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# 중성과 다중 전하를 가진 C<sub>60</sub>의 상대적 안정도, 이온화 에너지 및 화학 반응성

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# Relative Stability, Ionization Potential, and Chemical Reactivity of the Neutral and Multiply Charged C<sub>60</sub>

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**요** 약. 전편[Bull. Korean Chem. Soc. 1995, 16, 1015]에 기초하여 중성과 다중 전하를 가진 C<sub>60</sub> 이온에 대 하여 상대적 안정도, 이온화 에너지 및 화학 반응성을 연구하였다. C<sub>60</sub><sup>1-</sup>이 가장 안정하며, 이온화 에너지는 15.31 eV(C<sub>60</sub><sup>2+</sup>)로부터 - 13.01 eV(C<sub>60</sub><sup>6-</sup>)까지 값을 갖는다. 또한 전하와 이온화 에너지의 상관 관계에서 직선관 계가 나타났으며, 전하당 평균 이온화 에너지는 3.15 eV(계산값)와 3.22 eV(상관관계값) 이었다. 양의 전하를 띤 C<sub>60</sub> 이온의 전하-이동 및 전자-이동 반응은 게스트 분자의 이온화 에너지가 호스트 C<sub>60</sub><sup>4+</sup>의 전자 친화도보다 더 낮을 때 일어남을 알 수 있었다. 이때, 이온화 에너지와 전자친화도의 에너지 차아(Δ<sub>IP-EA</sub>)가 클 때는 전하-조 절 효과에 의하여 전하-이동 반응이 일어나며, 그 에너지 차이가 작을 때는 프론티어-조절 효과에 의하여 전 자-이동 반응에 의하여 일어남을 확인하였다.

**ABSTRACT.** On the basis of our previous paper[*Bull. Korean Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *16*, 1015], the relative stability, ionization potential, and chemical reaction of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}n$  ions(n=3+ to 6 - ) have been investigated by the semi-empirical MNDO method.  $C_{60}^{-1}$  has the highest stability. The ionization potential values of the  $C_{60}$  ions range from 15.31 eV of  $C_{60}^{-2*}$  to -13.01 eV of  $C_{60}^{-6-}$ . These values show a linear relationship according to charges. The average IP per charge is 3.15 eV from our calculations and 3.22 eV from the linear function of IP. A charge- or electron-transfer reaction of  $C_{60}^{-n*}$  will only occur if the ionization potential of any guest molecule is lower than the electron affinity of the host  $C_{60}^{-n*}$ . If the energy gap between ionization potential and electron affinity,  $\Delta_{D-EA}$ , is high, charge-transfer reactions arise by the charge-controlled effect. However, if  $\Delta_{IP-EA}$  is low, electron-transfer reactions arise by the frontier-controlled effect.

# INTRODUCTION

The recent discovery<sup>1</sup> and synthesis<sup>2</sup> of  $C_{60}$ , the fullerene or Buckminsterfullerene, have provoked a widespread investigation into the properties of the molecule. In the circumstances of  $C_{60}$  chemistry, the chemical reactivity of  $C_{60}$  has not been widely studied because it is exceptionally unreactive, unlike ethylene. For the purpose of making  $C_{60}$  de-

rivatives, the reactivity between the charged  $C_{60}$  ion and guest molecules is a very specific area of considerable interest. Also, the unique geometry of  $C_{60}$  and the multiplicity of the multiply charged states of  $C_{60}$  make a fascinating field of fullerene chemistry.

Boheme and co-workers<sup>3</sup> have explained that adjacent-pentagon fullerene,  $C_{56}$  and  $C_{58}$ , have a higher chemical reactivity than the isolated-pentagon fullerene of  $C_{60}$ , because adjacent-pentagon fullerenes are substantially lower in thermodynamic stability than isolated-pentagon fullerenes. Smalley and co-workers4 have also explained that most smaller fullerenes( $C_n$  with n < 40) are found to be more reactive with small molecules such as NO, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO, than the larger fullerenes( $C_n$  with 40 < n < 80). This inertness of large fullerenes is in accordance with expectations for a closed, edgeless carbon shell with a highly aromatic electronic structure. The chemical reactivities of the neutral and charged  $C_{60}$  are reported elsewhere.<sup>3-8</sup> The addition reactions of the charged  $C_{60}$  with a guest molecule(M) are as follows;

$$C_{60}^{n+} + M \rightarrow C_{60}M^{n+}$$
 for fullerene cation (1)

$$C_{60}^{n-} + M \rightarrow C_{60}M^{n-}$$
 for fullerene anion (2)

It has been determined that several factors<sup>3</sup> influence the efficiency of reaction (1) for different charged states(n+) and for different reactants. The efficiency<sup>5</sup> of addition reactions shows a dependence upon the ionization potential, the size, and the degree of unsaturation of the molecule. In these addition reactions of the charged C<sub>60</sub> ion, the chemical reaction of the C<sub>60</sub> ions provides considerable insight into their structures and physical properties such as ionization potentials and electron affinities.

In our previous paper,<sup>9</sup> the electronic structures and properties of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}^{n}$  ions(n=2+ to 6-) with spin states were examined by semi-empirical MNDO method. In this work, we have extended the result of the previous work to chemical reactivity including their relative stability and ionization potential for the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}^{n}$  ions(n=3+ to 6-).

### **COMPUTATIONAL METHODS**

The same method as in the previous paper<sup>9</sup> is applied to calculate the properties of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}$  ions. The initial geometry of the neutral  $C_{60}$  was determined by Santon<sup>11</sup> by stereographic projections and a dual graph method.

In this work, the initial structure of C<sub>60</sub> was generated by using molecular modeling, HyperChem,<sup>12</sup> and the geometry of the neutral C<sub>60</sub> was completely optimized by using the MNDO method with Polak-Ribiere<sup>13</sup> optimizer on the symmetry-unrestricted geometry. All the calculations of the multiply charged C<sub>60</sub> ions have been performed with the semi-empirical RHF MNDO method. The RHF MNDO method can also perform pseudo-RHF calculations for open-shell systems of the multiply charged C60 ions. This method is well-known as the RHF half-electron technique.<sup>14</sup> The calculation produces a set of molecular orbitals appropriate for this pseudo-wave function, assigns the unpaired electron with proper spin, and substitutes this electron in the orbital formerly occupied by the half electrons.

Ionization potentials, (SCF, are obtained from total energy differences between the neutral  $C_{60}$  and the charged  $C_{60}$  ions, calculated at the equilibrium geometry of the neutral  $C_{60}$ .

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Relative stability.** We have calculated the total energy of  $C_{60}^{3+-6-}$  at the equilibrium geometry of the neutral  $C_{60}$ . These values and the relative energies are listed in *Table* 1. Relative energies are depicted in *Fig.* 1. The total energies of the multiply charged  $C_{60}$  ions increase in the order  $C_{60}^{1-} <$ 

Table 1. Total energies  $(E_{tot}/a.u.)$  and relative energies  $(E_{rel}/eV)$  of the neutral and multiply charged C<sub>60</sub>n ions (n=3+ to 6-)

n	Energies	
	$E_{tor}$	Erel
3+	- 279.328212	36.49
2+	- 279.890873	21.18
1+	- 280.340137	8.95
0	- 280.669140	0.00
1 –	- 280.767723	- 2.68
2-	- 280.749412	-2.18
3-	- 280.618383	1.38
4 –	- 280.370728	8.12
5-	- 280.008911	17.97
6 -	- 279.530762	30.98

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Fig. 1. Relative energies of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}^{n}$  ions(n=3+ to 6-).

 $C_{60}^{2-} < C_{60} < C_{60}^{3-} < C_{60}^{4-} < C_{60}^{-1+} < C_{60}^{5-} < C_{60}^{2+} < C_{60}^{6-} < C_{60}^{3+}$ . It has been estimated that the lowest and highest total energy species among the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}$  ions in the ground state are  $C_{60}^{1-}$  and  $C_{60}^{3+}$ . According to the total energies,  $C_{60}^{1-}$  and  $C_{60}^{3+}$ . According to the total energies,  $C_{60}^{1-}$  and  $C_{60}^{3-}$  are more stable than the neutral  $C_{60}$ . In the view of relative energies,  $C_{60}^{3+}$  is less stable than  $C_{60}$  by 30.98 eV. However,  $C_{60}^{1-}$  and  $C_{60}^{2-}$  are more stable than  $C_{60}$  by -2.68 eV and -2.18 eV.

Our MNDO calculations are the same as ab initio calculations<sup>15,16</sup> and PPP<sup>17</sup> calculations. Clementi and co-workers<sup>15</sup> have suggested that the total energy, E(SCF+B), obtained by adding the correlation energy correction with the Becke algorithms of ground state for  $C_{60}^{-1+}$ ,  $C_{60}$ ,  $C_{60}^{-1-}$  and  $C_{60}^{2^-}$  are in the order  $C_{60}^{1^-} < C_{60}^{2^-} < C_{60} < C_{60}^{1^+}$ on the [(9,5,1)/(4,2,1)] basis set. Chang<sup>16</sup> and coworkers have reported that  $C_{60}^{-1-}$  is more stable than  $C_{60}$  and that  $C_{60}^{2-}$  is more stable than  $C_{60}$  by 2.5 eV, while  $C_{60}^{3-}$  is less stable than  $C_{60}$ . Also, Negri and co-workers<sup>17</sup> have published that the relative stability of the neutral and anionic C<sub>60</sub> ions increases in the order  $C_{60}^{1-} < C_{60}^{-2-} < C_{60}^{-3-} < C_{60}^{-3-}$  $C_{60}^{4^-} < C_{60}^{5^-} < C_{60}^{6^-}$ .  $C_{60}^{1^-}$  is the most important among the multiply charged C<sub>60</sub> ions, because the

n	IP	
	ΔSCF	Expt.
2+	15.31	
1+	12.23	12. <b>25°</b>
0	8.95	6.42~7.98
1 -	2.68	2.60~2.80
2 –	- 0.50	
3-	- 3.57	
4 –	- 6.74	
5 -	- 9.85	
6-	~ 13.01	

Table 2. Ionization potentials(IP/eV) of the neutral and

"Ref. 27. "Ref. 26. "Ref. 24.

most stable  $C_{60}^{1-}$  reacts with NO and  $O_2^{2}$ .

Ionization potential and electron affinity. lonization potentials(IPs) are compared with experimental values in Table 2 and presented in Fig. 2. The ionization potential of  $C_{60}^{n-1}$  is identical to the electron affinity(EA) of the  $C_{60}^{n-1}$ . The calculated IPs differ from the results of previous studies.<sup>18-22</sup> When the IP values of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}$  ions are compared with those of small<sup>23</sup> and  $organic^{24}$  molecules, the IP values of their C<sub>60</sub> ions are in the range of positive values(15.31 eV of  $C_{60}^{-2+}$  to 2.68 eV of  $C_{60}^{-1-}$ ) and negative ones(-0.5 eV of  $C_{60}^{2^-}$  to -13.01 eV of  $C_{60}^{6^-}$ ). The small and organic molecules have a narrow range of 9.25 to  $15.58 \text{ eV}^{25}$  and 8.01 to 12.98 eV,<sup>25</sup> respectively. However the charged  $C_{60}$  ions have a wide range of -13.01 to 15.31 eV. From these results of IPs, it is known that the  $C_{60}$  ions with 2+ to 1 - charge are endothermic, but the C<sub>60</sub> ions with 2- to 6charge are exothermic.

For the  $C_{60}^{1-}$  ion, the obtained ionization potential of 2.68 eV is in good agreement with experimental values<sup>26</sup> of 2.60 to 2.80 eV and with the predicted values<sup>27</sup> of 2.70 to 2.88 eV. The calculated ionization potential of 8.95 eV for the neutral  $C_{60}$  is different from the recent experimental values<sup>28</sup> of 6.42 to 7.98 eV. It is known that the neutral  $C_{60}$  has a high IP and high EA. The calculated ionization potential of 12.23 eV for  $C_{60}^{1+}$ is also in good agreement with experimental values<sup>29</sup> of 12.25 eV.



Fig. 2. The relationship of ionization potential with charge of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}^{n}$  ions(n=2+ to -).

In order to get the relationship between IP and the charge of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}$  ions, we plotted the data of IP and *n* (charge) in *Fig.* 2 and obtained the fitted linear function of IP(*n*).

$$IP = 3.6192n + 7.8494 \tag{3}$$

The linear regression value of IP for  $C_{60}$  is 7.84 eV, which is in good agreement with 6.42 to 7.98 eV of experimental values. However, that of IPs for  $C_{60}^{1*}$  shows a positive error of 0.78 and a negative error of -1.63 and -1.43 compared with experimental values. We have obtained an average IP per charge of 3.15 eV from MNDO method and 3.22 eV from the linear function of IP for the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}$ .

The relationship between chemical reaction and the HOMO/LUMO energies. Reactivity is determined by a number of factors. Klopman<sup>30</sup> and Salem<sup>31</sup> developed an analysis of reactivity in terms of two factors: an electrostatic interaction approximated by atomic charges and frontier orbital interaction. Fleming<sup>32</sup> provided the Klopman-Salem equation that Klopman and Salem derived as an expression for the energy gained and lost when the orbitals of one reactant overlap with those of another using perturbation theory. From Klopman concepts, it has been suggested that a charge-transfer reaction of  $C_{60}^{n+}$  will only occur if the IP of any guest molecule is lower than the eleotron affinity of the host  $C_{60}^{n+}$ , known as the chargecontrolled effect. Also, electron-transfer reactions will only occur if the IP of any guest molecule is nearly lower than the EA of the host  $C_{60}^{n+}$ , known as the frontier-controlled effect.

$$IP(M) < EA(C_{60}^{n^*})$$
 for charge-controlled effect (4)  
 $IP(M) \le EA(C_{60}^{n^*})$  for frontier-controlled effect (5)

This relation is very similar to frontier orbital,<sup>33</sup> the HOMO and LUMO. From Koopmans' theorem, the IP and EA are related to HOMO and LUMO energy, respectively. That is,  $-\varepsilon_{\rm HOMO}$ =IP and  $-\varepsilon_{\rm LUMO}$ =EA. Hence, the high energy gap between the IP and EA,  $\Delta_{\rm IP-EA}$ , arises by charge-transfer reactions that govern charge-controlled effect, but the low energy gap inversely arises by electron-transfer that governs frontier-controlled effect. In the chemical reaction of C<sub>60</sub><sup>n+</sup> and a guest molecule having low ionization potential, the role of C<sub>60</sub><sup>2+</sup> is that of an electron acceptor and as a good electrophile by charge- or electron-transfer reaction.

 $C_{60}^{2+}$  may undergo charge-transfer reactions with a guest molecule whose IP lies below 12.23 eV. C<sub>60</sub><sup>2+</sup> reacts with NH<sub>3</sub>, having IP of 10.20 eV,<sup>25</sup> by charge-controlled effect. The  $\Delta_{IP-EA}$  between IP of NH<sub>3</sub> and EA of  $C_{60}^{2*}$  for the frontier orbitals is 2.03 eV. Also, C<sub>60</sub><sup>2+</sup> reacts with O<sub>2</sub>, having IP of 12.06 eV,<sup>25</sup> by frontier-controlled effect. The  $\Delta_{IP-EA}$ between IP of  $O_2$  and EA of  $C_{60}^{2+}$  for the frontier orbitals is 0.17 eV. The  $\Delta_{IP-EA}$  between  $C_{60}^{2+}$  and  $NH_3$  is large but that between  $C_{60}^{2+}$  and  $O_2$  is small. Therefore, very little electron transfer occurs in the reaction between  $C_{60}^{2+}$  and NH<sub>3</sub> and strong electron transfer occurs in the reaction between  $C_{60}^{2+}$  and  $O_2$ .  $C_{60}^{1+}$  may similarly undergo chargetransfer reactions with a guest molecule whose IP lies below 8.95 eV. Very recently, Garvey and coworker<sup>8</sup> identified that  $C_{60}^{2+}$  reacts with guest molecules( $NH_3$  and  $O_2$ ). It has been known that  $C_{60}^{2+}$  reacts with NH<sub>3</sub><sup>8</sup> but  $C_{60}^{-1+}$  does not react with NH<sub>3</sub>. The EA of  $C_{60}^{2+}$  is larger than the IP of NH<sub>3</sub> but the EA of  $C_{60}^{1+}$  is smaller than the IP of NH<sub>3</sub>. These charge- and frontier-controlled ef-

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**Charge-Controlled Effect** 



**Frontier-Controlled Effect** 

*Fig.* 3. Charge- or electron-transfer reaction by governing charge- or frontier controlled effect of  $C_{60}^{2+}$  with NH<sub>3</sub> or O<sub>2</sub> molecule having low ionization potential, respectively.

fects between  $C_{60}^{2*}$  and guest molecule such as NH<sub>3</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> are presented in *Fig.* 3.

### CONCLUSION

The relative stability, ionization potential, and chemical reaction of the neutral and multiply charged  $C_{60}^{n}$  ions(n=3+ to 6-) have been investigated by the semi-empirical MNDO method. The ionization potential values of the  $C_{60}$  ions range from 15.31 eV of  $C_{60}^{2+}$  to -13.01 eV of  $C_{60}^{6-}$ . The average IP per charge is 3.15 eV from our calculations and 3.22 eV from the linear function of IP. A charge- or electron-transfer reaction of  $C_{60}^{n+}$  occurrs if the ionization potential of any guest moleoule is lower than the electron affinity of the host  $C_{60}^{n+}$ . If the energy gap between ionization potential and electron affinity,  $\Delta_{IP-EA}$ , is high, chargetransfer reactions arise by the charge-controlled effect.

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