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Revealing incorporation of NH₂ group into the edge of carbon dots for H₂O₂ sensing via C– N…H hydrogen bond interaction: A DFT and TDDFT study

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Fig. S1. Optimized molecular geometry for carbon dots without -NH₂ group



Fig. S2. Energy level diagram for carbon dots with and without $-NH_2$ group

| Atomic | 1-sim | 1-com | Atomic | 2-sim | 2-com | Atomic | 3-sim | 3-com |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| C1 | -0.09015 | -0.09415 | C1 | -0.08792 | -0.08793 | C1 | -0.09603 | -0.09464 |
| C2 | -0.16312 | -0.16174 | C2 | -0.16119 | -0.1615 | C2 | -0.16012 | -0.1592 |
| C3 | -0.15562 | -0.15386 | C3 | -0.16693 | -0.1647 | C3 | -0.15252 | -0.15277 |
| C4 | 0.061046 | 0.061853 | C4 | 0.07477 | 0.072243 | C4 | 0.051095 | 0.052998 |
| C5 | -0.08822 | -0.0881 | C5 | -0.0883 | -0.08828 | C5 | -0.08864 | -0.08832 |
| C6 | -0.13691 | -0.13573 | C6 | -0.13628 | -0.13547 | C6 | -0.13675 | -0.13596 |
| C7 | 0.072485 | 0.072121 | C7 | 0.072713 | 0.073642 | C7 | 0.070366 | 0.070707 |
| C8 | 0.017122 | 0.019707 | C8 | 0.021389 | 0.02246 | C8 | 0.014015 | 0.016197 |
| C9 | 0.094103 | 0.093052 | C9 | 0.091687 | 0.091114 | C9 | 0.094959 | 0.094357 |
| C10 | -0.13958 | -0.13733 | C10 | -0.13532 | -0.13435 | C10 | -0.13825 | -0.13654 |
| C11 | -0.08753 | -0.0879 | C11 | -0.08907 | -0.08976 | C11 | -0.08792 | -0.08838 |
| C12 | -0.14206 | -0.1433 | C12 | -0.14077 | -0.14031 | C12 | -0.13389 | -0.13349 |
| C13 | 0.080652 | 0.088036 | C13 | 0.095709 | 0.092062 | C13 | 0.098049 | 0.101603 |
| C14 | 0.012037 | 0.012377 | C14 | 0.017213 | 0.025041 | C14 | 0.008353 | 0.005325 |
| C15 | 0.074283 | 0.081089 | C15 | 0.07137 | 0.065473 | C15 | 0.058865 | 0.068083 |
| C16 | 0.077001 | 0.074753 | C16 | 0.068842 | 0.066273 | C16 | 0.074032 | 0.074101 |
| C17 | -0.16569 | -0.16361 | C17 | -0.15904 | -0.16153 | C17 | -0.21415 | -0.21073 |
| C18 | 0.226557 | 0.206843 | C18 | -0.18362 | -0.17761 | C18 | -0.14452 | -0.14644 |
| C19 | -0.11686 | -0.11205 | C19 | 0.292126 | 0.267422 | C19 | -0.09855 | -0.1049 |
| C20 | -0.17107 | -0.17447 | C20 | -0.18815 | -0.19628 | C20 | 0.191993 | 0.171314 |
| H1 | 0.082316 | 0.085179 | H1 | 0.084558 | 0.087546 | H1 | 0.082302 | 0.084768 |
| H2 | 0.079114 | 0.081366 | H2 | 0.080997 | 0.099912 | H2 | 0.118116 | 0.108798 |
| H3 | 0.08346 | 0.086602 | H3 | 0.073187 | 0.115675 | Ν | -0.66954 | -0.71467 |
| H4 | 0.07152 | 0.077647 | Ν | -0.66367 | -0.70747 | H3 | 0.078262 | 0.111966 |
| Ν | -0.66478 | -0.70832 | H4 | 0.068376 | 0.069793 | H4 | 0.086345 | 0.090642 |
| H5 | 0.080655 | 0.077755 | H5 | 0.077718 | 0.078519 | H5 | 0.080552 | 0.0835 |
| H6 | 0.084009 | 0.084104 | H6 | 0.082225 | 0.083777 | H6 | 0.08275 | 0.084876 |
| H7 | 0.08391 | 0.085282 | H7 | 0.079904 | 0.081656 | H7 | 0.083497 | 0.084777 |
| H8 | 0.081474 | 0.0834 | H8 | 0.084049 | 0.083857 | H8 | 0.082875 | 0.084655 |
| H9 | 0.083476 | 0.085945 | H9 | 0.085081 | 0.085276 | H9 | 0.083483 | 0.08549 |
| H10 | 0.081464 | 0.08386 | H10 | 0.082428 | 0.083168 | H10 | 0.080635 | 0.08253 |

Mulliken atomic charge distribution for NH_2 -carbon dots before and after interacts with H_2O_2 .

Table S1

| H11 | 0.079655 | 0.082636 | H11 | 0.082922 | 0.083223 | H11 | 0.080314 | 0.082835 |
|-----|----------|----------|-----|----------|----------|-----|----------|----------|
| H12 | 0.258033 | 0.291861 | H12 | 0.25701 | 0.260496 | H12 | 0.263265 | 0.265838 |
| H13 | 0.257222 | 0.26895 | H13 | 0.255971 | 0.285327 | H13 | 0.256769 | 0.285074 |
| 01 | - | -0.37118 | 01 | - | -0.36534 | 01 | - | -0.36189 |
| O2 | - | -0.35153 | O2 | - | -0.35901 | O2 | - | -0.35499 |
| H14 | - | 0.359815 | H14 | - | 0.358668 | H14 | - | 0.353892 |
| H15 | - | 0.339028 | H15 | - | 0.336885 | H15 | - | 0.338583 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Table S2

| 1-sim | | 2-sim | | 3-sim | | 1-com | | 2-com | | 3-com | |
|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| λ (nm) | f |
| 394.71 | 0.4729 | 380.99 | 0.4046 | 386.52 | 0.3795 | 388.81 | 0.5089 | 375.93 | 0.4266 | 378.94 | 0.4007 |
| 309.01 | 0.0050 | 318.61 | 0.0415 | 303.42 | 0.0146 | 306.08 | 0.0031 | 307.79 | 0.0139 | 300.86 | 0.0128 |
| 284.12 | 0.0018 | 289.99 | 0.0108 | 292.16 | 0.0152 | 283.15 | 0.0001 | 287.41 | 0.0155 | 290.27 | 0.0122 |
| 279.59 | 0.0040 | 272.48 | 0.0021 | 276.76 | 0.0023 | 276.92 | 0.0032 | 272.81 | 0.0006 | 274.76 | 0.0005 |
| 266.97 | 0.0283 | 257.14 | 0.0280 | 255.95 | 0.0192 | 261.82 | 0.0089 | 254.25 | 0.0265 | 252.73 | 0.0149 |
| 250.48 | 0.0201 | 249.52 | 0.0024 | 251.36 | 0.0739 | 249.95 | 0.0150 | 249.00 | 0.0014 | 249.54 | 0.0848 |
| 247.38 | 0.0030 | 242.51 | 0.0017 | 249.47 | 0.0121 | 245.88 | 0.0011 | 241.58 | 0.0031 | 248.067 | 0.0059 |
| 237.47 | 0.0058 | 236.24 | 0.0078 | 237.74 | 0.0041 | 238.31 | 0.0025 | 236.17 | 0.0030 | 237.83 | 0.0056 |
| 223.16 | 0.7011 | 220.42 | 0.7304 | 226.13 | 0.6565 | 221.25 | 0.7265 | 219.42 | 0.8130 | 225.35 | 0.7348 |
| 212.15 | 0.000 | 217.78 | 0.0597 | 214.69 | 0.1295 | 210.08 | 0.0006 | 212.67 | 0.0968 | 212.60 | 0.0970 |

Wavelength (λ) and oscillator strength (f) in UV-Vis absorption characteristics.

Table S3

| Excited states | 1-sim | 1-com | 2-sim | 2-com | 3-sim | 3-com |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 0.6621 | 0.4650 | 0.7636 | 0.4074 | 0.4395 | 0.3138 |
| 2 | 0.6769 | 0.7320 | 1.9537 | 1.6397 | 1.0786 | 1.1680 |
| 3 | 1.1203 | 1.1890 | 1.5226 | 1.2697 | 1.2383 | 1.2558 |
| 4 | 0.8669 | 0.8300 | 0.9065 | 0.7367 | 0.7388 | 0.7029 |
| 5 | 0.7885 | 0.7198 | 1.0214 | 0.7860 | 0.6287 | 0.7460 |
| 6 | 0.8206 | 0.6751 | 0.8196 | 0.6548 | 0.8576 | 0.6874 |
| 7 | 0.7183 | 0.6638 | 0.7880 | 0.6822 | 0.7188 | 0.6803 |
| 8 | 0.4099 | 0.4164 | 0.9517 | 0.7812 | 0.4767 | 0.3868 |
| 9 | 1.0876 | 1.1657 | 1.1077 | 0.9936 | 1.1078 | 0.9961 |
| 10 | 0.7102 | 0.8159 | 1.8717 | 1.8569 | 1.5855 | 1.6967 |

Charge transfer length (Δr) in Angstrom (Å) calculated by TDDFT.