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Electron interference effects in energetic photoelectrons from $C_{60}@C_{240}$ probed by the Fourier spectroscopy¹ MEGHAN MCCREARY, HI-MADRI CHAKRABORTY, Northwest Missouri State University — The ground state structure of the simplest two-fullerene onion system, the $C_{60}@C_{240}$ molecule, is solved in the Kohn-Sham framework of local density approximation (LDA). Calculations are carried out with delocalized carbon valence electrons after modeling the onion ion-core of sixty C⁴⁺ ions from C₆₀ and two hundred and forty of those from C₂₄₀ in a smeared out jellium-type double-shell structure [1,2]. Ionization cross sections of all the levels are then calculated in both independent particle LDA and many-particle time dependent LDA approaches at photon energies above the plasmon resonances. These high-energy results exhibit rich structures of energy dependent oscillations from the quantum interference of electron waves produced at the edges of the fullerene layers. A detailed scrutiny of these structures is conducted by Fourier transforming the spectra to the configuration space [3] that relates the oscillations to the onion geometry.

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