

Supplementary Information –  
Charge transfer dynamics in noble gas  
endofullerenes: intra- & extramolecular  
tunnelling

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## Raw data

Please note that all raw data are available via the University of Nottingham Data Management Repository, DOI: 10.17639/nott.7585.

## Supplementary Data – DFT and STS

Table S1: Energy (in eV) of different C<sub>60</sub>/Pb(111) adsorption sites and molecular rotations.

Configuration	Rotations (deg.)	E (eV)		
		On-top	hcp-hollow	fcc-hollow
<b>atom-down</b>	0	-899.1516	-899.1369	-899.1209
	30	-899.1869	-899.0752	-899.1562
	60	-899.1431	-899.1425	-899.1272
	90	-899.1338	-899.1115	-899.1260
<b>6-6 Bond down</b>	0	-899.1581	-899.1245	-899.1015
	30	-899.1587	-899.1122	-899.1230
	60	-899.1593	-899.0986	-899.1014
	90	-899.1192	-899.1286	-899.1431
<b>pentagon down</b>	0	-899.1241	-899.1401	-899.1473
	30	-899.1361	-899.1212	-899.1051
	60	-899.1297	-899.1260	-899.1441
	90	-899.1812	-899.1026	-899.1190
<b>hexagon down</b>	0	-899.0362	-899.1480	-899.1788
	30	-899.1360	-899.1129	-899.1484
	60	-899.0630	-899.1240	-899.1509
	90	-899.1575	-899.1267	-899.1341

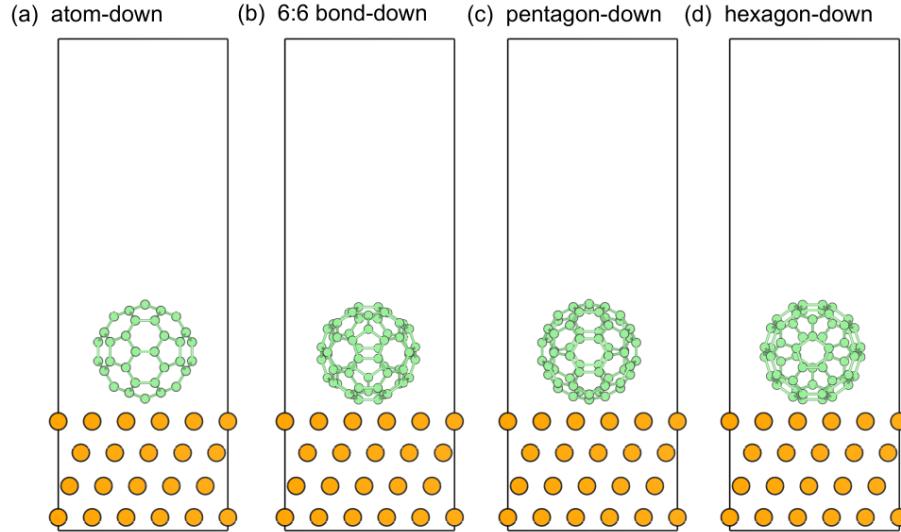


Figure S1: Side view of  $C_{60}$  adsorption on the  $Pb(111)$  substrate for various orientations: (a) atom-down, (b) 6:6 bond-down, (c) pentagon-down, and (d) hexagon-down.

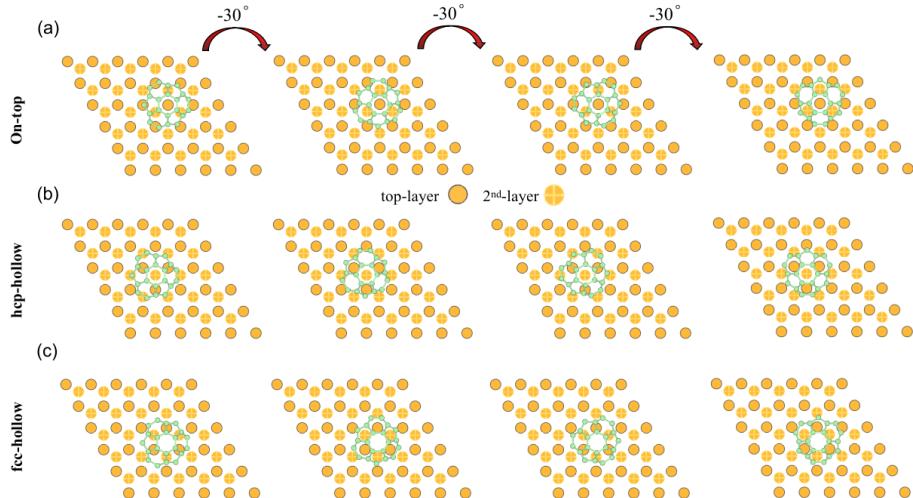


Figure S2: Top view illustrating the atom-down orientation of  $C_{60}$  on the  $Pb(111)$  substrate for various adsorption sites and rotations. (a) On-top site, (b) hcp-hollow site, and (c) fcc-hollow site. For each site, the  $C_{60}$  molecule is shown at rotations of  $0^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  (from left to right). The orange circles represent  $Pb$  atoms (top-layer: orange, 2nd-layer: highlighted orange), and the green circles indicate the lowest  $C$  atoms of  $C_{60}$  molecule.

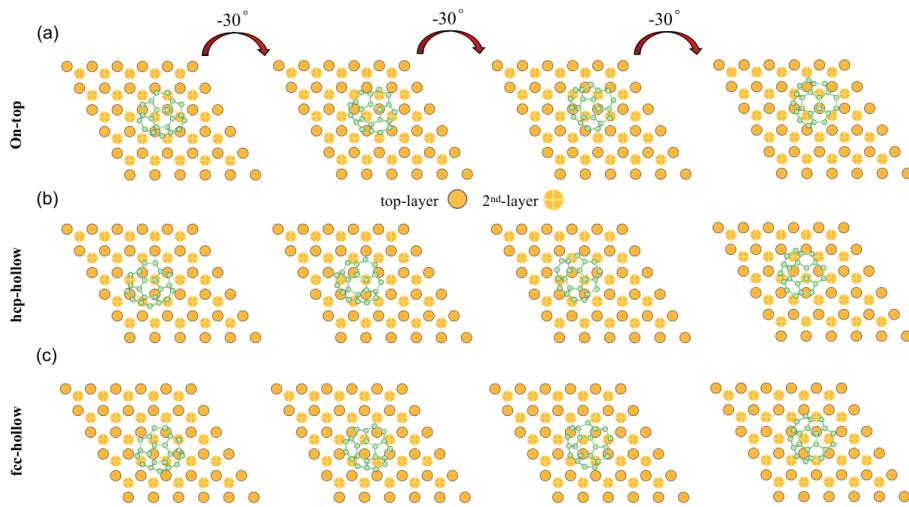


Figure S3: Top view illustrating the 6:6 bond-down orientation of  $C_{60}$  on the  $Pb(111)$  substrate for various adsorption sites and rotations. (a) On-top site, (b) hcp-hollow site, and (c) fcc-hollow site. For each site, the  $C_{60}$  molecule is shown at rotations of  $0^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  (from left to right). The orange circles represent  $Pb$  atoms (top-layer: orange, 2nd-layer: highlighted orange), and the green circles indicate the lowest  $C$  atoms of  $C_{60}$  molecule.

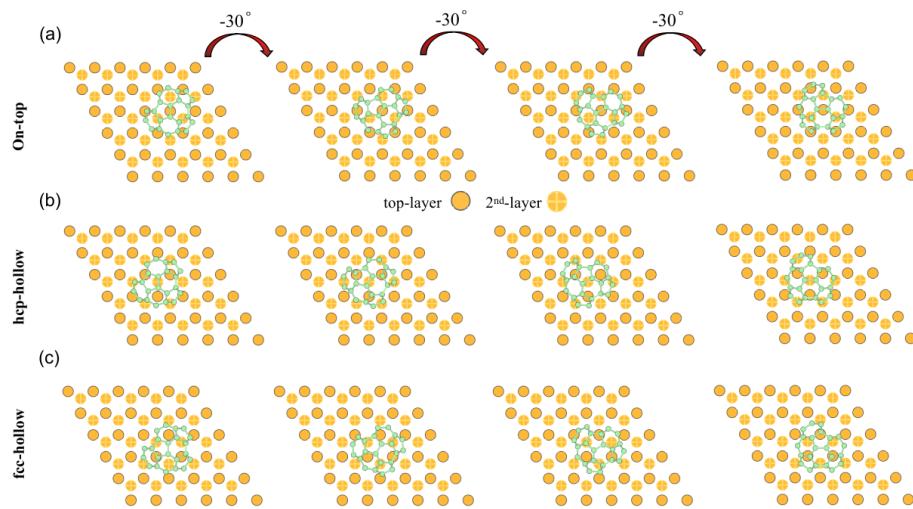


Figure S4: Top view illustrating the pentagon-down orientation of  $C_{60}$  on the  $Pb(111)$  substrate for various adsorption sites and rotations. (a) On-top site, (b) hcp-hollow site, and (c) fcc-hollow site. For each site, the  $C_{60}$  molecule is shown at rotations of  $0^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  (from left to right). The orange circles represent  $Pb$  atoms (top-layer: orange, 2nd-layer: highlighted orange), and the green circles indicate the lowest  $C$  atoms of  $C_{60}$  molecule.

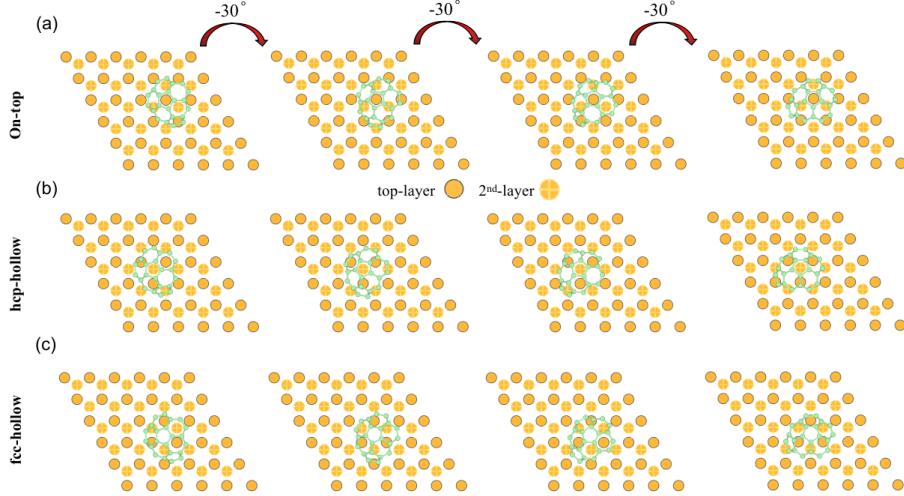


Figure S5: Top view illustrating the hexagon-atom orientation of  $C_{60}$  on the  $Pb(111)$  substrate for various adsorption sites and rotations. (a) On-top site, (b) hcp-hollow site, and (c) fcc-hollow site. For each site, the  $C_{60}$  molecule is shown at rotations of  $0^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  (from left to right). The orange circles represent  $Pb$  atoms (top-layer: orange, 2nd-layer: highlighted orange), and the green circles indicate the lowest  $C$  atoms of  $C_{60}$  molecule.

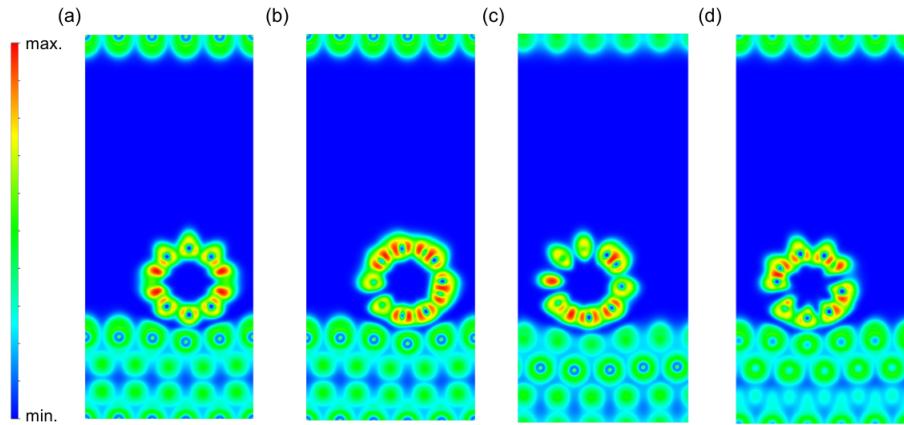


Figure S6: Electron Localization Function (ELF) plots showing the interaction between  $C_{60}$  and the  $Pb(111)$  substrate for various configurations. (a) Atom-down  $C_{60}$  with  $30^\circ$  rotation on an on-top site. (b) 6:6 bond-down  $C_{60}$  with  $60^\circ$  rotation on an on-top site. (c) Pentagon-down  $C_{60}$  with  $90^\circ$  rotation on an on-top site. (d) Hexagon-down  $C_{60}$  with  $0^\circ$  rotation on an fcc-hollow site. The color scale on the left indicates the ELF value, from minimum (blue) to maximum (red).

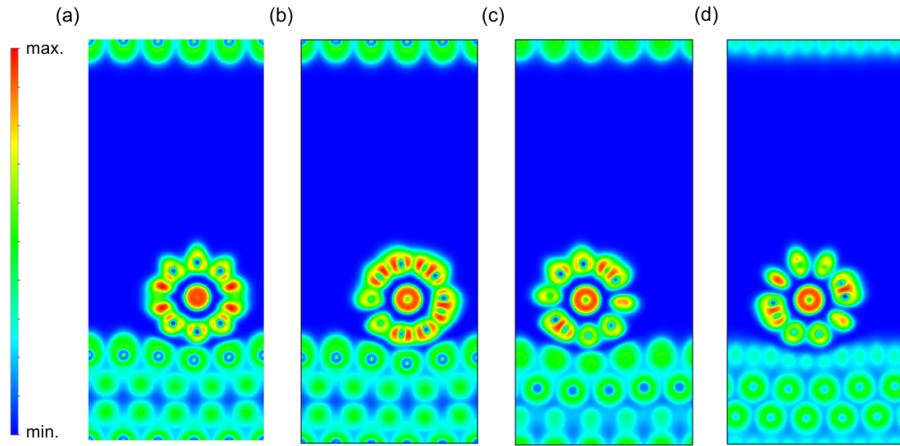


Figure S7: Electron Localization Function (ELF) plots showing the interaction between Kr@C<sub>60</sub> and the Pb(111) substrate for various configurations. (a) Atom-down Kr@C<sub>60</sub> with 30° rotation on an on-top site. (b) 6:6 bond-down Kr@C<sub>60</sub> with 60° rotation on an on-top site. (c) Pentagon-down Kr@C<sub>60</sub> with 90° rotation on an on-top site. (d) Hexagon-down Kr@C<sub>60</sub> with 0° rotation on an fcc-hollow site. The color scale on the left indicates the ELF value, from minimum (blue) to maximum (red).

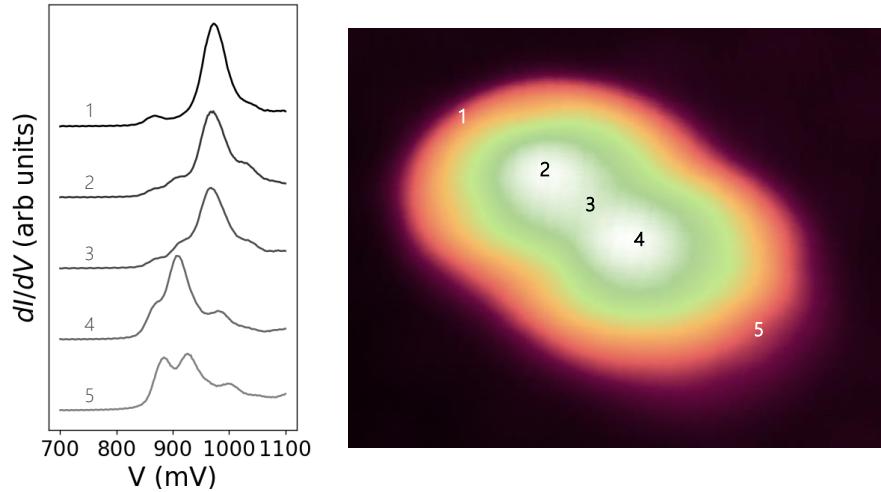


Figure S8: Set of dI/dV spectra measured across a Kr@C<sub>60</sub> van der Waals dimer adsorbed on top of a complete Kr@C<sub>60</sub> layer. Note extensive variation in lineshape as a function of tip position.