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A DFT STUDY ON THE STRUCTURAL AND ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF SMALL TOXIC GASES ON B- AND Al-DOPED C_{20} FULLERENE

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The structural and electronic properties of semiconducting BC_{19} and AlC_{19} heterofullerenes as adsorbents for toxic small gas molecules (H_2S and SO_2) are determined by DFT. Structural parameters, energy gaps, natural population analysis, partial density of state, dipole moments, and vibrational frequencies were extracted. The adsorption process and sensitivity to the gases are increased by doping with B or Al. The results show that AlC_{19} is the most sensitive structure. The good sensing of AlC_{19} is related to high charge transfer upon gas adsorption. Adsorption of the H_2S on the BC_{19} has negligible effects on the electronic properties, to be categorized as "harmless adsorption". H_2S is weakly adsorbed on BC_{19} and AlC_{19}. The H_2S and SO_2 molecules act as electron donating and electron withdrawing molecules, respectively. Notably, the adsorption processes are highly exothermic. In general, BC_{19} is more reactive than C_{20} and AlC_{19} is the most reactive cage. This provides a theoretical basis to fabricate B- and Al-doped C_{20}-based gas sensors.

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