

## Supporting Information

### Qubit Crossover in the Endohedral Fullerene Sc<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>@C<sub>80</sub>

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## SI1 Sample preparation and physical measurement information

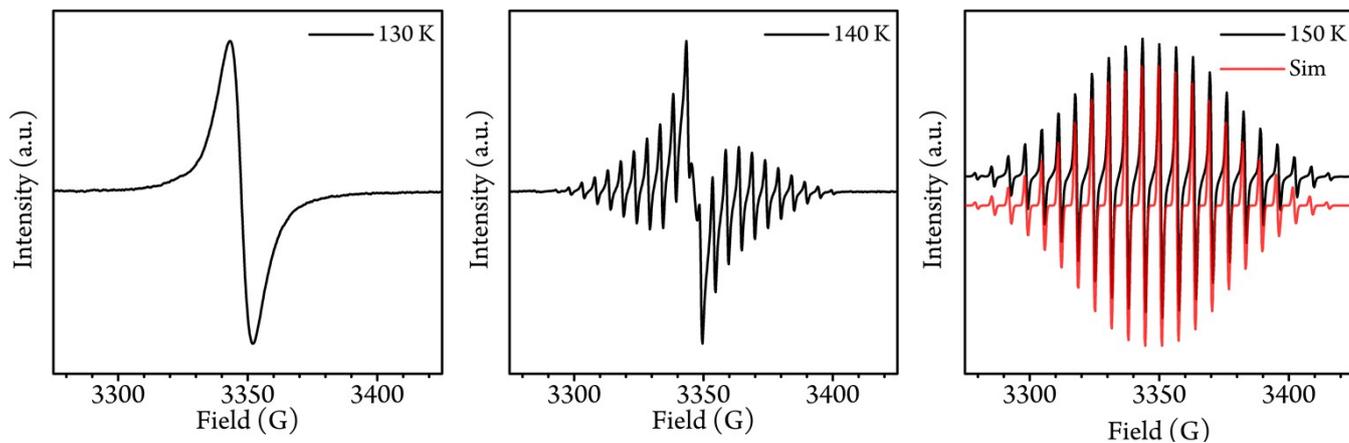
$\text{Sc}_3\text{C}_2@\text{C}_{80}$  sample was solved in  $\text{CS}_2$  (purchased from J&K Scientific, Super Dry Solvents) in a 3-mm quartz EPR tube, then froze and pumped for 5 times to exclude oxygen. The concentration of  $\text{Sc}_3\text{C}_2@\text{C}_{80}$  is determined by Bruker® spin counting by calculating using the height and diameter of the sample and the cavity quality factor  $Q$  at room temperature. (Eaton, G. R.; Eaton, S. S.; Barr, D. P.; Weber, R. T., *Quantitative EPR*. Springer Vienna: 2010.)

Continuous wave (cw) EPR measurements were performed on a Bruker E580 spectrometer using ER 4122 SHQE high sensitive EPR cavity. Oxford ESR900 cryostat was used for temperature control.

Pulse EPR measurement were performed on a Bruker E580 spectrometer using ER 4118 X-MS3 cavity. Oxford CF935 cryostat was used for temperature control.

## SI2 Continuous wave EPR measurements

Continuous wave EPR measurements were performed at various temperatures from 130 K to 150 K. The microwave frequency is at 9.367902 GHz. The spectra are shown in **Figure S2 (black)**. The best simulation for experiment data at 150 K are shown in **Figure S2 (red)**. The best parameters for simulation is  $g_{iso} = 2.00$  ,  $A_{iso} = 18.10$  MHz at 150 K.



**Figure S2. cw-EPR measurements on Bruker E580 at different temperature in CS<sub>2</sub> solution**

## SI3 Relaxation measurements at high temperature region

### 1. Spin-lattice relaxation ( $T_1$ ) at different temperatures

$T_1$  is measured using inverse-recovery method. The pulse sequence is  $\pi$ -T- $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $\pi$ - $\tau$ -echo with fixed  $\tau$  and varied T. We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 100$  ns is chosen for detection. 16-step phase cycling was used to eliminate the contribution of unwanted free-induction decay (FID) and echo signals. The experiment data are shown in **Table S3-1**.

**Table S3-1.  $T_1$  experiment data measured at different temperatures**

Temperature	$T_1$ value	Temperature	$T_1$ value	Temperature	$T_1$ value
150 K	177(1) ns	165 K	180(1) ns	180 K	180(1) ns
200 K	168(1) ns	240 K	165(1) ns	298 K	66(1) ns

### 2. Phase memory time ( $T_M$ ) at different temperature

$T_M$  is measured using Hahn-echo decay method. The pulse sequence is  $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $\pi$ - $\tau$ -echo with  $\tau$  varies. We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 100$  ns is chosen for initial interval. 16-step phase cycling was used to eliminate the contribution of unwanted free-induction decay (FID) and echo signals. The experiment data are shown in **Table S3-2**.

**Table S3-2.  $T_M$  experiment data measured at different temperatures**

Temperature	$T_M$ value	Temperature	$T_M$ value	Temperature	$T_M$ value
150 K	98(1) ns	165 K	128(1) ns	180 K	139(1) ns
200 K	139(1) ns	240 K	111(1) ns	298 K	75(2) ns

### 3. Phase memory time ( $T_M$ ) at different magnetic field

$T_M$  is measured using Hahn-echo decay method. The pulse sequence is  $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $\pi$ - $\tau$ -echo with  $\tau$  varies. We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 100$  ns is chosen for initial interval. 16-step phase cycling was used to eliminate the contribution of unwanted free-induction decay (FID) and echo signals. The experiment data are shown in **Table S3-3**. The first and the last transitions are hardly observable due to the weak signal.

**Table S3-3.  $T_M$  experiment data measured at magnetic field**

Magnetic Field	$T_M$ value	Magnetic Field	$T_M$ value	Magnetic Field	$T_M$ value
3257.6 G	119(1) ns	3264.1 G	126(1) ns	3270.6 G	130(1) ns
3277.6 G	137(1) ns	3283.6 G	138(1) ns	3289.6 G	137(1) ns
3296.2 G	138(1) ns	3302.7 G	136(1) ns	3309.2 G	137(1) ns
3315.7 G	138(1) ns	3322.3 G	137(1) ns	3328.8 G	136(1) ns
3334.8 G	137(1) ns	3341.8 G	137(1) ns	3348.4 G	139(1) ns
3354.4 G	138(1) ns	3360.9 G	135(1) ns	3367.4 G	132(1) ns
3373.9 G	128(1) ns	3380.5 G	114(1) ns		

## SI4 Relaxation measurements at low temperature region

### 4. Spin-lattice relaxation ( $T_1$ ) at different temperatures

$T_1$  is measured using inverse-recovery method. The pulse sequence is  $\pi$ -T- $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $\pi$ - $\tau$ -echo with fixed  $\tau$  and varied T. We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 150$  ns is chosen for detection. 16-step phase cycling was used to eliminate the contribution of unwanted free-induction decay (FID) and echo signals. The experiment data are shown in **Table S4-1**.

**Table S4-1.  $T_1$  experiment data measured at different temperatures**

Temperature	$T_1$ value	Temperature	$T_1$ value	Temperature	$T_1$ value
5 K	96(11) ms	8 K	84(11) ms	10 K	21(1) ms
15 K	13(3) ms	20 K	0.9(1) ms	25 K	0.27(3) ms
40 K	30(2) $\mu$ s	60 K	10(1) $\mu$ s	80 K	6.9(3) $\mu$ s

### 5. Phase memory time ( $T_M$ ) at different temperature

$T_M$  is measured using Hahn-echo decay method. The pulse sequence is  $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $\pi$ - $\tau$ -echo with  $\tau$  varies. We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 150$  ns is chosen for initial interval. 16-step phase cycling was used to eliminate the contribution of unwanted free-induction decay (FID) and echo signals. The experiment data are shown in **Table S4-2**.

**Table S4-2.  $T_M$  experiment data measured at different temperatures**

Temperature	$T_M$ value	Temperature	$T_M$ value	Temperature	$T_M$ value
5 K	13.6(4) $\mu$ s	8 K	16.4(7) $\mu$ s	10 K	17.2(7) $\mu$ s
15 K	14.3(7) $\mu$ s	20 K	10.6(5) $\mu$ s	25 K	8.4(2) $\mu$ s
40 K	6.4(2) $\mu$ s	60 K	1.6(1) $\mu$ s	80 K	1.2(1) $\mu$ s

### 6. Phase memory time ( $T_M$ ) using dynamic decoupling

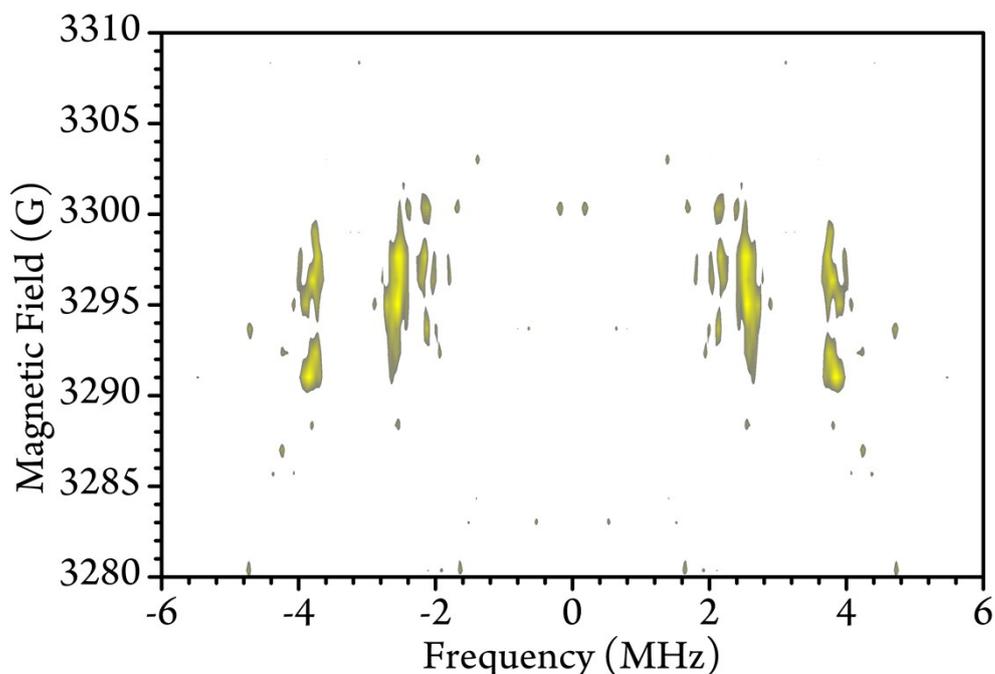
$T_M$  is measured using Hahn-echo decay method. The pulse sequence is  $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $(\pi-2\tau)_{n-1}$ - $\pi$ - $\tau$ -echo with  $\tau$  variation. We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 150$  ns is chosen for initial interval. Phase cycling was used to eliminate the contribution of unwanted free-induction decay (FID) and echo signals. The experiment data are shown in **Table S4-3**.

**Table S4-3  $T_M$  experiment data measured at different temperatures using dynamic decoupling**

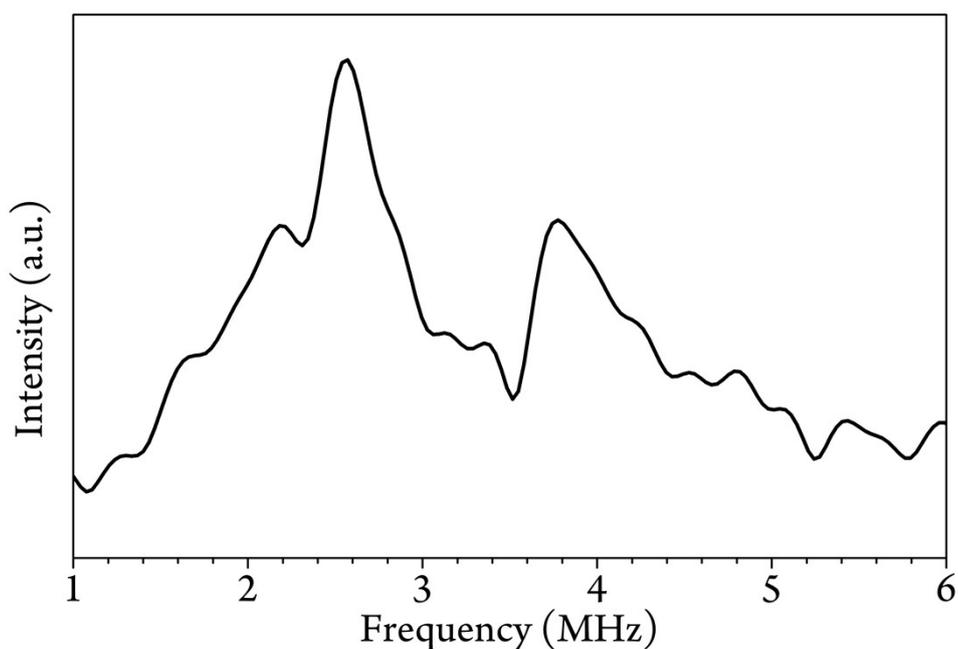
CPMG-n	$T_M$ value	CPMG-n	$T_M$ value	CPMG-n	$T_M$ value
CPMG-1	13.6(4) $\mu$ s	CPMG-2	22.1(1) $\mu$ s	CPMG-4	29.2(1) $\mu$ s
CPMG-8	38.5(1) $\mu$ s	CPMG-16	61(1) $\mu$ s	CPMG-32	68.0(4) $\mu$ s

## SI5 ESEEM measurements at low temperature region

3-pulse ESEEM is measured using the sequence:  $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ - $\pi/2$ - $T$ - $\pi/2$ - $\tau$ -echo, which measures the intensity of the echo as function of delay time  $T$ . We use  $\pi/2 = 8$  ns and  $\pi = 16$  ns pulse for the measurement.  $\tau = 146$  ns and initial  $T = 400$  ns are chosen for interval. The 3-pulse ESEEM effect strongly depends on the magnetic field, so the 3-pulse ESEEM vs  $B_0$  2D experiment was performed. The deepest field position is at the field of 3290 G as shown below in **Figure S5-1**. The 3-pulse ESEEM measurement with good signal to noise is shown in **Figure S5-2**.



**Figure S5-1.** The 3pESEEM measurements are performed at different fields.  $B_0 = 3296$  G was selected to excite both allowed and forbidden transitions, therefore it is able to generate the deepest modulation.



**Figure S5-2.** The 3pESEEM measurements performed at 3296 G.