# Mechanochemical functionalization of Carbon black at room temperature

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### 1. Raman spectroscopy

**Table S1.** Ratio of the vibrations of the D and G Band calculated as the ratio of the peak areas fitted as Gaussian.

Sample	I(D) / I(G)
CB	1.09
CB-0.5	1.63
CB-2	0.8
NCB-0.5	1.64
NCB-1	1.47
NCB-2	1.56
NCB-4	1.59

#### 2. XPS analysis

Table S2. Element concentrations from the high resolution spectra.

Sample	C 1s wt.%	N 1s wt.%	O 1s wt.%	Zr 3d wt.%
СВ	99.7	n.d.	0.3	n.d.
CB-0.5	88.3	1.5	8.7	1.5
NCB-0.5	84.4	3.9	6.7	5.0

Table S3. The signal-contributing carbon species calculated from the C 1s high resolution spectra.

Sample	Position / eV	Height	Area	%Area
CB	284.5	45788	51265	68
	286.0	4793	13774	18
	288.9	1434	2610	3
	290.7	1570	3253	4
	292.1	1295	5070	7
CB-0.5	284.4	14990	20323	58
	286.0	3148	9047	26
	288.6	911	1658	5

	290.2	764	2029	5
	292.0	492	2010	6
NCB-0.51	284.4	14751	20079	61
	286.0	2705	7776	24
	288.6	759	1381	4
	290.3	651	1577	5
	292.1	487	1986	6

Species for binding energy positions: C-C  $\approx$  284.4 eV; C-O  $\approx$  286.0 eV for phenolic, alcoholic and ether groups, also C=N; O-C-O  $\approx$  288.6 eV for carbonylic or quinonic groups; O-C=O  $\approx$  290.2 eV for carboxylic and ester functionalities;  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* shake-up satellite  $\approx$  292.0 eV.[1,2]



**Figure S1.** (a) Fitted C 1s spectrum of CB and (b) fitted C 1s spectrum of CB-0.5. Blue = C-C; green = C-O; dark yellow = O-C-O; turquois = O-C=O; magenta =  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \*



**Figure S2.** Fitted C 1s spectrum of NCB-0.51. Blue = C-C; green = C-O; dark yellow = O-C-O; turquois = O-C=O; magenta =  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \*.

Table S4. The signal-contributing oxygen species calculated from the O 1s high resolution spectra.

Sample	<b>Position / eV</b>	Height	Area	%Area
CB	532.0	103	365	64
	533.3	66	139	25
	535.8	12	62	11
CB-0.5	531.0	739	1619	21
	532.8	1805	5135	67
	535.8	170	881	12
CB-NH3	531.3	1121	2614	50
	532.9	805	2221	43
	535.8	72	352	7

Species for binding energy positions: C=O  $\approx$  531-532 eV; C-OH/C-O-C groups  $\approx$  533 eV; shake-up satellite = 535.8 eV.[3,4]



**Figure S3.** (**a**) O 1s signal of CB and (**b**) O 1s signal of CB-0.5. Blue = C=O; green = C-OH/C-O-C; dark yellow = shake-up satellite.



**Figure S4.** O 1s signal of NCB-0.5. Blue = C=O; green = C-OH/C-O-C; dark yellow = shake-up satellite.

Table S5. The signal-contributing nitrogen species calculated from the N 1s high resolution spectra.

Sample	<b>Position / eV</b>	Height	Area	%Area
CB-0.5	398.8	115	214	22
	400.3	236	583	61
	403.9	32	165	17
NCB-0.5	398.9	454	1071	44
	400.2	330	812	33
	403.9	80	573	23

Species for binding energy positions: pyridinic groups ≈ 398.8 eV; imine/amide/amine groups ≈ 400.3 eV; pyridin-N-oxide = 403.9 eV.[5,6]



**Figure S5.** (a) N 1s signal of CB-0.5 and (b) N 1s signal of NCB-0.5. Green = pyridinic groups; blue = imine/amide/amine groups; dark yellow = pyridin-N-oxide.

3. Elemental analysis

Sample	C / wt.%	H / wt.%	N / wt.%	S / wt.%	Residual / wt.%
СВ	100.35	0.54	n. d.	n. d.	-
CB-0.5	90.37	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	8.66
NCB-0.51	80.86	0.73	2.02	n. d.	16.289
NCB-1	85.43	0.42	2.94	n. d.	11.21
NCB-2	86.35	0.54	2.32	n. d.	10.79
NCB-4	62.41	1.13	2.20	n. d.	34.24
NCB-0.52	84.66	0.67	2.74	n. d.	11.93
NCB-0.53	86.09	0.39	2.31	n. d.	11.21

Table S6. Elemental composition determined by elemental analysis.



Figure S6. Content of incorporated nitrogen correlated with the volume of added NH<sub>3</sub>.

# 4. SEM images



Figure S7. SEM images of the sample CB, CB-0.5 and NCB-0.51.

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