

Role of Four-membered Rings in C₃₂ Fullerene Stability and Mechanisms of Generalized Stone-Wales Transformation: A Density Functional Theory Investigation

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Electronic Supplementary Information

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Table S1 Heat of formation of 364 C₃₂ fullerenes obtained at AM1 level. ^[a]

label ^[b] :sym	Ring Index ^[c] (n ₄ , n ₅ , n ₆)	PA ^[d]	ΔH_f	$ \beta $					
					85:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	5	109.9	0.3193
					7:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	11	110	0.0419
32:D _{4d}	(2, 8, 8)	8	0	0.6458	55:C _s	(2, 8, 8)	6	110.1	0.1951
1:D ₃	(0, 12, 6)	15	19.4	0.3639	93:C ₂	(4, 4, 10)	1	110.3	0.2484
5:C _s	(1, 10, 7)	12	21.8	0.3792	70:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	4	111.2	0.1665
33:C _s	(1, 10, 7)	11	39.5	0.3879	64:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	4	111.5	0.0954
6:C ₂	(0, 12, 6)	16	46.5	0.2527	22:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	10	111.7	0.1759
59:C _s	(3, 6, 9)	4	46.8	0.6165	11:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	7	112.6	0.0518
9:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	9	53.5	0.2524	30:D ₂	(0, 12, 6)	18	113.6	0.0000
12:C _s	(2, 8, 8)	8	54.6	0.4374	66:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	5	114.1	0.2965
2:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	11	60.6	0.2313	52:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	6	115.1	0.1272
15:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	6	62.9	0.4900	71:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	3	115.4	0.2610
18:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	6	63.9	0.4305	43:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	6	115.5	0.0169
41:C _s	(2, 8, 8)	7	72.3	0.2055	177:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	8	116.1	0.5059
17:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	7	73.3	0.5031	98:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	8	116.3	0.0713
105:C _{2v}	(1, 10, 7)	10	73.8	0.1981	67:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	4	116.4	0.0705
34:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	12	74.2	0.2485	35:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	13	117.5	0.0526
27:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	7	78.0	0.4373	54:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	7	117.8	0.2228
58:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	5	79.1	0.3916	88:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	3	118.6	0.3082
36:C _s	(1, 10, 7)	12	79.5	0.1811	91:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	4	120.7	0.1514
16:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	7	81.6	0.3656	77:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	7	120.8	0.1618
20:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	8	82.0	0.3390	72:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	3	120.8	0.2224
23:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	9	82.5	0.1824	68:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	8	121.5	0.0519
37:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	12	82.7	0.2937	8:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	12	123.2	0.1131
3:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	11	83.3	0.1989	76:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	7	123.4	0.058
31:C _{2v}	(1, 10, 7)	14	84.5	0.0147	95:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	11	123.8	0.2301
29:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	9	85.9	0.0417	130:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	5	125.2	0.1609
4:C ₂	(0, 12, 6)	17	86.8	0.0117	116:D ₂	(2, 8, 8)	9	125.8	0.0443
13:C _s	(1, 10, 7)	12	87.2	0.0183	62:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	5	126.1	0.2354
25:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	9	88.2	0.1457	74:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	2	126.3	0.3222
96:C _{2v}	(2, 8, 8)	11	89.2	0.3579	46:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	3	126.5	0.1585
89:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	6	90.9	0.4566	10:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	8	127.3	0.1529
99:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	7	94.3	0.3806	87:C _I	(4, 4, 10)	3	128.3	0.2483
26:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	12	94.4	0.0445	136:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	4	128.6	0.3174
94:D _{2h}	(0, 12, 6)	18	96.6	0.0000	61:D ₂	(2, 8, 8)	8	128.7	0.0518
57:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	6	98.5	0.1450	19:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	8	128.7	0.0504
126:C _{2v}	(4, 4, 10)	0	100.1	0.3531	44:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	5	129.2	0.2759
179:C ₂	(4, 4, 10)	5	100.2	0.4299	49:C _I	(1, 10, 7)	12	129.4	0.0334
100:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	7	100.2	0.3356	90:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	9	130.0	0.178
107:D _{3h}	(0, 12, 6)	18	101.1	0.3943	146:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	3	131.0	0.1392
14:C ₂	(2, 8, 8)	7	102.1	0.1379	40:C _I	(2, 8, 8)	6	131.1	0.0923
65:C ₃	(3, 6, 9)	3	104.3	0.6603	60:C _I	(3, 6, 9)	4	131.3	0.1936
78:C _s	(3, 6, 9)	6	107.9	0.0930	215:C _s	(3, 6, 9)	2	135.5	0.2419

102: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	135.8	0.1442	159: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	154.3	0.2142
144: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	136.5	0.2136	113: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	154.5	0.2458
51: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	136.5	0.2481	241: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	154.7	0.3385
21: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	10	137.6	0.0847	183: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	8	156.9	0.1995
56: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	137.6	0.0778	97: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	9	157.4	0.0878
47: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	137.9	0.1536	158: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	157.5	0.3006
160: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	138.7	0.3507	239: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	8	157.7	0.2788
223: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	138.8	0.2429	184: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	158.4	0.2331
84: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	138.8	0.2326	112: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	158.9	0.053
81: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	10	138.9	0.0816	109: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	8	159.7	0.1609
169: C_s	(2, 8, 8)	9	139	0.0319	174: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	160.6	0.2353
171: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	140.4	0.2811	120: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	5	160.8	0.1096
83: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	140.5	0.0718	154: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	160.9	0.1802
28: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	6	140.7	0.0373	101: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	6	161.4	0.0962
153: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	141.0	0.1836	142: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	6	161.6	0.1017
92: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	9	141.5	0.1563	150: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	3	161.7	0.0301
63: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	141.5	0.1788	240: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	3	163.4	0.2266
79: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	141.7	0.0715	364: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	163.5	0.3152
148: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	5	143.5	0.0478	118: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	163.6	0.1465
180: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	143.6	0.2814	357: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	163.9	0.3945
119: C_2	(3, 6, 9)	2	143.8	0.2619	163: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	164.5	0.1667
111: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	144	0.1798	86: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	165	0.1727
145: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	8	144.2	0.1082	123: C_s	(2, 8, 8)	8	165.1	0.2624
210: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	144.3	0.0795	356: C_3	(6, 0, 12)	0	165.1	0.0000
168: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	145.8	0.2159	42: C_s	(1, 10, 7)	13	167.0	0.0312
73: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	2	146.8	0.1233	189: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	167.1	0.2956
141: C_s	(1, 10, 7)	13	146.9	0.0936	363: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	167.1	0.0405
24: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	8	147.1	0.1299	138: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	167.7	0.0834
173: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	148.0	0.2652	151: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	167.9	0.0756
178: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	2	148.1	0.1672	108: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	11	168.5	0.0976
45: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	148.7	0.0497	110: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	168.6	0.165
114: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	148.8	0.2402	134: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	169.2	0.2479
53: C_s	(2, 8, 8)	8	149.2	0.0987	164: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	169.3	0.1342
82: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	149.3	0.0893	172: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	169.3	0.1318
104: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	9	149.8	0.0593	191: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	5	169.9	0.0576
147: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	149.9	0.1747	106: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	8	170.0	0.0861
200: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	149.9	0.3559	133: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	170.4	0.1034
38: C_I	(1, 10, 7)	13	150.3	0.0982	208: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	7	171.1	0.005
39: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	150.8	0.0961	251: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	171.9	0.1376
167: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	151.5	0.2082	75: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	172.0	0.3393
124: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	5	152.6	0.121	132: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	173.4	0.1201
157: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	152.7	0.3232	69: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	173.8	0.4168
125: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	2	152.7	0.3456	155: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	2	173.8	0.1924
217: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	2	152.9	0.3276	245: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	0	173.8	0.2348

234: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	173.9	0.1993	238: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	7	193.0	0.0397
190: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	173.9	0.2466	197: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	193.9	0.0957
209: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	174.9	0.4143	213: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	194.2	0.1415
203: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	174.9	0.2568	207: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	194.2	0.0309
161: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	175.2	0.1070	274: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	8	194.3	0.1296
201: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	175.3	0.1400	281: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	195	0.3391
170: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	175.6	0.2528	165: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	195.2	0.1989
103: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	10	175.7	0.0504	226: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	195.3	0.0594
122: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	176.6	0.1763	199: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	5	195.5	0.3157
50: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	7	176.8	0.0999	182: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	196.1	0.1563
181: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	176.8	0.2432	128: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	196.5	0.0011
218: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	176.9	0.2046	353: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	197.3	0.4207
196: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	177.3	0.1637	271: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	197.6	0.3692
253: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	177.3	0.3783	313: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	1	198.1	0.0527
211: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	178.4	0.2301	292: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	198.1	0.1097
355: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	178.5	0.0000	289: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	198.9	0.3046
185: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	179.0	0.1619	248: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	199.3	0.3051
360: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	179.2	0.1679	127: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	200.6	0.0284
214: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	9	180.2	0.1146	129: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	4	200.8	0.0542
162: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	5	181.6	0.1967	220: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	201.5	0.1257
311: C_{2h}	(4, 4, 10)	0	182.0	0.2947	243: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	201.6	0.2373
224: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	182.0	0.2711	193: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	9	201.7	0.1453
131: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	2	182.6	0.2278	225: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	201.7	0.3637
186: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	183.7	0.0874	117: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	202.2	0.1936
166: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	183.9	0.1201	293: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	0	203.3	0.1125
143: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	185.3	0.029	230: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	6	203.4	0.0683
139: C_s	(1, 10, 7)	13	185.4	0.0728	194: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	6	204.3	0.0699
235: C_s	(2, 8, 8)	10	185.7	0.2391	250: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	204.4	0.0914
259: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	1	186.0	0.3843	137: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	204.5	0.2693
176: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	186.0	0.2275	192: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	204.6	0.0622
275: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	186.2	0.1527	242: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	205.5	0.0282
216: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	4	187.2	0.0586	156: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	1	206.2	0.3983
229: C_s	(2, 8, 8)	5	187.2	0.1146	115: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	206.9	0.0293
354: C_2	(5, 2, 11)	0	188.8	0.2454	237: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	206.9	0.1695
140: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	11	189.9	0.0066	254: C_{2h}	(4, 4, 10)	0	207.1	0.1452
278: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	190.1	0.1531	301: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	207.3	0.1062
121: D_2	(2, 8, 8)	6	190.5	0.1796	303: C_2	(2, 8, 8)	9	208.8	0.1816
187: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	190.6	0.3605	227: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	209.2	0.1614
249: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	191.0	0.2364	272: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	2	210.3	0.254
231: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	6	191.1	0.0928	273: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	211.3	0.2292
252: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	1	191.3	0.1785	221: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	6	211.6	0.0527
222: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	191.5	0.0169	206: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	212.4	0.1775
48: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	191.8	0.1021	291: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	4	216.6	0.0971
256: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	192.1	0.0273	228: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	217.6	0.2271

204: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	217.6	0.0808	304: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	256.2	0.1834
255: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	218.1	0.2174	212: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	256.4	0.1998
80: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	3	218.2	0.0921	261: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	257.1	0.1120
280: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	4	218.5	0.1588	308: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	259.2	0.2332
359: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	218.7	0.3861	305: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	260.2	0.1705
263: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	4	218.8	0.0905	322: C_s	(2, 8, 8)	12	260.6	0.1714
205: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	219.3	0.2384	262: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	5	260.7	0.2412
202: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	7	219.4	0.1277	264: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	260.9	0.1675
135: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	220.2	0.2036	361: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	260.9	0.1221
188: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	220.3	0.3108	285: D_2	(2, 8, 8)	6	266.0	0.0430
257: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	1	221.1	0.3739	306: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	266.1	0.0429
270: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	6	221.4	0.0205	258: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	267.1	0.3473
236: C_{2h}	(2, 8, 8)	8	222.3	0.1232	358: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	268.4	0.3113
279: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	225.1	0.0386	284: D_2	(3, 6, 9)	4	273.2	0.2955
244: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	225.2	0.0557	307: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	273.6	0.3033
232: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	225.8	0.1280	310: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	274.1	0.1646
152: C_{2v}	(3, 6, 9)	2	226.0	0.0096	290: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	274.9	0.1815
195: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	226.5	0.0555	343: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	277.7	0.0286
294: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	226.6	0.1323	299: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	280.2	0.1857
269: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	228.3	0.1392	315: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	5	280.2	0.0838
219: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	228.5	0.0521	300: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	5	282.8	0.1125
268: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	229.3	0.1486	327: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	283.3	0.1028
246: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	229.9	0.2147	265: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	283.5	0.1332
175: D_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	231.7	0.1788	316: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	0	283.5	0.2725
342: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	232.1	0.0000	334: D_2	(2, 8, 8)	8	283.6	0.1885
276: C_s	(3, 6, 9)	5	234.3	0.2091	298: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	3	284.3	0.2452
288: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	234.7	0.2232	296: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	2	291.1	0.2862
282: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	234.9	0.1606	317: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	294.9	0.1177
286: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	7	235.5	0.1983	351: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	295.3	0.1942
362: C_s	(5, 2, 11)	0	235.5	0.061	319: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	295.4	0.2743
309: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	237.2	0.2158	328: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	295.4	0.0329
295: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	2	237.9	0.0887	314: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	296.8	0.3688
267: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	237.9	0.0937	266: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	3	296.9	0.3336
247: C_3	(3, 6, 9)	3	238.3	0.3872	344: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	298.2	0.2104
297: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	0	240.6	0.294	318: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	1	298.5	0.0286
287: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	242.7	0.2107	348: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	298.7	0.208
283: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	246.9	0.194	337: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	299.9	0.0117
277: C_I	(2, 8, 8)	8	247.2	0.1294	321: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	0	300.6	0.0361
149: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	248.1	0.3693	331: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	2	301.9	0.0546
312: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	5	248.1	0.1707	345: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	302.9	0.1762
260: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	3	251.4	0.3315	329: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	1	303.8	0.0288
233: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	253.4	0.0827	346: C_I	(5, 2, 11)	0	310.2	0.1086
302: D_2	(2, 8, 8)	10	254.6	0.1512	332: C_s	(4, 4, 10)	3	315.5	0.0763
198: C_I	(4, 4, 10)	2	255.7	0.0683	320: C_I	(3, 6, 9)	4	317.5	0.0896

325: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	2	317.8	0.1981	330: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	1	331.9	0.1745
347: C_2	(6, 0, 12)	0	319.8	0.2489	339: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	2	338.3	0.183
336: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	321.4	0.3297	326: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	1	347.0	0.0792
323: C_1	(3, 6, 9)	4	322.6	0.1485	349: C_1	(5, 2, 11)	0	352.8	0.3553
324: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	1	326.6	0.1004	352: C_1	(5, 2, 11)	0	355.1	0.276
350: C_2	(6, 0, 12)	0	326.8	0.2585	333: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	1	377.0	0.1124
335: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	0	328.9	0.2379	341: C_{2h}	(4, 4, 10)	2	401.4	0.1618
338: C_1	(4, 4, 10)	2	330.2	0.1475	340: C_2	(4, 4, 10)	2	405.0	0.1727

^[a] Heat of formation obtained at AM1 level, units in kilocalories per mole; band gap calculated at the HMO level, in units of $|\beta|$, where β is the Hückel resonance integral. ^[b] Numbering convention of isomers recommended in ref 41. ^[c] Ring Index: number of four-, five-, and six- membered rings. ^[d] PA: number of pentagon adjacency.

Table S2 Relative energies of the most stable C_{32} fullerene isomers^[a]

label:sym	B3LYP/6-31G(d)	B3LYP/6-311G(d, p)	PBE1PBE/6-311G(d, p)	HF/6-311G(d, p)
32: D_{3d}	0	0	0	0
1: D_3	4.17	2.93	2.42	11.11
5: C_s	10.21	9.63	9.54	16.24

^[a] Relative energy units in kilocalories per mole.

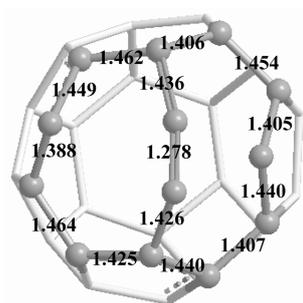


Fig. S1 Transition state of rearrangement between **32** and **5** (TS1-A). Bond lengths (in Å) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-311G(d) level of theory.

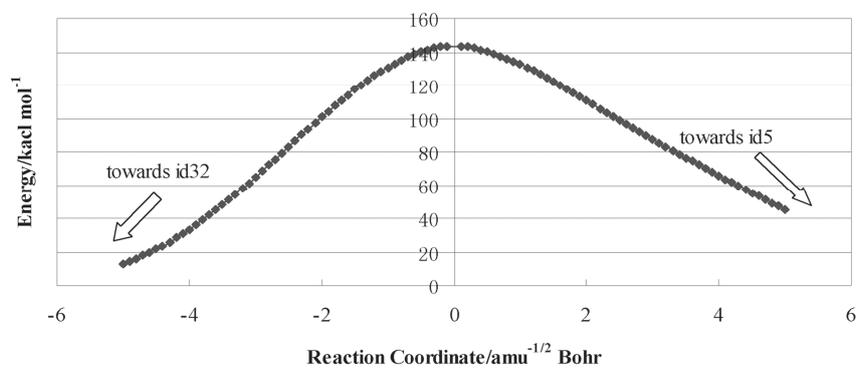


Fig. S2 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in $\text{amu}^{-1/2}$ Bohr) versus energy (in kcal mol^{-1} , relative to **32**, starting from TS1-A as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

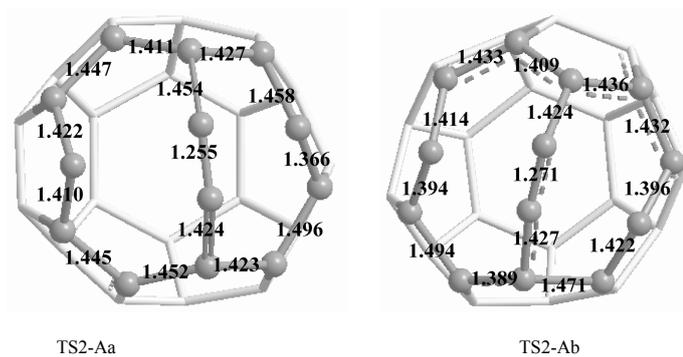
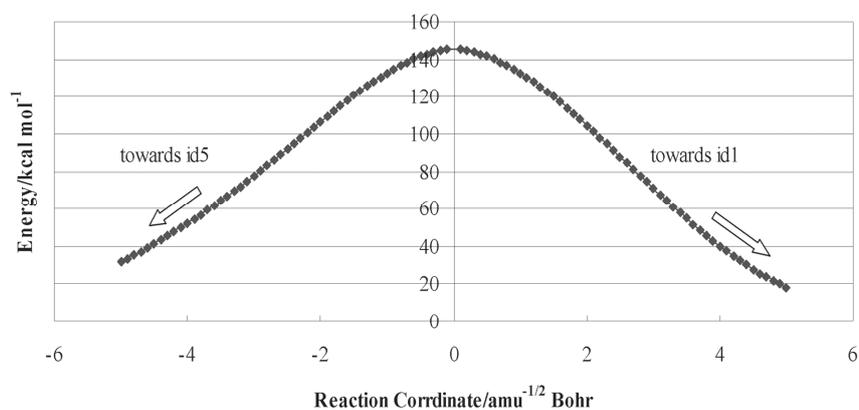
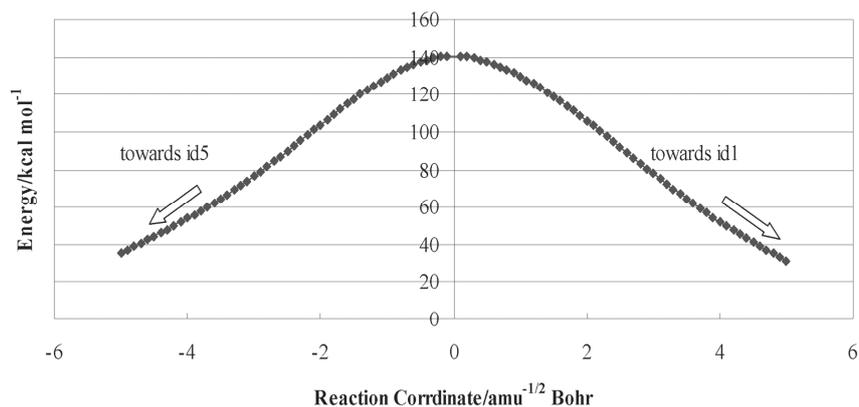


Fig. S3 Transition states of rearrangement between **5** and **1** (TS2-Aa and TS2-Ab). Bond lengths (in Å) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.



IRC starting from TS2-Aa



IRC starting from TS2-Ab

Fig. S4 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in $\text{amu}^{-1/2}$ Bohr) versus energy (in kcal mol^{-1} , relative to **32**, starting from TS2-Aa and TS2-Ab as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

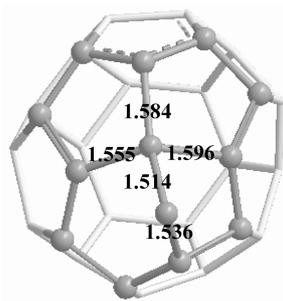


Fig. S5 Transition state of rearrangement between **32** and **5** (TS1-B1). Bond lengths (in Å) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

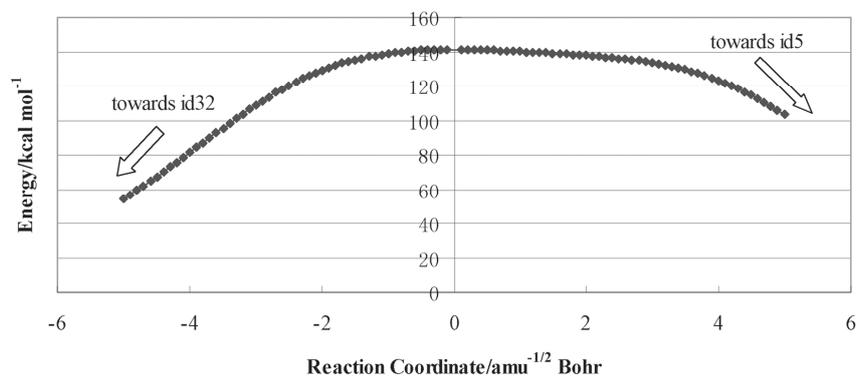


Fig. S6 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in $\text{amu}^{-1/2} \text{ Bohr}$) versus energy (in kcal mol^{-1} , relative to **32**, starting from TS1-B1 as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

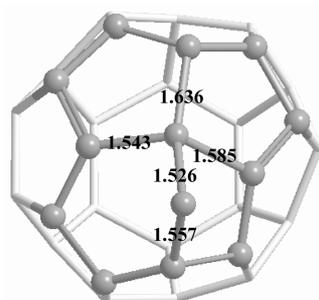


Fig. S7 Transition state of rearrangement between **5** and **1** (TS2-B1c). Bond lengths (in Å) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

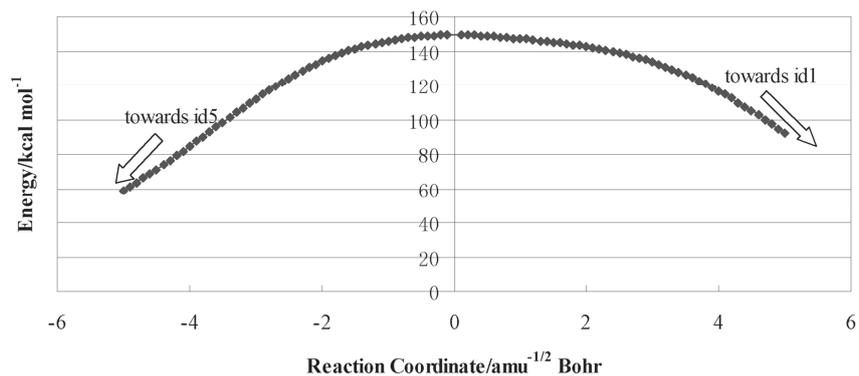


Fig. S8 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in amu^{-1/2} Bohr) versus energy (in kcal mol⁻¹, relative to **32**, starting from TS2-B1c as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

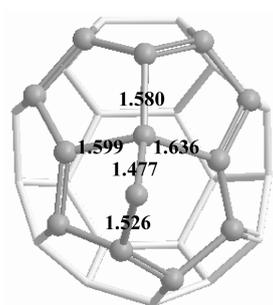


Fig. S9 Transition state of rearrangement between **5** and **1** (TS2-B1d). Bond lengths (in Å) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

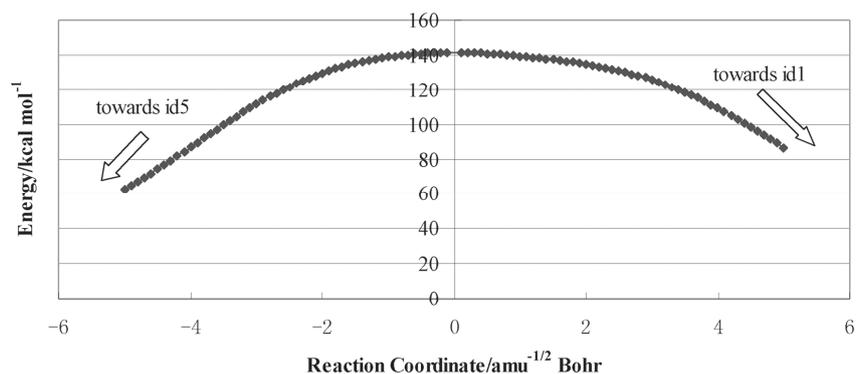


Fig. S10 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in amu^{-1/2} Bohr) versus energy (in kcal mol⁻¹, relative to **32**, starting from TS2-B1d as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

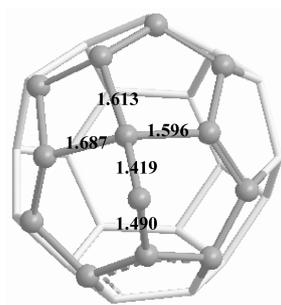


Fig. S11 Transition state of rearrangement between **32** and **5** (TS1-B2). Bond lengths (in Å) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

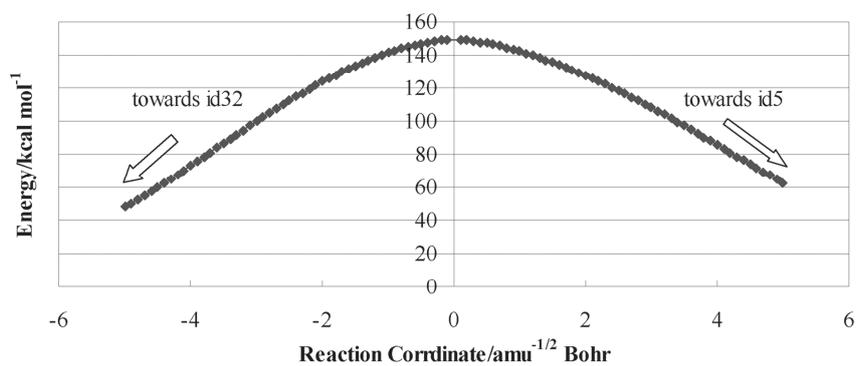


Fig. S12 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in amu^{-1/2} Bohr) versus energy (in kcal mol⁻¹, relative to **32**, starting from TS1-B2 as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

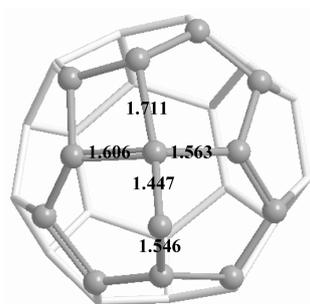


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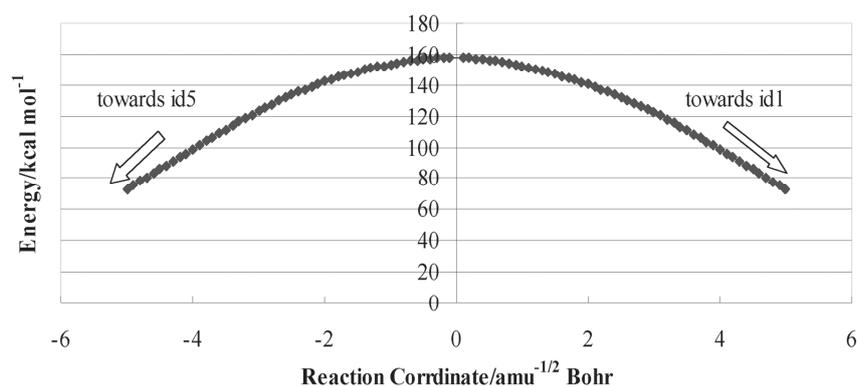


Fig. S14 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in $\text{amu}^{-1/2} \text{ Bohr}$) versus energy (in kcal mol^{-1} , relative to **32**, starting from TS2-B2e as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

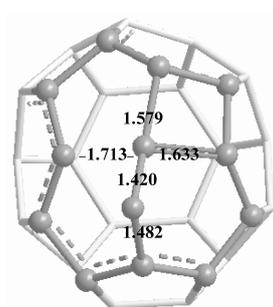


Fig. S15 Transition state of rearrangement between **5** and **1** (TS2-B2f). Bond lengths (in \AA) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

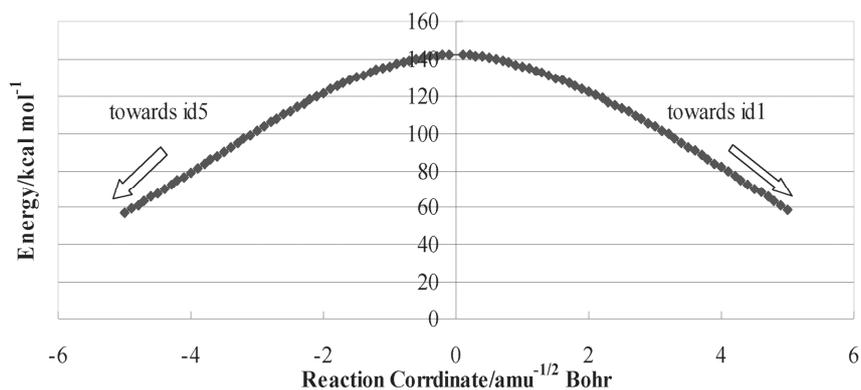
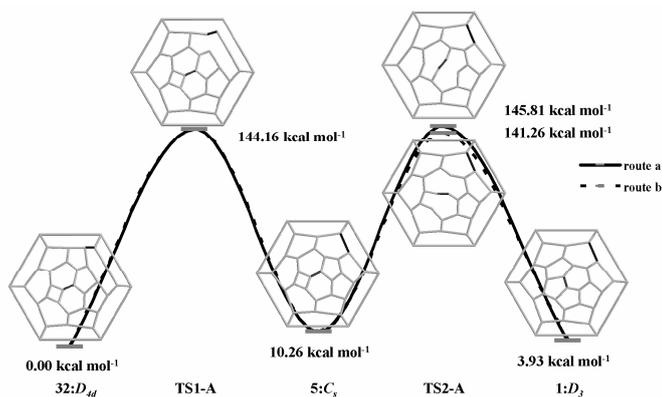
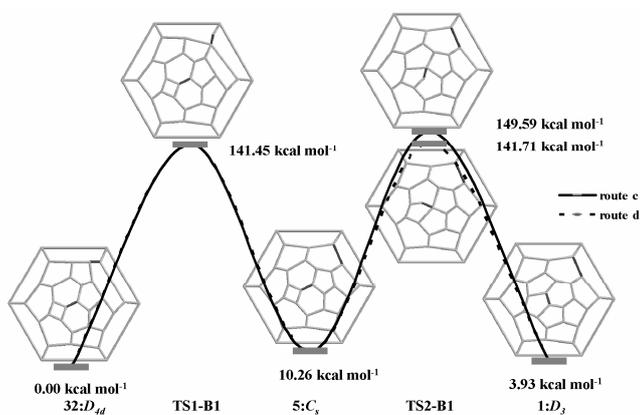


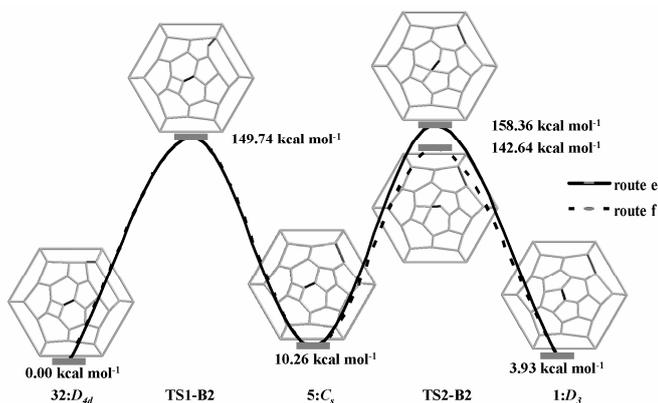
Fig. S16 Plot of the intrinsic reaction coordinate (in $\text{amu}^{-1/2} \text{ Bohr}$) versus energy (in kcal mol^{-1} , relative to **32**, starting from TS2-B2f as computed at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.



Scheme S1. The GSWT relationship and transition states (TS1-A, TS2-Aa and TS2-Ab) between $32:D_{4d}$, $5:C_s$ and $1:D_3$ of concerted reaction mechanism. Relative energies of structures (in kcal mol⁻¹) at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.



Scheme S2. The GSWT relationship and transition states (TS1-B1, TS2-B1c and TS2-B1d) between $32:D_{4d}$, $5:C_s$ and $1:D_3$ of stepwise reaction mechanism. Relative energies of structures (in kcal mol⁻¹) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.



Scheme S3. The GSWT relationship and transition states (TS1-B2, TS2-B2e and TS2-B2f) between $32:D_{4d}$, $5:C_s$ and $1:D_3$ of stepwise reaction mechanism. Relative energies of structures (in kcal mol⁻¹) obtained at PBE1PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.