

### Supplementary Information: Theoretical Method

We have used Density Functional Theory (DFT) under the Local Density Approximation (LDA) as implemented in the AIMPRO package.<sup>22</sup> The calculations were carried out using supercells, fitting the charge density to plane waves within an energy cut-off of 225 Ry. Charge density oscillations in partly-filled degenerate orbitals during the self-consistency cycle were damped using a Fermi occupation function with  $kT=0.04$  eV. Atom-centered Gaussian basis functions are used to construct the many-electron wave function. These functions are labelled by multiple orbital symbols, where for each symbol the Gaussians are multiplied by spherical harmonics including all angular momenta up to maxima  $p$  ( $l=0,1$ ) and  $d$  ( $l=0,1,2$ ), respectively. Following this nomenclature, the basis sets used for each atom type were *pddd* (P), *dddd* (N), *ddpp* (O), and *ppp* (H). Carbon atoms used a contracted sum basis set equivalent of *C44G\**. A Bloch sum of these functions is performed over the lattice vectors to satisfy the periodic boundary conditions of the supercell. Calculations were performed on a large hexagonal unit cell ( $a=14.28\text{\AA}$ ,  $c=12.29\text{\AA}$ ), with Brillouin zone sampling  $1\times 1\times 1$   $k$ -points within the Monkhorst-Pack scheme. Radical calculations were performed spin polarised. Atomic positions were optimised using a conjugate gradient scheme. In the analysis, standard states for carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus when calculating exothermicities were taken as  $C_{60}$ ,  $N_2$  and  $P_4$  respectively.