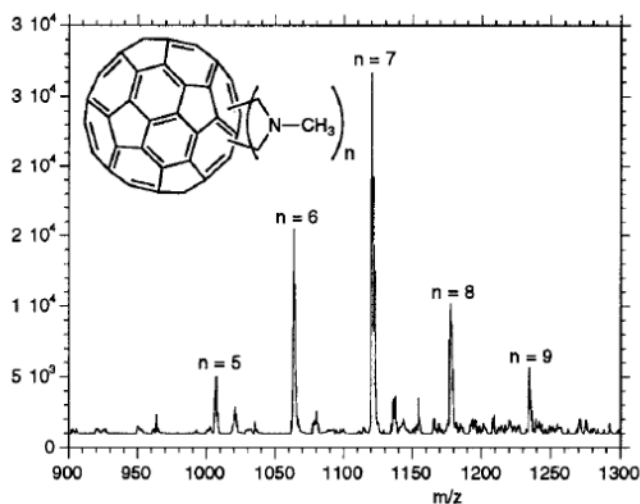
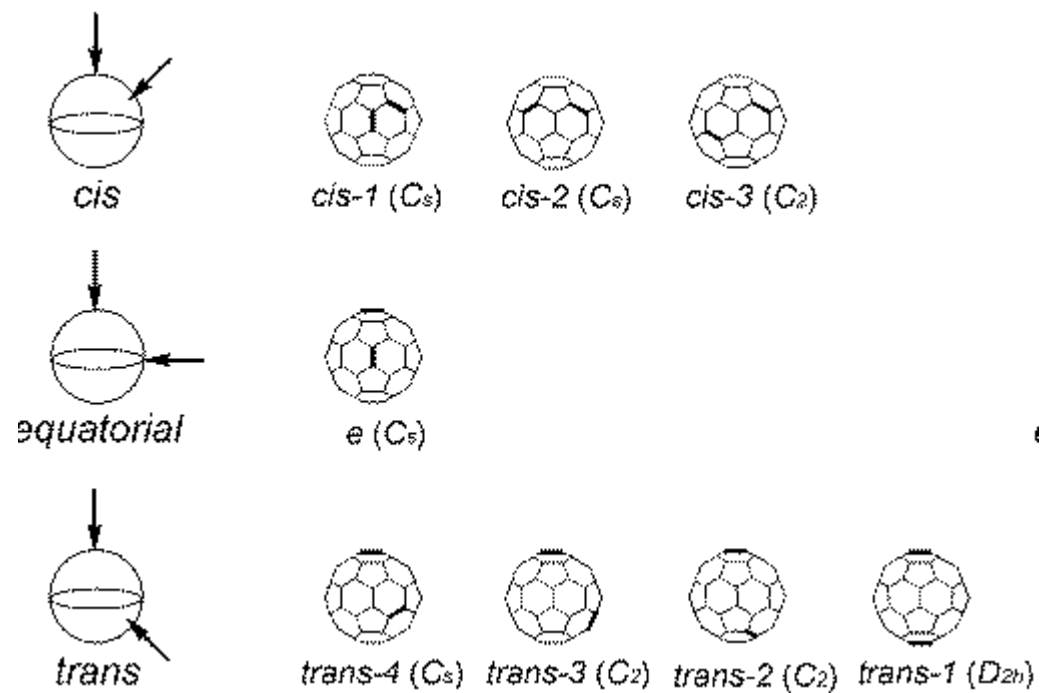


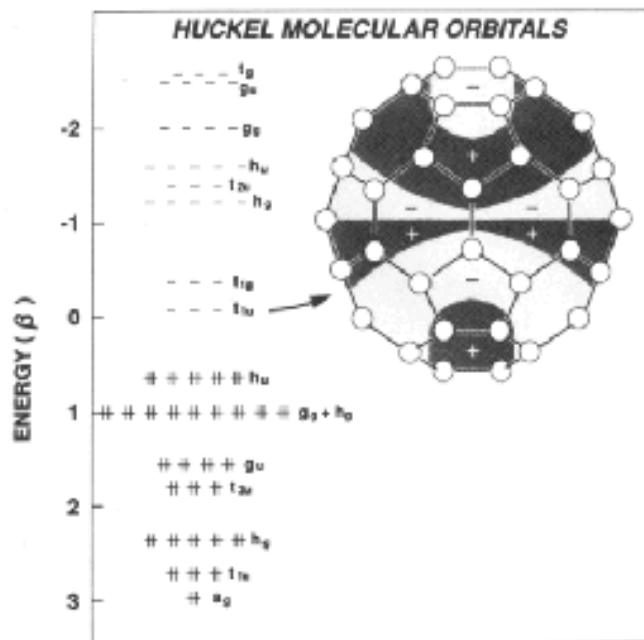
FIGURE 1. APCI-MS spectrum of the crude mixture obtained by heating a toluene solution containing C₆₀, 20 equiv of sarcosine, and 20 equiv of formaldehyde for 8 h.

Maggini, M.; Scorrano, G.; Prato, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 9798–9799.

C60 bis-adducts

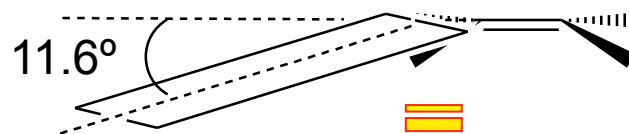


C₆₀

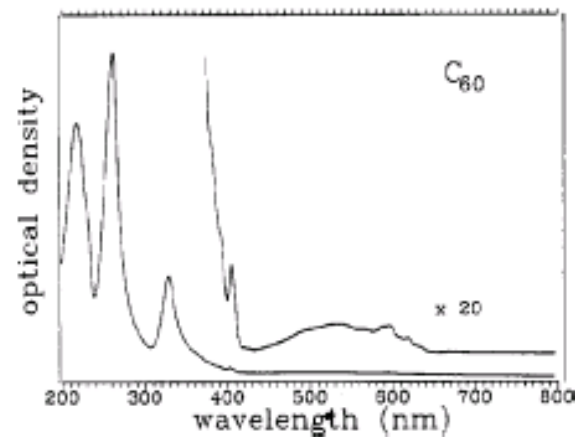


Huckel energy levels of **C₆₀** together with one component of the triply degenerate t_{1u} set of molecular orbitals which become populated on alkali-metal doping.

C sp² deviate from planarity



low HOMO-LUMO gap

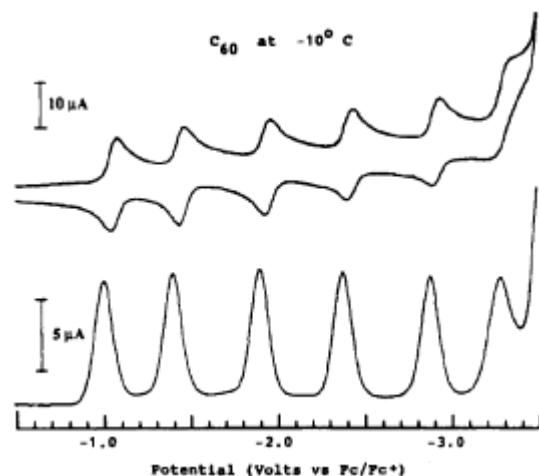


UV-vis spectra of fullerene in hexane solution.

optical HOMO-LUMO gap **2.34 eV**, on the most intense peak, λ 540 nm

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C₆₀



$$E^{\circ}_{1ox} - E^{\circ}_{1rid} = 2.33 \text{ eV}$$

può accettare in modo reversibile
fino a 6 elettroni

Cyclic voltammogram (top) and differential pulse voltammogram (bottom) of fullerene in MeCN/toluene.

Qi. Xie, E. Perez-Cordero, L. Echegoyen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 3978-3980 C₆₀⁶⁻

J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2003**, *125*, 15738-15739 C₆₀²⁺ e ³⁺

- forma deboli complessi a trasferimento di carica con diversi tipici D, come con derivati di TTF (tetrathiafulvalene)

in the gas phase

IP 7.6 eV

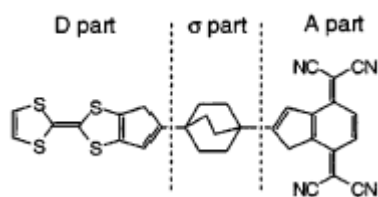
EA 2.7 eV accetta 2e

APPLICATIONS

Fullerene as an acceptor for Donor-Acceptor Diads, Triads and Multiads

D- σ -A

TTF- σ -TCNQ systems (sistemi non coniugati)



• theoretical proposal

Chemical structure of the Aviram-Ratner (1974)
molecular rectifier TTF- σ -TCNQ

calculated HOMO-LUMO gap of 0.3 eV

A. Aviram, M. Ratner *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **1974**, 29, 277.

see also: R. M. Metzger *Chem. Rev.* **2003**, 103, 3803.

la maggior parte dei mono-addotti mantiene le stesse proprietà del fullerene

come donatori sono stati usati: composti aromatici, porfirine, ftalocianine rotassani, TTF, unità di carotene, Ru-terpy, Ru-bipy, ferrocene, ecc.

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C₆₀-TTF

HOMO-LUMO gap
~ 1-1.2 eV

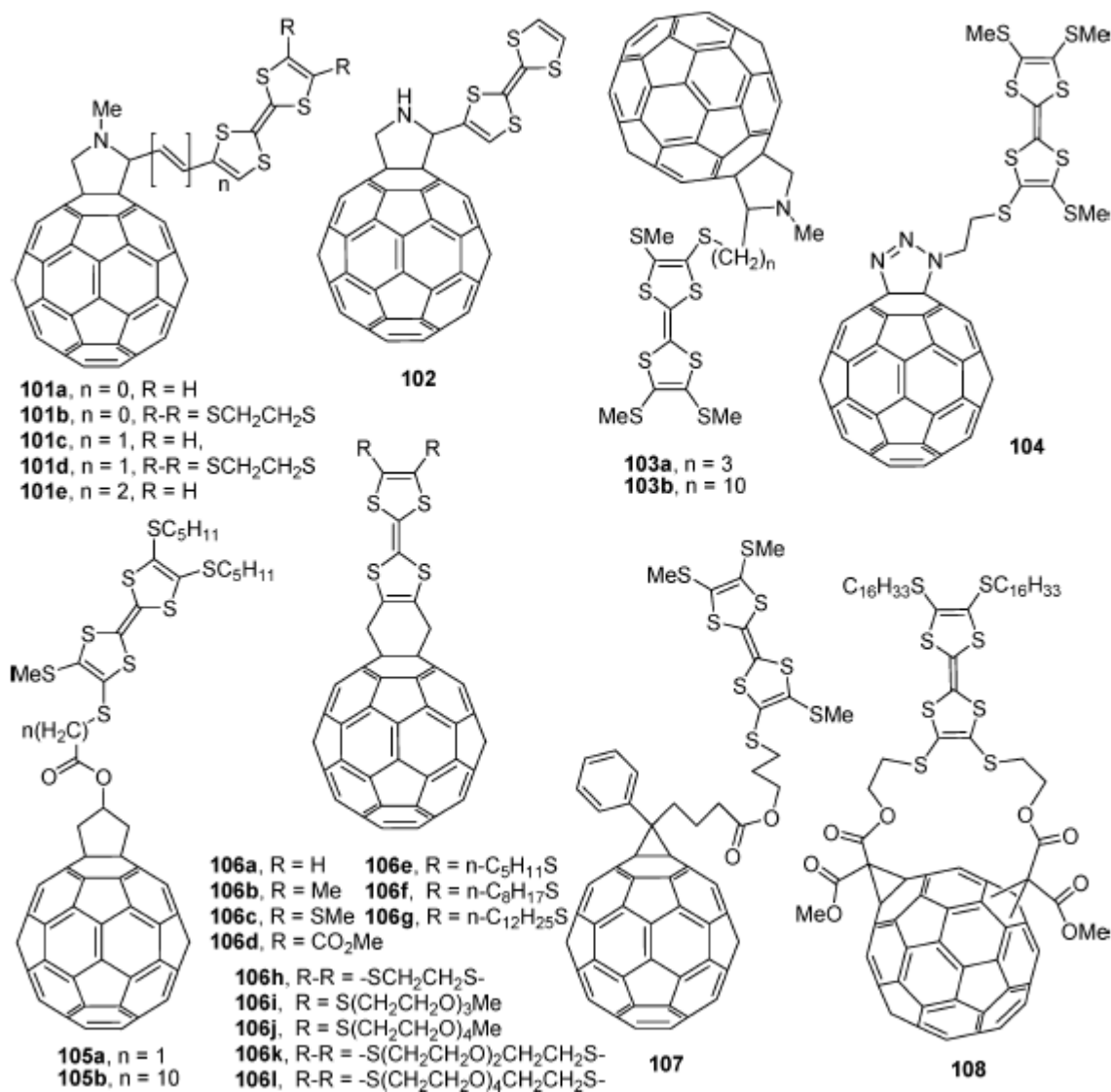
non dipende molto dallo
spaziatore

nel TTF da SR a H
riduzione di band gap
di soli ~ 0.1 eV

sostituenti sul C60
diminuiscono le proprietà
elettron-accettore



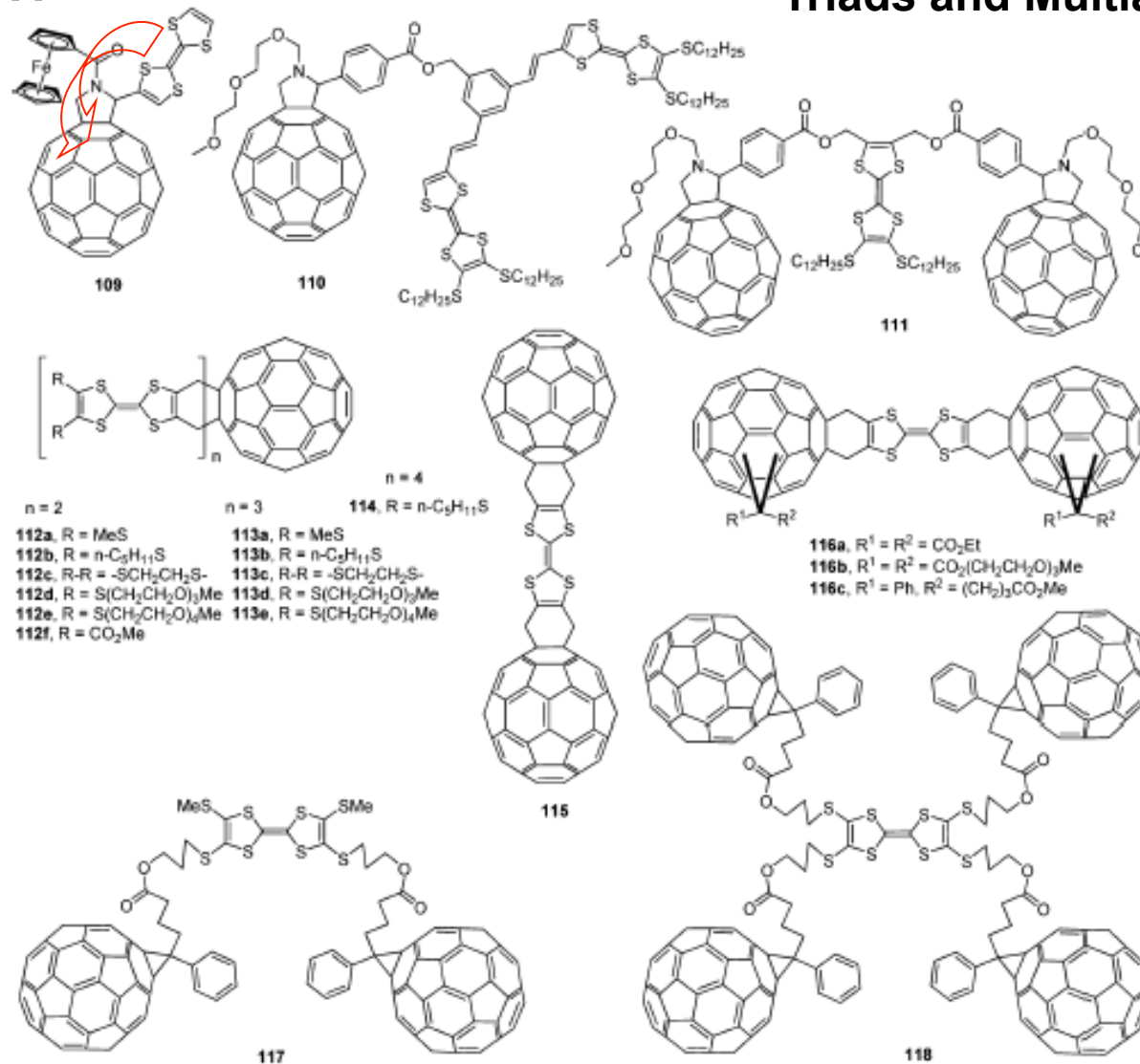
in queste diadi
weak charge transfer
tra TTF e C60 nello stato
fondamentale



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C₆₀-TTF

Triads and Multiads



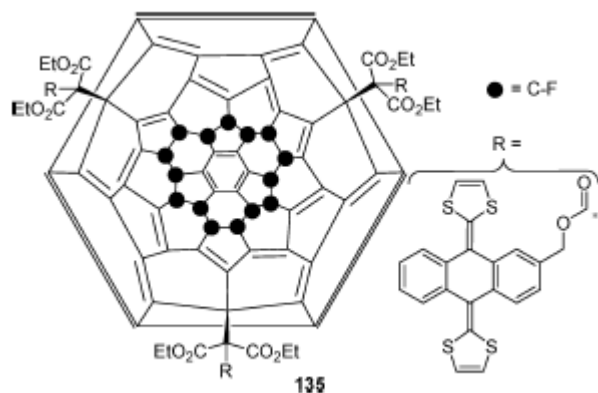
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Fluorinated Fullerenes as Ultimate Acceptors for Donor-Acceptor Diads

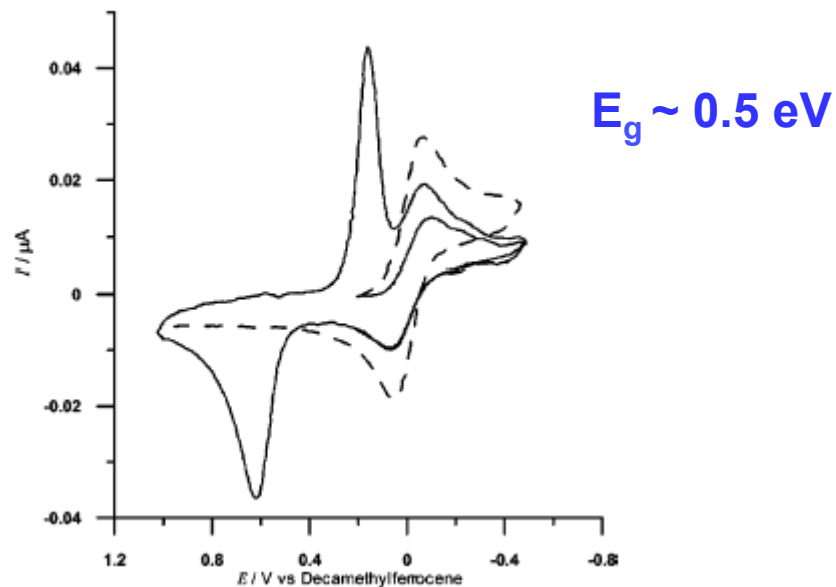
- Highly fluorinated fullerenes were reported as exceptionally strong electron acceptors (stronger than TCNQ), although this behavior can hardly be attributed simply to the inductive electron-withdrawing effect of fluorine atoms (separated from the π -system by an sp^3 carbon).

EA is increased by ~ 0.05 eV per each fluorine atom added

Thus, attaching TTF units to fluorinated fullerenes could afford otherwise unavailable donor-acceptor compounds with a very low HOMO-LUMO gap.

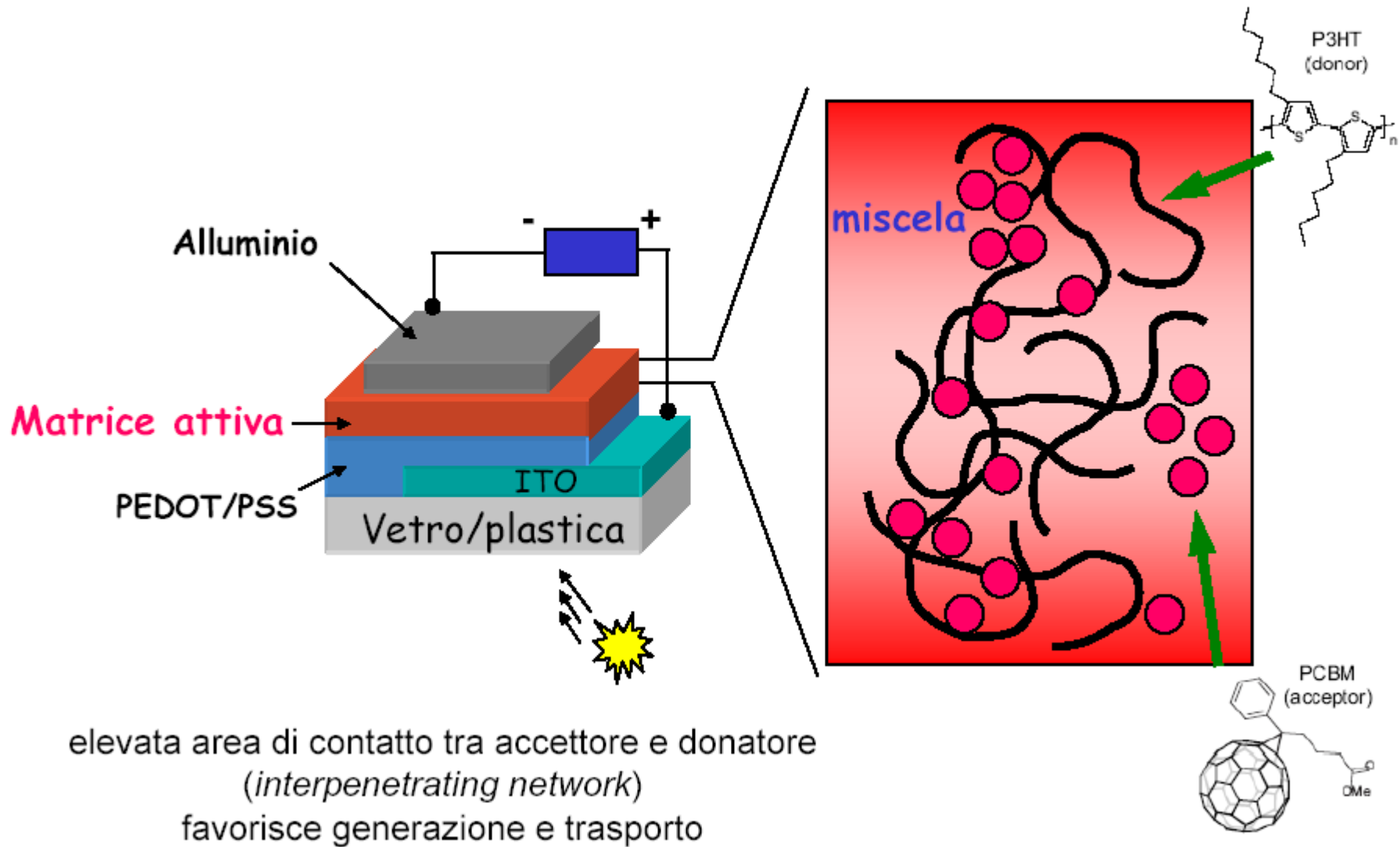


- charge separate state with a long lifetime of 870 ns

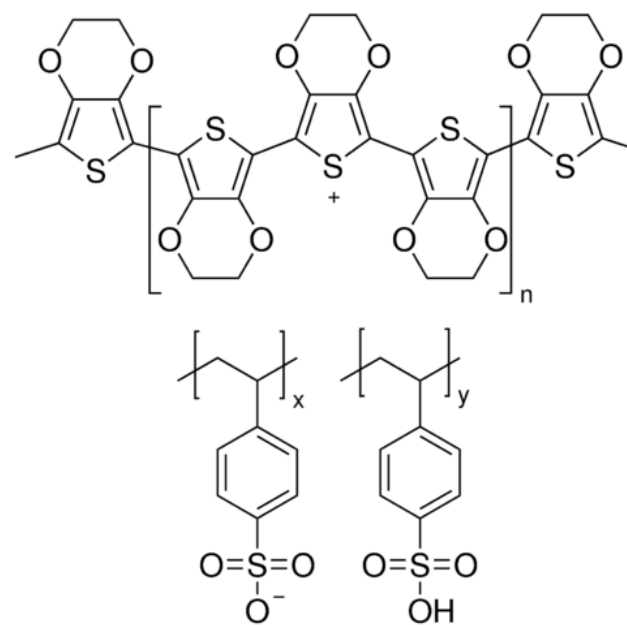


Cyclic voltammogram of the TTFAQ-C60 diad **135** (solid line) and of a related C60 derivative without a TTF fragment (R = C₂H₅, broken line).

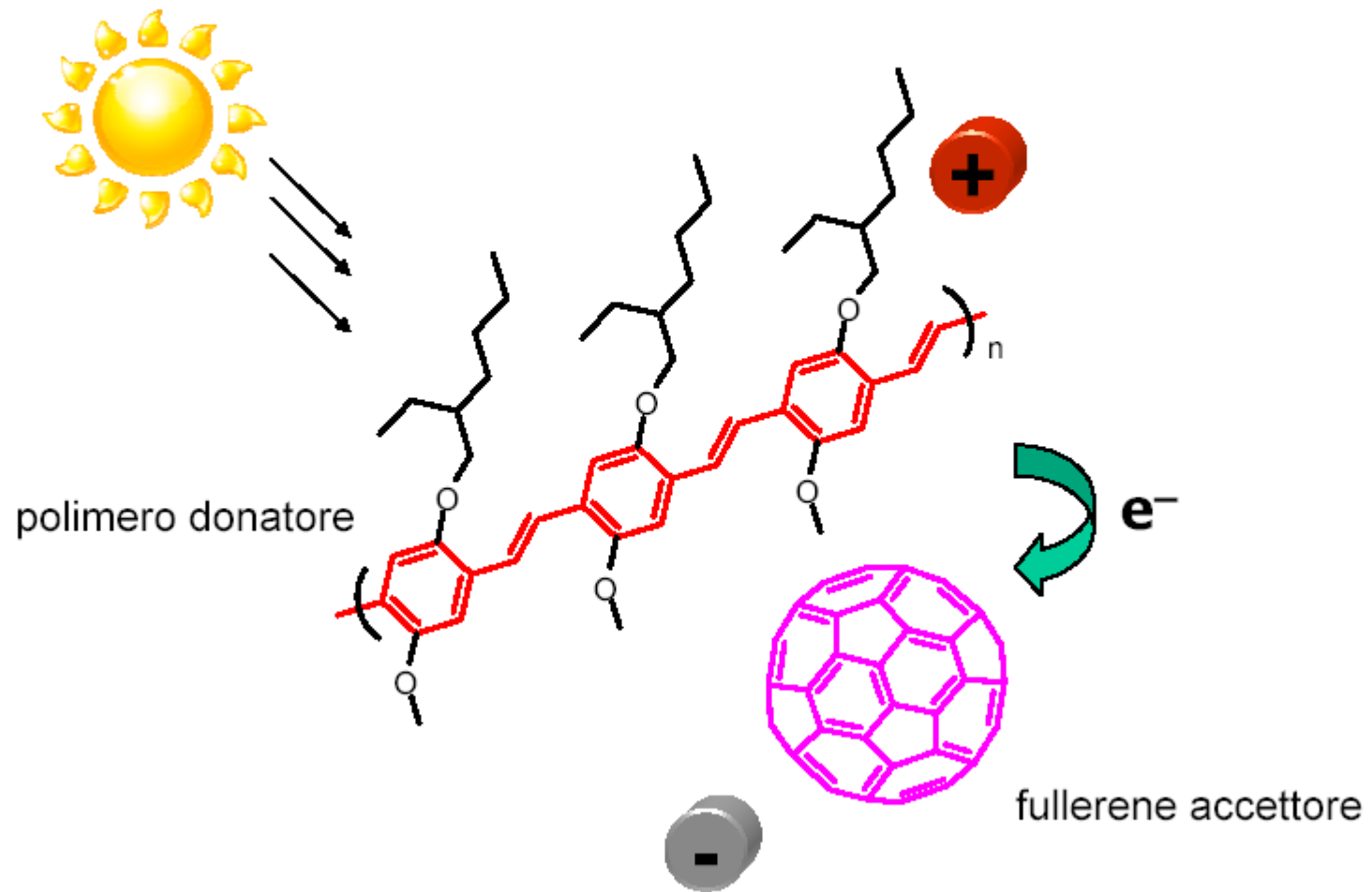
Celle solari di plastica



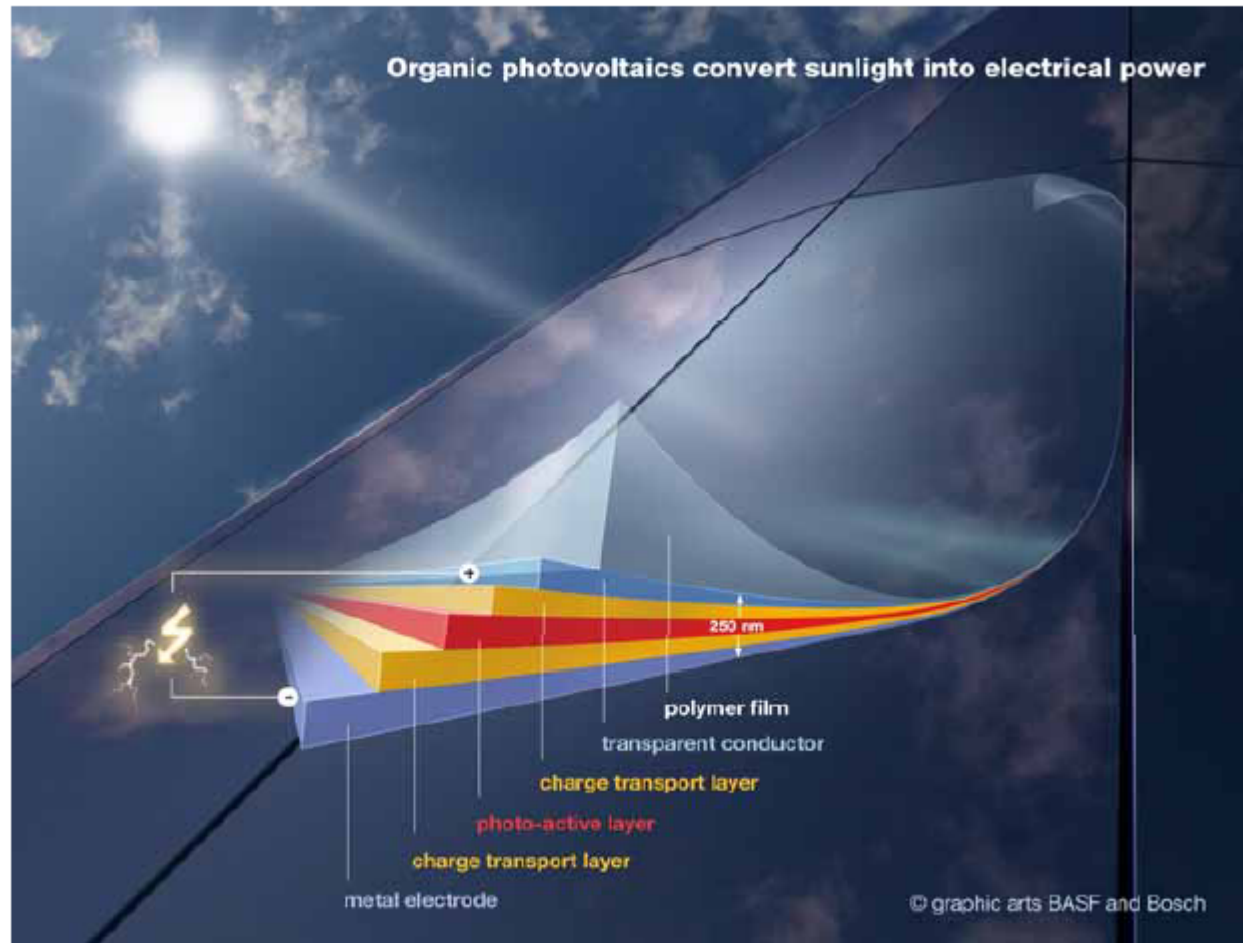
PEDOT:PSS, Poly(2,3-dihydrothieno-1,4-dioxin)-poly(styrenesulfonate)



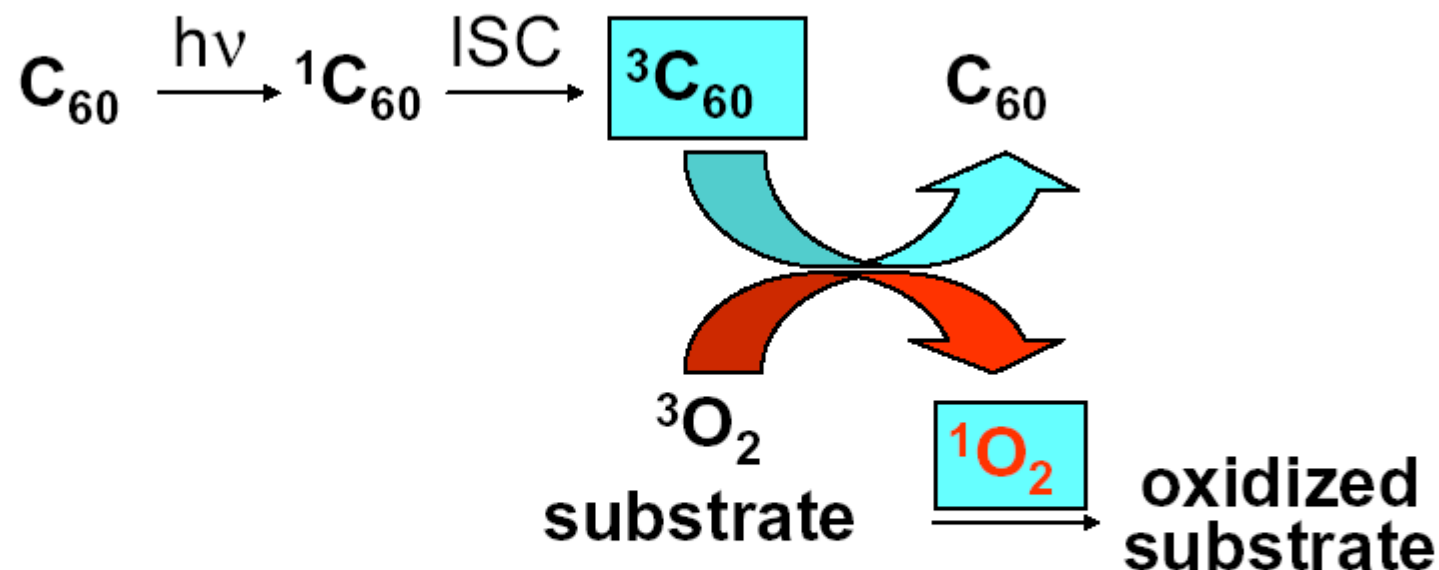
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Generazione di ossigeno di singoletto

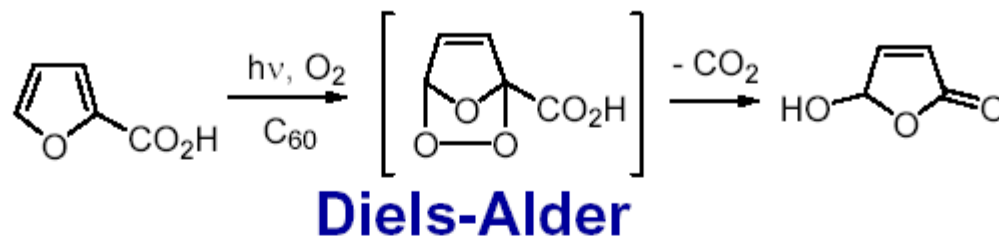


C_{60} is an excellent singlet oxygen sensitizer

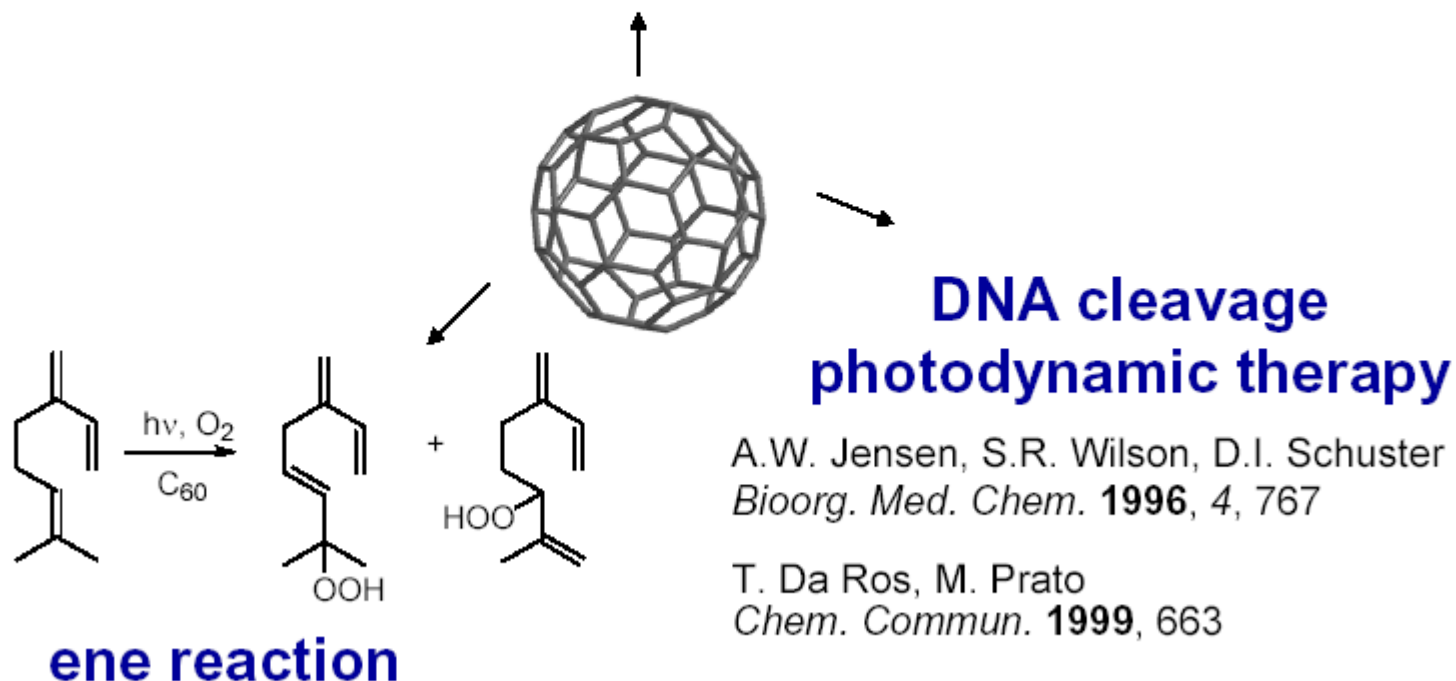
$^3\text{C}_{60}$ reacts with oxygen rapidly ($k_q = 1.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$)

Reactivity of C_{60} with singlet oxygen is very low

Generazione di ossigeno di singoletto



H. Tokuyama, E. Nakamura, JOC **1994**, 59, 1135



A.W. Jensen, S.R. Wilson, D.I. Schuster
Bioorg. Med. Chem. **1996**, 4, 767

T. Da Ros, M. Prato
Chem. Commun. **1999**, 663

H. Tokuyama, E. Nakamura, JOC **1994**, 59, 1135

An efficient approach to chiral fullerene derivatives by catalytic enantioselective 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions

Salvatore Filippone, Enrique E. Maroto, Angel Martin-Domenech, Margarita Suarez, Nazario Martin
Nature Chem. **2009**, *1*, 578.

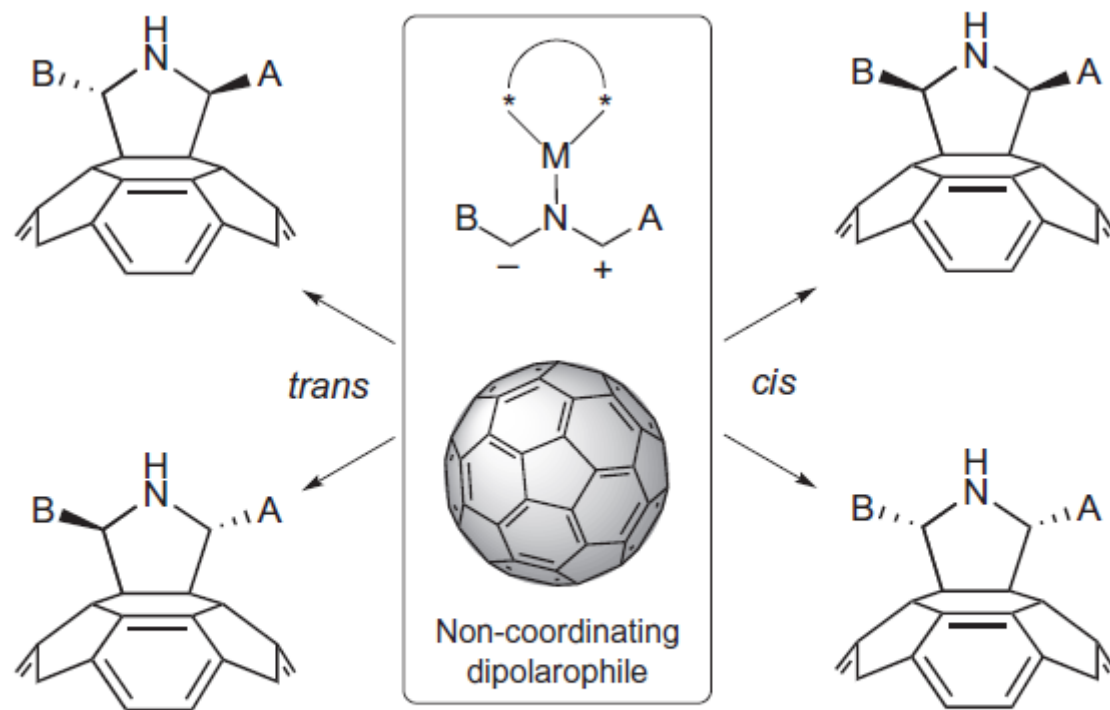


Figure 1 | *N*-metallated azomethine ylide complexes, prepared from a chiral ligand, a metal salt, an imino-ester and a base, are able to cycloadd to a non-coordinating dipolarophile such as the all-carbon sphere C₆₀.

Depending on the metal and ligand used in such complexes, it is possible to control the stereochemical outcome in terms of diastereo- and enantioselectivities. Pyrrolidinofullerenes, the most widely used fullerene derivatives, have been easily prepared as *cis* or *trans* stereoisomers with good enantiomeric excesses.

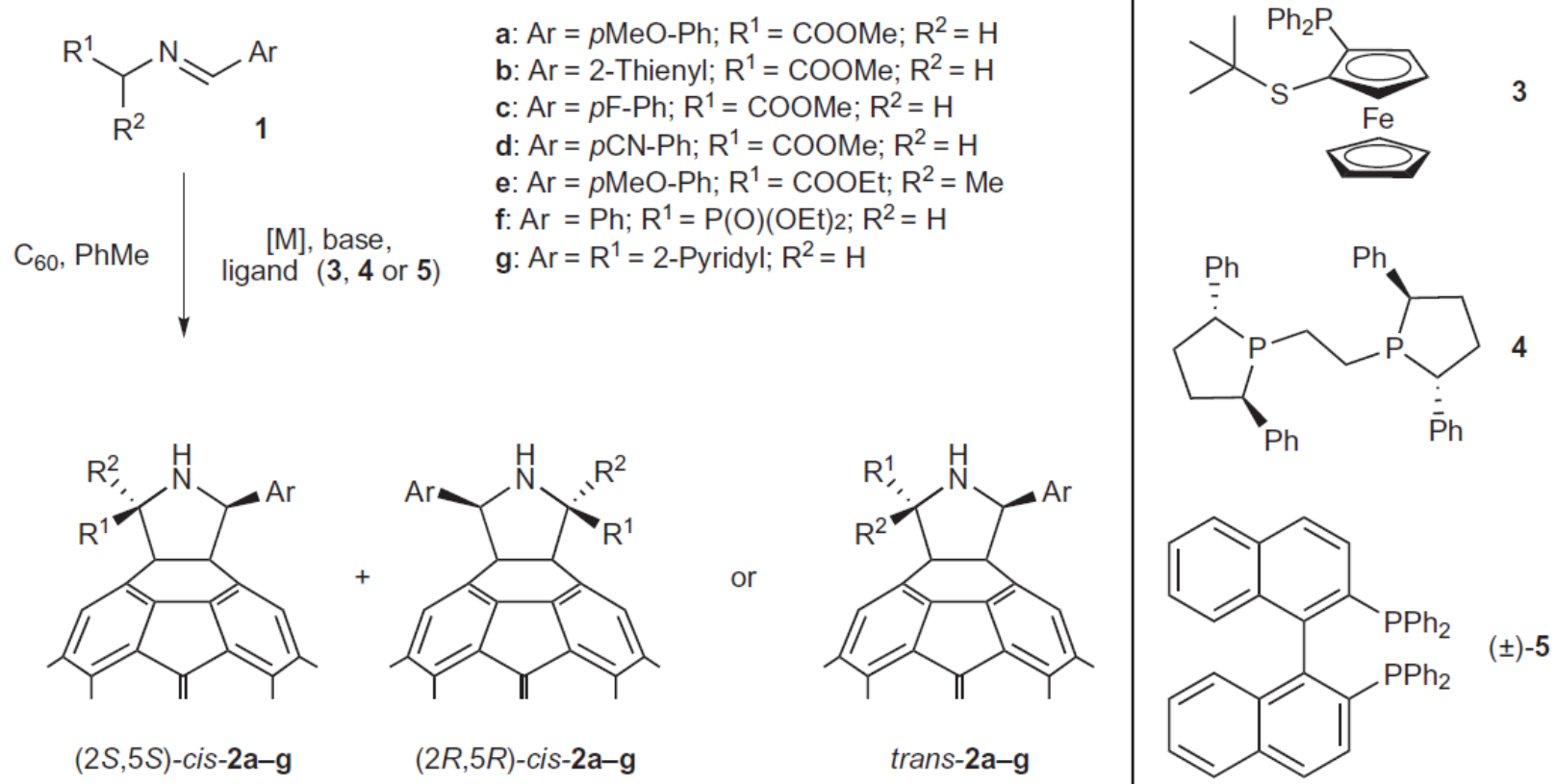


Figure 2 | Catalytic metal-ligand complexes allow the cycloaddition of the iminoesters **1a-g** to C_{60} under mild conditions. Using the chiral catalyst formed by $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ acetate and Fesulphos (**3**) results in the *cis*-pyrrolidinofullerenes **2a-g** with a *2S,5S* configuration. In contrast, the combination of $\text{Ag}(\text{I})$ acetate with the BPE ligand **4** induces the formation of the opposite enantiomers (*2R,5R*)-**2a-g**. The preparation of *trans*-pyrrolidinofullerenes has been carried out using Binap **5** and $\text{Cu}(\text{II})\text{OTf}_2$, for the imines **1a,b**.

Table 1 | Asymmetric Cu(II) and Ag(I)-catalysed 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions of azomethine ylides 1a-g to C₆₀ using different chiral ligands.

Entry*	Dipole	Metal salt	Ligand	Time (h)	T (°C)	Yield (%)	Diastereomeric excess (%)	Enantiomeric excess (%)
1	1a	-	-	16	110	30	20	-
2	1a	Cu(OTf) ₂ [†]	dppp [§]	2	r.t.	68	80	-
3	1a	Cu(MeCN) ₄ ClO ₄ [†]	3	4	0	45	94	64 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2a
4	1a	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ [†]	3	4	0	60	98	73 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2a
5	1a	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	2	-15	88	>99	90 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2a
6	1a	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ [‡]	3	2	-15	60	>99	92 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2a
7	1b	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	2	-15	49	>99	93 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>R</i>)-2b [¶]
8	1c	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	4	-15	40	>99	90 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2c
9	1d	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	2	-15	60	>99	88 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2d
10	1e	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	4	-15	40	95	80 (2 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2e
11	1f	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	25	r.t.	25	95	65 (2 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2f [¶]
12	1g	Cu(AcO) ₂	3	3	r.t.	68	>99	-
13	1a	AgAcO	4	2	-15	60	>99	90 (2 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i>)-2a
14	1b	AgAcO	4	1	-15	45	>99	81 (2 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-2b [¶]
15	1c	AgAcO	4	4	-15	35	>99	85 (2 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i>)-2c
16	1d	AgAcO	4	2	-15	60	>99	86 (2 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i>)-2d
17	1e	AgAcO	4	5	-15	33	80	70 (2 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i>)-2e

The use of copper salts leads to 2*S*,5*S* enantiomers, whereas silver salts afford 2*R*,5*R* enantiomers. In both cases the acetate anion plays a leading role yielding excellent diastereomeric and enantiomeric excess values.

*Reaction conditions: Ligand: 10% (entry 11: 100%).

[†]Et₃N (20%).

[‡]BuN₄AcO (20%).

[§]1,3-Bis(diphenylphosphino)propane.

[¶]The different priority of the substituents connected to the stereogenic centre is responsible for the change of configuration in the series.

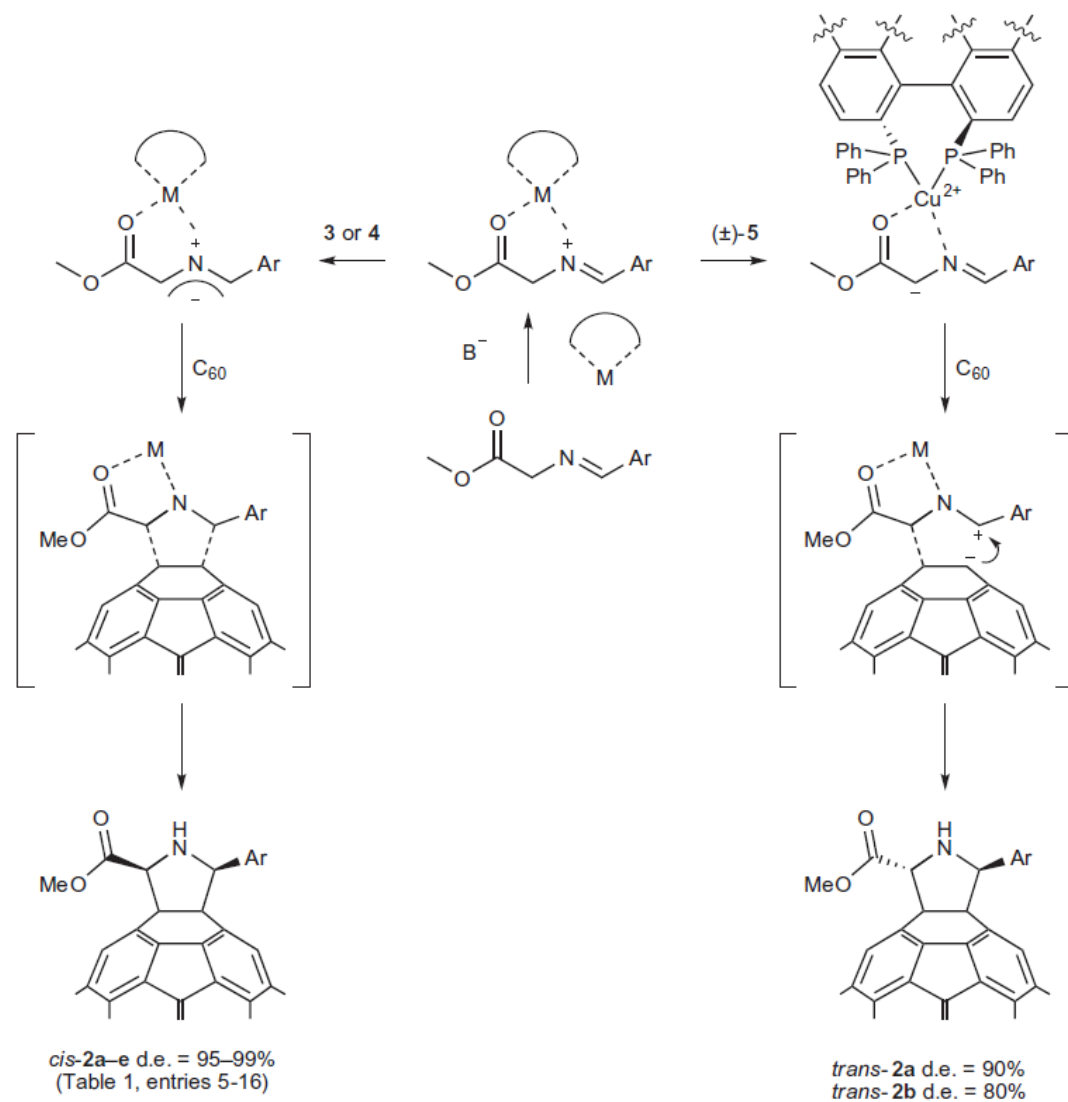
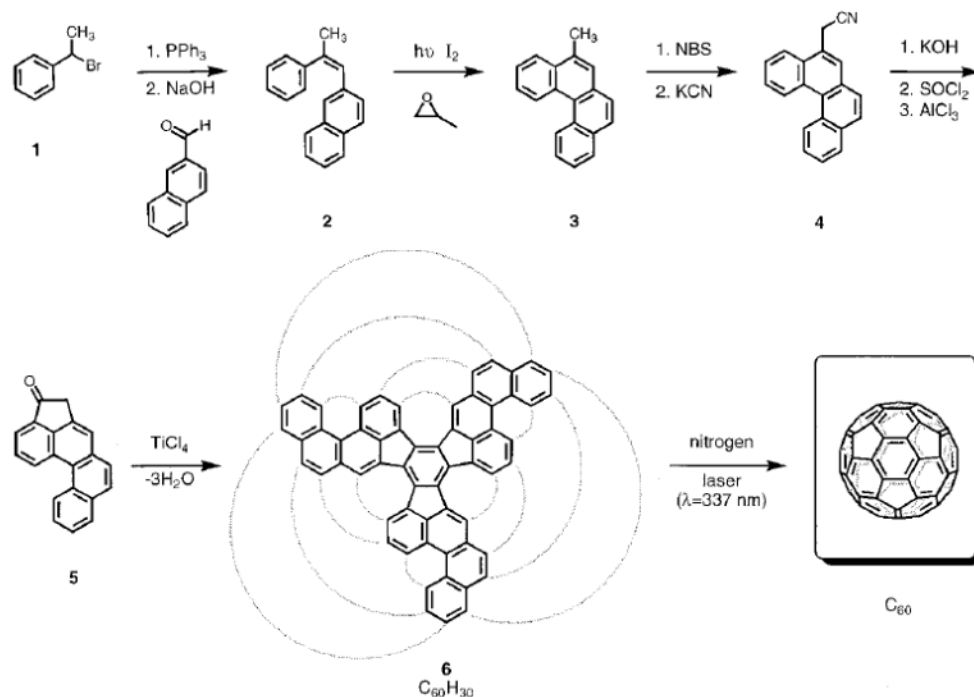


Figure 4 | Proposed concerted versus stepwise mechanism for the stereochemical outcome observed from the metal-ligand-iminoester complex. When the Fesulphos (**3**) or BPE (**4**) ligands are used, the chiral *N*-metalated azomethine ylide—formed after deprotonation by the acetate anion—cycloadds to the C_{60} on a different enantioface, in a concerted *supra-supra* manner (left side). In contrast, the use of Binap (**5**) provokes the formation of an enolate-like species (right side). The addition occurs stepwise, producing a zwitterionic intermediate followed by ring-closing from the opposite face in a *supra-antara* manner, d.e.: diastereomeric excess.

Groundwork for a Rational Synthesis of C_{60} : Cyclodehydrogenation of a $C_{60}H_{30}$ Polyarene

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Our previous experience has shown that the strategic incorporation of halogen atoms on PAHs invariably improves the preparative yields of geodesic polyarenes obtained from synthetic precursors, often by more than two orders of magnitude over what can be achieved by direct cyclodehydrogenations of unfunctionalized PAHs

Fig. 1. Synthetic route to the $C_{60}H_{30}$ PAH 6 and its laser-induced conversion into fullerene- C_{60} .

polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH)

A Rational Chemical Synthesis of C₆₀

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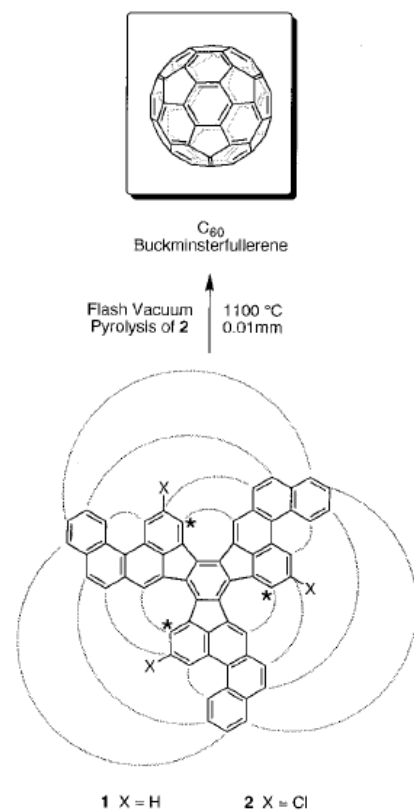
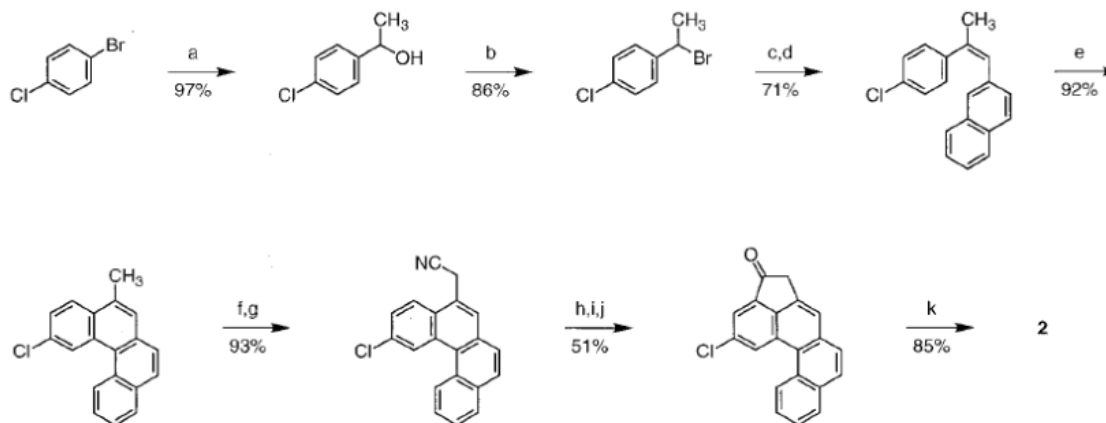


Fig. 1. Final step in the synthesis of C₆₀. Curved lines indicate where the new bonds are formed in the molecular precursor 2 (C₆₀H₂₇Cl₃). The fjord regions mentioned in the text are marked with asterisks. We have previously generated C₆₀ in a mass spectrometer by laser-induced cyclodehydrogenation of the corresponding hydrocarbon, 1 (2).

Isolable quantities of C₆₀, the smallest stable fullerene, have been synthesized in 12 steps from commercially available starting materials by rational chemical methods. A molecular polycyclic aromatic precursor bearing chlorine substituents at key positions forms C₆₀ when subjected to flash vacuum pyrolysis at 1100°C. No other fullerenes are formed as by-products. The methods we have developed for the target-specific synthesis of fullerenes, applied here to a synthesis of C₆₀, should make possible the directed laboratory preparation of other fullerenes as well, including those not accessible by graphite vaporization.

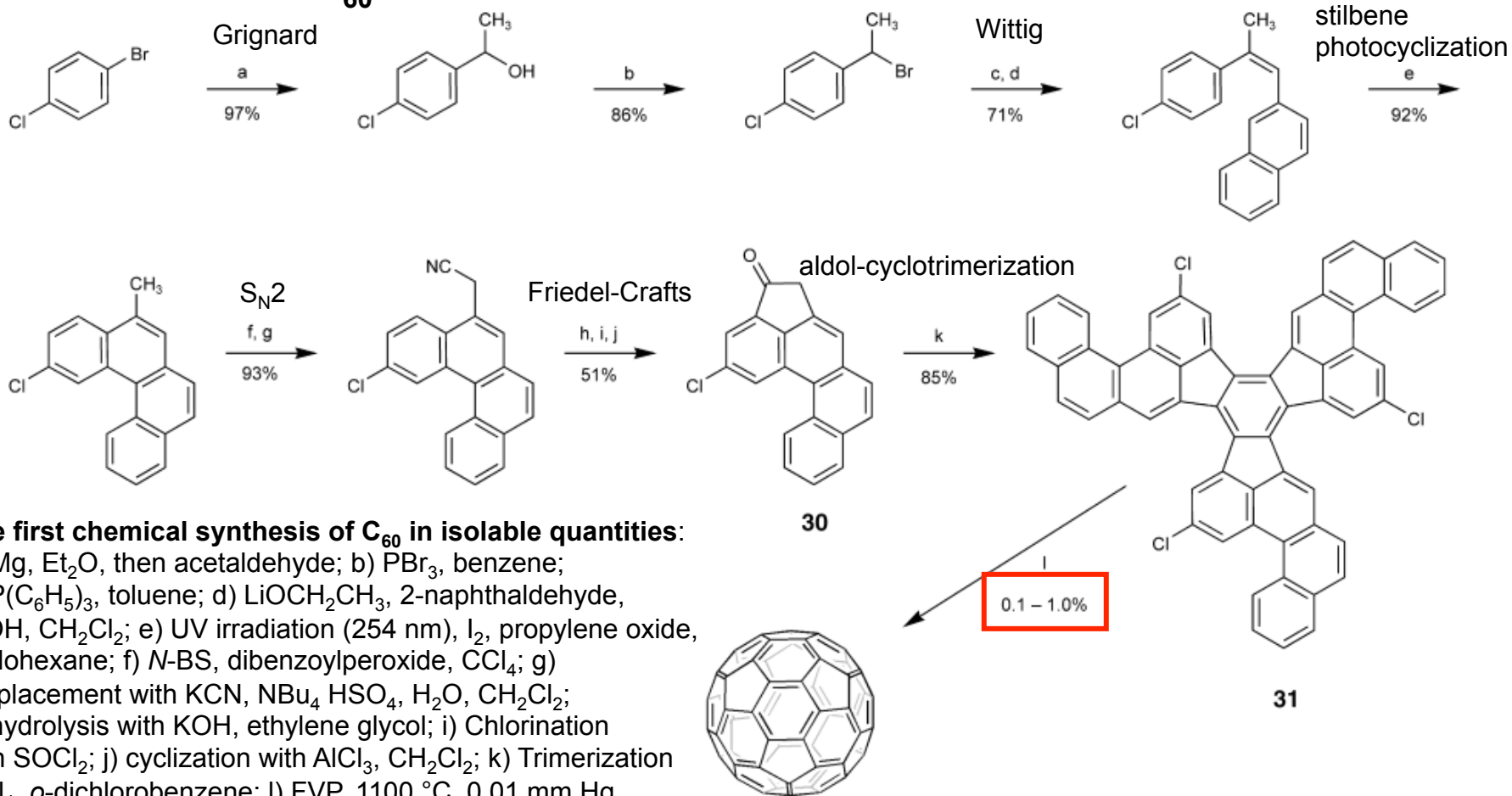
Fig. 2. Synthesis of the C₆₀ precursor 2 (C₆₀H₂₇Cl₃). Step a: Treatment with Mg in ether, then acetaldehyde. b: Bromination with PBr₃ in benzene. c: Treatment with P(C₆H₅)₃ in toluene. d: Treatment with LiOCH₂CH₃ and 2-naphthaldehyde in ethanol/dichloromethane. e: Irradiation with UV light (254 nm) in cyclohexane containing iodine and propylene oxide. f: Bromination with *N*-bromosuccinimide and dibenzoylperoxide in carbon tetrachloride. g: Displacement with KCN and tetrabutylammonium hydrogensulfate in water/dichloromethane. h: Hydrolysis with KOH in ethylene glycol. i: Chlorination with SOCl₂. j: Cyclization with AlCl₃ in dichloromethane. k: Trimerization with TiCl₄ in *ortho*-dichlorobenzene.



yield: 0.1-1.0%

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sintesi del C₆₀



si sono formati 15 nuovi legami C-C
 ogni nuovo legame si è formato con una resa del ~ 60%
 [(0.60)¹⁵ = 0.05%]

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Four new principles made this synthesis possible:

1. Curvature can be temporarily induced in polyarenes by flash vacuum pyrolysis (FVP).
2. Radical-initiated C(aryl)-C(aryl) coupling reactions can be used to catch the distorted conformations.
3. Hydrogen atom 1,2-shifts can be exploited to circumvent onerous synthetic challenges.
4. Cyclodehydrogenation cascades can be relied on to stick together adjacent arms of a system, once curvature has already been introduced.

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