

C60F36 - There is a Third Isomer!

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From the fluorination of [60]fullerene by MnF₃ at 470 C, we have isolated in addition to the T and C3 isomers of C₆₀F₃₆ reported previously, a third isomer of longer HPLC retention time. It gives 12 lines in the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum indicating it to have C₃ symmetry. At the time of writing there is evidence for a possible fourth isomer that co-elutes with the third one. Full updated details will be reported, together with progress on characterisation by single crystal X-ray of the earlier reported isomers.

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