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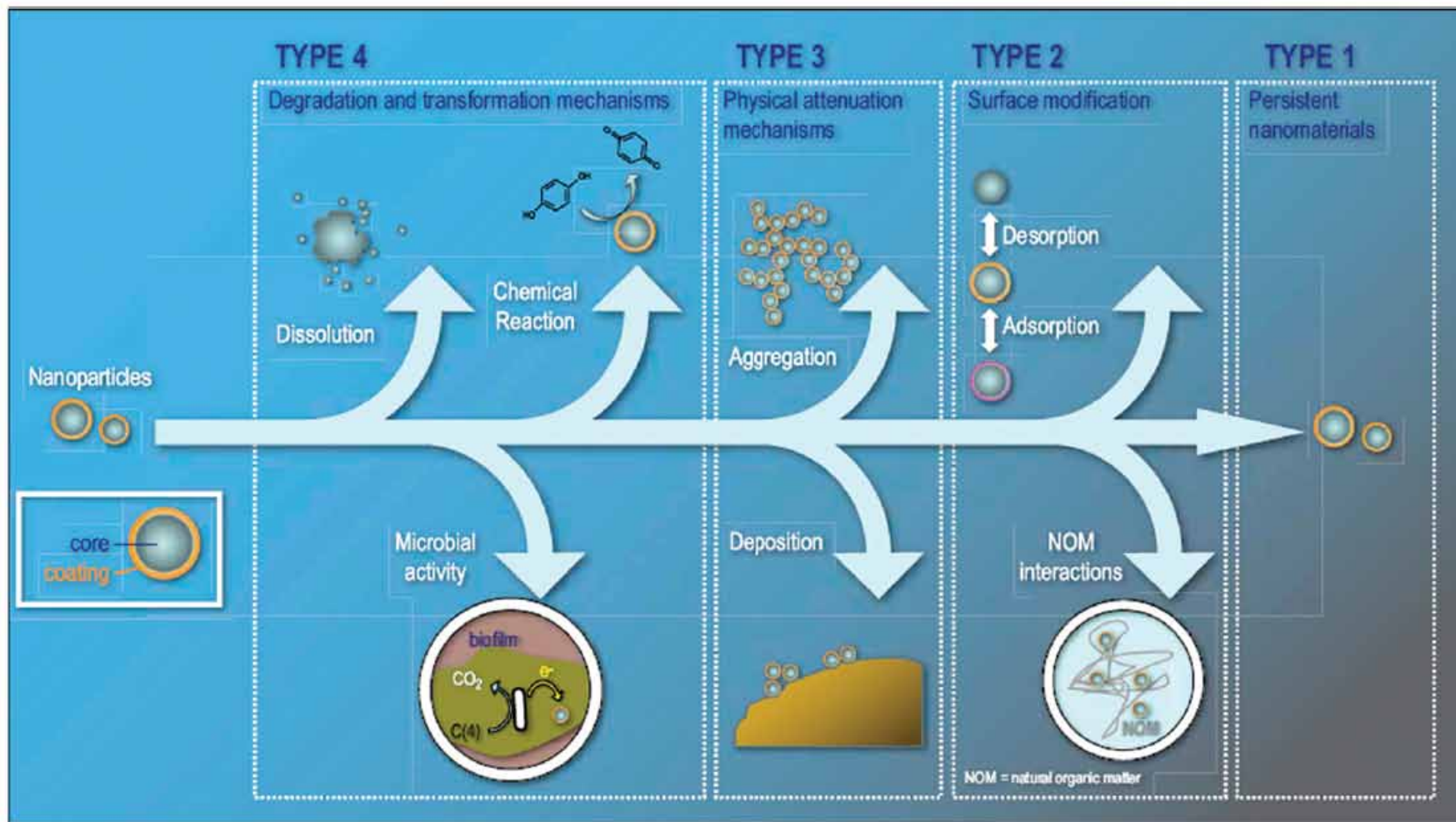
**CHEMICAL TRANSFORMATION OF  
CARBONACEOUS NANOMATERIALS IN  
NATURAL AND ENGINEERED ENVIRONMENT**



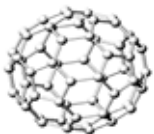
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# POSSIBLE NANOPARTICLE MODIFICATIONS IN THE ENVIRONMENT



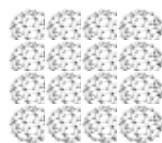
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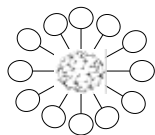
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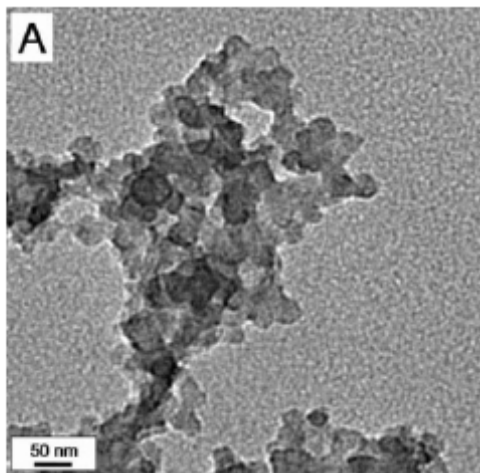
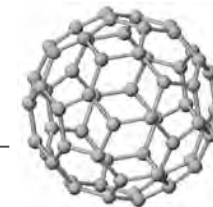


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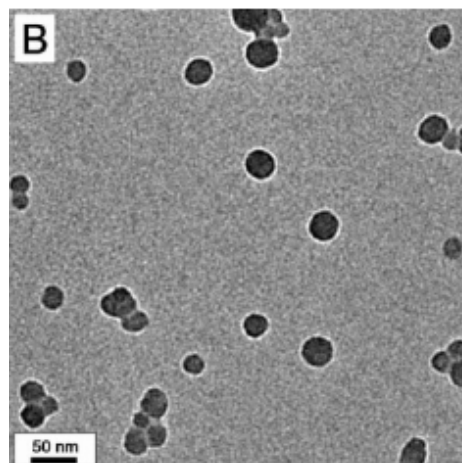
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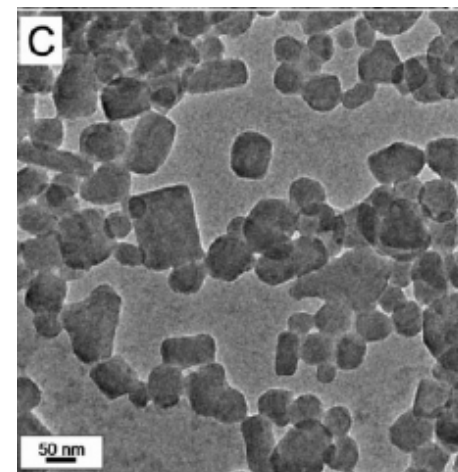
# VARIOUS FORMS OF $nC_{60}$



**AQUA/ $nC_{60}$**   
MIXING DRY  $C_{60}$  WITH WATER  
FOR EXTENDED PERIOD



**SON/ $nC_{60}$**   
SONICATING BINARY  
MIXTURE OF  $C_{60}$ /TOLUENE  
AND WATER



**THF/ $nC_{60}$**   
EXCHANGING  
ORGANIC SOLVENT (THF)  
WITH WATER

# $C_{60}$ AGGREGATES IN WATER: BRIEF REVIEW



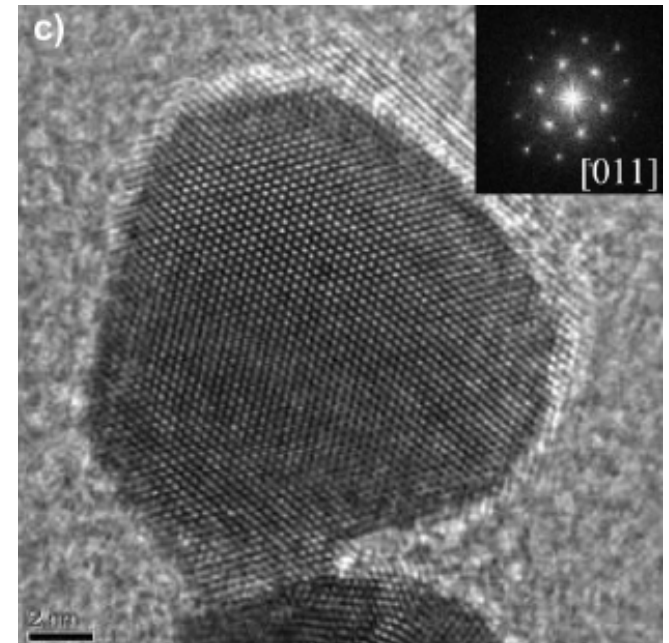
$nC_{60}$  CAN BE PREPARED VIA **VARIOUS METHODS**

$nC_{60}$  IS COMPRISED OF PRIMARILY OF **UNDERIVATIZED  $C_{60}$**

DIFFRACTION ANALYSES INDICATE **CRYSTALLINE NATURE**

**NEGATIVELY CHARGED SURFACE** ( $\xi$  POTENTIAL = - 36 mV)

$nC_{60}$  IS **STABLE** AT LOW IONIC STRENGTH



# ENVIRONMENTALLY RELEVANT REACTIONS AND CHEMICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

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PHOTOSENSITIZATION (ROS PRODUCTION)

HYDROXYL RADICAL

ELECTRON REDUCTION/ABSORPTION (REDOX)

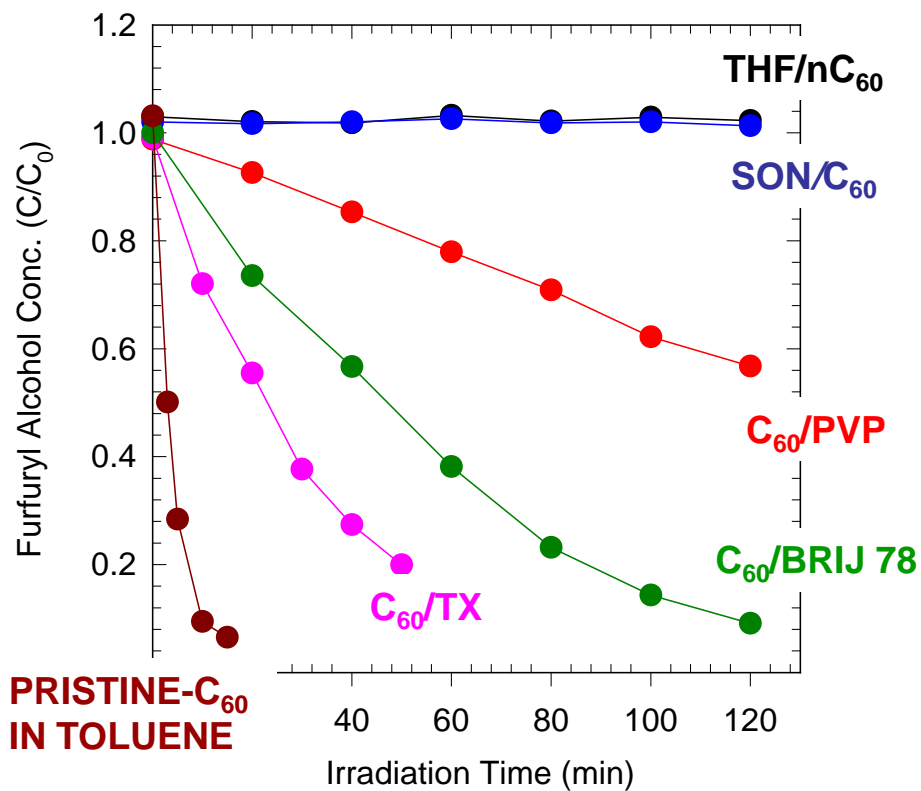
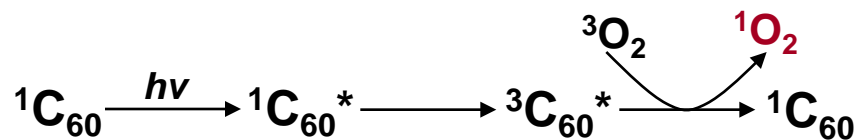
OZONATION (CHLORINATION)

PHOTOLYSIS (UV AND VISIBLE)

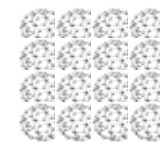
BIODEGRADATION



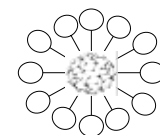
# COMPARING PHOTOACTIVITY OF VARIOUS C<sub>60</sub> SAMPLES



DISPERSED AS  
AGGREGATES



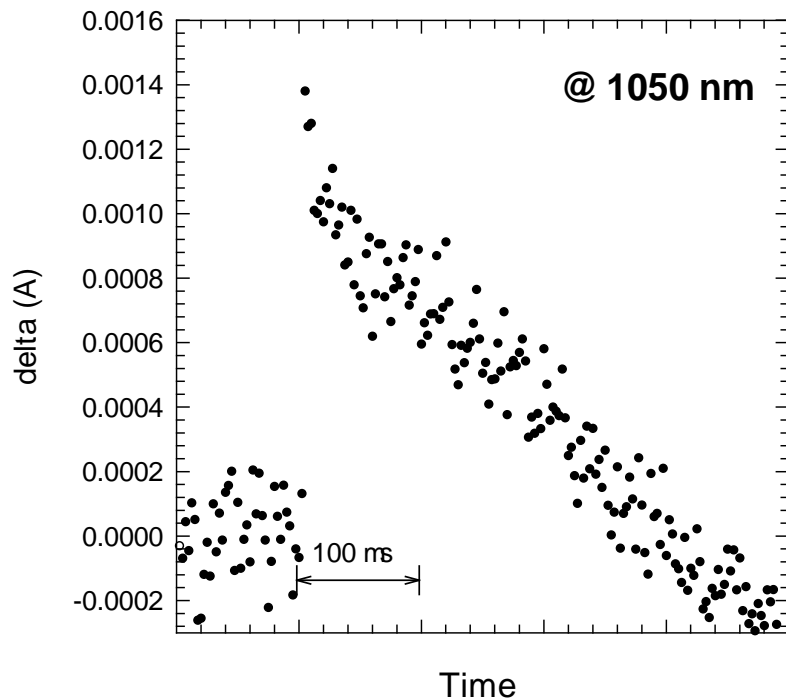
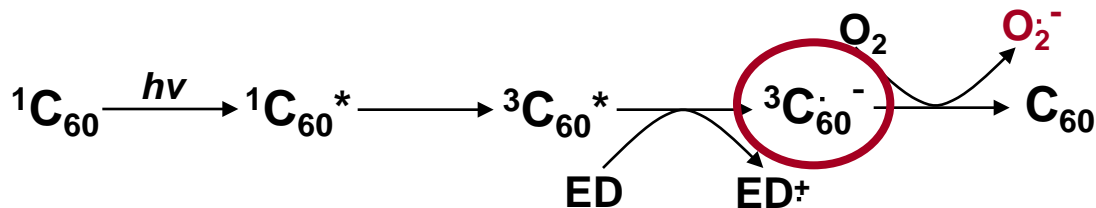
MOLECULARLY  
DISPERSED



# C<sub>60</sub> AS AN ELECTRON ACCEPTOR



## NANOSECOND TRANSIENT SPECTROSCOPY



C<sub>60</sub> RADICAL ANION WAS DETECTED  
**ONLY WHEN DISPERSED VIA  
SURFACTANT MICELLES**  
(TX100 APPLIED ABOVE C.M.C.)

C<sub>60</sub> RADICAL ANION WITH ANY  
DETECTABLE LIFE-TIME WAS NOT  
DETECTED FOR OTHER C<sub>60</sub> SAMPLES

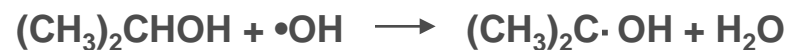


# RADICAL REACTIVITY OF C<sub>60</sub> AGGREGATE

## PULSE AND GAMMA RADIOLYSIS



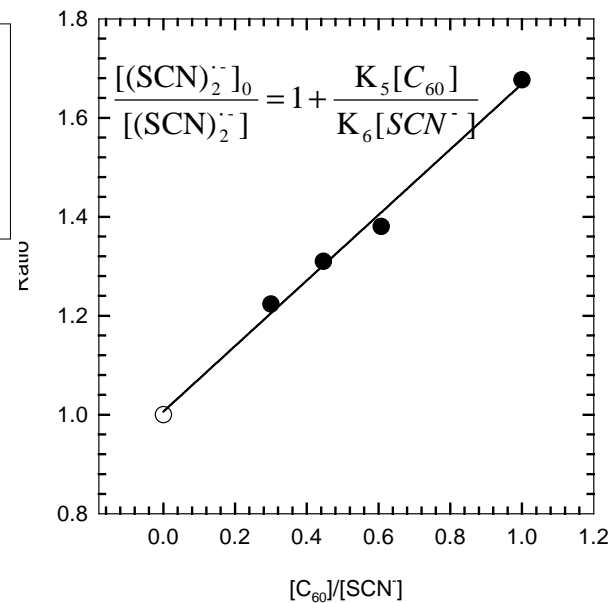
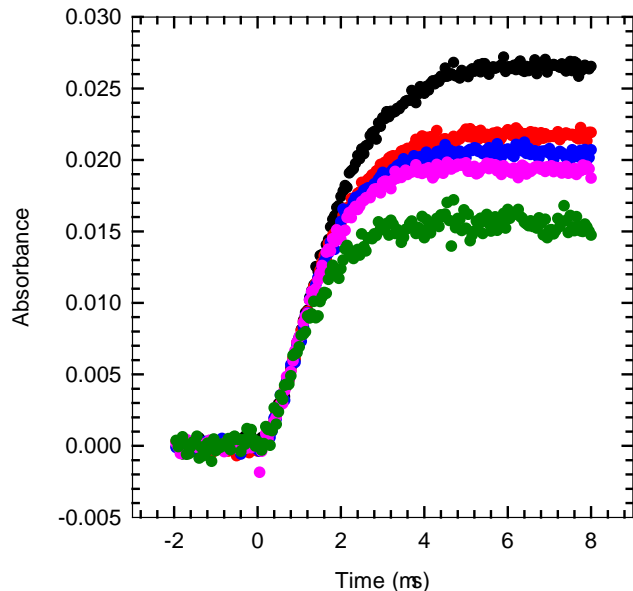
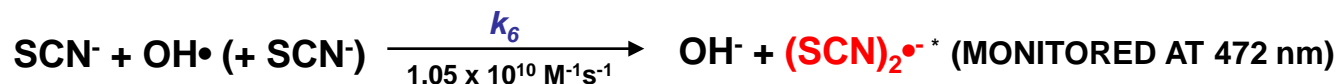
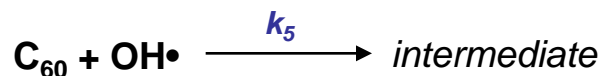
UNDER **N<sub>2</sub>-SATURATED** CONDITION



UNDER **N<sub>2</sub>O-SATURATED** CONDITION



# REACTIVITY OF $nC_{60}$ WITH OH RADICAL

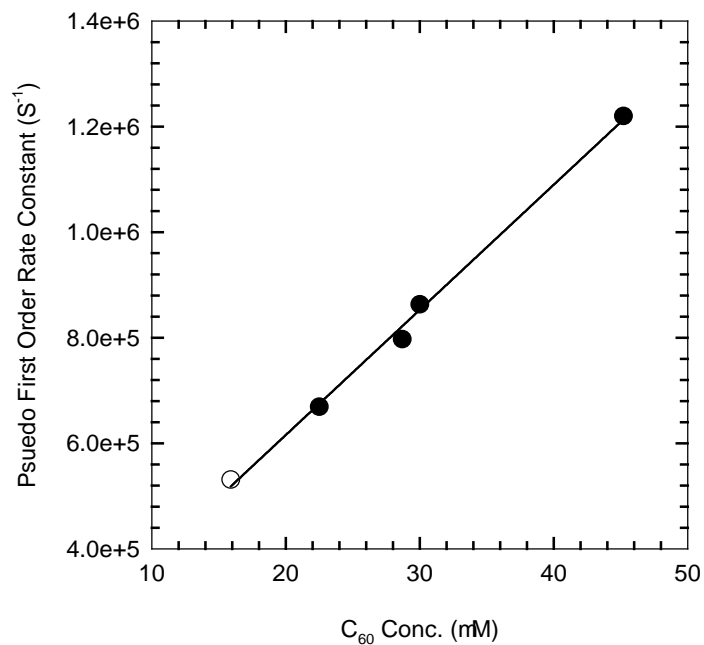
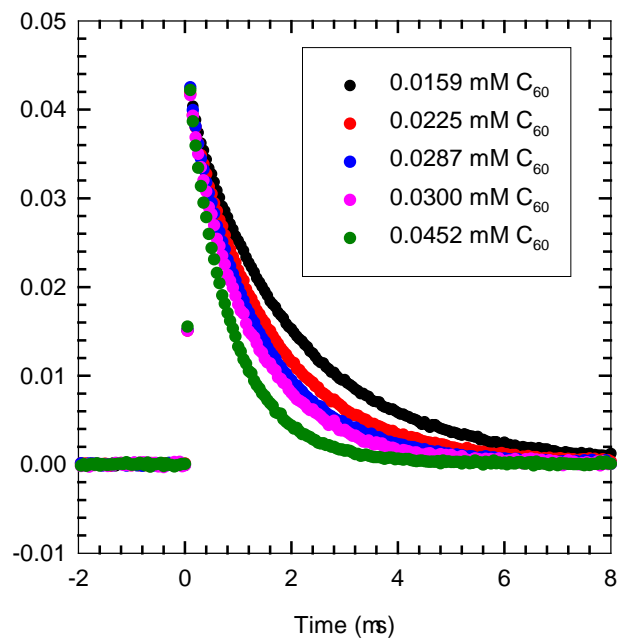


**SECOND-ORDER RATE CONSTANT =  $7.34 \pm 0.31 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ .**

# REACTIVITY OF $nC_{60}$ WITH HYDRATED ELECTRONS

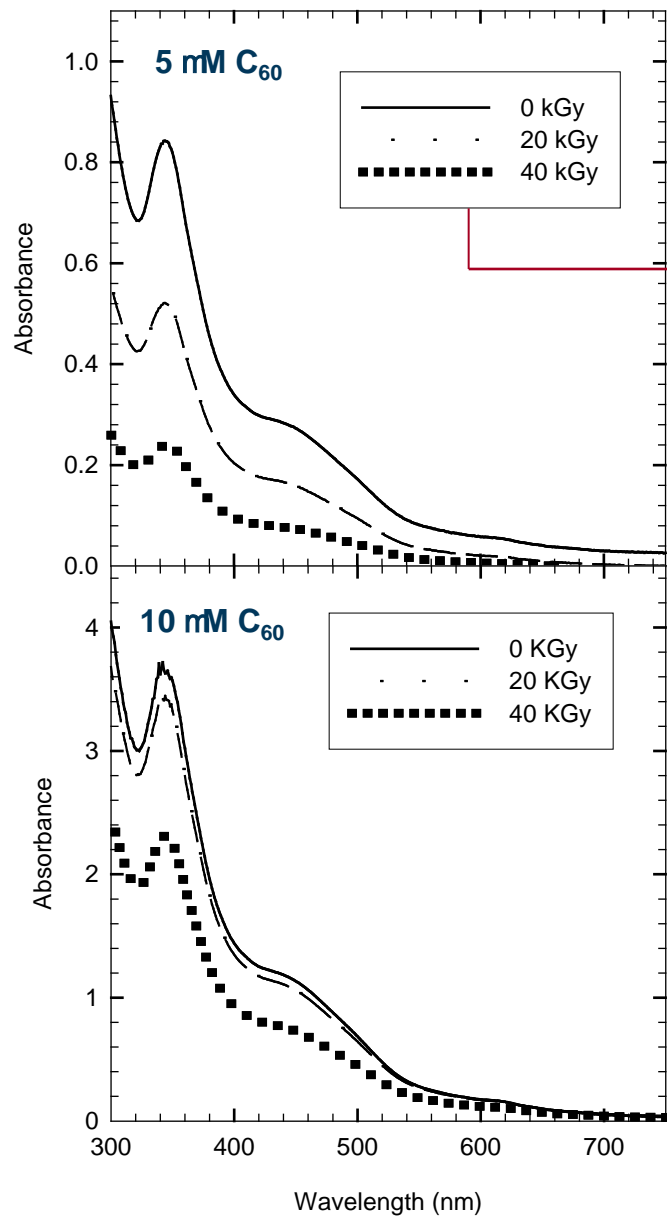


DIRECTLY MONITORING OF THE DECAY KINETICS OF HYDRATED ELECTRON AT 700 nm IN THE PRESENCE OF  $nC_{60}$  AT DIFFERENT CONCENTRATIONS.



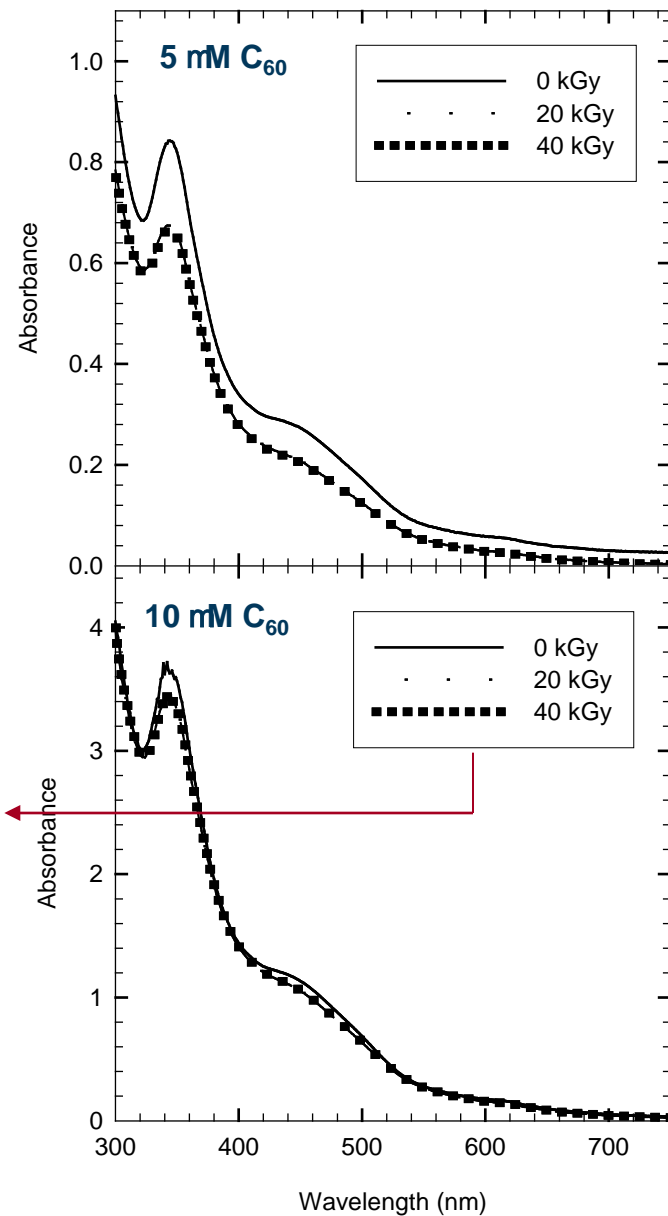
**SECOND-ORDER RATE CONSTANT =  $2.34 \pm 0.02 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$**

# $\gamma$ -RADIOLYSIS STUDY



$N_2O$  SATURATED  
CORRESPOND TO  
11 AND 22 mM OF  $\cdot OH$

$N_2$  SATURATED  
CORRESPOND TO  
5.4 and 11.8 mM OF  $e_{aq}^-$



# XPS ANALYSIS RESULT

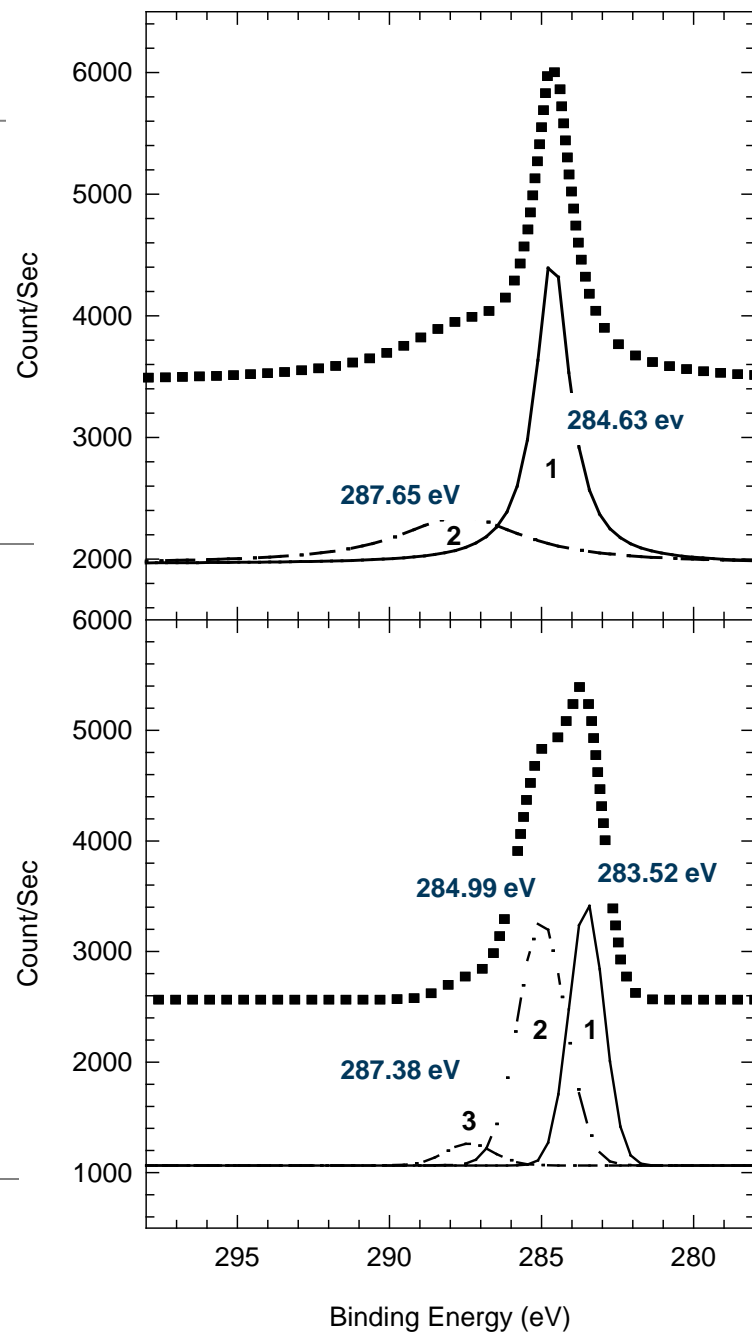
ON g-RADIOLYSIS PRODUCT

## **N<sub>2</sub>O SATURATED CONDITION**

1. UNDERIVATIZED CARBON: 64.2%
2. MONOOXIDIZED CARBON: 35.8%

## **N<sub>2</sub> SATURATED CONDITION**

1. REDUCED CARBON: 41.6%
2. UNDERIVATIZED CARBON: 53.6%
3. MONO-OXIDIZED CARBON: 4.75%



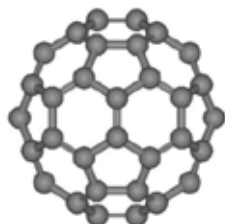
# QUANTUM MECHANICAL INVESTIGATION



SINGLE C<sub>60</sub> MOLECULE

## DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY

LOCAL DENSITY APPROXIMATION (LDA) PERDEW-WANG CORRELATION (PWC) FUNCTIONAL WITH DOUBLE-NUMERICAL (DN) QUALITY BASIS SET



C<sub>60</sub> (SINGLET)

HOMO = -9.345 eV

LUMO = -7.770 eV

**-2263.053334 Ha**

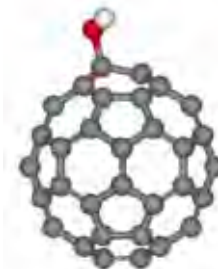


•OH  
(DOUBLET)

HOMO = -6.683 eV

LUMO = -0.599 eV

**-75.140423 Ha**



•C<sub>60</sub>-OH (DOUBLET)

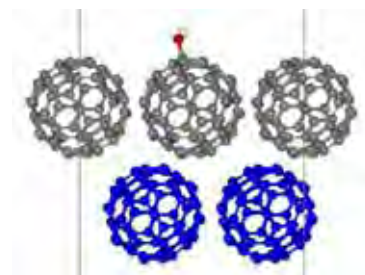
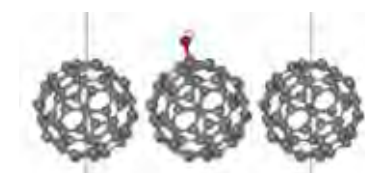
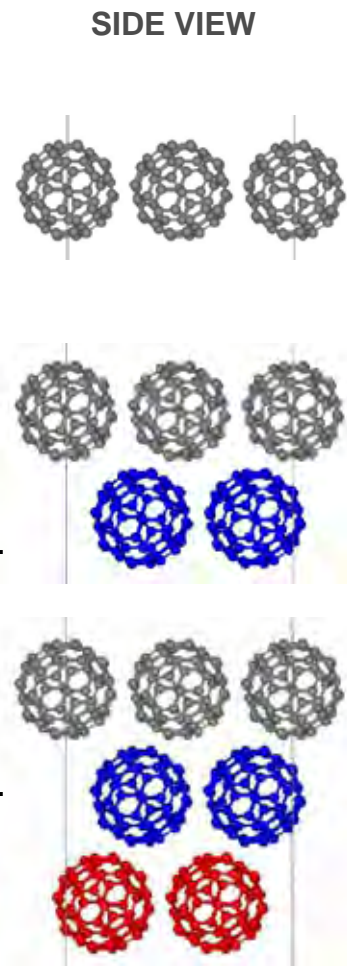
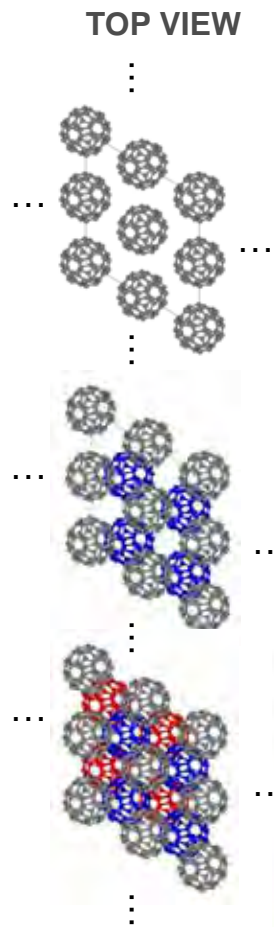
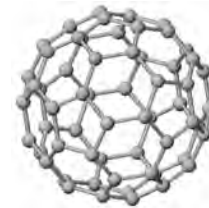
HOMO = -8.565 eV

LUMO = -8.252 eV

**-2338.26528 Ha**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_{binding} &= E_{\bullet C_{60}-OH} - (E_{C_{60}} + E_{\bullet OH}) \\ &= -44.88 \text{ kcal/mol}\end{aligned}$$

# MODELING C<sub>60</sub> CLUSTERS



**1-INFINITE LAYER**

$$\Delta E_{\text{binding}} = -44.72 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

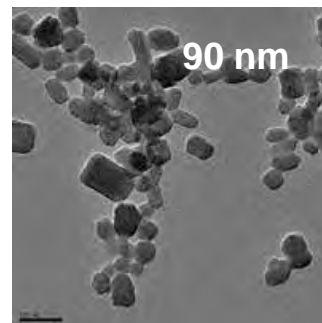
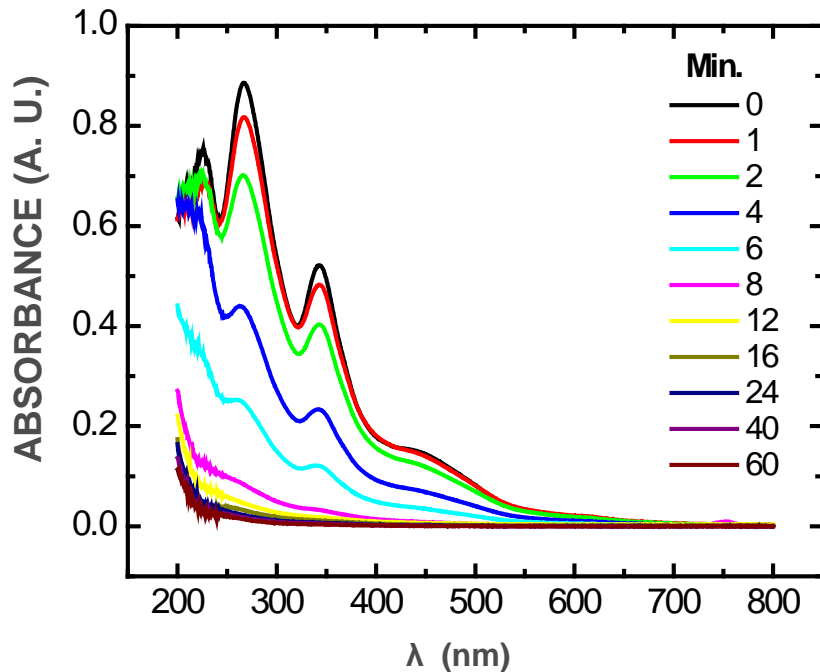
**2-INFINITE LAYER**

$$\Delta E_{\text{binding}} = -17.23 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

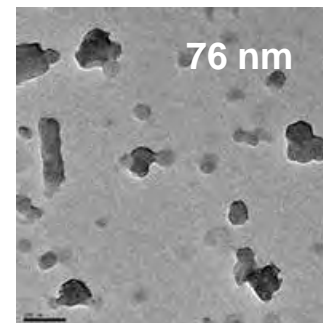
**3-INFINITE LAYER**

$$\Delta E_{\text{binding}} = 51.37 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

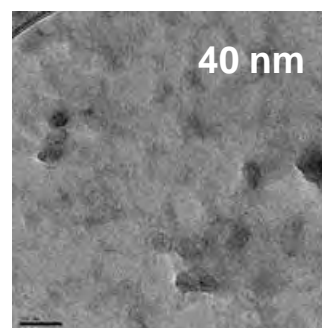
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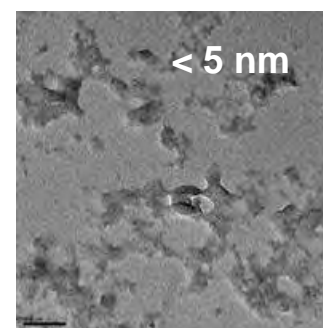
t = 0 min  
CT = 0 mg-min/L



t = 5 min  
CT = 6.6 mg-min/L



t = 15 min  
CT = 28.5 mg-min/L

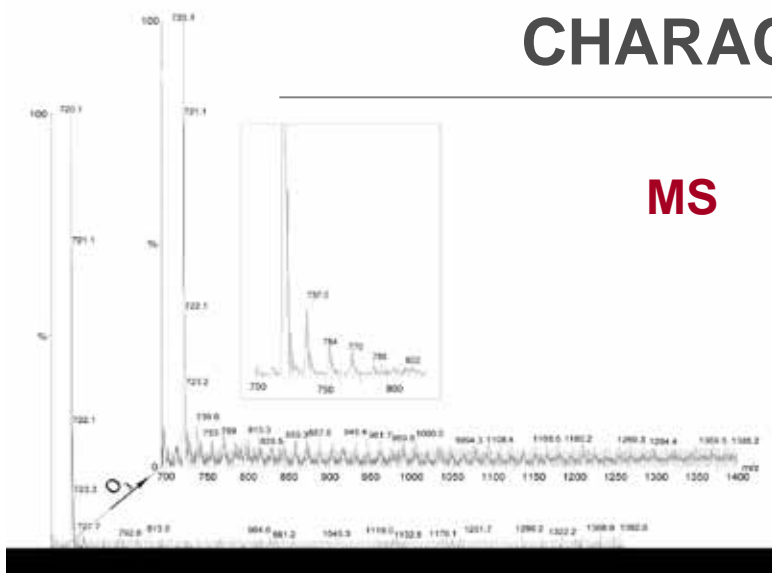


t = 30-60 min  
CT = 74 - 150 mg-min/L

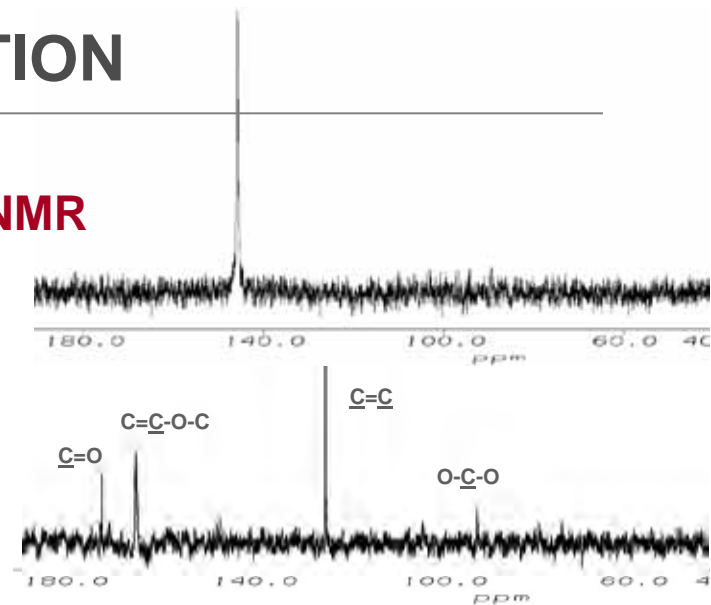


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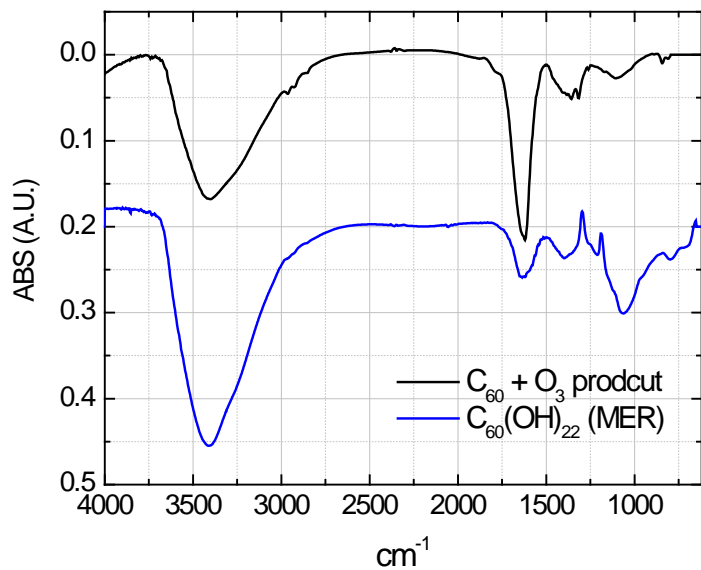
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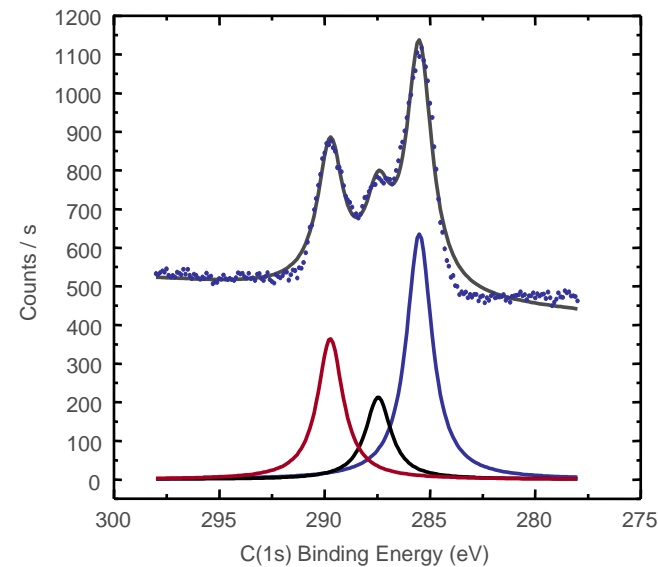
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR



FTIR



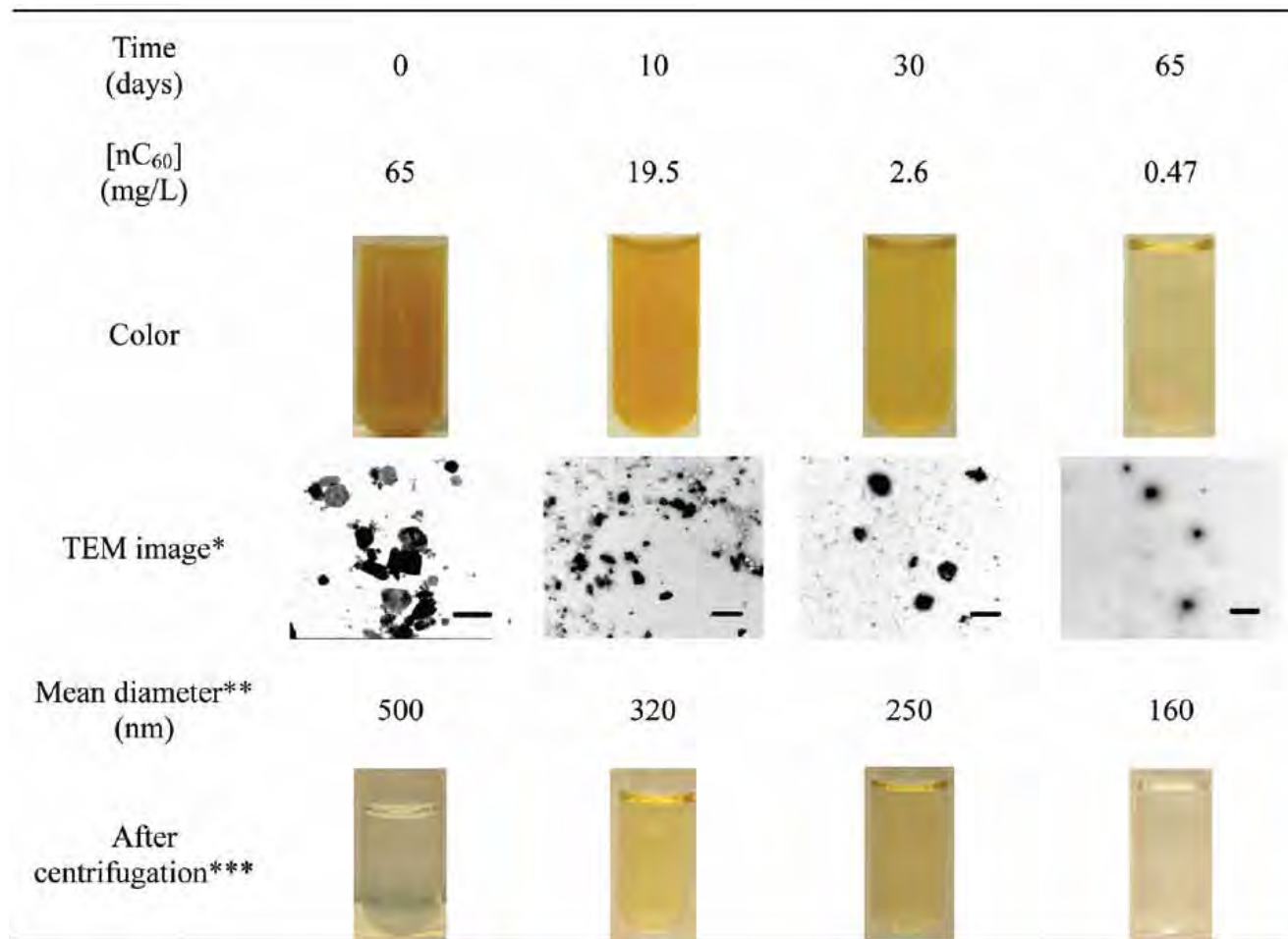
XPS



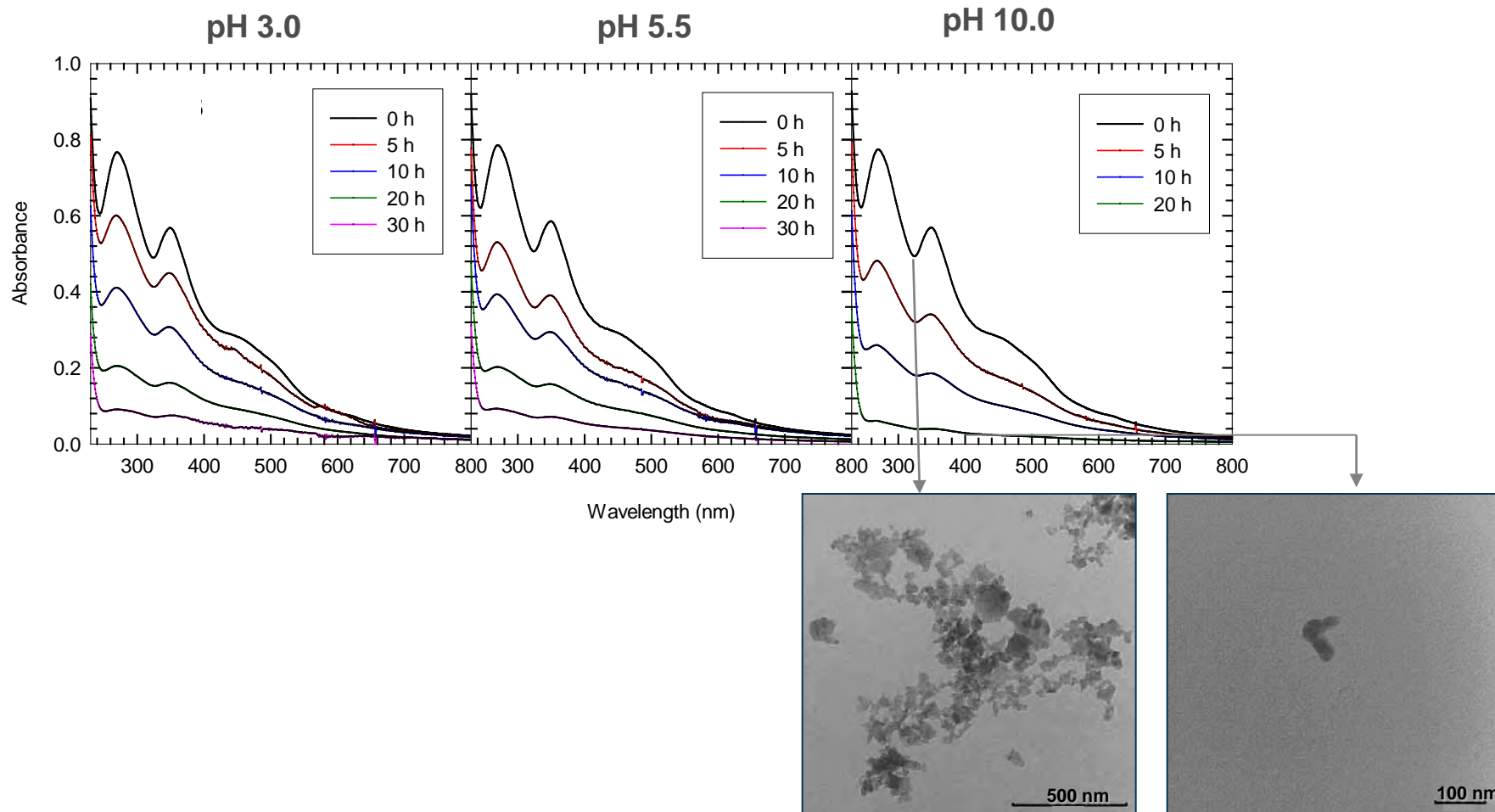
# PHOTOCHEMICAL TRANSFORMATION IN SUNLIGHT



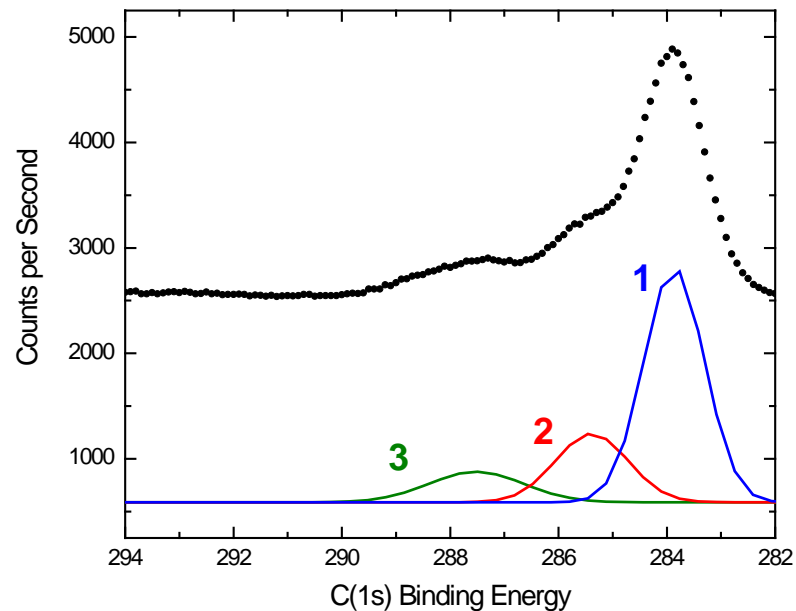
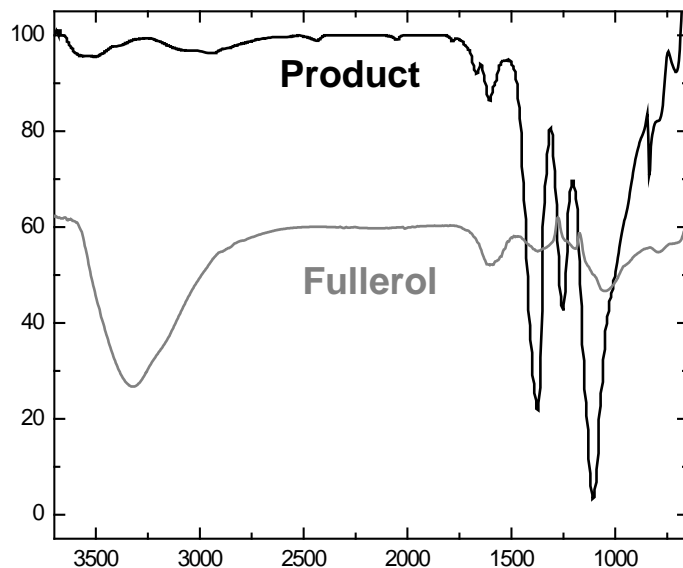
65 mg/L THF/nC<sub>60</sub> IN LAMP LIGHT ( $\lambda = 350 \pm 50$  nm)



# PHOTODEGRADATION OF nC<sub>60</sub> BY UV<sub>254</sub> IRRADIATION



# PRODUCT CHARACTERIZATION: FTIR AND XPS



Peak	Position	Area	% C(1s)	Carbon-ID
1	283.87	3112.2	64%	Underivatized C
2	285.39	1091.5	23%	Mono-oxidized C
3	287.52	638.39	13%	Di-oxidized C

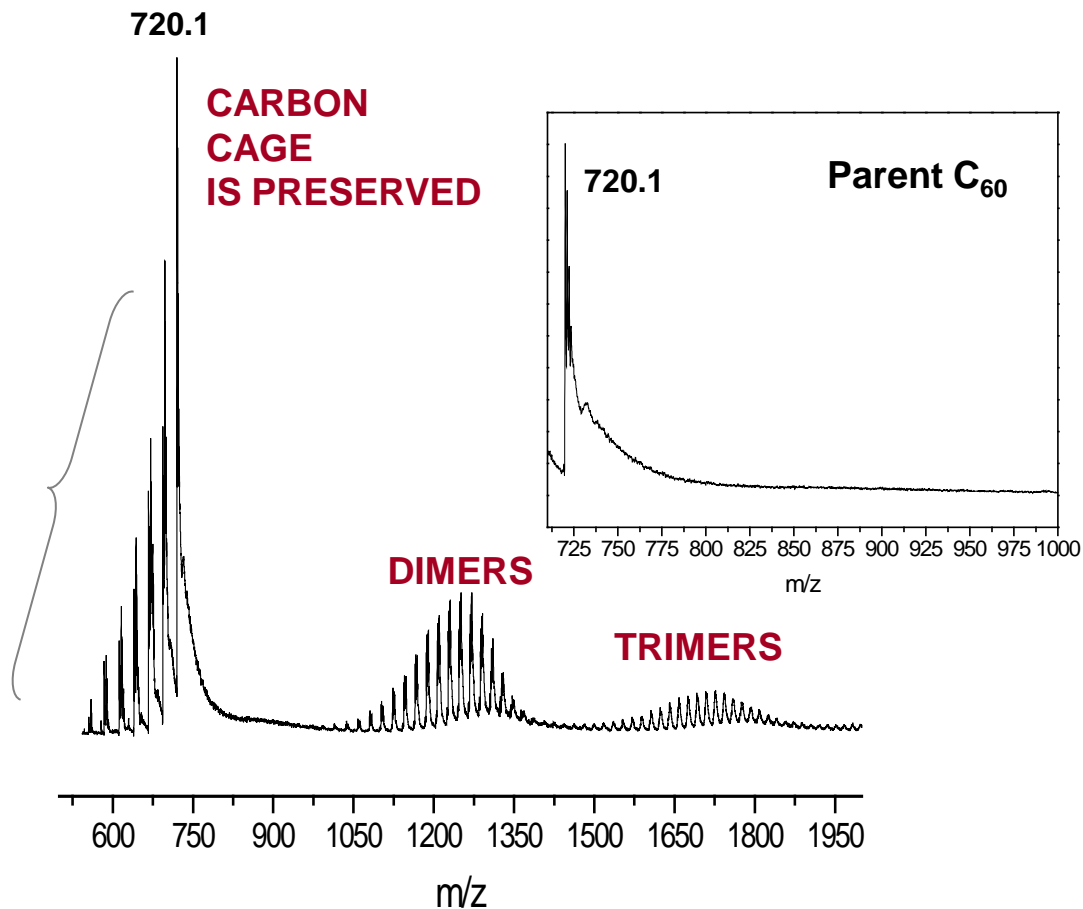
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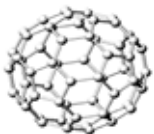
MULTIPLE PEAKS WITH  
**24 M/Z INTERVALS** BELOW THE  
PARENT COMPOUND PEAK

$C_{60}$  WITH **STEPWISE LOSS**  
**OF C<sub>2</sub> FRAGMENTS** DURING LDI

$C_{60}$  OXIDE WITH **ETHER** OR  
**EPOXIDE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS**



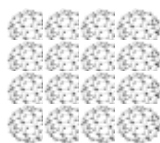
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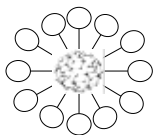
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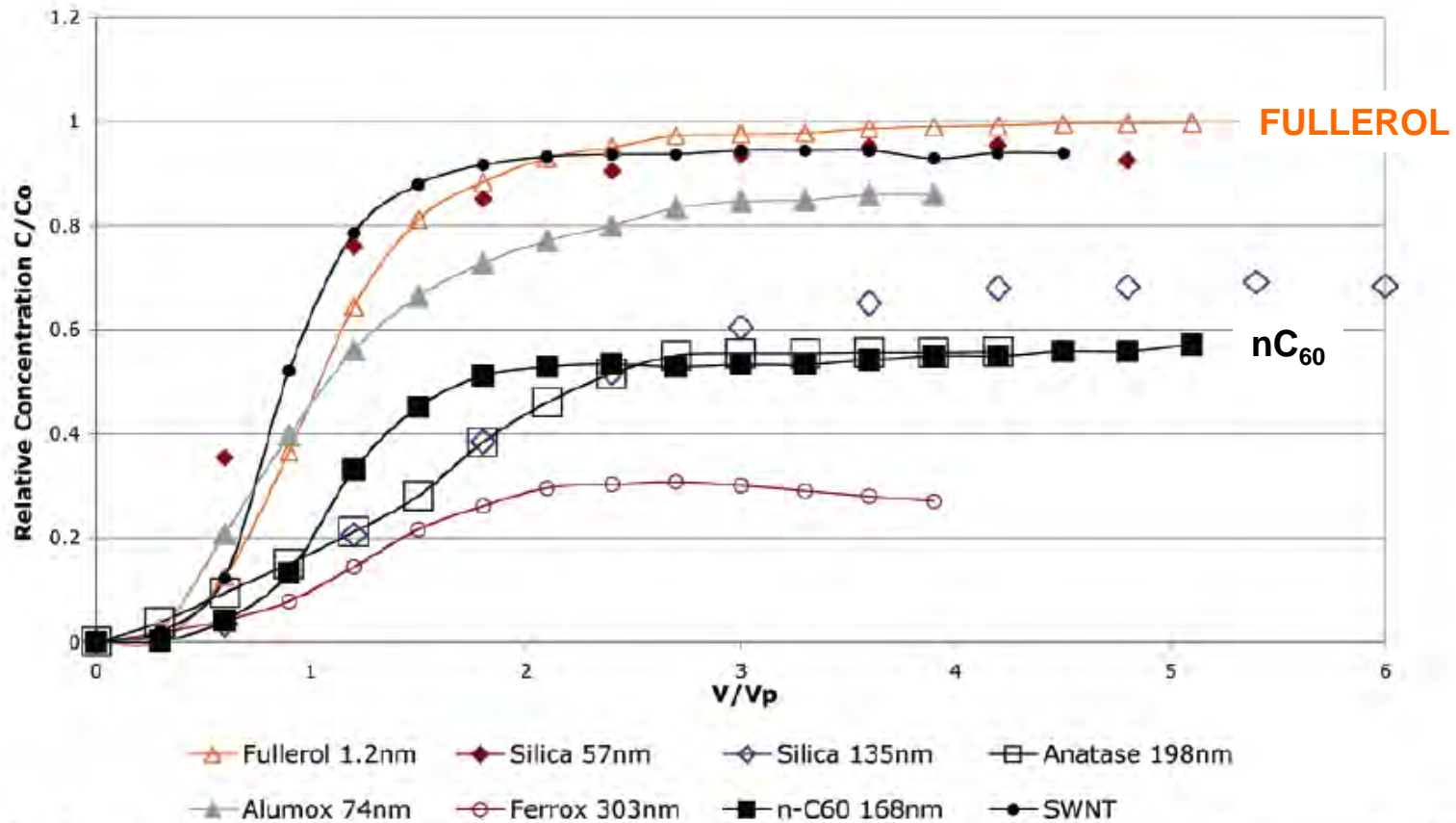


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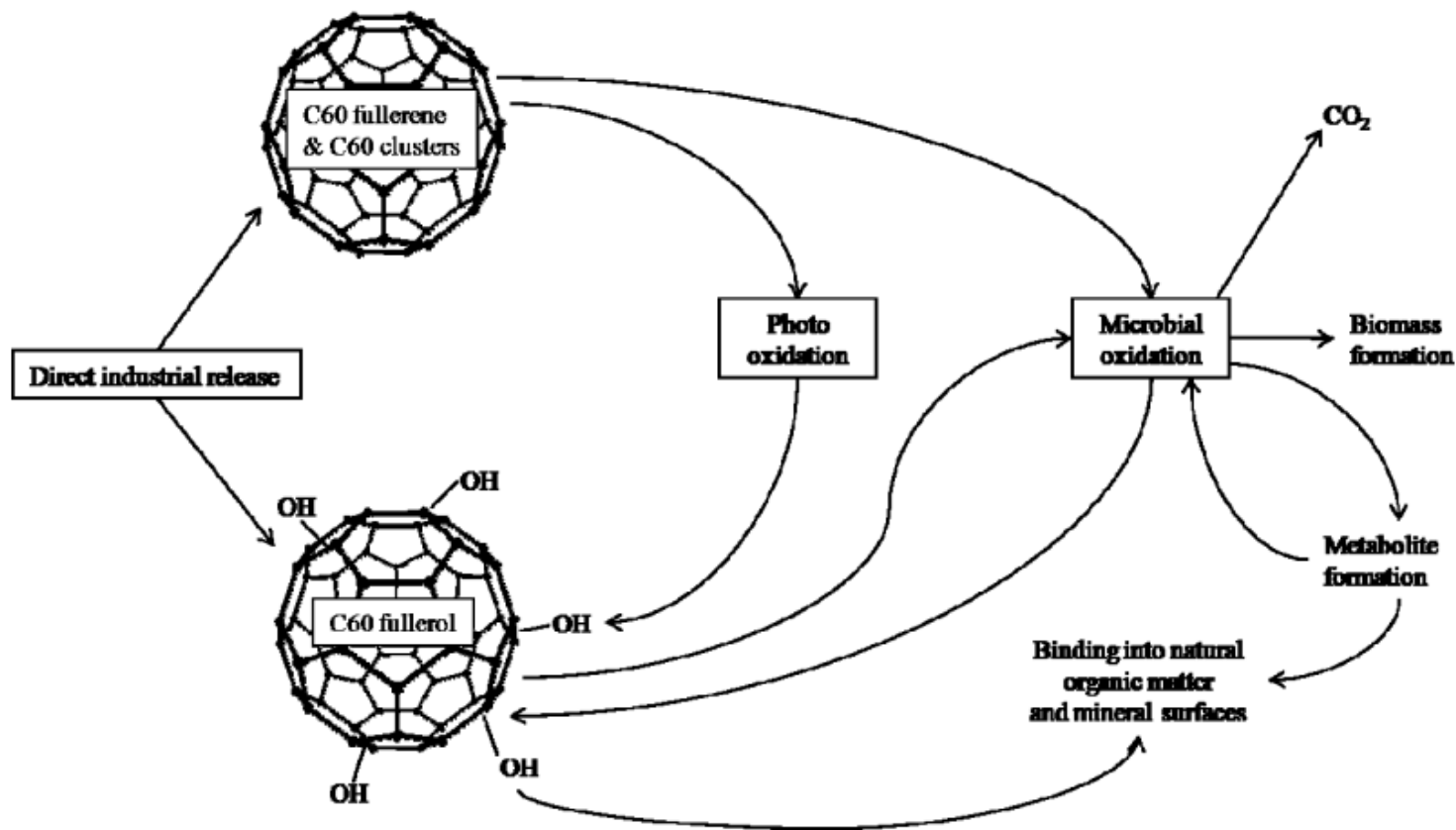
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# C<sub>60</sub> POROUS MEDIA TRANSPORT



# BIOLOGICAL DECOMPOSITION OF C<sub>60</sub>





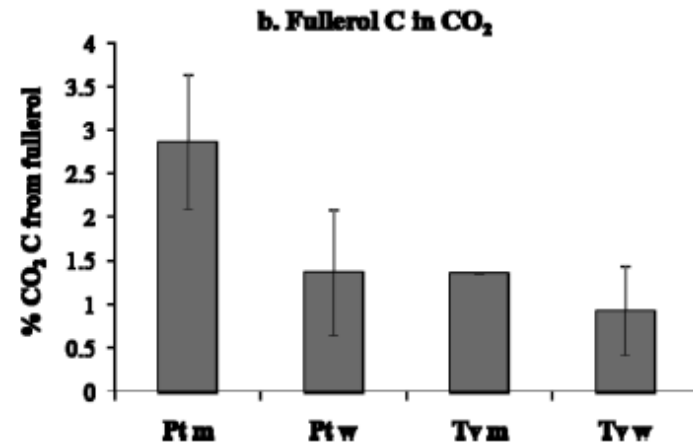
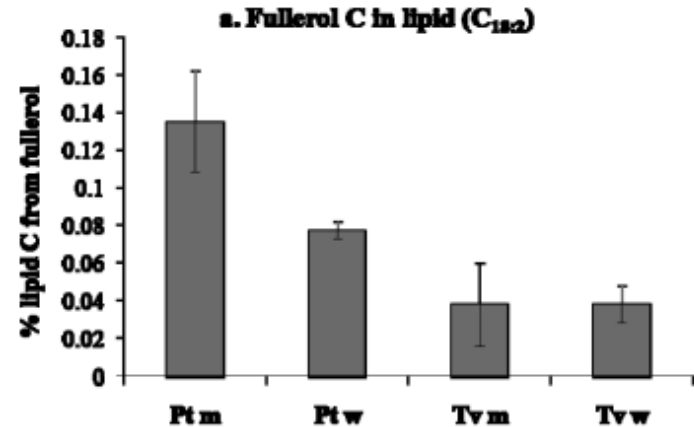
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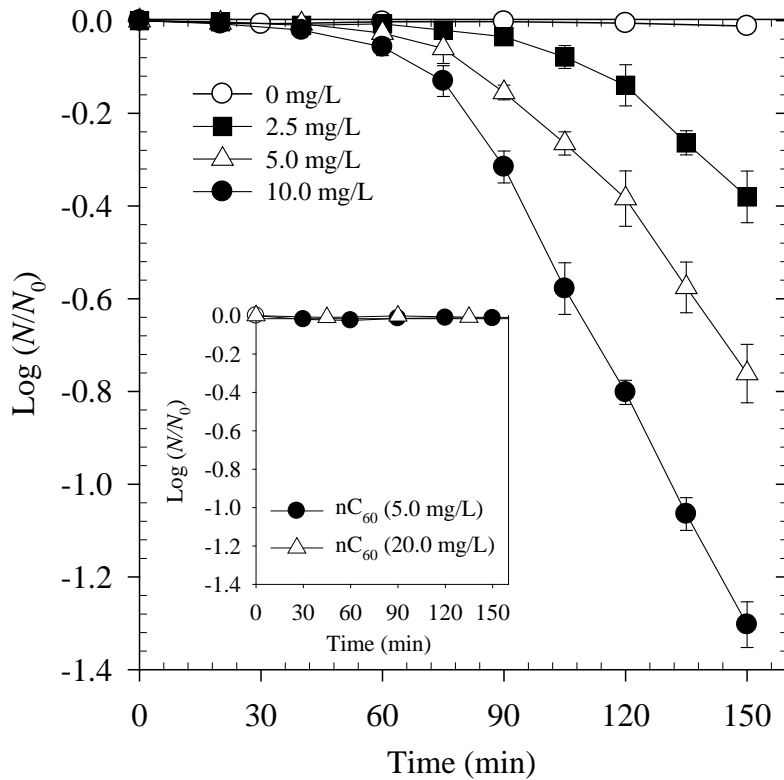
THESE WHITE ROT BASIDIOMYCETE FUNGI (*TRAMETES VERSICOLOR*, *PHLEBIA TREMELLOSA*) ARE CAPABLE OF

**INCORPORATING THE FULLEROL CARBON INTO FUNGAL BIOMASS**, ALTHOUGH ONLY TO A SMALL DEGREE

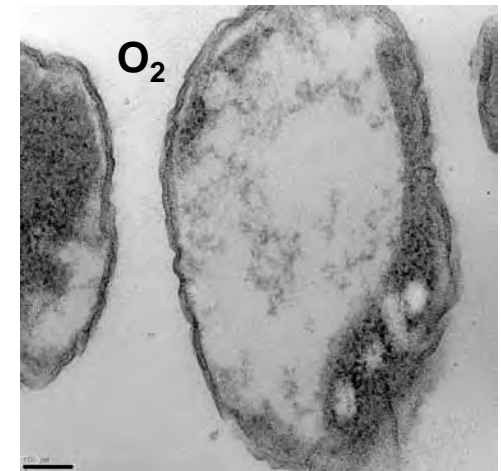
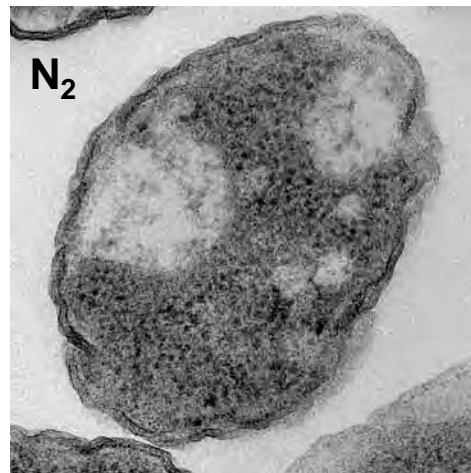
**OXIDIZING SOME OF C<sub>60</sub> CAGE CARBON TO CO<sub>2</sub>**



# OZONATED C<sub>60</sub>: INTERACTION WITH *E. COLI*



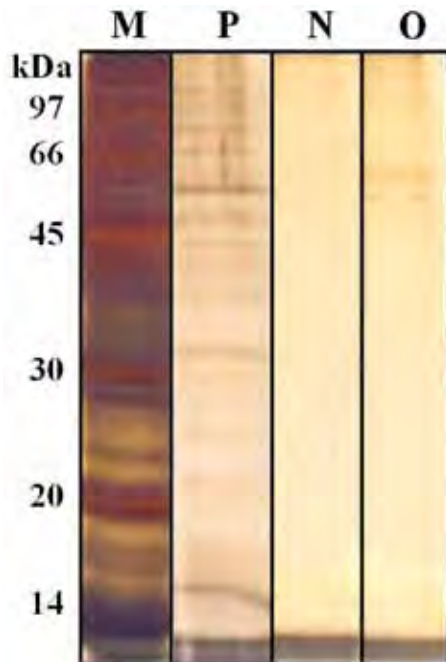
**OZONATED C<sub>60</sub> INACTIVATES *E. COLI* ONLY IN THE PRESENCE OF O<sub>2</sub> AND LIGHT**



# MECHANISM OF *E. COLI* INACTIVATION



## EXTRACTED PROTEIN ASSAY USING SDS-PAGE AFTER 1 LOG INACTIVATION



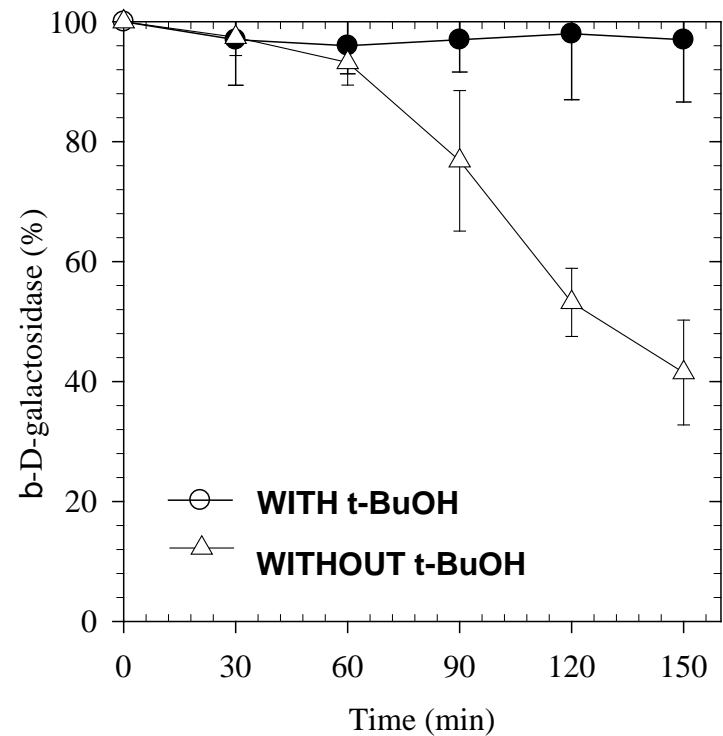
**M: MARKER**

**P: POSITIVE CONTROL  
O<sub>3</sub> + EXCESS H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**

**N: OZONATED nC<sub>60</sub>  
NITROGEN PURGING**

**O: OZONATED nC<sub>60</sub>**

## DEGRADATION OF INTRACELLULAR ENZYME



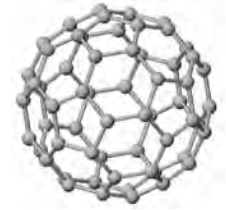
# TOXICITY OF UV PHOTOLYSIS PRODUCT



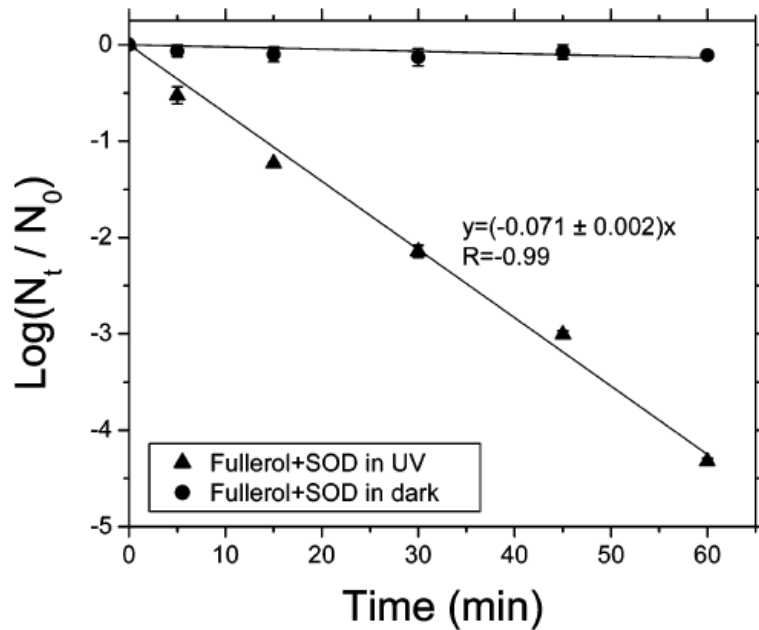
THE **MINIMAL INHIBITORY CONCENTRATIONS** OF PARENT  $nC_{60}$  AND THE UV PHOTOLYSIS PRODUCTS FOR *E.COLI*

CONCENTRATION OF $C_{60}$ CLUSTER (OR UV-TREATED PRODUCTS) (mg/L)	UV ILLUMINATION TIME (hr)					
	0	25	50	70	90	110
0	+	+	+	+	+	+
1	+	+	+	+	+	+
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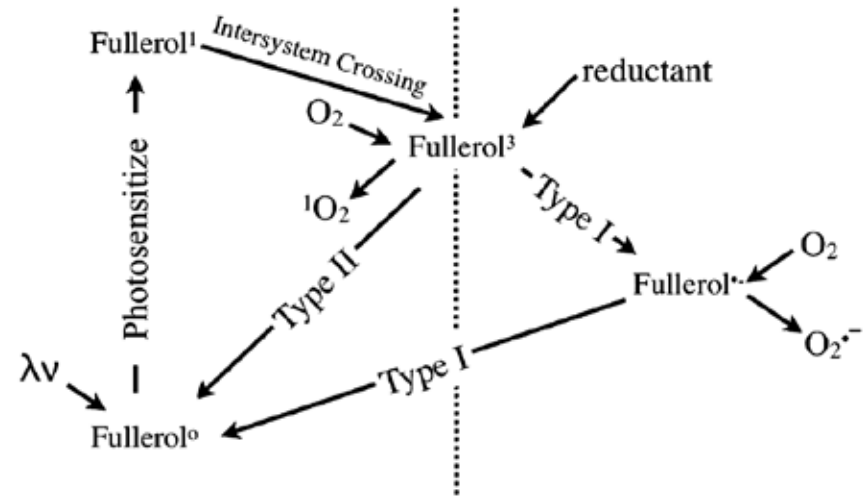
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## MS2 INACTIVATION WITH PHOTOACTIVATED FULLEROL



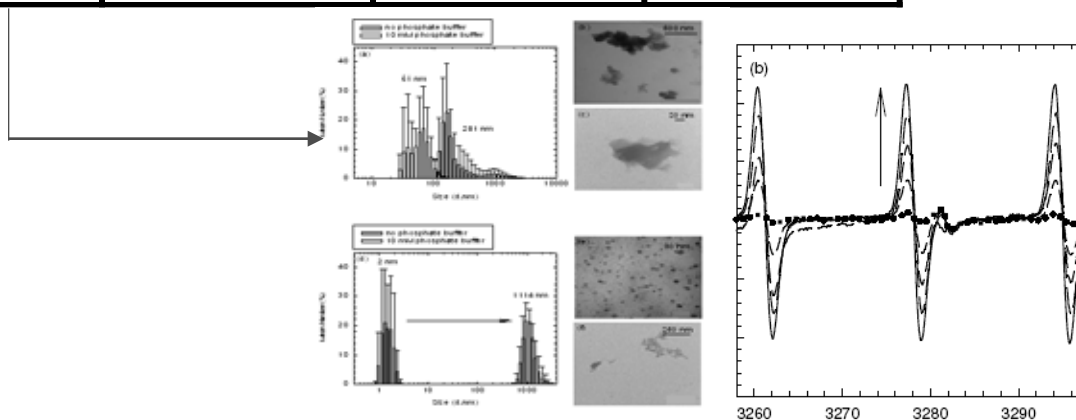
## PHOTOSENSITIZATION PATHWAYS



# C<sub>60</sub> DERIVATIVE APPLICATION



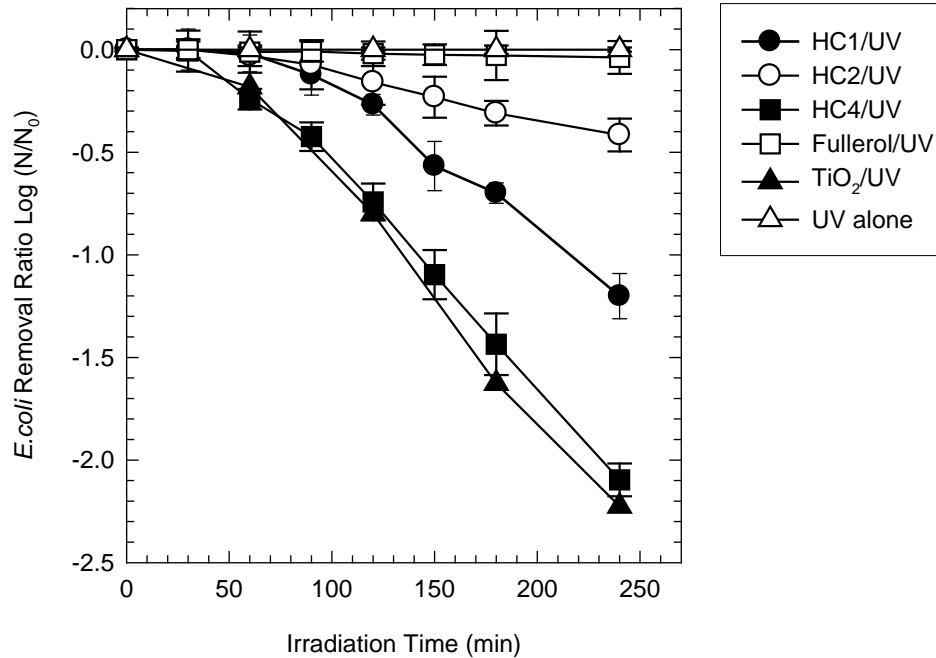
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	HC3	NHCH(CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>	NHCH(CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>	neutral
	HC4	-CO <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-CO <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	cationic



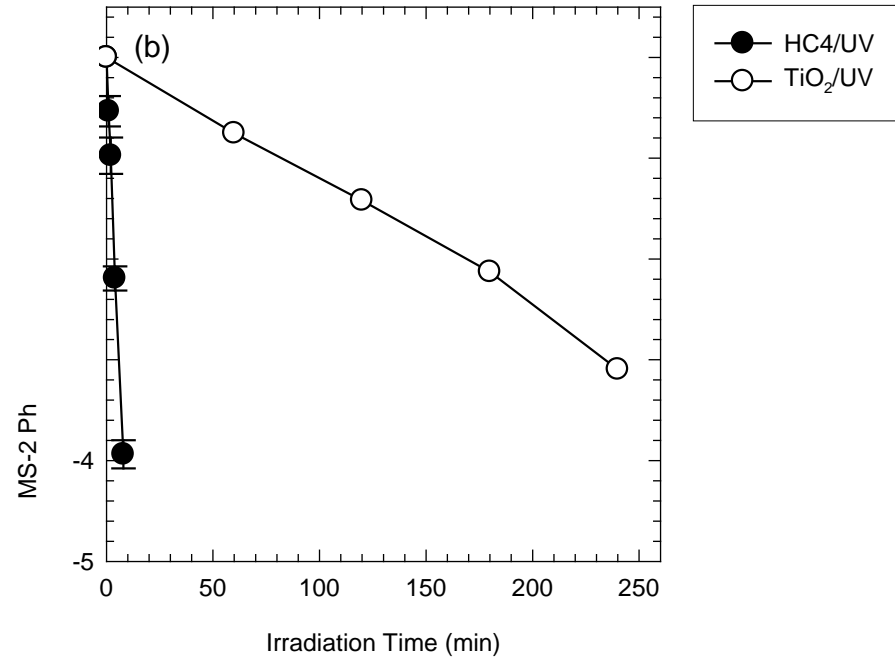
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## E. COLI INACTIVATION



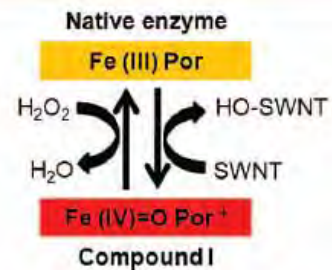
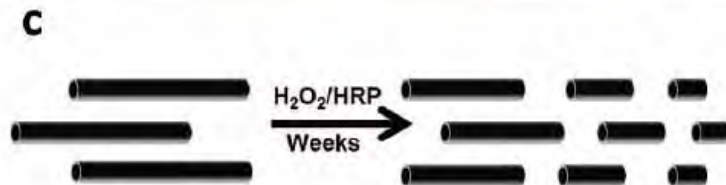
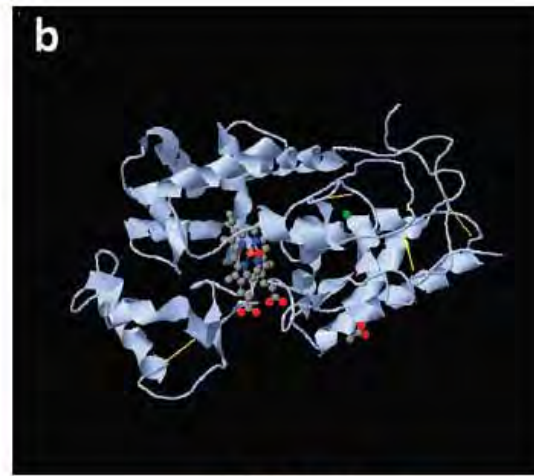
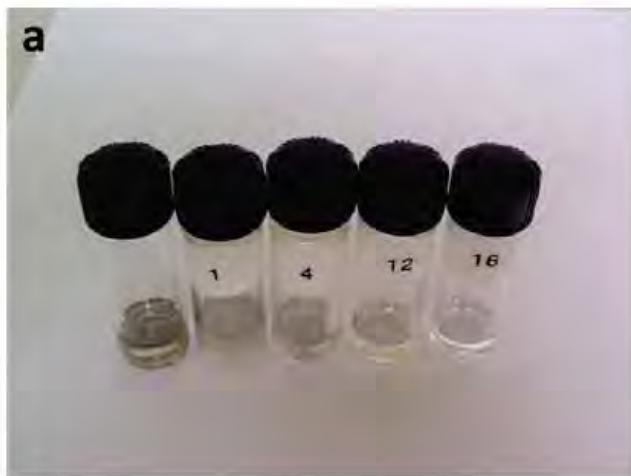
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# BIODEGRADATION OF CARBON NANOTUBES



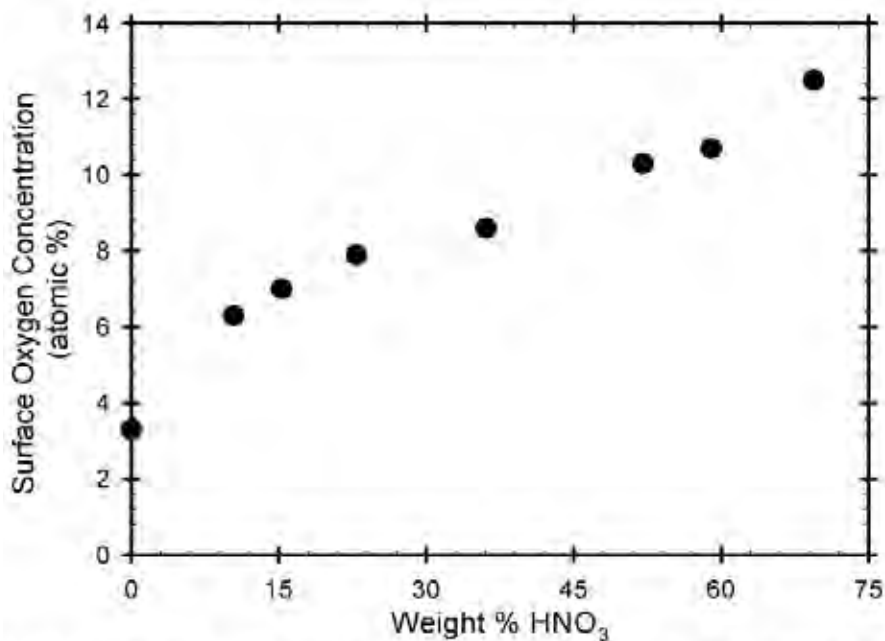
BIODEGRADATION OF CARBON NANOTUBES BY **HORSERADISH PEROXIDASE/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** OVER THE PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS

PROMISING POSSIBILITY FOR NANOTUBES BE **DEGRADED IN ENVIRONMENTALLY RELEVANT SETTINGS** (OTHER PEROXIDASES IN PLANT AND ANIMALS)

# ADSORPTIVE BEHAVIOR OF CARBON NANOTUBE



## INFLUENCE OF $\text{HNO}_3$ CONCENTRATION ON THE EXTENT OF **MWCNT SURFACE OXIDATION**



## SORPTION ISOTHERMS FOR **NAPHTHALENE** WITH MWCNT AND OXIDIZED MWCNT

