

Supporting Information

**Unprecedented photochemical rearrangement of an open-cage C₆₀
derivative**

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1. General

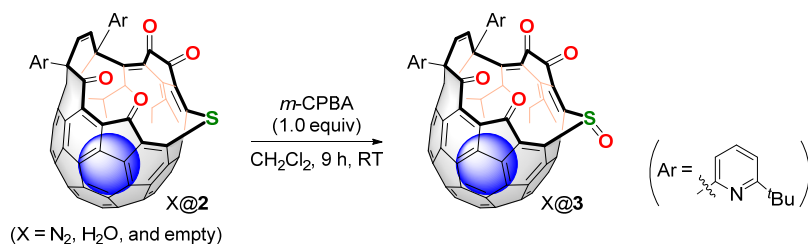
The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR measurements were carried out with a Jeol JNM ECA500 and a Bruker Advance III 800US instruments. The NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm with reference to residual protons and carbons of CDCl_3 (δ 7.26 ppm in ^1H NMR and δ 77.0 ppm in ^{13}C NMR), CD_2Cl_2 (δ 5.32 ppm in ^1H NMR and δ 53.8 ppm in ^{13}C NMR). APCI mass spectra were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF-QII. The high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed with the use of a Cosmosil Buckyprep column (250 mm length, 4.6 mm inner diameter) for analytical purpose, and the same columns (two directly connected columns; 250 mm length, 20 mm inner diameter) for preparative purpose.

2. Computational Method

All calculations were conducted with Gaussian 09 packages. The structure was optimized at the M06-2X/6-31G* levels without any symmetry assumptions. The optimized structures including the stationary states and the transition states were confirmed by the frequency calculations at the same level. The required Gibbs energy for the insertion of N_2 into lactone **4'** is calculated by subtracting total energies of **4'** (−2029667.27 kcal/mol) and N_2 (−68712.34 kcal/mol) from that of the transition state (−2098303.85 kcal/mol).

3. Synthesis of Open-Cage Fullerene Derivatives 3 and 4

A mixture of sulfoxides N₂@3, H₂O@3, and empty 3

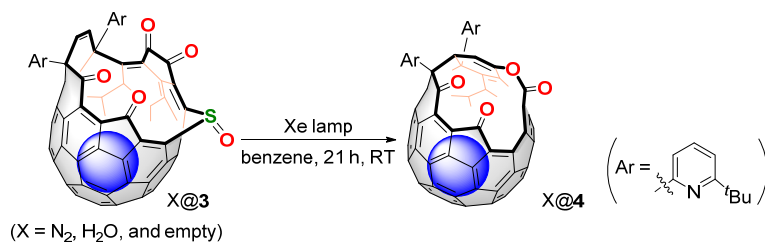


Open-cage fullerene derivative **2** (200 mg, 174 μ mol, determined as a mixture of N₂@**2** (20%), H₂O@**2** (40%), and empty **2** (40%)) and *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid with a 77% purity (39.5 mg, 176 μ mol) in 20 ml of CH₂Cl₂ were stirred at room temperature for 9 hours under nitrogen atmosphere. To the solution was added sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (20 mL), and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with toluene three times (15 mL $\times$ 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The resulting solution was evaporated under reduced pressure to give open-cage fullerene derivative **3** (168 mg, 144 μ mol, determined as a mixture of N₂@**3** (22%), H₂O@**3** (55%), and empty **3** (23%)) in 83% yield as a brown solid.

A mixture of N₂@**3**, H₂O@**3**, and empty **3**: Most signals corresponding to N₂@**3**, H₂O@**3**, and empty **3** were observed separately in the following NMR spectra; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.183, 7.179 and 7.167 (three sets of doublet, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 and 6.69 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 0.8H and 0.2H), 1.189, 1.185 and 1.181 (three sets of singlet, 9H), 1.162, 1.160, and 1.156 (three sets of singlet, 9H), -10.31 (bs, 1.1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.82, 190.78, 190.66, 185.30, 185.20, 183.72, 181.02, 180.96, 168.72, 168.69, 168.35, 163.13, 163.10, 162.94, 161.82, 161.68, 156.41, 156.27, 156.22, 155.87, 155.84, 155.66, 150.88, 150.86, 150.81, 150.75, 150.68, 150.62, 150.57, 150.48, 150.31, 150.28, 150.22, 150.12, 150.06, 149.98, 149.87, 149.82, 149.79, 149.72, 149.69, 149.66, 149.61, 149.57, 149.47, 149.40, 149.36, 149.29, 149.22, 149.15, 149.10, 149.07, 148.94, 148.89, 148.78, 148.68, 148.53, 147.78, 147.68, 147.56, 147.38, 147.36, 147.34, 147.29, 147.16, 147.02, 146.97, 146.92, 146.90, 145.35, 145.30, 145.23, 145.13, 145.08, 144.77, 144.72, 144.69, 144.67, 144.04, 144.00, 143.97, 143.93, 143.89, 143.84, 143.78, 143.73, 143.34, 143.24, 143.20, 143.14, 143.10, 142.86, 142.83, 141.93, 141.83, 141.23, 141.18, 141.07, 140.95, 140.63, 140.58, 140.55, 140.44, 139.92, 139.78, 139.33, 139.28, 139.19, 139.08, 139.05, 138.71, 138.59, 138.54, 138.44, 138.37, 138.32, 138.04, 137.85, 137.77, 137.72, 137.66, 137.60, 137.51, 137.38, 137.29, 137.23, 137.16, 137.09, 137.03, 137.01, 136.96, 136.89, 136.86, 136.81, 136.67, 136.63, 136.57, 136.55, 136.47, 136.40, 136.25, 136.18, 135.16, 134.80, 134.66, 134.36, 134.30, 133.43, 133.27, 133.17, 133.10, 132.88, 132.79, 132.75, 132.72, 132.63, 132.47, 131.96, 131.15, 131.00, 130.82, 130.23, 128.95, 128.35, 128.20, 128.18, 128.13, 128.06, 128.00, 127.00, 126.86, 126.73, 126.68, 126.45, 126.41, 126.18, 126.01, 125.96, 125.21, 120.04, 119.50, 117.62, 117.59, 117.40, 117.37, 59.67, 59.58, 54.73, 54.69, 37.64, 37.59, 29.81; HRMS

(+APCI), calcd for $C_{82}H_{27}N_2O_5S$ ($M+H^+$) 1151.1635, found 1151.1586.

A mixture of lactones $N_2@4$, $H_2O@4$, and empty 4



A stirred solution of open-cage fullerene derivative **3** (50.3 mg, 43.2 μ mol, determined as a mixture of $N_2@3$ (20%), $H_2O@3$ (38%), and empty **3** (42%)) in 15 mL of benzene was irradiated with a Xe lamp (500 W) from a distance of 15 cm at room temperature for 11 hours under nitrogen atmosphere. To the solution was added 35 mL of benzene and further irradiation was conducted for 10 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residual brown solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (toluene/acetone = 20:1) and the following HPLC to give open-cage fullerene derivative **4** (6.1 mg, 5.5 μ mol, determined as a mixture of $N_2@4$ (20%), $H_2O@4$ (38%), and empty **4** (42%)) in 13% yield as a brown solid. The empty material was obtained after recycling HPLC for the characterization.

empty **4**: 1H NMR (800 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.76 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 1.05 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 194.14, 187.63, 169.97, 169.32, 162.92, 161.53, 159.82, 156.70, 149.87, 149.79, 149.61, 149.60, 149.54, 149.53, 149.28, 149.09, 148.58, 147.81, 147.59, 147.54, 147.40, 147.16, 147.14, 145.84, 145.51, 145.43, 145.20, 145.06, 144.70, 144.66, 144.61, 144.50, 144.41, 144.21, 144.20, 143.45, 143.06, 142.97, 142.81, 141.96, 141.86, 140.54, 140.11, 139.35, 139.19, 139.00, 138.06, 137.84, 137.73, 137.71, 137.20, 136.98, 136.77, 136.40, 136.02, 135.72, 135.29, 134.50, 132.72, 130.67, 130.08, 127.10, 126.79, 125.02, 118.89, 118.71, 118.32, 118.24, 111.45 (two sp^2 carbon signals were overlapped), 75.52, 58.91, 38.12, 37.82, 30.18, 29.93 (one sp^3 carbon signal was overlapped with the signals of CD_2Cl_2); HRMS ($-APCI$), calcd for $C_{82}H_{26}N_2O_4$ (M^-) 1102.1898, found 1102.1881.

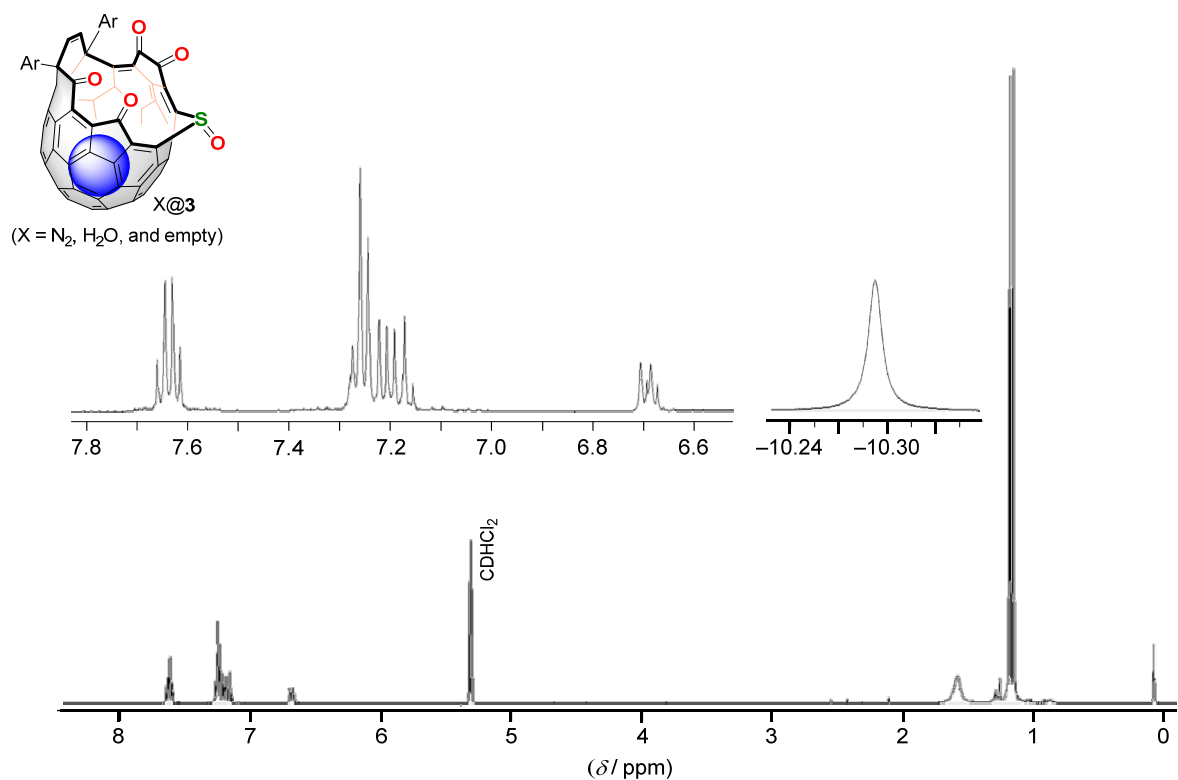


Fig. S1. 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum of a mixture of $N_2@3$, $H_2O@3$, and empty **3**.

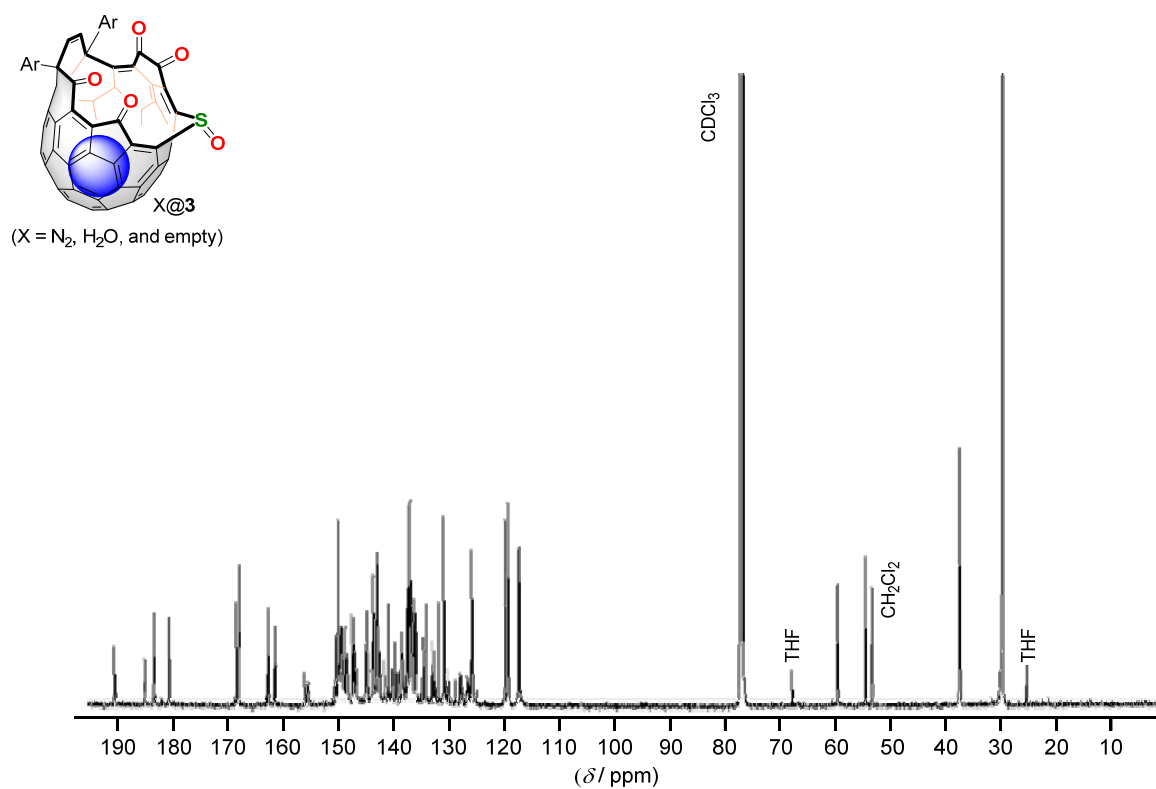


Fig. S2. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) spectrum of a mixture of $N_2@3$, $H_2O@3$, and empty **3**.

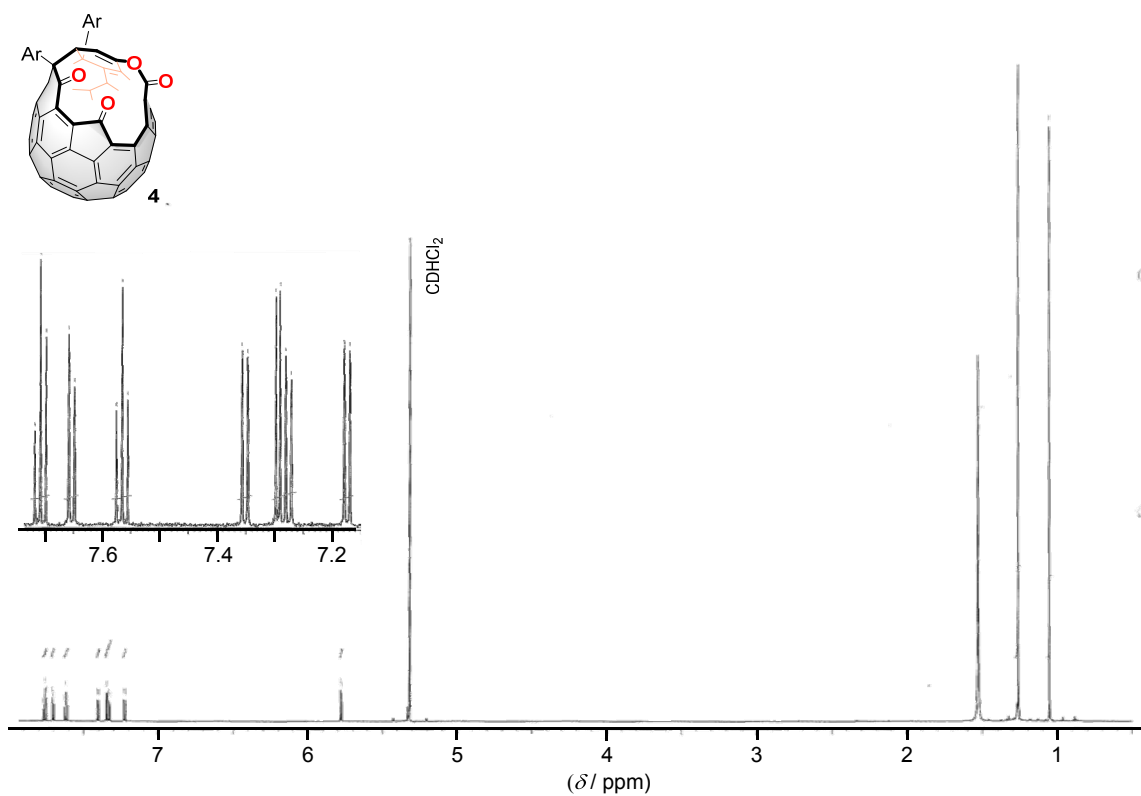


Fig. S3. ¹H NMR (800 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) spectrum of empty 4.

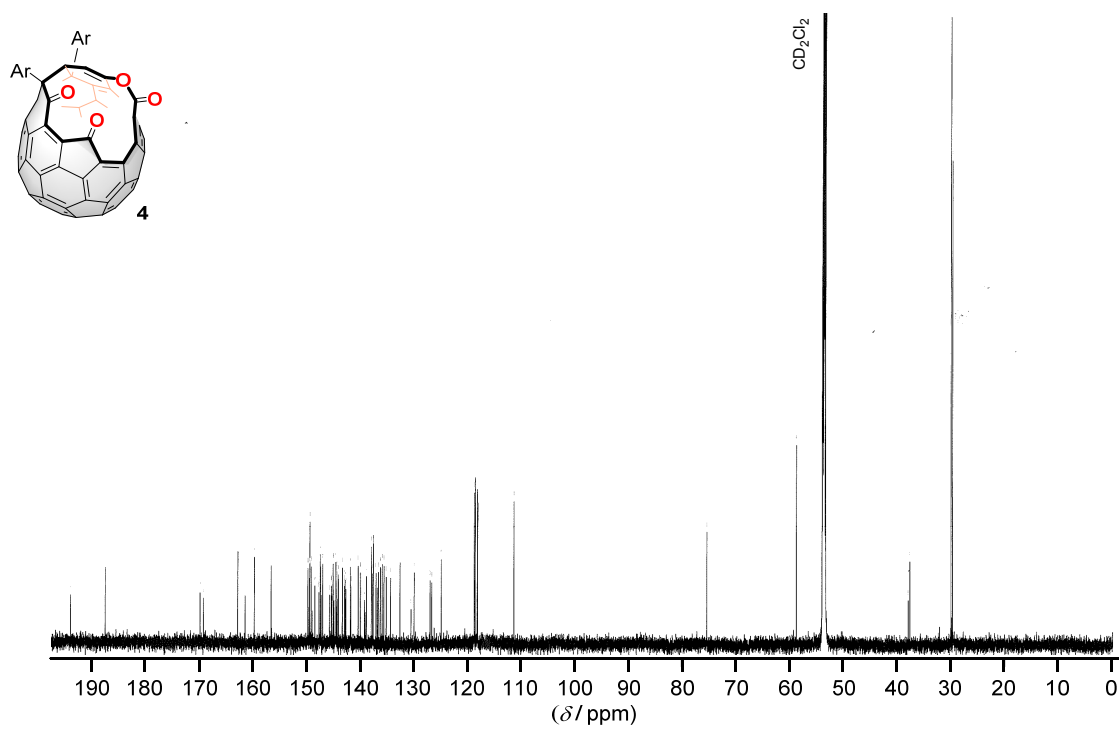


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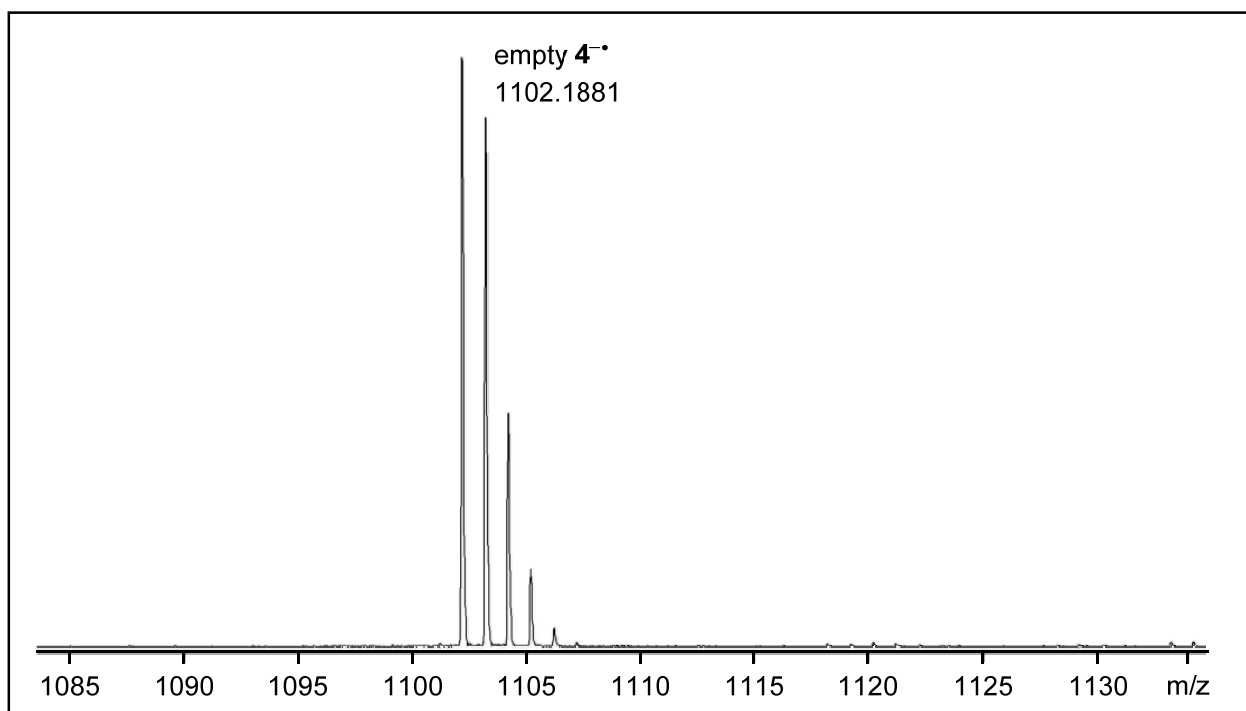


Fig. S5. APCI-MS spectrum (negative ionization mode) of empty **4** in pure form.

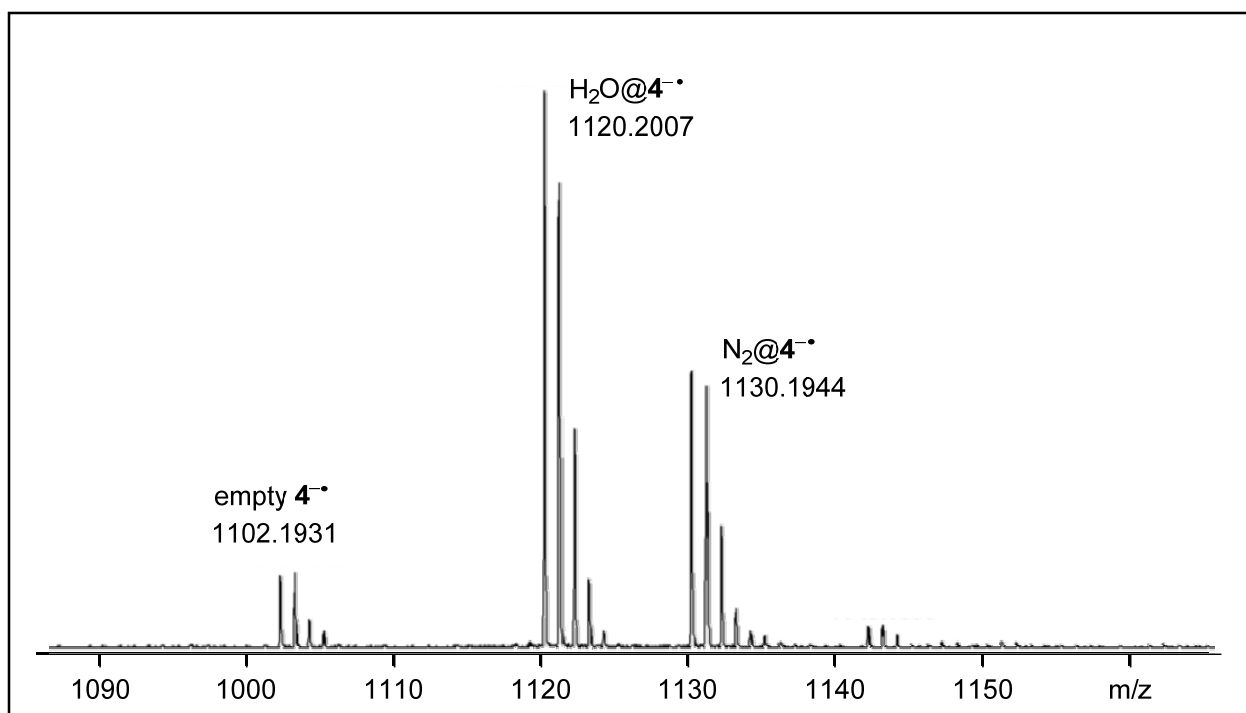


Fig. S6. APCI-MS spectrum (negative ionization mode) of a mixture of N₂@**4**, H₂O@**4**, and empty **4**.

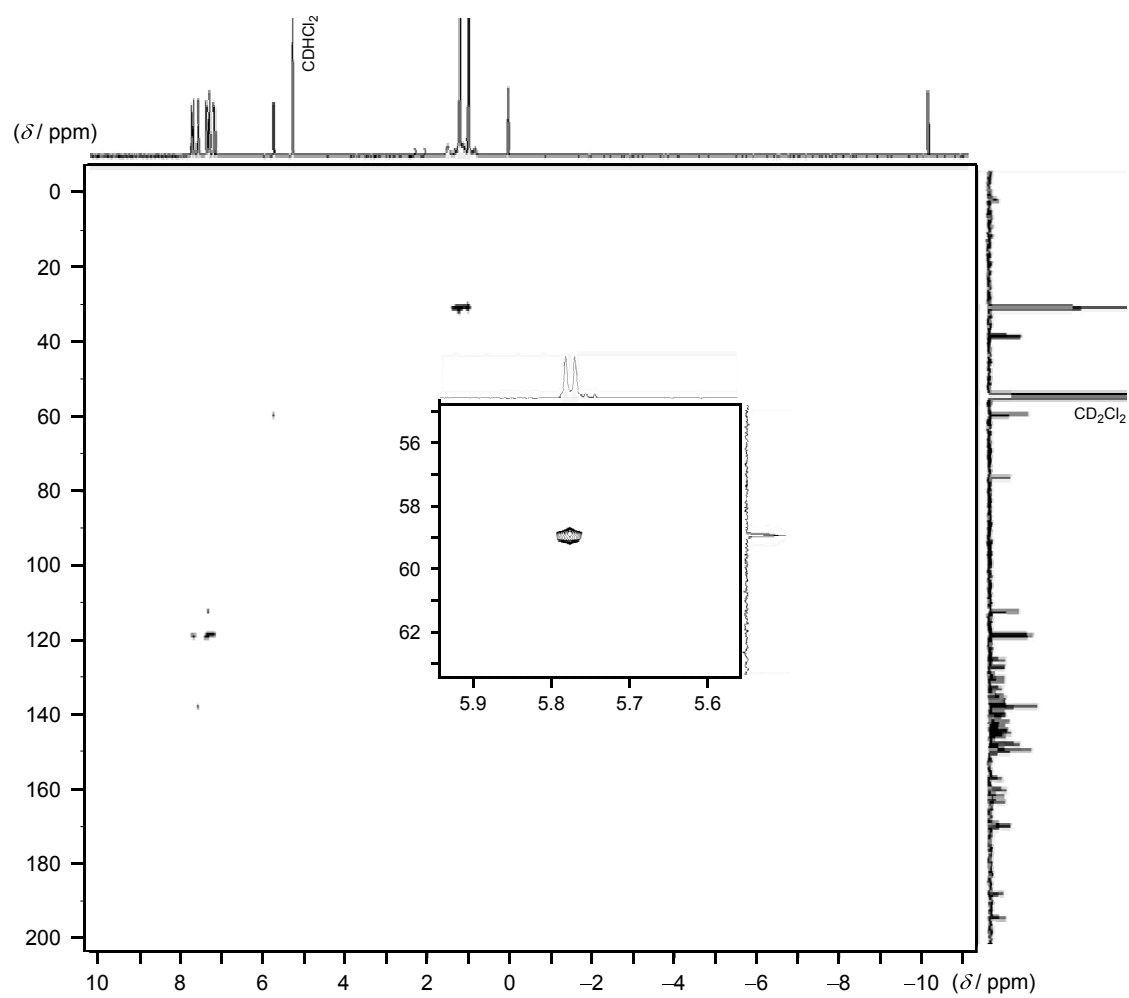


Fig. S7. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR spectrum of a mixture of $\text{N}_2@4$, $\text{H}_2\text{O}@4$, and empty **4**.

4. DFT Calculations

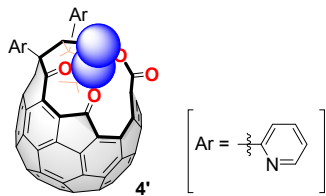


Table S1. Transition state for N₂ insertion into **4'** (M06-2X/6-31G*)

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Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z	49	6	0	0.691585	-2.160413	-2.791634
						50	6	0	-2.460000	-0.214418	2.922097
1	8	0	-2.149282	-0.920393	4.079190	51	6	0	-6.534451	-1.862143	-2.877416
2	8	0	-0.616254	-2.238587	5.028477	52	6	0	1.599064	1.301524	-3.596380
3	7	0	-4.009410	3.066938	1.501467	53	6	0	0.786789	0.110258	-3.679986
4	7	0	-4.372844	-0.850221	-2.611890	54	6	0	0.437683	-3.798224	1.153136
5	6	0	-2.103606	-0.186647	-1.361158	55	6	0	-1.681902	1.614764	1.458499
6	6	0	-3.836749	2.347663	0.393905	56	6	0	4.401350	0.873856	1.766750
7	6	0	-0.838022	-1.344653	4.269247	57	6	0	-5.770974	4.267048	0.393991
8	6	0	-2.042585	1.079048	-0.857966	58	6	0	-5.586475	3.505874	-0.756703
9	6	0	-0.895810	-2.709278	-0.982683	59	6	0	-1.534463	0.861511	2.605086
10	6	0	-6.423668	-2.451327	-1.620131	60	6	0	-5.482435	-1.073296	-3.323622
11	6	0	-4.959123	4.004947	1.492328	61	6	0	3.882257	2.222357	1.632056
12	6	0	-1.172955	-0.636629	-2.349737	62	6	0	-3.141992	3.369603	-0.405659
13	6	0	-2.774902	1.248080	0.452142	63	6	0	3.971079	-2.249789	-1.446160
14	6	0	-3.000881	-1.110049	-0.596415	64	6	0	3.007888	-2.345286	-2.438274
15	6	0	-0.662132	2.563667	1.062297	65	6	0	4.238028	-1.777650	0.835676
16	6	0	-4.271060	-1.422553	-1.414187	66	6	0	0.224987	-0.517814	3.612244
17	6	0	4.981953	-0.786759	0.078286	67	6	0	-0.257708	0.812832	3.271937
18	6	0	4.785159	-1.061883	-1.335523	68	6	0	1.877387	3.651462	0.238972
19	6	0	5.047826	0.520432	0.524057	69	6	0	1.364397	-1.137615	-3.566862
20	6	0	4.634403	1.359314	-1.749477	70	6	0	2.794131	-1.247272	-3.351587
21	6	0	4.129415	2.662250	0.276878	71	6	0	3.657724	-2.689658	-0.098300
22	6	0	0.805587	3.458563	-0.720235	72	6	0	1.715395	-2.910204	-2.120577
23	6	0	-1.083520	2.027666	-1.324556	73	6	0	2.438570	0.264113	3.119023
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27	6	0	-0.418708	2.884448	-0.351356	77	6	0	1.674622	3.287039	1.551407
28	6	0	2.873327	3.073650	-1.795183	78	6	0	-2.293019	-2.501940	-0.400604
29	6	0	-4.603526	2.524986	-0.761485	79	8	0	-2.859819	-3.413384	0.152228
30	6	0	-3.479207	-0.152174	0.663519	80	8	0	-0.000586	-4.696481	1.801849
31	6	0	1.530050	-0.865219	3.212469	81	1	0	-7.219956	-3.076527	-1.228038
32	6	0	-3.371658	-0.684693	2.063062	82	1	0	-5.072287	4.573208	2.412755
33	6	0	-0.479412	0.360251	-3.033061	83	1	0	-4.425833	1.902208	-1.635372
34	6	0	0.388434	2.785162	1.960545	84	1	0	-4.541079	0.006725	0.454400
35	6	0	1.437261	3.153491	-1.991349	85	1	0	-3.932949	-1.572718	2.328224
36	6	0	2.022599	1.590307	3.096666	86	1	0	-5.141696	-2.688893	0.101405
37	6	0	2.203245	-1.986982	2.345248	87	1	0	-7.412785	-2.008867	-3.496538
38	6	0	-0.550262	-1.950417	-2.175890	88	1	0	-6.524323	5.045767	0.443056
39	6	0	3.517696	-1.428031	1.974095	89	1	0	-6.196761	3.676841	-1.638448
40	6	0	3.618408	2.109491	-2.463730	90	1	0	-5.523773	-0.592452	-4.298249
41	6	0	1.444069	-3.383998	-0.853287	91	7	0	-1.367179	-2.469619	2.117142
42	6	0	1.730948	-2.975781	1.464774	92	7	0	-0.797634	-1.713465	1.556601
43	6	0	0.824336	2.289273	-2.874036						
44	6	0	0.622461	1.829429	3.002158	An imaginary frequency was found at -104.66 cm ⁻¹					
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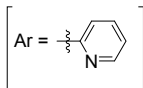


Table S2. Optimized structure of **4'** (M06-2X/6-31G*)

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						49	6	0	-0.533074	3.502862	0.306350
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2	8	0	0.439557	-2.765364	4.806090	51	6	0	6.584282	3.582766	0.200868
3	7	0	4.267719	-2.948828	-1.076413	52	6	0	-1.538787	2.313076	-3.003519
4	7	0	4.411780	2.882949	-0.545652	53	6	0	-0.690971	3.030802	-2.080398
5	6	0	2.249052	1.253905	-0.655314	54	6	0	-0.153655	0.633526	3.336562
6	6	0	3.802765	-1.810504	-1.601749	55	6	0	1.633095	-2.032341	-0.405890
7	6	0	0.702217	-2.549124	3.660771	56	6	0	-4.462324	-1.872636	0.365746
8	6	0	2.122502	0.108613	-1.385185	57	6	0	5.681286	-3.209712	-3.000672
9	6	0	1.038739	2.189139	1.650320	58	6	0	5.196287	-2.023754	-3.535633
10	6	0	6.544813	2.647748	1.232121	59	6	0	1.433355	-2.455530	0.893517
11	6	0	5.185186	-3.623935	-1.765466	60	6	0	5.492230	3.660717	-0.654747
12	6	0	1.318865	2.329144	-0.802803	61	6	0	-3.932389	-2.505045	-0.830340
13	6	0	2.787055	-1.079538	-0.727698	62	6	0	-3.164734	-1.455113	-2.911677
14	6	0	3.138448	1.099845	0.539042	63	6	0	-3.829123	2.507041	1.195938
15	6	0	0.627320	-2.262894	-1.420996	64	6	0	-2.843707	3.355019	0.714942
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17	6	0	-4.949738	0.482093	0.823302	66	6	0	-0.316037	-2.574557	2.565459
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27	6	0	0.406931	-1.293412	-2.508499	76	6	0	-2.761051	-3.238768	-0.752894
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29	6	0	4.240227	-1.304326	-2.824328	78	6	0	2.388302	1.550602	1.814343
30	6	0	3.526589	-0.448776	0.518621	79	8	0	2.892410	1.458740	2.907880
31	6	0	-1.648880	-2.182925	2.627199	80	8	0	0.713418	-0.091650	3.747928
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33	6	0	0.576978	2.344378	-1.979969	82	1	0	5.542213	-4.544018	-1.307901
34	6	0	-0.440040	-3.107344	-1.088375	83	1	0	3.845294	-0.369512	-3.207759
35	6	0	-1.436661	-0.055477	-3.638753	84	1	0	4.599852	-0.492339	0.306552
36	6	0	-2.095544	-3.411433	0.516176	85	1	0	3.831538	-0.803905	2.705076
37	6	0	-2.276046	-0.881090	3.062850	86	1	0	5.345193	1.108954	2.160623
38	6	0	0.713220	2.872582	0.415099	87	1	0	7.436672	4.239167	0.063778
39	6	0	-3.598313	-0.825988	2.431352	88	1	0	6.426428	-3.802291	-3.519976
40	6	0	-3.587687	0.965027	-3.007079	89	1	0	5.555810	-1.658341	-4.492762
41	6	0	-1.264106	2.482565	2.378688	90	1	0	5.476628	4.380426	-1.469987
42	6	0	-1.645345	0.340325	3.288202						
43	6	0	-0.794508	1.148178	-3.437037						
44	6	0	-0.685955	-3.423504	0.286190						
45	6	0	0.496853	1.158424	-2.803613						

5. X-Ray Crystal Structure Analysis

A mixture of N₂@4, H₂O@4, and empty 4 (CCDC 1523319)

Single crystals of a mixture of N₂@4, H₂O@4, and empty 4 were grown from the CH₂Cl₂ solution by slow evaporation of the solvent. Intensity data were collected at 100 K on a Bruker SMART APEX II with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) and graphite monochromator. A total of 24418 reflections were measured at the maximum 2θ angle of 51.0° , of which 9283 were independent reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0380$). The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)¹ and refined by the full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (SHELXL-97).¹ The open-cage moiety was disordered. Thus, two sets of disordered moieties, (C1–C8, C11–C25, C29–C64, and O1A–O4A) and (C65–C123 and O1B–O4B), were placed and their occupancies were refined to be 0.80 and 0.20, respectively. The electron density inside of the fullerene cage indicated the presence of a water molecule (O5, H5A, and H5B) in addition to a nitrogen molecule (N3–N4). Thus, these occupancies were refined to be 0.50 for the water molecule (O5, H5A, and H5B) and 0.18 for the nitrogen molecule (N3–N4). These encapsulated molecules were restrained using SIMU and DELU instructions during the refinements. The N3 and N4 as well as the hydrogen atoms (H5A–H5B) of the encapsulated water molecule were restrained using DFIX instruction. All other hydrogen atoms were placed using AFIX instructions. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically except for the minor components. The crystal data are as follows: C₈₃H₂₉N_{2.36}O_{4.50}Cl₂; FW = 1202.02, crystal size $0.05 \times 0.06 \times 0.07$ mm³, Monoclinic, $P2_1/a$, $a = 19.9364(18)$ Å, $b = 11.5274(10)$ Å, $c = 22.498(2)$ Å, $\beta = 104.9076(13)^\circ$, $V = 4996.3(8)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.598$ g cm⁻³. The refinement converged to $R_1 = 0.0725$, $wR_2 = 0.1712$ ($I > 2\sigma(I)$), GOF = 1.148.

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