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Electronic structures and optical spectra of all-boron fullerene B₄₀

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I. Computational details

Geometry optimizations: In the present work, full geometry optimization and electronic structure computation of the ground state (S_0) of the gas-phase B_{40} fullerene are performed based on the PBE0 and BHandHLYP functionals with 6-31G* basis set. To obtain relatively accurate electronic structures and profiles of the selected molecular orbitals and vertical excitation energies, the ground-state geometry is also re-optimized using a larger basis set 6-311G*. Frequency calculations at the same level were performed to confirm each stationary point to be a true local minimum. We note that the relative energies and frequency calculations at the PBE0/6-311G* level should be reliable for boron clusters, because this level has been tested in the previous studies.^{1,2,3} Based on the optimized ground-state structure, the geometry of the first singlet excited state (S_1) of B_{40} fullerene is computed using the TD-PBE0 and TD-BHandHLYP methods combined with 6-31G* and 6-311* basis sets. However, only the TD-PBE0/6-31* level gives rise to a convergent geometry of S_1 state. Therefore, the adiabatic energy, Huang-Rhys factor, and highly resolved electronic spectra are computed using the optimized S_0 and S_1 geometries at (TD)PBE0/6-31G* level. Note also that both the ground state and the first singlet excited state of B_{40} fullerene are optimized with the D_{2d} point group symmetry. All computations above are carried out using the Gaussian09 software package.⁴

Simulation of highly resolved electronic spectra: With the harmonic oscillator approximation, the absorption or emission coefficient for the electronic transition $b \rightarrow a$ in the Condon approximation can be expressed as:⁵

$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{2\pi\omega}{3\hbar c} |\vec{\mu}_{ab}|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \exp[i(t(\omega_{ab} - \omega) - \gamma_{ab}|t|)] \prod_i G_i(t) \quad (1),$$

where \hbar is Planck's constant, c is the speed of light, $\vec{\mu}_{ab}$ denotes the electronic transition dipole moment and ω_{ab} is the energy gap between the excited vibrational state and ground vibrational state. The time correlation function $G_i(t)$ is given by

$$G_i(t) = \exp \left[-S_i \left\{ (2\bar{n}_i + 1) - (\bar{n}_i + 1)e^{it\omega_i} - \bar{n}_i e^{-it\omega_i} \right\} \right] \quad (2)$$

Huang-Rhys factor $S_i = \omega_i d_i^2 / 2\hbar$. To obtain more reasonable electronic spectra, the transition dipole moment is expanded in a Taylor series in terms of the nuclear coordinate,

$$\vec{\mu}_{ab} = \vec{\mu}_{ab}(\vec{Q}) = \vec{\mu}_{ab}(0) + \sum_i \left(\frac{\partial \vec{\mu}_{ab}}{\partial Q_i} \right)_0 Q_i + \dots \quad (3)$$

The zero-order term of this expansion is the so-called FC spectrum for strongly allowed transitions, while the first-order term reflects the Herzberg-Teller effect⁶ for weakly allowed or forbidden transition. Here, the vibrational highly-resolved absorption and emission spectra of B₄₀ fullerene including the Herzberg-Teller effect are obtained using the method presented in our previous reports.^{7,8}

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II. Tables

Table S1. Predicted normal mode frequencies (cm^{-1}) of the ground state (S_0) of the boron fullerene B_{40} based on PBE0 and BHandLYP functional with 6-311G* and 6-31G* basis sets.^a

<i>Sym</i>	frequency		<i>Sym</i>	frequency		<i>Sym</i>	frequency			
	PBE0	BHandLYP		PBE0	BHandLYP		PBE0	BHandLYP		
a_1	171 (171)	176(176)	b_1	244 (244)	256(256)	e	199 (198)	203(201)		
	244 (241)	250(248)		278 (278)	292(293)		219 (219)	230(230)		
	356 (354)	388(389)		351 (347)	360(356)		328 (326)	348(347)		
	427 (429)	434(435)		369 (369)	387(384)		359 (358)	363(366)		
	437 (437)	442(443)		448 (454)	446(452)		382 (382)	392(392)		
	464 (466)	481(482)		483 (486)	494(496)		390 (393)	395(397)		
	518 (524)	532(539)		581 (585)	583(588)		401 (400)	423(423)		
	648 (654)	648(655)		623 (632)	624(634)		412 (413)	427(427)		
	662 (669)	676(683)		790 (792)	791(794)		434 (436)	446(448)		
	695 (699)	698(704)		859 (864)	862(869)		475 (482)	480(486)		
	755 (762)	749(758)		925 (930)	939(945)		491 (494)	505(508)		
	882 (888)	880(887)		1188 (1193)	1203(1210)		504 (505)	514(517)		
	1028 (1031)	1041(1045)		1256 (1261)	1269(1278)		584 (590)	595(603)		
	1149 (1154)	1158(1166)		1299 (1305)	1324(1334)		633 (636)	633(638)		
	1195 (1200)	1208(1216)	b_2	189 (188)	196(196)		659 (664)	653(660)		
	1327 (1333)	1354(1363)		277 (273)	290(286)		691 (696)	681(689)		
a_2	244 (243)	257(255)		342 (340)	360(359)		710 (715)	727(732)		
	306 (305)	308(308)		428 (432)	440(444)		766 (773)	767(774)		
	356 (359)	353(356)		478 (480)	491(494)		822 (826)	826(832)		
	412 (412)	420(419)		512 (514)	525(527)		843 (849)	849(856)		
	470 (473)	470(476)		565 (567)	571(575)		861 (867)	866(873)		
	471 (477)	495(496)		617 (625)	620(630)		999 (1002)	1007(1013)		
	614 (620)	606(614)		709 (714)	701(709)		1043 (1048)	1050(1057)		

625 (624)	637(637)	713 (719)	714(722)	1154 (1159)	1165(1173)
772 (779)	782(789)	795 (802)	797(805)	1209 (1215)	1224(1232)
916 (919)	919(923)	817 (820)	828(833)	1252 (1259)	1261(1271)
1062 (1067)	1075(1083)	1103 (1108)	1102(1109)	1275 (1281)	1294(1303)
1247 (1253)	1252(1261)	1200 (1205)	1215(1223)	1314 (1321)	1341(1351)
1280 (1285)	1292(1300)	1264 (1271)	1275(1283)		

^a Data in parenthesis are calculated by 6-31G* basis set.

Table S2. Predicted infrared and Raman absorption peaks (cm^{-1}) of B_{40} and the corresponding intensities and assignments (6-31G*). Note that the intensities less than 2.0 are not given.

6-31G*					6-311G*				
V_{IR}	I_{IR}	V_{Raman}	I_{Raman}	Assignment	V_{IR}	I_{IR}	V_{Raman}	I_{Raman}	Assignment
		171	44.7	a_1			171	44.9	a_1
		188	47.3	b_2			189	48.1	b_2
		219	20.5	e			219	22.8	e
		244	23.5	b_1			244	23.7	b_1
273	7.0			b_2	277	2.4			b_2
		278	5.2	b_1			278	8.4	b_1
326	5.1	326	2.2	e			342	909	b_2
		340	12.5	b_2	359	4.7			e
		354	6.0	a_1		.	369	11.7	b_1
	.	369	11.5	b_1	382	19.6	382	6.2	e
382	27.7	382	3.4	e	390	7.3			e
393	7.6	393	1.9	e			412	11.0	a_2
		413	12.4	e			427	82.3	a_1
		429	69.5	a_1	428	6.7	428	9.9	b_2
432	5.6	432	15.0	b_2			437	31.2	a_1
		437	9.7	a_1			464	41.7	a_1
		466	28.7	a_1			483	16.3	b_1
		486	21.2	b_1			518	40.2	a_1
		494	5.6	e	565	5.8			b_2
		514	2.4	b_2			584	8.6	e
		524	51.2	a_1	617	13.1			b_2
567	8.1	567	2.6	b_2			648	80.0	a_1
590	3.5	590	13.1	e			662	63.5	a_1
625	19.5			b_2			695	24.9	a_1
		654	71.2	a_1	709	6.7	709	14.3	b_2
		669	88.4	a_1	713	13.7	713	15.3	b_2
		699	44.1	a_1			755	10.4	a_1
714	5.0	714	11.7	b_2	795	19.4	795	11.2	b_2
719	9.6	719	21.6	b_2	817	10.6			b_2
		762	14.1	a_1	822	11.2	822	10.1	e
773	3.9			e	843	5.4			e
802	23.0	802	12.5	b_2			858	4.8	b_1
820	7.7			b_2			882	11.7	a_1
826	10.1	826	8.4	e			925	7.2	b_1
849	3.5	849	2.1	e	999	4.4			e

		864	3.3	b_1		1043	10.2			e
		888	5.5	a_1	1103	15.8				b_2
		930	6.1	b_1			1149	36.9		a_1
1002	4.7			e	1154	11.9				e
		1031	4.4	a_1			1195	26.0		a_1
1048	10.1			e	1200	10.0	1200	8.9		b_2
1108	14.6			b_2	1209	7.0				e
		1154	32.7	a_1						
1159	12.0			e						
		1200	19.5	a_1	1252	38.7				e
1205	9.1	1205	6.4	b_2			1256	16.5		b_1
1215	5.4			e	1264	99.5	1264	32.1		b_2
1259	35.9			e	1275	159.0	1275	10.9		e
		1261	12.1	b_1			1299	29.4		b_1
1271	92.1	1271	29.0	b_2	1314	12.4	1314	16.6		e
1281	152.8	1281	8.3	e			1327	164.8		a_1
		1305	22.8	b_1						
1321	9.7	1321	14.2	e						
		1333	144.8	a_1						

Table S3. Normal modes and their incorporation with the electronic states in the absorption and emission spectra of B₄₀, computed at the PBE0/6-31G* level.

Absorption			Emission		
<i>n</i> ^a	ω ^b	<i>i</i> ^c	<i>n</i>	ω	<i>i</i>
0-0		100.00	0-0		100.00
2 ¹	172.043	17.79	1 ¹	170.697	18.95
1 ²	197.825	16.02	10 ¹	273.138	2.52
12 ¹	261.231	23.99	13 ¹	325.625	2.23
17 ¹	304.817	2.17	1 ²	341.394	1.71
22 ¹	338.943	14.24	17 ¹	354.458	17.95
25 ¹	368.038	1.07	22 ¹	381.699	9.41
1 ² 2 ¹	369.869	2.85	24 ¹	392.763	2.20
27 ¹	392.763	32.78	31 ¹	428.696	7.89
31 ¹	397.745	8.00	35 ¹	437.142	6.07
32 ¹	407.526	3.58	10 ¹ 1 ¹	443.835	0.48
35 ¹	431.688	5.78	37 ¹	465.890	2.53
12 ¹ 2 ¹	433.275	4.27	41 ¹	481.527	0.70
37 ¹	442.540	9.84	49 ¹	523.981	22.91
38 ¹	454.949	5.91	17 ¹ 1 ¹	525.155	3.10
41 ¹	458.161	2.86	22 ¹ 1 ¹	552.396	1.78
12 ¹ 1 ²	459.057	3.84	50 ¹	566.795	1.54
42 ¹	475.926	2.02	52 ¹	590.374	0.83
46 ¹	499.814	7.88	31 ¹ 1 ¹	599.393	1.40
22 ¹ 2 ¹	510.986	2.81	56 ¹	624.675	3.55
49 ¹	517.591	25.62	60 ¹	654.246	6.02
50 ¹	563.221	3.35	63 ¹	668.618	2.08
27 ¹ 2 ¹	564.806	5.83	49 ¹ 1 ¹	694.678	4.28
27 ¹ 1 ²	590.588	5.25	17 ²	708.916	1.94

22 ¹ 22 ¹	600.174	3.42	70 ¹	719.101	1.85
37 ¹ 2 ¹	614.583	1.96	22 ¹ 17 ¹	736.157	1.69
58 ¹	627.184	2.95	28 ¹ 20 ¹	770.656	2.91
37 ¹ 1 ²	640.365	1.57	31 ¹ 17 ¹	783.154	1.34
60 ¹	656.163	36.73	76 ¹	801.925	3.74
63 ¹	659.566	11.77	28 ²	823.560	2.01
65 ¹	662.389	1.53	37 ¹ 18 ¹	824.101	0.01
46 ¹ 2 ¹	671.858	1.40	49 ¹ 17 ¹	878.439	3.97
49 ¹ 2 ¹	689.635	4.60	49 ¹ 22 ¹	905.680	2.15
37 ¹ 12 ¹	703.771	2.36	49 ¹ 31 ¹	952.677	1.72
49 ¹ 1 ²	715.417	4.10	49 ¹ 35 ¹	961.123	1.46
71 ¹	731.036	2.64	60 ¹ 17 ¹	1008.704	0.94
27 ¹ 22 ¹	731.706	4.67	94 ¹	1108.149	1.24
49 ¹ 12 ¹	778.823	6.14	56 ¹ 49 ¹	1148.656	0.81
60 ¹ 2 ¹	828.206	6.53	96 ¹	1159.349	1.10
37 ¹ 27 ¹	835.303	3.22	60 ¹ 49 ¹	1178.227	1.29
38 ¹ 27 ¹	847.712	1.94	99 ¹	1199.813	10.74
60 ¹ 1 ²	853.988	5.88	100 ¹	1205.349	1.07
49 ¹ 22 ¹	856.534	3.74	104 ¹	1258.622	2.91
49 ¹ 27 ¹	910.354	8.39	107 ¹	1270.553	8.22
63 ¹ 12 ¹	920.798	2.82	108 ¹	1280.982	11.84
49 ¹ 37 ¹	960.131	2.40	112 ¹	1320.719	0.63
60 ¹ 22 ¹	995.106	5.23	76 ¹ 49 ¹	1325.906	0.85
63 ¹ 22 ¹	998.509	1.90	114 ¹	1333.313	4.48
49 ¹ 46 ¹	1017.406	2.02	99 ¹ 1 ¹	1370.510	2.16
49 ²	1035.182	3.10	107 ¹ 1 ¹	1441.250	1.55
63 ¹ 27 ¹	1052.329	3.85	108 ¹ 1 ¹	1451.679	2.24
60 ¹ 35 ¹	1087.850	2.12	114 ¹ 1 ¹	1504.010	0.80
94 ¹	1090.230	3.13	99 ¹ 17 ¹	1554.271	2.00
60 ¹ 37 ¹	1098.703	3.61	99 ¹ 22 ¹	1581.512	1.01

97 ¹	1109.746	4.59	107 ¹ 17 ¹	1625.011	1.47
60 ¹ 38 ¹	1111.112	2.17	109 ¹ 17 ¹	1635.440	2.11
99 ¹	1148.334	17.08	110 ¹ 28 ¹	1696.934	1.49
60 ¹ 49 ¹	1173.754	9.40	99 ¹ 49 ¹	1723.794	2.54
63 ¹ 49 ¹	1177.158	3.15	107 ¹ 49 ¹	1794.534	1.87
102 ¹	1180.846	13.56	108 ¹ 49 ¹	1804.963	2.69
103 ¹	1189.546	4.11	114 ¹ 49 ¹	1857.294	0.97
108 ¹	1243.965	1.43			
111 ¹	1283.063	7.72			
63 ¹ 60 ¹	1315.729	4.32			
114 ¹	1315.952	6.88			
99 ¹ 2 ¹	1320.378	3.04			
99 ¹ 1 ²	1346.159	2.73			
102 ¹ 2 ¹	1352.890	2.24			
102 ¹ 1 ²	1378.672	2.17			
102 ¹ 12 ¹	1442.078	3.25			
99 ¹ 22 ¹	1487.277	2.43			
102 ¹ 22 ¹	1519.789	1.83			
102 ¹ 27 ¹	1573.609	4.44			
99 ¹ 37 ¹	1590.874	1.68			
99 ¹ 49 ¹	1665.925	4.37			
102 ¹ 49 ¹	1698.437	3.34			
114 ¹ 27 ¹	1708.715	2.25			
111 ¹ 49 ¹	1800.654	1.97			
99 ¹ 63 ¹	1807.901	2.00			
102 ¹ 60 ¹	1837.009	4.97			

^aFundamental vibrations, assigned as n^q (n is excited normal mode, q represents quantum number). ^bFrequencies (cm⁻¹) relative to the electronic origin band which is set as 0. ^cRelative peak intensity, the 0-0 origin band intensity is 100.

Table S4. Predicted normal mode frequencies (cm^{-1}) of the ground state (S_0) and the first excited state (S_1)^a for B_{40} fullerene (computed at the PBE0/6-31g* level).

S0						S1					
mode	freq	sym									
1	171	a_1	58	636	e	1	99	a_2	58	627	b_2
2	188	b_2	59	636	e	2	172	a_1	59	642	b_1
3	199	e	60	654	a_1	3	175	e	60	656	b_2
4	199	e	61	664	e	4	715	e	61	657	e
5	219	e	62	664	e	5	189	b_2	62	657	e
6	219	e	63	669	a_1	6	209	b_1	63	660	a_1
7	241	a_1	64	696	e	7	210	e	64	662	a_1
8	243	a_2	65	696	e	8	210	e	65	662	e
9	244	b_1	66	699	a_1	9	247	a_1	66	662	e
10	273	b_2	67	714	b_2	10	251	a_2	67	683	a_1
11	278	b_1	68	715	e	11	254	b_1	68	703	b_2
12	305	a_2	69	715	e	12	261	b_2	69	709	e
13	326	e	70	719	b_2	13	283	e	70	709	e
14	326	e	71	762	a_1	14	283	e	71	731	b_2
15	340	b_2	72	773	e	15	291	b_2	72	740	a_2
16	347	b_1	73	773	e	16	292	a_2	73	757	e
17	354	a_1	74	779	a_2	17	305	e	74	757	e
18	358	e	75	792	b_1	18	305	e	75	771	a_1
19	358	e	76	802	b_2	19	317	b_1	76	773	b_1
20	359	a_2	77	820	b_2	20	338	e	77	793	b_2
21	369	b_1	78	826	e	21	338	e	78	807	e
22	382	e	79	826	e	22	339	a_1	79	807	e
23	382	e	80	849	e	23	347	b_1	80	833	e
24	393	e	81	849	e	24	368	e	81	833	e
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26	400	<i>e</i>	83	867	<i>e</i>	26	377	<i>a</i> ₂	83	840	<i>e</i>
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55	624	<i>a</i> ₂	112	1321	<i>e</i>	55	615	<i>e</i>	112	1283	<i>e</i>

56	625	b_2	113	1321	e	56	615	e	113	1296	b_1
57	632	b_1	114	1333	a_1	57	617	a_2	114	1316	a_1

a. Both of the states S_0 and S_1 belong to D_{2d} point group symmetry.

Table S5. Computed Huang-Rhys factors (S) of totally-symmetry normal modes (a_1) for absorption and emission spectra of B_{40} at the PBE0/6-31g* level.

Absorption			Emission		
mode	frequency (cm ⁻¹)	S	mode	frequency	S
2	172	0.4118	1	171	0.4102
9	247	0.0022	7	241	0.0001
22	339	0.3235	17	354	0.4001
35	432	0.1251	31	429	0.1600
37	443	0.2213	35	437	0.1305
38	455	0.1306	37	466	0.0626
49	518	0.5401	49	524	0.5182
63	660	0.2417	60	654	0.1588
64	662	0.0027	63	669	0.0676
67	683	0.0000	66	699	0.0106
75	771	0.0000	71	762	0.0063
85	879	0.0019	85	888	0.0007
91	1016	0.0123	90	1031	0.0009
98	1139	0.0201	95	1154	0.0171
102	1181	0.2985	99	1200	0.3001
114	1316	0.1242	114	1333	0.1305

Table S6. Predicted normal mode frequencies (cm^{-1}) of ground state (S_0) and the infrared and Raman activities for the quasi-planar isomer of B_{40} fullerene (at the PBE0/6-311G* level).

Mode	Freq	Infrared	Raman Activity
1	45.33	0.1610	33.8778
2	55.10	0.0297	16.9376
3	80.03	0.4359	18.2961
4	114.83	1.7551	8.2751
5	117.57	0.0103	0.0153
6	138.67	0.5791	2.8517
7	149.58	0.3851	0.6612
8	157.52	1.2937	22.5588
9	196.36	0.5322	0.3272
10	206.94	2.6741	14.5455
11	224.54	0.1662	18.5944
12	230.70	0.2293	11.6072
13	239.27	1.8819	8.3302
14	242.70	0.9247	13.2154
15	254.70	0.0263	13.1753
16	256.95	0.8497	50.0842
17	274.12	1.6131	1.0693
18	289.38	4.0123	27.0578
19	294.92	0.0523	4.8821
20	300.50	4.7480	10.3442
21	308.36	0.6832	1.2134
22	325.07	11.9989	45.7982
23	335.80	0.3652	94.5524
24	341.09	4.0747	6.3848
25	353.45	0.7995	2.7430
26	358.55	1.9001	104.4626
27	360.93	0.0100	1.9929
28	364.14	6.2650	11.1466
29	369.07	0.8006	1.5261
30	376.09	0.0298	3.4873
31	389.68	15.2098	16.0630
32	389.85	0.0500	0.7685
33	399.49	1.4195	10.7881
34	403.88	31.5299	0.7005
35	404.13	3.5671	3.3608
36	417.91	3.6048	27.1612
37	430.41	1.0098	0.0041
38	441.92	0.4941	14.1729
39	449.29	0.0281	0.2342
40	452.77	0.2461	3.5385
41	460.20	0.4483	0.6328
42	463.73	0.1887	1.4920
43	469.20	2.1075	1.4156
44	473.64	0.1938	1.4698
45	482.33	0.6594	2.6790
46	486.32	0.2938	0.1526
47	498.63	3.5598	4.2971
48	518.53	0.0007	9.6190
49	523.31	0.6206	7.7413

Continued Table S6

Mode	Freq	Infrared	Raman Activity
50	528.87	0.0154	3.5429
51	543.48	0.9693	9.8565
52	558.78	6.3007	0.6931
53	578.19	8.5971	34.5311
54	579.86	0.3774	4.5455
55	590.90	1.3787	0.7040
56	601.44	4.6609	9.5441
57	624.29	0.5285	2.6286
58	641.09	0.0080	1.2947
59	649.05	0.0178	39.5059
60	655.09	0.0396	21.0975
61	660.13	4.4277	13.5043
62	674.43	0.1009	38.9569
63	682.95	2.2575	6.7509
64	688.90	0.1008	2.6974
65	696.57	8.1939	2.6660
66	700.15	16.4606	59.6386
67	705.34	7.3834	50.2710
68	727.85	2.2611	12.2634
69	729.92	2.0207	24.9894
70	734.85	5.1010	11.0596
71	740.82	4.5895	9.8801
72	768.46	0.1169	263.8089
73	774.25	21.5890	21.4458
74	782.51	45.3856	6.5190
75	802.93	19.1296	73.9034
76	821.21	35.2320	0.3181
77	844.91	37.1814	60.9587
78	851.19	11.9368	0.5116
79	876.01	17.2026	68.1600
80	876.30	0.2040	17.2208
81	887.35	32.2464	6.1233
82	910.51	141.8112	9.7754
83	931.13	11.9881	4.7086
84	934.10	1.0265	2.6387
85	962.18	1.6934	37.2579
86	975.59	9.2432	7.0479
87	982.63	7.8473	1.2103
88	1009.48	18.1531	7.4461
89	1013.27	78.6948	38.3528
90	1034.68	18.6491	32.1426
91	1047.33	26.0133	23.6746
92	1064.95	13.0377	89.2184
93	1068.52	11.3796	0.3119
94	1081.83	74.5240	111.4712
95	1112.08	20.1803	38.7017
96	1128.54	14.5619	3.5485
97	1130.20	37.7634	55.0452
98	1141.21	129.1481	29.7817
99	1154.68	6.3795	29.6325

Continued Table S6

Mode	Freq	Infrared	Raman Activity
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102	1171.78	13.2525	27.6671
103	1184.55	0.4565	40.7742
104	1196.98	2.1626	102.1173
105	1216.43	12.8059	2.9580
106	1224.08	7.3154	253.6919
107	1246.93	7.7794	616.9933
108	1267.22	3.9655	11.9421
109	1269.42	0.2180	19.3292
110	1298.67	97.4346	37.2487
111	1305.79	0.4895	46.3490
112	1317.47	2.1039	10.6987
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III. Figures

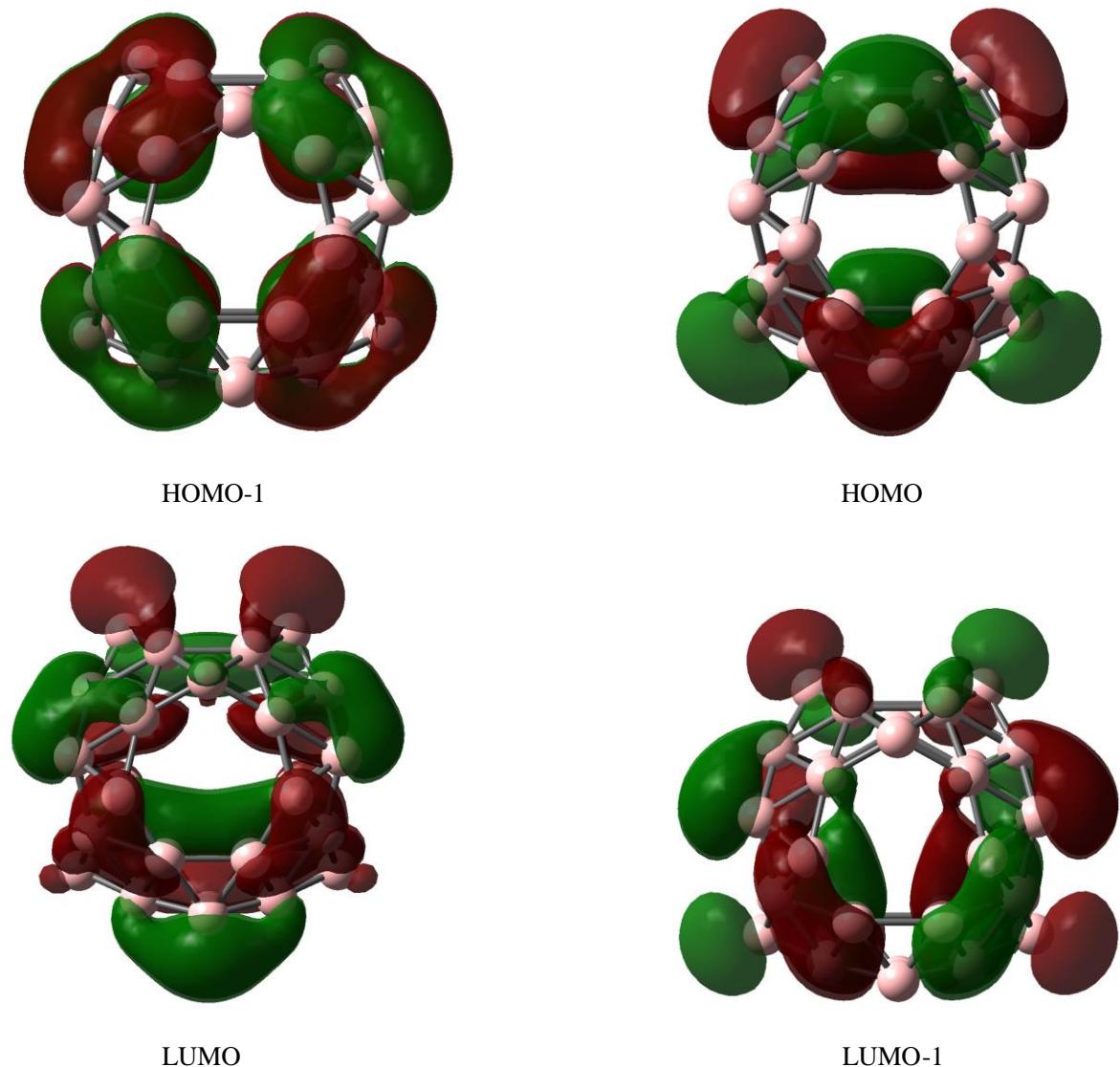
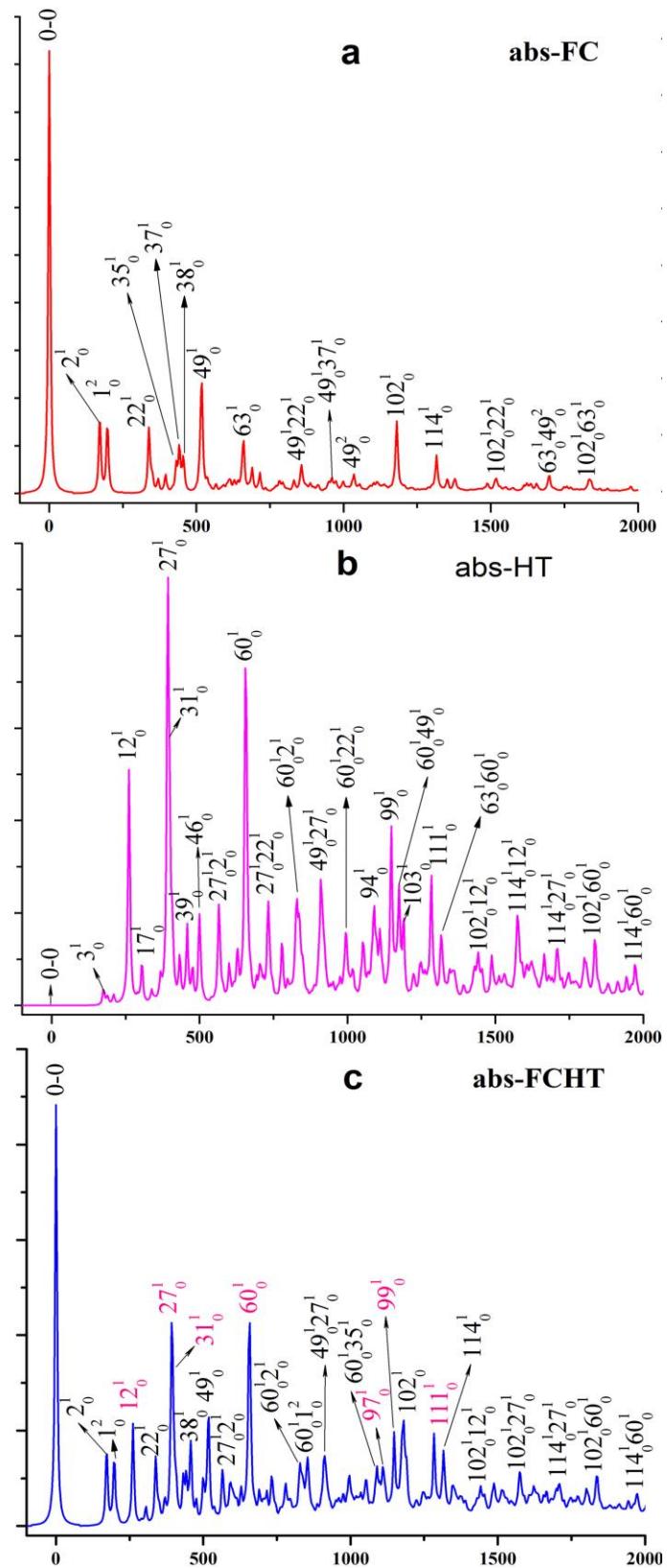


Figure S1. The frontier molecular orbitals of B_{40} computed at PBE0/6-311G* level.



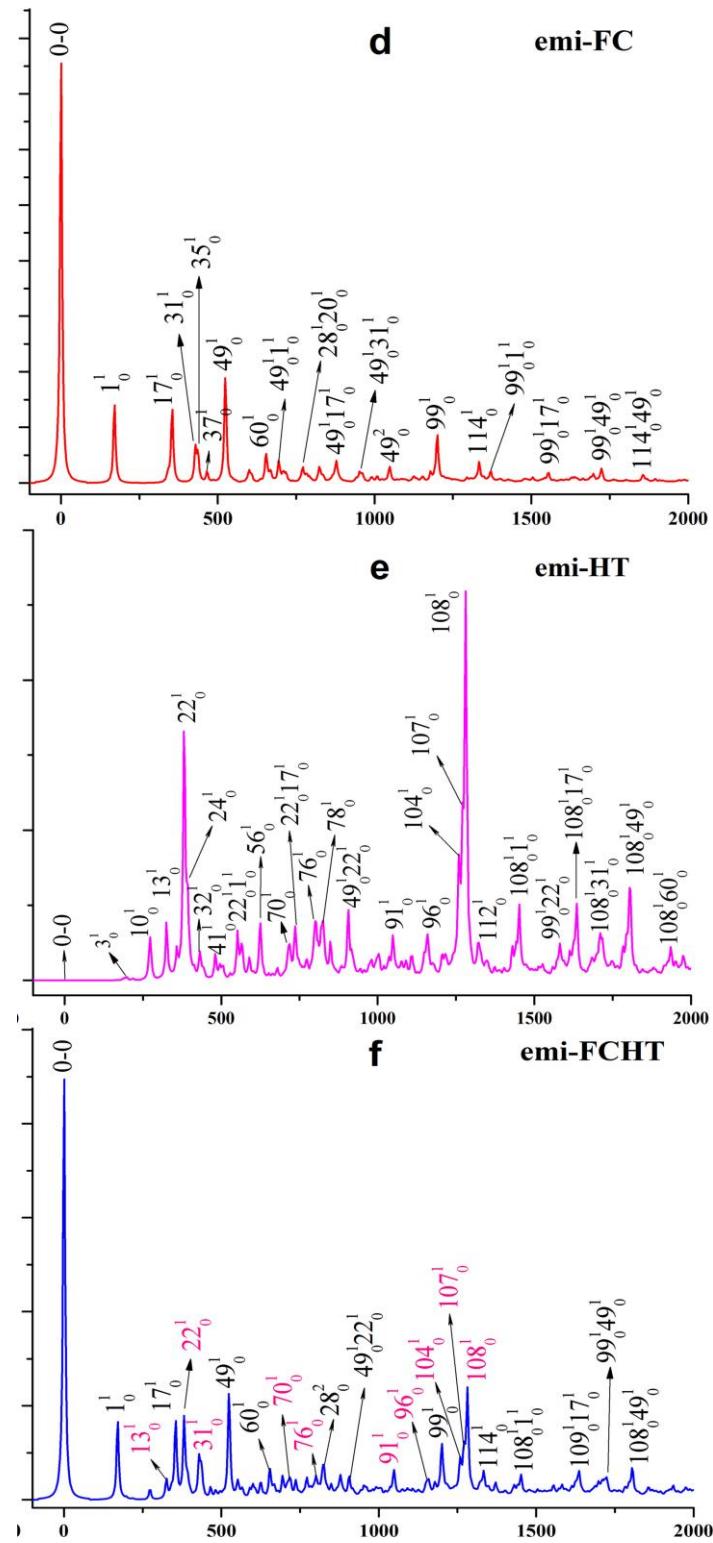
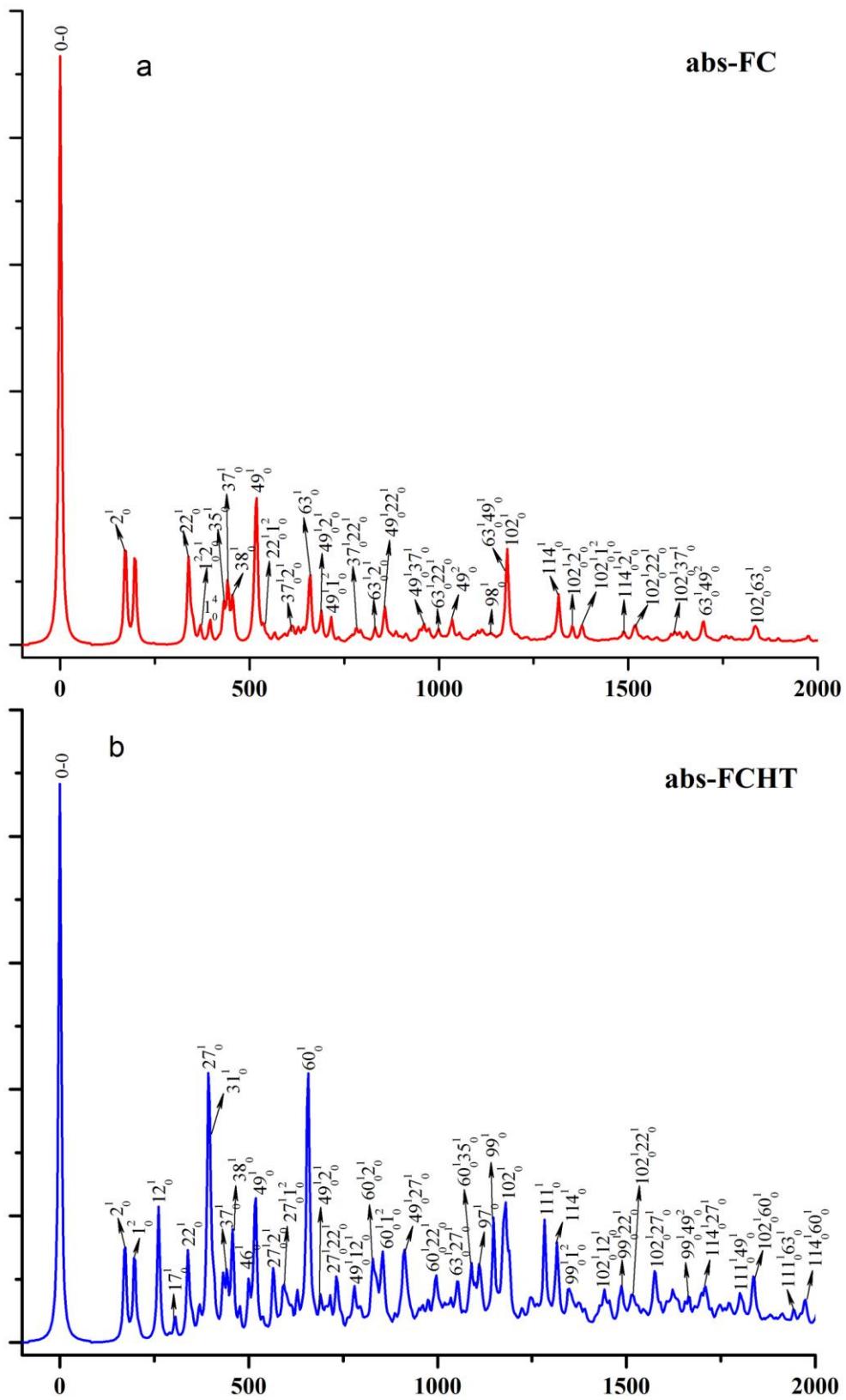


Figure S2. Simulated well-resolved absorption (left column, a-c) and emission (right column, d-f) spectra of B_{40} within a range of 2000 cm^{-1} (the 0-0 line is set to zero). FC represents the spectra simulated in Franck-Condon approximation; HT represents pure Herzberg-Teller spectra; and FCHT represents the total spectra with consideration of both FC and HT effects.



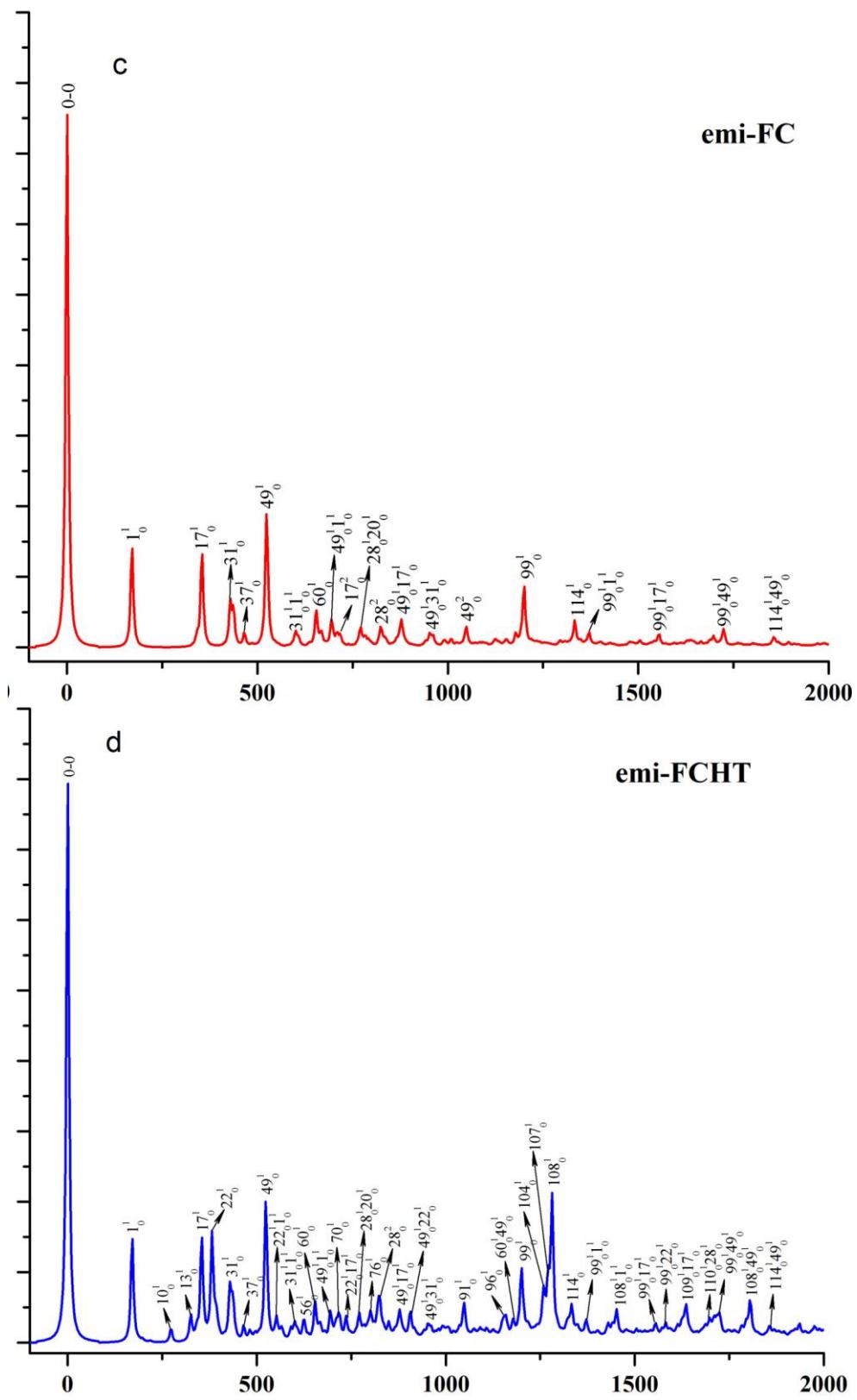


Figure S3. Simulated highly-resolved absorption and emission spectra of B₄₀ within a range of 2000 cm⁻¹, and detailed assignments of the normal modes and combined bands.

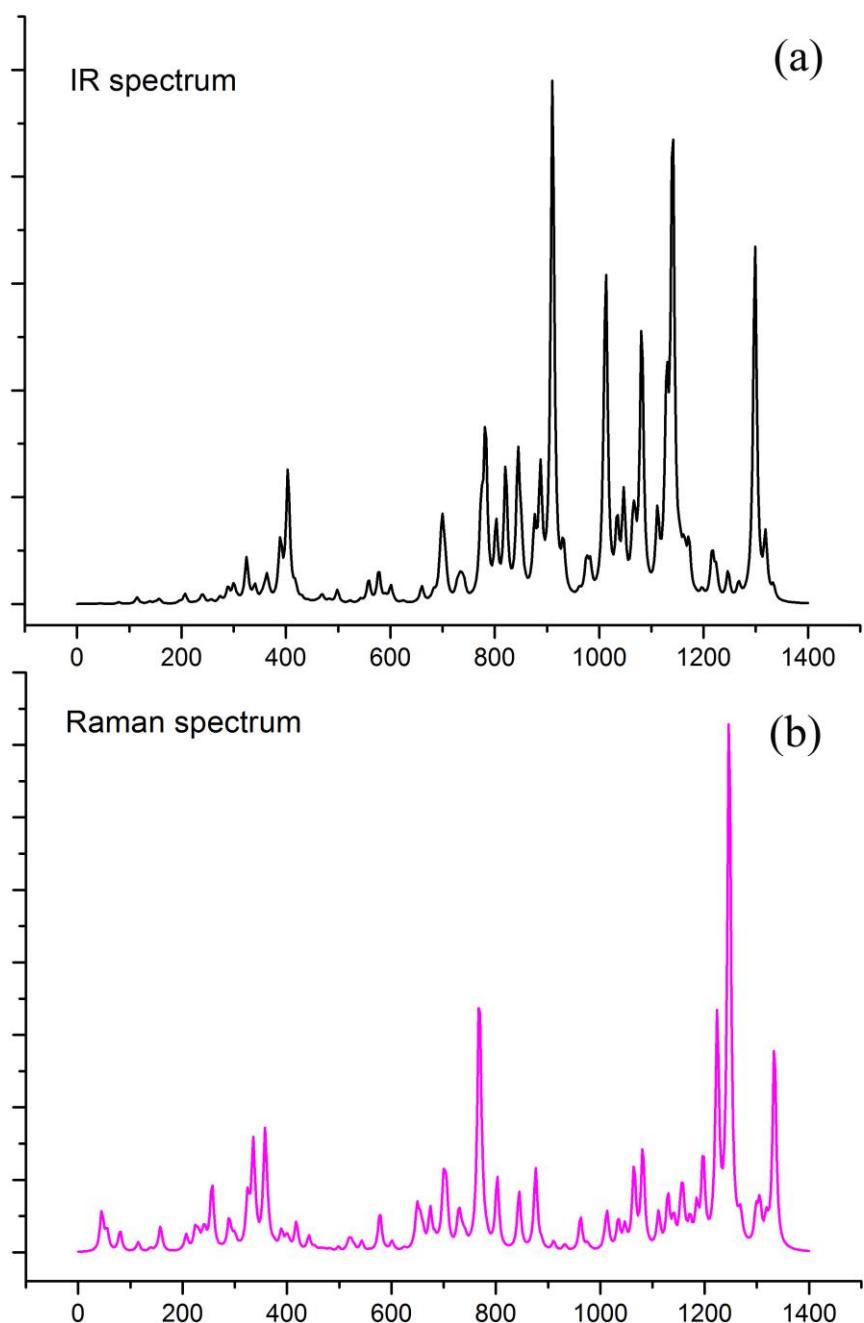


Figure S4. Computed optical spectra of quasi-planar isomer of B_{40} fullerene: (a) IR, and (b) Raman.

IV. Cartesian coordinates of ground and the first excited stated for B40 cluster optimized by different theoretical levels.

Ground state

PBE0/6-311G*

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B	2.350406	-1.366198	1.186244
B	-2.378459	0.878839	-1.663191
B	2.618983	0.000000	1.986141
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B	1.375052	-0.891595	2.514210
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B	-0.891595	-1.375052	-2.514210
B	-2.734401	1.766081	-0.384588
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B	-0.873781	-2.340954	1.678356
B	-1.407499	2.351049	-1.220494
B	-2.340954	-0.873781	-1.678356
B	-0.873781	2.340954	1.678356
B	-2.625510	0.000000	1.982163
B	-2.351049	-1.407499	1.220494
B	-0.884010	1.377372	-2.573638
B	1.407499	2.351049	-1.220494
B	1.679873	0.000000	-2.915431
B	-1.407499	-2.351049	-1.220494
B	0.000000	1.679873	2.915431
B	0.000000	2.625510	-1.982163
B	0.000000	-1.679873	2.915431
B	0.884010	-1.377372	-2.573638
B	1.407499	-2.351049	-1.220494
B	-1.679873	0.000000	-2.915431
B	1.377372	0.884010	2.573638
B	2.340954	-0.873781	-1.678356
B	0.000000	-2.625510	-1.982163
B	0.884010	1.377372	-2.573638
B	2.351049	1.407499	1.220494
B	2.351049	-1.407499	1.220494
B	-2.340954	0.873781	-1.678356
B	2.625510	0.000000	1.982163
B	0.873781	-2.340954	1.678356
B	1.377372	-0.884010	2.573638
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B	-2.351049	1.407499	1.220494
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B	-0.884010	-1.377372	-2.573638
B	-2.721543	1.732541	-0.382007
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