

# Supplementary Information to ‘Interactions between water and C<sub>60</sub> in the endohedral fullerene H<sub>2</sub>O@C<sub>60</sub>’

## 1 Relations between coordinate systems

The coordinates of a point in the molecule-fixed coordinate system  $\{x_w, y_w, z_w\}$  are related to coordinates in a space-fixed system  $\{x, y, z\}$  with the same origin by<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{pmatrix} = A(\phi, \theta, \chi) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where  $A(\phi, \theta, \chi)$  is the product of three Euler rotation matrices

$$A(\phi, \theta, \chi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \chi & \sin \chi & 0 \\ -\sin \chi & \cos \chi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Coordinates in a space-fixed system with origin at the centre of a C<sub>60</sub> molecule are therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{cm}} \\ y_{\text{cm}} \\ z_{\text{cm}} \end{pmatrix} + A^{-1}(\phi, \theta, \chi) \begin{pmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where  $\{x_{\text{cm}}, y_{\text{cm}}, z_{\text{cm}}\} = R_{\text{cm}}\{\sin \theta_{\text{cm}} \cos \phi_{\text{cm}}, \sin \theta_{\text{cm}} \sin \phi_{\text{cm}}, \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}\}$  is the position of the centre of mass of the water molecule relative to the centre of the C<sub>60</sub> molecule expressed in spherical polar coordinates  $\{R_{\text{cm}}, \theta_{\text{cm}}, \phi_{\text{cm}}\}$ .

## 2 Rotational basis states and angular momentum

The rotational states are written in terms of complex conjugates of Wigner matrices  $D_{m,k}^{(j)}(\phi, \theta, \chi)$  involving the Euler angles  $\{\phi, \theta, \chi\}$ . We use the definition<sup>1</sup>

$$D_{m,k}^{(j)*}(\phi, \theta, \chi) = \sqrt{(j+m)!(j-m)!(j+k)!(j-k)!} \times \sum_{\sigma=\max(0,k-m)}^{\min(j-m,j+k)} \frac{(-1)^\sigma \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{2j+k-m-2\sigma} \left(-\sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{m-k+2\sigma} e^{im\phi} e^{ik\chi}}{\sigma!(j-m-\sigma)!(m-k+\sigma)!(j+k-\sigma)!} \quad (4)$$

As Wigner matrices are related to their complex conjugates by  $D_{m,k}^{(j)} = (-1)^{m-k} D_{-m,-k}^{(j)*}$ , the rotational states can also be defined in terms of Wigner matrices directly rather than their complex conjugates.

The components of the rotational angular momentum with respect to the molecule-fixed axes  $\{x_w, y_w, z_w\}$  can be written in terms of derivatives of the Euler angles as<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_{x_w} &= -i \left( \sin \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \csc \theta \cos \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \cot \theta \cos \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} \right) \\ \hat{J}_{y_w} &= -i \left( \cos \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \csc \theta \sin \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \cot \theta \sin \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} \right) \\ \hat{J}_{z_w} &= -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

## 3 Properties of Wigner matrices and spherical harmonics

In order to obtain analytical expressions for the matrix elements of the perturbation  $V$  between rotational basis states, we use the relation that allows the product of two Wigner matrices to be written in terms of a sum of single Wigner matrices (Equation (11) in the main text) combined with the orthogonality relations

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} D_{m',k'}^{(j')}(\phi, \theta, \chi) D_{m,k}^{(j)}(\phi, \theta, \chi) \sin \theta d\chi d\theta d\phi = \frac{8\pi^2}{2j+1} \delta_{m',m} \delta_{k',k} \delta_{j',j} \quad (6)$$

where the  $\delta_{m',m}$  are Kronecker delta functions. To evaluate matrix elements between translational states, we use the integral

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi Y_{l_1, m_1}(\theta_{\text{cm}}, \phi_{\text{cm}}) Y_{l_2, m_2}(\theta_{\text{cm}}, \phi_{\text{cm}}) Y_{l_3, m_3}(\theta_{\text{cm}}, \phi_{\text{cm}}) \sin \theta_{\text{cm}} d\theta_{\text{cm}} d\phi_{\text{cm}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(2l_1+1)(2l_2+1)(2l_3+1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where the  $\begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}$  are Wigner 3j-symbols.

## 4 Additional $A_g^{(s)}$ states in $S_6^{(12)}$ symmetry

Table 3 in the main text shows states up to  $l = 2$  and  $J = 2$  that were derived for  $S_6^{(12)}$  symmetry but which actually have spherical or spheroidal symmetry. There are 17 additional  $A_g^{(s)}$  states up to  $l = 2$  and  $J = 2$  that do have a lower symmetry. Of these, 5 occur when our calculations are repeated for  $D_{3d}^{(12)}$  symmetry. The remaining 12 only occur in  $S_6^{(12)}$  symmetry. The results are shown below where, as in the main text, normalised states  $\psi_{i, N_r}$  are obtained by dividing the results in this table by  $4\pi$ .

Symmetry	$l$	$J$	$4\pi\psi_{A_1g}^{(s)} \equiv 4\pi\psi_{i, N_r}$
$D_{3d}^{(12)}$	1	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{2,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,-1} + D_{-2,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,1}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{5} \left( D_{1,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,-2} - D_{-1,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,2} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{1,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,-2} - D_{-1,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,2} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{5} \left( D_{2,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,-1} - D_{-2,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{2,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,-1} - D_{-2,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
$S_6^{(12)}$	1	1	$\sqrt{3} \left( D_{-1,0}^{(1)} Y_{1,-1} - D_{1,0}^{(1)} Y_{1,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,1}$
	1	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{2,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,-1} - D_{-2,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,1}$
	1	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{-1,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,-1} + D_{1,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,1}$
	1	2	$\sqrt{5} D_{0,2}^{(2)-} Y_{1,0} \phi_{N_r,1}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{5} \left( D_{-1,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,-1} - D_{1,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{-1,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,-1} - D_{1,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{5} \left( D_{-2,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,-2} - D_{2,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,2} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{-2,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,-2} - D_{2,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,2} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{2,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,-1} + D_{-2,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{5} \left( D_{2,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,-1} + D_{-2,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,1} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( D_{1,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,-2} + D_{-1,2}^{(2)+} Y_{2,2} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$
	2	2	$\sqrt{5} \left( D_{1,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,-2} + D_{-1,0}^{(2)} Y_{2,2} \right) \phi_{N_r,2}$

## References

- [1] P. R. Bunker and P. Jensen, *Fundamentals of Molecular Symmetry*, IOP Publishing, Bristol, 2005.