

Supporting Information for

Amino Functionalization of Carbon Dots Leads to Red Emission Enhancement

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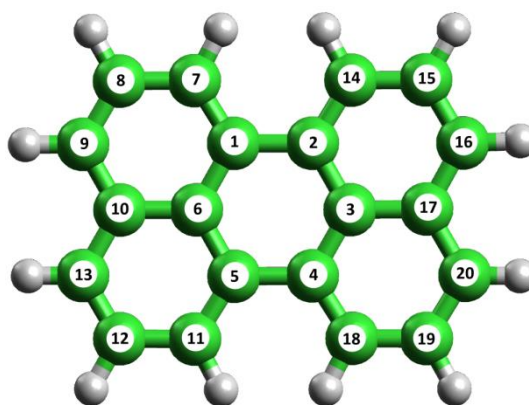


Figure S1. Geometry of perylene optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S1. Energy, weights, and symmetry of molecular orbitals of perylene.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	-0.793	41(P:z-1C) 36(P:z-9C) 31(P:z-8C)	π^*
3	-0.976	32(P:z-9C) 30(P:z-1C) 23(P:z-3C) 13(P:z-7C);	π^*
2	-1.258	36(P:z-8C) 32(P:z-7C) 21(P:z-10C) 21(P:z-3C)	π^*
1	-2.752	39(P:z-9C); 36(P:z-7C); 23(P:z-1C)	π^*
0	-5.822	39(P:z-9C) 32(P:z-7C) 23(P:z-1C) 7(P:z-8C)	π
-1	-7.422	33(P:z-8C) 30(P:z-7C) 18(P:z-3C) 18(P:z-10C)	π
-2	-7.568	34(P:z-7C) 30(P:z-8C) 18(P:z-3C) 18(P:z-10C)	π
-3	-7.645	34(P:z-9C); 34(P:z-1C); 31(P:z-8C)	π

Table S2. Energies, oscillator strengths, and weights of electronic transitions for perylene in toluene.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	2.7937	0.566	0.99 (0→1)
2	3.7562	0	0.63(0→2) 0.34(-1→1)
3	4.0544	0.244×10^{-1}	0.65(-2→1) 0.33(0→5)
4	4.0894	0	0.50(0→3) 0.36(-1→1)
5	4.1619	0	0.57(-4→1) 0.26(0→3)
6	4.2697	0	0.65(-3→1) 0.34(0→4)
7	4.5697	0	0.39(-4→1) 0.23(-1→1)
8	4.6470	0	0.62(0→4) 0.31(-1→3)
9	4.8219	0.717	0.62(0→5) 0.31(-2→1)
10	5.5296	0.244×10^{-3}	0.51(-4→2) 0.44(-1→3)

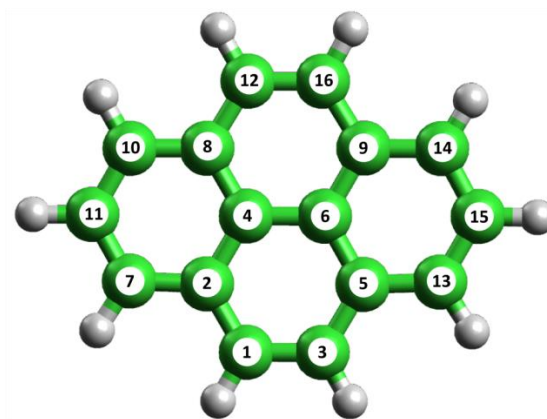


Figure S2. Geometry of pyrene optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S3. Energy, weights, and symmetry of molecular orbitals of pyrene.

Nº	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	-0.240	$59(p_z - 2C) 41(p_z - 7C) 11(p_z - 1C)$	π^*
3	-0.865	$63(p_z - 1C) 42(p_z - 4C)$	π^*
2	-1.436	$38(p_z - 11C) 33(p_z - 2C) 18(p_z - 4C) 12(p_z - 7C)$	π^*
1	-2.325	$57(p_z - 7C) 34(p_z - 1C) 15(p_z - 2C)$	π^*
0	-6.152	$54(p_z - 7C) 33(p_z - 1C) 14(p_z - 2C)$	π
-1	-7.082	$36(p_z - 11C) 30(p_z - 2C) 16(p_z - 4C) 12(p_z - 7C)$	π
-2	-7.728	$61(p_z - 1C) 37(p_z - 4C)$	π
-3	-8.216	$54(p_z - 2C) 37(p_z - 7C) 9(p_z - 1C)$	π

Table S4. Energies, oscillator strengths, and weights of electronic transitions for pyrene in toluene.

Nº	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	3.6396	0.546	0.95 (0→1) 0.04(-1→2)
2	3.8118	0.501×10^{-3}	0.53(0→2) 0.46(-1→1)
3	4.4769	0	0.85(0→3) 0.15(-2→1)
4	4.5678	0.510	0.51(-1→1) 0.44(0→2)
5	4.6881	0	0.84(-2→1) 0.14(0→3)
6	5.1159	0	0.47(0→4) 0.46(-3→1)
7	5.3328	0	0.50(-1→3) 0.43(-2→2)
8	5.3701	1.231	0.94(-1→2)
9	5.7772	0	0.45(-3→1) 0.45(0→4)
10	6.9733	0	0.50(-2→2) 0.42(-1→3)

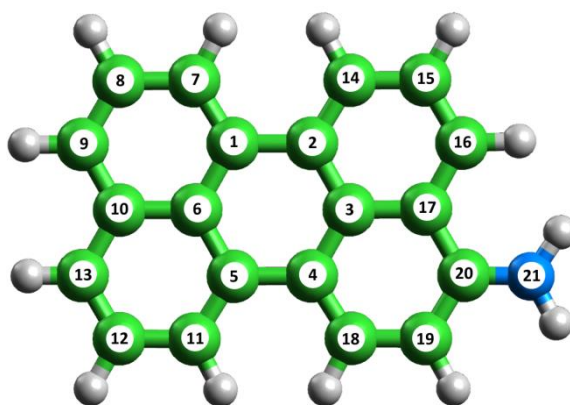


Figure S3. Geometry of Pe1 subunit optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S5. Parameters of molecular orbitals of Pe1 subunit.

№	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	-0.488	$16(p_z - 1C) 14(p_z - 9C) 13(p_z - 4C) \dots 3(p_z - 21N)$	a_π
3	-0.744	$18(p_z - 5C) 16(p_z - 13C) 14(p_z - 2C) 12(p_z - 16C)$	a_π
2	-0.999	$11(p_z - 3C) 11(p_z - 17C) 11(p_z - 19C) 11(p_z - 15C)$	a_π
1	-2.595	$13(p_z - 16C) 11(p_z - 9C) 11(p_z - 14C) \dots 4(p_z - 21N)$	a_π
0	-5.092	$12(p_z - 4C) 11(p_z - 13C) 11(p_z - 21N) 10(p_z - 11C)$	l
-1	-6.710	$20(p_z - 21N) 12(p_z - 1C) 12(p_z - 9C) 10(p_z - 19C)$	l
-2	-7.289	$16(p_z - 10C) 16(p_z - 6C) 15(p_z - 12C) 15(p_z - 11C)$	l
-3	-7.434	$16(p_z - 5C) 16(p_z - 13C) 15(p_z - 2C) 14(p_z - 16C)$	l

Table S6. Parameters of transitions for Pe1 subunit in toluene.

№	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	2.5156	0.5424	0.98(0→1)
2	3.5215	0.815×10^{-2}	0.85(0→2) 0.08(0→3)
3	3.7723	0.420×10^{-1}	0.91(-1→1)
4	3.9206	0.998×10^{-1}	0.84(0→3) 0.07(-2→1)
5	3.9810	0.204×10^{-1}	0.43(0→5) 0.19(-4→1) 0.19(-2→1)
6	4.1934	0.313×10^{-2}	0.29(0→4) 0.26(-3→1) 0.20(0→5)
7	4.3781	0.174×10^{-1}	0.45(0→4) 0.21(-2→1) 0.16(-3→1)
8	4.5501	0.846×10^{-1}	0.53(-3→1) 0.23(-2→1)
9	4.6545	0.518	0.61(-4→1) 0.25(0→5)
10	5.0653	0.129	0.88(-1→2)

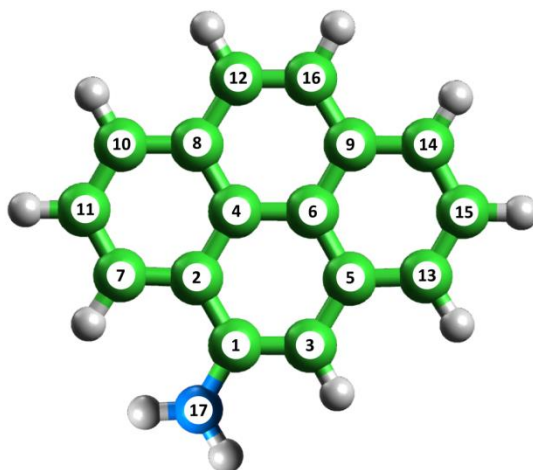


Figure S4. Geometry of Py1 subunit optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S7. Parameters of molecular orbitals of Py1 subunit.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	-0.039	$18(p_z - 5C) 15(p_z - 14C) 14(p_z - 9C) \dots 3(p_z - 17N)$	a_π
3	-0.549	$22(p_z - 6C) 18(p_z - 4C) 18(p_z - 12C) \dots 3(p_z - 17N)$	a_π
2	-1.341	$21(p_z - 11C) 17(p_z - 15C) 13(p_z - 4C) 9(p_z - 8C)$	a_π
1	-2.144	$16(p_z - 7C) 15(p_z - 10C) 12(p_z - 13C) \dots 2(p_z - 17N)$	a_π
0	-5.639	$21(p_z - 3C) 18(p_z - 17N) 14(p_z - 14C) 12(p_z - 13C)$	l
-1	-6.734	$15(p_z - 6C) 14(p_z - 12C) 14(p_z - 17N) 2(p_z - 2C)$	l
-2	-7.088	$15(p_z - 4C) 13(p_z - 15C) 12(p_z - 16C) \dots 5(p_z - 17N)$	l
-3	-8.065	$15(p_z - 2C) 13(p_z - 10C) 12(p_z - 8C) \dots 2(p_z - 17N)$	l

Table S8. Parameters of transitions for Py1 subunit in toluene.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	3.1627	0.307	0.93(0→1) 0.03(-1→1)
2	3.5884	0.431×10^{-1}	0.83(0→2) 0.09(-1→1)
3	4.1212	0.315	0.83(-1→1) 0.06(0→2)
4	4.3392	0.105	0.70(-2→1) 0.16(-1→2)
5	4.4422	0.474×10^{-1}	0.93(0→3)
6	4.8644	0.992×10^{-1}	0.51(-1→2) 0.23(0→4)
7	5.0465	0.387	0.53(0→4) 0.17(-1→2)
8	5.3714	0.602	0.58(-2→2) 0.18(-1→3)
9	5.4461	0.316	0.51(-3→1) 0.16(-2→2)
10	5.5806	0.203×10^{-1}	0.83(-4→1) 0.24(-1→3)

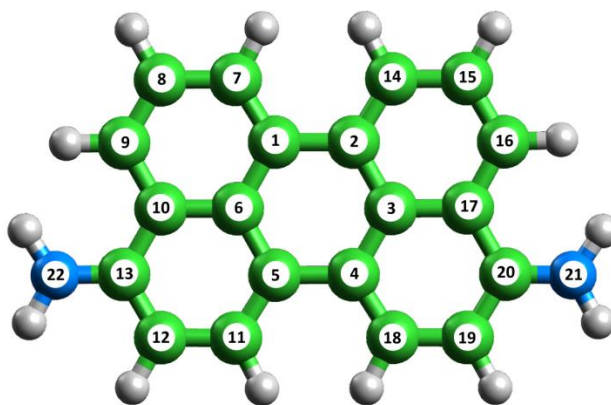


Figure S5. Geometry of Pe2 subunit optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S9. Parameters of molecular orbitals of Pe2 subunit.

Nº	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	-0.494	$24(p_z - 1C) 23(p_z - 9C) 15(p_z - 12C) \dots 3(p_z - 22N)$	a_π
3	-0.565	$22(p_z - 8C) 21(p_z - 3C) 19(p_z - 11C) 17(p_z - 10C)$	a_π
2	-1.066	$20(p_z - 3C) 20(p_z - 10C) 19(p_z - 8C) 17(p_z - 12C)$	a_π
1	-2.347	$26(p_z - 9C) 21(p_z - 7C) 16(p_z - 1C) \dots 5(p_z - 22N)$	a_π
0	-4.932	$20(p_z - 22N) 17(p_z - 4C) 15(p_z - 13C) 13(p_z - 11C)$	l
-1	-6.483	$34(p_z - 22N) 23(p_z - 12C) 20(p_z - 4C) 7(p_z - 8C)$	l
-2	-6.889	$22(p_z - 9C) 19(p_z - 1C) 16(p_z - 22N) 14(p_z - 7C)$	l
-3	-7.253	$34(p_z - 22N) 23(p_z - 12C) 20(p_z - 4C) 7(p_z - 8C)$	l

Table S10. Parameters of transitions for Pe2 subunit in toluene.

Nº	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	2.2439	0.458	0.98(0→1)
2	3.2623	0.206×10^{-2}	0.94(0→2)
3	3.5994	0.755×10^{-2}	0.92(-1→1)
4	3.7944	0.113	0.83(0→3) 0.14(-4→1)
5	3.9435	0.111×10^{-2}	0.90(0→4)
6	3.9524	0.389	0.86(0→5)
7	4.0049	0.378×10^{-1}	0.83(-2→1) 0.12(-3→1)
8	4.4006	0.456×10^{-2}	0.53(-3→1) 0.09(-2→1)
9	4.5662	0.306	0.65(-4→1) 0.19(-2→1)
10	4.8928	0.421	0.78(-1→2) 0.16(-4→1)

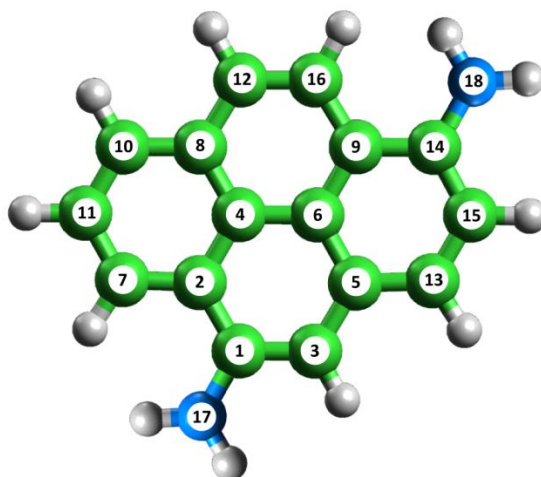


Figure S6. Geometry of Py2 subunit optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S11. Parameters of molecular orbitals of Py2 subunit.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	0.303	18(p_z -2C) 13(p_z -10C) 12(p_z -3C) ... 6(p_z -N)	a_π
3	-0.448	21(p_z -4C) 18(p_z -16C) 17(p_z -6C) ... 3(p_z -17N)	a_π
2	-1.224	21(p_z -15C) 15(p_z -11C) 13(p_z -6C) 11(p_z -9C)	a_π
1	-1.913	15(p_z -14C) 15(p_z -13C) 14(p_z -7C) ... 4(p_z -N)	a_π
0	-5.057	14(p_z -18N) 14(p_z -17N) 12(p_z -1C) 10(p_z -10C)	l
-1	-6.600	29(p_z -17N) 14(p_z -16C) 13(p_z -4C) ... 2(p_z -18N)	l
-2	-6.795	24(p_z -11C) 17(p_z -1C) 11(p_z -18N) ... 4(p_z -17N)	l
-3	-7.395	18(p_z -18N) 17(p_z -13C) 16(p_z -9C) 15(p_z -8C)	l

Table S12. Parameters of transitions for Py2 subunit in toluene.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	2.8240	0.369	0.95(0→1)
2	3.2284	0.835×10^{-1}	0.94(0→2)
3	3.9713	0.599×10^{-1}	0.95(0→3)
4	4.1259	0.146	0.93(-1→1)
5	4.3237	0.169	0.75(-2→1) 0.11(-1→2)
6	4.6557	0.565×10^{-2}	0.51(-1→2) 0.26(-3→1) 0.13(0→4)
7	4.9371	0.267	0.32(0→4) 0.27(-2→2) 0.20(-1→2)
8	4.9954	0.191	0.43(0→4) 0.25(-3→1) 0.12(-2→2)
9	5.1735	0.198×10^{-2}	0.98(0→5)
10	5.2627	0.882	0.53(-2→2) 0.23(-3→1) 0.12(-1→2)

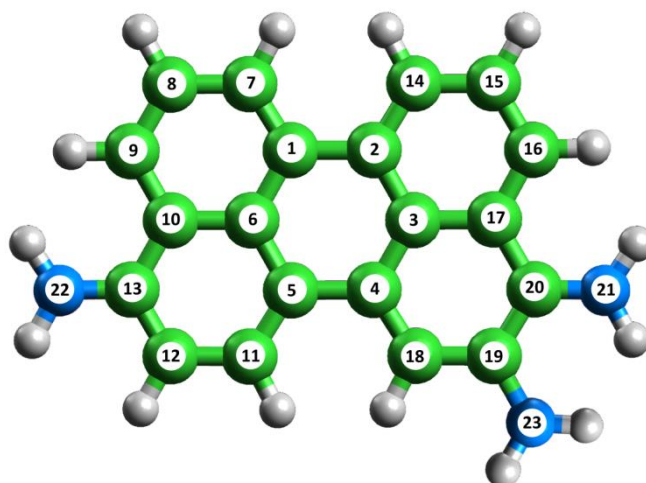


Figure S7. Geometry of Pe3 subunit optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S13. Parameters of molecular orbitals of Pe3 subunit.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	-0.357	15(p_z -13C) 14(p_z -5C) 11(p_z -2C) ... 5(p_z -N)	a_π
3	-0.467	17(p_z -15C) 15(p_z -8C) 11(p_z -18C) ... 1(p_z -21N)	a_π
2	-0.935	15(p_z -10C) 14(p_z -12C) 14(p_z -6C) 14(p_z -7C)	a_π
1	-2.279	13(p_z -9C) 11(p_z -16C) 10(p_z -7C) ... 5(p_z -N)	a_π
0	-4.769	13(p_z -21N) 13(p_z -20C) 8(p_z -4C) ... 13(p_z -N)	l
-1	-5.861	23(p_z -23N) 15(p_z -18C) 9(p_z -22N) ... 6(p_z -21N)	l
-2	-6.707	17(p_z -22N) 12(p_z -3C) 11(p_z -12C) ... 5(p_z -N)	l
-3	-6.870	18(p_z -17C) 18(p_z -14C) 14(p_z -21N) ... 3(p_z -N)	l

Table S14. Parameters of transitions for Pe3 subunit in toluene.

N _o	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	2.1388	0.387	0.98(0→1)
2	3.0927	0.706×10^{-1}	0.94(-1→1)
3	3.2706	0.548×10^{-2}	0.90(0→2)
4	3.6984	0.211×10^{-1}	0.66(0→3) 0.24(-2→1)
5	3.8611	0.237	0.84(0→4)
6	3.9097	0.217	0.69(-2→1) 0.15(0→3)
7	3.9903	0.270×10^{-1}	0.74(0→5) 0.10(-3→1)
8	4.2337	0.153	0.60(-3→1)
9	4.2921	0.598×10^{-1}	0.57(-1→2) 0.22(-4→1)
10	4.6103	0.415	0.48(-4→1) 0.32(-1→2)

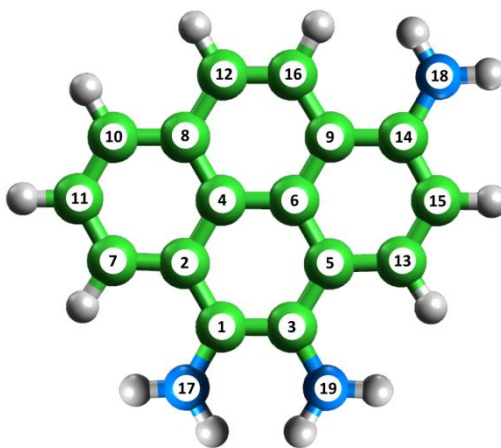


Figure S8. Geometry of Py3 subunit optimized within DFT/B3LYP/DZ approach.

Table S15. Parameters of molecular orbitals of Py3 subunit.

Nº	Energy (eV)	Weights	Type
4	0.348	17(p_z -5C) 12(p_z -2C) 12(p_z -13C) ... 5(p_z-N)	a_π
3	-0.345	22(p_z -6C) 19(p_z -4C) 16(p_z -12C) ... 6(p_z-N)	a_π
2	-1.147	19(p_z -11C) 17(p_z -15C) 11(p_z -8C) 10(p_z -9C)	a_π
1	-1.806	16(p_z -13C) 13(p_z -7C) 13(p_z -10C) ... 5(p_z-N)	a_π
0	-4.771	17(p_z-17N) 16(p_z -1C) ... 12(p_z-19N) 7(p_z-18N)	l
-1	-6.046	18(p_z-19N) 17(p_z-18N) 17(p_z -5C) ... 4(p_z-17N)	l
-2	-6.574	17(p_z -2C) 13(p_z -10C) 12(p_z -6C) 11(p_z-17N)	l
-3	-7.270	18(p_z -7C) 18(p_z -8C) 16(p_z -9C) ... 11(p_z-18N)	l

Table S16. Parameters of transitions for Py3 subunit in toluene.

Nº	Energy (eV)	Oscillator strength	Weights
1	2.5924	0.592	0.96(0→1)
2	3.0196	0.895×10^{-1}	0.96(0→2)
3	3.6955	0.175	0.92(-1→1)
4	4.0300	0.583×10^{-1}	0.75(0→3) 0.16(-2→1)
5	4.1427	0.118	0.43(-2→1) 0.31(-1→2) 0.17(0→3)
6	4.3842	0.253×10^{-2}	0.98(0→5)
7	4.4285	0.195	0.52(-1→2) 0.28(-2→1)
8	4.6669	0.251	0.50(0→4) 0.16(-3→1) 0.15(-2→2)
9	4.7857	0.265	0.32(0→4) 0.28(-2→2) 0.27(-3→1)
10	5.1718	0.553	0.43(-2→2) 0.37(-3→1)