## **Supporting Information**

## Electronic Properties and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Structural Study of Y<sub>3</sub>N@C<sub>88</sub>

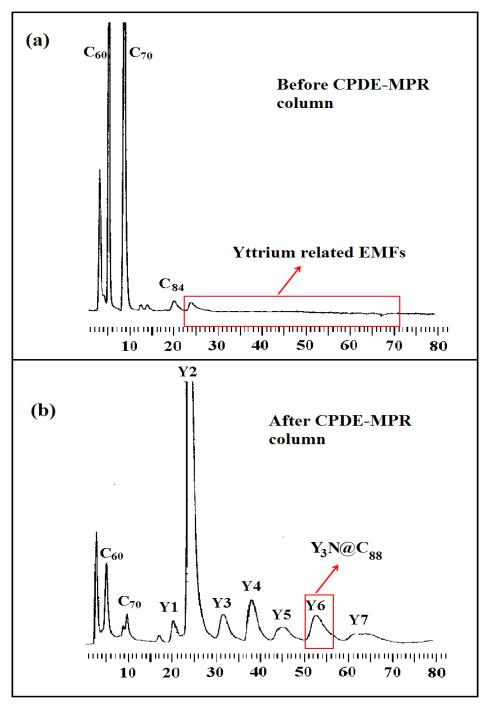
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1. Information for Figure 2: The experimental <sup>13</sup>C NMR shifts of Y<sub>3</sub>N@*D*<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>88</sub> (22 lines) in CS<sub>2</sub> with 10 mg Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> relaxant, acetone-d<sub>6</sub> lock) after 64,000 scan at 25 °C. The chemical shifts for the 22 lines are at δ: 149.36, 148.89, 146.44, 146.21, 145.77, 144.44, 143.92, 143.64, 141.89, 140.07, 139.69 (double intensity), 139.59, 139.10 (double intensity), 138.34, 137.88, 136.14, 135.19, 133.76, 133.65, 132.06, 131.99 ppm. 2. The computational <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of Y<sub>3</sub>N@*D*<sub>2</sub>(35)-C<sub>88</sub> (22 lines): 151.66, 147.21, 146.76, 146.24, 144.00, 143.89, 143.18, 142.14, 142.10, 141.66, 141.27, 140.53, 140.02, 139.76, 139.29, 139.27, 137.99, 137.43, 136.25, 135.66, 135.54, 131.94 ppm.



**Figure S1.** (a) HPLC chromatogram of the toluene extract from the raw soot (b) HPLC chromatogram of the eluent from CPDE-MPR column (Both chromatogram on a  $4.6 \times 250$  mm 5PBB column;  $\lambda$ =390 nm; flow rate 2.0 mL/min; toluene as eluent; 25 °C)

Fraction	Main component	Yield (mg)*
Y1	Y <sub>2</sub> @C <sub>79</sub> N	0.005
Y2	Y <sub>3</sub> N@C <sub>80</sub>	2
Y3	$Y_{3}N@C_{82}$	0.05
Y4	Y <sub>3</sub> N@C <sub>84</sub>	0.1
Y5	Y <sub>3</sub> N@C <sub>86</sub>	0.01
Y6	Y <sub>3</sub> N@C <sub>88</sub>	0.01
¥7	$Y_2C_{94}$	0.01

Table S1. The component and yield of each Yttrium fractions

• (the estimated yield is based on "burning" 3, 6 x 1 inch rods. However, 50-100 rods were burned to obtain the sample utilized in this study.)

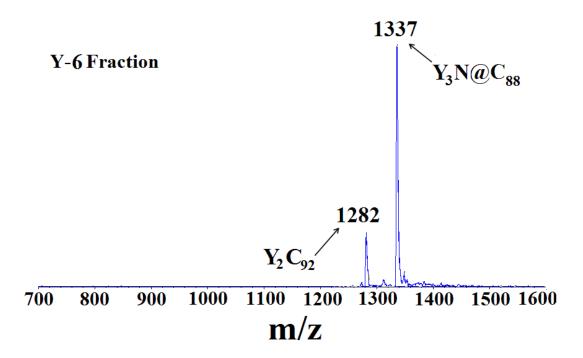


Figure S2. The LD-TOF mass spectrum of Y-6 fraction with positive ionization.

