

## Supplemental Information

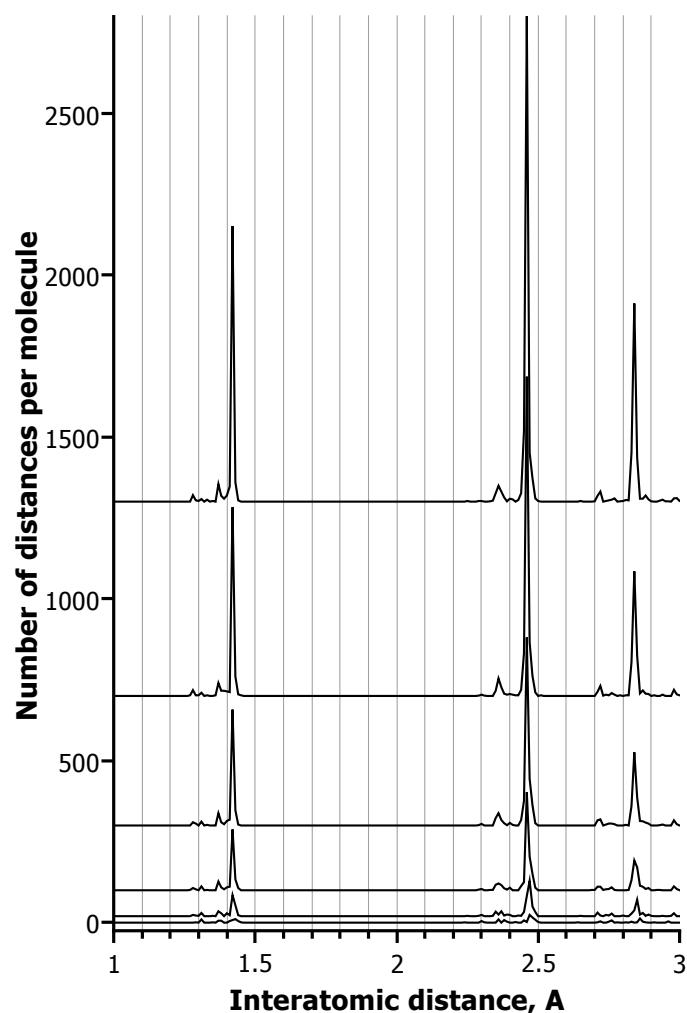
### Determination of Graphene Edges Energy using Hexagonal Graphene Quantum Dots and PM7 Method

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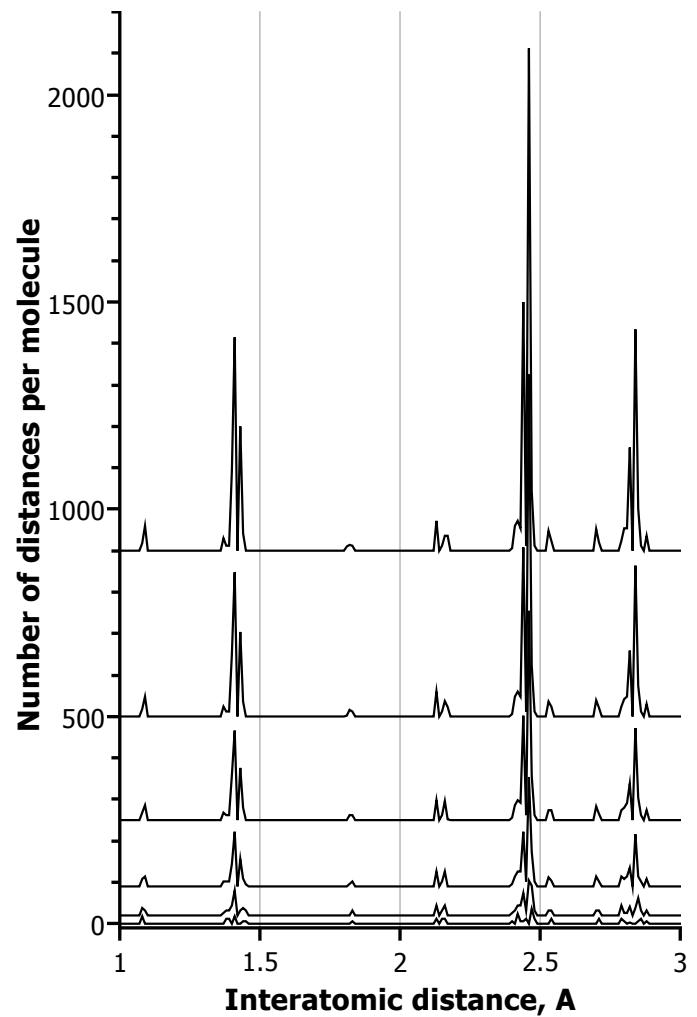
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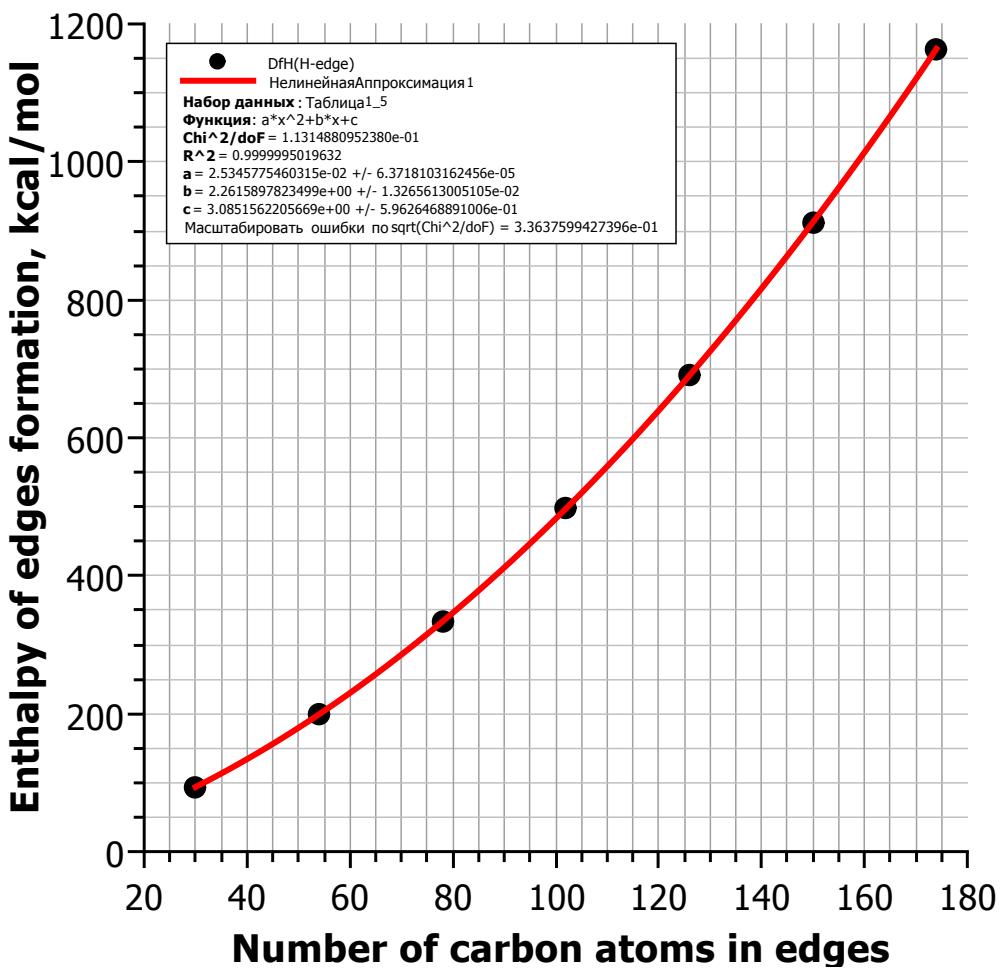
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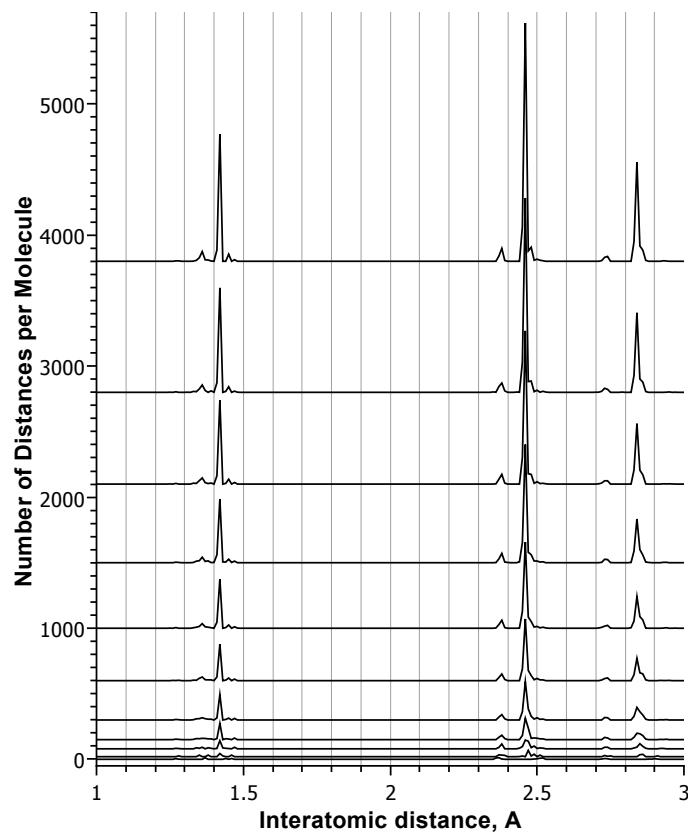
**Fig. S1.** Interatomic distance distribution function for GQD with armchair edge. From bottom to top: ac2, ac3, ac4, ac5, ac6, ac7.



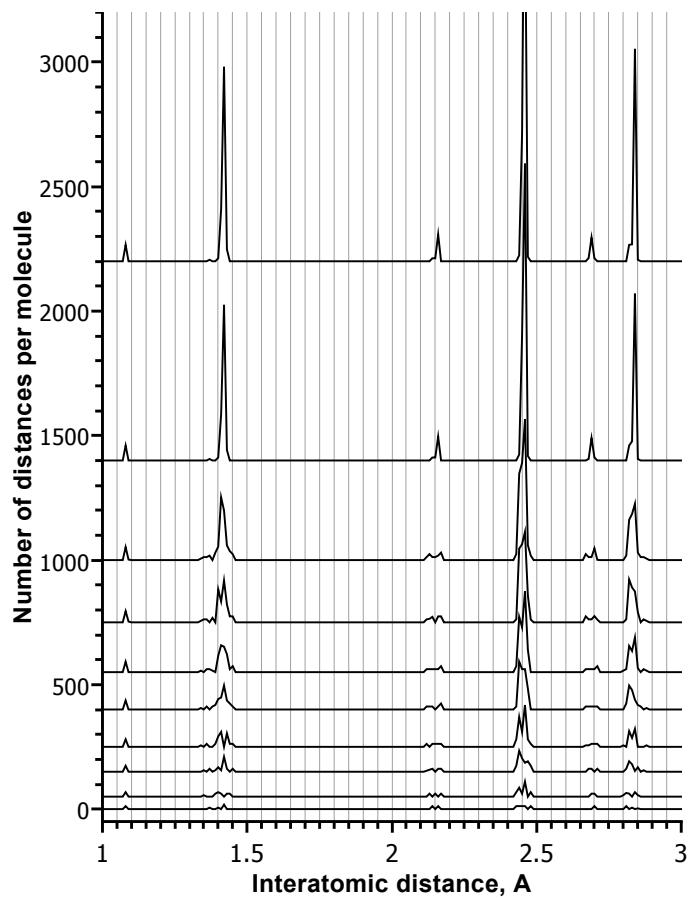
**Fig. S2.** Interatomic distance distribution function for hydrogen passivated armchair edge hexagonal graphene quantum dots. From bottom to top: ac2H to ac8H.



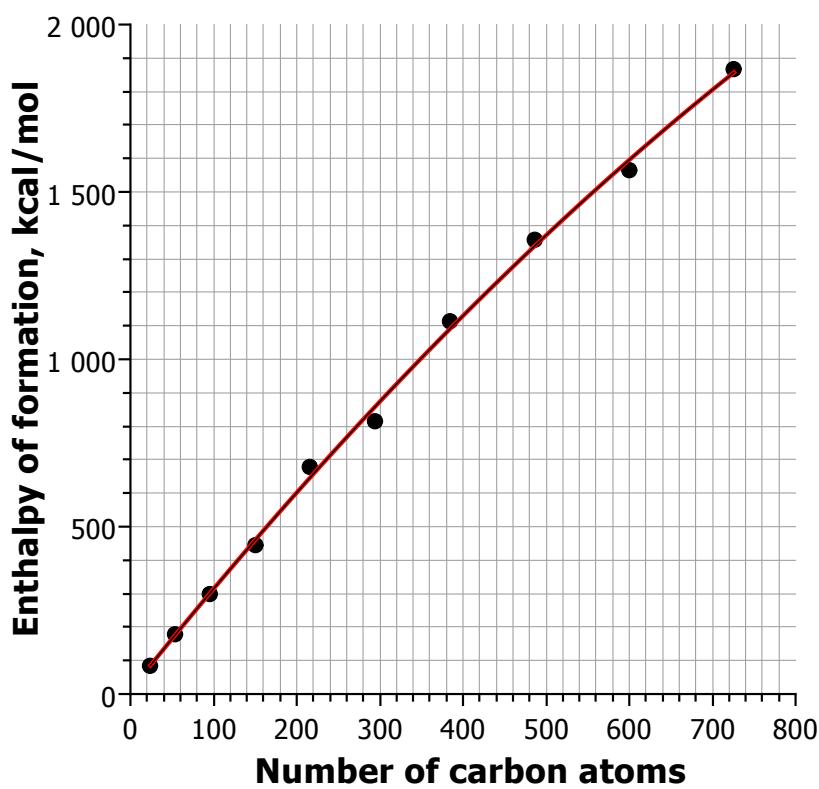
**Fig. S3.** Enthalpy of formation of hydrogenated edges of gqd-acXH graphene quantum dots as a function of number of carbon atoms in the edges.



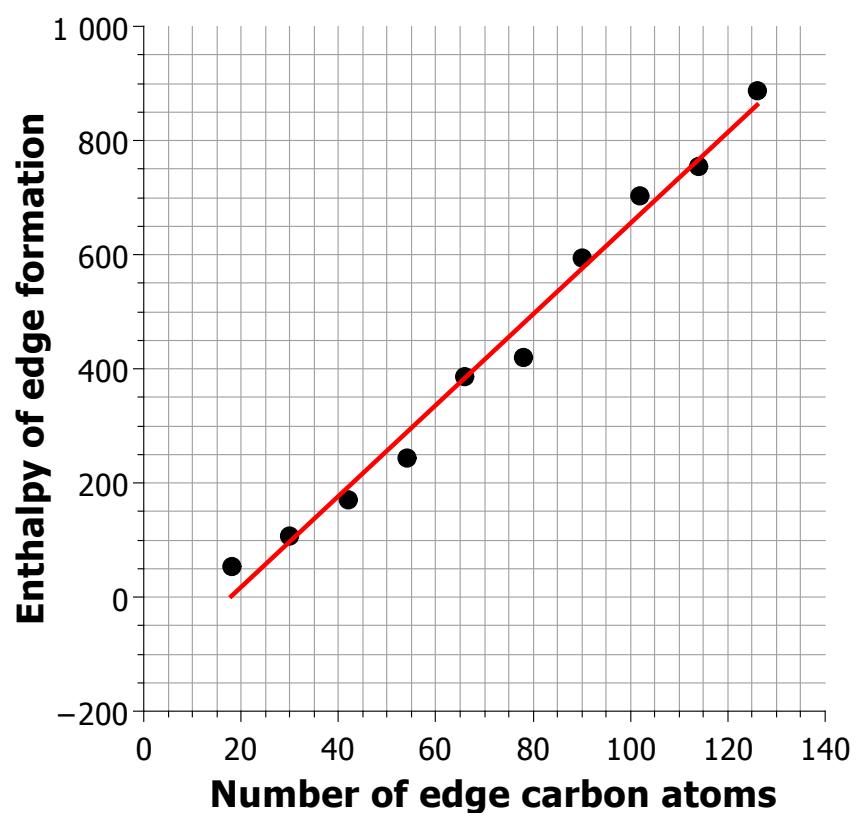
**Fig. S4.** Interatomic distance distribution function for graphene hexagonal quantum dots with zigzag edges. From bottom to top: zz2 to zz12.



**Fig. S5.** Interatomic distance distribution function for hexagonal graphene quantum dots with hydrogen passivated zigzag edges. From bottom to top: zz2H to zz11H.



**Fig. S6.** Enthalpy of formation of graphene quantum dots with H-passivated zigzag edges plotted versus number of carbon atoms in GQDs. Computationally obtained points are approximated with quadratic function  $y = (-0.000780 \pm 0.000189)x^2 + (3.11 \pm 0.14)x + (11.2 \pm 19.7)$ .



**Fig. S7.** Enthalpy of formation of hydrogenated zigzag edge of GQD as a function of number of edge carbon atoms. The points are fitted to linear function  $y = (7.97 \pm 0.34)x + (-142 \pm 27)$ .